Transparent Assessment Framework Status Update

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To implement a framework to organize data, methods, and results used in ICES assessments, so they are easy to find and rerun later with new data.



TAF Plan

2016 - 2018



- Design
 - \checkmark Scientists write standard R scripts that prepare data and run analysis
- Implementation
 - \checkmark R packages: work with ICES databases, core TAF functions
 - \checkmark Web interface where users can browse, modify, and run assessments
 - ✓ Example stocks demonstrate workflow: input, model, output

2018 - 2020

► Training

Introductory videos, user documentation, collaboration with EGs, support

Deployment

ICES assessments enter TAF gradually, around EG meetings and benchmarks



Analysis

Workflow scripts



Core

- data.R Preprocess data, write TAF data tables
- input.R Convert data to model format, write model input files
- model.R Run analysis, write model results
- output.R Extract results of interest, write TAF output tables

Also

- report.R Prepare plots/tables for report
- upload.R Upload raw data or model files

Example stocks

Completed and online

- North Sea spotted ray
- Icelandic haddock
- ► Eastern Channel plaice
- North Sea cod

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Planned

North Sea herring





View, edit and run R code online





Inputs and results available to view or download





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And can be easily read into R

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Quality Control

- Code should follow TAF structure, be readable and well commented
- Highlight changes from last year: code, settings, methods, data and results
- Expert driven QC reports covering inputs, results and model diagnostics
- Define QC thresholds to flag warnings
- Directly connecting DBs \rightarrow assessment \rightarrow SAG (advice)
- Provide quality score



Transparent Assessment Framework (TAF) Results Assessment script Use procedure/data according to peer · Flag differences to previous year reviewerd stork annex (methodology) Expert driven report on results Code should follow TAF structure, be and model diamostics readable and well commented Highlight deviations from last years no break between assessment orle: settings and methods consult and advice) Expert driven automated OC report of Define QC thresholds for input data presented at Expert Group warnings and errors Capture data within process Provide quality score based on above Quality checks and procedures are in development

TIC-TAQ



- Fishing Pressure Shapefiles for OSPAR and HELCOM links to VMS DB
- VMS data QC Country level QC reports linking to VMS DB
- TIC-TAQ* Tools for ICES Control of Technical (products) and Assessment Quality
- SmartDots* Workshop report via R markdown linking to SmartDots DB
- **OSPAR MIME*** Webpages summarising station level environmental assessment
- * under development

Benefits



- Easy to find data and results from final assessment
- Open and reproducible science, improved quality control
- ► Easy for scientists around the world to get ICES data
- Easy to run an update assessment next year
- If scientist changes jobs, next person can take over
- Existing and future tools can use TAF services



ACOM perspective and role

- Guidelines on stock assessment workflow
- Communicate upcoming changes to experts
- Instill a sense of ownership and highlight benefits







Thanks!

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