

Annex 1 – Sanctions

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Management Plan Article	Number of infringements and applicable sanction						Remarks
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
C2.1 200 days	€ 100/hour or 2 hours/hour	Exclusion*					The sanction is calculated according to the number of hours at sea above the allowed number of hours.
C2.2 Beam width C2.3 gear weight C3.1 Sieve net C4.1 mesh size D1.1 Data collection E2.1 ETP species	Warning	€ 1000 or 48 hours	Exclusion*				<i>Gear related infringements:</i> At the first warning, the member shall be given 14 days to change the gear, after which a second control shall be performed. <i>Data collection and ETP:</i> The member will be contacted (via text message or similar) as a reminder before an official written warning or exclusion is given.
C3.3 & C3.4 Sieving stations	Warning	Exclusion*					In this case exclusion means that the sieving station will be excluded from MSC approved landing sites.
C3.5 Sieverage percentage >15%	Warning	€250 + €3/kg or 12 hours + 8 min/kg	€500 + €3/kg or 24 hours + 8 min/kg	€1000 + €3/kg or 48 hours + 8min/kg	€2000 + €3/kg or 96 hours + 8 min/kg	Exclusion*	The member will only get a sanction if it has more than one landing within the two-week period. The sanction, which relates to kg, is calculated from the kg of sieverage above 15%.
C5.1 HCR	€ 250/hour or 4 hours/hour	€ 375/hour or 6 hours/hour	€ 500/hour or 8 hours/hour	Exclusion*			The sanction is calculated according to the number of hours at sea above the allowed number of hours.
G1.1 Refused control	€ 1000 or 48 hours	Exclusion*					No warning is given.

A warning, penalty or exclusion is given to a particular member, for a particular vessel. If a member owns more than one vessel, it only applies to the vessel where the infringement has been found. If the vessel is sold (minimum half the ownership) to another fisherman or company, previous infringements shall not count against the number of infringements for that vessel.

* Exclusion: An exclusion from the management plan (and list of MSC-certified vessels) is valid for at least 12 months. The SC can decide on an alternative exclusion period or sanction which is proportional to the severity of the infringement. Re-inclusion after a 12-month period is only possible, when the ICB has checked the vessel again and has found no infringements.

Sunset clause: When the date of entry into force of a previous warning or penalty notice is more than 18 months past, this infringement no longer counts against the number of infringements for that vessel.