

ANNEX V

Monitoring programmes (referred to in Articles 11(1) and 24)

- (1) Need to provide information for an assessment of the environmental status and for an estimate of the distance from, and progress towards, good environmental status in accordance with Annex III and with the criteria and methodological standards to be defined pursuant to Article 9(3).
- (2) Need to ensure the generation of information enabling the identification of suitable indicators for the environmental targets provided for in Article 10.
- (3) Need to ensure the generation of information allowing the assessment of the impact of the measures referred to in Article 13.
- (4) Need to include activities to identify the cause of the change and hence the possible corrective measures that would need to be taken to restore the good environmental status, when deviations from the desired status range have been identified.
- (5) Need to provide information on chemical contaminants in species for human consumption from commercial fishing areas.
- (6) Need to include activities to confirm that the corrective measures deliver the desired changes and not any unwanted side effects.
- (7) Need to aggregate the information on the basis of marine regions or subregions in accordance with Article 4.
- (8) Need to ensure comparability of assessment approaches and methods within and between marine regions and/or subregions.
- (9) Need to develop technical specifications and standardised methods for monitoring at Community level, so as to allow comparability of information.
- (10) Need to ensure, as far as possible, compatibility with existing programmes developed at regional and international level with a view to fostering consistency between these programmes and avoiding duplication of effort, making use of those monitoring guidelines that are the most relevant for the marine region or subregion concerned.
- (11) Need to include, as part of the initial assessment provided for in Article 8, an assessment of major changes in the environmental conditions as well as, where necessary, new and emerging issues.
- (12) Need to address, as part of the initial assessment provided for in Article 8, the relevant elements listed in Annex III including their natural variability and to evaluate the trends towards the achievement of the environmental targets laid down pursuant to Article 10(1), using, as appropriate, the indicators established and their limit or target reference points.