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Notes on the Inter-agency 3-Alpha Identifiers for Species Items
in Fish Catch and Landings Data¹

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1. The international series of 3-alpha identifiers recently introduced by FAO, ICES, ICSEAF, NAFO, etc., provides for multi-lingual and multi-purpose descriptors of all statistical categories (species items) used in international, regional and national fishery statistics.
2. These 3-alpha identifiers can be used as codes, abbreviations, descriptors, etc., in logbooks, questionnaires, statistical tables, etc., for all waters, inland and marine. They could be introduced by all inter-governmental as well as national secretariats responsible for collecting, processing and publishing annual, monthly and other statistics on catches, landings, etc.
3. This world-wide system of 3-alpha identifiers for statistical categories (species items) was initiated at the Ninth Session of the CWP (Coordinating Working Party on Atlantic Fishery Statistics), held at Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada, 17-23 August 1977.
4. Appendix 5 of the Report of the CWP's 9th Session provides the initial list of 3-alpha identifiers for the North Atlantic species. It should be noted that several of the identifiers listed in that report have been changed subsequently. Users should therefore ignore these and obtain the final lists of 3-alpha identifiers from FAO, ICES, ICCAT, ICSEAF, NAFO, and EUROSTAT.
5. The final and latest world-wide version of the 3-alpha identifiers appears, for 800 species items, in Vol. 46 of *FAO Yearbook of Fishery Statistics* published in December 1979. The lists of statistical categories used in that volume for the world as a whole and for the 7 inland areas (continents) and 19 major marine fishing areas, have been issued also as separate documents. These documents contain also the identifiers for some species items for which as yet no data appear in the *FAO Yearbook of Fishery Statistics*, Vol. 46.
6. All international agencies and national statistical offices should consistently use the same 3-alpha identifier for a particular species item.
7. It is quite likely that international and national statistical offices might find it necessary to introduce new items from time to time. It is quite possible that these will be found, with assigned 3-alpha identifiers, in FAO's world list and in the regional lists.
8. In cases where new items are not covered by the existing lists, an appropriate 3-alpha identifier may be requested from the maintenance agency (FAO), who will ensure that (a) the identifier is not already utilized, and (b) the new one supplied will not result in confusion with any other existing category or species item.
9. Requests for additional 3-alpha identifiers and for confirmation of identifiers should be addressed to:

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¹ Extracted from a paper entitled "Notes on current developments and improvements and refinements of International Standard Statistical Classification of Aquatic Animals and Plants (ISSCAAP)", Doc. CWP-10/21.

10. Identifiers provided by telephone will be confirmed by a telex or cable. To eliminate misunderstandings, the standard alphabetic code names listed below will be used to specify the 3 letters constituting the 3-alpha identifier:

A	Alfred	J	Jack	S	Sammy
B	Benjamin	K	King	T	Tommy
C	Charlie	L	London	U	Uncle
D	David	M	Mary	V	Victor
E	Edward	N	Nancy	W	William
F	Frederick	O	Oliver	X	X-ray
G	George	P	Peter	Y	Yellow
H	Harry	Q	Queen	Z	Zebra
I	Isaac	R	Robert		

11. The appended list of species items for the Northwest Atlantic, arranged according to the NAFO list, conforms with the FAO list for the Northwest Atlantic, with the exception of a few items in the FAO list which are not in the NAFO list.

NAFO LIST OF SPECIES ITEMS

3- ALPHA	ISSCAAP GROUP	TAXONOMIC CODE	SCIENTIFIC NAME	ENGLISH NAME	NAFO CODE
COD	32	1,48(04)002,02	GADUS MORHJA	ATLANTIC COD	101
HAD	32	1,48(04)010,01	MELANOGRAMMUS AEGLEFINUS	HADDOCK	102
RED	33	1,78(01)001,XX	SEBASTES SPP.	ATLANTIC REDFISHES	103
HKS	32	1,48(05)004,04	MERLUCCIIUS BILINEARIS	SILVER HAKE	104
HKR	32	1,48(04)008,02	UROPHYCIS CHUSS	RED HAKE	105
POK	32	1,48(04)015,01	POLLACHIUS VIRENS	POLLOCK (=SAITHE)	106
PLA	31	1,83(02)014,01	HIPPOGLOSSOIDES PLATESSOIDES	AMERICAN PLAICE	112
WIT	31	1,83(02)011,02	GLYPTOCEPHALUS CYNOGLOSSUS	WITCH FLOUNDER	114
YEL	31	1,83(02)024,04	LIMANDA FERRUGINEA	YELLOWTAIL FLOUNDER	116
GHL	31	1,83(02)005,01	REINHARDTIUS HIPPOGLOSSOIDES	GREENLAND HALIBUT	118
HAL	31	1,83(02)002,01	HIPPOGLOSSUS HIPPOGLOSSUS	ATLANTIC HALIBUT	120
FLW	31	1,83(02)050,03	PSEUDOPLEURONECTES AMERICANUS	WINTER FLOUNDER	122
FLS	31	1,83(02)046,06	PARALICHTHYS DENTATUS	SUMMER FLOUNDER	124
FLD	31	1,83(05)064,02	SCOPHTHALMUS AGUOSUS	WINDOWPANE FLOUNDER	125
FLX	31	1,81(XX)XXX,XX	PLEURONECTIFORMES	FLATFISHES (NS)	129
ANG	33	1,95(01)001,03	LOPHIUS AMERICANUS	AMER. ANGLER (=GOOSEFISH)	132
SRA	33	1,78(02)020,XX	PRIONOTUS SPP.	ATLANTIC SEAROBINS	136
TOM	32	1,48(04)013,02	MICROGADUS TOMCOD	ATLANTIC TOMCOD	138
WHB	32	1,48(04)033,01	MICROMESISTIUS POUTASSOU	BLUE WHITING (=POUTASSOU)	140
CUN	33	1,70(63)244,02	TAUTOGOLABRUS ADSPERSUS	CUNNER	142
USK	32	1,48(04)001,01	BROSME BROSME	CUSK (=TUSK)	144
GKC	32	1,48(04)002,12	GADUS OGAC	GREENLAND COD	148
LIN	32	1,48(04)005,01	MOLVA MOLVA	LING	152
LUM	33	1,78(20)003,01	CYCLOPTERUS LUMPUS	LUMPFISH (=LUMPSUCKER)	154
KGF	33	1,70(37)039,07	MENTICIRRHUS SAXATILIS	NORTHERN KINGFISH	158
PUF	33	1,90(02)006,12	SPHOEROIDES MACULATUS	NORTHERN PUFFER	160
OPT	33	1,71(15)012,02	MACROZOARCES AMERICANUS	OCEAN POUT	164
POC	32	1,48(04)019,01	BOREOGADUS SAIDA	POLAR COD	166
RNG	32	1,48(06)001,02	MACROURUS RUPESTRIS	ROUNDNOSE GRENADIER	168
SAN	33	1,72(04)002,XX	AMMODYTES SPP.	SANDEELS (=SAND LANCES)	172
SCU	33	1,78(13)012,XX	MYOXOCEPHALUS SPP.	SCULPINS	174
SCP	33	1,70(39)353,01	STENOTOMUS CHRYSOPS	SCUP	176
TAU	33	1,70(63)243,01	TAUTOGA ONITIS	TAUTOG	180
TIL	33	1,70(16)400,02	LOPHOLATILUS CHAMAELEONTICEPS	TILEFISH	182
HKW	32	1,48(04)008,03	UROPHYCIS TENUIS	WHITE HAKE	186
CAT	33	1,71(02)001,XX	ANARHICHAS SPP.	WOLFFISHES (=CATFISHES)	188
GRO	39	1,99(XX)XXX,XX-007	...	GROUND FISH (NS)	199
HER	35	1,21(05)001,05	CLUPEA HARENGUS	ATLANTIC HERRING	202
MAC	37	1,75(01)002,05	SCOMBER SCOMBRUS	ATLANTIC MACKEREL	204
HUT	34	1,76(03)011,04	PEPRILUS TRIACANTHUS	ATLANTIC BUTTERFISH	212
MHA	35	1,21(05)024,03	BREVOORTIA TYRANNUS	ATLANTIC MENHADEN	216
SAU	34	1,47(02)002,01	SCOMBERESOX SAURUS	ATLANTIC SAURY	220
ANB	35	1,21(06)020,16	ANCHOA MITCHILLI	BAY ANCHOVY	224
BLU	34	1,70(20)213,01	POMATOMUS SALTATRIX	BLUEFISH	228
CVJ	34	1,70(23)044,29	CARANX HIPPOS	CREVALLE JACK	232
FRI	36	1,75(01)023,01	AUXIS THAZARD	FRIGATE TUNA	236
KGM	36	1,75(01)015,06	SCOMBEROMORUS CAVALLA	KING MACKEREL	240
SSM	36	1,75(01)015,07	SCOMBEROMORUS MACULATUS	ATLANTIC SPANISH MACKEREL	244
SAI	36	1,75(03)004,02	ISTIOPHORUS PLATYPTERUS	SAILFISH	252
WHM	36	1,75(03)009,04	TETRAPTURUS ALBIDUS	WHITE MARLIN	256
BUM	36	1,75(03)005,05	MAKAIIRA NIGRICANS	BLUE MARLIN	260
SWD	36	1,75(04)003,01	XIPHIAS GLADIUS	SWORDFISH	264
ALB	36	1,75(01)026,05	THUNNUS ALALUNGA	ALBACORE TUNA	272
BON	36	1,75(01)001,01	SARDA SARDA	ATLANTIC BONITO	274
LTA	36	1,75(01)024,01	EUTHYNNUS ALLETTERATUS	LITTLE TUNNY	276
BET	36	1,75(01)026,12	THUNNUS OBESUS	RIGEYE TUNA	278
BFT	36	1,75(01)026,01	THUNNUS THYNNUS	NORTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA	280
SKJ	36	1,75(01)025,01	KATSUWONUS PELAMIS	SKIPJACK TUNA	282
YFT	36	1,75(01)026,10	THUNNUS ALBACARES	YELLOWFIN TUNA	284
TUN	36	1,75(01)XXX,XX-043	SCOMBRIDAE	TUNAS (NS)	289
PEL	39	1,99(XX)XXX,XX-008	...	PELAGIC FISH (NS)	299
ALE	24	1,21(05)011,06	ALOSA PSEUDOHARENGUS	ALEWIFE	302
AMX	34	1,70(23)048,XX	SERIOLA SPP.	AMBERJACKS	304
COA	33	1,43(13)001,04	CONGER OCEANICUS	AMERICAN CONGER	306
ELA	22	1,43(02)002,06	ANGUILLA ROSTRATA	AMERICAN EEL	308
SHA	24	1,21(05)011,03	ALOSA SAPIDISSIMA	AMERICAN SHAD	310
ARG	33	1,23(05)015,XX	ARGENTINA SPP.	ATLANTIC ARGENTINES	312
CKA	33	1,70(37)038,04	MICROPOGONIAS UNDULATUS	ATLANTIC CROAKER	314
NFA	34	1,47(01)012,08	STRONGYLURA MARINA	ATLANTIC NEEDLEFISH	316
SAL	23	1,23(01)004,01	SALMO SALAR	ATLANTIC SALMON	318
SSA	34	1,65(02)013,02	MENIDIA MENIDIA	ATLANTIC SILVERSIDE	320

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3- ISSCAAP						NAFO
ALPHA	GROUP	TAXONOMIC CODE	SCIENTIFIC NAME	ENGLISH NAME	NAFO CODE	
THA	35	1,21(05)042,02	OPISTHONEMA OGLINUM	ATLANTIC THREAD HERRING	322	
BDM	33	1,70(37)210,02	POGONIAS CROMIS	BLACK DRUM	330	
BSB	33	1,70(14)081,02	CENTROPRISTIS STRIATA	BLACK SEABASS	332	
BBH	24	1,21(05)011,07	ALOSA AESTIVALIS	BLUEBACK HERRING	334	
CAP	34	1,23(04)002,01	MALLOTUS VILLOSUS	CAPELIN	340	
CHR	23	1,23(01)010,XX	SALVELINUS SPP.	CHARS (NS)	342	
CBA	34	1,70(22)221,01	RACHYCENTRON CANADUM	COBIA	344	
POM	34	1,70(23)047,03	TRACHINOTUS CAROLINUS	COMMON (=FLORIDA) POMPANO	346	
SHG	24	1,21(05)018,01	DOROSOMA CEPEDIANUM	GIZZARD SHAD	354	
GRX	33	1,70(36)XXX,XX	POMADASYIDAE	GRUNTS(=GRUNTERS)	356	
SHH	24	1,21(05)011,08	ALOSA MEDIOCRIS	HICKORY SHAD	360	
MUL	34	1,65(01)XXX,XX	MUGILIDAE	MULLETS	370	
HVF	34	1,76(03)011,01	PEPRILUS ALEPIDOTUS (=PARU)	NORTH ATL. HARVESTFISH	380	
PIG	33	1,70(36)032,01	ORTHOPIRISTIS CHRYSOPTERA	PIGFISH	390	
SMR	23	1,23(04)003,03	OSMERUS MORDAX	RAINBOW SMELT	400	
RDM	33	1,70(37)411,01	SCIAENOPS OCELLATA	RED DRUM	402	
RPG	33	1,70(39)191,03	PAGRUS PAGRUS (=SEDECIM)	RED PORGY(=COMMON SEABREAM)	404	
RSC	34	1,70(23)004,11	TRACHURUS LATHAMI	ROUGH SCAD	406	
PES	33	1,70(02)131,01	DIPLECTRUM FORMOSUM	SAND PERCH	410	
SPH	33	1,70(39)102,01	ARCHOSARGUS PROBATOCEPHALUS	SHEEPSHEAD	412	
SPT	33	1,70(37)363,01	LEIOSTOMUS XANTHURUS	SPOT CROAKER	414	
SWF	33	1,70(37)016,09	CYNOSCIION NEBULOSUS	SPOTTED WEAKFISH	416	
STG	33	1,70(37)016,14	CYNOSCIION REGALIS	SQUETEAGUE(=GRAY WEAKFISH)	418	
STB	33	1,70(02)006,02	MORONE SAXATILIS	STRIPED BASS	420	
STU	21	1,17(01)XXX,XX	ACIPENSERIDAE	STURGEONS	422	
TAR	35	1,21(02)051,01	TARPON (=MEGALOPS) ATLANTICUS	TARPON	430	
TRO	23	1,23(01)004,XX	SALMO SPP.	TROUTS (NS)	432	
PEW	33	1,70(02)006,03	MORONE AMERICANA	WHITE PERCH	440	
ALF	33	1,61(02)003,XX	HERYX SPP.	ALFONSINOS	442	
DGS	38	1,09(01)007,04	SQUALUS ACANTHIAS	SPINY (=PICKED) DOGFISH	452	
DGX	38	1,09(01)XXX,XX	SQUALIDAE	DOGFISHES(NS)	459	
POR	38	1,07(03)001,01	LAMNA NASUS	PORBEAGLE	462	
SHX	38	1,09(XX)XXX,XX	SQUALIFORMES	LARGE SHARKS (NS)	469	
SKA	38	1,10(04)001,XX	RAJA SPP.	SKATES (NS)	479	
FIN	39	1,99(XX)XXX,XX-009	...	FINFISHES(NS)	499	
SQL	57	3,21(04)001,05	LOLIGO PEALEI	LONG-FINNED SQUID (LOLIGO)	502	
SQI	57	3,21(05)010,01	ILLEX ILLECEBROSUS	SHORT-FINNED SQUID (ILLEX)	504	
SQU	57	3,99(XX)XXX,XX-036	LOLIGINIDAE, OMMASTREPHIDAE	SQUIDS (NS)	509	
CLR	56	3,17(16)005,02	ENSIS DIRECTUS	ATLANTIC RAZOR CLAM	512	
CLH	56	3,17(11)075,01	MERCENARIA MERCENARIA	HARD CLAM	514	
CLO	56	3,17(04)045,01	ARCTICA ISLANDICA	OCEAN QUAHOG	516	
CLS	56	3,17(17)006,01	MYA ARENARIA	SOFT CLAM	518	
CLB	56	3,17(10)020,01	SPISULA SOLIDISSIMA	SURF CLAM	520	
CLX	56	3,99(XX)XXX,XX-015	PRIONODESMACEA, TELEODESMACEA	CLAMS (NS)	529	
SCB	55	3,16(08)030,02	ARGOPECTEN IRRADIANS	BAY SCALLOP	532	
SCC	55	3,16(08)030,01	ARGOPECTEN GIBBUS	CALICO SCALLOP	534	
SCA	55	3,16(08)014,04	PLACOPECTEN MAGELLANICUS	SEA SCALLOP	536	
SCX	55	3,16(08)XXX,XX	PECTINIDAE	SCALLOPS (NS)	539	
OYA	53	3,16(07)008,03	CRASSOSTREA VIRGINICA	AMERICAN CUPPED OYSTER	542	
MUS	54	3,16(10)001,05	MYTILUS EDULIS	BLUE MUSSEL	552	
WHX	52	3,09(09)003	BUSYCON SPP.	WHELKS(NS)	562	
PER	52	3,10(03)001,XX	LITTORINA SPP.	PERIWINKLES	564	
MOL	58	3,99(XX)XXX,XX-016	MOLLUSCA	MARINE MOLLUSCS (NS)	589	
CRK	42	2,29(09)010,03	CANCER IRRORATUS	ATLANTIC ROCK CRAB	602	
CRB	42	2,29(11)012,02	CALLINECTES SAPIDUS	BLUE CRAB	604	
CRG	42	2,29(11)090,01	CARCINUS MAENAS	GREEN CRAB	606	
CRJ	42	2,29(09)010,07	CANCER BOREALIS	JONAH CRAB	608	
CRQ	42	2,29(21)145,01	CHIONOECETES OPILIO	QUEEN CRAB	610	
CRR	42	2,29(10)088,01	GERYON QUINQUEDENS	RED CRAB	612	
CRA	42	2,99(XX)XXX,XX-012	...	MARINE CRABS(NS)	619	
LBA	43	2,29(42)007,01	HOMARUS AMERICANUS	AMERICAN LOBSTER	622	
PRA	45	2,28(04)002,03	PANDALUS BOREALIS	NORTHERN DEEPWATER PRAWN	632	
PAN	45	2,28(04)002,XX	PANDALUS SPP.	PINK (=PANDALID) SHRIMPS	639	
CRU	47	2,99(XX)XXX,XX-013	CRUSTACEA	MARINE CRUSTACEANS (NS)	649	
URC	75	6,93(02)004,XX	STRONGYLOCENTROTUS SPP.	SEA URCHINS	652	
WOR	76	6,49(XX)XXX,XX	POLYCHAETA	MARINE WORMS (NS)	669	
HSC	74	6,56(01)001,02	LIMULUS POLYPHEMUS	HORSESHOE CRAB	672	
INV	76	6,97(XX)XXX,XX	INVERTEBRATA	MARINE INVERTEBRATES (NS)	699	
SWB	91	7,71(XX)XXX,XX	PHAEOPHYCEAE	BROWN SEAWEEDS	702	
SWR	92	7,81(XX)XXX,XX	RHODOPHYCEAE	RED SEAWEEDS	704	
SWX	94	7,00(XX)XXX,XX	ALGAE	SEAWEEDS (NS)	709	

ADDITIONAL NORTHWEST ATLANTIC SPECIES ITEMS USED BY FAO

3- ISSCAAP						NAFO
ALPHA	GROUP	TAXONOMIC CODE	SCIENTIFIC NAME	ENGLISH NAME	NAFO CODE	
DCX	24	1,21(xx)xxx,xx-019	CLUPEOIDEI	DIADROMOUS CLUPEIDS (NS)	*	
GAD	32	1,48(xx)xxx,xx	GADIFORMES	GADIFORMES (NS)	*	
DPX	33	1,69(xx)xxx,xx-002	PERCIFORMES	DEMERSAL PERCOMCRPHS (NS)	*	
PPX	34	1,69(xx)xxx,xx-003	PERCIFORMES	PELAGIC PERCOMCRPHS (NS)	*	
CLU	35	1,21(xx)xxx,xx-020	CLUPEOIDEI	CLUPEIDS (NS)	*	
FRZ	36	1,75(01)023,xx-018	AUXIS THAZARD, A. ROCHEI	FRIGATE AND BULLET TUNAS	*	
MKX	37	1,75(xx)xxx,xx-004	SCOMBRUIDEI	MACKEREL-LIKE FISHES (NS)	*	
SRX	38	1,10(xx)xxx,xx	RAJIFORMES	SKATES AND RAYS (NS)	*	
SKX	38	1,99(xx)xxx,xx-006	...	SHARKS, RAYS, SKATES, ETC	*	
MZZ	39	1,99(xx)xxx,xx-010	...	MARINE FISHES (NS)	*	
TUG	72	5,31(07)005,02	CHELONIA MYDAS	GREEN TURTLE	*	
TTL	72	5,31(07)018,01	CARETTA CARETTA	LOGGERHEAD TURTLE	*	
TTX	72	5,31(xx)xxx,xx-028	CHELONIA	MARINE TURTLES (NS)	*	