

ICES as an observer to the United Nations

ICES shares and supports the goals of the United Nations initiatives on sustainable development. ICES seeks observer status to the UN General Assembly in order to contribute to the work of the UN on ocean sustainability, climate change, biodiversity, and conservation and management of resources.

[The International Council for the Exploration of the Sea](#) (ICES) is an intergovernmental¹ marine science organization headquartered in Copenhagen, Denmark. ICES coordinates and promotes research on oceanography, the marine environment, ecosystems, and living marine resources in the North Atlantic Ocean and adjacent sea areas.

ICES is a global scientific organization focusing inter alia on advancing the scientific understanding of marine ecosystems and their relation to human activities. Every year more than 1500 experts contribute to fulfilling the organization's mandate to give advice on human activities affecting, and affected by, marine ecosystems.

Science is the foundation on which integrated and successful environmental marine policies are built to achieve agreed objectives. ICES can contribute within its remit to promote marine research, particularly in relation to living resources and marine ecosystems. ICES works at the science-policy interface, providing the best available science to sustainable management. The science is carried out in a way that is transparent and auditable, covering areas from actively in relevant work of the

