

# ANNUAL REPORT ON FISH CATCHES IN RIVERS, LAKES AND CANALS

## LEGAL BASIS

This is the Survey, conducted on the basis of Regulation on implementation of particular statistical surveys for the corresponding year and in accordance with Law on Official Statistics („Official Gazette of RS“, No 104/09).

## METHOTODOLOGICAL BASIS

### Objective and scope of the survey

The main objective of the survey is collecting data and monitoring trends of main indicators referring to number of employees by users of fishing areas and their vessels and equipment, number of commercial fishermen and their vessels and equipment, and number of issued permits for recreational fishing, as well as the quantity of caught fish (by types).

Data on fish catches are obtained from regular Annual Survey on Fish Catches in Rivers, Lakes and Canals (PO-62a), on the basis of available documentation and expert estimations of employees by users of fishing area.

### Reporting units

Annual Survey on Fish Catches in Rivers, Lakes and Canals encompasses all beneficiaries of fishing areas, according to the Law on protection and sustainable usage of fishing fund („Official Gazette of RS“, No 128/14).

### Survey coverage

The coverage is complete for the territory of the Republic of Serbia.

### Method and time for data collection

Data are collected annually, by the reporting method. The reporting units are obliged to complete two copies of the Questionnaire; the first one remains in the reporting unit, while the other one is delivered to the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia (SORS), Department of Statistics of Agriculture and Forestry.

### Obligation to protect individual data

The results of the survey are published as aggregates for the level of the Republic of Serbia. Individual data are protected according to the law.

### List and definitions of main items – indicators

*Fishing area* presents natural waters (running waters – streams and rivers and still waters – lakes, ponds, swamps) or artificial waters (canals, accumulations, etc.) or its part that presents hydrological, biological or economical whole intended for sustainable fishing purposes. The area is established by the Minister for Environmental Protection on the basis of previously received opinion of the Institute for Nature Conservation of Serbia, and for ten-year period.

*User of fishing area* is taken to be a company, public enterprise or other legal entity that satisfies the requests determined by the Law.

*Fish guard* is a licensed official, full-time employed by a user of fishing area.

*Commercial fisherman* is a person dealing with commercial fishing and putting fish catches on the market.

*Commercial fishing* presents catching of mature fish applying versatile methods – nets, hooks, etc. in order to provide quantities of fish for market purposes and also to provide the living sources.

For performing the mentioned activity, the license related to commercial fishing is requested.

*Fisher* is person engaged in recreational fishing.

*Recreational fishing* is fishing of mature fish using hooks or auxiliary net devices, thus satisfying the persons' needs for recreation. It requires the license for performing recreational fishing.

## **Level of data representativeness**

The data are representative for the territory of the Republic of Serbia, without data for AP Kosovo and Metohija.

## **Harmonization with international recommendations and standards**

The methodology relative to this survey is brought into line with national legislation and international standards and recommendations.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE SURVEY MANAGEMENT**

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### **Bodies in charge of the survey management**

SORS is the responsible producer of the presented data. Besides printing the questionnaire PO-62a, SORS also performs data input and corrections according to the defined criteria of logical and computer control, as well as data processing so as to obtain the final results of the survey.

### **Obligation (or non-obligation) to provide data**

Reporting units are obliged to deliver the data to SORS, in accordance with the Law on Official Statistics.

### **Timetable of the main phases of the survey**

The deadline within which reporting units are due to send data to SORS is 1 April of the current year, for the previous year. The deadline for publishing the results is 3 May.

## **SURVEY TOOLS**

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### **Questionnaire (attached document PO-62a)**

#### **Instructions for filling the questionnaire**

Instructions for filling the questionnaire are attached to the Questionnaire, below the tables.

#### **List of nomenclatures and classifications used in the survey**

The Survey is conducted in compliance with the Nomenclature of Products and Services in Agriculture, Hunting, Forestry and Fishing, as well as with the existing CA.

#### **List of publications in which the survey results and the relevant methodology can be found**

Data are published in the Statistical Yearbook of the Republic of Serbia and on SORS website.

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