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*Instructions to CABs and assessment teams*

*This template details the information the user of the MSC Benthic Impacts Tool must report in order for the output to be used to inform scoring. The intention is to ensure the outputs of the Benthic Impact Tool are auditable and reproducible.*

*Please complete all unshaded fields. For all notes and guidance indicated in italics, please delete and replace with your specific information.*

*Reference: MSC Fisheries Standard Toolbox v1.0*

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# Benthic Impacts Tool settings

Table 1: Benthic Impacts Tool: User and assessment information

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| **Name** |  |
| **Organisation** |  |
| **Date of use** |  |
| **Units of Assessment(s) for which tool used** |  |
| **Confirm that the MSC Benthic Impacts Tool User Manual was followed** | Yes / No |

*Complete the table below for each gear type assessed using the Benthic Impacts Tool. If multiple gear types were assessed using the Benthic Impacts Tool, replicate the table below and complete one table per gear type.*

Table : Benthic Impacts Tool: Data and settings

|  |  |
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| Gear type assessed |  |
| Datasets: In each of the boxes please provide a description of the data used (e.g., data type, scope, source and any modifications to original datasets) | |
| Fishing effort data |  |
| Assessment area boundary |  |
| Habitats within the assessment area boundary |  |
| Settings | |
| Effort and habitat data | |
| How many years of fishing effort data are there in the dataset? |  |
| What grid cell size did you use? |  |
| Depletion values: Complete where default values were not used | |
| What gear-specific depletion rate  did you use? |  |
| What gear-specific penetration depths  did you use? |  |
| What sediment type did you assign to each habitat type? | E.g., A2.3 – Mud, A2.4 – Sand, A2.5 – Gravel |
| Recovery rates: Complete where default values were not used | |
| What longevity distribution parameters were used? |  |
| What species data was used? |  |

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| **Version** | **Date of publication** | **Description of amendment** |
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