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RING TEST DETAILS

Ring Test #33

Type/Contents – Targeted; ‘Fish’

Circulated – 06/11/2007

Completion Date – 21/12/2007

Number of Participating Laboratories – 17*

Number of Results Received – 52*

*Multiple data entries per laboratory permitted

Summary of differences

| Specimen | Genus | Species | Total differences for (52) participants | |
|----------|-----------------------|---------------------|---|---------|
| | | | Genus | Species |
| RT3301 | <i>Platichthys</i> | <i>flesus</i> | 20 | 20 |
| RT3302 | <i>Perca</i> | <i>fluviatilis</i> | 1 | 1 |
| RT3303 | <i>Ammodytes</i> | <i>tobianus</i> | 7 | 9 |
| RT3304 | <i>Sprattus</i> | <i>sprattus</i> | 3 | 3 |
| RT3305 | <i>Gasterosteus</i> | <i>aculeatus</i> | 0 | 0 |
| RT3306 | <i>Limanda</i> | <i>limanda</i> | 7 | 7 |
| RT3307 | <i>Trachurus</i> | <i>trachurus</i> | 1 | 1 |
| RT3308 | <i>Microstomus</i> | <i>kitt</i> | 12 | 12 |
| RT3309 | <i>Engraulis</i> | <i>encrasiculus</i> | 1 | 1 |
| RT3310 | <i>Solea</i> | <i>solea</i> | 17 | 19 |
| RT3311 | <i>Merlangius</i> | <i>merlangus</i> | 0 | 0 |
| RT3312 | <i>Abramis</i> | <i>brama</i> | 15 | 15 |
| RT3313 | <i>Trisopterus</i> | <i>luscus</i> | 1 | 5 |
| RT3314 | <i>Microchirus</i> | <i>variegatus</i> | 22 | 22 |
| RT3315 | <i>Platichthys</i> | <i>flesus</i> | 5 | 5 |
| RT3316 | <i>Rutilus</i> | <i>rutilus</i> | 33 | 33 |
| RT3317 | <i>Pleuronectes</i> | <i>platessa</i> | 11 | 11 |
| RT3318 | <i>Rutilus</i> | <i>rutilus</i> | 11 | 11 |
| RT3319 | <i>Gobius</i> | <i>niger</i> | 13 | 22 |
| RT3320 | <i>Sardina</i> | <i>pilchardus</i> | 18 | 18 |
| RT3321 | <i>Trisopterus</i> | <i>minutus</i> | 4 | 5 |
| RT3322 | <i>Pomatoschistus</i> | <i>microps</i> | 1 | 29 |
| RT3323 | <i>Osmerus</i> | <i>eperlanus</i> | 2 | 2 |
| RT3324 | <i>Lampetra</i> | <i>fluviatilis</i> | 6 | 7 |
| RT3325 | <i>Clupea</i> | <i>harengus</i> | 5 | 5 |
| | | | Total differences | 216 |
| | | | Average differences | 4.2 |
| | | | | 5.1 |

Table 1. The identification of fauna made by participating laboratories for RT33 (arranged by specimen). Names are given only where different from the AQC identification.

| LabCode | RT3301 | RT3302 | RT3303 | RT3304 | RT3305 | RT3306 | RT3307 |
|---------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | <i>Platichthys flesus</i> | <i>Perca fluviatilis</i> | <i>Ammodytes tobianus</i> | <i>Sprattus sprattus</i> | <i>Gasterosteus aculeatus</i> | <i>Limanda limanda</i> | <i>Trachurus trachurus</i> |
| LB1401a | - [flexus] | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1402a | -- | [Pecra] [fluviatilis] | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1402b | -- | [Pecra] [fluviatilis] | Hyperoplus immaculatus | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1402c | Pleuronectes platessa | [Pecra] [fluviatilis] | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1403a | Pleuronectes platessa | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1404a | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1405a | Pleuronectes platessa | -- | -- | -- | -- | Hippoglossoides platessoides | -- |
| LB1406a | Pleuronectes platessa | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1407a | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408a | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408b | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408c | -- | -- | - marinus | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408d | -- | -- | - marinus | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408e | Hippoglossoides platessoides | -- | -- | -- | - [aculeatus aculeatus] | -- | -- |
| LB1408f | Glyptocephalus cynoglossus | -- | Hyperlopus lanceolatus | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408g | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | Glyptocephalus cynoglossus | -- |
| LB1408h | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408i | -- | -- | -- | [Spratus] [spratus] | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408j | Hippoglossoides platessoides | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408k | Pleuronectes platessa | -- | Hyperoplus lanceolatus | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408l | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1410a | -- | Sciaena umbra | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1412a | -- | -- | Hyperoplus lanceolatus | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1412b | -- | -- | -- | - [sprattus sprattus] | - [aculeatus aculeatus] | -- | -- |
| LB1412c | Limanda limanda | -- | -- | -- | -- | Arnoglossus laterna | -- |
| LB1413a | -- | -- | Hyperoplus immaculatus | -- | [Gasterostus] - | Microstomus kitt | -- |
| LB1416a | Hippoglossoides platessoides | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1417a | [Platichthyes] - | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1417b | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1417c | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1417d | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1420a | Pleuronectes platessa | -- | -- | Alosa fallax | -- | -- | Pollachius pollachius |
| LB1420b | Platichthys (Pleuronectes) platessa | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1420c | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1420d | Pleuronectes platessa | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1420e | Pleuronectes platessa | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1420f | Pleuronectes platessa | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1424a | -- | - [fluviatilis] | -- | -- | [Gasterostreus] - | -- | -- |
| LB1424b | Limanda limanda | - [fluviatilis] | -- | -- | [Gasterostreus] - | -- | -- |
| LB1424c | -- | - [fluviatilis] | -- | -- | [Gasterostreus] - | -- | -- |
| LB1424d | -- | - [fluviatilis] | -- | Leuciscus leuciscus | [Gasterostreus] - | -- | -- |
| LB1424e | -- | - [fluviatilis] | Hyperoplus lanceolatus | Clupea harengus | [Gasterostreus] - | -- | -- |
| LB1424f | Limanda limanda | - [fluviatilis] | -- | -- | [Gasterostreus] - | Platichthys flesus | -- |
| LB1424g | Pleuronectes platessa | - [fluviatilis] | -- | -- | [Gasterostreus] - | -- | -- |
| LB1424h | -- | - [fluviatilis] | -- | -- | [Gasterostreus] - | Platichthys flesus | -- |
| LB1424i | -- | - [fluviatilis] | -- | -- | [Gasterostreus] - | -- | -- |
| LB1424j | -- | - [fluviatilis] | -- | -- | [Gasterostreus] - | -- | -- |
| LB1426a | Glyptocephalus cynoglossus | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1426b | Pleuronectes platessa | -- | -- | -- | -- | Glyptocephalus cynoglossus | -- |
| LB1427a | [Pleuronectes] - | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1427b | -- | -- | Hyperoplus immaculatus | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1427c | -- | -- | - [gobianus] | -- | -- | [Limanela] [limanela] | -- |

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| LabCode | RT3308 | RT3309 | RT3310 | RT3311 | RT3312 | RT3313 | RT3314 |
|---------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| | <i>Microstomus kitt</i> | <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i> | <i>Solea solea</i> | <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> | <i>Abramis brama</i> | <i>Trisopterus luscus</i> | <i>Microchirus variegatus</i> |
| LB1401a | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1402a | -- | -- | -- | [<i>Merlingius</i>] - | Blicca bjoerkna | -- | -- |
| LB1402b | -- | [<i>Engradis</i>] - | -- | -- | Blicca bjoerkna | Phycis blennoides | -- |
| LB1402c | -- | -- | -- | [<i>Merlingius</i>] - | -- | -- | Buglossidium luteum |
| LB1403a | -- | -- | -- | -- | Blicca bjoerkna | -- | -- |
| LB1404a | -- | -- | - <i>lascaris</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1405a | [<i>Microstomos</i>] - | -- | - <i>senegalensis</i> | [<i>Merlangus</i>] - | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1406a | Glyptocephalus cynoglossus | -- | -- | -- | Scardinius erythrophthalmus | -- | -- |
| LB1407a | -- | -- | Buglossidium luteum | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408a | -- | -- | Buglossidium luteum | [<i>Merlangus</i>] - | Blicca bjoerkna | -- | -- |
| LB1408b | [<i>Microstomas</i>] - | -- | Buglossidium luteum | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408c | -- | [<i>Engraulies</i>] - | -- | -- | -- | -- | [<i>Microchims</i>] - |
| LB1408d | -- | -- | -- | [<i>Merlangus</i>] - | -- | [<i>Trisopterus</i>] - | -- |
| LB1408e | Hippoglossoides platessoides | -- | -- | -- | -- | - <i>esmarkii</i> | -- |
| LB1408f | -- | -- | Buglossidium luteum | -- | -- | -- | Pegusa lascaris |
| LB1408g | Limanda limanda | -- | -- | -- | Blicca bjoerkna | -- | Buglossidium luteum |
| LB1408h | -- | -- | Buglossidium luteum | - [<i>inlerlangus</i>] | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408i | Hippoglossoides platessoides | -- | Buglossidium luteum | -- | -- | [<i>Tresopterus</i>] <i>esmarkii</i> | -- |
| LB1408j | Hippoglossoides platessoides | -- | -- | [<i>Merlangus</i>] - | -- | - <i>esmarkii</i> | -- |
| LB1408k | -- | -- | Buglossidium luteum | -- | -- | -- | Solea solea |
| LB1408l | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | Solea solea |
| LB1410a | Arnoglossus laterna | -- | -- | -- | Blicca bjoerkna | -- | -- |
| LB1412a | -- | -- | -- | -- | Blicca bjoerkna | -- | -- |
| LB1412b | -- | -- | -- | -- | Blicca bjoerkna | -- | Buglossidium luteum |
| LB1412c | -- | -- | Buglossidium luteum | -- | -- | - <i>minutus</i> | Solea solea |
| LB1413a | Glyptocephalus cynoglossus | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1416a | Glyptocephalus cynoglossus | -- | Buglossidium luteum | [<i>Merlanguis</i>] - | -- | - [<i>lucus</i>] | -- |
| LB1417a | -- | [<i>Engraulus</i>] - | -- | - [<i>merlangius</i>] | -- | -- | - [<i>varerigatus</i>] |
| LB1417b | -- | -- | -- | [<i>Merlanguis</i>] - | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1417c | -- | -- | -- | [<i>Merlanguis</i>] - | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1417d | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | Buglossidium luteum |
| LB1420a | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | Solea <i>lascaris</i> |
| LB1420b | -- | - [<i>engrasiculus</i>] | Buglossidium luteum | - [<i>merlangius</i>] | -- | -- | Solea solea |
| LB1420c | [<i>Mircostomus</i>] - | -- | Pegusa <i>lascaris</i> | -- | Blicca bjoerkna | -- | -- |
| LB1420d | -- | -- | -- | -- | Blicca bjoerkna | -- | Solea solea |
| LB1420e | Arnoglossus laterna | -- | Buglossidium luteum | -- | -- | -- | Buglossidium luteum |
| LB1420f | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | Buglossidium luteum |
| LB1424a | [<i>Microtomus</i>] - | -- | -- | -- | -- | [<i>Trisoptera</i>] - | Solea solea |
| LB1424b | [<i>Microtomus</i>] - | -- | -- | -- | -- | [<i>Trisoptera</i>] - | Buglossidium luteum |
| LB1424c | Platichthys flesus | -- | -- | -- | -- | [<i>Trisoptera</i>] - | -- |
| LB1424d | -- | -- | -- | -- | Scardinius erythrophthalmus | [<i>Trisoptera</i>] - | Buglossidium luteum |
| LB1424e | Hippoglossoides platessoides | -- | Buglossidium luteum | -- | -- | [<i>Trisoptera</i>] - | -- |
| LB1424f | [<i>Microtomus</i>] - | -- | -- | -- | -- | [<i>Trisoptera</i>] - | -- |
| LB1424g | Limanda limanda | -- | -- | -- | Blicca bjoerkna | [<i>Trisoptera</i>] - | -- |
| LB1424h | -- | -- | Buglossidium luteum | -- | -- | [<i>Trisoptera</i>] - | Solea solea |
| LB1424i | -- | -- | Buglossidium luteum | -- | Blicca bjoerkna | [<i>Trisoptera</i>] - | Buglossidium luteum |
| LB1424j | [<i>Microtomus</i>] - | -- | -- | -- | -- | [<i>Trisoptera</i>] - | -- |
| LB1426a | -- | -- | Buglossidium luteum | -- | -- | -- | Pegusa <i>lascaris</i> |
| LB1426b | -- | ?Capelin ? | Lepidorhombus whiffagonis | -- | Spondylisoma cantharus | -- | Buglossidium luteum |
| LB1427a | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | Buglossidium luteum |
| LB1427b | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | [<i>Microchirus</i>] - |
| LB1427c | -- | [<i>Engraulies</i>] - | -- | -- | -- | -- | Solea solea |

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| LabCode | RT3315 | RT3316 | RT3317 | RT3318 | RT3319 |
|---------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <i>Platichthys flesus</i> | <i>Rutilus rutilus</i> | <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> | <i>Rutilus rutilus</i> | <i>Gobius niger</i> |
| LB1401a | - [flexus] | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1402a | -- | Clupea harengus | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1402b | -- | Clupea harengus | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1402c | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1403a | -- | Leuciscus leuciscus | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1404a | -- | Scardinius erythrophthalmus | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1405a | -- | Blicca bjoerkna | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1406a | [Platichtys] - | -- | -- | -- | - forsteri |
| LB1407a | -- | Leuciscus leuciscus | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408a | -- | Leuciscus leuciscus | -- | [Rutilus] [rotilus] | -- |
| LB1408b | -- | Leuciscus leuciscus | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408c | [Platichthys] - | Leuciscus cephalus | -- | Scardinius erythrophthalmus | -- |
| LB1408d | -- | Leuciscus cephalus | -- | Scardinius erythrophthalmus | -- |
| LB1408e | [Platichthys] - | Leuciscus leuciscus | Platichthys flesus | Abramis bjoerkna | -- |
| LB1408f | -- | Scardinius erythrophthalmus | -- | -- | Pomatoschistus microps |
| LB1408g | -- | Leuciscus leuciscus | [Pleuronectes] - | -- | -- |
| LB1408h | -- | Leuciscus leuciscus | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408i | -- | Leuciscus leuciscus | -- | Abramis bjoerkna | -- |
| LB1408j | -- | Leuciscus leuciscus | Platichthys flesus | Abramis bjoerkna | -- |
| LB1408k | -- | Leuciscus leuciscus | -- | Scardinius erythrophthalmus | Pomatoschistus pictus |
| LB1408l | -- | Leuciscus leuciscus | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1410a | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1412a | -- | Leuciscus leuciscus | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1412b | Pleuronectes platessa | Leuciscus leuciscus | -- | -- | Pomatoschistus microps |
| LB1412c | -- | -- | -- | Scardinius erythrophthalmus | -- |
| LB1413a | -- | -- | -- | Scardinius erythrophthalmus | Pomatoschistus pictus |
| LB1416a | -- | -- | -- | -- | - paganellus |
| LB1417a | [Platichthyes] - | -- | -- | -- | - forsteri |
| LB1417b | -- | -- | -- | -- | - forsteri |
| LB1417c | -- | -- | -- | -- | - forsteri |
| LB1417d | [Platichthythys] - | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1420a | -- | Leuciscus leuciscus | -- | -- | Pomatoschistus pictus |
| LB1420b | -- | -- | [Platichthys] - | -- | Thorogobius ephippiatus |
| LB1420c | -- | Leuciscus leuciscus | -- | -- | - gasteveni |
| LB1420d | [Pleuronectes] - | Leuciscus leuciscus | -- | -- | - paganellus |
| LB1420e | [Pleuronectes] - | -- | -- | -- | Pomatoschistus microps |
| LB1420f | [Pleuronectes] - | -- | -- | -- | Pomatoschistus minutus |
| LB1424a | -- | Leuciscus leuciscus | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1424b | Pleuronectes platessa | Leuciscus leuciscus | Pleuronectes (Platichthys) flesus | -- | -- |
| LB1424c | Pleuronectes platessa | Leuciscus leuciscus | Pleuronectes (Platichthys) flesus | -- | Cottus gobio |
| LB1424d | -- | Alburnus alburnus | Pleuronectes (Platichthys) flesus | Blicca bjoerkna | -- |
| LB1424e | Hippoglossoides hippoglossus | Sprattus sprattus | Pleuronectes (Platichthys) flesus | Scardinius erythrophthalmus | [Gobius cobitis] cobitis |
| LB1424f | -- | Leuciscus leuciscus | Pleuronectes (Platichthys) flesus | -- | -- |
| LB1424g | -- | Leuciscus leuciscus | Pleuronectes (Platichthys) flesus | -- | Pomatoschistus microps |
| LB1424h | -- | -- | Pleuronectes (Platichthys) flesus | Leuciscus leuciscus | Pomatoschistus microps |
| LB1424i | -- | Abramis sp. | Pleuronectes (Platichthys) flesus | -- | - couchi |
| LB1424j | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1426a | -- | Leuciscus idus | -- | -- | Pomatoschistus microps |
| LB1426b | -- | Leuciscus leuciscus | Limanda limanda | -- | Blenny ? |
| LB1427a | [Pleuronectes] - | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1427b | Hippoglossoides platessoides | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1427c | -- | [Rutilus x Abramis] [rutilus x brama] | -- | -- | -- |

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| LabCode | RT3320 | RT3321 | RT3322 | RT3323 | RT3324 | RT3325 |
|---------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| | <i>Sardinia pilchardus</i> | <i>Trisopterus minutus</i> | <i>Pomatoschistus microps</i> | <i>Osmerus eperlanus</i> | <i>Lampræa fluviatilis</i> | <i>Clupea harengus</i> |
| LB1401a | Alosa alosa | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1402a | Alosa alosa | -- | [Gobius] minutus | -- | [Lampræa] [fluviatilis] | -- |
| LB1402b | -- | -- | [Gobius] minutus | -- | - [fluviatilis] | Alosa alosa |
| LB1402c | Alosa fallax | -- | -- | -- | [Lampræa] [fluviatilis] | -- |
| LB1403a | Alosa fallax | [Trispoterus] - | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1404a | -- | -- | - minutus | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1405a | Alosa fallax | -- | - minutus | -- | - [fluvialis] | -- |
| LB1406a | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1407a | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408a | -- | - [minutes] | - minutus | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408b | -- | -- | - minutus | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408c | Alosa alosa | -- | - minutus | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408d | Alosa alosa | -- | - minutus | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408e | -- | -- | [Pomatochistus] - | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408f | -- | -- | - minutus | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408g | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408h | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408i | - [pilcharchus] | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408j | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408k | -- | -- | - minutus | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1408l | Alosa fallax | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1410a | Alosa fallax | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1412a | -- | -- | - pictus | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1412b | -- | -- | - minutus | -- | Petromyzon marinus | - [harengus harengus] |
| LB1412c | -- | - esmarkii | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1413a | Clupea harengus | -- | -- | -- | -- | Alosa fallax |
| LB1416a | Alosa fallax | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1417a | -- | -- | [Potomaschistus] - | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1417b | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1417c | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1417d | Alosa fallax | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1420a | -- | -- | - minutus | Argentina sphyraena | - planeri | -- |
| LB1420b | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1420c | -- | -- | - minutus | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1420d | Alosa fallax | Merlangius merlangus | - minutus | -- | -- | - [harangus] |
| LB1420e | Clupea harengus | -- | - minutus | -- | -- | - [harangus] |
| LB1420f | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | - [harangus] |
| LB1424a | -- | - [nuriutus] | - minutus | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1424b | -- | - [nuriutus] | [Pomatosluistus] minutus | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1424c | -- | - [nuriutus] | [Pomatosluistus] minutus | -- | Pteromyzon marinus | -- |
| LB1424d | -- | - [nuriutus] | [Pomatosluistus] minutus | -- | Pteromyzon marinus | -- |
| LB1424e | Alosa fallax fallax | - [nuriutus] | Echichthys vipera | -- | - [fluviatilis] | Alosa alosa |
| LB1424f | Clupea harengus | - [nuriutus] | [Pomatosluistus] minutus | -- | Petromyzon marinus | Alosa fallax |
| LB1424g | -- | Melanogrammus aeglefinus | [Pomatosluistus] minutus | -- | Petromyzon marinus | -- |
| LB1424h | Clupea harengus | Pollachius virens | [Pomatosluistus] minutus | -- | Petromyzon marinus | Sardinia pilchardus |
| LB1424i | Clupea harengus | -- | [Pomatosluistus] minutus | -- | - [fluviatilis] | -- |
| LB1424j | -- | - [nuriutus] | - minutus | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1426a | -- | -- | - minutus | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1426b | -- | Gadus morhua | - minutus | Argentina silus | -- | -- |
| LB1427a | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| LB1427b | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | - [herengus] |
| LB1427c | -- | -- | - minutus | -- | [Campetra] - | -- |

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| RT33 | TAXON | LB1401a | LB1402b | LB1403a | LB1405a | LB1407a | LB1408b |
|--------|-------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| RT3301 | <i>Platichthys flesus</i> | - [flexus] | -- | <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> | <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> | -- | -- |
| RT3302 | <i>Perca fluviatilis</i> | -- | [<i>Pecra</i>] [<i>fluviatilis</i>] | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3303 | <i>Ammodytes tobianus</i> | -- | <i>Hyperoplus immaculatus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3304 | <i>Sprattus sprattus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3305 | <i>Gasterosteus aculeatus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3306 | <i>Limanda limanda</i> | -- | -- | -- | <i>Hippoglossoides platessoides</i> | -- | -- |
| RT3307 | <i>Trachurus trachurus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3308 | <i>Microstomus kitt</i> | -- | -- | -- | [<i>Microstomos</i>] - | -- | [<i>Microstomas</i>] - |
| RT3309 | <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i> | -- | [<i>Engradis</i>] - | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3310 | <i>Solea solea</i> | -- | -- | -- | - <i>senegalensis</i> | <i>Buglossidium luteum</i> | <i>Buglossidium luteum</i> |
| RT3311 | <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> | -- | -- | -- | [<i>Merlangus</i>] - | -- | -- |
| RT3312 | <i>Abramis brama</i> | -- | <i>Blicca bjoerkna</i> | <i>Blicca bjoerkna</i> | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3313 | <i>Trisopterus luscus</i> | -- | <i>Phycis blennoides</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3314 | <i>Microchirus variegatus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3315 | <i>Platichthys flesus</i> | - [flexus] | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3316 | <i>Rutilus rutilus</i> | -- | <i>Clupea harengus</i> | <i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i> | <i>Blicca bjoerkna</i> | <i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i> | <i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i> |
| RT3317 | <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3318 | <i>Rutilus rutilus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3319 | <i>Gobius niger</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3320 | <i>Sardina pilchardus</i> | <i>Alosa alosa</i> | -- | <i>Alosa fallax</i> | <i>Alosa fallax</i> | -- | -- |
| RT3321 | <i>Trisopterus minutus</i> | -- | -- | [<i>Trispoterus</i>] - | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3322 | <i>Pomatoschistus microps</i> | -- | [<i>Gobius</i>] <i>minutus</i> | -- | - <i>minutus</i> | -- | - <i>minutus</i> |
| RT3323 | <i>Osmerus eperlanus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3324 | <i>Lampetra fluviatilis</i> | -- | - [<i>fluviatilis</i>] | -- | - [<i>fluvialis</i>] | -- | -- |
| RT3325 | <i>Clupea harengus</i> | -- | <i>Alosa alosa</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT33 | TAXON | LB1402a | LB1402c | LB1404a | LB1406a | LB1408a | LB1408c |
| RT3301 | <i>Platichthys flesus</i> | -- | <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> | -- | <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> | -- | -- |
| RT3302 | <i>Perca fluviatilis</i> | [<i>Pecra</i>] [<i>fluviatilis</i>] | [<i>Pecra</i>] [<i>fluviatilis</i>] | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3303 | <i>Ammodytes tobianus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | - <i>marinus</i> |
| RT3304 | <i>Sprattus sprattus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3305 | <i>Gasterosteus aculeatus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3306 | <i>Limanda limanda</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3307 | <i>Trachurus trachurus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3308 | <i>Microstomus kitt</i> | -- | -- | <i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i> | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3309 | <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | [<i>Engraulies</i>] - | |
| RT3310 | <i>Solea solea</i> | -- | -- | - <i>lascaris</i> | -- | <i>Buglossidium luteum</i> | -- |
| RT3311 | <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> | [<i>Merlingius</i>] - | [<i>Merlingius</i>] - | -- | -- | [<i>Merlangus</i>] - | -- |
| RT3312 | <i>Abramis brama</i> | <i>Blicca bjoerkna</i> | -- | -- | <i>Scardinus erythrophthalmus</i> | <i>Blicca bjoerkna</i> | -- |
| RT3313 | <i>Trisopterus luscus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3314 | <i>Microchirus variegatus</i> | -- | <i>Buglossidium luteum</i> | -- | -- | -- | [<i>Microchims</i>] - |
| RT3315 | <i>Platichthys flesus</i> | -- | -- | -- | [<i>Platichtlys</i>] - | -- | [<i>Platichtyths</i>] - |
| RT3316 | <i>Rutilus rutilus</i> | <i>Clupea harengus</i> | -- | <i>Scardinus erythrophthalmus</i> | -- | <i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i> | <i>Leuciscus cephalus</i> |
| RT3317 | <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3318 | <i>Rutilus rutilus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | [<i>Rutilus</i>] [<i>rutilus</i>] | <i>Scardinus erythrophthalmus</i> |
| RT3319 | <i>Gobius niger</i> | -- | -- | - <i>forsteri</i> | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3320 | <i>Sardina pilchardus</i> | <i>Alosa alosa</i> | <i>Alosa fallax</i> | -- | -- | -- | <i>Alosa alosa</i> |
| RT3321 | <i>Trisopterus minutus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | - [<i>minutes</i>] | -- |
| RT3322 | <i>Pomatoschistus microps</i> | [<i>Gobius</i>] <i>minutus</i> | -- | - <i>minutus</i> | -- | - <i>minutus</i> | - <i>minutus</i> |
| RT3323 | <i>Osmerus eperlanus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3324 | <i>Lampetra fluviatilis</i> | [<i>Lamptera</i>] [<i>fluviatilis</i>] | [<i>Lamptera</i>] [<i>fluviatilis</i>] | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3325 | <i>Clupea harengus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |

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| RT33 | TAXON | LB1408d | LB1408f | LB1408h | LB1408j | LB1408l |
|--------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| RT3301 | <i>Platichthys flesus</i> | -- | <i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i> | -- | <i>Hippoglossoides platessoides</i> | -- |
| RT3302 | <i>Perca fluviatilis</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3303 | <i>Ammodytes tobianus</i> | - <i>marinus</i> | <i>Hyperoplus lanceolatus</i> | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3304 | <i>Sprattus sprattus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3305 | <i>Gasterosteus aculeatus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3306 | <i>Limanda limanda</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3307 | <i>Trachurus trachurus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3308 | <i>Microstomus kitt</i> | -- | -- | -- | <i>Hippoglossoides platessoides</i> | -- |
| RT3309 | <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3310 | <i>Solea solea</i> | -- | <i>Buglossidium luteum</i> | <i>Buglossidium luteum</i> | -- | -- |
| RT3311 | <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> | [<i>Merlangus</i>] - | -- | - [<i>merlangus</i>] | [<i>Merlangus</i>] - | -- |
| RT3312 | <i>Aramis brama</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3313 | <i>Trisopterus luscus</i> | [<i>Trispoterus</i>] - | -- | -- | - <i>esmarkii</i> | -- |
| RT3314 | <i>Microchirus variegatus</i> | -- | <i>Pegusa lascaris</i> | -- | -- | <i>Solea solea</i> |
| RT3315 | <i>Platichthys flesus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3316 | <i>Rutilus rutilus</i> | <i>Leuciscus cephalus</i> | <i>Scardinius erythrophthalmus</i> | <i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i> | <i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i> | <i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i> |
| RT3317 | <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> | -- | -- | -- | <i>Platichthys flesus</i> | -- |
| RT3318 | <i>Rutilus rutilus</i> | <i>Scardinius erythrophthalmus</i> | -- | -- | <i>Aramis bjoerkna</i> | -- |
| RT3319 | <i>Gobius niger</i> | -- | <i>Pomatoschistus microps</i> | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3320 | <i>Sardina pilchardus</i> | <i>Alosa alosa</i> | -- | -- | -- | <i>Alosa fallax</i> |
| RT3321 | <i>Trisopterus minutus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3322 | <i>Pomatoschistus microps</i> | - <i>minutus</i> | - <i>minutus</i> | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3323 | <i>Osmerus eperlanus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3324 | <i>Lampræta fluviatilis</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3325 | <i>Clupea harengus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT33 | TAXON | LB1408e | LB1408g | LB1408i | LB1408k | LB1410a |
| RT3301 | <i>Platichthys flesus</i> | <i>Hippoglossoides platessoides</i> | -- | -- | <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> | -- |
| RT3302 | <i>Perca fluviatilis</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | <i>Sciaena umbra</i> |
| RT3303 | <i>Ammodytes tobianus</i> | -- | -- | -- | <i>Hyperoplus lanceolatus</i> | -- |
| RT3304 | <i>Sprattus sprattus</i> | -- | -- | [<i>Spratus</i>] [<i>spratus</i>] | -- | -- |
| RT3305 | <i>Gasterosteus aculeatus</i> | - [<i>aculeatus aculeatus</i>] | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3306 | <i>Limanda limanda</i> | -- | <i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i> | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3307 | <i>Trachurus trachurus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3308 | <i>Microstomus kitt</i> | <i>Hippoglossoides platessoides</i> | <i>Limanda limanda</i> | <i>Hippoglossoides platessoides</i> | -- | <i>Arnoglossus laterna</i> |
| RT3309 | <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3310 | <i>Solea solea</i> | -- | -- | <i>Buglossidium luteum</i> | <i>Buglossidium luteum</i> | -- |
| RT3311 | <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3312 | <i>Aramis brama</i> | -- | <i>Blicca bjoerkna</i> | -- | -- | <i>Blicca bjoerkna</i> |
| RT3313 | <i>Trisopterus luscus</i> | - <i>esmarkii</i> | -- | [<i>Trisopterus</i>] <i>esmarkii</i> | -- | -- |
| RT3314 | <i>Microchirus variegatus</i> | -- | <i>Buglossidium luteum</i> | -- | <i>Solea solea</i> | -- |
| RT3315 | <i>Platichthys flesus</i> | [<i>Platychthys</i>] - | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3316 | <i>Rutilus rutilus</i> | <i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i> | <i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i> | <i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i> | <i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i> | -- |
| RT3317 | <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> | <i>Platichthys flesus</i> | [<i>Pleuronectes</i>] - | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3318 | <i>Rutilus rutilus</i> | <i>Aramis bjoerkna</i> | -- | <i>Aramis bjoerkna</i> | <i>Scardinius erythrophthalmus</i> | -- |
| RT3319 | <i>Gobius niger</i> | -- | -- | -- | <i>Pomatoschistus pictus</i> | -- |
| RT3320 | <i>Sardina pilchardus</i> | -- | -- | - [<i>pilcharchus</i>] | -- | <i>Alosa fallax</i> |
| RT3321 | <i>Trisopterus minutus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3322 | <i>Pomatoschistus microps</i> | [<i>Pomatochistus</i>] - | -- | -- | - <i>minutus</i> | -- |
| RT3323 | <i>Osmerus eperlanus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3324 | <i>Lampræta fluviatilis</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3325 | <i>Clupea harengus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |

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| RT33 | TAXON | LB1412a | LB1412c | LB1416a | LB1417b | LB1417d | LB1420b |
|--------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| RT3301 | <i>Platichthys flesus</i> | -- | <i>Limanda limanda</i> | <i>Hippoglossoides platessoides</i> | -- | -- | <i>Platichthys (Pleuronectes) platessa</i> |
| RT3302 | <i>Perca fluviatilis</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3303 | <i>Ammodytes tobianus</i> | <i>Hyperoplus lanceolatus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3304 | <i>Sprattus sprattus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3305 | <i>Gasterosteus aculeatus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3306 | <i>Limanda limanda</i> | -- | <i>Arnoglossus laterna</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3307 | <i>Trachurus trachurus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3308 | <i>Microstomus kitt</i> | -- | -- | <i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i> | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3309 | <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | - [engrasiculus] |
| RT3310 | <i>Solea solea</i> | -- | <i>Buglossidium luteum</i> | <i>Buglossidium luteum</i> | -- | -- | <i>Buglossidium luteum</i> |
| RT3311 | <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> | -- | -- | [<i>Merlangius</i>] - | [<i>Merlangius</i>] - | -- | - [<i>merlangius</i>] |
| RT3312 | <i>Abramus brama</i> | <i>Blicca bjoerkna</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3313 | <i>Trisopterus luscus</i> | -- | - <i>minutus</i> | - [<i>lucus</i>] | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3314 | <i>Microchirus variegatus</i> | -- | <i>Solea solea</i> | -- | -- | <i>Buglossidium luteum</i> | <i>Solea solea</i> |
| RT3315 | <i>Platichthys flesus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | [<i>Platichthys</i>] - | -- |
| RT3316 | <i>Rutilus rutilus</i> | <i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3317 | <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | [<i>Platichthys</i>] - |
| RT3318 | <i>Rutilus rutilus</i> | -- | <i>Scardinius erythrophthalmus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3319 | <i>Gobius niger</i> | -- | -- | - <i>paganellus</i> | - <i>forsteri</i> | -- | <i>Thorogobius ephippiatus</i> |
| RT3320 | <i>Sardina pilchardus</i> | -- | -- | <i>Alosa fallax</i> | -- | <i>Alosa fallax</i> | -- |
| RT3321 | <i>Trisopterus minutus</i> | -- | - <i>esmarkii</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3322 | <i>Pomatoschistus microps</i> | - <i>pictus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3323 | <i>Osmerus eperlanus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3324 | <i>Lampetra fluviatilis</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3325 | <i>Clupea harengus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |

| RT33 | TAXON | LB1412b | LB1413a | LB1417a | LB1417c | LB1420a | LB1420c |
|--------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| RT3301 | <i>Platichthys flesus</i> | -- | -- | [<i>Platichthyes</i>] - | -- | <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> | -- |
| RT3302 | <i>Perca fluviatilis</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3303 | <i>Ammodytes tobianus</i> | -- | <i>Hyperoplus immaculatus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3304 | <i>Sprattus sprattus</i> | - [<i>sprattus sprattus</i>] | -- | -- | -- | <i>Alosa fallax</i> | -- |
| RT3305 | <i>Gasterosteus aculeatus</i> | - [<i>aculeatus aculeatus</i>] | [<i>Gasterostus</i>] - | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3306 | <i>Limanda limanda</i> | -- | <i>Microstomus kitt</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3307 | <i>Trachurus trachurus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | <i>Pollachius pollachius</i> | -- |
| RT3308 | <i>Microstomus kitt</i> | -- | <i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i> | -- | -- | -- | [<i>Mircostomus</i>] - |
| RT3309 | <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i> | -- | -- | [<i>Engraulus</i>] - | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3310 | <i>Solea solea</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | <i>Pegusa lascaris</i> |
| RT3311 | <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> | -- | -- | - [<i>merlangius</i>] | [<i>Merlangius</i>] - | -- | -- |
| RT3312 | <i>Abramus brama</i> | <i>Blicca bjoerkna</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | <i>Blicca bjoerkna</i> |
| RT3313 | <i>Trisopterus luscus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3314 | <i>Microchirus variegatus</i> | <i>Buglossidium luteum</i> | -- | - [<i>varerigatus</i>] | -- | <i>Solea lascaris</i> | -- |
| RT3315 | <i>Platichthys flesus</i> | <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> | -- | [<i>Platichthyes</i>] - | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3316 | <i>Rutilus rutilus</i> | <i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i> | -- | -- | -- | <i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i> | <i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i> |
| RT3317 | <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3318 | <i>Rutilus rutilus</i> | -- | <i>Scardinius erythrophthalmus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3319 | <i>Gobius niger</i> | <i>Pomatoschistus microps</i> | <i>Pomatoschistus pictus</i> | - <i>forsteri</i> | - <i>forsteri</i> | <i>Pomatoschistus pictus</i> | - <i>gastevi</i> |
| RT3320 | <i>Sardina pilchardus</i> | -- | <i>Clupea harengus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3321 | <i>Trisopterus minutus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3322 | <i>Pomatoschistus microps</i> | - <i>minutus</i> | -- | [<i>Pomatoschistus</i>] - | -- | - <i>minutus</i> | - <i>minutus</i> |
| RT3323 | <i>Osmerus eperlanus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | <i>Argentina sphyraena</i> | -- |
| RT3324 | <i>Lampetra fluviatilis</i> | <i>Petromyzon marinus</i> | -- | -- | -- | - <i>planeri</i> | -- |
| RT3325 | <i>Clupea harengus</i> | - [<i>harengus harengus</i>] | <i>Alosa fallax</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- |

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| RT33 | TAXON | LB1420d | LB1420f | LB1424b | LB1424d |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| RT3301 | <i>Platichthys flesus</i> | Pleuronectes platessa | Pleuronectes platessa | Limanda limanda | -- |
| RT3302 | <i>Perca fluviatilis</i> | -- | -- | - [fluviatilus] | - [fluviatilus] |
| RT3303 | <i>Ammodytes tobianus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3304 | <i>Sprattus sprattus</i> | -- | -- | -- | <i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i> |
| RT3305 | <i>Gasterosteus aculeatus</i> | -- | -- | [Gasterostreus] - | [Gasterostreus] - |
| RT3306 | <i>Limanda limanda</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3307 | <i>Trachurus trachurus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3308 | <i>Microstomus kitt</i> | -- | -- | [Microtomus] - | -- |
| RT3309 | <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3310 | <i>Solea solea</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3311 | <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3312 | <i>Abramis brama</i> | Blicca bjoerkna | -- | -- | <i>Scardinius erythrophthalmus</i> |
| RT3313 | <i>Trisopterus luscus</i> | -- | -- | [Trisoptera] - | [Trisoptera] - |
| RT3314 | <i>Microchirus variegatus</i> | <i>Solea solea</i> | <i>Buglossidium luteum</i> | <i>Buglossidium luteum</i> | <i>Buglossidium luteum</i> |
| RT3315 | <i>Platichthys flesus</i> | [Pleuronectes] - | [Pleuronectes] - | Pleuronectes platessa | -- |
| RT3316 | <i>Rutilus rutilus</i> | <i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i> | -- | <i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i> | <i>Alburnus alburnus</i> |
| RT3317 | <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> | -- | -- | Pleuronectes (Platichthys) flesus | Pleuronectes (Platichthys) flesus |
| RT3318 | <i>Rutilus rutilus</i> | -- | -- | -- | Blicca bjoerkna |
| RT3319 | <i>Gobius niger</i> | - <i>paganellus</i> | <i>Pomatoschistus minutus</i> | -- | -- |
| RT3320 | <i>Sardina pilchardus</i> | <i>Alosa fallax</i> | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3321 | <i>Trisopterus minutus</i> | <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> | -- | - [nuriutus] | - [nuriutus] |
| RT3322 | <i>Pomatoschistus microps</i> | - <i>minutus</i> | -- | [Pomatosluistus] <i>minutus</i> | [Pomatosluistus] <i>minutus</i> |
| RT3323 | <i>Osmerus eperlanus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3324 | <i>Lampetra fluviatilis</i> | -- | -- | -- | <i>Pteromyzon marinus</i> |
| RT3325 | <i>Clupea harengus</i> | - [harangus] | - [harangus] | -- | -- |
| RT33 | TAXON | LB1420e | LB1424a | LB1424c | LB1424e |
| RT3301 | <i>Platichthys flesus</i> | Pleuronectes platessa | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3302 | <i>Perca fluviatilis</i> | -- | - [fluviatilus] | - [fluviatilus] | - [fluviatilus] |
| RT3303 | <i>Ammodytes tobianus</i> | -- | -- | -- | <i>Hyperoplus lanceolatus</i> |
| RT3304 | <i>Sprattus sprattus</i> | -- | -- | -- | <i>Clupea harengus</i> |
| RT3305 | <i>Gasterosteus aculeatus</i> | -- | [Gasterostreus] - | [Gasterostreus] - | [Gasterostreus] - |
| RT3306 | <i>Limanda limanda</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3307 | <i>Trachurus trachurus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3308 | <i>Microstomus kitt</i> | <i>Arnoglossus laterna</i> | [Microtomus] - | <i>Platichthys flesus</i> | <i>Hippoglossoides platessoides</i> |
| RT3309 | <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3310 | <i>Solea solea</i> | <i>Buglossidium luteum</i> | -- | -- | <i>Buglossidium luteum</i> |
| RT3311 | <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3312 | <i>Abramis brama</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3313 | <i>Trisopterus luscus</i> | -- | [Trisoptera] - | [Trisoptera] - | [Trisoptera] - |
| RT3314 | <i>Microchirus variegatus</i> | <i>Buglossidium luteum</i> | <i>Solea solea</i> | -- | -- |
| RT3315 | <i>Platichthys flesus</i> | [Pleuronectes] - | -- | Pleuronectes platessa | <i>Hippoglossoides hippoglossus</i> |
| RT3316 | <i>Rutilus rutilus</i> | -- | <i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i> | <i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i> | <i>Sprattus sprattus</i> |
| RT3317 | <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> | -- | -- | Pleuronectes (Platichthys) flesus | Pleuronectes (Platichthys) flesus |
| RT3318 | <i>Rutilus rutilus</i> | -- | -- | -- | <i>Scardinius erythrophthalmus</i> |
| RT3319 | <i>Gobius niger</i> | <i>Pomatoschistus microps</i> | -- | <i>Cottus gobio</i> | [<i>Gobius cobitis</i>] <i>cobitis</i> |
| RT3320 | <i>Sardina pilchardus</i> | <i>Clupea harengus</i> | -- | -- | <i>Alosa fallax fallax</i> |
| RT3321 | <i>Trisopterus minutus</i> | -- | - [nuriutus] | - [nuriutus] | - [nuriutus] |
| RT3322 | <i>Pomatoschistus microps</i> | - <i>minutus</i> | - <i>minutus</i> | [Pomatosluistus] <i>minutus</i> | <i>Echiichthys vipera</i> |
| RT3323 | <i>Osmerus eperlanus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3324 | <i>Lampetra fluviatilis</i> | -- | -- | <i>Pteromyzon marinus</i> | - [fluviatilus] |
| RT3325 | <i>Clupea harengus</i> | - [harangus] | -- | -- | <i>Alosa alosa</i> |

Table 2. The identification of fauna made by participating laboratories for RT33 (arranged by participant). Names are given only where different from the AQC identification.

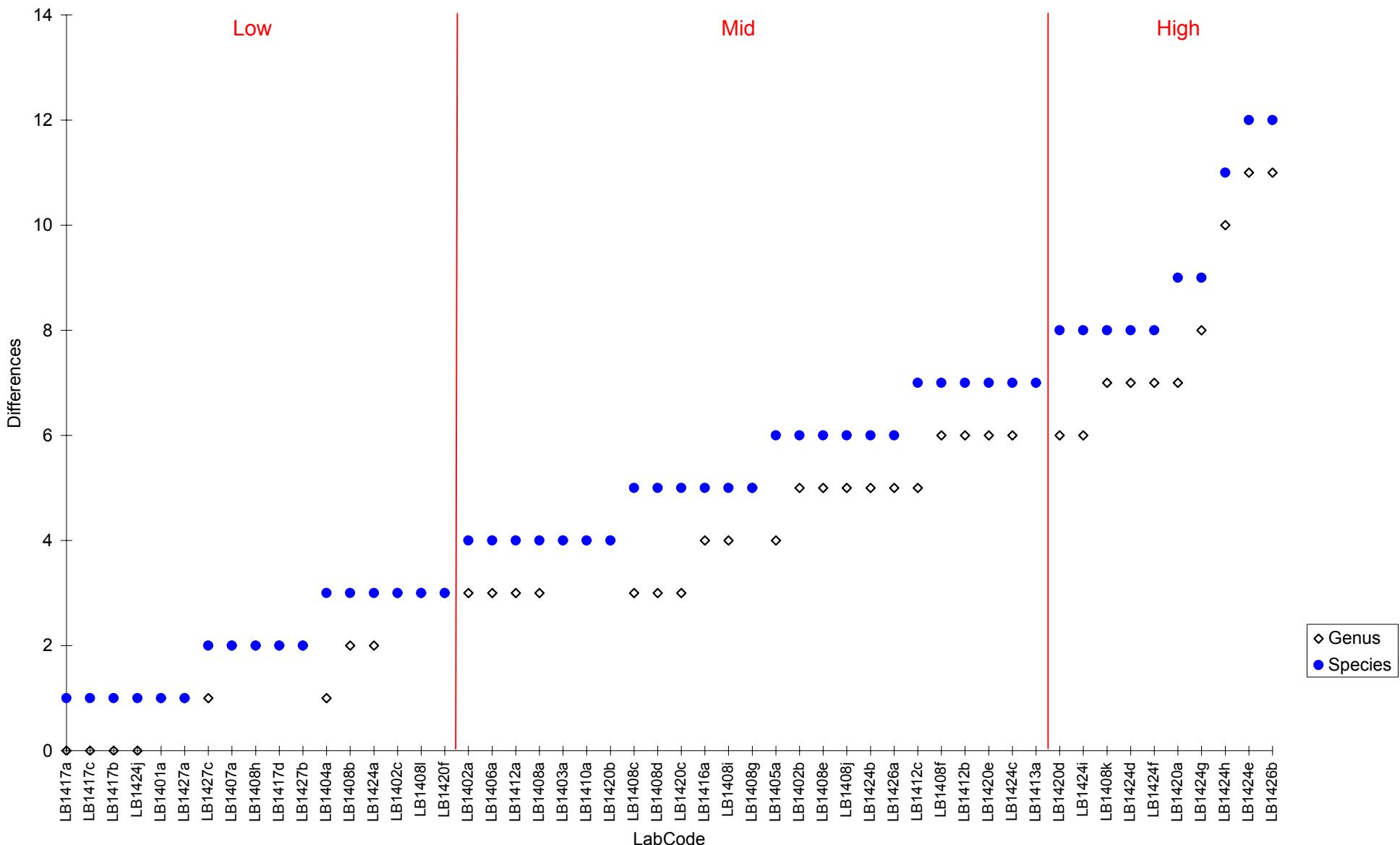
| RT33 | Taxon | LB1424f | LB1424h | LB1424j | LB1426b | LB1427b |
|--------|-------------------------------|--|--|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| RT3301 | <i>Platichthys flesus</i> | <i>Limanda limanda</i> | -- | -- | <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> | -- |
| RT3302 | <i>Perca fluviatilis</i> | - [fluviatilus] | - [fluviatilus] | - [fluviatilus] | -- | -- |
| RT3303 | <i>Ammodytes tobianus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | <i>Hyperoplus immaculatus</i> |
| RT3304 | <i>Sprattus sprattus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3305 | <i>Gasterosteus aculeatus</i> | [Gasterostreus] - | [Gasterostreus] - | [Gasterostreus] - | -- | -- |
| RT3306 | <i>Limanda limanda</i> | <i>Platichthys flesus</i> | <i>Platichthys flesus</i> | -- | <i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i> | -- |
| RT3307 | <i>Trachurus trachurus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3308 | <i>Microstomus kitt</i> | [Microtomas] - | -- | [Microtomas] - | -- | -- |
| RT3309 | <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i> | -- | -- | -- | ?Capelin ? | -- |
| RT3310 | <i>Solea solea</i> | -- | <i>Buglossidium luteum</i> | -- | <i>Lepidorhombus whiffagonis</i> | -- |
| RT3311 | <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3312 | <i>Abramus brama</i> | -- | -- | -- | <i>Spondyliosoma cantharus</i> | -- |
| RT3313 | <i>Trisopterus luscus</i> | [Trisoptera] - | [Trisoptera] - | [Trisoptera] - | -- | -- |
| RT3314 | <i>Microchirus variegatus</i> | -- | <i>Solea solea</i> | -- | <i>Buglossidium luteum</i> | [Microchirus] - |
| RT3315 | <i>Platichthys flesus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | <i>Hippoglossoides platessoides</i> |
| RT3316 | <i>Rutilus rutilus</i> | <i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i> | -- | -- | <i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i> | -- |
| RT3317 | <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> | <i>Pleuronectes (Platichthys) flesus</i> | <i>Pleuronectes (Platichthys) flesus</i> | -- | <i>Limanda limanda</i> | -- |
| RT3318 | <i>Rutilus rutilus</i> | -- | <i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i> | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3319 | <i>Gobius niger</i> | -- | <i>Pomatoschistus microps</i> | -- | Blenny ? | -- |
| RT3320 | <i>Sardina pilchardus</i> | <i>Clupea harengus</i> | <i>Clupea harengus</i> | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3321 | <i>Trisopterus minutus</i> | - [nuriutus] | <i>Pollachius virens</i> | - [nuriutus] | <i>Gadus morhua</i> | -- |
| RT3322 | <i>Pomatoschistus microps</i> | [Pomatosluistus] minutus | [Pomatosluistus] minutus | - minutus | - minutus | -- |
| RT3323 | <i>Osmerus eperlanus</i> | -- | -- | -- | <i>Argentina silus</i> | -- |
| RT3324 | <i>Lampetra fluviatilis</i> | <i>Petromyzon marinus</i> | <i>Petromyzon marinus</i> | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3325 | <i>Clupea harengus</i> | <i>Alosa fallax</i> | <i>Sardinia pilchardus</i> | -- | -- | - [herengus] |

| RT33 | Taxon | LB1424g | LB1424i | LB1426a | LB1427a | LB1427c |
|--------|-------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| RT3301 | <i>Platichthys flesus</i> | <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> | -- | <i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i> | [Pleuronectes] - | -- |
| RT3302 | <i>Perca fluviatilis</i> | - [fluviatilus] | - [fluviatilus] | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3303 | <i>Ammodytes tobianus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | - [gobianus] |
| RT3304 | <i>Sprattus sprattus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3305 | <i>Gasterosteus aculeatus</i> | [Gasterostreus] - | [Gasterostreus] - | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3306 | <i>Limanda limanda</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | [Limanela] [limanela] |
| RT3307 | <i>Trachurus trachurus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3308 | <i>Microstomus kitt</i> | <i>Limanda limanda</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3309 | <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | [Engraules] - |
| RT3310 | <i>Solea solea</i> | -- | <i>Buglossidium luteum</i> | <i>Buglossidium luteum</i> | -- | -- |
| RT3311 | <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3312 | <i>Abramus brama</i> | <i>Blicca bloerkna</i> | <i>Blicca bjoerkna</i> | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3313 | <i>Trisopterus luscus</i> | [Trisoptera] - | [Trisoptera] - | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3314 | <i>Microchirus variegatus</i> | -- | <i>Buglossidium luteum</i> | <i>Pegusa lascaris</i> | <i>Buglossidium luteum</i> | <i>Solea solea</i> |
| RT3315 | <i>Platichthys flesus</i> | -- | -- | -- | [Pleuronectes] - | -- |
| RT3316 | <i>Rutilus rutilus</i> | <i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i> | <i>Abramus sp.</i> | <i>Leuciscus idus</i> | -- | [Rutilus x Abramis] [rutilus x brama] |
| RT3317 | <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> | <i>Pleuronectes (Platichthys) flesus</i> | <i>Pleuronectes (Platichthys) flesus</i> | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3318 | <i>Rutilus rutilus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3319 | <i>Gobius niger</i> | <i>Pomatoschistus microps</i> | - couchi | <i>Pomatoschistus microps</i> | -- | -- |
| RT3320 | <i>Sardina pilchardus</i> | -- | <i>Clupea harengus</i> | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3321 | <i>Trisopterus minutus</i> | <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3322 | <i>Pomatoschistus microps</i> | [Pomatosluistus] minutus | [Pomatosluistus] minutus | - minutus | -- | - minutus |
| RT3323 | <i>Osmerus eperlanus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RT3324 | <i>Lampetra fluviatilis</i> | <i>Petromyzon marinus</i> | - [fluviatilus] | -- | -- | [Campetra] - |
| RT3325 | <i>Clupea harengus</i> | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |

Table 3. Literature and resources cited by participating laboratories for RT33.

| LabCode | Literature / Resource (typographic and spelling errors corrected) |
|---------|--|
| LB1401a | Whitehead et al 1986; Wheeler et at 1998 |
| LB1402a | - |
| LB1402b | - |
| LB1402c | - |
| LB1403a | - |
| LB1404a | Whitehead et al 1986; Wheeler 1969 |
| LB1405a | Wheeler 1969; UNESCO vols |
| LB1406a | Wheeler |
| LB1407a | Wheeler 1969; Haywood & Ryland 1990 |
| LB1408a | Wheeler; FBA guide |
| LB1408b | Wheeler 1978; Haywood & Ryland 1990; FBA key |
| LB1408c | - |
| LB1408d | - |
| LB1408e | Wheeler 1978, 1992; Davies et al 2004; Haywood & Ryland 2002 |
| LB1408f | Wheeler 1997 |
| LB1408g | Haywood & Ryland |
| LB1408h | - |
| LB1408i | Wheeler |
| LB1408j | - |
| LB1408k | Wheeler 1978 |
| LB1408l | - |
| LB1410a | Whitehead et al 1989; Bristow et al 1987 |
| LB1412a | Wheeler 1978, 1983, 1997; Haywood & Ryland 1995; Dipper 1987; Miller & Loates 1997 |
| LB1412b | Fishbase.org |
| LB1412c | - |
| LB1413a | - |
| LB1416a | UNESCO |
| LB1417a | Wheeler 1968 |
| LB1417b | - |
| LB1417c | - |
| LB1417d | Wheeler 1976; Phillips & Rix 1995 |
| LB1420a | Haywood 1990; Wheeler 1998 |
| LB1420b | Haywood & Ryland 1995 |
| LB1420c | Wheeler 1978 |
| LB1420d | Wheeler; Haywood & Ryland |
| LB1420e | Haywood & Ryland 1990; Wheeler 1994, 1998 |
| LB1420f | Haywood & Ryland; Wheeler 1994, 1998; Haywood & Russel |
| LB1424a | - |
| LB1424b | - |
| LB1424c | - |
| LB1424d | - |
| LB1424e | - |
| LB1424f | - |
| LB1424g | - |
| LB1424h | - |
| LB1424i | - |
| LB1424j | - |
| LB1426a | Wheeler 1997 |
| LB1426b | - |
| LB1427a | Wheeler 1978; Maitland 1977 |
| LB1427b | Wheeler 1978; Maitland & Campbell 1992; fishbase.org |
| LB1427c | - |

Figure 1. The number of differences from the AQC identification of specimens distributed in RT33 for each of the participating laboratories. Arranged in order of increasing number of differences.



Specimen Images and Detailed Breakdown of Identifications

The common names provided include that stated in FishBase (<http://www.fishbase.org/search.php>) first followed by other commonly used names, where appropriate. LabCodes are abbreviated in this report to exclude the Scheme year, *i.e.* LB1401a = Lab 01a. An additional terminal character has been added within each LabCode (small case sequential letters) to permit multiple data entries from each laboratory, *i.e.* two participants from laboratory 01 would be coded as LB 01a & LB 01b. For details of your LabCode please contact your Scheme representative or Unicomarine Ltd.

(Figure view codes: A=anterior; P=posterior; L=lateral; D=dorsal; V=ventral)

RT3301 – *Platichthys flesus* (Flounder) (Figure 1a)



Figure 1a (RT3301) - L (right - eyed side)

Substratum: Mud / Sand. Salinity: Reduced. Depth: Infralittoral. Geography: France. Condition: Good, Length 3-5cm.

Twenty generic and twenty specific differences: Labs 02c, 03a, 05a, 06a, 08k, 20a, 20b, 20d, 20e, 20f, 24g and 26b identified as *Pleuronectes platessa* (which lacks short spines between the fin ray bases of the dorsal and anal fins, see Figure 17a); Labs 08e, 08j and 16a identified as *Hippoglossoides platessoides* (which has a mouth that extends posteriorly beyond the centre of the eyes and has a more slender body outline); Labs 12c, 24b, and 24f identified as *Limanda limanda* (which has toothed scales on the eyed side and a strong 'D-shaped' curve in the lateral line above the pectoral fin, see Figure 06a); Labs 08f, and 26a identified as *Glyptocephalus cynoglossus* (which has a slender body outline, a relatively small head and straight lateral line).

Lab 27a recorded the synonym *Pleuronectes flesus*. Lab 17a incorrectly spelt the genus. Lab 01a incorrectly spelt the species.

RT3302 – *Perca fluviatilis* (European Perch, Perch) (Figure 2a)



Figure 2a (RT3302) - L

Substratum: Mixed. Salinity: Reduced. Depth: Infralittoral. Geography: Ireland. Condition: Good, Length 13-18cm.

One generic and one specific difference: Lab 10a identified as *Sciaena umbra* (which is a Mediterranean species that has a significantly longer dorsal 2nd fin base compared to the anal fin base).

Labs 02a, 02b and 02c incorrectly spelt the genus. Labs 02a, 02b, 02c, 24a, 24b, 24c, 24d, 24e, 24f, 24g, 24h, 24i and 24j incorrectly spelt the species.

RT3303 – *Ammodytes tobianus* (Small Sand-eel, Lesser Sand-eel) (Figure 3a)



Figure 3a (RT3303) - L

Substratum: Sand. Salinity: Full. Depth: Circalittoral. Geography: S. W. England. Condition: Good, Length 13-15cm.

Seven generic and nine specific differences: Labs 08f, 08k 12a and 24e identified as *Hyperoplus lanceolatus*; Labs 02b, 13a and 27b identified as *Hyperoplus immaculatus* (both of which have a hinged upper jaw that does not extend forwards); Labs 08c and 08d identified as *Ammodytes marinus* (which lacks scales at the base of each caudal lobe).

Lab 27c incorrectly spelt the species.

RT3304 – *Sprattus sprattus* (European Sprat, Sprat) (Figure 4a)



Figure 4a (RT3304) - L

Substratum: Sand. Salinity: Full. Depth: Circalittoral. Geography: S. E. England. Condition: Good, Length 12-14cm.

Three generic and three specific differences: Lab 20a identified as *Alosa fallax* (which has conspicuous radiating ridges on the gill covers and has the dorsal fin originating in front of the pelvic fin base); Lab 24d identified as *Leuciscus leuciscus* (which is not tolerant of fully marine conditions and lacks a distinct line of spiny scales along the ventral apex); Lab 24e identified as *Clupea harengus* (which lacks a distinct line of spiny scales along the ventral apex and has the dorsal fin originating in front of the pelvic fin base, see Figure 25a).

Lab 08i incorrectly spelt the genus and species.

RT3305 – *Gasterosteus aculeatus* (Three Spined Stickleback, Tiddler) (Figure 5a)



Figure 5a (RT3305) - L

Substratum: Mixed. Salinity: Reduced. Depth: Infralittoral. Geography: France. Condition: Good, Length 2.5-3.5cm.

No differences recorded.

Labs 13a, 24a, 24b, 24c, 24d, 24e, 24f, 24g, 24h, 24i and 24j incorrectly spelt the genus.

RT3306 – *Limanda limanda* (Dab) (Figure 6a)



Figure 6a (RT3306) – L (right – eyed side)

Substratum: Sand. Salinity: Full. Depth: Circalittoral. Geography: S. W. England. Condition: Poor/Fair, Length 17-22cm.

Seven generic and seven specific differences: Labs 08g and 26b identified as *Glyptocephalus cynoglossus* (which has a more slender body outline and a straight lateral line); Labs 24f and 24h identified as *Platichthys flesus* (which lacks toothed scales on the eyed surface and has a weaker curve in the lateral line, see Figures 01a and 15a); Lab 05a identified as *Hippoglossoides platessoides* (which lacks a very strongly curving lateral line above the pectoral fin and has a mouth that extends level to the mid-point of the eye); Lab 13a identified as *Microstomus kitt* (which has a relatively smaller head and a small mouth that only just reaches the level of the eyes, see Figure 08a); Lab 12c identified as *Arnoglossus laterna* (which is a left eyed flat fish).

Lab 27c incorrectly spelt the genus and species.

RT3307 – *Trachurus trachurus* (Atlantic Horse Mackerel, Scad) (Figure 7a)



Figure 7a (RT3307) - L

Substratum: Sand. Salinity: Full. Depth: Circalittoral. Geography: S. W. England. Condition: Fair/Good, Length 13-17cm.

One generic and one specific difference: Lab 20a identified as *Pollachius pollachius* (which lacks a complete row of large, bony scutes along the lateral line).

RT3308 – *Microstomus kitt* (Lemon Sole) (Figure 8a)



Figure 8a (RT3308) – L (right - eyed side)

Substratum: Sand. Salinity: Full. Depth: Ciralittoral. Geography: S. W. England. Condition: Good, Length 22-24cm.

Twelve generic and twelve specific differences: Labs 08e, 08i, 08j and 24e identified as *Hippoglossoides platessoides* (which has a mouth that extends posteriorly beyond the centre of the eyes and has a more slender body outline); Labs 06a, 13a and 16a identified as *Glyptocephalus cynoglossus* (which has a more slender body outline and a straight lateral line); Labs 08g and 24g identified as *Limanda limanda* (which has a larger head and a larger mouth that reaches beyond the level of the eyes, see Figure 06a); Lab 24c identified as *Platichthys flesus* (which has a much larger head and short spines between the fin ray bases of the dorsal and anal fins, see Figures 01a and 15a); Labs 10a and 20e identified as *Arnoglossus laterna* (which is a left eyed flat fish).

Labs 05a, 08b, 20c, 24a, 24b, 24f and 24j incorrectly spelt the genus.

RT3309 – *Engraulis encrasicolus* (European Anchovy, Anchovy) (Figure 9a)



Figure 9a (RT3309) - L

Substratum: Mixed. Salinity: Full. Depth: Circalittoral. Geography: S. W. England. Condition: Poor, Length 11-18cm.

One generic and one specific difference: Lab 26b identified as ?Capelin (which lacks a protruding upper snout; identification to species using scientific nomenclature with a specified confidence level is required for this exercise).

Labs 02b, 08c, 17a and 27c incorrectly spelt the genus. Lab 20b incorrectly spelt the species.

RT3310 – *Solea solea* (Common Sole, Dover Sole) (Figure 10a)



Figure 10a (RT3310) – L (right – eyed side)

Substratum: Muddy Sand. Salinity: High. Depth: Infralittoral. Geography: France. Condition: Good, Length 3.5-6cm.

Seventeen generic and nineteen specific differences: Labs 07a, 08a, 08b, 08f, 08h, 08i, 08k, 12c, 16a, 20b, 20e, 24e, 24h, 24i and 26a identified as *Buglossidium luteum* (which lacks well developed pectoral fins on both sides and has dark fin rays at regular intervals along the anal and dorsal fins); Labs 04a and 20c identified as *Pegusa lascaris* or the synonym *Solea lascaris* (which has a conspicuous rosette-like nostril on the blind side equal in size to the eye diameter); Lab 05a identified as *Solea senegalensis* (which is a Mediterranean and West African species which has an entirely black pectoral fin on the eyed side); Lab 26b identified as *Lepidorhombus whiffagonis* (which is a left eyed flat fish with a terminal mouth).

RT3311 – *Merlangius merlangus* (Whiting) (Figure 11a)



Figure 11a (RT3311) - L

Substratum: Mixed. Salinity: Full. Depth: Circalittoral. Geography: S. W. England. Condition: Good, Length 23-26cm.

No differences recorded.

Labs 02a, 02c, 05a, 08a, 08d, 08j, 16a, 17b and 17c incorrectly spelt the genus. Labs 08h, 17a and 20b incorrectly spelt the species.

RT3312 – Abramis brama (Common Bream, Bronze Bream) (Figure 12a)



Figure 12a (RT3312) - D

Substratum: Mixed. Salinity: Reduced. Depth: Infralittoral. Geography: Ireland. Condition: Good, Length 17-21cm.

Fifteen generic and fifteen specific differences: Labs 02a, 02b, 03a, 08a, 08g, 10a, 12a, 12b, 20c, 20d, 24g and 24i identified as *Blicca bjoerkna* (which has an anal fin with fewer fin rays that is positioned level with the last dorsal fin ray, a less deep body form and lacks a single series of five pharyngeal teeth (dissection required for examination of pharyngeal teeth)); Labs 06a and 24d identified as *Scardinius erythrophthalmus* (which has just 10-11 anal fin rays); Lab 26b identified as *Spondyliosoma cantharus* (which is a fully marine species, which has a much longer dorsal fin base).

RT3313 – Trisopterus luscus (Pouting, Bib, Pout) (Figure 13a)



Figure 13a (RT3313) - L

Substratum: Mixed. Salinity: Full. Depth: Circalittoral. Geography: S. W. England. Condition: Fair/Good, Length 21-35cm.

One generic and five specific differences: Labs 08e, 08i and 08j identified as *Trisopterus esmarkii*; Lab 12c identified as *Trisopterus minutus* (both of which have bodies that are not significantly deeper than the head lengths, anal fins that originate approximately level with the interspace between the dorsal fins and have barbels which are shorter than the eye diameter, see Figure 21a for *T. minutus*); Lab 02b identified as *Phycis blennoides* (which lacks pigmentation at the base of the pectoral fin and has fewer dorsal and anal fins).

Labs 08d, 08i, 24a, 24b, 24c, 24d, 24e, 24f, 24g, 24h, 24i and 24j incorrectly spelt the genus. Lab 16a incorrectly spelt the species.

RT3314 – Microchirus variegatus (Thickback Sole) (Figure 14a)



Figure 14a (RT3314) – L (right – eyed side)

Substratum: Sand. Salinity: Full. Depth: Circalittoral. Geography: S. W. England. Condition: Good, Length 11-18cm.

Twenty-two generic and twenty-two specific differences: Labs 02c, 08g, 12b, 17d, 20e, 20f, 24b, 24d, 24i, 26b and 27a identified as *Buglossidium luteum* (which has smaller eyes, lacks dark colour bands across the eyed surface and has regularly spaced dark anal and dorsal fin rays); Labs 08k, 08l, 12c, 20b, 20d, 24a, 24h and 27c identified as *Solea solea*; Labs 08f, 20a and 26a identified as *Pegusa lascaris* or the synonym *Solea lascaris* (both of which have larger pectoral fins with the blind side fin only slightly smaller, see Figure 10a for *S. solea*).

Lab 08c and 27b incorrectly spelt the genus. Lab 17a incorrectly spelt the species.

RT3315 – *Platichthys flesus* (Flounder) (Figure 15a)



Figure 15a (RT3315) – L (right – eyed side)

Substratum: Mixed. Salinity: Full. Depth: Circalittoral. Geography: S. W. England. Condition: Fair/Good, Length 13-15cm.

Five generic and five specific differences: Labs 12b, 24b and 24c identified as *Pleuronectes platessa* (which lacks short spines between the fin ray bases of the dorsal and anal fins, see Figure 17a); Lab 24e identified as *Hippoglossoides hippoglossus*; Lab 27b identified as *Hippoglossoides platessoides* (both of which have mouths that extends posteriorly beyond the centre of the eyes and have more slender body outlines).

Labs 20d, 20e, 20f and 27a recorded the synonym *Pleuronectes flesus*. Labs 06a, 08c, 08e, 17a and 17d incorrectly spelt the genus. Lab 01a incorrectly spelt the species.

RT3316 – *Rutilus rutilus* (Roach) (Figure 16a)



Figure 16a (RT3316) - L

Substratum: Mixed. Salinity: Reduced. Depth: Infralittoral. Geography: Ireland. Condition: Good, Length 10-11cm. Notes: Red/orange eyes and fins.

Thirty-three generic and thirty-three specific differences: Labs 03a, 07a, 08a, 08b, 08e, 08g, 08h, 08i, 08j, 08k, 08l, 12a, 12b, 20a, 20c, 20d, 24a, 24b, 24c, 24f, 24g and 26b identified as *Leuciscus leuciscus* (which has the dorsal fin positioned more posteriorly relative to the pelvic fins, fewer dorsal and anal fin rays and lacks red/orange eyes and fins); Labs 08c and 08d identified as *Leuciscus cephalus*; Lab 26a identified as *Leuciscus idus* (both of which have the dorsal fins positioned more posteriorly relative to the pelvic fins and lack red/orange eyes and fins); Labs 02a and 02b identified as *Clupea harengus* (which is not tolerant of greatly reduced salinity, has a darker body with a shorter anal fin, see Figure 25a); Labs 04a and 08f identified as *Scardinius erythrophthalmus*; Lab 05a identified as *Blicca bjoerkna* (both of which have the dorsal fins positioned more posteriorly relative to the pelvic fins); Lab 24d identified as *Alburnus alburnus* (which has more numerous anal fin rays and the dorsal fin positioned posterior to the pelvic fins); Lab 24e identified as *Sprattus sprattus* (which is not tolerant of greatly reduced salinity and has the dorsal fin positioned posterior to the pelvic fins, see Figure 04a); Lab 24i identified as *Aramis* sp. (which has very numerous anal fin rays; identification to species with a specified confidence level is required for this exercise).

RT3317 – *Pleuronectes platessa* (European Plaice, Plaice) (Figure 17a)



Figure 17a (RT3317) – L (right – eyed side)

Substratum: Sand / Mud. Salinity: Full. Depth: Circalittoral. Geography: S. W. England. Condition: Fair/Good, Length 20-26cm.

Eleven generic and eleven specific differences: Labs 08e, 08j, 24b, 24c, 24d, 24e, 24f, 24g, 24h and 24i identified as *Platichthys flesus* or the synonym *Pleuronectes flesus* (which has short spines between the fin ray bases of the dorsal and anal fins, see Figures 01a and 15a); Lab 26b identified as *Limanda limanda* (which has a very strongly curving lateral line above the pectoral fin and toothed scales on the eyed surface, see Figure 06a).

Lab 08g incorrectly spelt the genus.

RT3318 – *Rutilus rutilus* (Roach) (Figure 18a)



Figure 18a (RT3318) - L

Substratum: Mixed. Salinity: Reduced. Depth: Infralittoral. Geography: Ireland. Condition: Good, Length 16-20cm. Notes: Red/orange eyes and fins.

Eleven generic and eleven specific differences: Labs 08c, 08d, 08k, 12c, 13a and 24e identified as *Scardinius erythrophthalmus* (which has the origin of the dorsal fin behind the line of the pelvic fin base and a strong ventral keel from the pelvic fins to the anus); Labs 08e, 08i, 08j and 24d identified as *Blicca bjoerkna* or the synonym *Abramis bjoerkna* (which has more anal fin rays and the dorsal fin positioned behind the pelvic fins); Lab 24h identified as *Leuciscus leuciscus* (which has a less deep body and fewer dorsal and anal fin rays).

Lab 08a incorrectly spelt the genus and species.

RT3319 – *Gobius niger* (Black Goby) (Figure 19a)



Figure 19a (RT3319) - L

Substratum: Mixed. Salinity: High. Depth: Circalittoral. Geography: East Anglia. Condition: Good, Length 7-9cm.

Thirteen generic and twenty-two specific differences: Labs 08f, 12b, 20e, 24g, 24h and 26a identified as *Pomatoschistus microps*; Labs 08k, 13a and 20a identified as *Pomatoschistus pictus*; Lab 20f identified as *Pomatoschistus minutus* (all of which have a longer, narrower caudal peduncle and a row of complete papillae along the underside of each eye, see Figure 22a for *P. microps*); Labs 06a, 17a, 17b and 17c identified as *Gobius forsteri* (which has a characteristic black spot at the rear base of the 1st dorsal fin and a larger interspace between the dorsal fins); Labs 16a and 20d identified as *Gobius paganellus* (which has 5-7 finger-like branches on the anterior nostril, a body with 50-57 scales along the lateral line and the free upper, pectoral fin rays almost reach the dorsal fin base); Lab 20c identified as *Gobius gasteveni* (which has free upper, pectoral fin rays that almost reach the dorsal fin base and lacks elongated anterior fin rays in the 1st dorsal fin); Lab 24e identified as *Gobius cobitis* (which has

several finger-like projections on the anterior nostril and a body with 59-67 scales along the lateral line); Lab 24i identified as *Gobius couchi* (which has a relatively large interspace between the dorsal fins and lacks elongated anterior fin rays in the 1st dorsal fin); Lab 20b identified as *Thorogobius ephippiatus* (which lacks free fin rays on the upper pectoral fins and is light in colouration with orange spots); Lab 24c identified as *Cottus gobio* (which is a freshwater species lacking pelvic fins united by a membrane); Lab 26b identified as Blenny (which lack pelvic fins united by a membrane; identification to species using scientific nomenclature with a specified confidence level is required for this exercise).

RT3320 – *Sardina pilchardus* (European Pilchard, Sardine) (Figure 20a)



Figure 20a (RT3320) - L

Substratum: Mixed. Salinity: Full. Depth: Circalittoral. Geography: S. W. England. Condition: Poor, Length 18-23cm.

Eighteen generic and eighteen specific differences: Labs 02c, 03a, 05a, 08l, 10a, 16a, 17d, 20d and 24e identified as *Alosa fallax*; Labs 01a, 02a, 08c and 08d identified as *Alosa alosa* (both of which have smaller scales, stronger cleft snouts and lack longer posterior anal fin rays); Labs 13a, 20e, 24f, 24h and 24i identified as *Clupea harengus* (which is larger, lacks prominent radiating lines on the gill cover and has the origin of the dorsal fin positioned at equal distance between the mouth than the tail fin base, see Figure 25a).

Lab 08i incorrectly spelt the species.

RT3321 – *Trisopterus minutus* (Poor Cod) (Figure 21a)



Figure 21a (RT3321) - L

Substratum: Mixed. Salinity: Full. Depth: Circalittoral. Geography: S. W. England. Condition: Fair/Good, Length 16-18cm.

Four generic and five specific differences: Lab 12c identified as *Trisopterus esmarkii* (which has a shorter barbel, a body depth less than the head length and a lower jaw that is longer than the upper snout); Lab 20d identified as *Merlangius merlangus* (which has a very small barbel, a much longer snout and the 1st anal fin originating underneath the centre of the 1st dorsal fin, see Figure 11a); Lab 24g identified as *Melanogrammus aeglefinus* (which has a very small barbel and a conspicuous dark pigment spot on the lateral line beneath the 1st dorsal fin); Lab 24h identified as *Pollachius virens* (which has a small barbel, relatively smaller eyes and large interspaces between fins); Lab 26b identified as *Gadus morhua* (which has a longer snout and relatively smaller eyes).

Lab 03a incorrectly spelt the genus. Labs 08a, 24a, 24b, 24c, 24d, 24e, 24f and 24j incorrectly spelt the species.

RT3322 – *Pomatoschistus microps* (Common Goby) (Figure 22a)



Figure 22a (RT3322) - L

Substratum: Mixed. Salinity: High. Depth: Circalittoral. Geography: East Anglia. Condition: Good, Length 3-4cm.

One generic and twenty-nine specific differences: Labs 02a, 02b, 04a, 05a, 08a, 08b, 08c, 08d, 08f, 08k, 12b, 20a, 20c, 20d, 20e, 24a, 24b, 24c, 24d, 24f, 24g, 24h, 24i, 24j, 26a, 26b and 27c identified as *Pomatoschistus minutus* or the synonym *Gobius minutus* (which lacks a '^' shaped dark pigment pattern on the pectoral fins); Lab 12a identified as *Pomatoschistus pictus* (which has also lacks a '^' shaped dark pigment pattern on the pectoral fins and has extensive dark pigment under the lower jaw and two diagonal rows of dark spots on the 1st dorsal fin); Lab 24e identified as *Echiichthys viypera* (which lacks a frontal fold of skin across the pelvic fins and has much longer 2nd dorsal and anal fin bases).

Labs 08e, 17a, 24b, 24c, 24d, 24f, 24g, 24h and 24i incorrectly spelt the genus.

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RT3323 – *Osmerus eperlanus* (European Smelt, Smelt) (Figure 23a)



Figure 23a (RT3323) - L

Substratum: Mixed. Salinity: High. Depth: Circalittoral. Geography: S. E. England. Condition: Fair/Good, Length 15-18cm.

Two generic and two specific differences: Lab 20a identified as *Argentina sphyraena*; Lab 26b identified as *Argentina silus* (both of which have larger eyes and dorsal fin bases that are anterior to the pelvic fin bases).

RT3324 – *Lampetra fluviatilis* (European River Lamprey, Lampern) (Figure 24a)



Figure 24a (RT3324) - L

Substratum: Mixed. Salinity: Reduced. Depth: Infralittoral. Geography: Ireland. Condition: Good, Length 30-38cm.

Six generic and seven specific differences: Labs 12b, 24c, 24d, 24f, 24g and 24h identified as *Petromyzon marinus* (which has more numerous teeth arranged in rows with smaller teeth in the outer region of the sucking disc); Lab 20a identified as *Lampetra planeri* (which lacks an interspace between dorsal fins).

Labs 02a, 02c and 27c incorrectly spelt the genus. Labs 02a, 02b, 02c, 05a, 24e and 24i incorrectly spelt the species.

RT3325 – *Clupea harengus* (Atlantic Herring, Herring) (Figure 25a)



Figure 25a (RT3325) - L

Substratum: Mixed. Salinity: Full. Depth: Circalittoral. Geography: S. E. England. Condition: Good, Length 25-30cm.

Five generic and five specific differences: Labs 02b and 24e identified as *Alosa alosa*; Lab 13a and 24f identified as *Alosa fallax* (both of which have prominent radiating lines on the gill covers); Lab 24h identified as *Sardina pilchardus* (which is smaller, has prominent radiating lines on the gill covers and has the origin of the dorsal fin closer to the mouth than the tail fin base, see Figure 20a).

Labs 12b, 20d, 20e, 20f and 27b incorrectly spelt the species.

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