



Possible data sources for ciguatera cases or outbreaks

The following sources may provide information on ciguatera cases and outbreaks. Depending on the source, the information supply can be: demographic information, clinical information, food consumption, risk factors, laboratory details, etc.

List of possible ciguatera data sources

At country level

- A. Public Health Surveillance System
- B. General Practitioners records (outpatients)
- C. Hospital Emergency Records
- D. Hospital Discharge Records (inpatients)
- E. Poison Centres records
- F. Travel or Tropical Medicine Units/Facilities records
- G. Food Safety Competent Authorities / Food Surveillance System
- H. Vital statistics
- I. Laboratories

At European Union level

- J. Food-borne outbreaks database. European Food Safety Authority.
- K. Epidemic Intelligence Information System (EPIS FWD). European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control.
- L. Early Warning and Response System (EWRS). European Commission.
- M. Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF). European Commission.
- N. Rapid Alert System for Chemicals (RAS-CHEM). European Commission.
- O. Centralized Information System for Infectious Diseases. World Health Organization. Europe.
- P. Alert Systems (IHR, INFOSAN, etc.). World Health Organization. Europe.

List of possible additional ciguatera data sources during an outbreak investigation

1. Fisheries authorities
2. Consumer complaints
3. Restaurants
4. Retail markets
5. Fishery industry
6. Fish importers
7. Media