

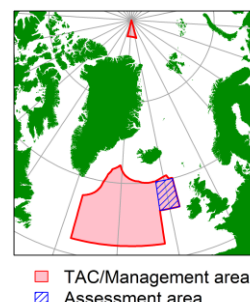
# ROCKALL COD

## Division 6.b



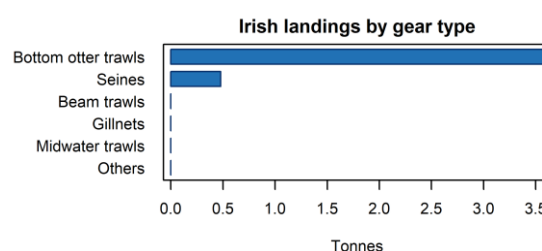
### ADVICE FOR 2023

ICES advises that when the precautionary approach is applied, catches should be no more than 14 t in each of the years 2021, 2022, and 2023.



### KEY POINTS

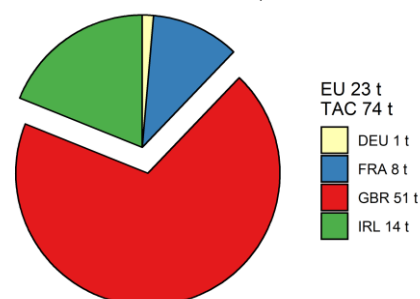
ICES Assessment Category	6 (Bycatch only)	
Management Plan	WVWMAP (bycatch)	
Advice Basis	ICES PA approach	Catch=14 t
Ranges	F <sub>MSY</sub> Range Lower	Not available
	F <sub>MSY</sub>	Not available
	F <sub>MSY</sub> Range Upper	Not available
Landing Obligation	From 2019	No derogations or exemptions



### MANAGEMENT IN 2022

- The TAC area covers Sub-areas 6.b, EU and international waters of 5.b west of 12°00' W and to 12 and 14. The TAC applies to EU vessels only and not the international fishery at Rockall.

2022 Quota Allocations



### KEY STOCK CONSIDERATIONS

- The ICES advice issued in 2020 is relevant for 2021, 2022 and 2023.
- Total landings for 2021 were estimated to be 25 t, the majority is taken by Scottish vessels.
- Irish landings of Rockall cod are taken as a minor bycatch in the fishery targeting haddock; they are also landed with megrim, saithe and anglerfish.
- Irish LPUE showed large reductions from the 1990s to historic lows in recent years. Scottish LPUE and survey data shows some increase in abundance in the last 3-4 years but the stock is likely to be significantly lower than was observed in the 1990s.

Further information on this stock can be found in the 2020 Stock Book.