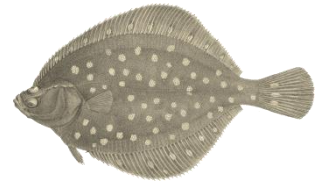


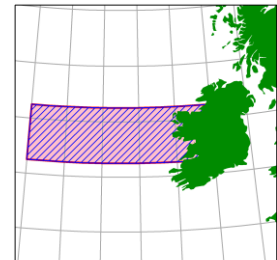
WEST OF IRELAND PLAICE

Divisions 7.b-c



ADVICE FOR 2024

ICES advises that when the precautionary approach is applied, landings should be no more than 15 tonnes in each of the years 2024, 2025, and 2026.

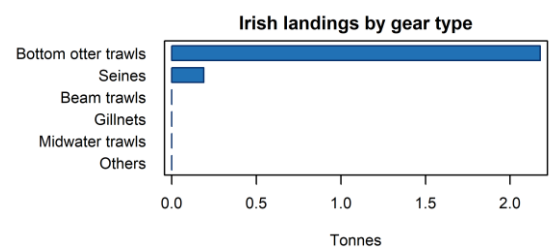


■ TAC/Management area
■ Assessment area

KEY POINTS

ICES Assessment Category	6 (Bycatch only assessment)	
Management Plan	WVWMAP (bycatch)	
Advice Basis	ICES PA approach	Landings=15 t
Ranges	F_{MSY} Range Lower	Not available
	F_{MSY}	Not available
	F_{MSY} Range Upper	Not available
Landing Obligation	From 2019	High survivability exemption*

* Described below under Key Stock Considerations, details in (EC 2020/2015).



MANAGEMENT IN 2023

- The TAC and the assessment area are the same.
- Recent landings have been well below the TAC.

KEY STOCK CONSIDERATIONS

- The reduction in advice for 2024 to 2026 (~20%) is due to the application of the precautionary buffer.
- Irish landings of this stock are caught by otter trawlers, as a minor bycatch in a mixed fishery.
- Discarded plaice are considered to have a survivability of approximately 40%. An exemption to the Landing Obligation applies to beam trawls (≤ 221 kW or ≤ 24 m) within 12nm of the coast, and towing for less than 90 minutes; and beam trawls (> 221 kW) using flip-up rope or benthic release panel (EC 2020/2015) in ICES division 7.a to 7.k. There are no Irish beam trawls operating in this area. An exemption to the Landing Obligation also applies to Scottish seines in this area.

