

WEST OF IRELAND AND CELTIC SEA SAITHE

Sub-area 7-10



ADVICE FOR 2023

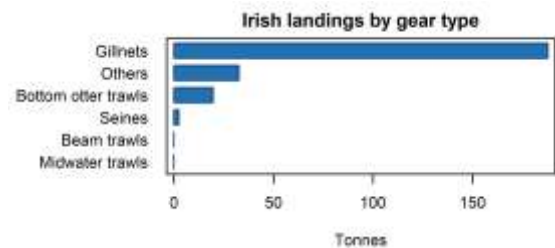
The status of this stock is unknown and there is no ICES advice.

There is no basis to give advice for this stock at present. However, FEAS note that preliminary catch data show international catches average around 297 t over the past 3 years, which is well below the TAC.



KEY POINTS

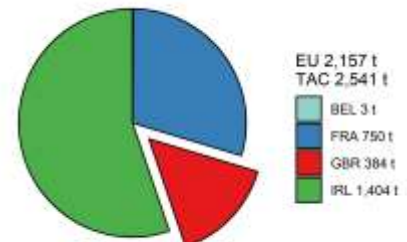
ICES Assessment Category	Not Appropriate	
Management Plan	WWMAP (bycatch)	
Advice Basis	None	
Ranges	F _{MSY} Range Lower	Not Applicable
	F _{MSY}	Not Available
	F _{MSY} Range Upper	Not Applicable
Landing Obligation	From 2016	No derogations or exemptions



MANAGEMENT IN 2022

- The TAC for 2022 has decreased by 635 t (20%); Ireland's quota decreased by less than that due to the Hague agreement which can give Ireland an increased share of certain stocks when the TAC is below a threshold value.
- The TAC covers Sub-areas 7, 8, 9 and 10.

2022 Quota Allocations



KEY STOCK CONSIDERATIONS

- Irish landings of saithe in Sub-area 7 are mainly taken by gillnets, however, in some years considerable by-catches of saithe are landed with hake, whiting and pollack by bottom trawler fleets.
- Irish landings in 2019 were the lowest observed in the time series with a slight increase in 2020 and 2021 landings (Table I). There is little discarding of saithe in Irish fisheries.