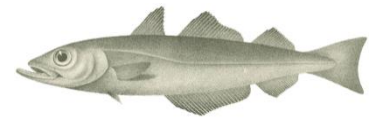


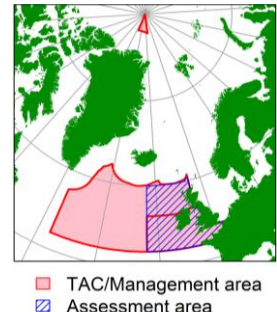
CELTIC SEA AND WEST OF SCOTLAND POLLACK



Sub-areas 6 and 7

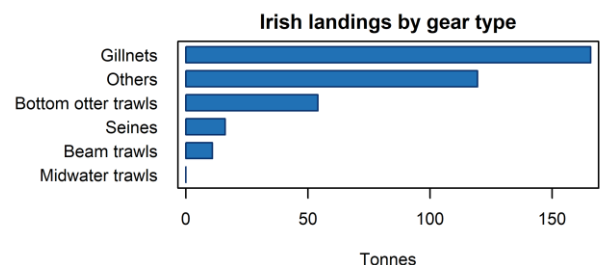
ADVICE FOR 2024

ICES advises that when the MSY approach and precautionary considerations are applied, there should be zero catch in 2024.



KEY POINTS

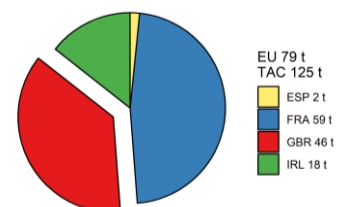
ICES Assessment Category	2 (SPiCT)	
Management Plan	WVWMAP (target)	
Advice Basis	ICES MSY approach	Catch=0 t
Ranges	F _{MSY} Range Lower	Not Available
	F _{MSY}	Catch=204 t
	F _{MSY} Range Upper	Not Available
Landing Obligation	From 2017	No derogations or exemptions



MANAGEMENT 2023

- There are two TAC areas that cover pollack in this area. Ireland has quota for both. The first TAC area covers Divisions 5.b and Sub-areas 6, 12 and 14. The second TAC area covers Sub-area 7. Up to 2% of the latter TAC may be fished in Divisions 8.a,b,d,e.
- Low quota uptake by some countries means that the current TAC's are well above the reported landings.
- The 2022 quota uptake by Ireland in Sub-area 7 was 62% whereas in Sub-areas 5.b, 6, 12 and 14 uptake was 50%.

2023 Quota Allocations for Pollack in 5b, 6, 12, 14



KEY STOCK CONSIDERATIONS

- The ICES advice for 2024 is for zero catch, whilst the previous advice for 2023 was 3,360 t. The stock assessment underwent a benchmark in 2023. The new model dramatically revised the perception of the stock. It estimated fishing pressure to be above F_{MSY} and F_{lim} , and the stock size to be below $MSY B_{Trigger}$. This is because of declining landings and a strong declining trend in catches by scientific surveys.
- Work is ongoing to continue to deal with uncertainties within this stock and to improve options for assessing and providing advice.
- Commercial landings may not reflect true pollack catches since recreational fishing is thought to comprise a significant component of total catch. A study published in 2018 estimated recreational catches to be approximately 3,500 t per year from areas 6 and 7.
- Irish landings of pollack are mainly taken by gillnets, however, in some years considerable by-catches of pollack are landed with hake, whiting and saithe by bottom otter trawl fleets.

2023 Quota Allocations for Pollack in 7

