

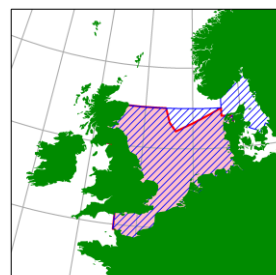
# NORTH SEA HORSE MACKEREL

Divisions 3.a (eastern part), 4.b-c and 7.d



## ADVICE FOR 2024

ICES advises that when the MSY approach is applied, catches should be no more than 9,730 t in 2024 and 2025.



■ TAC/Management area  
■ Assessment area

## KEY POINTS

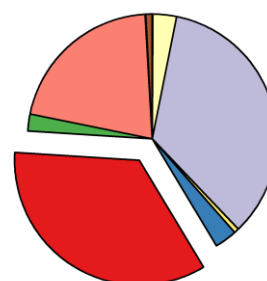
ICES Assessment Category	3 (Survey-based assessment)	
Management Plan	No	
Advice Basis	ICES MSY approach	Catch=9,730t
Ranges	F <sub>MSY</sub> Range Lower	Not Available
	F <sub>MSY</sub>	Not Available
	F <sub>MSY</sub> Range Upper	Not Available
Landing Obligation	From 2015	Area and gear specific de minimis exemptions in 2021-23*

\* Commission delegated regulations 2022/2090

## MANAGEMENT IN 2023

- The stock distribution area is Divisions 4.b-c, 7.d and also 3.a and 4.a in quarters 1 and 2.
- The agreed TAC covers 4.b-c and 7.d. There is no TAC covering Norwegian waters or the fisheries in Divisions 3.a and 4.a (quarters 1 and 2).
- Up to 5% of the quota may consist of bycatches of boarfish, haddock, whiting and mackerel provided that, in combination with provisions for other bycatch species, the total does not exceed 9% of the quota.
- Quota uptake has increased in recent years as the TAC has been reduced, reaching 94% in 2022. The majority of catch was taken in Division 7.d and 4.c

2023 Quota Allocations



EU 5,801 t  
TAC 8,969 t

## KEY STOCK CONSIDERATIONS

- Advice for this stock is biennial.
- The stock is considered to remain at a low level.
- An abundance index based on groundfish surveys in the North Sea and Channel is used to assess this stock.
- The advice for 2024 and 2025 was calculated using the latest ICES technical guidance for category 3 stocks.
- In 2013, catches from Division 7.d accounted for over 92% of the total catch. Since then catches in this area have decreased to 51% in 2022; whereas catches in 4.c have increased to 24%

**For ICES advice on Horse mackerel (*Trachurus trachurus*) in divisions 3.a, 4.b-c, and 7.d - please see:**

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