

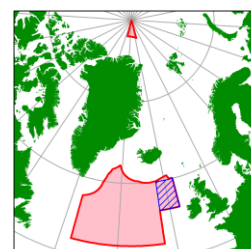
ROCKALL COD

Division 6.b



ADVICE FOR 2024

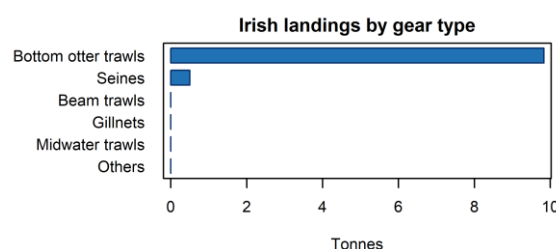
ICES advises that when the precautionary approach is applied, catches should be no more than 11 t in each of the years 2024, 2025, and 2026.



■ TAC/Management area
■ Assessment area

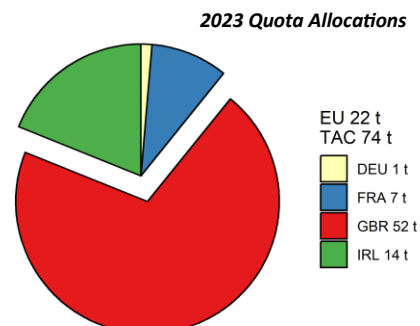
KEY POINTS

ICES Assessment Category	6 (Bycatch only)	
Management Plan	WVWMA (bycatch)	
Advice Basis	ICES PA approach	Catch=11 t
Ranges	F _{MSY} Range Lower	Not available
	F _{MSY}	Not available
	F _{MSY} Range Upper	Not available
Landing Obligation	From 2019	No derogations or exemptions



MANAGEMENT IN 2023

- 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.
- Exclusively for by-catches of cod in fisheries for other species. No directed fisheries for cod are permitted under this TAC.



KEY STOCK CONSIDERATIONS

- ICES issued new advice in 2023 for 2024, 2025 and 2026.
- Catches are too low to support the collection of the necessary information for an assessment of the stock status. ICES applies a 20% reduction to the previous advice for this stock because there is no new information to evaluate stock status.
- Total landings for 2022 were estimated to be 71 t, the majority is taken by Scottish vessels. This is the first time since 2011 that the landings were close to the TAC.
- 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 around 2010. Scottish LPUE and survey data shows some increase in abundance in the recent years but the stock is likely to be significantly lower than was observed in the 1990s.