

ROCKALL WHITING

Division 6.b



ADVICE FOR 2023

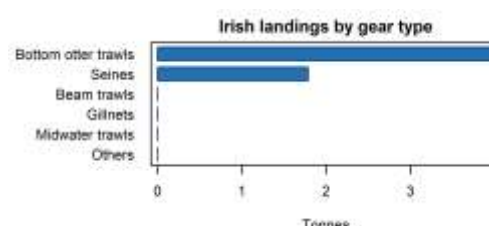
ICES advises that when the precautionary approach is applied, landings should be no more than 7 t in each of the years 2022, 2023, 2024. ICES cannot quantify the corresponding total catches.



■ TAC/Management area
■ Assessment area

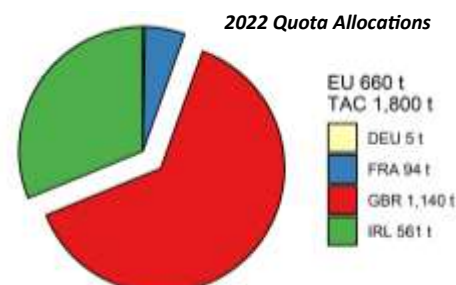
KEY POINTS

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| ICES Assessment Category | 6 (Bycatch only assessment) | |
| Management Plan | WVWMAP (bycatch) | |
| Advice Basis | ICES PA approach | Recent advised catches minus 20% |
| Ranges | F _{MSY} Range Lower | Not Appropriate (bycatch) |
| | F _{MSY} | Not Available |
| | F _{MSY} Range Upper | Not Appropriate (bycatch) |
| Landing Obligation | From 2019 | No derogations or exemptions |



MANAGEMENT IN 2022

- ICES provides triennial advice for this stock (2022-24).
- TAC covers ICES Sub-areas 6 and UK and international waters of Division 5.b and international waters of 12 and 14. Therefore, the TAC cannot effectively manage catches in Division 6.b (Rockall) specifically.
- TAC is exclusively for bycatches; no targeted fisheries are permitted.



KEY STOCK CONSIDERATIONS

- Irish landings of whiting at Rockall are taken as a minor bycatch in mixed fisheries and are mainly landed with haddock.
- It is only in recent years that whiting have been recorded in the catches of surveys and commercial fishing. The stock structure and origin of whiting at Rockall is not known, but it is possible that whiting caught at Rockall are vagrants from other areas.

Further information on this stock can be found in the 2021 Stock Book.