

WEST OF SCOTLAND AND ROCKALL PLAICE

Sub-area 6



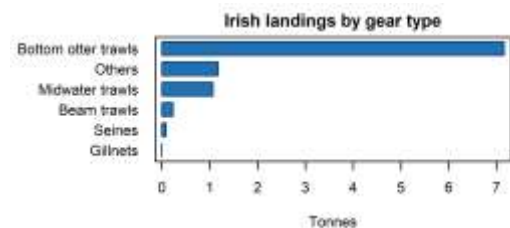
ADVICE FOR 2023

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



KEY POINTS

ICES Assessment Category	Not Appropriate	
Management Plan	WWMAP (bycatch)	
Advice Basis:	None	Not Appropriate
Ranges	F _{MSY} Range Lower	Not Appropriate
	F _{MSY}	Not Appropriate
	F _{MSY} Range Upper	Not Appropriate
Landing Obligation	From 2019	No derogations or exemptions



MANAGEMENT IN 2022

- The TAC area covers Sub-areas 6, 12 and 14 and Division 5.b.
- There are no explicit management plans for this stock.

KEY STOCK CONSIDERATIONS

- Irish landings of plaice in this area are mainly taken as a minor bycatch in mixed fisheries and are mainly landed with anglerfish, whiting and megrim.
- Irish catch rates (LPUE) of plaice declined in the early 2000s and has declined to the lowest observed in 2021 (Figure 1), this is partially due to a change in fishing patterns with less trawling in inshore areas where plaice occur.

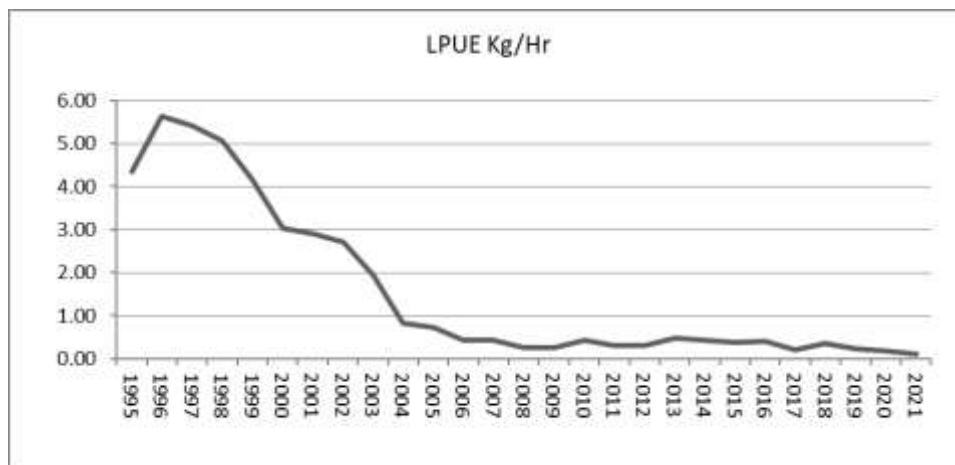
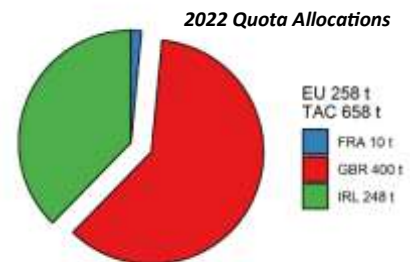


Figure 1. Irish LPUE (Kg/Hour) from ICES Sub-area 6