

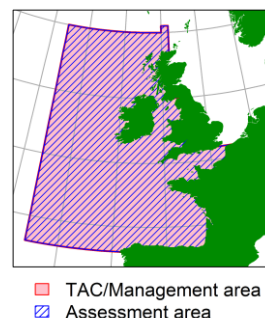
# BOARFISH IN THE NORTHEAST ATLANTIC

## Subareas 6, 7 and 8



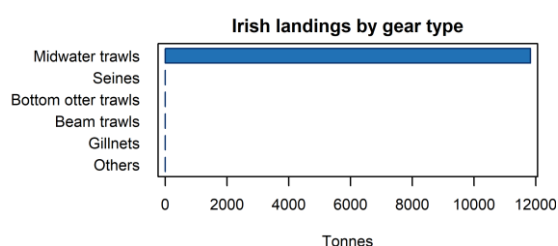
### ADVICE FOR 2023

ICES advises that when the precautionary approach is applied, catches should be more than 22,791 t in each of the years 2022 and 2023.



### KEY POINTS

ICES Assessment Category	3 (Survey Based Assessment)	
Management Plan	No	
Advice basis	ICES PA Approach	Catch = 22,791 t Index ratio applied
Ranges	$F_{MSY}$ Range Lower	Not available
	$F_{MSY}$	Not available
	$F_{MSY}$ Range Upper	Not available
Landing Obligation	From 2015	Area and gear specific <i>de minimis</i> exemption applies in 2021-23*

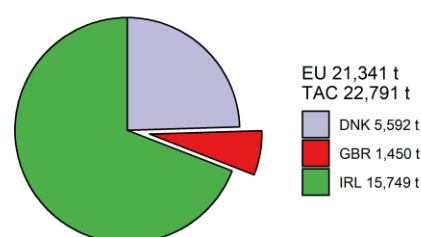


\* Commission delegated regulation (EU) 2020/2015

### MANAGEMENT IN 2022

- The stock assessment and management units are ICES Sub-areas 6, 7 and 8.
- A long term management plan was proposed by the Pelagic Advisory Council in 2015 and evaluated by ICES as precautionary. The plan follows the rationale for the TAC setting within the ICES advice framework, but with some additional caution at low stock size.
- The plan includes closures from the 31<sup>st</sup> March – 31<sup>st</sup> August in all areas and also inside the Irish 12-mile limit, south of 52°30' from 12<sup>th</sup> February – 31<sup>st</sup> October to prevent catches of Celtic Sea herring and mackerel.

#### 2022 Quota Allocations



### KEY STOCK CONSIDERATIONS

- Discard rates have been variable with up to 10% of the international catch discarded. Most of this is from demersal fisheries.
- In 2021, 85% of the TAC was taken, with Ireland and Denmark catching 90% and 92% of their total quotas respectively.

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