

WEST OF SCOTLAND AND ROCKALL SOLE

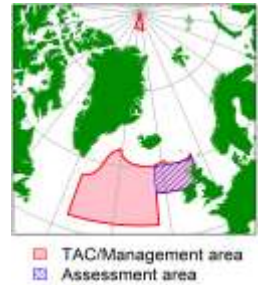
Sub-area 6



ADVICE FOR 2023

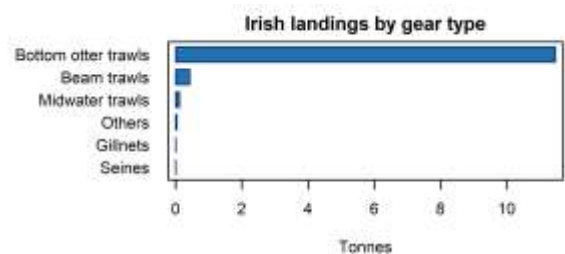
The status of this stock is unknown and there is no ICES advice.

There is no basis to give advice for this stock. However, FEAS note that preliminary catch data show international catches averaging 14 t for the past 3 years, which is well below the TAC.



KEY POINTS

ICES Assessment Category	Not Appropriate	
Management Plan	No*	
Advice Basis	None	Not Appropriate
Ranges	F _{MSY} Range Lower	Not Appropriate
	F _{MSY}	Not Available
	F _{MSY} Range Upper	Not Appropriate
Landing Obligation	From 2017	No derogations or exemptions



*Sole 6.a is not specifically mentioned in VVWMAP, which lists sole 5, 6.b, 12 & 14.

MANAGEMENT IN 2022

- The TAC area covers Sub-areas 6, 12, 14 and EU, UK and international waters of Division 5.b.

KEY STOCK CONSIDERATIONS

- The minimum mesh size of bottom trawls (TRI) and seines is >120 mm which is too large to target sole effectively.

