

WEST OF IRELAND SOLE

Divisions 7.b and 7.c



ADVICE FOR 2023

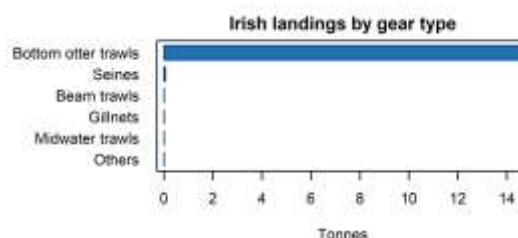
ICES advises that when the precautionary approach is applied, catches should be no more than 19 t in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023.



■ TAC/Management area
■ Assessment area

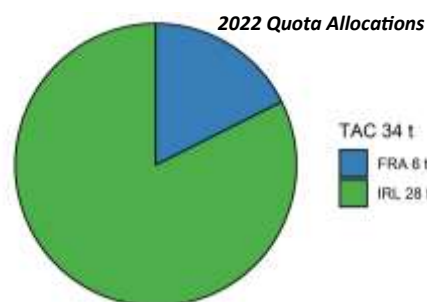
KEY POINTS

ICES Assessment Category	6 (Bycatch only assessment)	
Management Plan	WWMAP (bycatch)	
Advice Basis	ICES PA approach	Catch=19 t
Ranges	F _{MSY} Range Lower	Not Appropriate (bycatch)
	F _{MSY}	Not Appropriate (bycatch)
	F _{MSY} Range Upper	Not Appropriate (bycatch)
Landing Obligation	From 2019	No derogations or exemptions



MANAGEMENT IN 2022

- The stock and management units are both ICES Divisions 7.b and 7.c.
- The recent landings have been below the TAC.



KEY STOCK CONSIDERATIONS

- Irish landings of West of Ireland sole are mainly taken as a bycatch in mixed fisheries targeting *Nephrops* and the other bottom trawl fisheries that occur in relatively shallow water (less than 200m) of area 7.b.

Further information on this stock can be found in the 2020 Stock Book.