WEST OF IRELAND AND CELTIC SEA SAITHE

Sub-area 7-10



ADVICE FOR 2024

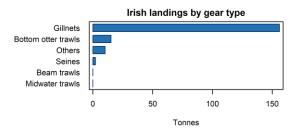
The status of this stock is unknown and there is no ICES advice.

There is no basis to give advice for this stock at present. However, FEAS note that preliminary catch data show international catches average around 284 t over the past 3 years, which is well below the TAC.



KEY POINTS

| ICES Assessment Category | Not Appropriate | |
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| Management Plan | WWMAP (bycatch) | |
| Advice Basis | None | |
| Ranges | F _{MSY} Range Lower | Not Applicable |
| | F _{MSY} | Not Available |
| | F _{MSY} Range Upper | Not Applicable |
| Landing Obligation | From 2016 | No derogations or exemptions |



MANAGEMENT IN 2023

- The TAC in 2023 has remained the same as for 2022.
- The TAC covers Sub-areas 7, 8, 9 and 10.

KEY STOCK CONSIDERATIONS

- International landings in 2022 were the lowest observed in the time series (Table 1).
- Irish landings of saithe in Sub-area 7 are mainly taken by gillnets, however, in some years considerable by-catches of saithe are landed with hake, whiting and pollack by bottom trawler fleets.
- Marine Institute observer data suggests that discarding of saithe in Irish fisheries is negligible.

