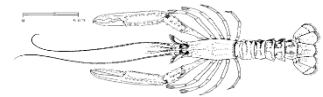


# NEPHROPS IN SUB-AREA 7, OUTSIDE THE FUNCTIONAL UNITS

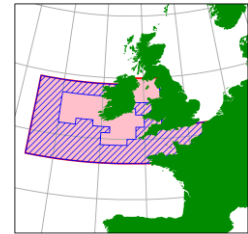


## Sub-area 7

### ADVICE FOR 2024

ICES advises that when the precautionary approach is applied, landings should be no more than 120 t in each of the years 2024, 2025 and 2026. ICES cannot quantify the corresponding total catches.

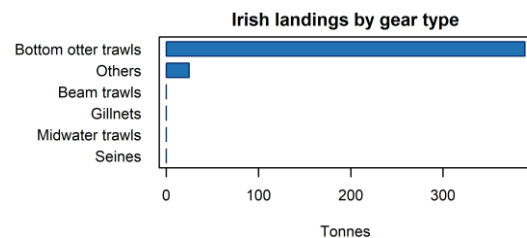
ICES notes the existence of a management plan, developed and adopted by one of the relevant management authorities for Sub-area 7.



■ TAC/Management area  
■ Assessment area

### KEY POINTS

ICES Assessment Category	5 (Landings only)	
Management Plan	WWMAP	
Advice Basis	ICES PA approach	
Ranges	Not available	
Landing Obligation	From 2016	Gear specific high survivability exemption*



\* Described below under Key Stock Considerations, details in (EU 2020/2015).

### MANAGEMENT IN 2023

- The current TAC area and stock assessment area do not match.

### KEY STOCK CONSIDERATIONS

- The ICES advice was based on a precautionary 20% reduction on the advice given previously. Recent landings have been above the advised catch level.
- Nephrops* outside the current FUs are not considered as separate stocks but represent small populations of *Nephrops* outside the identified stock units (FUs). The level of recruitment to these patches is unknown although it is likely that there is some donation of recruits from the major stock units.
- Observations of landings at the SW Deep's grounds (ICES statistical rectangles 27D8, 28D8, 29D8, 28D9, 29D9, 30D8, and 31D8) have increased steadily in the recent three years (50% of the total), indicating the development of a new fishery.
- Under the Landing Obligation *Nephrops* fisheries in Sub-area 7 have a high survivability exemption, based on studies which showed a survivability of about 64% (BIM, 2017). This exemption applies to bottom trawls (OTT, OTB, TBS, TBN, TB, PTB, OT, PT, TX) with a mesh size  $\geq 100$  mm or with a mesh size 70-99 mm in combination with highly selective gear options such as: square mesh panels, seltra panel, sorting grid or separation panel.
- A high survivability exemption also applies to creel caught *Nephrops* in Sub-area 7.

### 2023 Quota Allocations for Sub-area 7

