

IRISH SEA HADDOCK

Division 7.a



ADVICE FOR 2024

ICES advises that when the MSY approach is applied, catches in 2024 should be no more than 2263 t.

ICES notes the existence of a precautionary management plan, developed and adopted by one of the relevant management authorities for this stock.

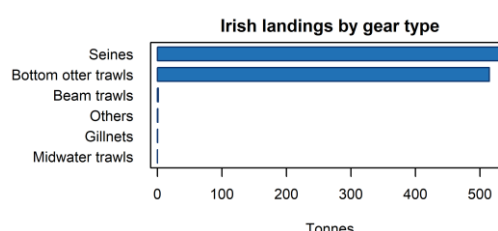


■ TAC/Management area
■ Assessment area

KEY POINTS

ICES Assessment Category	I (Quantitative Assessment)	
Management Plan	WWMAP (target); No management plan has been agreed between all the relevant management authorities.	
Advice Basis	MSY approach	Catch=2,263 t
Ranges	F _{MSY} Range Lower	Catch=1,671 t
	F _{MSY}	Catch=2,263 t
	F _{MSY} Range Upper	Catch=2,749 t
Landing Obligation	From 2016	Specific technical measures in 7a under the landings obligation plan*

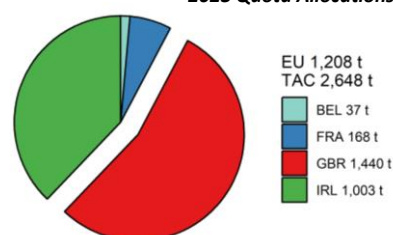
*EC 2020/2015.



MANAGEMENT IN 2023

- The Irish Sea assessment area of Division 7.a does not include Irish landings taken or reported in ICES rectangles 33E2 and 33E3, which are reallocated from Division 7.a to Division 7.g.
- This reallocation (from 2 rectangles from the Irish Sea to the Celtic Sea) has increased since first introduced in 2006, with the 2022 reallocation being the largest to date.
- For 2022, 865 t were reallocated from 33E2 and 33E3 to the Celtic Sea. The adjusted Irish Sea landings used by ICES were 851 t, so the landings taken or reported in 33E2 and 33E3 were higher than those taken in the remainder of 7.a. These reallocated landings contributed 10% of Celtic Sea (Divisions 7.b-k) assessed landings.
- The TAC management area covers all of ICES Division 7.a.

2023 Quota Allocations



KEY STOCK CONSIDERATIONS

- The assessment shows stock size to be at a high level, although declining. Fishing mortality has been below F_{MSY} since 2013.
- The advice for 2023 is ~15% lower than that for 2023 because of poor recruitment in 2020 and 2022, leading to a reduction in the forecast stock size.
- Irish landings under the Irish Sea haddock quota are mostly taken in a targeted fishery, with 75% of landings coming from trips where haddock was the dominant species landed. The majority of these trips are in the south of Division 7.a in ICES rectangles 33E2 and 33E3 which are not included in the Irish Sea stock assessment.