

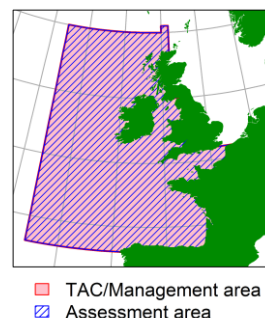
BOARFISH IN THE NORTHEAST ATLANTIC

Subareas 6, 7 and 8



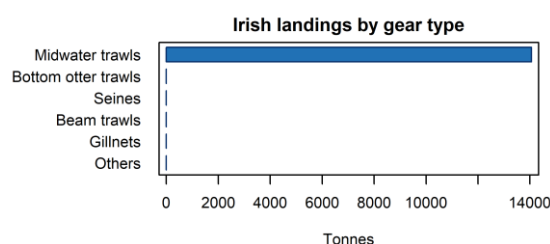
ADVICE FOR 2024

ICES advises that when the MSY approach is applied, catches should be no more than 27,349 t in each of the years 2024 and 2025.



KEY POINTS

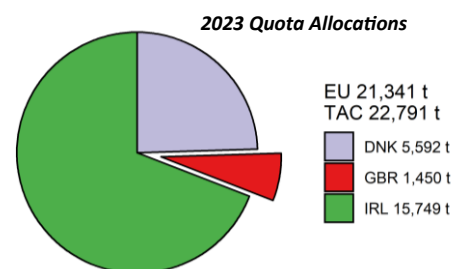
ICES Assessment Category	3 (Trend Based Assessment)	
Management Plan	No	
Advice basis	ICES MSY Approach	Catch = 27,349 t rfb rule applied
Ranges	F _{MSY} Range Lower	Not available
	F _{MSY}	Not available
	F _{MSY} Range Upper	Not available
Landing Obligation	From 2015	Area and gear specific <i>de minimis</i> exemption applies in 2021-23*



* Commission delegated regulation (EU) 2022/2290

MANAGEMENT IN 2023

- The stock assessment and management units are ICES Sub-areas 6, 7 and 8.
- A long term management plan was proposed by the Pelagic Advisory Council in 2015 and evaluated by ICES as precautionary. The plan follows the rationale for the TAC setting within the ICES advice framework, but with some additional caution at low stock size.
- The plan includes closures from the 31st March – 31st August in all areas and also inside the Irish 12-mile limit, south of 52°30' from 12th February – 31st October to prevent catches of Celtic Sea herring and mackerel.



KEY STOCK CONSIDERATIONS

- Discard rates have been variable with up to 10% of the international catch discarded. Most of this is from demersal fisheries.
- In 2022, 85% of the TAC was taken, with Ireland and Denmark catching 89% and 77% of their total quotas respectively.
- The advice for 2024 and 2025 was calculated using the latest ICES technical guidance for category 3 stocks.
- This stock is scheduled for benchmark in early 2024.