

Haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*) in Subarea 4, Division 6.a, and Subdivision 20 (North Sea, West of Scotland, Skagerrak). Replacing advice provided in 2022

### ICES advice on fishing opportunities

Please note: The present advice replaces the advice given in June 2022 for catches in 2023.

ICES advises that when the MSY approach is applied, total catches in 2023 should be no more than 126 511<sup>†</sup> tonnes.

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

### Stock development over time

Fishing pressure on the stock is below F<sub>MSY</sub> and spawning-stock size is above MSY B<sub>trigger</sub>, B<sub>pa</sub>, and B<sub>lim</sub>.

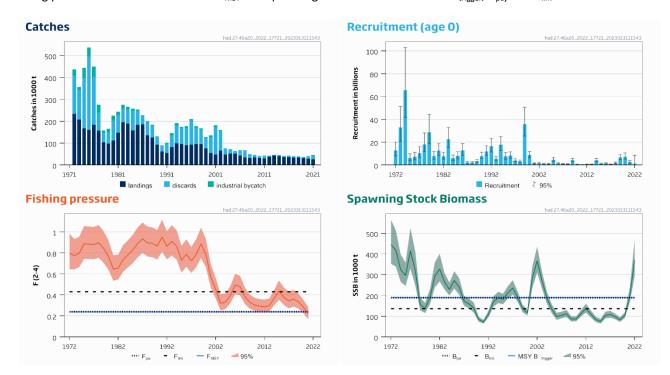


Figure 1 Haddock in Subarea 4, Division 6.a, and Subdivision 20. Summary of the stock assessment. The assumed recruitment value for 2022 is shaded in a lighter colour. Discards include BMS landings.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> Advice correction: Due to a reduction in the sampling coverage across the NS-IBTS and SCOWCGFS Q1 surveys in 2022, it was agreed to account for the increased uncertainty on the Q1 survey indices in the 2022 assessment model. However, this modification was not applied to the stock assessment due to a coding error which has now been corrected. Assessment, forecast and advice values and figures have been updated in this sheet.

## **Catch scenarios**

 Table 1
 Haddock in Subarea 4, Division 6.a, and Subdivision 20. Values in the forecast and for the interim year.

Variable	Value	Notes
E (2022)	0.118	Based on a catch constraint for 2022. Average exploitation pattern (2019–
F <sub>ages 2–4</sub> (2022)	0.116	2021)
SSB (2023)	457 520	Short-term forecast (STF); tonnes
n (2022-2022)	1 608 819	Geometric mean of recruitment resampled from the years 2000–2021;
R <sub>age 0</sub> (2022, 2023)	1 008 819	thousands
Total catch (2022)	52 692	TAC for 2022; tonnes
Projected landings (2022)	40 540	STF; assuming average landings ratio by age 2019–2021; tonnes
Projected discards and IBC (2022)	12 152	STF; assuming average discards (including IBC) ratio by age 2019–2021;
Projected discards and IBC (2022)	12 152	tonnes

Table 2Haddock in Subarea 4, Division 6.a, and Subdivision 20. Annual catch scenarios. All weights are in tonnes (t).

Basis	Total catch (2023)	Projected landings (2023)	Projected discards and IBC* (2023)	F <sub>total</sub> (ages 2–4) (2023)	F <sub>projected landings</sub> (ages 2–4) (2023)	Fprojected discards and IBC (ages 2–4) (2023)	SSB (2024)	% SSB change	% TAC change ^^	% advice change ^^^
ICES advice basis										
MSY approach: F <sub>MSY</sub>	126 511	108 803	17 708	0.24	0.192	0.048	404 863	88	140	-1.71
Other scenarios										
F = F <sub>MSY lower</sub>	100 701	86 677	14 024	0.186	0.149	0.037	427 526	93	91	-22
F = F <sub>MSY upper</sub> #	126 511	108 803	17 708	0.24	0.192	0.048	404 863	88	140	-1.71
F = 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	514 443	112	-100	-100
F <sub>pa</sub>	126 511	108 803	17 708	0.24	0.192	0.048	404 863	88	140	-1.71
F <sub>lim</sub>	206 565	176 939	29 626	0.43	0.34	0.086	335 815	73	292	60
SSB (2024) = B <sub>lim</sub>	453 431	382 690	70 741	1.46	1.17	0.29	135 146	30	761	252
SSB (2024) = B <sub>pa</sub>	384 487	327 014	57 473	1.06	0.85	0.21	188 685	41	630	199
= MSY B <sub>trigger</sub>										
$F = F_{2022}$	66 675	57 616	9 059	0.119	0.095	0.024	456 915	100	27	-48
Rollover TAC	52 692	45 614	7 078	0.093	0.074	0.0190	468 560	102	0	-59

<sup>\*</sup> Including below minimum size (BMS) landings, assuming recent discard rate.

<sup>^</sup> SSB 2024 relative to SSB 2023.

<sup>^^</sup> Human consumption fishery (HCF) catch in 2023 relative to TAC in 2022: Subdivision 20 (2761 t) + Subarea 4 (44 924 t) + Division 6.a (5006 t) = 52 691 t.

<sup>^^^</sup> Total catch 2023 relative to the advice value 2022 (128 708 t).

<sup>#</sup> For this stock,  $F_{MSY upper} = F_{MSY}$ .

#### Basis of the advice

**Table 3** Haddock in Subarea 4, Division 6.a, and Subdivision 20. The basis of the advice.

Advice basis	MSY approach
Management plan	An EU multiannual management plan (MAP) has been agreed by the EU for this stock (EU, 2018). There is no agreement with Norway and UK regarding this plan, and it is not used as the basis of the advice for this shared stock. ICES was requested by the EC and UK to provide advice based on the MSY approach, and to include F <sub>MSY</sub> ranges in the catch scenarios.

#### Quality of the assessment

A benchmark was conducted for Northern Shelf haddock in 2022 (WKNSCS; ICES, 2022a). The primary changes consist of a change to a new assessment model (SAM) and the re-estimation of the reference points. Several input datasets were also updated, the most significant being changes to the maturity ogives and survey indices. These changes does not affect the perception of the stock but largely revised the estimates.

Scottish observer sampling was not possible during Q1 of 2021 because of the COVID-19 disruption. Sampling proceeded at a reduced level for the rest of 2021, but this reduced coverage is not thought to have had a significant impact on the quality of catch data for Scotland, which has the main fleets catching haddock.

A combination of several major storms and mechanical issues with some vessels resulted in a reduction in the sampling coverage across the NS-IBTS and SCOWCGFS Q1 surveys in 2022. This increased the uncertainty on the Q1 survey indices, which is now accounted for in the assessment model.

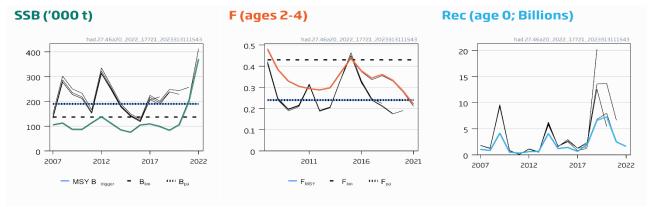


Figure 2 Haddock in Subarea 4, Division 6.a, and Subdivision 20. Historical assessment results (final-year SSB and recruitment included for each line, corresponding respectively to the estimated survivors at the start of the interim year, and the forecast recruitment in the interim year). The reference points were revised in 2022 following a benchmark, and only assessment results from the final year should be compared to the reference points indicated.

#### Issues relevant to the advice

The new benchmark assessment has resulted in substantial revisions to the absolute levels of historic stock development, fishing mortality and recruitment as well as the reference points. However, all the differences together lead to a catch advice that is only 6.4% different to that given last year for 2022.

More abundant year classes were produced prior to 2000; recruitment since then has tended to be consistently lower. However, the 2019 and 2020 year classes are estimated to be the largest since 2000, which produced a sharp increase in SSB and continues to impact the catch advice.

Haddock on the Northern Shelf is under EU landing obligation and Norway and UK national legislation regulating discards. Landings of fish below the minimum size (BMS) reported to ICES are very low and discarding still takes place. The estimated discards in 2021 were 37% of the total catch by weight, based on observer data.

## **Reference points**

 Table 4
 Haddock in Subarea 4, Division 6.a, and Subdivision 20. Reference points, values, and their technical basis.

Framework	Reference point	Value	Technical basis	Source
	MSY B <sub>trigger</sub>	189 734	B <sub>pa</sub> ; in tonnes.	ICES (2022a)
MSY approach	F <sub>MSY</sub>	0.24	Stochastic simulations (EqSim) based on the recruitment period 2000–2020 with segmented regression fixed at $B_{\text{lim}}$ .	ICES (2022a)
Dance tiene	B <sub>lim</sub>	136 541	Lowest estimated SSB that resulted in high recruitment (1999); in tonnes.	ICES (2022a)
Precautionary approach	B <sub>pa</sub>	189 734	$B_{lim} \times exp (1.645 \times \sigma), \sigma = 0.20$ ; in tonnes.	ICES (2022a)
арргоасп	F <sub>lim</sub>	0.43	The F that on average leads to B <sub>lim</sub> from EqSim.	ICES (2022a)
	$F_pa$	0.24	Fp.05; the F that leads to SSB ≥ Blim with 95% probability.	ICES (2022a)
	MAP MSY B <sub>trigger</sub>	189 734	MSY B <sub>trigger</sub> ; in tonnes.	ICES (2022a)
	MAP B <sub>lim</sub>	136 541	B <sub>lim</sub> ; in tonnes.	ICES (2022a)
EU Management	MAP F <sub>MSY</sub>	0.24	F <sub>MSY</sub>	ICES (2022a)
Plan (MAP)*	MAP range F <sub>lower</sub>	0.186-0.24	Consistent with ranges resulting in no more than 5% reduction in long-term yield compared with MSY.	ICES (2022a)
	MAP range F <sub>upper</sub> **	0.24-0.24	Consistent with ranges resulting in no more than 5% reduction in long-term yield compared with MSY.	ICES (2022a)

<sup>\*</sup> EU multiannual plan (MAP) for the North Sea (EU, 2018).

## Basis of the assessment

Table 5Haddock in Subarea 4, Division 6.a, and Subdivision 20. Basis of the assessment and advice.

ICES stock data category	1 ( <u>ICES, 2022b</u> )
Assessment type	Age-based analytical assessment (SAM; Nielsen and Berg, 2014; ICES, 2022c) that uses catches and surveys in the model and in the forecast
Input data	Commercial catches (international catches, ages from catch sampling), two survey indices derived through a delta-GAM approach: "Q1" (combining NS-IBTS [G1022], SWC-IBTS [G1179], SCOWCGFS [G4748]), "Q3+Q4" (combining NS-IBTS Q3 [G2829], Q4 SWC-IBTS [G4299], Q4 SCOWCGFS [G4815], and Q4 IGFS [G7212]). Annually varying maturity data from Q1 NS-IBTS [G1022], Q1 SWC-IBTS [G1179], and Q1 SCOWCGFS [G4748] (1991–2022). Annually varying natural mortalities from the North Sea multispecies model (1974–2020)(ICES, 2021b).
Discards, BMS landings and bycatch	Included in the assessment, data from the main fleets (covering around 86% of the landings in 2021). BMS landings, where reported, are included with discards and industrial bycatch in the assessment from 2016 onwards.
Indicators	None
Other information	Last benchmarked in 2022 during ICES Benchmark Meeting on North Sea and Celtic Sea Stocks (WKNSCS; ICES, 2022a), where several updates were made to biological parameters and a new assessment model was selected.
Working group	Working Group on the Assessment of Demersal Stocks in the North Sea and Skagerrak (WGNSSK)

<sup>\*\*</sup> For this stock,  $F_{MSY upper} = F_{MSY}$ .

## History of the advice, catch, and management

Table 6a Haddock in Subarea 4, Division 6.a, and Subdivision 20. North Sea (Subarea 4). ICES advice, TAC, official landings, and ICES catch estimates. All weights are in tonnes. Values of landings, discards, and catches for the period 1987 to 2014 are presented to the nearest thousand tonnes.

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		Landings	Total catch	A === = =l	Off:=:=I	ICEC	ICEC	ICES				
Year	ICES advice	corresp. to	corresp. to	Agreed	Official	ICES	ICES	industrial	ICES total			
		advice	advice^	TAC	landings	landings	discards^^	bycatch				
1987	80% of F(85)	105 000		140 000	109 000	108 000	59 000	4000	172 000			
1988	77% of F(86); TAC	185 000		185 000	105 000	105 000	62 000	4000	171 000			
	Reduce decline in SSB;				200 000			.000				
1989	TAC; protect juveniles	68 000		68 000	64 000	76 000	26 000	2000	104 000			
1990	80% of F (88); TAC	50 000		50 000	43 000	51 000	33 000	3000	87 000			
1991	70% of effort (89)	30 000		50 000	45 000	45 000	40 000	5000	90 000			
1992	70% of effort (89)			60 000	51 000	70 000	48 000	11 000	129 000			
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1993	70% of effort (89)			133 000	80 000	80 000	80 000	11 000	170 000			
1994	Significant reduction in effort; mixed fishery			160 000	87 000	81 000	65 000	4000	150 000			
1995	Significant reduction in effort; mixed fishery			120 000	75 000	75 000	57 000	8000	140 000			
1996	Mixed fishery to be taken into account			120 000	75 000	76 000	73 000	5000	154 000			
1997	Mixed fishery to be taken			114 000	73 000	79 000	52 000	7000	138 000			
1000	into account	100 200		115 000	72,000	77.000	45 000	F000	120,000			
1998	No increase in F	100 300		115 000	72 000	77 000	45 000	5000	128 000			
1999	Reduction of 10% F (95– 97)	72 000		88 600	64 000	64 000	43 000	4000	111 000			
2000	F less than F <sub>pa</sub>	< 51 700		73 000	47 000	45 000	47 000	8000	100 000			
2001	F less than F <sub>pa</sub>	< 58 000		61 000	40 000	39 000	118 000	8000	165 000			
2002	F less than F <sub>pa</sub>	< 94 000		104 000	54 000	53 000	45 000	4000	101 000			
2003	No cod catches	ı		52 000	42 000	42 000	23 000	1000	76 000			
	Mixed-fisheries											
2004	considerations; F should	No forecast*		85 000	48 000	47 000	17 000	1000	65 000			
	be below F <sub>pa</sub>											
	Mixed-fisheries											
2005	considerations/F should	92 000*		66 000	31 000	48 000	10 000	0	57 000			
	be below F <sub>pa</sub>											
2225	Mixed-fisheries	22.224			25.222	25.222	47.000		== 000			
2006	considerations/F < 0.3	39 000*		52 000	36 000	36 000	17 000	0	55 000			
	Mixed-fisheries											
2007	considerations/F < 0.3	55 400*		55 000	31 000	31 000	30 000	0	61 000			
	Mixed-fisheries					29 000	15 000	0	45 000			
2008	considerations/15% TAC	49 300*,**		46 000	30 000			•				
	reduction											
	Mixed-fisheries					30 000	10 000	0	40 000			
2009	considerations/apply	44 700*,**		42 000	31 000	30 000	10 000	Ĭ	10 000			
2003	management plan	11700		12 000	31 000							
	Mixed-fisheries					28 000	7000	0	35 000			
2010	considerations/apply	38 000*,**		36 000	28 000	28 000	7000	U	33 000			
2010	management plan	30 000		30 000	20 000							
2011	See scenarios			34 000	26 000	27 000	10 000	0	37 000			
2011	Apply management plan	41 575*,**		39 000	30 000	30 000	4000	0	34 000			
-							2000***		39 000***			
2013	Apply management plan	47 811*,**		45 041	37 000***	39 000***		0	-			
2014	Apply management plan	38 201*		38 284	35 000	35 000	4000	65	39 000			
2015	(November update) MSY		68 690	40 711	30 276	30 013	4676	18	34 707			
	approach											

		Landings Total catch Agreed		Agreed	Official	ICES	ICES	ICES	
Year	ICES advice	corresp. to	corresp. to	TAC	landings		discards^^	industrial	ICES total
		advice	advice^	IAC	lariangs	landings	uiscarus	bycatch	
2016	MSY approach		≤ 59 945	61 933	30 162	29 713	6106	29	35 848
2017	MSY approach		≤ 39 461	33 643	30 051	29 318	5322	8	34 648
2018	MSY approach		≤ 48 990	41 767	29 417	29 333	3767	30	33 130
2019	MSY approach		≤ 33 956	28 950	25 542	26 697	3570	184	30 451
2020	MSY approach		≤ 41 818	35 653	26 243	26 023	8106	930	35 060
2021	MSY approach		≤ 69 280	42 785	22 402	21 019	11 450	1266	33 735
2022	MSY approach		≤ 128 708	44 924					
2023	MSY approach		≤ 126 511‡						

<sup>\*</sup> The exploitation of this stock should be conducted in the context of mixed fisheries, protecting stocks outside safe biological limits.

Table 6b Haddock in Subarea 4, Division 6.a, and Subdivision 20. Skagerrak (Subdivision 20). ICES advice, TAC, official landings, and ICES catch estimates. All weights are in tonnes. Values of landings, discards, and catches for the period 1987 to 2014 are presented to the nearest hundred tonnes.

Year	ICES advice	Landings corresp. to advice	Catch corresp. to advice**	Agreed TAC	Official landings	ICES landings	ICES discards^	ICES industrial bycatch	ICES total catch
1987	Precautionary TAC	ı		11 500		3800		1400	5300
1988	Precautionary TAC			10 000		2900		1500	4300
1989	Precautionary TAC	-		10 000		4100		400	4500
1990	Precautionary TAC			10 000		4100		2000	6100
1991	Precautionary TAC	4600		4600		4100		2600	6700
1992	TAC	4600		4600		4400		4600	9000
1993	Precautionary TAC	-		4600		2000		2400	4400
1994	Precautionary TAC	-		10 000		1800		2200	4000
1995	If required, precautionary TAC; link to North Sea	1		10 000		2200		2200	4400
1996	If required, precautionary TAC; link to North Sea	1		10 000		3100		2900	6100
1997	Combined advice with North Sea	-		7000		3400		600	4000
1998	Combined advice with North Sea	4700		7000		3800		300	4000
1999	Combined advice with North Sea	3400		5400		1400		300	1700
2000	Combined advice with North Sea	< 1800		4500		1500		600	2100
2001	Combined advice with North Sea	< 2000		4000		1900		200	2100
2002	Combined advice with North Sea	< 3000		6300		4100		60	4100
2003	Combined advice with North Sea	ī		3200		1800	200	n/a	1800
2004	Combined advice with North Sea/ F should be below F <sub>pa</sub>	No forecast		4900		1400	100	n/a	1400
2005	Combined advice with North Sea/F should be below F <sub>pa</sub>	-		4000		800	200	0	800
2006	Combined advice with North Sea/F < 0.3	-		3200		1500	1000	0	1500
2007	Combined advice with North Sea/F < 0.3	-		3400		1600	800	0	2500
2008	Combined advice with North Sea/15% TAC reduction	2900		2900		1300	400	0	1800
2009	Combined advice with North Sea/apply management plan	-		2600		1500	400	0	1900

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>‡</sup> Version 2: Value updated

<sup>\*\*</sup> Including industrial bycatch.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Subarea 4 and Subdivision 20 combined.

<sup>^</sup> Catch advice since 2015 is provided for Subarea 4, Division 6.a, and Subdivision 20.

<sup>^^</sup> Since 2016 discards estimated by ICES include BMS landings.

<sup>^^^</sup> Due to an InterCatch issue when generating area-specific catch estimates, these values do not sum to the catch-component totals in tables 7, 8, and 9 when added across areas. The latter are used in the assessment.

Year	ICES advice	Landings corresp. to advice	Catch corresp. to advice**	Agreed TAC	Official landings	ICES landings	ICES discards^	ICES industrial bycatch	ICES total catch
2010	Combined advice with North Sea/apply management plan	-		2200		1400	600	0	2000
2011	See scenarios	-		2100		2100	1300	0	3400
2012	Apply North Sea management plan	-		2095	2500	2600	800	0	3400
2013	Apply North Sea management plan	-		2770	2000	*	*	*	*
2014	Apply North Sea management plan	2438		2355	2200	2300	200	0	2400
2015	(November update) MSY approach		68 690	2504	1432	1421	163	3	1586
2016	MSY approach		≤ 59 945	3926	1215	1221	93	7	1321
2017	MSY approach		≤ 39 461	2069	1032	1111	134	0	1245
2018	(November update) MSY approach		≤ 48 990	2569	717	797	68	0	865
2019	MSY approach		≤ 33 956	1780	584	628	75	3	706
2020	MSY approach		≤ 41 818	2193	532	402	247	147	796
2021	MSY approach		≤ 69 280	2630	2005	1988	614	93	2695
2022	MSY approach		≤ 128 708	2761					
2023	MSY approach		≤ 126 511§						

<sup>\*</sup> Subarea 4 and Subdivision 20 combined (see Table 4a).

Table 6c Haddock in Subarea 4, Division 6.a, and Subdivision 20. West of Scotland (Division 6.a.). ICES advice, TAC, official landings, and ICES catch estimates. All weights are in tonnes. Values for the period from 1987 to 2014 are presented to the nearest thousand (official landings) or nearest hundred (ICES landings, discards, and total) tonnes.

Year	ICES advice/Single-stock exploitation boundaries from 2004 onwards *	Landings corresp. to advice	Catch corresp. to advice^^	Agreed TAC	Official landing s	ICES landings	ICES discards#	ICES industrial bycatch	ICES total catch
1987	Reduce F towards F <sub>max</sub>	20 000		32	27 000	27 000	16 200		43 200
1988	No increase in F; TAC	25 000		35	21 000	21 200	9500		30 700
1989	80% of F (87); TAC	15 000		35	24 000	16 700	3000		19 700
1990	80% of F (88); TAC	14 000		24	13 000	10 100	5400		15 500
1991	70% of effort (89)	-		15	10 000	10 600	8700		19 200
1992	70% of effort (89)	ı		12	7000	11	9300**		20 500**
1993	70% of effort (89)	-		17	13 000	19	16 800**		35 900**
1994	30% reduction in effort	-		16	9000	14	11 100**		25 000**
1995	Significant reduction in effort	-		21 000	13 000	12 400	8600		20 900
1996	Significant reduction in effort	1		22 900	13 000	13 500	11 400		24 800
1997	Significant reduction in effort	-		20 000	13 000	12 900	6500		19 300
1998	No increase in F	20 800***		25 700	14 000	14 400	5500		19 900
1999	F reduced to F <sub>pa</sub>	14 300***		19 000	11 000	10 500	4900		15 300
2000	Maintain F below F <sub>pa</sub>	< 14 900***		19 000	7000	7000	7900		14 900
2001	Reduce F below F <sub>pa</sub>	< 11 200***		13 900	7000	6870	6600		13 400

<sup>§</sup> Version 2: Value updated

<sup>\*\*</sup> Catch advice since 2015 is given for Subarea 4, Division 6.a, and Subdivision 20.

<sup>^</sup> Since 2016, discards estimated by ICES include BMS landings.

<sup>^^^</sup> Due to an InterCatch issue when generating area-specific catch estimates, these values do not sum to the catch-component totals in Tables 7, 8, and 9 when added across areas. The latter are used in the assessment.

Year	ICES advice/Single-stock exploitation boundaries from 2004 onwards *	Landings corresp. to advice	Catch corresp. to advice^^	Agreed TAC	Official landing	ICES landings	ICES discards#	ICES industrial bycatch	ICES total catch
2002	Reduce F below F <sub>pa</sub>	< 14 100***		14 100	7000	7100	8900		16 000
2003	No cod catches	=		8700	4900	5300	4100		9400
2004	F <sub>pa</sub> *	12 200		6500	3000	3900	3700		7600
2005	$0.75 \times F_{pa}^{*}$	7600		7600	3200	3800	2900		6700
2006	$0.7 \times F_{pa}^*$	8000		7810	5700	6300	4600		10 900
2007	$0.87 \times F_{pa}^*$	7200		7200	3700	3800	4000		7700
2008	SSB > B <sub>pa</sub> *	4200		6120	2800	2800	1600		4400
2009	No fishing and recovery plan*	0		3520	2800	2800	1800		4600
2010	No fishing and recovery plan	0		2670	2900	2900	1600		4500
2011	See scenarios	0		2005	1700	1800	1300		3100
2012	MSY framework	5600		6015	5000	5100	500		5600
2013	MSY framework	3100		4211	4700	4800	1000		5800
2014	MSY approach	6432^		3988	4000	4100	800		4900
2015	(November update) MSY approach		68 690	4536	3889	39 625	1425		5387
2016	MSY approach		≤ 59 945	6462	4265	4346	1626		5972
2017	MSY approach		≤ 39 461	3697	3251	34 564	1615		5071
2018	(November update) MSY approach		≤ 48 990	4654	4318	4380	1391		5771
2019	MSY approach		≤ 33 956	3226	3511	3588	2090		5679
2020	MSY approach		≤ 41 818	3973	2653	2695	619		3314
2021	MSY approach		≤ 69 280	4767	3559	3660	4370	_	8030
2022	MSY approach		≤ 128 708	5006					
2023	MSY approach		≤ 126 511**						•

<sup>\*</sup> Single-stock boundary and the exploitation of this stock should be conducted in the context of mixed fisheries, protecting stocks outside safe biological limits.

# History of the catch and landings

**Table 7** Haddock in Subarea 4, Division 6.a, and Subdivision 20. Catch distribution by fleet in 2021 as used in the assessment model.

Catch	Lan		Discards**	IBC	
44 122 tonnes	Demersal trawl and seine > 100 mm 92%	Trawl 70–99 mm 1.38%	Others 6.8%	16 308 tonnes	1357 tonnes
	26 45				

<sup>\*</sup>Landings include the Norwegian component of BMS landings.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Adjusted for misreporting.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> For Division 6.a only.

<sup>^</sup> This value (6432 t) refers to total catch, including discards. Therefore, it is not directly comparable to the value advised for 2013 (3100 t), which referred only to landings.

<sup>^^</sup> Catch advice since 2015 is given for Subarea 4, Division 6.a, and Subdivision 20.

<sup>^^^</sup> Due to an InterCatch issue when generating area-specific catch estimates, these values do not sum to the catch-component totals in tables 7, 8, and 9 when added across areas. The latter are used in the assessment.

<sup>#</sup> Since 2016, discards estimated by ICES include BMS landings.

 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{^{**}}\xspace$  Discards include BMS landings from EU and UK fleets.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Version 2: Value updated

 Table 8
 Haddock in Subarea 4, Division 6.a, and Subdivision 20. History of official commercial landings, along with ICES estimates for individual areas. All weights are in tonnes.

Table 8	Haddock in Si	ubare	ea 4, Divisio	n 6.a, and S	ubdivision 2	20. History o	of official co	mmercial la	ndings, alon	ng with ICES	estimates to	or individual	areas. All v	veights are	in tonnes.
Subdivision 20															
Country	200	3	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*	2021*
Germany		87	105	65	102	120	90	114	103	125	56	31	30	12	21
Denmark	10	52	1263	1139	1661	1916	1456	1764	1059	908	852	542	457	448	1841
Netherlands		0	0	1	0	0	5	6	4	2	20	4	4	1	11
Norway	1	70	121	81	125	303	223	86	63	70	0	0	0	0	8
Portugal		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0
Sweden	2	76	166	126	198	210	217	219	203	110	104	140	93	56	124
UK		0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BMS landings											< 1	< 1	0	1	74
Subarea 4															
Country	2008	3	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*	2021*
Belgium	1	12	108	78	106	78	78	98	47	53	30	29	29	40	150
Germany	3	93	657	634	575	548	677	677	599	554	609	348	313	331	369
Denmark	5	01	552	725	697	947	1283	1079	1442	1244	1185	1117	1174	1683	1892
Spain		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Faroes		3	32	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
France	4	48	135	276	320	175	177	209	100	121	140	201	188	144	219
Greenland		0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ireland		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Iceland		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lithuania		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	0
Netherlands		29	24	41	71	191	172	99	44	146	75	102	166	175	291
Norway	14	82	1278	1126	1195	1006	1662	2743	2003	1499	2164	1428	1516	3171	2215
Poland		16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portugal		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sweden		83	141	90	128	103	113	154	136	118	181	100	111	114	142
UK	27 3	65	28 393	24 983	23 343	27 378	33 013	29 851	25 905	26 427	25 667	26 091	22 044	20 452	17 123
BMS landings			_	_				_	_	_	< 1	15	160	287	208

Division 6.a														
Country	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*	2021*
Germany	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denmark	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	9	4	18
Spain	10	21	28	36	15	14	19	9	33	28	28	64	26	24
Faroes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
France	151	136	89	73	32	51	67	41	62	68	66	57	86	92
Ireland	879	297	396	290	845	746	667	768	1034	641	758	562	441	587
Netherlands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	28	31	17	54	13	0
Norway	28	18	9	4	0	6	2	7	5	1	7	10	2	0
UK	1776	2380	2415	1364	4123	3878	3261	3052	3101	2480	3441	2755	2081	2838
BMS landings										0	2	15	26	30
					Subarea 4	, Division 6.	a, and Subd	ivision 20						
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*	2021*
Official landings	34 862	35 831	32 308	30 288	37 990	43 864	41 115	35 596	35 642	34 334	34 451	29 637	29 427	27 965
ICES landings	32 692	34 361	31 926	30 273	37 839	43 230	40 589	35 215	35 111	33 799	34 441	30 747	28 942	26 457
ICES discards and														
IBC^	17 235	12 159	9417	12 609	5073	3473	5336	6262	7819	7061	5245	5702	9987	17 665
ICES total catch	49 927	46 519	41 344	42 882	42 912	46 703	45 926	41 477	42 930	40 860	39 687	36 449	38 928	44 122
TAC 4	46 444	42 110	35 794	34 057	39 000	45 041	38 284	40 711	61 933	33 643	41 767	28 950	35 653	44 924
TAC 3.a 20	2856	2590	2201	2100	2095	2770	2355	2504	3926	2069	2569	1780	2193	2630
TAC 6.a	6120	3520	2670	2005	6015	4211	3988	4536	6462	3697	4654	3226	3973	4767
Total TAC	55 420	48 220	40 665	38 162	47 110	52 022	44 627	47 751	72 321	39 409	48 990	33 956	41 819	50 182

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary.

<sup>^</sup> ICES discards included since 2016 BMS landings from EU and UK fleets.

# Summary of the assessment

**Table 9** Haddock in Subarea 4, Division 6.a, and Subdivision 20. Assessment summary. Recruitment is in thousands, weights are in tonnes. High and low refers to 95% confidence intervals.

	intervals.									Fishing pressure			
	Re	cruitment (Age 0)		Spawning stock biomass			Landings*	Discards ***	IBC	(Ages 2–4)			
Year	R	R High		SSB	High	Low		***		F			
		thousands		tonnes				tonnes			High	Low	
1972	12 655 344	20 011 583	8 003 251	446 877	565 788	352 957	234 019	144 366	29 585	0.80	0.99	0.64	
1973	32 692 538	51 218 392	20 867 544	417 987	514 756	339 410	207 489	126 105	11 267	0.78	0.93	0.64	
1974	65 490 094	102 865 893	41 694 602	324 801	398 117	264 987	167 528	181 802	47 505	0.80	0.95	0.67	
1975	6 245 910	9 774 936	3 990 961	296 670	357 971	245 866	160 271	293 321	41 487	0.89	1.06	0.74	
1976	7 186 398	11 235 158	4 596 670	416 016	525 707	329 213	184 421	169 776	48 163	0.88	1.05	0.74	
1977	10 319 126	16 040 111	6 638 629	320 298	413 225	248 268	156 639	48 732	35 022	0.88	1.05	0.74	
1978	18 047 878	28 062 645	11 607 099	156 939	192 057	128 242	102 970	32 860	10 903	0.90	1.07	0.75	
1979	28 672 780	44 433 056	18 502 629	137 672	164 222	115 415	97 896	35 054	16 240	0.84	1.01	0.71	
1980	7 711 287	11 819 039	5 031 199	190 202	230 886	156 687	111 371	68 831	22 472	0.77	0.92	0.64	
1981	12 632 317	19 058 913	8 372 746	292 711	359 335	238 440	147 806	61 683	17 041	0.65	0.78	0.54	
1982	7 570 623	11 134 803	5 147 315	327 818	401 344	267 762	195 456	41 297	19 383	0.66	0.78	0.55	
1983	22 521 895	32 976 740	15 381 622	265 417	307 828	228 849	188 754	51 584	12 898	0.74	0.87	0.62	
1984	5 959 376	8 733 115	4 066 610	228 891	262 350	199 699	158 205	79 012	10 080	0.78	0.92	0.66	
1985	7 914 608	11 616 952	5 392 207	272 491	317 178	234 099	182 946	58 373	5998	0.83	0.97	0.70	
1986	12 704 414	18 708 452	8 627 231	240 493	284 711	203 142	185 137	36 063	2643	0.89	1.04	0.76	
1987	2 084 758	3 060 078	1 420 295	173 189	198 831	150 855	135 022	55 674	4410	0.93	1.09	0.80	
1988	2 156 762	3 158 896	1 472 546	159 872	185 925	137 471	126 227	49 833	4002	0.90	1.05	0.77	
1989	3 344 967	4 869 860	2 297 561	139 512	166 022	117 236	92 840	32 453	2410	0.89	1.04	0.76	
1990	7 859 349	11 273 661	5 479 087	84 805	97 789	73 545	61 605	22 548	2589	0.87	1.02	0.74	
1991	11 856 211	16 824 460	8 355 082	73 003	82 887	64 297	55 208	36 610	5386	0.95	1.12	0.81	
1992	16 347 025	23 333 775	11 452 292	108 863	126 290	93 841	81 566	42 477	10 927	0.86	1.01	0.74	
1993	5 431 212	7 572 110	3 895 620	168 442	195 457	145 162	98 631	70 748	10 766	0.91	1.07	0.78	
1994	17 840 639	24 916 955	12 773 968	188 842	218 206	163 430	95 141	70 668	3576	0.86	1.01	0.74	
1995	7 550 466	10 810 492	5 273 537	181 705	208 927	158 030	89 859	71 262	7695	0.73	0.87	0.61	
1996	8 224 000	11 535 758	5 863 003	213 395	245 589	185 422	92 615	107 207	5000	0.79	0.93	0.67	
1997	3 884 624	5 416 811	2 785 829	236 415	274 296	203 766	95 391	67 879	6684	0.72	0.86	0.61	
1998	3 110 970	4 330 511	2 234 871	192 762	219 704	169 124	95 472	61 399	5101	0.79	0.93	0.66	
1999	35 854 833	50 649 878	25 381 483	137 016	156 613	119 871	76 009	43 562	3835	0.89	1.04	0.75	
2000	8 629 747	12 059 626	6 175 361	116 219	131 080	103 043	54 504	64 185	8134	0.79	0.93	0.66	
2001	1 295 584	1 823 095	920 709	282 626	340 401	234 656	47 592	117 882	7879	0.57	0.69	0.47	
2002	1 532 330	2 140 581	1 096 915	367 612	435 110	310 584	65 405	86 051	3717	0.46	0.56	0.37	
2003	1 138 516	1 596 873	811 723	270 343	315 030	231 995	47 282	25 975	1150	0.32	0.41	0.25	

Valar	R	ecruitment (Age 0)		Spaw	ning stock bio	mass	Landings*	Discards ***	IBC	Fishing pressure (Ages 2–4)		
Year	R	High	Low	SSB	High	Low				F	I I : - la	1
	thousands			tonnes				F	High	Low		
2004	1 113 872	1 553 185	798 817	186 799	217 589	160 365	51 896	20 020	554	0.33	0.42	0.27
2005	4 636 659	6 689 115	3 213 970	134 702	158 424	114 531	51 528	12 389	168	0.39	0.49	0.32
2006	1 427 161	1 997 007	1 019 921	98 185	117 010	82 388	43 334	23 094	535	0.50	0.60	0.41
2007	1 045 112	1 467 190	744 457	104 973	122 163	90 201	34 672	32 651	48	0.48	0.58	0.40
2008	831 201	1 175 971	587 510	112 236	131 286	95 951	32 692	17 234	1	0.38	0.47	0.31
2009	4 143 904	5 921 777	2 899 795	86 484	99 820	74 929	34 361	12 159	ı	0.33	0.40	0.27
2010	497 482	704 529	351 282	86 654	99 407	75 537	31 926	9417	•	0.31	0.37	0.25
2011	328 579	459 751	234 831	113 035	129 931	98 336	30 273	12 609	ı	0.29	0.36	0.24
2012	606 243	851 844	431 453	137 805	160 946	117 992	37 839	5054	19	0.29	0.36	0.23
2013	655 681	914 111	470 313	110 673	129 127	94 857	43 230	3305	168	0.30	0.37	0.24
2014	4 069 355	5 778 667	2 865 652	84 551	98 873	72 303	40 589	5271	65	0.37	0.45	0.30
2015	1 194 947	1 666 116	857 022	75 126	87 249	64 687	35 215	6241	21	0.44	0.54	0.35
2016	1 408 218	1 967 800	1 007 765	104 520	122 045	89 512	35 111	7782	37	0.38	0.47	0.30
2017	656 348	916 343	470 122	108 724	126 587	93 381	33 799	7053	8	0.34	0.43	0.27
2018	1 949 460	2 728 064	1 393 075	98 112	112 557	85 521	34 441	5215	30	0.36	0.45	0.29
2019	6 598 068	9 381 490	4 640 468	82 959	95 192	72 299	30 747	5516	186	0.33	0.41	0.27
2020	7 278 976	10 671 997	4 964 721	105 072	119 784	92 166	28 942	8910	1077	0.28	0.35	0.23
2021	2 468 160	4 077 301	1 494 080	198 353	236 278	166 515	26 457	16 308	1357	0.22	0.29	0.168
2022	1 608 819	8 629 747	328 579	370 947	470 111	292 700						

<sup>\*</sup> ICES estimates, presented as the sum of product (SOP) values from the catch and weight-at-age used in the assessment model.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Discards include since 2016, BMS landings from EU and UK fleets.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Recruitment in 2022 is the geometric mean of resampled assessment recruitment estimates from 2000 to 2021.

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