

## White anglerfish (*Lophius piscatorius*) in divisions 8.c and 9.a (Cantabrian Sea and Atlantic Iberian waters)

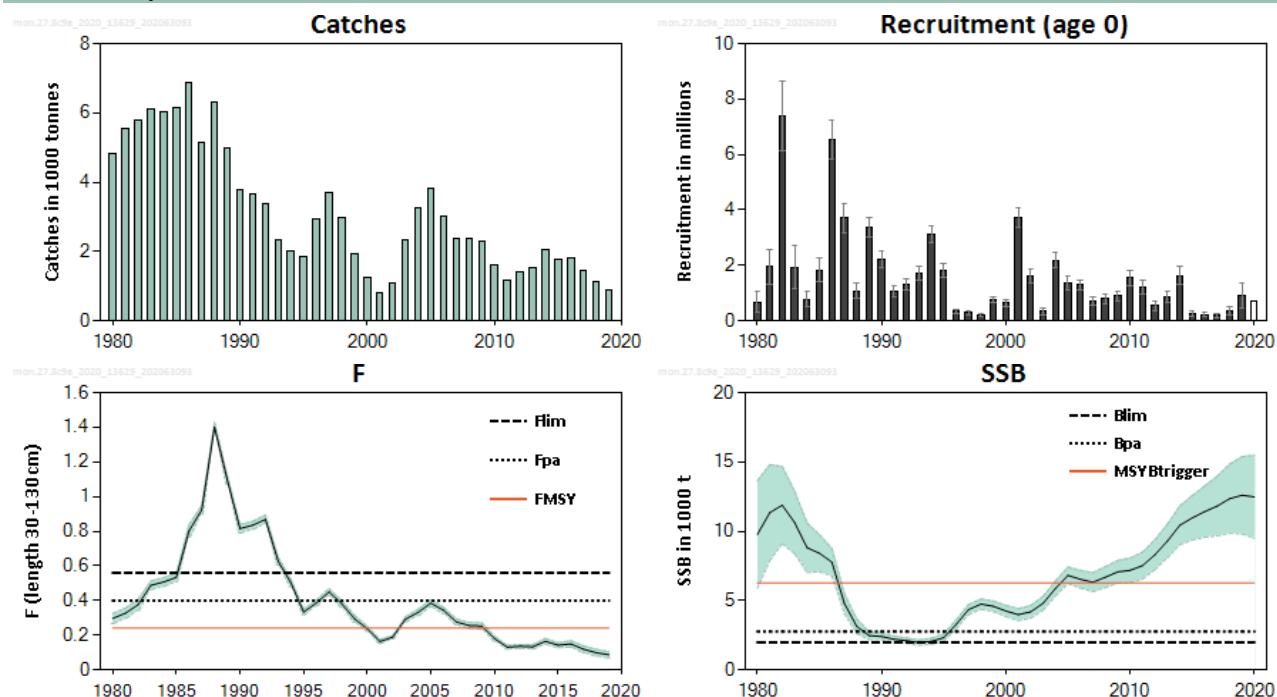
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*Note: This advice sheet is abbreviated due to the COVID-19 disruption. The previous advice issued for 2020 is attached as Annex 1.*

### Stock development over time



**Figure 1** White anglerfish in divisions 8.c and 9.a. Summary of the stock assessment (weights in thousand tonnes). Assumed recruitment values are unshaded. Confidence intervals are 95%. F confidence intervals are derived from standard deviations calculated internally by the model for F-at-age values.

### Stock and exploitation status

**Table 1** White anglerfish in divisions 8.c and 9.a. State of the stock and the fishery relative to reference points.

	Fishing pressure			Stock size					
	2017	2018	2019	2018	2019	2020			
Maximum sustainable yield	$F_{MSY}$	✓	✓	Below	$MSY$ $B_{trigger}$	✓	✓	✓	Above trigger
Precautionary approach	$F_{pa}, F_{lim}$	✓	✓	Harvested sustainably	$B_{pa}, B_{lim}$	✓	✓	✓	Full reproductive capacity
Management plan	$F_{MGT}$	✓	✓	Below	$B_{MGT}$	✓	✓	✓	Above

## Catch scenarios

**Table 2** White anglerfish in divisions 8.c and 9.a. Assumptions made for the interim year and in the forecast.

Variable	Value	Notes
$F_{30-130\text{ cm}}$ (2020)	0.087	Average exploitation pattern (2017–2019) scaled to $F_{30-130\text{ cm}}$ in F (2019).
SSB (2021)	12151	Assessment forecast; in tonnes.
$R_{age\ 0}$ (2020, 2021)	715	Geometric mean (2003–2019); in thousands of individuals..
Total catch (2020)	799	Forecast catch from assessment model; in tonnes.
Landings (2020)	799	Assuming average of the 2017–2019 fishing pattern, scaled to 2019; in tonnes.
Discards (2020)	0	Discarding is assumed to be negligible.

**Table 3** White anglerfish in divisions 8.c and 9.a. Annual catch scenarios. All weights are in tonnes. The % change in TAC is not computed because the TAC is for the two species (*Lophius piscatorius* and *L. budegassa*) combined.

Basis	Total catch (2021)	$F_{total}$ (2021)	SSB (2022)	% SSB change **	% Advice change***
<b>ICES advice basis</b>					
EU MAP *: $F_{MSY}$	1872	0.24	10647	-12.4	-12.8
$F = MAP\ F_{MSY}$ lower	1295	0.16	11331	-6.7	-14.7
$F = MAP\ F_{MSY}$ upper	2472	0.33	9935	-18.2	-12.1
<b>Other scenarios</b>					
MSY approach = $F_{MSY}$	1872	0.24	10647	-12.4	-12.8
$F = 0$	0	0	12861	5.8	-100
$F_{pa}$	2905	0.40	9420	-22	35
$F_{lim}$	3797	0.56	8358	-31	77
SSB (2022) = $B_{lim}$	8997	2.84	1993	-84	319
SSB (2022) = $B_{pa}$	8389	2.25	2769	-77	291
SSB (2022) = MSY $B_{trigger}$	5525	0.96	6283	-48	157
$F = F_{2020}$	728	0.087	12001	-1.23	-66

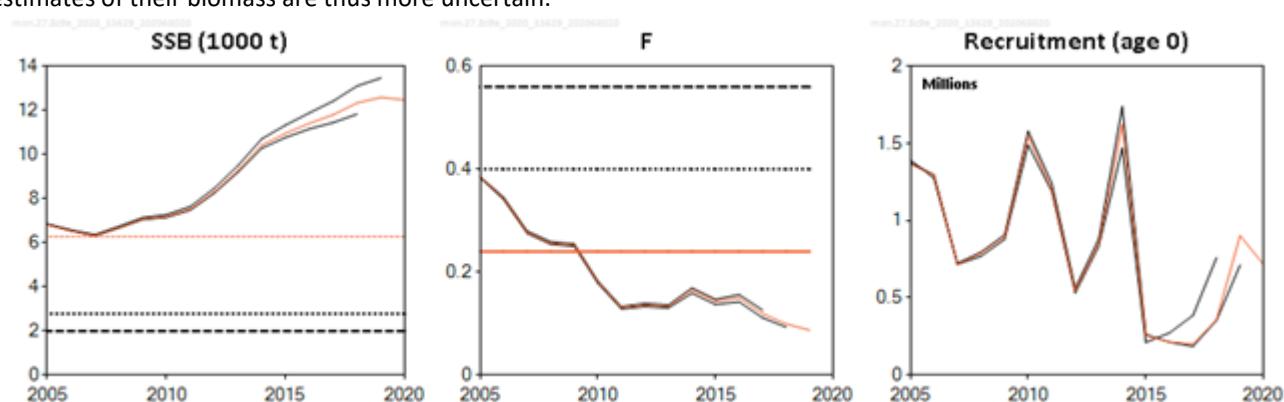
\* The EU multiannual plan (MAP; EU, 2019).

\*\* SSB 2022 relative to SSB 2021 (12 151 tonnes).

\*\*\* Advice values for 2021 relative to the corresponding 2020 values (MAP advice of 2146, 1519, and 2813 tonnes, respectively; other values are relative to  $F_{MSY}$ ).

## Quality of the assessment

Results of the assessment rely heavily on specific assumptions regarding the exploitation pattern on older fish, and the estimates of their biomass are thus more uncertain.



**Figure 2** White anglerfish in divisions 8.c and 9.a. Historical assessment results (final-year recruitment assumptions included).

## History of the advice, catch, and management

**Table 4** White anglerfish in divisions 8.c and 9.a. ICES advice and official catches. All weights are in tonnes.

Year	ICES advice	Catches corresponding to advice for combined <i>Lophius</i> species	Catches corresponding to advice for <i>L. piscatorius</i>	Agreed TAC *	ICES catches (combined <i>Lophius</i> species)	ICES catches for <i>L. piscatorius</i>
1987	Not dealt with	-		12000	8973	5141
1988	Not dealt with	-		12000	10021	6321
1989	Not dealt with	-		12000	7574	4996
1990	Not dealt with	-		12000	6124	3790
1991	No advice	-		12000	5802	3640
1992	No advice	-		12000	5493	3382
1993	No long-term gain in increasing F	-		13000	4556	2329
1994	No advice	-		13000	3587	2007
1995	If required a precautionary TAC	-		13000	3677	1834
1996	If required a precautionary TAC	-		13000	4584	2955
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1998	Restrict catch to < 80% recent levels			10000	5070	2981
1999	Reduce F to $F_{pa}$	4200		8500	3817	1938
2000	60% reduction in F	1600		6800	2628	1259
2001	50% reduction in F	2800		6000	1801	788
2002	30% reduction in F	3500		4800	1900	1090
2003	5% reduction in F	3200		4000	3258	2324
2004	$F = 0$ or recovery plan **	0 **		2300	4250	3257
2005	$F = 0$ or recovery plan	0		2000	4757	3824
2006	$F = 0$ or recovery plan	0		2000	4158	2997
2007	$F = 0$ or recovery plan	0		2000	3684	2378
2008	$F = 0$ or recovery plan	0		2000	3328	2371
2009	Same advice as last year	0		1800	3080	2306
2010	$F = 0$ or management plan	0		1500	2372	1618
2011	MSY framework	1500	1000	1571	2179	1157
2012	MSY framework	3300	2200	3300	2645	1395
2013	MSY transition	2090	1350	2475	2710	1541
2014	MSY approach	2629	1476	2629	3130	2032
2015	MSY approach	2987	1937	2987	2970	1771
2016	MSY approach ^	$\leq 2413$	$\leq 1343$	2569	2948	1809
2017	MSY approach ^		$\leq 2253$	3955	2307	1446
2018	MSY approach ^		$\leq 2197$	3955	1916	1144
2019	MSY approach ^		$\leq 2153$	4166	1577 ^^	908 ^^
2020	Management plan		2146 (range 1519–2813) #	4023		
2021	Management plan		1872 (range 1295–2472) #			

\* Combined TAC for *Lophius piscatorius* and *L. budegassa*. For Division 8.c and subareas 9 and 10; EU waters of CECAF 34.1.1.

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

^ Advice is for catch.

^^ Preliminary.

# Catches corresponding to  $F_{MSY}$ , EU MAP range in brackets (EU, 2019).

## Summary of the assessment

**Table 5** White anglerfish in divisions 8.c and 9.a. Assessment summary. High and low refer to 95% confidence intervals. All weights are in tonnes and recruitment is in thousands.

Year	Recruitment			Spawning-stock biomass			Catches	Fishing mortality		
	age 0	High	Low	SSB	High	Low		F (length 30–130 cm)	High	Low
	thousands			tonnes			tonnes			
1980	683	1076	289	9766	13653	5880	4817	0.30	0.33	0.27
1981	1951	2589	1313	11344	14806	7883	5566	0.33	0.36	0.30
1982	7374	8623	6124	11882	14675	9089	5782	0.38	0.41	0.34
1983	1918	2699	1137	10629	12874	8384	6113	0.49	0.51	0.46
1984	776	1062	491	8811	10603	7019	6031	0.51	0.53	0.48
1985	1837	2250	1425	8414	9753	7074	6139	0.53	0.56	0.51
1986	6542	7247	5838	7768	8757	6778	6870	0.80	0.84	0.77
1987	3708	4227	3190	4799	5513	4084	5139	0.92	0.95	0.90
1988	1071	1340	801	3140	3668	2612	6321	1.40	1.43	1.37
1989	3347	3696	2998	2474	2768	2180	4995	1.10	1.12	1.07
1990	2224	2515	1934	2407	2639	2175	3790	0.82	0.84	0.79
1991	1063	1250	876	2210	2434	1987	3640	0.84	0.86	0.81
1992	1320	1504	1135	2111	2314	1907	3382	0.87	0.89	0.84
1993	1706	1939	1473	1970	2162	1777	2329	0.63	0.65	0.60
1994	3139	3444	2833	2060	2284	1836	2007	0.50	0.52	0.48
1995	1815	2072	1558	2325	2597	2053	1835	0.33	0.35	0.32
1996	333	425	242	3285	3616	2953	2956	0.39	0.40	0.37
1997	283	343	223	4354	4717	3990	3715	0.45	0.47	0.43
1998	224	281	167	4745	5113	4376	2981	0.38	0.40	0.36
1999	744	840	649	4587	4968	4206	1933	0.30	0.32	0.27
2000	649	783	515	4249	4652	3846	1256	0.24	0.25	0.22
2001	3728	4066	3389	3988	4420	3557	788	0.164	0.176	0.152
2002	1613	1878	1347	4188	4652	3724	1093	0.189	0.199	0.180
2003	347	463	231	4809	5312	4307	2326	0.29	0.31	0.28
2004	2186	2474	1897	5880	6427	5333	3258	0.33	0.35	0.31
2005	1366	1605	1127	6820	7418	6222	3827	0.39	0.41	0.36
2006	1294	1481	1108	6537	7173	5901	2998	0.34	0.36	0.33
2007	716	866	566	6322	7010	5633	2377	0.28	0.29	0.26
2008	788	946	631	6685	7440	5929	2372	0.26	0.27	0.24
2009	892	1067	717	7069	7887	6250	2307	0.25	0.27	0.23
2010	1550	1815	1284	7180	8066	6293	1620	0.181	0.195	0.167
2011	1202	1459	945	7521	8497	6546	1156	0.131	0.142	0.120
2012	544	715	374	8312	9393	7231	1396	0.136	0.147	0.125
2013	850	1062	637	9294	10511	8078	1540	0.133	0.146	0.121
2014	1623	1944	1301	10432	11830	9034	2033	0.165	0.182	0.148
2015	255	358	151	10967	12575	9358	1771	0.143	0.157	0.129
2016	213	293	133	11417	13267	9567	1809	0.150	0.169	0.130
2017	200	274	126	11812	13961	9663	1447	0.119	0.139	0.099
2018	357	490	224	12344	14832	9856	1144	0.099	0.119	0.080
2019	903	1371	436	12596	15382	9811	908	0.087	0.105	0.069
2020	715 *			12476	15480	9473				

\* Geometric mean 2003–2019.

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# Annex 1

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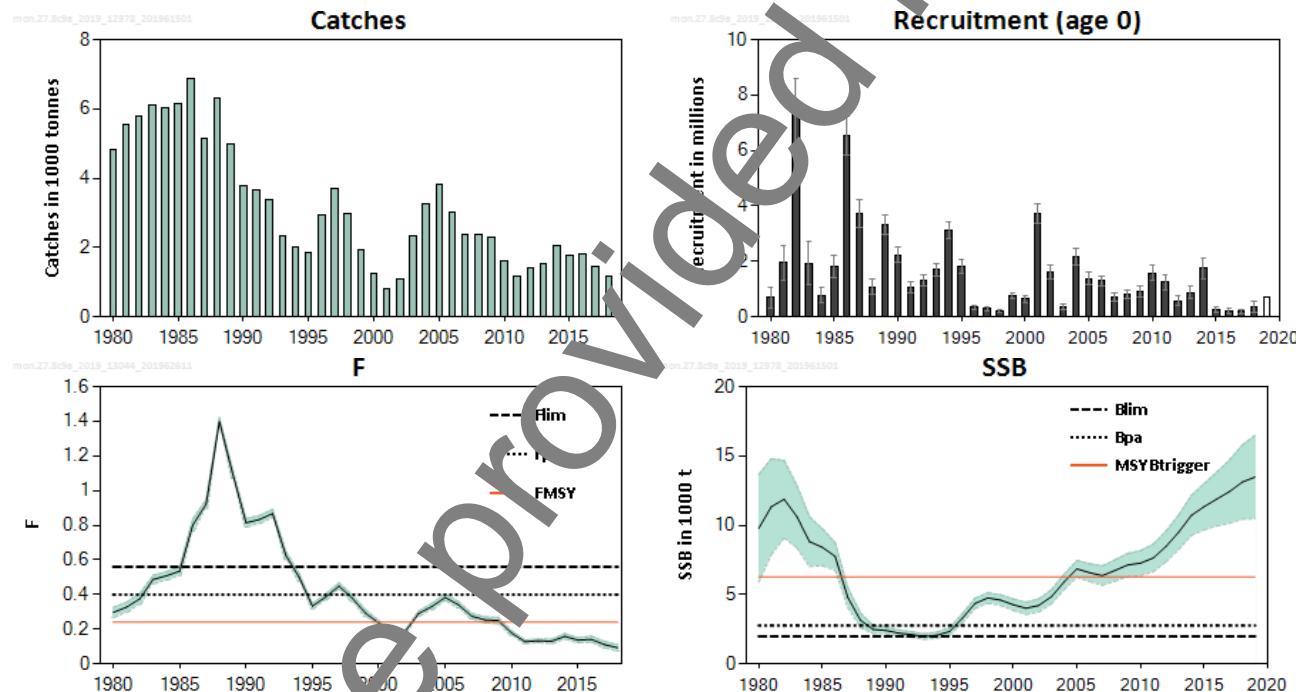
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### Stock development over time

The spawning-stock biomass (SSB) has been increasing since 1994 and has been above MSY  $B_{trigger}$  since 2005. Fishing mortality (F) has been decreasing and below  $F_{MSY}$  since 2010. Recruitment (R) has been low in recent years, with no evidence of strong year classes since 2001.



**Figure 1** White anglerfish in divisions 8.c and 9.a. Summary of stock assessment (weights in thousand tonnes). Assumed recruitment values are unshaded. Confidence intervals are 95%. F confidence intervals derived from standard deviation calculated internally by the model for F at-age values.

### Stock and exploitation status

ICES assesses that fishing pressure on the stock is below  $F_{MSY}$ ; spawning stock size is above  $MSY B_{trigger}$ ,  $B_{pa}$ , and  $B_{lim}$ .

**Table 1** White anglerfish in divisions 8.c and 9.a. State of the stock and fishery relative to reference points.

	Fishing pressure			Stock size		
	2016	2017	2018	2017	2018	2019
Maximum sustainable yield	$F_{MSY}$	✓	✓	✓	Below	MSY $B_{trigger}$
Precautionary approach	$F_{pa} F_{lim}$	✓	✓	✓	Harvested sustainably	$B_{pa} B_{lim}$
Management plan	$F_{MGT}$	✓	✓	✓	Below the range	$B_{MGT}$

### Catch scenarios

**Table 2** White anglerfish in divisions 8.c and 9.a. Assumptions made for the interim year and in the forecast. All weights are in tonnes, recruitment in numbers.

Variable	Value	Notes
$F_{30-130\text{ cm}}$ (2019)	0.093	Average exploitation pattern (2016–2018), scaled to $F_{30-130\text{ cm}}$ in $F_{2018}$
SSB (2020)	13250	Assessment forecast; in tonnes
$R_{age\ 0}$ (2019, 2020)	712000	Geometric mean (2003–2018); in thousands.
Total catch (2019)	1050	Discarding is assumed to be negligible; in tonnes.
Landings (2019)	1050	Assuming average of 2016–2018 fishing pattern, scaled to 2018; in tonnes.
Discards	0	Discarding is assumed to be negligible; in tonnes.

**Table 3** White anglerfish in divisions 8.c and 9.a. Annual catch scenarios. All weights are in tonnes. The % change in TAC is not computed because the TAC is for the two species (*L. maculatus* and *L. budegassa*) combined.

Basis	Total catch (2020)	$F_{total}$ (2020)	SSB (2021)	% SSB change *	% Advice change **
<b>ICES advice basis</b>					
EU MAP <sup>^</sup> : $F_{MSY}$	2146	0.24	11251	-15.1	-0.33
$F = MAP\ F_{MSY}$ lower	1519	0.164	12013	-9.3	-29
$F = MAP\ F_{MSY}$ upper	2813	0.3	10437	-21	31
<b>Other scenarios</b>					
MSY approach = $F_{MSY}$	2146	0.24	11251	-15.1	-0.33
$F = 0$	0	0	13857	4.6	-100
$F_{pa}$	3296	0.40	9846	-26	53
$F_{lim}$	4105	0.53	8855	-33	91
SSB (2021) = $B_{lim}$	9570	2.8	1993	-85	340
SSB (2021) = $B_{pa}$	8972	2.2	2769	-79	320
SSB (2021) = MSY $B_{trigger}$	637	0.97	6283	-53	187
$F = F_{2019}$	89	0.093	12777	-3.6	-59

\* SSB 2021 relative to SSB 2020.

\*\* Catch in 2020 relative to advice for 2019 (2153 tonnes).

<sup>^</sup> MAP multiannual plan (EU 2015).

The advice is similar to last year (0.33% decrease). Recent low recruitment (2015–2018) is expected to contribute little to the stock, with stock size dependent on the existing population.

## Basis of the advice

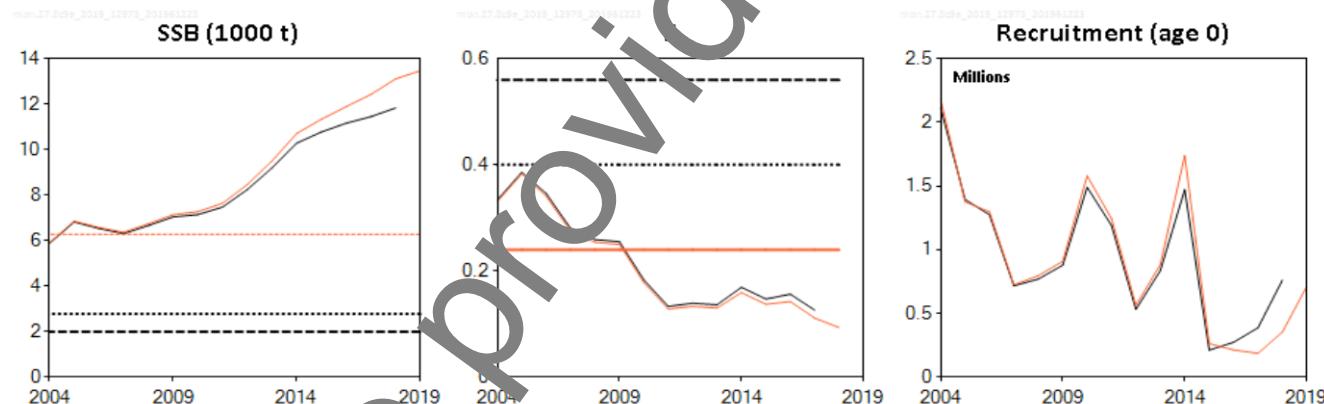
**Table 4** White anglerfish in divisions 8.c and 9.a. The basis of the advice.

Advice basis	Management plan approach
Management plan	<p>The EU multiannual plan (MAP) for stocks in the Western Waters and adjacent waters applies to this stock. The plan specifies conditions for setting fishing opportunities, depending on stock status and making use of the <math>F_{MSY}</math> range for the stock.</p> <p>In accordance with the MAP, catches higher than those corresponding to <math>F_{MSY}</math> can only be taken providing SSB is greater than <math>MSY_{trigger}</math>, and one of the following conditions is met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) if it is necessary for the achievement of objectives of mixed fisheries;</li> <li>b) if it is necessary to avoid serious harm to a stock caused by intra- or inter-species stock dynamics;</li> <li>c) in order to limit variations in fishing opportunities between consecutive years to not more than 20%.</li> </ul> <p>ICES considers that the <math>F_{MSY}</math> range for this stock used in the MAP is precautionary.</p> <p>Full details of the plan are described in EU (2019).</p>

## Quality of the assessment

This stock was benchmarked in 2018 (ICES, 2018a).

Despite the low recruitment observed in the last four years a steady increase of SSB was estimated by the model. This can be explained by the delay of 4–5 years for a cohort to recruit to the SSB. The reduction of F in recent years has allowed part of the population to keep growing in size and weight, while also contributing to the increase in SSB.



**Figure 2** White anglerfish in divisions 8.c and 9.a. Historical assessment results. This stock was benchmarked in 2018.

## Issues relevant for the advice

The two anglerfish species (*L. piscatorius* and *L. budegassa*) are not totally separated in the landings. A single TAC covers both, and species-specific landings are estimated by ICES (ICES, 2019). ICES considers that management of the catches of the two anglerfish species under a combined TAC prevents effective control of single-species exploitation rates and could lead to overexploitation of either species.

## Reference points

**Table 5** White anglerfish in divisions 8.c and 9.a. Reference points, values, and their technical basis. All weights are in tonnes.

Framework	Reference point	Value	Technical basis	Source
MSY approach	MSY $B_{trigger}$	6283	5th percentile of the SSB when fishing at $F_{MSY}$ .	ICES (2018a)
	$F_{MSY}$	0.24	Stochastic simulations based on a segmented regression.	ICES (2018a)
Precautionary approach	$B_{lim}$	1993	$B_{loss}$ (lowest observed SSB value).	ICES (2018a)
	$B_{pa}$	2769	$B_{lim} \times \exp(\sigma \times 1.645)$ , where $\sigma = 0.2$ .	ICES (2018a)
	$F_{lim}$	0.56	Stochastic simulations where $F_{lim}$ corresponds to a 50% probability of $SSB < B_{lim}$ .	ICES (2018a)
	$F_{pa}$	0.40	$F_{lim} \times \exp(-\sigma \times 1.645)$ , where $\sigma = 0.2$ .	ICES (2018a)
Management plan	$SSB_{mgt}$	Not applicable		
	$F_{mgt}$	Not applicable		
	MAP MSY $B_{trigger}$	6283	MSY $B_{trigger}$	ICES (2018a) and EU (2019)
	MAP $B_{lim}$	1993	$B_{lim}$	ICES (2018a) and EU (2019)
	MAP $F_{MSY}$	0.24	$F_{MSY}$	ICES (2018a) and EU (2019)
	MAP range $F_{lower}$	0.164	Consistent with ranges resulting in no more than 5% reduction in long-term yield compared with MSY (ICES, 2018a).	ICES (2018a) and EU (2019)
	MAP range $F_{upper}$	0.33	Consistent with ranges resulting in no more than 5% reduction in long-term yield compared with MSY (ICES, 2018a).	ICES (2018a) and EU (2019)

## Basis of the assessment

**Table 6** White anglerfish in divisions 8.c and 9.a. Basis of the assessment and advice.

ICES stock data category	1 ( <a href="#">ICES, 2018b</a> ).
Assessment type	Length-based model (SS3; ICES, 2018a, 2019) that uses landings in the model and in the forecast.
Input data	Landings, length distribution, commercial catches (international official landings); one survey index (SP-NSGFS-WIBTS-04 1983–2018); two commercial indices (LPUE series from SP-CORUTR8c 1982–2012 and SP-TRGNSe-1999–2011); assumed constant natural mortality.
Discards and bycatch	Discarding is not quantified, assumed to be negligible.
Indicators	None.
Other information	The most recent benchmark was in 2018 (ICES, 2018a).
Working group	Working Group for the Bay of Biscay and the Iberian Waters Ecoregion ( <a href="#">WGBIE</a> ).

## Information from stakeholders

There is no additional available information.

## History of the advice, catch, and management

**Table 7** White anglerfish in divisions 8.c and 9.a. ICES advice and official catches. All weights are in tonnes.

Year	ICES advice	Catches corresponding to advice for combined <i>Lophius</i> species	Catches corresponding to advice for <i>L. piscatorius</i>	Agreed TAC*	ICES catches for combined <i>Lophius</i> species	ICES catches for <i>L. piscatorius</i>
1987	Not dealt with	-		12000	8973	5141
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1990	Not dealt with	-		12000	6124	3790
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2020	Management plan		2146 (range 1519–2813) #			

\* For *Lophius piscatorius* and *L. budegassa* combined. For Division 8.c and subareas 9 and 10; EU waters of CECAF 34.1.1.

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

^ Advice is for catch.

# Catches corresponding to MSY, EU MAP range in brackets.

### History of the catch and landings

Table 8 White anglerfish in divisions 8.c and 9.a. Catch distribution by fleet in 2018 as estimated by ICES.

Catch	Landings					Discards
	57% gillnets	31% trawl	8% artisanal	3% others	1% unallocated	
1153 tonnes	1153 tonnes					Discarding is negligible

**Table 9** White anglerfish in divisions 8.c and 9.a. History of commercial catch and landings; both the official and ICES estimated values are presented by area for each country participating in the fishery. All weights are in tonnes.

Year	Division 8.c					Division 8.c	Division 9.a				Division 9.a		Divisions 8.c and 9.a				
	Spain			France			Spain		Portugal				Unallocated	Total			
	Trawl	Gillnet	Other	Trawl	Gillnet		Trawl	Gillnet	Other	Artisanal			Non-reported				
1978	n/a	n/a				n/a	258			115	373						
1979	n/a	n/a				n/a	319			225	544						
1980	2806	1270				4076	401			339	740	4816	0	4816			
1981	2750	1931				4681	535			352	887	5568	0	5568			
1982	1915	2682				4597	875			310	1185	5782	0	5782			
1983	3205	1723				4928	726			460	1186	6114	0	6114			
1984	3086	1690				4776	578			186	492	1256	6032	0			
1985	2313	2372				4685	540			212	702	1454	6139	0			
1986	2499	2624				5123	670			167	910	1747	6870	0			
1987	2080	1683				3763	320			194	864	1378	5141	0			
1988	2525	2253				4778	570			157	817	1543	6321	0			
1989	1643	2147				3790	347			259	600	1206	4996	0			
1990	1439	985				2424	43			326	606	1366	3790	0			
1991	1490	778				2268	310			224	829	1372	3640	0			
1992	1217	1011				2228	301			76	778	1154	3382	0			
1993	844	666				1510	32			111	636	819	2329	0			
1994	690	827				151	154			70	266	490	2007	0			
1995	830	572				140	199			66	166	431	1834	0			
1996	1306	745				2050	407			133	365	905	2955	0			
1997	1449	1191				2640	315			110	650	1075	3714	0			
1998	912	1359				2271	184			28	497	710	2981	0			
1999	545	1013				1558	79			9	285	374	1932	0			
2000	269	538				808	107			4	340	451	1259	0			
2001	231	294				525	57			16	190	263	788	0			
2002	385	341	51	7	8	784	110			29	168	307	1090	0			
2003	911	722	46	8	9	1679	312			29	305	645	2324	0			
2004	1262	1269	73	27	27	2631	264			27	335	626	3257	0			
2005	1378	1622	134	6	6	3180	371			29	244	643	3824	0			
2006	1166	1247	50	5	5	2478	260			29	230	519	2997	0			
2007	955	1009	22	6	6	1992	181			13	192	386	2378	0			
2008	894	1168	26	8	8	2096	138			11	127	275	2371	0			
2009	850	1058	17	9	9	1935	213			10	148	371	2306	0			
														2306			

Year	Division 8.c					Division 8.c	Division 9.a					Division 9.a		Divisions 8.c and 9.a			
	Spain			France			Spain			Portugal					Unallocated	Total	
	Trawl	Gillnet	Other	Trawl	Gillnet		Total	Trawl	Gillnet	Other	Trawl	Artisanal	Non-reported				
2010	370	955		12	2	1339	158				2	119	279	1618	0	1618	
2011	243	483	73	15	2	816	59	28	48	4	4	80	260	1077	80	1157	
2012	271	527	67	12	2	880	54	20	42	6	6	163	285	1165	230	1395	
2013	274	718	38	19	6	1054	47	30	50	15	15	154	296	1350	190	1541	
2014	358	947	28	25	9	1368	91	47	4	27	27	122	291	1659	374	2032	
2015	324	802	4	11	12	1152	86	53	2	34	34	200	375	1527	244	1771	
2016	376	846	3	10	8	1243	76	67	1.47	8	8	120	273	1516	294	1809	
2017	248	726	1	3	8	986	106	66	0.87	30	30	138	341	1327	119	1446	
2018	227	614	34	9	11	895	117	35	1	6	6	94	253	1148	4	1153	

n/a = not available.

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## Summary of the assessment

**Table 10** White anglerfish in divisions 8.c and 9.a. Assessment summary. High and low refer to 95% confidence intervals. All weights are in tonnes and recruitment is in thousands.

Year	Recruitment (Age 0)	High	Low	SSB	High	Low	Catches	F (length 30– 130 cm)	High	Low
1980	686	1082	291	9772	13657	5887	4817	0.3	0.33	0.27
1981	1941	2576	1305	11344	14803	7885	5566	0.33	0.36	0.30
1982	7335	8583	6086	11876	14668	9084	5782	0.3	0.41	0.34
1983	1932	2713	1151	10628	12873	8383	6113	0.49	0.51	0.46
1984	777	1063	492	8815	10607	7023	6031	0.51	0.53	0.48
1985	1828	2239	1417	8412	9750	7074	619	0.54	0.56	0.51
1986	6525	7230	5820	7763	8752	6774	6870	0.30	0.84	0.77
1987	3721	4241	3201	4798	5513	4084	5139	0.92	0.95	0.90
1988	1074	1344	805	3145	3673	2616	6321	1.40	1.42	1.37
1989	3336	3685	2987	2481	2775	2186	495	1.09	1.12	1.07
1990	2231	2522	1940	2413	2646	2100	3790	0.81	0.84	0.79
1991	1063	1250	877	2217	2442	1993	340	0.83	0.86	0.81
1992	1320	1504	1135	2118	2323	1912	3382	0.87	0.89	0.84
1993	1700	1933	1468	1976	2171	1782	2329	0.63	0.65	0.60
1994	3131	3436	2825	2069	2296	184	2007	0.50	0.52	0.48
1995	1819	2077	1562	2337	2612	2061	1835	0.33	0.35	0.32
1996	335	426	244	3298	3634	2932	2956	0.39	0.40	0.37
1997	283	343	223	4366	473	3998	3715	0.45	0.47	0.43
1998	225	281	168	4757	5130	4384	2981	0.38	0.40	0.36
1999	744	840	649	4602	4987	4217	1933	0.29	0.31	0.27
2000	648	782	514	4268	4676	3860	1256	0.24	0.25	0.22
2001	3722	4062	3381	4012	4446	3575	788	0.163	0.175	0.151
2002	1615	1881	1349	4215	4684	3746	1093	0.188	0.198	0.178
2003	349	465	233	4840	5348	4332	2326	0.29	0.31	0.28
2004	2178	2469	1888	5913	6466	5361	3258	0.33	0.35	0.31
2005	1376	1616	1136	685	7460	6251	3827	0.38	0.40	0.36
2006	1298	1485	1110	6577	7220	5934	2998	0.34	0.36	0.32
2007	724	875	573	523	7066	5671	2377	0.28	0.29	0.26
2008	796	956	636	6741	7506	5976	2372	0.25	0.27	0.24
2009	909	1089	750	7140	7970	6310	2307	0.25	0.27	0.23
2010	1580	1853	1306	7272	8172	6372	1620	0.178	0.192	0.164
2011	1243	1512	934	7640	8631	6648	1156	0.128	0.138	0.118
2012	563	741	385	8466	9567	7365	1396	0.133	0.144	0.122
2013	882	1101	657	9502	10745	8258	1540	0.130	0.142	0.118
2014	1740	208	1382	10714	12153	9274	2033	0.159	0.176	0.142
2015	262	371	154	11339	13011	9667	1771	0.137	0.151	0.123
2016	212	296	129	11896	13839	9953	1809	0.142	0.161	0.123
2017	185	262	108	12432	14716	10147	1447	0.111	0.130	0.092
2018	353	537	168	13116	15790	10443	1153	0.093	0.112	0.074
2019	712*			13477	16490	10464				

\*Geometric mean 2000–2013.

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