

Norway lobster (Nephrops norvegicus) in divisions 7.g and 7.f, Functional Unit 22 (Celtic Sea, Bristol Channel)

ICES advice on fishing opportunities

ICES advises that when the EU multiannual plan (MAP) for Western Waters and adjacent waters is applied, catches in 2021 that correspond to the F ranges in the MAP are between 1238 tonnes and 1560 tonnes, assuming recent discard rates. The entire range is considered precautionary when applying the ICES advice rule.

To ensure that the stock in Functional Unit (FU) 22 is exploited sustainably, management should be implemented at the functional unit level.

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





Stock and exploitation status

Table 1

Norway lobster in divisions 7.g and 7.f, Functional Unit 22. 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} | 0 | 0 | 0 | Below | MSY B _{trigger} | 8 | 0 | 8 | Below trigger | |
| Precautionary approach | F _{pa} ,F _{lim} | 0 | 2 | 0 | Below possible reference points | B _{pa} ,B _{lim} | 2 | ⊘ | ? | Undefined | |
| Management plan | F _{MGT} | 0 | 0 | 0 | Below the range | B _{MGT} | 8 | 0 | 8 | Below trigger | |

Catch scenarios

The latest estimate of stock abundance is below MSY $B_{trigger}$ (990 million). The ICES maximum sustainable yield (MSY) approach states that under such conditions, the F_{MSY} harvest rate (12.8%) for FU 22 should be reduced by multiplying it by the ratio of current abundance to MSY $B_{trigger}$. This corresponds to a harvest rate of 12.8 × (750/990) = 9.7% for the advice in 2021.

Table 2 Norway lobster in divisions 7.g and 7.f, Functional Unit 22. The basis for the catch advice and scenarios.

| Variable | Value | Notes |
|-----------------------------------|-------|--|
| Stock abundance (2021) | 750 | UWTV survey 2020; number of individuals in million |
| Mean weight in projected landings | 22.5 | Average 2017–2019; in grammes |
| Mean weight in projected discards | 11.8 | Average 2017–2019; in grammes |
| Projected discards | 20.7 | Average 2017–2019; percentage by number |
| Discard survival * | 25 | Percentage by number |
| Projected dead discards | 16.4 | Average 2017–2019; Percentage by number |

* Only applied in scenarios where discarding is allowed.

Table 3Norway lobster in divisions 7.g and 7.f, Functional Unit 22. Annual catch advice and scenarios. All weights are in tonnes.
The figures in the table are rounded. Calculations were done with unrounded inputs and computed values may not
match exactly when calculated using the rounded figures in the table.

Catch scenarios assuming recent discard rates

| Basis | Total catch | Dead removals | Projected landings | Projected dead discards | Projected surviving discards | Harvest rate * % | % advice | |
|--|----------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|--|
| | PL + PDD + PSD | PL + PDD | PL | PDD | PSD | for PL + PDD | ** | |
| ICES advice basis | | | | | | | | |
| MSY approach; F = EU MAP ^: F _{MSY} × Stock abundance 2021 / MSY B _{trigger} | 1560 | 1512 | 1371 | 141 | 47 | 9.7 | -45 | |
| MAP F _{MSY lower} × Stock abundance 2021 / MSY B _{trigger} | 1238 | 1201 | 1088 | 112 | 37 | 7.7 | -45 | |
| Other scenarios | | | | | | | | |
| MAP F _{MSY upper} × Stock abundance 2021 / MSY B _{trigger} | 1560 | 1512 | 1371 | 141 | 47 | 9.7 | -45 | |
| F = MAP F _{MSY} | 2058 | 1996 | 1809 | 187 | 62 | 12.8 | -27 | |
| F = MAP F _{MSY lower} | 1640 | 1591 | 1442 | 149 | 50 | 10.2 | -42 | |
| F = MAP F _{MSY upper} *** | 2058 | 1996 | 1809 | 187 | 62 | 12.8 | -27 | |
| F ₂₀₁₉ | 1366 | 1325 | 1201 | 124 | 41 | 8.5 | -52 | |

Catch scenarios assuming zero discards

| Basis | Total catch | Projected landings | Projected discards | Harvest rate * % | % advice | |
|--|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------|--|
| | PL + PD | PL | PD | for PL + PDD | ** | |
| ICES advice basis | | | | | | |
| MSY approach; F = EU MAP ^A : F_{MSY} × Stock Abundance 2021 / MSY $B_{trigger}$ | 1479 | 1300 | 179 | 9.7 | -48 | |
| MAP F _{MSY lower} × Stock Abundance 2021 / MSY B _{trigger} | 1174 | 1032 | 142 | 7.7 | -48 | |
| Other scenarios | | | | | | |
| $F = MAP F_{MSY}$ | 1952 | 1716 | 236 | 12.8 | -31 | |
| MAP F _{MSY upper} × Stock Abundance 2021 / MSY B _{trigger} | 1479 | 1300 | 179 | 9.7 | -48 | |
| F = MAP F _{MSY lower} | 1555 | 1367 | 188 | 10.2 | -45 | |
| F = MAP F _{MSY upper} *** | 1952 | 1716 | 236 | 12.8 | -31 | |
| F ₂₀₁₉ | 1295 | 1139 | 156 | 8.5 | -54 | |

^ EU multiannual plan (MAP) for Western Waters (EU, 2019).

^^ Represents the amount that would normally be discarded.

* By number.

** Advice value for 2021 relative to the corresponding 2020 values (MAP advice value of 2820, 2247, and 2820 tonnes, respectively; other values are relative to F_{MSY}).

*** $F_{MSY upper} = F_{MSY}$ for this stock.

The decrease in total catch advice is the result of the lower observed stock abundance in 2020, and the lower harvest rate used for the advice.

History of the advice, catch, and management

| Table 4 | Norway lobster in divisions 7.g and 7.f, Functional Ur | nit 22. ICES a | dvice, landings, and discards. A | ll weights a | re in tonnes |
|---------|--|----------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Voar | ICES advice * | Landings | Catch advice | ICES | Total |
| Teal | ICES advice | advice * | Catch advice | landings | discards** |
| 1992 | | 3800 | | | |
| 1993 | | 3800 | | | |
| 1994 | | 3800 | | | |
| 1995 | | 3800 | | | |
| 1996 | | 3800 | | | |
| 1997 | | 3800 | | | |
| 1998 | | 3800 | | | |
| 1999 | | 3800 | | 1775 | |
| 2000 | | 3800 | | 2890 | |
| 2001 | | 3800 | | 2938 | |
| 2002 | | 3800 | | 1993 | |
| 2003 | | 3800 | | 2065 | 720 |
| 2004 | Adjust TAC in line with landings of most recent 10 years | 4600 | | 1828 | 202 |
| 2005 | Adjust TAC in line with landings of most recent 10 years | 4600 | | 2533 | 1648 |
| 2006 | Recent average landings 2000–2002 | 4600 | | 1761 | 454 |
| 2007 | No increase in effort | - | | 2950 | 1906 |
| 2008 | No increase in effort | < 5300 | | 3090 | 289 |
| 2009 | No increase in effort | < 5300 | | 2185 | 371 |
| 2010 | No new advice, same as for 2009 | < 5300 | | 2714 | 636 |
| 2011 | See scenarios; MSY reduce catch or PA < 5300 | - | | 1636 | 196 |
| 2012 | MSY approach | 2300 | | 2618 | 347 |
| 2013 | MSY approach (updated November 2012) | 3100 | | 2257 | 497 |
| 2014 | MSY approach | 2674 | | 2526 | 460 |
| 2015 | MSY approach | 3409 | | 2350 | 450 |
| 2016 | MSY approach | | ≤ 3027 ^ | 3329 | 519 |
| 2017 | MSY approach | | ≤ 2063 ^^ | 3560 | 424 |
| 2018 | MSY approach | | ≤ 4322 ^^ | 1975 | 350 |
| 2019 | MSY approach | | ≤ 2084 ^^ | 2083 | 262 |
| 2020 | Management plan | | 2820 (range 2247–2820) ^^ | | |
| 2021 | Management plan | | 1560 (range 1238–1560) ^^ | | |

* Advice prior to 2012 applies to FUs 20–22.

** Dead + surviving discards.

^ Assuming all catches are landed.

^^ Assuming recent discard rates.

Summary of the assessment

| Table 5 | Nor | way lobster | in divisio | ns 7.g ar | nd 7.f <i>,</i> Fui | nctional | Unit 22. | Assessm | ent summary. | | | |
|---------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Year | UWTV abundance estimate | 95% confidence interval | Landings in number | Total discards in number * | Removals in number | Harvest rate (by number) | Landings | Total discards * | Discard rate (by number) | Dead discard rate (by number) | Mean weight in landings | Mean weight in discards |
| | | m | illions | | | % | ton | nes | 9 | 6 | gram | imes |
| 2003 | | | 95 | 68 | 146 | | 2065 | 720 | 41.5 | 34.7 | 21.7 | 10.7 |
| 2004 | | | 71 | 13 | 80 | | 1828 | 202 | 15.6 | 12.2 | 25.9 | 15.4 |
| 2005 | | | 119 | 129 | 216 | | 2533 | 1648 | 51.9 | 44.7 | 21.2 | 12.8 |
| 2006 | 1503 | 70 | 100 | 45 | 134 | 8.9 | 1761 | 454 | 31.1 | 25.3 | 17.6 | 10.1 |
| 2007 | 1136 | 126 | 165 | 181 | 301 | 26.5 | 2950 | 1906 | 52.3 | 45.1 | 17.9 | 10.5 |
| 2008 | 1114 | 123 | 144 | 26 | 163 | 14.6 | 3090 | 289 | 15.3 | 12.0 | 21.5 | 11.1 |
| 2009 | 1093 | 108 | 92 | 33 | 117 | 10.7 | 2185 | 371 | 26.4 | 21.2 | 23.7 | 11.3 |
| 2010 | 1141 | 88 | 122 | 45 | 155 | 13.6 | 2714 | 636 | 26.8 | 21.5 | 22.3 | 14.3 |
| 2011 | 1256 | 72 | 60 | 13 | 70 | 5.6 | 1636 | 196 | 18.0 | 14.1 | 27.3 | 14.9 |
| 2012 | 1498 | 239 | 120 | 31 | 144 | 9.6 | 2618 | 347 | 20.7 | 16.3 | 21.8 | 11.1 |
| 2013 | 1254 | 177 | 94 | 40 | 124 | 9.9 | 2257 | 497 | 30.0 | 24.3 | 24.1 | 12.4 |
| 2014 | 1622 | 268 | 100 | 33 | 125 | 7.7 | 2526 | 460 | 25.0 | 20.0 | 25.2 | 13.8 |
| 2015 | 1363 | 180 | 114 | 44 | 147 | 10.8 | 2350 | 450 | 28.0 | 22.6 | 20.6 | 10.1 |
| 2016 | 866 | 112 | 160 | 54 | 200 | 23.1 | 3329 | 519 | 25.1 | 20.0 | 20.8 | 9.7 |
| 2017 | 1600 | 153 | 164 | 39 | 194 | 12.1 | 3560 | 424 | 19.2 | 15.2 | 21.7 | 10.8 |
| 2018 | 876 | 154 | 98 | 31 | 121 | 13.8 | 1975 | 350 | 23.7 | 19.0 | 20.2 | 11.2 |
| 2019 | 1121 | 141 | 81 | 19 | 95 | 8.5 | 2083 | 262 | 19.1 | 15.1 | 25.8 | 13.7 |
| 2020 | 750 | 118 | | | | | | | | | | |

* Surviving + dead discards.



length

Figure 2 Norway lobster in Division 7.f–g, Functional Unit 22. Catch length–frequency distribution and mean size in catches (dotted lines) and landings (solid lines). The vertical lines indicate the minimum conservation reference size (25 mm) and the 35 mm visual reference level.

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Stock development over time

The harvest rate has fluctuated over the time-series and it is now just above FMSY. The stock ar indance has been above MSY B_{trigger} since 2006, except in 2016 and 2018.



Norway lobster in divisions 7.g and 7.f, Functional Unit 22. Summary of the stock assessment. Catches (discard data Figure 1 only available from 20, 3), harvest rate (sum of landings and dead discards in numbers, divided by total abundance), and stock abund no (u) derwater TV survey, millions; 95% confidence intervals). Orange lines represent the F_{MSY} harvest rate

Stock and exploitation status

ICES assesses that fishing pressure on the stock is above FMSY, and that stock size is above MSY Btrigger.

| Table 1 way lo | obster in c | livision | s 7.g an | d 7.f, F | unctional Uni | t 22. State of the stock and fishery relative to reference points. | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|--|-----------------------------------|------|------|---------------------------------|--|
| | | Fi | shing pr | essure | | _ | | | | Stock size | |
| | | 2016 | 2017 | | 2018 | | | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | |
| Maximu, sur áinable yield | F _{MSY} | ₿ | 0 | ₿ | Above | | MSY B _{trigger} | 0 | 8 | Above trigger | |
| Precautionar, approach | F _{pa} ,F _{lim} | ? | 0 | ? | Undefined | | B _{pa} ,B _{lim} | 0 | ? | Above possible reference points | |
| Management plan | F _{MGT} | 8 | 0 | 8 | Above | | B _{MGT} | 0 | 8 | O Above trigger | |

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Catch scenarios

 Table 2
 Norway lobster in divisions 7.g and 7.f, Functional Unit 22. The basis for the catch advice and scenarios.

| Variable | Value | Notes | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|---|--|--|
| Stock abundance (2020) | 1121 million | UWTV survey 2019 (number condividuals) | | |
| Mean weight in wanted catch | 20.9 grammes | Average 2016–2018 | | |
| Mean weight in unwanted catch | 10.6 grammes | Average 2016–2018 | | |
| Unwanted catch | 22.8% | Average 2016–2018 (presortion by momber) | | |
| Discards survival | 25% | Proportion by number | | |
| Dead unwanted catch | 18.2% | Average 2016–2018 (proportion) y number) | | |

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The figures in the table are rounded. Calculations were done with unrounded inputs and computed values may not
match exactly when calculated using the rounded figures in the table.

Catch scenarios assuming recent discard rates

| Basis | Total catch | Dead removals | Wanted catch | Dead unwanted catch | Surviving unwanted ca.h | arvest rate * % | % advice change ** |
|--|----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | WC + DUC + SUC | WC + DUC | WC | DUC | SUC | for WC + DUC | |
| ICES advice basis | | | | | | | |
| EU MAP [^] : F _{MSY} | 2820 | 2728 | 2452 | 276 | 92 | 12.8 | 35 |
| F = MAP F _{MSY lower} | 2247 | 2174 | 1954 | 220 | 73 | 10.2 | 7.8 |
| F = MAP F _{MSY upper} *** | 2820 | 2728 | 2452 | - 76 | 92 | 12.8 | 35 |
| Other options | | | | | > | | |
| MSY approach | 2820 | 2728 | 2452 | 20 | 92 | 12.8 | 35 |
| F ₂₀₁₈ | 3048 | 2949 | 265 | 298 | 99 | 13.84 | 46 |

Catch scenarios assuming zero discards

| Pasis | Total catch | Wanted catch | U wante atch | Harvest rate * % | % advice change ** |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Basis | WC + UC | wc | UC | for WC + UC | 70 auvice change |
| ICES advice basis | | | | | |
| EU MAP ^ : F _{MSY} | 2659 | 2312 | 347 | 12.8 | 28 |
| F = MAP F _{MSY lower} | 2119 | 10 | 276 | 10.2 | 1.68 |
| F = MAP F _{MSY upper} *** | 2659 | 2 | 347 | 12.8 | 28 |
| Other options | | | | | |
| MSY approach | 2659 | 2312 | 347 | 12.8 | 28 |
| F ₂₀₁₈ | 2874 | 2499 | 375 | 13.84 | 38 |

^ EU multiannual plan (MAP) for Western waters (EU, 2019).

* By number.

** Advice value for 2020 relative to the advic value for 2019 (2084 tonnes).

*** $F_{MSY upper} = F_{MSY}$ for this stock.

The increase in total catch advise is the result of the increase in observed stock abundance in 2019.



Basis of the advice

| Table 4 Norway le | obster in divisions 7.g and 7.f, Functional Unit 22. The basis of the advice. |
|-------------------|---|
| Advice basis | The EU multiannual plan (MAP) for stocks in the Western waters and adjacent waters (EU, 2019). |
| Management plan | The EU multiannual plan (MAP) for stocks in the Western waters and adjacent waters a oplies on this stock. The plan specifies conditions for setting fishing opportunities depending on stock status and making use of the F_{MSY} range for the stock. In accordance with the MAP, catches higher than those corresponding to F_{MSY} can only bottaken providing SSB is greater than MSY_{Btrigger}, and one of the following conditions is met: a) if it is necessary for the achievement of objectives of mixed fisherie. b) if it is necessary to avoid serious harm to a stock caused by it transmitted providing stock dynamics; c) in order to limit variations in fishing opportunities betweel consticutive years to not more than 20%. ICES considers that the F_{MSY} range for this stock used in the MAP is precautionary. Full details of the plan are described in EU (2019). |

Quality of the assessment

Since 2006 a dedicated annual underwater television (UWTV) survey has taken place in FU 22 (Figure 2), which gives abundance estimates for the stock with high precision. Sampling of this secures adequate.

In previous assessments the long-term average (rather than a three year average) was used as input for the mean weight in landings and discards in the calculation of catch scenarios, in order to account for interannual variation. In 2019, the last three-year average was considered to be more appropriate given that average weights have been stable at a lower level since 2015.

In 2019 the survey camera system and reviewing prethol changed. A comparison showed no significant difference in density estimates between the new and the old method. Previous assumptions relating to correction factors are still applied.

Issues relevant for the advice

From 2016 the EU landing obligation we sappled to all catches of Norway lobster fisheries in ICES Subarea 7, with several exemptions. Observations from the 2011, 2018 fishery indicate that discarding above the minimum conservation reference size (MCRS) continues and has not changed parkedly (Figure 3). Consequently, ICES is providing advice for 2020 assuming average discard rates as observed per the last three years. This is considered to be the most realistic assumption.

ICES notes that catches in Subar 2.7 ave been less than the TAC in recent years, as there has been a general decline in trawling fishing effort for Norway lobster (ICES, 2019).

Irish discard survival experiments indicate that the trawl discard survival may be around 64% (BIM, 2017). As a result, an exemption from the landings obligation based on high survivability has been granted by the European Commission. ICES continues to the survival rate of 25% (ICES, 2016), as the survival rates estimated by BIM (2017) have not been evaluated by ICE.

For FU 22, the a coluce density observed during the UWTV survey is medium (~ 0.4 individuals m⁻²). The fishery in this area has been mediated to be non-contracted to the 1960s and has been relatively stable for many years. Harvest rates around the $F_{35\%SpR}$ (the fishing normality that gives 35% virgin SSB per recruit) are expected to deliver high long-term yield with a low probability of recruit non-correction of FMSY for FU 22.

A single TAC covers the entire ICES Subarea 7. Management should be implemented at the functional unit level to ensure that fishing opportunities are in line with the scale of the resource in each of the stocks.



Reference points

| Table 5 Norway lobster in divisions 7.g and 7.f, Functional Unit 22. Reference points, values, and their technical b | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|----------------------------|---|---------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Framework | Reference point | Value | Technical basis | Source | | | | |
| MSV approach | MSY B _{trigger} | 990 million individuals | 5% interval on the probability distribution of abundance for the time-series 2006–2015, assuming a normal distribution. | IC IS (2016) | | | | |
| | F _{MSY} | 12.8% harvest rate | F _{MSY} proxy equivalent to F _{35%SPR} for combined sexes, der from a length-based per recruit analysis. | ICES (2016) | | | | |
| | B _{lim} | Not defined | \frown | • | | | | |
| Precautionary | B _{pa} | Not defined | | | | | | |
| approach | F _{lim} | Not defined | | | | | | |
| | F _{pa} | Not defined | | | | | | |
| | MAP target MSY B _{trigger} | 990 million individuals | MSY B _{trigger} | EU (2019); ICES (2016) | | | | |
| | MAP B _{lim} | Not defined | | | | | | |
| Management | MAP F _{MSY} | 12.8% harvest rate | F _{MSY} | EU (2019); ICES (2016) | | | | |
| plan | MAP range F _{lower} | 10.2–12.8% harvest rate | Consistent with ranges p ovided or ICES (2016), resulting in no more than 5% reduction in long-term yield compared with the maximum caster table yield (MSY). | EU (2019); ICES (2016) | | | | |
| | MAP range F _{upper} | 12.8–12.8% harvest rate | $F_{MSY upper}$ value capped at F_{MSY} because it has not been possible to evalue the probability of SSB < B_{lim} (ICES, 2016). | EU (2019); ICES (2016) | | | | |

Basis of the assessment

| Table 6 | prway lobster in divisions 7.g and 7.f. Functional Unit 22. Basis of the assessment and advice | e. |
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| ICES stock data category | 1 (<u>ICES, 2018</u>). |
|--------------------------|---|
| Assessment type | Underwater TV survey (IC S, 2019). |
| Input data | One survey index (UW, V-F 22,, commercial catches (international landings), length frequencies (from catch and discard sampling), a sturity data (from commercial catch sampling and during surveys), fixed natural mortality. Discar surveys a hote. |
| Discards and bycatch | Included in the sessment since 2003. |
| Indicators | IBTS Q4 survey; length requency distributions of the catches by sex. |
| Other information | This stock follows bence marked procedures applied to other <i>Nephrops</i> stocks in Subarea 7 (ICES, 2009, 2014). |
| Working group | Workin C oup or the Celtic Seas Ecoregion (WGCSE) |

Information from stakehe ders

No additional information available for this stock.



History of the advice, catch, and management

| Table 7 | Norway lobster in divisions 7.g and 7. | f, Functional Unit 22. | ICES advice, landing | gs, and discards. All | weights are in tonnes. |
|---------|--|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Year | ICES advice* | Landings advice* | Catch advice | ICES landings | Total discards** |
| 1992 | | 3800 | | | |
| 1993 | | 3800 | | | |
| 1994 | | 3800 | | | |
| 1995 | | 3800 | | | |
| 1996 | | 3800 | | | |
| 1997 | | 3800 | | | |
| 1998 | | 3800 | | | |
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| 2001 | | 3800 | | 2938 | |
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| 2008 | No increase in effort | < 5300 | | 3090 | 289 |
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| 2012 | MSY approach | 230 | | 2618 | 347 |
| 2013 | MSY approach (updated November 2012) | 2100 | | 2257 | 497 |
| 2014 | MSY approach | 1674 | | 2526 | 460 |
| 2015 | MSY approach | 3409 | | 2350 | 450 |
| 2016 | MSY approach | | ≤ 3027^ | 3329 | 519 |
| 2017 | MSY approach | | ≤ 2063^^ | 3560 | 424 |
| 2018 | MSY approach | | ≤ 4322^^ | 1975 | 350 |
| 2019 | MSY approach | | ≤ 2084^^ | | |
| 2020 | Management plan | | 2247 (range 2247–2820)^^ | | |

* Advice prior to 2012 applies to FUs 20–22.

** Dead + surviving discards.

^ Assuming all catches are landed.

^^ Assuming recent discard rates.

History of the catch and landings

Table 8

Norwar lobs or in divisions 7.g and 7.f, Functional Unit 22. Catch distribution by fleet in 2018 as estimated by ICES. All weights are in tonnes.

| Сатсы | Landings | Discards | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------------|--|--|--|
| 96.2% dea 3.8% surviving | 100% otter trawl | 25% surviving | | | |
| 232 > | 1975 | 350 | | | |

Table 9Norway lobster in divisions 7.g and 7.f, Functional Unit 22. History of ICES estimates for landings by country and
discards. All weights are in tonnes.

| Year | France | Rep. of Ireland | UK | Belgium | Total landings | Discards* |
|------|--------|-----------------|-----|---------|----------------|-----------|
| 1999 | 1034 | 741 | 0 | | 1775 | |
| 2000 | 1192 | 1687 | 11 | | 2890 | |
| 2001 | 882 | 2054 | 2 | | 2938 | |
| 2002 | 598 | 1392 | 3 | | 1993 | |
| 2003 | 799 | 1257 | 10 | | 2 65 | 720 |
| 2004 | 454 | 1349 | 26 | | 1 2۵ | 202 |
| 2005 | 478 | 1987 | 68 | | 2533 | 1648 |
| 2006 | 293 | 1442 | 19 | 7 | - 761 | 454 |
| 2007 | 216 | 2716 | 13 | 5 | 295、 | 1906 |
| 2008 | 301 | 2539 | 241 | 9 | 3090 | 289 |
| 2009 | 258 | 1609 | 306 | 12 | 2185 | 371 |
| 2010 | 129 | 2219 | 351 | 15 | .714 | 636 |
| 2011 | 64 | 1521 | 44 | 7 | 1636 | 196 |
| 2012 | 65 | 2506 | 41 | 6 | 2618 | 347 |
| 2013 | 83 | 2054 | 107 | 12 | 2257 | 497 |
| 2014 | 29 | 2428 | 61 | 8 | 2526 | 460 |
| 2015 | 9 | 2215 | 121 | | 2350 | 450 |
| 2016 | 5 | 2967 | 354 | 3 | 3329 | 519 |
| 2017 | 7 | 2815 | 737 | 1 | 3560 | 424 |
| 2018 | 3 | 1639 | 331 | 1 | 1975 | 350 |

* Surviving + dead discards.

Summary of the assessment

| Table 10 | NUI | way iouster | | is 7.g ai | iu 7.1, Fui | ictiona | 211 2. | Assessiii | ent summary. | | | |
|----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|---|----------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Year | UWTV abundance estimate | 95% Confidence Interval | Landings in number | Total discards in number* | Removals in number | Har ustinte voyinu iber ¹ | Landir s | Total discards* | Discard rate (by number) | Dead discard rate (by number) | Mean weight in landings | Mean weight in discards |
| | | m | illions | | | % | ton | nes | 9 | 6 | gram | imes |
| 2003 | | | 95 | 68 | 146 | | 2065 | 720 | 41.5 | 34.7 | 21.7 | 10.7 |
| 2004 | | | 71 | 12 | | | 1828 | 202 | 15.6 | 12.2 | 25.9 | 15.4 |
| 2005 | | | 119 | 129 | 216 | | 2533 | 1648 | 51.9 | 44.7 | 21.2 | 12.8 |
| 2006 | 1503 | 70 | 100 | 45 | 134 | 8.9 | 1761 | 454 | 31.1 | 25.3 | 17.6 | 10.1 |
| 2007 | 1136 | 126 | 165 | 181 | 301 | 26.5 | 2950 | 1906 | 52.3 | 45.1 | 17.9 | 10.5 |
| 2008 | 1114 | 123 | 144 | | 163 | 14.6 | 3090 | 289 | 15.3 | 12.0 | 21.5 | 11.1 |
| 2009 | 1093 | 108 | 92 | 33 | 117 | 10.7 | 2185 | 371 | 26.4 | 21.2 | 23.7 | 11.3 |
| 2010 | 1141 | 88 | 17. | 45 | 155 | 13.6 | 2714 | 636 | 26.8 | 21.5 | 22.3 | 14.3 |
| 2011 | 1256 | 72 | 60 | 13 | 70 | 5.6 | 1636 | 196 | 18.0 | 14.1 | 27.3 | 14.9 |
| 2012 | 1498 | 27 | | 31 | 144 | 9.6 | 2618 | 347 | 20.7 | 16.3 | 21.8 | 11.1 |
| 2013 | 1254 | | 94 | 40 | 124 | 9.9 | 2257 | 497 | 30.0 | 24.3 | 24.1 | 12.4 |
| 2014 | 1622 | 2u | 100 | 33 | 125 | 7.7 | 2526 | 460 | 25.0 | 20.0 | 25.2 | 13.8 |
| 2015 | 1363 | 0 | 114 | 44 | 147 | 10.8 | 2350 | 450 | 28.0 | 22.6 | 20.6 | 10.1 |
| 2016 | 866 | 112 | 160 | 54 | 200 | 23.1 | 3329 | 519 | 25.1 | 20.0 | 20.8 | 9.7 |
| 2017 | 002 | 153 | 164 | 39 | 194 | 12.1 | 3560 | 424 | 19.2 | 15.2 | 21.7 | 10.8 |
| 2018 | 2 | 154 | 98 | 31 | 121 | 13.8 | 1975 | 350 | 24.2 | 19.3 | 20.2 | 11.2 |
| 2019 | 121 | 141 | | | | | | | | | | |

 Table 10
 Norway lobster in divisions 7.g and 7.f, Functional 7.g. Assessment summary.

* Surviving + dea discr.ds.





Figure 3Norway lobster in Division 7.f-g, Sunctional Unit 22. Catch length-frequency distribution and mean size in catches
(dotted lines) and landings (son, lines). The vertical lines indicate the minimum conservation reference size (25 mm)
and the 35 mm visual reference le el.



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