Norway lobster (Nephrops norvegicus) in divisions 8.a and 8.b, functional units 23-24 (northern and central Bay of Biscay)

## ICES advice on fishing opportunities

ICES advises that when the MSY approach is applied, catches in 2021 should be no more than 6105 tonnes, assuming recent discard rates.

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 Norway lobster in divisions 8.a and 8.b, functional units 23-24. Summary of the stock assessment. Catches, harvest rate (sum of landings and dead discards in numbers, divided by stock abundance), and stock abundance (underwater television [UWTV] survey, in billions; 95\% confidence intervals). The discard survival rate was revised from 2017 onwards to 50\%.

## Stock and exploitation status

Table 1 Norway lobster in divisions 8.a and 8.b, functional units 23-24. State of the stock and the fishery relative to reference points.

|  | Fishing pressure |  |  |  |  | Stock size |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2017 | 2018 |  | 2019 |  | 2018 | 2019 |  | 2020 |
| Maximum sustainable yield | $\mathrm{F}_{\text {MSY }}$ | $\checkmark$ | ( | ( | Below | MSY <br> $B_{\text {trigger }}$ | $?$ | $?$ |  | Undefined |
| Precautionary approach | $\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{pa}}{ }^{\prime} \mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{lim}}$ | - | $\checkmark$ |  | Below possible reference points | $\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{pa}} \mathrm{B}^{\text {P }}$ lim | $?$ | ? |  | Undefined |
| Management plan | $\mathrm{F}_{\text {MGT }}$ | ) | * | ( | Below | $\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{MGT}}$ | - | - | - | Not applicable |

## Catch scenarios

Table 2 Norway lobster in divisions 8.a and 8.b, functional units 23-24. The basis for the catch scenarios.

| Variable | Value | Notes |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
| Stock abundance (2021) | 3425.061 | Number of individuals (millions); UWTV Survey 2020 |
| Mean weight in projected landings | 23.82 | Average 2017-2019; in grammes |
| Mean weight in projected discards | 10.99 | Average 2017-2019; in grammes |
| Projected discards | 53.6 | Average 2017-2019; percentage by number |
| Discard survival * | 50 | Percentage by number |
| Dead projected discards | 37.4 | Average 2017-2019; percentage by number |

* Only applied in scenarios where discarding is allowed.

Table 3 Norway lobster in divisions 8.a and 8.b, functional units 23-24. Catch scenarios for 2021. 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 change ** |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} P L+P D D+ \\ P S D \end{gathered}$ | PL + PDD | PL | PDD | PSD | for PL + PDD |  |
| ICES advice basis |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MSY approach: $\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{MSY}}$ | 6105 | 5044 | 3984 | 1060 | 1060 | 7.70 | -7.1 |
| Other scenarios |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{F}_{2019}$ | 2438 | 2014 | 1591 | 423 | 423 | 3.07 | -63 |
| EU MAP ^: $\mathrm{F}_{\text {MSY }}$ | 6105 | 5044 | 3984 | 1060 | 1060 | 7.70 | -7.1 |

Catch scenarios assuming zero discards

| Basis *** | Total catch | Projected landings | Projected discards $\wedge \wedge$ | Harvest rate * \% | \% advice change ** |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | PL + PD | PL | PD | for PL + PD |  |
| ICES advice basis |  |  |  |  |  |
| MSY approach: $\mathrm{F}_{\text {MSY }}$ | 4469 | 2917 | 1553 | 7.7 | -32 |
| Other scenarios |  |  |  |  |  |
| EU MAP ^ ${ }^{\text {: }}$ FMSY | 4469 | 2917 | 1553 | 7.7 | -32 |
| $\mathrm{F}_{2019}$ | 1785 | 1165 | 620 | 3.07 | -73 |

* By number.
** Advice value for 2021 relative to the advice value for 2020 (6573 tonnes).
*** Ranges are not defined for this stock.
$\wedge$ EU multiannual plan (MAP) for the Western Waters and adjacent waters (EU, 2019).
$\wedge \wedge$ Represents the amount that would normally be discarded.


## Issues relevant for the advice

The discard survival rate was revised from $30 \%$ to $50 \%$ and this new rate was applied starting from 2017 (the year the chute system became widely used to quickly release discards; ICES, 2020a). This has changed the historical perception of the harvest rate relative to $\mathrm{F}_{\text {MSY }}$. While the catch advice for 2021 is $7.1 \%$ lower than the advice for 2020 due to a decrease in stock abundance, the corresponding landings increased slightly ( $2.5 \%$ ) due to the revision of the survival rate.

## History of the advice, catch, and management

Table 4 Norway lobster in divisions 8.a and 8.b, functional units 23-24. History of ICES advice, the agreed TAC, and ICES estimates of landings and discards. All weights are in tonnes.

| Year | ICES advice | Landings corresponding to the advice | Catch advice | Agreed TAC | ICES estimated landings | ICES estimated total discards * |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2003 | $50 \%$ reduction of current exploitation rate | 2200 |  | 3000 | 3886 | 1977 |
| 2004 | $20 \%$ reduction of current exploitation rate | 3300 |  | 3150 | 3571 | 1932 |
| 2005 | $20 \%$ reduction of current exploitation rate | 3100 |  | 3100 | 3991 | 2698 |
| 2006 | Maintain recent catch | 3500 |  | 4000 | 3447 | 4544 |
| 2007 | Maintain recent catch | 3600 |  | 4320 | 3176 | 2411 |
| 2008 | Maintain recent catch | 3600 |  | 4320 | 3030 | 2123 |
| 2009 | Maintain recent landings (average 2005-2007) | 3400 |  | 4100 | 2987 | 1833 |
| 2010 | No new advice, same as for 2009 | 3400 |  | 3900 | 3398 | 1275 |
| 2011 | See scenarios |  |  | 3900 | 3559 | 1263 |
| 2012 | Reduce catch |  |  | 3900 | 2520 | 1013 |
| 2013 | Decrease landings by 5\% (19\% increase, followed by 20\% PA reduction) | < 3200 |  | 3900 | 2380 | 1521 |
| 2014 | Same advice as 2013 | < 3200 |  | 3900 | 2807 | 1326 |
| 2015 | Increase landings by no more than 14\% | < 3214 |  | 3900 | 3569 | 1822 |
| 2016 | Same advice as 2015 | < 3214 |  | 3900 | 4091 | 2531 |
| 2017 | MSY approach | $\leq 4160^{* *}$ | $\leq 6376$ ** | 4160 | 3412 | 2387 |
| 2018 | MSY approach |  | $\leq 5531$ ** | 3600 | 2125 | 1571 |
| 2019 | MSY approach |  | $\leq 6221$ ** | 3878 | 2154 | 634 |
| 2020 | MSY approach |  | $\leq 6573^{* *}$ | 3886 |  |  |
| 2021 | MSY approach |  | $\leq 6105^{* *}$ |  |  |  |

* Dead + surviving discards.
** Assuming recent discard rates.


## Summary of the assessment

| Year | Abundance index | High | Low | Landings in number | Total discards in number | Removals in number * | Harvest <br> rate (by <br> number) | Landings | Discards | Discard rate (by number) | Dead discard rate (by number) | Mean weight in landings | Mean weight in discards |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | thousands |  |  | millions |  |  | \% | tonnes |  | \% |  | grammes |  |
| 1987 |  |  |  | 289 | 268.2 | 476.7 |  | 5397 | 1767 | 48.1 | 39.4 | 18.68 | 6.59 |
| 1988 |  |  |  | 324.5 | 687.0 | 805.4 |  | 5875 | 4123 | 67.9 | 59.7 | 18.10 | 6.00 |
| 1989 |  |  |  | 244.9 | 404.2 | 527.8 |  | 4835 | 2634 | 62.3 | 53.6 | 19.75 | 6.52 |
| 1990 |  |  |  | 213.8 | 78.5 | 268.8 |  | 4972 | 627 | 26.9 | 20.5 | 23.26 | 7.98 |
| 1991 |  |  |  | 217.4 | 151.6 | 323.5 |  | 4754 | 1213 | 41.1 | 32.8 | 21.87 | 8.00 |
| 1992 |  |  |  | 274.3 | 174.4 | 396.3 |  | 5681 | 1354 | 38.9 | 30.8 | 20.71 | 7.76 |
| 1993 |  |  |  | 240.6 | 124.4 | 327.7 |  | 5109 | 1007 | 34.1 | 26.6 | 21.23 | 8.09 |
| 1994 |  |  |  | 188.9 | 88.3 | 250.7 |  | 4092 | 741 | 31.8 | 24.6 | 21.66 | 8.39 |
| 1995 |  |  |  | 202.3 | 84.8 | 261.6 |  | 4452 | 706 | 29.5 | 22.7 | 22.01 | 8.33 |
| 1996 |  |  |  | 182 | 55.3 | 220.7 |  | 4118 | 495 | 23.3 | 17.5 | 22.62 | 8.97 |
| 1997 |  |  |  | 188.7 | 105.0 | 262.2 |  | 3610 | 805 | 35.8 | 28.0 | 19.13 | 7.67 |
| 1998 |  |  |  | 161.5 | 151.0 | 267.2 |  | 3865 | 1453 | 48.3 | 39.6 | 23.92 | 9.62 |
| 1999 |  |  |  | 135.3 | 122.7 | 221.2 |  | 3209 | 1148 | 47.6 | 38.8 | 23.72 | 9.35 |
| 2000 |  |  |  | 133.4 | 163.3 | 247.7 |  | 3069 | 1455 | 55.0 | 46.2 | 23.01 | 8.91 |
| 2001 |  |  |  | 172.8 | 305.5 | 386.7 |  | 3730 | 2537 | 63.9 | 55.3 | 21.58 | 8.30 |
| 2002 |  |  |  | 180.4 | 329.0 | 410.7 |  | 3679 | 2620 | 64.6 | 56.1 | 20.39 | 7.96 |
| 2003 |  |  |  | 163.8 | 201.8 | 305.1 |  | 3886 | 1977 | 55.2 | 46.3 | 23.73 | 9.80 |
| 2004 |  |  |  | 154.4 | 222.1 | 309.9 |  | 3571 | 1932 | 59.0 | 50.2 | 23.13 | 8.70 |
| 2005 |  |  |  | 179.8 | 315.3 | 400.5 |  | 3991 | 2698 | 63.7 | 55.1 | 22.20 | 8.56 |
| 2006 |  |  |  | 128.8 | 487.3 | 469.9 |  | 3447 | 4544 | 79.1 | 72.6 | 26.76 | 9.32 |
| 2007 |  |  |  | 117.3 | 214.8 | 267.6 |  | 3176 | 2411 | 64.7 | 56.2 | 27.09 | 11.22 |
| 2008 |  |  |  | 115.3 | 198.0 | 253.9 |  | 3030 | 2123 | 63.2 | 54.6 | 26.29 | 10.72 |

[^0]| Year | Abundance index | High | Low | Landings in number | Total discards in number | Removals in number * | Harvest <br> rate (by <br> number) | Landings | Discards | Discard <br> rate (by <br> number) | Dead discard rate (by number) | Mean weight in landings | Mean weight in discards |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | thousands |  |  | millions |  |  | \% | tonnes |  | \% |  | grammes |  |
| 2009 |  |  |  | 123.5 | 174.5 | 245.6 |  | 2987 | 1833 | 58.6 | 49.7 | 24.19 | 10.51 |
| 2010 |  |  |  | 138.1 | 113.5 | 217.6 |  | 3398 | 1275 | 45.1 | 36.5 | 24.60 | 11.23 |
| 2011 |  |  |  | 108 | 121.6 | 193.1 |  | 3559 | 1263 | 53.0 | 44.1 | 32.95 | 10.39 |
| 2012 |  |  |  | 101.4 | 117.9 | 184.0 |  | 2520 | 1012 | 53.8 | 44.9 | 24.85 | 8.58 |
| 2013 |  |  |  | 114.9 | 154.9 | 223.3 |  | 2380 | 1521 | 57.4 | 48.6 | 20.72 | 9.82 |
| 2014 |  |  |  | 121.6 | 117.9 | 204.1 |  | 2807 | 1326 | 49.2 | 40.4 | 23.08 | 11.25 |
| 2015 |  |  |  | 138.9 | 156.4 | 248.4 |  | 3569 | 1822 | 53.0 | 44.1 | 25.69 | 11.65 |
| 2016 | 4167477 | 4807506 | 3527448 | 161.4 | 201.0 | 302.1 | 7.3 | 4091 | 2531 | 55.5 | 46.6 | 25.35 | 12.60 |
| 2017 | 3372539 | 4025128 | 2719950 | 143.5 | 200.6 | 243.8 | 7.2 | 3412 | 2387 | 58.3 | 41.1 | 23.78 | 11.90 |
| 2018 | 3787769 | 4403749 | 3171789 | 83.5 | 151.9 | 159.4 | 4.2 | 2125 | 1571 | 64.5 | 47.6 | 25.46 | 10.34 |
| 2019 | 4113422 | 4786156 | 3440687 | 96.9 | 59.1 | 126.5 | 3.1 | 2154 | 634 | 37.9 | 23.4 | 22.23 | 10.73 |
| 2020 | 3425061 | 4280555 | 2569567 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

* Removals are calculated as landings plus dead discards, assuming a 30\% survival rate for discards.
** Revised the time-series in 2020 following ICES (2020a).


## Sources and references

EU. 2019. Regulation (EU) 2019/472 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 March 2019 establishing a multiannual plan for stocks fished in the Western Waters and adjacent waters, and for fisheries exploiting those stocks, amending Regulations (EU) 2016/1139 and (EU) 2018/973, and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 811/2004, (EC) No 2166/2005, (EC) No 388/2006, (EC) No 509/2007 and (EC) No 1300/2008. Official Journal of the European Union, L 83: 117. http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/472/oj.

ICES. 2020a. Workshop on Methodologies for Nephrops Reference Points (WKNephrops; outputs from 2019 meeting). ICES Scientific Reports, 2:3. 106 pp. http://doi.org/10.17895/ices.pub.5981.
ICES. 2020b. Working Group for the Bay of Biscay and the Iberian Waters Ecoregion (WGBIE). ICES Scientific Reports, 2:49. 845 pp. http://doi.org/10.17895/ices.pub.6033.

Recommended citation: ICES. 2020. Norway lobster (Nephrops norvegicus) in divisions 8.a and 8.b, functional units 2324 (northern and central Bay of Biscay). In Report of the ICES Advisory Committee, 2020. ICES Advice 2020, nep.fu. 2324. https://doi.org/10.17895/ices.advice.5837.

## Annex 1

ICES Advice on fishing opportunities, catch, and effort
Bay of Biscay and the Iberian Coast ecoregion
Published 31 October 2019

Norway lobster (Nephrops norvegicus) in divisions 8.a and 8.b, functional units 23-24 (northern and central Bay of Biscay)

## ICES advice on fishing opportunities

ICES advises that when the MSY approach is applied, catches in 2020 should be no more than 6573 ton

## Stock development over time

Stock abundance has increased since 2017. The harvest rate in 2018 is estimated to be belov FMS
 rate (sum of landings and dead u cards in numbers, divided by total abundance), and stock abundance (underwater


## Stock and exploitation status

ICES assesses that fishing press re c the stock in 2018 is below Fmsy; no reference points for stock size have been defined for this stock.

Table 1 Norway lok ter in visions 8.a and 8.b, functional units 23-24. State of the stock and fishery relative to reference points.


## Catch scenarios

Table 2 Norway lobster in divisions 8.a and 8.b, functional units 23-24. The basis for the catch scenarios.

| Variable | Value | Notes |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
| Stock abundance | 4113 million | Abundance in UWTV assessmer |
| Mean weight in wanted catch | 24.86 grammes | Average 2016-2018 |
| Mean weight in unwanted catch | 11.73 grammes | Average 2016-2018 |
| Unwanted catch proportion (total) | $59.46 \%$ | Average (proportion by n |
| Discards survival | $30 \%$ | Proper) 201 |
| Dead discard rate (total) | $50.71 \%$ | Average (proportion hy number) $\angle 16-2018$ |

Table 3 Norway lobster in divisions 8.a and 8.b, functional units 23-24. Catch scenarios for no. II weis its are in tonnes. The figures in the table are rounded. Calculations were done with unrounded inputs and mputed 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 |  | Harvest rate* |  | \% Advice change** |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} W C+D U C+ \\ S U C \end{gathered}$ | WC + DUC | WC | DUC |  | for W | + DUC |  |
| ICES advice basis |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MSY approach: $\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{MSY}}$ | 6573 | 5767 | 3886 | 81 | 806 |  | 7.70\% | 5.7 |
| Other options |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{F}_{2018}$ | 4284 | 3759 | 2533 | 126 | 525 |  | 5.02\% | -31 |
| EU MAP^: $\mathrm{F}_{\text {MSY }}$ | 6573 | 5767 | 3886 | -081 | 806 |  | 7.70\% | 5.7 |
| Catch scenarios assuming zero discards |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basis*** |  | Total catch | Wante cato | Unwanted catch | Harvest rate* |  | \% advice change ** |  |
|  |  | WC + UC | $\triangle 1 / 2$ | UC | for WC + |  |  |  |  |
| ICES advice basis |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MSY approach: $\mathrm{F}_{\text {MSY }}$ |  | 5401 | 3193 | 2208 |  | 7.7\% |  | -13.2 |
| Other options |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| EU MAP^: $\mathrm{F}_{\text {MSY }}$ |  | 54 | 3193 | 2208 |  | 7.7\% |  | -13.2 |
| $\mathrm{F}_{2018}$ |  | 4266 | - 2581 | 1785 |  | 6.2\% |  | -30.0 |

* By number.
** Advice value for 2020 relative to the adv. value for 2019 (6221 tonnes).
*** Ranges are not defined for this stock.
$\wedge$ EU multiannual plan (MAP) for the W/estern Waters and adjacent waters (EU, 2019).
The advice for 2020 has increas by 5 , due to an increase in stock abundance.


## Basis of the advice

Table 4 Norwa, 'obst in divisions 8.a and 8.b, functional units 23-24. The basis of the advice.

| Advice basis | MSY approach <br> The EU multiannual plan (MAP) for stocks in the Western Waters and adjacent waters applies to catches <br> of this stock. |
| :--- | :--- |
| The MAP stipulates that when the F ${ }_{\text {MSY }}$ ranges are not available, fishing opportunities should be based on <br> the best available scientific advice. |  |

## Quality of the assessment

Poor fits in the length-frequency models normally used for calculating Fmsy for category 1 Nephrops stocks meant that Fmsy values could not be estimated for functional units (FUs) 23-24 (Figure 2) using this method. The reasons for this require further investigation.

The FMSy reference point (harvest rate of $7.7 \%$ ) was established as an intermediate rate between the $10 \%$ urerag realized harvest rates of functional units with an observed history of sustainable exploitation, and the lowe arvest rates of $5.5 \%$ in the FUs 23-24 stock in the recent past (ICES, 2017).

In 2019, the survey's camera system and reviewing method changed. A comparison showe no sig ificant difference in density estimates between the new and the old methods. Previous assumptions relat: to orres ion factors are still applied.

## Issues relevant for the advice

ICES provides advice based on the MSY approach because the $F_{M S Y}$ range for the $E M A$ is not defined.
From 2016, fisheries catching Nephrops in Subarea 8 are covered by the EU lar rings obligation (EU, 2015). However, an exemption for high survival has been granted for this fishery since 2016

The assessment and advice for this stock were carried out by applying a disc survival rate of $30 \%$, based on historical experiments (Charuau et al., 1982). Méhault et al. (2016), however, foun that he discard survival rate ( $55 \%$ ) is higher than the historical reference. Further experiments (Mérillet et al., 2018 es $^{\dagger}$ mated the rate at $51 \%$ when using the quick chute system for discarding Nephrops, which is mandatory since Jan 120 7. This updated estimate was deemed reliable enough to confirm the existing exemption (STECF, 2017). The datcu discard survival rate will be considered when the revision of the reference points is carried out.

An improved selection pattern would reduce catches of no ized Nephrops and result in a higher yield in the long term.



Figure 2 Norway lobster in divisions 8.a and 8.b, functiona nits $\quad-24$. he functional units (FUs) 23 and 24 constitute a single stock of Nephrops.

## Reference points

Table 5
Norway lobster in divisions 8.a and 8.b, funct nal units 23-24. Reference points, values, and their technical basis.


## Basis of the assessment

Table 6
Norway lobster in divisions 8.a and 8.b, functional units 23-24. The basis of the assessment.

| ICES stock data category | 1 (ICES, 2018) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Assessment type | Underwater television (UWTV) survey (ICES, 2019). |
| Input data | One survey index (UWTV-FU 23-24); commercial catches (international landings, ler <br> sampling); fixed maturity parameters from sampling on board; fixed natural mortalic <br> rate of 30\% (Charuau et al., 1982). |
| Discards and bycatch | Included in the assessment for the entire time-series (> 50\% of catches in numb |
| Indicators | Length-frequency distributions by sex. |
| Other information |  |
| Working group | Working Group for the Bay of Biscay and the Iberian Waters Ecoregion (ICES, 2017). |

## Information from stakeholders

There is no additional information available.

## History of the advice, catch, and management

Table 7 Norway lobster in divisions 8.a and 8.b, functional units 23-24. Histo of YCES advice, the agreed TAC, and ICES estimates of landings and discards. All weights are in tonnes.

| Year | ICES advice | Landings corresponding to the advice | Catch advice |  | ICES estimated landings | ICES estimated total discards* |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2003 | $50 \%$ reduction of current exploitation rate | 2200 |  | 3000 | 3886 | 1977 |
| 2004 | $20 \%$ reduction of current exploitation rate | 3300 |  | 3150 | 3571 | 1932 |
| 2005 | $20 \%$ reduction of current exploitation rate | 3100 |  | 3100 | 3991 | 2698 |
| 2006 | Maintain recent catch | 3500 |  | 4000 | 3447 | 4544 |
| 2007 | Maintain recent catch | $3 \times 00$ |  | 4320 | 3176 | 2411 |
| 2008 | Maintain recent catch | 2600 | - | 4320 | 3030 | 2123 |
| 2009 | Maintain recent landings (average 2005-2007) | 3400 |  | 4100 | 2987 | 1833 |
| 2010 | No new advice, same as for 2009 | - 3400 |  | 3900 | 3398 | 1275 |
| 2011 | See scenarios |  |  | 3900 | 3559 | 1263 |
| 2012 | Reduce catch |  |  | 3900 | 2520 | 1013 |
| 2013 | Decrease landings by 5\% (19\% increase, followed by 20\% PA reduction) | $<3200$ |  | 3900 | 2380 | 1521 |
| 2014 | Same advice as 2013 | < 3200 |  | 3900 | 2807 | 1326 |
| 2015 | Increase landings no more than 14\% | < 3214 |  | 3900 | 3569 | 1822 |
| 2016 | Same advice ps 2. 5 | < 3214 |  | 3900 | 4091 | 2531 |
| 2017 | MSY appro ch | $\leq 4160^{* *}$ | $\leq 6376 * *$ | 4160 | 3412 | 2387 |
| 2018 | MSY approa |  | $\leq 5531^{* *}$ | 3600 | 2125 | 1627 |
| 2019 | $\mathrm{M} \times$, appr_oh |  | $\leq 6221^{* *}$ | 3878 |  |  |
| 2020 | MSV roach |  | $\leq 6573 * *$ |  |  |  |

* Dead + surviv ig disc ${ }^{1}$ s.
** Assuming rec +dis ard rates.



## History of the catch and landings

Table 8 Norway lobster in divisions 8.a and 8.b, functional units 23-24. Official catch distribution by fleet in 2018 as estimated by ICES. All weights are in tonnes.

| Catch |  | Landings | Discards* |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $13.0 \%$ surviving | $87.0 \%$ dead | $\approx 100 \%$ bottom trawl | $70 \%$ dead | 30\% s |
| 3752 |  | 2125 | 1627 |  |

Table 9 Norway lobster in divisions 8.a and 8.b, functional units 23-24. ICES estimates of remoy-landings, and discards. Only the French fleet is fishing in these FUs. All weights are in tonnes.

| Year | Removals* | Landings |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1987 | 6634 | 5397 | 1767 |
| 1988 | 8772 | 5875 | 4138 |
| 1989 | 6940 | 4835 | 3007 |
| 1990 | 5423 | 4972 | 644 |
| 1991 | 5603 | ' | 1213 |
| 1992 | 6532 | -681 | 1217 |
| 1993 | 5791 | 54 | 974 |
| 1994 | 4594 | $\bigcirc 92$ | 717 |
| 1995 | 4933 | 4452 | 687 |
| 1996 | 4460 | 4118 | 487 |
| 1997 | 4249 | , 3610 | 914 |
| 1998 | 4882 | 3865 | 1453 |
| 1999 | 3974 | 3209 | 1092 |
| 2000 | 4005 | 3069 | 1337 |
| 2001 | 5569 | 3730 | 2628 |
| 2002 | 5454 | 3679 | 2535 |
| 2003 | 5270 | 3886 | 1977 |
| 2004 | 4923 | 3571 | 1932 |
| 2005 | 5880 | 3991 | 2698 |
| 2006 | 6627 | 3447 | 4544 |
| 2007 | 49 | 3176 | 2411 |
| 2008 | 517 | 3030 | 2123 |
| 2009 | 4.7 | 2987 | 1833 |
| 2010 | 4290 | 3398 | 1275 |
| 2011 | 4 | 3559 | 1263 |
| 2012 | 3229 | 2520 | 1013 |
| 2013 | 3444 | 2380 | 1521 |
| 2014 | 3735 | 2807 | 1326 |
| 2015 | 4845 | 3569 | 1822 |
| 2016 | 5863 | 4091 | 2531 |
| 2017 | 5083 | 3412 | 2387 |
| 2018 | 3264 | 2125 | 1627 |

* Removals are calcula d as ndings plus dead discards, assuming a 30\% survival rate for discards.


## Summary of the assessment

| Year | Landings in number | Total discards in number | Removals* in number | Abundance index | High | Low | Harvest <br> rate (by <br> number) | Mean weight in land | Mean oht in scards | Discard rate (by number) | Dead discard rate (by number) | Landings | Discards |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | millions |  |  | number of individuals |  |  | \% | gram - es |  | \% |  | tonnes |  |
| 1987 | 288.974 | 268.244 | 39.386 |  |  |  |  | $\bigcirc 019$ | 0.007 | 48.14 | 39.386 | 5397 | 1767 |
| 1988 | 324.498 | 686.969 | 59.709 |  |  |  |  | 0.018 | 0.006 | 67.918 | 59.709 | 5875 | 4123 |
| 1989 | 244.875 | 404.228 | 53.608 |  |  |  |  | 0.02 | 0.007 | 62.275 | 53.608 | 4835 | 2634 |
| 1990 | 213.779 | 78.546 | 20.458 |  |  |  |  | 0.023 | 0.008 | 26.869 | 20.458 | 4972 | 627 |
| 1991 | 217.338 | 151.634 | 32.813 |  |  |  |  | 0.022 | 0.008 | 41.096 | 32.813 | 4754 | 1213 |
| 1992 | 274.286 | 174.362 | 30.795 |  |  |  |  | 0.021 | 0.008 | 38.864 | 30.795 | 5681 | 1354 |
| 1993 | 240.638 | 124.368 | 26.567 |  |  |  |  | 0.021 | 0.008 | 34.073 | 26.567 | 5109 | 1007 |
| 1994 | 188.879 | 88.267 | 24.649 |  |  |  |  | 0.022 | 0.008 | 31.848 | 24.649 | 4092 | 741 |
| 1995 | 202.294 | 84.78 | 22.682 |  |  |  |  | 0.022 | 0.008 | 29.533 | 22.682 | 4452 | 706 |
| 1996 | 182.041 | 55.25 | 17.522 |  |  |  |  | 0.023 | 0.009 | 23.283 | 17.522 | 4118 | 495 |
| 1997 | 188.694 | 104.994 | 28.031 |  |  |  |  | 0.019 | 0.008 | 35.75 | 28.031 | 3610 | 805 |
| 1998 | 161.549 | 150.995 | 39.55 |  |  |  |  | 0.024 | 0.01 | 48.312 | 39.55 | 3865 | 1453 |
| 1999 | 135.304 | 122.72 | 38.834 |  |  |  |  | 0.024 | 0.009 | 47.562 | 38.834 | 3209 | 1148 |
| 2000 | 133.383 | 163.33 | 46.155 |  |  |  |  | 0.023 | 0.009 | 55.047 | 46.155 | 3069 | 1455 |
| 2001 | 172.819 | 305.547 | 55.31 |  |  |  |  | 0.022 | 0.008 | 63.873 | 55.31 | 3730 | 2537 |
| 2002 | 180.442 | 329.002 | 56.069 |  |  |  |  | 0.02 | 0.008 | 64.581 | 56.069 | 3679 | 2620 |
| 2003 | 163.771 | 201.841 | 46.315 |  |  |  |  | 0.024 | 0.01 | 55.206 | 46.315 | 3886 | 1977 |
| 2004 | 154.405 | 222.102 | 50.172 |  |  |  |  | 0.023 | 0.009 | 58.99 | 50.172 | 3571 | 1932 |
| 2005 | 179.758 | 315.346 | 55.117 |  |  |  |  | 0.022 | 0.009 | 63.693 | 55.117 | 3991 | 2698 |
| 2006 | 128.777 | 487.288 | 72.594 |  |  |  |  | 0.027 | 0.009 | 79.097 | 72.594 | 3447 | 4544 |
| 2007 | 117.273 | 214.788 | 56.18 |  |  |  |  | 0.027 | 0.011 | 64.683 | 56.18 | 3176 | 2411 |
| 2008 | 115.274 | 198.031 | 54.598 |  |  |  |  | 0.026 | 0.011 | 63.207 | 54.598 | 3030 | 2123 |
| 2009 | 123.504 | 174.48 | 49.722 |  |  |  |  | 0.024 | 0.011 | 58.554 | 49.722 | 2987 | 1833 |
| 2010 | 138.12 | 113.53 | 36.523 |  |  |  |  | 0.025 | 0.011 | 45.114 | 36.523 | 3398 | 1275 |


| Year | Landings in number | Total discards in number | Removals* in number | Abundance index | High | Low | Harvest rate (by number) | Mean weight in landings | Mea weigh discara | ard rate (by umber) | Dead discard rate (by number) | Landings | Discards |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | millions |  |  | number of individuals |  |  | \% | grar | es | \% |  | tonnes |  |
| 2011 | 108.011 | 121.603 | 44.074 |  |  |  |  | C033 | 0.01 | 52.96 | 44.074 | 3559 | 1263 |
| 2012 | 101.424 | 117.935 | 44.872 |  |  |  |  | 0.025 | 0.009 | 53.763 | 44.872 | 2520 | 1012 |
| 2013 | 114.853 | 154.914 | 48.564 |  |  |  |  | 0.021 | 0.01 | 57.425 | 48.564 | 2380 | 1521 |
| 2014 | 121.594 | 117.93 | 40.437 |  |  |  | - | 0.023 | 0.011 | 49.235 | 40.437 | 2807 | 1326 |
| 2015 | 138.92 | 156.4 | 44.074 |  |  |  |  | 0.026 | 0.012 | 52.959 | 44.074 | 3569 | 1822 |
| 2016 | 161.371 | 200.973 | 46.575 | 4167746000 | 4807776000 | 3527716000 |  | 0.025 | 0.013 | 55.465 | 46.575 | 4091 | 2531 |
| 2017 | 143.502 | 200.6 | 49.457 | 3372539114 | 4025129114 | 2719949114 | 8 | 0.024 | 0.012 | 58.297 | 49.457 | 3412 | 2387 |
| 2018 | 83.463 | 152.342 | 56.096 | 3787768868 | 4403748868 | 3171788868 |  | 0.025 | 0.011 | 64.605 | 56.096 | 2125 | 1627 |
| 2019 |  |  |  | 4113421560 | 4786151560 | 34406915u |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

* Removals are calculated as landings plus dead discards, assuming a 30\% survival rate for di cards


## Sources and references

Charuau, A., Morizur, Y., and Rivoalen, J. J. 1982. Survie des rejets de Nephrops norvegicus dans le Golfe de Gascogne et en Mer Celtique (Survival of discarded Nephrops norvegicus in the Bay of Biscay and in the Celtic Sea). ICES CM 1982/B:13. 6 pp .
EU. 2015. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/2439 of 12 October 2015 establishing a disca ${ }^{1}$ nl-h $\dagger$ certain demersal fisheries in south-western waters. Official Journal of the European 'nion, 126:36-41. http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg del/2015/2439/oj.
EU. 2019. Regulation (EU) 2019/472 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 1 crin 2019 establishing a multiannual plan for stocks fished in the Western Waters and adjacent waters, and for fish ries $\mathrm{ex}_{\text {, }}$ 'oiting those stocks, amending Regulations (EU) 2016/1139 and (EU) 2018/973, and repealing Council Regul $1{ }^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ C) N 811/2004, (EC) No 2166/2005, (EC) No 388/2006, (EC) No 509/2007 and (EC) No 1300/2008. Official Jour al of he European Union, L 83: 117. http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/472/oj.

ICES. 2017. Report of the Benchmark Workshop on Nephrops Stocks (WKNEP), 24-2. October 2016, ICES CM 2016/ACOM:38. 221 pp. https://doi.org/10.17895/ices.pub. 5334.
ICES. 2018. Advice basis. In Report of the ICES Advisory Committee, 2 18. TS Advice 2018, Book 1, Section 1.2. https://doi.org/10.17895/ices.pub. 4503.

ICES. 2019. Working Group for the Bay of Biscay and the Iberian Waters roregion (WGBIE). ICES Scientific Reports, 1:31. 692 pp. http://doi.org/10.17895/ices.pub. 5299 .

Méhault, S., Morandeau, F., and Kopp, D. 2016. Survival of discarded Nep ops orvegicus after trawling in the Bay of Biscay. Fisheries Research, 183: 396-400. https://doi.org/10.1016/i.fishre .20.607.011.
Mérillet, L., Méhault, S., Rimaud, T., Piton, C., Morandeau, Mc in h., and Kopp, D. 2018. Survivability of discarded Norway lobster in the bottom trawl fishery of the Bay of Biscay. Fisheries Research, 198: 24-30. https://doi.org/10.1016/i.fishres.2017.10.019.

STECF. 2017. Scientific, Technical and Economic Comr itte for Fisheries - 55th Plenary Meeting Report (Plen-17-02). Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg, L VR 28359 EN. 125 pp. https://doi.org/10.2760/53335.

[^1]
[^0]:    ICES Advice 2020

[^1]:    Recommerrded citation: ICES. 2019. Norway lobster (Nephrops norvegicus) in divisions 8.a and 8.b, functional units 2324 (northern and central Bay of Biscay). In Report of the ICES Advisory Committee, 2019. ICES Advice 2019, nep.fu. 2324. https://doi.org/10.17895/ices.advice. 4767.

