## Anchovy (Engraulis encrasicolus) in Subarea 8 (Bay of Biscay)

## ICES advice on fishing opportunities

ICES advises that when the EU management strategy is applied, catches in 2021 should be no more than 33000 tonnes.

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 Anchovy in Subarea 8. Summary of the stock assessment. Trends in catch (the 2020 lighter blue bar is a preliminary estimation), recruitment (age 1 biomass, estimated on January 1), harvest rate (catch/SSB), and spawning-stock biomass (estimated in mid-May).

## Stock and exploitation status

Table $1 \quad$ Anchovy in Subarea 8. State of the stock and fishery relative to reference points.

|  | Fishing pressure |  |  |  |  | Stock size |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2018 | 2019 |  | 2020 |  | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| Maximum sustainable yield | $\mathrm{F}_{\text {MSY }}$ | $?$ | ? | ? | Undefined | MSY <br> $B_{\text {trigger }}$ |  | $?$ | ? Undefined |
| Precautionary approach | $\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{pa}} \mathrm{F}_{\text {lim }}$ |  | ? |  | Undefined | $\mathrm{Bl}_{\text {lim }}$ |  | $\checkmark$ | ( Above Blim |
| Management plan | $\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{MGT}}$ | - | - | - | Not applicable | $\mathrm{B}_{\text {MGT }}$ |  | $\checkmark$ | Above lower management trigger point |

## Catch scenarios

Table 2 Anchovy in Subarea 8. Basis for the catch scenarios.

| Variable | Value |  | Notes | Source |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| HR (2020) | 0.149 | Harvest rate estimate from the stock assessment. | ICES <br> $(2020)$ |  |
| SSB (2020) | 174428 | SSB estimate (in mid-May) from the stock assessment (tonnes). |  |  |
| Rage1 (2021) | 53601 | Recruitment estimate (on 1 January, from the stock assessment, in tonnes of biomass). | ICES <br> $(2020)$ |  |
| Catch (2020) | 25935 | Catches to the end of October (25232 t) plus assumed catches for November and <br> December) based on the average percentage in 2010-2019 (2.7\%). Preliminary value, <br> used as input in the stock assessment (tonnes). | ICES <br> (2020) |  |
| Discards (2020) | Negligible | Discarding is considered negligible. | ICES |  |
| $(2020)$ |  |  |  |  |

Table 3 Anchovy in Subarea 8. Annual catch scenarios. All weights are in tonnes.

| Basis | Total catch (2021) | ```Probability of SSB* < Blim based on stochastic short-term forecast (2021)``` | SSB* (2021) | HR** (2021) | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { \% SSB } \\ \text { change } \\ * * * \end{gathered}$ | \% TAC change ${ }^{\wedge}$ | \% advice change ^^ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ICES advice basis |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Harvest control rule in the management strategy | 33000 | < 0.001 | 118900 | 0.28 | -32 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| Other scenarios |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| HR (2021) $=0$ | 0 | < 0.001 | 132368 | 0.00 | -24 | -100 | -100 |
| HR (2021) = HR (2020) | 18562 | < 0.001 | 124840 | 0.149 | -28 | -42 | -42 |
| Catch (2021) = 10000 | 10000 | < 0.001 | 128327 | 0.078 | -26 | -69 | -69 |
| Catch (2021) = 20000 | 20000 | < 0.001 | 124251 | 0.161 | -29 | -37 | -37 |
| Catch (2021) $=30000$ | 30000 | < 0.001 | 120141 | 0.25 | -31 | -6 | -6 |
| Catch (2021) $=40000$ | 40000 | < 0.001 | 115991 | 0.35 | -34 | 25 | 25 |
| Catch (2021) $=50000$ | 50000 | < 0.001 | 111803 | 0.45 | -36 | 57 | 57 |

* SSB corresponds to mid-May estimate, with $60 \%$ of the catch assumed to be taken in the first six months of the year.
** Harvest rate (HR) is calculated as catch/SSB.
*** SSB (2021) relative to SSB (2020).
$\wedge$ Catch (2021) relative to the 2020 TAC (31 892 t).
^^ Advice for 2021 relative to advice for $2020(31892 \mathrm{t})$.


## Quality of the assessment

Due to the Covid-19 disruption, the PELGAS acoustic survey was not carried out in 2020. Along with the BIOMAN Daily Egg Production Method (DEPM) survey, this is one of the spring surveys that provides estimates of total biomass and age structure in the stock assessment model. The stock annex was applied as in previous years, except without the PELGAS 2020 data. The lack of PELGAS data is expected to have an impact on the assessment results, but the exact extent of this impact cannot be quantified. A sensitivity analysis was conducted in which the stock assessments for the last three years were repeated with the removal of the terminal year's indices from PELGAS. This showed larger uncertainty in estimates for all three years. The maximum absolute change for R, SSB, and HR was up to $2 \%, 3 \%$, and $10 \%$ in the 2017, 2018, and 2019 assessments respectively. However, the impact of this uncertainty on advised catches for 2021 is considered to be minimal because the management plan has a cap on advised catches when biomass is high, as is currently the case.

The current assessment has resulted in an upwards revision of the 2020 recruitment (age 1) estimate (Figure 2). In 2019 the JUVENA survey could not cover the whole distribution, and the recruitment for 2020 was considered to be slightly underestimated. The 2020 biomass estimate from the DEPM survey is the highest of the time-series ( 334300 t ), well above the next highest value ( 223200 t ) observed in 2019. Seventy-six percent of the total biomass in BIOMAN 2020 corresponds to age 1 .


Figure 2 Anchovy in Subarea 8. Historical assessment results.

## Issues relevant for the advice

The SSB in 2020 is estimated to be $44 \%$ larger than that in 2019. The advised catch for 2021, however, is only $3.5 \%$ larger than the advised catch for 2020 because it corresponds to the maximum TAC level allowed in the management strategy.

Some French catches are usually taken in Subarea 7, near the border to Subarea 8 (ICES rectangles 25E4 and 25E5), and are considered to belong to the same stock and fishery. These catches typically represent less than $2 \%$ of the total stock catches and should be taken into consideration in managing the fishery.

## History of the advice, catch, and management

Table 4 Anchovy in Subarea 8. ICES advice and official landings. All weights are in tonnes. Official catches for the management year (1 July to 30 June of the following year) are not available for 2010-2015.

| Year | ICES advice | Catch corresponding to advice | Agreed TAC | Official catch | ICES catch \#\# |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1987 | Not assessed | - | 32000 | 14188 | 15308 |
| 1988 | Not assessed | - | 32000 | 14045 | 15581 |
| 1989 | Increase SSB; TAC | 10000* | 32000 | 5898 | 10614 |
| 1990 | Precautionary TAC | 12300 | 30000 | 22053 | 34272 |
| 1991 | Precautionary TAC | 14000 | 30000 | 11581 | 19634 |
| 1992 | No advice | - | 30000 | 25370 | 37885 |
| 1993 | Reduced F on juveniles; closed area | - | 30000 | 29266 | 40393 |
| 1994 | Reduced F on juveniles; closed area | - | 30000 | 28474 | 34631 |
| 1995 | Reduced F on juveniles; closed area | - | 33000 | 28626 | 30115 |
| 1996 | Reduced F on juveniles; closed area | - | 33000 | 25452 | 34373 |
| 1997 | Reduced F on juveniles; closed area | - | 33000 | 18179 | 22337 |
| 1998 | Reduced F on juveniles; closed area | - | 33000 | 27026 | 31617 |
| 1999 | Reduced F on juveniles, closed area | - | 33000 | 15757 | 27259 |
| 2000 | Closure of the fishery | 0 | 33000 | 34567 | 36994 |
| 2001 | Preliminary TAC at recent exploitation | 18000 | 33000 | 37086 | 40149 |
| 2002 | Preliminary TAC at recent exploitation | 33000 | 33000 | 19118 | 17507 |
| 2003 | Preliminary TAC at recent exploitation | 12500 | 33000 | 9964 | 10595 |
| 2004 | Preliminary TAC at recent exploitation | 11000 | 33000 | 15528 | 16361 |
| 2005 | Rebuilding SSB | 5000 | 30000 | 1086 | 1128 |
| 2006 | Closure of the fishery | 0 | 5000 | 1807 | 1753 |
| 2007 | Closure of the fishery | 0 | 0 | 141 | 141** |
| 2008 | Closure of the fishery | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2009 | Closure of the fishery | 0 | 0 | 190 | 0 |
| 2010 | Closure of the fishery | 0 | 7000 | - | 6111*** |
| 2010/2011^ | See scenarios | - | 15600 | - | 15120 |
| 2011/2012^ | Risk of SSB falling below $\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{lim}}<5 \%$ | < 47000 | 29700 | - | 12217 |
| 2012/2013^ | Risk of SSB falling below $\mathrm{Bl}_{\text {lim }}<5 \%$ | < 28000 | 20700 | - | 16737 |
| 2013/2014^ | Risk of SSB falling below $\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{lim}}<5 \%$ | < 18000 | 17100 | - | 17551 |
| 2014/2015^ | Risk of SSB falling below $\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{lim}}<5 \%$ | < 23000 | 20100 | - | 5832^^ |
| 2015 | Management plan | <25000 | 25000 | 27562 | 28258 |
| 2016 | Management plan | $\leq 25000$ | 33000\# | 20225 | 20670 |
| 2017 | Management strategy | $\leq 33000$ | 33000 | 25470 | 26450 |
| 2018 | Management strategy | $\leq 33000$ | 33000 | 30756 | 30773 |
| 2019 | Management strategy | $\leq 33000$ | 33000 | 26857 | 26857 |
| 2020 | Management strategy | $\leq 31892$ | 31892 |  | $25935^{\wedge \wedge \wedge}$ |
| 2021 | Management strategy | $\leq 33000$ |  |  |  |

* Mean catch 1985-1987.
** Experimental fisheries.
*** Catch from January 2010 to June 2010.
^ From 2011 to 2014 the advice, TAC, and landings are valid from 1 July to 30 June the following year.
$\wedge \wedge$ Catch restricted to the last six months of the year of 2014, due to a change in the management calendar.
$\wedge \wedge \wedge$ Provisional catch in 2020.
\# Initial TAC was set to 25000 t; in June 2016 it was raised to 33000 t.
\#\# Includes catches from ICES rectangles 25E4 and 25E5 in Subarea 7, starting in 2010.


## Summary of the assessment

Table 5 Anchovy in Subarea 8. Assessment summary. Recruitment, SSB, and catches are in tonnes. High and low refer to 90\% confidence limits.

| Year | Recruitment |  |  | SSB |  |  | Total catches | Harvest rate |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | R (age 1) | High | Low | SSB | High | Low |  | (Ages 2+) | High | Low |
| 1987 | 15953 | 21336 | 12070 | 20890 | 27277 | 15799 | 15308 | 0.69 | 0.91 | 0.53 |
| 1988 | 31069 | 38025 | 25742 | 28883 | 36031 | 23645 | 15581 | 0.50 | 0.61 | 0.40 |
| 1989 | 9155 | 12967 | 6514 | 15492 | 21623 | 10951 | 10614 | 0.53 | 0.75 | 0.38 |
| 1990 | 67952 | 78879 | 59002 | 53711 | 63752 | 45920 | 34272 | 0.63 | 0.73 | 0.53 |
| 1991 | 23409 | 30991 | 17702 | 30197 | 40042 | 22564 | 19634 | 0.60 | 0.80 | 0.45 |
| 1992 | 86961 | 111393 | 69108 | 71862 | 95247 | 54573 | 37885 | 0.52 | 0.68 | 0.39 |
| 1993 | 64687 | 80019 | 50700 | 73205 | 87770 | 60498 | 40393 | 0.54 | 0.65 | 0.45 |
| 1994 | 41032 | 51022 | 32986 | 47513 | 58937 | 38373 | 34631 | 0.71 | 0.88 | 0.57 |
| 1995 | 45430 | 59530 | 34268 | 40301 | 55044 | 28826 | 30115 | 0.72 | 1.01 | 0.53 |
| 1996 | 50481 | 62617 | 40361 | 46913 | 58097 | 38407 | 34373 | 0.70 | 0.86 | 0.57 |
| 1997 | 39547 | 52248 | 30446 | 44533 | 59203 | 34174 | 22337 | 0.46 | 0.60 | 0.35 |
| 1998 | 90506 | 117546 | 69525 | 89921 | 117056 | 68852 | 31617 | 0.35 | 0.46 | 0.27 |
| 1999 | 44815 | 64115 | 30269 | 67639 | 88308 | 51077 | 27259 | 0.38 | 0.51 | 0.29 |
| 2000 | 90750 | 110612 | 73595 | 92431 | 111583 | 75607 | 36994 | 0.40 | 0.49 | 0.33 |
| 2001 | 74259 | 88482 | 62280 | 90363 | 105210 | 78169 | 40149 | 0.44 | 0.51 | 0.38 |
| 2002 | 13120 | 18254 | 9318 | 38628 | 47453 | 31919 | 17507 | 0.45 | 0.55 | 0.37 |
| 2003 | 19670 | 24925 | 15532 | 27430 | 33916 | 22306 | 10595 | 0.38 | 0.47 | 0.31 |
| 2004 | 30286 | 37943 | 24542 | 30661 | 39072 | 24604 | 16361 | 0.53 | 0.66 | 0.41 |
| 2005 | 4225 | 6315 | 2745 | 14417 | 19748 | 10402 | 1128 | 0.078 | 0.108 | 0.057 |
| 2006 | 16221 | 22018 | 11724 | 19781 | 26412 | 14679 | 1753 | 0.089 | 0.119 | 0.066 |
| 2007 | 21472 | 29336 | 15582 | 29775 | 39036 | 22626 | 0 | 0.0047 | 0.0062 | 0.0036 |
| 2008 | 9141 | 13129 | 6281 | 23806 | 30768 | 18340 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2009 | 9993 | 14151 | 6939 | 19916 | 25604 | 15365 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2010 | 47647 | 62250 | 36309 | 48541 | 62489 | 37480 | 10317 | 0.21 | 0.27 | 0.161 |
| 2011 | 111700 | 141830 | 88069 | 117841 | 147008 | 94124 | 14530 | 0.123 | 0.154 | 0.099 |
| 2012 | 45706 | 60227 | 34692 | 97697 | 120845 | 78915 | 14402 | 0.147 | 0.182 | 0.119 |
| 2013 | 38403 | 50831 | 28982 | 68919 | 86340 | 54598 | 14192 | 0.20 | 0.26 | 0.163 |
| 2014 | 73143 | 95928 | 55943 | 86898 | 110537 | 67893 | 20126 | 0.22 | 0.29 | 0.177 |
| 2015 | 114105 | 146694 | 89894 | 131727 | 165676 | 106353 | 28258 | 0.21 | 0.27 | 0.171 |
| 2016 | 53732 | 71684 | 40521 | 101320 | 129057 | 80549 | 20670 | 0.191 | 0.24 | 0.150 |
| 2017 | 70145 | 92044 | 53446 | 92245 | 119551 | 71770 | 26450 | 0.28 | 0.36 | 0.22 |
| 2018 | 118109 | 155944 | 89457 | 132518 | 174805 | 100863 | 30773 | 0.23 | 0.30 | 0.176 |
| 2019 | 78828 | 112811 | 54796 | 121352 | 167789 | 86321 | 26857 | 0.22 | 0.31 | 0.160 |
| 2020 | 142008 | 235452 | 83314 | 174428 | 274687 | 108729 | 25935* | 0.149 | 0.24 | 0.094 |
| 2021 | 53601 | 129484 | 22061 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

*Preliminary estimate.

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## Annex 1

ICES Advice on fishing opportunities, catch, and effort
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## Anchovy (Engraulis encrasicolus) in Subarea 8 (Bay of Biscay)

## ICES advice on fishing opportunities

ICES advises that when the EU management strategy is applied, catches in 2020 should be no more than 31892 tonnes.

## Stock development over time

The spawning-stock biomass (SSB) has been above Blim since 2010, and the year 2019 is assess $d$ a the highest in the historical series. Recruitment has been mostly above the long-term average since 2010 po is estimaved to be below average in 2020. Harvest rates have been below the long-term average since the reopenin of the shery in 2010.


Figure 1 Anchovy in Subarea 8. Sum nary the stock assessment. Trends in catch (preliminary value not shaded), recruitment (age 1 biomass, January 1), arvest ate (catch / SSB; in 2019 it is preliminary), and spawning-stock biomass (mid-May). $90 \%$ confidence limits are indio ed for recruitment, harvest rate, and SSB.

## Stock and exploitation status

ICES assesses that the spaw ing-strck size is above Blim. The reference points $\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{pa}}$ and MSY $\mathrm{B}_{\text {trigger }}$ have not been defined for this stock. In addition, fore renc points have been defined for fishing pressure.

Table 1 Anchovy Subarea 8. State of the stock and fishery relative to reference points.


## Catch scenarios

Table 2 Anchovy in Subarea 8. Basis for the catch scenarios.

| Variable | Value | Notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HR (2019) | 0.184 | Harvest rate estimate from the stock assessment. |
| SSB (2019) | 144834 tonnes | SSB (mid-May) estimate from the stock assessment. |
| $\mathrm{R}_{\text {age } 1}$ (2020) | 33706 tonnes | Recruitment estimate from the stock assessment (on 1 Jan ary, ir is omass). |
| Catch (2019) | 26622 tonnes | Preliminary value, used as input in the stock assessment. Tho er and December catches were assumed to be $3.3 \%$ of the an $\boldsymbol{q}^{2}$ catche, average percentage in 2010-2017). |
| Discards (2019) | Negligible | Discarding is considered negligible. |

Table 3 Anchovy in Subarea 8. Annual catch scenarios. All weights are in tonnes.

| Basis | Total catch (2020) | Probability of SSB < $\mathrm{B}_{\text {lim }}$ * (2020) based on stochastic short-term forecast | SSB * (2020) | HR ** (20. $)^{\text {) }}$ |  | \% TAC change ${ }^{\wedge}$ | \% Advice change ^^ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ICES advice basis |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Harvest control rule in the management strategy | 31892 | < 0.001 | 86229 | 0.3 | -40 | -3.4 | -3.4 |
| Other scenarios |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $H R(2020)=0$ | 0 | $<0.001$ | 95.4 | 0 | -31 | -100 | -100 |
| HR(2020) $=\mathrm{HR}(2019)$ | 17230 | < 0.001 | 923 | 0.184 | -36 | -49 | -49 |
| Catch (2020) = 10000 | 10000 | < 0.001 | 9521 | 0.105 | -34 | -70 | -70 |
| Catch (2020) $=20000$ | 20000 | < 0.001 | 0114. | 0.22 | -37 | -39 | -39 |
| Catch (2020) $=30000$ | 30000 | < 0.001 | 803 | 0.35 | -40 | -9.1 | -9.1 |
| Catch (2020) $=40000$ | 40000 | < 0.001 | 8283 | 0.48 | -43 | 21 | 21 |
| Catch (2020) = 50000 | 50000 | $<0.001$ | - 18608 | 0.64 | -46 | 52 | 52 |

* The SSB corresponds to mid-May, with $60 \%$ of the catch assume to be $t$ men in the first six months of the year.
** Harvest rate (HR) is calculated as Catch/SSB.
*** SSB (2020) relative to SSB (2019).
$\wedge$ Catch (2020) relative to the 2019 TAC ( 33000 t).
^^ Advice for 2020 relative to advice for $2019(33000 \mathrm{t})$.
The advice for 2020 is lower than the advice for 019, because of an expected lower SSB in 2020.


## Basis of the advice

Table 4 Anchovy in Subarea 8. The asis 0 the advice.

| Advice basis | EU Management strateg, |
| :---: | :---: |
| Management plan | A set of harvent control rules for a management calendar year from January to December was evaluated by STECF (2013 20 4) The European Commission requested that ICES provide its advice in 2015 according to one of these rule and ccording to a different one since 2016. ICES has reviewed the harvest control rule selected in 2016 and concruded that it is precautionary (Annex 9 in ICES, 2016). The harvest control rule upon which the gurren advice $s$ based sets the TAC from January to December as: $T A C_{y+1}=\left\{\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ -2600+\begin{array}{c} 0.40 \\ 33000 \end{array} \cdot \widehat{S S B}_{y+1} \end{array}\right\} \quad \begin{aligned} & \text { if } \widehat{S S B}_{y+1} \leq 24000 \\ & \text { if } 24000<\widehat{S S B}_{y+1} \leq 89000 \\ & \text { if } \widehat{S S B}_{y+1}>89000 \end{aligned}$ <br> where SSB $_{y+1}$ is the expected spawning-stock biomass in mid-May year $\mathrm{y}+1$. |

## Quality of the assessment

The current assessment results align well, in general, with the observed trend in the surveys. Due to bad weather conditions the JUVENA 2019 survey could not cover the whole distribution area, and the 2019 juvenile biomass index may be slightly underestimated. In previous years, the part of the survey that was missed in 2019 accounted on average for about 10\% of the estimated juvenile survey biomass. This leads to a possible slight underestimation of the 2020 SSP

The catch data for 2019 are preliminary. Preliminary catch statistics were available from January to Octoder. he catches in November and December were assumed to be $3.3 \%$ of the total annual catch (based on the aver guroportion observed since the reopening of the fishery, 2010-2017). Age-structured catches in the first six months of they weare also preliminary. The harvest rate estimate for 2019, therefore, is also preliminary.

Some French catches are usually taken in Subarea 7, near the border to Subarea 8 (If corand 25E4 and 25E5), and are considered to belong to the same stock and fishery. These catches have, therefo $3, \mathrm{be} \mathrm{n}$ included in the assessment and typically represent less than $2 \%$ of the total stock catches.


Figure 2 Anchovy in Subarea 8. Historical assessment $r$ sults. Horizontal line refers to $\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{lim}}$.

## Issues relevant for the advice

SSB in 2020 is estimated to be $39 \%$ lower the thatm 2019. The advised catch for 2020, however, is only $3 \%$ lower than the advised catch for 2019. This happened heca ce in 2019, despite the high SSB, the advised catches were capped at the highest level allowed under the manage ent rategy.

Reference points
Table 5 Anchovy in Subar 8 Re rence points, values, and their technical basis.

| Framework | Reference point | Value | Technical basis | Source |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MSY approach | MS. $\mathrm{B}_{\text {tr }}$ | Not defined |  |  |
|  |  | Not defined |  |  |
| Precautionary approach |  | 21000 t | $\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{lim}}$ : mean of SSB estimates in the two years 1987 and 2009, the minimum estimated biomass that produced substantial recruitment (Annex 8 in ICES, 2013). | ICES (2013) |
|  |  | Not defined |  |  |
|  |  | Not defined |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{pa}}$ | Not defined |  |  |
| Managemen plan | SSB ${ }_{\text {mgt }}$ | 24000 t (lower trigger) 89000 t (upper trigger) | TAC set to zero if SSB below the lower trigger, and to 33000 t if SSB is above the upper trigger. The harvest control rule results in $5 \%$ probability of $S S B<B_{\text {lim }}$ in the long term. | STECF (2014) |
|  | $\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{mgt}}$ | Not defined |  |  |

## Basis of the assessment

Table 6 Anchovy in Subarea 8. Basis of the assessment and advice.

| ICES stock data category | 1 (ICES, 2018). |
| :--- | :--- |
| Assessment type | Two-stage Bayesian biomass dynamic model (CBBM) assessment that uses catches in the model and in <br> the forecast (ICES, 2019). |
| Input data | Commercial catches (international landings, ages and length frequencies from catc samp <br> surveys (BIOMAN (1987-2019), PELGAS (1989-2019), JUVENA (2003-3019)); annual , three <br> DEPM survey (BIOMAN) and natural mortalities derived from spring surveys. |
| Discards and bycatch | Discarding and bycatch are considered negligible. |
| Indicators | None. |
| Other information | The assessment was benchmarked in 2013 (WKPELA; ICES, 2013). |
| Working group | Working Group on Southern Horse Mackerel, Anchovy and Sardine (WG) NSA) |

Information from stakeholders
There is no available information.

## History of the advice, catch, and management

Table 7 Anchovy in Subarea 8. ICES advice and official landings. All weights are irmpnes. Official catches (shown as "-") have not been provided for the management year.

| Year | ICES advice | Catch correspondi g to advice | d TAC | Official catch | ICES catch \#\# |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1987 | Not assessed |  | 32000 | 14188 | 15308 |
| 1988 | Not assessed |  | 32000 | 14045 | 15581 |
| 1989 | Increase SSB; TAC | 1. | 32000 | 5898 | 10614 |
| 1990 | Precautionary TAC | - 2300 | 30000 | 22053 | 34272 |
| 1991 | Precautionary TAC | $\checkmark \quad 4000$ | 30000 | 11581 | 19634 |
| 1992 | No advice | - | 30000 | 25370 | 37885 |
| 1993 | Reduced F on juveniles; closed area | - | 30000 | 29266 | 40393 |
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| 1998 | Reduced F on juveniles; closed an | - | 33000 | 27026 | 31617 |
| 1999 | Reduced F on juveniles, closed area | - | 33000 | 15757 | 27259 |
| 2000 | Closure of the fishery | 0 | 33000 | 34567 | 36994 |
| 2001 | Preliminary TAC at recent ex ${ }_{\text {¢ }}$ vitat ${ }^{\text {n }}$ | 18000 | 33000 | 37086 | 40149 |
| 2002 | Preliminary TAC at recent exploit ion | 33000 | 33000 | 19118 | 17507 |
| 2003 | Preliminary TAC at re $\rightarrow$ exploitation | 12500 | 33000 | 9964 | 10595 |
| 2004 | Preliminary TAC at ece te ploitation | 11000 | 33000 | 15528 | 16361 |
| 2005 | Rebuilding SSB | 5000 | 30000 | 1086 | 1128 |
| 2006 | Closure of the shery | 0 | 5000 | 1807 | 1753 |
| 2007 | Closure $f$ the shery | 0 | 0 | 141 | 141** |
| 2008 | Closure of th, fishery | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2009 | Closure of he fis, ery | 0 | 0 | 190 | 0 |
| 2010 | Closu of ti fishery | 0 | 7000 | - | 6111*** |
| 2010/2011^ | See senarios | - | 15600 | - | 15120 |
| 2011/2012^ | F sk of 2 falling below $\mathrm{Bl}_{\lim }<5 \%$ | < 47000 | 29700 | - | 12217 |
| 2012/2013^ | $R_{\text {a }}$, of $S$ B falling below $B_{l i m}<5 \%$ | <28000 | 20700 | - | 16737 |
| 2013/2 | Disk of SSB falling below $\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{lim}}<5 \%$ | < 18000 | 17100 | - | 17551 |
| 2014/20 ${ }^{\wedge}$ | Risk of SSB falling below $\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{lim}}<5 \%$ | <23000 | 20100 | - | 5832^^ |


*** Catch from January 2010 to June 2010.
^ From 2011 to 2014 the advice, TAC, and landings are valid from 1 July to 30 June the following year
$\wedge \wedge$ Catch restricted to the last six months of the year of 2014, due to a change in the management cal dar.
$\wedge \wedge \wedge$ Provisional catch in 2019.
\# The initial TAC was set to 25000 t ; in June 2016 it was raised to 33000 t .
\#\# Includes catches from the ICES rectangles 25E4 and 25E5 in Subarea 7, starting in 2010.


## History of the catch and landings

Table 8 Anchovy in Subarea 8. Catch distribution by fleet in 2018 as estimated by SES.

| Catch (2018) | Landings |  | Discards |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30773 tonnes | Purse-seiner 97\%* | 93 tonic trawler 3\% |  |
|  | 30680 tonnes |  |  |

* Including 15 tonnes not landed, but used as live bait by the tuna fishing fleet

Table 9 Anchovy in Subarea 8. History of commercial catch id ings; both the official and ICES estimated values are

|  | Year | Official ca crin | ICES catch*** |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1960 | $\triangle \quad 809+7$ | 58085 |
|  | 1961 | $\bigcirc$ | 75494 |
|  | 1962 | - 65295 | 59123 |
|  | 1963 | 51956 | 48652 |
|  | 1964 | - 80381 | 76973 |
|  | 1965 | 85296 | 83615 |
|  | 1966 | 48909 | 48358 |
|  | 1967 | 41460 | 41175 |
|  | 1968 | 38429 | 39619 |
|  | 1969 | 33098 | 36083 |
|  | 1970 | 23637 | 23485 |
|  | 1971 | 29086 | 28612 |
|  | 1070 | 32927 | 33067 |
|  | 97 | 28196 | 28009 |
|  | , 4 | 31312 | 31117 |
|  | 1975 | 26426 | 26302 |
| - | 196 | 36166 | 37261 |
|  | +977 | 48319 | 48191 |
|  | 1978 | 45367 | 45219 |
|  | 1979 | 22673 | 26349 |
|  | 1980 | 22256 | 22102 |
|  | 1981 | 10876 | 10815 |
|  | 1982 | 4712 | 4991 |
|  | 1983 | 15699 | 14153 |
|  | 1984 | 28423 | 35179 |
|  | 1985 | 10816 | 11486 |
|  | 1986 | 7698 | 7923 |
|  | 1987 | 14188 | 15308 |
|  | 1988 | 14045 | 15581 |
|  | 1989 | 5898 | 10614 |
|  | 1990 | 22053 | 34272 |


| Year | Official catch | ICES catch*** |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1991 | 11581 | 19634 |
| 1992 | 25370 | 37885 |
| 1993 | 29266 | 40393 |
| 1994 | 28474 | 34631 |
| 1995 | 28626 | 30115 |
| 1996 | 25452 | 34373 |
| 1997 | 18179 | 22337 |
| 1998 | 27026 | 31617 |
| 1999 | 15757 | 27259 |
| 2000 | 34567 | 35 |
| 2001 | 37086 | 4149 |
| 2002 | 19118 | 1) 77 |
| 2003 | 9964 | - 1595 |
| 2004 | 15528 | - 1361 |
| 2005 | 1086 | 175 |
| 2006 | 1807 | 1.53 |
| 2007** | 141 | 141 |
| 2008 | 0 | 0 |
| 2009 | 190 | 0 |
| 2010 | 10665 | 10317 |
| 2011 | 14369 | 14530 |
| 2012 | 16636 | 14402 |
| 2013 | 14366 | 14192 |
| 2014 | 20611 | 20126 |
| 2015 | 2567 | 28258 |
| 2016 | 205 | 20670 |
| 2017 | - -470 | 26450 |
| 2018 | 30\% | 30773 |
| 2019 |  | 26622* |

* Preliminary estimate.
** Experimental fisheries.
*** Includes catches from the ICES To gles 25E4 and 25 E5 in Subarea 7, starting in 2010.



## Summary of the assessment

## Table 10

Anchovy in Subarea 8. Assessment summary. Weights are in tonnes. High and low refer to $90 \%$ confidence limits.

| Year | Recruitment (Age 1) | High | Low | SSB | High | Low | Total catches | $\begin{gathered} \text { Harvest } \\ \text { rate } \\ \text { (Ages } 2+\text { ) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | High | Low |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | tonnes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1987 | 16055 | 21452 | 12045 | 21047 | 27458 | 16032 | 15308 |  | 0 | 0.52 |
| 1988 | 30900 | 38056 | 25730 | 29048 | 36312 | 23808 | 15581 | 0.50 | . 61 | 0.40 |
| 1989 | 9192 | 12951 | 6586 | 15762 | 22053 | 11171 | 10614 |  | $\mathrm{Cl}^{1}$ | 0.37 |
| 1990 | 67208 | 78549 | 58629 | 53542 | 63866 | 46060 | 34272 | 0.33 | 0.73 | 0.53 |
| 1991 | 22898 | 30450 | 17468 | 30041 | 39911 | 22732 | 19634 | ค.60 | 0.80 | 0.45 |
| 1992 | 86754 | 109965 | 68761 | 72089 | 93511 | 54683 | 37885 | 0. | 0.68 | 0.40 |
| 1993 | 63569 | 78532 | 50315 | 72865 | 87773 | 60794 | 40393 | 0.54 | 0.65 | 0.45 |
| 1994 | 41035 | 50989 | 32907 | 47655 | 59360 | 38533 | 347 | U.. | 0.87 | 0.57 |
| 1995 | 45327 | 59494 | 34237 | 40797 | 55908 | 29190 | 30, 5 | 0.71 | 1.00 | 0.52 |
| 1996 | 49943 | 61865 | 39860 | 47179 | 58336 | 38770 | 34373 | 0.70 | 0.85 | 0.56 |
| 1997 | 39442 | 51428 | 30510 | 45007 | 58792 | 34698 | 22337 | 0.45 | 0.59 | 0.35 |
| 1998 | 90893 | 118123 | 70367 | 90773 | 117921 | 70156 | $\bigcirc 17$ | 0.35 | 0.45 | 0.27 |
| 1999 | 43812 | 62030 | 29839 | 68202 | 88184 | 51921 | 2725 | 0.38 | 0.50 | 0.29 |
| 2000 | 89002 | 108560 | 72228 | 91606 | 110418 | 75477 | -994 | 0.40 | 0.49 | 0.33 |
| 2001 | 73425 | 87331 | 61603 | 89961 | 104638 | 77956 | 40149 | 0.45 | 0.51 | 0.38 |
| 2002 | 13132 | 18484 | 9444 | 38870 | 47598 | 2105 | 17507 | 0.45 | 0.54 | 0.37 |
| 2003 | 19343 | 24513 | 15288 | 27489 | 33915 | $2 \angle 41$ | 10595 | 0.38 | 0.47 | 0.31 |
| 2004 | 29925 | 37376 | 24340 | 30549 | 38532 | 2448 | 16361 | 0.53 | 0.66 | 0.42 |
| 2005 | 3896 | 5773 | 2547 | 14169 | 19323 | - 3 | 1128 | 0.080 | 0.109 | 0.058 |
| 2006 | 16970 | 23196 | 12417 | 20474 | 2715 | 5310 | 1753 | 0.086 | 0.115 | 0.065 |
| 2007 | 21859 | 29840 | 16014 | 30782 | $\bigcirc 18$ | 3544 | 141 | 0.0046 | 0.0060 | 0.0035 |
| 2008 | 8968 | 12785 | 6338 | 24378 | 10 | 18955 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2009 | 10076 | 14035 | 7156 | $2030^{\circ}$ | 25878 | 15753 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2010 | 46760 | 60717 | 36127 | 48206 | 6 | 37511 | 10317 | 0.21 | 0.27 | 0.163 |
| 2011 | 109175 | 138430 | 86888 | 11605\% | - 317 | 93556 | 14530 | 0.125 | 0.155 | 0.100 |
| 2012 | 45263 | 59040 | 34810 | 96790 | 119491 | 79259 | 14402 | 0.148 | 0.181 | 0.120 |
| 2013 | 37695 | 49665 | 28605 | 68386 | 85833 | 54511 | 14192 | 0.21 | 0.26 | 0.164 |
| 2014 | 68844 | 89393 | 51949 | 8344 | 105626 | 64028 | 20126 | 0.23 | 0.31 | 0.185 |
| 2015 | 116494 | 149669 | 91943 | 3285 | 166825 | 106993 | 28258 | 0.21 | 0.26 | 0.169 |
| 2016 | 56581 | 75543 | 42830 | 105194 | 135311 | 83155 | 20670 | 0.183 | 0.23 | 0.143 |
| 2017 | 71719 | 94252 | 54959 | 96808 | 125701 | 74865 | 26450 | 0.27 | 0.35 | 0.21 |
| 2018 | 123661 | 164542 | 9,135 | 141030 | 185370 | 105442 | 30773 | 0.22 | 0.29 | 0.166 |
| 2019 | 98195 | 142412 | 6.720 | 144834 | 201916 | 103047 | 26622* | 0.184 | 0.26 | 0.132 |
| 2020 | 33706 | 64193 | 17344 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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