

7.3.1 Anchovy (*Engraulis encrasicolus*) in Division IXa (Atlantic Iberian Waters)

ICES stock advice

Please note: An updated version of this advice is available at ICES ([2016](#)).

ICES cannot give catch advice for 2016. This is due to the lack of available data on year classes that constitute the bulk of the biomass and catches.

Stock development over time

The biomass stock size indicator in Subdivision IXa South (where the main part of the catches are taken) is highly variable without clear trends, although it has shown an increase in the last 2 years. The biomass is variable because it is largely composed of one year old fish. The observed harvest rates on anchovy in Subdivision IXa South (10–50%) are considered low since these result in 50–90% of the potential spawning biomass being allowed to spawn. There is no information on the recruitment that will form the bulk of the catches in 2016.

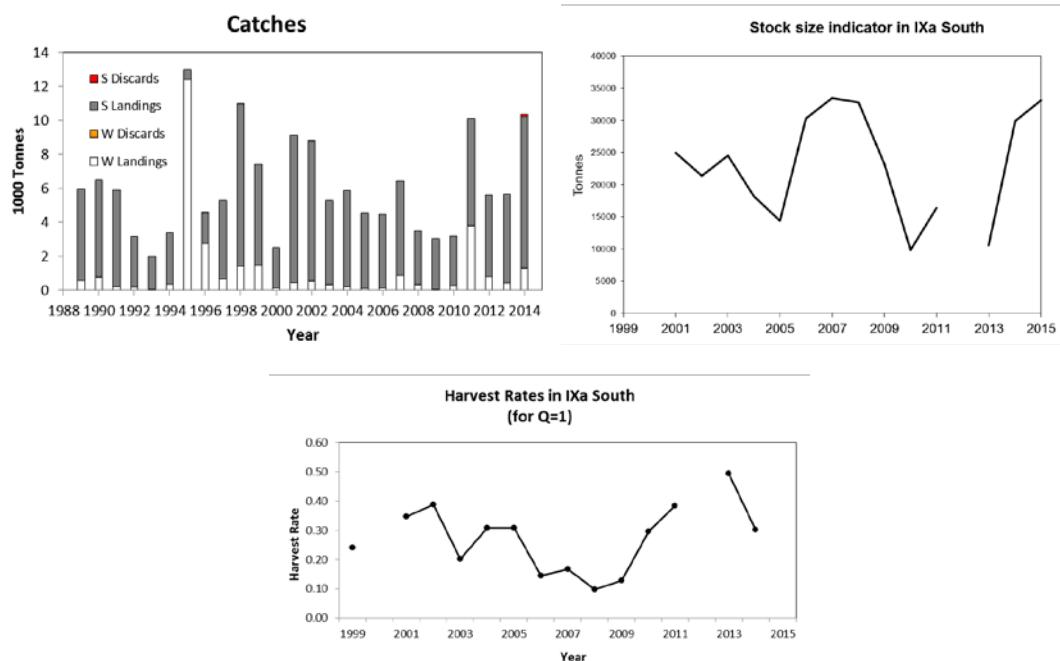


Figure 7.3.1.1 Anchovy in Division IXa. Upper left panel: catches in Division IXa (in thousand tonnes) differentiated between Western (W; Subdivisions IXa North to IXa Central–South) and Southern (S; Subdivision IXa South) areas. Upper right panel: average survey biomass estimates in Subdivision IXa South, from the PELAGO, ECOCADIZ (acoustic) and BOCADEVA (DEPM) surveys. Lower panel: average yearly harvest rates in Subdivision IXa South based on the same surveys, with the assumption of catchability equal to 1 for all surveys.

Stock and exploitation status

Table 7.3.1.1 Anchovy in Division IXa. State of the stock and fishery relative to reference points.

	Fishing pressure			Stock size		
	2012	2013	2014	2013	2014	2015
Maximum Sustainable Yield	F _{MSY}	?	?	?	?	?
Precautionary approach	F _{pa} , F _{lim}	?	?	?	?	?
Management Plan	F _{MGT}	-	-	-	-	-
Qualitative evaluation	-	?	?	?	?	?

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- Red circle with question mark: Undefined
- Green checkmark: Not applicable
- Green checkmark with circle: Below possible reference points
- Grey circle with arrow: Increasing

Catch options

No catch advice can be given for 2016 because of lack of available data for the year classes that will constitute the bulk of the biomass and catches.

Basis of the advice

Table 7.3.1.3 Anchovy in Division IXa. The basis of the advice.

Advice basis	No catch advice can be given for 2016.
Management plan	There is no management plan for anchovy in this area.

Quality of the assessment

The 2015 surveys provide information on the current state of the stock. However, the survey indices do not provide sufficient information on the incoming year classes that will constitute the bulk of the biomass and catches in 2016. The autumn acoustic survey (ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS) may give information on incoming recruits in the Gulf of Cadiz but the time-series is short so far. No survey estimates in Division IXa were available in spring-summer 2012, excepting the estimate from the Subdivision IXa North.

Issues relevant for the advice

Most of the fishery for this anchovy stock takes place in Subdivision IXa South (Figure 7.3.1.2). The fleets in the northern and western parts of Division IXa (targeting sardine) occasionally target anchovy when abundant, which occurred in 1995, 2011 and 2014. Recent studies on genetics indicate that the stock inhabiting Division IXa South (Algarve and Cadiz) is different genetically from the one inhabiting the remaining parts of Division IXa (Zarraonaindia *et al.*, 2012).

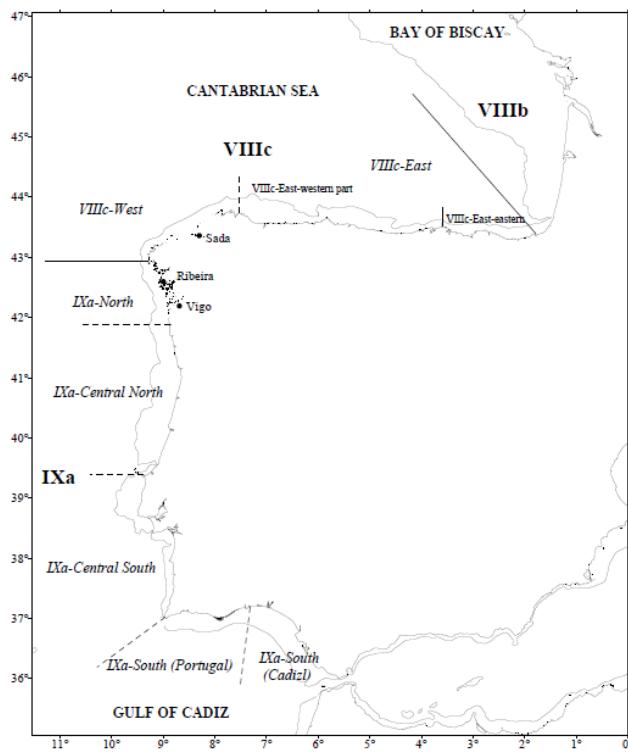


Figure 7.3.1.2 Anchovy in Division IXa. ICES Divisions and Subdivisions in Southern Europe. Note that Subdivision IXa South (which includes the European waters of the Gulf of Cadiz) is also differentiated between Portuguese and Spanish waters.

In-year advice could be based on information from the *PELAGO* and *PELACUS* spring surveys available on 1st of May, this will depend on the continued availability of time-series of data from these surveys. Advice in December for the following calendar year could be based on results from an o-group survey in the autumn.

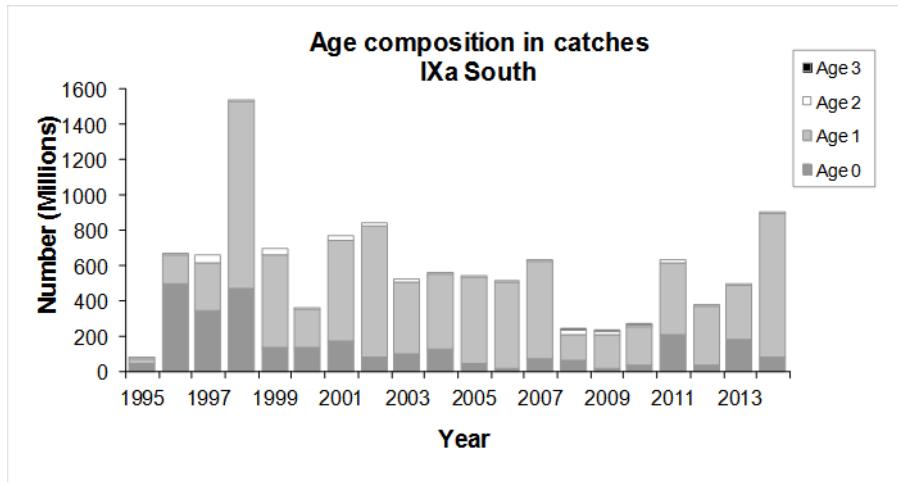


Figure 7.3.1.3 Anchovy in Subdivision IXa. Age composition in catches (in millions) in Subdivision IXa South.

The sensitivity analysis on harvest rate on anchovy in Subdivision IXa South over a range of potential survey catchabilities (0.6 to 1.6) suggests that the current harvest rate leads to levels at or below the 50% SPR which is considered a sustainable level of exploitation (Figure 7.3.1.4).

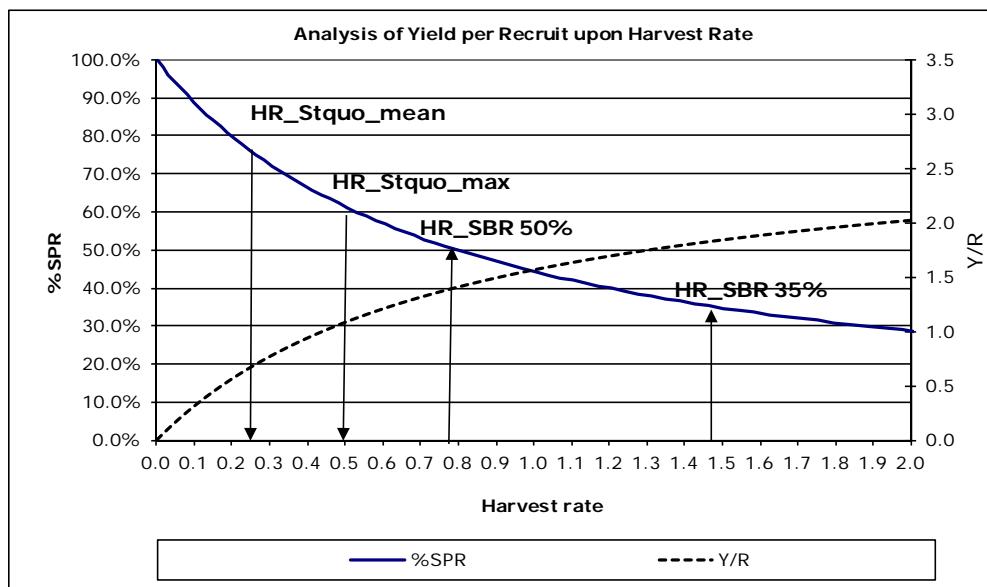


Figure 7.3.1.4 Anchovy in Subdivision IXa. Reference points for Harvest Rates (HR) corresponding to a selectivity-at-age fitted with a presumed F-at-age $1 = 1.0$.

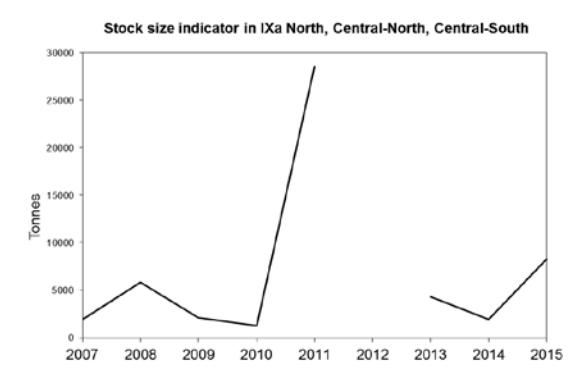


Figure 7.3.1.5 Sum of the survey biomass estimates in Subdivision IXa North, Central–North and Central–South, from the PELAGO, PELACUS (acoustic) surveys.

Reference points

No reference points are defined for this stock.

Basis of the assessment

Table 7.3.1.4 Anchovy in Division IXa. The basis of the assessment.

ICES stock data category	3 (ICES 2015a)
Assessment type	Survey based assessment without catch advice.
Input data	Commercial landings, ages and length frequencies from landing sampling. Survey indices: SAR Q2/PELAGO (Subdivision IXa South), ECOCÁDIZ (Subdivision IXa South), triennial DEPM survey BOCADEVA (Subdivision IXa South).
Discards and bycatch	Discard estimates are available for some fisheries in 2014 and are considered negligible.
Indicators	Survey indices. Acoustic spring surveys PELACUS (Subdivision IXa North), SAR Q2/PELAGO (Subdivision IXa Central–North, Central–South).
Other information	None. It is planned to be benchmarked in 2017.
Working group	Working Group on Southern Horse mackerel, Anchovy and Sardine (WGHANSA)

Information from stakeholders

There is no available information.

History of advice, catch and management

Table 7.3.1.5 Anchovy in Division IXa. History of ICES advice, the agreed TAC, and ICES estimates of landings. Weights in thousand tonnes.

Year	ICES Advice	Predicted catch/landings corresp. to advice	Agreed TAC*	Official landings	ICES landings
1987	Not assessed	-	4.6	3.9	n/a
1988	Not assessed	-	6	3.3	4.7
1989	Not assessed	-	6	4.4	6.0
1990	Not assessed	-	9	2.2	6.5
1991	Not assessed	-	9	3.5	5.9
1992	Not assessed	-	12	2.2	3.2
1993	If required, precautionary TAC	-	12	1.1	2.0
1994	If required, precautionary TAC	-	12	1.4	3.4
1995	If required, precautionary TAC	-	12	7.6	13.0
1996	If required, precautionary TAC	-	12	3.5	4.6
1997	If required, TAC at pre-95 catch level	-	12	4.0	5.3
1998	No advice		12	7.1	11.0
1999	If required, TAC at pre-95 catch level	4.6	13	6.1	7.4
2000	Fishery less than pre-95 level and develop and implement management plan	4.6	10	2.5	2.5
2001	Average catch excl. 95 and 98	4.9	10	5.2	9.1
2002	Average catch excl. 95 and 98	4.9	8	4.7	8.8
2003	Average catch excl. 95, 98, and 01	4.7	8	5.6	5.3
2004	Average catch excl. 95, 98, 01, and 02	4.7	8	6.0	5.8
2005	Average catch excl. 95, 98, 01, and 02	4.7	8	4.5	4.5
2006	Average catch excl. 95, 98, 01, and 02	4.7	8	4.0	4.5
2007	Average catch 1988–2005 excl. 95, 98, 01, 02	4.8	8	5.4	6.5
2008	Average catch 1988–2006 excl. 95, 98, 01, 02	4.8	8	2.9	3.5
2009	Same advice as last year	4.8	8	2.3	3.0
2010	Same advice as last year	4.8	8	3.2	3.2
2011	See scenarios	-	7.6	9.7	10.1
2012	Reduce catches	-	8.6	5.6	5.6
2013	Historical fishery appears sustainable	-	8.8	5.6	5.6
2014	Historical fishery appears sustainable	-	8.8	7.7	10.3
2015	No catch advice	-	9.7		
2016	No catch advice	-			

*TAC for Subareas IX and X and CECAF 34.1.1.

History of catch and landings

Table 7.3.1.6 Anchovy in Division IXa. Catch distribution by fleet in 2014 as estimated by ICES.

Total catch (2014)	ICES estimated landings	Official landings		Discards
10.332 kt	10.202 Kt	99.8% purse-seiners	0.2% other gear types	0.130 kt
		7.739 kt		

Table 7.3.1.7 Anchovy in Division IXa. History of commercial catch and landings, both official and ICES estimated values are presented by area for each country participating in the fishery. Weights in tonnes.

Year	Official landings			ICES catches								Total	TOTAL		
	Portugal	Spain	TOTAL	Portugal*				Spain**			Total	IXa S	IXa		
				Total IXa	Total IXa	IXa	IXa C-N	IXa C-S	IXa S	Total	IXa N	IXa S	Total	IXa S	IXa
1943	-	-	-	-	7121	355	2499	9975	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1944	-	-	-	-	1220	55	5376	6651	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1945	-	-	-	-	781	15	7983	8779	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1946	-	-	-	-	0	335	5515	5850	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1947	-	-	-	-	0	79	3313	3392	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1948	-	-	-	-	0	75	4863	4938	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1949	-	-	-	-	0	34	2684	2718	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1950	4145	11645	15790	31	30	3316	3377	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1951	4145	13784	17929	21	6	3567	3594	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1952	3619	13243	16862	1537	1	2877	4415	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1953	4656	17103	21759	1627	15	2710	4352	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1954	1550	16959	18509	328	18	3573	3919	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1955	5031	27290	32321	83	53	4387	4523	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1956	5574	23699	29273	12	164	7722	7898	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1957	7810	23921	31731	96	13	12501	12610	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1958	13562	28807	42369	1858	63	1109	3030	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1959	3132	22808	25940	12	1	3775	3788	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1960	6815	32992	39807	990	129	8384	9503	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1961	9890	30098	39988	1351	81	1060	2492	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1962	3557	37718	41275	542	137	3767	4446	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1963	4638	22493	27131	140	9	5565	5714	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1964	5714	27337	33051	0	0	4118	4118	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1965	7610	44581	52191	7	0	4452	4460	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1966	4461	41226	45687	23	35	4402	4460	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1967	3824	36754	40578	153	34	3631	3818	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1968	1161	14078	15239	518	5	447	970	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1969	1364	12636	14000	782	10	582	1375	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1970	1193	23127	24320	323	0	839	1162	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1971	0	91	91	257	2	67	326	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1972	0	1563	1563	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1973	126	2458	2584	6	0	120	126	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1974	437	2845	3282	113	1	124	238	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1975	372	3114	3486	8	24	340	372	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1976	88	8703	8791	32	38	18	88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1977	3261	11306	14567	3027	1	233	3261	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1978	1022	9023	10045	640	17	354	1011	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1979	790	20879	21669	194	8	453	655	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1980	994	994	1988	21	24	935	980	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1981	1370	1370	2740	426	117	435	978	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1982	699	715	1414	48	96	512	656	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1983	1015	1115	2130	283	58	332	673	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1984	461	463	924	214	94	84	392	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Year	Official landings			ICES catches									
	Portugal	Spain	TOTAL	Portugal*				Spain**			Total	TOTAL	
	Total IXa	Total IXa	IXa	IXa C-N	IXa C-S	IXa S	Total	IXa N	IXa S	Total	IXa S	IXa	
1985	2435	2487	4922	1893	146	83	2122	-	-	-	-	-	
1986	2152	3223	5375	1892	194	95	2181	-	-	-	-	-	
1987	1621	3895	5516	84	17	11	112	-	-	-	-	-	
1988	892	3281	4173	338	77	43	458	-	4263	4263	4306	4721	
1989	824	4435	5259	389	85	22	496	118	5330	5448	5352	5944	
1990	644	2245	2889	424	93	24	541	220	5726	5946	5750	6487	
1991	222	3531	3753	187	3	20	210	15	5697	5712	5717	5922	
1992	138	2213	2351	92	46	0	138	33	2995	3028	2995	3166	
1993	28	1102	1130	20	3	0	23	1	1960	1961	1960	1984	
1994	236	1383	1619	231	5	0	236	117	3035	3152	3035	3388	
1995	2530	7576	10106	6724	332	0	7056	5329	571	5900	571	12956	
1996	2775	3481	6256	2707	13	51	2771	44	1780	1824	1831	4595	
1997	632	3982	4614	610	8	13	632	63	4600	4664	4613	5295	
1998	1613	7104	8717	894	153	566	1613	371	8977	9349	9543	10962	
1999	1374	6112	7486	957	96	355	1408	413	5587	6000	5942	7409	
2000	265	2452	2717	71	61	178	310	10	2182	2191	2360	2502	
2001	748	5159	5907	397	19	439	855	27	8216	8244	8655	9098	
2002	916	4720	5636	433	90	393	915	21	7870	7891	8262	8806	
2003	519	5627	6146	211	67	200	478	23	4768	4791	4968	5269	
2004	663	5981	6644	83	139	434	657	4	5183	5187	5617	5844	
2005	129	4467	4596	82	6	38	126	4	4385	4389	4423	4515	
2006	111	4020	4131	79	15	14	108	15	4368	4383	4381	4491	
2007	871	5411	6282	833	7	34	874	4	5576	5580	5610	6454	
2008	335	2909	3244	211	87	37	335	5	3168	3173	3204	3508	
2009	72	2277	2349	35	5	32	72	19	2922	2941	2954	3013	
2010	130	3161	3291	100	2	28	130	179	2901	3080	2929	3210	
2011	3318	6816	10134	3239	1	78	3318	541	6216	6758	6294	10076	
2012	796	4793	5589	521	220	56	796	39	4754	4793	4810	5589	
2013	391	5241	5632	192	131	67	391	69	5172	5241	5240	5632	
2014	818	6921	7739	678	21	118	818	581	8933	9515	9051	10332	

(-) Not available

(0) Less than 1 tonne

*Discards considered negligible.

**Catch estimates available for 2014. In previous years discards are considered negligible and landings are assumed equal to catch.

Summary of the assessment

Table 7.3.1.8 Anchovy in Division IXa.

a) Biomass estimates (in tonnes) from each survey series on a regional basis.

Year	Acoustic survey Biomass estimates							DEPM
	Spring				Summer	Autumn		Summer
	Sp. survey IXa N	Port. survey IXa C-N to IXa C-S	Sp.+Port. Surveys IXa N to IXa C-S	Port. survey IXa S	Sp. survey IXa S	Port. survey IXa S	Sp. survey IXa S	Sp. survey IXa S
PELACUS	PELAGO	PELACUS+ PELAGO	PELAGO	ECOCADIZ	SAR-NOV	ECOCADIZ RECLUTAS	BOCADEVA	
WHEN	March–April	March–April	March–April	March–April	July	Oct–Nov	Oct–Nov	June–July
1998					30695			
1999		596		24763				
2000		368		24913		33909		
2001		1542		21335		25578		
2002		112		24565				
2003					18177			
2004		1062		14041				
2005		0		24082				14637
2006		1945	1945	38020	36521			
2007	0	5505	5811	34162	28882	23723		
2008	306	2089	2115	24745	21580			31527
2009	26	1188	1230	7395	12339			
2010	42	27050	28558	0				
2011	1508							32757
2012	45						13680	
2013	0	4284	4284	12414	8487			
2014	0	1947	1947	28917	29219		8113	31569*
2015	0	8237	8237	33100				

*Preliminary estimate.

N: North, C: Central, S: South

b) Biomass stock size indicator (in tonnes). Values in the last column correspond to those represented in Figure 7.3.1.1.

Year	Western component	Southern component
	PELACUS+PELAGO	PELAGO+ECOCADIZ +BOCADEVA
	IXa N to IXa CS	IXa S
	SUM OF ESTIMATES	MEAN ESTIMATE
1999		24763
2000		
2001		24913
2002		21335
2003		24565
2004		18177
2005		14339
2006		30301
2007	1945	33451
2008	5811	32845
2009	2115	23163
2010	1230	9867
2011	28558	16379
2012		
2013	4284	10593
2014	1947	29902
2015	8237	33100

Table 7.3.1.9 Anchovy in Division IXa. Harvest rates on anchovy. Catchability assumed equal to 1 for all surveys. Stock sizes taken from Table 7.3.1.8b.

Year	Southern component		
	IXa S		
	Catches	Stock size	HR
1999	5942	24763	0.24
2000	2360		
2001	8655	24913	0.35
2002	8262	21335	0.39
2003	4968	24565	0.20
2004	5617	18177	0.31
2005	4423	14339	0.31
2006	4381	30301	0.14
2007	5610	33451	0.17
2008	3204	32845	0.10
2009	2954	23163	0.13
2010	2929	9867	0.30
2011	6294	16379	0.38
2012	4810		
2013	5240	10593	0.49
2014	9051	29902	0.30
2015		33100	

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