

6.3.36 Sandeel (*Ammodytes* spp.) in Division IIIa East, SA 6 (Kattegat)

ICES stock advice

ICES advises that when the precautionary approach is applied, catches in 2015 should be no more than 219 tonnes.

Stock development over time

Only catch statistics are available for sandeel area 6 (SA 6). The available information is inadequate to evaluate stock status or trends. The state of the stock is therefore unknown.

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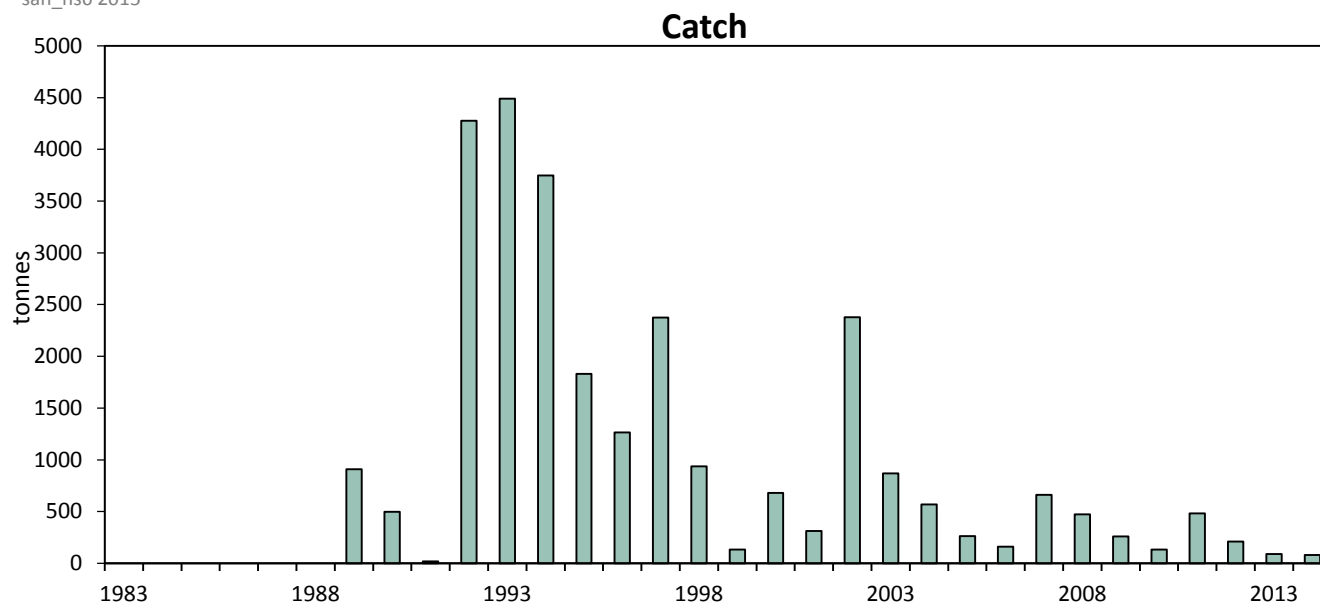


Figure 6.3.36.1 Sandeel in the Kattegat (SA 6). ICES estimates of catch (in tonnes).

Stock and exploitation status

Table 6.3.36.1 Sandeel in the Kattegat (SA 6). 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}	?	?	?	Undefined	MSY	?	?	?
Precautionary approach	F_{pa}	?	?	?	Undefined	$B_{escapement}$?	?	?
	F_{lim}	?	?	?	Undefined	B_{pa}, B_{lim}	?	?	?
Management Plan	F_{MGT}	?	?	?	Undefined	SSB_{MGT}	?	?	?
Qualitative evaluation	-	?	?	?	Insufficient information	-	?	?	?

Catch options

For stocks without information on abundance or exploitation ICES considers that a precautionary reduction of catches should be implemented, unless there is ancillary information clearly indicating that the current exploitation is appropriate for the stock (ICES, 2012).

Because the precautionary buffer (20% reduction in catch) was applied in the 2013 advice and the new data (catch statistics) available do not change the perception of the stock, the same catch advice (219 t) is still applicable for 2015.

Table 6.3.36.2 Sandeel in the Kattegat (SA 6). The catch options. For stocks in ICES categories 3–6, one catch option is possible. This is highlighted in bold.

Average catch (2010, 2011, 2012)		274 tonnes
Uncertainty cap applied	NA	
Precautionary buffer applied	Yes	219 tonnes

Basis of the advice

Table 6.3.36.3 Sandeel in the Kattegat (SA 6). The basis of the advice.

Advice basis	Precautionary approach.
Management plan	There is no management plan for sandeel in this area.

Quality of the assessment

The available information is inadequate to evaluate stock status or trends.

Issues relevant for the advice

The advice is expected to remain unchanged for several years unless information on stock status becomes available.

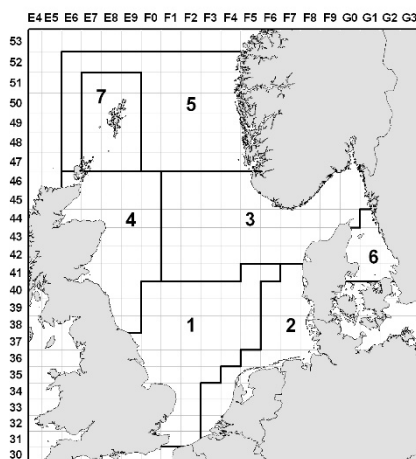


Figure 6.3.36.2 Sandeel in the Kattegat (SA 6). Sandeel are largely sedentary after settlement and form a complex of local (sub-) stocks in the North Sea. To avoid local depletion, ICES advice for sandeel is provided separately for seven areas in Division IIIa and Subarea IV. Advice for sandeel in the Kattegat (SA 6) specifically applies to sandeel in rectangles 41–43 G0–G3 and 44 G1.

Reference points

There are no reference points for sandeel in this area.

Basis of the assessment

Table 6.3.36.4 Sandeel in the Kattegat (SA 6). The basis of the assessment.

ICES stock data category	5.2.0 (ICES, 2015a).
Assessment type	No assessment (ICES, 2015b).
Input data	Commercial catches statistics.
Discards and bycatch	Discarding is considered to be negligible.
Indicators	None.
Other information	Last benchmark in 2010 (ICES, 2010).
Working group	Herring Assessment Working Group (HAWG).

Information from stakeholders

Fishing industry representatives consider that a monitoring TAC is needed to obtain sufficient data in SA 6 for a qualitative stock assessment.

History of advice, catch, and management

Table 6.3.36.5 Sandeel in the Kattegat (SA 6). History of ICES advice, the agreed TAC, and ICES estimates of catch. All weights in thousand tonnes.

Year	ICES advice	Catch corresponding to advice	EU TAC	ICES catch SA 6
2005 *	No advice			0.262
2006 *	No advice			0.161
2007 *	No advice			0.661
2008 *	No advice			0.472
2009 *	No advice			0.26
2010 *	No advice			0.132
2011	No increase in effort unless there is evidence that this is sustainable.		0.42	0.481
2012	No increase in effort unless there is evidence that this is sustainable.		0.42	0.211
2013	20% reduction in catches from last 3-year average	< 0.219	0.336	0.102
2014	No new advice, same as for 2013	< 0.219	0.219	0.079 **
2015	Precautionary approach	< 0.219		

* Advice for Subarea IV, excluding the Shetland area.

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History of catch and landings

Table 6.3.36.6 Sandeel in the Kattegat (SA 6). Catch distribution by fleet in 2014 as estimated by ICES.

Total catch (2014)	Landings	Discards
79 tonnes	100% industrial trawl fisheries	Negligible
	79 tonnes	

Table 6.3.36.7 Sandeel in the Kattegat (SA 6). History of catch as estimated by ICES.

Year	Catch (tonnes)
1983	0
1984	0
1985	0
1986	0
1987	0
1988	0
1989	909
1990	499
1991	17
1992	4277
1993	4490
1994	3748
1995	1830
1996	1263
1997	2373
1998	936
1999	134
2000	680
2001	312
2002	2378
2003	869
2004	570
2005	262
2006	161
2007	661
2008	472
2009	260
2010	132
2011	481
2012	211
2013	90
2014	79

Summary of the assessment

There is no assessment for sandeel in this area.

Sources and references

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