

ECOREGION **Widely distributed and migratory stocks**
STOCK **Roundnose grenadier (*Coryphaenoides rupestris*) in all other areas**
(Subareas I, II, IV, VIII, and IX, Division XIVa, and Subdivisions
Va2 and XIVb2)

Advice for 2015

The 2012 advice for this stock is biennial and valid for 2013 and 2014 ([ICES, 2012](#)). New data available do not change the perception of the stock. Therefore, the advice for this fishery in 2015 is the same as the advice for 2013: *Based on the ICES approach for data-limited stocks, ICES advises that fisheries should not be allowed to expand from 120 t until there is evidence that this is sustainable.*

Quality considerations

This assessment unit consists of a number of discrete areas in which only very small catches of roundnose grenadier occur. Improvement of the advice for the stock will require regular data collection by observers on board commercial vessels. The required information must contain data on gear type, length–age composition, maturation and feeding of the species, spatial distribution, as well as size and composition of catches, effort, and discards. This information should be presented to ICES annually.

The advice is based on a precautionary low level of catches because of missing or non-representative data. The methods applied to derive quantitative advice for data-limited stocks are expected to evolve as they are further developed and investigated.

Scientific basis

Stock data category	6.2 (ICES, 2014a).
Assessment type	Catch trends-based assessment.
Input data	Catch data.
Discards and bycatch	Unknown.
Indicators	None.
Other information	None.
Working group	Working Group on the Biology and Assessment of Deep-Sea Fisheries Resources (WGDEEP).

Sources

- ICES. 2012. Roundnose grenadier (*Coryphaenoides rupestris*) in all other areas (Subareas I, II, IV, VIII, and IX, Division XIVa, and Subdivisions Va2 and XIVb2). *In* Report of the ICES Advisory Committee, 2012. ICES Advice 2012, Book 9, Section 9.4.15.4.
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Table 9.3.23.4.1 Roundnose grenadier in all other areas. ICES advice, management, and landings.

Year	ICES Advice	Predicted catch corresp. to advice	TAC EU Subareas VIII, IX, X, XII, and XIV	ICES landings ¹ Other areas ²
2003	Fishery not allowed to expand, unless proven to be sustainable	-	-	0.096
2004	Biennial	-	-	0.612
2005	Fishery not allowed to expand, unless proven to be sustainable	-	7.19	0.111
2006	Biennial	-	7.19	0.155
2007	Fishery not allowed to expand, unless proven to be sustainable	-	6.114	0.041
2008	Biennial	-	6.114	0.059
2009	Fishery not allowed to expand, unless proven to be sustainable	-	5.197	0.057
2010	Biennial	-	5.197	0.125
2011	Fishery should not be allowed to expand, and a reduction in catches should be considered	-	4.573	0.115
2012	No new advice, same as 2011	-	3.979	0.089
2013	Fishery not allowed to expand from 120 t, unless proven to be sustainable	< 0.12	3.581	0.103
2014	No new advice, same as 2013	< 0.12	3.223	
2015	No new advice, same as 2013	< 0.12		

Weights in thousand tonnes.

¹ Revised. Earlier French landings that reached 562 t were assigned to this species; however, a recent revision of the data indicates that previous landings are more likely to correspond to roughhead grenadier.

² In Subareas I, II, IV, VIII, and IX, Division XIVa, and Subdivisions Va2 and XIVb2.