

3.12.6.j Alfonsinos/Golden eye perch (*Beryx* spp.)

State of the stock/fishery: The state of the stocks in the various sub-areas where this species occurs is unknown.

Advice on management: Golden eye perch stocks can only sustain very low rates of exploitation. ICES repeats its general recommendation in Section 3.12.6.1 that fisheries on such species be permitted only when they expand very slowly, and are accompanied by programs to collect data which allow evaluation of stock status.

Elaboration and special comment: In most cases the landings refer to both species combined (*Beryx*

splendens and *B. decadactylus*). Most of the landings of *Beryx* are from handlines and longlines within the Azorean EEZ of Sub-area X and by trawl outside the EEZ on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge.

Summaries of the total landings for all areas and by Sub-area/Division are given in Figures 3.12.6.1–10. Landings by Sub-area/Division and nation are given in Table 3.12.6.j.1.

Source of information: Report of the Study Group on the Biology and Assessment of Deep-Sea Fisheries Resources, February 2000 (ICES CM 2000/ACFM:08).

Catch data (Table 3.12.6.j.1)

Year	ACFM Catch
1988	225
1989	272
1990	353
1991	371
1992	460
1993	729
1994	1507
1995	711
1996	802
1997	1143
1998	309
1999*	253

*Preliminary Weights in t.

Table 3.12.6.j.1 Alfonsinos (*Beryx* spp.). Study Group estimates of landings (tonnes).

ALFONSINOS (*Beryx* spp.) IV

Year	France	TOTAL
1988	0	0
1989	0	0
1990	1	1
1991	0	0
1992	2	2
1993	0	0
1994	0	0
1995	0	0
1996	0	0
1997	0	0
1998	0	0
1999*	0	0

ALFONSINOS (*Beryx* spp.) Vb

Year	Faroes	France	TOTAL
1988			0
1989			0
1990		5	5
1991		0	0
1992		4	4
1993		0	0
1994		0	0
1995	1	0	1
1996	0	0	0
1997	0	0	0
1998	0	0	0
1999*	0	0	0

ALFONSINOS (*Beryx* spp.) VI and VII

Year	France	E & W	Spain	TOTAL
1988				
1989	12			12
1990	8			8
1991				0
1992	3			3
1993	0		1	1
1994	0		5	5
1995	0		3	3
1996	0		178	178
1997	17	4	4	4
1998	10	0	71	81
1999*	67	0	11	78

ALFONSINOS (*Beryx* spp.) VIII and IX

Year	France	Portugal	Spain	TOTAL
1988				
1989				
1990	1			1
1991				0
1992	1			1
1993	0			0
1994	0		2	2
1995	0	75	7	82
1996	0	43	45	88
1997	69	35	31	135
1998	1	9	259	269
1999*	8	29	10	47

Table 3.12.6.j.1 (continued)

ALFONSINOS (*Beryx spp.*) X

Year	Faroës	Norway	Portugal	Russia	TOTAL
1988			225		225
1989			260		260
1990			338		338
1991			371		371
1992			450		450
1993		195	533		728
1994		0	635	864	1499
1995	0	0	192 ⁽¹⁾	100	292
1996	0		171 ⁽¹⁾		171
1997	5		378	600	983
1998	0		228		228
1999*	0		175		175

⁽¹⁾ *B. decadactylus* only

ALFONSINOS (*Beryx spp.*) XII

Year	Faroës	TOTAL
1988		0
1989		0
1990		0
1991		0
1992		0
1993		0
1994		0
1995	2	2
1996	0	0
1997	0	0
1998	0	0
1999*	0	0

ALFONSINOS (*Beryx spp.*) in Madeira (Portugal)

Year	Portugal	TOTAL
1988		0
1989		0
1990		0
1991		0
1992		0
1993		0
1994		0
1995	1	1
1996	11	11
1997	4	4
1998	3	3
1999*	2	2