**IDENTIFICATION**

**SCIENTIFIC NAME**
Nephrops norvegicus

**SPECIES NAME(S)**
Norway lobster, nephrops

**STOCK IDENTIFICATION**
Stock structure with ICES are VI is uncertain. Nephrops (or Norway Lobster) stocks are assessed as Functional Units (FU) based on growth parameters and other factors. Within FU 13 there are two distinct populations, one for the Firth of Clyde and one in the Sound of Jura (ICES 2016). Until recently these were treated separately for assessment purposes as there are differences in growth rates for these to components. However, in a recent update advice and some aspects of the reference points were analyzed combined. This is attributed to the fact that landings from the Firth of Clyde and the Sound of Jura are considered inseparable (ICES 2016).

**RELATED LINKS**
- European Commission (EC)
- International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)

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**ASSESSMENT**

**Strengths**
- Fishers' compliance with set TACs (entire Subarea VI) has been strong.
- Stock appears to be in good shape and is above MSY trigger.
- Exploitation is below F_{MSY}.
- Measures have been implemented to reduce cod and other bycatch.
- Model provides the ability for short term projections and captures a reasonable sense of uncertainty/harvesters comply with the overall ICES area quotas.

**Weaknesses**
- Managers set quotas on the larger stock area rather then on the FU as advised.
- Managers have set no objectives for this stock; B_{limit}/B_{PA} is not defined.
- Traveling on impact the seabed.
- Bycatch, even with mitigation can be high.
- Catch has been well over advised limits for this stock.

**Options**
- Develop a precautionary management plan for the fishery, with appropriate reference points. Management of Nephrops should be implemented at the Functional Unit level.

**SCORES**

**Management Quality:**
- Management Strategy: ≤ 6
- Management Compliance: ≤ 6
- Fishers Compliance: ≥ 6

**Stock Health:**
- Current Health: 10
- Future Health: 8.6

**FIPS**
- No related FIPs

**MSC**
- Clyde nephrops creel: Withdrawn

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**CATCHERS & REGULATORS**
1. Start a fishery improvement project to address sustainability issues in this fishery. For advice on starting a FIP, see SFP’s Seafood Industry Guide to FIPs at [http://www.sustainablefishing.org/publications/2014/04/30/the-seafood-industry-guide-to-fips](http://www.sustainablefishing.org/publications/2014/04/30/the-seafood-industry-guide-to-fips).
2. Please provide links to publicly available information on this fishery via the “Feedback” tab.
3. To apply to develop content for this profile/register and log in and follow the links to “contribute to”/”edit this profile”. If you need more information, please use the “Contact Us” button above, and reference the full name of this profile.

**RETAILERS & SUPPLY CHAIN**
1. Encourage your supply chain to start a fishery improvement project. For advice on starting a FIP, see SFP’s Seafood Industry Guide to FIPs at [http://www.sustainablefishing.org/publications/2014/04/30/the-seafood-industry-guide-to-fips](http://www.sustainablefishing.org/publications/2014/04/30/the-seafood-industry-guide-to-fips).
2. Work with other suppliers and buyers on a pre-competitive basis to start a supplier roundtable to review improvement needs in this and other similar fisheries, catalyze fishery improvement projects, and monitor progress in improvement efforts.