

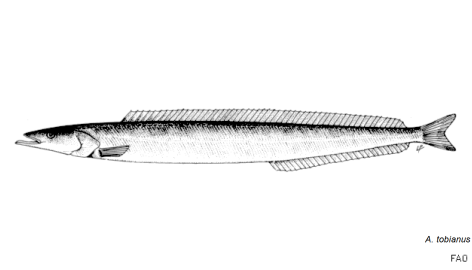
Fishery Profile
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Sandeels nei Viking and Bergen Banks

 Fishery:  Viking and Bergen Banks  Norway/EU North Sea SA 5r  Norway  Small mesh bottom trawls

IDENTIFICATION


SCIENTIFIC NAME
Ammodytes spp.
SPECIES NAME(S)

Sandeels nei, Sandlances nei

COMMON NAMES

havsil (Norwegian), small sandeel, småsil (Norwegian), tobis (Norwegian)

STOCK IDENTIFICATION

The complete stock structure of North Sea sandeel is unclear, and although several reproductively isolated sub-populations have been identified, some exchange appears to take place between neighbouring populations in early life stages. From 2010 onwards ICES has presented advice for the North Sea sandeel for each of seven distinct assessment/management units, reflecting the best current evaluation of the stock structure and also considering fishing banks, based on the assumption that this will enable improved management avoiding local depletion (ICES, 2010a). This profile represents the Viking and Bergen Bank area – Sandeel Area 5r (known as Sandeel Area 5 prior to 2017) (*ICES 2017*).


RELATED LINKS:

- [European Commission \(EC\)](#) , [Norwegian Directorate of Fisheries \(DoF\)](#)
- [International Council for the Exploration of the Sea \(ICES\)](#)

ASSESSMENT

Strengths

- Scientific advice is based on ICES' precautionary approach (*ICES 2017*).
- Managers have followed scientific advice; set TACS for EU vessels in both EU and Norwegian waters remain at zero through 2017.
- Harvesters have complied with fishery limits and closures.

Weaknesses

- There is insufficient information to assess current stock status or trends (*ICES 2017*).
- Indices from acoustic surveys conducted in the Viking Bank during 2009-2016 indicate very low abundance (*ICES 2016*).

SCORES

Management Quality:

Management Strategy	Managers Compliance	Fishers Compliance
< 6	10	10

Stock Health:

Current Health	Future Health
NOT YET SCORED	NOT YET SCORED

FIPS

No related FIPs

MSC

No related MSC fisheries

RECOMMENDATIONS

RETAILERS & SUPPLY CHAIN

- Press regional advisory bodies, national fisheries administrations and the European Commission to develop a multi-species, ecosystem-based management plan for North Sea pelagic fisheries, including a harvest control rule(s).
- Ensure these recommendations are represented to the EU Pelagic Advisory Council (<https://www.pelagic-ac.org/>) directly or through one of the General Assembly members.
- Engage as a stakeholder in all MSC certifications for this stock and support the MSC Client groups to ensure all conditions attached to the Certifications are fully addressed.