**IDENTIFICATION**

**SCIENTIFIC NAME**
Melanogrammus aeglefinus

**SPECIES NAME(S)**
Haddock

**COMMON NAMES**
Hýsa, Torrahýsa

**STOCK IDENTIFICATION**

Haddock in Faroese waters (ICES Division Vb and the southern part of Division IIa) are believed to comprise a single stock unit ('Faroe haddock'), and is managed as such (ICES, 2014b). However, harvest limits do not precisely reflect the Faroe stock unit as defined (there is a set TAC for Faroe haddock that covers ICES Divisions Vb and VIa while the EU waters of Division IIa are included in the set TAC for Division IV). Further, the Vb/VIa TAC does not apply to the Faroese fleet, which takes the vast majority of the harvest.

**RELATED LINKS:**
- Faroese Ministry of Fisheries
- Faroe Marine Research Institute (FAMRI)
- International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)

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**ASSESSMENT**

**Strengths**
Scientific advice is based in the MSY approach. The information used for the assessment is considered to be of high quality; uncertainties are being overtaken. Discarding is not allowed and is considered minimal. Closed areas are in place to protect juveniles, litter spawning areas and coral habitats.

**Weaknesses**
Fishing mortality has increased in 2014 and is slightly above T_00 levels. The stock remains in a bad condition, and only a zero catch is expected to drive a recovery to slightly above T_00 by 2016. MSY reference points are still preliminary. The Faroese management system (not TAC-regulated) is considered by ICES to be inconsistent with PA and MSY approaches. Total haddock catches remain well above the recommended by ICES. Fish growth conditions in the Faroe are highly variable; this needs to be factored into the management plan appropriately. No bycatch data from observers is available for the Faroese fleet.

**SCORES**

**Management Quality:**

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**FIPS**
No related FPs

**MSC**
No related MSC fisheries

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**CATCHERS & REGULATORS**
1. Managers should follow scientific advice from ICES and close the directed fishery.
2. Adopt the long term precautionary management plan.
3. Implement an at-sea monitoring program to collect bycatch data, especially for sea birds, in the longline fishery.

**RETAILERS & SUPPLY CHAIN**
1. Contact your supply chain and Faroese authorities and request implementation of the management plan.