IDENTIFICATION

SCIENTIFIC NAME: Melanogrammus aeglefinus

COMMON NAMES: Haddock

ALTERNATIVE NAMES: hading, kulle, seed haddock

STOCK IDENTIFICATION:

No related FIPs

RELAYD LINKS:

European Commission (EC), Marine Scotland (MS), Ministry of Environment and Food of Denmark (MIV/A)

International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)

ASSESSMENT

Strengths

1. The advice now considers three areas that were previously assessed separately, thus corresponding to boundaries of a single stock. Scientific advice is based on the MSY approach.

2. Consistent adherence to the management plan for North Sea and Skagerrak fishery, contributed to a trend of reduced fishing mortality and yield maintenance (through a new management plan for the entire assessment area is now needed):

   - The spawning biomass remains above MSY. Haddock despite a series of poor recruitments.
   - The 2014 recruitment estimate is higher than prior years, albeit still below the long-term average.
   - Fishing mortality has been below Fmsy since 2008.

3. Discards remain at historical low levels, though they increased slightly from 2013 to 2014.

4. The overall reporting of catch data provided to ICES improved during 2013-2014.

5. Conditions established during the original MSC certification for the two Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certified fishery sectors (one each in Denmark and the United Kingdom) were met, and throughout this process, improvements were made with regard to:

   - Gear selectivity and performance
   - Data quality for retained and non-retained target species and bycatch, including catch and stock assessment data for target species and catch data and stock identification for ETP species
   - Documentation and understanding of fishery interactions with vulnerable habitat and ETP species
   - Capacity to quantitatively evaluate fishery related mortality on ETP species, and measure trends and extent of impacts.
   - Alternative measures for pursuing additional protected areas around vulnerable habitats

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Weaknesses:

- The fishery is considered highly unlikely to irreparably reduce habitat structure and function, but further evidence is needed.

SCORRS

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FIPS

https://www.fishsource.org/fishery_page/3597
MSC

- DFPS Denmark North Sea & Skagerrak haddock: MSC Certified

RECOMMENDATIONS

RETAILERS & SUPPLY CHAIN

- Monitor the progress in closing out conditions placed upon the MSC certification of the fishery and if agreed timelines are met, offer assistance in closing conditions where possible.