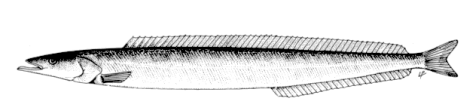


Sandeels nei Viking and Bergen Banks

IDENTIFICATION



A. tobianus
FAO

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.

Fisheries

Within FishSource, the term "fishery" is used to indicate each unique combination of a flag country with a fishing gear, operating within a particular management unit, upon a resource. That resource may have a known biological stock structure and/or may be assessed at another level for practical or jurisdictional reasons. A fishery is the finest scale of resolution captured in FishSource profiles, as it is generally the scale at which sustainability can most fairly and practically be evaluated.

 ASSESSMENT UNIT	 MANAGEMENT UNIT	 FLAG COUNTRY	 FISHING GEAR
Viking and Bergen Banksmng	Norway/EU North Sea SA 5r	Norway	Small mesh bottom trawls

Management Unit

 MANAGEMENT UNIT	ORGANIZATION	FISHING AREA
Norway/EU North Sea SA 5r	Norwegian Directorate of Fisheries (DoF), European Commission (EC)	ICES Sandeel Area 5r, FAO 27.4, FAO 27.2.a, FAO 27.3.a