**UK Irish Sea, West of Scotland, and North Sea great Atlantic scallop - dredge**

## Overview

**FIP Description**
Project UK Fisheries Improvements (PUKFI) is working towards an environmentally sustainable future for UK fisheries by running Fishery Improvement Projects (FIPs) on eight UK fisheries that have been selected by the UK supply chain. They were selected due to their importance for the UK market.

King scallops are found on clean firm sand and fine gravel and in currents, which provide good feeding conditions. They occur along the European Atlantic coast from northern Norway, south to the Iberian Peninsula. The bathymetric range of distribution is from the low tide mark to over 100 m, but it is most common in waters of 20-70 m.

King Scallops are a non-quota species and are therefore not subject to a TAC. Total landings of scallops in 2017 by the UK fleet in the North Sea, West of Scotland and Irish Sea was 15,954t - approximately 60% of total landings were caught in the Central North Sea and the Irish Sea. Landings were dominated by Scottish-registered vessels (77%), with 90% of landings being made by vessels over 10m in length.

## How is this FIP Doing?

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**Actions Progress** This shows the proportion of actions in the workplan that the FIP has completed.

0%

**Actions Overview** This shows the proportion of actions that are behind schedule, on track, completed, or not yet started.
Red Indicator Progress
This shows the proportion of actions specifically addressing red indicators that are behind schedule, on track, completed, or not yet started. This helps users understand the progress the FIP is making on the biggest challenges in the fishery.

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FIP Progress Rating
C - Some Recent Progress

FIP Objective(s)
By December 2023, the FIP aims to address the following:

- Meet the 80+ score for each MSC performance indicator within 5 years (April 2017-2022) and be able to enter MSC full assessment.
- Support fisheries with the tools to implement changes and ensure their sustainable future as they move towards MSC certification.
- Follow the step by step definition of a credible FIP involving four key stages, each with associated tools & support mechanisms:
  1. Undertake MSC pre-assessment
  2. Develop an action plan for improvement
  3. Implement actions & track progress
  4. Enter full MSC assessment

- Address and aim to improve all principle indicators scoring below 80 across the MSC as determined in the pre-assessments.
- Use the model to establish a ‘FIP conveyor belt’ to identify, improve and certify UK fisheries.
- Track progress consistently and transparently, producing review reports on an annual basis using a consultant body.

FIP Type
Comprehensive

FIP Stage
Stage 3: FIP Implementation
Start and Projected End Dates
January, 2019 - December, 2024

Species

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<th>Common Name</th>
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<td>Additional Names</td>
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Gear Type

Dredge

Location

FAO Major Fishing Area
Area 27 (Atlantic, Northeast)

Exclusive Economic Zones

Country
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (the)

Geographic Scope
ICES Areas Iv, Vla & VIIa

Estimated Total FIP Landings
15954 metric tons

FIP Leads

Organization Name
Facilitated by the Marine Stewardship Council

Organization Type
NGO

Primary Contact