

## Ireland haddock - trawl & seine

### Overview

#### FIP Description

Haddock is an important species for Irish demersal fisheries. In 2018 the Irish fleet landed 3500 tonnes worth approximately €6.5 million.

Haddock live near the sea bed at depths between 10 and 200m and Irish waters provide important spawning and nursery areas for the species. Irish waters are at the southern end of the distribution of haddock, allowing them to grow fast and mature early. They reach a length of around 27cm after two years of growth and most haddock are mature at age two. However, haddock are a cold water species and warm winters have been linked to poor recruitment success. All haddock stocks occasionally produce extremely large fluctuations in stock size which can make managing the stock at the Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) level challenging.

The vast majority of Irish haddock catches are made with trawls (otter trawls and seines). The Celtic Sea (ICES area 7b-k) is the most important area for Irish haddock fishing.

TR1 gears (trawls and seines with a codend mesh size  $\geq$ 100mm) are responsible for the majority of the haddock catch by Irish vessels in the Celtic Sea (57% of landings and discards in 7.b-c, e-k between 2014 and 2016; STECF, 2017a). The TR1 fishery in the Celtic Sea is characterized as a mixed fishery, mainly targeting gadoid species, such as haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*), cod (*Gadus morhua*), and whiting (*Merlangius merlangus*) as well as anglerfish and megrim.

TR2 gears (trawls and seines with a codend mesh size range 70-100mm) are responsible for most of the remainder of Irish haddock catches in the Celtic Sea (29% of landings and discards in 7.b-c, e-k between 2014 and 2016).

### How is this FIP Doing?

#### Current Status:

4%

36%

36%

25%

**% of Indicators Tracked** Basic FIPs may focus their workplans on a subset of the indicators. This shows the proportion of total indicators the FIP is working on.

75%

**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.

Behind	On Track	Complete	Future
0%	100%	0%	0%

**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.

Behind	On Track	Complete	Future
0%	100%	0%	0%

#### FIP Progress Rating

B - Good Progress

#### FIP Objective(s)

- To improve observer programs and enhance data collection by 2022?and to monitor observer coverage rates and industry data provision levels.?
- To promote the use of gears and approaches which reduce bycatch and discards in the fishery by 2027? and to monitor changes in?uptake levels of such gears.??
- To raise awareness of the necessity to reduce unwanted catches in the Haddock fishery and to explore practical options for reducing unwanted catches by 2027

#### FIP Type

Basic

#### FIP Stage

## Stage 4: Improvements in Fishing Practices or Fishery Management

### Start and Projected End Dates

October, 2020 -  
December, 2027

### Species

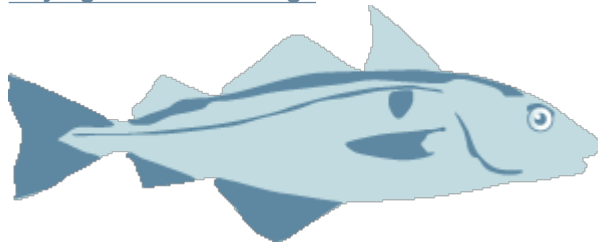
**Common Name**

Haddock

**Scientific Name**

Melanogrammus aeglefinus

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[Haddock](#)

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### Gear Type

[Bottom Trawl](#)

[Seine](#)

### Location

**FAO Major Fishing Area**

[Area 27 \(Atlantic, Northeast\)](#)

**Exclusive Economic Zones****Country**

Ireland

**Geographic Scope**

Entire country

### Estimated Total FIP Landings

4175 metric tons

## FIP Leads

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