

France Eastern English Channel thornback ray fishery - bottom trawls, trammel net, and Danish seine

Overview

FIP Description

1. Target stock: thornback ray in the Eastern English Channel (ICES division 7d); FAO species code: RJC
2. The 'thornback ray' is a skate, belonging to the skates family 'Rajidae';
3. Fishing method/gear: bottom trawls (single, pair, and twin - OTB, PTB, OTT), trammel net (GTR), and Danish seine (SDN)
4. Operated by French-flagged fishing vessels, members of the two French Producer Organisations FROM NORD and OPN (*Organisation de pêcheurs normands*) based in the French regions *Normandie* and *Hauts-de-France*

Note (situation August 2024): FIP landings and Fishery landings provided on this web page below are annual estimates in 2022 (that is not for the mentioned month) - based on catch data provided by the two producer organisations OPN and FROM NORD for the former and ICES public data ['Official Nominal Catches 2006-2022'](#) (year 2022 available since August 2024) for the latter.

How is this FIP Doing?

Current Status:

21%

79%

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%

FIP Progress Rating

A - Advanced Progress

FIP Objective(s)

The fishery aims to be MSC certified after the FIP implementation, that is by 2027 (objective when launching the FIP).

Update end of year 3 of the FIP - August 2024: whether and when to apply for MSC certification - standard version 2 will be decided by the FIP implementers in 2025 or in the first semester of the year 2026 (see situation update under the 'Actions' Tab).

FIP Type

Comprehensive

FIP Stage

Stage 5: Improvements on the Water

Start and Projected End Dates

July, 2021 -

June, 2026

Species

Common Name

Thornback Ray

Scientific Name

Raja clavata

Gear Type

Bottom Trawl

[Danish Seine](#)

[Trammel Net](#)

Location

FAO Major Fishing Area

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

Exclusive Economic Zones

Country

France

Geographic Scope

ICES Division 7d - Eastern English Channel (EU) waters under the French jurisdiction

Country

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (the)

Geographic Scope

ICES Division 7d - Eastern English Channel waters under the British jurisdiction

Estimated Total FIP Landings

672 metric tons

FIP Leads

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