

Limit reference point examples – MarinTrust approved whole fish fisheries

Approaches to limit reference point:

- % unfished biomass: 27.5%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 8%
- stock-recruit: lowest biomass producing a good recruitment, or applying a break-point regression or Beverton-Holt SR model
- Biomass time series: lowest biomass in time series, or other low fixed value defined by time series

Country	species / stock	Target / trigger ref points	Limit ref points	General type of approach to setting ref points
Chile	anchoveta, Araucaria herring (several stocks)	F 55% or 60% SPR 55/60% SPR or 55% SB ₀	25% SB ₀ or 27.5% SB ₀	% unfished biomass (F=0)
Chile	horse mackerel	Bmsy	Lowest historic SB relative to recent estimate of SB _{F=0} – 8%	% unfished biomass
Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia	Gulf of Riga herring	Fmsy, Bpa (average SB from SBs<=median but resulting in recruitment >=median)	Bpa / 1.4	stock-recruit (empirical)
Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia	sprat (several stocks)	Fmsy	SB resulting in 50% recruitment when BH stock-rec function is applied	stock-recruit (model)
Denmark	herring (several stocks)	Fmsy	15%B ₀	% unfished biomass
Denmark, Norway	Norway pout, North Sea	B (prob. B<Blim < 5%); also max F (Fcap) = 0.7	Bloss (lowest point in time series – 2005)	biomass time series
Denmark	sandeel, North Sea	Fcap – maximum F resulting in B>Blim with 95% probability	Blim – mean of two lowest SB estimates which resulted in recruitment > median	stock-recruit (empirical)
Denmark	sprat (several stocks)	Fcap – maximum F resulting in B>Blim with 95% probability (long-term)	Blim – breakpoint of hockey stick SR curve	stock-recruit (empirical)
Denmark	herring, North Sea	Fmsy	breakpoint of segmented regression of SR curve	stock-recruit (empirical)
Norway	capelin, Barents Sea	none	SB = 200 kt (Bescapement); lowest SB to produce a good year	stock-recruit (empirical)

			class (SB 1989). TAC set such that SB>Blim with 95% prob	
Panama	anchoveta, thread herring	60% B_0	20% B_0	% unfished biomass
Peru	anchoveta (south)	Bmsy, Fmsy (TAC fixed at 80% MSY)	?	
Peru	anchoveta (north)	5 million t, $E < 0.35$	4 million t (empirical)	biomass time series
South Africa	sardine, anchovy	none per se	'critical biomass' (fixed quantity, based on acoustic survey)	biomass time series