
FISHERY By-Product SURVEILLANCE REPORT

IFFO GLOBAL STANDARD FOR RESPONSIBLE SUPPLY OF FISHMEAL AND FISH OIL



FISHERY By-Product:	Beaked Redfish (<i>Sebastes mentella</i>)
LOCATION:	EU waters
DATE OF REPORT:	29/11/11
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1. APPLICATION DETAILS AND SUMMARY OF THE ASSESSMENT OUTCOME		
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1. Scope of Assessment		
		By-Product surveillance
2. Fishery By-Product		
		Beaked Redfish (<i>Sebastes mentella</i>)
3. Fishery By-Product Location		
		EU waters
4. Fishery Method		
		Varies by region; bottom and pelagic trawls.
5. Outcome of Assessment		
		Approve (medium compliance)

2. GUIDANCE FOR ONSITE ASSESSMENT
Ensure byproduct is sourced from French vessels; some other EU nations are allocated quota through negotiations with the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO), therefore some EU redfish is caught in the north-west Atlantic.
3. ASSESSMENT DETERMINATION
There is a robust fishery management framework in place in European Union countries. This is applied to three redfish species in European waters, and not to beaked redfish specifically. There is some evidence that scientific recommendations, which would in any case benefit from additional data, are not always followed. For this reason the assessment team recommends this fishery be approved with medium compliance.

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4. RATIONALE OF THE ASSESSMENT OUTCOME		
A. THE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK AND PROCEDURE		
LEVEL OF COMPLIANCE		
<i>The management of the fishery used to produce the By- Product must include a legal and administrative basis for the implementation of measures and controls to support the management of the fishery.</i>		
LOW	An administrative framework that ensures an efficient management of the fishery is not established.	
MEDIUM	An administrative framework that ensures an efficient management of the fishery is somehow established, but there is evidence of not being efficient to ensure the management of the stock.	
HIGH	A legal and administrative framework that ensures an efficient management of the fishery is established and works efficiently.	
<p><i>Determination: An administrative framework is in place for the management and enforcement of EU stocks; however this framework is not effectively applied to <i>Sebastes mentella</i>. There is evidence from ICES that management of this species has significant room for improvement.</i></p> <p>Fishery management framework (Europe):</p> <p>France is a member of the European Union and therefore in Community waters implements the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP). In force since 1983, the CFP aims to reconcile resource conservation with the preservation of income and jobs in coastal zones that offer few alternatives in terms of production or employment. It therefore covers not just resources but also markets and structures.</p> <p>With regard to resource management, the CFP regulations comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A traditional management tool based on TACs and quotas; • Technical measures relating to gear or catch; • Effort-related management, based on vessel engine power and the number of days at sea. <p>The CFP also provides for the introduction of measures to rebuild, over a period of several years, stocks that are threatened in terms of sustainable harvesting, and for recourse to effort-related management rules to supplement TACs and quotas.</p> <p>Fishery management framework (France):</p> <p>The French Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries (Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Alimentation, de la Pêche, de la Ruralité et de l'Aménagement du territoire) is responsible for marine fisheries and aquaculture throughout the country. This ranges from quota negotiations to enforcement, which is carried out by the French navy, maritime affairs, customs, and other French government agencies.</p> <p>Management of Beaked Redfish:</p> <p>All three redfish species in EU waters (<i>S. marinus</i>, <i>S. mentella</i>, and <i>S. viviparous</i>) are managed as an assemblage, with a TAC set for the assemblage as a whole. ICES is unaware of any specific management objectives for EU stocks, but has recommended that management plans be developed.</p>		M
(R1-R3)		

B. STOCK ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES AND MANAGEMENT ADVICE		
LEVEL OF COMPLIANCE		
<i>B. Research in support of fisheries management should exist.</i>		
LOW	Research to support the management of the stock does not exist	
MEDIUM	Research to support the management of the stock exists, however research programmes could be significantly improved to decrease scientific advice uncertainty.	
HIGH	Research to support the management of the stock exists, and research programmes for provision of scientific advice are considered adequate.	
<p>Determination: Research to support the management of the stock exists, however research programmes could be significantly improved to decrease scientific advice uncertainty.</p> <p>ICES advice:</p> <p>The International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) provides annual advice on quotas and management of beaked redfish in EU waters. The relevant reports are <i>Beaked Redfish (Sebastes mentella) in Division Va and Subarea XIV (Icelandic Slope stock); Beaked Redfish (Sebastes mentella) in Subarea XIVb (Demersal); Beaked redfish (Sebastes mentella) in Subareas V, XII, and XIV and NAFO Subareas 1+2 (Deep pelagic stock > 500 m); Beaked redfish (Sebastes mentella) in Subareas V, XII, and XIV and NAFO Subareas 1+2 (Shallow pelagic stock < 500 m); and Redfish (Sebastes mentella) in Subareas I and II.</i></p> <p>Three species of redfish are commercially exploited in ICES Subareas V, VI, XII, and XIV: <i>S. marinus</i>, <i>S. mentella</i>, and <i>S. viviparous</i>. The official statistics reported to ICES do not divide the catch by species/stocks. For the purposes of generating the annual advice, landings are split into species and stocks using a set of criteria determined by ICES. This makes advice necessarily precautionary. Assessments in other regions are generally based on landings and survey data. There are no reference points defined for any of the stocks, and ICES states that additional data and improved survey regimes are required in all cases.</p> <p>(R3)</p>		M
C. STOCK STATUS		
LEVEL OF COMPLIANCE		
<i>C. The fish used to produce the fish By- Product is not considered to be critically at risk of over exploitation in accordance with the IUCN guidance.</i>		
LOW	The fish By-Product must not come from a species that is listed as extinct, or critically endangered.	
MEDIUM	The fish By- Product is from a species that is classified as vulnerable, but has a management regime in place that will control the level of fishing permitted. Or if a species is deemed to be endangered but the sub-group from where the fish By- Product is harvested is deemed scientifically to be at no risk of over exploitation.	
HIGH	The fish By- Product comes from a fishery that is not deemed to be at risk of over exploitation from fishing activities.	
<p>Determination: The largest EU fisheries are not deemed to be at risk of overfishing; however ICES has recommended a closure which was not enacted. Therefore the species as a whole is not currently considered to be at risk of overfishing, though some individual stocks may be.</p> <p>The IUCN has categorised <i>Sebastes mentella</i> as a species of least concern. ICES recommended that the subareas I and II fishery be closed in 2011, but this advice was not followed.</p> <p>(R3, R4)</p>		M

5. REFERENCES

R1 – OECD country note on fishery management – France: <http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/11/36/34429244.pdf>

R2 – French Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, marine fisheries: <http://agriculture.gouv.fr/peche-maritime>

R3 - ICES redfish advice 2011:
<http://www.ices.dk/committe/acom/comwork/report/asp/advice.asp?titlesearch=&Region=-1&Species=34&Period=306&submit1=Submit+Query&mode=2>

R4 – IUCN redlist: <http://www.iucnredlist.org/>

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