



Thornback Ray FIP in the Eastern English Channel - Update

Joint NWWAC/NSAC FG Skates & Rays – 21/02/2022



Overview of the actions

- ❑ **Action 1 : To improve knowledge about the Thornback ray stock in the Eastern English Channel**
 - ❑ Last ICES advice – October 2021 – Category 3 stock
 - ❑ Identifying the lacking data – benchmark end of 2022/ beginning 2023
 - ❑ Study to improve knowledge on the functional areas of Thornback rays in the Eastern Channel
 - ❑ March to December 2022
 - ❑ APECS lead / WWF fund
 - ❑ Synthesis of the existing data (biology, ecology, distribution)
 - ❑ Data analysis on egg capsules / male/female & juvenile/adult distribution
 - ❑ Crossing IPREM maps with species distribution map
 - ❑ *Ridens of Boulogne*, functional areas for Thornback rays?
 - ❑ Management options for the functional areas
- ❑ **Action 2: Management options for TACs , Monospecific TAC for Thornback rays ?**
 - ❑ French commission for rays and sharks - October 2021 – attention points raised
 - ❑ Expert Working group 2022

- ❑ **Action 3: Improved data on fishing activities to support the management strategy**
 - ❑ Survival study on Thornback rays post-capture with Danish Seine – Sumaris protocol
 - ❑ Data for the benchmark
 - ❑ Tagging option to determine

- ❑ **Action 4: Minimizing the effects of Danish seine fishery on the stock status of red striped mullet.**
 - ❑ Presentation of WGNSSK current work at the upcoming Channel and North Sea French Commission
 - ❑ The status of the stock – category 5
 - ❑ Current research and data acquisition work
 - ❑ Prospects for improving fisheries monitoring
 - ❑ Management measures that would be relevant for this stock

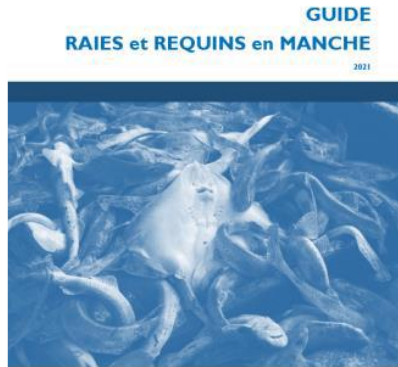
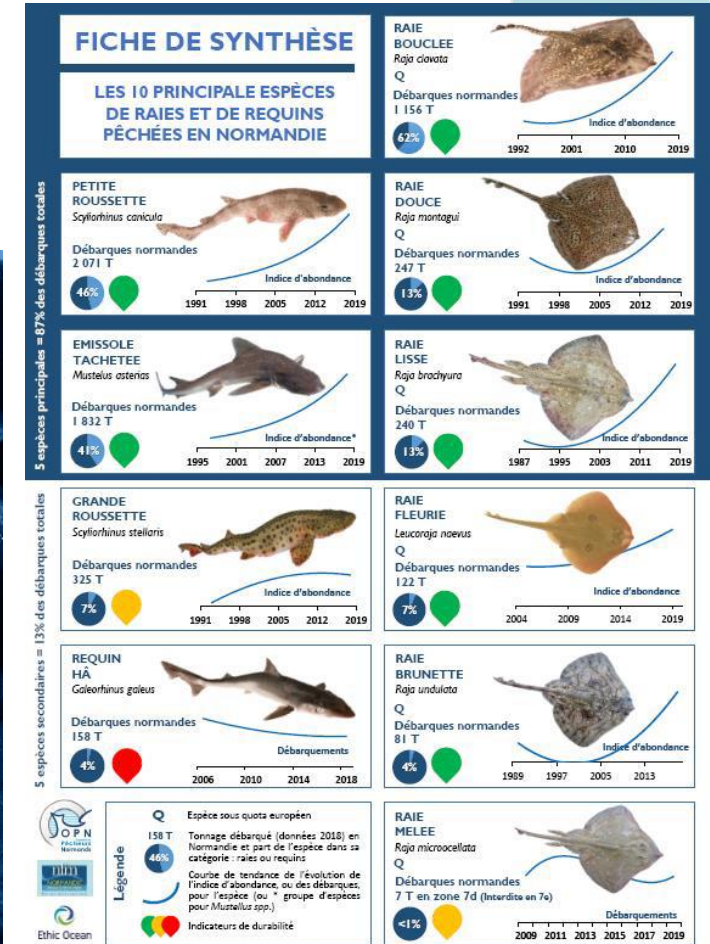
- ❑ **Action 5 : Monitoring the VMEs in the fishery's geographical area (7d) and effective application of measures to minimize the impacts of the fishery on sensitive habitats if required**
 - ❑ *Ridens of Boulogne* – management perspective
 - ❑ IPREM project finalization

❑ Action 6: Development and subsequent implementation of a management plan for Thornback ray fishing activities (and associated species) in the Eastern English Channel.

❑ To be carried out later on

❑ Action 7: Identification – traceability of ray species, in particular the Thornback ray

❑ Action 8 : Communications



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 Les 10 principales espèces pêchées en Normandie
 Indicateurs* de durabilité: 62% parmi les raias / requins pêchés en Normandie

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