



Communication to EP and Council COM(2016)396

consultation on the fishing opportunities for 2017



Communication: consultation and reporting

policy orientations for 2017 fishing opportunities

report (Article 50 CFP)

on achieving MSY & on the situation of fish stocks

report (Article 16(14) CFP)

on implementation of the landing obligation

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MSY (art. 2.2 CFP)

2. The CFP shall apply the precautionary approach to fisheries management, and shall aim to ensure that exploitation of living marine biological resources restores and maintains populations of harvested species above levels which can produce the maximum sustainable yield. (i)
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In order to reach the objective of progressively restoring and maintaining populations of fish stocks above biomass levels capable of producing maximum sustainable yield, the maximum sustainable yield exploitation rate shall be achieved by 2015 where possible and, on a progressive, incremental basis at the latest by 2020 for all stocks.

3. The CFP shall implement the ecosystem-based approach to

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multiannual plan Baltic:
ranges of Fmsy



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increase share of stocks fished at MSY

stocks with MSY assessment/data-rich (MSY proxy)

point values

2017 (CFP recital 7)

plans – compatibility
(third countries)

The exploitation rates should be achieved by 2015. Achieving those exploitation rates by a later date should be allowed only if achieving them by 2015 would seriously jeopardise the social and economic sustainability of the fishing fleets involved. After 2015, those rates should be achieved as soon as possible and in any event no later than 2020. Where scientific

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other stocks

quantitative advice (survey): ICES catch limits,
case by case

presumed stability (2014-2018): stable TAC
(26 - but ICES advice)

no advice: precautionary approach, case by case
(delegated TACs)

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landing obligation (2016 - 2018: demersal Atlantic/NS)

TAC adjustments – catches under LO

no increase F , compatible with MSY

case by case (discard plans e.a.)

2016 'method' – STECF advice

no adjustments when not under LO

reporting on MSY

(Article 50 of the 2014 CFP)

) the Council on the functioning of the CFP by 31 December 2022.

Article 50

Annual report

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The Commission shall report annually to the European Parliament and to the Council on the progress on achieving maximum sustainable yield and on the situation of fish stocks, as early as possible following the adoption of the yearly Council Regulation fixing the fishing opportunities available in Union waters and, in certain non-Union waters, to Union vessels.

STECF advice

all MSY-assessed stocks (ICES, 2014)

59 stocks (Atlantic, NS, BS)

cut-off approach:

31 fished sustainably

28 fished above Fmsy

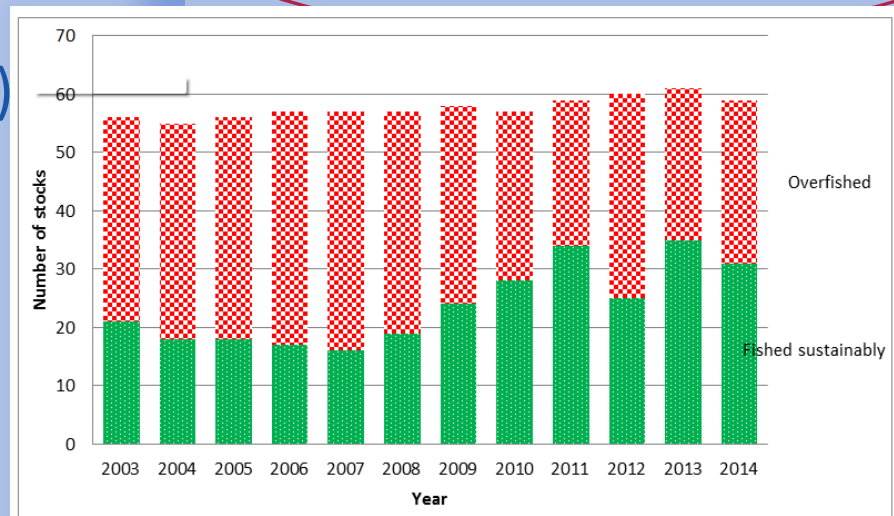


Figure 1. Numbers of assessed stocks in the Northeast Atlantic, North Sea and Baltic Sea in EU waters and contiguous shared stocks, showing numbers of stocks fished sustainably (current fishing mortality is at or below F_{msy}) or overfished (current fishing mortality is above F_{msy}).

STECF advice

(Atlantic, North Sea, Baltic Sea)

average fishing mortality
compared to Fmsy

(greater North Sea: 92 %
- from 147 % in 2003)

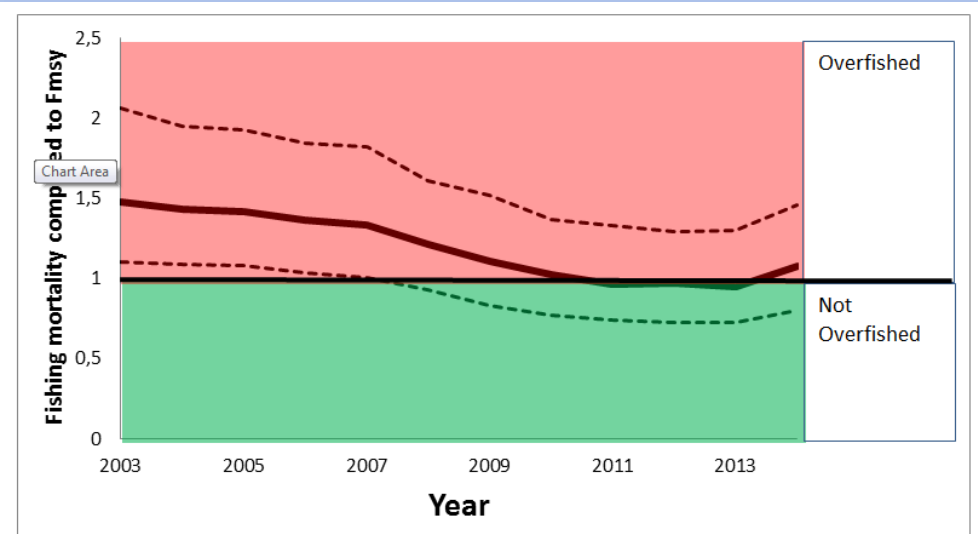


Figure 3. Average fishing mortality compared to F_{MSY} values ($=1$ for $F = F_{MSY}$) for stocks in the northeast Atlantic, including the Celtic Seas, North Sea and Baltic Sea. Based on Figure 13 of STECF-16-05 report as updated by the 51st Plenary Meeting Report. The broad line represents the average (median of model fit), the dashed line shows the range of uncertainty in the estimate (95% confidence interval).

other parameters – stocks within safe biological limits

STECF advice (Mediterranean Sea)

average fishing mortality
compared to Fmsy

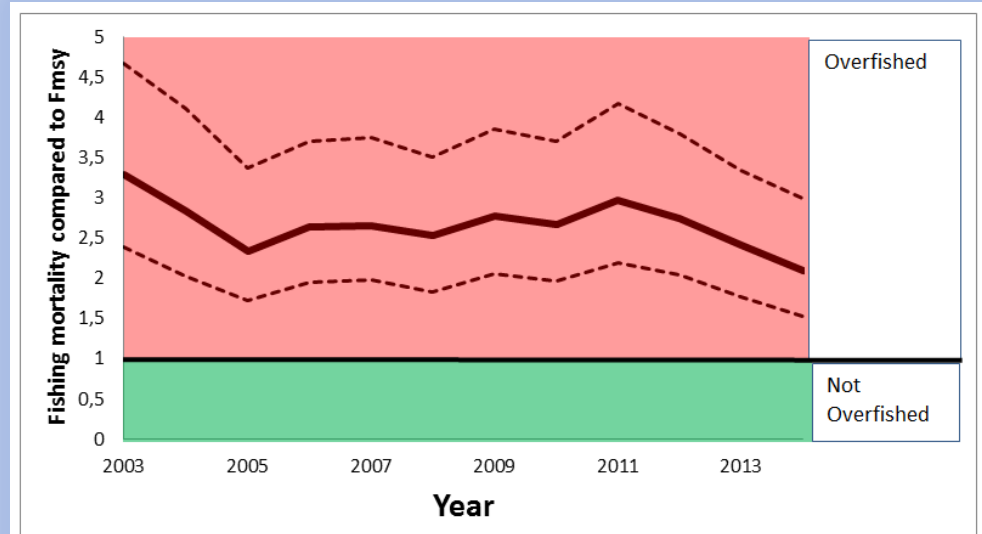
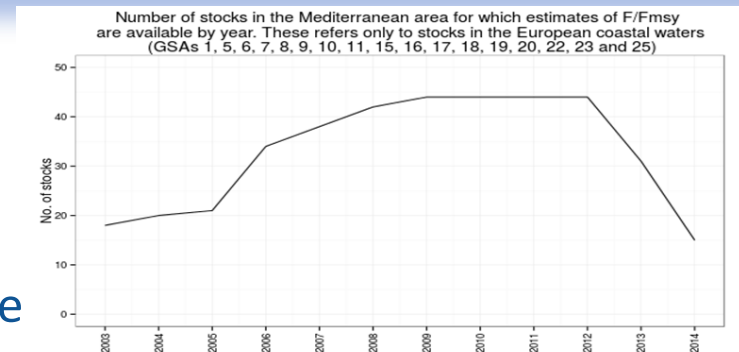


Figure 6. Average fishing mortality compared to MSY values ($=1$ for $F=F_{MSY}$), for stocks in the Mediterranean Sea, GSAs 1,5-11, 15-20, 22, 23 and 25. Redrawn from Figure 15 of the STECF-16-05 report, as updated by STECF 51st Plenary Meeting Report. The broad line shows the average (median of model fit), the dashed line shows the range of uncertainty in the estimate (95% confidence interval).



Number of stocks with F/Fmsy estimate

reporting on implementation of landing obligation (Article 16(14) CFP)

- 2015 (pelagic, industrial, Baltic)
- significant efforts to meet requirements
- limited data
- omnibus – control/enforcement
- too early to assess impacts
- no reports of significant problems

14. By 31 May 2016, and by 31 May of each subsequent year up to and including 2020, the Commission shall submit to the European Parliament and to the Council an annual report on the implementation of the landing obligation, based on information transmitted by the Member States, the Advisory Councils and other relevant sources to the Commission.

Annual reports shall include:

- steps taken by Member States and producer organisations to comply with the landing obligation;
- steps taken by Member States regarding control of compliance with the landing obligation;
- information on the socioeconomic impact of the landing obligation;
- information on the effect of the landing obligation on safety on board fishing vessels;
- information on the use and outlets of catches below the minimum conservation reference size of a species subject to the landing obligation;
- information on port infrastructures and of vessels' fitting with regard to the landing obligation;
- for each fishery concerned, information on the difficulties encountered in the implementation of the landing obligation and recommendations to address them.

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