Marine Management Organisation

Statistics and Analysis

The team provides statistical analysis and advice to fishery managers and industry to ensure we maximise uptake of fishing opportunities. We contribute to Government policy development and provide the EU, scientists and external bodies with statistics essential to managing fisheries.

What we do:

- Allocate quota and days at sea to the fishing industry;
- Monitor quota uptake for 130 stocks and advise on under 10m monthly catch limits;
- Monitor days at sea uptake and set effort limits in the Western Waters and Sole Recovery Zone;
- Provide statistical support and advice on EU Exit and other policy matters to Defra;
- Analyse implications of the ban on discards;
- Support coastal enforcement teams to prevent illegal fishing ;
- Respond to data requests from industry, researchers, media and the general public;
- Co-ordinate the provision of scientific and economic advice to the EU in support of the Common Fisheries Policy.

Why we do it:

Our aim is to promote a viable fishing industry and ensure a healthy state of fish stocks. Effective and sustainable fisheries management can only be achieved through the provision and analysis of high quality and timely data.

Key achievements:

Working closely with fishery managers and stakeholders has allowed the UK industry to fish sustainably and optimise economic activity. We continue to maintain our high reputation with the EU and we have enabled the smooth introduction of the discard ban.

Our key statistical publications have both earned the highly desired 'National Statistics' status.

They include highly detailed datasets to allow users to do their own analyses. For the first time, we have published a breakdown of UK landings for each nation's sea area of capture, with a corresponding analysis of landings by other member states.

Facts:

- The UK fishing fleet comprises 6,200 vessels.
- There are 11,800 fishermen.
- We landed 700 thousand tonnes worth £940 million.
- We manage 130 quota stocks
- We produce around 1,800 regular statistical reports a year