

Effort deployed by over 10m UK vessels with regulated gears in the Cod Recovery Zone, 1/2/2015 – 31/12/2015

Data provided to the European Commission in accordance with Annex IIA of Council Regulation (EU) No 18119/13^(a,b,c)

Gear	Effort (kWdays)		
	Irish Sea	North Sea	West of Scotland
BT1	-	-	-
BT2	-	130,396	-
GN1	-	1,907	-
GT1	-	-	-
LL1	-	1,652	34,829
TR1	3,737	779,960	150,229
TR2	213,325	242,576	109,023
TR3	-	-	-

Source: UK Fisheries Administrations

(a) The Cod Recovery Zone comprises the four sea areas described in Council Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008 and Council Regulation (EU) No 57/2011:

- Irish Sea: ICES division VIIa
- Kattegat
- North Sea: Skagerrak; that part of ICES division IIIa not covered by the Skagerrak and the Kattegat; ICES subarea IV and EU waters of ICES division IIa; ICES division VIId
- West of Scotland: ICES division VIa and EU waters of ICES division Vb

The UK does not hold allocations of effort for Kattegat.

(b) Regulated gears are as described in Council Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008.

(c) Excludes effort by UK vessels targeting Norway lobster and using bottom trawls and seines of mesh size equal to or larger than 70 mm and less than 100 mm in the West of Scotland, in particular in the Minch (ICES statistical rectangles 42E3, 42E4, 43E3, 43E4, 44E3, 44E4, 45E3) and in the Firth of Clyde (ICES statistical rectangles 39E5 and 40E5), as per Council Regulation (EU) No 53/2010.

d) Data provided to the European Commission in accordance with Annex IIA Council Regulation EC No 18119/13 only contains validated data on the MMO systems

Note:

Levels of maximum allowable effort by the UK fleet in each area with each gear type for the period 2015-16 are set out in Appendix 1 of Annex IIA of Council Regulation (EU) No 18119/13. However, the UK has applied for increases in these levels as allowed for within the regulation in recognition of the extra measures UK fishermen comply with to help reduce cod mortality. These increases will make a significant difference to the UK levels of effort, and as such to include the levels as they stand would be misleading. They are hence not included here. Once a response to the UK request has been received the revised effort levels will be included in these releases.