

AGREED RECORD OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM,
THE EUROPEAN UNION, THE FAROE ISLANDS, GREENLAND, ICELAND AND NORWAY
ON THE MANAGEMENT OF MACKEREL IN THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FOR 2023

London, 6 December 2022

1. A delegation from the United Kingdom headed by Colin FAULKNER, a delegation from the European Union headed by Thomas BRÉGEON, a delegation from the Faroe Islands headed by Herluf SIGVALDSSON, a delegation from Greenland headed by Iben Funch DØJ, a delegation from Iceland headed by Áslaug Eir HÓLMGEIRSDÓTTIR, and a delegation from Norway headed by Ann Kristin WESTBERG, met in London on 17 October 2022 and on 5 and 6 December to consult on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic for 2023.
2. The delegations agreed that 782,066 tonnes should represent the level of catches for mackerel in the North-East Atlantic for 2023.
3. The delegations noted that they had conducted several rounds of consultations in 2022 to agree a new suite of management measures for the stock for 2023 and beyond, including a comprehensive, inclusive, and long-term quota-sharing arrangement, and a new long-term management strategy. They agreed that concluding such arrangements was of the utmost importance, and that they should continue to work together intensively on these matters with the aim of reaching an agreement as soon as practicable.
4. They agreed that they would meet several times in February and March 2023 to take forward their consultations which would take place in London and Nuuk. They further agreed on a hard deadline of 31 March 2023 for a final agreement.
5. The delegations agreed that the United Kingdom would continue to chair those consultations until 31 March given that they relate to fishing opportunities for 2023.
6. The delegations agreed that, in anticipation of agreeing a new suite of management measures, they would each initially set quotas for 2023 at levels which would contribute to a conducive environment for the conclusion of their consultations. Delegations shall inform each other of the quotas they have set ahead of resuming those consultations.
7. The delegations welcomed the outcomes of the 2022 Working Group on the distribution of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic, and expressed their thanks to those involved. They agreed that the Working Group should continue; that it should be co-chaired in 2023 by scientists from the UK and the Faroe Islands; and that it should update its report on a regular and timely basis.
8. The delegations exchanged final quota and catch information for 2021 as well as preliminary information for 2022. This information is provided in Annex I of this Agreed Record.

9. The delegations agreed to continue to provide quota and catch information in the same format as set out in Annex I of this Agreed Record. They also agreed to exchange information from 2022 and onwards regarding their fishing activities including exchanges and access provisions as outlined in Annex II of this Agreed Record.
10. The delegations agreed that each Party shall by 1 May 2023 provide updated information on the issues set out in paragraph 9 of this Agreed Record to the chair of the annual consultations for 2024, and that the chair should forward that information as soon as practicable to all Parties.

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Reporting of quotas and catches of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic – 2021-2022

2021	QUOTAS (tonnes)				CATCHES (tonnes)												
	Party	Quota established	Balance from 2020	Quota exchange	Quotas after transfers and flexibility	NEAFC Regulatory Area	European Union Zone	Faroe Fishing Zone	Greenland fishing zone	Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone	Norwegian Economic Zone	Fishery Zone around Jan Mayen	Fishery Protection Zone around Svalbard	Russian Economic Zone	United Kingdom Zone	TOTAL CATCH	Balance to 2022
European Union	198,063	39,123	729	237,916	29	54,886					265				134,890	190,069	47,846
Faroe Islands	167,048	33,796	-22,400	178,444	41,766		36,720			27,657						106,143	72,301
Iceland	140,627	22,368	-700	162,295	108,136		84		21,264							129,484	32,811
Norway	298,299	-10,210	6,349	294,438	6,123	12				264,638						270,773	23,665
Greenland	60,000	0	0	60,000	33,335											33,335	0
United Kingdom	222,288	-4,630	-478	217,180		1,049									221,533	222,582	-5,402
Russian Federation	120,423		16,500	136,923	122,015		14,192									136,207	716
Total	1,206,748			1,287,196	311,404	55,947	50,996	0	21,264	292,560	0	0	0	356,423	1,088,593		

2022 (Provisional)	QUOTAS (tonnes)				CATCHES (tonnes)												
	Party	Quota established	Balance from 2021	Quota exchange	Quotas after transfers and flexibility	NEAFC Regulatory Area	European Union Zone	Faroe Fishing Zone	Greenland fishing zone	Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone	Norwegian Economic Zone	Fishery Zone around Jan Mayen	Fishery Protection Zone around Svalbard	United Kingdom Zone	Russian Economic Zone	TOTAL CATCH	Balance to 2023
European Union (*)	185,543	19,806	-359	204,990	9	61,515					48			66,103		127,675	77,315
Faroe Islands	155,804	72,301	-21,200	206,905	70,422	0	53,723	0		0	9,602	0	0	0	0	133,747	73,158
Iceland	131,162	20,719	1,300	153,181	94,497		523		34,659							129,679	23,502
Norway	278,222	23,666	6,317	308,205	661	2	190			292,998				154		294,005	14,200
Greenland	51,670	0	0	51,670	17,970											17,970	33,700
United Kingdom	210,820	-5,402	677	206,095		5,922					1			190,930		196,853	9,242
Russian Federation	120,032		13,300	133,332												5	133,327
Total Coastal States	1,133,253	131,090	35	1,264,378	183,559	67,439	54,436	0	34,659	302,649	0	0	0	257,187	0	899,934	364,444

(*) including 800 tonnes EU bycatch of MAC in EU waters and 16 tonnes in UK waters

The EU provided provisional figures for 2022 on 04/10/2022

The Faroe Islands provided provisional figures for 2022 on 13/10/2022

Iceland provided provisional figures for 2022 on 05/12/2022

Norway provided provisional figures for 2022 on 05/12/2022

The United Kingdom provided provisional figures for 2022 on 05/12/2022

Greenland provided provisional figures for 2022 on 11/10/2022

Transfers in 2022

Party	Quotas	Balance from 2021	Total available	Transfer to						
				European Union	Faroe Islands	Greenland	Iceland	Norway	United Kingdom	Russian Federation
European Union	185,543	19,806	205,349	---					1,247	
Faroe Islands	155,804	72,301	122,301		---		1,300	6,600		13,300
Greenland	51,670		51,670			---				
Iceland	131,162	20,719	151,881				---			N/A
Norway	278,222	23,666	308,488	283				---		
United Kingdom	210,820	-5,402	205,418	570					---	
Russian Federation										---

Access arrangements in 2022

Party	Access granted to						
	European Union	Faroe Islands	Greenland	Iceland	Norway	United Kingdom	Russian Federation
European Union	---				283	Full access	
Faroe Islands		---			10,000		
Greenland			---				
Iceland				---			
Norway		10,000			---		
United Kingdom	Full access					---	
Russian Federation							---