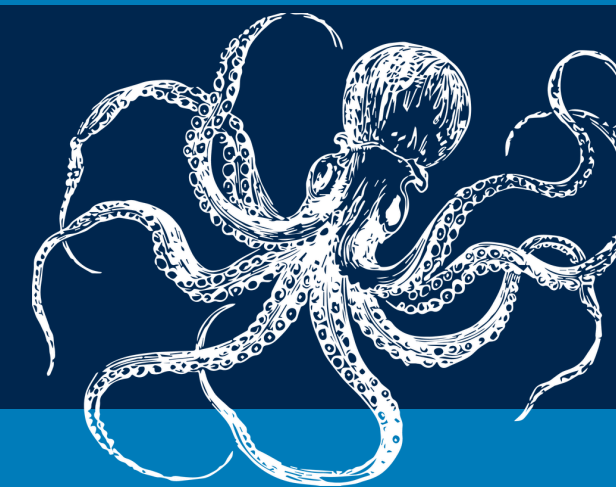




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Octopus landings over time

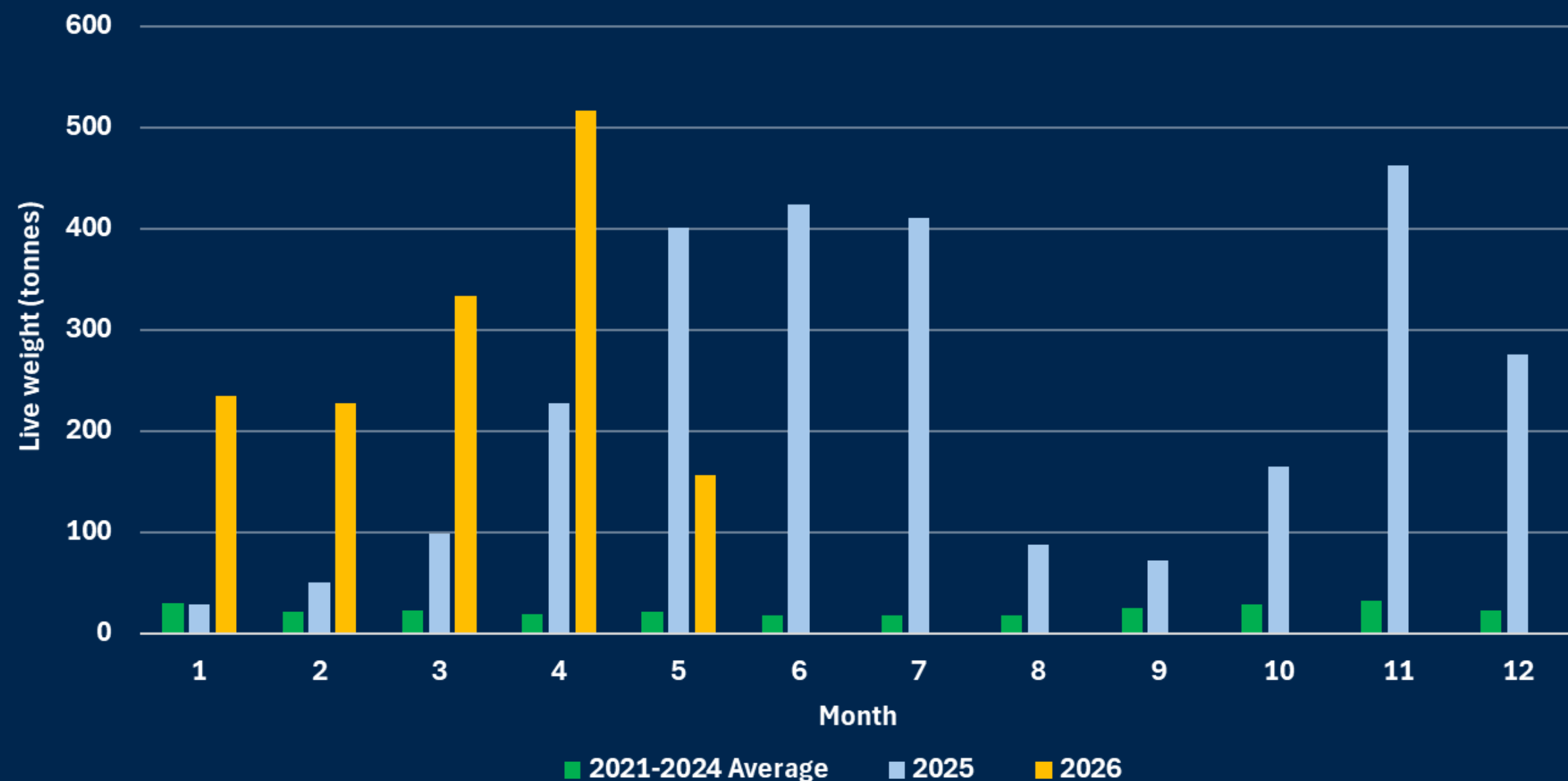


Figure 1. Monthly live weight (tonnes) of octopus landed from all UK vessels in all UK ports. (Months: January = 1, December = 12). Data from 1 January 2021 to 11 May 2026.

Top five ports with octopus landings by UK vessels caught in ICES 7e

PORT	2021-24 (averaged)	2025 (total)	2026 (1 January-11 May)
NEWLYN	46.78 t	981.08 t	839.65 t
BRIXHAM	125.93 t	770.21 t	259.98 t
SALCOMBE	0.02 t	285.83 t	117.76 t
PLYMOUTH	10.53 t	147.08 t	38.27 t
DARTMOUTH (ALL)	1.71 t	195.88 t	69.78 t

Heatmap: 2026 octopus landings

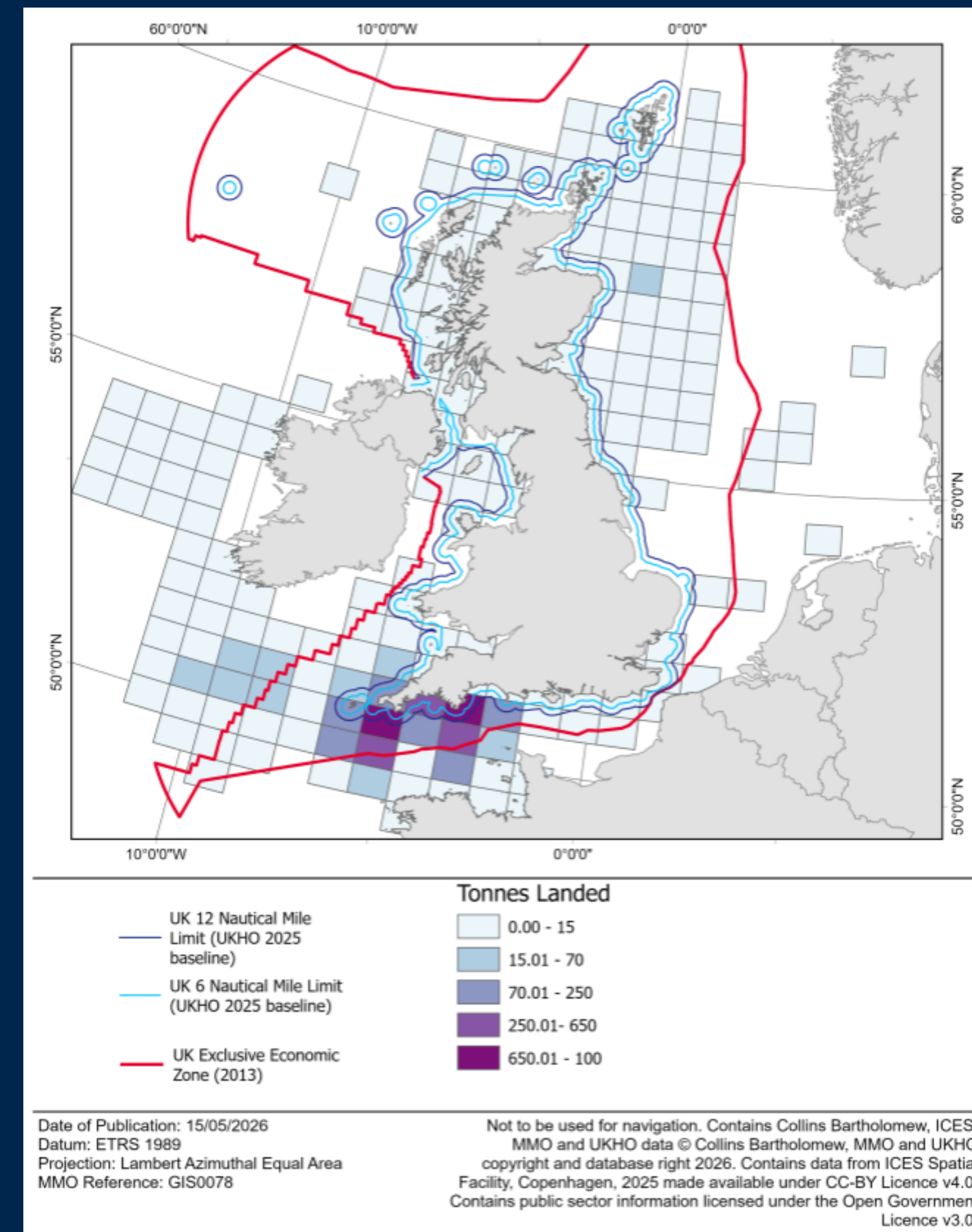
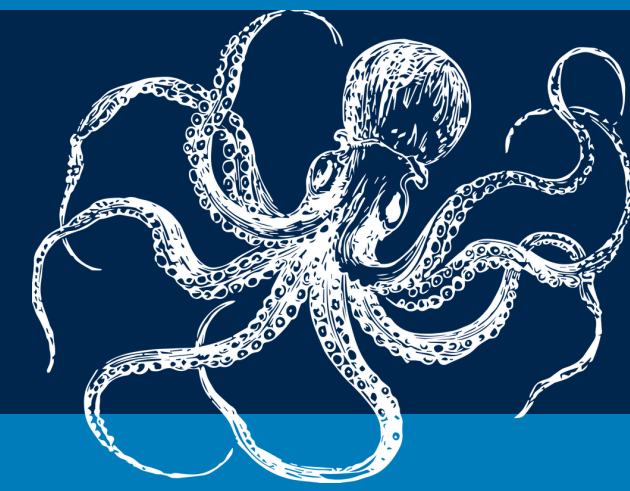


Figure 3. Heat map representing lives weight (tonnes) of octopus landed by UK vessels in each ICES rectangle. Data from the 1 January 2026 to 11 May 2026.



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Octopus landings by gear type

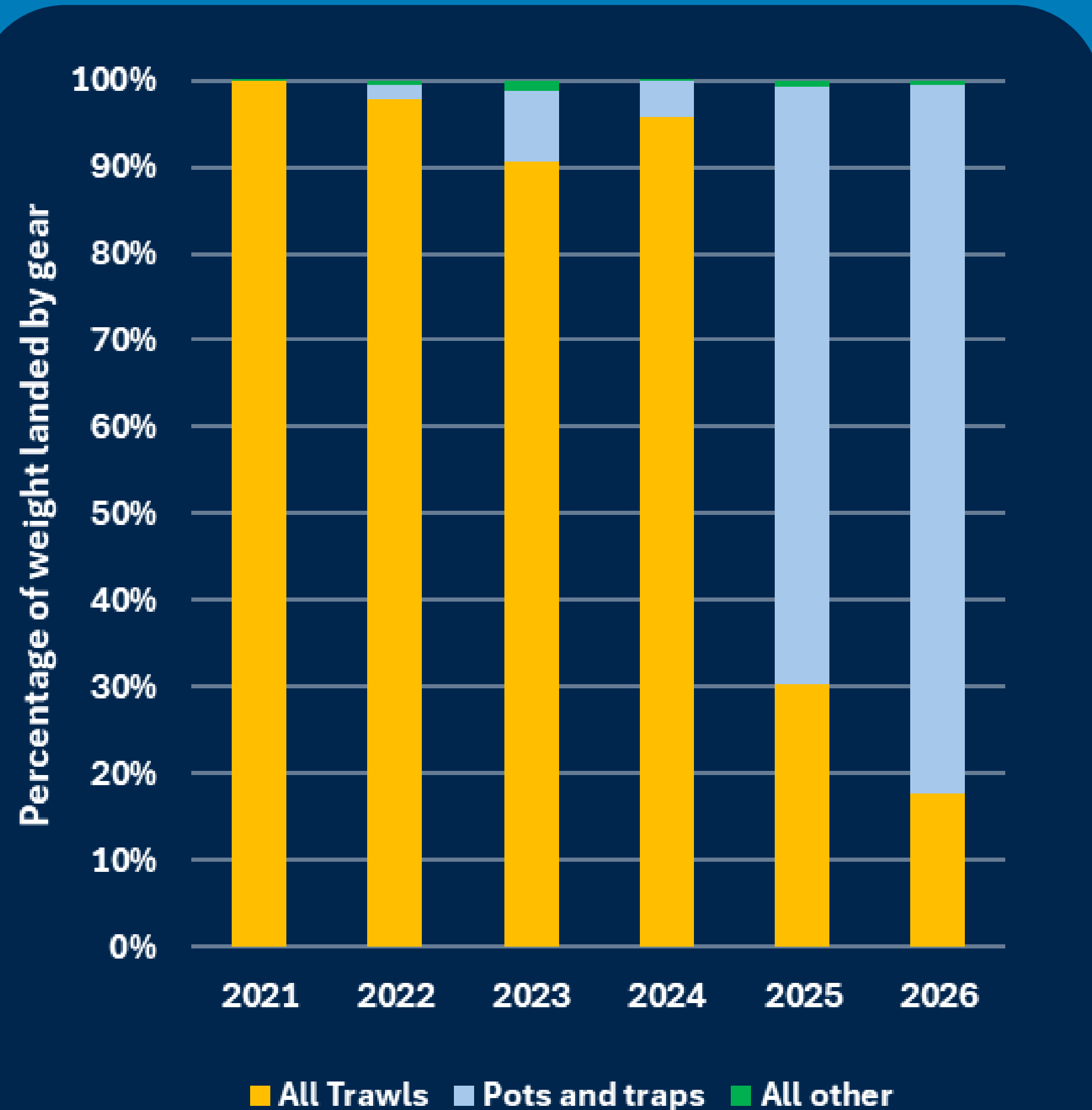


Figure 4. Percentage (%) of octopus landings, by gear type, from all UK vessels landed in all ICES areas. Data from 1 January 2021 to 11 May 2026. 'All other' gear represents all dredges, all nets, hooks and lines, and unspecified gears.

Other shellfish landings by ICES area

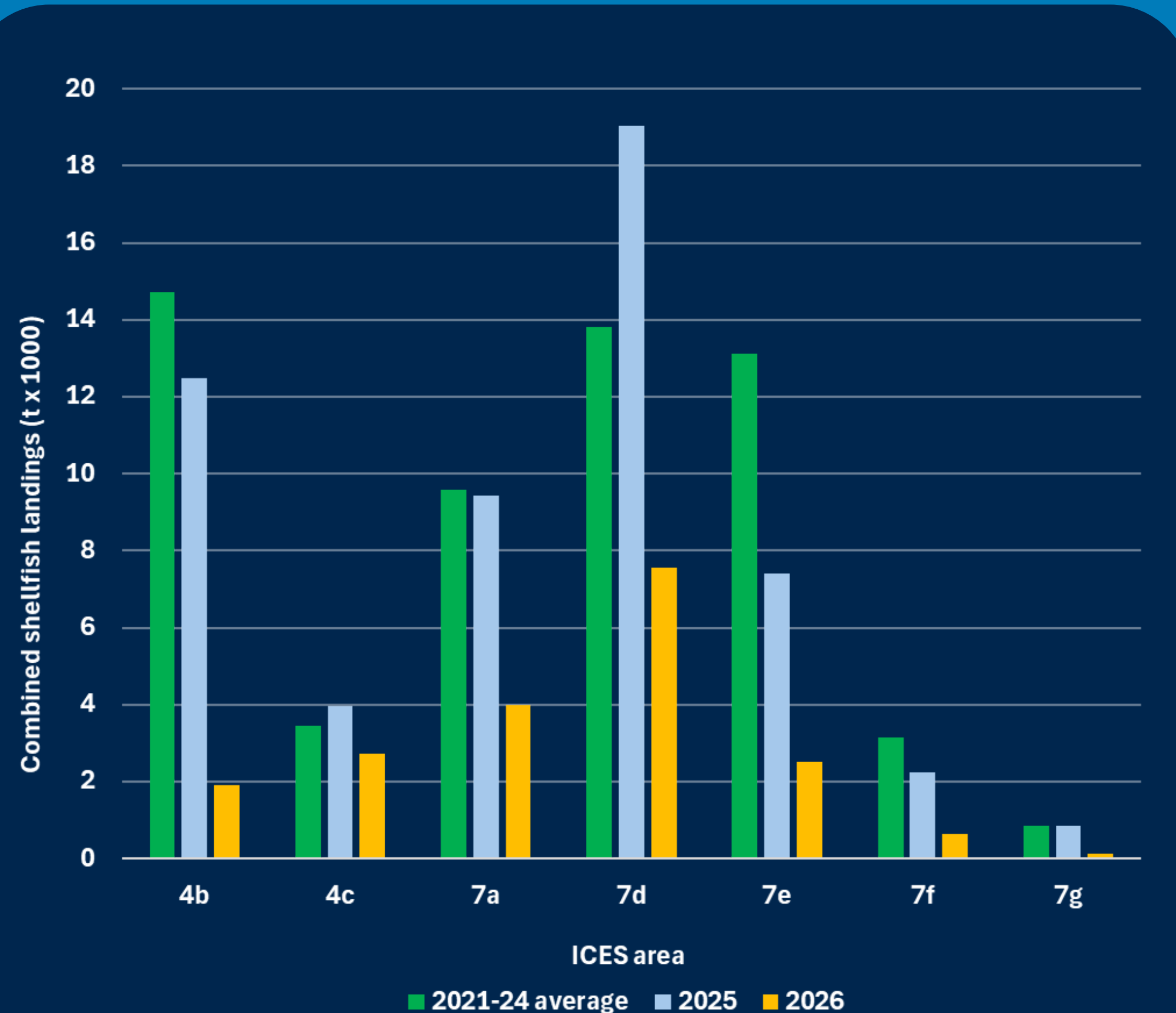
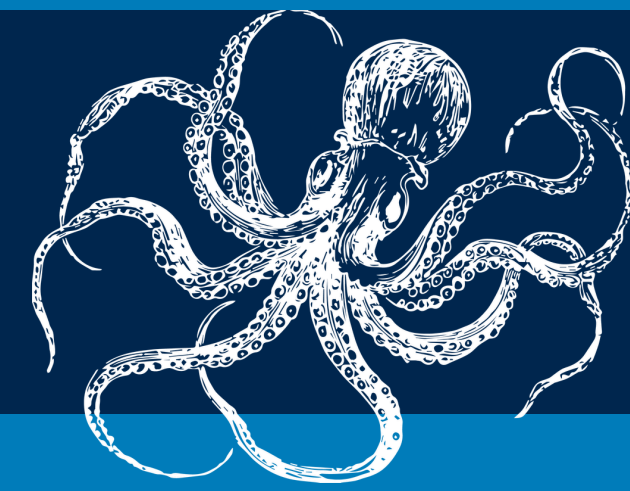


Figure 5. Comparison of combined shellfish landings (brown crab, lobster, crawfish, scallops and whelk) by ICES area. ICES areas 7h, 7J and 7k have been omitted from the figure due to minimal landings in these offshore areas. Data from 1 January 2021 to 11 May 2026.



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Octopus landings by vessel length and gear type

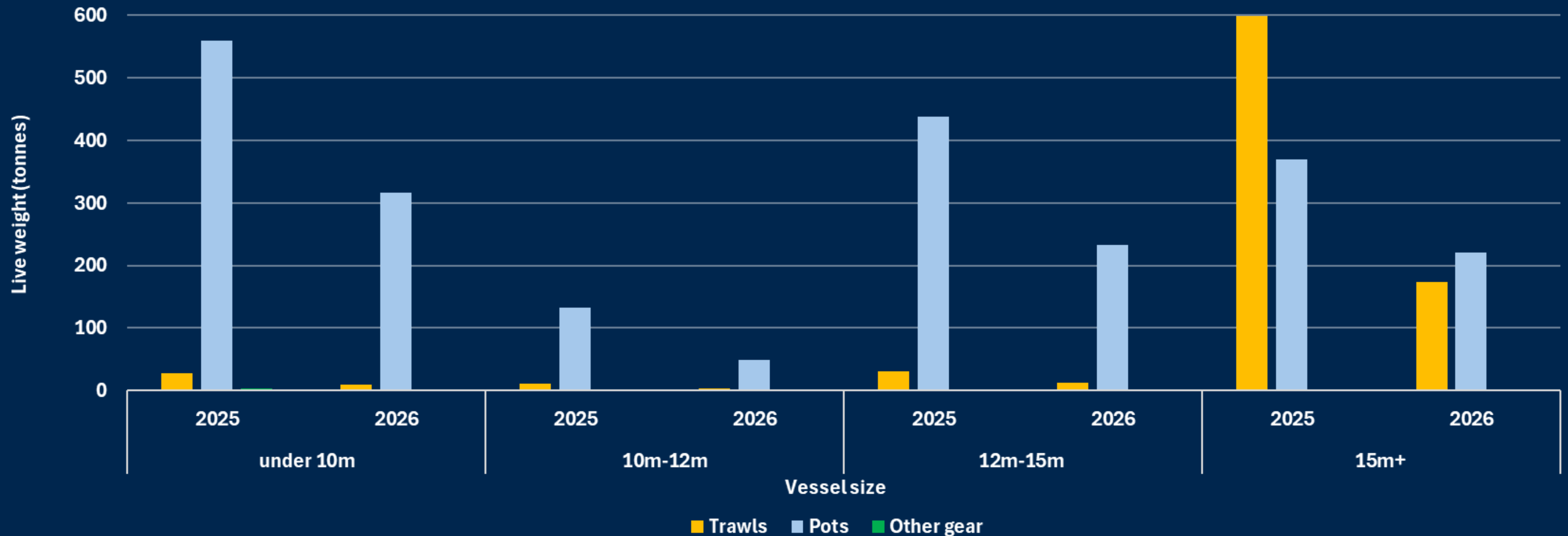


Figure 6. Octopus landings (tonnes) in ICES area 7e, which has had consistently the most landings since the start of the bloom. The figure is split by vessel size, comparing 2025 to 2026. It is important to note that 2026 data is only from 1 January - 11 May 2026, compared to 12-months of data for 2025. Trawls represent beam trawls, otter trawls, and boat dredges. 'Other gear' represents rod and lines, longlines, Scottish seines, gillnets, trammel nets and unspecified gears.