



Octopus and Shellfish Infographics

1 January 2021 to 31 May 2026

Octopus Landings Over Time

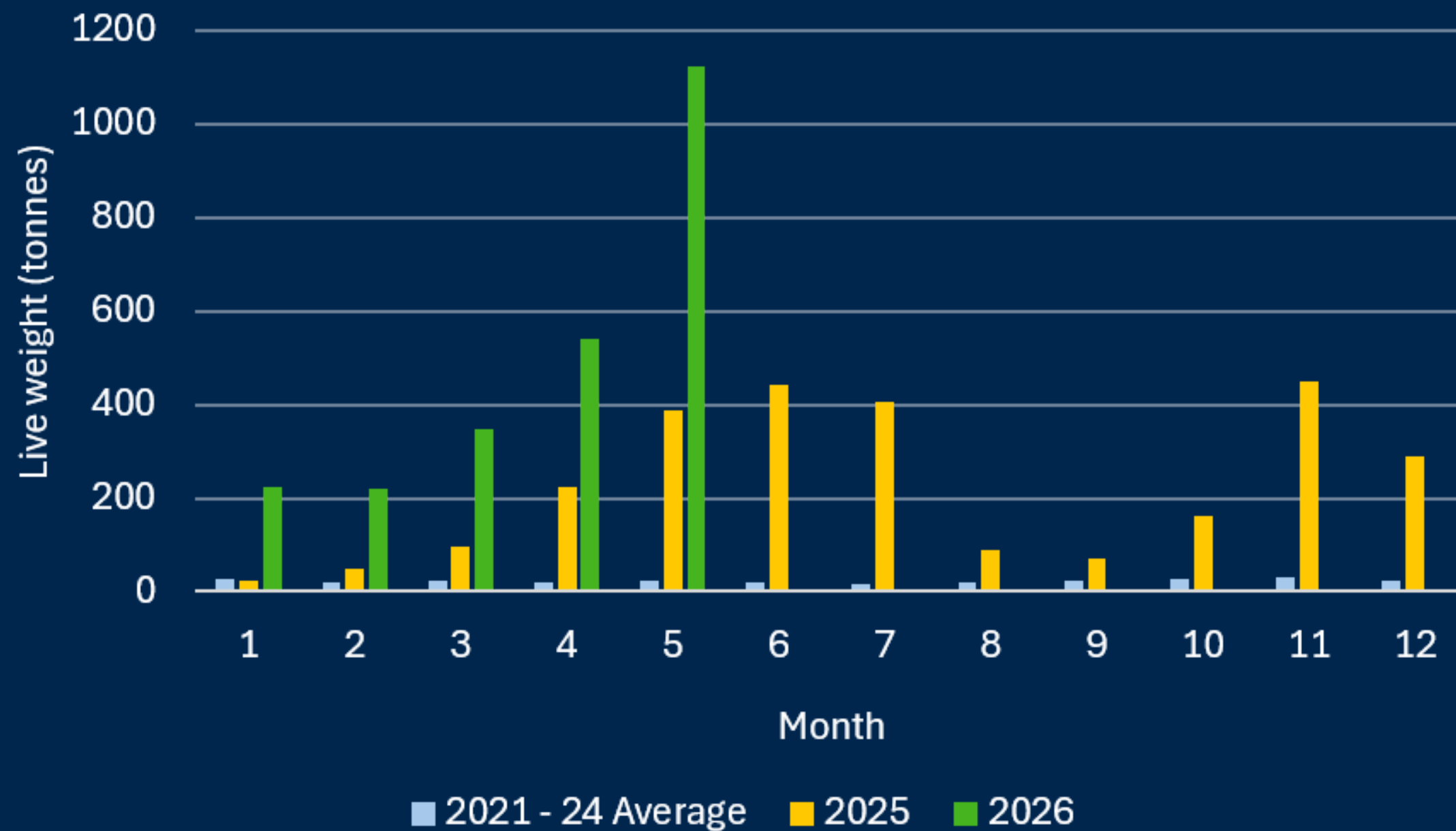


Figure 1. Monthly live weight (tonnes) of octopus landed from all UK vessels in all UK ports. (Months: January = 1, December = 12). Data from 1 January 2021 to 31 May 2026.

Top Five Ports With Octopus Landings By UK Vessels Caught In All Areas

PORT	2021-24 (average)	2025 (total)	2026 (1 January-31 May)
NEWLYN	37 t	977 t	1186 t
BRIXHAM	101 t	770 t	497 t
SALCOMBE	0 t	286 t	220 t
PLYMOUTH	8 t	147 t	105 t
DARTMOUTH (ALL)	1 t	187 t	161 t

Heatmap: 2026 Octopus Landings

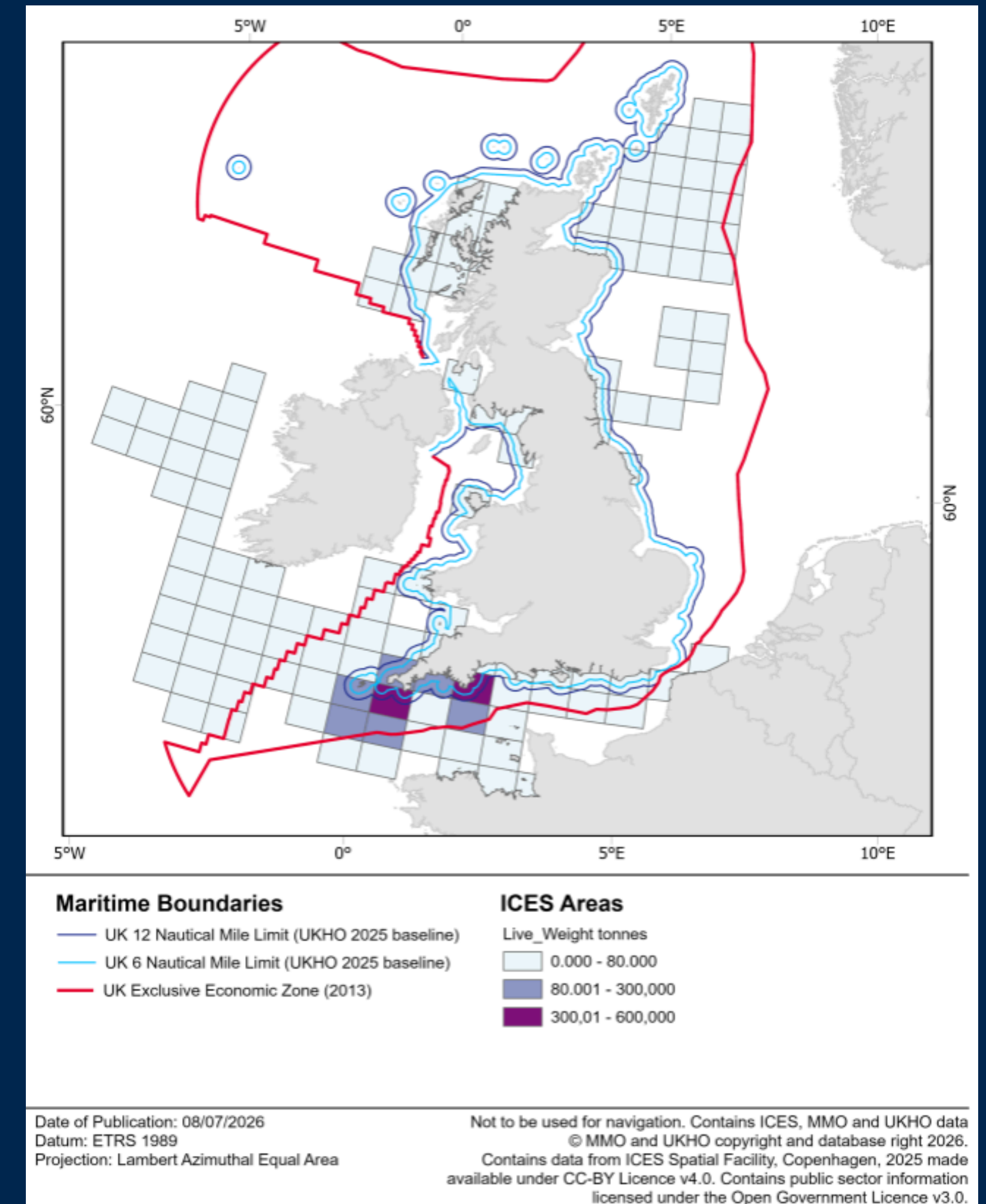


Figure 3. Heat map representing live weight (tonnes) of octopus landed by UK vessels in each ICES rectangle. Data from the 1 January 2026 to 31 May 2026.



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Octopus Landings By Gear Type

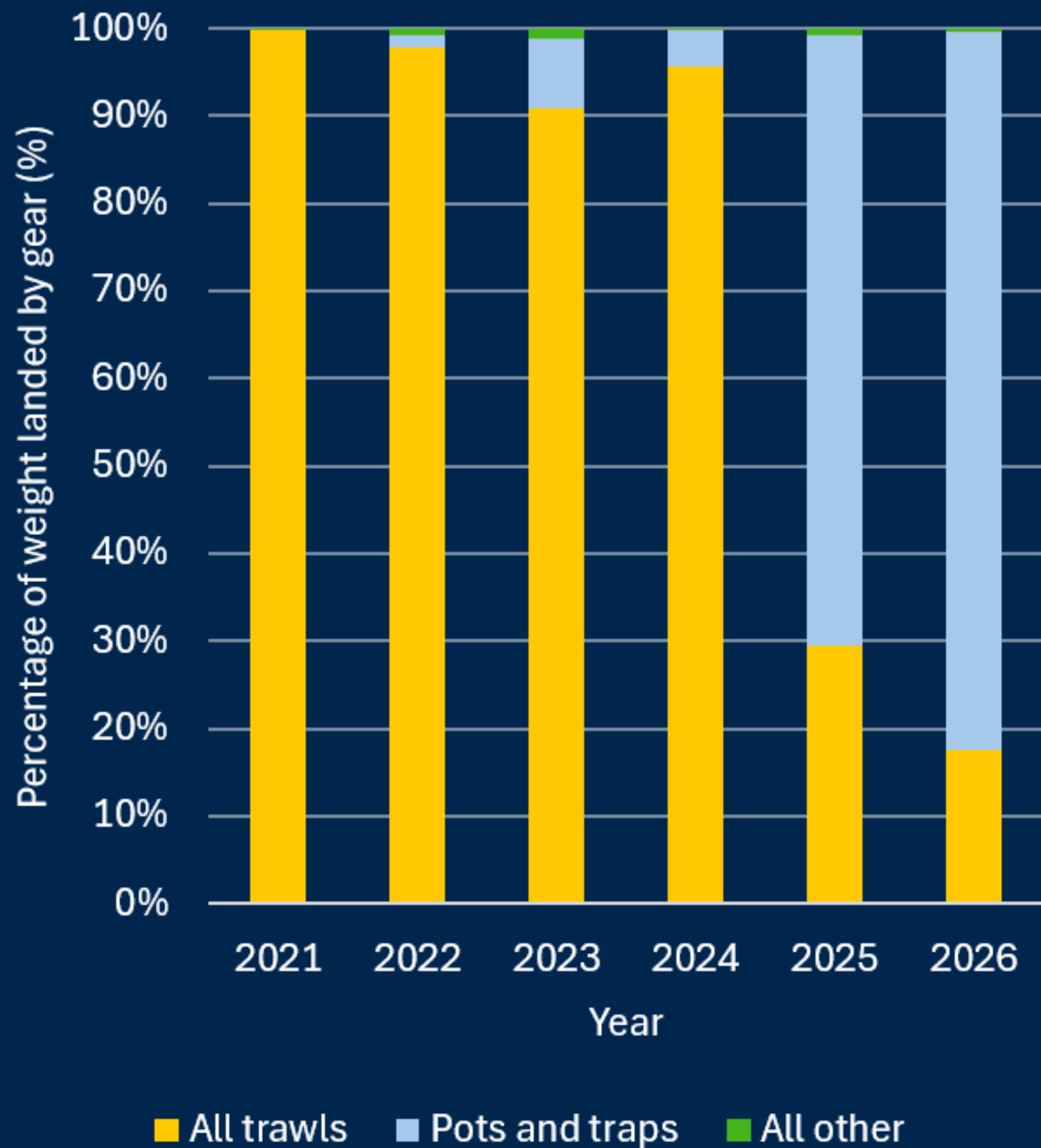


Figure 4. Percentage (%) of octopus landings, by gear type, from all UK vessels landed in all ICES areas. Data from 1 January 2021 to 31 May 2026. 'All other' gear represents all dredges, all nets, hooks and lines, and unspecified gears.

Other Shellfish Landings By ICES Area

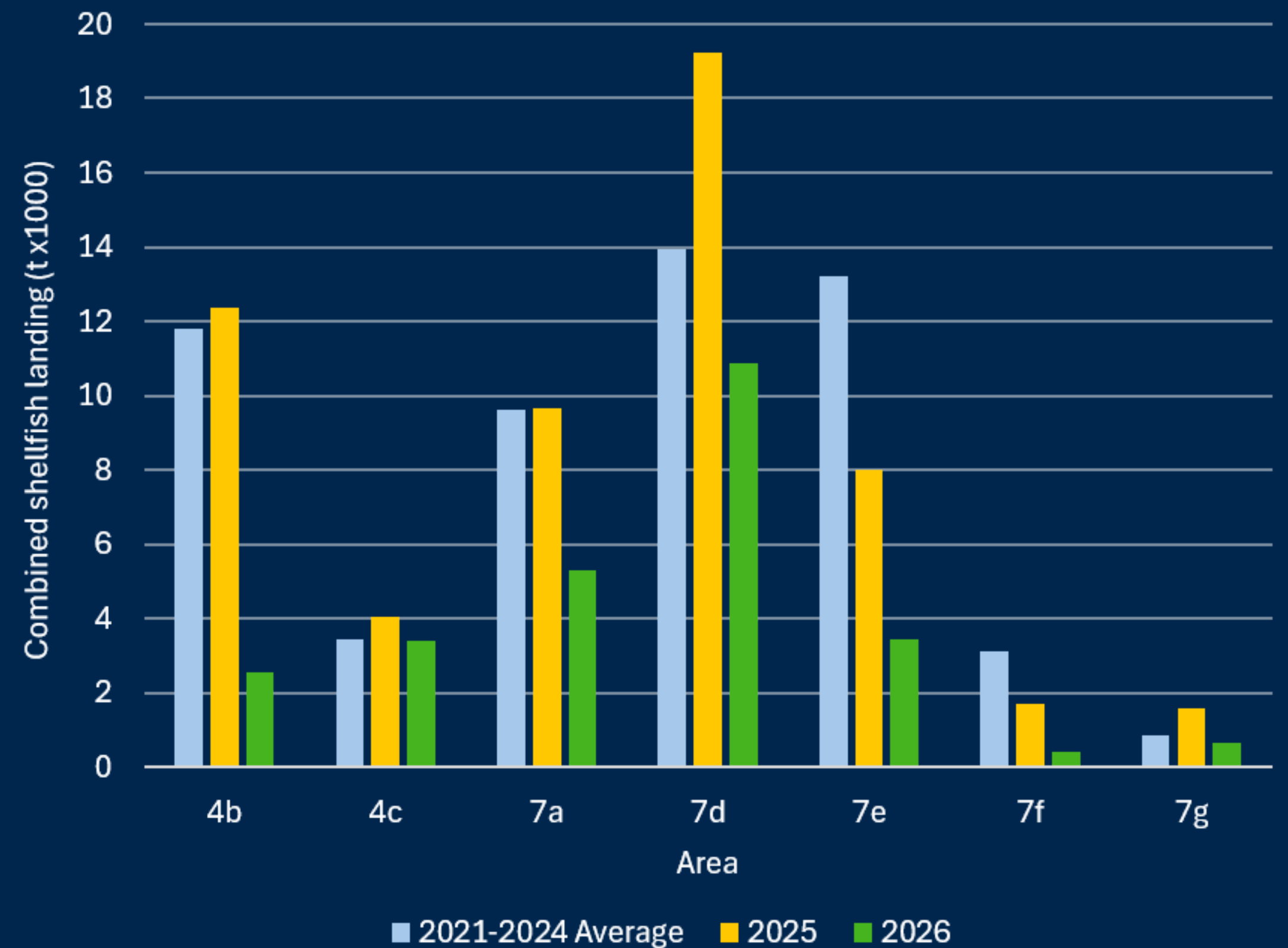


Figure 5. Comparison of combined shellfish landings (brown crab, lobster, crawfish, scallops and whelk) by ICES area. Offshore area data have been excluded from the figure due to minimal landings. Data from 1 January 2021 to 31 May 2026.



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Octopus Landings By Vessel Length And Gear Type

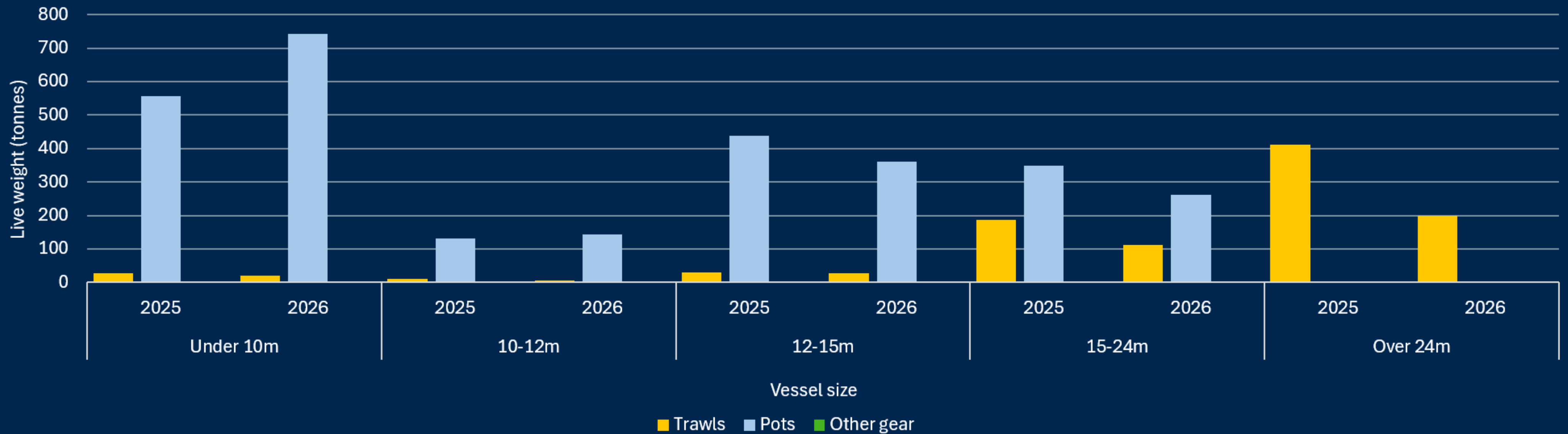


Figure 6. Octopus landings (tonnes) in ICES area 7e, which has had consistently the most landings since the start of the bloom. The figure is split by vessel size, comparing 2025 to 2026. It is important to note that 2026 data is only from 1 January - 31 May 2026, compared to 12-months of data for 2025. 'Trawls' include dredges and 'Other gear' represents gillnets and entangling nets, hook and line, seine nets and miscellaneous gear.

Caveats To Note

- Sourced from underlying dataset published alongside our monthly Sea Fisheries Statistics (SFS) report: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/monthly-uk-sea-fisheries-statistics>.
- Unlike the published SFS report, this extract excludes validation checks and imputations for missing or unreliable data, which generally impact value (£) estimates.
- Data remains provisional.
- Landings data for English, Welsh and Isle of Man under 10m vessels in this infographic are primarily based on sales notes for tonnage and value. Where available, matching catch records provide extra details such as fishing area and gear type. This change follows the catch recording statistical quality assessment published on 9 October 2025: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-sea-fisheries-statistics-catch-recording-data-statistical-quality-assessment>.