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Octopus and Shellfish Infographics

1 January 2021 to 30 September 2026

Octopus Landings Over Time

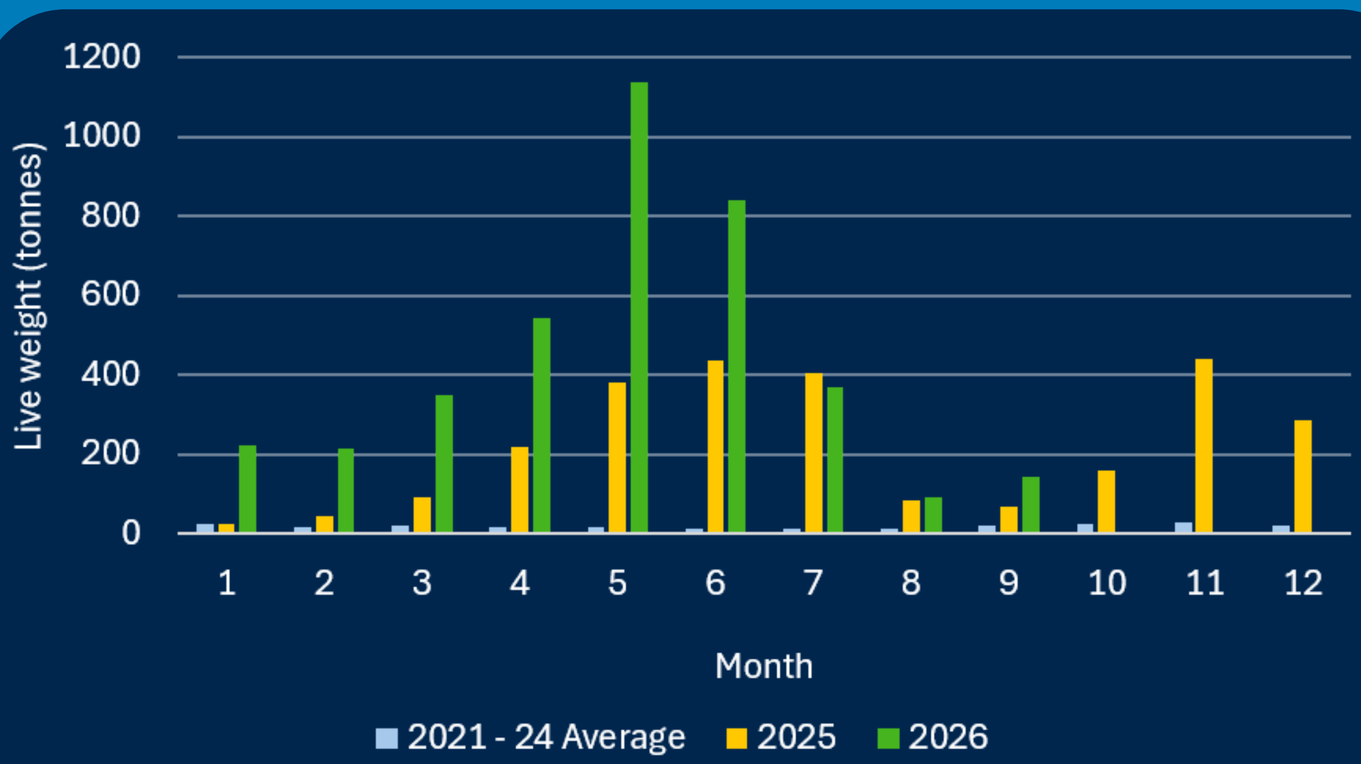


Figure 1. Monthly live weight (tonnes) of octopus landed from UK vessels into UK ports. (Months: January = 1, December = 12). Data from 1 January 2021 to 30 September 2026.

Top Six UK Octopus Landing Ports, UK Vessel Landings From All ICES Divisions

PORT	2021-24 (average)	2025 (total)	2026 (1 January-30 September)
NEWLYN	47 t	977 t	1598 t
BRIXHAM	126 t	770 t	870 t
SALCOMBE	0 t	286 t	350 t
DARTMOUTH (ALL)	1 t	187 t	301 t
MEVAGISSEY	1 t	90 t	280 t
PLYMOUTH	11 t	147 t	225 t

2026 Octopus Landings By ICES Division

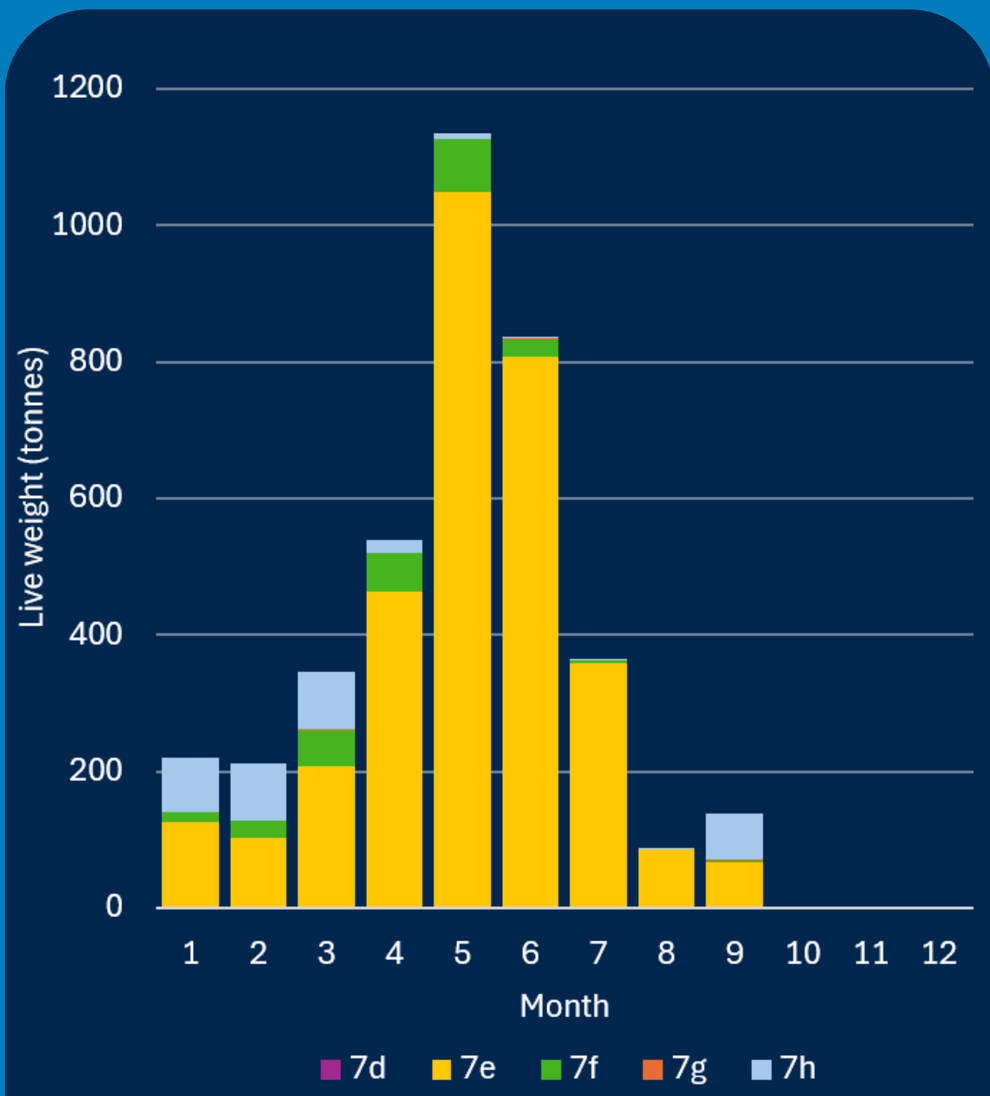


Figure 3. Monthly live weight (tonnes) of octopus landed in 2026 from different ICES divisions, UK vessels landing into UK ports. (Months: January = 1, December = 12). Data from 1 January 2026 to 30 September 2026.

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Octopus Landings By Gear Type

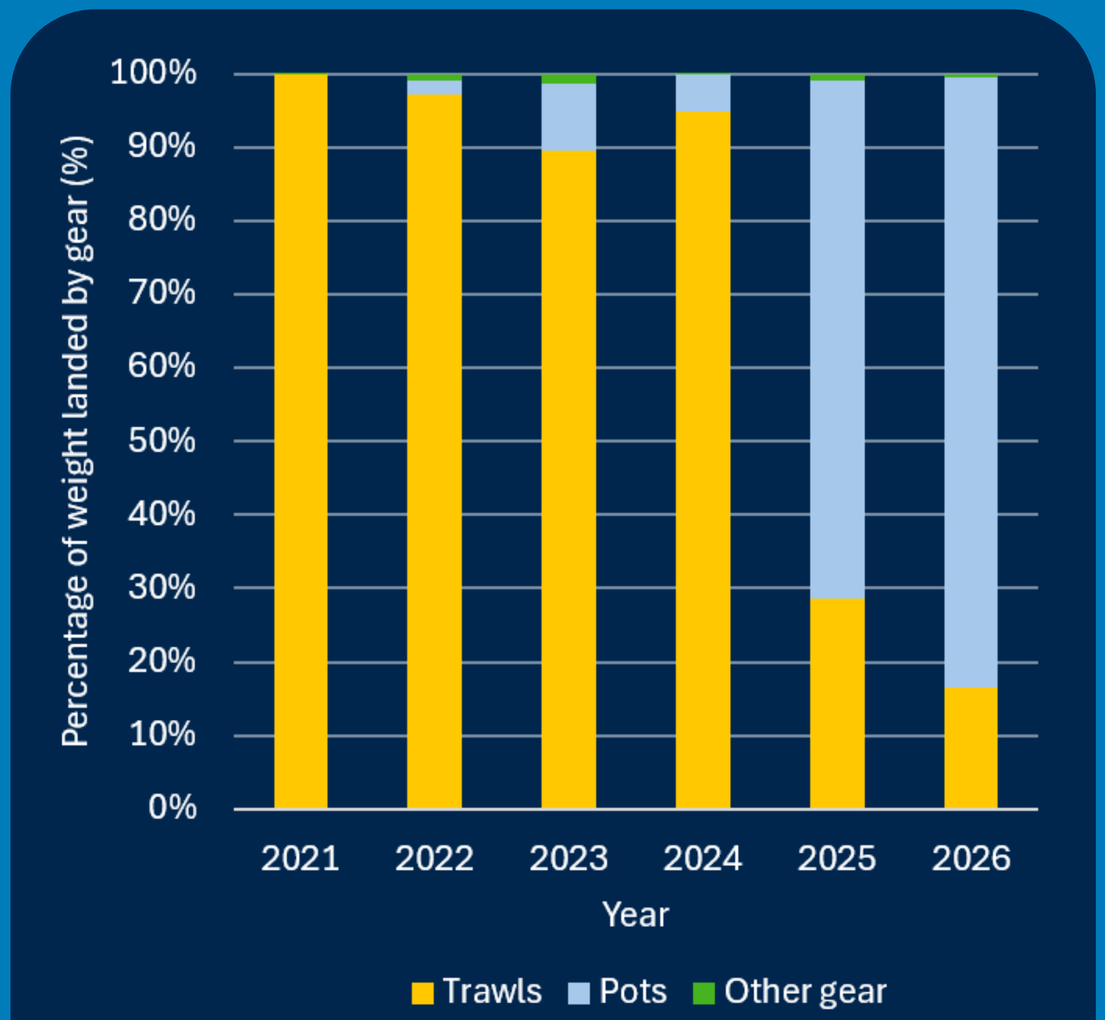


Figure 4. Percentage (%) of octopus landings by gear type, UK vessels landing into UK ports. It is important to note that 2026 data is only from 1 January - 30 September 2026, compared to 12-months of data for 2021-2025. ‘Other gear’ represents all dredges, all nets, hooks and lines, and unspecified gears.

Other Shellfish Landings By ICES Division

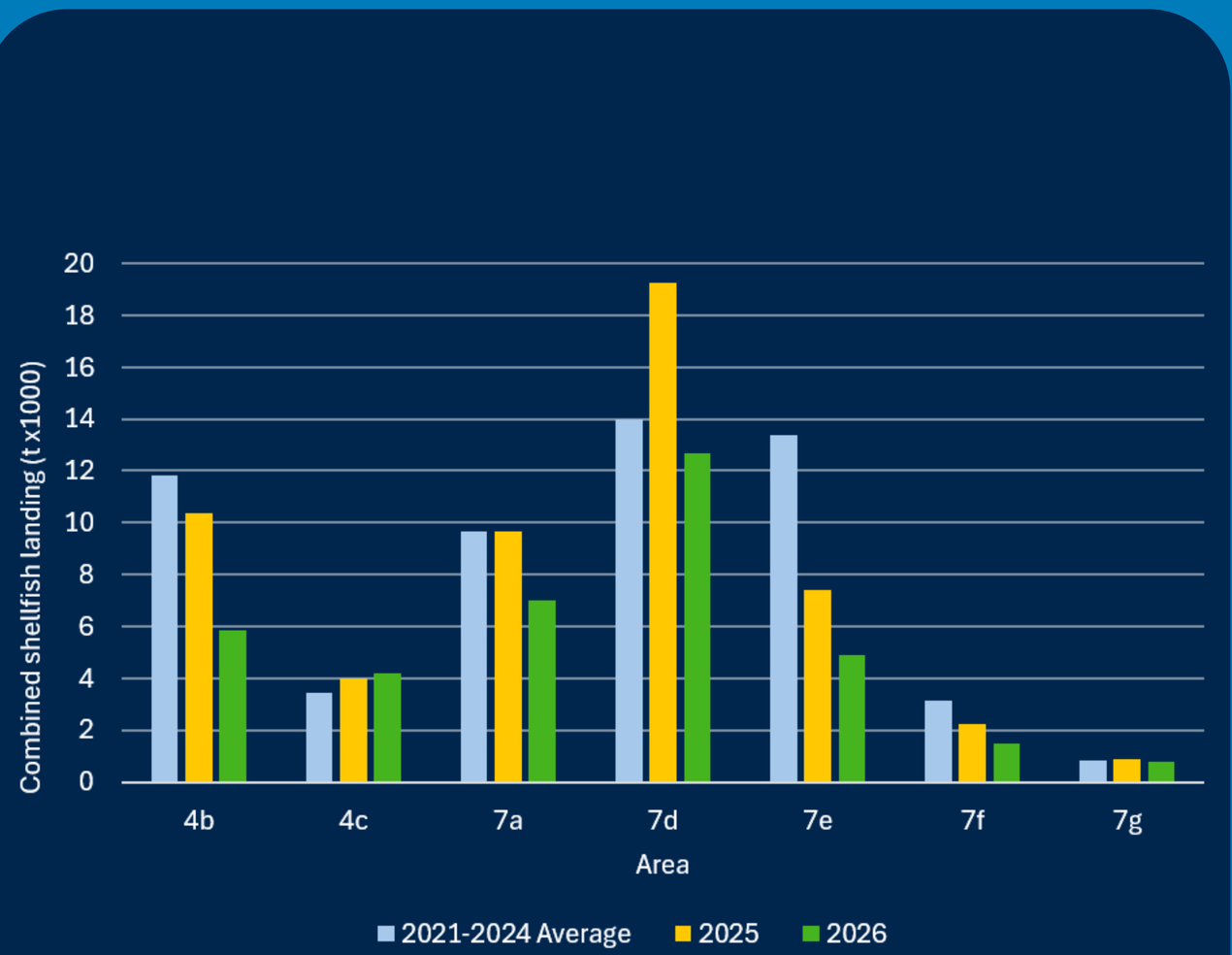


Figure 5. Comparison of combined shellfish landings (brown crab, lobster, crawfish, scallops and whelk) by ICES Division. Offshore area data have been excluded from the figure due to minimal landings. It is important to note that 2026 data is only from 1 January - 30 September 2026, compared to 12-months of data for 2021-2025.

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Octopus Landings By Vessel Length And Gear Type

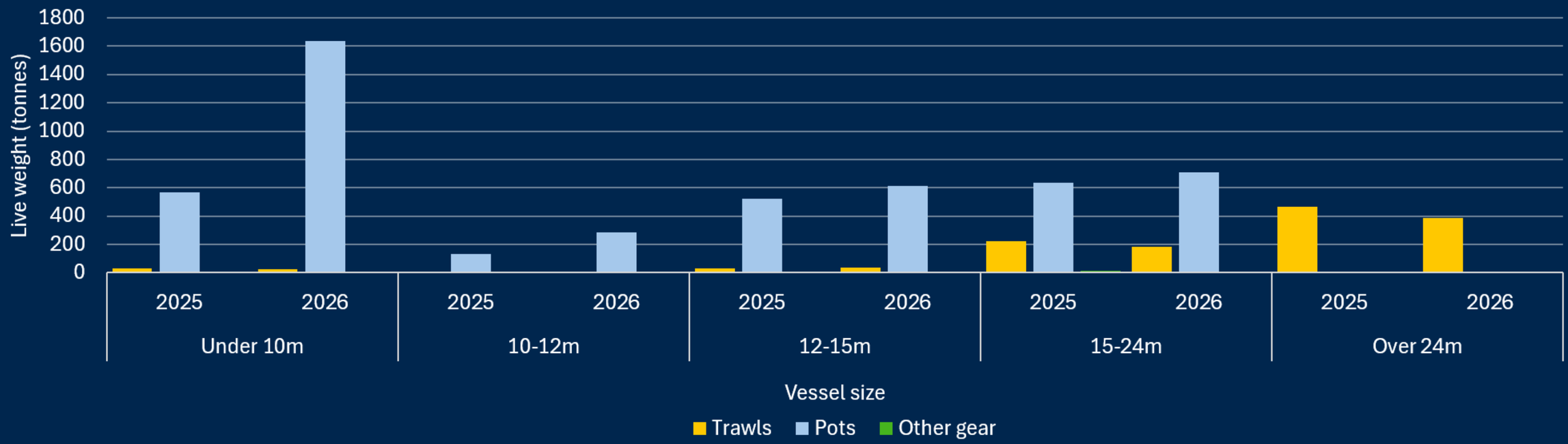


Figure 6. Annual octopus landings (tonnes) by gear and vessel size, comparing 2025 to 2026. UK vessel landings into UK ports from all ICES divisions. It is important to note that 2026 data is only from 1 January - 30 September 2026, compared to 12-months of data for 2025. 'Other gear' represents all nets, dredges, hook and line 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.
- 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.

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