



Implementation reports on the Multiannual Plans: North Sea and Western Waters

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Multiannual Plans: Common Rules

Long Term perspective

- ✓ Flexibility on TACs for thriving stocks
- ✓ Recovery measures for ailing stocks



_____ Safety zone Btrigger _____

----- Danger zone Blim -----

Flexibility for thriving stocks

When scientific advice says that a fish stock is at or above the healthy limit

→ The Commission proposes TACs at **MSY point** or in the **MSY lower range**

→ In exceptional cases, use the **MSY upper range**

_____stock above **Btrigger**_____

Safety nets for ailing stocks

1) When scientific advice says that a fish stock is slipping under the first safety limit _____stock below $B_{trigger}$ _____

→ **Remedial measures** to help the stock recover, e.g. lower quotas

2) When scientific advice says that a fish stock is slipping under the second safety limit -----stock below B_{lim} -----

→ **Additional remedial measures** to help the stock recover, e.g. lower quotas and spawning closures, limit recreational catches, allow unavoidable bycatches etc.

Remedial measures



- **North Sea**

Technical measures (gears): Kattegat cod (2020)

- **Western Waters**

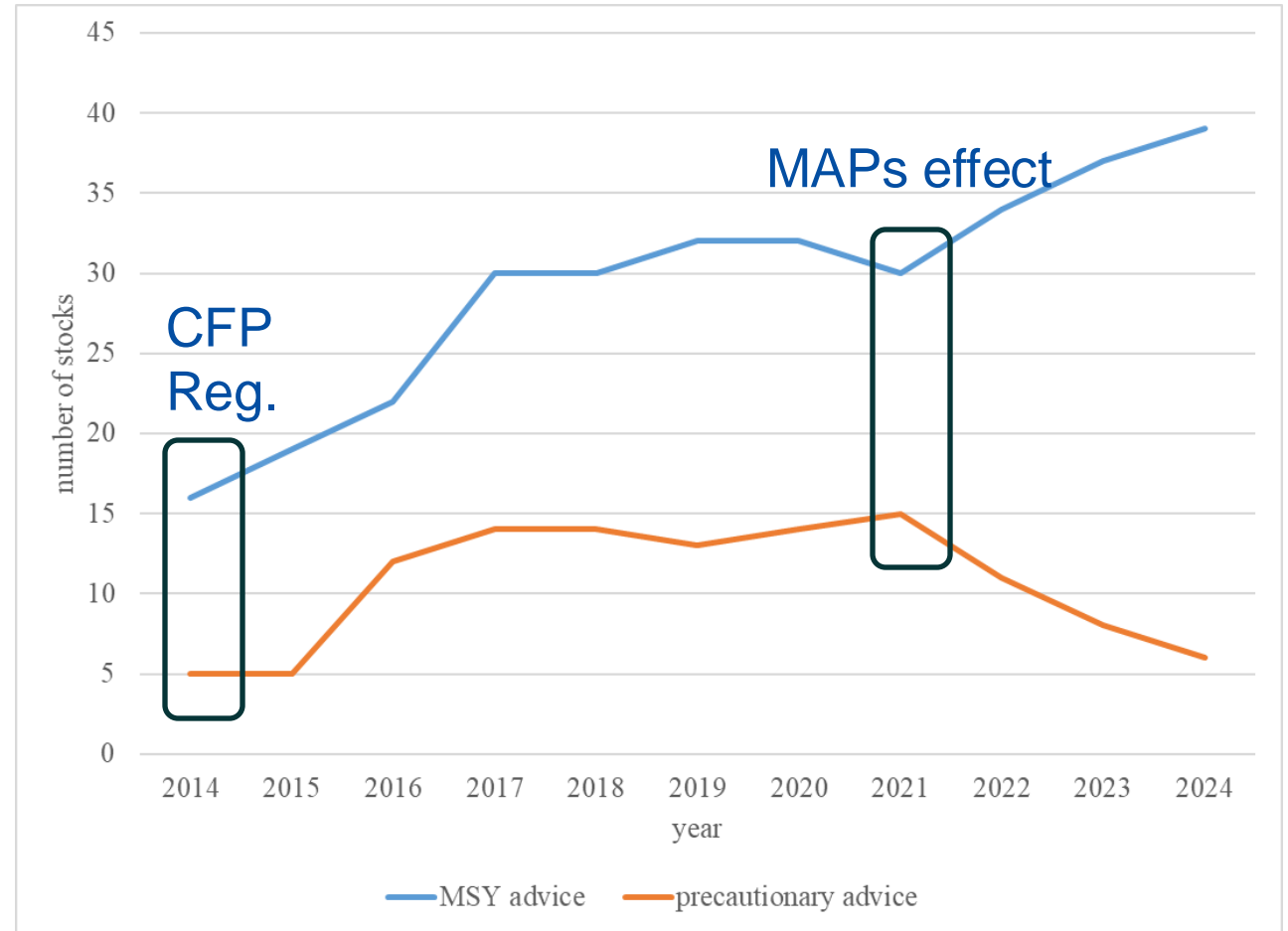
Technical measures (gears): Celtic sea cod (2019)

Evaluation: methodology

- Consultation with stakeholders and Member States from the North Sea and Western Waters and Advisory Councils
- ICES advice on stocks
- STECF advice on joint recommendations on the landing obligation, technical measures and conservation measures
- Reports on the implementation of the Technical Measures Regulation

Main Findings

- Increase of MSY for Target stocks
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- Decrease in fishing pressure: 91% of TACs set within sustainable levels in the Western Waters for stocks solely managed by the EU (2020)



Target stocks in
NS and WW Plans

Limits

- ICES: Climate change and other factors (*ICES Ecosystem overview*): Bay of Biscay sole, seabass, pollack, whiting, Norway lobster
- Stakeholders' view: Legal framework
- Stakeholders' view: Appreciation of multiannual TACs (2023): COM proposed 9 TACs for periods of 2 to 3 years, known as 'multiannual TACs'

Thank you



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