

# **ICES Stock Database Disclaimer**

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#### **Download-Specific Information**

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(see data access policy) http://ices.dk/marine-data/guidelines-and-policy/Pages/ICES-data-policy.aspx

The fish stock data are the result of stock assessments carried out by ICES expert groups and are presented in figures and tables in the ICES fish stock advice

(<a href="http://www.ices.dk/community/advisory-process/Pages/Latest-advice.aspx">http://www.ices.dk/community/advisory-process/Pages/Latest-advice.aspx</a>). Assessments are based on benchmarked methodologies laid down in Stock Annexes. Details on the assessments can be found in the annual expert group reports.

The dataset is in XML-format and contains fish stock status results per assessment year, by stock (species/area), and the relevant reference points. The dataset also contains information on the settings for figures and tables, including items such as 'Absolute/Relative' basis for the assessment results. In case an assessment is accepted as relative to trends, the values are given relative to the mean of the time series. The standard unit for weights is tonnes. Recruitment is usually given In thousands of individuals, but can also be uploaded in tonnes. Fishing mortality and relative values have no units.

Data are available from the 2013 assessment onwards, data for earlier assessment years will be added after quality checks.

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#### **Extended citation**

"ICES Stock Database, Extraction date: YEAR/MONTH/DAY of STOCK(S)/ASSESSMENT YEAR. ICES, Copenhagen"

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# Versions

Version Number	Release Date	Note
1.0	27/01/2014	Initial version issued by ICES
1.1	01/12/2014	Information on units added.