

HAWG

Herring Assessment Working Group for the Area South of 62° N

Fisheries Resources
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RESEARCH FOCUS



- HAWG provides scientific catch advice for 17 fish stocks: six herring, three sprat, and eight sandeel.
- Routinely assessing the stock structure of relevant species to inform assessments.
- Stocks cover the Greater North Sea, Celtic Seas, western Baltic Sea, and adjacent waters.
- Collaborating with other Working Groups and Workshops focussing on the same species in adjacent areas.

OUR OBJECTIVE

- Conduct assessments of each stock using accepted methodology in line with the Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) approach.

OUR EXPERTISE

- Biological knowledge of all fish stocks handled by the group.
- Analytical and data-limited stock assessment methods.
- Processing commercial catches and fisheries independent data sources into catch advice to instruct policy.
- Sea-going data collection including eggs, ichthyoplankton, juvenile, and adult fish.
- Working cooperatively within our Group and externally, in line with ICES guidelines.