Protecting sea bass

Sea bass a stock in decline

SPAWNING STOCK BIOMASS

Below this limit, reproductive capacity risks being severely inhibited

We are witnessing a rapid decline in sea bass stocks that could lead to a collapse

SSB in 1000 t

Source: ICES 2014, advice for seabass in southern North Sea, Channel, Celtic Sea, Irish Sea

Monthly catch limits and closed area

Maximum catch of sea bass permitted per vessel per calendar month (in kg)

- Pelagic trawls: 1500 kg
- Demersal trawls: 1800 kg
- Drift net: 1000 kg
- Long lines: 1300 kg
- Purse seine: 3000 kg

Area closed for commercial fishing