

AGREED RECORD OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN ICELAND, THE
EUROPEAN UNION, THE FAROE ISLANDS, GREENLAND, NORWAY AND THE UNITED
KINGDOM ON THE MANAGEMENT OF MACKEREL IN THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC
FOR 2024

London, 17-18 October 2023

1. A delegation from Iceland headed by Gudmundur THORDARSON, a delegation from the European Union headed by Eva-María CARBALLEIRA FERNANDEZ, a delegation from the Faroe Islands headed by Herluf SIGVALDSSON, a delegation from Greenland headed by Iben FUNCH DØJ, a delegation from Norway headed by Ann Kristin WESTBERG, and a delegation from the United Kingdom headed by Colin FAULKNER met in London on 17-18 October 2023 to consult on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic for 2024.
2. The delegations agreed that 739.386 tonnes should represent the level of catches for mackerel in the North-East Atlantic for 2024.
3. The delegations noted that, further to the commitments set out in the Agreed Record of 6 December 2022 on this stock, they had conducted several rounds of consultations in 2023 to agree a new suite of management measures for the stock. They further noted with regret that they had not yet been able to come to an agreement, despite having made good progress.
4. The delegations agreed that Parties will reconvene to address the issue of a quota-sharing arrangement as soon as possible, and no later than in early 2024.
5. The delegations agreed that, in anticipation of agreeing a new suite of management measures, they would each initially set quotas for 2024 at levels which would contribute to a conducive environment for the conclusion of their consultations. They further agreed that delegations will inform each other of the quotas they have set ahead of resuming those consultations. In this regard, the Parties discussed the need for exercising due restraint when it comes to transfers of unutilised quantities of their quota between years.
6. The delegations recalled their work to date on developing a new long-term management strategy for the stock. They recognised the importance of concluding a sharing arrangement as well as of awaiting the outcome of the upcoming ICES benchmark exercise on the stock, likely to begin in late 2024, before coming to a conclusion on that strategy.
7. The delegations encouraged the Parties to develop and coordinate their scientific research activities in order to improve the information available for the assessment and the management of this stock.

8. The delegations welcomed the outcomes of the Report of the 2023 Coastal States Working Group on the distribution of mackerel in the Northeast Atlantic, October 2023 and agreed to update this report in a timely manner, chaired by Iceland and the United Kingdom.
9. The delegations exchanged final quota and catch information for 2022 as well as preliminary information for 2023. This information is provided in Annex I of this Agreed Record.
10. The delegations agreed to continue to provide quota and catch information in the same format as set out in Annex I of this Agreed Record. They also agreed to exchange information from 2023 and onwards regarding their fishing activities including exchanges and access provisions as outlined in Annex II of this Agreed Record.
11. The delegations agreed that each Party shall by 1 May 2024 provide updated information on the issues set out in paragraph 10 of this Agreed Record to the chair of the annual consultations for 2025, and that the chair should forward that information as soon as practicable to all Parties.

London, 18 October 2023

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Reporting of quotas and catches of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic – 2022-2023

2021		QUOTAS (tonnes)				CATCHES (tonnes)										
Party	Quota established	Balance from 2020	Quota exchange	Quotas after transfers and flexibility	NEAFC Regulatory Area	European Union Zone	Faroese Fishing Zone	Greenland fishing zone	Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone	Norwegian Economic Zone	Fishery Zone around Jan Mayen	Fishery Protection Zone around Svalbard	Russian Economic Zone	United Kingdom Zone	TOTAL CATCH	Balance to 2022
European Union	198.063	39.123	729	237.916	29	54.886				265				134.890	190.069	47.846
Faro Islands	167.048	33.796	-22.400	178.444	41.766		36.720			27.657					106.143	67.897
Iceland	140.627	22.368	-700	162.295	108.136		84		21.264						129.484	32.811
Norway	298.299	-10.210	6.349	294.438	6.123	12				264.638					270.773	23.665
Greenland	60.000			60.000	33.335										33.335	0
United Kingdom	222.288	-4.630	-618	217.040		1.049								221.533	222.582	-5.542
Russian Federation	120.423		16.500	136.923	122.015		14.192								136.207	716
Total	1.206.748	80.447	-140	1.287.056	311.404	55.947	50.996	0	21.264	292.560	0	0	0	356.423	1.088.593	

2022		QUOTAS (tonnes)				CATCHES (tonnes)										
Party	Quota established	Balance from 2021	Quota exchange	Quotas after transfers and flexibility	NEAFC Regulatory Area	European Union Zone	Faroese Fishing Zone	Greenland fishing zone	Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone	Norwegian Economic Zone	Fishery Zone around Jan Mayen	Fishery Protection Zone around Svalbard	United Kingdom Zone	Russian Economic Zone	TOTAL CATCH	Balance to 2023
European Union (*)	185.543	19.806	-591	204.758	0	64.655				332			103.272		168.259	36.499
Faro Islands	155.804	67.897	-21.200	202.501	70.422	0	53.723	0	0	9.602	0	0	0	0	133.747	66.700
Iceland	131.162	21.094	1.300	153.556	93.501		602		33.276						127.379	26.177
Norway	278.222	23.666	6.317	308.205	661	2	190			293.079			154		294.086	14.119
Greenland	51.670			51.670	18.562										18.562	33.108
United Kingdom	210.820	-4.577	859	207.102		5.948				1			205.905		211.854	-4.753
Russian Federation	120.032		13.300	133.332												133.327
Total	1.133.253	127.886	-15	1.261.124	183.146	70.605	54.515	0	33.276	303.014	0	0	309.331	0	953.887	305.177

(*) including 1010 tonnes EU bycatch of MAC in EU waters and 1179 tonnes in UK waters

2023 (Provisional)		QUOTAS (tonnes)				CATCHES (tonnes)										
Party	Quota established	Balance from 2022	Quota exchange	Quotas after transfers and flexibility	NEAFC Regulatory Area	European Union Zone	Faroese Fishing Zone	Greenland fishing zone	Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone	Norwegian Economic Zone	Fishery Zone around Jan Mayen	Fishery Protection Zone around Svalbard	United Kingdom Zone	Russian Economic Zone	TOTAL CATCH	Balance to 2024
European Union (*)	177.048	18.554	1.177	196.779	11	47.553				109			70.080		117.753	79.026
Faro Islands	153.285	66.700	-20.900	199.085	60.147		115.644								175.791	23.294
Iceland	129.040	18.728	1.300	149.068	64.741		417		73.219						138.377	10.691
Norway	249.870	14.119	-18.301	245.688			10	6		70.771			116.091		186.878	58.810
Greenland	50.834			50.834	28.323										28.323	22.511
United Kingdom	235.449	-4.753	-901	229.795		112				2			94.834		94.948	134.847
Russian Federation																
Total	995.526	113.348	-37.625	1.071.249	153.222	47.665	116.071	6	73.219	70.882			281.005		742.070	329.179

(*) including 312 tonnes EU bycatch of MAC in EU waters and 174 tonnes in UK waters

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ANNEX II

Transfers in 2023				Transfer to						
Party	Quotas	Balance from 2022	Total available	European Union	Faroe Islands	Greenland	Iceland	Norway	United Kingdom	Russian Federation
European Union	177.048	18.554	195.602	---					862	
Faroe Islands	153.285	66.700	219.985		---		1.300	6.600		13.000
Greenland	50.834		50.834			---				
Iceland	129.040	18.728	147.768				---			
Norway	249.870	14.119	263.989	266				---	24.635	
United Kingdom	235.449	-4.753	230.696	1.773						
Russian Federation										---

* EU's quota after application of the EU-UK TCA, which transferred from the EU quota to the UK for 2023 a total of 3,26 percentage points of EU's share.

Access arrangements in 2023				Access granted to			
Party	European Union	Faroe Islands	Greenland	Iceland	Norway	United Kingdom	Russian Federation
European Union	---				266	Full access	
Faroe Islands		---					
Greenland			---				
Iceland				---			
Norway		6.600			---	135.141	
United Kingdom	Full access				135.141	---	
Russian Federation							---