

AGREED RECORD OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN GREENLAND, THE EUROPEAN UNION, THE FAROE ISLANDS, ICELAND, NORWAY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM ON THE MANAGEMENT OF MACKEREL IN THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FOR 2025

London, 21-22 October 2024

1. A delegation from Greenland headed by Iben FUNCH DØJ, 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 Iceland headed by Gudmundur THORDARSON, a delegation from Norway headed by Ann Kristin WESTBERG, and a delegation from the United Kingdom headed by Colin FAULKNER met in London on 21-22 October 2024 to consult on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic for 2025.
2. The delegations agreed that 576 958 tonnes should represent the level of catches for mackerel in the North-East Atlantic for 2025.
3. 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 December 2024.
4. 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 to begin 2025, before coming to a conclusion on that strategy.
5. The delegations agreed that, in anticipation of agreeing a new suite of management measures, they would each initially set quotas for 2025 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 continued discussions on appropriate banking and borrowing regimes and discussed the need for exercising due restraint when it comes to transfers of unutilised quantities of their quota between years.
6. 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.
7. The delegations encouraged the Parties to strengthen monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) at sea and in port, and to continue the cooperation to further strengthen MCS.
8. The delegations welcomed the outcomes of the Report of the 2024 Coastal States Working Group on the distribution of mackerel in the Northeast Atlantic, October 2024 and agreed to update this report in a timely manner, chaired by the European Union and Iceland.

9. The delegations exchanged final quota and catch information for 2023 as well as preliminary information for 2024. 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 2024 and onwards regarding their fishing activities including exchanges and access provisions as outlined in Annex II of this Agreed Record.
11. The delegations agreed to continue to provide information in the same format as set out in Annex I and Annex II to this Agreed Record. Each Party shall, by 1 May 2025, provide updated information in this regard to the chair of the consultations from April 2025 to March 2026, the European Union, who shall forward this information within 10 working days to all Parties to this Agreed Record.

London, 22 October 2024

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Reporting of quotas and catches of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic – 2022-2024

Mackerel - Quota and catch statistics for 2022-2024

2022 (Final)		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	64.654				332			103.272		168.258	36.500
Faro Islands	155.804	67.897	-21.200	202.501	70.422		53.723			9.602					133.747	68.754
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	-4.752
Russian Federation				0											0	0
Total Coastal States	1013.221	127.886	-13.315	1127.792	183.146	70.604	54.515	0	33.276	303.014	0	0	309.331	0	953.886	173.906

(*) Including 1.010 tonnes EU bycatch of MAC in EU waters and 1.179 tonnes in UK waters

(*) EU's quota after application of the EU-UK TCA, which transferred from the EU quota to the UK for 2022 a total of 22.489 tonnes/2,83 percentage points of EU's share.

2023 (Final)		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	871	196.473	20	49.908				307			115.374		165.609	30.864
Faro Islands	153.285	66.700	-20.900	199.085	60.147		115.685								175.832	23.253
Iceland	129.040	18.728	1.300	149.068	64.697		417		73.428						138.542	10.526
Norway	249.870	14.119	-18.301	245.688	6	10	6			78.280	3		134.755		213.060	32.628
Greenland	50.834			50.834	28.794										28.794	22.040
United Kingdom**	235.449	-4.909	-871	229.669		138				2			217.519		217.659	12.010
Russian Federation				0											0	0
Total Coastal States	995.526	113.192	-37.901	1070.817	153.664	50.056	116.108	0	73.428	78.589	3	0	467.648	0	939.496	131.321

(*) Including 1.080 tonnes EU bycatch of MAC in EU waters and 793 tonnes in UK waters

(*) EU's quota after application of the EU-UK TCA, which transferred from the EU quota to the UK for 2023 a total of 25.507 tonnes/3,26 percentage points of EU's share.

(**) total catch to include 13,259 from unknown area of capture, this will be updated when data is available

2024 (Provisional)		QUOTAS (tonnes)				CATCHES (tonnes)										
Party	Quota established	Balance from 2023	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 2025
European Union*	163.341	17.704	985	182.030	10	32.585				127			79.945		112.668	69.362
Faro Islands	97.708	23.253	-30.173	90.788	6.515		14.375			19.998			21.464		62.352	28.436
Iceland	122.233	8.744	1.300	132.277	26.680		234		60.909						87.823	44.454
Norway	229.210	24.987	-17.382	236.815	345	6	28			126.483			113.574		240.436	-3.621
Greenland	48.060			48.060	12.315			2	2.895						15.212	32.848
United Kingdom**	203.211	-1.248	32.942	234.905		3579				3,8457			97.909		101.492	133.413
Russian Federation				0											0	0
Total Coastal States	863.763	73.440	-12.329	924.875	45.866	36.170	14.637	2	63.804	146.612	0	0	312.892	0	619.983	304.892

(*) Including 296 tonnes EU bycatch of MAC in EU waters and 25 tonnes in UK waters

(*) EU's quota after application of the EU-UK TCA, which transferred from the EU quota to the UK for 2024 a total of 28.160 tonnes/3,81 percentage points of EU's share.

(**) total catch to include 3,833 from unknown area of capture, this will be updated when data is available

Mackerel - Quota, access and transfer statistics 2024

Transfers in 2024

Party	Quotas	Balance from 2023	Total available	Transferred to								
				European Union	Faroe Islands	Greenland	Iceland	Norway	United Kingdom	Russian Federation		
European Union *	163.341	17.704	181.045	---	---	---	---	---	2.090	---	---	Reviewed 22/10/2024
Faroe Islands	97.708	23.253	120.961	---	---	---	1.300	6.600	9.982	12.291	---	Data received 22/10/2024
Greenland	48.060	---	48.060	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Reviewed 17/10/2024
Iceland	122.233	8.744	130.977	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Data received 21/10/2024
Norway	229.210	24.987	254.197	322	---	---	---	---	23.660	---	---	Data received 15/10/2024
United Kingdom	203.211	-1.248	201.963	2.790	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Data reviewed 22/10/2024
Russian Federation	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

(*) EU's quota after application of the EU-UK TCA, which transferred from the EU quota to the UK for 2024 a total of 28.160 tonnes/3,81 percentage points of EU's share.

Access arrangements in 2024

Party	Access granted to EEZ of						
	European Union	Faroe Islands	Greenland	Iceland	Norway	United Kingdom	Russian Federation
European Union	---	---	---	---	322	Full access	---
Faroe Islands	---	---	---	---	35.491	31.054	---
Greenland	---	---	---	10.000	---	---	---
Iceland	---	---	10.000	---	---	---	---
Norway	---	6.600	---	---	---	123.330	---
United Kingdom	Full access	---	---	---	---	---	---
Russian Federation	---	---	---	---	---	---	---