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Explanations on the ICES advice for 2025



Greenland halibut

For Greenland halibut as a deep sea stock, no single scientific research cruise is available covering the large assessment area of the Faroe Islands, Iceland and East Greenland. Accordingly, the stock dynamics are estimated to a large extent from commercial catch data in addition to a combined research index, whereby the results depend on the weighting of the individual input parameters.

A scientific stock assessment is available. The stock has declined slightly in recent years and is now outside safe biological limits. The stock is also overfished. According to the ICES advice for 2025, the annual catch should not exceed 17,890 tons. This corresponds to a reduction of 9% compared to the previous year's recommendation and a reduction of 17% compared to the maximum allowable catch set for 2024.

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