## Haddock

# Melanogrammus aeglefinus

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Icelandic haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*) is fairly abundant in the coastal waters around Iceland and is mostly limited to the Icelandic continental shelf, while 0-group and juveniles from the stock are occasionally found in East Greenland waters (ICES area 14). Apart from this, larval drifts links with other areas have not been found. In addition, minimal catches have been reported in area 14 (less than 10 tons in 2016). The nearest area to the Icelandic were haddock are found in reasonable abundance are in shallow Faroese waters, an area that constitutes as a separate stock. The two grounds are separated by a wide and relatively deep ridge, an area where reporting of haddock catches is nonexistent, both commercially and scientifically. Tagging studies (Jónsson 1996) conducted between 1953 and 1965 showed no migrations of juvenile and mature fish outside of Icelandic waters, with most recaptures taking place in the area of tagging (or adjacent areas) and on the spawning grounds south of Iceland. Information about stock structure (metapopulation) of haddock in Icelandic waters is limited.

The species is found all around the Icelandic coast, principally in the relatively warm waters off the west and south coast, in fairly shallow waters (10-200 m depth). Spawning has historically been limited to the southern waters. Haddock is also found off the north coast and in warm periods a large part of the immature fish have been found north of Iceland. In recent years a larger part of the fishable stock has been found off the north coast of Iceland than the last two decades of the 20th century.

## **FISHERY**

The fishery for Haddock in 5a has not changed substantially in recent years, but the total number of boats that account for 95% of fishery have been declining steadily (Figure 1). Around 250 longliners annually report catches of haddock, around 60 trawlers and 40 demersal seine boats. Most of Haddock in 5a is caught by trawlers and the proportion caught by that gear has decreased since 1995 from around 70% to 45% in 2017. However, for the last two years this proportion has increased slightly and was around 60% in 2019. At the same time the proportion caught by longlines has increased from around 15% in 1995 - 2000 to 40 % in 2011–2019. Catches in demersal seine have varied less and have been at around 15% of Icelandic catches of Haddock in 5a. Currently less than 2% of catches are taken by other vessel types, but historically up to 10 % of total catches were by gillnetters, but since 2000 these catches have been low (Figure 2). Most of the haddock caught in 5.a by Icelandic vessels is caught at depths less than 200 m (Figure 3). The main fishing grounds for Haddock in 5a, as observed from logbooks, are in the south, southwestern and western part of the Icelandic shelf (Figure 4) and Figure 5). The main trend in the spatial distribution of haddock catches in 5.a according to logbook entries is the increased proportion of catches caught in the north and northeast.

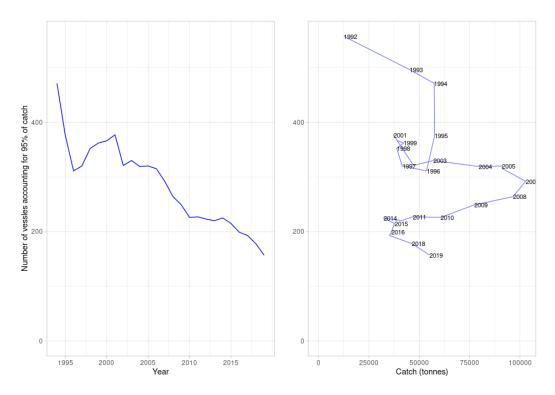


Figure 1. Haddock in 5a. Number of vessels (all gear types) accounting for 95% of the total catch annually since 1994. Left: Plotted against year. Right: Plotted against total catch. Data from the Directorate of Fisheries.

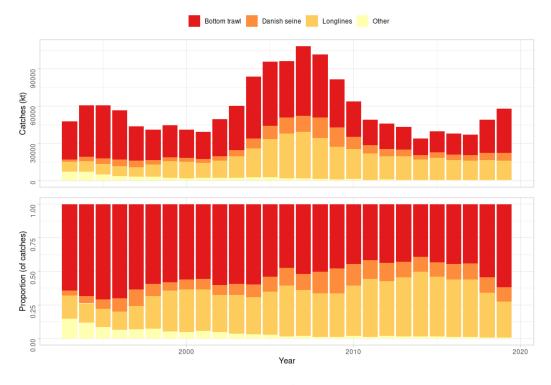


Figure 2. Haddock in 5a. Landings in tons and percent of total by gear and year

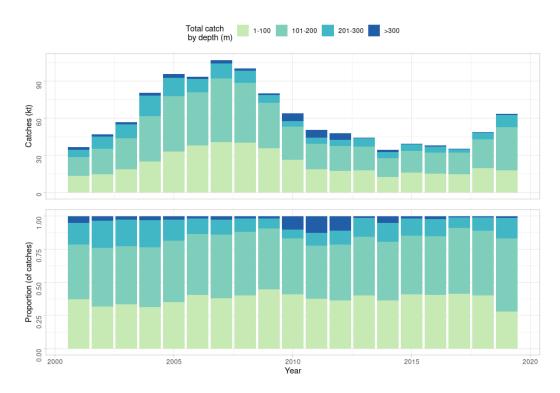


Figure 3. Haddock in 5a. Depth distribution of haddock catches from bottom trawls, longlines, trawls and demersal seine from Icelandic logbooks

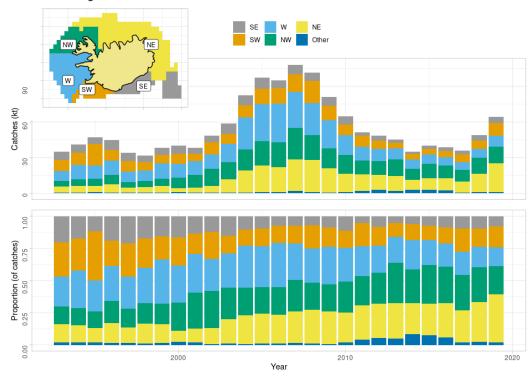


Figure 4. Haddock in 5a. Changes in spatial distribution of haddock catches as recorded in Icelandic logbooks.

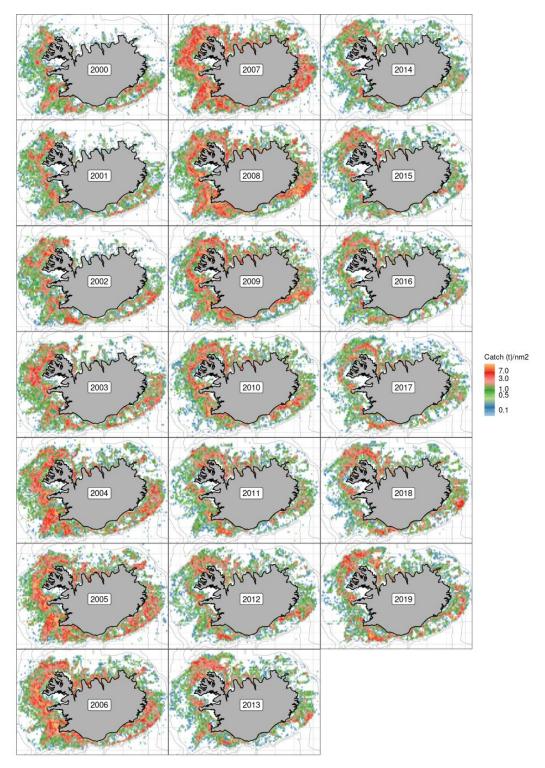


Figure 5. Haddock in 5a. Spatial distribution of catches by all gears.

#### LANDING TRENDS

Landings of Icelandic haddock in 2019 are estimated to have been 58.85 thousand tonnes, see Figure 6. The landings in division 5.a. have decreased from 100 thous. tonnes between 2005–2008, which historically was very near the maximum levels observed in the 1960's, to the current level which is slightly lower than observed between 1975 to early 2000's.

Foreign vessel landings were a considerable proportion of the landings, but since the expansion of the EEZ landings of foreign vessels are negligible. Currently most of the foreign catch is caught by Faeroese vessels, which in last year was 1774 tonnes, while Norwegian vessels land considerably less haddock.

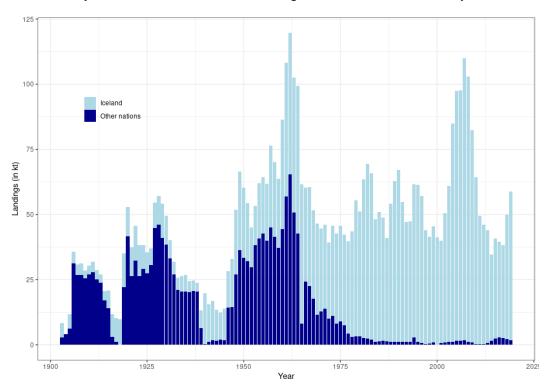


Figure 6. Haddock in 5a. Recorded landings since 1905

## DATA AVAILABLE

In general sampling is considered good from commercial catches from the main gears (demersal seines, longlines and trawls). The sampling does seem to cover the spatial and seasonal distribution of catches (see Figure 7 and Figure 8).

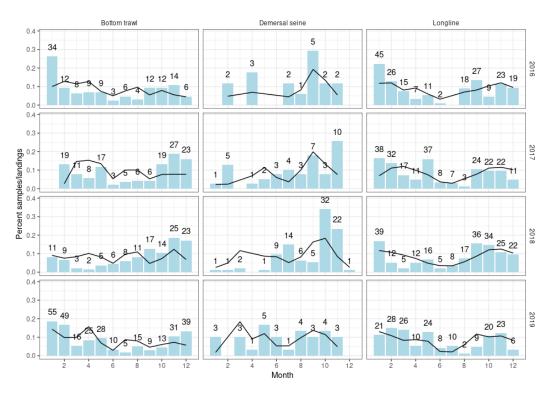


Figure 7. Haddock in 5a. Ratio of samples by month (blue bars) compared with landings by month (solid black line) split by year and main gear types. Numbers of above the bars indicate number of samples by year, month and gear.

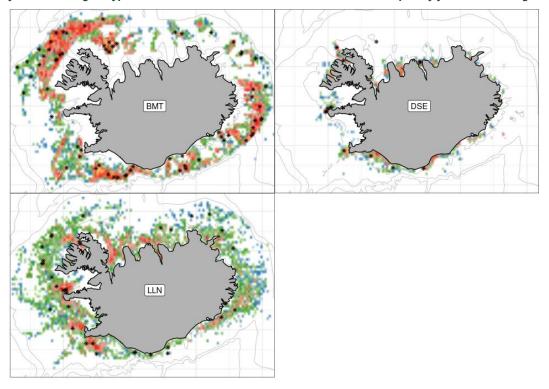


Figure 8. Haddock in 5a. Fishing grounds in 2019 as reported in logbooks (tiles) and positions of samples taken from landings (asterisks) by main gear types.

#### LANDINGS AND DISCARDS

All landings in 5a before 1982 are derived from the STATLANT database, and also all foreign landings in 5a to 2005. The years between 1982 and 1993 landings by Icelandic vessels were collected by the Fisheries Association of Iceland (Fiskifélagið). Landings after 1994 by Icelandic vessels are given by the Icelandic Directorate of Fisheries. Landings of foreign vessels (mainly Norwegian and Faroese vessels) are given by the Icelandic Coast Guard prior to 2014 but after 2014 this are also recorded by the Directorate. Discarding is banned by law in the Icelandic demersal fishery. Based on annual discards estimates since 2001, discard rates in the Icelandic fishery for haddock are estimated very low in recent years (<3% in either numbers or weight, see MRI (2016) for further details) while historically discards may have been substantial in the early 1990s. Measures in the management system such as converting quota share from one species to another are used by the fleet to a large extent and this is thought to discourage discarding in mixed fisheries. In addition to prevent high grading and quota mismatch the fisheries are allowed to land fish that will not be accounted for in the allotted quota, provided that the proceedings when the landed catch is sold will go to the Fisheries Project Fund (*Verkefnasjóður sjávarútvegsins*). A more detailed description of the management system can be found on https://www.responsiblefisheries.is/seafood-industry/management-and-control-system/.

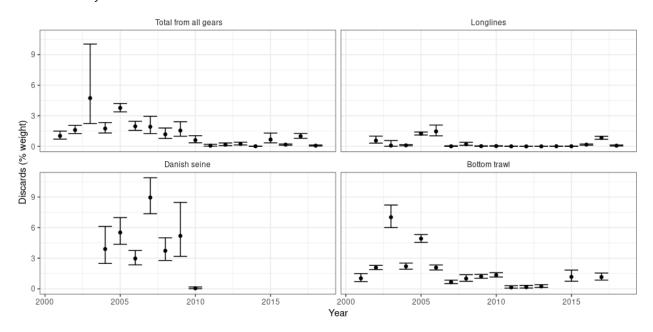


Figure 9: Haddock in 5a. Estimates of annual discards by gear. Vertical lines indicate the 95 % confidence interval while dots the point estimates.

## LENGTH COMPOSITIONS

The bulk of the length measurements are from the three main fleet segments, i.e. trawls, longlines and demersal seine. The number of available length measurements by gear has fluctuated in recent years in relation to the changes in the fleet composition.

Length distributions from the main fleet segments are shown in Figure 10. The sizes caught by the main gear types (bottom trawl and longlines) appear to be fairly stable, primarily catching haddock in the size range between 40 and 70 cm. Gillnets tend to catch slightly larger fish and modes of the length distribution varies more depending on the availability of large haddock.

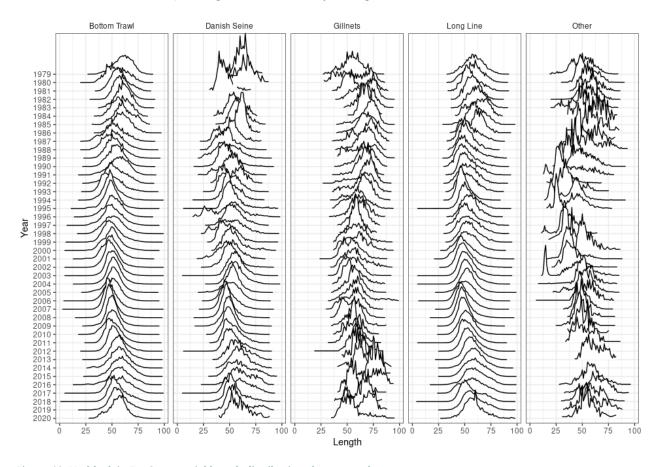


Figure 10. Haddock in 5a. Commercial length distributions by gear and year

## AGE COMPOSITIONS

Catch in numbers-at-age is shown in Figure 11. The catches in 2019 are mainly composed of the 2014 year class largest component (approx 40 %) with remainder spread across a number of relatively small year classes. The number of year classes contributing to the catches is unusually many; the result of low fishing mortality in recent years and the last year class contributing with more that 1% of total is 12 years old.

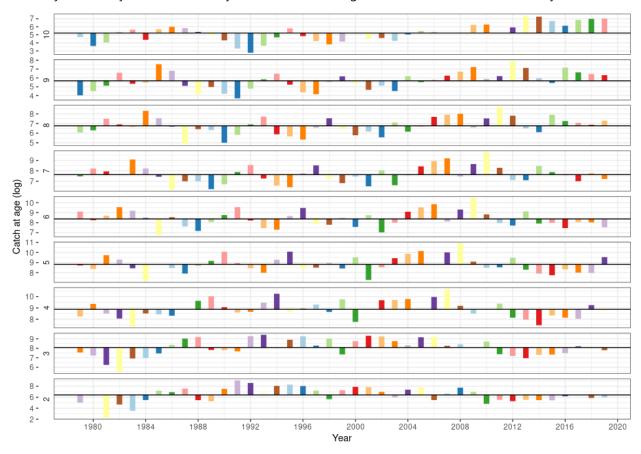


Figure 11. Haddock in 5a. Catch at age from the commercial fishery in Iceland waters. Bar size is indicative of the catch in numbers and bars are colored by cohort.

#### WEIGHT AT AGE

Mean weight at age in the catch is shown in Figure 14. Mean weight at age in the stock is given in Figure 12. Those data are obtained from the groundfish survey in March and are also used as mean weight at age in the spawning stock. Both stock and catch weights have been increasing in recent years, after being very low when the stock was large between 2005 and 2009. Higher mean weight at age is most apparent for the younger haddock from the small cohorts (2008–2013), but mean weight of the old fish is now also average. Mean weight of the 2014 cohort was lower than that of recent small year classes but above average for a large cohorts.

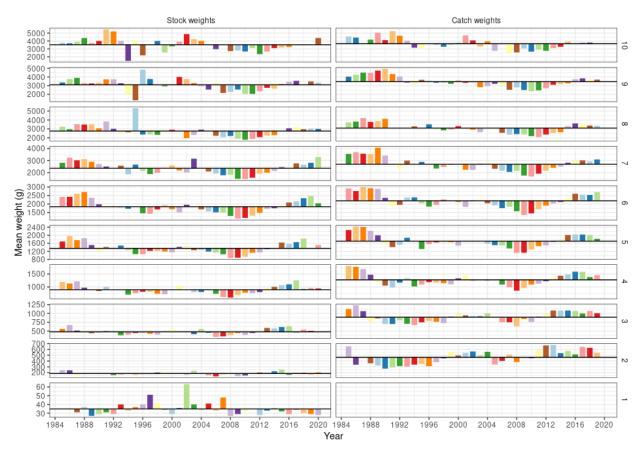


Figure 12. Haddock in 5a. Catch weights from the commercial fishery and stock weights from the March survey in Icelandic waters. Bars are colored by cohort.

## MATURITY AT AGE

Maturity-at-age data are shown Figure 13. Those data are obtained from the groundfish survey in March. Maturity-at-age of the youngest age groups has been decreasing in recent years which is likely to be related to the distributional shift towards the north. Maturity by size has been decreasing and the most likely explanation is large proportion of those age groups north of Iceland where proportion mature has always been low, as illustrated in Figure 14.

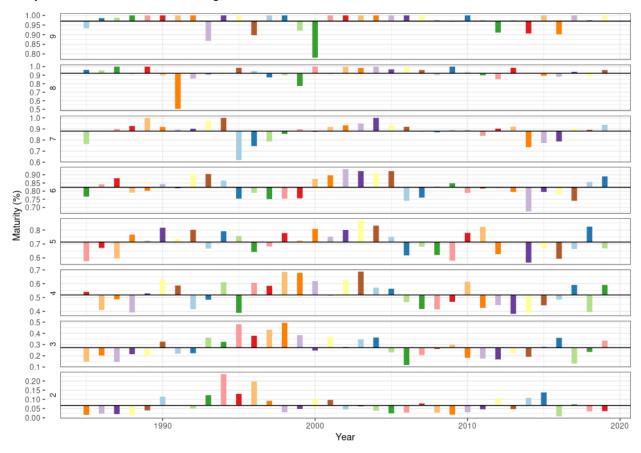


Figure 13. Haddock in division 5.a. Maturity-at-age in the survey. The red bars indicate predictions. The values are used to calculate the spawning stock.

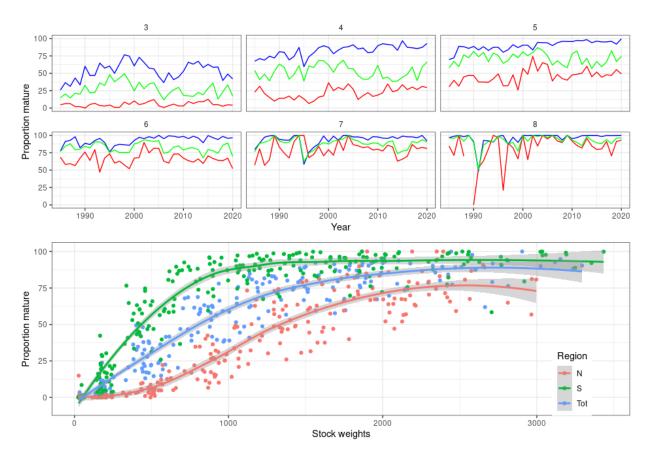


Figure 14. Haddock in 5a. Geographical differences in proportion mature by year and age (top), and stock weights (below).

#### NATURAL MORTALITY

No information is available on natural mortality. For assessment and advisory purpose the natural mortality is set to 0.2 for all age groups.

## CATCH, EFFORT AND RESEARCH VESSEL DATA

## CATCH PER UNIT OF EFFORT FROM COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

Catch per unit of effort data (Figure 15) give somewhat different picture of the development of the stock than the surveys and assessment, much less increase after 2000 and much less decrease in recent years. The current assessment coupled with the relatively high CPUE, in recent years, confirms fishers' view that is now easier to catch haddock. The discrepancy observed between CPUE and stock size has not been explained, but a plausible explanation might be related to a couple reasons. Area inhabited by the stock increased so the density in the traditional fishing area did not increase in relation to the stock size. First when the stock was large slower growth lead to larger proportion of the stock below "fishable size" 45cm limiting the areas where large haddock could be caught without too much bycatch of small haddock. The opposite has happened in recent years, faster growth and poor recruitment lead to the fisheries not

limited by small haddock. Bycatch issues, but haddock is often caught as bycatch or one of the species in mixed fisheries where the goal is certain mixture of species.

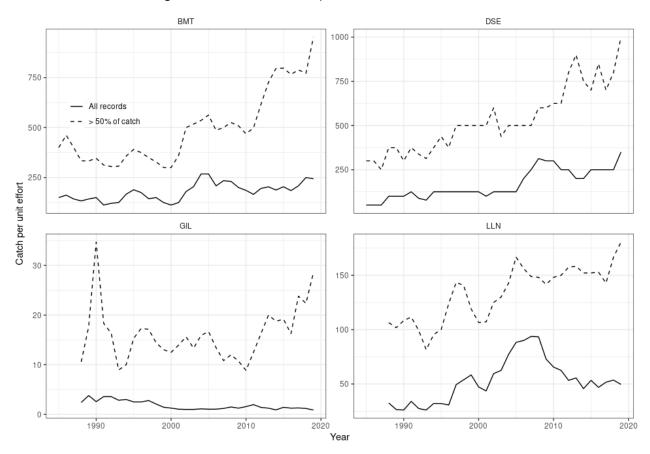


Figure 15. Catch per unit of effort in the most important gear types. The dashed lines are based on locations where more than 50% of the catch is haddock and solid lines on all records where haddock is caught. A change occurred in the longline fleet starting September 1999. Earlier only vessels larger than 10 BRT were required to return logbooks but later all vessels were required to return logbooks.

#### ICELANDIC SURVEY DATA

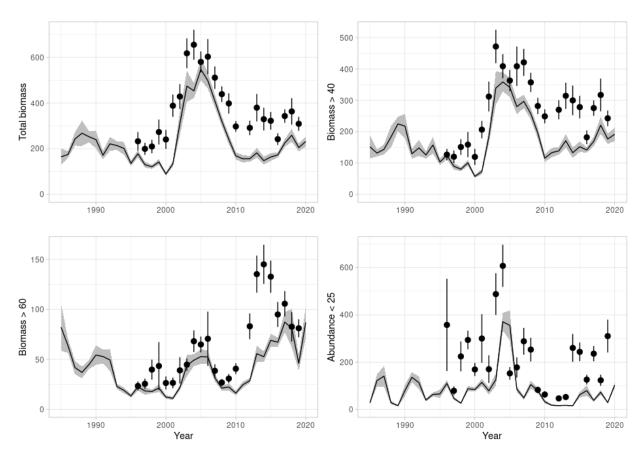
Information on abundance and biological parameters from Haddock in 5a is available from two surveys, the Icelandic groundfish survey in the spring and the Icelandic autumn survey.

The Icelandic groundfish survey in the spring, which has been conducted annually since 1985, covers the most important distribution area of the haddock fishery. The autumn survey commenced in 1996 and expanded in 2000 to include deep water stations. It provides additional information on the development of the stock. The autumn survey has been conducted annually with the exception of 2011 when a full autumn survey could not be conducted due to a fisherman strike. Although both surveys were originally designed to monitor the Icelandic cod stock, the surveys are considered to give a fairly good indication of the haddock stock, both the juvenile population and the fishable biomass. A detailed description of the Icelandic spring and autumn groundfish surveys is given in the Stock Annex. Figure 16 shows both a recruitment index and the trends in various biomass indices. Changes in spatial distribution observed in

the spring survey are shown in Figure 17 and Figure 19. The figure shows that a larger proportion of the observed biomass now resides in the north (areas NW and NE). Survey length distributions are shown in Figure 20 and Figure 21 (abundance) and spatial distribution in the spring and autumn surveys in Figure 22 and 23 respectively.

Both surveys show much increase total biomass between 2002 and 2005 but considerable decrease from 2007–2010. The difference in perception of the stock between the surveys is that the autumn survey shows less contrast between periods of large and small stock. The 2015 estimate from the autumn survey exhibited substantially lower biomass compared to adjacent years. The contrast between the surveys appears to be starker when looking at the biomass of 60 cm and larger, but both surveys show that the 60 cm<sup>+</sup> is at its maximum in recent years.

Age disaggregated indices from the March survey are shown in Figure 23. Similar to the biomass of 60cm<sup>+</sup> the index of age 11<sup>+</sup> higher than seen before in March survey. This is assumed to be related to lower fishing mortality after the establishment of a management plan for haddock in 5a. After a period of low recruitment, the biomass for other age groups is near the geometric mean in both surveys.



Mynd 16. Haddock in 5a. Indices in the Spring Survey (March) 1985 and onwards (line shaded area) and the autumn survey (point ranges).

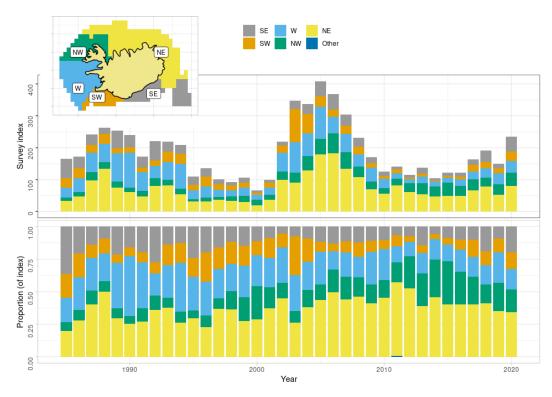


Figure 17: Haddock in 5a. Changes in geographical distribution of the survey biomass.

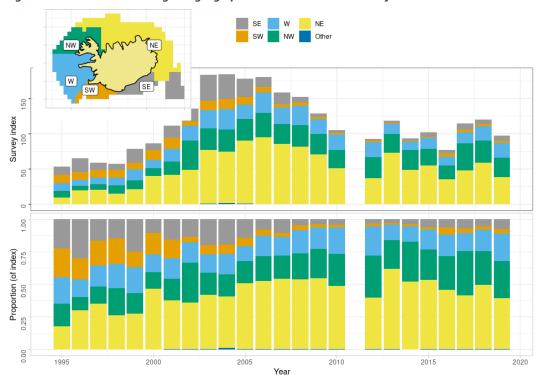


Figure 18. Haddock in 5a. Changes in geographical distribution of the survey biomass.

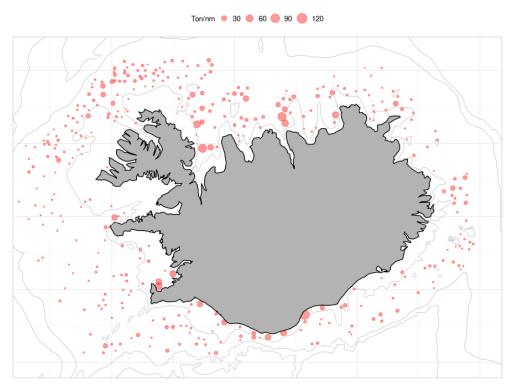


Figure 19: Haddock in 5a. Location of haddock in the March survey, bubble sizes are relative to catch sizes.

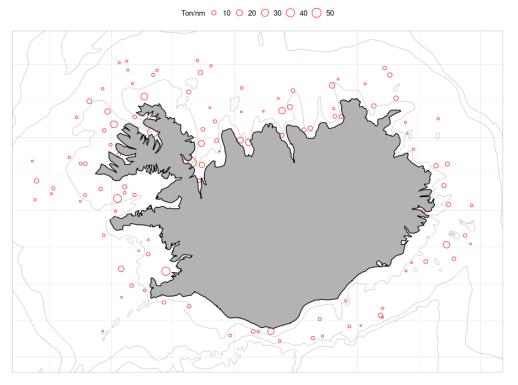
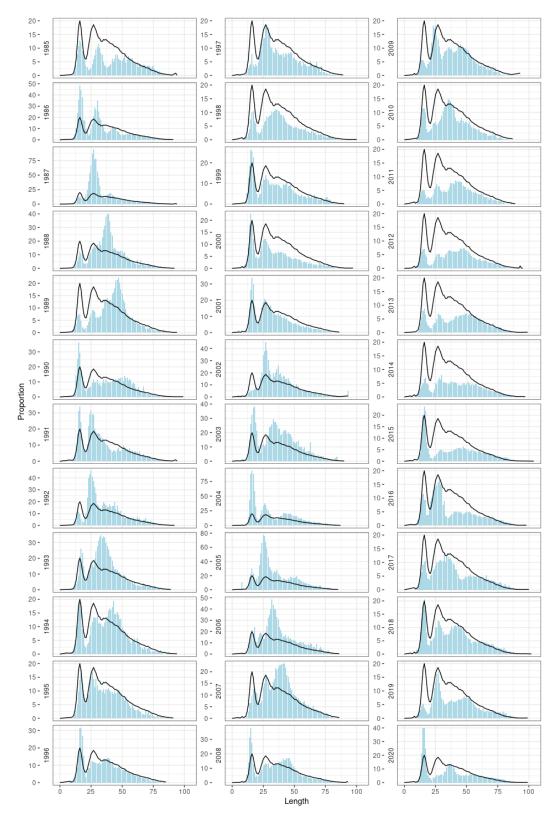


Figure 20. Haddock in 5a. Location of haddock in the October survey, bubble sizes are relative to catch sizes.



Mynd 21: Haddock in 5a. Length disaggregated abundance indices from the March survey 1985 and onwards.

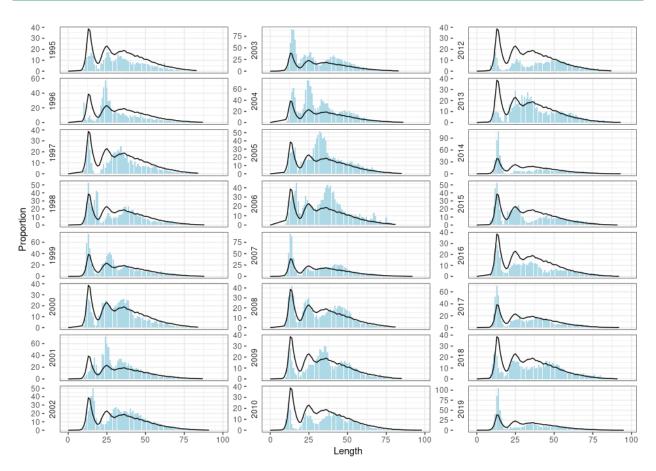


Figure 22. Haddock in 5a. Length disaggregated abundance indices from the October survey 1996 onwards (except for 2011).

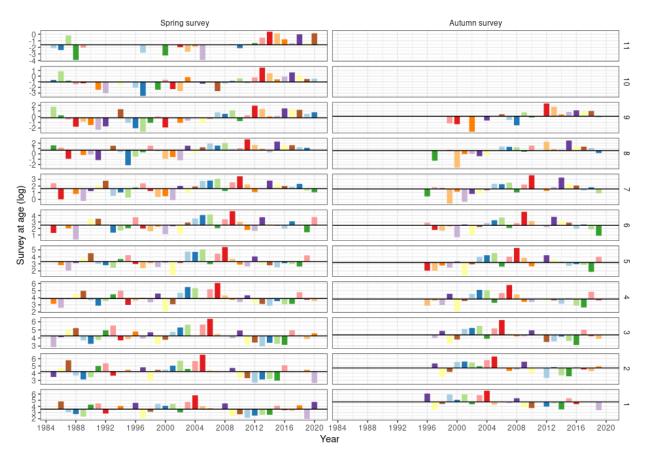


Figure 23. Haddock in 5a. Age disaggregated indices in the Spring Survey (left) and the autumn survey (rights). Bars indicated the deviation from the log mean index, fill colors indicate cohorts.

## DATA ANALYSES

## ANALYTICAL ASSESSMENT

This stock was last benchmarked in 2019 (WKICEMSE 2019), but the model had been used in parallel to the previous assessment since 2013. A management plan for haddock in 5a based on this assessment was tested at the same meeting and subsequently implemented by the government of Iceland in the same year.

The assessment model used is a statistical catch–at-age model described in Bjornsson, Hjorleifsson, and Elvarsson (2019). The model runs from 1979 onwards and ages 1 to 10 are tracked by the model, where the age of 10 is a plus group. Natural mortality is set to 0.2 for all age groups. Selection pattern of the commercial fleet is defined in terms of mean stock weights at age, rather than age, based on a logit selection function:

$$S_{a,y} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\alpha(\log(sW_{a,y}) - \log(W_{50}))}}$$

The rationale for this choice, compared to a more traditional age based selection, is to account for observed changes in growth between year classes. Larger year classes tend to have have lower mean

weight compared to smaller year classes, as observed in Figure 14. As fishery selection is mainly size based, the assessment model using a size based selection only requires two parameters to estimate the selection pattern. In contrast an age based selection pattern would require parameter based on multiple selection time periods.

The weights to the survey data are based on a common multiplier to the variance estimates of each age group and survey obtained from a backwards calculation model (described in Bjornsson, Hjorleifsson, and Elvarsson 2019), shown in Figure 26.

The ratio of fishing and natural mortality before spawning was set at 0.4 and 0.3 respectively as haddock is known to spawn in the period between April till the end of May.

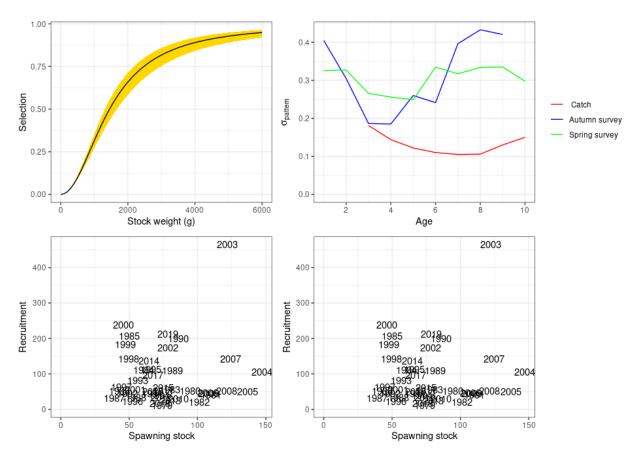


Figure 24. Haddock in 5a. Estimated selection by weight, CV pattern, stock recruitment relationship and survey catchability.

## DATA USED BY THE ASSESSMENT

The assessment relies on four sources of data, that are described above. These are the two surveys, commercial samples and landings. The commercial data is used to compile catch at age data that enter the likelihood along with the survey at age from both surveys. Stock weights and catch weights at age are derived from the spring survey and catches respectively. The maturity data is similarly collected in the spring survey. Prior to 1985, when the spring survey started, stock weights and maturity at age were

assumed constant at the 1985 values. A full description of the preparation of the data used for tuning and as input is given in the stock annex (see ICES (2019)).

## **DIAGNOSTICS**

The fit to data is illustrated in Figure 26 where no concerning residual patterns are observed. When looking at the combined fit (Figure 27) the figure shows the observed vs. predicted biomass from the surveys and it indicates that historically the autumn survey biomass has been closer to the prediction than corresponding values from the March survey, where the contrast in observed biomass is more than predicted from the assessment. The model accounts for this by estimating a stronger residual correlation for the spring survey (0.527) compared with the autumn survey (0.193). When contrasting the biomass levels before and after the mid 2000's peak the autumn survey suggests that the biomass level after the peak biomass is higher while the spring survey is at similar levels. Thus the model appears to fall in a region between the two surveys. The discrepancy appears to be in the largest age groups where the age indices autumn survey are overpredicted in recent years, suggesting that older age groups observed in the March survey are not observed to the same degree in the October survey. Related to this figure Figure 24 shows the estimated "catchability" and CV as a function of age for the surveys, showing that estimated CV is lower is generally lower for ages 2–6, whereas the CV increases faster by age for the autumn survey compared with the spring survey.

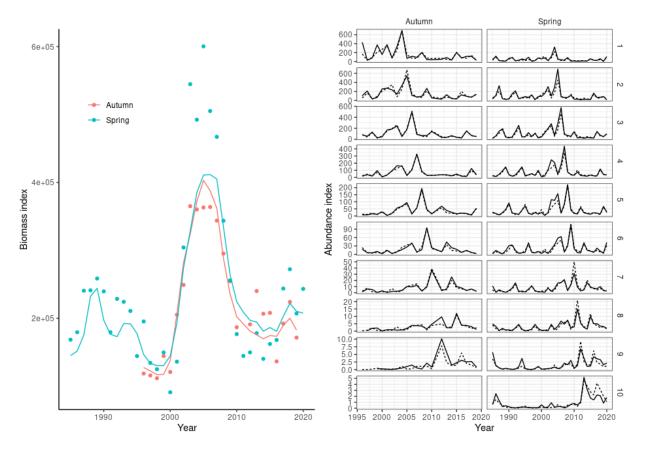


Figure 25. Haddock in division 5.a. Aggregated model fit to the total biomass indices.

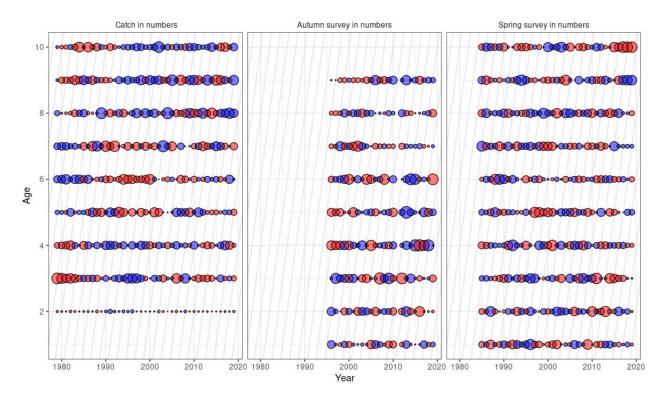


Figure 26: Haddock in division 5.a. Residuals from the model fit to survey and catch data based on the both the surveys. Red circles indicate negative residuals (observed < modelled), while blue postive. Residuals are proportional to the area of the circles.

#### **MODEL RESULTS**

The results of the assessment indicate that the stock decreased from 2008–2011 when large year classes disappeared from the stock and were replaced by smaller year classes (Figure 30). Since 2011 the rate of reduction has slowed down as fishing mortality has been low. The spawning stock has, however, decreased more than the reference biomass as the proportion mature by age/size has been decreasing. Fishing mortality is now estimated to be low and is in line with the overall goal of the currently implemented HCR. The baseline assessment does indicate that a bottom has been reached and the stock size will increase in the coming years. The main features of the baseline assessment are the same as in the assessments used between 2011 to 2018. The analytical retrospective (Figure 31) indicates a slight upwards revision in the most recent years. The assessment can however be considered fairly stable and the estimated 5 year Mohns's  $\rho$  are within acceptable range or -0.092 for estimated recruitment, 0.07 for SSB and -0.065 for harvest rate.

Assessment in recent years has shown some difference between model runs where either or both of the two different tuning series, i.e. March and the October surveys, are omitted from the estimation, but currently this difference is mostly within the estimated uncertainty (Figure 32) but that has not always been the case.

Estimated selection is illustrated in Figure 33, where substantial variations in selection at age is estimated by the model. Haddock in Icelandic waters has exhibited substantial density dependence in growth, as illustrated in Figure 34.

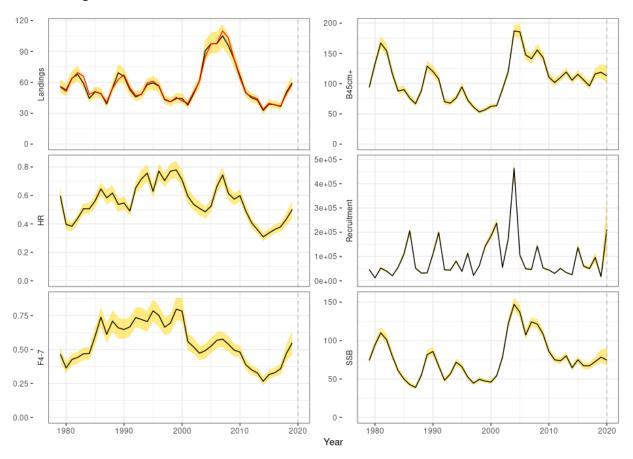


Figure 27. Haddock in division 5.a. Summary from assessment. Dashed vertical line indicates the assessment year and yellow shaded region the uncertainty as estimated by the model.

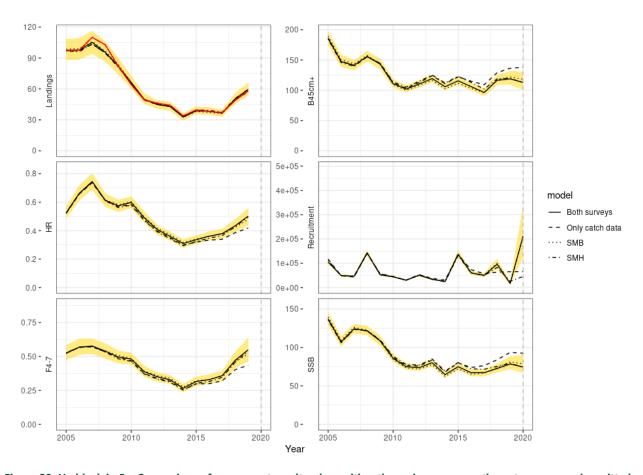


Figure 28. Haddock in 5a. Comparison of assessment results where either the spring survey or the autumn survey is omitted from the estimation.

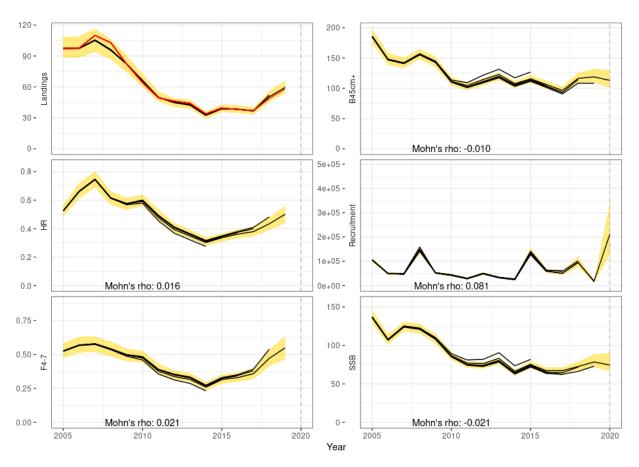


Figure 29. Haddock in division 5.a. Analytical retrospective analysis of the assessment of haddock with a 5 year peel.

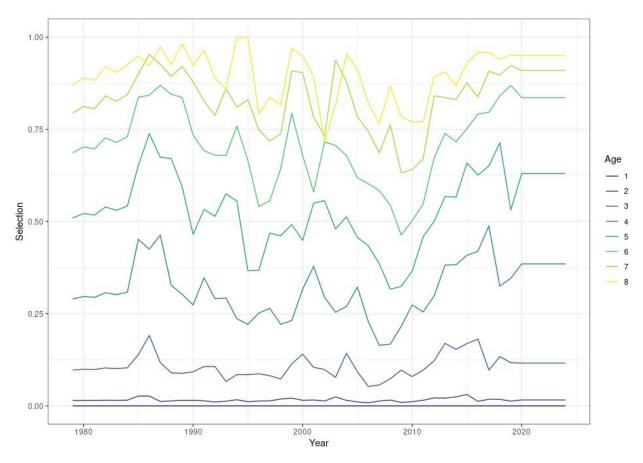


Figure 30. Haddock in 5a. Estimated selection at age.

#### SHORT TERM PROJECTIONS

Following the management plan the advice for the coming fishing year (2020/2021) is based in the biomass of 45 cm<sup>+</sup> at the beginning the next calendar year (2021). To arrive at this prediction a deterministic projection of the growth in weight and changes in maturity in the coming calendar year is needed. Growth in 2021 is predicted by the equation:

$$log(\frac{W_{a+1,y+1}}{W_{a,y}}) = \alpha + \beta log(W_{a,y0}) + \delta_y$$

where according to the stock annex the factor  $\delta_y$  for the assessment year (Figure 34) is the average of the points estimates of the growth factor in the two preceding years. Growth has been high but somewhat variable in recent years but was much less in when the stock was larger. Maturity, selection, catch weights at age and proportion of the biomass above  $45\text{cm}^+$  are then predicted from stock weights in 2020. When those values have been estimated the prediction is done by the same model as used in the assessment. The model works iteratively as the estimated TAC for the fishing year 2020/2021 has some effect of the biomass at the beginning of 2021, which the TAC is based on. This procedure is described in the detail in the stock annex.

## MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

All the signs from commercial catch data and surveys indicate that Haddock in 5a is at present in a good state. This is confirmed in the assessment. At WKICEMSE 2019 the harvest rate target applied by the HCR in the period between 2013 and 2018 was estimated to be no longer precautionary while a rate of 0.35 was in-line with both the precautionary and ICES' MSY approach.

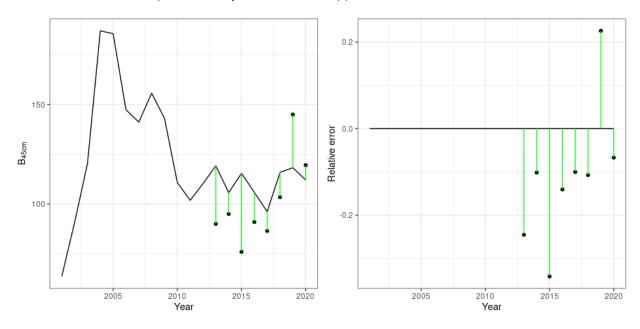


Figure 31. Haddock in 5a. Comparison of the short term prediction of reference biomass to the realized value a year later.

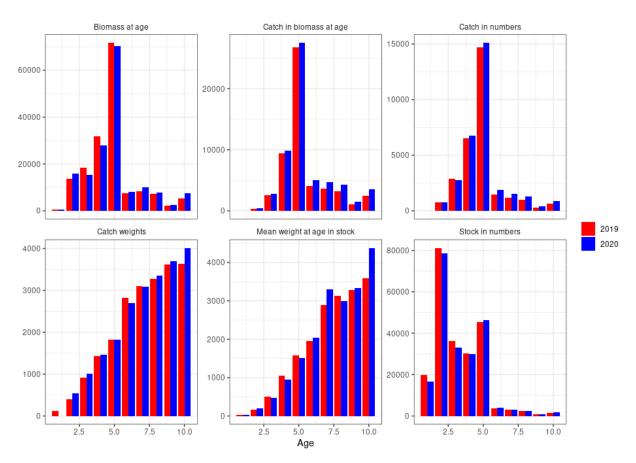


Figure 32: Haddock in 5a. Comparison of some of the results of 2019 assessment based on different tuning data and 2017 assessment tuned with both the surveys

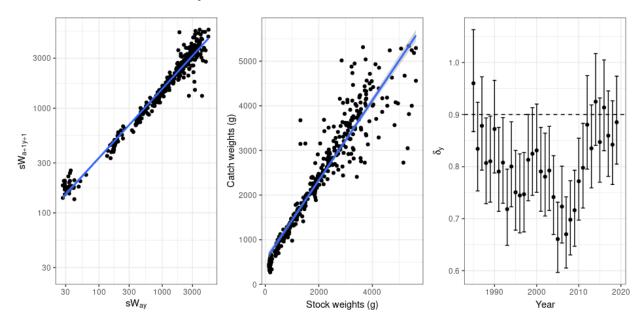


Figure 33: Haddock in 5a. Input data to prediction model, where the exponent of the year factor (growth multiplier) is estimated to derive the reference biomass in the advisory year, as described in the text.

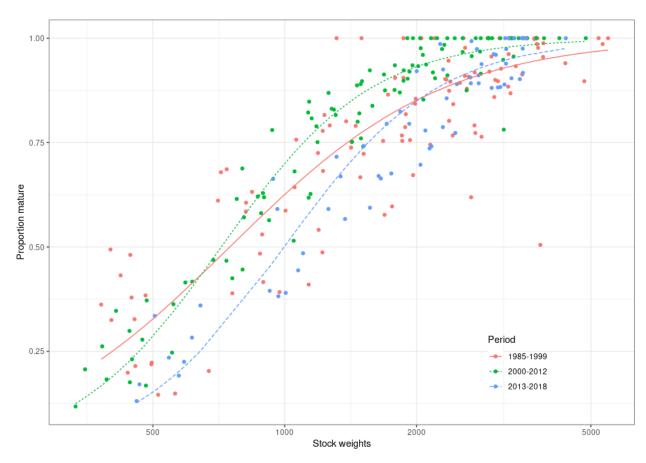


Figure 34. Haddock in 5a. Maturity at weight as used in the projections.

## **MANAGAMENT**

The Icelandic Ministry of Industries and Innovation (MII) is responsible for management of the Icelandic fisheries and implementation of legislation. The Ministry issues regulations for commercial fishing for each fishing year (1 September–31 August), including an allocation of the TAC for each stock subject to such limitations. Haddock in 5a has been managed by TAC since the 1987. Landings have roughly followed the advice given by MRI and the set TAC in all fishing years (Table 1 and Figure 35). Since the 2001/2002 the catches have exceeded more that 5% the set TAC in five fishing years. The largest overshoot in landings in relation to advice/TAC was observed in the fishing year 2007/2008 when the landings of haddock exceeded the advice by 11%. The reasons for the implementation errors are related to the management system that allow for transfers of quota share between fishing years and conversion of TAC from one species to another (species transformation).

The TAC system does not include catches taken by Norway and the Faroe Islands by bilateral agreement. The level of those catches is known in advance but has until recently not been taken into consideration by the Ministry when allocating TAC to Icelandic vessels. There is no minimum landing size for Haddock in 5a. There are agreements between Iceland, Norway and the Faroe Islands relating to a fishery of vessels in

restricted areas within the Icelandic EEZ. Faroese vessels are allowed to fish 5600 t of demersal fish species in Icelandic waters which includes maximum 1200 tonnes of cod and 40 t of Atlantic halibut.

The effect of these species transformations and quota transfers is illustrated in Figure 42. The figure illustrates that when the biomass of haddock was high in the years between 2002 to 2007 the net transfers to haddock from other species increased. This may in part be explained by shifts in distribution of haddock, as illustrated in Figure 5, as the fisheries that traditionally target the northern area had lower amounts of haddock in their quota portfolio. However, looking over longer period quota transfer towards/from haddock has on the average been close to zero. With the establishment a management plan in 2013 the transfers between quota years have decreased substantially, while at the same time transfers from other species have increased. This is likely since haddock is easy to catch, as demonstrated by high CPUE in recent years. The haddock quota may also be limiting in some mixed fisheries and that haddock may have been underestimated in last years could also contribute to transfer towards haddock.

Figure 35 illustrates the difference between national TAC and landed catch in 5a. The difference can be attributed to species transformation (in both directions), while for the 1999/2000 fishing year the government of Iceland increased TAC mid-season.

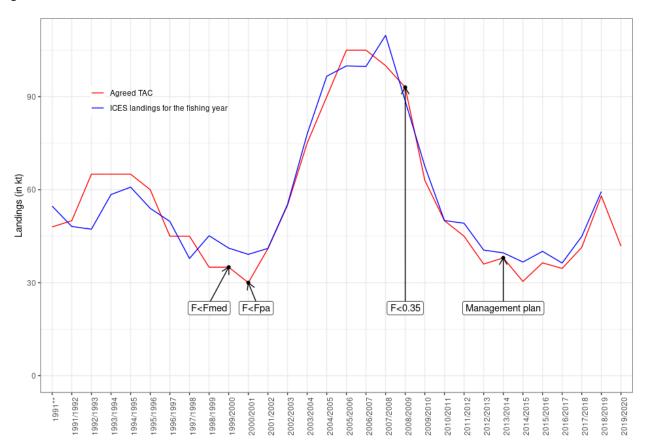


Figure 35. Haddock in 5a. Comparison of the realized catches and the set TAC for the fishing operations in Icelandic waters. Note that in the 1999/2000 fishing year the government of Iceland increased TAC mid-season

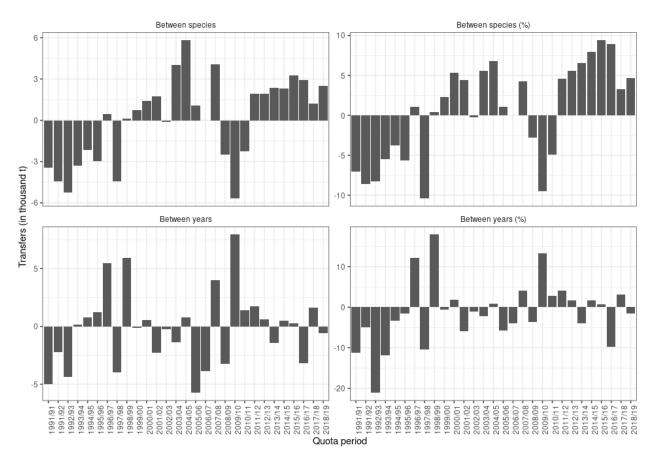


Figure 36. Haddock in 5a. An overview of the net transfers of quota between years and species transformations in the fishery in 5.a.

Table 1. Haddock in 5a. ICES advice and official landings. All weights are in tonnes. \* Calendar year. \*\* January to August.

Year	ICES advice	Predicted catch corresp. to advice	Agreed TAC	•	ICES landings for the calendar year
1987*	National advice	< 50000	60 000		40 760
1988*	National advice	< 60000	65 000		54 204
1989*	National advice	< 60000	65 000		62 885
1990*	National advice	< 60000	65 000		67 198
1991**	National advice	< 38000	48 000		54 692
1991/1992	National advice	< 50000	50 000	48 123	47 121
1992/1993	National advice	< 60000	65 000	47 255	48 123
1993/1994	National advice	< 65000	65 000	58 443	59 502
1994/1995	National advice	< 65000	65 000	60 829	60 884
1995/1996	National advice	< 55000	60 000	53 972	56 890
1996/1997	National advice	< 40000	45 000	49 764	43 764
1997/1998	National advice	< 40000	45 000	37 811	41 192
1998/1999	National advice	< 35000	35 000	45 146	45 411
1999/2000	F reduced below Fmed	< 35000	35 000	41 150	42 105
2000/2001	F reduced below provisional Fpa	< 31000	30 000	39 143	39 654
2001/2002	F reduced below provisional Fpa	< 30000	41 000	41 069	50 498
2002/2003	F reduced below provisional Fpa	< 55000	55 000	55 269	60 883
2003/2004	F reduced below provisional Fpa	< 75000	75 000	77 916	84 828
2004/2005	F reduced below provisional Fpa	< 97000	90 000	96 617	97 225
2005/2006	F reduced below provisional Fpa	< 110000	105 000	99 926	97 614
2006/2007	F reduced below provisional Fpa	< 112000	105 000	99 763	109 966
2007/2008	F reduced below provisional Fpa	< 120000	100 000	109 810	102 872
2008/2009	F reduced below 0.35	< 83000	93 000	88 617	82 045
2009/2010	F reduced below 0.35	< 57000	63 000	67 579	64 169
2010/2011	F reduced below 0.35	< 51000	50 000	50 042	49 433
2011/2012	F reduced below 0.35	< 42000	45 000	49 179	46 208
2012/2013	F reduced below 0.35	< 32000	36 000	40 512	44 097
2013/2014	TAC 0.4 × B45+cm,2014	< 38000	38 000	39 628	33 900
2014/2015	TAC 0.4 × B45+cm,2015	< 30400	30 400	36 656	39 646
2015/2016	TAC 0.4 × B45+cm,2016	< 36400	36 400	40 117	38 109
2016/2017	TAC 0.4 × B45+cm,2017	< 34600	34 600	36 340	37 062
2017/2018	TAC 0.4 × B45+cm,2018	< 41390	41 390	44 905	49 993
2018/2019	TAC 0.4 × B45+cm,2019	< 57982	57 982	59 382	58 850
2019/2020	TAC 0.35 x B45+cm,2020	< 41823	41 823		

## REFERENCES

Bjornsson, Hoskuldur, Einar Hjorleifsson, and Bjarki Þór Elvarsson. 2019. "Muppet: Program for Simulating Harvest Control Rules." Reykjavik: Marine; Freshwater Research Institute. http://www.github.com/hoski/Muppet-HCR.

ICES. 2019. "Stock Annex: Haddock (Melanogrammus aeglefinus ) in Division 5.a (Iceland grounds)." International Council for the Exploration of the Seas; ICES publishing.

Jónsson, Jón. 1996. *Tagging of Cod (Gadus Morhua) in Icelandic Waters 1948-1986;: Tagging of Haddock (Gadus Aeglefinus) in Icelandic Waters 1953-1965.* Hafrannsóknastofnunin.

MRI. 2016. "Mælingar á brottkasti þorsks og ýsu (e. Measurments of discards of Cod and Haddock), 2014–2016, Reykjavik, Iceland." Vol. 3. Marine; Freshwater Research Institute, Iceland; Marine Research Institute, Iceland. https://www.hafogvatn.is/static/research/files/fjolrit-183pdf.