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The EU landing obligation and REM

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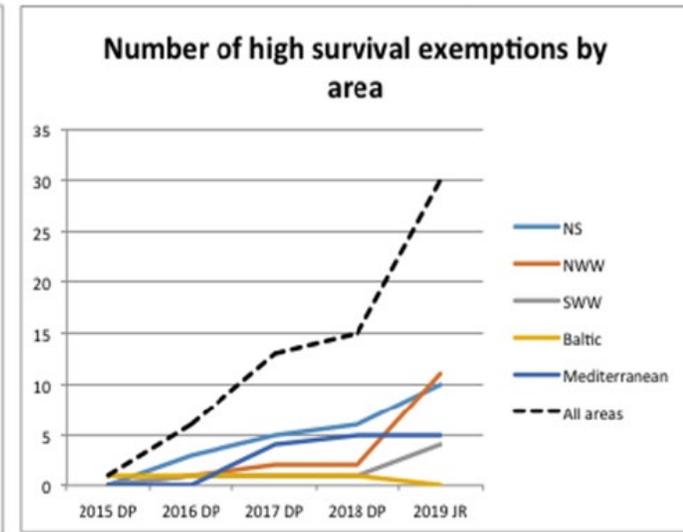
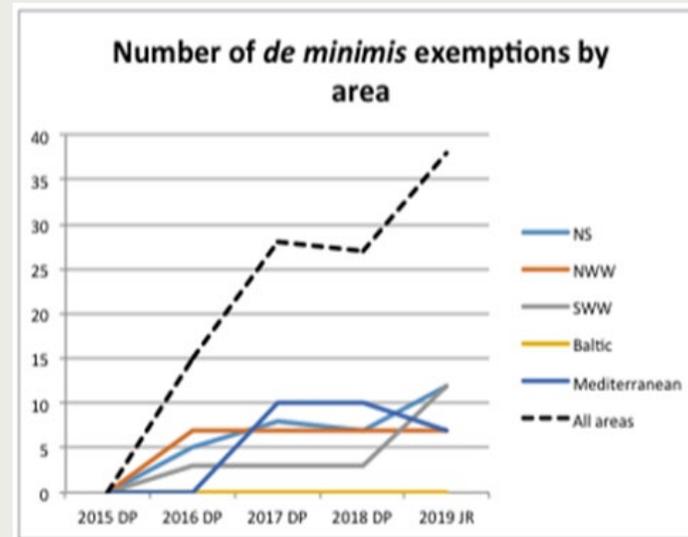
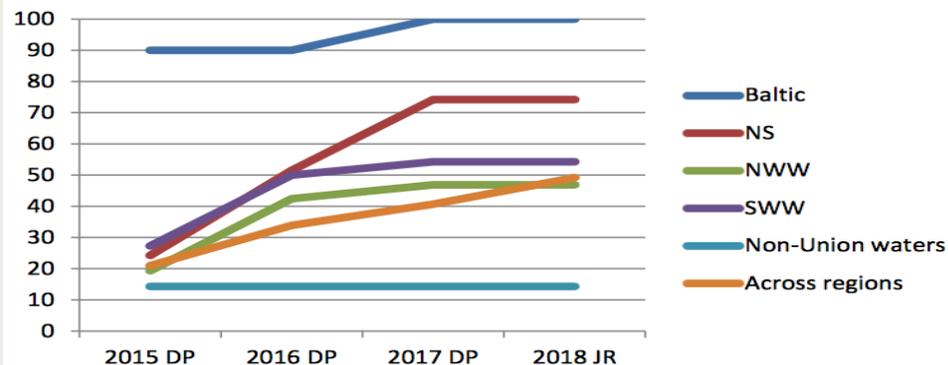
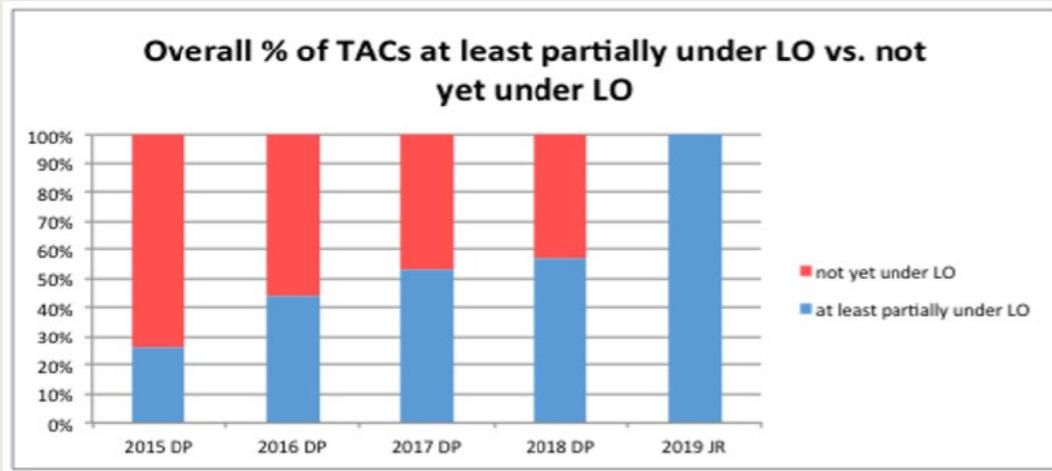
Hilfa Óhásið

Four years of implementation of the EU landing Obligation (2015-2019)



Progresses on the regulatory side / regionalisation

Regional discard plans (DP) adopted annually laying down the calendar of implementation (species*fisheries) and the exemptions (high survivability, de minimis)



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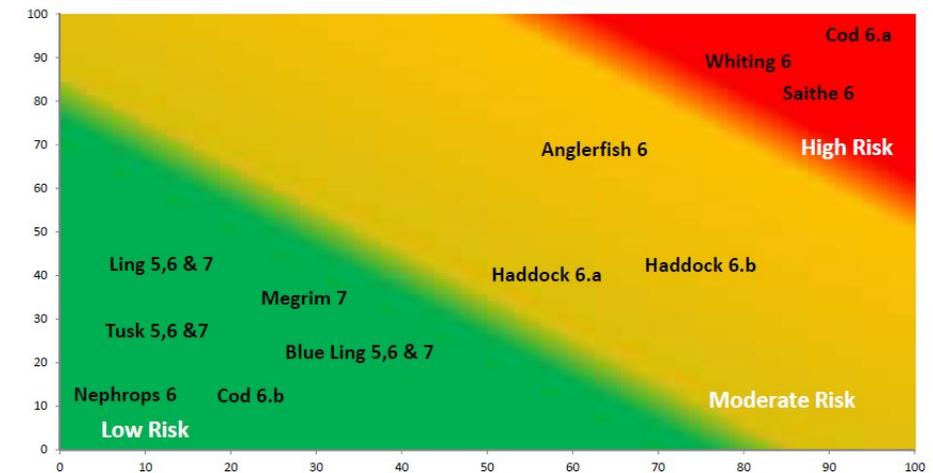
Progresses on reaching common understanding on discard causes and quantification of risks of choke species

Choke categories:

- Category 1: Sufficient quota at Member State level, but poorly distributed within a country **issue at PO/individual level**
- Category 2: Sufficient quota at EU level but insufficient at Member State level, **relative stability issue**
- Category 3: Insufficient quota at EU level, **overfished stock**
- Category 4: Economic choking **large quantities of low value fish.**

NorthWestern Advisory Council 2017
Rihan 2018

Results – West of Scotland & Rockall



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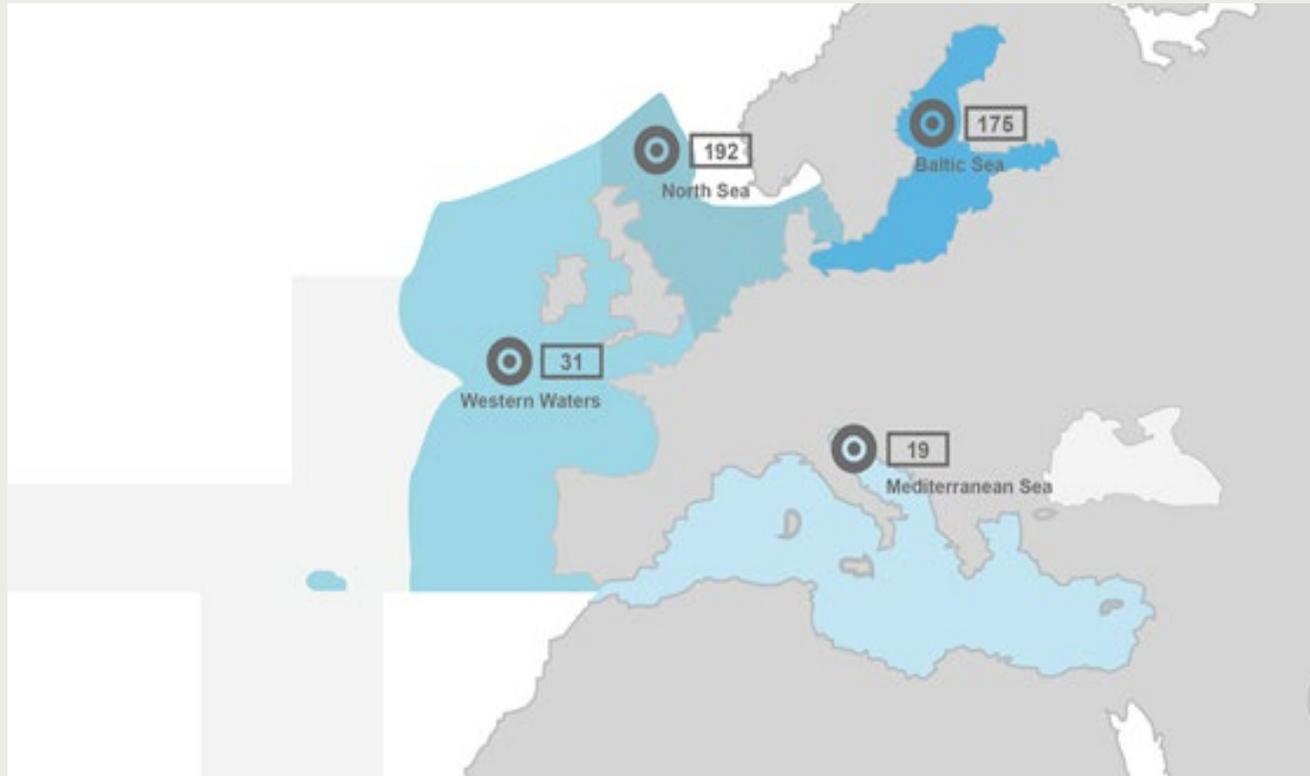


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Some progresses on compliance monitoring

European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) and Member States conduct Joint Deployment Plans of patrol vessels (Last Haul analysis)



EU Com SWD(2019) 205

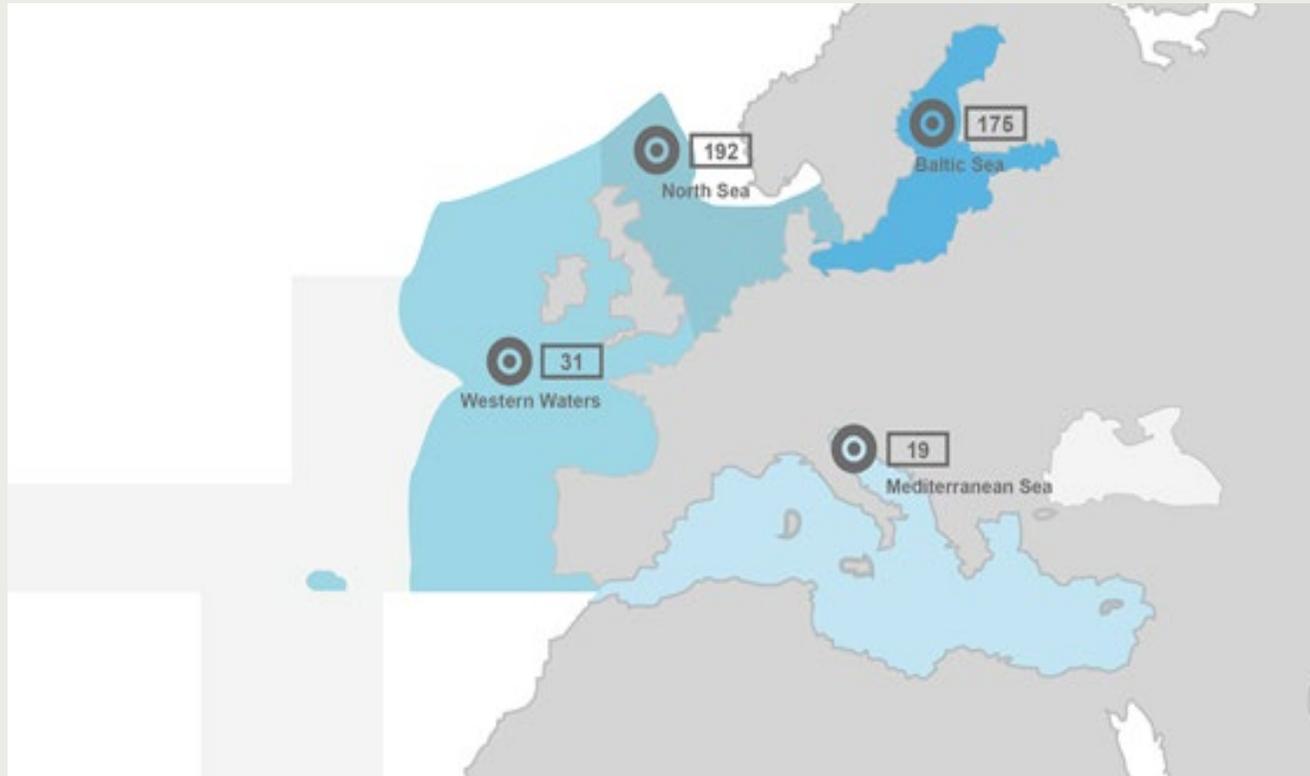
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But in reality VERY LITTLE visible progresses so far



EU Com SWD(2019) 205:
« *the results of the last haul analysis point in the direction of a very poor implementation of the landing obligation and of a generally widespread non-compliance* »

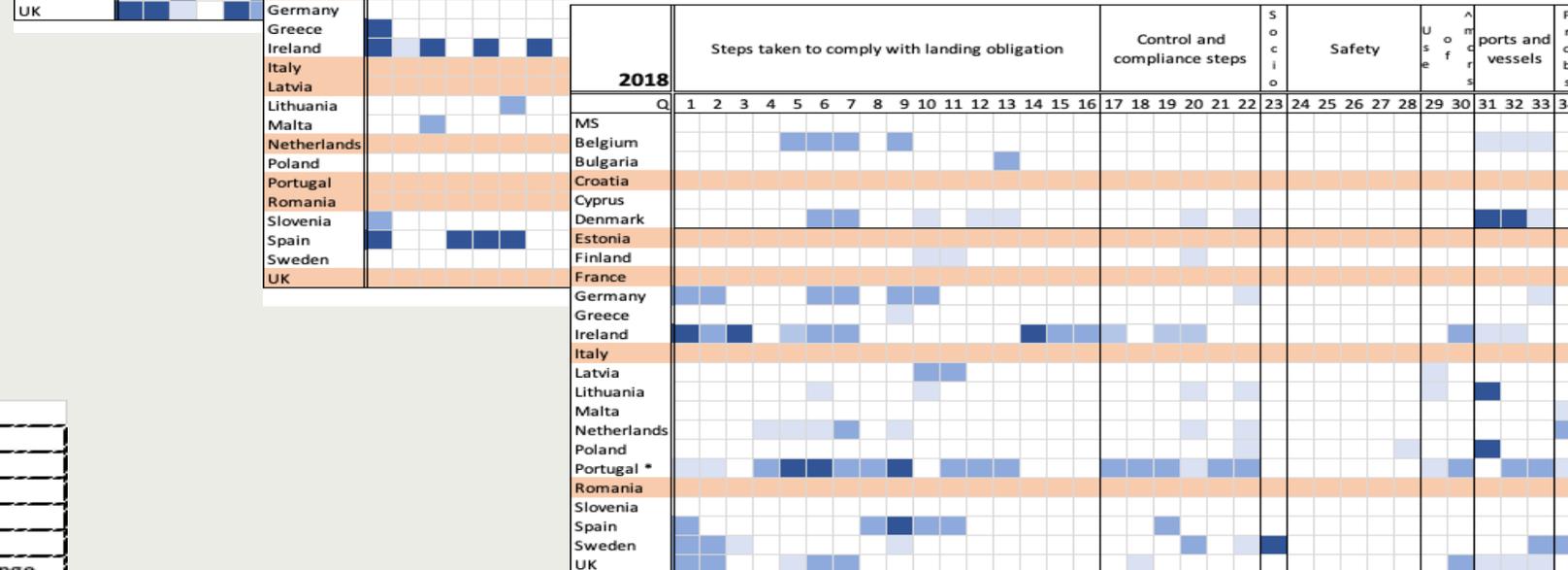
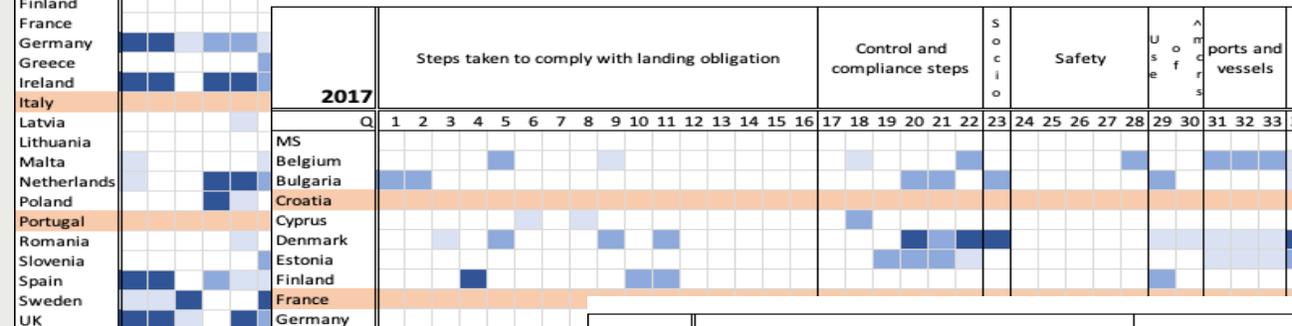
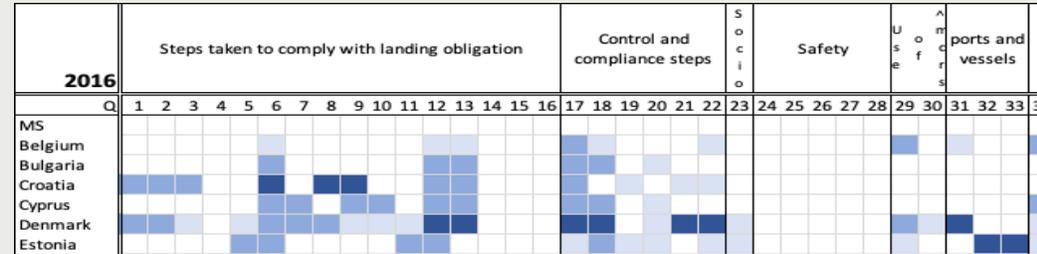
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Member States report annually to EU Com, results summarised by STECF

Member States	2016	2017	2018
Belgium			
Bulgaria			
Croatia			
Cyprus			
Denmark			
Estonia			
Finland			
France			
Germany			
Greece			
Ireland			
Italy			
Latvia			
Lithuania			
Malta			
Netherlands			
Poland			
Portugal			1st report
Romania			
Slovenia			
Spain			
Sweden			
United Kingdom			

Key	2016	2017-2018
	No Report	No Report
	No information	No change
	Significant information	Significant change



*Reporting for the first time - see key adjacent to 2016 figure

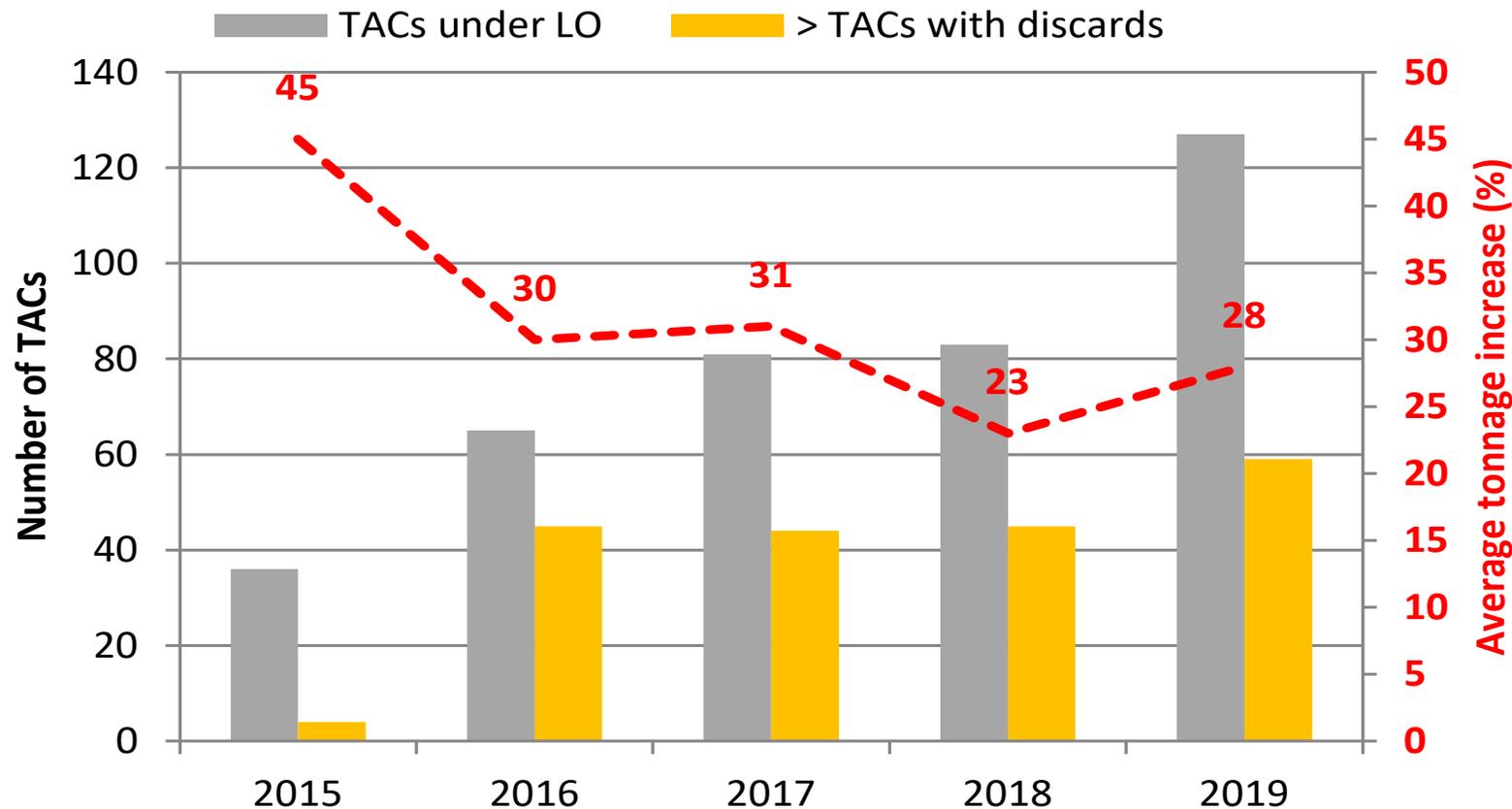
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TACs are increased....



If TACs are increased and discarding continues there is a risk that fishing mortality increases!

Borges et al, 2019

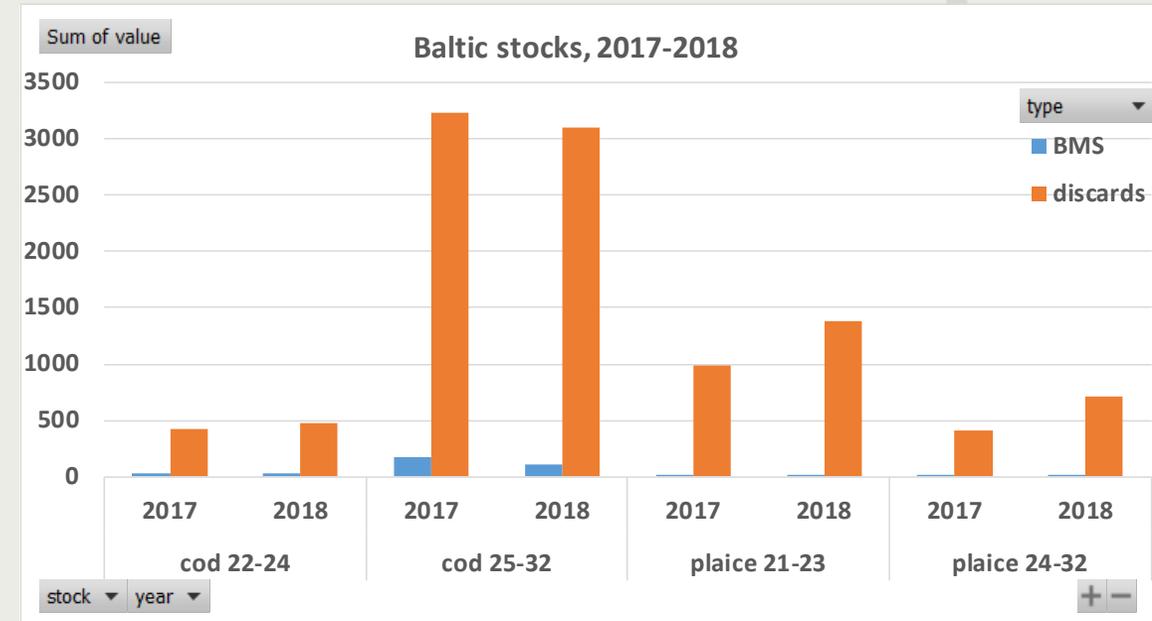
Which consequences for fisheries data?



Example of discrepancies between observed discards (red) and landed BMS (blue)

Catch data more uncertain....

- Discrepancies between discards estimates
- Fisheries observers less accepted onboard
- Potential bias (observers' effect)
- Knowledge on discard volumes more uncertain



- Data more complex → Increased uncertainty in the stock assessments
- Data more uncertain
- The "Unwanted Catch" schizophrenia!

The Discards-who-cannot-be-named



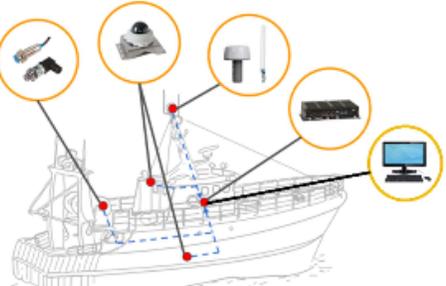
So where are we now with REM?



A strong push for REM from Commission and NGOs....



Technical guidelines and specifications for the implementation of Remote Electronic Monitoring (REM) in EU fisheries



European Fisheries Control Agency
Vigo, 2019



Brussels, 30.5.2018
COM(2018) 368 final
2018/0193 (COD)

Proposal for a

REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, and amending Council Regulations (EC) No 768/2005, (EC) No 1967/2006, (EC) No 1005/2008, and Regulation (EU) No 2016/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards fisheries control

{SEC(2018) 267 final} - {SWD(2018) 279 final} - {SWD(2018) 280 final}

October 2018



The control of the Landing Obligation in Denmark

A report by **AQUAMIND** for ClientEarth.



Landing obligation	New: 25a	The amendments mandate the use of remote electronic monitoring tools, in particular CCTVs, for the control of the landing obligation. The new provisions will affect individual vessels and fleet segments according to risk assessment, and shall be implemented by Member States at regional level.
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So where are we now with REM?



But reluctance is still strong....

- REM will not solve the fundamental causes of discarding in mixed fisheries, incl. unequal access to quota, choke species and technical interactions. Technical solutions to reducing discards remain limited
- “Big Brother” feeling still very strong
- All incentives previously used in REM trials (like quota top-ups, exemptions etc) have already been given away “for free”, accountability has not been included upfront in the discard plans.

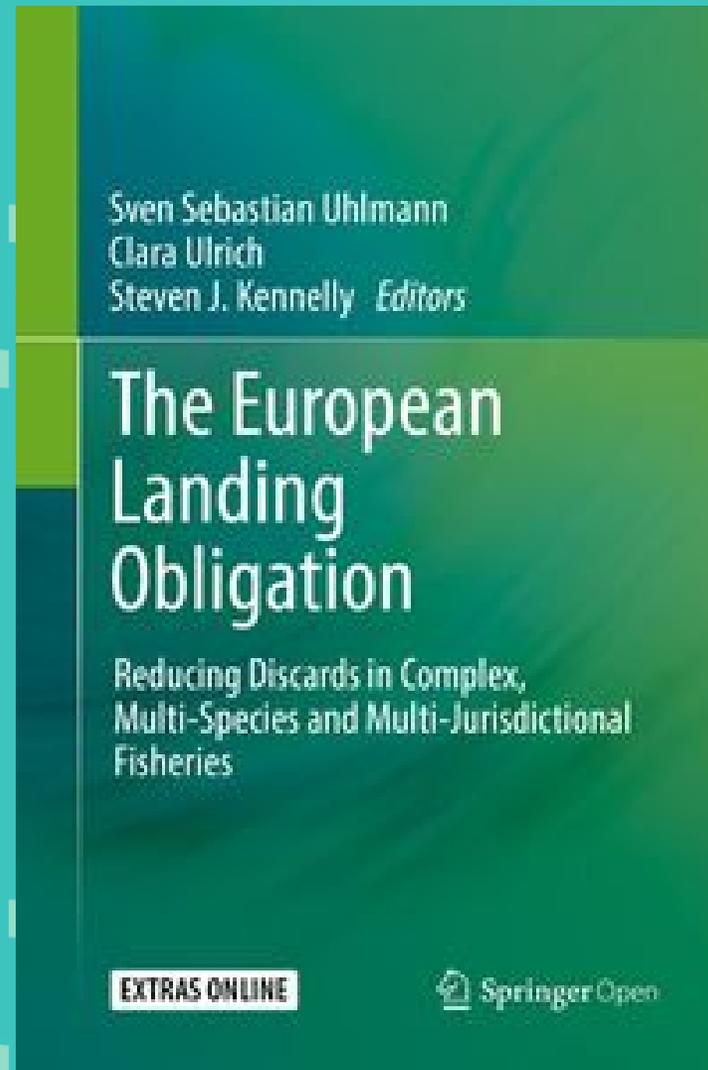
**EU Control
regulation still in
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today!!**

Conclusions

- A lot has happened – and yet nothing has visibly really changed yet...
- The LO has remained very unpopular in the fishing industry. Its objectives remain unclear and little supported by the national administrations
- TACs have been increased and exemptions have been given but discarding continue. This goes against the MSY objectives. Also, uncertain catch data undermines the quality of stock assessment
- Recognition that control and enforcement are absolutely insufficient. The current procedures cannot control the LO effectively.
- The landing obligation has triggered an intense dynamic of dialogue and awareness that wouldn't have taken place otherwise
- There is a major push towards the use of REM but reluctance remains strong. Control regulation still in discussion.

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