

ICES advice for 2008

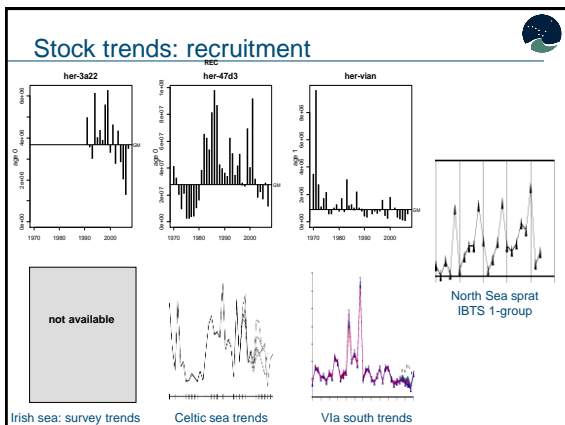
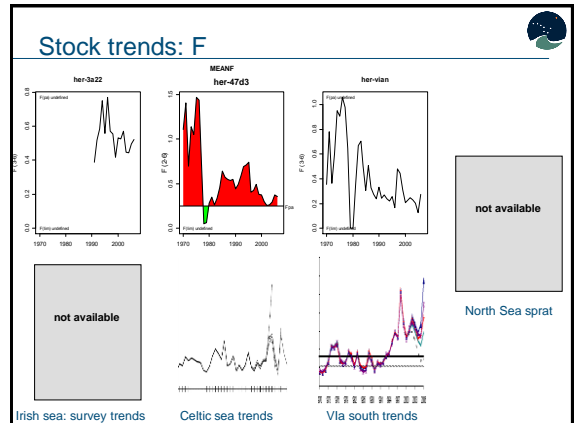
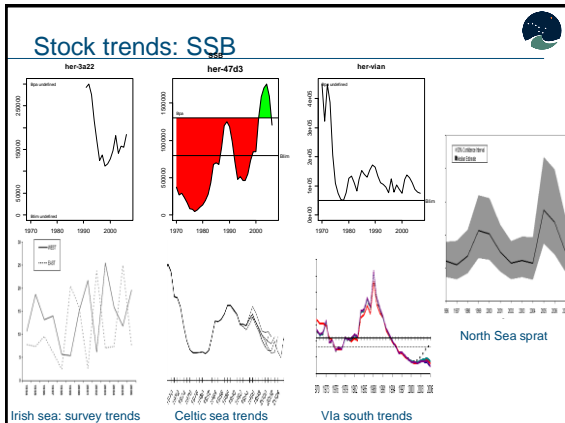
Pelagic stocks

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Regional orientation

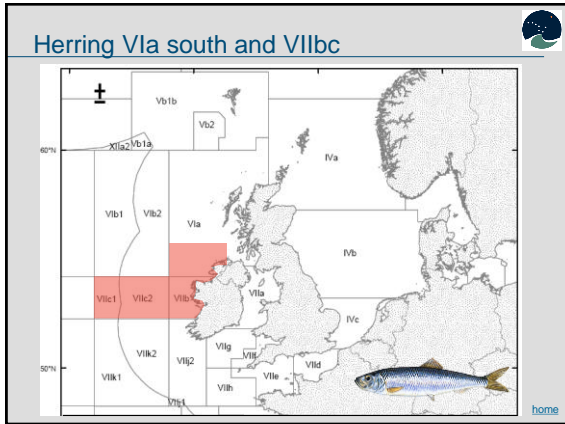
- Advisory report organized by "Ecoregion"



Advice overview

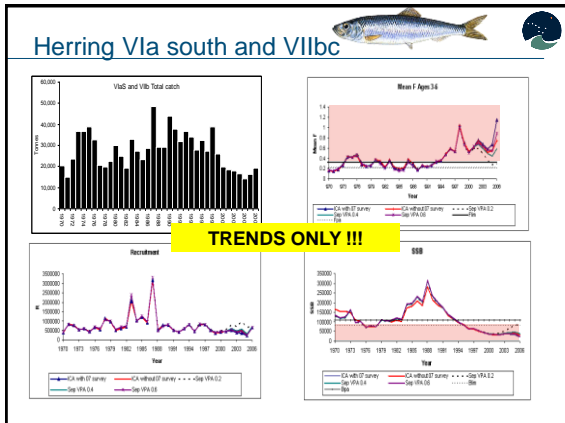
Area	Stock	State of the stock		2007		2008	
		SSB	F	Advice	TAC	Advice	%TAC change
North Sea	North Sea Autumn spawning herring	At risk	At risk	240000	241000	175000	-49%
	Spring spawning herring in IIIa and 22-24	Undefined	Undefined	99000	118500	71000	-40%
	Sprat in the North Sea	Unknown	Unknown	195000	175000		
Celtic Sea	Herring in VIa North	Undefined	Undefined	34000	34000	15000	-56%
	Herring in the Irish Sea	Unknown	Unknown	4800	4800	4400	-8%
	Herring in the Celtic Sea	At risk	Unknown	0	9300	0	
	Herring in VIa South and VIIbc	Low	High	0	13800	0	

1) HC only
2) Preliminary TAC
3) According to management plan
4) Advice re-evaluating plan



Herring VIa south and VIIbc

- Assessment
 - Indicative of trends only
 - Catch data and one acoustic survey
- Issues
 - Short acoustic survey used for first time
 - Catch data were revised by reallocation between VIaN and VIaS.



Herring VIa south and VIIbc

- Advice
 - Last year
 - Current catch regime does not appear rebuild the stock.
 - No fishing unless a rebuilding plan is in place.
 - Scientifically evaluate rebuilding plan (*next year?*)
 - One element of rebuilding plan: further reductions in catch.
 - This year
 - ICES recommends a rebuilding plan be put in place that will reduce catches.
 - If no rebuilding plan is established, there should be no fishing.
 - The rebuilding plan should be evaluated with respect to the precautionary approach.