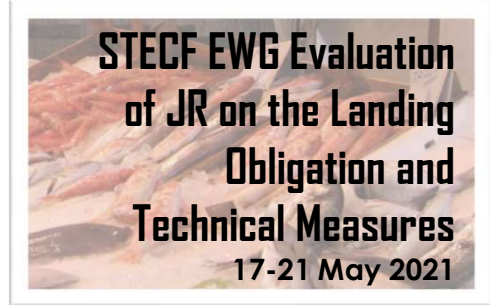




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WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN – De minimis Exemptions:

- **Hake and mullets:**
 - up to a maximum of 5%, Bottom trawls
 - up to a maximum of 1%, Gillnets and trammel nets
- **Total catches of demersal finfish under the Landing Obligation (excluding hake, mullets and pelagic species) and deep-water rose shrimp:**
 - up to a maximum of 5%, Bottom trawls
 - up to a maximum of 3%, Gillnets and trammel nets
 - up to a maximum of 1% of the total annual catches by vessels using hooks and lines

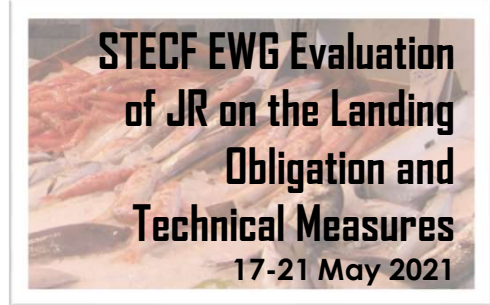
STECF Comments:

- The **information provided is quite generic** and the same justification has been used for multiple exemptions.
- It would seem appropriate that an evaluation of the impacts of the exemption granted since 2017 be undertaken (to date, no such evaluation has been undertaken).
- STECF would encourage the Member States in the Western Mediterranean carry out an assessment of **whether unwanted catches have been reduced** and whether the quality and reliability of fishery-dependent catch data have been affected.





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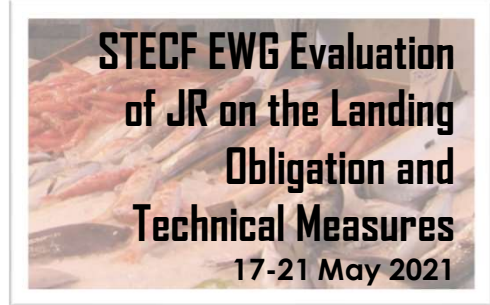


WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN – High survivability

- ❑ **Scallop (*Pecten jacobaeus*), Carpet clams (*Venerupis spp.*), and Venus shells (*Venus spp.*) below the minimum conservation reference size with mechanised dredges**
 - ↳ STECF notes that only limited supporting information relating to different species was provide, therefore it is not possible to make any evaluation of the proposed exemption.
- ❑ **Norway lobster (*Nephrops norvegicus*) below the minimum conservation reference size**
 - ↳ **with all bottom trawls:** Results confirm the very low survivability of Norway lobster during June, July and August. additional analysis, accurate catch data, including the levels of unwanted catch to allow assessment of the impact of the exemption, would be helpful.
 - ↳ **with pots and traps (FPO, FIX):** The information provided is limited and to make any assessment of the exemption. Given the minimal catches indicated and the absence of a targeted fishery, it is questionable whether this exemption is required at all.
- ❑ **Red seabream (*Pagellus bogaraveo*) below the minimum conservation reference size with hooks and lines**
 - ↳ STECF suggests an assessment be made of the representativeness of the survival estimates from the studies carried out in the Atlantic compared to the fisheries in the West Med
- ❑ **Lobster and Crawfish (*Palinuridae*) with nets and with pots and traps**
 - ↳ Additional survival studies would be advisable, as well as supplementary information on the operational modalities of these fisheries, although the impact of the survivability exemption for these fisheries is likely to be low there is no quantitative evidence to support this assertion



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South-eastern Mediterranean- De minimis Exemptions:

- **Hake and mullets:**
 - up to a maximum of 5%, Bottom trawls
 - up to a maximum of 1%, Gillnets and Trammel nets
- **Deep-water rose shrimp:**
 - up to a maximum of 5%, Bottom trawls
- **Demersal species under the Landing Obligation excluding hake, mullets, deep-water rose shrimp and pelagic species**
 - up to a maximum of 5%, Bottom trawls
- **Anchovy, Sardine, Mackerel and Horse Mackerel**
 - up to a maximum of 5%, Bottom trawls
- **Demersal species under the Landing Obligation excluding hake and mullets**
 - up to a maximum of 3%, Gillnets and Trammel nets (Up to maximum of 5% in the case annual landing of the relevant species of these fisheries are less than 25% of the total landings of the fisheries)
 - up to a maximum of 1%, hooks and lines (Up to maximum of 3% in the case annual landing of the relevant species of these fisheries are less than 25% of the total landings of the fisheries)
- **Total catches of lobster and crawfish**
 - up to a maximum of 1%, Pots and Traps

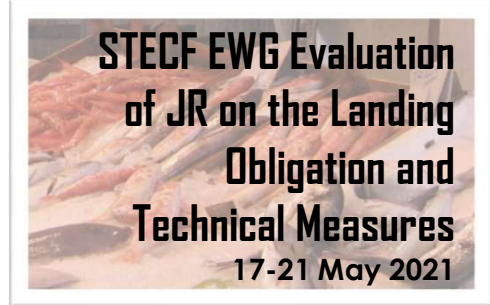
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Adriatic – De minimis Exemptions:

- **Hake and mullets:**
 - up to a maximum of 5%, Bottom trawls
 - up to a maximum of 1%, Gillnets and Trammel nets
 - up to a maximum of 1%, Rapido
- **Common sole**
 - up to a maximum of 3%, Bottom trawls
- **Total catches of demersal finfish under the Landing Obligation (excluding hake, mullets and pelagic species) and deep-water rose shrimp**
 - up to a maximum of 5%, Bottom trawls
 - up to a maximum of 3%, Gillnets and Trammel nets
 - up to a maximum of 1%, Hooks and lines
- **Total catches of Anchovy, Sardine, Mackerel and Horse Mackerel**
 - up to a maximum of 5%, Bottom trawls

STECF Comments:

- The implications of granting the proposed exemption with regard to the fishery and species concerned cannot be quantified with the information provided with the JR.

