

#### **9.4.8 Basking shark (*Cetorhinus maximus*) in the northeast Atlantic (ICES Areas I–XIV)**

##### **Single-stock exploitation boundaries**

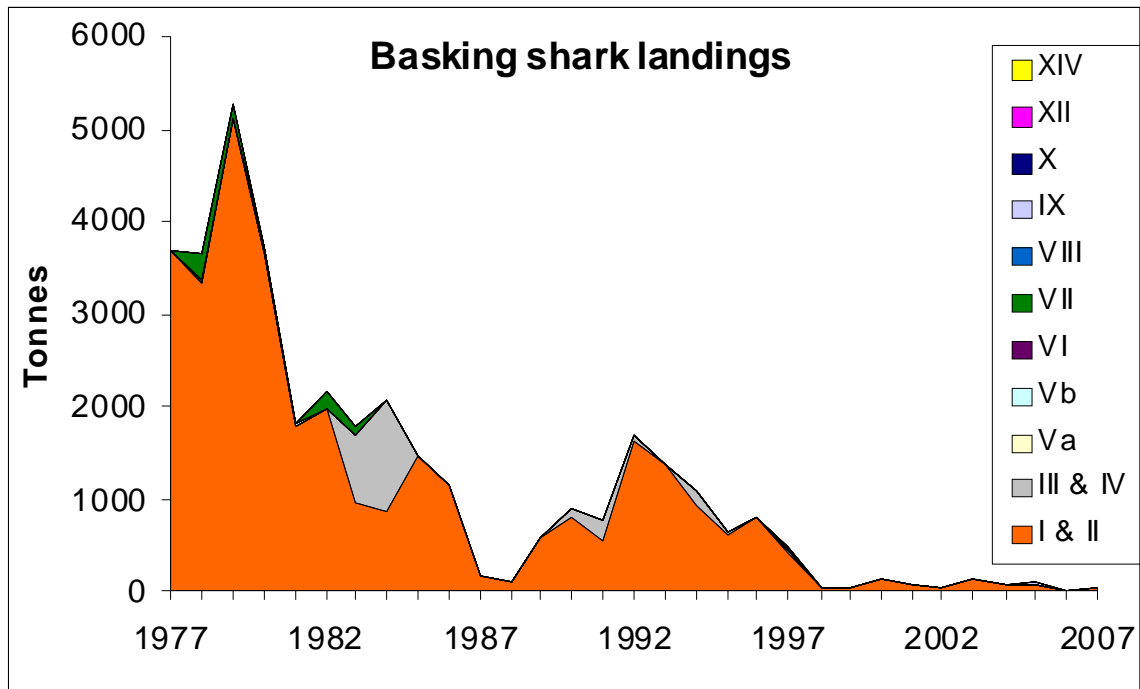
The only new information available for basking shark (*Cetorhinus maximus*) is landings data which gives no basis to revise the advice from 2006. The advice for 2009 and 2010 is therefore the same as the advice given in 2006: “*No targeted fishing for basking shark should be permitted and additional measures should be taken to prevent bycatch of basking shark in fisheries targeting other species. A TAC should cover all areas where basking sharks are caught in the northeast Atlantic. This TAC should be set at zero.*”

ICES notes that from 2007 onwards the TAC covers all areas where basking sharks may be caught.

##### **Source of information**

ICES. 2008. Report of the Working Group on Elasmobranch Fishes (WGEF). ICES CM 2008/ACOM: 16.

Year	ICES Advice	Single-stock exploitation boundaries	Predicted catch corresponding to advice	Predicted catch corresponding to single-stock exploitation boundaries	Agreed TAC	ACOM Landings ('000 t)
1977	None					3.68
1978	None					3.64
1979	None					5.27
1980	None					3.73
1981	None					1.80
1982	None					2.16
1983	None					1.76
1984	None					2.06
1985	None					1.47
1986	None					1.14
1987	None					0.16
1988	None					0.11
1989	None					0.59
1990	None					0.90
1991	None					0.75
1992	None					1.70
1993	None					1.37
1994	None					1.08
1995	None					0.63
1996	None					0.79
1997	None					0.47
1998	None					0.06
1999	None					0.03
2000	None					0.12
2001	None					0.08
2002	None				0	0.05
2003	None				0	0.13
2004	None				0	0.07
2005					0	0.09
2006	TAC = 0				0	0.01
2007					Prohibited species	0.03
2008	TAC = 0				Prohibited species	-
2009	No fishery				Prohibited species	-
2010					Prohibited species	-



**Figure 9.4.8.1** Basking sharks in the northeast Atlantic. Total landings (tonnes) of basking sharks, 1977 to 2007. Revised in 2008 based on new conversion factors for Norwegian landings.

**Table 9.4.8.1** Basking sharks in the northeast Atlantic. Working Group estimates of total landings (t) of basking shark in ICES Areas I–XIV from 1977 to 2007. Based on ICES STATLANT with Norwegian landings data updated using revised conversion factors. Source: ICES (2008).

Year	I & II	III & IV	Va	Vb	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XII	XIV	TOTAL
1977	3680											3680
1978	3349			14		278						3641
1979	5120					139	7					5266
1980	3642			83								3725
1981	1772			28								1800
1982	1970					186						2156
1983	967	734				60						1761
1984	873	1188				1						2062
1985	1465											1465
1986	1144											1144
1987	164											164
1988	96	10										106
1989	593											593
1990	781	116					1					898
1991	533	220					0					753
1992	1613	84					0					1697
1993	1374						0					1374
1994	920	157					0					1077
1995	604	23					1					628
1996	792						0	1				793
1997	425	43					2	1				471
1998	55						1					56
1999	31						1					32
2000	117						1					118
2001	80						0		1			81
2002	54						0					54
2003	128	0					0	1				129
2004	72						0	+				72
2005	87					1	0	2				90
2006	6					0	0	0				6
2007	26					0	0	0				26