

Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012 of 24 July 2012 amending Regulations (EU) No 43/2012 and (EU) No 44/2012 as regards the protection of the giant manta ray and certain fishing opportunities

COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) No 692/2012
of 24 July 2012

amending Regulations (EU) No 43/2012 and (EU) No 44/2012 as regards the protection of the giant manta ray and certain fishing opportunities

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 43(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) By Regulations (EU) No 43/2012⁽¹⁾ and (EU) No 44/2012⁽²⁾, the Council fixed for 2012 fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in EU waters and, for EU vessels, in certain non-EU waters.
- (2) At the 10th Conference of the Parties (COP10) of the Convention of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, held in Bergen from 20 to 25 November 2011, the giant manta ray (*Manta birostris*) was added to the lists of protected species in Appendices I and II of the Convention. Therefore, it is appropriate to provide for the protection of giant manta rays with respect to EU vessels fishing in all waters and non-Union vessels fishing in EU waters.
- (3) The possibility of carrying out trials of fully documented catch quotas for various stocks in the International Council on the Exploration of the Seas (ICES) Area VII has been submitted to the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) in order to determine the impact of catch quotas on mortality, discards and selective fishing practices in mixed fisheries. The trials would be conducted on the stocks of plaice, anglerfish, megrim and hake, for which an additional 1 % quota would be available, and on the stock of haddock, for which an additional 5 % quota would be available. In its response to the Commission's request, STECF expresses support for these trials and sees them as an important step in developing the catch quota management approach. STECF also notes that such trials result in a very low risk of increasing overall fishing mortality on the stocks concerned. Accordingly, it is appropriate to modify the relevant TAC entries so as to make these additional quotas available to Member States engaging in the assessed trials.
- (4) At its 8th Annual Meeting that took place from 26 to 30 March in Guam (USA), the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) repealed, with immediate effect, its provisions on closed areas for purse-seine fisheries of bigeye tuna and

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012. (See end of Document for details)

yellowfin tuna in certain high seas areas. These closed areas were implemented in Union law by Article 32 of Regulation (EU) No 44/2012, which should therefore be repealed.

- (5) The United Kingdom provided information on cod catches by a group of vessels fishing with bottom trawls in the Irish Sea and targeting Queen Scallops. On the basis of that information, as assessed by STECF, it can be established that the cod catches, including discards, of vessels involved in that activity do not exceed 1,5 % of the total catches of that group of vessels. Having moreover regard to the measures in place ensuring the monitoring and control of the fishing activities of the group of vessels involved in that activity and considering that the inclusion of that group would constitute an administrative burden disproportionate to its overall impact on cod stocks, it is appropriate to exclude the group of vessels fishing with bottom trawls in the Irish Sea and targeting Queen Scallops from the application of the effort regime laid down in Chapter III of Council Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008 of 18 December 2008 establishing a long-term plan for cod stocks and the fisheries exploiting those stocks⁽³⁾.
- (6) The TAC for cod in the Kattegat should be equal to the Union quota. The relevant figure in Regulation (EU) No 43/2012 should be corrected accordingly.
- (7) Additional fishing opportunities have become available for the Union in 2012 as a result of quota transfers between the Union and other Contracting Parties to the North West Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO). Consequently, for the year 2012, Annex IC to Regulation (EU) No 44/2012 should be amended so as to reflect those new fishing opportunities. These modifications concern the year 2012 and are without prejudice to the principle of relative stability.
- (8) Annex IIC to Regulation (EU) No 43/2012 fixes fishing effort limits in the context of the management of Western Channel sole stocks in ICES division VIIe. At the United Kingdom's request, the Commission sought advice from STECF on whether Annex IIC could be amended so as to establish a rolling reference period for the exemption of static gears in point 1.2 of that Annex, rather than the current fixed reference year. In its response, STECF considers that a more recent year or a rolling reference period based on several recent years, would be preferable and deems that the effects of this change on the amount of effort deployed in the fishery should be negligible.
- (9) The sum of quotas allocated to Member States in the TAC of white hake in NAFO 3NO result in a Union quota which is one tonne higher than that established by fishing opportunities set in the context of the Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (RFMO). The relevant quota allocation in Regulation (EU) No 44/2012 should be amended accordingly.
- (10) Consultations on fishing opportunities between the Union, Iceland and the Faroe Islands have failed to result in an agreement for 2012. Consequently, the fishing opportunities reserved for those consultations can now be allocated to Member States. Furthermore, the Coastal States consultations on the management of North East Atlantic mackerel ended inconclusively in Reykjavik on 17 February 2012. Subsequently, in accordance with bilateral arrangements between them the Union and Norway have agreed to fix their respective mackerel fishing opportunities for 2012. Therefore, Article 1 of Regulation (EU) No 44/2012 and the relevant TACs in Annexes IA and IB thereto

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012. (See end of Document for details)

- should be amended in order to distribute the non-allocated quotas and to reflect the traditional allocation of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic.
- (11) Advice from the ICES and the STECF demands a significant reduction of the sandeel TAC in EU waters of ICES divisions IIa and IIIa and ICES subarea IV. Further to that advice, a reduction of the sandeel transfer to Norway was agreed between Norway and the Union during consultations concluded on 9 March 2012. Regulation (EU) No 44/2012 should be amended accordingly.
- (12) During the Third International Meeting, held in May 2007, for the creation of a Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (RFMO) in the high seas of the South Pacific (SPRFMO), the participants adopted interim measures, including fishing opportunities, in order to regulate pelagic fishing activities as well as bottom fisheries in that area until the establishment of such RFMO. Those interim measures were revised at the 2nd Preparatory Conference for the SPRFMO Commission held in January 2011 and have been revised again at the 3rd Preparatory Conference for the SPRFMO Commission held from 30 January to 3 February 2012. Those interim measures are voluntary and not legally binding under international law. It is however appropriate, in accordance with the cooperation and conservation obligations enshrined in the International Law of the Sea, to implement those measures in the law of the Union by establishing an overall quota for the Union and an allocation among the Member States concerned.
- (13) Regulations (EU) No 43/2012 and (EU) No 44/2012 apply, in general, from 1 January 2012. This Regulation should therefore also apply from 1 January 2012. Such retroactive application will be without prejudice to the principles of legal certainty and protection of legitimate expectations as the fishing opportunities concerned have not yet been exhausted. However, the new provisions on giant manta ray should only be effective from the date of entry into force of the modification to the relevant Appendices of the Convention on Migratory Species of Wild Animals, in accordance with paragraph 5 of Article XI thereof. Similarly, the repeal of Article 32 of Regulation (EU) No 44/2012 should apply as of 31 March 2012, in compliance with the date specified by WCPFC for its entry into force. Since the modification of some catch limits have an influence on the economic activities and the planning of the fishing season of EU vessels, this Regulation should enter into force immediately after its publication.
- (14) When Regulation (EU) No 44/2012 was adopted, the maximum number of EU vessels authorised to fish for swordfish and albacore in the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) Convention Area did not include 15 fishing vessels flying the flag of France and registered in La Réunion. The Union TAC in that Annex should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Amendments to Regulation (EU) No 43/2012

Regulation (EU) No 43/2012 is amended as follows:

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012. (See end of Document for details)

- (1) in Article 12(1) the following point is added:
 - (g) giant manta ray (*Manta birostris*) in all waters.;
- (2) after Article 13 a new article is inserted as follows:

Article 13a

Amendments to Regulation (EC) No 754/2009

In Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 754/2009, the following point is added:

- (i) the group of vessels flying the flag of the United Kingdom identified in the request from the United Kingdom dated 16 March 2012, which participate in a fishery targeting Queen Scallops (*Aequipecten opercularis*) in the Irish Sea (ICES area VIIa) around the Isle of Man, using a specialised otter trawl gear with an 80-100 mm mesh trawl configured to select against fish catches (2ft low headline, short or no bridles and small trawl mouth);';;
- (3) Annex I is amended in accordance with the text in Annex I to this Regulation.

Article 2

Amendments to Regulation (EU) No 44/2012

Regulation (EU) No 44/2012 is amended as follows:

- (1) in Article 1, paragraphs 3 and 4 are deleted;
- (2) in Article 13(1), the following point is added:
 - (g) giant manta ray (*Manta birostris*) in all waters.;
- (3) Article 32 is deleted;
- (4) in Article 37(1), the following point is added:
 - (g) giant manta ray (*Manta birostris*) in EU waters.;
- (5) Annexes I, IA, IB, IC, IJ and VI are amended in accordance with the text in Annex II to this Regulation.

Article 3

Entry into force

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation applies from 1 January 2012.

However, Article 1(1), Article 2(2) and (4), Annex I point (1) and Annex II point (1) shall apply from 23 February 2012, and Article 2(3) shall apply from 31 March 2012.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012. (See end of Document for details)*

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012. (See end of Document for details)

ANNEX I

PART A

Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 43/2012 is amended as follows:

1. Part A is amended as follows:

- (a) the following entry is inserted in the first table (comparative table of Latin names and common names) after the entry for *Mallotus villosus*:

<i>Manta birostris</i>	RMB	Giant manta ray;
------------------------	-----	------------------

- (b) the following entry is inserted in the second table (comparative table of common names and Latin names) after the entry for flounder:

Giant manta ray	RMB	<i>Manta birostris</i> .
-----------------	-----	--------------------------

2. In Part B,

- (a) the entry for cod in the Kattegat is replaced by the following:

‘SpeciesCodGadus morhua		ZoneKattegat(COD/03AS.)
Denmark	82 ^a	Analytical TAC
Germany	2 ^a	
Sweden	49 ^a	
Union	133 ^a	
TAC	133 ^a	

^a Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted.’;

- (b) the entry for megrims in VII is replaced by the following:

‘SpeciesMegrimsLepidorhombus spp.		ZoneVII(LEZ/07.)
Belgium	470 ^a	Analytical TAC Article 11 of this Regulation applies.
Spain	5 216 ^a	
France	6 329 ^a	
Ireland	2 878 ^a	
United Kingdom	2 492 ^a	
Union	17 385	
TAC	17 385	

^a In addition to this quota, a Member State may grant to vessels participating in trials on fully documented fisheries additional allocation within an overall limit of an additional 1 % of the quota allocated to that Member State, under the conditions set out in Article 7 of this Regulation.’;

- (c) the entry for anglerfish VII is replaced by the following:

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012. (See end of Document for details)

‘SpeciesAnglerfishLophiidae		ZoneVII(ANF/07.)
Belgium	2 835 ^{ab}	Analytical TAC Article 11 of this Regulation applies.
Germany	316 ^{ab}	
Spain	1 126 ^{ab}	
France	18 191 ^{ab}	
Ireland	2 325 ^{ab}	
The Netherlands	367 ^{ab}	
United Kingdom	5 517 ^{ab}	
Union	30 677 ^a	
TAC	30 677 ^a	

a Special condition: of which up to 5 % may be fished in VIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc and VIIIe (ANF/*8ABDE).

b In addition to this quota, a Member State may grant to vessels participating in trials on fully documented fisheries additional allocation within an overall limit of an additional 1 % of the quota allocated to that Member State, under the conditions set out in Article 7 of this Regulation.’;

- (d) the entry for haddock in VIIb-k, VIII, IX and X; EU waters of CECAF 34.1.1 is replaced by the following:

‘SpeciesHaddockMelanogrammus aeglefinus		ZoneVIIb-k, VIII, IX and X; EU waters of CECAF 34.1.1(HAD/7X7A34)
Belgium	185 ^a	Analytical TAC Article 11 of this Regulation applies.
France	11 096 ^a	
Ireland	3 699 ^a	
United Kingdom	1 665 ^a	
Union	16 645	
TAC	16 645	

a In addition to this quota, a Member State may grant to vessels participating in trials on fully documented fisheries additional allocation within an overall limit of an additional 5 % of the quota allocated to that Member State, under the conditions set out in Article 7 of this Regulation.’;

- (e) the entry for hake in VI and VII; EU and international waters of Vb; international waters of XII and XIV is replaced by the following:

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012. (See end of Document for details)

‘SpeciesHakeMerluccius merluccius		ZoneVI and VII; EU and international waters of Vb; international waters of XII and XIV(HKE/571214)
Belgium	284 ^{ac}	Analytical TAC Article 11 of this Regulation applies.
Spain	9 109 ^c	
France	14 067 ^{ac}	
Ireland	1 704 ^c	
The Netherlands	183 ^{ac}	
United Kingdom	5 553 ^{ac}	
Union	30 900	
TAC	30 900 ^b	

a Transfers of this quota may be effected to EU waters of IIa and IV. However, such transfers must be notified in advance to the Commission.

b Within an overall TAC of 55 105 tonnes for the northern stock of hake.

c In addition to this quota, a Member State may grant to vessels participating in trials on fully documented fisheries additional allocation within an overall limit of an additional 1 % of the quota allocated to that Member State, under the conditions set out in Article 7 of this Regulation.

Special condition:

Within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zones:

	VIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc and VIIE(HKE/*8ABDE)
Belgium	37
Spain	1 469
France	1 469
Ireland	184
The Netherlands	18
United Kingdom	827
Union	4 004 ^a ;

(f) the entry for plaice in VIId and VIIE is replaced by the following:

‘SpeciesPlaicePleuronectes platessa		ZoneVIId and VIIE(PLE/7DE.)
Belgium	828 ^a	Analytical TAC
France	2 761 ^a	
a In addition to this quota, a Member State may grant to vessels participating in trials on fully documented fisheries additional allocation within an overall limit of an additional 1 % of the quota allocated to that Member State, under the conditions set out in Article 7 of this Regulation.’.		

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012. (See end of Document for details)

United Kingdom	1 473 ^a
Union	5 062
TAC	5 062

a In addition to this quota, a Member State may grant to vessels participating in trials on fully documented fisheries additional allocation within an overall limit of an additional 1 % of the quota allocated to that Member State, under the conditions set out in Article 7 of this Regulation.’

PART B

1. In Appendix 1 of Annex IIA to Regulation (EU) No 43/2012, table (c), the column concerning the United Kingdom (UK) is replaced by the following:

UK

339 592

1 086 399

0

0

111 693

5 970

158

70 614.

2. In Annex IIC to Regulation (EU) No 43/2012, point 1.2 is replaced by the following:

- 1.2 Vessels fishing with static nets with mesh size equal to or larger than 120 mm and with records of catches of less than 300 kg live weight of sole per year during the three previous years, according to their fishing records, shall be exempt from the application of this Annex provided that:

- (a) such vessels catch less than 300 kg live weight of sole during the 2012 management period;
- (b) such vessels do not tranship any fish at sea to another vessel; and
- (c) by 31 July 2012 and 31 January 2013 each Member State concerned make a report to the Commission on these vessels’ catch records for sole in the three previous years as well as on catches of sole in 2012.

When any of these conditions is not met, the vessels concerned shall, with immediate effect, cease to be exempt from the application of this Annex..

ANNEX II

Annexes I, IA, IB, IC, IJ and VI to Regulation (EU) No 44/2012 are amended as follows:

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012. (See end of Document for details)

1. Annex I is amended as follows:

- (a) the following entry is inserted in the first table (comparative table of Latin names and common names) after the entry for *Mallotus villosus*:

<i>Manta birostris</i>	RMB	Giant manta ray;
------------------------	-----	------------------

- (b) the following entry is inserted in the second table (comparative table of common names and Latin names) after the entry for flounder:

Giant manta ray	RMB	<i>Manta birostris</i> .
-----------------	-----	--------------------------

2. Annex IA is amended as follows:

- (a) the entry for sandeel and associated by-catches in EU waters of IIa, IIIa and IV is replaced by the following:

'SpeciesSandeel and associated by-catches <i>Ammodytes</i> spp.		ZoneEU waters of IIa, IIIa and IV^a(SAN/2A3A4.)
Denmark	34 072 ^b	Analytical TAC
United Kingdom	745 ^b	
Germany	52 ^b	
Sweden	1 251 ^b	
Union	36 120	
Norway	2 300	
TAC	38 420	

a Excluding waters within six nautical miles of UK baselines at Shetland, Fair Isle and Foula.

b At least 98 % of landings counted against the TAC must be of sandeel. By-catches of dab, mackerel and whiting to be counted against the remaining 2 % of the TAC.

Special condition:

Within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following sandeel management areas, as defined in Annex IIB:

ZoneEU waters of sandeel management areas^c							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	(SAN/*234_1)	(SAN/*234_2)	(SAN/*234_3)	(SAN/*234_4)	(SAN/*234_5)	(SAN/*234_6)	(SAN/*234_7)
Denmark	19 526	4 717	4 717	4 717	0	395	0
United Kingdom	427	103	103	103	0	9	0
Germany	30	7	7	7	0	1	0
Sweden	717	173	173	173	0	15	0
Union	20 700	5 000	5 000	5 000	0	420	0
Norway	2 300	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	23 000	5 000	5 000	5 000	0	420	0

c May be revised in accordance with Article 5(4) of this Regulation.;

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012. (See end of Document for details)

- (b) the entry for herring in EU and international waters of Vb, VIb and VIaN is replaced by the following:

'Species Herring <i>Clupea harengus</i>		Zone EU and international waters of Vb, VIb and VIaN^a (HER/5B6ANB)
Germany	2 560	Analytical TAC
France	484	
Ireland	3 459	
The Netherlands	2 560	
United Kingdom	13 837	
Union	22 900	
TAC	22 900	

a Reference is to the herring stock in VIa, north of 56° 00' N and in that part of VIa which is situated east of 07° 00' W and north of 55° 00' N, excluding the Clyde.;

- (c) the entry for blue whiting in EU and international waters of I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc, VIIIe, XII and XIV is replaced by the following:

'Species Blue whiting <i>Micromesistius poutassou</i>		Zone EU and international waters of I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc, VIIIe, XII and XIV (WHB/1X14)
Denmark	10 370 ^a	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply. Article 7 of this Regulation applies.
Germany	4 032 ^a	
Spain	8 791 ^{ab}	
France	7 217 ^a	
Ireland	8 030 ^a	
The Netherlands	12 645 ^a	
Portugal	817 ^{ab}	
Sweden	2 565 ^a	
United Kingdom	13 454 ^a	
Union	67 921 ^a	

a Special condition: of which up to 68 % may be fished in Norwegian Economic Zone or in the fishery zone around Jan Mayen (WHB/*NZJM1).

b Transfers of this quota may be effected to VIIIc, IX and X; EU waters of CECAF 34.1.1. However, such transfers must be notified in advance to the Commission.;

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012. (See end of Document for details)

Norway	30 000
TAC	391 000
<p>a Special condition: of which up to 68 % may be fished in Norwegian Economic Zone or in the fishery zone around Jan Mayen (WHB/*NZJM1).</p>	
<p>b Transfers of this quota may be effected to VIIIc, IX and X; EU waters of CECAF 34.1.1. However, such transfers must be notified in advance to the Commission.;</p>	

- (d) the entry for blue ling in EU waters and international waters of Vb, VI, VII is replaced by the following:

‘SpeciesBlue ling<i>Molva dypterygia</i>		ZoneEU waters and international waters of Vb, VI, VII(BLI/5B67-)^c
Germany	20	Analytical TAC Article 12 of this Regulation applies.
Estonia	3	
Spain	62	
France	1 423	
Ireland	5	
Lithuania	1	
Poland	1	
United Kingdom	362	
Others	5 ^a	
Union	1 882	
Norway	150 ^b	
TAC	2 032	
<p>a Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.</p>		
<p>b To be fished in EU waters of IIa, IV, Vb, VI and VII (BLI/*24X7C).</p>		
<p>c Special rules apply in accordance with Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1288/2009 and point 7 of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 43/2009.</p>		
<p>d OJ L 347, 24.12.2009, p. 6.</p>		
<p>e OJ L 22, 26.1.2009, p. 1.’;</p>		

- (e) the entry for ling in EU and international waters of VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XII and XIV is replaced by the following:

‘SpeciesLing<i>Molva molva</i>	ZoneEU and international waters
<p>a Special condition: of which an incidental catch of other species of 25 % per ship, at any moment, is authorised in Vb, VI and VII. However, this percentage may be exceeded in the first 24 hours following the beginning of the fishing on a specific ground. The total incidental catch of other species in VI and VII shall not exceed 3 000 tonnes.</p>	
<p>b Including tusk. The quotas for Norway are: ling 6 140 tonnes and tusk 2 923 tonnes and are interchangeable of up to 2 000 tonnes and may only be fished with long-lines in Vb, VI and VII.’;</p>	

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012. (See end of Document for details)

		of VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XII and XIV(LIN/6X14.)
Belgium	30	Analytical TAC Article 12 of this Regulation applies.
Denmark	5	
Germany	109	
Spain	2 211	
France	2 357	
Ireland	591	
Portugal	5	
United Kingdom	2 716	
Union	8 024	
Norway	6 140 ^{ab}	
TAC	14 164	
<p>a Special condition: of which an incidental catch of other species of 25 % per ship, at any moment, is authorised in Vb, VI and VII. However, this percentage may be exceeded in the first 24 hours following the beginning of the fishing on a specific ground. The total incidental catch of other species in VI and VII shall not exceed 3 000 tonnes.</p>		
<p>b Including tusk. The quotas for Norway are: ling 6 140 tonnes and tusk 2 923 tonnes and are interchangeable of up to 2 000 tonnes and may only be fished with long-lines in Vb, VI and VII.;</p>		

- (f) [^{XI}the entry for mackerel in IIIa and IV; EU waters of IIa, IIIb, IIIc and IIId is replaced by the following:]

‘SpeciesMackerel<i>Scomber scombrus</i>		ZoneIIIa and IV; EU waters of IIa, IIIb, IIIc and Subdivisions 22-32(MAC/2A34.)
Belgium	512 ^c	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply. Article 7 of this Regulation applies.
Denmark	17 580 ^c	
Germany	534 ^c	
France	1 612 ^c	
The Netherlands	1 623 ^c	
Sweden	4 813 ^{abc}	
United Kingdom	1 503 ^c	
Union	28 177 ^{ac}	
Norway	167 197 ^d	
TAC	Not relevant	

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012. (See end of Document for details)

- a** Special condition: including 242 tonnes to be taken in Norwegian waters south of 62° N (MAC/*04N-).
- b** When fishing in Norwegian waters, by-catches of cod (COD/*2134.), haddock (HAD/*2134.), pollack (POL/*2134.) and whiting (WHG/*2134.) and saithe (POK/*2134.) are to be counted against the quotas for these species.
- c** May also be taken in Norwegian waters of IVa (MAC/*4AN.).
- d** To be deducted from Norway's share of the TAC (access quota). This amount includes the Norwegian share in the North Sea TAC of the amount of 46 685 tonnes. This quota may be fished in IVa only (MAC/*04A.), except for 3 000 tonnes that may be fished in IIIa (MAC/*03A.).

Special condition:

Within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zones.

	IIIa(MAC/*03A.)	IIIa and IVbc(MAC/*3A4BC)	IVb(MAC/*04B.)	IVc(MAC/*04C.)	VI, international waters of IIa, from 1 January to 31 March 2012 and in December 2012(MAC/*2A6.)
Denmark	0	4 130	0	0	9 482
France	0	490	0	0	0
The Netherlands	0	490	0	0	0
Sweden	0	0	390	10	1 829
United Kingdom	0	490	0	0	0
Norway	3 000	0	0	0	0';

- (g) the entry for mackerel in VI, VII, VIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc and VIId; EU and international waters of Vb; international waters of IIa, XII and XIV is replaced by the following:

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012. (See end of Document for details)

'Species Mackerel <i>Scomber scombrus</i>		Zone VI, VII, VIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc and VIIIe; EU and international waters of Vb; international waters of IIa, XII and XIV (MAC/2CX14-)
Germany	20 427	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply. Article 7 of this Regulation applies.
Spain	22	
Estonia	170	
France	13 619	
Ireland	68 089	
Latvia	126	
Lithuania	126	
The Netherlands	29 788	
Poland	1 438	
United Kingdom	187 248	
Union	321 053	
Norway	13 898 ^{ab}	
TAC	Not relevant	

a May be fished in IIa, VIa north of 56° 30' N, IVa, VIIc, VIIf, VIIf and VIIh (MAC/*AX7H).

b An additional 33 437 tonnes of access quota may be fished by Norway North of 56° 30' N and counted against its catch limit (MAC/*N6530).

Special condition:

Within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zones and periods specified below.

	EU and Norwegian waters of IVa (MAC/*04A-EN) During the periods from 1 January to 15 February 2012 and from 1 September to 31 December 2012	Norwegian waters of IIa (MAC/*2AN-)
Germany	8 219	837
France	5 479	557
Ireland	27 396	2 790
The Netherlands	11 985	1 220
United Kingdom	75 342	7 672
Union	128 421	13 076;

- (h) the entry for mackerel in VIIIc, IX and X; EU waters of CECAF 34.1.1 is replaced by the following:

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012. (See end of Document for details)

'SpeciesMackerelScomber scombrus		ZoneVIIIc, IX and X; EU waters of CECAF 34.1.1(MAC/8C3411)
Spain	30 278 ^a	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply. Article 7 of this Regulation applies.
France	201 ^a	
Portugal	6 258 ^a	
Union	36 737	
TAC	Not relevant	

a Special condition: quantities subject to exchanges with other Member States may be taken in VIIIa, VIIIb and VIIIc (MAC/*8ABD.). However, the quantities provided by Spain, Portugal or France for exchange purposes and to be taken in VIIIa, VIIIb and VIIIc shall not exceed 25 % of the quotas of the donor Member State.

Special condition:

Within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zone.

	VIIIb(MAC/*08B.)
Spain	2 543
France	17
Portugal	526 [;]

- (i) the entry for mackerel in Norwegian waters of IIa and IVa is replaced by the following:

'SpeciesMackerelScomber scombrus		ZoneNorwegian waters of IIa and IVa(MAC/2A4A-N.)
Denmark	12 608 ^a	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply. Article 7 of this Regulation applies.
Union	12 608 ^a	
TAC	Not relevant	

a Catches taken in IIa (MAC/*02A.) and IVa (MAC/*4A.) to be reported separately.;

- (j) the entry for sprat and associated by-catches in EU waters of IIa and IV is replaced by the following:

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012. (See end of Document for details)

‘SpeciesSprat and associated by-catches<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>		ZoneEU waters of IIa and IV(SPR/2AC4-C)
Belgium	1 737 ^d	Precautionary TAC
Denmark	137 489 ^d	
Germany	1 737 ^d	
France	1 737 ^d	
The Netherlands	1 737 ^d	
Sweden	1 330 ^{ad}	
United Kingdom	5 733 ^d	
Union	151 500	
Norway	10 000 ^b	
TAC	161 500 ^c	

a Including sandeel.

b May only be fished in EU waters of IV (SPR/*04-C.).

c May be revised in accordance with Article 5(4) of this Regulation.

d At least 98 % of landings counted against the TAC must be of sprat. By-catches of dab and whiting to be counted against the remaining 2 % of the TAC (OTH/*2AC4C).’;

- (k) the entry for horse mackerel and associated by-catches in EU waters of IIa, IVa, VI, VIIa-c, VIIe-k, VIIId, VIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc and VIIIe; EU and international waters of Vb; international waters of XII and XIV is replaced by the following:

‘SpeciesHorse mackerel and associated by-catches<i>Trachurus</i> spp.		ZoneEU waters of IIa, IVa, VI, VIIa-c, VIIe-k, VIIId, VIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc and VIIIe; EU and international waters of Vb; international waters of XII and XIV(JAX/2A-14)
Denmark	15 702 ^{ac}	Analytical TAC
Germany	12 251 ^{abc}	

a Special condition: up to 5 % of this quota fished in EU waters of IIa or IVa before 30 June 2012 may be accounted for as fished under the quota concerning the zone of EU waters of IVb, IVc and VIId. However, the use of this special condition must be notified in advance to the Commission (JAX/*4BC7D).

b Special condition: up to 5 % of this quota may be fished in VIIId. However, the use of this special condition must be notified in advance to the Commission (JAX/*07D.).

c At least 95 % of landings counted against the TAC must be of horse mackerel. By-catches of boarfish, haddock, whiting and mackerel are to be counted against the remaining 5 % of the TAC (OTH/*2A-14).’.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012. (See end of Document for details)

Spain	16 711 ^c
France	6 306 ^{abc}
Ireland	40 803 ^{ac}
The Netherlands	49 156 ^{abc}
Portugal	1 610 ^c
Sweden	675 ^{ac}
United Kingdom	14 775 ^{abc}
Union	157 989
TAC	157 989

a Special condition: up to 5 % of this quota fished in EU waters of IIa or IVa before 30 June 2012 may be accounted for as fished under the quota concerning the zone of EU waters of IVb, IVc and VIIId. However, the use of this special condition must be notified in advance to the Commission (JAX/*4BC7D).

b Special condition: up to 5 % of this quota may be fished in VIIId. However, the use of this special condition must be notified in advance to the Commission (JAX/*07D).

c At least 95 % of landings counted against the TAC must be of horse mackerel. By-catches of boarfish, haddock, whiting and mackerel are to be counted against the remaining 5 % of the TAC (OTH/*2A-14).².

3. Annex IB is amended as follows:

- (a) the entry for cod and haddock in Faroese waters of Vb is replaced by the following:

Species Cod and haddock <i>Gadus morhua</i> and <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	Zone Faroese waters of Vb(C/H/05B-F.)
Germany	Analytical TAC
France	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply.
United Kingdom	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply.
Union	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply.
TAC	Not relevant;

- (b) the entry for blue whiting in Faroese waters is replaced by the following:

Species Blue whiting <i>Micromesistius</i> <i>poutassou</i>	Zone Faroese waters(WHB/2A4AXF)
Denmark	Analytical TAC
Germany	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply.
France	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply.
The Netherlands	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply.
United Kingdom	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply.

a TAC set in accordance with consultations among the Union, Faroe Islands, Norway and Iceland.²;

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012. (See end of Document for details)

Union	0
TAC	0 ^a

^a TAC set in accordance with consultations among the Union, Faroe Islands, Norway and Iceland.’;

- (c) the entry for ling and blue ling in Faroese waters of Vb is replaced by the following:

Species	Ling and blue ling <i>Molva molva</i> and <i>Molva dypterygia</i>	Zone	Faroese waters of Vb(B/L/05B-F.)
Germany	0	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply.	
France	0		
United Kingdom	0		
Union	0		
TAC	Not relevant;		

- (d) the entry for northern prawn in Greenland waters of V and XIV is replaced by the following:

Species	Northern prawn <i>Pandalus borealis</i>	Zone	Greenland waters of V and XIV(PRA/514GRN)
Denmark	2 550	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply.	
France	2 550		
Union	8 000 ^a		
TAC	Not relevant		

^a Of which 2 900 tonnes are allocated to Norway.’;

- (e) the entry for saithe in Faroese waters of Vb is replaced by the following:

Species	Saithe <i>Pollachius virens</i>	Zone	Faroese waters of Vb(POK/05B-F.)
Belgium	0	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply.	
Germany	0		
France	0		
The Netherlands	0		
United Kingdom	0		
Union	0		
TAC	Not relevant;		

- (f) the entry for redfish in Icelandic waters of Va is replaced by the following:

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012. (See end of Document for details)

SpeciesRedfishSebastes spp.		ZoneIcelandic waters of Va(RED/05A-IS)
Belgium	0 ^{ab}	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply.
Germany	0 ^{ab}	
France	0 ^{ab}	
United Kingdom	0 ^{ab}	
Union	0 ^{ab}	
TAC	Not relevant	

a Including unavoidable by-catches (cod not allowed).

b May only be fished between July and December 2012.’;

- (g) the entry for redfish in Faroese waters of Vb is replaced by the following:

SpeciesRedfishSebastes spp.		ZoneFaroese waters Vb(RED/05B-F.)
Belgium	0	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply.
Germany	0	
France	0	
United Kingdom	0	
Union	0	
TAC	Not relevant;	

- (h) the entry for other species in Faroese waters of Vb is replaced by the following:

SpeciesOther species^a		ZoneFaroese waters of Vb(OTH/05B-F.)
Germany	0	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply.
France	0	
United Kingdom	0	
Union	0	
TAC	Not relevant	

a Excluding fish species of no commercial value.’;

- (i) the entry for flatfish in Faroese waters of Vb is replaced by the following:

SpeciesFlatfish		ZoneFaroese waters of Vb(FLX/05B-F.)
Germany	0	Analytical TAC
France	0	

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012. (See end of Document for details)

United Kingdom	0	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply.
Union	0	
TAC	Not relevant.	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply.

4. Annex IC is amended as follows:

(a) the entry for cod in NAFO 3M is replaced by the following:

‘SpeciesCodGadus morhua		ZoneNAFO 3M(COD/N3M.)
Estonia	103	
Germany	432	
Latvia	103	
Lithuania	103	
Poland	352 ^a	
Spain	1 328	
France	185	
Portugal	1 821 ^b	
United Kingdom	865	
Union	[^{x1} 5 292] ^c	
TAC	9 280	

a Out of this quota, a quantity of 133 tons is deducted following a transfer of fishing opportunity to a third country.

b To this quota, an additional quantity of 131,5 tons is added following transfers of fishing opportunities with third countries.

c Out of this quota, a quantity of 1,5 tons is deducted following transfers of fishing opportunities with third countries.²;

(b) [^{x2}. . . .]

(c) the entry for Northern prawn in NAFO 3L is replaced by the following

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012. (See end of Document for details)

'Species Northern prawn <i>Pandalus borealis</i>		Zone NAFO 3L^a(PRA/N3L.)
Estonia	134	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply.
Latvia	134	
Lithuania	134	
Poland	134 ^b	
Spain	105,5	
Portugal	28,5 ^c	
Union	670 ^d	
TAC	12 000	

a Not including the box bounded by the following coordinates:

Point No	Latitude N	Longitude W
1	47° 20' 0	46° 40' 0
2	47° 20' 0	46° 30' 0
3	46° 00' 0	46° 30' 0
4	46° 00' 0	46° 40' 0

b To this quota, an additional quantity of 266 tons is added following a transfer of fishing opportunity from a third country.

c To this quota, an additional quantity of 133 tons is added following a transfer of fishing opportunity from a third country.

d To this quota, an additional quantity of 399 tons is added following transfers of fishing opportunities from third countries.';

(d) the entry for Greenland halibut in NAFO 3LMNO is replaced by the following:

'Species Greenland halibut <i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i>		Zone NAFO 3LMNO(GHL/ N3LMNO)
Estonia	328	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply.
Germany	335	
Latvia	46	
Lithuania	23	
Spain	4 486	
Portugal	1 875 ^a	
Union	7 093 ^b	

a To this quota, an additional quantity of 10 tons is added following a transfer of fishing opportunity from a third country.

b To this quota, an additional quantity of 10 tons is added following a transfer of fishing opportunity from a third country.';

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012. (See end of Document for details)

TAC	12 098
a	To this quota, an additional quantity of 10 tons is added following a transfer of fishing opportunity from a third country.
b	To this quota, an additional quantity of 10 tons is added following a transfer of fishing opportunity from a third country.’;

(e) the entry for redfish in NAFO 3LN is replaced by the following

‘SpeciesRedfishSebastes spp.		ZoneNAFO 3LN(RED/N3LN.)
Estonia	297	
Germany	203	
Latvia	297	
Lithuania	297	
Portugal	0 ^a	
Union	1 094 ^b	
TAC	6 000	
a	To this quota, an additional quantity of 454 tons is added following a transfer of fishing opportunity from a third country.	
b	To this quota, an additional quantity of 454 tons is added following a transfer of fishing opportunity from a third country.’;	

(f) the entry of redfish in NAFO 3M is replaced by the following:

‘SpeciesRedfishSebastes spp.		ZoneNAFO 3M(RED/N3M.)
Estonia	1 571 ^a	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply.
Germany	513 ^a	
Spain	233 ^a	
Latvia	1 571 ^a	
Lithuania	1 571 ^a	
Portugal	2 354 ^{ab}	
Union	7 813 ^{ac}	
TAC	6 500 ^a	
a	This quota is subject to compliance with the TAC of 6 500 tonnes established for this stock for all NAFO Contracting Parties. Upon exhaustion of the TAC, the directed fishery for this stock must be stopped irrespective of the level of catches.	
b	To this quota, an additional quantity of 675 tons is added following a transfer of fishing opportunity from a third country.	
c	To this quota, an additional quantity of 675 tons is added following a transfer of fishing opportunity from a third country.’;	

(g) the entry for redfish in NAFO 3O is replaced by the following:

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012. (See end of Document for details)

Species Redfish <i>Sebastes</i> spp.		Zone NAFO 3O (RED/N3O.)
Spain	1 771	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply.
Portugal	5 229	
Poland	0 ^a	
Union	7 000 ^b	
TAC	20 000	
<p>a To this quota, an additional quantity of 150 tons is added following a transfer of fishing opportunity from a third country.</p> <p>b To this quota, an additional quantity of 150 tons is added following a transfer of fishing opportunity from a third country.</p>		

(h) [^{x3}the entry for white hake in NAFO 3NO is replaced by the following:

Species White hake <i>Urophycis tenuis</i>		Zone NAFO 3NO (HKW/N3NO.)
Spain	1 273	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 does not apply.
Portugal	1 667	
Union	2 940	
TAC	5 000]	

5. Annex IJ is replaced by the following:

ANNEX IJ

SPRFMO CONVENTION AREA

Species Jack mackerel <i>Trachurus murphyi</i>		Zone SPRFMO Convention Area (CJM/SPRFMO)
Germany	6 790,5	
The Netherlands	7 360,2	
Lithuania	4 725	
Poland	8 124,3	
Union	27 000.	

6. [^{x1}In Annex VI, point 2 is replaced by the following:

2. Maximum number of EU vessels authorised to fish for swordfish and albacore in the IOTC Convention Area

Member State	Maximum number of vessels	Capacity (gross tonnage)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012. (See end of Document for details)

Spain	27	11 590
France	41	5 382
Portugal	15	6 925
United Kingdom	4	1 400
Union	87	25 297]

Editorial Information

- X1** Substituted by Corrigendum to Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012 of 24 July 2012 amending Regulations (EU) No 43/2012 and (EU) No 44/2012 as regards the protection of the giant manta ray and certain fishing opportunities (Official Journal of the European Union L 203 of 31 July 2012).
- X2** Deleted by Corrigendum to Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012 of 24 July 2012 amending Regulations (EU) No 43/2012 and (EU) No 44/2012 as regards the protection of the giant manta ray and certain fishing opportunities (Official Journal of the European Union L 203 of 31 July 2012).
- X3** Inserted by Corrigendum to Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012 of 24 July 2012 amending Regulations (EU) No 43/2012 and (EU) No 44/2012 as regards the protection of the giant manta ray and certain fishing opportunities (Official Journal of the European Union L 203 of 31 July 2012).

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012. (See end of Document for details)

- (1) OJ L 25, 27.1.2012, p. 1.
- (2) OJ L 25, 27.1.2012, p. 55.
- (3) OJ L 348, 24.12.2008, p. 20.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012.