

Demersal redfish and deep-sea redfish (*Sebastes* spp.) in Subarea 1 Advice June 2026 for 2027 – 2029**Recommendation for 2027 – 2029**

The Scientific Council advises that there should be no directed fishery for deep-sea redfish and golden redfish and bycatch should be kept to the lowest possible level.

Management objectives

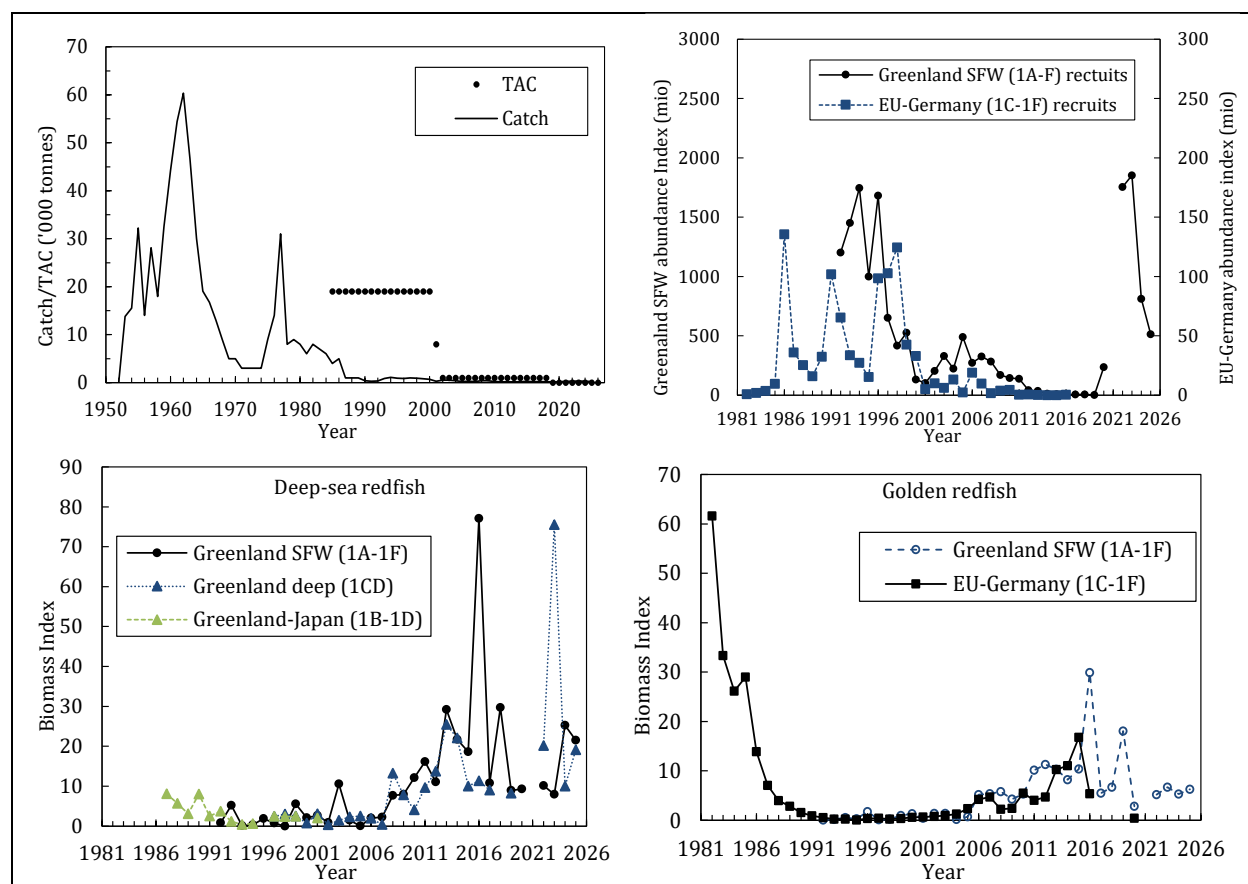
No explicit management plan or management objectives have been defined by the Government of Greenland.

Management unit

Golden redfish (*Sebastes norvegicus*) and deep-sea redfish (*Sebastes mentella*) are managed together as a single unit. Survey data reveal an almost continuous distribution of both species from East Greenland to West Greenland; both areas had geographically distinct fisheries historically. However, the degree of connectivity between the two areas is unknown.

Stock status

The biomass of golden redfish and deep-sea redfish remain below historical levels with few signs of recent recruitment. Fishing mortality is unknown.

**Reference points**

Could not be established.

Assessment

No analytical assessment was performed for either stock. The assessment is considered data-limited and with relatively high uncertainty, as surveys do not fully cover the distribution of the stock.

Human impacts

Mainly fishery related mortality. Other mortality sources (e.g. pollution, shipping, oil-industry) are undocumented.

Environmental impact

Unknown

Biological and environmental interactions

There is no integrated summary information available on the structure, status and trends of the marine ecosystem for the area inhabited by this stock.

Ecosystem sustainability of catches

There is currently no significant directed fishery in West Greenland. Recent landings of redfish are bycatches taken in other fisheries, mainly longline, gillnet or jigging in the inshore and coastal areas, and trawl in the offshore areas.

Redfish is included in the piscivore guild. There are currently no Ecosystem Production Units defined nor TCI information for the distribution area of this stock.

Fishery

Both redfish species are included as redfish in the catch statistics. The fishery targeting demersal redfish in SA 1 increased during the 1950s and peaked in 1962 at more than 60 000 t. Catches then decreased and have remained below 1 000 t per year after 1986 with few exceptions. Recent catches of redfish in SA 1 are a mixture of bycatches in shrimp and other fisheries.

Recent catch estimates (t) are as follows:

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
TAC	1000	1000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Catches ¹	222	194	142	194	256	291	325	284	211	

¹STACFIS estimates

Special comments

There are no special comments for the stock.

Sources of information

SCR Doc. 20/052 26/011 012 013 022; SCS Doc. 26/11.