

## **SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 2026**

### **German Research Report for 2025**

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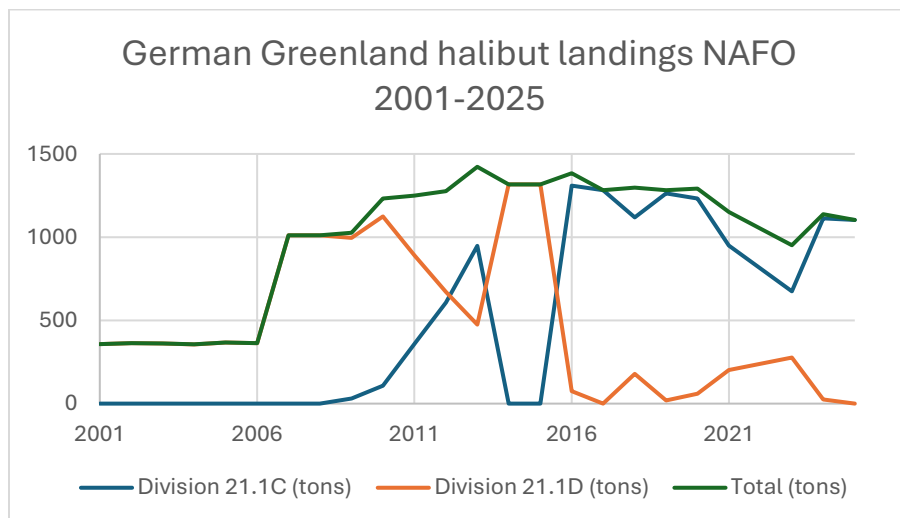
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### **Sub-area 1**

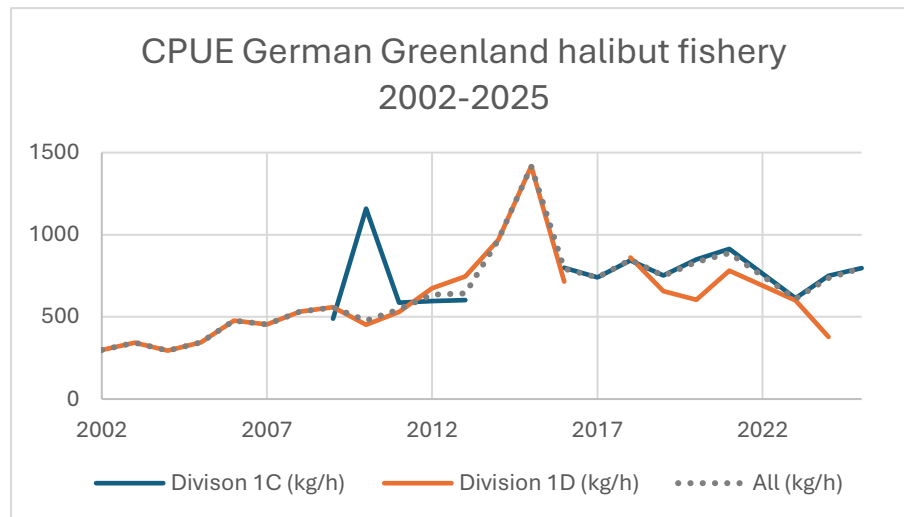
#### **A. Status of the Fishery**

The most important German commercial fishery remains the Greenland halibut (*Rheinhardtius hippoglossoides*) fishery in 1C and 1D. In 2025 Germany caught 1632 t (Fig. 1). All catches were made in division NAFO 1C.



**Figure 1.** Greenland halibut catches of Germany in NAFO 1.

Developments of catches over time show a trend towards landings being made more northwards meaning a shift from 1D to 1C. This might be caused by a warming environment and a northwards movement of the species. This is reflected in CPUE values seeing a declining trend in 1D but a stably high value in 1C (Figure 2). Total effort has slightly declined from 1545 h to 1385 h.



**Figure 2.** CPUE (kg/h) of the German fishery on Greenland halibut in NAFO 1.

There is currently no fishery on pelagic redfish.

## B. Special Research Studies

### 1. Environment

No environmental studies were conducted in subarea NAFO 1. The German groundfish survey conducted on FRV Tarajoq did not do stations in NAFO areas but only in ICES 14b in September 2025.

- a) **Hydrographic studies:** none
- b) **Plankton studies (including eggs and larvae):** none
- c) **Benthic studies:** none
- d) **Observations on ice conditions in Subareas 0 to 4:** none
- e) **Other environmental studies:** none

### 2. Biological studies by species

No biological studies were conducted as no scientific survey took place in NAFO 1.

### 3. No gear and selectivity studies were conducted.

### 4. No other studies were conducted.

**Sub-area 2****A. Status of the Fishery**

No fisheries in 2007 – 2025.

**B. Special Studies****1. Environment**

No research in relation to environment was carried out by Germany in NAFO Sub-area 2.

**2. Biological studies**

No biological studies were conducted by Germany in NAFO Sub-area 2.

**Sub-area 3****A. Status of the Fishery**

German fishing vessels did not fish in Sub-area 3.

**B. Special Studies****1. Environment**

No research in relation to environment was carried out by Germany in NAFO Sub-area 3.

**2. Biological studies**

No biological samplings or studies were performed by Germany in NAFO Sub-area 3.

Sub-area 4 same as Sub-area 3

Sub-area 5 same as Sub-area 3

Sub-area 6 same as Sub-area 3

**Appendix 1:** INVENTORY OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEYS, 2025

Country: GER

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No biological survey carried out in 2025, no biological survey planned to be carried out on 2026 (under bad weather conditions in ICES 14b, stations during the German groundfish survey might be covered in NAFO 1F and 1E. Irminger Sea pelagic redfish survey planned for spring 2027.

**Appendix 2:** Report on Data Availability for Stock Assessments (by Designated Experts) Available data from commercial fisheries relevant for stock assessment on a stock-by-stock basis were prepared from inputs from Designated Experts. Available data from the commercial fisheries related to stock assessment. (+ is data available).

| Stock                                        | Country | Catch          | CPUE          | Sex | Length | Age | Individ Weight | Maturity |
|----------------------------------------------|---------|----------------|---------------|-----|--------|-----|----------------|----------|
| SA 0 + 1<br>Offshore<br>Greenland<br>halibut | GER     | 1103,0<br>tons | 796,5<br>kg/h | 0   | 2950   | 0   | 2950           | 0        |