

The King scallop (*Pecten maximus*)
fishery in the English Channel.

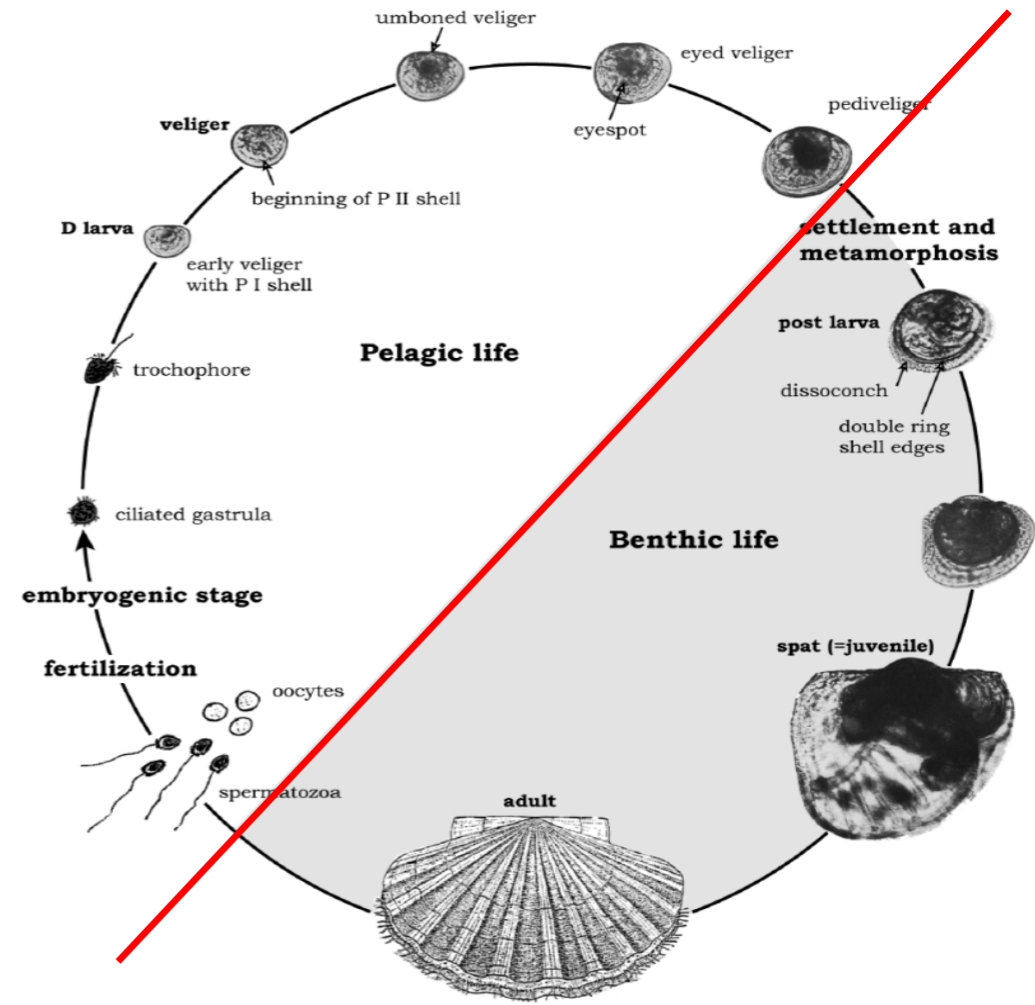
The case of the bay of Seine: a complex
management system

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Introduction: the life cycle of King scallop (*Pecten maximus*) in the Channel

- Spawning from the end of April to June (first peak) with replicates throughout the summer, and 1 secondary spawning peak at the end of August.
- Planktonic larvae stage : average duration 30 days
- Metamorphosis and fixation
- “Free-living” at around 3 months
- Very fast growth for the first 2 years
- Sexual maturity and first spawning at 2 years old



Introduction: Residual flow in the English Channel

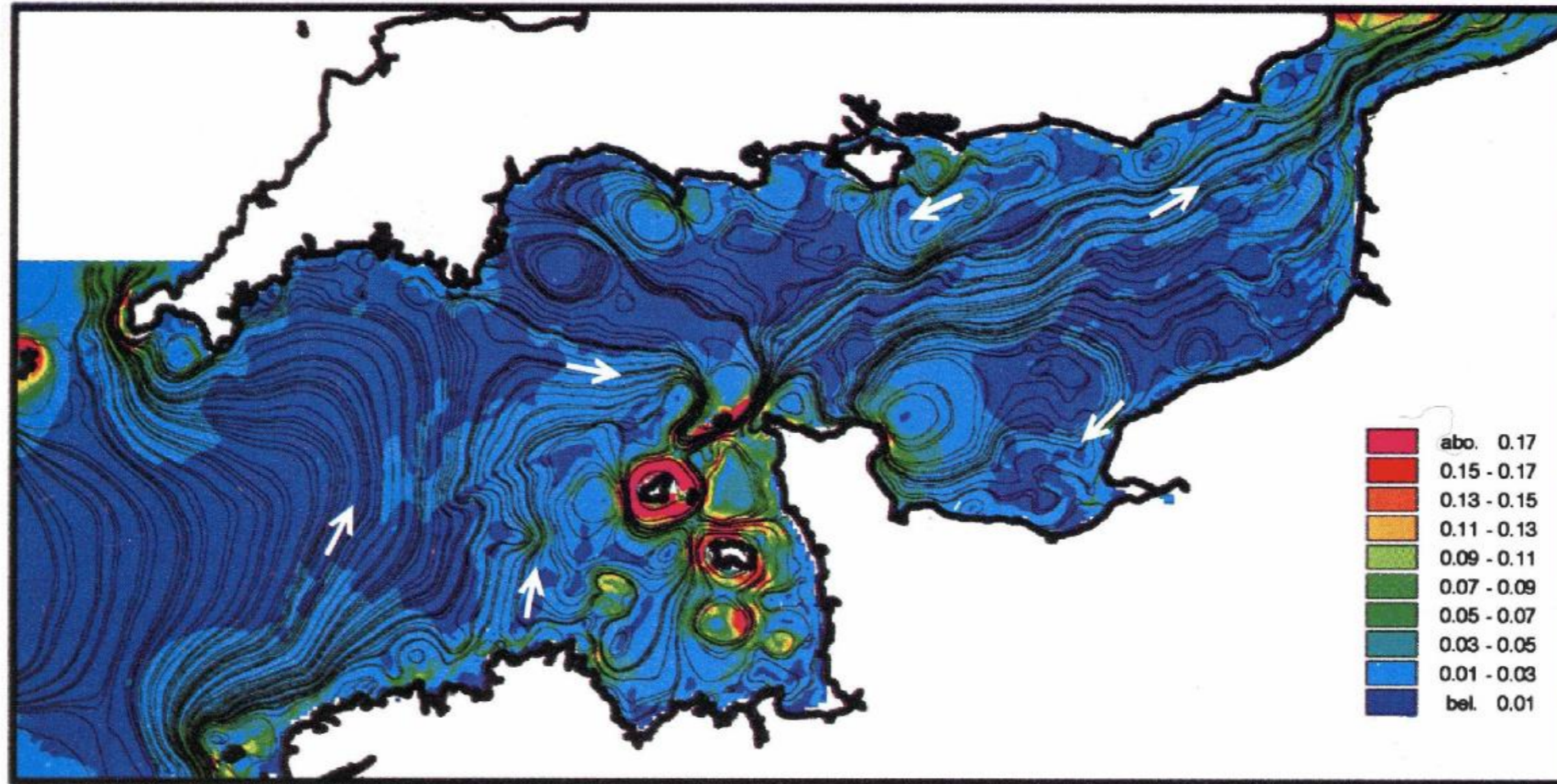


Figure 1. Streamlines of tidal residual flow in the English Channel, computed for a constant medium tidal amplitude and without wind (from Salomon and Breton, 1991).

Introduction: Seabed sediments in the English Channel

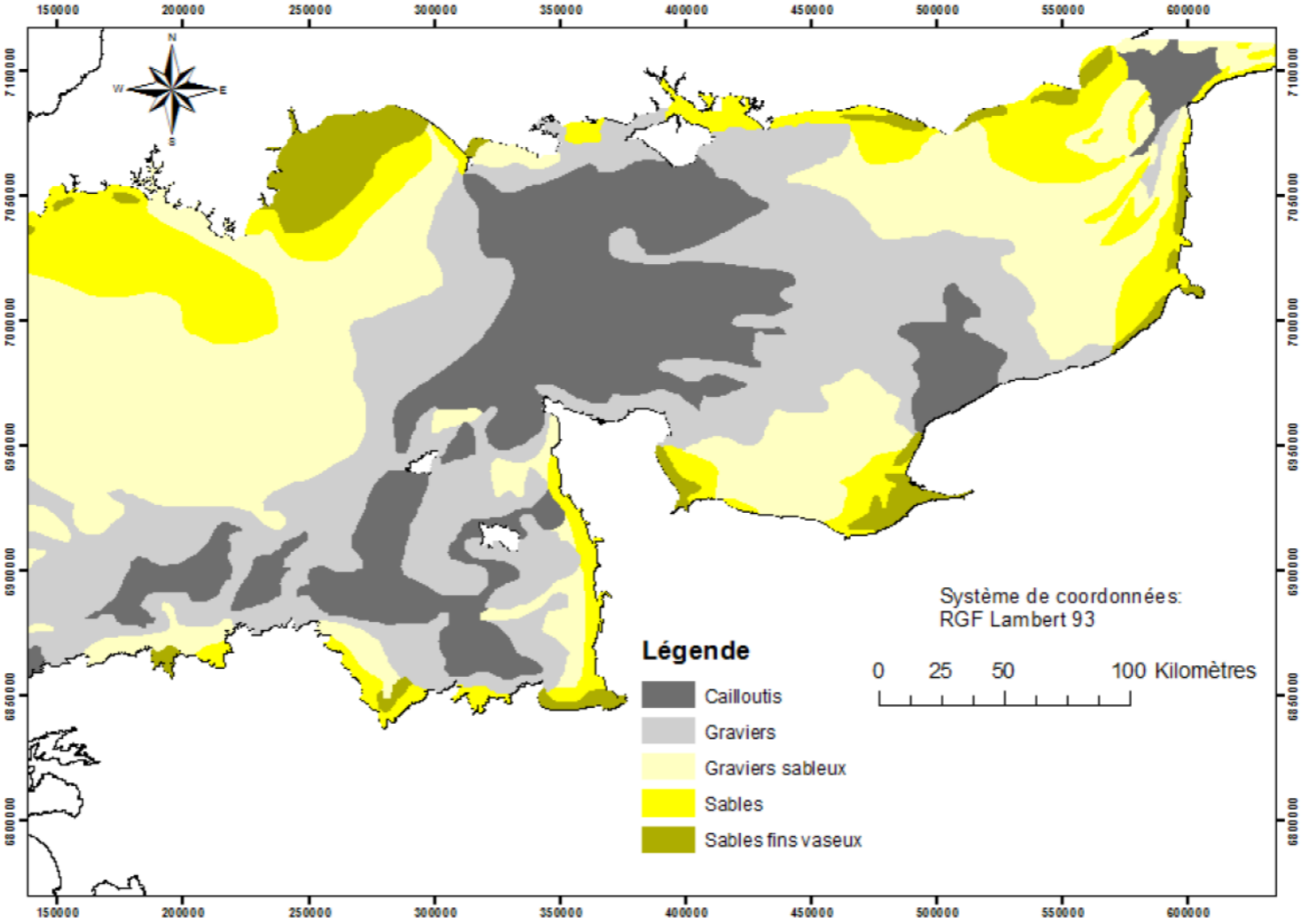
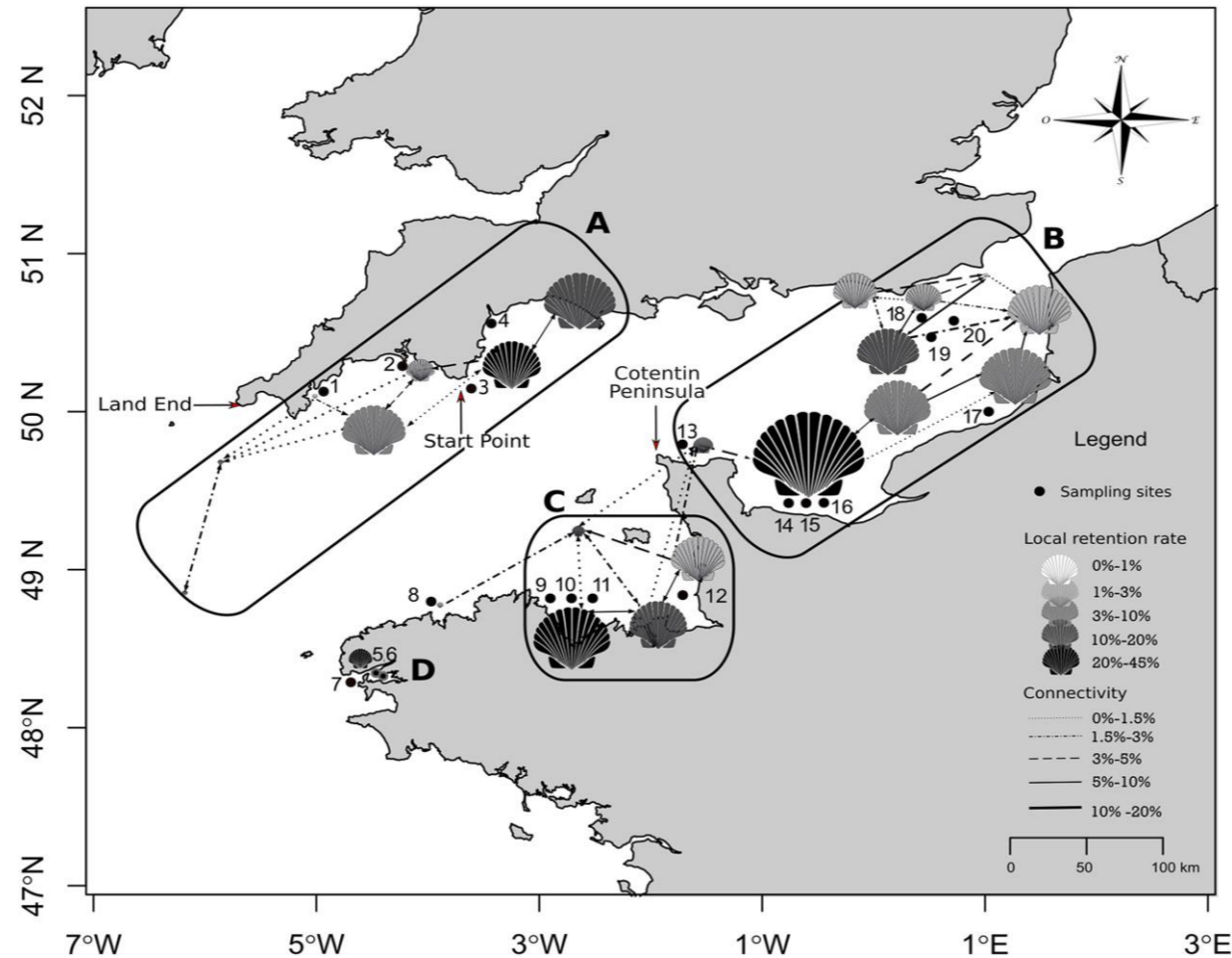


Figure 13 : Distribution des sédiments superficiels en Manche (Larsonneur et *al.*, 1982 ; numérisation personnelle)



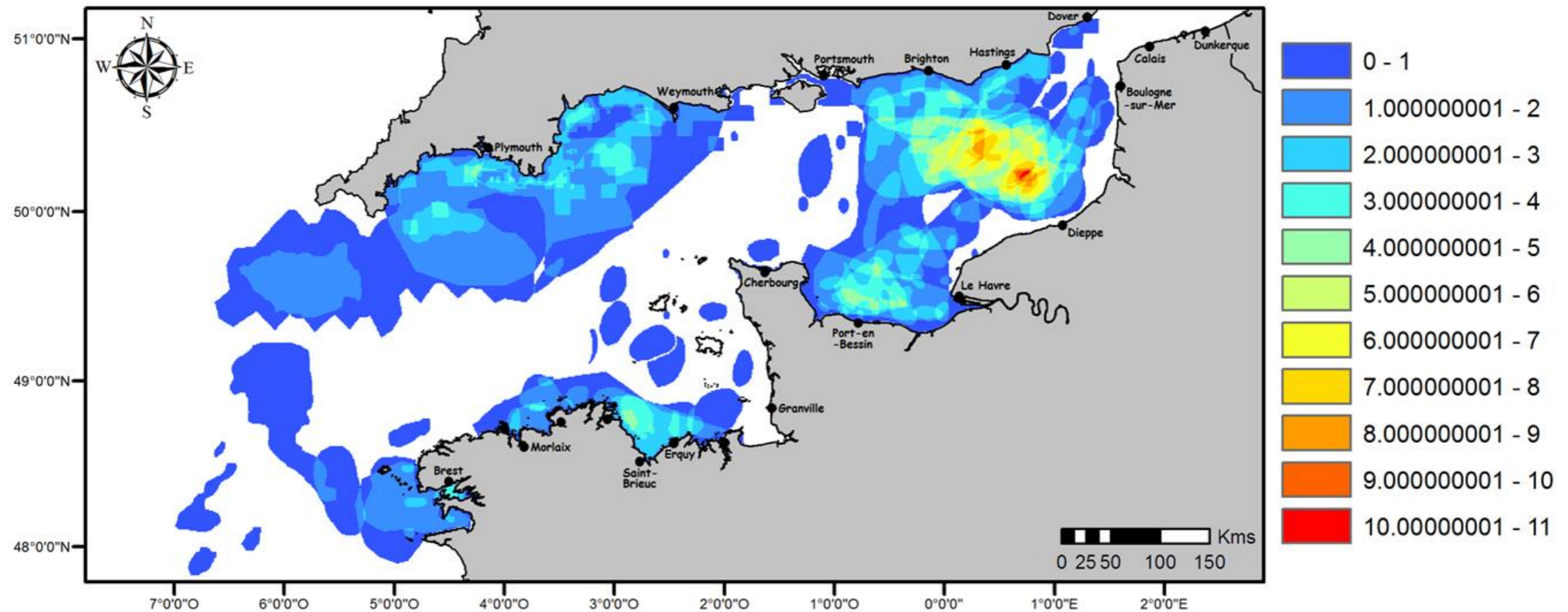
Introduction: Three different and relatively independent stocks in the English Channel



Handal W. *et al.*, 2020. New insights on the population genetic structure of the great scallop (*Pecten maximus*) in the English Channel, coupling microsatellite data and demogenetic simulations. *Aquatic Conservation*, Volume: 30, Issue: 10, Pages: 1841-1853, DOI: (10.1002/aqc.3316)



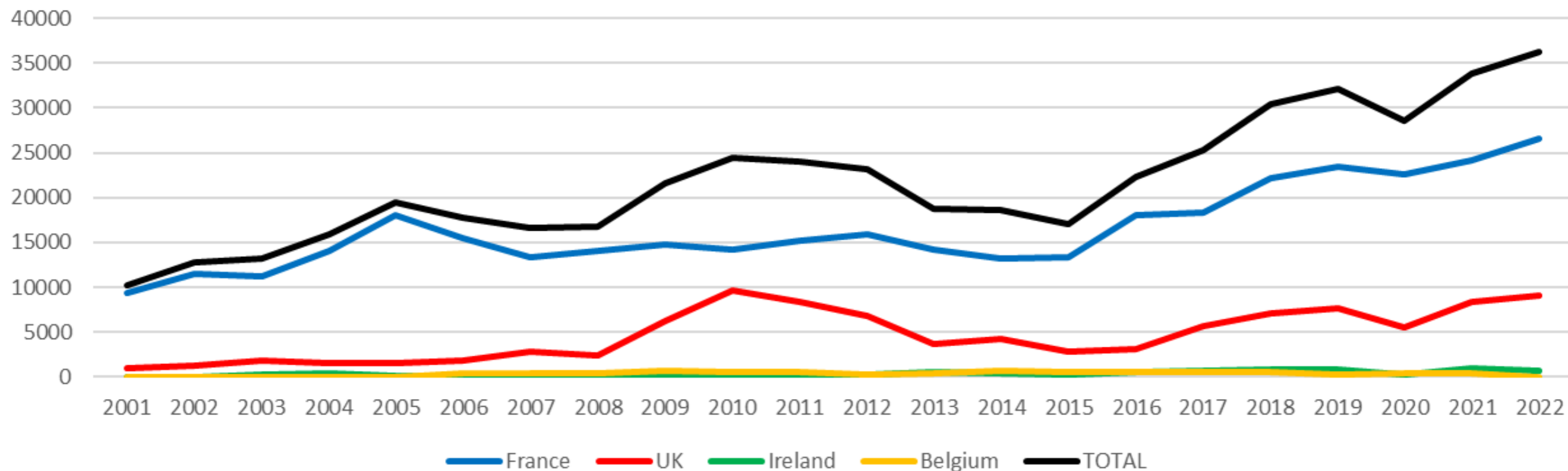
Introduction: different fishing grounds for King scallop in the Channel



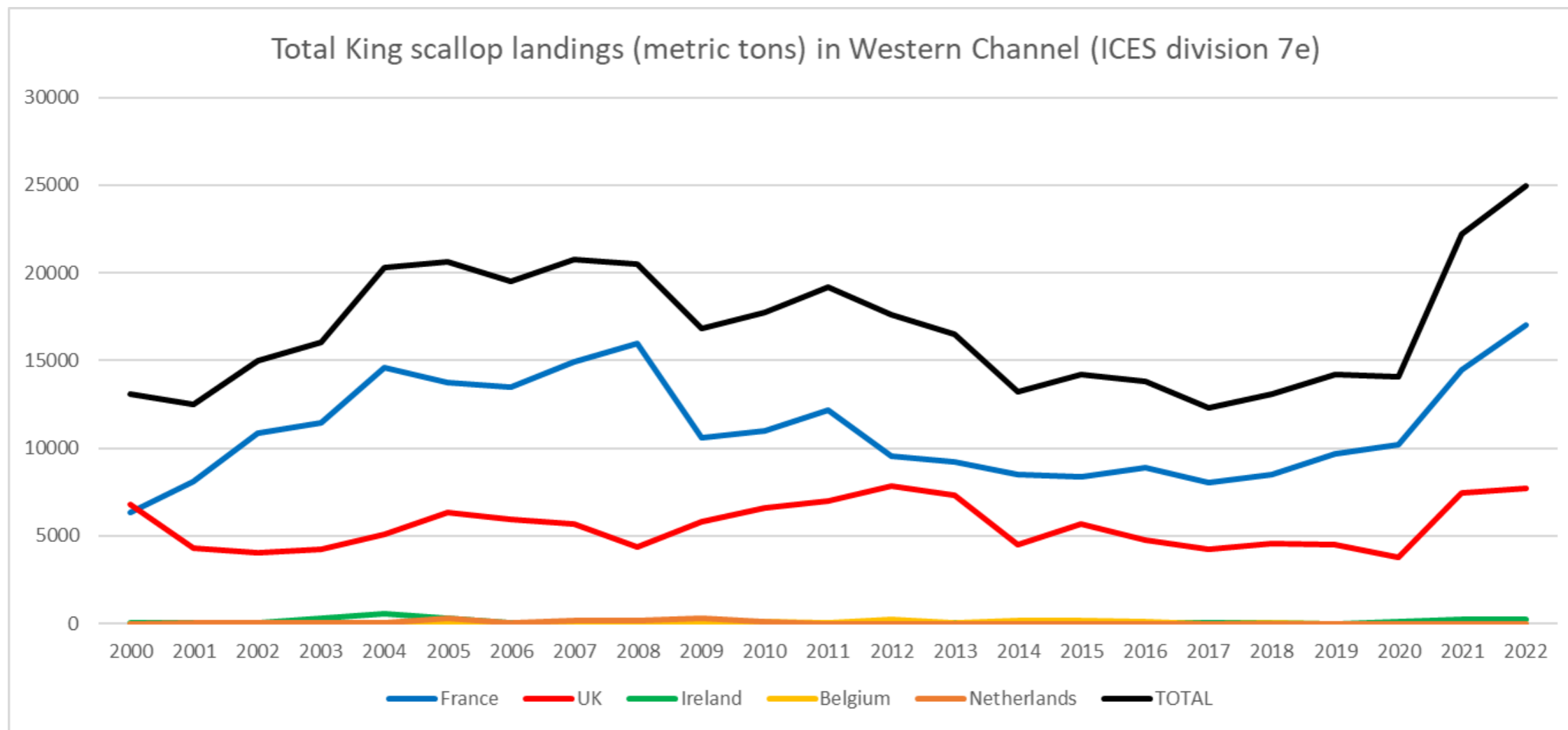
Updated key figures on the King scallop fisheries in the Channel

Trends of total landings in Eastern Channel (2000-2022)

Total King scallop landings (metric tons) in Eastern Channel (ICES division 7d)

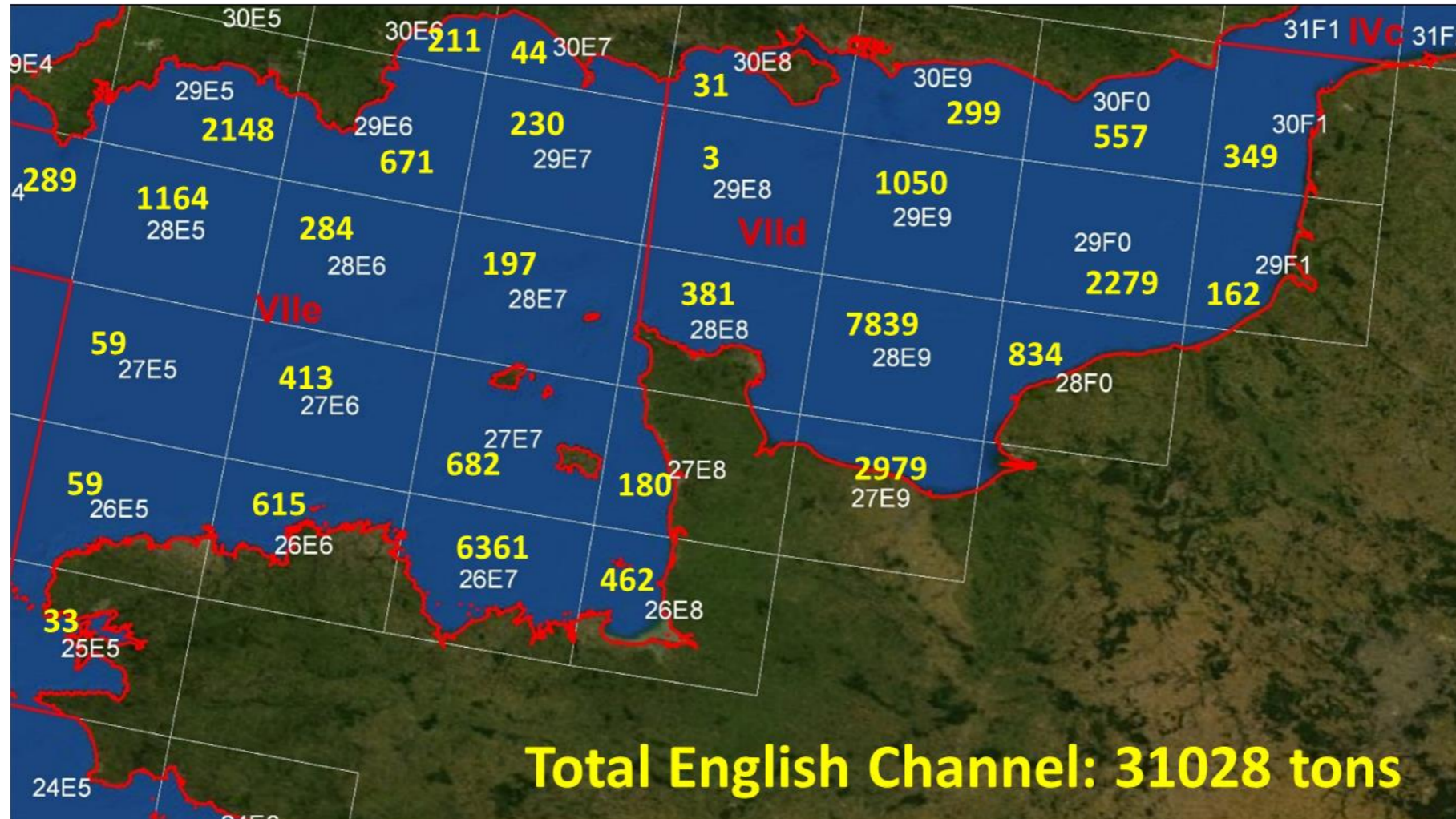


Trends of total landings in Western Channel (2000-2022)



King Scallop landings in 2015 (all countries)

14176 tons in Western Channel, 16851 tons in Eastern Channel

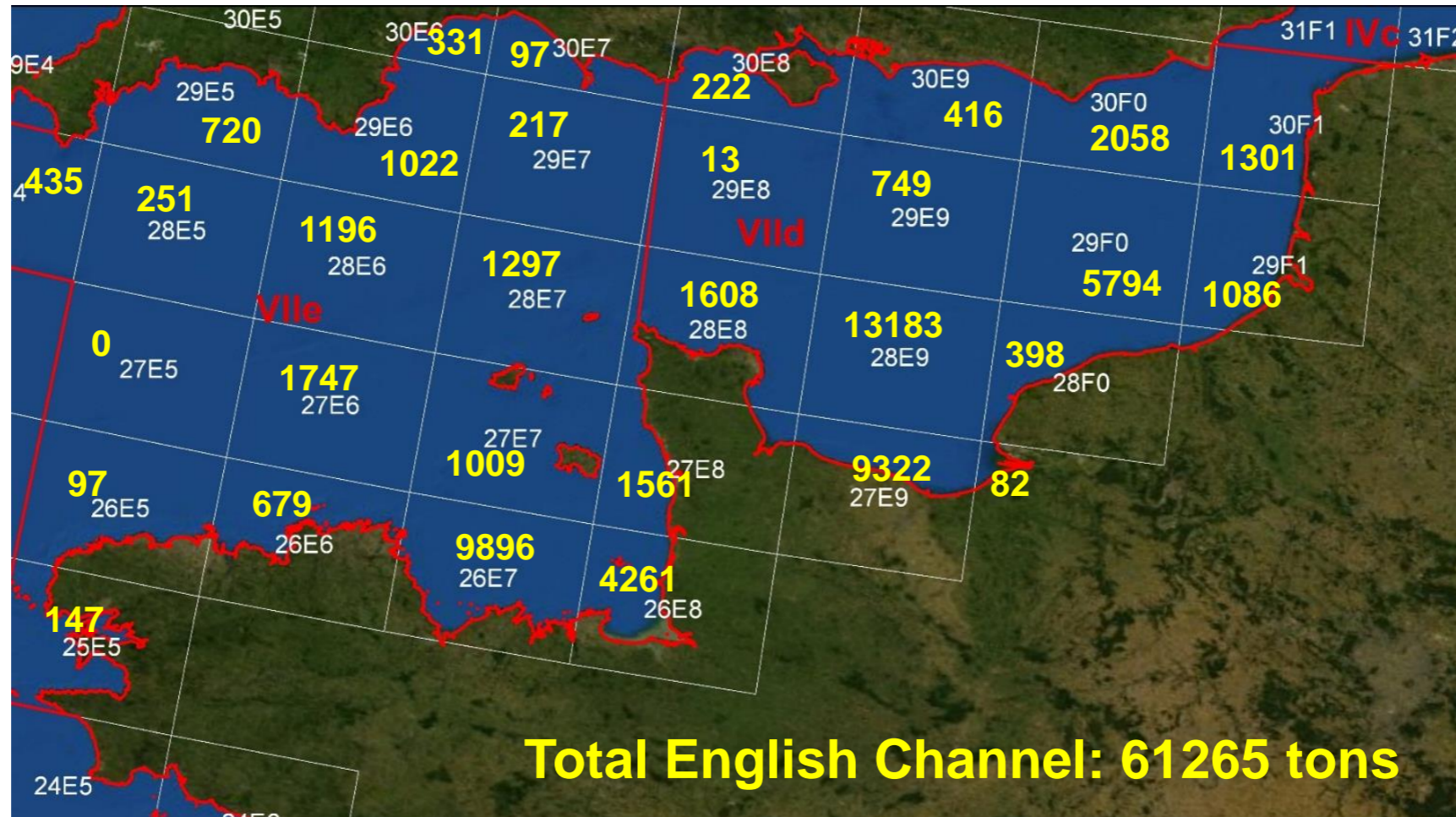


Source: ICES database

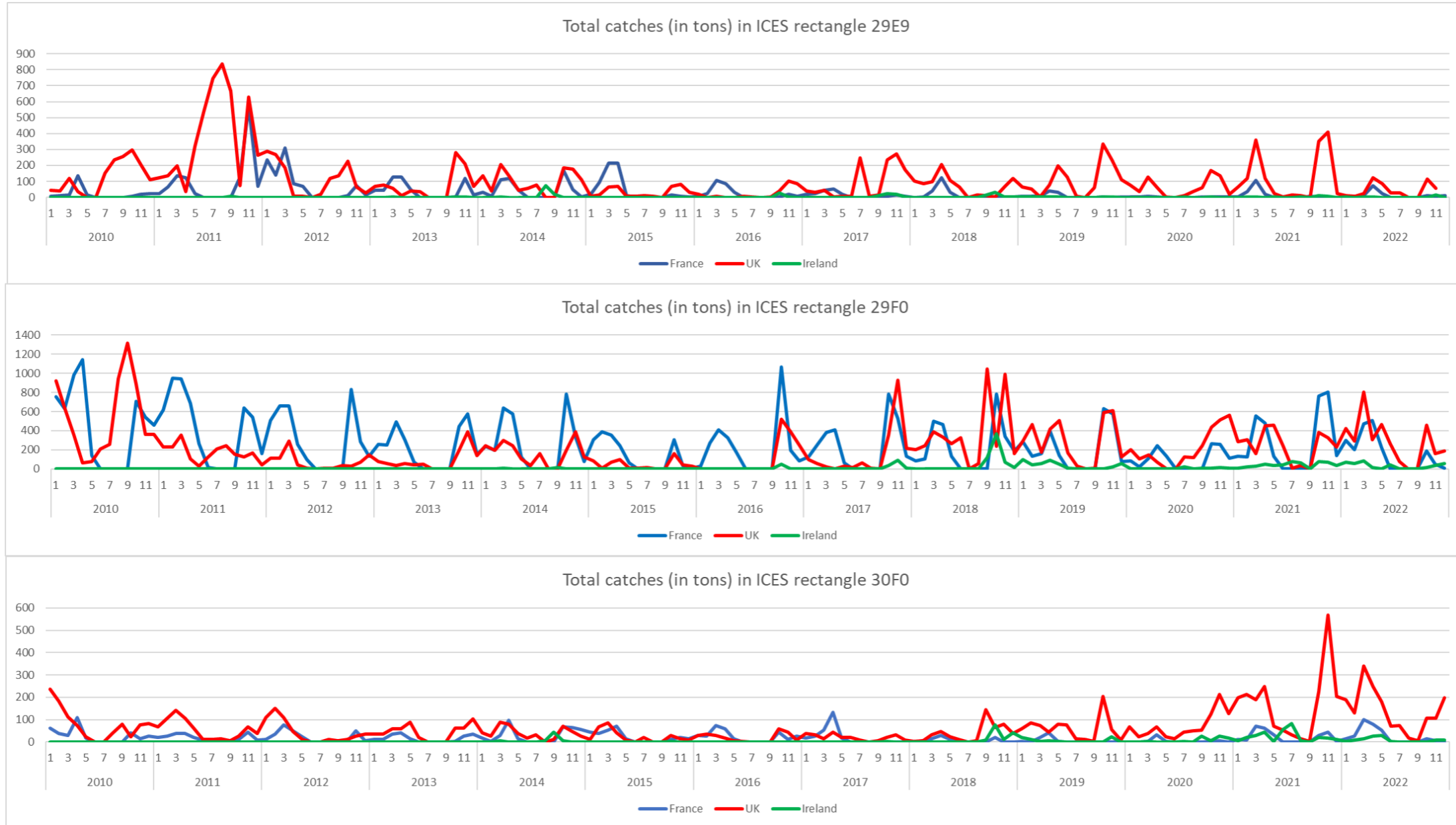


King Scallop landings in 2022 (all countries)

24949 tons in Western Channel, 36316 tons in Eastern Channel



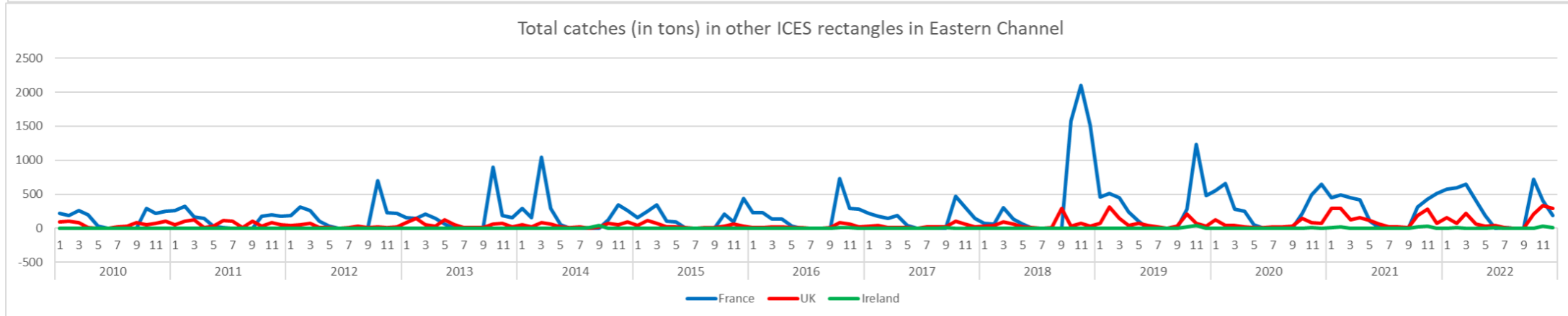
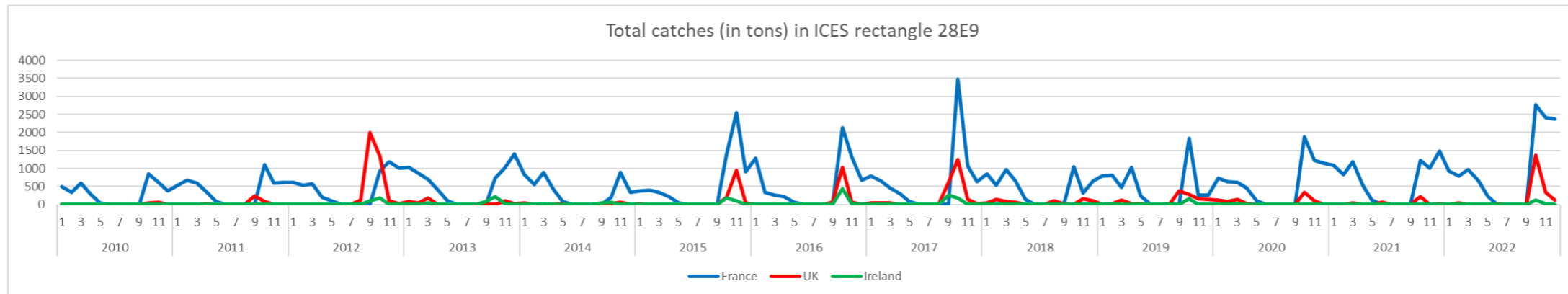
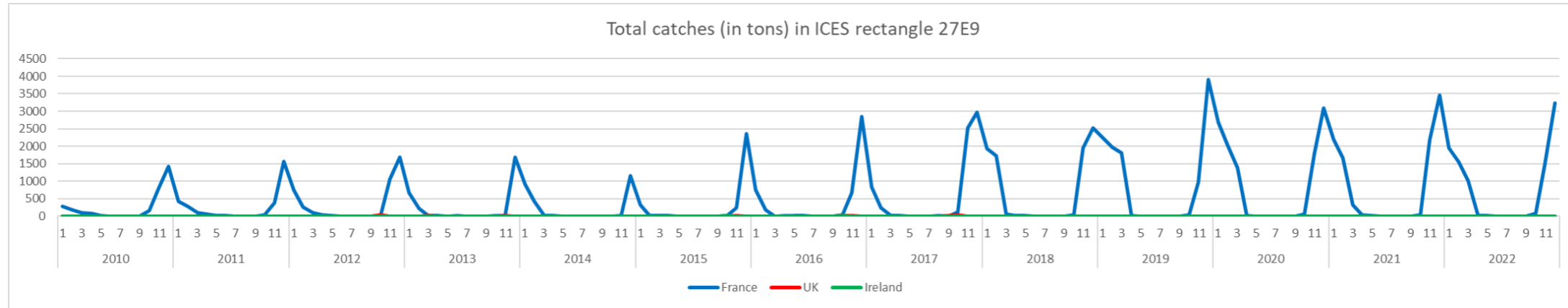
A highly seasonal fishery in France, less so in the UK



North Eastern Channel (ICES rectangles 29E9, 29F0 and 30F0)



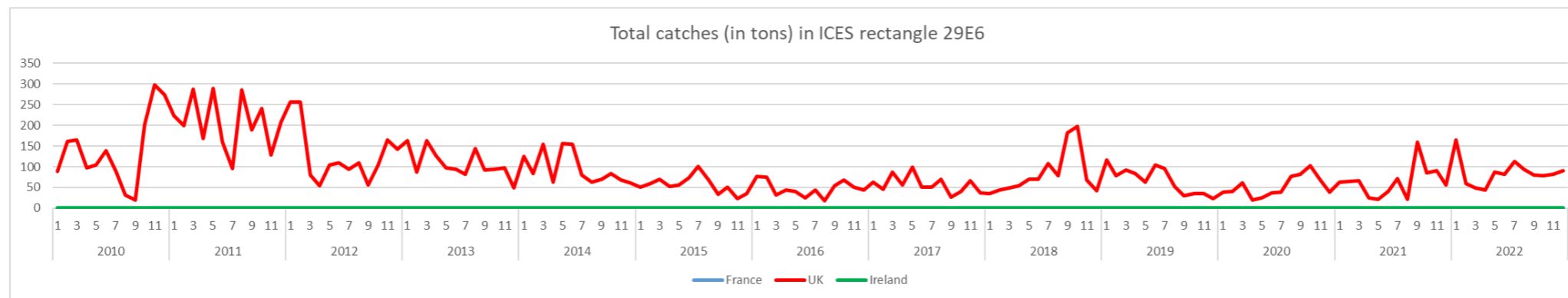
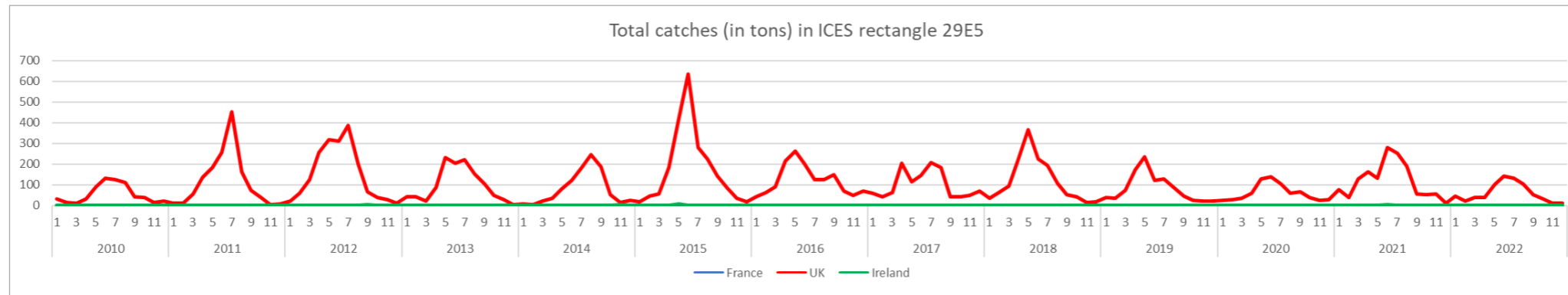
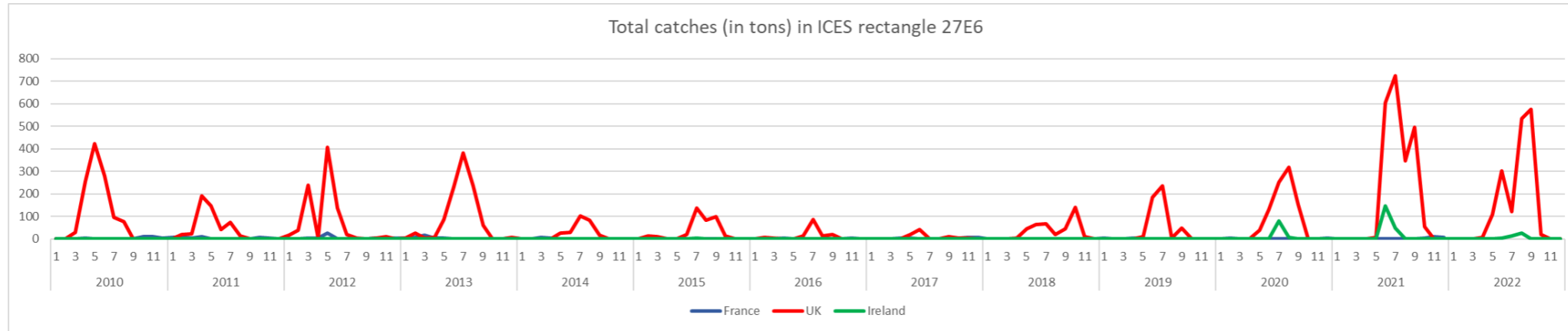
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South Eastern Channel (ICES rectangles 29E9, 29F0 and 30F0)

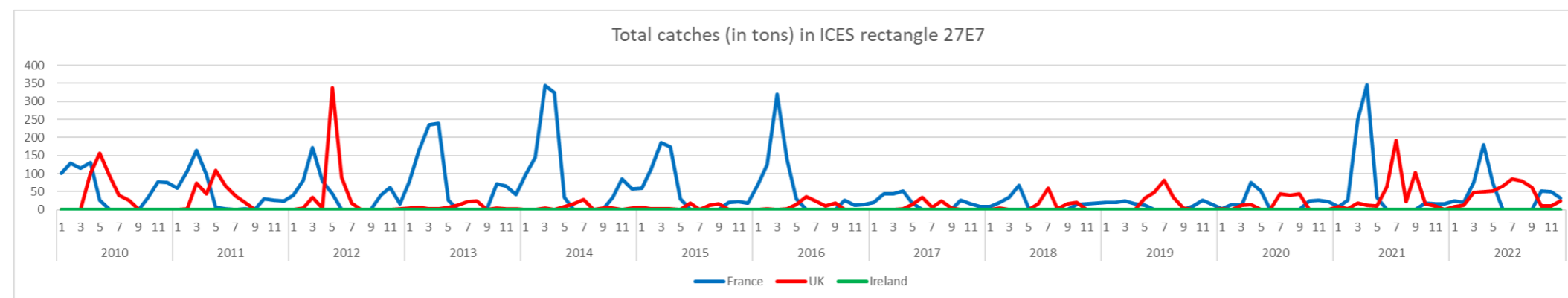
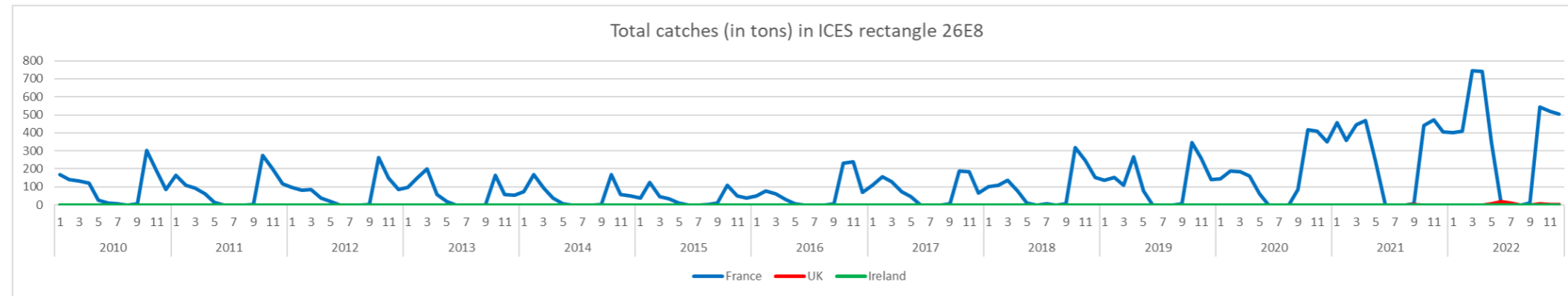
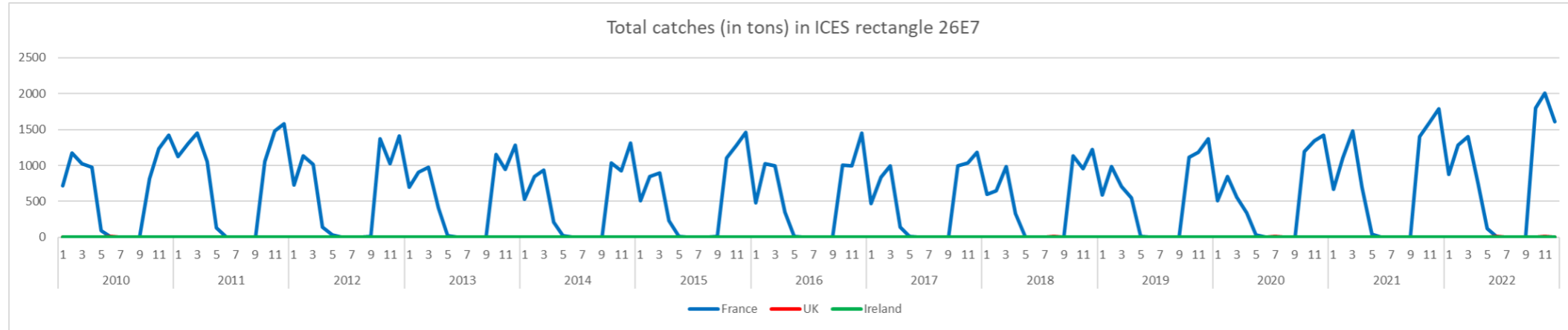


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North Western Channel (ICES rectangles 27E6, 29E5 and 29E6)

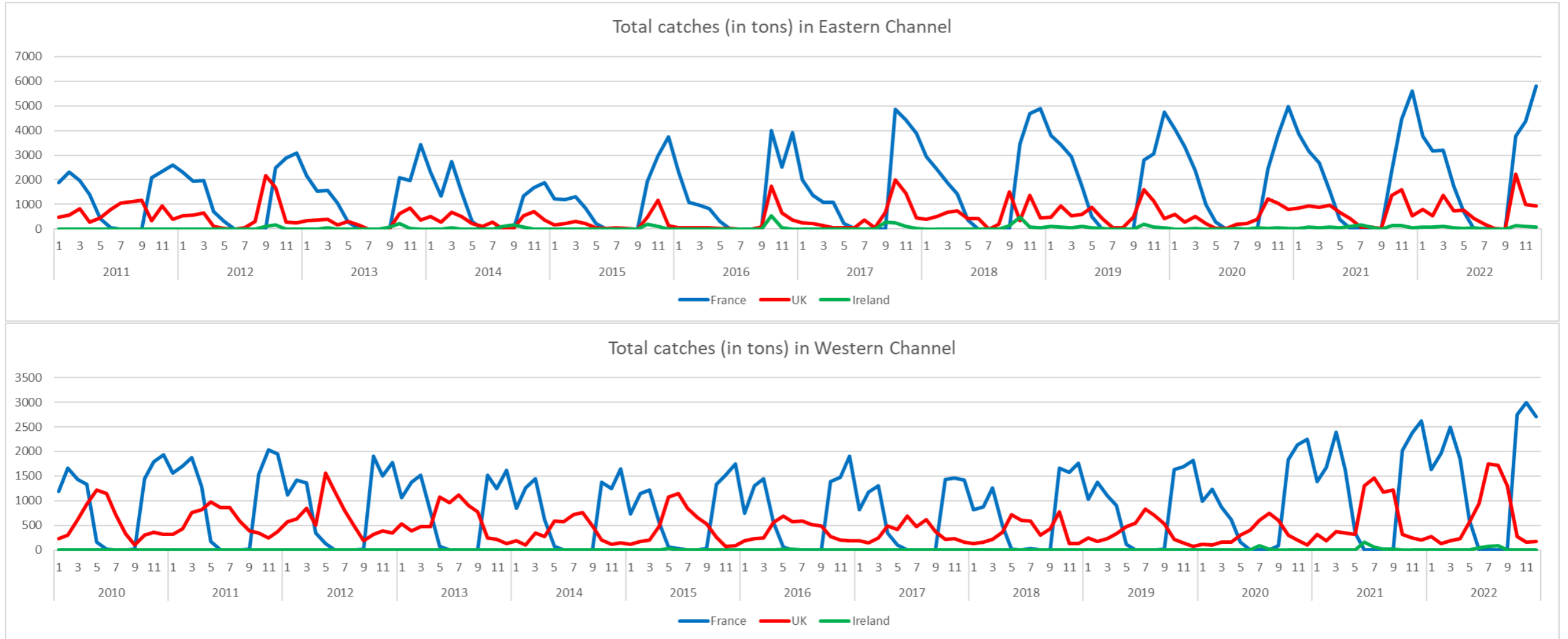
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South Western Channel (ICES rectangles 26E7, 26E8 and 27E7)

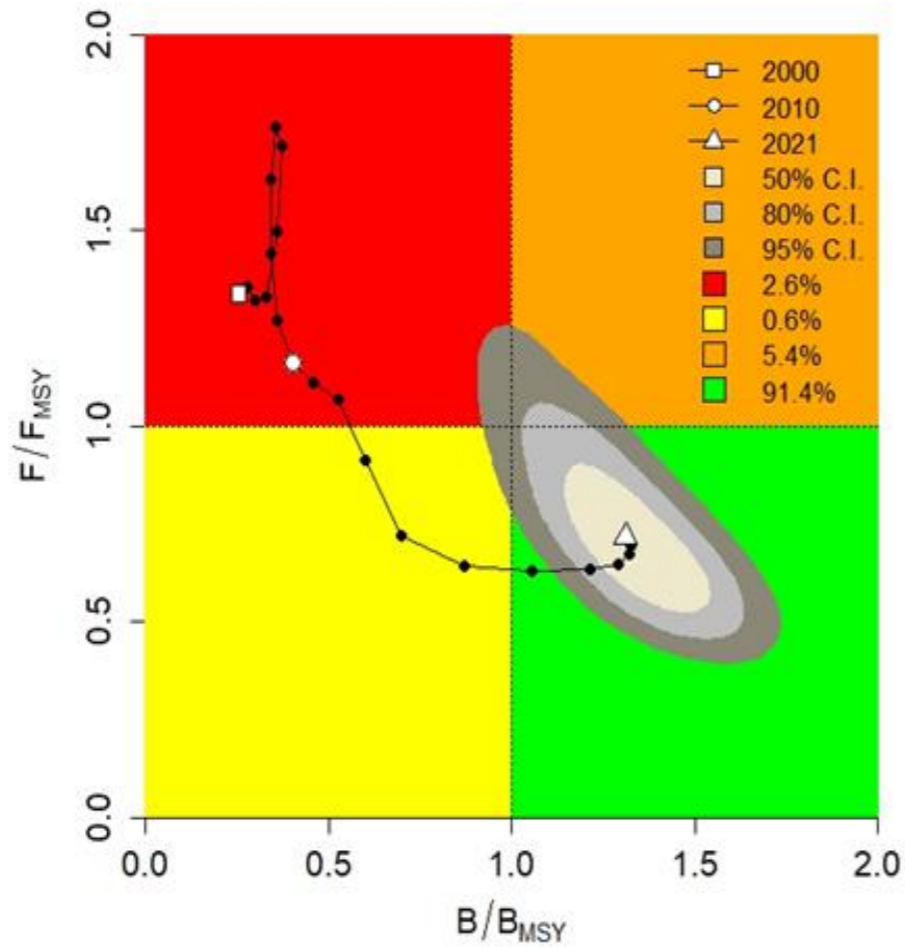


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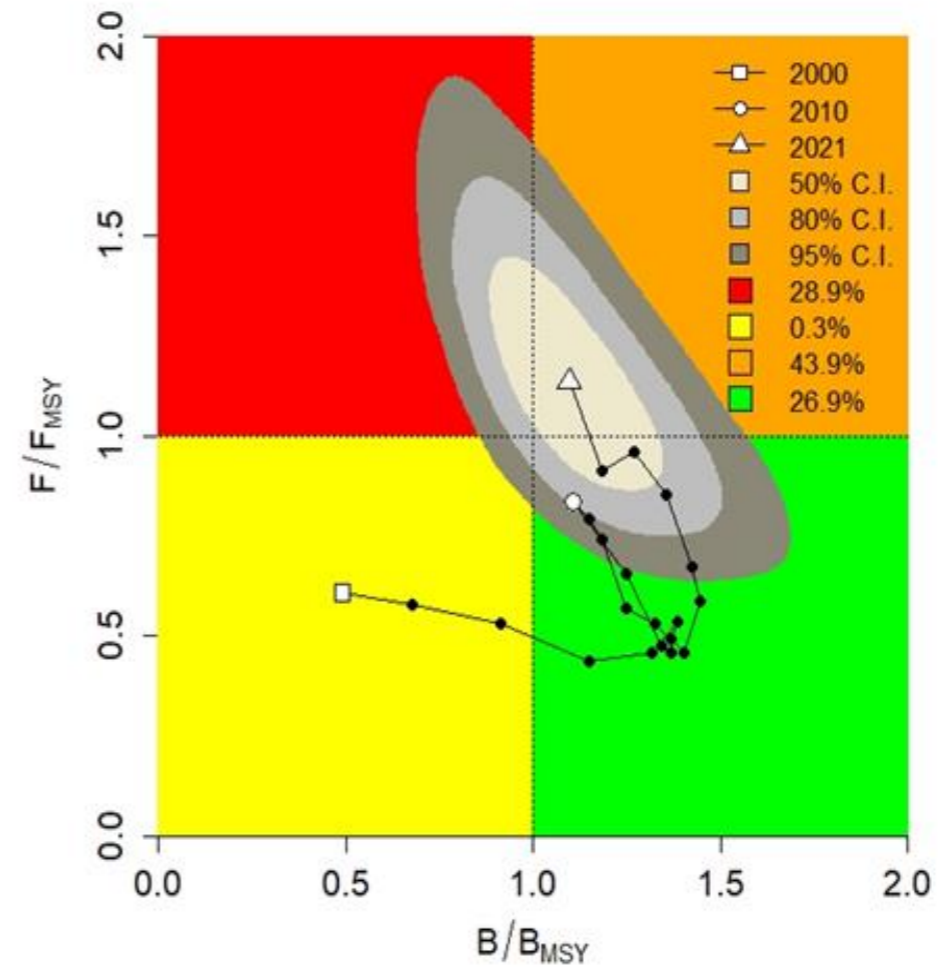


English Channel (ICES divisions 7d,e , all rectangles)

Stock status in Eastern Channel 7d



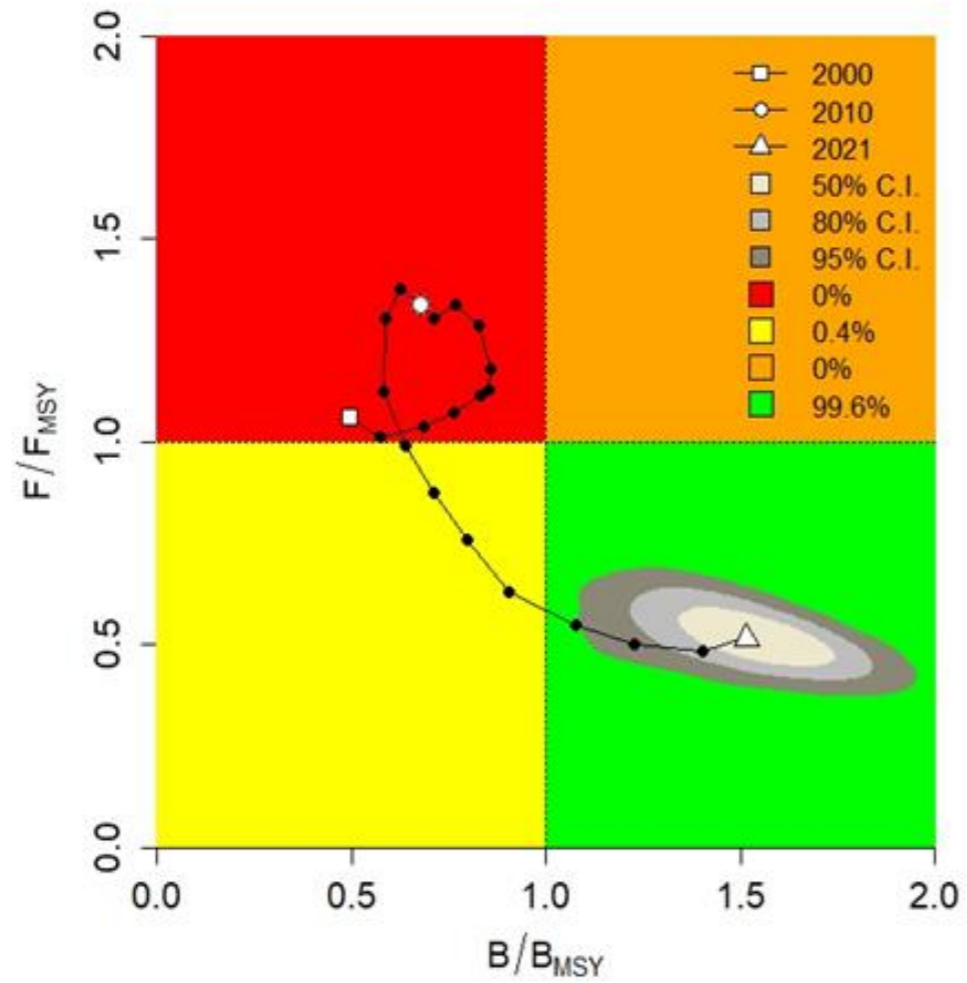
Bay of Seine



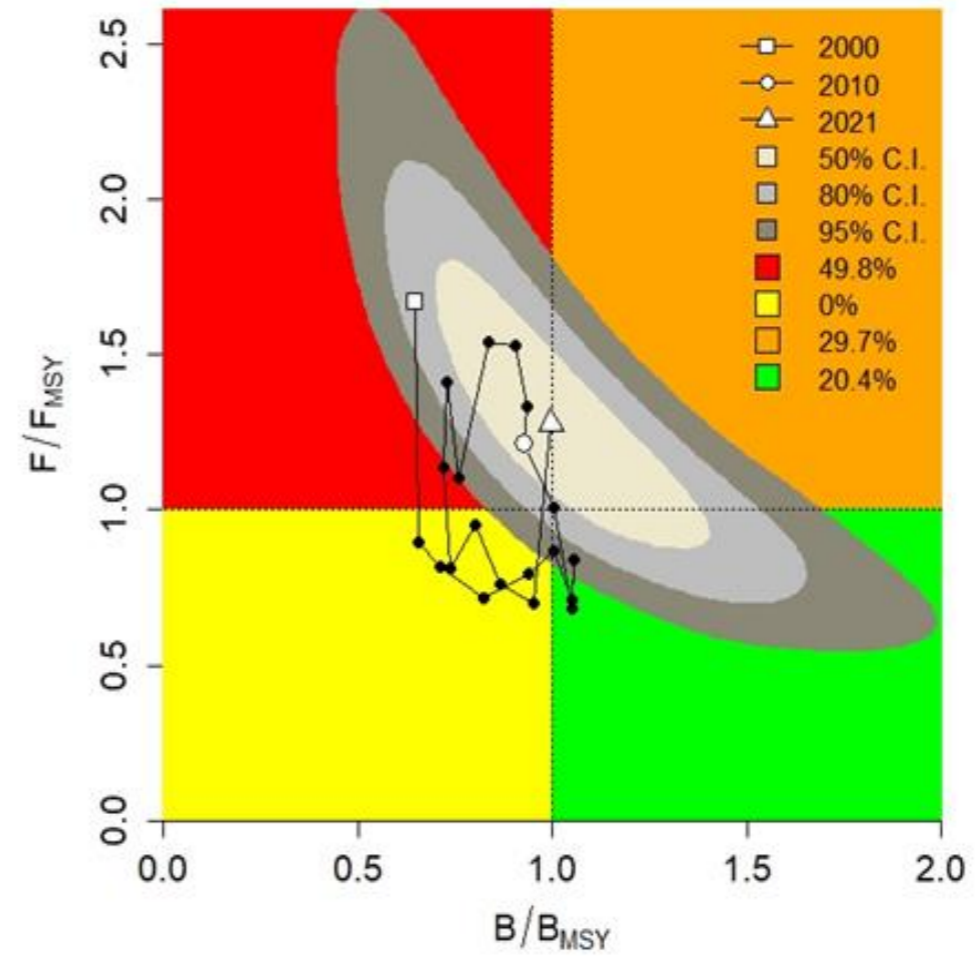
Eastern Channel



Stock status in Western Channel 7e



Granville Bay (including the bay of Saint-Brieuc)



Northern stock (south Cornwall waters)

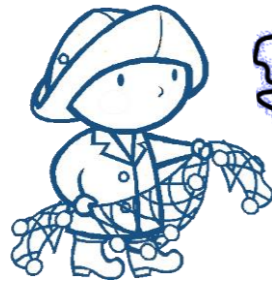


Focus on the Bay of Seine King scallop fishery

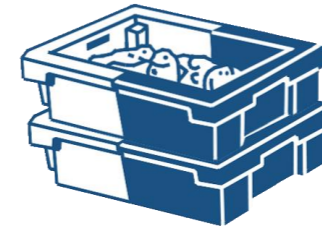
Introduction: The King scallop (*Pecten maximus*) in France: 1st species of the French fisheries



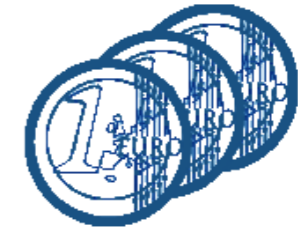
700 Fishing vessels



2 500 fishermen



Between 40
and 50 000 T



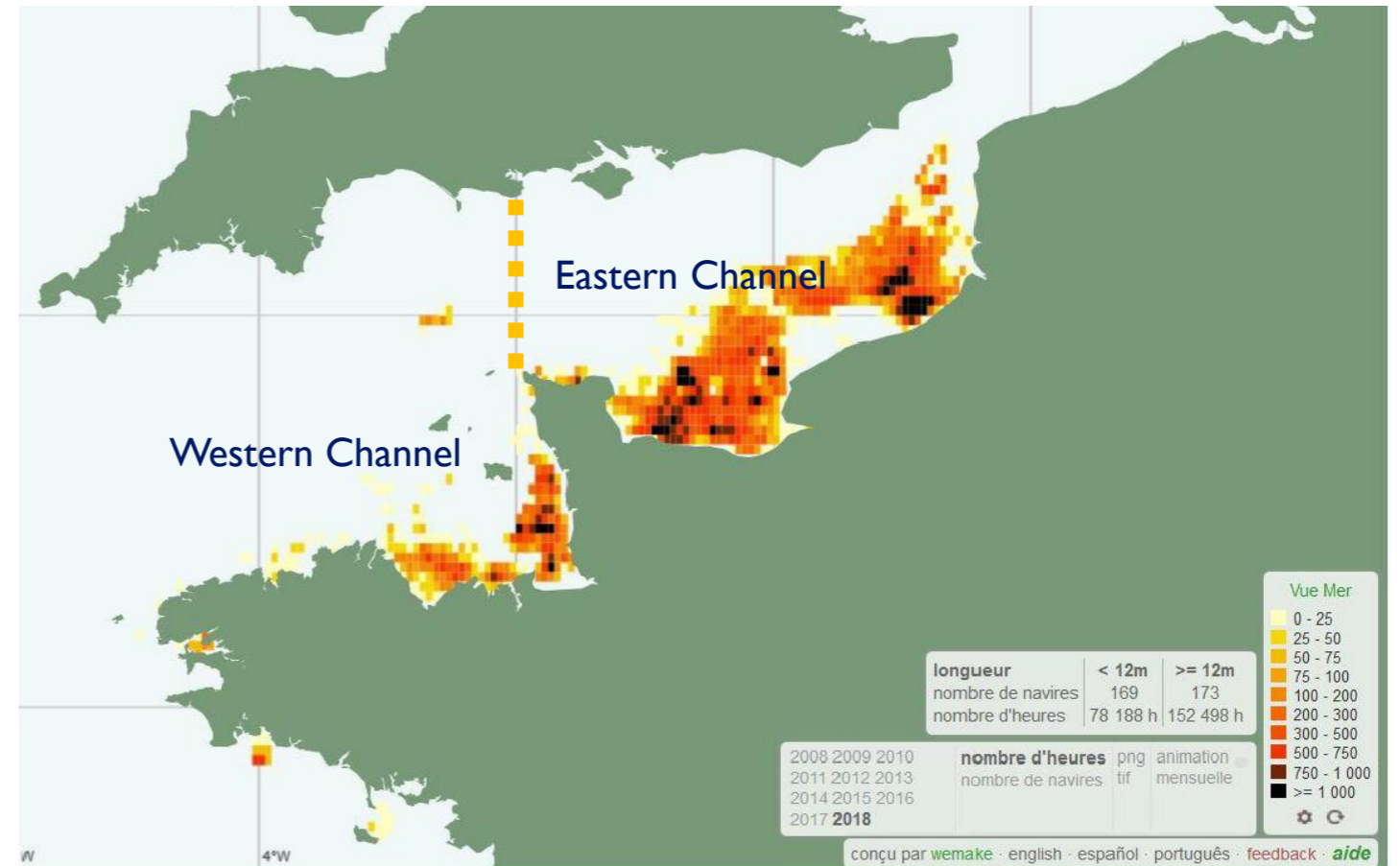
130 000 K€



King scallop fishing grounds in France: an English Channel history

Inshore fishing areas

• Eastern Channel	35 000t	250 vessels
• Bay of Seine	25 000t	220 vessels
• North of Cotentin	100t	10 vessels
• Granville bay	4 500t	100 vessels
• Bay of St-Brieuc	15 000t	250 vessels
• Rade de Brest	200t	60 vessels
• Glénan	200t	
• Quiberon	200t	
• Pertuis charentais	200t	80 vessels

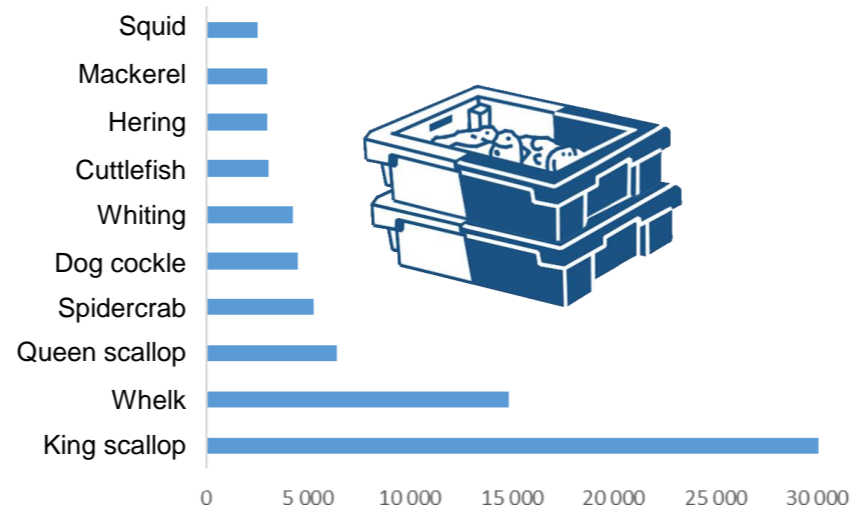


The King scallop: 1st species in Normandy

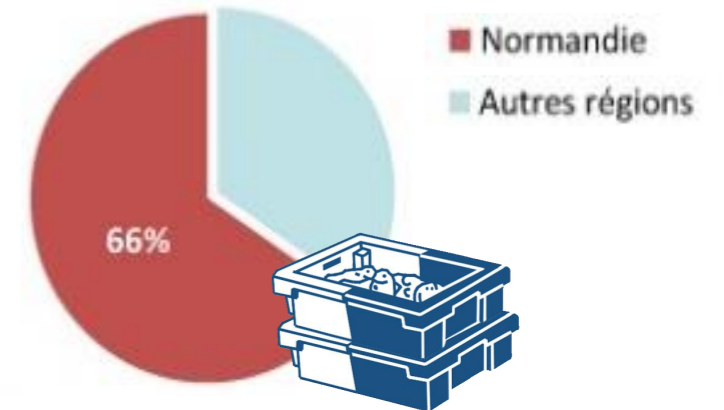
- Cephalopods
- Shellfishes**
- Crustaceans
- Fish
- Rays and Little sharks



>30% of landings in Normandy!



Between 30 and 40 000 tons



2/3 of shellfish landings in France!



The King scallop in the bay of Seine: a complex system of management

Resource access at the national level in France

- Fishing season from 1st of October to 15th of May (closed to fishing in summer during spawning season and peak growth period)

In the Bay of Seine:

- Open from mid-November to end of March
- Limitation of trips/week: 3 or 4 days
- Limitation of fishing hours per trip: 1.5 to 4 hours/trip

Technical measures in the bay of Seine:

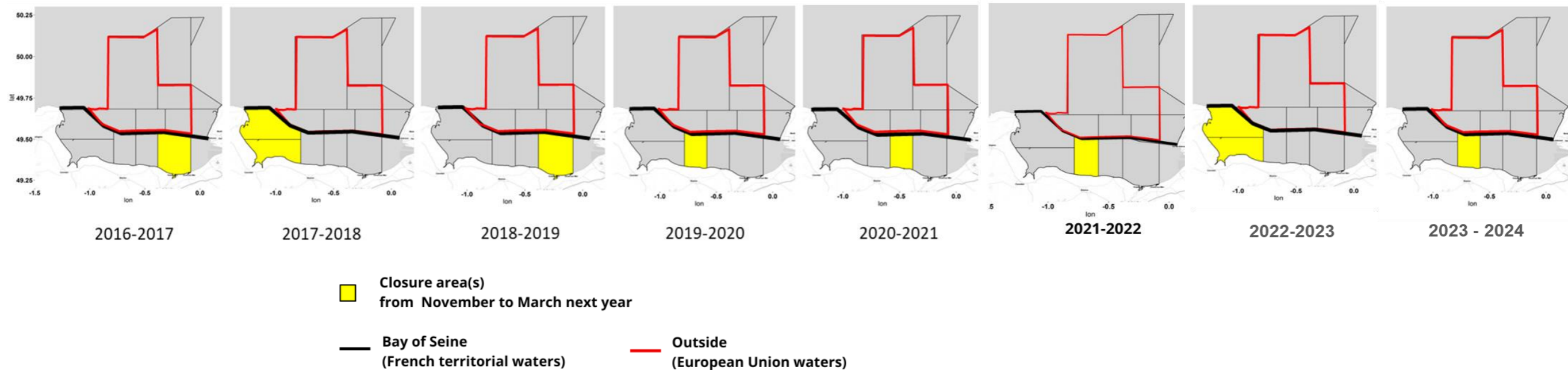
- Licence system: 220 fishing vessels allowed
- Limit of length: under 16 meters
- Limit of number of dredges: ≤ 16 Baie Seine
- Regulation of dredges (in France): 97mm ring size diameter



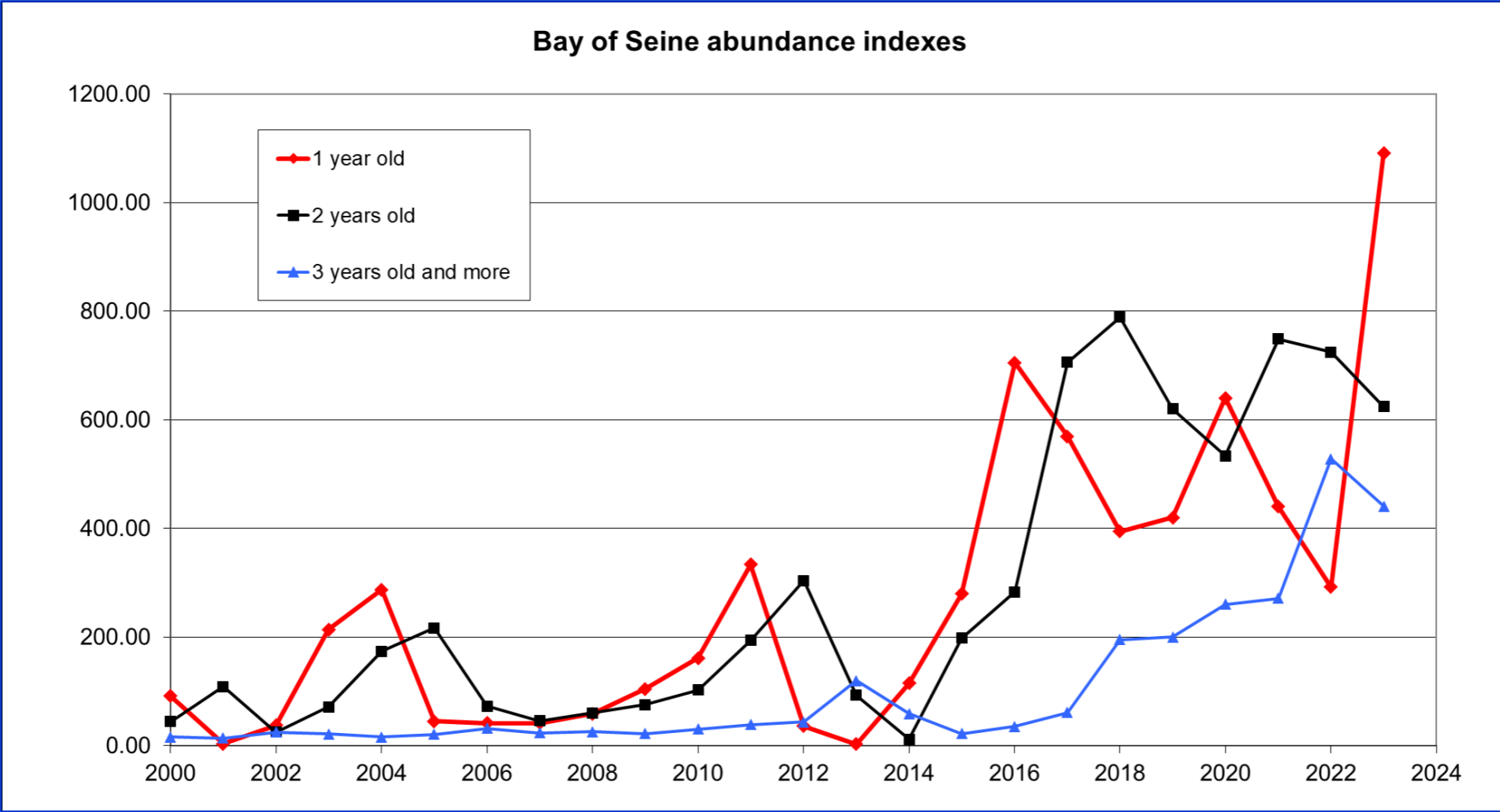
The King scallop in the bay of Seine: a rotational closure, a unique system in Europe

Biological measures:

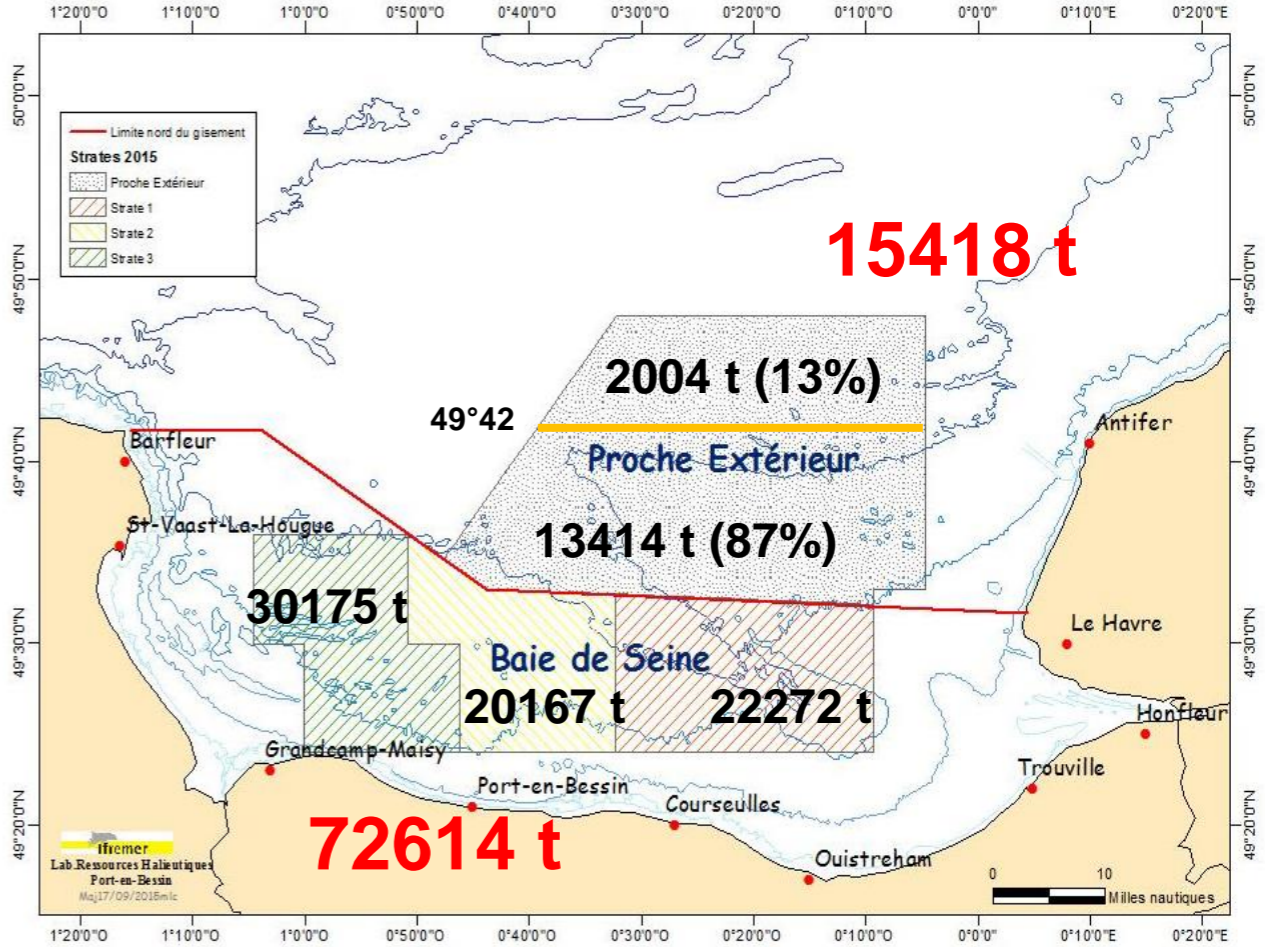
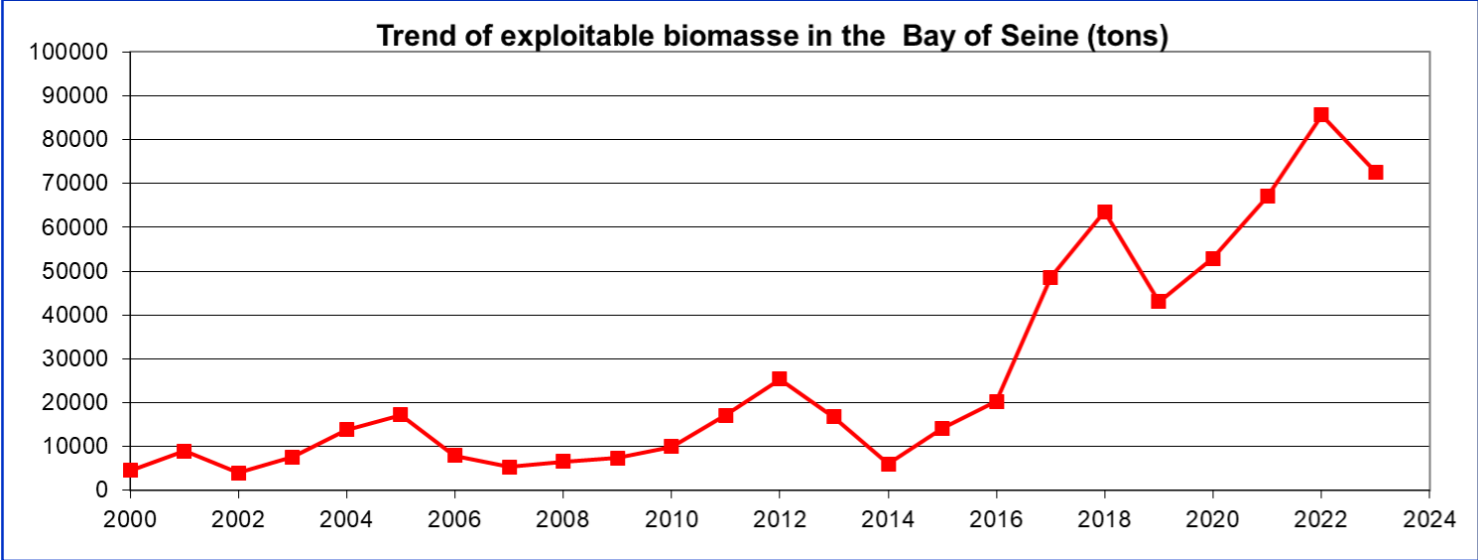
- MLS: 11 cm
- Limitation of catch per trip: 1 ton to 1.8 tons/vessel/trip
- Rotational closure since 2016



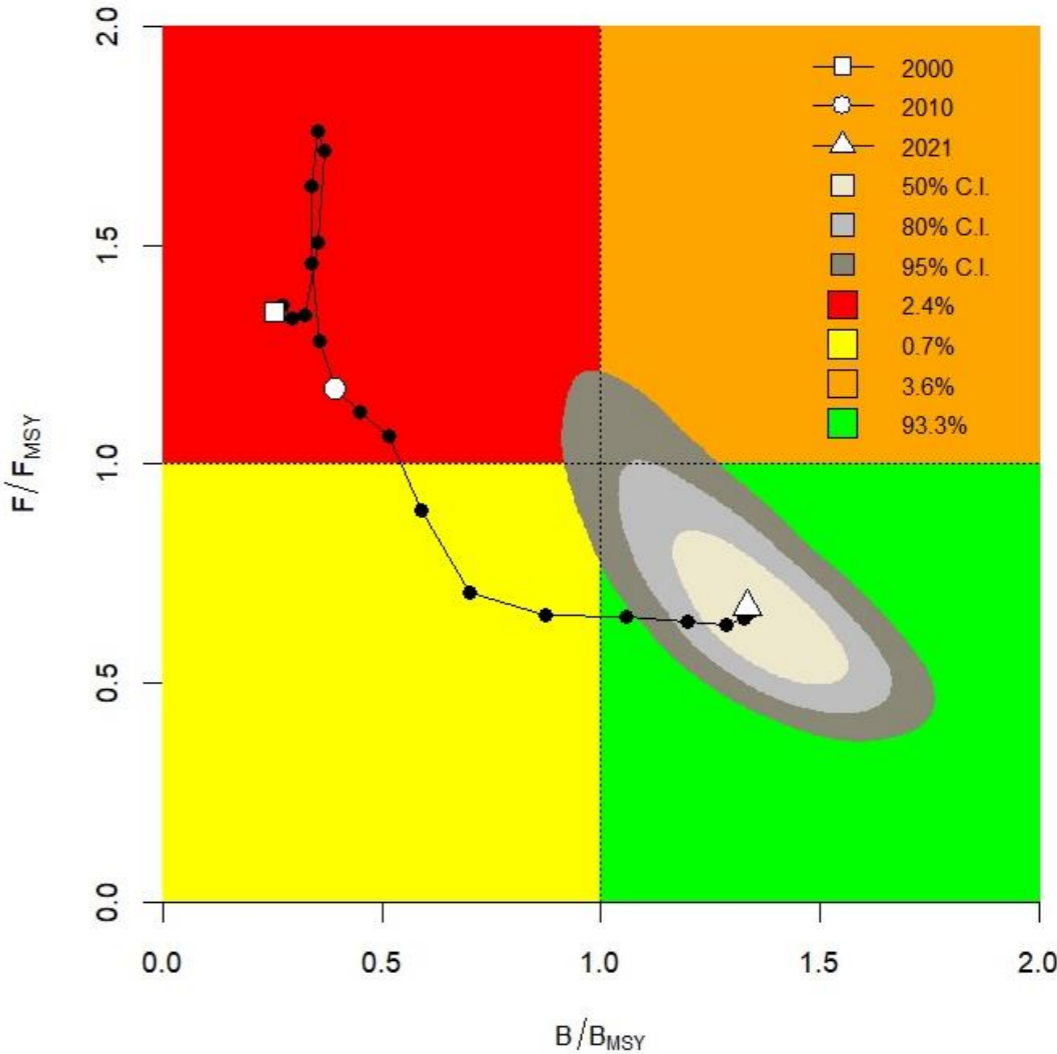
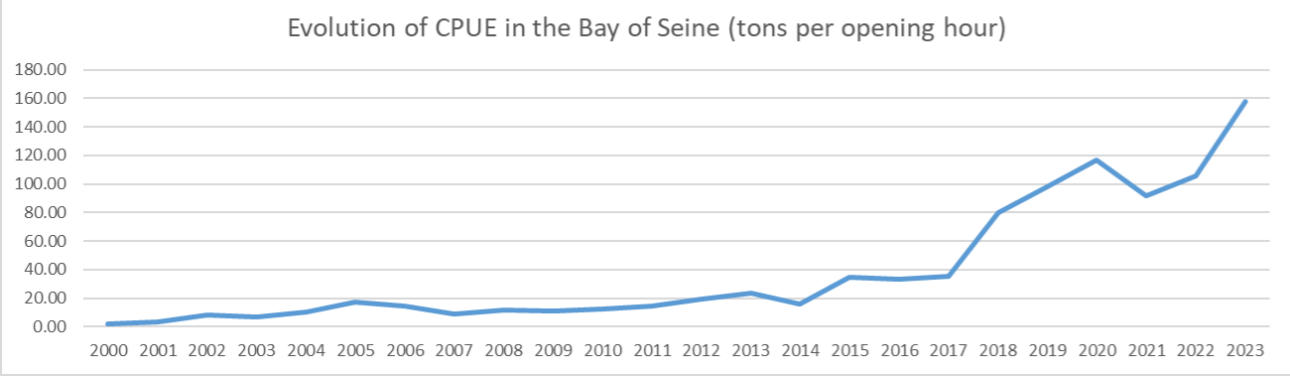
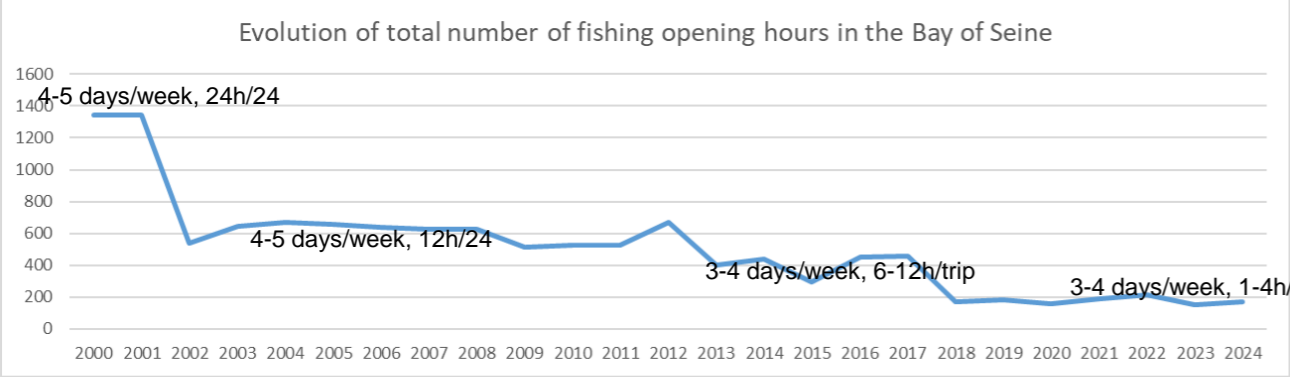
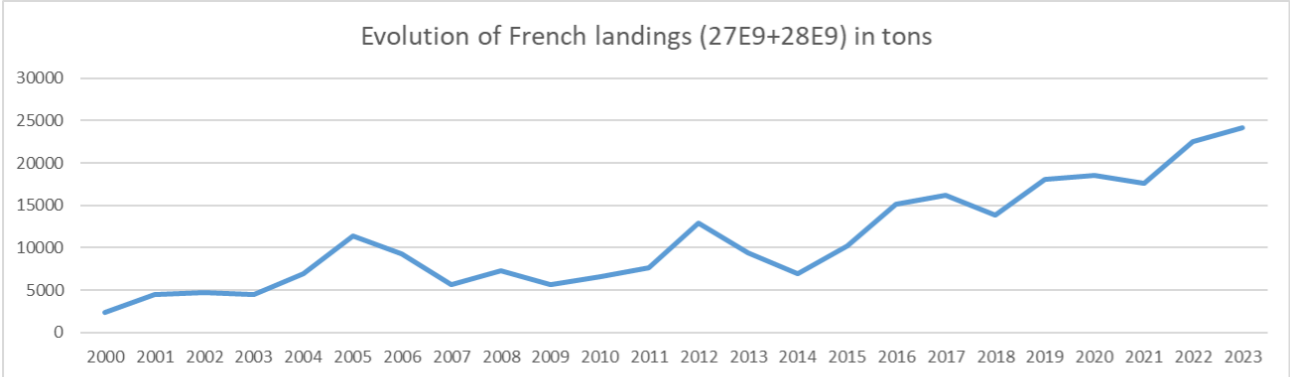
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