



**January 2023 news alert (sent by email 30 January 2023)**

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**Seafish news and reports**

- **Seafish summary of 2022 ICES advice for pelagic stocks (October 2022)**
- **[Seafish Insight: fishmeal production and trends. Source: FAO SOFIA 2022 \(August 2022\)](#)**

**Stock status and quotas - Northeast Atlantic and Baltic Fish Stocks January mackerel fishery in full swing (17 January 2023)**

The Scottish Pelagic Fishermen's Association (SPFA) says that the January mackerel fishery has started well, and they are looking forward to the outcome of the quota sharing negotiations for Atlanto-Scandian herring and blue whiting at the end of January, and hope that there will be a sharing arrangement in place for the mackerel by the end of March.

**Coastal States negotiations unpacked: Are pelagic fisheries entering new waters? asks the North Atlantic Pelagic Advocacy Group (NAPA) (9 January 2023)**

NAPA has released a position statement evaluating the outcomes of the 2022 Coastal States negotiations on hotly debated North East Atlantic pelagic stocks. The negotiations led to significant progress for the first time in more than 10 years. NAPA reports that the Coastal States have committed themselves to continued discussions on quota sharing for mackerel and herring, and reflects on the implications for consumers and the global marketplace.

**Outcome of Coastal States consultation on key pelagic stocks (15 December 2022)**

Coastal States consultations have now concluded with agreement on 2023 catch limits for mackerel, blue whiting and Atlanto-Scandian herring. This sets out the Total Allowable Catches (TACs) and management measures for all three stocks of key importance to Scotland's fishing fleet. These were set in line with scientific advice.

**UK reaches 2023 agreement with EU, Norway and wider coastal states on key stocks for 2023 (9 December 2022)**

Quotas agreed between the UK, EU and Norway will see UK fishers receive bigger quotas for most key North Sea demersal stocks in 2023, representing an increase in value of £33m over 2022 quotas.

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**[Research finds migration pattern of mackerel changes as the fish grows \(6 December 2022\)](#)**

By studying the migration patterns of 430,000 North East Atlantic mackerel a new research paper has shown that distribution is influenced by a size-dependent migratory behaviour.

**[Barents Sea Capelin quota agreed at 62,000 tonnes for 2023 \(19 October 2022\)](#)**

Low growth in capelin and a lack of voyage coverage on the Russian side means that the quota is lower than the previous year.

**[Stock Status and Quotas – Atlantic and South America](#)**

Peru divides its anchovy fishing areas into two regions – south and north-central – with different capture limits and seasons set for each one. The north-central is Peru's main fishing region, with capture measuring roughly six times that of the south region.

**[Peruvian anchovy season nears end with 20% of quota uncaught \(30 January 2023\)](#)**

Peru is not expected to catch its full anchovy quota as the fishing season nears its end, reports La Republica. Peru's Ministry of Production (Produce) indicated that Peruvian fishing fleets caught 1.82 million metric tons of anchovy as of 26 January 2023. This represents 79.7% of the total maximum allowable catch.

**[Peru landings rise 50% in Q3 as anchovy catches for fishmeal, oil more than double \(5 December 2022\)](#)**

Peru saw its wild-caught seafood landings increase year-on-year to 727,000 metric tons worth \$161.5m, in the third quarter of 2022, up by 50% in both volume and value, based on data published by Produce, the country's ministry of production. This was driven by a 137% increase in landings of raw material destined for indirect human consumption (IHC), fishmeal and fish oil. The rise was caused mainly by notably higher catches during the second anchovy season in the southern part of the country.

**[Date announced for second fishing season in North-Centre Peru \(23 November 2022\)](#)**

The Peruvian authorities announced that the second fishing season of anchovy and white anchovy in the North-Centre of the country for the year 2022 will start with an exploratory fishing exercise of 5 days starting on 23 November 2022. The acoustic biomass has been estimated at 6,826,839 metric tonnes. The quota for this region has been fixed at 2.283 million tonnes.

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**[IFFO market report – January to November 2023 \(23 January 2023\)](#)**

Cumulative total fishmeal production, by the countries considered in this report, for the first 11 months of 2022, was down compared to the cumulative production reported through November 2021. This is mainly due to a late start of the 2022 second fishing season in Peru. The USA, India, the Iceland/North Atlantic area and the African countries were the regions considered that have increased their cumulative production with respect to the same period in 2021.

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**[The global shrimp feed manufacturing landscape – a helicopter view \(January 2023\)](#)**

A new shrimp feed report, by Shrimp Insights, proposes sector consolidation will continue. The report provides an overview of the shrimp feed manufacturing landscape and the players that shape it in Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Thailand, and Vietnam, as well as of the most important multinational players that drive consolidation.

**[MarinTrust launches its Multispecies Fishery Assessment \(5 January 2023\)](#)**

MarinTrust has developed an assessment framework for multispecies fisheries. The framework is designed to meet the needs of complex fisheries, such as trawl fisheries in Southeast Asia, that do not fit the conventional approach to fishery assessment.

**[Marine ingredients expected to see ongoing price support into 2023 \(30 December 2022\)](#)**

Analysis from Rabobank's Global Animal Protein Outlook 2023 gave readers a snapshot of the fish oil and fish meal markets for 2022 and their expectations for 2023. Rabobank notes that high prices for competing commodities is supporting prices for fish meal and fish oil – but this support may ease slightly further into 2023.

**Aquafeed outlook 2023:**

**[Prices, novel ingredients and feed efficiency \(15 December 2022\)](#)**

Aquafeed.com spoke to ingredients suppliers to uncover some of the trends and challenges that will shape the aquafeed industry in 2023.

**[IFFO Nutrition campaign](#)**

This highlights that small pelagic species' top performance on both climate and nutrition. It sheds a light on the benefits that nutrients from small pelagic species provide both to fish and to humans, and demonstrates that the most efficient way to pass these benefits on to humans is through aquaculture

**[Study backs direct consumption of the fish currently converted into fishmeal \(1 December 2022\)](#)**

Small pelagic fish should play a larger role in directly tackling malnutrition and food insecurity in the Global South, rather than being rendered into fishmeal, according to a new study.

**IFFO Conference 2022: Key takeaways**

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- **[Market Forum](#)**
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