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New interactive map makes ICES advice more accessible to the public

The regulation of fisheries in the Northeast Atlantic is to a large extent based on advice provided by the **International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)**. ICES assessments of the status of fish stocks are now easily available via an interactive map. The map displays the so-called popular advice for each fish stock within the various ICES ecoregions and enables users, via hyperlinks, to gain access to more in-depth information on each stock.

The popular version, an easy-to-read digest of the official ICES advice, aims to reach a broader audience by describing the different fisheries in the Northeast Atlantic and the fish stocks that support them.

This digest of the ICES advice is now available for 194 fish stocks, including those in the Barents Sea, Norwegian Sea, Baltic Sea, the Bay of Biscay and Iberian waters, the Celtic Sea, the North Sea, around Iceland, around the Faroes, and East of Greenland.

Ecosystem overviews in the making

In the future, ICES plans to supplement the information on the map with overviews of marine ecosystems. These overviews will feature descriptions of the ecoregions and provide brief accounts of the state of their marine ecosystems.

[The map is available on the ICES website](#) along with further information about [the ICES advisory process](#) and ICES [work on integrated ecosystem assessments](#).

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Note to editors

The **International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)** coordinates and promotes marine research in the North Atlantic Ocean, the North Sea, and the Baltic Sea. ICES advises competent authorities (international commissions and governments) on marine policy and management issues related to the impacts of human activities on marine ecosystems and the management of the exploitation of living marine resources. ICES is working towards integrated ecosystem assessments and integrated advice, delivered at the regional seas level. For more information, visit www.ices.dk.

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