

Subject: ICES¹ advice on Baltic Sea Cod Fisheries 2010 - summary.

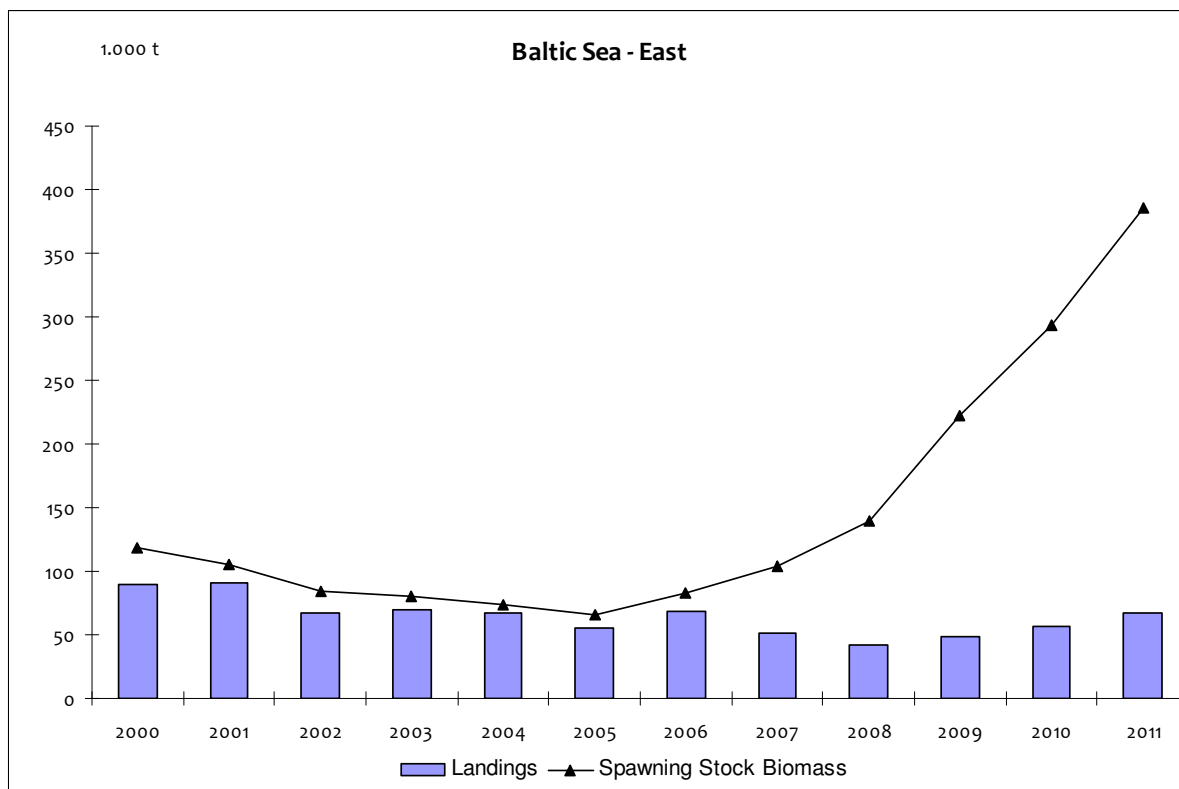
The Baltic Sea Cod Fisheries are divided in two stocks, an eastern (ICES area 25-32) and a western (ICES area 22-24). The eastern stock is far the bigger of the two stocks, with an estimated spawning stock biomass (SSB) for 2011 of 386.400 t. Both stocks are managed according to an EC agreed plan for the cod fisheries in the Baltic Sea (EU Council regulation 1098/2007, Baltic cod multi-annual plan, September 2007).

ICES advices for 2011 based on EU management plan are:

The Total Allowable Catches (TAC) for *eastern stock* should be increased with 15% to 67.700 t (EU & Russia) , while the TAC for the *western stock* should be increased by 6 % to 21.000 t in 2011.

Total Allowable Catches (TAC) is the maximum quantities of cod that in accordance with the management objectives can be caught over a given period of time, usually a year. TAC includes landings and discards (estimated).

The development in the eastern cod stock and changes in quota 2000 – 2011 are shown in figure below



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¹ ICES = International Council for the Exploration of the Sea. ICES is the prime source of scientific advice on the marine ecosystem to governments and international regulatory bodies that manage the North Atlantic Ocean and adjacent seas