

## SPECIES INFORMATION SHEET

*Sebastes viviparus*

English name: <b>Norway haddock</b>	Scientific name: <b><i>Sebastes viviparus</i></b>	
Taxonomical group: Class: Actinopterygii Order: Scorpaeniformes Family: Sebastidae	Species authority: Krøyer, 1845	
Subspecies, Variations, Synonyms: –	Generation length: 21 years	
Past and current threats (Habitats Directive article 17 codes): Fishery, By-catch (F02)	Future threats (Habitats Directive article 17 codes): Fishery, By-catch (F02)	
IUCN Criteria: –	<b>HELCOM Red List Category:</b>	<b>NA Not Applicable</b>
Global / European IUCN Red List Category: NE/NE	Habitats Directive: –	
Previous HELCOM Red List Category (2007): EN		
Protection and Red List status in HELCOM countries: Denmark –/, Estonia –/, Finland –/, Germany –/, Latvia –/, Lithuania –/, Poland –/, Russia –/, Sweden –/NT		

**Distribution and status in the Baltic Sea region**

The Norway haddock is an occasional visitor in the Kattegat from reproduction areas in the Skagerrak.

**Habitat and ecology**

This marine species inhabits rocky bottoms, close to the shore, between 10 and 150 m, but it has also been recorded down to 760 m depth. It lives in shoals and is viviparous, i.e. gives birth to alive young. It feeds on various small crustaceans and young fish. The Norway haddock reaches maturity at a size of 10–15 cm and is reported to have a maximum total length of 35 cm and reach a maximum age of 40 years.

**Description of major threats**

The species is threatened by fisheries as target species, and also by other demersal fisheries (mainly as by-catch in shrimp trawls).

**Assessment justification**

The Norway haddock is occasionally found within the HELCOM area as a visitor from reproduction areas in the Skagerrak but since there is no reproduction within the HELCOM area and not a significant part of the population spends a significant part of their lifetime within the HELCOM area, this species is categorized as Not Applicable (NA) in the assessment.

**Recommendations for actions to conserve the species**

Since the threats for this species occur outside the HELCOM area there are no protection actions currently needed in the HELCOM area.

**Common names**

D -Kleiner Rotbarsch; ES –; GB –Norway haddock ; DK -Lille rødfisk; FIN –Pikkupunasimppu; LV -Mazais sarkanasis ; LT -Mažasis jūrinis ešerys; PL -Karmazynek; RU -Malyi morskoy okun'; S –Mindre Kungsfisk

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