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Frameworks for Irish Brown Crab Management



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EU Frameworks



- **Common Fisheries Policy:** Regulation (EU) 1380/2013
- **Control Regulation:** Regulation (EU) 2023/2842
- **EMFAF Regulation:** Regulation (EU) 2021/1139
- **Birds and Habitats Directives:** Directive 79/409/EEC and Council Directive 92/43/EEC
- **Marine Strategy Framework Directive:** Directive 2008/56/EC
- **Biodiversity Strategy for 2030**
- **Nature Restoration Law:** Regulation (EU) 2024/1991



National Frameworks



- **Policy**

- Programme for Government (Our Shared Future)
- Food Vision 2030
- DAFM Statement of Strategy 2023-2026
- National Seafood Development Programme 2021-2027
- Ministerial decisions

- **Legal**

- Sea-Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006
- S.I. No. 477 of 2011 – European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011
- S.I. No. 290 of 2013 – European Union (Birds and Natural Habitats) (Sea-fisheries) Regulations 2013



Current Management Measures



- **Regulation (EU) 2019/1241:** Restricts the volume of crab claws that can be landed:
 - <1% by weight of landing (pots or creels);
 - <75 kg (any other fishing gear).
- **Council Regulation (EC) No. 1415/2004:** Limits Ireland's annual fishing effort for brown crab in ICES areas V, VI and VII and the Biologically Sensitive Area.
- **S.I. No. 26 of 2019:** MCRS of 140mm for brown crab taken by Irish sea-fishing boats in ICES Areas VI and VII.



Things to consider...



- Fisheries managed as a public resource
- Practicality of implementing and enforcing proposals
- Resources available
- Public consultation and Ministerial approval



Thank you...

