Blue Skate\(^1\)  
*Dipturus batis*  

Designated a PROHIBITED SPECIES for all EU and third country vessels in EU waters of ICES areas 2a, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.\(^2,3\)

It is PROHIBITED to:

- Target
- Retain
- Tranship
- Land

If accidentally caught, this skate shall not be harmed. Specimens shall be promptly released, with estimated discards recorded in the vessel logbook.\(^3,4\)

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\(^1\) Formerly included within the Common Skate complex with the Flapper Skate *D. intermedius*.

\(^2\) Includes all UK registered vessels during Transition Period ending 31\(^{st}\) December 2020.

\(^3\) Council Regulation (EU) No. 2020/123.

\(^4\) Regulation (EU) No. 2015/812.