Tope  
Galeorhinus galeus

Designated a PROHIBITED SPECIES for all EU and third country vessels using longlines in EU waters of ICES areas 2a and 4 - as well as EU and international waters of ICES areas 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12 and 14.\(^1\)\(^2\)

- It is prohibited to TARGET, RETAIN, TRANSHIP or LAND Tope caught by longlines in these areas.\(^1\)\(^2\)

UK domestic restrictions: vessels using gears other than longlines:\(^1\)

- Designated a RESTRICTED SPECIES for all English and Welsh vessels. Vessels are limited to retaining no more than 45kg live-weight per day. Tope caught by rod and line cannot be landed. Landed Tope must have head and fins still attached.\(^3\)\(^4\)

- Fishing for Tope, other than by rod and line or hand-line, by a Scottish or relevant British fishing vessel is PROHIBITED in Scottish waters. Tope caught by rod and line or hand-line cannot be transhipped or landed.\(^5\)

Specimens shall be promptly released according to the above, with estimated discards recorded in the vessel logbook.\(^2\)\(^6\)

max length: 195cm

\(^1\) Includes all UK registered vessels during Transition Period ending December 2020.
\(^3\) Tope (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 2008.
\(^4\) Tope (Prohibition of Fishing) (Wales) Order 2008.
\(^5\) Sharks, Skates and Rays (Prohibition of Fishing, Transhipment and Landing (Scotland) Order 2012.
\(^6\) Regulation (EU) No. 2015/812.

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