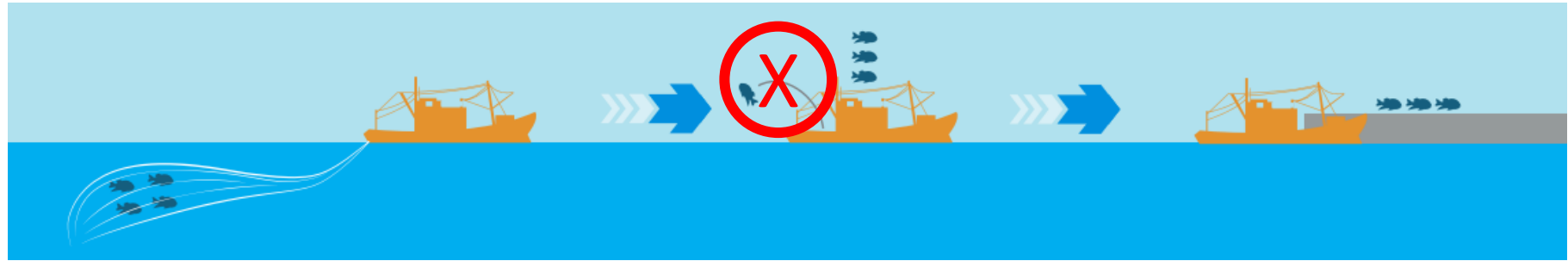


The unintended impact of the European discard ban

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Landing Obligation 2015 - 2019



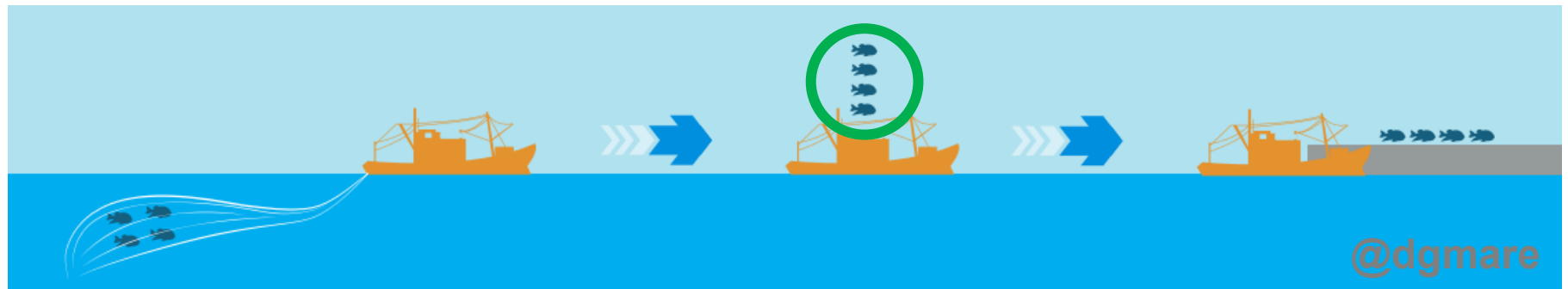
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Discards

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Landings



Catch

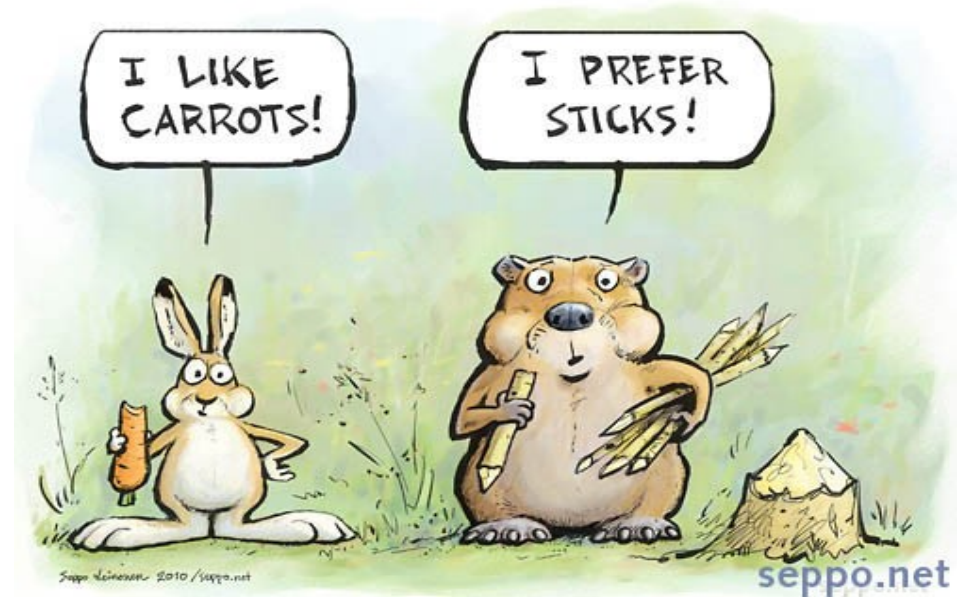
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Landings

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Incentives....

- Industry involvement
- **Increase quota**
- Preferential access
- Deregulation
- Less cost/funding
- Transparency
- Certification



- Monitoring requirements
- Sanctions

LO positive incentives...

- ✓ Prohibited species
- ✓ TACs deleted
- ✓ LO Exemptions
- ✓ TAC increases



LO negative incentives

- **Sanctions delayed**
- **No monitoring**
- **No reporting**
- **No discards landed**





**that illegal and unrecorded
discarding is widespread**



TAC increases 2015-2020

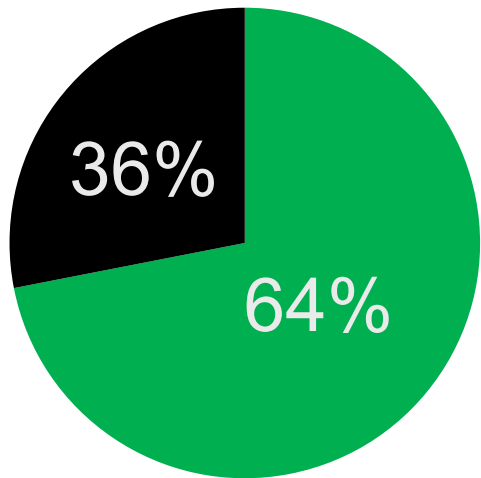


**Every year TACs were
increased by 36%**

but in 2019-2020 by 40-50%

Why is it a problem?

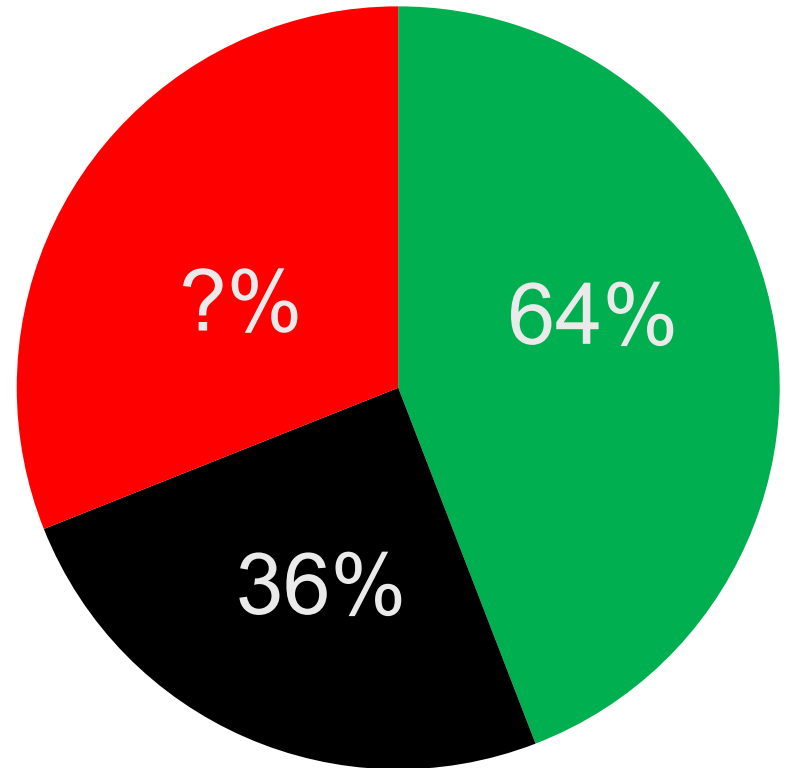
In theory



Landings + Discards

TOTAL 100%

In reality



Illegal discards + Landings + Discards

TOTAL 100% + ?%

**incremental increase in LO
exemptions**

**All TACs under some kind
of exemption!**

Why is it important?

- Overfishing in Europe decreased but has stabilized in recent years
- But it can increase again!
- The basis for scientific advice may be incorrect

Conclusion

Implosion of the EU TAC system!!!



What to do next?

At-Sea Monitoring & Control!





Questions?



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