



**Bass Anglers' Sportfishing Society**

**BASS Catch Recording Scheme 2025 – Key Performance Indicators**

Table 1 below provides Key Performance Indicators from scheme participants fishing in areas with commercial bass fisheries (UK & Channel Islands) for 2025 and the preceding four years of the scheme (where available).

<b>Year</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Returns	13	26	32	35	35
No. of Counties	10	20	19	18	24
Fish caught	861	2290	2919	3133	3428
Fish per return	66	88	91	89	98
Trips	552	1038	1490	1470	1481
Hours	Not recorded	3149	4121	4497	4693
Fish per trip	1.57	2.21	1.96 (1.64*)	2.13 (1.93*)	2.31
Fish per hour	Not available	0.73	0.71 (0.59**)	0.70 (0.62**)	0.73
% Productive trips	49.8	60.5	53.7	57.3	55.5
Ave length (cm)	43	39.8	40.2	41.1	41.5
% 42cm and above	58.6	47.2	45.2	50.1	49.2
% 50cm and above	19.9	15.5	17.0	22.0	21.1
% 60cm and above	4.2	2.0	1.5	2.2	3.1
Hours per 42cm+ fish	Not available	2.9	3.1	2.9	2.8
Hours per 50cm+ fish	Not available	8.9	8.3	6.5	6.5
Hours per 60cm and above	Not available	68.5	91.6	65.2	44.3
% fish retained	Not available	1.8 (est)	4.9 (est)	5.6	3.1

Table 1 Key Performance Indicators 2021 – 2025 for UK & CI



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Fig. 1 below shows the frequency at length for all fish caught by scheme participants in the UK and Channel Islands during 2025.

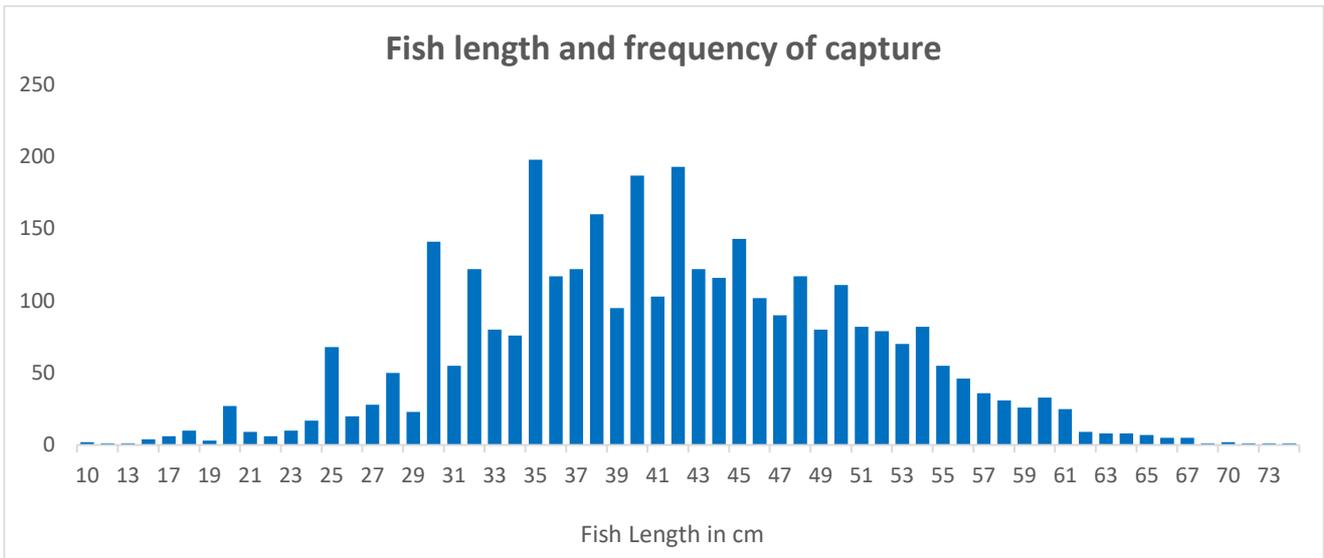


Fig. 1 Fish length and frequency of capture 2025 – UK & CI

Fig. 2 below shows the numbers at length (in 5cm increments) of all fish caught during each of the 5 years of the scheme (UK & CI), with a correction factor applied giving the same total number each year to show size distribution changes.

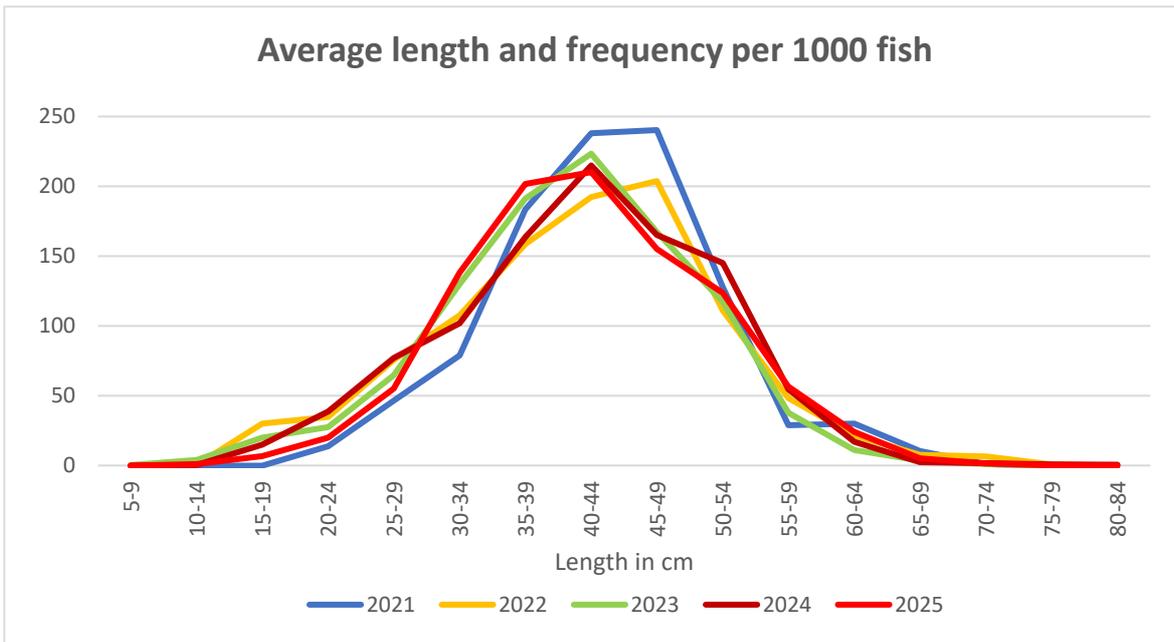


Fig. 2 Fish length and frequency 2021 – 2025 corrected – UK & CI



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Table 2 below shows the numbers at age of scale samples sent in by BASS members in 2025.

<b>Age</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>NR*</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>No.</b>	1	1	5	1	14	15	7	20	7	11	5	1	2	1	5	96

Table 2 Numbers at age of scale samples received in 2025. \*NR = Non Reads.

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