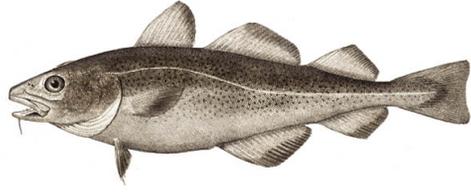


Fishery Profile
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Atlantic cod N Labrador

 Fishery:  N Labrador  Canada 2GH  Canada  Bottom trawls

IDENTIFICATION

SCIENTIFIC NAME
Gadus morhua
SPECIES NAME(S)

Atlantic cod

COMMON NAMES

2GH cod, northern cod

STOCK IDENTIFICATION

Cod in the Northern Labrador region has been evaluated as a stock since the 1970s, when it was considered to have been more severely depleted than fisheries to the south. However it is not definite that it constitutes a discrete stock, and information is lacking as the targeted commercial fishery has been closed since 1996 and surveying has been incomplete (DFO, 2005). The Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife considers a Newfoundland and Labrador "Designatable Unit" which includes this (NAFO 2GH) management unit, along with Newfoundland cod (NAFO 2J3KL), and Southern Grand Bank cod (NAFO 3NO) (COSEWIC, 2010).


RELATED LINKS:

- [Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada \(DFO\)](#)
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ASSESSMENT
Strengths

- The compliance with the moratorium is high.
- Cod bycatch in shrimp fisheries is low.
- Impacts on environment and biodiversity are presently non-existent due to the moratorium on fishing (no directed fishery).

Weaknesses

- Information on the Labrador cod stock is sparse and there is no survey time series from which to evaluate trends.
- This stock has shown no sign of recovery since a moratorium on directed fishing was imposed in 1993.
- An evaluation of the status by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) classified cod in the area as Endangered.
- Previous impacts on the ecosystem are not known.

SCORES
Management Quality:

Management Strategy	Managers Compliance	Fishers Compliance
< 6	10	10

Stock Health:

Current Health	Future Health
< 6	NOT YET SCORED

FIPS

No related FIPs

MSC

No related MSC fisheries

RECOMMENDATIONS
RETAILERS & SUPPLY CHAIN

- Start a fishery improvement project (FIP) to address the lack of publicly available information on this fishery. For advice on starting a FIP, see SFP's Seafood Industry Guide to FIPs and other resources at <https://www.sustainablefish.org/Programs/Professional-Guidance/FIP-Toolkit-Resources>.
- Encourage scientists to share their studies/publications with FishSource by commenting on the profile and uploading a hyperlink to the document.
- Work with the government and scientists on the collection of data and make them accessible online.