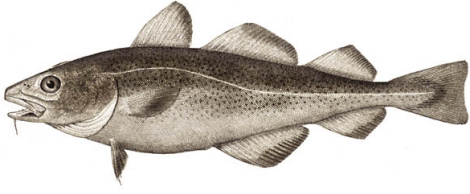


Atlantic cod Norwegian coastal

 Fishery:  Norwegian coastal  Norway inshore  Norway  Single boat midwater otter trawls

IDENTIFICATION



SCIENTIFIC NAME

Gadus morhua

SPECIES NAME(S)

Atlantic cod

STOCK IDENTIFICATION

Although their distributions overlap, Norwegian coastal cod is assessed separately from [cod in the Barents Sea](#). However, further stock structuring between fjords is very likely so any smaller stocks and the genetic diversity they represent may be at risk (ICES, 2012a).



RELATED LINKS:

- [Norwegian Directorate of Fisheries \(DoF\)](#)
- [International Council for the Exploration of the Sea \(ICES\)](#)

ASSESSMENT

Strengths

A precautionary rebuilding plan was put in operation in 2011. Numerous technical regulations and restrictions have been introduced in recent years to shift catches to outside the fjords where Barents Sea cod is more abundant than coastal cod. An age-based assessment model has been used in recent assessments, improving confidence in results. Part of the fishery is covered since 2011 by a certification unit of the Marine Stewardship Council.

Weaknesses

The stock is in poor condition; reproductive biomass is close to its lowest value. Fishing mortality had a strong decrease in 2013 but is still too high to permit stock increase. A single TAC is issued for both Norwegian Coastal and Barents Sea cod, undermining effective catch control. The expected share of this TAC for Norwegian Coastal cod is routinely exceeded. The recovery plan is not being effectively implemented by the management measures implemented. Recreational fishing activity catches a considerable amount of coastal cod but catches estimates are rather uncertain. Several stocks may be present in the Norwegian fjords, and the joint assessment and management may imply a risk to individual stocks.

SCORES

Management Quality:

Management Strategy	Managers Compliance	Fishers Compliance
≥ 6	< 6	8.9

Stock Health:

Current Health	Future Health
3	7.5

FIPS

No related FIPs

MSC

- Norway North East Arctic cod:

MSC Recertified

RECOMMENDATIONS

RETAILERS & SUPPLY CHAIN

- Monitor the progress in closing out conditions placed upon the MSC certification of the fishery and if agreed timelines are met. Offer assistance in closing conditions where possible.