

Fishery Profile
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Atlantic cod St. Pierre Bank

 Fishery:  3Ps  Canada 3Ps  Canada  Gillnets and entangling nets

IDENTIFICATION


SCIENTIFIC NAME
Gadus morhua
SPECIES NAME(S)

Atlantic cod

COMMON NAMES

3P Cod

STOCK IDENTIFICATION

There are numerous studies on the Atlantic cod's stock structure along the NE Atlantic (NAFO) but the population structure and migration patterns are considered as a complex, with inshore and offshore components (*DFO 2017*). According to the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) designatable units (DU) are considered and the St. Pierre Bank unit (NAFO 3Ps) is part of the Laurentian North DU with the Northern Gulf of St. Lawrence (NAFO 3Pn4RS). St. Pierre bank is considered for assessment and management purposes (*Government of Canada 2011*).


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ASSESSMENT

Strengths

- The fishery is evaluated annually through survey, catch and tagging data.
- The stock spawning biomass has increased to above Blrp in 2011 and has been stable since.
- Managers have recently adopted a Conservation Plan and Rebuilding Strategy (CPRS) and is now shaping scientific advice.
- Stock is under MSC review with a final report due Aug-2015.

Weaknesses

The fishery does not consist of a single stock but of a complex set of sub-components which impairs the estimation of the population size and the effects of TAC levels. Current analytic assessment lacks the ability to produce MSY-type reference points. Limit reference points are not based on stock productivity, but on reference years, which may not reflect current productivity. Target reference points are not in use but are being redefined.

SCORES

Management Quality:

Management Strategy	Managers Compliance	Fishers Compliance
≥ 6	≥ 6	10

Stock Health:

Current Health	Future Health
7.2	≥ 6

FIPS

- Canada Atlantic Cod (3PS) - longline/rawl/gillnet/hook & line:

Stage 3 , Progress Rating C , Type: Fip , Evaluation Start Date: 10 Oct 2017

MSC

- Canada/Newfoundland 3Ps cod:

Suspended