





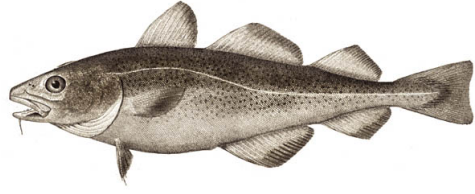
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# Atlantic cod Faroe Plateau

 Fishery:  Faroe Plateau  Faroe Islands, Division Vb1  Faroe Islands  Longlines

## IDENTIFICATION


**SCIENTIFIC NAME**
*Gadus morhua*
**SPECIES NAME(S)**

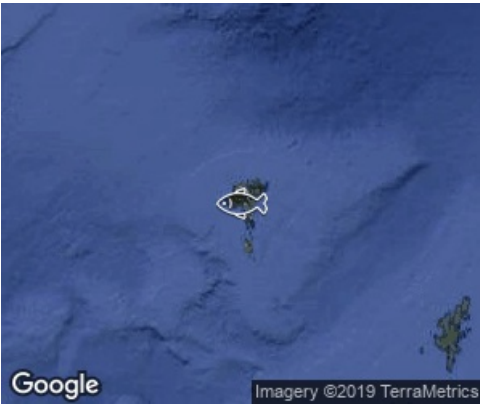
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**COMMON NAMES**

Faroe plateau cod

**STOCK IDENTIFICATION**

Both genetic and tagging studies suggest the cod on the Faroe Plateau (Division Vb1) as a distinct biological stock from cod on the [Faroe Bank](#) (Division Vb2) and on Icelandic waters (Division Va) (ICES, 2013b).


**RELATED LINKS:**

- [Faroese Ministry of Fisheries](#)
- [International Council for the Exploration of the Sea \(ICES\)](#)

## ASSESSMENT

**Strengths**

Data for stock assessments is of good quality and an analytical assessment is performed. Several area and season and area closures are in place to protect young cod and mature stock during spawning time.

**Weaknesses**

Spawning stock biomass remains at the lowest levels in the fishery's history. Even with the closure fishery the stock is expected to remain around  $B_{lim}$  in the short term. Fishing mortality dropped but remains higher than  $F_{MSY}$  under the effort management system.

**Options**

Reduce fishery effort and implement a recovery plan. Review effort management system in terms of environmental effects, price differential on fishing mortality. Increase age sampling.

## SCORES

**Management Quality:**

Management Strategy	Managers Compliance	Fishers Compliance
< 6	< 6	< 6

**Stock Health:**

Current Health	Future Health
6.3	6.9

## FIPS

No related FIPs

## MSC

No related MSC fisheries