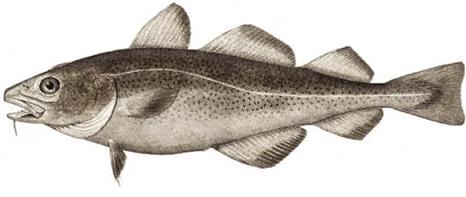


Atlantic cod Faroe Plateau

IDENTIFICATION



SCIENTIFIC NAME

Gadus morhua

SPECIES NAME(S)

Atlantic cod

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

Fisheries

Within FishSource, the term "fishery" is used to indicate each unique combination of a flag country with a fishing gear, operating within a particular management unit, upon a resource. That resource may have a known biological stock structure and/or may be assessed at another level for practical or jurisdictional reasons. A fishery is the finest scale of resolution captured in FishSource profiles, as it is generally the scale at which sustainability can most fairly and practically be evaluated.

 ASSESSMENT UNIT	 MANAGEMENT UNIT	 FLAG COUNTRY	 FISHING GEAR
Faroe Plateaumng	Faroe Islands, Division Vb1	Faroe Islands	Bottom trawls
			Longlines

Management Unit

 MANAGEMENT UNIT	ORGANIZATION	FISHING AREA
Faroe Islands, Division Vb1	Faroese Ministry of Fisheries	FAO 27.5.b.1