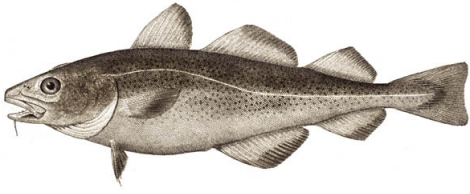


# Atlantic cod N Labrador

## 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.

# 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.

 <b>ASSESSMENT UNIT</b>	 <b>MANAGEMENT UNIT</b>	 <b>FLAG COUNTRY</b>	 <b>FISHING GEAR</b>
N Labradormng	Canada 2GH	Canada	Bottom trawls

## Management Unit

 <b>MANAGEMENT UNIT</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>FISHING AREA</b>
Canada 2GH	Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)	FAO 212.H, FAO 212.G