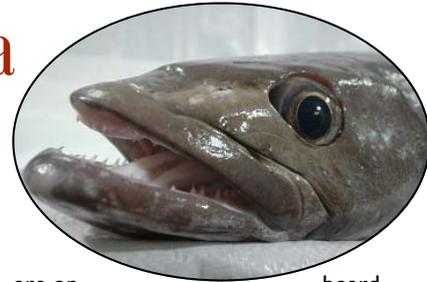




# Toothfish Fact Sheet

FALKLAND ISLANDS

## 41.3.2 - Southern Patagonia



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• VESSEL:  
**CFL GAMBLER**

• OPERATOR:  
**CONSOLIDATED FISHERIES LIMITED**

The Falkland Island toothfish fishery consists of all areas within the Falkland Islands Inner (FICZ) and Outer (FOCZ) Conservation Zones in depths exceeding 650 metres.

The fishery began in 1994 with 2 exploratory licences awarded to Consolidated Fisheries Ltd, a consortium of local fishing companies. It was originally fished by 2 vessels, either owned or chartered by the company, but since 2008, following the introduction of a quota system in the fishery, there has been one vessel operating in the zone.

Until 2007 TAC was limited by

effort: there were no restrictions on volume of catch or seasons, but by number of vessels licensed to catch. Since then a system of Individual Transferable Quota (ITQ) has been in place granting CFL access to the resource for 25 years and a quota, revised annually, has limited TAC. Fishing effort is still year-round making the TAC achievable by one vessel.

Although the Falkland Islands do not fall within CCAMLR waters, regulations on fishing methods and effects have mirrored CCAMLR requirements, leading to zero bird mortality as a result of fishing activities over the last few years. Dedicated observers

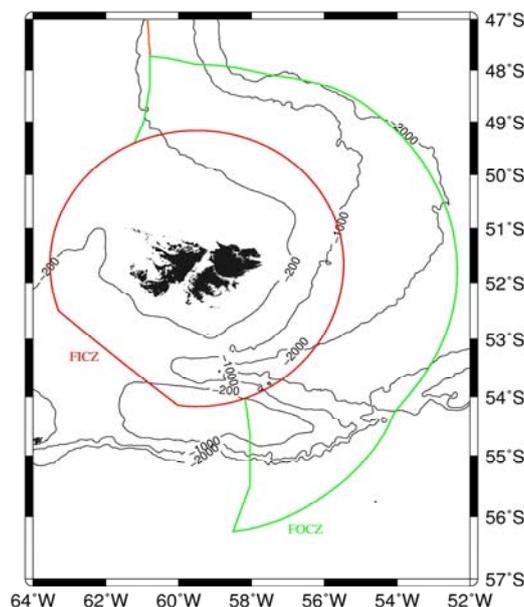
are on board throughout the year

The zone is well patrolled by air and sea safe-guarding the fishery against illegal operations. Since the mid 1990's there has been no recorded incident of IUU fishing for toothfish in Falklands waters.

In 2007 CFL and the Fisheries Department undertook a jointly-funded re-



Falkland Islands Interim and Outer Conservation Zones



search programme into the life-cycle and breeding patterns of local toothfish, which is used to monitor stock assessment, manage the TAC and ensure long-term sustainability of the fishery.



The fishery was certified under the MSC Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing in March 2014



CFL Gambler operates in the Falklands Conservation Zones. The red line delineates the FICZ and the green line the FOCZ

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