

# PATAGONIAN & ANTARCTIC TOOTHFISH TRUE or FALSE?

#### TOOTHFISH ARE ENDANGERED

toothfish were overfished in some

regions during the

height of IUU fishing

problem

years

due to elimination of most IUU fishing, all stocks are recovering or recovered.

IUU catches are factored into legal catch limits, meaning legal operators remain within sustainable catch limits at all times.



TOOTHFISH ARE SLOW GROWING, SO CANNOT BE SUSTAINABLY FISHED.

**FALSE** 

#### 12-15 YEARS 35 YEARS **REACH MATURITY**

SCIENTISTS take this into consideration, along with many other factors, when advising CCAMLR on allowable sustainable catches. Many commercial fish species live much longer than 35 years.

#### LEGAL TOOTHFISH FISHING KILLS THOUSANDS OF SEABIRDS

**FALSE** 

Legal fishers use a number of mitigation methods to avoid seabird bycatch:

- Weighted mainline
- Streamer lines



CCAMLR methods to mitigate seabird bycatch have been called:

#### WORLD'S BEST PRACTICE

## WHO ARE WE? COALITION OF LEGAL TOOTHFISH OPERATORS INC.



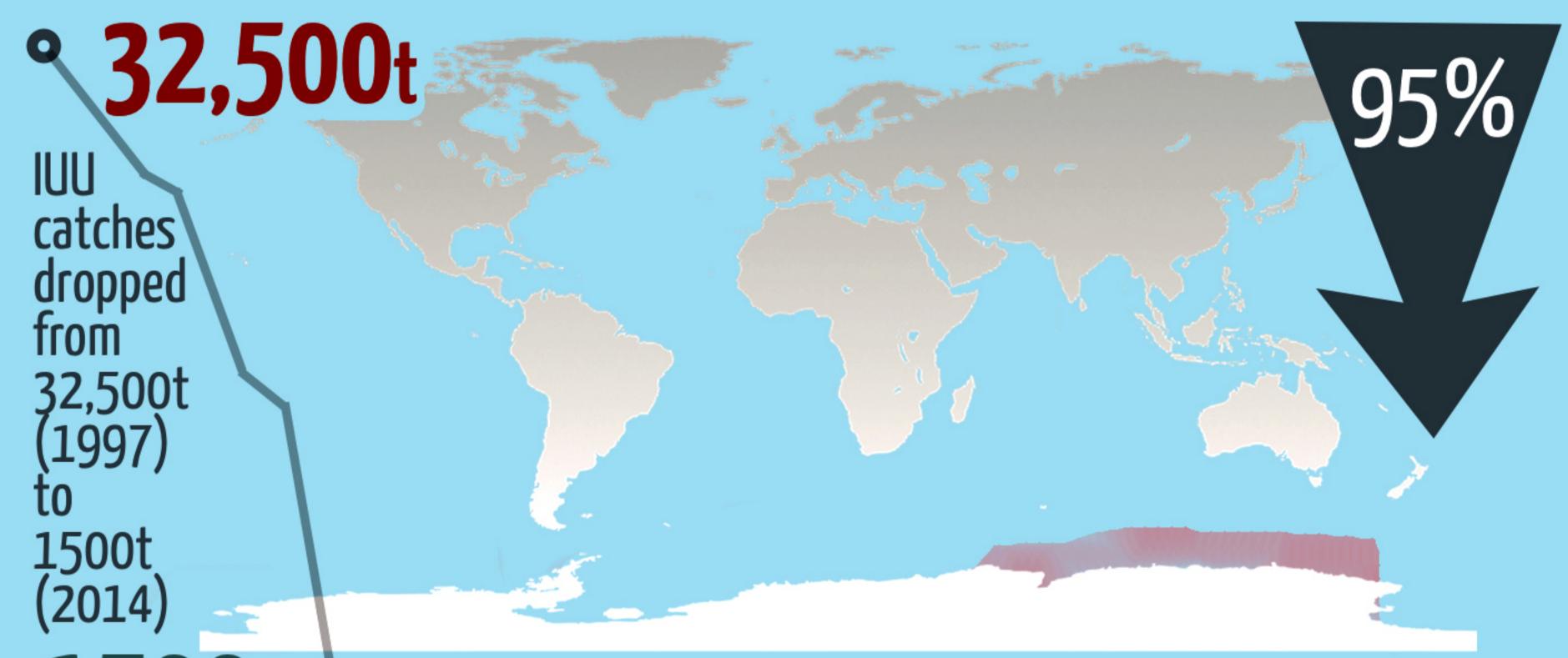
- promote sustainable toothfish fishing and fisheries; - facilitate its Members working together and with others, including through continued provision of high quality scientific data to CCAMLR; and to - provide effective representation for its Members.



#### LLEGAL FISHING IS RAMPANT

**FALSE** 

IUU fishing for toothfish has dropped by over 95% since its peak. A Catch Documentation Scheme and Port State legislation are two factors that have contributed to this decline.



The (much smaller) problem has now shifted south to the high seas regions where legal technicalities mean IUU fishing vessels can operate in an unregulated manner.

#### TOOTHFISH FISHING REDUCES FOOD FOR WHALES, SEALS & OTHER PREDATORS

**FALSE** 

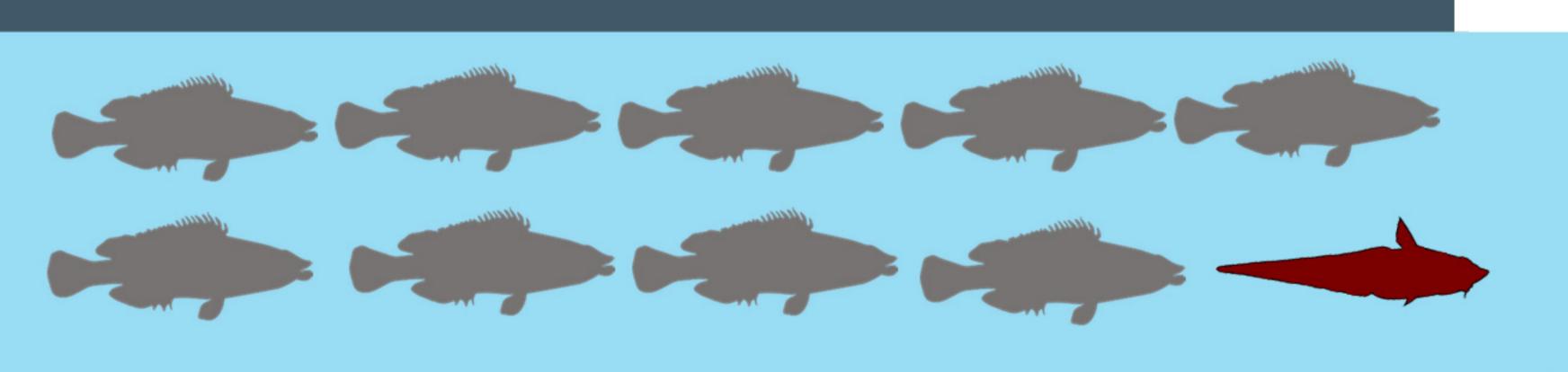
# ECOSYSTEM APPROACH

CCAMLR uses an 'ecosystem' model of management, meaning all species of the Antarctic marine ecosystem are taken into consideration when scientists set allowable catches for toothfish.



#### TOOTHFISH FISHING CATCHES LOTS OF BYCATCH

**FALSE** 



bycatch accounts for approximately 10% of the legal catch. All bycatch is monitored by independent scientific observers and limits reviewed annually by CCAMLR.

## TOOTHFISH FISHERIES ARE NOT SUSTAINABLE

As a consumer, you need to ensure you're buying sustainably caught fish. Independent scientific programs have rated six toothfish fisheries as being sustainable. These programs & organisations include:







