

PATAGONIAN & ANTARCTIC TOOTHFISH

TRUE or FALSE?

TOOTHFISH ARE ENDANGERED

FALSE

1994-2004
toothfish were overfished in some regions during the height of IUU fishing problem

10
years

2004 - now
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
REACH MATURITY

35 YEARS
RELATIVE MAX AGE

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

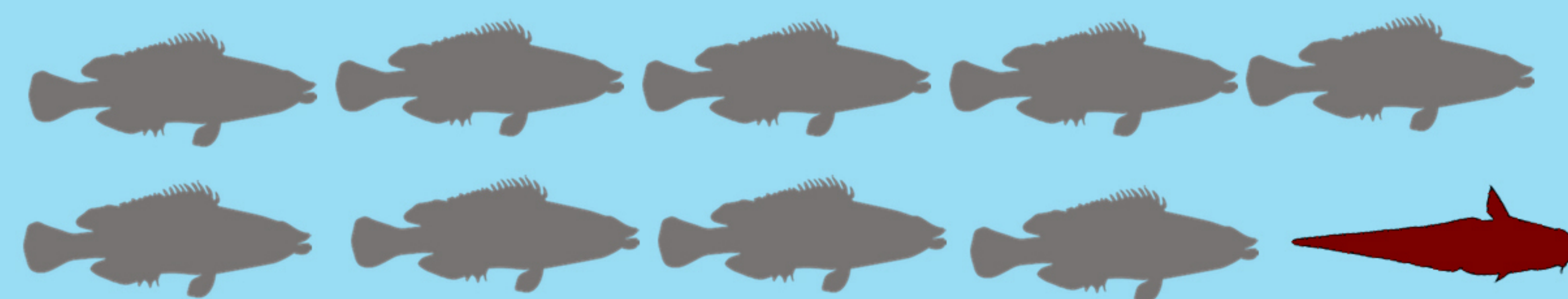
Legal fishers use a number of mitigation methods to avoid seabird bycatch:

- Weighted mainline
- Streamer lines
- Seasonal closures
- Offal management

CCAMLR methods to mitigate seabird bycatch have been called :
WORLD'S BEST PRACTICE

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.

10%

TOOTHFISH FISHERIES ARE NOT SUSTAINABLE

FALSE

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:



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.



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