



Toothfish Fact Sheet

CHILE

SOUTH PACIFIC

Chilean EEZ - FAO Area 87

- **2018 TAC:**
NORTH OF 47°S
1,491 T
- **SOUTH OF 47°S**
1,656 T

- **8 VESSELS:**
GLOBALPESCA I
GLOBALPESCA II
GLOBALPESCA III
CISNE BLANCO
CISNE VERDE
PUERTO BALLENA
PUERTO TORO
PUERTO WILLIAMS

- **3 OPERATORS:**
GLOBALPESCA
PESCA CHILE
PESCA CISNE

*As at 15/05/2018

The Toothfish fishery in the Chilean EEZ is divided into two different management areas.

The area north of 47°S is reserved for the artisanal fishermen. Fish here is caught by a large number (150+) of wet fish longline vessels with a maximum length of 18m. The quota is set with an Olympic system (no individual quotas assigned). This fleet sells the catch to land-based factories that process mainly fillets and portions for the export markets.

The area south of 47°S is managed by an individual transferable quota (ITQ) system. Quotas are sold in public tender and are granted for 10 years. In this area the licensed operators have formed an industry association, AOBAC (Association of toothfish operators of the Magallanes Region). These companies operate a fleet of freezer longline vessels based out of Punta Arenas.

The fishery is regulated by Chilean fishing law, as well as CCAMLR regulations where applicable. All vessels are equipped with VMS and all shipments are backed by a *Dissostichus* Catch Document (DCD). All industrial vessels carry scientific observers on board and supply all basic operational information to the Chilean Fisheries Development Institute (IFOP) who keep record of all fishing data.

Following the new Fishing Law, enforced in 2013, the toothfish fishery (as all others) are managed by the Fishing Undersecretary following the advice of the Scientific Committee and under the terms of a mandatory Management Plan of the

fishery. Quotas south of 47°S were set at 3,000t for years, but the Scientific Committee reduced it sharply in 2014, with small increases in 2015 and 2016, claiming an over exploitation of the resource. The Management Plan is still being developed so this theory has not yet been fully tested.

The Chilean toothfish industry is fully committed to the long term sustainability of the resource and supports any action taken in that direction. The industry's intention is to collaborate with science and government to determine the maximum sustainable yield of the resource and aims to get the fishery MSC certified in the near future.

