



Toothfish Fact Sheet

FRANCE

58.5.1 - KERGUELEN ISLANDS

58.6 - CROZET ISLANDS

2017/18 TAC:

58.5.1: 5,050 T

58.6: 1,100 T

7 VESSELS:

ALBIUS

CAP KERSAINT

CROIX DU SUD

ILE BOURBON

ILE DE LA REUNION

MASCAREIGNES III

LE SAINT-ANDRE

6 OPERATORS:

ARMAS PECHE

CAP BOURBON

COMATA SCAPECHE

LES ARMEMENTS REUNIONNAIS

PECHE AVENIR

SAPMER

*As at 15/05/2018

In November 2002, 6 ship operators formed a union named SARPC (Syndicat des Armements Réunionnais de Palangriers Congélateurs), an independent member of the UAPF union (Union des Armateurs à la Pêche de France), whose aim is to work together on the perpetuation of the resource and the protection of the environment. In 2013, SARPC created the Southern Seas Companies Foundation to manage their environmental research projects in the Southern Ocean.

7 French flagged ships, all registered in TAAF are legally allowed to fish in these zones and unload their catches in Reunion Island. Strict rules and regulations are set by the TAAF administrations to fish in these zones:

- Each vessel must have a fish controller on board.
- Fishing season runs from September 1 to August 31 each year. The ships make 3 to 4 fishing trips during each season.

- Presence of an independent inspector is mandatory for each unloading and storing as well as the loading of each container due to be exported.

Crozet and Kerguelen fishing zones are managed and regulated by M.N.H.N (Museum national d'Histoire Naturelle) and the TAAF administration, who define the SARPC TAC (Total Admissible of Capture). The attribution of quotas to each ship is based upon specific criteria such as:

- Protection of the resource and the environment

- Efficiency in fighting bird mortality
- Respect of regulations
- Ability to fish the allocated quota
- Respect of social and economic standards

In 2013, the Kerguelen Islands fishery received independent **MSC certification** as a sustainable and well managed fishery. Crozet received its MSC certification in 2017.

Complementary to their work as fishermen, the crews are strongly involved in the protection of the resource & the environment and fight against IUU fishing.

