



Toothfish Fact Sheet

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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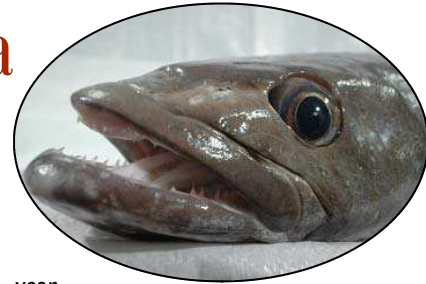
• VESSEL:

CFL HUNTER

• OPERATOR:

CONSOLIDATED
FISHERIES
LIMITED

41.3.2 - Southern Patagonia



The Falkland Island toothfish fishery consists of all areas within the Falkland Islands Inner (FICZ) and Outer (FOCZ) Conservation Zones in depths exceeding 600 m.

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 re-

strictions 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

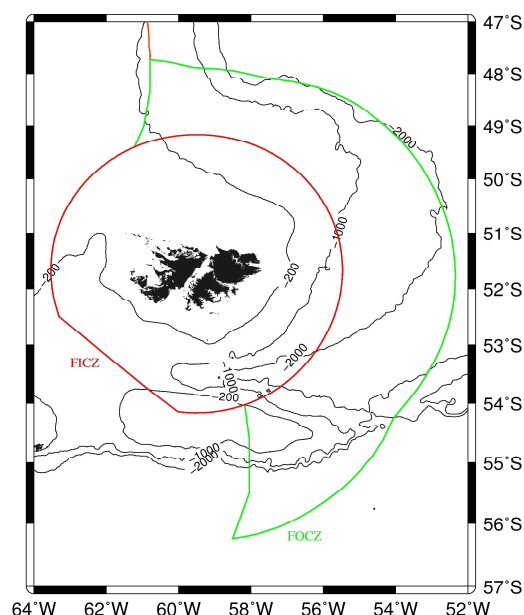
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The zone is well patrolled by air and sea safe-guarding the fishery against illegal operations with no recorded IUU incidents in recent years. In March 2014 the fishery was certified under the MSC Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing.



CFL Hunter arrives in Stanley 26/05/17

Falkland Islands Interim and Outer Conservation Zones



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

In 2017 CFL took delivery of a new vessel, the CFL Hunter, which commenced its working life with a scientific research cruise, to meet MSC conditions and further our knowledge of the fishery as a whole. Research objectives included a tagging programme, hook trials to reduce by-catch, and an investigation into impacts of fishing on the benthos using underwater cameras.



As at 15/06/23