

Canada Atlantic cod (3Ps) - longline/trawl/gillnet/hook & line

Overview

FIP Description

The MSC certificate for this fishery was voluntarily suspended by certificate holders in light of recently renewed concerns about stock health resulting from changes in the ecosystem. The Atlantic Groundfish Council (AGC), an industry association for offshore fishery companies in Canada, has subsequently initiated a Fishery Improvement Project (FIP) that will be supported by the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership (SFP). This FIP aims to complete an action plan that includes continued compliance with, and reporting on, all conditions associated with the suspended MSC certification and will serve to guide the fishery back to MSC certification as soon as possible. The FIP action plan will include improving the stock assessment model, gaining insight into the ecosystem drivers and exploring the role of discrete components in supporting the overall stock complex.

How is this FIP Doing?

Current Status:

4%

96%

Actions Progress This shows the proportion of actions in the workplan that the FIP has completed.

90%

Actions Overview This shows the proportion of actions that are behind schedule, on track, completed, or not yet started.

Behind	On Track	Complete	Future
0%	10%	90%	0%

Red Indicator Progress This shows the proportion of actions specifically addressing red indicators that are behind schedule, on track, completed, or not yet started. This helps users understand the progress the FIP is making on the biggest challenges in the fishery.

Behind	On Track	Complete	Future
0%	50%	50%	0%

FIP Progress Rating

A - Advanced Progress

FIP Objective(s)

The overall objective for this FIP is successful MSC re-certification of the fishery after improving aspects of fishery science and management. Remaining FIP objectives now expected to be achieved by April 2026 are:

- Manage stock rebuilding until it is highly likely the stock is above the LRP.
- Revise existing rebuilding plan and develop stock projection capability to confirm stock rebuilding time.
- Improve the harvest strategy for the stock to effectively respond to the state of the stock.
- Revise and test harvest control rules that are robust to main uncertainties.
- Continue improvements identified in initial MSC certification conditions.

FIP Type

Comprehensive

FIP Stage

Stage 4: Improvements in Fishing Practices or Fishery Management

Start and Projected End Dates

May, 2017 -
April, 2026

Species

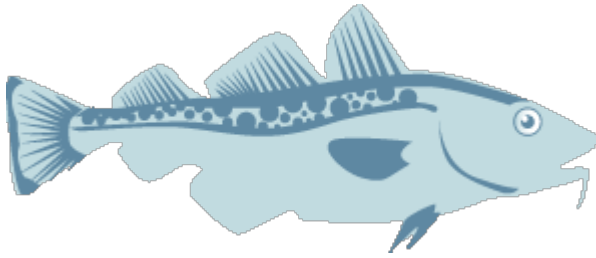
Common Name

Atlantic Cod

Scientific Name

Gadus morhua

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Gear Type

[Bottom Longline](#)

[Bottom Trawl](#)

[Gillnet](#)

[Hook & Line](#)

Location

FAO Major Fishing Area

[Area 21 \(Atlantic, Northwest\)](#)

Exclusive Economic Zones

Country

Canada

Geographic Scope

Canada has 84.4% of the 3Ps cod TAC off southern Newfoundland

Country

France

Geographic Scope

France has 15.6% of the 3Ps cod TAC around St. Pierre and Miquelon

Estimated Total FIP Landings

1118 metric tons

FIP Leads

Organization Name

Atlantic Groundfish Council

Organization Type

Industry

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