



Blue cod

Parapercis colias

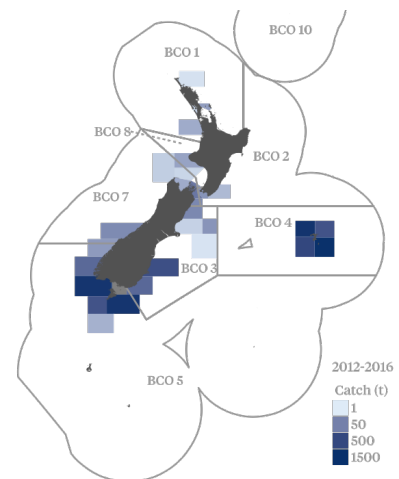
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Average Weight:
0.8-1.5kg

Average Length:
30-40cm

Blue cod are endemic to New Zealand and are an important recreational species in southern regions.

Fishing Areas



2017 Catch Quantities:

The Commercial harvest limit
2,332t

The Commercial catch
2,155t

QMS Managed:

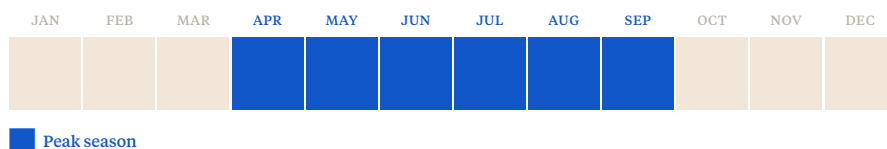
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MOST RECENT ASSESSMENT
July 2017

MANAGEMENT AREAS ASSESSED
4 & 5

Fishing Season: Year-round



Fishing Methods



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SUSTAINABILITY

The purpose of New Zealand's fisheries law is to provide for the utilisation of fisheries resources while ensuring sustainability.

Under this law, utilisation means conserving, using, enhancing, and developing fisheries resources to enable people to provide for their social, economic, and cultural well-being.

The rights and allocations for commercial fishers are therefore considered in a wider environmental, social and economic context for the benefit of New Zealand, not just fishing companies.

97% 97% of New Zealand's commercial catch comes from sustainably managed fish stocks.

SUPPLY CHAIN

All rules pertaining to commercial fishing in New Zealand are mandated by a number of key pieces of legislation. The Fisheries Act 1983 laid the groundwork for the Quota Management System (QMS).

The Fisheries Act 1986 heralded the introduction of individual transferable quota (ITQs). The Fisheries Act 1996 further refined New Zealand's fisheries management system by separating harvest rights and ownership of quota rights. These created the QMS in its current form today.

1,165 There are 1,165 registered commercial fishing vessels in New Zealand, ranging from row boats to factory trawlers.

WORKFORCE

Under New Zealand's health and safety law, business operators have a primary duty of care to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health and safety of workers and other persons involved in the business. When it comes to managing risks at sea, they are responsible for identifying risks and hazards, putting in place controls to eliminate or minimise risks and hazards, keep applying these controls and periodically reviewing them.

370 Last year, Maritime New Zealand oversaw 370 surveys of fishing vessels under MTOC or Safe Ship Management Systems.

RISK SCORE SUMMARY

A summary of the seafood risk assessment scores is provided below. For the full report, visit www.openseas.org.nz/fish/blue-cod

	BCO4_Potting	BCO5_Potting
Target species	Low	Low
Bycatch and ecosystems	Low	Low
Management systems	Low	Low