New Zealand Rock Lobster

*Jasus edwardsii*

Also known as:
Koura, Pawharu, Spiny rock lobster, Rock lobster, Red rock lobster, Crayfish, Southern rock lobster

Rock lobsters are the most commercially valuable of New Zealand’s inshore fisheries.

**Average Weight:**

0.6-1.0 kg

**Average Tail Width:**

54-100 mm

**Commercial Catch Allowance**

2019/20

2,750 t

2018/19

2,706 t

**Fishing Season:** Year-round

**Commercial Catch**

2018/19

2,706 t

**Fishing Methods**

Pots & Traps

**Historic Catch Quantity Data:**

[Graph showing catch data]

**Fishing Areas**

MANAGEMENT AREAS ASSESSED

2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 8

**QMS Managed:**

YES

**Most Recent Assessment:**

July 2017

**Management Areas Assessed:**

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### SUSTAINABILITY

New Zealand’s Ministry for Primary Industries employs fisheries scientists to oversee the collection and analyses of scientific information to inform fisheries management and conservation decisions.

Regular stock assessments are undertaken to estimate fishery stock size and numbers. Scientific studies are also used to assess the biology of fish. From these, scientists can estimate future stock sizes under different commercial catch limits, analyse whether they are within sustainable limits, and inform the Minister to allocate catch accordingly.

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### SUPPLY CHAIN

As part of food safety requirements, New Zealand seafood businesses are required to have systems that allow product to be identified and tracked on a one step backwards and one step forward basis.

There are also specific regulatory requirements for inventory control and recalls. For seafood processing activities, this extends to being able to identify the source of all food inputs such as raw materials, additives, other ingredients, and packaging.

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### WORKFORCE

Compliance with legal requirements provides the minimum standard for fisher compensation and working conditions. The New Zealand seafood industry is required to comply with all relevant legislation relating to the human rights, employment and safety of fishers. These rights and protections are specified through 13 Acts of Parliament and administered through 7 regulatory agencies. Criminal penalties can and do apply for breaches of law.

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### RISK SCORE SUMMARY

A summary of the seafood risk assessment scores is provided below. For the full report, visit [www.openseas.org.nz/species](http://www.openseas.org.nz/species)

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Any questions? We’ll be happy to help. Visit our contact page or email us at: hello@openseas.org.nz

For more detailed information, including assessment reports and associated references, visit [www.openseas.org.nz/fish/new-zealand-rock-lobster](http://www.openseas.org.nz/fish/new-zealand-rock-lobster)

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