

## Argentina Patagonian toothfish - bottom trawl

### Overview

#### FIP Description

The Argentine Patagonian toothfish FIP is being implemented by **ESTREMAR**, **NUEVA PESCANOVA (ARGENOVA S.A.)**, **PESANTAR**, and **SAN ARAWA**, with the technical support from **CeDePesca**. The FIP aims to attain a certifiable status for the fishery against the MSC standard.

Patagonian toothfish (*Dissostichus eleginoides*) is a long-lived species (> 50 years), which inhabits waters associated to the southern shelves and slopes of South America and around the sub-Antarctic islands of the Southern Ocean. There is no evidence of large-scale geographic migrations, and studies using genetics, biochemistry, parasite fauna, and tagging indicate a high degree of isolation between populations in the Indian Ocean, South Georgia, and the Patagonian Shelf.

In Argentina, the fishery is managed by the Fisheries Federal Council (Consejo Federal Pesquero, CFP) and the National Secretariat for Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries (Secretaría de Agricultura, Ganadería y Pesca de la Nación, SAGyP), while research and stock assessments are undertaken by the National Institute of Fisheries Research and Development (Instituto Nacional de Investigación y Desarrollo Pesquero, INIDEP).

The Argentine Patagonian toothfish fishery is subject to total allowable catches and individual transferable quotas issued by the CFP. This FIP addresses the fishery carried out by the Argentine bottom-trawling fleet in waters south of parallel 52°S.

### How is this FIP Doing?

#### Current Status:



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

0%

**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%	100%	0%	0%

**FIP Progress Rating**

C - Some Recent Progress

**FIP Objective(s)**

The ultimate objective of the Argentina Patagonian toothfish FIP is to achieve a certifiable status against the MSC standard by the end of March 2025. To do so, the FIP has the following specific objectives:

- To achieve the review of alternative hypothesis regarding the stock's identity. If the stock identity changes, then achieve the review of the current harvest strategy.
- To make sure that the appropriateness of the current target reference point is reviewed.
- To achieve the adoption of explicit harvest control rules.
- To collect additional data on the impacts of the fishery on the ecosystem.
- To conduct risk analyses for those ecosystem components that cannot be quantitatively assessed.
- To ensure the periodic evaluation of the performance of the fishery management system against its objectives.
- To gather information on the operation and performance of the sanction system.

**FIP Type**

Comprehensive

**FIP Stage**

Stage 4: Improvements in Fishing Practices or Fishery Management

**Start and Projected End Dates**

April, 2021 -  
March, 2025

**Species**

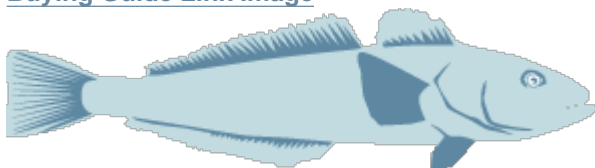
Common Name

Patagonian Toothfish

**Scientific Name**

Dissostichus eleginoides

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**Gear Type**

[Bottom Trawl](#)

**Location**

**FAO Major Fishing Area**

[Area 41 \(Atlantic, Southwest\)](#)

**Exclusive Economic Zones**

**Country**

Argentina

**Geographic Scope**

south of parallel 52°S

**Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO)**

**High Seas Name**

Atlantic Ocean

**Estimated Total FIP Landings**

3589 metric tons

**FIP Leads**

**Organization Name**

CeDePesca

**Organization Type**

NGO

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