



Environment

Managing for Sustainability.

For over 30 years, New Zealand fisheries have been managed under a globally recognised Quota Management System. Along with other fisheries stakeholders, the seafood industry is an active participant in the Government's science and consultation processes associated with the review of catch limits and other sustainability measures.

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New Zealand manages 99 unique species and 641 separate fish stocks in the Quota Management System.



95%

95% of New Zealand's commercial catch comes from sustainably managed fish stocks.



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New Zealand has been repeatedly ranked amongst the best performing fisheries nations in the world.

NEW ZEALAND APPROACH

Under the QMS, each fish stock has a sustainable catch limit and annual commercial harvest allocation. Catch limits are the primary means for managing stock sustainability in New Zealand.

IMPLEMENTATION

All fisheries research that contributes to fisheries management decisions and the setting of catch limits - irrespective of who purchases or provides it - must comply with the Government's Research and Science Information Standard for New Zealand Fisheries.

COMPLIANCE

Comprehensive reporting requirements (both at sea and on land), targeted observer coverage, electronic vessel monitoring systems (for vessels where this must be carried) and other Government enforcement activities support industry compliance with sustainability measures.

COMPARABILITY

NZ law requires all fish stocks to be managed at or above a level that produces the "maximum sustainable yield". This is consistent with both the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries.