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New Zealand Exploratory Toothfish Fishery Update

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Update on New Zealand's exploratory toothfish fishery

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Purpose of paper

This paper will summarise the results of any exploratory fishing for toothfish undertaken by New Zealand vessels under [CMM-14a-2019](#).

Fishing will be undertaken according to the requirements of CMM-14a-2019 and guided by the revised proposal discussed by Scientific Committee in 2018: [SC6-DW03 rev2](#), *New Zealand's Proposal for an extension to its Exploratory Toothfish fishery*.

At the time of submission, no fishing had occurred, although an observer had left New Zealand to board the vessel *San Aspiring* in Port Stanley. It is possible that fishing will have started by the time Scientific Committee meets and, if this is the case, any available information can be presented to the committee.