

# WORKING TOGETHER

## WHAT INDUSTRY CAN DO TO HELP



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**Coalition Of Legal Toothfish Operators**



# INDUSTRY MOTIVATION



**ACCESS RIGHTS**



**BUSINESS STABILITY**



**SUSTAINABILITY OF STOCKS**



**FRUSTRATION**



# INDUSTRY CAN PROVIDE:



**INFORMATION TO AND BETWEEN GOVTS**



**IMAGES OF BOATS**



**PUBLICITY**



**OPERATION ANALYSIS**

**... AND INDUSTRY GOSSIP**





Image: Austral Fisheries

# COALITION OF LEGAL TOOTHFISH OPERATORS



**COLTO** - COALITION OF LEGAL TOOTHFISH OPERATORS

- **SUPPORTING GOVERNMENTS AND NGO'S**
- **PROVIDING AVENUES FOR INFORMATION GATHERING AND DISSEMINATION**



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# **WANTED CAMPAIGN**



# SOURCES

INTERNATIONAL CALL  
CENTRE

INTERNET & EMAIL

UNLIKELY ALLIES:

CREW UNIONS

ANGRY LOVERS

# WANTED

## INFORMATION

LEADING TO THE CONVICTION OF

## TOOTHFISH PIRATES



# US\$100,000

## REWARD

COLTO (The Coalition of Legal Toothfish Operators) offers a reward of \$US100,000 to any person who gives information leading to the conviction on significant illegal fishing charges of fishermen, companies, directors or employees arising out of their illegal fishing activities in the Patagonian toothfish fishery.

COLTO is also offering rewards at its discretion of varying amounts up to \$US100,000 for information it considers critical in stopping or significantly reducing unauthorised fishing in the Patagonian toothfish fishery.

These rewards cover illegal and unregulated activities in any aspect of global Patagonian toothfish fisheries and trade.

send your information to [wanted@colto.org](mailto:wanted@colto.org) or visit the COLTO website

[www.COLTO.org](http://www.COLTO.org)



COLTO represents international legal toothfish operators.

Support legal and sustainable toothfish fishing

*Toothfish is also known as Chilean Sea bass, Mero and merluza/bacalao de profundidad*



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**WEBSITE**



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COLTO represents international legal toothfish operators. Support legal and sustainable toothfish fishing. Help stop the pirates.

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## What's the Latest

	Alleged toothfish pirate captain and senior crew of Viarsa 1 deny charges of illegal fishing. <a href="#">more...</a> Viarsa 1 trial date set : October 2004
	The Maya V Fisheries Department observer "dumped computer into the sea" <i>It was revealed he dumped his "technical reports and computer to the sea" before being arrested for allegedly fishing in Australian waters.</i> <a href="#">more...</a>
	A new chapter in maritime law : Attempt to claim back the <i>Volga</i> rejected. <a href="#">more...</a> <a href="#">Click here to read the full Court Decision...</a>

**Recommended Reading:**  
**Rogues Gallery**  
 "The new face of IUU fishing for toothfish"



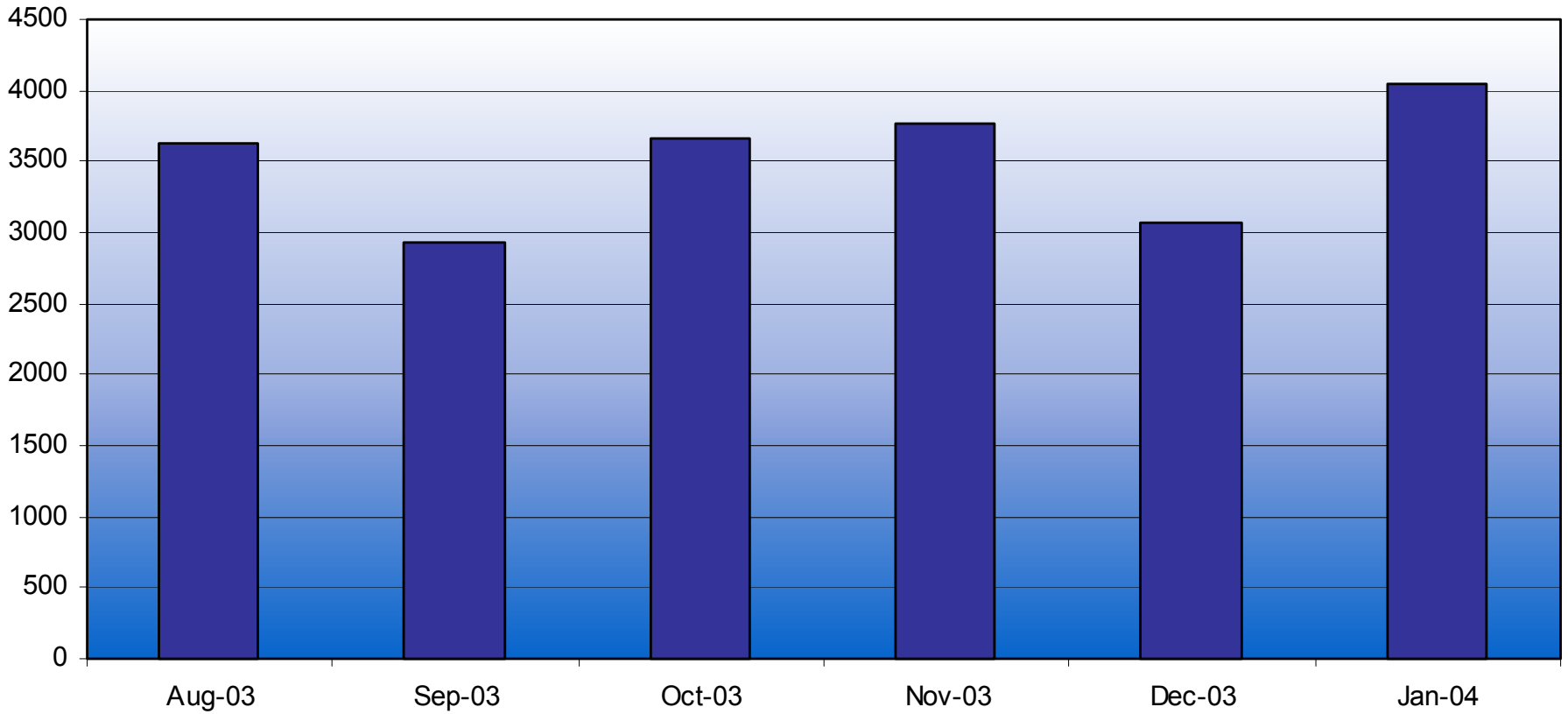
You could receive up to **US\$100,000** for information on illegal toothfish fishing  
**CLAIM YOUR REWARD**

Puede recibir hasta **100.000 \$USA** por facilitar informacion sobre barcos que pesquen toothfish ilegalmente  
**RECLAME SU RECOMPENSA**

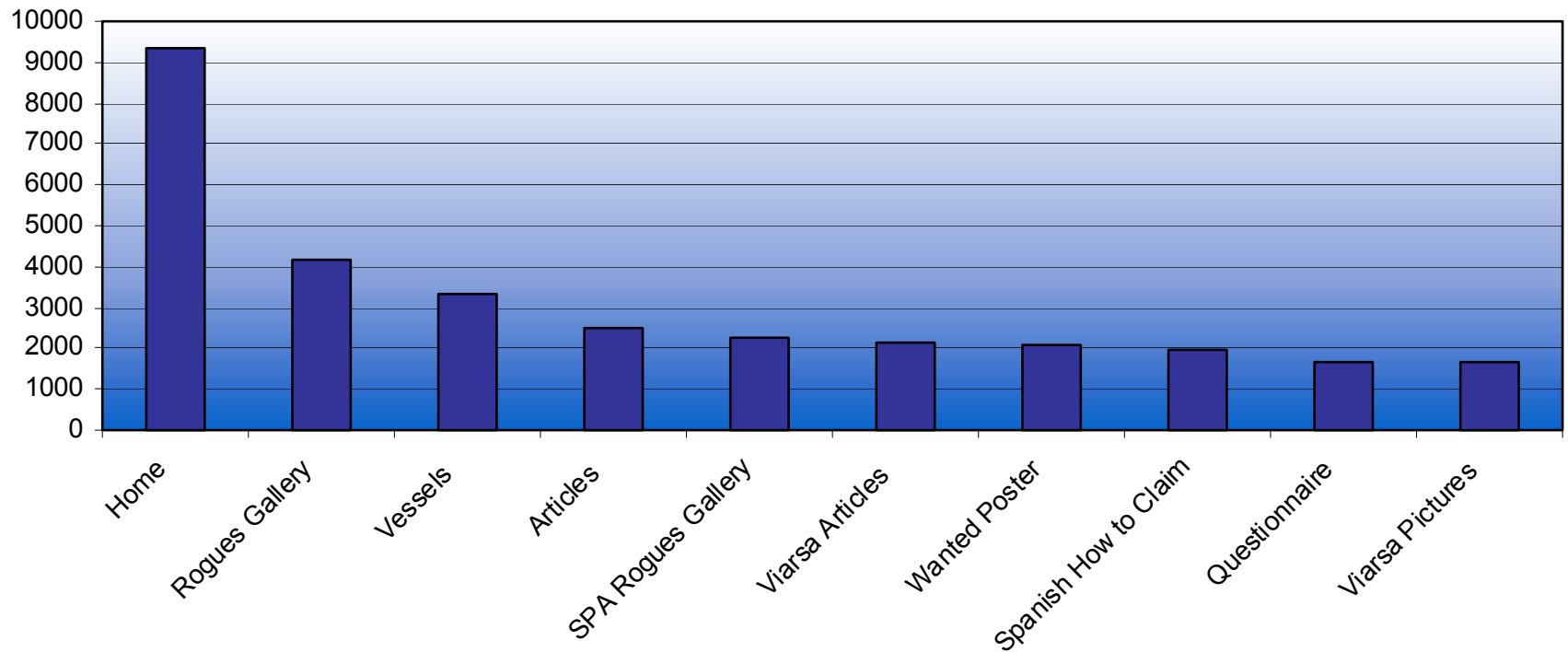
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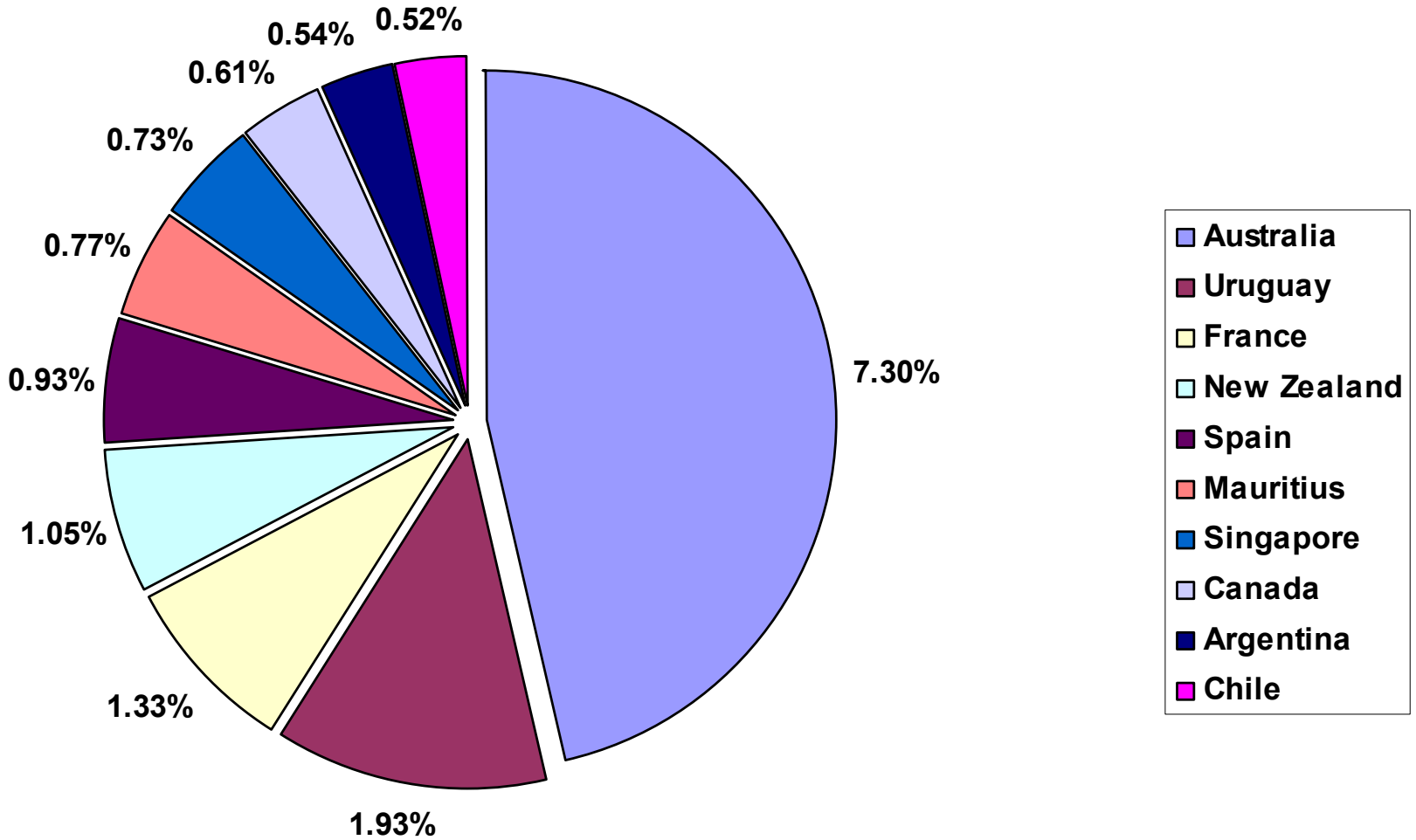
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**VESSEL COMPARISONS & IDENTIFICATIONS**



**DATABASE OF 1,300 MB & GROWING**

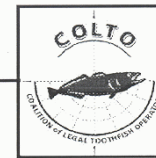


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# **VESSEL DATABASE**



# Vessel: Maya V



<b>Name</b>	Maya V	<b>Rego</b>	CXCI		
<b>LOA</b>		<b>Lloyds No.</b>	0		
<b>Beam</b>		<b>Call Sign</b>			
<b>Colour</b>	Red & White	<b>Last Updated</b>	17-Feb-04		
<b>Year Built</b>	0	<b>Old Name</b>	177		
<b>Nationality</b>	Uruguayan				
<b>Owner</b>	0				
<b>Port of Registration</b>					
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Maya V was operating under a Uruguayan Category "D" licence (international waters) issued by DINARA (Uruguay's Fisheries Department).</p> <p>On 23 January 2004, the Maya V was intercepted and boarded by the Royal Australia Navy, after alleged illegal fishing in the Australian Exclusive Economic Zone.</p>				

Owner History			
Owner	Start Date	End Date	Notes
Alcimar SA			Shared ownership with Credraf Associates SA.
Credraf Associates SA			Part owner with Alcimar SA.

Document Library			
Date	Title	Categorization	Keywords
25-Mar-04	Uruguay Drafting New Fisheries Law	Media	Legislation Uruguay Flangini DINARA
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**Email**

**E-mail ID: 495**

**Subject** RE: Varios  
**From** wanted@colto.org  
**To**  
**CC**

**InformantID** 0  
**Received** 28-Aug-03  
**Created** 28-Aug-03

Note that contact 876 (from Mauritius) had the following to say about VIRGIN OF CARMEN yesterday:

Vessel has not yet been given permission to land their product yet.168.48 Mt of toothfish on board.Crew list and masters report will follow by fax later.

876 provided a photo of the vessel which I sent through last night.

Regards,

XX

-----Original Message-----  
 Sent: Thursday, 28 August 2003 9:01 AM  
 Cc: 'wanted@colto.org'  
 Subject: FW: Varios

This note from XX is interesting and contains a considerable amount of information that may or may not be useful (bit unusual for XX). I have asked him to see if copies of the DCD's would be available so will see what can be turned up.

In the meantime we can either simply provide the information (suitably sanitised) to the system and hope for the best or ratchet up further and let XX or COLTO or the like have a run.

XX, I am happy that you deal with this as you see fit.

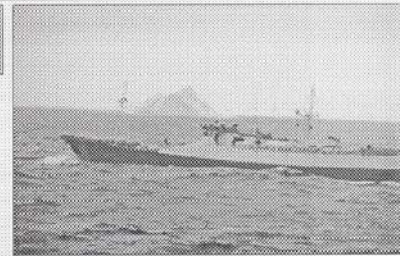
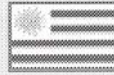
XX

# Vessel: Viarsa 1



**Name** Viarsa 1  
**LOA** 53m  
**Beam** 10m  
**Colour** Red & White  
**Year Built** 0  
**Nationality** Uruguay  
**Owner**  
**Port of Registration**  
**Notes** Apprehended.

**Rego** CXYU  
**Lloyds No.** 0  
**Call Sign** CXYU  
**Last Updated**  
**Old Name**



The Viarsa was seen unloading toothfish in early February and was back in June/July 2003 for toothfish unloading and dry docking before being discovered fishing illegally in the Australian EEZ in early August 2003 by an unarmed civilian patrol vessel. The subsequent extended 'hot pursuit' chase resulted in the eventual apprehension of the Viarsa in September 2003 and subsequent arrest in October 2003. The operations manager of Navalmar SA in Uruguay has been identified as Luis Pazos and the ownership company as Viarsa Fishing Co., registered in La Coruna, Spain.

## Owner History

Owner	Start Date	End Date	Notes
Navalmar SA			
Vidal Armadores S.A.			

## History

Start Date	End Date	Title
Flag		Type
<b>Details</b>	High Seas, excluding the CCAMLR Convention Area. Suspected of fishing in South African EEZ around Prince Edward and Marion Islands. Immediately inform South African authorities of intention to enter into port (if notified) or entry into port. Request Compliance with CCAMLR CM 147/XIX and verify VMS records with CCAMLR Secretariat before permitting vessel to offload	
Start Date	End Date	Title
Flag		Type
<b>Details</b>	Apprehended. Awaiting trial (approximately March 2004).	

## Inmarsat

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## Document Library

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# **VESSEL IDENTIFICATION AND COMPARISON**

# **“MAGNUS”** ex Dorita, ex Nova Tuna

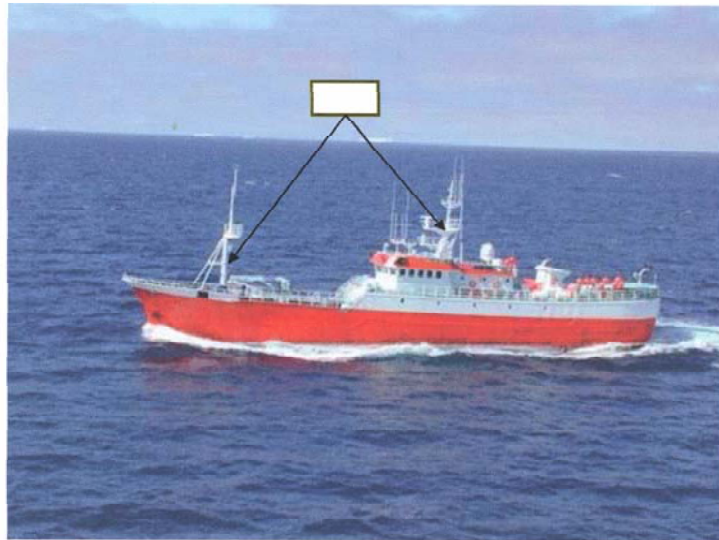
## ***Evidence leading to positive identification***

**COLTO February 2004**

In brief, the 3 vessels (Magnus, Dorita & Nova Tuna) match up in terms of a vessels basic characteristics – ie. hull structure, wheelhouse, superstructure etc.



**MAGNUS** sighted steaming inside 58.5.2 January 2004.



**NOVA TUNA** sighted steaming inside 58.5.2 January 2002



**DORITA** unloading in Jakarta February 2003

The main modifications/refit between the 3 vessels is notably the paint work.

Paint modifications from Nova Tuna and Dorita to Magnus include:

- Superstructure
- smoke stack
- aft mast
- forward mast
- forward deck
- Wave breaker painted white.

**Nova Tuna** – These areas were originally painted white on the Nova Tuna.

Nova Tuna was later re-named **Dorita** and these parts were painted turquoise blue.

The Dorita has now been re-named again to the **Magnus** and has repainted the same areas except the smoke stack (which was re-painted white) in “deep blue” consistent with Viarsa 1 and the rest of the Navalmar fleet.





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# UNCOVERING COMPANY STRUCTURES



**COMPANY "C"**  
**BBC of Halo**

**COMPANY "D"**  
**Fishing license**



**DIRECTOR**

**DIRECTOR**

**COMPANY "B"**  
**Buys Hale &  
Renames 'Halo'**

**DIRECTOR**

**COMPANY "E"**  
**Crew**

**OWNER**



**OWNER**

**DIRECTOR**



**COMPANY "A"**  
**Owens boat 'Hale'**



**COMPANY "F"**  
**Fish exporter**



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# REPORTS



# Rogues Gallery

## The new face of IUU fishing for toothfish

COLTO, October 2003



### Introduction

While the overall level of IUU\* fishing for toothfish may have gone down in the late 1990s after its peak in 1996/97 (of about 40,000 tonnes per annum [tpa] based on estimates of IUU fishing effort or about 60,000 tpa based on trade information), increasing efforts by governments, licenced operators and the wider community to eliminate IUU fishing in the Southern Ocean have been unable to stop levels of IUU fishing increasing again over the last three years.



The Russian-flagged *Strela*, identified in 2002 as part of the Pacific Andes Alphabet Boats group, photographed brazenly engaged in IUU fishing in CCAMLR Division 58.5.2 in June 2003.

Official estimates presented to CCAMLR's 2002 meeting (based on observed IUU fishing effort) was that 10,900 tonnes of toothfish was caught by IUU fishers in the CCAMLR Area in 2001/02 and a further 14,700 tonnes was reported as having been caught on the High Seas (mostly FAO Statistical Areas 51 & 57 (southern Indian Ocean)). This makes an estimated total of 25,600 tpa of toothfish caught in IUU operations in 2001/02 (compared to 18,800 tpa in 1999/2000 and 28,100 tpa in 2000/01).

It is hard to escape the conclusion that toothfish poachers have had little trouble finding ways around the measures taken by governments to restrain them in the last five years. **We have positively identified 40 (forty) separate boats as having been involved in IUU fishing or in support of IUU fishing in the last two years.** The true number is certainly more than this.

### Why everyone should be concerned

New measures and greater government commitment to implementation and enforcement of existing measures will be needed to confront this ongoing threat to sustainability of commercial toothfish stocks and to the survival of southern hemisphere albatross populations.

As the CCAMLR Scientific Committee noted in its 2002 report to the Commission, "continued IUU pressure would increase the potential for catastrophic and precipitous declines in stock biomass." [p.20]

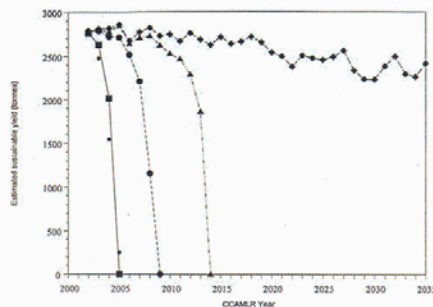


Figure 4 from the 2002 CCAMLR Scientific Committee Report showing estimates of future sustainable yield of toothfish (compared to 2001 sustainable yield [SY] estimates) at different levels of IUU fishing: ▲ 33% of 2001 SY; ▲ 100% of 2001 SY; ■ 200% of 2001 SY; and ◆ 400% of 2001 SY.

The Scientific Committee went on to say "toothfish (estimated) levels of mortality remain entirely unsustainable for populations of albatrosses, giant petrels and white-chinned petrels ... many of which are declining at rates where extinction is possible." [p.37]. Based on the CCAMLR Scientific Committee's approach, we have estimated the IUU/Sustained yield ratio for the Indian Ocean sector to have been in excess of 200% for both 2000/01 and 2001/02, indicating likely collapse of toothfish stocks on the Kerguelen Plateau to commercially non-viable levels within just a few years, unless the poachers are stopped.

### Syndicates & Mutual Societies

– loveable rogues turn to organised crime

Since Pacific Andes set up its centrally controlled operation, as first described and exposed in Austral Fisheries' 'Alphabet Boats' report prepared for the 2002 CCAMLR meeting, there is mounting evidence that a loose network of Spanish fishers, including both those already involved in toothfish poaching and new entrants, have been organizing themselves to pool resources, share services, and exploit regulatory or government weaknesses.

The traditionally independent deep sea fishers, often romanticized as 'loveable rogues' by the wider community, have set up sophisticated business arrangements between themselves, equivalent to conventional business syndicates and mutual societies, to maximize profit and spread risk in the pursuit of illegal activities.

\* Illegal, Unregulated & Unreported



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# THE FUTURE

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