

# FISHING SOUTH

The History and Management  
of South Georgia Fisheries

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The remote subantarctic island of South Georgia is one of the most important fishing areas in the Southern Ocean. Sustainability and conservation of the marine environment is of paramount importance, so fishing is tightly regulated and managed both by the Government of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Living Marine Resources. This book describes the types of fish that are taken, their biology and life history, and what techniques are used to catch them. It explains how population sizes are determined, how sustainable catch limits are set and how the Government of South Georgia uses the income from the sale of fishing licences to regulate fishing and eliminate poaching. The fisheries for icefish, krill, crabs and toothfish are all described. The South Georgia fishery for toothfish has recently been certified by the Marine Stewardship Council as an internationally recognised sustainable fishery.

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