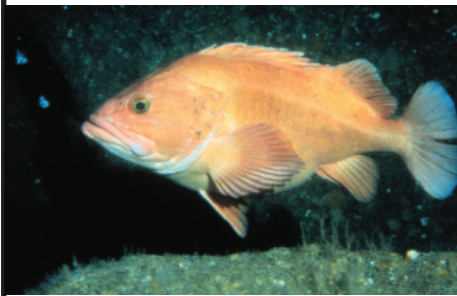




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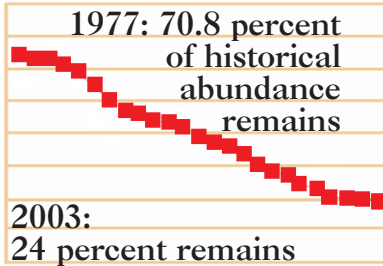
Hundreds of tons of imperiled rockfish are killed and wasted as bycatch each year in West Coast fisheries



Yelloweye Rockfish

Status: Declared overfished 2002
Stock Size: 22% of historical abundance
Bycatch (2004): 18.4 tons
To be rebuilt by: 2071
Chance of success: 92%

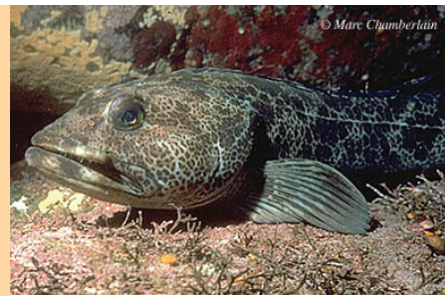
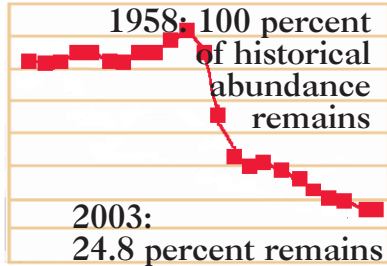
Chart shows decline of population size from 1977 to 2003.



Widow Rockfish

Status: Declared overfished 2001
Stock Size: 24.8% of historical abundance
Bycatch (2004): 284 tons
To be rebuilt by: 2037
Chance of success: 60%

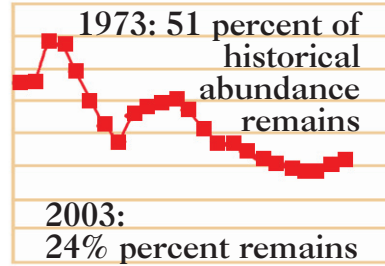
Chart shows decline of population size from 1958 to 2003.



Lingcod

Status: Declared overfished 1999
Stock Size: 24% of historical abundance
Bycatch (2004): 735 tons
To be rebuilt by: 2009 s
Chance of success: 60%

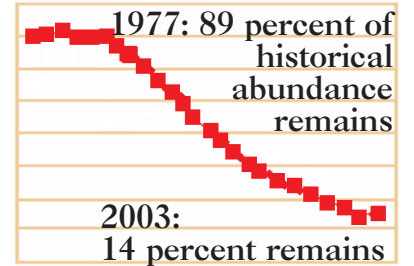
Chart shows decline of population size from 1973 to 2003.



Dark-blotched Rockfish

Status: Declared overfished 2001
Stock Size: 14% of historical abundance
Bycatch (2004): 240 tons
Rebuilding target: 2030
Chance of success: 80%

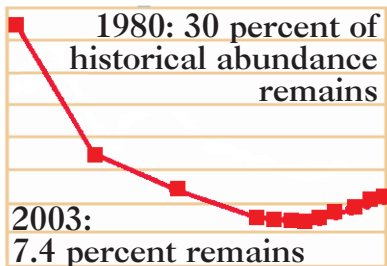
Chart shows decline of population size from 1977 to 2003.



Bocaccio

Status: Declared overfished 1999
Stock Size: 7.4% of historical abundance
Bycatch (2004): 250 tons
To be rebuilt by: 2111
Chance of success: 50%

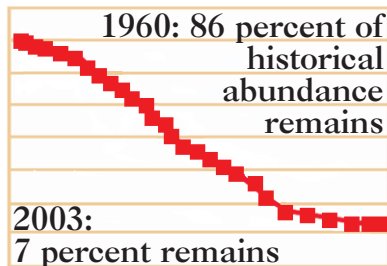
Chart shows decline of population size from 1980 to 2003.



Cowcod

Status: Declared overfished 1999.
Stock Size: 7% of historical abundance
Bycatch (2004): 4.8 tons
To be rebuilt by: 2095
Chance of success: 52%

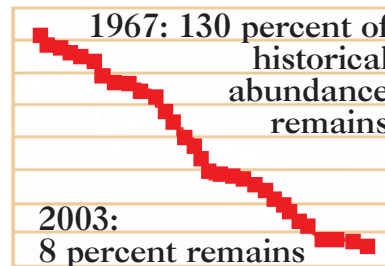
Chart shows decline of population size from 1960 to 2003.



Canary Rockfish

Status: Declared overfished 2000.
Stock Size: 8% of historical abundance
Bycatch (2004): 47.3 tons
To be rebuilt by: 2068
Chance of success: 60%

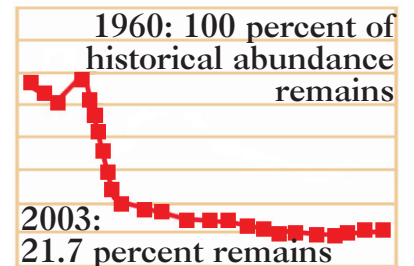
Chart shows decline of population size from 1967 to 2003.



Pacific Ocean Perch

Status: Declared overfished 1999
Stock Size: 21.7% of historical abundance
Bycatch (2004): 444 tons
Rebuilding target: 24 years
Chance of success: 70%

Chart shows decline of population size from 1960 to 2003.



Note: All tons are metric. Photos courtesy Milton

The Unknown Species

Of the 82 stocks of West Coast groundfish, nine are overfished, and 12 are apparently in ok condition. But what about the other 61 stocks? No one knows how well they are doing, or whether they're headed for

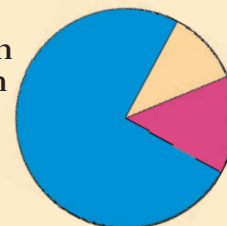
extinction. No scientific surveys have been conducted to answer the question. Fishing continues on all groundfish stocks, whether overfished, not overfished or condition unknown.



The blue rockfish is one of 61 groundfish caught in West Coast fisheries whose status is not known. Photo courtesy NOAA Fisheries.

Condition of West Coast groundfish

Condition unknown
61 stocks
74 percent



Overfished
9 stocks
11 percent
Not overfished
12 stocks
15 percent

Source: NOAA Fisheries