

The fishing fleet, picturesque to the tourist, is indispensable to hundreds of fishing communities.



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Some stocks have, to date, shown signs of recovery from the years of destruction, and the recovery of a number of stocks since 1977 has created a prosperous international fishery on the Nose and Tail of the Banks in recent years. This fishery owes its existence largely to Canada's responsible and wary management within its own waters.

Today, the industry is vital to the economic and social health of eastern Canada (notably the provinces of Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick).

- In 1988, 1300 communities in Atlantic Canada participated directly in the fishing industry.
- The industry involves 65 000 registered commercial fishermen and almost 30 000 fishing vessels.

- There are 890 fish-processing plants and about 30 000 fish-plant workers in the five eastern provinces.
- The fishing industry represents significant portions of the local economies: 25 per cent of the labour force in Newfoundland and 11 per cent of the gross provincial product in Nova Scotia.

Within the 200-mile zone, Canadian fishery conservation officers board the fishing boats of many nations, to examine catches and to see whether approved fishing gear is used.



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