

Summary of recommendations on rock lobster TACs for the Tristan group of islands for the 2021/22¹ season

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Summary

This brief document summarises the scientific recommendation of rock lobster TACs for the four Tristan group of islands for the 2021 season.

Accepted OMPs are in place to recommend the annual TACs for rock lobster at all of Inaccessible, Nightingale, Gough and Tristan islands.

The TAC allocations for these islands for the 2021 season are:

Inaccessible:	101 MT (1 MT overcatch to be deducted from this) (compared to 98 MT for 2020)
Nightingale:	93 MT (compared to 89 MT for 2020)
Gough:	100 MT + 5MT rollover (compared to 100 MT for 2020). The final allocation is however 92.5 MT , as 12.5 MT of Gough quota was caught in advance of the Gough restoration program during the 2019 season.
Tristan:	120 MT (2 MT overcatch to be deducted from this) (compared to 120 MT for 2020)

The Total TAC allocation for 2021 is therefore **403.5 (MT)** (compared to 407 MT for 2019).

The previously accepted Table of periods when OMPs are expected to be updated and reviewed is provided below.

		Nightingale	Tristan	Gough	Inaccessible
2017	Review	YES	YES	NO	NO
2018	Review	NO	NO	YES	YES
2019	Review	No for all islands, but commence exploring the incorporation of biomass survey indices into the OMPs			
2020	Review	YES	YES	NO	NO
2021	Review	NO	NO	YES	YES
2022	Review	NO for all islands. Update all assessments.			

¹ The convention used here is that the split season (e.g. 2021/22) is referred to as the “2021” season.

