

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS ON ROCK LOBSTER TACs FOR THE TRISTAN GROUP OF ISLANDS FOR THE 2018/19¹ SEASON

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Accepted OMPs are in place to recommend the annual TACs for rock lobster at Inaccessible, Nightingale, Gough and Tristan islands. The OMPs for Inaccessible and Gough were updated in 2018.

The TAC recommendations for these islands are:

Inaccessible:	89 MT (from 85 MT)
Nightingale:	79 MT (from 83 MT)
Gough:	116 MT (from 110 MT)
Tristan:	120 MT (from 120 MT)

The Total TAC for 2018 is **403 (MT)** (from 400 MT)

Table of periods when OMPs are expected to be updated and reviewed.

		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 incorporating biomass survey indices into the OMPs			
2020	review	YES	YES	NO	NO
2021	review	NO	NO	YES	YES

¹ The convention used here is that the split season (eg 2016/17) is referred to as the "2016" season.