

Management Profile for Gulf of Mexico Red Drum



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Red Drum Technical Task Force

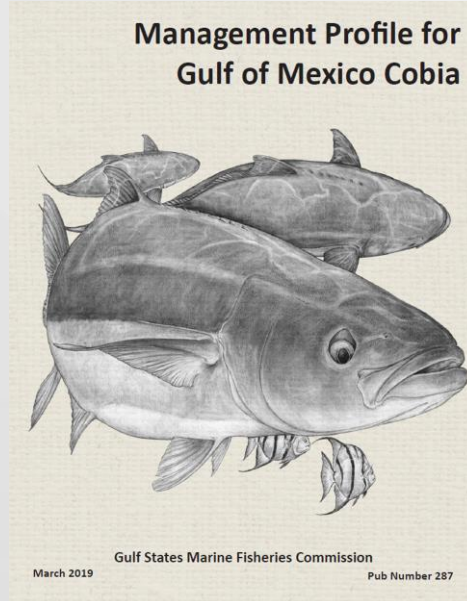
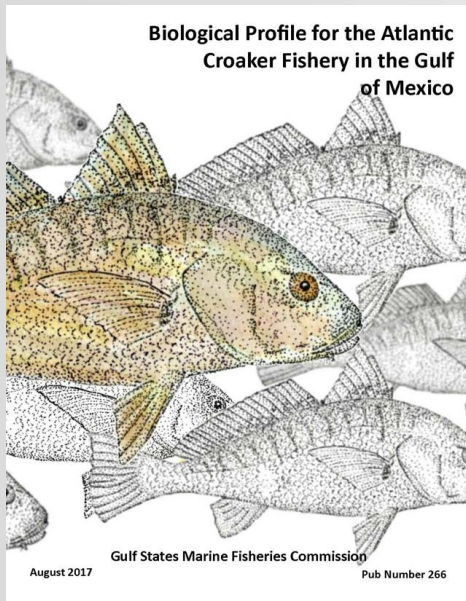
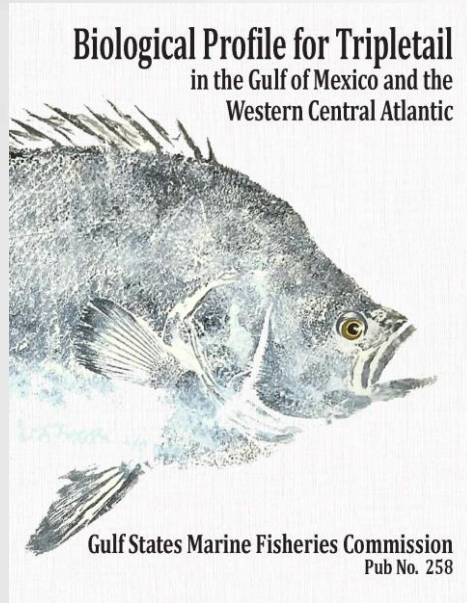
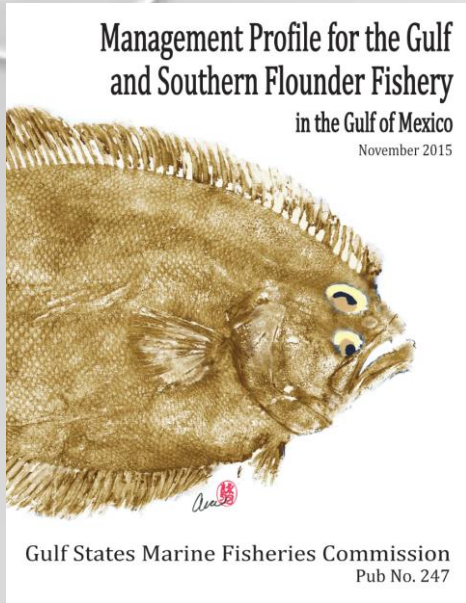
The Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act (IFA) provides funding for the three interstate marine commissions to develop and revise management plans used by the states to enact appropriate management strategies to maintain harvestable stocks of commercial and recreational fish.

Historically, the Commission patterns its plans to those of the Gulf Council to ensure compatibility in format and approach.

Since the passage of the IFA in 1986, the Gulf Commission has produced:

11 Fishery Management Plans;
8 revisions;
12 Species Profiles;
and numerous other documents

In 2015, the Commission modified our process to move away from Plans and begin developing Biological Profiles and Management Profiles due to confusion over the authority assumed in an FMP.



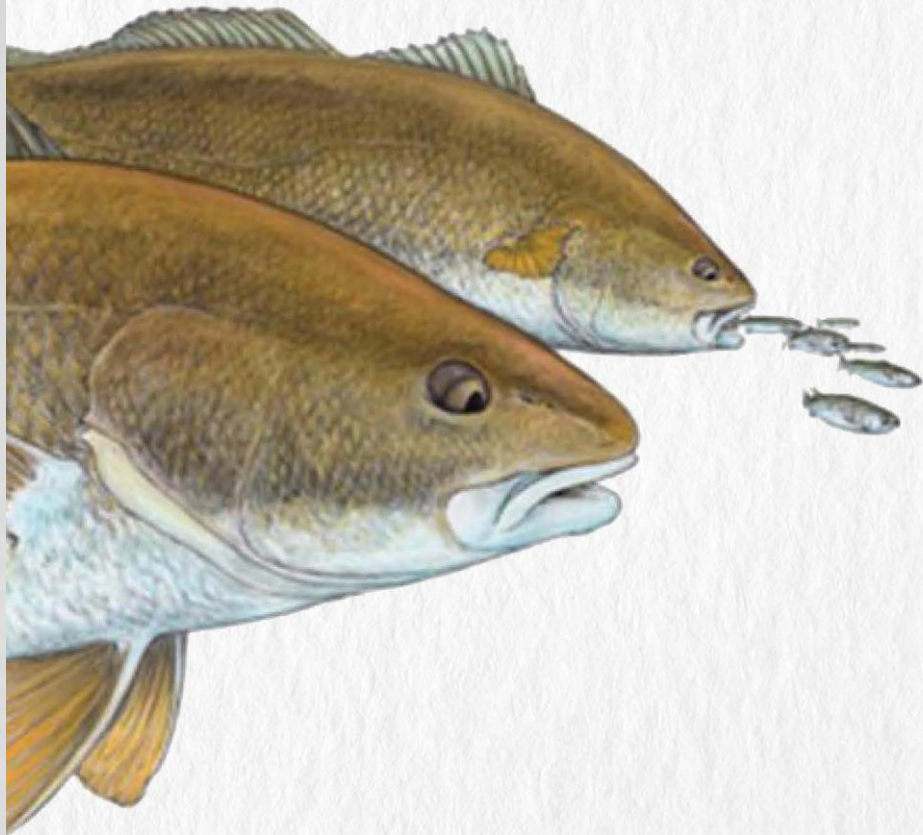
Most recently, we have produced profiles for:

- Flounder (FMP rev/Man Profile) 2015
- Tripletail (Bio Profile) 2016
- Atlantic Croaker (Bio Profile) 2017
- Cobia (Man Profile) 2018
- Red Drum (Man Profile) 2023

The Management Profile for Gulf of Mexico Red Drum began in late 2019 and was delayed as COVID restrictions hindered the process.

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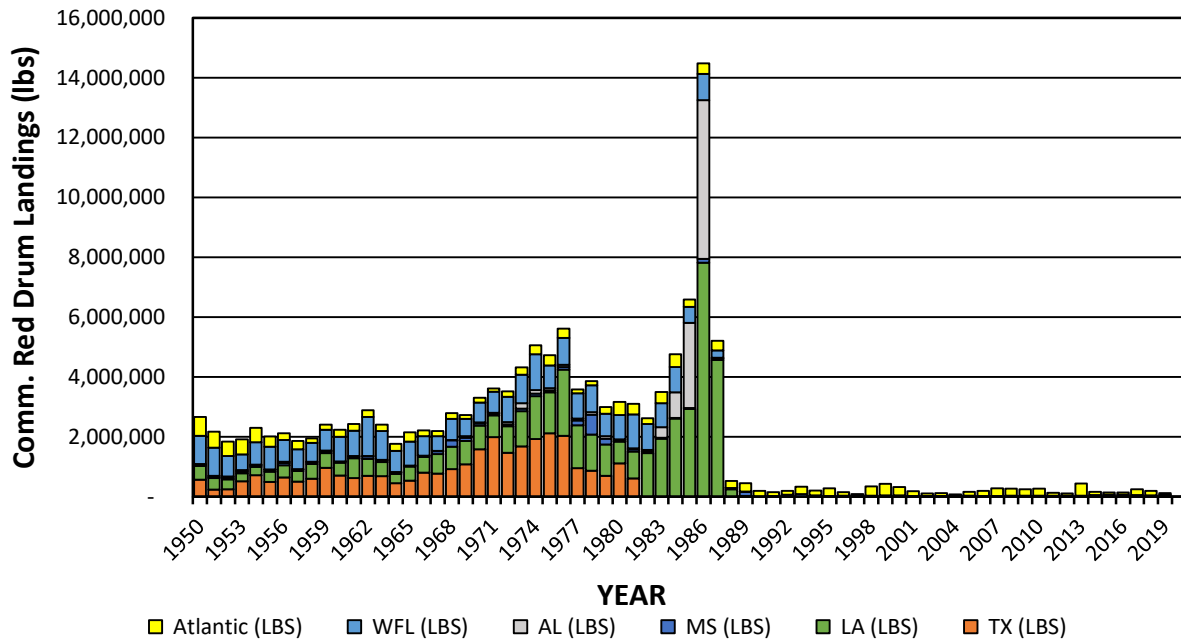


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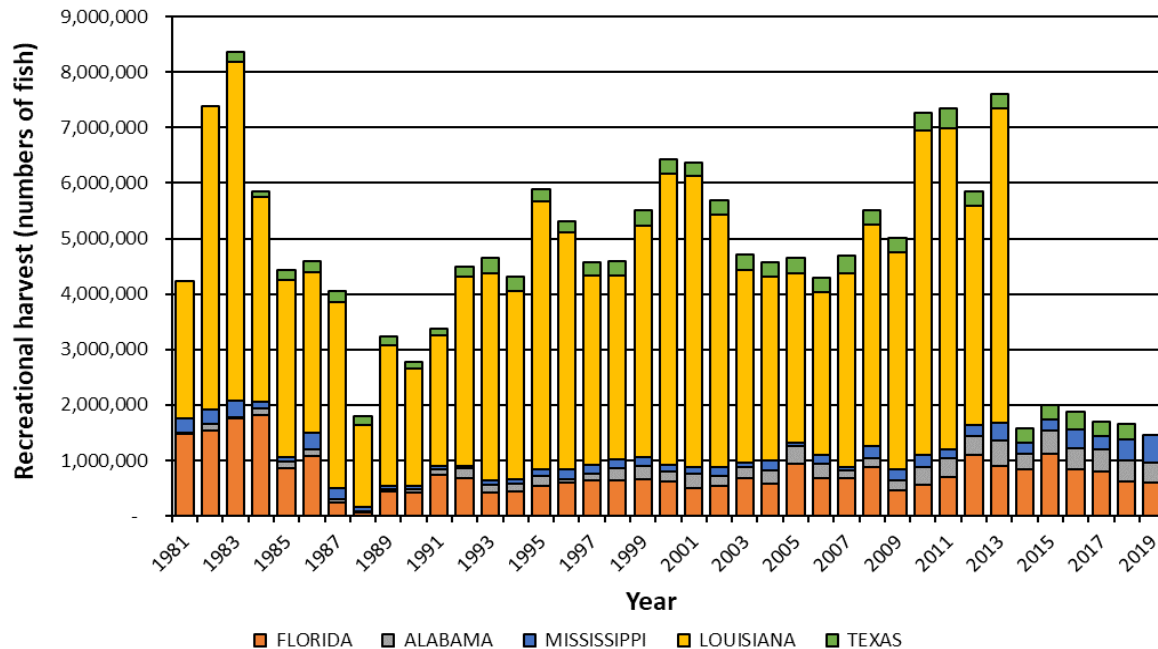
The Management Profile provides a detailed review of all the previous and current work related to Red Drum in our region.

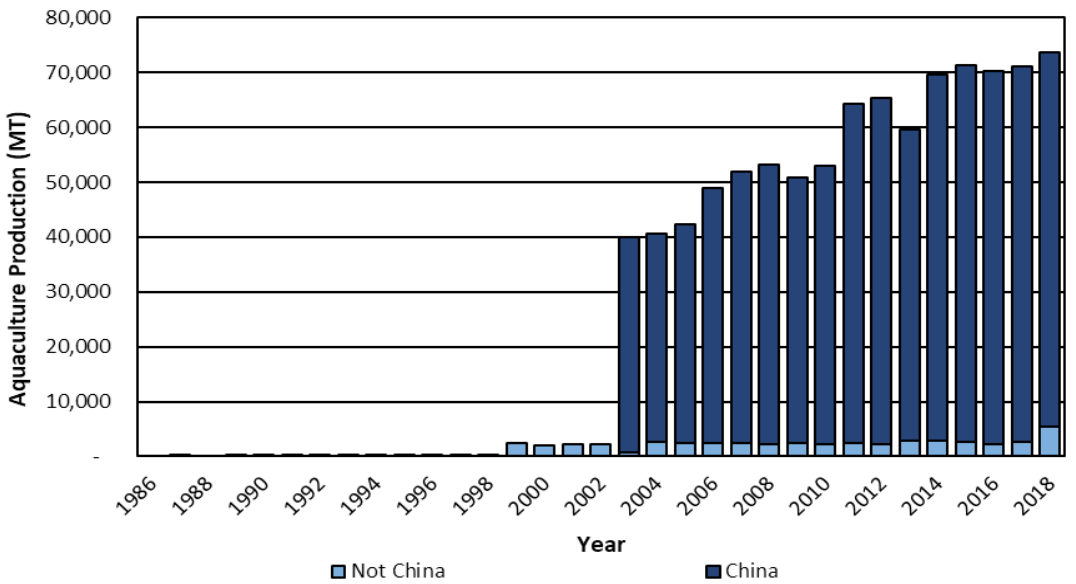
This includes biology, habitat, historic regulatory actions, commercial and recreational activities, as well as stock enhancement, aquaculture, and fishery economics.



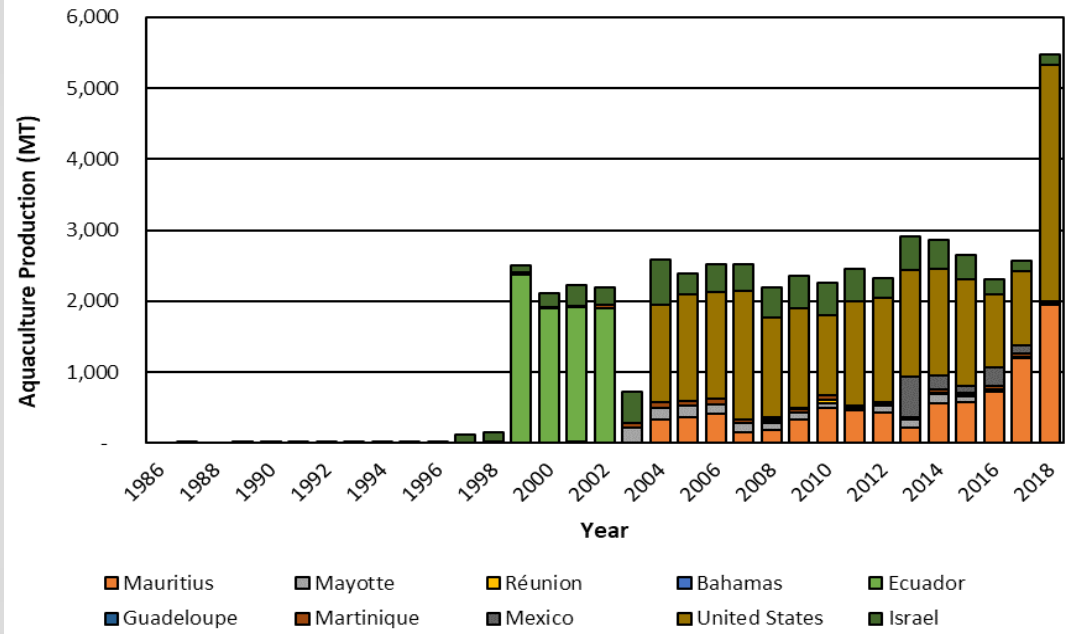
Despite being a Federal species, the majority of management activity occurs within state boundary waters.

It was hoped that the information included in the profile would provide background and support for the future Red Drum stock assessments.





We also included the available information on production of Red Drum in the US for aquaculture as well as restoration.



We contrasted that with the world production and highlighted the primary sources of imported Red Drum that supports much of our domestic market.

As with all the Commission plans and profiles, we provide a comprehensive list of all the research that is outdated as well as components that may need additional work (reproduction, genetics, migration, fishing effort). This is one of most valuable portions of our documents as they help direct academia and the resource agencies.

Unlike peer-reviewed works, we are able to provide extensive unpublished data and reports that would be unavailable otherwise.



Capt. Eddie Berthelot Jr. from Golden Meadow, Louisiana

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Member States

They are organized by program and/or purpose (FIN, IJF, Annual Reports, Enforcement) and can be searched as well.

We also have past minutes and other historic documents available as well.

Thank you.

Questions?



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