



Toothfish exploitation

I went and saw the movie *The Lost Ocean* about the Ross Sea. Like a lot of people in New Zealand I was pretty ignorant about this beautiful part of the world. So it was with horror that we saw that the huge fishing vessel ploughing through the ice was an NZ boat. There were huge gasps in the audience. Here we are as Kiwis promoting our clean, green image. Most of the world think of us as leaders of conservation, with our stance on whaling, no nuclear ships or power station here – clean air and water etc.

In 1996 a single vessel from New Zealand ventured to the Ross Sea, Antarctica, in search of new fishing grounds. They discovered the Antarctic toothfish, and as news of this untapped resource spread, an international fishery developed. That fishery is now removing around 3000 tonnes of toothfish from the Ross Sea every year, sold as Chilean sea bass around the world.

Everyone in NZ and the world should be concerned this is the last part on our planet that man has not destroyed. Please see the movie. Put in your search bar: website.lastocean.org/

And stand up; we can as a nation stop this before it's too late
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