

# Policy Challenges in Canada

Observations on the Canadian  
experience

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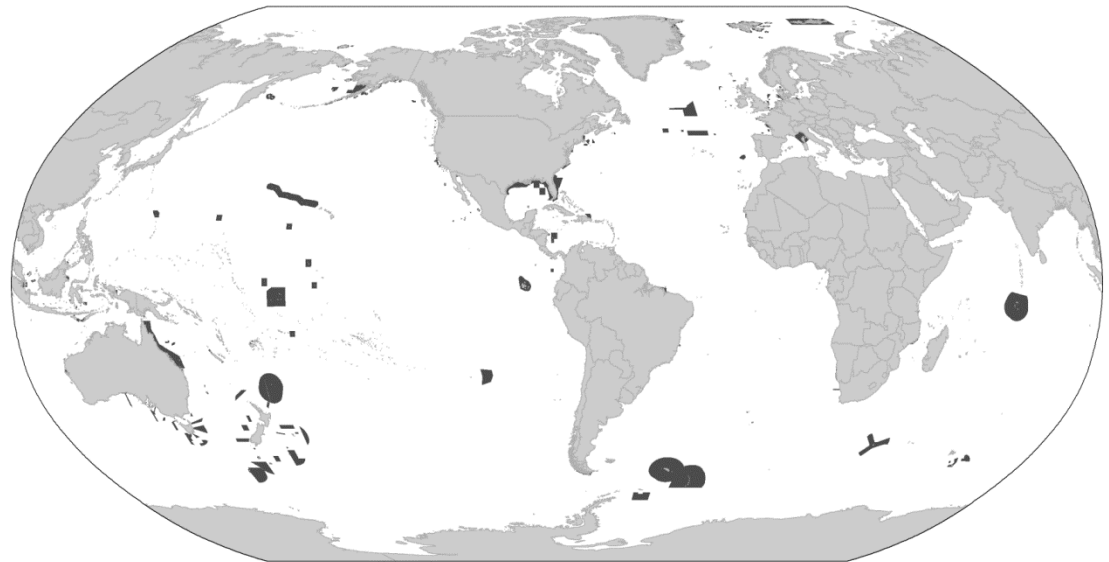


# The 'Canada's doing poorly' perspective

- Canada failing to live up to domestic and international commitments
- DFO's dual mandate
- Poor global leadership
- *Fisheries Act* changes

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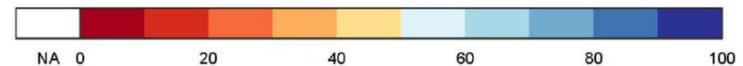
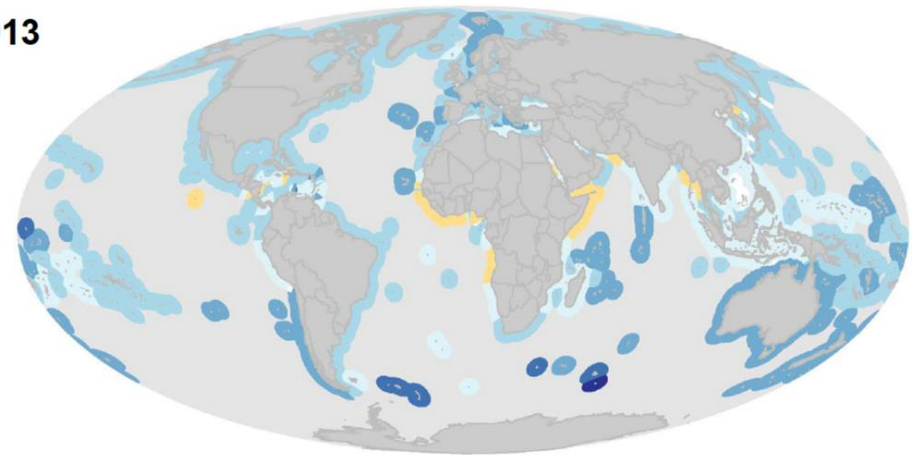
# The 'Canada's doing well' perspective

- Progress in MSC certification
- No overcapacity / IUU issues
- Highly ranked in EAF
- Well managed fisheries
- Regulatory innovation

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# What could we do differently?

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3. **Rethink governance**

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## **A Review of Canada's Implementation of the Oceans Act since 1997—From Leader to Follower?**

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### REVIEW / SYNTHÈSE

## **Is Canada fulfilling its obligations to sustain marine biodiversity? A summary review, conclusions, and recommendations<sup>1</sup>**

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