# Ministry Of Primary Industries (MPI).

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## Monitoring and Observing.

MPI is the government agency that among its many roles, has the job of protecting the sustainability and health of our fisheries.

1. Visit the website <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/protection-and-response/sustainable-fisheries/strengthening-fisheries-management/monitoring-and-observing/>, to discover the monitoring (observing and checking) work that MPI carries out to protect fishing sustainability and how they go about gathering information on:
	* The types and quantity of fish being caught
	* Independent monitoring of main fish stocks
	* Checking fishers are following the regulations and actions they can take if illegal activity is taking place
	* What by-catch is being caught
	* The other organisations they work with
	* Monitoring of recreational fishing and where this takes place
	* The role they play in educating fishers and the powers they have.
2. Increased monitoring of all catch on all fishing vessels by MPI. The monitoring will provide detailed reports from vessels using a totally integrated reporting and monitoring system, which combines on-board camera monitoring, vessel positioning data and real-time catch effort reporting. See the website for more information <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/growing-and-harvesting/fisheries/fisheries-management/fish-stock-status/>
3. Explore the new digital and satellite monitoring of commercial fishing that MPI are introducing using the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PhnwBnH9MWk> to discover why it will be more accurate and better way of reporting and monitoring than the old paper system and how having cameras on commercial boats will make reporting more accurate.