

# Collection: Fish Producer Organisation (PO)

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) promotes the sustainable exploitation of UK marine fisheries and works in collaboration PO's to manage fishing opportunities.

PO's are officially recognised bodies set up by fishery or aquaculture producers. They play a role in managing quotas and marketing the fisheries products of their members. There are currently 11 established PO's in England (24 in total in the UK).

## **PO recognition**

PO's must be deemed to be sufficiently economically active, and must therefore meet one of the following criteria on an ongoing basis; the:

- number of vessels operated by PO members is at least 20% of the total number of vessels operating in its area
- PO disposes of at least 15% by weight of total production in its area
- PO disposes of at least 30% by weight of total production in a major port or market in its area
- PO has a minimum of 200 members that are active fishermen (the PO must provide a list of vessels and their landings data over the previous 3 years, where applicable)