WWF cod recovery remarks are irresponsible

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The Atlantic Regional Office of the WWF, in a Press Release issued this week, referred to a 69% increase in the Grand Banks cod biomass between 2007 and now as a promising sign that these cod stocks are recovering. These figures which were taken from the latest NAFO Scientific Council report were portayed as the result of an independent study of the cod situation by the WWF. This is false. The reality is that the Grand Banks cod stocks are still at an externely low level, still only 10% of the historic spawning biomass levels. If you had a nickel and I gave you a second nickel, you'd have a dime but would still be a long way from a dollar. Double of nothing is still nothing.

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