

**RESULTS OF FISH STOCK ASSESSMENT SURVEY, SOUTH GEORGIA,
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Abstract

Commercial fish stocks around South Georgia have been declining since the early 1970's. A survey to monitor these stocks was carried out from December 1987 to January 1988. It complements earlier surveys in the same area and showed that most of the stocks are continuing to decline. *Notothenia rossii* is showing no signs of recovery and *Champscephalus gunnari* is likely to continue declining in abundance.

Résumé

Les stocks de poissons commerciaux autour de la Géorgie du Sud ont été en déclin depuis le début des années 70. Une campagne d'étude pour contrôler ces stocks a été effectuée de décembre 1987 à janvier 1988. Elle complète les études antérieures effectuées dans la même région, et a démontré que la plupart des stocks continuent à décliner. *Notothenia rossii* ne manifeste en aucune façon s'être rétabli, et l'abondance de *Champscephalus gunnari* risque de continuer à décliner.

Резюме

Коммерческие запасы рыбы в районе Южной Георгии уменьшались с начала 70-х годов. Съёмка по мониторингу этих запасов проводилась с декабря 1987 г. по январь 1988 г. Это дополнило результаты предыдущих съёмок, проводившихся в этом районе, и показало, что большинство запасов продолжают уменьшаться. *Notothenia rossii* не имеет никаких признаков восстановления и численность *Champscephalus gunnari*, возможно, будет продолжать уменьшаться.

Resumen

Las poblaciones de peces, comerciales alrededor de Georgia del Sur han estado declinando desde principios de los años 70. Se llevó a cabo una prospección para controlar estas poblaciones, desde diciembre de 1987 a enero de 1988. Esta complementa prospecciones anteriores en la misma área e indica que la mayoría de poblaciones continúan declinando. *Notothenia rossii* no muestra cambios de recuperación, y es probable que *Champscephalus gunnari* continúe declinando abundantemente.



1. INTRODUCTION

The fish stocks of the South Georgia region represent an important commercial resource to a number of nations. However, these stocks have been declining since the late 1970's (Kock 1985,1986; Gabriel 1987). In the early 1970's the fishery was supported mostly by the catch of *Notothenia rossii*, which yielded hundreds of thousands of tonnes in a season (Kock 1986). The decline in abundance of this species since that time has been striking. By 1985 the stock was estimated to be less than 10% of its pristine size (Kock 1985). The fishery is presently supported by catches of *Champsocephalus gunnari*, but its decline is also evident (Kock 1986). Other species have also shown rapid declines in the South Georgia region. Between 1975/76 and 1980/81 abundance estimates decreased by as much as two orders of magnitude (Kock et al. 1985).

The Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources has adopted a set of measures aimed at rebuilding the stocks of *N. rossii* and maintaining the other fish resources in the Antarctic. Commercial fishing has been prohibited within 12 miles of the island of South Georgia. A minimum mesh size of 120 mm is required of fisheries directed toward *N. rossii* and *Dissostichus eleginoides* and 80 mm of fisheries directed toward *N. gibberifrons*, *N. kempfi*, *N. squamifrons*, and *C. gunnari*. The Commission has also recommended minimization of by-catch of *N. rossii* in other fisheries.

In an effort to monitor the status and response of these stocks, a number of surveys have been conducted around South Georgia by research vessels. This paper will examine the status of these fish stocks as of the 1987/88 survey cruise and discuss their changes over recent years. The analysis is based mostly on the comparison of estimates of stock biomass and size structure from the research vessel cruise surveys in 1984/85 (Kock 1985a), 1986/87 (Gabriel 1987), and 1987/88.

2. METHODS

The 1987/88 survey took place between 19 December 1987 and 10 January 1988. The sampling was based on a stratified random survey design. Stations were allocated to 100 m depth strata roughly in proportion to the area within each stratum and randomly assigned to specific locations within stratum (stratum 1: 50-150 m, stratum 2: 151-250 m, stratum 3: 251-500 m; Everson 1984) (Figure 1). This procedure follows that of Kock (1985) and Gabriel (1987). Most of the comparisons made here will be in reference to these two surveys.

Thirty minute tows (at 3.5 Knots) were made by the R.V. *Professor Siedlecki* using a P32/36 otter trawl equipped with 80 mm mesh and 43 - 52 mm mesh liner (Crawford 1988). The mouth opening was 17.5 m and the headrope height was 4 m (Christensen pers. comm.).

A total of 113 tows were conducted during the survey. One hundred and four occurred along the South Georgia coast and were considered standard (e.g. little or no gear damage) (Figure 1). Only four successful tows were conducted in the Shag Rocks area (division 89, Everson 1984). This maintains continuity of sampling for Shag Rocks, but can only give qualitative results. Sampling density was 1 standard tow/350 Km² around South Georgia and 1 standard tow/1326 Km² at Shag Rocks. Total biomass was estimated based on swept-area calculations (Mini-SURVAN program, Appendix A; McKenna 1988). All analyses in this report are in reference to data which has been corrected for any subsampling on deck or in the laboratory, and was standardized to 30 minute tows.

3. RESULTS

Four species (*C. gunnari*, *Pseudochaenichthys georgianus*, *N. gibberifrons*, and *Chaenocephalus aceratus*) accounted for over 86% of the catch (by weight) in the 1987/88 survey. The status of each of these species will be described in turn, as well as four other species that are of interest in the region. The biomass estimates for each species are summarized in Table 1 and are compared with earlier estimates in Table 2. A brief summary of the length information for the 1987/88 survey is given in Table 3. Too few tows were made at Shag Rocks to explicitly describe the population structure in that area. The length data from Shag Rocks was combined with those from South Georgia for the discussion here.

3.1 *Champscephalus gunnari*

Since the decline of *N. rossii* the fishery in the South Georgia region has been supported mostly by *C. gunnari*. During the 1987/88 survey *C. gunnari* occurred in 98% of the tows around South Georgia and 100% of the Shag Rocks tows. It accounted for 33.5% of the catch by weight. The largest concentrations were located west and southwest of the island (Figure 2a). The largest tow was at station 86, yielding 428 kg. This represents 13% of the catch of this species. Most of the catch was from stratum 2 (15/31/1*)(Table 1).

The stratified mean catch per tow was 27.7 kg and the population was estimated to be 15086 mT at South Georgia. At Shag rocks the mean catch per tow was 18.2 kg and the population was estimated to be 1445 mT. This estimate is about 31% of the 1986/87 population (52672 mT, Gabriel 1987) and is very close to Kock's (1985) estimate for the 1984/85 stock (Table 2).

The average length was 26.7 cm with obvious modes at approximately 16, 23, and 32 cm (Figure 3a). The first and second modes were present in both 1986/87 and 1987/88, but no discernable mode was seen at 32 cm in 1986/87. The large mode found at 22 cm in 1986/87 (Gabriel 1987) progressed to form a smaller mode at about 32 cm in 1987/88. Fifty percent of the fish in the 22 - 25 cm size range are mature (L_{50}) (Kock et al. 1985). based on survey catches 44% of the population was at or below L_{50} .

3.2 *Pseudochaenichthys georgianus*

This species of ice fish was relatively more predominant than in earlier surveys and was the only major species which showed an increase in estimated biomass since the 1986/87 survey. During the 1987/88 survey *Ps. georgianus* occurred in 80% of the tows around South Georgia and did not occur in the Shag Rocks area. It accounted for 23.6% of the catch by weight. The largest concentrations were located northeast of the island (Figure 2b). The largest tow was at station 27, yielding 456 kg. This represents 20% of the catch of this species. Most of the catch was from stratum 2 (4/17/1*) (Table 1).

The stratified mean catch per tow was 20.9 kg and the population was estimated to be 11412 mT. This estimate is roughly double the estimate for 1986/87, but only 29% greater than the 1984/85 estimate (Table 2).

The average length was 42.9 cm with obvious modes at approximately 21, 35, and 44 cm (Figure 3b). This size structure is similar to the 1986/87 season, but the magnitudes of the two largest length modes (35 cm and 44 cm) were reversed in 1987/88.

3.3 *Notothenia gibberifrons*

This species was the most common Notothenid in the South Georgia region during the 1987/88 survey. It occurred in 93% of the tows around South Georgia and 75% of the Shag Rocks tows, and accounted for 15.6% of the catch by weight. The largest concentrations were located southeast of the island (Figure 2c). The largest tow was at station 45, yielding 122 kg. This represents 8% of the catch of this species. Most of the catch was from stratum 2 (6/9/1*) (Table 2).

The stratified mean catch per tow was 13.2 kg and the population was estimated to be 7189 mT at South Georgia. At Shag rocks the mean catch per tow was 7.7 kg and the population was estimated to be 609 mT. This value for the stock size is more than 40% lower than that estimated for the 1986/87 season (Table 2).

The average length was 42.9 cm with obvious modes at approximately 5, 17, and 37 cm (Figure 3c). This is nearly identical to that found in 1986/87. It is unclear whether a mode existed at about 22 cm.

3.4 *Chaenocephalus aceratus*

C. aceratus was the rarest of the three species of ice fish during the 1987/88 survey. However, it still accounted for 13.5% of the catch by weight. It occurred in 89% of the tows around South Georgia, but was not found in the Shag Rocks area. The largest concentrations were located east and northeast of the island (Figure 4a). The largest tow was at station 39, yielding 78 kg. This represents 6% of the catch of this species. Most of the catch was from stratum 2 (3/14/1*) (Table 1).

The stratified mean catch per tow was 12.2 kg and the population was estimated to be 6642 mT. This estimate is 58% of the 1984/85 stock (Kock 1985) and has decreased by about 40% since the last season (1986/87) (Table 2).

The average length was 38.6 cm, which is nearly 5 cm greater than the 1986/87 mean (33.9 cm, Gabriel 1987). The obvious modes occurred at approximately 15, 24, 32, and 46cm (Figure 5a). The size structure in 1986/87 was similar, but had a stronger mode at about 25 cm and a weak one at about 33 cm. There is also an indication of decreasing size with increasing depth for this species, whereas all other species showed either an increase in mean size with depth or no apparent change (Table 3).

There are four additional species of fish which are, or have been, of commercial interest. They are *N. rossii*, *N. squamifrons*, *Dissostichus eleginoides*, and *Patagonotothen breviceuda guntheri*.

3.5 *Notothenia rossii*

Although this species is rare now, it is the species that supported the commercial fishery in the South Georgia region in the early 1970's. Everson (1977) estimated the pristine stock at 500 000 tonnes. It declined rapidly from that time. By 1985 its population had dropped to less than 10% of this value (Kock 1985). It has continued to drop even at this low population level. The biomass was estimated to be between 2 000 and 4 000 mT in 1986/87 (Gabriel 1987). The estimated value from the 1987/88 survey was 1049 mT.

During the 1987/88 survey *N. rossii* occurred in only 32% of the tows around South Georgia and was not found in the Shag Rocks area. Eighty three percent of these contained

less than five individuals and 43% contained a single individual. It accounted for 2.1% of the catch by weight. The largest concentrations were located north and southwest of the island (Figure 4b). The largest tow was at station 21, yielding 35 kg and consisting of 24 fish. This represents 16% of the catch of this species. Most of the catch was from stratum 2 (3/6/1*) (Table 1).

The stratified mean catch per tow was 1.9 kg and the population was estimated to be 1049 mT. This population estimate is 26% of the 1986/87 estimate (based on a normal distribution, Gabriel 1987) and 8.2% of the stock present in 1984/85 (Kock 1985) (Table 2).

The average length was 49.9 cm, which is the same as for the 1984/85 population (Kock 1985). It is close to the length of 50% maturity (Scherbich 1976, cited in Kock et al. 1985). The size structure was not clear enough to accurately identify any modes (Figure 5b). Only one individual less than 35 cm was caught.

3.6 *Notothenia squamifrons*

This Notothenid was more common in past surveys (Table 1). During the 1987/88 survey *N. squamifrons* occurred in 23% of the tows around South Georgia and 25% of the Shag Rocks tows. It accounted for 0.5% of the catch by weight. The largest concentrations were located northeast of the island (Figure 4c). The largest tow was at station 31, yielding 7 kg. This represents 15% of the catch of this species. It was unique in that most of the catch was from stratum 3 and it was completely absent from stratum 1 (shallowest) (0/1/13*) (Table 1).

The stratified mean catch per tow was 0.7 kg and the population was estimated to be 384 mT at South Georgia. At Shag rocks the mean catch per tow was 13.2 kg and the population was estimated to be 42 mT. At best this estimate shows a decline in biomass of an order of magnitude (based on the delta distribution, Gabriel 1987) and possibly two orders of magnitude (based on the normal distribution, Gabriel 1987) since the 1986/87 season (Table 2).

The average length was 18.7 cm. This is about half of the 1986/87 value. The size structure of this species was very different from that of the 1986/87 season. Although the modes at 17 and 28 cm correspond to the first two in the 1986/87 season, the third and largest peak (at 40-42 cm) was absent from the 1987/88 survey. The strongest peak in 1987/88 was at the smallest size (~ 18 cm)(Figure 5c). Only 20 individuals greater than 30 cm were collected.

3.7 *Dissostichus eleginoides*

This predatory species was generally uncommon in the 1987/88 survey, but accounted for the single largest catch (12 mT) at a non-random site (this observation could not be included as a representative station). It occurred in 32% of the tows around South Georgia and 75% of the Shag Rocks tows, and accounted for 1.3% of the catch by weight. The largest concentrations were located northwest of the island and at Shag Rocks (Figure 6a). The largest tow was at station 104, yielding 20 kg. This represents 15% of the catch of this species, which was evenly distributed between the three strata (1/1/1*) (Table 1).

The stratified mean catch per tow was 1.3 kg and the population was estimated to be 697 mT at South Georgia. At Shag rocks the mean catch per tow was 5.1 kg and the population was estimated to be 408 mT. This population is approximately half of the 1986/87 stock and 14% of the 1984/85 population (Kock 1985) (Table 2).

The individual lengths had the widest range of any species (6 - 125 cm). The average length was 33.3 cm; a decrease of over ten centimeters from 1986/87. Sampling was not extensive enough to clearly describe the size structure, but there appear to be modes at roughly 16, 27, and 46 cm (Figure 7a). Nine individuals over 55 cm were collected.

3.8 *Patagonotothen breviceauda guentheri*

Patagonotothen breviceauda guentheri is unique in that it is endemic to Shag Rocks. During the 1987/88 survey it occurred in 100% of the Shag Rocks tows, but was not found in the South Georgia area. It accounted for 0.5% of the catch by weight. The largest tow was at station 129, yielding 30 kg (Figure 6b). This represents 63% of the catch of this species. Most of the catch was from stratum 1 (7/4/1*) (Table 1).

The stratified mean catch per tow was 11.28 kg and the population was estimated to be 895 mT. This stock estimate is greater than that for 1986/87 (331 kg, Gabriel 1987), but is 14% of the 1984/85 estimate (Kock 1985) (Table 2).

The average length was 15.2 cm and the only obvious mode was at about 15 cm (Figure 7b), which is similar to that described for the 1986/87 population.

4. DISCUSSION

The stock of *C. gunnari* experienced a severe decrease since the 1986/87 survey (Table 2). The catch for that season was supported by the single, strong 84/85 year class (Gabriel 1987). The decreased biomass in 1987/88 would suggest that this cohort has been greatly reduced. Length frequency distributions suggest that this cohort (32 cm) is the strongest, but its magnitude relative to the 85/86 cohort (~23 cm) is much smaller than in the previous season (Figure 3a). The abundance of pre-recruit fish appears to be low (Figure 3a). Future catches of *C. gunnari* will depend on what remains of the 84/85 year class and the weak 85/86 cohort. Future declines in biomass are likely.

Fish in the 44-48 cm size class were responsible for the increased stock of *Ps. georgianus* in 1987/88 (Figure 3b, Table 3)). However, this increase may be temporary, because the following two year classes are small (Figure 3b). As members of this strong year class are removed by fishing the population will probably decline again.

The decrease in the *N. gibberifrons* population was substantially greater between 1986/87 and 1987/88 (5331 mT) than from 1984/85 to 1986/87 (2633 mT) (Table 2). However, the stock might be improved by the relatively large number of fish less than 25 cm that are about to recruit (Figure 3c).

The biomass of *Ch. aceratus* has declined steadily from 1984/85 to the present (Table 2), while the average size has increased. This can be explained by the progression of the large mode found at 25 cm, in 1986/87, to about 32 cm in 1987/88. The cohorts following the 32 cm class are small and will probably not substantially increase this stock (Figure 5a). Without strong recruitment the decrease in biomass can be expected to continue.

Despite the very low stock size of *N. rossii* it has continued to decline. Declining biomass and a relatively large mean length (49.9 cm), indicate the continued removal of sexually mature individuals without new recruitment to rebuild the population.

* The proportion of catch, by weight, in each stratum : stratum1/stratum2/stratum3

The biomass of *N. squamifrons* showed the most drastic decline of the species examined. The population dropped by one to two orders of magnitude and the mean length was halved since 1986/87. It appears that the fishery was almost completely supported by fish that were in the 40-42 cm size class during 1986/87. This size class was absent from the 1987/88 population and no fish over 40 cm were caught. The length frequency distribution shows that the strongest mode was at 18 cm (1987/88) (Figure 5c). This group of recruits might contribute to a recovery in the 1988/89 season, but the magnitude of that recovery is uncertain.

The estimated population of *D. eleginoides* is about half the size of the 1986/87 population and the mean length has dropped by over 10 cm. The decreasing mean size shows the removal of large, sexually mature individuals and the decreasing biomass indicates no substantial recruitment. It is not clear from the length frequency distribution (Figure 7a) if substantial recruitment can be expected in the near future.

The population estimate of *P.b. guentheri* increased relative to the 1986/87 season, but this is probably due to the difference in sampling gear used (80 mm mesh in 1986/87 at Shag Rocks). The population as of 1987/88 is about 14% of that estimated for the 1984/85 season (Table 2). The significance of this decrease is unknown, but appears to be substantial. Not enough information is available to accurately describe the biomass trends of this species.

In summary, it is clear that all of the stocks examined here, with the exception of *Ps. georgianus*, have declined since the 1986/87 survey, and most for much longer than that. It seems likely that this trend will continue. The increase of *Ps. georgianus* appears to be due to a strong year class, but this will probably be short-lived. Based on research catches, without a substantial increase in recruitment, *C. gunnari* is likely to decline rapidly in the future.

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Coefficient of variation $CV_k = \frac{S_k}{\mu_k} \times 100$ Manual

Variance of the Mean $V_k = \frac{S^2_k}{N_k}$ Snedecor

Standard Error of the Mean $SE_k = \beta V_k$ Manual

Minimum population for total area $P_k = \mu_k \beta_k$

Variance of the Minimum Population for Area $S^2 P_k = V_k \beta_k$

STRATIFIED STATISTICS

Stratified Mean $\mu_{ST} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^L \beta_k \mu_k}{\beta_{ST}}$ Cochran

Population Variance $S^2_{ST} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu_{ST})^2}{(N - 1)}$

Variance of Stratified Mean $V_{ST} = \sum (V_k (\beta_k / \beta_{ST}))$ Cochran

Standard Error of Stratified Mean $SE_{ST} = \beta V_{ST}$ Manual

Coefficient of Variation $\frac{SE_{ST}}{\mu_{ST}} \times 100$ Manual

Minimum Population for Total Area, $P_{ST} = \mu_{ST} \beta_{ST}$

Stratified

Variance of Minimum
Population for Area, S2PST= VST BST
Stratified

$$\beta_{ST} = \frac{\sum A_k}{a.s.t.}$$

95% Confidence Limits: $\mu_{ST} \pm (1.96 SE_{ST})$

1986: STRATUM AREA(S.G.) EXPANSION FACTOR # OF TOWS

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1	2249	115333.328	34
2	5271	270307.688	56
3	3089	158410.250	19

DEFDBL A

PRINT

PRINT "This program will accept either weight or number data"

PRINT "The purpose is to produce the same statistical breakdown and "

PRINT "population estimates as SURVAN"

PRINT " Data are expected in the following form:"

PRINT " station, stratum, species(full name in quotes), weight or count"

PRINT " The data must be sorted by species!!"

PRINT " All observations with an abundance value of 0. should be removed!"

PRINT " This program expects the data to have been corrected to a standard"

PRINT " tow of 30 min. at 3.5 knots, and for any subsampling that occurred."

PRINT " A representative tow is defined as one in which the quality code"

PRINT " values are as follows:"

PRINT " STATION_TYPE_CODE = 1"

PRINT " HAUL_COND = 1 or 2"

PRINT " GEAR_COND <= 6"

PRINT

PRINT "during program operation the data are stored in arrays according"

PRINT "to stratum."

PRINT

INPUT "Please, enter a title for this run :"; TITL\$

PRINT "INITIALIZATION AND DIMENSIONING ..."

AST = .019452838#: 'area of standard tow (n.mi.)

DIM BETA(3), AREA(3)

DIM AR(3, 300), NK(3): ' abundance arrays and # of obs. in each stratum

DIM MEAN(3), S2(3), S(3), CV(3), V(3), SE(3), P(3), S2P(3): ' SAMPLE statistics

GOSUB INIT:

FIRSTPASS = 1

COUNT = 1

TOTAREA = 0

FOR I = 1 TO 3

PRINT "Please, enter the area expansion factor for stratum"; I; " (n.mi.):"

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INPUT BETA(I)
PRINT "Please, enter the area of stratum"; I; " (n.mi. ):"
INPUT AREA(I)
PRINT "Please, enter the # of REPRESENTATIVE stations (=tows) in stratum"; I; ":"
INPUT NK(I)
TOTAREA = TOTAREA + AREA(I)
NEXT I
BETAST = TOTAREA / AST
'
PRINT "Are the data for this run WEIGHT (W) or NUMBERS (N)?"
INPUT TYPFLAG$: ' flag for weight or counts
IF TYPFLAG$ = "W" OR TYPFLAG$ = "w" OR TYPFLAG$ = "WEIGHT" OR TYPFLAG$ = "weight"
OR TYPFLAG$ = "wt" OR TYPFLAG$ = "WT" THEN TYPFLAG$ = "WEIGHT (Kg)" ELSE
TYPFLAG$ = "NUMBERS"
'
INPUT " Enter the name for the output file"; FIL2$
OPEN "O", 2, FIL2$
'
RETRY: INPUT "Are the data in a file"; ans1$
IF ans1$ <> "Y" AND ans1$ <> "y" AND ans1$ <> "n" AND ans1$ <> "N" THEN GOTO RETRY:
IF ans1$ = "N" OR ans1$ = "n" THEN GOTO LOOP1:
'
INPUT "ENTER THE NAME OF THE DATA FILE", FILN$
OPEN "I", 1, FILN$
'
LOOPX: IF ans1$ = "y" OR ans1$ = "Y" THEN GOSUB READDATA:
IF ans1$ = "y" OR ans1$ = "Y" THEN GOTO RRUN:
'
' ENTER DATA DIRECTLY
LOOP1: PRINT "ENTER station,stratum,species,abundance FOR POINT"; PT; ":"
PT = PT + 1
INPUT ST, STRT, SPP$, ABUND
IF FIRSTPASS = 1 THEN LASTSP$ = SPP$: FIRSTPASS = 0
IF SPP$ <> LASTSP$ THEN PRINT "Please hold that datum. The program will now run
the stats on "; LASTSP$; " and return to this point for the next species": GOTO RDEND:
LASTSP$ = SPP$
ON STRT GOTO ARRAY1, ARRAY2, ARRAY3
ARRAY1: AR(1, ARCOUNT1) = ABUND
ARCOUNT1 = ARCOUNT1 + 1
GOTO LOOP1:
ARRAY2: AR(2, ARCOUNT2) = ABUND
ARCOUNT2 = ARCOUNT2 + 1
GOTO LOOP1:
ARRAY3: AR(3, ARCOUNT3) = ABUND
ARCOUNT3 = ARCOUNT3 + 1
GOTO LOOP1:
'
RDEND: LASTSP$ = SPP$
'
RRUN: PRINT "Calculating statistics..."
FOR K = 1 TO 3
PRINT "STRATUM"; K; " ..."
PRINT "MEAN"
SUM1 = 0
IF AR(K, 1) = 0 THEN
MEAN(K) = 0!

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S2(K) = 0!
CV(K) = 0!
V(K) = 0!
SE(K) = 0!
P(K) = 0!
S2P(K) = 0!

GOTO 50
END IF
FOR I = 1 TO NK(K)
    SUM1 = SUM1 + AR(K, I)
NEXT I
MEAN(K) = SUM1 / NK(K): 'MEAN BY STRATUM
PRINT "VARIANCE"
SUMV = 0
FOR I = 1 TO NK(K)
    SUMV = SUMV + (AR(K, I) - MEAN(K)) ^ 2
NEXT I
IF NK(K) = 1 THEN
    S2(K) = 0
ELSE
    S2(K) = SUMV / (NK(K) - 1): ' VARIANCE BY STRATUM
END IF
PRINT "COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION"
CV(K) = SQR(S2(K)) / MEAN(K) * 100: ' COFF. OF VAR.
PRINT "VARIANCE OF THE MEAN"
V(K) = S2(K) / NK(K): ' VAR. OF THE MEAN
PRINT "STANDARD ERROR OF THE MEAN"
SE(K) = SQR(V(K))
PRINT "MINIMUM POPULATION ESTIMATE FOR TOTAL AREA"
P(K) = MEAN(K) * BETA(K)
PRINT "VARIANCE OF THE MINIMUM POPULATION ESTIMATE"
S2P(K) = (V(K) * BETA(K) ^ 2): ' VAR. OF MIN. POP. EST.
50 NEXT K
PRINT " ---- STRATIFIED STATISTICS ---- "
N = NK(1) + NK(2) + NK(3): ' TOTAL NUMBER OF SAMPLES TAKEN
PRINT "STRATIFIED MEAN"
SUM1 = 0
FOR K = 1 TO 3
    SUM1 = SUM1 + (MEAN(K) * BETA(K))
NEXT
STMEAN = SUM1 / BETAST: 'STRATIFIED MEAN
PRINT "POPULATION VARIANCE"
PSUM = 0
FOR K = 1 TO 3
    FOR I = 1 TO NK(K)
        PSUM = PSUM + (AR(K, I) - STMEAN) ^ 2
    NEXT I
NEXT K
IF N = 1 THEN
    S2ST = 0
ELSE
    S2ST = PSUM / (N - 1): ' POPULATION VARIANCE
END IF
PRINT "VARIANCE OF STRATIFIED MEAN"
VST = 0

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FOR K = 1 TO 3
  VST = VST + (V(K) * (BETA(K) / BETAST) ^ 2): ' VAR. OF STRAT. MEAN
NEXT K
PRINT "STANDARD ERROR OF THE STRATIFIED MEAN"
SEST = SQR(VST)
PRINT "COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION"
IF STMEAN = 0! THEN
  CVST = 0
ELSE
  CVST = SEST / STMEAN * 100
END IF
PRINT "MINIMUM POPULATION ESTIMATE, BASED ON STRATIFIED MEAN"
PST = STMEAN * BETAST
PRINT "VARIANCE OF MIN. POPULATION ESTIMATE, BASED ON STRATIFIED MEAN"
S2PST = VST * BETAST ^ 2: ' VAR. OF MIN. POP., STRAT. MEAN
PRINT "95% confidence limits"
CONFU = STMEAN + (1.96 * SEST)
CONFL = STMEAN - (1.96 * SEST)
'go to output sub.
GOSUB POUT:
IF EOF(1) AND COUNT = 1 THEN COUNT = 2: GOSUB POUT ELSE IF EOF(1) AND COUNT = 2
THEN STOP
'
GOSUB INIT: ' REINITIALIZE VARIABLES
GOTO LOOPX: ' CONTINUE WITH THIS DATA SET
'
READDATA: PRINT "SUB. TO READ DATA FROM A FILE..."
IF FIRSTPASS = 1 THEN INPUT #1, ST, STRT, SPP$, ABUND
IF FIRSTPASS = 0 THEN ST = NEXTST: STRT = NEXTSTRT: SPP$ = NEXTSP$:
ABUND = NEXTAB
LASTSP$ = SPP$
WHILE SPP$ = LASTSP$ AND NOT EOF(1)
  ON STRT GOTO ARR1, ARR2, ARR3
ARR1: AR(1, ARCOUNT1) = ABUND
  PRINT "1"; ARCOUNT1; AR(1, ARCOUNT1)
  ARCOUNT1 = ARCOUNT1 + 1
  GOTO LOOP2:
ARR2: AR(2, ARCOUNT2) = ABUND
  PRINT "2"; ARCOUNT2; AR(2, ARCOUNT2)
  ARCOUNT2 = ARCOUNT2 + 1
  GOTO LOOP2:
ARR3: AR(3, ARCOUNT3) = ABUND
  PRINT "3"; ARCOUNT3; AR(3, ARCOUNT3)
  ARCOUNT3 = ARCOUNT3 + 1
  GOTO LOOP2:
LOOP2: IF EOF(1) THEN GOTO EX1:
INPUT #1, ST, STRT, SPP$, ABUND: PRINT ST, STRT, SPP$, ABUND
EX1: WEND
'
FIRSTPASS = 0
'Hold these as the first record of the next species input set.
NEXTST = ST
NEXTSTRT = STRT
NEXTSP$ = SPP$
NEXTAB = ABUND

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RETURN
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INIT: ARCOUNT1 = 1: ' next empty element of array AR1  
ARCOUNT2 = 1: ' next empty element of array AR2  
ARCOUNT3 = 1: ' next empty element of array AR3  
PT = 1: ' count of points entered for this species-location
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' Re-initialize abundance array.
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FOR K = 1 TO 3  
  FOR I = 1 TO 300  
    AR(K, I) = 0!  
  NEXT I  
NEXT K  
RETURN
```

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POUT: 'SUB. TO SEND RESULTS TO OUTPUT FILE.
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PRINT #2, "Mini-SURVAN", "CATCH/TOW"  
PRINT #2, " "  
PRINT #2, TAB(25); DATE$, TIME$  
PRINT #2, " "  
PRINT #2, TAB(12); LASTSP$, TYPFLAG$  
PRINT #2, TITL$  
PRINT #2, " "  
PRINT #2, TAB(115); "VARIANCE"  
PRINT #2, "STRATUM"; TAB(15); "SAMPLE"; TAB(30); "SAMPLE"; TAB(45);  
"COEFFICIENT"; TAB(60); "VARIANCE"; TAB(72); "STANDARD ERROR"; TAB(90);  
"MINIMUM POPULATION"; TAB(110); "MINIMUM POPULATION"  
PRINT #2, TAB(11); "N"; TAB(15); "MEAN"; TAB(30); "VARIANCE"; TAB(45); "OF  
VARIATION"; TAB(60); "THE MEAN"; TAB(72); " OF THE MEAN"; TAB(90); "FOR TOTAL  
AREA"; TAB(110); "FOR TOTAL AREA"  
PRINT #2, " "  
FOR K = 1 TO 3  
  PRINT #2, K; TAB(11); N; TAB(15); MEAN(K); TAB(30); S2(K); TAB(45); CV(K);  
TAB(60); V(K); TAB(72); SE(K); TAB(90); P(K); TAB(110); S2P(K)  
NEXT K  
PRINT #2, " ": PRINT #2, " "  
PRINT #2, TAB(115); "VARIANCE OF"  
PRINT #2, TAB(10); "STRATIFIED"; TAB(25); "POPULATION"; TAB(38); "VARIANCE OF ";  
TAB(53); "STANDARD ERROR OF"; TAB(71); " COEFFICIENT"; TAB(85); "MINIMUM  
POPULATION"; TAB(110); "MINIMUM POPULATION"  
PRINT #2, TAB(10); " MEAN "; TAB(25); "VARIANCE"; TAB(38); "STRATIFIED MEAN";  
TAB(55); "STRATIFIED MEAN"; TAB(71); " OF VARIATION"; TAB(85); " FOR TOTAL AREA";  
TAB(110); "FOR TOTAL AREA"  
PRINT #2, " "  
PRINT #2, TAB(10); STMEAN; TAB(25); S2ST; TAB(38); VST; TAB(55); SEST; TAB(71);  
CVST; TAB(85); PST; TAB(110); S2PST  
PRINT #2, " "  
PRINT #2, "95% CONFIDENCE LIMITS"  
PRINT #2, "ABOUT STRATIFIED MEAN", "LOW:", CONFL, "HIGH:", CONFU  
PRINT #2, " ": PRINT #2, " "  
RETURN
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Table 1: Estimates of mean trawlable biomass and coefficients of variation by depth strata, December 1987 - January 1988.

	Stratum							
	50-150 m		151-250 m		251-500 m		Combined	
	Minimum biomass (mt)	Coef. var. (%)						
<i>C. gunnari</i>								
South Georgia	3557	46.8	10878	24.0	651	36.9	15086	20.7
Shag Rocks	225	-	1188	94.8	34	-	1447	77.8
<i>Ps. georgianus</i>								
South Georgia	1426	22.7	9017	28.1	970	88.4	11412	23.6
<i>N. gibberifrons</i>								
South Georgia	1834	28.0	4404	17.5	950	29.9	7189	13.5
Shag Rocks	538	-	60	100.	10	-	609	9.9
<i>Ch. aceratus</i>								
South Georgia	703	16.1	5252	14.5	686	31.7	6642	12.0
<i>N. rossii</i>								
South Georgia	234	30.2	634	35.7	181	73.1	1049	25.9
<i>N. squamifrons</i>								
South Georgia	-	-	17	38.8	367	26.6	384	25.5
Shag Rocks								
<i>D. eleginoides</i>								
South Georgia	65	53.9	221	45.6	410	25.2	697	21.3
Shag Rocks	326	-	83	81.8	-	-	408	16.5
<i>P.b. guntheri</i>								
Shag Rocks	564	-	331	69.1	103	-	999	-
Number of hauls								
South Georgia	33		54		17		104	
Shag Rocks	1		2		1		4	

Table 2: Comparison of estimates of mean trawlable biomass, standard deviation and coefficient of variation based on the normal distribution, 1984/85 and 1986/87, relative to estimates for 1987/88.

	Shag Rocks			South Georgia			Combined		
	Minimum biomass (mt)	Std. dev.	Coef. var. (%)	Minimum biomass (mt)	Std. dev.	Coef. var. (%)	Minimum biomass (mt)	Std. dev.	Coef. var. (%)
<i>C. gunnari</i>									
Kock (1985)	-	-	-	-	-	-	15821	16042	101.4
Gabriel(1987)	10023	5523	55.1	42649	8047	18.9	52672	9760	18.5
1987/88	1447		77.8	15086		20.6	16533	3301	20.0
<i>Ps. georgianus</i>									
Kock (1985)	-	-	-	-	-	-	8134	2684	33.0
Gabriel(1987)	-	-	-	4579	671	14.6	4579	671	14.6
1987/88	-	-	-	11412	2691	23.6	11412	2691	23.6
<i>N. Gibberifrons</i>									
Kock (1985)	-	-	-	-	-	-	15762	4476	28.4
Gabriel(1987)	363	164	45.2	12766	1975	15.5	13129	1982	15.1
1987/88	609	60	9.9	7189	969	13.5	7798	971	12.5
<i>Ch. aceratus</i>									
Gabriel(1987)	-	-	-	10816	1441	13.3	10816	1441	13.3
1987/88	-	-	-	6642	800	12.0	6642	800	12.0
<i>N. rossii</i>									
Kock (1985)	-	-	-	-	-	-	12781	12768	99.9
Gabriel(1987)	-	-	-	3966	2707	68.3	3966	2707	68.3
1987/88	-	-	-	1049	277	25.9	1049	277	25.9
<i>N. squamifrons</i>									
Gabriel(1987)	30	17	56.7	37166	29164	78.5	37196	29165	78.4
1987/88	42	-	-	384	98	25.5	284	98	25.5
<i>D. eleginoides</i>									
Kock (1985)	-	-	-	-	-	-	8159	6242	76.5
Gabriel(1987)	763	305	39.9	1541	519	33.7	2304	602	26.1
1987/88	408	67	16.5	697	149	21.3	1105	163	14.8
<i>P.b. guntheri</i>									
Kock (1985)	-	-	-	-	-	-	7256	3417	47.1
Gabriel(1987)	331	141	45.4	-	-	-	331	141	45.4
1987/88	999	229	25.6	-	-	-	999	229	22.9

Table 3 : Summary of length information for 1987/88 AMLR survey of South Georgia

Species	Size Range (cm)	Mean Overall Length (cm)	Mean Length by Stratum (cm)			L ₅₀ * (cm)	Obvious Modes (cm)
			1	2	3		
<i>C. gunnari</i>	2 - 57	26.7	21.4	29.2	34.9	22 - 25	16,23,32
<i>Ps. georgianus</i>	8 - 57	42.9	44.9	42.4	44.6	41 - 46	21,35,44
<i>N. gibberifrons</i>	3 - 51	21.4	17.7	24.0	27.5	32 - 34	5,17,37
<i>N. rossii</i>	7 - 69	49.9	52.3	48.4	53.4	41 - 51	- - -
<i>Ch. aceratus</i>	11 - 71	38.6	43.7	38.1	36.1	46 - 58	15,24,32,46
<i>N. squamifrons</i>	7 - 40	18.7	-	22.6	18.6	~ 30 ¹	18,28
<i>D. eleginoides</i>	6 - 125	33.3	24.2	40.3	47.7	~ 95 ²	16,27,46
<i>P.b. guntheri</i>	9 - 22	15.2	14.9	16.2	14.6	-	15

* Length of 50% maturation, taken from Table 2, Kock et al. 1985

¹ for Kerguelen

² for Crozet



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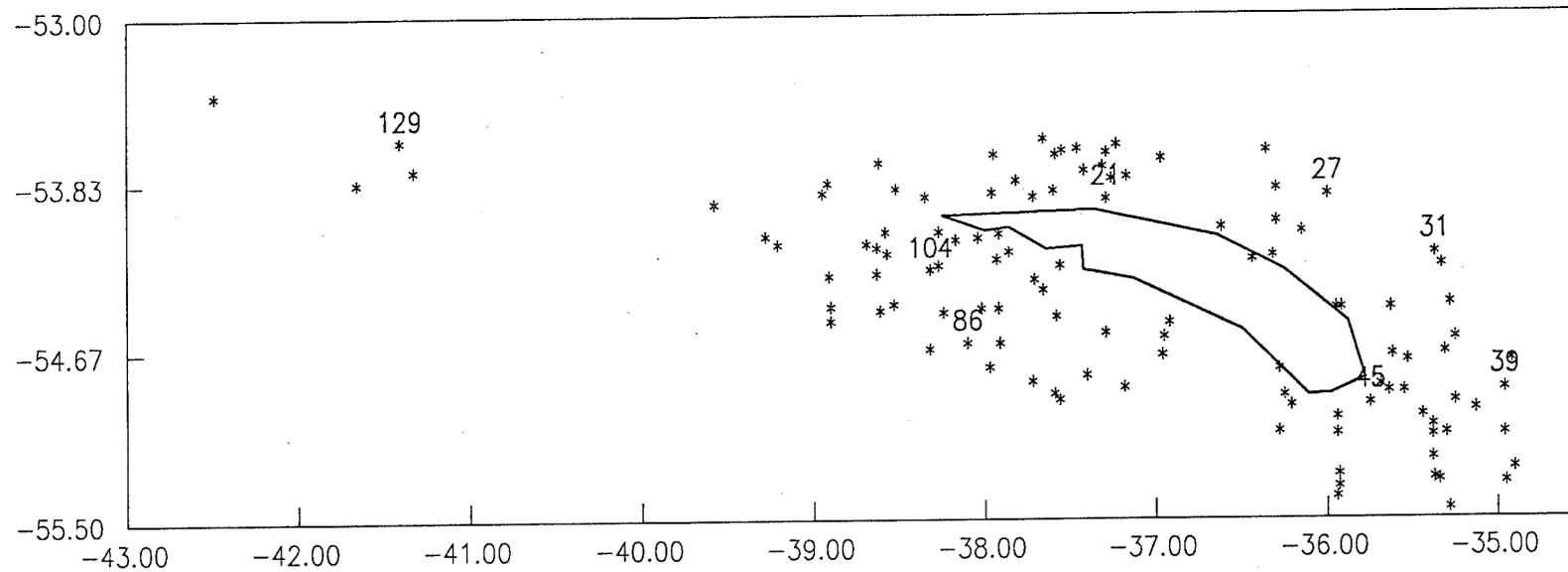
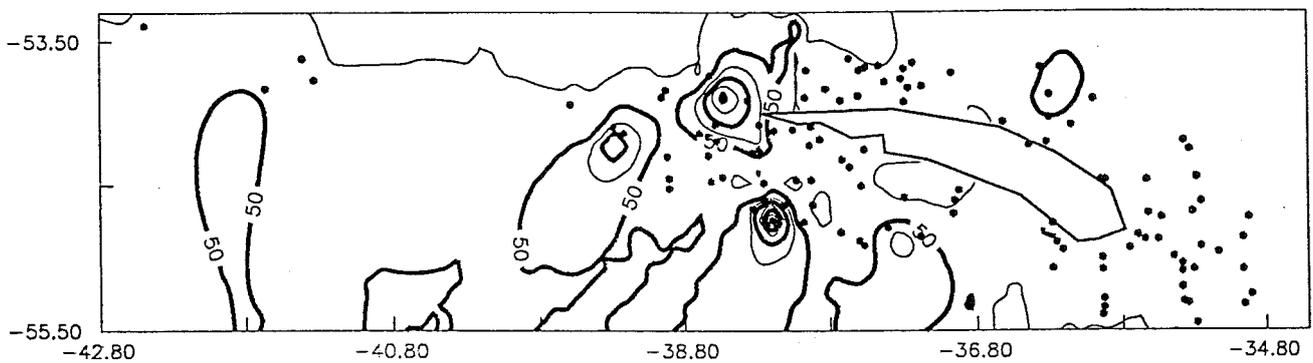
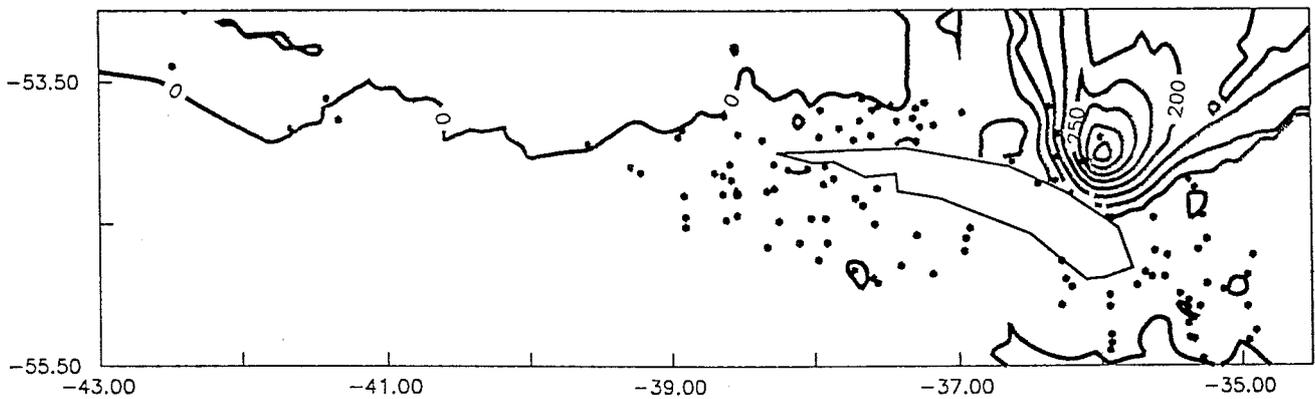


Figure 1: Map of station locations for the 1987-1988 AMLR survey cruise - South Georgia and Shag Rocks. The axes are in degrees west longitude and degrees south latitude, respectively. Only those stations which are explicitly referenced in the text have been labelled with a number.

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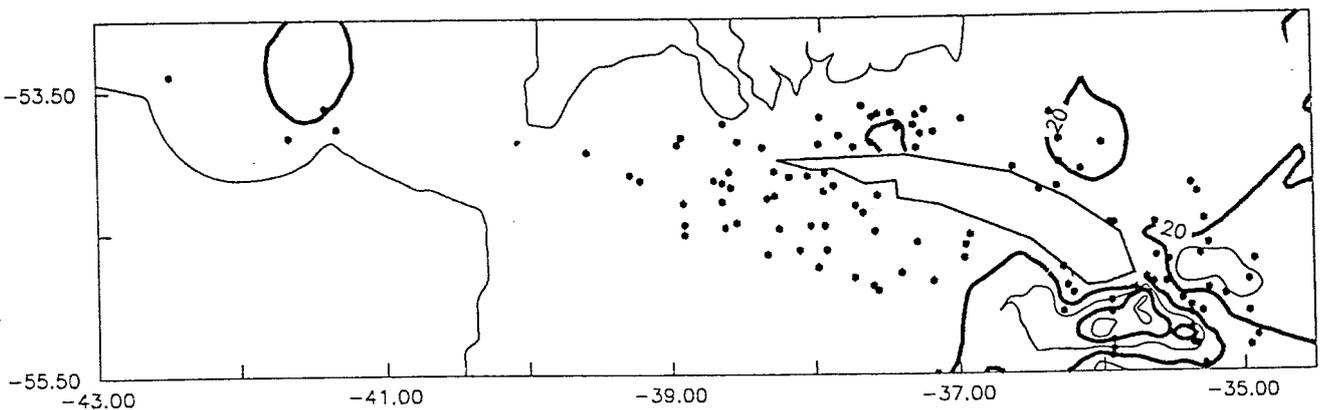
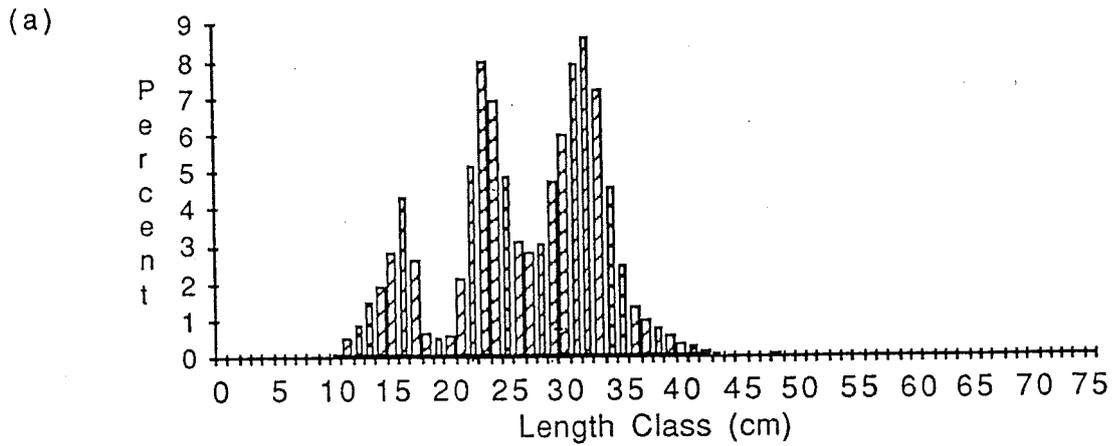


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(b) Distribution of catch per tow, *Pseudochaenichthys georgianus*. Contour interval is 50 kg (range 0-400).
(c) Distribution of catch per tow, *Notothernia gibberifrons*. Contour interval is 20 kg (range 0-80).

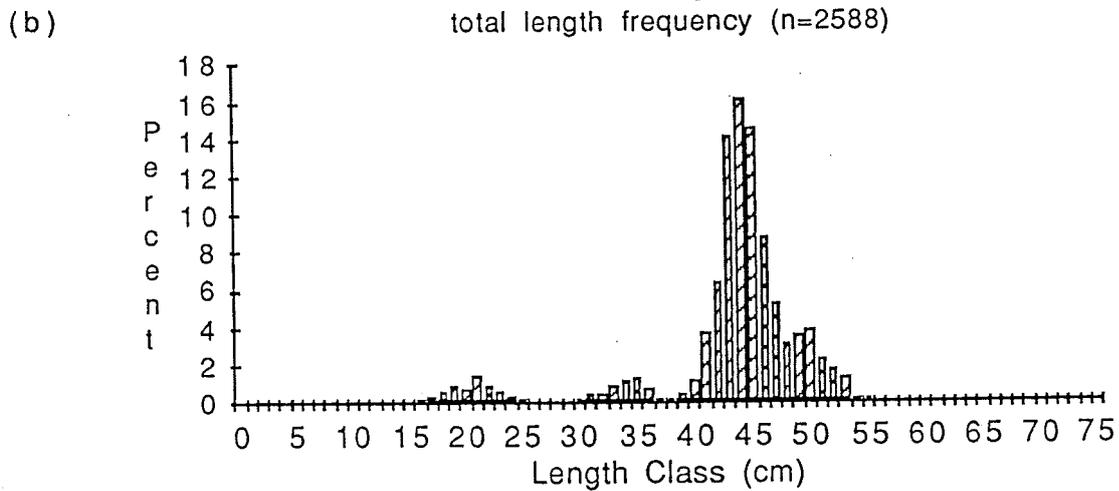
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total length frequency (n=19366)



Pseudochaenichthys georgianus

total length frequency (n=2588)



Notothenia gibberifrons

total length frequency (n=8586)

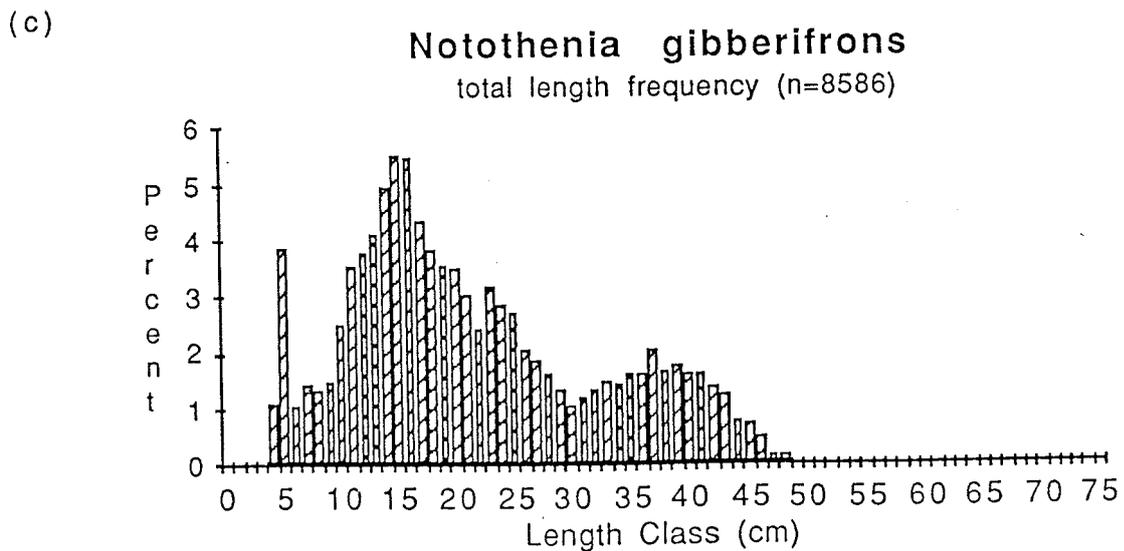
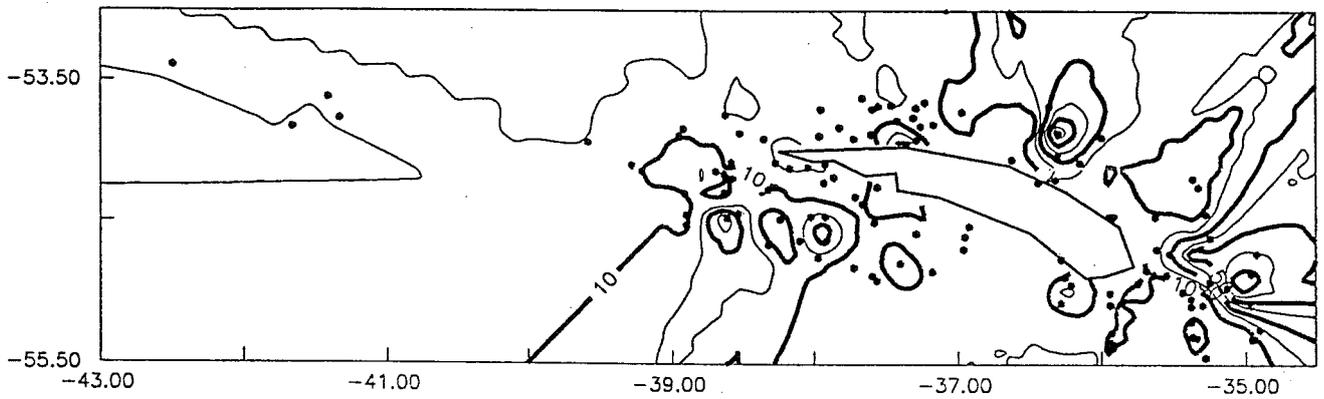
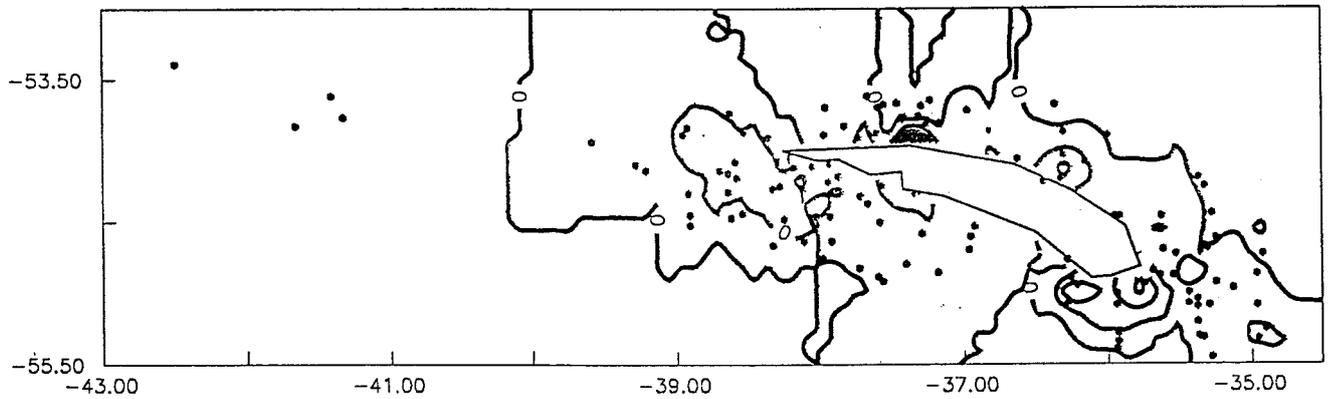


Figure 3: (a) Length frequency distribution, *Champsoccephalus gunnari*.
(b) Length frequency distribution, *Pseudochaenichthys georgianus*.
(c) Length frequency distribution, *Notothenia gibberifrons*.

(a)



(b)



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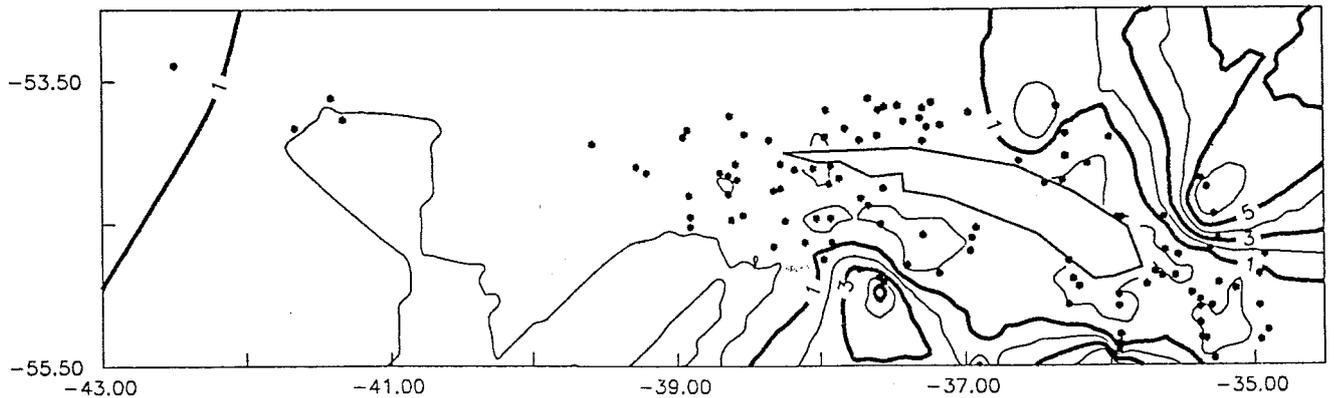
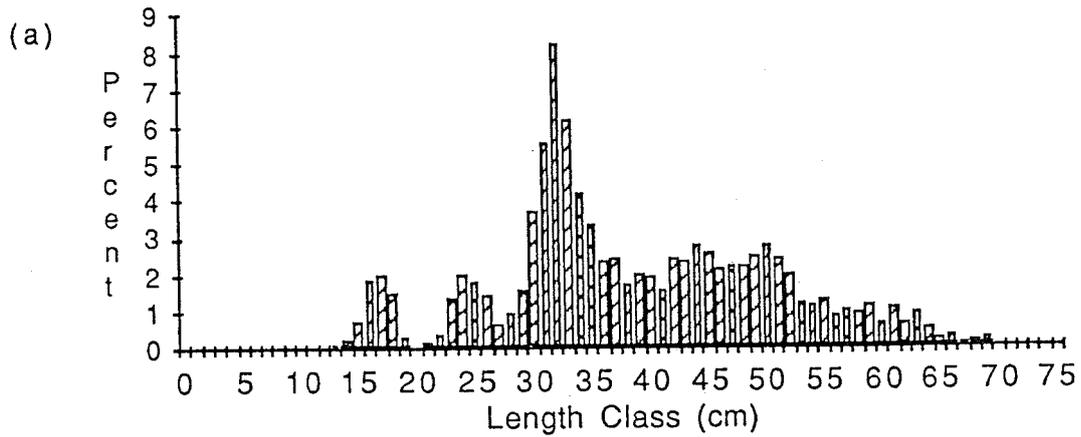


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(b) Distribution of catch per tow, *Notothenia rossii*. Contour interval is 5 kg (range 0-25).
(c) Distribution of catch per tow, *Notothenia squamifrons*. Contour interval is 1 kg (range 0-6).

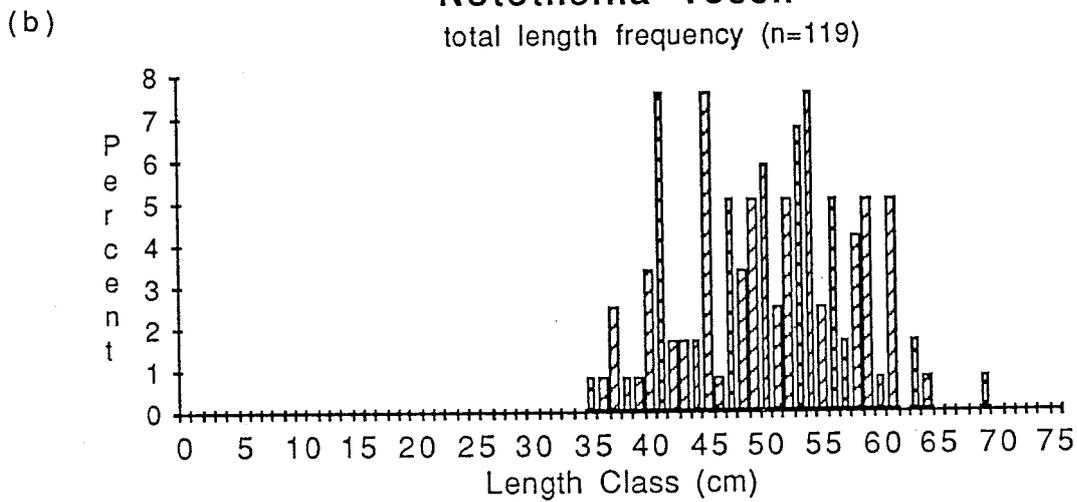
Chaenocephalus aceratus

total length frequency (n=2500)



Notothenia rossii

total length frequency (n=119)



Notothenia squamifrons

total length frequency (n=707)

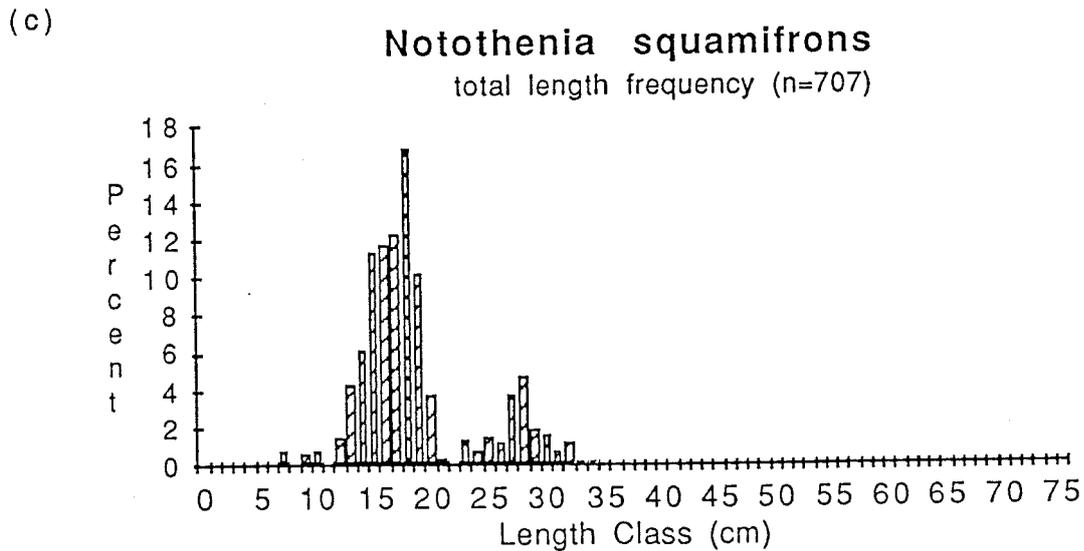
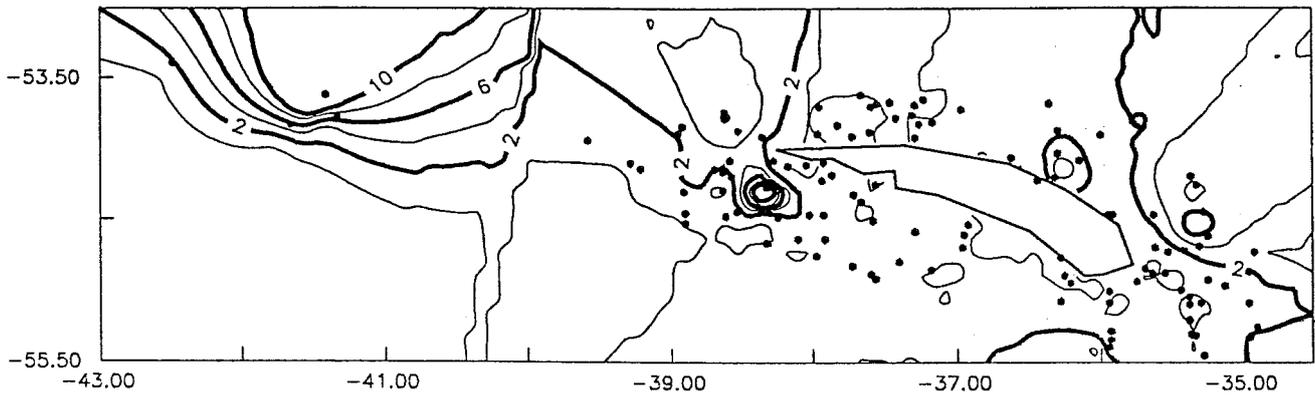


Figure 5: (a) Length frequency distribution, *Chaenocephalus aceratus*.
(b) Length frequency distribution, *Notothenia rossii*.
(c) Length frequency distribution, *Notothenia squamifrons*.

(a)



(b)

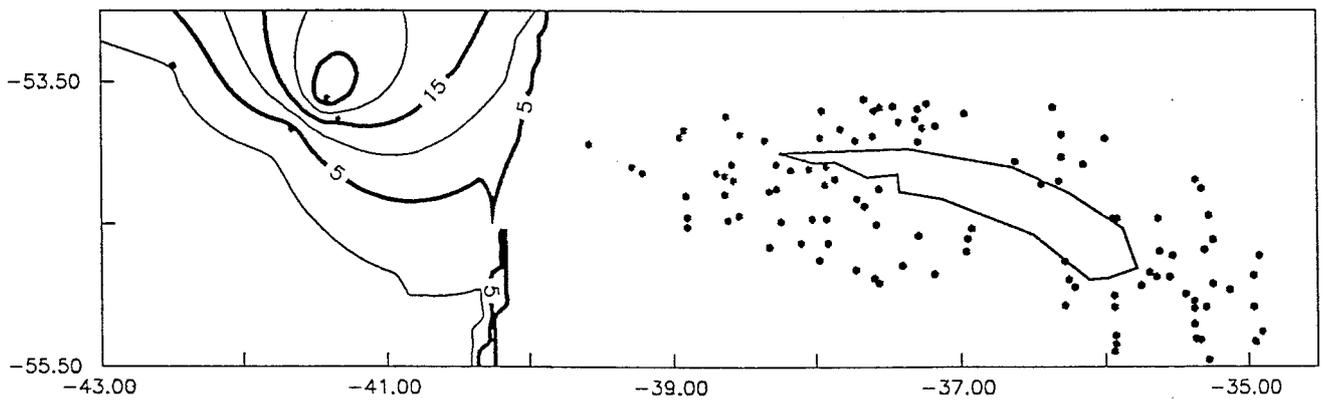


Figure 6: (a) Distribution of catch per tow, *Dissostichus eleginoides*. Contour interval is 2 kg (range 0-10).
(b) Distribution of catch per tow, *Patagonothen brevicauda guntheri*. Contour interval is 5 kg (range 0-25).

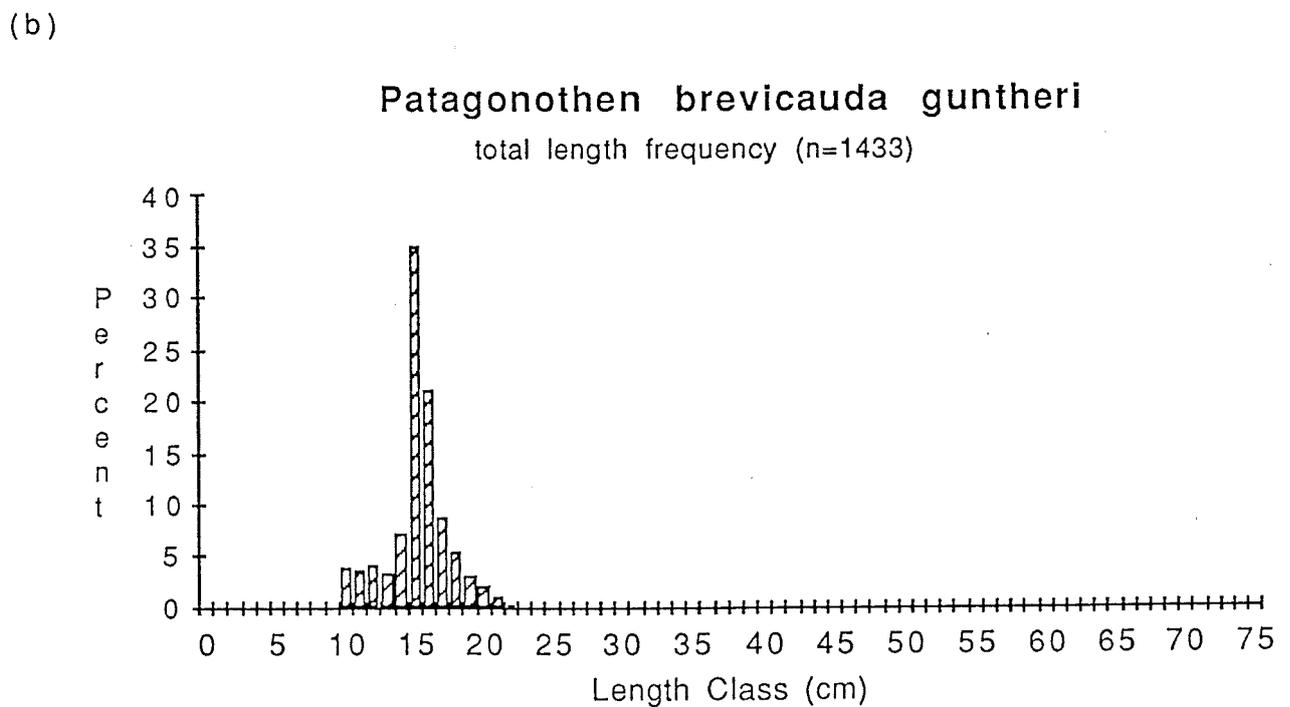
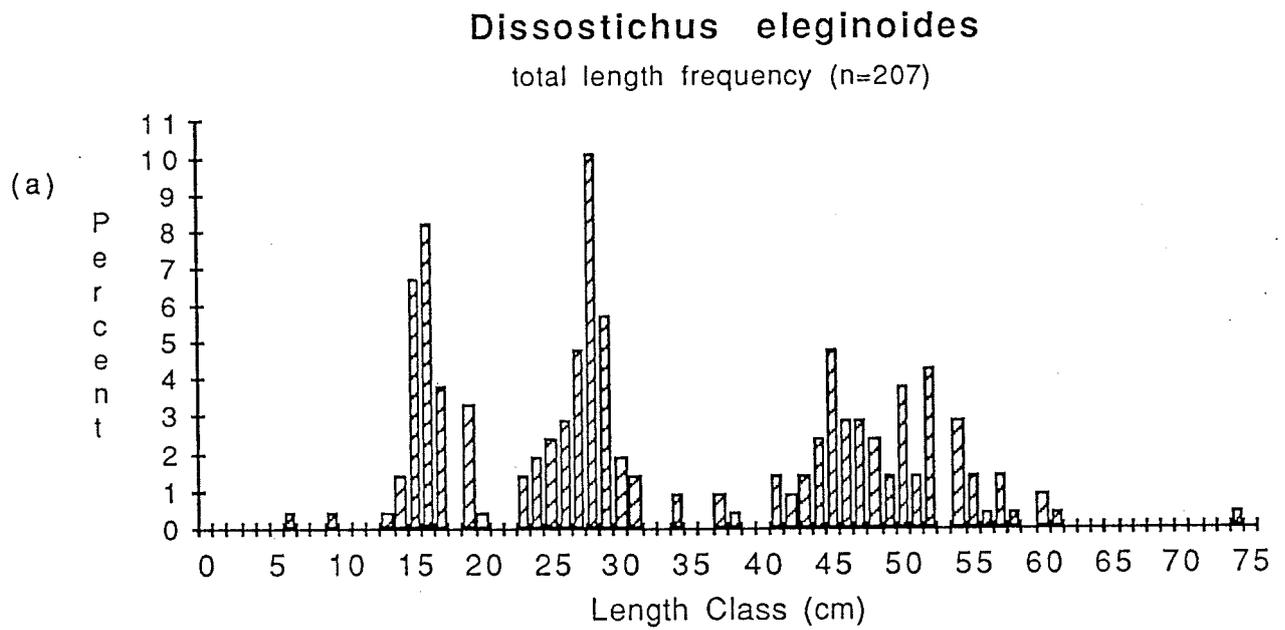


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Figure 7

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Заголовки к таблицам

Таблица 1 Оценки средней величины биомассы промысловой части запаса и коэффициенты вариативности по горизонтам, декабрь 1987 г. - январь 1988 г.

Таблица 2 Сравнение оценок средней величины биомассы промысловой части запаса, среднего квадратического отклонения и коэффициента вариативности, основанных на нормальном распределении, 1984-85 гг. и 1986-87 гг.

Таблица 3 Сводка данных по длине для съемки AMLR в районе Южной Георгии, 1987-88 гг.

Подписи к рисункам

Рисунок 1 Карта расположений станций для рейса 1987-88 гг. с целью съемки AMLR в районе Южной Георгии и скал Шаг. Оси координат соответственно выражены в градусах западной долготы и градусах южной широты. Цифрами обозначены только те станции, о которых подробно говорится в тексте.

Рисунок 2 (a) Распределение величин улова за одно траление, *Champscephalus gunnari*. Расстояние между контурами равно 50 кг (диапазон 0-350).

(b) Распределение величин улова за одно траление, *Pseudochaenichthys georgianus*. Расстояние между контурами равно 50 кг (диапазон 0-400).

(c) Распределение величин улова за одно траление, *Notothenia gibberifrons*. Расстояние между контурами равно 20 кг (диапазон 0-80).

Рисунок 3 (a) Частотное распределение длин, *Champscephalus gunnari*.

(b) Частотное распределение длин, *Pseudochaenichthys georgianus*.

(c) Частотное распределение длин, *Notothenia gibberifrons*.

Рисунок 4 (a) Распределение величин улова за одно траление, *Champscephalus aceratus*. Расстояние между контурами равно 10 кг (диапазон 0-70).

- (b) Распределение величин улова за одно траление, *Notothenia rossii*. Расстояние между контурами равно 5 кг (диапазон 0-25).
- (c) Распределение величин улова за одно траление, *Notothenia squamifrons*. Расстояние между контурами равно 1 кг (диапазон 0-6).

- Рисунок 5
- (a) Частотное распределение длин, *Chaenocephalus aceratus*.
 - (b) Частотное распределение длин, *Notothenia rossii*.
 - (c) Частотное распределение длин, *Notothenia squamifrons*.

- Рисунок 6
- (a) Распределение величин улова за одно траление, *Dissostichus eleginoides*. Расстояние между контурами равно 2 кг (диапазон 0-10).
 - (b) Распределение величин улова за одно траление, *Patagonothen brevicauda guntheri*. Расстояние между контурами равно 5 кг (диапазон 0-25).

- Рисунок 7
- (a) Частотное распределение длин, *Dissostichus eleginoides*.
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Leyendas de las Figuras

- Figura 1 Mapa con la localización de las estaciones para el crucero de prospección AMLR de 1987/88 - Georgia del Sur y rocas Cormoran. Los ejes están indicados en grados longitud Oeste y grados latitud Sur respectivamente. Solamente aquellas estaciones mencionadas explícitamente en el texto están designados con un número.
- Figura 2
- (a) Distribución de captura por arrastre, *Champsocephalus gunnari*. El intervalo del contorno es 50 kg (rango 0-350).
 - (b) Distribución de captura por arrastre, *Pseudochaenichthys georgianus*. El intervalo del contorno es 50 kg (rango 0-400).

- (c) Distribución de captura por arrastre, *Notothenia gibberifrons*. El intervalo del contorno es 20 kg (rango 0-80).
- Figura 3 (a) Distribución de frecuencia por tallas, *Champsocephalus gunnari*.
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