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Monitoring and Sampling the By-Catch of Cod on the Flemish Cap

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The low biomass and predominance of very young cod on the Flemish Cap led to the adoption by NAFO in 1988 of a moratorium on fishing for cod in Div. 3M. In order to assess the effects of cod by-catches in the redfish and flatfish fisheries, the Scientific Council recommends:

1. that statistics on discards of cod taken in the redfish and flatfish fisheries on the Flemish Cap be reported to the Scientific Council, in addition to the normal reports of landings.
2. that length sampling of cod, taken in the redfish and flatfish fisheries on the Flemish Cap, be collected for the two components separately. It is important that depth information accompany each sample.