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KING, M. 1995. Fisheries biology, assessment and management. Fishing News Books, UK, 341 p.

CROWDER, L. B., and S. A. MURAWSKI. 1998. Fisheries by-catch: implications for management. *Fisheries*, **23**: 8-16. doi:10.1577/1548-8446(1998)023<0008:FBIFM>2.0.CO;2

ÁVILA DE MELO, A. M., D. POWER, and R. ALPOIM. MS 2005. An assessment of the status of the redfish in NAFO Division 3LN, *NAFO SCR Doc.*, No. 52, Serial No. 5138, 19 p.

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