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The Catch Statistics of the Shrimp Fishery (*Pandalus borealis*) in the
Denmark Strait in the Years 1980-1990

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Abstract

In this paper an effort has been made to gather and combine all information available on the effort and CPUE from the shrimp fishery of all countries in Denmark Strait. Total effort and mean CPUE of all countries combined has been calculated using the figures for nominal catch for every country. It is considered here that the shrimp stock is the same on both sides of the midline between Iceland and Greenland.

The downward trend in the catch rates is studied in various ways. Firstly by looking at the relationship between moving averages of catch of every three years against CPUE in the fourth year of the series. the relationship is linear and highly significant, namely the higher the catch the lower the CPUE. Secondly the relationship between the moving averages of effort, of two or three years against CPUE the second or third year respectively is studied using the general production model or Fox's (1970) version of the Scafer surplus yield model (1954) in calculation of sustainable yield. From this maximum sustainable yield (MSY) appears to lie between 10390 and 10830 tons. The yield (Y) at 2/3 of MSY effort (MSY f) lies between 9670 and 10080 tons. Both two years and the three years regressions of effort on CPUE have highly significant fits.

Introduction

The Denmark Strait area was first found in September 1976 but a fishery was first commenced in 1978 by Iceland. In the following year the Norwegians started to fish in the area. The fishery increased immensely in the year 1980 by the participation of Greenland, Denmark, Faroe Islands and France. From then on the fishery was carried out by all these 6 countries.

In this paper all data available on the catch, effort and the CPUE, are gathered by months for all strata within the traditional area combined.

Material and Methods

For most of the countries there are data presented from logbooks, namely catch and effort. The individual authors have also calculated the CPUE by dividing the catch per month (in kg) by the corresponding effort (in trawling hours). In order to assess the overall CPUE per every half year, all the effort in the period January to June was summed. Then only the catches that correspond to stated effort are summed by every half year. The subtotal sum of catch is divided by the subtotal sum of effort to get the CPUE per every half year. In order to assess the total effort exerted by each country in the area, the nominal catch per month is summed by every half year. The nominal catch is often higher than the catch reported in logbooks. Therefore the effort was corrected by every half year by dividing the nominal total catch by the CPUE of the same half year. It has been assumed here that the gear and the efficiency of all vessels of a country is more like that of the ones not reporting of the same country than that of other countries. Therefore the effort was first corrected by individual countries.

The use of the Fox model is carried out in the same manner as described in 1990 (Skúladóttir 1990 b).

Results and Discussion

The effort, catch and nominal catch as well as calculated CPUE are presented in tables 1 to 6 for the six countries. For the first years the CPUE and effort was taken from the NAFO Scientific Council Reports (1979, 1980 and 1983). Later the CPUE and effort data were obtained from the scientists of the respective countries. For Norway the data come from Smedstad and Torheim (1989, 1990). For France the data come from Bertrand, Battaglia and Poulard (1988). The CPUE for the Faroe Islands in 1980 were obtained from Hoydal (1980). The catch data were obtained mostly from Carlsson (1981, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990). When authors published later different figures for effort and CPUE where effort was higher than in the previous year these were preferred, taking into account that most of the NAFO meetings on the Denmark Strait shrimp took place in January which in some cases led to preliminary figures being given by respective countries. Sometimes there was discrepancy between the catch figures by month, by Carlson and the respective authors. In that case the higher figure was believed to be the nominal catch and the effort was corrected by dividing the nominal catch of every half year by the CPUE of the same half year by every country respectively. The data published in the review 1990 (Skúladóttir 1990) are here reprinted for all years up till 1990 with small corrections for the years 1987-1989 in case of Greenland as well as data for the year 1990 (Carlsson and Kanneworff 1991). The data for 1990 are obtained from Smedstad and Torheim (1991), and Poulard (personal communication 1991).

From table 7 it is notable that there is considerable variation in the CPUE of the different countries. This could be due to different gear sizes and the difference in power of the respective vessels. For the Icelandic boats it is known that gear size peaked in 1987 and has been rather stable since then. There is also a fall in CPUE in the latter half of the year. However a second peak in catch rates can occur in september or december. The yearly catch rate is calculated in table 8. The yearly CPUE has been falling gradually since the year 1980 and 1981 or from 245 kg per hour to 98 kg in 1986 yielding 11 thousand tons. In spite of doubling the effort there is little gain in addition to the 11 thousand tons fished in 1986. The total catch is listed in Table 9 as well as advised TAC by the Scientific Council of NAFO, by years. The effective TAC has usually been moderate and similar to the advised TAC. The effective TAC of 14100 tons of Greenland authorities was fortunately not reached in 1990, perhaps because of failing catches at times throughout the year.

In order to see the impact the fishery is making in the shrimp stock, the moving averages of catch of every 3 years is put against the CPUE in the fourth year (table 10 and fig. 1). It turns out that the more shrimp is removed from the stock by fishing the less CPUE becomes. When fitted with a simple line the fit is significant at the $p = 0.001$ level. The forecast for CPUE of the year 1990 was 110 kg per hr (Skúladóttir 1990 a) it turns out to be 111 kg. The forecast for 1991 is 119 kg per hr as the catch of the last three years, 1988-1990, is slightly less than that of 1987-1989.

The basic data for the Fox model are obtained from table 8. In table 11 are shown the moving averages of effort of two or three years respectively. The regressions of effort on CPUE are shown in figs. 2 and 3. The resulting yield curves do not differ much from each other and less than they did a year prior using 10 sets instead of 11 here. The fit is also even more significant ($p = 0.001$) than that of last years. The yield curve is slightly lower in case of the 3 years average, giving rise to MSY about 10400 tons as compared to about 10800 tons in case of the 2 years average effort. The yield at $2/3$ MSY f is about 9700 and 10100 respectively.

Conclusion

The fishery in the Denmark Strait appears to have reached the stage where stock level as judged by CPUE is below half of what it was in the early eighties.

The annual removals from the shrimp stock in the Denmark Strait seems to have reached the limit whereby further increase in effort does not seem to give any larger yield for the long run. The CPUE does not seem to be declining further. The catch should not be allowed to increase again much above the advised 10 thousand tons.

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Table 1. Catch rates (kg per hour trawling) and corresponding effort (hours trawling) and catch (tons) from the shrimp fishery in Denmark Strait by Greenland (and Denmark in the years 1980-1982) in two periods of the year.

| Year | January - June | | | | July - December | | | |
|----------|----------------|-------|--------|----------|-----------------|-------|--------|--------|
| | Month | Cpue | Effort | Catch | Month | Cpue | Effort | Catch |
| 1980 | Apr | 672 | 35 | 23.5 | Jul | 71 | 60 | 4.2 |
| | May | 392 | 1295 | 507.6 | Aug | 17 | 32 | 0.5 |
| | Jun | 139 | 315 | 43.8 | Sep | 181 | 482 | 67.2 |
| | | | | | Oct | 107 | 1165 | 124.7 |
| | | | | | Nov | 145 | 485 | 67.4 |
| | Subtotal | 350 | 1645 | 575.0 | Subtotal | 129 | 2204 | 284.0 |
| | Total | 350 | 1665 | 582.0 | Total | 129 | 2483 | 320.0 |
| 1981 | Apr | 486 | 1343 | 652.7 | | | | |
| | May | 283 | 914 | 240.4 | | | | |
| | Jun | 123 | 6 | 0.7 | | | | |
| | Subtotal | 395 | 2263 | 893.8 | | | | |
| | Total | 395 | 4013 | 1585.0 | | | | |
| 1982 | Mar | 160 | 763 | 122.1 | | | | |
| | Apr | 195 | 1570 | 306.2 | | | | |
| | May | 280 | 1394 | 390.0 | | | | |
| | Subtotal | 220 | 3727 | 818.3 | | | | |
| | Total | 220 | 6432 | 1855.0 | | | | |
| 1983 | Mar | 345 | 484 | 167.0 | | | | |
| | Apr | 160 | 457 | 73.0 | | | | |
| | Subtotal | 255 | 941 | 240.0 | | | | |
| | Total | 255 | 5752 | 1467.0 | | | | |
| 1984 | Jan | 600 | 105 | 63.0 | | | | |
| | Feb | 358 | 312 | 111.0 | | | | |
| | Mar | 224 | 281 | 63.0 | | | | |
| | Subtotal | 340 | 698 | 237.0 | | | | |
| | Total | 340 | 6627 | 2250.0 | | | | |
| 1985 | Jan | 318 | 647 | 206.0 | Oct | 146 | 51 | 7.0 |
| | Feb | 309 | 610 | 188.0 | Nov | 230 | 360 | 83.0 |
| | Mar | 218 | 570 | 124.0 | Dec | 272 | 643 | 175.0 |
| | Apr | 228 | 825 | 143.0 | | | | |
| | Subtotal | 270 | 2452 | 661.0 | Subtotal | 251 | 1054 | 265.0 |
| | Total | 270 | 6469 | 1744.0 | Total | 251 | 3389 | 652.0 |
| 1986 | Jan | 302 | 1565 | 473.0 | Oct | 50 | 77 | 4.0 |
| | Feb | 222 | 2593 | 576.0 | Nov | 326 | 686 | 223.0 |
| | Mar | 403 | 2413 | 972.0 | Dec | 529 | 1160 | 614.0 |
| | Apr | 252 | 1032 | 260.0 | | | | |
| | May | 136 | 602 | 82.0 | | | | |
| Subtotal | 288 | 8205 | 2363.0 | Subtotal | 437 | 1923 | 841.0 | |
| | Total | 288 | 14285 | 4114.0 | Total | 437 | 3812 | 1867.0 |
| 1987 | Jan | 348 | 3608 | 1257.3 | Aug | 113 | 81 | 9.2 |
| | Feb | 322 | 4471 | 1439.0 | Sep | 253 | 400 | 101.4 |
| | Mar | 296 | 2965 | 878.6 | Oct | 199 | 753 | 149.7 |
| | Apr | 208 | 951 | 197.6 | Nov | 162 | 1915 | 306.6 |
| | May | 300 | 403 | 121.0 | Dec | 115 | 4067 | 468.9 |
| | Subtotal | 314 | 12398 | 3893.5 | Subtotal | 144 | 7216 | 1038.8 |
| | Total | 314 | 17666 | 5547.0 | Total | 144 | 7502 | 1080.0 |
| 1988 | Jan | 301 | 6951 | 2089.8 | Aug | 117 | 1019 | 119.6 |
| | Feb | 226 | 7950 | 1793.2 | Sep | 121 | 1487 | 179.4 |
| | Mar | 152 | 6408 | 975.1 | Oct | 105 | 2586 | 270.5 |
| | Apr | 104 | 1121 | 116.0 | Nov | 157 | 3207 | 503.3 |
| | May | 114 | 550 | 62.9 | Dec | 203 | 4903 | 995.1 |
| | Subtotal | 219 | 22980 | 5037.0 | Subtotal | 157 | 13202 | 2067.9 |
| | Total | 219 | 24111 | 5265.0 | Total | 157 | 13622 | 2165.0 |
| 1989 | Jan | 249 | 6865 | 1707.5 | Jul | 27 | 15 | 0.4 |
| | Feb | 214 | 6361 | 1361.0 | Aug | 44 | 713 | 31.3 |
| | Mar | 131 | 3905 | 412.1 | Sep | 56 | 2290 | 117.1 |
| | Apr | 197 | 3505 | 1100.0 | Oct | 99 | 2490 | 248.7 |
| | May | 88 | 2322 | 157.5 | Nov | 67 | 7031 | 474.1 |
| | Jun | 39 | 137 | 5.4 | Dec | 84 | 7107 | 598.9 |
| Subtotal | 192 | 23095 | 4434.1 | Subtotal | 75 | 19756 | 1488.7 | |
| | Total | 192 | 23287 | 4471.0 | Total | 75 | 20039 | 1510.0 |
| 1990 | Jan | 139 | 8602 | 1196.8 | Jul | 94 | 82 | 7.7 |
| | Feb | 185 | 8289 | 1533.1 | Aug | 59 | 351 | 20.6 |
| | Mar | 143 | 8299 | 1186.1 | Sep | 64 | 710 | 45.2 |
| | Apr | 473 | 1050 | 496.9 | Oct | 58 | 1734 | 101.4 |
| | May | 455 | 2133 | 971.5 | Nov | 85 | 2121 | 136.7 |
| | Jun | 45 | 116 | 5.2 | Dec | 79 | 5160 | 408.5 |
| Subtotal | 189 | 28489 | 5389.6 | Subtotal | 71 | 10158 | 722.1 | |
| | Total | 189 | 28956 | 5478.0 | Total | 71 | 10297 | 732.0 |

Table 2. Catch rates (kg per hour trawling) and corresponding effort (hours trawling) and catch (tons) from the shrimp fishery in Denmark Strait by France in two periods of the year.

| Year | January - June | | | | July - December | | | |
|------|----------------|------|--------|-------|-----------------|------|--------|-------|
| | Month | CPUE | Effort | Catch | Month | CPUE | Effort | Catch |
| 1981 | Apr | 424 | 160 | 67.8 | | | | |
| | May | 241 | 557 | 134.3 | | | | |
| | Jun | 145 | 257 | 37.4 | | | | |
| | Subtotal | 246 | 974 | 239.5 | | | | |
| | Total | 246 | 1436 | 353.0 | | | | |
| 1982 | Apr | 206 | 345 | 71.1 | | | | |
| | May | 258 | 577 | 148.9 | | | | |
| | Jun | 179 | 247 | 44.1 | | | | |
| | Subtotal | 226 | 1169 | 264.1 | | | | |
| | Total | 226 | 1833 | 414.0 | | | | |
| 1983 | Apr | 166 | 252 | 41.7 | | | | |
| | May | 246 | 254 | 62.5 | | | | |
| | Jun | 159 | 213 | 33.8 | | | | |
| | Subtotal | 192 | 719 | 138.0 | | | | |
| | Total | 192 | 1516 | 291.0 | | | | |
| 1984 | Mar | 208 | 200 | 41.7 | | | | |
| | Apr | 290 | 1044 | 303.3 | | | | |
| | May | 205 | 517 | 106.2 | | | | |
| | Subtotal | 256 | 1761 | 451.2 | | | | |
| | Total | 256 | 1951 | 500.0 | | | | |
| 1985 | Apr | 231 | 381 | 87.9 | Oct | 170 | 405 | 68.7 |
| | May | 199 | 605 | 120.4 | Nov | 170 | 55 | 9.3 |
| | Jun | 118 | 220 | 26.0 | | | | |
| | Subtotal | 194 | 1206 | 234.3 | Subtotal | 170 | 460 | 78.0 |
| | Total | 194 | 2594 | 504.0 | Total | 170 | 814 | 138.0 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 1986 | Mar | 230 | 68 | 15.7 | Sep | 243 | 237 | 57.6 |
| | Apr | 175 | 1225 | 214.5 | Oct | 214 | 510 | 109.4 |
| | May | 184 | 1551 | 285.1 | Nov | 119 | 44 | 5.2 |
| | Jun | 124 | 355 | 43.9 | | | | |
| | Subtotal | 175 | 3199 | 559.2 | Subtotal | 218 | 791 | 172.2 |
| | Total | 175 | 3415 | 597.0 | Total | 218 | 841 | 183.0 |
| 1987 | Apr | 227 | 400 | 90.9 | Sep | | | 94.0 |
| | May | 250 | 578 | 144.7 | Oct | | | 59.0 |
| | | | | | Nov | | | 170.0 |
| | Subtotal | 241 | 978 | 235.6 | Subtotal | | | 323.0 |
| | Total | 241 | 2599 | 626.0 | Total | | | 405.0 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 1988 | Apr | 147 | 462 | 68.1 | Aug | | | 2.0 |
| | May | 136 | 473 | 64.2 | Sept | | | 48.0 |
| | Subtotal | 141 | 935 | 132.3 | | | | |
| | Total | 141 | 3138 | 444.0 | Total | | | 50.0 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 1989 | Mar | 203 | 247 | 50.2 | Jul | 58 | 116 | 6.7 |
| | Apr | 192 | 907 | 174.2 | Aug | 59 | 409 | 24.0 |
| | May | 23 | 23 | 0.5 | | | | |
| | Subtotal | 191 | 1177 | 225 | Subtotal | 58 | 525 | 30.7 |
| | Total | 191 | 1525 | 291.3 | Total | 58 | 1536 | 89.8 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 1990 | Mar | 126 | 172 | 23.3 | | | | |
| | Subtotal | 126 | 172 | 23.3 | | | | |
| | Total | 126 | 286 | 36.0 | Total | | | 15.0 |

Table 3. Catch rate (kg per hour trawling) and corresponding effort (hours trawling) and catch (tons) from the shrimp fishery in Denmark Strait by Norway.

| Year | January - June | | | | July - December | | | | |
|----------|----------------|------|--------|--------|-----------------|------|--------|--------|------|
| | Month | CPUE | Effort | Catch | Month | CPUE | Effort | Catch | |
| 1980 | Mar | 904 | 398 | 360.0 | Aug | 95 | 874 | 83.0 | |
| | Apr | 704 | 793 | 558.0 | Sept | 145 | 2883 | 418.0 | |
| | May | 378 | 1071 | 405.0 | Oct | 99 | 3071 | 304.0 | |
| | Jun | 98 | 714 | 70.0 | Nov | 180 | 1181 | 189.0 | |
| | Subtotal | 468 | 2976 | 1393.0 | Subtotal | 124 | 8009 | 994.0 | |
| | Total | 468 | 3108 | 1455.0 | Total | 124 | 8106 | 1006.0 | |
| 1981 | Mar | 364 | 137 | 50.0 | Aug | 42 | 167 | 7.0 | |
| | Apr | 296 | 3848 | 1139.0 | Sep | 46 | 65 | 3.0 | |
| | May | 161 | 4057 | 653.0 | | | | | |
| | Jun | 119 | 1101 | 131.0 | | | | | |
| | Subtotal | 216 | 9143 | 1973.0 | Subtotal | 43 | 232 | 10.0 | |
| | Total | 216 | 9296 | 2005.0 | Total | 43 | 232 | 10.0 | |
| 1982 | Mar | 197 | 1548 | 305.0 | | | | | |
| | Apr | 171 | 4450 | 761.0 | | | | | |
| | May | 248 | 3339 | 828.0 | | | | | |
| | Total | 203 | 9337 | 1894.0 | | | | | |
| 1983 | Apr | 128 | 2734 | 350.0 | Jul | 133 | 45 | 6.0 | |
| | May | 255 | 1438 | 367.0 | Aug | 98 | 622 | 61.0 | |
| | Jun | 143 | 1797 | 257.0 | | | | | |
| | Subtotal | 163 | 5970 | 974.0 | Subtotal | 101 | 667 | 67.0 | |
| | Total | 163 | 6800 | 1114.0 | Total | 101 | 6100 | 613.0 | |
| | 1984 | Feb | 232 | 341 | 79.0 | | | | |
| Mar | | 224 | 2777 | 622.0 | | | | | |
| Apr | | 183 | 4000 | 732.0 | | | | | |
| May | | 167 | 2994 | 500.0 | | | | | |
| Subtotal | | 191 | 10112 | 1933.0 | | | | | |
| Total | | 191 | 11141 | 2128.0 | | | | | |
| 1985 | Mar | 184 | 4130 | 760.0 | | | | | |
| | Apr | 166 | 5994 | 995.0 | | | | | |
| | May | 137 | 1964 | 269.0 | | | | | |
| | Subtotal | 166 | 12088 | 2024.0 | | | | | |
| | Total | 166 | 12355 | 2051.0 | | | | | |
| 1986 | Jan | 112 | 277 | 31.0 | Jul | 71 | 28 | 2.0 | |
| | Feb | 141 | 1475 | 208.0 | Aug | 131 | 885 | 116.0 | |
| | Mar | 166 | 4400 | 737.0 | Sep | 110 | 427 | 47.0 | |
| | Apr | 133 | 4120 | 548.0 | | | | | |
| | May | 131 | 2573 | 337.0 | | | | | |
| | Total | 145 | 12845 | 1861.0 | Total | 123 | 1340 | 165.0 | |
| | 1987 | Feb | 187 | 802 | 150.0 | Aug | 124 | 258 | 32.0 |
| Mar | | 140 | 4036 | 565.0 | Sep | 135 | 1659 | 224.0 | |
| Apr | | 123 | 4886 | 601.0 | Oct | 91 | 2055 | 187.0 | |
| May | | 133 | 1473 | 196.0 | Nov | 47 | 1213 | 57.0 | |
| Subtotal | | 135 | 11197 | 1512.0 | Subtotal | 96 | 5185 | 500.0 | |
| Total | | 135 | 11353 | 1533.0 | Total | 96 | 5261 | 507.0 | |
| 1988 | | Jan | 66 | 30 | 2 | Jul | 71 | 14 | 1 |
| | Feb | 112 | 2438 | 273 | Aug | 96 | 2271 | 218 | |
| | Mar | 76 | 4013 | 305 | Sep | 86 | 3267 | 281 | |
| | Apr | 74 | 4635 | 343 | Oct | 71 | 2479 | 176 | |
| | May | 82 | 3939 | 323 | Nov | 61 | 295 | 18 | |
| | June | 108 | 259 | 28 | | | | | |
| | Subtotal | 83 | 15314 | 1274 | Subtotal | 83 | 8312 | 693 | |
| | Total | | 15314 | 1274 | Total | | 9332 | 778 | |
| | 1989 | Jan | 199 | 422 | 84 | Aug | 35 | 1600 | 56 |
| | | Feb | 129 | 496 | 64 | Sep | 37 | 6459 | 239 |
| Mar | | 70 | 2300 | 161 | Oct | 55 | 7309 | 402 | |
| Apr | | 88 | 4318 | 380 | Nov | 47 | 6106 | 287 | |
| May | | 35 | 457 | 16 | Dec | 94 | 2883 | 271 | |
| June | | 26 | 538 | 14 | | | | | |
| Subtotal | | 84 | 8532 | 719 | Subtotal | 52 | 24358 | 1255 | |
| Total | | 84 | 8354 | 704 | Total | 52 | 27056 | 1394 | |
| 1990 | | Jan | 77 | 1584 | 122 | July | 38 | 368 | 14 |
| | | Feb | 73 | 2425 | 177 | Aug | 37 | 2162 | 80 |
| | Mar | 70 | 3914 | 274 | Sep | 43 | 6465 | 278 | |
| | Apr | 66 | 1848 | 122 | Oct | 52 | 6077 | 316 | |
| | May | 237 | 1899 | 450 | Nov | 52 | 6981 | 363 | |
| | June | | | | Dec | 68 | 3500 | 238 | |
| | Subtotal | 98 | 11671 | 1145 | Subtotal | 50 | 25553 | 1289 | |
| | Total | 98 | 11982 | 1176 | Total | 50 | 26247 | 1324 | |

Table 4. Catch rates (kg per hour trawling) and corresponding effort (hours trawling) and catch (tons) from the shrimp fishery in Denmark Strait by Iceland in two periods of the year.

| Year | January - June | | | | July - December | | | |
|-------|----------------|------|--------|----------|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Month | CPUE | Effort | Catch | Month | CPUE | Effort | Catch |
| 1980 | Jun | 125 | 1425 | 177.6 | Jul | 90 | 1478 | 133.6 |
| | | | | | Aug | 104 | 1176 | 121.8 |
| | | | | | Sep | 123 | 851 | 104.2 |
| | | | | | Oct | 96 | 802 | 77.2 |
| | Total | 125 | 1760 | 219.3 | Subtotal | 101 | 4307 | 436.8 |
| | | | | Total | 101 | 5318 | 539.4 | |
| 1981 | Jun | 99 | 688 | 68.0 | Jul | 79 | 603 | 47.3 |
| | | | | | Aug | 39 | 245 | 9.6 |
| | Total | 99 | 688 | 68.0 | Total | 67 | 848 | 56.9 |
| 1982 | No fishery | | | | | | | |
| 1983 | Jun | 99 | 52 | 5.1 | Oct | 172 | 80 | 13.8 |
| | | | | | Nov | 155 | 158 | 24.5 |
| | Total | 99 | 52 | 5.1 | Total | 161 | 238 | 38.3 |
| 1984 | Jun | 42 | 53 | 2.2 | Jul | 69 | 655 | 45.4 |
| | | | | | Aug | 69 | 116 | 8.0 |
| | | | | | Sep | 99 | 1546 | 152.7 |
| | | | | | Oct | 154 | 1887 | 291.0 |
| | | | | | Nov | 74 | 2391 | 175.7 |
| | | | | | Dec | 118 | 569 | 66.8 |
| | Total | 42 | 53 | 2.2 | Total | 103 | 7164 | 739.6 |
| 1985 | Feb | 105 | 60 | 6.3 | Jul | 100 | 3477 | 347.1 |
| | Mar | 13 | 8 | 0.1 | Aug | 82 | 3393 | 278.6 |
| | Apr | 22 | 22 | 0.5 | Sep | 90 | 4377 | 392.2 |
| | May | 70 | 2558 | 179.0 | Oct | 82 | 2022 | 166.2 |
| | Jun | 114 | 1837 | 210.1 | Nov | 83 | 1232 | 101.9 |
| | | | | | Dec | 253 | 443 | 112.0 |
| | Total | 88 | 4485 | 396.0 | Total | 94 | 14944 | 1398.0 |
| 1986 | Apr | 21 | 19 | 0.5 | Jul | 123 | 92 | 11.2 |
| | May | 74 | 2806 | 206.7 | Aug | 95 | 2163 | 204.8 |
| | Jun | 53 | 64 | 3.4 | Sep | 94 | 2689 | 251.6 |
| | | | | | Oct | 82 | 1892 | 155.7 |
| | | | | | Nov | 96 | 947 | 91.4 |
| | | | | | Dec | 494 | 228 | 112.8 |
| | Subtotal | 73 | 2889 | 210.6 | Subtotal | 103 | 8011 | 827.5 |
| Total | 73 | 3205 | 234.0 | Total | 103 | 8893 | 916.0 | |
| 1987 | | | | Jul | 98 | 447 | 43.7 | |
| | | | | Aug | 83 | 3399 | 283.6 | |
| | | | | Sep | 92 | 3078 | 251.4 | |
| | | | | Oct | 61 | 2012 | 123.3 | |
| | | | | Nov | 75 | 1482 | 111.8 | |
| | | | | Dec | 106 | 259 | 27.3 | |
| | | | | Subtotal | 79 | 10677 | 841.1 | |
| | | | Total | 79 | 16835 | 1330.0 | | |
| 1988 | Jan | 90 | 23 | 2.1 | Jul | 47 | 977 | 45.7 |
| | Feb | 42 | 21 | 0.8 | Aug | 52 | 4596 | 238.1 |
| | Jun | 108 | 1463 | 158.5 | Sep | 62 | 6257 | 386.1 |
| | | | | Oct | 52 | 7166 | 372.3 | |
| | | | | Nov | 26 | 363 | 9.5 | |
| | Subtotal | 107 | 1507 | 161.4 | Subtotal | 54 | 19359 | 1051.7 |
| | Total | | 1769 | 189.5 | Total | | 22735 | 1234.5 |
| 1989 | May | 154 | 2234 | 344.9 | Aug | 51 | 3910 | 197.5 |
| | Jun | 84 | 4188 | 349.6 | Sep | 41 | 4558 | 186.4 |
| | Subtotal | 108 | 6422 | 694.5 | Oct | 27 | 321 | 8.5 |
| | Total | | 7835 | 847.3 | Subtotal | 45 | 8789 | 392.4 |
| | | | | | Total | | 10722 | 478.7 |
| 1990 | Jan | 5 | 8 | 0.04 | Jul | 84 | 40 | 3.4 |
| | Feb | 44 | 11 | 0.5 | Aug | 69 | 168 | 11.7 |
| | Apr | 12 | 9 | 0.1 | Sep | 65 | 835 | 54.2 |
| | Jun | 81 | 2347 | 190.2 | Oct | 62 | 47 | 2.9 |
| | Subtotal | 80 | 2375 | 190.8 | Subtotal | 66 | 1090 | 72.2 |
| | Total | 80 | 2538 | 203.9 | Total | 66 | 1165 | 77.1 |

Table 5. Catch rates (kg per hour trawling) and corresponding effort (hours trawling) and catch (tons) from the shrimp fishery in the Denmark Strait by Farøe Islands.

| Year | January - June | | | July-December | | |
|------|----------------|------|--------|---------------|----------|-------|
| | Month | CPUE | Effort | Catch | Month | Catch |
| 1980 | Mar | 1015 | 40 | 40.5 | Oct | 128.0 |
| | Apr | 641 | 1159 | 743.1 | Nov | 213.0 |
| | May | 373 | 1011 | 377.1 | | |
| | June | 210 | 1001 | 210.3 | | |
| | Subtotal | 427 | 3212 | 1371.0 | Subtotal | |
| | Total | 427 | 9115 | 3892.0 | Total | 341.0 |
| 1981 | Apr | | | 41.0 | Sep. | 22.0 |
| | May | | | 430.0 | Oct. | 5.0 |
| | June | | | 215.0 | | |
| | Total | | | 686.0 | Total | 27.0 |
| 1982 | Feb | | | 94.0 | | |
| | Mar | | | 308.0 | | |
| | Apr | | | 243.0 | | |
| | May | | | 92.0 | | |
| | Total | | | 737.0 | | |
| 1983 | Mar | | | 185.0 | | |
| | Apr | | | 122.0 | | |
| | May | | | 63.0 | | |
| | June | | | 73.0 | | |
| | Total | | | 443.0 | | |
| 1984 | Mar | | | 220.0 | Nov | 43.0 |
| | Apr | | | 193.0 | Dec | 49.0 |
| | May | | | 163.0 | | |
| | Total | | | 576.0 | Total | 92.0 |
| 1985 | Feb | | | 46.0 | Oct | 78.0 |
| | Mar | | | 136.0 | Nov | 101.0 |
| | Apr | | | 209.0 | Dec | 91.0 |
| | May | | | 13.0 | | |
| | Total | | | 404.0 | Total | 270.0 |
| 1986 | Jan | | | 185.0 | Sept | 2.0 |
| | Feb | | | 158.0 | Oct | 3.0 |
| | Mar | | | 87.0 | Nov | 94.0 |
| | Apr | | | 41.0 | Dec | 122.0 |
| | May | | | 35.0 | | |
| | Total | | | 506.0 | Total | 221.0 |
| 1987 | Jan | | | 84.0 | Oct | 1.0 |
| | Feb | | | 184.0 | Nov | 80.0 |
| | Mar | | | 70.0 | Dec | 139.0 |
| | May | | | 37.0 | | |
| | Total | | | 375.0 | Total | 220.0 |
| 1988 | Jan | | | 228.0 | Aug | 10 |
| | Feb | | | 301.0 | | |
| | Mar | | | 69.0 | | |
| | Apr | | | 36.0 | | |
| | May | | | 35.0 | | |
| | Total | | | 669 | | 10 |
| 1989 | Jan | | | 150 | | |
| | Feb | | | 86 | | |
| | Mar | | | 99 | | |
| | Apr | | | 104 | May | 44 |
| | May | | | 1 | Dec | 132 |
| | Total | | | 439 | Total | 156 |
| 1990 | Jan | | | 201 | | |
| | Feb | | | 232 | | |
| | Mar | | | 74 | | |
| | Apr | | | 2 | Nov | 31 |
| | May | | | 176 | Dec | 127 |
| | Total | | | 685 | Total | 158 |

Table 6. Catch (tons) from the shrimp fishery in Denmark Strait by Denmark.

| Year | January-June | | July-December | |
|------|--------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| | Month | Catch | Month | Catch |
| 1983 | Mar | 38.0 | | |
| | Apr | 166.0 | | |
| | Total | 204.0 | | |
| 1984 | Jan | 284.0 | | |
| | Feb | 102.0 | | |
| | Apr | 57.0 | | |
| | Total | 443.0 | | |
| 1985 | Mar | 44.0 | | |
| | Apr | 96.0 | | |
| | May | 10.0 | | |
| | Total | 353.0 | | |
| 1986 | Jan | 260.0 | Nov | 27 |
| | Feb | 28.0 | Dec | 30 |
| | Mar | 54.0 | | |
| | Apr | 51.0 | | |
| | May | 50.0 | | |
| | Total | 443.0 | Total | 57 |
| | | | | |
| 1987 | Feb | 99.0 | Sept | 4 |
| | Mar | 173.0 | Oct | 26 |
| | Apr | 141.0 | Nov | 20 |
| | May | 18.0 | Dec | 74 |
| | Total | 431.0 | Total | 124 |
| | | | | |
| 1988 | Jan | 156 | Sept | 23 |
| | Feb | 147 | Oct | 19 |
| | Mar | 23 | Nov | 36 |
| | Apr | 3 | Dec | 37 |
| | Total | 329 | Total | 115 |
| | | | | |
| 1989 | Jan | 92 | Aug | 9 |
| | Feb | 153 | Sept | 20 |
| | Mar | 36 | Oct | 19 |
| | | | Nov | 17 |
| | June | 1 | Dec | 19 |
| | Total | 282 | Total | 84 |
| | | | | |
| 1990 | Jan | 75 | Jul | 12 |
| | Feb | 23 | Aug | 19 |
| | Mar | 100 | Sept | 14 |
| | Apr | 6 | Oct | 24 |
| | May | 98 | Nov | 16 |
| | | | Dec | 3 |
| | Total | 302 | Total | 88 |
| | | | | |

Table 7. Catch rates (kg per hour trawling) and corresponding effort (hours trawling) and catch (tons) from the shrimp fishery in Denmark Strait by all nations combined in two periods of the year.

| Year | Country | January-June | | | July - December | | |
|-------|--------------------|--------------|--------|--------|-----------------|--------|--------|
| | | CPUE | Effort | Catch | CPUE | Effort | Catch |
| 1978 | Iceland | 215 | 298 | 64.2 | 314 | 952 | 299.2 |
| 1979 | Iceland | 186 | 166 | 30.9 | 229 | 1982 | 454.4 |
| 1980 | Greenland, Denmark | 350 | 1665 | 582.0 | 129 | 2483 | 320.0 |
| | France | | | 50.0 | | | |
| | Norway | 468 | 3108 | 1455.0 | 124 | 8106 | 1006.0 |
| | Iceland | 125 | 1760 | 219.3 | 101 | 5318 | 539.4 |
| | Faroe Islands | 427 | 9115 | 3892.0 | | | 341.0 |
| | Subtotal | 393 | 15648 | 6148.3 | 117 | 15907 | 1865.4 |
| | Total | 393 | 15775 | 6198.3 | 117 | 18815 | 2206.4 |
| 1981 | Greenland, Denmark | 395 | 4013 | 1585.0 | | | |
| | France | 246 | 1436 | 353.0 | | | |
| | Norway | 216 | 9296 | 2006.0 | 43 | 232 | 10.0 |
| | Iceland | 99 | 688 | 68.0 | 67 | 848 | 56.9 |
| | Faroe Islands | | | 686.0 | | | 27.0 |
| | Subtotal | 260 | 15433 | 4012.0 | 62 | 1080 | 66.9 |
| | Total | 260 | 18072 | 4698.0 | 62 | 1516 | 93.9 |
| 1982 | Greenland, Denmark | 220 | 8432 | 1855.0 | | | |
| | France | 226 | 1833 | 414.0 | | | |
| | Norway | 203 | 9337 | 1894.0 | | | |
| | Faroe Islands | | | 737.0 | | | |
| | Subtotal | 212 | 19602 | 4163.0 | | | |
| Total | 212 | 23072 | 4900.0 | | | | |
| 1983 | Greenland | 255 | 5752 | 1467.0 | | | |
| | France | 192 | 1516 | 291.0 | | | |
| | Norway | 163 | 6830 | 1114.0 | 101 | 6100 | 613.0 |
| | Iceland | 99 | 52 | 5.1 | 161 | 238 | 38.3 |
| | Denmark | | | 204.0 | | | |
| | Faroe Islands | | | 443.0 | | | |
| | Subtotal | 203 | 14150 | 2877.1 | 103 | 6338 | 651.3 |
| | Total | 203 | 17332 | 3524.1 | 103 | 6338 | 651.3 |
| 1984 | Greenland | 340 | 6627 | 2250.0 | | | |
| | France | 256 | 1951 | 500.0 | | | |
| | Norway | 191 | 11141 | 2128.0 | | | |
| | Iceland | 42 | 53 | 2.2 | 103 | 7164 | 739.6 |
| | Denmark | | | 443.0 | | | |
| | Faroe Islands | | | 576.0 | | | 92.0 |
| | Subtotal | 247 | 19772 | 4880.2 | 103 | 7164 | 739.6 |
| | Total | 247 | 23900 | 5899.2 | 103 | 8074 | 831.6 |

Table 7 continued

| | | | | | | | |
|------|---------------|-----|-------|--------|-----|-------|--------|
| 1985 | Greenland | 270 | 6469 | 1744.0 | 251 | 3389 | 852.0 |
| | France | 194 | 2594 | 504.0 | 170 | 814 | 138.0 |
| | Norway | 166 | 12355 | 2051.0 | | | |
| | Iceland | 88 | 4485 | 396.0 | 94 | 14944 | 1398.0 |
| | Denmark | | | 353.0 | | | |
| | Faroe Islands | | | 404.0 | | | 270.0 |
| | Subtotal | 181 | 25903 | 4695.0 | 125 | 19147 | 2388.0 |
| | Total | 181 | 30079 | 5452.0 | 125 | 21312 | 2658.0 |
| 1986 | Greenland | 288 | 14285 | 4114.0 | 437 | 3811 | 1667.0 |
| | France | 175 | 3415 | 597.0 | 218 | 841 | 183.0 |
| | Norway | 145 | 12845 | 1861.0 | 123 | 1340 | 165.0 |
| | Iceland | 73 | 3205 | 234.0 | 103 | 8893 | 916.0 |
| | Denmark | | | 443.0 | | | 57.0 |
| | Faroe Islands | | | 506.0 | | | 221.0 |
| | Subtotal | 202 | 33750 | 6806.0 | 197 | 14885 | 2931.0 |
| | Total | 202 | 38456 | 7755.0 | 197 | 16297 | 3209.0 |
| 1987 | Greenland | 314 | 17667 | 5547.0 | 144 | 7502 | 1080.0 |
| | Norway | 135 | 11353 | 1533.0 | 96 | 5261 | 507.0 |
| | Iceland | | | | 79 | 16835 | 1330.0 |
| | France | 241 | 2599 | 626.0 | | | 405.0 |
| | Denmark | | | 431.0 | | | 124.0 |
| | Faroe Islands | | | 375.0 | | | 220.0 |
| | Subtotal | 244 | 31619 | 7706.0 | 99 | 29598 | 2917.0 |
| | Total | 244 | 34926 | 8512.0 | 99 | 37198 | 3666.0 |
| 1988 | Greenland | 219 | 24111 | 5285.0 | 157 | 13822 | 2165.0 |
| | Norway | 83 | 15314 | 1274.0 | 83 | 9332 | 778.0 |
| | Iceland | 107 | 1769 | 189.5 | 54 | 22735 | 1234.5 |
| | France | 141 | 3138 | 444.0 | | | 50.0 |
| | Denmark | | | 329.0 | | | 115.0 |
| | Faroe Islands | | | 669.0 | | | 10.0 |
| | Subtotal | 164 | 41194 | 6748.5 | 91 | 45889 | 4177.5 |
| | Total | 164 | 49996 | 8190.5 | 91 | 47811 | 4352.5 |
| 1989 | Greenland | 192 | 23287 | 4471.0 | 75 | 20039 | 1510.0 |
| | Norway | 84 | 8354 | 704.0 | 52 | 27056 | 1394.0 |
| | Iceland | 108 | 7835 | 847.3 | 45 | 10722 | 478.7 |
| | France | 191 | 1525 | 291.3 | 58 | 1536 | 89.8 |
| | Denmark | | | 282.0 | | | 84.0 |
| | Faroe Islands | | | 439.0 | | | 156.0 |
| | Subtotal | 154 | 41001 | 6313.6 | 59 | 59353 | 3472.5 |
| | Total | 154 | 45683 | 7034.6 | 59 | 63455 | 3712.5 |
| 1990 | Greenland | 189 | 28956 | 5478.0 | 71 | 10297 | 732.0 |
| | Norway | 98 | 11982 | 1176.0 | 50 | 26247 | 1324.0 |
| | Iceland | 80 | 2538 | 203.9 | 66 | 1165 | 77.1 |
| | France | 126 | 286 | 36.0 | | | 15.0 |
| | Denmark | | | 302.0 | | | 88.0 |
| | Faroe Islands | | | 685.0 | | | 158.0 |
| | Subtotal | 158 | 43762 | 6893.9 | 57 | 37709 | 2133.1 |
| | Total | 158 | 50027 | 7880.9 | 57 | 42323 | 2394.1 |

Table 8. Catch rates (kg per hour trawling) and corresponding effort (hours trawling) and catch (tons) from the shrimp fishery in Denmark Strait by years.

| Year | Periods | CPUE | Effort | Catch |
|------|------------|------|--------|---------|
| 1980 | Jan-Jun | 393 | 15775 | 6198.3 |
| | Jul-Dec | 117 | 18858 | 2206.4 |
| | Mean/Total | 243 | 34633 | 8404.7 |
| 1981 | Jan-Jun | 260 | 18072 | 4698.0 |
| | Jul-Dec | 62 | 1516 | 93.9 |
| | Mean/Total | 245 | 19588 | 4791.9 |
| 1982 | Jan-Jun | 212 | 23072 | 4900.0 |
| | Jul-Dec | - | - | - |
| | Mean/Total | 212 | 23072 | 4900.0 |
| 1983 | Jan-Jun | 203 | 17332 | 3524.1 |
| | Jul-Dec | 103 | 6338 | 651.3 |
| | Mean/Total | 176 | 23670 | 4175.4 |
| 1984 | Jan-Jun | 247 | 23900 | 5899.2 |
| | Jul-Dec | 103 | 8074 | 831.6 |
| | Mean/Total | 211 | 31974 | 6730.8 |
| 1985 | Jan-Jun | 181 | 30079 | 5452.0 |
| | Jul-Dec | 108 | 21312 | 2658.0 |
| | Mean/Total | 158 | 51391 | 8110.0 |
| 1986 | Jan-Jun | 202 | 38456 | 7755.0 |
| | Jul-Dec | 197 | 16297 | 3209.0 |
| | Mean/Total | 200 | 54753 | 10964.0 |
| 1987 | Jan-Jun | 244 | 34926 | 8512.0 |
| | Jul-Dec | 99 | 37198 | 3666.0 |
| | Mean/Total | 169 | 72124 | 12178.0 |
| 1988 | Jan-Jun | 164 | 49996 | 8190.5 |
| | Jul-Dec | 93 | 47811 | 4352.5 |
| | Mean/Total | 128 | 97808 | 12543.0 |
| 1989 | Jan-Jun | 154 | 45683 | 7034.6 |
| | Jul-Dec | 59 | 63455 | 3712.5 |
| | Mean/Total | 98 | 109138 | 10747.1 |
| 1990 | Jan-Jun | 158 | 50027 | 7880.9 |
| | Jul-Dec | 57 | 42323 | 2394.1 |
| | Mean/Total | 111 | 92350 | 10275.0 |

Table 9. Nominal catch (tons) of shrimp in the Denmark Strait.

| Country | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Denmark | - | - | 702 | 581 | 740 | 204 | 443 | 353 | 500 | 555 | 444 | 366 | 390 | |
| Faroe Islands | - | - | 4233 | 713 | 737 | 443 | 668 | 674 | 727 | 595 | 679 | 595 | 843 | |
| France | - | - | 50 | 353 | 414 | 291 | 500 | 642 | 780 | 1030 | 494 | 381 | 51 | |
| Greenland | - | - | 200 | 1004 | 1115 | 1467 | 2250 | 2596 | 5781 | 6627 | 7456 | 5981 | 6210 | |
| Iceland | 363 | 485 | 759 | 125 | 0 | 43 | 742 | 1794 | 1150 | 1330 | 1424 | 1326 | 281 | |
| Norway | - | 800 | 2461 | 2016 | 1896 | 1727 | 2128 | 2051 | 2026 | 2041 | 2052 | 2098 | 2500 | |
| Total catch | 363 | 1285 | 8405 | 4792 | 4902 | 4175 | 6731 | 8110 | 10964 | 12178 | 12549 | 10747 | 10275 | |
| Total catch eastern side | 363 | 485 | 759 | 125 | 0 | 43 | 742 | 1794 | 1150 | 1330 | 1424 | 1326 | 281 | |
| Total catch western side | 0 | 800 | 7646 | 4667 | 4902 | 4132 | 5989 | 6316 | 9814 | 10848 | 11125 | 9421 | 9896 | |
| Advised TAC | - | - | - | - | 4200 | 4200 | 4200 | 5000 | - | - | - | - | 10000* | 10000* |
| Effective TAC western side | - | - | - | 8000 | 4500 | 5725 | 5245 | 6090 | 7525** | 7725** | 8725** | 9025** | 14100 | 14500 |

*Advised for a few years as a precautionary measure.

**Not including Greenland fishery north of 66° 30' N.

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Table 10. The mean shrimp catch of every 3 years against the CPUE in the 4th year. The linear regression between CPUE and mean catch, shown below is used to forecast the CPUE value for the year 1991.

$$Y = - 0.013 * X + 264.7$$

$$r = 0.9345$$

| 3 YEARS | MEAN CATCH Tons | 4th YEAR | CPUE Kg. |
|---------|--------------------|----------|-------------|
| 1977-79 | 549 | 1980 | 243 |
| 1978-80 | 3351 | 1981 | 245 |
| 1979-81 | 4827 | 1982 | 212 |
| 1980-82 | 6033 | 1983 | 176 |
| 1981-83 | 4623 | 1984 | 211 |
| 1982-84 | 5269 | 1985 | 158 |
| 1983-85 | 6339 | 1986 | 200 |
| 1984-86 | 8602 | 1987 | 169 |
| 1985-87 | 10417 | 1988 | 128 |
| 1986-88 | 11897 | 1989 | 98 |
| 1987-89 | 11822 | 1990 | 111 |
| 1988-90 | 11183 | 1991 | ?119 |

Table 11. The mean effort of several years against CPUE in the 2nd or 3rd year respectively.

| 2 Years | Mean effort tr hours | 3 Years | Mean effort tr hours | 2nd or 3rd year | CPUE kg/hr |
|---------|-------------------------|---------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 1979-80 | 19964 | 1978-80 | 13800 | 1980 | 243 |
| 1978-81 | 27111 | 1979-81 | 19834 | 1981 | 245 |
| 1979-82 | 21330 | 1980-82 | 25764 | 1982 | 212 |
| 1980-83 | 23371 | 1981-83 | 22110 | 1983 | 176 |
| 1981-84 | 27822 | 1982-84 | 26239 | 1984 | 211 |
| 1982-85 | 41683 | 1983-85 | 35678 | 1985 | 158 |
| 1983-86 | 53110 | 1984-86 | 46064 | 1986 | 200 |
| 1984-87 | 63439 | 1985-87 | 59423 | 1987 | 169 |
| 1987-88 | 84966 | 1986-88 | 74895 | 1988 | 128 |
| 1988-89 | 103473 | 1987-89 | 93023 | 1989 | 98 |
| 1989-90 | 100750 | 1988-90 | 99769 | 1990 | 111 |

Table 12. The results of the Fox model for 2 years average effort, or 3 years against CPUE in the 2nd or 3rd year respectively.

| | 2 years | 3 years |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| r | 0.9167 | 0.9226 |
| a | 265.4 | 264.1 |
| b | -0.000009014 | -0.000009347 |
| MSY f (tr hrs) | 110939 | 106986 |
| MSY CPUE (kg/hr) | 97.6 | 97.2 |
| MSY (tonnes) | 10832 | 10394 |
| 2/3 f (tr hrs) | 73959 | 71324 |
| CPUE at 2/3 MSY f (kg/hr) | 136.3 | 135.6 |
| Y at 2/3 MSY f (tonnes) | 10079 | 9671 |

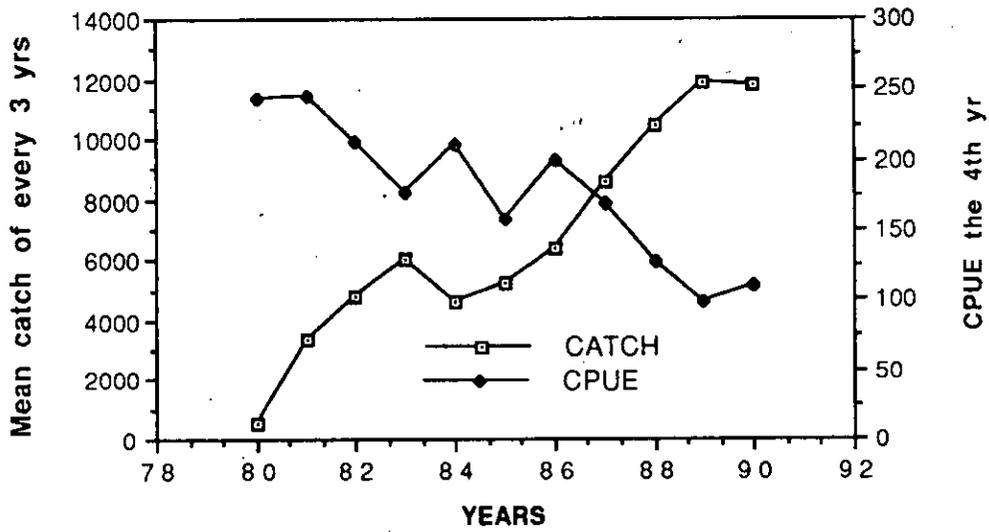


Fig. 1. The shrimp catch of every 3 years in Denmark Strait against the CPUE in the 4th year. As an example the catch of the years 1988-90 was 11183 tons against the mean CPUE 111kg for the whole year 1990 of all countries, see the 1990 values on the picture.

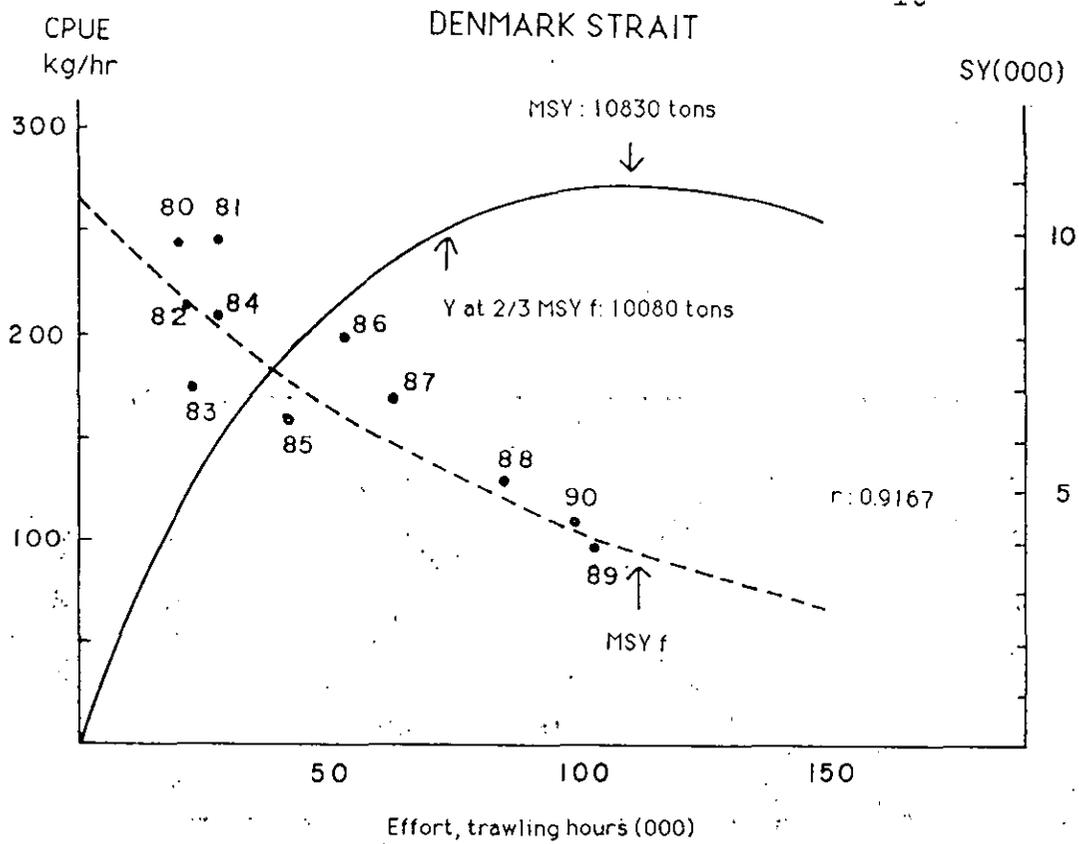


Fig. 2. The exponential regression of average effort every 2 years against the CPUE in the 2nd year (broken line), and the resulting sustainable yield (SY) curve (solid line).

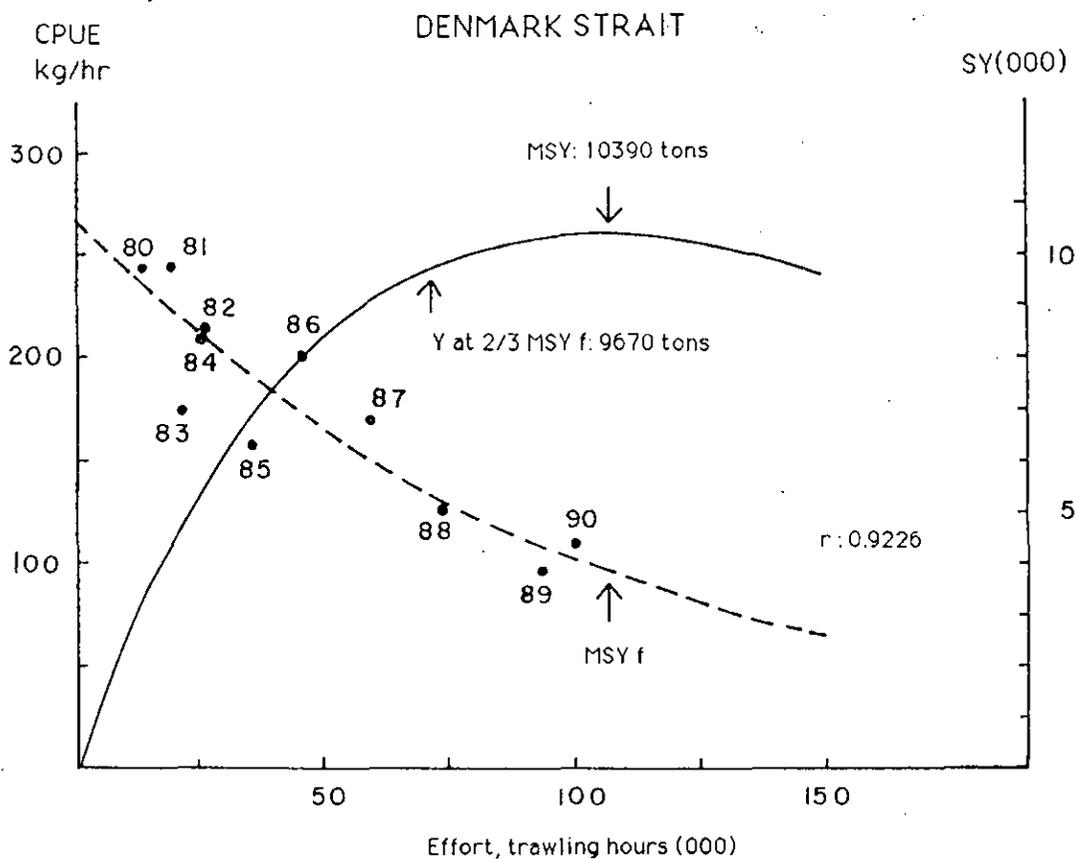


Fig. 3. The exponential regression of average effort every 3 years against the CPUE in the 3rd year (broken line), and the resulting sustainable yield (SY) curve (solid line).