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Results from Bottom Trawl Survey of Flemish Cap in July 1993

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The survey of Flemish Cap was carried out in 1993 on board R/V Cornide de Saavedra. A synoptic sheet of the survey with ship and gear characteristics is shown in Table 1. This was the sixth survey of the series initiated by the EU in 1988 (Vázquez, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993). Dates of previous surveys were:

year	vessel	valid tows	dates
1988	Cornide de Saavedra	115	8/7 -22/7
1989	Cryos	116	12/7 - 1/8
1990	Ignat Pavlyuchenkov	113	18/7 - 6/8
1991	Cornide de Saavedra	117	24/6 -11/7
1992	Cornide de Saavedra	117	29/6 -18/7
1993	Cornide de Saavedra	101	23/6 - 8/7

All surveys had a stratified random design following NAFO specifications (Doubleday, 1981).

A total of 101 valid bottom trawls were made up to a depth of 720 metres (400 fathoms) (Figure 1). The survey was concluded before the data planned due to loss of the three available gears: two of the deepest strata were not visited, and in another one only one tow was made. Nevertheless the survey covered adequately 16 of the 19 strata the bank is divided into.

Total biomass of all species was calculated by the swept area method, and estimates for unvisited strata were included. The results are presented in Table 2, where some species are grouped to balance possible identification errors in former surveys.

RESULTS

Weighted (by stratum area) mean catches in half-hour tows of the main species on the bank were:

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
cod	46.74	146.04	70.81	47.06	30.30	67.06
American plaice	15.01	14.25	11.64	9.69	7.98	7.09
redfish	207.50	194.40	133.26	81.46	126.92	70.94
Greenland halibut	7.93	5.85	7.22	7.91	10.31	7.25
shrimp	2.50	2.71	2.71	10.17	20.28	9.45
						Kg

For each species, data on biomass and abundance for missing strata were calculated after adjusting results of all surveys up to date to a multiplicative model with two factors: year and stratum. The multiplicative model was solved by assuming that the variance of catch

(biomass or abundance) is proportional to a power of the mean (Vazquez and Larrañeta, 1980). The power 1.80 was used because that was the value observed with all survey data (Figure 2).

Cod

Mean catch by strata and whole bank data and their standard error are presented in Table 3. Biomass estimated by the swept area method by strata and its comparison with results of previous surveys are presented in Table 4. Cod stock biomass had a maximum in 1989, and in comparison with Russian survey results is:

year	EU(1)	Russia:(2)	(3)
1983		23,070	
1984		31,210	
1985		28,070	
1986		26,060	
1987		10,150	21,600
1988	37,127	7,720	34,200
1989	103,644	36,520	78,300
1990	55,360	3,920	17,300
1991	36,597	6,740	8,200
1992	24,295		2,500
1993	55,642		

----- tons

- 1) Biomass estimated from bottom trawl survey.
- 2) Biomass estimates from bottom trawl survey (Kuzmin, 1992).
- 3) Russian estimates of bottom trawlable plus pelagic biomass (Kuzmin, 1992; Borovkov et al., 1993)

The abundances by age-groups were calculated as follows:

age	year:					
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
1	458	2085	237	13780	7118	438
2	7196	1100	1179	2560	3706	13274
3	4037	8422	467	1548	475	2852
4	1085	4922	1588	192	203	102
5	128	1858	1453	622	33	127
6	22	127	394	173	127	17
7	28	15	32	25	21	50
8	11	12	13	1	1	10
9			8	4		
10		1	3			
11				1	1	
12						
total	12965	18542	5374	18906	11685	16870
biomass	37127	103644	55360	36597	24295	55642
SOP *)	33474	100217	51388	37231	22734	54945

----- x 10000

\*) SOP = Sum of products; back calculation of biomass as sum of products of frequencies and mean weight at age.

With 35 mm mesh size used in the cod end, recruitment is believed to be completed before age 2.

The 1990 year-class was the more abundant one observed at age 1 and remains relatively abundant. The 1991 year-class was the more abundant one observed at age 2. The entry of these two relatively abundant year classes produced a sharp increase in total biomass, which in 1993 is approximately double that in 1992. These two year-classes may contribute to increase fishable biomass in the near future.

Tables 5, 6 and 7 show length frequency, age-length key and estimated age composition of the stock respectively. Catch per tow distribution is presented in Figure 3.

American plaice

Mean catch by strata and whole bank data and its standard error are presented in Table 8. Biomass estimated by swept the area method

by strata and its comparison with results of previous surveys are presented in Table 9. Total biomass in comparison with Russian survey results is:

year	EU	Russia(1)
1983 -		8,900
1984 -		7,500
1985 -		7,800
1986 -		20,200
1987 -		9,300
1988 -	11,868	6,500
1989 -	10,533	5,000
1990 -	9,101	1,200
1991 -	7,565	14,400
1992 -	6,492	1,200
1993 -	5,949	

tons

1) Rikhter et al., 1991; Borovkov et al., 1992, 1993.

The abundances by age-groups were calculated as follows:

age	year:					
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
2 -	2284	454	359	309	736	9
3 -	625	6847	775	911	679	1365
4 -	3034	1500	7083	1877	910	969
5 -	1975	3238	897	4461	1471	643
6 -	3020	3006	2475	1836	3423	320
7 -	4154	2868	1717	2009	913	3110
8 -	4258	1691	1657	1566	1090	339
9 -	1492	587	1030	675	624	592
10 -	207	261	485	232	289	286
11 -	109	34	90	8	138	198
12 -	61	14	15	48	74	229
13 -	-	-	31	-	16	280
14 -	-	-	17	-	-	865
15 -	-	-	-	-	-	28
16 -	-	-	-	-	-	35
total	21219	20500	16631	13932	10363	9268
biomass	11868	10533	9101	7565	6492	5949
SOP		9726	8827	7682	6111	5856
N 6+	13301	8461	7517	6374	6567	6282

x 1000

The 1986 year-class (age 7 in 1993) remains the most abundant cohort of recent years; the one of 1984 was also relatively abundant. Year-classes from 1987 to 1989 (6, 5 and 4 years in 1993) appear weak, at the same or lower level than the one of 1985 (age 8 in 1993). The 1990 year-class (age 3 in 1993) appears with an abundance greater than the three former ones; its abundance at two and three years old was the second highest observed, following that produced by the abundant 1986 year-class. Finally, the 1991 year-class (age 2 in 1993) was very weak.

Tables 10, 11 and 12 show length frequency, age-length key and estimated age composition of the stock respectively. Catch per tow distribution is presented in Figure 4.

### Redfish

All redfish catches were classified by species before sampling the catches. All specimens less than 15 cm length, or those difficult to classify, were separated into an independent group called "juvenile".

Mean catch by strata and whole bank data and its standard error are presented in Tables 13, 17, 21 and 25 for Sebastes marinus, S. mentella, S. fasciatus and "juvenile", respectively. Total biomass values estimated by the swept area method are summarized in the next table:

year	Sebastes:			EU total	Russia	
	marinus	mente- lla	fascia- tus		juve- nile	bottom(1)
1983						154,900
1984						132,300
1985						51,900
1986						309,500
1987						106,400
1988	15,289		142,933	158,222	47,000	379,000
1989	22,958		113,675	136,633	83,300	365,900
1990	14,699		72,893	16,601	104,193	17,700
1991	4,093	50,071	5,680	4,001	63,846	45,400
1992	4,130	71,810	5,308	23,229	104,477	18,200
1993	4,173	25,056	4,425	28,935	62,589	99,500

----- tons.

- 1) Trawlable biomass (t) from these surveys.
- 2) Trawlable plus pelagic biomass (t) from Russian surveys  
(Vaskov and Oganin, 1992; Vaskov and Ivanova, 1993)

Sebastes mentella is the species that supports the highest catches, and it is also the one that produces the more variable abundance indices. The alternation of years with high (1990 and 1992) and low (1991 and 1993) abundance indices observed in this survey is also apparent in Russian survey results. So sharp changes in abundance should be attributed to changes in accessibility of the species, which has quite pronounced pelagic characters. This interpretation is also supported by the lack of coincidence of high and low years in this survey and in the Russian one.

Age composition of the three species are given together in the following table.

age	<u>S. marinus</u>		<u>S. mentella</u>		<u>S. fasciatus</u>	
	freq.	m.w.	freq.	m.w.	freq.	m.w. *)
4 :	65	98			82	91
5 :	125	127	173	113	265	133
6 :	228	182	550	172	634	175
7 :	254	252	1420	218	485	229
8 :	157	351	1013	297	204	298
9 :	119	445	637	377	99	381
10 :	50	530	228	430	47	435
11 :	59	566	317	464	26	498
12 :	39	648	335	535	12	528
13 :	37	711	410	606	2	642
14 :	11	718	259	641	5	590
15 :	14	700	260	718	3	698
16 :	6	896	297	751	1	827
17 :	4	949	69	827	3	543
18 :	4	947	95	846		
19 :	1	1292	44	865		
20 :	5	1149	34	940		
21 :			26	1149		
22 :			31	1076		
23 :	+	1230				
24 :			10	1076		
25+ :			3	1001	2	999

\*) frequencies x 10000 and mean weight en gr.

Tables 14, 18, 22 and 26 show length frequencies for the four groups. Age-length keys were made for three species (Tables 15, 19 and 23). Age compositions for each of the three species are presented in tables 16, 20 and 24. Catch per tow distribution of the three species and juveniles are presented in Figures 5 to 8.

Greenland halibut (Reinhardtius hippoglossoides)

Mean catch by strata and whole bank estimates are presented in table 27. Biomass estimated by the swept area method by strata and its comparison with results of previous surveys are presented in Table 28. Total biomass was:

1988 - 6,818  
 1989 - 4,391  
 1990 - 5,649  
 1991 - 8,038  
 1992 - 8,588  
 1993 - 7,210 tons

Length frequencies, age-length key and age composition of the population were calculated (Tables 29, 30 and 31). Catch per tow distribution is presented in Figure 9.

Age composition of the stock was calculated as follows:

age	1991	1992	1993
1 -	349	922	937
2 -		800	933
3 -	235	286	599
4 -	993	861	566
5 -	1956	1600	960
6 -	1253	1996	1574
7 -	2283	1793	1732
8 -	545	991	1388
9 -	464	473	905
10 -	388	266	257
11 -	122	139	141
12 -		67	51
13 -		18	19
14 -		13	10
15 -			
16 -			
total	8588	10225	10072
biomass	8038	8588	7210
SOP	8329	8084	7136

x 1000

The 1986 year-class (age 7 in 1993) remains being the more abundant. Year 1986 was fairly good for, at least, cod, American plaice and Greenland halibut recruitment.

Shrimp (Pandalus borealis)

In Table 32 mean catch by strata and whole bank data are presented. Swept area method total biomass estimates in these five years are:

1988 - 2,164  
 1989 - 1,865  
 1990 - 2,140  
 1991 - 8,203  
 1992 - 15,886  
 1993 - 9,163 tons

Detailed results on shrimp were presented by Sainza (1993).

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Table 1 - Technical data of the survey.

Procedure	specification
Vessel	R/V CORNIDE DE SAAVEDRA
GT	1,200 t
power	1,500 + 750 HP
Trawling speed	3.45 knots
Trawling time	30 minutes
Trawl gear	type "Lofoten"
footrope / handrope	31.20 / 17.70 m
footgear	27 steel bobbins of 35 cm
vertical opening	2.5 - 2.8 m
warps	100 meters
trawl doors	polivalent, 850 Kg
wire length	3 times the depth
mesh size in codend	35 mm
Type of survey	stratified sampling
Station selection procedure	random
Criterion to change position of a selected tow:	- unsuitable bottom for trawling according to ecosoneder register. - information on from previous surveys.
Criterion to reject data from tow	- tears in codend - severe tears in the gear - less than 20 minutes tow - bad behaviour of the gear
Daily period for fishing	6.00 to 22.00 hours
Species for sampling	all fishes, squid and shrimp
Species for age determination	cod, American plaice, redfish ( <u>Sebastes marinus</u> , <u>S. mentella</u> and <u>S. fasciatus</u> ) and Greenland halibut

Table 2 - Total biomass swept area method estimates for several species or groups of species in 1988-1993 surveys.

species	surveys:					
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Rajidae	4495	1908	2824	4064	3765	6279
Synphobranchus sp.	219	88	42	77	70	70
Urophycis sp.	654	167	169	261	69	161
Antimora sp.	392	302	284	560	720	594
Macrouridae	3088	1438	1223	2249	2592	6183
Notacanthus sp.	501	408	65	478	449	705
Illex sp.	5	8	1647	1159	66	1
capelin					15	101
Anarhichadidae	7973	7478	8120	10097	9095	14304
witch flounder	909	335	420	769	823	1048
Greenland halibut	6818	4391	5649	8038	8588	7210
Zoarcidae	559	923	1202	1978	1356	3277
cod	37127	103644	55360	36597	24295	55642
American plaice	11886	10533	9101	7565	6492	5949
redfish	158417	136658	104194	63845	104477	62589
shrimp	2164	1923	2139	8211	16531	9163
others	624	206	1138	664	424	678
Total	235833	270410	193575	146611	179828	173954

Table 3 - Cod catches (Kg) by strata.

stratum	area squa. miles	tow number	catch per tow		catch per mile towed	
			mean	s.deviat.	mean	s.deviat.
1 -	342	4	18.16	13.47	10.28	7.28
2 -	838	10	131.30	347.64	73.59	193.40
3 -	628	7	158.75	361.60	91.60	207.59
4 -	348	4	438.84	710.87	277.70	458.59
5 -	703	8	112.79	71.11	66.20	43.18
6 -	496	6	102.15	221.73	58.02	125.23
7 -	822	9	85.06	189.60	51.05	113.50
8 -	646	6	150.83	200.25	84.07	111.50
9 -	314	3	36.33	33.95	21.66	20.50
10 -	951	8	11.32	14.71	6.71	8.83
11 -	806	9	24.01	37.24	14.20	22.10
12 -	670	7	0.40	1.06	0.25	0.65
13 -	249	2	-	-	-	-
14 -	602	-	-	-	-	-
15 -	666	6	-	-	-	-
16 -	634	7	-	-	-	-
17 -	216	1	-	-	-	-
18 -	210	-	-	-	-	-
19 -	414	4	-	-	-	-
total	10555	101				

	catch per tow	catch per mile towed
mean	67.06	39.39
standard error	18.74	11.24

(Kg)

Stock biomass estimated by swept area method = 55,431 tons  
 Biomass estimated for missing strata = 211 tons  
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 Total biomass = 55,642 tons  
 standard error = 15,878

Table 4 - Cod biomass estimated by the swept area method (tons).

stratum	depth in fathoms	survey					
		1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
1 -	70- 80	1223	590	697	5078	69	469
2 -	81-100	9229	9386	1878	4988	4683	8223
3 -	101-140	4065	9344	2174	2236	7704	7670
4 -	"	2846	4404	2242	2637	3131	12885
5 -	"	1937	9731	7681	9685	4155	6205
6 -	"	2932	6173	2988	1392	866	3837
7 -	141-200	2022	14571	3987	2308	859	5595
8 -	"	8121	14943	14524	4644	2136	7241
9 -	"	167	4784	5765	171	130	907
10 -	"	1217	4454	3813	1417	297	851
11 -	"	2278	12020	3509	1625	204	1526
12 -	201-300	305	2245	1443	115	-	22
13 -	"	8	2304	667	85	-	-
14 -	"	97	686	496	119	61	211
15 -	"	680	7671	2131	98	-	-
16 -	301-400	-	60	-	-	-	-
17 -	"	-	5	-	-	-	-
18 -	"	2	-	-	-	-	-
19 -	"	-	91	-	-	-	-
total		37127	103644	53977	36597	24295	55642

Table 5 - Cod length frequency by strata (x 10000).

length (cm)	stratum												total	missing strata	TOTAL	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12				
12-14	44	5			5									54		54
15-17	238	33	1		42	2								316	1	317
18-20	16	3		1	9	1	2	1						34		34
21-23	3	9	87	418	18	5	4	7	1	2	1			554	2	556
24-26	19	127	623	2032	48	44	14	102	3	6	4			3022	12	3034
27-29	24	555	981	1982	47	88	35	655	1	4	12			4384	17	4401
30-32	30	814	798	1125	81	117	61	822		8	10			3867	15	3882
33-35	14	461	290	349	68	59	43	319		4	11			1617	6	1623
36-38	4	240	55	76	125	39	32	97	1	6	9			684	3	687
39-41	4	140	52	60	201	83	91	95	4	12	32			775	3	778
42-44	5	67	41	16	186	79	119	56	11	18	22			621	2	623
45-47	4	36	21	6	102	53	108	35	10	5	27			407	2	409
48-50	1	24	4	1	44	33	36	9	5	5	16			177	1	178
51-53		11	1		16	12	23	2	4	3	3			76		76
54-56	1	1	1		5	4	8		2	1	1			23		23
57-59					1	7	9	2	2	1	3			24		24
60-62	1		4	1	3	9	17	4	4	1	4			47		47
63-65		2	1	1	5	7	29	1	2	2	3			53		53
66-68		1	1		1	2	10	1	2	2	4		1	25		25
69-71			1		1	1	3		4	1	1			12		12
72-74			2		1	1	1	1	2	1				8		8
75-77			1		1	1			2	2	1			8		8
78-80			1		1	1	1		2	1	1			9		9
81-83		1						1			1			3		3
84-86								1						1		1
87-89			1			1					1			2		2
90-92																
93-95					1		1							1		1
96-98										1				1		1



Table 6 - Cod age-length key.

length (cm)	age												no id	tot n.	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
0- 2															
3- 5															
6- 8															
9-11															
12-14	19														19
15-17	117														117
18-20	15														15
21-23	1	63												2	66
24-26	1	126												6	133
27-29		145												1	146
30-32		172	2											6	180
33-35		95	18											17	130
36-38		15	78											4	97
39-41		1	204											3	208
42-44			224	3										6	233
45-47			159	8	2									5	174
48-50			78	14										8	100
51-53			22	13			1							12	48
54-56			2	14	6									2	24
57-59				2	11	4	1							1	19
60-62				1	42	5	1								49
63-65				1	40	1	6							3	51
66-68					17	4	12							2	35
69-71					3	3	9							1	16
72-74					2		9	3							14
75-77							10								10
78-80							9	3							12
81-83							3	1							4
84-86								1							1
87-89								2						1	3
90-92															
93-95								2							2
96-98								1							1
total:	153	617	787	56	123	17	61	13						80	1907



Table 8 - American plaice catch (Kg) by strata.

stratum	area squa. miles	tow number	catch per tow		catch per mile towed	
			mean	s.deviat.	mean	s.deviat.
1 -	342	4	30.10	19.16	17.75	10.62
2 -	838	10	14.84	10.21	8.50	5.63
3 -	628	7	6.70	3.20	3.97	1.94
4 -	348	4	14.63	11.13	9.24	7.36
5 -	703	8	17.74	28.13	10.33	16.32
6 -	496	6	5.83	3.06	3.46	1.78
7 -	822	9	3.57	3.09	2.18	1.87
8 -	646	6	7.58	9.09	4.24	5.08
9 -	314	3	6.52	10.64	3.68	5.96
10 -	951	8	14.31	12.28	8.63	7.74
11 -	806	9	3.34	1.70	2.04	1.11
12 -	670	7	0.22	0.42	0.13	0.23
13 -	249	2	-	-	-	-
14 -	602					
15 -	666	6	1.43	1.00	0.93	0.70
16 -	634	7	0.17	0.28	0.11	0.18
17 -	216	1	-	-	-	-
18 -	210					
19 -	414	4	0.11	0.17	0.07	0.11
total	10555	101				

	catch per tow	catch per mile towed
mean	7.09	4.19
standard error	0.94	0.55

(Kg)

Stock biomass estimated by swept area method = 5,896 tons  
 Biomass estimated for missing strata = 53 tons  
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 Total biomass = 5,949 tons  
 standard error = 781

Table 9 - American plaice biomass estimated by swept area method (tons).

stratum	depth in fathoms	survey					
		1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
1 -	70- 80	979	750	448	808	532	809
2 -	81-100	1990	2701	1040	1997	1285	950
3 -	101-140	1025	838	1207	935	473	333
4 -	"	1649	346	661	240	418	429
5 -	"	1949	2319	1406	1055	628	968
6 -	"	358	847	720	376	451	229
7 -	141-200	880	398	562	292	479	239
8 -	"	313	123	209	188	545	365
9 -	"	77	122	262	-	280	154
10 -	"	1742	1118	1555	981	1054	1094
11 -	"	889	876	973	301	279	219
12 -	201-300	7	14	35	13	8	11
13 -	"	2	-	15	-	-	-
14 -	"	6	6	6	292	22	53
15 -	"	17	74	2	73	28	82
16 -	301-400	4	-	-	3	7	9
17 -	"	-	-	-	-	-	-
18 -	"	-	-	-	-	-	-
19 -	"	-	-	-	11	3	4
total		11886	10533	9101	7565	6492	5949

Table 10 - American plaice length frequency by strata (x 1000).

length (cm)	stratum												total	missing strata	TOTAL				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12				15	16	19	
16-17									9					8			17		17
18-19							7		9								33		33
20-21				21	21	40	22		9		14						169		171
22-23		13	28	42	48	106	37		8	74	29						501	2	506
24-25		45	49	84	109	113	30			28	51						549	5	554
26-27		45	7	21	41	53	37				50						319	5	322
28-29	21	64	49	28	54	20	37				36						583	3	588
30-31	96	167	35	21	48	27	37			37	14			9			499	5	503
32-33	109	90	7	49	34	13	15		16	28	21						527	4	532
34-35	130	77	42	28	88	33	30		8	121	21	8					939	5	947
36-37	178	257	7	35	55	14	22		59	130	50		9				1009	8	1018
38-39	239	231	42	28	88	14	30		34	271	51	8	19				1048	9	1057
40-41	212	212	14	14	40	14	37		84	308	43	8	28	16			871	9	879
42-43	110	122	28	63	136	27	60		42	186	43		37				707	8	713
44-45	82	64	49	56	136	13	52		25	177	7		19				547	6	552
46-47	41	58	21	56	150	20	15		131	14	14						280	5	283
48-49	41	39	7	14	61	20	22		37	22	22						331	3	334
50-51	27	45	49	21	102	13	7		19	14	14						205	3	207
52-53	14	39	21	28	48	20			28								56	2	57
54-55		6	14	14	14												23	1	23
56-57				7													16		16
58-59																			

Table 11 - American plaice age-length key.

MALE length (cm)	age																no id	n. tot
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16+		
16-17																		
18-19																		
20-21																		
22-23			8															8
24-25			24	1				1										2 28
26-27			33	3	1													37
28-29			10	9	3			1										1 24
30-31			2	25	8		2	1		1								2 41
32-33				14	12		2	2										2 32
34-35				3	3		2	16	1	3	1			1				1 31
36-37					3		5	41	4	6	4	1	1		4			1 70
38-39							3	40	7	9	3	6	2	3	6			5 84
40-41							2	36	7	10	4	3	5	2	3			4 76
42-43								6	6	5	2		5	3	7			2 36
44-45								2		1	3		1	1	2			2 12
46-47										1				1				2
total:			77	55	30	16	146	26	35	17	10	14	11	22				22 481

FEMALE length (cm)	age																no id	n. tot	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16+			
16-17																			1 1
18-19																			1 3
20-21			2																1 3
22-23			11																11
24-25			33	1															3 37
26-27			30	2															3 35
28-29			8	9															2 19
30-31			3	17	1														1 22
32-33				18	6			1											3 25
34-35				5	12			1											3 21
36-37					21		2	2											1 26
38-39						6	8					1							1 15
40-41					1	3	22	2	1					1					30
42-43						1	53	1	1	1		1	1	1					1 60
44-45						2	41		8	1		1	2	5					2 62
46-47							23	3	9	6	3	1	4	9					58
48-49							3	3	5	3	1	4	7	14					1 41
50-51									1	2	6	3	4	25	1	1			2 45
52-53										1		2	2	19	1	4			29
54-55													1	7	1				9
56-57														3					3
58-59													1		1				2
total:			87	52	41	14	154	9	25	13	11	12	22	84	4	5	21	554	

Table 12 - American plaice age composition by strata (x 1000).

age	stratum																missing strata	TOTAL	mean weight (gr)			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	19							
1 :																	9	1353	12	1365	9	0
2 :	15	136	154	150	191	268	112	83	7	115	113	2	6		9		3	960	9	969		46
3 :	137	199	66	62	110	68	69	104	11	60	63	2	6		3		6	637	6	643		265
4 :	96	162	22	49	84	31	35	56	9	50	29	5	3		6			637	6	643		363
5 :	58	56	10	17	35	9	14	15	12	64	19	3	5					317	3	320		528
6 :	503	509	109	166	357	79	149	95	144	757	136	9	60	8	1			3082	28	3110		669
7 :	79	73	7	9	26	7	9	7	18	77	12	1	9	2				336	3	339		691
8 :	115	114	20	25	63	14	21	18	25	137	20	1	12	2				587	5	592		736
9 :	57	50	10	12	35	8	10	10	12	62	12	1	4	1				283	3	286		820
10 :	33	39	10	9	28	5	6	8	6	41	8		2	1				196	2	198		861
11 :	46	45	9	9	28	7	7	7	9	43	9	1	6	1				227	2	229		884
12 :	47	43	13	16	48	10	10	20	6	51	10		4	1				278	2	280		1022
13 :	111	138	68	70	166	36	24	62	16	128	27		10	1				857	8	865		1165
14 :	1	3	3	3	6	1		10		1								28		28		1754
15 :	3	6	4	4	9	3		2		4								35		35		1529
16+ :																						

Table 13 - Redfish (Sebastes marinus) catch (Kg) by strata.

stratum	area squa. miles	tow number	catch per tow		catch per mile towed	
			mean	s.deviat.	mean	s.deviat.
1 -	342	4	2.84	2.00	1.85	1.46
2 -	838	10	5.49	14.28	3.21	8.44
3 -	628	7	2.12	3.16	1.25	1.88
4 -	348	4	1.25	1.44	0.71	0.82
5 -	703	8	2.45	3.09	1.39	1.68
6 -	496	6	5.01	4.90	2.89	2.74
7 -	822	9	3.63	4.57	2.31	3.04
8 -	646	6	1.68	2.20	0.95	1.26
9 -	314	3	6.58	6.10	4.23	4.12
10 -	951	8	27.76	53.51	17.24	34.00
11 -	806	9	6.48	7.22	3.88	4.27
12 -	670	7	-	-	-	-
13 -	249	2	0.24	0.34	0.13	0.19
14 -	602					
15 -	666	6	0.10	0.17	0.07	0.11
16 -	634	7	-	-	-	-
17 -	216	1	-	-	-	-
18 -	210					
19 -	414	4	-	-	-	-
total	10555	101				

	catch per tow	catch per mile towed
mean	4.68	2.86
standard error	1.77	1.12

(Kg)

Stock biomass estimated by swept area method = 4,026 tons  
 Biomass estimated for missing strata = 147 tons

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Total biomass = 4,173 tons  
 standard error = 1,634











Table 17 - Redfish (Sebastes mentella) catch (Kg) by strata.

stratum	area squa. miles	tow number	catch per tow		catch per mile towed	
			mean	s.deviat.	mean	s.deviat.
1 -	342	4	-	-	-	-
2 -	838	10	-	-	-	-
3 -	628	7	-	-	-	-
4 -	348	4	-	-	-	-
5 -	703	8	0.05	0.14	0.03	0.08
6 -	496	6	0.06	0.15	0.04	0.09
7 -	822	9	10.86	16.06	6.53	9.50
8 -	646	6	2.96	5.05	1.76	3.06
9 -	314	3	9.33	9.25	5.51	5.60
10 -	951	8	22.46	36.60	13.17	21.00
11 -	806	9	16.60	24.58	10.12	14.99
12 -	670	7	90.41	71.04	56.45	46.24
13 -	249	2	70.65	90.16	40.66	52.12
14 -	602					
15 -	666	6	82.28	39.42	52.34	23.50
16 -	634	7	36.38	34.58	23.84	23.80
17 -	216	1	296.75	-	185.19	-
18 -	210					
19 -	414	4	25.80	29.15	16.95	18.71
total	10555	101				

	catch per tow	catch per mile towed
mean	26.47	16.47
standard error	4.74	2.82

(Kg)

Stock biomass estimated by swept area method = 23,186 tons  
 Biomass estimated for missing strata = 1,870 tons

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Total biomass = 25,056 tons  
 standard error = 4,290



Table 19 - Redfish (*Sebastes mentella*) age-length key.

MALE length (cm)	age																	no n. id tot						
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		21	22	23	24	25+	
14-																								2
15-																								3
16-																								22
17-																								29
18-		7																						20
19-		1																						22
20-		1	6																					16
21-			3																					20
22-			1	2																				24
23-			3	10																				9
24-			1	17	1																			10
25-			1	15	1																			12
26-					11																			19
27-								4																18
28-								1																18
29-								3	1															16
30-								5	4	1														16
31-								1	3	2														17
32-									7	4	1													14
33-									6	6	6	1												17
34-									5	5	5	5	1											10
35-									1	3	1	3	5	1										15
36-									1	5	5	7	3	1	2			1						15
37-									1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1								15
38-											1	1	2	2	2	1								6
39-																2								10
40-													1	1	1									10
41-																								2
42-																								1
43-																								1
44-																								1
total:	17	15	44	17	10	7	12	19	20	19	18	11	5	5	4	1	1							366

FEMALE length (cm)	age																	no n. 25+ id tot						
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		21	22	23	24		
14-																						1	1	
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total:	4	13	40	24	9	5	6	7	14	7	8	18	6	7	3	5	4	3	1	1	357	1		





Table 21 - Redfish (Sebastes fasciatus) catch (Kg) by strata.

stratum	area squa. miles	tow number	catch per tow		catch per mile towed	
			mean	s.deviat.	mean	s.deviat.
1 -	342	4	-	-	-	-
2 -	838	10	-	-	-	-
3 -	628	7	0.39	0.49	0.23	0.30
4 -	348	4	0.22	0.45	0.13	0.26
5 -	703	8	0.68	1.00	0.40	0.60
6 -	496	6	0.64	0.87	0.39	0.53
7 -	822	9	3.15	2.98	1.93	1.75
8 -	646	6	2.48	2.11	1.40	1.21
9 -	314	3	26.30	30.36	16.13	18.26
10 -	951	8	34.39	80.44	21.54	51.02
11 -	806	9	4.09	5.10	2.51	3.24
12 -	670	7	1.07	0.97	0.65	0.60
13 -	249	2	0.61	0.87	0.34	0.48
14 -	602					
15 -	666	6	2.96	1.13	1.91	0.79
16 -	634	7	0.19	0.34	0.13	0.23
17 -	216	1	-	-	-	-
18 -	210					
19 -	414	4	0.15	0.19	0.10	0.12
total	10555	101				

	catch per tow	catch per mile towed
mean	4.98	3.09
standard error	2.62	1.66

(Kg)

Stock biomass estimated by swept area method = 4,352 tons  
 Biomass estimated for missing strata = 73 tons  
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 Total biomass = 4,425 tons  
 standard error = 2,377





FEMALE length (cm)	age																	no id	n. tot							
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20			21	22	23	24	25+		
14-	1																						1	1		
15-	1																							1	1	
16-	3																							3	3	
17-	4																							4	12	
18-	2	4																						14	32	
19-	2	16																						16	23	
20-		5	2																					7	26	
21-		6	13																					6	27	
22-		3	18	3																				5	32	
23-		17	10	10																				6	36	
24-		1	26	1	26	3																		8	39	
25-		1	23	1	23	6	1																	9	27	
26-		1	13	1	13	4	4																	5	13	
27-			3	3	3	5	5																	1	4	
28-			1	1	1	2	2	1																4	4	
29-			2	2	2	1	1	2	1															4	2	
30-			1	1	1	1	1	1	1															7	7	
31-									5	1														2	7	
32-								2	2	3	2													7	7	
33-								2	1	1	1	1			1									5	5	
34-								2	1	1	3	2			2									1	8	
35-								1	1	1	1	2	1		1									3	3	
36-								1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1									4	4	
37-																									3	3
38-																									1	1
39-																									1	1
40-																									1	1
41-																									1	1
total:	11	34	53	76	20	5	9	7	5	4	4	4	3	2	1		1							1	86	2

Table 24 - Redfish (Sebastes fasciatus) age composition (x 1000).

age	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	15	16	19	total	missing strata	TOTAL	mean weight (gr)
1																		0
2																		0
3																		0
4		8	98	24	69	148	196	119	79			12	6		805	14	819	91
5	41	14	42	64	164	223	725	844	305	11	1	162		1	2603	44	2647	133
6	29	9	41	56	314	172	1557	2823	581	130	26	439	40	13	6230	106	6336	175
7	17	11	33	16	276	109	680	2877	320	123	21	258	16	14	4771	81	4852	229
8	1	1	12	8	97	27	202	1502	68	18	8	61	1	1	2007	34	2041	298
9				1	25	14	86	810	32			8			977	17	994	381
10					19	3	15	387	30	1		8			457	8	465	435
11					11	6	14	217	6			3			254	4	258	498
12					20	3	4	92	1						120	2	122	528
13					3			20							23		23	642
14					6	3	2	35	1						47	1	48	590
15					2			24							26		26	698
16					5			9							14		14	827
17					1	3	2	23	1						30	1	31	543
18																		0
19																		0
20																		0
21																		0
22																		0
23																		0
24																		0
25+															15		15	999

Table 25 - Juvenile redbfish (Sebastes sp.) catch (Kg) by strata.

stratum	area squa. miles	tow number	catch per tow		catch per mile towed	
			mean	s.deviat.	mean	s.deviat.
1 -	342	4	4.75	6.08	2.92	3.52
2 -	838	10	1.48	2.72	0.85	1.54
3 -	628	7	2.74	4.87	1.64	2.90
4 -	348	4	0.81	0.99	0.46	0.57
5 -	703	8	1.39	1.81	0.81	1.08
6 -	496	6	7.00	4.66	4.15	2.57
7 -	822	9	54.97	129.96	32.71	76.47
8 -	646	6	18.11	29.08	10.56	16.79
9 -	314	3	542.90	893.83	306.15	500.93
10 -	951	8	56.31	67.92	32.89	38.62
11 -	806	9	85.90	142.18	53.32	91.70
12 -	670	7	4.28	10.92	2.64	6.73
13 -	249	2	1.25	1.77	0.69	0.98
14 -	602					
15 -	666	6	7.22	17.63	4.94	12.08
16 -	634	7	-	-	-	-
17 -	216	1	-	-	-	-
18 -	210					
19 -	414	4	-	-	-	-
total	10555	101				

	catch per tow	catch per mile towed
mean	34.81	20.36
standard error	16.30	9.23

(Kg)

Stock biomass estimated by swept area method = 28,647 tons  
 Biomass estimated for missing strata = 288 tons

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Total biomass = 28,935 tons  
 standard error = 13,117

Table 26 - Juvenile redbfish (Sebastes sp.) length frequency by strata (x 100000).

length (cm)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	15	total	missing strata	TOTAL
7-			1			2	1		1	1					2		2
8-					1	1	1		1	1	3				8		8
9-	1	1				1	6	4	1	1	1				6		6
10-	2	2	1		1	3	55	13	7	3	14				35		35
11-	4	2	1		1	6	107	21	8	46	72	3			212	2	214
12-	6	2	4		1	10	107	21	8	77	110	8			354	4	358
13-	7	5	3		3	9	50	18	28	75	80	4		2	285	3	288
14-	5	3	4		3	9	117	49	348	194	226	10	1	12	981	10	991
15-	5	4	4	1	3	11	256	55	1452	332	383	18	1	22	2546	26	2572
16-	2	3	3	1	2	7	127	23	776	151	235	7	1	12	1350	14	1364
17-	2	1	3	1	2	2	26	6	185	28	42	1		8	306	3	309
18-	1		2		2	1	5	3	2	23	30	4		10	80	1	81
19-			1				3	2	1	7	16	3		3	33		33
20-							1				4			1	6		6
21-										1					1		1

Table 27 - Greenland halibut (Reinhardtius hippoglossoides) catch (Kg) by strata.

stratum	area squa. miles	tow number	catch per tow		catch per mile towed	
			mean	s.deviat.	mean	s.deviat.
1 -	342	4	-	-	-	-
2 -	838	10	-	0.01	-	-
3 -	628	7	0.06	0.11	0.03	0.06
4 -	348	4	0.38	0.76	0.22	0.43
5 -	703	8	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.02
6 -	496	6	0.36	0.48	0.23	0.32
7 -	822	9	1.37	2.91	0.85	1.79
8 -	646	6	2.72	3.88	1.60	2.35
9 -	314	3	1.29	2.24	0.73	1.26
10 -	951	8	0.43	0.56	0.25	0.32
11 -	806	9	3.56	3.42	2.14	2.06
12 -	670	7	16.83	7.12	10.28	4.31
13 -	249	2	7.50	0.28	4.23	0.03
14 -	602					
15 -	666	6	24.11	11.01	15.27	6.84
16 -	634	7	39.24	33.33	25.33	22.11
17 -	216	1	5.83	-	3.64	-
18 -	210					
19 -	414	4	34.44	26.19	23.93	19.29
total	10555	101				

	catch per tow	catch per mile towed
mean	7.25	4.64
standard error	1.05	0.71

(Kg)

Stock biomass estimated by swept area method = 6,533 tons  
 Biomass estimated for missing strata = 677 tons

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Total biomass = 7,210 tons  
 standard error = 1,103

Table 28 - Greenland halibut biomass estimated by the swept area method (tons).

stratum	depth in fathoms	survey					
		1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
1 -	70-80	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 -	81-100	-	3	6	-	-	-
3 -	101-140	26	31	8	8	18	3
4 -	"	142	20	-	15	27	10
5 -	"	73	96	-	28	41	1
6 -	"	31	18	15	12	8	15
7 -	141-200	84	62	63	186	242	93
8 -	"	149	219	63	177	373	138
9 -	"	177	162	53	75	318	30
10 -	"	106	81	48	169	356	31
11 -	"	44	60	20	104	225	230
12 -	201-300	399	637	290	749	609	918
13 -	"	63	122	214	43	24	141
14 -	"	362	289	315	775	834	469
15 -	"	428	166	505	958	633	1356
16 -	301-400	1352	1342	2492	2487	1798	2141
17 -	"	262	118	130	408	39	105
18 -	"	104	49	449	348	57	208
19 -	"	3016	919	977	1498	2988	1321
total		6818	4391	5649	8038	8588	7210



Table 29 - Greenland halibut (*Reinhardtius hippoglossoides*)  
length frequency (x 1000).

length (cm)	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	15	16	17	19	total	missing strata	TOTAL
10-11						15											15	2	17
12-13						37	8		19	29	8						109	11	120
14-15	6	8		7	7	67	32		56	79	16			8			279	29	308
16-17		8			26	75	41		37	173	23						384	40	424
18-19				7		45	8		47	79	16						201	21	222
20-21						7	8		9	14							39	4	43
22-23						21			28	51			9				109	11	120
24-25					14	75	41		56	172	31	9				9	408	42	450
26-27					26	36	49		56	223	47	9				9	448	46	494
28-29					27	7	24		9	101		9	19				197	20	217
30-31							8			21			28			18	77	8	85
32-33		8				37	57		9	58	46		66			19	302	31	333
34-35					7	29	49			72	47	9	95			9	340	35	375
36-37						15	16			43	62		104	24		56	321	33	354
38-39						14					47	9	104	54		94	323	33	356
40-41						22	8	17		14	101	9	188	116		19	474	49	523
42-43						7				14	102	9	160	170		75	554	57	611
44-45						7	8		9	14	101	9	198	256		122	717	74	791
46-47						7					187	9	151	295	18	150	828	86	914
48-49						7	24	8		22	125	9	198	319	244	244	932	97	1029
50-51						7				7	85	9	113	349	18	168	784	81	865
52-53						7				7	62	18	85	170		94	445	46	491
54-55						7					31	9	75	101		75	292	30	322
56-57						7	16			7	16	19	19	93	18	74	263	27	290
58-59						7					16	9	28	47	18	47	165	17	182
60-61						7					8		9	39		19	75	8	83
62-63						7							9	16		9	34	4	38
64-65						7							9	16		19	34	4	38
66-67						7							9	16		19	34	4	38
68-69						7							9	16		19	34	4	38
70-71						7							9	16		19	34	4	38
72-73						7							9	16		19	34	4	38
74-75						7							9	16		19	34	4	38
76-77						7							9	16		19	34	4	38
78-79						7							9	16		19	34	4	38

Table 30 - Greenland halibut (Reinhardtius hippoglossoides)  
age-length key.

MALE length (cm)	age														no id	n. tot	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
10-11																	
12-13	1																1
14-15																	
16-17	2																2
18-19																	
20-21		3															3
22-23		7	1														8
24-25		18	6														24
26-27		13	10	2													25
28-29		2	2	6													10
30-31			3	1	1	1											6
32-33			5	6	5	1										1	18
34-35			6	2	10	2											20
36-37				5	7	4	2									3	21
38-39				2	12	6	2									6	28
40-41					4	12	5									4	25
42-43					3	11	10	4								3	31
44-45					4	10	12		1								27
46-47					1	14	14	7								4	40
48-49					1	8	14	15	5	1						2	46
50-51						3	5	13	10							4	35
52-53						3	3	4	6			1				1	18
54-55								2	9	4	1						16
56-57							1	4	4	1							10
58-59									2	1	2						5
total:	3	43	33	24	48	75	68	49	37	7	3	1				28	5

FEMALE length (cm)	age														no id	n. tot	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
10-11																	
12-13																	
14-15	1																1
16-17	5																5
18-19	2	1															3
20-21		1															1
22-23		4			1												5
24-25		16	4	1													21
26-27		12	8	3	1											1	25
28-29		3	5	4													12
30-31				3													3
32-33			6	9	2											1	18
34-35			3	5	9	2											19
36-37			2	3	3	5	1									2	16
38-39				1	4	3										2	10
40-41				3	6	8	3	3								3	26
42-43					5	13	6	2								2	28
44-45					4	18	14	4	4							6	50
46-47					1	6	25	10	2	1						6	51
48-49					3	6	13	19	6	2						8	57
50-51					1	1	17	20	7	1						3	50
52-53						2	6	12	10	2	1					6	39
54-55							2	4	6	2	1					1	16
56-57							1	4	13	2	2	1				1	24
58-59								3	2	3	2		1			1	12
60-61								1		5	1	1					8
62-63									1			1	1			1	4
64-65												2	1	1			4
66-67																1	1
68-69																	
70-71																	
72-73																	
74-75																	
76-77																	
78-79															1		1
total:	8	37	28	32	40	64	88	82	51	18	10	4	2	1		45	1

Table 31 - Greenland halibut (Reinhardtius hippoglossoides) age composition (x 1000).

age	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	15	16	17	19	total	missing strata	TOTAL	mean weight (gr)
1 :	6	15		11	31	206	78		137	305	53	9	17	7		7	849	88	937	28
2 :		1		3	32	134	78		127	378	58	7	68	1		7	845	88	933	105
3 :		3			24	5695					51	7	8	8		15	543	56	599	200
4 :		4			15	34	57	2	14	141	62	8	115	18		43	513	53	566	288
5 :		1			4	39	42	5	7	78	139	13	260	154	1	127	870	90	960	495
6 :					1	28	22	12	4	45	245	16	394	421	7	231	1426	148	1574	692
7 :			1			15	14	12	4	27	263	19	352	549	14	299	1569	163	1732	856
8 :			3			8	15	8		18	178	24	240	467	19	278	1258	130	1388	1044
9 :			2			2	13	1		11	90	26	151	306	16	202	820	85	905	1243
10 :							2			1	26	8	40	90	7	59	233	24	257	1462
11 :							1			1	8	4	24	46	5	39	128	13	141	1748
12 :										1	4	1	5	20	1	14	46	5	51	1840
13 :											4	1		7	2	6	17	2	19	2034
14 :											1	1				9	9	1	10	4338
15 :																				0
16+ :																				0

Table 32 - Shrimp catch (Kg) by strata.

stratum	area squa. miles	tow number	catch per tow		catch per mile towed	
			mean	s.deviat.	mean	s.deviat.
1 -	342	4	-	-	-	-
2 -	838	10	-	-	-	-
3 -	628	7	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01
4 -	348	4	-	-	-	-
5 -	703	8	0.01	0.01	-	0.01
6 -	496	6	0.07	0.12	0.04	0.07
7 -	822	9	21.46	37.30	12.81	22.13
8 -	646	6	10.52	21.74	6.33	13.19
9 -	314	3	4.64	7.42	2.61	4.16
10 -	951	8	13.06	21.75	7.66	12.61
11 -	806	9	12.50	19.72	7.39	11.52
12 -	670	7	33.09	20.71	20.00	12.31
13 -	249	2	6.45	2.40	3.62	1.25
14 -	602					
15 -	666	6	35.54	10.44	22.85	6.95
16 -	634	7	2.51	2.55	1.58	1.63
17 -	216	1	2.00	-	1.25	-
18 -	210					
19 -	414	4	4.48	5.80	2.94	3.72
total	10555	101				

	catch per tow	catch per mile towed
mean	9.45	5.75
standard error	1.53	0.91

Stock biomass estimated by swept area method = 8,095 tons  
 Biomass estimated for missing strata = 1,068 tons  


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 Total biomass = 9,163 tons  
 standard error = 1,450

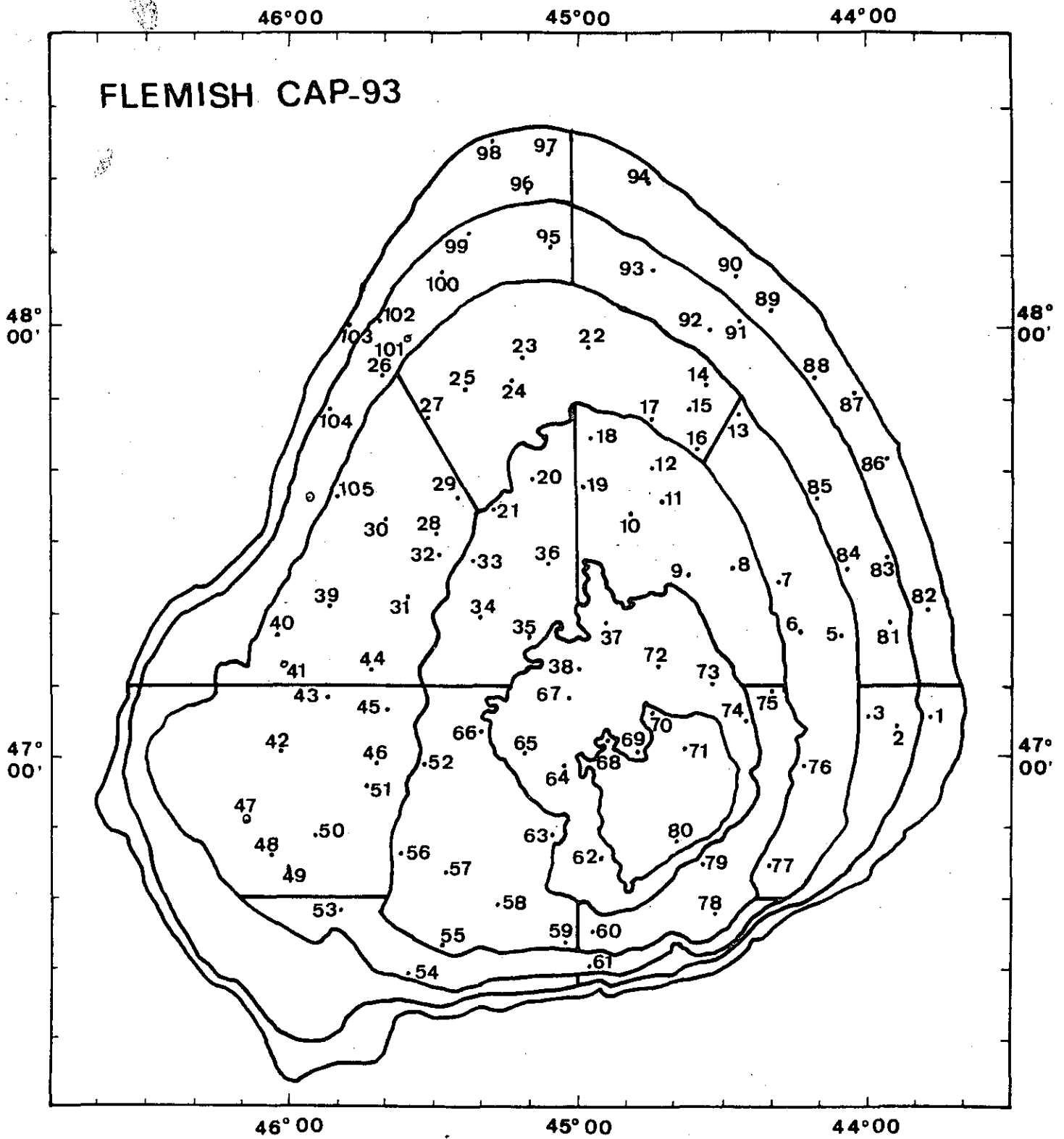


Figure 1 - Tow position of Flemish Cap-93 survey.

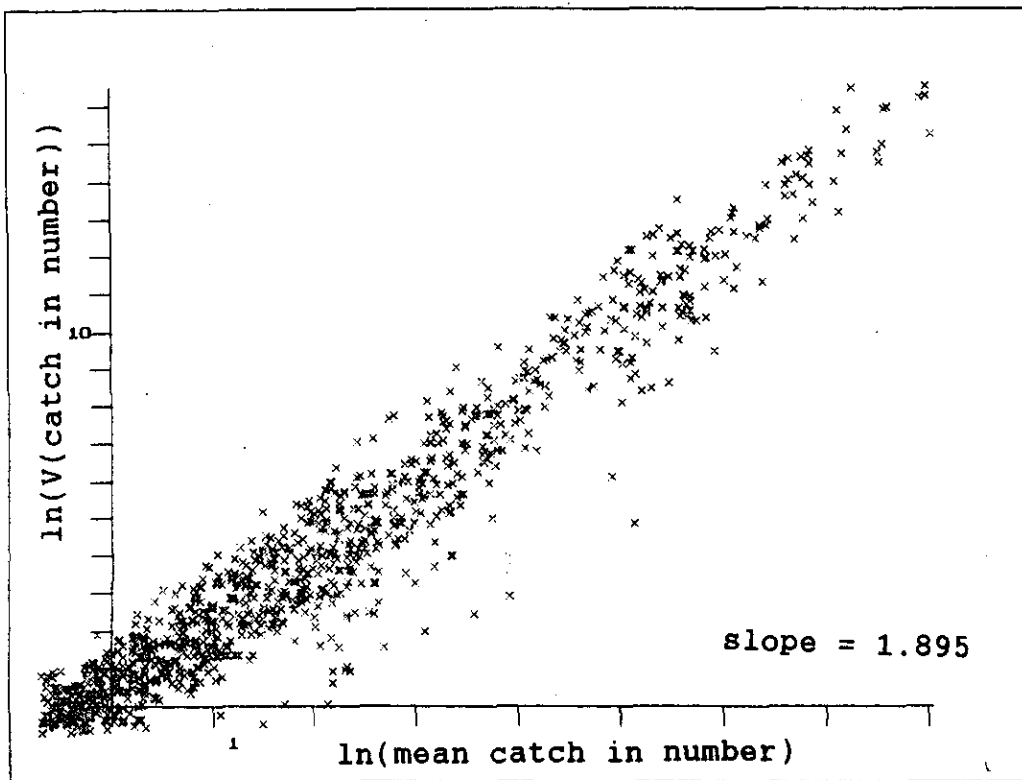
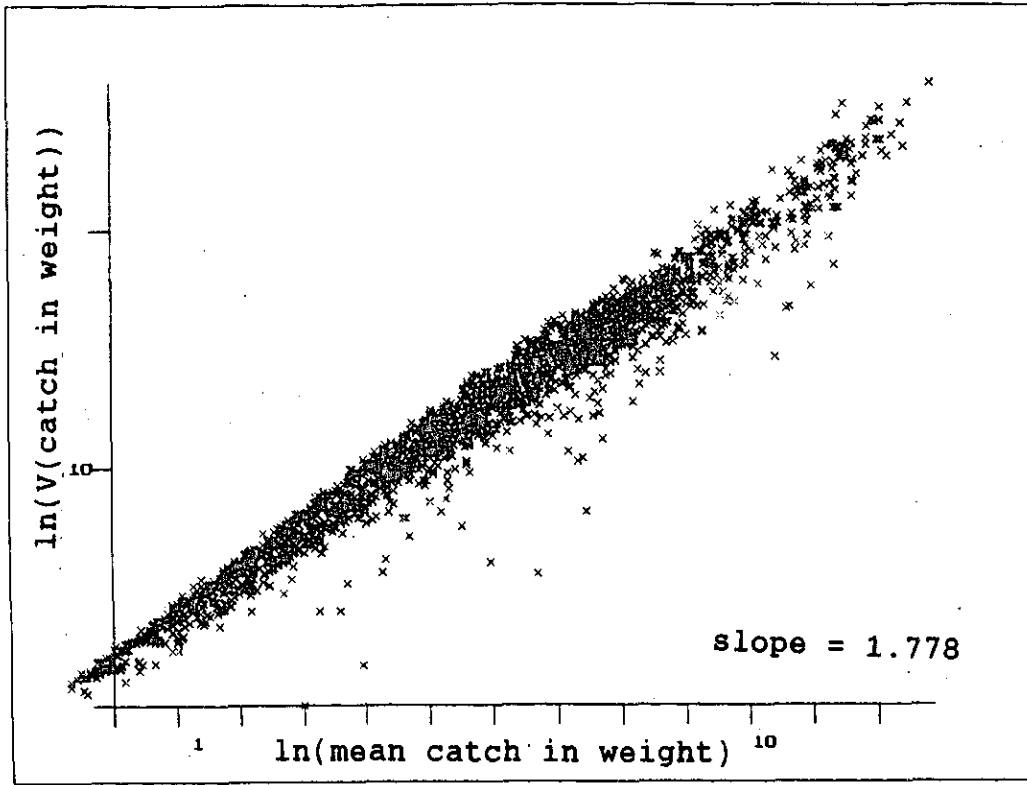


Figure 2 - Relationship between catch variance and mean catch. Each point corresponds to the value observed for one species, one stratum and one survey.

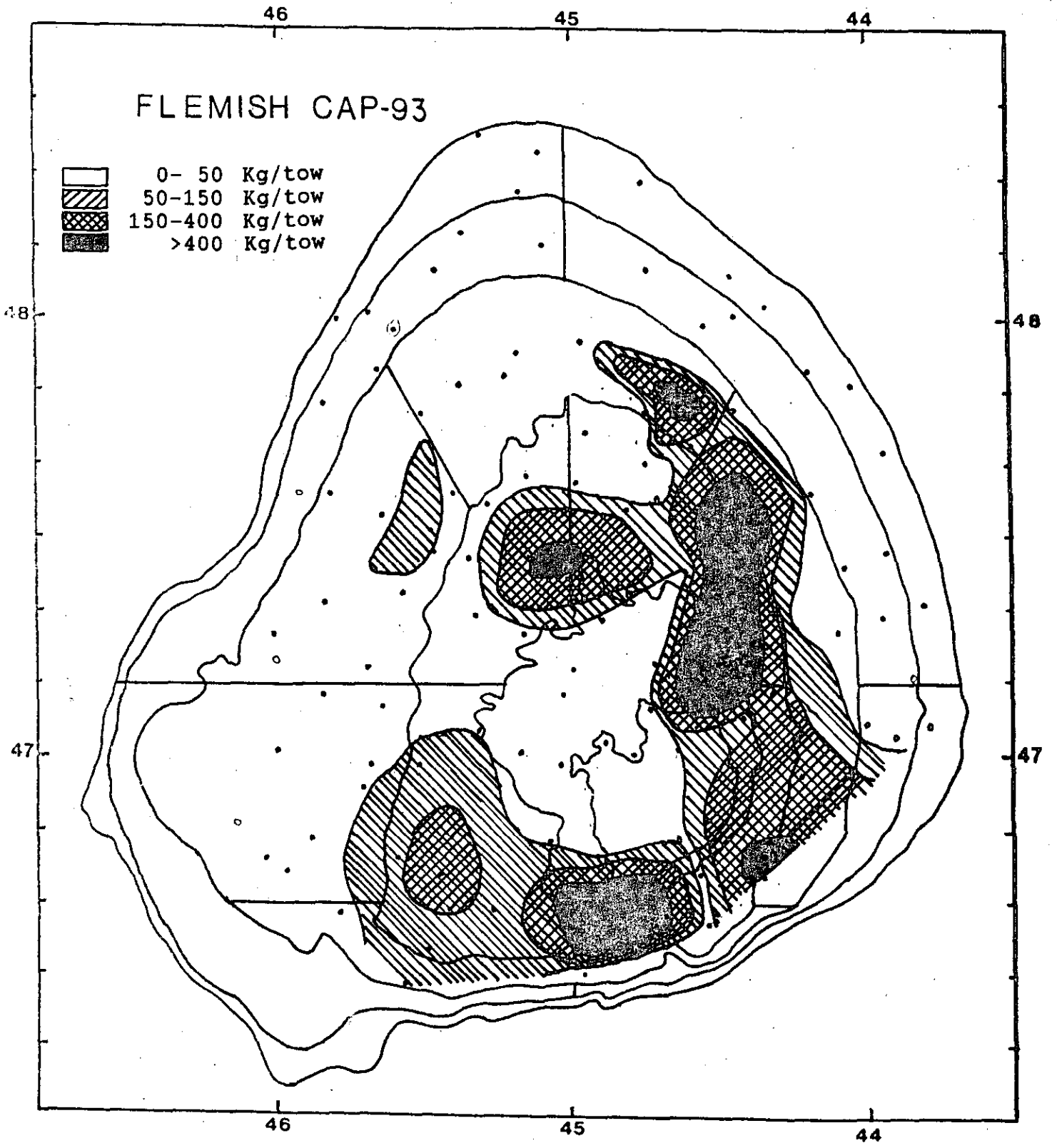


Figure 3 - Cod (*Gadus morhua*) catch distribution.

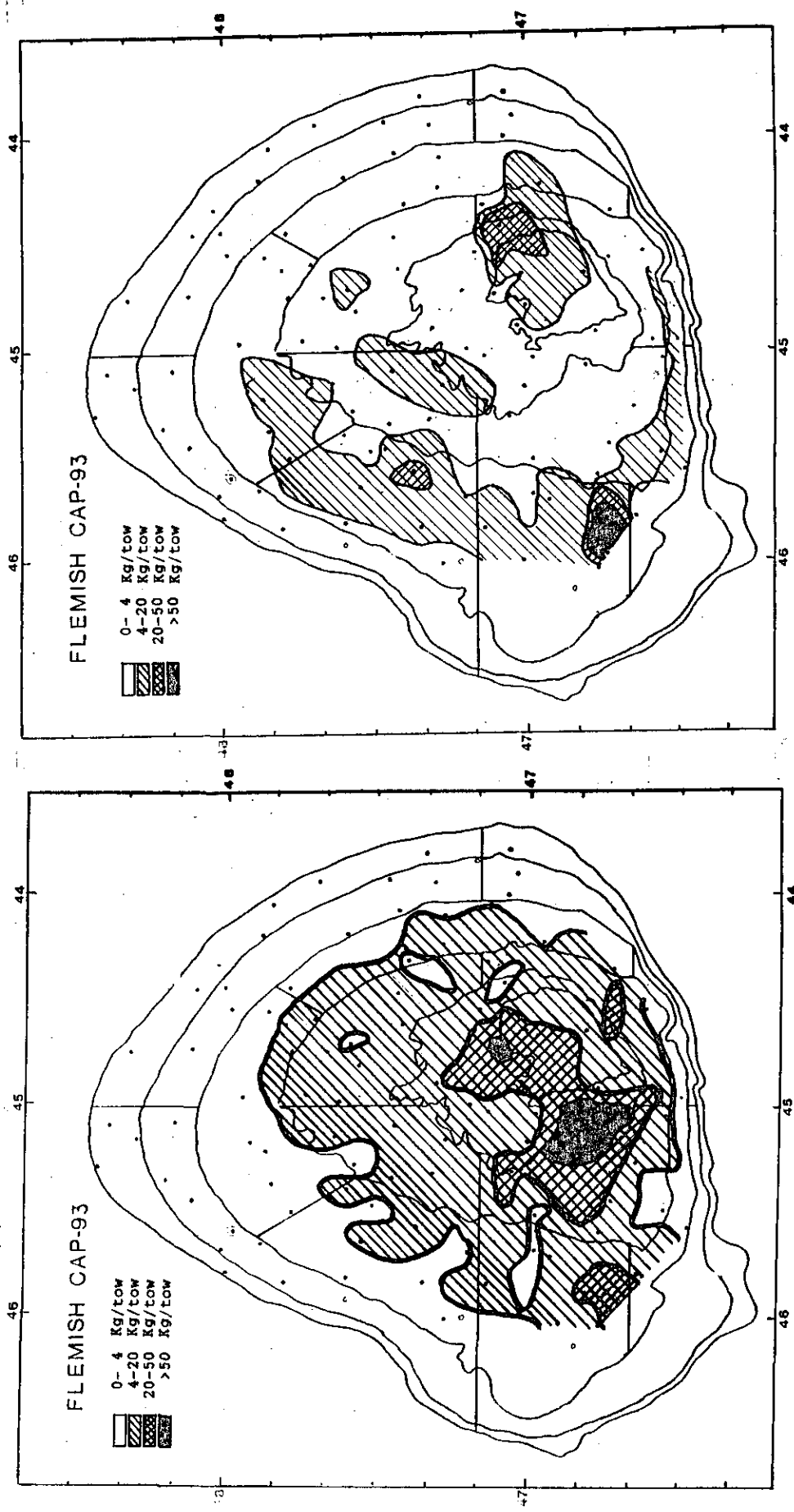


Figure 4 - American plaice (*Hippoglossoides platessoides*) catch distribution.

Figure 5 - Redfish (*Sebastes marinus*) catch distribution.



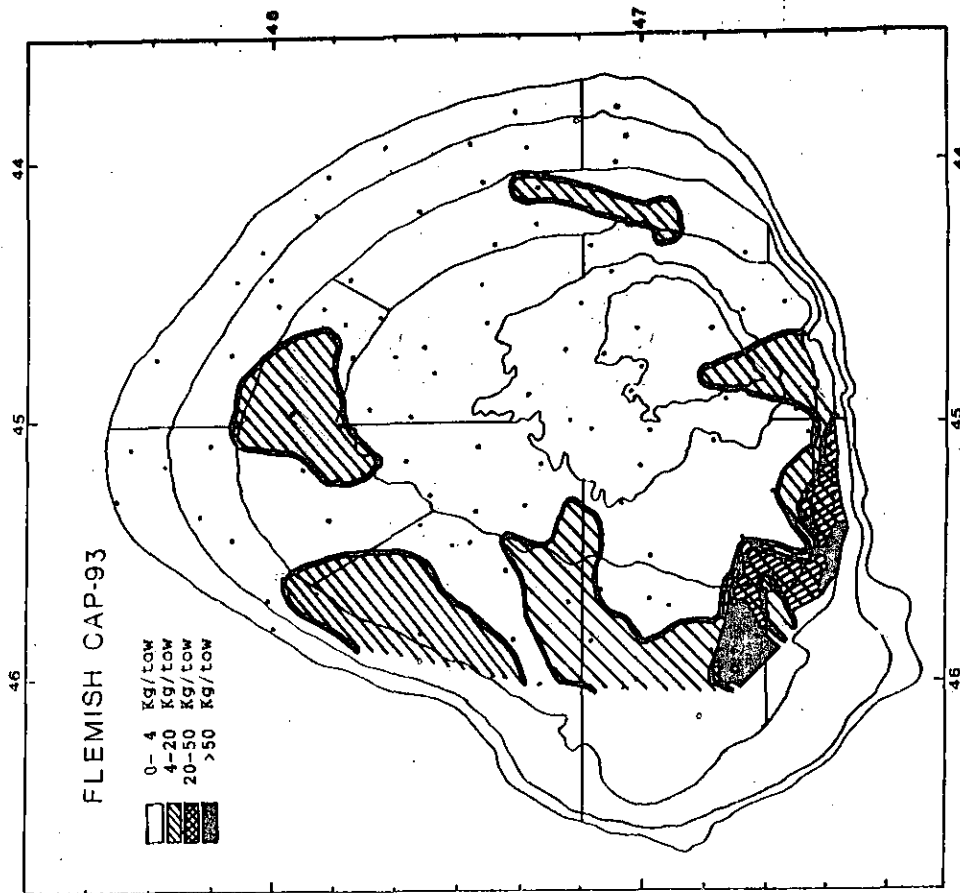


Figure 7 - Redfish (*Sebastes fasciatus*) catch distribution.

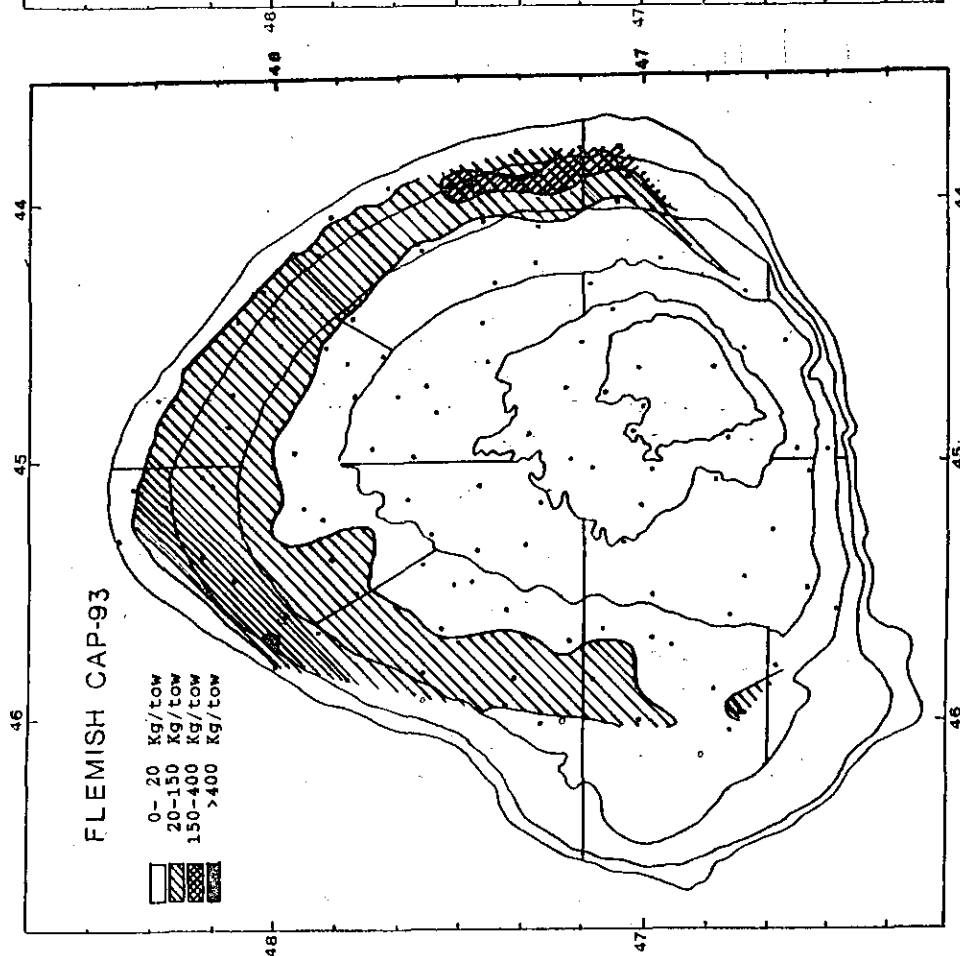


Figure 6 - Redfish (*Sebastes mentella*) catch distribution.

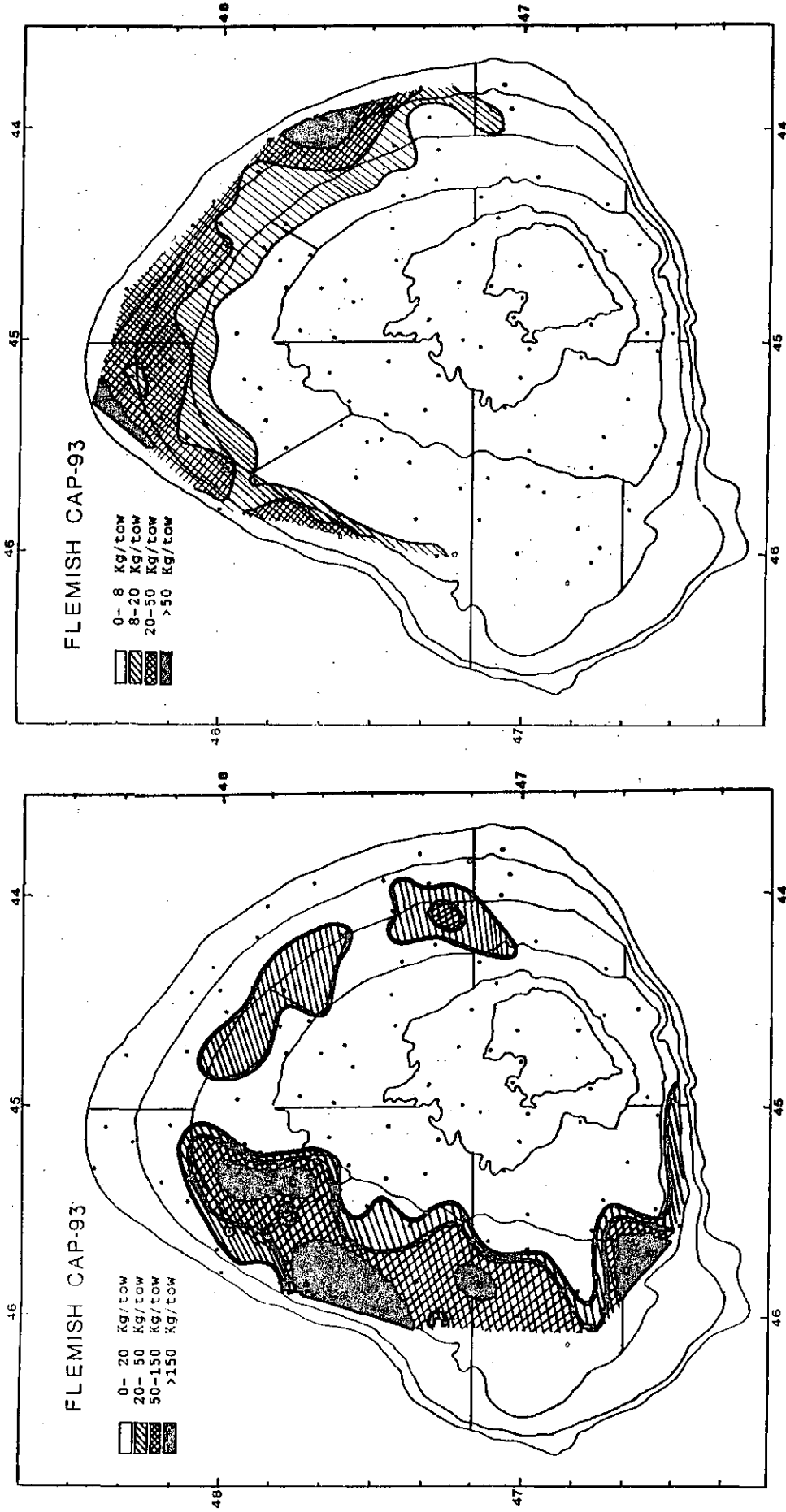


Figure 8 - Juvenile redfish (*Sebastes* sp.) catch distribution.

Figure 9 - Greenland halibut (*Reinhardtius hippoglossoides*) catch distribution.