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Results from Bottom Trawl Survey of Flemish Cap in July 1995

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The survey of Flemish Cap was carried out in 1995 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 eighth survey of the series initiated by the EU in 1988. Dates of the previous survey 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
1994	Cornide de Saavedra	116	6/7 -23/7
1995	Cornide de Saavedra	121	2/7 -19/7

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

A total of 121 valid bottom trawl were made up to a depth of 720 metres (400 fathoms) (Figure 1). The survey covered adequately all strata of the bank.

Total biomass of all species was calculated by the swept area method. The results are presented in Table 2, where some species are grouped to balance possible identification error in former surveys. Those amounts are assumed to underestimate real values in different degrees, according with the species. In this framework, the total biomass estimated for 1995 has the minimum value of all the series. Cod and redfish are the species more contributing to this decline. Redfish have a wide pelagic distribution and their estimated biomass in this surveys had big changes year to year; their actual reduction seems not be indicative of a real change. The cod biomass decrease goes with equivalent reduction in other demersal species: Antimora spp., grenadiers and Notacanthus spp., but biomass of other demersal species, like dogfish, increased. Among flatfish, American plaice biomass decreased with the same rate as previous years, and Greenland halibut increased. In conclusion, the cod biomass reductions seems not be a consequence of a change in gear efficiency to all species in general, or demersal species in particular. In fact, we were not conscious of some change in the gear.

RESULTS

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

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
cod	46,7	146,0	70,8	47,1	30,3	67,1	54,4	11,6
American plaice	15,0	14,3	11,6	9,7	8,0	7,1	7,6	6,6
redfish	207,5	194,4	133,3	81,5	126,9	70,9	95,6	94,7
Greenland halibut	7,9	5,9	7,2	7,9	10,3	7,3	9,2	13,4
shrimp	2,5	2,7	2,7	10,2	20,3	9,5	3,8	6,9

Kg

Cod

Mean catch by strata and for the whole bank data with associated standard errors 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. Global data compared with Russian survey results are:

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	15.200
1991	36.597	6.740	8.200
1992	24.295		2.500
1993	55.642	13.020	13.820
1994	42.767		
1995	8.815		

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- 1) Biomass estimated from bottom trawl survey.
- 2) Biomass estimated from bottom trawl survey (Kiseleva y Vaskov, 1994).
- 3) Biomass estimated of bottom trawlable plus pelagic biomass (Borovkov et al., 1993; Kiseleva et Vaskov, 1994).

The abundance (x 10000) by age-groups was calculated as follow:

age	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
1 -	458	2085	237	13780	7118	438	314	155
2 -	7196	1100	1179	2560	3706	13274	385	1137
3 -	4037	8422	467	1548	475	2852	4710	123
4 -	1085	4922	1588	192	203	102	844	361
5 -	128	1858	1453	622	33	127	18	90
6 -	22	127	394	173	127	17	9	1
7 -	28	15	32	25	21	50		2
8 -	11	12	13	1	1	10	18	
9 -			8	4				1
10 -		1	3				1	1
11 -				1	1			
12 -								
total	12965	18542	5374	18906	11685	16870	6270	1873
Biomass	37127	103644	55360	36597	24295	55642	42767	8815 tons
SOP*	33474	100217	51388	37231	22734	54945	42153	8841 tons

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

Recruitment is believed to be completed before age 2 with the 35 mm mesh size used in the cod-end. The 1990 year-class was the more abundant one observed at age 1, but its importance did not maintained in the following years, after recruitment; it seems indicate that its abundance was overestimated in 1991 survey. The 1991 year-class, the more abundant one at age 2, was the more important of last years, but its abundance decreased quickly to be only residual in 1995. This so deep changes in abundance seems to be a consequence of an intense fishery on ages 2 and 3 during year 1993 and 1994. Most recent year-classes, those of 1993 and 1994, were among weaker ones observed in the period.

According to the above table, there was a sharp decrease in stock abundance from 1994 to 1995, primarily attributed to fishing activity during the second half of 1994 and beginning 1995. An alternative explanation to be checked is that a heavy fishery took place prior to 1994 survey. If this is the case, the 1994 survey results must be interpreted in other way: approximately the half part of the cod catch of the 1994 survey was taken in one tow; if this tow is not considered, the total biomass swept area estimate is only 24,062 tons, well in agreement with the occurrence of cod concentrations where fishing could be focused.

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 2.

American plaice

Mean catch by strata and for the whole bank data, with associated standard errors, are presented in Table 8. Biomass estimated by swept 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	2.700
1994 -	6.173	
1995 -	5.087	

----- tons

- 1) Rikhter et al. 1991; Borovkov et al. 1992, 1993, 1994

The abundance (x 1000) by age-groups were calculated as follow:

age	year:							
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
2	2284	454	359	309	736	9	34	25
3	625	6847	775	911	679	1365	40	79
4	3034	1500	7083	1877	910	969	1789	611
5	1975	3238	897	4461	1471	643	782	1639
6	3020	3006	2475	1836	3423	320	651	1356
7	4154	2868	1717	2009	913	3110	703	1131
8	4258	1691	1657	1566	1090	339	2487	798
9	1492	587	1030	675	624	592	243	674
10	207	261	485	232	289	296	480	82
11	109	34	90	8	138	198	166	131
12	61	14	15	48	74	229	164	191
13	-	-	31	-	16	280	195	151
14	-	-	17	-	-	865	398	89
15	-	-	-	-	-	28	397	117
16	-	-	-	-	-	35	9	15
total	21219	20500	16631	13932	10363	9268	8538	7089
Biomass	11868	10533	9101	7565	6492	5949	6173	5087
SOP	9726	8827	7682	6111	5856	5966	5038	5038
N 6+	13301	8461	7517	6374	6567	6282	5893	4735

The 1986 year-class (age 9 in 1995) was the most abundant cohort since 1989, when it was 3 years old. Its actual abundance is not different from contiguous cohorts. The 1990 year-class (age 5 in 1995), the most abundant cohort of recent years, is less abundant than the 1986 year-class at the same age. Global indices in the above table, such as total abundance, biomass, SOP and N+, had a decreasing tendency since 1988: their level in 1995 are 2 or 3 times lower than the ones recorded at the beginning of the survey series. These results neither show some signal that could indicate a change in the tendency for the next years: the last three year-classes (ages 2, 3 and 4 in 1995) were the weaker observed in this survey series.

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 3.

Redfish

All redfish catches were classified by species. The group name "juvenile" contains those individuals of small size which identification was not possible. The great amount of juveniles in 1994 survey had a modal length of 17-18 centimetres. Their decrease from 1994 to 1995 is a consequence of better identification as fish grows and coincides with an increase of *S. mentella* at age 5. These changes seems indicate that juveniles mainly were from that species, as it had been supposed (Saborido-Rey 1995). The small amount of juveniles observed in 1995 survey indicates that no new abundant year-class is recruiting to the area.

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

year	Sebastes: spp.				UE total	Russia	
	marinus	mente- lla	fascia- tus	juve- nile		bottom(1)	total(2)
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	246,400
1991	4,093	50,071	5,680	4,001	63,846	45,400	107,700
1992	4,130	71,810	5,308	23,229	104,477	18,200	99,500
1993	4,173	25,056	4,425	28,935	62,589	69,800	147,100
1994	33,240	35,710	7,829	49,233	126,011		
1995	9,042	59,332	5,032	235	73,641		

- 1) Trawlable biomass.
- 2) Trawlable plus pelagic biomass (Vaskov 1994).

Tables 14, 18, 22 and 26 show length frequency for the four groups/species. Age-length keys were made for three species (Tables 15, 19 and 23). Age composition for each of the three species are presented in tables 16, 20 and 24. Catch per tow distribution of the three species are presented in Figures 4, 5 and 6; their age composition 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.
2 :	-	-	6	7	2	12
3 :	122	35	259	25	81	34
4 :	765	57	3040	63	400	57
5 :	1342	96	19700	91	875	98
6 :	1529	145	11900	118	1108	141
7 :	406	205	490	203	422	214
8 :	281	295	870	276	238	282
9 :	146	380	980	343	105	361
10 :	76	425	570	389	31	428
11 :	61	447	550	440	11	463
12 :	57	552	610	500	17	504
13 :	32	618	280	533	8	567
14 :	48	679	220	616	7	605
15 :	26	749	250	695	2	744
16 :	23	817	260	702	1	429
17 :	14	955	160	770		876
18 :	17	1059	100	784		876
19 :	6	1223	87	818		-
20 :	3	1496	46	920		-
21 :	7	1168	38	966		-
22 :	-	-	25	1071		-
23 :	1	2349	11	960		-
24 :	1	1009	5	1047		-
25+ :		1495	31	1128		-

frequency x 10000 and mean-weight in grams

Greenland halibut

Mean catch by strata and whole bank estimates are presented in table 27. Biomass estimates 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
1994 -	7,904
1995 -	10,705 tons

Length frequency, age-length keys and age composition of the population were calculated (Tables 29, 30 and 31). Catch per tow distribution is presented in Figure 7. Age composition of the stock was calculated as follows:

age	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
1 -	349	922	937	832	6165
2 -	-	800	933	706	1394
3 -	235	286	599	1082	1369
4 -	993	861	566	1224	1249
5 -	1956	1600	960	1365	1709
6 -	1253	1996	1574	2233	3793
7 -	2283	1793	1732	2096	3026
8 -	545	991	1388	1213	1729
9 -	464	473	905	689	1134
10 -	388	266	257	264	254
11 -	122	139	141	95	68
12 -	-	67	51	54	26
13 -	-	18	19	19	-
14 -	-	13	10	-	7
15 -	-	-	-	-	-
16 -	-	-	-	-	-
total	8588	10225	10072	11860	21925
Biomass	8038	8588	7210	7904	10705
SOP	8329	8084	7136	7406	9782

(x 1000)

Abundance of each cohort increases up to ages 6 or 7, according to these results, when total length is around 40 centimetres. This seems indicate an immigration of young fish to the area, which coincides with Flemish Cap being not an area for spawning. All Greenland halibut caught in the survey was immature: length of first maturation in the area occurs at 65 centimetres (Junquera and Saborido-Rey, 1995) and few fish overpass that length. Finally, fish abundance at ages 1, 2 and 3 are the biggest observed in the period, which could be a signal of good recruitments for the next coming years.

Shrimp

Detailed results were presented by Sainza (1995).

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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	3.62 knots
Trawling time	30 minutes effective time
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, 45 mm, 200 Kg/100 m
trawl doors	polyvalent, 850 Kg
wire length	2.75 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 ecosounder 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 1988-1995 surveys (tons).

specie	survey 1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Rajidae	4495	1908	2824	4064	3765	6279	3462	2267
Synaphobranchus sp.	219	88	42	77	70	70	8	16
Urophycis sp.	654	167	169	261	69	161	214	83
Antimora sp.	392	302	284	560	720	594	799	195
Macrouridae	3088	1438	1223	2249	2592	6183	3230	2604
Notacanthus sp.	501	408	65	478	449	705	455	346
Illex sp.	5	8	1647	1159	66	1	210	1
Anarhichadidae	7973	7478	8120	10097	9095	14304	15516	19217
witch flounder	909	335	420	769	823	1048	776	705
Greenland flounder	6818	4391	5649	8038	8588	7210	7904	10705
Zoarcidae	559	923	1202	1978	1356	3277	1869	2182
cod	37127	103644	55360	36597	24295	55642	42767	8815
American plaice	11886	10533	9101	7565	6492	5949	6173	5087
redfish	158417	136658	104194	63845	104477	62589	126010	73640
shrimp	2164	1923	2139	8211	16531	9163	3337	5389
others	624	206	1138	664	439	779	503	395
Total	235833	270410	193575	146611	179828	173954	213234	131647

Table 3 - Cod catches (Kg) by strata.

stratum	area squa.	tow number	catch per tow		catch per mile towed	
			mean	s.deviat.	mean	s.deviat.
1 -	342	4	59,04	79,42	31,16	41,55
2 -	838	11	45,01	71,98	24,74	39,65
3 -	628	7	23,23	21,83	12,45	11,45
4 -	348	4	26,09	34,16	14,61	19,27
5 -	703	8	23,06	26,04	12,35	13,87
6 -	496	6	32,97	35,46	18,00	19,60
7 -	822	9	1,86	3,79	1,01	2,06
8 -	646	7	6,96	10,11	3,68	5,32
9 -	314	3	0,35	0,61	0,20	0,34
10 -	951	11	0,77	2,17	0,42	1,19
11 -	806	9	1,24	2,47	0,67	1,32
12 -	670	8	-	-	-	-
13 -	249	3	-	-	-	-
14 -	602	7	-	-	-	-
15 -	666	8	-	-	-	-
16 -	634	7	-	-	-	-
17 -	216	2	-	-	-	-
18 -	210	2	-	-	-	-
19 -	414	5	-	-	-	-
total	10555	121				
			catch per tow		catch per mile towed	
			mean	11,56	6,26	
			standard error	2,47	1,34	

(Kg)

Stock biomass estimated by swept area method = 8,815 tons

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

Stratum	depth in fathoms	survey 1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
1 -	70- 80	1223	590	697	5078	69	469	1969	1421
2 -	81-100	9229	9386	1878	4988	4683	8223	7443	2764
3 -	101-140	4065	9344	2174	2236	7704	7670	5539	1042
4 -	"	2846	4404	2242	2637	3131	12885	1714	678
5 -	"	1937	9731	7681	9685	4155	6205	840	1158
6 -	"	2932	6173	2988	1392	866	3837	1284	1191
7 -	141-200	2022	14571	3987	2308	859	5595	779	111
8 -	"	8121	14943	14524	4644	2136	7241	21992	317
9 -	"	167	4784	5765	171	130	907	217	8
10 -	"	1217	4454	3813	1417	297	851	460	53
11 -	"	2278	12020	3509	1625	204	1526	529	71
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	42767	8815

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	21,00	24,14	11,07	12,64
2 -	838	11	3,33	7,65	1,84	4,23
3 -	628	7	13,66	26,51	7,64	15,00
4 -	348	4	3,95	7,17	2,12	3,83
5 -	703	8	17,19	20,78	9,57	11,77
6 -	496	6	33,86	38,25	18,55	21,54
7 -	822	9	18,37	30,91	9,98	16,83
8 -	646	7	3,12	3,52	1,69	1,91
9 -	314	3	2,70	2,44	1,51	1,35
10 -	951	11	42,00	43,19	22,44	22,54
11 -	806	9	22,09	24,71	11,99	13,52
12 -	670	8	0,12	0,23	0,06	0,12
13 -	249	3	0,50	0,87	0,27	0,48
14 -	602	7	0,10	0,17	0,05	0,10
15 -	666	8	0,19	0,28	0,10	0,16
16 -	634	7	0,05	0,14	0,03	0,08
17 -	216	2	-	-	-	-
18 -	210	2	0,14	0,20	0,08	0,12
19 -	414	5	-	-	-	-
total	10555	121				

	catch per tow	catch per mile towed
mean	11.84	6.42
standard error	1.94	1.05

(Kg)

Stock biomass estimated by swept area method = 9,042 tons

Table 14 - Redfish (*Sebastes marinus*) length frequency by strata (x 1000).

length (cm)	stratum																		total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	18		
10-			7															7	
11-	51																	51	
12-	201	39	7		6	12												265	
13-	414	79	20	13	45	182	13	7										771	
14-	881	173	46	6	171	450	7											1760	
15-	815	213	150	13	203	954	39			25								2495	
16-	917	280	260	12	322	1398	111	14	23	229	155							3721	
17-	804	190	261	12	413	1205	223	20	16	390	238					6		3778	
18-	648	179	260	6	455	1078	275	26	31	765	603							4327	
19-	485	207	260	51	515	1065	464	67		871	1015							4999	
20-	280	129	325	64	713	995	622	53	62	1674	1113	6		7				6043	
21-	395	84	293	90	630	634	641	100	16	1145	1083	6	18	7	6			5146	
22-	183	28	274	45	385	605	406	46	31	942	723	12			6			3687	
23-	117	39	267	64	244	172	354	54	8	687	419		12		6			2443	
24-	35	45	150	6	124	101	260	40	23	406	228				6			1423	
25-	46	22	163	6	147	124	163	7	23	375	145			12				1234	
26-	21	17	124	13	174	171	242	20	8	317	170		6				9	1291	
27-		11	39	13	86	95	223	13	46	266	96							888	
28-		12	79	13	85	59	216	13		287	115							878	
29-	21	12	65	13	30	83	98	7	23	422	106	6		7	6	7		904	
30-		6	78	6	67	30	72	20		203	86							567	
31-			46	19	32	60	72			225	52							505	
32-			27		25	59	91			116	73							389	
33-			13	12	24	36	85			289	39				6			505	
34-			20		25	12	13	7		262	12							350	
35-			20		19	24	27			176	39							303	
36-			14	6	12	18	27			112	13							200	
37-					13	6	7	7	8	178	16							224	
38-					6	12	27			89	19							153	
39-							7			79	6							92	
40-		6			13	6	7			75	29	6						141	
41-										75	6							81	
42-						6				73	6							86	
43-					12	6	7			30								55	
44-		6									29							34	
45-										34								34	
46-							7			43								50	
47-										6								6	
48-																		6	
49-																			
50-																			
51-						6				6								19	
52-					6		7				22							35	
53-											6							6	

Table 15 - Redfish (Sebastes marinus) age-length key.

MALES length (cm)	ages																				no. n.						
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25+	id	tot		
12-	2																								2		
13-	7	1																							2	10	
14-	3	10																							3	16	
15-		15																								15	
16-		17	2																							19	
17-		1	25																							26	
18-			26																							26	
19-		1	19	6																						26	
20-			2	21																						23	
21-			2	37																					1	40	
22-			1	17	1																				1	20	
23-				7	14																					21	
24-				2	15	1																			1	19	
25-				1	12	4																				17	
26-						15																				15	
27-						14																				14	
28-						4	10	1																	1	16	
29-						2	11	3																	4	20	
30-							2	7																		9	
31-								4	12	5	1															22	
32-									6	4	1															11	
33-									2	8	3	5	2												1	21	
34-									1	2	2	6														11	
35-										1	4	5	2	1												13	
36-											1	2	5	2											2	12	
37-													1	6	3	2										12	
38-														2	3										1	6	
39-																1										1	
40-														1	1	2	1						1			6	
41-																											
42-																1										1	
43-																											
44-																											
45-																									1	1	
total	12	45	77	91	42	40	23	15	21	20	12	18	10	12	7	6	1							1	1	17	471

FEMALES length (cm)	ages																				no n.							
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25+	id	tot			
12-	3																								3			
13-	7	2																							1	10		
14-	1	7																							3	11		
15-		10																								10		
16-		16	3																							19		
17-		2	18																							20		
18-			15																							15		
19-			21	5																						26		
20-			2	27	2																				1	32		
21-			4	21					1																1	27		
22-			1	13	2																				1	17		
23-			1	8	13																					22		
24-				3	7																					10		
25-					9	3																			3	15		
26-						20																		1		21		
27-						12	2																		1	15		
28-						4	4																		1	9		
29-						1	15	2																		18		
30-							1	2																		3		
31-								7	7	2																16		
32-								2	5	3	2															12		
33-									1	7	1														2	11		
34-									2	1	1	1	1												1	6		
35-						1				1	1	1	2													6		
36-											2	1	1	1												5		
37-												2		2											1	5		
38-											1		1	2	2											6		
39-							1					1	1													3		
40-														1		3	1									5		
41-												1				1										2		
42-																			1							1		
43-													1			2										3		
44-																		1								1		
45-																		1	2							3		
46-															1				1							2		
47-																												
48-																1										1		
49-																												
50-																									1	1		
51-																									1	1		
52-																									4	4		
53-																						1				1		
total	11	37	65	77	33	41	23	13	14	15	8	7	7	6	3	7	3	3	1					1	1	6	17	398

Table 16 - Redfish (Sebastes marinus) age composition (x 10000).

mean weight age (g)	stratum																		total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	18		
1:																			
2:																			
3:	71	14	3	1	8	23	1	1										122	
35																			
4:	246	62	44	3	67	268	17	2	3	32	21							765	
57																			
5:	196	57	81	7	142	337	100	12	6	216	187				1			1342	
96																			
6:	91	28	96	21	174	227	175	21	10	383	297	2	2	1	1			1529	
145																			
7:	16	8	44	6	42	37	59	8	4	114	65		2		1			406	
205																			
8:	4	4	24	3	32	31	56	4	6	80	35		1				1	281	
295																			
9:	2	2	12	2	10	12	25	2	2	59	17				1			146	
380																			
10:		1	9	1	7	6	11	2		28	11							76	
425																			
11:	1		4	1	5	7	10			25	8							61	
447																			
12:			3	1	3	5	9			30	6							57	
552																			
13:		2			2	3	4			18	3							32	
618																			
14:		2			3	3	4			33	3							48	
679																			
15:			1		1	2	2			18	2							26	
749																			
16:					1	1	2			17	2							23	
817																			
17:					1	1	2			9	1							14	
955																			
18:					1	1	1			12	2							17	
1059																			
19:		1								2	3							6	
1223																			
20:										3								3	
1496																			
21:										6	1							7	
1168																			
22:																			
0																			
23:											1							1	
2349																			
24:										1								1	
1009																			
25+:					2		1			3	3							9	
1495																			

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	11	11,76	39,02	6,54	21,69
3 -	628	7	0,34	0,54	0,18	0,29
4 -	348	4	0,54	1,08	0,29	0,58
5 -	703	8	5,26	13,16	2,98	7,45
6 -	496	6	2,20	2,27	1,18	1,24
7 -	822	9	127,95	195,38	69,14	106,30
8 -	646	7	44,54	53,55	24,61	29,68
9 -	314	3	192,02	181,73	107,36	100,58
10 -	951	11	162,59	85,72	88,11	46,42
11 -	806	9	93,26	92,73	50,31	49,87
12 -	670	8	119,48	98,20	65,80	53,98
13 -	249	3	277,33	181,94	153,09	100,42
14 -	602	7	120,22	107,60	70,99	61,07
15 -	666	8	145,82	142,05	81,63	76,85
16 -	634	7	25,50	45,34	14,25	24,52
17 -	216	2	93,47	117,06	57,82	72,87
18 -	210	2	10,37	7,25	6,29	4,24
19 -	414	5	15,00	12,02	8,87	7,50
total	10555	121				
			catch per tow		catch per mile towed	
mean			76.02		42.16	
standard error			8.91		4.90	

Stock biomass estimated by swept area method = 59,332 tons

Table 18 - Redfish (*Sebastes mentella*) length frequency by strata (x 1000).

length (cm)	stratum																		total
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
8-						6													6
9-											1								1
10-						2					1								3
11-						26					1								27
12-						127	9	4	15	15									168
13-					1	43	8		11	22	1								83
14-		2	1	8	2	25	5	13	67	19	2								142
15-		1		11	8	31	13	6	187	135				1	3				397
16-		1		40	12	184	35	9	589	375	10			2	15				1273
17-		2	1	86	12	640	138	128	1826	1045	33	1	18	51				1	3983
18-	3	4		58	21	1261	290	659	3034	1680	133	8	84	158			2		7396
19-	29	1	2	53	15	1795	484	1665	3563	1636	341	33	252	424			1	1	10300
20-	45	2	1	15	9	1441	552	990	2099	985	538	73	285	482	1				7526
21-	23	1	1	5		893	290	397	433	271	198	96	117	187	2			8	2921
22-	7		1	1	2	152	108	93	79	53	57	38	33	48	2			2	675
23-	4					61	20	24	25	18	22	17	16	19	1			1	227
24-	7					13	3	12	10	2	20	17	14	54	2		1	2	156
25-	16	1		1		6	4	9	3	5	51	28	24	93	5		7	1	255
26-	31					14	2	8	10	8	63	36	43	166	4	11	3	14	415
27-	23				1	1	2	15	3	7	62	60	58	137	14	30	4	14	417
28-	20		1	2	1	8	2	2	2	2	72	89	82	136	34	41	5	17	525
29-	19		2	1	1	1	2	3	4	2	65	100	115	148	32	49	5	19	571
30-	13	1				1	2	3	5	1	81	103	116	154	30	63	4	12	588
31-	10			1	1	11		3	3	8	71	60	112	122	14	50	2	8	475
32-	9						1	6	10	7	77	67	79	103	12	29	2	5	405
33-	8					4	1			10	71	58	71	85	12	25	3	2	350
34-	2			1						6	85	39	65	72	13	18		2	302
35-	5									4	77	34	51	66	15	9	2	3	268
36-	2				1		2				77	59	38	51	15	6	2	1	252
37-	4			1			1				41	72	46	29	19	4		2	220
38-							1				23	35	30	30	11	3		3	135
39-						1					14	34	15	15	13	1	1	2	97
40-	1										10	11	15	7	3	2		1	52
41-											3	19	9	9	3			2	45
42-								2			5	10	6	7	1	1		1	33
43-											1	7	4	3	1				16
44-											1	1	1	2					4
45-													2		1		1	1	4
46-														1				1	4
47-														1					1

Table 25 - Juvenile redfish (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	-	-	-	-
2 -	838	11	0,04	0,14	0,02	0,08
3 -	628	7	0,12	0,17	0,06	0,09
4 -	348	4	0,03	0,07	0,02	0,03
5 -	703	8	0,88	1,05	0,49	0,59
6 -	496	6	1,37	1,63	0,75	0,91
7 -	822	9	0,47	1,11	0,26	0,60
8 -	646	7	0,03	0,08	0,02	0,04
9 -	314	3	-	-	-	-
10 -	951	11	0,74	0,72	0,40	0,39
11 -	806	9	0,89	0,95	0,48	0,52
12 -	670	8	-	-	-	-
13 -	249	3	-	-	-	-
14 -	602	7	-	-	-	-
15 -	666	8	-	-	-	-
16 -	634	7	-	-	-	-
17 -	216	2	-	-	-	-
18 -	210	2	-	-	-	-
19 -	414	5	-	-	-	-
total	10555	121				
			catch per tow		catch per mile towed	
mean			0.31		0.17	
standard error			0.06		0.03	

(Kg)

Stock biomass estimated by swept area method = 235 tons

Table 26 - Juvenile redfish (Sebastes sp.) length frequency by strata (x 1000).

length (cm)	stratum											total
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	11			
7-					6							6
8-		7		19	47	7		25	32			137
9-	6	20		121	195	98		87	64			591
10-	22	39	6	204	302	33		118	84			808
11-	39	52		344	225	151		373	279			1463
12-	34	52	6	542	432	386	20	1096	1001			3569
13-	22	59	6	319	397	327	20	263	619			2032
14-			6	96	154	39		98	84			477
15-				26	36	20		37	13			131
16-				6								6

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	11	1,91	6,33	1,06	3,52
3 -	628	7	0,47	0,96	0,26	0,52
4 -	348	4	0,21	0,24	0,11	0,13
5 -	703	8	0,39	1,04	0,22	0,59
6 -	496	6	0,91	1,12	0,48	0,58
7 -	822	9	15,12	13,28	8,12	7,09
8 -	646	7	6,94	9,56	3,80	5,20
9 -	314	3	7,50	0,72	4,19	0,48
10 -	951	11	7,47	4,18	4,08	2,32
11 -	806	9	8,33	6,43	4,50	3,48
12 -	670	8	22,74	9,65	12,63	5,19
13 -	249	3	6,83	1,13	3,77	0,58
14 -	602	7	8,55	2,21	5,03	1,25
15 -	666	8	34,56	7,81	19,59	4,88
16 -	634	7	37,67	28,70	21,67	16,04
17 -	216	2	43,07	59,16	25,35	34,77
18 -	210	2	54,03	48,83	33,67	31,08
19 -	414	5	39,48	27,44	21,93	13,92
total	10555	121				
			catch per tow		catch per mile towed	
mean			13.43		7.61	
standard error			1.47		0.85	

(Kg)

Stock biomass estimated by swept area method = 10,705 tons

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

stratum	depth in fathoms	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
1 -	70- 80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 -	81-100	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	119
3 -	101-140	26	31	8	8	18	3	-	21
4 -	"	142	20	-	15	27	10	-	5
5 -	"	73	96	-	28	41	1	2	21
6 -	"	31	18	15	12	8	15	-	31
7 -	141-200	84	62	63	186	242	93	211	890
8 -	"	149	219	63	177	373	138	38	328
9 -	"	177	162	53	75	318	30	42	175
10 -	"	106	81	48	169	356	31	231	518
11 -	"	44	60	20	104	225	230	232	484
12 -	201-300	399	637	290	749	609	918	1200	1129
13 -	"	63	122	214	43	24	141	150	125
14 -	"	362	289	315	775	834	469	610	404
15 -	"	428	166	505	958	633	1356	1469	1740
16 -	301-400	1352	1342	2492	2487	1798	2141	1500	1832
17 -	"	262	118	130	408	39	105	730	730
18 -	"	104	49	449	348	57	208	380	943
19 -	"	3016	919	977	1498	2988	1321	1108	1211
total		6818	4391	5649	8038	8588	7210	7904	10705

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

length (cm)	stratum																			total
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
12-13						7	7		12	6										32
14-15		7	25	26	12	92	34	8	405	167			27	12						814
16-17		53	31	51	36	556	153	8	1941	701			60	12					13	3616
18-19		27	6	96	36	216	60		980	367	12		13	19						1832
20-21		26				33	7		75	6										153
22-23						111			18				7	6						143
24-25				6	6	137	60	8	56	83	25									402
26-27				6	6	18	504	47	16	168	180	24		7	13					983
28-29				19	12	150	7		93	110			7			7			12	417
30-31					6	72	27		37	58	6			13	7					225
32-33						184	33		50	77	37	12	13	63	14					536
34-35					12	288	60	8	75	71	81		40	106	35			26	44	846
36-37					6	203	80	16	43	109	93	6	27	119	63			26	18	948
38-39		33	7			125	80	16	68	96	112	24	67	244	77	52	78	215		1294
40-41		28				151	100	39	69	96	267	24	87	413	189	95	94	196		1856
42-43		40	7			105	53	54	68	71	192	12	67	420	224	157	172	304		1951
44-45		17				105	47	23	56	58	167	24	60	314	231	96	137	209		1544
46-47		23				33	14	23	37	45	198	24	40	232	189	104	146	158		1267
48-49						20	14	8	31	6	112	12	33	163	231	87	103	95		915
50-51		17				33	7	8	6	12	75	6	14	88	224	60	69	102		719
52-53						7	7	8	12		49		7	56	105	78	68	64		462
54-55						20	7	24		6	19	6	34	12	168	52	35	45		425
56-57							7				6	12		25	49	17	43	32		191
58-59									6		12			19	77	9	26	12		162
60-61					6						6			12	21		9	12		74
62-63											12			7	12					60
64-65														7	12		17			43
66-67											6			6						12
68-69																				
70-71																7				7

Table 32 - Shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*) 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	11	2,61	8,65	1,45	4,81
3 -	628	7	0,04	0,09	0,02	0,05
4 -	348	4	-	-	-	-
5 -	703	8	0,12	0,25	0,06	0,14
6 -	496	6	0,32	0,46	0,17	0,24
7 -	822	9	5,07	3,21	2,73	1,74
8 -	646	7	3,89	7,72	2,13	4,19
9 -	314	3	21,33	20,73	12,09	12,08
10 -	951	11	12,66	6,78	6,88	3,64
11 -	806	9	7,80	4,03	4,21	2,18
12 -	670	8	15,56	13,61	8,70	7,64
13 -	249	3	1,57	2,71	0,86	1,48
14 -	602	7	13,12	11,07	7,87	6,56
15 -	666	8	20,49	18,62	11,49	10,05
16 -	634	7	0,96	1,60	0,56	0,94
17 -	216	2	-	-	-	-
18 -	210	2	0,07	0,10	0,04	0,06
19 -	414	5	12,38	9,54	7,46	6,15

total 10555 121

	catch per tow	catch per mile towed
mean	6.85	3.85
standard error	0.78	0.44

(Kg)

Stock biomass estimated by swept area method = 5,413 tons

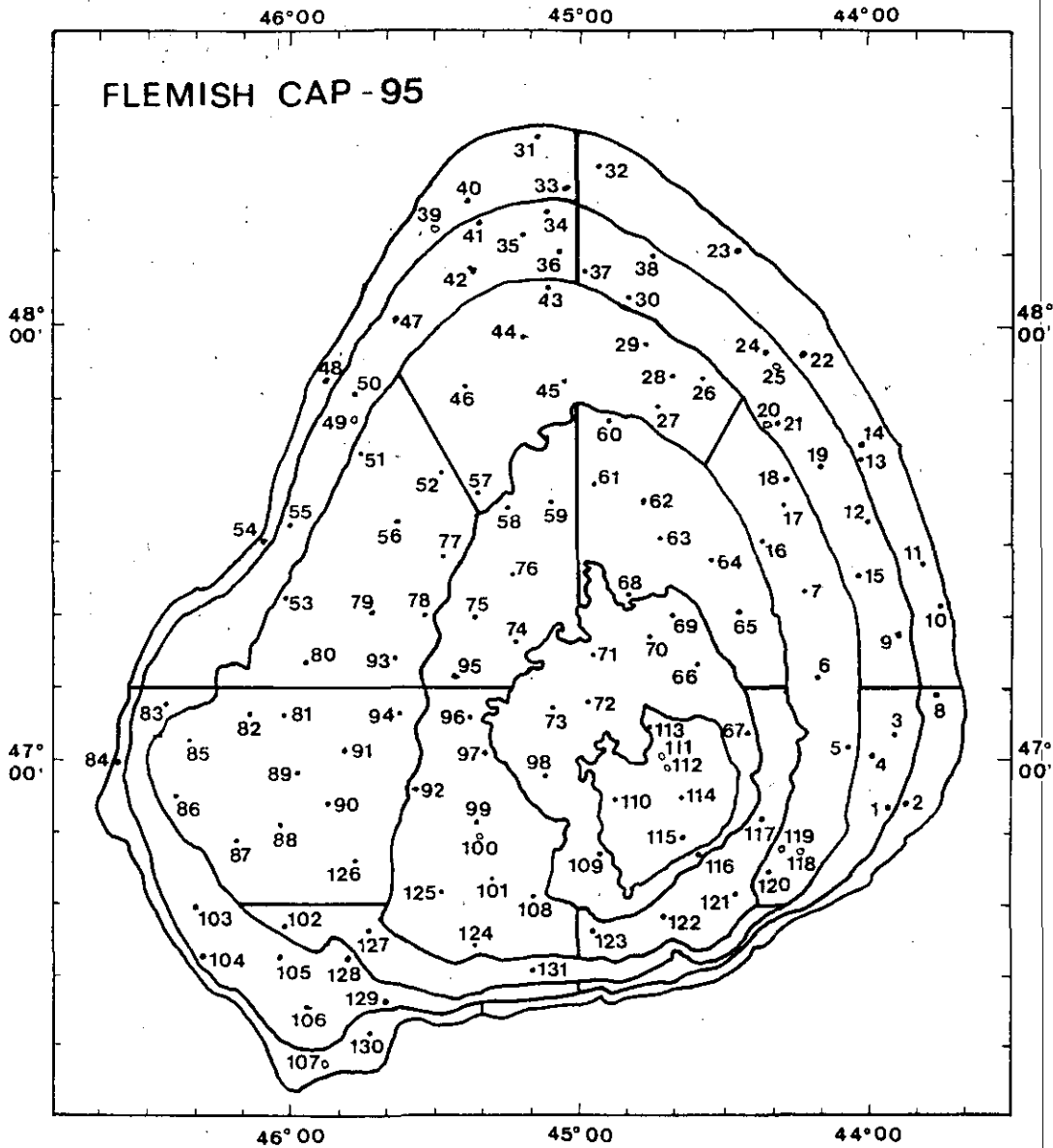


Figure 1 - Tow position of Flemish Cap-95 survey

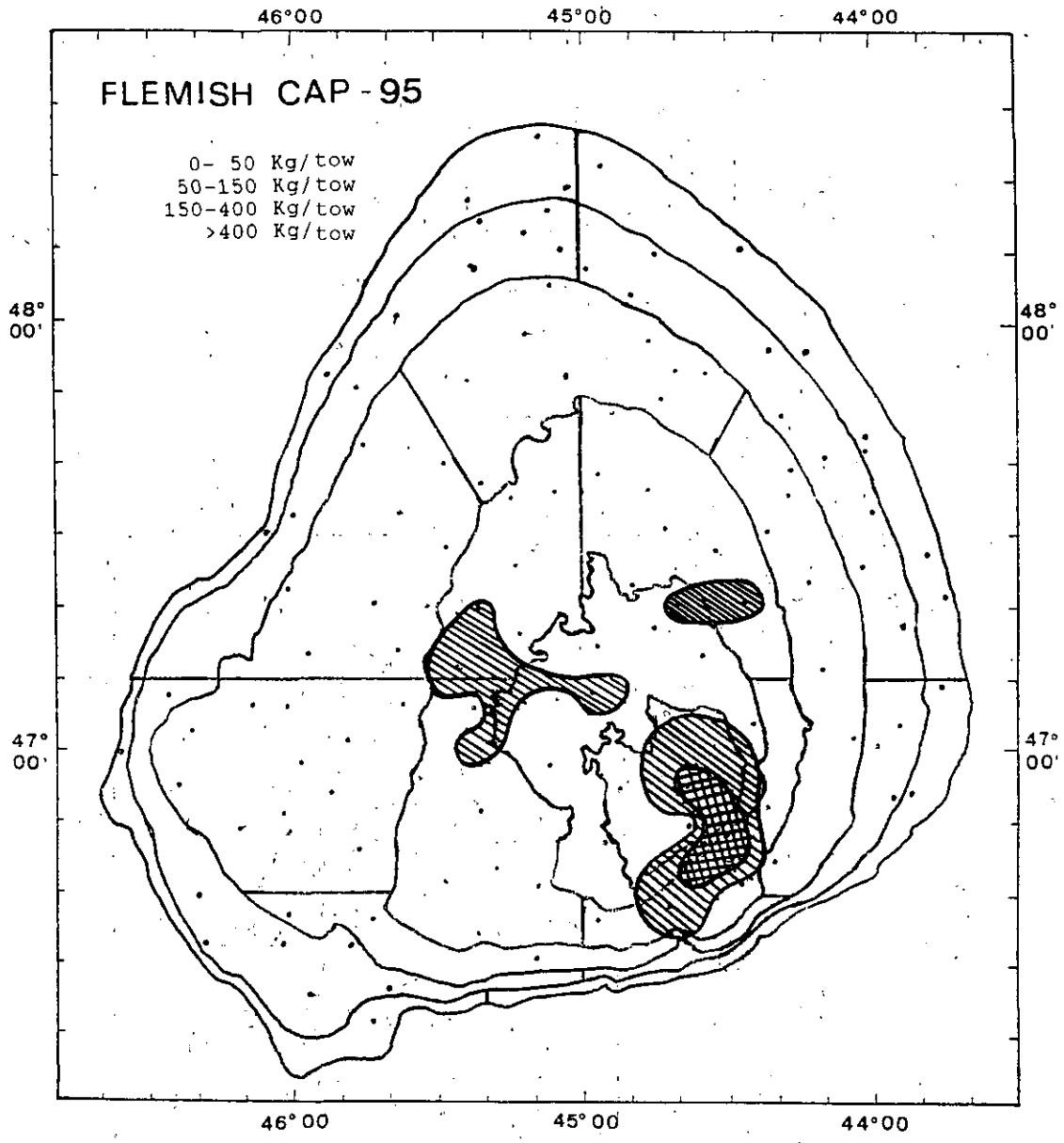


Figure 2 - Cod (*Gadus morhua*) catch distribution.

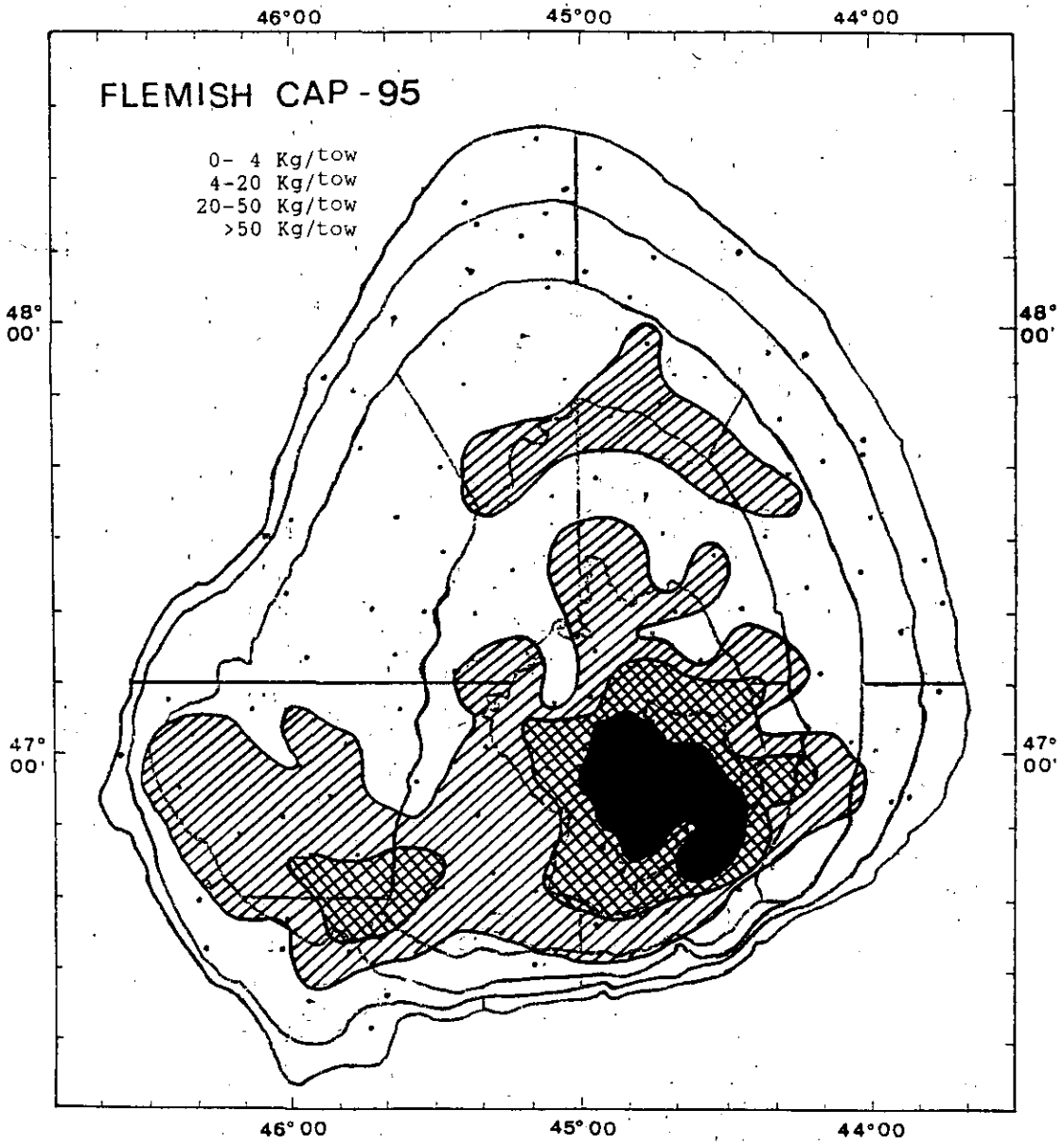


Figure 3 - American plaice (*Hippoglossoides platessoides*) catch distribution.

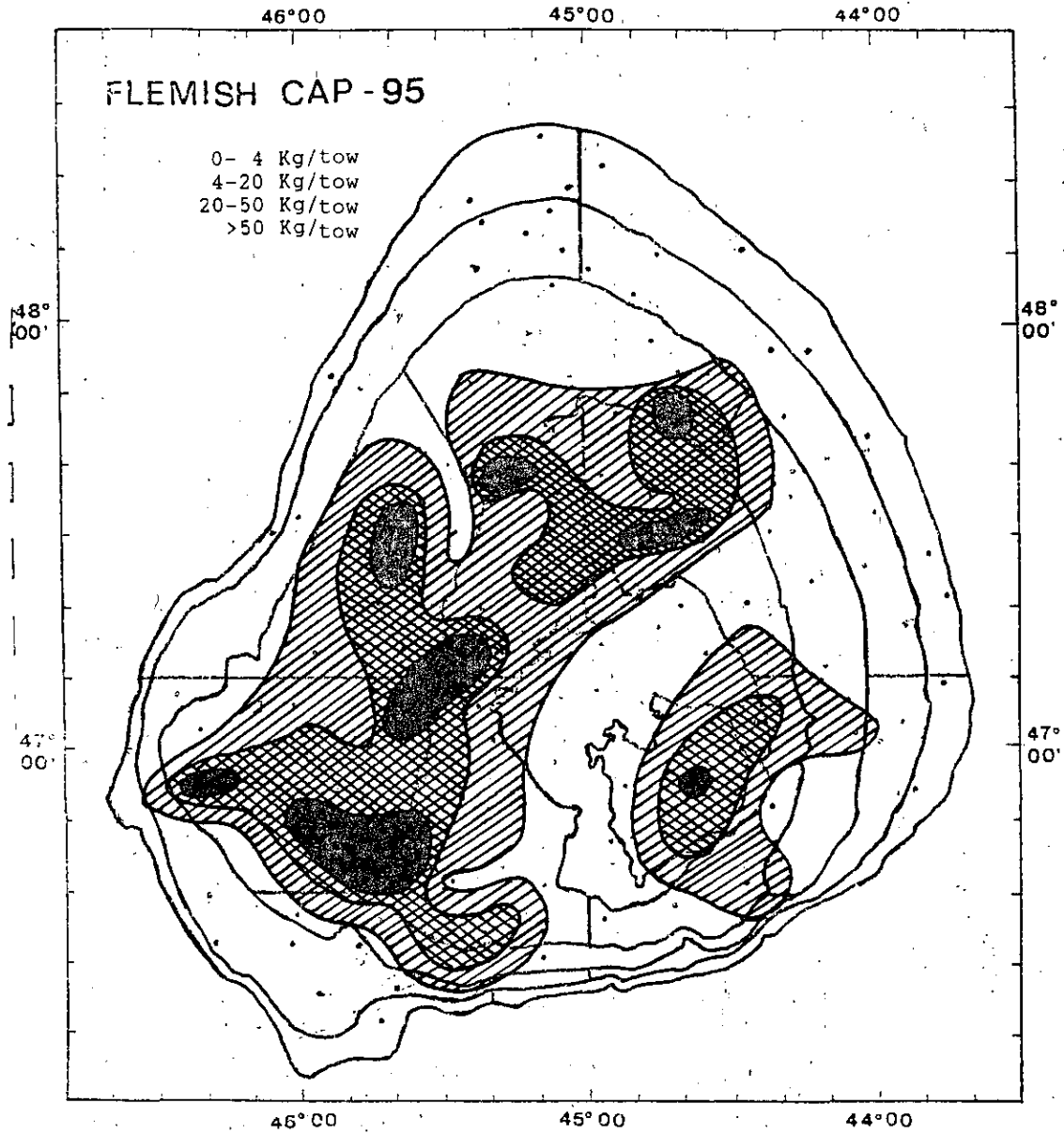


Figure 4 - Redfish (*Sebastes marinus*) catch distribution.

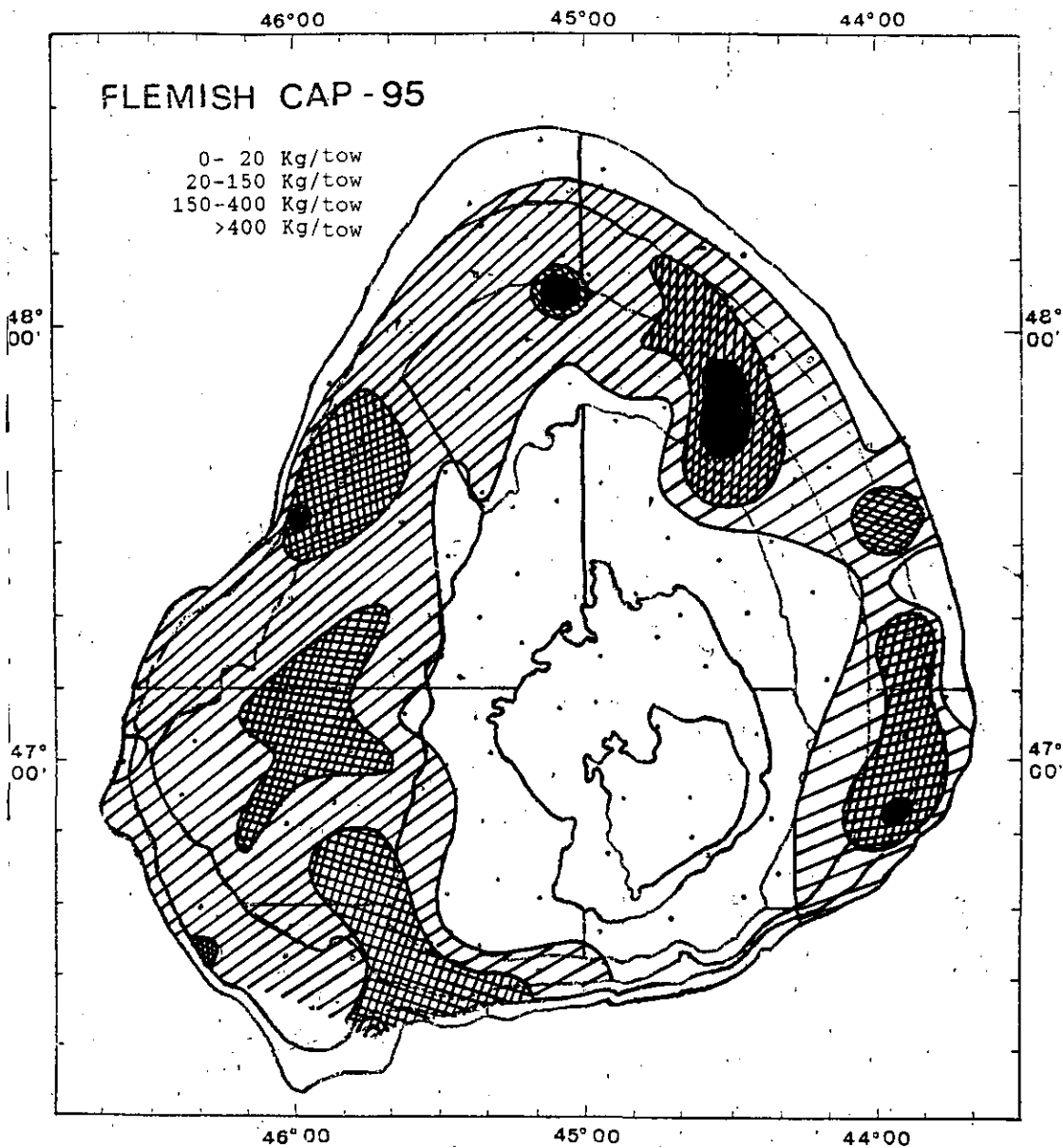


Figure 5 - Redfish (*Sebastes mentella*) catch distribution.

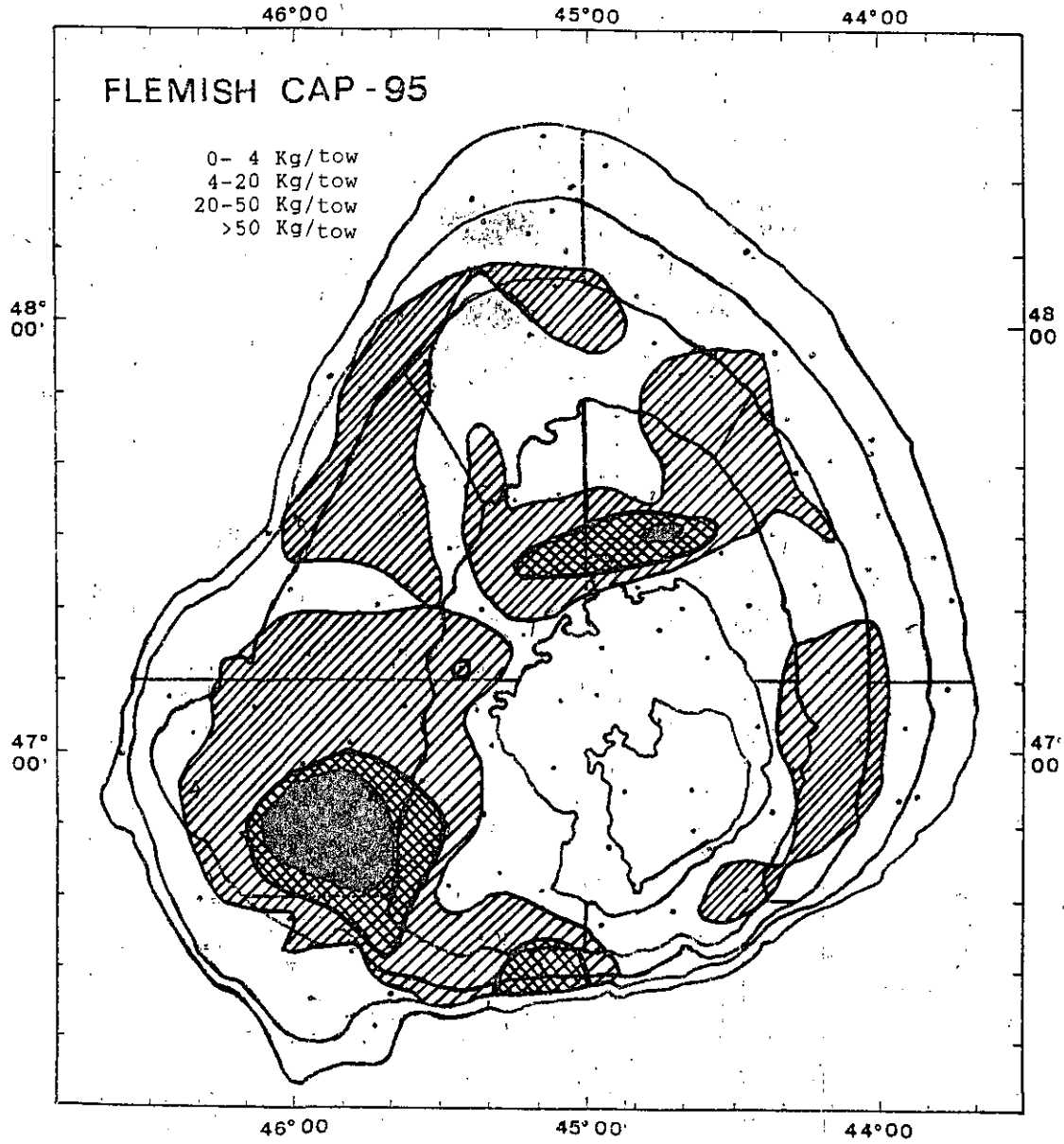


Figure 6 - Redfish (*Sebastes fasciatus*) catch distribution.

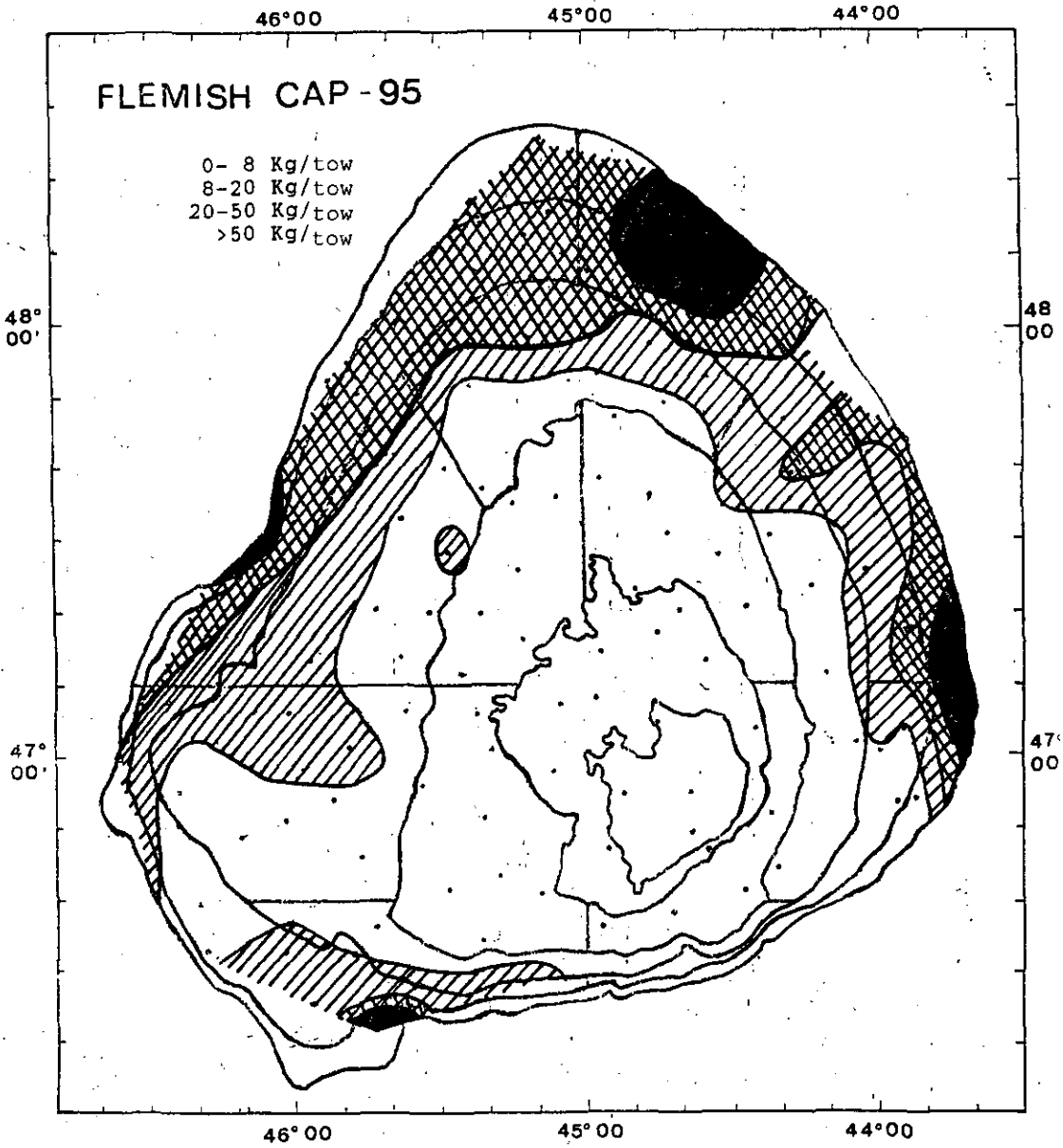


Figure 7 - Greenland halibut (*Reinhardtius hippoglossoides*) catch distribution.