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Results for the Spanish Survey in the NAFO Regulatory Area of Division 3L for the period 2003-2013

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Abstract

Since 2003, a stratified random summer bottom trawl survey was conducted by Spain in the NAFO Regulatory Area of Division 3L (Flemish Pass). The surveys were carried out by the R/V “*Vizconde de Eza*” using bottom trawl net type *Campelen*. Entire series of mean catches, biomass and length distribution for Greenland halibut, American plaice and witch flounder are presented for the period 2003-2013. Greenland halibut biomass and abundance estimates show an increasing trend along the whole period, reaching a maximum of mean catch and number in 2008. A great increase of small individuals (around 12-15 cm) can be seen in 2013. American plaice biomass and abundance estimates present an increasing trend since 2010. Regarding witch flounder, the biomass and abundance increased in 2013, but there is no a clear trend in the whole period 2003-2013.

KEYWORDS: Survey, Flemish Pass, Greenland halibut, American plaice, witch flounder.

Material and Methods

The Spanish surveys in Div. 3L of NAFO Regulatory Area (Flemish Pass) were initiated in 2003. The Research vessel “*Vizconde de Eza*” has carried out these surveys following the same procedures and using the same bottom trawl gear *Campelen 1800*. In 2003, the survey was carried out in spring (June) and it did not cover all strata adequately (17 of the 24 strata). In 2004, the survey was carried out 50 valid hauls in August, for a period of nine days, and not adequately covered all strata. In 2005, it was not possible to perform the survey due to problems with the winch of the ship; and in 2006, for the first time, an adequate prospecting survey was conducted in Division 3L with over 100 valid hauls. Table 1 presents the number of valid tows, the depth strata covered and the dates of the survey series. Figure 1 shows haul positions of Spanish surveys in NAFO Div. 3L in the period 2003-2013.

The survey area was stratified following the standard stratification schemes (Bishop, 1994). All surveys had a stratified random design following NAFO specifications (Doubleday, 1981). Hauls were allocated to strata proportionally to stratum size, with a minimum of two planned hauls per stratum and the trawl positions were chosen at random. A synoptic sheet of the survey with the vessel and gear characteristics is shown in Table 2. Biomass and abundance indices were calculated by the swept area method (Cochran, 1997), assuming catchability factor of 1.

The catch from each haul was sorted out and weighted by species and a randomly selected sample of each species was taken in order to measure it and to obtain the length distribution. For Greenland halibut, American plaice and witch flounder, each individual of the sample was measured to the total length to the nearest lower cm. and data are given in 2 cm intervals. We present on a yearly basis: the mean catch per haul, the stratified mean catch per haul, the

biomass with its variance per year and the length distribution in number per haul stratified mean catches by length, sex and year for each species in the period 2003-2013.

Biological studies (age, growth, feeding...), oceanographic data and special studies (occurrence of marine mammals and sea birds) were collected from NAFO Regulatory area Div. 3L during the survey aboard *Vizconde de Eza*. The following formula was used to obtain the biomass from length distribution: $\text{Weight} = a (\text{Length} + 0.5)^b$.

Stratified mean catches and SD

The mean catch ($\bar{y}_i$) and the variance (Var_i) are calculated by stratum by the following formulas:

$$\bar{y}_i = \sum_{j=1}^{T_i} \frac{y_j}{T_i}, \quad i = 1, \dots, h$$

$$\text{Var}_i = \sum_{j=1}^{T_i} \frac{(y_j - \bar{y}_i)^2}{T_i - 1}, \quad i = 1, \dots, h$$

where:

y_j is the catch in haul j
 T_i is the number of hauls in the stratum i
 h is the total number of strata

and the stratified mean catch ($\bar{y}_i^{str}$) and the stratified variance (Var_i^{str}) by stratum are obtained as follow:

$$\bar{y}_i^{str} = \bar{y}_i n_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, h$$

$$\text{Var}_i^{str} = \text{Var}_i \frac{n_i^2}{T_i}, \quad i = 1, \dots, h$$

where:

n_i is the area of the stratum i , $i = 1, \dots, h$

Then the total stratified mean catch ($\bar{Y}$) and the variance (Var) by year are calculated according to the formulas:

$$\bar{Y} = \sum_{i=1}^h \frac{\bar{y}_i^{str}}{N}$$

$$\text{Var} = \sum_{i=1}^h \frac{\text{Var}_i^{str}}{N^2}$$

where:

$N = \sum_{i=1}^h n_i$ is the total area by year

The stratified standard deviation (SD) by year is calculated as the square root of the stratified variance by year.

Results

In 2013, the bottom trawl survey in Div. 3L (Flemish pass) of NAFO Regulatory Area was carried out on board R/V *Vizconde de Eza* using the usual survey gear (*Campelen 1800*) from July 30th to August 19th and following the same procedure as in previous years. A total of 107 hauls (7 of them null) were performed in a depth range of 117-1420 m. (Table 1).

Biological studies

Biological data (length, sex, sexual maturity, weight and stomach repletion degree) on 9 target species and other 79 species were collected from Div. 3L in 2013 (22102 individuals sampled).

Maturity and fecundity – 663 samples for histological maturity and fecundity of Greenland halibut, cod, American plaice and Atlantic wolffish (*Anarhichas lupus*) were taken.

Age and Growth – otoliths (1490 samples) of Greenland halibut, American plaice, roughhead grenadier, cod and Atlantic wolffish (*Anarhichas lupus*) were collected for growth studies.

Feeding studies were performed on some demersal species (*Notacanthus chemnitzii*, *Hydrolagus affinis* and *Harriotta Raleighana*) and 52 stomach contents were analysed from depths of 632 to 1408 m.

Hydrographic Studies

Temperature and salinity were measured in each haul by means of CTD ((SBE Se 25 SEALOGGER CTD). Hydrographic profile samplings were performed at 100 fishing stations in a depth range of 105-1394 m. The minimum and maximum observed temperatures were –0.51 and 4.02 °C respectively and the observed salinity range was 33.13 - 34.91 PSU. Results are presented in MEDS (Marine Environmental Data Service of Canada) every year.

Special studies

Benthic invertebrate

The study of benthic invertebrates was performed as a routine work during the survey (catch in weight and number, photographs and collection for study in the laboratory). This study will help us to have more knowledge about these species and their relation to the marine environment in the surveyed area.

Marine mammals and sea birds

Observations and incidental catches of marine mammals occasionally occurred were recorded during fishing time in the surveyed area of Flemish Pass. Occurrence, date, position, number, T^a, fishing time and other data were collected related to marine mammals throughout the survey. In 15 hauls, observations of 3 marine mammals species (*Physeter macrocephalus*, *Globicephala melas* and *Hyperoodon Ampullatus*) were recorded.

Regarding seabirds, information about species, and incidental catches was also collected in the surveyed area. This will help us get a better understanding of these species, their relation to the marine environment and the interaction of seabirds with fishing. *Fulmarus glacialis*, *Puffinus gravis*, *Puffinus griseus*, *Morus bassanus* and *Catharacta skua* were the most common seabird species.

Results for Greenland halibut, American plaice and witch flounder are presented in this report. The results for the rest of target species will be presented in other SCR in this SC meeting. The detailed results for Northern shrimp, the most abundant species in the catches of all surveys, were presented in Casas *et al.*, 2013.

Greenland halibut (*Reinhardtius hippoglossoides* Walbaum, 1792)

The Greenland halibut stock in Subarea 2 and Div. 3KLMNO is considered to be part of a biological stock complex, which includes Subareas 0 and 1. Abundance and biomass indices were available from research vessel surveys by Canada in Div. 2J+3KLMNO (1978-2012), EU in Div. 3M (1988-2012) and EU-Spain in Div. 3NO (1995-2012).

Catches increased sharply in 1990 due to a developing fishery in the NAFO Regulatory Area in Div. 3LMNO and continued at high levels during 1991-94. The fishable biomass declined to low levels in 1995-97 due to very high

catches and high fishing mortality. It increased during 1998-2000 due to greatly reduced catches, much lower fishing mortality and improved recruitment. Biomass increased over 2004-2008 with decreased in fishing mortality. Survey data from 2008-2012 are variable but indicate stability. Current values remain below the levels of the late 1990s-early 2000s.

In 2003, a fifteen year rebuilding plan was implemented by Fisheries Commission for this stock (NAFO, 2013).

Mean catches and biomass

Table 3 shows the swept area, the tow number, the mean catches and their variance per haul and year for Greenland halibut. Table 4 and Figure 2 present the stratified mean catches per stratum with the total variance per year. Table 5 and Figure 3 present the abundance, the biomass per swept area per stratum and their total variance per year. Table 6 presents the length-weight relationships.

The biomass of the Greenland halibut has had an increase in the surveyed area along the whole period, mainly in 2008. However, in 2011 the biomass has decreased, reaching the same level as in 2006. Biomass increased again in 2013 but no to the level of 2009.

The biomass presents the same trend as mean catches since the year 2004. In 2003, the mean catch does not follow the same pattern; this was probably due to the less area covered in 2003 survey (Figures 2 and 3).

Figure 4 shows a map with the distribution of Greenland halibut catches per haul in 2013 Spanish 3L survey.

Length distribution

Table 7 and 8 present the stratified mean catches per haul length distribution for the Greenland halibut, by sex and year, with the number of samples in which there were length measures, the total number of individuals measured in these samples, the sampled catch and the range of lengths met, as well as the total catch of this species and the total valid hauls made in the survey. In 2013 a great increase of small individuals (around 12-15 cm) can be seen. In Figures 5 and 6 the evolution along the years can be followed.

American plaice (*Hippoglossoides platessoides* Fabricius, 1780)

There was no fishing targeting American plaice in 1994 and it has been under moratorium since 1995. Catches increased after the moratorium until 2003 and began to decline afterwards. Biomass and SSB remain low compared to historic levels. There has been no good recruitment to the exploitable biomass since the mid-1980s. Based on available data, there is nothing to indicate a change in the status of the stock since the 2011 assessment (NAFO, 2013).

Mean catches and biomass

American plaice haul mean catches by stratum are presented in Table 9, including swept area, number of hauls and SD. Stratified mean catches per tow by stratum and year and their variance are presented in Table 10.

The entire time series (2003-2013) of biomass and their SD estimates of American plaice are shown in Table 11. Length-weight relationships are presented in Table 6.

The American plaice indices showed a general increasing trend in the prospected area since 2004 (Fig. 7 and 8). But in 2010 this increasing trend was broken and the value was below the 2006 value, following by an increase in 2011-2013. The highest values in the estimated biomass have been observed in the shallowest strata, in a range of depth from 93 to 274 meters. Figure 4 shows a map with the distribution of American plaice catches per haul in 2013 Spanish 3L survey.

Length distribution

Tables 12 and 13 present the stratified mean catches per haul length distribution by sex and year. They present also the number of samples in which length measurements were performed, the total number of individuals measured in these samples, the sampled catch and the range of lengths found. The total catch of this species and the total valid hauls made in the survey are shown too. In Figures 6 and 9 the evolution along the years can be followed.

For this species, there is a quite good presence of small individuals (around 10-16 cm) since 2006. There is higher proportion of females than males.

Witch flounder (*Glyptocephalus cynoglossus* Linnaeus, 1758)

The fishery for witch flounder in NAFO Divisions 2J, 3K and 3L began in the early 1960s and increased steadily from about 1 000 t in 1963 to a peak of over 24 000 t in 1973. A moratorium on directed fishing on this stock was implemented in 1995 following drastic declines in catch from the mid-70s, and catches since then have been low levels of by-catch in other fisheries. From 1999 to 2004 catches were estimated to be very low, between 300 and 800 tons and from 2005-2012, catches averaged less than 150 tons.

No directed fishery to allow for stock rebuilding. By-catches of witch flounder in other fisheries should be kept at the lowest possible level (NAFO, 2013).

Mean catches and biomass

Table 14 shows the swept area, the tow number, the mean catches and their variance per haul and year for witch flounder. Table 15 and Figure 10 present the stratified mean catches per stratum with the total variance per year. Table 16 and Figure 11 present the abundance and biomass per swept area per stratum and their total variance per year. Parameters *a* and *b* estimated values of length-weight distribution are presented in Table 6. Figure 4 shows a map with the distribution of the witch flounder catches per haul in 2012 Spanish 3L survey.

Witch flounder indices show no clear trend throughout the period 2003-2012, the index peaked in 2010. However, biomass declined again in 2012. Estimated biomass ranged from 691 t in 2010 to 297 t and 298 t in 2003 and 2007 respectively; although most estimate results come from few strata. The stratified mean catches per stratum followed similar trends as the biomass and abundance indices (Fig. 10 and 11).

Length distribution

Table 17 and 18 present the stratified mean catches per haul length distribution for this species, by sex and year, with the number of samples in which there were length measures, the total number of individuals measured in these samples, the sampled catch and the range of lengths met, as well as the total catch of this species and the total valid hauls made in the survey. In Figures 6 and 12 we can follow the evolution along the years.

The highest recruitment was in 2003, but since then the number of younger individuals have declined.

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TABLE 1.- Spanish bottom trawl surveys in NAFO Division 3L for the period 2003-2013.

Year	Vessel	Valid tows	Depth strata covered (m)	Surveyed strata (no.)	Dates
2003	R/V “ <i>Vizconde de Eza</i> ”	39	118-1100	17	June 2 - June 6, June 29
2004	R/V “ <i>Vizconde de Eza</i> ”	50	141-1452	23	August 7 - August 15
2005	-	-	-	-	-
2006	R/V “ <i>Vizconde de Eza</i> ”	100	116-1449	24	July 31 - August 18
2007	R/V “ <i>Vizconde de Eza</i> ”	94	119-1449	24	July 23 - August 11
2008	R/V “ <i>Vizconde de Eza</i> ”	100	105-1455	24	July 24 - August 11
2009	R/V “ <i>Vizconde de Eza</i> ”	98	111-1458	24	July 25 - August 12
2010	R/V “ <i>Vizconde de Eza</i> ”	97	119-1462	24	July 25 - August 14
2011	R/V “ <i>Vizconde de Eza</i> ”	89	115-1419	24	August 10 - August 24
2012	R/V “ <i>Vizconde de Eza</i> ”	98	112-1478	24	July 30 - August 18
2013	R/V “ <i>Vizconde de Eza</i> ”	100	117-1420	24	July 30 - August 19

TABLE 2.- Technical data of the Spanish survey in NAFO Division 3L for the period 2003-2013.

Procedure	Specification
Vessel	<i>R/V "Vizconde de Eza"</i>
GT	1400 t.
Power	1800 HP
Surveyed area	Div. 3L (depth < 1500 m, outside ZEE Canada)
Mean trawl speed	3 knots
Trawling time	30 minutes effective time
Fishing gear type	<i>Campelen 1800</i>
Headline	29.5 m
Groundrope	19.5 m
Type of groundrope	34 rockhopper
Floats	(2 x 39) + 10
Bridle	40 m (20 mm)
Vertical opening	4-5
Horizontal opening	26
Trawl doors	Polyvalent, 1400 Kg
Warp	20 mm
Warp to depth ratio	$22.287 * \text{Depth (m)}^{0.6667}$
Mesh size in the cod-end	44 mm
Type of survey:	Stratified random bottom trawl survey
Criterion to change position of a selected tow	Unsuitable bottom for trawling according to commercial fish information or ecosounder register. Information on gear damage from previous surveys.
Criterion to reject data from tow	- Severe tears in the gear - tears in cod-end - Less of 20 minutes tow - Bad behaviour of the gear
Daily period for fishing	6.00 to 22.00 hours
Target species	Greenland halibut, American plaice, Atlantic cod, roughhead grenadier, witch flounder, thorny skate, red fish, black dogfish, northern shrimp.

TABLE 3.- Swept area, number of hauls and **Greenland halibut** mean catch (Kg) and SD (**) by stratum. Spanish Survey on NAFO Div. 3L in the period 2009-2013, on board R/V "Vizconde de Eza".

Stratum	2009				2010				2011				2012				2013			
	Swept area	Tow No.	Mean catch	SD	Swept area	Tow No.	Mean catch	SD	Swept area	Tow No.	Mean catch	SD	Swept area	Tow No.	Mean catch	SD	Swept area	Tow No.	Mean catch	SD
385	0.0225	2	4.975	0.318	0.0225	2	1.250	1.768	0.0229	2	13.100	18.526	0.0225	2	0.077	0.033	0.0229	2	12.038	12.942
387	0.0439	4	33.070	21.146	0.0458	4	23.848	6.951	0.0450	4	12.053	6.860	0.0450	4	12.385	6.631	0.0450	4	24.693	2.830
388	0.0555	5	13.421	9.628	0.0570	5	19.602	14.676	0.0563	5	8.313	4.980	0.0570	5	11.348	9.920	0.0570	5	9.154	6.708
389	0.0803	7	19.759	12.838	0.0795	7	10.144	8.949	0.0675	6	11.408	7.061	0.0799	7	31.210	19.695	0.0791	7	13.366	9.837
390	0.1373	12	1.561	3.604	0.1249	11	0.168	0.535	0.1009	9	0.272	0.682	0.1354	12	0.546	0.949	0.1358	12	0.557	1.129
391	0.0458	4	4.841	3.069	0.0454	4	6.375	7.709	0.0458	4	2.492	2.592	0.0458	4	13.929	11.759	0.0450	4	3.163	1.607
392	0.0229	2	13.289	8.925	0.0225	2	10.390	2.673	0.0229	2	14.425	3.910	0.0225	2	15.750	9.405	0.0225	2	19.055	1.054
729	0.0341	3	24.099	8.265	0.0338	3	20.733	6.933	0.0338	3	9.022	8.348	0.0338	3	12.673	0.142	0.0341	3	8.883	1.937
730	0.0338	3	30.067	18.658	0.0334	3	20.463	2.567	0.0334	3	7.777	1.600	0.0338	3	5.110	3.891	0.0334	3	12.314	3.679
731	0.0341	3	22.403	5.724	0.0338	3	39.567	9.874	0.0334	3	4.090	4.112	0.0341	3	12.457	6.138	0.0334	3	17.314	4.736
732	0.0450	4	48.133	5.976	0.0450	4	56.683	13.345	0.0454	4	21.440	9.450	0.0454	4	18.880	0.566	0.0450	4	19.328	4.346
733	0.0450	4	36.692	27.661	0.0450	4	37.143	30.058	0.0454	4	10.543	4.091	0.0454	4	10.857	4.842	0.0450	4	27.162	5.242
734	0.0218	2	58.850	16.051	0.0225	2	32.400	18.102	0.0225	2	11.243	0.457	0.0233	2	15.680	7.212	0.0221	2	21.064	24.503
741	0.0221	2	35.435	26.962	0.0225	2	29.235	15.450	0.0218	2	19.255	22.267	0.0218	2	25.510	1.287	0.0221	2	52.555	24.728
742	0.0214	2	38.950	16.334	0.0225	2	57.540	42.936	0.0225	2	11.545	4.320	0.0206	2	22.640	13.520	0.0218	2	7.470	2.065
743	0.0203	2	24.204	23.895	0.0225	2	49.975	30.399	0.0221	2	23.185	0.813	0.0206	2	8.713	11.791	0.0218	2	13.625	13.654
744	0.0210	2	31.190	28.864	0.0229	2	49.185	42.052	0.0221	2	25.710	28.100	0.0221	2	15.390	1.994	0.0221	2	38.970	12.968
745	0.0559	5	29.738	14.643	0.0563	5	32.666	9.796	0.0446	4	26.923	10.448	0.0570	5	32.570	9.295	0.0559	5	18.320	7.611
746	0.0668	6	23.069	23.422	0.0679	6	41.340	32.988	0.0566	5	14.369	8.047	0.0675	6	11.888	7.577	0.0675	6	16.688	7.884
747	0.1118	10	11.324	7.418	0.1125	10	12.295	15.087	0.0893	8	8.655	3.839	0.1121	10	10.522	7.681	0.1125	10	15.870	11.712
748	0.0229	2	67.150	60.458	0.0225	2	18.650	18.031	0.0221	2	13.755	0.502	0.0225	2	5.680	3.776	0.0225	2	36.700	31.820
749	0.0225	2	20.250	4.313	0.0229	2	10.790	0.919	0.0221	2	15.695	9.199	0.0221	2	7.755	3.118	0.0225	2	4.053	3.815
750	0.0791	7	14.907	9.349	0.0900	8	45.238	32.993	0.0668	6	28.880	31.040	0.0885	8	17.024	14.241	0.0896	8	27.221	14.388
751	0.0338	3	20.017	15.186	0.0225	2	39.500	31.113	0.0334	3	80.024	73.402	0.0218	2	42.725	48.755	0.0446	4	60.988	52.459

$$(**) SD = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})}{n-1}$$

TABLE 4.- Stratified mean catches (Kg) and SD of **Greenland halibut** by stratum and year (2003-2013). Research Vessel *Vizconde de Eza*. n.s. means stratum not surveyed. In 2003: the data correspond to 69% of the total area prospected in 2006-2013.

Stratum	Survey										
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
385	0.00	710.95	-	1855.08	1976.50	2125.24	587.05	147.50	1545.80	9.09	1420.43
387	4067.84	16780.80	-	13440.00	7948.80	11906.69	8465.92	6105.15	3085.44	3170.62	6321.41
388	7450.59	15243.90	-	16930.37	17862.78	11377.52	4791.15	6998.06	2967.74	4051.16	3267.91
389	233.76	2936.93	-	16767.19	19073.88	21691.69	10057.48	5163.08	5806.67	15885.89	6803.08
390	16.30	0.00	-	10567.88	5259.74	4187.33	1272.22	137.14	221.50	445.19	453.62
391	88.36	1610.22	-	4972.37	4441.50	6452.72	1365.02	1797.75	702.67	3927.91	891.83
392	1812.50	2262.00	-	1000.50	6140.75	1648.65	1926.91	1506.55	2091.63	2283.75	2762.98
729	6483.96	5673.00	-	4486.32	4593.27	3326.92	4482.35	3856.40	1678.09	2357.24	1652.30
730	4148.00	1300.50	-	1428.57	822.80	6932.03	5111.33	3478.77	1322.09	868.70	2093.32
731	7851.60	5888.16	-	3594.96	6760.51	9185.76	4839.12	8546.40	883.51	2690.64	3739.90
732	9956.10	2552.55	-	1517.67	2274.58	9904.70	11118.61	13093.66	4952.58	4361.28	4464.65
733	n.s.	4266.60	-	4342.16	5758.74	7436.52	8585.81	8691.35	2467.00	2540.48	6355.85
734	n.s.	3146.70	-	685.06	709.69	1163.18	9004.05	4957.20	1720.18	2399.04	3222.72
741	2720.00	1151.67	-	564.75	459.00	700.50	3543.50	2923.50	1925.50	2551.00	5255.50
742	2035.20	1990.40	-	677.92	302.56	922.88	2492.80	3682.56	738.88	1448.96	478.08
743	n.s.	447.02	-	242.25	557.18	329.46	1234.38	2548.73	1182.44	444.34	694.88
744	n.s.	495.00	-	694.32	1898.82	1540.77	2058.54	3246.21	1696.86	1015.74	2572.02
745	3828.00	4500.80	-	2514.88	2970.59	7273.20	10348.82	11367.77	9369.03	11334.36	6375.36
746	11564.98	3737.07	-	2223.29	2730.28	22281.93	9042.92	16205.28	5632.73	4660.23	6541.83
747	n.s.	366.83	-	3133.67	3995.56	10382.88	8198.79	8901.58	6266.04	7617.93	11489.59
748	2178.30	1013.63	-	545.11	1027.14	2162.40	10676.85	2965.35	2187.05	903.12	5835.30
749	1076.04	825.30	-	535.50	505.26	2604.42	2551.50	1359.54	1977.57	977.13	510.62
750	n.s.	0.00	-	5582.86	5205.09	8166.95	8288.21	25152.05	16057.28	9465.55	15135.08
751	n.s.	n.s.	-	1046.53	4671.60	4592.14	4583.82	9045.50	18325.42	9784.03	13966.14
TOTAL	65511.53	76900.01	-	99349.19	107946.61	158296.49	134627.15	151877.06	94803.69	95193.38	112304.36
$\left(\bar{y}\right)$	14.64	12.29	-	15.32	16.64	24.40	20.75	23.41	14.61	14.67	17.31
SD	1.09	0.59	-	0.95	1.33	2.12	1.68	1.92	1.97	1.55	1.42

TABLE 5.- Survey estimates (by the swept area method) of **Greenland halibut** biomass (t.) and SD by stratum and year on NAFO Div. 3L (R/V *Vizconde de Eza*). n.s. means stratum not surveyed. In 2003, the data correspond to 69% of the total area prospected in 2006-2013.

Stratum	Survey										
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
385	0	62	-	162	176	186	52	13	135	1	124
387	356	1570	-	1195	707	1095	772	534	274	282	562
388	670	1452	-	1495	1588	1018	432	614	264	355	287
389	21	261	-	1476	1695	1947	877	455	516	1392	602
390	1	0	-	931	468	360	111	12	20	39	40
391	8	148	-	442	395	569	119	158	61	343	79
392	156	212	-	87	546	149	168	134	183	203	246
729	618	513	-	399	408	296	394	343	149	210	145
730	375	118	-	131	73	645	454	313	119	77	188
731	686	507	-	316	601	835	425	760	79	237	336
732	885	243	-	136	202	888	988	1164	437	384	397
733	n.s.	388	-	383	512	690	763	773	217	224	565
734	n.s.	311	-	61	63	105	828	441	153	206	291
741	242	107	-	52	41	67	320	260	177	235	475
742	175	166	-	59	27	88	233	327	66	141	44
743	n.s.	48	-	22	50	33	122	227	107	43	64
744	n.s.	49	-	61	175	139	196	284	153	92	232
745	337	424	-	220	264	655	926	1010	840	994	571
746	1037	332	-	198	247	2097	813	1433	497	414	581
747	n.s.	36	-	280	355	971	734	791	562	679	1021
748	200	102	-	50	91	199	933	264	198	80	519
749	97	75	-	47	45	244	227	119	179	88	45
750	n.s.	0	-	500	460	774	733	2236	1443	856	1351
751	n.s.	n.s.	-	92	415	445	407	804	1647	900	1252
TOTAL	5863	7121	-	8795	9603	14494	12030	13466	8477	8476	10018
SD	445	325	-	551	769	1223	979	1107	1147	909	822

Table 6.- Length-weight relationships in the calculation of biomass, for Division 3L (out ZEE Canada), 2006-2013 for **Greenland halibut, American plaice** and **witch flounder**. The equation is $\text{Weight} = a(\text{Length} + 0.5)^b$. To calculate the parameters for the indeterminate individuals, we used the total data (males+females+indeterminate individuals).

Greenland halibut,					American plaice				Witch flounder			
Year	Sex	L-W Equations	N	r ²	Sex	L-W Equations	N	r ²	Sex	L-W Equations	N	r ²
2006	All	$W = 0.0021 L^{3.3631}$	1220	0.9835	All	$W = 0.0025 L^{3.3723}$	759	0.9784	All	$W = 0.0026 L^{3.2619}$	193	0.9694
	Males	$W = 0.0019 L^{3.3863}$	583	0.9831	Males	$W = 0.0026 L^{3.3615}$	267	0.9629	Males	$W = 0.0046 L^{3.0994}$	65	0.963
	Females	$W = 0.0023 L^{3.3342}$	637	0.9835	Females	$W = 0.0031 L^{3.3146}$	486	0.9776	Females	$W = 0.0021 L^{3.3201}$	123	0.9631
2007	All	$W = 0.0033 L^{3.2385}$	1544	0.989	All	$W = 0.0024 L^{3.3710}$	1276	0.9873	All	$W = 0.0023 L^{3.3024}$	249	0.9776
	Males	$W = 0.0032 L^{3.2464}$	694	0.9876	Males	$W = 0.0026 L^{3.3456}$	444	0.9734	Males	$W = 0.0033 L^{3.1948}$	106	0.9618
	Females	$W = 0.0037 L^{3.2183}$	842	0.9898	Females	$W = 0.0028 L^{3.3289}$	809	0.991	Females	$W = 0.0025 L^{3.2803}$	135	0.988
2008	All	$W = 0.0037 L^{3.2060}$	1704	0.99	All	$W = 0.0044 L^{3.2282}$	1196	0.9894	All	$W = 0.0031 L^{3.2244}$	381	0.9844
	Males	$W = 0.0036 L^{3.2070}$	700	0.989	Males	$W = 0.0057 L^{3.1501}$	386	0.9853	Males	$W = 0.0028 L^{3.2523}$	147	0.986
	Females	$W = 0.0038 L^{3.2008}$	998	0.99	Females	$W = 0.0042 L^{3.2366}$	773	0.9931	Females	$W = 0.0031 L^{3.2241}$	210	0.9882
2009	All	$W = 0.0032 L^{3.2445}$	1407	0.9945	All	$W = 0.0038 L^{3.2226}$	812	0.9890	All	$W = 0.0020 L^{3.3367}$	221	0.9906
	Males	$W = 0.0030 L^{3.2546}$	568	0.9936	Males	$W = 0.0043 L^{3.1859}$	263	0.9847	Males	$W = 0.0016 L^{3.3951}$	74	0.9845
	Females	$W = 0.0034 L^{3.2303}$	826	0.9954	Females	$W = 0.0037 L^{3.2324}$	542	0.9881	Females	$W = 0.0018 L^{3.3712}$	134	0.9891
2010	All	$W = 0.0045 L^{3.1518}$	1434	0.9898	All	$W = 0.0030 L^{3.3098}$	975	0.9910	All	$W = 0.0016 L^{3.4075}$	193	0.9936
	Males	$W = 0.0045 L^{3.1470}$	609	0.9903	Males	$W = 0.0035 L^{3.2635}$	288	0.9810	Males	$W = 0.0012 L^{3.4881}$	55	0.9787
	Females	$W = 0.0048 L^{3.1409}$	824	0.9897	Females	$W = 0.0030 L^{3.3045}$	667	0.9927	Females	$W = 0.0015 L^{3.4199}$	119	0.9923
2011	All	$W = 0.0043 L^{3.1624}$	1469	0.9948	All	$W = 0.0029 L^{3.3106}$	1285	0.9914	All	$W = 0.0017 L^{3.3810}$	193	0.9926
	Males	$W = 0.0045 L^{3.1411}$	599	0.9946	Males	$W = 0.0036 L^{3.2430}$	431	0.9848	Males	$W = 0.0016 L^{3.4021}$	88	0.9858
	Females	$W = 0.0043 L^{3.1658}$	868	0.9949	Females	$W = 0.0027 L^{3.3356}$	854	0.9924	Females	$W = 0.0015 L^{3.4172}$	105	0.9896
2012	All	$W = 0.0053 L^{3.1125}$	1624	0.9895	All	$W = 0.0033 L^{3.2658}$	1033	0.9891	All	$W = 0.0024 L^{3.2947}$	193	0.9872
	Males	$W = 0.0058 L^{3.0782}$	658	0.9870	Males	$W = 0.0051 L^{3.1338}$	335	0.9790	Males	$W = 0.0025 L^{3.2771}$	54	0.9846
	Females	$W = 0.0051 L^{3.1255}$	966	0.9909	Females	$W = 0.0030 L^{3.2978}$	682	0.9918	Females	$W = 0.0016 L^{3.4063}$	139	0.9848
2013	All	$W = 0.0034 L^{3.2311}$	1816	0.9943	All	$W = 0.0045 L^{3.1777}$	1544	0.9903	All	$W = 0.0018 L^{3.3681}$	301	0.9901
	Males	$W = 0.0035 L^{3.2198}$	774	0.9936	Males	$W = 0.0034 L^{3.2558}$	487	0.9898	Males	$W = 0.0015 L^{3.4287}$	106	0.987
	Females	$W = 0.0035 L^{3.2247}$	1027	0.9948	Females	$W = 0.0038 L^{3.2259}$	929	0.9948	Females	$W = 0.0024 L^{3.2851}$	192	0.9888

TABLE 7.- Greenland halibut length distribution per haul mean catches by sex and year. Number per stratified mean catches. Spanish Summer Survey on NAFO 3L: 2006-2009 (R/V *Vizconde de Eza*). Indet. means indeterminate.

Length (cm.)	2006				2007				2008				2009			
	M	F	I	T	M	F	I	T	M	F	I	T	M	F	I	T
6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
10	0.26	0.08	0.01	0.35	0.16	0.16	0.06	0.38	0.37	0.35	0.12	0.85	0.28	0.40	0.11	0.79
12	2.12	1.48	0.00	3.60	0.94	0.99	0.06	1.99	0.93	1.14	0.14	2.21	1.66	2.28	0.20	4.14
14	2.64	3.18	0.00	5.82	1.09	1.47	0.00	2.56	0.24	0.44	0.05	0.73	0.77	1.22	0.01	2.00
16	1.01	1.38	0.00	2.40	0.26	0.45	0.00	0.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.10	0.00	0.16
18	0.05	0.15	0.00	0.19	0.06	0.01	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.04
20	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.04	0.00	0.06	0.04	0.13	0.00	0.17	0.05	0.09	0.00	0.14
22	0.01	0.09	0.00	0.10	0.19	0.04	0.00	0.23	0.46	0.55	0.00	1.01	0.21	0.26	0.00	0.48
24	0.16	0.08	0.00	0.24	0.42	0.45	0.00	0.88	0.89	1.16	0.00	2.05	0.44	0.66	0.00	1.10
26	0.40	0.35	0.00	0.75	0.60	0.69	0.00	1.29	0.72	1.57	0.00	2.29	0.31	0.41	0.00	0.71
28	0.65	0.74	0.00	1.39	0.35	0.52	0.00	0.88	0.27	0.67	0.00	0.94	0.23	0.20	0.00	0.42
30	0.82	0.70	0.00	1.52	0.21	0.08	0.00	0.29	0.23	0.21	0.00	0.44	0.56	0.29	0.00	0.85
32	0.85	0.79	0.00	1.64	0.55	0.28	0.00	0.83	0.50	0.46	0.00	0.96	0.62	0.96	0.00	1.59
34	1.54	1.36	0.00	2.90	0.88	0.78	0.00	1.66	0.94	0.88	0.00	1.82	0.88	1.28	0.00	2.17
36	1.57	1.62	0.00	3.19	1.22	1.32	0.00	2.54	1.12	1.20	0.00	2.32	0.90	1.09	0.00	1.99
38	1.26	1.92	0.00	3.18	1.43	1.58	0.00	3.01	0.97	1.24	0.00	2.21	0.91	1.18	0.00	2.09
40	1.28	1.72	0.00	2.99	1.31	2.13	0.00	3.45	1.18	1.26	0.00	2.43	0.92	1.67	0.00	2.59
42	1.31	1.56	0.00	2.87	1.11	2.05	0.00	3.16	1.69	2.02	0.00	3.71	0.85	1.63	0.00	2.48
44	0.85	1.69	0.00	2.53	1.02	1.92	0.00	2.94	1.23	2.24	0.00	3.47	0.88	1.65	0.00	2.53
46	0.48	1.02	0.00	1.50	0.69	1.41	0.00	2.09	1.16	2.06	0.00	3.22	0.82	1.47	0.00	2.29
48	0.30	0.81	0.00	1.12	0.34	1.02	0.00	1.37	0.87	2.08	0.00	2.95	0.59	1.81	0.00	2.39
50	0.13	0.42	0.00	0.54	0.15	0.72	0.00	0.86	0.42	1.62	0.00	2.04	0.37	1.13	0.00	1.50
52	0.05	0.28	0.00	0.33	0.16	0.57	0.00	0.74	0.29	1.30	0.00	1.59	0.23	1.13	0.00	1.36
54	0.07	0.17	0.00	0.24	0.06	0.32	0.00	0.38	0.18	0.80	0.00	0.98	0.13	0.82	0.00	0.95
56	0.01	0.07	0.00	0.08	0.03	0.13	0.00	0.16	0.15	0.43	0.00	0.58	0.07	0.57	0.00	0.64
58	0.03	0.06	0.00	0.09	0.03	0.06	0.00	0.09	0.03	0.28	0.00	0.30	0.02	0.31	0.00	0.32
60	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.08	0.01	0.09	0.00	0.10	0.01	0.13	0.00	0.14	0.02	0.28	0.00	0.30
62	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.07	0.02	0.06	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.15
64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.09
66	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03
68	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.02
70	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01
72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.04
74	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02
78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01
80	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
82	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02
84	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02
86	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	17.9	21.9	0.0	39.8	13.3	19.4	0.1	32.9	14.9	24.7	0.3	39.9	12.8	23.3	0.3	36.5
N° samples:				94				85				98				96
N° Ind.:	1549	1907	1	3457	1205	1761	13	2979	1447	2416	37	3900	1256	2298	31	3585
Sampled catch:				1397				1533				2431				2098
Range:				9-87				9-80				9-92				9-85
Total catch:				1397				1533				2431				2098
Total valid hauls:				100				94				100				98

TABLE 8.- Greenland halibut length distribution per haul mean catches by sex and year. Number per stratified mean catches. Spanish Summer Survey on NAFO 3L: 2010-2013 (R/V *Vizconde de Eza*). Indet. means indeterminate.

Length (cm.)	2010				2011				2012				2013			
	M	F	I	T	M	F	I	T	M	F	I	T	M	F	I	T
6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01
10	0.01	0.04	0.07	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.00	0.09	0.50	0.28	0.04	0.83
12	0.12	0.16	0.26	0.53	0.10	0.09	0.00	0.18	0.41	0.52	0.01	0.93	3.45	3.74	0.11	7.30
14	0.15	0.17	0.23	0.55	0.52	0.51	0.00	1.03	0.80	0.78	0.00	1.57	2.24	2.54	0.01	4.79
16	0.06	0.03	0.01	0.11	1.20	1.50	0.00	2.70	0.21	0.36	0.00	0.57	0.11	0.10	0.00	0.21
18	0.05	0.04	0.00	0.09	0.32	0.38	0.00	0.70	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.20	0.19	0.00	0.38
20	0.04	0.17	0.00	0.21	0.09	0.07	0.00	0.16	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.31	0.36	0.00	0.67
22	0.34	0.43	0.00	0.76	0.27	0.28	0.00	0.54	0.26	0.14	0.00	0.40	0.20	0.38	0.00	0.59
24	0.91	0.98	0.00	1.90	0.38	0.61	0.00	0.99	1.00	1.07	0.00	2.07	0.14	0.26	0.00	0.40
26	0.76	1.00	0.00	1.76	0.37	0.48	0.00	0.85	1.33	2.41	0.00	3.73	0.11	0.06	0.00	0.18
28	0.44	0.42	0.00	0.86	0.24	0.28	0.00	0.51	1.48	2.26	0.00	3.74	0.18	0.09	0.00	0.28
30	0.23	0.18	0.00	0.41	0.24	0.21	0.00	0.45	0.69	1.22	0.00	1.91	0.35	0.30	0.00	0.65
32	0.53	0.57	0.00	1.11	0.25	0.44	0.00	0.69	0.34	0.52	0.00	0.86	0.71	0.60	0.00	1.30
34	0.67	0.73	0.00	1.41	0.42	0.41	0.00	0.84	0.42	0.60	0.00	1.01	1.02	1.09	0.00	2.11
36	1.01	0.99	0.00	1.99	0.46	0.55	0.00	1.01	0.52	0.57	0.00	1.09	0.87	1.54	0.00	2.41
38	1.28	1.24	0.00	2.52	0.64	0.51	0.00	1.14	0.56	0.75	0.00	1.31	1.06	1.02	0.00	2.08
40	1.31	1.82	0.00	3.14	0.60	0.85	0.00	1.45	0.82	0.80	0.00	1.62	0.71	1.05	0.00	1.75
42	1.14	1.72	0.00	2.86	0.65	0.82	0.00	1.48	0.80	1.14	0.00	1.94	0.81	1.44	0.00	2.25
44	0.86	1.49	0.00	2.35	0.54	0.95	0.00	1.49	0.54	1.07	0.00	1.61	0.63	1.52	0.00	2.14
46	0.80	1.48	0.00	2.28	0.56	0.88	0.00	1.43	0.40	0.90	0.00	1.30	0.63	1.43	0.00	2.07
48	0.81	1.40	0.00	2.21	0.43	0.83	0.00	1.26	0.41	0.92	0.00	1.33	0.46	1.13	0.00	1.58
50	0.50	1.19	0.00	1.68	0.28	0.73	0.00	1.02	0.36	0.52	0.00	0.88	0.25	0.98	0.00	1.23
52	0.38	1.08	0.00	1.45	0.30	0.71	0.00	1.01	0.28	0.48	0.00	0.76	0.17	0.71	0.00	0.87
54	0.24	0.99	0.00	1.23	0.15	0.61	0.00	0.76	0.18	0.35	0.00	0.52	0.14	0.39	0.00	0.53
56	0.11	0.84	0.00	0.95	0.13	0.48	0.00	0.61	0.11	0.25	0.00	0.36	0.07	0.42	0.00	0.49
58	0.00	0.56	0.00	0.56	0.03	0.44	0.00	0.47	0.02	0.26	0.00	0.28	0.05	0.25	0.00	0.30
60	0.04	0.34	0.00	0.38	0.01	0.28	0.00	0.29	0.02	0.17	0.00	0.19	0.03	0.16	0.00	0.18
62	0.00	0.20	0.00	0.20	0.00	0.19	0.00	0.19	0.01	0.12	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.09
64	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.18	0.00	0.18	0.01	0.11	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.11
66	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.12
68	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.07
70	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03
72	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02
74	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01
76	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.04
78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01
80	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01
82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01
84	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01
88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01
90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	12.8	20.7	0.6	34.0	9.2	14.5	0.1	23.8	12.0	18.6	0.0	30.6	15.4	22.6	0.2	38.1
N° samples:				88				82				94				100
N° Ind.:	1275	2055	42	3372	813	1275	4	2092	966	1503	1	2470	1434	2116	16	3566
Sampled catch:				2403				1319				1392				1782
Range:				10-94				7-80				11-81				9-88
Total catch:				2403				1319				1392				1782
Total valid hauls:				97				89				98				100

TABLE 9.- Swept area, number of hauls and **American plaice** mean catch (Kg) and SD (**) by stratum. Spanish Survey on NAFO Div. 3L in the period 2009-2013, on board R/V "Vizconde de Eza".

Stratum	2009				2010				2011				2012				2013			
	Swept area	Tow No.	Mean catch	SD	Swept area	Tow No.	Mean catch	SD	Swept area	Tow No.	Mean catch	SD	Swept area	Tow No.	Mean catch	SD	Swept area	Tow No.	Mean catch	SD
385	0.0225	2	561.17	81.79	0.0225	2	2.76	1.12	0.0229	2	202.65	197.07	0.0225	2	193.48	181.97	0.0229	2	205.05	211.50
387	0.0439	4	6.89	2.18	0.0458	4	1.39	2.18	0.0450	4	3.59	2.78	0.0450	4	2.42	2.02	0.0450	4	9.09	8.03
388	0.0555	5	3.68	4.23	0.0570	5	22.11	36.16	0.0563	5	2.98	3.12	0.0570	5	1.94	1.59	0.0570	5	4.52	4.79
389	0.0803	7	24.64	25.37	0.0795	7	35.95	30.88	0.0675	6	9.28	6.82	0.0799	7	29.40	19.17	0.0791	7	30.81	33.30
390	0.1373	12	114.49	164.48	0.1249	11	9.69	8.75	0.1009	9	54.05	27.07	0.1354	12	97.01	63.78	0.1358	12	98.07	152.10
391	0.0458	4	9.60	7.90	0.0454	4	0.53	0.74	0.0458	4	21.83	22.49	0.0458	4	31.40	44.84	0.0450	4	29.30	19.53
392	0.0229	2	1.06	0.91	0.0225	2	0.00	0.00	0.0229	2	0.55	0.77	0.0225	2	0.01	0.02	0.0225	2	0.76	0.36
729	0.0341	3	0.02	0.03	0.0338	3	0.00	0.00	0.0338	3	0.11	0.18	0.0338	3	0.00	0.00	0.0341	3	0.24	0.41
730	0.0338	3	0.19	0.34	0.0334	3	0.00	0.00	0.0334	3	0.00	0.00	0.0338	3	0.00	0.00	0.0334	3	0.00	0.00
731	0.0341	3	0.10	0.18	0.0338	3	0.00	0.00	0.0334	3	0.00	0.00	0.0341	3	0.04	0.07	0.0334	3	0.10	0.17
732	0.0450	4	0.00	0.00	0.0450	4	0.04	0.06	0.0454	4	0.00	0.00	0.0454	4	0.00	0.00	0.0450	4	0.00	0.00
733	0.0450	4	0.02	0.04	0.0450	4	0.56	0.78	0.0454	4	0.02	0.05	0.0454	4	0.07	0.11	0.0450	4	0.23	0.34
734	0.0218	2	0.00	0.00	0.0225	2	0.00	0.00	0.0225	2	0.00	0.00	0.0233	2	0.00	0.00	0.0221	2	0.00	0.00
741	0.0221	2	0.00	0.00	0.0225	2	0.00	0.00	0.0218	2	0.00	0.00	0.0218	2	0.00	0.00	0.0221	2	0.00	0.00
742	0.0214	2	0.00	0.00	0.0225	2	0.00	0.00	0.0225	2	0.00	0.00	0.0206	2	0.00	0.00	0.0218	2	0.00	0.00
743	0.0203	2	0.00	0.00	0.0225	2	0.00	0.00	0.0221	2	0.00	0.00	0.0206	2	0.00	0.00	0.0218	2	0.00	0.00
744	0.0210	2	0.00	0.00	0.0229	2	0.00	0.00	0.0221	2	0.00	0.00	0.0221	2	0.00	0.00	0.0221	2	0.00	0.00
745	0.0559	5	0.00	0.00	0.0563	5	0.00	0.00	0.0446	4	0.00	0.00	0.0570	5	0.00	0.00	0.0559	5	0.00	0.00
746	0.0668	6	0.07	0.16	0.0679	6	0.00	0.00	0.0566	5	0.00	0.00	0.0675	6	0.00	0.00	0.0675	6	0.00	0.00
747	0.1118	10	0.00	0.00	0.1125	10	0.00	0.00	0.0893	8	0.00	0.00	0.1121	10	0.00	0.00	0.1125	10	0.00	0.00
748	0.0229	2	0.00	0.00	0.0225	2	0.00	0.00	0.0221	2	0.00	0.00	0.0225	2	0.00	0.00	0.0225	2	0.00	0.00
749	0.0225	2	0.00	0.00	0.0229	2	0.00	0.00	0.0221	2	0.00	0.00	0.0221	2	0.00	0.00	0.0225	2	0.00	0.00
750	0.0791	7	0.00	0.00	0.0900	8	0.00	0.00	0.0668	6	0.00	0.00	0.0885	8	0.00	0.00	0.0896	8	0.00	0.00
751	0.0338	3	0.00	0.00	0.0225	2	0.00	0.00	0.0334	3	0.00	0.00	0.0218	2	0.00	0.00	0.0446	4	0.00	0.00

$$(**) SD = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})}{n-1}$$

TABLE 10.- Stratified mean catches (Kg) and SD of **American plaice** by stratum and year (2003-2013). Research Vessel *Vizconde de Eza*. n.s. means stratum not surveyed. In 2003: the data correspond to 69% of the total area prospected in 2006-2013.

Stratum	Survey										
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
385	470.23	2253.80	-	5726.54	3767.15	7640.50	66217.94	325.80	23912.70	22830.05	24195.90
387	985.60	4559.36	-	1703.04	2045.95	1511.87	1763.14	356.97	918.27	618.37	2327.04
388	2612.05	4801.65	-	2719.48	2995.09	1044.23	1314.12	7892.20	1062.36	691.15	1613.93
389	3285.60	4555.55	-	10477.26	12966.65	6608.06	12543.72	18300.40	4725.39	14965.33	15680.91
390	1511.01	22637.98	-	62010.39	56426.39	95469.71	93311.86	7899.18	44052.56	79061.11	79928.41
391	1750.28	4198.98	-	2984.97	10479.83	5803.56	2707.34	148.33	6156.13	8854.31	8262.60
392	1218.00	43.50	-	0.00	152.90	0.00	153.70	0.00	79.03	1.81	109.91
729	10265.34	27.90	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.72	0.00	19.84	0.00	44.08
730	10030.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
731	5531.76	313.20	-	0.00	54.72	70.56	22.54	0.00	0.00	8.64	20.88
732	9401.70	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.07	0.00	0.00	0.00
733	n.s	296.40	-	0.00	74.88	99.68	4.15	129.87	5.73	16.50	54.52
734	n.s	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	10.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
741	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
742	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
743	n.s	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
744	n.s	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
745	212.28	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
746	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
747	n.s	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
748	160.59	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
749	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
750	n.s	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
751	n.s	n.s	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	47434.44	43688.32	-	85621.68	88963.55	118258.27	178100.64	35061.82	80932.01	127047.27	132238.18
$\left(\bar{y}\right)$	10.60	6.98	-	13.20	13.71	18.23	27.46	5.40	12.48	19.58	20.39
SD	0.95	1.12	-	2.06	2.00	4.98	6.11	1.32	2.83	3.48	6.25

TABLE 11.- Survey estimates (by the swept area method) of **American plaice** biomass (t.) and SD by stratum and year on NAFO Div. 3L (R/V *Vizconde de Eza*). n.s. means stratum not surveyed. In 2003, the data correspond to 69% of the total area prospected in 2006-2013.

Stratum	Survey										
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
385	42	197	-	501	335	668	5886	685	2091	2029	2115
387	86	427	-	151	182	139	161	54	82	55	207
388	235	457	-	240	266	93	118	44	94	61	142
389	290	405	-	923	1153	593	1094	991	420	1312	1387
390	134	1969	-	5462	5016	8212	8158	2581	3930	7008	7065
391	156	386	-	265	932	512	237	241	538	774	734
392	105	4	-	0	14	0	13	7	7	0	10
729	978	3	-	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4
730	907	0	-	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
731	484	27	-	0	5	6	2	0	0	1	2
732	836	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
733	n.s	27	-	0	7	9	0	1	1	1	5
734	n.s	0	-	0	0	1	0	8	0	0	0
741	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
742	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
743	n.s	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
744	n.s	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
745	19	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
746	0	0	-	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
747	n.s	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
748	15	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
749	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
750	n.s	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
751	n.s	n.s	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	4284	3901	-	7542	7908	10234	15676	4611	7165	11241	11671
SD	362	626	-	1150	1156	2805	3411	925	1580	2006	3513

TABLE 12.- American plaice length distribution per haul mean catches by sex and year. Number per stratified mean catches. Spanish Summer Survey on NAFO 3L: 2006-2009 (R/V *Vizconde de Eza*). Indet. means indeterminate.

Length (cm.)	2006				2007				2008				2009			
	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total
2	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	0.02	0.02	0.29	0.33	0.02	0.00	1.10	1.12	0.00	0.00	0.76	0.76	0.06	0.04	0.15	0.25
8	0.23	0.10	1.28	1.62	0.06	0.02	0.73	0.82	0.01	0.02	0.87	0.90	0.22	0.12	0.07	0.41
10	0.07	0.05	0.02	0.14	0.36	0.33	0.03	0.72	0.55	0.39	0.05	0.99	4.28	3.78	0.09	8.15
12	1.10	1.39	0.00	2.49	2.67	2.75	0.00	5.43	3.49	3.58	0.06	7.13	3.28	3.70	0.01	6.99
14	1.87	2.18	0.00	4.05	2.16	2.08	0.00	4.24	1.95	2.05	0.00	4.00	2.29	4.64	0.01	6.95
16	0.56	0.80	0.00	1.36	1.14	1.79	0.00	2.93	0.86	1.36	0.00	2.22	3.81	7.38	0.00	11.19
18	0.34	0.63	0.00	0.97	1.72	3.00	0.00	4.72	1.45	2.22	0.00	3.67	1.42	2.83	0.00	4.26
20	0.42	0.60	0.00	1.03	1.19	2.15	0.00	3.34	0.92	2.03	0.00	2.94	1.07	3.16	0.00	4.23
22	0.66	1.06	0.00	1.72	0.52	1.28	0.00	1.80	0.94	2.10	0.00	3.04	0.88	3.30	0.00	4.18
24	0.56	1.28	0.00	1.85	0.68	1.36	0.00	2.04	1.12	1.96	0.00	3.08	0.82	3.04	0.00	3.86
26	0.47	1.47	0.02	1.96	0.63	1.50	0.00	2.13	0.94	1.68	0.00	2.62	1.27	3.98	0.00	5.25
28	0.48	2.43	0.00	2.91	0.53	1.52	0.00	2.05	0.75	1.70	0.00	2.46	1.09	3.71	0.00	4.81
30	0.35	2.95	0.00	3.30	0.29	1.65	0.00	1.94	0.56	1.26	0.00	1.81	0.77	3.61	0.00	4.38
32	0.34	2.59	0.00	2.93	0.18	2.14	0.00	2.32	0.62	1.00	0.00	1.63	0.81	3.21	0.00	4.02
34	0.20	2.57	0.00	2.77	0.16	2.87	0.00	3.03	0.46	0.83	0.00	1.30	0.64	3.33	0.00	3.97
36	0.20	1.90	0.00	2.10	0.20	2.45	0.00	2.65	0.44	1.45	0.00	1.89	0.43	2.47	0.00	2.91
38	0.09	1.15	0.00	1.24	0.08	2.29	0.00	2.38	0.35	1.89	0.00	2.23	0.24	3.29	0.00	3.53
40	0.02	0.74	0.00	0.75	0.04	1.83	0.00	1.88	0.12	2.43	0.00	2.55	0.12	4.41	0.00	4.53
42	0.01	0.74	0.00	0.76	0.00	1.23	0.00	1.23	0.07	2.41	0.00	2.48	0.02	4.78	0.00	4.80
44	0.02	1.00	0.00	1.02	0.01	0.90	0.00	0.91	0.00	1.88	0.00	1.88	0.08	4.09	0.00	4.16
46	0.02	1.01	0.00	1.03	0.02	0.74	0.00	0.77	0.00	1.59	0.00	1.59	0.04	2.20	0.00	2.24
48	0.03	1.11	0.00	1.15	0.00	0.57	0.00	0.57	0.00	1.09	0.00	1.09	0.00	1.62	0.00	1.62
50	0.02	0.50	0.00	0.52	0.02	0.60	0.00	0.63	0.00	0.83	0.00	0.83	0.00	1.13	0.00	1.13
52	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.01	0.35	0.00	0.36	0.00	0.66	0.00	0.66	0.00	0.73	0.00	0.73
54	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.23	0.00	0.23	0.00	0.34	0.00	0.34	0.04	0.40	0.00	0.44
56	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.13
58	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.12
60	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	8.20	29.04	1.62	38.86	12.72	35.86	1.88	50.46	15.61	36.88	1.75	54.24	23.70	75.22	0.34	99.26
N° samples:				31				37				37				41
N° Ind.:	704	2441	136	3281	1129	3116	179	4424	924	2383	98	3405	1033	2843	16	3892
Sampled catch:				1172				1309				1749				2757
Range:				3-60				4-63				6-61				6-59
Total catch:				1172				1309				1749				2757
Total valid hauls:				100				94				100				98

TABLE 13.- American plaice length distribution per haul mean catches by sex and year. Number per stratified mean catches. Spanish Summer Survey on NAFO 3L: 2010-2013 (R/V *Vizconde de Eza*). Indet. means indeterminate.

Length (cm.)	2010				2011				2012				2013			
	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total
2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.45	0.45
6	0.20	0.10	0.97	1.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.30	0.32	0.02	0.00	8.05	8.06
8	0.22	0.26	0.76	1.24	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.36	0.16	0.54	1.06	0.01	0.02	3.63	3.66
10	0.49	0.58	0.17	1.25	0.56	0.76	0.00	1.32	0.07	0.07	0.11	0.26	2.10	1.71	0.27	4.08
12	1.60	1.48	0.03	3.10	5.41	5.60	0.00	11.01	0.08	0.09	0.00	0.17	3.07	3.38	0.05	6.50
14	1.05	2.29	0.00	3.34	3.77	5.50	0.00	9.28	2.68	2.16	0.00	4.84	1.95	1.71	0.00	3.66
16	1.27	1.93	0.00	3.20	2.07	2.98	0.00	5.05	6.60	7.80	0.00	14.40	0.73	1.30	0.00	2.03
18	0.78	1.76	0.00	2.54	2.00	3.42	0.00	5.43	3.60	6.55	0.00	10.15	1.24	3.08	0.00	4.32
20	0.78	2.20	0.00	2.98	1.16	3.70	0.00	4.86	3.47	5.47	0.00	8.93	2.38	5.09	0.00	7.47
22	0.33	1.25	0.00	1.58	0.63	2.16	0.00	2.80	1.53	3.88	0.00	5.40	1.98	5.89	0.00	7.87
24	0.19	0.68	0.00	0.87	0.45	3.01	0.00	3.46	1.30	4.96	0.00	6.26	1.36	5.98	0.00	7.34
26	0.23	0.85	0.00	1.08	0.44	1.66	0.00	2.10	1.04	4.99	0.00	6.04	1.15	4.48	0.00	5.62
28	0.21	0.84	0.00	1.05	0.41	1.27	0.00	1.68	0.80	5.05	0.00	5.84	1.30	4.12	0.00	5.42
30	0.20	0.74	0.00	0.94	0.44	1.16	0.00	1.61	0.76	3.35	0.00	4.12	0.67	3.48	0.00	4.15
32	0.11	0.98	0.00	1.08	0.37	1.52	0.00	1.89	0.37	2.53	0.00	2.90	0.47	2.98	0.00	3.45
34	0.07	1.02	0.00	1.08	0.40	2.24	0.00	2.64	0.45	2.31	0.00	2.76	0.20	2.89	0.04	3.12
36	0.09	0.63	0.00	0.72	0.12	2.16	0.00	2.28	0.31	2.58	0.00	2.89	0.14	2.10	0.00	2.25
38	0.02	0.70	0.00	0.71	0.17	2.39	0.00	2.56	0.10	2.55	0.00	2.65	0.04	1.99	0.00	2.04
40	0.02	0.39	0.00	0.41	0.07	1.64	0.00	1.71	0.11	2.16	0.00	2.26	0.02	2.37	0.00	2.39
42	0.02	0.49	0.00	0.51	0.00	1.04	0.00	1.04	0.00	2.11	0.00	2.11	0.02	1.71	0.00	1.73
44	0.01	0.53	0.00	0.53	0.00	1.02	0.00	1.02	0.00	1.61	0.00	1.61	0.01	1.86	0.00	1.87
46	0.00	0.46	0.00	0.46	0.00	0.93	0.00	0.93	0.00	0.94	0.00	0.94	0.00	1.45	0.00	1.45
48	0.00	0.21	0.00	0.21	0.00	0.56	0.00	0.56	0.00	1.20	0.00	1.20	0.00	0.89	0.00	0.89
50	0.02	0.12	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.43	0.00	0.43	0.00	0.70	0.00	0.70	0.00	1.01	0.00	1.01
52	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.23	0.00	0.23	0.00	0.71	0.00	0.71	0.00	0.62	0.00	0.62
54	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.07	0.01	0.11	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.16	0.00	0.16	0.00	0.56	0.00	0.56
56	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.14
58	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.15
60	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.08
62	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.04
Total	7.90	20.75	1.94	30.58	18.54	45.54	0.00	64.08	23.63	64.27	0.95	88.84	18.87	61.06	12.49	92.41
N° samples:				35				33				38				39
N° Ind.:	740	2014	231	2985	1044	2582	0	3626	1044	2917	35	3996	908	2969	534	4411
Sampled catch:				739				1066				1902				1982
Range:				5-63				9-63				6-60				5-62
Total catch:				739				1066				1902				1982
Total valid hauls:				97				89				98				100

TABLE 14.- Swept area, number of hauls and **Witch flounder** mean catch (Kg) and SD (**) by stratum. Spanish Survey on NAFO Div. 3L in the period 2009-2013, on board R/V "Vizconde de Eza".

Stratum	2009				2010				2011				2012				2013			
	Swept area	Tow No.	Mean catch	SD	Swept area	Tow No.	Mean catch	SD	Swept area	Tow No.	Mean catch	SD	Swept area	Tow No.	Mean catch	SD	Swept area	Tow No.	Mean catch	SD
385	0.0225	2	0.00	0.00	0.0225	2	0.00	0.00	0.0229	2	0.00	0.00	0.0225	20.00	0.00		0.0229	2	0.60	0.84
387	0.0439	4	0.18	0.19	0.0458	4	0.18	0.19	0.0450	4	4.65	1.24	0.0450	41.15	1.02		0.0450	4	3.62	2.74
388	0.0555	5	1.33	1.27	0.0570	5	1.33	1.27	0.0563	5	1.50	1.96	0.0570	51.75	2.63		0.0570	5	2.13	1.56
389	0.0803	7	0.00	0.01	0.0795	7	0.00	0.01	0.0675	6	0.14	0.22	0.0799	70.02	0.04		0.0791	7	0.22	0.33
390	0.1373	12	0.00	0.00	0.1249	11	0.00	0.00	0.1009	9	0.00	0.00	0.1354	120.00	0.00		0.1358	12	0.20	0.52
391	0.0458	4	0.10	0.20	0.0454	4	0.10	0.20	0.0458	4	0.00	0.00	0.0458	40.16	0.32		0.0450	4	0.00	0.00
392	0.0229	2	1.24	1.04	0.0225	2	1.24	1.04	0.0229	2	0.30	0.33	0.0225	21.26	1.73		0.0225	2	0.70	0.98
729	0.0341	3	3.19	1.85	0.0338	3	3.19	1.85	0.0338	3	12.22	7.49	0.0338	310.50	8.97		0.0341	3	6.43	4.77
730	0.0338	3	0.00	0.00	0.0334	3	0.00	0.00	0.0334	3	0.00	0.00	0.0338	30.60	1.04		0.0334	3	0.60	0.82
731	0.0341	3	5.99	2.31	0.0338	3	5.99	2.31	0.0334	3	3.00	1.75	0.0341	31.81	2.10		0.0334	3	4.19	3.09
732	0.0450	4	3.13	2.00	0.0450	4	3.13	2.00	0.0454	4	2.57	1.95	0.0454	43.39	1.68		0.0450	4	3.57	2.82
733	0.0450	4	7.23	5.82	0.0450	4	7.23	5.82	0.0454	4	2.00	2.41	0.0454	42.16	2.46		0.0450	4	4.27	2.44
734	0.0218	2	0.00	0.00	0.0225	2	0.00	0.00	0.0225	2	0.22	0.30	0.0233	20.00	0.00		0.0221	2	0.02	0.03
741	0.0221	2	0.00	0.00	0.0225	2	0.00	0.00	0.0218	2	0.00	0.00	0.0218	20.00	0.00		0.0221	2	0.00	0.00
742	0.0214	2	0.00	0.00	0.0225	2	0.00	0.00	0.0225	2	0.00	0.00	0.0206	20.00	0.00		0.0218	2	0.00	0.00
743	0.0203	2	0.09	0.13	0.0225	2	0.09	0.13	0.0221	2	0.00	0.00	0.0206	20.00	0.00		0.0218	2	0.00	0.00
744	0.0210	2	0.00	0.00	0.0229	2	0.00	0.00	0.0221	2	0.00	0.00	0.0221	20.00	0.00		0.0221	2	0.00	0.00
745	0.0559	5	0.01	0.02	0.0563	5	0.01	0.02	0.0446	4	0.00	0.00	0.0570	50.00	0.00		0.0559	5	0.07	0.09
746	0.0668	6	0.00	0.00	0.0679	6	0.00	0.00	0.0566	5	0.00	0.00	0.0675	60.00	0.00		0.0675	6	0.00	0.00
747	0.1118	10	0.00	0.00	0.1125	10	0.00	0.00	0.0893	8	0.00	0.00	0.1121	100.00	0.00		0.1125	10	0.00	0.00
748	0.0229	2	0.00	0.00	0.0225	2	0.00	0.00	0.0221	2	0.00	0.00	0.0225	20.00	0.00		0.0225	2	0.00	0.00
749	0.0225	2	0.00	0.00	0.0229	2	0.00	0.00	0.0221	2	0.00	0.00	0.0221	20.00	0.00		0.0225	2	0.00	0.00
750	0.0791	7	0.00	0.00	0.0900	8	0.00	0.00	0.0668	6	0.06	0.14	0.0885	80.05	0.11		0.0896	8	0.02	0.05
751	0.0338	3	0.00	0.00	0.0225	2	0.00	0.00	0.0334	3	0.00	0.00	0.0218	20.00	0.00		0.0446	4	0.00	0.00

$$(**) SD = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})}{n-1}$$

TABLE 15.- Stratified mean catches (Kg) and SD of **Witch flounder** **Witch flounder** by stratum and year (2003-2013). Research Vessel *Vizconde de Eza*. n.s. means stratum not surveyed. In 2003: the data correspond to 69% of the total area prospected in 2006-2013.

Stratum	Survey										
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
385	0.00	0.00	-	28.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.24	0.00	70.21
387	66.56	678.40	-	878.98	332.67	778.18	45.38	393.86	1189.70	294.85	926.08
388	56.88	1544.74	-	312.80	532.50	653.38	473.74	709.43	535.00	625.89	761.55
389	6.36	47.08	-	144.34	0.38	93.58	2.47	41.59	71.51	11.34	111.62
390	0.00	0.00	-	64.46	0.00	85.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	165.04
391	0.00	0.00	-	109.28	28.69	282.71	28.98	125.42	0.00	44.70	0.00
392	1.16	0.58	-	28.28	170.30	245.56	179.87	13.70	43.65	182.27	101.57
729	146.01	429.66	-	269.70	897.14	515.22	592.78	1370.20	2273.11	1952.50	1195.36
730	867.85	320.45	-	78.20	0.00	126.37	0.00	87.83	0.00	102.23	101.89
731	392.04	813.24	-	733.32	832.46	744.12	1294.34	1758.96	646.92	390.74	905.98
732	1651.65	496.65	-	315.70	73.15	474.94	723.32	1281.47	594.65	783.26	825.13
733	n.s	582.50	-	1569.26	480.17	1293.90	1692.76	1979.35	468.35	506.08	998.01
734	n.s	0.00	-	29.07	10.02	30.60	0.00	9.95	32.90	0.00	3.60
741	0.00	0.27	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.00
742	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
743	n.s	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
744	n.s	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
745	131.08	0.00	-	0.00	0.58	0.00	3.48	2.51	0.00	0.00	25.20
746	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
747	n.s	4.83	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
748	0.00	0.32	-	3.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.32	0.00
749	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
750	n.s	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.09	31.97	30.51	10.43
751	n.s	n.s	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	3319.59	4918.72	-	4565.04	3358.07	5324.12	5041.81	7786.36	5888.14	4924.70	6201.65
($\bar{y}$)	0.74	0.79	-	0.70	0.52	0.82	0.78	1.20	0.91	0.76	0.96
SD	0.12	0.13	-	0.20	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.24	0.15	0.18	0.14

TABLE 16.- Survey estimates (by the swept area method) of **Witch flounder** biomass (t.) and SD by stratum and year on NAFO Div. 3L (R/V *Vizconde de Eza*). n.s. means stratum not surveyed. In 2003, the data correspond to 69% of the total area prospected in 2006-2013.

Stratum	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
385	0	0	-	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
387	6	63	-	78	30	72	4	34	106	26	82
388	5	147	-	28	47	58	43	62	48	55	67
389	1	4	-	13	0	8	0	4	6	1	10
390	0	0	-	6	0	7	0	0	0	0	15
391	0	0	-	10	3	25	3	11	0	4	0
392	0	0	-	2	15	22	16	1	4	16	9
729	14	39	-	24	80	46	52	122	202	174	105
730	78	29	-	7	0	12	0	8	0	9	9
731	34	70	-	64	74	68	114	156	58	34	81
732	147	47	-	28	7	43	64	114	52	69	73
733	n.s	53	-	138	43	120	150	176	41	45	89
734	n.s	0	-	3	1	3	0	1	3	0	0
741	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
742	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
743	n.s	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
744	n.s	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
745	12	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
746	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
747	n.s	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
748	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
749	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
750	n.s	0	-	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	1
751	n.s	n.s	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	297	453	-	404	298	483	447	691	523	436	550
SD	51	75	-	116	71	80	74	137	86	103	80

TABLE 17.- Witch flounder length distribution per haul mean catches by sex and year. Number per stratified mean catches. Spanish Summer Survey on NAFO 3L: 2006-2009 (R/V *Vizconde de Eza*). Indet. means indeterminate.

Length (cm.)	2006				2007				2008				2009			
	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total
6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.07
8	0.02	0.00	0.06	0.09	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.22	0.23	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.07
10	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.07	0.02	0.01	0.05	0.09	0.03	0.01	0.08	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.02
14	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.06	0.01	0.07	0.03	0.11	0.07	0.12	0.04	0.23	0.03	0.05	0.00	0.08
16	0.15	0.18	0.00	0.34	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.07	0.11	0.10	0.02	0.23	0.03	0.04	0.00	0.07
18	0.11	0.15	0.00	0.26	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.17	0.20	0.00	0.37	0.04	0.05	0.00	0.09
20	0.06	0.07	0.00	0.14	0.04	0.13	0.00	0.17	0.05	0.08	0.00	0.13	0.01	0.07	0.00	0.08
22	0.10	0.32	0.00	0.42	0.12	0.26	0.00	0.38	0.15	0.10	0.00	0.25	0.11	0.10	0.00	0.21
24	0.22	0.31	0.00	0.52	0.22	0.15	0.00	0.37	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.23	0.07	0.15	0.00	0.22
26	0.02	0.11	0.00	0.13	0.14	0.10	0.01	0.25	0.13	0.08	0.00	0.21	0.07	0.10	0.00	0.17
28	0.07	0.09	0.00	0.16	0.32	0.34	0.00	0.66	0.29	0.32	0.00	0.61	0.07	0.16	0.00	0.23
30	0.10	0.22	0.00	0.33	0.12	0.11	0.00	0.23	0.09	0.15	0.00	0.24	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.30
32	0.21	0.24	0.00	0.46	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.07	0.14	0.14	0.00	0.29	0.23	0.16	0.00	0.40
34	0.13	0.12	0.00	0.25	0.03	0.07	0.00	0.10	0.06	0.09	0.00	0.15	0.10	0.16	0.00	0.26
36	0.02	0.05	0.00	0.07	0.03	0.04	0.00	0.08	0.09	0.08	0.00	0.16	0.05	0.15	0.00	0.20
38	0.02	0.13	0.00	0.15	0.02	0.08	0.00	0.10	0.04	0.17	0.00	0.21	0.08	0.12	0.00	0.20
40	0.03	0.09	0.00	0.12	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.05	0.04	0.11	0.00	0.15	0.02	0.13	0.00	0.15
42	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.07	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.11	0.00	0.12	0.01	0.14	0.00	0.15
44	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.06	0.01	0.04	0.00	0.05
46	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.10
48	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.04
50	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01
52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
58	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
60	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	1.36	2.31	0.09	3.76	1.21	1.62	0.14	2.97	1.59	2.19	0.38	4.16	1.11	1.93	0.15	3.18
N° samples:				32				22				36				28
N° Ind.:	113	198	8	319	106	139	13	258	159	223	37	419	110	193	13	316
Sampled catch:				64				46				83				80
Range:				8-60				9-54				7-54				6-50
Total catch:				64				46				83				80
Total valid hauls:				100				94				100				98

TABLE 18- Witch flounder length distribution per haul mean catches by sex and year. Number per stratified mean catches. Spanish Summer Survey on NAFO 3L: 2010-2013 (R/V *Vizconde de Eza*). Indet. means indeterminate.

Length (cm.)	2010				2011				2012				2013			
	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total
6	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	0.00	0.00	0.18	0.18	0.00	0.01	0.06	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01
10	0.00	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.02
12	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.06
14	0.06	0.06	0.02	0.15	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.06	0.04	0.07	0.00	0.11	0.06	0.04	0.00	0.10
16	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.10	0.04	0.02	0.00	0.06	0.02	0.11	0.01	0.14	0.03	0.05	0.01	0.09
18	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.04	0.07	0.03	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.07	0.02	0.00	0.09
20	0.03	0.05	0.00	0.08	0.06	0.03	0.00	0.09	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.05	0.16	0.01	0.00	0.17
22	0.10	0.09	0.00	0.19	0.08	0.09	0.00	0.17	0.01	0.07	0.00	0.08	0.15	0.13	0.00	0.27
24	0.13	0.19	0.00	0.33	0.04	0.06	0.00	0.10	0.04	0.03	0.00	0.07	0.13	0.20	0.00	0.34
26	0.15	0.12	0.00	0.27	0.07	0.09	0.00	0.16	0.04	0.12	0.00	0.15	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.11
28	0.30	0.24	0.00	0.55	0.07	0.20	0.00	0.27	0.05	0.10	0.00	0.15	0.07	0.10	0.00	0.17
30	0.34	0.24	0.00	0.58	0.19	0.19	0.00	0.38	0.05	0.11	0.00	0.16	0.17	0.13	0.00	0.30
32	0.12	0.21	0.00	0.32	0.16	0.14	0.00	0.30	0.06	0.08	0.00	0.14	0.08	0.05	0.00	0.13
34	0.08	0.23	0.00	0.31	0.07	0.19	0.00	0.27	0.03	0.08	0.00	0.11	0.08	0.13	0.00	0.21
36	0.11	0.23	0.00	0.33	0.03	0.09	0.00	0.12	0.08	0.12	0.00	0.20	0.04	0.12	0.00	0.15
38	0.10	0.17	0.00	0.27	0.05	0.20	0.00	0.25	0.06	0.18	0.00	0.24	0.02	0.15	0.00	0.18
40	0.10	0.27	0.00	0.37	0.04	0.16	0.00	0.20	0.02	0.15	0.00	0.17	0.03	0.20	0.00	0.23
42	0.02	0.16	0.00	0.18	0.03	0.15	0.00	0.18	0.02	0.23	0.00	0.25	0.01	0.20	0.00	0.21
44	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.19	0.00	0.19	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.16	0.00	0.16
46	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.11
48	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.09
50	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02
52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02
54	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01
56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01
60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	1.69	2.65	0.28	4.62	1.04	2.03	0.10	3.17	0.56	1.75	0.14	2.44	1.19	2.04	0.02	3.25
N° samples:				35				29				31				38
N° Ind.:	169	272	25	466	103	206	10	319	56	178	12	246	117	202	2	321
Sampled catch:				123				92				78				97
Range:				6-55				8-53				7-56				9-58
Total catch:				123				92				78				97
Total valid hauls:				97				89				98				100

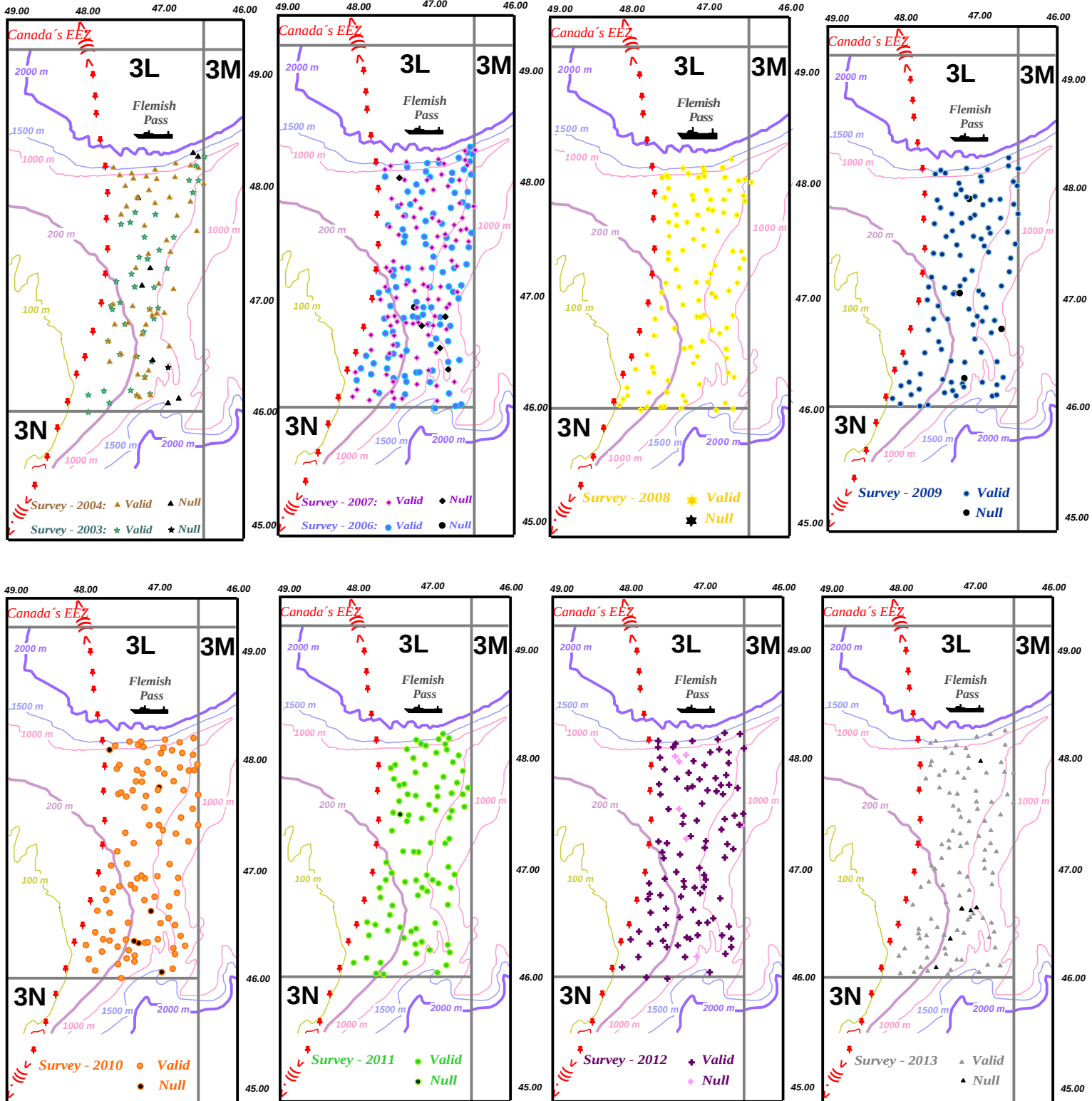


FIGURE 1.- Haul positions of the Spanish surveys in NAFO Division 3L in the period 2003 - 2013 (R/V “*Vizconde de Eza*”).

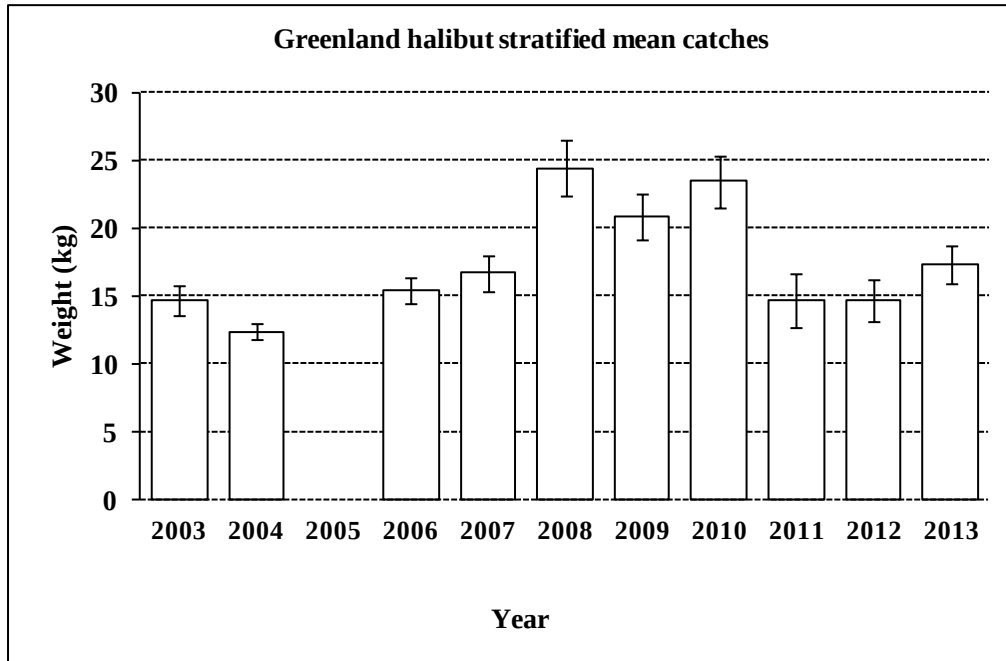


FIGURE 2.- Greenland halibut stratified mean catches in Kg and $\pm$ SD by year. Spanish surveys in NAFO Division 3L: 2003 - 2013 (R/V “*Vizconde de Eza*”). In 2003, the data correspond to 69% of the total area prospected in 2006-2013.

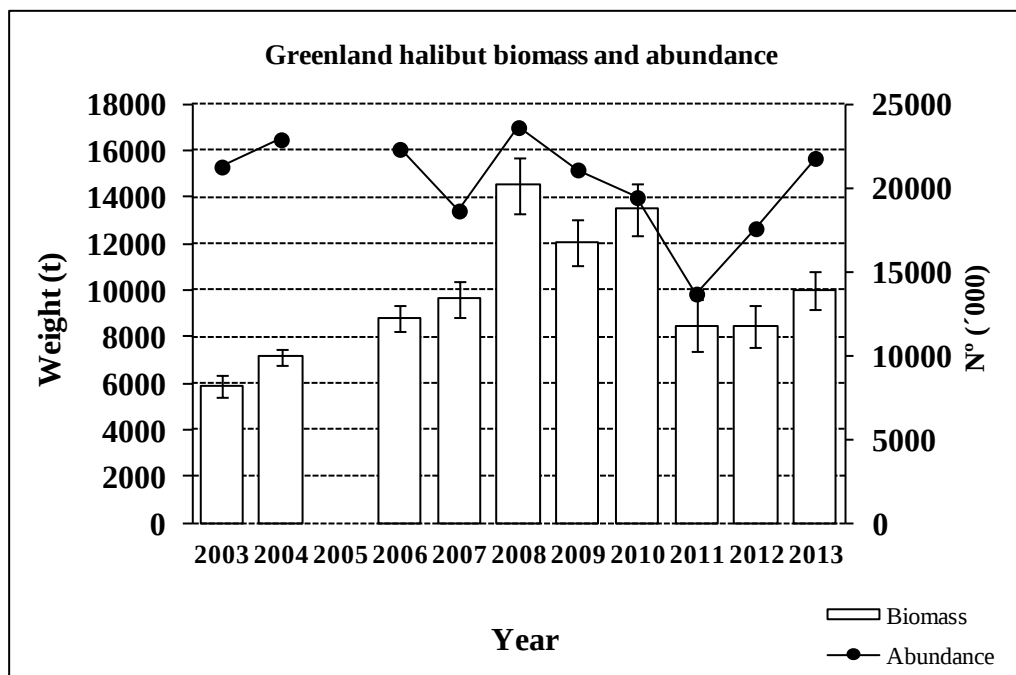


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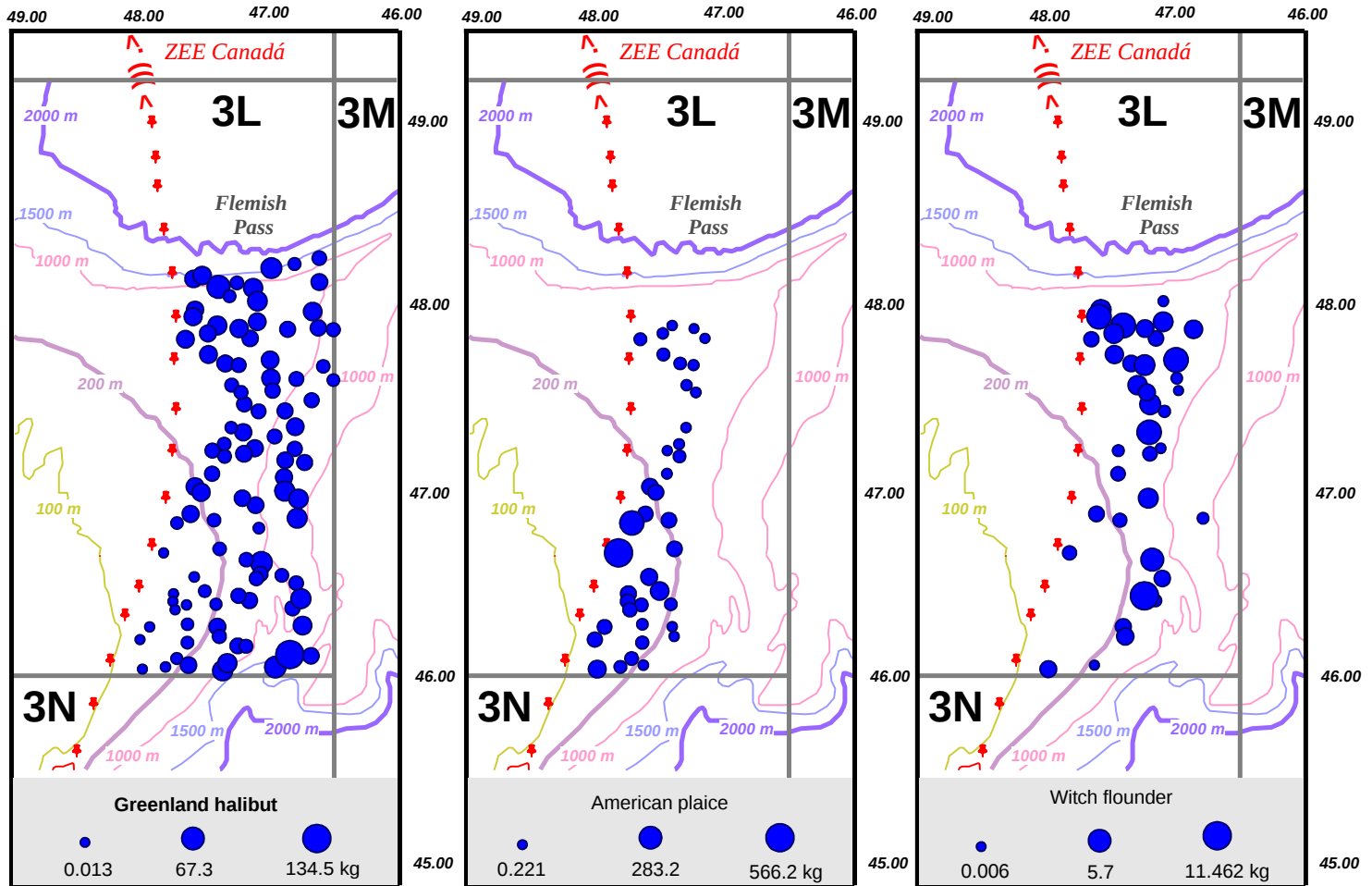


FIGURE 4.- Distribution of the catches per haul for **Greenland halibut**, **American plaice** and **witch flounder** in 2013 Spanish 3L survey.

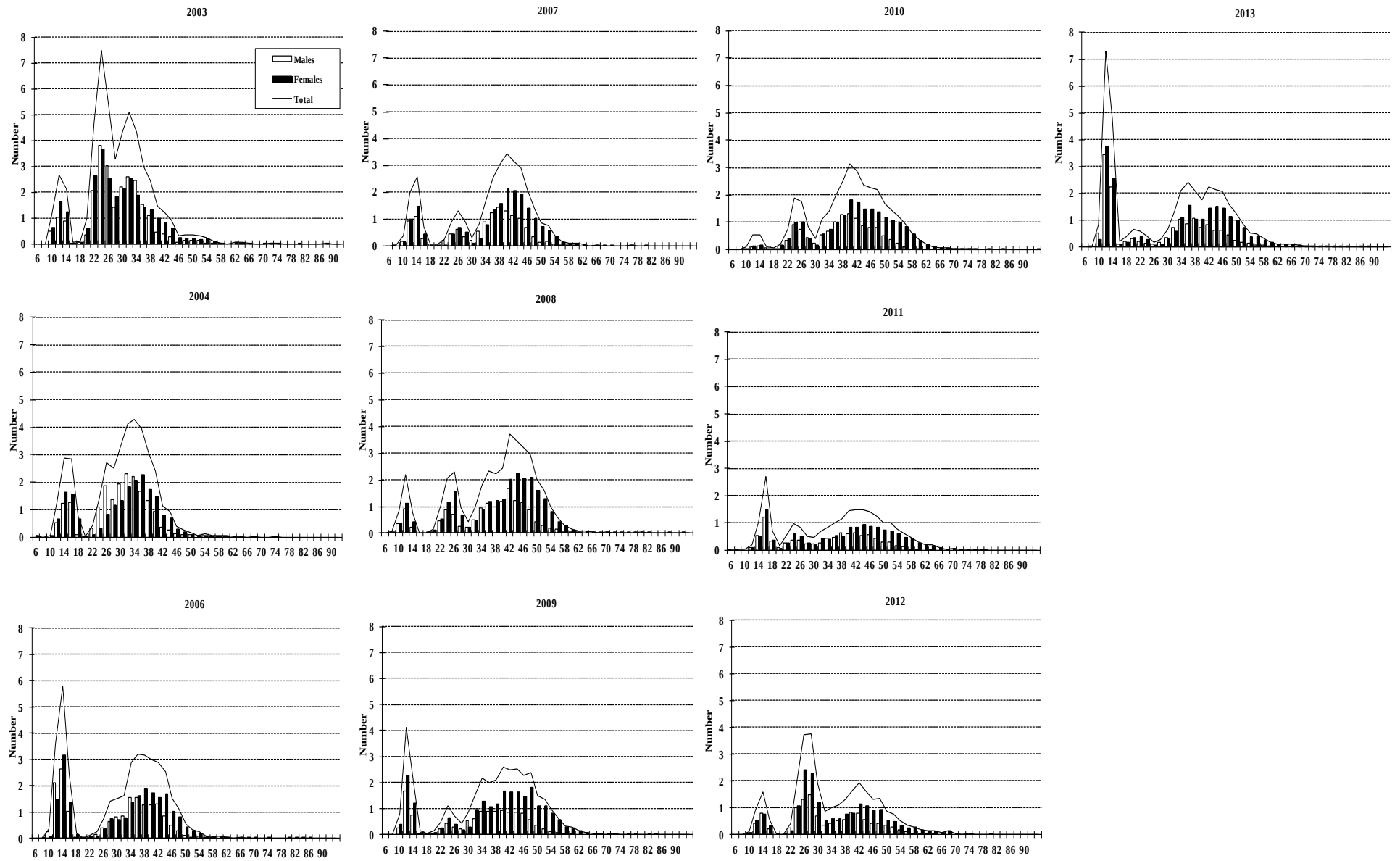


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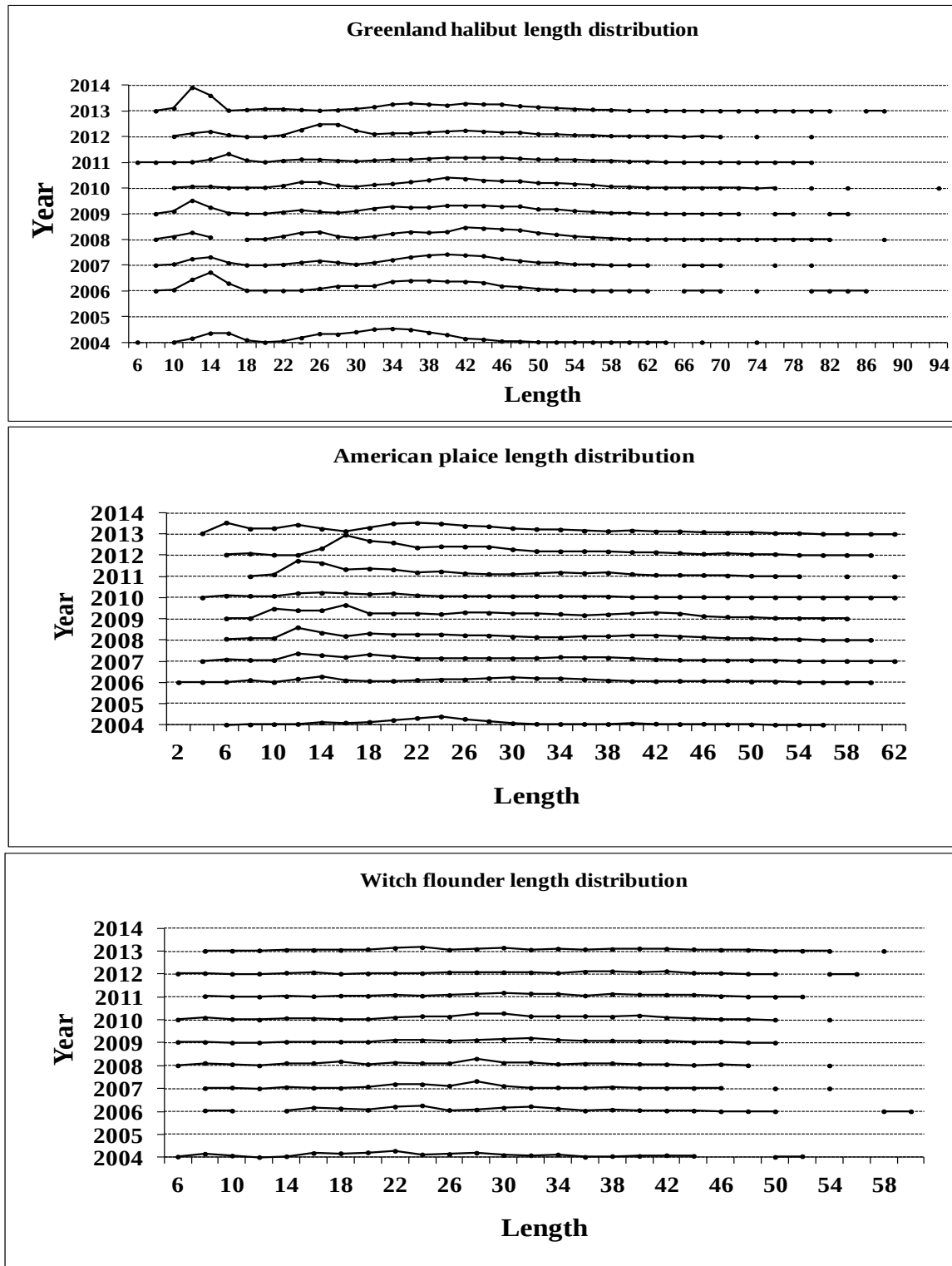


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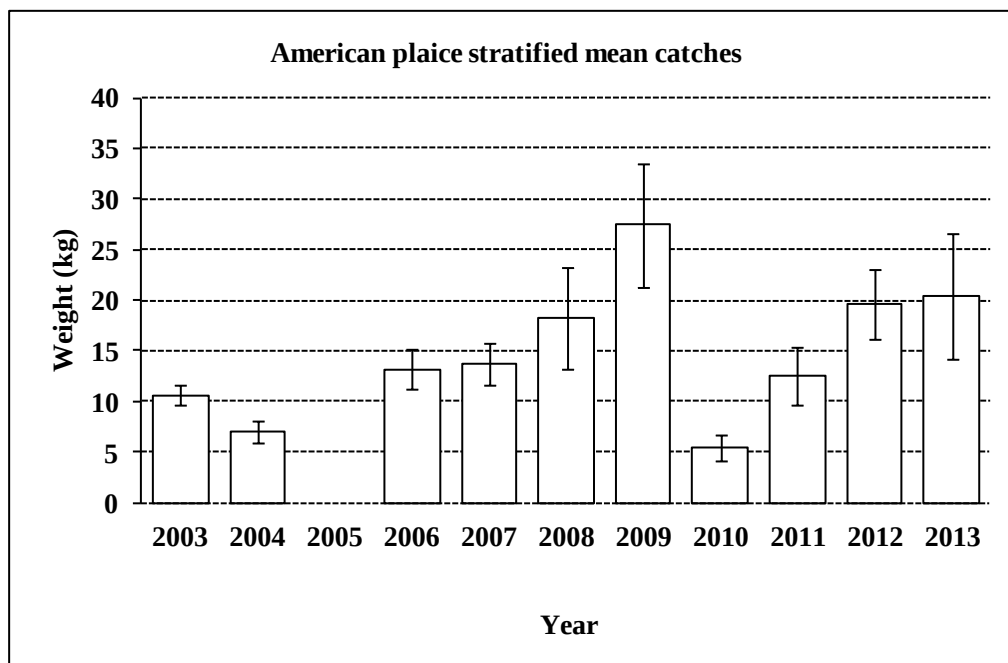


FIGURE 7.- American plaice stratified mean catches in Kg and $\pm$ SD by year. Spanish surveys in NAFO Division 3L: 2003 - 2013 (R/V “*Vizconde de Eza*”). In 2003, the data correspond to 69% of the total area prospected in 2006-2013.

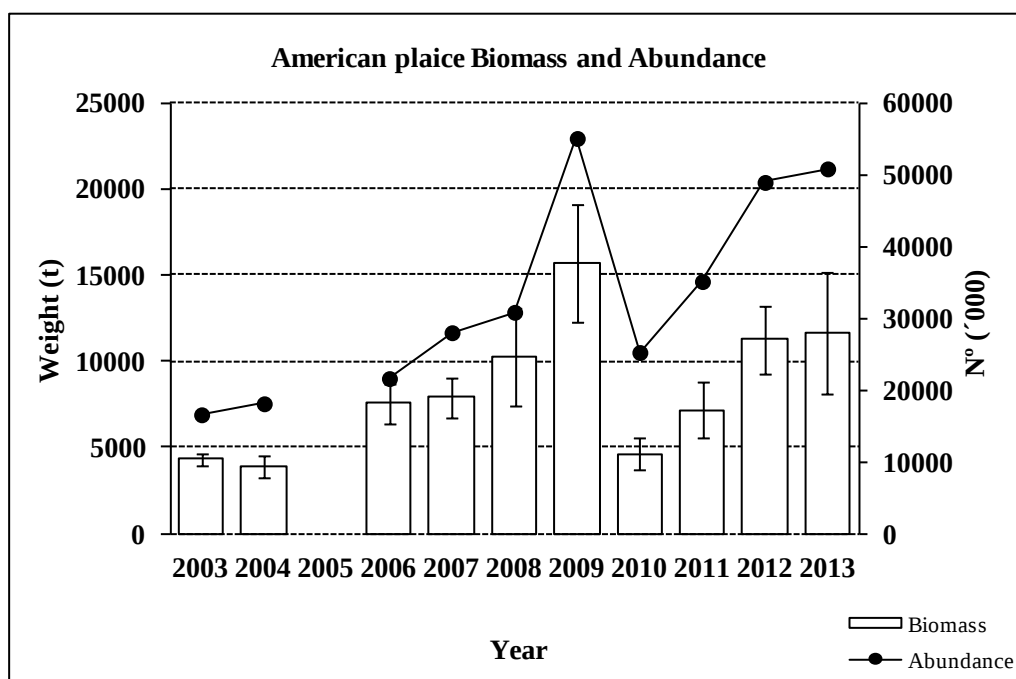


FIGURE 8.- American plaice abundance (\'000), biomass in tonnes and $\pm$ SD by year. Spanish surveys in NAFO Division 3L: 2003 - 2013 (R/V “*Vizconde de Eza*”). In 2003, the data correspond to 69% of the total area prospected in 2006-2013.

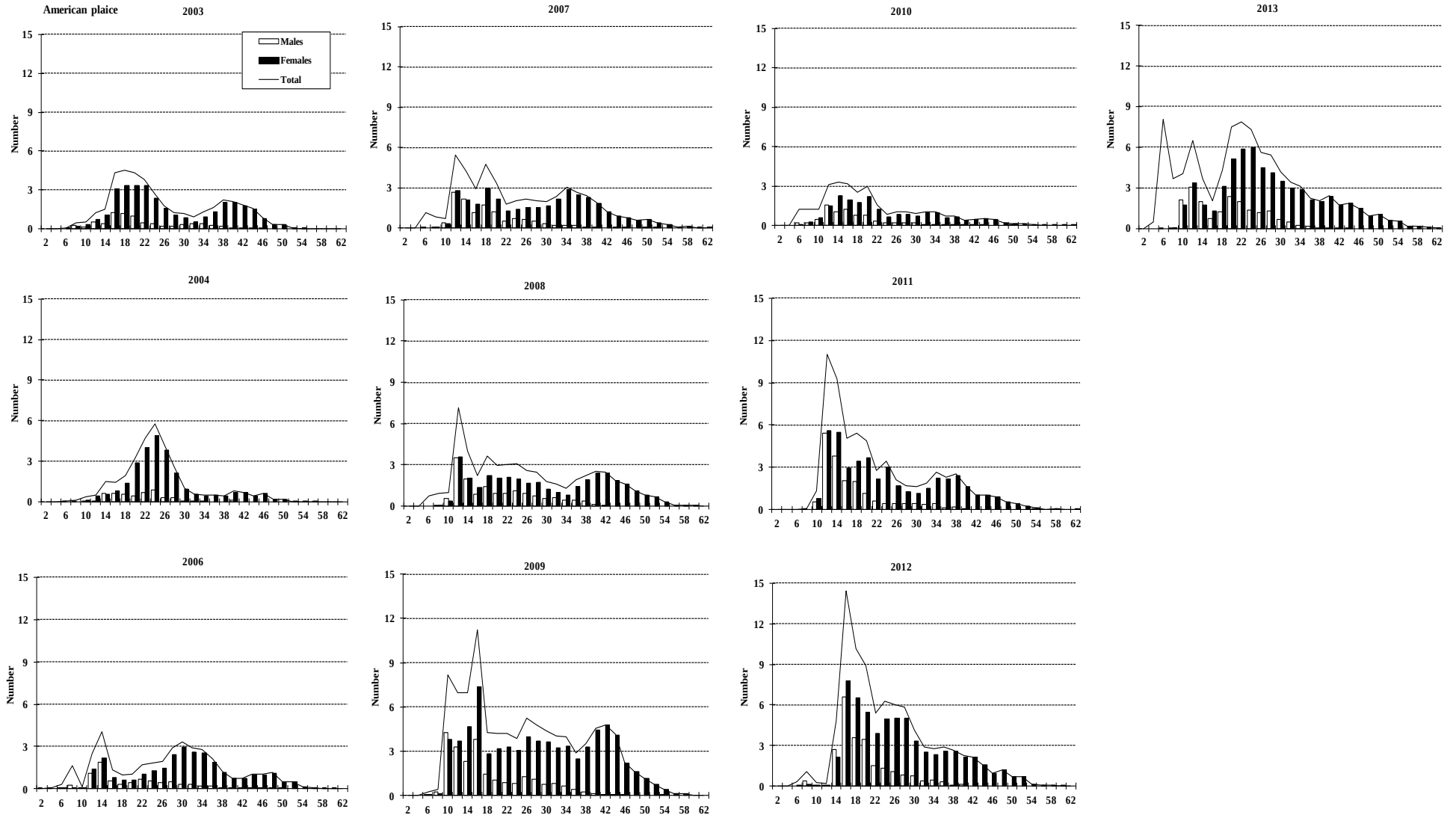


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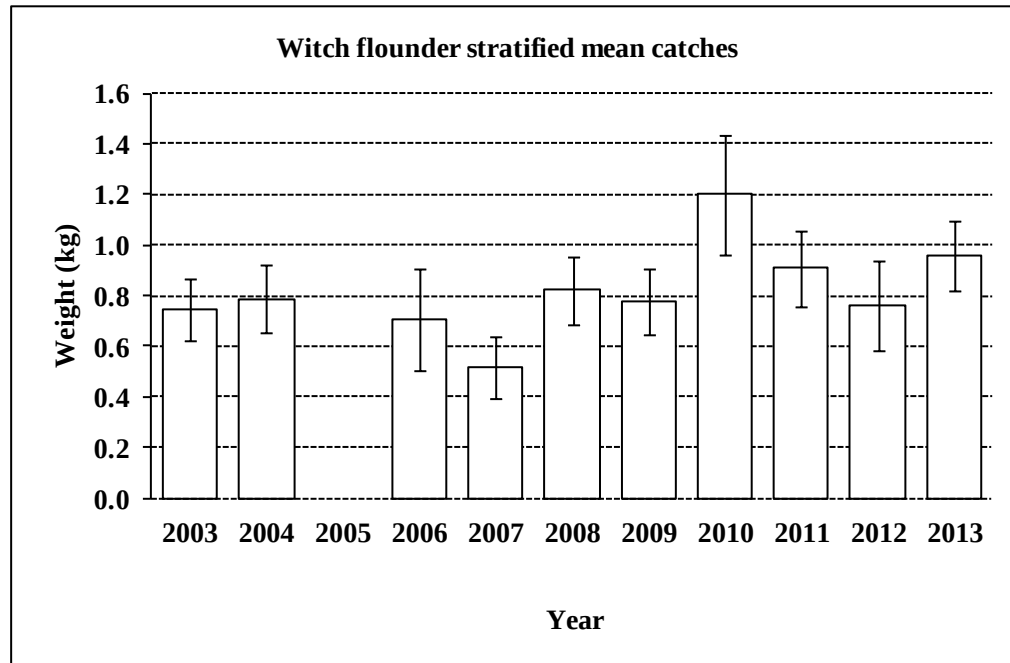


FIGURE 10.- Witch flounder stratified mean catches in Kg and $\pm$ SD by year. Spanish surveys in NAFO Division 3L: 2003 - 2013 (R/V “*Vizconde de Eza*”). In 2003, the data correspond to 69% of the total area prospected in 2006-2013.

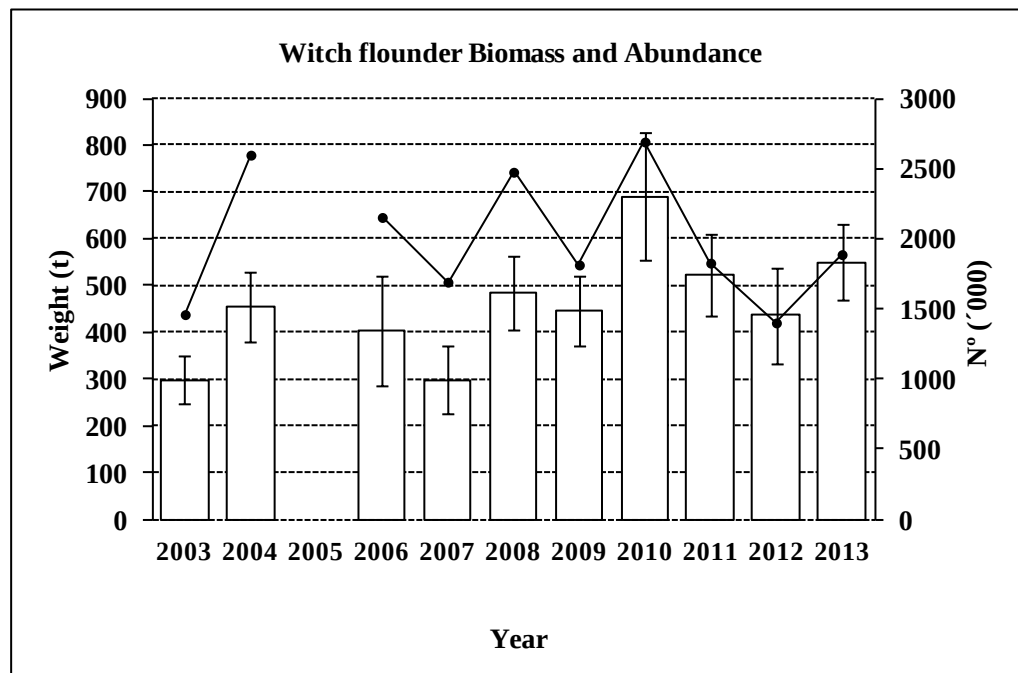


FIGURE 11.- Witch flounder abundance (\'000), biomass in tonnes and $\pm$ SD by year. Spanish surveys in NAFO Division 3L: 2003 - 2013 (R/V “*Vizconde de Eza*”). In 2003, the data correspond to 69% of the total area prospected in 2006-2013.

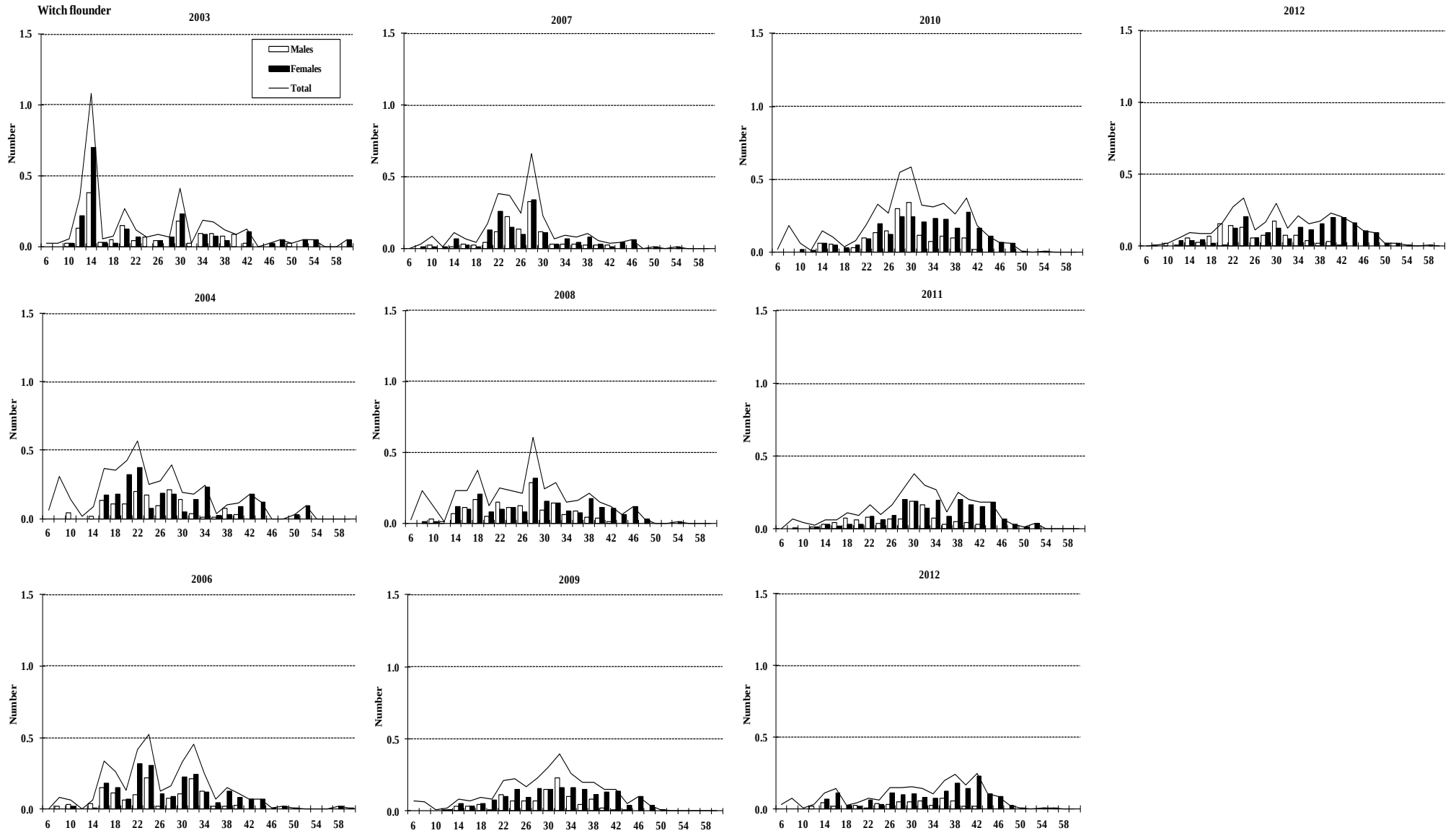


FIGURE 12.- Witch flounder length distribution (cm) in NAFO 3L: 2006-2013. Number per stratified mean catches.