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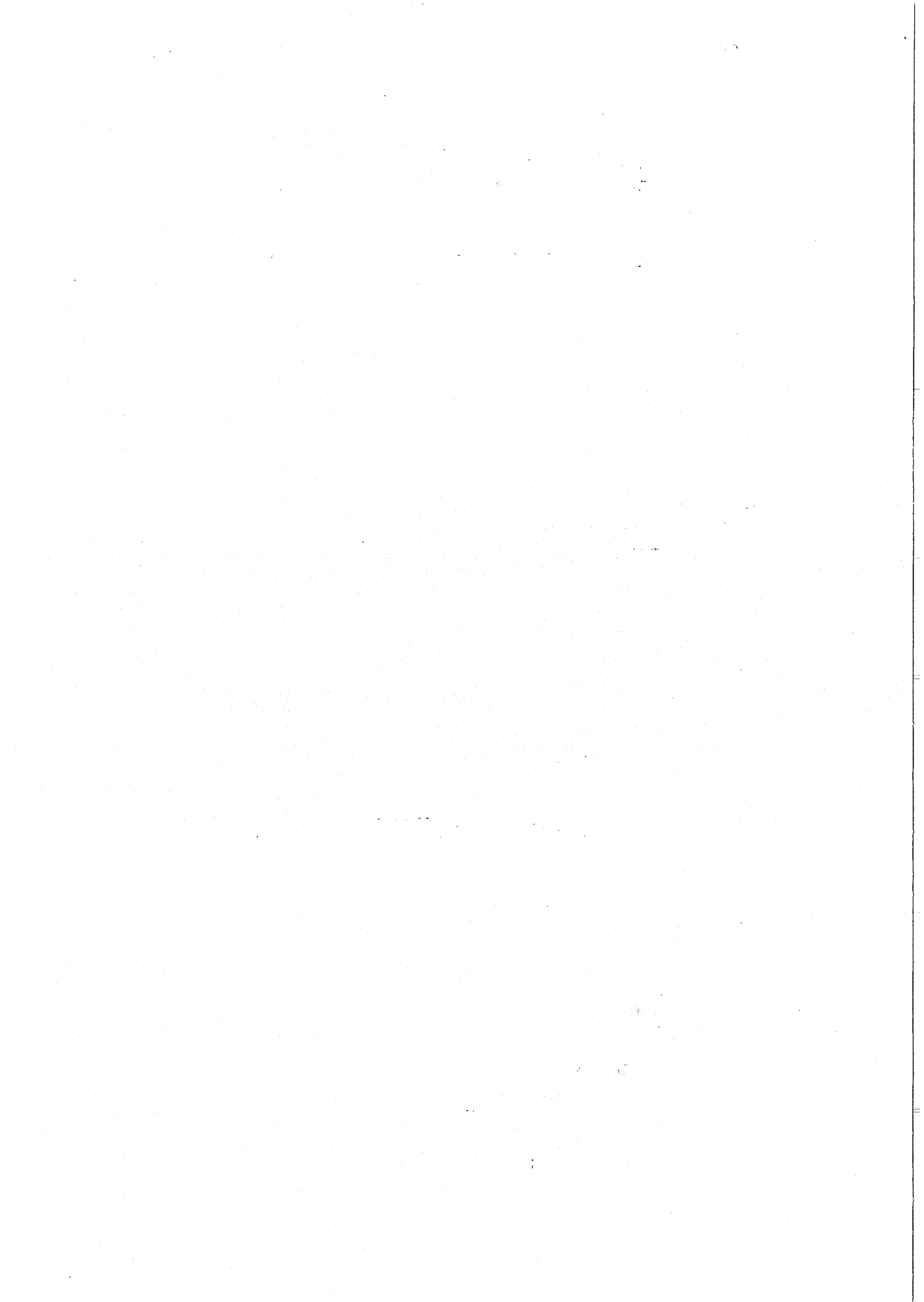
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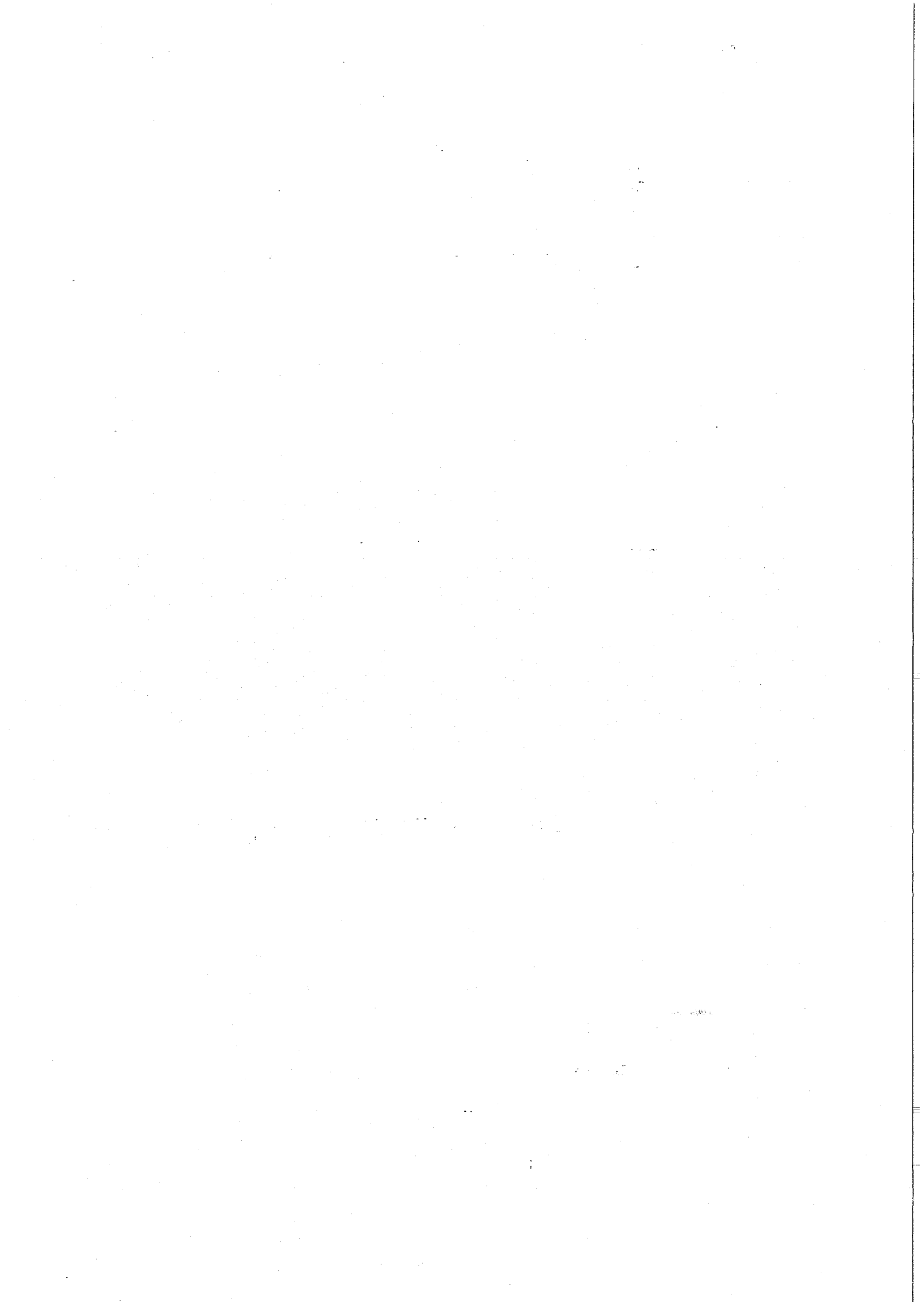
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In June-August 1980 a programme of investigation of the marine fish resources of Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia was agreed between the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) and the Norwegian Agency for International Development (NORAD). In accordance with this the fisheries research vessel "Dr. Fridtjof Nansen" was commissioned to survey the east and west coast of Peninsular Malaysia between 10 June and 15 July 1980. The Institute of Marine Research, Bergen, was responsible for the details of planning in consultation with the UNDP/FAO South China Sea Fisheries Development and Coordinating Programme and the Government of Malaysia.

The acoustic/exploratory fishing survey which is here made use of includes the following observations:

Acoustic system observing depth, bottom type, and fish biomass by categories.

Fishing system observing catch, its amount and composition, biological data of fish, fishability.

Oceanographical observations of ambient characteristics (temperature, salinity, oxygen).

The analyses and processing of these data provide information on the quantity and distribution of the fish resources, their composition and aspects of their behaviour and their environment. The survey system has certain limitations particularly as regards the interpretation of the acoustic observations. These will be discussed later. Similar work in other areas has, however, demonstrated that findings from these types of surveys can provide good if often conservative indications of the availability of fish resources.

The first cruise with R/V "Dr. Fridtjof Nansen" in Malaysian waters was carried out off the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia during the period 10 June - 25 June 1980 and the second cruise off the west coast during the period 5-15 July.

The participating scientific and technical staff is listed in Annex I. All the staff took part in observational work and carried out analyses and processing of the data to the extent possible onboard the vessel. The preliminary results were presented in a short cruise report. The preparation of the final report was done at the Institute of Marine Research, Bergen.

## 2. METHODS

### 2.1 Vessel and equipment

The R/V "Dr. Fridtjof Nansen" is a 150-foot stern trawler with a main engine of 1500 horsepower. The vessel is equipped for acoustic surveying, bottom and midwater trawling, hydrography and plankton observations.

The bottom trawl was a 134-foot headline shrimp trawl adapted for demersal fish trawling. The foot rope was equipped with 0.5 m rubber bobbins. Bridles of 40 m gave it a horizontal distance between the wings of about 20 m. The effective vertical opening of the net was about 6 m. At the east coast a pelagic trawl of about 120 m circumference was used. The vertical opening was normally 13 m. The pelagic trawl had an inner-net of mesh size 1 cm in the cod end. Pelagic trawl operations were usually monitored by aid of a 50 kHz acoustic net sonde. In addition a 24 kHz searchlight sonar was used while fishing on pelagic schools.

Hydrographic observations were carried out with Nansen bottles with which temperature readings and samples for salinity and oxygen determinations were collected at standard depths. The salinity was determined with an inductive salinometer and dissolved oxygen by the Winkler method.

Two echo sounders, 120 kHz and 38 kHz, connected to echo integrators, were run continuously. Settings and performance of the two acoustic systems were:



	<u>120 kHz</u>	<u>38 kHz</u>
Basic range	0-100 m	0-100 m or 0-250 m
Transmitter	1/1	Ext. transmitter
Transducer (ceramic)	10°(circular)	8°x8°
SL + VR	102 dB	133 dB
Bandwidth and pulse length	3 kHz, 0.6 m.sec.	3 kHz, 0.6 m.sec.
TVG and gain	20 logR+2αR -0dB	20 logR+2αR -0db
Recorder gain	3	1
Integrator threshold	8(0.2 volt peak)	8(0.3 volt peak)
Integrator gain	20 dB (x10)	10db (x10)
Depth intervals	According to recordings	According to recordings

With these settings echoes from plankton and small fishes (less than say 5 cm) were integrated by the 120 kHz system only when they occurred in high volume densities, while bigger fish were always properly integrated. The settings chosen for the 38 kHz system made it more sensitive to smaller organisms, while signals from bigger fish sometimes saturated the receiver. Therefore integrator values from the 120 kHz system were used for abundance estimation of fish, while the 38 kHz values were used as an aid during the daily scrutinizing of the echo recordings.

## 2.2 Sampling and processing of data

For each trawl catch the weight, number and average total length of each species (or family) were estimated. Species determinations were mostly based on ANON (1974) and partly SMITH (1972). All fish belonging to the families Carangidae, Clupeidae, Engraulidae, Gerreidae, Leiognathidae and Scombridae were classified as pelagic fish whether they occurred in the pelagic trawl or the demersal trawl.

### The echo recordings and their interpretation

Assessment of the abundance of fish resources based on acoustic observations combined with experimental fishing is a method which especially lends itself to fish found in schools or other aggregations in mid-water. This is, moreover, a type of behaviour which characterizes some of the fish species found in Malaysian waters. But there are also notable exceptions, e.g. surface schooling tunas and tuna-like species and strictly bottom dwelling fish as rays and flounders. Any fish found very close to the bottom ( $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 m) or in the very surface layer will escape echo sounder detection. For navigational reasons the work with the R/V "Dr. Fridtjof Nansen" is limited to waters deeper than about 10 m. The extreme inshore waters could thus not be covered.

Because of differences in behaviour and size, different species or groups of fish species may give rise to different types of echo-recordings. Small-sized pelagic fish are, for instance, often found in well-defined schools, the recordings of which can be distinguished from those of the often looser aggregation in which semi-demersal larger fish are often found. Such classification of the echo recordings is of considerable assistance in interpreting the acoustic observations, but a positive identification by fishing operations is still indispensable and also provides the only means of sampling fish in this type of combined survey.

Based on previous experience and on identification by fishing, the fish recordings in the Malaysian waters were classified as follows:

- (i) Recordings of true larger schools or dense layer mostly in upper water, Figure 1. These will most often derive from pelagic schooling fish usually of smaller size, e.g., clupeoids, scads. This type was common in the coastal areas.

(ii) Demersal fish recordings which especially comprised looser aggregations of smaller and larger fish near the bottom. These are ascribed to demersal or semi-demersal fish such as croakers, grunts, breams, snappers, sharks etc. This type of recording was also common, and examples are shown in Figure 2.

(iii) "Smoky" recordings of plankton and juvenile fish mostly distributed in scattered layers in upper water.

One should note, however, that the terms "pelagic" and "demersal" only indicate a general tendency of behaviour. Pelagic fish are often caught in quantities in bottom trawls and pelagic trawls can be used to catch demersal fish when distributed in mid-water. An example of mixed recordings is shown in Fig. 3.

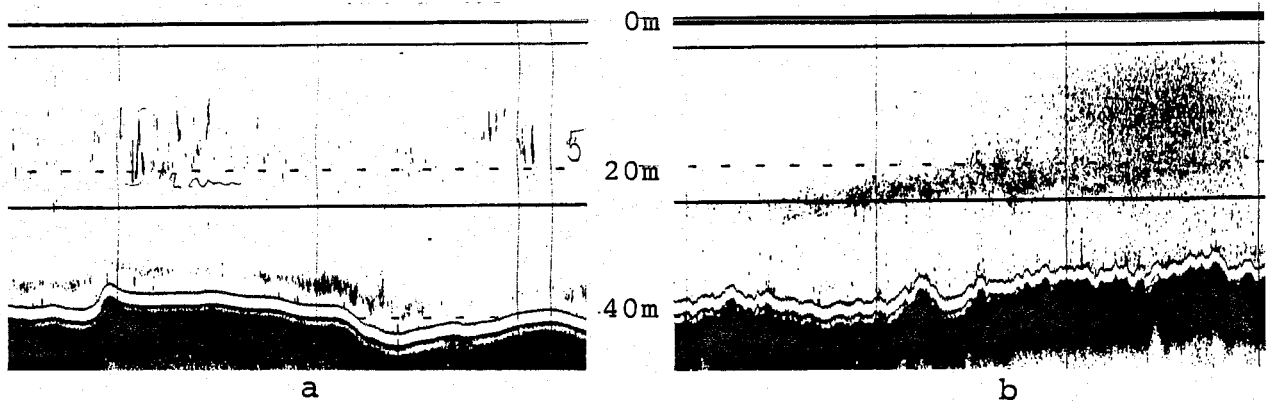


Fig. 1. Recordings of typical "pelagic" fish. a: Day b: Night

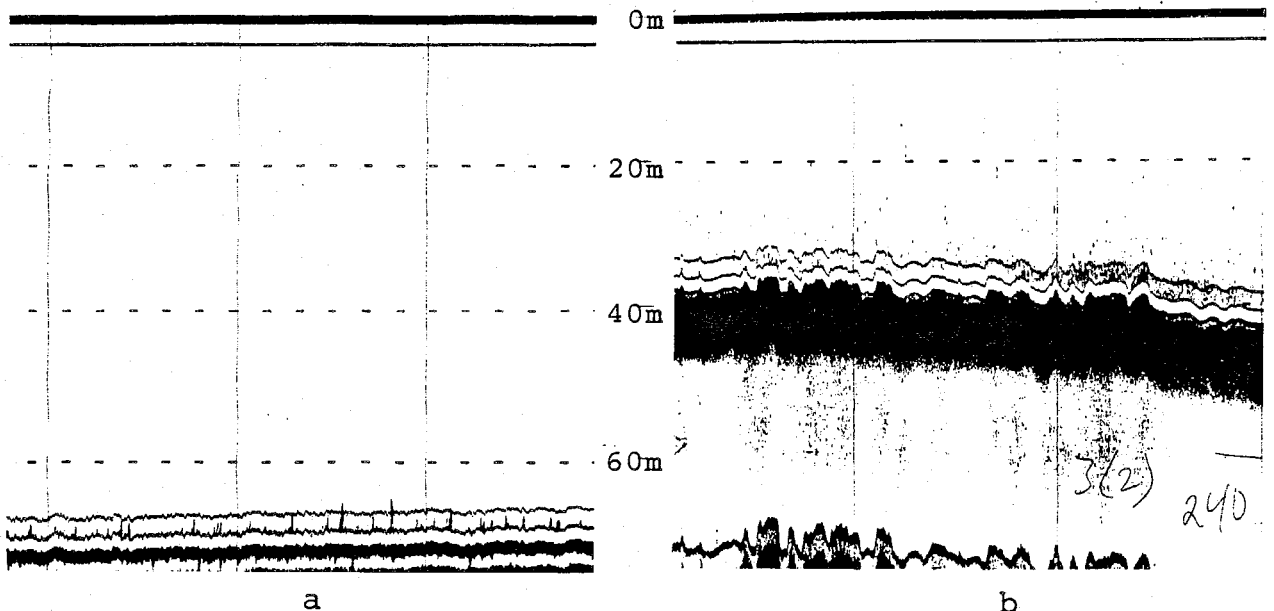


Fig. 2. Recordings of demersal fish. a: Day b: Night



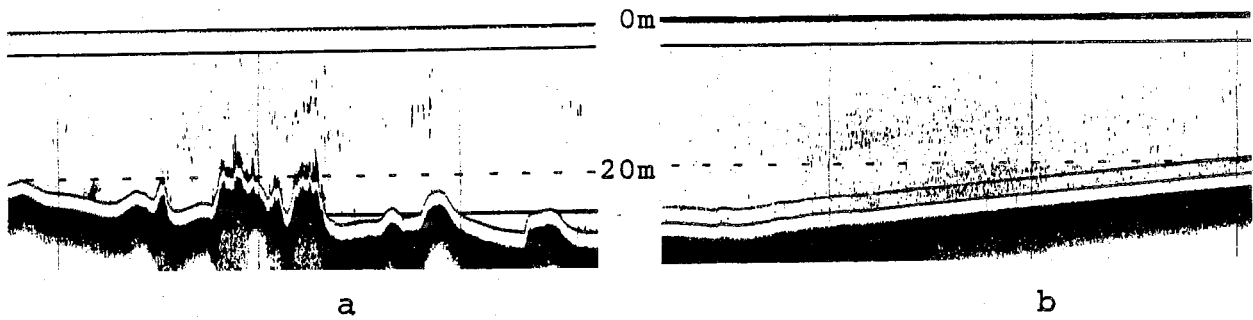


Fig. 3. Mixed recordings of pelagic and demersal fish.  
a: Day b: Night

#### Acoustic abundance estimation

Average integrator deflection per nautical mile was calculated each five nautical mile steamed. As far as possible separate values for "pelagic" and "demersal" fish were obtained. When mixed recordings occurred, the values were allocated according to the trawl catch composition. In some areas echo contribution from plankton and juvenile fish had to be separated by a coarse evaluation of the intensity and the extension of the recordings.

Average integrator values ( $\bar{M}$ ) for pelagic fish and demersal fish were calculated within subareas, and average densities ( $\bar{D}$ ) were estimated by the formulae  $\bar{D}=0.25 \cdot \bar{L} \cdot \bar{M}$  (tonnes/nm<sup>2</sup>).  $\bar{L}$  is the average fish length (cm) in the trawl catches within the subarea. The conversion factor  $0.25 \cdot \bar{L}$  (tonnes/nm<sup>2</sup> per mm integrator deflection) were estimated from an intercalibration between the acoustic systems onboard R/V "Dr. Fridtjof Nansen" and R/V "Johan Hjort" in March 1979. This gave a conversion factor of 10 tonnes/nm<sup>2</sup> with reference to a cod type fish of 40 cm length. This becomes  $0.25 \cdot L$  tonnes/nm<sup>2</sup> when the acoustic scattering cross section per unit weight is assumed to decrease linearly with fish length. This corresponds to an average target strength of  $-10 \log L-21$  dB per kg fish (at 120 kHz).

#### Abundance estimation of demersal fish by the swept area method

The swept area method is widely used in estimation of demersal fish abundance in the tropics. The method needs some assumptions concerning:

- the area swept by the trawl (a) per unit effort.
- the catchability coefficient (proportion of the fish in the swept area caught by the trawl (c)).

The fish density (D) is calculated according to the following formula:

$$D = \frac{d}{a \cdot c}$$

where d is catch per unit effort.

The following table shows assumptions used by various authors working in the tropics:

Authors (year)	c	a	Area
ISARANKURA (1971)	0.5	a = distance between Danlenos x towing speed	West coast Thailand and Malaysia.
SHINDO (1973)	0.5	a = [head rope length/1.5] x towing speed	South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand.
SÆTRE and SILVA (1979)	0.5	a = distance between wings x towing speed	Mozambique
BLINDHEIM et al. (1979)	0.5	"	Sri Lanka
ANON. (1979)	1	a = distance between wings x towing speed	Western Indian Ocean
STRØMME, NAKKEN, SAN AUNG and SÆTERS DAL (1981)	1	a = distance between wings x towing speed	Burma
SAVILLE (1977)	1 <sup>x)</sup>	a = distance between wings x towing speed	South of Equator

<sup>x)</sup> minimum estimate

ANON (1979) references a workshop discussing fish resources estimation in the tropics. Concerning the catchability coefficient for demersal fish, it was concluded that, while waiting the results from further investigations, the amount of fish escaping the opening between the wings is equal to that being herded by the bridles, e.g., c=1.

c=1 is used in the calculation of the demersal fish density from the bottom trawl catch rates of R/V "Dr.Fridtjof Nansen" in Malaysian, Thai and Indonesian waters in 1980, although experiences from other surveys with the same gear indicates that the catchability coefficient may be closer to 0.5 (SÆTRE

1981). The abundance estimates based on trawl data in this report are therefore most likely to be minimum estimates.

The area swept by the trawl is the distance between the wings multiplied by the towed distance. The catch rate unit is kg per hour, and the area swept by the trawl in one hour (Strømme et al. 1981) is estimated to be 0.03 n.mile<sup>2</sup>.

All other families than the Carangidae, the Clupeidae, the Engraulidae, the Gerreidae, the Leiognathidae and the Scombridae are included in "Demersal fish".

### 3. RESULTS EAST COAST

#### 3.1 Survey coverage

The programme included first a general survey of the area from Singapore to the border between Malaysia and Thailand and second, if time permitted, a closer study of the more interesting observations. Towards the end of the northern hydrographical section, however, 28 Vietnamese refugees were found adrift in a small vessel. The refugees were picked up and taken to Singapore and consequently the latter part of the programme had to be cancelled. Fig. 4 shows the cruise line followed during the survey and the location of the completed fishing stations and hydrographical stations. The main transects are spaced approximately 20 nautical miles apart and run from a depth of about 10 m seawards about 180 nautical miles. Three hydrographical sections were worked and fishing gears were operated at 89 stations mainly with bottom trawl.

The total surveyed area is approximately 34000 square nautical miles. The coastal area, defined as the area between 10-25 m depth was estimated as 6000 n.mile<sup>2</sup> and the offshore area, between 26-75 m, as 28000 n.mile<sup>2</sup>.



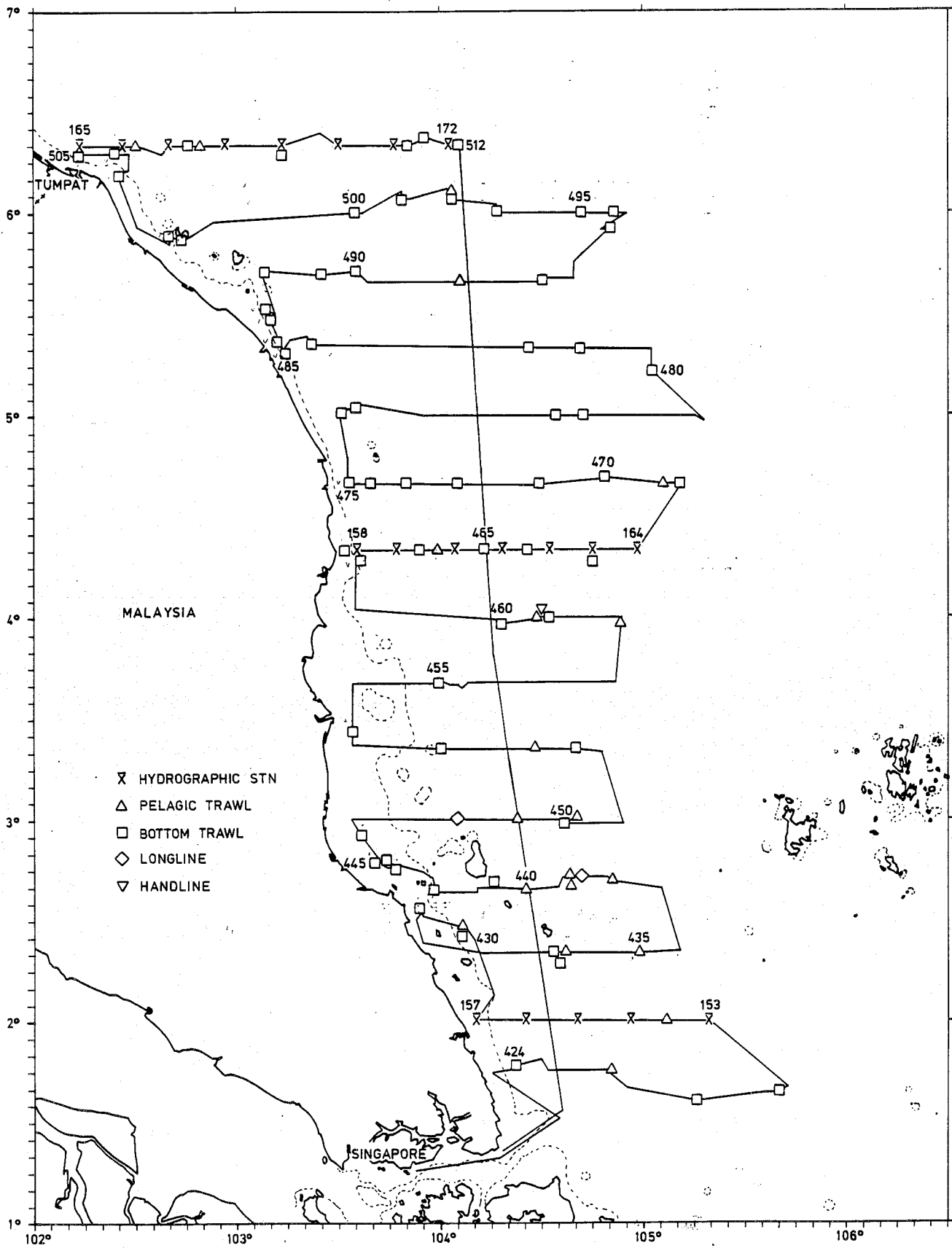


Fig. 4. Survey routes and stations. East coast of Peninsular Malaysia, 10 - 25 June 1980.

### 3.2 Bottom conditions

The type of bottom observed by echo sounder along the cruise tracks was classified according to its assumed suitability for bottom trawling as follows:

1. Even, smooth bottom, suitable for all kinds of bottom trawls.
2. Generally smooth, but more uneven bottom, where the use of bobbins would be preferable.
3. Rough bottom, unsuitable for trawling.

Fig. 5 show the total observations regarding bottom conditions from all cruise tracks. The shelf along the east coast is very wide and most of the shelf has suitable trawling grounds. Inside the main shelf, in waters of less than 50 m depth, many places with small rocks or corals unsuitable for trawling were observed.

### 3.3. Hydrography

The main hydrographical conditions in the region are summarized by Wyrcki (1961). According to him the surveyed area is part of the shallow Sunda Shelf Area which includes the southern parts of the China Sea, the Gulf of Thailand and the Java Sea, as well as the shallow parts of the Straits of Malacca. This area is characterized by shallow waters seldom deeper than 100 m.

Although local conditions along the coast may alter both the velocity and the direction of the currents, the surface currents are mainly governed by the monsoon regimes. During the southwest monsoon (May-Oct.) a current arises which runs north along the coast with velocities (according to Wyrcki (1961)) of up to 75 cm/sec; while during the northeast (Nov. - Apr.) monsoon the direction of the current is reversed, with speeds of the same order as during the southwest monsoon.

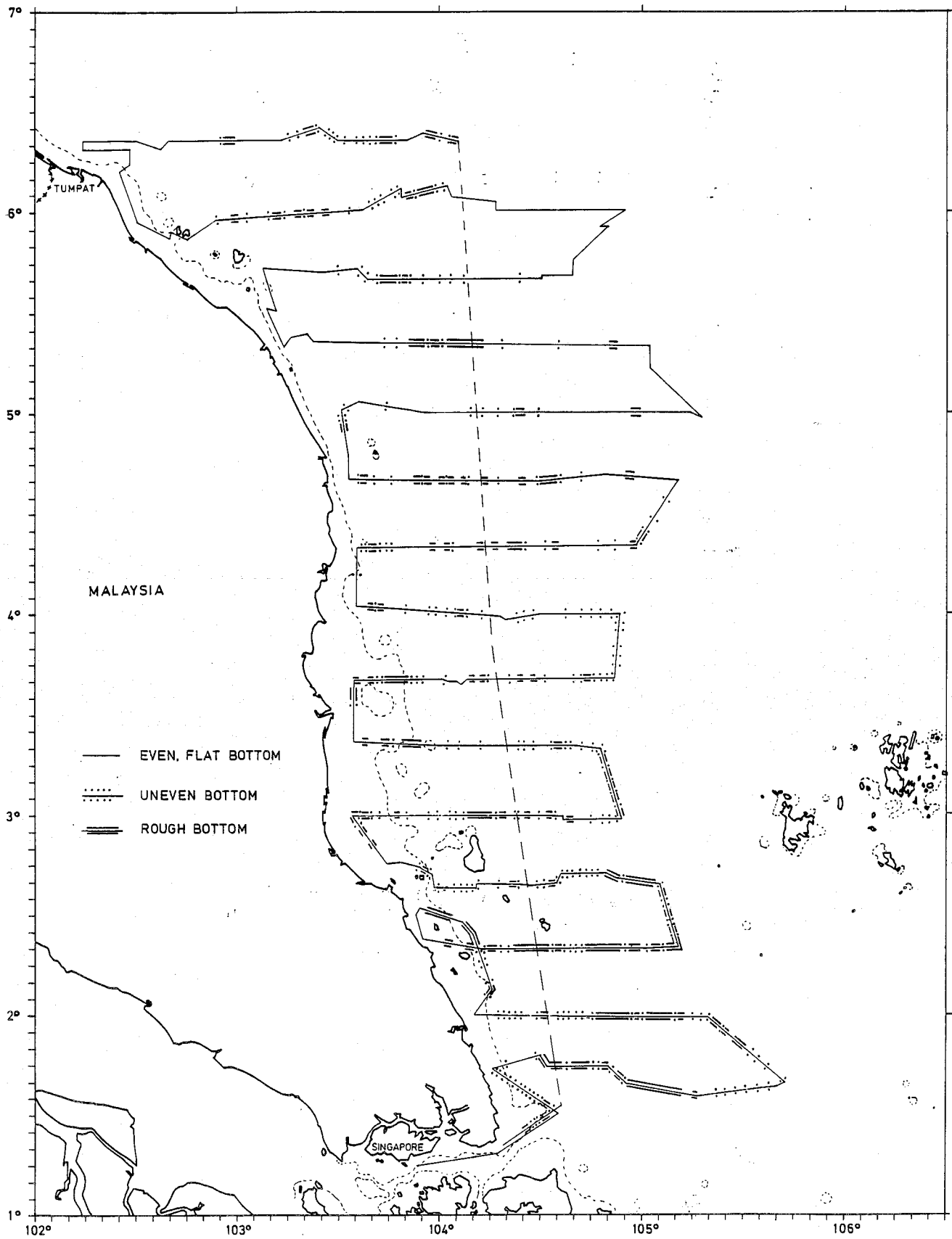


Fig. 5. Observations of the character of the bottom off the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia.



The surveyed area is characterized by shallow waters with depths never exceeding 80 m. The hydrographic cross-sections worked are shown in Fig. 4. The hydrography of the area, as shown in Fig. 6 a, b and c, is in good agreement with the general features set out by Wyrcki (1961) in his description of these shallow parts of the southeast Asian waters.

The homogeneous upper layer of the water masses extended down to about 40 m. In sections II and III the temperature profiles show a clear gradient beginning at a depth of about 45 m, indicating the beginning of the discontinuity layer. The salinity profiles show a lesser pronounced gradient, while the oxygen profiles indicate no clear gradient.

In the coastal area of the northern section our observations indicated a considerable fresh water influx from the rivers in the area. The salinity values obtained here were clearly lower (between 30-33<sup>o</sup>/oo) than the average of 33 to 34<sup>o</sup>/oo found in the rest of the surveyed area.

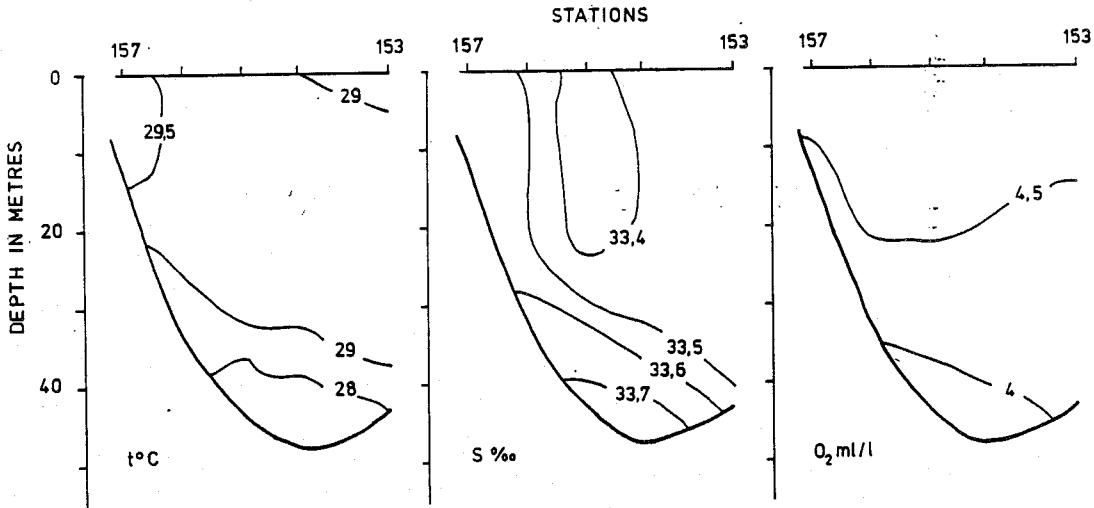


Fig. 6 a. Hydrographic section (I) at 2°00'N, East coast of Peninsular Malaysia, 11 June 1980.

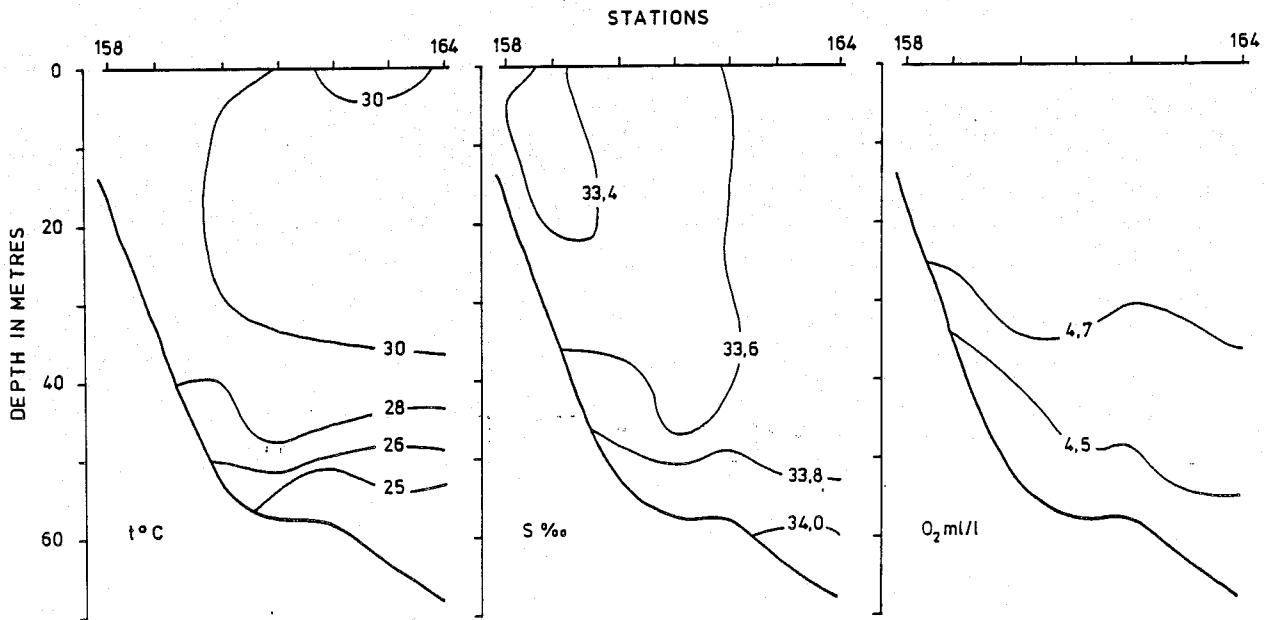


Fig. 6 b. Hydrographic section (II) at 4°20'N, East coast of Peninsular Malaysia, 16 June 1980.

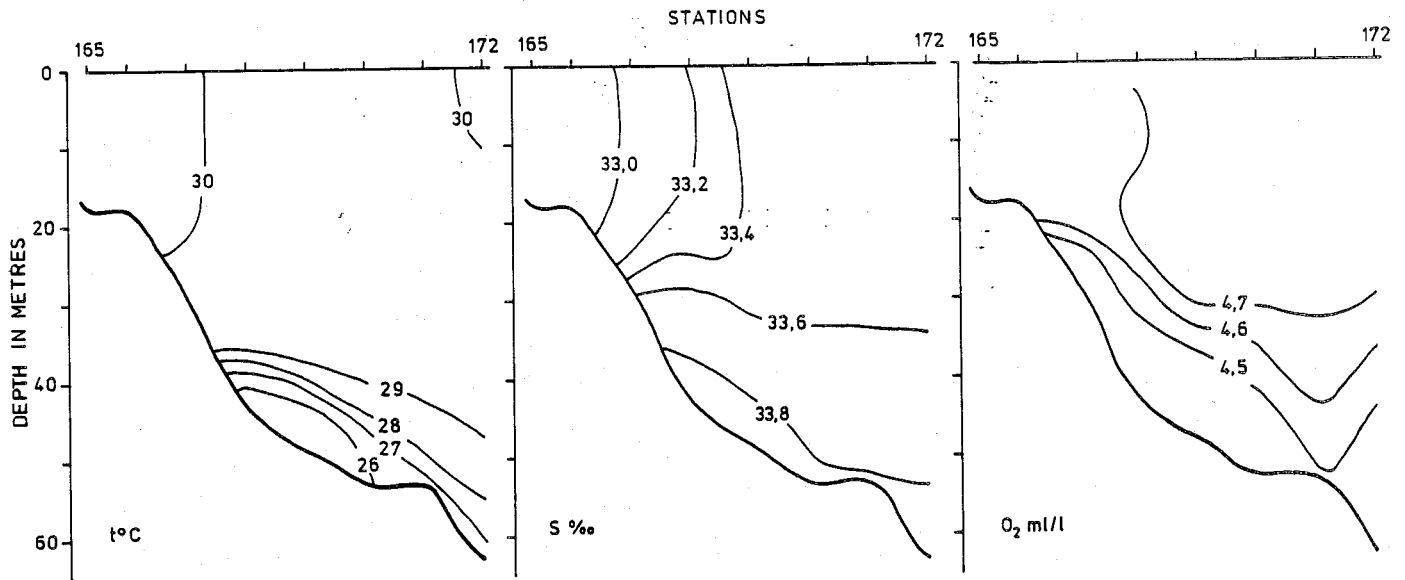


Fig. 6 c. Hydrographic section (III) at 6°20'N, East coast of Peninsular Malaysia, 22-23 June 1980.

### 3.4 Fish distribution and catch composition

Fig. 7 and 8 show the geographical distribution of echo-recordings of pelagic and demersal fish. Some small concentrations of pelagic fish were found near the shore at 10-25 m bottom depth, while the recordings in the offshore areas were very scattered. In some areas (Figure 7) much of the pelagic recordings were squid. The demersal recordings were more evenly distributed, but the densities were rather low.

The pelagic schools were small and scattered, and sonar contacts were scarce. Occasionally visual schools of small tuna-like fishes showed up, but they were also small and scattered. Schools of pelagic fish were often observed close to the bottom. Therefore bottom trawl catches usually gave a mixture of pelagic and demersal fish, while the pelagic trawl hauls mainly gave jelly-fish and juvenile fish (Table 1). The distribution of echo recordings classified as juvenile fish is shown in Fig. 9.

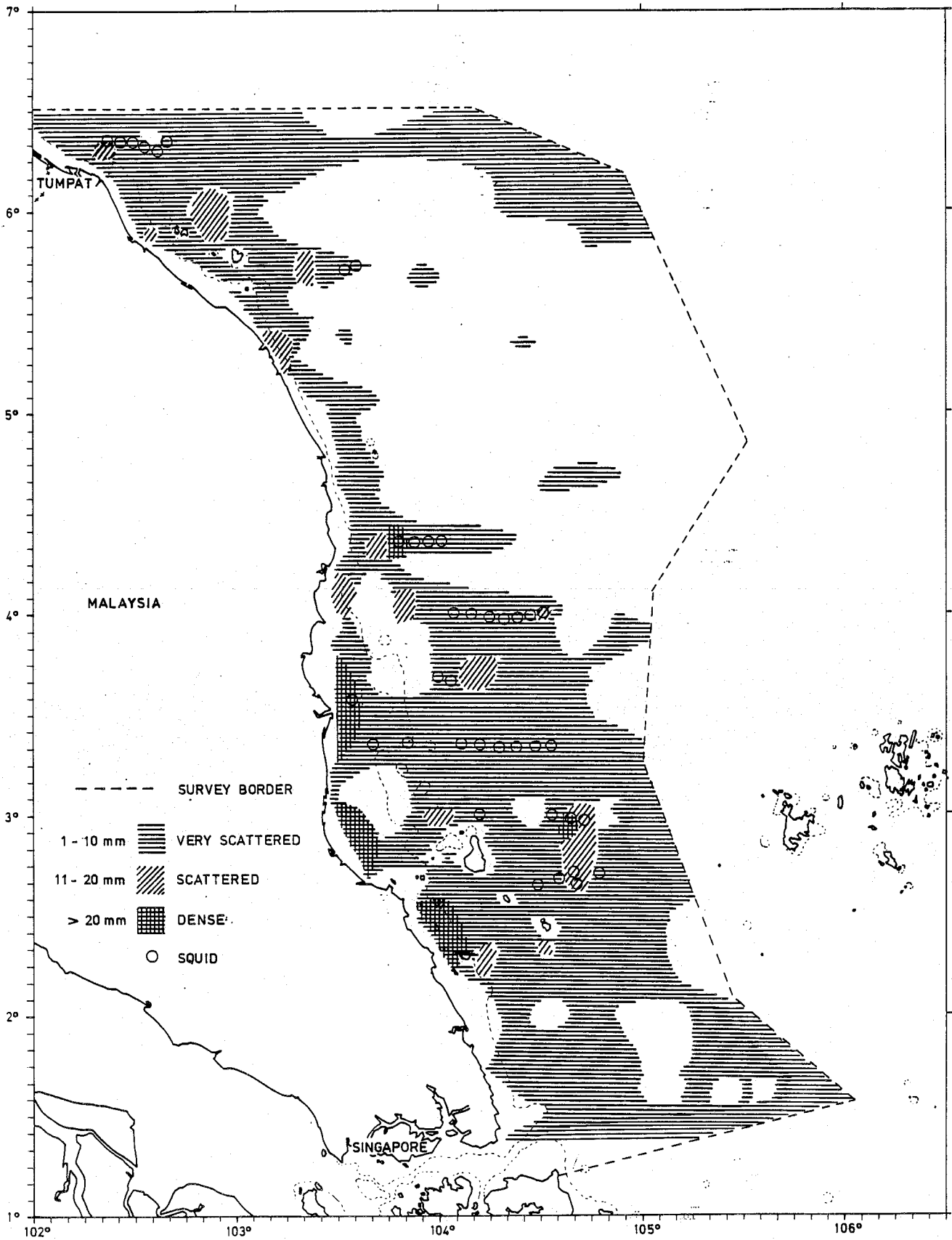


Fig. 7. Integrated echo intensities (mm/nautical mile) classified as pelagic fish.

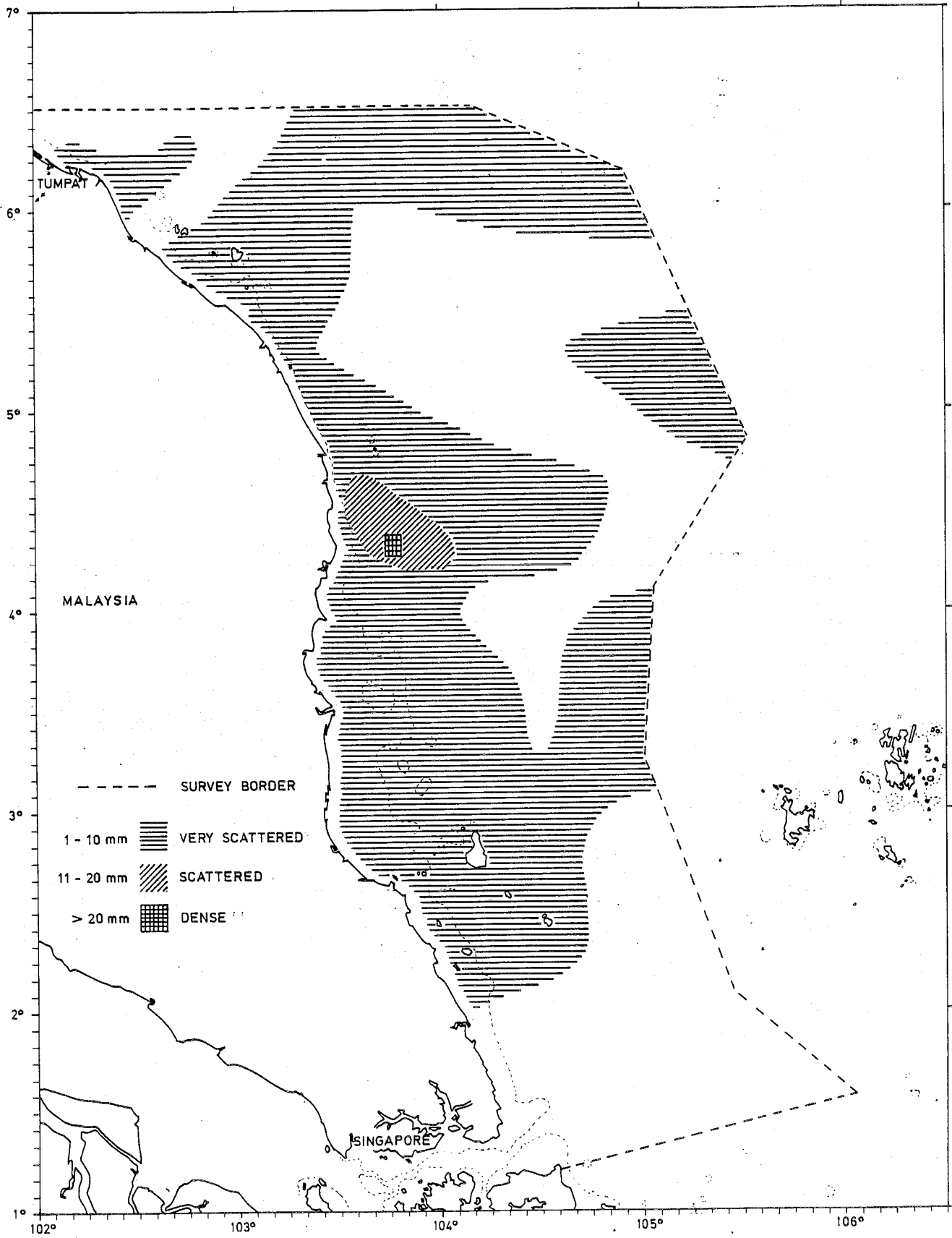


Fig. 8. Integrated echo intensities (mm/nautical mile) classified as demersal fish:



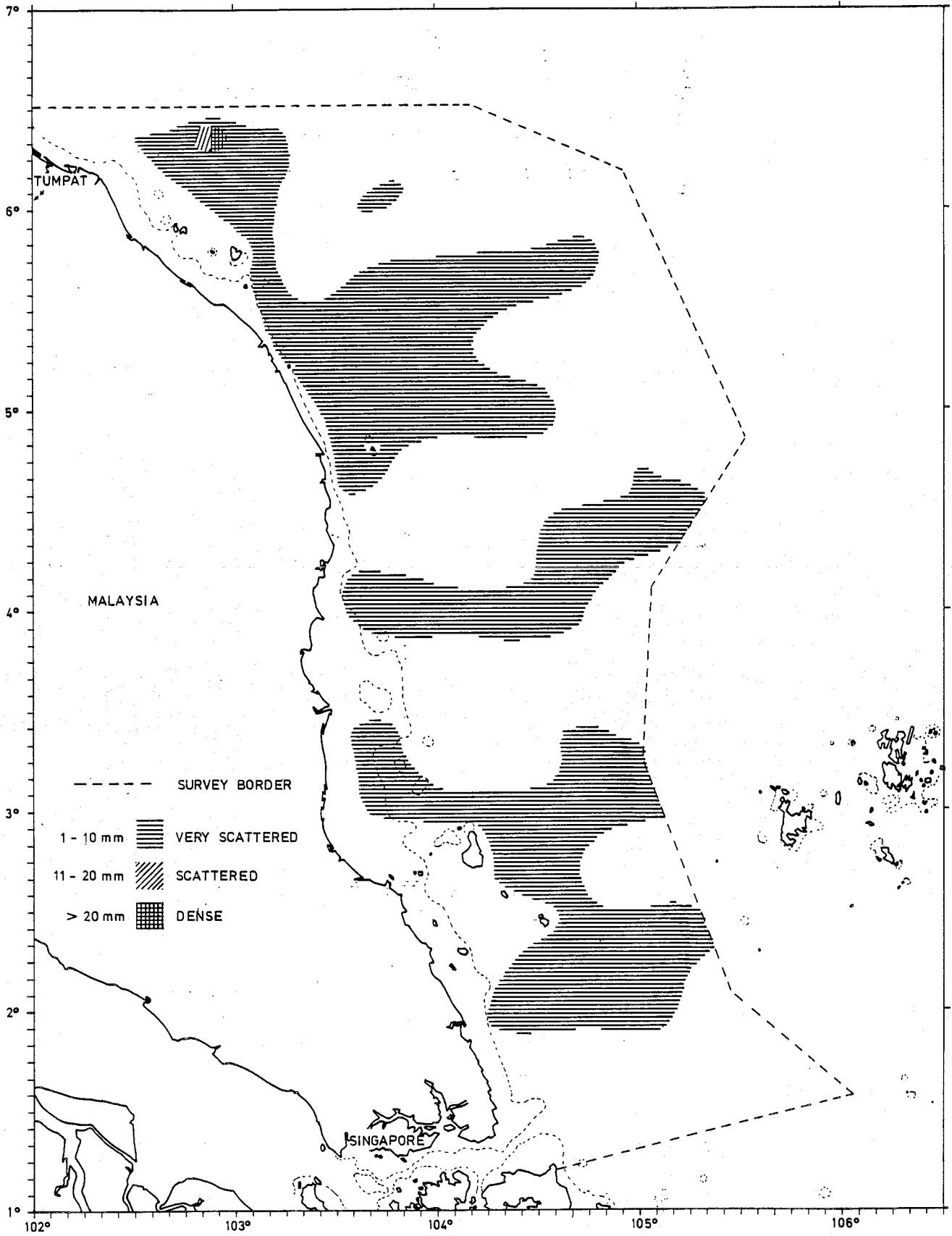


Fig. 9. Integrated echo intensities (mm/nautical mile) classified as juvenile fish.

Table 1. Average catch per hour for 22 pelagic trawl hauls at Peninsular Malaysia east coast. +: less than 0.1 kg/hr.

	CATCH (kg per hour)
APOGONIDAE	+
BALISTIDAE	+
BREGMACEROTIDAE	+
CARANGIDAE	0.6
CENTRISCIDAE	+
CLUPEIDAE	0.1
DIODONTIDAE	+
ECHENEIDAE	+
EMMELICHTHYIDAE	+
ENGRAULIDAE	0.3
EXOCOETIDAE	+
FISTULARIDAE	+
FORMIONIDAE	+
LEIOGNATHIDAE	+
LUTJANIDAE	+
MULLIDAE	+
PRIACANTHIDAE	+
SCOMBRIDAE	0.5
SPHYRAENIDAE	0.4
SYNODONTIDAE	0.1
TRICHIURIDAE	+
SHARKS	1.7
RAYS	+
Adult fish total	3.8
Juvenile fish	5.1
Cephalopoda	0.4
Jellyfish	101.6
TOTAL	111.0

The catch of the dominating species in each trawl haul are listed in Annex III. Table 2 shows average bottom trawl catch rates within depth zones for the dominating families. A complete list for all families are given in Annex IV. List of all species recorded is given in Annex II and length frequency distributions of some important species are given in Annex V.

Table 2. Average catch rates (kg/hr.) of dominating families within depth zones. Bottom trawl catches at the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia. +: less than 0.1 kg/hr.

	Catch rate (kg/hr.)		
	10-25m	26-50m	51-75m
"Pelagic" fish:			
CARANGIDAE	62.4	8.1	5.9
CLUPEIDAE	6.5	+	-
GERREIDAE	2.1	4.1	3.3
LEIOGNATHIDAE	11.9	1.5	3.1
SCOMBRIDAE	1.3	0.1	0.7
Other pelagic fish	0.8	+	-
Demersal fish:			
ARIIDAE	20.5	2.7	0.4
BALISTIDAE	0.4	3.1	3.7
LUTJANIDAE	4.2	10.8	4.0
MULLIDAE	11.2	2.7	4.4
NEMIPTERIDAE	11.2	9.8	8.4
POMACENTRIDAE	4.1	2.4	0.2
PRIACANTHIDAE	0.4	0.7	6.6
SIGANIDAE	26.8	0.7	0.1
SYNODONTIDAE	4.8	4.7	4.6
TETRAODONTIDAE	2.8	0.8	0.2
THERAPONIDAE	17.5	-	+
RAYS	28.8	3.1	0.8
Other demersal fish	22.8	11.2	11.9
Crustacea	3.7	1.5	0.7
Cephalopoda	4.7	8.2	4.4
Pelagic fish total	85.0	13.8	13.0
Demersal fish total	154.9	52.7	45.3
TOTAL	245.7	74.7	58.3
No of trawl hauls	10	15	28

### Coastal Area

The highest integrator values were obtained from Tinggi Island to Paka. 14 bottom hauls were made here with a mean catch rate of 290 kg/hour. Occasionally trawling was not possible due to the rough bottom.

Of the typical pelagic fish, the horse mackerels were dominant. Yellow stripe trevally (Selaroides leptolepis) was the most frequent and gave the highest catch rates. Various pony fishes (Leioagnathidae) and longfin mojarra (Pentaprion longimanus) were

found to have a wide distribution and occasionally made up the bulk of the catches. Of the typical demersal fishes, threadfin breams (Nemipteridae), goatfish (Mullidae) and snappers (Lutjanidae) were dominant. The catch rates of various commercially important species were low and only occasionally exceeded 40 kg/hour.

South of Tinggi Island no good recordings were obtained, and the single trawl haul gave no catch. Along the northern part of the coast the areas with considerable fish recordings were more limited compared to those made between Tinggi Island and Paka and the mean catch rate was only 209 kg/hr as compared to 290 kg/hr. The dominance of demersal and semi-pelagic fish was more prominent. The main fish families and species appeared to be the same as further south.

#### Offshore Area

With reference to pelagic fish registrations, the offshore area appeared to be the poorest. No rich concentrations were observed. In the areas with considerable integrator deflections, squid shoals were the most prominent recordings.

In all 41 bottom hauls were made in the area. The catch-rates reflect the observations from the echo survey by being considerably lower (mean rate less than 100 kg/hour) than those achieved along the coast. The catches were dominated mostly by demersal fish species: Threadfin breams (Nemipteridae), snappers (Lutjanidae), longfin mojarra (Pentaprion longimanus), lizard fishes (Synodontidae) and bigeyes (Priacanthidae). It should be noted, however, that squid were among the dominant groups in almost half of the bottom trawl catches. Various horse mackerels (Carangidae) occasionally made up a considerable part of the catches.

#### 3.5 Fish abundance

The abundance estimates of demersal fish off the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia calculated by the swept area method, are summarized in Table 3.

Table 3. Abundance of demersal fish estimated from bottom trawl catch rates at the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia.

	No of hauls	Area <sub>2</sub> (n.m <sup>2</sup> )	Catch rate (kg/hr.)		Density (tonnes/n.m <sup>2</sup> )	Total abundance (1000 tonnes)
			Mean	S.Dev.		
Coastal area (10-25m)	19	6000	160	47	5.3	31.8
Offshore area (26-75m)	41	28000	51	7	1.7	47.6
TOTAL		34000				79.4

The total area is roughly divided between the coastal (10-25 m depth) and the offshore area (26-75 m) using depth information both from the cruises and the charts.

Table 2 shows that the average catch rates of demersal fish in bottom trawl decreased with increasing depth. As the catch difference between the two deepest depth intervals are small, these are delt with as one area in the calculations (Table 3). The drop in the catches is most prominent from the coastal area to the first offshore area. The mean density of demersal fish in the coastal area (5.3 tonnes/n.mile<sup>2</sup>) is about three times that of the offshore area (1.7 tonnes/n.mile<sup>2</sup>). However, the estimated total biomasse in the offshore area is the larger because the offshore area is nearly 5 times larger than the coastal area. The catch rate variation of demersal fish was much higher in the coastal area than offshore, which is demonstrated by the calculated standard deviation (Table 3). The precision of the density estimates in the coastal area is much lower than in the offshore area.

Table 4. Fish density and abundance estimated from mean integrator values and fish length within subareas at the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia.

Subarea	Area (n.mile <sup>2</sup> )	Mean integrator value (mm/n.mile)		Mean fish length (cm)		Mean fish density (tonnes/n.m <sup>2</sup> )		Total abundance (1000 tonnes)	
		Pel.	Dem.	Pel.	Dem.	Pel.	Dem.	Pel.	Dem.
I	3570	4.4	0.9	13	17	14.3	3.8	51.1	13.7
II	7840	1.1	0.7	15	19	4.1	3.3	32.3	26.1
III	4390	3.6	2.5	14	15	12.6	3.8	55.3	16.5
IV	7800	0.8	0.9	13	17	2.6	3.8	20.3	29.8
V	4580	9.6	0.6	11	12	26.4	1.8	120.9	8.2
VI	6200	1.5	0.4	16	15	6.0	1.5	37.2	9.3
TOTAL	34380							317.1	103.6

Table 4 shows average density and abundance of fish estimated from average integrator values within 6 subareas. The subareas are shown in Fig. 10. This gives about 300 000 tonnes of pelagic



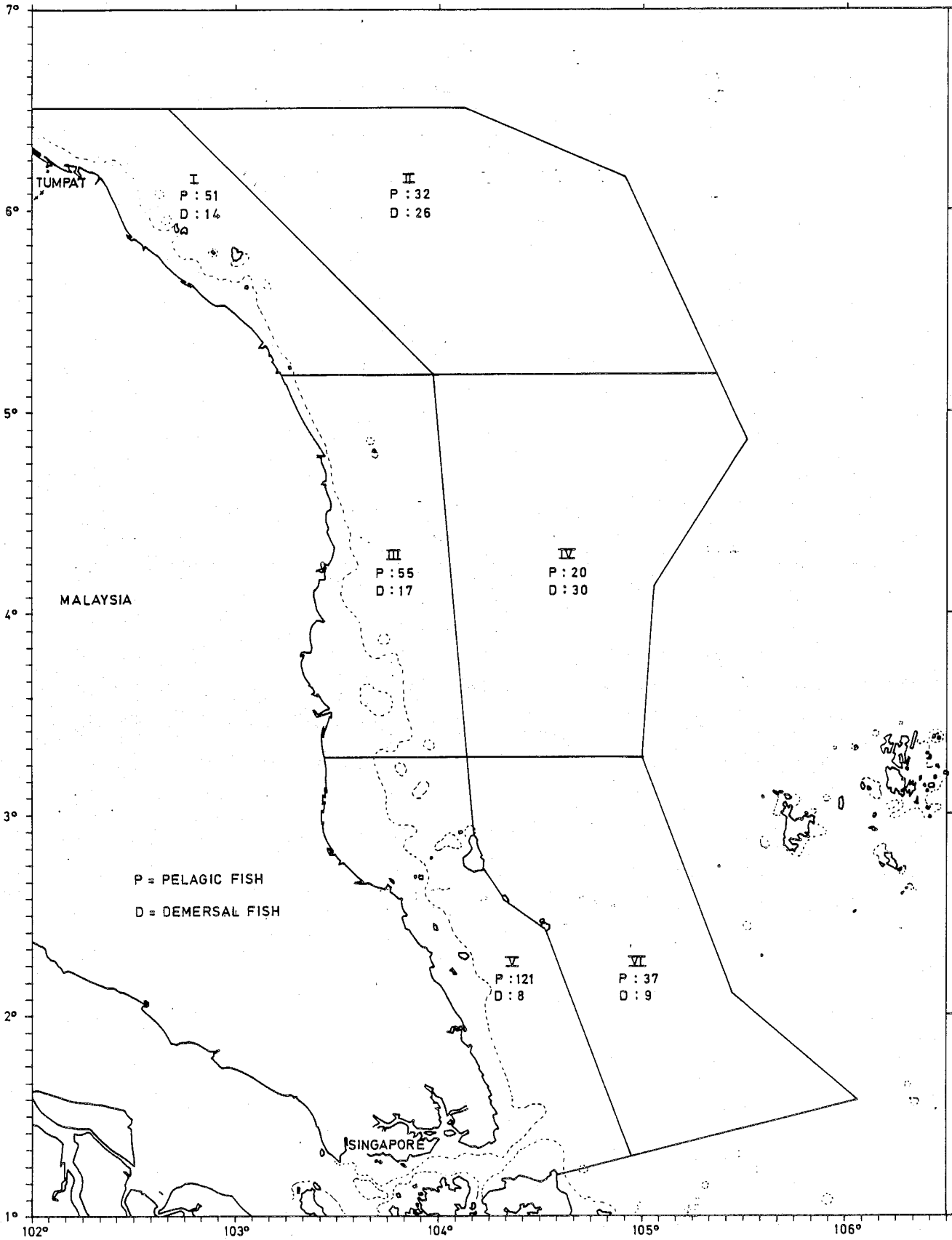


Fig. 10. Sub-areas used for acoustic abundance estimation. Estimates given in 1000 tonnes.

fish and 100 000 tonnes of demersal fish in the whole investigated area. This estimate for demersal fish is 25 % higher than the estimate based on catch rates.

It would be more reasonable to expect the trawl catch based estimate to be the higher one, because some fish very close to the bottom are inaccessible for echo integration. In addition, the trawl stations were not located strictly at random, but rather directed to the best concentrations (when the bottom conditions allowed). However, the applied catchability coefficient ( $c=1$ ) probably introduces a bias resulting in an underestimate.

#### 4. RESULTS WEST COAST

##### 4.1 Survey coverage

The survey started on 5 July from Penang in the northern area of the West Coast of Peninsular Malaysia. At the beginning of the survey one day was spent anchored off Langkawa Island for hydrophone calibration of the acoustic equipment.

Cruise tracks, fishing stations and hydrographical sections are shown in Fig. 11. The total area under survey extended along the coast from latitude 6°N near the Malaysia-Thai border to 3°N off Port Kelang, extending seawards to the median line between Malaya and Sumatra. On the return survey from the south a more detailed survey of the coastal areas was made. The main transects were spaced approximately 20 n.miles apart and ran from a depth of about 10 m seawards to the median line, which in the southern part was only about 50 n.miles offshore. Fishing was performed at 38 stations. After three hauls with pelagic trawl it was severely damaged and could not be used during the later part of the cruise, hence all subsequent trawling operations were limited to bottom trawling.

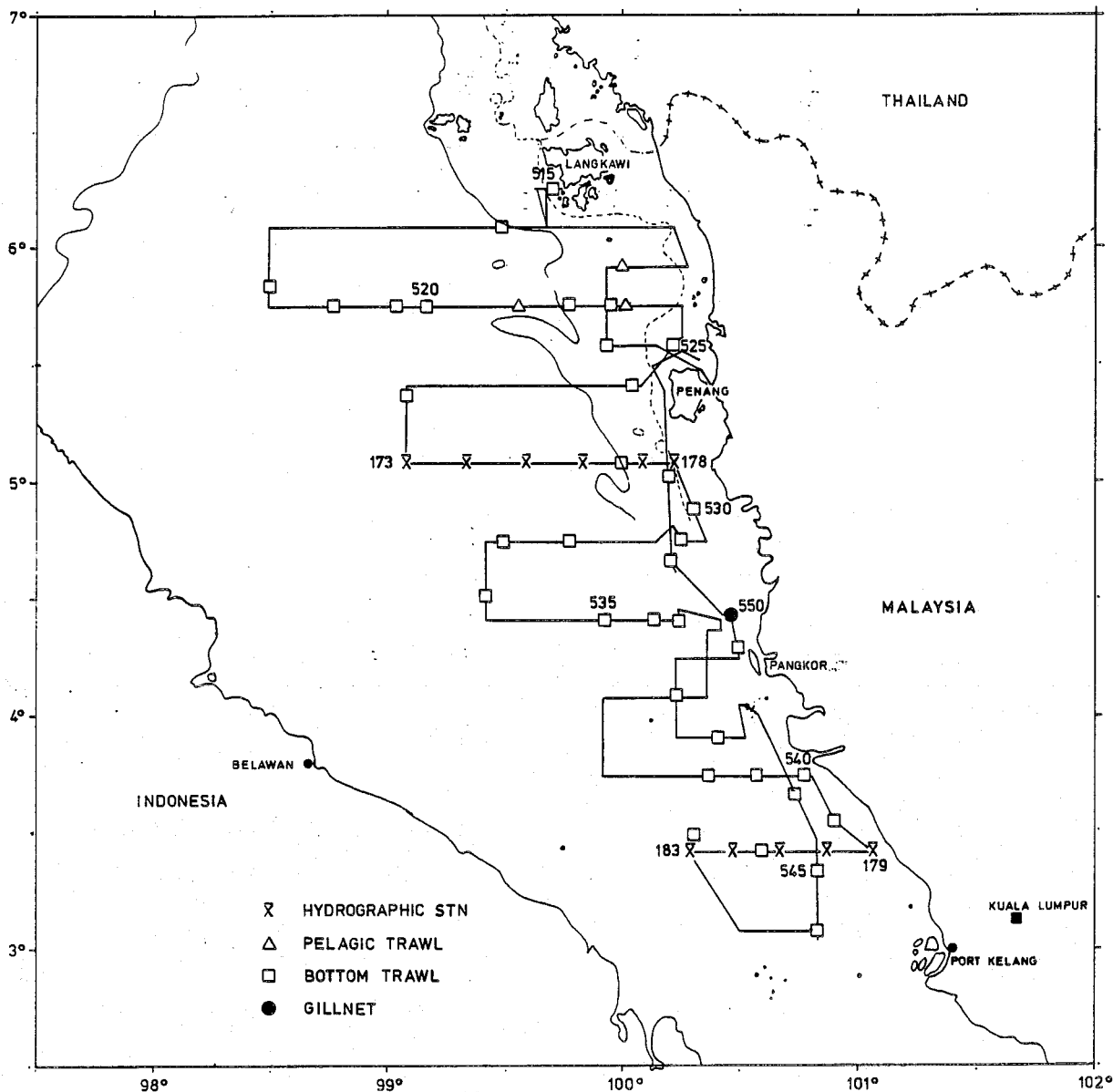


Fig. 11. Survey routes and stations. West coast of Peninsular Malaysia, 5 - 14 July 1980.

#### 4.2 Bottom conditions

The bottom conditions as observed from the echo sounder were noted throughout the survey and classified as described on page 10. The results are shown in Fig. 12.

In most part of the area the bottom was suitable for trawling. The bottom tended to be more rough in the deepest areas (more than 50 m bottom depth). In the southern part of the investigated area small spots with rough bottom were occasionally observed.

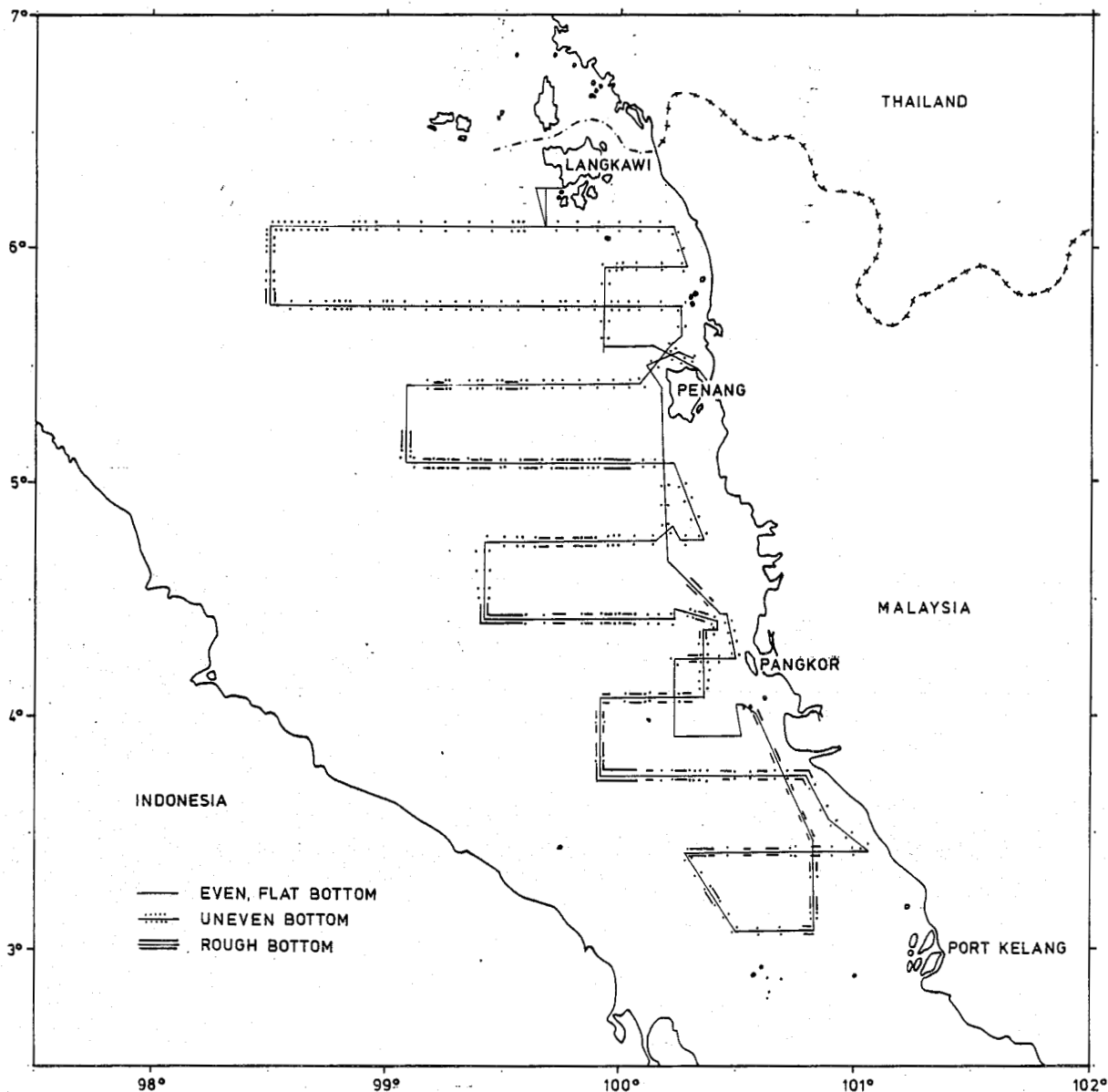


Fig. 12. Observations of the character of the bottom on the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia.

#### 4.3 Hydrography

The waters surveyed off the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia may be defined according to Wyrcki (1961) as belonging both to the Sunda Shelf Area in the southern part and the Andaman Sea in the northern part.

The monsoons have less influence on the general pattern of the circulation of the water masses in this region than on the east

coast. There is a transport of water from east to west through the Strait of Malacca throughout the year, with the highest current velocities during the northeast monsoon (Nov. - Apr.). Wyrтки (1961) indicates that during the southwest monsoon (May - Oct.) the surface currents form an eddy as the water moves from the northwest, close to Peninsular Malaysia, and meets the westbound current in the Strait of Malacca. The watermasses thus joined form a westward transport closer to the coast of Sumatra.

Our hydrographic observations were limited to two cross-sections (Fig. 11). Figs. 13a and 13b show the profiles of salinity, temperature and oxygen. The temperature profiles show no clear gradients, while the salinity profiles indicate a considerable freshwater influence in the upper 40 m. This is most pronounced in the inner part of the southern section.

The oxygen profiles indicate more stagnant bottom water in comparison to the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia.

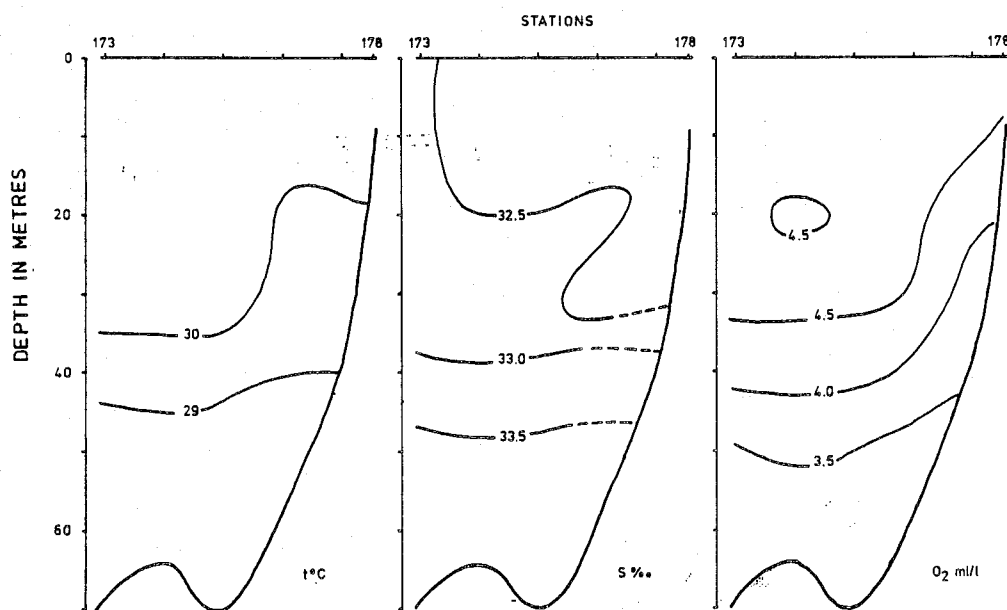


Fig. 13a. Hydrographic section at 5°05'N, West coast of Peninsular Malaysia, 5 - 14 June 1980



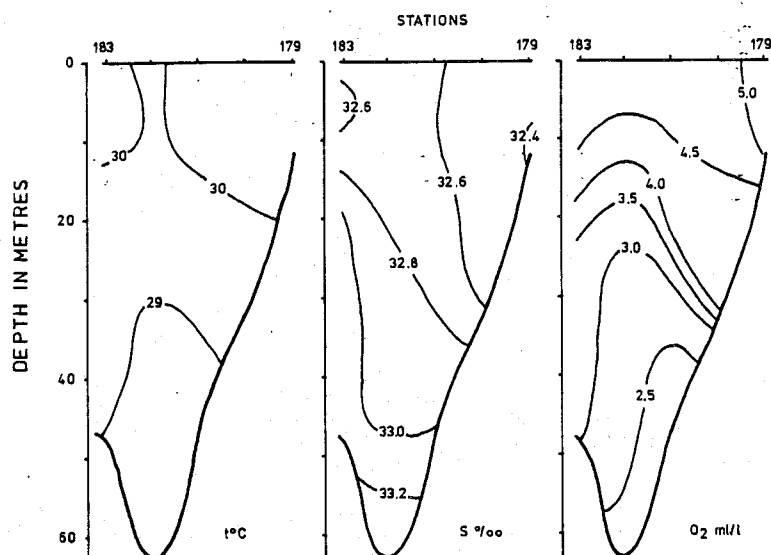


Fig. 13b. Hydrographic section at 3°25'N, West coast of Peninsular Malaysia, 5 - 14 June 1980

#### 4.4 Fish distribution and catch composition

Fig. 14 and 15 show the geographical distribution of echo-recordings classified as pelagic and demersal fish. "Pelagic" fish were recorded in most of the investigated area. The densities were, however, low except for the coastal area north of Penang and some smaller patches further south.

Much of the "pelagic" fish was observed rather close to the bottom. Therefore a considerable portion of the bottom trawl catches was "pelagic" fish.

The recordings of "demersal" fish were very weak and showed little variations throughout the whole area. Recordings classified as juvenile fish were mostly restricted to the coastal areas (Fig. 16).

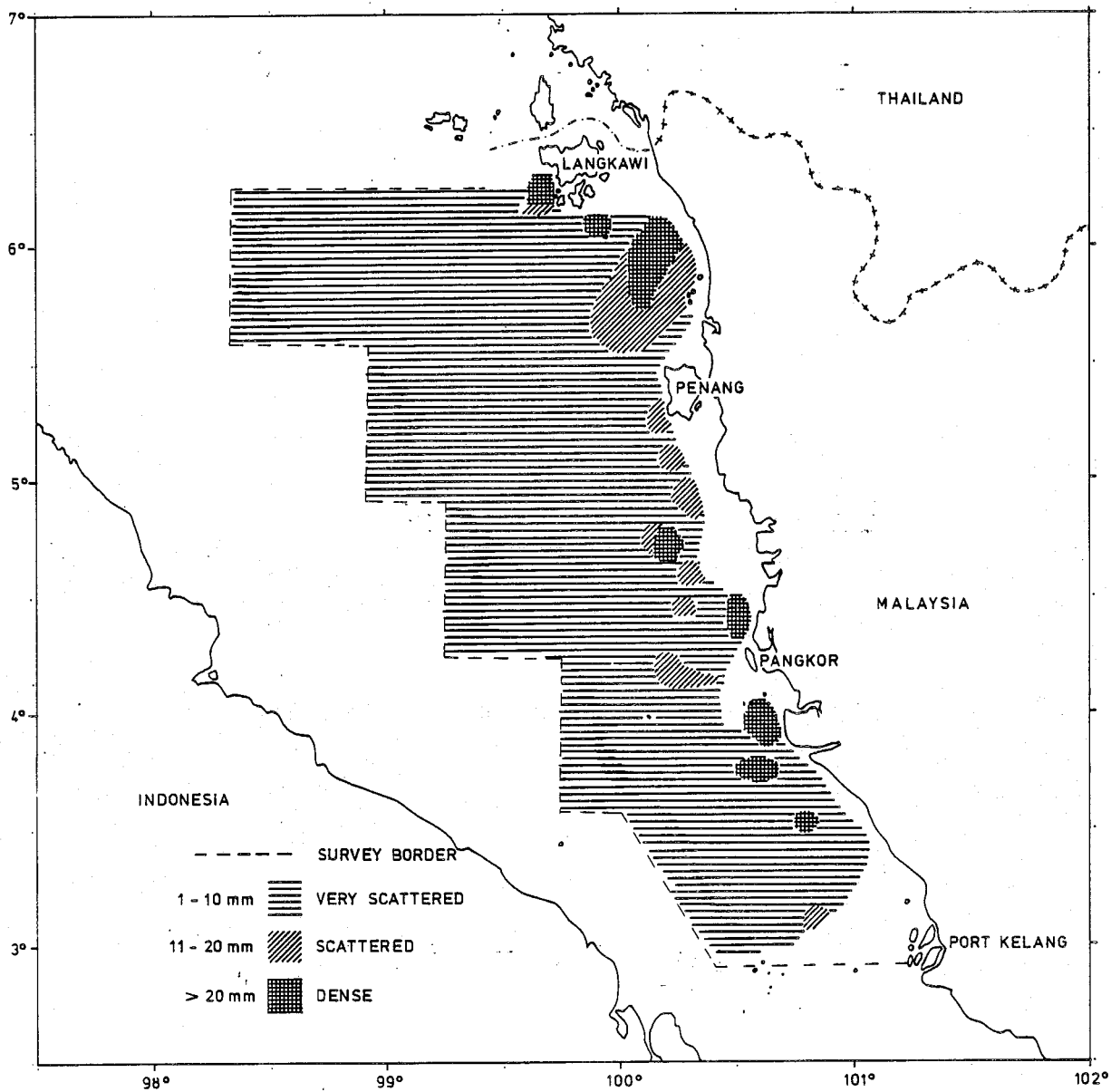


Fig. 14. Integrated echo intensities (mm/nautical mile) classified as pelagic fish.

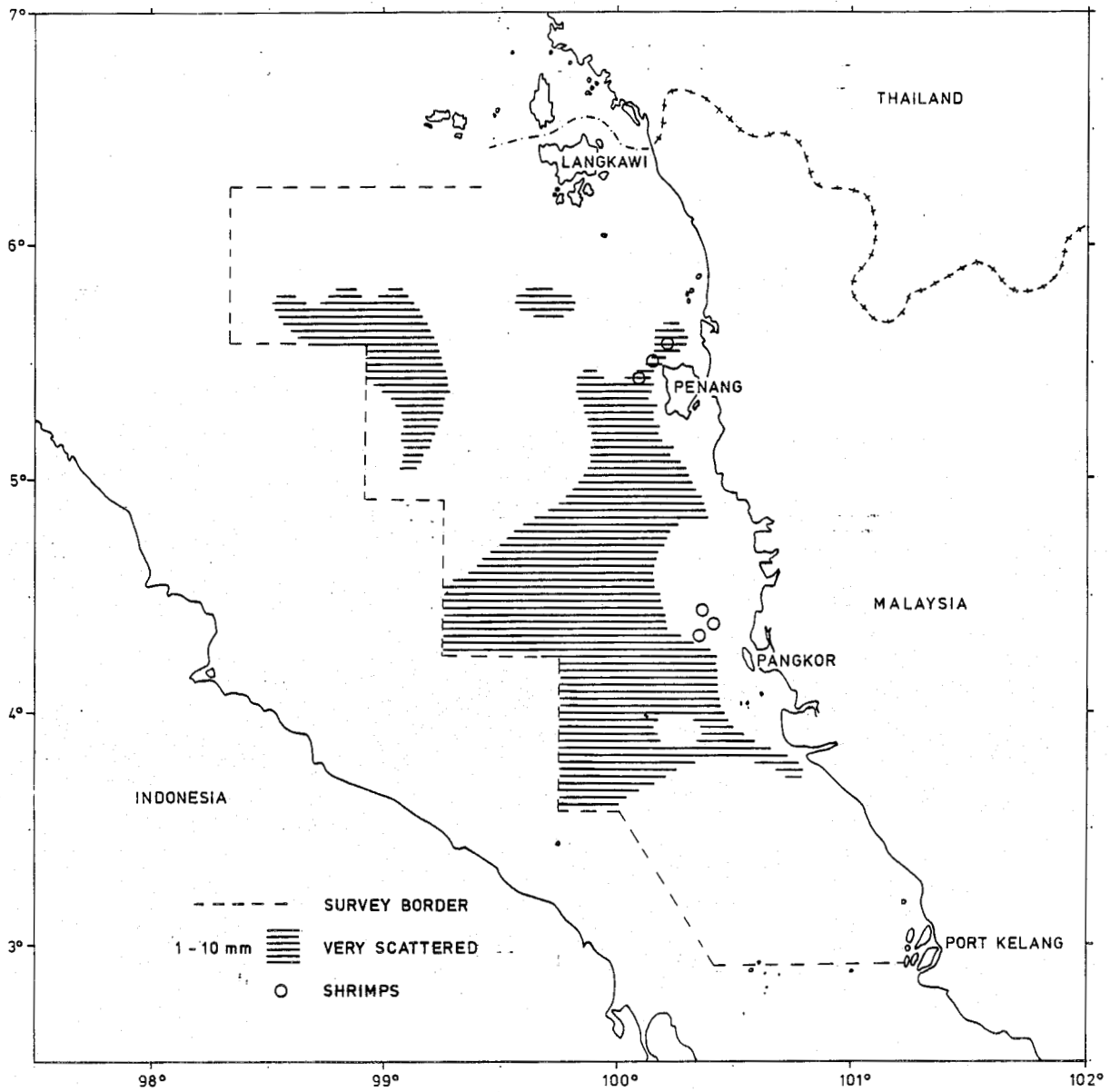


Fig. 15. Integrated echo intensities (mm/nautical mile) classified as demersal fish.

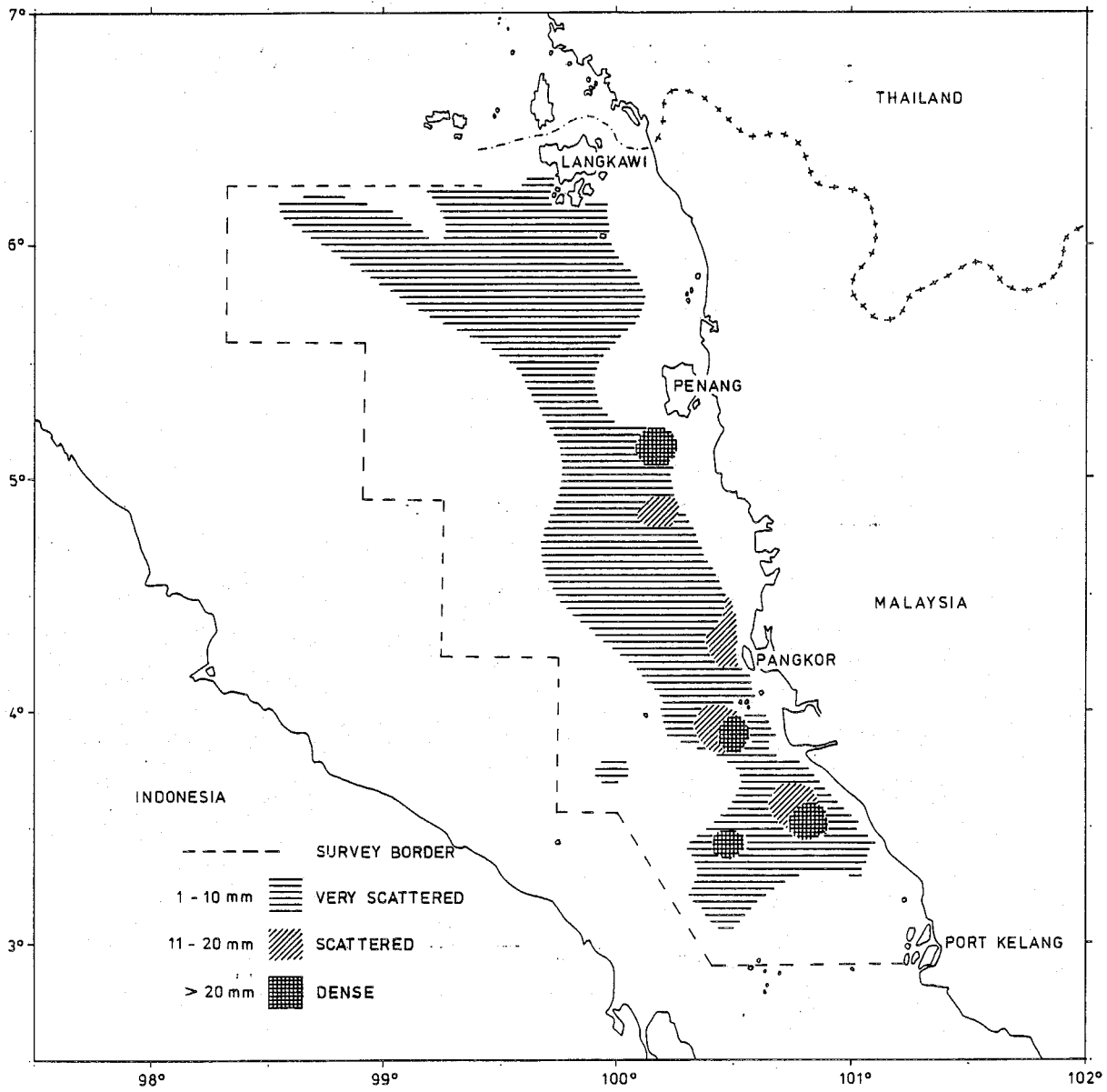


Fig. 16. Integrated echo intensities (mm/nautical mile) classified as juvenile fish.

Table 5 shows the average catch rates for the dominating families by depth zone. A complete list for all families are given in Annex IV. The catch of the dominating species in each trawl haul are listed in Annex III. List of all fish species recorded is given in Annex II and length frequency distributions of some important species are given in Annex V.

Table 5. Average catch rates (kg/hr) of dominating families within depth zones. Bottom trawl catches at the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia. +: less than 0.1 kg/hr.

	Catch rate (kg/hr)			
	10-25 m	26-50 m	51-75 m	76-100 m
Pelagic fish				
CARANGIDAE	8.7	23.9	7.8	4.8
CLUPEIDAE	3.9	1.9	+	-
ENGRAULIDAE	1.8	0.8	+	-
GERREIDAE	-	0.2	1.4	12.6
LEIOGNATHIDAE	20.2	5.4	1.4	-
SCOMBRIDAE	2.8	13.1	0.3	-
Demersal fish				
APOGONIDAE	0.2	4.7	0.9	-
BALISTIDAE	0.1	1.0	2.4	-
FORMIOMIDAE	1.7	0.2	5.3	-
LUTJANIDAE	0.1	4.7	4.0	4.4
MULLIDAE	0.1	1.7	0.8	3.0
NEMIPTERIDAE	0.7	8.6	9.4	17.7
PENTAPODIDAE	-	-	0.2	6.8
POMADASYIDAE	12.5	2.4	0.4	-
PRIACANTHIDAE	-	0.3	0.5	105.7
SCIAENIDAE	7.8	2.2	+	-
SPHYRAENIDAE	0.7	0.6	0.6	2.2
STROMATEIDAE	2.4	0.1	-	-
SYNODONTIDAE	0.9	6.4	1.9	1.3
TETRAODONTIDAE	5.0	7.5	1.9	2.4
THERAPONIDAE	2.5	-	1.6	-
TRICHIURIDAE	19.6	5.3	0.1	-
RAYS	1.0	1.1	2.7	50.0
Other demersal fish	4.3	8.0	5.0	3.6
Crustacea	4.5	3.2	1.1	0.1
Cephalopoda	5.4	2.6	2.4	3.4
Pelagic fish total	37.3	45.3	10.9	17.4
Demersal fish total	59.6	54.8	37.7	197.1
TOTAL	106.9	105.9	52.1	218.0
No of hauls	7	13	13	2

One fairly good pelagic trawl catch was obtained just north of Pulau Penang. This gave 1200 kg/hr consisting of 90% Triacanthus sp.

The results of the demersal trawl hauls gave low catch rates in most cases. The overall catch rate was only 136 kg/hour. The highest catch rate observed was 395 kg/hour, which was obtained

at a depth of 90 metres in the northern part of the area (Fishing Stn No 518). This catch was dominated by bigeyes (Priacanthus sp.) which made up about 50% of the total.

Of the typical pelagic fish, carangids dominated. As on the east coast, yellowstripe trevally (Selaroides leptolepis) was frequently caught in relative large numbers. Also the more semi-pelagic fish Leiognathidae had a wide distribution and was caught in almost every haul.

Of the more typical demersal species bigeye (Priacanthus sp.) and threadfin breams (Nemipteridae) were common and often made up the bulk of the catches.

Shrimps were found only in a few hauls near the shore off the islands of Pangkor and Penang, but only in small quantities. Dominant species were Parapenaeopsis sp. and Metapenaeus indicus.

#### 4.5 Fish abundance

Abundance estimates of demersal fish off the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia calculated by the swept area method, are summarized in Table 6.

Table 6. Abundance of demersal fish estimated from bottom trawl catch rates at the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia.

	No of hauls	Area (n.m <sup>2</sup> )	Catch rate (kg/hr)		Density (tonnes/n.m <sup>2</sup> )	Total abundance (1000 tonnes)
			Mean	S.Dev.		
Coastal area (10-25 m)	7	2 500	60	11	2.0	5.0
Offshore area (26-50 m)	13	3 500	55	11	1.8	6.3
Offshore area (51-100 m)	15	10 100	59	23	2.3	23.2
TOTAL	35	16 100				34.5

In contrast with the results from the east coast, no significant decrease in the catch rates with increasing depths was observed. The average total catch rate was about 50-60 kg/hr at all depth intervals. The density-estimates are at the same order of magnitude as the estimates for the offshore area at the east

coast. The number of trawl hauls was, however, low and the limitations on trawl operations caused by commercial fishing activity were considerable in the shallow water area. Therefore the estimates especially for the coastal area are rather uncertain.

Table 7. Fish density and abundance estimated from mean integrator values and fish length within subareas at the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia.

Subarea	Area (n.mile <sup>2</sup> )	Mean integrator value(mm/n.m)		Mean fish length (cm)		Mean fish density (tonnes/n.m <sup>2</sup> )		Total abundance (1000 tonnes)	
		Pel.	Dem.	Pel.	Dem.	Pel.	Dem.	Pel.	Dem.
I a	3 100	2.5	0.1	12	26	7.3	0.6	22.6	1.9
I b	2 230	8.9	0.1	10	21	22.0	0.5	49.1	1.1
II a	4 160	2.9	0.8	18	20	12.7	4.0	52.8	16.6
II b	2 960	7.1	0.4	15	26	26.3	2.6	77.8	7.7
III	4 210	5.5	0.2	15	16	20.5	0.8	86.3	3.4
TOTAL	16 660							288.6	30.7

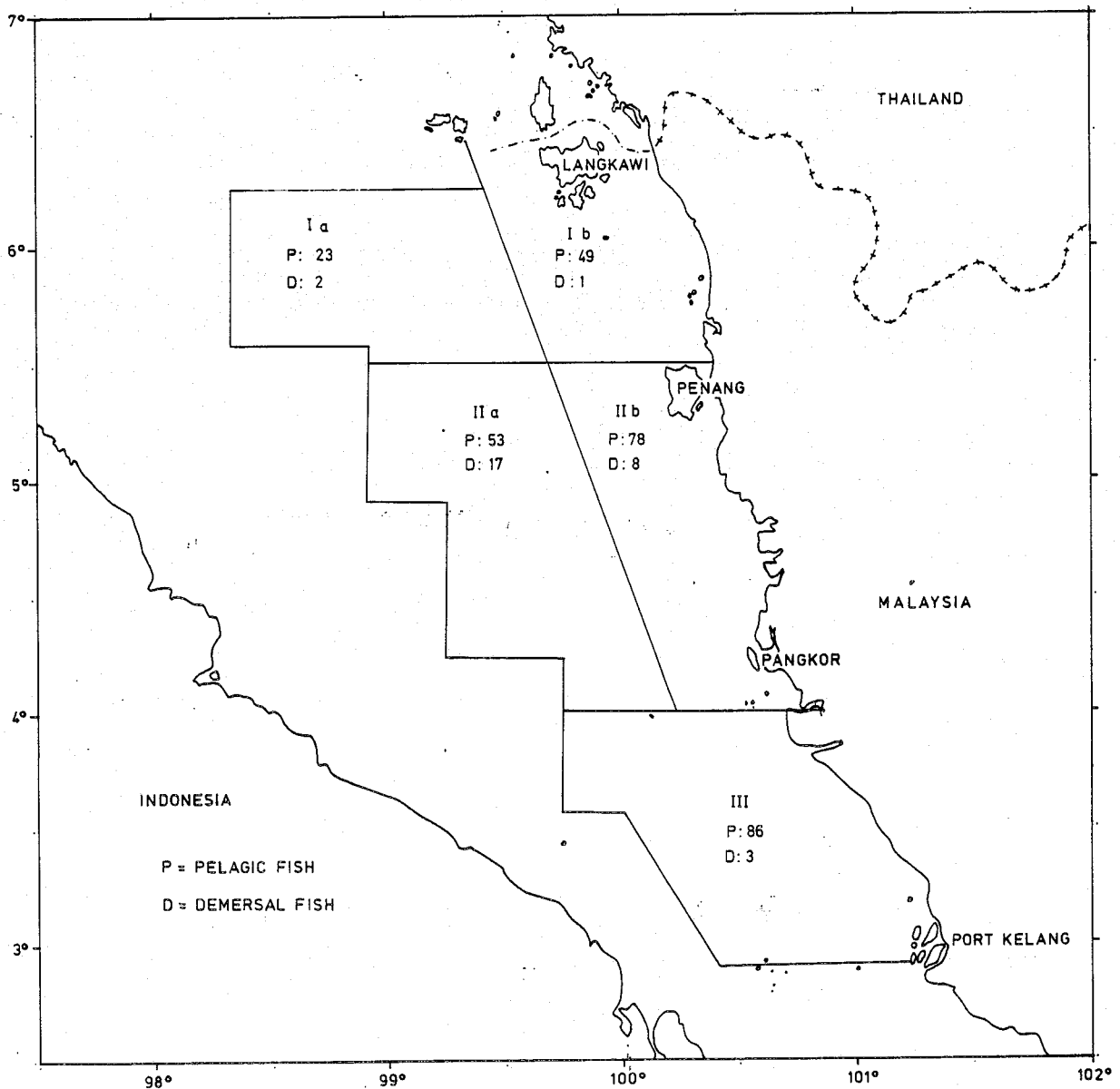


Fig. 17. Sub-areas used for acoustic abundance estimation. Estimates given in 1000 tonnes.



Table 7 shows average density and abundance of fish estimated from average integrator values within 5 subareas (Fig. 17). This gives about 300 000 tonnes of pelagic fish and 30 000 tonnes of demersal fish. This corresponds well to the demersal fish estimate based on catch rates.

## 5. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The east and west coast of Peninsular Malaysia were surveyed during short periods only, in June and early July, respectively. The survey periods thus fall within the southwest monsoon period, but throughout both surveys the weather conditions were good.

Earlier observations of the hydrographical environment along Peninsular Malaysia have demonstrated clear seasonal changes during the monsoon periods with complete reversal of the current along the east coast. During the northeast monsoon (Nov.-Apr.) the main current along the east coast runs to the south, while during the southwest (May-Oct.) monsoon there is a strong northerly drift.

These seasonal changes affect productivity and fish distribution. The distribution of fish, as observed during the present survey, may therefore not be typical for other months of the year. Earlier investigations of the fish resources in Malaysian waters have mainly been carried out during the post-monsoon period. (LATIFF et al. 1974, 1976, LAM et al. 1975). During the south-west monsoon fishing is usually difficult on the west coast while on the east coast the northeast monsoon limits the fishing activities.

Acoustic observations together with information on species and size composition in the catches from 89 fishing stations on the east coast and 39 on the west coast form the basis for an assessment of the fish biomass.

The acoustic recordings of fish were classified into two main groups: "pelagic fish" and "demersal fish". All fish belonging to the families Carangidae, Clupeidae, Engraulidae, Gerreidae,

Leiognathidae and Scombridae were defined as "pelagic". The findings from this work is presented in a number of charts and tables.

A few words must be said about the likely systematic errors in these assessments. For navigational reasons inshore areas of depth less than about 10 m could not be covered in these surveys. These uncovered parts of the shelf comprised about 10% of the east coast shelf and 20% of the west coast. The biomass have been raised by simple area ratios to compensate for the uncovered shelf parts.

This adjustment is based on the assumption that the mean fish densities in the inshore shallow areas are the same as on the outer shelf. Inshore areas are often especially rich in fish and the correction factor may therefore be too small and underestimate the total fish biomass. There are two further sources of bias which also lead to underestimation. The acoustic system does not cover the depth layer from the surface down to about 10 m, nor does it separate echoes from fish very close (within about  $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 m) to the sea bottom. The conversion factor used for calculating fish abundance in tonnes from echo intensity (mm deflection) represents "cod-type" fishes (page 6), and may not be representative for the dominant fish species in Malaysian waters. Too little information about the acoustic properties and behaviour of the fishes in the area are available for evaluation of the total effect of these factors. The abundance estimates given below therefore have to be used with some reservation.

The assessments of total biomass of standing stock were (thousand tonnes):

	East coast		West coast	
	Acoustic	"Swept area"	Acoustic	"Swept area"
Pelagic fish	300	-	300	-
Demersal fish	100	80	30	30
Total (thousand tonnes)	400	-	330	-

The results from the acoustic surveys show that the abundances of pelagic fish were at the same level, almost 300 000 tonnes, on the east and west coast. The estimated biomass of demersal fish however, was much lower on the west than on the east coast. Similar results were obtained by using the catch rates (swept area method) from the trawl survey. The mean catch rate of demersal fish of all the trawl hauls on the west coast gave only 58 kg/hour as compared to 85 kg/hour on the east coast. To compare the fish abundance in the two areas it may, however, be more appropriate to consider fish biomass per unit shelf area in different depth strata based on the demersal trawl hauls:

Depth strata	Tonnes per square nautical mile	
	East coast	West coast
10 - 25 m	5.3	2.0
26 - 50 m	-	1.8
26 - 75 m	1.7	-
50 - 100 m	-	2.3

The results show that on the east coast the abundance of demersal fish was about three times higher in shallow waters than in deeper waters. On the west coast the mean densities were approximately the same in all depth strata. The number of trawl hauls in shallow water was however low, and the estimated fish abundance in the inshore area is rather uncertain.

Also the abundance of pelagic fish was found to be considerably higher in the coastal "sub-areas" (see Fig. 10 and 17). Both on the east and west coast about 70% of the total pelagic fish biomass was recorded in the "coastal" areas. It should be noted, however, that these estimates refers mainly to small pelagic fish. Larger tuna-like fish do not contribute representatively neither to the trawl catches nor to the echo recordings.

According to a study prepared by the South China Sea Programme (AOYAMA 1973) the standing stock of demersal fish in the coastal zone (shallower than about 50 m) of the southern Sunda Shelf area was estimated to be about 154 000 tonnes or 2 tonnes/km<sup>2</sup>. Demersal fish was in this context defined as all those caught with demersal gears. In the present study with "Dr. Fridtjof

"Nansen" semi-pelagic fish caught by bottom trawl were for comparison with the echo recordings classified as "pelagic fish" and not included in the estimated standing stock of demersal fish. By including all species caught with the bottom trawl as given in Table 2, the estimated standing stock on the east coast would be about 50% higher which corresponds to the estimate given in earlier studies.

When trawling was introduced in the mid-sixties the catch increased rapidly up to the present level, but in spite of increased effort the total catch has leveled off (ANON 1976). The present total annual catch of demersal and pelagic fish from the Peninsular Malaysia both east and west coast is about 300 000 tonnes.

Three different trawl surveys undertaken between 1970 and 1974 along the west coast, showed that in this period there had been 30-50% drop in catch per hour in the different sub-areas. Also the commercial fishery showed a similar decline of about 50% in the catch per boat per day during the period 1970-74 (LATIFF & LEONG 1976).

Most of the commercial fishery takes place close to the coast, and the results of the survey with "Dr. Fridtjof Nansen" show that the resources in offshore areas both on the east and west coast are relatively small. The density per unit area is also considerably lower than in inshore areas and the prospects for expansion of the fisheries to more offshore areas do not seem very promising.

Pelagic fish make up the major part of the fish resources along the Peninsular Malaysia. Most of these "pelagic" species are however, also exploited with demersal gears. An estimate of total standing stock of about 700 000 tonnes of demersal and pelagic fish along the entire coast of Peninsular Malaysia would therefore indicate that the limit of potential yield from the area has been reached.

The relative higher proportion of pelagic fish and the drop in catch rate of commercial demersal trawling would suggest,

however, that some increase in catch might be achieved by diversion of effort from demersal fishing to fishing for more "pure" pelagic species.

It should be stressed, however, that the present survey was completed in a very short time period and that pelagic species in particular, may show considerable seasonal fluctuations. To fully assess the potential yield of pelagic species investigations during other parts of the year are required.

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ANNEX I

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LIST OF SPECIES - R/V "DR. FRIDTJOF NANSEN" - PENINSULAR MALAYSIA EAST COAST  
JUNE 1980

+: Also caught on the west coast, july 1980.

FAMILY

SUB-FAMILY

Species

English name

APOGONIDAE

Cardinalfishes

Apogon ellioti

Apogon quadrifasciatus

Four-banded cardinalfish

Apogon spp.

ARIIDAE

Sea catfishes

Arius thalassinus

Giant catfish

Arius sp.

ARIOMMIDAE

Driftfishes

+ Ariomma indica

Indian driftfish

BALISTIDAE

Triggerfishes, Filefishes

BALISTINAE

Triggerfishes

+ Abalistes stellaris

Starry triggerfish

MONACANTHINAE

Filefishes

+ Alutera monoceros

Unicorn filefish

Monacanthus sp.

+ Stephanolepis sp.

unspecified juveniles

unspecified larvae

BOTHIDAE

Lefteye flounders

PARALICHTHYINAE

Pseudorhombus malayanus

Malayan flounder

unspecified adults

unspecified juveniles

BREGMACEROTIDAE

Codlets

Bregmaceros sp.

CARANGIDAE

Jacks, cavallas, crevalles,  
pompanos, queenfishes, scads,  
runners, trevallies

Alectis ciliaris

+ Alectis indicus

Threadfin trevally

+ Alepes djeddaba

Djeddaba crevalle

+ Alepes kalla

+ Alepes melanoptera

Blackfin crevalle

+ Atule mate

Carangoides chrysophrys

Longnose cavalla

+ Carangoides ciliaris

Longfin cavalla

+ Carangoides ferdau

Ferdau's cavalla

+ Carangoides malabaricus

Malabar cavalla

Carangoides sp.

Caranx stellatus

Decapterus macrosoma

Layang scad

+ Decapterus maruadsi

Round scad

+ Megalaspis cordyla

Hardtail scad

CARANGIDAE (continued)

- + Scomberoides commersonianus
- Selar boops
- Selar crumenophthalmus
- Selar sp.
- + Selaroides leptolepis
- + Seriolina nigrofasciata
- Uraspis helvolus
- unspecified juveniles
- unspecified larvae

- Talang queenfish
- Oxeye scad
- Bigeye scad
  
- Yellowstripe trevally
- Black-banded trevally
- Black ulua

CENTRISCIDAE

- Aeoliscus scutatus
- Aeoliscus sp.
- unspecified adults
- unspecified juveniles

- Shrimpfishes
- Guttersnipe-fish

CENTROPOMIDAE

- Lates calcarifer

- Snooks, seaperches
- Giant seaperch

CHAETODONTIDAE

CHAETODONTINAE

- Heniochus acuminatus
- Parachaetodon ocellatus

- Butterflyfishes, angelfishes
- Butterflyfishes
- Pennant coralfish
- Six-spined Butterflyfish

CHIROCENTRIDAE

- + Chirocentrus dorab

- Wolf herrings
- Dorab wolf-herring

CLUPEIDAE

CLUPEINAE

- + Sardinella fimbriata
- Sardinella leiogaster
- + Sardinella sirm
- Sardinella sp.

- Herrings, shads, sardines, menhadens

DUSSUMIERIINAE

- + Dussumieria acuta

- Rainbow sardine

PRISTIGASTERINAE

- + Opisthopterus tardoore

- Tardoore

- unspecified larvae

CYNOGLOSSIDAE

CYNOGLOSSINAE

- + Cynoglossus lingua

- Tonguefishes

- Long tongue sole

DACTYLOPTERIDAE

- Dactyloptena orientalis
- + unspecified

- Flying gurnards
- Purple flying gurnard

DIODONTIDAE

- + Cyclichthys sp.
- + Diodon sp.
- unspecified

- Porcupinefishes

ECHENEIDAE

- + Echeneis naucrates

- Remoras
- Slender suckerfish

EMMELICHTHYIDAE	Bonnetmouths
EMMELICHTHYINAE	
Emmelichthys nitidus	Red sea-haarder
ENGRAULIDAE	Anchovies
+ Stolephorus (heterolobus)	Shorthead anchovy
Stolephorus indicus	Indian anchovy
+ Stolephorus sp.	
unspecified juveniles	
unspecified larvae	
EPHIPPIDAE	Spadefishes, Sicklefishes
DREPANINAE	Sicklefishes
unspecified juveniles	
EPHIPPINAE	Spadefishes
+ Ehippus orbis	Spedefish
EXOCOETIDAE	Flyingfishes, Halfbeaks
+ EXOCOETINAE	Flyingfishes
unspecified	
FISTULARIIDAE	Cornetfishes
Fistularia petimba	Smooth flutemouth
Fistularia villosa	Rough flutemouth
+ Fistularia sp.	
FORMIONIDAE	Black pomfrets
+ Formio niger	Black pomfret
GERREIDAE	Mojarras, Silver-biddies
Gerres abbreviatus	Deep-body mojarra
+ Gerres filamentosus	Whipfin mojarra
+ Gerres oyena	Common mojarra
+ Pentaprion longimanus	Longfin mojarra
GOBIIDAE	Gobies
Gobius nebulosus	
HOLOCENTRIDAE	Squirrelfishes, Soldierfishes
HOLOCENTRINAE	Squirrelfishes
Holocentrus lacteoguttatus	
Holocentrus rubrum	Red squirrelfish
Holocentrus sp.	
MYRIPRISTINAE	Soldierfishes
Myripristis murdjan	Crimson squirrelfish
LABRIDAE	
LEIOGNATHIDAE	Slimys, Slipmouths, Ponyfishes
+ Leiognathus bindus	Orangefin ponyfish
Leiognathus elongatus	Slender ponyfish
Leiognathus smithursti	Smithurst's ponyfish
+ Leiognathus splendens	Splendid ponyfish
+ Leiognathus spp.	
+ Secutor insidiator	Pugnose ponyfish
LETHRINIDAE	Scavengers, Emperors
Lethrinus ornatus	Ornate emperor

LUTJANIDAE

Caesio chrysozona  
Caesio erythrogaster  
Lutjanus duodecimlineatus  
+ Lutjanus lineolatus  
+ Lutjanus malabaricus  
+ Lutjanus russelli  
+ Lutjanus sanguineus  
Lutjanus sebae  
+ Lutjanus vitta  
Lutjanus sp.  
+ Pristipomoides typus  
+ (Pristipomoides sp.)

Snappers, Jobfishes, Fusiliers  
Goldband fusilier  
Yellowtail fusilier  
Blue-banded snapper  
Bigeye snapper  
Malabar red snapper  
Russell's snapper  
Blood snapper  
Emperor red snapper  
Brownstripe red snapper  
  
Sharptooth snapper

MENIDAE

Mene maculata

Moonfishes  
Moonfish

MUGILOIDIDAE

Parapercis sp.

Sandperches

MULLIDAE

Parupeneus chryserydros  
+ Parupeneus heptacanthus  
Parupeneus sp.  
+ Upeneus bensasi  
+ Upeneus moluccensis  
+ Upeneus sulphureus  
Upeneus sundaicus  
+ Upeneus tragula  
Upeneus sp.  
unspecified

Goatfishes  
Goldsaddle goatfish  
Spotted golden goatfish  
  
Yellowfin goatfish  
Goldband goatfish  
Yellow goatfish  
Ochreband goatfish  
Darkband goatfish

MURAENESOCIDAE

+ Muraenesox cinereus

Pike Eels, Pike Congers  
Daggertooth pike-conger

NEMIPTERIDAE

Nemipterus bathybus  
+ Nemipterus japonicus  
+ Nemipterus marginatus  
+ Nemipterus mesoprion  
Nemipterus metopias  
+ Nemipterus nematophorus  
Nemipterus nemurus  
+ Nemipterus peronii  
+ Nemipterus tambuloides  
+ Nemipterus tolu  
Nemipterus spp.  
Pentapodus setosus  
Scolopsis taeniopterus  
+ Scolopsis vosmeri  
Scolopsis sp.

Threadfin breams  
Yellowbelly threadfin bream  
Japanese threadfin bream  
Palefinned threadfin bream  
Redfilament threadfin bream  
Slender threadfin bream  
Doublewhip threadfin bream  
Redspine threadfin bream  
Rosy threadfin bream  
Fivelined threadfin bream  
Notched threadfin bream

Paradise fish  
Lattice monocle bream  
Whitecheek monocle bream

OGCOEPHALIDAE

+ Halieutaea sp.

Batfishes

OPHIDIIDAE

BROTULINAE  
unspecified

Brotulas, Cusk-eels

OSTRACIONTIDAE	Boxfishes
+ OSTRACIONTINAE	
Ostracion sp	
Rhynchostracion nasus	Small-nosed boxfish
Tetrosomus sp.	
unspecified	
PENTAPODIDAE	Large-eye Breams
+ Gymnocranius griseus	Grey large-eye bream
PLATYCEPHALIDAE	Flatheads
PLATYCEPHALINAE	
Platycephalus indicus	Bar-tailed flatgead
unspecified	
PLOTOSIDAE	Plotosids, Catfish Eels
Plotosus anguillaris	Striped catfish-eel
POMACENTRIDAE	Damselfishes
POMACENTRINAE	
(POMACENTRINI)	
Daya jerdoni	Jerdon's demoiselle
(Pomacentrus sp.)	
POMADASYIDAE	Grunts, Sweetlips
+ Plectorhynchus pictus	Painted sweetlip
+ Pomadasys hasta	Lined silver grunt
Pomadasys maculatus	Blotched grunt
+ Pomadasys sp.	
PRIACANTHIDAE	Bigeyes
+ Priacanthus macracanthus	Red bigeye
+ Priacanthus tayenus	Purple-spotted bigeye
PSETTODIDAE	Psettodids, Indian Halibuts
+ Psettodes erumei	Indian halibut
RACHYCENTRIDAE	Cobia
+ Rachycentron canadus	Cobia
SCIAENIDAE	Drums, Croakers
Johnius dussumieri	Bearded croaker
Pennahia (pawak)	Pawak croaker
+ Pennahia sp.	
unspecified	
SCOMBRIDAE	Mackerels, Tunas
SCOMBRINAE	
(SCOMBRINI)	
Rastrelliger faughni	Faughn's mackerel
+ Rastrelliger kanagurta	Indian mackerel
+ Rastrelliger sp.	
+ Scomberomorus commersoni	Narrow-barred Spanish mackerel
+ Scomberomorus guttatus	Indo-Pacific Spanish mackerel
Scomberomorus sp.	
unspecified juveniles	
unspecified larvae	
(THUNNINI)	
Euthynnus (affinis)	Eastern little tuna

SCORPAENIDAE	Scorpionfishes
PTEROINAE	
Pterois sp.	
SCORPAENINAE	
unspecified	
SERRANIDAE	Sea Basses, Groupers, Rockcods
+ Epinephelus areolatus	Areolated grouper
+ Epinephelus sexfasciatus	Six-banded rockcod
+ Epinephelus sp.	
SIGANIDAE	Rabbitfishes, Spinefeet
Siganus canaliculatus	Whitespotted spinefoot
SILLAGINIDAE	Sillagos, Smelt-whittings
+ Sillago sihama	Silver sillago
Sillago sp.	
SOLEIDAE	Soles
SOLEINAE	
Synaptura sp.	
Zebrais zebra	Zebra sole
SPARIDAE	Porgies, Seabreams
unspecified	
SPHYRAENIDAE	Barracudas
+ Sphyraena barracuda	Great barracuda
+ Sphyraena forsteri	Forster's barracuda
+ Sphyraena jello	Banded barracuda
Sphyraena obtusata	Obtuse barracuda
Sphyraena sp.	
unspecified juveniles	
SYNODONTIDAE	Lizardfishes
+ Saurida elongata	Slender lizardfish
Saurida micropectoralis	Shortfin lizardfish
+ Saurida tumbil	Greater lizardfish
+ Saurida undosquamis	Brushtooth lizardfish
Saurida wanieso	Wanieso lizardfish
Synodus (variegatus)	Variegated lizardfish
+ Synodus sp.	
+ Trachinocephalus myops	Bluntnose lizardfish
TETRAODONTIDAE	Puffers
TETRAODONTINAE	
Arothron aerostaticus	
Gastrophysus sp.	
Lagocephalus sp.	
unspecified (various spp.)	
THERAPONIDAE	Tigerperches
Therapon jarbua	Jarbua therapon
+ Therapon theraps	Largescaled therapon
TRIACANTHIDAE	Triplespines
+ Triacanthus striglifer	
+ Triacanthus sp.	
TRIACANTHODIDAE	



TRICHIURIDAE	Cutlassfishes, Hairtails
TRICHIURINAE	
Trichiurus haumela	Largehead hairtail
TRIGLIDAE	Searobins
TRIGLINAE	
Lepidotrigla sp.	
unspecified	
URANOSCOPIDAE	Stargazers
Uranoscopus fuscomaculatus	
Uranoscopus sp.	
<u>Chondrichthyes</u>	Cartilaginous fishes
CARCHARHINIDAE	
CARCHARHININAE	Requiem sharks
Carcharhinus (obscurus)	Dusky shark
Carcharhinus sp.	
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unidentified (various spp.)	
DASYATIDAE	
DASYATINAE	Stingrays, Whiprays
Dasyatis jenkinsii	
+ Dasyatis sp.	
unspecified	
GYMNURINAE	Butterfly Rays
Gymnura japonica	Butterfly ray
MYLIOBATIDAE	Eagle Rays, Cow-nosed Rays
MYLIOBATINAE	Eagle Rays
Pteromylaeus bovinus	Duckbill ray
RHINOBATIDAE	Guitarfishes
RHINOBATINAE	
(RHINOBATINI)	
Rhinobatos sp.	
RHYNCHOBATINAE	
(RHYNCHOBATINI)	
Rhynchobatus djeddensis	
(RHININI)	
Rhina ancylostoma	

CRUSTACEA

- + Charybdis cruciata (Swimming crab)
- Palinurus sp. (Rock lobster)
- Penaeus monodon (Tiger prawn)
- + Thenus orientalis
- + crabs
- + small shrimps
- horseshoe crab
- + swimming crabs
- + mixed shrimps

Squilla

Mantis shrimp

CEPHALOPODA

- Loligo
- Squid
- Nautilus
- Sepia

Jellyfish

(various spp.)

Additional species caught at the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia (July 1980).

## FAMILY

## SUB-FAMILY

## Species

## English name

FAMILY	SUB-FAMILY	Species	English name
BALISTIDAE			Triggerfishes, Filefishes
		<i>Paramonacanthus</i> sp.	
CARANGIDAE			
		<i>Atropus atropus</i>	Kuweh trevally
		<i>Decapterus kurroides</i>	Scad
		<i>Scomberoides tala</i>	Queenfish
CEPOLIDAE			Bandfishes
		<i>Acanthocepola abbreviata</i>	
CLUPEIDAE			Herrings, shads, sardines
	CLUPEINAE		
		<i>Sardinella gibbosa</i>	Goldstripe sardinella
DOROSOMATINAE			
		<i>Anodontosoma chacunda</i>	Chacunda gizzard-shad
PRISTIGASTERINAE			
		<i>Ilisha elongata</i>	Elongate ilisha
		<i>Ilisha megaloptera</i>	Bigeye ilisha
		<i>Ilisha melastoma</i>	Indian ilisha
CYNOGLOSSIDAE			Toung fishes
		<i>Cynoglossus</i> sp.	
ENGRAULIDAE			Anchovies
		<i>Setipinna taty</i>	Hairfin anchovy
		<i>Thryssa malabarica</i>	Malabar thryssa
		<i>Thryssa mystax</i>	Moustached thryssa
		<i>Thryssa setirostris</i>	Longjaw thryssa
		<i>Thryssa</i> sp.	
LEIOGNATHIDAE			Ponyfishes
		<i>Gazza minuta</i>	Toothed ponyfish
LETHRINIDAE			Scavengers, emperors
		<i>Lethrinus lentjan</i>	Redspot emperor
LOBOTIDAE			Tripletails
		<i>Lobotes surimamensis</i>	
LUTJANIDAE			Snappers
		<i>Lutjanus janthinuropterus</i>	Yellowstreaked snapper
		<i>Pinjalo pinjalo</i>	Pinjalo snapper
MURAENESOCIDAE			Pike eels, Pike congers
		<i>Congresox talabonoides</i>	
		<i>Congresox</i> sp.	
NEMIPTERIDAE			Threadfin breams
		<i>Nemipterus delagoae</i>	Delagoa threadfin bream

Nemipterus hexodon  
Nemipterus virgatus  
Parascolopsis sp.

Ornate threadfin bream  
Golden threadfin bream

PENTAPODIDAE

Gymnocranius robinsoni

Large-eye breams  
Blue-lined large-eye bream

PERCOPHIDIDAE

SCIAENIDAE

Dendrophysa russelli  
Johnieops sp.  
Pennahia macrophthalmus

Croakers, Drums  
Goatee croaker

Bigeye croaker

SCORPAENIDAE

Pterois russelli  
Scorpaenopsis sp.

Scorpionfishes

SERRANIDAE

Epinephelus awoara

Sea basses, Groupers, Rockcods  
Yellow grouper

SPARIDAE

Argyrops spinifer

Seabreams, Porgies  
Longspine seabream

TRICHIURIDAE

Lepturacanthus savala  
Trichiurus lepturus

Hairtails, Cutlassfishes  
Smallhead hairtail  
Largehead hairtail

CHONDRICHTHYES

SELACHIMORPHA

ORECTOLOBIDAE

SPHYRNIDAE

BATOIDIMORPHA

DASYATIDAE

Dasyatis kuhlii  
Dasyatis urnak  
Dasyatis sp.

Sharks  
Nurse sharks  
Hammerhead sharks  
Rays  
Stingrays, Whiprays

RHINOBATIDAE

Rhinobatus holocorhynchus

Guitarfishes

TORPEDINIDAE

Narcine timlei

Electric rays

CRUSTACEA

Metapenaeus affinis  
" indicus  
" lysianassa  
Penaeus indicus  
" merguensis  
" monodon  
Parapemaeopsis hardwicki  
" sp.  
Scolonocera subnuda  
Trachypenaeus fulvus

## ANNEX III a

## RECORD OF FISHING OPERATIONS

R/V "DR. FRIDTJOF NANSEN", MALAYA EAST COAST CRUISE, 10 - 25 JUNE 1980

BT: Bottom trawl, PT: Pelagic trawl, LL: Longline, HL: Handline

DATE	TIME	STN	GEAR	DEPTH (M)		POSITION		CATCH (KG)		DOMINANT SPECIES	WEIGHT (KG)	
				BOTTOM	GEAR	NORTH	EAST	TOTAL	PR HR		TOTAL	MEAN
11.6	0435	424	BT	32	32	1°40'	104°25'	0.50	1.0	Carangidae	0.50	
11.6	0858	425	PT		0	1°45'	104°51'	10.00	20.00	<u>Stolephorus sp.</u> (juveniles)	9.90	
11.6	1300	426	BT	42	42	1°36'	105°16'	20.00	40.00	<u>Lutjanus russelli</u> <u>Daya jerdoni</u>	2.15 16.00	0.04 0.01
11.6	1620	427	BT	49	49	1°38'	105°39'	6.00	12.00	<u>Selaroides leptolepis</u> <u>Nemipterus tolu</u> Squid	0.60 0.65 3.20	0.04 0.07
11.6	2120	428	PT	53	12	2°00'	105°07'	4.20	8.40	<u>Emmelichthys nitidus</u> Juveniles: Carangidae, Clupeidae, Engraulidae, Scombridae, Squid	0.10 2.45	
12.6	0825	429	PT	28	0	2°28'	104°07'	20.00	40.00	Jellyfish	19.50	
12.6	0932	430	BT	28	28	2°27'	104°07'	22.50	45.00	<u>Selaroides leptolepis</u> Nemipteridae Jellyfish	8.90 2.40 6.00	0.02
12.6	1150	431	BT	14	14	2°33'	103°54'	154.25	308.50	<u>Scomberoides commersonianus</u> <u>Leiognathus splendens</u> <u>Upeneus sulphureus</u> <u>Saurida tumbil</u>	13.00 73.50 21.75 14.50	6.50 0.02 0.01 0.04
12.6	1735	432	PT	47	30	2°20'	104°36'	5.00	10.00	Jellyfish	4.90	
12.6	1916	433	BT	49	49	2°20'	104°35'			(Trawl open)		
12.6	2020	434	BT	47	47	2°20'	104°35'	48.00	96.00	<u>Pentaprion longimanus</u> <u>Lutjanus lineolatus</u> Nemipteridae Synodontidae	4.55 3.05 7.80 4.95	0.01 0.06
12.6	2325	435	PT	57	0	2°20'	104°58'	3.80	7.60	Engraulidae (juveniles) Jellyfish	3.60	
13.6	0415	436	PT	61	30	2°42'	104°51'	35.00	70.00	Squid Jellyfish	0.40 34.00	0.02
13.6	0540	437	LL	59	59	2°43'	104°41'	20.00		Carcharhinidae	18.80	4.70
13.6	0858	438	PT	59	35	2°40'	104°39'	100.00	133.00	Jellyfish	99.00	
13.6	1025	439	PT	62	0	2°43'	104°38'	50.00	100.00	Jellyfish	49.00	
13.6	1256	440	PT	47	0	2°37'	104°26'	30.00	60.00	<u>Megalaspis cordyla</u> (juveniles) Jellyfish	29.00	
13.6	1505	441	BT	35	35	2°41'	105°16'	2.50	15.00	<u>Selaroides leptolepis</u> Squid	0.30 1.10	0.04 0.04
13.6	1830	442	BT	20	20	2°39'	103°58'	22.85	45.70	<u>Selaroides leptolepis</u> <u>Pentaprion longimanus</u> <u>Upeneus sulphureus</u> Nemipteridae	2.55 3.60 2.70 3.75	0.02 0.01 0.02
13.6	2056	443	BT	19	19	2°47'	103°44'	166.00	332.00	<u>Arius sp.</u> <u>Selaroides leptolepis</u> <u>Upeneus sulphureus</u> Nemipteridae <u>Psettodes erumei</u> <u>Dasyatis sp.</u>	6.00 4.50 9.50 8.25 9.25 79.00	0.05 0.01 0.01 0.37 7.90
13.6	2158	444	BT	21	21	2°46'	103°46'	98.40	196.80	<u>Selaroides leptolepis</u> <u>Pentaprion longimanus</u> <u>Leiognathus elongatus</u> <u>Lutjanus sanguineus</u> <u>Upeneus sulphureus</u> <u>Pomadasya hasta</u>	5.40 6.45 5.10 3.00 30.75 6.90	0.01 0.01 0.50 0.01
13.6	2315	445	BT	16	16	2°47'	103°41'	405.00	810.00	<u>Alepes djeddaba</u> <u>Atule kalla</u> <u>Selaroides leptolepis</u> <u>Siganus canaliculatus</u> <u>Dasyatis sp.</u>	16.20 16.20 51.30 213.30 25.65	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.10 0.12

DATE	TIME START	STN NO.	GEAR TYPE	DEPTH (M)		POSITION		CATCH (KG)		DOMINANT SPECIES	WEIGHT (KG)	
				BOTTOM	GEAR	NORTH	EAST	TOTAL	PR HR		TOTAL	MEAN
14.6	0115	446	BT	12	12	2°55'	103°37'	355.00	1065.00	<u>Selaroides leptolepis</u> <u>Sardinella fimbriata</u> <u>Saurida undosquamis</u>	243.20 38.40 8.00	0.01 0.02 0.05
14.6	0540	447	LL	35	35	3°00'	104°06'	0.00	0.00	(No catch)		
14.6	0935	448	PT	54	37	3°00'	104°23'	600.00	1200.00	Juveniles: Carangidae Jellyfish	590.00	
14.6	1155	449	PT	61	0	3°00'	104°39'	15.00	30.00	Juveniles: Carangidae, Lutjanidae, Priacanthidae Jellyfish	14.80	
14.6	1300	450	BT	61	61	2°58'	104°37'	0.00	0.00	(No catch)		
14.6	1758	451	BT	63	63	3°21'	104°40'	16.00	32.00	<u>Nemipterus marginatus</u> Priacanthidae Squid	4.10 3.30 3.45	0.05
14.6	2006	452	PT	58	0	3°21'	104°28'	100.00	200.00	<u>Selar crumenophthalmus</u> Jellyfish	0.65 98.35	0.03
14.6	2330	453	BT	36	36	3°20'	104°00'	53.00	159.00	<u>Arius sp.</u> Apogonidae Balistidae <u>Nemipterus peronii</u> Squid	8.80 4.20 12.40 3.40 4.50	0.01 0.06
15.6	0255	454	BT	14	14	3°26'	104°34'	12.00	24.00	<u>Selaroides leptolepis</u> <u>Siganus canaliculatus</u>	1.50 6.60	0.04 0.02
15.6	0700	455	BT	36	36	3°40'	103°59'	116.00	232.00	<u>Selaroides leptolepis</u> <u>Caesio chrysozona</u> <u>Lutjanus lineolatus</u> Nemipteridae Squid Jellyfish	4.00 6.80 10.00 7.60 10.20 70.00	0.03 0.02 0.05
15.6	1535	456	PT	70	15	3°58'	104°53'	30.00	60.00	Jellyfish	30.00	
15.6	1905	457	BT	65	65	4°00'	104°31'	40.40	80.80	<u>Nemipterus marginatus</u> <u>Priacanthus tayenus</u> Synodontidae <u>Gymnura japonica</u>	4.20 4.50 4.80 4.30	0.02 0.11 4.30
15.6	2010	458	HL	65		3°59'	104°31'	0.00	0.00	(No catch)		
15.6	2100	459	PT		0	3°59'	104°29'	5.50	11.00	<u>Decapterus maruadsi</u> Jellyfish	0.40 5.00	
16.6	0015	460	BT	53	53	3°58'	104°17'	60.00	120.00	<u>Lutjanus malabaricus</u> Lutjanidae Nemipteridae <u>Priacanthus tayenus</u>	9.00 7.85 8.50 5.10	2.25 0.15
16.6	0627	461	BT	20	20	4°18'	103°35'	173.50	347.00	Nemipteridae <u>Daya jerdoni</u> <u>Rhina ancylostoma</u> <u>Taenuria melanospila</u>	6.40 4.80 100.00 50.00	0.01 100.00 50.00
16.6	0727	462	BT	21	21	4°17'	103°36'	60.00	120.00	Lutjanidae Mullidae Jellyfish	5.20 2.40 50.40	
16.6	1053	463	BT	49	49	4°20'	103°54'	132.30	264.60	<u>Selaroides leptolepis</u> <u>Lutjanus malabaricus</u> <u>Lutjanus sanguineus</u> Lutjanidae Nemipteridae Squid	8.00 16.15 13.00 17.50 6.80 13.35	0.04 1.79 4.33
16.6	1245	464	PT	51	30	4°20'	103°59'	150.00	300.00	<u>Decapterus maruadsi</u> (juveniles) Jellyfish	149.00	
16.6	1605	465	BT	63	63	4°20'	104°13'	21.40	42.80	<u>Selar crumenophthalmus</u> <u>Leiognathus bindus</u> <u>Lutjanus sanguineus</u> Squid	2.50 3.25 3.10 3.60	0.18 3.10
16.6	1830	466	BT	63	63	4°20'	104°25'	16.90	33.80	<u>Leiognathus sp.</u> <u>Lutjanus lineolatus</u> <u>Nemipterus marginatus</u> Squid: <u>Loligo</u>	1.30 2.10 1.90 2.20	0.07 0.04 0.02

DATE	TIME START	STN NO	GEAR TYPE	DEPTH (M)		POSITION		CATCH (KG)		DOMINANT SPECIES	WEIGHT (KG)	
				BOTTOM	GEAR	NORTH	EAST	TOTAL	PR HR		TOTAL	MEAN
16.6	2203	467	BT	67	67	4°20'	104°44'	33.30	66.60	<u>Pentaprion longimanus</u> <u>Lutjanus lineolatus</u> Nemipteridae <u>Priacanthus tayenus</u> Synodontidae	2.90 3.40 3.30 4.40 6.15	0.06 0.16
17.6	0255	468	BT	70	70	4°40'	105°10'	50.00	100.00	<u>Abalistes stellaris</u> <u>Pentaprion longimanus</u> <u>Leiognathus bindus</u> <u>Nemipterus nematophorus</u> <u>Nemipterus tambuloides</u> Synodontidae	6.30 5.60 6.40 4.60 4.40 7.10	0.27 0.03 0.01 0.04 0.06 0.26
17.6	0405	469	PT	70	35	4°40'	105°06'	10.00	20.00	Jellyfish	9.30	
17.6	0622	470	BT	69	69	4°22'	104°48'	93.15	184.30	Nemipteridae <u>Priacanthus tayenus</u> Jellyfish	4.30 24.30 50.00	0.16
17.6	0920	471	BT	63	63	4°39'	104°29'	24.40	48.80	Nemipteridae Synodontidae Squid: <u>Loligo</u> Jellyfish	3.50 2.60 3.65 10.00	0.02
17.6	1226	472	BT	65	65	4°40'	104°05'	30.00	60.00	<u>Leiognathus bindus</u> <u>Leiognathus sp.</u> Nemipteridae	12.20 6.10 3.90	0.01 0.01
17.6	1450	473	BT	56	56	4°40'	103°49'	39.25	78.50	<u>Atule mate</u> <u>Decapterus maruadsi</u> (juv.) <u>Selar crumenophthalmus</u> <u>Lutjanus vitta</u>	3.90 1.10 6.10 5.50	0.22 0.01 0.20 0.12
17.6	1630	474	BT	45	45	4°40'	103°40'	26.30	52.60	<u>Arius sp.</u> <u>Carangoides ciliaris</u> <u>Pentaprion longimanus</u> <u>Nemipterus marginatus</u> Carcharhinidae	5.50 1.90 3.35 2.00 4.20	0.46 0.02 0.01 0.04 2.10
17.6	1844	475	BT	25	25	4°39'	103°32'	22.80	45.60	<u>Siganus canaliculatus</u>	17.00	0.03
17.6	2201	476	PT	38	20	5°00'	103°31'	18.90	37.80	"Mixed small fish" mainly <u>Stolephorus sp.</u> and <u>Emmelichthys nitidus</u>	14.80	
17.6	2313	477	BT	47	47	5°02'	103°35'	109.20	218.40	<u>Decapterus maruadsi</u> <u>Pentaprion longimanus</u> <u>Leiognathus bindus</u> Lutjanidae <u>Nemipterus peronii</u> Nemipteridae <u>Epinephelus areolatus</u> Synodontidae	5.40 10.00 9.20 6.80 8.80 11.60 3.20 19.70	0.02 0.01 0.15 0.46
18.6	0535	478	BT	65	65	5°00'	104°34'	23.90	47.80	<u>Pentaprion longimanus</u> Nemipteridae <u>Priacanthus tayenus</u> Jellyfish	1.90 4.70 4.00 5.00	0.03 0.14
18.6	0727	479	BT	66	66	5°00'	104°42'	7.75	23.25	Nemipteridae <u>Saurida sp.</u> Squid <u>Loligo</u>	2.60 1.80 1.45	0.30 0.02
18.6	1532	480	BT	62	62	5°13'	105°02'	29.75	59.50	<u>Pentaprion longimanus</u> <u>Nemipterus marginatus</u> <u>Priacanthus tayenus</u>	2.15 7.30 10.90	0.03 0.08 0.16
18.6	1845	481	BT	62	62	5°18'	104°41'	67.40	134.80	<u>Abalistes stellaris</u> <u>Pentaprion longimanus</u> <u>Nemipterus marginatus</u> <u>Priacanthus tayenus</u> <u>Saurida elongata</u>	10.95 3.40 7.30 14.35 4.20	0.25 0.02 0.05 0.13 0.16
18.6	2055	482	BT	66	66	5°20'	104°26'	33.60	67.20	<u>Pentaprion longimanus</u> Mullidae Nemipteridae Synodontidae	2.30 2.60 6.80 8.80	
19.6	0425	483	BT	44	44	5°21'	103°22'	45.05	90.10	<u>Decapterus maruadsi</u> <u>Pentaprion longimanus</u> <u>Lutjanus lineolatus</u> <u>Nemipterus peronii</u> Nemipteridae <u>Sphyaena obtusata</u>	1.30 4.65 3.00 7.70 3.90 4.05	0.02 0.02 0.05 0.15 0.09



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				BOTTOM	GEAR	NORTH	EAST	TOTAL	PR HR		TOTAL	MEAN
19.6	0713	484	BT	15	15	5°18'	103°14'	49.20	147.60	Bothidae <u>Leiognathus sp.</u> Mullidae <u>Nemipterus peronii</u> <u>Rhynchobatus djeddensis</u>	3.40 12.85 5.75 3.40 4.10	0.11   0.03 4.10
19.6	0815	485	BT	15	15	5°21'	103°13'	18.95	37.90	<u>Selaroides leptolepis</u> <u>Upeneus tragula</u> <u>Nemipterus peronii</u>	4.00 3.40 3.00	0.03 0.07 0.10
19.6	0958	486	BT	21	21	5°28'	103°10'	84.80	169.60	<u>Atule mate</u> <u>Selaroides leptolepis</u> <u>Daya jerdoni</u>	8.80 33.90 10.50	0.13 0.03 0.02
19.6	1128	487	BT	23	23	5°31'	103°08'	393.75	787.50	<u>Arius sp.</u> <u>Selaroides leptolepis</u> <u>Lutjanus lineolatus</u> Nemipteridae <u>Therapon theraps</u>	171.75 9.75 19.50 17.25 163.50	0.67 0.04 0.05  0.11
19.6	1420	488	BT	49	49	5°42'	103°09'	10.75	21.50	<u>Selar crumenophthalmus</u> <u>Lutjanus lineolatus</u> Nemipteridae	3.45 1.65 2.55	0.27 0.03  
19.6	1645	489	BT	50	50	5°40'	103°25'	9.00	18.00	<u>Selar crumenophthalmus</u> <u>Pentaprion longimanus</u> Squid Jellyfish	2.00 1.30 2.00 3.00	0.22 0.02  
19.6	1847	490	BT	53	53	5°43'	103°35'	69.70	139.40	<u>Pentaprion longimanus</u> <u>Upeneus sulphureus</u> Nemipteridae	5.10 30.20 5.50	 0.14  
19.6	2325	491	PT	66	24	5°40'	104°05'	18.25	36.50	<u>Decapterus maruadsi (juv.)</u> <u>Rastrelliger kanagurta (juv.)</u>	11.10 3.20	 0.01
20.6	0308	492	BT	57	57	5°40'	104°30'	37.65	75.30	<u>Abalistes stellaris</u> <u>Pentaprion longimanus</u> Nemipteridae Synodontidae	3.85 5.60 5.35 5.65	0.39   
20.6	0644	493	BT	58	58	5°56'	104°49'	48.50	97.00	<u>Abalistes stellaris</u> Nemipteridae Squid Jellyfish	5.40 2.20 4.40 26.40	0.68  0.03  
20.6	0845	494	BT	57	57	5°59'	104°51'	54.10	108.20	<u>Selar crumenophthalmus</u> <u>Lutjanus lineolatus</u> <u>Lutjanus sanguineus</u> Nemipteridae	25.00 3.00 3.60 5.00	0.12 0.08 3.60  
20.6	1054	495	BT	56	56	6°00'	104°41'	31.60	63.20	<u>Selaroides leptolepis</u> Nemipteridae Squid	2.40 8.05 6.50	0.03   
20.6	1415	496	BT	61	61	6°00'	104°16'	10.75	21.50	<u>Pentaprion longimanus</u> <u>Upeneus sulphureus</u> <u>Gymnocranius griseus</u>	1.80 2.10 1.30	0.02 0.04 0.22
20.6	1620	497	BT	71	71	6°04'	104°03'	17.85	35.70	<u>Priacanthus tayenus</u> Squid	1.80 7.20	0.23  
20.6	1730	498	PT	67	0	6°06'	104°03'	15.20	30.40	Jellyfish	15.00	  
20.6	1950	499	BT	59	59	6°05'	103°49'	21.4	64.20	<u>Abalistes stellaris</u> <u>Selaroides leptolepis</u> Nemipteridae <u>Priacanthus tayenus</u> Jellyfish	2.00 4.30 1.60 3.50 2.30	0.50 0.03  0.08  
20.6	2222	500	BT	54	54	6°00'	103°35'	12.85	38.55	<u>Lutjanus sebæ</u> Nemipteridae Squid	1.10 1.80 1.40	0.14   
22.6	1036	501	BT	20	20	5°52'	102°44'	44.95	89.90	<u>Atule mate</u> Squid: <u>Loligo</u> Jellyfish	2.50 5.20 35.00	0.04 0.09  
22.6	1150	502	BT	15	15	5°53'	102°40'	50.00	100.00	Leiognathidae <u>Parupeneus heptacanthus</u> <u>Scolopsis taeniopterus</u> Lobster: <u>Thenus orientalis</u> Squid Jellyfish	5.00 4.20 9.80 4.60 6.65 4.60	 0.03 0.12 0.14   

DATE	TIME START	STN NO	GEAR TYPE	DEPTH (M)		POSITION		CATCH (KG)		DOMINANT SPECIES	WEIGHT (KG)	
				BOTTOM	GEAR	NORTH	EAST	TOTAL	PR HR		TOTAL	MEAN
22.6	1452	503	BT	20	20	6°10'	102°25'	54.40	108.80	<u>Selar boops</u> <u>Selaroides leptolepis</u> Mullidae <u>Scolopsis taeniopterus</u> <u>Daya jerdoni</u> Lobster: <u>Thenus orientalis</u> Squid	6.00 11.00 2.80 6.45 14.70 2.75 3.00	0.04 0.03  0.13 0.02 0.15  
22.6	1625	504	BT	20	20	6°17'	102°24'	35.60	71.20	<u>Selaroides leptolepis</u> <u>Scolopsis taeniopterus</u> <u>Daya jerdoni</u> <u>Rachycentron canadus</u>	10.70 5.40 5.70 1.60	 0.10  1.60
22.6	1824	505	BT	19	19	6°17'	102°14'	15.60	31.20	<u>Chirocentrus nudus</u> Squid	11.00 2.00	0.15 0.05
22.6	2225	506	PT	22	5	6°20'	102°31'	1.60	3.20	<u>Stolephorus sp. (juveniles)</u> Squid: <u>Loligo</u>	0.20 0.70	
23.6	0122	507	BT	34	34	6°20'	102°46'	4.85	9.70	<u>Decapterus maruadsi (juv.)</u> Squid	1.05 1.55	0.01
23.6	0255	508	PT	37	18	6°20'	102°49'	11.85	23.70	<u>Stolephorus sp. (juv.)</u> <u>Scomberomorus commerson</u> <u>Scomberomorus guttatus</u> Squid	3.00 2.45 1.35 1.10	 2.45 0.68  
23.6	0656	509	BT	48	48	6°20'	103°13'	18.50	37.00	<u>Selar crumenophthalmus</u> Squid Jellyfish	2.40 3.10 10.00	0.17 0.05  
23.6	1240	510	BT	61	61	6°20'	103°50'	0.20	0.40	Lobster: <u>Thenus orientalis</u>	0.20	0.20
23.6	1403	511	BT	60	60	6°22'	103°55'	0.00	0.00	(No catch)		
23.6	1640	512	BT	69	69	6°20'	104°05'	0.00	0.00	(No catch)		

## ANNEX III b

## RECORD OF FISHING OPERATIONS

R/V "DR. FRIDTJOF NANSEN", MALAYA WEST COAST CRUISE, 5 - 14 JULY 1980

BT: Bottom trawl, PT: Pelagic trawl, GN: Gill net

DATE	TIME START	STN No.	GEAR TYPE	DEPTH (M)		POSITION		CATCH (KG)		DOMINANT SPECIES	WEIGHT (KG)	
				BOTTOM	GEAR	NORTH	EAST	TOTAL	PR HR		TOTAL	MEAN
5.7	1750	513	BT	40	40	5°37'	99°56'	169.45	225.95	<u>Atule mate</u> <u>Carangoides malabaricus</u> <u>Nemipteridae</u> <u>Rastrelliger kanagurta</u>	9.90 7.65 12.15 98.10	0.17 0.08  0.08
5.7	2205	514	PT	28	0	5°55'	100°00'	6.80	13.60	<u>Stolephorus sp.</u> <u>Jellyfish</u>	0.90 4.70	0.003  
6.7	1904	515	BT	15	15	6°15'	99°41'	45.70	68.55	<u>Pennahia macrophthalmus</u> <u>Trichiurus haumela</u>	2.50 35.10	0.04 0.17
6.7	2235	516	BT	55	55	6°05'	99°29'	27.50	55.00	<u>Muraenesox cinereus</u> <u>Nemipterus japonicus</u> <u>Nemipterus nematophorus</u>	7.60 7.80 3.50	1.90 0.03 0.04
7.7	0735	517	BT	97	97	5°50'	98°30'	42.20	84.40	<u>Nemipterus japonicus</u> <u>Sphyaena forsteri</u> <u>Seaweed</u>	7.80 2.20 21.70	0.05 0.10  
7.7	1040	518	BT	90	90	5°45'	98°45'	197.30	394.60	<u>Pentaprion longimanus</u> <u>Nemipteridae (5 spp.)</u> <u>Gymnocranius griseus</u> <u>Priacanthus tayenus</u> <u>Dasyatis uarnak</u>	12.00 9.10 6.80 105.40 50.00	0.02  0.45 0.03 50.00
7.7	1340	519	BT	67	67	5°45'	99°01'	5.60	11.20	<u>Atule mate</u> <u>Leiognathus sp.</u> <u>Nemipteridae (3 spp.)</u>	0.80 0.70 1.70	0.13 0.02  
7.7	1600	520	BT	70	70	5°45'	99°09'	3.80	7.60	<u>Jellyfish</u>	3.75	  
7.7	2030	521	PT	53	0	5°45'	99°33'	2.50	3.75	<u>Stolephorus heterolobus</u> <u>Trichiurus haumela</u>	0.90 0.80	0.005 0.11
7.7	2245	522	BT	45	45	5°45'	99°46'	50.60	101.20	<u>Apogonidae</u> <u>Nemipterus japonicus</u> <u>Shrimps</u>	11.60 15.40 5.30	0.01 0.04  
8.7	0220	523	BT	27	27	5°45'	100°01'	51.50	103.00	<u>Leiognathus sp.</u> <u>Pomadasyidae (2 spp)</u> <u>Sciaenidae</u>	17.30 10.10 5.90	0.01  0.05
8.7	0400	524	PT	30	16	5°45'	99°59'	400.00	1200.00	<u>Stolephorus (2 spp.)</u> <u>Triacanthus striglifer</u>	32.00 344.00	 0.09
8.7	0845	525	BT	11	11	5°37'	100°15'	53.40	106.80	<u>Alepes djeddaba</u> <u>Pennahia macrophthalmus</u> <u>Pampus argentus</u> <u>Tetraodontidae</u> <u>Shrimp: Penaeus indicus</u> <u>Squid: Sepia sp.</u>	4.40 10.00 4.40 4.40 3.30 5.40	0.01 0.03 0.12 0.08  0.02
8.7	1110	526	BT	37	37	5°25'	100°02'	13.50	27.00	<u>Chirocentrus dorab</u> <u>Gerres oyena</u> <u>Upeneus sulphureus</u> <u>Nemipterus japonicus</u> <u>Sphyaena barracuda</u>	1.00 1.00 1.10 2.10 1.90	0.25 0.05 0.04 0.06 1.90
8.7	1840	527	BT	68	68	5°22'	99°05'	16.40	32.80	<u>Ariomma indica</u> <u>Leiognathus bindus</u> <u>Priacanthus tayenus</u> <u>Sphyaena forsteri</u>	2.30 6.00 1.70 1.30	0.07 0.02 0.03 0.10
9.7	0900	528	BT	46	46	5°05'	100°00'	64.70	129.40	<u>Apogonidae</u> <u>Atule mate</u> <u>Lutjanus lineolatus</u> <u>Lutjanus sanguineus</u>	13.00 7.70 6.40 19.30	 0.20 0.40 2.04
9.7	1155	529	BT	19	19	5°04'	100°12'	118.80	237.60	<u>Ilisha melastoma</u> <u>Tetraodontidae</u> <u>Trichiurus haumela</u> <u>Jellyfish</u>	6.30 8.10 31.50 60.00	0.02 0.12 0.25  
9.7	1440	530	BT	11	11	4°54'	100°18'	137.50	275.00	<u>Leiognathus sp.</u> <u>Trichiurus haumela</u> <u>Jellyfish</u>	51.00 6.00 53.00	0.007 0.03  
9.7	1705	531	BT	45	45	4°45'	100°15'	25.20	50.40	<u>Jellyfish</u>	25.00	  



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DATE	TIME START	STN NO.	GEAR TYPE	DEPTH (M)		POSITION		CATCH (KG)		DOMINANT SPECIES	WEIGHT (KG)	
				BOTTOM	GEAR	NORTH	EAST	TOTAL	PR HR		TOTAL	MEAN
13.7	1015	547	BT	57	57	3°55'	100°25'	11.30	22.60	Nemipteridae (3 spp.) Squid: Loligo & Sepia	4.80	2.90
13.7	1355	548	BT	62	62	4°05'	100°14'	32.60	65.20	<u>Abalistes stellaris</u> <u>Pentaprion longimanus</u> <u>Nemipterus delagoae</u> <u>Nemipterus peronii</u> Squid: Loligo	3.00 8.00 4.50 7.50 3.50	0.25 0.02 0.06 0.16 0.03
13.7	1740	549	BT	27	27	4°17'	100°29'	48.20	96.40	<u>Thryssa setirostris</u> <u>Trichiurus haumela</u> Shrimp: <u>Parapenaeopsis sp.</u> Jellyfish	4.00 29.50 3.10 5.60	0.006 0.27
13.7	2100	550	GN	36	0	4°22'	100°26'	2.10	0.84	<u>Rastrelliger sp.</u>	1.80	0.06
14.7	0200	551	BT	37	37	4°39'	100°12'	100.00	200.00	Percophididae <u>Selaroides leptolepis</u> <u>Nemipterus japonicus</u> <u>Saurida undosquamis</u> Pleuronectiformes Shark: <u>Orectolobidae</u>	8.10 11.50 18.90 14.80 4.80 8.10	0.01 0.02 0.05 0.08

## ANNEX IV

Average catch rates (kg. per hour) in bottom trawl at various depth intervals off the east and west coast of Peninsular Malaysia

Depths	East coast			West coast			
	10-25	26-50	51-75	10-25	26-50	51-75	76-100
AMMODYTIIDAE	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
APOGONIDAE	0.2	1.7	0.6	0.2	4.7	0.9	-
ARIIDAE	20.5	2.7	0.4	-	0.5	0.1	-
ARIOMMIDAE	-	+	0.2	-	-	0.4	0.3
BALISTIDAE	0.4	3.1	3.7	0.1	1.0	2.4	-
BOTHIDAE	1.3	+	+	-	0.9	+	-
BREGMACEROTIDAE	-	+	-	-	0.2	0.1	-
CARANGIDAE	62.4	8.1	5.9	8.7	23.9	7.8	4.8
CENTRISCIDAE	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
CEPOLIDAE	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
CENTROPOMIDAE	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
CHAETODONTIDAE	-	+	0.1	-	-	0.2	-
CHIROCENTRIDAE	1.5	0.1	+	0.4	0.2	-	1.0
CLUPEIDAE	6.5	+	-	3.9	1.9	+	-
CYNOGLOSSIDAE	1.2	-	-	0.5	0.1	0.1	-
DACTYLOPTERIDAE	1.3	+	0.1	-	0.2	0.3	-
DIODONTIDAE	0.3	0.2	0.6	-	-	0.6	0.2
ECHENEIDAE	0.2	0.3	0.2	-	0.2	0.1	-
EMMELICHTHYIDAE	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
ENGRAULIDAE	0.8	+	-	1.8	0.8	+	-
EPHIPPIDAE	+	-	-	+	-	-	-
EXOCOETIDAE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FISTULARIIDAE	0.4	0.7	0.8	-	0.1	0.1	0.9
FORMIONIDAE	+	+	0.1	1.7	0.2	5.3	-
GERREIDAE	2.1	4.1	3.3	-	0.2	1.4	12.6
GOBIIDAE	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
HOLOCENTRIDAE	+	-	0.4	-	-	0.1	-
LABRIDAE	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
LEIOGNATHIDAE	11.9	1.5	3.1	20.2	5.4	1.4	-
LETHRINIDAE	-	0.1	+	-	-	0.2	-
LOBOTIDAE	-	-	-	1.0	-	-	-
LUTJANIDAE	4.2	10.8	4.0	0.1	4.7	4.0	4.4
MENIDAE	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
MUGILOIDIDAE	-	-	0.1	0.1	-	-	-
MULLIDAE	11.2	2.7	4.4	0.1	1.7	0.8	3.0
MURAENESOCIDAE	-	-	+	0.3	0.6	1.2	-
NEMIPTERIDAE	11.2	9.8	8.4	0.7	8.6	9.4	17.7
OGCOEPHALIDAE	-	-	+	-	-	0.1	0.3
OPHIDIIDAE	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
OSTRACIONTIDAE	0.3	+	0.1	-	0.1	+	-
PENTAPODIDAE	+	+	0.4	-	-	0.2	6.8
PERCOPHIDAE	-	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
PLATYCEPHALIDAE	1.0	0.1	+	-	0.3	0.4	-
PLOTOCIDAE	-	-	+	0.1	-	0.1	-
POLYNEMIDAE	-	-	-	0.5	0.1	-	-
POMACENTRIDAE	4.1	2.4	0.2	-	-	-	+
POMADASYIDAE	1.4	0.3	0.2	13.5	2.4	0.4	-
PRACANTHIDAE	0.4	0.7	6.6	-	0.3	0.5	105.7
PSETTODIDAE	1.8	0.2	+	0.1	0.1	-	-
RACHYCENTRIDAE	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	1.3
SCIAENIDAE	1.3	-	+	7.8	2.2	+	-
SCOMBRIDAE	1.3	0.1	0.7	2.8	13.1	0.3	-
SCORPAENIDAE	+	0.9	0.1	-	0.5	0.1	-
SERRANIDAE	+	1.0	1.2	0.2	0.6	0.3	-
SIGANIDAE	26.8	0.7	0.1	-	0.5	0.2	-
SILLAGINIDAE	1.2	-	-	-	-	0.8	-
SOLEIDAE	0.2	-	-	-	-	0.1	-
SPARIDAE	+	-	-	-	-	0.3	-
SPHYRAENIDAE	0.4	0.9	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.6	2.2
STROMATEIDAE	-	-	-	2.4	0.1	-	-
SYNODONTIDAE	4.8	4.7	4.6	0.9	6.4	1.9	1.3
TETRAODONTIDAE	2.8	0.8	0.2	5.0	7.5	1.9	2.4
THERAPONIDAE	17.5	-	+	2.5	-	1.6	-
TRIACANTHIDAE	1.1	-	+	0.1	-	-	-
THRIACANTHODIDAE	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
TRICHIURIDAE	+	0.5	+	19.6	5.3	0.1	-
TRIGLIDAE	-	-	0.4	-	-	-	-
URANOSCOPIDAE	-	0.2	0.1	-	-	-	-
"Mix"/unidentified	1.0	1.1	0.1	-	-	-	-
SHARKS	0.6	0.6	0.6	-	1.7	0.1	-
RAYS	28.8	3.1	0.8	1.0	1.1	2.7	50.0
CRUSTACEA	3.7	1.5	0.7	4.5	3.2	1.1	0.1
CEPHALOPODA	4.7	8.2	4.4	5.4	2.6	2.4	3.4
Demersal fish	154.9	52.7	45.3	59.6	54.8	37.7	197.1
Pelagic fish	85.0	13.8	13.0	37.3	45.3	10.9	17.4
TOTAL	245.7	74.7	58.3	106.9	105.9	52.1	218.0
No of trawl hauls	19	15	28	7	13	13	2









FAMILY Species	Stn No.	n	Total length in cm																																									
			03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36								
<u>Nemipterus</u> sp.	442	4						1			1	2																																
<u>Scolopsis taeniopterus</u>	430	16									1	1	2	3		4	3	1		1																								
	442	75						2			9	24	31	3		1	2	1				1	1																					
	502	81											3	4			2	1	8	30		11	7	1	1	5		5	2	1														
	503	49										1	2	2		2	1		6	6		7	3	2	5	6		4	2															
<u>Scolopsis</u> sp.	503	11									1	2	3			1	2	1	1																									
<b>POMACENTRIDAE</b>																																												
<u>Daya jerdoni</u>	430	33			1	3	10	13			2	4																																
	442	62			8	26	20	6			2																																	
	461	108			3	11	31	39			16	7	1																															
	486	111					3	29			49	18	11	1																														
	503	75				2	6				13	24	25	5																														
<b>PRIACANTHIDAE</b>																																												
<u>Priacanthus macracanthus</u>	434	34									1	6	6	1	8		3	4		2				2	1																			
	451	9									1												1		1	2		4																
	473	11																							1	4		4	2															
<u>Priacanthus tayenus</u>	442	31						1			13	13	4																															
	451	12											1										1		3	1		4		2														
	457	20			1					1	1					2									2	3	2	3		2	3													
	460	34													1		1	1	5				4	10	5	5	2																	
	468	7																	1				1	1	1	2	1																	
	478	28											2		1	1							2	8	1	3	3		2	4		1												
	480	67																	2				2	7	6	9	5		14	13	9													
	499	45			1						1	9	9	1	2			2	2				3	5	3	1	4		2															
<b>SCIAENIDAE</b>																																												
<u>Pennahia pawak</u>	442	5														2	3																											
<b>SCOMBRIDAE</b>																																												
<u>Rastrelliger kanaqurta</u>	463	4																							1	1		1	1															
	491	33				1	5				11	16																																
	507	14				4	3	3			3	1																																
	508	60			1	5	14	23			16	1																																
<b>SERRANIDAE</b>																																												
<u>Epinephelus areolatus</u>	(see Part 2)																																											
<b>SIGANIDAE</b>																																												
<u>Siganus canaliculatus</u>	475	77										8	38	30		1																												
	485	44									1	2	5	22	12		1	1																										
<b>SPHYRAENIDAE</b>																																												
<u>Sphyraena jello</u>	(see Part 2)																																											
<u>Sphyraena obtusata</u>	483	17																					2	1		6		6	2															
<b>SYNODONTIDAE</b>																																												
<u>Saurida elongata</u>	(see Part 2)																																											
<u>Saurida micropectoralis</u>	482	15															1		1				2	1				1		1	3		1	2	1		1							
<u>Saurida tumbil</u>	431	67									1				3	12	16	15	8			4	4	1		1		1	1															
<u>Saurida undosquamis</u>	430	12									1	3				1		1	2	2		2																						
	434	41									1	1	1			3	4	4	3	2		7	2	2	4	4		1	1	1														
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	460	17										2				1	2					1		1	1	2		1										1	2					



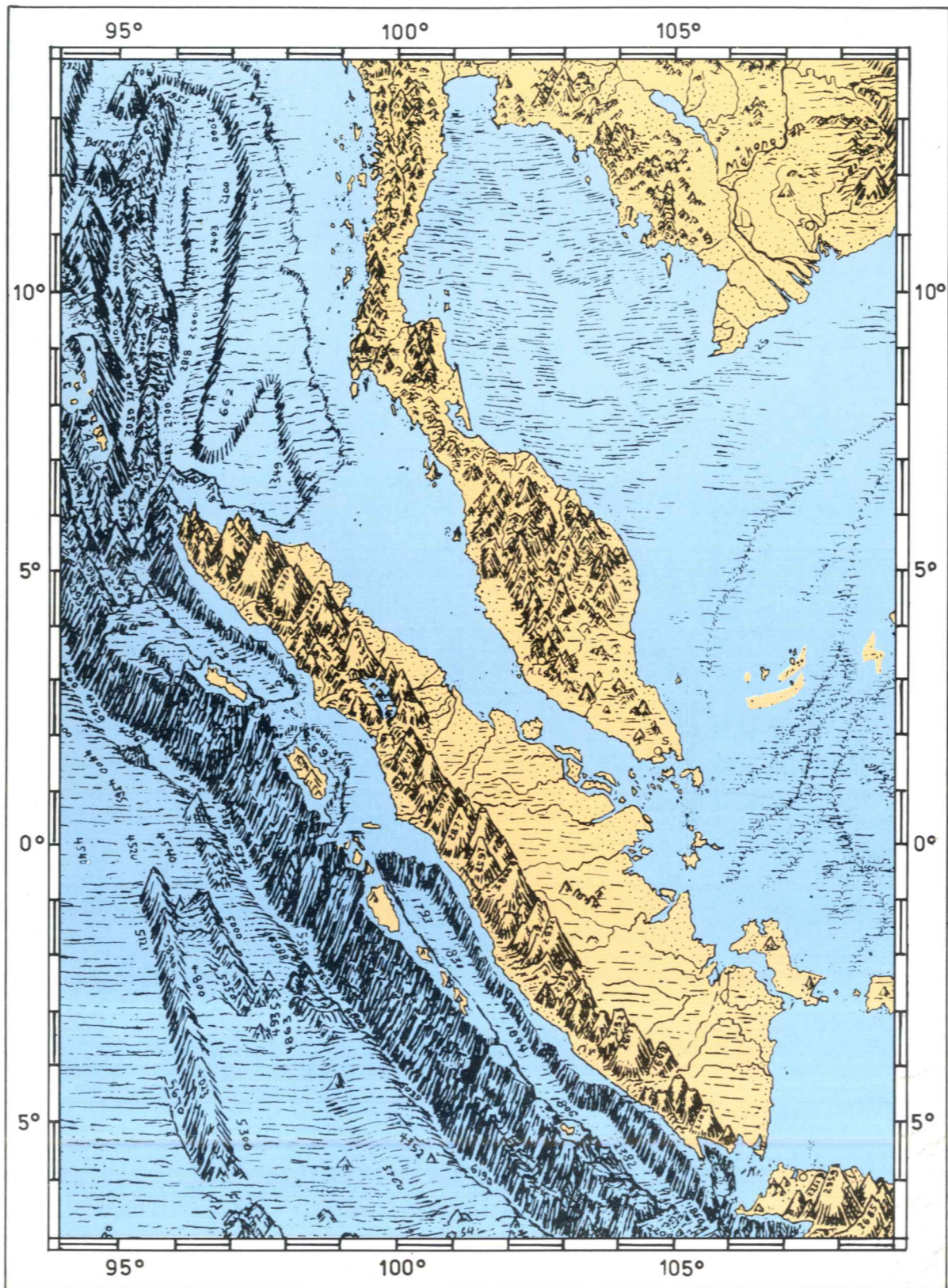












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