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**The Pelagic and Demersal  
Fish Resources  
of Oman**

**Final Report  
from Surveys 1983-84**

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The fishery research vessel «Dr. Fridtjof Nansen» belongs to the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD). It was designed and built for scientific and exploratory investigations of fishery resources of developing countries, under a joint plan with the Fisheries Department of FAO based on a funding of operation to be shared by FAO and Norway.

Since 1975 the vessel has carried out surveys in almost all countries surrounding the Indian Ocean (except India and some of the smaller island states). Since 1981 she has also surveyed the West African continental shelf, from Morocco to Angola.

The Institute of Marine Research, Bergen is under a subcontract with NORAD responsible for the operation of the vessel, and the various research programmes were planned and conducted jointly with the relevant fisheries research organizations in the countries concerned.

Results of the previous surveys have been reported on in a number of cruise- and progress reports under each programme.

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## 1.1 Background and objectives

Since the International Indian Ocean Expedition (IIOE, 1959-65), which produced abundant data on the oceanographic and biological environment, the seas off the coasts of Oman have been known to belong to the high productive areas of the world in terms of primary and secondary production.

Even though direct data on fish resources were missing, it was assumed that the area could hold considerable fish resources.

Based on the findings from IIOE, a joint programme between the Norwegian Agency for International Development (NORAD) and the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) was set up to investigate the fish resources of the Arabian Sea. In the period from January 1975 to November 1976 the R/V "Dr. Fridtjof Nansen" carried out five coverages of the coastal waters from Pakistan to Somalia, including Oman. Based on the acoustic data collected during these surveys, the fish resources of Oman were estimated to the average level of 600 thousand tonnes for the small pelagic fish and 120 thousand tonnes for demersal fish, making it one of the most productive areas in the Indian Ocean.

Under the UNDP/FAO programme GLO/82/001 "Survey and identification of World Marine Resources" it was agreed with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of Oman, to carry out four additional surveys in Oman waters in the period April 1983 to October 1984.

The main objectives of these surveys were to update the previous findings and provide more detailed information on the state of the resources with a more intensive sampling programme than during the earlier surveys.

## 1.2 Plan

The level of the small pelagic resources was to be assessed by acoustic surveys, while the demersal resources were to be estimated by concurrent trawl surveys. In addition, a few hydrographical sections were to be worked out along the coast in order to evaluate the strength of the upwelling system. The acoustic data, combined with the trawl sampling programme, would also provide information on species distribution and composition of

the fish community in Oman waters.

The timing of the surveys was planned as follows:

- I March 1983 (pre-monsoon conditions)
- II November-December 1983 (NE-monsoon conditions)
- III April- May 1984 (immediate pre-monsoon conditions)
- IV September 1984 (immediate post-monsoon conditions)

Due to a major engine breakdown in September 1984, the fourth survey had to be cancelled. Thus, an unfortunate gap in the study of the year cycle became inevitable.

In the survey plan, the emphasis was put on covering intensively the shelf area from Ras al Hadd southward to Salalah because of the high bioproductivity of this region. The shelf north of Ras al Hadd is narrow and with much lower level of production. This area was not covered in the first survey.

The first survey was partially overlapping with a special survey on the mesopelagic resources in the Gulf of Oman, while the second survey included an acoustic coverage of the mesopelagic fish in the same area. The results from the investigations on mesopelagic fish have been reported elsewhere (Gjøsæter and Tilseth 1983, Strømme and Tilseth 1983, Scharfe 1984) and will not be dealt with in the present report.

Preliminary cruise reports have been issued shortly after each of the three surveys which took place according to the original plan. The present report is a final summary report, based on the results from these three surveys and on knowledge from previous work.

The participating staff is listed in Annex I and information on the R/V "Dr. Fridtjof Nansen", instruments and gear used, are given in Annex II.

### 1.3 The survey coverages

Figures 1-3 show the cruise tracks and stations worked on the three surveys. The operational characteristics of the surveys are summarized in Table 1.

The distance between the main acoustic transects was 10 nm and the shelf was usually surveyed perpendicular to the coast from 15m out to the 200m

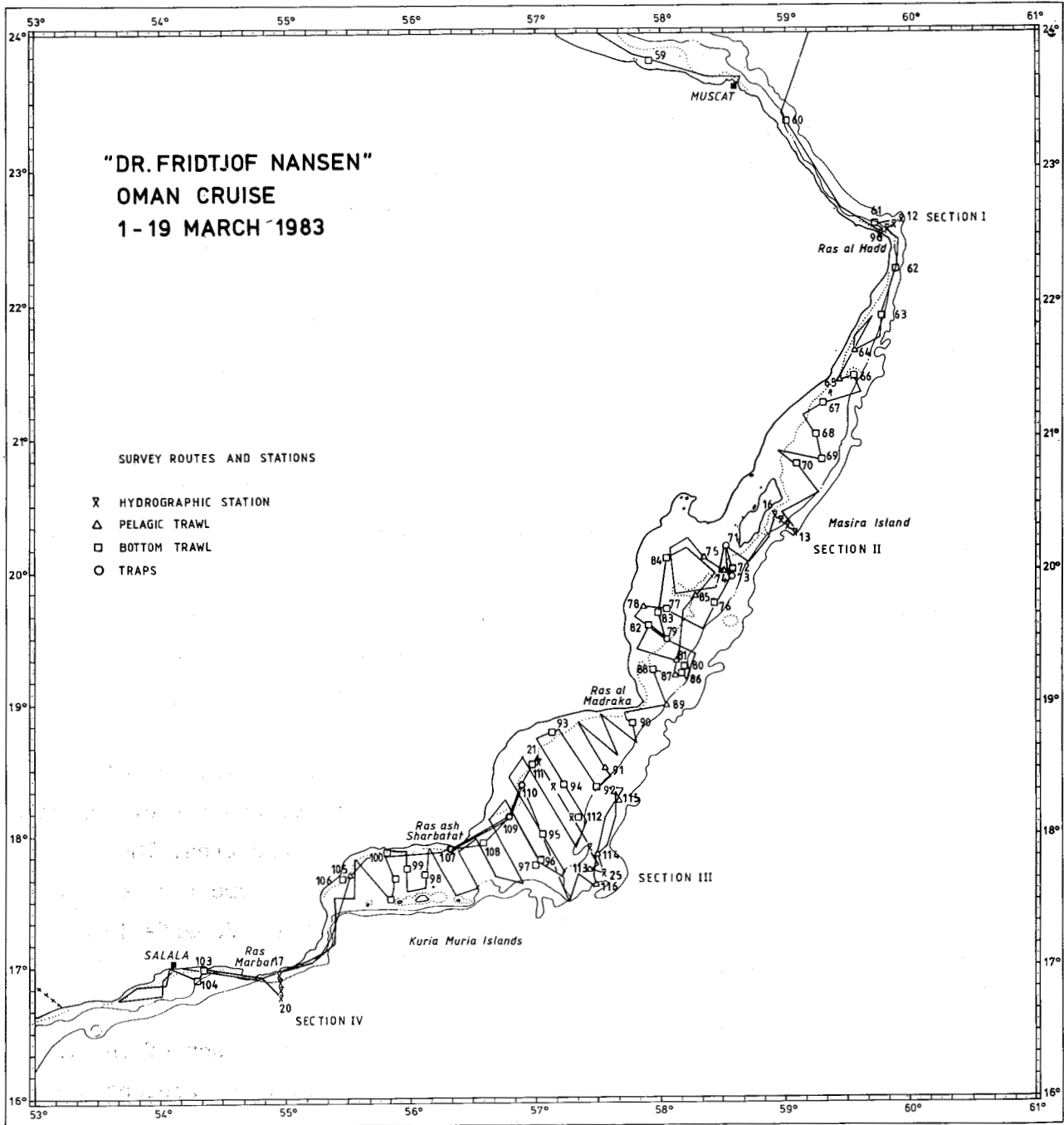


Figure 1. Cruise track and stations during the first survey, 1-19 March 1983.

depth limit, which was well into the continental slope. Areas of less than 15m depth represent a very small fraction of the shelf, and apart from a small area south-west of Masirah island, the survey grid practically covered the whole shelf.

Estimates of survey intensity are also shown in Table 1, given as ratios between nautical miles steamed and  $100 \text{ nm}^2$  covered during the three surveys. Survey intensities for the R/V "Dr. Fridtjof Nansen" usually range



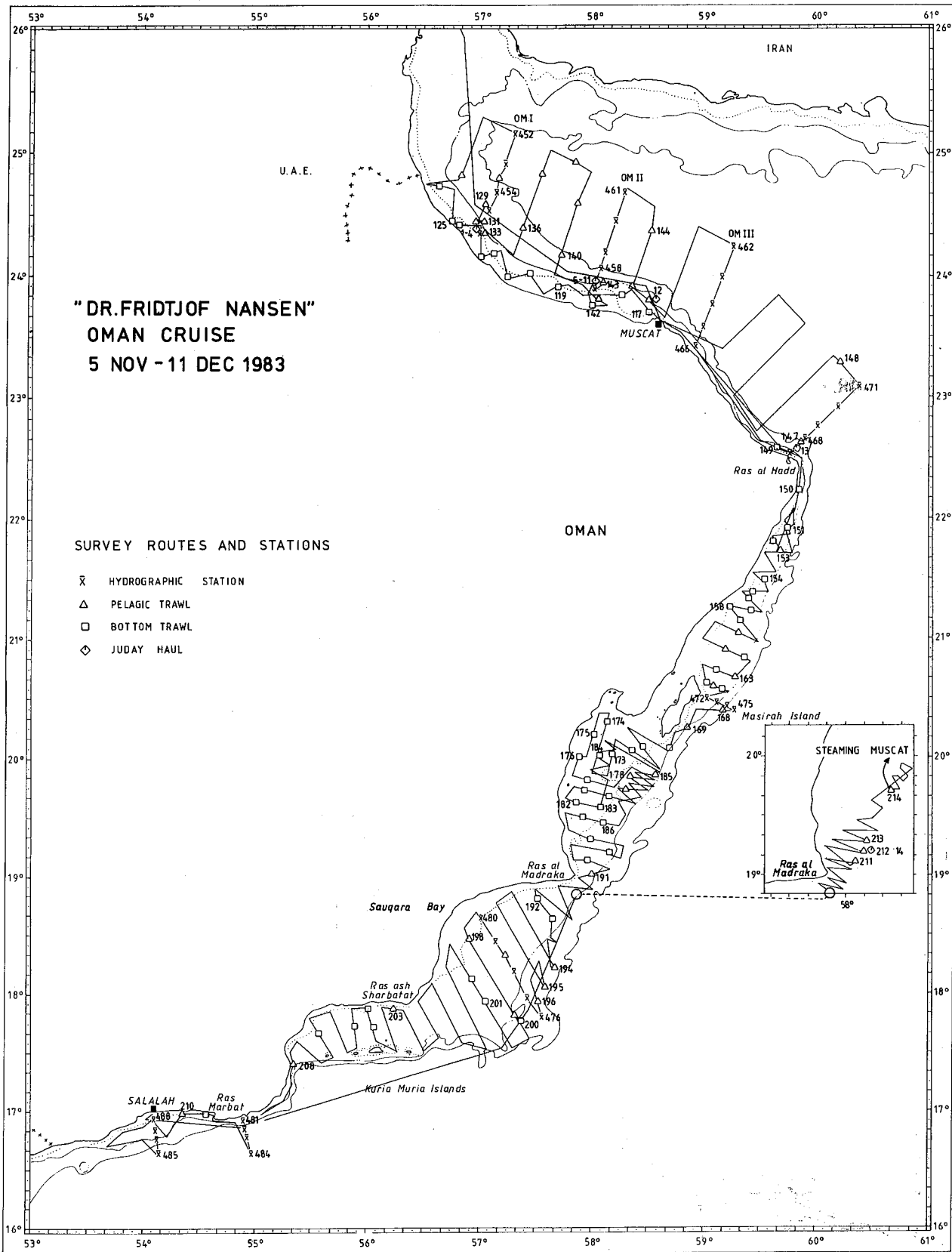


Figure 2. Cruise track and stations during the second survey, 5 November - 11 December 1983.

between 5-40 nm/nm<sup>2</sup> The latest coverages in Oman thus belong to the more intensive worked out so far.

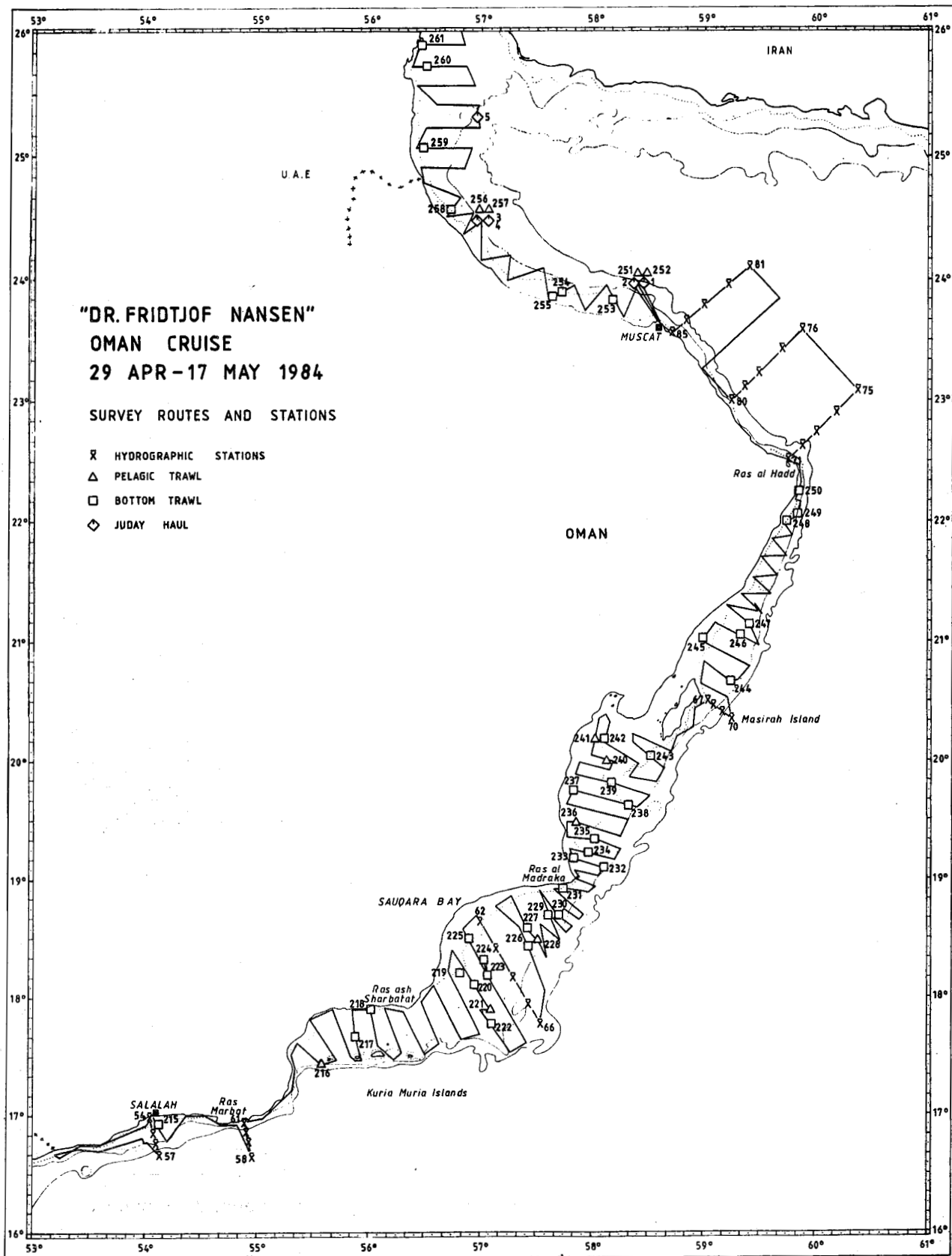


Figure 3 Cruise track and stations during the third survey, 29 April  
- 17 May 1984.

Table 1 Operational features of the surveys.

Survey	Dates	Region	Days at sea	Distance travelled in survey area (nm)	Survey intensity nm <sup>2</sup> /100 nm <sup>2</sup>	Number of fishing stations	Number of hydrographic stations
I	1983 1-19 March	North of Ras al Hadd	1	260	12.1	3	4
		Ras al Hadd-Masirah Isl.	2	370	15.9	9	4
		Masirah Isl.-Ras al Madraka	3	575	19.2	19	0
		Ras al Madraka-Ras Marbat	7	1390	23.2	25	9
		West of Ras Marbat	1	200	30.9	2	0
II	1983 5 Nov- 11 Dec	North of Ras al Hadd	2	370	17.2	13	20
		Ras al Hadd-Masirah Isl.	3	520	22.3	20	4
		Masirah Isl.-Ras al Madraka	7	1090	36.3	26	0
		Ras al Madraka-Ras Marbat	6	1190	19.8	17	9
		West of Ras Marbat	1	190	29.7	2	4
III	1984 29 Apr- 17 May	North of Ras al Hadd	2	370	17.2	4	15
		Ras al Hadd-Masirah Isl.	2	390	16.7	7	4
		Masirah-Isl. Ras al Madraka	3	515	17.2	12	0
		Ras al Madraka-Ras Marbat	5	1080	18.0	16	9
		West of Ras Marbat	1	185	28.9	1	4

Corrected for port calls, calibration stops and deep sea (mesopelagic) surveys

## 2. RESULTS FROM THE ACOUSTIC SURVEYS.

Acoustic surveys combined with trawling for identification of the acoustic registrations provide data on distribution, abundance and species composition of the small pelagic resources. For the surveys in Oman, it is assumed that the survey grid totally encompasses the pelagic stocks in the area. Furthermore, no serious loss of acoustic data due to poor weather conditions has occurred. However, although the frame conditions were most favourable for acoustic surveys, the estimates are still vulnerable to sampling errors and random statistic variance.

Acoustic surveys are less suitable for the evaluation of demersal species. This is mainly because the density level of the demersal stocks is much

lower than the small pelagic stocks, making the relative sampling error and variance much higher. Therefore, less emphasis is put on the acoustic results concerning demersal stocks. They will be more thoroughly covered in the trawl-survey section.

## 2.1 The acoustic method and its limitations.

Acoustic abundance estimation of fish is based on the principle that the intensity of the echoes reflected from the fish in the sea is linearly proportional to the density of fish in situ. By an electronic instrument, called echo integrator, the echoes received over fixed intervals of the vessels survey track are made representative for indices of fish abundance within these intervals. Apart from being density dependent, these indices are also dependent of the type of species and the size of the fish. To convert these indices of density into absolute densities one has therefore to apply both species dependent and size dependent correction factors. Information on these factors is usually acquired through calibration procedures on fish in situ or from experimental setups with fish in cages. Absolute densities are converted into absolute abundances by multiplying the densities of fish by the area of the fish distribution.

In spite of its relatively simple basic principles, the acoustic method has several limitations which always should be kept in mind when interpreting the results from acoustic surveys and applying them for fishery development purposes. Of the limiting factors the main are:

a) Underrepresentation of bottom dwelling fishes. Fish that stay close to the bottom, especially rays and flat fishes, are detected as part of the bottom and will not be distinguished by the echo integrator. In addition, due to a so called dead-zone, the fish immediately off the bottom are not fully represented in the estimates. All this leads to a certain underrepresentation of demersal fish, especially those living very close to the bottom.

b) Screening effect from plankton. Plankton is also detected by the acoustic system, and it is the task of the scientist on basis of the characters of the echo-traces and composition in the trawl catches to separate the density indices into plankton and fish. Various methods are available, both special acoustic/electronic setups and procedures for reading the echo-traces. But in areas with dense concentrations of plankton combined with scattered and low densities of fish, a correct separation of the echo-indices into fish and plankton is difficult. In such cases the

plankton can represent up to several hundred times the amount of fish recordings, and assessing the fish abundance has more the character of qualified guesses than estimates. This factor does not seriously affect the total estimates if it concerns small areas only, but it might be significant in those regions where low-densities are found over large areas and will thus sum up to considerable total abundances.

c) Disproportional sampling in multispecies fish communities. Ideally, when several species are present in the same area one should distribute the indices of total density recorded by the acoustic system into indices of species densities and convert these indices into absolute abundance estimates by applying species and size dependent conversion factors on the indices. When the behavioural pattern of the mixing species (i.e. schooling pattern, depth preferences, day/night behaviour etc.) are quite similar, it is an arduous, if not impossible task to separate the species on basis of the echo traces. The species composition in the trawl catches are used as assistance in splitting the total estimates down to species or species group levels. But the catchability of the trawl is highly species and size dependent, and the distribution in the catches are not directly representative of the distribution in situ. In areas where the fish biomass is mainly made up of some few dominating species or species groups, the estimation of abundance is less complicated than in cases where a multitude of species contribute to the total abundance. In the last case the estimates suffer from low precision, both on the total and on the group/species level.

In acoustic surveys, separate estimates of pelagic and demersal fish are usually made to provide useful information to two different fisheries, the demersal and the small pelagic fishery. A total estimate is less useful. The separation into these two categories is usually relatively easy, based on the echotraces and the information from the trawl catches. The small-pelagic fish usually form distinct aggregations which can be easily separated. At times, however, the same species can be present in high abundances both in the pelagic and in the demersal community. In such cases even the separation into pelagic and demersal becomes difficult.

d) Lack of information on the acoustic properties of tropical fish species. As already mentioned, the conversion factor applied on the indices of abundance, to convert them into absolute abundances, are species dependent. Acquisition of the basic information leading to these factors is an arduous

task, and for most tropical species this work is at present in its most initial phase or not really started at all. In lack of detailed information on the dominating species, one often has to apply values from similar and better known species from temperate waters. In addition, when dealing with multispecies occurrences of fish, it is almost impossible to calculate the various conversion factors to use in the estimates and a rough effective overall factor has to be applied.

All these limitation factors, when applicable, lower the precision of the acoustic estimate.

#### The suitability of Omani waters for acoustic surveys.

The pelagic fish community in Omani waters is made up of relatively few species mainly concentrated in high densities. The demersal community is characterized by a multitude of species. The demersal biomass has a scattered distribution, with only very few dense patches. The occurrence of plankton did not constitute a serious problem. As a general conclusion, acoustic research can easily be applied to the stocks of small pelagic fish found in Omani waters, but this method does not suite as well the demersal stocks.

## 2.2 The Small Pelagic Fish Resources.

The small pelagic resources in Oman waters consist mainly of Trachurus indicus, Sardinella longiceps and Sardinella gibbosa. Less dominating, but important, are Stolephorus punctifer, Dussumieria acuta, Decapterus russelli, Rastrelliger kanagurta, Selar chrumenophthalmus and Etrumeus teres. While the stocks of Sardinella longiceps, occurring in shallower waters, have been exploited by the beach-seine fishery, the presence of much bigger stocks of Trachurus indicus, farther offshore, has been less known.

### 2.2.1 Distribution and relative abundance during the 1983-84 surveys, by regions.

Figures 4-6 show the distributions of small pelagic fish from the three surveys. The distributions are given in four density levels: scattered, gathered, dense and very dense, which roughly correspond to 14- 140

tonnes/nm<sup>2</sup>, 140-280 t/nm<sup>2</sup>, 280-1400 t/nm<sup>2</sup> and > 1400 t/nm<sup>2</sup> respectively.

The dominant species in the different locations were identified by trawling.

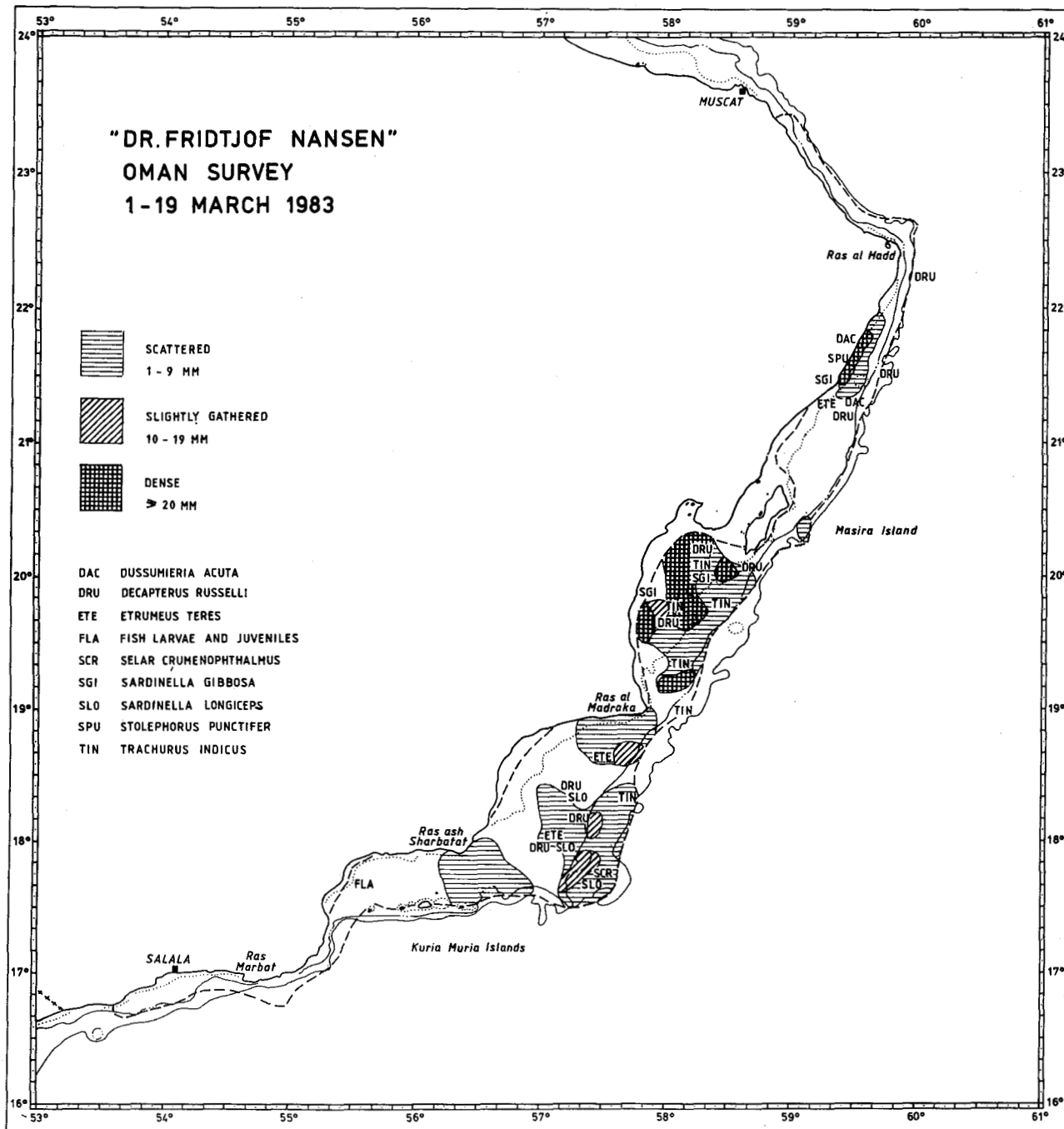


Figure 4. Distribution of small pelagic fish during the first survey, based on acoustic registrations.

#### A. North of Ras al Hadd

In this area, small pelagic fish is nearly absent. During the two coverages made in this region, only very few scattered occurrences were located. These were mainly of Dussumieria acuta. This species was present in 6 out

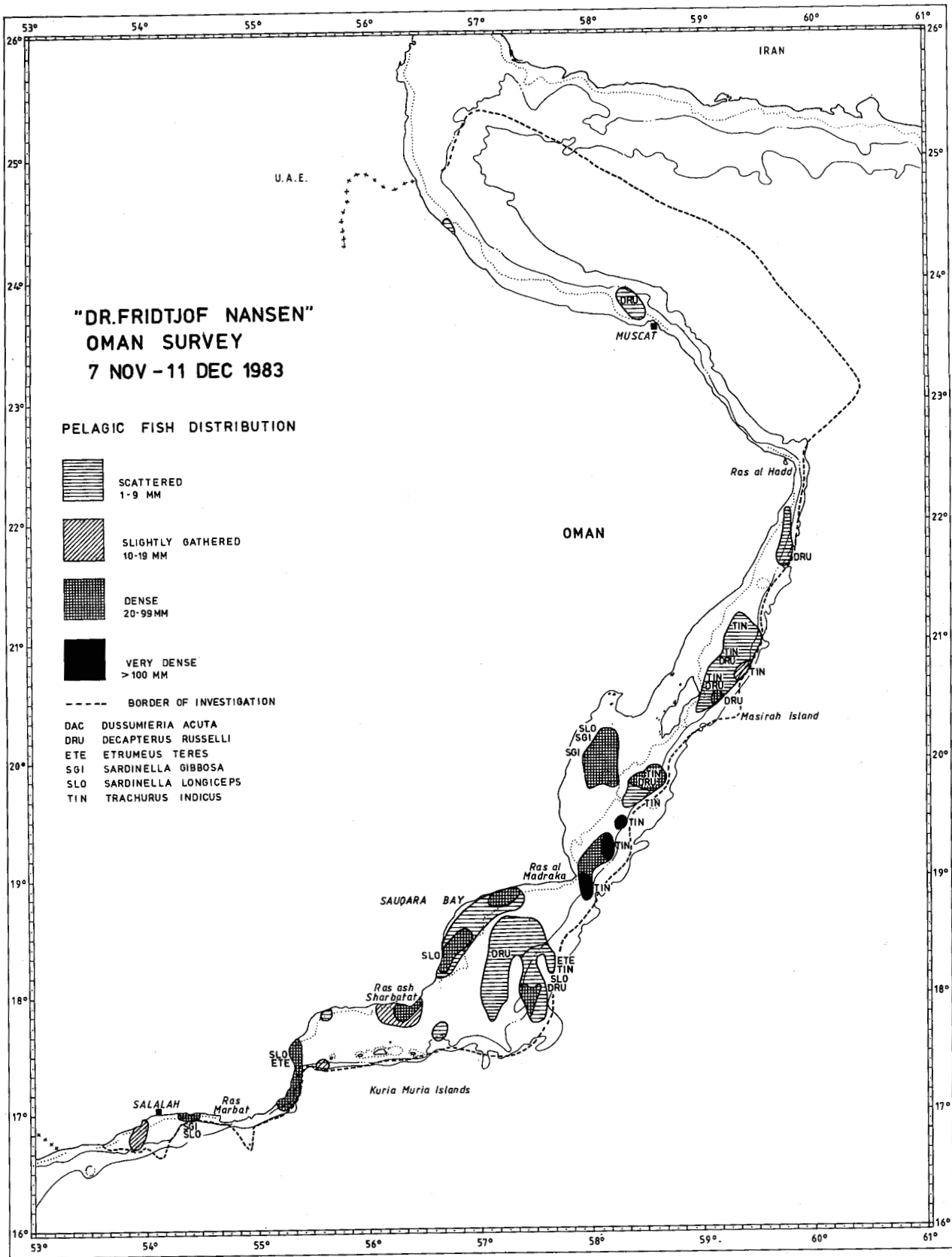


Figure 5. Distribution of small pelagic fish during the second survey, based on acoustic registrations.

of 17 hauls, with an average catch of 115 kg/hour, all hauls included, representing 20 % of all fish caught in the area.



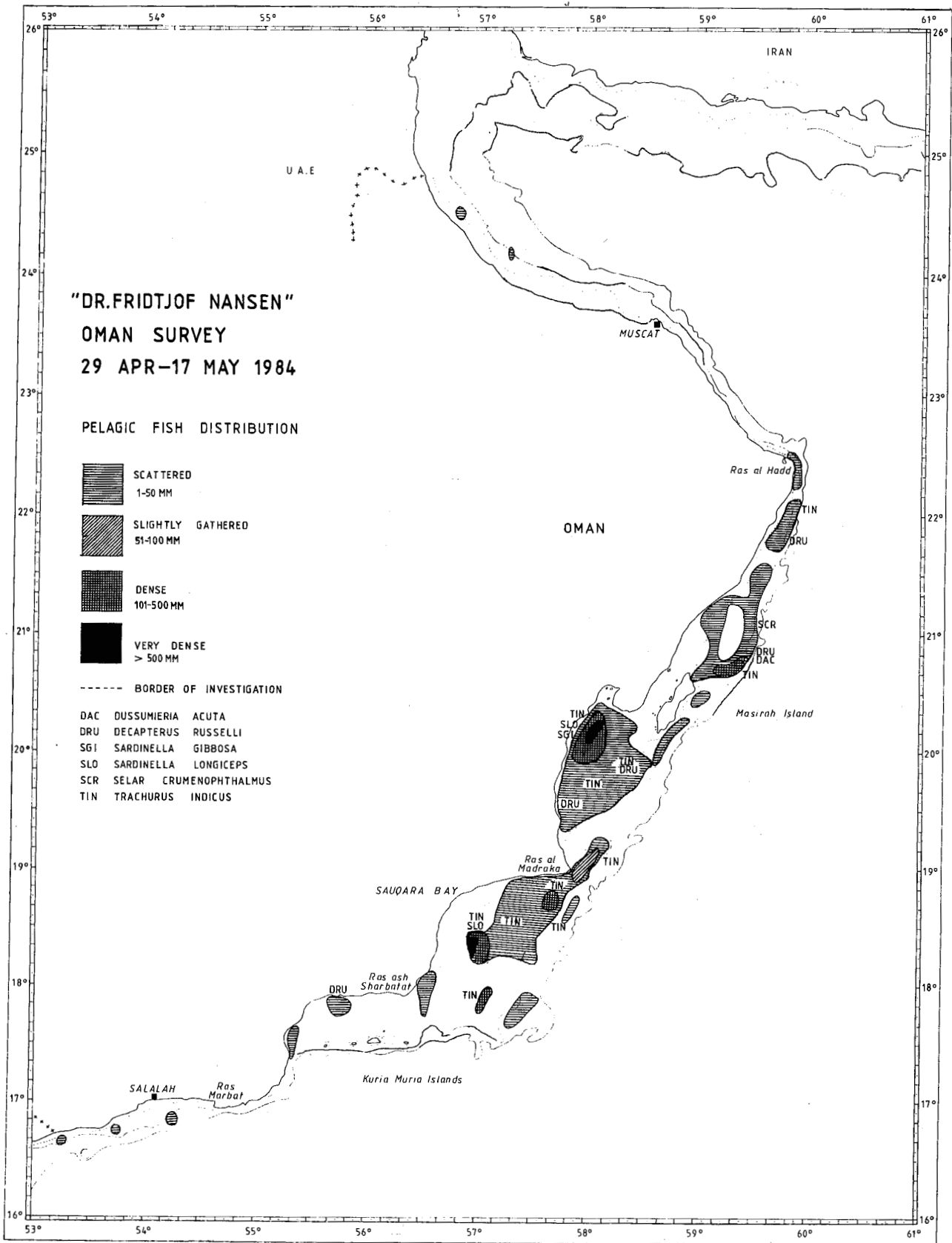


Figure 6. Distribution of small pelagic fish during the third survey, based on acoustic registrations.

B. Ras al Hadd - Masirah Island

In the Ras al Hadd - Masirah Island area, scattered to dense occurrences of small pelagic fish were found during all three coverages. The main

species were Trachurus indicus, Decapterus russelli, and Sardinella gibbosa in order of importance. Also present, but in lesser quantities, were Dussumieria acuta, Stolephorus sp. and Etrumeus teres. Information on the relative abundance of the most important pelagic species in the catches is given below:

Species	Bottom trawl		Pelagic trawl	
	% of pel. fish	% of all fish	% of pel. fish	% of all fish
<u>T. indicus</u>	60	16	62	41
<u>D. russelli</u>	27	7	16	11
<u>S. gibbosa</u>	-	-	7	5
<u>D. acuta</u>	-	-	8	5
<u>Stolephorus</u> spp.	-	-	4	3
<u>E. teres</u>	-	-	3	2
Other pelagic	13	3	-	-
Total pelagic	100	26	100	67
Number of hauls	28		9	
Mean pelagic catch/hour	280		786	

The main purpose of the trawling is to identify the acoustic registrations. In addition, many of the bottom hauls are carried out in a semi random trawl survey programme. The average catches thus do not reflect the catches to be expected in a commercial fishery, but can be used as a rough indication of the level of the resources in and between regions. Expected commercial catch rates will be discussed in section 3.3.

#### C. Masirah Bank

From the southern tip of Masirah Island to Ras al Madraka, also referred to as the Masirah Bank region, the small pelagic resources consisted mainly of Trachurus indicus, Sardinella gibbosa, Sardinella longiceps and Decapterus russelli, with very small fractions of anchovies (Thryssa sp. and Stolephorus sp.). The pelagic fish distribution in the catches was as follows:

	Bottom trawl		Pelagic trawl	
	% of pel.	% of all	% of pel.	% of all
<u>Trachurus indicus</u>	93	60	93	88
<u>Sardinella gibbosa</u>	-	-	3	3
<u>Sardinella longiceps</u>	-	-	1	1
<u>Decapterus russelli</u>	7	4	2	2
Total pelagic	26	100	67	100
Number of hauls	34		20	
Mean pelagic catch/hour	1728 Kg		2550 Kg	

Trachurus indicus ( the Indian horse mackerel) has its distributional center of gravity in this area. The greatest concentrations were found close to the shelf edge during all three surveys, with mean lengths of 16cm, 24cm and 24cm respectively. During the second survey (November), younger specimens, around 10 cm mean length were located closer to the shore, at around 20-25 m depth. These probably recruited to the main stock at the shelf edge in the following spring, thus lowering its average length.

During the two surveys in spring (survey I and III) the highest catches of Indian horse mackerel were obtained in the 90-100 m bottom depth zone. 90% of the total catch of Trachurus indicus came from this area. In November (survey II) the maximum catches were obtained in the 130-140m bottom depth zone.

Sardinella gibbosa and S. longiceps have their centre of distribution on the Masirah Bank, in the shallow waters between 20 and 30 m bottom depth, S. gibbosa also occurring in shallower waters, to 14 m bottom depth. The mean length from the samples varies between 14 and 17 cm total length (TL), with no clear seasonal variation. The highest catches were obtained where the two species co-occurred, S. gibbosa being slightly dominating.

Decapterus russelli is distributed from 14 to 100 m bottom depth. The highest catches occurred from 20 to 50 m bottom during the first two surveys, while during the third survey this species seemed to concentrate between 75 and 100 m depth. The mean length from the samples collected in the course of the three surveys is 17 cm TL.

D. Sauquara region

The region from Ras al Madraka to Ras Marbat, including Sauquara Bank and the shelf north of Kuria Muria Islands, is in this report referred to as the Sauquara region. The small pelagic resources in this area consisted of Trachurus indicus, Sardinella longiceps, Etrumeus teres and Decapterus russelli. The pelagic fish distribution in the catches is given below:

	Bottom trawl		Pelagic trawl	
	% of pel	% of all	% of pel	% of all
<u>Trachurus indicus</u>	73	58	12	6
<u>Sardinella longiceps</u>	16	13	75	40
<u>Decapterus russelli</u>	11	9	-	-
<u>Etrumeus teres</u>	-	-	13	7
Total pelagic	100	80	100	53

Trachurus indicus was located in scattered occurrences in a band off the shelf edge (150 m bottom depth) and slightly outwards. During the second coverage, the Indian horse mackerel was almost absent, the few catches below 3 kg/hour. During the third survey (May 1984), good catches of this species were obtained from the 50-80 m bottom depth zone. The mean lengths found in this region are the same as in the Masirah Bank.

Sardinella longiceps was located from about 20 m bottom depth to beyond the continental slope, with highest concentrations in bottom depths less than 60 m. Scattered, off-shelf occurrences were observed during the first two surveys and consisted of larger fish (range 20-24 cm) than in the shallow waters (range 14-17 cm). During the third survey, all sardinella caught was within the 20-24 cm size range.

Decapterus russelli was located from 70 m bottom depth to beyond the shelf edge. Best catches were obtained between 70 and 120 m bottom depth during the first two surveys. During the third survey, this species was virtually absent, with few and small catches close to the shore. Size ranged between 12 and 19 cm TL during the first survey, and between 19 and 30 during the second survey.

Etrumeus teres was caught from 20 m bottom depth to beyond the shelf edge

(pelagic). Young specimens in the 7-14 cm range were found in the shallow waters, while from 70 m and outwards the range was 15-20 cm. The catches were not substantial and of the 8 catches only one exceeded 100 kg/hour. The off-shelf catches were on scattered registrations and were less than 3 kg/hour.

A special phenomenon in this area is the co-occurrence of Trachurus indicus, Sardinella longiceps and Etrumeus teres in the pelagic waters immediately off the shelf edge. These species formed a scattered longitudinal band of registrations along the continental slope during the first two surveys. This indicates that the hydrographic conditions of this area could favour plankton production above the average. It would be interesting to investigate, in the course of future research, the migration of this fish in relation to the strength of the upwelling. Our data are unfortunately too limited to allow such a study.

#### E. Salalah region

The region from Ras Marbat and eastward to the PDR-Yemen border, is referred to, in this report, as the Salalah region. This area lies in the outskirts of the upwelling zone and this is reflected both in the lower primary production as well as in the lower fish densities. Only 5 trawl hauls were carried out in this region and small pelagic species were caught only once. Among these, Sardinella gibbosa, S. longiceps, Trachurus indicus and Decapterus russelli. Only S. gibbosa exceeded 100 kg/hour. The area is thus not considered as promising for commercial pelagic fisheries after our investigations.

#### 2.2.2 Biomass Estimates - Small Pelagic Fish

Table 2 shows the provisional biomass estimates of small pelagic fish from the survey reports. Through a second critical evaluation of the source data, some of the biomass figures have been revised. This mainly because the average fish size, in areas of very high fish densities, was found to be lower than the average for the region. As the calibration coefficient applied in the biomass calculations is fish-size dependent, this affects the estimates. Furthermore, the size of the areas represented by high densities have been slightly modified. Table 3 shows the revised and final estimates of the small pelagic fish in Oman waters. The same results are visualized in Figure 7.

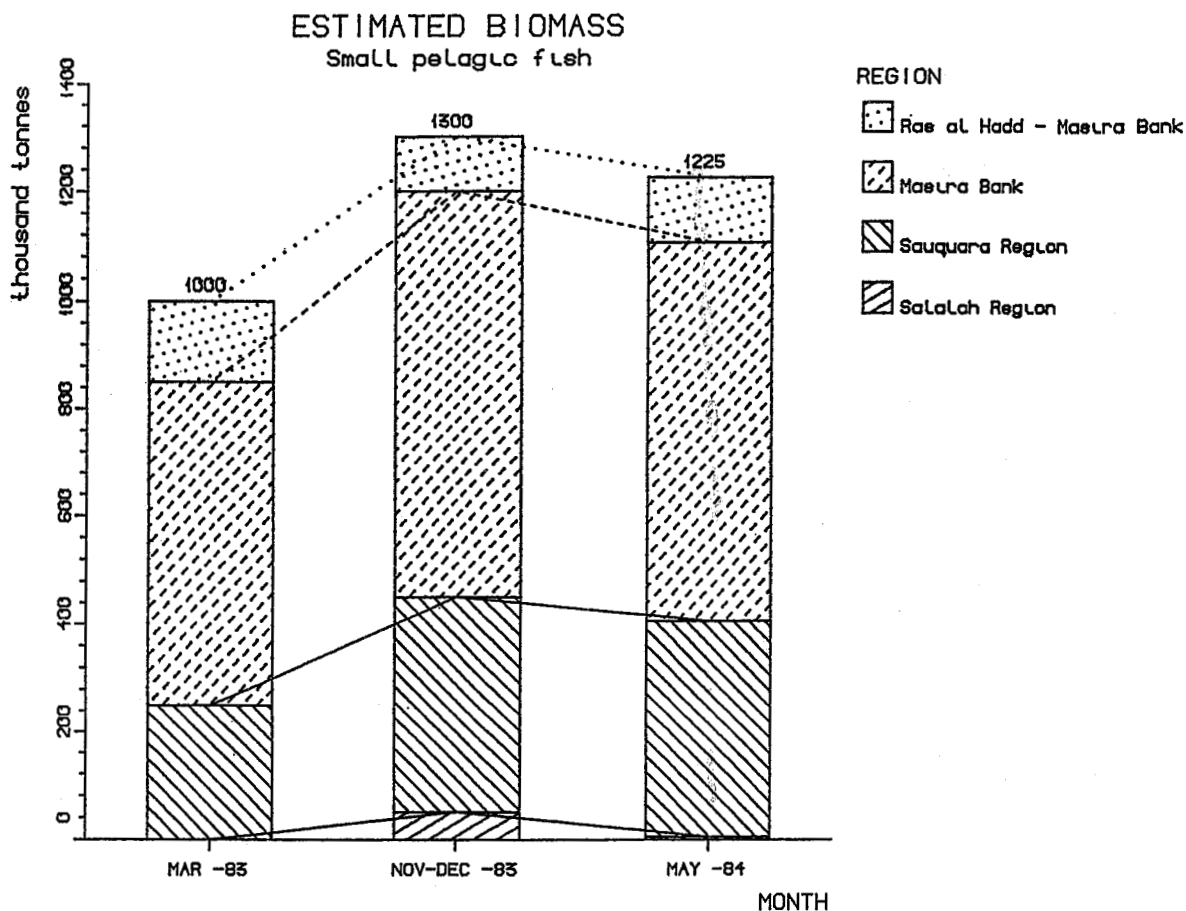


Figure 7. The estimates of small pelagic fish, and their regional distribution.

The estimates of the total biomass of small pelagic fish from the three surveys ranges between 1 and 1.3 million tonnes (av. 1.2 million tonnes). The first survey was carried out with analog integrators with some saturation problems on very high fish densities. This does not apply for the second and third surveys where new digital integrators were used. Probably, the lower density levels recorded during the first survey can be explained with the loss of information due to the above mentioned saturation problem of the analog integrator. Therefore, we do not consider

the difference in total biomass obtained from the surveys as evidence of

Table 2 Provisional biomass estimates from the survey reports. Small pelagic fish. Rounded figures, thousand tonnes.

Region	SURVEY I Mar-Apr '83	SURVEY II Nov-Dec '83	SURVEY III May '84
A North of Ras al Hadd	N.S.	10	0
B Ras al Hadd - Masira	150	100	75
C Masira Bank	600	850	1100
D Sauquara & Kuria Muria Banks	250	400	500
E Salalah region	0	50	5
Total	1000	1400	1680

NS = not surveyed

any real difference. We consider 1.2 million tonnes as a reasonable figure to reflect the size of the standing stock of small pelagic fish in Oman waters, practically all of which is found between Ras al Hadd and Ras al Marbat. The main resources are found on the Masirah Bank, average 600 thousand tonnes and 60% of the total. Of the remaining 40 %, 10% is allocated to the region Ras al Hadd - Masirah and 30% to the Sauquara Bank. The seasonal fluctuations in biomass within regions are mainly caused by migration between regions. The Ras al Hadd - Masirah Island region is relatively stable in terms of fish resources. Some migration of Trachurus indicus between this region and Masirah bank can be inferred from the catch records. The main regional fluctuations are caused by migration of Trachurus trecae and, partly, Sardinella gibbosa and S. longiceps between Masirah and Sauquara Bank.

The estimated average density of the standing stock of small pelagic fish is shown in Table 4. The Masirah Bank (A) holds 225 tonnes of fish per nm<sup>2</sup> on an average yearly basis, while in the nearby regions (B and D) this drops to 55-60 tonnes/nm<sup>2</sup>. The main upwelling in Oman takes place between Ras al Hadd and Ras al Madraka , and the average density for this super-region is 100 tonnes/nm<sup>2</sup>.

Table 3 Revised biomass estimates. Small pelagic fish. Rounded figures, thousand tonnes

Region	SURVEY I Mar-Apr '83	SURVEY II Nov-Dec '83	SURVEY III May '84	AVERAGE	AVERAGE REGIONAL DISTR. (%)	MAXIMUM FLUCTUATION (%)
A North of Ras al Hadd	N.S.	10	0	0	0	0
B Ras al Hadd - Masira	150	100	120	125	10	50
C Masira Bank	600	750	700	680	60	25
D Sauquara & Kuria Muria Banks	250	400	400	350	30	60
E Salalah region	0	50	5	-	-	-
Total	1000	1300	1225	1175	100	30

NS = not surveyed

Table 4 Average small pelagic fish densities in the various regions.  
(tonnes/nm<sup>2</sup>)

A North of Ras al Hadd	0
B Ras al Hadd - Masira	55
C Masira Bank	225
D Sauqara & Kuria Muria Banks	60
E Salalah region	0
B-D Ras al Hadd - Ras al Marbat	100

The following list gives, for comparison, densities from other regions surveyed by the R/V Dr. F. Nansen with the same method:

t/nm <sup>2</sup>	
100 - 110	: West Sahara, Senegal, Guinea
90	: Northeast Somalia
75	: Mauritania
60 - 80	: Ivory Coast, Ghana
30 - 40	: Tanzania, Mozambique
25	: Burma, Bangladesh
18	: Kenya, Thailand, Malaysia

The shelf south of Ras al Hadd, and especially the Masirah Bank, thus stands out as one of the worlds richest in terms of fish densities. However, fish densities do not directly reflect the production level and expected yield from an area. Therefore, comparison between the above areas and Oman should take into account that most of those areas are heavily exploited while Oman waters are virtually virgin.

As an example of high densities of fish that can be met in Oman waters we will refer to an intensive mini-survey carried out on an extreme dense aggregation of Trachurus indicus at the shelf edge of Masirah Bank at the end of the second survey. The aggregation formed a band along the shelf edge, 60nm long and about 4 nm wide. The estimated abundance of this aggregation was 205 thousand tonnes, with the extremely high average density of 3100 tonnes per nm<sup>2</sup>.

The density distribution pattern of the small pelagic fish is shown in Table 5. Only about 15 to 25 % of the total is found in "scattered" to "slightly gathered" concentrations. Consequently, 75 to 85 % is located in "dense" to "very dense" aggregations, very vulnerable to commercial



Table 5 Distribution of biomass on density levels (% of total biomass)

Density	Equivalent range (t/nm <sup>2</sup> )	SURVEY I	SURVEY II	SURVEY III	AVERAGE
Scattered	3-150	20	14	22	18
Slightly gathered	150-300	3	3	5	4
Dense	300-1500	64	54	28	49
Very dense	>1500	13	29	45	29

fishing.

Table 6 shows the tentative species distribution in the aggregations of small pelagic fish, by region and by survey. Trachurus indicus dominates the Masirah Bank during all surveys, the Ras al Hadd - Masirah Island region during the two last surveys and the Sauquara Bank during the last survey only. Second in importance is Decapterus russelli, closely followed by Sardinella gibbosa and S. longiceps. As average for all regions and all surveys the analysis indicates that Trachurus indicus makes up 48% of the biomass, Decapterus russelli 24%, Sardinella longiceps 14% and Sardinella gibbosa 11%.

Table 6 Tentative species composition in dense and very dense registrations of small pelagic fish, expressed as % of the estimated biomass

Species	B				C				D				B - D
	Ras al Hadd-Masira				Masira Bank				Sauquara & Kuria Muria Banks				Ras al Hadd - Ras al Marbat
Survey >	I	II	III	Av.	I	II	III	Av.	I	II	III	Av.	Av.
<u>Trachurus indicus</u>	0	75	70	48	50	60	50	53	20	10	85	38	48
<u>Sardinella gibbosa</u>	25	0	0	8	20	15	15	17	0	5	0	2	11
<u>Sardinella longiceps</u>	5	0	0	2	10	10	15	12	25	35	10	23	14
<u>Decapterus russelli</u>	25	25	30	27	20	15	15	17	55	50	5	37	24
Others	45	0	0	15	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	3

\* Dussumieria acuta, Etrumeus teres etc.

### 2.2.3 Results from Earlier Surveys Dr. Fridtjof Nansen.

The R.V. "Dr. Fridtjof Nansen" has carried out 5 acoustic surveys in Oman waters in the period 1975-76. The biomass estimates of small pelagic fish for the super-region Ras al Hadd to Ras al Marbat (B-D) were as follows (thousand tonnes):

Cruise 1 and 2	Apr-May '75	:	80
Cruise 3	Oct-Nov '75	:	820
Cruise 4	Feb-Mar '76	:	570
Cruise 5	May-Jun '76	:	480
Cruise 6	Aug-Sep '76	:	530

The mean from all surveys is 500 thousand tonnes and the mean of the four most consistent estimates is 600 thousand tonnes.

The results from the Arabian Sea Survey Programme (1975-76) suffer from limitations due to the very extensive programme which envisaged a survey of the whole region from Pakistan to Somalia in five coverages. Sampling intensity, both acoustically and in terms of fishing stations, had to be sacrificed to the wide area coverage. The average sampling intensity during the five coverages in Oman was 11.8 nm/100nm, compared to the 20.2 nm/100nm<sup>2</sup> for the 1983-83 surveys. If we consider the Masirah Bank area, the most important for Trachurus indicus, the differences become even greater: 10 nm/100 nm<sup>2</sup>, to the recent 24.2 nm/100nm<sup>2</sup> average intensity from the latest surveys.

Due to the open sampling track in the 1975-76 surveys, which was laid out before the real importance of the region in terms of fishery resources was known, it is possible that aggregations which are limited in extent, but strong in density, have been missed by the sampling track. This is especially applicable for the stocks of Trachurus indicus in Oman, as this species frequently forms such schools in the area. The biomass in the Masirah Bank area may therefore have been underestimated during the 1975-76 surveys.

However, it is striking that no major catches of Trachurus indicus were made in the Masirah Bank area in 1975-76. Of the 22 fishing stations carried out in the Masirah bank during those surveys, Trachurus indicus was present in 5 hauls and only in very small fractions of the total catches. These findings indicate that a major ecological shift might have occurred in the region between the periods 1975-76 and 1983-84. Unfortunately, available data cannot form the basis for the analysis of the above hypothesis. If major concentrations have not consistently escaped detection due to the relatively open sampling track in 1975-76, our data point to a major increase in the total biomass and to the relative importance of Trachurus indicus in the area. If so, considerable fluctuations in total

biomass in the region might also take place in the future. Until more data become available, we consider this as the most reasonable and safe conclusion.

#### 2.2.4 Estimates of Yield of the Small Pelagic Resources.

Estimates of the maximum sustainable yield (MSY) have usually been calculated according to the simple formula:

$$MSY = 1/2 MB_0$$

where  $M$  is the natural mortality and  $B_0$  is the unexploited virgin biomass. Recent investigations have shown that in addition to the natural mortality the age at recruitment to the fishery, the age at first maturity and the fish's growth rate are important parameters when assessing the MSY. The equation above can lead to serious overestimates if a species is long-lived, or recruits early to the fishery (Beddington & Cooke, 1983). For a first assessment of the yield from the resources in Oman waters we will use the functions developed by Beddington & Cooke. Little is known about the biology of small pelagic fishes in Oman waters and the parameters for the functions have to be taken from neighbouring regions, from similar species or just general assumptions have to be made. In lack of precise data the assessed MSY is rough.

Investigations from other areas of the Indian Ocean provide the following  $K$  values (Pauly, 1978):

<u>Sardinella longiceps</u>	0.4 - 0.6
<u>Sardinella gibbosa</u>	1.1
<u>Decapterus russelli</u>	1.1

$K$  values for Trachurus indicus are not found in the literature, but rough calculations from the changes in modal length observed during the survey period, indicate a  $K$  value of about 0.7 in the SW monsoon and immediate post monsoon periods, dropping to 0.3 during the NE monsoon and up to the arrival of the new SW monsoon. The same growth pattern is believed to apply to the other pelagic species: high growth in the period May-November and low growth in the period November-May. A rough, all-year growth coefficient for all pelagic species could therefore be 0.5. The small pelagic species in Oman waters are relatively short lived, with a longevity of about 4-5

years. The natural mortality coefficient for fishes of such a life span is usually within the range 0.8 to 1.0 in unexploited populations (Hoenig, 1984). Most of the young fish seems to recruit to the parent stock within one year. For a first rough assessment of the yield we therefore use  $M = 0.8$ ,  $K = 0.5$  and recruitment age = 1 year for the pelagic stocks in Oman. Applying this to the functions developed by Beddington and Cooke we come to an exploitation rate of 23% of the initial total biomass which is also, well below the critical value for recruitment (Beddington and Cooke, 1983). Applying this exploitation level to our biomass estimates, we obtain the following yield-estimates (thousand tonnes):

Total yield	270
By species:	
<u>Trachurus indicus</u>	130
<u>Sardinella gibbosa</u>	30
<u>Sardinella longiceps</u>	40
<u>Decapterus russelli</u>	60
Others	10

The yield by species is obtained by using data in Table 3, and should only be considered as tentative.

The above yields are based on the production level of 1983-84 and are valid only if the stocks maintain such production level. Variations in the ecological system may induce long term changes in the fish production and species composition. As already mentioned, the relatively low estimates from the 1975-76 surveys and the minor importance of Trachurus indicus might coincide with a low level in the natural fluctuations in the fish community. It is therefore of vital importance that the level of the pelagic stocks is monitored when under exploitation to ensure that the fisheries are regulated in accordance with the long-term natural fluctuations in the bioproductivity of the stocks. Given the production level of 1983-84, the above total yield should be within the safe limit to ensure recruitment.

#### 2.2.5 Nursery Areas

Masirah Bank seems to be the main nursery area on the basis of the length

distributions. The shallow waters of less than 50m bottom depth were found to be an important nursery ground for immature Trachurus indicus, Sardinella gibbosa and S. longiceps. This area is probably of vital importance for the regeneration of the small pelagic fish stocks, and should not be given access to by any industrial fisheries. For the same reason, the small scale artisanal beach-seine fisheries in the Masirah region should preferably be regulated in order to avoid fishing on the immature parts of the stock. Juvenile specimens of the small pelagic fish were also caught in the very shallow waters between Ras al Madrak and Salalah.

### 2.3. Acoustic estimates of the demersal resources during the 1983-84 surveys

The estimates of the demersal stocks, based on the information from the acoustic system, are given in Table 7, and Figures 8-10 show the distribution of demersal fish from the registrations by the same system.

In general, acoustic methods tend to underestimate the abundance of the demersal resources.

Table 7 Acoustic biomass estimates of the demersal resources. Rounded figures, thousand tonnes.

	SURVEY I Mar-Apr '83	SURVEY II Nov-Dec '83	SURVEY III May '84
A North of Ras al Hadd	N.S.	15	10
B Ras al Hadd - Masira	50	10	5
C Masira Bank	25	10	10
D Sauquara & Kuria Muria Banks	160	25	40
E Salalah region	0	0	5
Total	235	60	70

N.S.= Not surveyed

In the course of the latest Oman surveys, the demersal resources were acoustically registered only in scattered and very scattered distributions. At such levels, the accuracy of the estimates is generally low, as registrations easily fall below the threshold of the system. The precision also suffers of bad resolution of the system at low densities. As a consequence of these drawbacks, less emphasis has been put on the acoustic estimates concerning demersal resources, while trawl data have been used as the prevailing source for these biomass estimates

## 3. RESULTS FROM THE TRAWL SURVEYS 1983-84

### 3.1 The estimates of the demersal resources

Biomass estimates from the trawl survey programme are shown in Table 8. These estimates concern demersal fish only, as small pelagic fish has been

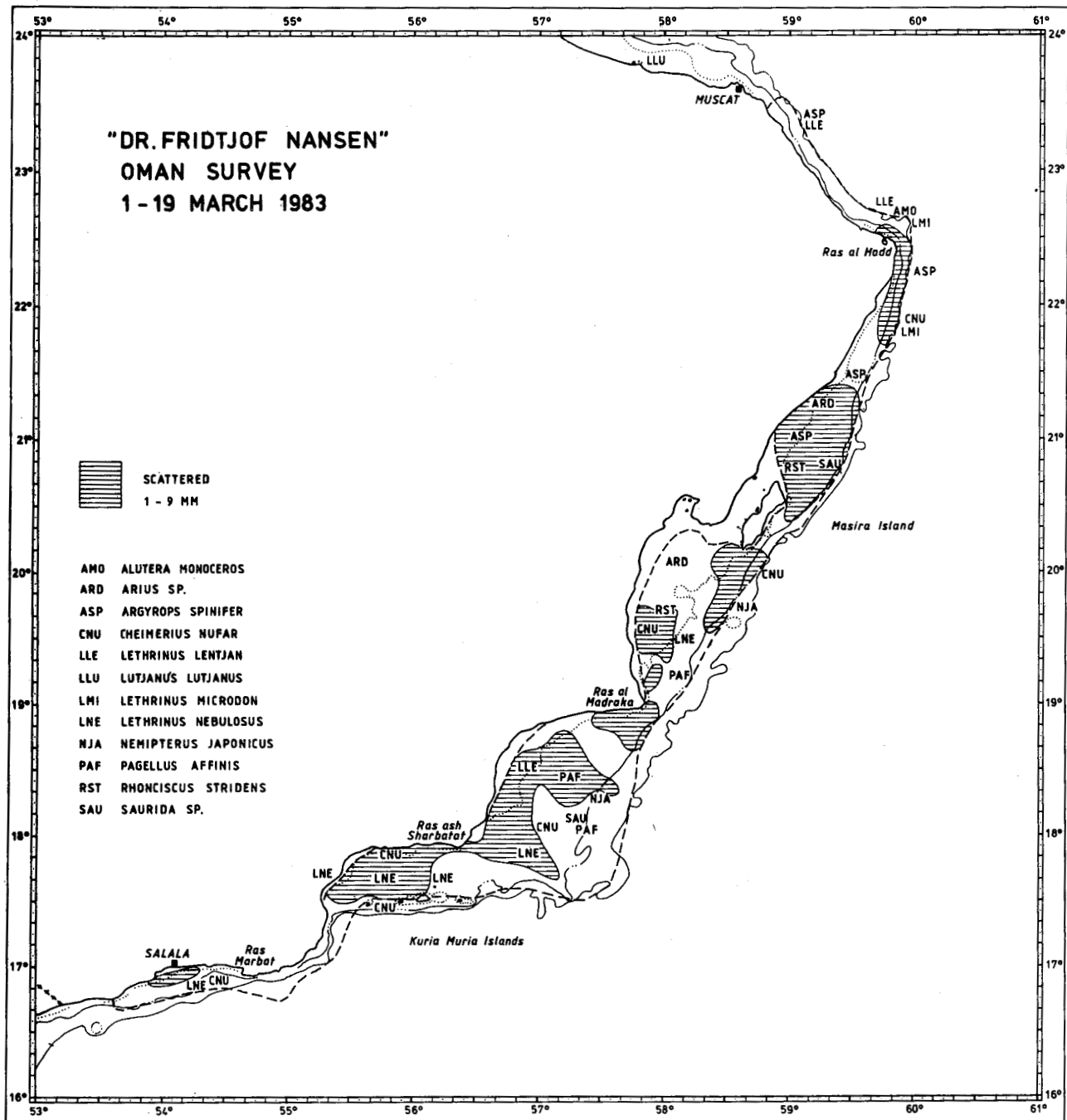


Figure 8. The distribution of demersal fish during the first survey based on registrations by the acoustic system.

excluded from the calculations when present in the catches. The estimates from the first surveys, given in the cruise reports, have been revised, as some night hauls had erroneously been included in the calculations.

The precision of the regional estimates from single surveys is low as few hauls have been carried out in each region in the course of each survey, which gives a high standard error in the data. A random very high or low catch can severely bias the estimates when the hauls are few. This effect is smaller in the total estimates as negative and positive sampling errors tend to balance with a higher number of samples. Therefore total estimates give higher precision and are thus more reliable than the regional ones.

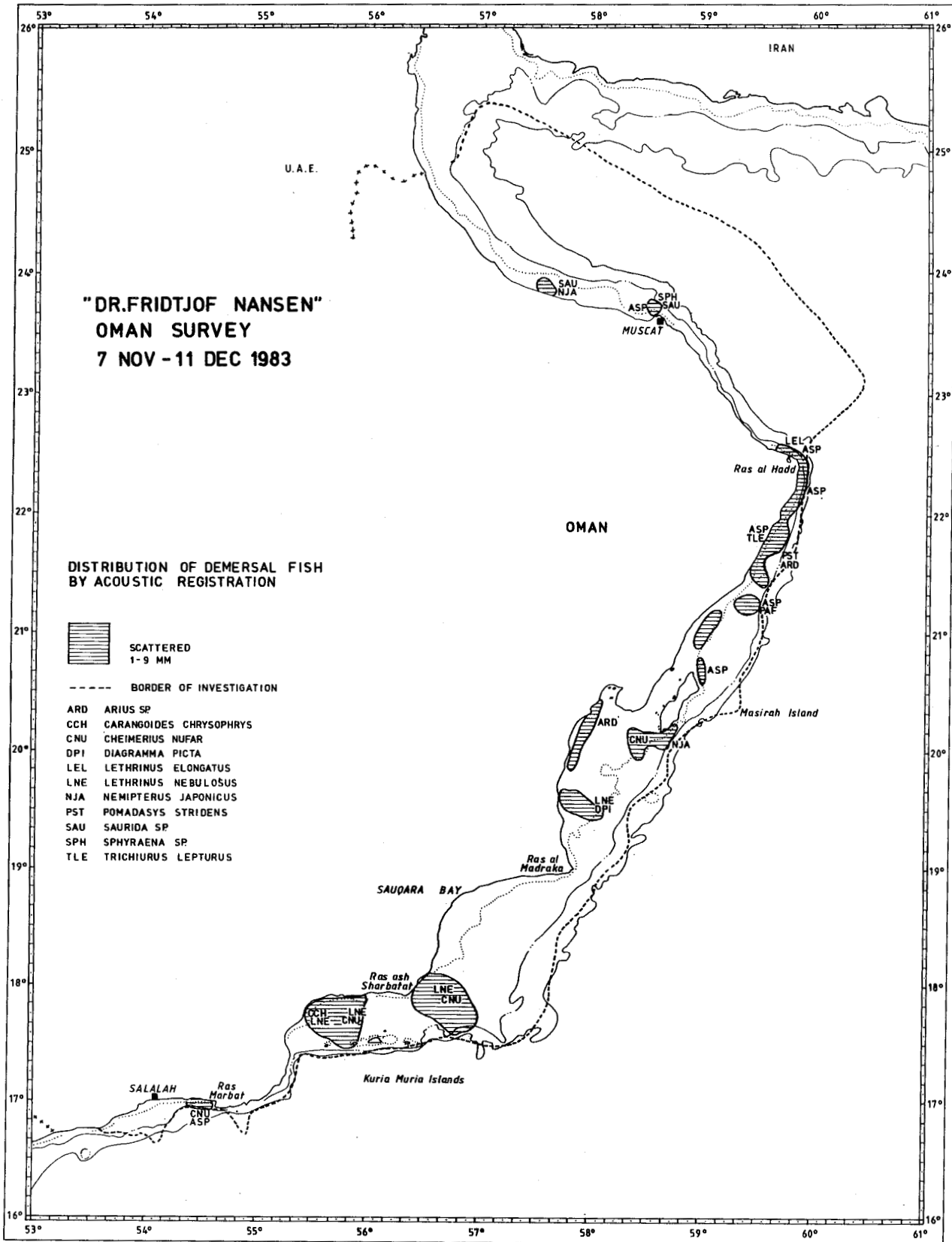


Figure 9. The distribution of demersal fish during the second survey based on registrations by the acoustic system.

The total estimates from the two spring surveys are corresponding, both 335 thousand tonnes, while the Nov-Dec survey gives an estimate about 20% lower, i.e. 260 thousand tonnes. As discussed below, this drop could indicate more a sampling error than an actual decline in the level of the

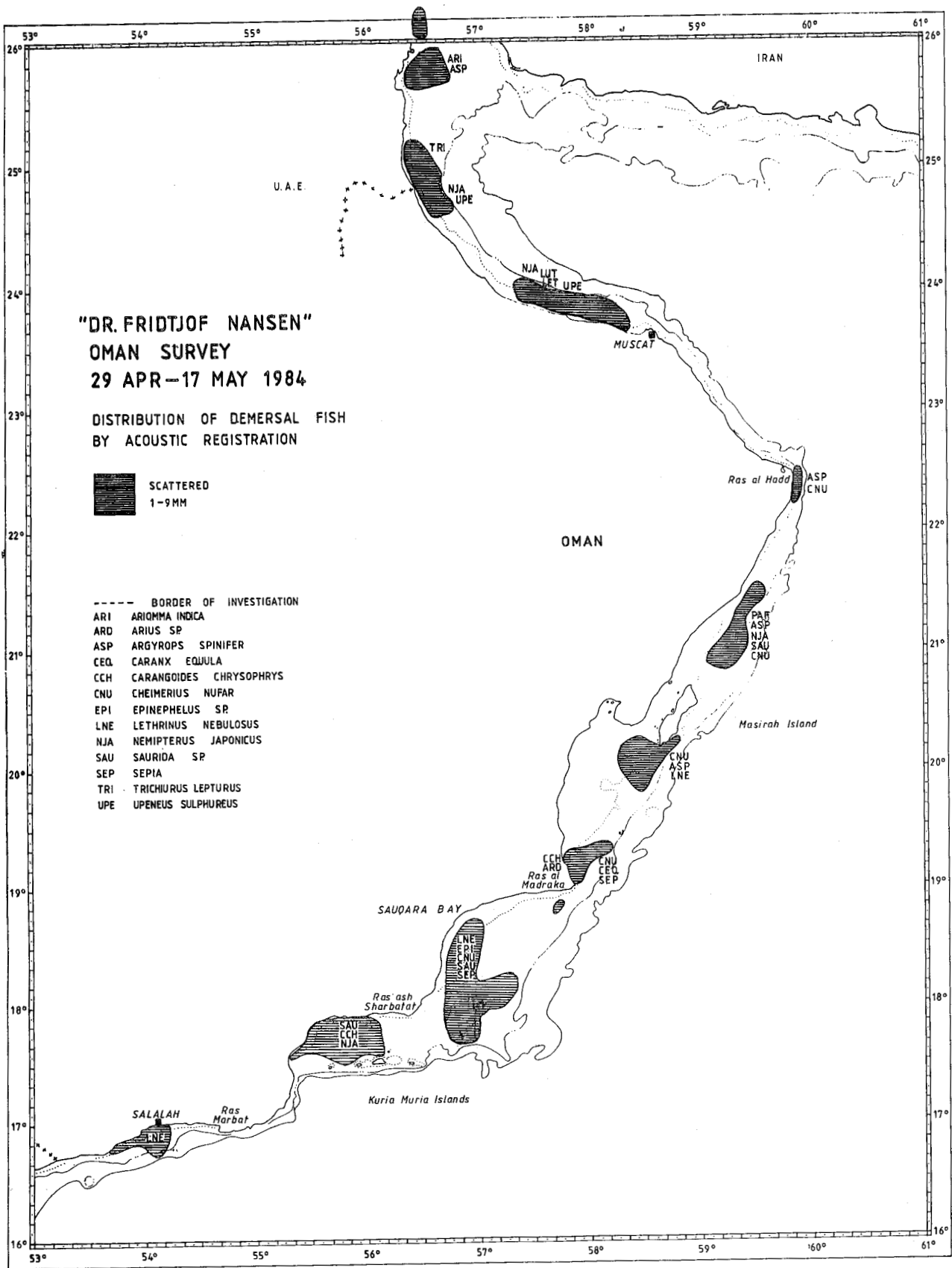


Figure 10. The distribution of demersal fish during the third survey based on registrations by the acoustic system.

biomass.

Table 9 shows the average catches of demersal fish from all random hauls grouped by four depth zones and by the three surveys. These averages



Table 8 Trawl survey biomass estimates of demersal fish. Rounded figures thousand tonnes.

	SURVEY I Mar-Apr '83	SURVEY II Nov-Dec '83	SURVEY III May '84	AVERAGE	ADJUSTED AVERAGE	ALL SURVEYS TREATED AS ONE
A North of Ras al Hadd	N.S.	N.S.	75	(75)	(75)	
B Ras al Hadd - Masira	125	60	85	90	105	
C Masira Bank	50	125	115	95	95	
D Sauquara & Kuria Muria Banks	160	75	135	125	145	
E Salalah region	N.S	N.S	N.S			
Total south of Ras al Hadd	335	260	335	310	345	315 +28% (95 % conf.lim.)

conf.lim.)

N.S.= Not surveyed

can represent indexes of the estimated fish densities in the zones.

Table 9 Average catches of demersal fish, by depth strata and surveys. Random trawling, kg/hour. Number of hauls in brackets.

Survey Period	10-30m	31-60m	61-100m	101-150m
I Mar-Apr '83	600(4)	710(14)	560(8)	2270(2)
II Nov-Dec '83	630(9)	690(14)	236(11)	45(2)
III Apr-May '83	843(8)	630(10)	900(16)	625(2)
I-III	705(21)	681(38)	613(35)	980(6)

A drastic drop in the average catches in the deeper zones was observed during the Nov-Dec survey. This drop should be seen in connection with the presence of oxygen-depleted waters on the shelf. During this survey, the 1 ml/l oxycline was located at around 50 m bottom depth on Masirah and Sauquara banks, while in the spring surveys the same oxycline was found lower than 100 m in March 83 and from 75 to 100 m in May 84. The appearance of oxygen-depleted waters on the shelf is connected to the S.W.-monsoon-induced upwelling, likely to be at its strongest at the peak and at the end of the monsoon period. Unfortunately we have no data for this period.

The lower catches in the deeper zones during the second survey are therefore likely due to lower density of fish in this area as the fish have escaped into shallower and oxygen-rich waters. This is also reflected in the higher average catches in the shallow waters in the same period (Table 9).

Because of this seasonal migration pattern, it is important that sampling is done at all depth strata. As the migration into very shallow waters was brought to light only in later analysis, the sampling programme had not been laid out to study this phenomenon.

Only on the Masirah Bank, which consists of extensive areas of shallow waters, there has been adequate sampling of this depth stratum. In the other two regions, Ras al Hadd - Masirah and Sauquara & Kuria Muria banks, where the shallow water areas are limited, but with seasonally -high fish densities, the sampling programme does not allow to quantify the biomass and evaluate its contribution to the total biomass.

Likely, the biomass estimates in the regions Ras al Hadd - Masirah and Sauquara & Kuria Muria banks have been underestimated during the Nov-Dec survey due to undersampling in the shallower waters. The higher estimates from the two other surveys are considered more representative of the true biomass level.

To conclude, the biomass figures given in Table 7 are not believed to reflect any seasonal variation, neither within regions, nor in the total estimate. The variations shown are expected to be due to high standard error in the sampling and to undersampling in shallow waters where fish concentrate in the high and post monsoon period.

Revised estimates for the regions Ras al Hadd-Masirah and Sauquara & Kuria Muria banks, based only on the figures from the spring surveys, are 105 and 145 thousand tonnes. A total revised estimate for all Oman would then be (in thousand tonnes):

B	C	D	B - E
Ras al Hadd- Masirah	Masirah Bank	Sauquara & Kuria Muria Banks	Total south of Ras al Hadd
105	95	145	345

A total estimate with confidence limits for the whole shelf Ras al Hadd to Ras al Marbat has also been calculated directly treating all random day hauls from the whole survey programme as a single series of data (total 105 hauls). This gives an estimate of 315 thousand tonnes with a precision of + 28% within 95% confidence limit. However, this estimate also suffers from undersampling in shallow waters and is therefore probably slightly negatively biased.

Estimated mean densities of demersal fish within regions, based on the trawl survey data are (thousand tonnes):

A	B	C	D	B - D
North of Ras al Hadd	Ras al Hadd Masirah	Masirah Bank	Sauquara and Kuria Muria Banks	Ras al Hadd- Ras al Marbat
18.8	37.5	27.1	24.7	28.4

### 3.2 Comparisons with other estimates of the demersal resources.

The acoustic estimates of the demersal stocks from the 1975-76 "Dr Fidtjof Nansen" surveys are as follows (thousand tonnes):

Survey 1 & 2	Apr-May '75	113
Survey 3	Oct '75	115
Survey 4	Feb '76	40
Survey 5	Apr-May '76	124
Survey 6	Sep '76	127

From Kesteven et al., 1980

The low level of fish abundance recorded during the fourth survey is likely due to sampling errors or problems in classification of the acoustic targets into the demersal and pelagic categories. The other estimates are in close agreement with each other, lie between 113 and 127 thousand tonnes and represent about 35% of our estimate. No seasonal fluctuation can be observed from these data.

By comparing the acoustic and trawl estimates on demersal resources from the latest series of surveys no covariation in the estimates can be found (thousand tonnes):

	SURVEY I	SURVEY II	SURVEY III
Trawl	335	260	335
Acoustic	235	60	70

While the three trawl surveys give fairly consistent estimates, the drastic drop from the first to the second acoustic estimate can only be ascribed to limitations in the acoustic method itself. When the fish are dispersed in a very scattered pattern, the resolution in the acoustic system is very low,

and registrations fall partially below the threshold of the system. This tends to give unprecise and negatively biased estimates.

The 1975-76 surveys of the R.V. "Dr. F.Nansen" have already been critically evaluated in connection with the estimates of small pelagic fish in the previous chapter. The generally low sampling intensity during these surveys applies especially to the shallow waters which probably hold considerable resources during the peak and at the end of the SW-monsoon. This will add to the general tendency of acoustic estimates to underestimate demersal resources.

During the discussion on the estimates of the small pelagic fish, it was suggested that the differences between the pelagic estimates between the 1975-76 surveys and the ones in 1983-84, might indicate a major ecological shift in the ecosystem, giving a higher carrying capacity for the pelagic fish resources. If so, this would also partially explain the increase in the latest estimates of the demersal resources as compared to the earlier ones. However, our data are not sufficient to confirm this hypothesis.

In a study on the fishery resources of Oman, Vidal-Junemann (1981) have estimated the demersal fish resources in the region Ras al Hadd to Ras al Marbat to 260 thousand tonnes. This figure is obtained by linking together information from a shallow water trawl survey (< 40m bottom depth), with catch data from commercial trawlers on the best fishing grounds and with the acoustic estimates of demersal fish by the 1975-76 R/V "Dr. Fridtjof Nansen" surveys. If one keeps in mind that the acoustic estimates of demersal fish probably are underestimated, and that reported catches from the commercial fishery mainly concerns marketable species, this estimate does not seem to conflict with the 345 thousand tonnes estimated from our surveys. The last estimate includes all demersal fish and is corrected for the seasonal drop in average density due to migration into shallow waters during the period of upwelling.

We do therefore not consider our estimate of 345 thousand tonnes to be in contradiction with earlier estimates.

Absolute estimates from trawl surveys are dependent upon the gear's catchability coefficient ( $q$ ), applied in the calculations. While we have used  $q=1$  in our calculations, values in the range 0.5 - 1.0 can be found from other studies. The absolute estimates are inversely related to the

size of  $q$ , and applying  $q=0.5$  in our estimates will increase them to the double. In lack of detailed knowledge about the catch properties of the bottom trawl we have used a catchability coefficient which gives estimates that falls in the lower side of the range likely possible. In other words, our figures may underestimate the resources, but will then represent minimum assessments from which safe management actions can be taken.

### 3.3 The catches of demersal fish.

Figure 11 shows the distribution of the catches grouped in approximate logarithmic increasing classes. The distribution is based on 106 random trawl stations.

The random hauls give an average catch of 784 kg/hour in a trawl with approximately 20m between the wings (for more details about gear, see Appendix II). Figure 11 shows that 39 % (41 hauls) fall between 300 and 1000 kg/hour and 80 % (85 hauls) between 100 and 3000 kg/hour. Only 3% (3 hauls) exceed 3 tonnes/hour. Catches from commercial trawlers with aimed trawling and concentrated effort in areas of high densities would likely give a distribution shifted to the right in Figure 11.

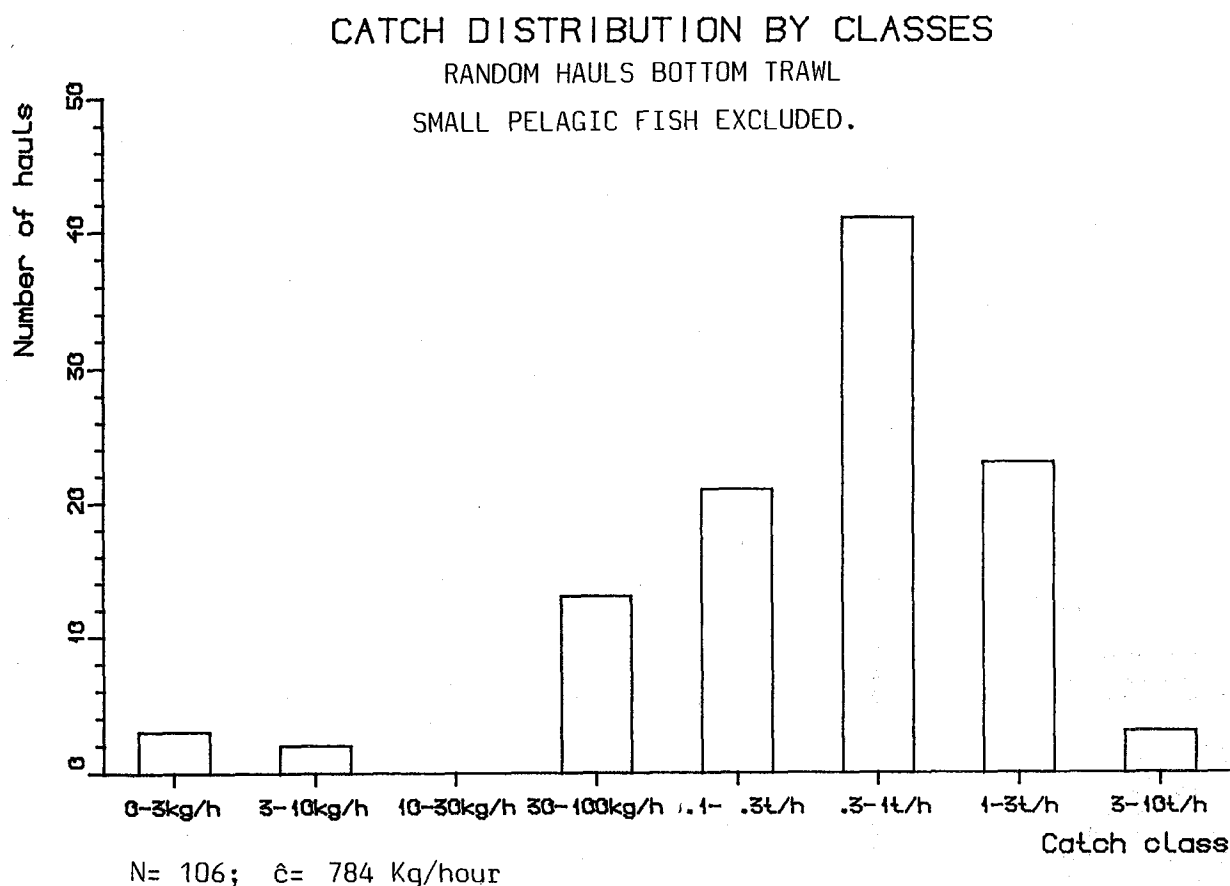


Figure 11. Catch distribution of demersal fish in the random bottom trawl hauls.

Tables 10-13 show the catch distribution and importance in the catches of the dominating demersal species in four regions: 1) North of Ras al Hadd 2) Ras al Hadd - Masirah Island, 3) Masirah Bank and 4) Sauquara and Kuria Muria Banks respectively. Table 14 shows a similar analysis for all hauls carried out in Oman. From our observations, the dominating species seem to be Nemipterus japonicus, closely followed by Argyrosomus hololepidotus, Arius thalassinus and Argyrops spinifer. The importance of Argyrosomus hololepidotus may have been overestimated as its rank in the table is based on one extremely high and incidental catch in very shallow waters (9200 kg/hour, st. 174).

Tables 10-14 include all species contributing down to 2 % each of the total catch. The remaining species, grouped as other fish are those contributing 1 % or less each to the total catch.

Table 10 Catch distribution by demersal species in bottom trawl. Region A, North of Ras al Hadd, all surveys. Random trawling. Total number of hauls: 17.

catch Species (kg/hour)	Number of catches in catch groups					% of total	Mean
	1-9 kg/h	10-49 kg/h	50-199 kg/h	200-499 kg/h	>500 kg/h		
Saurida tumbil	8	1	4	0	1	15	72.6
Upeneus sulphureus	0	2	1	0	1	13	59.2
Sphyraena barracuda	5	4	0	1	1	8	36.0
Nemipterus japonicus	3	2	3	1	0	6	29.5
Leiognathus fasciatus	0	3	0	1	0	5	24.6
Carangoides malabaricus	5	7	1	0	0	5	21.7
Argyrops spinifer	3	6	2	0	0	3	15.2
Gnathanodon speciosus	0	2	1	0	0	2	11.8
Sepia sp.	1	4	2	0	0	2	11.3
Trichiurus lepturus	5	3	1	0	0	2	9.9
Nemipterus sp.	0	1	1	0	0	2	9.3
Sharks	1	0	1	0	0	2	9.3
Carcharhinidae	1	5	0	0	0	2	8.6
Lutjanus malabaricus	0	3	1	0	0	2	8.4
Psettodes erumei	3	5	0	0	0	2	7.2

Table 11 Catch distribution by demersal species in bottom trawl. Region B, Ras al Hadd - Masira Island, all surveys.

Random trawling. Total number of hauls : 28

catch Species (kg/hour)	Number of catches in catch groups					% of total	Mean
	1-9 kg/h	10-49 kg/h	50-199 kg/h	200-499 kg/h	>500 kg/h		
Argyrops spinifer	0	5	6	5	3	28	220.0
Nemipterus japonicus	4	4	6	0	2	13	101.1
Pomadasys stridens	2	3	4	3	0	8	61.8
Saurida sp.	0	1	0	0	1	5	39.8
Arius sp.	1	1	1	0	1	4	35.5
Pagellus affinis	5	2	8	0	0	4	35.1
Arius thalassinus	3	3	0	0	1	4	32.0
Cheimarius nufar	3	5	3	1	0	3	27.0
Lethrinus elongatus	0	0	1	1	0	3	21.5
Trichiurus lepturus	1	2	2	1	0	3	20.4
Carangoides chrysophrys	2	3	2	1	0	2	16.9
Saurida undosquamis	3	4	3	0	0	2	16.6
Lethrinus nebulosus	1	3	3	0	0	2	12.9

Table 12 Catch distribution by demersal species in bottom trawl. Region C Masira Bank , all surveys.

Random trawling. Total number of hauls : 34

catch Species	(kg/hour)	Number of catches in catch groups					% of total	Mean
		1-9 kg/h	10-49 kg/h	50-199 kg/h	200-499 kg/h	>500 kg/h		
<i>Argyrosomus hololepidotus</i>		0	0	1	0	1	29	275.8
<i>Arius thalasinus</i>		3	6	2	1	2	19	191.8
<i>Pomadasys stridens</i>		2	0	0	0	2	9	86.6
<i>Nemipterus japonicus</i>		5	3	1	1	1	9	82.2
<i>Lethrinus nebulosus</i>		2	2	3	0	1	4	37.8
<i>Lepidotrigla betuviæ</i>		0	0	0	1	1	3	30.2
<i>Cheimerius nufar</i>		2	1	3	2	0	3	26.5
Rhinobathidae		0	1	1	0	1	2	20.6
Rays		1	0	0	2	0	2	17.9

Table 13 Catch distribution by demersal species in bottom trawl. Region D, Sauquara and Kuria Muria Banks, all surveys.

Random trawling. Total number of hauls : 39

catch Species	(kg/hour)	Number of catches in catch groups					% of total	Mean
		1-9 kg/h	10-49 kg/h	50-199 kg/h	200-499 kg/h	>500 kg/h		
<i>Nemipterus japonicus</i>		1	2	2	3	1	16	99.6
<i>Lethrinus nebulosus</i>		3	2	9	7	1	14	90.7
<i>Pagellus affinis</i>		5	1	1	1	2	10	64.7
<i>Cheimerius nufar</i>		3	6	13	1	0	8	48.8
<i>Lepidotrigla bentuviæ</i>		1	1	0	1	1	7	42.4
<i>Charybdis edwardsi</i>		0	0	0	0	1	6	35.7
<i>Saurida sp.</i>		2	1	0	0	1	5	29.6
<i>Saurida undosquamis</i>		0	1	2	1	1	4	25.9
<i>Epinephelus sp.</i>		4	4	3	1	0	3	18.0
<i>Sepia sp.</i>		3	0	4	0	0	2	13.4
<i>Carangoides chrysophrys</i>		4	7	3	0	0	2	11.4

Table 14 Catch distribution by demersal species in bottom trawl All Oman, all surveys.

Random trawling. Total number of hauls : 123

catch Species	(kg/hour)	Number of catches in catch groups					% of total	Mean
		1-9 kg/h	10-49 kg/h	50-199 kg/h	200-499 kg/h	>500 kg/h		
<i>Nemipterus japonicus</i>		12	10	12	5	4	11	81.3
<i>Argyrosomus hololepidotus</i>		0	0	1	0	1	10	76.2
<i>Arius thalasinus</i>		15	21	6	1	4	9	69.9
<i>Argyrops spinifer</i>		14	20	14	6	3	8	61.0
<i>Lethrinus nebulosus</i>		7	10	16	8	2	6	45.8
<i>Pomadasys stridens</i>		6	6	5	5	2	5	39.3
<i>Cheimerius nufar</i>		8	13	20	5	0	4	33.6
<i>Pagellus affinis</i>		12	7	10	1	2	4	29.9
<i>Lepidotrigla bentuviæ</i>		5	3	0	2	2	3	22.4
<i>Saurida sp.</i>		4	4	0	0	2	3	18.9
<i>Saurida undosquamis</i>		7	6	7	1	1	2	13.9
<i>Saurida tumbil</i>		12	3	6	0	1	2	11.9
<i>Charybdis edwardsi</i>		0	0	0	0	1	2	11.3

### 3.3.1 Distribution of abundances by species based on catch data.

Distribution of the total estimated biomass of demersal species can tentatively be assessed by applying the relative distribution of the species in the catches (the % distribution in Table 14) to the total estimate. Table 15 shows these estimates.

Table 15. Distribution of total estimated demersal biomass by species.

Species	% in catch	Biomass thousand tonnes
Nemipterus	11	38
Argyrosomus hololepidotus	10	35
Arius thalassinus	9	31
Argyrops spinifer	8	28
Saurida	7	24
Lethrinus nebulosus	6	21
Pomadadys stridens	5	17
Cheimerius nufar	4	14
Pagellus affinis	4	14
Lepidotrigla bentuviae	3	10
Other fish, not more than 1% each	33	113
Total	100	345

### 3.4 Distribution of catch and biomass by commercial value.

In order to have an idea of how the demersal resources are distributed according to economic groupings, the catches from the bottom trawl have been distributed into four economic classes according to the species market value ( see list below). As basis for this groupings, fish market prices in the United Arab Emirates, for the period May-June 1978, have been used (FAO 1981).

Division of the most common species into classes according to their market value.  
Based on fish market prices UAE May-June 1978 (From FAO 1981). Species in brackets have been added by similarity to the existing groups.

Class 1 (<5 Dirham/Kg):

Megalaspis, Arius, Thunnus, Lutjanus sanguineus (Trachurus, sharks, rays, Arionna)

Class 2 (5-9 Dirham/Kg):

Sardinella, Plectorhynchus, Scolopsis, Epinephelus, Rhabdosargus, Rachycentrum, Scarus, Chirocentrus, Scomberoides, Sphyræna, Euthynnus, Chanos, Sciaenidae, Selar, Decapterus, Caranx, Argyrops, Pomadasys, Scomberomorus (Drepane, Atule, Mullidae)

Class 3 (10-15 Dirham/Kg):

Apolectus, Carangoides, Sillaginidae, Acanthopagrus, Trachinotus, Sparidae, Elops, crabs, Seriola, Seriolina, Alepes, Pampus, Gnathanodon, Nemipterus, Mugil, Lethrinus, Siganus, Rastrelliger

Class 4 (>15 Dirham/Kg):

Siganus, shrimp, Sepia, Loligo.

Table 16 shows the distribution of the total catch according to commercial value, according to the given classification. Two distributions are given, one for demersal species only, and one including the small pelagic fish.



Table 16 Classification in economical classes of catches from bottom trawling (% of total catch).

	Demersal fish only %	Small pelagic fish included %
Class 1 (<5 Dirham/Kg)	30	61
Class 2 (5-9 Dirham/Kg)	35	26
Class 3 (10-15 Dirham/Kg)	33	12
Class 4 (>15 Dirham/Kg)	2	0.8

By distributing the estimated total demersal biomass according to the commercial composition of the total catch, a rough absolute estimate of the quality composition of the demersal fish resources of Oman can be made. This is shown in Table 17. The most valuable class (4) is estimated to only 7 thousand tonnes, while the remaining three classes constitute roughly equal amounts of the remaining biomass, 104, 120 and 120 thousand tonnes in Class 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

Table 17 Classification in economical classes of estimated biomass based on species composition in the catches and their market value.

	Thousand tonnes
Class 1 (<5 Dirham/Kg)	104
Class 2 (5-9 Dirham/Kg)	120
Class 3 (10-15 Dirham/Kg)	114
Class 4 (>15 Dirham/Kg)	7
Total	345

### 3.5 Estimates of Yield of the Demersal Resources

The method of Beddington and Cooke applied in 2.3.3 to assess the yield of the small pelagic fishes, cannot easily be applied to the demersal stock. The demersal biomass is composed of a variety of species with different sizes, growth patterns, natural mortalities and ages at recruitment. Nevertheless, as the much used Gulland's formula ( $Y=0.5M B_0$ ) seems to overestimate the yield in most instances, the influence of the growth and recruitment parameters should be taken into account, even though only rough general estimates of these parameters are available.

Vidal- Junemann (1981) classified the demersal fishes of Oman in three main groupings; a) small demersal fishes, including breams, porgies, grunts, goatfishes, lizardfishes, flat fishes and parrotfishes - all fish generally less than 50 cm maximum length, and b) larger demersal fish including scavengers, croakers, groupers, barracudas and sharks - fish with a maximum size generally exceeding 50 cm. For the small fish he suggested a natural mortality (M) within the range 0.4-0.8 and for the larger species  $M=0.2-0.4$ .

Pauly (1980) has listed growth parameters and natural mortalities for 175 fish species. Of these, 34 species are from waters with a higher temperature than  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$  and represent families which are common in Omani waters. Table 18 shows the range and the mean of the natural mortality (M) of these species grouped into two classes; a) less than 50cm maximum length, and b) more than 50 cm maximum length. The means of the M are 1.18 and 0.74 respectively, and this is considerably higher than the figures used by Vidal-Junemann. The lower limit used by him seems more to apply to fishes in temperate waters, while the upper limit seems more appropriate for perhaps a conservative estimate of M in tropical waters. We therefore suggest  $M=0.8$  for the small fish and  $M=0.4$  for the big fish as a first approximation of the natural mortality in Oman waters.

Table 18. Ranges and means of natural mortalities of selected fish species. (Raw data taken from Pauly 1980).

	No of species	Range of M	Mean of M
Big demersal fish			
>50cm max length			
Serranidae			
Lutjanidae	17	0.1 - 2.24	0.74
Sciaenidae			
Lethrinidae			
Small demersal fish			
<50cm max length			
Serranidae	17	0.34 - 1.88	1.18
Nemipteridae			
Sciaenidae			
Mullidae			

Cushing (in press) supports the critics to the equation  $Y=0.5MB_0$  and agrees that it tends to overestimate the yield. He suggests the constant 0.5 be reduced to 0.4 for demersal fish and to 0.3 for small pelagics. In lack of the necessary information to use the Beddington and Cooke's method, we adopt Cushing's procedure and apply it to our calculations. The yield equation used on the demersal stock is therefore:

$$Y = 0.4 M * B_0$$

The estimated yields by species are given in Table 19. The total estimated yield is 77 thousand tonnes, i.e. 22% of the initial biomass.

Table 19. Estimate of yield by species and by total biomass of demersal fish in Oman waters.

Species	Estimated biomass (1000 t)	Best guess of M	Equivalent estimated yield (1000 t)
Nemipterus	38	0.8	12
Argyrosomus	35	0.4	5.5
Arius	31	0.4	5
Argyrops	28	0.4	5
Saurida	24	0.4	4
Lethrinus	21	0.4	3.5
Pomadasys	17	0.8	5.5
Cheimereus	14	0.4	2
Pagellus	14	0.8	4.5
Lepidotrigla	10	0.8	3
Other fish (not more than 1% each species)	113	0.6	27
Total	345		77

As we have not been able to get information on the present level of fishing on the demersal stocks, the above calculations are made on the assumption that we are working on a biomass with a very low fishing mortality.

#### 4. ASPECTS OF THE BIOLOGY OF SOME DOMINATING SPECIES IN OMAN WATERS.

The data gathered by the trawl sampling, combined with the data from the acoustic system, can provide useful information such as geographical distribution, migration, size distribution, aggregation patterns, behaviour and catch rates for the different species. In instances where a time series of data has been collected, growth parameters can be estimated from the length samples. All biological data from the surveys are shown in annex III to VII. Annex III shows a chronological record of all fishing operations. Annex IV shows the length measurements (average and range), while Annex V shows the raw data from the same samples (in both cases the sorting is by species). The main catch data, sorted by species, are presented in Annex VI and finally Annex VII shows histograms of pooled length distributions of the most common small pelagic fishes. A map, at the end of the report, gives the position of all trawl hauls.

Below, more detailed information is given for the most common species.

Trachurus indicus (Arabian scad)

Figure 12 shows the distribution of the Arabian scad based on its occurrence in the trawl catches during the three coverages. The species is distributed between Ras al Hadd and Ras Ash Sharbatat and the main part of the stock seems to be restricted to this area the year around. The focal point of distribution is on the Masirah Bank where the highest densities were found during all three coverages. It might be a little early to try to depict migration patterns from three coverages only, but it seems quite possible that the species concentrates on the Masirah Bank for spawning in the early pre-monsoon period (February- March) . This is supported by the presence in May (third coverage) of juvenile specimens (5-7cm) in this area( the only time and place where such young fish were observed). The biggest specimens caught fall in the class 37-37.9cm, somewhat bigger than the maximum size reported, 35cm (in Fischer and Bianchi, eds. 1984). From the pooled length distributions of the scad (Annex VII), attempts have been made to look at the growth of the species. Length cohorts in the samples have been used as representing yearclasses in the stock. The results are shown in Figure 13. The species has been reported to reach maturity at age one year and approximately 11cm (Fischer and Bianchi, eds. 1984). This fits well with the tentative growth curve given in Figure 13. According to this curve, this species seems to have a lifespan of 4-5 years.

The catch records for the species can be found in Annex VI. The best catch was 40 tonnes/hour and the mean of the 5 biggest hauls was 26.2 tonnes/hour. The fish could easily be caught at a trawling speed of three knots, except the fish bigger than 30 cm, which seemed to be able to escape the trawl. 59% of the total catch of this species was caught between 60 and 90m bottom depth, with an additional 10% down to 110m depth. 27% was caught between 40 and 50m bottom depth. The last were smaller fish, all less than 20cm, caught on the Masirah Bank. The bigger fish tended to concentrate at the shelf edge between 60 and 90m bottom depth.

Sardinella gibbosa, Goldstriped sardinella (Figure 14)

Except from a small concentration near Salalah during the first coverage, the goldstriped sardinella was found only between Ras al Hadd and Ras al Madrika. The main part of the stock was concentrated on the shallower areas of the Masirah bank during all three surveys. Our data do not seem to indicate any migration. The size ranged from 8.5 to 18.5 cm length. The catches were generally small, the highest being 440 kg/hour, the mean of the five best catches 390 kg/hour. 93% of the total catch of this species came from depths less than 20 meters, and practically 100 % of the catch

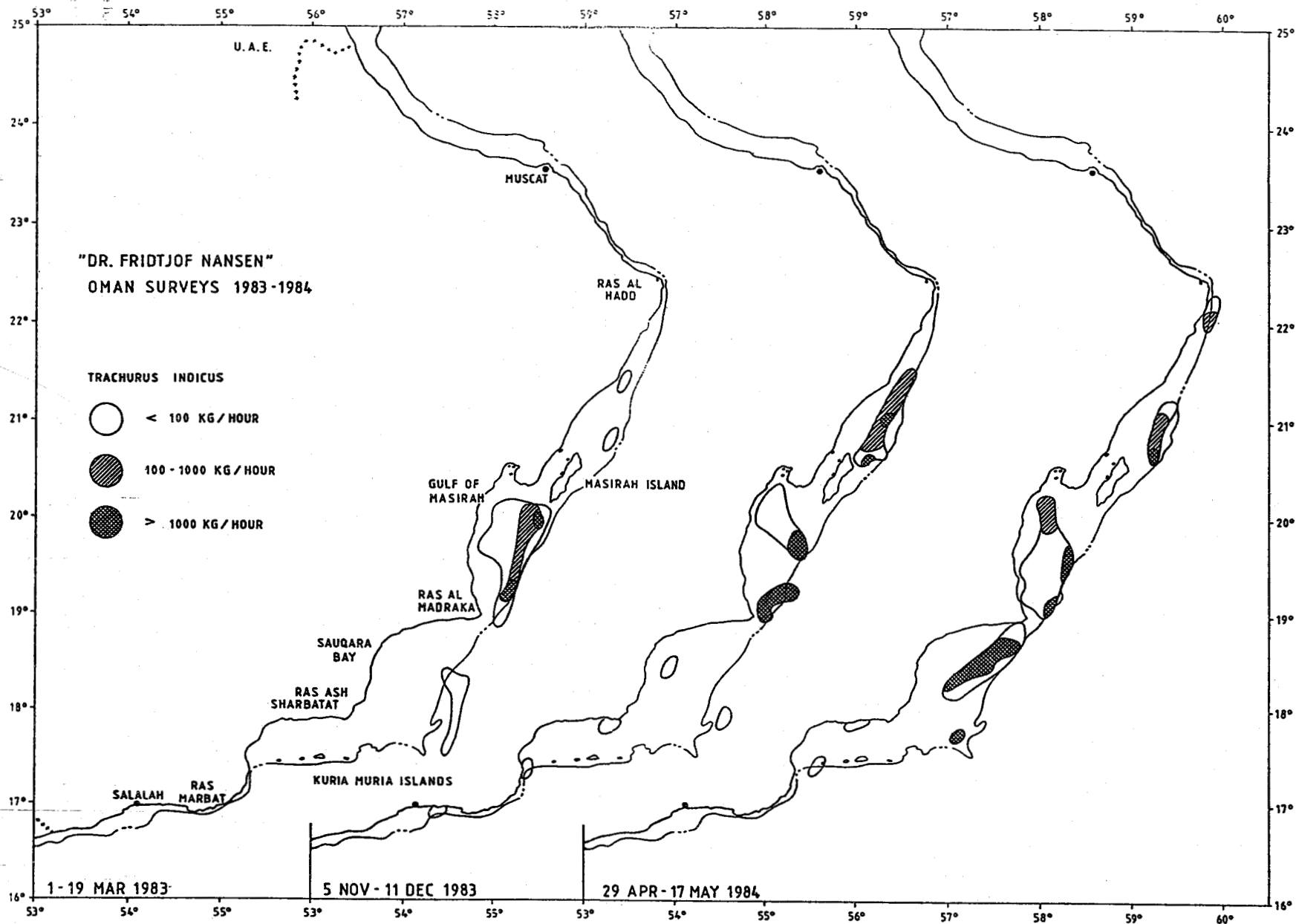


Figure 12. Distribution of arabian scad, *Trachurus indicus* based on occurrence in the trawl catches.

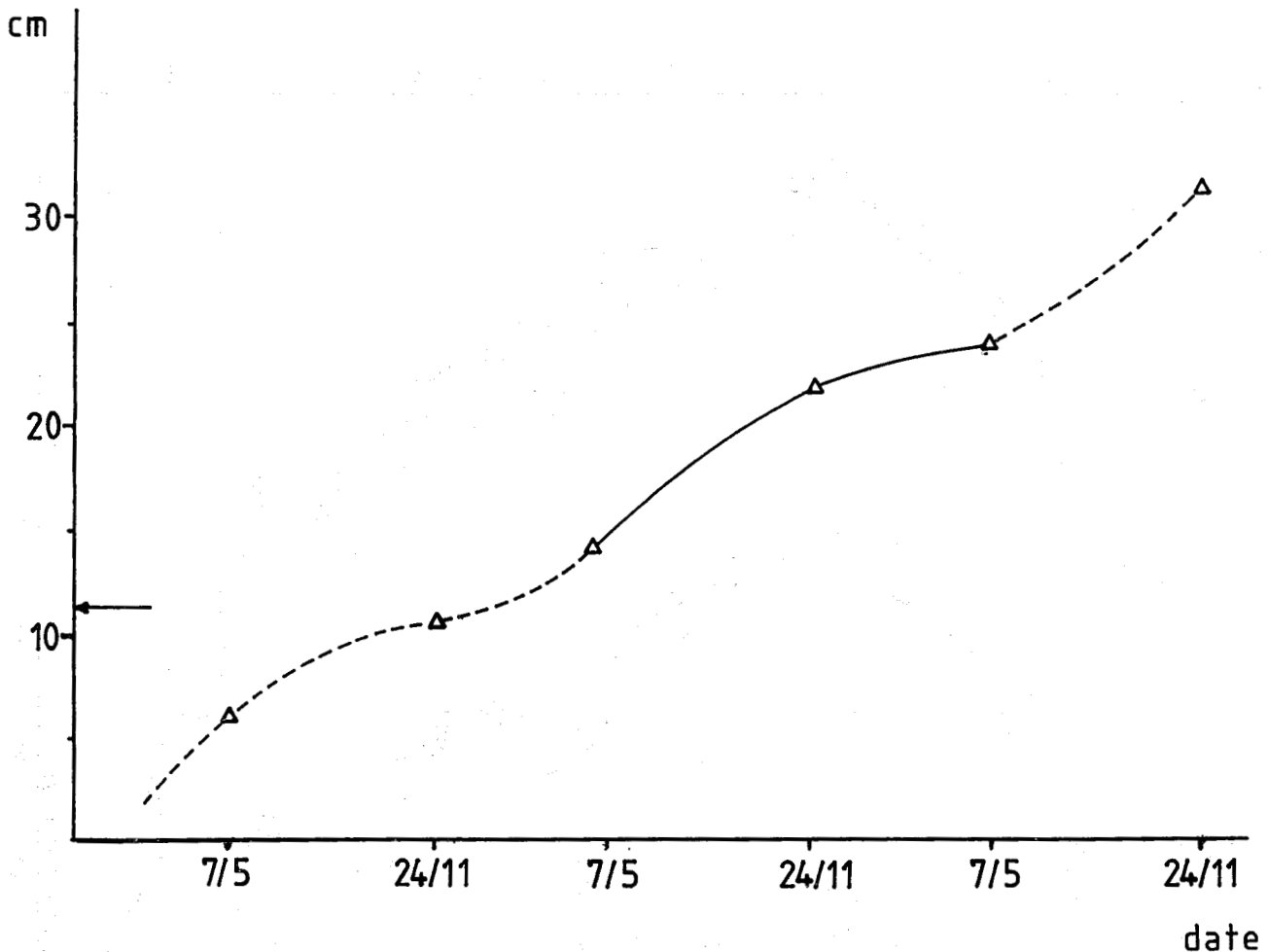


Figure 13. Tentative growth curve of Arabian scad (Trachurus indicus), based on length samples. Arrow shows possible length at first maturity.  $L_{\infty}$  between 35 and 40 cm.

was from less than 30 meters depth. The only occurrences of the species in deeper waters were in the region Ras al Hadd - Masirah Island, where some scattered registrations were found around 70m bottom depth but with catches less than 10 kg/hour.

Sardinella longiceps, Indian oil-sardinella (Figure 15)

This species was quite widespread, but the main concentrations were located between Ras al Hadd and Ras Ash Sharbatat. The length ranged from 7.5 to 24cm, the smaller specimens (less than 10cm) occurring between Ras ash Sharbatat and Salalah (second coverage, Nov-Dec). The fish on the Masirah Bank had the lowest length about 2-3cm higher than the fish more south, in the same period. This is probably due to a more favourable growth in the Masirah Bank area. No spawning area could be detected. The species is known to have its main spawning just after the peak of the S-W monsoon, in August- September (Fischer and Bianchi, eds.1984). The catches were

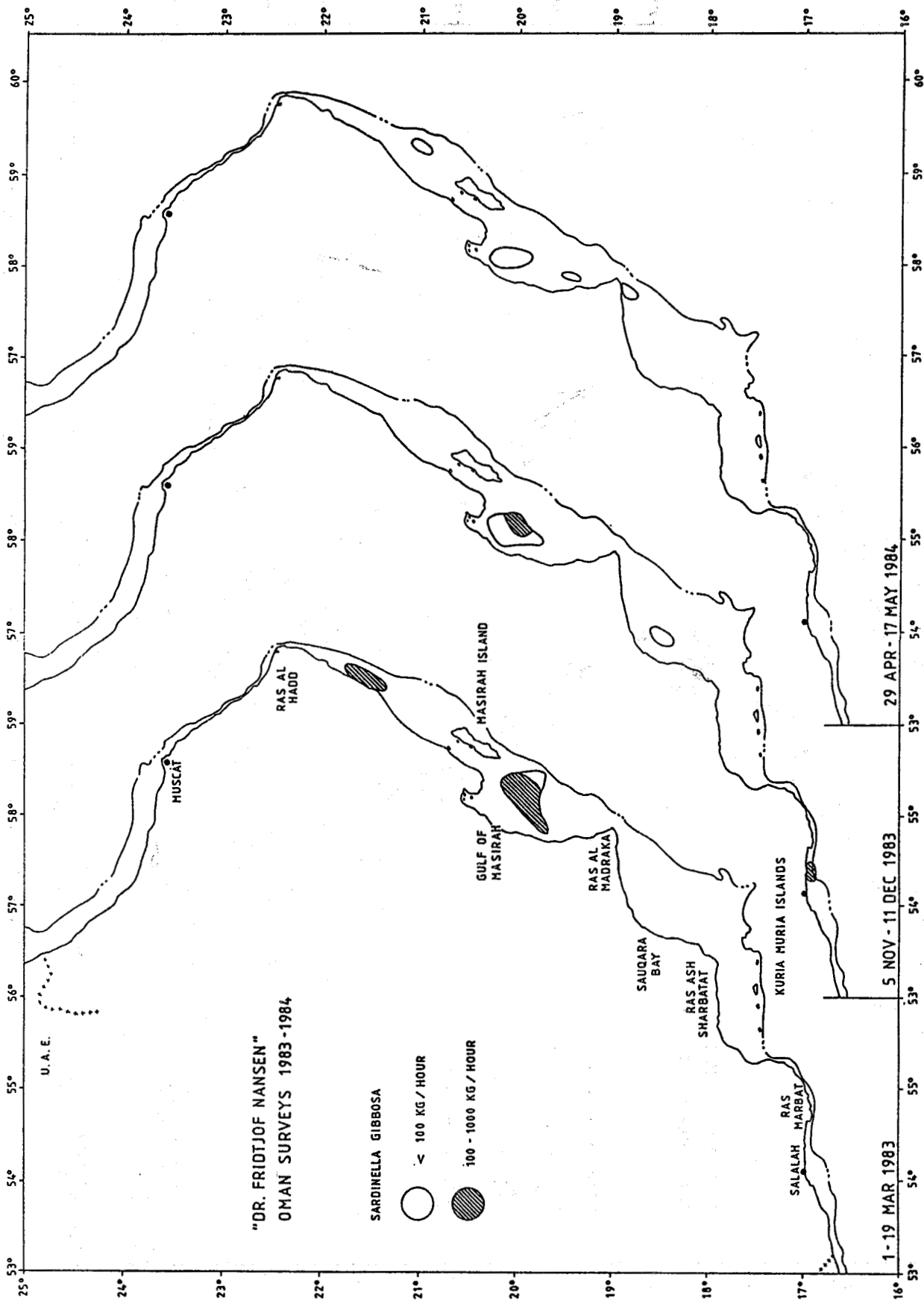


Figure 14. Distribution of gold-striped sardinella, *Sardinella gibbosa*, based on occurrence in the trawl-catches.

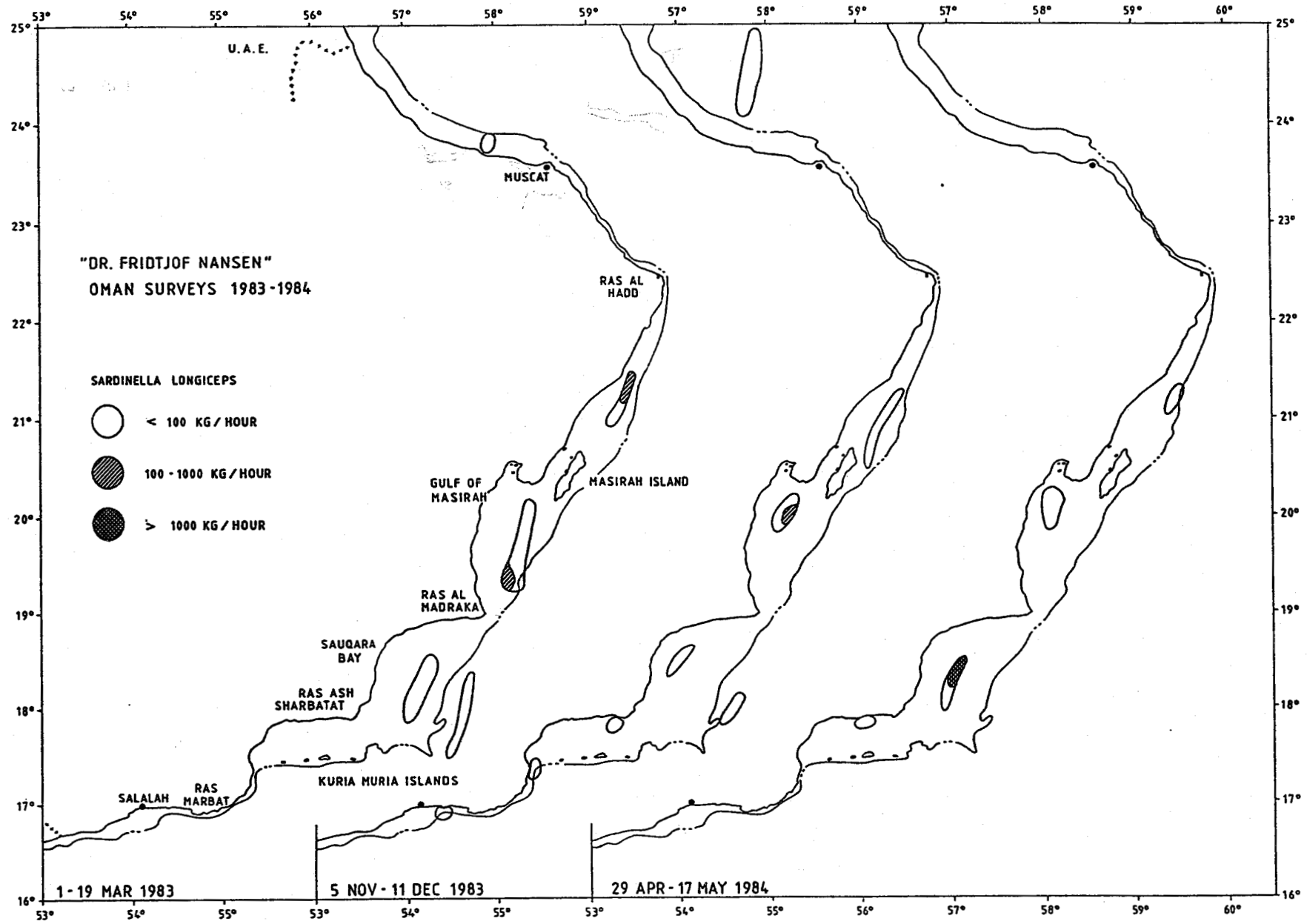


Figure 15. Distribution of indian oil-sardinella, *Sardinella longiceps*, based on occurrence in the trawl-catches.



generally low, the best being 15.7 tonnes/hour, while the second highest was only 450 kg/hour. 98% of the total catch was taken between 20 and 80 ,mainly in the shallower waters. This species was also located off the shelf, in the surface waters off the Sauquara bank, during the two first surveys. The catches never exceeded 5 kg/hour in this area. *Sardinella longiceps* is cooccurring with *S. gibbosa* on the central parts of the Masirah Bank, but the first also goes more shallow than the latter.

Argyrops spinifer and A. filamentosus (Figure 16)

The soldierbreams was found all along the coast, with highest densities from Ras al Hadd to Masirah Island. The fish ranged from 22 to 64cm total length. The best catch in the bottomtrawl was 1440 kg/hour while the average of the five best catches was 866 kg/hour. The total catch from all surveys was caught between 10 and 90m. The species seemed to concentrate especially in the zone 20-50m.

Lethrinus elongatus and L. nebulosus (Figure 17)

The emperors have also their distribution along all Oman coast. But they seem more abundant between Ras Marbat and Ras al Madraka and from Ras al Hadd to Masirah Island. In the samples taken, the size of the fish ranged from 33 to 61cm. The best catch obtained was 1050 kg/hour while the mean of the five highest catches was 550 kg/hour. All fish were caught in depths less than 50m.

Other species

Decapterus russelli, the Indian scad (Figure 18), is a small pelagic species occurring along the whole Oman coast, with highest concentrations from Ras al Hadd to Masirah Island and at Masirah and Sauquara banks. The sized in the samples ranged from 6.5 to 30cm . No spawning area could be located. The best catch was 6 tonnes/hour and the mean of the five highest was 3.2 tonnes/hour. This species occurs on the bottom, at depths less than 120m, but the main abundance is between 50 and 120m bottom depth.

Dussumieria acuta, rainbow sardine (Figure 19), occurs in the pelagic community south

of Ras al Hadd. It is a small species, measured between 8 and 23 cm in the samples. The highest catch was 485 kg/hour. The species will not likely make any important contribution to a pelagic fishery.

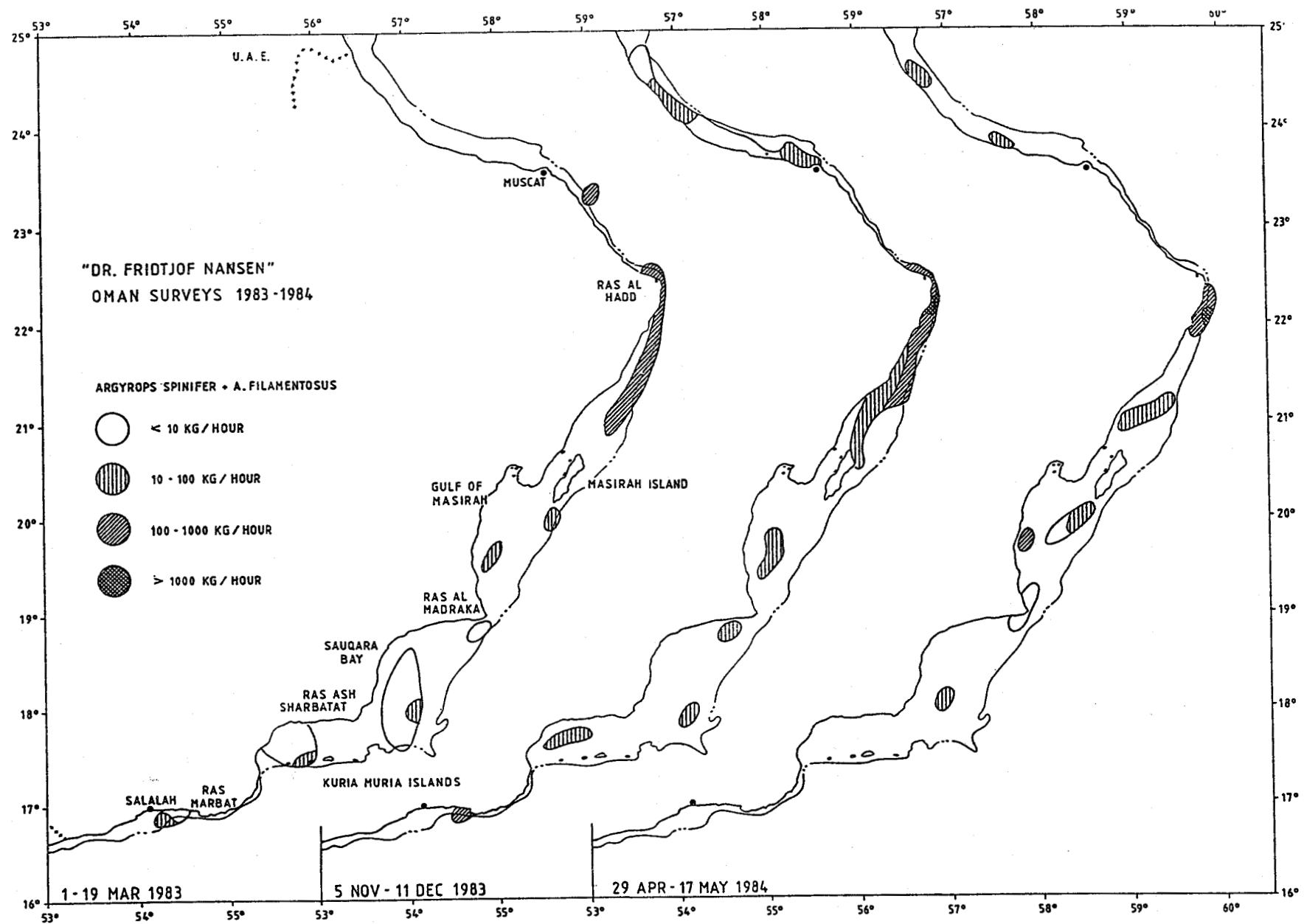


Figure 16. Distribution of *Argyrops spinifer* and *A. filamentosus*, based on occurrence in the trawl catches.

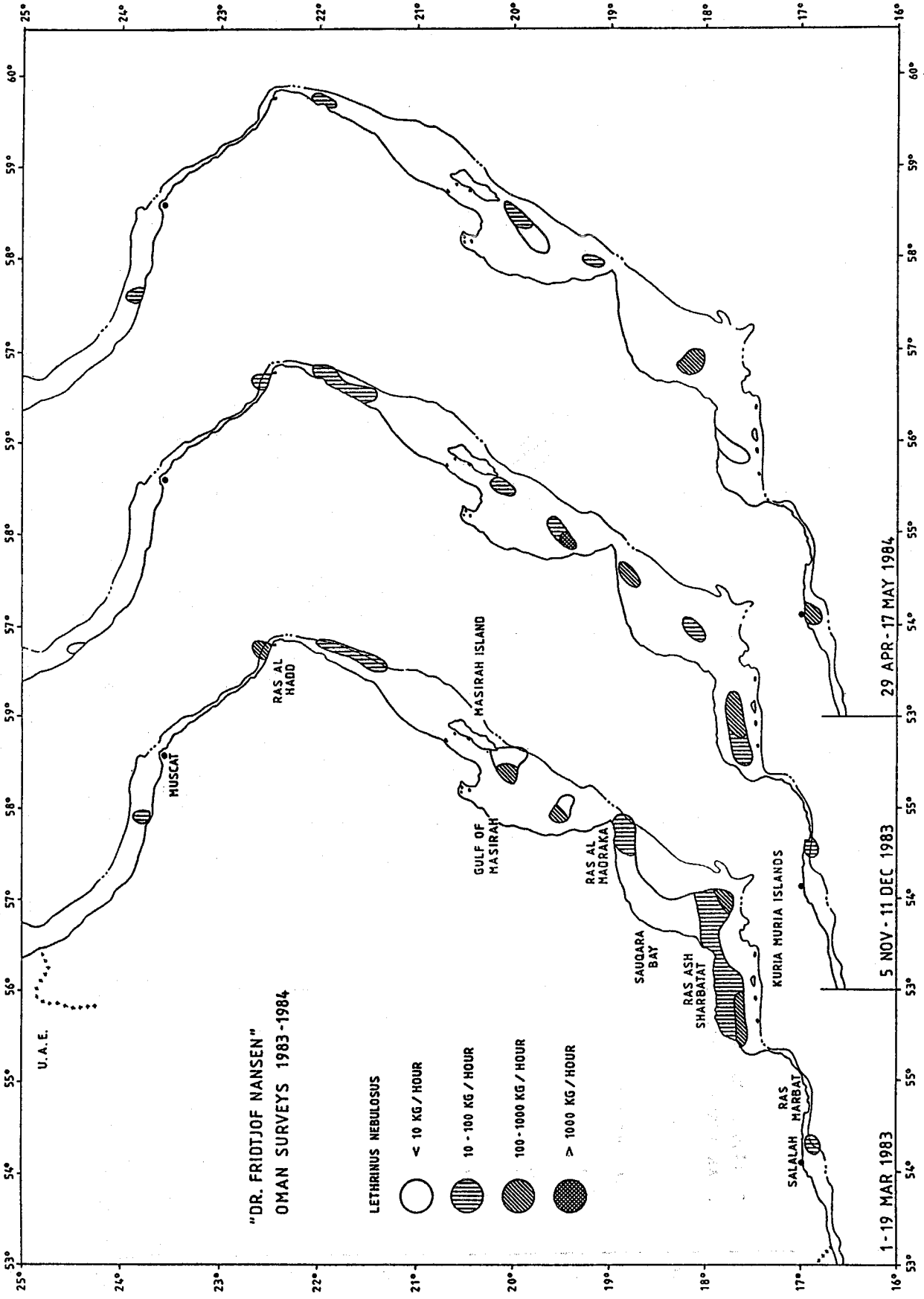


Figure 17. Distribution of *Lethrinus nebulosus*, based on occurrence in the trawl catches.

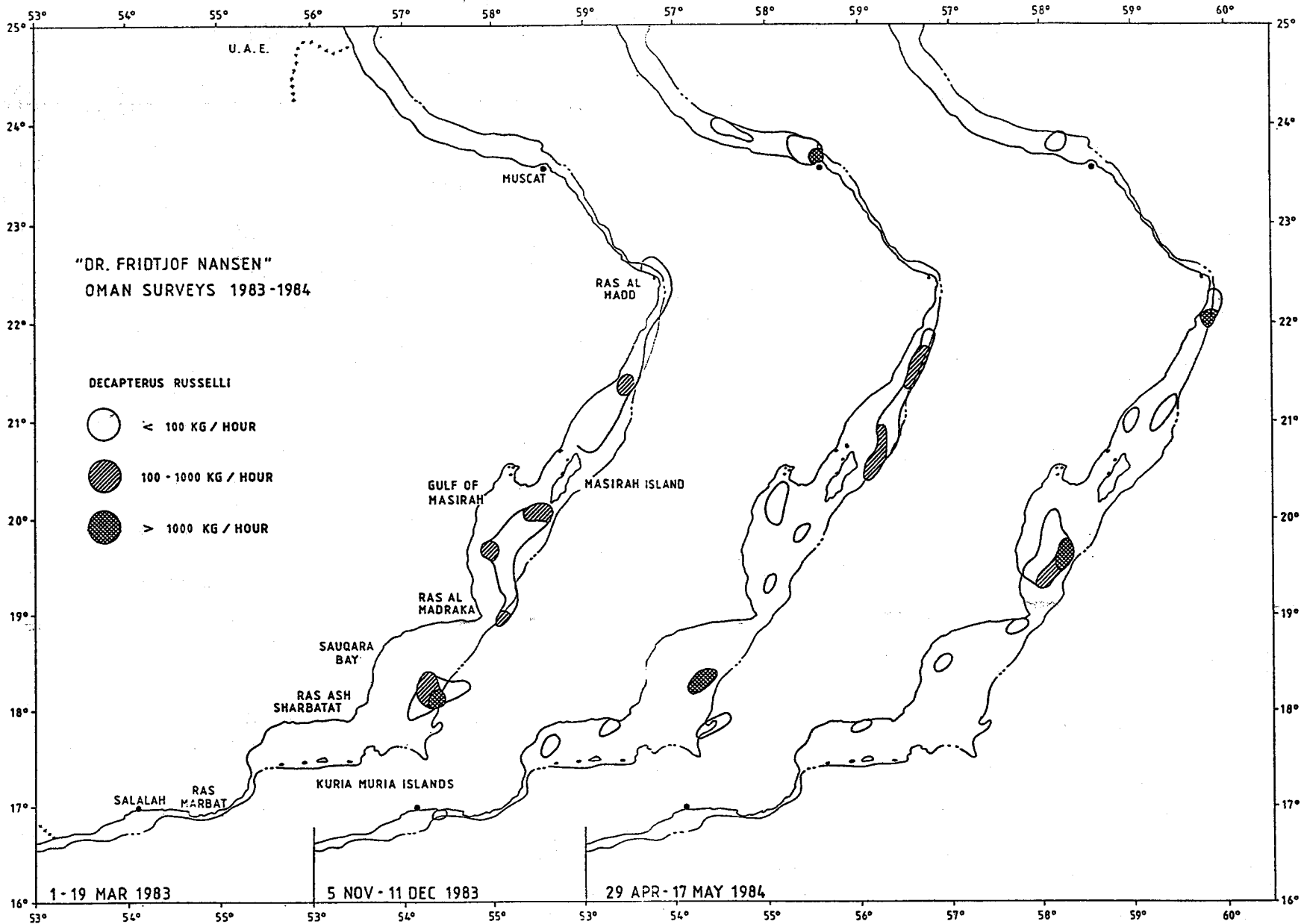


Figure 18. Distribution of indian scad, *Decapterus russelli*, based on occurrence in the trawl catches.

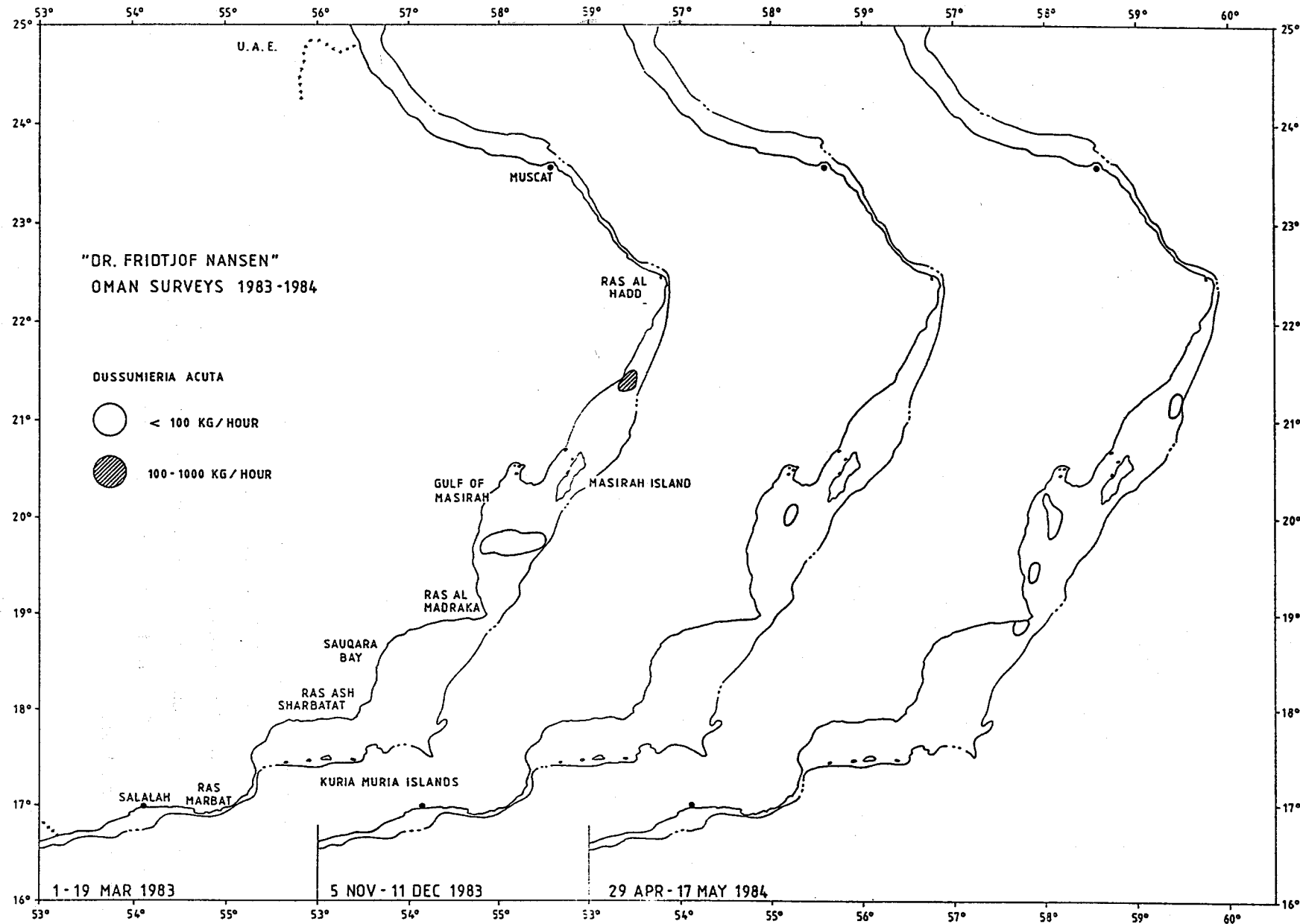


Figure 19. Distribution of rainbow sardine, *Dussumeria acuta*, based on occurrence in the trawl catches.

## 5 SUMMARY AND MAIN CONCLUSIONS

The R/V Dr. Fridtjof Nansen has carried out three surveys during the years 1983 and 1984. The first survey was carried out in the SW pre-monsoon season, in March 1983, the second at the onset of the NE monsoon, in November 1983, and the third at the onset of the SW-monsoon, in May 1984. A fourth survey, which was planned for September 1984, at the end of the SW-monsoon, had to be cancelled due to technical problems.

The main survey work was carried out in the region from Ras al Hadd to Salala, while the shelf further north was covered briefly during two of the surveys.

The communities of small pelagic fish were studied with the acoustic method combined with intensive trawling, to sample the acoustic registrations. The conditions were favourable for acoustic research on pelagic fish. The demersal fish were too scattered to be estimated by the acoustic method. Instead, random bottom trawl stations were set out along the cruise track in order to assess the biomass by the swept area method.

### Pelagic fish

The small pelagic fish consisted mainly of the Arabian scad (Trachurus indicus), goldstriped sardinella (Sardinella gibbosa), Indian oil-sardinella (Sardinella longiceps), and the Indian scad (Decapterus russelli). Of lesser importance were the rainbow sardine (Dussumieria acuta) and round herring (Etrumeus teres).

The total biomass of small pelagic fish was estimated to 1.0, 1.3 and 1.2 million tonnes during the first, second and third survey respectively. The average estimate is 1.2 million tonnes. The region north of Ras al Hadd and the region east of Ras Marbat were almost without any pelagic fish during the time of the surveys. As an average, the region from Ras al Hadd to Masirah Island had 10% of the pelagic fish, the Masirah Bank 60% and the region from Ras Mabber to Ras Marbat, 30%.

The species composition in the catches combined with the acoustic registrations can provide information for a rough estimate of the abundance of the main species. About 50% of the biomass was constituted by

Trachurus indicus, 25% by Decapterus russelli, 15% Sardinella longiceps and 10% by Sardinella gibbosa.

About 30% of the pelagic biomass was found in aggregations classified as "Very dense" and about 50% in "Dense". These should both represent sufficient high levels for commercial fishing.

The density of fish in the high productive zone Ras al Hadd - Ras Marbat has been compared with other coastal areas of the world it represents one of the richest in terms of density.

The biomass estimates from the three surveys are all higher than estimates from five similar, but less intensive surveys carried out in Oman in the years 1975-76. It might be possible that this points to a major increase in the total productivity of the region due to an ecological shift between the two survey periods. If so, future fluctuations in the productivity should also be expected.

To assess the yield from a biomass certain biological parameters on the species are necessary and these are lacking for most of the species in Oman, which affects the precision of the assessments. Based on our knowledge and findings, an exploitation level of 23% of the initial biomass seems justifiable. In absolute figures, a yield of 270 thousand tonnes of pelagic fish per year seems reasonable if the total ecosystem maintains the production level of 1983-1984. It is of vital importance that the levels of the fish stocks and the level of the production of the ecosystem are monitored when intensive exploitation is carried out.

The shallow waters of the Masirah bank have been found to be the most important nursery ground for the juvenile stages of the main small pelagic species. This area is probably of vital importance for the regeneration of the small pelagic fish stocks and should not be given access to by any industrial fisheries.

#### Demersal fish

The total biomass of demersal fish during the three surveys was estimated to 335, 260 and 335 thousand tonnes respectively. An adjusted average estimate is 345 thousand tonnes. The demersal fish community is made up of

a multitude of species. Dominating in the catches were the longfin breams (Nemipterus) 11%, seabreams (Sparidae) 12%, catfish (Ariidae) 9%, croakers (Sciaenidae) 10%, grunts (Pomadasyidae) 9%, emperors (Lethrinidae) 6%, all expressed as percent of the total catch.

Data available on the fish market prices in the United Arab Emirates in 1978 have been used to classify the total demersal catch into commercial groupings. 2% of the catch was classified to a value greater than 15 Dirham/kg, 33% to 10-15 Dirham/kg, 35% to 5-9 Dirham/kg and 30% to less than 5 Dirham/kg.

Based on rough assumptions, the yield has been estimated to 22% of the biomass, representing 77 thousand tonnes. Tentative yields by species are also given in this report (the calculated yield of demersal fish by species should be adjusted when catch data become available).



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## ANNEX II

### INSTRUMENTS AND FISHING GEAR USED

#### Acoustic instruments

SIMRAD sounders coupled to QM integrators were used for estimating fish density:

EK 38 KHz (1st and 2nd surveys): basic range 0-100 m+100m; Transmitter Ext 2.5 Kw; Bandwidth and pulse length 3 KHz, 0.6 ms; TVG and GAIN 20 log R-20 dB; Recorder gain 7; Transducer ceramic 9x8 degr. square

QM integrator: Gain 20 dB x 10, Threshold 0.8

SL+VR = 137.9 dB (Calibration 22 Nov 1982 on standard sphere)

137.9 dB (Calibration 4 Dec 1983)

EK 400/38 KHz (3rd survey): Basic range 0-100 + 100 m; Transmitter 4.813 Kw Bandwidth and pulse length 3.3 KHz, 1.0 ms; TVG 20 log R; Attenuator -20 dB; Recorder gain 7; Transducer ceramic 9x8 degr. square

SL+VR 140.7 dB (Calibration 17 May 1984 on standard sphere)

QD integrator (3rd survey): Gain 30 dB, Threshold 17 mV.

EK 400/120 KHz: Basic range 0-100m; Transmitter High, Bandwidth and pulse length 3.3 KHz, 1.0ms; TVG and GAIN 20 log R-0 dB

Recorder Gain 4; Transducer ceramic 10 degr. circular

QM integrator: Gain 10x10 Threshold 0

SL+VR = 112.2 dB (Calibration 31 Aug 1982 on standard sphere)

#### Hidrography

Temperature, salinity and oxygen content were sampled at standard depths with Nansen bottles. Oxygen was measured with Winkler method and salinity determined with inductive salinometer. Surface temperature was recorded at 4 m depth with thermograph.

#### Fishing gear

Bottom trawl: High opening shrimp and fish trawl with rubber bobbins gear. Headline 31 m, assumed effective width 18.5 m; height during trawling abt 6 m.

Pelagic trawls: Type "Harstadtrawl", meshsize codend 21 mm, width abt 30 m, vertical opening abt 15 m; Type modified "Krilltrawl" width abt 50 m, vertical opening abt 30 m, codend meshsize 9 mm.

THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

The history of the United States is a story of growth and change. From the first settlers to the present day, the nation has evolved through various stages of development. The early years were marked by exploration and the establishment of colonies. The American Revolution led to the birth of a new nation, and the subsequent years saw the expansion of territory and the growth of industry. The Civil War was a pivotal moment in the nation's history, leading to the abolition of slavery and the strengthening of the federal government. The 20th century brought significant social and economic changes, including the rise of the industrial revolution and the emergence of the United States as a global superpower. Today, the United States continues to play a leading role in the world, facing new challenges and opportunities.

The American dream is a central theme in the history of the United States. It represents the idea that anyone can achieve success and prosperity through hard work and determination. This dream has inspired generations of Americans and has shaped the nation's identity. The pursuit of the American dream has led to significant economic growth and innovation, but it has also been the source of social inequality and conflict. The history of the United States is a testament to the power of the American dream and the resilience of the American people.

The American people have played a central role in the history of the United States. They have shaped the nation's values, institutions, and destiny. The American people have shown a strong sense of patriotism and a commitment to the principles of liberty and justice for all. They have overcome many challenges and have built a nation that is a source of pride and inspiration for people around the world. The history of the United States is a story of the American people and their pursuit of a better life for themselves and for their children.

The future of the United States is uncertain, but it is also full of potential. The American people have the strength and resources to overcome any challenge and to build a brighter future for themselves and for the world. The history of the United States is a testament to the power of the American people and the American dream. It is a story of hope and possibility, and it is a story that continues to inspire and motivate people around the world.

BT=Bottom trawl PT=Pelagic trawl

DATE	TIME START	STN No.	GEAR TYPE	DEPTH (M)		POSITION		CATCH (KG)		DOMINANT SPECIES	WEIGHT (KG)	
				BOTTOM	GEAR	NORTH	EAST	TOTAL	PR HR		PR HR	%
01.03	1805	59	BT	20	20	23 48'	057 53'	993,0	1986,0	Lutjanus lutjanus Stolephorus indicus Leiognathus fasciatus Scomberomorus commersoni	438,20 255,20 228,80 264,00	22,0 12,8 11,5 13,2
04.03	1520	60	BT	60	60	23 21'	058 57'	138,7	277,4	Lethrinus lentjan Lethrinus microdon Argyrops spinifer Fistularia petimba	67,40 24,40 104,40 15,00	24,2 8,7 37,6 5,4
05.03	0555	61	BT	51	45	22 35'	059 41'	1414,0	2828,0	Lethrinus lentjan Alutera monoceros Lethrinus microdon Argyrops spinifer	884,00 450,00 285,00 172,00	31,2 15,9 10,0 6,0
05.03	1050	62	BT	53	53	22 14'	059 51'	301,0	602,0	Argyrops sp. Carangoides chrysophrys Arius sp Decapterus russelli	332,00 88,00 40,20 36,00	55,1 14,6 6,6 5,9
05.03	1400	63	BT	53	47	21 55'	059 45'	219,0	657,0	Cheimerius nufar Lethrinus microdon Argyrops spinifer Lethrinus nebulosus	153,00 152,10 47,40 45,30	23,2 23,1 7,2 6,8
05.03	1749	64	PT	22	12	21 40'	059 30'	435,5	871,0	Dussumiera sp. Stolephorus punctifier Sardinella gibbosa Decapterus russelli	485,40 225,20 140,60 19,60	55,7 25,8 16,1 2,2
06.03	0150	65	PT	29	13	21 25'	059 24'	417,2	1251,6	Sardinella gibbosa Etrumeus teres Trichiurus sp. Decapterus russelli Dussumieria acuta	369,60 189,60 139,50 128,70 126,30	29,5 15,1 11,1 10,2 10,0
06.03	0550	66	BT	52	46	21 32'	059 32'	641,0	1282,0	Argyrops spinifer Albula vulpes Pagellus affinis Cheimerius nufar Gerres filamentosus	432,00 300,00 34,00 20,40 152,60	33,6 23,4 2,6 1,5 11,9
06.03	0930	67	BT	50	50	21 15'	059 17'	471,0	1884,0	Arius sp Rhonciscus stridens Trichiurus sp. Nemipterus japonicus	872,00 306,00 169,20 108,00	46,2 16,2 8,9 5,7
06.03	1235	68	BT	69	63	21 00'	059 14'	135,0	405,0	Spyraena putnamiae Pagellus affinis Argyrops spinifer Rhizoпрionodon acutus	128,10 123,90 67,20 27,30	31,6 30,5 16,5 6,7

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				BOTTOM	GEAR	NORTH	EAST	TOTAL	PR HR		PR	HR
06.03	1545	69	BT	92	83	20 49'	059 16'	735,0	1470,0	Saurida sp. Rhonciscus stridens Nemipterus japonicus Trachurus indicus	1088,00 113,80 107,60 70,00	74,0 7,7 7,3 4,7
06.03	2000	70	BT	62	62	20 45'	059 05'	327,7	655,4	Rhonciscus stridens Lepidotrigla sp Gerres filamentosus Saurida tumbil	480,00 67,20 36,00 32,40	73,2 10,2 5,4 4,9
07.03	1000	71	OT	16	16	20 10'	058 28'	19,5		Lethrinus nebulosus Lethrinus nebulosus Arius sp Plectorhynchus schotaf	15,60 2,20 1,00 ,50	80,0 11,2 5,1 2,5
07.03	1645	72	BT	50	50	20 02'	058 31'	349,0	837,6	Decapterus russelli Cheimerius nufar Carangoides chrysophrys LOLIGINIDAE	529,20 76,32 72,00 70,20	63,1 9,1 8,5 8,3
07.03	1920	73	OT	65	65	19 57'	058 31'	18,9		MURAENIDAE Lethrinus nebulosus Rhonciscus stridens Arius sp	7,00 3,70 2,05 4,90	37,0 19,5 10,8 25,9
07.03	2020	74	PT	31	9	20 00'	058 27'	500,0	1000,0	Trachurus indicus	1000,00	100,0
07.03	2320	75	PT	14	1	20 05'	058 17'	677,5	1355,0	Decapterus russelli Trachurus indicus Sardinella gibbosa Scolopsis bimaculatus	530,40 286,00 150,80 65,00	39,1 21,1 11,1 4,7
08.03	1200	76	BT	98	92	19 45'	058 24'	234,3	400,6	Rhizoprionodon acutus Trachurus indicus Nemipterus japonicus Trichiurus sp.	146,20 66,43 36,25 33,68	36,4 16,5 9,0 8,4
08.03	1650	77	BT	23	17	19 43'	057 58'	28,9	57,8	Lepidotrigla sp Sepia sp TETRAODONTIDAE Saurida sp.	14,60 8,80 6,50 5,60	25,2 15,2 11,2 9,6
08.03	1925	78	PT	22	1	19 42'	057 48'	390,5	781,0	Sardinella gibbosa Decapterus russelli Dussumieria acuta Trachurus indicus	422,00 256,00 46,60 16,30	54,0 32,7 5,9 2,0
08.03	2315	79	OT	20	20	19 27'	058 01'	21,4		Lethrinus nebulosus Epinephelus sp Lethrinus mahsena Lethrinus lentjan	,79 ,24 ,12 ,04	65,8 20,0 10,0 3,3



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				BOTTOM	GEAR	NORTH	EAST	TOTAL	PR HR		PR HR	Z
09.03	0245	80	BT	90	84	19 16'	058 08'	2100,0	4200,0	Trachurus indicus Rhizoprionodon acutus	4050,00 60,00	96,4 1,4
09.03	0430	81	PT	84	20	19 17'	058 06'	139,5	558,0	Sardinella longiceps Trachurus indicus Decapterus russelli Selar crumenophthalmus	453,60 90,00 8,12 6,28	81,2 16,1 1,4 1,1
09.03	0830	82	BT	21	21	19 34'	057 51'	132,6	265,2	Cheimerius nufar Lethrinus nebulosus Alectis indicus Carangoides chrysophrys	70,20 44,80 28,00 14,60	26,4 16,8 10,5 5,5
09.03	1230	83	BT	21	17	19 42'	057 58'	1140,6	2281,2	Rhonciscus stridens Decapterus russelli Arius sp Trachurus indicus	1193,20 357,20 45,60 72,20	52,3 15,6 1,9 3,1
09.03	1605	84	BT	21	15	20 06'	058 02'	39,2	156,8	Arius sp Dasyatis jenkinsii TRIACANTHODIDAE Psettodes erumei	98,00 26,80 14,80 11,20	62,5 17,0 9,4 7,1
09.03	2230	85	PT	32	10	19 46'	058 14'	300,0	600,0	Trachurus indicus Sardinella gibbosa Alepes djeddaba Sardinella longiceps	358,60 153,40 57,40 13,40	59,7 25,5 9,5 2,2
10.03	0555	86	BT	89	89	19 14'	058 06'	173,1	346,2	Trachurus indicus Pagellus affinis Rhizoprionodon acutus LOLIGINIDAE	183,00 61,00 44,40 19,50	52,8 17,6 12,8 5,6
10.03	0745	87	PT	93	85	19 14'	058 07'	3120,0	12480,0	Trachurus indicus	12480,00	100,0
10.03	1010	88	BT	44	44	19 13'	057 54'	87,9	175,8	Carangoides equula Albula vulpes Gnathanodon speciosus Rhizoprionodon acutus	77,00 50,20 10,60 8,20	43,7 28,5 6,0 4,6
10.03	1250	89	PT	96	50	18 58'	057 58'	107,4	257,7	Trachurus indicus Decapterus russelli Sphyraena obtusata	144,96 102,72 10,08	56,2 39,8 3,9
10.03	1645	90	BT	60	54	18 49'	057 45'	63,8	127,6	Sphyraena putnambiae Carangoides chrysophrys Rhizoprionodon acutus Gastrophysus lunaris	24,20 23,60 16,80 13,40	18,9 18,4 13,1 10,5

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				BOTTOM	GEAR	NORTH	EAST	TOTAL	PR HR		PR HR	Z
11.03	0405	91	PT	112	30	18 30'	057 31'	4,6	6,9	Etrumeus teres Trichiurus sp.	5,32 1,65	77,1 23,9
11.03	0705	92	BT	143	140	18 19'	057 27'	2500,0	5000,0	Nemipterus japonicus Nemipterus japonicus Charybdis edwardsi Pagellus affinis	2360,00 83,60 1392,00 1092,00	47,2 1,6 27,8 21,8
11.03	1205	93	BT	15	15	18 45'	057 03'	114,0	228,0	PLOTOSIDAE Stephanolepis rectifrons Plectorhynchus schotaf Lethrinus lentjan	40,00 39,60 25,00 20,40	17,5 17,3 10,9 8,9
11.03	1615	94	BT	80	76	18 22'	057 10'	586,6	1173,2	Decapterus russelli Pagellus affinis Gastrophysus lunaris Loligo sp	885,60 198,00 24,30 21,60	75,4 16,8 2,0 1,8
12.03	0555	95	BT	72	66	17 58'	057 02'	319,9	639,8	Cheimerius nufar Etrumeus teres Lethrinus nebulosus Rhizoprionodon acutus	160,80 121,20 73,00 54,40	25,1 18,9 11,4 8,5
12.03	1105	96	BT	57	57	17 49'	056 55'	253,1	506,2	Lethrinus nebulosus Cheimerius nufar Epinephelus sp Megalaspis cordyla	289,30 80,00 48,00 14,50	57,1 15,8 9,4 2,8
12.03	1220	97	BT	67	61	17 46'	056 59'	365,6	731,2	Lethrinus nebulosus Cheimerius nufar Epinephelus aerolatus Carangoides chrysophrys	510,00 169,80 23,10 12,20	69,7 23,2 3,1 1,6
13.03	0645	98	BT	52	52	17 40'	056 06'	76,5	153,0	Lethrinus nebulosus Cheimerius nufar Carangoides chrysophrys Gastrophysus sceleratus	62,00 35,40 26,00 7,60	40,5 23,1 16,9 4,9
13.03	1025	99	BT	56	56	17 44'	055 56'	32,6	65,2	Rachycentron canadus Carangoides chrysophrys Seriolina nigrofasciata Lethrinus nebulosus	29,20 19,00 7,70 7,00	44,7 29,1 11,8 10,7
13.03	1310	100	BT	41	37	17 53'	055 43'	140,5	281,0	Cheimerius nufar Lethrinus nebulosus Carangoides chrysophrys Trichiurus sp.	106,24 66,40 62,70 16,40	37,8 23,6 22,3 5,8

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				BOTTOM	GEAR	NORTH	EAST	TOTAL	PR HR		PR HR	%
13.03	1525	101	BT	60	54	17 39'	055 50'	274,7	549,4	Lethrinus nebulosus Cheimerius nufar Dasyatis uarnak Lutjanus coccineus	344,40 80,80 60,00 16,20	62,6 14,7 10,9 2,9
13.03	1740	102	BT	74	68	17 31'	055 47'	272,0	544,0	Carcharhinus obscurus Cheimerius nufar Argyrops spinifer Epinephelus sp	11,20 11,20 25,20 25,20	2,0 2,0 4,6 4,6
14.03	1345	103	BT	65	65	17 00'	054 20'	37,4	112,2	Carangoides chrysophrys Rachycentron canadus Rhizoprionodon acutus Lagocephalus scleratus	76,80 11,55 6,75 6,60	68,4 10,2 6,0 5,8
14.03	1555	104	BT	40	34	16 55'	054 13'	159,1	318,2	Lethrinus nebulosus Cheimerius nufar Lethrinus mahsena Argyrops spinifer	98,00 84,60 41,74 22,10	30,7 26,5 13,1 6,9
13.03	0440	105	PT	36	10	17 39'	055 27'	30,0	60,0	FISH LARVAE Loligo sp	59,00 1,00	98,3 1,6
16.03	0555	106	BT	32	32	17 37'	035 26'	134,8	808,8	Lethrinus nebulosus Epinephelus aerolatus SCIAENIDAE Cheimerius nufar	381,60 106,20 85,80 65,40	47,1 13,1 10,6 8,0
16.03	1300	107	OT	32	32	17 53'	056 19'	28,9		Lethrinus nebulosus Epinephelus sp Epinephelus aerolatus	15,60 11,30 2,00	53,9 39,1 6,9
16.03	1420	108	BT	48	48	17 53'	056 32'	76,5	306,0	Lethrinus nebulosus Epinephelus sp Cheimerius nufar Epinephelus sp	100,80 76,80 38,40 29,60	32,9 25,0 12,5 9,6
16.03	1645	109	OT	43	43	18 08'	056 41'	19,6		Lethrinus nebulosus Lethrinus lentjan ANGUILLIFORMES Epinephelus aerolatus	6,60 6,30 3,65 2,00	33,6 32,1 18,6 10,2
16.03	1835	110	OT	19	19	18 22'	056 51'	26,6		Epinephelus aerolatus Lethrinus lentjan Lethrinus nebulosus Lethrinus sp.	9,00 8,25 5,50 1,70	33,8 31,0 20,6 6,3
16.03	2355	111	BT	22	22	18 29'	056 57'	237,4	474,8	Lethrinus lentjan APOGONIDAE Lethrinus nebulosus Siganus sp	120,00 120,00 52,00 40,00	25,2 25,2 10,9 8,4

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				BOTTOM	GEAR	NORTH	EAST	TOTAL	PR HR		PR HR	%
17.03	0620	112	BT	114	114	18 05'	057 14'	3000,0	6000,0	Decapterus russelli Saurida sp. Pagellus affinis Nemipterus japonicus	3728,00 1124,00 910,00 142,00	62,1 18,7 15,1 2,3
17.03	1030	113	PT	400	60	17 46'	057 24'	7,0	7,0	Charybdis edwardsi	7,00	100,0
17.03	1440	114	PT	366	60	17 54'	057 25'	,9	1,8	Charybdis edwardsi	1,70	94,4
17.03	1945	115	PT	382	15	18 17'	057 36'	22,9	45,8	Trachurus indicus Champsodon sp. Krill Selar crumenophthalmus	11,20 10,00 20,00 1,70	24,4 21,8 43,6 3,7
18.03	0255	116	PT	>500	20	17 39'	057 24'	6,9	13,8	Selar crumenophthalmus Sardinella longiceps Krill Charybdis edwardsi	4,90 3,40 4,00 1,20	35,5 24,6 28,9 8,6

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				BOTTOM	GEAR	LATIT.	LONGIT.	TOTAL	PR HR		PR	HR
08.11	1715	117	BT	71	71	N23 44'	E058 30'	1347,0	2694,0	Decapterus russelli Spyraena putnamiae Saurida undosquamis Argyrops spinifer	1936,00	71,8
08.11	2020	118	BT	59	59	N28 49'	E058 13'	282,7	565,4	Saurida tumbil Nemipterus japonicus SEPIIDAE Nemipterus bleekeri	176,26 87,38 52,50 43,50	31,1 15,4 9,2 7,6
09.11	0110	119	BT	44	44	N23 54'	E057 42'	639,9	1279,8	Saurida tumbil Nemipterus sp. SEPIIDAE Upeneus sulphureus	812,00 147,00 53,90 36,40	63,4 11,4 4,2 2,8
09.11	0550	120	BT	39	39	N24 02'	E057 25'	116,0	232,0	Saurida tumbil SEPIIDAE Leiognathus fasciatus Lutjanus lutjanus	59,40 39,00 33,00 18,00	25,6 16,8 14,2 7,7
09.11	0800	121	BT	34	34	N24 00'	E057 14'	81,6	163,2	Saurida tumbil Drepane punctata Argyrops filamentosus Plectorhynchus sp. Psettodes erumei	52,00 44,20 8,70 8,00 24,00	31,8 27,0 5,3 4,9 14,7
09.11	1045	122	BT	57	57	N24 12'	E057 07'	108,0	216,0	Spyraena putnamiae Carangoides malabaricus SEPIIDAE Nemipterus sp.	40,00 123,60 13,80 11,00	18,5 57,2 6,3 5,0
09.11	1240	123	BT	20	20	N24 08'	E056 58'	243,1	486,2	MYLIOBATINAE Drepane longimana Diagramma picta Lethrinus sp.	57,60 54,60 44,40 38,40	11,8 11,2 9,1 7,8
09.11	1540	124	BT	46	46	N24 26'	E056 51'	97,2	194,4	Spyraena putnamiae Rastrelliger kanagurta Ariomma indica Carangoides malabaricus	39,60 28,00 24,00 23,20	20,3 14,4 12,3 11,9
09.11	1715	125	BT	33	33	N24 29'	E056 45'	187,0	448,8	Argyrops spinifer Diagramma picta Lutjanus lutjanus Lethrinus miniatus	60,48 56,16 76,08 25,68	13,4 12,5 16,9 5,7
09.11	2010	126	BT	100	100	N24 45'	E056 40'	109,6	219,2	Nemipterus japonicus SCIAENIDAE Parupeneus sp. SEPIIDAE	66,00 35,00 16,80 15,00	30,1 15,9 7,6 6,8

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				BOTTOM	GEAR	LATIT.	LONGIT.	TOTAL	PR HR		PR HR	%
10.11	0000	127	PT	310	50	N24 50'	E056 50'	80,0	160,0	MYCTOPHIDAE Trichiurus lepturus	151,20 8,80	94,5 5,5
10.11	0920	128	PT	>500	300	N24 47'	E057 09'	22,2	44,4	MYCTOPHIDAE Trichiurus lepturus LOLIGINIDAE Decapterus russelli	40,00 ,80 3,00 ,60	90,0 1,8 6,7 1,3
10.11	1300	129	PT	372	260	N24 34'	E057 03'	20,8	41,6	Trichiurus lepturus SALPS LOLIGINIDAE MYCTOPHIDAE	4,00 1,00 ,50 36,00	9,6 2,4 1,2 86,5
10.11	1515	130	PT	292	125	N24 05'	E057 00'	60,0	120,0	MYCTOPHIDAE	120,00	100,0
10.11	1935	131	PT	300	50	N24 27'	E057 02'	125,0	250,0	MYCTOPHIDAE	250,00	100,0
10.11	2350	132	PT	292	40	N24 27'	E056 59'	360,0	720,0	MYCTOPHIDAE	720,00	100,0
11.11	0450	133	PT	275	50	N24 21'	E057 03'	330,0	660,0	MYCTOPHIDAE	660,00	100,0
11.11	1005	134	PT	287	250	N24 27'	E056 59'	41,0	82,0	MYCTOPHIDAE	82,00	100,0
11.11	1125	135	PT	292	175	N24 27'	E056 59'	902,0	1804,0	MYCTOPHIDAE	1800,00	99,7
11.11	1850	136	PT	>500	45	N24 23'	E057 23'	66,0	132,0	MYCTOPHIDAE	132,00	100,0
11.11	2215	137	PT	>500	40	N24 49'	E057 34'	55,0	110,0	MYCTOPHIDAE	110,00	100,0
12.11	0145	138	PT	>500	20	N24 54'	E057 51'	16,0	32,0	MYCTOPHIDAE Selar crumenophthalmus JELLYFISH Trichiurus lepturus	12,60 7,60 5,00 2,00	39,3 23,7 15,6 6,2
12.11	0455	139	PT	>500	25	N24 35'	E057 52'	15,4	30,8	Selar crumenophthalmus Cubiceps sp. Sardinella longiceps SCOMBRIDAE	9,80 15,80 4,00 ,60	31,8 51,2 12,9 1,9
12.11	0825	140	PT	>500	340	N24 11'	E057 43'	10,8	21,6	MYCTOPHIDAE Selar crumenophthalmus Sardinella longiceps Lestidium sp.	16,40 2,40 ,60 ,50	75,9 11,1 2,7 2,3

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				BOTTOM	GEAR	LATIT.	LONGIT.	TOTAL	PR HR		PR	HR
12.11	1305	141	PT	22	1	N23 48'	E058 01'	1,0	2,0	JELLYFISH	2,00	100,0
12.11	1535	142	BT	18	18	N23 46'	E058 00'	181,4	362,8	Saurida tumbil Gerres filamentosus Gnathanodon speciosus R A Y S	81,20 49,80 37,80 36,00	22,3 13,7 10,4 9,9
13.11	1015	143	PT	370	280	N23 56'	E058 05'	21,3	42,6	MYCTOPHIDAE LOLIGINIDAE Trichiurus lepturus	38,00 2,80 1,80	89,2 6,5 4,2
14.11	1840	144	PT	>500	30	N24 22'	E058 32'	233,0	466,0	MYCTOPHIDAE Cubiceps sp.	409,60 56,40	87,8 12,1
14.11	2245	145	PT	410	225	N23 54'	E058 23'	25,0	50,0	MYCTOPHIDAE	50,00	100,0
15.11	0200	146	PT	>500	225	N23 48'	E058 32'	19,8	39,6	MYCTOPHIDAE Trichiurus lepturus Trachinocephalus sp. Cubiceps sp.	1,40 23,40 11,90 ,80	3,5 59,0 30,0 2,0
16.11	0430	147	PT	>500	25	N22 37'	E059 51'	34,3	68,6	MYCTOPHIDAE Cubiceps sp. Saurida tumbil Selar crumenophthalmus	44,00 9,60 9,60 3,80	64,1 13,9 13,9 5,5
16.11	1315	148	PT	>500	290	N23 17'	E060 11'	9,6	19,2	MYCTOPHIDAE Cubiceps sp. C E P H A L O P O D A Sphyraena obtusata	12,40 4,00 1,20 ,60	64,5 20,8 6,2 3,1
20.11	0615	149	BT	49	49	N22 35'	E059 41'	574,2	1148,4	Lethrinus elongatus Argyrops spinifer Sphyraena africana Lethrinus nebulosus	448,60 229,80 151,80 94,20	39,0 20,0 13,2 8,2
20.11	0945	150	BT	39	39	N22 14'	E059 50'	823,3	1646,6	Argyrops spinifer Sphyraena africana Carangoides chrysophrys Gnathanodon speciosus	1440,00 57,20 55,60 27,00	87,4 3,4 3,3 1,6
20.11	1420	151	BT	52	52	N21 55'	E059 45'	639,4	1278,8	Argyrops spinifer Trichiurus lepturus Lethrinus nebulosus Pomadasys stridens	441,60 247,20 44,00 152,00	34,5 19,3 3,4 11,8
20.11	1705	152	BT	35	35	N21 49'	E059 38'	744,6	1489,2	Pomadasys stridens Arius thalassinus Trichiurus lepturus Argyrops spinifer	377,40 832,00 87,00 117,20	25,3 55,8 5,8 7,8

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				BOTTOM	GEAR	LATIT.	LONGIT.	TOTAL	PR HR		PR HR	%
20.11	1940	153	PT	110	65	N21 43'	E059 41'	132,6	265,2	Decapterus russelli	265,20	100,0
21.11	0620	154	BT	61	61	N21 29'	E059 32'	757,1	1514,2	Argyrops spinifer Trachurus indicus Decapterus russelli Nemipterus japonicus	445,40 385,40 206,00 130,20	29,4 25,4 13,6 8,5
21.11	0845	155	BT	51	51	N21 24'	E059 26'	20,3	40,6	Argyrops spinifer Nemipterus japonicus Pomadasys stridens Pagellus affinis	25,60 6,80 4,00 2,70	63,0 16,7 9,8 6,6
21.11	1045	156	BT	53	53	N21 21'	E059 23'	33,4	66,8	Argyrops spinifer Trachurus indicus Carangoides chrysophrys Megalaspis cordyla	31,00 11,20 9,40 5,40	46,4 16,7 14,0 8,0
21.11	1325	157	BT	66	66	N21 14'	E059 25'	254,8	509,6	Argyrops spinifer Pagellus affinis Trachurus indicus Decapterus russelli	158,60 121,80 105,80 34,50	31,1 23,9 20,7 6,7
21.11	1545	158	BT	24	24	N21 16'	E059 13'	174,8	349,6	Arius tenuispinis Pomadasys opercularis Argyrops spinifer Lepidotrigla bentuviai	155,00 90,00 35,20 30,00	44,3 25,7 10,0 8,5
21.11	1725	159	BT	61	61	N21 09'	E059 19'	109,6	219,2	Trachurus indicus Pomadasys stridens Nemipterus japonicus Arius tenuispinis	118,80 85,20 3,60 9,60	54,1 38,8 1,6 4,3
21.11	2125	160	PT	72	62	N21 03'	E059 17'	1020,0	2040,0	Trachurus indicus	2040,00	100,0
22.11	0210	161	PT	65	40	N20 55'	E059 10'	1199,7	2399,4	Pomadasys stridens Trachurus indicus Decapterus russelli	1586,80 677,20 116,00	66,1 28,2 4,8
22.11	0615	162	BT	104	104	N20 49'	E059 21'	82,4	164,8	Decapterus russelli Saurida undosquamis Pagellus affinis Nemipterus japonicus	84,60 39,20 19,80 11,60	51,3 23,7 12,0 7,0
22.11	0855	163	PT	114	100	N20 40'	E059 16'	2,6	5,2	Trachurus indicus	5,20	100,0
22.11	1115	164	BT	70	70	N20 44'	E059 05'	454,3	908,6	Nemipterus japonicus Trachurus indicus	803,00 105,60	88,3 11,6



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				BOTTOM	GEAR	LATIT.	LONGIT.	TOTAL	PR HR		PR	HR
22.11	1420	165	BT	54	54	N20 38'	E059 01'	45,1	90,2	JELLYFISH Argyrops spinifer Arius thalassinus Pagellus affinis	30,00 31,60 14,20 8,80	33,2 35,0 15,7 9,7
22.11	1600	166	PT	82	58	N20 36'	E059 05'	1159,7	2319,4	Trachurus indicus Decapterus russelli Nemipterus japonicus	1657,80 594,00 64,80	71,4 25,6 2,7
22.11	1735	167	BT	98	98	N20 35'	E059 09'	151,2	302,4	Nemipterus japonicus Decapterus russelli Lepidotrigla omanensis Saurida undosquamis	130,00 97,00 34,00 19,00	42,9 32,0 11,2 6,2
23.11	0030	168	PT	>500	18	N20 23'	E059 08'	720,0	1440,0	MYCTOPHIDAE	1440,00	100,0
23.11	0445	169	PT	72	50	N20 15'	E058 50'	60,0	120,0	Nemipterus japonicus	120,00	100,0
23.11	0730	170	BT	78	78	N20 05'	E058 40'	91,7	366,8	Nemipterus japonicus	363,60	99,1
23.11	1240	171	BT	42	42	N20 02'	E058 30'	653,5	1307,0	Lepidotrigla bentuviai Cheimerius nufar Carangoides chrysophrys Epinephelus diacanthus RHINOBATIDAE	708,40 226,80 60,40 57,20 140,00	54,2 17,3 4,6 4,3 10,7
23.11	1610	172	BT	18	18	N20 03'	E058 21'	358,3	716,6	RHINOBATIDAE Scomberoides commersonianus Arius thalassinus Carangoides chrysophrys	560,00 30,00 30,00 28,40	78,1 4,1 4,1 3,9
23.11	1925	173	PT	24	1	N20 02'	E058 10'	323,0	646,0	Sardinella gibbosa Sardinella longiceps Megalaspis cordyla Alepes vari	444,80 104,00 45,20 16,20	68,8 16,0 6,9 2,5
24.11	0700	174	BT	17	17	N20 19'	E058 07'	4877,4	9754,8	Argyrosomus hololepidotus Scomberoides commersonianus Arius thalassinus	9214,00 284,20 144,60	94,4 2,9 1,4
24.11	0955	175	BT	15	15	N20 12'	E058 01'	349,3	698,6	Arius thalassinus CARCHARHINIDAE Triacanthus biaculeatus Trachurus indicus	190,80 185,00 69,60 60,00	27,3 26,4 9,9 8,5
24.11	1235	176	BT	20	20	N20 01'	E057 53'	2,4	70,5	Trachurus indicus Alepes vari Pomadasys maculatus Pomadasys stridens	51,00 7,50 7,50 4,50	72,3 10,6 10,6 6,3

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				BOTTOM	GEAR	LATIT.	LONGIT.	TOTAL	PR HR		PR HR	%
24.11	1450	177	BT	21	21	N19 49'	E057 58'	722,6	1445,2	Arius thalassinus R A Y S Alepes vari Argyrops spinifer	951,60 400,00 52,00 30,80	65,8 27,6 3,5 2,1
24.11	2140	178	PT	40	30	N19 50'	E058 20'	505,6	1011,2	Trachurus indicus Decapterus russelli Carangoides malabaricus Lepidotrigla sp	672,20 169,00 49,40 48,20	66,4 16,7 4,8 4,7
25.11	0230	179	PT	40	22	N19 44'	E058 17'	3976,3	7952,6	Trachurus indicus Sphyraena africana	6852,60 1100,00	86,1 13,8
25.11	0705	180	BT	27	27	N19 41'	E058 08'	4,4	8,8	Arius tenuispinis	8,80	100,0
25.11	0920	181	BT	22	22	N19 43'	E027 27'	140,4	280,8	Arius tenuispinis Arius thalassinus Alepes vari NOBULIDAE	182,40 45,60 44,80 8,00	64,9 16,2 15,9 2,8
25.11	1220	182	BT	21	21	N19 37'	E057 51'	40,0	80,0	Sepia sp Arius sp	40,00 40,00	50,0 50,0
25.11	1455	183	BT	22	22	N19 34'	E058 03'	159,5	319,0	Diagramma picta Lethrinus nebulosus Argyrops spinifer Cheimerius nufar	100,40 60,00 44,00 26,00	31,4 18,8 13,7 8,1
25.11	2110	184	PT	26	1	N20 00'	E058 03'	304,5	608,9	Sphyraena putnamiae Sardinella gibbosa Trachurus indicus CARCHARHINIDAE	107,60 144,00 64,00 247,80	17,6 23,6 10,5 40,6
26.11	0420	185	PT	113	60	N19 51'	E058 33'	,0	,0	N O C A T C H	,00	,0
26.11	1425	186	BT	55	55	N19 26'	E058 06'	,0	,0	N O C A T C H	,00	,0
26.11	1645	187	BT	20	20	N19 29'	E057 54'	919,1	1838,2	Lethrinus nebulosus R A Y S Diagramma picta Scolopsis taeniatus	1046,60 200,00 147,60 69,00	56,9 10,8 8,0 3,7
27.11	0725	188	BT	57	57	N19 19'	E057 59'	40,0	80,0	Sarda orientalis Sepia sp Carangoides chrysophrys Cookeolus boops	31,00 16,80 9,00 4,80	38,7 21,0 11,2 6,0

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				BOTTOM	GEAR	LATIT.	LONGIT.	TOTAL	PR HR		PR HR	%
27.11	1155	189	BT	105	105	N19 12'	E058 08'	1447,3	2894,6	Trachurus indicus	2890,00	99,8
27.11	1605	190	BT	65	65	N19 07'	E057 57'	1820,7	3641,4	Trachurus indicus	3641,40	100,0
27.11	2115	191	PT	87	40	N18 58'	E057 57'	10000,0	20000,0	Trachurus indicus	20000,00	100,0
28.11	0755	192	BT	43	43	N18 50'	E057 31'	292,6	585,2	Cheimerius nufar Sepia sp Lethrinus nebulosus Argyrops filamentosus	161,80 149,00 129,60 39,60	27,6 25,4 22,1 6,7
28.11	1030	193	BT	87	87	N18 38'	E058 38'	1,6	3,2	Champsodon sp. Pteridotrigla hemisticata Cookeolus boops SEPIIDAE Sphyaena obtusata	,80 ,80 ,50 ,40 ,40	25,0 25,0 15,6 12,5 12,5
28.11	1600	194	PT	>500	35	N18 13'	E057 39'	3,0	6,0	CRABS	6,00	100,0
29.11	0425	195	PT	>500	50	N18 02'	E057 35'	3,3	6,6	MYCTOPHIDAE Etrumeus teres Sardinella longiceps Synodus sp.	3,00 1,00 ,80 ,80	45,4 15,1 12,1 12,1
29.11	0950	196	PT	>500	40	N17 54'	E057 31'	1,8	3,6	Etrumeus teres Trachurus indicus Sardinella longiceps Decapterus russelli	1,40 ,90 ,60 ,60	38,8 25,0 16,6 16,6
29.11	1730	197	BT	84	84	N18 20'	E057 13'	3077,8	6155,6	Decapterus russelli Saurida undosquamis	6000,00 84,00	97,4 1,3
29.11	2335	198	PT	20	1	N18 27'	E056 56'	128,4	256,8	Sardinella longiceps Triacanthus biaculeatus R A Y S Arius thalassinus	118,60 60,00 40,00 18,50	46,1 23,3 15,5 7,2
30.11	0525	199	PT	245	45	N17 49'	E057 18'	209,1	836,4	APOGONIDAE Echeneis naucrates	824,00 9,60	98,5 1,1
30.11	0720	200	BT	356	356	N17 45'	E057 22'	283,4	566,8	Champsodon sp. OPHIDIIDAE Psenopsis cyanea Pteridotrigla hemisticata	230,40 144,00 67,20 56,00	40,6 25,4 11,8 9,8
30.11	1300	201	BT	74	74	N17 56'	E057 03'	123,9	247,8	Cheimerius nufar Argyrops filamentosus Epinephelus diacanthus Carangoides equula	82,60 46,00 33,20 24,00	33,3 18,5 13,3 9,6

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				BOTTOM	GEAR	LATIT.	LONGIT.	TOTAL	PR HR		PR HR	%
30.11	1545	202	BT	32	32	N18 07'	E056 56'	113,4	453,6	Lethrinus nebulosus Cheimerius nufar Parasclopsis eriomma Epinephelus sp	72,00 55,60 46,80 40,00	15,8 12,2 10,3 8,8
01.12	2330	203	PT	48	10	N17 53'	E056 13'	46,7	93,4	R A Y S Sardinella longiceps Arius thalassinus Etrumeus teres	40,00 24,00 17,20 5,40	42,8 25,6 18,4 5,7
02.12	0625	204	BT	55	55	N17 44'	E056 03'	206,2	412,4	Lethrinus nebulosus Cheimerius nufar Lutjanus coccineus Epinephelus sp	259,00 90,20 16,00 14,00	62,8 21,8 3,8 3,3
02.12	0830	205	BT	63	63	N17 54'	E056 00'	,0	,0	N O C A T C H	,00	,0
02.12	1115	206	BT	54	54	N17 44'	E055 52'	168,9	1013,4	Lethrinus nebulosus Cheimerius nufar Epinephelus sp Epinephelus chlorostigma	392,40 300,60 125,40 74,40	38,7 29,6 12,3 7,3
02.12	1740	207	BT	49	49	N17 41'	E055 34'	181,8	363,6	Carangoides chrysophrys Lethrinus nebulosus Arius thalassinus Plectorhynchus schotaf	132,00 78,40 48,20 39,20	36,3 21,5 13,2 10,7
03.12	0005	208	PT	170	20	N17 24'	E055 19'	101,0	202,0	Sardinella longiceps Etrumeus teres Arius thalassinus	153,00 32,40 13,40	75,7 16,0 6,6
04.12	1615	209	BT	54	54	N17 00'	E054 35'	494,9	989,8	Cheimerius nufar Argyrops spinifer Epinephelus diacanthus Arius thalassinus	474,60 121,40 66,80 58,40	47,9 12,2 6,7 5,9
04.12	1835	210	PT	24	1	N17 00'	E054 22'	258,0	516,0	Sardinella gibbosa Sardinella longiceps Sphyræna obtusata Trachurus indicus	310,00 90,00 62,00 20,00	60,0 17,4 12,0 3,8
08.12	1150	211	PT	118	80	N19 07'	E058 06'	16,6	7,3	Scomber japonicus Trachurus indicus	4,88 2,42	66,8 33,1
08.12	1925	212	PT	137	120	N19 11'	E058 09'	608,0	2432,0	Trachurus indicus Lepidotrigla bentuviai Pteridotrigla hemisticata	2368,00 25,60 38,40	97,3 1,0 1,5

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				BOTTOM	GEAR	LATIT.	LONGIT.	TOTAL	PR HR		PR HR	%
09.12	0855	213	PT	95	85	N19 19'	E058 10'	1063,0	1063,0	Trachurus indicus	1063,00	100,0
10.12	0000	214	PT	98	90	N19 43'	E058 25'	495,0	846,4	Trachurus indicus	846,45	100,0

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				BOTTOM	GEAR	LATIT.	LONGIT.	TOTAL	PR HR		PR HR	%
30.04	0845	215	BT	40	40	N16 54'	E054 07'	223,5	447,0	Lethrinus nebulosus Cheimerius nufar SHARK Parupeneus fraterculus	271,00 61,60 34,00 17,30	60,6 13,7 7,6 3,8
01.05	0400	216	PT	>500	20	N17 26'	E053 35'	6015,5	12031,0	MYCTOPHIDAE	12000,00	99,7
01.05	1335	217	BT	57	57	N17 37'	E055 54'	37,4	74,8	Lutjanus coccineus Loxodon macrorhinus Lethrinus nebulosus Chelonodon sp. Cheimerius nufar	17,00 16,00 13,60 13,20 12,00	22,7 21,3 18,1 17,6 16,0
01.05	1615	218	BT	64	64	N17 54'	E056 02'	369,6	739,2	Saurida undosquamis Nemipterus japonicus Loligo sp Lutjanus sp	540,00 55,20 45,60 36,00	73,0 7,4 6,1 4,8
02.05	1315	219	BT	20	20	N18 18'	E056 49'	860,0	1720,0	Lethrinus nebulosus Cheimerius nufar Plectorhynchus pictus Plectorhynchus chubbi Epinephelus malabaricus	360,00 120,00 240,00 120,00 360,00	20,9 6,9 13,9 6,9 20,9
02.05	1540	220	BT	35	35	N18 06'	E056 57'	696,9	1393,8	Epinephelus sp Lethrinus nebulosus Cheimerius nufar Lethrinus opercularis	240,60 228,00 196,20 155,80	17,2 16,3 14,0 11,1
02.05	1825	221	PT	102	30	N17 53'	E057 06'	,0	,0	N O C A T C H	,00	,0
02.05	2125	222	BT	118	118	N17 47'	E057 06'	3599,7	7199,4	Trachurus indicus Lepidotrigla bentuviai Nemipterus japonicus Apogon sp	5538,00 1132,80 377,60 151,00	76,9 15,7 5,2 2,0
03.05	0545	223	BT	80	80	N18 11'	E057 04'	280,0	560,0	Saurida undosquamis Sepia sp Lepidotrigla bentuviai Nemipterus japonicus	285,80 93,60 49,78 39,40	51,0 16,7 8,8 7,0
03.05	0735	224	BT	50	50	N18 19'	E057 02'	17998,0	53994,0	Trachurus indicus Sardinella longiceps	38265,00 15729,00	70,8 29,1
03.05	1420	225	BT	19	19	N18 29'	E056 54'	37,9	75,8	Apogon sp Sufflamen fraenatus Arius thalassinus Sepia sp DASYATIDAE	22,00 16,00 8,00 4,00 18,00	29,0 21,1 10,5 5,2 23,7

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				BOTTOM	GEAR	LATIT.	LONGIT.	TOTAL	PR HR		PR	HR
04.05	0420	226	BT	95	95	N18 26'	E057 27'	2565,0	5130,0	Trachurus indicus Nemipterus japonicus Lepidotrigla bentuviai	4250,00 410,00 470,00	82,8 7,9 9,1
04.05	1030	227	BT	82	82	N18 35'	E057 25'	1128,6	2257,2	Trachurus indicus Nemipterus japonicus Pagellus affinis Sepia sp	1314,80 391,40 285,00 140,60	58,2 17,3 12,6 6,2
04.05	1350	228	PT	126	60	N18 29'	E057 31'	1,4	,9	Trachurus indicus	,92	102,2
04.05	2105	229	BT	79	79	N18 41'	E057 37'	1499,8	2999,6	Trachurus indicus Pagellus sp.	2869,40 104,20	95,6 3,4
05.05	0115	230	BT	80	80	N18 42'	E057 42'	10000,8	20001,6	Trachurus indicus	19846,00	99,2
05.05	0855	231	BT	17	17	N18 56'	E057 44'	224,6	449,2	Trichiurus lepturus Carangoides malabaricus Rhabdosargus haffara Trachurus indicus	100,00 62,00 45,00 38,00	22,2 13,8 10,0 8,4
06.05	0900	232	BT	111	111	N19 06'	E058 04'	1500,0	3000,0	Trachurus indicus Nemipterus japonicus	2892,80 89,20	96,4 2,9
06.05	1125	233	BT	32	32	N19 10'	E057 50'	34,8	69,6	Sepia sp Carangoides chrysophrys Arius thalassinus Loxodon sp.	49,00 10,00 5,40 2,00	70,4 14,3 7,7 2,8
06.05	1410	234	BT	61	61	N19 13'	E057 59'	305,4	610,8	Carangoides equula Cheimerius nufar CARCHARHINIDAE Sepia sp	193,20 101,00 93,20 86,60	31,6 16,5 15,2 14,1
06.05	1825	235	BT	72	72	N19 20'	E058 02'	1586,3	3172,6	Pomadasy stridens Lepidotrigla bentuviai Trachurus indicus Arius thalassinus	1740,00 319,00 290,00 203,00	54,8 10,0 9,1 6,3
06.05	2210	236	PT	24	10	N19 28'	E057 51'	83,8	167,6	Trachurus indicus Decapterus russelli Trachinotus blochii Plectorhynchus pictus	115,00 13,40 7,20 5,40	68,6 7,9 4,2 3,2
07.05	0700	237	BT	15	15	N19 45'	E057 49'	1639,3	4917,9	Ancharius brevibarbis Argyrosomus hololepidotus Argyrops spinifer Plectorhynchus sp.	4500,00 162,00 130,50 99,90	91,5 3,2 2,6 2,0

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	START			BOTTOM	GEAR	LATIT.	LONGIT.	TOTAL	PR HR		PR HR	%
07.05	1040	238	BT	100	100	N19 38'	E058 19'	22748,2	45496,4	Trachurus indicus Decapterus russelli Nemipterus japonicus	40408,00 2843,40 2245,00	88,8 6,2 4,9
07.05	1540	239	BT	33	33	N19 49'	E058 40'	108,8	217,6	Pagellus natalensis Loligo sp Plectorhynchus pictus Lagocephalus spadiceus	51,00 36,00 25,00 15,60	23,4 16,5 11,4 7,1
07.05	2140	240	PT	25	10	N20 01'	E058 07'	575,1	1150,2	Trachurus indicus Alepes vari Sardinella longiceps Sardinella gibbosa	924,00 105,00 44,00 31,50	80,3 9,1 3,8 2,7
08.05	0050	241	PT	18	1	N20 11'	E058 02'	518,9	1037,8	Trachurus indicus R A Y S Arius thalassinus Sphyræna sp.	440,00 150,00 130,00 108,00	42,3 14,4 12,5 10,4
08.05	0445	242	BT	21	21	N20 12'	E058 06'	139,8	279,6	Trachurus indicus Arius thalassinus Carangoides ferdau Sardinella longiceps	190,00 38,00 19,00 13,00	67,9 13,5 6,7 4,6
08.05	1155	243	BT	52	52	N20 02'	E058 32'	199,1	597,3	Cheimerius nufar Argyrops spinifer Lethrinus nebulosus Arius thalassinus	391,50 60,00 54,00 15,60	65,5 10,0 9,0 2,6
09.05	0430	244	BT	114	114	N20 39'	E059 15'	1999,9	3999,8	Trachurus indicus Nemipterus japonicus Scomber japonicus Pteridotrigla hemisticata	3604,20 141,40 141,40 56,40	90,1 3,5 3,5 1,4
09.05	0950	245	BT	23	23	N21 02'	E059 01'	96,7	193,4	Argyrops spinifer Loligo sp Leiognathus berbis CARCHARHINIDAE	71,80 53,80 23,60 14,40	37,1 27,8 12,2 7,4
09.05	1315	246	BT	75	75	N21 03'	E059 19'	467,8	935,6	Selar crumenophthalmus Trachurus indicus Decapterus russelli Sepia sp	237,60 139,40 98,00 97,00	25,3 14,8 10,4 10,3
09.05	1645	247	BT	72	72	N21 09'	E059 24'	471,6	943,2	Pagellus affinis Selar crumenophthalmus Saurida undosquamis Nemipterus japonicus	175,20 128,00 102,40 88,00	18,5 13,5 10,8 9,3



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				BOTTOM	GEAR	LATIT.	LONGIT.	TOTAL	PR HR		PR	HR
10.05	0700	248	BT	41	41	N02 20'	E059 45'	702,5	1405,0	Argyrops spinifer Carangoides chrysophrys Pagellus affinis Lethrinus nebulosus	721,60 233,40 145,00 90,00	51,3 16,6 10,3 6,4
10.05	0855	249	BT	89	89	N22 03'	E059 48'	1499,8	4499,4	Decapterus russelli Argyrops spinifer Nemipterus japonicus Saurida undosquamis	1487,10 1258,50 1220,10 175,50	33,0 27,9 27,1 3,9
10.05	1140	250	BT	74	74	N22 15'	E059 51'	835,7	1671,4	Selar crumenophthalmus Argyrops spinifer Cheimerius nufar Pomadasystridens	560,00 464,00 319,00 130,50	33,5 27,7 19,0 7,8
14.05	0315	251	PT	>500	250	N23 55'	E058 27'	10,9	21,8	Harpadon sp. MISCELLANEOUS Trachipterus sp. Cubiceps sp.	15,40 3,00 2,20 1,20	70,6 13,7 10,0 5,5
14.05	0440	252	PT	>500	40	N23 55'	E058 27'	13,1	26,2	MYCTOPHIDAE Cubiceps sp. Harpadon sp. Neopinnula orientalis	21,00 2,80 1,00 ,60	80,1 10,6 3,8 2,2
14.05	0805	253	BT	50	50	N23 49'	E058 12'	901,1	1802,2	Upeneus sulphureus Leiognathus fasciatus Nemipterus japonicus SHARK	906,40 330,00 239,80 149,60	50,2 18,3 13,3 8,3
14.05	1340	254	BT	30	30	N23 53'	E057 43'	110,1	220,2	Gnathanodon speciosus Nemipterus peroni Psettodes erumei Carangoides chrysophrys	140,00 16,00 11,60 10,00	63,5 7,2 5,2 4,5
14.05	1505	255	BT	20	20	N23 52'	E057 39'	150,4	330,9	Lutjanus malabaricus Lethrinus elongatus Lethrinus nebulosus Gnathanodon speciosus	60,60 37,20 28,00 24,80	18,3 11,2 8,4 7,4
15.05	0050	256	PT	305	245	N24 28'	E057 00'	22,5	45,0	MYCTOPHIDAE Trichiurus lepturus MURAENIDAE	40,00 3,00 2,00	88,8 6,6 4,4
15.05	0200	257	PT	320	40	N24 29'	E057 00'	105,0	210,0	MYCTOPHIDAE	210,00	100,0
15.05	0725	258	BT	60	60	N24 34'	E056 44'	218,4	436,8	Nemipterus japonicus Upeneus sulphureus Carangoides malabaricus CARCHARHINIDAE	72,80 53,60 41,60 38,40	16,6 12,2 9,5 8,7

DATE	TIME START	STN No.	GEAR TYPE	DEPTH (M)		POSITION		CATCH (KG)		DOMINANT SPECIES	WEIGHT (KG)	
				BOTTOM	GEAR	LATIT.	LONGIT.	TOTAL	PR HR		PR HR	%
15.05	1630	259	BT	64	64	N25 03'	E056 29'	82,5	198,0	Trichiurus lepturus Lethrinus opercularis Lutjanus bengalensis SHARK	96,00 36,00 8,64 8,16	48,4 18,1 4,3 4,1
16.05	0840	260	BT	81	81	N25 43'	E056 31'	170,1	340,2	Ariomma indica Promicrops lanceolatus Argyrops spinifer Carangoides malabaricus	69,60 37,60 31,20 29,60	20,4 11,0 9,1 8,7
16.05	1130	261	BT	61	61	N25 52'	E056 27'	63,2	189,6	Carangoides malabaricus CARCHARHINIDAE Lutjanus malabaricus Argyrops spinifer	34,50 22,50 19,50 19,20	18,1 11,8 10,2 10,1



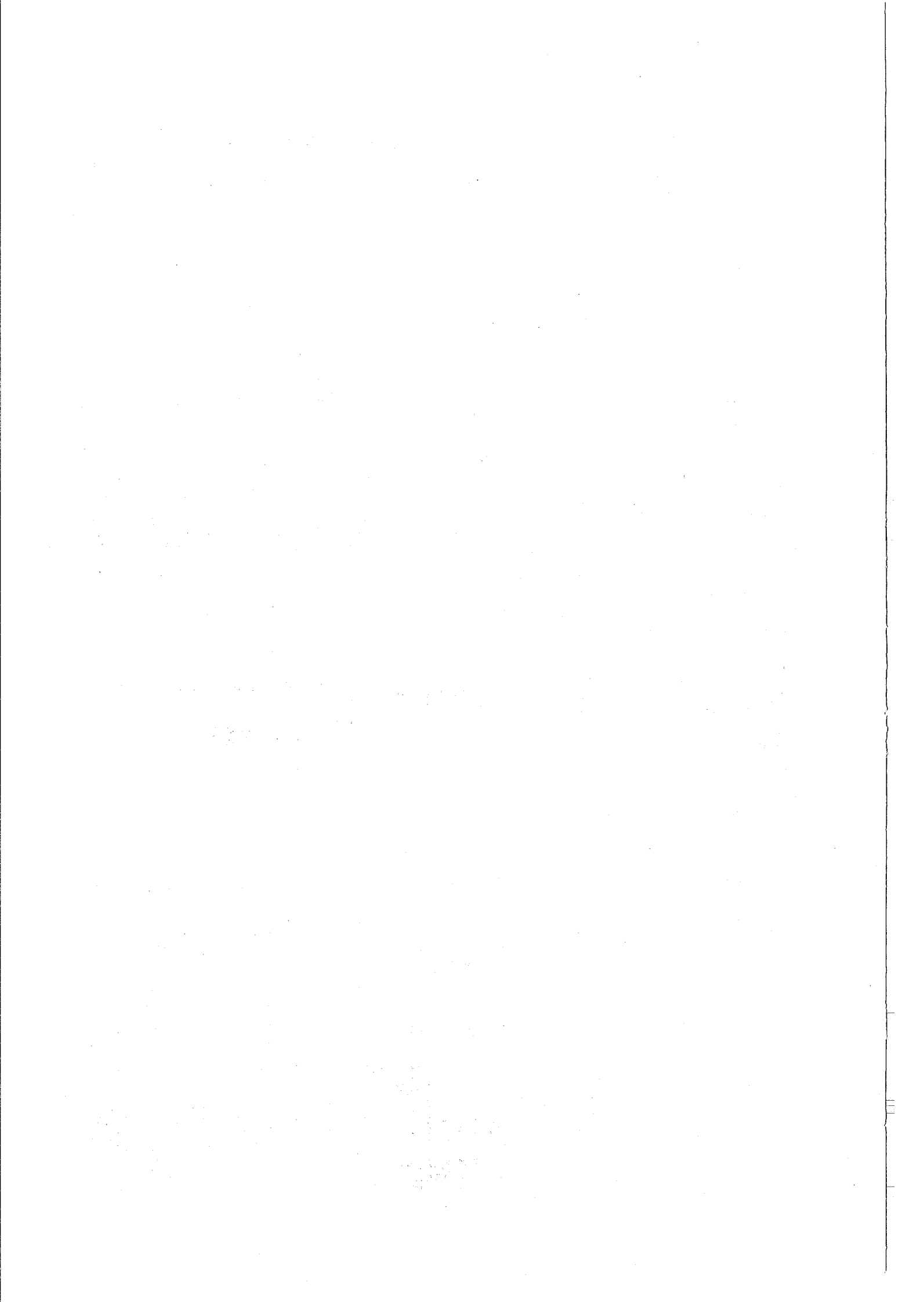
FAMILY/SPECIES	STATION	LENGTHS IN SAMPLE				N
		LOWEST	HIGHEST	MEAN	ST. DEV.	
<b>MYCTOPHIDAE</b>						
<i>Benthosema pterotum</i> (millimeters)	127	10.0	36.0	24.2	4.6	131
	128	18.0	46.0	31.0	4.9	120
	129	16.0	54.0	30.5	6.8	130
	130	26.0	42.0	30.7	2.6	117
	131	10.0	46.0	26.3	5.7	103
	132	14.0	40.0	26.5	5.8	125
	133	12.0	46.0	28.0	6.1	121
	134	16.0	44.0	26.8	5.8	161
	135	24.0	38.0	30.1	2.7	109
	136	16.0	38.0	28.8	4.2	125
	137	12.0	46.0	31.0	4.5	121
	138	16.0	36.0	27.3	5.2	107
	140	16.0	46.0	28.4	7.0	144
	143	16.0	50.0	29.7	5.5	143
	144	14.0	34.0	25.3	3.4	115
	145	14.0	40.0	27.1	4.5	107
	146	16.0	42.0	26.6	5.2	107
	147	20.0	36.0	29.3	3.3	102
	148	20.0	42.0	27.4	3.9	121
<b>NEMIPTERIDAE</b>						
<i>Nemipterus</i> sp.	119	21.0	35.0	26.4	2.6	46
<i>Nemipterus japonicus</i>	76	12.0	32.0	18.7	4.3	61
	92	14.5	24.5	19.7	1.9	191
	126	8.0	34.0	19.2	5.3	96
	167	14.0	23.0	18.3	1.8	100
	170	13.0	22.0	16.5	1.8	101
<i>Nemipterus peroni</i>	164	9.0	21.0	12.4	2.4	116
<i>Parascloopsis erionema</i>	202	22.0	31.0	25.2	2.1	46
<b>NOMEIDAE</b>						
<i>Cubiceps</i> sp.	139	10.0	14.0	11.5	0.9	60
	148	9.0	14.0	11.3	1.3	84
<b>POMADASYIDAE, HAEMULIDAE</b>						
<i>Diagramma pictum</i>	59	40.0	67.0	54.8	8.0	17
	183	36.0	58.0	47.3	6.2	29
<i>Plectorhynchus flavomaculatus</i>	61	35.0	53.0	44.9	4.9	24
<i>Pomadourys opercularis</i>	158	53.0	61.0	56.9	2.6	22
<i>Pomadourys stridens</i>	83	17.0	22.0	20.0	1.0	60
	151	18.0	25.0	20.0	1.2	66
	152	15.0	23.0	19.6	1.5	101
	159	16.0	22.0	19.0	1.1	100
	161	17.0	23.0	19.7	1.3	53
<b>SCLAEINIDAE</b>						
<i>Argyrosomus hololepidotus</i>	174	82.0	120.0	99.9	8.8	52
<b>SCOMBRIDAE</b>						
<i>Rastrelliger kanagurta</i>	124	23.0	31.0	28.6	1.6	27
	149	32.0	34.0	33.2	0.7	14
	211	32.0	39.0	35.0	2.0	24
<i>Scomber japonicus</i>	59	49.0	109.0	60.9	18.3	54

FAMILY/SPECIES	STATION	LENGTHS IN SAMPLE				N
		LOWEST	HIGHEST	MEAN	ST. DEV.	
<b>SPARIDAE</b>						
<i>Argyrops</i> sp.	62	27.0	45.0	33.3	4.7	68
<i>Argyrops spinifer</i>	60	28.0	47.0	38.0	3.5	124
	149	22.0	64.0	39.5	10.7	92
	150	30.0	52.0	38.9	4.9	85
	151	26.0	52.0	38.9	6.6	61
	154	32.0	54.0	40.9	6.2	30
	157	32.0	54.0	42.5	4.9	35
	158	29.0	49.0	37.1	5.9	17
<i>Argyrops filamentosus</i>	192	23.0	37.0	30.4	3.4	34
	201	26.0	38.0	32.1	2.9	35
<i>Cheimarius nufar</i>	63	22.0	48.0	30.0	5.5	128
	98	36.0	59.0	45.0	6.2	28
	100	12.0	40.0	31.1	5.6	117
	171	34.0	64.0	45.3	7.3	72
	192	26.0	54.0	35.4	6.4	78
	201	20.0	60.0	35.1	6.7	65
	202	25.0	42.0	33.0	5.2	26
	204	28.0	58.0	36.9	5.5	65
	206	26.0	50.0	36.9	4.7	79
	209	20.0	44.0	29.4	6.1	78
	215	17.0	39.0	26.3	4.1	100
	234	30.0	57.0	42.0	6.9	46
<i>Psyllus affinis</i>	92	15.5	27.0	21.8	2.4	108
	112	18.0	28.0	23.1	2.2	75
	154	15.0	35.0	27.4	4.6	27
	157	20.0	33.0	26.6	3.0	93
	162	21.0	32.0	26.8	3.4	33
<i>Polysteganus coeruleopunctatus</i>	94	14.5	27.5	20.4	2.4	79
<b>SPHYRAENIDAE</b>						
<i>Sphyræna</i> sp.	59	45.0	125.0	71.9	22.6	13
<i>Sphyræna obtusata</i>	89	23.5	28.0	25.7	1.5	10
<i>Sphyræna africana</i>	149	42.0	65.0	50.7	4.2	107
<i>Sphyræna putnamiae</i>	68	68.0	90.0	79.5	5.1	26
	117	51.0	62.0	55.4	2.5	36
	122	30.0	75.0	53.1	11.8	18
	149	50.0	92.0	57.6	9.9	40
<b>SYNDONOTIDAE</b>						
<i>Saurida tumbil</i>	118	22.0	51.0	35.1	5.9	57
	119	26.0	45.0	33.7	3.7	96











## ANNEX VI

List of species caught in shelf waters off Oman 1983-84, with reference to station numbers where caught and to catch/hour (in brackets). When catch is given as 0.0, species is present but with less than 0.1 kg/hour in catch.

ACANTHURIDAE										
<i>Ctenochaetus strigosus</i>	61(	7.0),	63(	6.8),						
ALBULIDAE										
<i>Albula</i> sp.	59(	12.6),	248(	51.6),						
<i>Albula vulpes</i>	63(	25.8),	66(	300.0),	88(	50.2),	192(	5.6),		
ANGUILLIFORMES										
<i>Leptocephalus</i>	76(	6.8),	80(	4.0),	109(	3.7),				
	195(	1.1),								
APOGONIDAE										
	61(	.1),	66(	12.0),	70(	.6),	75(	2.6),	77(	.1),
	106(	3.6),	107(	.0),	108(	.8),	109(	.0),	110(	1.6),
	146(	.0),	199(	824.0),	200(	8.0),			111(	120.0),
<i>Apogon</i> sp	126(	.6),	193(	.2),	222(	151.0),	225(	22.0),	249(	152.4),
ARIIDAE										
<i>Ancharius brevibarbis</i>	231(	14.5),	237(	4500.0),						
<i>Arius</i> sp	59(	22.8),	62(	35.4),	62(	40.2),	63(	9.6),	65(	2.7),
	67(	872.0),	71(	1.0),	72(	24.5),	73(	4.9),	75(	35.4),
	77(	4.9),	79(	.1),	80(	30.0),	82(	5.4),	83(	45.6),
	86(	2.4),	88(	5.9),	95(	18.0),	100(	3.5),	111(	20.0),
	182(	40.0),								
<i>Arius thalassinus</i>	61(	50.0),	149(	13.0),	150(	22.4),	151(	5.6),	152(	832.0),
	165(	14.2),	171(	8.0),	172(	30.0),	173(	6.4),	174(	144.6),
	177(	951.6),	181(	45.6),	183(	11.0),	188(	4.6),	198(	18.5),
	207(	48.2),	208(	13.4),	209(	58.4),	225(	8.0),	233(	5.4),
	239(	13.8),	241(	130.0),	242(	38.0),	243(	15.6),	245(	3.1),
	255(	13.4),	261(	8.4),					254(	8.0),
<i>Arius maculatus</i>	142(	35.8),								
<i>Arius tenuispinis</i>	158(	155.0),	159(	9.6),	180(	8.8),	181(	182.4),		
ARIOMMIDAE										
<i>Ariomma indica</i>	126(	1.0),								
	119(	7.0),	124(	24.0),	258(	19.6),	260(	69.6),		
BALISTIDAE										
<i>Sufflamen fraenatus</i>	104(	5.3),	183(	5.8),	187(	30.6),	202(	19.2),	209(	1.9),
	219(	.0),	220(	39.8),	225(	16.0),				
<i>Sufflamen capistratus</i>	93(	1.3),	97(	1.3),						
BOTHIDAE										
<i>Pseudorhombus arsius</i>	118(	9.8),	119(	2.8),	124(	.2),				
	218(	12.0),	234(	1.4),						
CAESIONIDAE										
<i>Caesio</i> sp.	206(	10.2),								
CALLIONYMIDAE										
	60(	.1),								
CARANGIDAE										
<i>Alectis indicus</i>	72(	1.0),	82(	28.0),	90(	10.8),	123(	27.0),	198(	6.0),
	258(	16.0),							201(	16.2),
<i>Alectis ciliaris</i>	104(	1.4),	142(	2.2),	149(	.2),	150(	15.6),	183(	1.6),
	234(	11.4),							192(	.4),
<i>Alepes</i> sp.	59(	11.2),								
<i>Alepes djeddaba</i>	77(	1.4),	82(	1.4),	85(	57.4),	90(	1.3),		
<i>Alepes vari</i>	123(	9.6),	172(	18.0),	173(	16.2),	174(	6.2),	175(	18.6),
	177(	52.0),	181(	44.8),	187(	2.7),	219(	4.0),	231(	6.4),
	240(	105.0),	241(	11.0),	253(	22.0),	258(	8.0),	236(	1.6),
<i>Atule mate</i>	59(	59.8),								
<i>Carangoides</i> sp	60(	9.0),	61(	134.0),	65(	4.2),	68(	5.3),	70(	2.4),
	77(	.2),	78(	.3),	82(	4.2),	108(	.0),	125(	9.8),
<i>Carangoides ferdau</i>	63(	5.4),	241(	10.4),	242(	19.0),	254(	9.2),		
<i>Carangoides malabaricus</i>	83(	38.0),	88(	3.0),	94(	9.1),	95(	24.2),	119(	22.4),
	121(	4.0),	122(	123.6),	123(	37.8),	124(	23.2),	125(	23.5),
	151(	4.8),	171(	2.6),	172(	9.2),	174(	.2),	178(	49.4),
	187(	4.8),	231(	62.0),	239(	4.8),	254(	6.2),	255(	9.4),
	259(	7.7),	260(	29.6),	261(	34.5),			258(	41.6),
<i>Carangoides fulvoguttatus</i>	88(	2.1),	104(	5.0),	123(	13.8),				
<i>Carangoides chrysophrys</i>	61(	4.4),	62(	88.0),	63(	41.1),	66(	29.4),	72(	72.0),
	82(	14.6),	83(	10.2),	88(	3.0),	90(	23.6),	97(	12.2),
	99(	19.0),	100(	62.7),	101(	4.8),	103(	76.8),	104(	18.8),
	142(	4.6),	150(	55.6),	151(	12.8),	156(	9.4),	171(	60.4),
	173(	7.6),	174(	2.4),	175(	7.0),	183(	10.8),	187(	6.6),
	192(	3.8),	204(	6.4),	206(	39.0),	207(	132.0),	209(	9.2),
	219(	.0),	233(	10.0),	243(	6.0),	245(	2.4),	248(	233.4),
	255(	5.6),						254(	10.0),	

Carangoides armatus	59( 19.4),	175( 58.0),							
Carangoides caeruleopinnatus	61( 40.0),	255( 5.6),							
Carangoides equula	86( 2.0),	88( 77.0),	151( 35.2),	154( 19.2),	171( 2.4),	187( 1.2),			
	188( 1.0),	201( 24.0),	202( 3.0),	234( 193.2),	247( 33.6),				
Carangoides dinema	234( 28.0),								
Decapterus russelli	61( .1),	62( 36.0),	64( 19.6),	65( 128.7),	66( 37.8),	68( 19.5),			
	70( 1.2),	72( 529.2),	75( 530.4),	77( 1.5),	78( 256.0),	81( 8.1),			
	83( 357.2),	85( 5.4),	86( 1.5),	89( 102.7),	94( 885.6),	95( 36.8),			
	112( 3728.0),	115( .9),	117( 1936.0),	118( 15.8),	119( .8),	120( 1.0),			
	124( 1.4),	126( 5.2),	128( .6),	138( .2),	146( .4),	151( 2.8),			
	153( 265.2),	154( 206.0),	157( 34.5),	159( 1.3),	161( 116.0),	162( 84.6),			
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	188( 1.0),	196( .6),	197( 6000.0),	199( 1.0),	203( 1.0),	207( .2),			
	210( 12.0),	218( 14.4),	225( 2.8),	231( 2.0),	235( 174.0),	236( 13.4),			
	238( 2843.4),	239( 5.4),	240( 1.1),	245( .3),	246( 98.0),	247( 75.2),			
	249( 1487.1),	250( 9.6),	253( 2.6),						
Decapterus tabl	149( 11.0),								
Gnathanodon speciosus	59( 10.8),	61( 15.0),	62( 6.2),	82( 10.5),	88( 10.6),	96( 4.6),			
	123( 36.0),	142( 37.8),	150( 27.0),	192( 33.4),	207( 9.4),	219( 20.0),			
	254( 140.0),	255( 24.8),							
Megalaspis cordyla	96( 14.5),	121( 2.0),	124( 2.4),	156( 5.4),	173( 45.2),	192( 6.1),			
	209( 4.2),	231( 14.0),	236( 4.6),	240( 23.6),					
Naucrates sp.	239( 4.2),								
Naucrates ductor	115( 1.0),	217( 3.0),							
Parastromateus niger	123( 18.6),								
Pseudocaranx sp.	255( 5.6),								
Selar crumenophthalmus	70( 1.8),	72( 1.1),	75( 10.4),	81( 6.3),	85( 5.4),	115( 1.7),			
	116( 4.9),	120( 3.0),	124( 17.2),	138( 7.6),	139( 9.8),	140( 2.4),			
	147( 3.8),	246( 237.6),	247( 128.0),	250( 560.0),	258( 2.8),	260( 5.6),			
Scomberoides tol	59( 8.8),								
Scomberoides commersonianus	62( 6.6),	83( 19.8),	172( 30.0),	174( 284.2),	175( 25.6),	210( 12.0),			
Seriola sp.	62( 2.5),	63( 4.2),	93( .3),	97( 3.1),	104( 1.2),				
Seriola rivoliana	61( 57.0),								
Seriolina nigrofasciata	94( 3.8),	99( 7.7),	101( 2.8),	104( .8),	151( 2.0),				
Selaroides leptolepis	75( 15.6),								
Trachinotus blochii	82( 4.8),	98( 7.1),	100( 5.0),	104( 4.8),	236( 7.2),				
Trachurus sp.	152( 19.4),								
Trachurus indicus	65( 36.0),	69( 70.0),	72( 6.5),	74( 1000.0),	75( 286.0),	76( 66.4),			
	78( 16.3),	80( 4050.0),	81( 90.0),	83( 72.2),	84( 2.2),	85( 358.6),			
	86( 183.0),	87( 12480.0),	89( 145.0),	92( 3.5),	115( 11.2),	116( .3),			
	154( 385.4),	156( 11.2),	157( 105.8),	159( 118.8),	160( 2040.0),	161( 677.2),			
	163( 5.2),	164( 105.6),	165( .1),	166( 1657.8),	173( 12.0),	174( .6),			
	175( 60.0),	176( 51.0),	178( 672.2),	179( 6852.6),	184( 64.0),	189( 2890.0),			
	190( 3641.4),	191( 20000.0),	196( .9),	198( 1.0),	203( 2.2),	208( 1.8),			
	210( 20.0),	211( 2.4),	212( 2368.0),	213( 1063.0),	214( 846.4),	216( 31.0),			
	218( 2.4),	222( 5538.0),	223( 9.8),	224( 38265.0),	226( 4250.0),	227( 1314.8),			
	228( .9),	229( 2869.4),	230( 19846.0),	231( 38.0),	232( 2892.8),	233( 1.6),			
	235( 290.0),	236( .5),	236( 115.0),	238( 40408.0),	239( 7.2),	240( 924.0),			
	241( 440.0),	242( 190.0),	244( 3604.2),	246( 139.4),	247( 80.0),	249( 152.4),			
	250( 59.8),								
Uraspis sp.	260( 4.4),								
Uraspis secunda	59( 1.2),	66( 7.0),	119( 8.4),	122( 2.6),	151( 112.0),	158( 3.2),			
	165( 1.2),	188( 3.4),	258( 8.0),						
CENTROLOPHIDAE									
Psenopsis cyanea	195( .2),	200( 67.2),							
CHAETODONTIDAE									
Chaetodon sp.	63( 3.0),	187( 1.2),	202( 6.8),	204( 1.0),					
Chaetodon leucopleura	60( .4),	93( 5.5),	98( .5),	215( 1.6),	219( .0),	220( 7.0),			
Heniochus acuminatus	104( .2),								
	61( 32.0),	149( .2),	255( 5.6),						
CHAMPSODONTIDAE									
Champsodon sp.	115( 10.0),	138( .4),	146( .1),	148( .1),	193( .8),	197( .1),			
	200( 230.4),	252( .0),							
CHIROCENTRIDAE									
Chirocentrus dorab	67( 39.6),	142( 2.0),							
CITHARIDAE									
	77( .6),								
CLUPEIDAE									
Dussumiera sp.	64( 485.4),	184( 4.5),							
Dussumieria acuta	65( 126.3),	76( 6.6),	78( 46.6),	83( 15.2),	85( 4.2),	173( 1.6),			
	231( 9.0),	236( 4.0),	240( 12.6),	241( 11.0),	247( 45.6),				
Etrumeus teres	65( 189.6),	76( .3),	91( 5.3),	95( 121.2),	115( .1),	195( 1.0),			
	196( 1.4),	198( 6.0),	203( 5.4),	208( 32.4),	231( 4.0),				
Herklosichthys quadrimaculatus	210( 1.0),								
Hilsa kelee	138( .4),								
Sardinella sp.	72( 8.2),	83( 9.1),							
Sardinella gibbosa	64( 140.6),	65( 369.6),	75( 150.8),	76( .7),	78( 422.0),	85( 153.4),			
	157( 2.8),	173( 444.8),	174( .6),	175( 6.6),	177( 3.9),	184( 144.0),			
	198( .4),	210( 310.0),	231( .5),	236( 2.0),	240( 31.5),	241( 15.4),			
	242( 1.0),	246( 8.2),							

<i>Sardinella longiceps</i>	59( 114.4), 65( 114.0), 68( .2), 75( 5.2), 80( 2.0), 81( 453.6), 85( 13.4), 94( 5.4), 95( 31.2), 115( .8), 116( 3.4), 138( .8), 139( 4.0), 140( .6), 157( .5), 161( 6.4), 166( 2.7), 173( 104.0), 184( 22.0), 195( .8), 196( .6), 198( 118.6), 203( 24.0), 208( 153.0), 210( 90.0), 218( 1.2), 220( 1.9), 224( 15729.0), 240( 44.0), 241( 68.2), 242( 13.0), 247( 24.0),
CRABS	194( 6.0), 195( .6),
PORTUNIDAE	71( .2), 80( 6.0),
<i>Charybdis edwardsi</i>	92( 1392.0), 113( 7.0), 114( 1.7), 116( 1.2),
CYNOGLOSSIDAE	
<i>Cynoglossus carpenteri</i>	200( 4.8),
DACTYLOPTERIDAE	149( 2.6),
<i>Dactyloptena</i> sp	102( 3.6),
<i>Dactylopterus orientalis</i>	60( 1.8), 61( 2.6),
DIODONTIDAE	61( 3.4),
<i>Chilomycterus affinis</i>	149( 4.0),
<i>Chilomycterus echinatus</i>	149( 1.4),
<i>Chilomycterus orbicularis</i>	149( .4),
<i>Diodon</i> sp.	60( .2),
DREPANIDAE	
<i>Drepane punctata</i>	59( 4.0), 121( 44.2), 150( 2.8),
<i>Drepane longmana</i>	123( 54.6), 124( .8), 142( 9.8), 151( 6.4), 156( 2.4), 158( 19.4), 245( 2.6), 248( 60.0),
ECHENEIDAE	
<i>Echeneis</i> sp.	178( 15.6),
<i>Echeneis naucrates</i>	59( 3.5), 63( 7.1), 93( 4.4), 199( 9.6),
ENGRAULIDAE	
<i>Stolephorus</i> sp	65( 11.7), 241( 24.2),
<i>Stolephorus indicus</i>	59( 255.2), 210( .2),
<i>Stolephorus punctifier</i>	64( 225.2), 255( 2.8),
<i>Thryssa</i> sp	84( .1), 241( 66.0),
<i>Thryssa vitrirostris</i>	236( .4),
FISTULARIIDAE	
<i>Fistularia</i> sp	98( 6.6), 215( 8.0), 246( 3.1), 247( 16.0), 254( 2.2), 255( 2.8), 259( 1.0), 261( 1.8),
<i>Fistularia petimba</i>	60( 15.0), 63( .6), 68( 2.4), 72( 1.2), 80( 4.0), 86( 13.2), 90( 3.2), 96( 10.8), 97( 1.3), 101( 4.1), 104( .7), 106( 7.2), 117( 18.0), 118( 4.5), 119( 2.8), 120( 6.0), 122( 1.6), 124( .4), 142( .6), 149( .2), 151( 1.6), 157( 3.6), 188( .4), 192( 4.4), 201( 2.6), 202( 2.0),
FISH LARVAE	91( .0), 105( 59.0),
GEMPYLIDAE	
<i>Neopinnula orientalis</i>	133( .0), 138( .4), 200( 1.1), 252( .6),
GERREIDAE	231( 2.4),
<i>Gerres filamentosus</i>	59( 19.4), 66( 152.6), 67( 36.0), 68( 7.8), 70( 36.0), 83( 60.8), 119( 2.1), 120( .6), 123( 1.8), 124( 9.6), 125( 1.0), 142( 49.8), 151( 5.6), 174( .6), 175( 12.6), 253( 22.0),
<i>Pentaprion longimanus</i>	59( 52.8),
HARPADONTIDAE	
<i>Harpadon</i> sp.	251( 15.4), 252( 1.0),
HOLOCENTRIDAE	61( 17.2),
<i>Adioryx hastatus</i>	60( 12.9), 118( 1.1),
JUVENILE FISHES indet.	98( 1.0),
LEIOGNATHIDAE	
<i>Leiognathus</i> sp	59( 19.4), 142( 12.0), 231( .1), 239( .6), 255( .5),
<i>Leiognathus elongatus</i>	239( 7.2), 255( .0),
<i>Leiognathus fasciatus</i>	59( 228.8), 119( 25.9), 120( 33.0), 253( 330.0), 258( 29.6),
<i>Leiognathus bindus</i>	142( 1.0),
<i>Leiognathus berbis</i>	245( 23.6), 255( .0),
LETHRINIDAE	
<i>Lethrinus</i> sp.	93( .5), 95( 1.2), 110( 1.7), 123( 38.4),
<i>Lethrinus lentjan</i>	59( 24.0), 60( 67.4), 61( 884.0), 66( 6.0), 75( 1.9), 79( .0), 82( 9.8), 93( 20.4), 95( 1.2), 109( 6.3), 110( 8.3), 111( 120.0), 117( 28.0), 118( 7.8), 123( 37.8), 125( 5.0), 126( 1.2), 187( 13.8), 202( 36.0),

Lethrinus nebulosus	59( 17.2), 61( 113.0), 63( 45.3), 66( 22.6), 71( 2.2), 71( 15.6), 72( 5.2), 73( 3.7), 75( 30.0), 79( .8), 82( 44.8), 90( 10.0), 93( 8.5), 95( 73.0), 96( 289.3), 97( 510.0), 98( 62.0), 99( 7.0), 100( 66.4), 101( 344.4), 104( 98.0), 106( 381.6), 107( 15.6), 108( 100.8), 109( 6.6), 110( 5.5), 111( 52.0), 125( 7.9), 149( 94.2), 151( 44.0), 152( 5.6), 154( 58.4), 171( 52.8), 183( 60.0), 187( 1046.6), 192( 129.6), 202( 72.0), 204( 259.0), 206( 392.4), 207( 78.4), 209( 16.4), 215( 271.0), 217( 13.6), 218( 2.2), 219( 360.0), 220( 228.0), 234( 17.4), 239( 5.0), 243( 54.0), 248( 90.0), 255( 28.0), 260( 6.4), 261( 14.7),
Lethrinus miniatus	59( 3.4), 125( 25.7),
Lethrinus opercularis	219( .0), 220( 155.8), 239( 1.6), 243( 4.9), 255( 17.7), 259( 36.0), 260( 20.8), 261( 3.9),
Lethrinus elongatus	60( 24.4), 61( 285.0), 63( 152.1), 149( 448.6), 255( 37.2), 259( 2.9),
Lethrinus mahsena	79( .1), 104( 41.7),
L O B S T E R S	123( 3.0), 142( .4),
SCYLLARIDAE	125( 4.8),
Thenus orientalis	59( 2.2), 78( .4),
LUTJANIDAE	
Lutjanus sp	96( 9.0), 218( 36.0), 219( .0), 220( 6.3),
Lutjanus johnii	125( 1.0),
Lutjanus coccineus	101( 16.2), 204( 16.0), 206( 23.4), 217( 17.0),
Lutjanus lutjanus	59( 438.2), 117( 2.0), 118( 9.8), 120( 18.0), 125( 76.1), 126( .6), 202( 29.2), 209( 10.2), 255( 5.6),
Lutjanus malabaricus	125( 43.2), 255( 60.6), 260( 19.0), 261( 19.5),
Lutjanus fulviflammus	63( 6.1), 93( 2.4),
Lutjanus erythropterus	59( 65.0),
Lutjanus kasmira	61( 1.5),
Lutjanus coeruleolineatus	102( 1.2), 106( 4.8), 202( 5.6), 204( .4), 206( 3.3), 209( 4.6), 220( 6.3),
Lutjanus russelli	106( 10.8), 111( 3.0),
Lutjanus bengalensis	118( 15.8), 119( 7.0), 120( 16.8), 121( .8), 125( 43.2), 255( 4.6), 259( 8.6),
Pristipomoides multidens	63( 12.5), 252( .6),
MONACANTHIDAE	
Alutera monoceros	60( .1), 83( 15.2), 122( 4.8), 187( 33.0), 188( .4), 236( 1.0), 61( 450.0), 106( 9.0), 125( 17.0), 149( 33.2), 192( 16.8), 206( 12.3), 261( 8.4),
Paramonacanthus sp.	259( 2.4),
Stephanolepis sp.	120( 8.2), 121( .0), 255( 1.4),
Stephanolepis auratus	111( 7.2),
Stephanolepis rectifrons	93( 39.6),
Stephanolepis diaspros	219( .0), 220( 6.3), 239( 3.0),
Thamnaconus sp.	192( 3.0), 202( 14.8),
MULLIDAE	
Mulloides sp.	142( 5.2), 106( .9),
Parupeneus sp.	61( 5.0), 61( 1.2), 63( 4.1), 72( .6), 96( 12.3), 102( 4.3), 106( 5.4), 117( 10.0), 120( 2.4), 126( 16.8),
Parupeneus chryseerydros	124( .8),
Parupeneus fraterculus	104( 3.8), 107( .0), 215( 17.3), 219( .0), 220( 82.4), 243( 4.4), 255( .9),
Parupeneus rubescens	202( 4.2),
Parupeneus biauritus	209( 18.6),
Upeneus sp	77( .1), 93( .3), 120( .6), 178( 2.6), 218( 1.2),
Upeneus sulphureus	117( 10.0), 119( 36.4), 253( 906.4), 258( 53.6),
Upeneus tragula	93( .8), 111( 4.2),
MURAEINIDAE	70( 3.6), 73( 7.0), 178( 7.8), 256( 2.0),
MURAEENESOCIDAE	118( 18.8), 119( 32.9),
MYCTOPHIDAE	
	127( 151.2), 128( 40.0), 129( 36.0), 130( 120.0), 131( 250.0), 132( 720.0), 133( 660.0), 134( 82.0), 135( 1800.0), 136( 132.0), 137( 110.0), 138( 12.6), 140( 16.4), 143( 38.0), 144( 409.6), 145( 50.0), 146( 1.4), 147( 44.0), 148( 12.4), 168( 1440.0), 195( 3.0), 200( 3.2), 216( 12000.0), 252( 21.0), 256( 40.0), 257( 210.0),
NEMIPTERIDAE	
Nemipterus sp.	119( 147.0), 122( 11.0), 134( .0),
Nemipterus metopias	261( 1.8),
Nemipterus japonicus	66( .1), 67( 108.0), 69( 107.6), 70( 3.6), 70( 5.0), 72( 5.8), 76( 36.3), 77( 2.5), 82( 7.0), 84( 3.8), 92( 83.6), 92( 2360.0), 101( 9.0), 112( 3.0), 112( 142.0), 117( 10.0), 118( 87.4), 121( 2.4), 124( 8.0), 126( 66.0), 154( 130.2), 155( 6.8), 156( 2.6), 157( 18.4), 159( 3.6), 161( 13.0), 162( 11.6), 164( 803.0), 165( .2), 166( 64.8), 167( 130.0), 169( 120.0), 170( 363.6), 174( 17.0), 175( 6.0), 178( 11.8), 197( 13.2), 218( 55.2), 222( 377.6), 223( 39.4), 226( 410.0), 227( 391.4), 232( 89.2), 235( 17.4), 238( 2245.0), 239( .6), 244( 141.4), 246( 10.4), 247( 88.0), 249( 1220.1), 250( 40.6), 253( 239.8), 258( 72.8), 259( 5.3), 260( 10.4),

Nemipterus bleekeri	118(	43.5),	119(	16.1),	258(	16.8),							
Nemipterus peroni	119(	9.8),	120(	17.4),	124(	12.0),	142(	.6),	254(	16.0),	261(	15.0),	
Parasclopsis sp.	126(	10.8),	259(	3.1),									
Parasclopsis erionnma	60(	9.0),	61(	20.2),	96(	12.3),	97(	2.3),	102(	6.4),	117(	12.0),	
Parasclopsis aspinosa	189(	1.0),	197(	1.2),	200(	.8),	202(	46.8),	220(	43.0),			
Scolopsis bimaculatus	162(	.2),											
Scolopsis vosmeri	75(	65.0),	83(	30.4),	93(	.3),	93(	5.6),	151(	8.0),			
Scolopsis taeniatus	61(	.6),											
	59(	7.5),	60(	2.0),	63(	42.9),	72(	1.7),	75(	31.2),	77(	2.0),	
	95(	.7),	96(	4.1),	97(	4.5),	104(	.2),	108(	11.6),	111(	7.6),	
	187(	69.0),	202(	5.2),	219(	.0),	220(	19.6),	239(	6.0),	243(	2.7),	
Scolopsis bilineatus	61(	.2),											
NEMICHTHYIDAE	146(	.0),											
NOMEIDAE													
Cubiceps sp.	138(	1.4),	139(	15.8),	144(	56.4),	146(	.8),	146(	.2),	147(	9.6),	
	148(	4.0),	251(	1.2),	252(	2.8),							
OPHIDIIDAE	200(	144.0),											
OSTRACIONTIDAE	75(	10.4),	187(	3.6),	236(	.8),							
Lactoria cornuta	61(	.2),											
Tetrosomus gibbosus	60(	.1),	77(	3.7),	82(	5.0),	83(	34.2),	149(	.6),	171(	7.7),	
	202(	1.0),	215(	.2),	219(	.0),	239(	12.0),					
PARALEPIDIDAE													
Lestidium sp.	138(	.2),	140(	.5),	146(	.0),	148(	.4),	252(	.2),			
PLATYCEPHALIDAE	70(	1.2),	72(	1.2),	77(	1.4),	111(	2.4),	178(	2.6),			
Platycephalus sp.	66(	1.4),	94(	.1),	117(	2.0),	118(	30.0),	119(	36.4),	120(	2.8),	
	121(	.8),	122(	1.2),	126(	8.4),	142(	.2),	167(	2.0),	197(	2.1),	
	218(	1.2),	223(	2.0),									
Platycephalus scaber	83(	15.2),											
PLEURONECTIFORMES	88(	.8),											
POLYNEMIDAE													
Polynemus sextarius	67(	46.8),	231(	5.0),									
PLOTOSIDAE	72(	.5),	75(	2.4),	77(	1.0),	83(	26.6),	93(	40.0),	111(	7.0),	
Plotosus limbatus	187(	24.0),											
POMADASYIDAE, HAEMULIDAE	75(	31.2),											
Diagramma picta	59(	77.0),	61(	42.0),	82(	12.4),	93(	18.7),	96(	4.6),	102(	2.2),	
	111(	20.2),	123(	44.4),	125(	56.2),	149(	17.6),	183(	100.4),	187(	147.6),	
	220(	24.6),	243(	10.5),	255(	5.6),							
Plectorhynchus sp.	75(	8.5),	121(	8.0),	237(	99.9),							
Plectorhynchus flavomaculatus	61(	65.2),	63(	21.9),	106(	3.0),							
Plectorhynchus schotaf	71(	.5),	82(	5.6),	93(	25.0),	106(	18.9),	108(	4.6),	111(	5.8),	
Plectorhynchus gaterinus	82(	3.8),	151(	16.0),	202(	2.9),	215(	2.6),	220(	12.6),			
Plectorhynchus fangi	100(	2.0),	101(	2.2),	111(	7.1),	187(	3.0),	202(	9.2),	207(	39.2),	
	209(	21.8),	215(	11.2),	219(	.0),	220(	7.6),					
Plectorhynchus chubbi	111(	9.1),	219(	120.0),									
Plectorhynchus pictus	209(	42.0),	219(	240.0),	236(	5.4),	239(	25.0),					
Pomadasy sp.	123(	35.4),	142(	13.2),	215(	1.6),	231(	25.0),	242(	1.6),			
Pomadasy maculatus	83(	13.7),	175(	.5),	176(	7.5),	236(	1.8),					
Pomadasy hasta	219(	.0),	241(	3.6),	260(	9.6),							
Pomadasy opercularis	59(	3.3),	123(	28.2),	142(	.6),	152(	31.4),	158(	90.0),	177(	6.8),	
Pomadasy incisus	83(	41.8),											
Pomadasy stridens	59(	63.4),	66(	25.4),	67(	306.0),	69(	113.8),	70(	480.0),	73(	2.1),	
	76(	6.2),	83(	1193.2),	117(	30.0),	151(	152.0),	152(	377.4),	154(	45.2),	
	155(	4.0),	156(	1.3),	157(	10.6),	159(	85.2),	161(	1586.8),	165(	.2),	
	176(	4.5),	178(	2.6),	184(	16.0),	188(	.5),	231(	2.0),	235(	1740.0),	
	250(	130.5),	253(	28.6),	254(	1.0),	258(	36.8),					
PRIACANTHIDAE													
Cookeolus boops	171(	1.4),	188(	4.8),	193(	.5),	197(	1.8),	201(	3.0),	223(	5.8),	
Priacanthus sp.	102(	3.2),											
Priacanthus hamrur	60(	.6),	167(	1.5),	189(	3.6),							
Priacanthus blochii	259(	7.2),	260(	4.0),									
PSETTODIDAE													
Psettodes erumei	59(	17.0),	84(	11.2),	119(	22.4),	120(	4.0),	121(	24.0),	124(	4.2),	
	142(	14.2),	151(	7.2),	174(	8.6),	233(	1.6),	237(	8.1),	243(	4.2),	
	245(	3.4),	253(	30.8),	254(	11.6),	255(	20.0),	258(	5.6),			
RACHYCENTRIDAE													
Rachycentron canadus	62(	6.6),	99(	29.2),	101(	4.8),	103(	11.5),	172(	.4),	174(	30.0),	
	198(	6.0),	209(	11.2),	231(	12.0),	243(	4.8),					

R A Y S	67( 36.0),142( 36.0),177( 400.0),187( 200.0),198( 40.0),203( 40.0), 241( 150.0),242( 8.0),
DASYATIDAE	225( 18.0),
Dasyatis jenkinsii	83( 17.0), 84( 26.8),
Dasyatis uarnak	101( 60.0),
GYMNURIDAE	174( 19.2),
Gymnura sp.	123( 15.0),175( 35.4),
MOBULIDAE	181( 8.0),
Mobula diabolus	93( 16.7),
MYLIOBATIDAE	121( 4.2),123( 57.6),
RHINOBATIDAE	171( 140.0),172( 560.0),
Rhynchobatus djeddensis	61( 40.0),
Rhinobatus sp.	60( 4.0),
Torpedo marmorata	218( 7.0),
SCARIDAE	61( 9.6),104( 2.6),108( 21.8),
Scarus arabicus	187( 17.4),215( 2.9),219( .071%???? 25.4),
SCIAENIDAE	61( 55.0), 65( 6.3), 70( 9.6), 75( 16.4),106( 85.8),126( 35.0),
Argyrosomus sp.	237( 17.4),
Argyrosomus hololepidotus	174( 9214.0),237( 162.0),
Argyrosomus heinii	183( 10.4),236( 4.2),
Atractoscion aequidens	243( 13.5),
Otolithes ruber	152( 1.8),231( 13.0),
Umbrina sinuata	151( 12.4),209( 3.2),
SCOMBRIDAE	139( .6),
Rastrelliger sp.	122( 1.0),
Rastrelliger kanagartha	124( 28.0),
Sarda orientalis	188( 31.0),
Scomber japonicus	112( 20.0),149( 11.2),173( 3.2),178( 2.0),184( 1.0),198( .2),
Scomberomorus commerson	203( .6),210( 3.0),211( 4.9),223( 5.0),244( 141.4),
Scomberomorus guttatus	59( 264.0), 65( 7.8), 93( 4.7),150( 3.0),152( 10.8),174( 1.9),
Thunnus obesus	175( 6.0),187( 6.6),192( 2.5),215( 3.3),231( 29.0),255( 7.0),
SCORPAENIDAE	231( 5.0),
Pterois sp	75( 5.2), 95( .8),231( 14.0),
SERRANIDAE	
Epinephelus sp	61( 22.0), 61( 31.6), 66( 18.8), 73( .5), 79( .2), 82( 6.6),
	93( 9.0), 94( 5.4), 96( 48.0),101( 8.7),102( 25.2),106( 43.2),
	107( 11.3),108( 76.8),108( 29.6),121( 2.7),183( 8.6),202( 40.0),
	202( 18.0),204( 14.0),204( 13.0),206( 125.4),207( 4.4),209( 28.0),
	209( 9.2),209( 9.2),215( 15.0),219( .0),220( 240.6),239( 10.0),
	259( 6.2),260( 22.4),
Epinephelus fasciatus	66( 1.4),
Epinephelus tauvina	61( 11.6),126( 1.8),
Epinephelus areolatus	60( 8.8), 96( 9.0), 97( 23.1),101( 3.1),102( 25.2),104( 5.3),
	106( 106.2),107( 2.0),108( 14.4),109( 2.0),110( 9.0),
Epinephelus malabaricus	219( 360.0),
Epinephelus areolatus	59( 7.8), 63( 41.7),
Epinephelus diacanthus	157( 19.8),170( 2.4),171( 57.2),188( 2.1),197( 16.2),201( 33.2),
	204( 2.8),209( 66.8),223( 13.4),230( 3.0),231( 15.0),247( 15.2),
Epinephelus summana	149( 24.6),151( 10.8),152( 6.6),167( 4.8),
Epinephelus chlorostigma	151( 6.0),183( 13.8),202( 37.2),206( 74.4),220( 107.6),243( 15.0),
Epinephelus radiatus	171( 6.0),
Epinephelus latifasciatus	209( 9.2),
Promicrops lanceolatus	260( 37.6),
SHARK	62( 31.6), 67( 54.0),134( .0),215( 34.0),236( 1.6),253( 149.6),
	259( 8.2),
CARCHARHINIDAE	59( 10.6), 61( 61.8), 63( 25.8), 99( 2.3),118( 38.3),122( 3.6),
	124( .4),126( 14.8),142( 1.0),175( 185.0),184( 247.8),203( 3.0),
	223( 30.6),234( 93.2),245( 14.4),258( 38.4),260( 28.0),261( 22.5),
Carcharhinus obscurus	102( 11.2),
Loxodon sp.	233( 2.0),
Rhizoprionodon acutus	65( 75.0), 68( 27.3), 72( 19.0), 76( 146.2), 80( 60.0), 86( 44.4),
	88( 8.2), 90( 16.8), 95( 54.4),102( 4.6),103( 6.8),104( 3.8),
	106( 13.2),158( 16.8),209( 4.6),210( 3.0),
Loxodon macrorhinus	149( 29.6),171( 6.0),187( 24.0),192( 6.6),204( 7.0),207( 6.0),
	217( 16.0),218( 3.0),
Rhizoprionodon oligolin	209( 4.6),
Galeocerdo cuvier	90( 3.7),
Heterodontus sp.	111( .9),
Eridacnis radcliffei	200( 9.6),
Sphyrna lewini	76( 20.5),175( 10.2),
Mustelus sp	86( 14.8), 88( 1.4), 90( 1.4),102( 4.4),104( 2.2),
Mustelus mosis	192( 2.6),



SEPIIDAE	72(	-.2), 76(	4.3), 80(	4.0), 88(	1.2), 95(	3.5), 100(	1.7),
	101(	1.3), 111(	2.0), 117(	6.0), 118(	52.5), 119(	53.9), 120(	39.0),
	121(	.9), 122(	13.8), 125(	11.8), 126(	15.0), 193(	.4),	
Sepia sp	59(	69.2), 60(	1.6), 77(	8.8), 94(	8.7), 123(	9.6), 124(	12.2),
	142(	8.8), 162(	.4), 182(	40.0), 187(	45.6), 188(	16.8), 192(	149.0),
	201(	2.6), 209(	13.0), 215(	3.2), 220(	122.8), 223(	93.6), 225(	4.0),
	227(	140.6), 233(	49.0), 234(	86.6), 235(	11.6), 239(	10.8), 246(	97.0),
	247(	6.4), 250(	58.0), 254(	3.0), 255(	9.4), 258(	8.4),	
SYNODONTIDAE							
Saurida sp.	59(	1.8), 69(	1088.0), 72(	13.2), 76(	31.4), 77(	5.6), 82(	.4),
	92(	27.8), 93(	1.1), 100(	1.4), 112(	1124.0), 151(	27.2),	
Saurida tumbil	66(	19.6), 67(	81.2), 70(	32.4), 118(	176.3), 119(	812.0), 120(	59.4),
	121(	52.0), 122(	2.8), 123(	9.0), 124(	7.2), 125(	2.6), 126(	9.0),
	142(	81.2), 147(	9.6), 174(	3.4), 175(	1.5), 183(	1.0), 187(	9.0),
	243(	2.7), 253(	70.4), 254(	4.6), 255(	7.8), 258(	13.6), 260(	8.0),
Saurida undosquamis	117(	106.0), 126(	10.2), 154(	29.2), 155(	1.4), 157(	2.3), 162(	39.2),
	167(	19.0), 171(	.6), 172(	6.4), 188(	2.2), 197(	84.0), 201(	17.4),
	218(	540.0), 223(	285.8), 227(	83.6), 234(	3.4), 235(	98.6), 239(	7.8),
	245(	6.6), 246(	61.0), 247(	102.4), 249(	175.5), 250(	29.0), 261(	.2),
Saurida micropectoralis	103(	4.5), 111(	2.0),				
Synodus sp.	195(	.8),					
Trachinocephalus sp.	146(	11.9),					
Trachinocephalus myops	95(	.6),					
TETRAODONTIDAE	61(	3.6), 63(	11.4), 72(	4.3), 75(	65.0), 77(	6.5), 82(	5.2),
	104(	7.0),					
Chelonodon sp.	217(	13.2),					
Lagocephalus sp	96(	7.8), 187(	2.4), 231(	.5), 245(	4.0), 254(	.4), 255(	8.4),
	261(	6.6),					
Lagocephalus sceleratus	103(	6.6),					
Lagocephalus spadiceus	156(	2.2), 171(	18.4), 172(	28.0), 183(	23.2), 187(	18.6), 207(	2.3),
	219(	.0), 235(	5.8), 239(	15.6), 243(	4.4), 246(	2.1), 248(	25.0),
THERAPONIDAE							
Pelates quadrilineatus	124(	.4),					
Therapon jarbua	62(	11.2), 63(	.8), 65(	8.4), 72(	.7), 142(	4.0), 207(	.8),
	208(	1.4), 210(	.5), 225(	1.2), 245(	1.6), 254(	2.2),	
TRIGLIDAE							
Lepidotrigla sp	67(	3.6), 68(	.4), 70(	67.2), 72(	1.1), 77(	14.6), 80(	18.0),
	83(	30.4), 86(	3.0), 88(	3.0), 92(	41.8), 112(	73.0), 118(	11.6),
	149(	.4), 154(	1.4), 178(	48.2), 227(	41.8), 229(	26.0), 232(	17.8),
	236(	.6), 244(	56.4), 254(	.2),			
Lepidotrigla bentuviai	119(	2.8), 157(	.7), 158(	30.0), 162(	4.5), 167(	6.0), 171(	708.4),
	188(	.1), 201(	.0), 207(	.2), 209(	.9), 212(	25.6), 218(	1.2),
	222(	1132.8), 223(	49.8), 226(	470.0), 235(	319.0), 245(	.3), 246(	22.8),
	247(	9.6),					
Lepidotrigla omanensis	157(	.5), 167(	34.0), 197(	12.6),			
Pteridotrigla hemisticata	170(	.8), 193(	.8), 197(	23.4), 200(	56.0), 212(	38.4), 244(	56.4),
	245(	.5), 246(	.5),				
TRICHIURIDAE							
Trichiurus sp.	195(	.1),					
Trichiurus lepturus	65(	139.5), 66(	40.6), 67(	169.2), 69(	17.5), 70(	8.4), 76(	33.7),
	91(	1.7), 95(	16.8), 100(	16.4), 118(	5.3), 120(	2.0), 121(	2.4),
	121(	.3), 122(	1.2), 124(	.8), 126(	1.6), 127(	8.8), 128(	.8),
	129(	4.0), 133(	.0), 134(	.0), 138(	2.0), 139(	.5), 140(	1.6),
	143(	1.8), 146(	23.4), 147(	.4), 151(	247.2), 152(	87.0), 231(	100.0),
	235(	188.4), 256(	3.0), 258(	23.2), 259(	96.0), 260(	20.0), 261(	16.5),
Trichiurus auriga	200(	8.0),					
TRIACANTHIDAE							
Pseudotriacanthus strigilifer	254(	.4), 255(	.5),				
Triacanthus biaculeatus	175(	69.6), 198(	60.0),				
TRIACANTHODIDAE	84(	14.8),					
URANOSCOPIDAE	118(	12.0), 119(	2.8),				
VELIFERIDAE							
Velifer africanus	90(	.6),					



Annex VII Processed catch data by regions and by gear, species and bottom depth zones.

Table A 1a. Summary of catches in bottom trawl from all work north of Ras al Hadd.

FAMILY GEAR:DEMERSAL	C A T C H G R O U P S (kg/h)					% incidence in tot.no. of hauls	Mean c. % of of c. total >1kg catch	MEAN CATCH IN BOTTOM DEPTH STRATA				
	1-29	30-99	100-299	300-999	>1000			<50m	50-100m	100-180m	>180m	
	Carangidae	4	4	2	0			1	100	218.3	32	41.8
Synodontidae	5	3	1	1	0	91	115.1	16	127.9	42.7	.0	.0
Sphyraenidae	6	3	1	1	0	100	79.1	12	47.1	164.5	.0	.0
Lethrinidae	2	2	0	1	0	46	137.4	9	82.2	9.7	.0	.0
Sparidae	5	2	1	0	0	73	49.6	5	38.8	28.9	.0	.0
Nemipteridae	5	1	1	0	0	64	46.1	4	26.6	36.6	.0	.0
Lutjanidae	2	1	1	0	0	36	51.8	3	25.7	.7	.0	.0
Pomadasyidae	3	2	1	0	0	55	38.9	3	25.4	10.0	.0	.0
Squids	8	2	0	0	0	91	18.9	3	19.1	12.3	.0	.0
Drepanidae	1	2	0	0	0	27	36.2	2	13.6	.0	.0	.0
Rays	1	2	0	0	0	27	37.6	2	14.1	.0	.0	.0
Ariidae	2	1	0	0	0	27	17.9	1	6.1	1.6	.0	.0
Gerridae	3	1	0	0	0	36	15.8	1	7.9	.0	.0	.0
Leiognathidae	2	1	0	0	0	27	24.0	1	9.0	.0	.0	.0
Monacanthidae	3	1	0	0	0	36	15.8	1	7.3	1.6	.0	.0
Mullidae	4	1	0	0	0	46	16.3	1	5.6	12.3	.0	.0
Plathyceph.	4	1	0	0	0	46	10.2	1	4.9	3.9	.0	.0
Psettodidae	5	0	0	0	0	46	13.8	1	8.6	.0	.0	.0
Sciaenidae	0	1	0	0	0	9	35.0	1	.0	11.7	.0	.0
Scombridae	4	0	0	0	0	36	11.7	1	5.7	.3	.0	.0
Sharks	4	0	0	0	0	36	12.7	1	3.8	6.7	.0	.0
Other fish							16.2	2				
MEAN OF TOTAL CATCHES						676.8			539.4	1043.1	.0	.0
NO OF HAULS: 11 TOTAL									8	3	0	0

Table A 1b Summary of catches in pelagic trawl from all work north of Ras al Hadd.

FAMILY GEAR:PELAGIC	C A T C H G R O U P S (kg/h)					% incidence in tot.no. of hauls	Mean c. % of of c. total >1kg catch	MEAN CATCH IN BOTTOM DEPTH STRATA				
	1-29	30-99	100-299	300-999	>1000			<50m	50-100m	100-180m	>180m	
	Myctophidae	4	6	5	3			1	91	246.6	96	.0
Nomeidae	5	1	0	0	0	29	14.7	2	.0	.0	.0	4.4
Carangidae	4	0	0	0	0	19	5.9	1	.0	.0	.0	1.2
Trichiuridae	6	0	0	0	0	29	6.9	1	.0	.0	.0	2.1
Other fish							2.7	1				
MEAN OF TOTAL CATCHES						233.2			2.0	.0	.0	244.7
NO OF HAULS: 21 TOTAL									1	0	0	20

Table A 2a. Summary of all catches in bottom trawl between Ras al Hadd and Masirah Island.

GEAR:DEMERSAL FAMILY	C A T C H G R O U P S (kg/h)					% incidence in tot.no. of of hauls	Mean c. % of total >1kg catch	MEAN CATCH IN BOTTOM DEPTH STRATA				
	1-29	30-99	100-299	300-999	>1000			<50m	50-100m	100-180m	>180m	
Carangidae	7	7	5	4	2	96	342.3	31	46.4	269.6	3604.2	.0
Sparidae	4	5	5	6	2	85	325.5	26	288.0	285.7	.0	.0
Nemipteridae	8	3	5	1	1	69	160.1	10	14.8	154.2	141.4	.0
Ariidae	7	2	1	2	0	46	170.0	7	238.0	8.0	.0	.0
Pomadasyidae	5	3	3	3	0	54	135.0	7	121.8	53.9	.0	.0
Synodontidae	8	4	2	0	1	58	114.3	6	14.4	94.1	.0	.0
Squids	1	6	1	0	0	31	62.1	2	16.6	21.4	.0	.0
Trichiuridae	2	2	2	0	0	23	95.0	2	62.9	3.9	.0	.0
Albulidae	1	0	0	1	0	8	162.9	1	.0	19.2	.0	.0
Apogonidae	1	0	1	0	0	8	82.2	1	.0	9.7	.0	.0
Gerridae	2	2	1	0	0	19	47.6	1	5.2	11.6	.0	.0
Lethrinidae	2	2	1	0	0	19	66.8	1	6.2	16.7	.0	.0
Scombridae	2	0	1	0	0	12	51.7	1	1.7	.0	141.4	.0
Serranidae	6	1	0	0	0	27	17.9	1	2.9	6.0	.0	.0
Sharks	4	2	0	0	0	23	28.3	1	10.6	5.0	.0	.0
Sphyraenidae	2	1	1	0	0	15	54.7	1	10.0	8.2	.0	.0
Triglidae	6	3	1	0	0	39	29.4	1	4.2	8.7	112.8	.0
Other fish							16.9	1				
MEAN OF TOTAL CATCHES						1068.4			874.8	987.1	3999.8	.0
NO OF HAULS: 26 TOTAL									8	17	1	0

Table A 2b. Summary of all catches in pelagic trawl between Ras al Hadd and Masirah Island.

GEAR:PELAGIC FAMILY	C A T C H G R O U P S (kg/h)					% incidence in tot.no. of of hauls	Mean c. % of total >1kg catch	MEAN CATCH IN BOTTOM DEPTH STRATA				
	1-29	30-99	100-299	300-999	>1000			<50m	50-100m	100-180m	>180m	
Carangidae	2	0	2	1	2	78	792.0	52	94.3	1271.2	135.2	.0
Pomadasyidae	0	0	0	0	1	11	1586.8	15	.0	396.7	.0	.0
Clupeidae	2	0	0	2	0	44	358.6	13	712.7	2.3	.0	.0
Myctophidae	0	0	0	0	1	11	1440.0	13	.0	.0	.0	1440.0
Engraulidae	1	0	1	0	0	22	118.5	2	118.5	.0	.0	.0
Nemipteridae	1	1	1	0	0	33	65.9	2	.0	49.4	.0	.0
Sharks	0	1	0	0	0	11	75.0	1	37.5	.0	.0	.0
Trichiuridae	0	0	1	0	0	11	139.5	1	69.8	.0	.0	.0
Other fish							6.4	0				
MEAN OF TOTAL CATCHES						1190.2			1061.3	1719.7	135.2	1440.0
NO OF HAULS: 9 TOTAL									2	4	2	1

Table A 3a. Summary on all catches in bottom trawl from the Masira Bank.

GEAR:DEMERSAL FAMILY	C A T C H G R O U P S (kg/h)					% incidence in tot.no. of of hauls	Mean c. % of >1kg catch	MEAN CATCH IN BOTTOM DEPTH STRATA				
	1-29	30-99	100-299	300-999	>1000			<50m	50-100m	100-180m	>180m	
	Carangidae	8	7	5	3			5	85	2142.4	66	109.5
Sciaenidae	2	0	1	0	1	12	2354.3	10	447.8	1.3	.0	.0
Ariidae	13	6	3	1	1	73	266.6	7	291.9	26.8	.0	.0
Pomadasyidae	7	1	2	0	2	36	285.3	4	79.4	175.7	.0	.0
Nemipteridae	10	4	0	1	1	49	181.7	3	7.2	266.5	45.1	.0
Lethrinidae	3	4	0	0	1	24	164.5	2	59.0	7.6	.0	.0
Rays	4	1	2	2	0	27	156.3	2	67.0	.0	.0	.0
Sparidae	3	6	5	1	0	46	105.5	2	44.4	65.1	.0	.0
Sharks	5	3	2	0	0	30	63.5	1	12.2	37.9	.0	.0
Squids	11	5	1	0	0	52	27.6	1	14.9	15.7	.0	.0
Triglidae	6	1	0	2	0	27	123.9	1	36.1	34.0	8.9	.0
Other fish							49.9	1				
MEAN OF TOTAL CATCHES							2736.5		1218.0	5883.2	2947.3	.0
NO OF HAULS: 33 TOTAL									21	10	2	0

Table A 3b. Summary on all catches in pelagic trawl from the Masirah Bank.

GEAR:PELAGIC FAMILY	C A T C H G R O U P S (kg/h)					% incidence in tot.no. of of hauls	Mean c. % of >1kg catch	MEAN CATCH IN BOTTOM DEPTH STRATA				
	1-29	30-99	100-299	300-999	>1000			<50m	50-100m	100-180m	>180m	
	Carangidae	1	2	3	5			6	94	1703.2	86	523.7
Clupeidae	1	2	3	3	0	50	239.9	6	170.5	151.2	.0	.0
Sphyrnidae	4	0	2	0	1	39	194.3	4	26.0	366.7	.0	.0
Ariidae	1	1	1	0	0	17	57.3	1	17.2	.0	.0	.0
Rays	0	0	1	0	0	6	150.0	1	15.0	.0	.0	.0
Sharks	1	0	1	0	0	11	124.7	1	24.9	.0	.0	.0
Other fish							36.3	1				
MEAN OF TOTAL CATCHES							1872.1		835.8	6996.9	869.7	.0
NO OF HAULS: 18 TOTAL									10	3	5	0

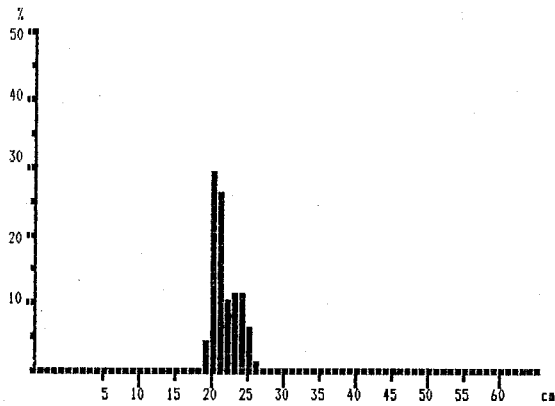
Figure A 4a. Summary of all catches in bottom trawl between Ras al Madraka and Ras Marbat.

GEAR: DEMERSAL FAMILY	C A T C H   G R O U P S (kg/h)						Mean c. % of in tot.no. of c. total of hauls >1kg catch		MEAN CATCH IN BOTTOM DEPTH STRATA			
	1-29	30-99	100-299	300-999	>1000				<50m	50-100m	100-180m	>180m
Carangidae	12	8	2	1	8	84	2692.0	68	40.5	3207.8	3089.8	.0
Clupeidae	4	0	1	0	1	16	2650.6	13	1.5	690.8	.0	.0
Sparidae	6	9	11	2	1	78	170.1	4	89.1	88.7	667.3	.0
Lethrinidae	5	4	6	5	0	54	169.7	3	132.8	89.8	.0	.0
Nemipteridae	8	4	1	3	1	46	238.5	3	12.8	41.8	988.7	.0
Synodontidae	5	2	1	1	1	27	216.7	2	.4	43.9	383.9	.0
Triglidae	2	6	0	1	1	27	192.8	2	.0	27.2	415.9	56.0
Crabs	0	0	0	0	1	3	1392.0	1	.0	.0	464.0	.0
Pomadasyidae	7	4	0	1	0	32	48.7	1	57.1	.6	.0	.0
Serranidae	10	4	2	2	0	49	77.5	1	83.2	24.5	.0	.0
Squids	7	2	4	0	0	35	49.6	1	29.7	15.2	.0	.0
Other fish							89.8	2				
MEAN OF TOTAL CATCHES						3329.0			602.5	4277.4	6066.5	566.8
NO OF HAULS: 37 TOTAL									10	23	3	1

Table A 4b. Summary on all catches in pelagic trawl between Ras al Madraka and Ras Marbat.

GEAR: PELAGIC FAMILY	C A T C H   G R O U P S (kg/h)						Mean c. % of in tot.no. of c. total of hauls >1kg catch		MEAN CATCH IN BOTTOM DEPTH STRATA			
	1-29	30-99	100-299	300-999	>1000				<50m	50-100m	100-180m	>180m
Carangidae	7	0	1	0	1	53	2253.6	93	3.4	10123.8	.4	2.8
Apogonidae	0	0	0	1	0	6	824.0	4	.0	.0	.0	103.0
Clupeidae	5	0	2	0	0	41	50.3	2	51.5	.0	47.7	.9
Other fish							20.0	1				
MEAN OF TOTAL CATCHES						1282.3			136.7	10128.8	52.4	115.1
NO OF HAULS: 17 TOTAL									3	2	4	8

Annex VIII Histograms of pooled length distributions of the most common pelagic fishes.



Trachurus indicus (pooled data)

Ras al Hadd - Masira Isl. Surv. I

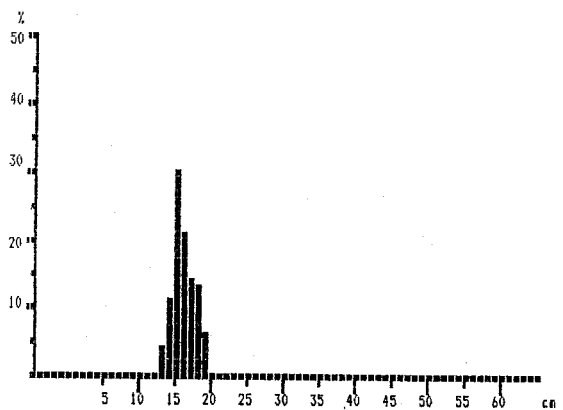
MEAN LENGTH = 21,6cm N= 309

Modes : , 20cm, 24cm

NUMBER OF SUBSAMPLES : 5

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LOWEST STATION : 215 HIGHEST STATION : 250



Trachurus indicus (pooled data)

Masira Bank, Survey I

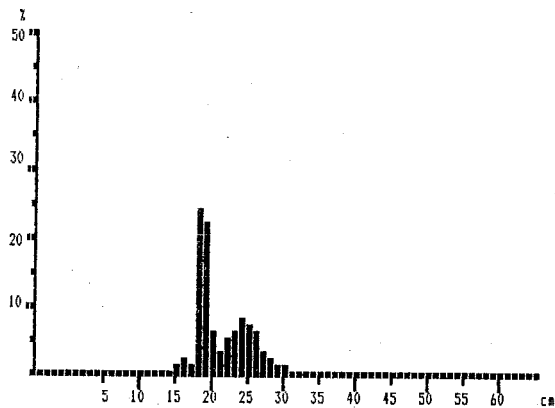
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Modes : , 15cm

NUMBER OF SUBSAMPLES : 10

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Trachurus indicus (pooled data)

Ras al Hadd - Masira Isl. Surv. II

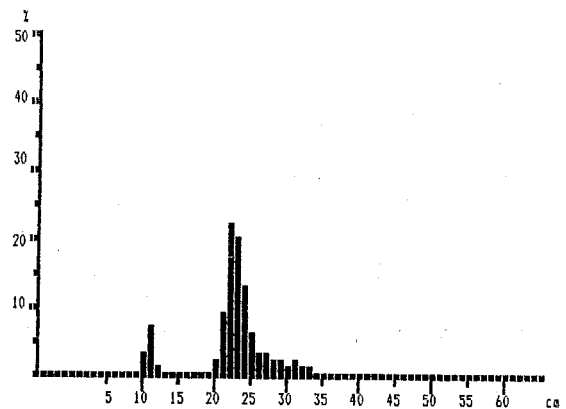
MEAN LENGTH = 21,0cm N= 486

Modes : , 16cm, 18cm, 24cm

NUMBER OF SUBSAMPLES : 5

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LOWEST STATION : 117 HIGHEST STATION : 214



Trachurus indicus (pooled data)

Masira Bank, Survey II

MEAN LENGTH = 22,2cm N= 1668

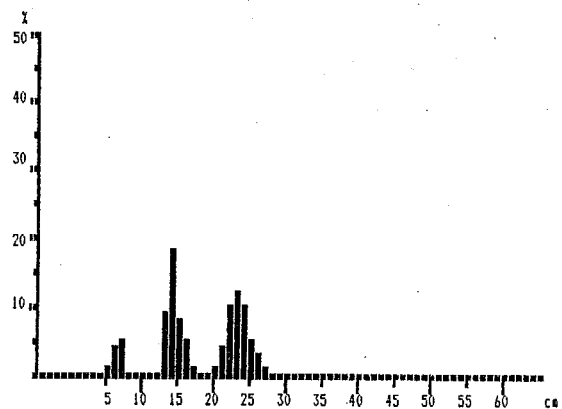
Modes : , 11cm, 22cm, 31cm

NUMBER OF SUBSAMPLES : 10

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LOWEST STATION : 117 HIGHEST STATION : 214



T. indicus (pooled data)

Masira Bank, Survey III

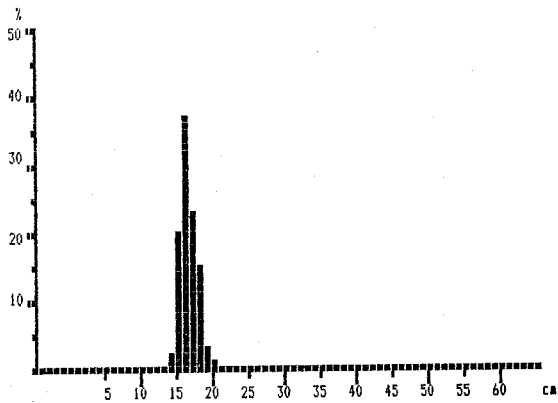
MEAN LENGTH = 17,8cm N= 707

Modes : , 7cm, 14cm, 23cm

NUMBER OF SUBSAMPLES : 8

SAMPLES FROM ST.NO.: 232 UNTIL ST.NO.: 242

LOWEST STATION : 215 HIGHEST STATION : 250



**T. indicus (pooled data)**

Sauquara Bank, Survey I

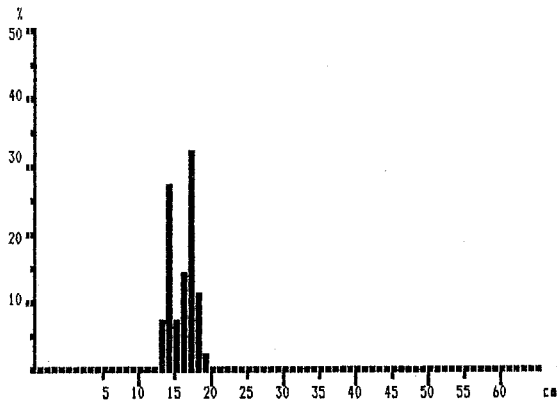
MEAN LENGTH = 16,4cm N= 119

Modes : , 16cm

NUMBER OF SUBSAMPLES : 1

SAMPLES FROM ST.NO.: 91 UNTIL ST.NO.: 116

LOWEST STATION : 13 HIGHEST STATION : 116



**S. gibbosa OM I (pooled data)**

Ras al Hadd - Masira Isl. Surv.I

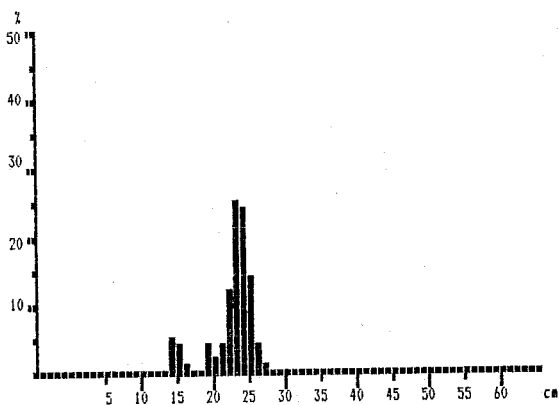
MEAN LENGTH = 15,7cm N= 154

Modes : , 14cm, 17cm

NUMBER OF SUBSAMPLES : 2

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LOWEST STATION : 13 HIGHEST STATION : 116



**T. indicus (pooled data)**

Sauquara Bank, Survey III

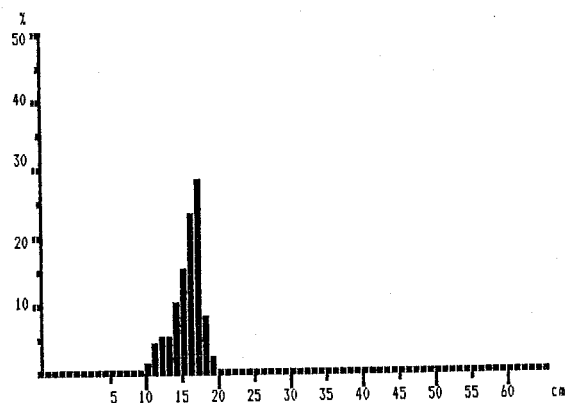
MEAN LENGTH = 22,5cm N= 769

Modes : , 14cm, 19cm, 23cm

NUMBER OF SUBSAMPLES : 7

SAMPLES FROM ST.NO.: 219 UNTIL ST.NO.: 231

LOWEST STATION : 215 HIGHEST STATION : 250



**S. gibbosa (pooled data)**

Ras al Hadd - Masira Isl. Surv.II

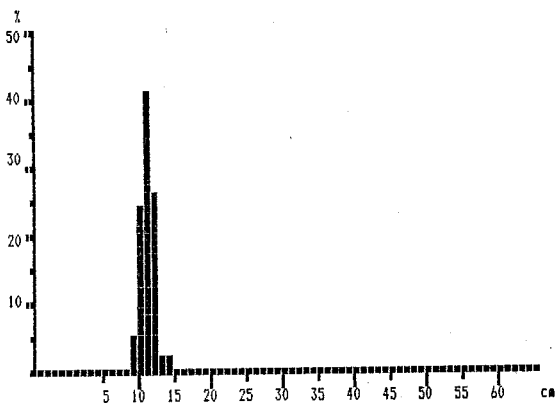
MEAN LENGTH = 15,6cm N= 196

Modes : , 17cm

NUMBER OF SUBSAMPLES : 2

SAMPLES FROM ST.NO.: 170 UNTIL ST.NO.: 191

LOWEST STATION : 117 HIGHEST STATION : 214



**S. gibbosa (pooled data)**

Ras al Hadd - Masira Isl. Surv.I

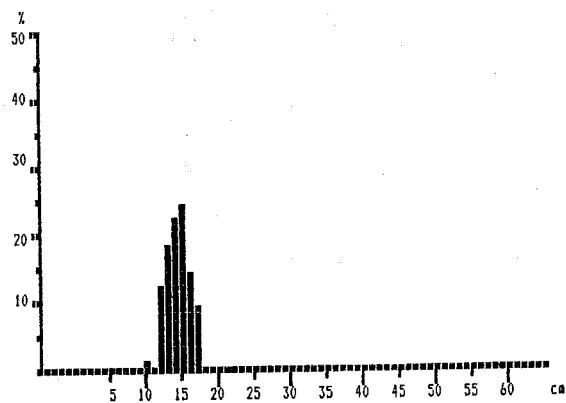
MEAN LENGTH = 11,0cm N= 85

Modes : , 11cm

NUMBER OF SUBSAMPLES : 1

SAMPLES FROM ST.NO.: 62 UNTIL ST.NO.: 70

LOWEST STATION : 13 HIGHEST STATION : 116



**S. gibbosa (pooled data)**

Ras al Hadd - Masira Isl. Surv.III

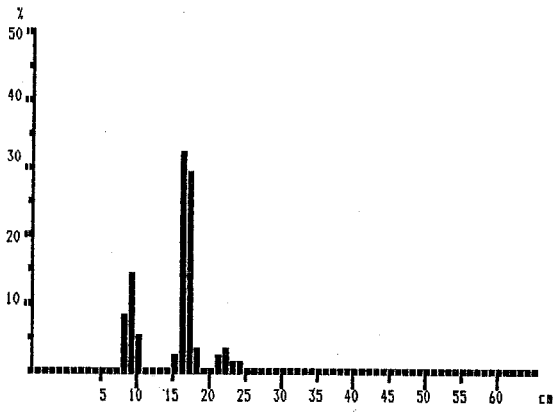
MEAN LENGTH = 14,3cm N= 103

Modes : , 10cm, 15cm

NUMBER OF SUBSAMPLES : 3

SAMPLES FROM ST.NO.: 232 UNTIL ST.NO.: 243

LOWEST STATION : 215 HIGHEST STATION : 250



**S. longiceps (pooled data)**

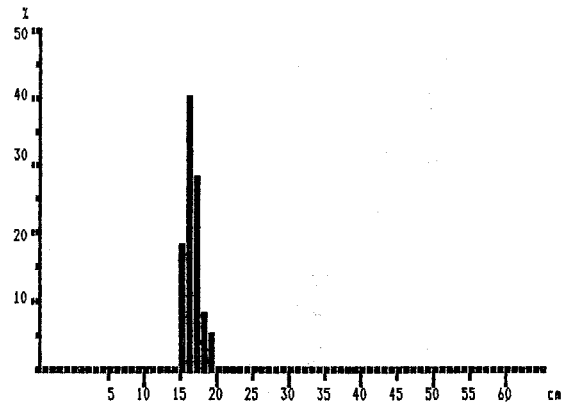
All Oman Coast, Survey I

MEAN LENGTH = 14,8cm N= 265

Modes : , 9cm, 16cm; 22cm

NUMBER OF SUBSAMPLES : 4

LOWEST STATION : 13 HIGHEST STATION : 116



**Dussumieria acuta (pooled data)**

Masira Bank, Survey I

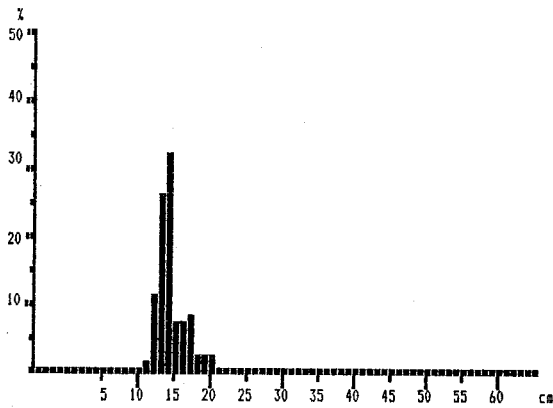
MEAN LENGTH = 16,4cm N= 60

Modes : , 16cm

NUMBER OF SUBSAMPLES : 2

SAMPLES FROM ST.NO.: 71 UNTIL ST.NO.: 89

LOWEST STATION : 13 HIGHEST STATION : 116



**S. longiceps (pooled data)**

Masira Bank, Survey II

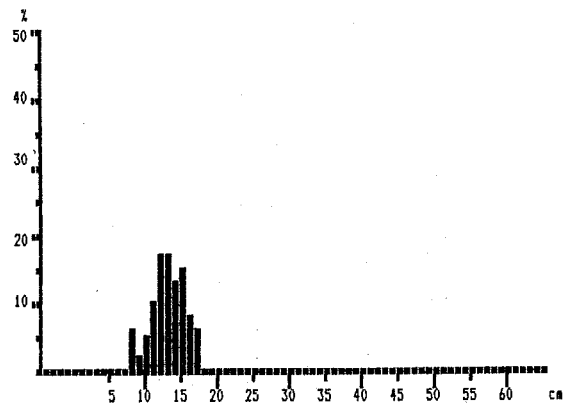
MEAN LENGTH = 14,2cm N= 204

Modes : , 14cm, 17cm

NUMBER OF SUBSAMPLES : 2

SAMPLES FROM ST.NO.: 169 UNTIL ST.NO.: 191

LOWEST STATION : 13 HIGHEST STATION : 214



**Duss. acuta (pooled data)**

Masira Bank, Survey III

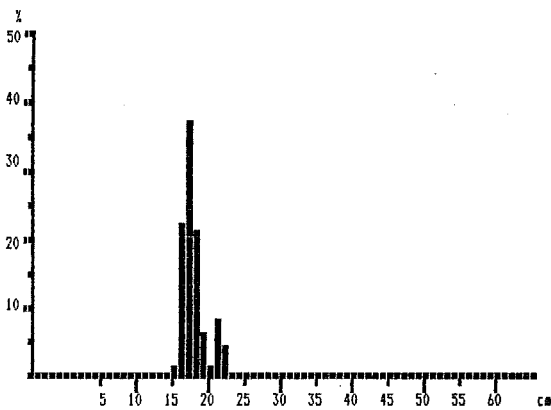
MEAN LENGTH = 12,9cm N= 143

Modes : , 8cm, 13cm, 15cm

NUMBER OF SUBSAMPLES : 3

SAMPLES FROM ST.NO.: 232 UNTIL ST.NO.: 244

LOWEST STATION : 215 HIGHEST STATION : 250



**S. longiceps OM III (pooled data)**

Masira Bank, Survey III

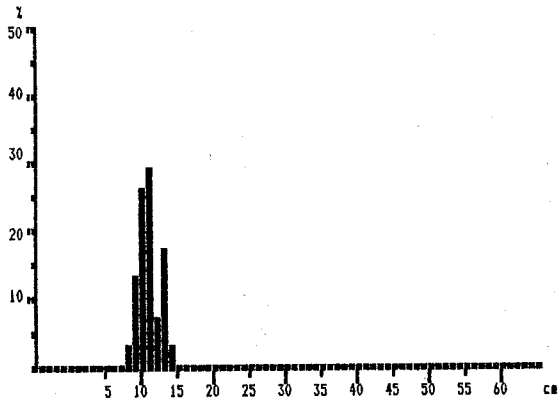
MEAN LENGTH = 17,6cm N= 109

Modes : , 17cm, 21cm

NUMBER OF SUBSAMPLES : 3

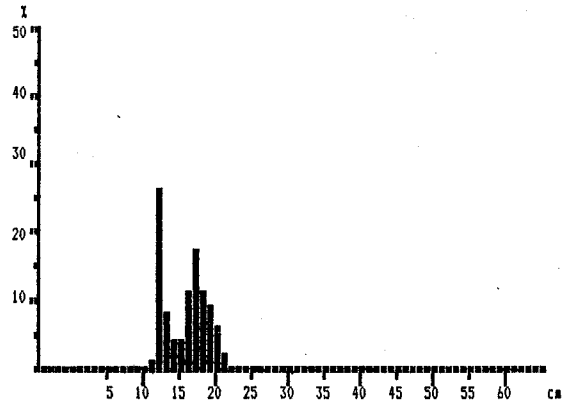
SAMPLES FROM ST.NO.: 232 UNTIL ST.NO.: 243

LOWEST STATION : 215 HIGHEST STATION : 250



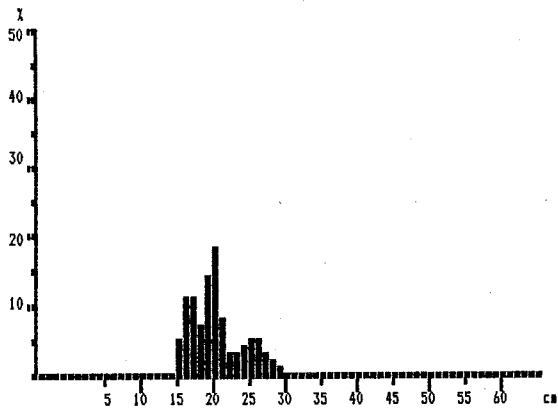
**D. russelli (pooled data)**

Ras al Hadd - Masira Isl. Surv. I  
 MEAN LENGTH = 10,9cm N= 201  
 Modes : , 11cm, 13cm  
 NUMBER OF SUBSAMPLES : 2  
 SAMPLES FROM ST.NO.: 61 UNTIL ST.NO.: 70  
 LOWEST STATION : 13 HIGHEST STATION : 116



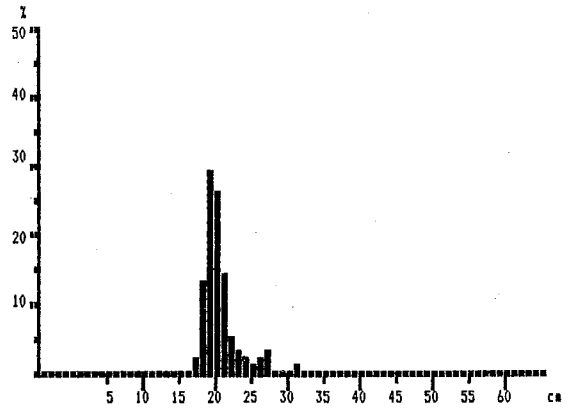
**D. russelli (pooled data)**

Masira Bank, Survey I  
 MEAN LENGTH = 15,6cm N= 444  
 Modes : , 12cm, 17cm  
 NUMBER OF SUBSAMPLES : 5  
 SAMPLES FROM ST.NO.: 71 UNTIL ST.NO.: 89  
 LOWEST STATION : 13 HIGHEST STATION : 116



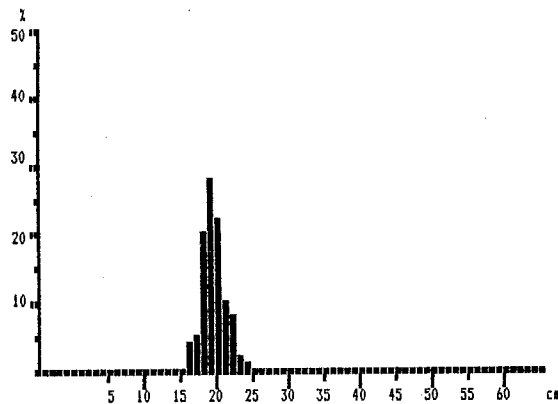
**D. russelli (pooled data)**

Ras al Hadd - Masira Isl. Surv. II  
 MEAN LENGTH = 20,0cm N= 497  
 Modes : , 17cm, 20cm, 26cm  
 NUMBER OF SUBSAMPLES : 7  
 SAMPLES FROM ST.NO.: 150 UNTIL ST.NO.: 168  
 LOWEST STATION : 117 HIGHEST STATION : 214



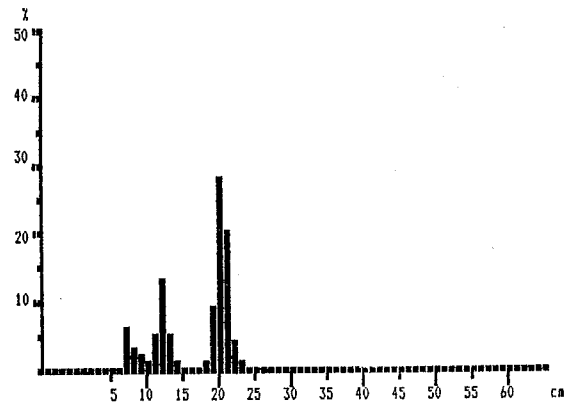
**D. russelli (pooled data)**

Masira Bank, Survey II  
 MEAN LENGTH = 20,2cm N= 110  
 Modes : , 19cm, 27cm, 31cm  
 NUMBER OF SUBSAMPLES : 1  
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 LOWEST STATION : 117 HIGHEST STATION : 214



**D. russelli (pooled data)**

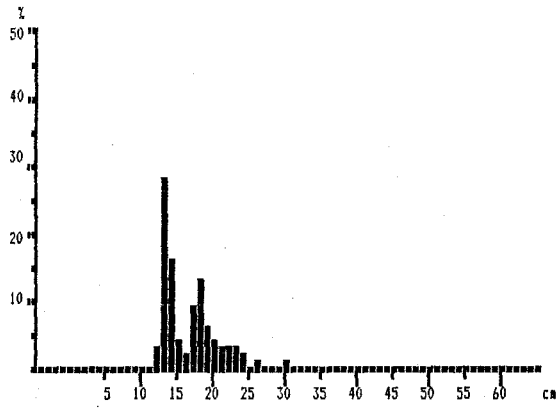
Ras al Hadd - Masira Isl. Surv. III  
 MEAN LENGTH = 19,4cm N= 302  
 Modes : , 19cm  
 NUMBER OF SUBSAMPLES : 3  
 SAMPLES FROM ST.NO.: 244 UNTIL ST.NO.: 250  
 LOWEST STATION : 215 HIGHEST STATION : 250



**D. russelli (pooled data)**

Masira Bank, Survey III  
 MEAN LENGTH = 16,7cm N= 172  
 Modes : , 7cm, 12cm, 20cm  
 NUMBER OF SUBSAMPLES : 3  
 SAMPLES FROM ST.NO.: 232 UNTIL ST.NO.: 243  
 LOWEST STATION : 215 HIGHEST STATION : 250





**D. russelli (pooled data)**

Sauquara Bank, Survey I

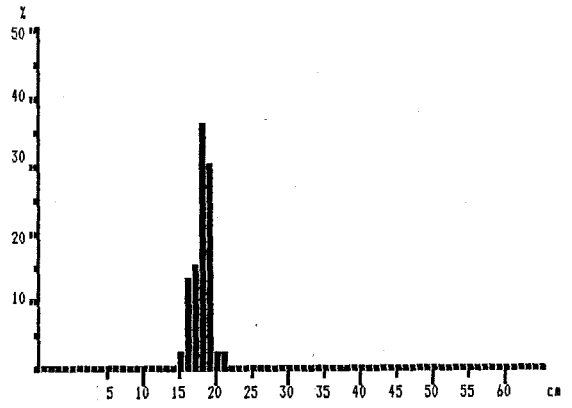
MEAN LENGTH = 16,4cm N= 460

Modes : , 13cm, 18cm, 26cm, 30cm

NUMBER OF SUBSAMPLES : 3

SAMPLES FROM ST.NO.: 90 UNTIL ST.NO.: 115

LOWEST STATION : 13 HIGHEST STATION : 116



**D. russelli (pooled data)**

North of Ras al Hadd, Survey II

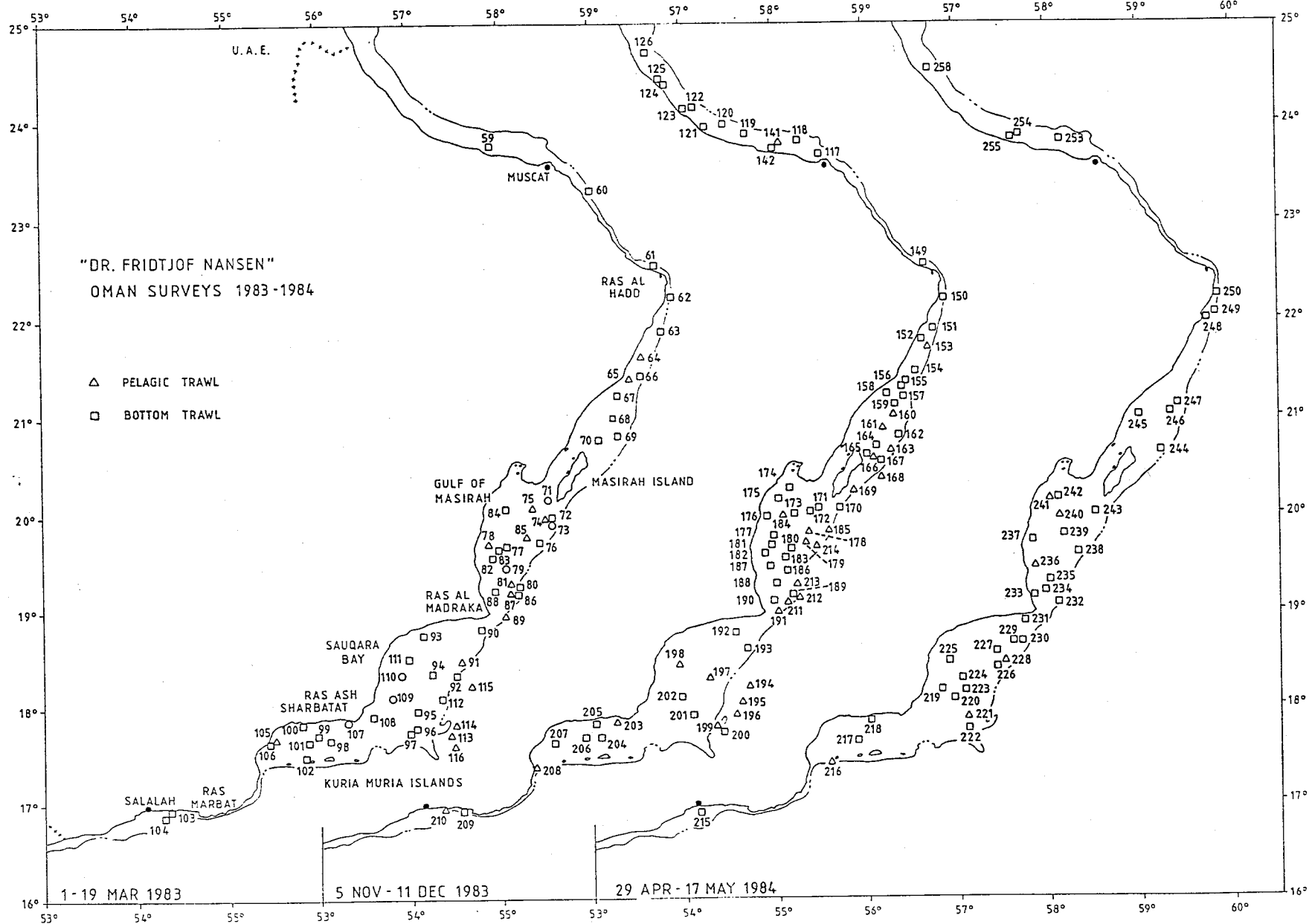
MEAN LENGTH = 17,9cm N= 112

Modes : , 18cm

NUMBER OF SUBSAMPLES : 1

SAMPLES FROM ST.NO.: 117 UNTIL ST.NO.: 149

LOWEST STATION : 117 HIGHEST STATION : 214



Worksheet with positions of all trawl hauls during the Oman 1983-84 surveys.

