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Abstract

Catch composition data were collected from Western Australia's temperate demersal gillnet and demersal longline fisheries, between Eucla and Geraldton, over a five-year period from July 1994 to June 1999. Results were compared to Department of Fisheries catch records compiled from fishers' monthly catch returns. Discarded bycatch of several species was estimated by bootstrapping their observed catch rates. Dusky shark, *Carcharhinus obscurus*, gummy shark, *Mustelus antarcticus*, whiskery shark, *Furgaleus macki*, and Port Jackson shark, *Heterodontus portusjacksoni*, were identified as the main components of the fisheries' catch, however, catches were found to vary regionally. School shark, *Galeorhinus galeus*, dogfish of the family *Squalidae* and the sandbar shark, *Carcharhinus plumbeus*, were regionally important in the south-east, mid-southern and west coast regions, respectively. Teleosts comprised between 5.4% and 16.6% of the total demersal gillnet and longline catch, with Buffalo bream, *Kyphosus cornelii*, West Australian Dhufish, *Glaucosoma hebraicum* and dusky morwong, *Dactylophora nigricans* identified as the main components of the teleost catch. Estimating catches from research catch per unit effort data indicated that catches of secondary elasmobranch species may have been underreported in commercial fishing returns. Records of non-fish bycatch were also compiled from observer data. The rates of capture of non-fish bycatch were low in all regions, with an overall occurrence of less than one capture per 1,000 kilometre gillnet hours.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 History

Commercial shark-fishing began in Western Australia in 1941 with a single boat using demersal longlines in the Leschenault Inlet to catch, primarily, gummy sharks, *Mustelus antarcticus*. In the same year, other vessels began fishing in the inlet and adjacent offshore waters and by 1942, there were 6 shark-fishing boats operating around the south-western port of Bunbury. During the late 1940s and early 1950s the shark fishery expanded to other ports including Albany, Fremantle and Geraldton and despite remaining a largely part time occupation for most fishers, shark-fishing effort increased steadily as more operators entered the fishery.

Throughout the 1960s, the shark fishery gradually moved further offshore and demersally set multifilament gillnets gradually replaced longlines as the preferred fishing method. By 1965 the catch of shark had exceeded 300 tonnes yr⁻¹ (Figure 1). Catches rose steadily throughout the late 1960s, until in the early 1970s, public concern over the level of mercury in shark flesh contributed to a dramatic decrease in demand for shark and catches declined sharply

(Heald, 1987; Simpfendorfer and Donohue, 1998). Following research carried out by the Fisheries Department of Western Australia, the WA Health Department introduced regulations in 1974 prohibiting the sale of shark flesh with mercury concentrations in excess of 0.5 parts per million (Hancock and Edmonds, 1977) and consumer confidence gradually returned. As the markets for shark flesh began to recover and the introduction of new management regulations restricted access to other fisheries, effort in the shark fisheries began to rise dramatically.

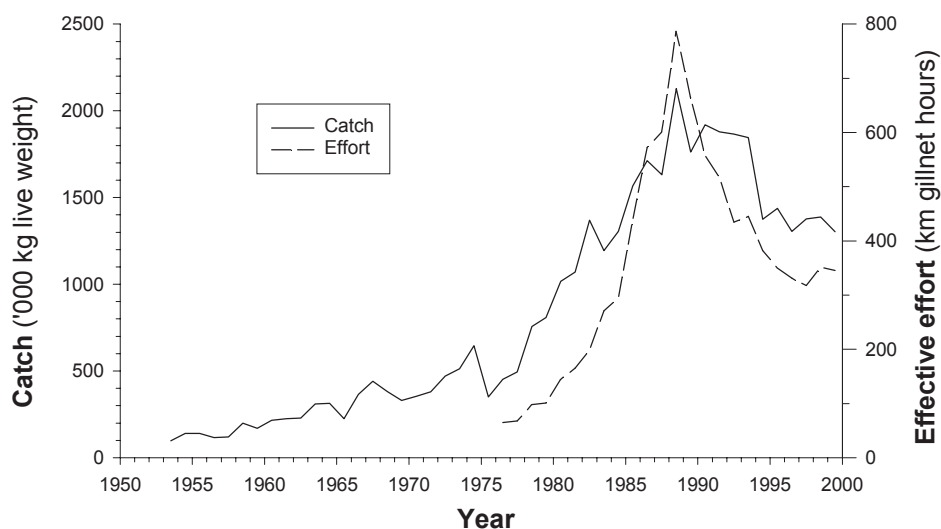


Figure 1. Historical shark catch and effort.

Throughout the 1980s, shark fishing became an increasingly full time occupation. Operators began using larger and faster vessels equipped with satellite navigation systems and colour echo-sounders, which enabled them to operate further offshore and in areas that had previously been out of range. New fishing gear technology, such as monofilament gillnets and powered net-reels, also significantly increased the amount of net that fishers were able to operate. By this time, the use of monofilament gillnet was widespread with longlines only being used by a handful of smaller operators. Fishing effort peaked in 1987 at 787,000 km gillnet hours (Figure 1), more than 4 times the effort in 1980. Annual demersal gillnet and longline effort values are also presented in Appendix I.

Unregulated fishing effort, together with declining catch rates of key shark species, prompted the introduction of the first management plan for Western Australia's shark fishery. Under an agreement between the State and Commonwealth governments the area between latitude 33°S (Cape Bouvard) and the South Australian border, (129°E, Figure 2) was declared as a limited entry fishery in 1988, with access restricted to fishers who could demonstrate a historical use of the stock. The fishery, known as the Joint Authority Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Fishery (JASDGLF), was divided into 2 zones: Zone 1 between 33° S and Chatham Island (116° 30'E) and Zone 2 from Chatham Island (116° 30'E) to the South Australian border (129°E). Effort was limited by the allocation of time/gear units, with each unit allowing the use of 600m of demersal gillnet or 200 longline hooks for one month. Following stock assessments for the 3 main target shark species (dusky sharks, *Carcharhinus obscurus*, gummy sharks, *Mustelus antarcticus* and whiskery sharks, *Furgaleus macki*) in the mid 1990's, which indicated that stocks were either fully or over exploited, the amount of net (or number of hooks) allowed by each unit has gradually been reduced by 60% (McAuley and Lenanton, 2002).

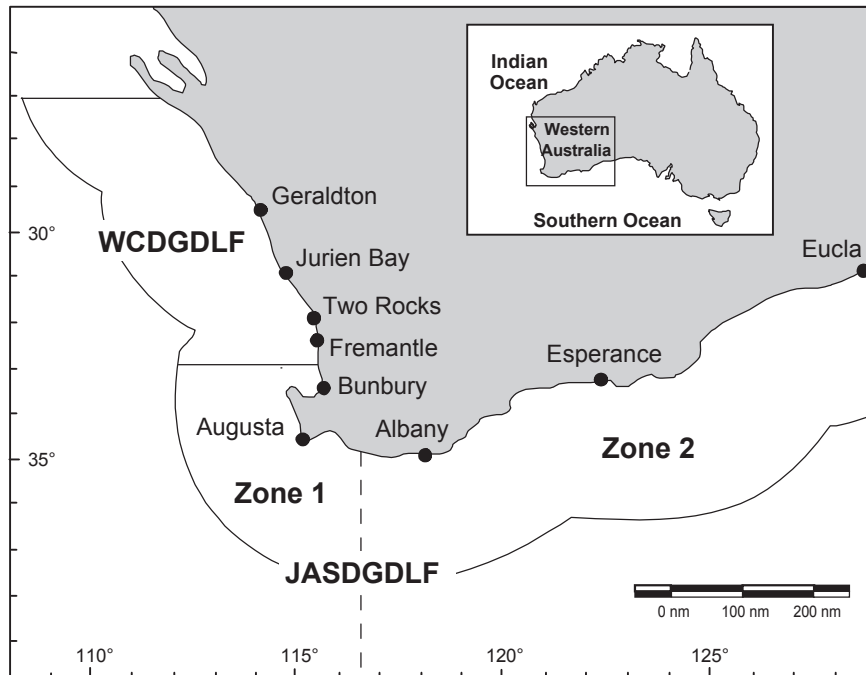


Figure 2. WA demersal gillnet and demersal longline fisheries. **JASDGLF** = *Joint Authority Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Fishery*; **WCDGLF** = *West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Fishery*.

The number of vessels authorised to use powered net-reels in the area north of 33°S was also restricted in 1988 to limit the exploitation of the target shark species outside the managed fishery. Additionally, a prohibition on the use of metal traces on longline and dropline gear in the area between Steep Point (26° 30'S) and a line drawn north from North West Cape (114° 06'E) was introduced in 1993 to prevent the capture of large sharks. Following the inception of the JASDGLF however, the amount of shark fishing effort on the west coast increased throughout the late 1980s and early 1990s. An interim management plan for shark fishing between Cape Bouvard and Steep point was introduced in 1997, which established the West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Fishery (WCDGLF) with similar management arrangements as the JASDGLF.

In the 2001/2002 financial year, the combined annual value of the southern and west coast demersal gillnet and demersal longline fisheries was estimated at approximately \$4.8 million (McAuley and Lenanton, 2002).

1.2 Description of the gear

Because the majority of vessels in the fishery use demersal gillnets and as all research data were collected from demersal gillnet vessels, demersal longline configurations have not been described in the following description. Nets are constructed of nylon monofilament with a diameter of between 35 mm and 70 mm (line 35-line 70). Mesh is hung between a negatively buoyant 'ground line', which sinks the net to the seabed and a positively buoyant 'head line', which stands the net vertically off the bottom (Figure 3). The net is attached to the head and ground lines using a hanging ratio of 1.5 to 2 metres of net for every metre of line to ensure enough slack in the mesh for fish to be caught ('gilled'). Permitted mesh sizes are

restricted to between 165 mm (6.5”) and 178 mm (7”) and nets may not exceed 20 meshes in depth (263 cm with a 7” mesh). Ballast is usually attached to each end of the net and often intermittently along its length to prevent dragging. Floats are attached at each end to assist with relocation and recovery. Intermediate surface float lines are usually attached to nets to reduce the amount of net that is susceptible to two double ‘bite-offs’, where both the head line and ground line are severed twice between float lines, which can result in sections of net being lost.

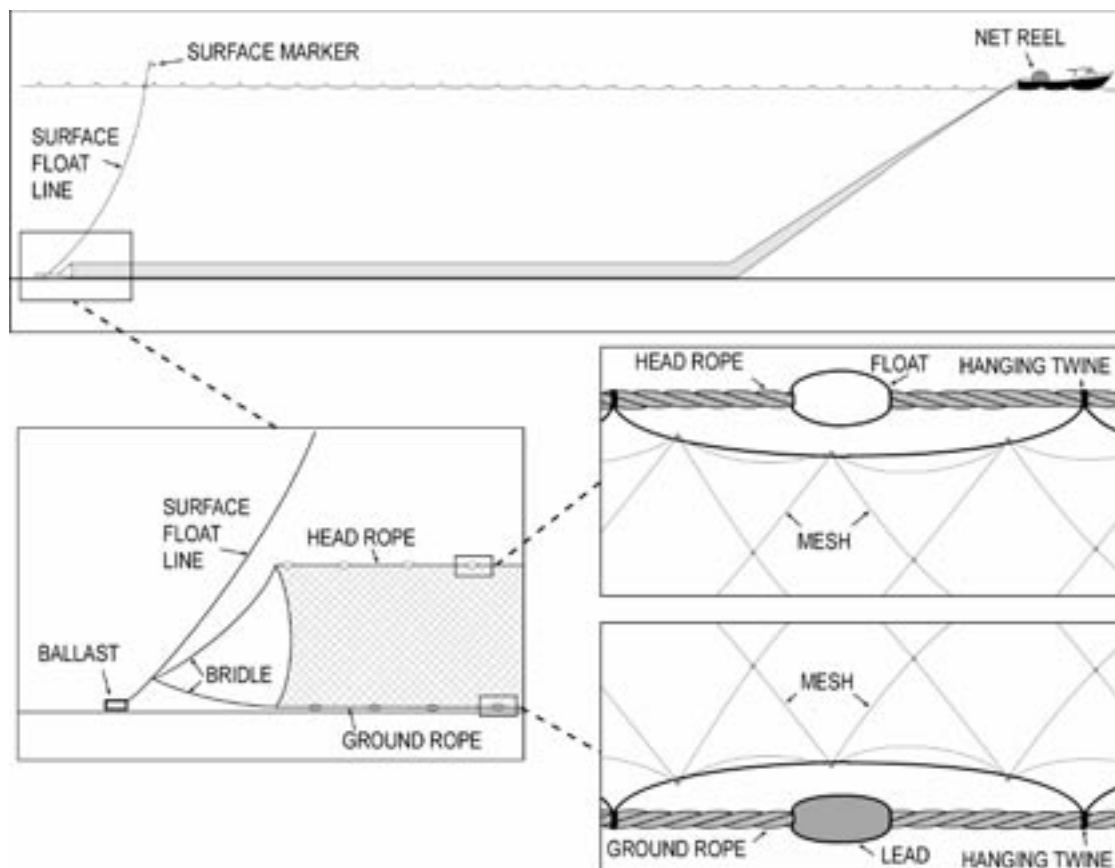


Figure 3. Typical demersal gillnet configuration.

Fishers generally set between 1 and 4 nets at any one time, depending on their unit allocation, vessel size, area of operation, expected catch rates, *etc.* Each net is typically between 1,000 m and 3,000 m long and each vessel’s nets may be set in close proximity to each other or separated by distances of several kilometres. Most vessels deploy their gear overnight (the mean observed ‘soak time’ for nets in these fisheries is 17 hours) but some operators deploy and recover their gear twice per day.

1.3 Objectives of this report

This report provides a snapshot of the catch composition of the Southern and West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline fisheries over a five-year period between 1994 and 1999. Because fishery landings records do not include discarded bycatch and, in some cases, fishers do not report all catch to species level or are unable to identify less common species, research data collected during extensive at sea sampling provides the

best source of information with which to validate the catches of minor species and record of the bycatch in these fisheries. This information is particularly useful in undertaking Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) assessment of these fisheries, a requirement of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act, 1999, to maintain their export approval. It is also intended that these data will provide fishery scientists and managers with a clearer understanding of all components of the catches by these fisheries and provide baseline data for future management arrangements.

Data presented in this report were collected during two research projects which were part-funded by grants from the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation: FRDC projects 93/67, 'Stock Assessment of Large Coastal and Demersal Sharks' and 96/130 'Biology and Stock Assessment of Western Australia's Commercially Important Shark Species'. The information in this report was not incorporated into the final FRDC project reports as it was largely outside the projects' aims and objectives.

2.0 Methods

2.1 Data collection

Data for this study have come from two sources: the Department of Fisheries' (WA DOF) Catch and Effort Statistics System (CAESS) records of commercial fishers' monthly returns, which are submitted as a condition of renewal of their licences, and from research conducted by Department of Fisheries Shark Research Section staff on board commercial gillnet fishing vessels during their regular fishing activities in the JASDGDLF and the WCDGDLF. No trips were undertaken on board the few vessels operating demersal longlines. Research data were collected between July 1994 and June 1999 on vessels operating from the ports of Geraldton, Jurien Bay, Two Rocks, Fremantle, Bunbury, Augusta, Albany, Esperance and Eucla (Figure 2). Research trips were conducted in March, April, May (Autumn), July (Winter), September, October and November (Spring). Where possible, each trip took place for one week either side of the full moon, depending on weather conditions, availability of vessels and other logistical constraints. Fishers took researchers to sea on a voluntary basis and consequently data were not collected from all vessels in these fisheries.

During research trips, observers recorded the date, time, depth, latitude and longitude of all gillnet 'sets'. Nets were set either once or twice each day, depending on the vessel, catches, weather conditions, etc. Catch was identified to the lowest possible taxa and measured as soon as practical after being removed from the net. Total lengths (TL) of scalefish (teleosts) were measured as a straight line from the tip of the snout to a line perpendicular with the tip of the upper lobe of the caudal fin, with it held in a 'natural' position (Figure 4). Fork lengths (FL) of sharks were measured as a straight line from the tip of the snout to the rear margin of the fork of the tail and total length was measured as a straight line from the tip of the snout to the tip of the caudal fin when it was held in a 'natural position' (Figure 4). For practical reasons, sharks of less than 140cm TL were measured using measuring boards fitted with fixed end plates and larger fish were measured on deck with tape measures. All lengths were recorded to the nearest centimetre. Whenever possible, sharks were also sexed.

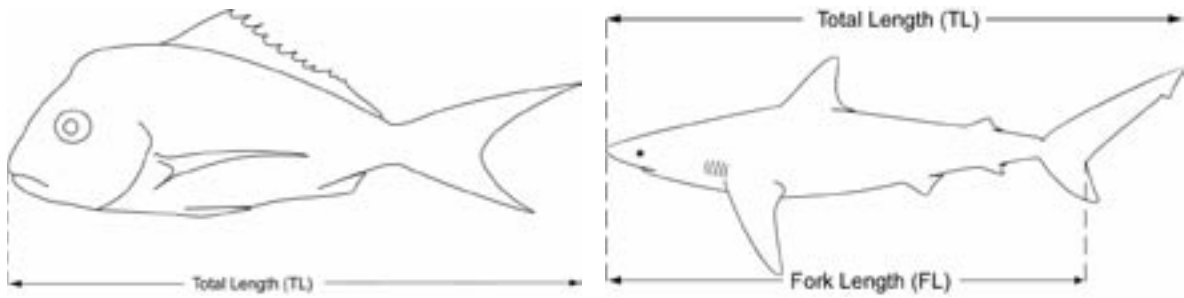


Figure 4. Length measurements.

Discarded catch (i.e. damaged fish or species of no commercial value) was also identified and counted. Where available, size frequency data from gillnet mesh selectivity experiments (Simpfendorfer and Unsworth, 1998a), were used to calculate the weight of catches of discarded species. Only data from the 6.5 (16.5 cm) and 7 inch (17.8 cm) experimental net panels, which correspond to commercial mesh sizes, are included in this report.

2.2 Data analysis

2.2.1 Commercial data

Catch and effort (CAESS) data from the JASDGLF and WCDGLF were subdivided into 6 regions: Region 1, between longitudes 124°E and 129°E; Region 2, between longitudes 119°E and 124°E; Region 3, between longitudes 116°E and 119°E; Region 4, between longitude 116°E and latitude 33°S; Region 5, between latitudes 33°S and 30°S and Region 6, between latitudes 30°S and 27°S (Figure 5). The mean annual reported catch of each species (or category) and effort from each region between July 1994 and June 1999 were calculated from these regional data.

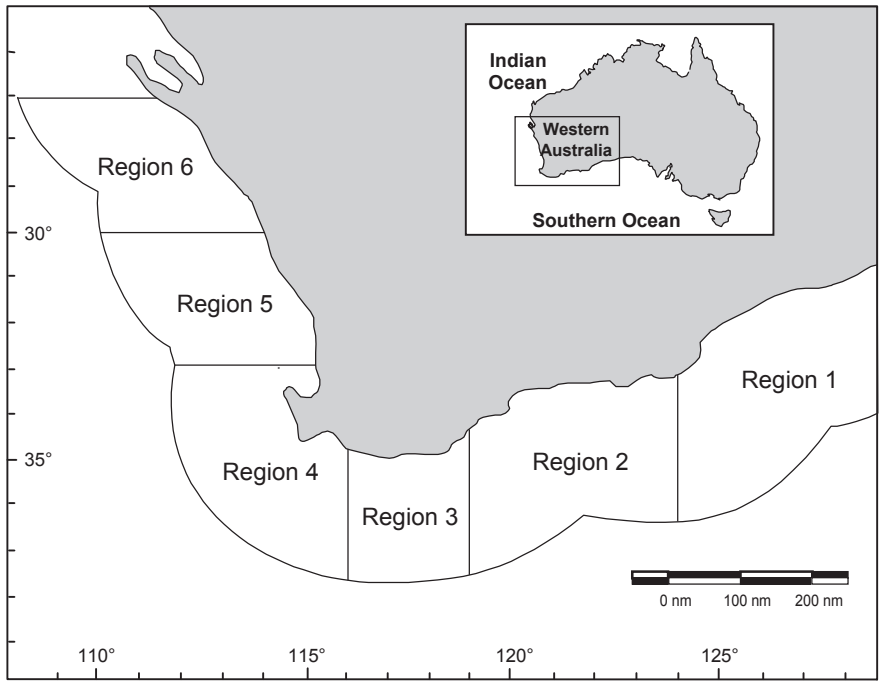


Figure 5. Regional boundaries.

Due to the wide variety of marine finfish fauna caught in Western Australia and because fishers can use multiple names to describe the same species, a small number of species were not recognised by the CAESS database. Unrecognised species, which could not be properly identified from the original fishing returns, were designated as 'unspecified'. In Figures 6-13, all species or species, which comprised less than 1% or 100kg of the reported catch, were combined as 'minor species'. The full species breakdown of the commercial catch is given in Appendix I.

Demersal longline fishing effort was converted to equivalent gillnet effort by using the original net-to-hook conversion specified by the management plan (ie. 600m gillnet:200 hooks) . The combined gillnet and longline effort is referred to as 'gillnet equivalent' effort in this report and all effort figures are expressed in units of kilometre gillnet hours, unless otherwise specified. Catch per unit effort (CPUE), was calculated by dividing the catch by the corresponding 'gillnet equivalent' effort.

This report only considers records from the temperate demersal gillnet and longline fisheries (JASDGDLF and WCDGDLF) and data may not necessarily match those reported in WA DOF annual Status and Stock Assessment reports, which are inclusive of data from all licensed Western Australian fishing vessels.

2.2.2 Research data

Research observer effort was calculated for each commercial gillnet 'set' observed between July 1994 and June 1999 by multiplying the recorded net length by 'soak' time (the difference between the set time and the haul time). For a small number of sets, where soak time was not available, the mean set time for that vessel in the same month was used. Also for a small number of sets, where net length was not recorded, the net length used by that vessel on either the previous day or next day was used. Effort is summarised regionally and expressed in units of km gillnet hours (km gn hr).

In order to compare observer data with CAESS records, the research-observed catch was converted to weights of measured fish. Weights were calculated using fork length to total length relationships (Appendix II), derived from the WA DOF Shark Research Section's database, and a combination of published and previously unpublished length-weight relationships, which were empirically measured during commercial and recreational sampling programs (Appendix III). All weights referred to in this report are whole weights, unless stated otherwise. Unmeasured fish were assigned the regional mean weight for their species and sex, with unsexed fish given the sex-combined mean regional weight. Where regional averages were not available (i.e. when sample sizes were too small) the total average weight for the species, across all regions, was used (Appendix IV).

Because they were generally discarded and due to difficulties in handling them safely, stingrays (families Dasyatididae and Urolophidae) and eagle rays (family Myliobatididae) were not measured by observers. Average weights were therefore estimated from the authors' personal observations. Other rarely encountered discard species, such as gurnards, gurnard perch, carpet sharks, boxfish, harlequin fish and north-west blowfish were usually unmeasured and their average weights were also estimated. No suitable length-weight relationship for dusky morwong was available at the time of writing. Therefore, the relationship for a related species, the banded morwong, *Cheilodactylus spectabilis*, was tried but was judged as giving too high an average value (12.89kg) so the average weight of dusky morwongs was adjusted to 9 kg.

As with commercial catch summaries, small components of the observed catch (i.e. those that were <1% of the regional catch or were <50kg) were combined as ‘minor species’. A full description of these catches is given in Appendix V.

The following elasmobranch species were generally considered unsaleable and, therefore, discarded: Port Jackson sharks, *Heterodontus portusjacksoni*; eagle rays, family Myliobatidae; angel sharks, family Squatinidae; western wobbegongs, *Orectolobus sp.* A (Last and Stevens, 1994); cobbler wobbegongs, *Sutorectus tentaculatus*; saw sharks, family Pristiophoridae; shovelnose rays, families Rhinobatidae and Rhynchobatidae; stingrays and stingarees, families Dasyatidae and Urolophidae, carpet sharks, family Parascyllidae and broadnose sevengill sharks, *Notorynchus cepedianus*. Discarded teleosts were: buffalo bream, *Kyphosus cornelii*; dusky morwong, *D. nigricans*; red-lipped morwong, *Cheilodactylus rubrolabiatus*; north-west blowfish, *Lagocephalus scleratus*; gurnards, family Triglidae; gurnard perches, *Neosebastes spp.*; sea carp, family Aplodactylidae; boxfish, family Ostraciidae; scorpionfish, family Scorpaenidae and stargazers, family Uranoscopidae.

2.2.3 Catch estimation using research observed CPUE data

In an attempt to validate the accuracy of commercial CAES reporting in the WA temperate demersal gillnet and demersal longline fisheries and to estimate the fisheries’ level of discarded bycatch, observed catch rates were used to back-calculate commercial catches between 1994 and 1999. The overall (all regions) annual catch per unit effort (CPUE) was calculated for the 18 most commonly observed (by number) species of sharks and 14 species of scalefish. In regions where 5 years of observer data were available (regions 2-5), regional catch rates were also calculated for the 9 most common shark species and 4 of the most common scalefish. The ‘expected’ CPUE for each species was calculated by fitting a linear regression to the annual research observed data. By randomly sampling the variance from the expected CPUE regression, 500 ‘bootstrapped’ CPUE datasets were generated. The mean annual catch of each species and 95% confidence intervals were then estimated by multiplying the bootstrapped CPUE data by the annual commercially reported effort.

2.2.4 Non fish Bycatch

Observer data sheets were examined for notes regarding the capture of non-fish bycatch and records were tabulated. To confirm that these records were complete, field staff were questioned about the possibility of unrecorded incidents. All confirmed that, with the possible exception of very occasional rock lobster and gastropod captures, all such captures were recorded.

3.0 Results

3.1 Effort

Between 1994 and 1999, demersal gillnetting was, by far, the preferred fishing method, accounting for more than 97% of total effort in the fisheries (Table 1). Vessels operating in Region 6 reported the highest proportion of longline effort, where it accounted for 11.8% of regional 'gillnet equivalent' effort. Mean annual fishing effort was greatest in region 5 (47,296 km gn.hr) and least in region 2 (30,364 km gn.hr). During the last year of the study however, region 4 reported the highest level of effort (50,470 km gn.hr) and region 3 the lowest (26,573 km gn.hr). Whilst the overall level of fishing effort decreased by 6.2% between 1994 and 1999, during the same period, effort increased in regions 1, 2, 4 and 6 (Appendix I). Effort also increased appreciably in region 5 between 1994 and 1998 before declining sharply in 1998/99. Only region 3 reported a steadily declining trend during this period.

Research staff observed 7.4% of total fishery effort during the study period, all of which was on board gillnet vessels. Regionally, research coverage ranged between 1.8% (Region 2) and 19.8% (Region 4) of commercial effort.

Table 1. Southern and West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Longline Fishery effort and research 'observed' effort, July 1994 to June 1999.

Region	Commercial			Research	
	gillnet effort (km gn hours)	longline effort (‘000 hook hours)	'gillnet equivalent' effort (km gn hours)	observed effort (km gn hours)	% of commercial effort observed
1	155,046	3	155,055	3,984	2.6
2	151,616	68	151,819	2,792	1.8
3	168,138	1,273	171,957	7,614	4.4
4	223,430	266	224,229	44,404	19.8
5	229,784	2,233	236,482	19,975	8.4
6	148,460	5,863	166,048	3,121	1.9
All	1,076,473	9,706	1,105,590	81,890	7.4

3.2 Catch composition

3.2.1 Commercial elasmobranch catch

Due to the magnitude of fluctuation in fishing effort and because species catches are confounded with vessels' targeting behaviour, the following trends in landings should not necessarily be considered representative of changes in species' abundance. The mean annual temperate demersal gillnet and demersal longline fisheries' catch of elasmobranchs was 1,298.6 tonnes. Total annual shark and ray catches declined by 151.1 tonnes (11.6%) between 1994 and 1999, corresponding to the 6.2% reduction in effort resulting from management adjustments to the fisheries' unit allowances. The largest decrease in elasmobranch catch (105.6 tonnes) occurred in region 5, where effort dropped by 29.8% (Appendix I). Region 4 reported the largest mean annual regional catch of elasmobranchs (262.8 tonnes) and region 6, the smallest (142.4 tonnes). Annually, 72.7 tonnes (5.6 % of the total elasmobranch catch) of shark was either undescribed by fishers on their returns or unrecognised by CAESS.

The group of sharks recorded as 'bronze whaler' (primarily dusky sharks, *Carcharhinus obscurus*), was the single largest component (28.8%) of the commercially reported

elasmobranch catch (Figure 6). Annual ‘bronze whaler’ catches showed a gradual decline from 425.6 tonnes in 1994/95 to 336.9 tonnes in 1998/99, with a mean annual catch of 374.2 tonnes. Gummy shark, *Mustelus antarcticus*, was the second most important species with a mean annual catch of 282.1 tonnes (21.7%). Despite a dramatic decline in 1995/96, annual gummy shark catches increased from 271.1 tonnes in 1994/95 to 314.4 tonnes in 1998/99. Whiskery shark, *Furgaleus macki*, was the third largest component, with a mean annual catch of 198.8 tonnes (15.3%). Whiskery shark catches fell by 19% between 1994/95 and 1998/99. Sandbar (known locally as thickskin) shark, *Carcharhinus plumbeus*, catches doubled between 1994/95 and 1998/99. On average, the annual sandbar shark catch was 120.2 tonnes (9.3%), making it the fourth largest component of the fisheries’ elasmobranch catch.

Two species of sharks which were caught by the temperate WA demersal gillnet and demersal longline fisheries were protected under the Endangered Species Protection Act 1992¹ (ESP) during the course of this project, causing rapid declines in their reported catches. There was no reported catch of great white sharks, *Carcharodon carcharias*, in 1998/99 (Appendix I), following their listing in December 1997. Smaller quantities of grey nurse sharks, *Carcharias taurus*, which were also listed under the ESP Act in December 1997, continued to be reported from State waters (outside of the jurisdiction of Commonwealth legislation) in 1998/99 until their protection under the State’s Wildlife Conservation Act in December 1999.

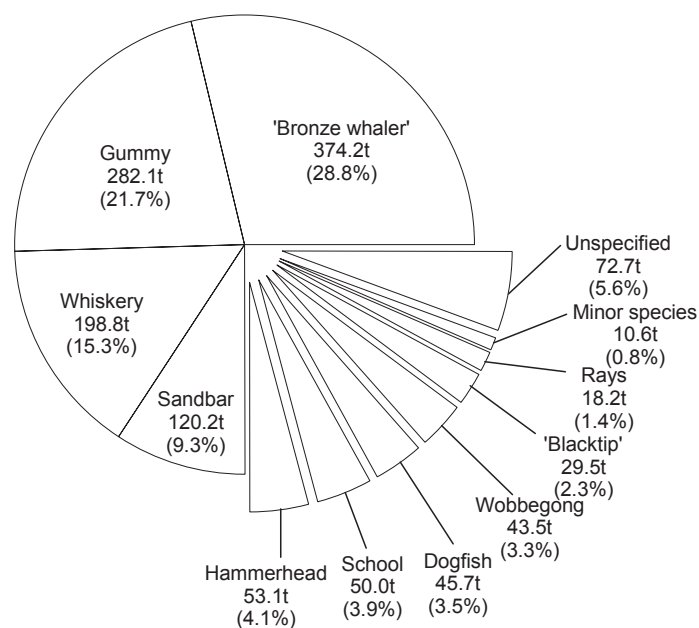


Figure 6. All regions mean annual elasmobranch catch reported by demersal gillnet and demersal longline fishers, July 1994 to June 1999.

‘Bronze whaler’ was an important part of the fisheries’ catch in all six regions (Figure 7), accounting for between 9.3% (region 2) and 49.4% (region 4) of regional catches. *F. macki*, catches were also significant in all six regions, comprising between 7.3% (region 6) and 21.7% (region 4). *M. antarcticus*, were by far the largest component of the elasmobranch catch in regions 1 and 2 (49.7% and 58.1% respectively) and also an important portion of the catch in region 3 (24.1%). However, they were caught in only small quantities in the other three regions. Sandbar sharks, *C. plumbeus*, were caught in insignificant quantities in regions 1, 2, 3 and 4, however they were a major portion of the catch in region 5 (17.8%) and the primary component of the catch in region 6 (40.8%), although catches in region 6 only began

¹ The ESP Act was superseded by the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act in 1999.

to exceed those of 'bronze whaler' in 1996/97 (Appendix I). Whilst small overall, catches of school shark, *Galeorhinus galeus*, (20.4% in region 1) and 'dogfish', family *Squalidae*, (11.2% in region 2 and 9.6% in region 3) were locally significant.

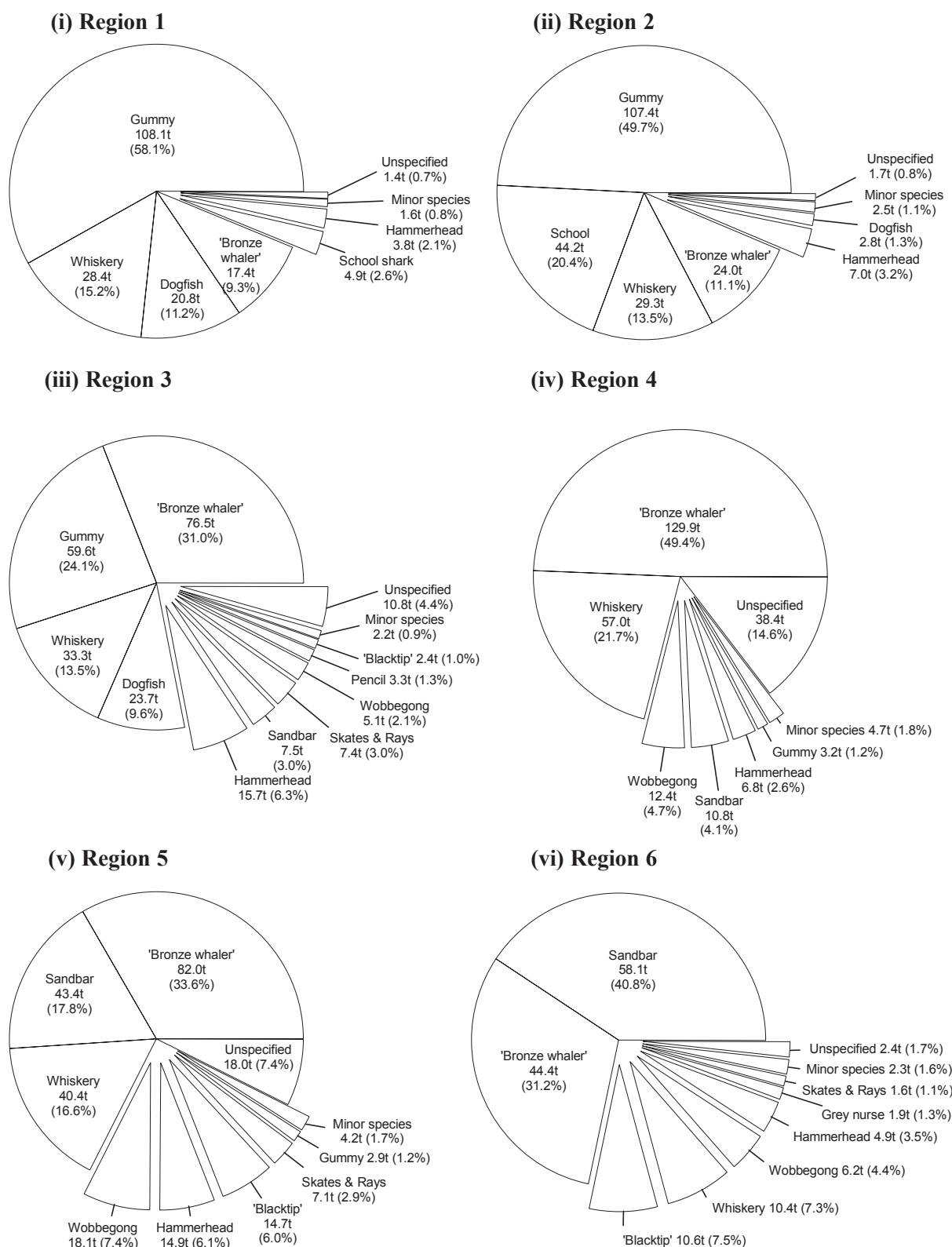


Figure 7. Regional mean annual elasmobranch catches reported by demersal gillnet and demersal longline fishers, July 1994 to June 1999.

3.2.2 Commercial teleost catch

Between 1994 and 1999, the annual teleost (scalefish) catch averaged 196.6 tonnes (13.1% of total landings). The proportion of scalefish in the fisheries' total catch increased by 14.8%, from 183.3 tonnes (11.1%) in 1994/95, to 210.3 tonnes (13.3%) in 1998/99 (Appendix I). Unidentified scalefish accounted for 16.9% of all scalefish caught. Queen snapper, *Nemadactylus valenciennesi*, (24.9%) was the primary component of the scalefish catch in the two fisheries, with a mean annual catch of 48.9 tonnes. The next largest components were, blue groper, *Achoerodus gouldii*, (15.1%); West Australian dhufish, *Glaucosoma hebraicum*, (10.4%) and pink snapper, *Pagrus auratus*, (9.9%). Annual catches of queen snapper, blue groper and dhufish remained fairly steady over this five-year period (Appendix I). The annual pink snapper catch, however, nearly doubled from 13.8 tonnes in 1994/95 to 25.0 tonnes in 1998/99, with a minimum 9.8 tonnes in 1995/96. The highest proportion of 'unidentified' scalefish (15.0 tonnes yr⁻¹) was reported from region 4, where it accounted for 33.5% of the regional catch (Figure 9).

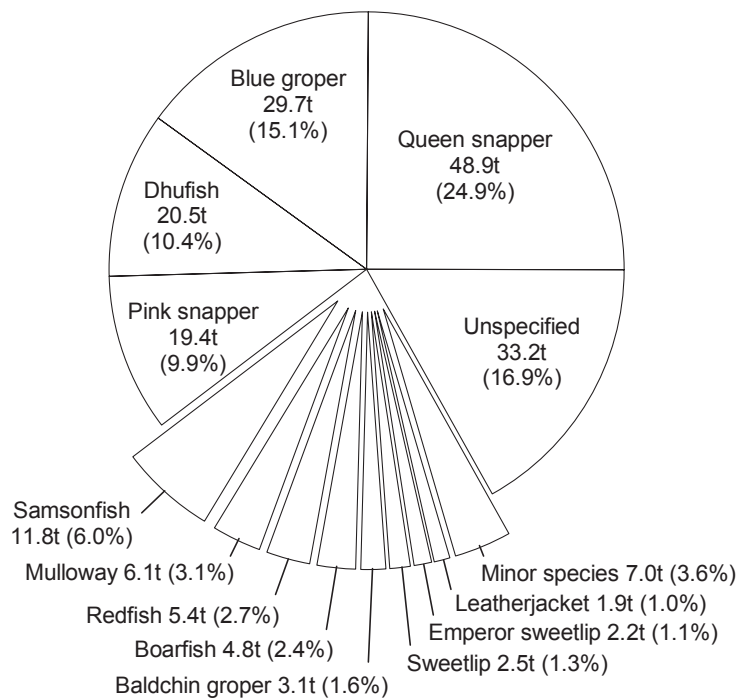


Figure 8. All regions mean annual teleost catch reported by demersal gillnet and demersal longline fishers, July 1994 to June 1999.

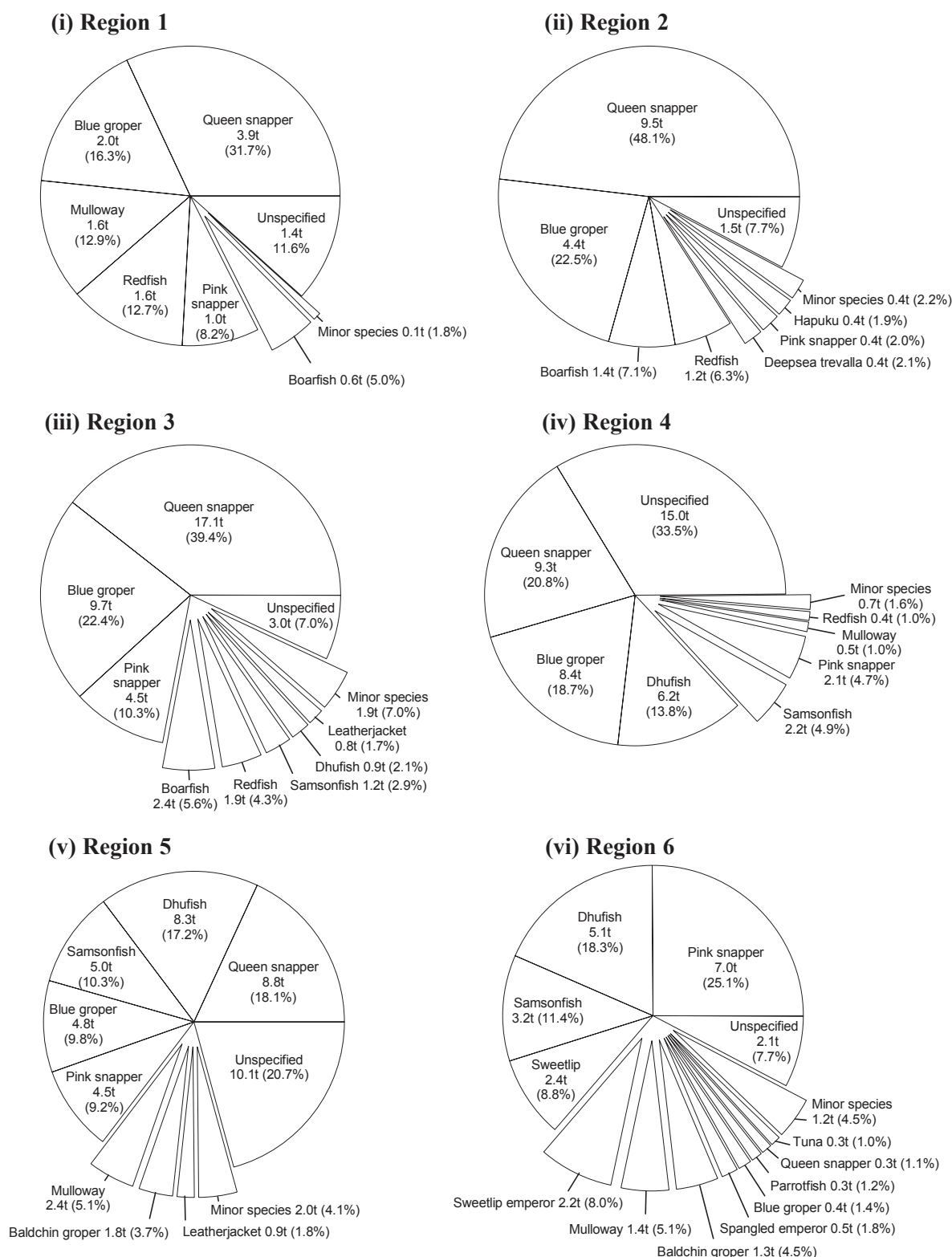


Figure 9. Regional mean annual teleost catches reported by demersal gillnet and demersal longline fishers, July 1994 to June 1999.

Region 5 reported the largest scalefish catch (mean of 48.4 tonnes yr⁻¹) and region 1, the smallest (mean of 12.4 tonnes yr⁻¹). Queen snapper, *N. valenciennesi*, was the principal component of the scalefish catch in regions 1 (31.7%), 2 (48.1 %) and 3 (39.4%) but accounted for only 20.8% and 18.1% and 1.1% of the scalefish catch in regions 4, 5 and

6 respectively. Blue groper, *A. gouldii*, was the next most significant scalefish species in regions 1 (16.3%), 2 (22.5%), 3 (22.4%) and 4 (18.7%). Blue groper was also a valuable part of the scalefish catch in region 5 (9.8%) but was also only caught in very small quantities in region 6 (1.4%). Pink snapper, *P. auratus*, was the principal scalefish species in region 6, where fishers landed an average of 7.0 tonnes yr⁻¹ (25.1%) and was also important in region 3 (10.3%) and region 5 (9.2%). Other regionally important species were mullet, *Argyrosomus hololepidotus*, and 'redfish' (*Centroberyx spp.*), in region 1 (12.9% and 12.7% respectively); samsonfish, *Seriola hippos*, in regions 5 and 6 (10.3% and 11.4% respectively) and emperor sweetlip, *Lethrinus miniatus*, (8.0%) in region 6.

3.2.3 Research observed elasmobranch catch

The three main components of the observed elasmobranch catch were *Carcharhinus obscurus*, (28.9%), *Mustelus antarcticus* (15.4%) and *Furgaleus macki* (11.6%) (Figure 10). In total, 11 species were generally discarded (Appendix V), estimated to be 13.7% by weight of the observed catch. The majority of discarded bycatch was the Port Jackson shark, *Heterodontus portusjacksoni*, which accounted for 10.3% of the total elasmobranch catch.

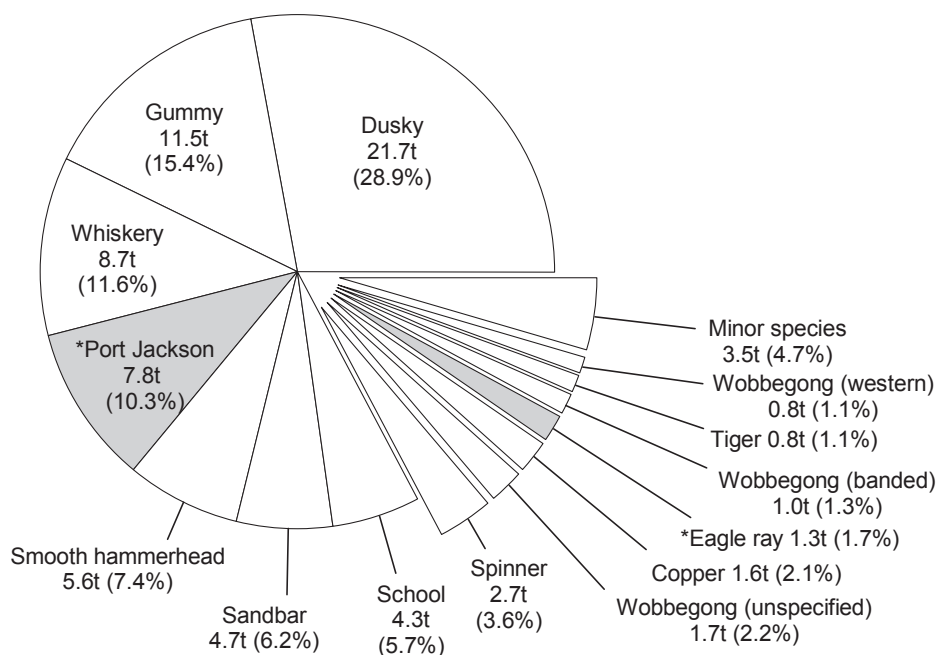


Figure 10. All regions research observed mean annual elasmobranch catch, July 1994 to June 1999. Shaded species indicate discarded catch.

Figure 11 summarises the regional elasmobranch catches observed by research staff. School shark, *Galeorhinus galeus*, was the most commonly observed species in region 1 (31.6%), *M. antarcticus*, was the most common in regions 2 (57.8%) and 3 (38.3%), *C. obscurus*, was the most common in regions 4 (37.7%), 5 (22.4%) and sandbar shark, *Carcharhinus plumbeus*, was the most common in region 6 (41.6%). *C. obscurus* was also caught in significant quantities in regions 2, 3 and 6 (11.8%, 25.6% and 20.2%, respectively). *Furgaleus macki*, was also significant in regions 2-5, comprising between 8.1% (region 3) and 14.3% (region 4) of the catch. Sandbar sharks were also responsible for 19.4% of the catch in region 5, 7.5% in region 4 and 10.7% in region 3 but were not reported at all in regions 1 and 2.

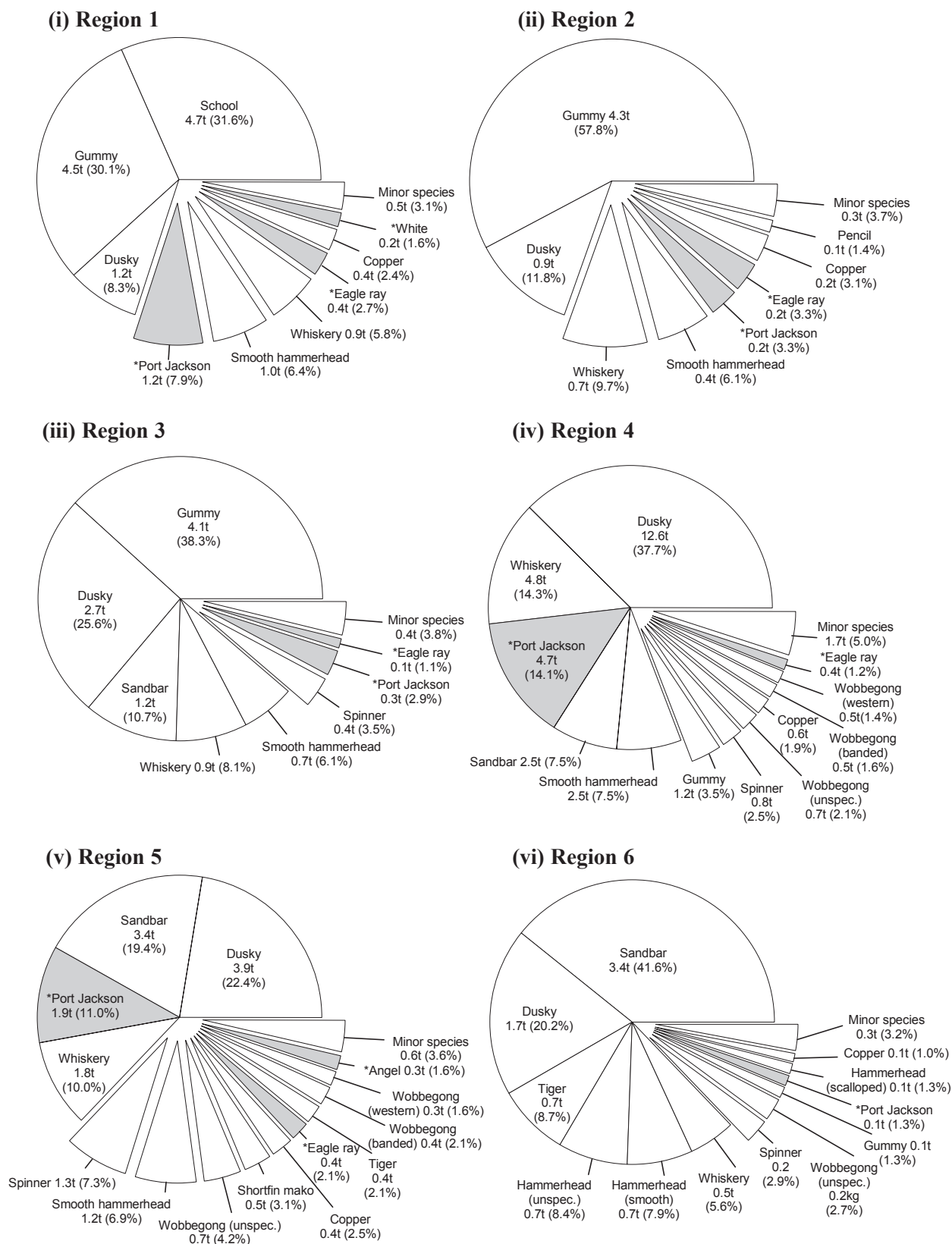


Figure 11. Regional research observed mean annual elasmobranch catches, July 1994 to June 1999. Shaded species indicate discarded catch.

Region 4 had the highest overall incidence of discarded elasmobranch bycatch (17.6%), followed by region 5 (15.7%) and region 1 (13.5%). Region 3 had the lowest recorded quantity of elasmobranch bycatch (0.05%). Port Jackson sharks were the most frequently observed discarded species in all regions, estimated to account for between 1.3% (region 6) and 14.1% (region 4) of regional catches. Eagle rays, were the next most common group but only accounted for 1.7% of the total elasmobranch catch and between 0.1% (region 6) and 3.3% (region 2) regionally.

3.2.4 Research observed teleost catch

The observed teleost catch is summarised in Figure 12. The most important commercially-valuable teleost species were *G. hebraicum*, at 16.3% of the catch, followed by *N. valenciennesi*, (10.5%), *A. gouldii*, (10.0%) and *P. auratus* (4.8%). Only 10 of the 46 observed species of scalefish were discarded, however these amounted to 32.1% of the estimated weight of the catch. Two species were responsible for almost all of the discarded teleost bycatch; buffalo bream, *Kyphosus cornelii* and dusky morwong, *Dactylophora nigricans*, which accounted for 19.6% and 12.4% of the weight of the catch, respectively.

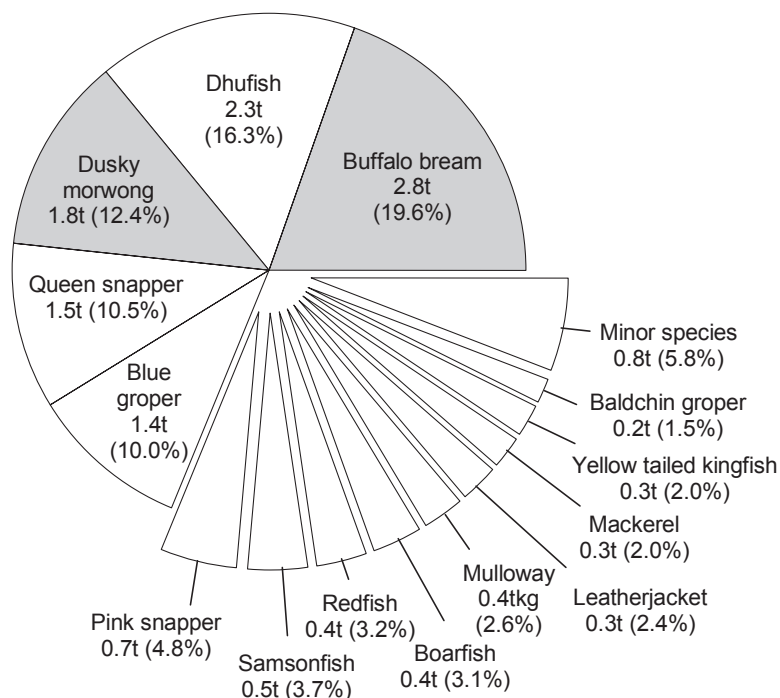
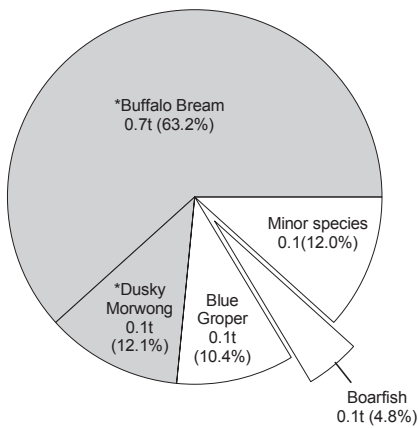


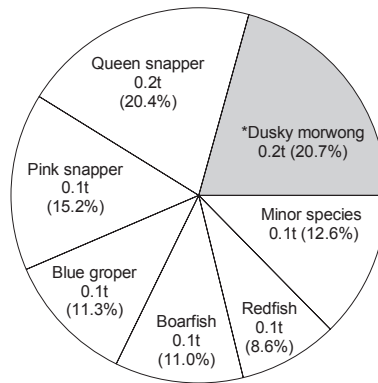
Figure 12. All regions research observed mean annual teleost catch, July 1994 to June 1999. Shaded species indicate discarded catch.

Region 1 had the highest overall incidence of discarded teleosts (73.4% of the catch by weight), followed by region 6 (37.5%); region 5 (34.6%); region 4 (31.6%) and region 2 (23.4%). Region 3 had the lowest occurrence (10.8%). The only regions where a discarded species was not the predominant component of the scalefish catch were regions 3, where *N. valenciennesi*, accounted for 34.7% of the catch and region 5, where *G. hebraicum* made up 22.5% of the catch (Figure 13). *K. cornelii* was the dominant scalefish species in region 1 (63.2%), region 4 (18.1%) and region 6 (36.6%), whilst *D. nigricans* was the major scalefish species in region 2 (20.7%).

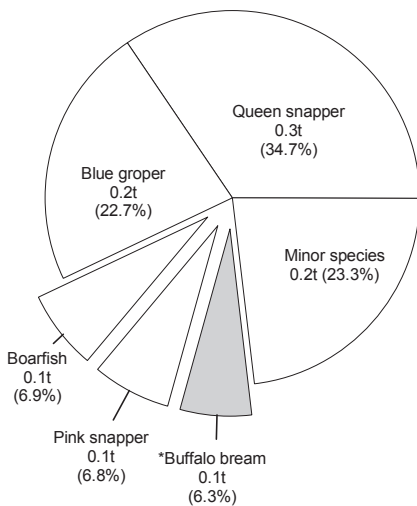
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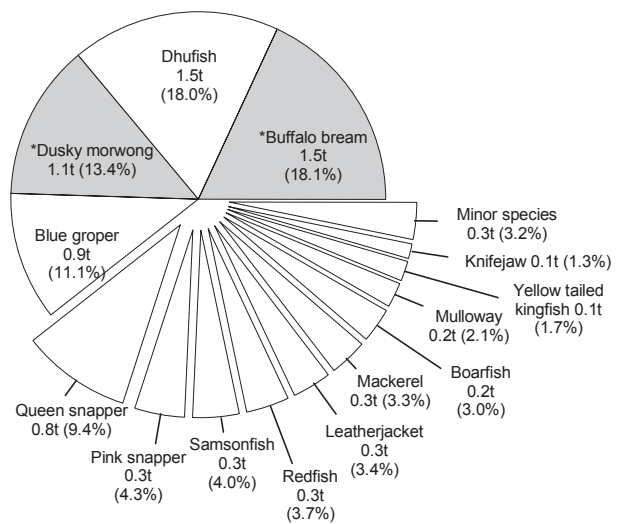
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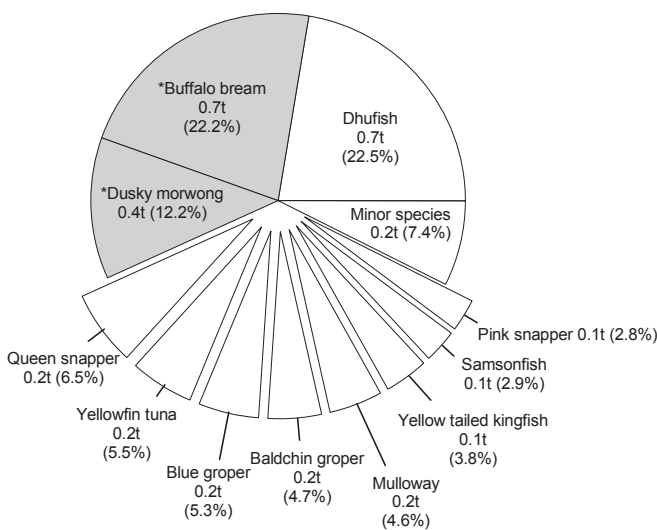
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(v) Region 5



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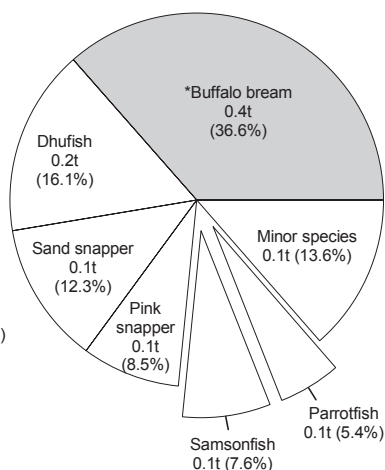


Figure 13. Regional research observed mean annual scalefish catches, July 1994 to June 1999. Shaded species indicate discarded catch.

3.2.5 Species diversity

In total, 16 elasmobranch species² were reported by gillnet and longline fishers in their monthly catch returns between 1994 and 1999 (Table 2). The highest commercially reported diversity occurred in regions 3 and 5, where 14 individual species were recorded. Fishers in regions 4 and 6 reported catching 12 species; Region 2 fishers reported 11 and Region 1 fishers reported 10.

Observers recorded a total of 34 elasmobranch categories, 23 of which were identified to individual species (Appendix IV). The greatest observed elasmobranch diversity occurred in region 4 (28 species), followed by region 5, with 25 and region 3, with 24. The lowest elasmobranch diversity (18 species) was observed in region 1, however this was also where the least amount of research coverage occurred. Fishers in regions 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 reported between 55% and 60% of the elasmobranchs diversity recorded by observers. However, less than 43% of the observed diversity was reported in Region 4, which also reported, by far, the largest proportion of unidentified shark (14.6%).

Table 2. Regional species diversity.

Region	Elasmobranchs					Teleosts				
	# spp. CAESS	# spp. observed	% of observed diversity reported	unspecified (kg)	unspecified (%)	# spp. CAESS	# spp. observed	% of observed diversity reported	unspecified (kg)	unspecified (%)
1	10	18	55.6	1,733	0.8	13	13	100.0	1,437	11.6
2	11	20	55.0	1,361	0.7	19	24	79.2	1,518	7.7
3	14	24	58.3	10,829	4.4	25	26	96.2	3,027	7.0
4	12	28	42.9	38,357	14.6	18	37	48.6	15,042	33.5
5	14	25	56.0	17,986	7.4	31	40	77.5	10,051	20.7
6	12	20	60.0	2,395	1.7	29	17	170.6	2,139	7.7
All	16	34	47.1	72,660	5.6	43	44	97.7	33,214	16.9

Demersal gillnet and longline fishers reported a total of 43 teleost species between 1994 and 1999. Highest diversity was reported in Region 5 (31 species), followed by Region 6 (29 species), the lowest diversity was reported in region 1 (13 species). Research staff also observed the highest teleost diversity in region 5 (40 species) and lowest in region 1 (13 species).

The reported level of teleost diversity in region 1 was the same as the observed level of diversity (although different species); very similar in region 3 and similar in regions 2 and 5. Fishers in Region 4, however reported far fewer teleost species than were observed (48.6% agreement) and also, the highest proportion of unidentified catch. Only fishers in region 6 reported catching more species than were recorded by observers.

3.3 Catch per unit effort (CPUE)

The total (all regions) catch per unit effort of the 18 elasmobranch and 14 scalefish species for which there were five-year datasets are illustrated in Figure 14 and Figure 15, respectively. Regional CPUE data were calculated for species where 5 years of catch and effort data were available. As research sampling was only conducted between 1994 and 1996 in region 1 and between 1994 and 1997 in region 6, no CPUE data were available for these regions and they were excluded. The remaining CPUE data, were used to generate bootstrapped estimated catches.

² In some cases, species were reported at a group level (eg. 'blacktip', 'hammerhead', 'rays', etc)

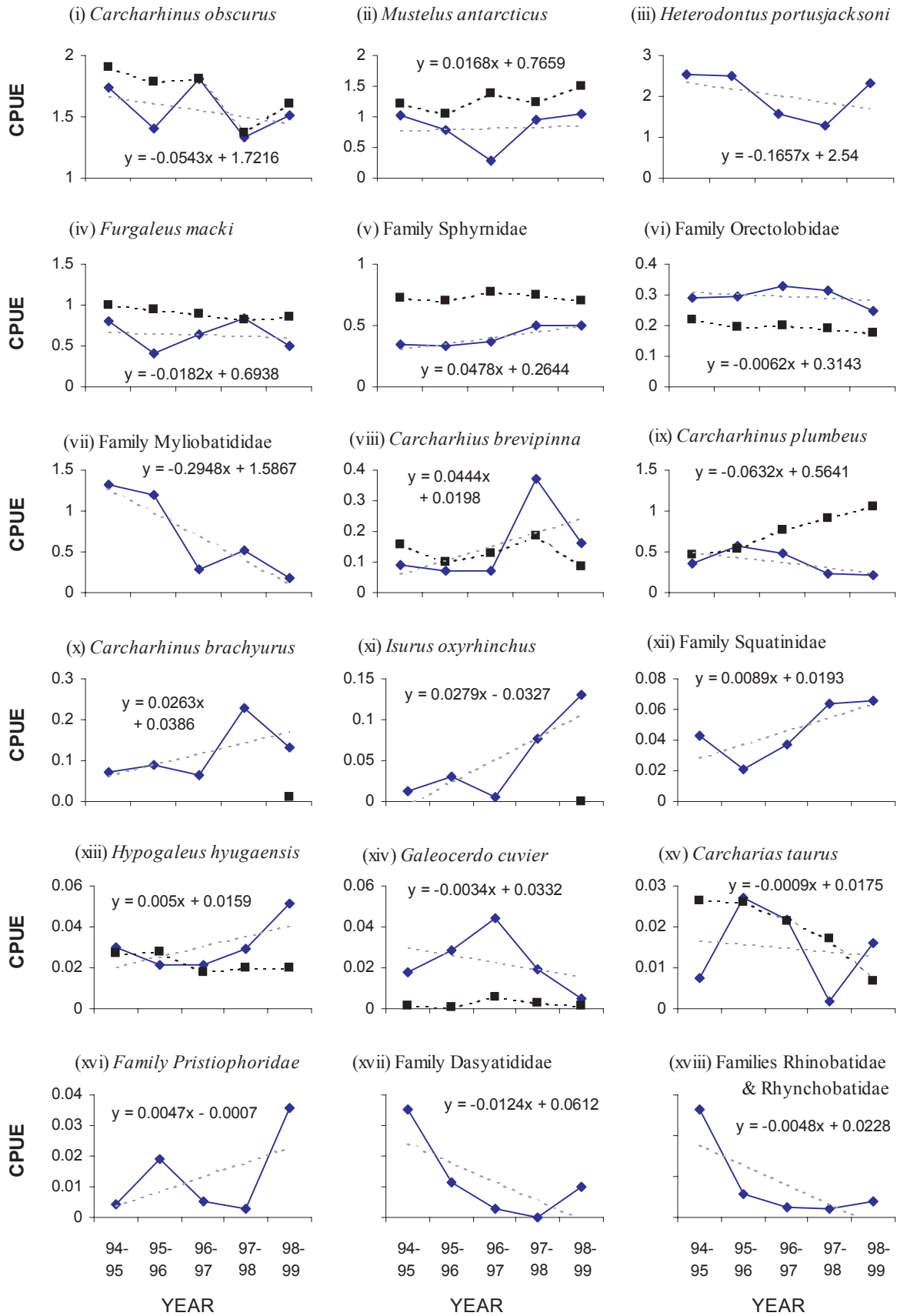


Figure 14. Research observed and commercially reported CPUE (kg/km gillnet hr) of 18 species of elasmobranchs (—◆— = Research; ---■--- = CAESS; = Est CPUE).

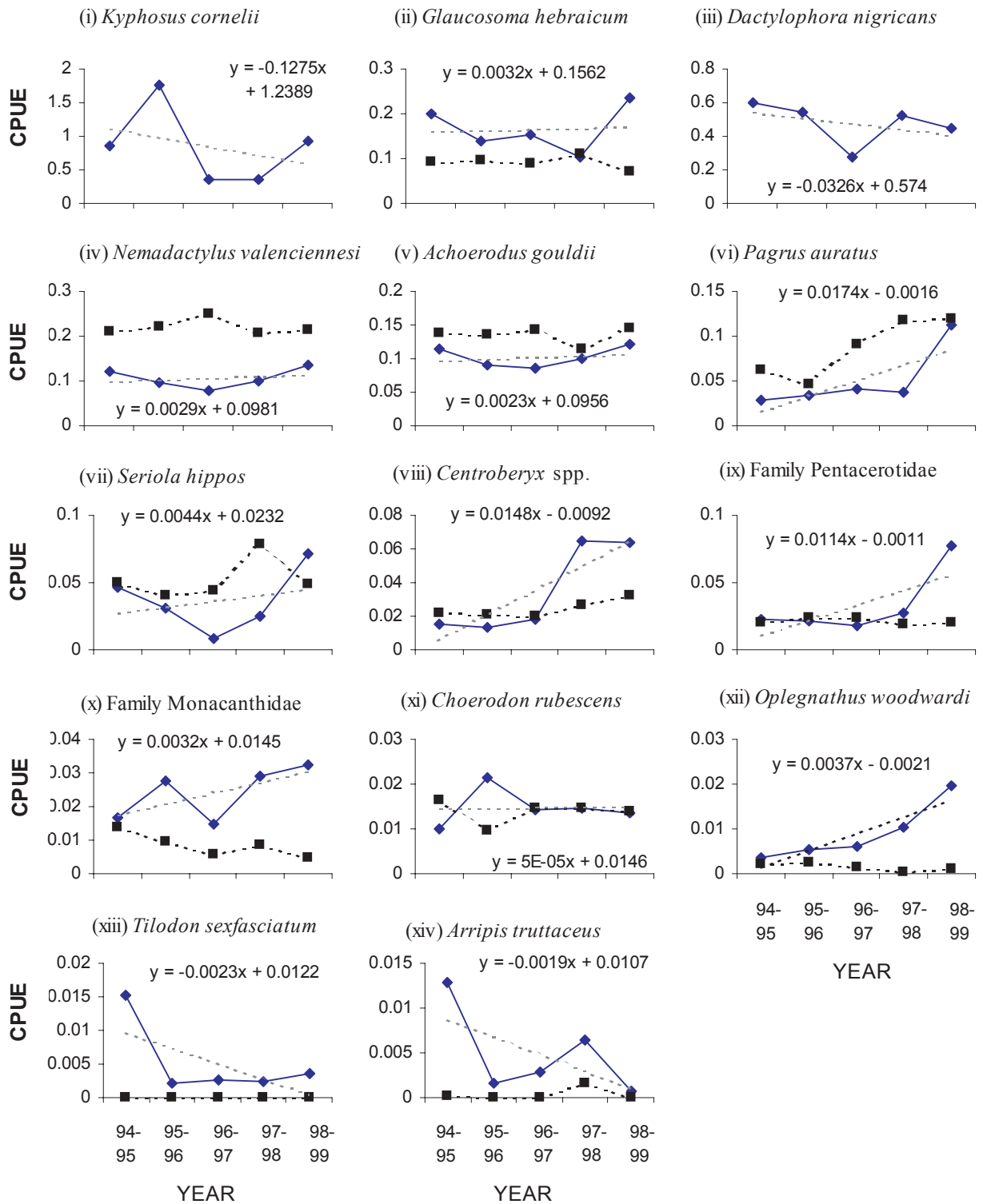


Figure 15. Research observed and commercially reported CPUE (kg/km gillnet hr) of 18 species of elasmobranchs (—◆— = Research; ---■--- = CAESS; = Est CPUE).

3.4 Estimated commercial catch

3.4.1 Elasmobranchs

The best estimate of the total (i.e. all regions) mean annual elasmobranch catch from bootstrapped CPUE data was 1186.6 tonnes (Table 3), 112.0 tonnes less than was reported by the fishery (Table 4). The upper 95% confidence interval also underestimated the total catch by 28.5 tonnes.

Table 3. Annual mean estimated commercial elasmobranch catches from 'bootstrapped' observer CPUE data.

Name	Species	Estimated mean annual catch (tonnes) and 95% CIs in parentheses				
		Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Total
Dusky	<i>Carcharhinus obscurus</i>	28.7 (1.2-71.0)	115.8 (25.3-201.5)	82.3 (56.3-103.2)	45.2 (24.6-62.0)	295.2 (61.7-347.8)
Gummy	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	101.3 (56.0-186.0)	159.1 (66.0-336.7)	7.9 (4.9-10.5)	1.8 (0.2-6.0)	180.4 (79.6-235.1)
Port Jackson*	<i>Heterodontus portusjacksoni</i>	47.5 (11.2-77.5)	74.2 (48.0-124.0)	148.8 (108.5-200.2)	120.8 (70.7-176.5)	122.2 (48.9-246.8)
Whiskery	<i>Furgaleus macki</i>	18.7 (9.1-24.0)	34.9 (3.8-60.7)	33.5 (18.9-53.6)	23.5 (8.4-38.9)	120.3 (25.3-177.4)
Hammerheads	Sphyrnidae	15.1 (5.3-38.8)	25.2 (9.2-35.3)	15.4 (5.8-28.3)	15.5 (10.0-23.0)	88.6 (52.3-132.5)
Wobbeongs	Orectolobidae	n/a	3.0 (0.4-6.2)	34.0 (20.8-48.8)	24.0 (3.2-49.2)	65.4 (57.9-72.9)
Eagle Rays*	Myliobatididae	55.0 (21.3-113.2)	24.5 (3.5-82.5)	12.2 (5.6-27.5)	19.8 (11.3-29.6)	49.9 (5.4-141.1)
Longnose grey/Spinner	<i>Carcharhinus brevipinna</i>	n/a	n/a	5.4 (2.2-10.2)	6.1 (0.9-11.8)	44.9 (19.8-111.2)
Sandbar	<i>Carcharhinus plumbeus</i>	n/a	20.9 (2.4-59.3)	8.3 (0.2-16.0)	21.3 (14.2-31.5)	41.6 (16.7-58.2)
Copper	<i>Carcharhinus brachyurus</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	26.0 (14.2-44.9)
SF Mako	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	11.6 (4.5-16.4)
Angel sharks*	Squatinae	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	10.1 (6.6-13.3)
Pencil	<i>Hypogaleus galeus</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.8 (4.8-9.2)
Tiger	<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5.1 (2.4-9.8)
Grey Nurse	<i>Carcharias taurus</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.1 (0.6-5.8)
Sawsharks*	Pristiophoridae	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.0 (0.5-5.8)
Sting Rays*	Dasyatididae & Urolophidae	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.6 (0.9-6.5)
Shovelnose Rays*	Rhinobatidae & Rhynchobatidae	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9 (0.8-3.8)
All sharks and rays		101.2 (56.0-186.0)	408.3 (300.6-523.1)	218.5 (205.7-230.1)	227.4 (200.4-259.4)	1186.6 (1,068.1-1,270.1)

Catches of the three main target species, *C. obscurus*, *M. antarcticus*, *F. macki* were also underestimated by 79.0 tonnes (21.1%), 101.7 tonnes (36.1%) and 76.6 tonnes (38.5%), respectively. Commercial catches of *C. obscurus*, *M. antarcticus*, *F. macki* were also greater than the upper 95% confidence limits of the estimated catches by, 26.4 tonnes, 47.0 tonnes and 21.4 tonnes, respectively. Estimated catches of 'secondary' species were generally higher than reported catches. The best estimates of catches of hammerheads (mainly *Sphyrna*

zygaena), wobbegongs (Orectolobidae) and ‘blacktip’ sharks (*Carcharhinus brevipinna*) were, respectively, 35.5 tonnes (66.9%), 21.9 tonnes (50.5%) and 15.4 tonnes (52.2%) higher than commercially reported. Suitable five-year datasets were not available for school shark, *C. galeus* or dogfish (Squalidae). The mean annual catches of *H. portusjacksoni*, which were commercially unmarketable and discarded and eagle rays, which were only retained to a very minor extent, were estimated to be 122.2 tonnes and 49.9 tonnes, respectively. Discarded bycatch of Port Jackson sharks was estimated to be highest in regions 4 and 5, at 148.8 tonnes and 120.8 tonnes respectively. At 54.9 tonnes, eagle ray bycatch was estimated to be highest in region 2.

Table 4. Differences between estimated and recorded elasmobranch catches.

Name	Species	Estimated catch above/below reported catch (tonnes live wt.)				
		Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	All regions
Dusky	<i>Carcharhinus obscurus</i>	11.3	39.3	-47.6	-36.9	-79.0
Gummy	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	-6.8	99.4	4.6		-101.7
Whiskery	<i>Furgaleus macki</i>	-9.6	1.6	-23.4	-16.9	-78.5
Sandbar	<i>Carcharhinus plumbeus</i>		13.4	-2.5	-22.2	-78.6
Hammerhead	Family Sphyrnidae	11.2	9.5	8.6	0.7	35.5
Wobbegong	Family Orectolobidae		-2.1	21.6	5.9	22.0
Longnose grey/Spinner	<i>Carcharhinus brevipinna</i>			3.5	-8.6	15.4
Skates and Rays*		54.9†	17.1†	10.4†	12.7†	36.2†
Pencil	<i>Hypogaleus hyugaensis</i>					1.9
Grey Nurse	<i>Carcharias taurus</i>					-1.2
Tiger	<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>					4.6
Copper	<i>Carcharhinus brachyurus</i>					25.6
SF Mako	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>					11.6
Sawshark*	Family Pristiophoridae					3.0
Port Jackson*	<i>Heterodontus portusjacksoni</i>	47.5	74.2	148.8	120.8	122.2
Angel shark*	Family Squatinidae					10.1

* Discarded;

† Eagle rays (family Myliobatidae) only.

3.4.2 Teleosts

The estimated total teleost catch was 223.6 tonnes (Table 5), 27.0 tonnes (13.7%) more than reported (Table 6). *K. cornelii*, which was always discarded, was estimated to be the largest component of the teleost catch, with a mean annual catch of 44.1 tonnes. *G. hebraicum*, which was generally retained, was estimated to be the second largest scalefish component at 36.9t (16.4t more than reported) followed by *D. nigricans*, another discarded species at 29.6 tonnes. At 23.6 tonnes and 22.6 tonnes, respectively, *N. valenciennesi* and *A. gouldii* were underestimated overall and in all regions for which there were bootstrapped data. *P. auratus* and *S. hippos* were also slightly underestimated while all other species were overestimated. Bootstrapping results indicated that the highest level of discarded teleost bycatch occurred in region 5, where 60.4 tonnes of buffalo bream and 23.4 tonnes of dusky morwong were estimated to have been caught, followed by region 4, where catches were estimated at 46.3 tonnes and 34.2 tonnes respectively.

Table 5. Estimated commercial teleost catches from 'bootstrapped' observer CPUE data.

Name	Species	Estimated mean annual catch (tonnes) and 95% CIs in parentheses				
		Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Total
Buffalo Bream*	<i>Kyphosus cornellii</i>	4.7 (0.8-10.2)	13.1 (5.0-20.3)	46.3 (13.9-81.5)	60.4 (11.6-115.1)	44.1 (10.0-98.2)
Dhufish	<i>Glaucosoma hebraicum</i>					36.9 (21.8-50.4)
Dusky Morwong*	<i>Dactylophora nigricans</i>	30.6 (0.0-48.4)	10.0 (4.8-15.6)	34.2 (20.7-43.1)	23.4 (21.1-25.0)	29.6 (16.6-52.7)
Queen Snapper	<i>Nemadactylus valenciennesi</i>	4.5 (1.9-7.6)	12.3 (3.5-18.9)	5.0 (2.6-5.9)	2.7 (1.5-3.4)	23.6 (17.5-28.9)
Blue Groper	<i>Achoerodus gouldii</i>	2.7 (1.7-4.1)	8.4 (5.0-15.1)	6.0 (4.4-7.8)	2.5 (1.0-3.5)	22.6 (19.0-26.2)
Pink Snapper	<i>Pagrus auratus</i>					11.3 (5.0-17.4)
Samsonfish	<i>Seriola hippos</i>					8.1 (1.8-13.8)
Red Snapper	<i>Centroberyx</i> spp.					7.8 (4.5-11.1)
Boarfish	Family Pentacerotidae					7.2 (3.8-12.0)
Leatherjacket	Family Monacanthidae					5.3 (3.3-6.8)
Baldchin Groper	<i>Choerodon rubescens</i>					3.3 (2.2-4.7)
Knifejaw	<i>Oplegnathus woodwardi</i>					2.0 (1.4-2.7)
Moonlighter	<i>Tilodon sexfasciatum</i>					1.2 (0.3-2.4)
Aus. Salmon	<i>Arripis truttaceus</i>					1.1 (0.2-2.0)
All Scalefish		20.6 (8.3-34.8)	34.8 (19.6-45.5)	51.8 (30.1-62.8)	45.5 (25.7-63.6)	223.6 (156.3-285.2)

* Discarded

Table 6. Differences between estimated and reported teleost catches.

Species	Estimated catch above/below reported catch (tonnes live wt.)				
	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	All regions
Buffalo Bream	4.7	13.1	46.3	60.4	44
Dusky Morwong	30.5	9.8	34.2	23.4	29.4
Queen Snapper	-5	-4.8	-4.4	-6.1	-25.3
Dhufish					16.4
Pink Snapper					-8.2
Blue Groper	-1.7	-1.4	-2.4	-2.3	-7.1
Samsonfish					-3.7
Leatherjacket					3.4
Red Snapper					2.4
Boarfish					2.4
Knifejaw					1.7
Moonlighter					1.2
Aus. Salmon					1.0
Baldchin Groper					0.2

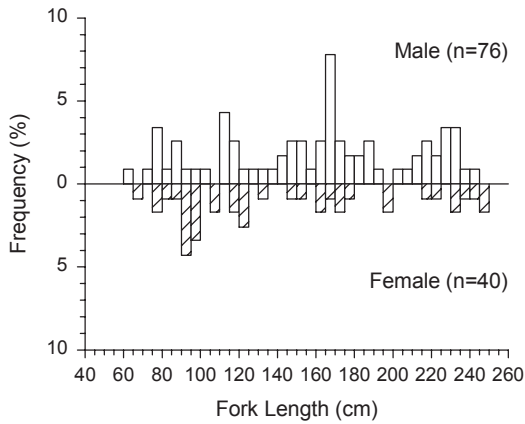
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3.5 Shark catch size composition

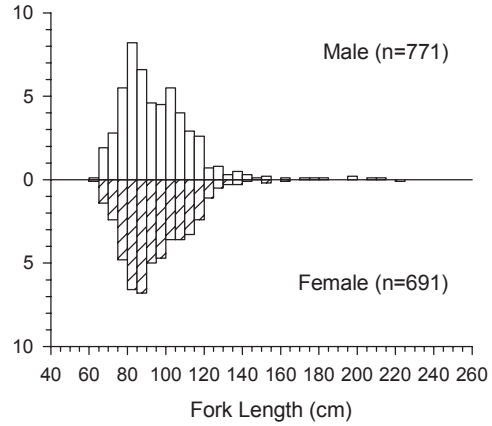
Statistical summaries of the data presented in Figures 16–24 are given in Appendix IV.

3.5.1 Whaler sharks (family Carcharhinidae)

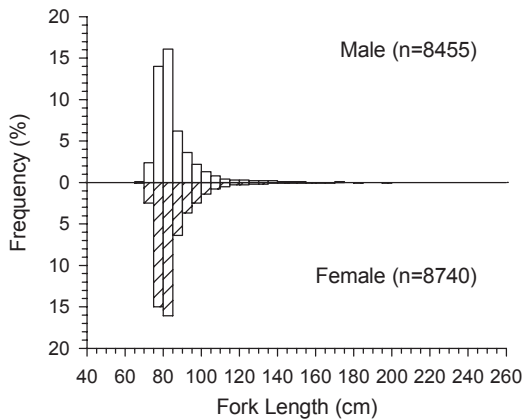
(i) Copper shark, *Carcharhinus brachyurus*



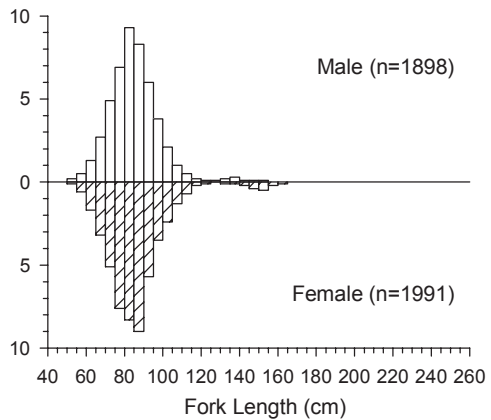
(ii) Spinner shark, *Carcharhinus brevipinna*



(iii) Dusky shark, *Carcharhinus obscurus*



(iv) Sandbar shark, *Carcharhinus plumbeus*



(v) Tiger shark, *Galeocerdo cuvier*

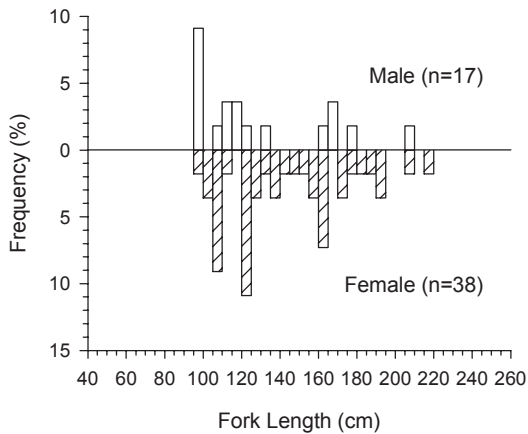


Figure 16. Whaler shark, family Carcharhinidae, size distribution (all zones).

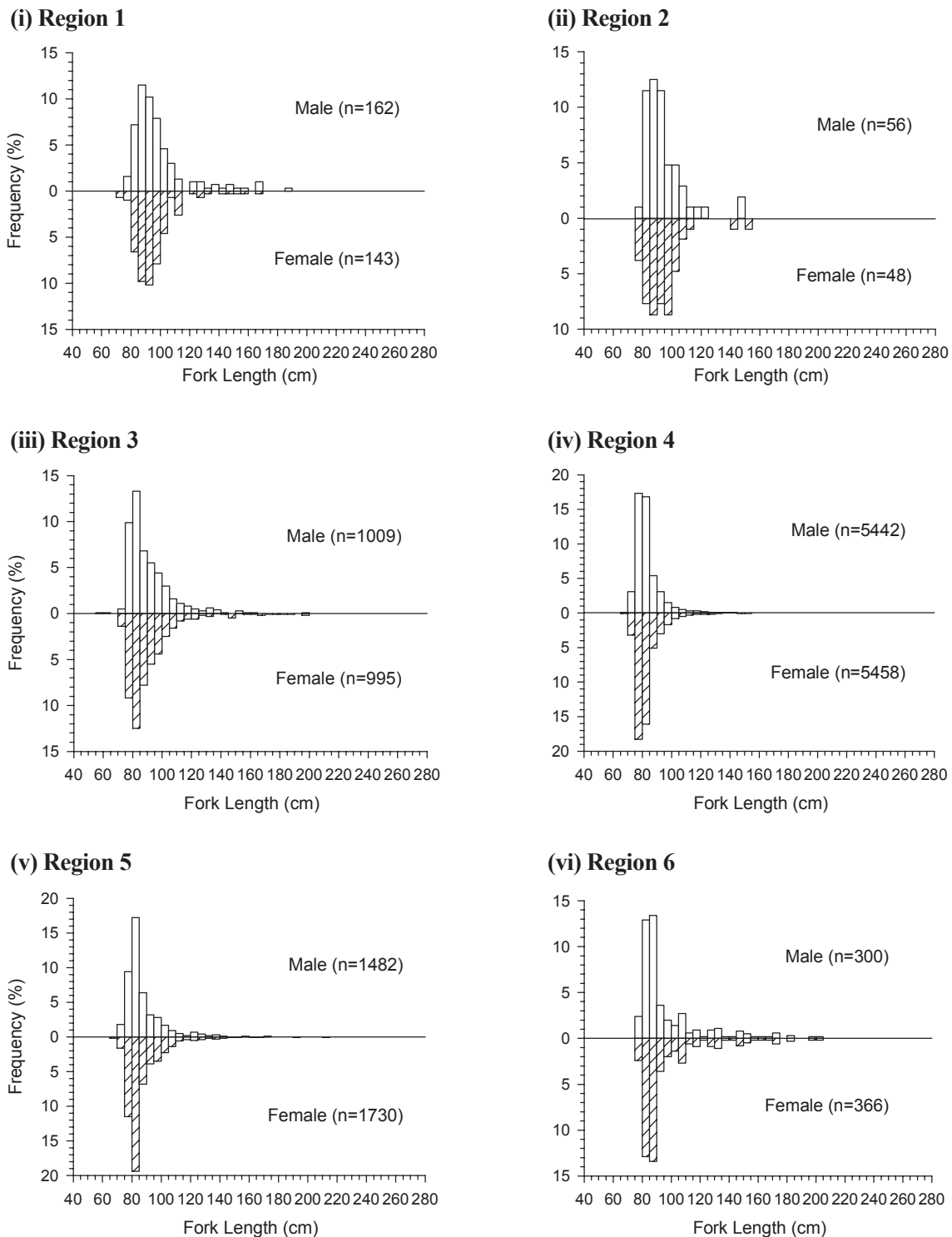


Figure 17. Regional dusky shark, *Carcharhinus obscurus*, size distribution.

The gillnet catch of carcharhinid species was generally restricted to smaller sharks, under 120cm fork length (Figure 16). Larger proportions of intermediate-sized and large individuals were observed in the catches of the copper shark, *Carcharhinus brachyurus*, (\overline{FL} of males=155cm, standard deviation=50cm; \overline{FL} of females=140cm, standard deviation=7cm) and the tiger shark, *Galeocerdo cuvier*, (\overline{FL} of males=125cm, standard deviation=34cm; \overline{FL} of females=139cm, standard deviation=32cm). However, it should be noted that relatively small numbers of both of these species were caught. The catch of *C. obscurus* was highly

skewed to the smaller size-classes (\overline{FL} of males=82cm, standard deviation=14cm; \overline{FL} of females=82cm, standard deviation=15cm), with 91% of observed dusky sharks measuring less than 100cm FL.

The average size of *C. obscurus* (Appendix IV) was slightly higher on the south coast (regions 1, 2 and 3) and in the north west of the fishery (region 6) than in the south-west and lower west coast (regions 4 and 5, respectively). Similarly, the proportion of sharks longer than 100cm FL was also higher in regions 1 (26%), 2 (22%), 3 (18%) and 6 (20%) than in regions 4 (5%) and 5 (12%). The smallest dusky sharks were observed in region 4 (\overline{FL} of males=79cm, standard deviation=11cm; \overline{FL} of females=79cm, standard deviation=12cm), where 79% of the observed catch consisted of sharks measuring between 75cm and 90cm FL. Dusky sharks observed in region 5 were slightly larger (\overline{FL} of males=83cm, standard deviation=14cm; \overline{FL} of females=84cm, standard deviation=16cm) but 71% of the catch was comprised of sharks measuring between 75cm and 90cm FL. The largest mean size was observed in region 1 (\overline{FL} of males=94cm, standard deviation=19cm; \overline{FL} of females=91cm, standard deviation=15cm), followed by region 6 (\overline{FL} of males=92cm, standard deviation=22cm; \overline{FL} of females=90cm, standard deviation=24cm).

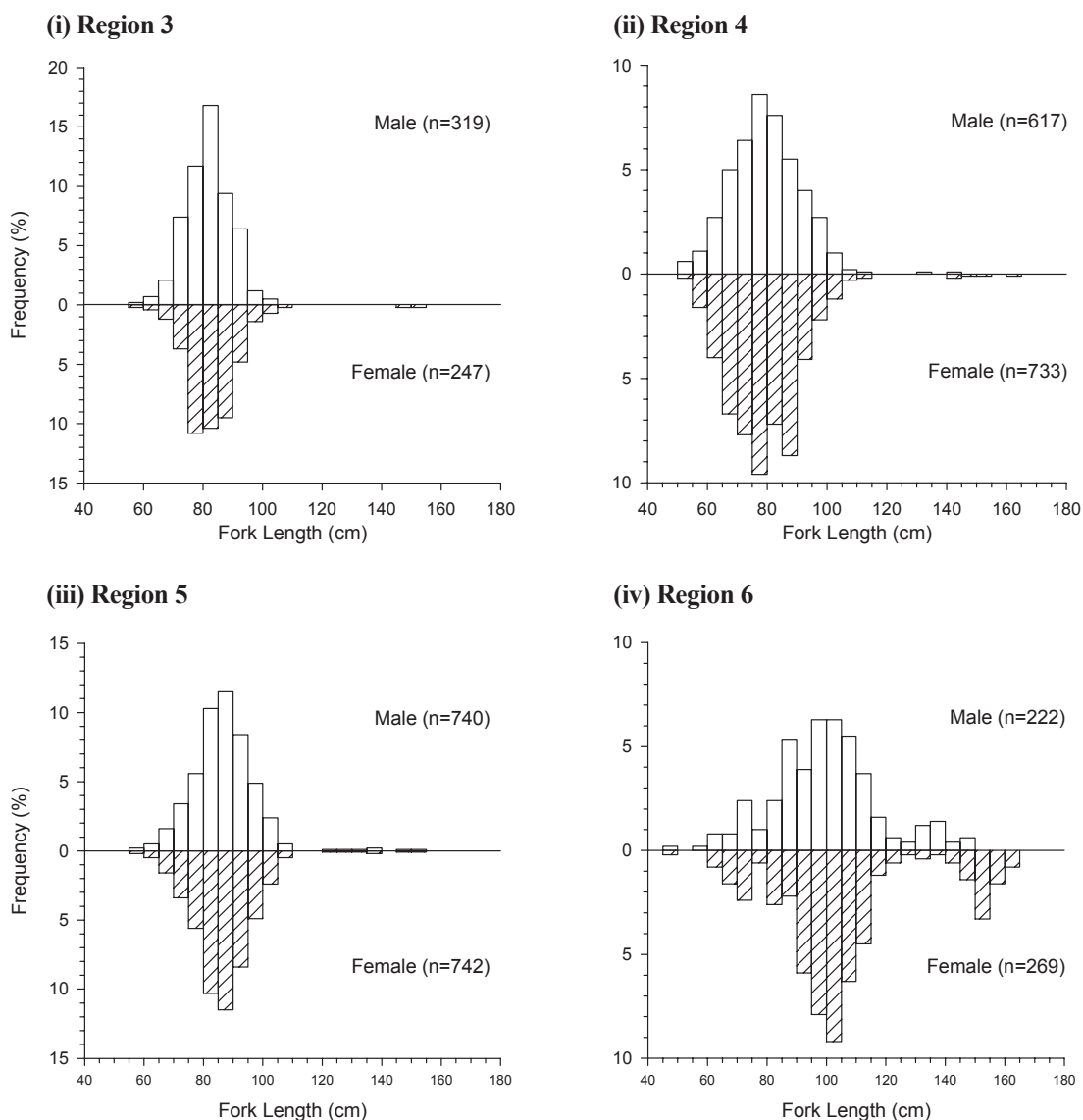
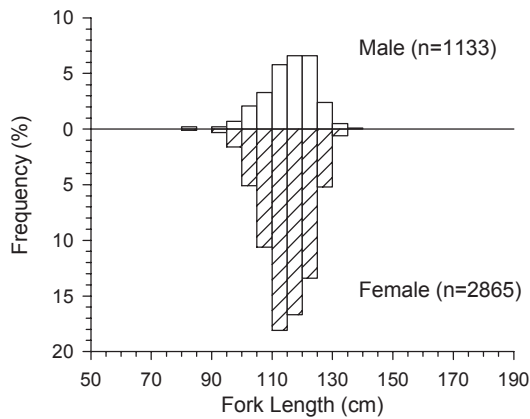


Figure 18. Regional sandbar shark, *Carcharhinus plumbeus*, size distribution.

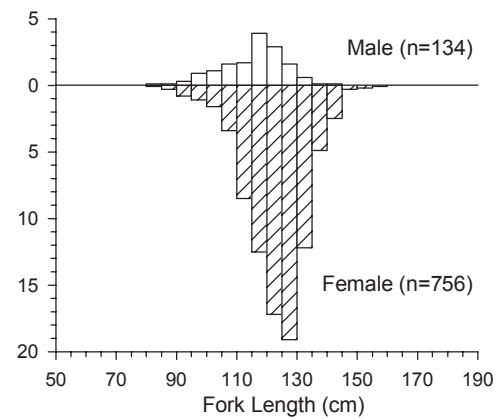
The average size of *C. plumbeus* was noticeably higher in region 6 (\overline{FL} of males=95cm, \overline{FL} of females=101cm), than in all other regions. This was particularly apparent for female sharks larger than 120cm FL, with the proportion highest in region 6 at 13.8% (Figure 18), compared to 0.4% in region 3, 0.8% in region 4 and 1.5% in region 5.

3.5.2 Hound sharks (family Triakidae)

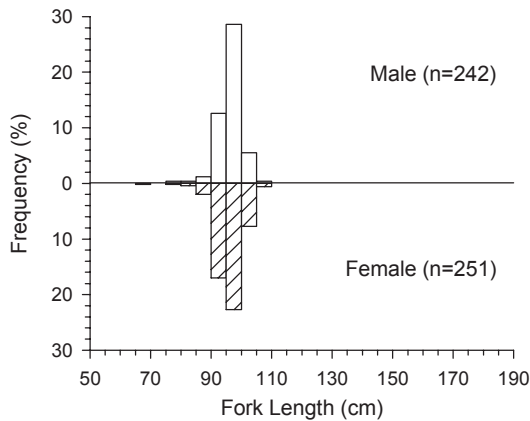
(i) Whiskery shark, *Furgaleus macki*



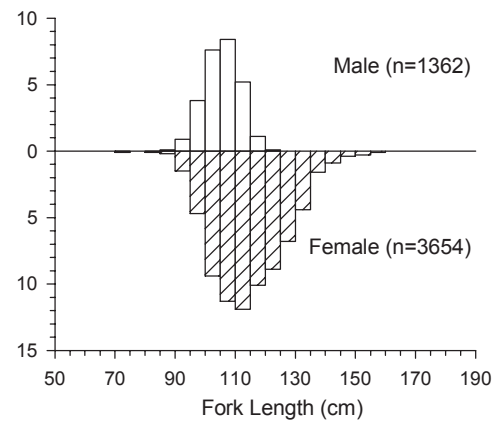
(ii) School shark, *Galeorhinus galeus*



(iii) Pencil shark *Hypogaleus hyugaensis*



(iv) Gummy shark, *Mustelus antarcticus*



(v) Grey gummy, *Mustelus sp.*

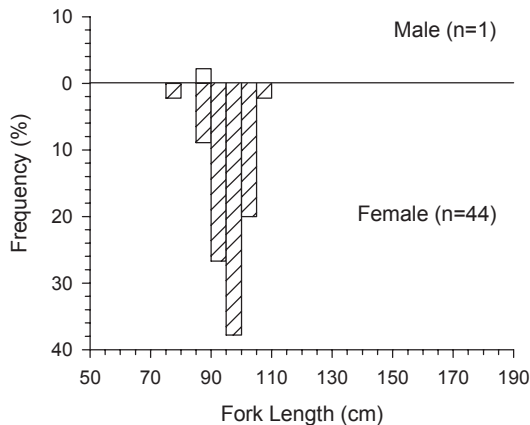
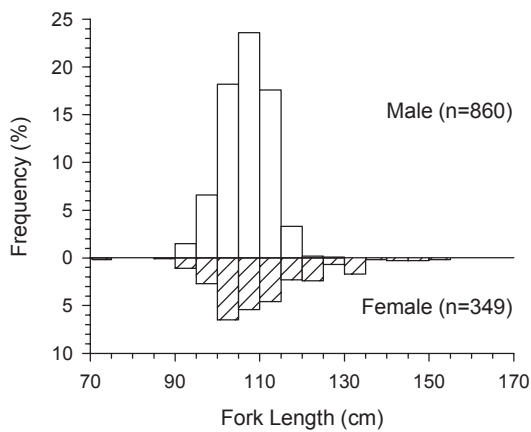


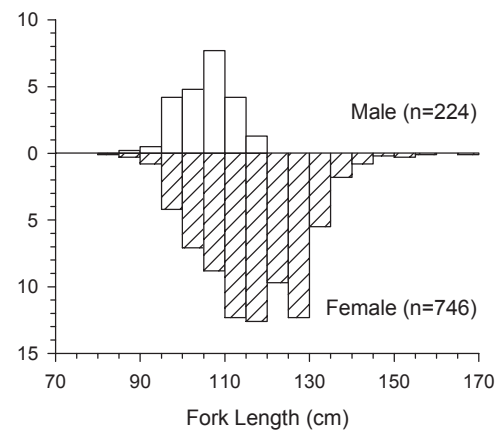
Figure 19. Hound shark, family Triakidae, size distribution (all zones).

Catches of most triakid species, were strongly female-biased (Figure 19). Female whiskery sharks outnumbered males in the observed catch by 2.5 to 1, school sharks by 5.6 to 1 and grey gummy sharks by 2.7 to 1. Pencil sharks, however, were caught in almost equal numbers. Female *G. Galeorhinus* (\overline{FL} = 119cm, standard deviation = 10cm) and *M. antarcticus* (\overline{FL} = 110cm, standard deviation = 12cm) in the catch were, on average, larger than males of the same species (\overline{FL} = 111cm, standard deviation = 11cm and (\overline{FL} = 101cm, standard deviation = 6cm, respectively). Male and female whiskery sharks were approximately equal in length (male \overline{FL} = 111cm, standard deviation = 8cm; female \overline{FL} = 110cm, standard deviation = 8cm). The mean lengths of these 3 species were higher than those of the target carcharhinid species *C. obscurus* and *C. plumbeus*.

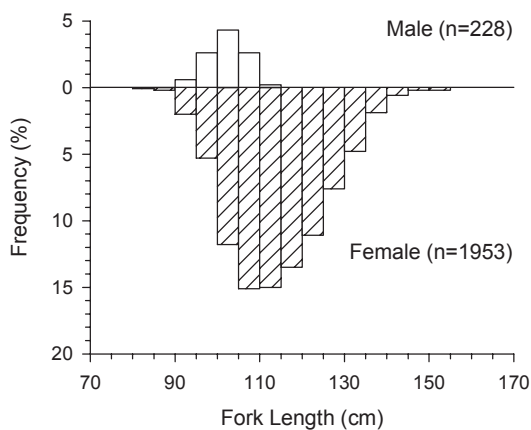
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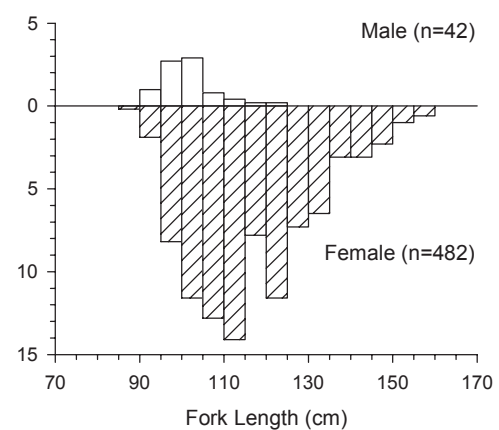
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(iv) Region 4



(v) West Coast (regions 5 & 6 combined)

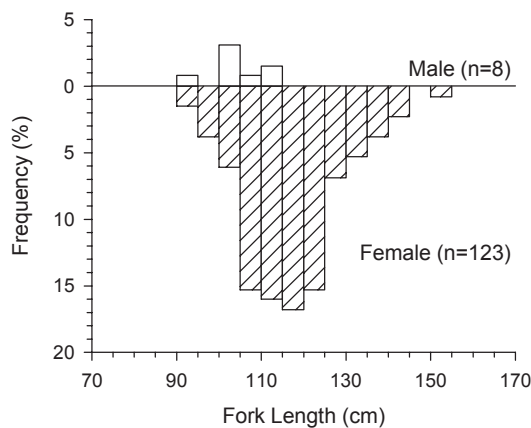
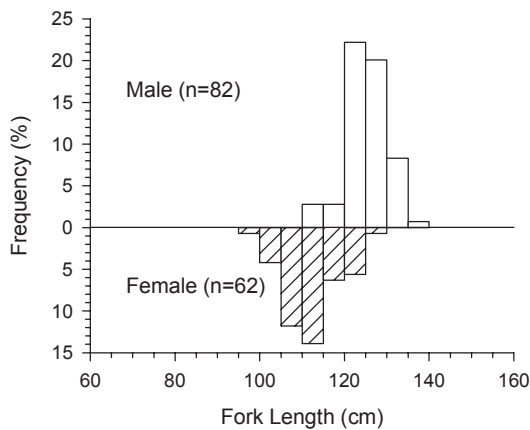


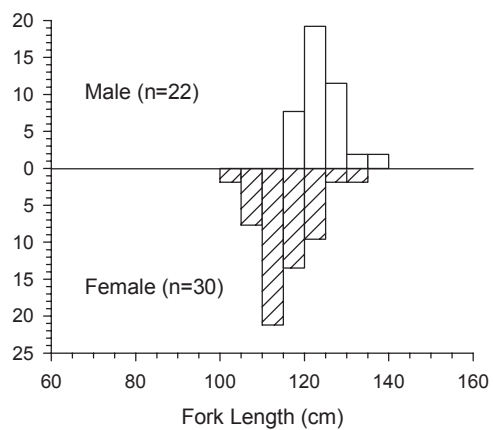
Figure 20. Regional gummy shark, *Mustelus antarcticus*, size distribution.

Regionally, the size composition of *M. antarcticus* did not vary greatly (Figure 20). However, the sex composition did vary significantly. Whilst females outnumbered males in the observed catch by nearly 6:1 overall, the sex ratio shifted steadily from a heavy female bias in the catch from the west coast (15 females to every male) in Regions 5 and 6 to a male bias (2 males to every female) in the catch from the south-eastern corner of the State in Region 1.

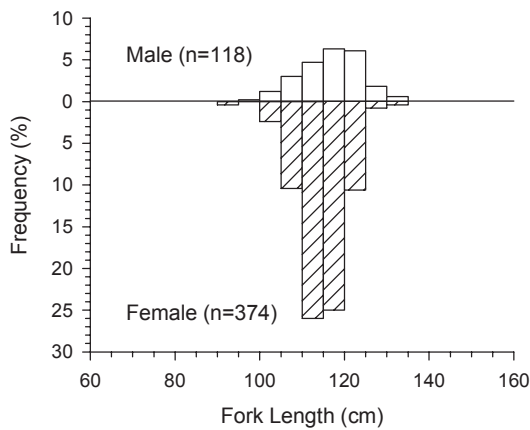
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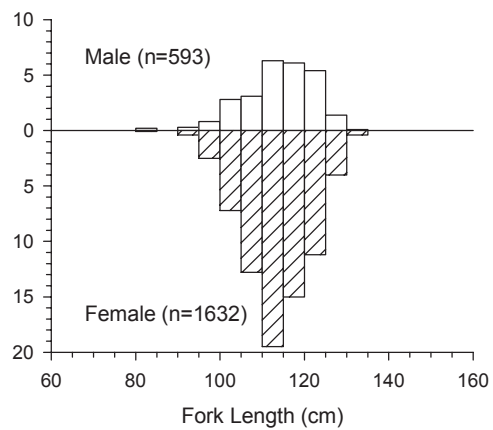
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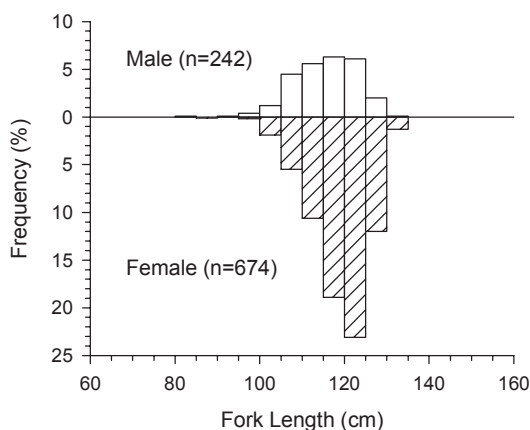
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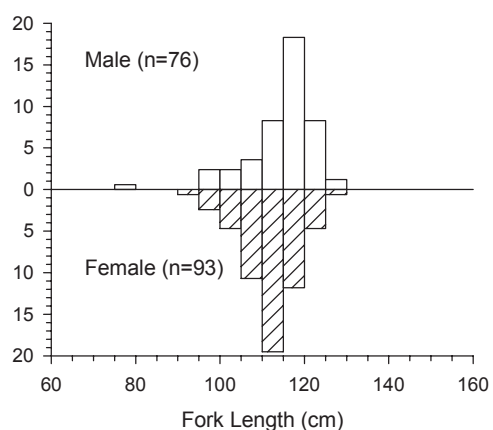


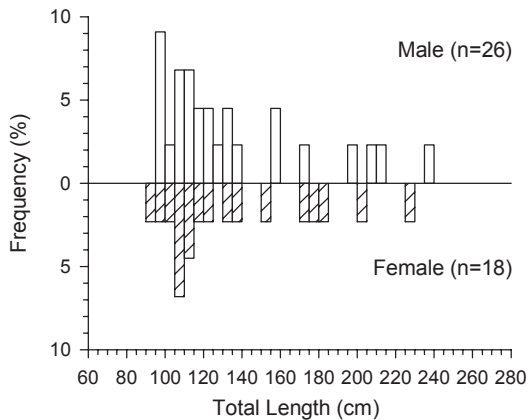
Figure 21. Regional whiskery shark, *Furgaleus macki*, size distribution.

Although in regions 3, 4, 5 and 6 and overall, the mean lengths of male and female *Furgaleus macki* were almost identical, males in regions 1 ($\overline{FL} = 121\text{cm}$, standard deviation=5cm) and 2 ($\overline{FL} = 20\text{cm}$, standard deviation=4cm) were significantly larger than females ($\overline{FL} = 108\text{cm}$, standard deviation=6cm and $\overline{FL} = 111\text{cm}$, standard deviation=6cm,

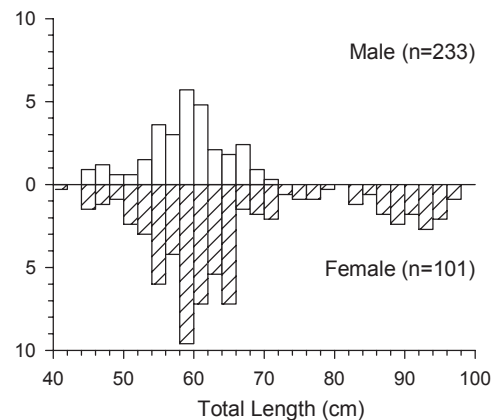
respectively). The sex composition of the *F. macki* catch also varied regionally. Females outnumbered males by approximately 3:1 in regions 3, 4 and 5 but the ratio of females to males was close to 1:1 in regions 1, 2 and 6.

3.5.3 Other sharks

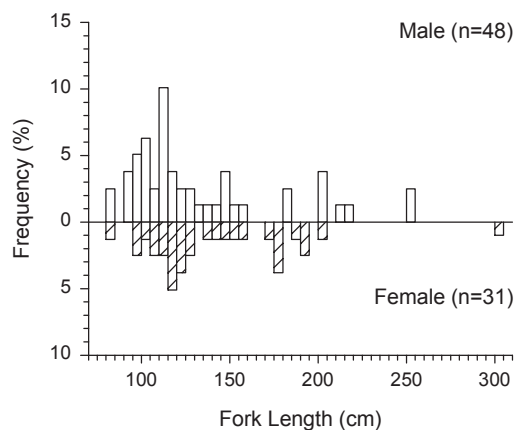
(i) Grey nurse shark, *Carcharias taurus*



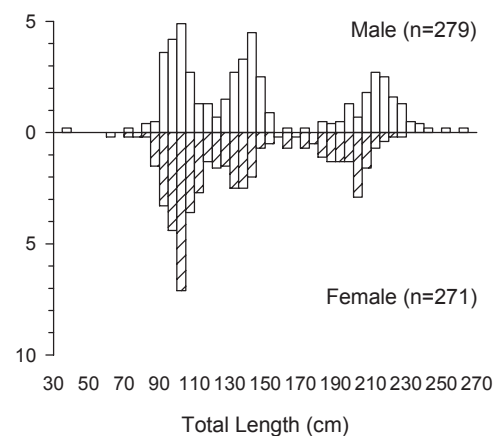
(ii) Port Jackson shark, *Heterodontus portusjacksoni*



(iii) Shortfin mako, *Isurus oxyrinchus*



(iv) Wobbegongs, family Orectolobidae



(v) Smooth hammerhead, *Sphyrna zygaena*

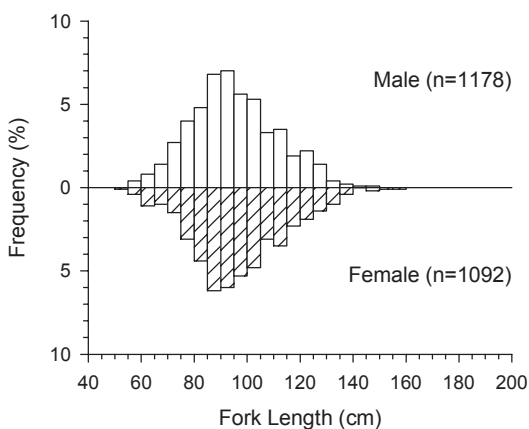


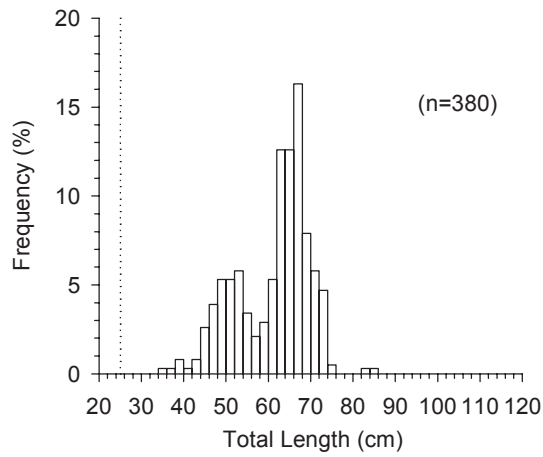
Figure 22. Other shark size distributions (all zones).

The overall size frequency distributions for other shark species are illustrated in Figure 22. Grey nurse sharks, *Carcharias taurus*, ranged in length from 86cm to 231cm TL. The mean length of male grey nurse sharks was 130cm TL and females was 132cm TL. The majority (75%) of observed Port Jackson sharks, *Heterodontus portusjacksoni*, were between 50cm TL and 70cm TL, although there was also a secondary smaller length mode of larger females of 92cm-94cm TL. Shortfin mako sharks, *Isurus oxyrinchus*, ranged in length from 76cm to 300cm FL. The mean length of male makos was 128cm FL and females was 139cm FL. The tri-modal wobbegong size frequency distribution indicates the presence of multiple species in the dataset. The smallest mode (male and female) is mainly due to the cobbler wobbegong, *Sutorectus tentaculatus*, the secondary mode mainly comprises a complex of the western wobbegong, *Orectolobus* sp. A and the as yet unnamed species, *Orectolobus* sp. B. The third mode is due mainly to the banded wobbegong, *Orectolobus ornatus* with a smaller number of spotted wobbegongs, *Orectolobus maculatus*. The fishery caught primarily small and intermediate-sized smooth hammerhead sharks, *Sphyrna zygaena* (male \overline{FL} =91cm, standard deviation=17cm, female \overline{FL} =93cm, standard deviation=18cm). There was no clear difference between the size frequencies of male and female smooth hammerheads.

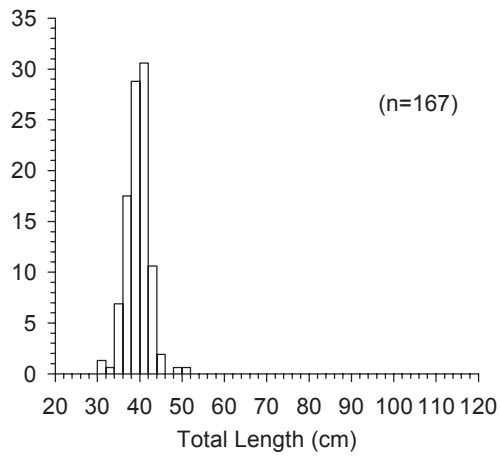
3.6 Scalefish catch size composition

Size frequency distributions of the fisheries' major scalefish species are illustrated in Figure 23. Dotted lines indicate minimum legal sizes where applicable. Size frequency statistics are given in Appendix IV.

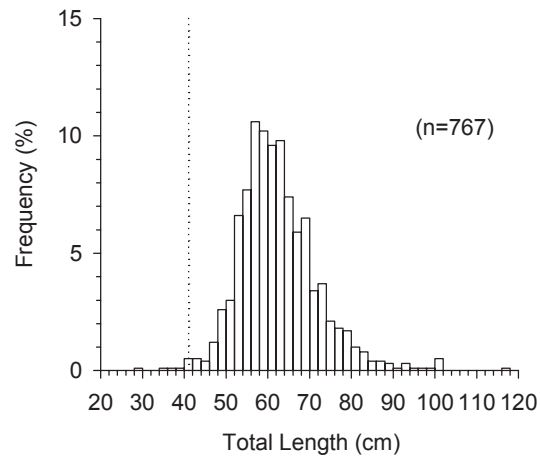
(vii) Leatherjacket, family Monacanthidae



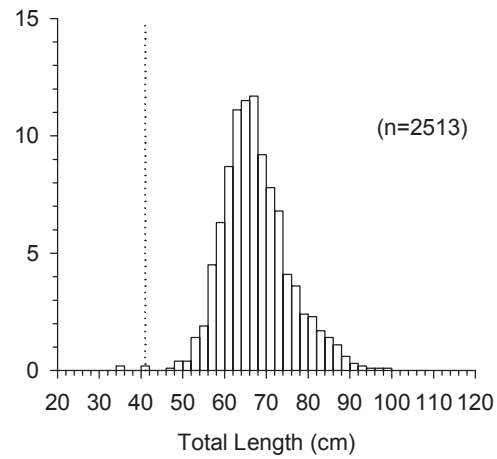
(viii) Moonlighter, *Tilodon sexfasciatum*



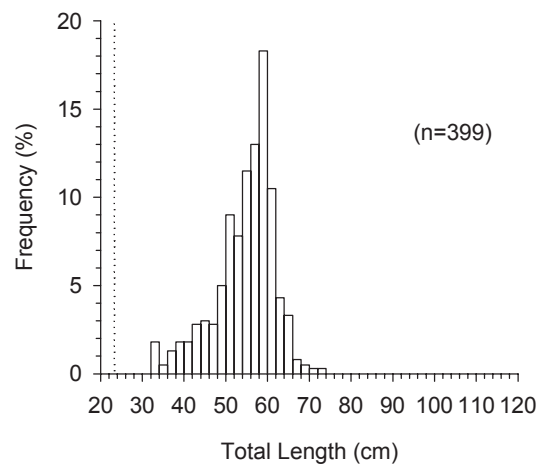
(ix) Pink snapper, *Pagrus auratus*



(x) Queen snapper, *Nemadactylus valenciennesi*



(xi) Redfish, *Centroberyx* spp.



(xii) Samsonfish, *Seriola hippos*

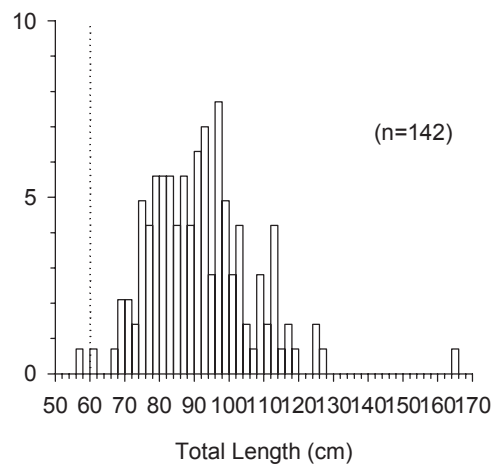
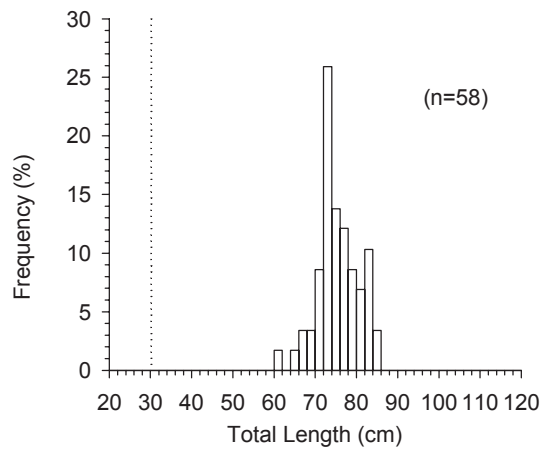
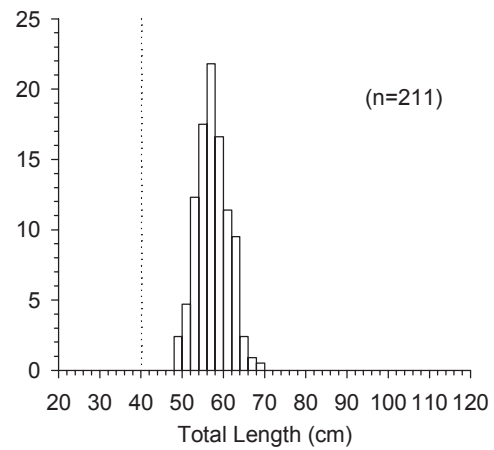


Figure 23. Scalefish size distribution (all zones). (continued next page)

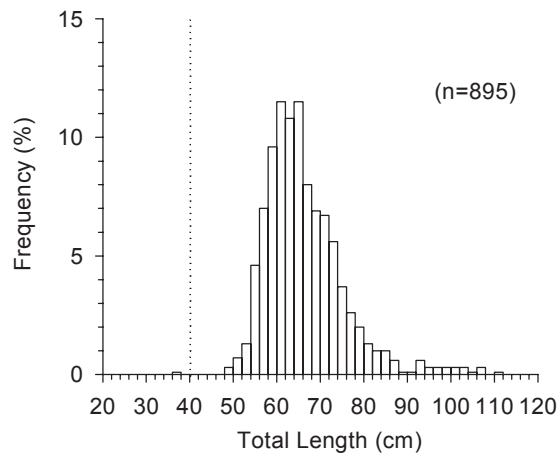
(i) Western Australian salmon,
Arripis truttaceus



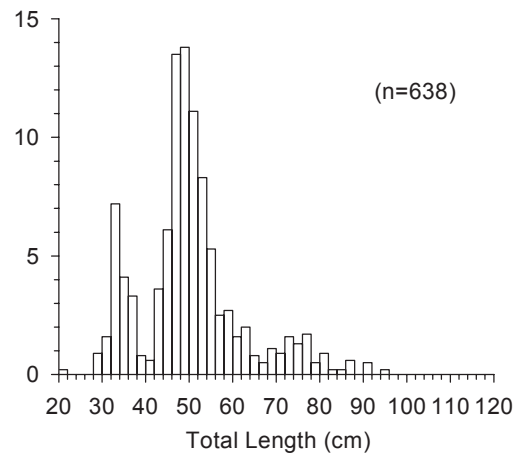
(ii) Baldchin groper,
Choerodon rubescens



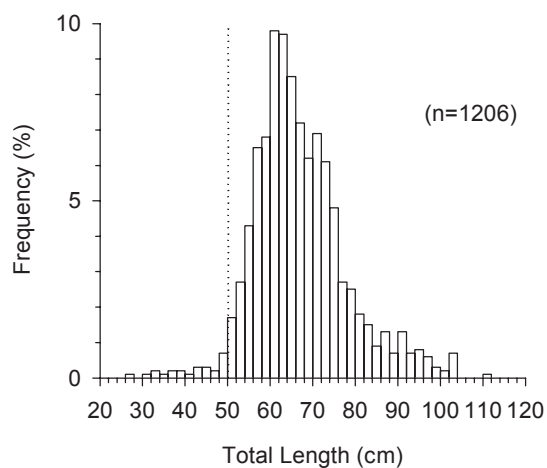
(iii) Western Blue groper,
Achoerodus gouldii



(iv) Boarfish, family Pentacerotidae



(v) West Australian dhufish,
Glaucosoma hebraicum



(vi) Knifejaw, *Oplegnathus woodwardi*

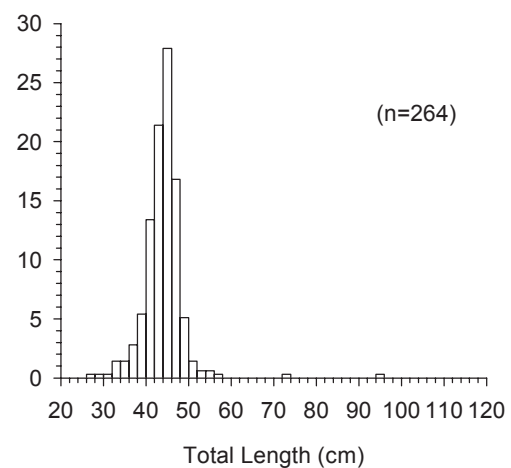


Figure 23 cont. Scalefish size distribution (all zones).

Minimum size limits exist for some species of teleosts in Western Australia, as indicated by dotted lines in Figure 23. The number of undersized fish in the demersal gillnet catch was found to be negligible.

3.7 Non-fish bycatch

Non-fish bycatch was reported infrequently during gillnet fishing observations, with a total occurrence of less than one capture per 1000 kilometre gillnet hours (Table 5). Region 5 had the highest rate of bycatch (2.3 animals/1000 km.gn.hr) and region 6 the lowest (0 captures). The vast majority of incidents involved invertebrate species, particularly the western rock lobster, *Panulirus cygnus*, cuttlefish (order Sepioidea) and baler shells (family Volutidae). All lobsters were caught in regions 4 and 5. Marine mammals were caught at a rate of just over 1 capture per 10,000 km gn.hours; seabirds at 4 captures per 100,000 km gn.hours and turtles at 1 capture per 100,000 km gn.hours.

Table 5. Observed regional non-fish bycatch.

Description	Region						All regions
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rock lobster				9	34		43
Cuttlefish		1	1	1	4		7
Baler Shell				4	1		5
Dolphin (common)	2	2					4
Dolphin (unspecified)					2		2
Dolphin (bottlenose)				1	1		2
Sea Hare				1	1		2
Cormorants					1		1
Fairy penguin	1						1
Mutton bird				1			1
Sea Lion		1					1
Seal		1					1
Turtle (unspecified)					1		1
Total bycatch occurrence	3	5	1	17	45		71
Catch rate (no. animals/ 000 km.gn.hr)	0.8	1.8	0.1	0.4	2.3	0.0	0.9

4.0 Discussion

The Western Australian temperate demersal gillnet and demersal longline fisheries, operate across an area encompassing subtropical and temperate waters of the Indian and Southern oceans and covering 1,560 km of coastline. Unsurprisingly, the fishery's catch consists of a wide variety of elasmobranch and teleost (scalefish) fauna and shows noticeable regional variation in its composition. Despite the diversity of the catch, between 1994 and 1999, these fisheries remained highly targeted towards catching a small number of shark species, with the majority of landings (57%, by weight) consisting of only three species of sharks: 'bronze whaler' (primarily dusky shark, *Carcharhinus obscurus*), gummy shark, *Mustelus antarcticus* and whiskery shark, *Furgaleus macki*. Examination of catches on a finer geographic scale, however, highlights how the fishery has evolved regionally to exploit a variety of locally abundant species.

As a means of validating the accuracy of commercial catch records of the main target shark species, bootstrapping research observed catch rates proved to be of limited use as the total catches of dusky, gummy, whiskery and sandbar catches were all underestimated. It is highly unlikely that underestimation of the catches of these high-value species was caused by widespread over-reporting of commercial landings, as this would result in higher license fees for the fishery and higher rates of income tax for individual fishers. It is more likely that, because research sampling was not designed to collect data specifically for this purpose, observed catch rates were unrepresentative of commercial CPUE due to temporal and spatial biases in the sampling program. Specifically, the relatively low levels of research effort in regions 1 and 6, respectively, were likely to have caused under representation of commercial catches of gummy and sandbar sharks. However, the reasons for the underestimates of dusky and whiskery shark catches are less clear as relatively high proportions of commercial effort were observed in regions 4 and 5, where the majority of these species' landings were reported. In these cases, commercial catch rates may simply have been higher during unobserved times, in unobserved areas or on unobserved vessels. Alternatively but less likely, fishing behaviour might have been changed by the presence of observers on vessels. However, from the authors' understanding of individual vessels' fishing strategies and observations of skippers' personal fishing records (e.g. vessel 'logbooks', marks on GPS plotters, etc.), there was no indication that vessel behaviour was affected by the presence of observers. It is also considered highly unlikely that fishers would risk lower catch rates and, therefore financial penalty by changing their fishing strategies in order to voluntarily take observers to sea. It is apparent from these results that in order to accurately estimate commercial catches using observer data in a geographically large, multi-species fishery such as this, the level of observer coverage needs to be high. Based on the results from region 4, where target catches were underestimated despite 19.8% of commercial effort being observed, it is suggested that the required level of observer coverage needs to be greater than 20% of commercial effort. Further, to account for regional, temporal and inter-vessel variations in CPUE, observer effort must be applied more uniformly than was possible during this study.

In terms of percentages of the fishery's total elasmobranch catch, the commercial and research data agree that the three traditional target species 'bronze whaler' (primarily dusky shark, *Carcharhinus obscurus*), remained the dominant component of the fishery's catch during the late 1990s. Although the descriptive name of 'bronze whaler' is commonly used to refer to multiple species of carcharhinid (whaler) sharks, *C. obscurus* were found to account

for 98% of the ‘bronze whaler’ catch observed during this study. The only other species of ‘bronze whaler’ identified from the research data was *Carcharhinus brachyurus*, also known as the copper shark. Although *C. brachyurus* were observed in all regions of the fishery, they were slightly more common in catches from the south-east of the State.

Research observed length frequencies show that, 97.5% of the observed JASDGLF and WCDGLF gillnet dusky shark catch consisted of sharks with a fork length of less than 125cm (i.e. less than 6 years old according to Simpfendorfer et al, 2002). These data confirm that the 16.5cm (6½”) and 17.8cm (7”) gillnet mesh sizes permitted in these fisheries are highly selective in catching only the youngest age-classes of dusky sharks (Simpfendorfer and Unsworth, 1998a), which is believed to be critical to the ongoing sustainability of this stock (Stevens et al, 1997; Simpfendorfer, 1999a; Simpfendorfer, 1999b). Examination of these size frequency data regionally is believed to provide some important insight into aspects of the early life history of *C. obscurus* in Western Australia. Dusky sharks in region 4 were, on average, smaller than anywhere else and the range of size classes caught there was narrower than in other regions. The mean size and range of size classes both increased in adjacent regions and continued to progressively increase in regions to the north and east, suggesting that the south west corner of the State is the principal area for dusky shark parturition (‘pupping’), with juvenile *C. obscurus* gradually spreading to adjacent south and west coast waters as they grow.

Gummy sharks, *M. antarcticus*, continued to be an important component of the demersal gillnet catch in south coast regions whilst remaining only a minor component of the catch in south-western and western regions. The observed size composition was very similar to that reported by Lenanton et al, 1990 and consisted primarily of large adult females. The regional research data indicate an apparent sexual segregation of the gummy shark stock in Western Australia. Whilst females outnumbered males in the observed catch by 6:1 overall, the sex ratio shifted steadily from a heavy female bias in the catch from the west coast (15 females to every male) to a male bias (2 males to every female) in the catch from the south-eastern corner of the State. Similar segregation has been noticed in the south-eastern Australian Southern Shark Fishery (SSF), where females are more common in the catch from Victorian and Tasmanian waters and males are proportionately more significant in catches from the western Great Australian Bight (Walker, personal communication³). The segregation of sexes implies that some form of breeding migration must occur, however the details of such movements are poorly understood.

Whiskery sharks also remained a significant component of the fisheries’ catch in all six regions, despite the results of recent population modeling suggesting that their biomass has fallen to 32% of its unexploited level (McAuley and Gaughan, In Press). Whilst *F. macki* was actively targeted during the early development of the WA ‘shark’ fisheries, as catch rates began to decline in the 1980s, the fishery redirected fishing effort towards catching the more abundant species, such as *C. obscurus* and *M. antarcticus* (Simpfendorfer et al, 2000) and these data clearly indicate that by the late 1990s whiskery sharks were no longer as important as catches of these other species. Small whiskery sharks were almost entirely excluded from the catch due to the size-selectivity of the permitted gillnet mesh-sizes, as described by Simpfendorfer and Unsworth, 1998a. Females were approximately 3 times more common than males in catches from the south-west and lower west coasts; males slightly outnumbered females in the far south east of the State and catches of males and females were roughly equal elsewhere. The regional sex ratios indicate that the whiskery shark stock is sexually segregated and that some form of reproductive migration must therefore occur, as was suggested by Simpfendorfer and Unsworth, 1998b.

³ T. Walker, Marine and Freshwater Resources Institute. Queenscliff, Victoria. Australia.

Whilst the fishery for these traditional ‘target’ shark species has been well reported, the secondary, but regionally important, components of the fisheries’ catch have been less well described. Sandbar sharks have been an important component of the catch in the northern region of the WCDGDLF for a number of years, partly because the Abrolhos Islands have provided a safe offshore anchorage for accessing the deeper continental shelf waters where they occur. Catches only began to increase in lower West Coast and south-western regions during the mid to late 1990s as operators began upgrading to larger and more powerful vessels and could access the deeper offshore waters. Until the late 1990s, *C. plumbeus* was seen as a low value product compared to traditional target species and there was little incentive for fishers to target them. However, increases in the price of shark fins on international markets, together with declines in the catch of traditional target species, have generated increased fishing pressure on sandbar sharks, which have large fins relative to their body-size. The effects of this increased level of exploitation is currently being studied as part of a 3-year research project, part funded by the Fisheries Research and Development corporation. Estimated sandbar catches were very close to commercially reported catches in regions 3 and 4, where *C. plumbeus* was not heavily targeted and in region 5 where they only became a target of the fishery in the latter years of this study.

Significant regional variations were also apparent in JASDGDLF catches. Although they may occasionally occur as far up the west coast as Perth (Last and Stevens, 1994), school sharks, *Galeorhinus galeus*, were only an important component of the catch in Region 1. Like other species of hound sharks (family Triakidae) caught in these fisheries, the catch of *G. galeus* is apparently distinctly female-biased, suggesting a strong sexual segregation of the stock. Because only 2 years of research CPUE data were available for region 1, the commercial catch could not be estimated from research observed catch rates. Dogfish were only landed in significant quantities in region 2, where a handful of Esperance-based vessels began targeting squalene-rich species (mainly *Centrophorus uyato* and *Squalus mitsukurii*, Daley et al 2002) during the mid 1990s. This fishery was short-lived as, according to fishers who were involved at the time, catch rates began to decline dramatically and the fishery for these species had all but ceased by 1999 (McAuley, unpublished data). Because dogfish occur in deep continental slope waters, which are outside the current range of the demersal gillnet and demersal longline fleet, they are unlikely to be subject to continued exploitation by these fisheries.

As was the case with the primary shark species, the estimated catches of the principal teleost species were lower than their commercially reported catches. The notable exception was Dhufish, *Glaucosoma hebraicum*. The underestimation of catches of queen snapper, *Nemadactylus valenciennesi*, blue groper, *Achoerodus gouldii*, and pink snapper, *Pagrus auratus*, may be explained by high commercial catch rates at unobserved times and locations. This is particularly likely for these species, which probably aggregate to spawn for relatively short periods at discreet locations within demersal gillnet fishing grounds. However, dhufish, *Glaucosoma hebraicum* are also known to form spawning aggregations, yet research CPUE was consistently higher than commercial CPUE. As the highest value teleost species caught in the demersal gillnet fishery (valued at \$8.50-\$9.50 between 94/95 and 98/99), there may have been some incentive for operators to underreport their catches.

Despite the limitations of bootstrapping our research observed catch rates in validating commercially reported catches of the principal target species, the estimated catches offer a useful indication of which secondary, minor and bycatch species might have

been underreported in commercial fishing returns data. Catches of hammerhead sharks, wobbegongs, 'blacktip' sharks (mainly *Carcharhinus brevipinna*), shortfin mako sharks, pencil and tiger sharks were all estimated to be higher than commercially reported, strongly suggesting that a portion of the catch of these species were either undescribed in monthly fishing returns or selectively discarded. Additionally, as these data were found to underestimate catches of the main target species, the same might be true for these other catches and their true catches might be even higher than we have estimated. As fishers are not required to report their discarded bycatch, these estimates offer the best available indication of the magnitude of these catches, however they do not provide any information on the mortality of bycatch species. From the authors' own observations, rates of bycatch mortality varied significantly between each species but in general, survival rates of elasmobranchs captured by gillnets were higher than for teleosts.

This technique may also prove useful in monitoring the level of bycatch of the protected grey nurse shark, *Carcharias taurus*. Since its protection in 1997 under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act and the State administered Wildlife Conservation Act, commercial catches of this species have ceased. These data, therefore, now represent the only available means of estimating their bycatch in these fisheries. Research observed CPUE data are, however, likely to be of less use in determining catches of great white sharks, *Carcharodon carcharias*, due to the rarity of their capture and the high level of monitoring that would be required to provide a meaningful dataset.

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7.0 Appendices

Appendix I. Commercial demersal gillnet & longline catch and effort, July 1994 – June 1999

1. Elasmobranchs

(i) All regions

	1994-1995			1995-1996			1996-1997			1997-1998			1998-1999			Annual mean		
	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total
Gillnet equivalent Effort (km gn.hr)	218,974	3,870	222,844	208,114	1,170	209,284	218,359	4,019	222,378	226,712	15,445	242,157	204,315	4,612	208,927	215,295	5,823	221,118
Catch (kg live weight)																		
'Bronze whaler'	421,076	4,480	425,556	373,466	701	374,167	400,667	2,156	402,823	320,457	11,342	331,799	332,177	4,702	336,879	369,569	4,676	374,245
Gummy	270,969	166	271,135	220,298	102	220,400	305,186	448	305,634	298,699	100	298,799	313,439	914	314,353	281,718	346	282,064
Whiskey	219,876	1,861	221,737	197,953	356	198,309	196,320	1,076	197,396	194,223	2,762	196,985	179,162	210	179,372	197,507	1,253	198,760
Sandbar	73,999	2,973	76,972	80,979		80,979	124,405	45	124,450	159,663	5,089	164,752	152,466	1,288	153,754	118,302	1,879	120,181
Hammerhead	54,250	11	54,261	54,953	44	54,997	55,350	79	55,429	55,439	569	56,008	44,659	134	44,793	52,930	167	53,098
School	50,845	175	51,020	69,532		69,532	51,692		51,692	54,289		54,289	23,684		23,684	50,008	35	50,043
Dogfish	88,194		88,194	101,576	954	102,530	13,320		13,320	22,166		22,166	2,501		2,501	45,551	191	45,742
Wobbegong	47,909	1,356	49,265	40,063	865	40,928	42,425	2,092	44,517	43,208	2,864	46,072	35,404	1,081	36,485	41,802	1,652	43,453
'Blacktip'	35,122	156	35,278	21,234	29	21,263	28,868	102	28,970	40,864	3,654	44,518	16,186	1,478	17,664	28,455	1,084	29,539
Skates and Rays	13,668	66	13,734	19,247	43	19,290	21,251	51	21,302	19,520	1,727	21,247	14,379	963	15,342	17,613	570	18,183
Pencil	5,798	175	5,973	5,719	159	5,878	3,716	301	4,017	4,701	150	4,851	4,077	126	4,203	4,802	182	4,984
Grey nurse	5,368	552	5,920	5,434	51	5,485	4,690	75	4,765	4,088	49	4,137	1,355	83	1,438	4,187	162	4,349
Tiger		331	331	151		151	1,091	180	1,271	659		659	159	81	240	412	118	530
'Copper whaler'															1,956	391	0	391
Great white	53	239	292	477		477	19		19	833		833			276	48	324	
Mako (shortfin)															41	8	0	8
Unspecified	70,921	105	71,026	65,528	291	65,819	72,064		72,064	67,183	299	67,482	86,577	331	86,908	72,455	205	72,660
Total	1,358,048	12,646	1,370,694	1,256,610	3,595	1,260,205	1,321,064	6,605	1,327,669	1,285,992	28,605	1,314,597	1,208,222	11,391	1,219,613	1,285,987	12,568	1,298,556

(ii) Region 1

	1994-1995			1995-1996			1996-1997			1997-1998			1998-1999			Annual mean		
	Gillnet	Total	Longline	Gillnet	Total	Longline	Gillnet	Total	Longline	Gillnet	Total	Longline	Gillnet	Total	Longline	Gillnet	Total	
Gillnet equivalent Effort (km gn.hr)	32,272	32,272	27,687	27,687	24,030	24,030	37,044	37,044	34,013	34,044	34,013	3	34,022	31,009	1	31,011		
Catch (kg live weight)																		
Gummy	105,800	105,800	69,909	69,909	85,364	85,364	127,208	127,208	148,032	148,032	464	148,496	107,263	93	107,355			
School	41,354	41,354	64,509	64,509	46,889	46,889	45,048	45,048	22,961	22,961		22,961	44,152	0	44,152			
Whiskery	32,360	32,360	15,312	15,312	24,912	24,912	50,054	50,054	23,653	23,653		23,653	29,258	0	29,258			
'Bronze whaler'	27,734	27,734	23,028	23,028	26,173	26,173	24,117	24,117	17,690	17,690	1,164	18,854	23,748	233	23,981			
Hammerhead	9,433	9,433	6,958	6,958	7,247	7,247	9,667	9,667	1,467	1,467		1,467	6,954	0	6,954			
Dogfish			4,341	4,341			1,200	1,200				1,200	1,108	0	1,108			
Wobbegong	426	426	372	372	1,479	1,479	1,957	1,957	413	413		413	929	0	929			
Sandbar	24	24					1,286	1,286					262	0	262			
Skates and Rays	784	784											157	0	157			
Pencil	105	105	64	64	159	159	186	186	16	16		16	106	0	106			
Unspecified	602	602	2,713	2,713	1,462	1,462	2,522	2,522	1,366	1,366		1,366	1,733	0	1,733			
Total	218,622	218,622	187,206	187,206	193,685	193,685	263,245	263,245	215,598	215,598	1,628	217,226	215,671	326	215,997			

(iii) Region 2

	1994-1995			1995-1996			1996-1997			1997-1998			1998-1999			Annual mean		
	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total
Gillnet equivalent Effort (km gn.hr)	27,608	27,608	27,608	32,811	32,811	32,811	37,769	24,864	68	25,067	28,563	28,563	30,323	14	30,363.8			
Catch (kg live weight)																		
Gummy	93,067	93,067	93,067	89,492	144,386	144,386	106,646	106,891	106,646	106,891	108,096	108,096	108,096	0	108,096			
Whiskery	21,041	21,041	21,041	22,896	38,424	38,424	26,838	32,668	26,838	32,668	28,373	28,373	28,373	0	28,373			
Dogfish	45,723	45,723	45,723	37,053	5,754	5,754	15,306	15,306	15,306	15,306	20,767	20,767	20,767	0	20,767			
'Bronze whaler'	16,860	16,860	16,860	16,638	20,128	20,128	13,493	19,728	13,493	19,728	17,369	17,369	17,369	13	17,382			
School	8,677	8,677	8,677	1,911	4,676	4,676	8,780	469	8,780	469	4,903	4,903	4,903	0	4,903			
Hammerhead	2,239	2,239	2,239	3,275	4,589	4,589	3,423	5,627	3,423	5,627	3,831	3,831	3,831	0	3,831			
Wobbegong	867	867	867	266	997	997	116	1,180	116	1,180	685	685	685	0	685			
Pencil	577	577	577	881	472	472	33	843	33	843	561	561	561	0	561			
Grey nurse	103	103	103	137	127	127					73	73	73	0	73			
Skates and Rays				169							34	34	34	0	34			
'Blacktip'											16	16	16	0	16			
Unspecified	528	528	528	1,739	1,524	1,524	1,482	1,252	1,482	1,252	1,305	1,305	1,305	56	1,361			
Total	189,682	189,682	189,682	174,457	221,077	221,077	176,117	168,674	176,117	168,674	186,001	186,001	186,001	69	186,070			

(iv) Region 3

	1994-1995		1995-1996		1996-1997		1997-1998		1998-1999		Annual mean							
	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total						
Gillnet equivalent Effort (km gn.hr)	43,918	6	43,936	32,271	190	32,842	35,425	199	36,023	30,555	676	32,584	25,968	202	26,573	33,628	255	34,391.4
Catch (kg live weight)																		
'Bronze whaler'	72,349	286	72,635	61,650	264	61,914	90,553	377	90,930	84,927	512	85,439	71,250	163	71,413	76,146	320	76,466
Gummy	62,583	118	62,701	54,112	38	54,150	66,284	448	66,732	58,667	76	58,743	55,743	48	55,791	59,478	146	59,623
Whiskery	46,972	20	46,992	29,053	96	29,149	32,475	248	32,723	31,225	162	31,387	26,220	147	26,367	33,189	135	33,324
Dogfish	42,369		42,369	60,182		60,182	7,566		7,566	5,660		5,660	2,501		2,501	23,656	0	23,656
Hammerhead	15,938	11	15,949	14,827	33	14,860	15,031	56	15,087	15,337	138	15,475	16,856	43	16,899	15,598	56	15,654
Sandbar	2,576		2,576	5,437		5,437	13,547		13,547	10,693		10,693	5,306	29	5,335	7,512	6	7,518
Skates and Rays	4,261		4,261	7,945	43	7,988	10,673		10,673	6,299		6,299	7,999		7,999	7,435	9	7,444
Wobbegong	5,920		5,920	4,283	452	4,735	3,652	646	4,298	4,473	576	5,049	4,587	749	5,336	4,583	485	5,068
Pencil	4,027		4,027	3,778	159	3,937	2,398	301	2,699	2,483	142	2,625	2,867	107	2,974	3,111	142	3,252
'Blacktip'	399		399	359		359	1,218		1,218	8,987		8,987	801		801	2,353	0	2,353
School	814	175	989	3,112		3,112	127		127	461		461	254		254	954	35	989
Grey nurse	682		682	520		520	491	75	566	874		874	169		169	547	15	562
Great white				477		477	19		19	833		833				266	0	266
Tiger							159		159							32	0	32
Unspecified	11,369	30	11,399	7,477	262	7,739	7,935		7,935	10,963		10,963	16,108		16,108	10,770	58	10,829
Total	270,259	640	270,899	253,212	1,347	254,559	252,128	2,151	254,279	241,882	1,606	243,488	210,661	1,286	211,947	245,628	1,406	247,034

(v) Region 4

	1994-1995			1995-1996			1996-1997			1997-1998			1998-1999			Annual mean		
	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total
Gillnet equivalent Effort (km gn.hr)	43,271	89	43,537	42,211	80	42,451	45,509	45	45,643	42,020	36	42,128	50,420	17	50,470	44,686	53	44,845.8
Catch (kg live weight)																		
'Bronze whaler'	137,517	2,445	139,962	131,677	437	132,114	130,782	1,361	132,143	103,698	1,425	105,123	138,747	1,504	140,251	128,484	1,434	129,919
Whiskey	61,616	11	61,627	65,768	35	65,803	48,807	48,807	40,910	40,910		40,910	67,819		67,819	56,984	9	56,993
Wobbegong	12,504	1,356	13,860	11,421	413	11,834	11,701	940	12,641	10,809	89	10,898	12,829		12,829	11,853	560	12,412
Sandbar	1,399		1,399	4,299		4,299	19,293		19,293	9,925		9,925	19,180		19,180	10,819	0	10,819
Hammerhead	4,285		4,285	7,665	11	7,676	5,420	23	5,443	7,672		7,672	9,087		9,087	6,826	7	6,833
Gummy	4,107		4,107	3,702		3,702	4,220		4,220	3,294		3,294	790		790	3,223	0	3,223
'Blacktip'	946	156	1,102	971	29	1,000	1,372	97	1,469	2,937	67	3,004	2,604	214	2,818	1,766	113	1,879
Skates and Rays		66	66	1,930		1,930	2,091		2,091	4,667		4,667	515		515	1,841	13	1,854
Pencil	157	16	173	207	51	207	321		321	272	8	280	100		100	211	5	216
Grey nurse	81	552	633	72		123					49	49				31	130	161
Tiger		331	331					180						81		81	0	118
Great white		239	239													0	48	48
Unspecified	39,120	75	39,195	36,330	29	36,359	37,317		37,317	32,137		32,137	46,775		46,775	38,336	21	38,357
Total	261,732	5,247	266,979	264,042	1005	265,047	261,324	2,601	263,925	216,321	1,638	217,959	298,446	1,799	300,245	260,373	2,458	262,831

(vi) Region 5

	1994-1995			1995-1996			1996-1997			1997-1998			1998-1999			Annual mean																		
	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total																
Gillnet equivalent Effort (km gn.hr)	47,230		47,230	51,473		51,473	48,378		48,378	49,910		49,910	55,223		55,223	32,793		32,793	118		118	33,146		33,146	45,957		45,957	447		447	47,296.4			
Catch (kg live weight)																																		
'Bronze whaler'	116,611		116,611	87,343		87,343	91,212		91,212	418		418	91,630		91,630	58,652		58,652	9,073		9,073	67,725		67,725	45,064		45,064	1,868		1,868	46,932	79,776	2,272	82,048
Sandbar	22,909		22,909	27,819		27,819	38,685		38,685	45		45	38,730		38,730	70,211		70,211	4,504		4,504	74,715		74,715	51,968		51,968	1,059		1,059	53,027	42,318	1,122	43,440
Whiskery	46,830		46,830	55,220		55,220	39,651		39,651	828		828	40,479		40,479	34,046		34,046	2,238		2,238	36,284		36,284	23,345		23,345	36		36	23,381	39,818	620	40,439
Wobbegong	21,263		21,263	18,248		18,248	19,037		19,037	506		506	19,543		19,543	19,008		19,008	2,199		2,199	21,207		21,207	10,014		10,014	332		332	10,346	17,514	607	18,121
Hammerhead	17,399		17,399	17,380		17,380	17,563		17,563				17,563		17,563	13,622		13,622	431		431	14,053		14,053	7,960		7,960	91		91	8,051	14,785	104	14,889
'Blacktip'	20,656		20,656	12,485		12,485	11,489		11,489	5		5	11,494		11,494	16,921		16,921	3,587		3,587	20,508		20,508	7,004		7,004	1,264		1,264	8,268	13,711	971	14,682
Skates and Rays	7,488		7,488	8,193		8,193	7,281		7,281	51		51	7,332		7,332	7,846		7,846	1,727		1,727	9,573		9,573	2,100		2,100	963		963	3,063	6,582	548	7,130
Gummy	5,115		5,115	2,406		2,406	2,859		2,859				2,859		2,859	2,396		2,396	24		24	2,420		2,420	1,318		1,318	402		402	1,720	2,819	85	2,904
Grey nurse	1,953		1,953	2,614		2,614	2,236		2,236				2,236		2,236	1,374		1,374				1,374		1,374	116		116	83		83	199	1,659	17	1,675
Copper																																		
Tiger				151		151	932		932				932		932	517		517				517		517	159		159				159	352	0	352
Pencil	65		65	113		113	24		24				24		24	83		83				83		83	173		173	19		19	192	92	4	95
Mako (shortfin)																																		
Dogfish	32		32																															
Unspecified	18,452		18,452	17,186		17,186	23,533		23,533				23,533		23,533	14,872		14,872	13		13	14,885		14,885	15,873		15,873	15,873		15,873	17,983	3	17,986	
Total	278,773		278,773	249,158		249,158	254,502		254,502	1,853		1,853	256,355		256,355	239,548		239,548	23,796		23,796	263,344		263,344	167,091		167,091	6,117		6,117	173,208	237,814	6,353	244,168

(vii) Region 6

	1994-1995		1995-1996		1996-1997		1997-1998		1998-1999		Annual mean							
	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total						
Gillnet equivalent Effort (km gn.hr)	24,675	1,196	28,262	21,660	120	22,020	27,248	752	29,503	42,320	2,597	50,111	32,557	1,198	36,152	29,692	1,173	33,209.6
Catch (kg live weight)																		
Sandbar	47,091	2,973	50,064	43,424		43,424	52,880		52,880	67,548	585	68,133	76,012	200	76,212	57,391	752	58,143
Bronze whaler'	50,005	1,749	51,754	53,130		53,130	41,819		41,819	35,570	267	35,837	39,698	3	39,701	44,044	404	44,448
'Blacktip'	13,121		13,121	7,419		7,419	14,789		14,789	12,019		12,019	5,761		5,761	10,622	0	10,622
Whiskery	11,057	1,830	12,887	9,704	225	9,929	12,051		12,051	11,150	362	11,512	5,457	27	5,484	9,884	489	10,373
Wobbegong	6,929		6,929	5,473		5,473	5,559		5,559	6,845		6,845	6,381		6,381	6,237	0	6,237
Hammerhead	4,956		4,956	4,848		4,848	5,500		5,500	5,718		5,718	3,662		3,662	4,937	0	4,937
Grey nurse	2,549		2,549	2,091		2,091	1,836		1,836	1,840		1,840	1,070		1,070	1,877	0	1,877
Skates and Rays	1,135		1,135	1,010		1,010	1,206		1,206	708		708	3,765		3,765	1,565	0	1,565
Gummy	297	48	345	677	64	741	2,073		2,073	488		488	665		665	840	22	862
Pencil	867	159	1,026	676		676	342		342	1,644		1,644	78		78	721	32	753
Dogfish	70		70	954		954										14	191	205
Tiger										142		142				28	0	28
Unspecified	850		850	83		83	293		293	5,207	6	5,213	5,203	331	5,534	2,327	67	2,395
Total	138,927	6,759	145,686	128,535	1,243	129,778	138,348	1,220	138,348	148,879	1,220	150,099	147,752	561	148,313	140,488	1,957	142,445

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(i) All regions

	1994-1995		1995-1996		1996-1997		1997-1998		1998-1999		Annual mean							
	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total						
Gillnet equivalent Effort (km gn.hr)	218,974	3,870	222,844	208,114	1,170	209,284	218,359	4,019	222,378	226,712	15,445	242,157	204,315	4,612	208,927	215,295	5,823	221,118
Catch (kg live weight)																		
Queen snapper	46,722	96	46,818	46,595	71	46,666	55,684	222	55,906	49,857	681	50,538	44,257	483	44,740	48,623	311	48,934
Blue groper	30,720	25	30,745	28,393		28,393	31,519	13	31,532	27,509	20	27,529	30,260	3	30,263	29,680	12	29,692
Dhufish	18,438	2,564	21,002	19,739	367	20,106	18,836	963	19,799	19,738	6,734	26,472	13,827	1,168	14,995	18,116	2,359	20,475
Pink snapper	6,384	7,433	13,817	6,905	2,845	9,750	15,630	4,516	20,146	20,024	8,381	28,405	17,951	7,077	25,028	13,379	6,050	19,429
Samsonfish	10,440	697	11,137	8,486	92	8,578	8,872	945	9,817	12,486	6,594	19,080	8,226	2,063	10,289	9,702	2,078	11,780
Mulloway	7,674		7,674	4,301		4,301	6,522		6,522	7,697		7,697	4,291	65	4,356	6,097	13	6,110
Red snapper, redfish	4,934		4,934	4,300	96	4,396	4,366	69	4,435	6,159	222	6,381	6,685	139	6,824	5,289	105	5,394
Boarfish	4,567		4,567	4,994		4,994	5,424		5,424	4,540		4,540	4,344		4,344	4,774	0	4,774
Baldchin groper	2,771	871	3,642	1,896	120	2,016	3,034	216	3,250	3,074	467	3,541	2,609	325	2,934	2,677	400	3,077
Sweetlip	3,105		3,105	3,494		3,494	2,063		2,063			2,945	369	5,171	5,540	235	1989	2,224
Emperor sweetlip	3,117		3,117	2,043		2,043	1,284		1,284	2,071		2,071	997	9	1,006	1,902	2	1,904
Leatherjacket	1,062		1,062	1,883		1,883	271		271	296		296	534		534	809	0	809
Deep sea trevally	568		568	254		254	426		426	1,761		1,761	596		596	721	0	721
Tuna	357		357	2,101		2,101	268		268	371		371	152		152	650	0	650
Hapuku	384		384	430	15	445	193		193	341	39	380	407	16	423	351	154	505
Trevally	180	511	691	276		276	149	865	1,014		453	453	20	20	121	370	491	
Spangled emperor	254		254	891		891	752		752	231		231	295		295	485	0	485
Yellowfin tuna	121	474	595	147	236	363	309	86	395	210	333	543	84	86	170	174	243	417
Cod	145		145	661	50	711	496		496	587	5	592	101	38	139	398	19	417
Footballer	283		283	113		113	152		152	119		119	1,042		1,042	342	0	342
Parrotfish	439		439	494		494	314		314	75		75	243	8	251	313	2	315

Appendix I cont.

Sweep	259	259	153	243	11	254	529	364	364	310	2	312						
Mackerel, general	237	237	322	151		151	220	332	332	252	0	252						
Black kingfish (cobia)	228	228	186	58		58	311	434	434	243	0	243						
Groper				77		77		1,032	1,032	222	0	222						
Bonito	94	94	72	147		147	131	431	431	175	0	175						
Yellowtail kingfish	17	14	389	51		51		18	18	91	6	98						
Morwong	238	238	221							92	0	92						
Australian salmon	22	22	5	16		16	409			90	0	90						
Rosy jobfish									108	0	84	84						
Spanish mackerel	124	124	101	22		22	98	19	19	73	0	73						
Northwest snapper		300								0	60	60						
Bream									216	0	43	43						
Bigeye tuna	75	75	10							12	18	37						
Gumard	63	63	61	63		63	90	12		37	0	37						
Coral trout		21			4	4	52	28	28	16	10	26						
Southern bluefin tuna				54		54				11	0	11						
Grey banded cod	29	29	18	5		5				10	0	10						
Buffalo bream	28	28								6	0	6						
John Dory	18	18	1	1		1				4	0	4						
Skipjack or striped tuna					18	18				0	4	4						
Red emperor							1	1		0	0	0						
Unspecified scalfish	25,493	25,493	25,583	30	25,613	26,091	327	26,418	34,049	3,148	37,197	50,004	1,344	51,348	32,244	970	33,214	
Total scalfish	169,590	13,706	183,296	165,518	3,922	169,440	183,643	10,788	194,431	195,311	29,960	225,271	191,947	18,383	210,330	181,202	15,352	196,554

(ii) Region 1

	1994-1995		1995-1996		1996-1997		1997-1998		1998-1999		Annual mean	
	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total
Gillnet equivalent Effort (km gn.hr)	32,272		32,272	27,687	24,030	27,687	37,044	34,013	37,044	31,009	1	31,011
Catch (kg live weight)												
Queen snapper	2,490		2,490	3,032	4,208	3,032	4,466	5,494	4,466	5,494		3,938
Blue groper	1,196		1,196	1,401	2,418	1,401	2,025	3,062	2,025	3,062		2,020
Mulloway	850		850	1,499	3,360	1,499	2,234		2,234	49	10	1,598
Red snapper, redfish	1,865		1,865	967	1,249	967	2,256	1,524	2,256	1,524		1,572
Pink snapper	158		158	134	1,105	134	1,718	1,938	1,718	1,983	9	1,020
Boarfsh	421		421	712	584	712	870	523	870	523		622
Trevally, general	3		3	7		7	253	274	253	274		107
Monwong	238		238	120		120						72
Samsonfish	105		105	9		9	19	43	19	43		35
Hapuku							15		15			3
Leatherjacket	8		8									2
Sweep	6		6									1
Knifejaw	1		1									0
Unspecified scalefish	28		28	186	1,020	186	1,006	4,944	1,006	4,944		1,437
Total scalefish	7,369		7,369	8,067	13,944	8,067	14,862	17,802	14,862	17,896	19	12,428

(iii) Region 2

	1994-1995		1995-1996		1996-1997		1997-1998		1998-1999		Annual mean	
	Gillnet	Longline	Gillnet	Longline	Gillnet	Longline	Gillnet	Longline	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Total
Gillnet equivalent Effort (km gn.hr)	27,608	32,811	32,811	37,769	37,769	24,864	68	25,067	28,563	30,323	28,563	30,363.8
Catch (kg live weight)												
Queen snapper	7,725	8,574	8,574	11,710	11,710	9,916		9,916	9,338	9,453	9,338	9,453
Blue groper	4,615	4,488	4,488	5,011	5,011	3,458		3,458	4,578	4,430	4,578	4,430
Boarfish	1,470	1,709	1,709	1,650	1,650	1,045		1,045	1,112	1,397	1,112	1,397
Red snapper, redfish	1,186	1,147	1,147	917	917	1,261		1,261	1,674	1,237	1,674	1,237
Deep sea trevally	677	998	998	168	168	184		184		405		405
Pink snapper	406	25	25	909	909	88		88	564	398	564	398
Hapuku	245	1,327	1,327	218	218	71		71		372		372
Samsonfish	262	57	57	44	44	74		74	329	153	329	153
Sweep						313		313	12	65	12	65
Trevally, general		47	47	57	57	50		50	91	49	91	49
Mulloway	83			63	63				11	31	11	31
Cod	1	57	57			96		96		31		31
Leatherjacket	138	7	7							29		29
Knifejaw	22	80	80	5	5					21		21
Morwong		101	101							20		20
Bigeye tuna						90		90		0		18
Groper									53	11	53	11
Dhufish									19	4	19	4
Gumard				10	10					2		2
Unspecified scalefish	53	1,246	1,246	1,855	1,855	1,772	2,450	4,222	215	1,028	215	1,518
Total Scalefish	16,883	19,863	19,863	22,617	22,617	18,328	2,540	20,868	17,996	19,137	17,996	19,645

(iv) Region 3

	1994-1995		1995-1996		1996-1997		1997-1998		1998-1999		Annual mean							
	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total						
Gillnet equivalent Effort (km gn.hr)	43,918	6	43,936	32,271	190	32,842	35,425	199	36,023	30,555	676	32,584	25,968	202	26,573	33,628	255	34,391.4
Catch (kg live weight)																		
Queen snapper	17,649	16,238	17,649	16,238	67	16,305	19,781	105	19,886	16,770	50	16,820	14,805	43	14,848	17,049	53	17,102
Blue groper	11,401	8,690	11,401	8,690	8,690	8,690	8,494	9,306	8,494	9,306	9,306	9,306	10,722	3	10,725	9,723	1	9,723
Pink snapper	687	1,190	687	1,190	2,162	3,352	3,010	2,493	5,503	4,041	1,840	5,881	4,224	2,617	6,841	2,630	1,822	4,453
Boarfish	2,178	2,253	2,178	2,253	2,253	2,253	2,805	2,805	2,805	2,435	2,435	2,435	2,471	98	2,471	2,428	0	2,428
Red snapper, redfish	1,166	1,295	1,166	1,295	82	1,377	1,585	58	1,643	1,861	48	1,909	3,194	89	3,292	1,820	57	1,877
Samsonfish	2,158	1,516	2,158	1,516	79	1,595	710	38	748	809	31	840	770	89	859	1,193	47	1,240
Dhufish	801	671	801	671	36	707	1,131	41	1,172	914	44	958	731	125	856	850	49	899
Leatherjacket	1,387	594	1,387	594	594	594	686	686	686	564	564	564	547	547	547	756	0	756
Deep sea trevally	347	885	347	885	885	885	103	103	103	112	112	112	534	534	396	0	396	
Hapuku	112	774	112	774	774	774	50	50	50	285	285	285	152	152	275	0	275	
Footballer	2	373	2	373	50	423	397	397	397	373	5	378	46	46	238	11	249	
Knifejaw	289	307	289	307	307	307	304	304	304	70	70	70	237	8	245	241	2	243
Groper	477	36	477	36	36	36	159	159	159	64	64	159	64	159	196	0	196	
Mulloway	341	162	341	162	15	177	129	129	129	24	24	24	18	18	135	3	138	
Trevally, general	118	64	118	64	64	64	61	61	61	59	59	59	282	282	117	0	117	
Sweep																		
Mackerel, general																		
Bonito	63	61	63	61	61	61	53	53	53									
Gumard	29	18	29	18	18	18												
Grey banded cod	28		28															
Buffalo bream	5		5				16	16	16									
Australian salmon	8		8				1	1	1									
Yellowtail Kingfish							9	9	9									
John Dory							1	1	1									
Parrotfish							9	9	9									
Unspecified scalefish	2,381	3,328	2,381	3,328	27	3,355	2,475	2,475	2,475	2,866	31	2,897	4,029	4,029	3,016	12	3,027	
Total scalefish	41,627	38,455	41,627	38,455	2,518	40,973	41,800	2,735	44,555	40,648	2049	42,697	44,308	3,001	47,309	41,368	2,061	43,428

(v) Region 4

	1994-1995		1995-1996		1996-1997		1997-1998		1998-1999		Annual mean							
	Gillnet	Total	Gillnet	Total	Gillnet	Total	Gillnet	Total	Gillnet	Total	Longline	Total						
Gillnet equivalent Effort (km gn.hr)	43,271	89	43,537	42,211	80	42,451	45,509	45	45,643	42,020	36	42,128	50,420	17	50,470	44,686	53	44,845.8
Catch (kg live weight)																		
Queen snapper	8,834	69	8,903	9,456	4	9,460	11,437	111	11,548	8,614	8,614	8,614	8,224	8,224	8,224	9,313	37	9,350
Blue groper	7,813		7,813	8,074		8,074	9,385		9,385	7,051	12	7,063	9,553	9,553	8,375	2		8,378
Dhufish	6,889	759	7,648	6,421	281	6,702	6,197	204	6,401	4,964	24	4,988	5,172	3	5,175	5,929	254	6,183
Samsonfish	2,751	38	2,789	2,246	13	2,259	2,839	8	2,847	1,228	65	1,293	1,811	47	1,858	2,175	34	2,209
Pink snapper	1,583	142	1,725	1,620	233	1,853	2,625	119	2,744	2,256	28	2,284	2,028	8	2,036	2,022	106	2,128
Mulloway	78		78	1,759		1,759	353		353	63		63	78	78	466	0		466
Red snapper, redfish	431		431	558	14	572	341	2	343	692		692	176	176	440	3		443
Leatherjacket	120		120	482		482	461		461	85		85			230	0		230
Cod		314		314		236	24	31	55		24	24			5	121		126
Footballer				227		227	57		57	176		176	25	25	97	0		97
Boarfish	71		71	66		66	236		236	5		5	18	18	79	0		79
Baldchin groper	56	3	59	104		104				63		63			45	1		45
Tuna	53		53	81		81	28		28						32	0		32
Trevally, general				151		151									30	0		30
Sweep	40		40	20		20	44	11	55	34		34			28	2		30
Knifejaw	113		113	7		7	5		5				6	6	26	0		26
Black kingfish (cobia)				0		0	14		14						3	0		3
Yellowtail kingfish	4		4			0			0						1	0		1
Unspecified scalefish	12,617		12,617	12,277	3	12,280	11,606		11,606	14,078		14,078	24,627	24,627	15,041	1		15,042
Total scalefish	41,453	1,325	42,778	43,549	784	44,333	45,652	486	46,138	39,309	153	39,462	51,718	58	51,776	44,336	561	44,897

(vi) Region 5

	1994-1995		1995-1996		1996-1997		1997-1998		1998-1999		Annual mean			
	Gillnet	Total	Gillnet	Total	Gillnet	Total	Gillnet	Total	Gillnet	Total	Longline	Total		
Gillnet equivalent Effort (km gn.hr)	47,230	47,230	51,473	51,473	48,378	49,410	49,910	1,771	55,223	32,793	118	33,146	447	47,296.4
Catch (kg live weight)														
Queen snapper	9,905	9,905	9,169	8,447	8,447	8,451	9,687	629	10,316	5,601	440	6,041	8,562	215
Dhufish	8,091	8,091	9,416	8,318	8,318	8,550	8,267	3,273	11,540	3,932	9	3,941	7,605	703
Samsonfish	4,350	4,350	3,359	3,013	3,013	3,198	6,429	2,900	9,329	3,367	1,300	4,667	4,104	877
Blue groper	5,366	5,366	5,574	5,873	5,873	5,886	4,928		4,928	2,042		2,042	4,757	3
Pink snapper	2,367	2,367	2,537	4,857	4,857	5,017	4,204	2,978	7,182	3,761	1,478	5,239	3,545	4,468
Mulloway	3,781	3,781	531	2,205	2,205	2,205	3,742		3,742	1,960	16	1,976	2,444	3
Baldchin groper	1,698	1,698	1,312	2,134	2,134	2,134	2,119		2,119	1,601	24	1,625	1,773	5
Leatherjacket	1,454	1,454	960	137	137	137	1,411		1,411	416	9	425	876	2
Tuna, other	118	118	126	382	382	382	1,236		1,236	182		182	409	0
Yellowfin tuna	62	62	115	691	691	691	147		147	295		295	262	0
Red snapper, redfish	286	286	333	274	274	283	89	174	263	88	41	129	214	45
Boarfish	427	427	254	149	149	149	185		185	220		220	247	0
Cod	39	39	90	201	201	203	10	141	151	46	66	112	77	42
Bonito	94	94	48	145	145	145	115		115	71		71	95	0
Sweep	66	66	60	116	116	116	123		123	70		70	87	0
Australian salmon	17	17	5	5	5	5	409		409				86	0
Yellowtail kingfish	13	13	389			389							80	0
Footballer	143	143	61	42	42	42	38		38	30	38	68	63	8
Sweetlip														0
Mackerel, general	59	59	18	53	53	53	25		25	25		25	36	0
Spanish mackerel	54	54	22	71	71	22	71		71	14		14	32	0
Trevally, general	34	34	63	7	7	7	14		14	24		24	28	0
Knifejaw	14	14	100			100	5		5				24	0
Bigeye tuna	75	75	10			10				12		12	19	0
Groper				77	77	77							15	0
Black kingfish (cobia)							10		10	59		59	14	0
Grey banded cod	53	53	5	5	5	5	43		43	11		11	12	0
Parrotfish													11	0
Southern bluefin tuna				54	54	54							11	0
Deep sea trevally	38	38											8	0
John Dory	10	10	1	1	1	1							2	0
Unspecified scatefish	10,404	10,404	8,546	8,374	8,374	8,391	11,684	169	11,853	10,678	383	11,061	9,937	114
Total	49,018	49,018	43,077	43,077	45,576	46,198	54,991	10,264	65,255	34,845	3,804	38,649	45,501	2,938
														48,439

(vii) Region 6

	1994-1995			1995-1996			1996-1997			1997-1998			1998-1999			Annual mean		
	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total	Gillnet	Longline	Total
Gillnet equivalent Effort (km gn.hr)	24,675	1,196	28,262	21,660	120	22,020	27,248	752	29,503	42,320	2,597	50,111	32,557	1,198	36,152	29,692	1,173	33,209.6
Catch (kg live weight)																		
Pink snapper	1,183	7,291	8,474	1,399	450	1,849	3,124	1,744	4,868	7,717	3,535	11,252	5,436	2,929	8,365	3,772	3,190	6,962
Dhufish	2,657	1,805	4,462	3,231	50	3,281	3,190	486	3,676	5,593	3,393	8,986	3,973	1,031	5,004	3,729	1,353	5,082
Samsonfish	814	659	1,473	1,299	1,299	2,266	3,494	714	2,980	3,927	3,598	7,525	1,906	627	2,533	2,042	1,120	3,162
Sweetlip	3,105	3,105	3,494	3,494	3,494	2,063	100	2,533	2,633	706	2,239	2,945	369	5,171	5,540	235	1,989	2,224
Emperor sweetlip	2,405	2,405	476	476	476	541	1,499	541	1,499	892	467	1,359	1,008	301	1,309	859	394	1,254
Mulloway	1,017	868	1,885	480	120	600	900	216	1,116	865	453	453	20	20	20	121	370	491
Baldchin groper	180	511	691	276	166	338	741	8	749	303	8	749	303	76	1,031	329	0	329
Spangled emperor	329	25	354	166	113	143	76	2	103	404	2	406	795	2	795	309	6	315
Blue groper	283	119	146	126	47	16	186	44	301	375	84	195	14	16	16	1	151	152
Parrotfish	119	397	228	186	186	44	776	61	84	195	39	39	38	20	58	61	80	142
Queen snapper	397	27	146	126	47	16	304	98	84	195	314	314	38	108	108	0	84	84
Tuna, other	228	228	228	186	186	44	776	61	84	195	39	39	38	20	58	61	80	142
Black kingfish (cobia)	192	178	178	304	98	304	98	84	195	39	39	39	38	20	58	61	80	142
Yellowfin tuna	178	178	178	304	98	304	98	84	195	39	39	39	38	20	58	61	80	142
Mackerel, general	6	700	706	706	706	706	706	706	706	706	706	706	706	706	706	706	706	706
Trevally, general	81	160	241	241	241	241	241	241	241	241	241	241	241	241	241	241	241	241
Cod	70	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
Rosy jobfish	70	70	70	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101
Northwest snapper	70	70	70	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101
Bream, mixed	70	70	70	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101
Spanish mackerel	70	70	70	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101
Bonito	70	70	70	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101
Coral trout	70	70	70	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101
Yellowtail kingfish	70	70	70	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101
Sweep	70	70	70	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101
Leatherjacket	70	70	70	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101
Red snapper, redfish	70	70	70	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101
Skipjack or striped tuna	70	70	70	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101
Red emperor	70	70	70	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101
Unspecified scatefish	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Total scatefish	13,293	12,381	25,674	12,507	620	13,127	14,054	6,945	20,999	27,173	14,954	42,127	25,278	11,426	36,704	18,461	9,265	27,726

Appendix II. Total length – fork length relationships

Common name	Species	TL(cm) = a*FL(cm) + b			n	FL (cm)	
		a	b	r ²		min	max
Angel shark (unspecified)	Family Squatinidae	1.0039	5.4232	0.9894	4	72	92
Dusky shark (♂)	<i>Carcharhinus obscurus</i>	1.1762	3.6568	0.9838	1,196	66	264
Dusky shark (♀)	“ “	1.2073	1.3613	0.9859	1,157	59	347
Dusky shark (combined)	“ “	1.1851	3.0321	0.9844	2,359	59	282
Copper shark	<i>Carcharhinus brachyurus</i>	1.2206	5.3633	0.9963	20	74	229
School shark	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	1.1385	3.3111	0.9800	748	80	151
Gummy shark	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	1.0837	4.6424	0.9590	360	63	185
Grey nurse	<i>Carcharias taurus</i>	1.185x	10.669	0.9671	9	93	127
Smooth hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna zygaena</i>	1.2977	1.7551	0.9846	135	52	142
Spinner shark	<i>Carcharhinus brevipinna</i>	1.2026	2.8155	0.9945	61	67	132
Port Jackson	<i>Heterodontus portusjacksoni</i>	1.0666	2.5650	0.9760	73	39	95
Pencil shark	<i>Hypogaleus hyugaensis</i>	0.8159	31.212	0.3613	25	87	98
Tiger shark	<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>	1.0748	23.452	0.9476	225	95	361
Sandbar shark	<i>Carcharhinus plumbeus</i>	1.2185	0.2133	0.9631	273	52	121
Whiskery shark	<i>Furgaleus macki</i>	1.0044	13.171	0.8955	502	92	129
Western wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus sp.</i>	0.8148	61.044	0.5316	74	44	122

Appendix III. Length - Weight Relationships

1. Elasmobranchs

Common name	Species	L	Weight (kg) = a*L ^b , where L equals length (cm)				n	Size (cm)	Source
			a	b	r ²	n			
Angel shark (unspecified)	Family Squatinidae	TL	2.76x10 ⁻⁶	3.16	0.96	134		Bridge et al. (1999) for <i>Squatina tergocellata</i>	
Banded wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus ornatus</i>	TL	3.645 x10 ⁻³	1.767	0.641	16	145 - 250	Chidlow (2003)	
Blue shark	<i>Prionace glauca</i>	FL	3.1841 x10 ⁻⁶	3.1313	0.9521	4,529	52 - 288	Kohler et al. (1995)	
Broadnose sevengill	<i>Notorynchus cepedianus</i>	TL	1.62 x10 ⁻⁶	3.15	0.89	69		Bransetter and Musick (1994) for <i>Carcharias taurus</i>	
Cobbler wobbegong	<i>Sutorectus tentaculatus</i>	TL	2.19 x10 ⁻⁶	3.23	0.9486	81	47 - 143	Chidlow (2003) for <i>Orectolobus</i> sp A. (Last and Stevens, 1994)	
Copper shark (♂)	<i>Carcharhinus</i>	PCL	7.49 x10 ⁻⁶	3.11	0.9972	945		Cliff and Dudley (1992)	
Copper shark (♀)	<i>brachyurus</i>	PCL	6.71 x10 ⁻⁶	3.14	0.9973	770		Cliff and Dudley (1992)	
Dogfish, spurdog	<i>Squalus</i> spp.	TL	1.47 x10 ⁻⁶	3.22			< 80	Torres (1991) for <i>Squalus acanthias</i>	
Dusky shark	<i>Carcharhinus obscurus</i>	TL	3.469x10 ⁻⁶	3.100	0.964	351	81 - 240	Unpublished data, Shark Research Section, Fisheries WA	
Grey gummy	<i>Mustelus</i> sp.	TL	2.353x10 ⁻⁶	3.113	0.926	136	40 -126	Unpublished data, Shark Research Section, Fisheries WA, for male <i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	
Grey nurse shark	<i>Carcharias taurus</i>	TL	1.62 x10 ⁻⁶	3.15	0.89	69		Bransetter and Musick (1994) for <i>Carcharias taurus</i>	
Gummy shark (♂)	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	TL	2.353x10 ⁻⁶	3.113	0.926	136	40 -126	Unpublished data, Shark Research Section, Fisheries WA	
Gummy shark (♀)		TL	6.098x10 ⁻⁷	3.423	0.904	661	39 - 164		
Hammerhead (unspecified)	<i>Sphyrna</i> spp.	TL	1.619x10 ⁻⁵	2.721	0.948	69	68 - 176	Unpublished data, Shark Research Section, Fisheries WA for <i>S. zygaena</i>	
Pencil shark	<i>Hypogaleus hyugaensis</i>	TL	2.286x10 ⁻⁵	2.612	0.287	93	102 - 122	Unpublished data, Shark Research Section, Fisheries WA	
Port Jackson shark	<i>Heterodontus portusjacksoni</i>	TL	1.630x10 ⁻⁷	3.900	0.9385	178	46.5 - 108	Unpublished data, Shark Research Section, Fisheries WA	

Sandbar (thickskin) shark	<i>Carcharhinus plumbeus</i>	FL	1.0885 x10 ⁻⁵	3.0124	0.9385	1,548	44 - 201	Kohler et al. (1995)
Sawshark (unspecified)	Family Pristiophoridae	TL	2.0 x10 ⁻⁷	3.4617	0.9745	323	36 - 116	Graham (1999) for <i>Pristiophorus</i> sp.A (Last and Stevens, 1994)
Scalloped hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	FL	7.745 x10 ⁻⁶	3.0669	0.9255	390	79 - 243	Kohler et al. (1995)
School (tope) shark	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	TL	2.186x10 ⁻⁶	3.190	0.807	81	117 - 158	Unpublished data, Shark Research Section, Fisheries WA
Shortfin mako	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>	FL	5.2432 x10 ⁻⁶	3.1407	0.9587	2,081	65 - 338	Kohler et al. (1995)
Shovelnose/fiddler ray (unspecified)	Families <i>Rhinobatidae</i> and <i>Rhynchobatidae</i>	TL	1.3 x10 ⁻⁶	3.2097	0.9812	200	21 - 103	Graham, K.J. (1999) for <i>Aptychotrema rostrata</i>
Smooth hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna zygaena</i>	TL	1.619x10 ⁻⁵	2.721	0.948	69	68 - 176	Unpublished data, Shark Research Section, Fisheries WA
Spinner (longnose grey) shark	<i>Carcharhinus brevipinna</i>	TL	1.13 x10 ⁻⁶	3.33	0.988	35		Stevens and McLoughlin (1991)
Spotted wobbegong	Orectolobus maculatus	TL	3.645 x10 ⁻³	1.767	0.641	16	145 - 250	Chidlow (2003) for <i>O. ornatus</i>
Thresher shark (unspecified)	Family Alopiidae	FL	1.8821 x10 ⁻⁴	2.5188	0.8795	88	154 - 262	Kohler et al. (1995) for <i>Alopias vulpinus</i>
Tiger shark	<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>	TL	2.62 x10 ⁻⁶	3.57	0.993	86		Stevens and McLoughlin (1991)
Western wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus</i> sp A. (Last and Stevens)	TL	2.19 x10 ⁻⁶	3.23	0.9486	81	47 - 143	Unpublished data, Shark Research Section, Fisheries WA
Whiskery shark	<i>Furgaleus macki</i>	TL	2.75x10 ⁻⁶	3.081	0.770	479	104 - 145	Unpublished data, Shark Research Section, Fisheries WA
White shark (white pointer)	<i>Carcharodon carcharias</i>	FL	7.5763 x10 ⁻⁶	3.0848	0.9802	125	112 - 493	Kohler et al. (1995)
Wobbegong (unspecified)	Family Orectolobidae	TL	3.645 x10 ⁻³	1.767	0.641	16	145 - 250	Chidlow (2003) for <i>O. ornatus</i>

2. Teleosts

Common name	Species	L	Weight (kg) = a*L ^b , where L equals length (cm)				n	Size (cm)	Source
			a	b	r ²	n			
Australian salmon	<i>Arripis truttaceus</i>	TL	7.45 x10 ⁻⁶	3.111		8,232	4.0 – 77.0	Steffe et al. (1996)	
Baldchin groper	<i>Choerodon rubescens</i>	TL	1.3 x10 ⁻⁵	3.139				Unpublished data, Recreational Fishing Section, Fisheries WA	
Banded sweep	<i>Scorpius georgianus</i>	TL	7.626 x10 ⁻⁶	3.136	0.993	46	3.6-18.0	Taylor & Willis (1998) for <i>Scorpius lineolatus</i>	
Blue groper	<i>Achoerodus gouldii</i>	TL	2.28 x10 ⁻⁵	2.995				Unpublished data, Recreational Fishing Section, Fisheries WA	
Boarfish (unspecified)	Family Pentacerotidae	TL	3.92 x10 ⁻⁵	2.95		219	5.0 - 20.0	Magnusson and Magnusson (1987)	
Bonito	<i>Sarda australis</i>	FL	7.627 x10 ⁻⁶	3.090	0.99	2,824	29.0-77.0	Campbell & Collins (1975) for <i>Sarda chiliensis</i>	
Boxfish (unspecified)	Family Ostraciidae	TL	1.53 x10 ⁻⁵	2.25		181	5.0-32.0	Ciario and Garcia-Arteaga, (1994) for <i>Lactophrys quadricornis</i>	
Breaksea cod	<i>Epinephelides armatus</i>	TL	8.9 x10 ⁻⁶	3.126	0.988	11	14.2-26.9	Yanagawa (1994) for <i>Epinephelus bleekeri</i>	
Buffalo bream	<i>Kyphosus cornelii</i>	FL	2.261 x10 ⁻⁵	3.055	0.955	32	25.0-57.5	Taylor & Willis (1998) for <i>Kyphosus sydneyanus</i>	
Cobbler, estuary catfish	<i>Cnidogobius macrocephalus</i>	TL	1.56 x10 ⁻⁶	3.2				Unpublished data, Estuarine Section, Fisheries WA	
Coral trout	<i>Plectropomus leopardus</i>	TL	8.9 x10 ⁻⁶	3.126	0.988	11	14.2-26.9	Yanagawa (1994) for <i>Epinephelus bleekeri</i>	
Dory (unspecified)	Family Zeidae	TL	5.6 x10 ⁻⁶	3.313	0.9613	225	10.0-53.0	Graham (1999) for <i>Zeus faber</i>	
Flathead	Family Platycephalidae	TL	9.22 x10 ⁻⁵	2.33				Unpublished data, Estuarine Section, Fisheries WA	
Flounder (unspecified)	Families Bothidae & Pleuronectidae	TL	6.8 x10 ⁻⁶	3.076	0.986	90	8.5-25.0	Willing and Pender (1989) for <i>Pseudorhombus arsius</i>	
Gurnard perch	<i>Neosebastes spp.</i>	TL	9.135 x10 ⁻⁶	3.137	0.995	82	2.3-19.6	Taylor & Willis (1998) for <i>Scorpaena papillosus</i>	
Knifejaw	<i>Oplegnathus woodwardi</i>	TL	7.626 x10 ⁻⁶	3.136	0.993	46	3.6-18.0	Taylor & Willis (1998) for <i>Scorpius lineolatus</i>	
Leatherjacket (unspecified)	Family Monacanthidae	TL	3.09 x10 ⁻⁵	2.8153	0.9773	88	8.0-32.0	Graham (1999) for <i>Meuschenia scaber</i>	
Mackerel (unspecified)	Family Scombridae	TL	5.0 x10 ⁻⁶	3.247	0.979	460	13.3-35.6	Al Sakaff and Esseen for <i>Scomber australasicus</i>	
Moonlighter	<i>Tilodon sexfasciatum</i>	TL	7.626 x10 ⁻⁶	3.136	0.993	46	3.6-18.0	Taylor & Willis (1998) for <i>Scorpius lineolatus</i>	
Mulloway	<i>Argyrosomus hololepidotus</i>	TL	3.01 x10 ⁻⁵	2.76	n/a	n/a	<200.0	Torres (1991)	

Narrow-barred spanish mackerel	<i>Scomberomorus commerson</i>	FL	1.0 x10 ⁻⁵	2.9092	0.9847	1,238	M. Mackie, Fisheries W.A. Unpublished data
North west blowfish	<i>Lagocephalus scleratus</i>	FL	1.94 x10 ⁻⁵	2.904	0.996	67	Letourneur et al. (1998)
Parrotfish (unspecified)	Family Scaridae	FL	1.35 x10 ⁻⁵	3.1		275	Garcia-Arteaga et al. (1997) for <i>Scarus chrysopterus</i>
Pink snapper	<i>Pagrus auratus</i>	FL	4.67727 x10 ⁻⁵	2.781	0.99	2,646	Moran and Burton (1990)
Queen snapper	<i>Nemadactylus valenciennesi</i>	TL	3.808 x10 ⁻⁶	3.1375	0.94	7	Taylor & Willis (1998) for <i>Nemadactylus douglasii</i>
Redfish, red snapper, nanygai, bight redfish	<i>Centrobenyx</i> spp.	FL	6.99 x10 ⁻⁵	2.6905	0.9926	187	Graham (1999)
Red-lipped morwong	<i>Cheilodactylus rubrolabiatus</i>	TL	1.600 x10 ⁻⁵	2.989	0.987	140	Taylor & Willis (1998) for <i>Cheilodactylus spectabilis</i>
Samsonfish	<i>Seriola hippos</i>	FL	3.515 x10 ⁻⁵	2.845		100s	Taylor & Willis (1998) for <i>Seriola lalandi</i>
Sand snapper (Painted sweetlips)	<i>Diagramma pictum</i>	TL	7.7 x10 ⁻⁶	3.131	0.993		Pauly et al. (1996)
Sea carp, cale	Family Aplodactylidae	TL	5.260 x10 ⁻⁶	3.207	0.972	100	Taylor & Willis (1998) for <i>Aplodactylus arcidens</i>
Sea sweep	<i>Scorpius aequipinnis</i>	TL	7.626 x10 ⁻⁶	3.136	0.993	46	Taylor & Willis (1998) for <i>Scorpius lineolatus</i>
Sergeant baker	<i>Aulopus purpurissatus</i>	TL	1.264 x10 ⁻⁵	3.012	0.984	97	Steffe et al. (1996)
Southern blue-fin tuna	<i>Thunnus maccoyii</i>						
Spangled emperor	<i>Lethrinus nebulosus</i>	TL	9.50 x10 ⁻⁵	2.619	0.987	120	Al Sakaiff and Esseen (1999)
Stargazer (unspecified)	Family Uranoscopidae	TL	7.0 x10 ⁻⁶	3.004	0.963	36	Dulic and Kraljevic (1996) for <i>Uranoscopus scaber</i>
Swallowtail	<i>Centrobenyx lineatus</i>	FL	6.99 x10 ⁻⁵	2.6905	0.9926	187	Graham (1999)
Sweetlip	Family Haemulidae	TL	3.96x10 ⁻⁵	2.761	0.968	19	Letourneur et al. (1998)
Tailor	<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	TL	5.15 x10 ⁻⁵	2.714			Unpublished data, Recreational Fishing Section, Fisheries WA
Trevally	Family Scombridae	TL	4.0 x10 ⁻⁵	2.6748			Unpublished data, Recreational Fishing Section, Fisheries WA for <i>Pseudocaranx dentex</i>
West Australian dhufish	<i>Glaucosoma hebraicum</i>	TL	4.83 x10 ⁻⁵	2.837			Unpublished data, Recreational Fishing Section, Fisheries WA
Yellow fin tuna	<i>Thunnus albacares</i>	FL	1.391 x10 ⁻⁵	3.086		196	Steffe et al. (1996)
Yellow tailed kingfish	<i>Seriola lalandi</i>	TL	3.515 x10 ⁻⁵	2.845		100s	Taylor & Willis (1998)

Appendix IV. Size frequency statistics

1. Elasmobranch

Name	Species	Sex	Location	n	Mean	Standard	Fork Length (cm)	
					(\bar{EL})	Dev. (σ)	min.	max.
Copper shark	<i>Carcharhinus brachyurus</i>	Male	all regions	76	155	50	60	238
		Female		40	140	57	65	245
Spinner shark	<i>Carcharhinus brevipinna</i>	Male	all regions	771	91	19	58	210
		Female		691	90	16	60	220
Dusky shark	<i>Carcharhinus obscurus</i>	Male	region 1	162	94	19	72	183
		Female		143	91	15	68	163
"	"	Male	region 2	56	90	14	75	143
		Female		48	90	14	74	149
"	"	Male	region 3	1,009	87	17	53	210
		Female		995	87	20	59	224
"	"	Male	region 4	5,442	79	11	64	253
		Female		5,458	79	12	65	205
"	"	Male	region 5	1,482	83	14	67	219
		Female		1,730	84	16	67	273
"	"	Male	region 6	300	92	22	74	196
		Female		366	90	24	72	222
"	"	Male	all regions	8,455	82	14	53	253
		Female		8,740	82	15	59	273
Sandbar shark	<i>Carcharhinus plumbeus</i>	Male	region 3	319	77	7	52	98
		Female		247	79	10	54	150
"	"	Male	region 4	617	75	12	47	140
		Female		733	75	13	46	156
"	"	Male	region 5	740	82	11	52	147
		Female		742	82	12	52	155
"	"	Male	region 6	222	95	18	45	143
		Female		269	101	23	44	160
"	"	Male	all regions	1,898	81	13	45	147
		Female		1,991	82	16	44	160
Tiger shark	<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>	Male	all regions	17	125	34	92	204
		Female		38	139	32	92	214
Whiskery shark	<i>Furgaleus macki</i>	Male	region 1	82	121	5	109	132
		Female		62	108	6	91	123
"	"	Male	region 2	22	120	4	114	131
		Female		30	111	6	100	126
"	"	Male	region 3	118	112	7	95	127
		Female		374	110	5	88	128
"	"	Male	region 4	593	110	8	76	128
		Female		1,632	109	8	75	150
"	"	Male	region 5	242	111	8	80	128
		Female		674	115	7	84	130
"	"	Male	region 6	76	110	8	72	123
		Female		93	107	6	90	122
"	"	Male	all regions	1,133	111	8	72	132
		Female		2,865	110	8	75	150
School shark	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	Male	all regions	134	111	11	80	140
		Female		756	119	10	80	151

Pencil shark	<i>Hypogaleus hyugaensis</i>	Male	all regions	242	92	4	74	102
		Female		251	92	5	63	105
Gummy shark	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	Male	region 1	860	102	6	87	121
		Female		349	106	13	57	185
“	“	Male	region 2	224	101	6	84	115
		Female		746	113	11	80	163
“	“	Male	region 3	228	98	5	84	119
		Female		1,953	110	11	63	148
“	“	Male	region 4	42	97	6	86	117
		Female		482	112	14	84	155
“	“	Male	west coast	8	100	5	90	106
		Female	(regions 5 & 6)	123	113	13	88	190
“	“	Male	all regions	1,362	101	6	84	121
		Female		3,654	110	12	57	190
Grey gummy	<i>Mustelus sp.</i>	Male	all regions	1			85	
		Female		44	91	5	74	101
Grey nurse	<i>Carcharias taurus</i>	Male	all regions	26	130	40	91.0	231.0
		Female		18	132	40	86.0	222.0
Port Jackson	<i>Heterodontus portusjacksoni</i>	Male	all regions	98	57	6	43	70
		Female		236	65	14	40	99
Mako	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>	Male	all regions	48	128	43	76	247
		Female		31	139	45	80	300
Wobbegongs	Family Orectolobidae	Male	all regions	279	142	48	14	260
		Female		271	130	41	60	225
Hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna zygaena</i>	Male	all regions	1,178	91	17	48	187
		Female		1,092	93	18	48	232

2. Teleosts

Name	Species	n	Mean	Standard	fork length (cm)	
			(\bar{FL})	Dev. (σ)	min.	max.
Australian salmon	<i>Arripis truttaceus</i>	58	74	5	60	84
Baldchin groper	<i>Choerodon rubescens</i>	211	56	4	48	67
Blue groper	<i>Achoerodus gouldii</i>	895	65	9	35	109
Boarfish (unspecified)	Family Pentacerotidae	638	49	12	18	94
West Australian dhufish	<i>Glaucosoma hebraicum</i>	1,206	66	11	25	110
Knifejaw	<i>Oplegnathus woodwardi</i>	351	43	5	26	94
Leatherjacket (unspecified)	Family Monacanthidae	380	60	9	34	83
Moonlighter	<i>Tilodon sexfasciatum</i>	160	42	16	29	123
Pink snapper	<i>Pagrus auratus</i>	767	61	10	28	115
Queen snapper	<i>Nemadactylus valenciennesi</i>	2,513	66	8	32	98
Redfish, red snapper, nannygai, bight redfish	<i>Centroberyx</i> spp.	399	53	7	31	71
Samsonfish	<i>Seriola hippos</i>	142	90	15	55	164

Appendix V. Research Observed Catch, July 1994 – June 1999

(a) Elasmobranchs (i) All regions

Common Name	Species Name	Observed Catch (no)				Observed Catch (kg whole wt)				Mean annual catch			
		94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	(no)	(kg)
Dusky Shark	<i>Carcharhinus obscurus</i>	4,486	5,102	4,272	2,796	3,990	25,751	24,990	21,768	16,471	19,403	4,129	21,677
Gummy Shark	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	1,777	2,066	424	1,230	1,811	15,215	14,087	3,359	11,686	13,349	1,462	11,539
Whiskery Shark	<i>Furgaleus macki</i>	463	651	265	461	237	11,913	7,283	7,749	10,316	6,472	415	8,746
*Port Jackson Shark	<i>Heterodontus portusjacksoni</i>	2,609	3,204	1,826	1,952	3,380	7,801	9,580	5,460	5,836	10,106	2,594	7,757
Smooth Hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna zygaena</i>	553	808	956	631	413	5,103	5,837	4,439	6,156	6,429	672	5,593
Sandbar Shark	<i>Carcharhinus plumbeus</i>	749	355	266	499	569	4,468	8,169	5,631	2,612	2,491	488	4,674
School Shark	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	1	988	0	0	1	13	8,580	0	0	0	330	4,297
Longnose Grey/Spinner Shark	<i>Carcharhinus brevipinna</i>	593	140	116	479	227	4,906	1,089	847	4,584	2,086	311	2,702
Wobbegong (unspecified)	Family Orectolobidae	197	211	30	1	0	3,677	4,140	580	19	0	88	1,683
Copper Shark	<i>Carcharhinus brachyurus</i>	18	45	11	40	16	1,042	1,615	771	2,837	1,709	26	1,595
*Eagle Ray	Family Myliobatidae	450	410	172	424	161	1,800	1,640	688	1,696	644	323	1,294
Banded Wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus ornatus</i>	3	8	43	41	37	84	247	1,612	1,556	1,542	26	1,008
Tiger Shark	<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>	10	17	26	5	2	655	1,302	1,394	594	173	12	823
Western Wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus sp.</i>	10	0	62	109	79	153	0	976	1,692	1,166	52	797
Shortfin Mako	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>	9	11	5	22	39	197	533	74	941	1,671	17	683
*Angel Shark (unspecified)	Family Squatinidae	107	60	75	134	143	628	370	452	791	842	104	617
Spotted Wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus maculatus</i>	11	37	29	14	9	317	885	702	405	324	20	527
Pencil Shark	<i>Hypogaleus hyugaensis</i>	112	98	66	95	170	447	386	261	364	661	108	424
Grey Nurse Shark	<i>Carcharias taurus</i>	10	15	12	2	13	113	486	263	22	208	10	218
*Saw Shark (unspecified)	Family Pristiophoridae	23	125	25	16	187	62	336	64	37	459	75	192
Hammerhead (unspecified)	Family Sphyrnidae	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	690	0	0	12	138
Blue Shark	<i>Prionace glauca</i>	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	53	207	<1	52
*Shovelnose/Fiddler Ray	Families Rhinobatidae & Rhynchobatidae	41	67	22	3	36	393	103	30	29	53	34	121
*Cobbler Wobbegong	<i>Sutorectus tentaculatus</i>	4	1	9	23	18	39	10	97	212	181	11	108
*Stingray (unspecified)	Family Dasyatidae	123	25	9	1	20	369	75	27	3	60	36	107
Thresher Shark (unspecified)	Family Alopiidae	6	5	0	0	1	117	211	0	0	116	2	89
Scalloped Hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	1	3	8	0	0	9	182	131	0	0	2	64
Grey Gummy	<i>Mustelus sp.</i>	0	27	21	0	0	0	100	82	0	0	10	61
* White Shark	<i>Carcharodon carcharias</i>	2	2	1	0	1	300	0	0	0	0	1	150

		94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	Mean annual catch (no)	Mean annual catch (kg)
Blacktip (whaler)	<i>Carcharhinus limbatus/hilstoni</i>	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	20	0	23	0	0	0	0	23	<1	21
*Manta ray/devil ray	Family Mobulidae	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	100	<1	20
*Broadnose Sevengill	<i>Notorynchus cepedianus</i>	0	1	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	<1	9
Dogfish (unspecified)	Family Squalidae	10	4	0	5	7	10	2	0	7	8	10	2	0	7	8	5	6
*Catshark (unspecified)	Family Scyliorhinidae	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	<1	<1
Total		12,378	14,486	8,812	8,984	11,574	85,584	92,248	58,167	68,920	70,482	11,247	75,080					

(ii) Region 1

Common Name	Species Name	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	Mean annual catch (no)	Mean annual catch (kg)
School Shark	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	0	986	-	-	-	0	9,362	-	-	-	0	9,362	-	-	-	493	4,681
Gummy Shark	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	44	1,371	-	-	-	222	8,693	-	-	-	222	8,693	-	-	-	708	4,457
Dusky Shark	<i>Carcharhinus obscurus</i>	106	212	-	-	-	623	1,829	-	-	-	623	1,829	-	-	-	159	1,226
*Port Jackson Shark	<i>Heterodontus portusjacksoni</i>	34	746	-	-	-	102	2,231	-	-	-	102	2,231	-	-	-	390	1,166
Smooth Hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna zygaena</i>	13	218	-	-	-	98	1,811	-	-	-	98	1,811	-	-	-	116	954
Whiskery Shark	<i>Furgaleus macki</i>	3	174	-	-	-	35	1,693	-	-	-	35	1,693	-	-	-	89	864
*Eagle Ray	Family Myliobatidae	132	69	-	-	-	528	276	-	-	-	528	276	-	-	-	101	402
Copper Shark	<i>Carcharhinus brachyurus</i>	1	34	-	-	-	58	664	-	-	-	58	664	-	-	-	18	361
*White Shark	<i>Carcharodon carcharias</i>	1	2	-	-	-	300	174	-	-	-	300	174	-	-	-	2	237
*Saw Shark (unspecified)	Family Pristigasteridae	0	90	-	-	-	0	262	-	-	-	0	262	-	-	-	45	131
Banded Wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus ornatus</i>	0	6	-	-	-	0	214	-	-	-	0	214	-	-	-	3	107
Wobbegong (unspecified)	Family Orectolobidae	0	8	-	-	-	0	155	-	-	-	0	155	-	-	-	4	77
*Angel Shark (unspecified)	Family Squatinidae	2	10	-	-	-	12	59	-	-	-	12	59	-	-	-	6	36
Pencil Shark	<i>Hypogaleus hyugaensis</i>	1	15	-	-	-	4	60	-	-	-	4	60	-	-	-	8	32
Spotted Wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus maculatus</i>	0	2	-	-	-	0	58	-	-	-	0	58	-	-	-	1	29
*Shovelnose/Fiddler Ray	Families Rhinobatidae & Rhynchobatidae	5	7	-	-	-	47	11	-	-	-	47	11	-	-	-	6	29
Grey Nurse Shark	<i>Carcharias taurus</i>	0	1	-	-	-	0	26	-	-	-	0	26	-	-	-	<1	13
*Broadnose Sevengill	<i>Notorynchus cepedianus</i>	0	1	-	-	-	0	9	-	-	-	0	9	-	-	-	<1	5
Total		342	3,952	-	-	-	2,027	27,586	-	-	-	2,027	27,586	-	-	-	2,147	14,807

(iii) Region 2

Common Name	Species Name	Observed Catch (no)				Observed Catch (kg whole wt)				Mean annual catch			
		94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	(no)	(kg)
Gummy Shark	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	969	145	102	804	682	7,240	963	824	8,235	4,053	540	4,263
Dusky Shark	<i>Carcharhinus obscurus</i>	264	7	151	149	100	1,789	38	799	1,150	577	134	871
Whiskery Shark	<i>Furgaleus macki</i>	164	21	38	64	84	1,601	207	190	738	825	74	712
Smooth Hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna zygaena</i>	101	12	60	40	33	715	104	382	586	452	49	448
*Port Jackson Shark	<i>Heterodontus portusjacksoni</i>	122	33	30	35	188	365	99	90	105	562	82	244
*Eagle Ray	Family Myliobatidae	106	90	14	76	14	424	360	56	304	56	60	240
Copper Shark	<i>Carcharhinus brachyurus</i>	6	1	0	20	3	97	91	0	561	379	6	226
Pencil Shark	<i>Hypogaleus hyugaensis</i>	69	2	8	28	20	275	8	32	106	78	25	100
Longnose Grey/Spinner Shark	<i>Carcharhinus brevipinna</i>	24	0	1	7	1	199	0	7	67	12	7	57
*White Shark	<i>Carcharodon carcharias</i>	1	0	0	0	0	229	0	0	0	0	<1	46
*Angel Shark (unspecified)	Family Squatinidae	14	4	4	2	14	81	24	25	6	79	8	43
Banded Wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus ornatus</i>	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	17	191	1	42
Shorfin Mako	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	62	94	<1	31
Wobbegong (unspecified)	Family Orectolobidae	5	0	0	1	0	71	0	0	19	0	1	18
School Shark	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	1	2	0	0	0	13	16	0	0	0	<1	14
Western Wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus sp.</i>	3	0	0	0	1	46	0	0	0	15	<1	12
*Saw Shark (unspecified)	Family Pristigasteridae	5	2	5	0	0	12	4	11	0	0	2	6
Grey Nurse Shark	<i>Carcharias taurus</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	25	<1	5
Dogfish (unspecified)	Family Squalidae	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	6	0	<1	1
*Stingray (unspecified)	Family Dasyatidae	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	<1	<1
Total		1,854	319	413	1,233	1,149	13,156	1,914	2,417	11,961	7,403	994	7,370

(iv) Region 3

Common Name	Species Name	Observed Catch (no)				Observed Catch (kg whole wt)				Mean annual catch			
		94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	(no)	(kg)
Gummy Shark	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	611	372	187	296	946	5,995	2,793	1,483	2,447	7,830	482	4,110
Dusky Shark	<i>Carcharhinus obscurus</i>	416	151	679	550	232	2,808	872	4,000	4,120	1,933	406	2,747
Sandbar Shark	<i>Carcharhinus plumbeus</i>	25	451	45	20	139	210	3,503	402	195	1,451	136	1,152
Whiskery Shark	<i>Furgaleus macki</i>	22	76	86	115	0	1,781	183	643	749	984	60	868
Smooth Hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna zygaena</i>	100	30	87	55	79	767	201	753	562	994	70	656
Longnose Grey/Spinner Shark	<i>Carcharhinus brevipinna</i>	2	3	2	113	5	43	35	21	1,691	81	25	374
*Port Jackson Shark	<i>Heterodontus portusjacksoni</i>	180	106	93	50	92	538	317	278	150	275	104	312
*Eagle Ray	Family Myliobatidae	14	118	2	3	14	56	472	8	12	56	30	121
Copper Shark	<i>Carcharhinus brachyurus</i>	0	1	0	0	5	0	50	0	0	425	1	95
Wobbegong (unspecified)	Family Orectolobidae	6	13	0	0	0	85	252	0	0	0	4	67
Pencil Shark	<i>Hypogaleus hyugaensis</i>	8	27	2	12	11	31	105	8	46	44	12	47
Western Wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus sp.</i>	0	0	6	8	1	0	0	94	115	12	3	44
*Angel Shark (unspecified)	Family Squatinidae	8	11	7	2	3	48	65	41	12	14	6	36
Thresher Shark (unspecified)	Family Alopiidae	0	2	0	0	0	0	124	0	0	0	<1	25
Tiger Shark	<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	111	0	0	<1	22
Spotted Wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus maculatus</i>	1	0	2	0	1	23	0	52	0	26	<1	20
Banded Wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus ornatus</i>	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	22	47	0	<1	14
School Shark	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	13	<1	13
*Saw Shark (unspecified)	Family Pristophoridae	2	1	11	3	1	6	3	33	9	3	4	11
*Cobbler Wobbegong	<i>Sutorectus tentaculatus</i>	1	0	0	1	1	10	0	0	10	10	<1	6
Grey Nurse Shark	<i>Carcharias taurus</i>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	<1	3
*Stingray (unspecified)	Family Dasyatidae	1	3	0	0	0	3	9	0	0	0	<1	2
*Shovelnose/Fiddler Ray	Families Rhinobatidae & Rhynchobatidae	0	2	1	0	2	0	3	1	0	3	1	1
*Catshark (unspecified)	Family Scyliorhinidae	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	<1	<1
Total		1,397	1,367	1,213	1,230	1,534	12,403	8,987	7,965	10,166	14,155	1,348	10,735

(v) Region 4

Common Name	Species Name	Observed Catch (no)				Observed Catch (kg whole wt)				Mean annual catch		
		94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	(no)
Dusky Shark	<i>Carcharhinus obscurus</i>	2,006	3,984	2,477	1,533	3,580	17,210	11,544	7,827	16,239	2,716	12,631
Whiskery Shark	<i>Furgaleus macki</i>	671	427	385	904	462	3,705	3,358	7,178	3,897	570	4,787
*Port Jackson Shark	<i>Heterodontus portusjacksoni</i>	1,492	1,180	993	1,417	2,835	3,528	2,969	4,237	8,477	1,583	4,734
Sandbar Shark	<i>Carcharhinus plumbeus</i>	28	451	421	297	289	3,352	4,339	1,845	2,774	297	2,503
Smooth Hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna zygaena</i>	147	204	133	258	446	2,280	1,244	2,919	4,575	238	2,499
Gummy Shark	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	135	131	132	43	181	1,600	1,042	449	1,442	124	1,181
Longnose Grey/Spinner Shark	<i>Carcharhinus brevipinna</i>	28	16	14	173	177	394	198	1,727	1,681	82	839
Wobbegong (unspecified)	Family Orectolobidae	92	78	11	0	0	1,725	1,564	213	0	36	700
Copper Shark	<i>Carcharhinus brachyurus</i>	9	0	8	11	6	672	0	615	683	7	639
Banded Wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus ornatus</i>	3	0	22	19	24	84	0	810	742	14	535
Western Wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus sp.</i>	2	0	27	74	44	31	0	456	1,164	29	466
*Eagle Ray	Family Myliobatidae	48	59	38	221	124	192	236	152	496	98	392
Spotted Wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus maculatus</i>	6	24	7	10	8	157	524	358	298	11	302
*Angel Shark (unspecified)	Family Squatinidae	28	16	27	49	86	166	109	167	511	41	249
Pencil Shark	<i>Hypogaleus hyugaensis</i>	31	32	34	54	138	125	128	133	535	58	226
* White Shark	<i>Carcharodon carcharias</i>	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	870	229	<1	220
Blue Shark	<i>Prionace glauca</i>	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	53	207	<1	130
*Saw Shark (unspecified)	Family Pristophoridae	5	24	4	13	185	13	52	9	455	46	111
Shortfin Mako	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>	8	7	4	16	36	116	162	15	223	14	106
*Cobbler Wobbegong	<i>Sutorectus tentaculatus</i>	3	1	9	22	15	29	10	97	154	10	98
Grey Nurse Shark	<i>Carcharias taurus</i>	5	1	4	1	8	54	5	175	60	4	61
Thresher Shark (unspecified)	Family Alopiidae	5	1	0	0	1	98	43	0	116	1	51
*Shovelnose/Fiddler Ray	Families Rhinobatidae & Rhynchobatidae	13	20	2	0	19	122	31	3	28	11	37
Blacktip (whaler)	<i>Carcharhinus limbatus/flistoni</i>	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	23	<1	23
*Manta ray/devil ray	Family Mobulidae	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	100	<1	20
*Stingray (unspecified)	Family Dasyatidae	11	2	3	1	14	33	6	9	42	6	19
Tiger Shark	<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	46	<1	9
Dogfish (unspecified)	Family Squalidae	9	2	0	1	7	9	1	0	8	4	4
Total		4,785	6,660	4,756	5,118	8,693	27,896	34,517	28,585	44,807	6,002	33,476

(vi) Region 5

Common Name	Species Name	Observed Catch (no)				Observed Catch (kg whole wt)				Mean annual catch			
		94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	(no)	(kg)
Dusky Shark	<i>Carcharhinus obscurus</i>	1,561	543	682	564	78	9,388	3,072	3,210	3,374	653	686	3,939
Sandbar Shark	<i>Carcharhinus plumbeus</i>	281	403	494	291	59	3,500	4,530	5,137	3,183	712	306	3,412
*Port Jackson Shark	<i>Heterodontus portusjacksoni</i>	694	1,121	710	450	265	2,075	3,352	2,123	1,346	792	648	1,938
Whiskery Shark	<i>Furgaleus macki</i>	296	57	330	179	91	2,655	509	3,202	1,651	766	191	1,757
Longnose Grey/Spinner Shark	<i>Carcharhinus brevipinna</i>	500	85	46	186	44	4,131	653	251	1,099	312	172	1,289
Smooth Hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna zygaena</i>	201	86	76	229	37	1,860	905	828	2,089	408	126	1,218
Wobbegong (unspecified)	Family Orectolobidae	86	98	4	0	0	1,693	1,904	77	0	0	38	735
Shortfin Mako	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>	1	4	1	4	1	81	371	59	656	1,564	2	546
Copper Shark	<i>Carcharhinus brachyurus</i>	2	5	3	9	2	216	560	156	1,050	221	4	441
*Eagle Ray	Family Myliobatidae	150	70	117	124	9	600	280	468	496	36	94	376
Tiger Shark	<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>	3	5	4	5	1	163	538	399	594	126	4	364
Banded Wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus ornatus</i>	0	0	19	19	8	0	0	751	750	311	9	362
Western Wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus sp.</i>	5	0	29	27	33	77	0	425	413	458	19	275
*Angel Shark (unspecified)	Family Squatinidae	55	19	37	81	40	321	113	219	481	238	46	274
Spotted Wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus maculatus</i>	3	8	18	4	0	111	240	432	47	0	7	166
Gummy Shark	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	17	15	3	87	2	121	84	10	554	24	25	159
Grey Nurse Shark	<i>Carcharias taurus</i>	5	9	7	1	4	60	249	74	11	123	5	103
*Stingray (unspecified)	Family Dasyatidae	111	20	6	0	5	333	60	18	0	15	28	85
*Shovelnose/Fiddler Ray	Families Rhinobatidae & Rhynchobatidae	23	38	19	3	15	215	58	26	29	22	20	70
Thresher Shark (unspecified)	Family Alopiidae	1	2	0	0	0	20	44	0	0	0	<1	13
*Saw Shark (unspecified)	Family Pristophoridae	11	8	5	0	1	30	15	10	0	2	5	11
Pencil Shark	<i>Hypogaleus hyugaensis</i>	3	5	4	1	1	12	20	15	4	4	3	11
*Cobbler Wobbegong	<i>Sutorectus tentaculatus</i>	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	17	<1	3
Scalloped Hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	<1	2
Dogfish (unspecified)	Family Squalidae	1	2	0	0	0	<1	1	0	0	0	<1	<1
Total		4,010	2,603	2,615	2,264	698	27,662	17,559	17,899	17,828	6,804	2,438	17,551

(vii) Region 6

Common Name	Species Name	Observed Catch (no)				Observed Catch (kg whole wt)				Mean annual catch			
		94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	(no)	(kg)
Sandbar Shark	<i>Carcharhinus plumbeus</i>	280	186	52	-	-	4,831	4,071	1,371	-	-	173	3,425
Dusky Shark	<i>Carcharhinus obscurus</i>	133	205	283	-	-	811	1,969	2,216	-	-	207	1,665
Tiger Shark	<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>	7	12	21	-	-	492	764	884	-	-	13	713
Hammerhead (unspecified)	Family Sphyrnidae	0	0	59	-	-	0	0	690	-	-	20	690
Smooth Hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna zygaena</i>	2	36	0	-	-	184	536	1,232	-	-	13	651
Whiskery Shark	<i>Furgaleus macki</i>	6	123	41	-	-	46	986	356	-	-	57	462
Longnose Grey/Spinner Shark	<i>Carcharhinus brevipinna</i>	39	36	53	-	-	141	202	371	-	-	43	238
Wobbegong (unspecified)	Family Orectolobidae	8	14	15	-	-	103	265	290	-	-	12	219
Gummy Shark	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	1	32	0	-	-	38	179	0	-	-	11	109
*Port Jackson Shark	<i>Heterodontus portusjacksoni</i>	87	18	0	-	-	260	54	0	-	-	35	105
Scalloped Hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	1	3	7	-	-	9	182	122	-	-	4	104
Copper Shark	<i>Carcharhinus brachyurus</i>	0	4	0	-	-	0	250	0	-	-	1	83
Grey Nurse Shark	<i>Carcharias taurus</i>	0	4	0	-	-	0	206	0	-	-	1	69
Grey Gummy	<i>Mustelus</i> sp.	0	27	21	-	-	0	100	82	-	-	16	61
Pencil Shark	<i>Hypogaleus hyugaensis</i>	0	17	18	-	-	0	65	74	-	-	12	46
Spotted Wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus maculatus</i>	1	3	2	-	-	26	62	46	-	-	2	45
Banded Wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus ornatus</i>	0	2	1	-	-	0	33	30	-	-	1	21
*Eagle Ray	Family Myliobatidae	0	4	1	-	-	0	16	4	-	-	2	7
Blacktip (whaler)	<i>Carcharhinus limbatus/hlistoni</i>	0	0	2	-	-	0	0	20	-	-	<1	7
*Shovelnose/Fiddler Ray	Families Rhinobatidae & Rhynchobatidae	1	1	0	-	-	9	0	0	-	-	1	5
Total		566	727	576	-	-	6,949	9,943	7,787	-	-	623	8,226

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(i) All regions

Common Name	Species Name	Observed Catch (no)				Observed Catch (kg whole wt)				Mean annual catch			
		94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	(no)	(kg)
*Buffalo Bream	<i>Kyphosus cornelii</i>	384	866	186	258	358	2617	5901	1267	1758	2440	410	2797
West Australian Dhufish	<i>Glaucosoma hebraicum</i>	379	349	255	174	404	2947	2487	1909	1291	3016	312	2330
*Dusky Morwong	<i>Dactylophora nigricans</i>	304	288	155	234	312	2072	1963	1056	1595	2126	259	1762
Queen Snapper	<i>Nemadactylus valenciennesi</i>	490	750	419	478	376	1820	1720	951	1227	1756	503	1495
Blue Groper	<i>Achoerodus gouldii</i>	268	231	166	197	239	1681	1623	1033	1247	1548	220	1426
Pink Snapper	<i>Pagrus auratus</i>	167	225	182	158	471	425	591	491	444	1475	241	685
Samson Fish	<i>Seriola hippos</i>	48	52	8	19	71	763	576	98	312	917	40	533
Red snapper, Redfish, Nannygai	<i>Centroberyx spp.</i>	93	72	60	215	259	249	242	215	719	820	140	449
Boarfish (unspecified)	Family Pentacerotidae	207	247	114	142	484	346	384	217	279	980	239	441
Mulloway	<i>Argyrosomus hololepidotus</i>	71	31	10	29	13	794	329	162	385	190	31	372
Leatherjacket (unspecified)	Family Monacanthidae	73	142	62	115	132	253	492	183	370	416	105	343
Mackerel (unspecified)	Family Scombridae	2	19	5	13	551	5	23	12	60	1347	118	289
Yellow tailed Kingfish	<i>Seriola lalandi</i>	28	24	16	17	3	426	393	194	310	110	18	287
Baldchin Groper	<i>Choerodon rubescens</i>	37	106	45	43	43	149	423	170	182	175	55	220
Yellowfin Tuna	<i>Thunnus albacares</i>	5	9	2	9	3	179	314	45	312	127	6	195
Painted sweetlips, sand snapper	<i>Diagramma pictum</i>	16	79	50	0	2	72	340	224	0	2	29	128
Knife Jaw	<i>Oplegnathus woodwardi</i>	49	106	75	126	226	53	99	74	129	253	116	122
Australian Salmon	<i>Arripis truttaceus</i>	41	7	7	14	2	190	33	35	79	10	14	69
Moonlighter	<i>Tilodon sexfasciatum</i>	36	51	46	45	62	187	37	31	32	44	48	66
Parrotfish (unspecified)	Family Scaridae	2	38	3	0	2	9	175	14	0	<1	9	50
Sea sweep	<i>Scorpius aequipinnis</i>	10	3	3	49	59	12	4	4	58	70	25	30
Southern Blue-fin Tuna	<i>Thunnus maccoyii</i>	7	2	4	5	4	33	11	26	25	24	4	24
Bonito	<i>Sarda australis</i>	0	4	7	10	30	0	10	11	15	70	10	21
Dory (unspecified)	Family Zeidae	6	14	5	5	44	8	22	7	5	62	15	21
Banded Sweep	<i>Scorpius georgianus</i>	21	22	14	25	41	17	16	8	30	27	25	20
Spanish mackerel	<i>Scomberomorus commerson</i>	0	3	5	6	0	0	16	34	38	0	3	18
Trevally (unspecified)	Family Carangidae	5	1	1	8	18	19	5	3	13	41	7	16
Spangled Emperor	<i>Lethrinus nebulosus</i>	1	9	0	0	0	6	56	0	0	0	2	12

Breaksea Cod	<i>Epinephelides armatus</i>	6	9	1	1	9	12	18	2	2	19	5	11
*Sergeant Baker	<i>Aulopus purpurissatus</i>	9	5	3	2	6	11	5	3	2	6	5	5
Swallow Tail	<i>Centroberyx lineatus</i>	9	4	0	0	1	11	6	0	0	4	3	4
Sweetlip (unspecified)	Family Haemulidae	1	2	5	0	1	2	4	10	0	2	2	4
Flounder (unspecified)	Families Bothidae & Pleuronectidae	2	2	5	0	2	3	2	4	0	6	2	3
*Red-lipped Morwong	<i>Cheilodactylus rubrolabiatus</i>	0	6	0	0	1	0	14	0	0	1	1	3
Flathead	Family Platycephalidae	0	0	3	3	3	0	0	4	4	5	2	3
*North West Blowfish	<i>Lagocephalus scleratus</i>	0	14	3	0	0	0	11	2	0	0	3	3
*Gurnard Perch	<i>Neosebastes</i> spp.	1	9	1	0	0	<1	6	<1	0	0	2	2
Tailor	<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	3	6	0	1	2
*Sea Carp, Cale	Family Aplodactylidae	0	2	0	1	3	0	2	0	3	1	1	1
Cobbler, Estuary Catfish	<i>Cnidogobius macrocephalus</i>	0	1	4	0	3	0	1	2	0	2	2	1
Coral Trout	<i>Plectropomus leopardus</i> or <i>Cephalopholis miniata</i>	0	1	1	0	0	0	<1	4	0	0	<1	<1
*Gurnard	Family Triglidae	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	<1	<1
*Stargazer (unspecified)	Family Uranoscopidae	1	1	0	0	0	<1	<1	0	0	0	<1	<1
*Boxfish	Family Ostraciidae	1	3	0	1	2	<1	<1	0	<1	0	1	<1
Total Scalefish		2780	3809	1933	2406	4241	15371	18354	8508	10932	18095	3034	14252

(ii) Region 1

Common Name	Species Name	Observed catch (no)						Observed catch (kg live wt.)						Mean annual catch	
		94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	(no)	(kg)		
*Buffalo Bream	<i>Kyphosus cornelli</i>	0	215	-	-	-	0	1465	-	-	-	108	733		
*Dusky Morwong	<i>Dactylophora nigricans</i>	4	37	-	-	-	27	252	-	-	-	21	140		
Blue Groper	<i>Achoerodus gouldii</i>	0	35	-	-	-	0	243	-	-	-	18	122		
Boatfish (unspecified)	Family Pentacerotidae	10	56	-	-	-	16	96	-	-	-	33	56		
Queen Snapper	<i>Nemadactylus valenciennesi</i>	2	36	-	-	-	3	86	-	-	-	19	45		
Mulloway	<i>Argyrosomus hololepidotus</i>	1	7	-	-	-	11	74	-	-	-	4	43		
Red snapper, Redfish, Nannygai	<i>Centroberyx</i> spp.	0	18	-	-	-	0	66	-	-	-	9	33		
Samson Fish	<i>Seriola hipos</i>	0	2	-	-	-	0	22	-	-	-	1	11		
Knife Jaw	<i>Oplegnathus woodwardi</i>	0	10	-	-	-	0	9	-	-	-	5	5		
Pink Snapper	<i>Pagrus auratus</i>	0	2	-	-	-	0	5	-	-	-	1	3		
Banded Sweep	<i>Scorpiis georgianus</i>	0	1	-	-	-	0	<1	-	-	-	1	0		
Moonlighter	<i>Tilodon sexfasciatum</i>	0	1	-	-	-	0	<1	-	-	-	1	0		
*Gurnard Perch	<i>Neosebastes</i> spp.	0	1	-	-	-	0	<1	-	-	-	1	0		
Total		17	421	-	-	-	57	2318	-	-	-	219	1188		

(iii) Region 2

Common Name	Species Name	Observed Catch (no)				Observed Catch (kg whole wt)				Mean annual catch			
		94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	(no)	(kg)
*Dusky Morwong	<i>Dactylophora nigricans</i>	45.0	15.0	0.0	41.0	27.0	307.0	102.0	0.0	279.0	184.0	25.6	174.4
Queen Snapper	<i>Nemadactylus valenciennesi</i>	58.0	28.0	23.0	57.0	248.0	104.0	64.0	47.0	139.0	506.0	82.8	172.0
Pink Snapper	<i>Pagrus auratus</i>	5.0	0.0	1.0	17.0	184.0	13.0	0.0	3.0	47.0	576.0	41.4	127.8
Blue Groper	<i>Achoerodus gouldii</i>	6.0	11.0	4.0	25.0	24.0	30.0	68.0	26.0	193.0	156.0	14.0	94.6
Boarfish (unspecified)	Family Pentacerotidae	31.0	8.0	5.0	38.0	160.0	45.0	14.0	10.0	73.0	324.0	48.4	93.2
Red Snapper, Redfish, Nannygai	<i>Centroberyx</i> spp.	26.0	1.0	0.0	16.0	79.0	54.0	2.0	0.0	53.0	250.0	24.4	71.8
Samson Fish	<i>Seriola hipos</i>	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	64.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	52.0	1.6	23.2
*Buffalo Bream	<i>Kyphosus cornelii</i>	2.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	7.0	14.0	27.0	7.0	7.0	48.0	3.0	20.6
Leatherjacket (unspecified)	Family Monacanthidae	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	69.0	4.8	15.0
Australian Salmon	<i>Aripis truttaceus</i>	11.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	51.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	10.2
Southern Blue-fin Tuna	<i>Thunnus maccoyii</i>	6.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	2.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	11.0	1.8	9.4
Trevally (unspecified)	Family Carangidae	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	34.0	3.4	8.4
West Australian Dhufish	<i>Glaucosoma hebraicum</i>	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	31.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	6.2
Mulloway	<i>Argyrosomus hololepidotus</i>	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	4.4
Knife Jaw	<i>Oplegnathus woodwardi</i>	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.0	2.2	2.4
Moonlighter	<i>Tilodon sexfasciatum</i>	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	2.6	1.8
Bonito	<i>Sarda australis</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	0.8	1.6
Dory (unspecified)	Family Zeidae	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	<1	1.0
*Gurnard	Family Triglidae	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	<1	0.6
*Sergeant Baker	<i>Aulopus purpurissatus</i>	2.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	<1	<1
Mackerel (unspecified)	Family Scombridae	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<1	<1
Swallow Tail	<i>Centroberyx lineatus</i>	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<1	<1
Banded Sweep	<i>Scorpius georgianus</i>	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<1	<1
*Gurnard Perch	<i>Neosebastes</i> spp.	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<1	<1
Total Scalefish		216	68	34	198	800	788	281	93	799	2243	263	841

(iv) Region 3

Common Name	Species Name	Observed Catch (no)				Observed Catch (kg whole wt)				Mean annual catch			
		94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	(no)	(kg)
Queen Snapper	<i>Nemadactylus valenciennesi</i>	212	53	202	56	159	462	116	451	152	400	136	316
Blue Groper	<i>Achoerodus gouldii</i>	54	31	53	7	5	362	236	345	60	32	30	207
Boatfish (unspecified)	Family Pentacerotidae	21	42	13	4	73	48	85	28	8	147	31	63
Pink Snapper	<i>Pagrus auratus</i>	5	13	22	6	48	12	35	62	17	184	19	62
*Buffalo Bream	<i>Kyphosus cornelli</i>	13	19	2	6	2	89	129	14	41	14	8	57
Red Snapper, Redfish, Nannygai	<i>Centroberyx</i> spp.	9	6	4	3	51	25	16	14	11	158	15	45
*Dusky Morwong	<i>Dactylophora nigricans</i>	7	5	8	7	2	48	34	55	48	14	6	40
West Australian Dhufish	<i>Glaucosoma hebraicum</i>	4	1	1	3	4	44	17	7	26	28	3	25
Samson Fish	<i>Seriola hippos</i>	7	2	0	0	0	143	43	0	0	0	2	37
Leatherjacket (unspecified)	Family Monacanthidae	2	0	0	1	23	6	0	0	3	73	5	16
Yellow tailed kingfish	<i>Seriola lalandi</i>	1	2	0	0	0	17	33	0	0	0	<1	10
Knife Jaw	<i>Oplegnathus woodwardi</i>	5	9	2	0	25	7	7	2	0	28	8	9
Mulloway	<i>Argyrosomus hololepidotus</i>	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	<1	7
Trevally (unspecified)	Family Carangidae	2	0	0	0	8	8	0	0	0	18	2	5
Mackerel (unspecified)	Family Scombridae	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	25	2	5
Moonlighter	<i>Tilodon sexfasciatum</i>	10	2	0	0	2	7	1	0	0	1	3	2
Southern Blue-fin Tuna	<i>Thunnus maccoyii</i>	0	2	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	<1	2
Australian Salmon	<i>Aripis truttaceus</i>	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	<1	<1
*Sergeant Baker	<i>Aulopus purpurissatus</i>	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	<1	<1
*Gurnard Perch	<i>Neosebastes</i> spp.	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	<1	<1
Bonito	<i>Sarda australis</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	<1	<1
Breaksea Cod	<i>Epinephelides armatus</i>	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	<1	<1
Banded Sweep	<i>Scorpius georgianus</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	<1
Swallow Tail	<i>Centroberyx lineatus</i>	1	0	0	0	0	<1	0	0	0	0	<1	<1
*Gurnard	Family Triglidae	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	<1	<1	<1
*Boxfish	Family Ostraciidae	0	1	0	0	0	<1	0	0	0	0	<1	<1
Total		355	193	309	94	416	1279	772	1015	368	1122	273	911

(v) Region 4

Common Name	Species Name	Observed Catch (no)					Observed Catch (kg whole wt)					Mean annual catch	
		94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	(no)	(kg)
*Buffalo Bream	<i>Kyphosus cornellii</i>	159	427	56	201	229	1,083	2,910	382	1,370	1,560	214	1,461
West Australian Dhufish	<i>Glaucosoma hebraicum</i>	214	156	126	99	348	1,690	1,208	1,007	765	2,600	189	1,454
*Dusky Morwong	<i>Dactylophora nigricans</i>	149	166	83	131	266	1,015	1,131	566	893	1,813	159	1,083
Blue Groper	<i>Achoerodus gouldii</i>	172	117	99	134	193	1,064	831	630	787	1,187	143	900
Queen Snapper	<i>Nemadactylus valenciennesi</i>	441	608	175	372	371	885	1,119	359	711	710	393	757
Pink Snapper	<i>Pagrus auratus</i>	69	93	116	116	236	184	225	309	317	707	126	348
Samson Fish	<i>Seriola hipos</i>	30	15	2	14	66	421	142	24	189	852	25	326
Red Snapper, Redfish, Nannygai	<i>Centroberyx spp.</i>	34	40	53	196	128	104	134	192	654	409	90	299
Leatherjacket (unspecified)	Family Monacanthidae	59	109	47	93	81	212	406	160	329	260	78	273
Mackerel (unspecified)	Family Scombridae	0	11	0	8	537	0	20	0	15	1,315	111	270
Boarfish (unspecified)	Family Pentacerotidae	107	124	86	96	250	177	164	168	186	508	133	240
Mulloway	<i>Argyrosomus hololepidotus</i>	9	11	3	29	13	103	131	46	385	190	13	171
Yellow tailed kingfish	<i>Seriola lalandi</i>	18	1	1	17	3	261	13	14	310	110	8	141
Knife Jaw	<i>Oplegnathus woodwardi</i>	40	81	70	124	191	42	77	70	127	214	101	106
Baldchin Groper	<i>Choerodon rubescens</i>	10	6	7	3	33	39	19	32	11	134	12	47
Moonlighter	<i>Tilodon sexfasciatum</i>	17	22	30	36	47	77	16	19	25	33	30	34
Australian Salmon	<i>Aripis truttaceus</i>	30	3	7	2	2	139	17	35	10	10	9	42
Sea sweep	<i>Scorpius aequipinnis</i>	10	1	3	49	58	12	1	4	58	69	24	29
Dory (unspecified)	Family Zeidae	5	10	5	4	39	7	15	7	4	54	13	17
Bonito	<i>Sarda australis</i>	0	2	0	3	26	0	6	0	7	62	6	15
Banded Sweep	<i>Scorpius georgianus</i>	16	14	10	25	40	12	9	6	13	27	21	13
Southern Blue-fin Tuna	<i>Thunnus maccoyii</i>	0	0	4	1	2	0	0	26	7	14	1	9
Painted sweetlips, sand snapper	<i>Diagramma pictum</i>	0	10	0	0	2	0	43	0	0	2	2	9
Trevally (unspecified)	Family Carangidae	2	1	1	8	7	7	5	3	13	16	4	9
Spanish mackerel	<i>Scorberomorus commerson</i>	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	38	0	1	8
Breaksea Cod	<i>Epinephelides armatus</i>	4	4	1	1	8	8	6	2	2	17	4	7
Parrotfish (unspecified)	Family Scariidae	2	0	0	0	2	9	0	0	0	<1	<1	2
Flathead	Family Platycephalidae	0	0	3	2	2	0	0	4	4	4	2	2
*Sergeant Baker	<i>Aulopus purpurissatus</i>	3	1	2	0	4	3	1	2	0	5	2	2
*Sea Carp, Cale	Family Aplodactylidae	0	2	0	1	3	0	2	0	3	1	1	2
Flounder (unspecified)	Families Bothidae & Pleuronectidae	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	6	<1	2
*Red-lipped Morwong	<i>Cheilodactylus rubrolabiatus</i>	0	3	0	0	1	0	7	0	0	1	<1	2
Spangled Emperor	<i>Lethrinus nebulosus</i>	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	1	1
Cobbler, Estuary Catfish	<i>Cnidogobius macrocephalus</i>	0	1	4	0	3	0	1	2	0	2	3	1

Swallow Tail	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	<1
*Gurnard Perch	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	<1	<1
*Boxfish	1	1	0	0	0	2	<1	0	0	<1	0	<1	<1
Total	1603	2043	994	1771	3195	7562	8662	4068	7230	12894	1921	8083	

(vi) Region 5

Common Name	Species Name	Observed Catch (no)					Observed Catch (kg whole wt)					Mean annual catch	
		94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	(no)	(kg)
West Australian Dhufish	<i>Glaucosoma hebraicum</i>	141	156	109	72	52	1,061	1,007	763	499	387	106	744
*Buffalo Bream	<i>Kyphosus cornelli</i>	175	75	119	50	120	1,193	511	811	341	818	108	735
*Dusky Morwong	<i>Dactylophora nigricans</i>	97	63	64	55	17	661	429	436	375	116	59	403
Queen Snapper	<i>Nemadactylus valenciennesi</i>	194	155	54	83	25	388	333	123	170	63	102	215
Yellowfin Tuna	<i>Thunnus albacares</i>	3	9	2	9	3	109	314	45	312	127	5	181
Blue Groper	<i>Achoerodus gouldii</i>	36	36	10	31	17	200	260	85	212	113	26	174
Baldchin Groper	<i>Choerodon rubescens</i>	24	83	33	40	10	98	340	120	171	41	38	154
Mulloway	<i>Argyrosomus hololepidotus</i>	59	2	5	0	0	657	21	80	0	0	13	152
Yellow tailed kingfish	<i>Seriola lalandi</i>	9	19	14	0	0	149	314	163	0	0	8	125
Samson Fish	<i>Seriola hippos</i>	7	14	3	5	1	136	165	37	123	13	6	95
Pink Snapper	<i>Pagrus auratus</i>	81	35	37	19	3	201	92	102	62	8	35	93
Painted sweetlips, sand snapper	<i>Diagramma pictum</i>	0	43	4	0	0	0	187	20	0	0	9	41
Leatherjacket (unspecified)	Family Monacanthidae	10	33	15	21	6	30	87	24	38	14	17	38
Moonlighter	<i>Tilodon sexfasciatum</i>	7	26	16	9	2	102	19	12	7	2	12	28
Boarfish (unspecified)	Family Pentacerotidae	38	17	10	4	1	61	25	11	13	1	14	22
Red snapper, Redfish, Nannygai	<i>Centroberyx spp.</i>	24	7	3	0	1	66	24	9	0	3	7	21
Australian Salmon	<i>Aripis truttaceus</i>	0	3	0	12	0	0	11	0	69	0	3	16
Mackerel (unspecified)	Family Scombridae	0	8	5	5	4	0	3	12	45	7	4	14
Trevally (unspecified)	Family Carangidae	2	3	1	15	2	6	14	3	24	5	5	10
Spanish mackerel	<i>Scomberomorus commerson</i>	0	3	5	0	0	0	16	34	0	0	2	10
Banded Sweep	<i>Scorpius georgianus</i>	4	6	4	0	1	3	6	0	17	0	3	5
Tailor	<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	3	6	0	1	5
Bonito	<i>Sarda australis</i>	0	2	7	6	0	0	4	11	6	0	3	4
Sweetlip (unspecified)	Family Haemulidae	1	2	5	0	1	2	4	10	0	2	2	3
Parrotfish (unspecified)	Family Scaridae	0	2	1	0	0	0	11	6	0	0	<1	3
Breaksea Cod	<i>Epinephelides armatus</i>	2	4	0	0	1	4	10	0	0	2	1	3
Southern Blue-fin Tuna	<i>Thunnus maccoyii</i>	1	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	13	0	<1	3
Knife Jaw	<i>Oplegnathus woodwardi</i>	1	6	3	2	2	1	6	3	2	2	3	3
Swallow Tail	<i>Centroberyx lineatus</i>	6	4	0	0	1	7	5	0	0	<1	2	3

Common Name	Species Name	Observed Catch (no)				Observed Catch (kg whole wt)				Mean annual catch			
		94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	(no)	(kg)
Dory (unspecified)	Family Zeidae	1	4	0	1	1	7	0	2	2	1	2	2
*Sergeant Baker	<i>Aulopus purpurissatus</i>	2	4	1	0	2	4	1	0	1	2	2	2
*Red-lipped Morwong	<i>Cheilodactylus rubrolabiatus</i>	0	3	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	<1	1	1
Flounder (unspecified)	Families Bothidae & Pleuronectidae	1	1	5	0	0	<1	4	0	0	1	1	1
*North West Blowfish	<i>Lagocephalus scleratus</i>	0	7	1	0	0	5	<1	0	0	2	1	1
Sea sweep	<i>Scorpius aequipinnis</i>	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	<1	<1	<1
*Gurnard Perch	<i>Neosebastes</i> spp.	0	3	1	0	0	1	<1	0	0	<1	<1	<1
Flathead	Family Platycephalidae	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	<1	1	1	1	<1
Coral Trout	<i>Plectropomus leopardus</i> or <i>Cephalopholis miniata</i>	0	1	0	0	0	<1	0	0	0	1	1	<1
*Stargazer (unspecified)	Family Uranoscopidae	1	1	0	0	0	<1	0	0	0	<1	<1	<1
*Boxfish	Family Ostraciidae	0	1	0	1	0	<1	0	<1	0	<1	<1	<1
Total		927	842	539	448	275	5143	4247	2928	1730	606	3311	
(vii) Region 6													
Common Name	Species Name	Observed Catch (no)				Observed Catch (kg whole wt)				Mean annual catch			
		94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	(no)	(kg)
*Buffalo Bream	<i>Kyphosus cornelii</i>	35	126	8	-	-	239	859	55	-	-	56	384
West Australian Dhufish	<i>Glaucosoma hebraicum</i>	16	36	19	-	-	120	255	131	-	-	24	169
Painted sweetlips, sand snapper	<i>Diagramma pictum</i>	16	26	46	-	-	72	110	204	-	-	29	129
Pink Snapper	<i>Pagrus auratus</i>	7	82	6	-	-	17	234	16	-	-	32	89
Samson Fish	<i>Seriola hipos</i>	0	19	3	-	-	0	204	37	-	-	7	80
Parrotfish (unspecified)	Family Scaridae	0	36	2	-	-	0	164	8	-	-	13	57
Mulloway	<i>Argyrosomus hololepidotus</i>	0	11	0	-	-	0	104	0	-	-	4	35
Baldchin Groper	<i>Choerodon rubescens</i>	3	16	5	-	-	11	65	18	-	-	8	32
Yellowfin Tuna	<i>Thunnus albacares</i>	2	0	0	-	-	70	0	0	-	-	<1	23
Spangled Emperor	<i>Lethrinus nebulosus</i>	0	9	0	-	-	0	56	0	-	-	9	19
Yellow tailed kingfish	<i>Seriola lalandi</i>	0	2	1	-	-	0	33	17	-	-	1	17
*Dusky Morwong	<i>Dactylophora nigricans</i>	2	2	0	-	-	14	14	0	-	-	1	9
Blue Groper	<i>Achoerodus gouldii</i>	0	1	0	-	-	0	9	0	-	-	<1	3
Queen Snapper	<i>Nemadactylus valenciennesi</i>	0	3	0	-	-	0	7	0	-	-	1	2
Coral Trout	<i>Plectropomus leopardus</i> or <i>Cephalopholis miniata</i>	0	0	1	-	-	0	0	4	-	-	1	1
Banded Sweep	<i>Scorpius georgianus</i>	0	1	0	-	-	<1	0	0	-	-	<1	<1
Sea sweep	<i>Scorpius aequipinnis</i>	0	1	0	-	-	0	1	0	-	-	<1	<1
Total		81	371	91	-	-	543	2114	490	-	-	181	1049

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