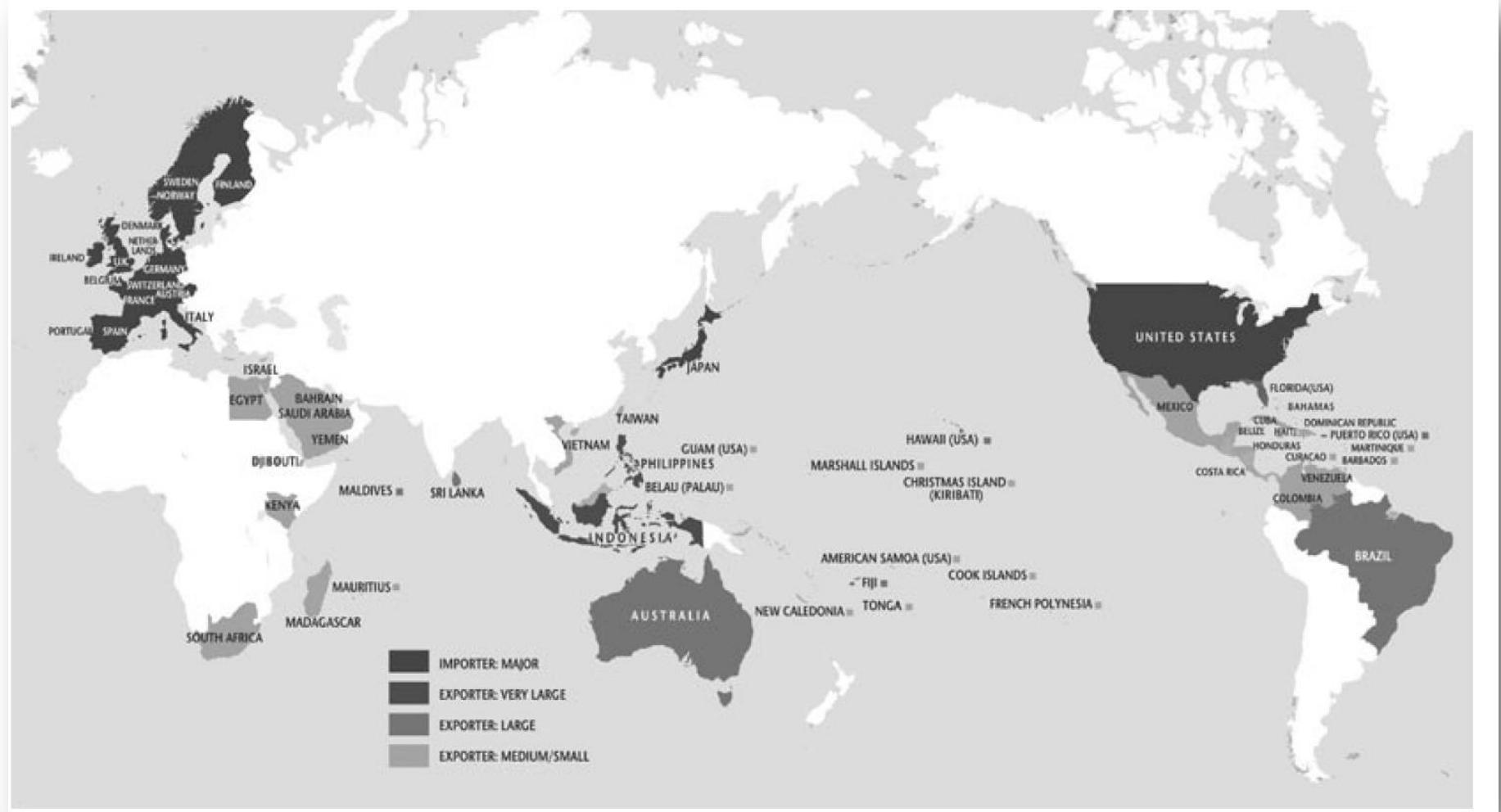


Marine Ornamental Fishery Status in Kenya

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Evolution of the global marine ornamental trade:

1930's: Sri Lanka,

1950's: Hawaii and Philippines,

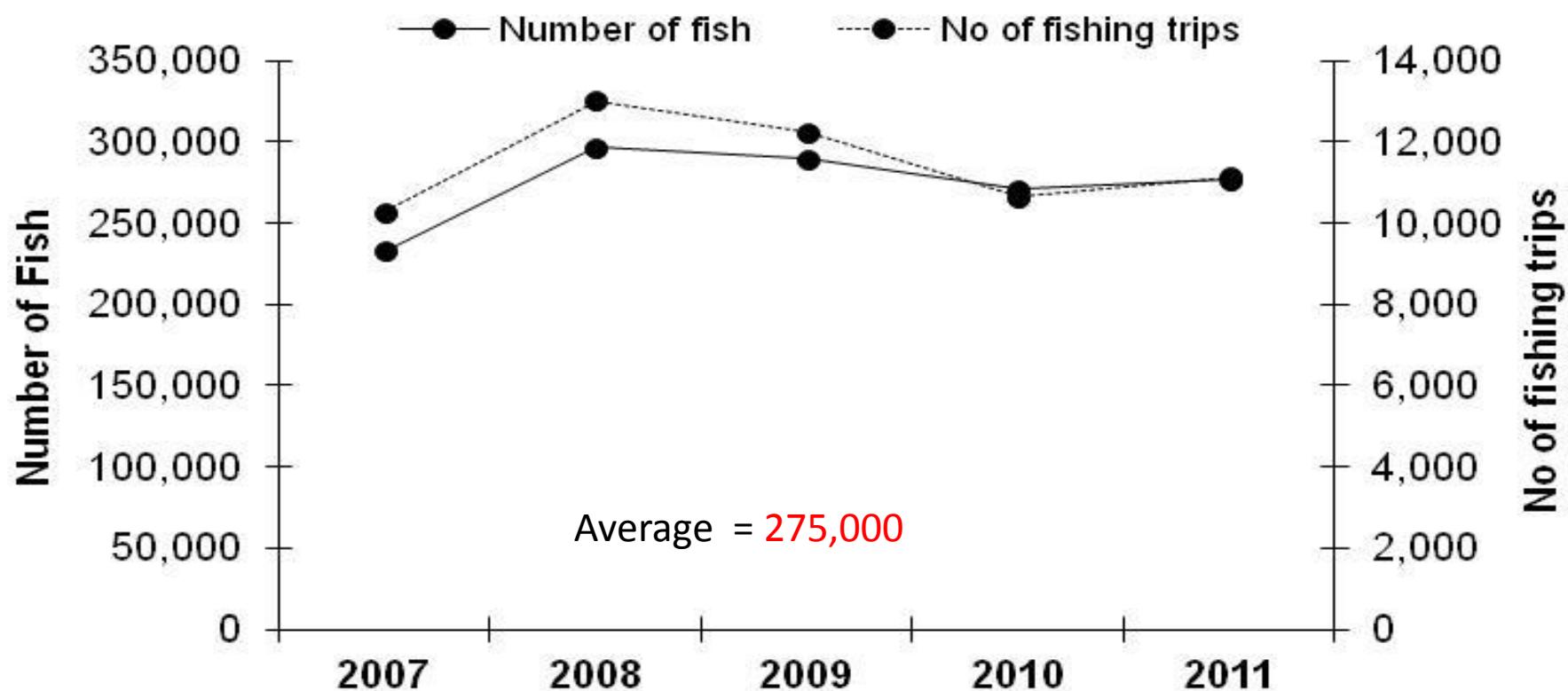
1960's: Other countries including Kenya

Bruckner et al 2005

Overview

- **Very selective:** juveniles reef fishes or small bodied cryptic species, specific species, sizes and sexes, rare species, and hybrids
- **Potential impacts of the fishery:**
 - Localized population depletions – “growth overfishing”
 - Loss of biodiversity – (overfishing of rare species)
 - Habitat degradation due to coral breakage, collection of essential microhabitat components e.g. anemones

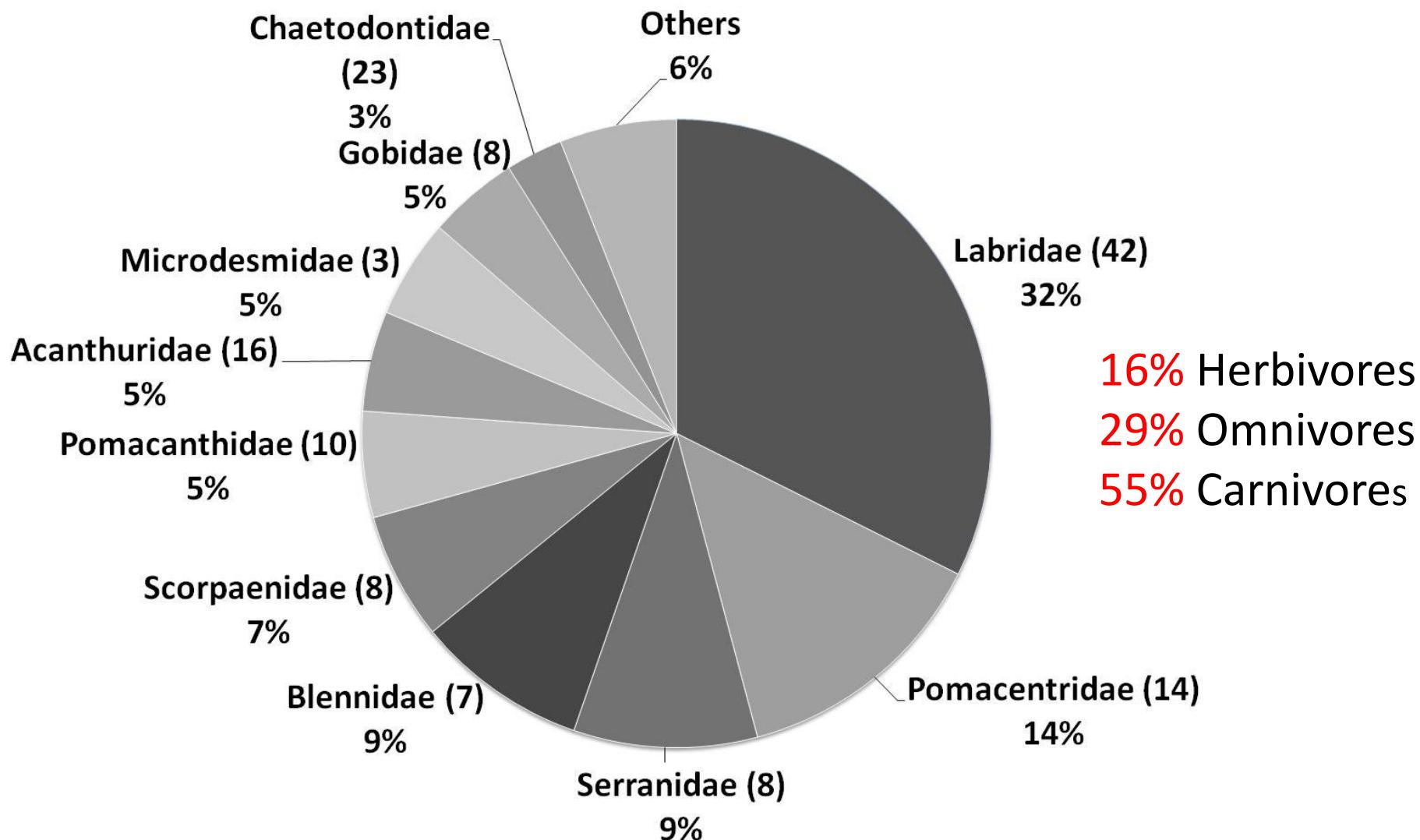
Annual Catch Trends



Annual total number of ornamental fish harvested

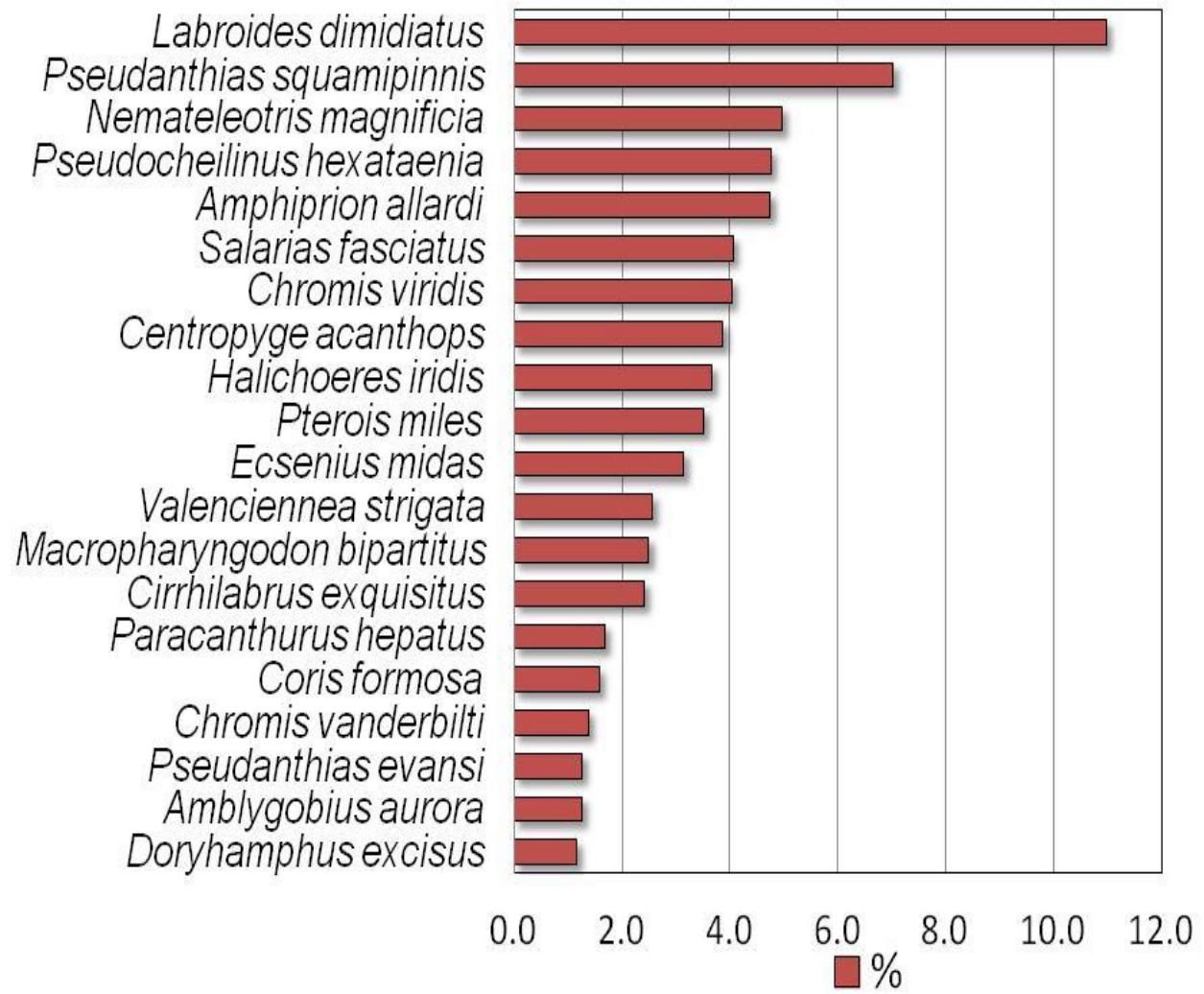
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| Officially reported estimate (SDF) | 220,000 - 230,000 |
| Logbook catch returns | 300,000 - 330,000 |

Catch Composition (Family Level)



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Composition of Top 20 Species (2006 - 2011)



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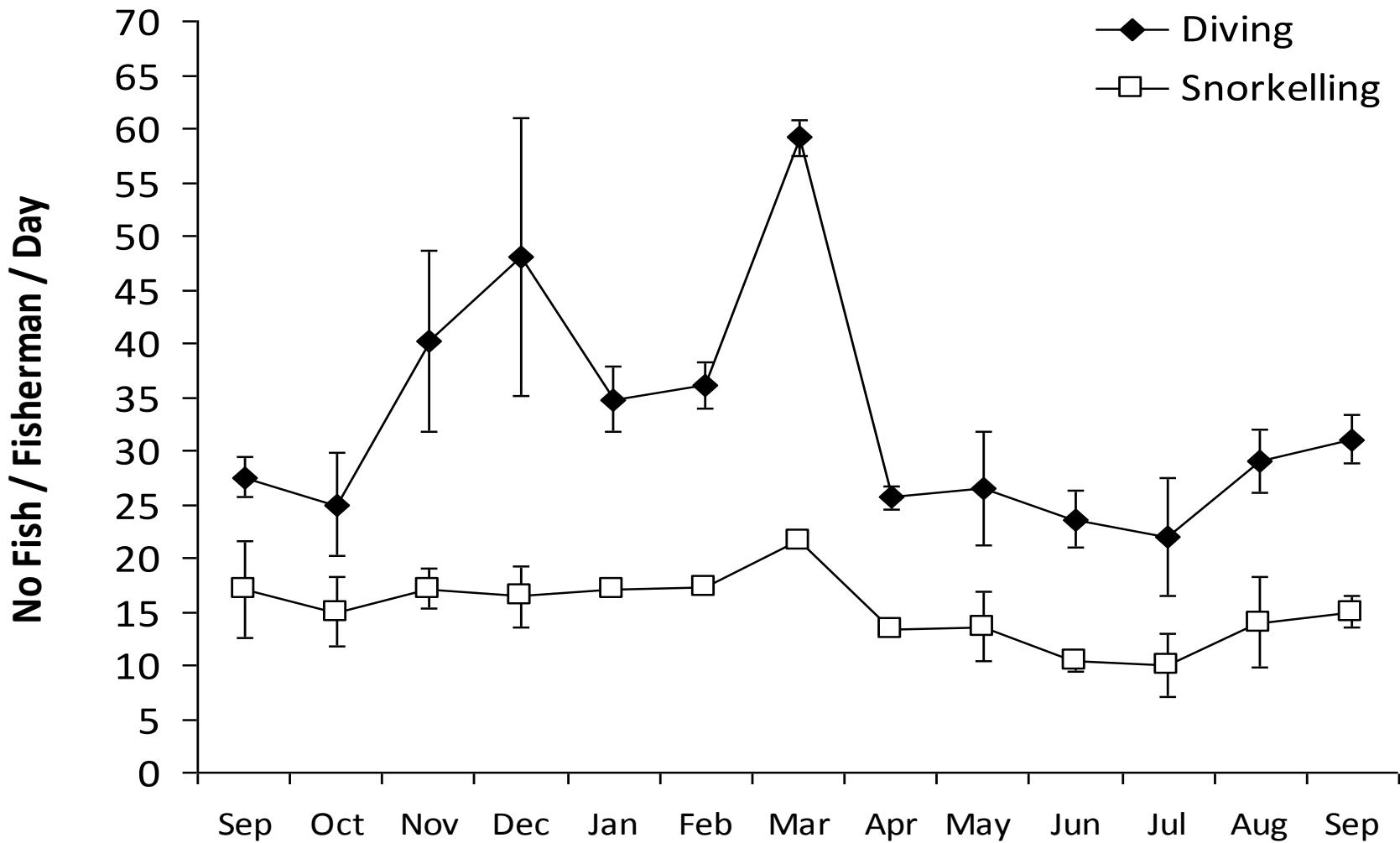
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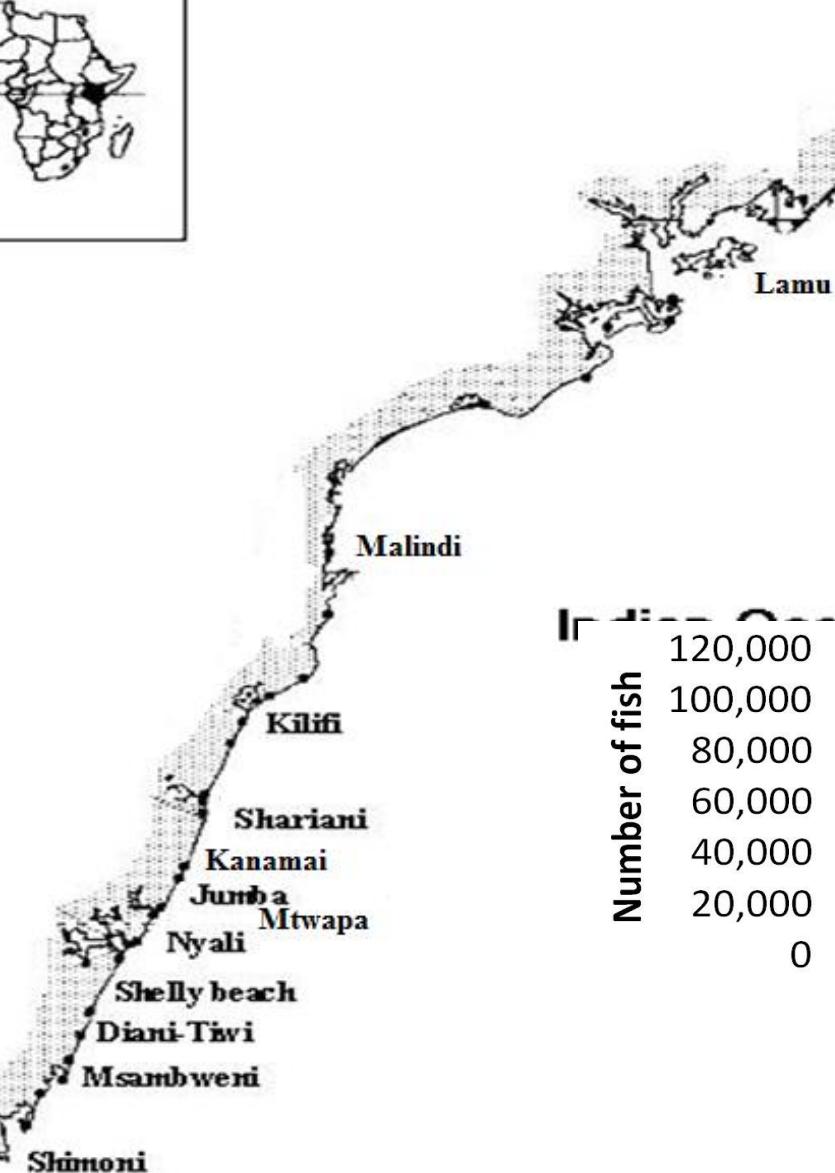
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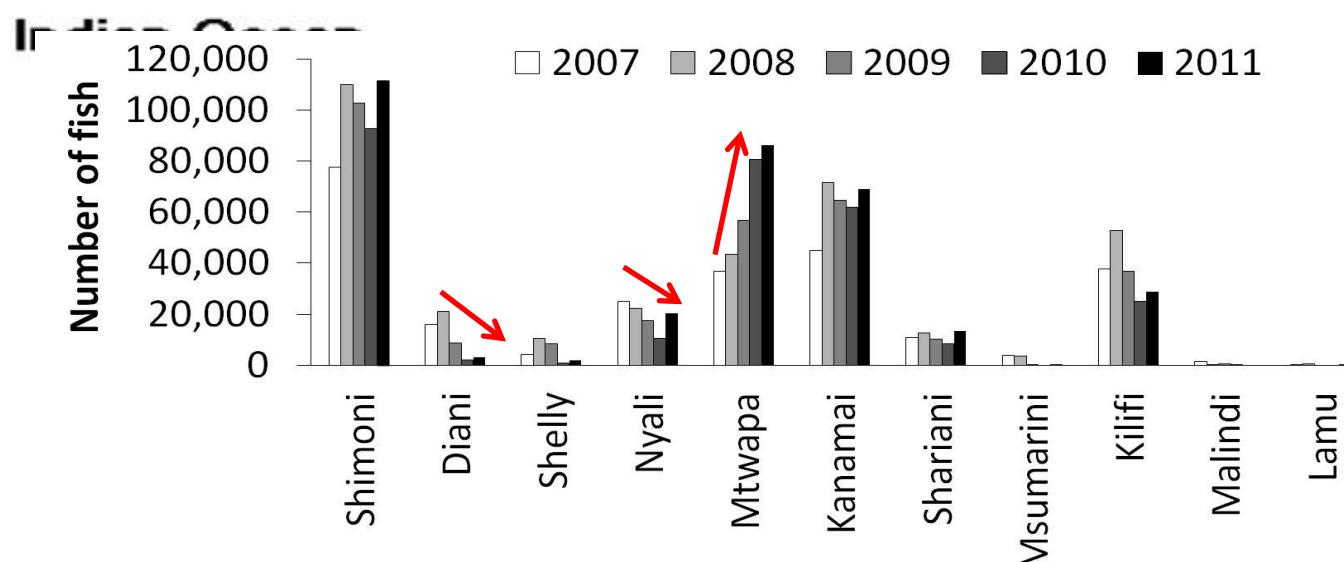
Variation in CPUE



Spatial Distribution of Fishing Effort Catch by Fishing Method

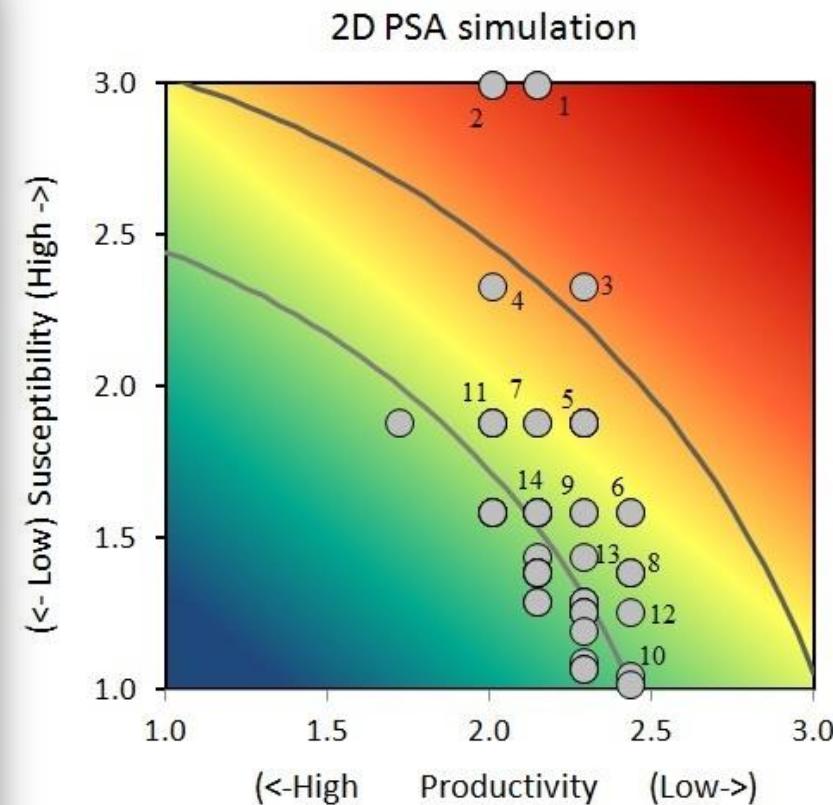


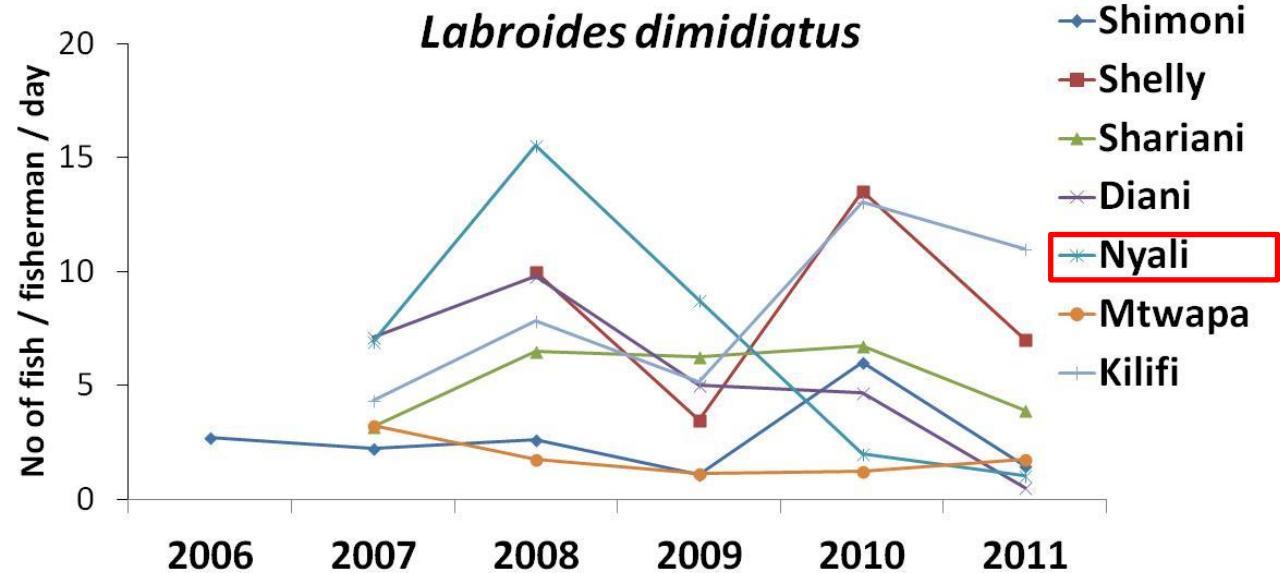
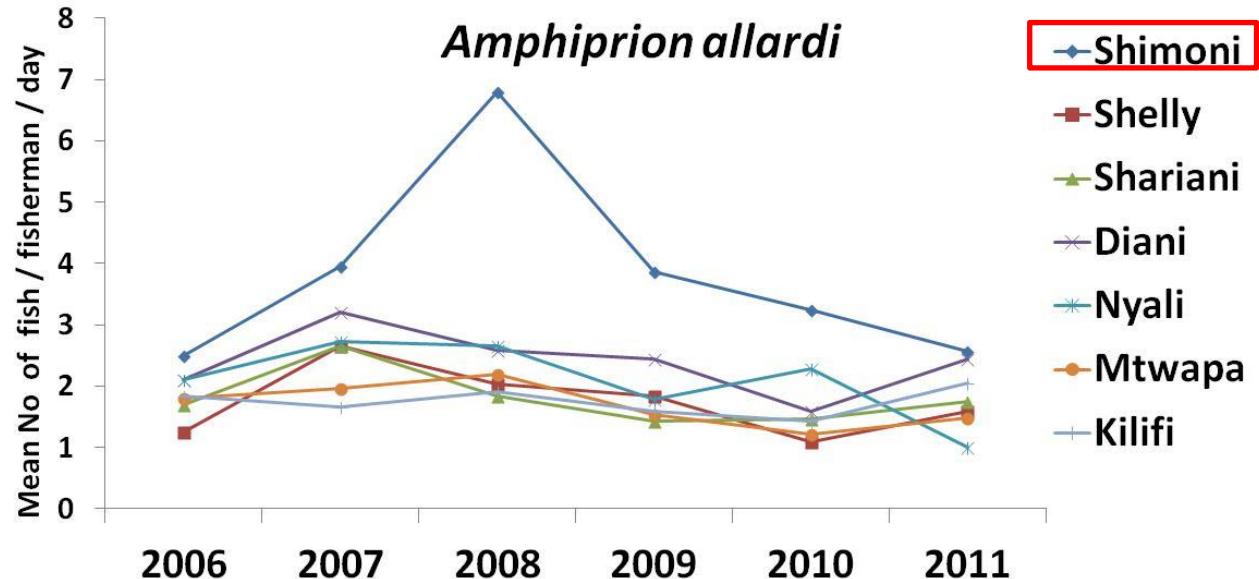
| Fishing Site | Snorkelling (%) | Diving (%) | Total (%) | No. Species |
|--------------|-----------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Shimoni | 33 | 67 | 33 | 197 |
| Kanamai | 99 | 1 | 20 | 191 |
| Mtwapa | 9 | 91 | 18 | 187 |
| Kilifi | 64 | 36 | 12 | 190 |
| Ukunda | 98 | 2 | 5 | 153 |
| Nyali | 87 | 13 | 5 | 180 |
| Shariani | 96 | 4 | 3 | 164 |
| Shelly | 84 | 16 | 2 | 152 |
| Msumarini | 96 | 4 | 1 | 116 |
| Malindi | 98 | 2 | 0.5 | 95 |
| Lamu | 100 | 0 | 0.5 | 38 |
| Total | 79 | 21 | | 216 |



Risk Assessment: Productivity Susceptibility Analysis (Hobday et al 2007)

| Risk | Common Name | Latin Name | Vulnerability Category |
|------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Yellowbar angelfish | <i>Pomacanthus maculosus</i> | High |
| 1 | Goldtail angelfish | <i>Pomacanthus chrysurus</i> | High |
| 2 | Twobar anemonefish | <i>Amphiprion allardi</i> | High |
| 2 | Skunk clownfish | <i>Amphiprion akallopisos</i> | High |
| 3 | Clown triggerfish | <i>Balistoides conspicillum</i> | High |
| 4 | Palette surgeonfish | <i>Paracanthurus hepatus</i> | Moderate |
| 5 | Map puffer | <i>Arothron mappa</i> | Moderate |
| 5 | Peppered butterflyfish | <i>Chaetodon guttatisimus</i> | Moderate |
| 5 | Somali butterflyfish | <i>Chaetodon leucopleura</i> | Moderate |
| 5 | Yellowhead butterflyfish | <i>Chaetodon xanthocephalus</i> | Moderate |
| 5 | African butterflyfish | <i>Chaetodon dolosus</i> | Moderate |
| 5 | Zanzibar butterflyfish | <i>Chaetodon zanzibarensis</i> | Moderate |
| 5 | Rainbow wrasse | <i>Halichoeres iris</i> | Moderate |
| 6 | Yellow spotted triggerfish | <i>Pseudobalistes fuscus</i> | Moderate |
| 6 | Rare wrasse | <i>Macropharyngodon bipartitus</i> | Moderate |
| 7 | Saddleback butterflyfish | <i>Chaetodon falcula</i> | Moderate |
| 7 | Stellate puffer | <i>Arothron stellatus</i> | Moderate |
| 8 | Pennant coralfish | <i>Heniochus acuminatus</i> | Moderate |
| 8 | Black and white snapper | <i>Macolor niger</i> | Moderate |
| 8 | Bicolor cleaner | <i>Labroides bicolor</i> | Moderate |
| 9 | Blackback butterflyfish | <i>Chaetodon melanotus</i> | Moderate |
| 9 | Teardrop butterflyfish | <i>Chaetodon unimaculatus</i> | Moderate |
| 10 | Blacktail chromis | <i>Chromis nigrura</i> | Moderate |
| 11 | White spotted boxfish | <i>Ostracion meleagris</i> | Moderate |
| 11 | Yellow boxfish | <i>Ostracion cubicus</i> | Moderate |
| 11 | Sailfin tang | <i>Zebrasoma veliferum</i> | Moderate |
| 11 | Desjardin's sailfin tan | <i>Zebrasoma desjardini</i> | Moderate |
| 12 | Spotted wrasse | <i>Anampsese meleagrides</i> | Moderate |
| 13 | Bluestreak cleaner Wrasse | <i>Labroides dimidiatus</i> | Moderate |
| 14 | Ribbontail stingray | <i>Taeniura lymma</i> | Moderate |
| 14 | Blackspotted puffer | <i>Arothron nigropunctatus</i> | Moderate |
| 15 | Emperor angelfish | <i>Pomacanthus imperator</i> | Moderate |
| 15 | Semicircle angelfish | <i>Pomacanthus semicirculatus</i> | Moderate |
| 15 | Harlequin filefish | <i>Oxymonacanthus longirostris</i> | Moderate |
| 15 | Lyretail hogfish | <i>Bodianus anthiooides</i> | Moderate |
| 15 | Persian blenny | <i>Ecsenius midas</i> | Moderate |
| 15 | Mozambique fangblenny | <i>Meiacanthus mossambicus</i> | Moderate |
| 15 | Leopard blenny | <i>Exallias brevis</i> | Moderate |





| Management Measure | Data and information needs |
|------------------------------|---|
| Temporal closures: | Biology and population dynamics of key target species |
| Spatial closures: | Abundance , distribution and size structure in fished and protected areas |
| Size limits: | Biological information e.g. size at maturity, growth |
| Catch quotas: | Estimates of yield per recruit |
| Species restrictions: | All above, and post harvest mortality data |
| Zoning: | Socioeconomic assessments |
| Others: | Research experiments, Post harvest survival data |

Thanks