

## STATISTICS OF THE PURSE SEINE SPANISH FLEET IN THE INDIAN OCEAN (1984-2008)

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### Abstract

This document presents summary statistics of the purse seiner Spanish fleet fishing in the Indian Ocean from 1984 to 2008. Data include catch and effort statistics as well as some fishery index by species and fishing mode. Information about the sampling scheme and the coverage of sampling, together with maps and diagrams representing the fishing pattern of this fleet by time and area strata is also included.

### 1-Introduction

Since the beginning of the tropical tuna Spanish fishery in 1984, data of catch and effort have been collected by a logbooks system created to get information of the fleet in the Atlantic Ocean. The sampling of the sizes landed has been conducted under the control of experts of the Instituto Español de Oceanografía (IEO) and Spanish Fishing Agency in close collaboration with the Seychelles Fishing Authorities (SFA) and the IRD's scientist team. Since the beginning of the 90's Spanish expert on fisheries has been permanently based in Mahe, Seychelles Islands, in order to follow "in situ" this fishery.

In this document we present statistics of the fishery since its beginning in 1984 until 2008. We present, too, catch and effort statistics, as well as information on sizes in the catch. Fishing maps and diagrams representing the fishing pattern of this fleet by time and area are also given. This paper covers primarily the Spanish flag fleet.

### 2- Data collection

#### 2-1-Catch and effort

Catch and effort data were collected by logbooks. This system, established in the Atlantic Ocean at the end of the 70's has been implemented in a regular way by most of the Spanish fleet, resulting in a very good and detailed data base. In the Indian Ocean this system was established at the beginning of the fishery using the Atlantic system adapted to this Ocean. Since 1984 the coverage of the logbooks have been nearly 100%

The basic information of the logbooks is raised trip by trip to unloading data.

#### 2-2-Species composition and sizes

Until 1998 the size distribution of catches was obtained using a monospecific sampling. The sampling scheme used was two steps sampling that considered the set as primary unit of sampling and the fish as secondary unit. The samples were taken by species. The sample size was the same for all species.

In the Indian Ocean analyses made at the beginning of the fishery showed a systematic bias in the log book species composition. The main bias was related with the small yellowfin, partially declared as skipjack, and small bigeye, always declared as yellowfin or skipjack, then a procedure of counting the fishes according their species composition (during the unloading) was routinely established in order to correct the species composition of the catches.

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Furthermore, during 1996 and 1997 a large scale research program, called ET, targeting the analysis of the tropical tuna sampling schemes, funded by the European Commission and coordinated by the IEO and ORSTOM, was conducted. At the end of this program a new sampling and statistical procedure to process the data has been proposed in order to improve the accuracy of statistics in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. This new data processing will be used since 1991 and the new sampling method has been introduced in all the sampling ports in 1999.

The correction of the species composition of the catches as well as the estimation of their size distribution was made using the samples taken from all the purse seine fleets combined because the statistical analysis made during the ET project showed that there was not a significant fleet effect.

### 3-Statistics

#### 3-1-Catch

Table 1 and figure 1 show the total yearly catches by species and tables 2-3 and figure 2, 3 and 4 show catches by fishing mode and species. The total catch in 2008 was 124 004 t, this supposes an increase of 10% in relation with 2007. By species skipjack has been the main component of catch with 65 096 t, while yellowfin and bigeye was 46 051 t (37 763 t in 2007) and 12 490 t (9 756 t in 2007), respectively. As for to the fishing mode, the catch on log increased 4.1% and in free School 24.5%, respect 2007. Figures 5 to 10 show the distribution of total catch and catches by fishing mode, species and 1°x1° squares for 2008 compared with previous years (2003\_2007). Tables 18-19 show catch and effort by FAO area.

#### 3-2-Effort

Table 4 and figure 13 show the carrying capacity and number of boats by category of the Spanish fleet, in 2008 a total of 17 Spanish vessels fished in the area. Table 5 and figure 15 show the nominal effort in fishing days and searching days. Since 1995 the nominal effort has been stable. Table 6 and figure 14 show the number of 1° by 1° degree square explored by the Spanish fleet under different filtering criteria. The fishing area has been maintained since 1996. A similar conclusion is reached from the figures 11 and 12 that compare the distribution of effort by 1°x1° squares in 2008 with the average of the period 2003 - 2007.

#### 3-3-Yield

Table 7 shows total number of sets and number of sets by fishing mode. The frequency distribution of sets by catch size is shown in Table 8, 9 and 10.

Figures 16, 17 and 18 show total number of positives and nulls sets.

Tables 11 to 16 show different catch rates by species and fishing mode.

#### 3-4-Mean weight

Table 17 and figures 19, 20 and 21 show the mean weight by species and fishing mode, as usual catches on logs have a lower mean weight than catches on free school.

#### 3-5-Length

Figures 22, 23 y 24 show 2008 length distribution of yellowfin, skipjack and bigeye, respectively.

Table 1. Spanish purse seiners total catch by species in the Indian Ocean, 1990-2008.

<b>TOTAL CATCH BY SPECIES</b>					
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>YFT</b>	<b>SKJ</b>	<b>BET</b>	<b>ALB</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>1990</b>	43728	47926	4867	145	96666
<b>1991</b>	44023	41790	6005	1066	92923
<b>1992</b>	37836	46694	3638	1461	89629
<b>1993</b>	47792	51272	5418	904	105385
<b>1994</b>	43128	61608	5924	1773	112433
<b>1995</b>	65143	69587	12233	561	147524
<b>1996</b>	59431	66276	11374	826	139134
<b>1997</b>	60977	62914	15897	1029	141025
<b>1998</b>	38565	58646	11245	269	108725
<b>1999</b>	51875	74285	16034	232	142426
<b>2000</b>	52070	77187	10769	410	140872
<b>2001</b>	47571	68346	7930	339	124389
<b>2002</b>	53205	91462	11096	217	156386
<b>2003</b>	78968	88035	8544	520	176200
<b>2004</b>	80810	64393	8634	76	154106
<b>2005</b>	77519	94312	10290	48	182562
<b>2006</b>	70924	118857	9952	438	200543
<b>2007</b>	37763	65006	9756	246	112848
<b>2008</b>	46051	65096	12490	299	124004

Table 2. Spanish purse seiners catch on FADs by species in the Indian Ocean, 1990-2008.

<b>CATCH ON LOGS BY SPECIES</b>					
	<b>YFT</b>	<b>SKJ</b>	<b>BET</b>	<b>ALB</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>1990</b>	11789	35320	2375	40	49524
<b>1991</b>	9900	33906	3748	55	47634
<b>1992</b>	13726	37055	3118	6	53906
<b>1993</b>	13932	36839	2753	0	53524
<b>1994</b>	12822	43072	4117	39	60050
<b>1995</b>	36328	56534	10280	29	103171
<b>1996</b>	25996	45944	9396	12	81348
<b>1997</b>	38170	54240	14654	63	107127
<b>1998</b>	22043	49422	8562	18	80046
<b>1999</b>	34689	63459	14301	1	112450
<b>2000</b>	32046	67961	8719	43	109119
<b>2001</b>	18860	56964	6404	4	82415
<b>2002</b>	24710	84063	9566	4	118718
<b>2003</b>	32808	73288	5590	2	111797
<b>2004</b>	20264	56556	7597	0	84610
<b>2005</b>	29367	76328	6775	15	112833
<b>2006</b>	37072	104022	6843	0	148272
<b>2007</b>	18861	54232	7569	1	80711
<b>2008</b>	17647	58032	8220	32	83987

Table 3. Spanish purse seiners catch on free schools by species in the Indian Ocean, 1990-2008.

<b>CATCH ON FREE SCHOOL BY SPECIES</b>					
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>YFT</b>	<b>SKJ</b>	<b>BET</b>	<b>ALB</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>1990</b>	31939	12606	2492	105	47142
<b>1991</b>	34123	7883	2257	1011	45289
<b>1992</b>	24110	9638	520	1455	35724
<b>1993</b>	33860	14432	2664	904	51861
<b>1994</b>	30306	18536	1807	1734	52383
<b>1995</b>	28815	13054	1953	531	44353
<b>1996</b>	33435	20332	1977	814	57786
<b>1997</b>	22807	8673	1243	966	33898
<b>1998</b>	16522	9224	2683	250	28679
<b>1999</b>	17186	10826	1732	231	29976
<b>2000</b>	20024	9225	2050	367	31753
<b>2001</b>	28712	11382	1526	335	41974
<b>2002</b>	28494	7398	1530	212	37668
<b>2003</b>	46160	14746	2954	517	64403
<b>2004</b>	60546	7837	1036	76	69496
<b>2005</b>	48152	17984	3515	33	69729
<b>2006</b>	33852	14835	3109	438	52271
<b>2007</b>	18902	10774	2187	245	32138
<b>2008</b>	28405	7064	4271	267	40017

Table 4. Number of Spanish Purse seiners by category, carrying capacity in tons, number of supplies used in association with Spanish boat 1990 - 2008.

<b>Class</b>	<b>50-400</b>	<b>401-600</b>	<b>601-800</b>	<b>801-1200</b>	<b>1201-2000</b>	<b>&gt;2000</b>	<b>total</b>	<b>C.Cap.</b>	<b>Supp</b>	<b>VAS*</b>
<b>1990</b>	-	-	3	8	9	0	20	17908	-	-
<b>1991</b>	0	0	3	6	8	0	17	16568	-	-
<b>1992</b>	0	0	1	6	11	0	18	16711	-	-
<b>1993</b>	0	0	1	6	11	1	19	18953	-	-
<b>1994</b>	0	0	2	4	11	1	18	18779	-	-
<b>1995</b>	0	0	2	5	11	1	19	20908	-	-
<b>1996</b>	0	0	2	6	13	1	22	24090	-	-
<b>1997</b>	0	0	2	6	14	1	23	26128	-	-
<b>1998</b>	0	0	2	6	12	0	20	21243	-	-
<b>1999</b>	0	0	2	6	12	0	20	20260	6	7
<b>2000</b>	0	0	1	7	9	0	17	19473	7	9
<b>2001</b>	0	0	1	7	9	0	17	20479	5	5
<b>2002</b>	0	0	1	6	10	1	18	20490	8	9
<b>2003</b>	0	0	1	6	9	2	18	21007	8	9
<b>2004</b>	0	0	1	4	10	5	20	23832	15	-
<b>2005</b>	0	0	1	4	10	5	20	29052	13	-
<b>2006</b>	0	0	1	5	11	5	22	31224	13	-
<b>2007</b>	0	0	1	4	11	5	21	29438	13	-
<b>2008</b>	0	0	0	3	10	4	17	24212	11	14

(\*) Vessel associated with supply

Table 5. Nominal fishing effort in fishing days and searching days of the purse seine Spanish fleet (1990 – 2008).

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>F.DAYS</b>	<b>S.DAYS</b>
<b>1990</b>	5006	4205
<b>1991</b>	4325	3544
<b>1992</b>	4296	3591
<b>1993</b>	4565	3842
<b>1994</b>	4463	3771
<b>1995</b>	5221	4470
<b>1996</b>	5793	4925
<b>1997</b>	6407	5584
<b>1998</b>	5644	4888
<b>1999</b>	5224	4496
<b>2000</b>	4526	3825
<b>2001</b>	4940	4214
<b>2002</b>	4570	3889
<b>2003</b>	4468	3671
<b>2004</b>	4730	3891
<b>2005</b>	5808	4619
<b>2006</b>	6462	5180
<b>2007</b>	5895	4916
<b>2008</b>	4792	3882

Table 6. Number of 1x1 degree squares explored by the purse seine Spanish fleet. The same, considering different minimum effort limits and number of squares with sets and with catch.

<b>NUMBER OF 1°X1° SQUARE PROSPECTED BY THE SPANISH FLEET</b>					
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>N. CWP VISITED</b>	<b>N. CWP with SET</b>	<b>N. CWP with CATCH</b>	<b>N. CWP Eff &gt;12hrs</b>	<b>N. CWP Eff &gt;60hrs</b>
<b>1990</b>	395	319	199	301	286
<b>1991</b>	370	290	197	289	277
<b>1992</b>	419	347	223	338	324
<b>1993</b>	415	318	202	317	308
<b>1994</b>	479	380	218	359	348
<b>1995</b>	447	357	210	343	339
<b>1996</b>	574	459	280	446	437
<b>1997</b>	627	490	281	454	437
<b>1998</b>	742	547	263	525	512
<b>1999</b>	584	438	247	459	442
<b>2000</b>	585	428	223	450	430
<b>2001</b>	506	412	262	426	405
<b>2002</b>	534	448	430	436	259
<b>2003</b>	511	421	403	396	252
<b>2004</b>	492	376	359	368	221
<b>2005</b>	514	414	383	391	250
<b>2006</b>	563	473	464	449	275
<b>2007</b>	579	488	466	457	263
<b>2008</b>	577	504	483	476	276

Table 7. Total number of sets, positive sets and null sets. Same statistics by fishing mode.

YEAR	ALL			LOGS			FREE SCHOOL		
	N° SETS	N° SETS +	N° SETS -	N° SETS	N° SETS +	N° SETS -	N° SETS	N° SETS +	N° SETS -
1990	4131	2876	1255	1612	1461	151	2519	1415	1104
1991	3291	2402	889	1409	1311	98	1882	1091	791
1992	3422	2594	828	1435	1377	58	1987	1217	770
1993	3756	2693	1063	1425	1372	53	2331	1321	1010
1994	3974	2814	1160	1413	1328	85	2561	1486	1075
1995	4197	3341	856	2287	2151	136	1910	1190	720
1996	4929	3824	1105	2166	2102	64	2763	1722	1041
1997	4592	3900	692	3004	2892	112	1588	1008	580
1998	4339	3381	958	2651	2512	139	1688	869	819
1999	4040	3219	821	2363	2267	96	1677	952	725
2000	3856	3169	687	2331	2236	95	1525	933	592
2001	4050	3105	945	2088	2004	84	1962	1101	861
2002	3681	3088	593	2331	2239	92	1350	849	501
2003	3801	2926	875	1932	1822	110	1869	1104	765
2004	4247	3021	1226	1884	1775	109	2363	1246	1117
2005	5815	4228	1587	2768	2620	148	3047	1608	1439
2006	6244	4688	1556	3333	3100	233	2911	1588	1323
2007	4940	3647	1293	2955	2624	331	1985	1023	962
2008	4495	3505	990	2564	2369	195	1931	1136	795

Table 8. Frequency of positive sets by size of catch.

TOTAL SET FREQUENCY BY CATCH.											
YEAR	0.1-10	10.1-20	20.1-30	30.1-40	40.1-50	50.1-60	60.1-70	70.1-80	80.1-90	90.1-100	>100.
1990	562	648	490	345	235	155	101	87	54	48	150
1991	474	462	374	258	213	145	96	79	58	50	187
1992	518	538	421	316	199	153	124	72	51	54	148
1993	443	518	400	316	217	177	119	107	63	82	251
1994	513	556	419	286	208	171	117	104	89	71	278
1995	469	603	500	391	300	204	166	122	113	84	389
1996	681	865	594	463	292	225	159	118	105	80	242
1997	716	901	614	488	317	218	147	125	70	72	226
1998	672	837	620	417	221	168	103	94	66	30	153
1999	466	621	544	341	264	205	175	125	97	75	305
2000	441	638	502	348	256	216	145	127	96	67	331
2001	534	685	502	366	226	179	125	89	76	63	257
2002	346	594	454	373	281	217	150	117	93	63	398
2003	290	462	404	337	264	201	173	113	97	75	510
2004	325	567	508	346	231	204	151	128	117	49	395
2005	552	924	698	488	354	265	218	160	116	62	391
2006	676	1050	791	539	396	286	187	148	103	103	421
2007	797	972	636	390	251	151	108	100	52	31	159
2008	620	877	603	393	276	190	133	89	64	60	200

Table 9. Frequency of positive sets in FADs by size of catch.

<b>SET FREQUENCY BY CATCH. FADs.</b>											
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>0.1-10</b>	<b>10.1-20</b>	<b>20.1-30</b>	<b>30.1-40</b>	<b>40.1-50</b>	<b>50.1-60</b>	<b>60.1-70</b>	<b>70.1-80</b>	<b>80.1-90</b>	<b>90.1-100</b>	<b>&gt;100.</b>
1990	229	336	268	176	137	74	47	55	33	29	77
1991	242	295	201	135	122	81	49	42	37	25	78
1992	223	263	221	191	107	87	77	37	39	32	100
1993	223	287	204	160	117	93	66	52	34	33	103
1994	181	241	204	154	117	88	59	58	46	34	145
1995	252	363	314	266	203	133	116	89	70	64	281
1996	330	476	323	269	160	142	97	71	51	52	131
1997	499	665	451	377	236	164	112	91	58	57	178
1998	499	637	464	311	154	126	75	69	45	20	112
1999	232	397	381	242	205	167	143	101	77	60	262
2000	244	393	359	257	191	159	113	101	85	51	281
2001	300	441	341	247	154	118	81	58	52	42	168
2002	210	424	313	280	203	169	117	92	72	49	309
2003	170	271	246	215	174	125	105	76	62	50	328
2004	175	344	326	209	138	125	94	83	54	27	200
2005	314	579	434	317	227	169	125	109	66	37	243
2006	390	644	492	378	260	202	137	99	79	67	352
2007	582	711	447	277	182	108	77	69	39	16	116
2008	394	626	395	270	187	126	93	60	42	43	133

Table 10. Frequency of positive sets in free schools by size of catch.

<b>SET FREQUENCY BY CATCH. FREE SCHOOL</b>											
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>0.1-10</b>	<b>10.1-20</b>	<b>20.1-30</b>	<b>30.1-40</b>	<b>40.1-50</b>	<b>50.1-60</b>	<b>60.1-70</b>	<b>70.1-80</b>	<b>80.1-90</b>	<b>90.1-100</b>	<b>&gt;100.</b>
1990	333	312	222	169	98	81	54	32	21	19	73
1991	232	167	173	123	91	64	47	37	21	25	109
1992	295	275	200	125	92	66	47	35	12	22	48
1993	220	231	196	156	100	84	53	55	29	49	148
1994	332	315	215	132	91	83	58	46	43	37	133
1995	217	240	186	125	97	71	50	33	43	20	108
1996	351	389	271	194	132	83	62	47	54	28	111
1997	217	236	163	111	81	54	35	34	12	15	48
1998	173	200	156	106	67	42	28	25	21	10	41
1999	234	224	163	99	59	38	32	24	20	15	43
2000	197	245	143	91	65	57	32	26	11	16	50
2001	234	244	161	119	72	61	44	31	24	21	89
2002	136	170	141	93	78	48	33	25	21	14	89
2003	120	191	158	122	90	76	68	37	35	25	182
2004	150	223	182	137	93	79	57	45	63	22	195
2005	238	345	264	171	127	96	93	51	50	25	148
2006	286	406	299	161	136	84	50	49	24	24	69
2007	215	261	189	113	69	43	31	31	13	15	43
2008	226	251	208	123	89	64	40	29	22	17	67

Table 11. Catch rate (catch/fishing day) by species and total.

<b>NOMINAL CATCH RATE (F.DAYS) ALL</b>					
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>YFT</b>	<b>SKJ</b>	<b>BET</b>	<b>ALB</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
1990	8.35	10.65	0.29	0.03	19.32
1991	10.18	9.66	1.39	0.25	21.49
1992	8.81	10.87	0.85	0.34	20.86
1993	10.47	11.23	1.19	0.2	23.09
1994	9.66	13.8	1.33	0.4	25.19
1995	12.48	13.33	2.34	0.11	28.26
1996	10.26	11.44	1.96	0.14	24.02
1997	9.52	9.82	2.48	0.16	22.01
1998	6.83	10.39	1.99	0.05	19.26
1999	9.93	14.22	3.07	0.04	27.26
2000	11.5	17.05	2.38	0.09	31.12
2001	9.63	13.84	1.61	0.07	25.18
2002	11.64	20.01	2.43	0.05	34.22
2003	17.67	19.70	1.91	0.12	39.44
2004	17.08	13.61	1.83	0.02	32.58
2005	13.35	16.24	1.77	0.01	31.44
2006	10.98	18.39	1.54	0.07	31.03
2007	6.41	11.03	1.66	0.04	19.14
2008	9.61	13.59	2.61	0.06	25.88

Table 12. Catch by positive set by species and total.

<b>NOMINAL CATCH RATE (N° POSITIVES SETS) ALL</b>					
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>YFT</b>	<b>SKJ</b>	<b>BET</b>	<b>ALB</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
1990	14.53	18.54	0.51	0.05	33.62
1991	18.33	17.4	2.5	0.44	38.69
1992	14.59	18	1.4	0.56	34.55
1993	17.75	19.04	2.01	0.34	39.13
1994	15.33	21.89	2.11	0.63	39.95
1995	19.5	20.83	3.66	0.17	44.16
1996	15.54	17.33	2.97	0.22	36.38
1997	15.64	16.13	4.08	0.26	36.16
1998	11.41	17.35	3.33	0.08	32.16
1999	16.12	23.08	4.98	0.07	44.25
2000	16.43	24.36	3.4	0.13	44.45
2001	15.32	22.01	2.55	0.11	40.06
2002	17.23	29.62	3.59	0.07	50.64
2003	26.99	30.09	2.92	0.18	60.22
2004	26.75	21.32	2.86	0.03	51.01
2005	18.33	22.31	2.43	0.01	43.18
2006	15.13	25.35	2.12	0.09	42.78
2007	10.35	17.82	2.68	0.07	30.95
2008	13.14	18.57	3.56	0.09	35.38



Table 13. Catch rate (catch/fishing day) in FAD by species and total.

<b>NOMINAL CATCH RATE (F.DAYS) FADS</b>					
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>YFT</b>	<b>SKJ</b>	<b>BET</b>	<b>ALB</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
1990	1.58	8.54	0.14	0.01	10.26
1991	2.29	7.84	0.87	0.01	11.01
1992	3.19	8.62	0.73	0	12.55
1993	3.05	8.07	0.6	0	11.73
1994	2.87	9.65	0.92	0.01	13.46
1995	6.96	10.83	1.97	0.01	19.76
1996	4.49	7.93	1.62	0	14.04
1997	5.96	8.47	2.29	0.01	16.72
1998	3.91	8.76	1.52	0	14.18
1999	6.64	12.15	2.74	0	21.52
2000	7.08	15.02	1.93	0.01	24.11
2001	3.82	11.53	1.3	0	16.68
2002	5.41	18.39	2.09	0	25.98
2003	7.34	16.40	1.25	0	25.02
2004	4.28	11.96	1.61	0	17.89
2005	5.06	13.14	1.17	0	19.43
2006	5.74	16.10	1.06	0	22.94
2007	3.20	9.20	1.28	0	13.69
2008	3.68	12.11	1.72	0.01	17.53

Table 14. Catch in FADs by positive set by species and total.

<b>NOMINAL CATCH RATE (N° POSITIVES SETS) FADS</b>					
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>YFT</b>	<b>SKJ</b>	<b>BET</b>	<b>ALB</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
1990	5.4	29.27	0.46	0.03	35.16
1991	7.55	25.86	2.86	0.04	36.33
1992	9.97	26.91	2.26	0	39.15
1993	10.15	26.85	2.01	0	39.01
1994	9.66	32.43	3.1	0.03	45.22
1995	16.89	26.28	4.78	0.01	47.96
1996	12.37	21.86	4.47	0.01	38.7
1997	13.2	18.76	5.07	0.02	37.04
1998	8.78	19.67	3.41	0.01	31.87
1999	15.3	27.99	6.31	0	49.6
2000	14.33	30.39	3.9	0.02	48.8
2001	9.41	28.43	3.2	0	41.13
2002	11.04	37.55	4.27	0	53.02
2003	18.01	40.22	3.07	0	61.36
2004	11.42	31.86	4.28	0	47.67
2005	11.21	29.13	2.59	0.01	43.07
2006	11.96	33.56	2.21	0	47.83
2007	7.19	20.67	2.88	0	30.76
2008	7.45	24.50	3.47	0.02	35.45

Table 15. Catch rate (catch/fishing day) in free school by species and total.

<b>NOMINAL CATCH RATE (F.DAYS) F.SCHOOL</b>					
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>YFT</b>	<b>SKJ</b>	<b>BET</b>	<b>ALB</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
1990	6.77	2.11	0.16	0.02	9.05
1991	7.89	1.82	0.52	0.23	10.47
1992	5.61	2.24	0.12	0.34	8.31
1993	7.42	3.16	0.58	0.2	11.36
1994	6.79	4.15	0.4	0.39	11.74
1995	5.52	2.5	0.37	0.1	8.5
1996	5.77	3.51	0.34	0.14	9.98
1997	3.56	1.35	0.19	0.15	5.29
1998	2.93	1.63	0.48	0.04	5.08
1999	3.29	2.07	0.33	0.04	5.74
2000	4.42	2.04	0.45	0.08	7.02
2001	5.81	2.3	0.31	0.07	8.5
2002	6.24	1.62	0.33	0.05	8.24
2003	10.33	3.3	0.66	0.12	14.41
2004	12.80	1.66	0.22	0.02	14.69
2005	8.29	3.10	0.61	0.01	12.01
2006	5.24	2.30	0.48	0.07	8.09
2007	3.21	1.83	0.37	0.04	5.45
2008	5.93	1.47	0.89	0.06	8.35

Table 16. Catch in free school by positive set by species and total.

<b>NOMINAL CATCH RATE (N° POSITIVES SETS) F.SCHOOL</b>					
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>YFT</b>	<b>SKJ</b>	<b>BET</b>	<b>ALB</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
1990	23.95	7.45	0.55	0.07	32.03
1991	31.28	7.23	2.07	0.93	41.51
1992	19.81	7.92	0.43	1.2	29.35
1993	25.63	10.93	2.02	0.68	39.26
1994	20.39	12.47	1.22	1.17	35.25
1995	24.21	10.97	1.64	0.45	37.27
1996	19.42	11.81	1.15	0.47	33.56
1997	22.63	8.6	1.23	0.96	33.63
1998	19.01	10.61	3.09	0.29	33.00
1999	18.05	11.37	1.82	0.24	31.49
2000	21.46	9.89	2.2	0.39	34.03
2001	26.08	10.34	1.39	0.3	38.12
2002	33.56	8.71	1.80	0.25	44.37
2003	41.81	13.36	2.68	0.47	58.34
2004	48.59	6.29	0.83	0.06	55.78
2005	29.95	11.18	2.19	0.02	43.36
2006	21.32	9.34	1.96	.28	32.92
2007	18.48	10.53	2.14	0.24	31.42
2008	25.00	6.22	3.76	0.24	35.23

Table 17. Mean weight by species and fishing mode.

YEAR	YFT		SKJ		BET	
	LOG	F.SCHOOL	LOG	F.SCHOOL	LOG	F.SCHOOL
1990	6.1	31.8	2.8	3.0	4.3	25.2
1991	8	37.0	2.7	2.7	5.5	20.6
1992	9.9	36.8	3.0	2.9	5.2	13.5
1993	10.8	40.2	2.7	3.1	4.3	26.7
1994	6.2	39.8	2.5	3.5	4.9	34.4
1995	9.7	27.3	2.4	3.0	5.3	21.7
1996	5.2	27.8	2.4	3.2	4.7	11.3
1997	4.8	26.6	2.3	2.8	3.7	13.0
1998	6.9	14.5	2.6	2.5	5.3	9.2
1999	4.6	22.5	2.5	2.5	4.9	8.9
2000	6.0	23.6	3.0	3.2	4.9	13.7
2001	4.6	29.7	2.6	3.6	3.6	14.5
2002	3.7	34.8	2.4	3.3	3.7	30.5
2003	5.6	34.6	3.1	3.9	4.4	24.4
2004	4.2	39.7	2.5	3.6	4.8	30.4
2005	5.6	34.5	2.9	3.3	4.8	29.6
2006	4.8	35.2	3.0	3.8	4.6	34.0
2007	5.2	36.6	2.4	3.0	3.5	34.1
2008	3.8	36.1	2.0	2.7	3.2	30.2

Table 18. Spanish purse seiners total catch by species in the FAO area 57, 1991-2008

CATCH AND EFFORT PS DATA AREA: F57							
YEAR	YFT	SKJ	BET	ALB	TOTAL	FISH. DAYS	#SETS+
1991	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1992	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1993	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1994	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1995	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1996	27	107	23	0	157	21	6
1997	123	147	35	0	305	33	14
1998	5736	4468	2716	6	12926	762	328
1999	59	149	40	0	248	33	11
2000	67	88	13	0	167	30	9
2001	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2002	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2003	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2004	1	4	1	0	5	1	1
2005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2006	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2007	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2008	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 19. Spanish purse seiners total catch by species in the FAO area 51, 1991-2008

<b>CATCH AND EFFORT PS DATA AREA: F51</b>							
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>YFT</b>	<b>SKJ</b>	<b>BET</b>	<b>ALB</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FISH. DAYS</b>	<b>#SETS+</b>
<b>1991</b>	44023	41790	6005	1066	92923	4324	2402
<b>1992</b>	37836	46694	3638	1461	89629	4296	2594
<b>1993</b>	47792	51272	5418	904	105385	4565	2693
<b>1994</b>	43128	61608	5924	1773	112433	4463	2814
<b>1995</b>	65143	69587	12233	561	147524	5221	3341
<b>1996</b>	59404	66169	11351	826	138977	5771	3818
<b>1997</b>	60855	62767	15862	1029	140720	6374	3886
<b>1998</b>	32829	54179	8529	262	95799	4882	3053
<b>1999</b>	51816	74137	15994	232	142179	5192	3208
<b>2000</b>	52004	77099	10756	410	140705	4496	3160
<b>2001</b>	47571	68346	7930	339	124389	4940	3105
<b>2002</b>	53205	91462	11096	217	156386	4570	3088
<b>2003</b>	78968	88035	8544	520	176200	4468	2926
<b>2004</b>	80809	64389	8633	76	154101	4729	3020
<b>2005</b>	77519	94312	10290	48	182562	5808	4228
<b>2006</b>	70924	118857	9952	438	200543	6462	4688
<b>2007</b>	37763	65006	9756	246	112848	5895	3647
<b>2008</b>	46051	65096	12490	299	124004	4792	3505

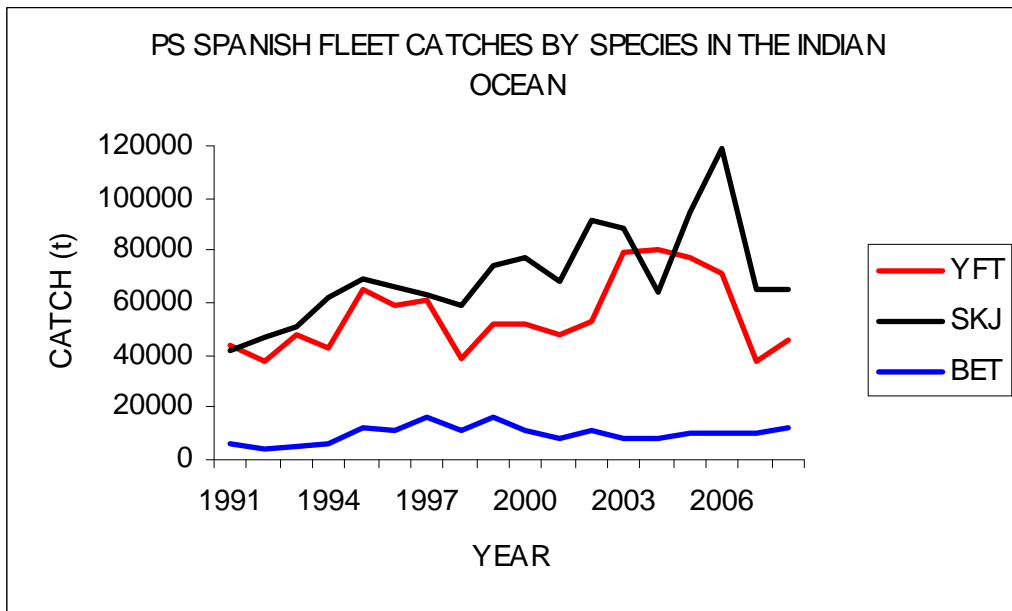


Figure 1. Catch by species of the purse seine Spanish fleet.

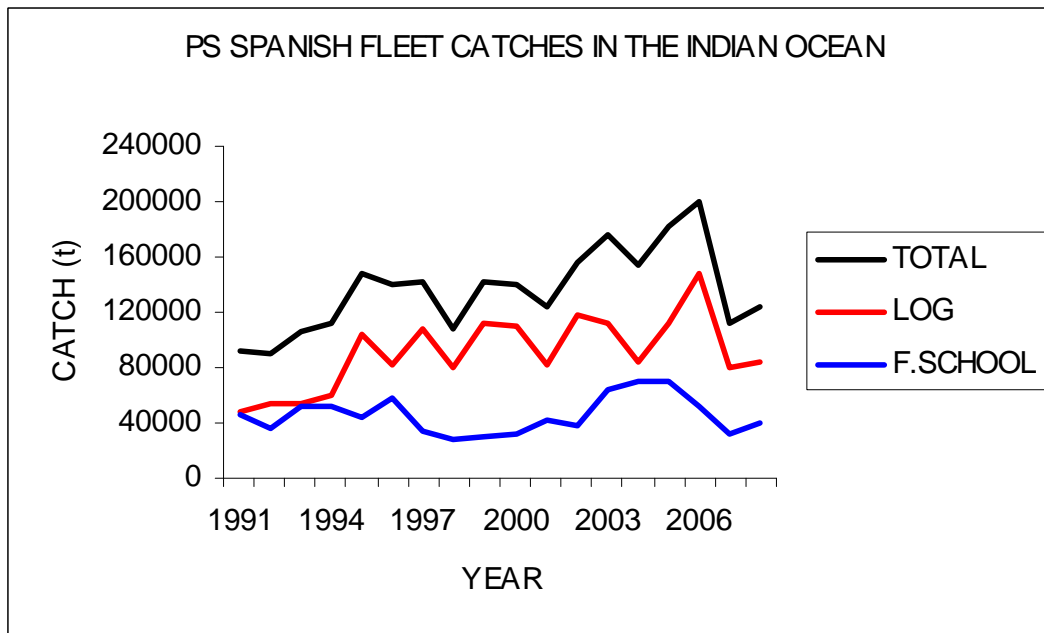


Figure 2. Total catch and catch by fishing mode (floating object and free school) of the purse seine Spanish fleet.

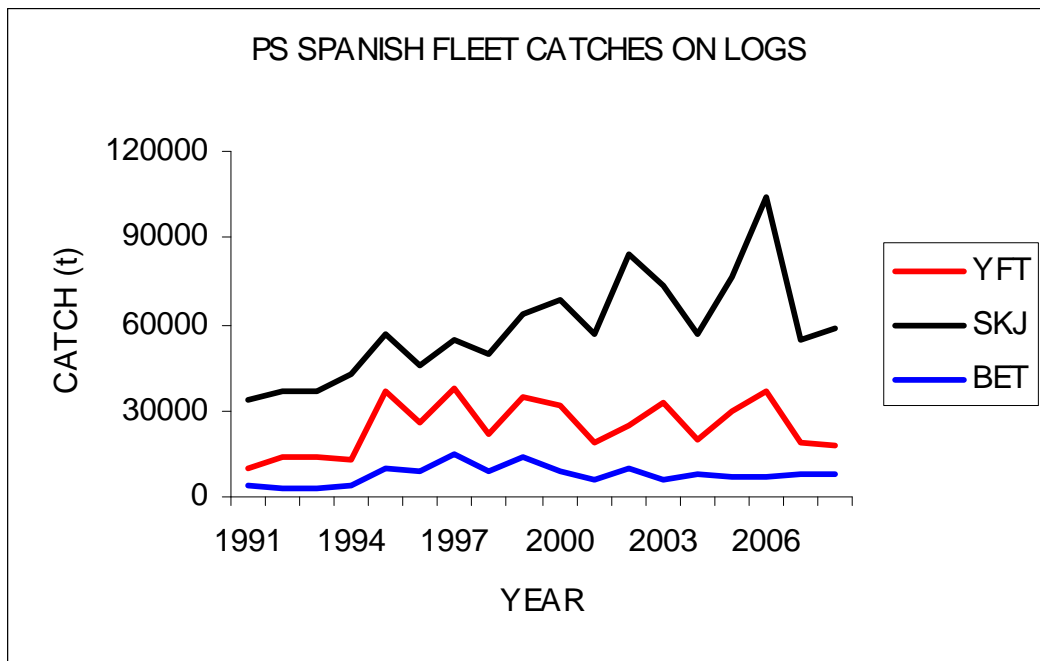


Figure 3. Catch by species on logs of the purse seine Spanish fleet.

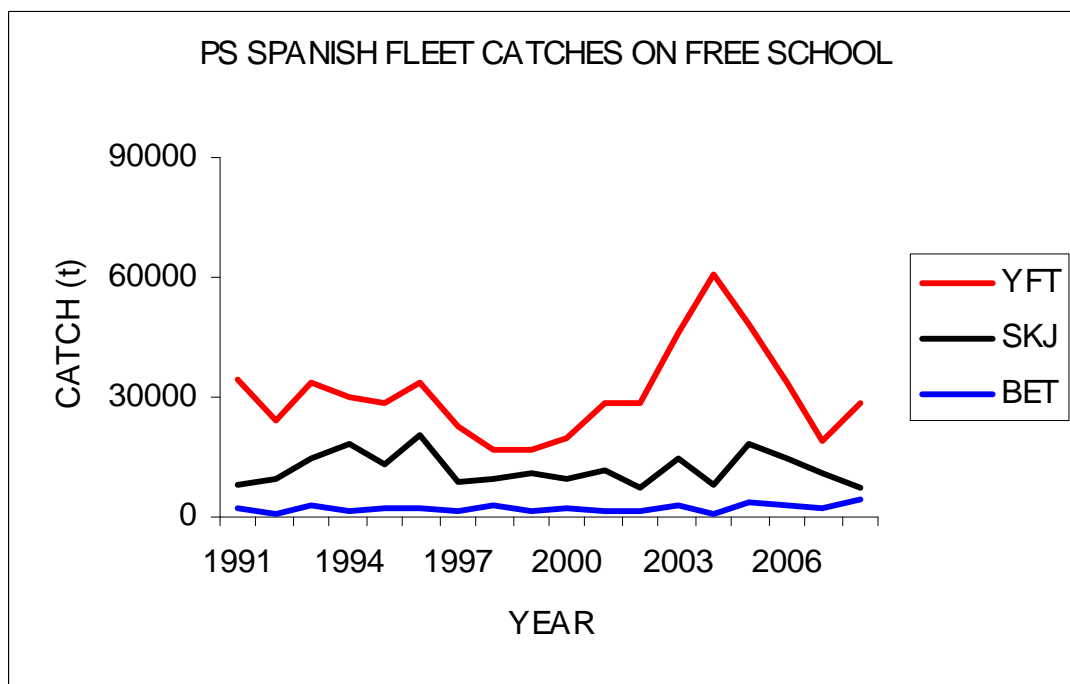


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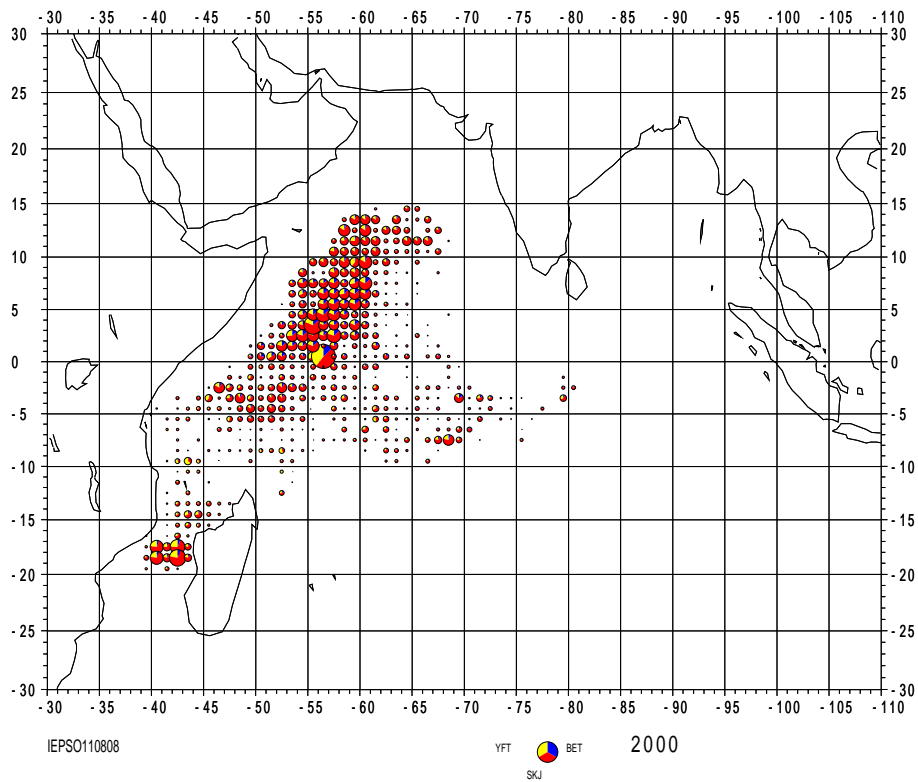


Figure 5. Distribution of catches on FADs by species and  $1^{\circ} \times 1^{\circ}$  squares of the purse seine Spanish fleet in 2008.

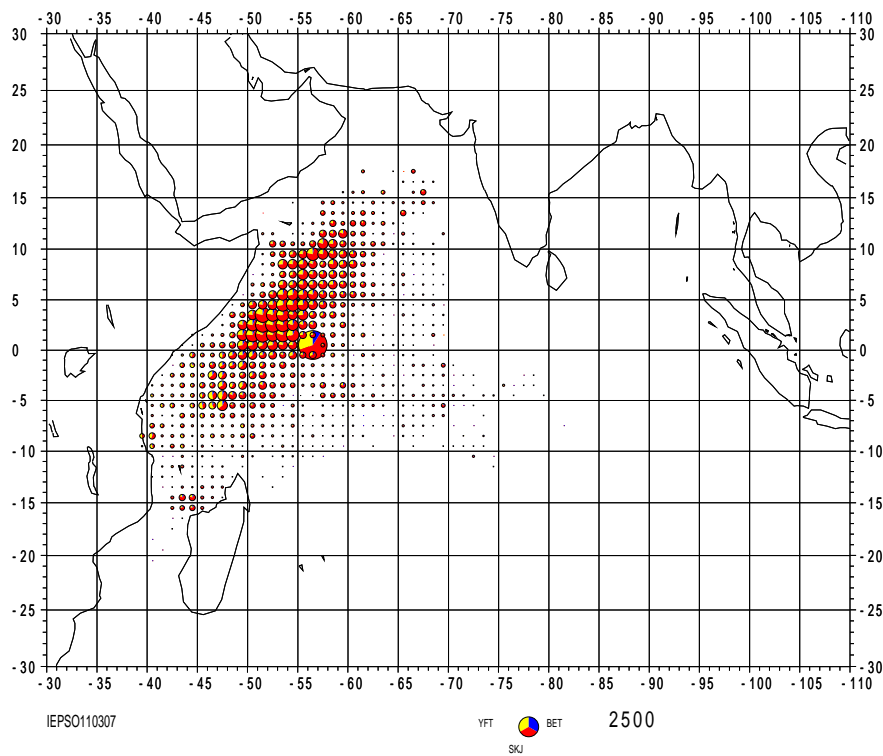


Figure 6. Distribution of average catches (2003-2007) on FADs by species and  $1^{\circ} \times 1^{\circ}$  squares of the purse seine Spanish fleet.

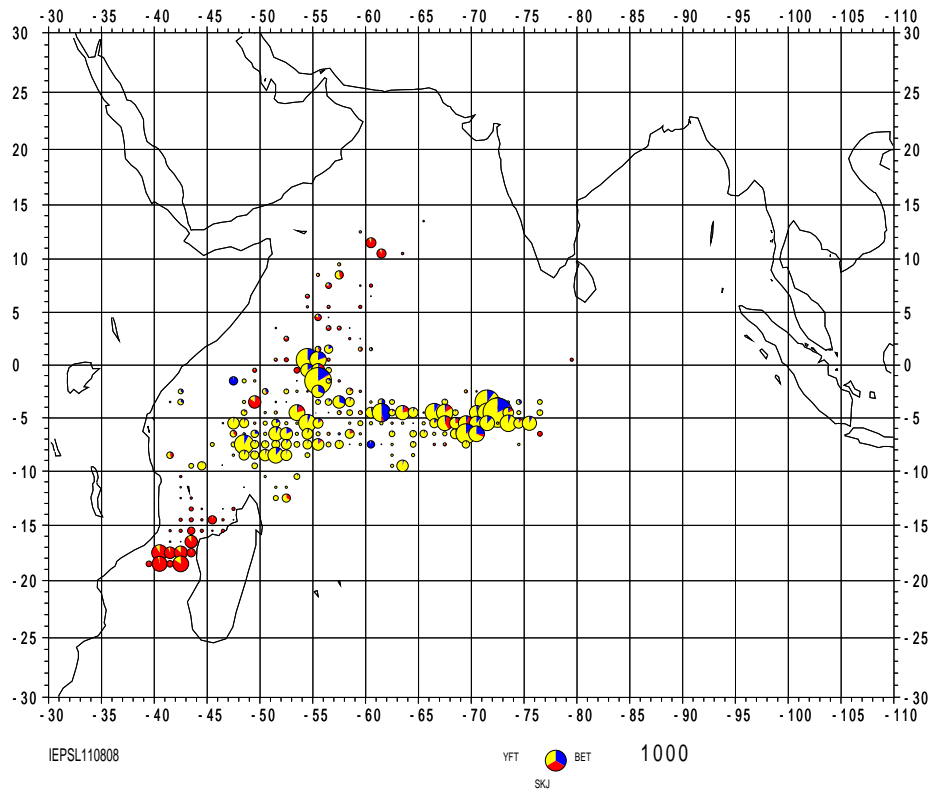


Figure 7. Distribution of catches on free schools by species and  $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$  squares of the purse seine Spanish fleet in 2008.

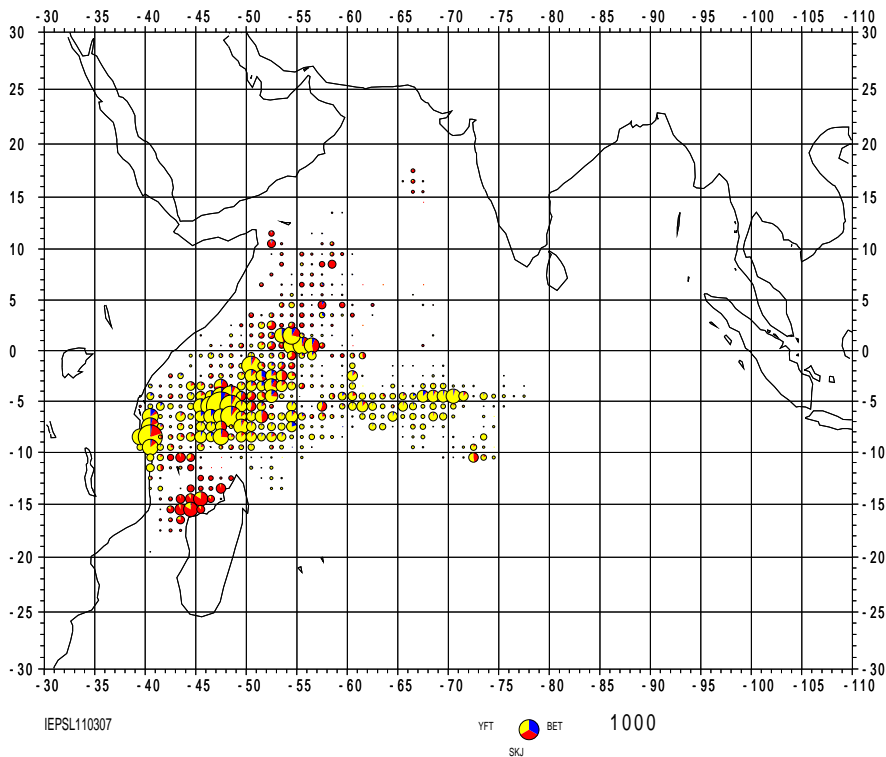


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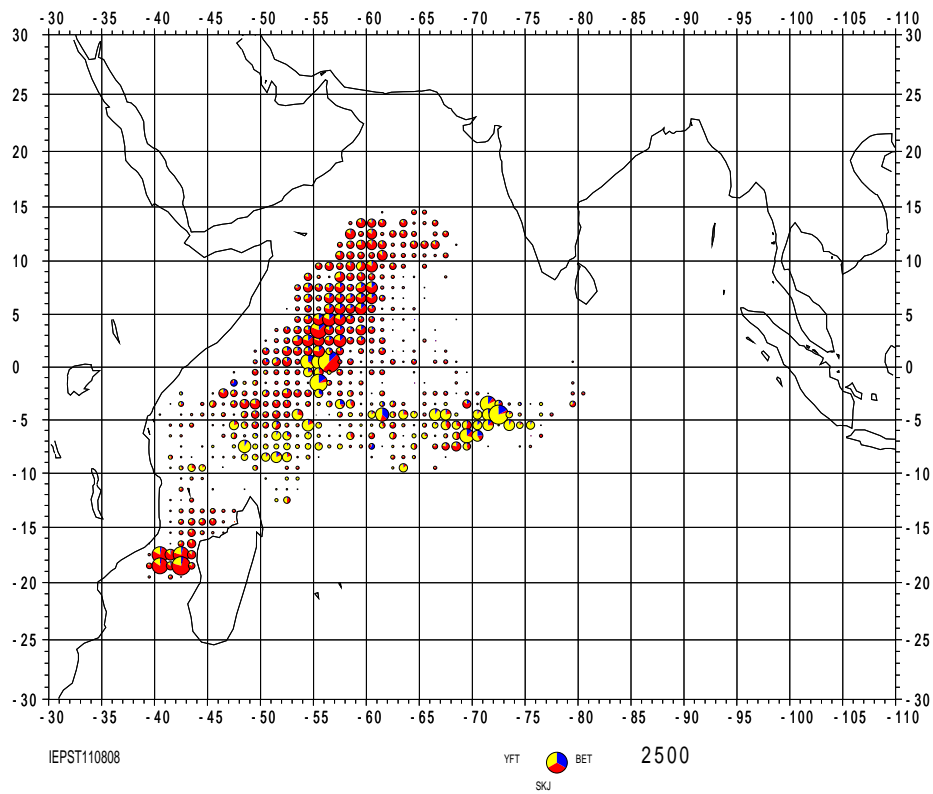


Figure 9. Distribution of catches by species and  $1^{\circ} \times 1^{\circ}$  squares of the purse seine Spanish fleet in 2008.

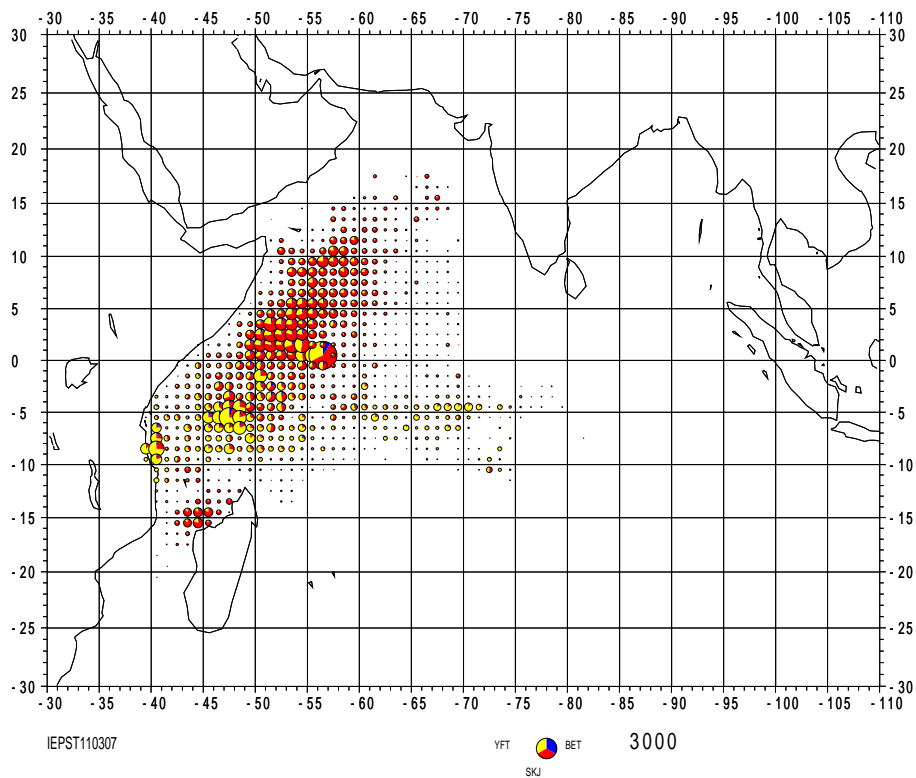


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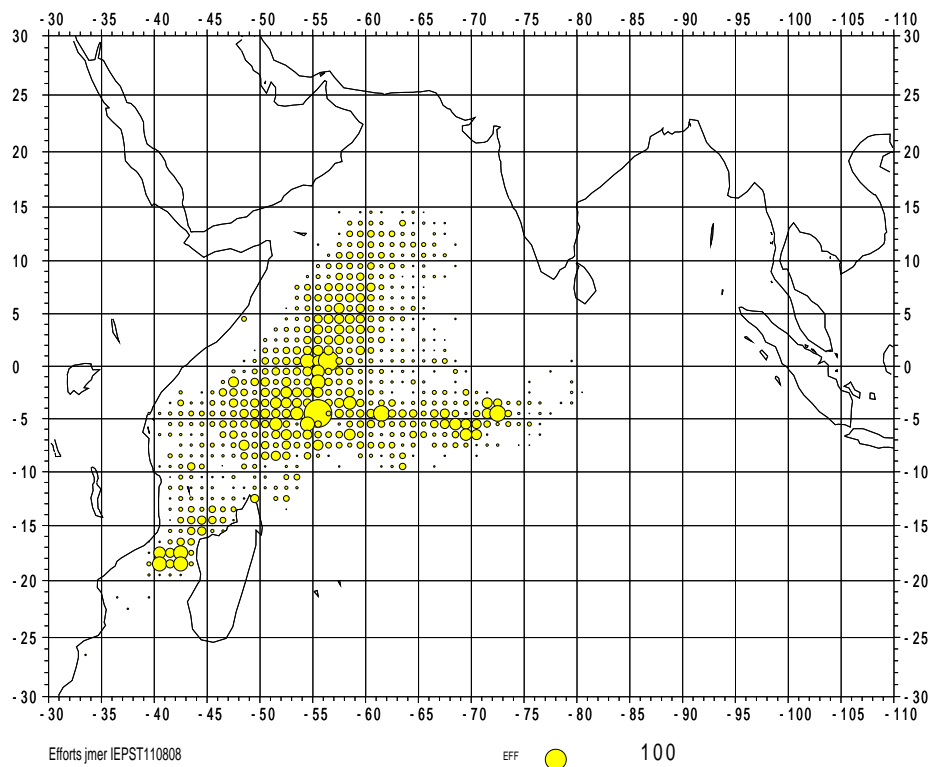


Figure 11. Distribution of effort (fishing days) by  $1^{\circ} \times 1^{\circ}$  squares of the purse seine Spanish fleet in 2008.

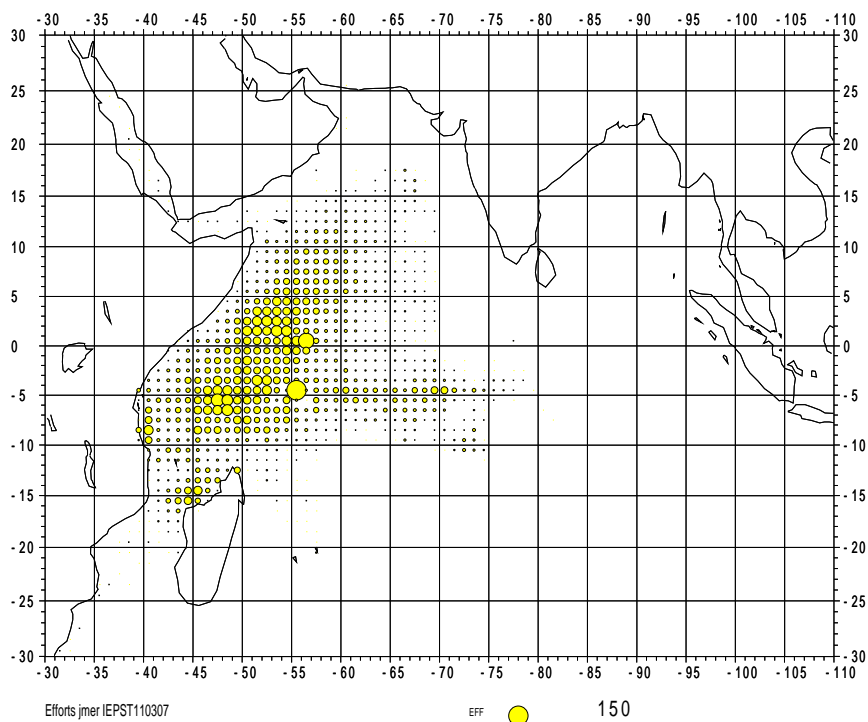


Figure 12. Distribution of average effort (fishing days) by  $1^{\circ} \times 1^{\circ}$  squares of the purse seine Spanish fleet for the period 2003-2007.

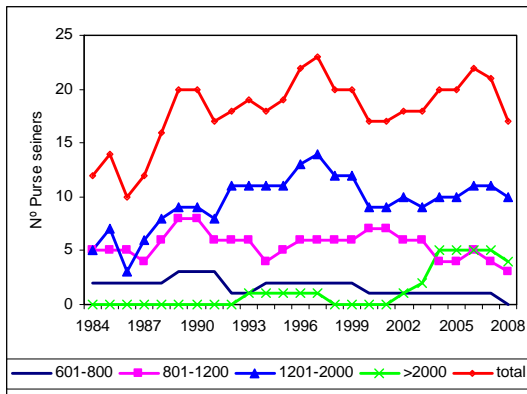


Fig.13. Spanish purse seiners number by carrying capacity

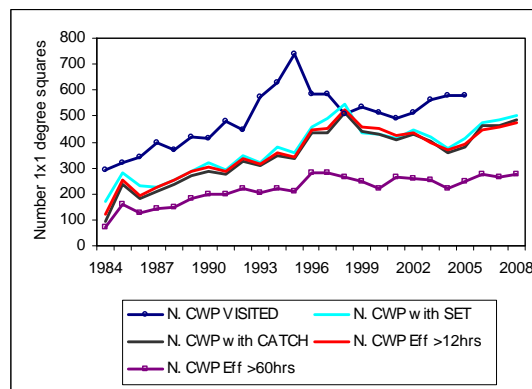


Fig.14. Number of one degree squares visited with different efforts

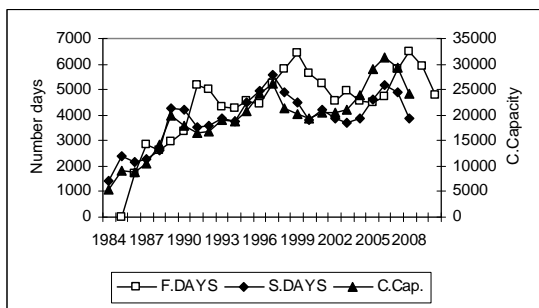


Fig.15. Fishing and searching days and carrying capacity

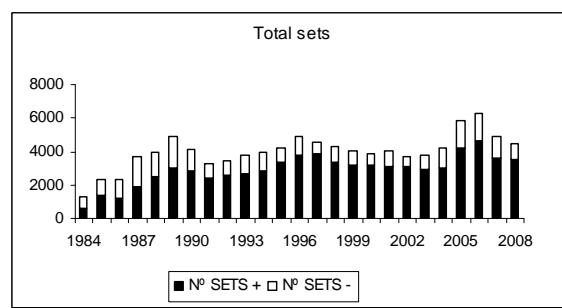


Fig.16. Number of positives and nulls sets

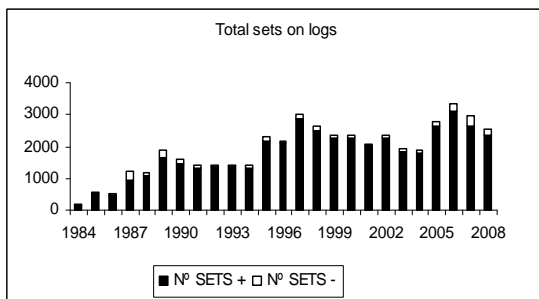


Fig.17. Number of positives and nulls sets on logs

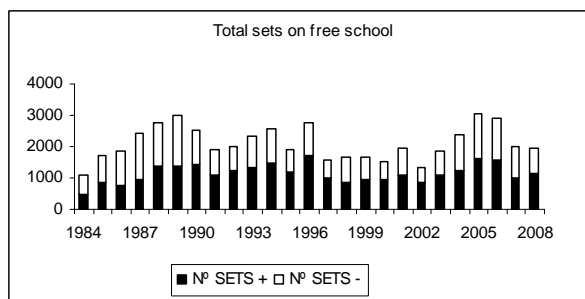


Fig. 18. Number of positives and nulls sets on free School

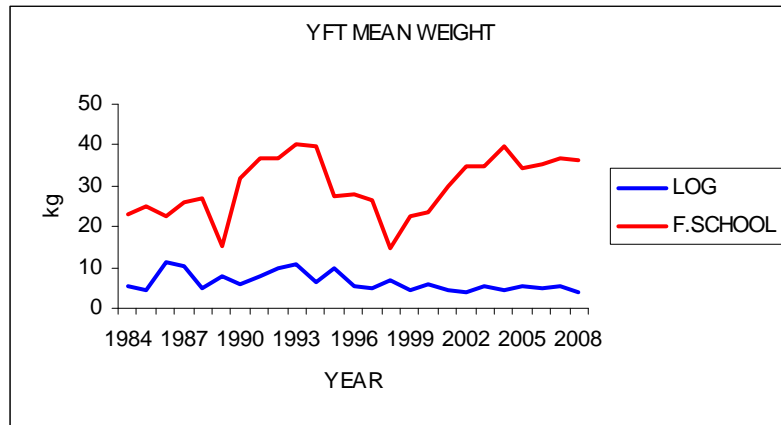


Fig.19 Yellowfin mean weight by fishing mode (log and free school) for the period 1984-2008

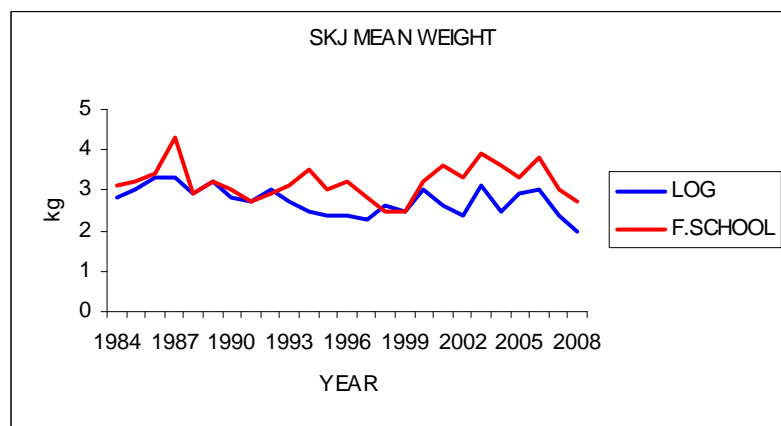


Fig. 20. Skipjack mean weight by fishing mode (log and free school) for the period 1984-2008

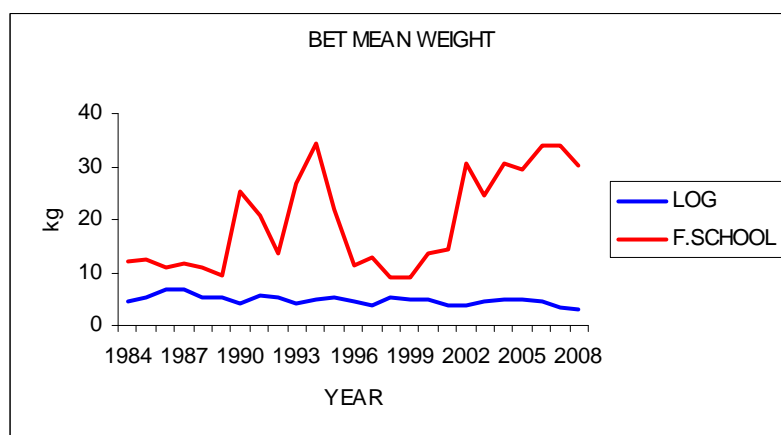


Fig. 21. Bigeye mean weight by fishing mode (log and free school) for the period 1984-2008.

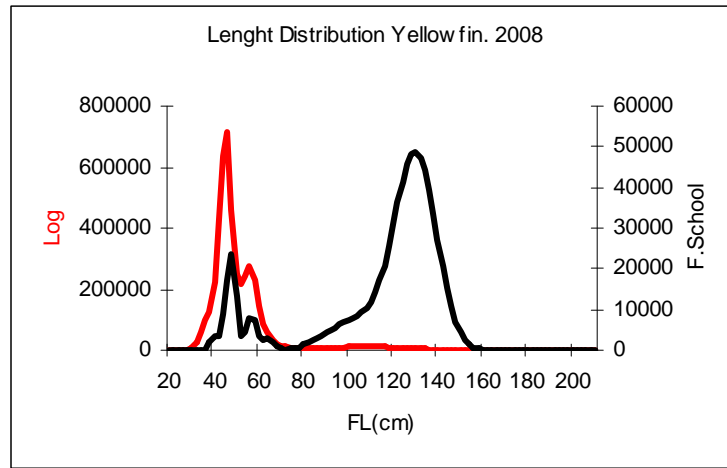


Fig.22. Yellowfin length distribution on Logs and Free School. 2008

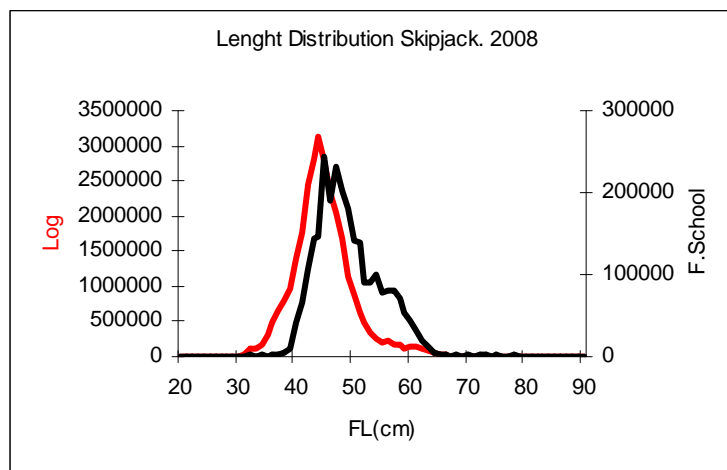


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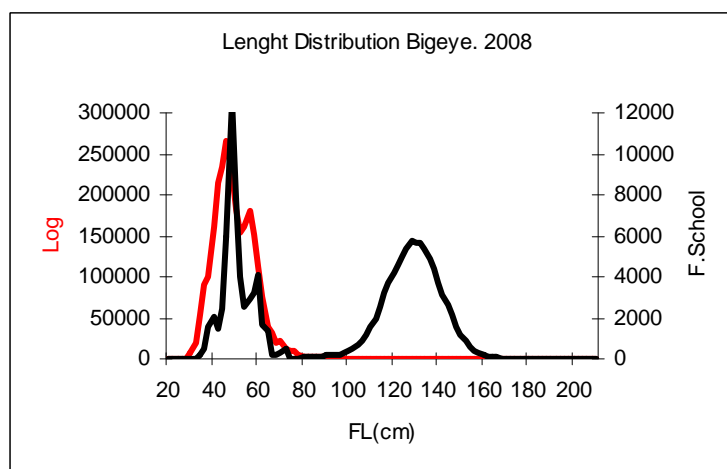


Fig.24. Bigeye length distribution on Logs and Free School. 2008