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Background

ICES has received a request from NEACF to evaluate a proposal for the harvest control component of a long-term management plan for Rockall haddock and in particular to consider whether the plan is consistent with the precautionary approach (see Annex 1).

Two different management strategy evaluation (MSE) analyses were conducted to investigate the properties of the proposed HCRs (Needle and Mosqueira, 2011; Khlivnoy, 2011). The analysis conducted by Needle and Mosqueira (2011) is presented in Annex 2 and the evaluation presented by Khlivnoy (2011) in Annex 3. Additional information provided during the RG/ADGHADDOK is presented in Annex 4

These evaluations have been subject to a peer review, the review report is available as Annex 5.

Annex 1 – NEAFC request on Rockall haddock MP evaluation

NEAFC requests ICES to evaluate the following proposal for the harvest control component of a long-term management plan for Rockall haddock and in particular to consider whether the plan is consistent with the precautionary approach and will provide for the sustainable harvesting of the stock. ICES will also suggest an alternative approach if necessary.

Draft EU-Russia proposal for harvest control component of a long-term management plan for haddock at Rockall

In the following, the TACs refer to total catches, not just landings.

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2 For [20XX] and subsequent years the Parties agreed to set a TAC to be consistent with a fishing mortality rate of no more than [either Fpa (0.4) or Fmsy (0.3)] for appropriate age-groups, when the SSB in the end of the year in which the TAC is applied is estimated above Bpa.

3 The Parties agree that the TAC that results from the application of the fishing mortality referred to in paragraph 2 will be adjusted according to the following formula:

$$TAC_y = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{y-1} - TAC_f)$$

where TAC_y is the TAC that is to be set by the management plan, TAC_{y-1} is the TAC that was fixed the previous year and TAC_f is the TAC resulting from the provisions in paragraphs 1 and 2.

4. Where the SSB referred to in paragraph 2 is estimated to be below Bpa but above Blim the TAC shall not exceed a level, which will result in a fishing mortality rate equal to $0.3 - 0.2 \times (Bpa - SSB) / (Bpa - Blim)$. This consideration overrides paragraph 3.

5. Where the SSB referred to in paragraph 2 is estimated to be below Blim the TAC shall be set at a level corresponding to a total fishing mortality rate of no more than 0.1. This consideration overrides paragraph 3.

No later than 31 December [20XX], the parties shall review the arrangements in paragraphs 1 to 5 in order to ensure that they are consistent with the objective of the plan. This review shall be conducted after obtaining inter alia advice from ICES concerning the performance of the plan in relation to its objective.

Annex 2 – Needle and Mosqueira (2011) Working Document)

An evaluation of a proposed management plan for haddock in Division VIb (Rockall)

Working Paper to ACOM

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Summary

On the basis of the simulations presented in this paper, it would appear that proposed EU-RF management plan for Rockall haddock is sustainable – that is, the risk of biomass falling below either of the specified biomass reference points over the future 20-year period is very low.

1.1 Introduction

Discussions between the European Union (EU) and the Russian Federation (RF) on possible joint management measures for the Rockall haddock fishery have been progressing for over ten years. Changes in the shape of the EU Exclusive Economic Zone in 1999 led to the renewal of the RF Rockall haddock fishery, and as this fishery has quite different characteristics from the (predominantly) Scottish and Irish fisheries already present in the area, it was clear that joint management would be both necessary and potentially difficult to implement. Meetings involving both scientists and fisheries managers from the EU and the RF have been held on an almost annual basis since 2001 to determine what is known about these fisheries, and how such information can best be used to develop a productive and sustainable management system.

Building on the history of Rockall fisheries and the supporting scientific work presented by Newton et al (2008), the EU-RF Working Group on Rockall haddock met four times during 2008-2010 and produced a state-of-the-art review of available data and scientific analyses pertaining to Rockall haddock (EU-RF 2009). At the fourth of these meetings, in Edinburgh during September 2010, a proposal for a joint EU-RF management plan for Rockall haddock was drafted. Following further refinements, a final version was presented to the appropriate NEAFC plenary meeting towards the end of 2010. The decision was taken there to forward the proposal to ICES for evaluation: the text of the request is given in Annex 1 below.

Although the request was received by ICES towards the end of 2010, technical difficulties with the evaluation and pressure of other work meant that the response to the request could not be included as part of the June 2011 advice release. The current paper provides a quantitative risk-based evaluation of the likely performance of the proposed management plan, although it does not cover all relevant issues as yet.

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Remaining problems are highlighted in the text and will be dealt with during any future revisions of the management plan (if implemented).

The evaluation was implemented in the R programming system (version 2.13.0: R Development Core Team 2011), using the most recent available versions of the FLR libraries (Kell *et al.* 2007).

1.2 Specific modelling issues for Rockall haddock

One of the authors (Needle) has extensive experience of developing management strategy evaluation (MSE) code for testing proposed plans for haddock in the North Sea (Needle 2008a,b) and West of Scotland (Needle 2010), while the other (Mosqueira) is a key member of the FLR development team and has been involved in a number of management plan evaluations (for example, STECF (2007) and subsequent analyses). The code used previously for haddock MSEs in Needle (2008a,b, 2010) could have been modified to run the Rockall haddock MSE, but it presented two significant problems. Firstly, much of it was bespoke code written to implement features that were not present in the early version of FLR that was available at the time, and such code would have been very difficult for reviewers to understand and check for errors. Recent developments in FLR have in any case rendered much of this bespoke code obsolete. Secondly, the previous code was not optimised for speed, and a single 100-iteration simulation run could take over 15 hours (thus limiting the scope of sensitivity analyses). The new version of FLR features a number of optimised analysis algorithms which reduce runtimes dramatically: the same 100-iteration simulation run now takes around 8 minutes.

For these reasons, the Rockall haddock MSE described here does not build on previous haddock MSEs, but rather on MSEs developed for other species using the development version of FLR (to be released in October 2011 as version 2.4). As is usually the case, the code for these MSEs could not be used without modification for Rockall haddock, due to specific features of the stock, assessment and proposed management plan, and further code development was required. However, the programming approach used in the new version of FLR is not particularly intuitive or easy to use, and the resulting code on which this paper is based cannot be guaranteed to be error-free. Furthermore, it does not implement all the features of the system that could be considered, particularly the presence of two different fleets with different catchability characteristics. It is our intention that the evaluation will be a live code that will develop in the future and be used for evaluations of subsequent revisions to the proposed management plan. It is worth noting that the North Sea haddock MSE (Needle 2008a,b) took over two years to develop, a much greater period of time that has been devoted thus far to the Rockall haddock MSE.

Recruitment

Recruitment dynamics for haddock in the North Sea and West of Scotland are characteristically sporadic: that is, there is a strong tendency in those stocks for very occasional large year-classes interspersed with several weak year-classes. Recruitment for Rockall haddock appears to have a stronger relationship with parental spawning stock biomass, as indicated by Figure 1. Therefore, a Ricker stock-recruit model was used to generate stochastic recruitments in the biological simulation model underpinning the evaluation. This model is given by

$$R_y = \alpha S_{y-1} \exp(-\beta S_{y-1}) \varepsilon_{y-1}^R$$

where R_y is recruitment at age 1 in year y , S_{y-1} is the parental spawning stock biomass in year $y-1$, α and β are fitted parameters, and $\varepsilon_{y-1}^R \sim N(0, \sigma_R^2)$ where $\sigma_R = 0.3$ is the assumed recruitment standard deviation. Within the knowledge production model, a simple three-year geometric mean of previous recruitment was used as the best estimate of incoming year-class strength. In the real assessment (ICES-WGCSE 2011), a survey-based RCT3 prediction is used to generate recruitment estimates for the intermediate year, while a long-term (1991 onwards) geometric mean is used for the quota year. These refinements could be included in a future revision of the MSE.

Stock assessment

The Rockall haddock assessment (ICES-WGCSE 2011) is carried out using the original MS-DOS implementation of XSA (Shepherd 1992, Darby and Flatman 1994). The version of the model provided with FLR (FLXSA) is functionally identical to XSA, and has the advantage that it can be built into MSE simulation loops. For this reason, FLXSA is used here to generate the simulated stock assessment on which management decisions are taken. The same run settings are used as for the XSA assessment is ICES-WGCSE (2011), namely:

- Assessment model: XSA
- Tuning indices: one survey index (SCOGFS)
- Time-series weights: none
- Catchability dependent for ages < 4
- Regression type: C
- Catchability plateau: 5
- Shrinkage standard error: 1.0
- Shrinkage age-year: 3 ages, 4 years
- Minimum standard error: 0.3
- Plus group: 7+
- Mean F age range: 2–5

The summary outputs from the FLXSA run on historical data are given in Figure 2 (stock summary) and 3 (residuals).

The assessment makes no explicit distinction between reported landings and estimated discards, which are summed together to give total catch. In the simulation forecast, the ratio of landings to discards for each age is assumed to be fixed. In previous work on MSEs for haddock (e.g. Needle 2008a), it has been demonstrated that this assumption can lead to problems (generally underestimation of SSB) with the simulated assessment, particularly when a large year-class is generated. This difficulty may still arise for Rockall haddock, but the magnitude of the effect is likely to be less as the quota is assumed to apply to total catch rather than just landings (see Annex 1). Hence the assumed split between landings and discards is less germane to the simulated stock dynamics.

The simulations were initialised using historical data, as follows:

- Means of the last three historical values were used in forward simulations for biological metrics such as weights-at-age, natural mortality, proportion mature-at-age, and proportion of F and M occurring before spawning.

- The actual 2010 quota (4997 tonnes) was used in generation of total catch for the first year of the simulation. Quotas in all subsequent years were the result of the applied management plan.
- Also in the first simulation year (2010), we use total catch (in other words, the quota) as the intended catch and “true” F as the intended F . In subsequent years these arise from the management plan.

Aside from these added complications, the simulation algorithm is functionally similar to that used for the North Sea haddock MSE (Needle 2008a), to which the reader is referred for details on such aspects as the target- F iterative loop and the sliding F -rule.

Research-vessel survey indices

The ICES assessment for Rockall haddock uses indices from one research-vessel survey (the Scottish Q3 groundfish survey), which has been conducted annually since 1991 (save for three years during which the survey did not take place). Figure 4 gives the time-series of the survey indices for each age, along with distributions of the same indices but with stochastic noise applied. For a survey index datum $I_{a,y}$ for age a in year y , in the k^{th} iteration, the stochastic version is generated using

$$\tilde{I}_{a,y,k} = I_{a,y} e^{\varepsilon_{a,y,k}^I - \frac{1}{2}\sigma_I^2}$$

where $\varepsilon_{a,y,k}^I \sim N(0, \sigma_I^2)$ and $\sigma_I = 0.3$ is the assumed survey standard deviation. Figure 5 shows the resultant distributions of assessed mean fishing mortality, SSB and recruitment when K assessments are run using the K stochastically-generated survey index time-series.

Survey indices must also be generated for each year in the future simulations, to enable these to include stock assessments. The historical relationship between estimated abundance $N_{a,y}$ and $I_{a,y}$ survey indices for each age was generated by fitting straight lines to logged values,

$$\ln I_{a,y} = \gamma_a + \eta_a \ln N_{a,y}.$$

These relationships are illustrated in Figure 6. In each year y of each future simulation, the required survey indices were then generated using

$$I_{a,y,k} = \gamma_a e^{\eta_a N_{a,y,k}} \varepsilon_{a,y,k}.$$

Maximum fishing mortality

In the FLR implementation used here, true simulated fishing mortality has an upper bound of 2.0. This can be reached (very occasionally) in the simulations following (we think) a combination of an increasing trend in fishing mortality, limited scope to match quota to stock abundance (due to a constraint of interannual variation in quota), and a coincidental run of relatively low recruitments. This is not a common occurrence: for the 500 simulations with a target F of 0.3 reported below, the maximum F was reached for only 9 (0.018%) iterations. However, as Figure 8 shows, the high true F does not appear to be immediately reflected in a high assessed F , so it is not clear that managers would be aware of the effect were it to occur in reality. The summary results presented here do not include these outlying runs, as we do not yet fully understand why they happen in the simulations and they do not appear to be

very realistic, but this is an *ad hoc* solution to the problem which needs to be redressed in future work.

1.3 Results

The great advantage of the new FLR implementation used for this MSE is the speed with which each evaluation can be completed. Previous work (e.g. Needle 2008a) was limited to 50 iterations for each target F , whereas here we have been able to run 500 iterations for each F (and indeed 1000 iterations would have been quite possible). This greatly increases coverage of the range of simulated possibilities, and improves our confidence in our conclusions. Two values of target F were considered, and each iteration was run for 22 years into the future (being a standard 20 year simulation period, with two extra years to allow for quota-setting forecasts in the final simulation year).

Figure 7 gives a summary plots for one realisation of the simulation for which the target $F = 0.3$ (recall that 500 such realisations were run for each of two target F values used). Permitted quota follows an overall upwards trajectory with only minor fluctuations, with true landings and discards following suit according to the fixed relationship between them. True (or realised) mean F fluctuates around the target F level (0.3), although the assessed mean F is much closer to the target. The fluctuation is caused by a combination of the following factors.

- a) Implementation lag. Each year of the simulation includes a two-year-ahead forecast, the result of which determines what quotas should be for the following year. However, these forecasts contain assumptions about recruitment, and if these are not accurate (as they generally won't be), the permitted quota may be too large or too small for the actual population to which it is applied. If the quota is taken regardless, this will result in realised mean F that is higher or lower than intended.
- b) The TAC constraint. Fixing the amount by which quotas can change from year to year will also hinder achievement of the target F . In a situation of rising (or falling) stock size, the quota is not allowed to rise (or fall) commensurately, and realised mean F is affected as a result.

Even with these fluctuations, the average F over the simulation period is consistently lower than the historical average. Recruitment strength remains around an average value in this run. SSB fluctuates in a manner similar (but opposite) to mean F , and for this iteration is always above B_{pa} .

In contrast, Figure 8 shows one of the few examples of an iteration for which true mean F hits the maximum value (2.0). Such an extreme discrepancy between true and assessed stock values for mean F and SSB is difficult to interpret, and (as mentioned above) such runs have all been removed from the overall analysis.

Staying with the same run (target $F = 0.3$), Figure 9 summarises all 491 simulation iterations (that is, all 500 iterations minus the 9 runs for which F became equal to 2.0 (see above for a discussion). The median values from these plots are the result of smoothing across different realisations of recruitments, and are therefore only useful as an *indication* of likely future events. Given this caveat, the simulations indicate that SSB is likely to rise initially before stabilising at or around 25 to 30 kt, mean F is likely to fluctuate considerably around the target level (but should in any case be able to remain low on average), and total catches will rise to a mean level of around 8 kt.

Figure 10 provides the same summary information for the run with target $F = 0.4$. Here there were 456 valid runs (91.2% of the total) for which F did not hit 2.0. The yield in these runs is similar to those for which the target $F = 0.3$ (at around 8 kt on average), but at the cost of a lower SSB (generally less than 20 kt). Recruitment is also similar to the previous case. We note that the true mean F for this analysis is much closer to the target F (0.4) than for the previous case (when the target $F = 0.3$).

We summarise **risk** from these simulations as follows. For each value of the target F , we consider each iteration separately, and count the number of years in that iteration for which biomass was less than B_{pa} or B_{lim} . The results of this analysis for all nine evaluation runs are summarised in Table 1, and Figures 11 and 12. For both levels of the target F , the risk of biomass falling below either biomass reference points is **very low**. The number of years for which $B < B_{lim}$ in particular is significantly less than one, for both target F values.

Table 1. Summaries of risk (number of years in each iteration for which biomass is less than reference points, averaged over iterations) for each of the tested levels of the target F . Only valid iterations have been included here (that is, those for which F does not reach 2.0).

Run	Target F	Num years $B < B_{pa}$	Num years $B < B_{lim}$
1	0.3	1.69	0.03
2	0.4	1.18	0.28

1.4 Conclusions

On the basis of the simulations presented in this paper, it would appear that proposed EU-RF management plan for Rockall haddock is sustainable – that is, the risk of biomass falling below either of the specified reference points over the future 20-year period is very low. Several caveats should be borne in mind, however, when considering this result.

The evaluation follows the example of the ICES stock assessment in *not* allowing explicitly for the presence of two fleets with very different characteristics. The simulations are based on an assessment and data which end in 2010, a year in which very few Russian (RF) vessels fished at Rockall (due in part to considerable fishing opportunities in the Barents Sea). The simulations are therefore based on a view of fishery dynamics which is overwhelmingly driven by the characteristics of the EU fleet. Should the RF fleet return to Rockall in significant numbers in the future, this view may not longer pertain. It is possible to model separate fleets in FLR, and this should be considered as a priority in any future revisions.

The evaluation is also limited by the general hindrances that affect all analyses of this type. There is no bioeconomic feedback loop in the simulation, so fishing practices at Rockall (and, importantly, the number of vessels that fish there) are assumed to affect stock dynamics only through the medium of quotas. In reality, increased prices for haddock might increase the number of vessels fishing at Rockall, and thereby have an effect on the risk estimates outlined in this paper – increased fuel costs could have the opposite effect. The proportions discarded-at-age are assumed to be fixed through time (and these are in any case generally extrapolations from the North Sea). Finally, the lack of a multispecies component to the analysis could (for some mixed-fishery vessels, at least) leads to difficulty in drawing firm conclusions.

Annex 3: Request to ICES from NEAFC

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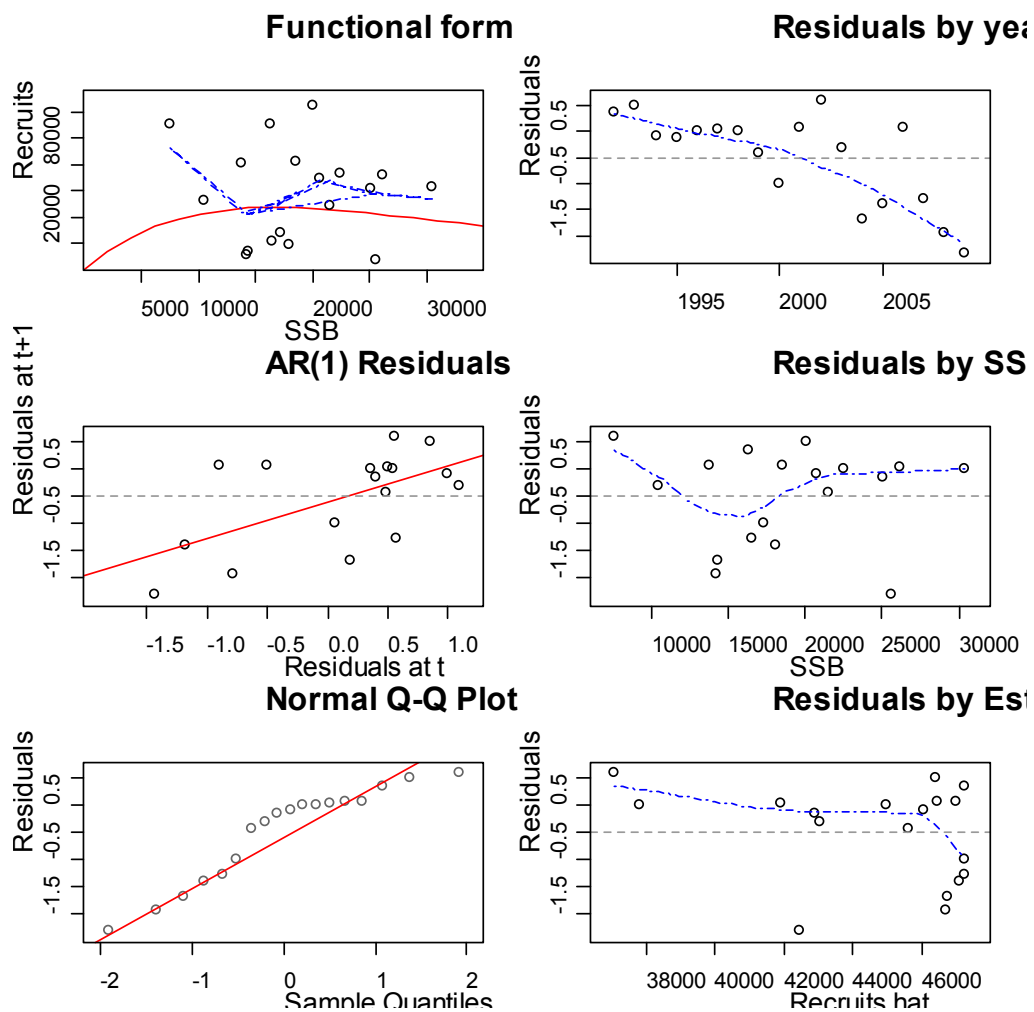


Figure 1. Diagnostics for Ricker stock-recruit model. The fitted Ricker curve is shown in the top-left plot (red line), along with comparative non-parametric loess smoothers (blue lines).

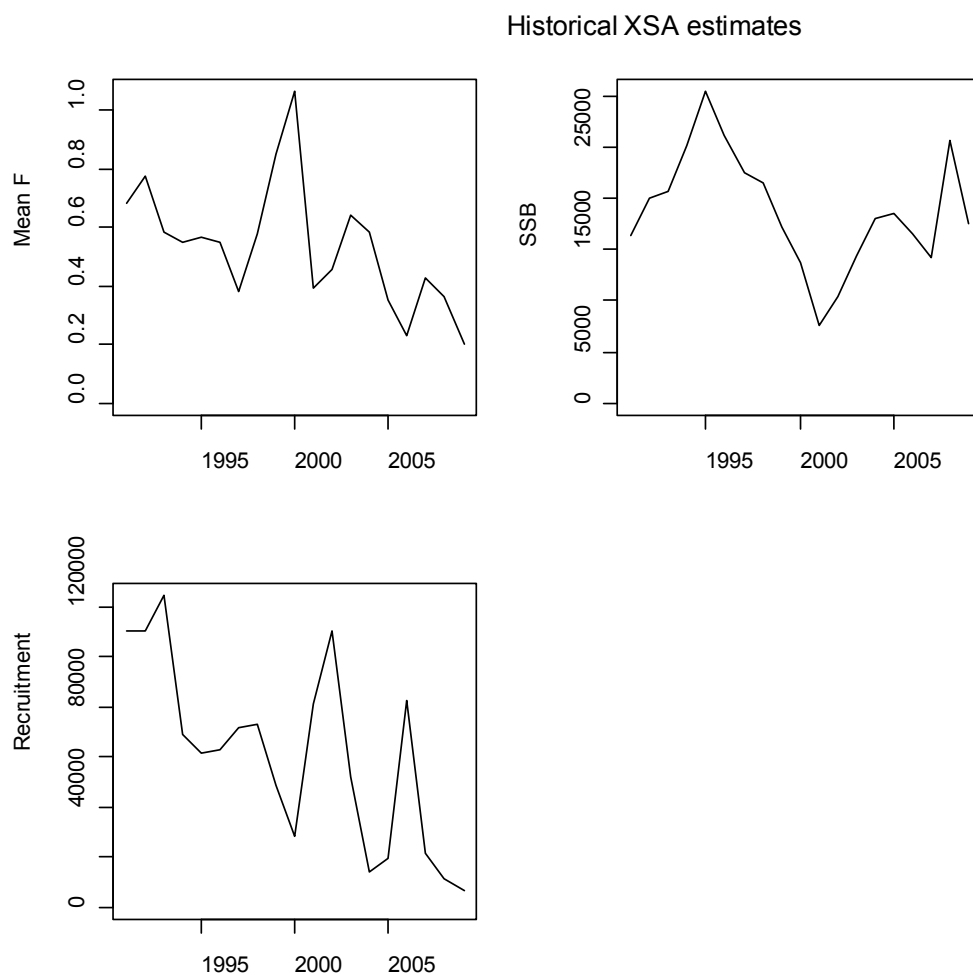


Figure 2. Summary results of the FLXSA assessment applied to historical Rockall haddock data.

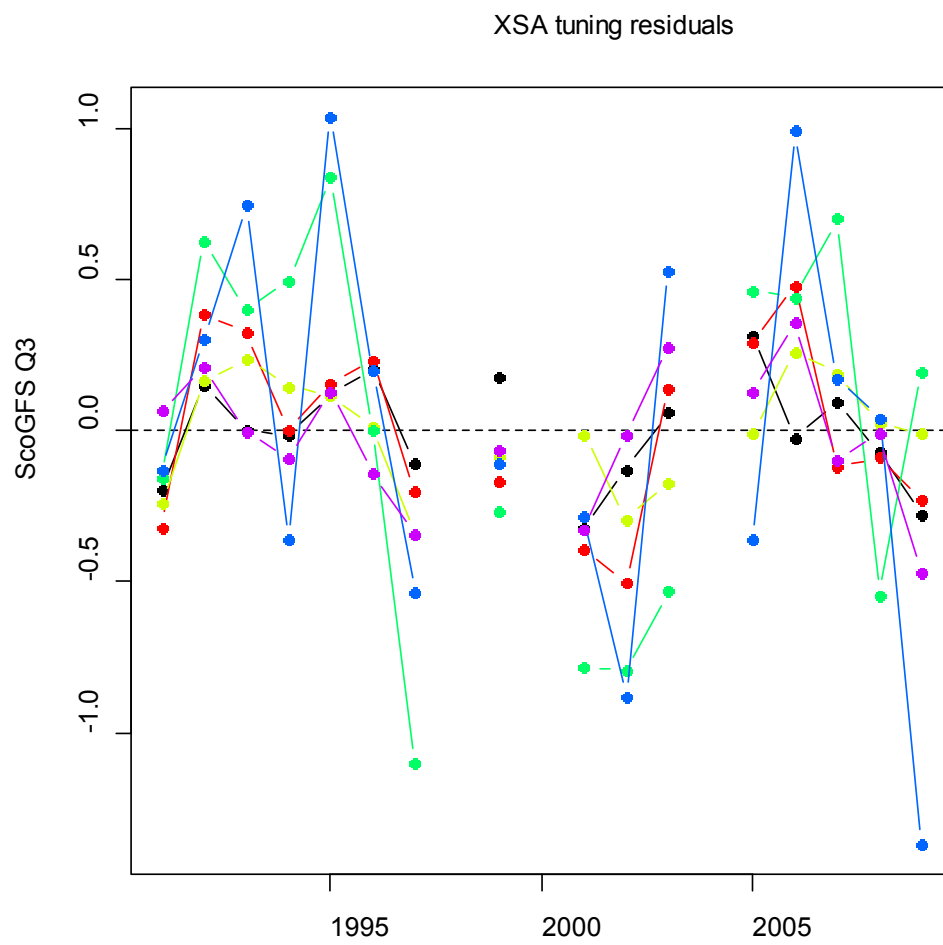


Figure 3. Survey-index catchability residuals from the FLXSA assessment applied to historical Rockall haddock data.

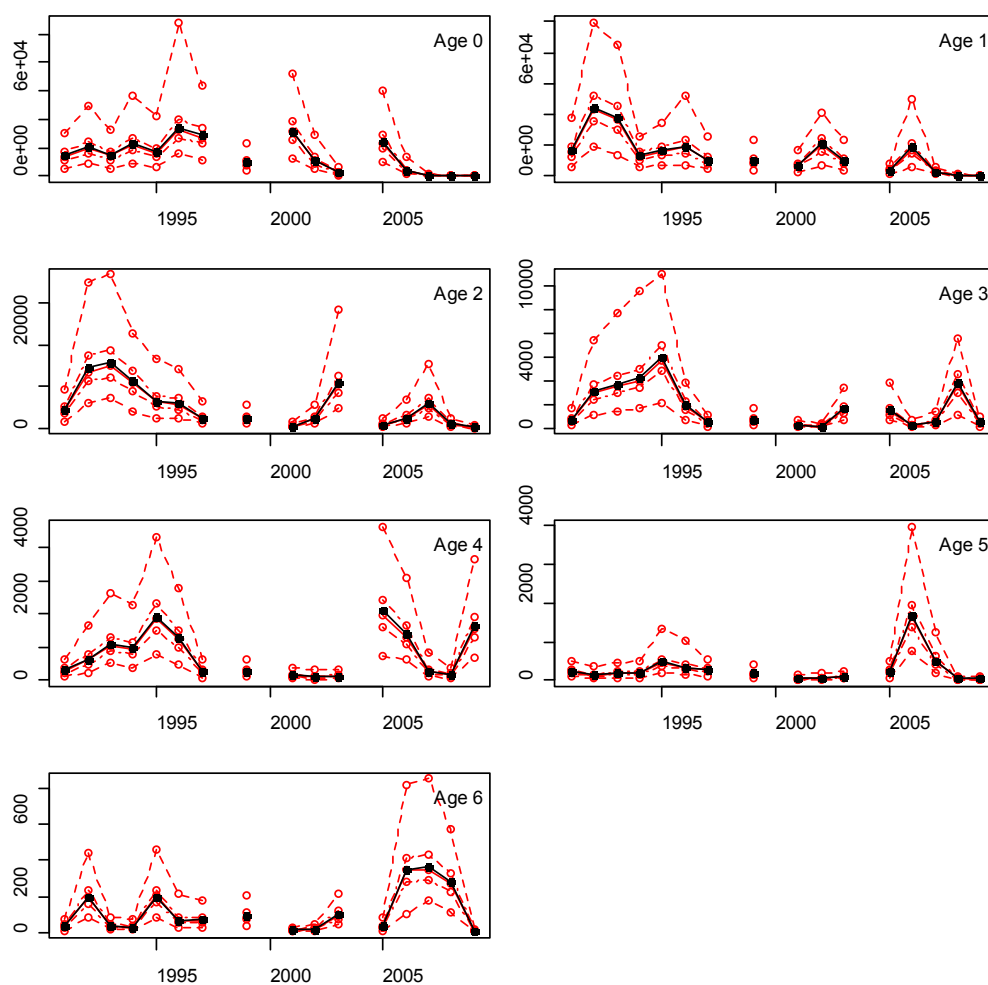


Figure 4. Time-series of research vessel survey indices by age. Black line: values used in the real assessment. Red lines: percentiles (5%, 25%, 50%, 75%, 95%) of distributions of survey indices to which a multiplicative error term has been applied.

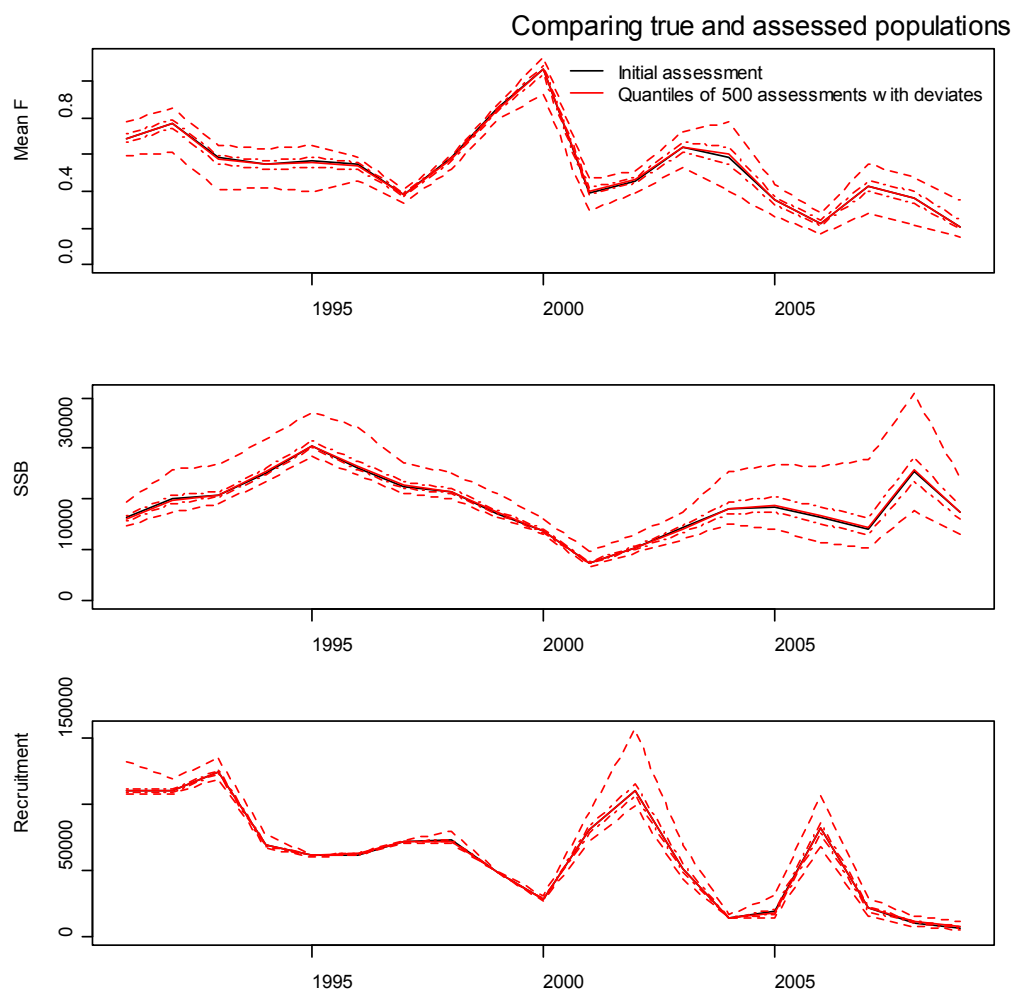


Figure 5. Comparison of summary population values from the standard (“true”) assessment (black lines) with those from $K = 500$ iterations including stochastically-generated survey indices (red lines; 5%, 25%, 50%, 75% and 95% quantiles are shown).

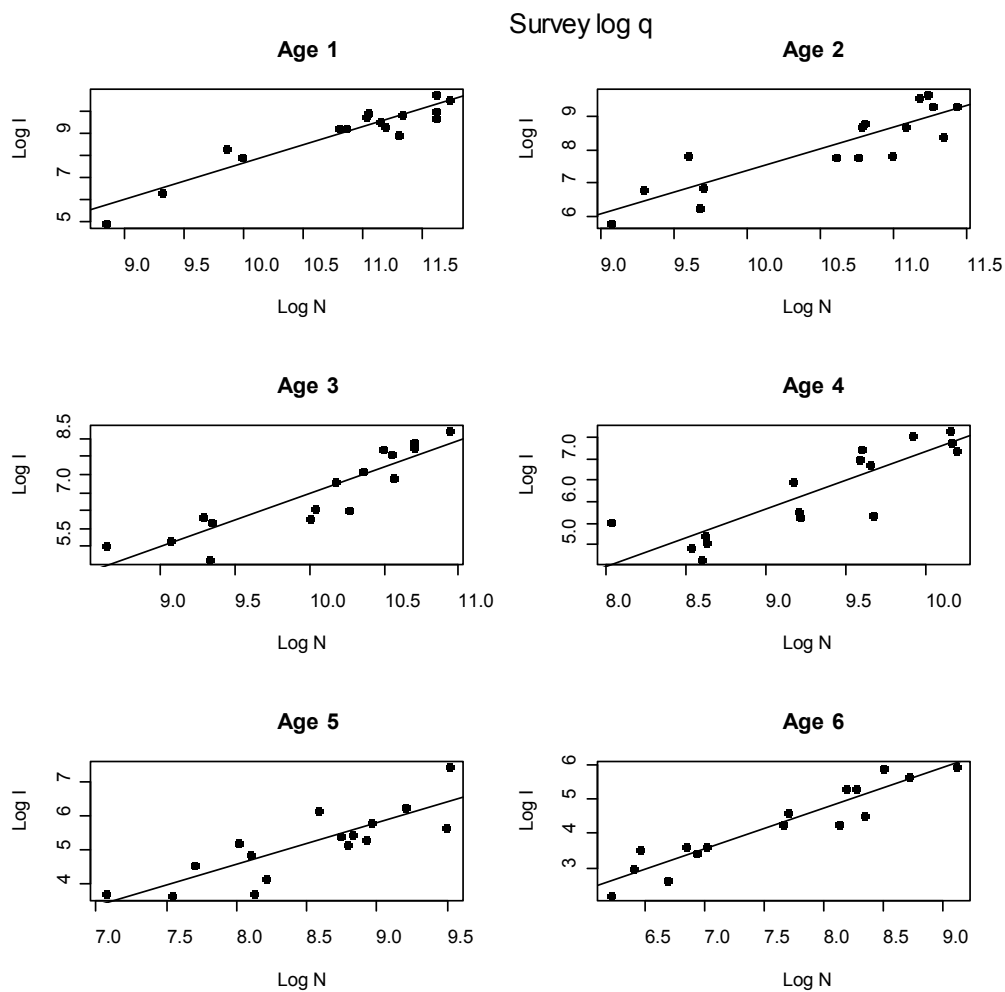


Figure 6. Scatterplots (by age) comparing the logged survey indices (log I) with the logged stock abundance estimates (log N) from the “true” historical assessment. Fitted lines give the best linear relationships.

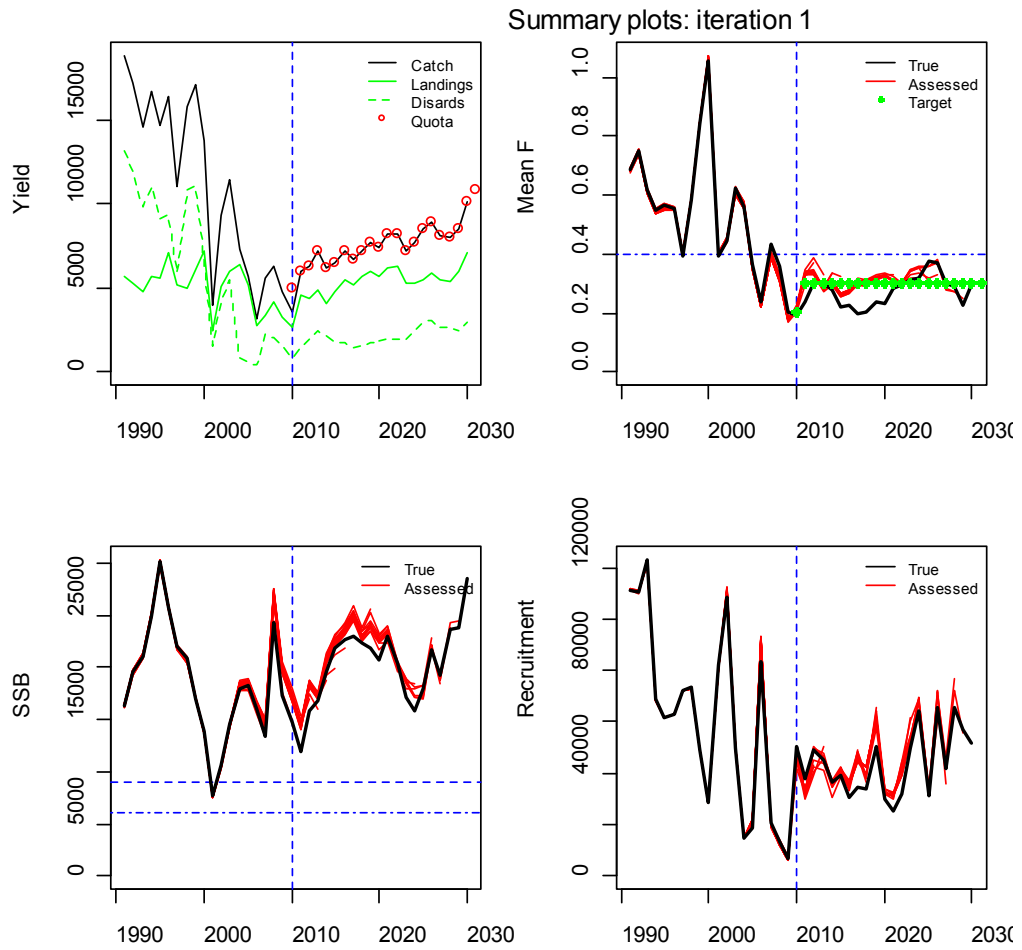


Figure 7. Summary plots for iteration 1 of the Rockall haddock MSE. Here the target F is 0.3. For all plots, the vertical blue line denotes the last historical year. Top left: total catch (black solid line), landings (green solid line) and discards (green dashed line). Red circles show the intended TAC for each year. Top right: time series of mean F , with true values in black while the assessed values from each year of the forward simulation are shown in red. Green dots indicate the intended mean F . The horizontal blue line shows the value of F_{pa} . The same colour scheme is used for SSB (bottom left; horizontal lines show B_{pa} and B_{lim}) and recruitment (bottom right).

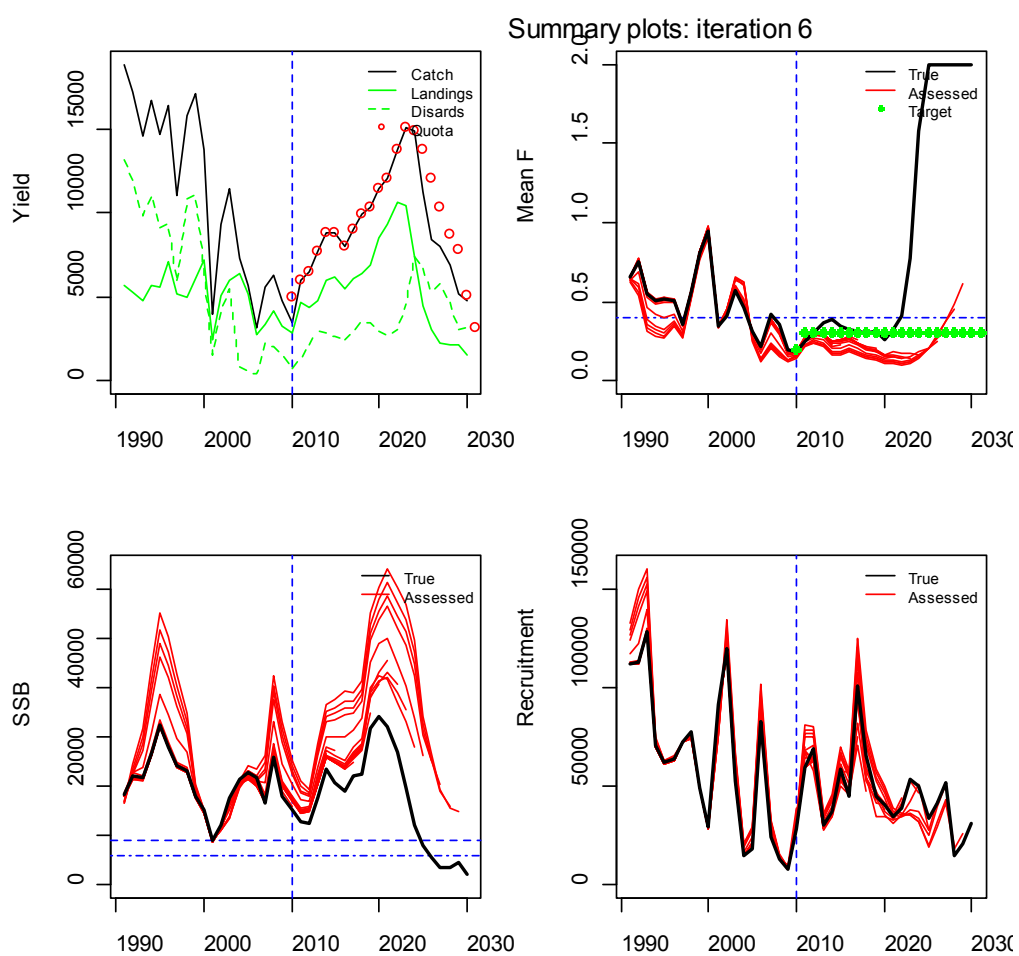


Figure 8. Summary plots for iteration 6 of the Rockall haddock MSE. See caption to Figure 7 for details.

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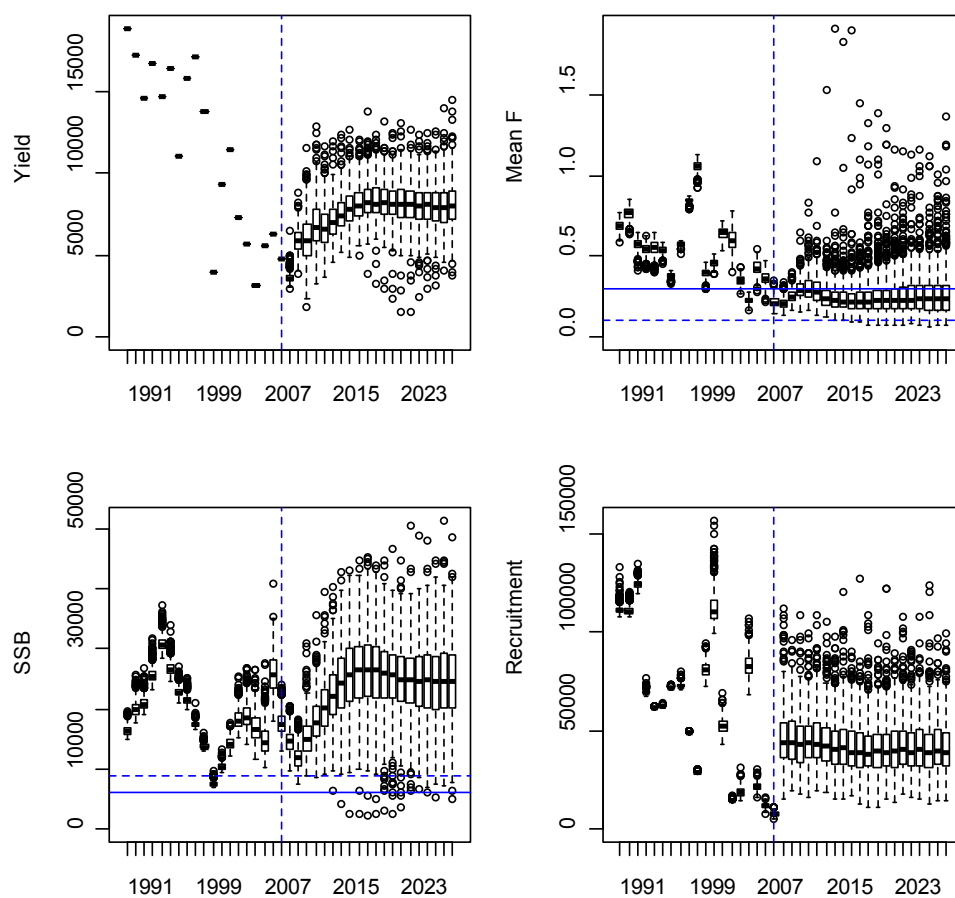


Figure 9. Summary plots true population values from the 491 valid simulation iterations (that is, all those without maximised F), with target $F = 0.3$. The short horizontal lines indicate the medians, the boxes the quartiles (25th and 75th percentiles), and the whiskers the 5th and 95th percentiles. Outliers are shown by open circles. The line on the top-right plot shows the target F (upper) and $F = 0.1$ (lower), while those on the bottom-left plot show B_{pa} (upper) and B_{lim} (lower). Vertical dashed blue lines show the last historical year.

True stock values: all 456 stripped iterations:

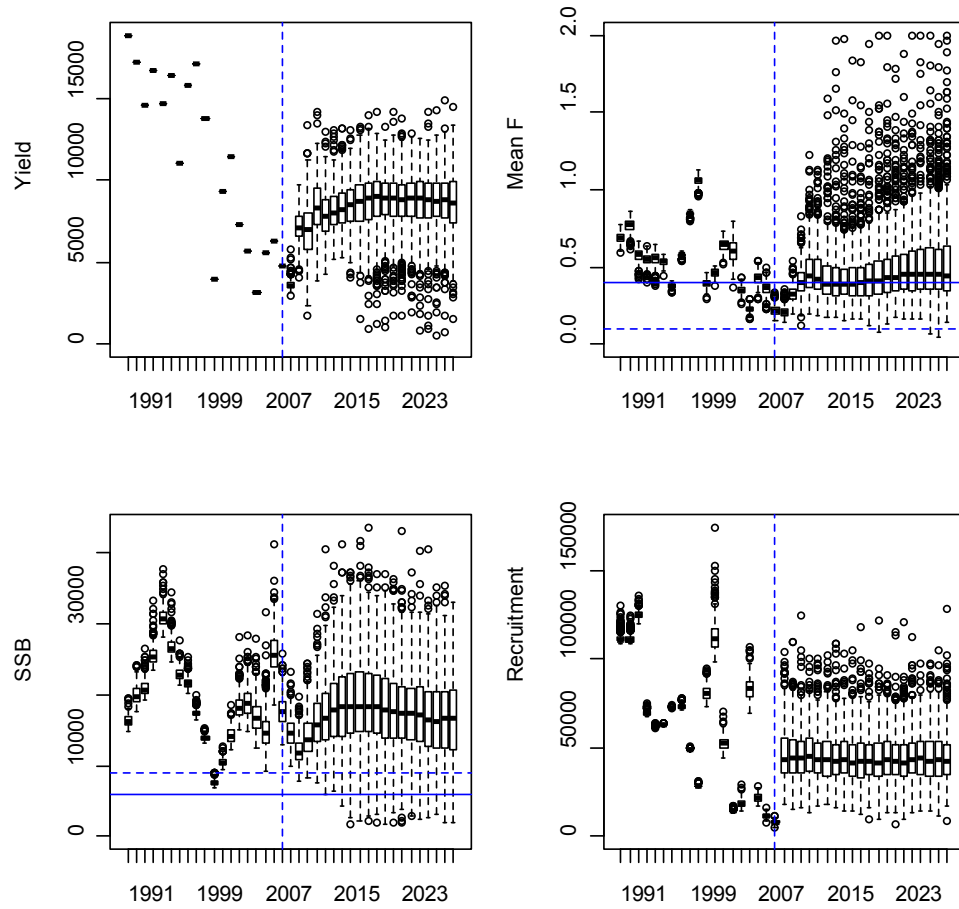


Figure 10. Summary plots true population values from the 456 valid simulation iterations (that is, all those without maximised F), with target $F = 0.4$. The short horizontal lines indicate the medians, the boxes the quartiles (25th and 75th percentiles), and the whiskers the 5th and 95th percentiles. Outliers are shown by open circles. The line on the top-right plot shows the target F (upper) and $F = 0.1$ (lower), while those on the bottom-left plot show B_{pa} (upper) and B_{lim} (lower). Vertical dashed blue lines show the last historical year.

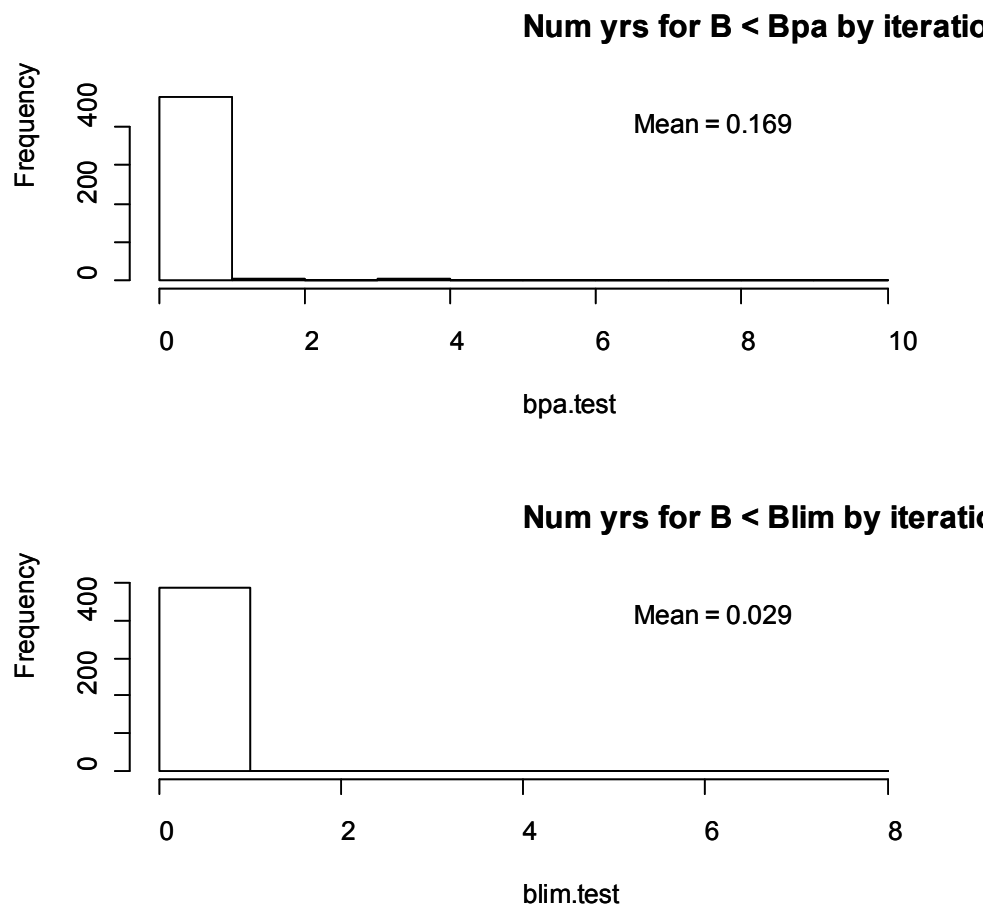


Figure 11. Histograms of the number of years within each iteration (target $F = 0.3$, 491 valid runs only) in which SSB $B < B_{pa}$ (upper) or $B < B_{lim}$ (lower). The average number of years (out of a maximum total of 20) is given for each case.

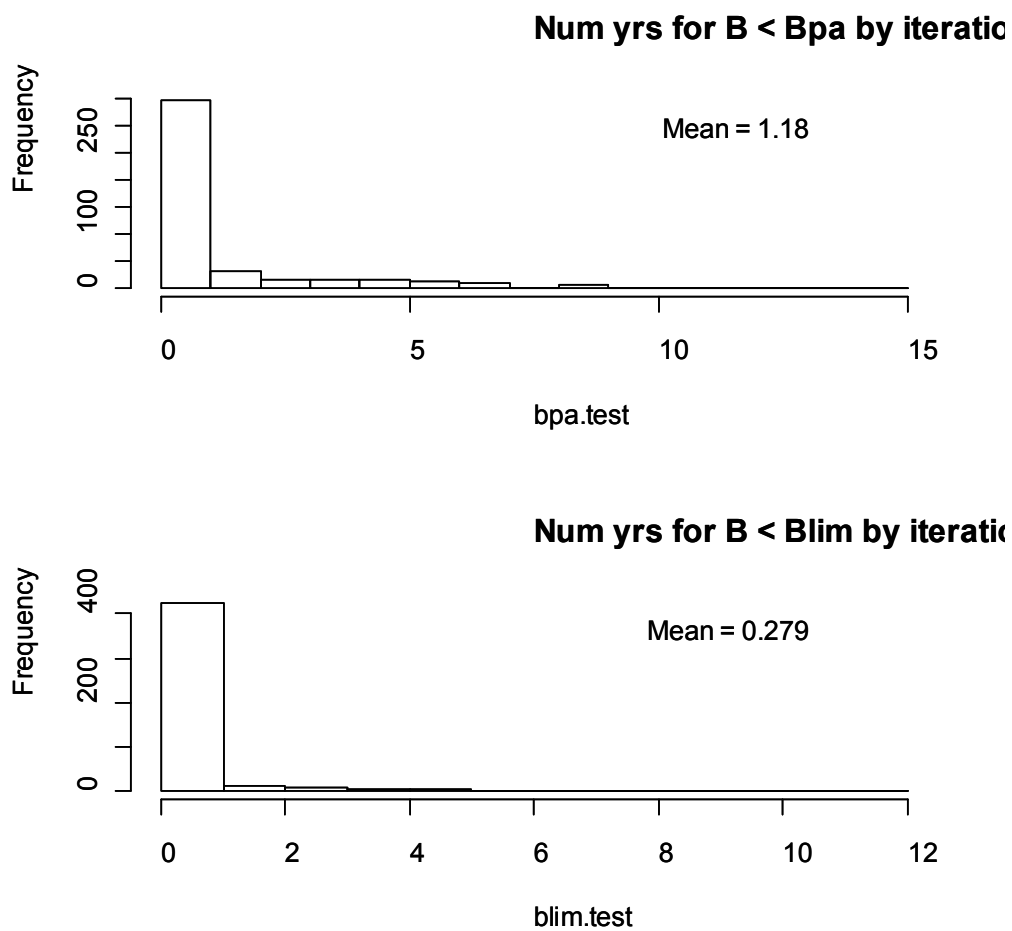


Figure 12. Histograms of the number of years within each iteration (target $F = 0.4$, 456 valid runs only) in which SSB $B < B_{pa}$ (upper) or $B < B_{lim}$ (lower). The average number of years (out of a maximum total of 20) is given for each case.

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The analysis of EU-Russia proposal for harvest control component of a long-term management plan for haddock at Rockall

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Introduction

Haddock fishery at the Rockall bank has a long history. Post-war, the importance of the Rockall fishery has fluctuated and the total international landings amounted to 370 000 t. Fishing mortality levels have historically been high but have decreased since 2005. In 2006 and 2009-2010, mortality reached the lowest estimate for the recent 20 years.

The Rockall haddock is characterized by wide interannual fluctuations in abundance, mainly influenced by the rate of egg and larva survival, which, most probably in its turn, depends on the environmental conditions in the spawning period (Jones, 1982; Khlivnoy, 2005; Vinnichenko, Khlivnoy, 2006; Filina, Khlivnoy, Vinnichenko, 2009; Anon., 2009; ICES, 2010; ICES, 2010a). Abundant year-classes appear in the years with both high and low spawning stock. Recruitment for the last four years has been low despite a large SSB. The minimum size of the spawning stock was registered in 2001-2002, when it was beyond the safe biological limits, that, despite faulty estimation, afforded ICES the ground to recommend the reduction in the catch rate to a possible low level. Due to the appearance of above-average year-classes in 2000-2001 and 2005, the haddock stock has increased over the subsequent few years. The recruitments since 2007 are estimated to be extremely weak and there is a high probability that SSB will decrease to levels below Bpa in 2013.

The international landings of haddock are characterized by significant year-to-year variations that are caused by economic reasons and population abundance dynamics. Last years the landings amounted to 3000-6000 t.

The discard rate in the past was as high as 52-87% by numbers by results of discards trips (ICES, 2004; Newton et al., 2004; Khlivnoy, 2004; Khlivnoy, 2006; Anon., 2009). Last years the discards are significantly reduced as a result of the small number of young haddock in population. The discard ratio is around 47% in 1991-2009 and 34% in the recent period (1999-2009). Discards are not reflected in the fisheries statistics that leads to underestimation of total catch. Discards decrease precision of the estimation and entail uncertainties in projection of the stock state. Having few data on reported discards it would be problematic to determine the true size of haddock catch.

It is the opinion of the ICES and NEAFC that it would be beneficial to develop and introduce into fisheries practiccal measures aimed at preventing discards of haddock (ICES, 2010; ICES, 2010a). Elaboration of such measures complies with recommenda-

tions under the UNGA Resolution 61/105 that urges states to take action to reduce or eliminate fish discards (UNGA Resolution 61/105, 2007, Chapter VIII, item 60).

In 2010 European Community and Russian Federation have proposed draft the plan for harvest control component of a long-term management plan for haddock at Rockall. NEAFC requests ICES to evaluate this component of the long-term management plan for Rockall haddock (Annex 1).

Methodology for evaluation of harvest control rules

Evaluation of harvest control rules (HCR) was done using simulation model for the population. The following issues for evaluation of harvest control rules were resolved:

- Choice of population model and initial values for simulations
- Inclusion of uncertainty in model
- Choice of harvest control rules for use in the evaluation:
 - the construction of F rules
 - the reduction in F when $SSB < B_{pa}$
 - the probability of $SSB < B_{pa}$
 - the probability of $SSB < B_{lim}$
 - the limit on year-to-year variation in catches
 - the reduction in interannual variation in catches when $SSB < B_{pa}$
- Comparison of the measures proposed in HCR and other management rules.

The population model was used in the evaluation. Model used the functions VPA (Baranov equation, Popes approximation etc. and Ricker stock-recruitment relationship). The simulations were carried out using the EXCEL.

Included in model were recruitment residuals and assessment errors (the simulations were carried with take into account errors).

Uncertainties in HCR

There is accurate data on the landings only. Discards samples are very poor. There were not annual discards samplings and yield (total catch) had to be simulated. Discards are not reflected in the fisheries statistics that leads to underestimation of total catch and entails uncertainties in projection of the stock state. Furthermore, there are ways of evading TACs including discarding and misreporting. The main uncertainty in the assessment and forecast is estimation of discards. The results of any evaluation of the HCR for haddock at Rockall are applicable only for the existing practice of establishment of quotas on the basis of landings.

Model settings

For all runs 100 iterations for 28 years (2011-2039) were made. The simulations were made for $F=0.2$, $F=0.3$, $F=0.4$ and $F=0.5$.

Two scenarios of interannual adjusting of TAC were tested:

15 % the limit on year-to-year variation in catches

and proposed in HCR: $TAC_y = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{y-1} - TAC_f)$.

Limitations for interannual adjusting of TAC were tested also.

Where the SSB in the end of the year is estimated to be below B_{pa} but above B_{lim} the TAC a fishing mortality rate was taken equal to:

$$0.5 - 0.4 \times (B_{pa} - SSB) / (B_{pa} - B_{lim}) \quad \text{for } F_{target}=0.5$$

$$0.4 - 0.3 \times (B_{pa} - SSB) / (B_{pa} - B_{lim}) \quad \text{for } F_{target}=0.4$$

$$0.3 - 0.2 \times (B_{pa} - SSB) / (B_{pa} - B_{lim}) \quad \text{for } F_{target}=0.3$$

$$0.2 - 0.1 \times (B_{pa} - SSB) / (B_{pa} - B_{lim}) \quad \text{for } F_{target}=0.2$$

Input data

The input data for the simulations are used as for Haddock VIb assessment is WGCSE. The chosen population model was:

Recruitment: age 1

Plus group: 7+

Fbar: 2–5

Maturation	
age 1	0
age 2	0
age 3	1
age 4	1
age 5	1
age 6	1
age 7+	1

Natural mortality at age: 0.2.

For long-term forecasting discards and landings, the proportion of discards/landings at age in 1999–2009 was used.

For long-term simulations mean values for the period 1991–2010 were used for stock weights and catch weights

Start Year for runs: 2010

Stock–recruitment relationship

The segmented regression approach with a stochastic term was chosen to generate recruitments. The Ricker stock-recruitment relationship was used. The Ricker recruitment function gives recruitment according to the following function (1):

$$R = A \cdot SSB_{y-1} \cdot \exp(-SSB_{y-1}/K) \quad (1)$$

where A and K are constants, SSB_{y-1} is the spawning stock biomass (tonnes) in year $y-1$.

Taking into account the recruitment residuals the number of recruits R_{sum} was modeled using the following equation (2):

$$R_{sum} = R \cdot \exp(\varepsilon_{y-1}) \quad (2)$$

where R is the number of recruits by Ricker stock-recruitment relationship, ε is the recruitment residuals in year $y-1$.

The observed residuals obtained from the results of WGCSE stock assessment lie in the range of -2.053 to 1.02. The residuals for the recruitment simulation were modeled using method of random numbers in the range of -2.053 to 1.02.

The following values of the constants $A=16.7$ and $K=9940.1$ were used. The Ricker recruitment stock-recruitment dependence and the recruitment analysis are shown in Figure 1.

Assessment errors

Year-to-year variations of TSB obtained from the results of stock assessment lie in the range of -0.66 to 1.28 . The assessment errors for the simulations were modelled using method of random numbers in this range.

Results

32 scenarios of catch rules were simulated. For each run 2800 simulations (100 iteration for 28 years) were made. The results of runs are shown in Table 1. More details of runs are presented in Annex 2.

The probabilities of cases for which SSB is below reference points Bpa (9000 t) for scenarios of 15 % limitation on year-to-year variation in TAC ranged from 3.7 to 16.0%. For proposed in HCR plans equation $TAC_y = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{y-1} - TAC_f)$ it was from 3.1 to 14.6%.

The probabilities of cases for which SSB is below reference points Blim (6000 t) for 15 % limitation in TAC were 0.0 to 1.18%. In the latter simulation ($F_{target}=0.5$) three cases were derived when stock collapse was projected.

In the proposed HCR equation the risk of SSB decrease below Blim (6000 t) was found to be low (0.0-0.214%).

There are some details which are not fixed in proposed HCR:

1. What is the procedure to be applied if a stock after using paragraph 2 of HCR is above Bpa but will be below Bpa after applying of paragraph 3 (i.e. $TAC_y > TAC_f$ when SSB were before Bpa). Neglecting of this fact leads to the decreasing of SSB below Bpa.
2. Is it necessary to apply interannual adjusting of TAC if SSB_{y-1} is below Bpa? Applying of limitation of TAC if SSB_{y-1} is below Bpa leads to a reduction of catches when SSB has high level.

These restrictions of interannual adjusting of TAC were used for some scenarios of runs.

The restriction 1 in which adjusting of TAC is not used if $SSB_{y+1} < Bpa$ resulted in a significant reduction in the probability of risk of decreasing SSB below Blim. And the risk of decreasing SSB below Blim (6000 t) was 0.0% for $F_{target}=0.2-0.4$ (for all methods of interannual adjusting of TAC).

The restriction 2 in which adjusting of TAC is not used if $SSB_{y-1} < Bpa$ was found to be more important in cases of 15% TAC adjustment.

Application of both restrictions gave a low probability of decreasing SSB below Blim.

For final runs scenarios with limitation on year-to-year variation in TAC which was proposed in HCR plans equation $TAC_y = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{y-1} - TAC_f)$ and restriction 1 in which adjusting of TAC not used if $SSB_{y+1} < Bpa$ were used. These scenarios give low risk of decreasing SSB below Bpa (5.4% $F_{target}=0.3$, 9.0% $F_{target}=0.3$) and below Blim (0.0% $F_{target}=0.3-0.4$) and high recruitment level. The annual landings (median) for $F=0.3-0.4$ are at 4034-4368 t and SSB at 15161- 17257 t (Table 2).

Summary plots of the final runs are shown in Figure 2 and Figure 3.

Conclusions

The scenarios with limitation on year-to-year variations in TAC which are proposed in HCR plans (equation $TAC_y = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{y-1} - TAC_f)$) and restriction in which adjusting of TAC not used if $SSB_{y+1} < B_{pa}$ give low risk of decreasing SSB below B_{pa} and B_{lim} and high recruitment level for both F_{target} 0.3 and 0.4.

The limitations in which adjusting of TAC is not used if $SSB_{y+1} < B_{pa}$ resulted in a significant reduction in the probability of risk of decreasing SSB below B_{lim} . This limitation needs to be includes in the proposed HCR.

The discard rate in the past was as high as 52–87% by numbers by results of discards trips. Discards are not reflected in the fisheries statistics that leads to underestimation of total catch and consequently of fishing mortality rates. Discards decreases precision of estimates and entails uncertainties in projection of the stock state.

Results of discards trip show that fish with the length of 20-35 cm prevail in catches. The EU minimum legal landing size of 30 cm for haddock forces discarding of fish smaller than 30 cm. It would be wrong to assume that the increase in quotas would reduce the discards.

The setting of the quota at the level of the total catch will result in a significant yield increase compared to TAC. Landings will reach the level of quotas, which will be defined as the total catch, including discards. There are ways of evading TACs including high rates of unreported discarding and misreporting. This can cause collapse of the stock.

It would be beneficial to develop and introduce into fisheries practice measures aimed at preventing discards of haddock (ICES, 2010). Elaboration of such measures complies with recommendations under the UNGA Resolution 61/105 that urges states to take action to reduce or eliminate fish discards (UNGA Resolution 61/105, 2007, Chapter VIII, item 60). As a first stage, it is necessary to work out measures to reduce discards.

In ICES practice TACs of Rockall haddock are established on the basis of projected catches disaggregated into landing and discard components (ICES, 2010; ICES, 2010a).

At present it is impossible to control the total catch. It is needed to disaggregate the TAC into two components: landings and discards. At the same time to prevent the uncontrolled fishing it is needed to develop recommendations on TACs on the basis of landings as only landings are available for control.

Proposal for HCR

Draft EU-Russia proposal for harvest control component of a long-term management plan for haddock at Rockall

In the following, the TACs refer to total catches, not just landings. The TAC must be disaggregated into two components: the landings and the discards. The catch limit for the fishery must be set on the basis of landings.

1. Every effort shall be made to maintain a level of Spawning Stock Biomass (SSB) greater than B_{pa} and a minimum level of SSB greater than B_{lim} .
2. For [20XX] and subsequent years the Parties agreed to set a TAC to be consistent with a fishing mortality rate of no more than [either F_{pa} (0.4) or F_{msy}

(0.3)] for appropriate age-groups, when the SSB in the end of the year in which the TAC is applied is estimated above Bpa.

3. The Parties agree that the TAC that results from the application of the fishing mortality referred to in paragraph 2 will be adjusted according to the following formula:

$$TAC_y = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{y-1} - TAC_f)$$

where TAC_y is the TAC that is to be set by the management plan, TAC_{y-1} is the TAC that was fixed the previous year and TAC_f is the TAC resulting from the provisions in paragraphs 1 and 2.

This paragraph is not applied, when the SSB calculated in paragraph 3 is below Bpa.

4. Where the SSB referred to in paragraph 2 is estimated to be below Bpa but above Blim the TAC shall not exceed a level, which will result in a fishing mortality rate equal to $0.3 - 0.2 \times (Bpa - SSB) / (Bpa - Blim)$ for target F=0.3 or equal to $0.4 - 0.3 \times (Bpa - SSB) / (Bpa - Blim)$ for target F=0.4. This consideration overrides paragraph 3.
5. Where the SSB referred to in paragraph 2 is estimated to be below Blim the TAC shall be set at a level corresponding to a total fishing mortality rate of no more than 0.1. This consideration overrides paragraph 3.

No later than 31 December [20XX], the parties shall review the arrangements in paragraphs 1 to 5 in order to ensure that they are consistent with the objective of the plan. This review shall be conducted after obtaining inter alia advice from ICES concerning the performance of the plan in relation to its objective.

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Table 1. Results of long-term stochastic simulations. Probabilities of SSB<Bpa, SSB<Blim and median values of SSB, yield, landings, recruitment and fishing mortality.

F target	Method for interannual adjusting of TAC	Limitations for interannual adjusting of TAC	SSB<Bpa	SSB<Blim	Recruits N* *10-3	SSB t	F	Yield (landings+discards)	Landings t	Total landings t
		SSBy+1<Bpa** SSBY-1<Bpa***	N %	N %	Percentile 50	Percentile 50	Percentile 50	Percentile 50	Percentile 50	Percentile 50
0,2	15 % fluctuation	No No	112 4,000	2 0,071	17872	22261	0,164	4551	3279	99996
0,2	15 % fluctuation	No Yes	117 4,179	3 0,107	19015	21432	0,180	4870	3463	104620
0,2	15 % fluctuation	Yes No	103 3,679	0 0,000	17838	22287	0,163	4534	3254	99996
0,2	15 % fluctuation	Yes Yes	107 3,821	0 0,000	18992	21438	0,180	4850	3439	104147
0,2	$TAC_v = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{v-1} - TAC_f)$	No No	86 3,071	0 0,000	19757	21203	0,191	4891	3491	107267
0,2	$TAC_v = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{v-1} - TAC_f)$	No Yes	87 3,107	0 0,000	19837	21170	0,193	4904	3497	107414
0,2	$TAC_v = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{v-1} - TAC_f)$	Yes No	86 3,071	0 0,000	19757	21203	0,191	4891	3491	107198
0,2	$TAC_v = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{v-1} - TAC_f)$	Yes Yes	87 3,107	0 0,000	19837	21170	0,193	4904	3497	107358
0,3	15 % fluctuation	No No	168 6,000	3 0,107	19995	19156	0,220	5472	3668	114157
0,3	15 % fluctuation	No Yes	195 6,964	4 0,143	22544	17318	0,264	6153	4072	121206
0,3	15 % fluctuation	Yes No	158 5,643	0 0,000	20074	19142	0,220	5441	3655	113783
0,3	15 % fluctuation	Yes Yes	180 6,429	0 0,000	22461	17376	0,261	6103	4033	120817
0,3	$TAC_v = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{v-1} - TAC_f)$	No No	153 5,464	0 0,000	22748	17253	0,279	6123	4050	122858
0,3	$TAC_v = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{v-1} - TAC_f)$	No Yes	159 5,679	0 0,000	23023	17121	0,282	6136	4069	123055
0,3	$TAC_v = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{v-1} - TAC_f)$	Yes No	152 5,429	0 0,000	22741	17257	0,279	6119	4043	122858
0,3	$TAC_v = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{v-1} - TAC_f)$	Yes Yes	159 5,679	0 0,000	23024	17121	0,282	6135	4065	123055
0,4	15 % fluctuation	No No	254 9,071	12 0,429	20779	17125	0,254	5768	3670	112811
0,4	15 % fluctuation	No Yes	341 12,179	15 0,536	24955	14946	0,343	7038	4360	128825
0,4	15 % fluctuation	Yes No	219 7,821	0 0,000	20758	17122	0,257	5728	3706	114567
0,4	15 % fluctuation	Yes Yes	280 10,000	0 0,000	24897	15226	0,336	6896	4299	128000
0,4	$TAC_v = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{v-1} - TAC_f)$	No No	263 9,393	2 0,071	25995	15151	0,358	6925	4374	129681
0,4	$TAC_v = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{v-1} - TAC_f)$	No Yes	278 9,929	2 0,071	26218	14967	0,365	6992	4423	129903
0,4	$TAC_v = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{v-1} - TAC_f)$	Yes No	252 9,000	0 0,000	25970	15161	0,358	6920	4368	129573
0,4	$TAC_v = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{v-1} - TAC_f)$	Yes Yes	271 9,679	0 0,000	26218	14993	0,364	6985	4418	129768
0,5	15 % fluctuation	No No	290 10,357	11 0,393	20751	16508	0,248	5268	3536	107743
0,5	15 % fluctuation	No Yes	446 15,929	33* 1,179	26732	13284	0,397	7528	4453	129710
0,5	15 % fluctuation	Yes No	273 9,750	2 0,071	20801	16508	0,252	5367	3590	108646
0,5	15 % fluctuation	Yes Yes	403 14,393	2 0,071	26821	13495	0,397	7364	4482	129437
0,5	$TAC_v = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{v-1} - TAC_f)$	No No	388 13,857	6 0,214	28159	13355	0,424	7605	4576	132392
0,5	$TAC_v = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{v-1} - TAC_f)$	No Yes	410 14,643	6 0,214	28500	13176	0,435	7684	4636	132727
0,5	$TAC_v = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{v-1} - TAC_f)$	Yes No	379 13,536	5 0,179	28154	13369	0,423	7577	4561	132392
0,5	$TAC_v = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{v-1} - TAC_f)$	Yes Yes	403 14,393	5 0,179	28503	13206	0,434	7659	4620	132660

*- including 3 cases of the collapse of stock, **- adjusting of TAC not used if SSBy+1<Bpa, ***- adjusting of TAC not used if SSBy-1<Bpa including 3 cases of the collapse of stock

Table 2. Results of the final simulations. Probabilities of $SSB < B_{pa}$, $SSB < B_{lim}$ and median values of SSB, yield, landings, recruitment and fishing mortality.

F target	Method for interannual adjusting of TAC	Limitations for interannual adjusting of TAC		SSB < B_{pa}		SSB < B_{lim}		Recruits N*10 ⁻³	SSB t	F	Yield	Landings
		SSBy+1 < B_{pa} **	SSBy-1 < B_{pa} ***					Percentile 50	Percentile 50	Percentile 50	Percentile 50	Percentile 50
				N	%	N	%					
0,2	$TAC_y = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{y-1} - TAC_f)$	Yes	No	86	3,071	0	0,000	19757	21203	0,191	4891	3491
0,2	$TAC_y = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{y-1} - TAC_f)$	Yes	Yes	87	3,107	0	0,000	19837	21170	0,193	4904	3497
0,3	$TAC_y = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{y-1} - TAC_f)$	Yes	No	152	5,429	0	0,000	22741	17257	0,279	6119	4043
0,3	$TAC_y = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{y-1} - TAC_f)$	Yes	Yes	159	5,679	0	0,000	23024	17121	0,282	6135	4065
0,4	$TAC_y = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{y-1} - TAC_f)$	Yes	No	252	9,000	0	0,000	25970	15161	0,358	6920	4368
0,4	$TAC_y = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{y-1} - TAC_f)$	Yes	Yes	271	9,679	0	0,000	26218	14993	0,364	6985	4418
0,5	$TAC_y = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{y-1} - TAC_f)$	Yes	No	379	13,536	5	0,179	28154	13369	0,423	7577	4561
0,5	$TAC_y = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{y-1} - TAC_f)$	Yes	Yes	403	14,393	5	0,179	28503	13206	0,434	7659	4620

** - adjusting of TAC not used if $SSBy+1 < B_{pa}$, *** - adjusting of TAC not used if $SSBy-1 < B_{pa}$ including 3 cases of the collapse of stock

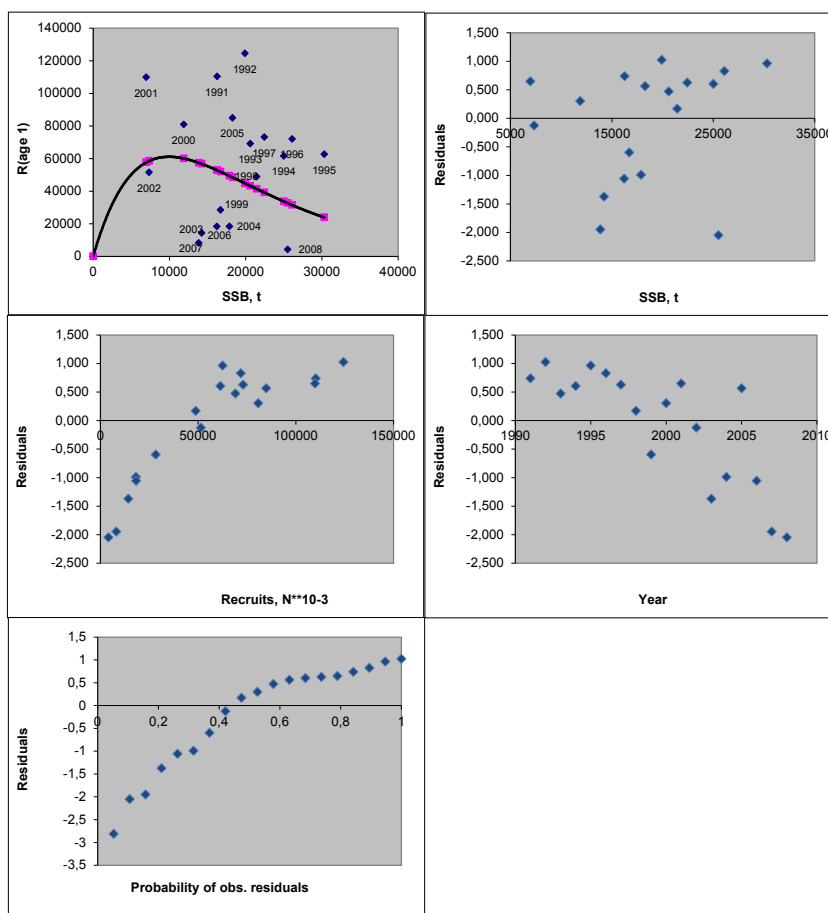


Figure 1. The Ricker recruitment stock-recruitment dependence and the recruitment analysis.

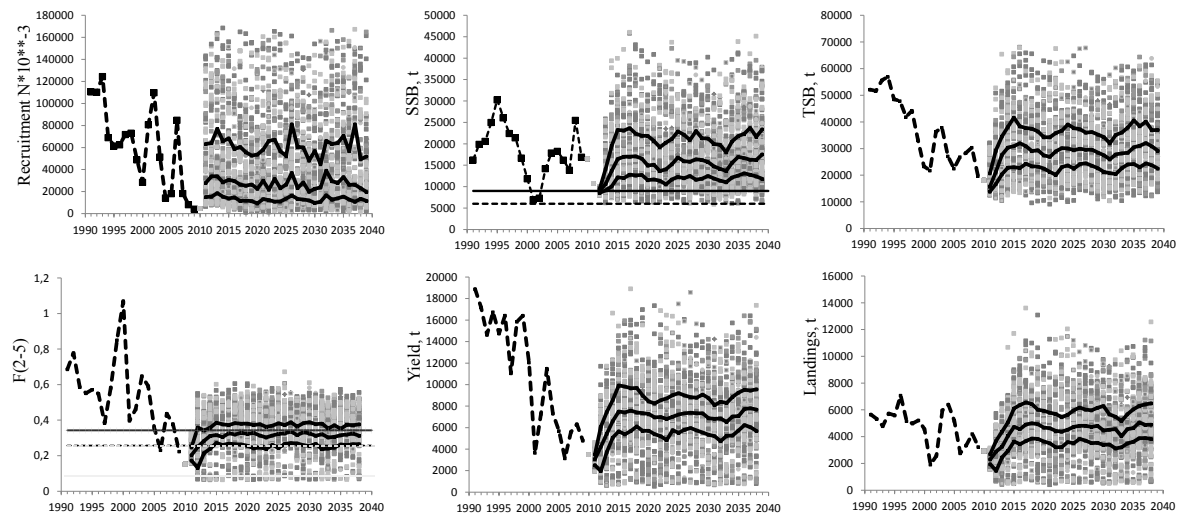


Figure 2. Results of simulation with $F_{target} 0.4$, limitation on year-to-year variation in TAC by equation $TAC_y = TAC_f + 0.2 \cdot (TAC_{y-1} - TAC_f)$ and restriction 1 in which adjusting of TAC not used if $SSB_{y+1} < B_{pa}$ were used. Solid lines is 25-th, 50-th and 75-th percentiles.

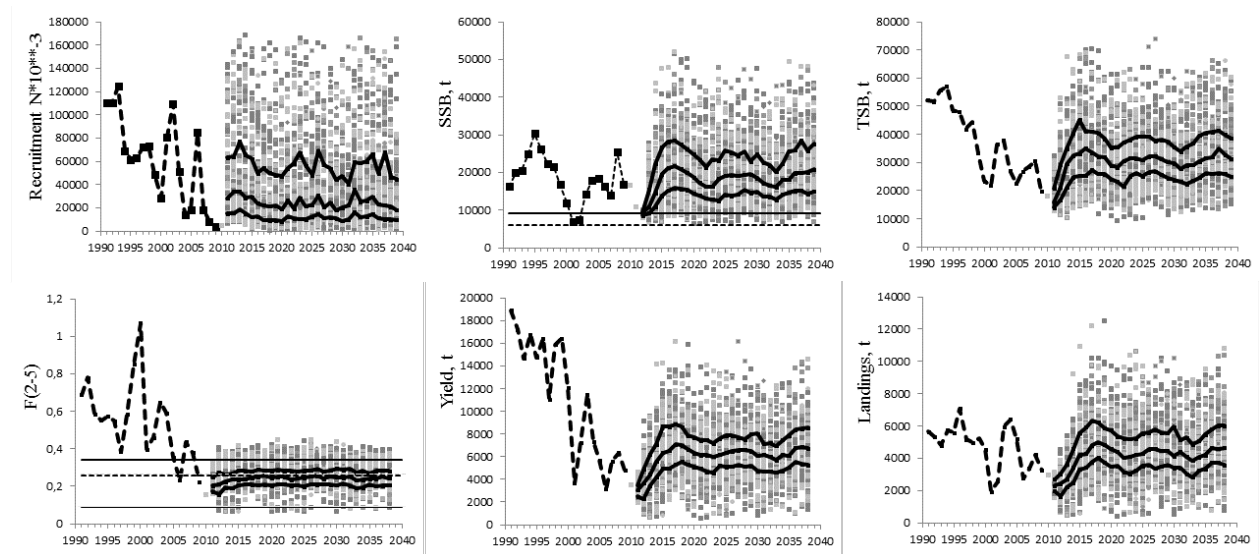


Figure 3. Results of simulation with $F_{target} 0.3$, limitation on year-to-year variation in TAC by equation $TAC_y = TAC_f + 0.2 \cdot (TAC_{y-1} - TAC_f)$ and restriction 1 in which adjusting of TAC not used if $SSB_{y+1} < B_{pa}$ were used. Solid lines is 25-th, 50-th and 75-th percentiles.

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In the following, the TACs refer to total catches, not just landings.

1. Every effort shall be made to maintain a level of Spawning Stock Biomass (SSB) greater than Bpa and a minimum level of SSB greater than Blim.
2. For [20XX] and subsequent years the Parties agreed to set a TAC to be consistent with a fishing mortality rate of no more than [either Fpa (0.4) or Fmsy (0.3)] for appropriate age-groups, when the SSB in the end of the year in which the TAC is applied is estimated above Bpa.
3. The Parties agree that the TAC that results from the application of the fishing mortality referred to in paragraph 2 will be adjusted according to the following formula:

$$TAC_y = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{y-1} - TAC_f)$$

where TAC_y is the TAC that is to be set by the management plan, TAC_{y-1} is the TAC that was fixed the previous year and TAC_f is the TAC resulting from the provisions in paragraphs 1 and 2.

4. Where the SSB referred to in paragraph 2 is estimated to be below Bpa but above Blim the TAC shall not exceed a level, which will result in a fishing mortality rate equal to $0.3 - 0.2 \times (Bpa - SSB) / (Bpa - Blim)$. This consideration overrides paragraph 3.
5. Where the SSB referred to in paragraph 2 is estimated to be below Blim the TAC shall be set at a level corresponding to a total fishing mortality rate of no more than 0.1. This consideration overrides paragraph 3.

No later than 31 December [20XX], the parties shall review the arrangements in paragraphs 1 to 5 in order to ensure that they are consistent with the objective of the plan. This review shall be conducted after obtaining inter alia advice from ICES concerning the performance of the plan in relation to its objective.

Annex 6 Tables 1 – 7

Table 1. Results of long- term stochastic simulations. Probabilities of SSB<Bpa, SSB<Blim and values of SSB, yield, landings, recruitment and fishing mortality. Settings: F target=0.3, 15 % the limit on year-to-year variation in catches, no addition restriction in variation of catches

Iteration N	SSB-Bpa (N)	(N) SSB-Blim (N)	Recruits *1000			TSB			SSB			F			Catch (landings+discards).t			Landing.t			Landing.t
			25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	
1	2	0	12376.4	28356.505	51043.18	23477.82	32572.97	41682.51	13424.37	16274.81	28010.78	0.177811	0.222217	0.327472	4398.925	5460.742	6588.625	2873.254	3594.47	5080.389	115467.8
2	1	0	15016.76	28422.571	49555.68	27113.32	31733.65	36073.66	16233.54	19809.77	23825.01	0.205936	0.24624	0.316105	4383.058	6313.821	7157.385	2931.577	4337.073	5092.437	115444.6
3	2	0	10173.02	20433.387	34975.97	19622.1	37053.9	46505.26	13220.14	23016.6	34004.92	0.069919	0.173394	0.261306	2051.802	3497.974	6175.257	1669.824	3700.501	4492.81	97982.84
4	3	0	11552.51	25078.178	54644.88	22425.2	29405.52	33930.81	14028.75	18056.21	21769.99	0.202285	0.251632	0.292918	4413.565	5197.583	5937.58	2892.323	3075.24	4696.656	118637.3
5	1	0	7169.257	12521.603	42924.79	22207.03	33317.79	41505.86	12802.49	20003.11	32604.24	0.106202	0.155757	0.248602	2884.847	4019.935	5628.978	1974.784	3052.697	4222.792	92655.52
6	3	0	7472.984	11385.387	32254.09	18216.31	32023.87	39363.8	10909.17	17453.5	30192.01	0.110921	0.166892	0.241481	2323.941	4054.888	5860.709	1853.498	3070.332	4773.712	92224.94
7	0	0	5107.94	11162.726	40051.86	27209.93	35530.42	42462.27	14771.87	22054.53	31255.56	0.056386	0.193913	0.255328	2114.713	3849.986	6149.761	1948.6	3386.535	4279.625	91077.66
8	0	0	7698.547	36320.385	55927.52	24447.91	36517.36	50474.12	14254.15	18287.02	32304.99	0.167844	0.239189	0.286947	4590.276	6321.361	7994.398	2931.577	4452.893	5852.454	127845.3
9	3	0	4821.397	17185.373	35141.07	23842.5	36963.2	42616.54	25356.92	30645.91	35452.52	0.125875	0.211648	0.258382	3400.459	5557.306	6951.228	2577.382	3746.086	5183.254	114070.7
10	0	0	10023.46	24830.324	57406.57	27856.08	32348.44	45351.42	14914.82	20418.81	31134.18	0.217947	0.232628	0.269678	5254.512	6423.726	8906.253	3314.108	4404.579	6577.45	142399.2
11	0	0	5457.475	17560.773	41322.28	26231.51	38493.56	49336.45	13151	20488.96	37959.15	0.152875	0.201865	0.268279	4066.597	6184.726	7995.265	2748.136	3399.846	6462.633	132059.7
12	1	0	8040.118	15233.233	52663.81	31196.23	39214.89	45021.02	16871.19	27618.37	39584.94	0.070231	0.143241	0.192666	2326.275	3537.974	5685.941	1964.634	2826.774	3944.724	94751.03
13	0	0	6649.005	12120.65	47685.98	24568.92	37001.24	49104.95	13474.22	22438.27	33791.35	0.070322	0.184952	0.2207	2667.981	4057.666	5282.415	2396.325	2883.568	3783.45	92321.72
14	1	0	11027.93	31468.837	61376	29943.07	36795.69	41670.5	14677.96	21672.25	29267.77	0.171265	0.281829	0.317877	5872.923	6995.456	7863.76	3474.23	4699.216	5757.442	135358.9
15	1	0	8358.955	12545.312	44262.2	20831.92	26979.51	36118.53	10784.45	16307.52	22369.8	0.220162	0.252275	0.306803	4497.612	5522.08	6909.894	2849.879	3798.491	4986.514	117008.5
16	2	0	8077.587	15138.615	32479.34	21066.94	29602.94	38116.97	12141.22	17041.82	25700.5	0.101822	0.111914	0.272024	2869.947	4232.786	5554.705	2090.691	3014.65	4235.423	88366.45
17	3	0	12607.097	22913.307	41651.65	21205	27934.07	32047.68	11495.49	17933.42	21231.76	0.259128	0.292347	0.346569	4819.224	5731.708	7643.168	2989.006	4281.377	4999.714	118943.4
18	1	0	13947.59	23130.646	41462.24	20112.19	31828.18	35589.38	11606.18	18631.27	22598.64	0.20682	0.262061	0.326195	4003.35	5889.201	6909.793	2699.981	4277.897	4729.456	113808.8
19	0	0	10968.11	17251.494	49912.84	22847.18	27224.49	32951.09	13545.17	17511.16	22779.28	0.157318	0.223336	0.301842	3742.779	4944.311	5760.549	2664.134	3362.54	4242.79	98849.46
20	0	0	12162	23818.648	56817.28	28068.96	32335.43	35775.28	16677.36	20196.98	23803.38	0.218377	0.245098	0.267804	6294.822	5745.549	6171.343	3644.141	4103.99	4315.676	114517.2
21	3	0	9835.089	32031.873	58748.89	28627.43	32764.62	45135.67	15862.84	21008.0	27745.91	0.214012	0.246909	0.30475	5471.85	6389.956	7700.91	3420.75	4375.651	5773.875	133903.2
22	2	0	4696.826	11325.144	39145.18	18662.47	32531.91	45605.16	11154.39	20761.8	32389.55	0.067928	0.088231	0.143915	1516.225	2774.962	4220.355	1192.879	1953.27	2935.161	79878.5
23	1	0	15416.53	27779.894	48832.73	26250.07	30714.01	36318.78	16516.01	19575.97	23119.81	0.23546	0.256506	0.276845	5091.535	6187.437	6604.95	3386.785	4129.661	4900.263	119297.8
24	2	0	9944.263	16833.473	39149.01	18334.41	27367.12	38149.61	11636.88	16135.75	26351.53	0.194349	0.241768	0.274008	3497.974	5308.404	6997.87	2413.083	3569.865	4529.365	107943.8
25	2	0	10791.13	18148.318	60014.24	22954.4	34437.78	38792.09	10679.97	18871.68	27395.48	0.213479	0.260671	0.310084	3928.699	6486.31	7261.935	2683.618	4477.163	5416.849	120291.6
26	1	0	8610.944	17645.896	38385.42	25738.49	33512.94	40599.34	15092.65	22049.91	35597.89	0.073363	0.156725	0.283355	2559.051	4401.06	5820.402	2095.148	3077.626	4392.467	95251.41
27	0	0	7571.069	26870.045	56875.31	30716.43	34752.77	40535.2	16957.3	24407.12	29964.72	0.148696	0.19965	0.269368	4066.034	6367.731	7322.89	3079.349	4485.472	5159.304	121617.7
28	0	0	8016.929	14362.836	40050.92	26667.72	29380.38	34292.33	16966.18	16964.13	22644.9	0.064605	0.190126	0.241183	1779.758	3497.974	5138.079	1501.466	2931.577	3690.085	77889.19
29	4	0	5311.227	12441.603	47265.06	22301.56	30949.65	45349.11	12346.76	25616.72	35957.24	0.139604	0.173702	0.249504	3581.774	4736.896	7019.754	2463.234	3400.814	5057.19	115283.3
30	3	0	14435.69	29013.238	51498.15	26196.94	34443.41	42871.08	15048.73	20056.16	26605.36	0.194694	0.250199	0.334542	5115.354	6378.992	7158.963	3040.056	4082.622	5282.141	129494.2
31	1	0	4967.957	18872.971	40447.77	25562.43	33863.53	43963.23	12605.72	20250.25	33719.56	0.162177	0.185265	0.232846	3932.291	4989.961	5910.21	2179.374	3057.661	4530.978	104883.8
32	0	0	10887.867	35679.602	54369.34	27267	31066.48	35328.27	14161.98	18990.61	22825.44	0.222031	0.26596	0.32783	6247.827	6035.001	6468.222	3352.019	4080.142	4686.413	119806.4
33	1	0	9620.301	20949.432	45201.49	26280.92	34411.02	37651.73	13703.54	22866.64	29842.29	0.084228	0.18551	0.251923	2422.031	3910.29	6685.242	1860.411	2968.303	4504.945	99838.45
34	3	0	7309.122	13366.073	37975.79	24627.1	36296.38	42968.34	13932.66	22893.03	35980.61	0.110039	0.164212	0.242299	3207.304	4877.909	6419.002	2455.872	3108.402	5022.928	104489.3
35	4	0	10063.12	17155.145	32724.34	18331.09	23439.2	32027.51	10670.53	16036.46	23489.35	0.066042	0.213294	0.285539	1615.079	3587.803	4651.764	1271.561	2550.642	3252.471	76688.82
36	1	0	13756.64	27879.25	50642.47	26055.76	31579.14	40057.03	15935.73	19348.43	26328.4	0.152875	0.246703	0.291227	3881.138	5843.967	6906.067	2931.577	3943.919	4933.733	111325.9
37	2	0	4807.73	12978.373	30082.64	16524.79	33662.43	48394.24	9664.282	15374.17	37086.32	0.100717	0.134604	0.192368	2421.67	3497.974	4870.843	1579.091	2435.184	3856.251	87969.46
38	3	0	4762.424	14639.651	41469.17	22736.2	32139.89	44365.48	12093.87	21369.64	3904.17	0.077626	0.121446	0.196154	1514.54	2284.629	3497.974	5006.55	1407.926	2931.577	107198.8
39	1	0	12113.67	25148.163	49192.36	22517.69	25866.05	36152.06	12951.94	15537.94	20116.61	0.205142	0.256936	0.317807	4262.548	4943.45	6414.891	2978.661	3340.488	3860.314	107078.7
40	0	0	15746.56	23																	

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Iteration	N	SSB>Bpa (N)	SSB>Blim (N)	Recruits *1000			TSB			SSB			F			Catch (landing+discards).t			Landing.t			Land.t
				25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	
1	1	0	10340.25	31845.41	54397.69	26263.18	32282.48	39610.75	12698.98	16701.44	26837.04	0.189584	0.242005	0.371022	4243.532	6247.388	7322.88	2931.577	3953.176	5103.151	118034.2	
2	1	0	15853.99	31808.672	54294.31	25349.88	29242.57	33470.08	13773.59	16218.69	20975.94	0.238938	0.323626	0.402554	5603.403	7234.603	8008.014	3361.42	4531.909	5400.311	129408.6	
3	1	0	10618.46	24813.362	40170.82	19203.83	36363.58	44222.04	12722.27	22083.48	31069.34	0.053938	0.152875	0.303573	1737.25	3494.23	7028.144	1365.402	2809.801	4938.779	93978.87	
4	2	0	11794.62	25039.309	53212.66	21308.61	26916.5	31903.91	10945.21	15749.68	18797.17	0.227667	0.301365	0.365809	5141.744	6049.111	7116.601	3422.272	3879.196	5063.496	128237.6	
5	2	0	5149.147	12596.228	38638.18	22299.02	33247.99	42643.11	12352.67	18759.92	33564.69	0.068332	0.152875	0.215338	2293.014	3473.256	4672.577	1890.037	2426.748	4021.555	82671.7	
6	6	0	9103.115	15878.15	31399.7	16810.58	28908.39	35455.91	9159.621	13470.58	22244.13	0.172321	0.27063	0.390463	2691.131	5543.703	7262.412	2306.037	3761.258	5273.11	108101.9	
7	1	0	5481.804	12047.688	43390.32	24027.8	34963.93	42339.63	10979.11	19430.71	30271.77	0.055063	0.194032	0.31907	2148.24	3761.293	7286.771	1724.1	3019.84	5253.822	95245.57	
8	0	0	10328.68	34063.889	59744.15	23715.17	34093.12	46095.67	13208.03	16168.74	30926.22	0.194955	0.27314	0.371097	4706.798	7158.452	9456.666	2942.911	4605.883	6197.404	137545.7	
9	3	0	7722.478	15687.861	37816.18	22488.02	35018.49	40784.93	11388.29	21455.5	30186.08	0.140269	0.2386	0.330662	3293.265	4717.824	8494.184	2624.376	3352.857	5524.164	117492.2	
10	1	0	4938.701	15124.598	45745.58	25722.74	35874.48	59051.24	14622.67	20621.95	42247.5	0.065197	0.210027	0.31162	2879.678	5036.574	8854.591	2187.655	3571.988	4729.7	115726.5	
11	1	0	5897.41	18446.455	45444.03	24078.85	37867.68	50973.66	12795.79	18999.59	36204.25	0.152875	0.2268	0.312085	4665.685	6483.275	8547.681	2931.577	4084.005	6750.841	138686.9	
12	4	3	9630.993	19309.989	55132.22	21948.58	30591.94	44364.78	11654.42	16739.31	30159.67	0.186146	0.230168	0.267626	4488.932	5511.973	7289.585	2632.727	3650.763	4835.294	122213.9	
13	1	0	7032.005	15242.722	52843.17	24187.01	36056.17	47255.39	10209.94	20763.09	29805.34	0.070322	0.246061	0.274638	2340.909	4612.406	8099.07	1987.206	3221.234	4267.788	94108.47	
14	1	0	15965.35	37088.52	68261.94	27080.7	35513.79	40091.81	11542.43	17758.36	23726.51	0.287744	0.362919	0.40648	6621.484	7956.3	8959.46	3654.118	5091.446	6099.273	142509.7	
15	2	0	9697.494	13649.664	44036.4	19006.04	26286.09	31192.17	11435.35	15133.46	2115.39	0.129471	0.193321	0.310112	3374.327	4712.575	5989.49	2312.84	3028.134	4701.92	102276.1	
16	3	0	8192.869	14811.03	32386.2	20388.61	27378.4	38859.59	10509.79	15532.05	24101.34	0.084638	0.190865	0.35926	2418.294	4253.174	5683.052	1819.774	2931.577	4138.642	86737.13	
17	4	0	14054.17	27349.228	43784.53	19586.53	25286.6	29732.17	10416.52	13748.14	16496.36	0.311513	0.370002	0.432018	4143.94	6728.652	7916.061	3007.255	4380.138	5090.613	119726.5	
18	4	0	13964.32	21476.074	27384.34	19002.47	30390.13	40197.89	10158.36	15716.22	20119.91	0.106837	0.251656	0.361195	3245.204	4252.107	5466.923	2200.808	3468.488	4689.792	104796.3	
19	0	0	9148.902	17143.353	41159.71	23356.13	30061.09	36027.36	13949.39	19944.38	26962.82	0.092124	0.156914	0.223336	2625.31	3515.586	5278.609	1883.37	2846.128	3867.645	82890.01	
20	1	0	12509.59	26765.223	57913.94	25651.34	30839.67	35150.4	14145.17	16978.37	21700.16	0.262253	0.326101	0.380693	6280.877	7672.482	9430.833	3919.101	4487.219	5121.293	124021.5	
21	2	0	12296.33	33579.743	67625.59	27387.74	30208.04	40628.22	14393.84	16787.72	22281.38	0.271634	0.337366	0.387232	6621.927	7582.968	9651.627	3984.939	4712.497	6391.577	144421.4	
22	3	0	4729.149	11406.77	38401.69	18597.6	32713.55	45734.96	10833.8	20032.82	32568.99	0.086593	0.090625	0.130547	1284.19	2562.955	4563.638	872.1832	1911.43	2931.577	82022.77	
23	1	0	17899.27	28001.089	54065.15	25265.75	29199.2	35023.78	116866.05	20514.05	29308.94	0.309221	0.352229	0.396953	6890.214	7781.962	9470.586	4558.819	5436.321	6289.871	126897	
24	1	0	10964.84	16890.177	42380.34	18290.66	27365.86	35580.08	10845.12	17873.45	23459.3	0.174918	0.247187	0.318863	3497.974	4749.316	7055.067	2412.492	3156.055	5093.245	105531.5	
25	4	1	11320.68	17851.14	61466.75	20795.07	33274.99	39320.9	10201.98	16101.3	25263.2	0.19325	0.286079	0.391377	3497.974	7236.345	9321.797	2567.837	5076.293	6028.938	126167.8	
26	1	0	11003.02	18332.69	34820.62	22518.86	33824.71	42283.25	12444.4	17143.6	31964.74	0.073363	0.185736	0.331172	2188.956	4002.772	6490.449	1938.47	3058.369	4628.908	97027.38	
27	0	0	9154.782	26713.735	57855.8	28334.9	34779.09	39569.11	15250.16	12184.87	27901.18	0.11648	0.261369	0.356089	3497.974	7150.543	8223.124	2931.577	4424.659	5668.936	126162	
28	1	0	8252.697	14382.702	42639.71	25999.69	28318.49	40086.36	14014.09	16353.5	21451.58	0.064783	0.196524	0.304613	1814.368	3497.974	5927.283	1530.139	2351.577	4033.661	81958.79	
29	5	0	8705.264	14016.757	47474.92	20932.36	36353.29	44206.59	10303.87	18211.82	33171.78	0.146802	0.198963	0.306239	3162.443	5155.923	7500.045	2246.145	3599.067	5486.784	117758.8	
30	3	0	17276.64	31115.42	58036.42	25588.68	33093.31	39477.82	13179.43	16881.13	23405.66	0.268747	0.337655	0.441729	6292.353	7471.042	8850.408	3490.455	4679.183	5903.701	139119.3	
31	1	0	5114.585	18915.659	43210.44	24850.02	32365.44	41875.12	11439.98	19957.82	32240.78	0.152875	0.21871	0.25306	3497.974	4858.059	6424.783	2334.511	3314.131	4805.183	109579.5	
32	1	0	11172.68	36264.516	56032.07	25230.38	28762.67	33777.74	12875.88	14766	20312.91	0.315053	0.376784	0.43229	5651.296	6910.944	7845.664	3700.806	4121.524	5252.264	128229.4	
33	3	0	9467.766	21365.113	44515.14	25691.93	33777.53	37582.33	13776.16	20990.99	28371.73	0.082955	0.164049	0.282959	1992.198	4007.722	7331.567	1493.06	2931.577	5206.677	103002.7	
34	2	0	5879.608	13569.493	31730.32	22591.27	35911.54	45120.75	11734.18	20048.5	35710.79	0.074309	0.191441	0.276428	2435.684	3704.37	7210.702	1640.768	3031.869	4718.226	107175.4	
35	5	0	10525.2	18253.178	32840.29	18023.28	22346.45	32083.05	10186.55	13832.63	21689.33	0.0674	0.215089	0.350392	1902.396	3121.461	5267.333	1409.645	2093.398	3375.699	76228.69	
36	1	0	14752.86	29131.778	51503.85	25984.17	29420.76	39437.34	13393.2	17077.34	23887.44	0.182381	0.276213	0.345892	3881.138	6635.271	7704.052	2853.877	4148.96	5228.712	119469.8	
37	1	0	5986.475	2836.298	72106.12	25739.53	38023.8	56827.89	14355.31	19980.81	34564.64	0.152875	0.205948	0.275504	4727.463	6022.21	7348.034	2752.123	3835.118	5355.045	125707.7	
38	3	0	4233.314	14106.914	34228.58	23219.27	37262.49	46461.62	13224.79	24111.81	41722.49	0.058444	0.088042	0.152875	1898.735	2698.877	4104.654	1175.072	2250.367	3943.502	73919.54	
39	2	0	13189.95	26067.72	57751.81	21283.16	24494.87	33953.67	11137.76	13631.81	18123.97	0.236558	0.312814	0.446233	3478.596	5377.334	7297.534	2471.699	3290.86	4309.077	102195.7	
40	0	0	15749.6	28448.263	62754.5	24218.42	33322.88	38977.58</														

Table 3. Results of long-term stochastic simulations. Probabilities of SSB<Bpa, SSB<Blim and values of SSB, yield, landings, recruitment and fishing mortality. Settings: F target=0.5, 15 % the limit on year-to-year variation in catches, no addition restriction in variation of catches

Iteration	N	SSB-Bpa (N)	SSB-Blim (N)	Recruits *1000				TSB				SSB				F				Catch (landings+discards).t				Landing.t				Landing.t
				25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	1000	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	1000	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	1000	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	1000	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	1000	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	1000	
1	2	0	10864.26	29131.22	21686.32	25119.3	32556.59	38640.71	12368.29	15782.85	27363.83	0.152875	0.284102	0.424482	3877.447	6311.252	7937.765	2948.783	3937.491	5258.391	1173.114	1	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
2	4	0	16932.76	32621.703	58672.3	23502.38	29820.8	32242.22	10809.89	14553.4	18447.92	0.244774	0.400552	0.519851	6141.85	7730.351	8887.92	3654.622	4716.927	5734.748	134595.8	2	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
3	7	0	13076.09	21976.561	60780.1	18876.67	31889.67	40069.09	8910.848	16295.83	24821.05	0.249353	0.379846	0.45716	3955.341	6163.777	8922.065	2871.727	4497.954	6302.435	140894.5	3	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
4	1	0	11424.83	25082.634	51336.12	22008.12	27906.72	34019.42	11975.27	15525.43	22516.34	0.163032	0.248321	0.343436	3462.726	5786.86	9002.349	2619.813	3658.93	5524.478	126442	4	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
5	2	0	5263.86	13327.348	41985.9	22862.12	33534.12	44712.54	13780.84	19345.91	36140.93	0.076695	0.095445	0.170295	2020.515	3072.851	4231.555	1403.732	2181.404	3403.533	78266.67	5	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
6	7	0	9204.824	16603.249	32784.81	16357.83	26433.37	34288.87	9002.04	11608.73	19708.62	0.145728	0.264258	0.453613	3368.082	5794.386	7750.144	1981.14	3606.956	5658.246	107645.8	6	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
7	0	0	5600.565	12157.655	44432.77	23216.42	36483.74	43267.99	10906.6	18220.95	28556.5	0.057816	0.152875	0.312165	1678.02	3497.974	8474.914	2931.577	4753.488	9603.16	126442	7	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
8	0	12584.44	36355.412	60325.83	23833.79	34957.54	43768.18	12307.65	15814.04	28480.1	47184.06	0.157747	0.336558	0.449875	4370.758	6317.374	10070.31	2931.577	5188.491	6333.962	139813.8	8	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
9	3	0	9553.817	15323.807	43352.47	19605.55	35613.12	39538.47	11515.45	16921.24	28958.38	0.124028	0.276817	0.395018	3293.265	5134.158	9650.858	2400.969	4211.326	5786.524	122237.7	9	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
10	2	1	3552.628	12665.525	51404.3	25131.02	36951.04	59335.24	12845.08	26462.09	45217.56	0.03091	0.15787	0.377874	1480.770	3214.128	7421.856	1316.844	2742.065	4655.467	14028.4	10	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
11	2	0	7447.617	19579.808	49508.66	22216.2	36908.93	43943.36	12605.48	16752.51	34185.96	0.149693	0.261604	0.390379	3969.308	6722.133	9062.127	2931.577	4406.083	6990.488	137795.3	11	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
12	3	0	10894.17	16712.315	54564.6	25714.75	36748.53	44194.28	13873.91	24193.53	35496.07	0.068878	0.177258	0.249419	1819.326	3497.974	6701.255	1472.338	2830.456	4530.891	101216.7	12	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
13	0	0	6960.635	13628.002	48966.63	24424.65	34035.23	42624.08	10666.27	17757.32	31769.35	0.070322	0.20156	0.320156	2430.909	4666.316	6597.663	1987.206	3359.894	4445.558	95614.48	13	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
14	2	0	9624.114	25268.666	49372.44	29207.54	36915.97	43993.07	13224.12	20101.07	29322.32	0.074501	0.217265	0.364281	2611.879	4568.193	8812.637	2371.586	3668.906	5606.36	111352.1	14	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
15	2	1	7223.862	13016.455	51401.25	25712.73	36748.53	44194.28	13873.91	24193.53	35496.07	0.117424	0.281526	0.405416	2379.159	4265.591	7425.916	2379.159	3489.597	5254.274	103482.9	15	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
16	3	0	8161.451	14674.018	32984.73	19928.44	28134.12	37944.35	10872.9	16188.57	23966.55	0.084638	0.174948	0.378875	2225.515	4252.949	8652.052	1651.198	2931.577	4196.323	87761.68	16	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
17	6	0	14711.01	29462.648	48303.5	19809.21	24683.24	27687.98	10486.57	12174.68	19738.78	0.138427	0.460484	0.542647	4851.192	6991.114	8325.9	3304.166	4411.167	4908.395	196611.1	17	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
18	6	0	10424.02	16451.593	27326.03	18647.25	30203.04	41509.12	9551.246	16214.68	30483.29	0.07103	0.218545	0.368083	2685.972	3742.753	6546.098	1965.063	2931.577	4884.901	96997.72	18	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
19	1	0	8794.351	14808.111	40997.69	23543.85	29996.99	38786.52	14214.5	23835.47	28153.25	0.078824	0.111932	0.158605	2075.39	3156.409	4471.977	1473.615	2547.445	3562.078	74383.96	19	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
20	1	0	9726.88	19377.027	55700.22	27500.44	32587.48	36928.98	15039.69	26151.19	34572.31	0.108654	0.241571	0.36104	2896.885	5238.091	7651.319	2330.571	3798.21	5073.38	107350.4	20	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
21	3	0	14553.11	35508.381	73650.93	25735.45	30457.94	37987.45	11498.39	16511.19	21599.66	0.306155	0.371707	0.492193	6921.611	8440.242	9807.304	3928.973	5162.601	6239.722	147886.8	21	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
22	2	0	2551.373	10213.133	40907.47	20946.76	29336.31	55279.99	11783.5	23390.96	41661.53	0.045567	0.072443	0.111956	1437.501	2279.518	3466.862	952.1823	1865.471	2931.577	62575.53	22	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
23	2	0	19736.76	30082.351	62137.65	24398	28180.8	33060.15	13589.13	15943.65	17603.25	0.29469	0.368033	0.438322	6205.625	7439.239	8637.118	3395.388	4887.495	5799.43	134542.9	23	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
24	3	0	11281.37	16660.27	38720.57	18150.42	29349.04	36470.99	10342.18	20932.67	26761.72	0.105535	0.219027	0.309888	2552.013	3756.927	5942.766	2002.271	2745.706	4018.442	93859.17	24	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
25	3	0	13333.36	16627.422	65696.94	19616.34	31810.84	39534.37	10402.87	13411.28	24733.08	0.198654	0.270318	0.459138	3497.974	6698.653	8542.316	2187.708	4676.277	5616.156	122605.3	25	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
26	3	0	10724.28	20460.328	46526.85	22377.68	30461.5	42084.32	10671.9	17500.77	28475.25	0.073363	0.247717	0.362489	2443.524	4914.784	6955.489	4134.862	5263.691	4786.167	103048.2	26	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
27	1	0	10945.86	21602.113	48930.17	25103.04	36075.62	41611.85	13860.13	22244.16	28952.21	0.073408	0.200456	0.35175	2375.453	5376.837	8177.193	1947.834	2467.959	5756.619	113959.3	27	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
28	0	0	8514.124	14420.296	44102.9	25356.4	27435.3	34052.99	11726.76	15961.7	20642.19	0.064783	0.166407	0.367336	1866.766	3497.974	6707.991	1488.536	2991.234	4333.435	84318.88	28	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
29	2	0	8187.651	14692.561	40125.62	19970.85	35611.83	44603.08	9620.259	20570.67	32601.68	0.086847	0.205847	0.3688167	2452.919	4688.417	6685.467	1416.919	2931.577	4282.947	91015.95	29	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
30	2	0	16715.89	34422.054	58418.42	26358.86	32895.14	38741.06	12107.36	15279.94	20063.19	0.053031	0.126192	0.215619	5297.517	8269.522	12672.984	2841.448	3584.295	5804.295	139020	30	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
31	0	0	5296.32	16810.397	27697.11	18633.53	34624.04	42959.18	14135.31	24016.15	30847.45	0.099243	0.1477	0.26617	2638.193	3790.441	5764.787	1960.856	2931.577	4668.78	98819.93	31	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
32	2	0	11753.56	40517.136	60306.21	23027.73	26711.91	32786.13	10857.29	12040.42	17112.74	0.364988	0.438085	0.542525	5890.565	7433.123	8489.424	3598.207	4239.278	5290.435	129791.6	32	2745.706	4018.442	3845.937	1700.131	1173.114	
33	2	0	10409.11	19914.888	47474.82	26010.83																						

Table 4. Results of long-term stochastic simulations. Probabilities of SSB<Bpa, SSB<Blim and values of SSB, yield, landings, recruitment and fishing mortality. Settings: F target=0.3, the limit on year-to-year variation in catches by equation $TAC_y = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{y-1} - TAC_f)$, no addition restriction in variation of catches

Iteration	N	SSB-Bpa (N)	(N)	SSB-Blim (N)	Recruits *1000			TSB			SSB			F			Catch (landings+discards).t			Landing.t			Landing.t
					25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	
1	0	0	11154.65	27887.411	62369.17	24928.96	31785.88	37896.11	15444.82	17791.44	23127.48	0.238051	0.292261	0.33356	5152.291	6474.53	7240.694	3214.08	4184.244	5012.544	127392.3		
2	1	0	14832.61	29669.211	53120.08	26336.76	29646.56	34951.26	16366.85	18231.91	22561.92	0.231171	0.276881	0.325103	5036.738	6293.811	7113.793	3665.024	4281.999	5110.263	124594.6		
3	4	0	12089.07	21903.925	52812.56	24199.74	34102.18	38889.41	10886.43	20448.93	26164.63	0.247603	0.26306	0.323368	3976.269	6742.627	8215.441	2851.395	4567.783	5717.8	129225.1		
4	2	0	11671.85	24770.411	56968.64	23380.64	28825.84	35701.65	14440.75	18824.51	22327.23	0.22531	0.244819	0.292918	4503.618	5683.467	6446.631	2931.577	3976.538	4778.825	122442.2		
5	0	0	10688.88	20847.339	41453.47	21824.26	26685.03	34206.32	12850.64	15758.88	21552.01	0.241516	0.295162	0.334771	5142.825	5987.714	7332.636	3449.96	3926.369	5089.638	119213.7		
6	4	0	9949.94	15806.166	31047.21	18131.32	28186.1	34996.73	10224.81	14787.87	22731.47	0.217918	0.300003	0.354653	3718.544	5327.272	7798.825	2471.037	3782.196	5506.241	116307		
7	2	0	8396.834	16522.314	50417.75	23819.37	31143.2	36149.26	11568.72	16689.85	24108.06	0.226873	0.261755	0.314377	4992.799	6058.91	6781.793	3066.034	4065.7	5133.552	117746		
8	0	0	8013.724	16320.385	67389.71	23557.68	36177.55	46935.64	13825.46	18283.63	29907.38	0.225052	0.271419	0.306307	4410.855	6583.609	9298.941	3294.931	4443.597	6259.457	135507.8		
9	3	0	8313.168	19579.083	51457.62	21949.27	33159.78	37820.48	12964.42	20084.45	25738.52	0.224959	0.265119	0.323407	4642.088	5538.06	8158.469	2751.598	3860.897	5964.837	125565.5		
10	0	0	9586.659	32368.078	94220.64	27472.5	31918.8	43966.52	10826.68	17400.96	22149.6	0.219486	0.274391	0.325103	5303.788	6406.517	8599.531	3375.26	4522.161	6994.485	147231.9		
11	0	0	6270.983	18768.46	56264.77	23800.9	36303.15	48857.47	11755.55	22907.24	34337.96	0.210657	0.255305	0.318234	5443.592	7464.674	8870.041	3122.702	5057.457	7230.816	13779.1		
12	0	0	10380.52	24047.399	58429.08	22883.13	32824.97	40508.26	14085.41	17812.55	26756.06	0.20578	0.286377	0.3497374	6549.802	9502.677	2839.966	4630.958	6653.016	127379.5			
13	0	0	11213.33	19372.995	54458.43	23562.93	29425.85	38439.84	12033.76	18285.77	21567.45	0.209822	0.284534	0.312692	4743.727	6247.146	7240.664	3017.261	4078.774	5210.74	117397.5		
14	0	0	14751.98	32475.717	63580.57	28886.62	35276.95	41806.15	13845.15	20578.84	25708.84	0.283981	0.314192	0.322236	5385.19	6995.456	8446.587	3607.516	4700.544	5751.407	138528.9		
15	0	0	9197.422	13566.087	50322.97	20387.36	28787.75	34741.45	10553.82	15119.4	20990.65	0.238698	0.278555	0.330034	3911.019	5658.484	6772.886	2522.906	4342.588	5937.449	118055.8		
16	1	0	8979.22	23683.13	47925.94	23611.85	29834.98	35175.75	12644.93	16445.32	22143.79	0.235669	0.279915	0.33951	4292.202	5967.574	7058.684	3067.741	4332.893	4863.961	114958		
17	2	0	12644.48	23187.623	41270	21858.62	27283.31	31657.81	12148.34	17235.16	20016.66	0.278639	0.304259	0.321784	4607.85	5903.499	6931.572	2938.458	3999.908	4818.715	118499.4		
18	0	0	14005.45	23819.259	41611.01	20198.41	30422.26	35166.16	11610.92	19438.75	22405.67	0.221108	0.271618	0.325206	3985.683	5635.788	7087.584	2623.104	3953.222	4870.228	109831.3		
19	0	0	12666.71	17117.095	51772.5	23800.29	27848.69	29880.08	13715.73	15508.87	20341.73	0.222088	0.264984	0.32174	4389.635	5147.641	6259.780	3917.577	3664.651	4537.249	108028.9		
20	0	0	12006.71	25497.606	58953.47	26992.99	31102.38	35691.14	15852.83	18454.25	22203.28	0.218777	0.273488	0.319301	4996.13	6007.467	6894.944	3268.124	4130.102	4701.628	120436.4		
21	0	0	11855.04	31868.287	59118.2	28554.93	31414.26	40391.65	16576.25	19120.64	24463.92	0.24156	0.261026	0.320552	5295.74	6457.851	7665.298	3543.725	4349.868	6056.302	135327.8		
22	2	0	11487.95	16367.812	54846.15	19227.14	22238.15	28612.17	10683.13	13271.22	16442.35	0.234245	0.295088	0.342654	3497.574	4609.151	6733.43	2581.684	3238.2	4332.88	126827.3		
23	1	0	16284.78	27727.614	51128.84	25534.19	38802.53	36352.77	15928.76	19386.91	22173.77	0.22346	0.269724	0.333815	5322.474	5971.347	6875.885	3207.904	4317.463	6088.219	122232.3		
24	2	0	11154.11	16833.375	40795.32	18326.93	27026.65	37522.87	11106.43	14838.99	24438.41	0.241141	0.275895	0.32066	4009.546	5455.874	6985.043	2733.603	3503.121	4951.235	112674.5		
25	0	0	10713.16	18985.464	59417.87	23003.78	33702.58	38142.11	10769.93	18065	25489.91	0.21172	0.286484	0.328361	4389.789	6379.465	7400.546	2931.577	4353.972	5258.195	112652.8		
26	1	0	11820.02	21157.58	60242.29	23643.93	29712.63	35405.5	14609.28	17188.49	24443.09	0.208976	0.305253	0.333324	5234.013	6272.58	7575.725	3243.394	4321.299	5653.278	127682.1		
27	0	0	8969.487	29841.674	45507.44	27843.38	33743.15	36292.44	16895.12	20555	25197.56	0.225494	0.260896	0.325484	5952.775	6525.765	7555.585	3680.584	4735.01	5689.588	123361.9		
28	2	0	12426.84	29134.462	47458.16	21681.58	28234.92	31413.02	12162.93	16551.76	18674.66	0.216861	0.266014	0.328253	3923.889	5339.518	6269.614	2658.699	3667.538	4502.102	120236.5		
29	4	0	8507.633	16092.269	49245.95	21292.21	35127.6	40107.47	12218.05	18472.61	26970.97	0.205377	0.263642	0.313145	3888.896	6618.932	7854.288	2931.577	4158.922	6203.931	130643.8		
30	2	0	17365.79	25656.31	52733.88	28889.88	33792.49	40083.79	16065.25	20309.33	24867.29	0.247706	0.268342	0.328902	5313.687	6715.278	7858.248	3499.426	4246.525	5507.944	138607.8		
31	1	0	8779.341	21965.311	41927.1	20630.16	28676.54	37178.72	11720.86	16851.7	24544.22	0.218797	0.240275	0.267668	4425.77	5109.14	6541.902	2680.791	3572.34	4546.249	113474		
32	0	0	10625.1	34184.613	51459.52	26242.02	29493.98	35093.5	13636.54	17862.35	22557.85	0.261829	0.307342	0.324873	5057.077	6305.862	7011.106	3447.523	4176.913	6120.757	125002.1		
33	0	0	12973.17	27576.409	48431.03	23661.17	28125.28	36166.11	12523.28	16838.79	21616.48	0.237575	0.290851	0.327701	4339.702	5763.786	7961.78	3292.896	4505.692	6208.741	120874.1		
34	1	0	9038.861	17675.805	49779.74	23065.18	31962.67	38598.94	14516.87	17914.51	25271.85	0.215022	0.254071	0.296322	4713.606	5723.147	6993.23	2931.577	4007.644	4778.483	121235.4		
35	4	0	10714.76	18262.103	42660.86	18623.28	21729.37	25751.27	10806.36	16330.55	19712.01	0.254969	0.281983	0.321969	5632.198	6425.152	7490.116	3537.917	4329.807	5059.919	123280.6		
36	0	0	15455.37	29166.731	54568.62	25682.35	31834.17	39223.98	15608.92	18524.88	23440.81	0.25526	0.26758	0.32526	4567.444	6583.687	7545.901	3292.896	4307.922	5238.808	120265.3		
37	6	0	8927.822	16850.884	43360.16	17121.26	22609.21	27596.88	8743.419	14118.11	21624.89	0.213979	0.270185	0.315669	3242.852	4212.5	8382.68	2280.849	2931.577	4613.47	11107.4		
38	0	0	10842.75	20258.771	51003.51	22826.8	30776	35883.93	13096.44	18106.89	22216.37	0.243613	0.270145	0.338096	5181.466	6038.568	7069.795	3029.42	4260.851	5212.39	121771.5		
39	4	0	9038.861	17675.805	49779.74	23065.18	31962.67	38598.94	14516.87	17914.51	25271.85	0.215022	0.254071	0.296322	4713.606	5723.147	6993.23	2931.577	4007.644	4778.483	121235.4		
40	0	0	15455.37	29166.731	54568.62	25682.35	31834.17	39223.98	15608.92	18524.88	23440.81	0.25526	0.26758	0.32526	4567.444	6583.687	7545.901	3292.896	4307.922	5238.808	120265.3		
41	4	0	10714.76	18262.103	42660.86	18623.28	21729.37	25751.27	10806.36	16330.55	19712.01	0.254969	0.281983	0.321969	5632.198</								

Table 5. Results of long-term stochastic simulations. Probabilities of SSB<Bpa, SSB<Blim and values of SSB, yield, landings, recruitment and fishing mortality. Settings: F target=0.4, the limit on year-to-year variation in catches by equation $TAC_y = TAC_f + 0.2 * (TAC_{y-1} - TAC_f)$, no addition restriction in variation of catches

Iteration	N	SSB-Bpa	(N) SSB-Blim	Recruits *1000					TSB					SSB					F					Catch (landings+discards).t					Landing.t					Landing.t
				25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent							
1	2				13736.95	29147.224	65755.31	22416.64	30876.12	36675.75	12899.89	15302.52	19640.91	0.296555	0.364244	0.420311	5840.344	7437.125	8161.566	3496.559	4638.146	5462.428	130497											
2	1				14806.61	31808.612	58450.95	24789.63	29179.71	33911.83	14273.9	16355.09	20120.12	0.293051	0.376198	0.431108	5761.999	7213.748	8487.595	3979.335	4496.071	5581.951	134583.1											
3	6				12301.2	26794.805	64800.96	19194.32	32111.51	38075.92	10060.42	17667.74	21802.37	0.326476	0.35521	0.393413	4623.226	7568.48	9043.992	2931.577	6099.513	6892.288	138663.6											
4	2				12468.26	26092.394	61865.83	21257.18	27430.64	34457.59	12660.51	16117.77	22053.37	0.269884	0.315068	0.366099	5238.118	6233.318	8224.146	3218.634	4419.444	5279.66	134188.8											
5	2				10536.41	23692.845	49159.84	20228.25	24306.16	32443.44	11025.59	13570.94	19465.68	0.286273	0.388798	0.446098	4787.772	6706.898	7999.151	3055.489	4366.954	5483.05	123703											
6	4				10232.97	15931.213	35430.32	18102.23	25442.65	34195.23	9514.836	11291.66	16217.29	0.19819	0.37471	0.459061	3407.974	5806.223	7945.514	2086.034	4103.547	5344.142	120782											
7	3				9623.713	17574.894	54544.91	19196.44	27987.28	36033.5	10314.23	13506.06	20529.69	0.227542	0.34104	0.431141	3849.986	6485.162	7743.899	2931.577	4204.344	5405.169	120279.3											
8	0				11102.1	36663.727	70472.73	22457.86	35080.92	45564.42	11697.8	17330.16	25276.61	0.289549	0.344565	0.408786	4447.342	7843.583	10968.19	2942.911	4763.571	6892.65	144453.1											
9	3				9147.659	21332.339	54622.61	19141.27	31226.67	36492.51	10900.14	16079.44	20973.2	0.27098	0.354799	0.429491	5116.757	6456.82	8683.389	3244.128	4329.748	5997.379	133287.1											
10	2				9415.5	37229.615	91471.14	24895.91	41838.79	49574.73	12839.49	17527.09	26489.03	0.289582	0.368594	0.432198	5265.411	7136.074	9703.487	4038.265	4538.043	6581.92	156810.7											
11	3				8829.369	25343.219	59372.85	21081.84	35092.26	44341.95	10244.27	17203.41	22823.07	0.275994	0.334621	0.430839	6377.792	7947.953	10046.88	3382.536	5466.893	6821.53	152744.3											
12	0				12136.9	27243.114	62426.94	22875.9	30613.05	40283.29	12915.36	16796.94	22099.97	0.226739	0.374984	0.43875	3957.766	7383.362	11060.51	2595.419	5217.787	7179.466	142091.3											
13	2				12258.95	21503.759	58937.86	21744.26	27827.99	35002.05	10657.15	15728.24	18033.44	0.271736	0.364759	0.429491	5116.757	6456.82	8683.389	3244.128	4329.748	5997.379	133287.1											
14	1				18623.72	36690.954	80279.78	21879.84	33524.95	40128.51	11309.4	16844.4	21871.21	0.340661	0.417336	0.489106	6275.385	7994.522	9736.015	3648.247	4584.654	6273.226	145028.2											
15	4				10291.58	16561.912	33329.17	18414.12	22774.88	32001.17	10466.22	12672.3	17520.19	0.250919	0.372411	0.448843	4165.691	6339.449	7866.786	2931.577	4103.547	5344.142	120782											
16	2				9789.746	28047.859	54087.15	21080.38	27979.44	34149.65	10812.13	13998.66	18802.72	0.256103	0.347348	0.451664	4403.357	7015.273	8533.206	2931.577	4523.701	6481.467	121241.6											
17	4				14017.7	27023.551	44324.41	20256.96	25454.17	29318.98	10519.65	14272.78	16465.45	0.320166	0.38922	0.424465	5037.74	6498.251	7706.882	3267.807	4387.942	4996.936	12153.5											
18	5				15615.95	25436.324	47962.01	18762.56	29325.96	34037.04	10185.64	16723.52	19569.47	0.279319	0.352206	0.428044	4314.285	6594.657	8231.474	2900.024	4368.106	5078.056	127107.7											
19	1				11234.08	19122.972	58910.1	21943.74	25011.54	29391.92	11020.47	13765.5	17937.31	0.263735	0.350008	0.41355	4902.111	6595.667	6981.028	3053.378	3983.225	4699.829	113489.9											
20	1				12135.7	27903.022	62561.84	25574.81	30399.37	33540.01	13445.8	16424.83	19398.51	0.289229	0.367322	0.420425	6015.774	6756.195	7909.794	3899.975	4408.338	5219.628	129462											
21	1				13882.55	34836.434	69422.7	27218.69	30783.41	37589.07	13575.03	17004.41	21382.06	0.30475	0.372755	0.425913	6041.236	7736.753	8897.675	3985.974	4961.909	6936.194	144746.2											
22	5				11342.14	18131.247	56784.93	17418.97	27152.26	27546.54	9697.26	11960.93	15885.78	0.308524	0.388311	0.413562	4095.436	5531.677	7118.758	2931.577	4328.709	5236.127	119329.5											
23	1				17869.23	29152.882	59011.87	27356.32	28024.65	35012.83	12806.2	16766.31	18836.3	0.288975	0.329973	0.450898	6004.967	7681.537	8402.888	3150.493	4584.634	6203.029	131932.2											
24	4				11185.09	18685.295	56783.5	17770.43	26486.87	35096.64	10133.84	12794.16	20313.3	0.283085	0.34625	0.410821	4080.276	6254.259	7967.071	2931.577	4208.958	5284.899	118553											
25	3				10429.94	23728.5	58584.37	19577.25	30947.8	37509.6	12568.66	15309.75	20937.44	0.253284	0.364938	0.438088	4524.497	7071.243	8069.402	3280.257	4643.001	5686.888	129499											
26	2				13333.83	25836.92	70559.41	23203.46	26571.65	34005.97	11102.81	15691.09	20593.8	0.264953	0.402768	0.439623	5625.803	6740.934	8722.778	3099.748	4329.748	5997.379	133287.1											
27	0				11185.96	36562.844	65557.21	25736.55	29048.47	38550.37	14214.77	17474.05	22319.25	0.294662	0.379659	0.430866	5654.319	7722.047	9405.864	4393.828	4830.804	6581.92	134514.1											
28	1				12448.01	32829.012	52312.83	21554.64	26980.16	29322.65	11113.93	13732.77	18598.0	0.2657	0.349427	0.442488	4068.527	6176.732	7174.527	2725.988	3956.967	4635.772	108015.6											
29	5				10727.67	18995.913	54720.05	18944.37	23278.8	38632.22	10942.45	15810.26	2176.77	0.218425	0.328101	0.419205	3497.974	5715.315	9337.689	2534.452	4450.470	6400.682	136549											
30	2				18352.73	32267.445	57504.01	27259.63	33616.59	38654.33	12088.52	16962.21	22136.38	0.311432	0.360680	0.434269	6181.446	7648.953	9458.854	3940.137	4707.813	6307.586	150511.1											
31	1				10852.99	23653.363	46757.53	19390.16	26134.46	35444.81	10313.87	14769.73	21943	0.270362	0.302478	0.338172	3654.8	5700.217	7710.547	2724.889	3994.369	4916.057	119424.2											
32	0				11182.7	35974.828	57136.98	23743.89	27241.76	34076.39	10931.44	14299.58	19530.43	0.346589	0.391072	0.433537	5600.103	7070.019	7957.999	3653.144	4367.528	6305.943	113893.6											
33	3				12408.06	34002.769	58368.11	22250.14	25530	33662.39	13998.36	18527.85	0.282959	0.384242	0.439694	4781.786	6413.889	8455.485	3275.218	4047.167	5640.342	126644.8												
34	1				11317.62	19955.804	59075.64	21758.37	29719.74	37564.82	12679.23	16534.72	20846.94	0.2157	0.319979	0.390842	3606.78	6902.302	7891.33	2931.577	4625.027	5033.079	126007.6											
35	5				10712.78	20660.335	43515.48	17883.33	20848.97	23553.1	9754.896	10889.39	14501.34	0.243445	0.309538	0.376198	4312.461	4906.891	6007.901	2093.398	3316.421	3634.42	93749.72											
36	1																																	

Table 6. Results of long- term stochastic simulations. Probabilities of SSB<Bpa, SSB<Blim and values of SSB, yield, landings, recruitment and fishing mortality. Settings: F target=0.3, the limit on year-to-year variation in catches by equation TACy = TACf + 0.2 * (TACy-1 – TACf), addition restriction: adjusting of TAC not used if SSB<Bpa

Percentile 25		Percentile 50		Percentile 75		Percentile 90		Percentile 95		Percentile 99		Percentile 99.5		Percentile 99.9		Percentile 99.95		Percentile 99.99		Percentile 99.995		Percentile 99.999		Percentile 99.9995		Percentile 99.9999		Percentile 99.99995		Percentile 99.99999		Percentile 99.999995		Percentile 99.999999		Percentile 99.9999995		Percentile 99.9999999		Percentile 99.99999995		Percentile 99.99999999		Percentile 99.999999995		Percentile 99.999999999		Percentile 99.9999999995		Percentile 99.9999999999		Percentile 99.99999999995		Percentile 99.99999999999		Percentile 99.999999999995		Percentile 99.999999999999		Percentile 99.9999999999995		Percentile 99.9999999999999		Percentile 99.99999999999995		Percentile 99.99999999999999		Percentile 99.999999999999995		Percentile 99.999999999999999		Percentile 99.9999999999999995		Percentile 99.9999999999999999		Percentile 99.99999999999999995		Percentile 99.99999999999999999		Percentile 99.999999999999999995		Percentile 99.999999999999999999		Percentile 99.9999999999999999995		Percentile 99.9999999999999999999		Percentile 99.99999999999999999995		Percentile 99.99999999999999999999		Percentile 99.999999999999999999995		Percentile 99.999999999999999999999		Percentile 99.9999999999999999999995		Percentile 99.9999999999999999999999		Percentile 99.99999999999999999999995		Percentile 99.99999999999999999999999		Percentile 99.999999999999999999999995		Percentile 99.999999999999999999999999		Percentile 99.9999999999999999999999995		Percentile 99.9999999999999999999999999		Percentile 99.99999999999999999999999995		Percentile 99.99999999999999999999999999		Percentile 99.999999999999999999999999995		Percentile 99.999999999999999999999999999		Percentile 99.9999999999999999999999999995		Percentile 99.9999999999999999999999999999		Percentile 99.99999999999999999999999999995		Percentile 99.99999999999999999999999999999		Percentile 99.999999999999999999999999999995		Percentile 99.999999999999999999999999999999		Percentile 99.9999999999999999999999999999995		Percentile 99.9999999999999999999999999999999		Percentile 99.99999999999999999999999999999995		Percentile 99.99999999999999999999999999999999		Percentile 99.999999999999999999999999999999995		Percentile 99.999999999999999999999999999999999		Percentile 99.9999999999999999999999999999999995		Percentile 99.9999999999999999999999999999999999		Percentile 99.99999999999999999999999999999999995		Percentile 99.99999999999999999999999999999999999		Percentile 99.999999999999999999999999999999999995		Percentile 99.999999999999999999999999999999999999		Percentile 99.9999999999999999999999999999999999995		Percentile 99.9999999999999999999999999999999999999		Percentile 99.99999999999999999999999999999999999995		Percentile 99.99999999999999999999999999999999999999		Percentile 99.999999999999999999999999999999999999995		Percentile 99.99		Percentile 99.995		Percentile 99.99		Percentile 99.995		Percentile 99.99		Percentile 99.9995		Percentile 99.99		Percentile 99.995		Percentile 99.99		Percentile 99.995		Percentile 99.99		Percentile 99.995		Percentile 99.99		Percentile 99.9995		Percentile 99.999		Percentile 99.995		Percentile 99.999		Percentile 99.995		Percentile 99.999		Percentile 99.995		Percentile 99.999		Percentile 99.995		Percentile 99.999		Percentile 99.995		Percentile 99.999		Percentile 99.995		Percentile 99.99		Percentile 99.9995		Percentile 99.999		Percentile 99.995		Percentile 99.99		Percentile 99.9995		Percentile 99.999		Percentile 99.995		Percentile 99.99		Percentile 99.9995		Percentile 99.999	
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Iteration	N	SSB-Bpa (N)	SSB-Blim (N)	Recruits *1000				TSB				SSB				F				Catch (landings+discards).t				Landing.t				Landing.t
				25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	95 Percent	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	95 Percent	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	95 Percent	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	95 Percent	25 Percent	50 Percent	75 Percent	95 Percent					
1	2	0	13376.95	29147.224	67535.31	22416.64	30876.72	36675.75	12899.89	15302.52	19640.91	0.296555	0.364244	0.42031	5840.344	7437.125	8161.566	3496.595	4638.146	5462.428	130497							
2	1	0	14086.61	31808.612	58450.95	24789.63	29179.71	33911.83	14273.9	16355.09	20120.12	0.293051	0.376198	0.431108	5761.999	7213.748	8487.595	3979.335	4496.071	5383.951	134583.6							
3	6	0	13201.21	26794.805	64800.96	19194.32	32111.51	38075.92	10060.42	17667.74	21802.37	0.326476	0.35521	0.393413	4623.226	7568.48	9043.992	2931.577	6099.513	6892.288	138663.6							
4	2	0	12468.26	26092.394	61865.83	21257.18	27430.64	34457.59	12660.51	16117.77	22053.37	0.269884	0.315068	0.366609	5238.118	6233.318	8224.146	3218.634	4419.444	5179.466	134188.8							
5	2	0	10536.41	23692.845	49159.84	20228.25	24306.16	32443.44	11025.59	13570.94	19465.68	0.286273	0.388798	0.446098	4787.772	6706.898	7999.151	3055.489	4366.954	5483.05	123703							
6	4	0	10232.97	15931.213	35430.32	18102.23	25442.65	34195.23	9514.836	11291.66	16217.29	0.19819	0.37471	0.459061	3407.974	5806.223	9445.214	2086.034	3650.369	6036.096	120782							
7	3	0	9623.713	17574.894	54544.91	19196.44	27987.28	36033.5	10314.23	13506.06	20529.69	0.227542	0.34104	0.431141	3849.986	6485.162	7743.899	2931.577	4204.344	6505.169	120279.3							
8	0	0	11102.1	36663.727	70472.73	22457.86	35080.92	45564.42	11697.8	17330.16	25276.61	0.289549	0.344655	0.408786	4447.342	7843.583	10968.19	2942.911	4763.571	6892.65	144453.1							
9	3	0	9147.659	21332.339	54783.44	19173.96	31226.67	36476.73	11059.76	16082.07	20973.2	0.27098	0.341446	0.429491	4272.203	6456.82	8683.389	3097.196	4329.746	5997.379	133029.9							
10	2	0	9408.862	37229.615	61850.59	24805.54	31774.93	40475.26	13099.62	17541.98	26572.52	0.368644	0.423193	0.489166	5895.549	7136.074	9029.071	4038.264	4522.473	6397.147	156737.2							
11	3	0	8829.369	25343.219	59372.85	21081.84	35092.26	44341.95	10244.27	17203.41	28253.07	0.275994	0.334621	0.430839	6377.792	7947.953	10046.88	3382.536	5486.893	6821.53	152744.3							
12	0	0	12136.9	27243.114	62426.94	22875.9	30613.05	40283.29	12915.36	16796.94	22099.97	0.226739	0.374984	0.43875	3957.766	7383.362	11060.51	2596.419	5217.787	7179.466	142091.3							
13	2	0	12258.95	21503.759	58697.86	21744.26	27827.99	35002.05	10657.15	15728.24	18033.44	0.271736	0.364759	0.411383	4173.958	6897.3	8255.824	2931.577	4263.173	5289	123037.4							
14	1	0	18623.72	36690.954	80279.27	27197.84	33524.96	40128.91	11309.4	16544.7	2187.121	0.340661	0.417336	0.489166	6275.095	7994.527	9735.015	3645.244	5364.061	6273.226	145028							
15	4	0	10291.86	16561.912	52145.2	18465.62	22810.35	32459.85	10762.05	12672.3	17520.19	0.327411	0.448039	0.418468	6333.75	7663.786	9331.577	4104.046	5366.135	7125.938	121538.9							
16	2	0	9789.746	28047.859	54087.15	21080.38	29779.44	34149.65	11393.13	13998.66	18802.72	0.256103	0.347348	0.451664	4403.357	7015.273	8533.206	2931.577	4523.701	6481.467	121241.6							
17	4	0	14017.7	27023.551	44324.41	20256.96	25454.17	29318.98	10509.6	14272.79	16465.45	0.320166	0.38922	0.424466	5037.74	6498.251	7706.882	3827.807	4387.942	4996.396	121153.5							
18	5	0	15373.95	25436.35	49762.01	18946.41	29326.27	34037.04	10193.88	16723.52	19569.47	0.279194	0.352028	0.431384	4314.28	6594.657	8231.474	2900.024	4389.237	5078.056	127533.8							
19	1	0	11234.88	19122.972	58910.1	21843.74	25011.54	29391.92	11020.47	13706.5	17937.31	0.263735	0.350008	0.41353	4902.311	5695.657	6981.028	3053.376	3983.225	4699.829	113489.9							
20	1	0	13236.26	28003.638	62366.81	25737.05	30344.88	35421.25	13647.36	16645.31	19381.27	0.288851	0.364628	0.423525	6015.774	7378.024	7909.794	3536.411	4404.159	6035.935	129346.6							
21	1	0	13982.55	34836.434	69422.7	27218.69	30783.41	37589.07	13575.03	17004.41	21382.06	0.30475	0.37255	0.425913	6041.236	7736.573	8897.675	3985.974	4961.909	5936.194	144746.2							
22	4	0	11342.37	18149.157	56744.56	17468.3	22241.67	27552.18	9651.989	12054.75	15886.24	0.308524	0.38311	0.412844	4096.436	5531.677	7124.051	2931.577	3630.257	4390.515	116933							
23	1	0	17206.15	29152.887	58964.58	27340.38	28984.8	34983.21	12781.81	16749.09	19815.69	0.288457	0.329973	0.450871	6202.702	7697.007	9404.717	5172.456	6489.814	8200.835	148923.2							
24	4	0	11185.09	18685.295	57683.5	17770.43	26486.87	35096.54	10133.84	12794.16	20313.3	0.283085	0.34625	0.410821	4080.276	6254.259	7967.071	2931.577	4208.956	5284.899	118553							
25	3	0	10470.43	23728.5	58603.36	19577.25	30947.8	37509.6	11079.41	15309.75	20937.44	0.253284	0.364938	0.438088	4559.193	7071.243	8069.402	3309.39	4643.001	5686.888	129478.6							
26	1	0	13433.83	25336.92	70559.41	23203.46	26870.16	34005.97	11102.91	15691.09	20593.8	0.264953	0.402768	0.439623	5625.803	6740.941	8722.778	3099.746	4291.829	5844.326	133116.5							
27	0	0	11207.04	30302.818	65557.21	25711.52	32650.24	38503.61	14214.77	17474.05	2189.16	0.29628	0.338098	0.430866	5557.594	7458.173	8374.822	4889.408	6263.997	7357.143	137496.9							
28	1	0	12448.01	32829.012	52312.83	21554.64	26950.16	29632.65	11102.91	13732.77	18958.0	0.2657	0.349427	0.442488	4068.527	6176.732	7174.527	2725.988	3956.967	4635.772	108051.6							
29	5	0	10727.67	18995.913	54720.05	18944.37	32378.8	38632.22	10942.45	15810.26	2176.77	0.218425	0.326801	0.419205	3497.974	5715.315	9337.689	2534.452	4450.470	6400.682	136549							
30	2	0	18352.73	32267.445	57504.01	27529.63	33616.59	38654.33	13288.52	16962.21	22136.38	0.311432	0.381048	0.434269	6181.446	7648.953	9455.854	3940.137	4770.813	6307.586	150511.1							
31	1	0	10852.99	23653.267	46757.53	19390.16	26134.46	35444.81	10331.87	14769.73	21943	0.270362	0.302478	0.338172	3654.8	5891.957	7710.547	2724.889	3994.369	6016.057	119424.2							
32	0	0	11182.7	35974.828	57136.98	23743.89	27241.76	34076.39	10931.44	14299.58	19530.43	0.346589	0.391072	0.433537	5600.103	7070.019	7957.999	3653.144	4367.529	5305.943	113933.6							
33	3	0	12408.06	34002.769	58368.11	22250.14	25530	33662.39	13891.31	13998.36	18527.85	0.282959	0.384525	0.439694	4781.786	6413.889	8455.485	3275.218	4047.167	5940.342	126644.8							
34	1	0	11218.77	19960.353	58337.62	21758.37	29536.33	37562.72	13424.24	15409.57	20844.48	0.2157	0.311939	0.386659	3606.78	6662.209	7829.064	2931.577	4612.452	4959.473	125717.7							
35	5	0	12434.78	20860.536	43515.48	17883.33	20848.97	23353.1	9754.896	10880.16	14051.34	0.243445	0.309525	0.414881	4938.891	6807.901	7993.289	3215.033	4247.582	4974.728	117814.3							
36	1	0	18065.66	32642.904	61846.11	26088.38	30644.69	33468.07	13143	13948.67	19034.7	0.393453	0.501746	0.577897	8055.377	1375.231	1375.231	4191.166	5603.94	6289.63	128960.2							
37	7	0	9716.966	18184.179	44963.36	16858.44	20650.53	33712.95	9545.582	12636.39	20693.62	0.236428	0.338592	0.404089	3281.353	4729.367	9250.094	1953.343	3215.046	5250.7	115242.7							
38	1	0	12047.34	21545.626	59624.74	22606.92	27995.86	33323.74	11771.52	14797.7	18439.12	0.31968	0.407111	0.447598	4980.607	6760.721	8167.739	3286.709	4378.519	5234.227	127316.5							
39	1	0																										

Annex 7 – Additional Information provided during the RG/ADGHADDOK

Additional notes following Needle and Mosqueira (2011)

The following results come from a run carried out on 23/08/2011, taking 1 hour 47 minutes. A target F of 0.4 was assumed. The results in Figures 1-3 are based on ALL 500 iteration runs (i.e. including those for which true F reached to FLR-imposed maximum of 2.0), while Figures 4-6 give the results when the 56 runs for which F reached 2.0 have been removed (as I would still argue that these need to be dealt with in *some* way!).

Note that these plots will not be identical to those in Needle and Mosqueira, as a different set of randomised recruitment values has been used.

The conclusion from Figure 2 is that, on average, B will be less than B_{pa} for 2 years out of the 20 years included in the simulation. Figure 3 shows that the probability of B being less than B_{pa} increases steadily as the simulations progress forward in time. Stripping the $F = 2.0$ runs from the analysis reduces these probabilities by about 50%, so the removal of these runs is very influential (more than I would have thought).

True stock values: all 500 iterations

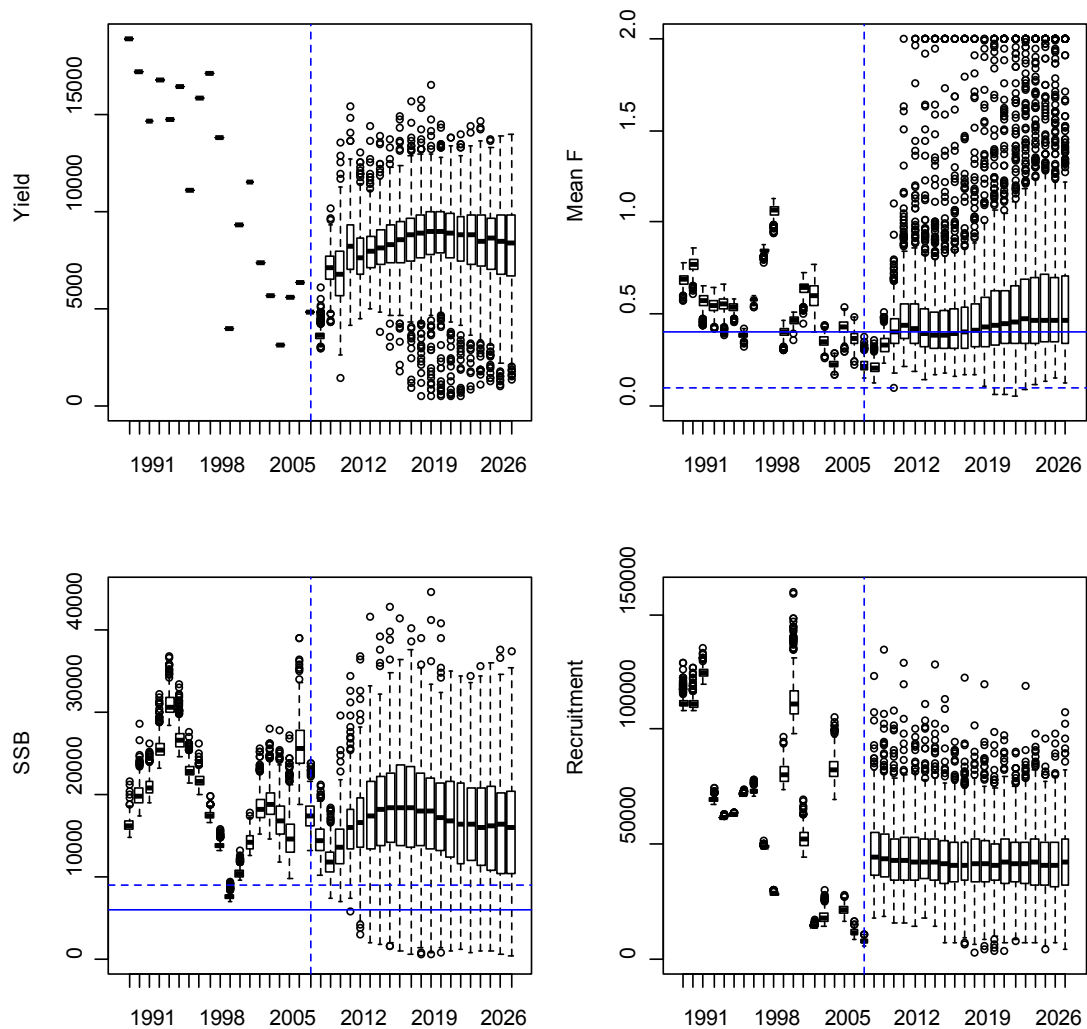


Figure 1 (cf. Figure 10 in Needle and Mosqueira) – target $F = 0.4$, all 500 iterations included:

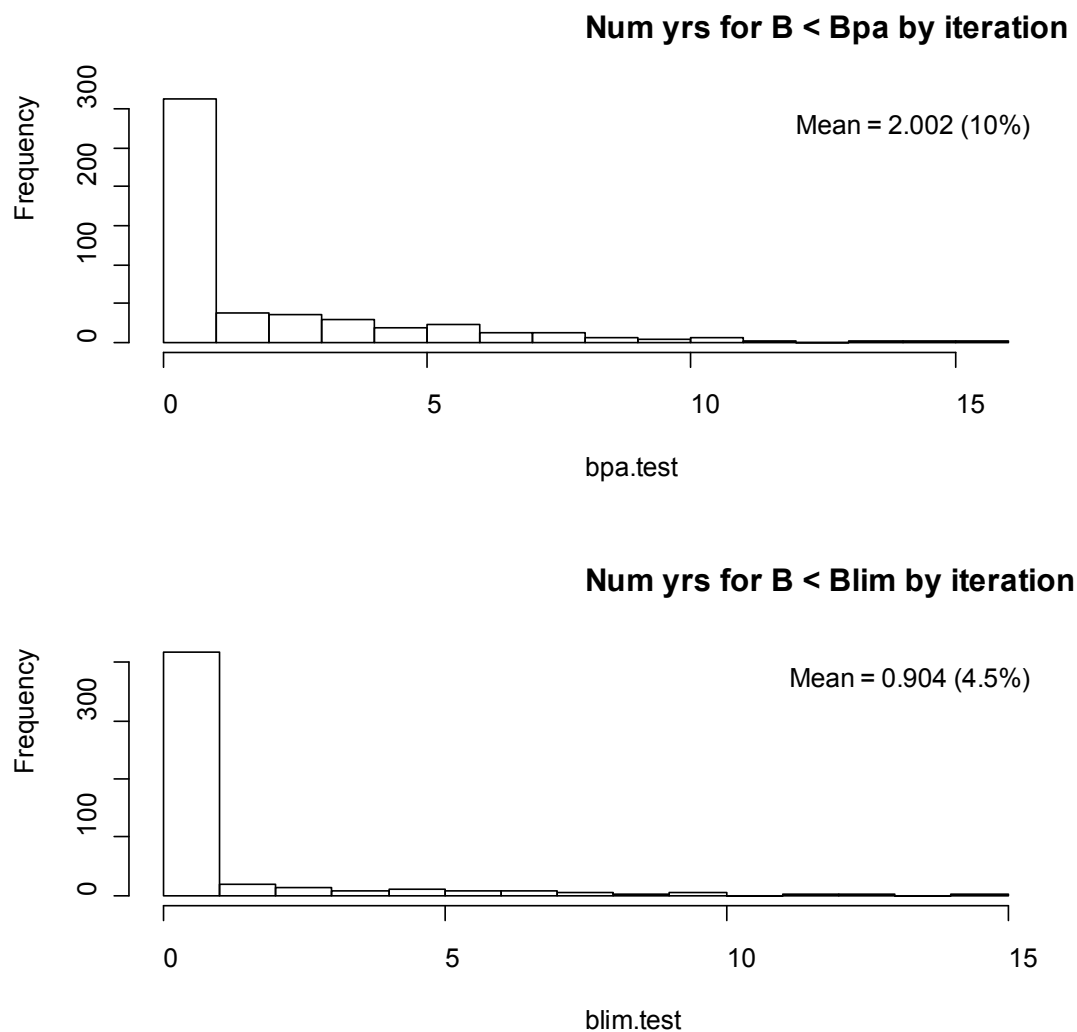


Figure 2 (cf. Figure 12 in Needle and Mosqueira) – target $F = 0.4$, all 500 iterations included:

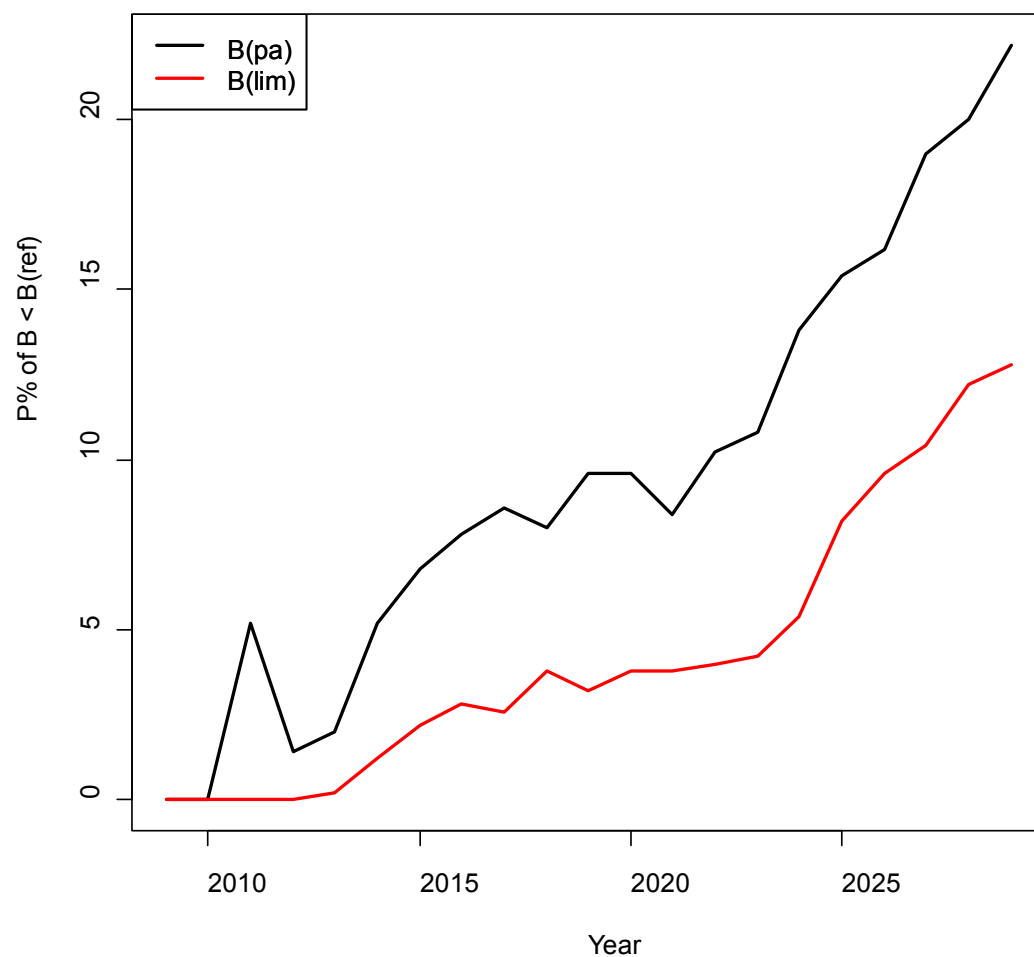


Figure 3: probability (over all 500 iterations) of $B < B(pa)$ or $B < B(lim)$, assuming target $F = 0.4$.

True stock values: all 444 stripped iterations

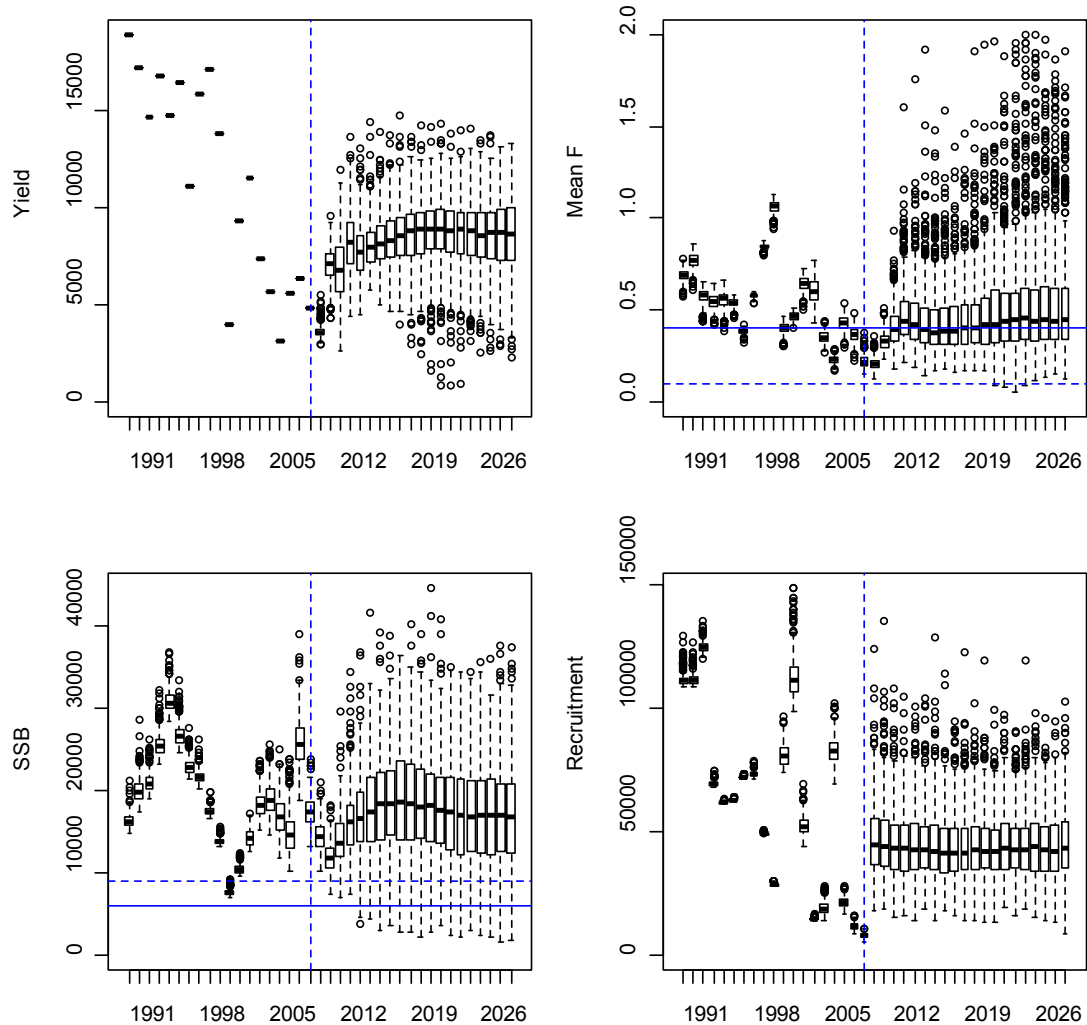


Figure 4: as Figure 1 but for 444 stripped iterations

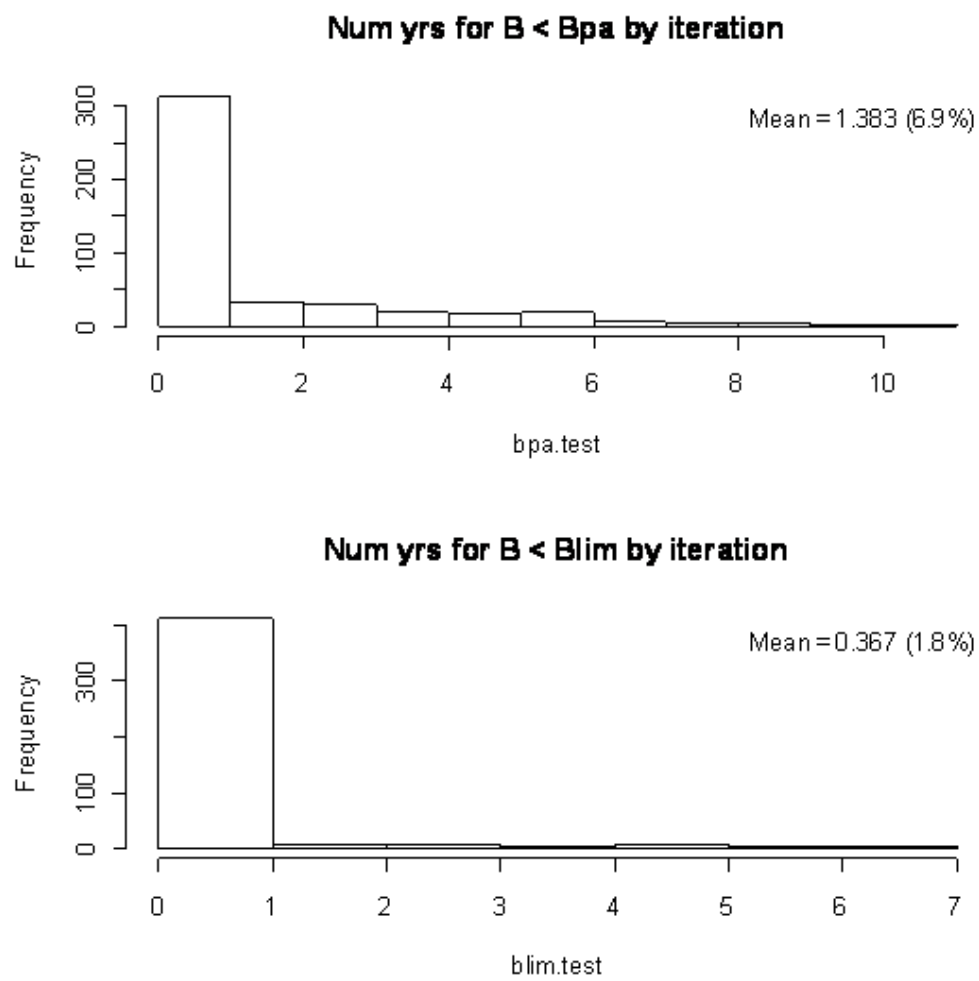


Figure 5: as Figure 2 but for 444 stripped iterations

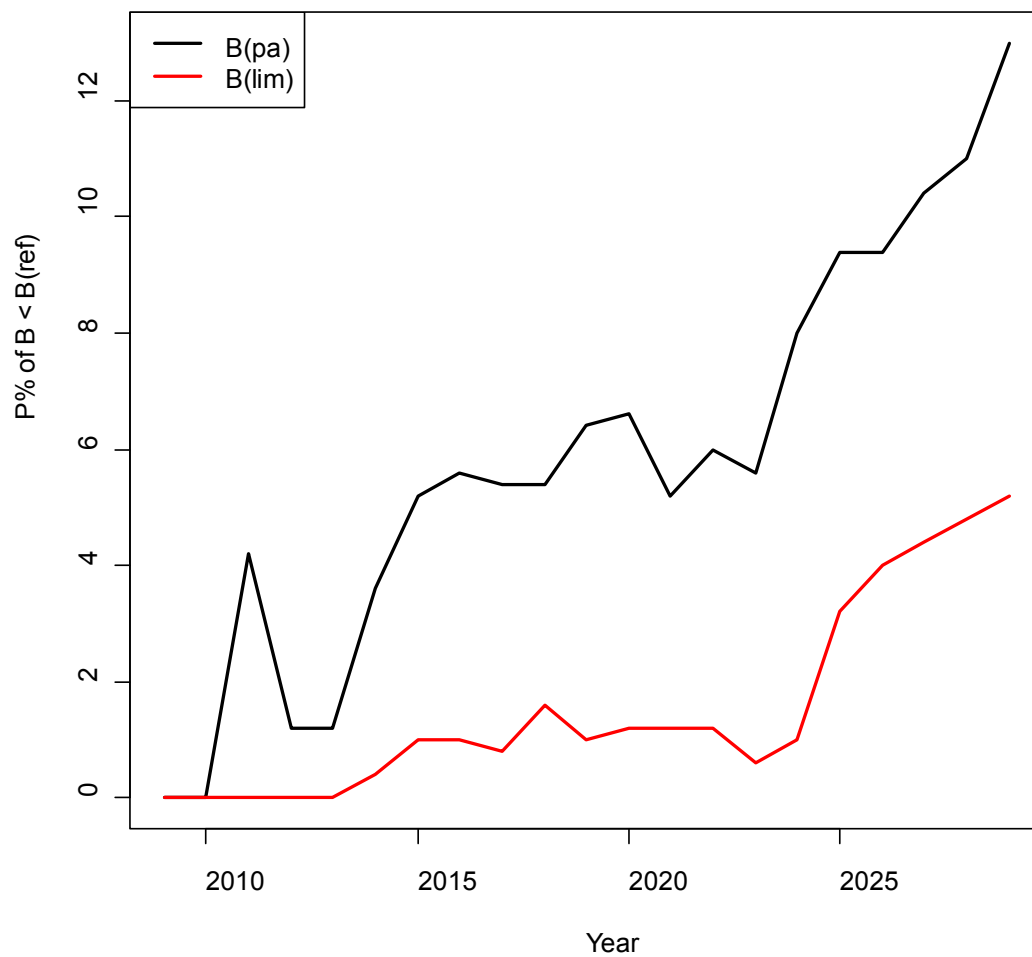


Figure 6: as Figure 3 but for 444 stripped iterations

Annex 8 – Technical Minutes of peer review

Review /Advice Drafting Group

NEAFC request on Rockall Haddock Management Plan Evaluation

Review group Technical Minutes

23-24 August 2011

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General

The RG/ADG considered analyses regarding a request from NEAFC for an evaluation of a proposal for the harvest control rule (HCR) component of a long-term management plan for Rockall Haddock (see Annex 1 –Request). The RG/ADG worked by correspondence and three WEBEX meetings. The RG/ADG received two separate analyses (Needle and Mosqueira WD2011 and Khlivnoy WD2011) to consider since the timing of the analyses did not allow for a unified analysis to be received from WGCSE. The material for the review was received by the RG/ADG on August 15 about 5 working days prior to the start of the RG/ADG meeting. As can be the case in these reviews, clarification had to be sought from the principals involved in the analyses. While documentation of the analyses was provided, the level of details of the documentation required for these types of analyses to conduct a proper review is high and was incomplete on some aspects of the methodology. This required a number of exchanges to obtain clarifications. The RG/ADG received good collaboration from the analysts who conducted the analyses. Without the help of those involved in the analyses, the review could not have been completed. However, there were issues in understanding the analyses due to terminology differences, translation and WEBEX sound quality such that full understanding of the analyses was not possible. The RG/ADG notes that availability of the analysts during the review is essential for these to be efficient.

Technical comments

a) Main conclusions

While the analyses performed were evaluated to have been well conducted, the RG estimates that no definite conclusion could be made on the precautionary aspects of the plan. This was because a larger range of analyses would be required in order to be able to conclude as to whether the plan was precautionary or not. Specifically:

- The assumed stock-recruitment relationship makes the simulations very unlikely to reproduce a period of low recruitments under moderately high SSB, as experienced in recent years (even with the random variability assumed around the stock-recruitment relationship).
- The evaluation follows the example of the ICES stock assessment in not allowing explicitly for the presence of two fleets (EU and RF) with very different characteristics, especially in terms of fishing pattern. The relative catches of these 2 fleets have been highly variable in the past. Using a constant selection in the simulations is unlikely to reflect future conditions
- The analyses assumed perfect implementation, i.e. the set TAC is not exceeded but this condition is unlikely to be met.

b) Secondary issues

i - Comments relative to the draft HCR

Although the assumed objective of Paragraph 3 of the proposed HCR is TAC stability, the proposed HCR is different from rules in other management plans to promote TAC stability. The rule implied by paragraph 3 allows for stability when the TAC in the previous year is close to the value calculated in Paragraph 2.

Paragraph 4 only provides continuity in terms of the F value to be applied in the TAC year with respect to paragraph 2 when the target F in paragraph 2 is 0.3. The way the proposed HCR is stated currently produces a discontinuity in the F to be applied in the TAC year when $F_{\text{target}}=0.4$ depending on whether the SSB computed in paragraph 2 is just above or just below Bpa. This issue should be examined if further requests for evaluation are prepared.

ii - Specific comments on the working documents

The main difference in terms of methodology between the two WDs was that one used forecasts with uncertainties (including accounting for errors in the assessment) while the other combined forecast and re-assessment with uncertainties in both. The RG/ADG noted that the second approach is the one more frequently adopted for such analyses.

As noted above, the relationship between stock and recruitment (S-R) is very weak but it was further noted that the parameters of the S-R of the Needle-Mosqueira and the Khlivnoy analyses were different. A possible cause could be the slightly different time series used in the two analyses to estimate the relationships, but it could not be clarified whether there might be other reasons too.

The authors noted that the work represents evaluations of the likely performance of a management plan. In reality, what is being evaluated is a harvest control rule that may form a part of a management plan. Other management plans (e.g. cod) contain a wide range of other attributes such as effort constraints, technical measures, etc.

a) Needle-Mosqueira working document

Overall, the text was relatively clear. Details that were not provided in the text were, for the most part, clarified with the analyst. An additional analysis was also performed during the RG/ADG.

On page 2, the comment '*...the resulting code on which this paper is based cannot be guaranteed to be error-free*' was of concern to the RG/ADG group in terms of confidence in the analyses. Upon further discussion with the analyst, it was accepted that much the code had been reasonably tested (particularly the FLR bits) and would be used as the basis for

advice. However, the RG considers that thorough checking of all aspects of the code is required for future analyses based on the code presently developed.

In the equation at the bottom of page 2, the “epsilon” factor in this formula needs to be exponentiated.

The selection pattern at age for the simulations was not adequately described in the WD.

On page 5, the sentence ‘*The median values from these plots are the result of smoothing across different realisations of recruitments, and are therefore only useful as an indication of likely future events.*’ suggested that some type of smoothing was applied. This was not the case and the sentence should be clarified. It was explained that the word smoothing is probably inappropriate, the meaning being that the trajectory of the median is unlikely to correspond to any individual trajectory (among the 500 iterations).

In the simulation package used by Needle-Mosqueira, the maximum value of F is set at 2.0. It was noted that the potential impacts of the constraint of F on the results of the analyses should be investigated. Furthermore, the simulations that reached the constraint were excluded from the results as they were difficult to explain. The RG concluded that excluding these simulations would result in an underestimation of the probabilities of falling below biomass reference points. Other techniques of restricting F increases between years in simulations should also be explored.

On the third line of second paragraph page 6, there was reference to 9 evaluations runs but there are only 2.

In Table 1 (page 6), the value 1.69 should be replaced by 0.169.

It would be useful for analyses of this type to provide data on the number of years for which F is above the target as well as indicating the probability of being above the target in specific years (for example, 2015 and 2030).

There was reference to true F and assessed F in the document. A clear explanation of the terms “true” and “assessed” would be useful. It was explained that the true F is what the stock is actually subjected to (using $F = \ln(N_a/N(a+1)) - M$), while the assessed F is what the FLXSA assessment says the F is (on the basis of catch and survey data).

In Figure 7, for the years just before 2020, the XSA assessments (red lines) seemed to overestimate F and also overestimate SSB and recruitment (truth is black lines), yet the catch values were fit exactly (top left panel of Figure 7). This could not be fully explained. In a discussion with the analyst, the latter mentioned that the catch data used for the XSA assessment during the management strategy evaluation phase is not the “true” catch but has a 10% error. This should be explained in the working document (which did not mention it), as well as how the error in the catch is exactly incorporated (e.g. whether it differs for different ages or is the same for all ages, whether it is incorporated in catch in weight or in numbers, etc). It was thought unlikely that this was the cause of the overestimation of F and SSB in the years before 2020 in Figure 7, although it was noted that the catch displayed in the top left panel of Figure 7 is the “true” catch and not the catch data that goes into the XSA assessment.

There was some confusion about the interpretation of the box plots whiskers in Figures 9 and 10. It appears that the description in the caption did not match the representation. This produced an apparent discrepancy between the results of Figs 9 and 10 as well as the results shown in different figures (Figs 9-10 and 11-12). It has been explained that these whiskers are not the 5% and 95% percentiles as indicated in the captions of Figures 9 and 10. Instead, the R help tool indicates that the whiskers correspond to the more usual definition of boxplots and are based on 1.5 times the inter-quartile range.

An additional run was conducted with a target $F = 0.4$ with the objective of calculating the actual probabilities of $SSB < B_{pa}$ or B_{lim} in each of the next 20 years (in addition to calculating the number of these years in which SSB may be expected to be below B_{pa} or B_{lim}). These results suggested that on average SSB will be less than B_{pa} in 2 out of the 20 years and slightly less than 1 year in 20 for $B < B_{lim}$ when including all iterations (i.e. including those reaching the constraint of $F = 2.0$). The probabilities that $SSB < B_{pa}$ or B_{lim} showed an increasing trend over the 20 year period, being above 20% and 10%, respectively, in some years at the end of the period. This suggested that analyses including low recruitment scenarios, other assumptions for the selection pattern and implementation error, which would lead to higher probabilities of $SSB < B_{pa}$ or B_{lim} , may indicate that the HCR's for this target F may not be precautionary. It was noted that whether or not the simulations when F reaches the constraint of 2.0 are included in the result has a large influence on the conclusions. Excluding these simulations reduces the abovementioned probabilities by about 50%.

b) Khlivnoy working document

Generally, the description of the analyses was more difficult to understand. Responses provided by the analyst helped in the understanding but differences as to the meaning of terms and translation and WEBEX connection difficulties left some issues unclear.

The document examined more scenarios than the Needle-Mosqueira document and examined other HCR's than those suggested in the request, including an HCR that would remove discontinuities in F referred to above. The RG/ADG considered that even though these options are not in the draft of the proposed HCRs, they are particularly relevant.

The paper notes that there is only accurate data on landings, in fact this isn't the case either as there is considerable area misreporting between VIb, VIa and IVa. Where information is available, this is now reported by WGCSE.

It was understood that the inputs used as the basis for the analysis were those used in the most recent assessment of the stock conducted in 2011 (unlike the Needle-Mosqueira analysis, which started from the stock assessment conducted in 2010).

The document referred to a method of random numbers a few times to introduce variability (recruitment estimates and assessment errors) but it was unclear how the method was used. Further clarifications would be required to explain how this was conducted.

It was not entirely clear how the "assessment error" feature was incorporated in the management strategy evaluation. Also the RG suspects that the "assessment errors" were based on SSB and not TSB (total stock biomass) as indicated in the document, but this needs to be checked and clarified by the author.

In Table 1 (page 8), it was unclear what 'YES' and 'NO' meant for the analyses. It was concluded that when one column contained a NO the TAC constraint was not removed, whereas when it contained a YES the TAC constraint was removed.

Suggestions for changes in the HCR with regards to setting the TAC on landings versus on total catches were provided by the author of the paper but the RG/ADG concluded that setting the TAC on total catches could be feasible if adequate monitoring mechanisms for these were in place.

As for the Needle-Mosqueira work, the RG considers that thorough checking of all aspects of the code used for this analysis is required for future analyses based on the code presently developed.

Conclusion

The analyses reviewed by the RG on the proposed harvest control rules (HCR's) of a long-term management plan for Rockall haddock were considered preliminary and incomplete. The RG/ADG could thus not confidently conclude whether the HCR's are consistent with the precautionary approach or not.

While the simulations appear to be not that different to approaches used elsewhere, additional documentation would have been useful. It would be beneficial that some of the points outlined above are examined in more detail and other management options are also evaluated e.g. improvements in the selection profile of the fishery. Additionally, thorough checking of all aspects of the code is required.

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