



Serial No. N7503

NAFO SCS Doc. 24/07

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL MEETING - JUNE 2024

National Research Report of Japan (2024)

Japan Fisheries Research and Education Agency, Japan

Contents

1. Summary -----	02
2. Introduction-----	02
3. Data (1980-2023) -----	03
4. Overviews (NAFO CA) -----	03-08
5. SUBARAE 3	
<i>A: Status of fisheries</i>	
5.1 Overview (Subarea 3)	
(1) Fisheries-----	09-13
(2) Size frequencies-----	14-23
5.2 Division 3K-----	24
5.3 Division 3L-----	25
5.4 Division 3M-----	26
5.5 Division 3N-----	27
5.6 Division 3O-----	28
5.7 Incidental bycatch of Greenland shark-----	29
5.8 Encounter of VMEs -----	30
<i>B: Special Research Studies</i> -----	31
6. Acknowledgements -----	31
7. References -----	31
8. Annex A Frequency of total/fork length by 0.5 cm for GLH, RED and YEL (2016-2023) -	33-41
Annex B Fishing vessel operated in recent years (2016-2024) -----	42



1. Summary

Since April 8, 2016, one Japanese otter trawler, FV No 68 Fukuyoshi maru has been operating in Div. 3L and 3M. The total catch including discards was 1 214 tons in 2023. Main target stock was SA2+3KLMNO Greenland halibut (GHL) (1 151 tons in 3L and 3M). There were small catches of redfish (5 tons) in 3M and no catches of yellowtail flounder in 2023. Following recommendation in the September SC meeting in 2023, aggregated total catch length distributions for five stocks were calculated by Division based on the designated protocol. The aggregated total catch length distributions of SA2+3KLMNO GHL in Division 3L formed unimodal in each year. The mean total length gradually decreased from 50 to 46cm during 2016-2021, but gradually increased from 46 to 48cm during 2021-2023. A total of 49 individuals of Greenland sharks were incidentally bycaught, mainly in the slope of Sackville Spur during 2021-2023. A total of 23 non-significant catches of Sea pen and 5 non-significant catches of Sponge occurred since 2016.

2. Introduction

Japan joined NAFO in 1980 and conducted fishing operations in the Convention area continuously for 29 years (1980-2008). From 2009, fishing operations stopped for 7 years (2009-2015) due to various reasons, i.e., socio-economics problems of fishing companies, Tsunami disasters (2011) and others. Fishing operations resumed in 2016 with one otter trawl fishing vessel and have continued till now (2024) (9th year after the resumption).

This document is the National Research Report (Japan), responding to a series of requests by SC and NAFO Secretariat (Table 1). Table 1 summarizes progress of these requests as reference.

Table 1. Summary of requests by SC and the Secretariat and responses by Japan
(as of May 5, 2024).

Information requested	NAFO circulation No.	Deadline	Response
• Environmental data	NAFO/24-030	April 15, 2024	No data available
• STATLANT 21A	NAFO/24-031	May 1, 2024	To be submitted by Fisheries Agency of JAPAN.
• National Research Report		May 3, 2024	This document
• Planned Surveys for 2024 and Early 2025			No surveys planned
• Lists of Biological Sampling Data during 2016-2023			Table 5 and Figs 7-11 of pages 15-20, Annex A of pages 29-33 (this document)
• List of Tag Releases in 2023 and early 2024			None
• Information on research vessel surveys on a stock-by-stock basis			No research vessel surveys
• STATLANT 21B		Aug 31, 2024	To be submitted by Fisheries Agency of JAPAN .

3. Data (1980-2023)

Three data sources used for this National Research Report of Japan are 'STATLANT21A (1980-2023)', 'STATLANT21B (1980-2023)', and 'Japanese Observer data (2016-2023)', which were officially provided by the Fisheries Agency of JAPAN, and the CESAG (2017-2023) and CDAG (2016) catches.

4. Overviews (NAFO CA) (1980-2023)

Before describing subarea-based information, the overall situation (1980-2023) since Japan joined NAFO in 1980, is reviewed.

4.1 Gear types

Table 2 shows gear types used in operations by year based on STATLANT 21 available in the NAFO database downloaded from the NAFO homepage (April 2024). Circles indicated gear types used, but numbers of vessels are unknown. Only the numbers of bottom otter trawlers operated are available, which were obtained from Ms Jana Aker (NAFO Fisheries Information Administrator) (January 2019) and the Fisheries Agency of Japan (September 2023). However, numbers are unknown for nine years.

Table 2. Gear types used in fishing operations (1980-2023).

Gear types used in fishing operations by Japan. Circles indicate that at least one vessel used the corresponding gear, but actual number of boats are unknown except bottom otter trawl in column [A]										
NAFO area code [STATLANT21B]		8	9	10	12	15	49	51	56	70
[A]*		[B] Gear type (STATLANT21B)								
Year	No. of bottom otter trawl operated	Bottom otter trawl (charters)	Midwater trawl	Bottom otter trawl (not specified)	Bottom otter trawl	Midwater trawl (stern)	Longlines (charters)	Set lines	Mechanized squid jigger	Dredge (charters)
1980	17	○			○	○				
1981	?	○			○	○				
1982	?	○	○		○	○				
1983	9				○	○				
1984	?	○			○	○				
1985	?	○			○	○				
1986	15	○			○		○			
1987	?	○			○	○	○			
1988	?	○			○	○	○			○
1989	21				○		○			
1990	?				○	○			○	
1991	?	○			○	○			○	
1992	?	○			○	○				
1993	2	○			○					
1994	2	○	○		○					
1995	2	○			○					
1996	2	○			○					
1997	2	○			○	○				
1998	2	○			○	○				
1999	2				○	○				
2000	2				○					
2001	2				○					
2002	2				○					
2003	2				○			○		
2004	1				○					
2005	1				○					
2006	1			○						
2007	1				○					
2008	1				○					
2009										
2010										
2011										
2012										No operations
2013										
2014										
2015										
2016	1				○					
2017	1				○					
2018	1				○					
2019	1				○					
2020	1				○					
2021	1				○					
2022	1				○					
2023	1				○					

*: Sources from NAFO Secretariat (1980,1983,1986,1989) and Fisheries Agency of Japan (1993-2023).

?: numbers are unknown.

Data source: STATLANT21A based on the official statistics provided by Fisheries Agency of Japan.

(1) Japan joined NAFO in 1980.

(2) Majority gear is the bottom otter trawl.

(3) Fishing vessel operated in recent years (2016-2023) is described in Annex B.

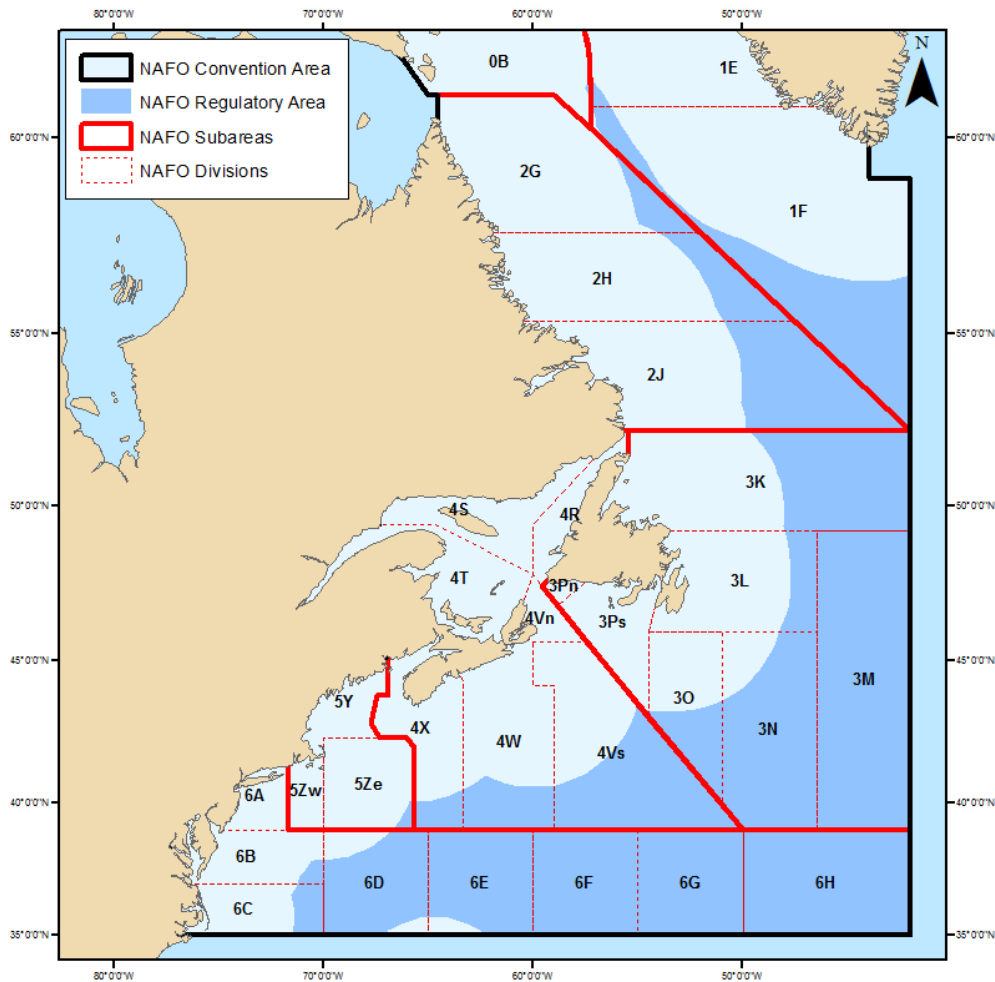
4.2 Catch by subarea (Table 3 and Map 1)

Table 3. Annual catch by sub-area (tons). All species and gears are combined (1980-2023).

Year	Subarea						Total	
	0	1	2	3	4	5		6
1980				2,223	18,683	4,652	5,850	31,408
1981				3,191	6,556	3,035	7,795	20,577
1982				6,479	1,416	1,853	5,204	14,952
1983				410	1,360	1,335	1,190	4,295
1984		802	1,221	3,667	2,094	718	1,548	10,050
1985		1,680	111	4,983	1,161	103	379	8,417
1986		2,079	1,546	6,077	1,845	79	229	11,855
1987		1,765	1,705	5,467	1,651			10,588
1988		2,045	1,463	5,085	1,041			9,634
1989		1,428	531	6,546	830			9,335
1990	124	1,189	1,745	6,797	2,182			12,037
1991	235	794	1,774	3,009	1,622	45		7,479
1992	386	3,011	968	5,715	763			10,843
1993	270	1,284	579	3,863				5,996
1994	674	874		1,822				3,370
1995	1,085	376		2,872				4,333
1996	522		28	3,333				3,883
1997				2,565			7	2,572
1998				3,109				3,109
1999				3,112				3,112
2000				2,941				2,941
2001				3,627				3,627
2002				3,389				3,389
2003				3,216				3,216
2004				1,948				1,948
2005				1,996				1,996
2006				1,901				1,901
2007				2,011				2,011
2008				1,972				1,972
2009								
2010								
2011								
2012				No operations				
2013								
2014								
2015								
2016				2,409				2,409
2017				2,595				2,595
2018				2,990				2,990
2019				2,786				2,786
2020				1,764				1,764
2021				1,716				1,716
2022				1,282				1,282
2023				1,214				1,214

Additional Note:

- (1) Data source: STATLANT21A based on the official statistics provided by Fisheries Agency of Japan.
- (2) Japan joined NAFO in 1980.
- (3) Majority gear is the bottom otter trawl.



Map 1. Map of NAFO CA highlighted subareas and Divisions.

Fig. 1 shows catch compositions among subareas (all species and gears combined but the majority gear is bottom otter trawler as indicated in Table 1). Japan operated in all of seven subareas (0-6) in the past, and subarea 3 was the major fishing ground during 1980-1996. From 1997 to now, subarea 3 is the only fishing ground for Japan.

Fig. 2 shows catch trends by subareas (all species and gears combined, but majority gears are bottom otter trawls). There is a shift of three different catch levels, i.e., during 1st stage (1980-1982), the catch level was the highest (15,000-31,000 tons), then in the 2nd stage (1983-1993) decreased by half (6,000-12,000 tons except 4,000 tons in 1983) and in the 3rd stage (1994-2008 and 2016-2023), it further decreased to less than 4,000 tons. The decreases are considered mainly due to constraints by TAC.

Subarea 3 has been the only fishing ground for Japan since 1997, thus this report describes the information in subarea 3.

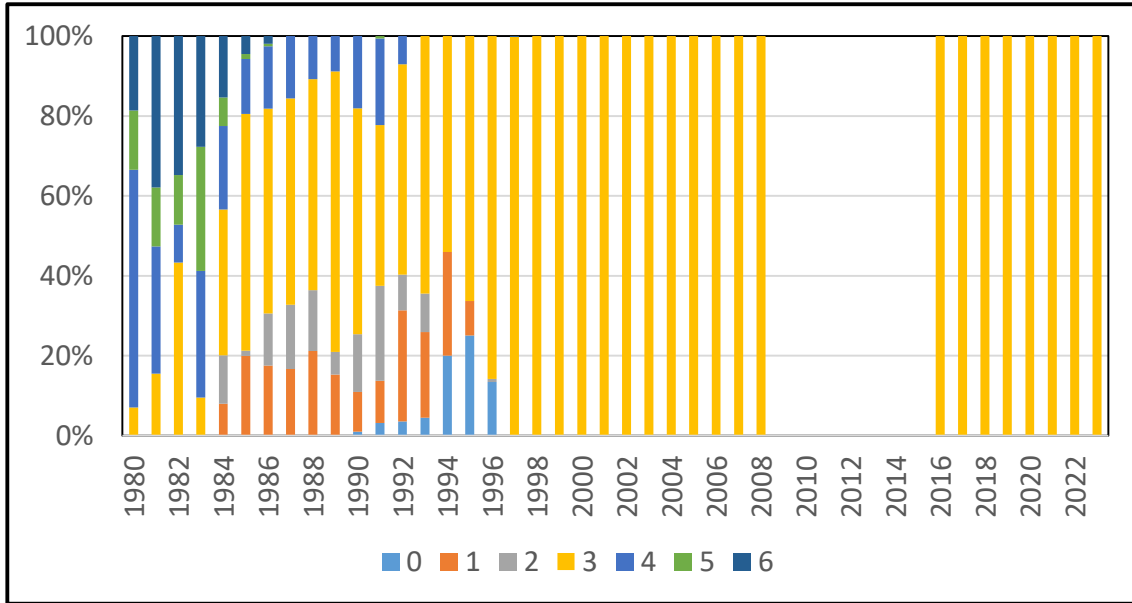


Figure 1. Catch compositions among subareas (1980-2023). All species and gears are combined.

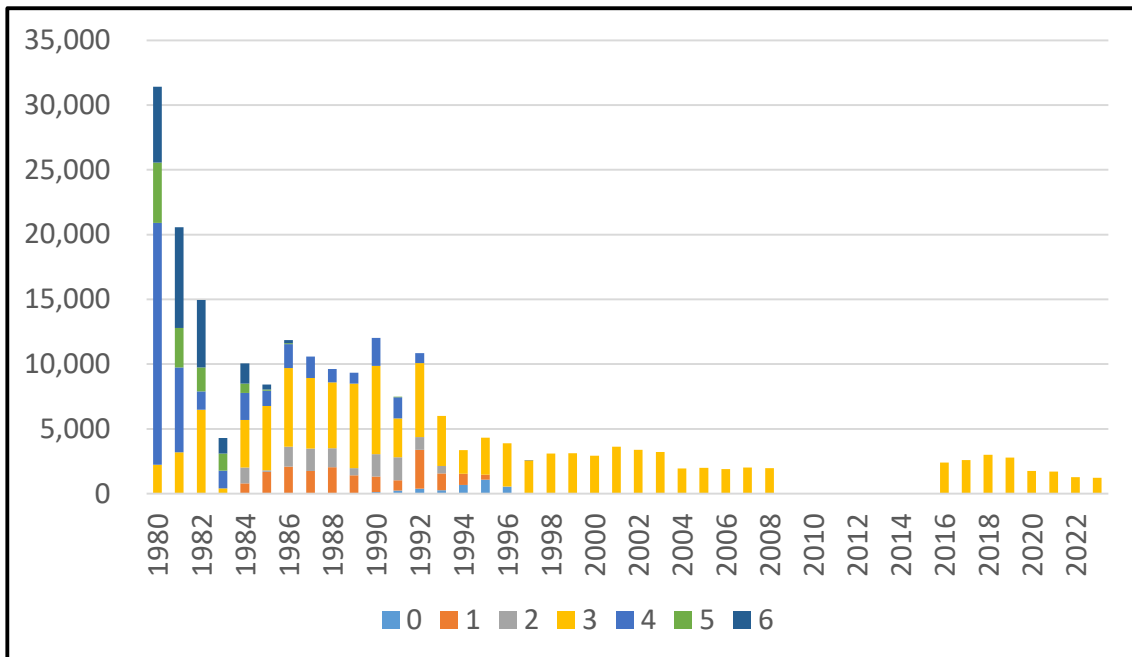


Figure 2. Catch by sub-areas (tons) (1998-2023). All species and gears are combined. No operations were done during 2009-2015.

Note:

- (1) Data source: STATLANT21A based on the official statistics provided by Fisheries Agency of Japan.
- (2) Japan joined NAFO in 1980.
- (3) Major gear used is the bottom otter trawl.



5. SUBAREA 3

A. Status of the Fisheries

This should be broken down by species and should first indicate the changes that have been observed in the catches. Any available information regarding quantities of fish, by species if possible, being used for industrial purposes should also be presented. An explanation should follow for these changes based on scientists' best judgement. Reference to biological conditions (e.g. length and age composition), fishing conditions (e.g. effort and availability) and environmental conditions, should be made where necessary and appropriate. Any forecasts for the coming year should be included here. Graphic presentations supporting the text are acceptable.

We will first review the overall situation in subarea 3 then will analyze by Division in subarea 3.

5.1 Overview

(1) Fisheries

Table 4 shows annual catch (tons) by Division in subarea 3 (all species and gears combined) (1980-2023). There are catch for almost all period in Division 3L+3M, while more in the first half for 3K+3N+3O.

Fig. 3 shows catch compositions among Divisions in subarea 3 (all species and gears combined). Japan operated in five Divisions (3K, 3L, 3M, 3N and 3O), but major fishing Division shifted by period, i.e., Division 3L was the major fishing ground in 1980-1981, then shifted to 3K (1984-1987), 3N (1988-1990), 3M (1991-1995), and 3L (1996-2008 and 2016-2023).

Fig. 4 shows annual catch trends by Division in subarea 3 (all species and gears combined). There are two different catch levels, i.e., the higher catch level (average 4,500 tons) in the first half period (1980-1993), while the lower level (average 2,500 tons) in the latter half period (1994-2008 and 2016-2023) resulting 2,000 tons difference.

Table 4. Annual catch by Division in sub-area 3 (tons). All species and gears are combined (1980-2023).

Year	Division					Total
	3K	3L	3M	3N	3O	
1980	208	983	1,030		2	2,223
1981	40	2,708	442		1	3,191
1982	3,462	2,014	455		548	6,479
1983			406		4	410
1984	1,257	461	416	85	1,448	3,667
1985	3,790	133	339		721	4,983
1986	4,270	140	444	12	1,211	6,077
1987	2,671	298	436	845	1,217	5,467
1988	856	347	507	1,537	1,828	5,075
1989	526	141	1,409	2,701	1,769	6,546
1990	261	175	2,494	2,431	1,436	6,797
1991	88	488	2,096	103	234	3,009
1992		1,810	3,748	21	136	5,715
1993		1,254	2,441		168	3,863
1994		649	1,173			1,822
1995		847	1,759		266	2,872
1996		2,093	813		427	3,333
1997		2,032	224	15	294	2,565
1998		2,162	577		370	3,109
1999		2,739	370	3		3,112
2000		2,794	147			2,941
2001		3,228	399			3,627
2002		3,071	318			3,389
2003		2,978	238			3,216
2004		1,724	222		2	1,948
2005		1,404	591		1	1,996
2006		1,490	410		1	1,901
2007		1,293	654		64	2,011
2008		1,334	638			1,972

No operations

2016	624	168	1,573	44	2,409
2017	1,178	242	1,168	7	2,595
2018	1,555	707	724	4	2,990
2019	1,813	585	378	10	2,786
2020	1,399	344		21	1,764
2021	949	767			1,716
2022	1,084	198			1,282
2023	989	226			1,214

Additional Note:

- (1) Data source: STATLANT21A based on the official statistics provided by Fisheries Agency of Japan.
- (2) Japan joined NAFO in 1980.
- (3) Majority gear is the bottom otter trawl.

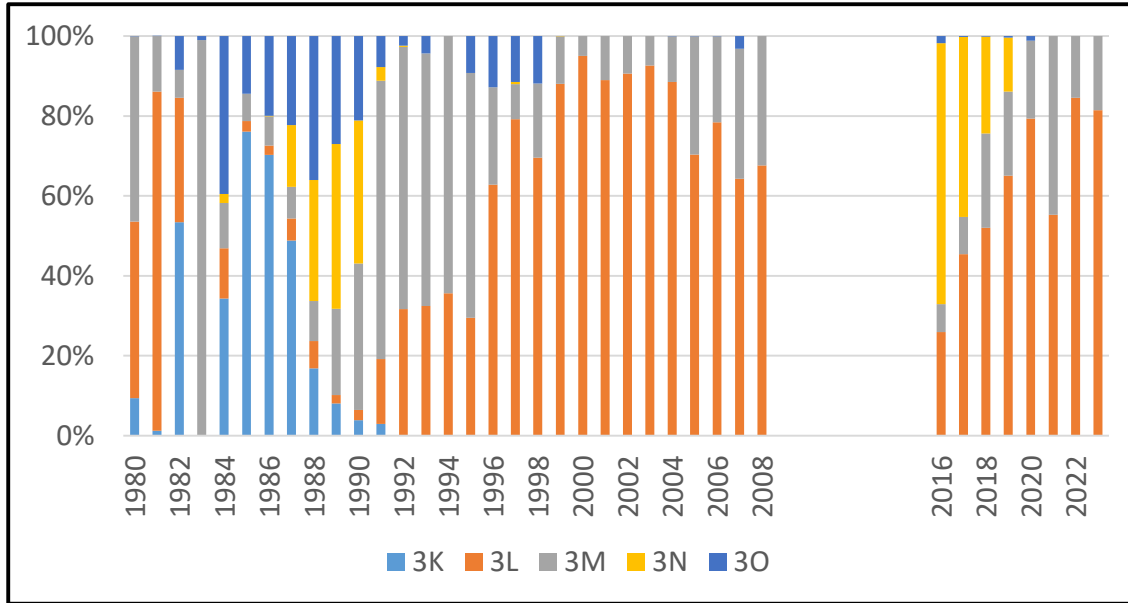


Figure 3. Catch compositions among Divisions in sub-area 3 (1980-2023). All species and gears are combined.

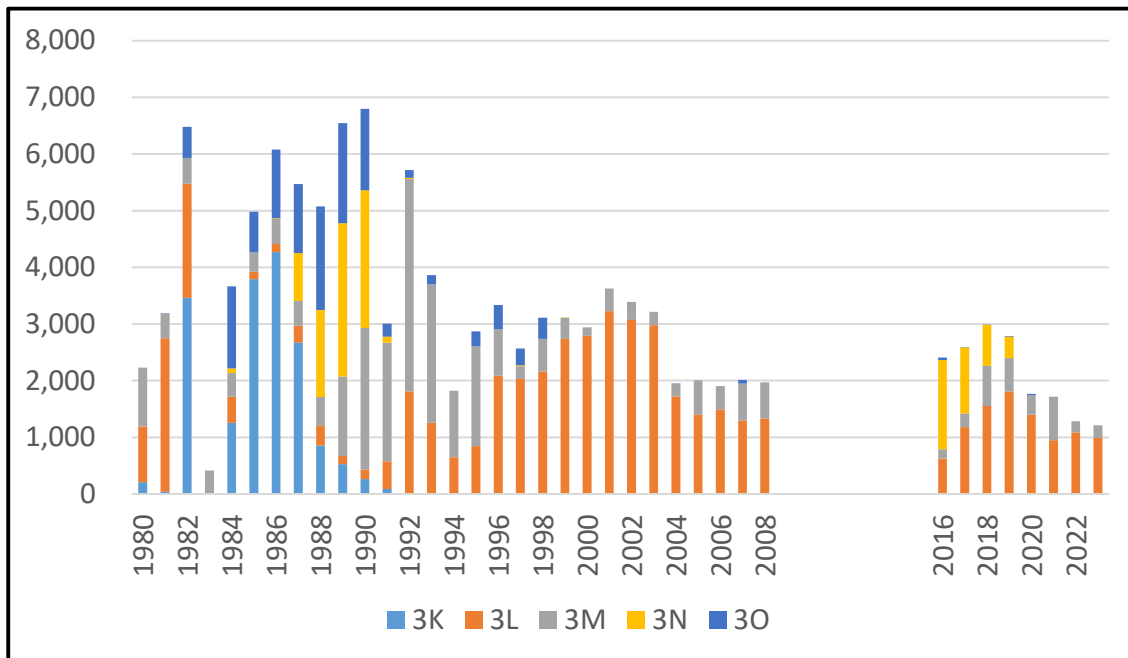


Figure 4. Annual catch (tons) by Division in sub-area 3. All species and gears are combined (1980-2023).

Note:

- (1) Data source: STATLANT21A based on the official statistics provided by Fisheries Agency of Japan.
- (2) Japan joined NAFO in 1980.
- (3) Majority gear is the bottom otter trawl.

Fig. 5 shows TAC species compositions of catch for Japan in subarea 3, i.e., Greenland halibut, Atlantic cod, Atlantic redfish, caplin and squid. Major species compositions vary by period, i.e., Atlantic cod and red fish (1980-1983), redfish (1984-1991), Greenland halibut and redfish (1992-2008), Greenland halibut and yellowtail flounder (2016-2017), Greenland halibut and red fish (2018-2021), and Greenland halibut (2022-2023). Yellowtail flounder is not TAC species for Japan, but its ratio was high in 2016-2017 because of quota transfers (Greenland halibut, red fish and yellowtail flounders) between Japan and Canada in 2016-2017, thus catch in this period did not reflect the allocation of quota (TAC).

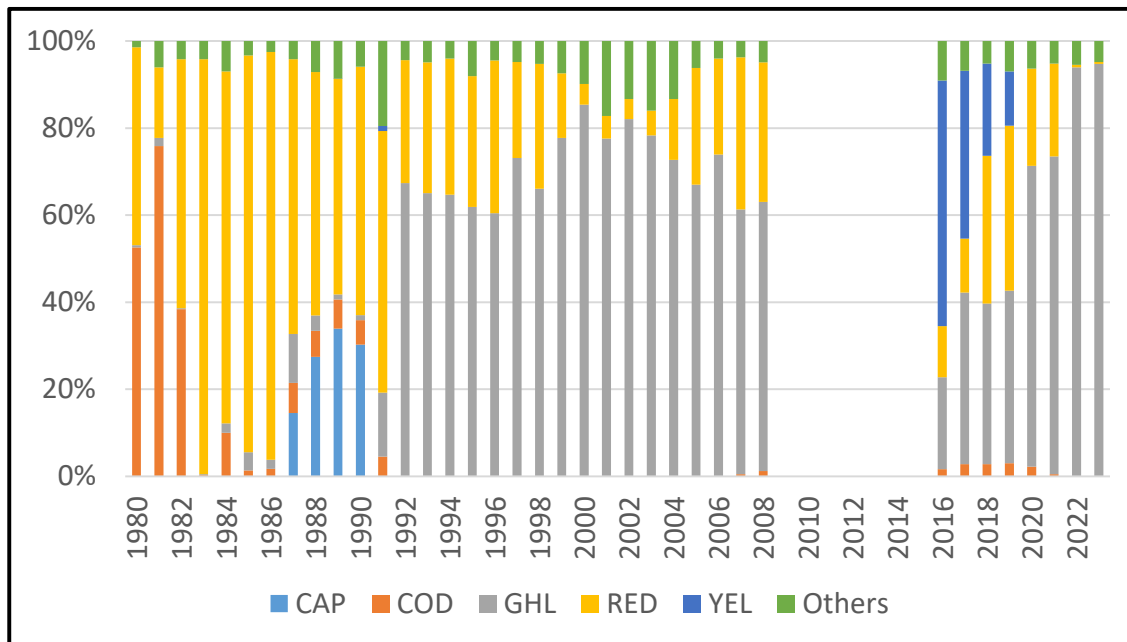


Figure 5. Species compositions of catch in Subarea 3. All gears are combined (1980-2023).

Note:

- (1) Data source: STATLANT21A based on the official statistics provided by Fisheries Agency of Japan.
- (2) Japan joined NAFO in 1980.
- (3) Majority gear is the bottom otter trawl

Fig. 6 shows annual catch trends by species in subarea 3 during two periods (1980-1993 and 1994-2023). There are high and low catch level periods, i.e., high (1980-1993) (average=4,500 tons) and low (1994-2023) (Average=2,500 tons), the difference of which is 2,000 tons. Yellowtail flounder catch was high (2016-2017) as explained above.

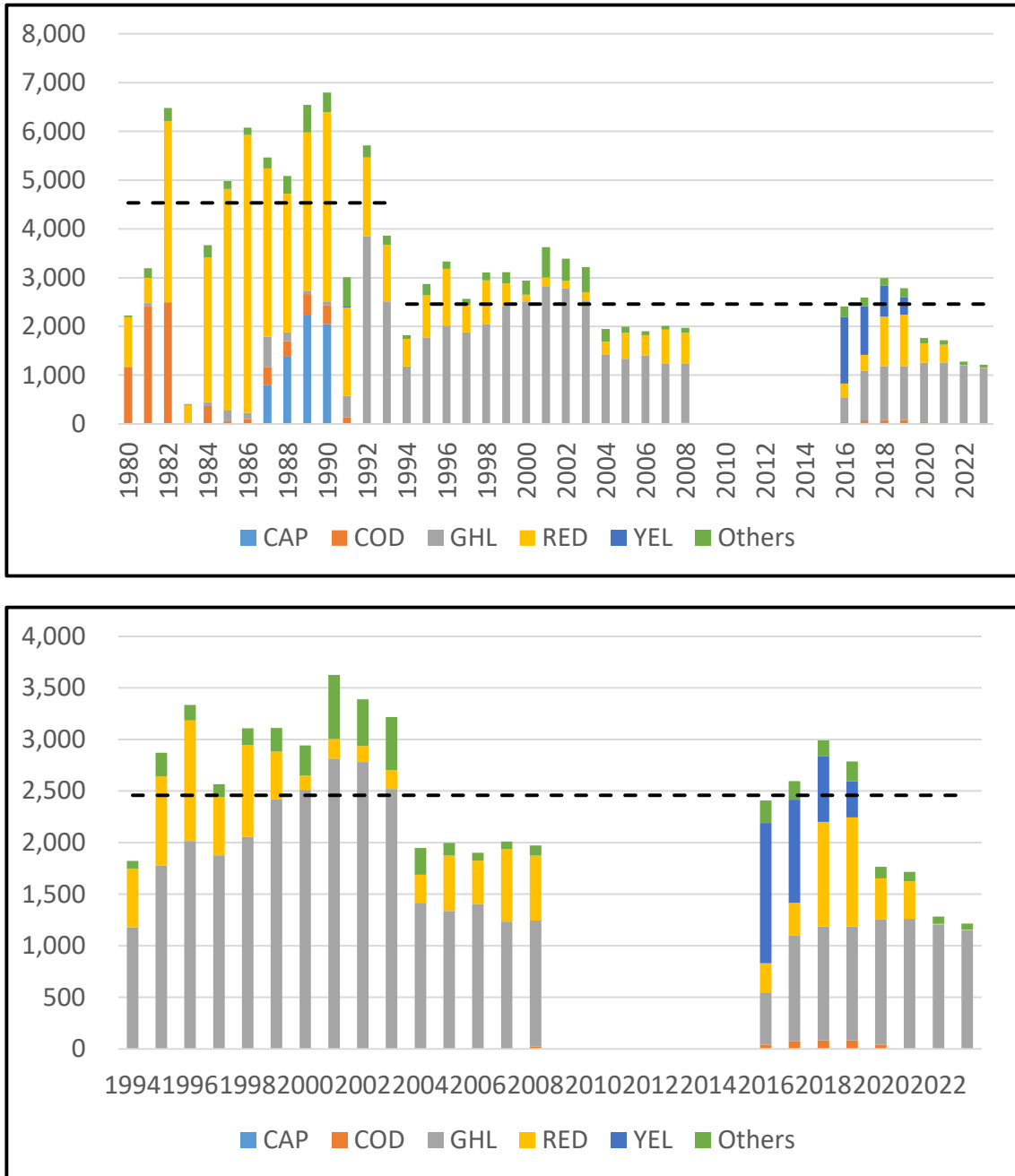


Figure 6. Catch by species (tons) in Subarea 3. All gears are combined (1980-2023: upper, 1994-2023: lower).

Note:

- (1) Horizontal broken lines represent averages for the two periods (1980-1993 and 1994-2023).
- (2) Data source: STATLANT21A based on the official statistics provided by Fisheries Agency of Japan.
- (3) Japan joined NAFO in 1980.
- (4) Majority gear is the bottom otter trawl.

(2) Aggregated total catch length distribution (Total/Fork length by 0.5cm is shown in Annex A)

The Japanese observers measured total lengths for ca. 50 samples of SA2+3KLMNO Greenland halibut (GHL) and 3LNO Yellowtail flounder (YEL) and fork lengths for ca. 100 samples of 3LN Redfish (RED), 30 RED and 3M RED for every 2-5 hauls during the cruises.

Following recommendation in the September SC meeting in 2023 (NAFO SCS Doc. 23/22), aggregated total catch length distributions for 3LN RED, 30 RED, 3M RED, 3LNO YEL and SA2+3KLMNO GHL were calculated using the Japanese Observer reports, following a protocol developed by then STACREC Chair (Dr. D. Gonzalez-Troncoso) in April 2023 as follows:

For a given stock in a given Division during a given year, total number of length class i within total catch (with all hauls) by a Japanese vessel (TNL_i ; with an interval by 0.5cm) was estimated as follows:

$$TNL_i = \sum_j (NL_{ij}) \times TCw / Sw \text{ -----(1)}$$

where

NL_{ij} is number of length class i estimated within catch of haul j :

$$NL_{ij} = \sum_j (NL'_{ij} \times cw_j / sw_j) \text{ -----(2)}$$

where NL'_{ij} is number of length class i sampled and measured from catch of haul j ,

cw_j is catch weight (kg) for haul j , and

sw_j is weight (kg) of samples (i.e., weight of all length classes) measured from catch of haul j .

TCw is total catch weight (kg) based on CESAG (for 2017-2023), CDAG and/or STATLANT (for 2016).

Sw is total weight (kg) of hauls with samples measured:

$$Sw = \sum_j (cw_j) \text{ -----(3)}$$

We referred the total catch weight (TCw) by Division of the 5 stocks during 2017-2023 to CESAG reports (com-sccesag-wp 18-01 2018; com-sccesag-wp 19-06REV 2019; com-sccesag-wp 20-02 2020; com-sccesag-wp 21-04 2021; com-sccesag-wp 22-01REV2 2022; com-sccesag-wp 23-01REV2 2023, com-sccesag-wp 24-01) (Table 5).

For 2016, the total catches for 3M RED and SA2+3KLMNO GHL were estimated using CDAG Estimation Strategy (non-published EXCEL file provided by Dr. D. Gonzalez-Troncoso), thus those were applied to the TCw . On the other hand, the TCw for 3LN RED, 30 RED, and 3LNO YEL was referred to STATLANT. The CDAG catch for SA2+3KLMNO GHL (caught in 3L and 3M by a Japanese vessel) is aggregately estimated at 553,716kg but not separately estimated by Division, thus the catches by Division were estimated based on the proportional rate of those by STATLANT (i.e., 97% in Division 3L vs. 3% in Division 3M). In result, the TCw was estimated at 515,641kg and 38,075kg in

Divisions 3L and 3M, respectively (Table 5).

There isn't data for weight of samples measured (sw_j) for all hauls for SA2+3KLMNO GHJ and large part of hauls for 3LN RED in 2016. Thus, the sw_j was estimated referring length-weight relationship equations in the literatures. Namely, the estimated $sw_j = \sum_i (0.00336 \times (\text{mid-point of length class } i) ^ 3.2284 \times \text{number of length class } i \text{ sampled and measured})$ for haul j for SA2+3KLMNO GHJ (scr17-013 <https://www.nafo.int/Portals/0/PDFs/sc/2017/scr17-013.pdf?ver=2017-08-29-103336-540>), and the estimated $sw_j = \sum_i (0.0088 \times (\text{mid-point of length class } i) ^ 3.1297 \times \text{number of length class } i \text{ sampled and measured})$ for haul j for 3LN RED (scr17-016 <https://www.nafo.int/Portals/0/PDFs/sc/2017/scr17-016.pdf?ver=2017-08-29-103815-767>).

Table 5. STATLANT and CDAG/CESAG catches (kg) for a Japanese vessel during 2016-2023. Lower red values for each Division for each year are used for total catch weight (TCw).

	SA2+3KLMNO GHJ				3LN RED		3M RED		3O RED		3LNO YEL			
	3L		3M		3L		3M		3O		3N		3O	
	STATLANT	CDAG/ CESAG	STATLANT	CDAG/ CESAG	STATLANT	CDAG/ CESAG	STATLANT	CDAG/ CESAG	STATLANT	CDAG/ CESAG	STATLANT	CDAG/ CESAG	STATLANT	CDAG/ CESAG
2016	474,000 515,641*	ND	35,000 38,075*	ND	125,000 125,000	ND	128,000 135,664	135,664	30,000 30,000	ND	1,355,000 1,355,000	ND	4,000 4,000	ND
2017	1,024,000 1,129,000	1,129,000	0	0	125,000 142,000	142,000	190,000 197,000	197,000	6,000 6,000	6,000	1,000,000 1,048,000	1,048,000	0	0
2018	1,101,000 1,251,000	1,251,000	2,000	2,000	412,000 441,000	441,000	600,000 636,000	636,000	4,000 5,000	5,000	634,000 660,000	660,000	0	0
2019	1,075,000 1,101,000	1,101,000	29,000 30,000	30,000	606,000 630,000	630,000	450,000 478,000	478,000	0	0	348,000 350,000	350,000	0	0
2020	1,204,000 1,240,000	1,240,000	15,000 16,000	16,000	108,000 112,000	112,000	286,000 295,000	295,000	1,000	0	0	0	0	0
2021	788,000 731,000	731,000	465,000 357,000	357,000	109,000 112,000	112,000	257,000 265,000	265,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	1,019,000 1,048,000	1,048,000	186,000 191,000	191,000	7,000 7,000	7,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023	942,000 958,000	958,000	209,000 214,000	214,000	0	0	5,000 5,000	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0

*: Estimated based on aggregated CDAG catch and proportional rate of STATLANT catches by Division (see details in the text).

SA2+3KLMNO GHJ (during 2016-2023)

Length measurement samples for SA2+3KLMNO GHJ were collected in Divisions 3L and 3M during 2016-2023. The sample collection was mainly done in Division 3L. Both fishing depth and mean total length for the samples were larger in Division 3M than those in Division 3L in each year (Table 6).

Table 6. Numbers of hauls and samples, fishing depths (m), mean total lengths (cm) for length measurement samples of SA2+3KLMNO GHL by Division during 2016-2023.

SA2+3KLMNO GHL								
	3L GHL				3M GHL			
	<i>No. of hauls</i>	<i>No. of samples</i>	<i>Depth range (mean)</i>	<i>Mean total length</i>	<i>No. of hauls</i>	<i>No. of samples</i>	<i>Depth range (mean)</i>	<i>Mean total length</i>
2016	35	1,750	750-1,085 (924)	50.3	3	150	1,104-1,114 (1,108)	51.7
2017	60	2,999	584-1,206 (897)	49.7	-	-	-	-
2018	29	1,450	765-968 (851)	48.7	-	-	-	-
2019	44	2,200	747-958 (846)	48.5	1	50	925	50.3
2020	50	2,500	778-1,013 (871)	47.9	1	50	963	50.5
2021	21	1,052	793-1,001 (874)	46.3	16	800	888-1,042 (1,005)	52.7
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2022	36	1,799	758-960 (886)	47.3	4	200	993-1,025 (1,008)	53.7
2023	28	1,401	803-1,025 (889)	48.0	7	350	1,009-1,049 (1,022)	52.3

The aggregated total catch length distributions of GHL in Division 3L formed unimodal in each year. The mean total length gradually decreased from 50 to 46cm during 2016-2021, but gradually increased from 46 to 48cm during 2021-2023 (Fig. 7). The distribution data by 0.5cm interval in Divisions 3L, 3M, and 3L+3M were shown in Annex A - 1) - 3).

SA2+3KLMNO GHJ for Division 3L

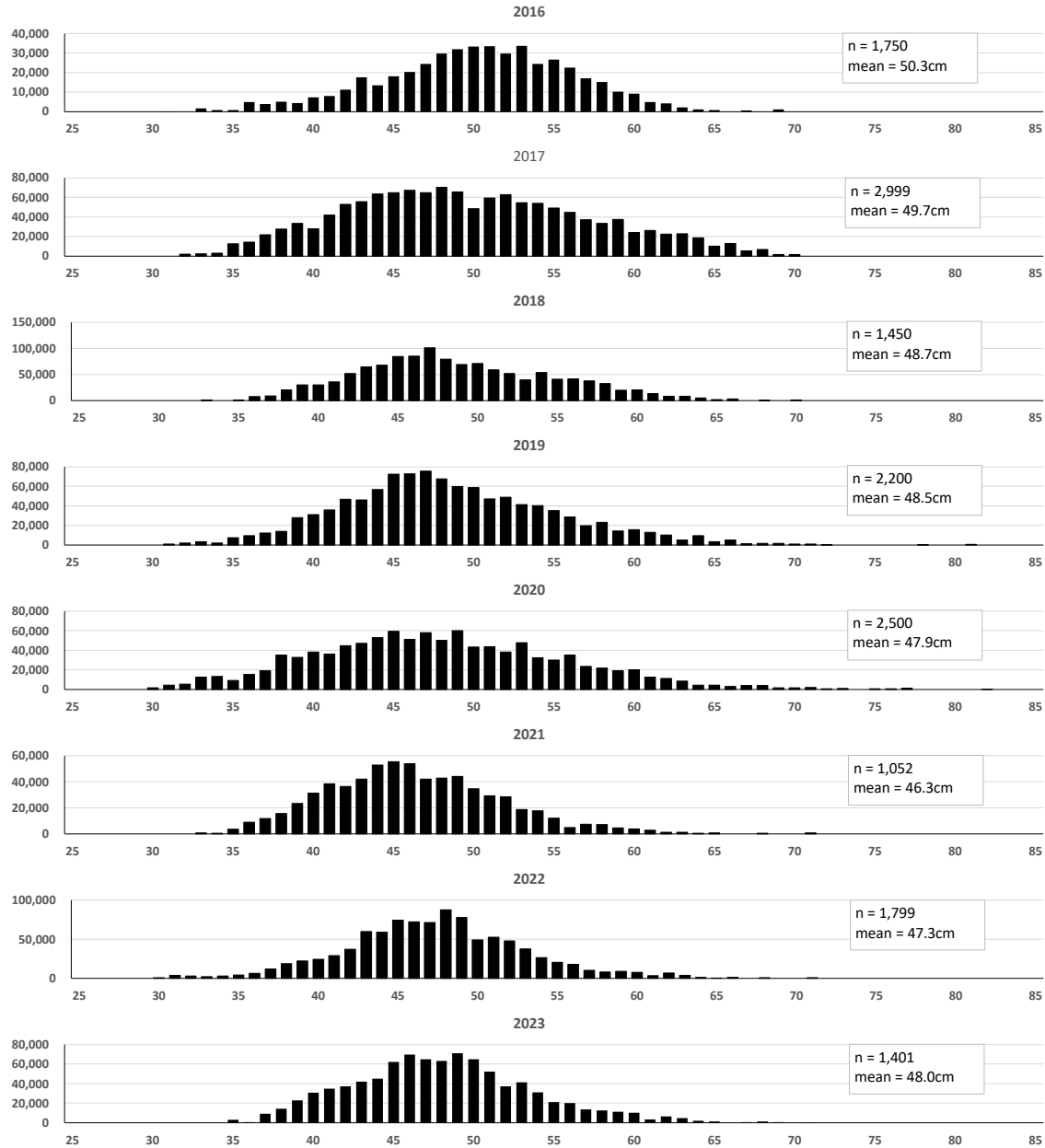


Figure 7. Aggregated total catch length distribution based on the total length data measured by one on-board observer for SA 2+3KLMNO GHJ in Division 3L (2016-2023).

3LN RED, 3O RED, and 3M RED (during 2016-2021)

The length measurement samples for 3LN RED were conducted only in Division 3L during 2016-2023. The sample collection for 3O RED was conducted in the shallower area than 3LN RED and 3M RED. The mean fork length of 3O RED was smaller than those in 3LN RED and 3M RED (Table 7).

Table 7. Numbers of hauls and samples, fishing depths (m), mean fork lengths (cm) for length measurement samples of 3LN RED, 30 RED, and 3M RED during 2016-2023.

	3LN RED (only sampled in 3L)				30 RED				3M RED			
	<i>No. of hauls</i>	No. of samples	Depth range (mean)	Mean fork length	<i>No. of hauls</i>	No. of samples	Depth range (mean)	Mean fork length	<i>No. of hauls</i>	No. of samples	Depth range (mean)	Mean fork length
2016	<i>13</i>	1,303	335-1,039 (727)	30.4	<i>18</i>	1,801	231-392 (306)	25.0	<i>7</i>	703	506-537 (518)	33.6
2017	<i>8</i>	800	335-536 (398)	27.8	<i>2</i>	200	275-311 (293)	23.2	<i>3</i>	300	446-530 (476)	31.6
2018	<i>14</i>	1,400	319-530 (435)	32.1	-	-	-	-	<i>20</i>	2,000	244-531 (450)	33.4
2019	<i>29</i>	2,896	321-559 (425)	30.4	-	-	-	-	<i>28</i>	2,797	255-515 (417)	32.7
2020	<i>5</i>	500	338-530 (463)	35.0	-	-	-	-	<i>14</i>	1,400	349-462 (408)	35.0
2021	<i>11</i>	1,101	479-541 (513)	36.3	-	-	-	-	<i>15</i>	1,500	374-537 (479)	37.5
2022	<i>1</i>	100	492	33.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>2</i>	200	405-524 (464)	33.9

The mean fork length of 3LN RED in Division 3L varied from 28 to 32cm during 2016-2019, but it became significantly large to 35 cm in 2020. Individuals with larger lengths (42-49cm) occurred in high percentage in that year as compared to other years. The mean length was highest at 36cm in 2021 (Fig. 8). Note the length distribution for 2022 was omitted here due to small sampling size. The distribution data by 0.5cm interval for 3LN RED in Division 3L was shown in Annex A - 4).

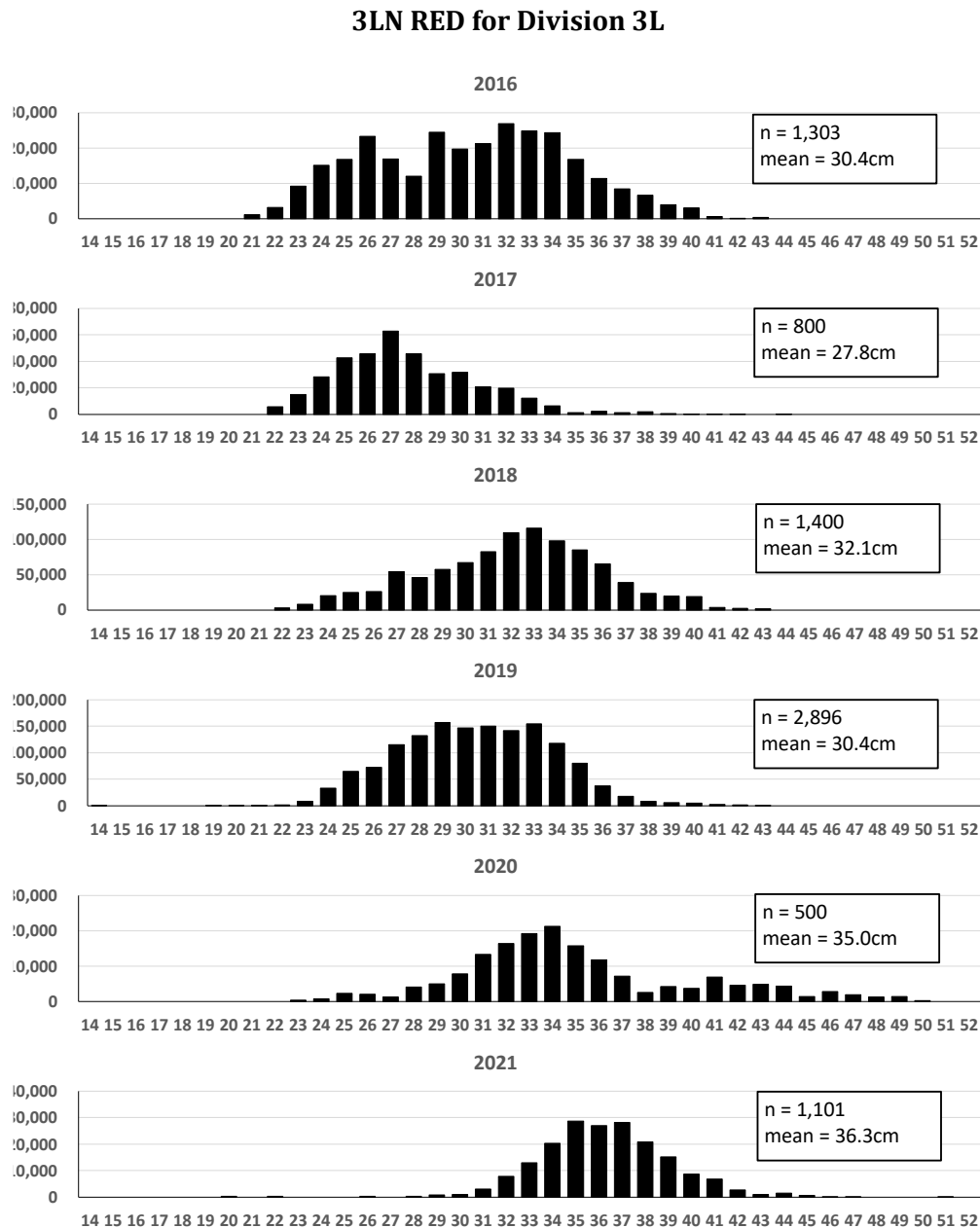


Fig. 8. Aggregated total catch length distribution based on the fork length data measured by one on-board observer for 3LN RED in Division 3L (2016-2021) .

The total catch fork length data are available only in 2016 and 2017 for 30 RED. The weighed

length distributions formed the unimodal for both years, peaked around 25cm and 23cm in 2016 and 2017, respectively (Fig. 9). The distribution data by 0.5cm interval for 30 RED was shown in Annex A - 5).

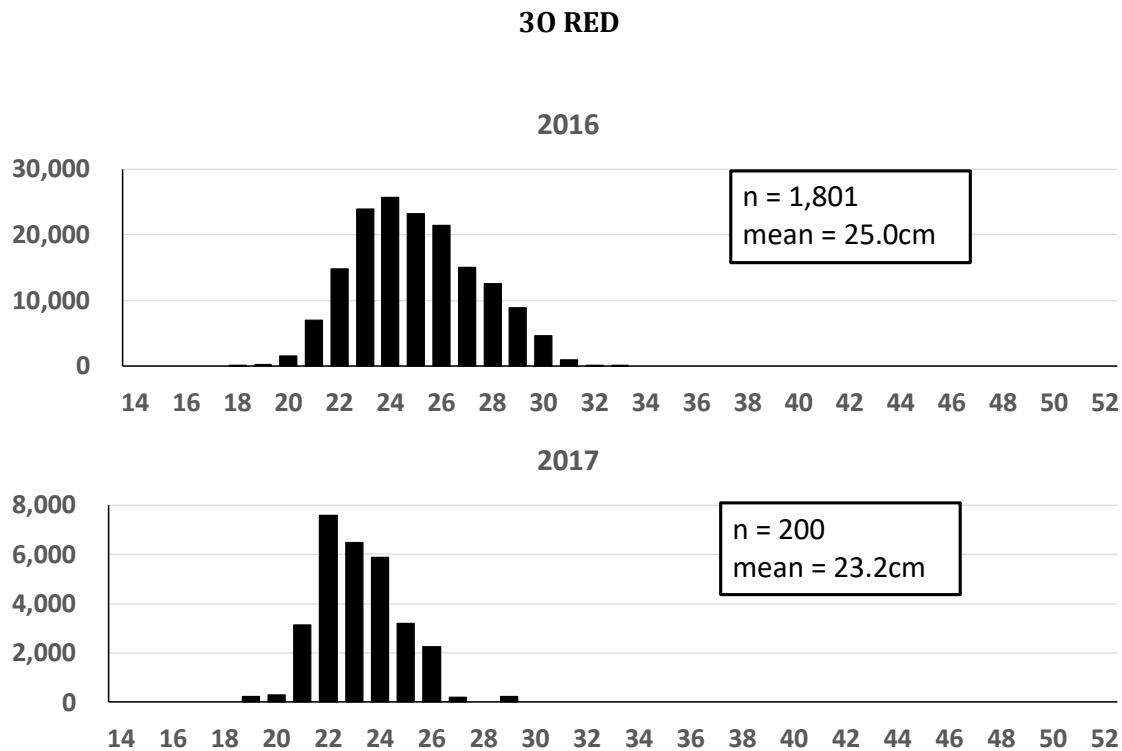


Figure 9. Aggregated total catch length distribution based on the fork length data measured by one on-board observer for 30 RED (2016-2017).

The mean fork lengths in 3M RED varied from 32-34cm during 2016-2019 but increased to 35cm in 2020 due to the occurrence in high percentage of individuals with larger lengths (42-50 cm). The weighed length distribution formed the unimodal with the largest average length of 38cm in 2021 (Fig. 10). Note the length distribution for 2023 was omitted here due to small sampling size. The distribution data by 0.5cm interval for 3M RED was shown in Annex A - 6).

3M RED

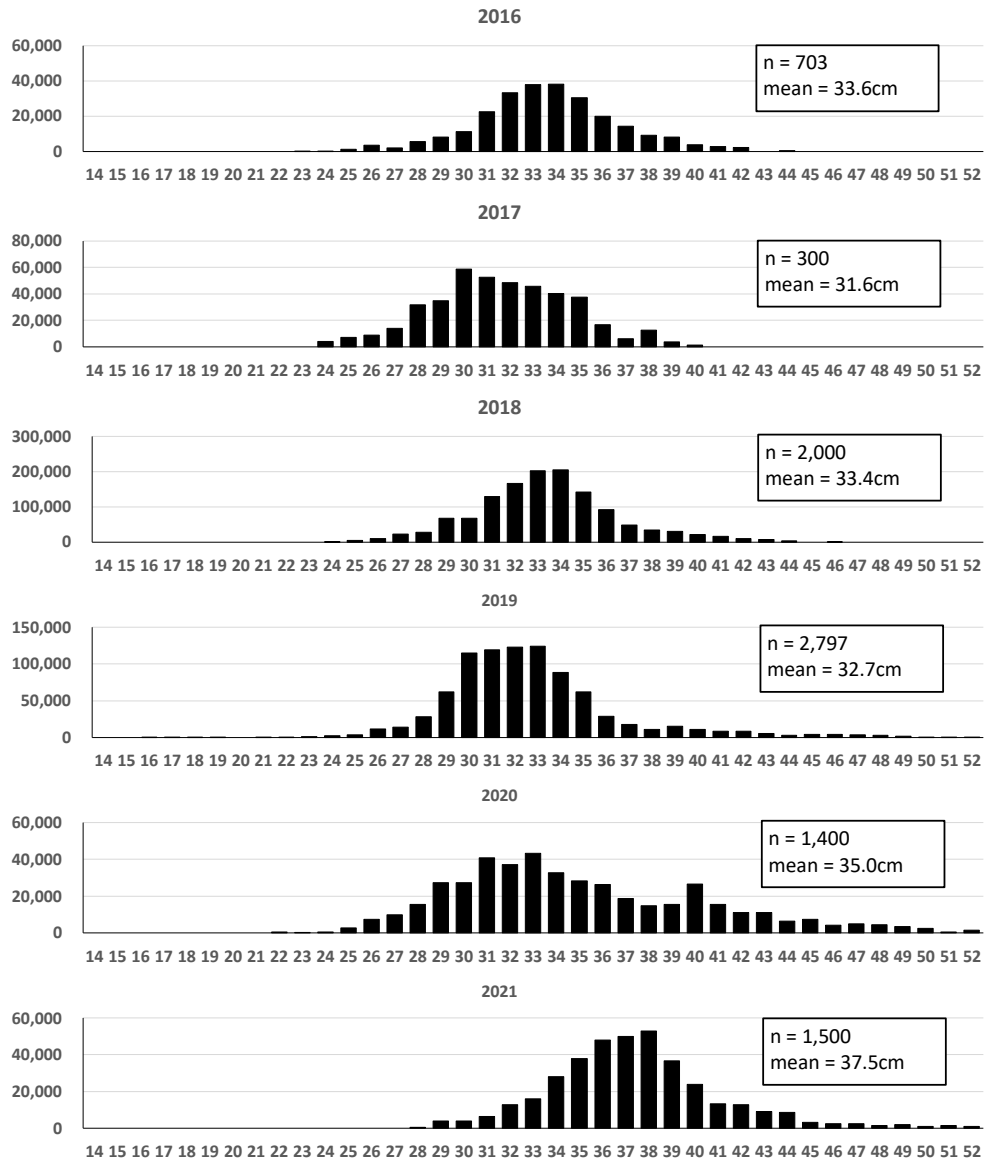


Figure 10. Aggregated catch length distribution based on the fork length data measured by one on-board observer for 3M RED (2016-2021).

3LNO Yellowtail flounder

The length measurement samples for 3LNO YEL were mainly collected in Division 3N during 2016-2019. Only small sample size was collected in Division 3O in 2016. The fishing depth for the samples was about 60m in Division 3N in each year (Table 8).

Table 8. Numbers of hauls and samples, fishing depths (m), mean total lengths (cm) for length measurement samples of 3LNO YEL by Division during 2016-2023.

3LNO YEL								
	3N YEL				3O YEL			
	<i>No. of hauls</i>	No. of samples	Depth range (mean)	Mean total length	<i>No. of hauls</i>	No. of samples	Depth range (mean)	Mean total length
2016	72	3,603	56-77 (60)	34.0	1	50	76	35.8
2017	47	2,350	57-64 (60)	34.3	-	-	-	-
2018	23	1,150	57-66 (61)	34.6	-	-	-	-
2019	15	750	59-64 (61)	34.9	-	-	-	-
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2022	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The aggregated total length distributions in 3N formed unimodal during 2016-2019. The mean total length tended to be gradually larger as years with the largest sizes in 2019 (ca. 35cm). The distribution data by 0.5cm interval of 3LNO YEL in Divisions 3N, 3O, and 3N+3O was shown in Annex A - 7) - 9).

3LNO YEL for Division 3N

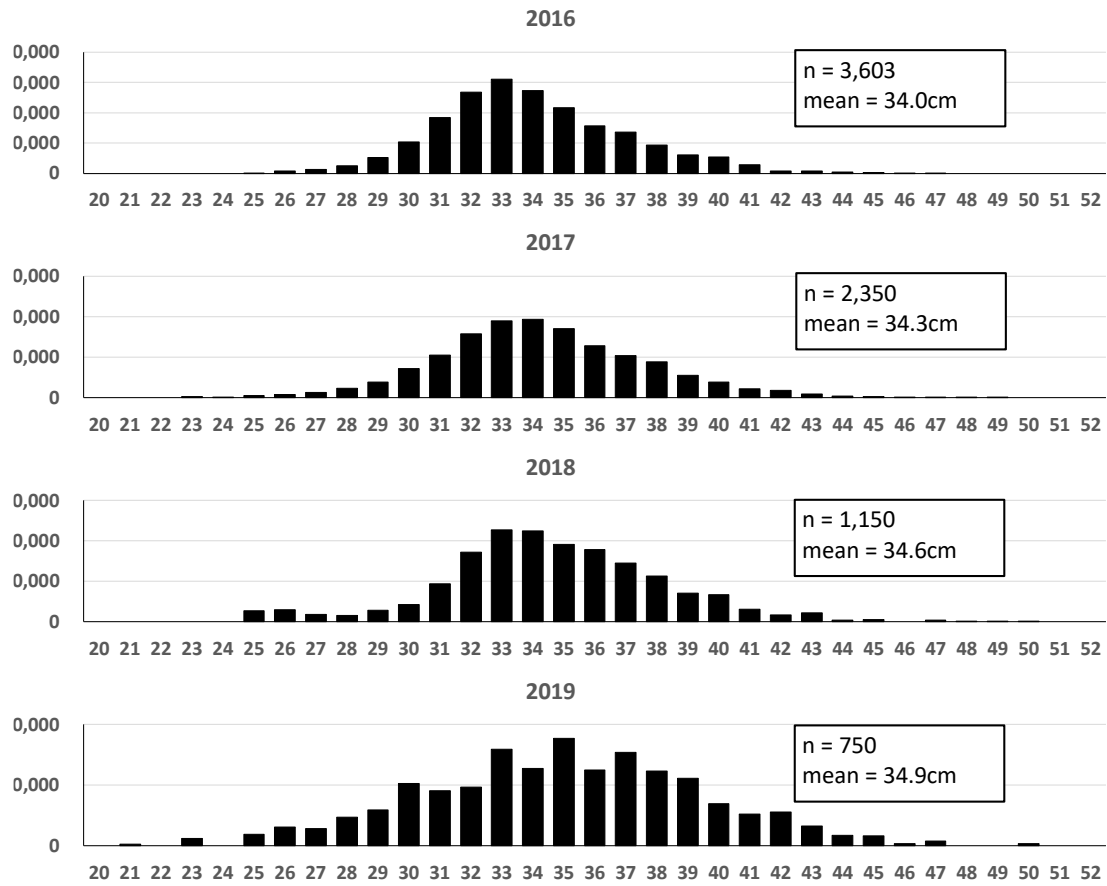


Figure 11. Aggregated total catch length distributions based on the total length data collected by one on-board observer for 3LNO YEL in Division 3N (2016-2019).

5.2 Division 3K

Table 9 shows catch by species in Division 3K (1980-2023) (all gears combined). There were operations only for 11 years (1980-91 except 1983). Redfish was the largest catch (average=1,345 ton), followed by Cod (119 tons) and Greenland halibut (85 tons).

Table 9. Catch (tons) by species in Division 3K (1980-2023) (all gears combined)

CODE	CAT	COD	DGX	FIN	FLW	FLX	GHL	GRO	HAL	PLA	RED	RNG	SHX	SKA	WIT
1980		194				5					9				
1981	2	33									4				1
1982	12	752	1	7			9		2		2,662			2	15
1983	There were operations in NAFO CA, but not in Division 3K.														
1984		40					67	7			1,132		4		7
1985	5	60					196	23		12	3,439				55
1986	27	97					87	9	10	2	3,986	11	9		32
1987		96					431	20	3	8	2,079	9	1		24
1988		17	1				104	19	1	3	693	9	3		6
1989		8					18	6		1	485	5			3
1990		9			1		10				239		1		1
1991				2			8	2		2	63	3	1		7
1992															
1993															
1994															
1995															
1996															
1997															
1998															
1999															
2000	There were operations in NAFO CA, but not in Division 3K.														
2001															
2002															
2003															
2004															
2005															
2006															
2007															
2008															
2009															
2010															
2011															
2012	No operations in NAFO CA.														
2013															
2014															
2015															
2016															
2017															
2018															
2019	There were operations in NAFO CA, but not in Division 3K.														
2020															
2021															
2022															
2023															

Note:

- (1) Data source: STATLANT21A based on the official statistics provided by Fisheries Agency of Japan.
- (2) Japan joined NAFO in 1980.
- (3) Majority gear is the bottom otter trawl.
- (4) Blank means catch (tons) < 0.5 (including 0 catch) or no operations.

5.3 Division 3L

Table 10 shows catch by species in Division 3L (1980-2023) (all gears combined) except 1983 and during 2009-2015. Redfish and Greenland halibut were major target (TAC) species, but the catch was very small (7 tons) for Redfish in 2022. No catch was made for Redfish in 2023.

Table 10. Catch (tons) by species in Division 3L (1980-2023) (all gears combined)

CODE	CAT	COD	DGX	FIN	FLX	GHL	GRO	GSK	HAL	PLA	POK	RED	RHG	RNG	SHX	SKA	SQI	WIT	YEL
1980		938				12			1	6		26							
1981	68	2,379				60			2	29		128				18		24	
1982	60	1,707				5			5	43		159				29		6	
1983	There were operations in NAFO CA, but not in Division 3L.																		
1984	11	317		1	1	2	5		2	15		105						2	
1985		1						2	1			129							
1986		1				1				3		135							
1987			1			152	16		2			114		8	5				
1988		114				49	17		6	2		152		6	1				
1989		2				4				21		114							
1990		1				8	1			6		151		3				5	
1991		4				302	11			44		84		5				2	36
1992						1,642	17		16	21		67		3				44	
1993						1,168	48					37						1	
1994			2			516	4		2	1		82		41	1				
1995			6			691	50					47		32	16			5	
1996			35		7	1,900	25			11		74		21	9			11	
1997			3		19	1,849	15		4	7		69		40	22			4	
1998			2		34	1,927	33		3	16		98		34	13			2	
1999					92	2,376	35		5	21		141		39	28			2	
2000					72	2,511	25		3	21		107		27	24			4	
2001					244	2,666	8		33	6		109		134	24			4	
2002						2,645	82		14	78		88		92		34		38	
2003	26					2,505	27		2	71		86	2	183		64		12	
2004	5					1,413	18		5	39		61	3	119		54		7	
2005						1,237	7		5	29		52		53	17			4	
2006						1,383	5		2	15		36		43		2	2	2	
2007						1,198	2			27		29	24			8		5	
2008						1,210	15			43		29	20			9		8	
2009	No operations in NAFO CA.																		
2010	No operations in NAFO CA.																		
2011	No operations in NAFO CA.																		
2012	No operations in NAFO CA.																		
2013	No operations in NAFO CA.																		
2014	No operations in NAFO CA.																		
2015	No operations in NAFO CA.																		
2016	2					474	1		2	4		125		11				5	
2017	5	1				1,024			1	3		125		13		1		5	
2018	8	1				1,101			4			412		28				1	
2019	19	1	1			1,075	1		6	1		606	88	1		10		4	
2020	22	2				1,204		2	4	1		108	53					3	
2021	7	3				788		10	3			109	28			1			
2022	13					1,019		9	1			7	35						
2023	9					942		7	2				28						

Note:

- (1) Data source: STATLANT21A based on the official statistics provided by Fisheries Agency of Japan.
- (2) Japan joined NAFO in 1980.
- (3) Majority gear is the bottom otter trawl.
- (4) Blank means catch (tons) < 0.5 (including 0 catch) or no operations.



5.4 Division 3M

Table 11 shows catch by species in Division 3M (1980-2023) (all gears combined). Redfish and Greenland halibut were major target (TAC) species, but no Redfish catch was made in 2022-2023.

Table 11. Catch (tons) by species in Division 3M (1980-2023) (all gears combined)

CODE	CAT	COD	DGX	FIN	FLX	GHL	GRO	GSK	HAL	PLA	POK	PRA	RED	RHG	RNG	SHX	SKA	WIT
1980		37		16							1		976					
1981		9									47		386					
1982		10									53		392					
1983		1			3	1	2				9		390					
1984		9		3	1	10	2		1	1			389					
1985		5				13	5		1	2			313					
1986		6				35				3			400					
1987		269				33	2						131		1			
1988		5				27	2			78	1		393		1			
1989		38	2			44	25			402			885		9			4
1990		24				58	6			308			2,082		16			
1991		54				128	26		1	450			1,431		6			
1992		2				2,185	78			50			1,424		5			4
1993						1,341	75			49			967		7			2
1994						663							488		22			
1995			8			1,086	82		4				553		25	1		
1996			1			114	7						678		2	11		
1997						12							212					
1998					3	123	6						439		3	3		
1999					5	42							320		1	2		
2000					1	1						114	31					
2001					24	149			3			130	80		12	1		
2002						137	3			5		100	67		6			
2003						14	1			3		117	98	3	2			
2004	1					3				4			209		4			1
2005	1					100	1		5				483			1		
2006	1					21			3				383					2
2007	1	10				24			6				613					
2008		24				9			2				603					
2009																		
2010																		
2011																		
2012																		
2013																		
2014																		
2015																		
2016	1					35			3				128		1			
2017	1	49							1				190				1	
2018	11	82				2			4	2			600		2		3	1
2019	7	81				29			3	3			450	3			7	2
2020	3	37				15			1				286	1			1	
2021	6	5				465		10	3				257	20			1	
2022	2					186			0					11				0
2023	0					209			0				5	12				

Note:

(1) Data source: STATLANT21A based on the official statistics provided by Fisheries Agency of Japan.

(2) Japan joined NAFO in 1980.

(3) Majority gear is the bottom otter trawl.

(4) Blank means catch (tons) < 0.5 (including 0 catch) or no operations.

5.5 Division 3N

Table 12 shows catch by species in Division 3M (1980-2023) (all gears combined). Fisheries were not so active comparing to other Divisions except for the high capelin catch (1987-1990) (average =1,616 tons) and the high yellowtail flounder catch (2016-2019) (834 tons). No operation was made in this Division from 2020 to 2023.

Table 12. Catch (tons) by species in Division 3N (1980-2023) (all gears combined)

CODE	CAP	CAT	COD	DGX	FIN	GHL	GRO	HAL	PLA	RED	RNG	SKA	WIT	YEL
1980														
1981														
1982														
1983														
1984					4					81				
1985														
1986										12				
1987	793					1				51				
1988	1,395	2	114					24	2					
1989	2,222		391	1	3	3	7		31	39	1		2	1
1990	2,054		350				2		21	4				
1991			77			2	2		5	4			13	
1992						18	1			1			1	
1993														
1994														
1995														
1996														
1997						13	1						1	
1998														
1999						2	1							
2000														
2001														
2002														
2003														
2004														
2005														
2006														
2007														
2008														
2009														
2010														
2011														
2012														
2013														
2014														
2015														
2016			38					6	145			22	7	1,355
2017			22					3	116			23	4	1,000
2018									77			12	1	634
2019			2						17			11		348
2020														
2021														
2022														
2023														

Note:

- (1) Data source: STATLANT21A based on the official statistics provided by Fisheries Agency of Japan.
- (2) Japan joined NAFO in 1980.
- (3) Majority gear is the bottom otter trawl.
- (4) Blank means catch (tons) < 0.5 (including 0 catch) or no operations.

5.6 Division 30

Table 13 shows catch by species in Division 30 (1980-2023) (all gears combined). Fisheries were not so active comparing to other Divisions except high redfish catch during 1982-1993 and 1995-1998 (average =701 tons).

Table 13. Catch (tons) by species in Division 30 (1980-2023) (all gears combined)

CODE	ANG	ARG	BET	BFT	CAT	COD	DGX	FIN	GHL	GRO	HAD	HAL	HKR	HKS	HKW	PLA	POK	RED	RNG	SHX	SKA	SQI	SWO	WIT	YEL	YFT		
1980															2													
1981																							1					
1982		1	11			16		1				8		3	6	5		496						1		1		
1983											1				2			1										
1984		1	12			1		10		5	29	14	13	16	69	5	1	1,258				1			13			
1985		3	2							3	7	6		2	19	2		661								16		
1986			4			1		1	3	1	4	7		16	8	1		1,162	1	1					1			
1987			9	5		14				4	44	18		1	34			1,074			1		2		10	1		
1988		1	12	2	2	1	50		1	5	7	9	2		101	4		1,606		2			2	21				
1989		1	4					2	5	11		14			6			1,724		2								
1990		1	3						1	5	2	5			5	2		1,406					4		2			
1991		1	1							3	1	2						226										
1992		1								2	5	1						125		1					1			
1993		2	1						3	2		1						159										
1994	There were operations in NAFO CA, but not in Division 30.																											
1995											1				1			264										
1996						1				1	1				1			417		4			1		1			
1997									2	3	2							285		2								
1998									3	7	4							355		1								
1999																												
2000																												
2001																												
2002																												
2003																												
2004																		2										
2005																		1										
2006									1																			
2007									1							1		61			1							
2008																												
2009																												
2010																												
2011																												
2012																												
2013																												
2014																												
2015																												
2016	2					1					3				1	1		30			1			1		4		
2017											1							6										
2018																		4										
2019														1										9				
2020														1				1						19				
2021																												
2022	There were operations in NAFO CA, but not in Division 30.																											
2023	There were operations in NAFO CA, but not in Division 30.																											

Note: Data source: (1) STATLANT21A based on the official statistics provided by Fisheries Agency of Japan. (2) Japan joined NAFO in 1980, (3) Majority gear is the bottom otter trawl and (4) Blank means catch (tons) < 0.5 (including 0 catch) or no operations.

5.7 Incidental bycatch of Greenland shark

Table 14 shows the number of incidental bycatch, mean weight, length, and fishing depth for Greenland shark during 2021-2023. Total of 49 individuals were incidentally bycaught during the 3 years. They tended to be caught in deeper areas (ca. 700-900 m). The weight ranged from 300–2,100kg. The measured or estimated length ranged from 350-608cm. The sex was unidentified.

Fig. 12 shows the locations of incidentally bycatch. The Greenland sharks were bycaught mainly in the slope of Sackville Spur.

Table 14. Number of catches, weight, total length, and fishing depth for Greenland shark during 2021-2023.

Total length for 34 individuals was estimated while the length for 15 individuals was measured.

Division	Number caught	Estimated mean weight (range) (kg)	Total length (cm)				Mean fishing depth (range) (m)	
			Estimated		Measured			
			N	mean (range)	N	mean (range)		
2021	3L	15	550 (320-700)	14	431 (350-550)	1	415	859 (493-1003)
	3M	9	1,122 (700-2100)	9	473 (420-570)	-	-	706 (374-1022)
2022	3L	13	708 (400-1000)	3	417 (400-430)	10	436 (423-470)	898 (828-996)
2023	3L	12	608 (300-1000)	8	520 (450-600)	4	428 (400-480)	864 (489-985)

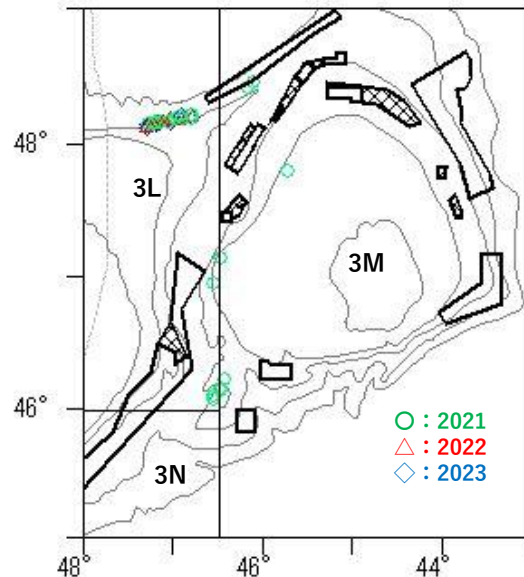


Figure 12. Locations of incidentally bycatch of Greenland shark during 2021-2023.

5.8. Encounter of VMEs

Since 2016, a total of 22 non-significant catches ($\leq 0.2\text{kg}$) of Sea pen occurred in 2019 (21 locations) and 2021 (1 location). A total of 5 non-significant catches of Sponge occurred in 2021. The weight for one catch was ca. 14kg. The weight for the remaining 4 catches was less than 4kg (Fig. 13).

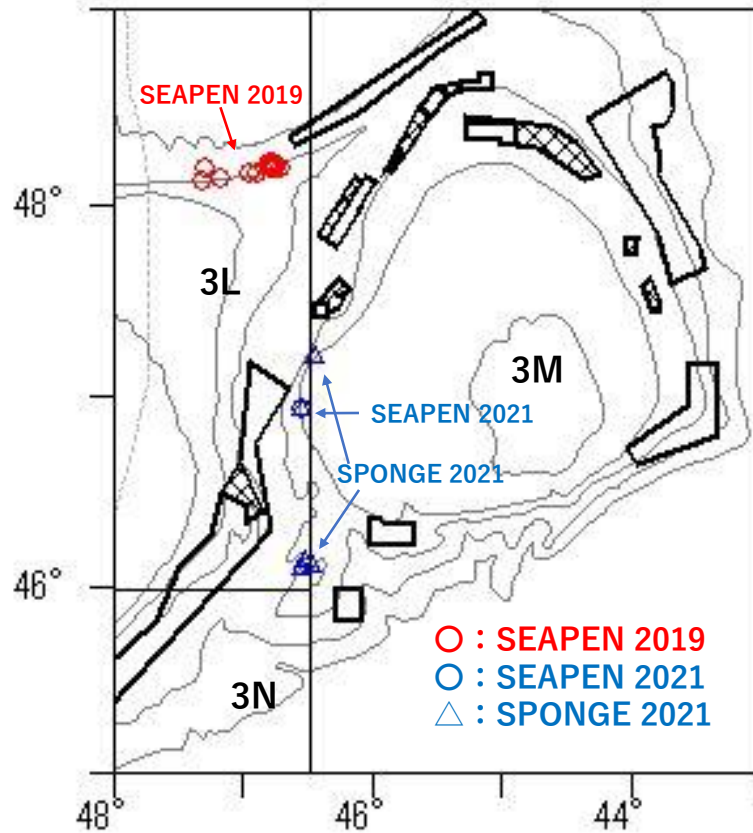


Figure 13. Locations of encounter of VMEs since 2016.

Not conducted in 2023.

B. Special Research Studies

1. Environmental Studies

- a) Hydrographic studies
- b) Plankton studies (including eggs and larvae)
- c) Benthic studies
- d) Observations on ice conditions in Subareas 0 to 4
- e) Other environmental studies

2. Biological studies by species

Material should be presented in the order of the life cycle, reporting studies on eggs and larval stages first.

3. Gear and selectivity studies, including studies on fishing operations

4. Miscellaneous studies

6. Acknowledgements

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Dr. D. Gonzalez-Troncoso, Scientific Council Chair, for her continuous guidance and invaluable suggestions for the arrangement of aggregated total catch length distributions. I am also grateful to NAFO Secretariat for their swift provision of the latest CESAG data.

7. References

NAFO Joint Commission–Scientific Council Catch Estimation Strategy Advisory Group (CESAG) -20 APRIL 2018. Application of the CDAG method to all NAFO managed stocks for 2017. COM-SC CESAG-WP 18-01 (Rev.2).

NAFO Joint Commission–Scientific Council Catch Estimation Strategy Advisory Group (CESAG) -30 APRIL 2019. Comparison of catch data sources for 2018 data available to the NAFO Secretariat. COM-SC CESAG-WP 19-06 (Rev).

NAFO Joint Commission–Scientific Council Catch Estimation Strategy Advisory Group (CESAG) Meeting-24 APRIL 2020. Comparison of catch data sources for 2019 data available to the NAFO Secretariat. COM-SC CESAG-WP 20-02.

NAFO Joint Commission–Scientific Council Catch Estimation Strategy Advisory Group (CESAG) Meeting-13 APRIL 2021. Comparison of catch data sources for 2020 data available to the NAFO Secretariat. COM-SC CESAG-WP 21-04.

NAFO ad hoc Joint Commission–Scientific Council Catch Estimation Strategy Advisory Group (CESAG), APRIL 2022. Application of the CESAG method to all NAFO managed stocks for 2021. COM-SC CESAG-WP 22-01 (Rev. 2).

NAFO ad hoc Joint Commission–Scientific Council Catch Estimation Strategy Advisory Group (CESAG), APRIL 2023. Application of the CESAG method to all NAFO managed stocks for 2022. COM-SC CESAG-WP 23-01 (Rev. 2).

NAFO ad hoc Joint Commission–Scientific Council Catch Estimation Strategy Advisory Group (CESAG), APRIL 2024. Application of the CESAG method to all NAFO managed stocks for 2023. COM-SC CESAG-WP 24-01.

Roman, E., Gonzalez-Iglesias, C. and Gonzalez-Troncoso, D. 2017. Results for the Spanish Survey in the NAFO Regulatory Area of Division 3L for the period 2003-2016. NAFO SCR DOC. 17-013, Ser. No. N6664.

<https://www.nafo.int/Portals/0/PDFs/sc/2017/scr17-013.pdf?ver=2017-08-29-103336-540>

Roman, E., Gonzalez-Iglesias, C., Gonzalez-Troncoso, D. and Alvarez, M. 2017. Results for the Atlantic cod, roughhead grenadier, redfish, thorny skate and black dogfish of the Spanish Survey in the NAFO Div. 3L for the period 2003-2016. NAFO SCR DOC. 17-016, Ser. No. N6668. <https://www.nafo.int/Portals/0/PDFs/sc/2017/scr17-016.pdf?ver=2017-08-29-103815-767>

4) Aggregated total catch length distribution for 3LN RED in Division 3L

FL (cm)	2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022							2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022							
	FL (cm)							FL (cm)							
10.0-10.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35.0-35.5	8967	689	45991	32796	8524	14676	942
10.5-11.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35.5-36.0	6667	1170	42060	24609	4197	13870	942
11.0-11.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36.0-36.5	4680	1312	23096	12978	7519	13067	269
11.5-12.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36.5-37.0	5440	517	16351	12887	5414	15073	269
12.0-12.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37.0-37.5	2948	914	22505	4894	1788	13119	269
12.5-13.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37.5-38.0	3195	517	12621	4889	1535	10851	269
13.0-13.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38.0-38.5	3503	1365	10733	3621	1049	9902	0
13.5-14.0	0	0	0	797	0	0	0	38.5-39.0	2647	517	11112	3212	3648	7403	135
14.0-14.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39.0-39.5	1290	0	8694	2707	573	7774	0
14.5-15.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39.5-40.0	1601	0	8511	2309	2615	4363	0
15.0-15.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40.0-40.5	1496	172	10780	2339	1123	4283	0
15.5-16.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40.5-41.0	568	0	1541	1204	2139	3125	0
16.0-16.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41.0-41.5	0	345	2378	764	4777	3637	0
16.5-17.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41.5-42.0	0	172	1644	1031	2960	1480	0
17.0-17.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42.0-42.5	14	0	806	428	1599	1197	0
17.5-18.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42.5-43.0	374	0	806	428	2521	498	0
18.0-18.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43.0-43.5	0	0	806	0	2315	521	0
18.5-19.0	0	0	0	428	0	0	0	43.5-44.0	0	0	0	0	1405	1089	0
19.0-19.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44.0-44.5	0	225	0	0	2885	461	0
19.5-20.0	0	0	0	0	0	277	0	44.5-45.0	0	0	0	0	194	404	0
20.0-20.5	0	0	0	703	0	0	0	45.0-45.5	0	0	0	0	1199	241	0
20.5-21.0	1067	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.5-46.0	0	0	0	0	2045	121	0
21.0-21.5	0	0	0	417	0	0	0	46.0-46.5	0	0	0	0	756	0	0
21.5-22.0	0	1004	1492	369	0	0	0	46.5-47.0	0	0	0	0	659	0	0
22.0-22.5	3235	4805	1729	797	0	277	0	47.0-47.5	0	0	0	0	1221	158	0
22.5-23.0	4320	6666	3349	2826	0	0	0	47.5-48.0	0	0	0	0	562	0	0
23.0-23.5	4871	8403	4880	5427	367	0	0	48.0-48.5	0	0	0	0	659	0	0
23.5-24.0	6520	7077	8475	8779	367	0	0	48.5-49.0	0	0	0	0	464	0	0
24.0-24.5	8658	21111	12052	24023	367	0	0	49.0-49.5	0	0	0	0	929	0	0
24.5-25.0	7086	19702	8909	31271	476	0	0	49.5-50.0	0	0	0	0	194	0	0
25.0-25.5	9751	22869	15875	33280	1854	0	0	50.0-50.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25.5-26.0	12466	20021	11841	37201	660	0	0	50.5-51.0	0	0	0	0	0	121	0
26.0-26.5	10879	25719	14604	35073	1404	277	0	51.0-51.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26.5-27.0	9792	28011	22787	52735	559	0	0	51.5-52.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27.0-27.5	7076	34865	31454	62528	753	0	135	52.0-52.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27.5-28.0	6750	20313	21587	63559	942	0	0	52.5-53.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28.0-28.5	5318	25634	24205	68445	3088	277	0	53.0-53.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28.5-29.0	13995	20812	29578	85324	2144	490	269	53.5-54.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29.0-29.5	10518	9861	27874	72244	2798	277	0	54.0-54.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29.5-30.0	12829	15928	33036	76645	2343	672	673	54.5-55.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30.0-30.5	6957	15770	33943	70542	5416	368	808								
30.5-31.0	10518	10899	37571	75919	6502	1071	942								
31.0-31.5	10804	9840	44755	74807	6814	1892	942								
31.5-32.0	13471	8009	60855	75023	6816	3357	1481								
32.0-32.5	13412	11910	48583	66699	9558	4474	538								
32.5-33.0	12311	5885	51932	80695	10590	5962	808								
33.0-33.5	12581	6529	64375	74139	8687	7049	942								
33.5-34.0	11212	3885	49127	64056	11813	9233	1077								
34.0-34.5	13158	2396	49065	53784	9450	11141	673								
34.5-35.0	7824	739	39464	47176	7213	14020	1077								

5) Aggregated total catch length distribution for 30 RED

	2016	2017		2016	2017
FL (cm)			FL (cm)		
10.0-10.5	0	0	35.0-35.5	0	0
10.5-11.0	0	0	35.5-36.0	0	0
11.0-11.5	0	0	36.0-36.5	0	0
11.5-12.0	0	0	36.5-37.0	0	0
12.0-12.5	0	0	37.0-37.5	0	0
12.5-13.0	0	0	37.5-38.0	0	0
13.0-13.5	0	0	38.0-38.5	0	0
13.5-14.0	0	0	38.5-39.0	0	0
14.0-14.5	0	0	39.0-39.5	0	0
14.5-15.0	0	0	39.5-40.0	0	0
15.0-15.5	0	0	40.0-40.5	0	0
15.5-16.0	0	0	40.5-41.0	0	0
16.0-16.5	0	0	41.0-41.5	0	0
16.5-17.0	0	0	41.5-42.0	0	0
17.0-17.5	0	0	42.0-42.5	0	0
17.5-18.0	0	0	42.5-43.0	0	0
18.0-18.5	23	0	43.0-43.5	0	0
18.5-19.0	68	233	43.5-44.0	0	0
19.0-19.5	194	0	44.0-44.5	0	0
19.5-20.0	682	294	44.5-45.0	0	0
20.0-20.5	910	0	45.0-45.5	0	0
20.5-21.0	2583	122	45.5-46.0	0	0
21.0-21.5	4390	2994	46.0-46.5	0	0
21.5-22.0	6424	3633	46.5-47.0	0	0
22.0-22.5	8455	3939	47.0-47.5	0	0
22.5-23.0	11279	3117	47.5-48.0	0	0
23.0-23.5	12619	3362	48.0-48.5	0	0
23.5-24.0	13639	2539	48.5-49.0	0	0
24.0-24.5	12097	3350	49.0-49.5	0	0
24.5-25.0	12639	1706	49.5-50.0	0	0
25.0-25.5	10549	1484	50.0-50.5	0	0
25.5-26.0	11011	1190	50.5-51.0	0	0
26.0-26.5	10448	1067	51.0-51.5	0	0
26.5-27.0	7259	61	51.5-52.0	0	0
27.0-27.5	7814	122	52.0-52.5	0	0
27.5-28.0	6607	0	52.5-53.0	0	0
28.0-28.5	5993	0	53.0-53.5	0	0
28.5-29.0	4568	233	53.5-54.0	0	0
29.0-29.5	4303	0	54.0-54.5	0	0
29.5-30.0	3478	0	54.5-55.0	0	0
30.0-30.5	1134	0			
30.5-31.0	898	0			
31.0-31.5	125	0			
31.5-32.0	177	0			
32.0-32.5	0	0			
32.5-33.0	4	0			
33.0-33.5	41	0			
33.5-34.0	0	0			
34.0-34.5	0	0			
34.5-35.0	0	0			

6) Aggregated total catch length distribution for 3M RED (note there is no sample in 2022)

FL (cm)	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2023	FL (cm)	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2023
10.0-10.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35.0-35.5	13372	21294	62064	30635	13339	22377	459
10.5-11.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35.5-36.0	11041	7129	43418	16300	12472	24945	484
11.0-11.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36.0-36.5	8920	9626	48278	12712	13765	23146	376
11.5-12.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36.5-37.0	7587	3851	31312	10746	11292	27715	185
12.0-12.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37.0-37.5	6813	2287	16901	6808	7486	22345	312
12.5-13.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37.5-38.0	5743	7492	16804	4993	9191	29039	440
13.0-13.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38.0-38.5	3384	4995	17481	5698	5554	23874	166
13.5-14.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38.5-39.0	3221	0	16678	6996	7695	18131	255
14.0-14.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39.0-39.5	4988	3641	13899	8043	7707	18517	127
14.5-15.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39.5-40.0	2258	0	9961	4687	13383	14018	191
15.0-15.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40.0-40.5	1565	1144	11271	6135	13236	9776	127
15.5-16.0	0	0	0	189	0	0	0	40.5-41.0	1974	0	7085	5938	6957	7989	0
16.0-16.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41.0-41.5	712	0	8930	2606	8629	5253	64
16.5-17.0	0	0	0	95	0	0	0	41.5-42.0	667	0	4860	4469	7126	8014	64
17.0-17.5	0	0	0	95	0	0	0	42.0-42.5	1520	0	5710	4042	3991	4639	64
17.5-18.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42.5-43.0	0	0	4408	3723	7012	5130	0
18.0-18.5	0	0	0	95	0	0	0	43.0-43.5	0	0	3529	1817	4077	4023	0
18.5-19.0	0	0	0	177	0	0	0	43.5-44.0	0	0	1750	1119	2778	5318	0
19.0-19.5	0	0	0	382	0	0	0	44.0-44.5	530	0	1735	1866	3575	3301	0
19.5-20.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44.5-45.0	0	0	0	2223	865	1823	0
20.0-20.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.0-45.5	0	0	0	1689	6491	1249	0
20.5-21.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.5-46.0	0	0	718	1539	2281	1996	0
21.0-21.5	0	0	0	177	0	0	0	46.0-46.5	0	0	0	2419	1873	417	0
21.5-22.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46.5-47.0	0	0	0	1649	1459	1451	0
22.0-22.5	0	0	0	173	513	0	0	47.0-47.5	0	0	0	1618	3350	900	0
22.5-23.0	310	0	0	864	138	0	0	47.5-48.0	0	0	0	1874	2015	512	0
23.0-23.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	48.0-48.5	0	0	0	972	2466	1031	0
23.5-24.0	310	1144	0	1288	119	0	19	48.5-49.0	0	0	0	823	2485	1073	0
24.0-24.5	0	2888	1102	909	237	0	38	49.0-49.5	0	0	0	691	1026	962	0
24.5-25.0	620	4031	1677	777	1162	0	57	49.5-50.0	0	0	0	0	1440	274	0
25.0-25.5	725	3098	3513	2602	1550	0	115	50.0-50.5	0	0	0	357	1088	647	0
25.5-26.0	1313	4241	5303	6327	2484	0	115	50.5-51.0	0	0	0	177	0	1027	0
26.0-26.5	2121	4631	4749	5130	4903	0	115	51.0-51.5	0	0	0	353	513	382	0
26.5-27.0	699	4631	6757	4756	6491	0	38	51.5-52.0	0	0	0	279	513	752	0
27.0-27.5	1279	9263	15510	9365	3307	0	96	52.0-52.5	0	0	0	177	1026	272	0
27.5-28.0	2243	12904	10171	13333	5388	0	57	52.5-53.0	0	0	0	0	309	544	0
28.0-28.5	3429	18709	17931	14903	10162	417	121	53.0-53.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28.5-29.0	4954	12094	28339	26857	10941	1910	102	53.5-54.0	0	0	0	0	0	586	0
29.0-29.5	3317	22710	39125	34991	16310	1857	210	54.0-54.5	0	0	0	0	0	478	0
29.5-30.0	4885	24274	27645	53437	10432	1513	77	54.5-55.0	0	0	0	0	0	104	0
30.0-30.5	6339	34531	40401	61304	16893	2319	121	55.0-55.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30.5-31.0	10715	28099	52549	55018	21664	2638	185	55.5-56.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31.0-31.5	11760	24638	76895	64076	19285	3797	166	56.0-56.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31.5-32.0	15493	23188	77029	62593	22042	5810	204	56.5-57.0	0	0	0	0	0	117	0
32.0-32.5	17757	25268	89539	60719	15211	6850	484	57.0-57.5	0	0	0	0	0	274	0
32.5-33.0	17902	23765	101332	61825	22094	6540	879	57.5-58.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33.0-33.5	20065	21990	101605	62613	21256	9495	376	58.0-58.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33.5-34.0	20694	22801	106767	46579	19693	15001	433	58.5-59.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34.0-34.5	17498	17566	98038	41676	13058	12973	503	59.0-59.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34.5-35.0	17092	16212	79947	31136	14950	15418	376	59.5-60.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
								60.0-60.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
								60.5-61.0	0	0	0	0	0	274	0
								61.0-61.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
								61.5-62.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

7) Aggregated total catch length distribution for 3LNO YEL in Division 3N

	2016	2017	2018	2019		2016	2017	2018	2019
TL (cm)					TL (cm)				
20.0-20.5	0	0	0	0	40.0-40.5	45954	37365	19006	14408
20.5-21.0	0	0	0	0	40.5-41.0	36150	26392	12278	15327
21.0-21.5	0	0	0	1155	41.0-41.5	22329	15902	17874	10592
21.5-22.0	0	0	0	0	41.5-42.0	14768	25076	7850	19427
22.0-22.5	0	0	0	0	42.0-42.5	1896	9824	8644	8410
22.5-23.0	0	921	0	0	42.5-43.0	13456	10908	8947	11331
23.0-23.5	0	4728	0	5944	43.0-43.5	4336	6561	12364	4689
23.5-24.0	0	1288	0	0	43.5-44.0	6254	4581	2033	6152
24.0-24.5	0	720	0	0	44.0-44.5	3677	2459	1764	2177
24.5-25.0	616	2351	0	2420	44.5-45.0	3918	2826	1137	4756
25.0-25.5	2735	6707	27025	7099	45.0-45.5	3775	1984	3470	3387
25.5-26.0	2509	7188	12627	8792	45.5-46.0	0	1328	0	1706
26.0-26.5	12588	7963	17189	6621	46.0-46.5	658	0	0	0
26.5-27.0	12665	9373	10052	6956	46.5-47.0	948	2057	893	976
27.0-27.5	15286	15171	7181	6857	47.0-47.5	1195	0	2439	2848
27.5-28.0	19528	17995	7654	4785	47.5-48.0	0	710	1406	0
28.0-28.5	31462	28521	7461	18668	48.0-48.5	0	0	0	0
28.5-29.0	59497	33181	10461	16826	48.5-49.0	0	908	1137	0
29.0-29.5	46498	42556	17885	12792	49.0-49.5	0	1215	0	0
29.5-30.0	103489	65846	16429	26363	49.5-50.0	0	0	1137	0
30.0-30.5	103926	78262	25309	24877	50.0-50.5	0	0	0	1693
30.5-31.0	183332	93088	31007	27014	50.5-51.0	0	0	0	0
31.0-31.5	186703	116168	62182	18043	51.0-51.5	0	0	0	0
31.5-32.0	294117	158873	84997	23083	51.5-52.0	0	0	0	0
32.0-32.5	240846	154990	86865	24960	52.0-52.5	0	0	0	0
32.5-33.0	312165	182858	115939	28566	52.5-53.0	0	0	0	0
33.0-33.5	308932	197121	110884	50730	53.0-53.5	0	0	0	0
33.5-34.0	280196	190342	120330	30841	53.5-54.0	0	0	0	0
34.0-34.5	266593	196588	104575	32866	54.0-54.5	0	0	0	0
34.5-35.0	256252	160872	102586	45102	54.5-55.0	0	0	0	0
35.0-35.5	176093	181119	87825	43539	55.0-55.5	0	0	0	0
35.5-36.0	185431	126959	98927	31357	55.5-56.0	0	0	0	0
36.0-36.5	129242	128223	79075	30840	56.0-56.5	0	0	0	0
36.5-37.0	148135	101751	70139	44539	56.5-57.0	0	0	0	0
37.0-37.5	124155	104405	74016	32483	57.0-57.5	0	0	0	0
37.5-38.0	105899	100648	57667	40189	57.5-58.0	0	0	0	0
38.0-38.5	82840	77035	55129	21379	58.0-58.5	0	0	0	0
38.5-39.0	72732	64459	35675	31723	58.5-59.0	0	0	0	0
39.0-39.5	49704	44366	34316	23722	59.0-59.5	0	0	0	0
39.5-40.0	63314	39683	47087	20280	59.5-60.0	0	0	0	0

8) Aggregated total catch length distribution for 3LNO YEL in Division 30

	2016	2017	2018	2019		2016	2017	2018	2019
TL (cm)					TL (cm)				
20.0-20.5	0	0	0	0	40.0-40.5	0	0	0	0
20.5-21.0	0	0	0	0	40.5-41.0	0	0	0	0
21.0-21.5	0	0	0	0	41.0-41.5	444	0	0	0
21.5-22.0	0	0	0	0	41.5-42.0	0	0	0	0
22.0-22.5	0	0	0	0	42.0-42.5	0	0	0	0
22.5-23.0	0	0	0	0	42.5-43.0	0	0	0	0
23.0-23.5	0	0	0	0	43.0-43.5	0	0	0	0
23.5-24.0	0	0	0	0	43.5-44.0	0	0	0	0
24.0-24.5	0	0	0	0	44.0-44.5	0	0	0	0
24.5-25.0	0	0	0	0	44.5-45.0	222	0	0	0
25.0-25.5	0	0	0	0	45.0-45.5	0	0	0	0
25.5-26.0	0	0	0	0	45.5-46.0	0	0	0	0
26.0-26.5	0	0	0	0	46.0-46.5	0	0	0	0
26.5-27.0	0	0	0	0	46.5-47.0	0	0	0	0
27.0-27.5	0	0	0	0	47.0-47.5	0	0	0	0
27.5-28.0	0	0	0	0	47.5-48.0	0	0	0	0
28.0-28.5	0	0	0	0	48.0-48.5	0	0	0	0
28.5-29.0	0	0	0	0	48.5-49.0	0	0	0	0
29.0-29.5	0	0	0	0	49.0-49.5	0	0	0	0
29.5-30.0	222	0	0	0	49.5-50.0	0	0	0	0
30.0-30.5	0	0	0	0	50.0-50.5	0	0	0	0
30.5-31.0	0	0	0	0	50.5-51.0	0	0	0	0
31.0-31.5	444	0	0	0	51.0-51.5	0	0	0	0
31.5-32.0	0	0	0	0	51.5-52.0	0	0	0	0
32.0-32.5	444	0	0	0	52.0-52.5	0	0	0	0
32.5-33.0	667	0	0	0	52.5-53.0	0	0	0	0
33.0-33.5	444	0	0	0	53.0-53.5	0	0	0	0
33.5-34.0	667	0	0	0	53.5-54.0	0	0	0	0
34.0-34.5	222	0	0	0	54.0-54.5	0	0	0	0
34.5-35.0	889	0	0	0	54.5-55.0	0	0	0	0
35.0-35.5	889	0	0	0	55.0-55.5	0	0	0	0
35.5-36.0	1111	0	0	0	55.5-56.0	0	0	0	0
36.0-36.5	889	0	0	0	56.0-56.5	0	0	0	0
36.5-37.0	1111	0	0	0	56.5-57.0	0	0	0	0
37.0-37.5	444	0	0	0	57.0-57.5	0	0	0	0
37.5-38.0	667	0	0	0	57.5-58.0	0	0	0	0
38.0-38.5	667	0	0	0	58.0-58.5	0	0	0	0
38.5-39.0	444	0	0	0	58.5-59.0	0	0	0	0
39.0-39.5	222	0	0	0	59.0-59.5	0	0	0	0
39.5-40.0	0	0	0	0	59.5-60.0	0	0	0	0

9) Aggregated total catch length distribution for 3LNO YEL in Divisions 3N+3O

	2016	2017	2018	2019		2016	2017	2018	2019
TL (cm)					TL (cm)				
20.0-20.5	0	0	0	0	40.0-40.5	45954	37365	19006	14408
20.5-21.0	0	0	0	0	40.5-41.0	36150	26392	12278	15327
21.0-21.5	0	0	0	1155	41.0-41.5	22774	15902	17874	10592
21.5-22.0	0	0	0	0	41.5-42.0	14768	25076	7850	19427
22.0-22.5	0	0	0	0	42.0-42.5	1896	9824	8644	8410
22.5-23.0	0	921	0	0	42.5-43.0	13456	10908	8947	11331
23.0-23.5	0	4728	0	5944	43.0-43.5	4336	6561	12364	4689
23.5-24.0	0	1288	0	0	43.5-44.0	6254	4581	2033	6152
24.0-24.5	0	720	0	0	44.0-44.5	3677	2459	1764	2177
24.5-25.0	616	2351	0	2420	44.5-45.0	4140	2826	1137	4756
25.0-25.5	2735	6707	27025	7099	45.0-45.5	3775	1984	3470	3387
25.5-26.0	2509	7188	12627	8792	45.5-46.0	0	1328	0	1706
26.0-26.5	12588	7963	17189	6621	46.0-46.5	658	0	0	0
26.5-27.0	12665	9373	10052	6956	46.5-47.0	948	2057	893	976
27.0-27.5	15286	15171	7181	6857	47.0-47.5	1195	0	2439	2848
27.5-28.0	19528	17995	7654	4785	47.5-48.0	0	710	1406	0
28.0-28.5	31462	28521	7461	18668	48.0-48.5	0	0	0	0
28.5-29.0	59497	33181	10461	16826	48.5-49.0	0	908	1137	0
29.0-29.5	46498	42556	17885	12792	49.0-49.5	0	1215	0	0
29.5-30.0	103711	65846	16429	26363	49.5-50.0	0	0	1137	0
30.0-30.5	103926	78262	25309	24877	50.0-50.5	0	0	0	1693
30.5-31.0	183332	93088	31007	27014	50.5-51.0	0	0	0	0
31.0-31.5	187148	116168	62182	18043	51.0-51.5	0	0	0	0
31.5-32.0	294117	158873	84997	23083	51.5-52.0	0	0	0	0
32.0-32.5	241291	154990	86865	24960	52.0-52.5	0	0	0	0
32.5-33.0	312832	182858	115939	28566	52.5-53.0	0	0	0	0
33.0-33.5	309376	197121	110884	50730	53.0-53.5	0	0	0	0
33.5-34.0	280863	190342	120330	30841	53.5-54.0	0	0	0	0
34.0-34.5	266815	196588	104575	32866	54.0-54.5	0	0	0	0
34.5-35.0	257141	160872	102586	45102	54.5-55.0	0	0	0	0
35.0-35.5	176982	181119	87825	43539	55.0-55.5	0	0	0	0
35.5-36.0	186542	126959	98927	31357	55.5-56.0	0	0	0	0
36.0-36.5	130131	128223	79075	30840	56.0-56.5	0	0	0	0
36.5-37.0	149246	101751	70139	44539	56.5-57.0	0	0	0	0
37.0-37.5	124599	104405	74016	32483	57.0-57.5	0	0	0	0
37.5-38.0	106566	100648	57667	40189	57.5-58.0	0	0	0	0
38.0-38.5	83506	77035	55129	21379	58.0-58.5	0	0	0	0
38.5-39.0	73176	64459	35675	31723	58.5-59.0	0	0	0	0
39.0-39.5	49926	44366	34316	23722	59.0-59.5	0	0	0	0
39.5-40.0	63314	39683	47087	20280	59.5-60.0	0	0	0	0

Annex B Fishing vessel in recent years (2016-2024)

FV No 68 Fukuyoshi maru (stern trawler) (Gross Tonnage:401 t) (Photo 1) started her first fishing operation in the NAFO CA from April 8, 2016 (Division 3L) targeting Greenland halibut after 7 years absence of operations by other Japanese vessels. There are two scientific observers on-board.



Photo 1. FV No 68 Fukuyoshi maru
(St. John's, New Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada)