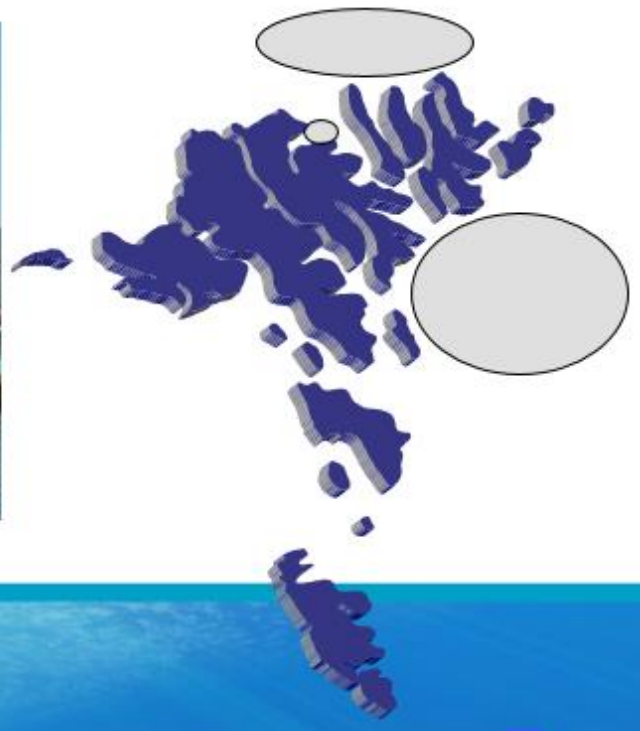


# **Fishing Manual for the Faroese Scallop Fishery**



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## Introduction

This manual is written on the basis of company knowledge on scallop fishery and on advises related to the MSC certification of the Faroese scallop's fishery dated May 2013. The basic reports are

[https://www.msc.org/..05.04.2011\\_Faroe\\_Island\\_Queen\\_Scallop\\_PCR\\_v5.pdf](https://www.msc.org/..05.04.2011_Faroe_Island_Queen_Scallop_PCR_v5.pdf)

[https://www.msc.org..../faroe\\_islands\\_queen\\_scallop..../20130903\\_PCR\\_SCA44.pdf](https://www.msc.org..../faroe_islands_queen_scallop..../20130903_PCR_SCA44.pdf)

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OCJoensen started in 2008 a process of MSC certification to state the sustainability of the Faroe Islands scallop fishery. This has been a difficult and expensive process which have given insight and experience although the certification has been unexpected difficult to gain and to maintain. Even the difficulties our wish to maintain the MSC certification has led us to organise the data gathering on the scallop fishery in a way, so they are manageable in accordance to a Risk-Based Framework method.

The company has decided to have a Fishing Manual outlining the fishery procedures and sampling. This Fishing Manual will be a handbook for the operating vessel. It will act as an improvement on the regular updates of the knowledge and the yearly progress of the Faroese scallop fishery. It will be regularly updated and evaluated after each fishing season and prior to every annual surveillance of the MSC certification.

This Fishery Manual will be kept with 3 identical copies at the Thor head office, at OCJoensen office and on board the operating vessel for scallop fishery f/v Norðheim. It will be sent to the Faroese Marine Research Institute (FAMRI) for knowledge, review and verification.

## **The scope of the Fishing Manual**

The aim is to ensure that the scallop fishery is managed systematically and in accordance with the MSC certification. As the description of the scallop fishery around Faroe is well addressed in the MSC Faroe Islands Queen Scallop Reports this first edition of the Fishery Manual will especially address the Conditions and Recommendations, which not have been addressed properly up to now.

The procedures for maintaining a sustainable fishery are in focus.

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### **Condition 1:**

**SG80a: A limit reference point (LRP) shall be implemented for the fishery.**

**SG80b&c: Evidence must be provided that the harvest control rule is set at an appropriate level to allow for recovery of local scallop beds.**

**Uncertainties regarding the set level of the limit reference point and the appropriateness of the tools used to control exploitation rate must be addressed as well.**

The amount of catch and the time used has always been registered and still is. The limit reference point (LRP) has been part of the practical Code of Conduct every Captain is introduced in when engaged. The best evidence that the harvest control rule is set at an appropriate level to allow for recovery of local scallop beds is the relative stable fishery in the specific areas. The fishery is strictly limited to one vessel, to breadth of the dredge and to the winter period. Uncertainties regarding the Limit Reference Point is especially the weather condition. Uncertainties regarding the appropriateness of the tools used to control exploitation rate are addressed in the yearly evaluation of the fishery.

### **Corrective action:**

- Present practice formalized by guidelines and including minimum catch limit (kg/hour)

See Enclosure 1: **Harvest Control Rules for the scallop fishery around Faroe Islands**

- Evaluate “move on” rule by analysing the available data on the geographical positions

See Enclosure 2: **Table, indicating Good area, Awareness areas and Closed areas for the past 4 years.**

To ensure a sustainable fishery the captain keeps a register on the towing and the fishery as mentioned in the Harvest Control Rules. The „move on“ rule we have used or the „Harvest Control Rules“ we now have introduced is company rules to ensure a sustainable scallop fishery. To demonstrate that the rule is followed the Captain state in the fishery record book, where he has fished and when he leave the area and in the annual review all the areas are evaluated and registered as closed, awareness or good areas for the next two seasons.

The tows during a tour will be evaluated towards the different CPUE referent points. Should the CPUE be within the target area of 1.5 ton or higher the area will be indicated with a green colour. Should the CPUE be within 1.0 – 1.5 the areas will be indicated with a yellow colour and should the areas have a CPUE less than 1,0 ton the area will be indicated with a red colour. All three Referent Points are set by OCJoensen as a Fishery Management Tool to ensure sustainable harvest of the scallop areas. As the fishery has been relative stable for 3-4 decades, we are sure that these reference points are valid.

Harvest Control Rules for Scallops fishery		
Target reference point	➤ 1,5	Keep on the good fishery
Trigger reference point	< 1,5	Move to a better area
Limit reference point	< 1,0	Closed area for 2 years

Fishing areas are registered in grid outlined in a map. Good area, Awareness areas and Closed areas are separated visually each year. We have looked at the existing registration the last seasons and the results are in enclosure 2.

- Contact the Faroe Marine Research Institute (FAMRI) regarding the limit reference point and ensure a verification of the used reference points, especially the Limit Reference points.

See enclosure 3: **Review from FAMRI on CPUE**

FAMRI has been reviewing the scallop fishery in the period 2003 – 2015. We are continuing to supply FAMRI with data to support their research and to look closer at the ability to work on a scientific review of the eastern areas.

**Condition 2:**

**CPUE in the eastern area should be monitored by authorities in addition to CPUE for the exploratory areas.**

**Corrective action:**

- Continuing registration of CPUE and request the authorities to monitor this.
- Contact the authorities to have the CPUE monitoring formalized

The Faroese Fishery Authorities are following the fishery on a regular bases. All daily catch records are immediately after fishery tours sent to the Fishery Inspection and Faroese Marine Research Institute (FAMRI). Enclosed is a review of the date from 2003 – 2015, made by the FAMRI. We will continue to supply FAMRI with data and they will be invited to participate at the yearly review of the fishery at the end of each season.

**Condition 3:**

**Sufficient data must be provided to assess the impact of the dredge on the habitat for the main eastern fishing area.**

**Corrective Action**

- Habitat impact assessment. This research work should be scientifically robust and ideally independent.

OCJoensen is able to ensure a good field registration. Furthermore we are committed to do more habitat studies with an involvement of FAMRI.

As the Faroese scallop fishery is a very small fishery with a single vessel in the winter period towing on depth around 60 – 80 meters it seems difficult to see the ability to address this in other way then keeping a good monitoring on the content within the dredge. To put cameras on the dredge has been discussed as a possibility and this may be done in upcoming fishing seasons in connection with a survey.

Elements of the dredge has been improved in years but the breadth gap has not been changed. The aim of the last improvements on the dredge has been to reduce the wasted dredge tow, to give fish better possibilities to swim

away and to get a better sea flow through the dredge. The improvements are still not evaluated but the first results indicates that the dredge now:

- can be towed on both sides, which means that no tow is “wasted” due to wrong side.
- is more open in the front and gives fish better ability to move away.
- has a better cleaning ability for trash as more water comes through

Differences between the former and new dredge will be evaluated, based on differences in trash and bycatch. We do not expect other differences in scallop catch than less wasted tow, due to the dredge ability to tow on both sides and in more rough weather condition. The evaluation will be done each year as a part of the general review in the end of the fishing season.

The main fishing area is the eastern area as the catch has been best in this area. The fishery in the two northern areas is described in a report to The Faroese Fishery Authority from October 2015. There was fished 688 ton out of the quota on 2000 ton with a CPUE on 2.004 kg in one area and 72 ton was fished out of a quota on 267 ton with a CPUE on 1.956 kg in the other area. We see that the trash (rusk) is 36,9 % and 45,5 % of the catch in the areas, which means that a relative high amount of empty shells, whelks, starfish and other bottom elements were part of the total landing. The mean trash (rusk) part in 2014/15 was 21,9 % (úrtøkusanbering frá Høgna). The bycatch was not part of the report and it has not been time to go through differences in areas regarding bycatch.

See Enclosure 4: **Procedure for registration and evaluation**, which also contain the methods of bycatch and trash registration.

See Enclosure 5: **Frágreiðing um skeljafiskiskapin norðanfyri 2014/15.**

Report in Faroese on the fishery in the two northern areas. Stock assessments in both areas are tagged to the enclosure.

**Condition 4: A research plan for the fishery must be provided.**

**Corrective Action:**

- Research on Faroes Queen Scallop fishery

As mentioned under Condition 3 it will be very difficult for the fishing company itself to do a scientific research on this relative small scallop fishery. Also in FAMRI the scallop fishery do not seem to have research priorities as this is a very limited fishery licensed to only one company. We have stated our interest in supporting a scientific research on the Faroese Queen Scallop and are steadily supplying the FAMRI with fishery data.

Our research plan is what we have stated under condition 3: to ensure a good field registration and to urge for more habitat studies with an involvement of FAMRI. We are steadily improving the documentation of catch, bycatch and trash and we will get it reviewed by FAMRI or other competent capacity.

**Condition 5: Formal mechanisms to review the fishery must be implemented. These mechanisms should provide for internal reviews on a regular basis and occasionally external review.**

**Corrective action:**

- Internal reviews on a regular basis and occasionally external review

As stated, the company has been very careful to closely monitor the fishery through many years. This is based on internal reviews and discussions with authorities and research Institutes. We regularly improved both the fishing vessel, the equipment and the monitoring system. Also the company can receive exploratory licenses to be allow to carry out exploratory dredging outside the license areas. This is to regularly review other areas where it may be possible to harvest for scallop. As the only license holder to utilize the scallop resources around Faroe Island, the OCJoensen and the FAMRI have a mutual interest in the knowledge about the scallop resources around Faroe Islands. Bearing in mind the MRC's aim to ensure a sustainable harvesting of sea resources,



we have indeed the same interests in a sustainable scallop fishery in our area.

To ensure that an annual formal review meeting will be hold in good time in advance for the MSC annual surveillance we have decided to formalise the evaluation in the end of each fishing season with a meeting, where the FAMRI will be invited to participate:

The protocol from the meeting will register:

- a. Place, time and attends
- b. Agenda on the meeting
  - i. Fishing tours and catch this season
  - ii. CPUE and scallop meat evaluation
  - iii. Good areas, Awareness areas and Closed areas evaluation
  - iv. Bycatch and trash evaluation
  - v. Dredge efficiency evaluation
- c. Outstanding issues/conditions/recommendation from the certifier with regards to the MSC certification
- d. Other items needed to discuss

### **Upcoming Deadlines:**

FAMRI is invited to participate in the evaluation of the data from the 2015/16 fishing season. This evaluation will also include this Fishery Manual as a whole. The evaluation will be in May/June 2016.

In the end of 2016 we can deliver a note on the impact of dredging on bottom habitats based on former studies and what has been the company experience on the bottom habitat impact. The differences between areas will be further evaluated in 2016 and this will be part of the note on impact on bottom habitats, including bycatch and trash (rusk). An evaluation on the differences between dredges will be part of this note as well.

The company is in a dialog with FAMRI to priorities a Stock Assessment for the eastern area. We expect it can be done in 2016, but we are not able to ensure this on behalf on FAMRI.

## **Enclosure 1**

### **Harvest Control Rules for the scallop fishery around Faroe Islands**

This document is made by OCJoensen to give guidelines for the company's scallop fishery.

OCJoensen is committed to harvest the scallop beds in a sustainable way. It is important to dredge in a way which keeps the fishing grounds ecologically healthy so they are always able to regain and keep their value as scallop fishing beds

The fishing grounds are east and north of the islands divided on 3 licenses. The fishing period is from august to April.

To ensure a sustainable fishery the captain and landing site keeps a register on the towing and the fishery:

**Towing area, towing length and towing time.**

**Total amount of scallops, total amount of trash and total amount of bycatch**

**Different species in the bycatch are registered onboard the vessel**

**Content of trash is separated and registered after landing**

The fishery starts when the tow is launched in a specific area. There will be several tows in the same area as each tow cycles is around 40 minutes. A fishing tour takes normally around 30 – 40 hours.

The tows during a tour will be evaluated towards the standard CPUE, which is a historically middle value. Should the CPUE be lower than expected it will be evaluated towards the CPUE trigger for moving to another area. The trigger CPUE is the level where the amount of catch is regarded too low for a profitable fishery. Should the catch be lower than the trigger CPUE it should be evaluated towards the CPUE limit, which is the lowest point of fishery in an area, set as a fishery security limit. Areas where the fishery comes down to the limit CPUE are closed for 2 years.

- Tow should give above 1.5 ton/hour of scallops. The CPUE (target) is to keep all tow above this
- Tow lower than 1,5 ton indicate awareness and should be avoided. The CPUE (trigger) is between 1.0 -1,5 ton/hour
- Tow lower than 1 ton/hour means that the area shall be abandoned for at least 2 years. The CPUE (Limit) is 1,0 ton/hour

Harvest Control Rules for Scallops fishery	Gross ton/hour	Action:
Target reference point	➤ 1,5	Keep on the good fishery
Trigger reference point	< 1,5	Move to a better area
Limit reference point	< 1,0	Closed area for 2 years

The CPUE is calculated based on each fishing tour. It is calculated as the catch amount from the time the fishery starts in a specific area to the time the fishery ends in the same specific area.

When making these evaluations the master should bear in mind that the fishery is very much effected by weather conditions and current. It is not possible to fish in wind above 15 m/s, especially from the east. Also strong current gives problems especially in the north and the coast near part of the eastern area.

**Should a tow include corals, sponges or other elements from special botton habitats (Vulnerable Marine Ecosystem (VME)), these areas shall be avoided and registered as closed areas due to special ecosystem.**

As a basic for sustainable fishery in the area the OCJoensen company has decided that the captain and the crew of the vessel need to respect these Harvest Control Rules when fishing. The rules shall be evaluated yearly at the end of a fishing period.

**Enclosure 2:**

**Tables, indicating Good area, Awareness areas and Closed areas.**

We will work on the ability to present this in grid on a map. In meantime, it is possible to view this in the following table:

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**Enclosure 3:**

**Review from FAMRI on CPUE has been received 15. December 2015.**

**“Adjustment of queen scallops CPUE data in Faroese water (2003 – 2015)”**

# Adjustment of queen scallops CPUE data in Faroese waters (2003 – 2015)

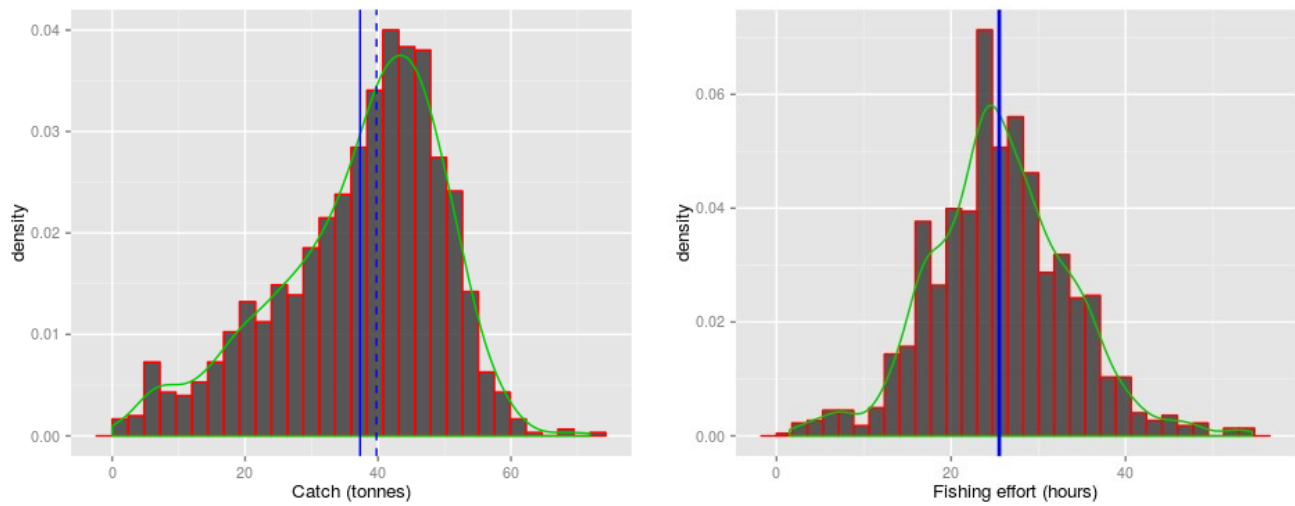
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The present study describes briefly the standardization of catch per unit of effort data for queen scallops (*Aequipecten opercularis*) in Faroese waters. The analysis was based on logbook data from the fishing vessel M/V Norðheim in eastern fishing grounds provided to the Faroe Marine Research Institute (FAMRI) by O.C Joensen.

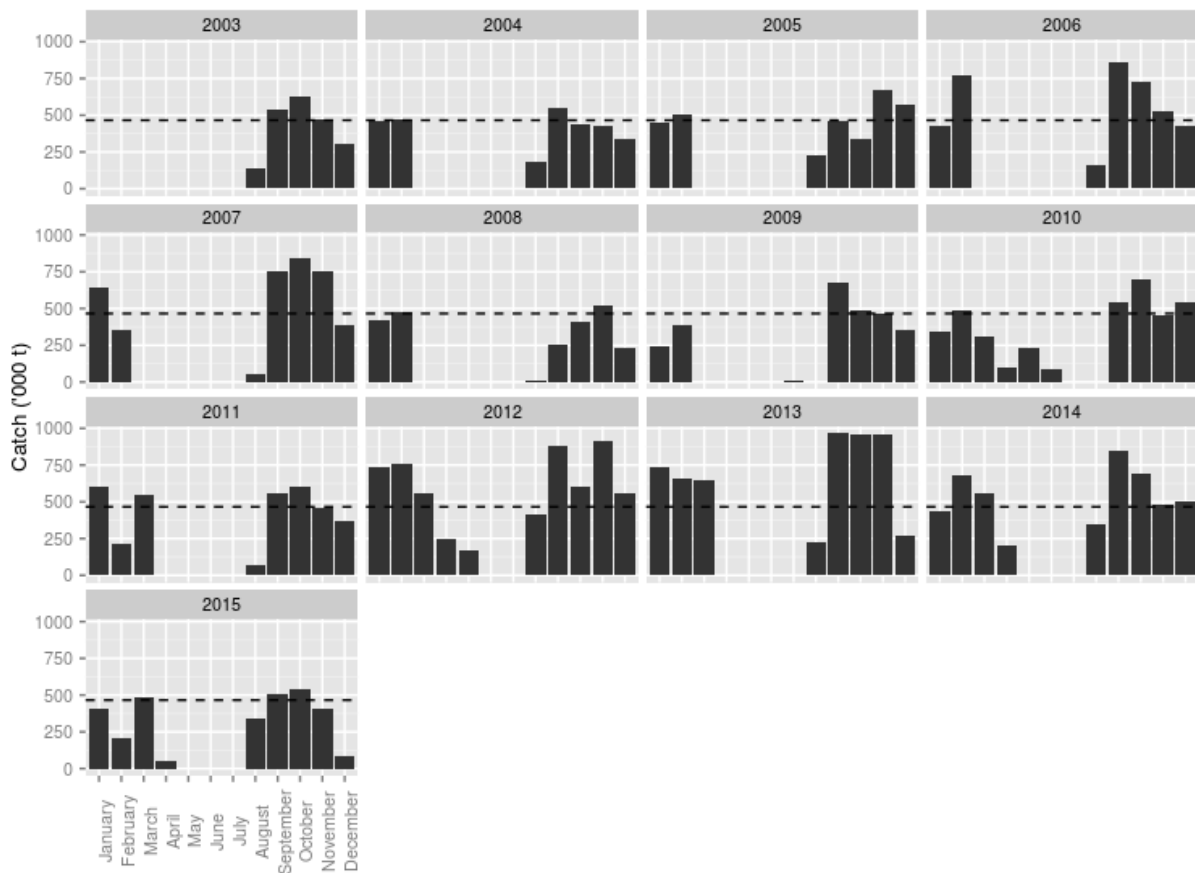
Catch per unit of effort (CPUE) was adjusted via a generalized lineal model (GLM) using seasonal and inter-annual variability as predictors. Spatial distribution of the fisheries was also used as a covariate in the model but it showed up as non significant. This could be explained by the spatial homogeneity of the fisheries which essentially has operated in the same area since the 1970s. The response was log-transformed and the best model was chosen among those with the lowest AIC (Akaike Information Criterion) and by performing a likelihood ratio test. Model diagnostics did not show any violations of model assumptions. The agreement between observed and expected CPUE is good. Model estimates suggests that observed CPUEs were larger than we would expect although observed catch rates are within the modeled uncertainty bands. A lineal mixed-effects model (LME) was also run as a diagnostic tool. Model estimates of both frameworks (GLM and LME) agreed substantially (not shown).

The average catch and fishing effort per trip are 37 tons and 26 hours respectively (Figure 1). Figures 2 and 3 show the seasonal and annual variation in catches and effort respectively from 2003 to 2015. Catch rates of scallops have remained relatively stable from 1 500 kg/hour in 2003 to 1 200 kg/hour in 2011 (Figure 4). Higher than average CPUEs (1 400 kg/hour) were observed from 2012 to 2014 at a level of around 1 900 kg/hour and it subsequently decreased to 1 300 kg/hour in 2015. Fishing effort (measured in hours) increased substantially from 1 500 hours in 2003 to 3 000 hours in 2007. It remained stable at around 1 900 hours from 2008 to 2011 and it decreased slowly thereafter down to 1 400 hours 2014. Although the effort increased in 2015 (1 600 hours) catch rates declined in the same year.

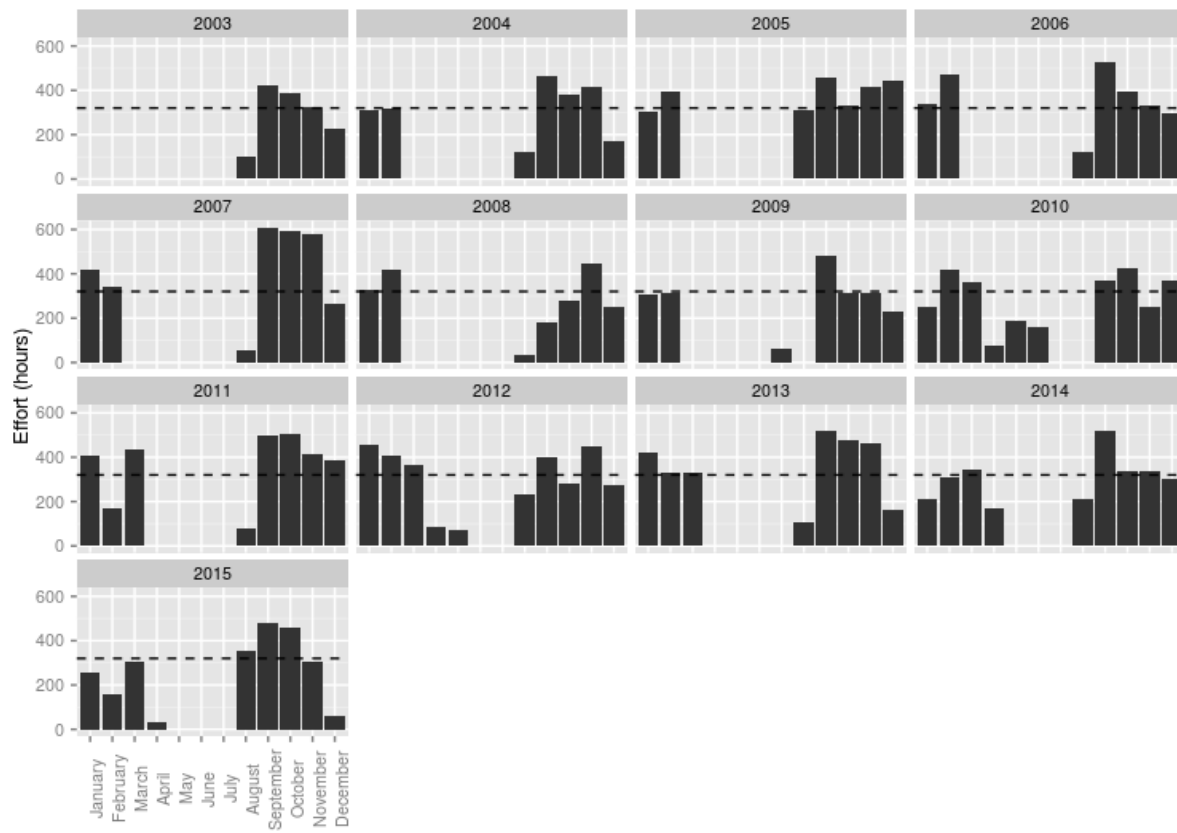
Although stock size of scallops in absolute terms is unknown the present analysis indicates that levels of both catches and effort (with the exception of 2007) are consistent and have fluctuated in a narrow range in the last 13 years, which suggests a stock not being subject to fisheries depletion.



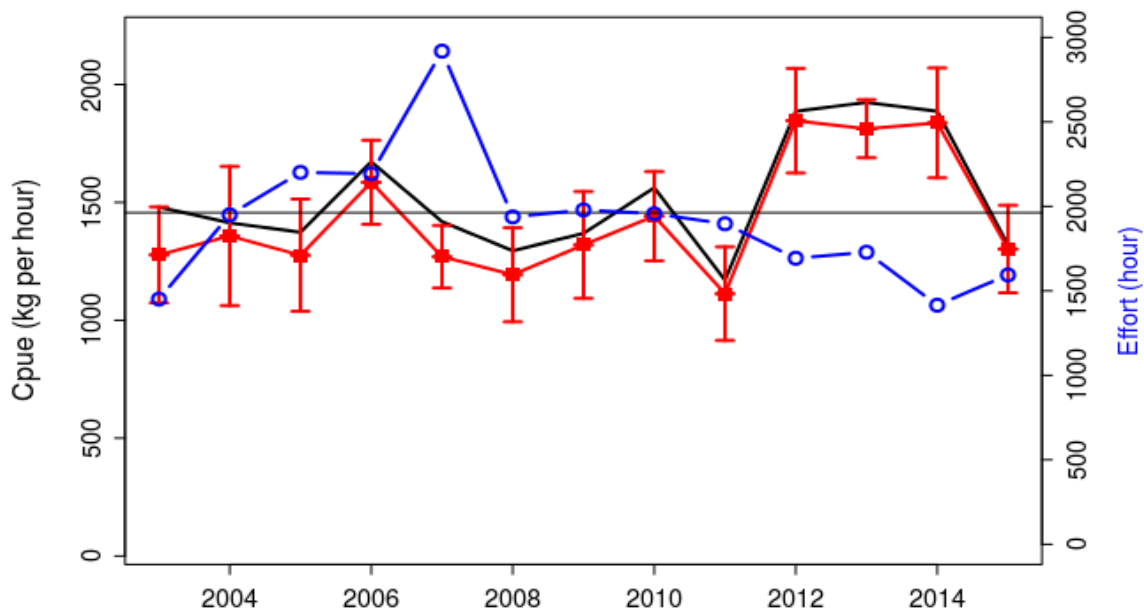
**Figure 1.** Queen scallop. Distribution of catch (tons)(left) and tour duration (hours)(right). Solid and dashed vertical lines represent mean and median values respectively.



**Figure 2.** Temporal distribution of catches (2003-2015). Dashed horizontal line shows overall average.



**Figure 3.** Temporal distribution of effort (2003-2015). Dashed horizontal line shows overall average.



**Figure 4.** Queen scallop. Observed (black line) and predicted (red line) CPUEs (GLM). Vertical red bars represent uncertainty in the estimates. Horizontal black line represents average CPUE from 2003 to 2015. Blue line shows mean fishing effort.

#### **Enclosure 4: Registration and Evaluation**

As a basis for sustainable fishery in the area the OCJoensen company has implemented a monitoring scheme around the fishery. This has been done since the start in the 70's and the collected knowledge on the scallops and the fishery are continually used to evaluate resources, fishery and equipment.

The Harvest Control Rules together with the content of the different registrations shall be evaluated yearly at the end of the fishing season. Registration of catch, area and time shall be evaluated together with CPUE target, CPUE trigger and CPUE limit. Also registration of bycatch, bottom habitats and equipment status should be evaluated.

The abilities to improve equipment and make a better value out of the product without in any way harming the future of the stable fishery on the used fishing grounds has great importance for the company.

The content of the evaluation has to be within these areas:

- Fishing tours and catch this season
- CPUE and scallop meat evaluation
- Good areas, Awareness areas and Closed areas evaluation
- Bycatch and trash evaluation
- Dredge efficiency evaluation

Method for registration of fish on-board the vessel:

On-board the vessel after a tow the content of the dredge is emptied into a pool. From the pool, the catch will be transported through a sorting system ensuring that undersized scallops and other smaller bottom elements are transported to the sea again. The right size scallop together with other bottom creatures at this size and larger is moved into boxes and landed. Should any fish be in the dredge they shall be handled separately. It is not allowed to throw fish out again. It is the responsibility of the Captain to ensure the registration of which species fish is taken on-board with the dredge and to ensure proper landing of the bycatch.

Method for registration of trash/rusk:

The method for trash registration is that a part from the landed catch (around 20 liter basket) is taken to a table where the healthy scallops are separated from the empty shells, starfishes, stones etc. All the elements, which not are healthy scallops, are regarded as trash. The content of the trash elements is separated into different shell species, empty shells, whelks, starfishes, stones and other waste. This is registered as a sample from each tour.

The result from the sorting of the bycatch and the trash is registered in the main excel spreadsheet.

Registration forms are:

For Captains to fill out: Daily Catch records, including time, position and bycatch, Landing registration and Health-registration.

For landing site to fill out: Weight registration and full catch and production monitoring on an excel spreadsheet.

Both the Daily Catch Records and the landing documents are sent to the Faroese Fishery Authorities for further registration.

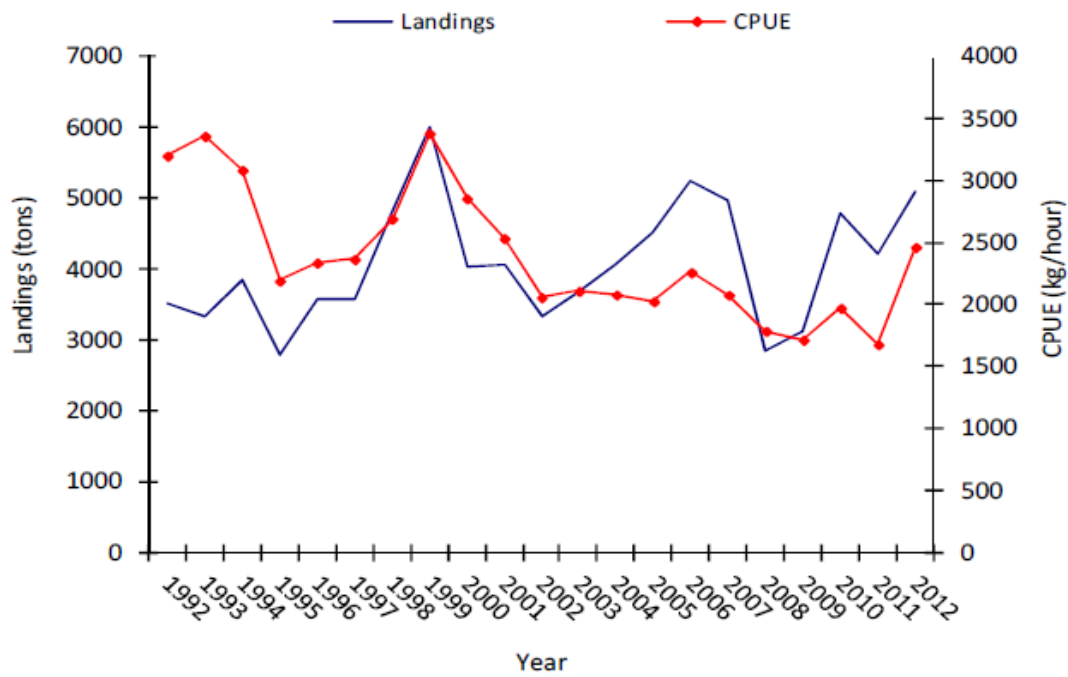
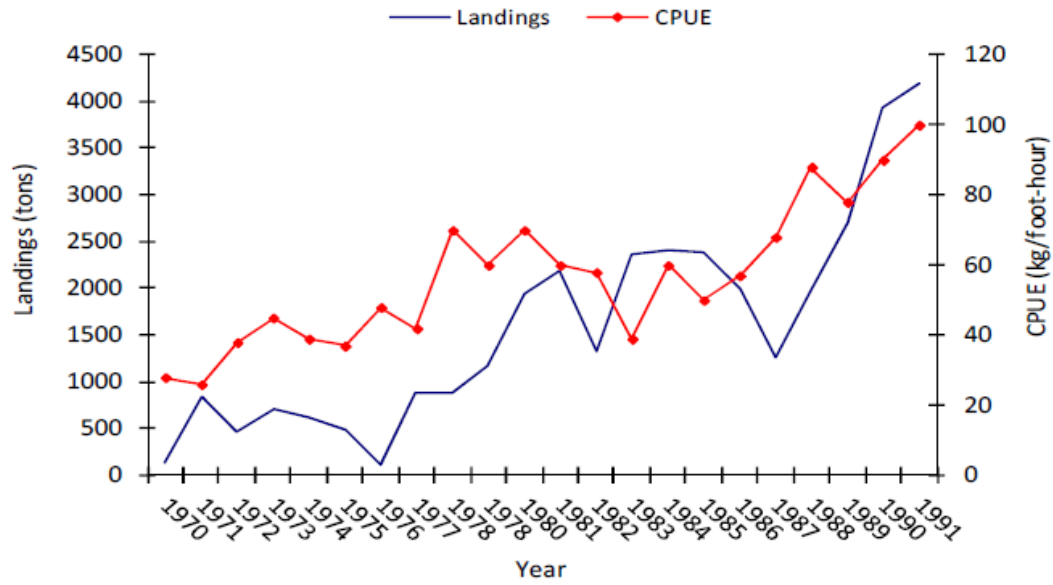
Presentation figures are:

- Landing and CPUE (see enclosed)
- Catch positions (see enclosed)
- Bycatch and trash (see enclosed)

Examples of the registration forms and some examples of data utilisation can be seen on the next pages:



## Landings and CPUE



## Catch position:

Kg.net.fiska-tíma	sesong			
Fiskileið.	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015
122lw22			2.201	
122mb22		1.228		
123lr95		1.474		
123ma11		2.687		
124lx22		2.172		
124ly11			2.284	
124ly22		1.613		
124ma22			1.033	
124mb44				1.389
125lu02	1.216			
125lu12	1.662			
125lu22	951			
125lu32	1.601			
125lw11	1.206			
125lw22	1.052			
125lx33				1.356
125ly12		1.525		
125ma11	1.264			
126lu20	546			
126lu22	1.104		1.830	1.439
126lu30	897			
126lw22			2.187	
126lx22			2.059	1.756
126lx44				1.683
127ma24				1.540
127mb4				1.767
128lt30	1.287			
128ma22			2.944	
128ma33				1.523
128ma44				1.618
128mb22				1.752
128mb33			3.069	
128ne44				1.656
129lw22			1.420	
129lx33			1.764	
129ly22				1.895
129ly23				2.078
129ma11		1.816		
129mb23				1.352
129mc22				2.137
130lq11		2.682		
130lq20	1.142			
130lq22			2.899	
130lr11	1.437			
130lt22	1.397			

## Bycatch and trash

		tons	% rusk
Sesong 2014-2015		5 061.000	20,7
Byrja skilja ruski töl 27	% AV	3 418.000	20,3
Byrja registrera fisk töl 71	% AV	714.000	
Byrja við einum hægum dreggi töl 73	% AV	635.000	15,8
Byrja við tveimur hægum dreggi töl 80	% AV	284.000	16,1

	kg fiskur	% Fiskur
Sum of Torskur	585	0,05193
Sum of Havtaska	80	0,0112
Sum of Reysepitta	10	0,0014
Sum of Tunga	10	0,0014
	685	0,09594

Byti av ruskinum	Kg rusk	% Rusk
Sum of Jákupskeljaknús	52,6	31,52
Sum of Øða heil	6,55	5,12
Sum of Øða-skeljaknús	7,01	4,2
Sum of Kúbiskel við mæti	1,03	0,62
Sum of Kúbiskel utan mæti	61,05	36,58
Sum of Gágga við mæti	17,55	10,52
Sum of Gágga utan mæti	6,11	3,68
Sum of Rípiskeel við mæti	0,7	0,42
Sum of Rípiskeel utan mæti	0,88	0,53
Sum of Krábba göggur	2,09	1,25
Sum of Krábba utan göggur	1,79	1,07
Sum of Kroesfiskur	6,32	3,79
Sum of Igulsker	1,22	0,73
	166,9	100

Ravera tils: 5 061.000  
Rusk tils: 1 047.627  
Prosent Rusk: 20,70%

## Registration of weight

Seði

Nummar\* 2015-111

Dagfesting\* 17-12-2015

Ábyrgðarpersónur\*

Skip

Navn\*

Sýslunúmer\*

Kallibókstavar\*

Samtöl sýslunúmer

JMO

MHSI

Innvíggarstaður

Navn\*

Land\*

Bústaður\*

Túnur

Skiperi

Dagbókunúmer

Hevufiskaslög

Veibúki\*

Túrur byrjar\*

Komu í havn\*

Avr. dagar\*

Reiðskapur\*

Veibúhátur\*

Avreiðingarstaður\*

Fiskloynisnúmer\*

Gældandi til\*

Viðmerking

FAO

Heiti

Stoddarflokkur

Netto velt

Fiskloynisnúmer

0,00

Geym

Angra

## Registration of landing

Seðil

Vektarseðil tilknúð (bert afgreiddir seðlar)

Ár\*

2018

Nummar\*

95

Skip

Namn\*

Sýslunúmer\*

IMO

Kalibókstafi\*

MMSI

Semtröl sýslunúmer

Túnur

Túnur byrjar\*

Vel dagfesting

Koma í havn\*

Vel dagfesting

Avr. dagur\*

Vel dagfesting

Reiðskapur\*

Manningatal\*

Veðisli\*

Avreiðingarstaður\*

Fiskilöyvislunúmer\*

Gældandi til\*

Viðmerking

Toga ein telg her fyrir að bóka eftir holum

FAO	Heiti	Staðarflokkning	Framleiðslukota	Goymslukota	Vægt	Kr/kg.	Viðni	Fiskilöyvislunúmer
					0,00	0,00	0,00	

Geym

Ángra

## Registration of health

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Broytingar Skipanavn og havnamerki er komi sturt og arki er gjørt líðligari

Veðir eftir Jákupskeið undir Feroyum FAO: 27								Skip: NORDHEIM FO.795			Túr nr	Ar																
Sigdu		Byrja at fiska		Liðugt at fiska		Landa		Positióir																				
								N																				
Dato:		KL		Dato:		KL		o			Fakklæði	Dýpi fy.	Tons brutto															

### Registration of catch

[illegible]

## Catch relevant spreadsheet

Ár	Sesong	Dato.	Túr nr	Kg RV Tilis	Silgdu dato/kl.	Byrja at fiska dato/kl.	Góðust at fiska dato/kl.	Landa dato/kl.	Pos N	Pos. W	N/V	Fiskileið	Tons
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OK-skel	Tómt	100 stk.	Tóm skel hond	Rein skel hond	Rusk % hond	Fiskitíð	Kg br. Fiska pr. troltíma	Kg net.fiska pr. troltíma	Sjóttímar	Torskur	Havtaska	Reyspetta	Tunga	Kolonne5	Jákupskeljak nús
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10.30	3.14	3.24	13784	45216	23.4	47.8	1235	946	54.00	10	30	10			1.815
9.26	5.07	2.99	16983	31017	35.4	38.9	1233	797	45.00	40		10			2.458
11.48	5.39	3.49	13739	29261	32.0	46.5	925	629	51.75						1.123
10.14	6.52	3.51	24460	38040	39.1	36.9	1693	1.030	41.00						0.658
11.25	5.75	3.73	21647	42353	33.8	37.6	1703	1.127	43.00						1.016
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Óða við mæti	Óða-tóm	Kúbiskel við mæti	Kúbiskel tóm	Gágga V/mæti	Gágga tóm	Rípiskeel tóm	Rípiskeel V/mæti	Krabbá gágga	Krabbí	Krossfiskur	Igulsker	Trasíralur	Mjáravottur	Lús	Skotiegg
	0.088			0.04	0.226					0.324	0.026	0.007		0.196	
0.143	0.926	0.117		0.436	0.048	0.053				0.124	0		0	0	0
0.229	0.04		2.733	0.1333	0.554			0.25							
			4.6	0.48	0.708			0.14	0.32	0.76	0.22			0.026	
0.65	0.015		3.637		0.353				0.012	0.209	0.031	0.108			
			3.634	0.275	0.417				0.09	0.263					
		0.019	2.789	0.142	0.385			0.041	0.024		0.036				
0.700	0.066		0.261	0.139	0.335			0.290		0.129		0.098			
1.515	0.239	0.316	0.28	0.062	0.543			0.087	0.018	0.186					
	0.023	0.24	0.221		0.042				0.028	0.105					
0.123	0.336	0.097	0.795	0.02	0.771			0.086	0.178	0.139		0.051			
		1.02	1.39	0.161	0.421			0.113	0.07	0.27	0.017				
0.242	1.142	0.667	0.353	0.041	0.756			0.150	0.003	0.101	0.084				
0.469	0.05			0.117	0.083			0.032	0.018	0.385	0.012		0.061		

avottur	Lús	Skotiegg	Tæppiskel	Tæri	Onnur skel	Græs/mosi	Annað rusk			
	0.196						0.144			
0	0	0	0		0	0.044	0.163			
						0.027				
	0.026					0.006	0.169			
						0.024	0.087			
						0.003				
						0.013	0.029			
						0.071				
						0.011	0.016			
						0.005				
						0.075				
						0.046	0.081			
						0.032	0.473			
0.061						0.025	0.066			



# Example on the rows of the Full Excel Spreadsheed 1970 - 2015

	Sesong nr.	Ár	Sesong	Máni	máni ár	Vika	Sesong nr.	Ár	Sesong	Máni	máni ár	Vika nr.Ár	Vika nr.	Túra t	Antal d.	Dagur	Dato.	Túr nr	Kg.	RV.	TiKg.	RV.	ti
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	Sesong nr.	Ár	Sesong	Máni	máni ár	Vika	Kg.	RV.	TiKg.	RV.	tiKg.	RV.	til Sem	Vektir	Innvætur	Brutto.	Rusk.	Stk.invæ.	Gr.bollar	Gr.slógv	Byrja kl.	Liðugt
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**Enclosure 5: Report on the fishery in the two northern areas.**

Also are stock assessments on these areas tagged to the enclosure.



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## Frágreiðing um skeljafiskiskapin norðanfyrir 2014/2015.

Fiskiloyvini norðanfyrir eru nr 21151 og nr. 21153. Tey eru galdandi frá 31.10.2014 til 31.08.2015 og eru soljóðandi:

Nr. 21151:

**Fiskaslag** Jákupsskel  
**Heildarkvota:** 2.000 tons  
**Fiskileið:** Føroyskur sjógvur - norðanfyrir 62°25' N  
**Viðmerking:** Royndir eiga at verða gjørdar á viðum øki norðanfyrir.  
Veiða er ikki loyvd á stongdum gýtingarleiðum.

Nr. 21153:

**Fiskaslag** Jákupsskel  
**Eginkvota:** 267 tons  
**Fiskileið:** Føroyskur sjógvur - leiðin út fyri Funningsfjørð  
**Viðmerking:** Roynast skal uttan fyri linju drigna millum Funningsmúla og Fjalltanga

Veiðureiðskapur er dregg og tað er skipið M/V Norðheim, XPRI, FD 795, við O.C. Joensen sum eigara, sum stendur fyri fiskiskapinum. Norðheim er bygdur í 1966, er 171 BT og gevur maskinorku á 441 KW / 600 HK.

## Fylgjandi túrar vóru norðanfyrir í hesum tíðarskeiðnum:

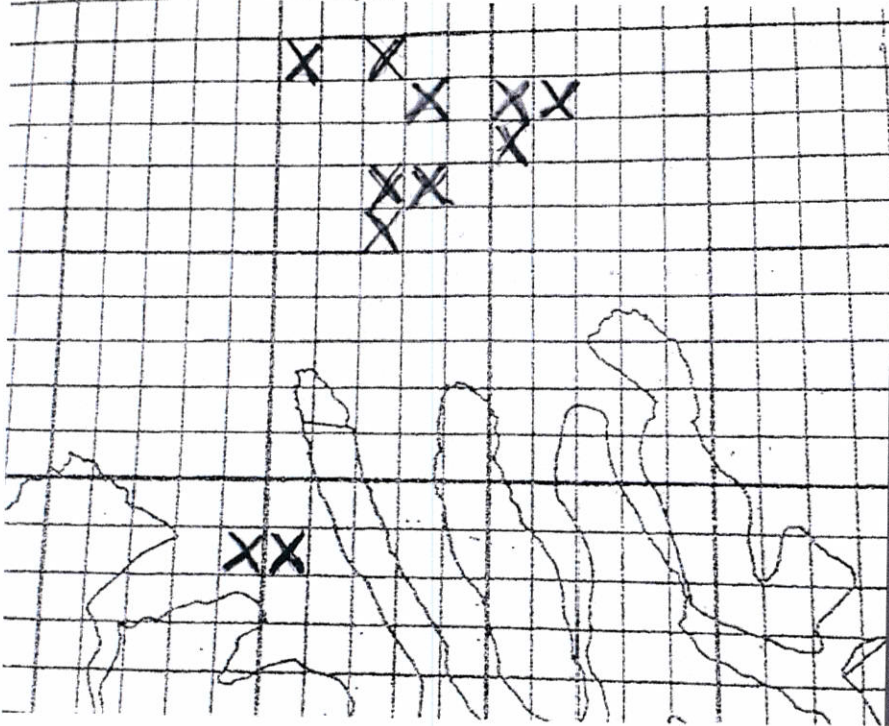
Loyvi nr. 21151 - økið norðanfyrir 62°25' N:

Túr nr. – dato	Fiski-tíð	Veiða í Tons	Kg fiska brutto pr. tíma	Rusk %	Pos N	Pos W	Fiskileið/ /dýpi
05 - 25.08.14	31,5	66	2.095	46,3	62°28'	6°43'	158/LJ/56
09 - 02.09.14	26	64	2.462	36,1	62°27'	6°39'	158/LL/52
10 - 04.09.14	29,75	64	2.151	26,1	62°27'	6°37'	158/LM/50
12 - 07.09.14	9	12	1.333	20,1	62°27'	6°39'	158/LL/50
17 - 17.09.14	26,5	64	2.415	32,4	62°27'	6°39'	158/LL/50
18 - 18.09.14	27,08	62	2.289	31,2	62°28'	6°49'	159/LF/55
20 - 22.09.14	29,75	64	2.151	41,5	62°28'	6°45'	159/LH/52
30 - 19.10.14	29,33	64	2.182	35,4	62°27'	6°40'	158/LL/50
38 - 01.11.14	39,75	62	1.560	38,4	62°26'	6°45'	156/LH/54
43 - 17.11.14	31,83	64	2.010	40,8	62°27'	6°43'	157/LJ/50
44 - 19.11.14	28,33	64	2.259	47,1	62°27'	6°46'	157/LH/54
76 - 21.02.15	34,5	38	1.101	47,2	62°26'	6°45'	157/LH/52
<b>Samlað</b>	<b>343 t.</b>	<b>688 tons</b>	<b>2,004 kg</b>	<b>36,9%</b>	<b>62°26-28'</b>	<b>6°39-49'</b>	<b>Sí mynd</b>

Loyvi nr. 21153 - økið út fyri Funningsfjørð:

Túr nr. – dato	Fiskitið	Veiða í tons	Kg fiska brutto pr. tíma	Rusk %	Pos N	Pos W	Fiskileið//dýpi
39 - 03.11.14	4,5	8	1,778	46,2	62°17'	06°48'	149/LF/78
42 - 16.11.14	30	64	2,133	44,7	62°19'	06°50'	149/LE/58
Samlað	34,5 t.	72 tons	1,956 kg	45,5 %	62°17-19'	06°48-50'	Sí mynd

Mynd yvir fiskileiðir norðanfyri:



#### Niðurstøða:

Tað vóru gjørdir íalt 12 túrar norðanfyri uppá tilsamans 343,3 fiskitímar og 2 túrar út fyri Funningsfjørð uppá tilsamans 34,5 fiskitímar. Fiskiskapurin norðanfyri var íalt 688 tons ella í miðal 2.004 kg pr tíma og út fyri Funningsfjørð 72 tons ella í meðal 1,956 kg pr. tíma. Nógv tóm skel var ímillum og var ruskprosentíð norðanfyri 36,9 % í miðal og út fyri Funningsfirði 45,5 % í miðal. Yvurhøvdur var veðri ófantaligt í fjør og var hetta við til at avmarkað túranøgðina.

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# Assessment of queen scallop (*Aequipecten opercularis*) in a north-west fjord (“Djúpini”) of the Faroe Islands 2013

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## 1. Introduction

The following assessment is based on a research survey carried out by the scallop fishing vessel M/S Norðheim.

The dominant cohabitants in the main habitat of the scallop are different species of whelks, mussels, starfishes, brittlestars, prawns, sea urchins, sea anemones, hydroids, bristle worms and hermit crabs.

## 2. Material and methods

The methodology in the present assessment is similar to that used for the assessment of the northern component of the queen scallop (Assessment of queen scallop (*Aequipecten opercularis*) in the Faroe Islands 2013, report).

A swept-area biomass is calculated based on 8 hauls recorded by the Faroese scallop vessel Norðheim in January 2013. (Figure 2.1).

The area was divided in 9 equal-sized squares of 3.20 km<sup>2</sup> each (1.723 km longitude, 1.855 km latitude) covering a total area of 29 km<sup>2</sup> (Figure 2.2). Due to logistic issues one station (nr. 8) was discarded and not taken into account in the analysis. The scallop beds are situated in a north-west south-east axis in depths of 90-145

m

Every square was towed once with a double 12-feet dredge (7.3 m). Towing time was set to 10 minutes and the average towing speed 4.8 knots (8.8 km/h). Catch was recorded in every haul and a random sample of 10 scallops taken for further biological measurements.

Density is calculated by dividing catches by the swept area:

$$\text{Density (kg/km}^2\text{)} = \text{Catch (kg)} / \text{Area Swept (km}^2\text{)}$$

Swept area is calculated as:

$$\text{Swept Area (km}^2\text{)} = \text{towing time (hr)} \times \text{towing speed (km/hr)} \times \text{width of trawl (km)}$$

Biomass is calculated as area of square times density:

$$\text{Biomass (t)} = \text{Area square (km}^2\text{)} \times \text{Density (kg/km}^2\text{)} \times 1000$$

### 3. Results

Geographical distributions of catch, density and biomass are shown in figures 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 respectively. The graphs clearly display concentrations of scallops in the northern sea-beds whereas the southern waters show almost a complete lack thereof.

A total catch of 3.8 tons was landed with a mean density of 52 t/ km<sup>2</sup> over the entire survey area.

Average catch is 0.5 tons (std. Error = 0.120 t.) while mean density is estimated at 52.2 t/ km<sup>2</sup> (std. Error = 19.3 t/km<sup>2</sup>)

The estimated total biomass of queen scallop in the area is 1 336 tons with an average of 167 t (std. Error = 61.98 t). Following the same management plan implemented in the northern area fishery and based on precautionary-approach principles (20% of total stock) a quota not larger than 267 tons would be reasonable estimate for the sustainable harvest of stock.

The stock consists mostly of scallops aged 2,4 and 5 years old (Figure 3.4) comprising 67% of the total age composition. There is a large overlapping in the length distribution of scallops aged 3 and older (Figure 3.5).

Figures 3.5 and 3.6 display several relations between some of the biological measurements taken on the scallop samples. Wet weight relates exponentially ( $W = aL^b$ ) with scallop shell length (Figure 3.5). The average weight of a 60 mm. scallop is 27 gr. and it can reach up to 43 gr. at a 70 mm length.

It is clear when looking at age-disaggregated shell-length, -width and -thickness distributions that large variability is present in 2-year old scallops compared to older individuals (Figures 3.6.a, 3.6.b, 3.6.c)(This may be an effect of that spawning occurs twice a year in Feb. and Aug.) Asymptotic shell-length and -width is 74 and 80 mm respectively while shell-thickness is estimated at 23 mm. Soft body weight of 4-year and older scallops is limited to the 15-20 gr. interval (Figure 3.6.h).

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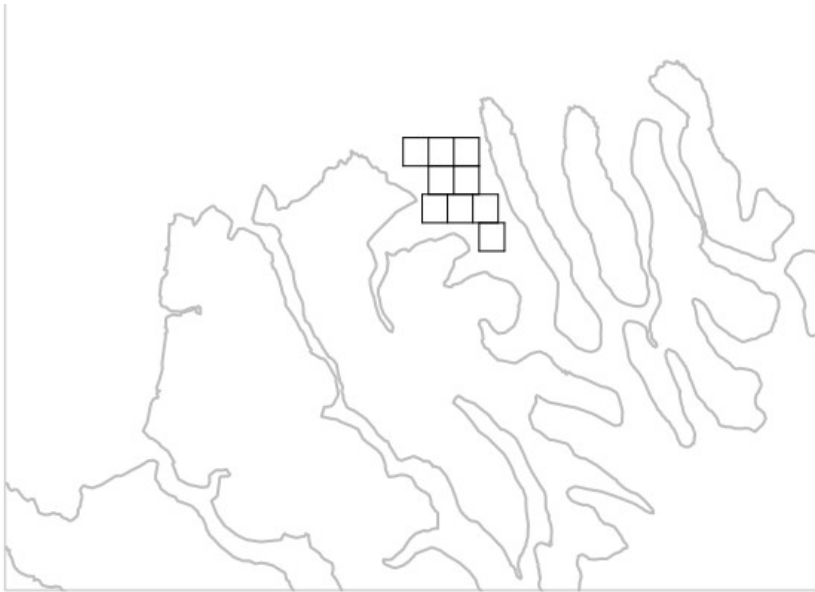


Figure 2.1. Location of the survey area.

Figure 2.2. Geographical representation of the survey area. Station 8 was discarded .

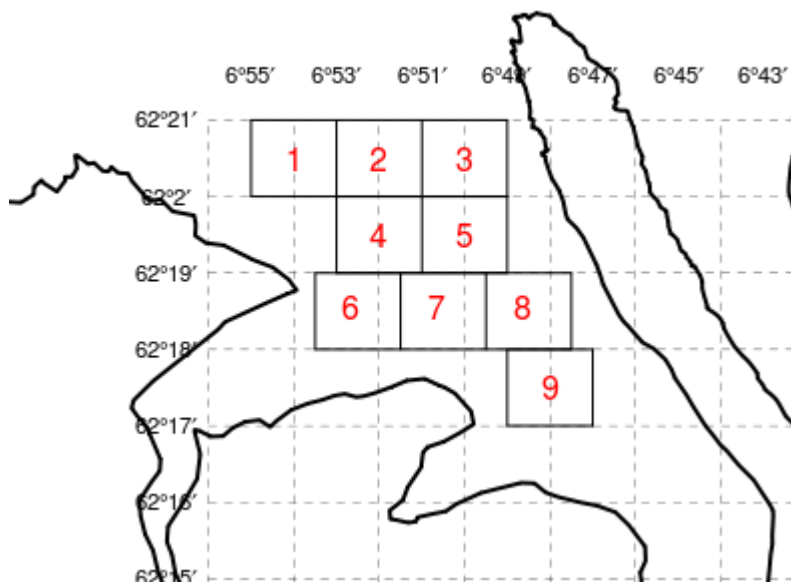


Figure 3.1. Queen scallop. Catches (kg)

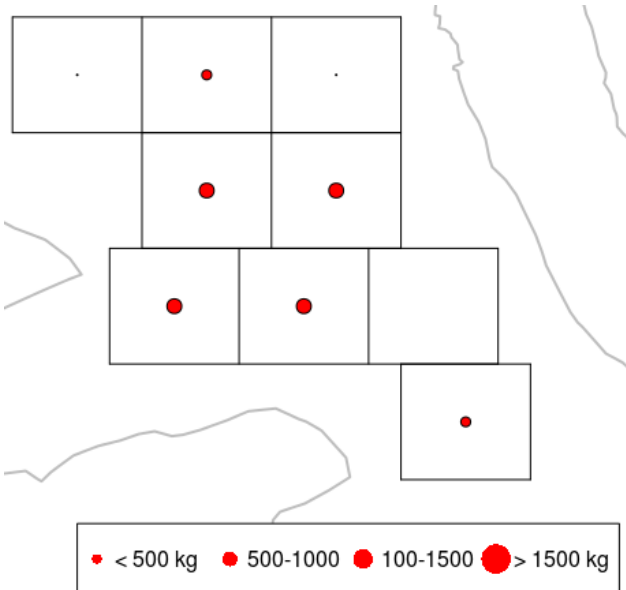
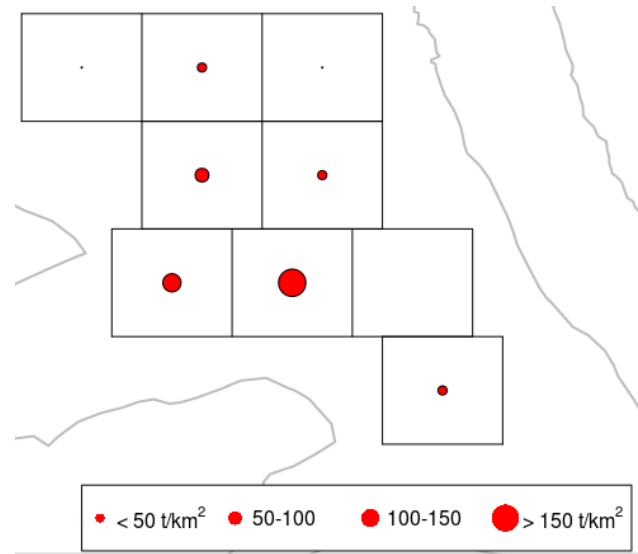
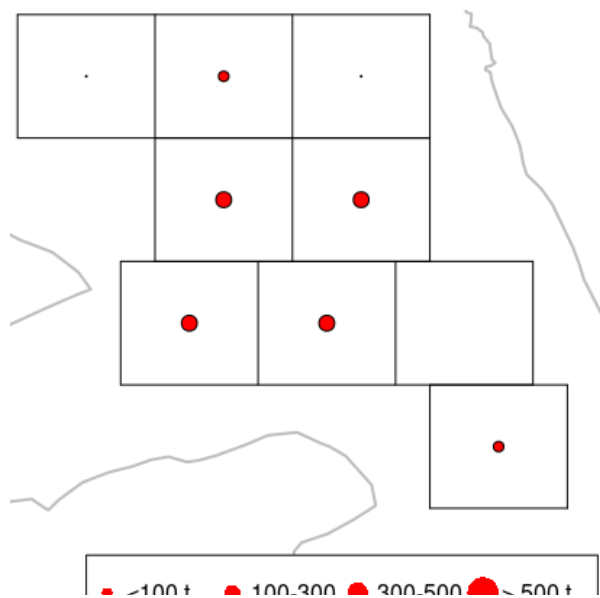


Figure 3.2. Queen scallop. Density estimates (t/km<sup>2</sup>)



*Figure 3.3. Queen scallop. Biomass estimates (tons)*





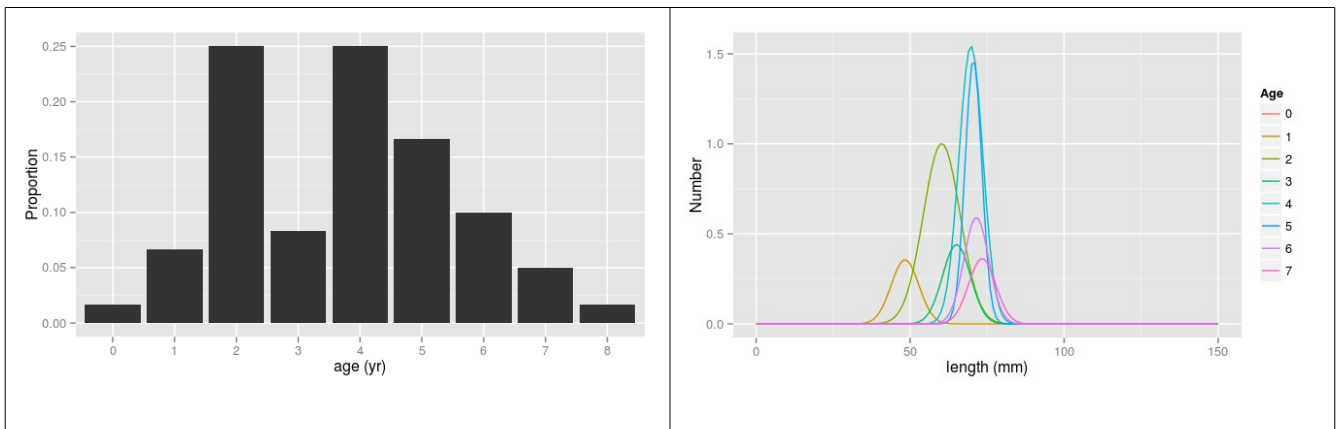


Figure 3.4. Queen scallop. Age composition (left-figure) and age-length relationship (right-figure)

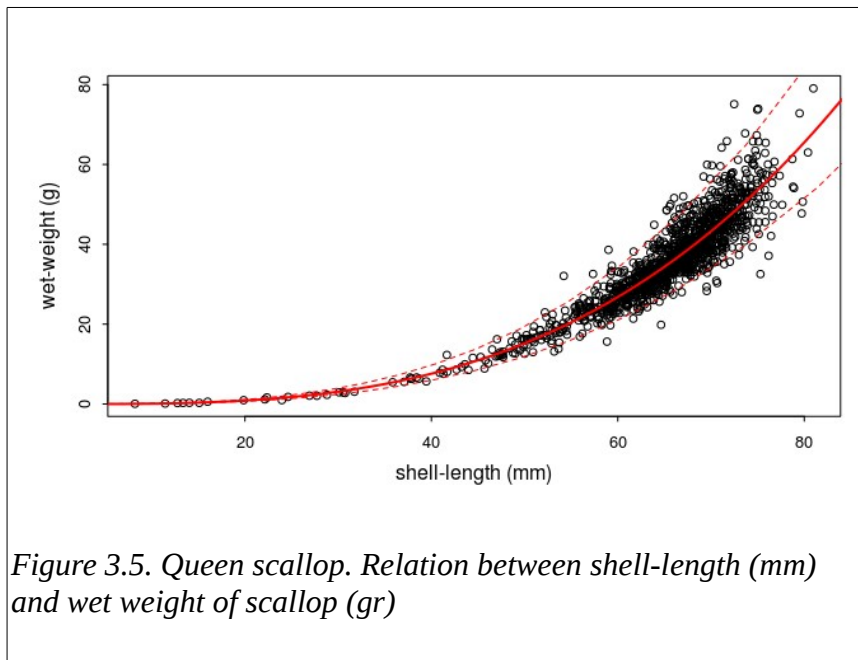
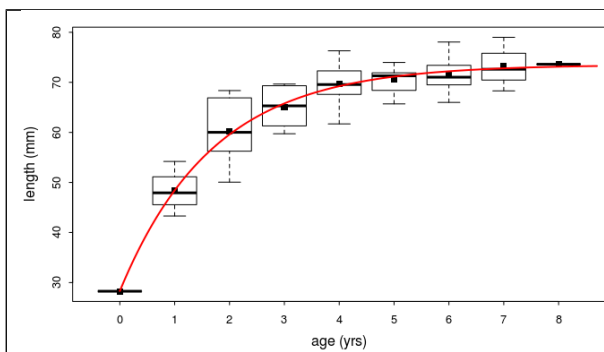
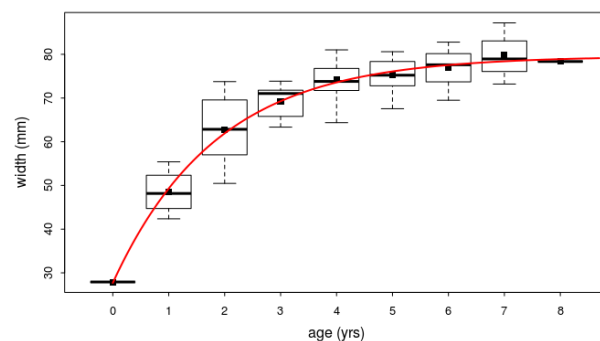


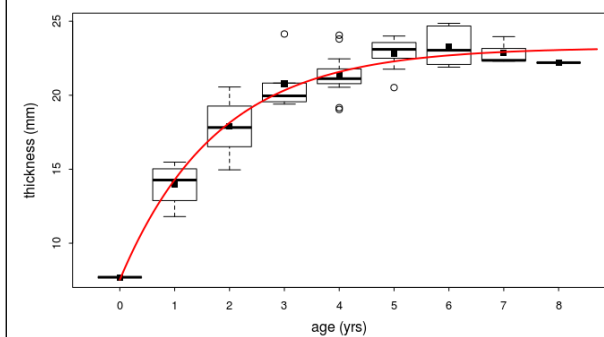
Figure 3.5. Queen scallop. Relation between shell-length (mm) and wet weight of scallop (gr)



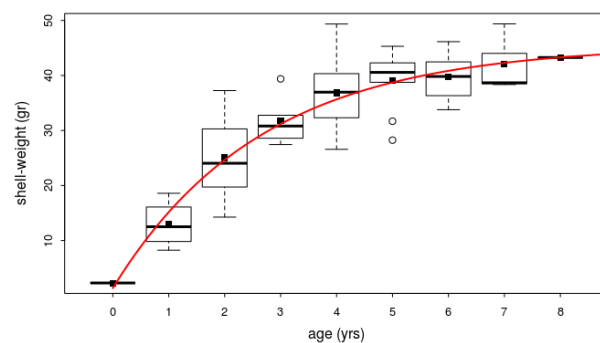
(a) Age (yr)- shell-length (mm)



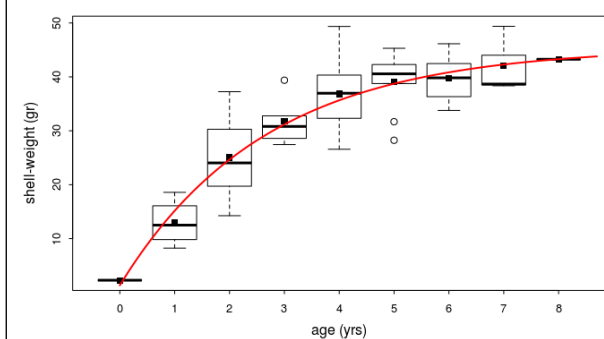
(b) Age (yr)- shell-width (mm)



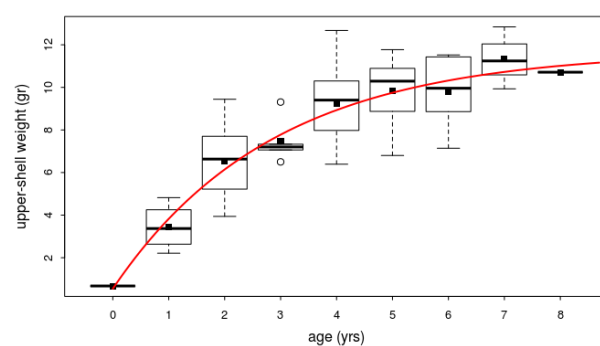
(c) Age (yr)- shell-thickness (mm)



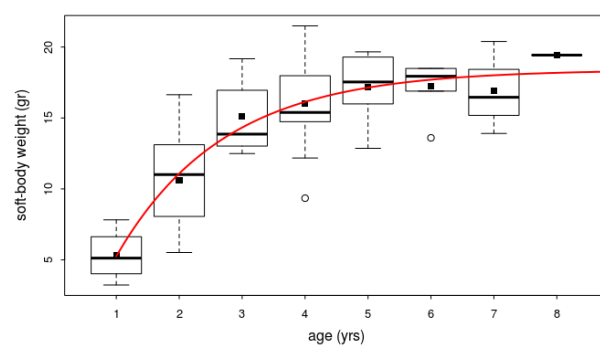
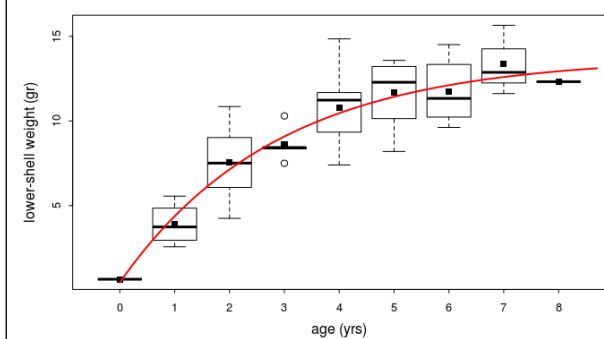
(d) Age (yr)- weight scallop (g)



(e) Age (yr)- shell-weight (g)



(f) Age (yr)- upper-shell weight (g)



(g) Age (yr)- lower-shell weight (g)	(h) Age (yr)- soft body weight (g)
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*Figure 3.6. Queen scallop. Relation between age (years) and shell-length (mm)(a), shell-width (mm.)(b), shell-thickness (mm)(c), scallop weight (gr)(d), shell-weight (gr)(e), upper-shell weight (gr)(f), lower-shell weight (gr)(g), soft body weight (gr)(h).*

# Assessment of queen scallop (*Aequipecten opercularis*) north of the Faroe Islands in 2013

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## 1. Introduction

The queen scallop fishery in the Faroe Islands began in the early 1970s. The main area is east of the Islands. Compared to the eastern area there is not a long tradition for queen scallop (*Aequipecten opercularis*) dredging in the area north of the Islands. During the years 1989/90, a factory trawler “Fame” dredge the area intensively. Since then no dredging has been in the area until the years 1997, 1998 when an experimental queen scallop fishery took place. Since then has a more or less steady fishery been ongoing. The scallop beds are situated about 15 n. mi. (30 km.) off shore in depths of 80-115 m.

Average catches were around 100 tons from 2001 to 2010 (Figure 1.) Since 2011 the total catch has increased substantially to peak 1 600 tons in 2012. A preliminary quota of 1 000 tons was set in 2013 with a possibility of an increase depending on the results of the present study. For 2013 a total quota of 2 000 tons was established for the north-area scallop fishery.

The following assessment is based on a research survey carried out by the only vessel present in the scallop fishery (M/S Norðheim)

The dominant cohabitants in the main habitat of the scallop are different species of whelks, mussels, starfishes, brittlestars, sea urchins, sea anemones, hydroids and hermit crabs.

## 2. Material and methods

The methodology in the present assessment is the use of a swept-area biomass based on 42 hauls recorded by the Faroese scallop vessel Norðheim in the period November to December 2013. The survey area covered the main fishing ground north of the Faroes (Figure 2.1).

The area was divided in 50 equal-sized squares of 3.22 km<sup>2</sup> each (1.702 km longitude, 1.893 km latitude) covering a total area of 161 km<sup>2</sup> (Figure 2.2). Due to logistic issues some stations were either discarded or not taken into account in the analysis.

Every square was towed once with a double 12-feet dredge (7.3 m). Towing time was 10 minutes and the average towing speed 3.8 knots (7 km/h). Catch was recorded in every haul and a random sample of 10 scallops taken for further biological measurements.

Density is calculated by dividing catches by the swept area:

$$\text{Density (kg/km}^2\text{)} = \text{Catch (kg)} / \text{Area Swept (km}^2\text{)}$$

Swept area is calculated as :

$$\text{Swept Area (km}^2\text{)} = \text{towing time (hr)} \times \text{towing speed (km/hr)} \times \text{width of trawl (km)}$$

Biomass is calculated as area of square times density:

$$\text{Biomass (t)} = \text{Area square (km}^2\text{)} \times \text{Density (kg/km}^2\text{)}$$

### 3. Results

Geographical distributions of catch, density and biomass are shown in figures 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 respectively. The graphs clearly display large concentrations of scallops in the northern sea-beds whereas the southern waters show almost a complete lack thereof.

A total catch of 21.9 tons was landed with a mean density of 3 045 t/ km<sup>2</sup> over the entire survey area.

Average catch is 0.5 tons (std. Error = 0.087 t.) while mean density is estimated at 72.5 t/ km<sup>2</sup> (std. Error = 14.7 t/km<sup>2</sup>)

The estimated total biomass of queen scallop in the northern areas is 9 800 tons with an average of 234 t (std. Error = 47 t). Based on precautionary-approach principles (20% of total stock) a quota not larger than 2 000 tons would be reasonable estimate for the sustainable harvest of stock.

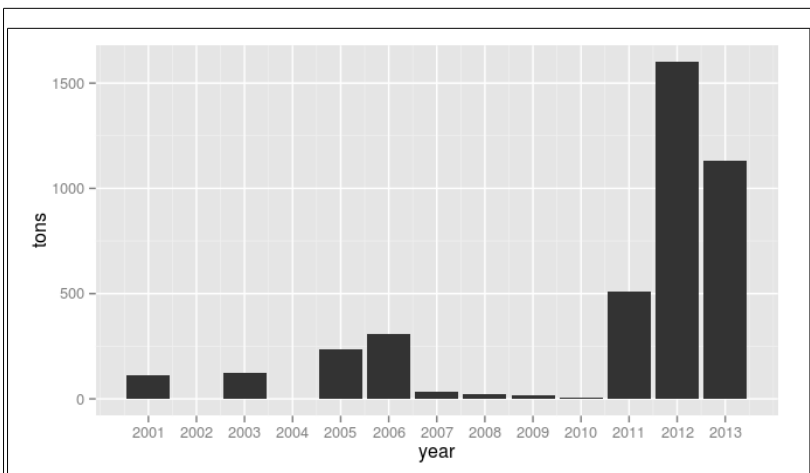
The stock in the northern area consist mostly of scallops aged 2 to 5 years old (Figure 3.4). There is a large overlapping in the length distribution of scallops aged 2 and older (Figure 3.5).

Figures 3.5 and 3.6 display several relations between some of the biological measurements taken on the scallop samples. Wet weight relates exponentially ( $W = aL^b$ ) with scallop shell length (Figure 3.5). The average weight of a 60 mm. scallop is 30 gr. and it can reach up to 47 gr. at a 70 mm length.

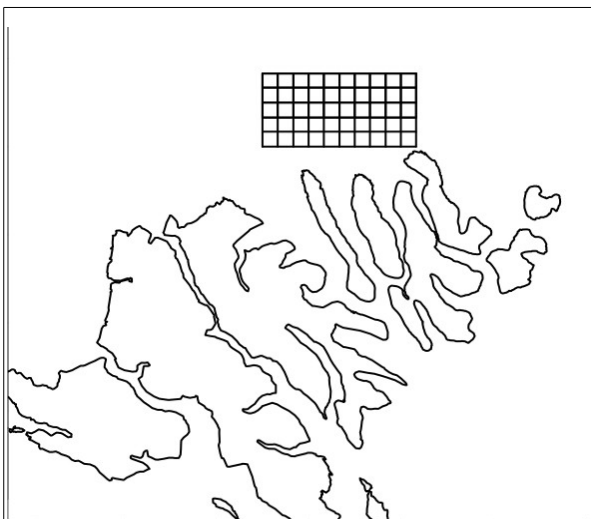
It is clear when looking at age-disaggregated shell-length, -width and -thickness distributions that large variability is present in 1-year old scallops compared to older individuals (Figures 3.6.a, 3.6.b, 3.6.c)(This may be an effect of that spawning occurs twice a year in Feb. and Aug.) Asymptotic shell-length and -width is around 80mm while shell-thickness lies at 25 mm. Soft body weight of 4-year and older scallops is around 20 gr. although some individuals may reach up to 30 gr. (Figure 3.6.h)

Considerable quantities of empty-shell mussels (*Modiolus modiolus*) were found in the southern sector of the survey grid (stations 29, 34, 35, 37, 39, 40, 43, 44, 46)(personal communication). Unfortunately no precise figures were recorded during the survey period.

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*Figure 1. Queen scallop. Landings in northern area (tons)*



*Figure 2.1. Location of the survey area.*

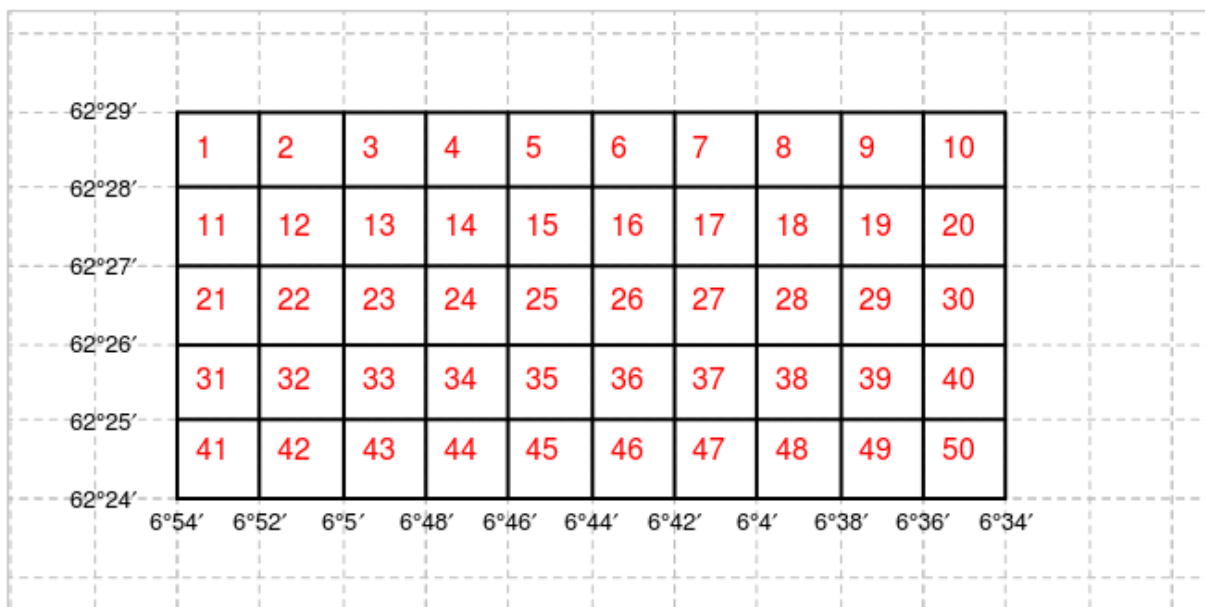


Figure 2.2. Geographical representation of the survey area. Stations 27-31, 43 and 49-50 were discarded and/or not towed.

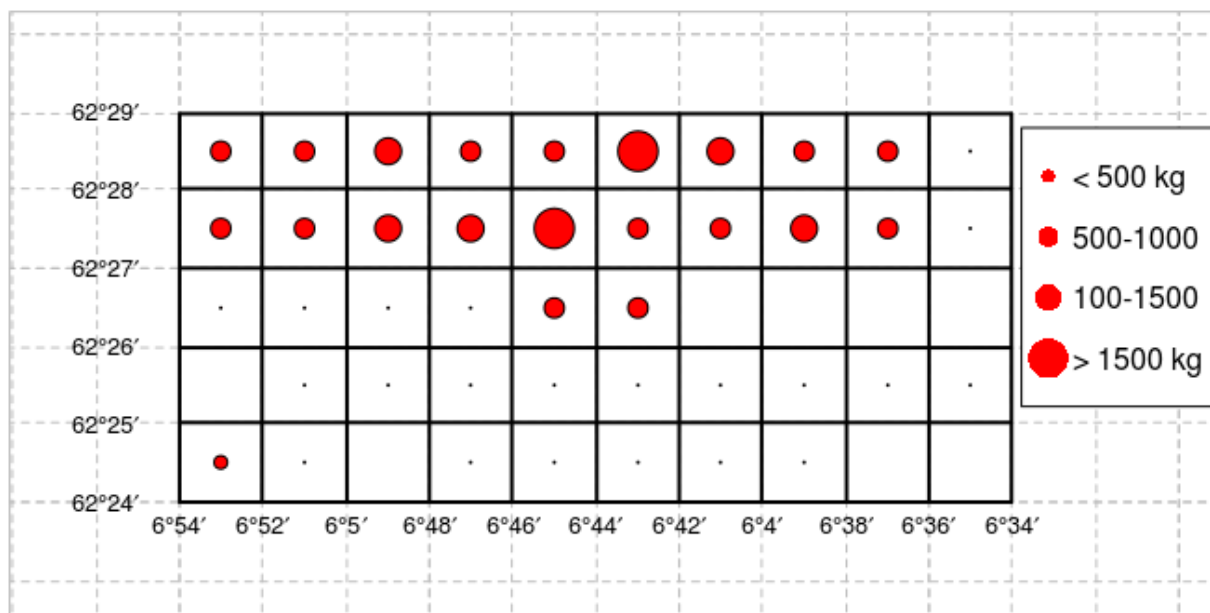


Figure 3.1. Queen scallop. Catches (kg)

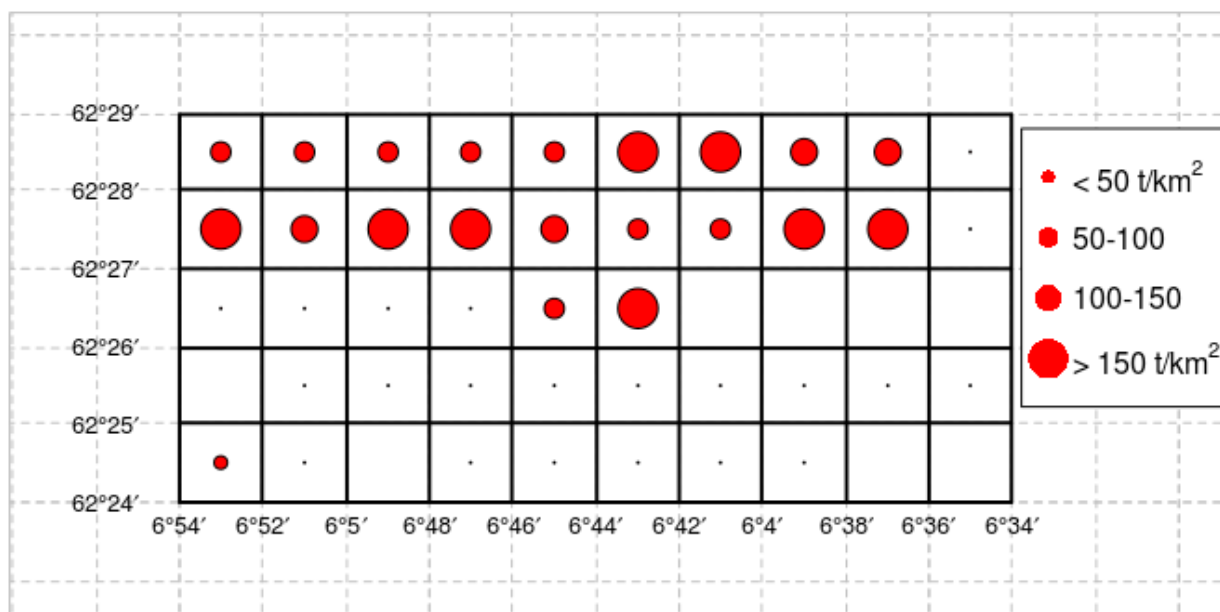


Figure 3.2. Queen scallop. Density estimates (t/km<sup>2</sup>)

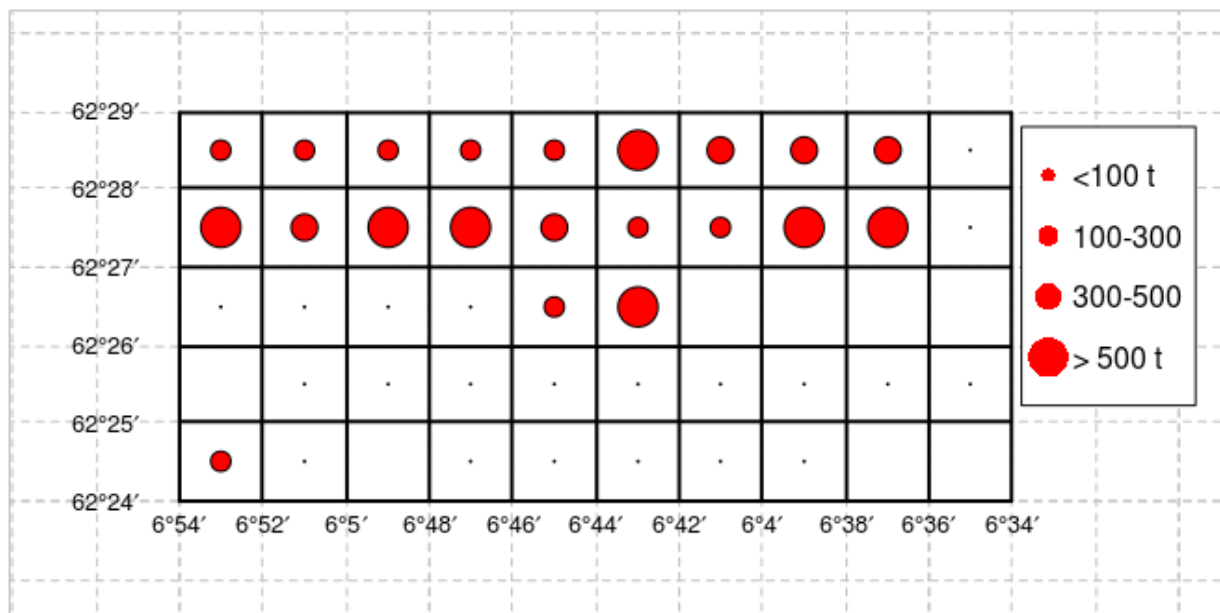


Figure 3.3. Queen scallop. Biomass estimates (tons)



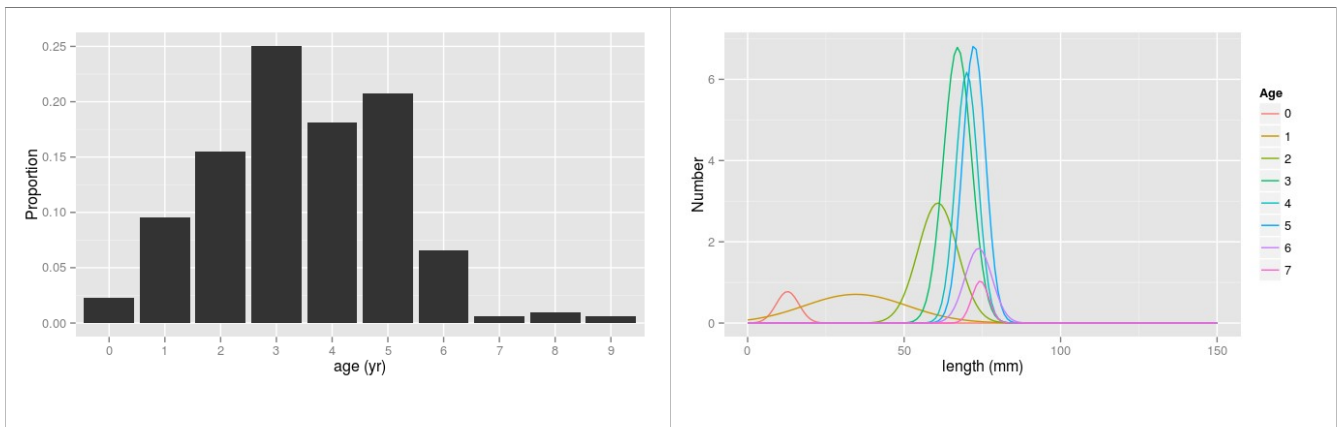


Figure 3.4. Queen scallop. Age composition (left-figure) and age-length relationship (right-figure)

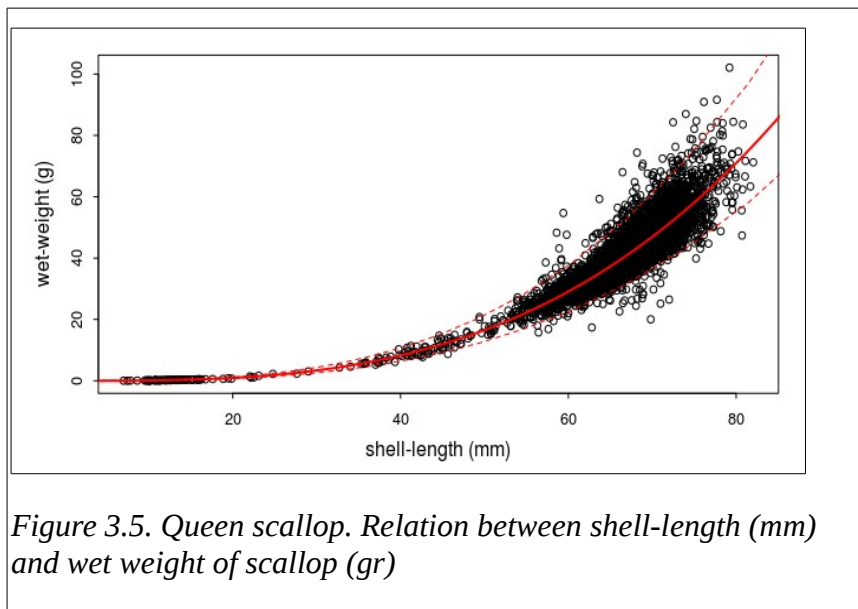


Figure 3.5. Queen scallop. Relation between shell-length (mm) and wet weight of scallop (gr)

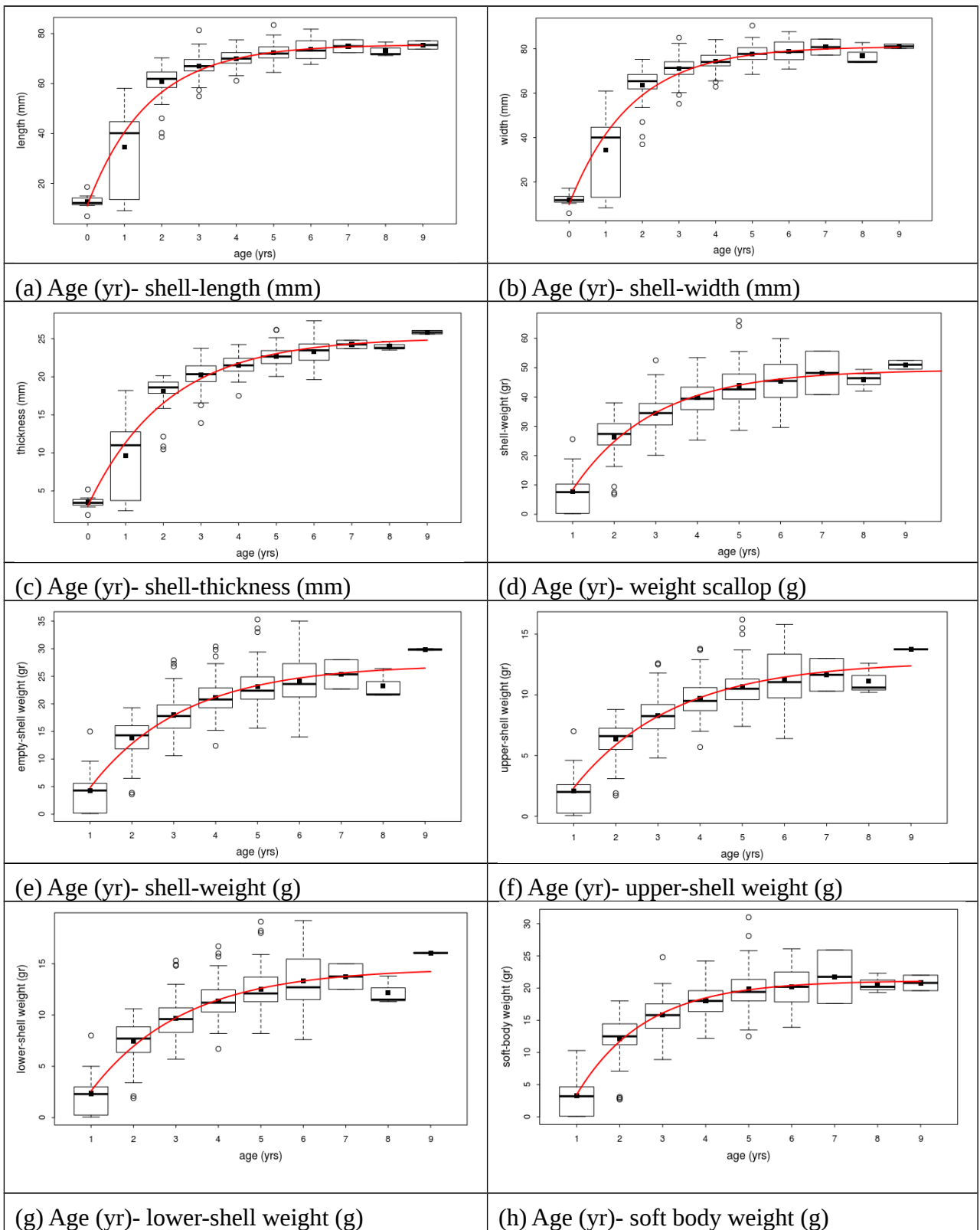


Figure 3.6. Queen scallop. Relation between age (years) and shell-length (mm)(a), shell-width (mm.)(b), shell-thickness (mm)(c), scallop weight (gr)(d), shell-weight (gr)(e), upper-shell weight (gr)(f), lower-shell weight (gr)(g), soft body weight (gr)(h).