

# ATLANTIC WOLFFISH

## *Anarhichas lupus*

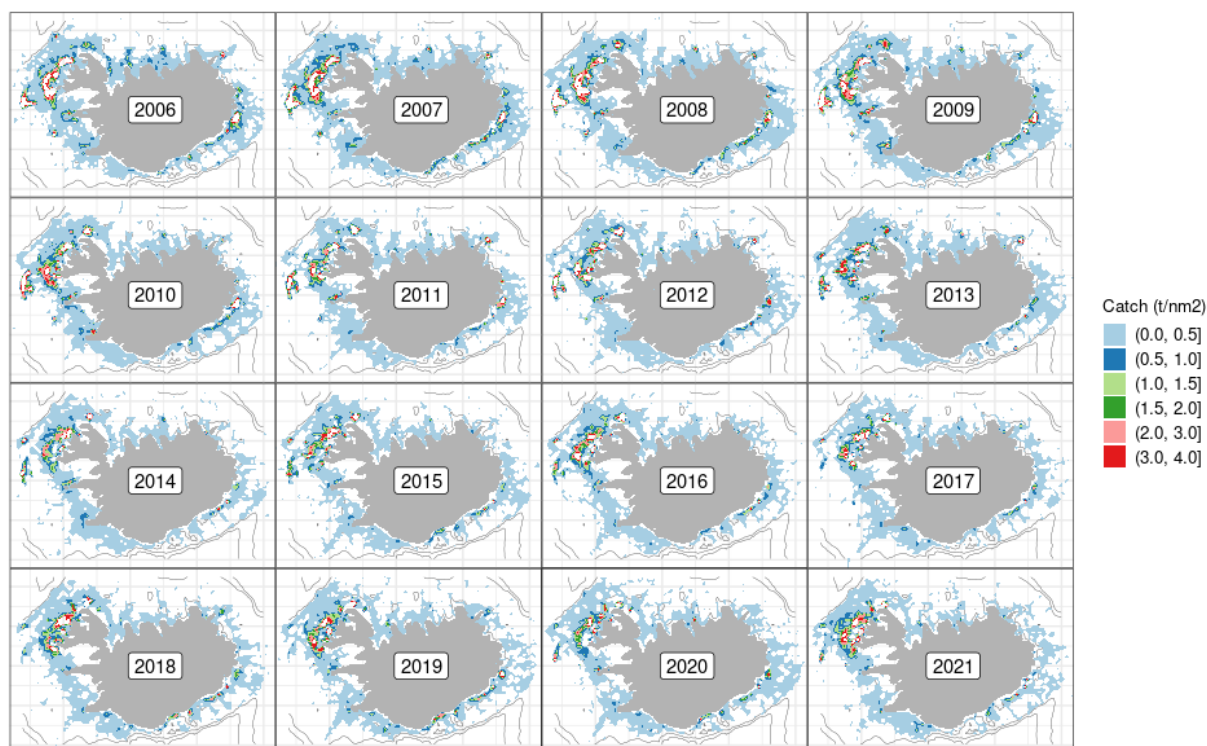
### GENERAL INFORMATION

Atlantic wolffish is an elongate fish with 10-12 stripes on each side of the body. It has pronounced conical teeth in front of the mouth and large molariform teeth in back of the mouth used for grasping and crushing the prey. In the catch, common length range is 50-80 cm, but the largest one caught around Iceland was 125 cm. Atlantic wolffish is mainly found in the northwest part of the continental shelf of Iceland. At Atlantic wolffish feeding grounds, the substrate is commonly sand or clay at depth less than 100 m, but in its spawning grounds the substrate is usually coarser, with holes and crevices at depth larger than 100 meters.

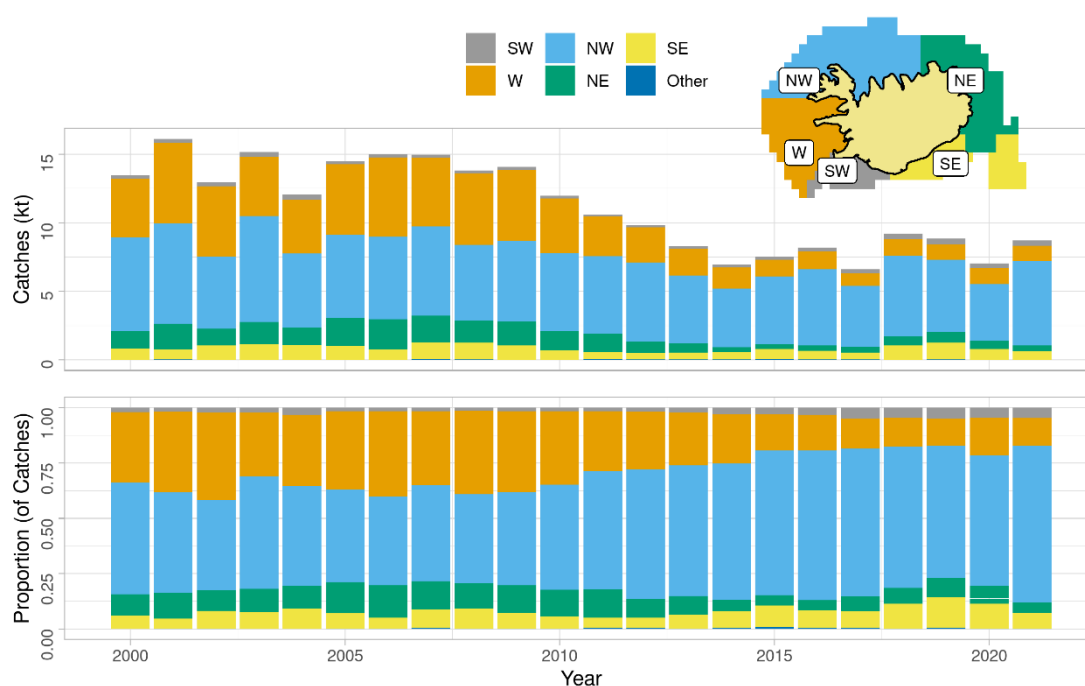
### THE FISHERY

#### LANDINGS TRENDS

The main fishing grounds for Atlantic wolffish are in the west and northwest part of the Icelandic shelf (Figure 1). From 2010, the proportion of the catch has been increasing in northwest of Iceland compared to west of Iceland (Figure 2). Catches at the main spawning ground (Látragrunn) west of Iceland have been decreasing since 2008 (Figures 1-2).



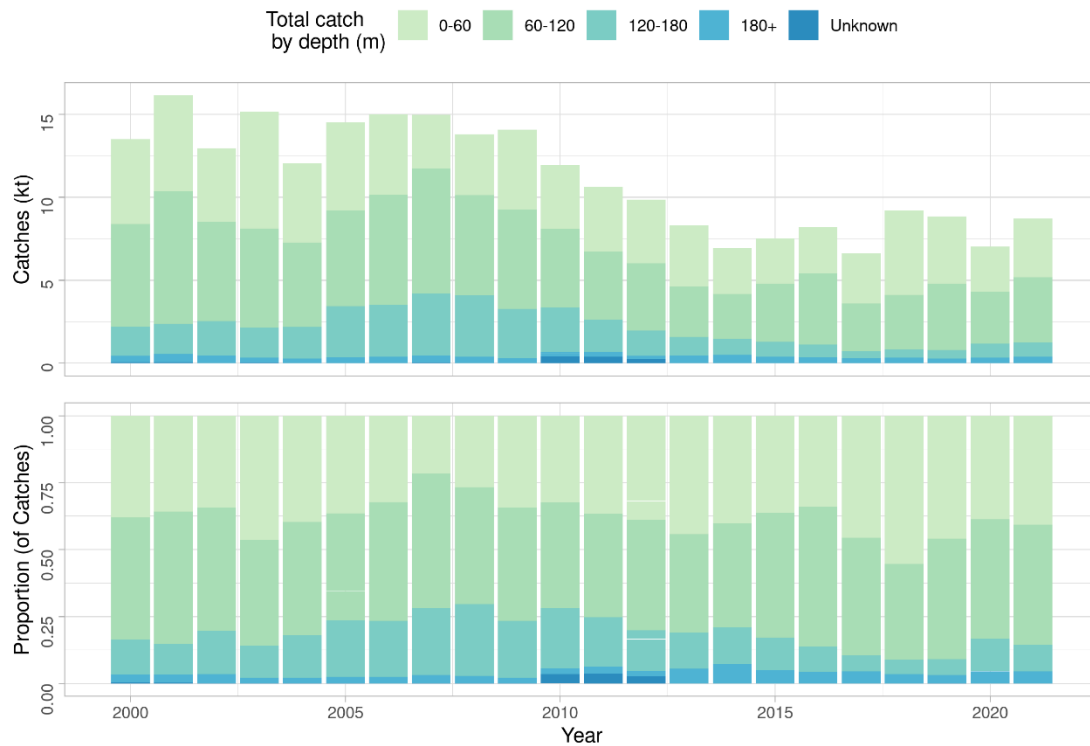
**Figure 1. Atlantic wolffish. Geographical distribution of the Icelandic fishery since 2006. Reported catch from logbooks.**



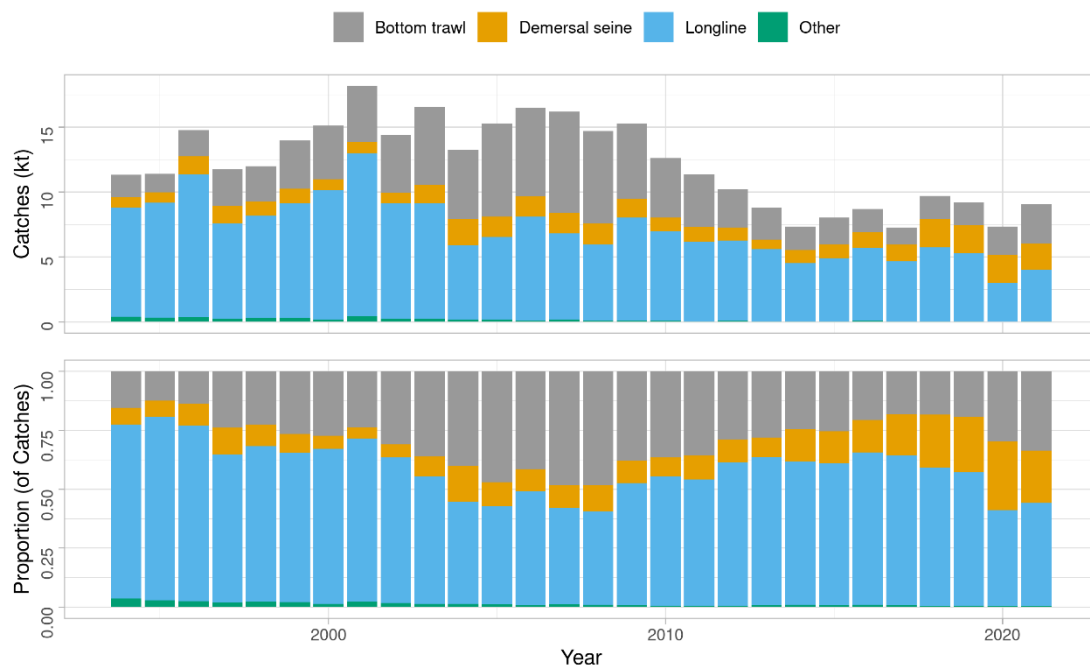
**Figure 2. Atlantic wolffish. Spatial distribution of the Icelandic fishery by fishing area since 2000 according to logbooks. All gears combined.**

About 80% of the catch of Atlantic wolffish is caught at depths less than 120 m. Proportion of the catch taken at depth range 0-60 m decreased from 2003 to 2007, but since then it has been increasing. At the range 61-120 m the proportion of the catch has been rather stable since 2000. At depths of 121-180 m, which includes the main spawning ground (Látragrunn), it increased in 2003-2008 but has decreased since then (Figure 3).

More than 97% of the Atlantic wolffish catch is taken by longline (40-70%), demersal trawl (20-50%) and demersal seine (5-30%) (Figure 4). These proportions have varied through the years and in recent years the proportion of the Atlantic wolffish catch taken in demersal seine has increased (Figure 4, Table 1).



**Figure 3. Atlantic wolffish. Depth distribution of demersal trawl, longline and demersal seine catches according to logbooks.**



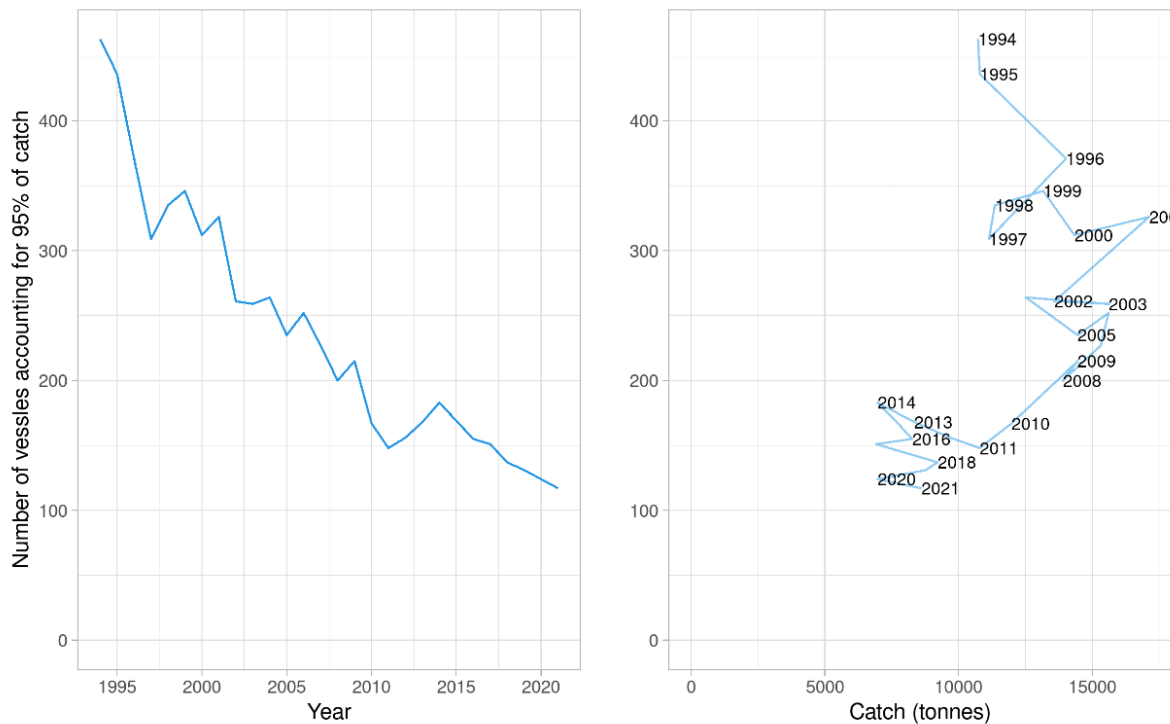
**Figure 4. Atlantic wolffish. Total catch (landings) by fishing gear since 1994, according to statistics from the Directorate of Fisheries.**

Since 2001, the number of longliners and trawlers reporting catches of 10 tonnes/year or more of Atlantic wolffish has decreased, but the number of demersal seiners has fluctuated between 14 and 40. In the longliners fleet the number has dropped from 198 vessels in 2001, down to 51 in 2021. The number of trawlers has also decreased significantly; from 76 in 2000 to 48 last year (Table 1).

**Table 1. Atlantic wolffish. Number of Icelandic vessels reporting catch of 10 tonnes/year or more of Atlantic wolffish, and all landed catch divided by gear type.**

YEAR	NUMBER OF VESSELS				CATCHES (TONNES)				
	Longliners	Trawlers	Seiners	Other	Longline	Demersal trawl	Demersal seine	Other	Sum
2000	172	76	20	1	9979	4173	834	241	15227
2001	198	76	19	4	12595	4319	862	394	18170
2002	151	65	14	3	8897	4423	800	304	14424
2003	142	63	25	1	8943	5960	1402	263	16568
2004	109	60	40	2	5746	5349	2010	216	13321
2005	96	64	34	0	6370	7247	1552	177	15346
2006	136	66	32	1	7962	6885	1569	144	16560
2007	124	65	27	1	6655	7857	1551	171	16234
2008	100	60	25	2	5810	7026	1642	152	14630
2009	124	58	34	1	7896	5709	1462	143	15210
2010	82	46	23	2	6923	4531	1033	175	12662
2011	68	36	18	0	6094	4062	1138	97	11391
2012	80	28	21	0	6209	2910	992	103	10214
2013	77	29	19	2	5537	2424	721	110	8792
2014	77	22	17	1	4463	1722	1006	138	7329
2015	68	34	18	2	4828	1926	1097	137	7988
2016	65	37	19	3	5563	1713	1201	148	8625
2017	65	26	19	1	4586	1243	1286	128	7243
2018	67	40	26	4	5657	1689	2185	125	9656
2019	66	36	22	1	5223	1748	2154	90	9215
2020	50	38	25	1	2984	2147	2145	54	7340
<b>2021</b>	51	48	22	1	3941	3047	2012	45	9046

In 1994 and 1995, more than 500 vessels accounted for 95% of the annual catch of Atlantic wolffish in Icelandic waters, but this number had dropped to 200 vessels in 2008 despite higher catches. Since 2010 the number of vessels accounting for 95% of the annual catch has remained relatively constant (about 150-200 vessels), despite catch reductions (Figure 5).



**Figure 5. Atlantic wolffish. Number of vessels (all gear types) accounting for 95% of the total catch annually since 1994. Left: Plotted against year. Right: Plotted against total catch. Data from the Directorate of Fisheries.**

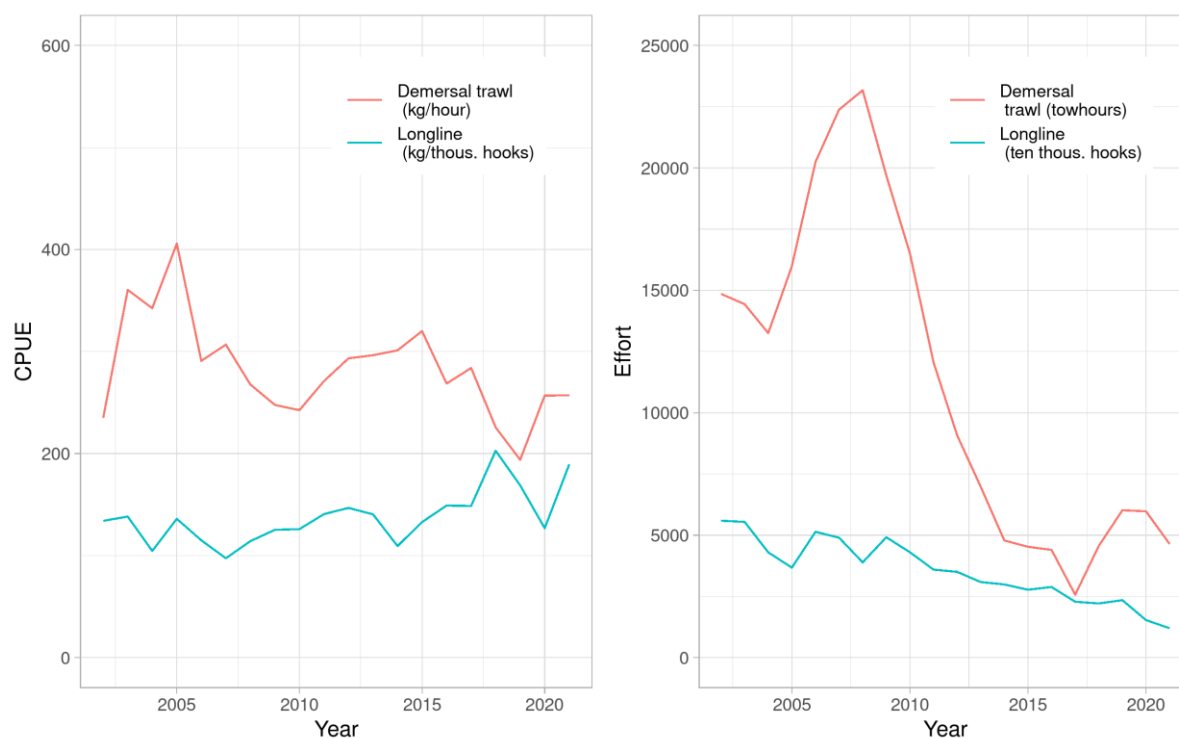
## CATCH PER UNIT OF EFFORT AND EFFORT

CPUE estimates of Atlantic wolffish in Icelandic waters are not considered representative of stock abundance, as changes in fleet composition, technical improvements, and differences in gear setup among other things have not been accounted for when estimating CPUE.

Estimates of CPUE in longline (kg/1000 hooks), and demersal trawl (kg/hour), are calculated as the total weight in sets or tows in which Atlantic wolffish was more than 10% of the catch, according to logbooks. Effort of demersal trawl was defined as the number hours towed, and for longline number of hooks, in both cases where Atlantic wolffish was more than 10% of the catch.

CPUE in longline vessels was around 100-150 kg/1000 hooks prior to 2018 but has been around 130-200 kg/1000 hooks and since then. CPUE of demersal trawl increased from about 230 to 400 kg/h in 2000-2005, but since 2006 it has usually been around 250-300 kg/h (Figure 6).

Fishing effort in longline increased from 66 million hooks in 2000 to 97 million hooks in 2001. Since then, it has been generally decreasing and was around 15 million hooks in 2020. In demersal trawl, fishing effort increased from about 14 thousand tow-hours in 2004 to 23 thousand tow-hours in 2008, followed by a sharp decrease to 4.8 thousand tow-hours in 2014. Since then, it has been at around 2.5-6 thousand tow-hours (Figure 6).



**Figure 6. Atlantic wolffish. Non-standardised estimates of CPUE (left) from demersal trawl (kg/h) and longline (kg/1000 hooks). Fishing effort (right) for longline (1000 hooks) for demersal trawl (tow-hours).**

## LANDINGS AND DISCARDS

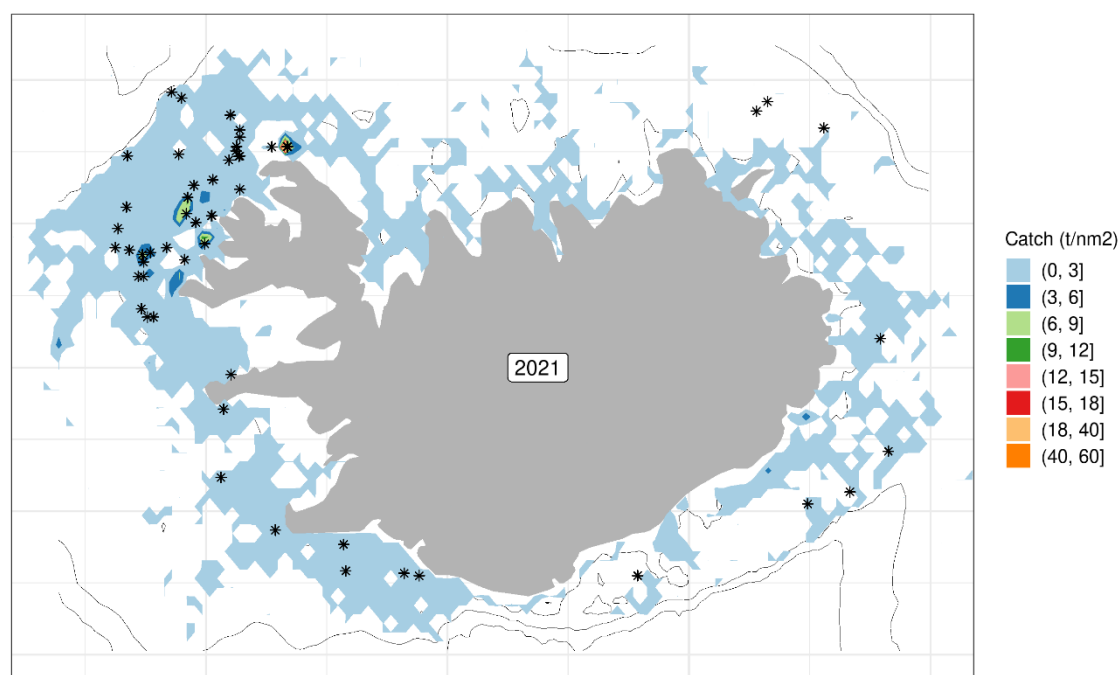
Landings by Icelandic vessels are given by the Icelandic Directorate of Fisheries. Landings of Norwegian and Faroese vessels are given by the Icelandic Coast Guard. Discarding is banned by law in the Icelandic demersal fishery, as well as in Norway. Measures in the Icelandic management system such as converting quota share from one species to another are used by the Icelandic fleet to a large extent, and this is thought to discourage discards in mixed fisheries.

## SAMPLING FROM COMMERCIAL CATCH

In the years 1969-1997 on the average 500 otoliths were sampled annually, except in 1970, 1973, and 1974 when no otoliths were sampled. In 1999 effort of sampling Atlantic wolffish from commercial catch was increased. In the years 1999-2014 annual sampling of aged fish was 1600-3000 or on average 2200, but since 2015 this average has been around 1200 fish. In 2021, a total of 14, 25 and 15 samples were collected from longline, demersal trawl and demersal seine catches, respectively (Table 2, Figure 7).

**Table 2. Atlantic wolffish. Number of samples and aged fish from landed catch of Atlantic wolffish.**

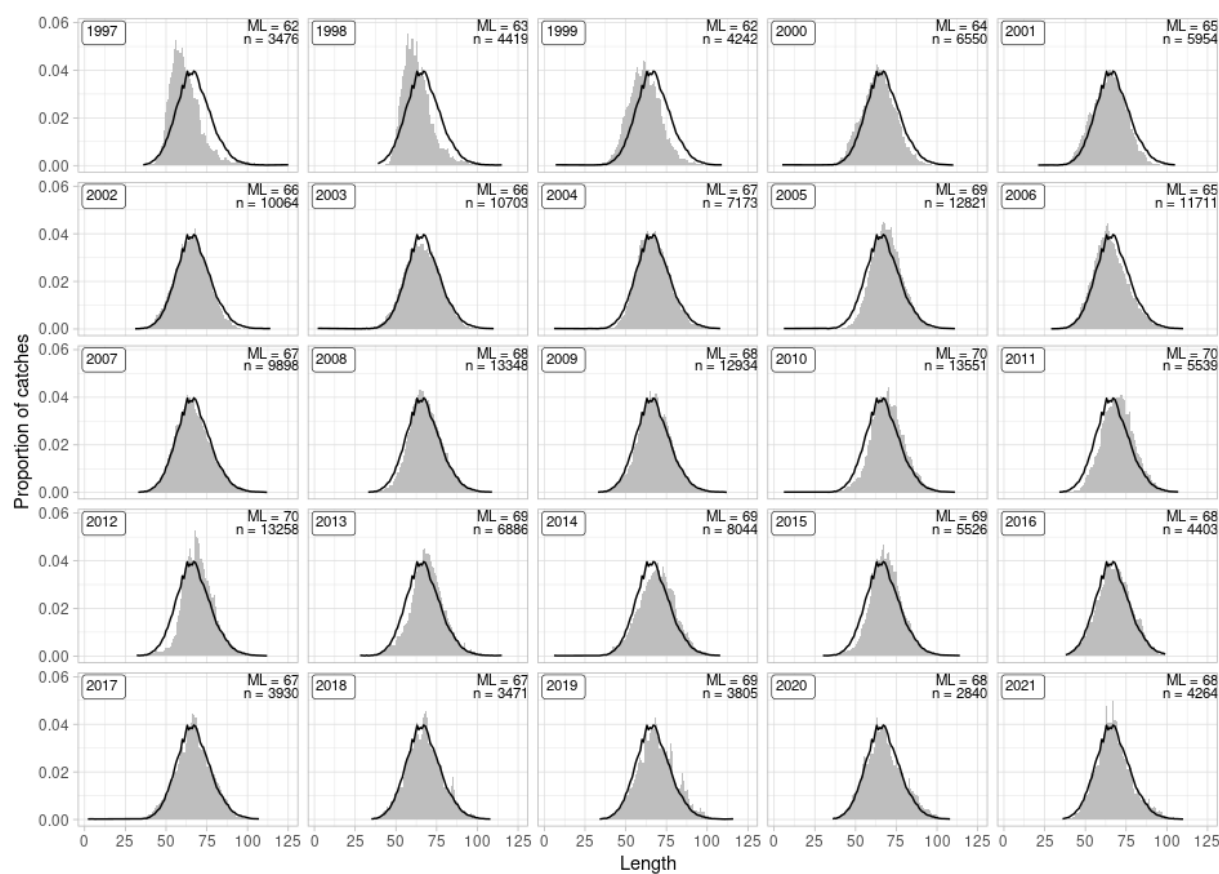
YEAR	LONGLINE		DEMERSAL TRAWL		DEMERSAL SEINE	
	Samples	Fish	Samples	Fish	Samples	Fish
2010	29	1669	18	1040	5	285
2011	14	750	15	778	9	550
2012	26	1300	14	700	7	350
2013	25	1249	14	692	5	249
2014	30	800	26	675	28	700
2015	25	625	19	479	19	474
2016	25	625	13	325	9	225
2017	23	575	9	220	6	150
2018	22	550	9	225	17	425
2019	22	537	10	245	20	480
2020	9	223	12	294	16	386
2021	14	350	25	625	15	400



**Figure 7. Atlantic wolffish. Fishing grounds in 2021 as reported in logbooks and positions of samples taken from landings (asterisks).**

## LENGTH COMPOSITIONS

The length distribution of landed Atlantic wolffish catch has been relatively stable since 2000 (Figure 8).



**Figure 8. Atlantic wolffish. Length distribution of fish sampled from landed catch. The black line represents the mean length distribution for all years.**

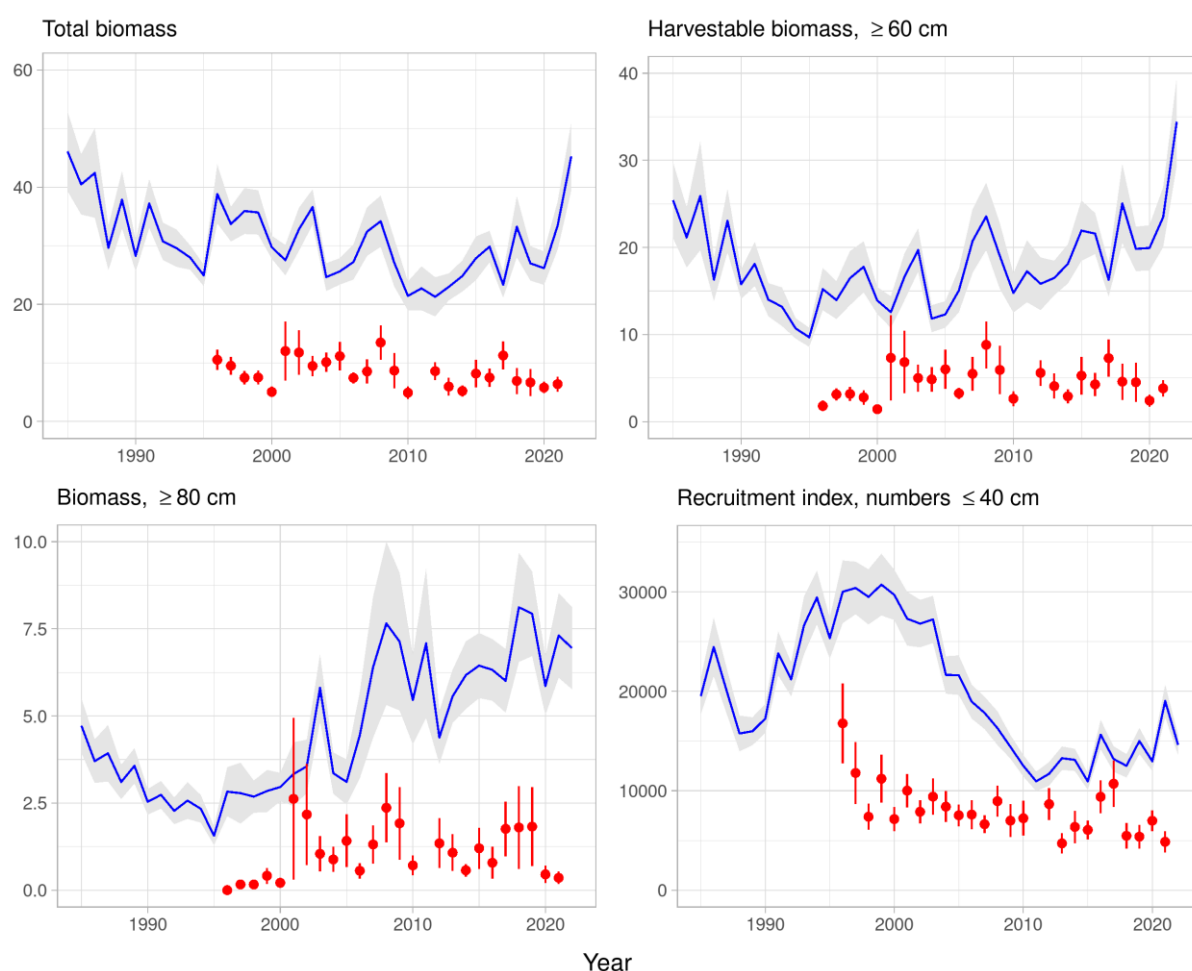


## ICELANDIC SURVEY DATA

The Icelandic spring groundfish survey (hereafter IS-SMB), which has been conducted annually in March since 1985, covers the most important distribution area of Atlantic wolffish in Icelandic waters. In addition, the Icelandic autumn groundfish survey (hereafter IS-SMH) was commenced in 1996 and expanded in 2000. However, a full autumn survey was not conducted in 2011 due to a labour strike. The spring survey is considered to measure changes in abundance/biomass of Atlantic wolffish better than the autumn survey.

## INDICES AND DISTRIBUTION OF ATLANTIC WOLFFISH IN IS-SMB AND IS-SMH

Total biomass and harvestable biomass indices decreased from 1985-1995. In 1996, the biomass index increased to 1998, then decreased to a historical low level in 2010-2012, but since then it has been increasing (Figure 9). The harvestable biomass has generally been increasing from 1995 with considerable oscillators. The recruitment index was high in the years 1992-2003, since 1999 it has been decreasing, which coincide with increasing effort and catch of trawlers at its main spawning ground west of Iceland (Látragrunn) during its spawning and incubation time. The recruitment index reached a historical low level in 2011, but since then it has been rather stable or increased slightly. This coincides with that the closed spawning/incubation area on Látragrunn was enlarged from 500 km<sup>2</sup> (from 2002) to 1000 km<sup>2</sup> in October 2010.

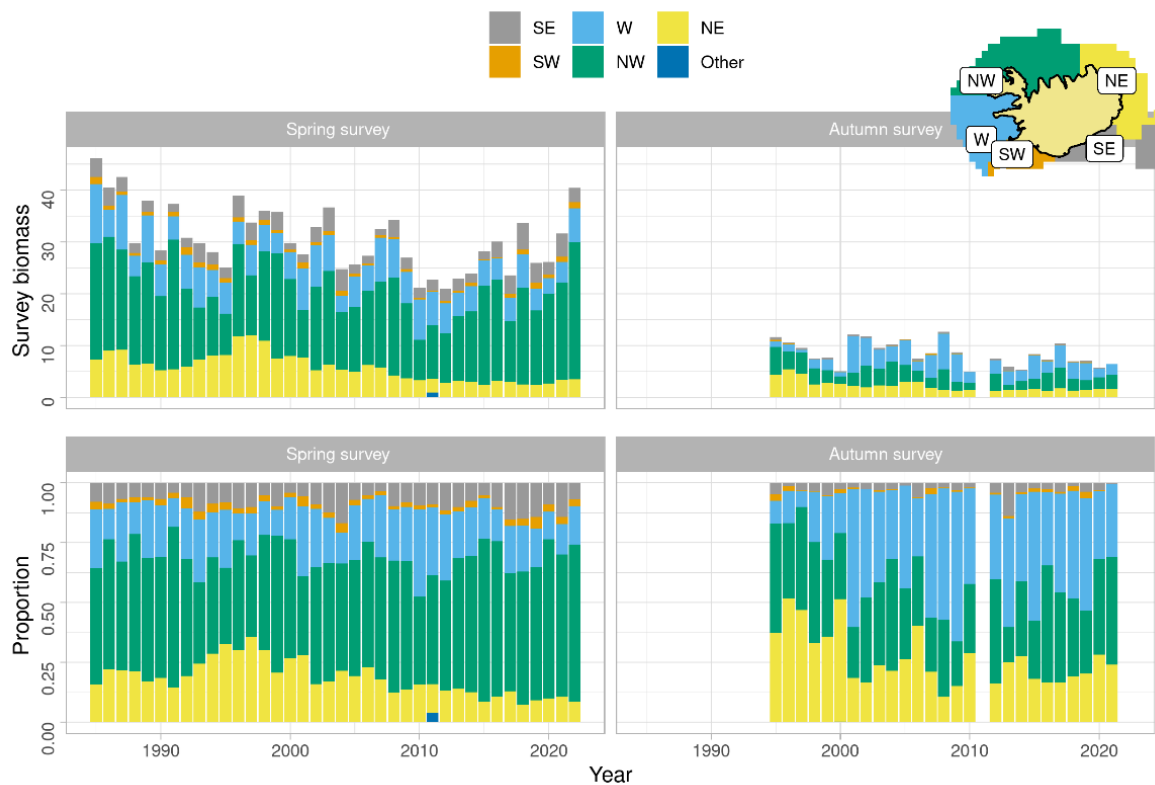


**Figure 9. Atlantic wolffish. Total biomass indices (upper left) and harvestable biomass indices ( $\geq 60$  cm, upper right), large fish biomass indices ( $\geq 80$  cm, lower left) and juvenile abundance indices ( $\leq 40$  cm, lower right), from the spring survey (blue) and the autumn survey (red), along with the standard deviation.**

When the spring survey is conducted, Atlantic wolffish are on their feeding grounds which are commonly in relatively shallow waters (Figure 10). In the spring survey (SMB), the highest abundance has always been measured in the NW area (Figure 11).



**Figure 10. Atlantic wolffish. Spatial distribution and abundance in the spring survey (SMB) in 2022 and the autumn survey (SMH) in 2021.**

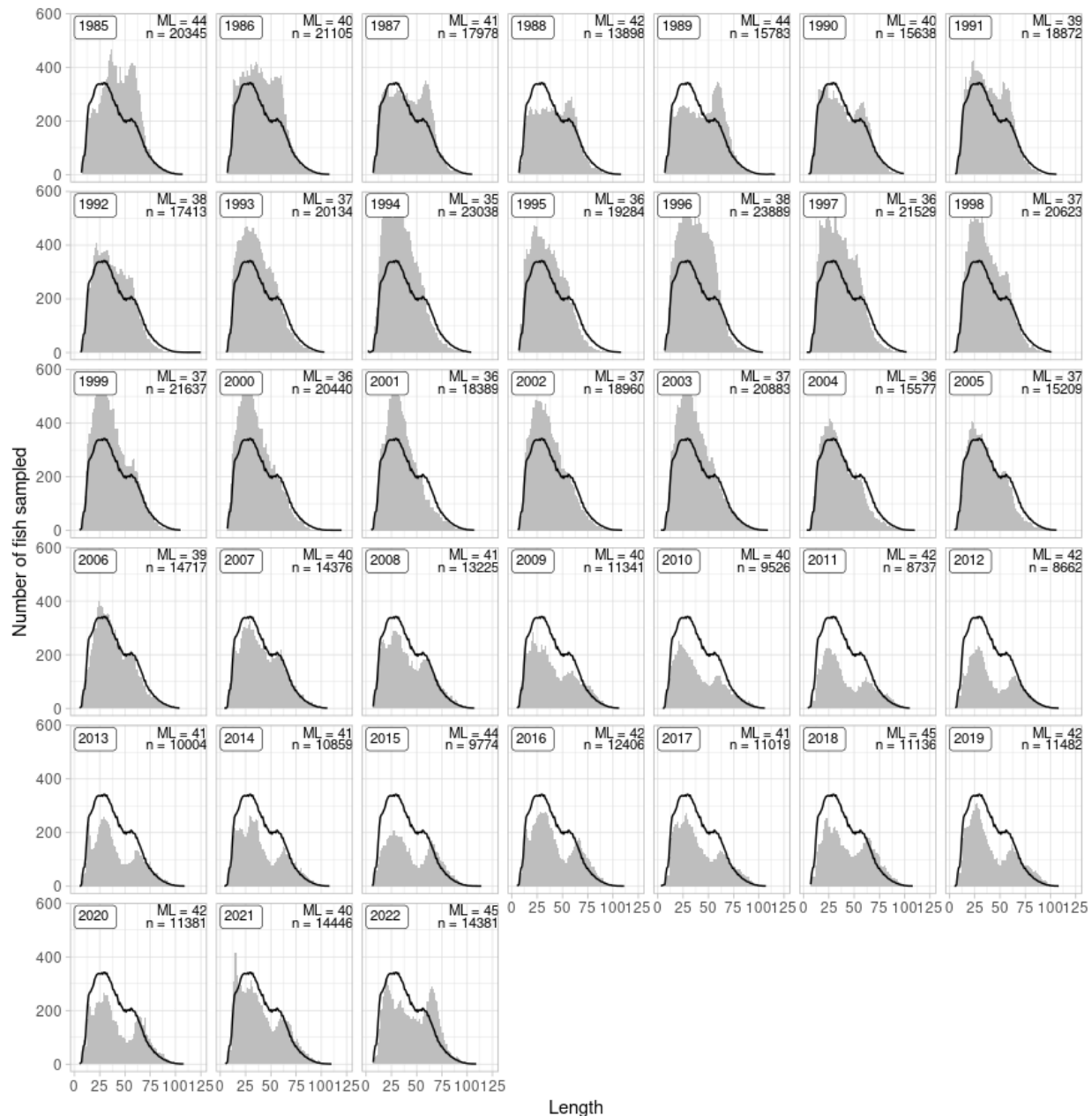


**Figure 11. Atlantic wolffish. Spatial distribution of biomass index from the spring survey and autumn survey.**

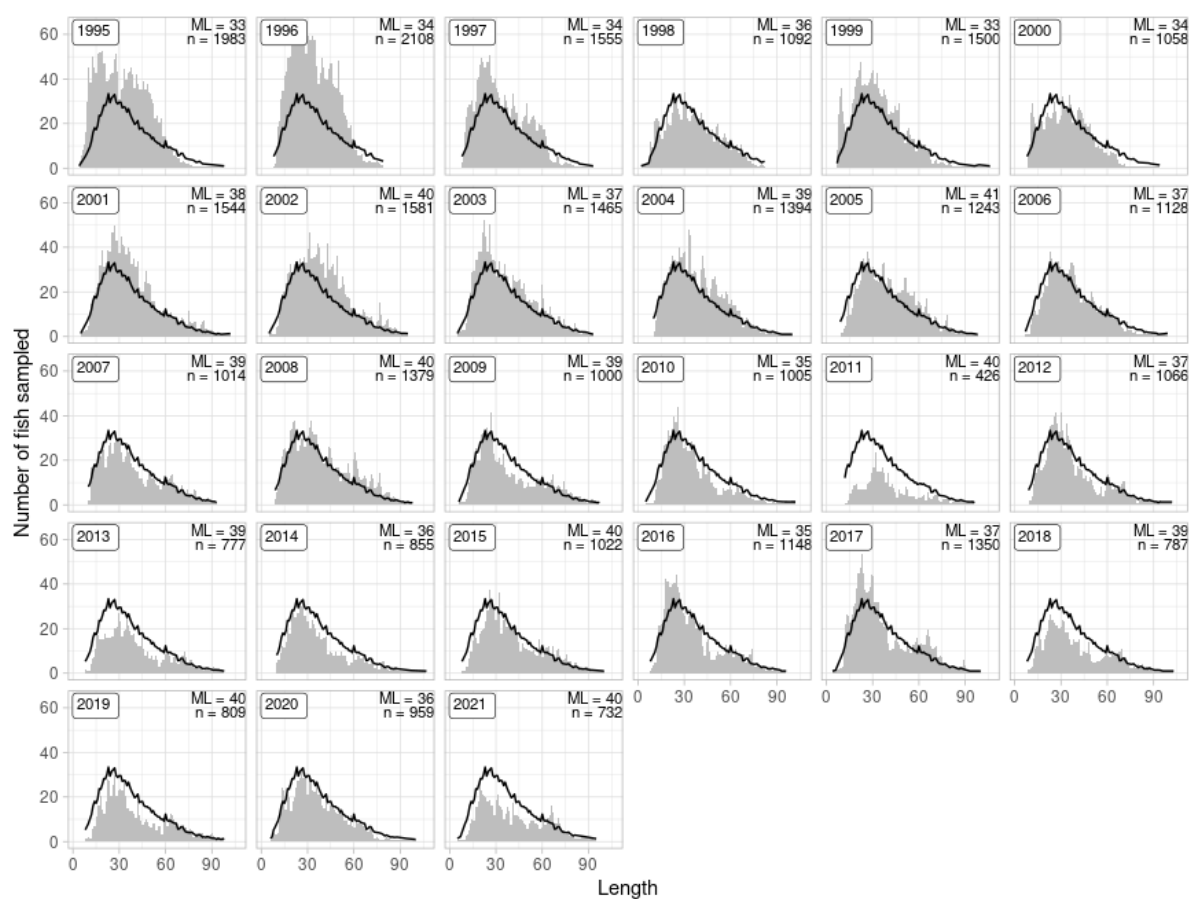
In the autumn survey, Atlantic wolffish are more often caught in deeper waters than in the spring survey. The autumn survey is conducted when Atlantic wolffish is spawning, and the spawning grounds are usually deeper than the feeding grounds. Since 2000, the highest biomass has been measured in the northwest and west areas (Figures 10-11). The main spawning area of Atlantic wolffish is located at the northern part of the west area.

## LENGTH DISAGGREGATED ABUNDANCE INDICES IN IS-SMB AND IS-SMH

Since 2004, the length distribution in the spring survey has been bimodal because of a relatively lower number of fish at 40-60 cm. The mean length of Atlantic wolffish has been similar between years or on the average about 39 cm. It was, however, lowest in 1994-2004, about 37 cm, but in these years the recruitment index was high. Due to decreasing recruitment since 1999 (Figure 9 and 12), the mean length increased and was on the average about 41.5 cm in 2007-2021 (Figure 12). Mean length in the autumn survey varied from 33-41 cm, with no clear trend (Figure 13).



**Figure 12. Atlantic wolffish. Length-disaggregated abundance indices from the spring survey. The black line shows the mean for all years.**



**Figure 13. Atlantic wolffish. Length-disaggregated abundance indices from the autumn survey. The black line shows the mean for all years.**

## DATA ANALYSES

### ANALYTICAL ASSESSMENT ON ATLANTIC WOLFFISH IN ICELANDIC WATERS USING SAM

Atlantic wolffish in 5.a is new to ICES where it became a part of the ICES assessment benchmarking process after an MoU between Iceland and ICES was signed on 1 December 2019 that requested evaluation of harvest control rules for ling, tusk, Atlantic wolffish, and plaice.

During the harvest control rule evaluation in April 2022, a SAM model (State-space stock assessment model) was agreed upon for use in the assessment (ICES 2022).

### DATA USED BY THE ASSESSMENT AND MODEL SETTINGS

The new assessment model is a statistical catch at age model based on:

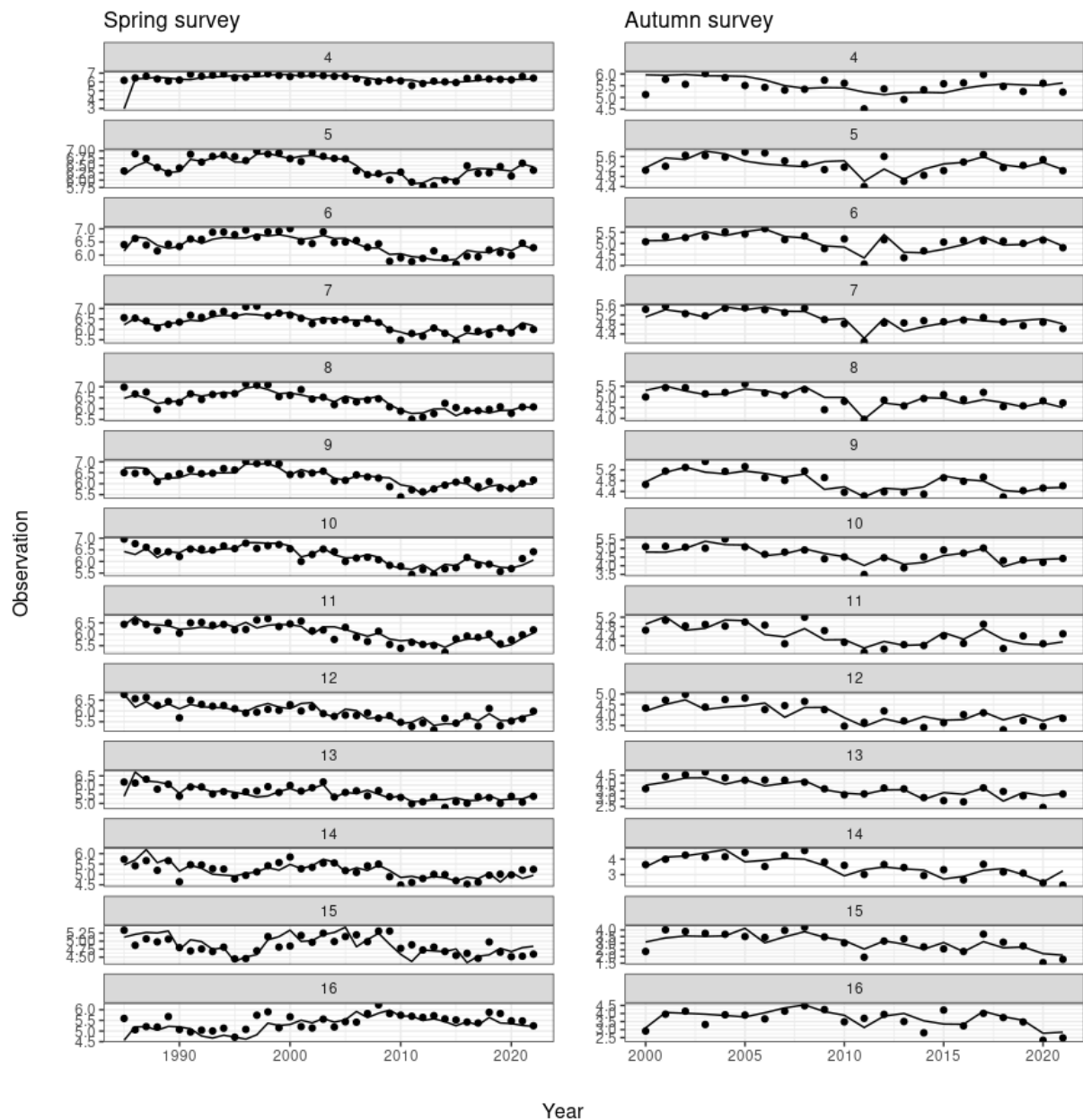
- Commercial catch-at-age and landings data from 1979 onwards
- The Icelandic spring groundfish survey from 1985
- The autumn groundfish survey in Iceland from 2000.
- Recruitment estimated at age 4 every year

The maximum age of the model is 16, which is considered a plus group. The assessment showed that SSB has been rather stable over the time period, while fishing mortality has gradually decreased, and recruitment has slightly decreased after 2001 but remained stable.

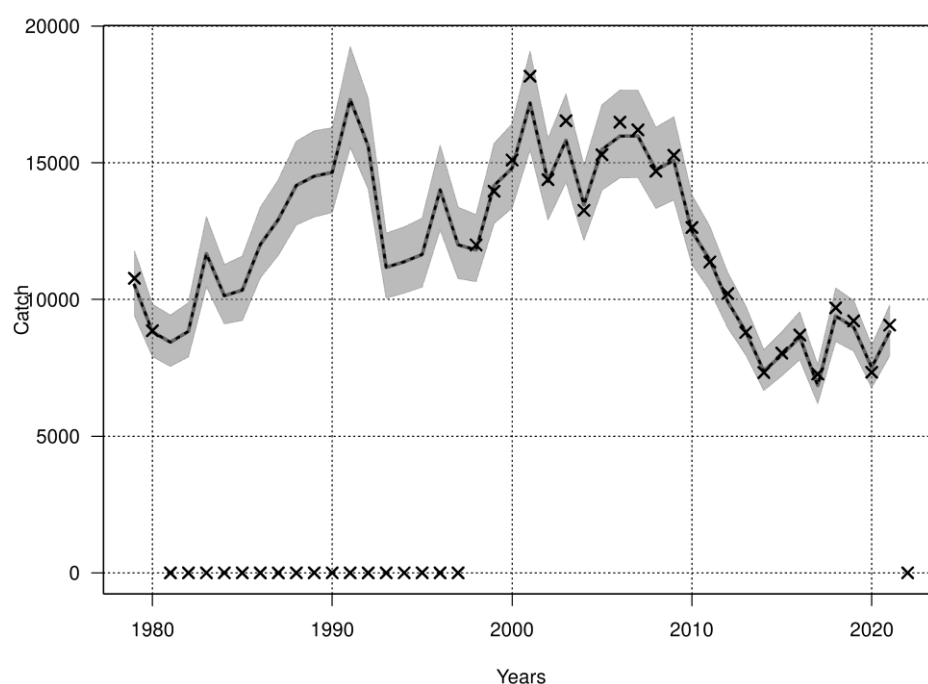
Natural mortality of 0.15 was chosen for all age groups. During the workshop, a wide range of estimates for natural mortality were tested and none showed a significant improvement in terms of model fit. It was therefore decided to use a  $M$  of 0.15.

### DIAGNOSTICS

Model results are shown in Table 5. Fits to the catch-at-age data and survey numbers-at-age indices can be found in Figure 14. The fit to total catch data can be found in Figure 15. Catch and spring survey data are followed the closest by the model, whereas fits to the autumn survey series are slightly noisier but follow a similar pattern. Fits to landings data are quite variable, but more recent fits catch at age data are better.



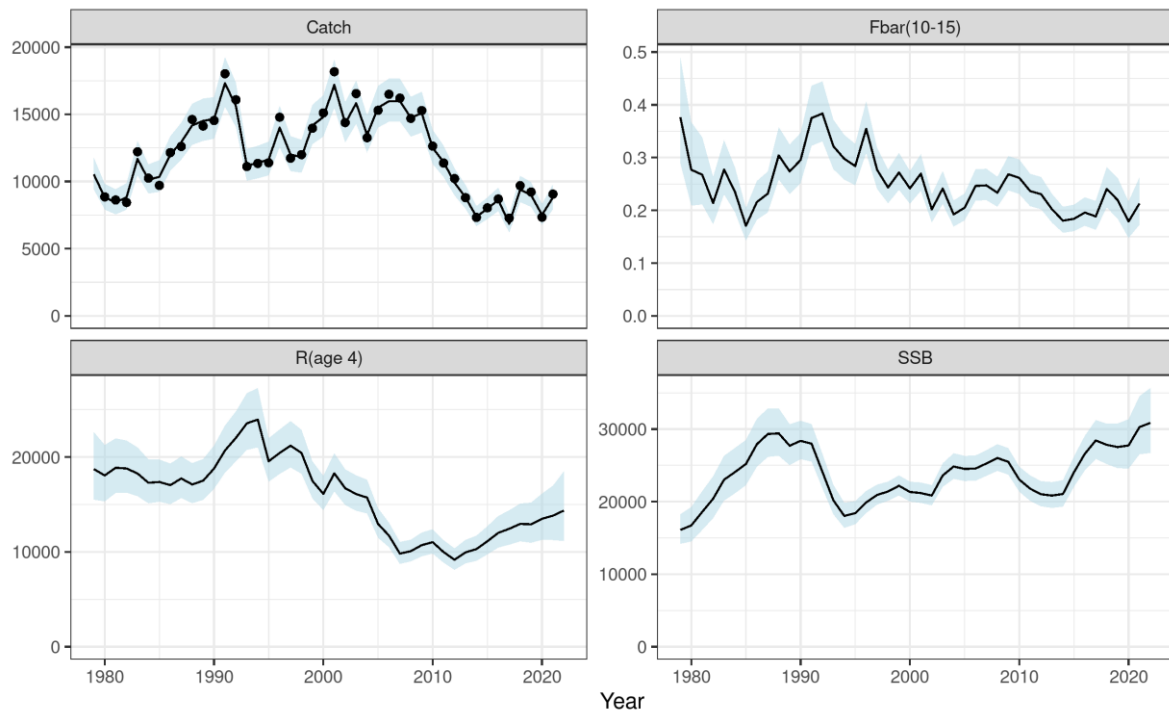
**Figure 14. Atlantic wolffish. Fit of the proposed SAM model to numbers at age (4-16 years) input data to spring survey and autumn survey. Points indicate input data; lines indicate model predictions.**



**Figure 15. Atlantic wolffish. Fit of the proposed SAM model to total catch. X markings indicate total catch input data (except 0s which indicate years where catch-at-age data are unavailable). The line indicates the model prediction and grey shading indicates 95% confidence intervals.**

## MODEL RESULTS

Model results show that Atlantic wolffish recruitment levels decreased from high levels in 1990-2000 to current levels. Excluding values earlier than 1985, which are highly uncertain because spring survey data begin in 1985, current spawning stock biomass levels are on par with those in 1985-1990, which represent a maximum in the more reliable post-1985 portion of the time series. Therefore, a smaller proportion of smaller fish currently contribute to the total stock because of lower recruitment, which halved from roughly 20 million prior to 2000 to roughly 10 million after in 2008-2012. However, following a step decrease in landings and fishing mortality from high levels in 2009 to current levels, both spawning stock biomass and recruitment levels appear stable or slowly increasing after 2012 (Figure 16).



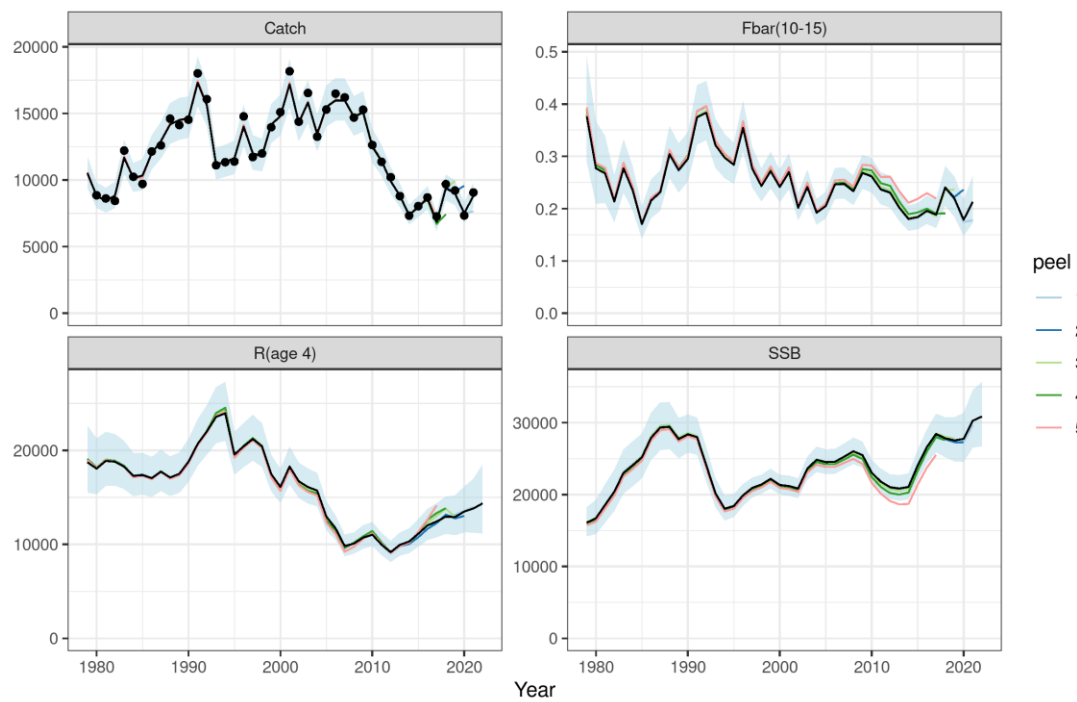
**Figure 16. Atlantic wolffish. Estimated biomass, spawning stock biomass (SSB), fishing mortality for fully selected fish and harvest rate, recruitment, and total catches.**

## RETROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS

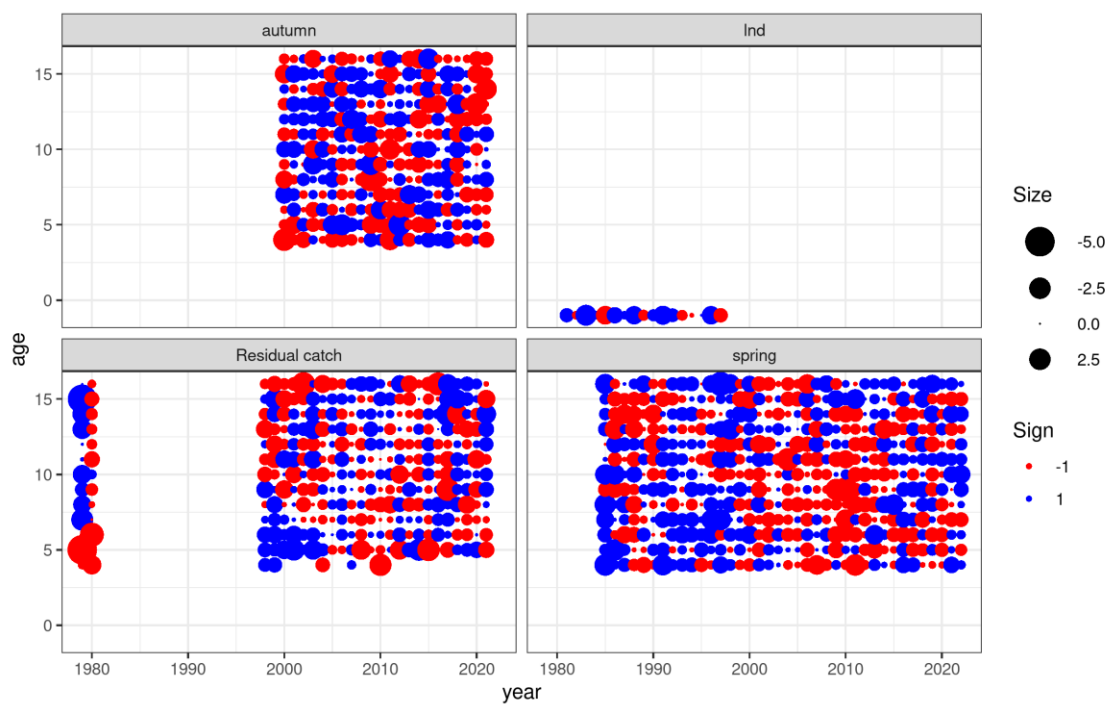
The results of an analytical retrospective analysis are presented in Figure 17. The analysis indicates relatively stable estimation, except in the earliest peel. Mohn's rho was estimated to be -0.0278 for SSB, 0.0385 for  $F$ , and 0.0368 for recruitment.

Neither observation nor process residuals show obvious trends (Figure 18 and 19).





**Figure 17. Atlantic wolffish. Retrospective plots illustrating stability in model estimates over a 5-year 'peel' in data. Results of spawning stock biomass, fishing mortality  $F$ , and recruitment (age 4) are shown.**



**Figure 18. Atlantic wolffish. Observation error residuals of the SAM model.**

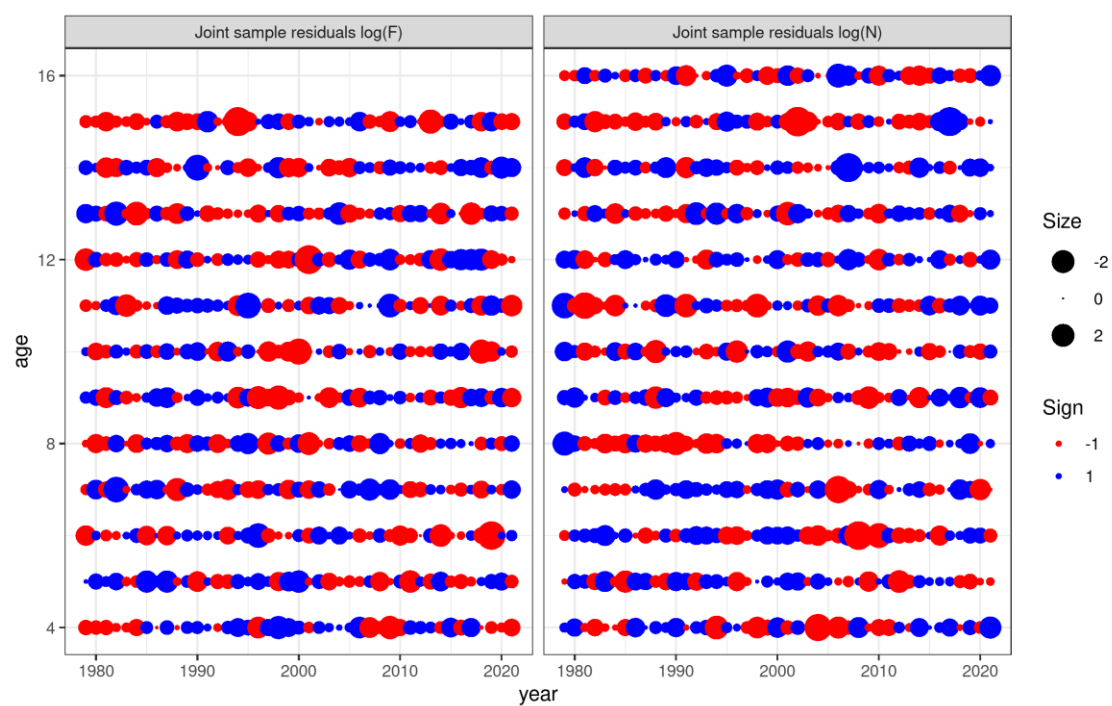


Figure 19. Atlantic wolffish. Process error residuals of the SAM model.

## REFERENCE POINTS

As part of the WKICEMP 2022 HCR evaluations, the following reference points were defined for the stock.

**Table 3. Atlantic wolffish. Reference points adopted from ICES WKICEMP 2022.**

Framework	Reference point	Value	Technical basis
MSY Approach	MSY $B_{trigger}$	21 000	$B_{pa}$
	$F_{msy}$	0.20	Based on $F_{par}$ , maximum $F$ at which the probability of SSB falling below $B_{lim}$ is <5%
Precautionary approach	$B_{lim}$	18 500	$B_{lim} \times e^{1.645 \cdot \sigma B}$
	$B_{pa}$	21 000	$B_{loss}$ (SSB in 2002).
	$F_{lim}$	0.33	Fishing mortality that in stochastic equilibrium will result in median SSB at $B_{lim}$ .
	$F_{pa}$	0.20	Based on $F_{par}$ , maximum $F$ at which the probability of SSB falling below $B_{lim}$ is <5%
Harvest control rule	MGT $B_{trigger}$	21 000	According to the harvest control rule
	$F_{MGT}$	0.20	According to the harvest control rule

## CURRENT ADVISORY FRAMEWORK

Reference points were calculated for the stock. This resulted in  $B_{pa}$  of 21 000 t, based on the lowest estimate of SSB observed after the 2001 shift in recruitment had been observed (2002), and  $B_{lim}$  of 18 500 t. The fishing pressure estimates, defined in terms of fishing mortality applied to ages from 10 to 15, were estimated in accordance with the ICES guidelines. This resulted in an estimate of  $F_{lim}$  of 0.33,  $F_{p05}$  of 0.20 and  $F_{MSY}$  of 0.20. The MSY  $B_{trigger}$  was set as  $B_{pa}$

The proposed HCR for the Icelandic Atlantic wolffish fishery, which sets a TAC for the fishing year  $y/y+1$  (September 1 of year  $y$  to August 31 of year  $y+1$ ) based on a fishing mortality  $F_{mgt}$  of 0.20 applied to ages 10 to 15 modified by the ratio  $SSB_y/MGT B_{trigger}$  when  $SSB_y < MGT B_{trigger}$ , maintains a high yield while being precautionary as it results in lower than 5% probability of  $SSB < B_{lim}$  in the medium and long term.

## SUMMARY OF THE ASSESSMENT

**Table 5. Atlantic wolffish. Assessment summary by calendar year. Catches are ICES estimates.**

Year	Recruitment Age 4 (thousands)			SSB Tonnes			Catches Tonnes	F Age 10-15		
	Value	97.5%	2.5%	Value	97.5%	2.5%		Value	97.5%	2.5%
1979	18938	22938	15635	15672	17947	13686		0.37	0.50	0.28
1980	18197	21490	15408	16268	18972	13949	8857	0.27	0.37	0.20
1981	18942	22110	16228	18115	21187	15489	8621	0.27	0.35	0.21
1982	18766	21759	16185	19800	23113	16962	8435	0.22	0.27	0.176
1983	18164	20947	15750	22323	25856	19273	12214	0.28	0.34	0.23
1984	17125	19615	14950	23389	26796	20414	10249	0.25	0.30	0.20
1985	17196	19572	15108	24410	27755	21468	9708	0.180	0.22	0.148
1986	16834	19117	14825	27043	30570	23924	12147	0.23	0.28	0.195
1987	17560	19903	15493	28257	31787	25120	12605	0.25	0.30	0.21
1988	16957	19214	14965	28229	31660	25169	14611	0.32	0.38	0.27
1989	17391	19694	15357	26646	29626	23966	14128	0.28	0.34	0.24
1990	18737	21195	16565	27414	30213	24875	14534	0.31	0.37	0.26
1991	20838	23549	18439	26905	29641	24421	18015	0.39	0.46	0.34
1992	22213	25110	19650	23032	25525	20781	16079	0.41	0.48	0.35
1993	23621	26851	20780	19099	21244	17171	11112	0.36	0.42	0.31
1994	24045	27449	21064	16798	18606	15167	11344	0.33	0.39	0.28
1995	19350	21809	17167	17070	18736	15551	11393	0.32	0.37	0.28
1996	20207	22705	17984	18420	19986	16976	14781	0.39	0.45	0.33
1997	21114	23768	18757	19659	21082	18332	11737	0.28	0.33	0.24
1998	20383	22879	18160	20690	22066	19399	11995	0.25	0.29	0.22
1999	17414	19500	15551	21536	22994	20171	13961	0.27	0.31	0.23
2000	16132	18069	14402	20952	22410	19589	15101	0.25	0.28	0.22
2001	18414	20590	16469	20771	22262	19380	18169	0.28	0.32	0.24
2002	16819	18850	15007	20469	21945	19092	14385	0.20	0.23	0.177
2003	16181	18199	14386	23297	25029	21686	16536	0.25	0.28	0.21
2004	15792	17709	14082	24593	26477	22843	13260	0.20	0.23	0.176
2005	12953	14624	11473	24172	26014	22462	15294	0.21	0.24	0.186
2006	11713	13091	10480	24179	26025	22465	16488	0.25	0.28	0.22
2007	9759	10984	8672	24972	26840	23235	16205	0.27	0.31	0.24
2008	10065	11278	8983	25389	27322	23592	14694	0.24	0.27	0.21
2009	10722	12077	9519	24938	26863	23150	15280	0.28	0.31	0.24
2010	11051	12424	9829	22542	24355	20864	12634	0.27	0.30	0.23
2011	9936	11197	8817	21342	23179	19650	11372	0.24	0.28	0.21
2012	9055	10255	7996	20582	22394	18917	10217	0.25	0.28	0.22
2013	9809	11119	8653	20227	22078	18531	8798	0.21	0.25	0.185
2014	10172	11579	8936	20363	22244	18641	7328	0.188	0.22	0.163
2015	11041	12627	9654	23215	25367	21245	8041	0.182	0.21	0.158
2016	11925	13710	10372	25854	28302	23617	8699	0.21	0.24	0.178
2017	12446	14406	10752	27510	30268	25003	7275	0.20	0.24	0.173
2018	12954	15116	11102	26808	29677	24216	9694	0.26	0.30	0.22
2019	12844	15144	10893	26475	29670	23624	9215	0.23	0.28	0.195
2020	13403	16065	11182	26680	30246	23535	7340	0.191	0.23	0.156
2021	13739	16911	11162	29144	33382	25443	9063	0.23	0.28	0.181
2022	14309	18488	11075	29736	34515	25618				

## MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

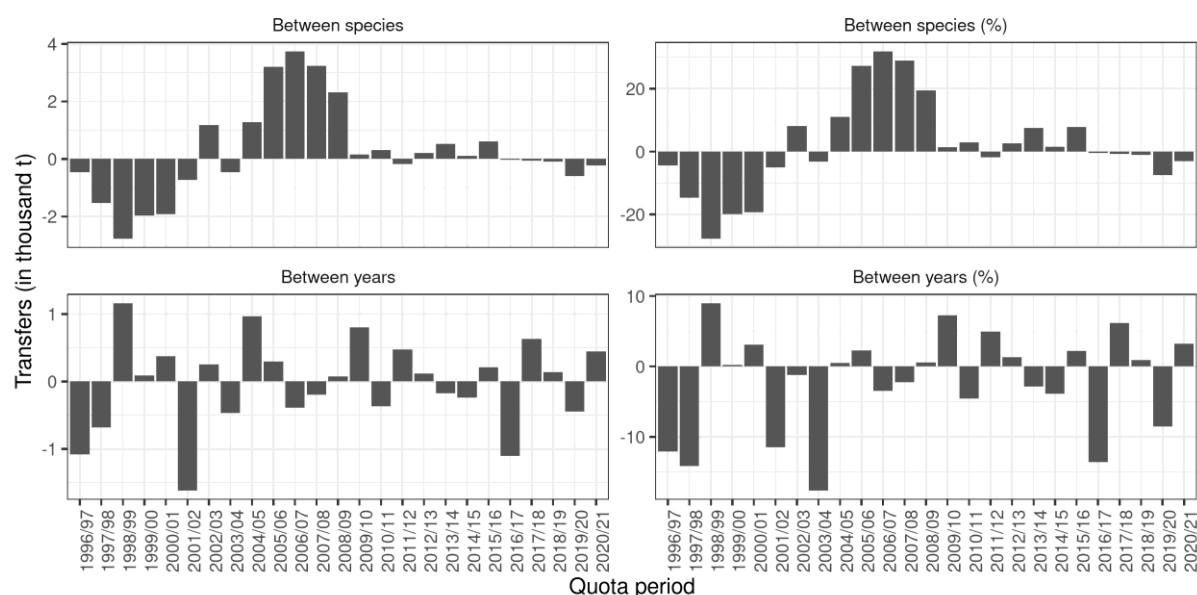
A reduction in fishing mortality has led to harvestable biomass and SSB that seem to be stable. Atlantic wolffish is a slow-growing late-maturing species, therefore closures of known spawning areas should be maintained and expanded if needed. Similarly, closed areas fishing where there is high juvenile abundance should also be maintained and expanded if needed.

## ECOSYSTEM CONSIDERATIONS

Most fishing for Atlantic wolffish occurs in the northwest and west of Iceland, where the fastest growing Atlantic wolffish are found. A likely cause for differences in growth is environmental differences between the relatively warm southwestern waters versus colder northeaster waters. However, Atlantic wolffish are also highly sedentary, especially while guarding nests during spawning and rearing season, and therefore additional metapopulation structure cannot be excluded. Therefore, it is possible that local depletion may occur in more heavily fished areas despite a stable overall biomass level.

## MANAGEMENT

The Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries is responsible for management of the Icelandic fisheries and implementation of legislation. Atlantic wolffish was included in the ITQ system in the 1996/1997 quota year and as such subjected to TAC limitations. From that time to the fishing year 2004/2005, the catch was on average 5% more than recommended by the MRI, although in some years it was lower than advised TAC. In the fishing years 2005/2006 to 2011/2012, the catch was on average around 34% above the advised TAC (Table 4). The main reasons were that national TAC was set higher than the advised TAC, and quota of other species were being transferred to Atlantic wolffish quota (Figure 21). Net transfer of Atlantic wolffish quota for each fishing year is usually less than 10%.



**Figure 21. Atlantic Wolffish. Net transfer of quota, from Atlantic Wolffish to other species, in the Icelandic ITQ system by fishing year.**

**Table 4. Atlantic wolffish. Recommended TAC, national TAC, and catches (tonnes).**

Fishing year	Recommended TAC	National TAC	Catches
1998/1999	13 000	13 000	13 139
1999/2000	13 000	13 000	14 913
2000/2001	13 000	13 000	18 084
2001/2002	13 000	16 100	13 682
2002/2003	15 000	15 000	16 943
2003/2004	15 000	16 000	13 255
2004/2005	13 000	16 000	14 201
2005/2006	13 000	13 000	16 461
2006/2007	12 000	13 000	15 817
2007/2008	11 000	12 500	15 098
2008/2009	12 000	13 000	15 428
2009/2010	10 000	12 000	13 090
2010/2011	8 500	12 000	12 078
2011/2012	7 500	10 500	10 582
2012/2013	7 500	8 500	8 940
2013/2014	7 500	7 500	7 530
2014/2015	7 500	7 500	7 862
2015/2016	8 200	8 200	8 982
2016/2017	8 811	8 811	7 542
2017/2018	8 540	8 540	9 553
2018/2019	9 020	9 020	9 355
2019/2020	8 344	8 344	7 166
2020/2021	8 761	8 761	8 974
2021/2022	8 933	8 933	

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