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### 1.2 Terms of Reference

The Working Group on the Assessment of Pandalus Stocks (Chairman: Mr S. Munch-Petersen) met at ICES Headquarters from 12-16 February 1990 (C.Res.1989/2:4:1) to:

1) assess the status of the stocks of Pandalus borealis in the North Sea, Skagerrak, and Kattegat,
2) evaluate the basis for treating pandalus in the Norwegian Deeps and Division IIIa as separate stock units and, if appropriate, make an assessment for these units combined.

Two additional questions concerning mesh size and a proposed weekend fishing ban for pandalus in Division IIIa were referred to the Working Group (see Section 6).

## 2 THE PANDALUS STOCKS WITHIN ICES SUB-AREAS III AND IV

### 2.1 Stock Identification

The Pandalus on Fladen Ground and in Farn Deeps are recognized as separate stocks and management units on basis of geographical separation and hydrographical considerations. However, the background for item 2 in the Terms of Reference has been the management problem concerning the pandalus distributed continuously from the Norwegian Deeps in Division IVa into the Skagerrak (Division IIIa).

Samples of shrimps from the Norwegian Deeps and from the Skagerrak differ in their length frequency distributions (LFD) in that there is a higher proportion of small (young) shrimps in the samples from the Skagerrak. This feature has been remarkably constant over time; shrimps in the Norwegian Deeps are always larger. In the 1989 Working Group report (Anon., 1989a), this difference in observed LFDs was demonstrated by non-parametric tests.

Inspired by the Report of the Workshop on the Multivariate Analysis of Shellfish Stocks (Anon., 1989b), in which examples of multivariate analysis of LFDs from various crustacean stocks were given, the Working Group this year performed a Discriminant Function Analysis on Pandalus LFDs from the Fladen Ground, Norwegian Deeps and Skagerrak. The results (Annex 1) showed that the LFDs from the three areas were indeed different, and that the differ-
ence between Norwegian Deeps and skagerrak LFDs was less pronounced than between either of these and those from the fladen Ground (cf. Annex 1, Figure 1.)

The difference could be caused by different population dynamics (e.g., recruitment, growth, mortality) which would suggest that there are three different stocks.

Concerning the difference between the skagerrak and the Norwegian Deeps, an alternative explanation to the observed difference could be that larvae and small shrimps drift from the Norwegian Deeps into Skagerrak and that adult shrimps migrate in the opposite direction. The instrument for transport of the juvenile shrimps exists in the Tampen current, which during a large part of the year moves sub-surface Altlantic water into the skagerrak following the western and southern slope of the trench along west and south coasts of Norway (Cushing, 1982).

The Working Group believed it most probable that the observed differences in LFDs are an effect of larval drift and adult migration and that the shrimps in these two areas, therefore, should be regarded as one stock.

### 2.2 Manaqement Units

Quite independent of the above-mentioned scientific questions on stock separation, the Working Group was forced this year to pool the data from these two areas because of misallocation of some of the Norwegian landings prior to 1988. The Norwegian pandalus landings are divided between the Skagerrak (Division IIIa) and the Norwegian Deeps (Division IVa) according to ports of landing, and prior to 1988 landings to some fishing ports west of Division IIIa were reported as taken in Division IIIa. From 1988 onwards, this misallocation has been corrected. In 1988, the misreported landings were around 1,200 t. However, for the years prior to 1988 the landing figures have not been corrected and this may never be possible. This break in the data series renders it impossible to make separate standard assessments for these two areas at present. Thus, this year's Working Group report gives only an assessment of the two stocks combined.

Table 2.1 shows the landings of Pandalus from Divisions IIIa and IV as officially reported. The other tables of landings (Tables 3.1, 4.1, and 5.1) are Working Group estimates and refer to the stocks (management units) considered by the Working Group.

Figure 2.1 shows how the geographical distribution of the stocks is presently defined according to statistical squares. Squares adjacent to the main fishing grounds are also included even if only small catches are reported from them.

### 3.1 The Fishery

### 3.1.1 Landings

As mentioned in Section 2 it was decided to treat the Pandalus catches from these two areas as a single assessment unit this year. Table 3.1 gives the landings since 1970 from these two areas combined. Landings confined to Skagerrak only (Division IIIa) are shown in Table 2.1. It is noted that there has been a decline of approximately 20\% since the peak catches in 1987. This decline is reflected both in Danish and Norwegian catches.

### 3.1.2 Discards

Discarding is known to occur, but no data on the amounts were presented.

### 3.1.3 Effort

Data on effort and CPUE are given in Table 3.2 which shows annual as well as quarterly figures. Danish and swedish data are available for the whole period considered. Norway supplied data for 1986-1988. These were regressed against the corresponding Swedish CPUE data (Table 3.2, footnote) to obtain estimates of Norwegian CPUE for the remaining quarters. The quarterly figures were summed to give yearly values.

Danish and Swedish effort increased from 1988 to 1989, while Norwegian effort (according to the estimates) seems to have decreased.

### 3.2 Assessment

### 3.2.1 Age distributions

National quarterly samples of length frequencies from Division IIIa and the Norwegian Deeps, respectively, were split into normal distributions. Each normal distribution, assumed to represent an age group, is described by mean length, standard deviation, and proportion of total sample size. The mean lengths of the age groups are given in Figure 3.1. A maximum of six age groups were identified.

The quarterly national catches (in tonnes) were converted to catch in numbers at age by applying the number of shrimps per kg in the samples and the age distributions. Quarterly national figures of catch in numbers at age were added to give the yearly data.

Norway supplied samples for most quarters from 1984 quarter 3 onwards from both main areas. Denmark started a sampling programme in 1987, and Sweden in 1989. Table 3.3 gives yearly catch in numbers from 1985 onwards.

### 3.2.2 Mean weight at age and maturity

Quarterly length/weight relationships based on Swedish 1989 data were presented and applied to the mean length-at-age values. The relations used were ( $W=a L^{\circ}$ ):

| Quarter | a | b |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 0.00250 | 2.658 |
| 2 | 0.00310 | 2.493 |
| 3 | 0.00314 | 2.526 |
| 4 | 0.00317 | 2.558 |

Resulting mean weights at age are given in Table 3.4.
The maturity ogive for shrimp varies from year to year. The proportion of females in the 2-group in the first quarter of the year is shown below:

| 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0.62 | 0.09 | 0.20 | 0.30 | 0.68 |

These proportions have been used for the 2 -group. The $0-1$ and 1 groups are considered immature, and the older ones fully mature.

### 3.2.3 Natural mortality

No new data were presented that enabled the Working Group to revise its estimates of natural mortality. The value 0.75 was used as in previous years.

## 3.2 .4 VPA

Because of previous years' large degree of subjectivity in tuning the quarterly VPAs, it was decided this year to carry out the VPA on a yearly basis rendering it possible to apply the tuning module implemented at ICES.

National data on effort and catches in numbers at age were used as basis for the tuning procedure. The output from the tuning is presented in Table 3.5. Fleet 3 showed the smallest standard error for the logarithmic catchabilities (q) and was chosen to have terminal $q$ estimated as the mean. The qs fluctuate without any pronounced trend; variance ratios of around 0.3 indicated a certain consistency among the estimates.

The fishing mortalities (Table 3.6 ) for age groups $1-3$ vary between 0.36 and 0.49 during the five years of analyses.

The spawning stock biomass, calculated at the time of hatching (1 April) oscillates without any trend between 13,000 and $20,000 \mathrm{t}$ (Table 3.7).

This assessment can, of course, not be directly compared with the ones for only Division IIIa, carried out in previous years. It indicates, however, a lower general level of exploitation (average 1985-1988 $F=0.42$ vs. 0.6 in previous assessments) also for Division IIIa, and consequently a higher biomass estimate.

### 3.2.5 Recruitment

The abundance of 0 -group shrimp observed during survey cruises in October has always been highest in the eastern part of Skagerrak (see text table below).

Number of O-group shrimps per "swept area" in October

|  | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| North of Stavanger | 5 | - | - | - | 44 | 78 |
| Norwegian Coast - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Division IVa | - | 17 | - | - | 27 | 119 |
| Egersund Bank | 19 | 381 | 44 | 91 | 259 | 245 |
| Western Skagerrak | 30 | 36 | 2 | 7 | 238 | 2,112 |
| Eastern Skagerrak | 3,047 | 1,787 | 1,430 | 668 | 1,764 | 7,276 |
| Total (O-group indices) | 3,101 | 2,221 | 1,476 | 766 | 2,332 | 9,830 |

Similarly, at other times of the year 0 -group shrimps are proportionally less abundant in the western areas. The explanation for this distribution could be that larvae from the western areas are transported eastwards by the Tampen current, cf. Section 2.1 .

Figure 3.2 shows the temperature in 300 m depth at both sides of skagerrak. For the few years available, there appears to be some covariation between temperature and recruitment. The index from the survey shown in the text table above is also highly correlated to the 1-group observed during the following year's cruise and also to the 1 -group calculated by VPA (Figure 3.3).

### 3.2.6 Catch prediction

The input data for the prediction are shown in Table 3.8.
Both the 1988 and the 1989 year classes as 1 -groups were estimated from the regression of VPA estimates of 1 -group on 0 -group indices (Figure 3.3). The 1988 year class, 9,747 million shrimps as 1 -group, will become 3,853 million as 2 -group in 1990 if a $Z$ of 0.928 is applied. The 1989 year class is obviously very abundant and was estimated as 30,552 million 1 -group.

The fishing pattern used is the 1985-1989 average, scaled to the 1989 level.

Mean weights and maturity are also applied as the 1985-1989 averages. Recruitment in 1990-1991 (16,232 million) is the 1985-1988 average from VPA.

The status quo catch in 1990 (unchanged fishing pattern and level of effort) is predicted to be $18,000 \mathrm{t}$ (11,000 $t$ in 1989) and a further increase to $23,000 t$ in 1991 (Table 3.9). The reason for these high estimates is the seemingly very abundant 1989 year class, which, according to this prediction, will constitute around $9,000 t(50 \%)$ of the 1990 catch and an even higher percentage of the 1991 catch.

The Working Group is of the opinion that this prediction probably is too optimistic. The unusually high O-group index may be the result of the high temperature in 1989 influencing the behaviour of the juveniles. It should also be pointed out that the level of natural mortality is of great importance to the predicted catch level and is not estimated with great precision. There seems, however, no doubt that the 1989 year class is very abundant. This has already been confirmed by the very large amounts of small shrimps in catches, reported by fishermen.

An alternative prediction assuming average (1985-1988) 1-group abundance in 1990 gives a catch of $11,000 \mathrm{t}$ in 1990 (same level as in 1989) increasing to 12,000 $t$ in 1991 (tables not shown in the report).

## 4 FLADEN GROUND

### 4.1 The Fishery

Table 4.1 shows the landings from the Fladen Ground since 1970. The drastic reduction in catches from 1987 to 1988 was reversed during 1989. This development could indicate a quicker recovery of the stock than expected, after its presumed collapse in 19871988. Total landings increased from around 1,200 tin 1988 to about 3,000 $t$ in 1989.

### 4.2 CPUE Data

The CPUE data are shown in Tables 4.2 and 4.3. Both the Danish and Scottish CPUE figures refer to shrimp trawler catches. The Danish data are logbook records (catch-per-day). Total effort (Table 4.3) has been calculated from CPUE and total (official) landings. In order to combine the Danish and Scottish effort, relative effort indices were made for each country, and a combined index calculated.

The quarterly effort figures reflect the seasonal variation in the fishery. In 1989, after the drop in both effort and CPUE in 1988, CPUE and effort again increased, approaching the levels before 1988.

### 4.3 Assessment

### 4.3.1 Age distribution of the catch

The basic data for estimating the quarterly age distribution of the 1989 catches are Scottish samples from landings in the first two quarters, and Norwegian survey data from the fourth quarter (Table 4.4). The age composition of both the Danish and Scottish catches was based on these scanty data from first, second, and fourth quarters, whereas the age composition of third quarter catches was taken as similar to that of 1988. This procedure may be criticized; it emphasizes the need to intensify the sampling of this fishery.

The splitting of the length distribution into age distribution was done by the Bhattacharya method, cf. Table 4.5 and Figure 4. 1 .

### 4.3.2 Mean weight at age

Mean weights at age in the catches (Table 4.6) were calculated by converting the mean lengths at age using the length/weight relationship (Anon., 1977):

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\mathrm{w}=0.00264 \times \mathrm{CL}^{2551}
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### 4.3.3 Natural mortality

As in previous years, $M$ was set at 1.0 annually (Anon., 1977) for the Fladen Ground stock.

### 4.3.4 Fishing mortality

Owing to difficulties experienced at previous working groups in estimating input $F$ values, this year two methods were compared in order to investigate how sensitive stock estimates and fishing mortality rates were to the choices made.

Method a):
The somewhat subjective method adopted for the previous assessment (Anon., 1989a) was used: Input $F$ values for the fourth quarter of the most recent year were chosen such that the estimated quarterly $F$ values followed a similar pattern to the calculated effort index (Table 4.3). Input Fs on the oldest age were adopted from 1988 levels.

Method b):
For running the VPA, input $F$ values were required for each age group in the most recent quarter and also for the oldest age group in each data year.

Input Fs at age were obtained by constructing catchability plots of $F$ at age (using $F$ values for 1987 and earlier derived at the 1989 Working Group) plotted against the index of effort. Where
catch data at age were present for the last quarter of 1989 , then the plots were constructed for this quarter. In cases, however, where catch data were not available for the last quarter, the VPA effectively required input $F$ values for an earlier quarter, i.e., the first one with catch data. In these circumstances, catchability plots were constructed for the appropriate quarter.

The regression equations (through the origin) relating $F$ to effort index, were used together with the most recent estimate of the effort index, to derive the appropriate input $F$ at age. The quarterly VPA was then run to generate Fs and numbers at age. A development on this procedure would be to use the new $F$ values generated to 'retune' the VPA successively until stability was reached. This was not attempted on this occasion.

The $F s$ obtained from the VPA for age group 2 were taken as input Fs for the oldest age (3). In practice, the top right-hand triangle of the VPA was run to give the $F$ value for the 2-year olds in the last quarter of the year previous to the current year. This was then 'downloaded' to the 3-year olds allowing the next diagonal of the VPA to be calculated, and so on.

### 4.3.5 Ouarterly VPAS

## Tuning method a

Fishing mortalities per quarter are shown in Table 4.7. Figures 4.2 and 4.3 show the level of agreement between the estimated average Fs (mean 1-3) and the combined effort index. Agreement appears, at first sight, reasonable although there are some differences for the most recent year. Annual Fs are shown in the text table below;

| Age | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 0 | + | - | + | + | + | - |
| 1 | 0.052 | 0.113 | 0.084 | 0.095 | 0.015 | 0.227 |
| 2 | 0.671 | 0.460 | 0.746 | 1.446 | 0.116 | 1.141 |
| 3 | 0.915 | 1.420 | 0.374 | 1.347 | 0.175 | 0.256 |
| $\bar{F}(1-3)$ | 0.546 | 0.664 | 0.401 | 0.963 | 0.102 | 0.541 |

Estimated stock sizes for the VPA from the method a) tuning are given in Table 4.8. Total stock size and spawning stock size refer to the 1 January and 1 April, respectively. The results confirm the observation made last year (Anon., 1989a) that total stock was low at the beginning of 1988: and they suggest a further decline to the lowest level ever at the beginning of 1989. On the other hand, the 1988 spawning stock which, on the basis of last year's assessment, was thought to have declined to the lowest level ever, is now estimated to have been higher than at any other time, and to have continued at a reasonable level into 1989.

## Tuning method $b$

The results obtained using this method present a somewhat different picture. Fishing mortalities are shown in Table 4.9. It is noticeable that the "tuned" input $F$ values in the fourth quarter were much lower than for method a). Figures 4.4 and 4.5 show the level of agreement between average $F$ and the effort index. Again, reasonable agreement in the pattern was achieved with improvement in the most recent year. Rather poorer agreement was evident in the periods of high effort during 1985 and 1987. Annual Fs are shown in the text table below:

| Age | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 0 | + | - | + | + | + | - |
| 1 | 0.070 | 0.123 | 0.082 | 0.113 | 0.040 | 0.063 |
| 2 | 0.746 | 0.690 | 0.864 | 1.417 | 0.144 | 0.847 |
| 3 | 0.927 | 2.098 | 0.757 | 2.412 | 0.168 | 0.331 |
| $\bar{F}(1-3)$ | 0.881 | 0.970 | 0.568 | 1.314 | 0.108 | 0.414 |

Estimated stock sizes by the method b) tuning are given in Table 4.10. The results again confirm the reduction in total stock between 1987 and 1988 but suggest that stock size at the beginning of 1989 had recovered and risen to average levels. This finding is more consistent with the higher CPUEs recorded in 1989 for both the Scottish and Danish fleets (Table 4.3) which suggest an improvement in stock abundance during 1989 compared to the 1988 levels (see Section 4.1). Method b) tuning also indicated a general rise in spawning stock biomass in 1988 maintained in 1989.

### 4.3.6 Annual VPA

In view of the difficulties regarding tuning on quarters where effort is low and also the problem caused by an absence of catch data in the fourth quarter for some age groups, it was decided to also attempt an annual VPA, using the tuning module available at ICES Headquarters.

Combined catch-at-age data prior to 1989 were available only for Danish and Scottish landings combined. Therefore, combined catches at age (Table 4.11) and the combined index of effort for Danish and Scottish fleets (Table 4.3) were used as the basis for tuning. (In future, it should be possible to tune for each of these fleets separately.) output from the tuning is shown in Table 4.12. Logarithmic catchabilities showed no pronounced trend and terminal $q$ was estimated as the mean.

Annual fishing mortalities (Table 4.13) show a similar pattern to those estimated by the quarterly VPA (method b) but were generally somewhat lower, varying between 0.132 and 0.93 .

Stock sizes are shown in Table 4.14 and are in general agreement with the results of the quarterly VPA, suggesting a low stock size in 1988 with some recovery since then. Spawning stock biomass (referring to the time of hatching) is relatively stable.

In view of the larger time series of data now available, annual VPA is a more realistic proposition although the marked seasonal fluctuations in the fishery and the fact that Fladen shrimps are so short-lived could still make annual assessments unreliable.

### 4.4 Management Considerations

Short-term predictions on the development of the Fladen Ground fishery have not been attempted at this stage because of
a) a lack of adequate recruitment information,
b) unpredictable variations in effort from year to year which makes selection of reference Fs very difficult.

All the VPAs presented above confirm the reduction in stock size in 1988, even if the SSB was underestimated in last year's VPA. However, both the development in the fishery in 1989 and this year's VPA estimates of stock size indicate that the stock already seems to be in the stage of recovery.

It may be that, due to the few age groups constituting the stock, a single year's (1988) reduction in effort has contributed significantly to the recovery of the stock in 1989.

The Working Group also wishes to point out that good recruitment indices would be essential for short-term prediction of a stock with such few age groups.

## 5 FARN DEEPS

During 1989, Pandalus borealis in the Farn Deeps (Division IVb) were fished by Scottish, English, and Danish boats. Catch data from all three countries have been available since 1986 and are shown in Table 5.1 (together with earlier data from England and Scotland). CPUE data from Scottish shrimp trawlers are also included.

Total landings from the Farn Deeps decreased in 1989 to $50 \%$ of the 1988 figure, largely because Danish landings fell dramatically. UK landings rose in 1989 owing to increased landings in England by English boats.

CPUE appeared to fall in 1989 but this was probably because Scottish shrimp trawl landings were only made in April and May, a period normally associated with lowest catch rates. Without catch rate data for the entire period of the shrimp fishery, it is difficult to comment on the significance of the observed trends.

Samples collected from commercial vessels in April and May suggested that the catch composition was rather different from that observed in 1987 and 1988. In 1989, over $75 \%$ of the catch was of shrimps of age 2 and older.

At the consultations between Sweden, Norway, and the EEC on the regulation of fisheries in Division IIIa in 1990, the parties decided to submit to ICES the results of experimental fisheries, carried out by each party, with mesh sizes between 40 and 45 mm , to obtain advice on the appropriate mesh size in the shrimp fish-ery.-

It was also agreed at the consultations that Norway and Sweden should bring their proposal of introducing a weekend ban in the shrimp fishery to ICES for scientific evaluation.

These requests (in a letter dated 7 February 1990 from the National Fishery Board of Sweden) were referred to the Working Group for consideration.

### 6.1 Mesh Size Experiments

The Working Group received two special reports (unpublished) on experimental shrimp fishery in skagerrak using trawls with different mesh size in the codend, one from Sweden and one from Denmark.

The results of both these experiments indicate no difference between the size composition of shrimps (pandalus) in the trawls with 35 and 40 mm meshes in the codends. In both experiments the catches of small shrimp in the trawls with 45 mm meshes in the codend were smaller than those in the parallel hauls with 35 mm meshes. The differences were, however, mostly marginal. Norwegian selection experiments (Valdemarsen, 1988) show similar results.

It is the Working Group's opinion that increasing the mesh size in the codend from 35 mm to 45 mm will have only little effect on the Pandalus selection, the main reason being that the long tow time practised in the commercial fishery generally reduces the selection in the trawls drastically, at least when ordinary diamond shaped meshes are used.

The Working Group was informed (no report available) that Norwegian experiments both with square meshes and separation trawls have shown improved selection compared to standard gear.

### 6.2 Weekend Ban

The Working Group has no information to hand to quantify the effects of a weekend ban on the Pandalus stock.

If, however, such a ban leads to a reduction in fishing time that is not compensated for by bigger trawls or other ways of increasing fishing power, effort will be reduced.

Temporary halts in fishing activity may alter the catchability of shrimps by giving them more opportunities to reform aggregations (shoals). The Working Group has no information to evaluate this.

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Table 2.1 Nominal landings (tonnes) of Pandalus borealis in ICES Division IIIa and Subarea IV as officially reported to ICES.

| Year | Division IIIa |  |  |  | Sub-area IV |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Denmark | Norway | Sweden | Total | Denmark | Norway | Sweden | UK(Engl) ${ }^{1}$ | $\mathrm{UK}(\mathrm{Scot} 1)^{2}$ | Total |
| 1970 | 757 | 982 | 2,740 ${ }^{3}$ | 4,479 | 3,460 | 1,107 |  | 14 | 100 | 4,681 |
| 1971 | 834 | 1,392 | 2,906 ${ }^{3}$ | 5,132 | 3,572 | 1,265 |  | 14 | 438 | 5,275 |
| 1972 | 773 | 1,123 | 2,524 ${ }^{3}$ | 4,420 | 2,448 | 1,216 | ... | 692 | 187 | 4,543 |
| 1973 | 716 | 1,415 | $2,130{ }^{3}$ | 4,261 | 2, 196 | 931 |  | 1,021 | 163 | 2,311 |
| 1974 | 475 | 1,186 | 2,003 ${ }^{3}$ | 3,664 | 337 | 767 | . . | 50 | 432 | 1,586 |
| 1975 | 743 | 1,463 | 1,740 | 3,946 | 1,392 | 604 | 261 | - | 525 | 2,782 |
| 1976 | 865 | 2,541 | 2,212 | 2,212 | 5,618 | 1,051 | 136 | 186 | 2,006 | 5,240 |
| 1977 | 763 | 2,167 | 1,895 | 4,825 | 782 | 960 | 124 | 265 | 1,723 | 3,854 |
| 1978 | 757 | 1,841 | 1,529 | 4,127 | 1,592 | 692 | 78 | 98 | 2,044 | 4,504 |
| 1979 | 973 | 2,489 | 1,752 | 5,214 | 962 | 594 | 34 | 238 | 309 | 2,137 |
| 1980 | 1,679 | 3,498 | 2,121 | 7,298 | 1,273 | 1,140 | 38 | 203 | 406 | 3,060 |
| 1981 | 2,593 | 3,753 | 2,210 | 8,556 | 719 | 1,435 | 31 | 1 | 341 | 2,527 |
| 1982 | 2,920 | 3,877 | 1,421 | 8,218 | 1,069 | 1,545 | 92 | - | 354 | 3,060 |
| 1983 | 1,571 | 3,722 | 988 | 6,281 | 5,725 | 1,657 | 112 | 65 | 1,836 | 9,395 |
| 1984 | 1,717 | 3,509 | 933 | 6,159 | 4,638 | 1,274 | 120 | 277 | 25 | 6,334 |
| 1985 | 4,105 | 4,772 | 1,474 | 10,351 | 4,582 | 1,785 | 128 | 415 | 1,347 | 8,257 |
| 1986 | 4,686 | 4,811 | 1,357 | 10,854 | 3,896 | 1,681 | 157 | 458 | 358 | 6,550 |
| 1987 | 4,140 | 5,199 | 1,085 | 10,424 | 9,223 | $3,144{ }_{4}$ | 252 | 526 | 774 | 13,919 |
| 1988 | 2,278 | 3,048 ${ }^{4}$ | 1,075 | 6,401 | 2,647 | 4,613 ${ }^{4}$ | 220 | 489 | 109 | 8,078 |
| $1989{ }^{5}$ | 2,451 | 3,149 | 1,303 | 6,903 | 3,223 | 3,262 | 129 | 181 | 573 | 7,368 |

${ }_{2}^{1}$ Includes other pandalid shrimp.
${ }_{3}^{2}$ Includes small amounts of other Pandalid shrimp.
${ }^{3}$ Includes Sub-area IV.
${ }_{5}^{4}$ Working Group figure.
${ }^{5}$ Preliminary.

Table 3.1 Pandalus borealis landings from Divisions IIIa (Skagerrak) and IVa (eastern part) (Norwegian Deeps) ('000 tonnes) as estimated by the Working Group.

| Year | Denmark | Norway | Sweden | Total |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1970 | 1,102 | 1,729 | 2,742 | 5,573 |
| 1971 | 1,190 | 2,486 | 2,906 | 6,582 |
| 1972 | 1,017 | 2,477 | 2,524 | 6,018 |
| 1973 | 755 | 2,333 | 2,130 | 5,218 |
| 1974 | 530 | 1,809 | 2,003 | 4,342 |
| 1975 | 817 | 2,339 | 2,003 | 5,159 |
| 1976 | 1,204 | 3,348 | 2,529 | 7,081 |
| 1977 | 1,120 | 3,004 | 2,019 | 6,143 |
| 1978 | 1,459 | 2,440 | 1,609 | 5,508 |
| 1979 | 1,062 | 3,040 | 1,787 | 5,889 |
| 1980 | 1,678 | 4,562 | 2,159 | 8,399 |
| 1981 | 2,593 | 5,183 | 2,241 | 10,017 |
| 1982 | 3,766 | 5,042 | 1,450 | 10,258 |
| 1983 | 1,567 | 5,361 | 1,136 | 8,064 |
| 1984 | 1,747 | 4,783 | 1,022 | 7,552 |
| 1985 | 3,827 | 6,646 | 1,571 | 12,044 |
| 1986 | 4,834 | 6,490 | 1,463 | 12,787 |
| 1987 | 4,599 | 8,343 | 1,321 | 14,263 |
| 1988 | 3,068 | 7,661 | 1,278 | 12,007 |
| 1989 | 3,150 | 6,411 | 1,433 | 10,994 |

Table 3.2 Pandalus stocks in Division IIIa and Norwegian Deep combined. CPUE and estimates of effort indices by quarters.

| Year Quarter | Denmark |  |  | Sweden |  |  | Norway |  |  | Total catch |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{f} \\ (\mathrm{~kg} / \text { day }) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} C \\ (t) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} f \\ \text { (days) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{f} \\ (\mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{hr}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{C} \\ (\mathrm{t}) \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{\left(\mathrm{hrsx} 10^{-3}\right)}{\mathrm{f}}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{f} \\ (\mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{hr}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{C} \\ (\mathrm{t}) \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{\left(\mathrm{hrsx} 10^{-3}\right)}{\mathrm{f}}$ |  |
| 1984 | 418 | 336 | 724 | 21.4 | 183 | 8.6 | 27.91 | 1,402 | $50.3{ }^{1}$ |  |
| 2 | 303 | 264 | 441 | 18.8 | 234 | 12.4 | $24.6{ }^{1}$ | 1,402 1,053 | 42.81 | 1,921 |
| 3 | 569 | 800 | 994 | 34.8 | 393 | 11.3 | $44.6{ }^{1}$ | 1,751 | 42.8 39.3 | 1,551 |
| 4 | 488 | 347 | 722 | 26.7 | 213 | 8.0 | $34.5{ }^{1}$ | + 577 | 16.71 | 2,944 1,137 |
| Total/Average | 462 | 1,747 | 2,881 | 25.4 | 1,022 | 40.2 | $32.1{ }^{1}$ | 4,783 | $149.1^{1}$ | 7,552 |
| 19851 | 409 | 410 | 819 | 28.2 | 208 | 7.4 | $36.4{ }^{1}$ | 1,679 | $46.1{ }^{1}$ | 2,297 |
| 2 | 621 | 909 | 958 | 28.9 | 491 | 17.0 | 37.21 | 2,051 | $55.1{ }^{1}$ | 3,451 |
| 3 | 833 | 1,482 | 855 | 33.5 | 484 | 14.5 | 43.01 | 1,600 | 37.21 | 3,451 |
| $\stackrel{4}{4}$ | 866 | 1,026 | 875 | 38.2 | 387 | 10.1 | 48.91 | 1,316 | 26.91 | 3,566 2,729 |
| Total/Average | 713 | 3,827 | 3,507 | 32.1 | 1,571 | 48.9 | $40.2{ }^{1}$ | 6,646 | $165.3^{1}$ | 12,044 |
| 19861 | 633 | 914 | 1,165 | 34.2 | 282 | 8.3 | 41.7 | 1,661 | 39.8 | 2,857 |
| 2 | 476 | 1,656 | 934 | 26.6 | 500 | 18.8 | 29.8 | 1,660 | 55.7 | 3,816 |
| 3 | 625 | 1,464 | 1,220 | 30.9 | 383 | 12.4 | 40.2 | 1,664 | 41.4 | 3,511 |
| 4 | 566 | 800 | 1,010 | 30.6 | 299 | 9.7 | 40.3 | 1,505 | 37.3 | 2,604 |
| Total/Average | 558 | 4,834 | 4,329 | 29.7 | 1,463 | 49.2 | 37.2 | 6,490 | 174.3 | 12,787 |
| 1987 1 | 491 | 1,069 | 996 | 29.0 | 328 | 11.3 | 42.0 | 2,687 | 64.0 | 4,084 |
| 2 | 474 | 1,511 | 947 | 20.1 | 388 | 19.3 | 34.1 | 2,722 | 79.8 | 4,621 |
| 3 | 539 515 | 1,051 | 1,195 | 22.1 | 312 | 14.1 | 29.1 | 1,336 | 45.9 | 2,699 |
| $\stackrel{4}{4}$ | 515 | -968 | 515 | 23.5 | 293 | 12.5 | 25.3 | 1,598 | 63.2 | 2,859 |
| Total/Average | 498 | 4,599 | 3,653 | 23.1 | 1,321 | 57.2 | 33.0 | 8,343 | 252.9 | 14,263 |
| 19881 | 484 | 1,111 | 968 | 25.8 | 296 | 11.5 | 41.4 | 2,675 | 64.6 | 4,082 |
| 2 | 421 | 1,094 | 797 | 20.8 | 429 | 20.6 | 28.2 | 2,254 | 79.9 | 3,777 |
| 3 | 405 | 502 | 405 | 22.1 | 268 | 12.1 | 25.3 | 1,623 | 64.2 | 2,393 |
|  | 379 428 | 361 3,068 | $\begin{array}{r}379 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 22.4 | + 285 | 12.7 | 21.3 | 1,109 | 52.1 | 1,755 |
| Total/Average | 428 | 3,068 | 2,499 | 22.5 | 1,278 | 56.9 | 29.4 | 7,661 | 260.8 | 12,007 |
| $1989{ }^{2} \quad 1$ | 345 | 529 | 676 | 22.8 | 297 | 13.0 | $29.6{ }^{1}$ | 1,707 |  |  |
| 2 | 417 | 1,037 | 680 | 21.1 | 461 | 21.9 | 27.51 | 1,476 | $53.7{ }^{1}$ | 2,533 2,974 |
| 3 | 545 | 1,111 | 1,097 | 26.8 | 391 | 14.6 | $34.6{ }^{1}$ | 2,071 | 59.91 | 3,573 |
| 4 Total/Average | 376 | 473 | 734 | 21.7 | 284 | 13.1 | $28.3{ }^{1}$ | 1,157 | 40.91 | 1,914 |
| Total/Average | 434 | 3,150 | 3,187 | 22.9 | 1,433 | 62.6 | $30.2{ }^{1}$ | 6,411 | $212.2^{1}$ | 10,994 |

[^0]Table 3.3 VIRTUAL POPULATION ANALYSIS
Pandalus in Division IIIa and Norwegian Deeps (Division IVa East)

| CATCH IN NUMBERS | UNIT: millions |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 |
| 0 | 35 | 11 | 10 | 36 | 71 |
| 1 | 742 | 875 | 869 | 447 | 1124 |
| 2 | 1249 | 969 | 947 | 599 | 522 |
| 3 | 246 | 537 | 561 | 380 | 323 |
| 4 | 111 | 34 | 116 | 222 | 44 |
| $5+$ | 0 | 2 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 2384 | 2428 | 2514 | 1684 | 2084 |

Table 3.4 VIRTUAL POPULATION ANALYSIS
Pandalus in Division IIIa and Norwegian Deep (Division IVa East)

| MEAN WEIGHT AT AGE OF THE STOCK | UNIT: | gram |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 |
| 0 | .710 | .980 | .700 | .960 | 1.180 |
| 1 | 3.000 | 3.290 | 2.630 | 2.880 | 3.410 |
| 2 | 5.360 | 5.550 | 4.550 | 5.360 | 6.590 |
| 3 | 9.150 | 8.490 | 8.570 | 9.070 | 9.260 |
| 4 | 12.290 | 12.450 | 11.560 | 12.670 | 12.830 |
| $5+$ | 16.250 | 16.100 | 14.160 | .000 | .000 |

Hodule run at 15.13.27 06 MARCH 1990
DISAGGREGATED OS
LOG TRANSFORMATION
Explanatory variate TIME
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Fleet } 1, \text {, DENMARK } & \text {, has terminal } q \text { estimated from trend } \\ \text { Fleet } 2 & \text {,NORHAY } \\ \text { Fleet } 3 \text {, SHEDEN } & \text {, has terminal q estimated from trend }\end{array}$
FLEEIS COMBINED BY ** VARIANCE' has terminal $q$ estimated as the mean
Terminal $F_{s}$ estimated using Hybrid method
Terminal Fs estimated
Regression Heights
$, 1.000,1.000,1.000,1.000,1.000$,
01dest age $F=1,000^{*}$ average of 2 younger ages, Fleets combined by variance of predictions
Fishing mortalities
Age, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89,
0, .003, .001, .001, .002, .005,
1, .083, .175, .203, .101, .178,
2. . 417, .269, .559, .392, . 301 ,

3, .785, .626, .468, .971, . 468,
Log catchability estimates
Age 0
Fleet, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89
${ }_{1},-\overline{-14.73},-\overline{-16.29},-16.11,-20.64,--14.46$
$2,-11.87,-12.59,-13.07,-11.81,-11.07$
$3,-11.46,-12.91,-13.14,-11.54,-13.01$

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Fleet , Pred. } \\ \text {, } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { SUMMARY ST } \\ ; \end{gathered}$ | ATIST Partial F | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ICS } \\ & \text {, Raised, } \end{aligned}$ | SLOPE | , | $\begin{aligned} & \text { SE } \\ & \text { Slope } \end{aligned}$ | , INTRCPT, | SE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1,-17.21$ | 3.513, | . 0001 | '.0003, | -. 381 E |  | . 8781 | -15.306, | 2.913 |
| $2,-11.61$ | . .982, | . 0019 | . .0030, | . 238 E | 0 , | . 246 E | 0,-12.796, | 2.913 .814 |
| 3 , ${ }^{\text {a }}$-12.41 | SIGMA(917, | . 0003 | , .0093, | . 000 E |  | .000E+ | 0, -12.412, | . 374 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Fbar } \\ & .005 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { SIGMA(int.) } \\ .658 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { IGMA (ext.) } \\ .536 \end{gathered}$ | SIG |  | al1) | ariance ra 662 |  |

Age 1
Fleet

$2,-8.32,-7.60,-7.71,-8.16,-7.44$
$3,-8.31,-7.84,-7.96,-8.11,-8.10$


Age 2
Fleet, 85, 86. 87, 88, 89
$1, \overline{-10.16},-10.67,-9.94,-9.45,-10.82$
$2,-6.60,-7.14,-6.63,-7.43,-7.04$


Age 3
Fleet, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89
$1,-4.92,-9.81,-10.15,-8.84,-10.16$
$2,-5.74,-6.32,-6.80,-6.25,-5.93$
$3 ;-6.41,-6.48,-7.22,-6.38,-6.65$


Table 3.6 VIRTUAL POPULATION ANALYSIS
PANDALUS IN DIVISION III-A AND NORWEGIAN DEEPS (DIVISION IV A East)

FISHING MORTALITY COEFFICIENT
UNIT: Year-1 NATURAL MORTALITY COEFFICIENT $=.75$

|  | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | $1985-89$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 0 | .003 | .001 | .001 | .002 | .005 | .003 |
| 1 | .083 | .175 | .203 | .101 | .178 | .148 |
| 2 | .417 | .269 | .559 | .391 | .300 | .387 |
| 3 | .785 | .626 | .468 | .971 | .765 | .723 |
| 4 | .601 | .448 | .513 | .682 | .535 | .556 |
| $5+$ | .601 | .448 | .513 | .682 | .535 | .556 |
| $(1-3) \cup$ | .429 | .357 | .410 | .488 | .414 |  |
| $(2-3) \cup$ | .601 | .448 | .513 | .681 | .533 |  |

Table 3.7 VIRTUAL POPULATION ANALYSIS
PANDALUS IN DIVISION III-A AND NORWEGIAN DEEPS (DIVISION IV A East)

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STOCK SIZE IN NUMBERS UNIT: millions
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BIOMASS TOTALS UNIT: tonnes
ALL VALUES, EXCEPT THOSE REFERRING TO THE SPAWNING STOCK ARE GIVEN FOR 1 JANUARY; THE SPAWNING STOCK data reflect the stock situation at spawning time, whereby the following values are USED: PROPORTION OF ANNUAL F BEFORE SPAWNING: . 200 PROPORTION OF ANNUAL M BEFORE SPAWNING: . 250

|  | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | $1985-88$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 0 | 16271 | 14098 | 13931 | 20627 | 20454 | 0 | 16232 |
| 1 | 13208 | 7662 | 6652 | 6574 | 9719 | 9614 | 8524 |
| 2 | 5073 | 5743 | 3038 | 2566 | 2807 | 3844 | 4105 |
| 3 | 612 | 1579 | 2073 | 821 | 819 | 982 | 1271 |
| 4 | 336 | 132 | 399 | 613 | 147 | 180 | 370 |
| $5+$ | 1 | 6 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 12 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL NO | 35502 | 29221 | 26132 | 31201 | 33946 |  |  |
| SPS NO | 3080 | 1665 | 2343 | 1594 | 2183 |  |  |
| TOT.BIOM | 88118 | 86044 | 64006 | 67701 | 85250 |  |  |
| SPS BIOM | 19874 | 13376 | 19330 | 13866 | 16623 |  |  |

Table 3.8

List of input variables for the ICES prediction program.
PANDALUS IN SKAGERRAK (IIIA) AND NORWEGIAN DEEPS (IVA E) The reference $F$ is the mean $F$ for the age group range from 1 to 3

The number of recruits per year is as follows:

| Year | Recruitment |
| ---: | ---: |
| 1990 | 16232.0 |
| 1991 | 16232.0 |
| 1992 | 16232.0 |

Proportion of F (fishing mortality) effective before spawning: . 2000 Proportion of $M$ (natural mortality) effective before spawning: . 2500

Data are printed in the following units:
Number of fish: millions
Weight by age group in the catch: gram Weight by age group in the stock: gram
Stock biomass: tonnes
Catch weight: tonnes


Effects of different levels of fishing mortality on catch, stock biomass and spawning stock biomass.

Pandalus in skagerrak (IIIA) and norwegian deeps (IVA e)

| Year 1990 |  |  |  |  | Year 1991 |  |  |  | Year 1992 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { fac- } \\ & \text { tor } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} \text { refi } \\ \text { it } \end{aligned}$ | stock! <br> biomass | sp.stock! biomass: | catch! | $\begin{gathered} \text { fac- } \\ \text { tor } \end{gathered}$ | ref. | stock biomass | sp.stock! biomass: | catch ! | stock <br> biomass: | sp.stock biomass! |
| 1.01 | .41! | 140! | $14!$ | 181 | . 01 | . 001 | 121 | 341 | 01 | $119!$ | 571 |
|  |  |  | , |  | .11 | . 04 |  | $33!$ | 31 | 117! | 541 |
|  | , | ! | , |  | . 21 | . 08 |  | $33!$ | 5 | 114 | 521 |
|  | ! | , | ' |  | . 4 | . 17 |  | 32 ! | 10 | 109 | 471 |
|  |  | , |  |  | . 6 | . 25 |  | 32 ! | 15 | 104 | 421 |
|  |  | ! | + | , | . 81 | . 331 | $\vdots$ | 311 | 19 | 100 | 38 |
|  | ! | ! | ! | + | 1.0 | . 41 | ! | 31 ! | 231 | 96: | 341 |
| , | + | + | + | , | 1.21 | . 50 |  | 301 | 27 | 92 | 31. |
| , | ! | + | , | ' | 1.4 | . 58 | , | 291 | 30 ! | 88 | 28 |
| , | ' | , | + | + | 1.6! | . 66 | , | 291 | 34 | 85 | 25 |
| ' | ! | ! | ! |  | 1.81 | . 741 |  | 281 | 37 | 82 | 23 ! |
|  | ! | ! | + |  | 2.0 | .831 | , | 28 | 39 | 79 | 21 |

The data unit of the biomass and the catch is 1000 tonnes.
The spawning stock biomass is given for the time of spawning.
The spawning stock biomass for 1992 has been calculated with the same fishing mortality as for 1991. The reference $F$ is the mean $F$ for the age group range from 1 to 3

Table 4.1 Landings ( $t$ ) of Pandalus borealis from the Fladen Ground (Division IVa) as estimated by the Working Group.

| Year | Denmark | Fed.Rep. of | Germany | Norway | UK | (Scotland) | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1970 | 3,115 | - |  | - |  | 103 | 3,218 |
| 1971 | 3,216 | 33 |  | - |  | 439 | 3,688 |
| 1972 | 2,204 | - |  | - |  | 187 | 2,391 |
| 1973 | 157 | - |  | - |  | 163 | 2, 320 |
| 1974 | 282 | - |  | - |  | 434 | 716 |
| 1975 | 1,308 | - |  | - |  | 525 | 1,833 |
| 1976 | 1,552 | - |  | - |  | 1,937 | 3,489 |
| 1977 | 425 | - |  | 112 |  | 1,692 | 2,229 |
| 1978 | 890 | - |  | 81 |  | 2,027 | 2,998 |
| 1979 | 565 | - |  | 44 |  | 268 | -877 |
| 1980 | 1,122 | - |  | 76 |  | 377 | 1,575 |
| 1981 | 685 | - |  | 1 |  | 347 | 1,033 |
| 1982 | 283 | - |  | - |  | 352 | 635 |
| 1983 | 5,729 | - |  | 8 |  | 1,827 | 7,564 |
| 1984 | 4,553 | - |  | 13 |  | 25 | 4,591 |
| 1985 | 3,649 | - |  | - |  | 1,341 | 4,990 |
| 1986 | 3,416 | - |  | - |  | 301 | 3,717 |
| 1987 | 7,326 | - |  | - |  | 686 | 8,012 |
| 1988 | 1,077 | - |  | - |  | 84 | 1,161 |
| 1989 | 2,438 | - |  | - |  | 547 | 2,985 |

Table 4.2 Pandalus borealis CPUE from the Fladen Ground.

| Year | Denmark ${ }^{1}$ | UK (Scotland) ${ }^{2}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 1970 | - | 31 |
| 1971 | - | 66 |
| 1972 | 117 | 69 |
| 1973 | 45 | 87 |
| 1974 | 122 | 124 |
| 1975 | 187 | 128 |
| 1976 | 105 | 15 |
| 1977 | 105 | 76 |
| 1978 | - | 81 |
| 1979 | - | 51 |
| 1980 | - | 44 |
| 1981 | 1.96 | 45 |
| 1982 | 0.97 | 74 |
| 1983 | 0.91 | 89 |
| 1984 | 1.24 | 87 |
| 1985 | 0.83 | 71 |
| 1986 | 0.99 | 81 |
| 1987 |  | 44 |
| 1988 |  | 65 |
| 1989 |  |  |

${ }^{1}$ Denmark, 1972-1977: kg per hour.
${ }^{2}$ scotland, 1982-1988: tonnes per day.
${ }^{2}$ scotland, kg per hour.

Table 4.3 Pandalus. Effort indices, Fladen Ground.

| Year | Quarter | Denmark |  |  |  | UK (Scotland) |  |  |  | Combined index |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CPUE } \\ & \text { ( } t / \text { day }) \end{aligned}$ | Total catch | f | Index ${ }^{1}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { CPUE } \\ (\mathrm{kg} / \mathrm{h}) \end{gathered}$ | Total <br> catch | f | Index ${ }^{1}$ |  |
| 1984 | 1 | 1.27 | 2,809 | 2,212 | 1.68 | - | - | - | - | 1.68 |
|  | 2 | 0.75 | 1,407 | 1,876 | 1.43 | 37 | 25 | 676 | 0.21 | 1.41 |
|  | 3 | 0.57 | 273 | 479 | 0.36 | - | - | - | - | 0.36 |
|  | 4 | 0.56 | 63 | 113 | 0.09 | - | - | - | - | 0.09 |
| 1985 | 1 | 1.16 | 1,742 | 1,502 | 1.14 | 72 | 359 | 4,986 | 1.58 | 1.22 |
|  | 2 | 1.24 | 1,617 | 1,304 | 0.99 | 88 | 770 | 8,750 | 2.78 | 1.57 |
|  | 3 | 1.47 | 289 | 197 | 0.15 | 114 | 212 | 1,869 | 0.59 | 0.34 |
|  | 4 | 0.04 | 0.1 | 3 | 0.002 | - | - | , | - | 0.002 |
| 1986 | 1 | 1.12 | 1,130 | 1,009 | 0.77 | 72 | 80 | 1,111 | 0.35 | 0.74 |
|  | 2 | 0.89 | 833 | 936 | 0.71 | 68 | 150 | 2,206 | 0.70 | 0.71 |
|  | 3 | 0.94 | 1,255 | 1,335 | 1.02 | 77 | 71 | 922 | 0.29 | 0.98 |
|  | 4 | 0.71 | 200 | 282 | 0.21 | - |  | 9 | 0.29 | 0.21 |
| 1987 | 1 | 1.21 | 2,336 | 1,931 | 1.47 | 89 | 131 | 1,473 | 0.47 | 1.42 |
|  | 2 | 1.20 | 2,643 | 2,203 | 1.68 | 79 | 509 | 6,443 | 2.05 | 1.72 |
|  | 3 | 1.43 | 2,014 | 1,408 | 1.07 | 78 | 45 | 577 | 0.18 | 1.05 |
|  | 4 | 0.89 | 333 | 374 | 0.28 | - | - |  | . | 0.28 |
| 1988 | 1 | 0.886 | 637 | 719 | 0.55 | 45.7 | 2 | 40 | 0.01 | 0.54 |
|  | 2 | 0.775 | 366 | 434 | 0.33 | 43.5 | 76 | 1,744 | 0.55 | 0.37 |
|  | 3 | 0.748 | 37 | 49 | 0.04 | - | - | , | - | 0.04 |
|  | 4 | 0.466 | 37 | 79 | 0.06 | - | - | - | - | 0.06 |
| 1989 | 1 | 0.916 | 546 | 596 | 0.454 | 53 | 24 | 453 | 0.144 | 0.44 |
|  | 2 | 0.924 | 1,088 | 1,177 | 0.896 | 57 | 302 | 5,298 | 1.683 | 1.067 |
|  | 3 | 1.273 | 671 | 527 | 0.401 | 83 | 221 | 2,663 | 0.846 | 0.511 |
|  | 4 | 0.732 | 133 | 182 | 0.138 |  | , | - | 0.84 | 0.138 |

[^1]Table 4.4 Pandalus, Fladen Ground.
Catch in numbers (millions) by age and quarter.


Table 4.5 Pandalus, Fladen Ground, 1989.
Mean carapace lengths (mm) at age and proportions at age. Estimated using Bhattacharya method.

| Year class | Age |  | Quarter |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 1 | 2 | $3^{1}$ | 4 |
| 1989 | 0 | $\overline{\mathrm{x}}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | prop. | - | - | - | - |
| 1988 | 1 | $\overline{\mathrm{x}}$ | 11.71 | 12.45 | 15.96 | 16.96 |
|  |  | prop. | 0.099 | 0.346 | 0.495 | 0.875 |
| 1987 | 2 | $\overline{\mathrm{x}}$ | 17.16 | 17.10 | 18.42 | 19.47 |
|  |  | prop. | 0.483 | 0.324 | 0.505 | 0.125 |
| 1986 | 3 | $\overline{\mathrm{x}}$ | 19.42 | 19.43 |  |  |
|  |  |  | 0.418 | 0.330 |  |  |

[^2]Table 4.6 Pandalus, Fladen Ground. Mean weight at age (g) by age and quarter.

| Pandalus UNITS $=g$ |  |  | Fladen |  |  |  | WEIGHT AT AgE |  | (-1 REPRESENTS < 0.0005 |  |  | UNIT) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} 1984 \\ 1 \end{gathered}$ | 2 | 3 | 4 | $\begin{gathered} 1985 \\ 1 \end{gathered}$ | 2 | 3 | 4 | $1986$ | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 0 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 610 | . 000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | . 850 | 1.240 | 1.770 | 2.320 | 1.200 | 1.870 | 1.000 | . 610 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 610 |
| 2 | 3.380 | 3.070 | 3.660 | 4.100 | 2.970 | 1.870 3.170 | 1.770 3.660 | 2.320 4.100 | 1.000 | 1.450 | 1.770 | 2.320 |
| 3 | 5.720 | 5.200 | 5.680 | 4.100 6.880 | 2.970 4.150 | 3.170 5.000 | 3.660 5.680 | 4.100 | 3.210 | 3.190 | 3.660 | 4.100 |
| $4+$ | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | 5.680 .000 | $\begin{array}{r} 6.880 \\ .000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.060 \\ .000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.120 \\ .000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.680 \\ .000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6.880 \\ .000 \end{array}$ |
|  | $\begin{gathered} 1987 \\ 1 \end{gathered}$ | 2 | 3 | 4 | $\begin{gathered} 1988 \\ 1 \end{gathered}$ | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1989 |  |  |  |
| 0 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 610 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | . 990 | 1.290 | 1.770 | 2.320 | . 660 | 1.280 | . 0000 | 1.110 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 |
| 2 | 3.280 | 3.340 | 3.660 | 4.100 | 3.040 | 1.280 3.050 | 3.090 4.460 | 3.600 | 1.400 | 1.640 | 3.090 | 3.610 |
| 3 | 5.380 | 5.170 | 5.680 | 6.880 | 5.100 | 5.050 | 4.460 | 5.100 | 3.720 | 3.690 | 4.460 | 5.140 |
| $4+$ | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | 5.000 | . .000 | 6.880 .000 | 5.100 | 5.110 | 6.880 | 6.880 |

Table 4.7 Pandalus, Fladen Ground.
Fishing mortalities by age and quarter (Method a).

| Pandalus |  | Fladen |  |  |  | F At Age |  |  | (-1 REPRESENTS < 0.0005 UNIT) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1984 |  |  |  | 1985 |  |  |  | 1986 |  |  |  |
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 0 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | -1.000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | -1.000 |
| 1 | . 009 | . 030 | . 009 | . 004 | . 004 | . 078 | . 031 | . 000 | . 002 | . 016 | . 049 | . 017 |
| 2 | . 255 | . 318 | . 089 | . 009 | . 138 | . 255 | . 067 | . 000 | . 142 | . 200 | . 371 | . 033 |
| 3 | . 583 | . 232 | . 100 | . 000 | . 922 | . 448 | . 050 | . 000 | . 124 | . 050 | . 200 | . 000 |
| $4+$ | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 |
| F 1-3 | . 282 | . 193 | . 066 | . 004 | . 355 | . 260 | . 049 | . 000 | . 090 | . 089 | . 207 | . 016 |
|  | $\begin{gathered} 1987 \\ 1 \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 1988 \\ 1 \end{gathered}$ | 1989 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 2 | 3 | 4 |  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 0 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | -1.000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | -1.000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 |
| 1 | . 002 | . 016 | . 056 | . 021 | . 001 | . 006 | . 004 | . 004 | . 006 | . 091 | . 095 | . 035 |
| 2 | . 232 | . 552 | . 598 | . 064 | . 056 | . 054 | . 003 | . 003 | . 110 | . 370 | . 621 | . 040 |
| 3 | . 376 | . 771 | . 200 | . 000 | . 105 | . 070 | . 000 | . 000 | . 056 | . 200 | . 000 | . 000 |
| 4+ | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 | . 000 |
| F 1-3 | . 203 | . 446 | . 285 | . 028 | . 054 | . 043 | . 002 | . 002 | . 058 | . 220 | . 239 | . 025 |

Table 4.8 Pandalus, Fladen Ground.
Stock sizes in numbers (millions) by age and quarter. Total stock size and biomass (tonnes) shown for first quarter. Spawning stock size and biomass shown for second quarter. (Method a).

Pandalus PROPORTION OF F (INTERVAL 2) BEFORE SPAWNING $=.00$ O-GROUP NOT ACCOUNTED FOR IN TOTAL NUMBER OR BIOMASS $0-$ GROUP NOT ACCO
UNITS $=$ millions

|  | $\begin{gathered} 1984 \\ 1 \end{gathered}$ | 2 | 3 | 4 | $\begin{gathered} 1985 \\ 1 \end{gathered}$ | 2 | 3 | 4 | $\begin{gathered} 1986 \\ 1 \end{gathered}$ | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6499 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 9157 | 7069 | 5344 | 4125 | 5060 | 3925 | 2828 | 10424 | 8118 | 6307 | ${ }^{0}$ | 14113 |
| 2 | 1596 | 963 | 546 | 389 | 3199 | 2170 | 1310 | 2136 954 | 8118 | 6307 | 4836 | 3588 |
| 3 | 574 | 250 | 154 | 0 | 300 | 93 | 136 | 954 0 | 1663 | 1123 | 716 | 385 |
| 4+ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 743 0 | 511 0 | 379 0 | 0 |
| TOT | 11327 |  |  |  | 8559 |  |  |  | 10525 |  |  |  |
| SPN |  | 731 |  |  |  | 1178 |  |  |  | 1073 |  |  |
| TBM | 16460 |  |  |  | 16818 |  |  |  | 7218 | 1073 |  |  |
| SSB |  | 2777 |  |  |  | 3904 |  |  | 18 | 4409 |  |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} 1987 \\ 1 \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  | 1988 |  |  |  | 1989 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2596 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 10990 | 8542 | 6548 | 4823 | 2021 | 1573 | 1218 |  | 2527 | ${ }^{0}$ | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 2748 | 1697 | 761 | 326 | 3680 | 2709 | 1298 | 945 | 2527 | 1956 | 1391 | 985 |
| 3 | 290 | 155 | 56 | 0 | 238 | 167 | 1999 | 1552 | 733 | 511 | 275 | 115 |
| $4+$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 1206 | 888 | 0 | 0 |
| TOT | 14028 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SPN |  | 1004 |  |  | 5938 |  |  |  | 4466 |  |  |  |
| TBM | 21455 |  |  |  | 13733 |  |  |  |  | 1144 |  |  |
| SSB |  | 3636 |  |  |  | 4966 |  |  | 12414 | 5481 |  |  |

Table 4.9 Pandalus, Fladen Ground.
Fishing mortalities by age and quarter (Method b).


Table 4.10 Pandalus, Fladen Ground.
Stock sizes in numbers (millions) by age and quarter. Total stock size and biomass (tonnes ( shown for first quarter. Spawning stock size and biomass shown for second quarter (Method b).

Pandalus Fladen $\quad$ STOCK AT AGE IN NUMBERS ( -1 REPRESENTS < HALF A UNIT) PROPORTION OF F (INTERVAL 2) BEFORE SPAWNING $=.00$ PROPORTION OF M (INTERVAL 2) BEFORE SPAWNING $=.00$ UNITS = millions

|  | $\begin{gathered} 1984 \\ 1 \end{gathered}$ | 2 | 3 | 4 | $\begin{gathered} 1985 \\ 1 \end{gathered}$ | 2 | 3 | 4 | $\begin{gathered} 1986 \\ 1 \end{gathered}$ | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5965 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10513 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
| 1 | 6877 | 5294 | 3962 | 3048 | 4645 | 3601 | 2576 | 1940 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 11820 |
| 2 | 1480 | 874 | 476 | 335 | 2360 | 1517 | 2576 | 1940 | 8188 | 6362 | 4878 | 3620 |
| 3 | 569 | 246 | 151 | 0 | 258 | 151 | 803 | 559 | 1511 | 1004 | 624 | 313 |
| 4+ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61 | 21 | 0 | 435 | 272 | 192 | 0 |
| TOT | 8927 |  |  |  | 7263 |  |  |  | 10134 |  |  |  |
| SPN |  | 683 |  |  |  | 819 |  |  |  | 774 |  |  |
| TBM | 14105 |  |  |  | 13654 |  |  |  | 15240 |  |  |  |
| SSB |  | 2620 |  |  |  | 2709 |  |  |  | 2993 |  |  |
|  | 1987 |  |  |  | 1988 |  |  |  | 1989 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3101 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 9204 | 7151 | 5465 | 3979 | 2414 | 1879 | 1457 | 10854 | 8452 | 0 6570 | 0 4985 | 0 3784 |
| 2 | 2774 | 1717 | 777 | 338 | 3023 | 2198 | 1601 | 1242 | 8452 | 6570 | 4985 | 3784 |
| 3 | 234 | 112 | 23 | 0 | 247 |  |  | 1242 | 878 | 624 | 363 | 183 |
| 4+ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 174 | 0 | 0 | 964 0 | 700 | 0 | 0 |
| TOT | 12212 |  |  |  | 5684 |  |  |  | 10294 |  |  |  |
| SPN |  | 970 |  |  |  | 1273 |  |  |  | 1012 |  |  |
| TBM | 19470 |  |  |  | 12044 |  |  |  | 20015 | 1012 |  |  |
| SSB |  | 3445 |  |  |  | 4222 |  |  | 20015 | 4727 |  |  |

Table 4.11 VIRTUAL POPULATION ANALYSIS.

| PANDALUS IN FLADEN GROUND (IVA) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CATCH IN NUMBERS |  | UNIT: millions |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 |
| 1 | 312 | 354 | 359 | 540 | 16 | 306 |
| 2 | 597 | 875 | 586 | 1475 | 313 | 327 |
| 3 | 286 | 195 | 160 | 165 | 31 | 201 |
| 4+ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1195 | 1424 | 1105 | 2180 | 360 | 834 |

Table 4.1 ?
DISAGGREGATED Qs
LOG TRANSFORMATION
NO explanatory variate (Mean used)
Fleet 1 , DKSCOT
FLEETS COMBINED BY ** VARIANCE ***
Regression weights
. $1.000,1.000,1.000,1.000,1.000,1.000$
Fishing age $F=1.000^{*}$ average of 1 younger ages. Fleets combined by variance of predictions
Fishing mortalities

| Age, | 84, | 85, | 86, | 87, | 88, |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  | 89, |  |  |
| 1, | .067, | .111, | .070, | .107, | .007, |
| 2, | .456, | .699, | .700, | 1.344, | .194, |
| 3, | .456, | .699, | .700, | 1.344, | .194, |

Log catchability estimates




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Table 4.13 VIRTUAL POPULATION ANALYSIS.

## pandalus in fladen ground (iva)

FISHING MORTALITY COEFFICIENT UNIT: Year-1 NATURAL MORTALITY COEFFICIENT $=1.00$

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | $1984-88$ |
| 1 | .067 | .111 | .070 | .107 | .007 | .042 | .072 |
| 2 | .456 | .699 | .700 | 1.343 | .194 | .457 | .679 |
| 3 | .456 | .699 | .700 | 1.344 | .194 | .457 | .679 |
| $4+$ | .456 | .699 | .700 | 1.344 | .194 | .457 | .679 |
| $(1-3) \cup$ | .326 | .503 | .490 | .931 | .132 | .319 |  |

Table 4.14 VIRTUAL POPULATION ANALYSIS.

| Pandalus in fladen ground (IVA) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| STOCK SIZE IN NUMBERS |  |  | UNIT: millions |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BIOMASS TOTALS |  | UNIT: tonnes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| all values, except those referring to the spawning stock are given for 1 January; the spawning |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| StOCK data reflect the stock situation at spawning time, whereby the following values are |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| USED: PR | PROPORTION OF | OF ANNU | F BEFO | E SPAWN |  | 330 |  |  |  |
|  | PRTION O | OF ANNU | M BEFO | E SPAWN |  | 250 |  |  |  |
|  | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 4-88 |  |
| 1 | 7563 | 5290 | 8301 | 8345 | 3720 | 11727 | 0 | 6644 |  |
| 2 | 2486 | 2602 | 1742 | 2846 | 2758 | 1359 | 4137 | 2487 |  |
| 3 | 1191 | 580 | 476 | 318 | 273 | 835 | 317 | 568 |  |
| 4+ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 195 | 0 |  |
| TOTAL NO | 11241 | 8472 | 10519 | 11509 | 6752 | 13922 |  |  |  |
| SPS NO | 1631 | 1163 | 833 | 871 | 1207 | 1015 |  |  |  |
| TOT.BIOM | 24516 | 20237 | 22800 | 25757 | 17810 | 37240 |  |  |  |
| SPS BIOM | 7228 | 4056 | 3376 | 3260 | 4122 | 4672 |  |  |  |

Table 5.1 Landings ( $t$ ) of Pandalus borealis from Division $I V b$, the Farn Deeps as estimated by the Working Group.

| Year | UK (England) | UK (Scotland) | Denmark | Total | CPUE $\mathrm{kg} / \mathrm{hr}$ (Scotland) |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1977 | 227 | - | No data | - | - |  |
| 1978 | 91 | 2 | - | - | No data |  |
| 1979 | 235 | 34 | - | - | No data |  |
| 1980 | 203 | 17 | - | - | 60 |  |
| 1981 | 1 | - | - | - | - |  |
| 1982 | - | - | - | - | - |  |
| 1983 | 65 | - | - | - | - |  |
| 1984 | 30 | 57 | 106 | 300 | - |  |
| 1985 | 137 | 86 | 92 | 390 | 10 |  |
| 1986 | 212 | 9 | 7 | 72 | 500 | 101 |
| 1987 | 168 |  |  | 248 | 67 |  |
| 1988 |  |  |  |  | 44 |  |



Figure 2.1 The management units of Pandalus in ICES Sub-area IV and Division IIIa as defined by statistical squares according to the Working Group.

Figure 3.1

Guarterly mean length of Pandalus yearclasses in divisions IIIa + IVa eastern part


## Figure 3.2

Temperatures at 300 m depth, 10 and 30 nautical miles south-east of Arendal, and index of O-group abundance from survey


Figure 3.3 Regression of VPA estimates of 1-group on 0-group indices. (Year classes 1984-1987.)

## Regression of UPA-1-gr on YFindex(0-GR)

( $\times 1000$ )


Regression: $\quad Y=2.775 * X+3277.3$

$$
r^{2}=0.7730
$$

Year class 1988 as 1 -group: $9747 * 10^{6}$
Year class 1989 as 1 -group: $30552 * 10^{6}$

Figure 4.1 Fladen Ground. (Mean length at age by quarter for estimated cohorts.)


Figure 4.2 Fladen. Effort index and average $F$ using method a) tuning.


Figure 4.3 Fladen. Average F vs. effort index using method a) tuning.


Figure 4.4 Fladen. Effort index and average $F$ using method b) tuning.


Figure 4.5 Fladen. Average $F$ vs. effort index using method b) tuning.


ANNEX 1

## A MULTIVARIATE EXERCISE ON SEPARATION OF PANDALUS "STOCKS"

## Background

In the following, data on $P$. borealis in the North Sea - Skagerrak areas were considered. In these waters, well defined, geographically separated areas with Pandalus are found at the Farn Deeps and Fladen Ground, each of which are considered as unit stocks for assessment purposes. There is a continuous distribution of $P$. borealis from the Norwegian Deeps along the west coast of Norway to the Skagerrak, and in the ICES Pandalus Assessment Working Group there has been some discussion whether the populations living there should be considered as one or more stocks. There are some biological characteristics that indicate difference, e.g., growth rates, between shrimps from the Skagerrak and those in the Norwegian Deeps and, based on these differences, the Working Group has hitherto assumed two stocks in this area, even if the basis for this separation is somewhat tentative (Annon., 1989a).

## Data

The data originally consisted of 1 mm length frequencies by sex (males, inter-sexes, and females), from 22 trawl hauls, grouped into three areas: Fladen Ground ( 10 hauls), Norwegian Deeps (5 hauls), and Skagerrak( 7 hauls). The data were collected during a Danish two-week shrimp survey in November-December 1988.

## Results

The original data were joined into 2 mm length groups ( 7 male, 4 inter-sex, and 7 female groups), and the numbers in each 2 mm length groups were logtransformed.

A Discriminant Function Analysis (DFA) was performed on the male and female length groups.

Discriminant analysis is useful when you have data that are a priori classified into two or more groups and you want to find one or more functions of quantitative measurements that will help you to discriminate among groups.

Text table: Discriminant Analysis For Area

| Discriminant <br> function | Eigenvalue | Relative <br> percentage | Canonical <br> correlation |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 280.6 | 97.5 | 0.998 |  |
| 2 | 7.2 | 2.5 | 0.937 |  |
| Function | Wilks |  |  |  |
| derived | lambda | Chi-square | DF | P=value |
| 0 | 0.00043 | 96.80 | 28 | $<0.001$ |
| 1 | 0.12206 | 26.29 | 13 | 0.016 |

The text table shows the generation of the canonical discriminant functions. The aim is to obtain a small number of functions useful for discriminating among the three groups. In this case, both functions are significant, but function 1 is very good.

The DFA clearly indicated three groups of pandalus, with the Fladen Ground shrimps most separated from the others "along" function 1 (Annex 1, Figure 1).

The separation between the Skagerrak and Norwegian Deep "along" function 2 is not so well pronounced.

Summary
These particular results should, naturally, not be taken as conclusive for stock separation purposes. This is especially so because the data are limited with respect to a given set of biological variables which need to be interpreted in a wider context. Furthermore, neither temporal factors nor fishing influence (e.g., differences in effort) were analyzed.


Annex 1, Figure 1 Discriminant function plot. Discriminant analysis performed on male and female length frequencies.


[^0]:    ${ }_{2}^{1}$ Estimated from CPUE (Norway) $=$ CPUE (Sweden) * $1,248+1.18$.
    ${ }^{2}$ Preliminary.

[^1]:    ${ }_{2}^{1}$ Relative to average effort in first-third quarters in 1985-1987.
    ${ }^{2}$ Weighted by total landings.

[^2]:    ${ }^{1}$ From 1988 data.

