

## A COMPARISON OF INITIAL STATISTICAL CATCH-AT-AGE AND CATCH-AT-LENGTH ASSESSMENTS OF EASTERN ATLANTIC BLUEFIN TUNA

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### SUMMARY

*A concern associated with existing Atlantic bluefin tuna age-based assessments using VPA is that the catch-at-age data inputs are obtained by the cohort-slicing method, which is approximate and might introduce appreciable bias into the results. Current custom in such circumstances is rather to fit the assessment model directly to the basic catch-at-length data available, under the assumption of invariance of the distributions of length-at-age of the fish over time, with statistical models used to formulate the likelihoods maximised in the model fitting process. Initial results are presented for a process of comparing the 2010 ICCAT SCRS VPA assessment of the eastern plus Mediterranean stock with first a statistical catch-at-age assessment approach which also uses the same cohort-sliced catch-at-age inputs, and then a statistical catch-at-length method which fits instead to catch-at-length distributions. Spawning biomass estimates for both the statistical catch-at-age and -at-length analyses are appreciably larger than for the corresponding VPA assessment, which suggests that the specifications of the relationships between the fishing mortality on the plus group and that on immediately younger ages in the VPA merit reconsideration.*

### 1. Introduction

The longer term objective of this work is the development of a two-stock assessment of the North Atlantic bluefin tuna population which takes mixing between the fish of western and of eastern origin into account, in particular by using new information from electronic tags and from otolith microchemistry in the model fitting process (i.e. similar to the model developed by Nathan *et al.*, 2011). This should provide a more realistically based assessment of the bluefin tuna in the North Atlantic (and Mediterranean) and would also provide Operating Models for testing candidate Management Procedures for this resource (i.e. in the planned Management Strategy Evaluation, or MSE, process).

However a concern with that model, and indeed with the models used currently by ICCAT that assume separate stocks, is that they are fit to catch-at-age data derived using the rather coarse approach of cohort-slicing, which might be introducing considerable bias into the results. Given the increase in computing power that has become available over the most recent decade, current custom in such circumstances is rather to fit the assessment model directly to the basic catch-at-length data available, usually under the assumption of invariance of the distributions of length-at-age of the fish over time, which considerably simplifies the analysis. Rather than utilise VPA, which makes the assumption (the more poorly justified in cases where cohort-slicing is used to provide the catch-at-age values input) that the resultant catch-at-age values are error free, statistical models (Statistical Catch at Age, SCAA for age data or Statistical Catch at Length, SCAL when the length data are input directly) are used to formulate the likelihoods maximised in the model fitting process.

Thus the first step required in addressing the longer term objective for this work is the development of SCAL assessments for the western and eastern (plus Mediterranean) components of the fishery treated as separate stocks as in current ICCAT assessments. In this paper, initial results are presented by way of comparing one of the 2010 ICCAT SCRS VPA assessments (Run 13) of the eastern plus Mediterranean stock of North Atlantic Bluefin tuna (NABFT) with first two versions of a SCAA approach which also uses the same cohort-sliced catch-at-age inputs, and then a SCAL method which fits instead to catch-at-length distributions.

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## 2. Data and Methods

The data utilised are documented in Appendix A. The choice of historic catch estimates that has been made is the same as used for the assessment option Run 13 (one of the preferred runs reported, here for the scenario without inflated catch) from the 2010 ICCAT assessment meeting (ICCAT, 2010).

The details of the SCAA and SCAL methodologies are provided in Appendix B, which also lists the values input for certain parameters for the associated models. Both SCAA and SCAL applications fit to the same data series for both CPUE and age (or length) information as did Run 13 of ICCAT (2010), and make the same assumption for values of (age-dependent) natural mortality (though see below).

Some of the specific choices made within these methodologies for the analyses presented here are simpler than may eventually prove optimal, in line with the initial nature of these analyses. To mention some of the more important, which will be subject to subsequent sensitivity investigation:

- The stock-recruitment form fit is of the Beverton-Holt type, but for practical purposes reflects expected recruitment as independent of spawning biomass through fixing steepness  $h = 0.98$ ). The standard deviation of the residuals of log recruitment about this relationship is assumed to have the value  $\sigma_R = 0.4$ .
- To assist stabilise estimation, the resource is assumed to be at its deterministic pre-exploitation equilibrium with the corresponding age structure at the start of the period considered (1950).
- Though some changes in selectivity at age/length over time have been introduced to improve fits to the catch-at-age/length data, the times of such changes have been restricted to occur outside periods for which the data are linked to catch rate series which serve as indices of abundance. This is (for the moment) to avoid the complications that otherwise arise as to how best to calibrate/normalise catchability  $q$  across such changes.
- Inverse variances for individual CPUE data points (generally provided by prior GLM standardisation analysis for each such series) are used as weights in the fitting procedure without allowance for additional variance, i.e. the associated uncertainty is taken to be dominated by sampling variability effects.
- Catch-at-age and catch-at-length contributions to the overall log-likelihood are downweighted by multiplicative factors of 0.1 and 0.05 respectively. This is necessary to take account of the non-independence of such data (fish of similar age or size tend to group together, so that the tuna caught in, for example, the same longline set do not constitute independent samples). However the magnitudes specified for these weights are somewhat arbitrary; the ratio of the length to the age weight is based on the fact that there are about twice as many length classes as age classes considered in the fitting process.

For the SCAL assessment, the distributions of length at age are assumed to be normal with CVs of 20% about their means (Fig. 1 shows the growth curve and the distributions of length-at-age used for the SCAL run).

## 3. Results

First attempts at fitting the SCAA model revealed a phenomenon familiar with similar applications to Southern Bluefin Tuna (SBT): there are too few very old/large fish in the catch to be consistent with the assumption that the longline fisheries (which generally take larger fish than the other components of the fishery) cannot be sampling these fish uniformly from the older part of the population, unless natural mortality increases very rapidly at older ages. For SBT (see CCSBT, 2009), a combination of a domed selectivity at age (selectivity decreasing with age at older ages) and natural mortality at age increasing at the oldest ages is used for base case assessments. Here two “extreme” alternatives have been considered for the SCAA implementations: “Increasing  $M$ ” (SCAA1) for which the longline selectivity remains flat at large ages, but  $M$  increases above age 15 (see Table B1), and “Decreasing  $S$ ” (SCAA2) where the longline selectivity may decrease from age 15. The extent of

the increase or decrease is estimated in the model fitting procedure. For SCAL only the first of these options has been considered thus far.

A brief summary of key results for these three models is provided in Table 1, which includes values for the contributions of various data sources and penalties to the (penalised) log likelihood, as well as estimates of current depletion expressed in terms of spawning biomass. The brevity of presentation is deliberate at this stage: given the initial nature of these results, it would not be appropriate to focus on more than broad features at this time.

Fig. 2 compares the spawning biomass time series estimated for the three model implementations, and also shows the results from Run 13 of ICCAT (2010). All the new model runs estimate spawning biomasses substantially larger than does the VPA of Run 13; the larger values are for SCAA2, which is unsurprising because with domed shaped selectivity there is a large component of “cryptic” (low availability) older fish that are still alive, whereas the SCAA1 assessment treats these as dead.

In contrast, comparisons of recruitment time series in Fig. 3 show lesser differences, though the new model implementations all show generally higher recruitment over the last decade. The fluctuations in recruitment for the two SCAA runs manifest clearly high correlation with those for the Run 13 VPA, but the patterns differ for the SCAL assessment. Similarly patterns of residuals about the assumed effectively constant expected recruitment (see Fig. 4) differ qualitatively for SCAL compared to SCAA: for both the former runs, recruitment estimates tend to be below average in the 1960’s and 1970’s, and above average in the 1990’s and early 2000’s, but any such pattern is much weaker for the SCAL run.

The fits to the various CPUE indices in Fig. 5 are not “bad”, given the evident noise in these data. Though the SCAA2 model provides an overall better fit to all the data (see the  $-\ln L$  overall values in Table 1), note that this is through improving the fit to the fleet CAA data at the expense of the fit to the trends in the CPUE indices themselves, as readily evident from inspection of Fig. 5.

Fig. 6 shows the estimated selectivity at age vectors for the two SCAA runs, together with their fits (which are generally good) to the age distribution proportions averaged over years, together with the dependence of natural mortality  $M$  on age for the two cases. Note that sharp increases in  $M$  and correspondingly sharp drops in selectivity are needed to fit the low proportions of older fish in the longline catches. The fits to the distributions of proportions of catch at length averaged over years under the SCAL model are similarly good (Fig. 7). However bubble plots showing residuals to these fits by both year and age or length show some clear non-random patterns (Figs 8 and 9 respectively).

#### 4. Discussion

There are many assumptions and value choices that have had to be made for these initial SCAA and SCAL assessment runs. Feedback from meeting participants on these, and on how they might be improved/rendered more reliable would be appreciated, particularly also to inform extension of this approach to a supposedly separate western stock.

Issues for possible further examination for this analysis for the east plus Mediterranean include:

- Allowing more flexibility in respect of variation over time of the selectivity at age and at length vectors to reduce the systematic trends in the residual bubble plots of Figs 8 and 9. For example random walk models allowing (but penalising) changes in selectivity over time, together with selection of age ranges over which to normalise selectivity to maintain a comparable catchability  $q$  across such changes (as for SBT in CCSBT, 2009), need to be pursued, Heavier penalties, or the use of parametric forms, need to be considered to provide smoother variation in selectivity with age or with length.

- Different functional forms for the decrease in longline selectivity at larger ages and increase in natural mortality at these ages need to be explored.
- Sensitivity to different weightings of the catch-at-age or -at-length data relative to the CPUE data in the log likelihood requires investigation.
- Sensitivity to the assumption of starting at pre-exploitation equilibrium in 1950 needs to be examined.
- Extension of the formulation to admit the possibility of errors in estimates of annual catches by different components of the fishery merits consideration.
- Attempts should be made through the fitting process to estimate  $M$  (at age), stock-recruitment steepness  $h$  and the standard deviation of length at age about the estimates provided by the growth curve. Note that the last reflects not only the actual variation, but also the consequences of the birth date for fish within each year-class being spread over a period of the year.
- Random effects models used to reflect and estimate the extent of variation in selectivity and recruitment variation, perhaps later extended to a full Bayesian estimation approach, should be explored.

However it seems unlikely that any of these factors would change a primary feature of the results thus far, which is the appreciably larger spawning biomasses suggested by these approaches compared to the conventional VPA approach used at present in ICCAT.

## 5. Conclusion

Essentially the difference in spawning biomass estimates provided by the SCAA and SCAL approaches compared to those from the ICCAT VPA is a consequence of different relationships between the fishing mortality on the plus group and that on immediately younger ages. The justifications for the specifications utilised for the VPA in this respect are not strongly founded, and this work does suggest that they merit re-examination.

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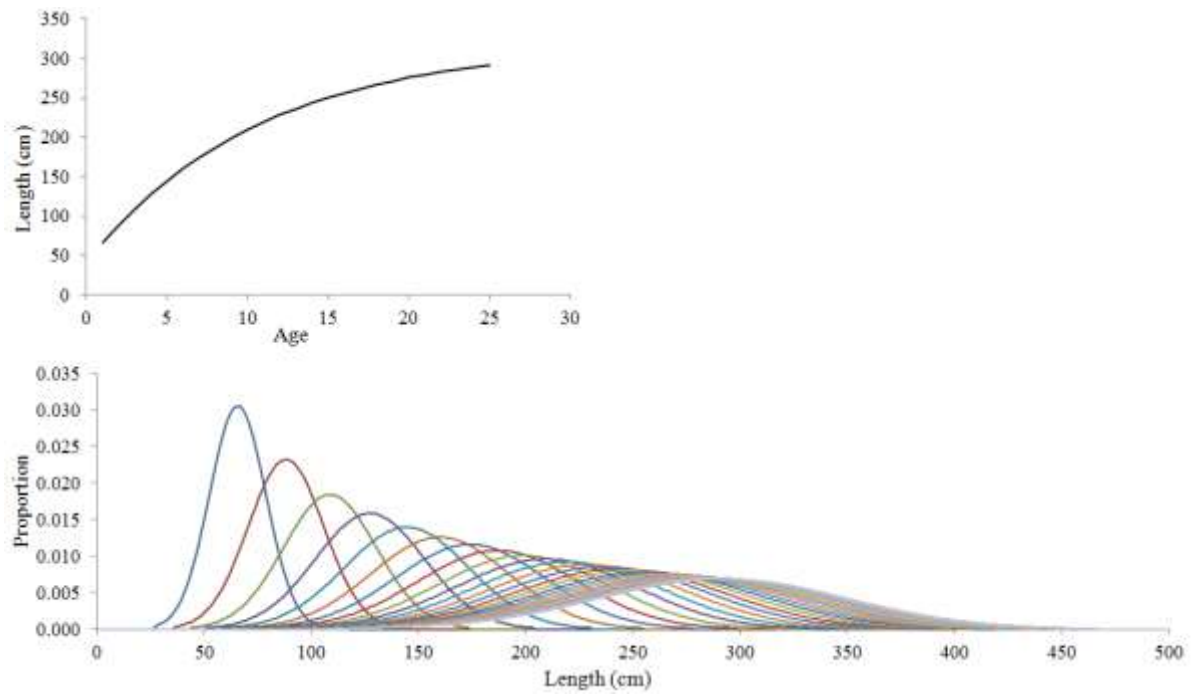
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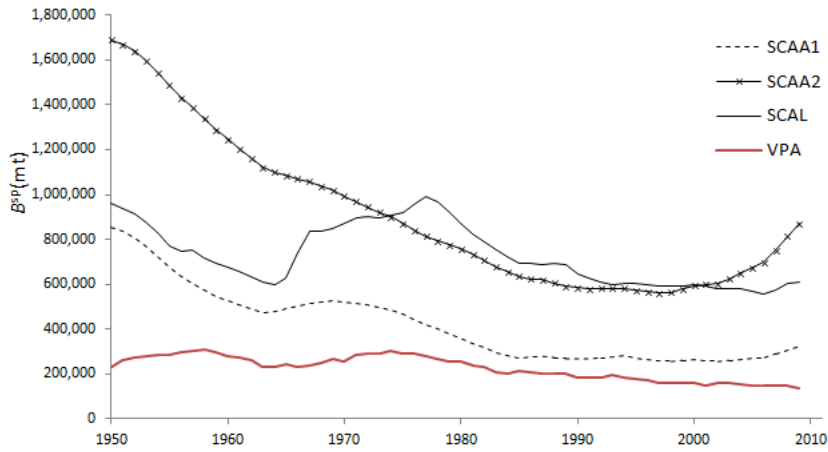
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**Table 1:** Results for the two SCAA and the SCAL assessments of this paper. See text for an explanation of the options for increasing natural mortality  $M$  or decreasing Japanese longline selectivity  $S$  with age at large ages. Biomass units are mt, and  $K^{sp}$  refers to the pre-exploitation equilibrium spawning biomass.

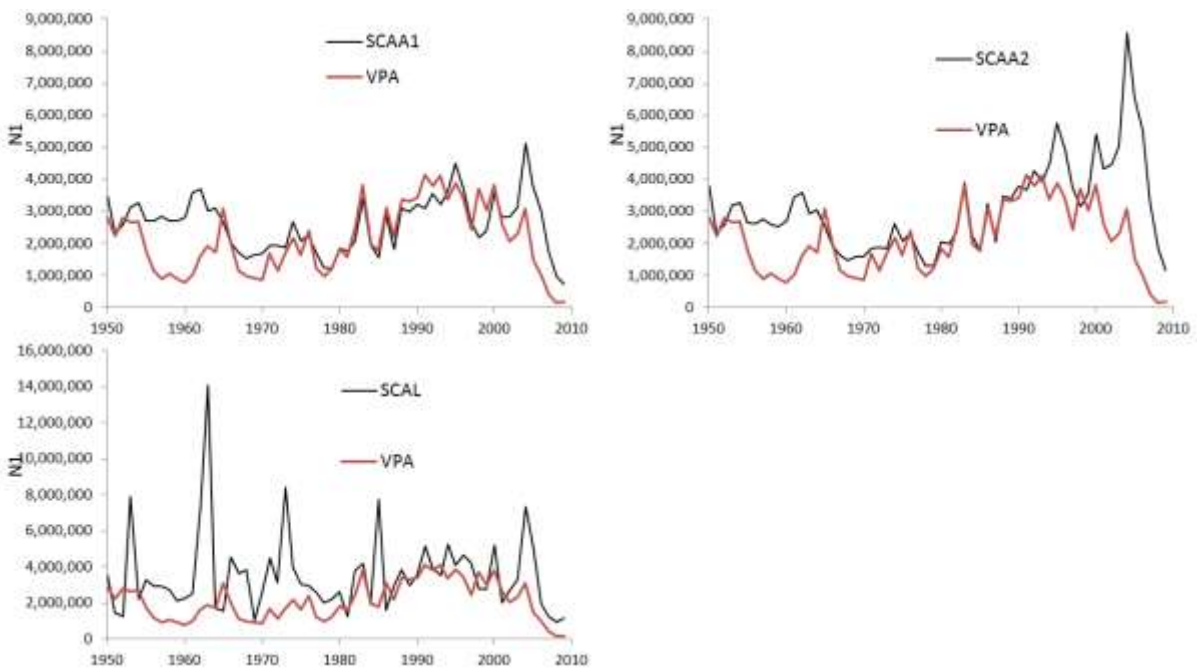
	SCAA1	SCAA2	SCAL
	Increasing $M$	Decreasing $S$	Increasing $M$
-lnL:overall	-9942.7	-9958.8	-4347.2
-lnL: CPUE	362.4	448.7	359.5
-lnL: fleet CAA/CAL	-9402.2	-9502.6	-4188.1
-lnL: index CAA/CAL	-941.2	-947.5	-610.8
-lnL: RecRes	38.2	42.6	57.4
Sel smoothing penalty	-	-	34.8
$K^{sp}$	856575	1690620	958953
$B^{sp}_{2009}$	322414	869822	612003
$B^{sp}_{2009}/K^{sp}$	0.38	0.51	0.64



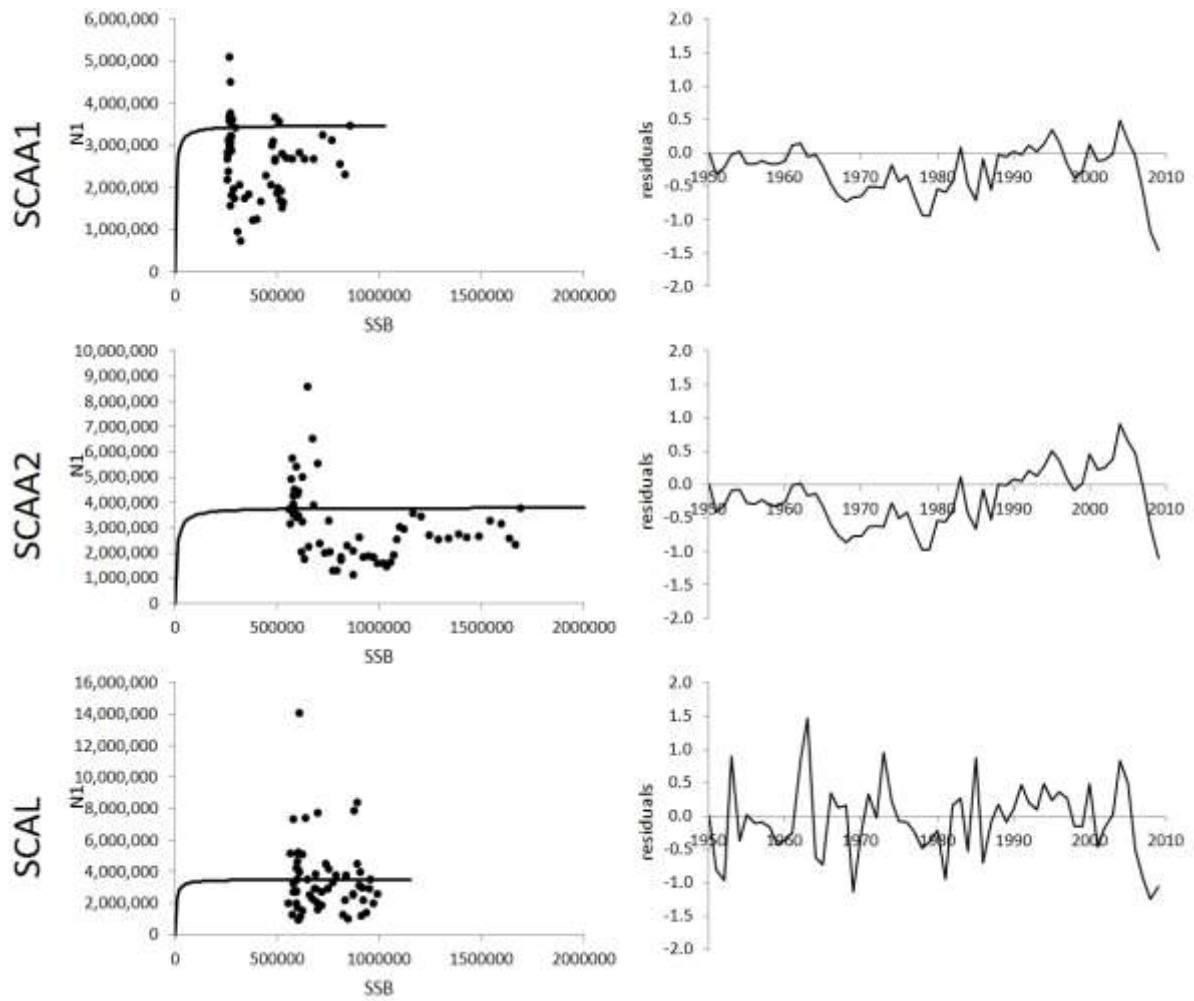
**Figure 1:** Growth curve and associated length-at-age distributions assumed.



**Figure 2:** Spawning biomass trajectories. The notation convention used here and below is that VPA refers to Run 13 from ICCAT (2010), SCAA1 is Statistical Catch at Age with increasing  $M$  at large ages, SCAA2 has Japanese longline selectivity dropping at large ages while  $M$  stays fixed, and SCAL is Statistical Catch at Length with  $M$  increasing at large ages as for SCAA1.

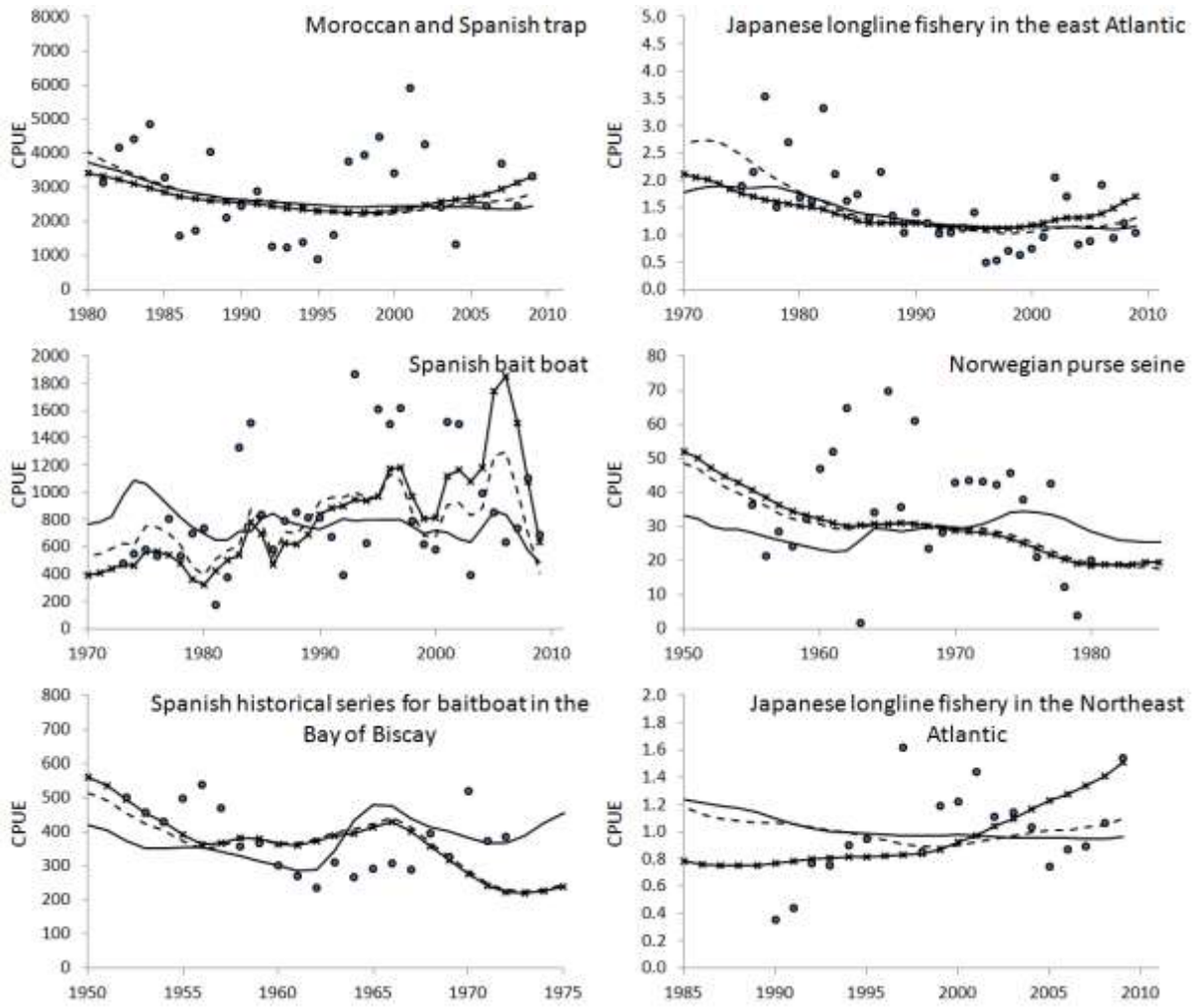


**Figure 3:** Recruitment (number of 1-year-olds,  $N_1$ ) trajectories for the four assessments.

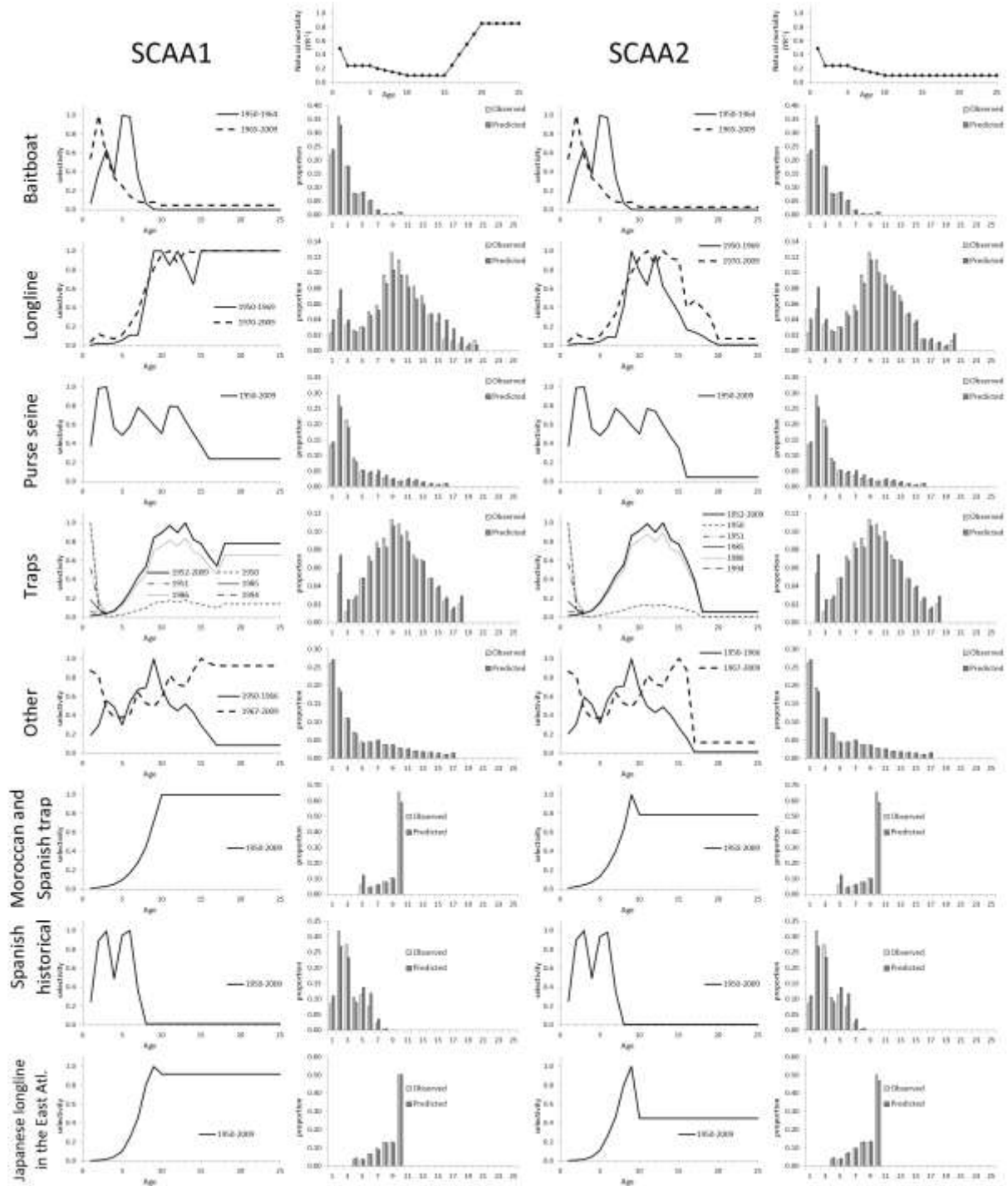


**Figure 4:** Stock-recruitment relationships (left-hand column) and time series of stock-recruitment residuals for the three new assessments..Spawning stock biomass (SSB) is in mt.

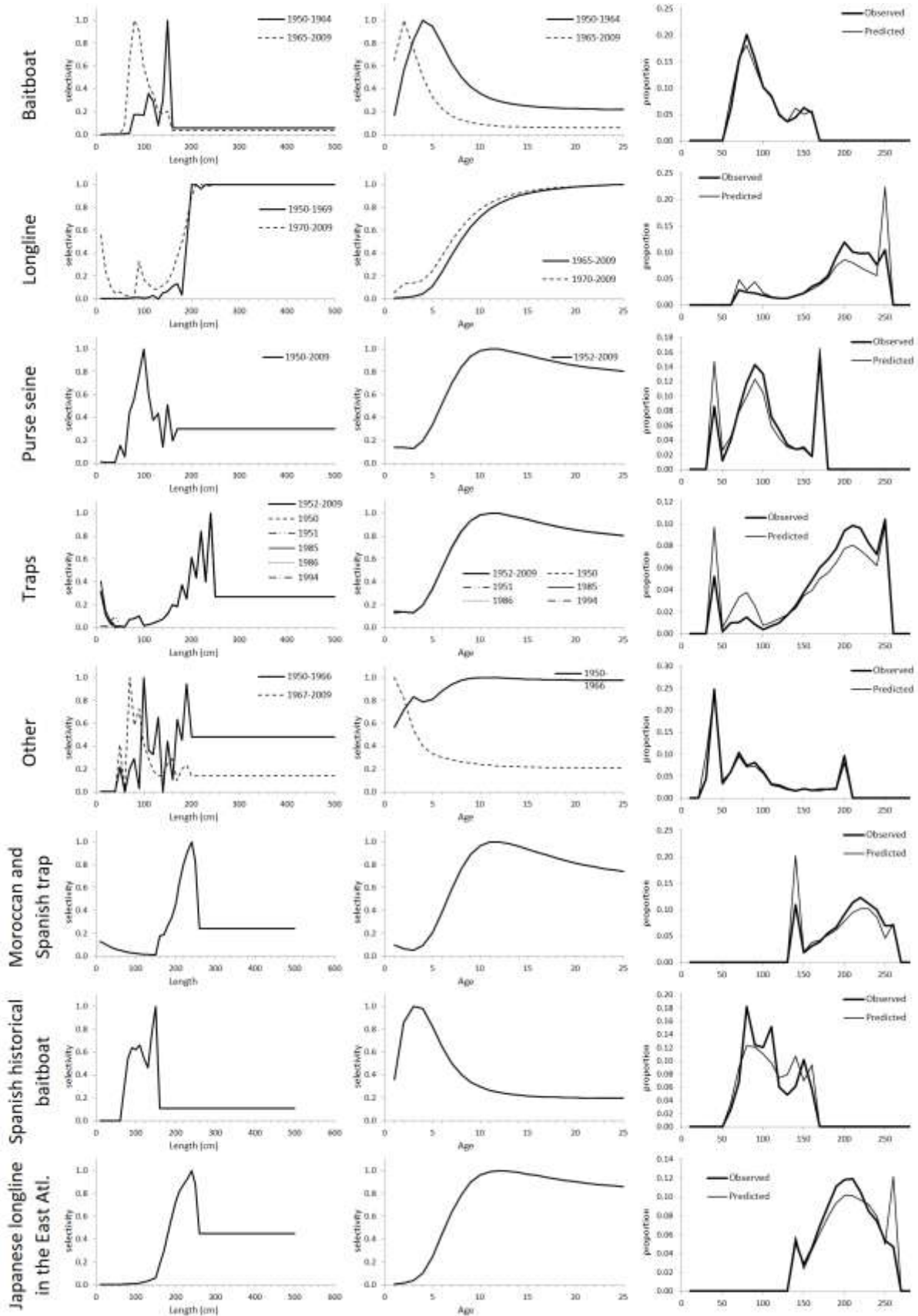




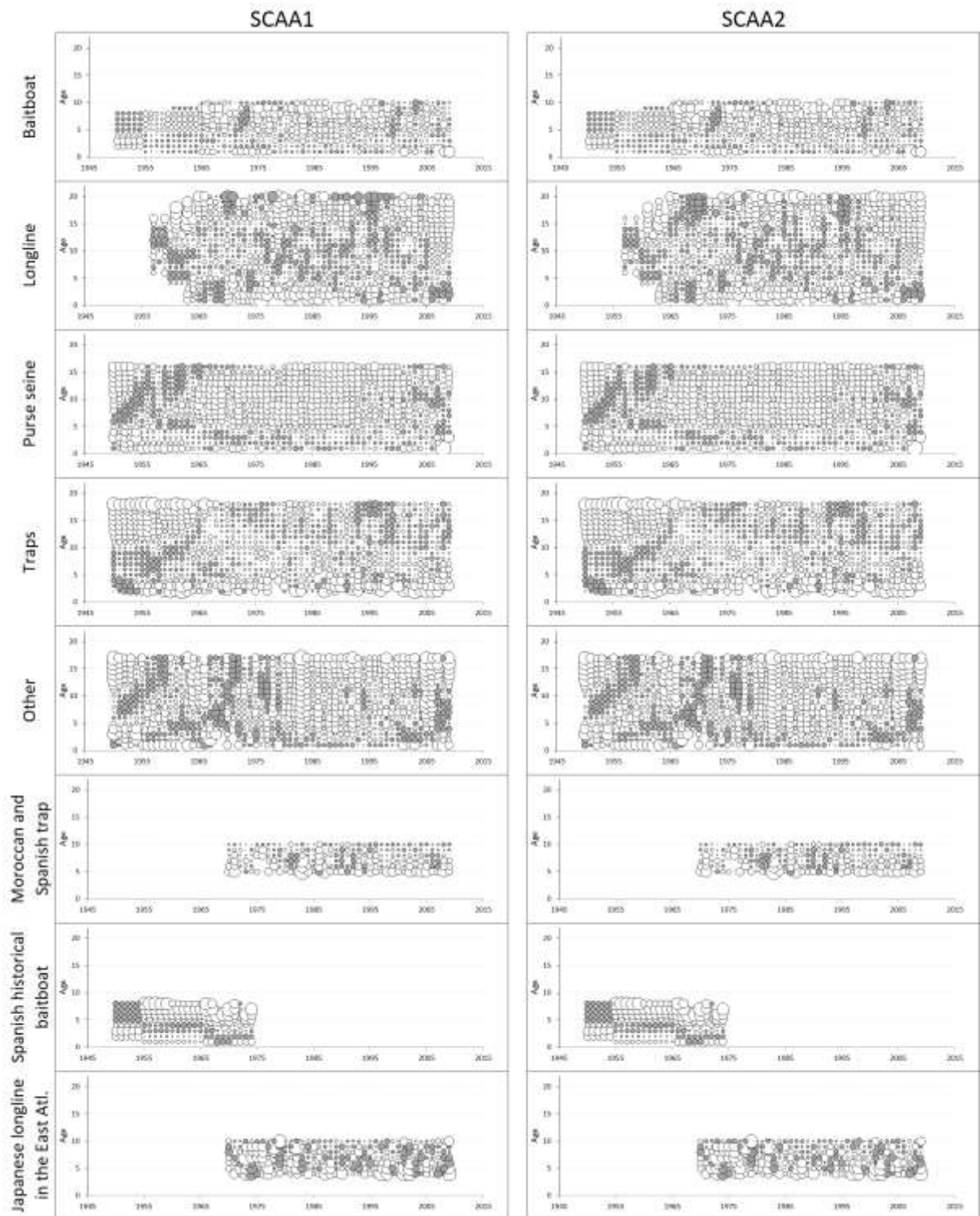
**Figure 5:** Fits of the new assessment models to the various CPUE series (dashed line=SCAA1, full line with crosses=SCAA2, full line=SCAL)



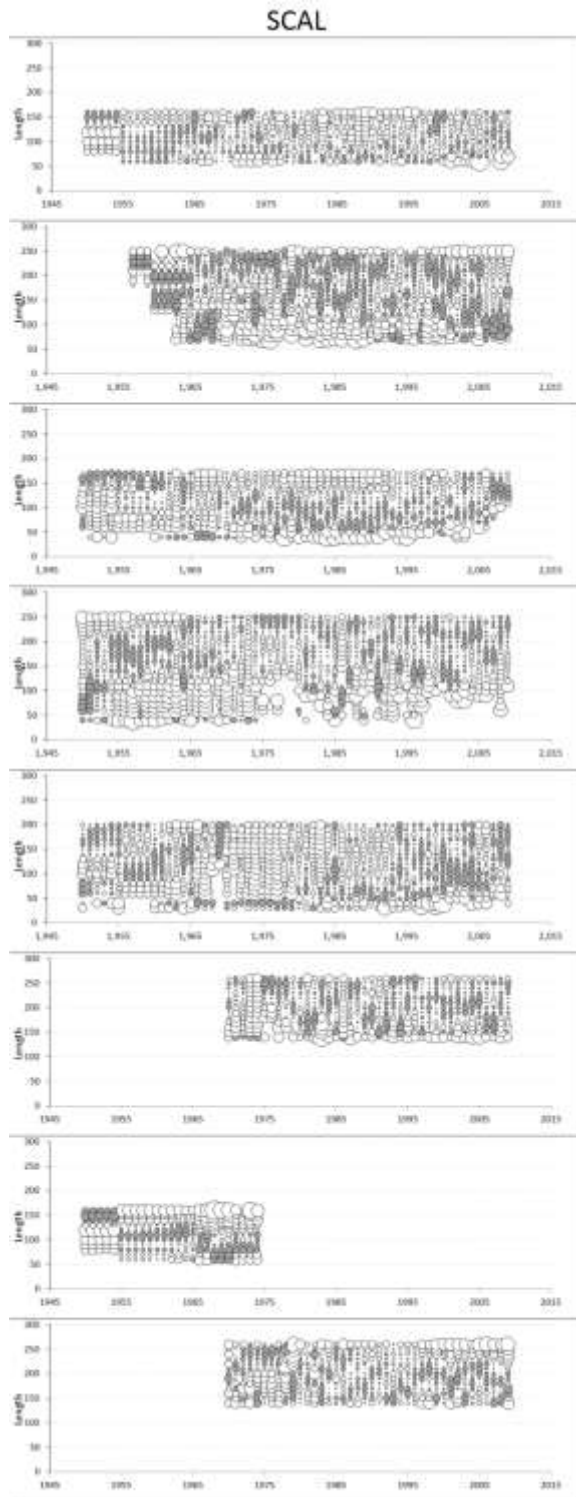
**Figure 6:** Estimated selectivities-at-age and fits to the CAA data (as averages over all the years with data available) for the SCAA1 (two left-hand columns) and SCAA2 (two right-hand columns) assessments. The input vectors for natural mortality at age for each assessment are shown opposite the title at the top of each column. Note that the first five rows refer to catches at age in the associated fisheries, whereas the final three rows relate to such catches associated with indices of abundance to which the model is fit.



**Figure 7:** Estimated selectivities-at-length, the effective equivalent selectivities-at-age and fit to the CAL data (as average over all the years with data available) for the SCAL assessment. Note that the first five rows refer to catches at age in the associated fisheries, whereas the final three rows relate to such catches associated with indices of abundance to which the model is fit.



**Figure 8:** Bubble plots of the CAA standardised residuals for the SCAA1 (left-hand column) and SCAA2 (right-hand column) assessments. The size (area) of the bubble is proportional to the magnitude of the corresponding standardised residual. For positive residuals the bubbles are grey, whereas for negative residuals the bubbles are white.



**Figure 9:** Bubble plots of the CAL standardised residuals for the SCAL assessment. The size (area) of the bubble is proportional to the magnitude of the corresponding standardised residual. For positive residuals the bubbles are grey, whereas for negative residuals the bubbles are white.

**Appendix A: Data**

The data listed below are from ICCAT (2010) for Run 13, or as kindly provided by Laurie Kell of the ICCAT Secretariat.

**Table A1:** Catches in mt.

	Baitboat	Longline	Purse seine	Traps	Other
1950	2865.0	0	2856.9	12198.0	6948.7
1951	3979.0	0	7259.3	9717.0	7840.1
1952	3786.0	0	15752.8	9831.0	7600.3
1953	3556.0	0	11281.0	14626.0	7866.3
1954	4430.0	0	13390.5	11576.0	5455.6
1955	4448.0	0	14294.6	11671.0	9199.3
1956	2791.0	0	5932.5	16323.0	2375.2
1957	3154.0	33.0	7057.6	20026.0	4045.0
1958	2829.0	2.0	7004.1	20918.0	2116.6
1959	3052.0	56.0	3628.8	14443.0	3512.5
1960	1198.0	481.0	6725.8	13320.0	2235.5
1961	1453.0	223.0	12019.0	10619.0	2553.2
1962	1537.0	2484.0	10777.3	11875.0	1884.0
1963	1178.0	2418.0	3119.1	6531.0	2244.1
1964	1079.0	882.0	4781.1	8140.0	1697.1
1965	1820.0	834.0	3846.8	9044.0	1313.4
1966	3347.0	581.0	4653.7	5373.0	702.0
1967	1805.0	441.0	6981.9	7877.0	2203.0
1968	1474.0	808.0	4547.0	4872.0	918.0
1969	1826.0	601.0	5148.7	5988.0	894.0
1970	3017.0	343.0	3269.3	3180.0	857.0
1971	3055.0	383.0	4586.8	2211.0	720.0
1972	3032.0	497.0	5045.5	1837.0	276.0
1973	3142.0	611.0	5257.5	1546.0	182.0
1974	2348.0	4651.0	9577.7	2382.0	168.0
1975	2918.5	4323.0	11677.0	2027.0	266.3
1976	1709.8	3291.0	14830.0	2008.0	354.6
1977	2813.3	2445.0	10989.0	1717.0	753.3
1978	3593.0	912.0	7556.0	1458.0	1125.5
1979	2033.9	970.0	6369.0	1350.0	1500.2
1980	1499.8	1255.0	8978.0	1251.0	1266.5
1981	1222.5	917.0	8795.0	1446.0	1393.1
1982	884.3	4255.0	12786.0	3673.0	809.8
1983	1882.4	3606.0	10746.0	3274.0	2294.0
1984	3961.1	2737.0	10261.0	4507.0	2961.0
1985	2281.5	1778.6	11305.0	2390.0	4255.1
1986	1413.8	1644.8	9609.2	1740.0	4839.6
1987	1820.8	1723.4	8857.0	1953.0	3865.5
1988	1936.0	2396.0	11198.0	3658.0	4929.7
1989	1970.6	2083.2	9450.0	2789.0	4768.1
1990	1717.9	2522.0	11304.0	4376.0	3326.8
1991	1592.6	6066.3	13291.0	2993.0	2485.7
1992	1298.7	6416.2	18269.0	2186.0	3679.1
1993	3495.1	5058.9	19321.0	2001.0	4391.7
1994	1979.6	9223.7	26296.0	2834.0	6406.8
1995	2807.4	12867.2	24046.0	1924.0	5646.0
1996	4989.6	12959.0	26344.0	2522.0	3992.3
1997	3524.9	10206.4	25006.0	4367.0	4050.6
1998	2561.5	7049.1	21983.0	4259.0	3865.1
1999	1496.4	6483.2	15636.0	3711.0	5129.3
2000	1821.9	7052.3	17341.3	3735.4	3815.3
2001	2275.1	7053.0	17324.4	4762.6	3190.1
2002	2568.0	5510.8	18540.3	3750.6	3400.5
2003	1379.6	5226.6	17657.5	2302.5	4597.1
2004	1807.0	4638.2	19862.5	2137.3	2935.7
2005	2022.9	5814.6	23345.9	2522.7	2139.4
2006	1115.6	4649.6	20352.1	2717.6	1854.4
2007	2031.5	4361.1	22951.5	3883.0	1288.9
2008	1794.4	4740.5	12858.3	3317.2	1343.3
2009	1259.6	3165.2	9468.4	3262.1	3072.8



Table A2: Commercial catches-at-age used in the SCAA.

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
1990	0	1767	1202	2271	21896	17532	4987	788	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1991	0	2452	1869	3134	30354	24580	6926	1082	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1992	0	2334	1598	3001	28881	23189	6590	1039	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1993	0	2195	1492	2819	27117	21761	6190	976	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1994	0	2731	1859	3512	33794	27110	7711	1216	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1995	10395	81408	66228	24365	17474	10152	2539	393	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1996	4983	25054	32025	12302	13402	8898	2364	369	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1997	5531	28170	35108	12892	15981	10256	2734	427	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1998	4910	25020	31022	11359	14494	9323	2492	390	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1999	7444	36930	46906	16810	11986	6530	1613	249	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2000	2740	10306	12080	6490	9295	3540	950	162	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2001	4288	15519	18526	10380	9357	2983	759	141	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2002	4752	17303	20695	11022	10119	2862	714	135	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2003	3315	13064	15400	7458	4883	2564	658	116	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2004	3156	13030	15411	6825	4264	2125	535	90	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2005	5484	22908	27251	11575	8530	2114	480	91	11	8	63	173	291	198	106	38	32	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2006	8462	33088	39938	16734	4278	329	31	3	1	3	36	138	303	252	160	55	13	8	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
2007	4332	26841	42612	10951	788	151	104	77	44	7	42	111	268	290	210	89	39	10	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
2008	19422	23973	14220	10766	3804	664	21	25	22	1	8	81	215	209	221	199	105	53	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
2009	20810	48778	21490	6010	802	280	17	0	0	0	6	113	277	284	270	146	36	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
2010	26432	43297	20359	14239	8990	2969	1054	297	0	0	11	55	358	545	731	519	213	99	17	4	2	0	0	0	0
2011	2790	8454	21368	11773	11888	3030	659	179	0	3	15	72	294	524	757	655	389	238	88	28	52	0	0	0	0
2012	2543	52188	5688	4290	7721	6333	3114	1198	302	0	11	72	358	665	890	762	430	253	74	22	11	0	0	0	0
2013	2360	47555	15576	1018	1963	2278	3611	553	2649	206	3	29	209	498	762	736	508	402	130	54	36	8	2	0	0
2014	2792	53444	16370	7207	1649	470	48	27	37	91	19	116	156	250	459	456	382	148	134	159	52	6	1	1	2
2015	17806	106264	10507	5287	1118	357	28	23	4	3	71	108	254	571	589	699	753	820	328	218	46	15	34	39	2
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1987	50691	35633	6683	3990	3457	2624	4828	1888	1397	1538	1446	1205	742	604	303	287	119	47	10	1	23	69	92	48	114
1988	284492	17893	9637	2510	1543	2975	5554	3825	1467	1757	1732	2201	1062	526	480	144	96	48	11	4	36	80	94	47	233
1989	161223	56353	11436	2786	2078	1583	2756	1712	1628	1505	1160	1679	1422	867	611	233	154	79	120	61	101	76	102	124	249
1990	92285	21928	7969	2266	2588	2187	1232	1745	1802	1651	1076	951	885	329	178	129	64	35	103	140	82	3	10	7	26
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1992	213823	39584	9984	2287	1149	780	1388	1727	2293	3753	2341	793	241	327	241	71	23	20	13	5	1	0	0	0	16
1993	78940	91819	18241	6764	4076	2782	1343	708	1160	1021	2067	985	991	367	530	133	179	54	99	59	108	1	84	52	168
1994	61516	13721	18469	6311	4682	3572	3845	4566	4221	3857	2817	1515	1189	835	1046	165	690	58	134	75	2	0	0	0	4
1995	194847	25794	11117	5418	4321	9003	3870	2914	2487	2999	1430	1617	705	624	499	342	258	137	48	17	44	8	5	4	16
1996	82526	37227	12520	7090	4978	3785	2337	1134	1461	1451	1683	898	790	776	430	292	208	97	78	25	28	3	4	1	3
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1998	68200	48140	27182	6740	1352	7633	1251	2969	2132	1621	818	383	163	197	120	76	7	10	12	3	2	1	2	1	27
1999	61762	49899	12949	8788	5351	3266	1974	1618	3540	3271	1131	586	254	138	125	322	144	53	40	40	39	16	10	6	871
2000	59591	24214	13089	8402	11182	5736	1692	1722	1727	1162	1079	682	807	293	161	95	83	60	43	30	21	7	4	3	19
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2003	5968	57445	17767	4841	4967	2354	3088	1555	2132	3283	4108	1948	622	396	194	66	33	14	3	4	8	11	0	0	0
2004	34036	39471	9693	4568	1193	2225	2389	1178	1663	1712	2129	618	390	259	159	188	96	65	44	33	31	27	22	16	21
2005	87608	72625	24447	2890	2144	780	99	61	28	238	227	96	52	31	12	12	13	8	0	4	3	2	1	2	4
2006	45681	51819	29038	5170	1213	1484	590	113	66	228	291	318	74	62	24	22	24	18	12	10	8	8	8	5	7
2007	308	3445	2287	5196	1993	1868	1598	733	1196	319	1070	367	48	37	25	7	18	3	1	1</					

Table A3: Commercial fleet catch-at-length used in the SCAL.

Year	45-	50-	60-	70-	80-	90-	100-	110-	120-	130-	140-	150-	160-	170-	180-	190-	200-	210-	220-	230-	240-	250-	260-	
1950	0	0	0	0	803	879	987	0	67	1884	10885	23759	6413	3386	2125	262	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1951	0	0	0	0	1241	1193	816	0	83	2016	15002	30220	8964	4703	2951	364	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1952	0	0	0	0	1181	1135	776	0	88	2489	14332	28754	8472	4475	2688	346	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1953	0	0	0	0	1099	1066	729	0	83	2338	13461	27807	7957	4203	2638	325	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1954	0	0	0	0	1381	1328	908	0	103	2913	16770	33645	9913	5246	3286	485	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1955	0	0	3487	9412	28222	20373	29865	36859	14308	10540	8577	13441	3783	1774	1059	131	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1956	0	0	1471	4512	13734	9964	14868	17670	8874	5486	7885	13446	3272	1629	996	123	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1957	0	0	1880	5327	15395	10899	15859	19248	8015	6053	8198	13387	3788	1882	1153	142	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1958	0	0	1719	4713	13812	9479	14357	16665	7137	5507	7345	11952	3423	1713	1052	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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1962	0	0	1525	3683	10050	6228	9757	10714	7075	4842	3396	4089	1384	584	311	66	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1963	0	0	1184	2653	7845	4258	8021	7242	4945	3187	2718	3488	964	457	284	50	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1964	0	0	1238	2523	8118	7926	8639	6673	4666	2774	2424	3088	786	371	231	39	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1965	0	0	2201	4545	14060	6666	15683	11431	8018	4888	3242	3950	785	339	289	44	8	13	91	263	316	183	47	
1966	0	0	1823	4849	14163	28660	34178	42702	19957	6900	2739	389	78	19	2	1	0	90	223	380	235	71	1	
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1968	0	0	5981	13458	12848	8474	5750	8167	4540	4788	2995	1602	339	37	8	11	13	1	20	152	176	320	321	
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1973	0	0	417	2025	28235	18052	4970	8613	2045	1314	710	1711	1584	1903	2788	1553	1773	206	8	71	485	1055	1708	
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2009	0	0	0	39	2185	9384	7787	7694	5936	1755	1276	1431	2396	1166	316	305	231	196	169	103	48	28	18	

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Parent area	40-	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	160	170	180	190	200	210	220	230	240	250	260
1950	13699	0	9746	20233	17301	10487	187	153	129	448	490	5150	10664	10047	1866	436	106	479	211	123	106	58	21
1951	13184	0	1172	2435	2050	1342	814	1080	997	2080	1837	8852	8085	21878	23683	8188	1591	673	1107	273	244	330	49
1952	308	0	299	611	523	365	430	1379	535	381	659	2747	10489	26165	27850	52613	17223	4329	1878	1344	662	331	128
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1954	154	0	1359	3821	2478	1466	35	57	52	184	1036	1990	2106	6954	6275	6057	11781	15585	18270	10360	4677	2211	556
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1960	956	0	896	1916	5943	2186	7106	4250	4814	3214	7947	14872	4279	2284	1742	2166	2111	2294	4672	4447	3576	2374	878
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1962	139176	0	1068	1921	7171	2620	8113	4887	3497	3280	5343	8713	2566	1338	887	236	351	517	2547	8048	11108	10036	5480
1963	764889	0	1242	2211	8137	2892	9409	4581	3722	2151	4205	8590	1962	1083	685	234	646	1595	1576	692	370	265	344
1964	18780	0	4483	8401	18968	7114	18356	11006	8853	4626	5466	7596	2180	1134	750	283	235	735	1267	1384	1232	1969	2689
1965	499	0	3258	6097	12011	3945	13909	8380	5108	3172	2222	2244	889	341	182	25	45	59	127	441	1598	3330	4487
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1968	469183	0	854	3777	4705	15974	24401	15619	19239	12272	4484	3552	1536	340	348	383	28	87	194	191	244	191	244
1969	12600	0	6312	15403	12957	24851	33907	22886	15271	18625	4908	3211	1059	513	873	752	605	269	843	465	504	874	238
1970	18607	0	833	2290	6071	8374	7669	3689	3387	2399	1803	2849	2199	1808	1490	985	1948	1885	1010	722	193	224	1398
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1973	0	0	34	563	4225	14800	26819	43270	17714	5581	2812	1548	1179	1284	1518	2514	3702	2644	806	988	690	742	855
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1979	2287	149	318	1333	3773	20283	48529	22513	25369	10942	1130	1387	335	169	140	299	282	3838	1056	773	2109	1673	3309
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1984	1	385	16615	82917	132389	181116	45863	20108	9558	9897	4842	3709	1607	1752	1331	869	1277	1327	1748	2587	2169	1448	1442
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1992	0	25	15277	50067	107280	245831	108289	90486	30600	7656	2599	11306	4571	5555	5355	3761	3369	5701	3315	1893	718	178	284
1993	0	1647	117980	79589	247232	333718	114184	83618	21389	10724	31192	6122	5358	5493	4896	4399	3968	5163	4077	1990	669	893	550
1994	64	3089	18962	318721	225023	134482	87210	49945	24049	19983	35298	15199	13019	8786	8081	7019	16161	14063	15049	7534	2686	1136	1398
1995	16	953	43007	188400	49996	143586	156489	95574	27981	18357	18516	29511	10497	6858	5806	5078	4973	5897	13812	8238	2594	614	319
1996	0	87	21383	95389	460007	81382	122556	102010	64874	32918	14936	3420	9261	6898	4909	4913	6589	5885	10281	6284	2858	273	96
1997	0	536	12121	180216	107181	187984	73947	76944	46385	34177	28552	28175	16258	13342	8900	12685	13996	13261	2562	641	398	433	616
1998	0	473	42248	287922	36409	149818	197703	58916	50736	52688	39992	36803	32333	1794	3428	1158	362	488	1108	1388	3054	381	736
1999</																							



Table A3 cont.

Other	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	160	170	180	190	200	210	220	230	240	250	260
1950	20996	0	14937	31011	26119	16984	305	281	402	1359	2270	4402	8662	10978	4447	8253	9789	9687	2074	423	163	90	33
1951	8387	0	2905	6034	9081	3334	2158	2995	2676	2558	2597	4100	5336	13458	11672	10431	10601	6033	2679	911	605	322	123
1952	481	0	438	924	767	542	729	2053	928	998	3593	1797	4347	8532	8475	14854	10576	8371	2489	1436	1214	806	394
1953	75284	0	1523	3189	2680	1773	1390	1877	1709	1756	2301	2542	3893	7157	8083	10867	12104	7154	3350	1636	1210	629	289
1954	385	0	1834	3391	2839	1787	109	91	160	346	1078	1084	3991	3495	3382	4923	6353	4667	3867	2712	1882	1014	537
1955	341	0	765	1777	1618	8946	14335	4798	5525	2530	3843	2544	4360	6459	6014	9662	11247	7174	5132	4232	2753	1219	425
1956	0	0	36	143	169	3437	5913	3828	2174	743	149	423	164	96	313	412	1044	2208	1015	1246	1540	953	433
1957	0	0	87	367	316	6437	11084	3657	4064	1808	273	293	658	962	664	335	1588	1691	2353	3592	2928	1460	879
1958	0	0	32	127	151	3077	5299	1729	1996	717	216	282	156	977	624	1365	827	603	393	985	1133	914	694
1959	0	0	42	184	198	4019	6921	2252	2576	887	168	548	343	377	379	818	1625	1599	1291	1712	3108	2303	842
1960	615	0	90	241	217	2217	3824	2237	3562	2629	1692	1127	951	1595	1281	1214	1337	1012	405	441	391	666	383
1961	5084	0	114	307	278	3258	6309	2819	3620	3433	1393	1999	1818	1764	670	1431	1320	1065	1078	444	409	685	407
1962	56275	0	38	55	70	1112	2124	797	1728	1773	1383	3041	3482	2109	1805	734	1203	483	193	338	461	382	367
1963	393848	0	41	174	166	3485	6862	2206	4648	2990	1638	2543	3951	2057	870	1104	178	1001	195	633	87	351	10
1964	5155	0	653	1482	1266	9648	9677	1806	7117	4522	1527	2257	1063	1518	850	301	111	111	609	6	24	52	80
1965	179	0	710	1490	1266	1782	4060	1873	3412	3265	919	1929	950	1910	1798	178	459	99	54	40	34	18	333
1966	60318	6619	124	263	224	149	132	214	225	494	209	3415	891	738	744	85	0	46	114	59	61	25	0
1967	72223	8922	21	48	43	64	118	79	157	218	309	1464	3438	1827	315	448	532	890	796	751	680	899	1124
1968	96240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1969	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1970	8693	0	177	395	341	211	41	184	307	385	149	2	87	89	109	139	871	1084	952	493	176	141	32
1971	41104	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	9	24	13	30	80	157	119	158	127	156	155	190	400	579	616
1972	15977	0	51	124	112	82	119	178	169	338	33	22	21	40	32	43	37	28	34	65	353	230	281
1973	38113	988	11	46	342	220	97	126	43	38	21	21	21	39	29	38	27	21	30	41	71	96	101
1974	38113	988	5	11	9	7	14	23	23	24	13	13	17	29	27	35	30	42	35	55	83	84	75
1975	37975	984	28	143	1214	807	610	770	240	389	85	67	39	27	39	61	70	90	54	85	116	74	50
1976	38080	987	13	33	90	81	36	41	30	33	21	26	31	34	18	18	38	135	167	204	238	146	102
1977	123938	8426	10	54	148	296	74	88	38	43	20	45	105	140	142	128	132	296	383	497	262	359	474
1978	103399	6965	1272	3076	8953	2407	1153	1220	884	1668	765	592	197	86	40	78	109	139	156	211	318	489	989
1979	27403	498	12	107	318	866	1053	994	942	1480	573	204	219	342	837	513	646	484	500	427	485	699	1407
1980	36524	529	4598	11279	5596	3855	2017	1417	693	555	882	1118	938	659	476	337	362	353	373	372	881	314	388
1981	5101	0	4638	17088	8164	6641	1816	2702	3188	784	502	184	216	326	440	593	380	498	720	625	378	249	324
1982	82419	6541	3727	8868	4581	2852	1067	1348	591	228	167	88	35	124	109	146	135	182	228	230	251	216	389
1983	289996	42904	73435	153369	8419	7408	1982	913	368	394	212	132	93	147	207	133	207	599	306	324	226	170	51
1984	1781	782	21816	26236	21844	35447	7301	3639	2084	1658	1285	525	401	304	343	471	774	920	1159	1094	888	613	626
1985	13596	13124	6432	10889	9678	14956	9863	15051	3352	1734	880	1002	3049	718	1065	1132	1483	1716	2134	1784	1442	1313	1041
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1987	90018	38618	17619	26155	18598	13010	3429	3332	2705	1916	1822	2020	1843	5340	2543	1532	1015	1472	1475	1369	780	538	735
1988	28601	3983	88820	99577	16524	8236	5875	5028	2395	1211	1330	1088	2230	3910	2612	1228	1358	1584	1742	2269	1049	605	779
1989	17220	12301	55834	74280	39583	24280	3247	7603	3144	1582	3556	827	1039	1855	1584	1015	847	1188	1261	1876	1706	594	1292
1990	40669	39019	24654	45377	11996	11208	4970	2250	1328	1564	2208	1751	1149	946	1091	1255	1294	1402	3099	1084	564	273	546
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1992	40143	17890	67438	41108	31868	21554	8186	2129	7127	1096	766	324	402	548	867	1576	3133	2329	2317	747	404	348	388
1993	11276	5996	43607	30483	48740	43610	10666	8730	4719	2268	3883	2436	1973	1233	918	537	661	912	2080	1228	516	452	896
1994	13159	13080	13653	34423	14695	14958	12868	11217	4094	2909	3844	2689	2135	2873	2996	1784	3427	3251	2669	2155	1117	1123	1526
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1996	31303	29334	44126	27584	28885	7114	7775	5660	4339	3577	3249	2332	2383	1771	833	997	1189	1478	1501	1099	966	736	695
1997	1159	6485	44394	22582	10973	16795	9305	5904	3863	5205	4493	4460	3288	1829	1478	1522	1068	1802	1327	883	834	491	333
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1999	182	416	4996	55257	13104	34464	4011	10679	4880	3063	3933	2691	1480	1386	1125	1267	5395	3145	1067	571	227	184	1353
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2001	0	144	1312	1492	28647	21039	12093	10625	4804	2011	1822	1751	1918	1992	3049	1786	1499	1593	1032	313	359	109	378
2002	0	289	2909	9596	19111	29128	20582	7804	3713	2291	3796	1753	1513	1506	817	1503	1438	1381	1393	605	504	267	272
2003	0	70	1184	8561	33817	19438	33017	5718	2726	1232	3299	2465	1936	2115	772	1490	1872	3095	4655	1378	608	306	338
2004	47	8669	4918	18097	17666	11040	6677	4404	2405	1653	574	1296	1856	1342	1511	484	889	1950	1790	722	409	297	543
2005	612	1914	7503	75478	56086	19556	26327	3588	2321	486	1820	883	211	48	71	35	37	163	181	70	51	29	55
2006	325	1014	2718	32753	48431	11160	14248	1487	2282	623	954	824	719	782	200	55	70	230	279	130	85	58	337
2007	0	77	26	78	512	1805	175	329	164	343	123	118	144	97	54	80	47	32	45	46	43	18	25
2008	0	0	7	139	1635	1233	325	406	6														

**Table A4:** CPUE series used – values followed by associated standard errors are given.

Units	Mor&Sp_Trap		SpBB		SpBB_hist		JPLL_EastMed		NorPS		JPLL_NEA	
	numbers		biomass		biomass		numbers		biomass		numbers	
1952	-	-	-	-	501.78	17.82	-	-	-	-	-	-
1953	-	-	-	-	457.50	24.50	-	-	-	-	-	-
1954	-	-	-	-	428.84	17.30	-	-	-	-	-	-
1955	-	-	-	-	496.75	17.35	-	-	36.20	1.00	-	-
1956	-	-	-	-	537.53	17.38	-	-	21.25	1.00	-	-
1957	-	-	-	-	468.33	17.97	-	-	28.61	1.00	-	-
1958	-	-	-	-	356.49	17.32	-	-	24.13	1.00	-	-
1959	-	-	-	-	365.99	18.07	-	-	32.41	1.00	-	-
1960	-	-	-	-	299.89	17.56	-	-	46.83	1.00	-	-
1961	-	-	-	-	269.75	17.33	-	-	51.84	1.00	-	-
1962	-	-	-	-	236.13	17.59	-	-	64.67	1.00	-	-
1963	-	-	-	-	309.28	18.91	-	-	1.67	1.00	-	-
1964	-	-	-	-	266.71	17.80	-	-	33.98	1.00	-	-
1965	-	-	-	-	291.83	19.10	-	-	69.60	1.00	-	-
1966	-	-	-	-	306.86	18.21	-	-	35.71	1.00	-	-
1967	-	-	-	-	289.25	20.18	-	-	61.06	1.00	-	-
1968	-	-	-	-	393.57	19.70	-	-	23.53	1.00	-	-
1969	-	-	-	-	325.86	19.77	-	-	28.06	1.00	-	-
1970	-	-	-	-	519.46	21.67	-	-	42.76	1.00	-	-
1971	-	-	-	-	373.73	19.78	-	-	43.52	1.00	-	-
1972	-	-	-	-	385.24	20.37	-	-	43.05	1.00	-	-
1973	-	-	475.37	37.00	-	-	-	-	42.15	1.00	-	-
1974	-	-	549.35	39.00	-	-	-	-	45.72	1.00	-	-
1975	-	-	578.55	37.00	-	-	1.90	0.15	38.00	1.00	-	-
1976	-	-	535.41	38.00	-	-	2.15	0.12	21.16	1.00	-	-
1977	-	-	803.94	37.00	-	-	3.53	0.14	42.44	1.00	-	-
1978	-	-	536.42	37.00	-	-	1.50	0.15	12.28	1.00	-	-
1979	-	-	698.39	37.00	-	-	2.70	0.14	3.75	1.00	-	-
1980	-	-	734.46	46.00	-	-	1.69	0.16	20.14	1.00	-	-
1981	3145.86	58.40	171.46	40.00	-	-	1.63	0.17	-	-	-	-
1982	4151.93	33.70	378.39	39.00	-	-	3.32	0.13	-	-	-	-
1983	4402.08	33.70	1327.25	43.00	-	-	2.12	0.13	-	-	-	-
1984	4854.68	33.70	1510.94	41.00	-	-	1.62	0.12	-	-	-	-
1985	3288.16	33.71	835.48	37.00	-	-	1.75	0.15	-	-	-	-
1986	1556.12	27.05	580.21	40.00	-	-	1.32	0.14	-	-	-	-
1987	1713.63	27.04	793.36	39.00	-	-	2.16	0.13	-	-	-	-
1988	4026.80	27.02	849.48	40.00	-	-	1.35	0.14	-	-	-	-
1989	2091.12	25.09	813.43	36.00	-	-	1.05	0.16	-	-	-	-
1990	2433.10	22.46	813.93	36.00	-	-	1.41	0.14	-	-	0.35	0.32
1991	2871.90	21.50	672.37	40.00	-	-	1.21	0.13	-	-	0.44	0.27
1992	1256.65	22.48	392.98	41.00	-	-	1.03	0.14	-	-	0.77	0.16
1993	1233.91	21.53	1864.38	38.00	-	-	1.04	0.14	-	-	0.75	0.14
1994	1370.23	22.48	630.19	38.00	-	-	1.12	0.16	-	-	0.90	0.16
1995	888.94	22.50	1607.43	36.00	-	-	1.42	0.15	-	-	0.95	0.13
1996	1598.01	22.47	1502.25	36.00	-	-	0.50	0.22	-	-	2.53	0.13
1997	3754.01	22.45	1620.72	36.00	-	-	0.53	0.21	-	-	1.62	0.13
1998	3950.27	22.44	791.59	37.00	-	-	0.71	0.17	-	-	0.85	0.16
1999	4463.56	22.44	618.75	43.00	-	-	0.64	0.22	-	-	1.19	0.15
2000	3411.81	21.50	583.83	36.00	-	-	0.74	0.20	-	-	1.22	0.12
2001	5907.80	21.49	1515.54	46.00	-	-	0.96	0.17	-	-	1.44	0.12
2002	4240.52	21.50	1502.02	37.00	-	-	2.05	0.15	-	-	1.11	0.13
2003	2417.06	22.49	389.33	49.00	-	-	1.70	0.13	-	-	1.14	0.14
2004	1319.61	21.53	993.04	42.00	-	-	0.82	0.18	-	-	1.03	0.12
2005	2598.59	21.51	856.22	37.00	-	-	0.88	0.15	-	-	0.74	0.11
2006	2456.74	21.51	638.35	41.00	-	-	1.91	0.15	-	-	0.87	0.11
2007	3690.98	21.50	734.34	38.00	-	-	0.94	0.19	-	-	0.89	0.11
2008	2455.05	21.51	1102.28	43.00	-	-	1.22	0.17	-	-	1.06	0.12
2009	3330.17	21.50	686.62	44.00	-	-	1.04	0.24	-	-	1.54	0.11





Table A6: Catches-at-length associated with the CPUE series used in the SCAL.

Month	40-	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	160	170	180	190	200	210	220	230	240	250	260	
1970	200	0	4	8	7	5	1	4	4	8	28	42	132	318	659	1000	2116	2406	1635	1254	1293	648	551	
1971	2945	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	15	18	29	47	127	293	411	444	440	555	535	622	
1972	799	0	3	0	8	6	8	42	26	21	4	28	52	70	112	131	191	228	416	452	462	254	187	
1973	16907	438	2	5	4	3	6	10	10	8	4	33	32	39	100	229	323	520	606	559	675	223	211	
1974	1605	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	4	8	4	4	11	18	19	24	28	30	20	14	
1975	0	0	12	12	8	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	3	29	61	128	267	295	455	435	331	
1976	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	8	17	161	248	402	400	383	469	
1977	0	0	6	16	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	38	82	120	140	345	470	494	372	397	333	
1978	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	17	104	148	159	165	189	419	412	338	298
1979	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	52	63	154	178	182	427	598	980	456	345	303	218	248	
1980	0	29	174	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	29	47	128	344	318	127	243	442	568	548	455	391	403	
1981	160	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	445	613	886	1441	832	377	370	614	667	271	105	69	
1982	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	87	75	755	1499	1499	1891	1524	1473	1593	2666	1499	737	672	
1983	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	53	476	535	1828	1684	1583	1841	1417	565	
1984	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	80	65	144	465	796	1711	2516	2565	3179	2305	1329	694	411	
1985	14	0	0	0	0	0	7	49	165	337	117	406	329	437	406	510	681	1659	1540	1763	1329	718	745	
1986	0	15	455	2633	7855	3772	521	169	0	0	16	42	135	119	140	243	380	929	1294	1037	596	524		
1987	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	31	87	229	232	270	424	329	1039	1449	1188	705	586	
1988	0	21	109	87	28	1	15	39	14	43	59	320	614	670	747	618	726	861	1927	2117	3362	1949	1469	
1989	128	430	142	0	0	2	0	4	26	142	351	920	1334	1788	929	1238	1006	1239	931	1340	639	836		
1990	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	60	555	153	1230	2184	4245	3680	5696	1808	1678	770	1802	951	984		
1991	0	28	290	0	783	1401	1496	2495	1173	827	878	1586	1536	895	935	3350	2225	2428	1489	700	508	451	998	
1992	0	10	18	24	109	15	43	31	40	92	184	356	964	3272	3304	1117	1353	1685	1408	832	440	232	283	
1993	0	1	3	7	19	4	5	7	10	4	23	12	84	113	262	433	930	1111	1183	1263	843	1198	1135	
1994	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	13	25	90	860	2232	1594	3325	932	554	789	1105	1504	1137	1019	823	1474	
1995	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	15	72	33	32	57	149	428	1103	1007	1228	771	627	368	860		
1996	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	33	141	155	111	194	109	234	241	746	871	1060	745	1087	722	2284		
1997	0	0	0	0	0	1	28	186	881	1262	1339	1630	1694	1731	1727	2388	2689	4853	2478	1948	991	1920		
1998	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	99	172	364	912	1350	1237	1512	2808	2238	3122	2332	1632	907	1312			
1999	0	0	0	0	0	9	8	25	67	141	475	459	877	904	1529	1728	3355	2381	1746	1082	1447			
2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	307	402	508	326	881	1840	2040	2268	3777	3421	1802	1202	657	533		
2001	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	167	420	670	852	1302	1522	1889	3568	3205	4261	3877	2489	1582	684	489		
2002	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	54	51	199	402	1016	1712	2244	3148	3282	2687	3965	1061	822		
2003	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	148	346	344	477	725	2380	2433	2223	1571	1115	1026	559	311		
2004	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	39	92	97	121	207	777	1740	3052	1749	1279	1211	678	419		
2005	0	0	0	0	1	10	0	0	13	33	88	224	487	931	1076	1296	3419	3188	1953	1268	417	296		
2006	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	66	329	499	1787	3363	2393	1411	1736	1723	1547	1307	1694	1053	632		
2007	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	108	541	827	2893	2432	2951	1922	2080	817	1794	2270	2006	1697	1023		
2008	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	14	46	62	130	261	525	1471	2452	2808	2914	2542	1351	1363	1613		
2009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	71	251	500	364	450	934	1672	1848	1937	2017	2627	2864	1796	745		

3p118 bio	40-	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	160	170	180	190	200	210	220	230	240	250	260
1950	0	0	0	0	583	560	383	0	44	1229	7075	14195	4382	2209	1386	171	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1951	0	0	0	0	902	887	593	0	67	1902	10651	21972	6474	3420	2146	285	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1952	0	0	0	0	757	708	484	0	55	1553	8941	17909	5285	2792	1752	218	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1953	0	0	0	0	737	709	485	0	55	1554	8949	17954	5290	2794	1753	218	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1954	0	0	0	0	3076	1055	708	0	80	2269	13064	26210	7722	4079	2560	334	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1955	0	3487	8412	27780	19448	28775	16859	14275	9609	4213	2679	580	89	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1956	0	1671	4532	13317	9563	13794	17670	6883	4696	2026	1284	278	48	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1957	0	1783	4813	14206	10251	14715	18849	7300	4914	2155	1370	297	51	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1958	0	1499	4046	11942	8575	12370	15845	6137	4131	1811	1152	249	43	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1959	0	2394	6307	18613	13367	19281	24698	9565	6439	2823	1799	389	87	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1960	0	667	1728	4326	3052	3938	5368	3406	2297	935	574	128	27	13	17	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1961	0	1093	2835	7697	5009	6457	8805	5588	3932	1533	942	209	43	23	28	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1962	0	1163	3015	7350	5325	6870	9367	5945	4182	1630	1002	228	46	23	30	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1963	0	855	1896	4249	2996	3868	5270	3345	2354	917	563	127	26	13	17	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1964	0	482	1250	3130	2208	2849	3885	2465	1736	676	415	92	19	10	12	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1965	0	748	1938	4855	3426	4418	6024	3824	2699	1049	645	144	31	15	21	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1966	0	102	2188	27286	18782	20125	24449	3888	2201	644	413	102	26	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1967	0	89	952	10282	7688	13705	16379	1474	572	71	28	12	12	12	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1968	0	5084	11823	7280	4862	3880	4616	354	82	20	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1969	0	4258	9822	10781	6968	5420	4473	2024	1367	209	72	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1970	0	8847	20073	17739	11234	3301	4367	2172	1462	182	120	41	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1971	0	73	1043	12275	8055	5107	6338	1636	1311	1254	981	260	93	53	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1972	0	185	1289	12479	7845	1747	2221	830	723	872	2073	1314	837	658	223	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1973	0	281	1783	16469	10536	4130	5081	1079	674	215	106	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1974	0	167	1135																				

## Appendix B - The Statistical Catch-at-Age Model

The text following sets out the equations and other general specifications of the SCAA followed by details of the contributions to the (penalised) log-likelihood function from the different sources of data available and assumptions concerning the stock-recruitment relationship. Quasi-Newton minimization is then applied to minimize the total negative log-likelihood function to estimate parameter values (the package AD Model Builder™ (Fournier *et al.*, 2011) is used for this purpose). The description below includes more options than used in this paper, but they have been included here for completeness as they may be used in later extensions.

### B.1. Population dynamics

#### B.1.1 Numbers-at-age

The resource dynamics are modelled by the following set of population dynamics equations:

$$N_{y+1,1} = R_{y+1} \quad (\text{B1})$$

$$N_{y+1,a+1} = \left( N_{y,a} e^{-M_a/2} - \sum_f C_{y,a}^f \right) e^{-M_a/2} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq a \leq m-2 \quad (\text{B2})$$

$$N_{y+1,m} = \left( N_{y,m-1} e^{-M_{m-1}/2} - \sum_f C_{y,m-1}^f \right) e^{-M_{m-1}/2} + \left( N_{y,m} e^{-M_m/2} - \sum_f C_{y,m}^f \right) e^{-M_m/2} \quad (\text{B3})$$

where

$N_{y,a}$  is the number of fish of age  $a$  at the start of year  $y$  (which refers to a calendar year),

$R_y$  is the recruitment (number of 1-year-old fish) at the start of year  $y$ ,

$M_a$  denotes the natural mortality rate for fish of age  $a$ ,

$C_{y,a}^f$  is the predicted number of fish of age  $a$  caught in year  $y$  by fleet  $f$ , and

$m$  is the maximum age considered (taken to be a plus-group).

#### B.1.2. Recruitment

The number of recruits (i.e. new 1-year olds) at the start of year  $y$  is assumed to be related to the spawning stock size (i.e. the biomass of mature fish) at the mid-point of the preceding year by either a modified Ricker or a Beverton-Holt stock-recruitment relationship, allowing for annual fluctuation about the deterministic relationship:

for the modified Ricker:

$$R_y = \alpha B_{y-1}^{\text{sp}} \exp \left[ -\beta \left( B_{y-1}^{\text{sp}} \right)^\gamma \right] e^{(\zeta_y - (\sigma_R)^2)/2} \quad (\text{B4})$$

and for Beverton-Holt:

$$R_y = \frac{\alpha B_{y-1}^{\text{sp}}}{\beta + B_{y-1}^{\text{sp}}} e^{(\zeta_y - (\sigma_R)^2)/2} \quad (\text{B5})$$



where

$\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are spawning biomass-recruitment relationship parameters,

$\zeta_y$  reflects fluctuation about the expected recruitment for year  $y$ , which is assumed to be normally distributed with standard deviation  $\sigma_R$  (which is input in the applications considered here); these residuals are treated as estimable parameters in the model fitting process.

$B_y^{SP}$  is the spawning biomass in year  $y$ , computed as:

$$B_y^{SP} = \sum_{a=0}^m f_{y,a} w_{y,a}^{SP} N_{y,a} e^{-M_a \frac{T^s}{12}} \quad (B6)$$

where spawning for the stocks under consideration is taken to occur  $T^s$  months after the start of the year (here  $T^s = 6$ ) and some natural mortality has therefore occurred,

$w_{y,a}^{SP}$  is the mass of fish of age  $a$  during spawning, and

$f_{y,a}$  is the proportion of fish of age  $a$  that are mature.

### B.1.3. Total catch and catches-at-age

The total catch by mass in year  $y$  is given by:

$$C_y = \sum_f \sum_{a=0}^m w_{y,a}^f C_{y,a}^f = \sum_f \sum_{a=0}^m w_{y,a}^f N_{y,a} e^{-M_a/2} S_{y,a}^f F_y^f \quad (B7)$$

where

$w_{y,a}^f$  denotes the mass of fish of age  $a$  landed in year  $y$  by fleet  $f$ ,

$C_{y,a}^f$  is the catch-at-age, i.e. the number of fish of age  $a$ , caught in year  $y$  by fleet  $f$ ,

$S_{y,a}^f$  is the commercial selectivity of fleet  $f$  (i.e. combination of availability and vulnerability to fishing gear) at age  $a$  for year  $y$ ; when  $S_{y,a} = 1$ , the age-class  $a$  is said to be fully selected, and

$F_y^f$  is the proportion of a fully selected age class that is fished by fleet  $f$ .

The model estimate of the mid-year exploitable (“available”) component of biomass for fleet  $f$  is calculated by converting the numbers-at-age into mid-year mass-at-age (using the individual weights of the landed fish) and applying natural and fishing mortality for half the year:

$$B_y^f = \sum_{a=0}^m w_{y,a}^f S_{y,a}^f N_{y,a} e^{-M_a/2} (1 - S_{y,a}^f F_y^f / 2) \quad (B8)$$

### B.1.4. Initial conditions

For the first year ( $y_0$ ) considered in the model, the numbers-at-age are estimated directly for ages 1 to  $a^{est}$ , with a parameter  $\phi$  which mimicking recent average fishing mortality for ages above  $a^{est}$ , i.e.

$$N_{y_0,a} = N_{start,a} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq a \leq a^{est} \quad (B9)$$

and

$$N_{start,a} = N_{start,a-1} e^{-M_{a-1}} (1 - \phi S_{a-1}) \quad \text{for } a^{est} < a \leq m-1 \quad (B10)$$

$$N_{\text{start},m} = N_{\text{start},m-1} e^{-M_{m-1}} (1 - \phi S_{m-1}) / (1 - e^{-M_m} (1 - \phi S_m)) \quad (\text{B11})$$

For the applications considered here however, the population starts at its pre-exploitation equilibrium level ( $K$ ) with an equilibrium age-structure, with:

$$N_{\text{start},1} = K^{sp} \left[ \sum_{a=1}^{m-1} f_{\text{start},a} W_{\text{start},y}^{sp} e^{-\frac{T_s}{12} \sum_{a=1}^{a-1} M_{a'}} + f_{\text{start},m} W_{\text{start},m}^{sp} \frac{e^{-\frac{T_s}{12} \sum_{a=1}^{m-1} M_{a'}}}{1 - e^{-\frac{T_s}{12} M_m}} \right] \quad (\text{B12})$$

## B.2. The (penalised) likelihood function

The model can be fit to (a subset of) CPUE, and commercial catch-at-age or catch-at-length data to estimate model parameters (which may include residuals about the stock-recruitment function, facilitated through the incorporation of a penalty function described below). Contributions by each of these to the negative of the (penalised) log-likelihood ( $-\ln L$ ) are as follows.

### B.2.1 CPUE relative abundance data

The likelihood is calculated assuming that an observed CPUE index for a particular fishing fleet is log-normally distributed about its expected value:

$$I_y^i = \hat{I}_y^i \exp(\varepsilon_y^i) \quad \text{or} \quad \varepsilon_y^i = \ln(I_y^i) - \ln(\hat{I}_y^i) \quad (\text{B13})$$

where

$I_y^i$  is the CPUE biomass or abundance index for year  $y$  for gear/flag combination  $i$ ,

$\hat{I}_y^i = \hat{q}^i \sum_{a=1}^m w_{y,a}^i S_{y,a}^i N_{y,a} e^{-M_a/2} (1 - S_{y,a}^i F_y^i / 2)$  is the corresponding model estimate of biomass or

$\hat{I}_y^f = \hat{q}^f \sum_{a=1}^m S_{y,a}^f N_{y,a} e^{-M_a/2} (1 - S_{y,a}^f F_y^f / 2)$  is the corresponding model estimate of abundance,

$\hat{q}^i$  is the constant of proportionality (catchability) for the CPUE series, and

$\varepsilon_y^i$  from  $N(0, (\sigma_y^i)^2)$ .

The contribution of the CPUE data to the negative of the log-likelihood function (after removal of constants) is then given by:

$$-\ln L^{\text{CPUE}} = \sum_y \left\{ \ln \left( \sqrt{(\sigma_y^i)^2 + (\sigma_{\text{Add}}^i)^2} \right) + \frac{(\varepsilon_y^i)^2}{2[(\sigma_y^i)^2 + (\sigma_{\text{Add}}^i)^2]} \right\} \quad (\text{B14})$$

where

$\sigma_y^i$  is the standard deviation of the residuals for the logarithm of index  $i$  in year  $y$  (which is input), and

$\sigma_{\text{Add}}^i$  is the square root of the additional variance for the CPUE series, which can be estimated in the model fitting procedure but has been set to zero in the applications considered here.

The catchability coefficient  $q^i$  for CPUE index  $i$  is estimated by its maximum likelihood value:

$$\ln \hat{q}^i = 1/n_i \sum_y \left( \ln I_y^i - \ln \hat{B}_y^{\text{ex}} \right) \quad (\text{B15})$$

The model is fit to the following abundance index series (see Table A4):

- 1) Mor&Sp\_Trap: Moroccan and Spanish (combined) trap
- 2) SpBB: Spanish bait boat
- 3) SpBB\_hist: Spanish historical series for baitboat in the Bay of Biscay
- 4) JPLL\_EastMed: Japanese longline fishery in the east Atlantic (south of 40N) and Mediterranean
- 5) NorPS: Norwegian purse seine from Task II
- 6) JPLL\_NEA: Japanese longline fishery in the Northeast Atlantic (north of 40N)

Note that for the applications considered here, selectivity at age  $S_{y,a}^f$  is year-invariant over the period for which values of the index are available. More complex formulations are necessary should selectivity-at-age change over that period.

### B.2.3. Commercial catches-at-age

The contribution of the catch-at-age data to the negative of the log-likelihood function under the assumption of an “adjusted” lognormal error distribution is given by:

$$-\ln L^{\text{CAA}} = w_{\text{CAA}} \sum_f \sum_y \sum_a \left[ \ln \left( \sigma_{\text{com}}^f / \sqrt{p_{y,a}^f} \right) + p_{y,a}^f \left( \ln p_{y,a}^f - \ln \hat{p}_{y,a}^f \right)^2 / 2 \left( \sigma_{\text{com}}^f \right)^2 \right] \quad (\text{B16})$$

where

$p_{y,a}^f = C_{y,a}^f / \sum_{a'} C_{y,a'}^f$  is the observed proportion of fish caught in year  $y$  by fleet  $f$  that are of age  $a$ ,

$\hat{p}_{y,a}^f = \hat{C}_{y,a}^f / \sum_{a'} \hat{C}_{y,a'}^f$  is the model-predicted proportion of fish caught in year  $y$  by fleet  $f$  that are of age  $a$ ,

where

$$\hat{C}_{y,a}^f = N_{y,a} S_{y,a}^f F_y^f e^{-M_a/2} \quad (\text{B17})$$

and

$\sigma_{\text{com}}^f$  is the standard deviation associated with the catch-at-age data, which is estimated in the fitting procedure by:

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\text{com}}^f = \sqrt{\sum_y \sum_a p_{y,a}^f \left( \ln p_{y,a}^f - \ln \hat{p}_{y,a}^f \right)^2 / \sum_y \sum_a 1} \quad (\text{B18})$$

The log-normal error distribution underlying equation (B16) is chosen on the grounds that (assuming no ageing error) variability is likely dominated by a combination of interannual variation in the distribution of fishing effort, and fluctuations (partly as a consequence of such variations) in selectivity-at-age, which suggests that the assumption of a constant coefficient of variation is appropriate. However, for ages poorly represented in the sample, sampling variability considerations must at some stage start to dominate the variance. To take this into account in a simple manner, motivated by binomial distribution properties, the observed proportions are used for weighting so that undue importance is not attached to data based upon a few samples only.

Commercial catches-at-age are incorporated in the likelihood function using equation (B16), for which the summation over age  $a$  is taken from age  $a_{\text{minus}}$  (considered as a minus group) to  $a_{\text{plus}}$  (a plus group).

The  $w_{CAA}$  weighting factor may be set to a value less than 1 to downweight the contribution of the catch-at-age data (which tend to be positively correlated between adjacent ages) to the overall negative log-likelihood compared to that of the CPUE data. Here,  $w_{CAA} = 0.1$

In instance where catch-at-age data corresponding to a particular CPUE index is available, the data are treated in exactly the same manner as described above, with a specific selectivity  $S_a^i$  estimated for that index.

The model is fit to CAA data for each of the five fleets assumed in the model (baitboat, longline, purse seine, traps, other) (see Table A2) and CAA corresponding to the following CPUE series (see Table A5):

- 1) Mor&Sp\_Trap: Moroccan and Spanish (combined) trap
- 2) SpBB\_hist: Spanish historical series for baitboat in the Bay of Biscay
- 3) JPLL\_EastMed: Japanese longline fishery in the east Atlantic (south of 40N) and Mediterranean

#### B.2.4. Commercial catches-at-length

Commercial catches-at-length are incorporated in the likelihood function in the same manner as the catches-at-age. When the model is fit to catches-at-length, selectivity is estimated as a function of length and then converted to selectivity-at-age:

$$S_{y,a}^f = \sum_l S_{y,l}^f A_{a,l} \quad (\text{B19})$$

where  $A_{a,l}$  is the proportion of fish of age  $a$  that fall in the length group  $l$  (i.e.,  $\sum_l A_{a,l} = 1$  for all ages).

The matrix  $A_{a,l}$  is calculated under the assumption that length-at-age is normally distributed about a mean given by the von Bertalanffy equation, i.e.:

$$L_a \sim N\left[L_\infty\left(1 - e^{-\kappa(a-t_o)}\right), \theta_a^2\right] \quad (\text{B20})$$

where

$\theta_a$  is the standard deviation of length-at-age  $a$ , which is modelled to be proportional to the expected length-at-age  $a$ , i.e.:

$$\theta_a = \beta L_\infty \left(1 - e^{-\kappa(a-t_o)}\right) \quad (\text{B21})$$

with  $\beta$  fixed here to 0.2.

Furthermore, in the model fitting to CAL, the weights-at-age used to compute the CPUE indices are weighted by the selectivity for the corresponding fleet:

$$\tilde{w}_{y,a}^i = \sum_l S_{y,l}^f w_l A_{a,l} / S_{a,l}^i \quad (\text{B22})$$

$\tilde{w}_{y,a}^i$  is the selectivity-weighted mid-year weight-at-age  $a$  for fleet  $f$  and year  $y$ ; and

$w_l$  is the weight of fish of length  $l$ ;

The following term (replacing equation B15) is then added to the negative log-likelihood:

$$-\ln L^{\text{CAL}} = w_{\text{len}} \sum_f \sum_y \sum_l \left[ \ln\left(\sigma_{\text{len}}^f / \sqrt{p_{y,l}^f}\right) + p_{y,l}^f \left( \ln p_{y,l}^f - \ln \hat{p}_{y,l}^f \right)^2 / 2 \left( \sigma_{\text{len}}^f \right)^2 \right] \quad (\text{B23})$$

The  $w_{len}$  weighting factor may be set to a value less than 1 to downweight the contribution of the catch-at-length data (which tend to be positively correlated between adjacent length groups) to the overall negative log-likelihood compared to that of the CPUE data. Here,  $w_{len} = 0.05$

The model is fit to CAL data for each of the five fleet assumed in the model (baitboat, longline, purse seine, traps, other) (see Table A3) and CAL corresponding to the following CPUE series (see Table A6):

- 1) Mor&Sp\_Trap: Moroccan and Spanish (combined) trap
- 2) SpBB\_hist: Spanish historical series for baitboat in the Bay of Biscay
- 3) JPLL\_EastMed: Japanese longline fishery in the east Atlantic (south of 40N) and Mediterranean

### ***B.2.5. Stock-recruitment function residuals***

The stock-recruitment residuals are assumed to be log-normally distributed. Thus, the contribution of the recruitment residuals to the negative of the (now penalised) log-likelihood function is given by:

$$-\ln L^{\text{pen}} = \sum_{y=y_1+1}^{y_2} \left[ \zeta_y^2 / 2\sigma_R^2 \right] \quad (\text{B24})$$

where

$\zeta_y$  is the recruitment residual for year  $y$ , which is estimated for year  $y_1$  to  $y_2$  (see equation (B4)),

$\sigma_R$  is the standard deviation of the log-residuals, which is input (here  $\sigma_R=0.4$ ).

### ***B.3. Estimation of precision***

Where quoted, 95% probability interval estimates are based on the Hessian.

### ***B.4. Model parameters***

The model input parameters are given in Table B1.

**Table B1:** Input parameters (units are gm, cm and year as appropriate) (Length-weight, von Bertalanffy growth, maturity and natural mortality at age to age 15 from ICCAT, 2010).

Model plus group	25															
Length-weight	$a=0.0000295, b=2.899$															
Von Bertalanffy growth	$K=0.093, L_{\infty}=319, t_0=-0.97$															
Maturity-at-age	50% maturity at age 4, 100% maturity at age 5															
Natural mortality	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10-15	16	17	18	19	20+	
Increasing $M$ for 15+	0.49	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.20	0.18	0.15	0.13	0.10	0.25	0.40	0.55	0.70	0.85	
Flat $M$ for 15+	0.49	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.20	0.18	0.15	0.13	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	
Stock-recruitment	Beverton-Holt, $b=0.98, \sigma_{\bar{R}}=0.4$															

#### B.4.2. Fishing selectivity

For SCAA, the commercial fishing selectivities-at-age,  $S_{y,a}^f$ , are estimated separately for ages  $a_{\text{minus}}$  to  $a_{\text{plus}}$ . The selectivity is assumed to stay flat after  $a_{\text{plus}}$  if not otherwise specified. The selectivity is unchanged over a period, but can differ for each of specified different periods.

For SCAL, fishing selectivities-at-length are estimated rather than selectivities-at-age. These are estimated separately every 10 cm from  $l_{\text{minus}}$  to  $l_{\text{plus}}$ , assuming linear changes from the lowest to the highest length in each 10 cm group. The selectivity is assumed to stay flat after  $l_{\text{plus}}$  if not otherwise specified. The selectivity can differ over fixed periods. Details of the fishing selectivities used for both SCAA and SCAL are shown in Table B2.

Because of otherwise particularly large residuals at low ages in the fit to the trap CAA, the selectivity for age 2 (and for length 40cm in the SCAL model) has been estimated separately for the years 1950, 1951, 1985, 1986 and 1994.

A penalty is added to the total  $-\ell \mathbf{n} L$  to smooth the selectivities by penalising deviations from straight line dependence (the choice of a weighting of  $w_{\text{Smooth}} = 3$  for the analyses of this paper was made empirically):

$$pen^{\text{Sel}} = \sum_f \sum_L w_{\text{Smooth}} (S_{L-1}^f - 2S_L^f + S_{L+1}^f)^2 \quad (\text{B19})$$

Table B2: Details of the selectivities estimated.

	Fitting to CAA			Fitting to CAL			Comments
	$a_{min}$ (yr)	$a_{phi}$ (yr)	Number of parameters estimated	$l_{min}$ (cm)	$l_{phi}$ (cm)	Number of parameters estimated	
Commercial fleet:							
Bait boat	1	10	9x2	60	160	10x2	Two selectivity periods: 1950-1964, 1965-2009
Longline	1	20	14x2	70	250	18x2	Two selectivity periods: 1950-1969-1970-2009. $S=1$ for age 15+ /length 250cm+ in the case of increasing $M$ from age 15
Purse seine	1	16	15	40	170	13	
Traps	2	18	16	40	250	19	$S a_{min}/l_{min}$ estimated separately for years 1950, 1951, 1985, 1986, 1994
Other	1	17	16x2	30	200	17x2	Two selectivity periods: 1950-1966, 1967-2009
CPUE indices:							
Mot&Sp_Trap	5	10	5	140	260	12	
SpBB			-			-	Selectivity same as bait boat fleet
SpBB_hist	1	8	7	60	160	10	
JPLL_EastMed	4	10	6	140	260	12	
NorPS			-			-	Selectivity same as purse seine fleet
JPLL_NEA			-			-	Selectivity same as longline fleet