

# Global warming changes the species richness of marine fish in the eastern North Atlantic Ocean

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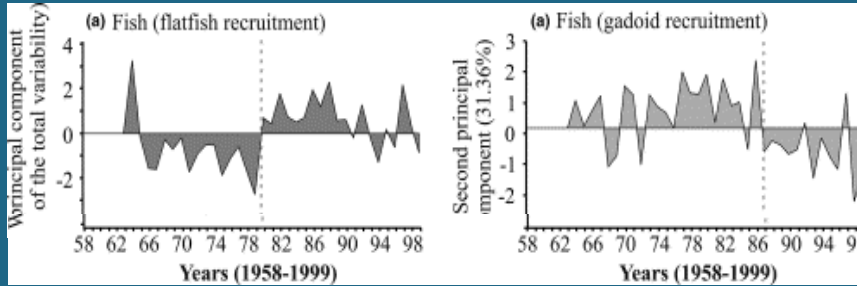
# Global warming

An inconvenient truth

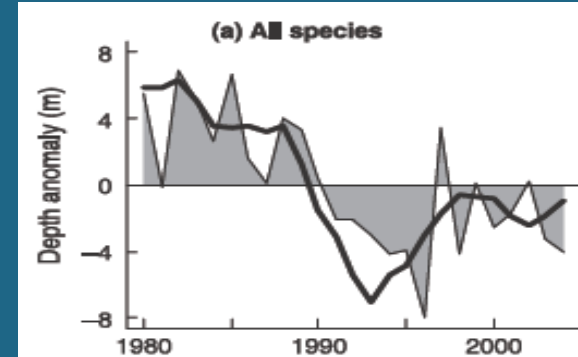


# Effects of global warming on fish

Dulvy *et al* 2008

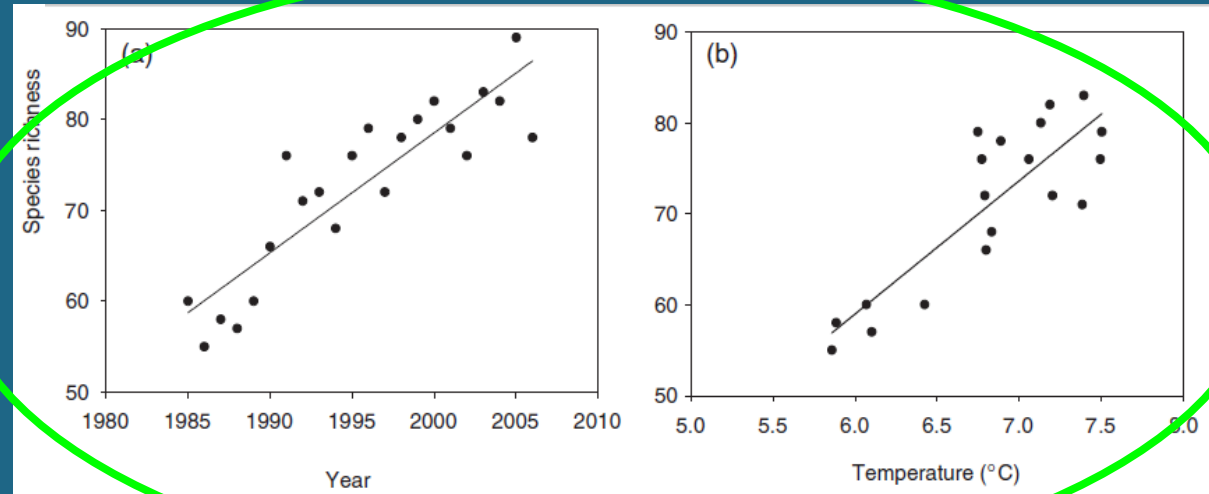


Beaugrand 2004



International Symposium  
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Climate Change Effects  
on Fish and Fisheries:

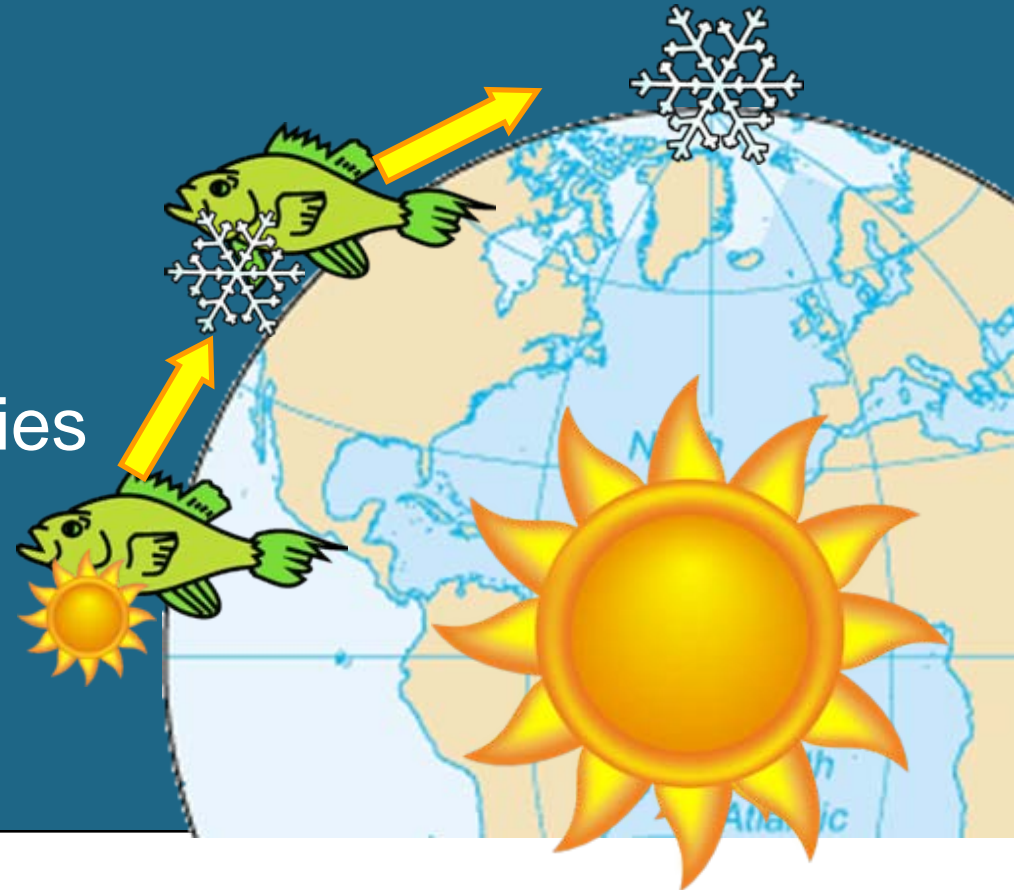


Hiddink & ter Hofstede 2008

# Shifts in species distribution

Boreal: northerly species  
(cold-favouring)

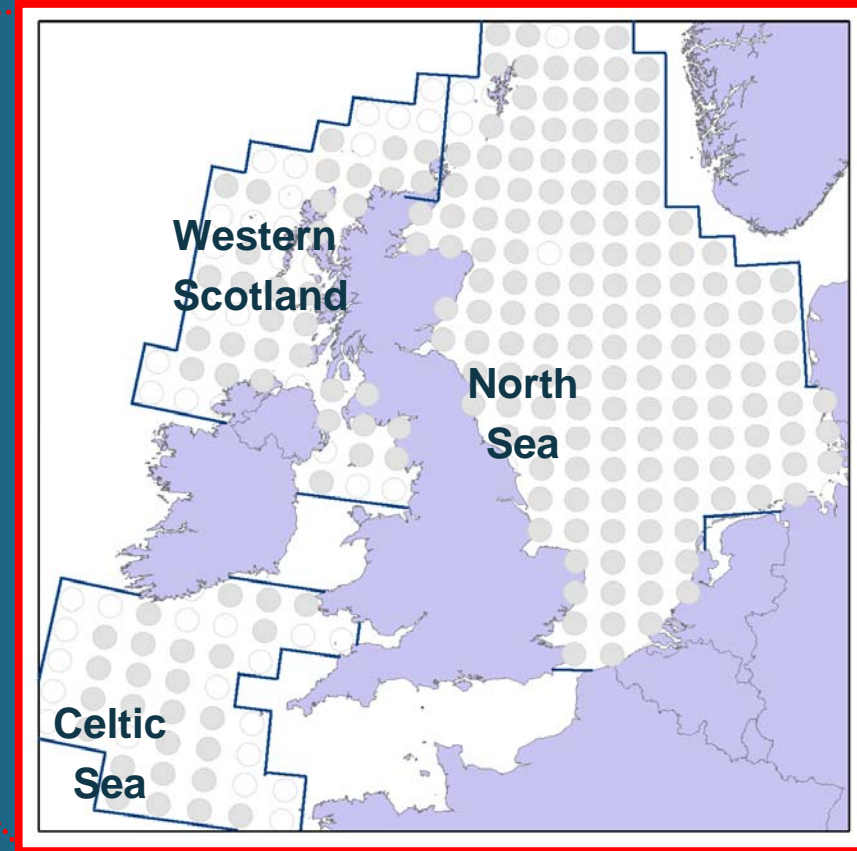
Lusitanian: southerly species  
(warm-favouring)



# Objectives



- regional warming?
- effect on species richness?
- relation with biogeography?



# Data

## Warming:

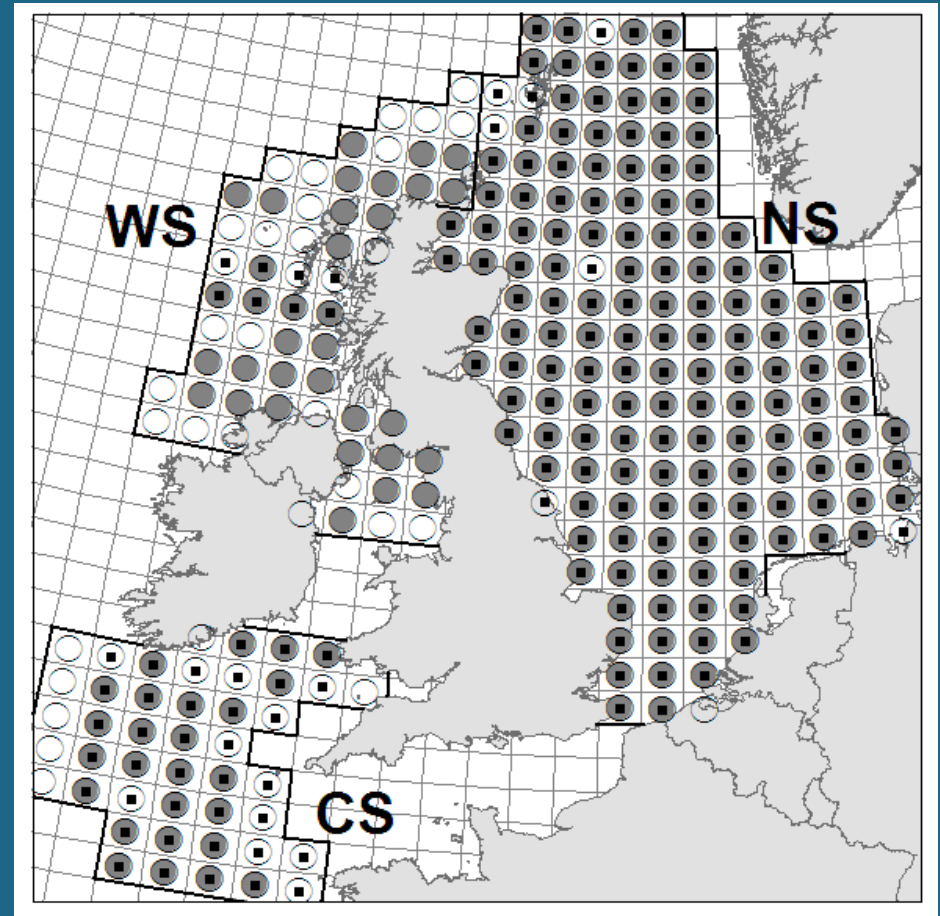
bottom temperature:

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Database and Services*

## Fish:

survey catches

*ICES-DATRAS*





# ICES bottom trawl surveys

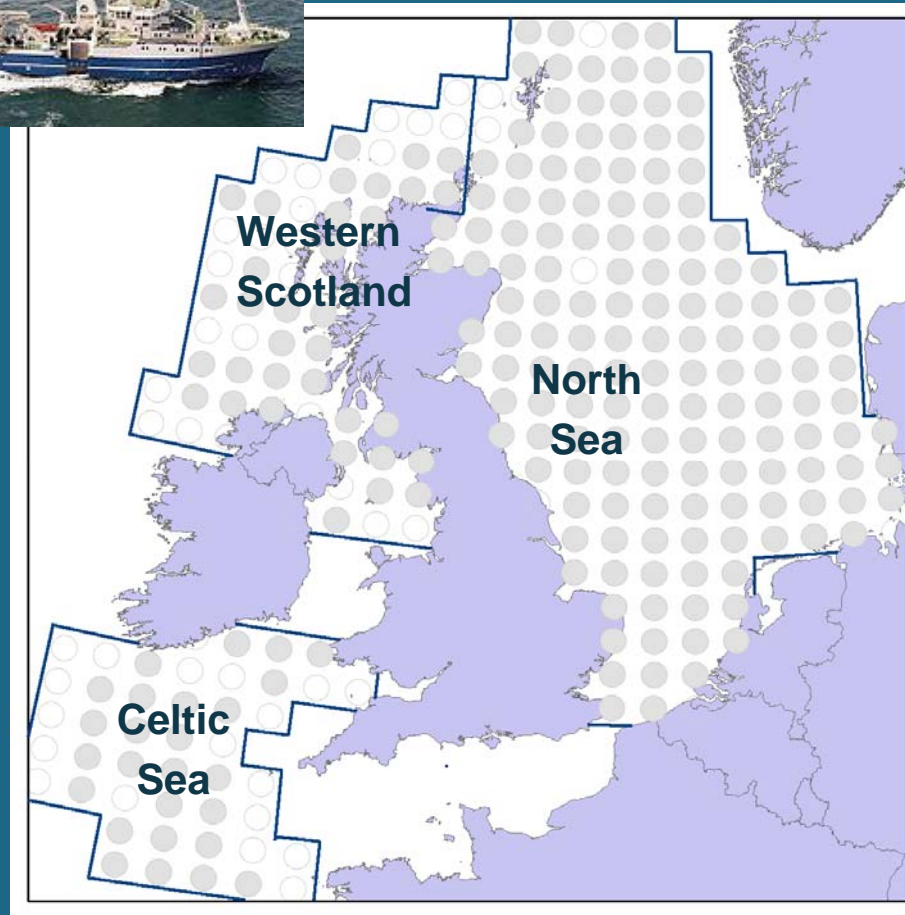
## SWGf

Scottish Western  
Division  
Groundfish Survey



## EVHOE

French Groundfish  
Survey



## NSIBTS

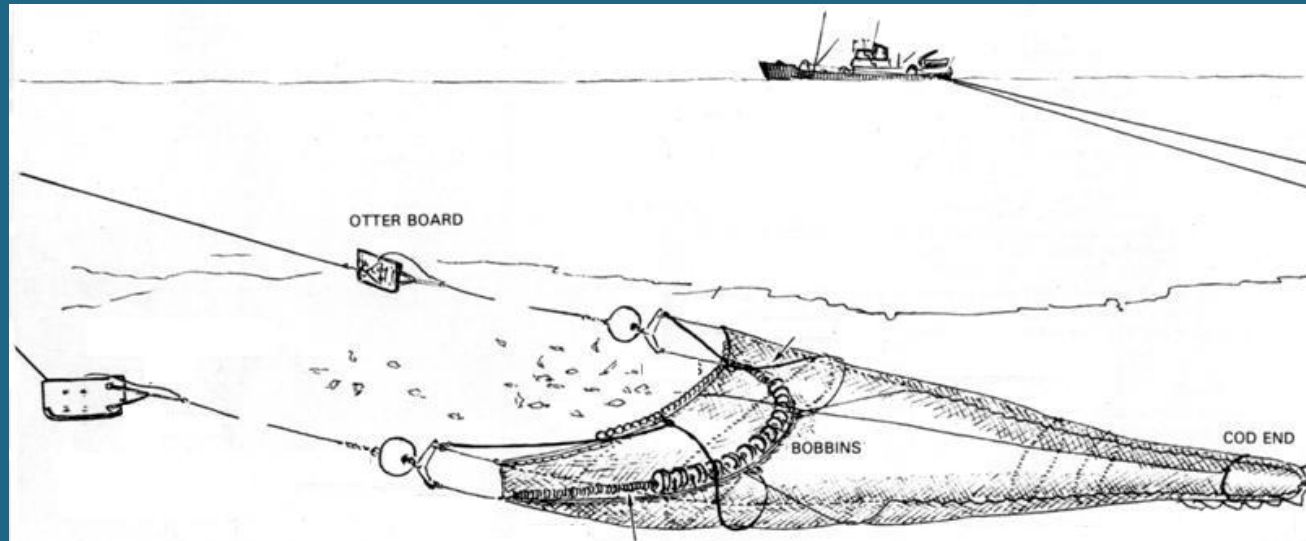
North Sea  
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Bottom Trawl  
Survey



# ICES bottom trawl surveys

GOV-trawl (Grand Ouverture Verticale):

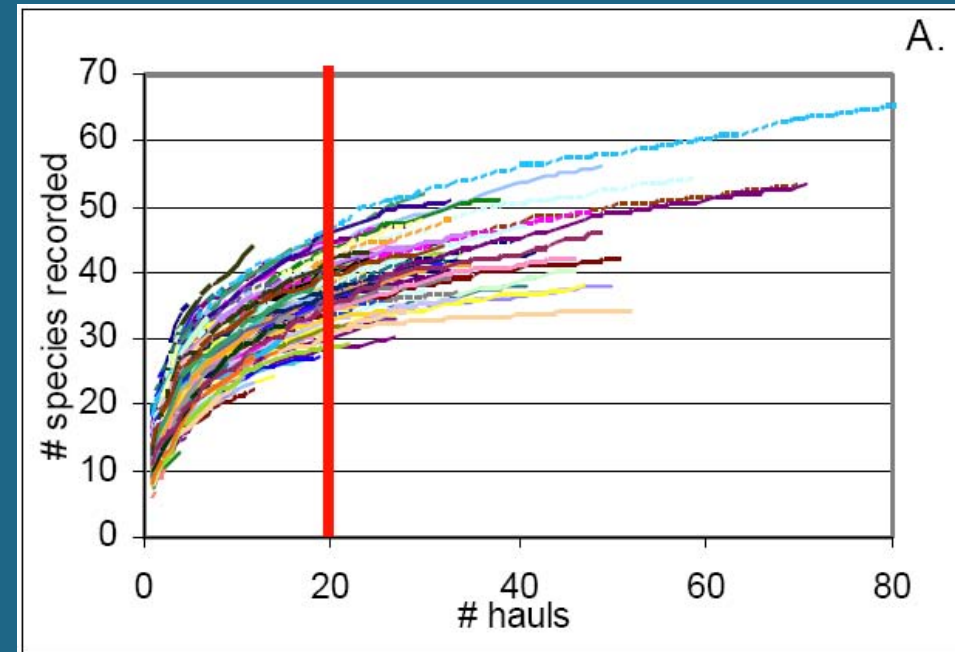
- semi-pelagic net
- netopening 30 x 5 m, sweep 70m
- mesh size cod-end 20 mm





# Data treatment

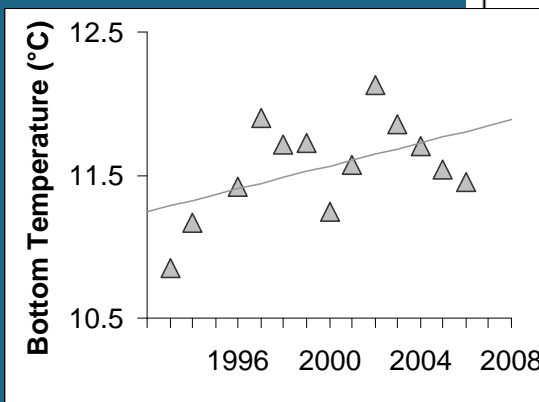
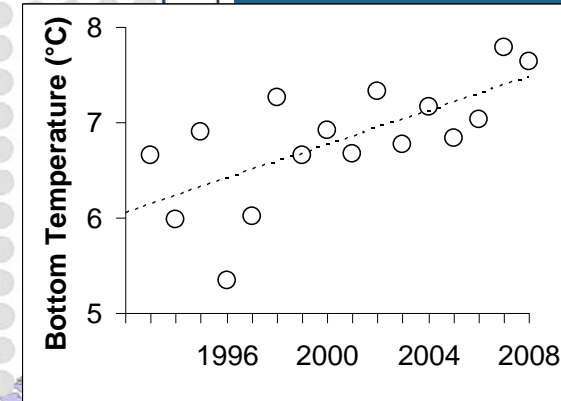
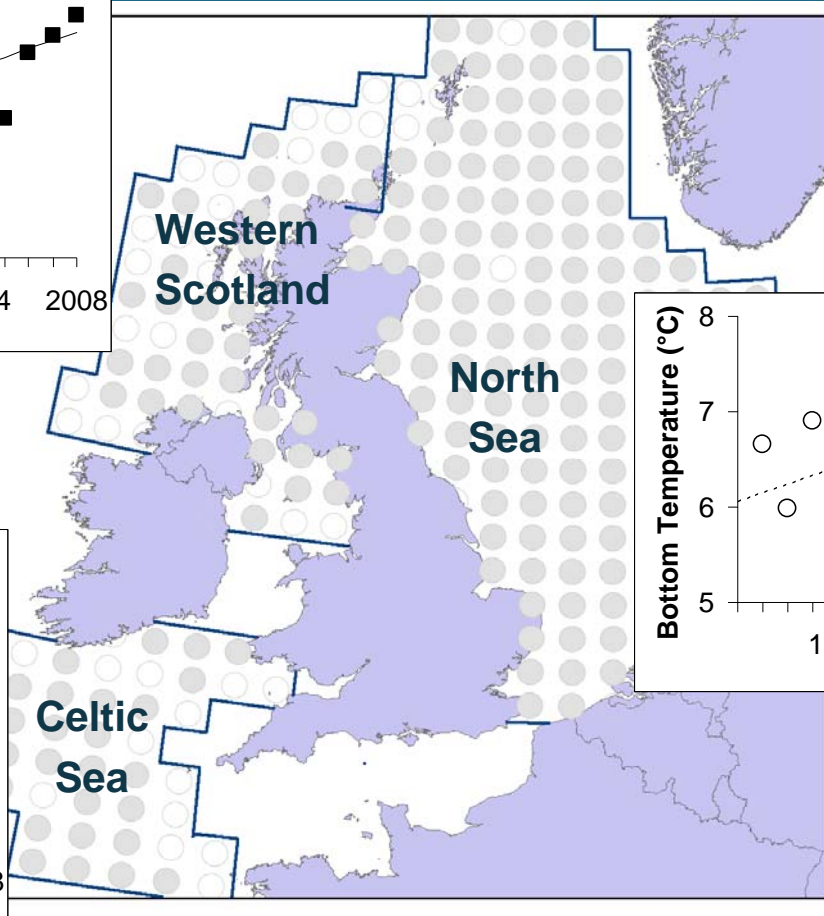
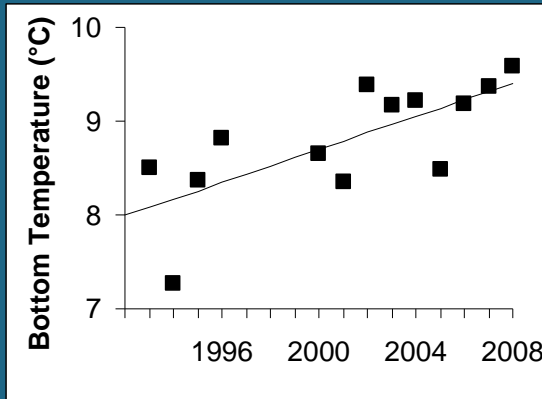
- quality: e.g. taxonomic corrections
- resampling: balance the uneven distribution of hauls



Daan *et al.* (2006)

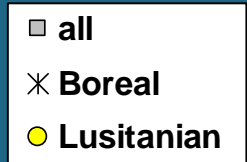
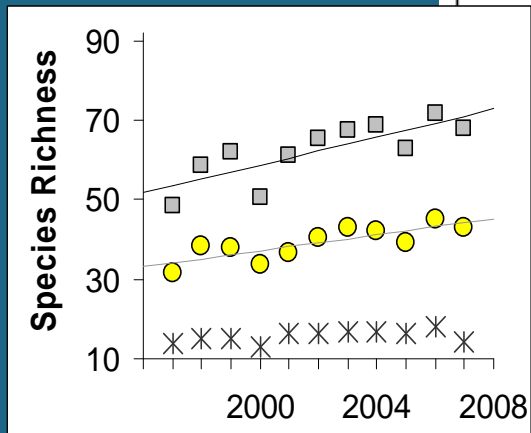
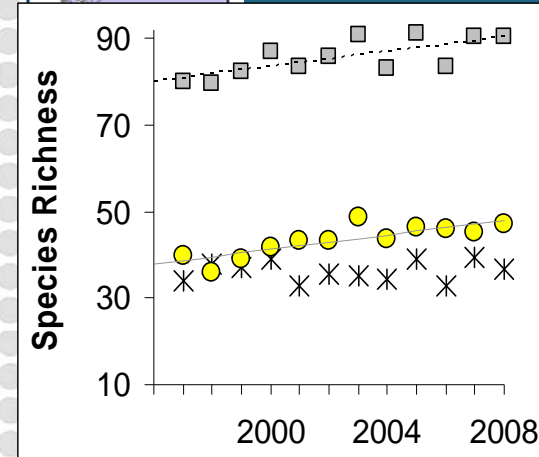
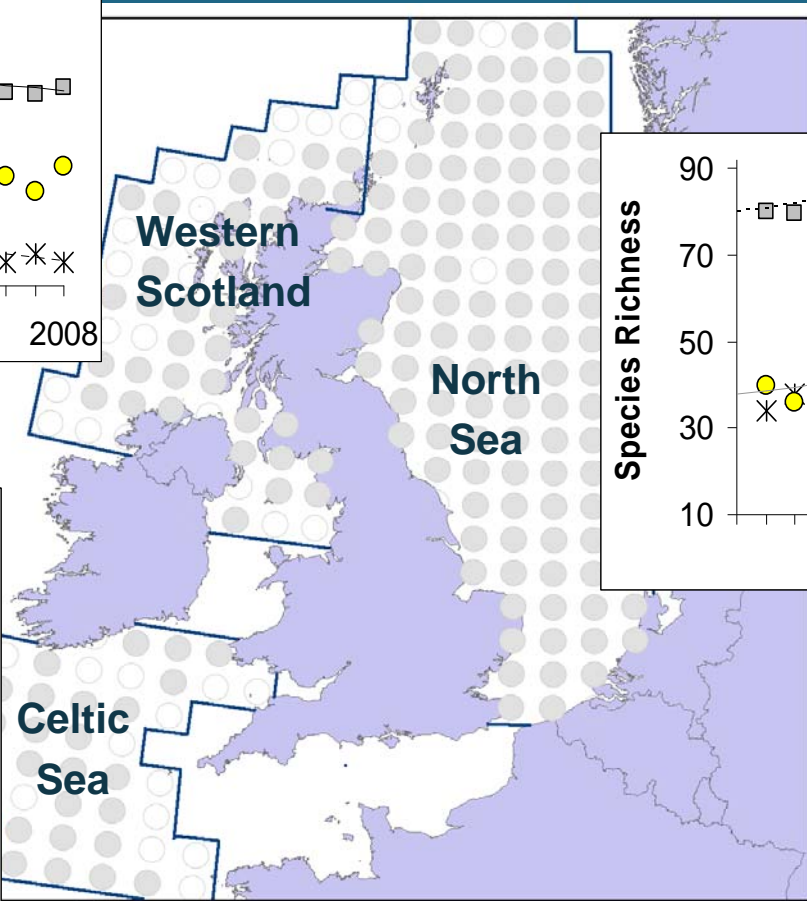
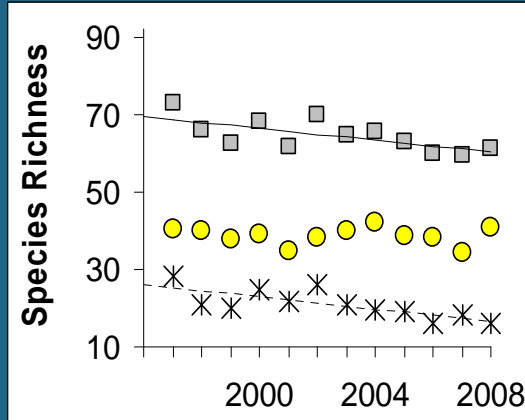
# Increase in bottom temperature

1993-2008



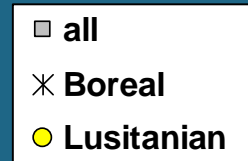
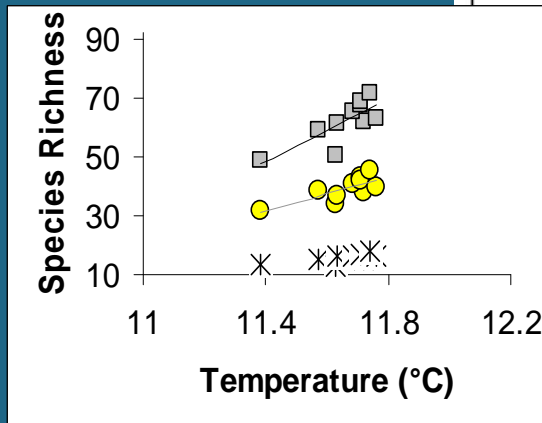
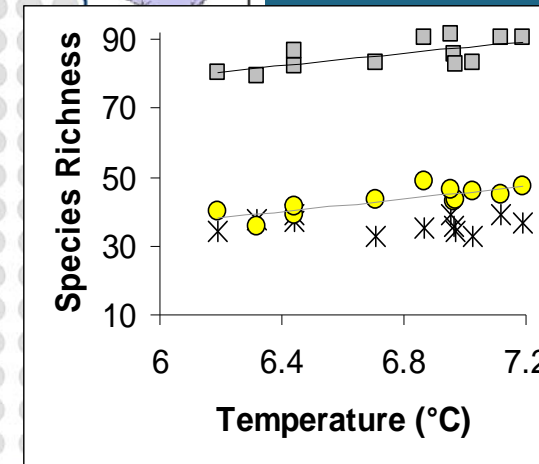
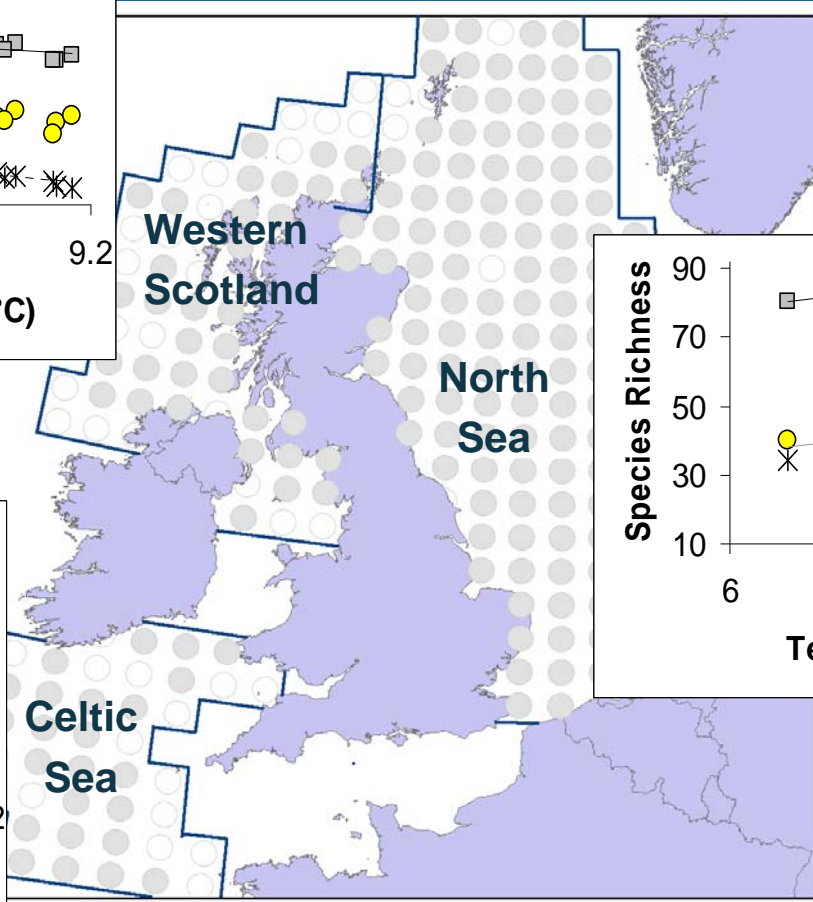
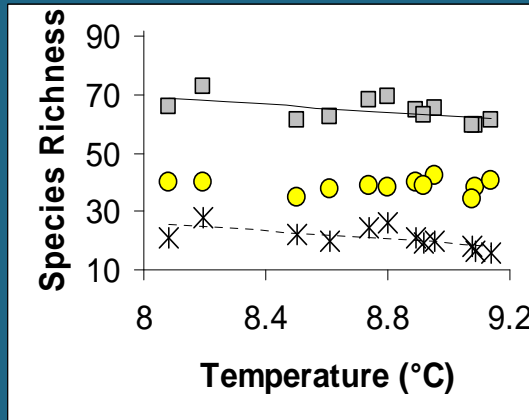
# Change in Species Richness

1997-2008



# Species Richness – Bottom Temperature

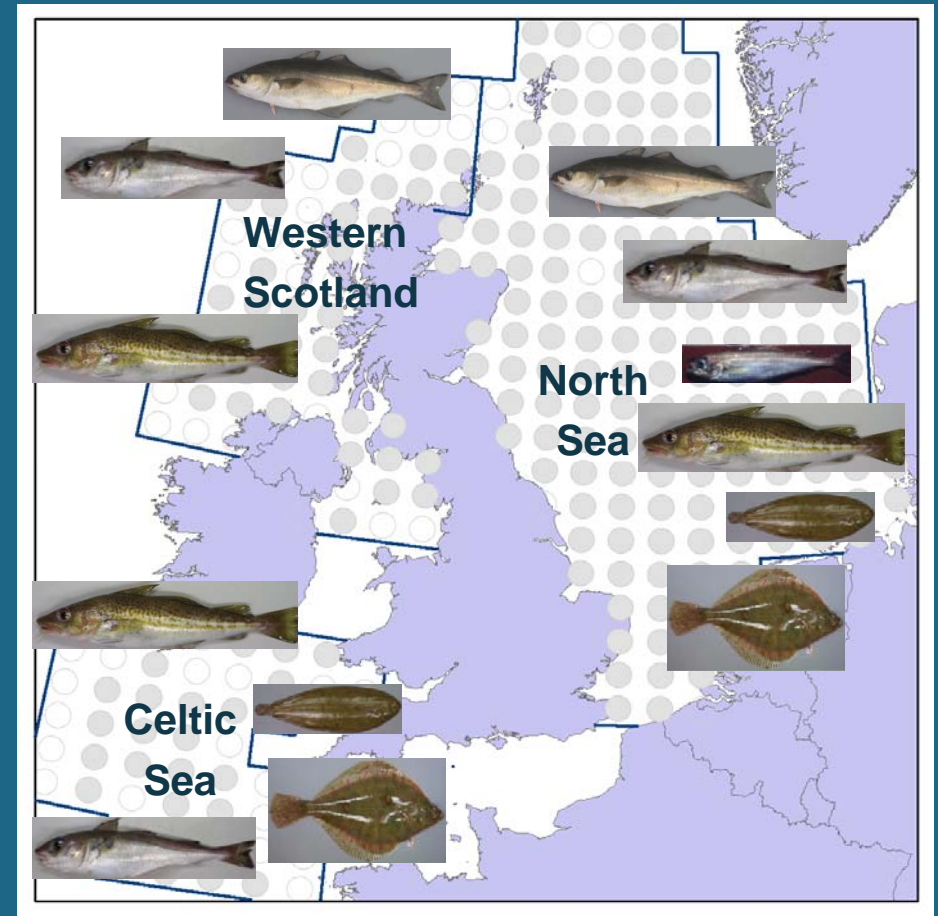
1997-2008



# Fishing effect?

Average fishing mortality  
of main stocks

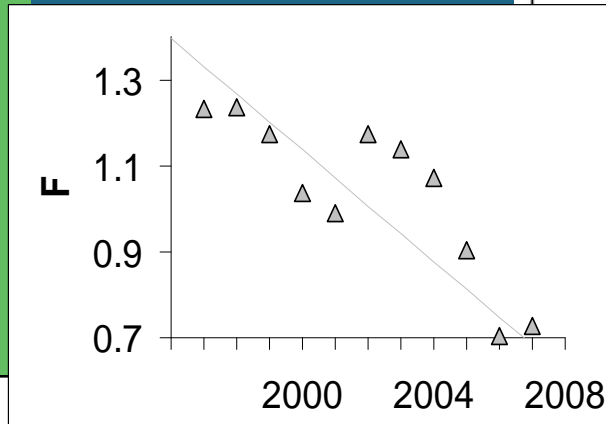
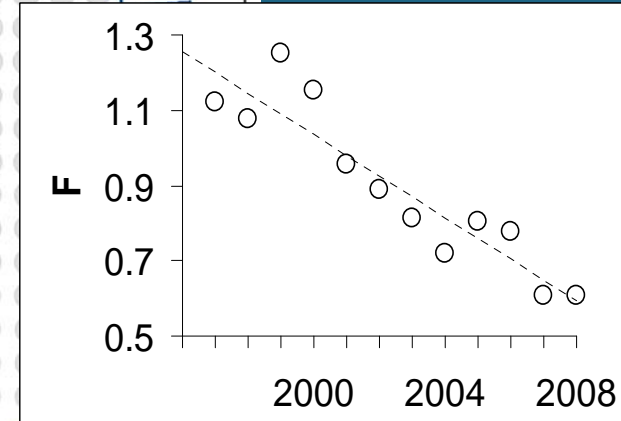
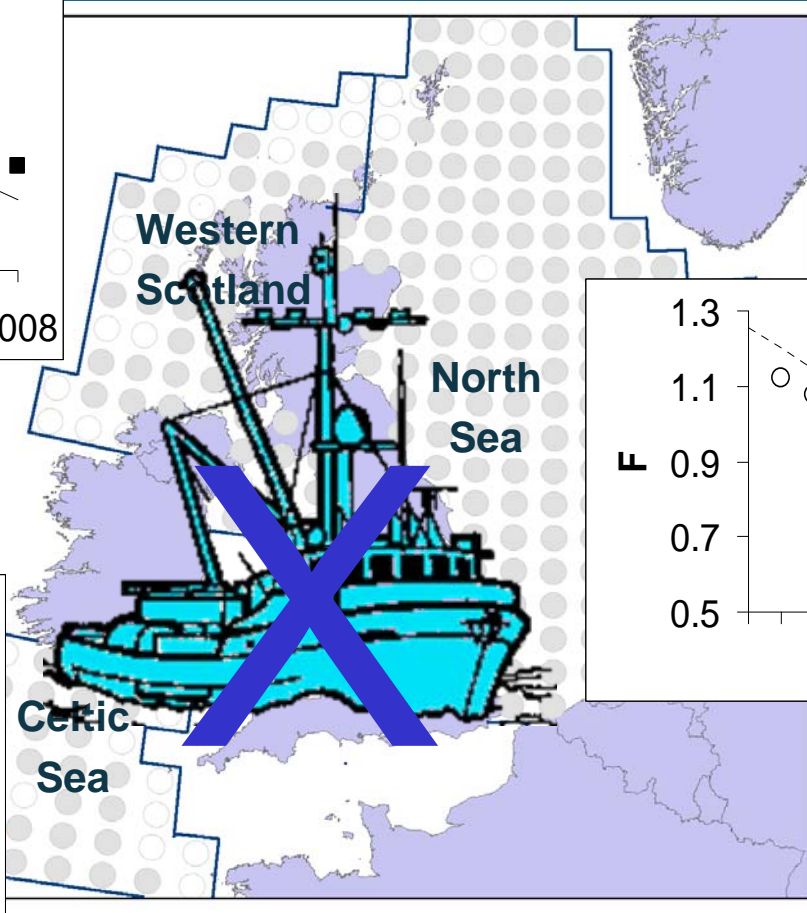
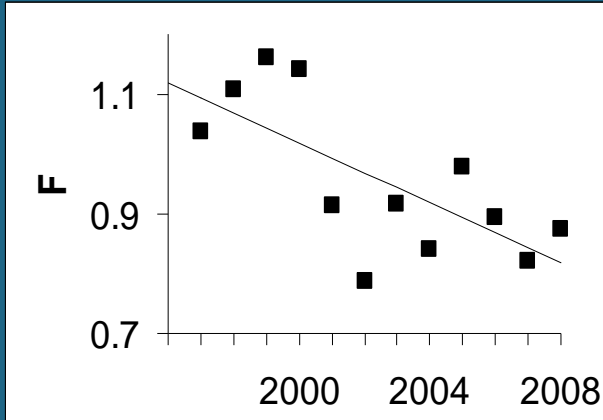
*ICES assessment WG's*





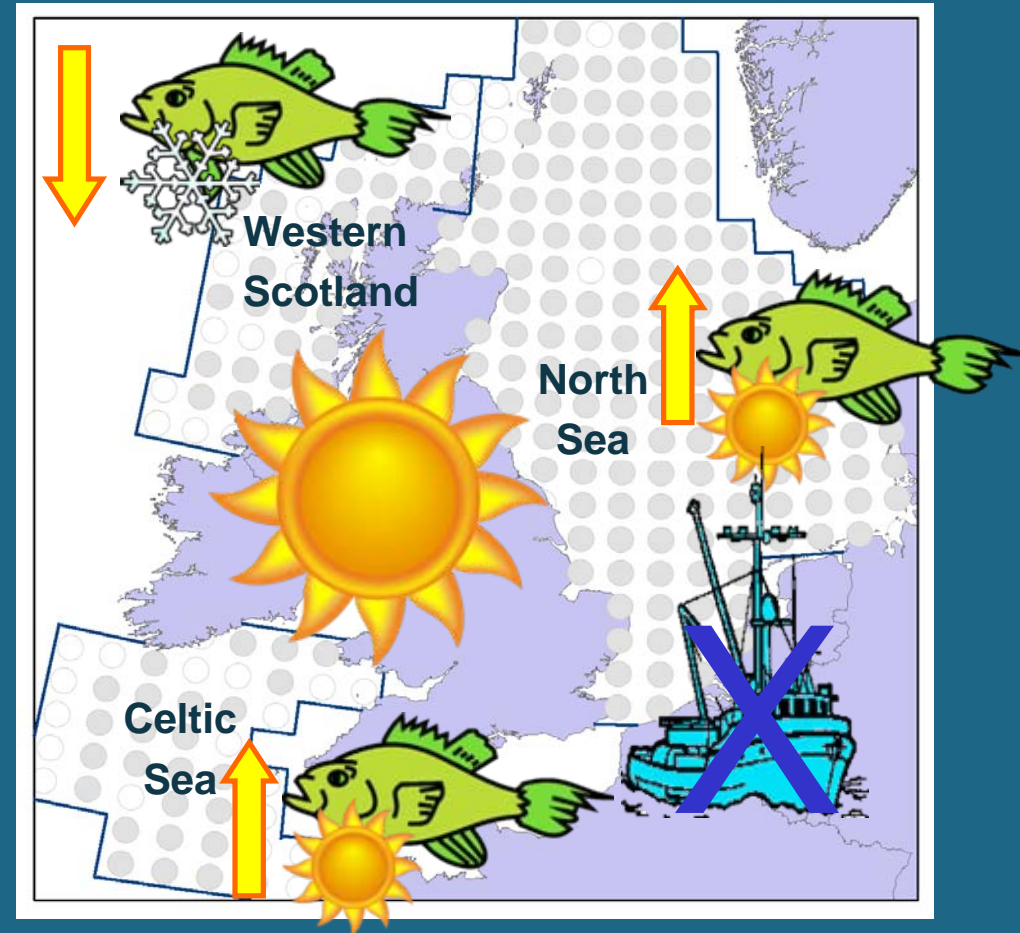
# Decrease in Fishing

1997-2008



# In summary

- Regional warming
- Change in species richness related to biogeography
- No relation to fisheries



# Acknowledgements

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Climate related adaptations of the North Sea ecosystem at the Dutch continental shelf and its potential consequences for spatial planning



## Thank you for your attention

