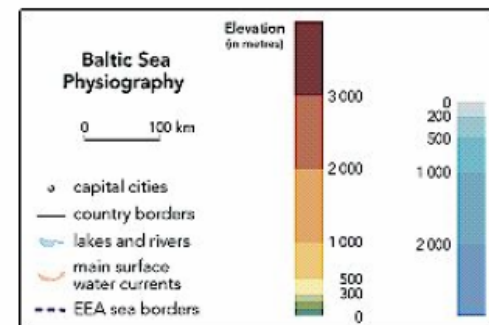


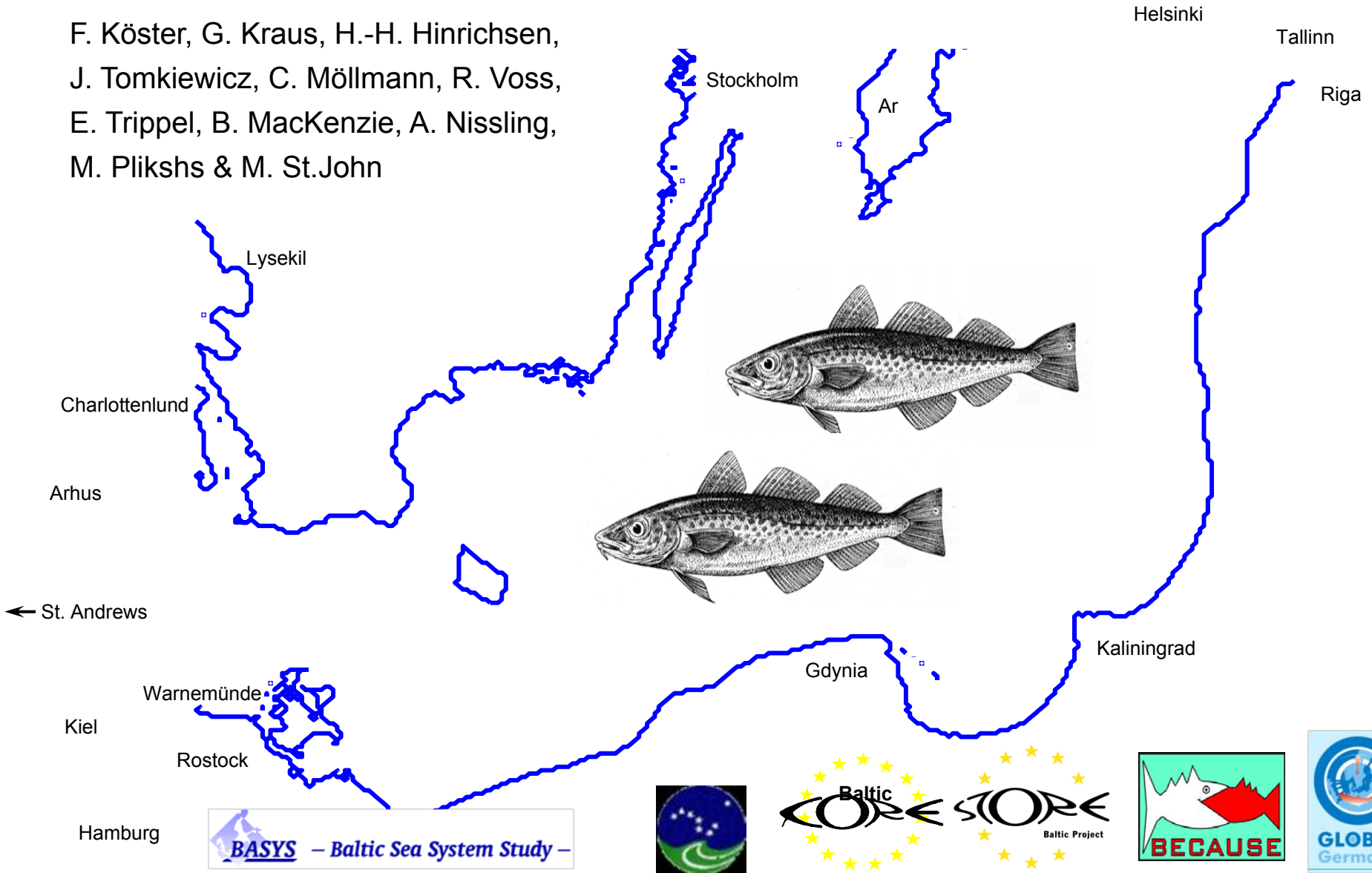


Baltijas jūras centrālās daļas ekosistēmas galveno zivju krājuma stāvoklis un to izmaiņu cēloņi



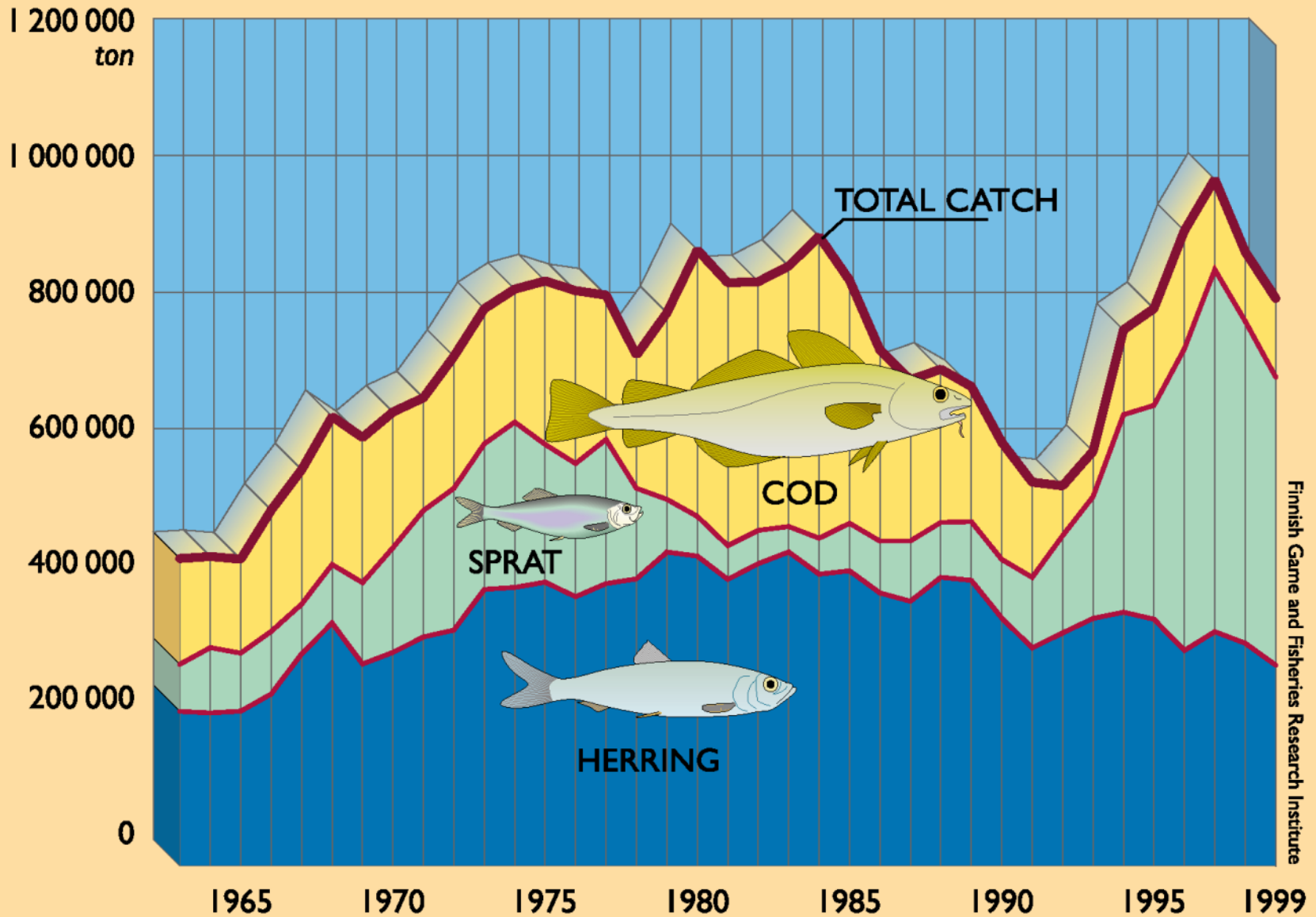
Process-oriented studies of Baltic cod recruitment

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Zivju nozvejas



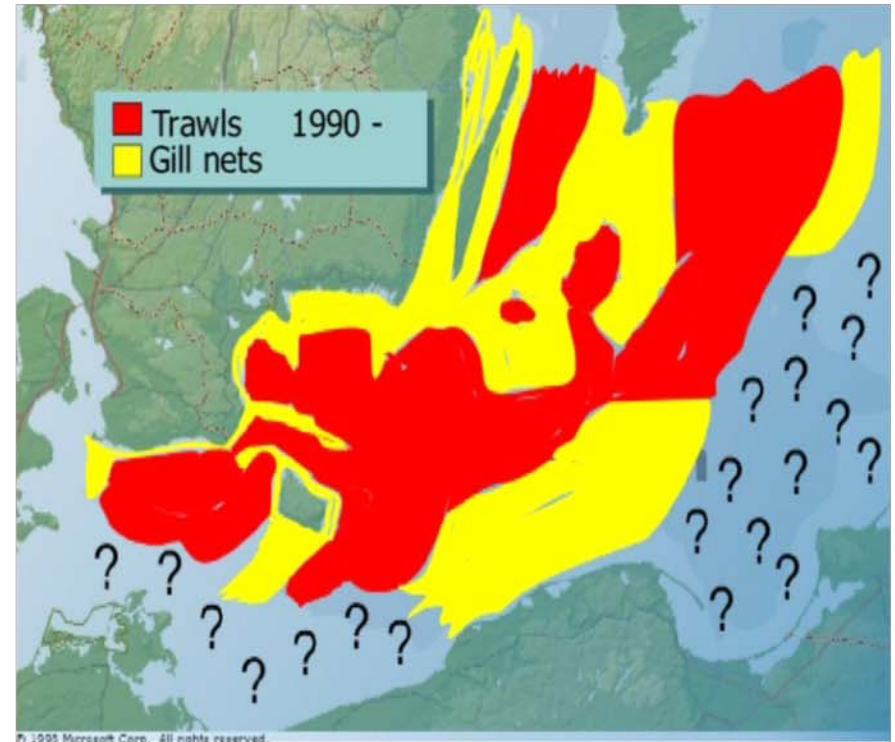
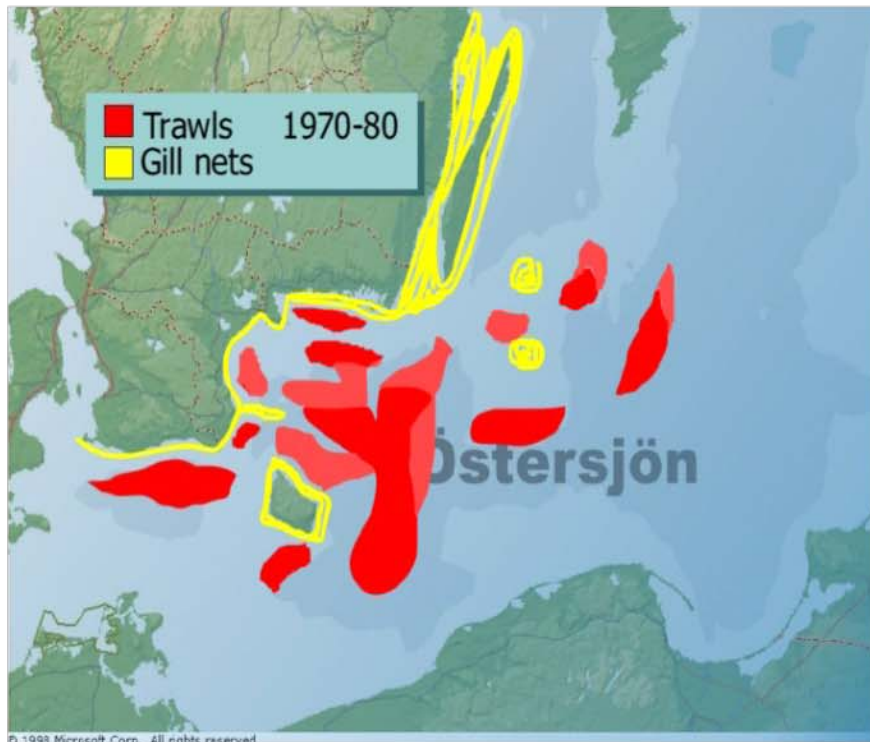


Zivju nozvejas

Changes in fishery....

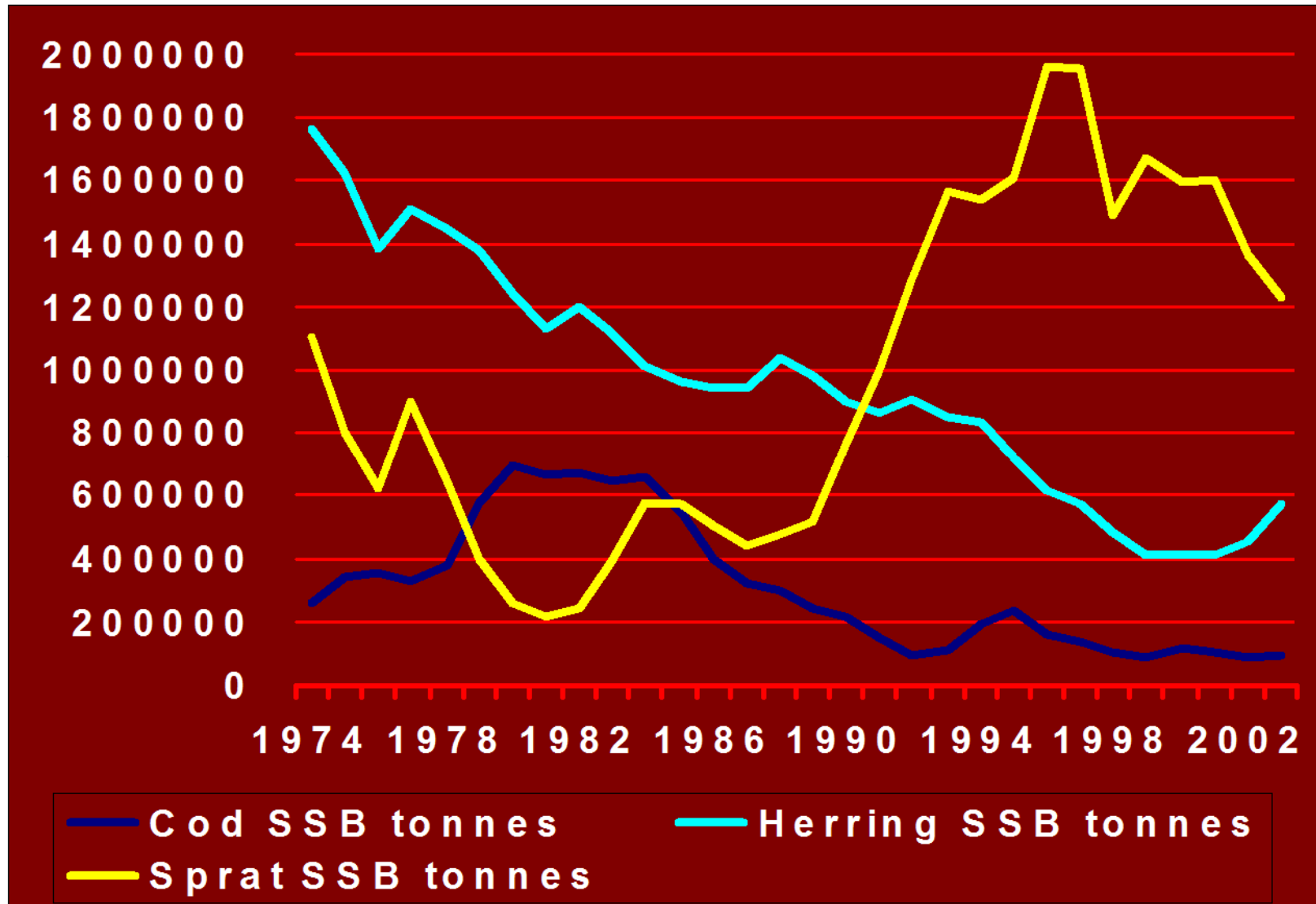
When research and management actions in 1990s were almost completely focused on cod trawl fleet -

Gillnet fishery was expanding and developing!





Zivju nārsta krājuma dinamikas





Mencas loma ekosistēmā

Death in the Baltic Sea ecosystem
in 1980 and 2000 (tonnes)

| | 1980 Herring | 1980 Sprat | 1980 Cod | 2000 Herring | 2000 Sprat | 2000 Cod |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| Yield | 280 000 | 58 000 | 350 000 | 175 000 | 390 000 | 90 000 |
| Eaten by cod | 359 000 | 183 000 | 143 000 | 52 000 | 148 000 | 4 000 |
| Other causes | 356 000 | 62 000 | 83 000 | 202 000 | 286 000 | 47 000 |
| Total | 995 000 | 303 000 | 576 000 | 429 000 | 473 000 | 141 000 |



Mencas loma ekosistēmā

Effects of cod predation in 1980s in the northern Baltic

Other food used by cod (~ 1.5 million tonnes/year)

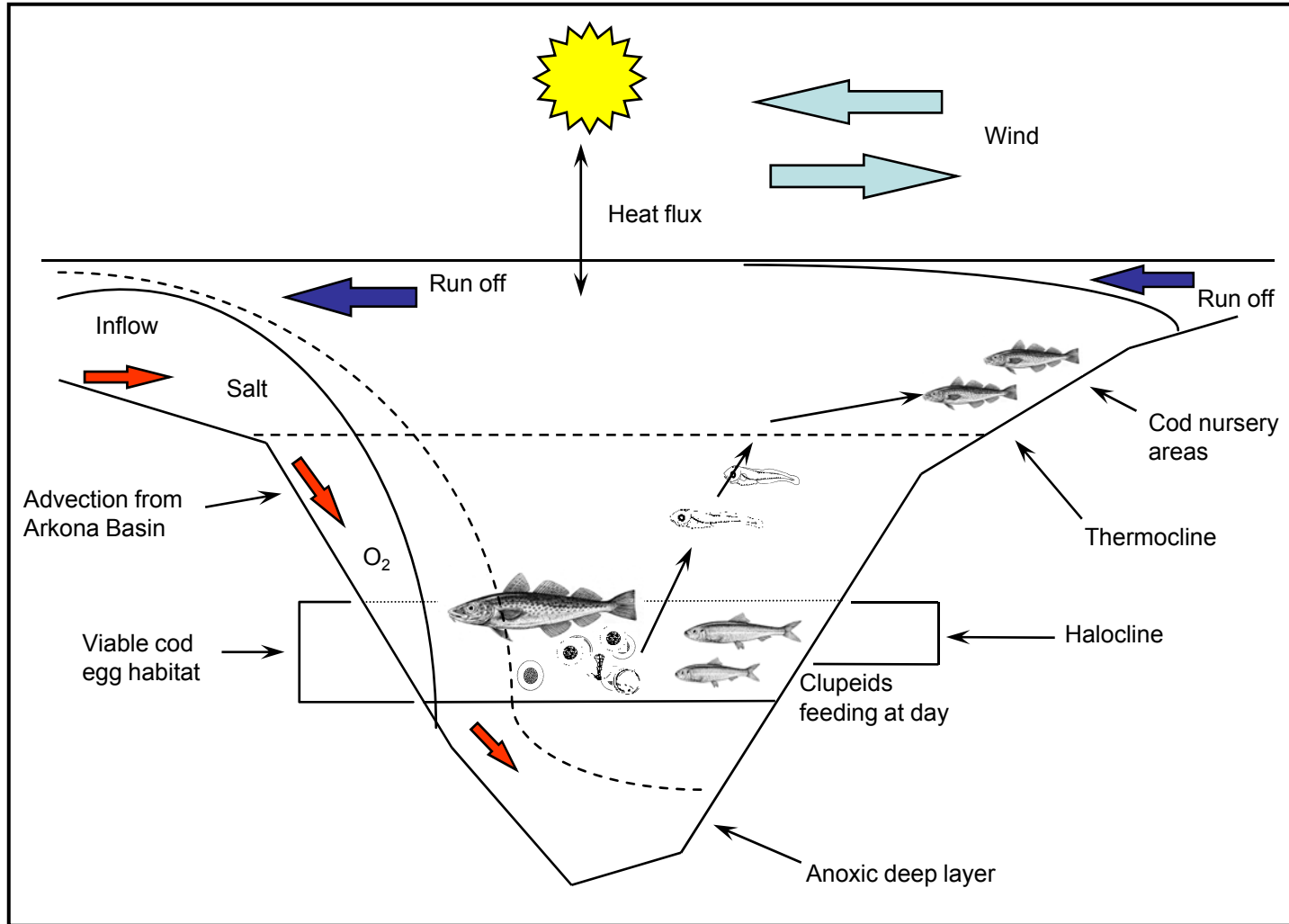
COD IS A VACUUM CLEANER

- Fourhorn sculpin stocks depleted
- Eel-pout stocks depleted
- Sand goby stocks depleted
- Sand eel stocks depleted
- Snakeblenny disappeared
- Butterfish disappeared

- Recovery of these stocks observed in late 1990s



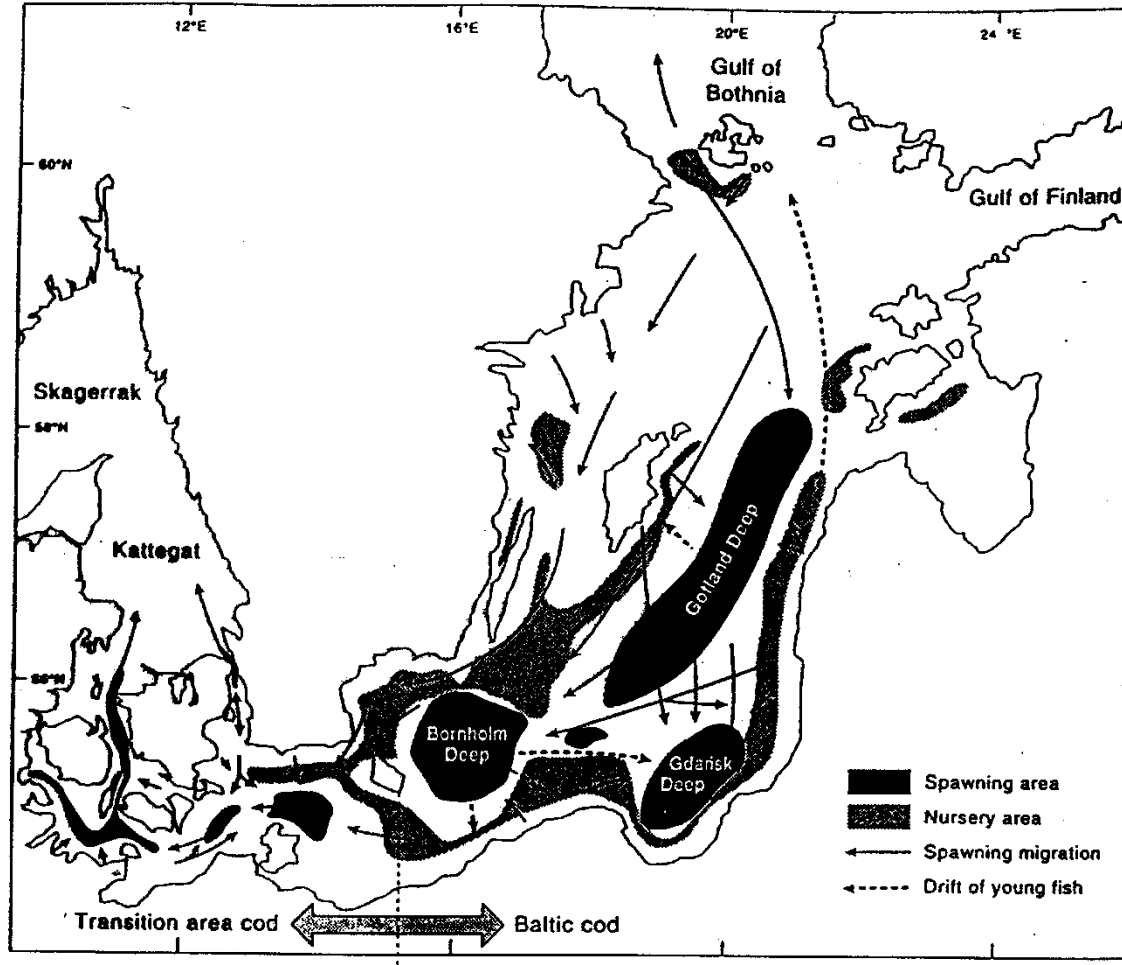
A CENTRAL BALTIC BASIN SYSTEM





Izplatība un migrācijas

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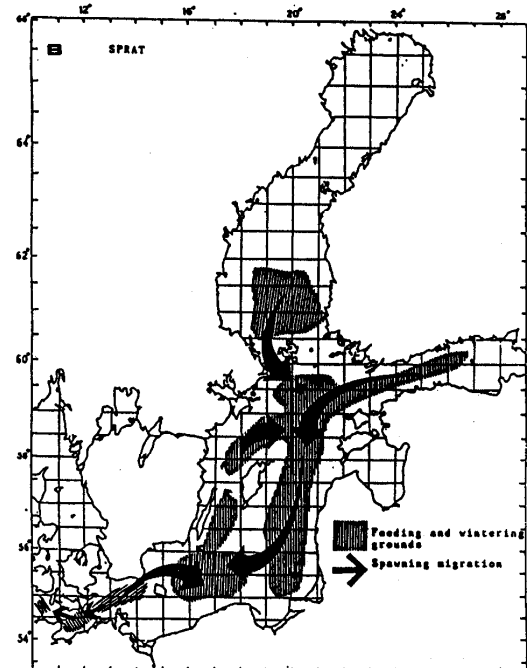
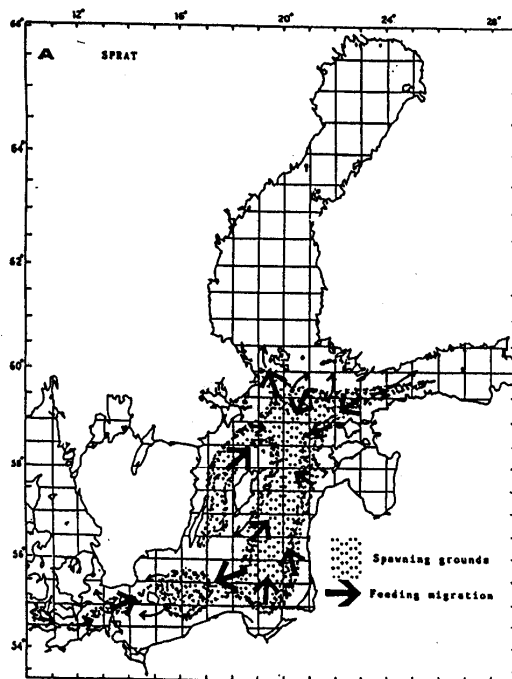




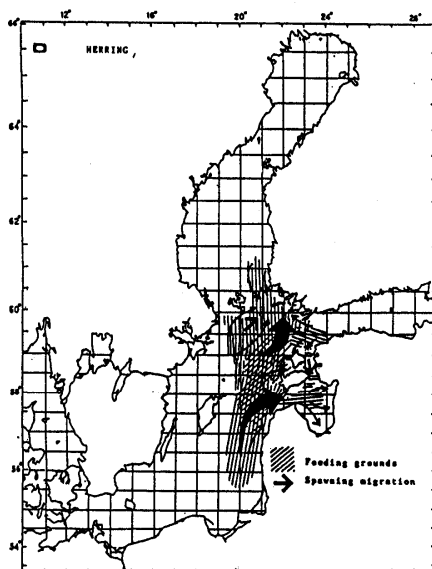
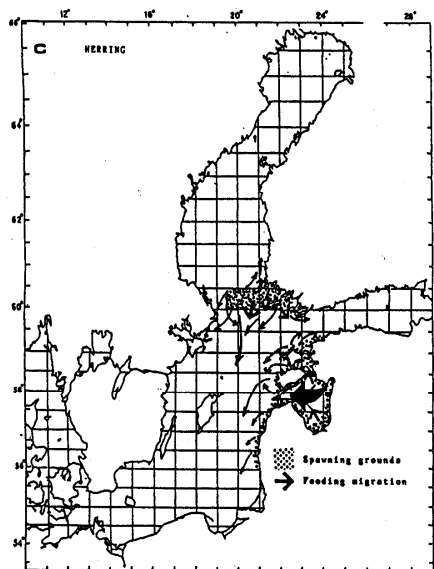
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Reņģe



Brētliņa





Mencas izplatība

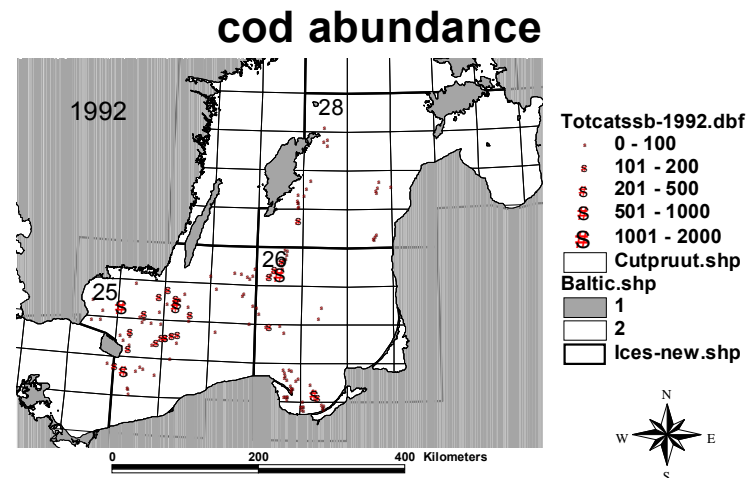
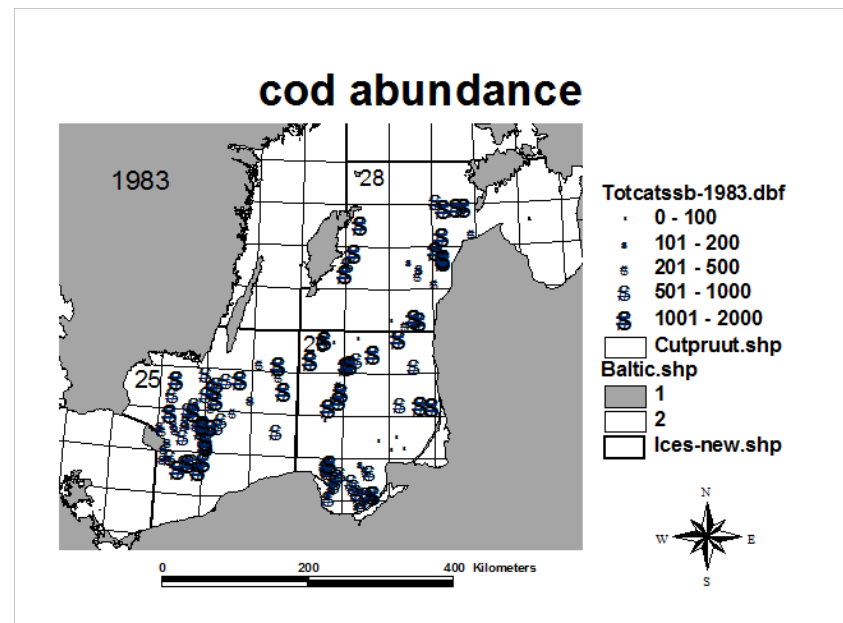
High year in 1983

SSB: 671 000 t

Cod distribution and abundance in 1983 and 1992 in SDs 25, 26 and 28

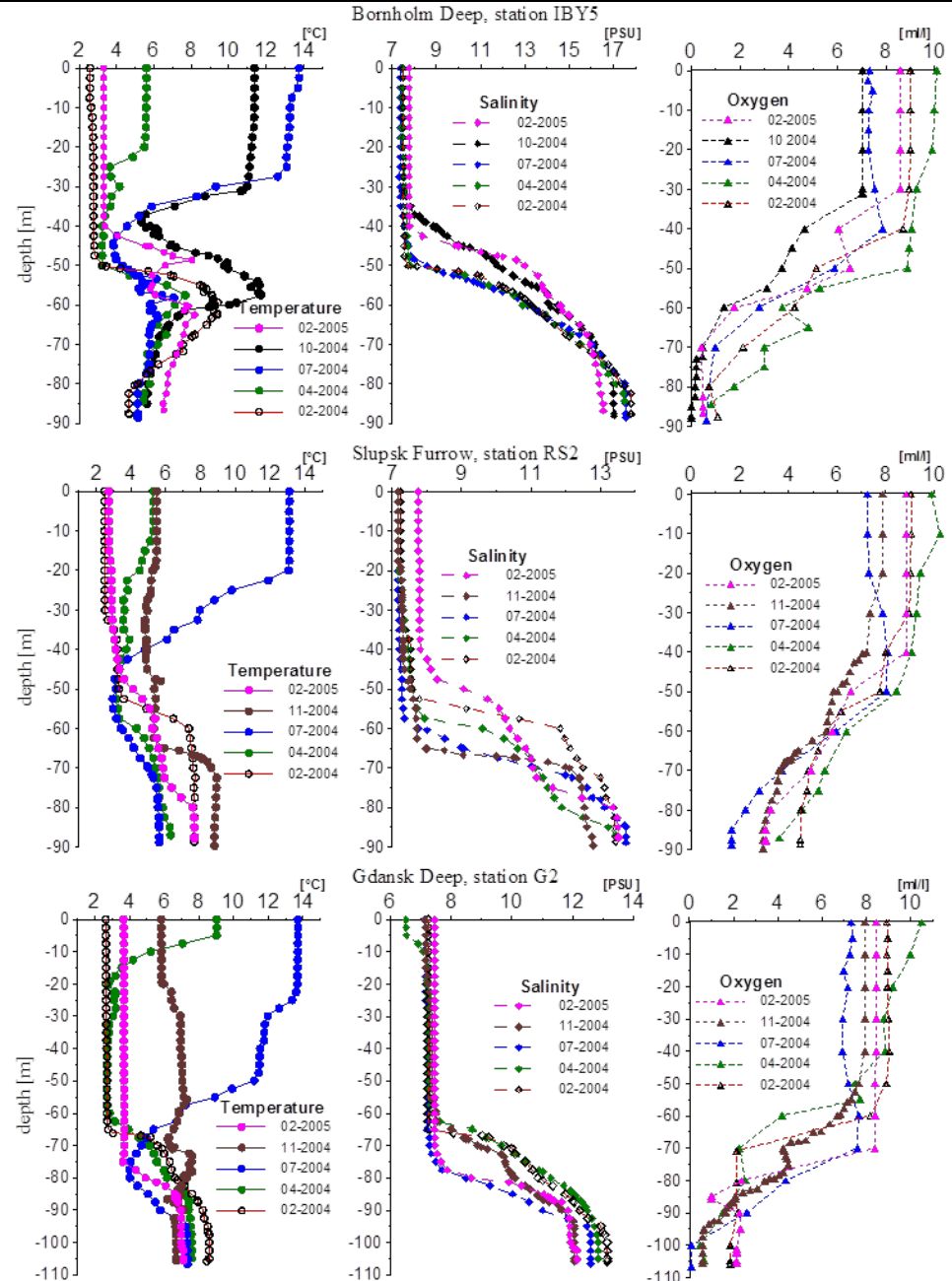
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SSB: 92 000 t



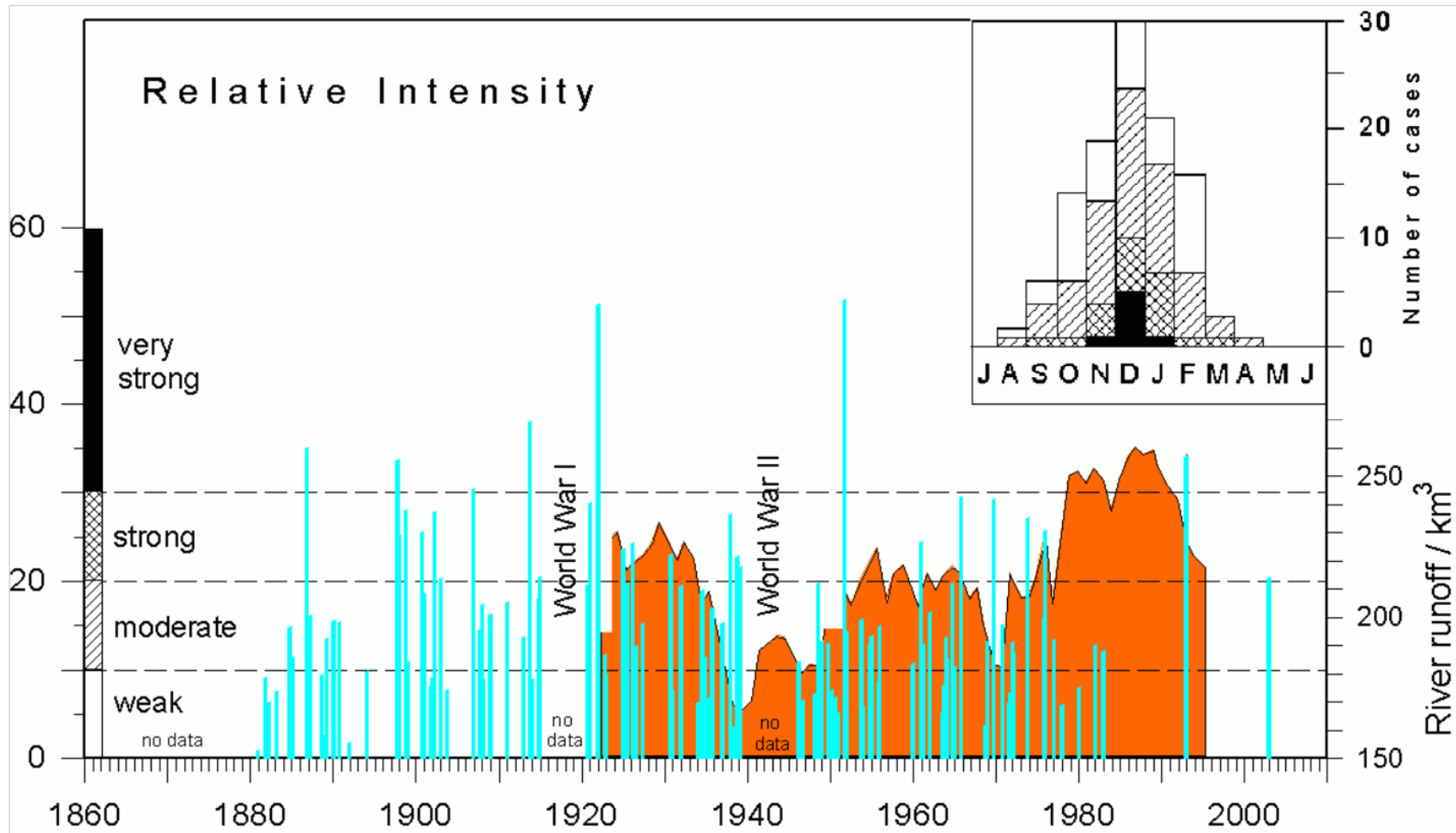


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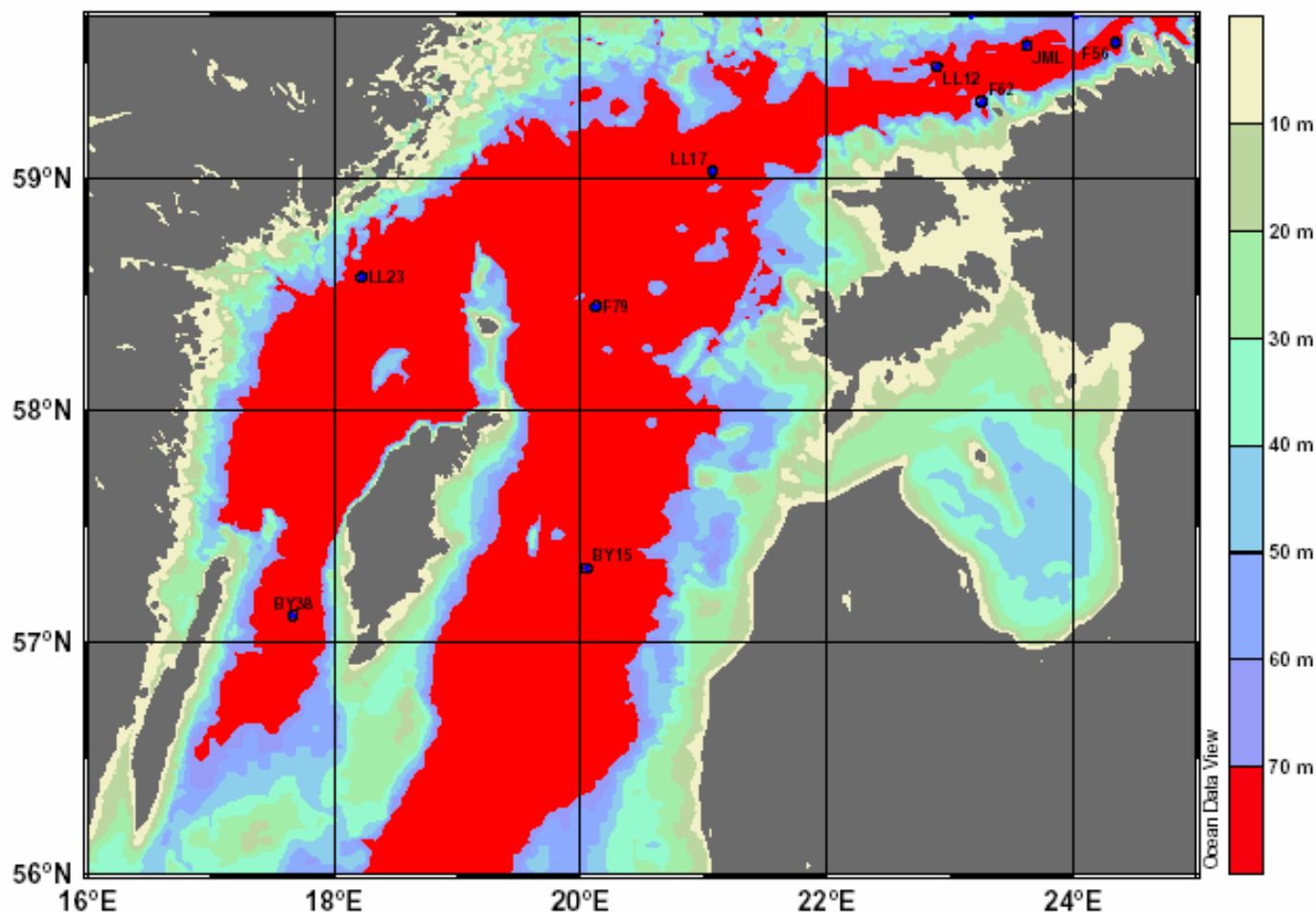
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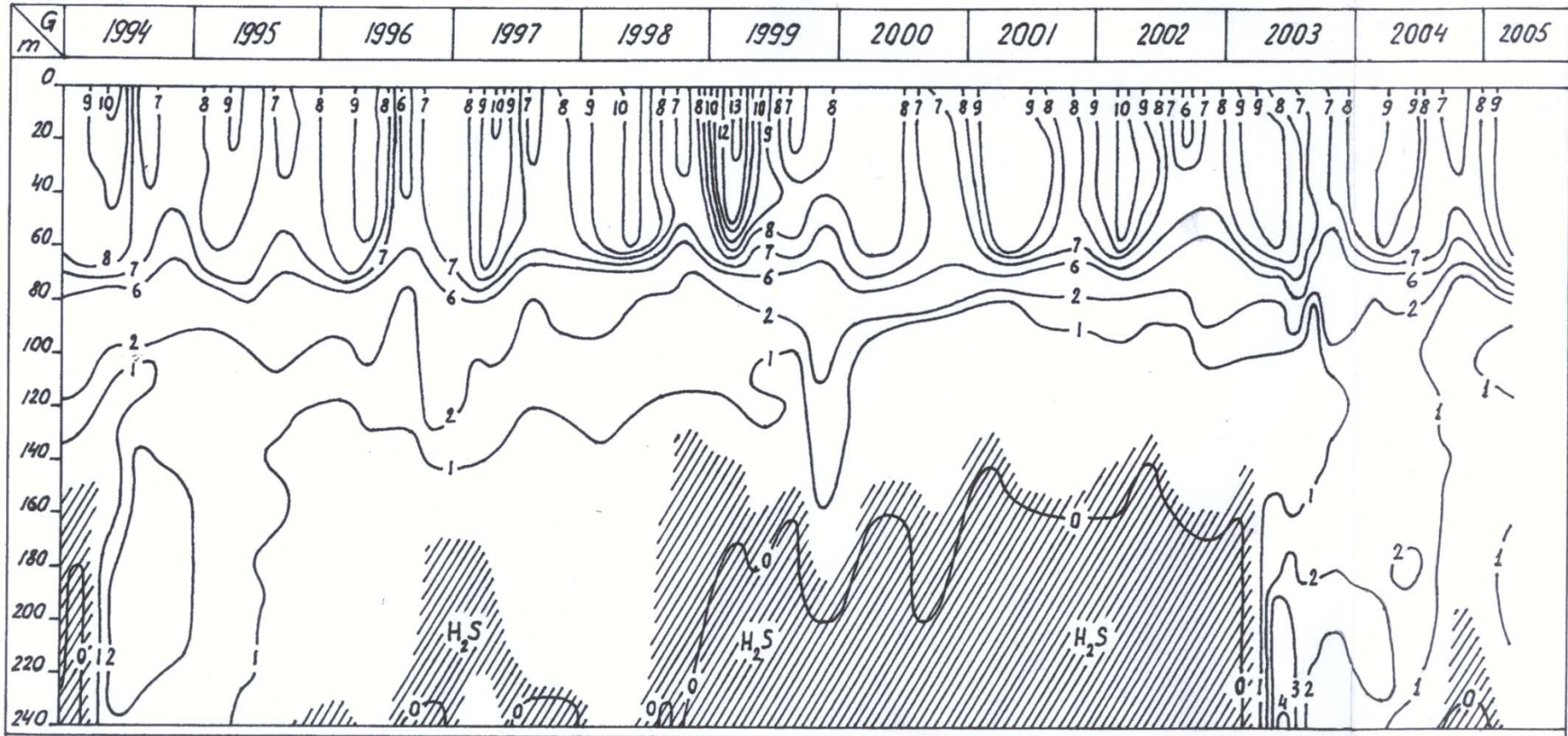
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Presently in the Baltic Main Basin there is very little oxygen. Below 70 m depth there is no oxygen or less than 2ml/l (results summer 2004)





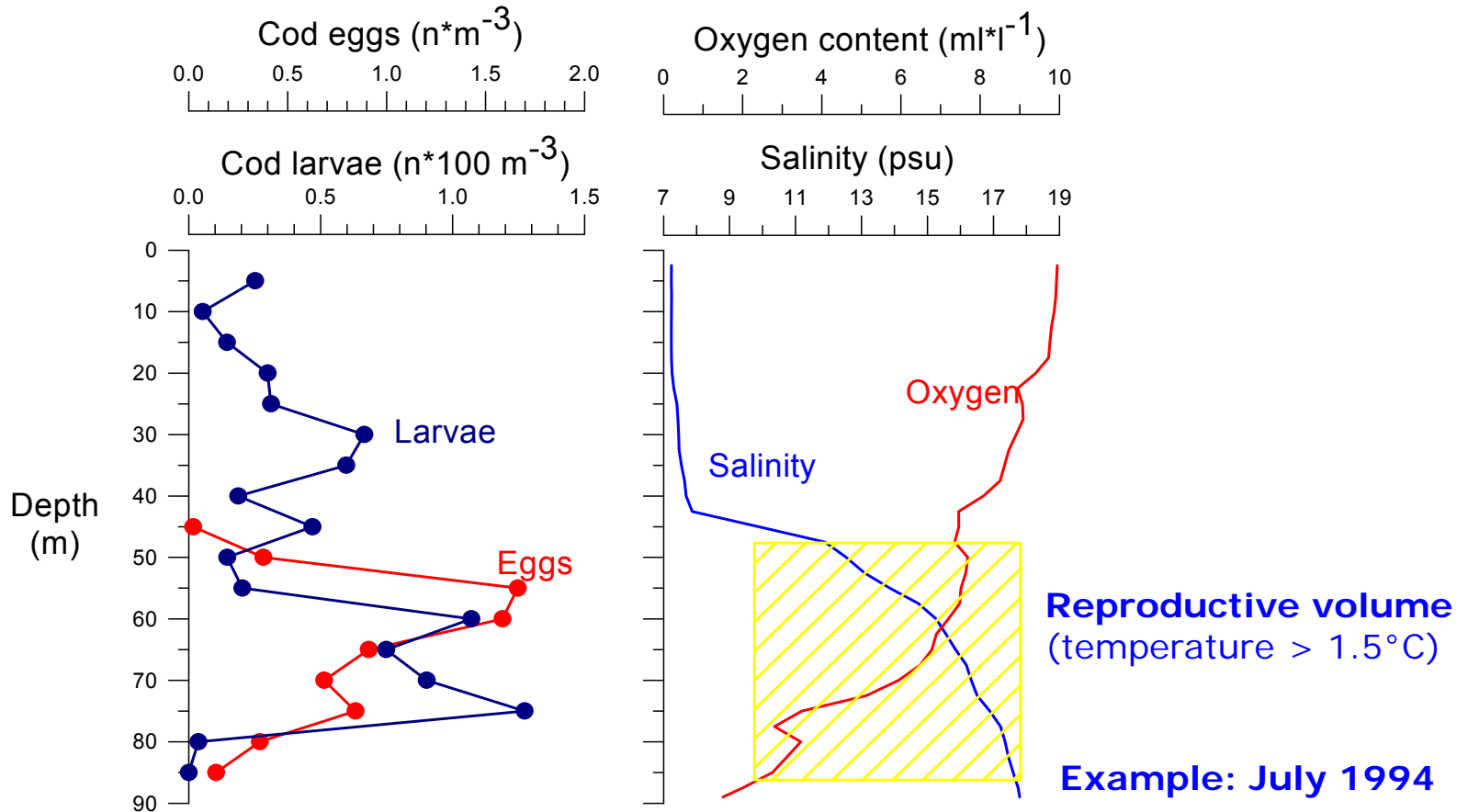
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Skābekļa koncentrācijas (ml/l) izmaiņas Gotlandes ieplakas ziemeļos (37 stacija) 1994.-2005.gadā

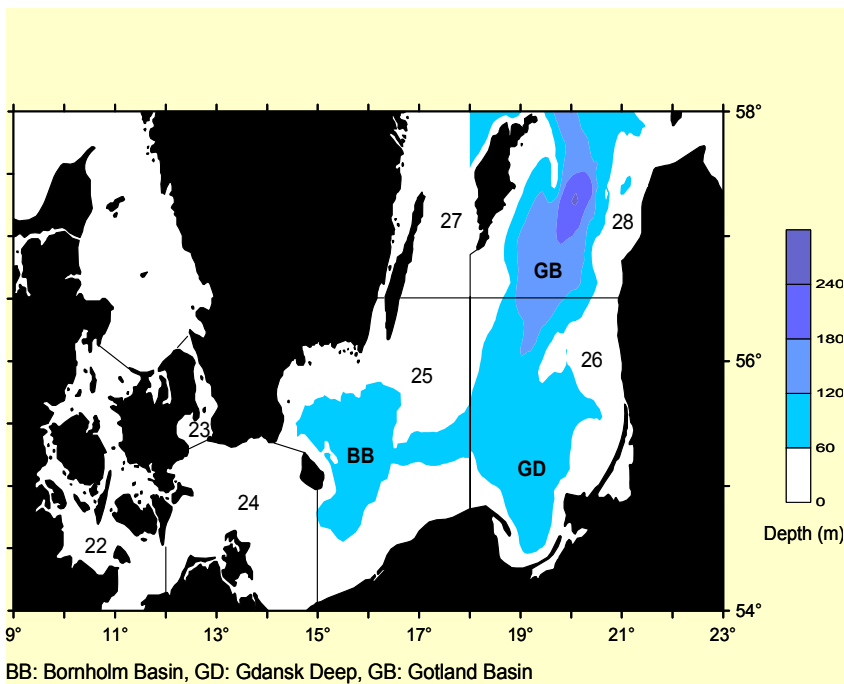
VERTICAL DISTRIBUTION OF EGGS & LARVAE

Definition of the reproductive volume

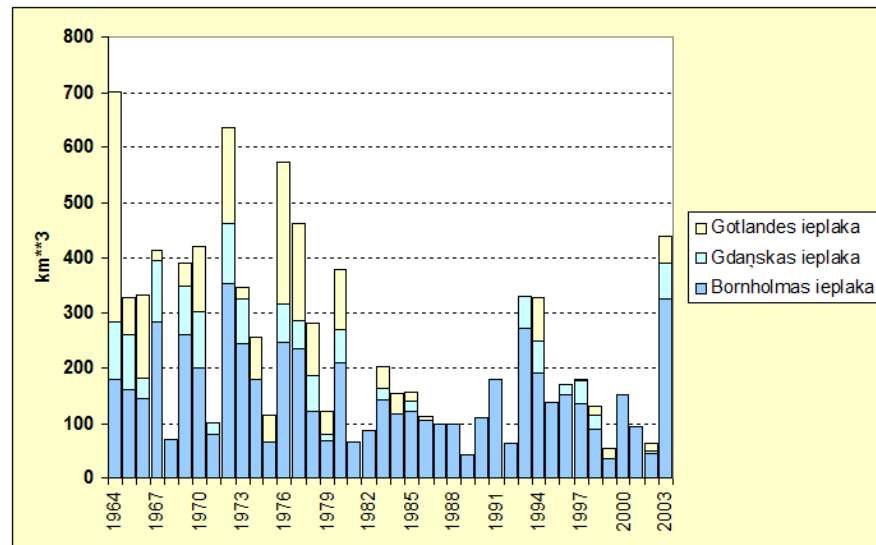




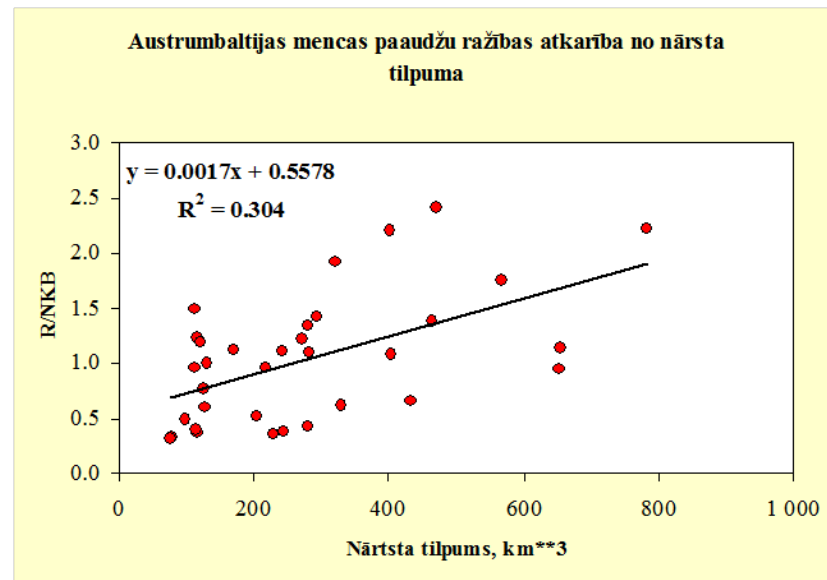
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Austrumbaltijas mencas nārsta vietas

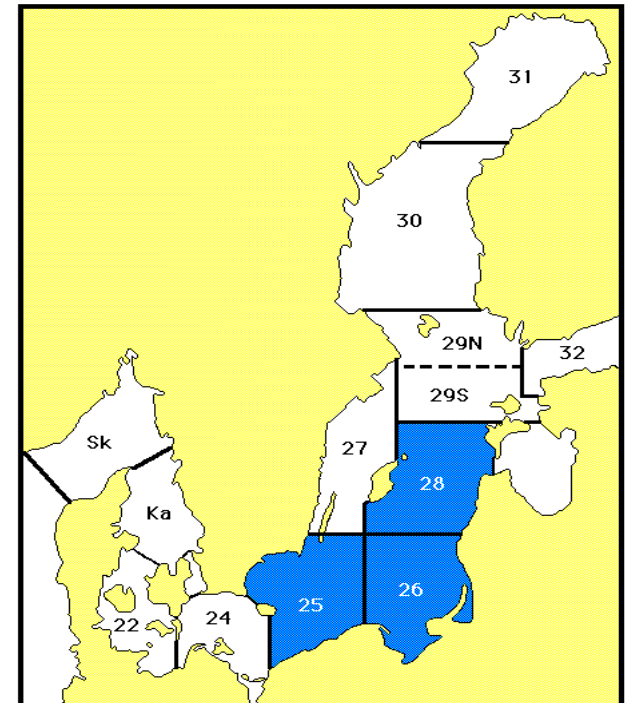
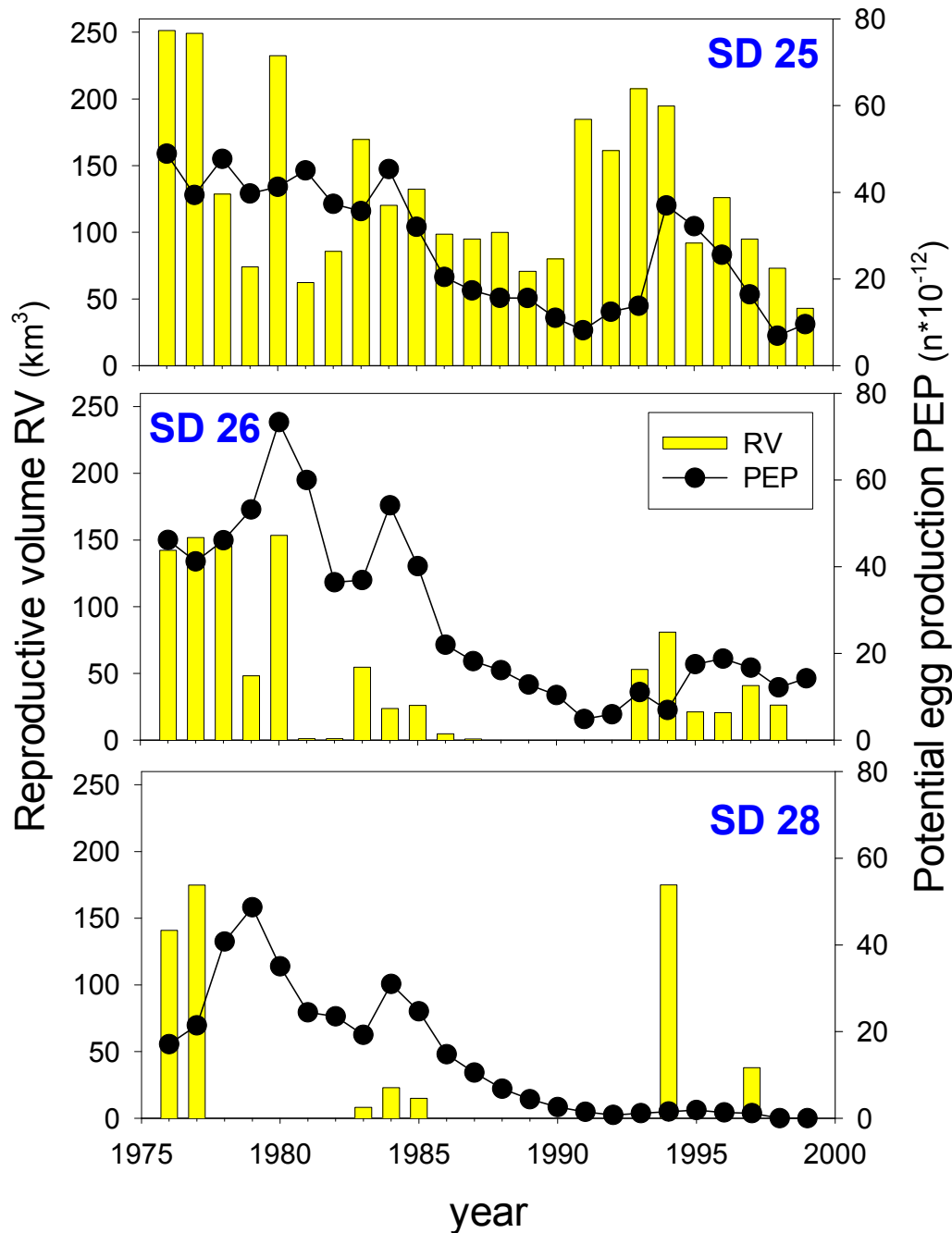


Mencas nārstam piemērotā slāņa tilpums (km³) Austrumbaltijā ($O_2 > 2 \text{ ml/l}$, $S > 11 \text{ ‰}$)



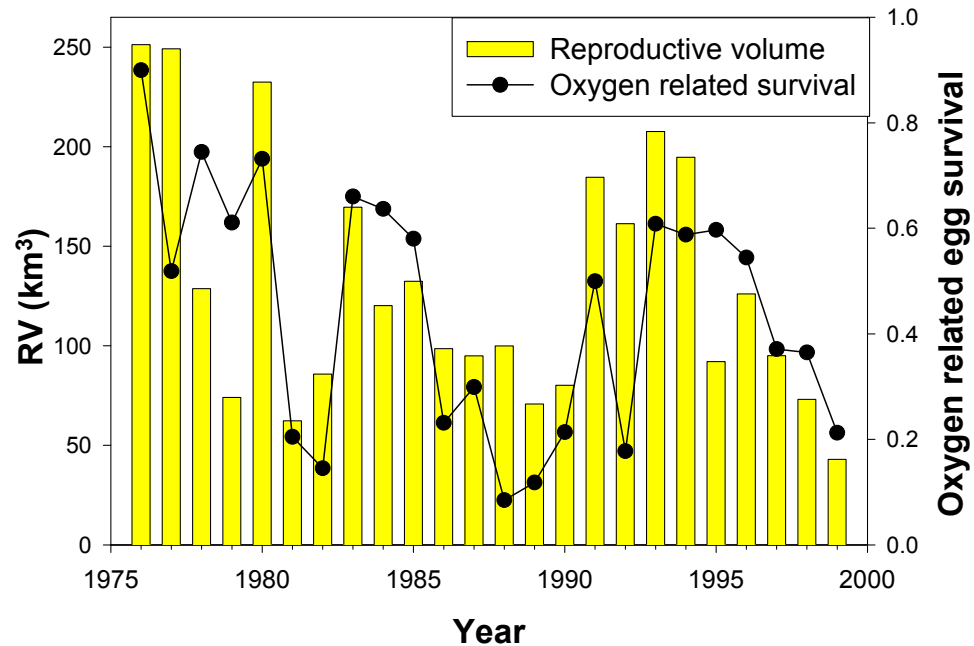
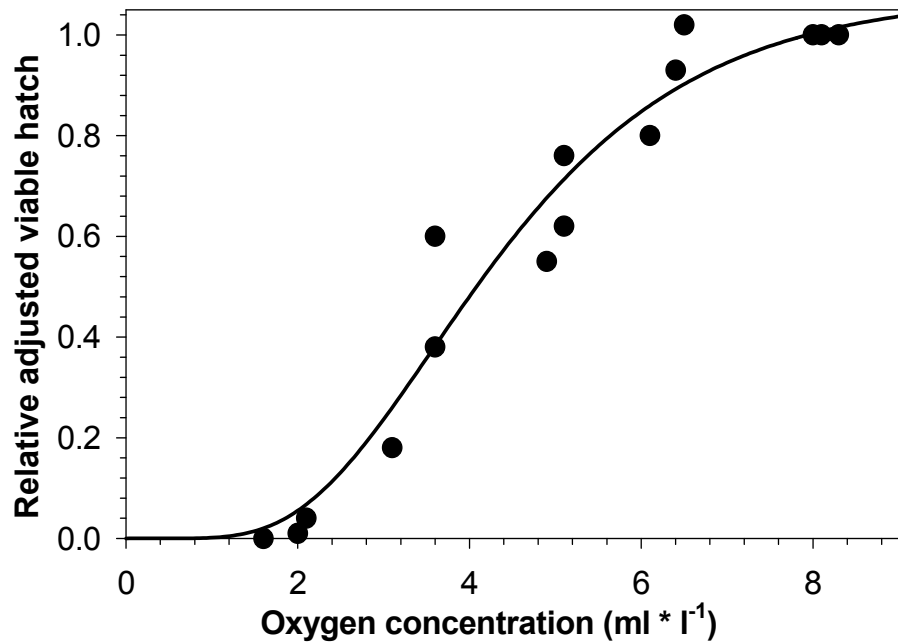
SPAWNING HABITAT

Potential egg production (PEP) and reproductive volume (RV) in different areas



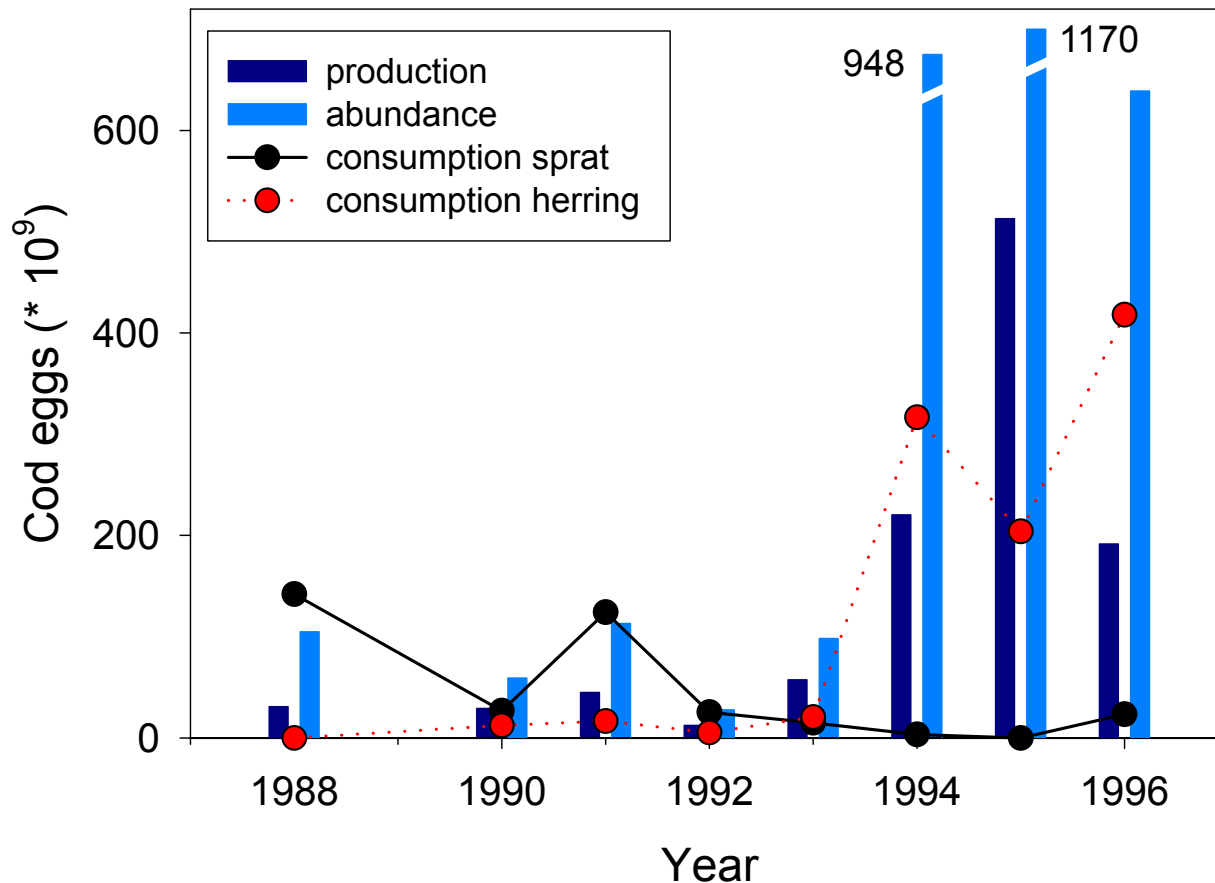
EGG SURVIVAL I

Viable hatch vs. oxygen content & oxygen related survival based on modelled vertical distribution & measured hydrographic conditions in SD 25



EGG SURVIVAL II

Daily consumption of cod eggs by clupeids at peak spawning vs. production & standing stocks (SD 25)



Overestimation of sprat predator stock (in 10^9)
(test for May/June 99):

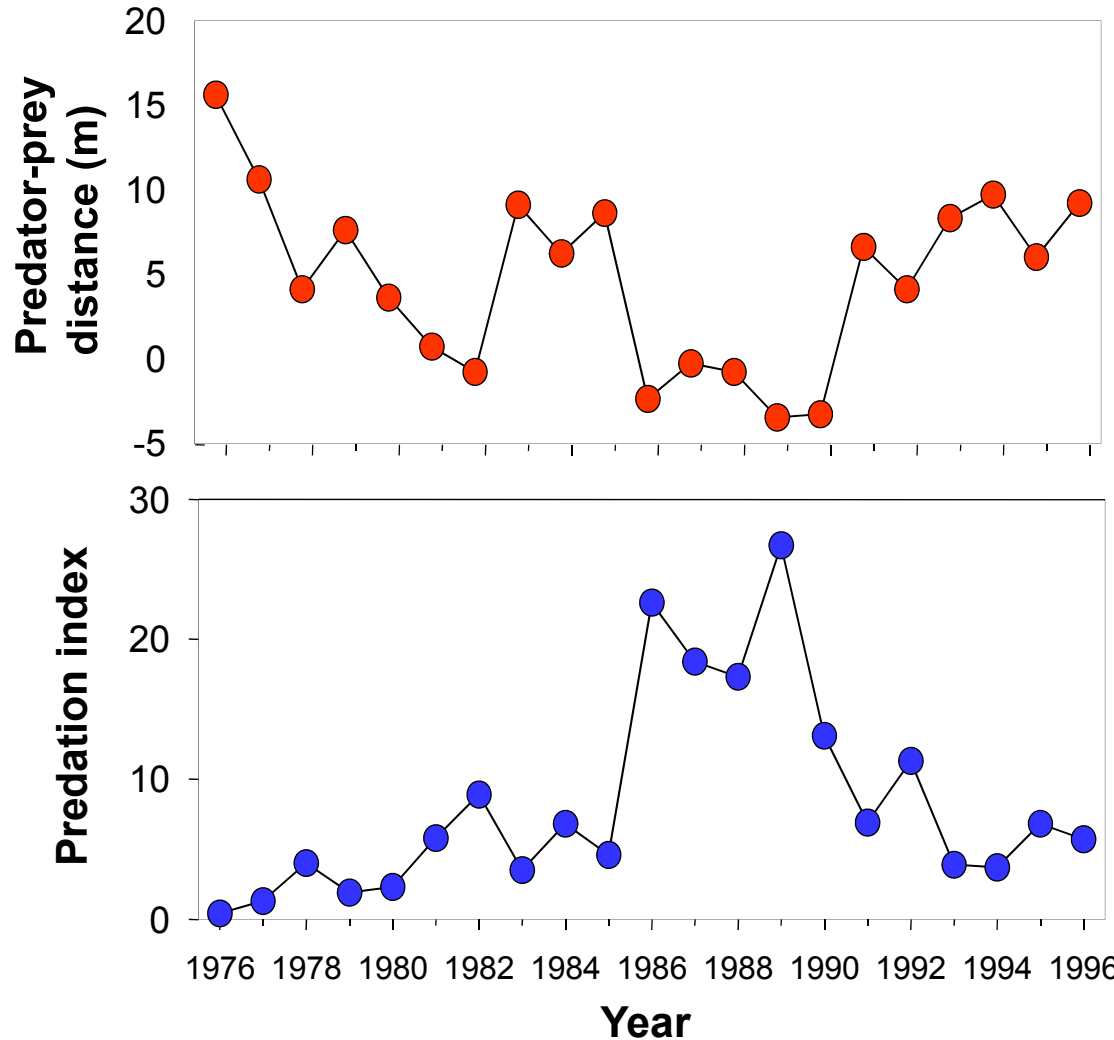
MSVPA DEPM acoustic

28.8 12.1 9.5



EGG SURVIVAL III

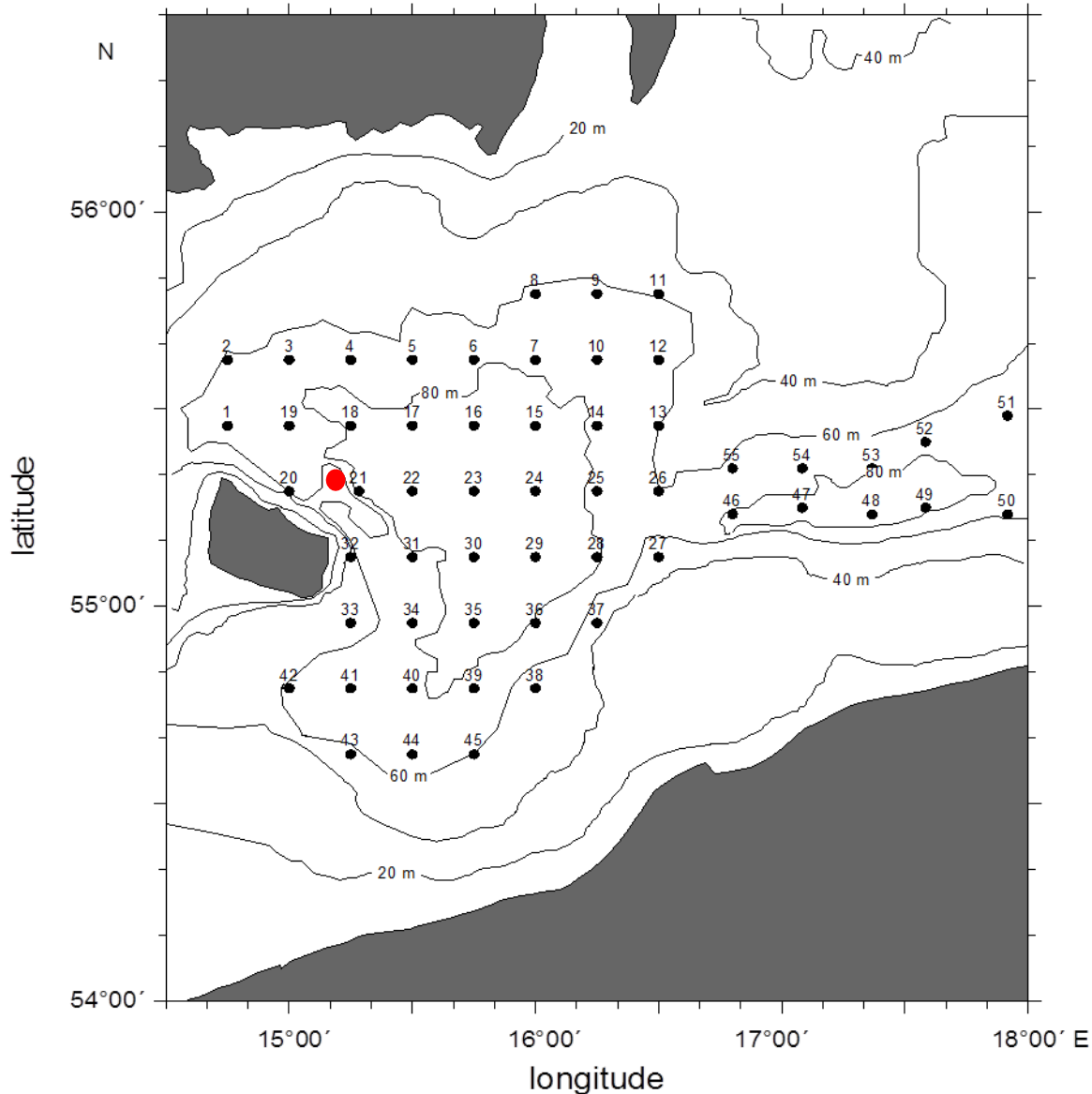
Predation by sprat and herring on cod eggs



Vertical overlap index:
distance between egg
and clupeid dwelling
depths (m)

Egg predation:
individual intake
coupled to overlap &
predator abundance

PLANKTON STATION GRID

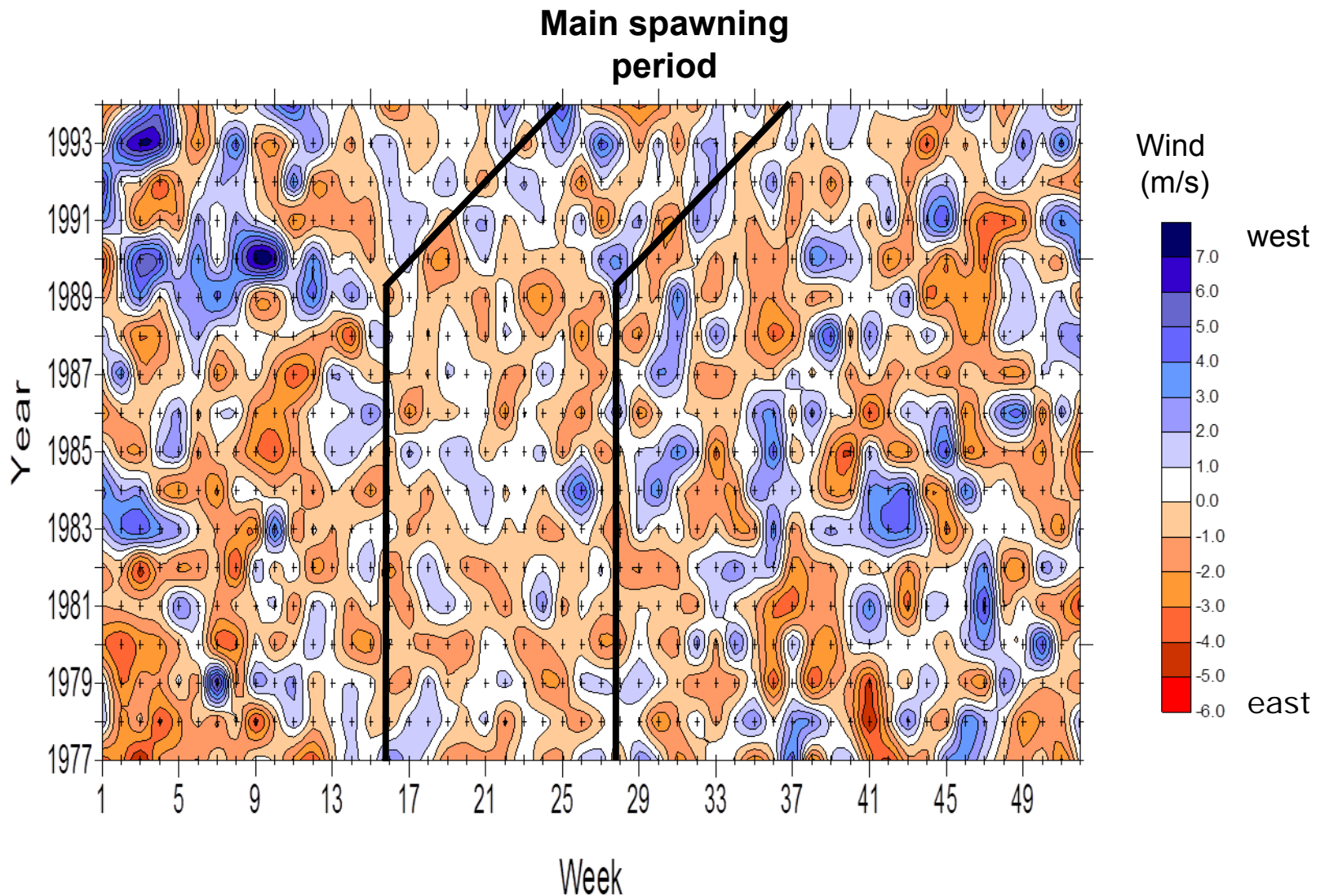


Ichthyoplankton &
hydrography stations
in the Bornholm Basin
& Stolpe Trench

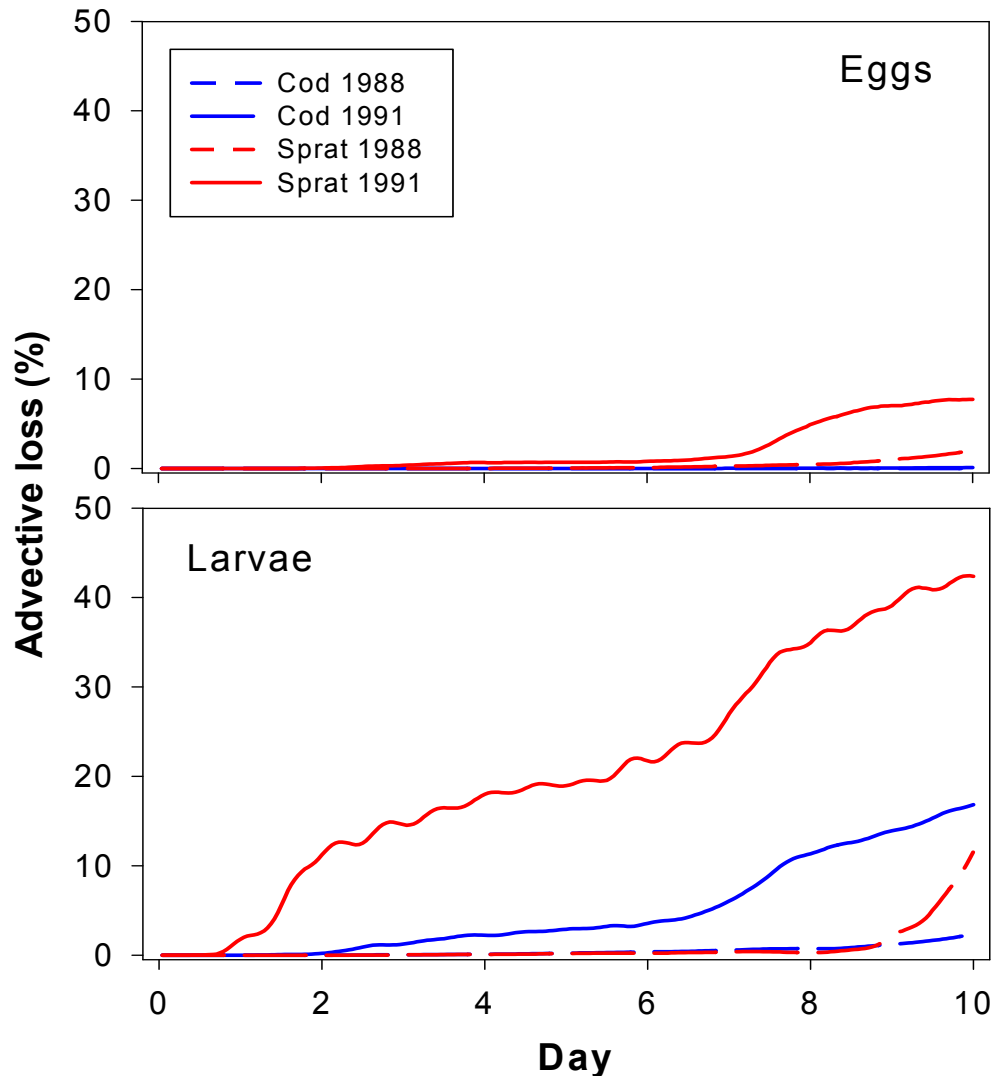
Position of Christiansö
(weather station) ●

DRIFT OUT OF STUDY AREA ?

Anomalies of weekly-averaged wind speed at Christiansø, 1977-1994



DRIFT OUT OF STUDY AREA



Advective losses estimated from hydrodynamic model runs in

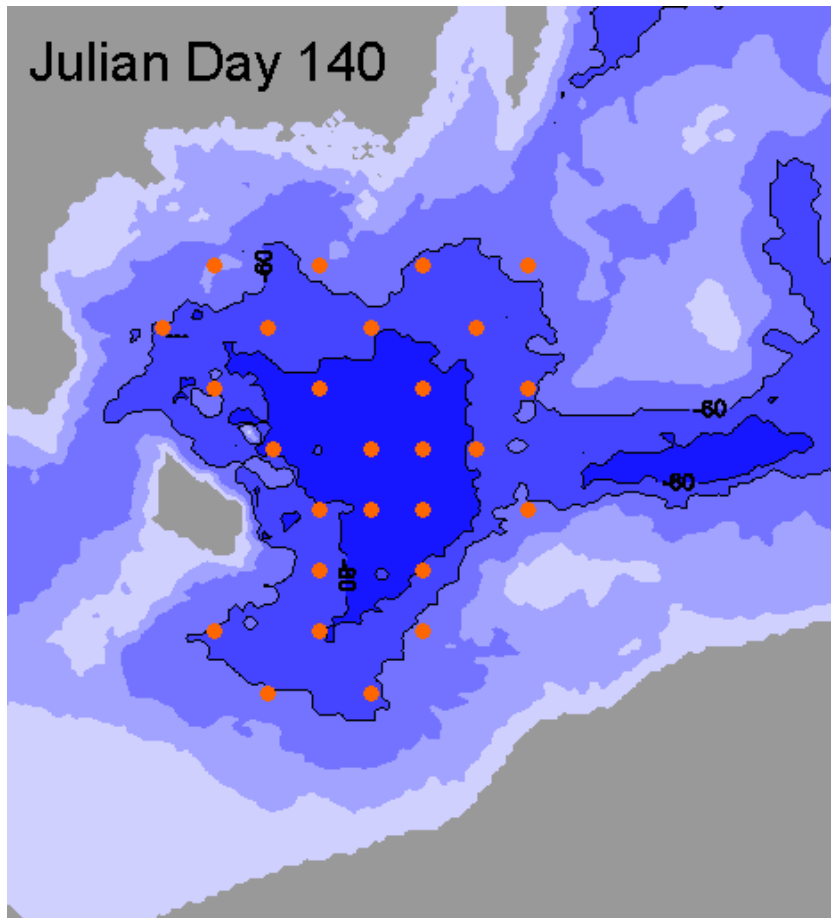
May 1988: low wind speed from variable directions

August 1991: high wind speed from westerly direction

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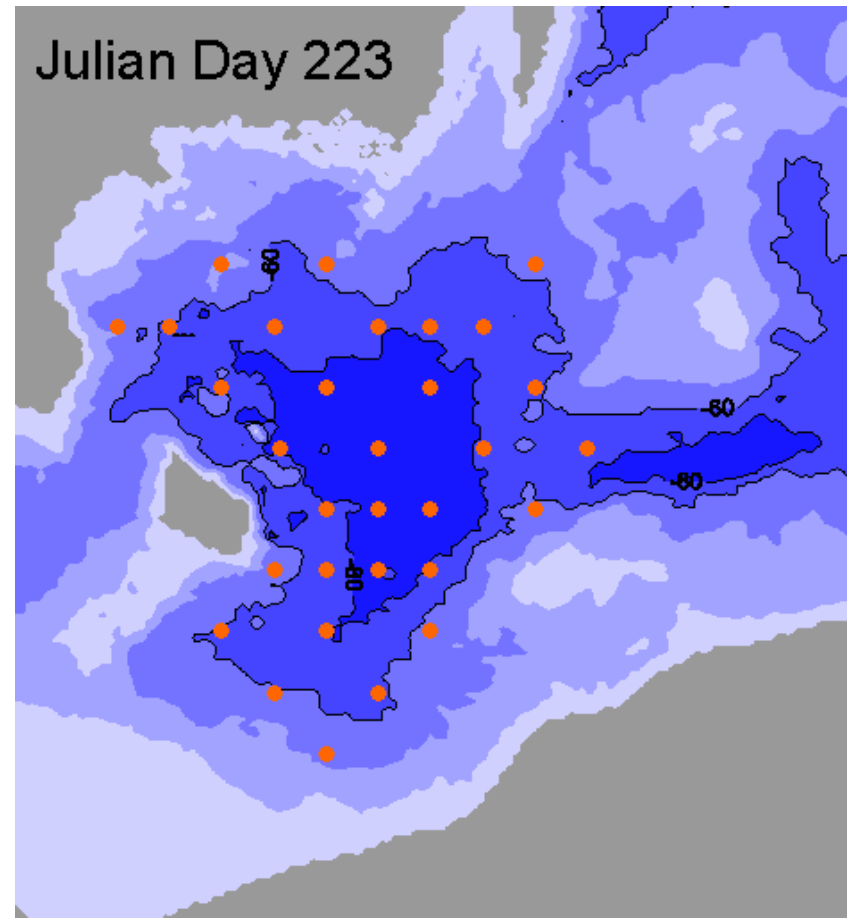
Retention in spawning area

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Transport into shallow areas

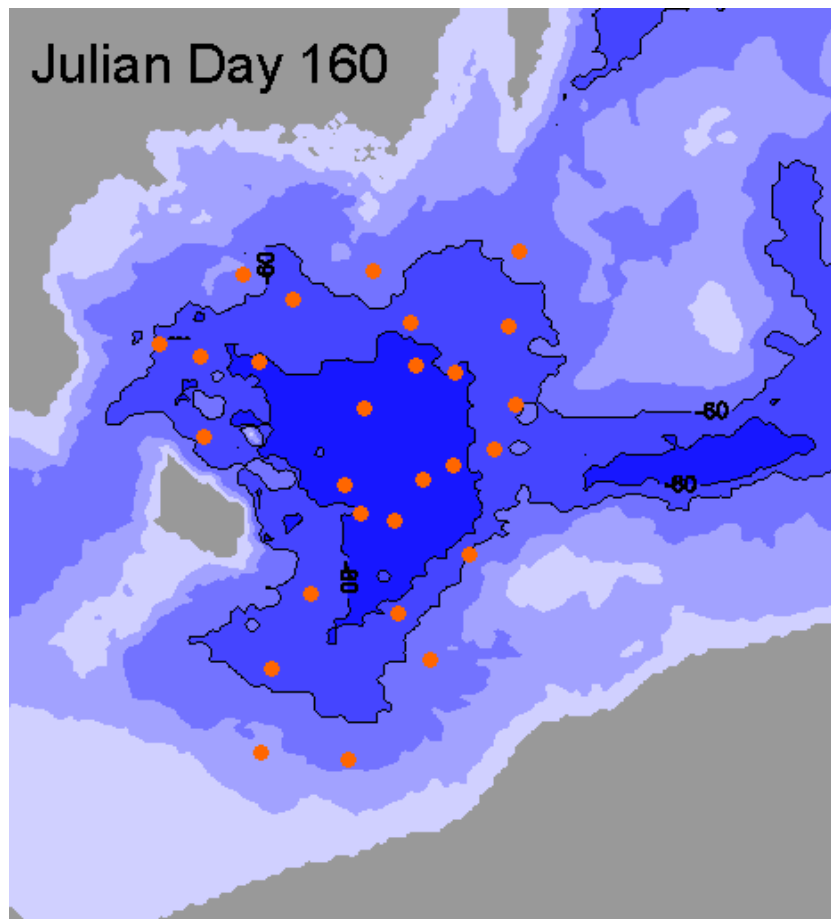
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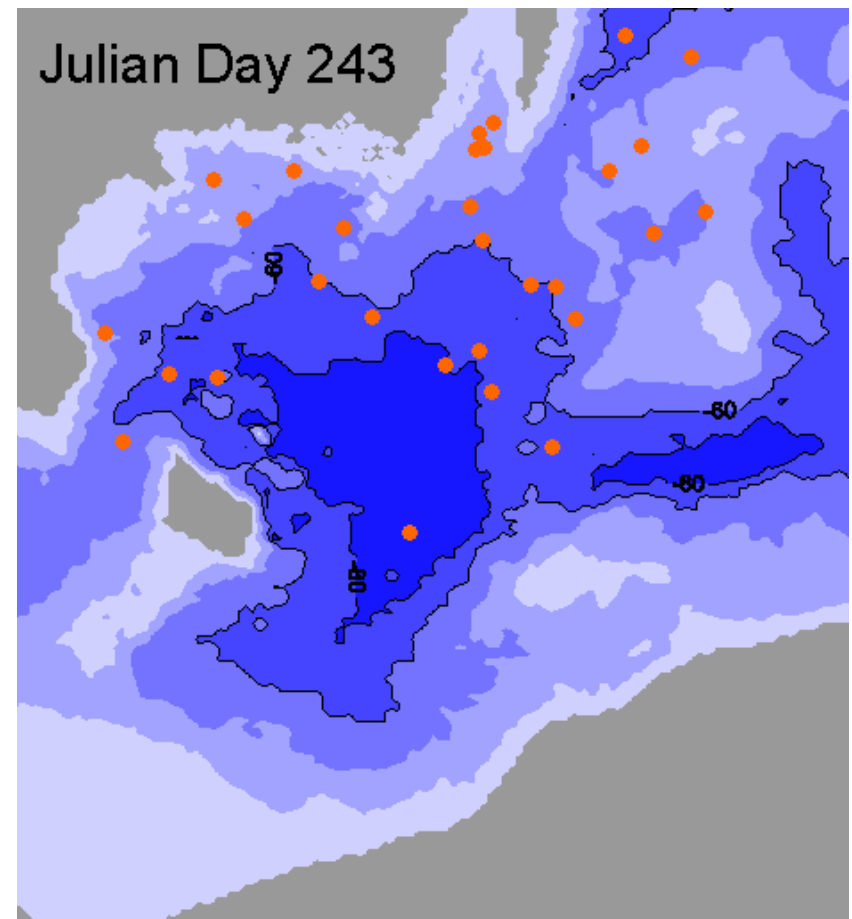
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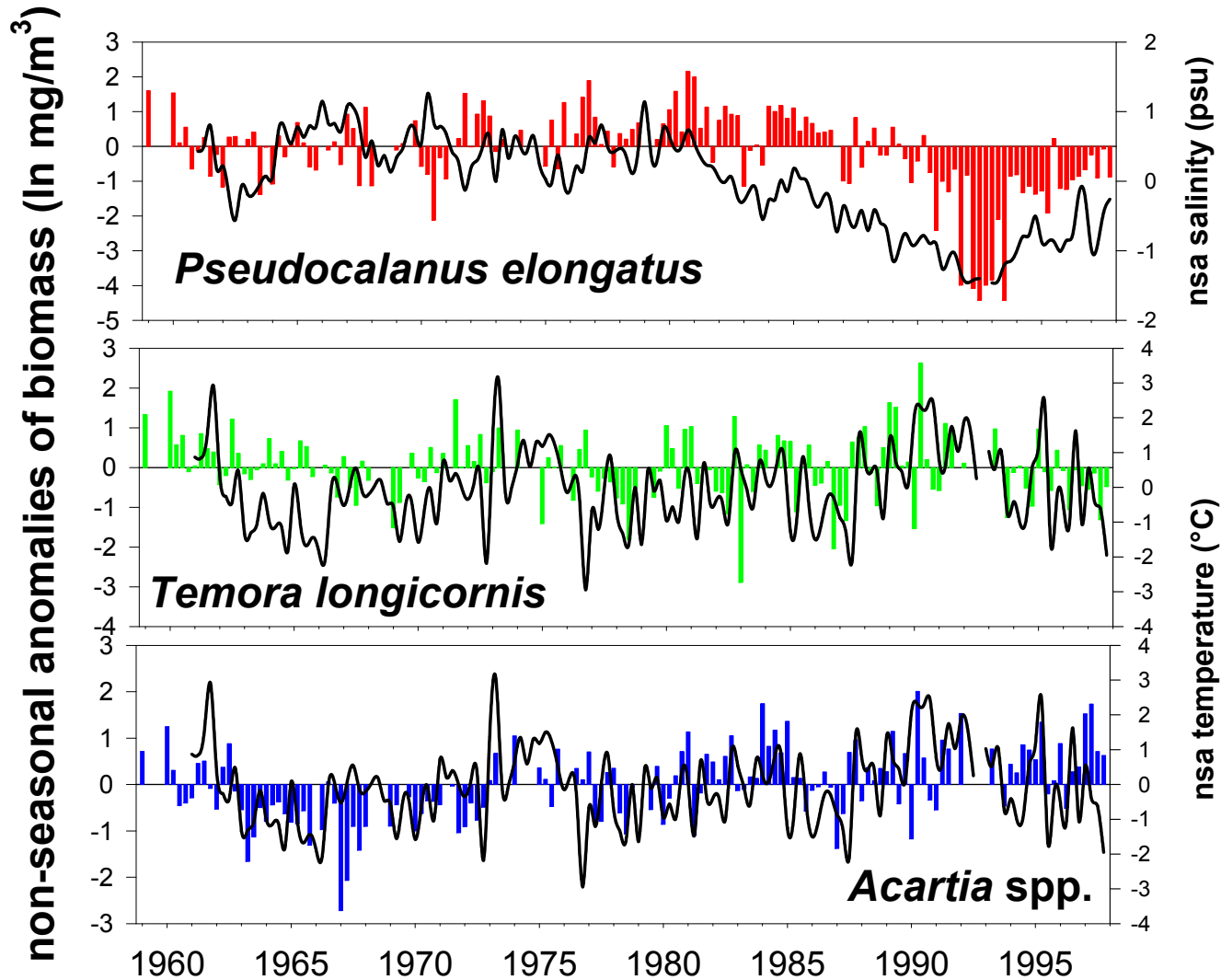
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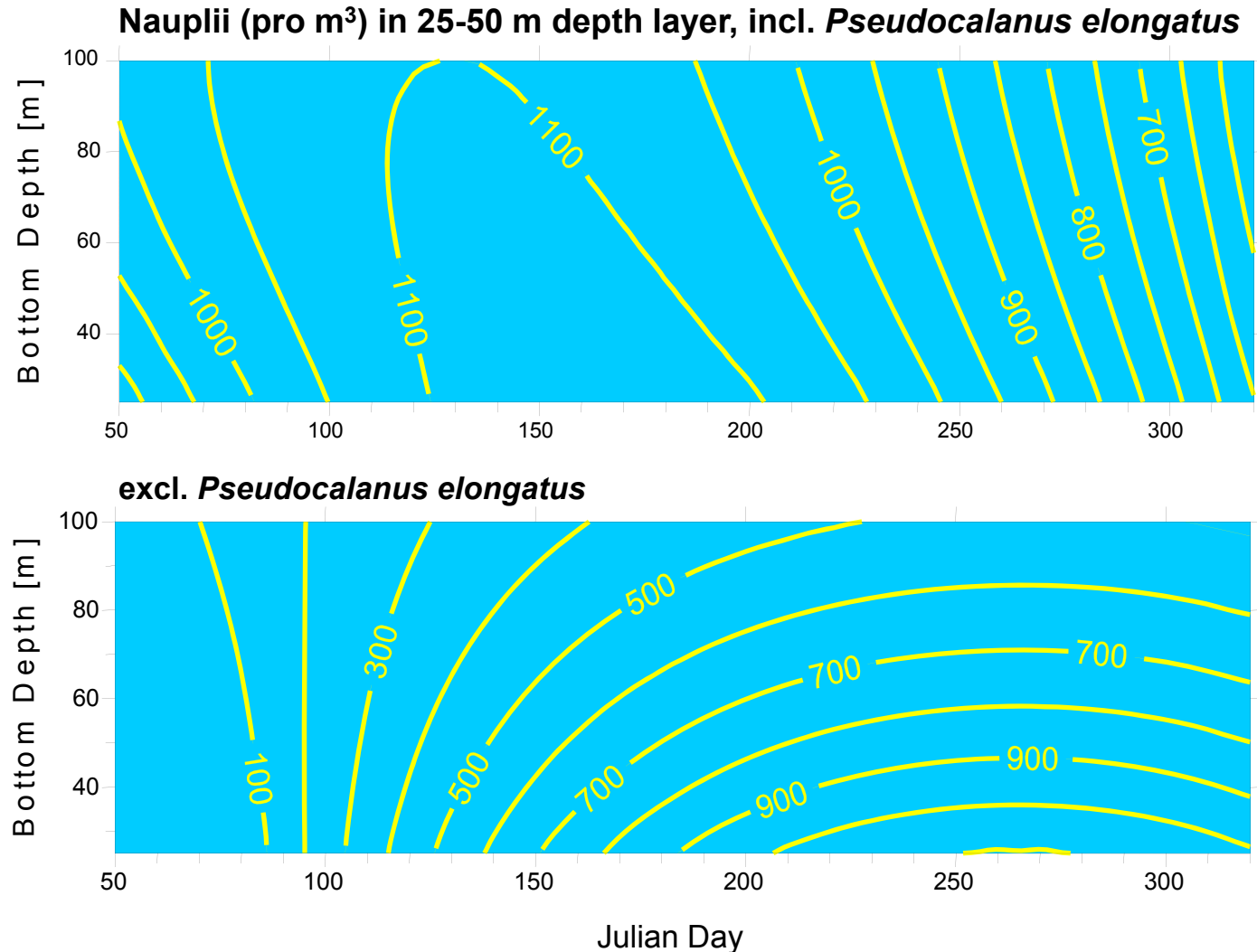
PLANKTON PREY

Development of copepod species in the Baltic Sea



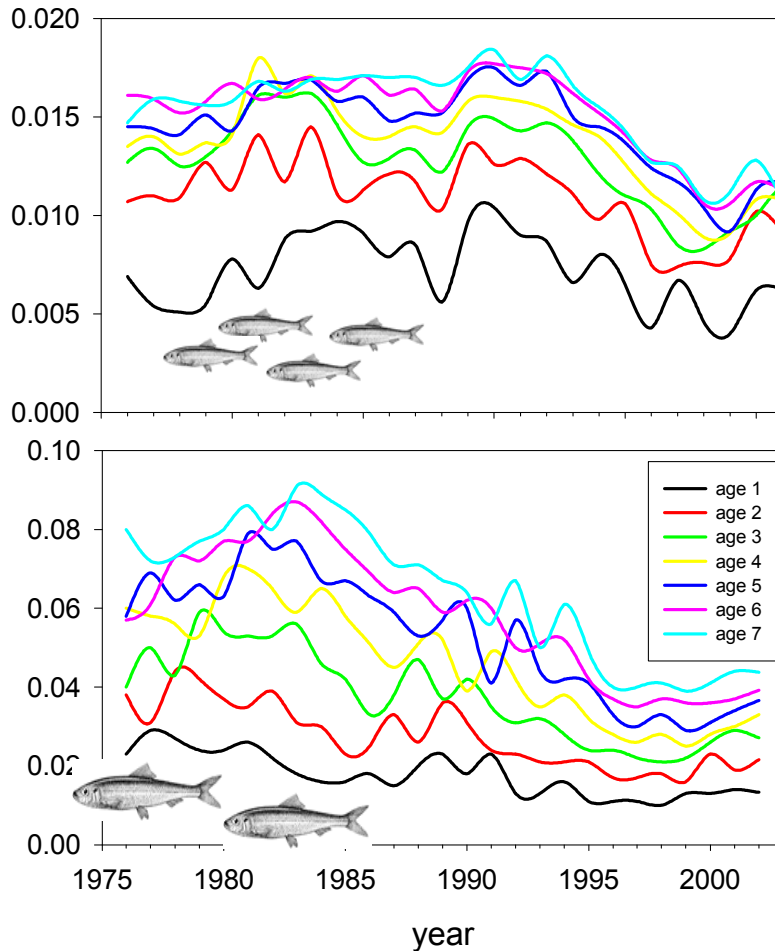
ZOOPLANKTON PREY FIELD

Idealized seasonal development of nauplii prey field for cod larvae in relation to bottom depths





Brētliņas un reņģes svars pa vecumiem



Reasons for changes:

➤ Changes in food composition

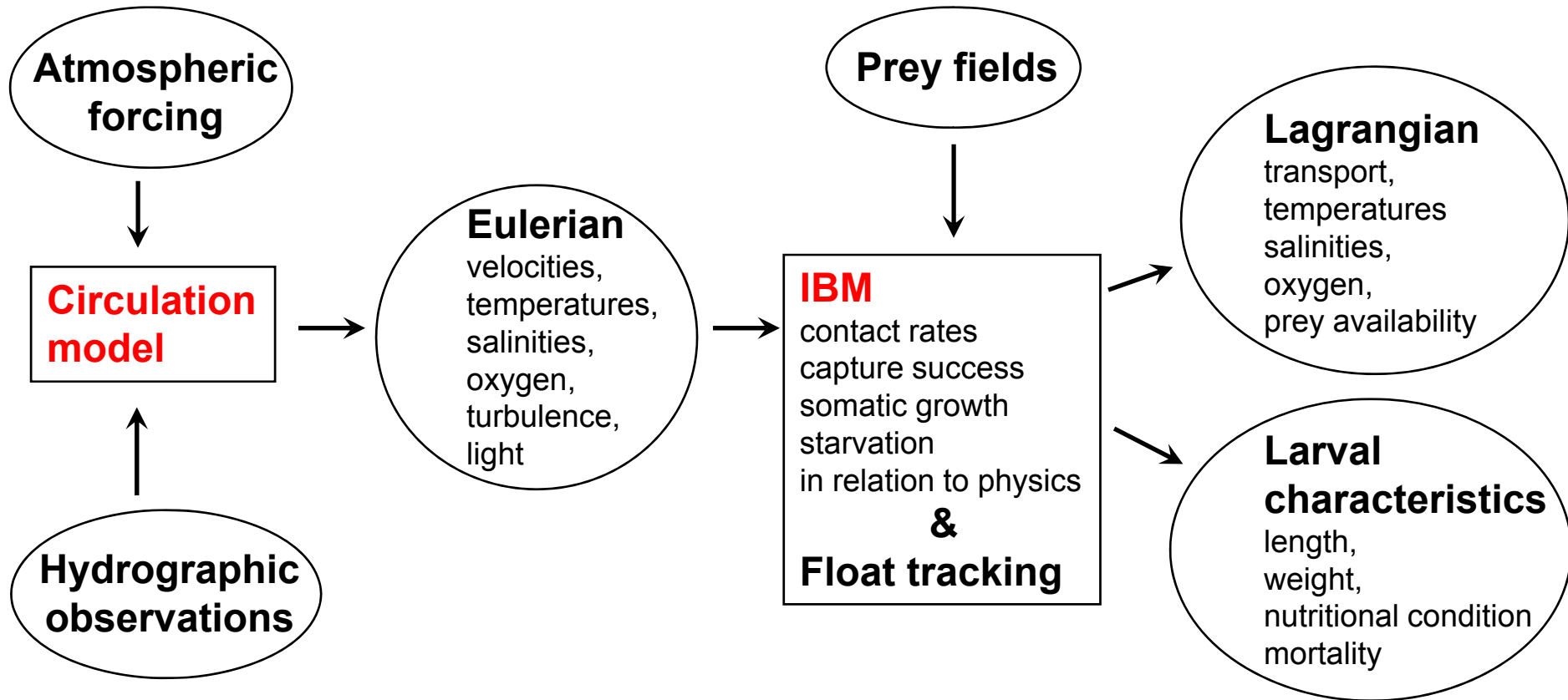
➤ Changes in plankton community

➤ Changes in density and abundance

➤ Enviromental changes

➤ Cod predation changes from high to low

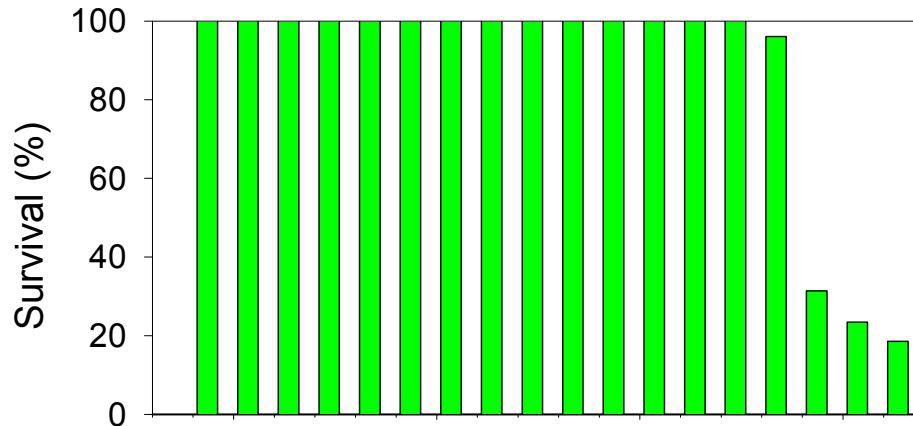
COUPLED IBM & HYDRODYNAMIC MODEL



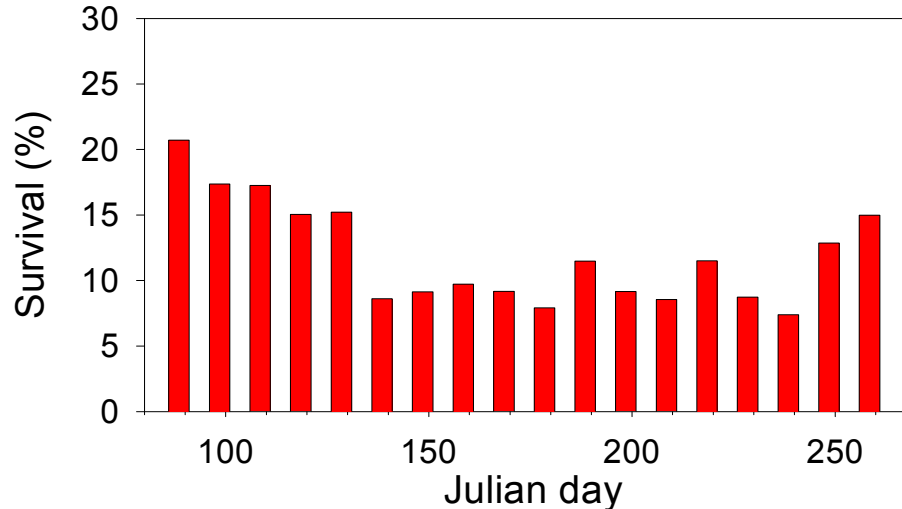
modified after Hinckley et al. (2000)

LARVAL SURVIVAL

Output of coupled IBM/hydrodynamic model:
seasonal development of larval survival

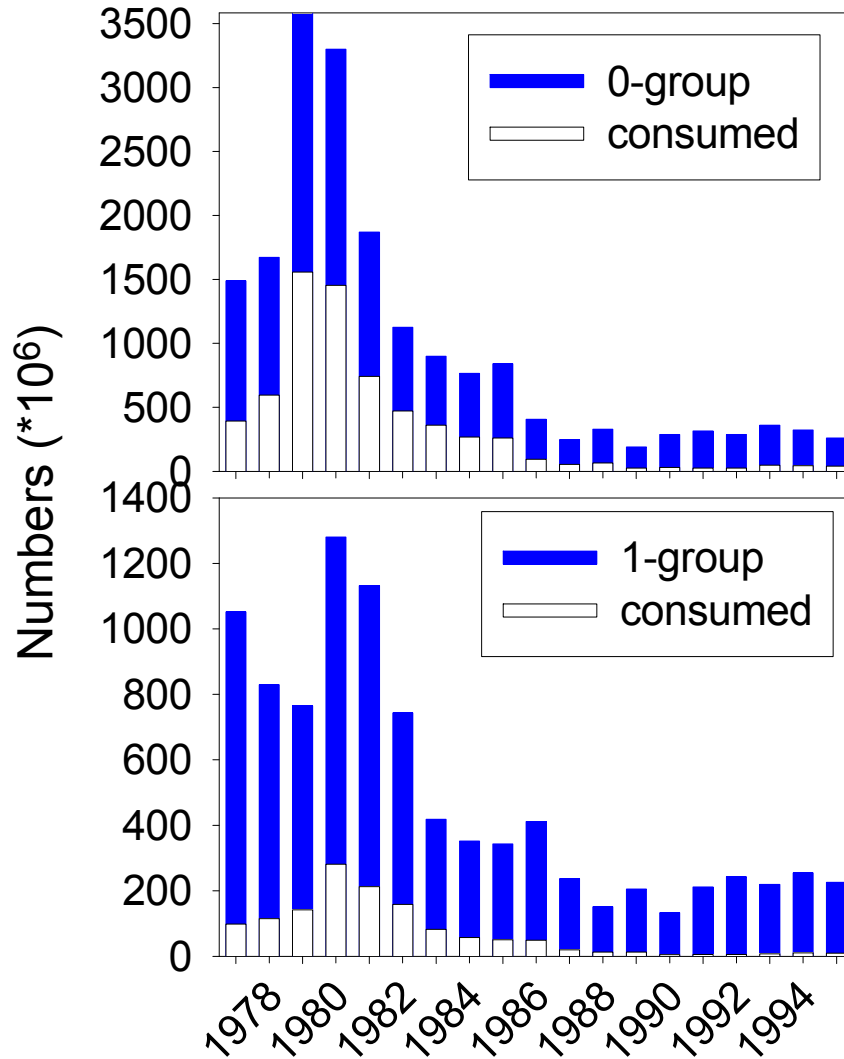


Scenario including
P. elongatus



Scenarios excluding
P. elongatus

CANNIBALISM



0-group abundance:
beginning of 3rd quarter

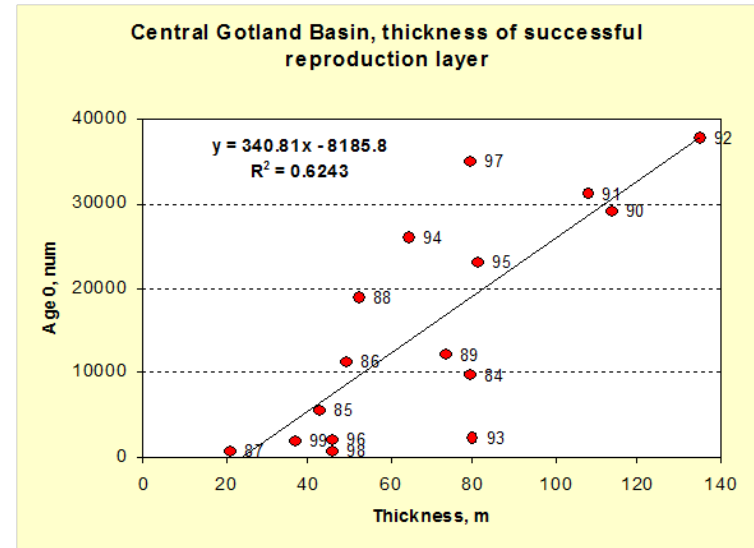
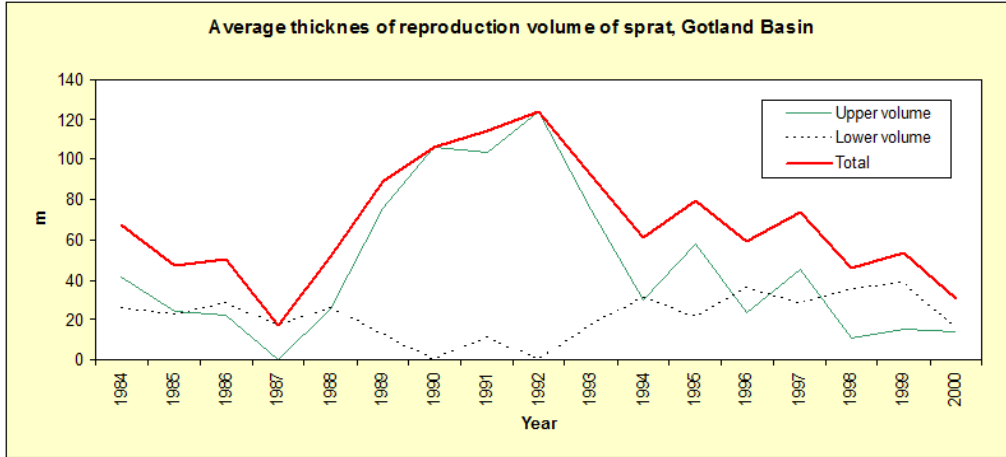
1-group abundance:
beginning of 1st quarter

Set-up:
variable weight at age in
stock & stomach, individual
daily rations, tuned by XSA

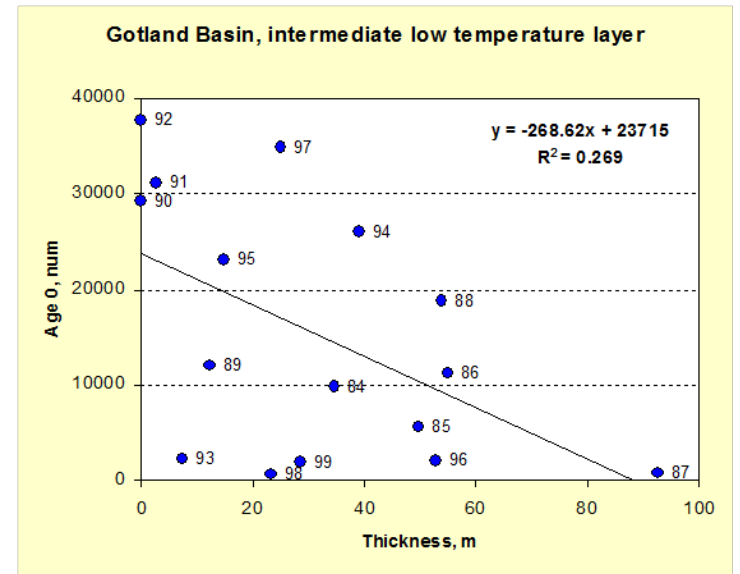
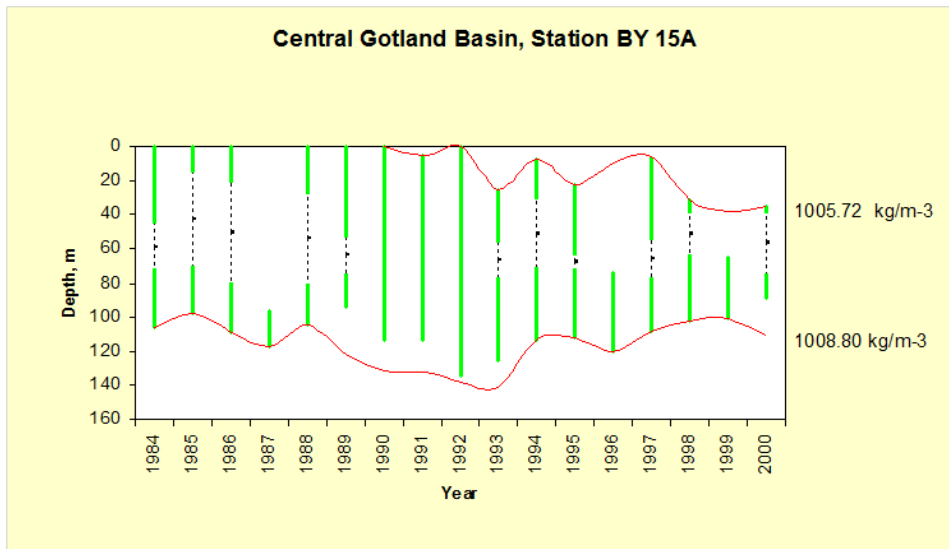
constant suitability
coefficients



Brētliņas nārsta tilpums?



Brētliņas nārstam piemērotā slāņa biezums (m) Austrumbaltijā ($O_2 > 1.0 \text{ ml/l}$, $t^0 > 4 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$)

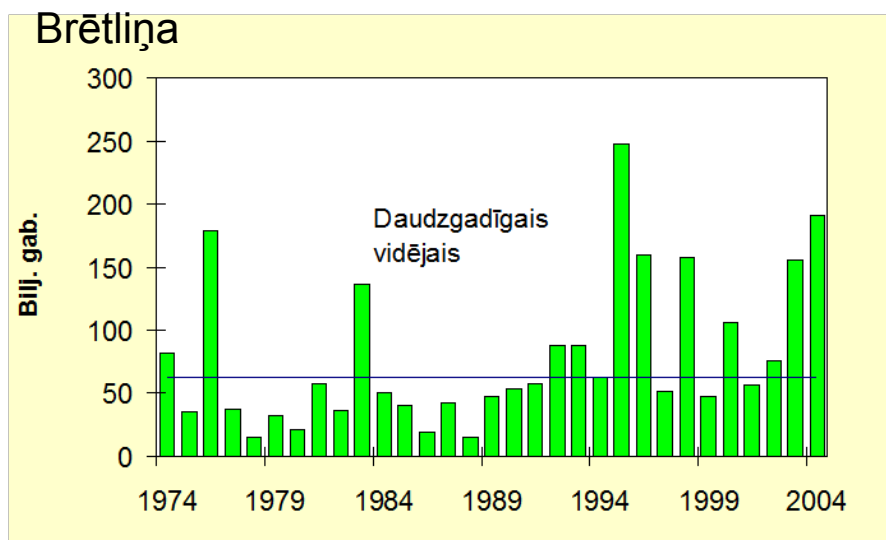
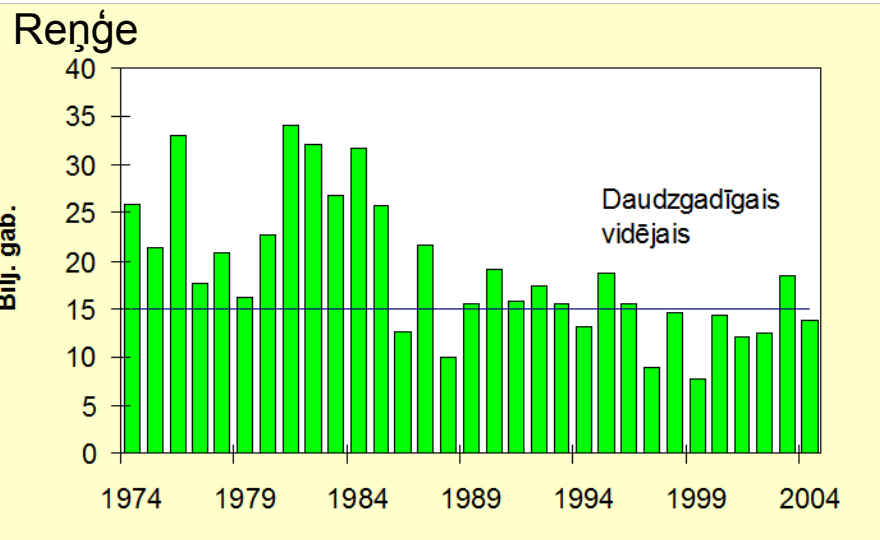
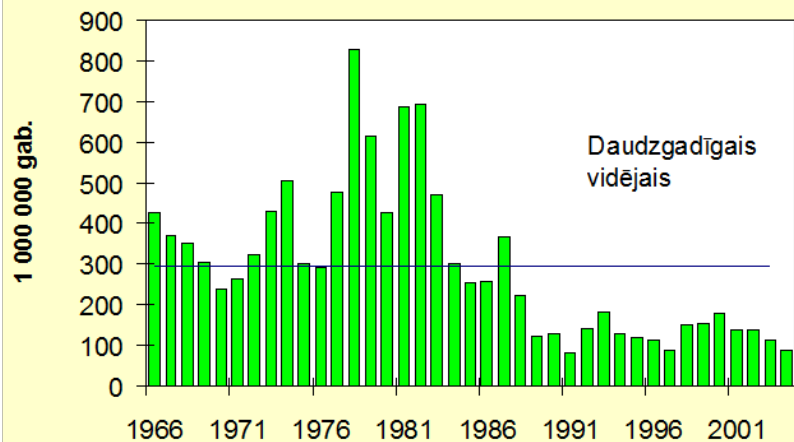




Papildinājums



Menca





Ekosistēmas izmaiņas

Baltic Sea Ecosystem Change: Effects on fish stocks 1970-2004:



Effects on abundance:



cod stocks low



sprat stock high



herring in the Main Basin reduced



Effects of ecosystem:



sprat and herring stocks are dominating the system



sprat and herring predation on cod eggs high



marine plankton species low



fresh water plankton species dominate



herring/sprat competition of food high



herring and sprat growth rate decreased (density dependent events??)

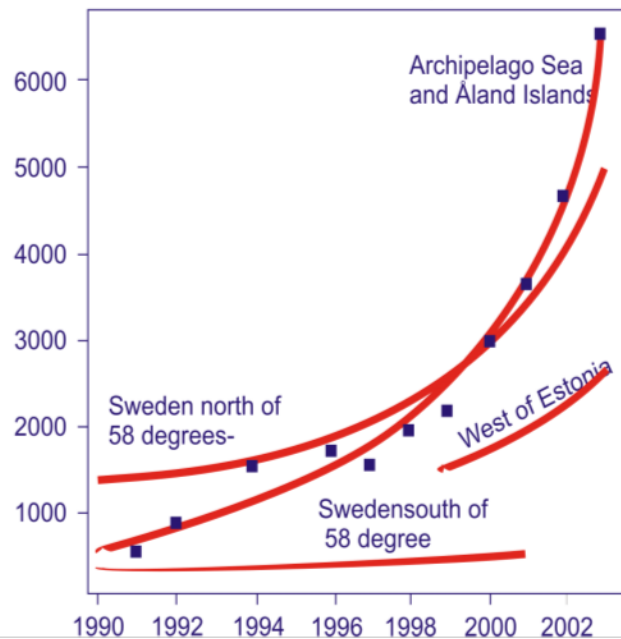


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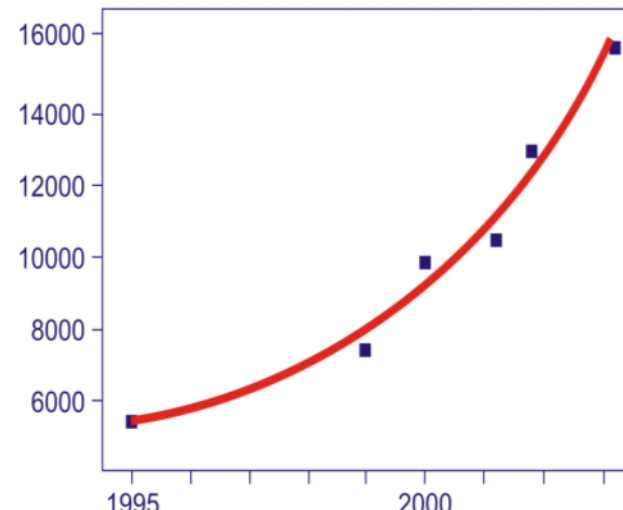
New players coming into the system:

Seals/herring and seals/salmon interaction:
Population growth of seals

Increase of Grey seal population
1990-2003
(arial census)



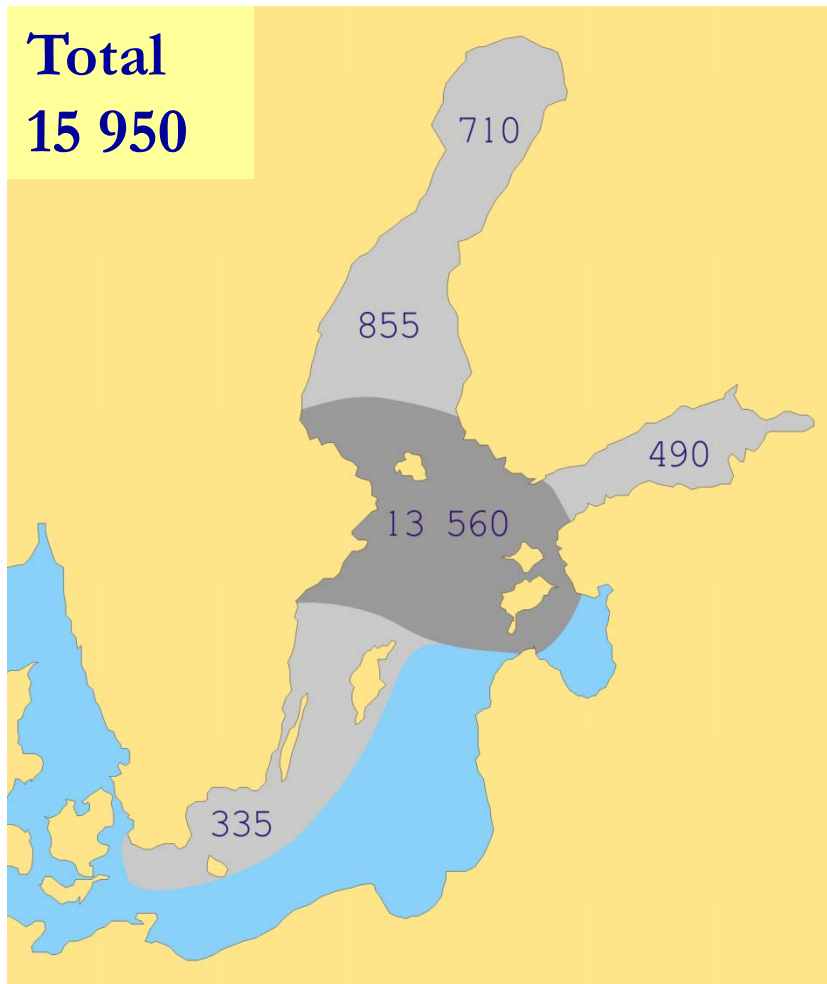
Increase of grey seal populations
in the Baltic Sea
(numbers observed in
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Ekosistēmas izmaiņas

Number of grey seals in 2003



Rough estimate of fish consumed by gray seals annually:

~ 30 000 – 40 000 tonnes