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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The fisheries taking ling (Genypterus blacodes) in Quota Management Area (QMA) LIN 1 are described from 1989-90 to 2011-12 based on compulsory reported commercial catch and effort data held by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI). This QMA includes the east coast of the North Island from North Cape to Cape Runaway and the west coast of the North Island down to about New Plymouth. The bottom trawl (BT) and bottom longline (BLL) fisheries account for more than $98 \%$ of the total accumulated landings of LIN 1 over the 23 year period of record, with the BLL fishery targeting ling accounting for $40 \%$ of the overall total. The remaining $60 \%$ of the landings are spread out amongst a wide range of fisheries, with the most important being the bycatch of ling in BT fisheries targeting scampi (15\%), gemfish (10\%), hoki (8\%) and tarakihi (4\%). About 9\% of the total landings are taken by BT target fishing for ling. Detailed characteristics of the LIN 1 landing data, as well as the spatial, temporal, target species and depth distributions relative to the catch of ling in LIN 1 are presented. Annual performance of the LIN 1 catches and some regulatory information are also presented.

The TACC for LIN 1 was raised from 265 t/year to 400 t/year at the beginning of the 2002-03 fishing year, when the QMA entered the Adaptive Management Programme (AMP). That programme was discontinued in 2009, but the higher TACC for LIN 1 remained. Reviews of LIN 1, under the provisions of the AMP, were conducted in 2005, 2007 and 2009. Three analyses of commercial Catch Per Unit Effort (CPUE) were considered as candidates for use as biomass indices to track population trends in LIN 1. One of these fisheries (BT(SCI)) had been previously rejected by the AMP Fishery Assessment Working Group but was updated for another review. Another trawl fishery series (BT(MIX)) was developed in response to a 2009 recommendation from the AMPWG. Upon review by the NINSWG, both bottom trawl series were considered unsuitable for monitoring LIN 1 abundance, leaving the BLL(LIN) CPUE series as the only remaining candidate for monitoring this QMA. This series was provisionally accepted by the NINSWG with a Science Information Quality ranking of " 2 " ("Medium or Mixed Quality"), largely due to the lack of data in the analysis. This acceptance was combined with the requirement that each accepted CPUE index value in the series had to be determined by at least three vessels. This latter requirement removed an apparently spurious 1998-99 index value based on only two vessels fishing in a localised manner.


Figure 1: Map of LIN QMAs.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

This document describes work conducted under Objectives 1 and 2 of the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) contract LIN2012/01.

## Overall Objective:

1. To characterise the Ling (Genypterus blacodes) fishery and undertake a CPUE analysis in LIN 1

## Specific Objectives:

1. To characterise the LIN 1 fisheries.
2. To analyse existing commercial catch and effort data to the end of the 2011-12 fishing year with the aim of developing a standardised CPUE index of abundance based on the target longline fishery.

The TACC for LIN 1 (Figure 1) was increased from 265 t to 400 t within the Adaptive Management Plan (AMP) on 1 October 2002. Reviews of the LIN 1 AMP were carried out in 2005 (SeaFIC 2005), in 2007 (Starr et al. 2007) and in 2009 (Starr et al. 2009). The AMP programme was discontinued by
the Minister of Fisheries in 2009-10, but the higher TACC remained in place (Table 1; Figure 2). This paper documents an update of the LIN 1 CPUE analyses that was commissioned in 2013 by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI). That update was reviewed and accepted by the Northern Inshore Working Group (NINSWG) in March 2013 (Kendrick \& Starr 2013). The results of the 2013 review are summarised in Chapter 42 of the MPI Plenary stock assessment report (Ministry for Primary Industries 2016).

Abbreviations and definitions of terms used in this report are presented in Appendix A. A map showing the ling MPI QMAs is presented in Figure 1. Appendix B presents the MPI FMAs in the context of the contributing finfish statistical reporting areas.

## 2 INFORMATION ABOUT THE STOCKIFISHERY

### 2.1 TRENDS IN COMMERCIAL CATCH

The fishery for ling in QMA 1 exceeded the previous TACC of 265 t in five of the six years prior to the introduction of this Fishstock into the AMP (Table 1; Figure 2). Landings declined in the first two years (2002-03 and 2003-04) of the operation at the higher TACC, but have since risen, exceeding $300 t$ in every year since 2005-06 and rising above the TACC in 2010-11 with a catch of 438 t , the highest since the Fishstock was introduced into the QMS in 1986.
Table 1: Reported landings ( $\mathbf{t}$ ), TACC ( $\mathbf{t}$ ) and adjusted landings of ling in LIN 1 from 1989-90 to 201112 (Data sources: QMR [1986-87 to 2000-01]; MHR [2001-02 to 2011-12). $\tilde{S} L_{y}$ is the sum of landings in a year adjusted for changes in conversion factor (see caption for Table 2) and $S L_{y}$ is the sum of the same landings without adjustment.

| Year | QMR ${ }_{\text {y }}$ | $\mathrm{TACC}_{\mathrm{y}}$ | $R_{y}=\tilde{S} L_{y} / S L_{y}$ | $\tilde{\mathrm{Q}}^{\text {MR }}{ }_{\mathrm{y}}=\mathrm{QMR}_{\mathrm{y}} * R_{\text {y }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1986-87 | 105 | 200 | $0.982^{1}$ | 103 |
| 1987-88 | 248 | 237 | $0.982^{1}$ | 243 |
| 1988-89 | 218 | 238 | $0.982^{1}$ | 214 |
| 1989-90 | 121 | 265 | 0.977 | 118 |
| 1990-91 | 207 | 265 | 0.986 | 204 |
| 1991-92 | 241 | 265 | 0.982 | 237 |
| 1992-93 | 253 | 265 | 0.982 | 249 |
| 1993-94 | 237 | 265 | 1.000 | 237 |
| 1994-95 | 261 | 265 | 1.000 | 261 |
| 1995-96 | 240 | 265 | 1.000 | 240 |
| 1996-97 | 313 | 265 | 1.000 | 313 |
| 1997-98 | 300 | 265 | 0.998 | 300 |
| 1998-99 | 208 | 265 | 0.995 | 207 |
| 1999-00 | 313 | 265 | 0.996 | 311 |
| 2000-01 | 296 | 265 | 0.992 | 294 |
| 2001-02 | 303 | 265 | 0.997 | 302 |
| 2002-03 | 246 | 400 | 1.000 | 246 |
| 2003-04 | 249 | 400 | 1.000 | 249 |
| 2004-05 | 283 | 400 | 1.000 | 283 |
| 2005-06 | 364 | 400 | 1.000 | 364 |
| 2006-07 | 301 | 400 | 1.000 | 301 |
| 2007-08 | 381 | 400 | 1.000 | 381 |
| 2008-09 | 320 | 400 | 1.000 | 320 |
| 2009-10 | 386 | 400 | 1.000 | 386 |
| 2010-11 | 438 | 400 | 1.000 | 438 |
| 2011-12 | 384 | 400 | 1.000 | 384 |
| ${ }^{1}$ average: | 92 |  |  |  |

### 2.2 REGULATIONS AFFECTING THE FISHERY

There have been changes to the factors used to convert processed weight to greenweight at the time of landing in this data series and these have been adjusted to a constant conversion factor when preparing the data for the analyses presented in this report (see Table 6 in Section 2.4). The changes are minor, resulting in small shifts in the declared landings of about 1 to $4 \%$ for LIN 1 in the early 1990s compared to the sum of the greenweights as declared at the time of landing (Table 1; Figure 2).

LIN 1


Fishing Year

Figure 2: Annual landings and TACCs for the LIN 1 fishery by fishing year from 1986-87 to 2011-12 (Table 1). Landings adjusted from 1986-87 to 2001-02 as presented in Table 1.

### 2.3 ANALYSIS OF LIN 1 CATCH AND EFFORT DATA

### 2.3.1 METHODS USED FOR ANALYSIS OF MPI CATCH AND EFFORT DATA

Three data extracts were obtained from the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) Warehou database (Ministry of Fisheries 2010). One extract consisted of the complete data (all fishing event information along with all ling landing information) from every trip which recorded landing ling in LIN 1, starting from 1 October 1989 and extending to 30 September 2012). Two further extracts were obtained: one consisting of all trips using the method BT (bottom trawl) which targeted or caught scampi (SCI), gemfish (SKI), tarakihi (TAR), ling (LIN), or hoki (HOK) and fished at least once in a valid LIN 1 statistical area. The third extract requested all trips which used the bottom longline (BLL) method which targeted or caught ling (LIN), hapuku/bass (HPB), hapuku (HAP), bass (BAS), bluenose (BNS), or ribaldo (RIB) and fished at least once in a valid LIN 1 statistical area. Once these trips were identified, all fishing event data and ling landing data from the entire trip, regardless of method of capture, were obtained. These data extracts (MPI replog 8826) were received 10 March 2013. The first data extract was used to characterise and understand the fisheries taking LIN 1. These characterisations are reported in Sections 2.4 and 2.5. The remaining two extracts were used to calculate CPUE standardisations (Section 3, Appendix D, Appendix F and Appendix G).

Data were prepared by linking the effort ("fishing event") section of each trip to the landing section, based on trip identification numbers supplied in the database. Effort and landing data were groomed to remove "out-of-range" outliers (the method used to groom the landings data are documented in Appendix C; the remaining procedures used to prepare these data are documented in Starr (2007)).

The original level of time stratification for a trip is either by tow, or day of fishing, depending on the type of form used to report the trip information. These data were amalgamated into a common level of stratification known as a "trip stratum" (Appendix A). Depending on how frequently an operator changed areas, method of capture or target species, a trip could consist of one to several "trip strata". This amalgamation was required so that these data could be analysed at a common level of stratification across all reporting form types. Landed catches of ling by trip were allocated to the "trip strata" in proportion to the estimated ling catches in each "trip stratum". In situations when trips recorded landings of ling without any associated estimates of catch in any of the "trip strata" (operators were only required to report the top five species in any fishing event), the ling landings were allocated proportionally to effort (tows for trawl data and number of sets for longline data) in each "trip stratum".

Table 2: Comparison of the total adjusted LIN 1 QMR/MHR catch (t), reported by fishing year, with the sum of the corrected landed catch totals (bottom part of the MPI CELR form or the CLR form), the total catch after matching effort with landing data ('Analysis' data set) and the sum of the estimated catches from the Analysis data set. Data source: MPI replog 8826: 1989-90 to 2011-12. Landings and QMR/MHR totals have been adjusted to consistent conversion factors across years (see Table 6 in Section 2.4).

| Fishing Year | QMR/MHR <br> (t) | Total landed catch (t) ${ }^{1}$ | \% landed QMR/MHR | Total Analysis catch (t) | Analysis <br> /Landed | Total Estimated Catch (t) | \% <br> Estimated /Analysis |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 89/90 | 118 | 110 | 93 | 95 | 86 | 53 | 56 |
| 90/91 | 204 | 194 | 95 | 190 | 98 | 120 | 63 |
| 91/92 | 237 | 239 | 101 | 229 | 96 | 156 | 68 |
| 92/93 | 249 | 244 | 98 | 242 | 99 | 153 | 63 |
| 93/94 | 237 | 244 | 103 | 242 | 99 | 164 | 68 |
| 94/95 | 261 | 254 | 97 | 243 | 95 | 177 | 73 |
| 95/96 | 240 | 241 | 100 | 239 | 99 | 190 | 80 |
| 96/97 | 313 | 282 | 90 | 274 | 97 | 222 | 81 |
| 97/98 | 300 | 286 | 96 | 284 | 99 | 216 | 76 |
| 98/99 | 208 | 216 | 104 | 194 | 90 | 146 | 75 |
| 99/00 | 311 | 328 | 106 | 326 | 99 | 278 | 85 |
| 00/01 | 294 | 284 | 97 | 282 | 99 | 249 | 88 |
| 01/02 | 302 | 301 | 100 | 298 | 99 | 239 | 80 |
| 02/03 | 246 | 244 | 99 | 244 | 100 | 200 | 82 |
| 03/04 | 249 | 219 | 88 | 216 | 99 | 173 | 80 |
| 04/05 | 283 | 267 | 94 | 267 | 100 | 206 | 77 |
| 05/06 | 364 | 358 | 98 | 356 | 99 | 289 | 81 |
| 06/07 | 301 | 296 | 98 | 296 | 100 | 225 | 76 |
| 07/08 | 381 | 380 | 100 | 378 | 99 | 354 | 94 |
| 08/09 | 320 | 311 | 97 | 310 | 100 | 289 | 93 |
| 09/10 | 386 | 377 | 98 | 376 | 100 | 343 | 91 |
| 10/11 | 438 | 442 | 101 | 423 | 96 | 377 | 89 |
| 11/12 | 384 | 389 | 101 | 377 | 97 | 335 | 89 |
| Total | $6626$ | $6508$ | $98$ | $6379$ | 98 | 5153 | 81 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Totals | mmed after ap | lying procedur | e described in | Appendix C. |  |  |  |

LIN1: Characterisation


Figure 3: Plot of catch datasets presented in Table 2. The estimated catch total is the sum of the estimated catch in the analysis dataset. The QMR/MHR catches have been adjusted as shown in Table 1, landings have been purged of spurious trips (Appendix C), and the Analysis and estimated catches are as presented in Table 2.


Figure 4: [left panel]: Scatter plot of the sum of landed and estimated ling catch for each trip in the LIN 1 analysis dataset. [right panel]: Distribution (weighted by the landed catch) of the ratio of landed to estimated catch per trip. Trips where the estimated catch=0 have been assigned a ratio $=0$.

The catch totals (Table 2; Figure 3) resulting from the dataset used for this analysis may not be the same as those reported to the QMS system because the QMS is a reporting system separate from the MPI catch/effort reporting system. The data are further modified during the preparation procedure described above because trips are dropped with a corresponding loss of data, including dropped trips which have large landings of the target Fishstock without sufficient effort to corroborate the large landing. The most important source of data loss in this procedure results from dropping trips which fished in straddling statistical areas and which report more than one valid Fishstock for that statistical area (Table 2).

Catch totals in the fishery characterisation tables have been scaled to the adjusted QMR/MHR totals reported in column 5, Table 1, by calculating the ratio of these catches with the total annual landed catch in the analysis dataset and scaling all the landed catch observations (i) within a trip using this annual ratio:

$$
\tilde{L}_{i, y}^{\prime}=\tilde{L}_{i, y} \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{M R}_{y}}{\tilde{A} L_{y}}
$$

Eq. 1
where $\tilde{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{M R} \mathbf{R}_{y}, \tilde{L}_{i, y}$ and $\tilde{A} L_{y}$ are landings adjusted for changes in the conversion factors as defined in Table 1 and Table 2.

Table 3: Summary statistics pertaining to the reporting of estimated catch from the LIN 1 analysis dataset. All calculations made on the landings data set resulting from the procedure described in Appendix A.

Trips with landed catch but which report Dataset statistics (excluding 0s) for the ratio of no estimated catch

| Fishing year | Trips: \% relative to total trips | Landings: \% relative to total landings | Landings <br> (t) | $\begin{array}{r} 5 \% \\ \text { quantile } \end{array}$ | Median | Mean | $\begin{array}{r} 95 \% \\ \text { quantile } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 89/90 | 53 | 11 | 13 | 0.62 | 1.30 | 1.60 | 3.34 |
| 90/91 | 45 | 6 | 13 | 0.63 | 1.34 | 1.83 | 3.98 |
| 91/92 | 47 | 5 | 12 | 0.60 | 1.20 | 1.49 | 3.00 |
| 92/93 | 44 | 7 | 17 | 0.53 | 1.39 | 1.71 | 4.15 |
| 93/94 | 46 | 5 | 13 | 0.48 | 1.33 | 1.76 | 3.53 |
| 94/95 | 47 | 5 | 12 | 0.50 | 1.36 | 2.14 | 3.60 |
| 95/96 | 39 | 6 | 14 | 0.50 | 1.19 | 1.53 | 2.90 |
| 96/97 | 37 | 5 | 15 | 0.56 | 1.27 | 1.75 | 3.60 |
| 97/98 | 39 | 4 | 12 | 0.58 | 1.23 | 1.99 | 4.00 |
| 98/99 | 42 | 6 | 12 | 0.57 | 1.23 | 1.63 | 3.94 |
| 99/00 | 50 | 5 | 17 | 0.56 | 1.11 | 1.66 | 3.80 |
| 00/01 | 40 | 4 | 11 | 0.54 | 1.20 | 1.57 | 3.67 |
| 01/02 | 39 | 3 | 8 | 0.57 | 1.20 | 1.57 | 3.44 |
| 02/03 | 46 | 5 | 11 | 0.58 | 1.20 | 1.51 | 3.33 |
| 03/04 | 39 | 4 | 10 | 0.56 | 1.20 | 1.58 | 3.67 |
| 04/05 | 43 | 3 | 8 | 0.58 | 1.33 | 1.79 | 4.14 |
| 05/06 | 41 | 2 | 7 | 0.53 | 1.28 | 1.73 | 3.97 |
| 06/07 | 40 | 2 | 6 | 0.50 | 1.30 | 1.73 | 4.07 |
| 07/08 | 36 | 2 | 6 | 0.53 | 1.18 | 1.90 | 4.15 |
| 08/09 | 36 | 2 | 7 | 0.51 | 1.26 | 1.73 | 3.89 |
| 09/10 | 31 | 1 | 5 | 0.58 | 1.26 | 1.77 | 3.86 |
| 10/11 | 34 | 1 | 6 | 0.61 | 1.30 | 1.77 | 4.06 |
| 11/12 | 34 | 1 | 5 | 0.60 | 1.23 | 1.90 | 4.50 |
| Total | 41 | 4 | 241 | 0.56 | 1.25 | 1.72 | 3.80 |

Annual totals from this data set compared with the annual QMR/MHR totals in Table 1 are presented in Table 2 and Figure 3. Total landings from the bottom part of the CELR form or CLR form are very close to the QMR/MHR totals after applying the procedure to drop spurious non-LIN 1 landing described in Appendix C. The sum of the estimated catches from the analysis dataset ranges between 56 and $94 \%$ of the sum of the "Analysis" catches (Table 2; Figure 3). A comparison scatter plot of the estimated and landed catch by trip shows that most trips underestimate the landing total for the trip and that the majority of the trips are below the $1: 1$ line (Figure 4; [left panel]). The distribution of the ratios of the landed to estimated catch shows that there is a strong mode of the ratios grouped near one, but with a long tail to the right (Figure 4; [right panel]). There is also a secondary mode at zero, resulting from the $4 \%$ of the trips by weight that land LIN 1 report no estimated catch.
The $5 \%$ to $95 \%$ percentiles (excluding trips where there is no estimated catch) for the ratio of landed to estimated catch range from 0.56 to 3.80 for the LIN 1 portion of the dataset, with the median ratio of the landings at $125 \%$ of the estimated catch and the mean ratio $72 \%$ higher than the estimated catch
(Table 3). Four percent of trips by landed weight and $41 \%$ by number estimate no ling catch at all, representing total landings of about 240 t over the 23 years of data (Table 3). There has been a drop in the proportion of trips with no reported ling estimated catch after the introduction of the new eventbased forms in October 2006 and October 2007 (Table 3).

### 2.4 DESCRIPTION OF LIN 1 LANDING INFORMATION

Landing data for ling were provided for all trips which landed LIN 1 at least once, with one record for every reported LIN landing (this will include LIN QMAs from all other LIN Fishstocks) from the trip. The LIN 1 data request stipulated that every landing record associated with each trip be provided because previous extracts have shown large amounts of statistical area misreporting for ling, with operators reporting the FMA rather than the actual statistical area fished (see Appendix C). This is a problem for ling because a large amount of the ling catch is taken by autolongliners operating on the Chatham Rise and the Sub-Antarctic. In the past, these vessels reported on the CELR forms which have no requirement to report the position of the fishing event. If the operators report 4,5 or 6 (for LIN 4, LIN 5 or LIN 6) in the statistical area field, the CPUE data extracts will identify these trips as being valid for LIN 1, even though they were not fishing in LIN 1. Appendix C describes the procedure followed to identify spurious landings in the LIN 1 data set. A total of 2100 t of landings were dropped from the data set on the basis of this analysis.

Table 4: Destination codes in the unedited landing data received for the LIN 1 analysis. The "how used" column indicates which destination codes were included in the characterisation and CPUE analyses.

| Destination code | Number events | Green weight (t) | Description | How used |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :--- | :--- |
| L | 23847 | 6976.3 | Landed in NZ (to LFR) | Keep |
| C | 19 | 3.4 | Disposed to Crown | Keep |
| E | 36 | 0.5 | Eaten | Keep |
| F | 34 | 0.3 | Section 111 Recreational Catch | Keep |
| U | 13 | 0.2 | Bait used on board | Keep |
| A | 6 | 0.1 | Accidental loss | Keep |
| S | 1 | 0.1 | Seized by Crown | Keep |
| W | 1 | 0.0 | Sold at wharf | Keep |
| R | 106 | 1418.4 | Retained on board | Drop |
| T | 3 | 3.1 | Transferred to another vessel | Drop |
| Q | 79 | 1.5 | Holding receptacle on land | Drop |
| NULL | 13 | 0.8 | Nothing | Drop |
| B | 12 | 0.0 | Bait stored for later use | Drop |
| D | 2 | 0.0 | Discarded (non-ITQ) | Drop |

Each landing record contained a reported greenweight (in kilograms), a code indicating the processed state of the landing, along with other auxiliary information such as the conversion factor used, the number of containers involved and the average weight of the containers. Every landing record also contained a "destination code" (Table 4), which indicated the category under which the landing occurred. The majority of the landings were made using destination code "L" (landed to a Licensed Fish Receiver; Table 4). However, other codes (e.g., A, O and C; Table 4) also potentially describe valid landings which were included in this analysis. A number of other codes (notably R, Q and T; Table 4) were not included because these landings were likely to have been reported at a later date under the 'L' destination category. Table 4 indicates that a large amount of LIN 1 landings (about 1400 t ) use destination code 'R' (retained on board). However, excluding these landings from further analysis appears to be the correct decision because including the ' $R$ ' landings would further inflate the landings above those reported to the QMR (Table 2).

Table 5: Total greenweight reported and number of events by state code in the unedited landing file used to process the LIN 1 characterisation data, arranged in descending order of landed weight.

| State <br> code | Number <br> Events | Total reported <br> greenweight (t) | Description <br> GRE 17457 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :--- |

${ }^{1}$ TSK (fillets: skin-off trimmed); FIL (Fillets: skin-on); Null; HDS (heads\}; MEA (fish meal); HGF (headed, gutted, and finned)

Table 6: Median conversion factor for the five most important state codes reported in Table 5 (in terms of total landed greenweight) and the total reported greenweight by fishing year in the edited file used to process the LIN 1 landing data. Landing totals are for LIN 1 only and exclude trip $=973634$ (which used primarily landed state code USK).


A range of state codes (GRE, HGU, DRE, HGT) are used to report LIN 1 landings (Table 5). State codes GRE, HGU, DRE, and HGT have been reported for ling using variable conversion factors over the data period, with small changes shown over the period of available data (Table 6). Greenweight landings $\left(G_{i, s, y}^{\prime}\right)$ were adjusted in the CPUE analysis and for some parts of the characterisation analysis for state codes HGU, DRE, HGT to consistent conversion factors using the following equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
G_{i, s, y}^{\prime}=G_{i, s, y} c f_{i, s, e n d y r} / c f_{i, s, y} \tag{Eq. 2}
\end{equation*}
$$

> where
> $G_{i, s, y}$ is the reported greenweight for record $i$ using landed state code $s$ in year $y$;
> $c f_{i, s, y}$ is the conversion factor for record $i$ using landed state code $s$ in year $y$;
> $c f_{i, s, e n d y r}$ is the conversion factor for record $i$ using landed state code $s$ in endyr (last year in data)

Table 7: Distribution of total landings ( t ) by ling Fishstock and by fishing year for the set of trips that recorded LIN 1 landings. Landing records with improbable greenweights have been dropped, including trip 973634.

| Fishing year | LIN 1 | LIN 2 | LIN 3 | LIN 4 | LIN 5 | LIN 6 | LIN 7 | Total |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 89/90 | 113 | 31 | 2 | 13 | 4 |  | 34 | 196 |
| $90 / 91$ | 194 | 22 | 13 | 258 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 500 |
| $91 / 92$ | 239 | 53 | 25 | 31 | 22 | 23 | 13 | 407 |
| $92 / 93$ | 244 | 44 | 61 | 90 | 160 | 9 | 47 | 653 |
| $93 / 94$ | 244 | 65 | 38 | 194 | 20 | 147 | 25 | 733 |
| $94 / 95$ | 255 | 82 | 81 | 502 | 1 | 351 | 35 | 1306 |
| $95 / 96$ | 245 | 88 | 141 | 245 | 1 | 33 | 30 | 783 |
| $96 / 97$ | 289 | 165 | 183 | 495 | 107 | 149 | 62 | 1450 |
| $97 / 98$ | 288 | 117 | 48 | 133 | 20 | 2 | 13 | 621 |
| $98 / 99$ | 217 | 189 | 11 | 8 |  |  | 16 | 441 |
| $99 / 00$ | 329 | 77 | 59 | 4 | 21 | 123 | 31 | 643 |
| $00 / 01$ | 284 | 21 | 36 | 38 | 25 | 52 | 38 | 495 |
| $01 / 02$ | 301 | 59 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 368 |
| $02 / 03$ | 244 | 61 | 26 | 7 | 0 |  | 19 | 357 |
| $03 / 04$ | 228 | 40 | 7 | 0 | 1 |  | 30 | 307 |
| $04 / 05$ | 267 | 19 | 17 | 5 | 1 |  | 9 | 317 |
| $05 / 06$ | 358 | 38 | 2 | 13 | 0 |  | 13 | 424 |
| $06 / 07$ | 299 | 45 | 0 | 0 |  |  | 41 | 386 |
| $07 / 08$ | 383 | 52 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 437 |
| $08 / 09$ | 312 | 39 | 0 |  |  |  | 2 | 353 |
| $09 / 10$ | 379 | 38 | 0 | 0 |  |  | 8 | 425 |
| $10 / 11$ | 446 | 52 | 0 | 0 |  |  | 32 | 531 |
| $11 / 12$ | 396 | 49 | 3 | 4 | 24 | 1 | 24 | 500 |
| Total | 6555 | 1445 | 754 | 2040 | 413 | 893 | 532 | 12631 |

Landings in the final data set are primarily from LIN 1 but there are significant landings from LIN 2 and LIN 4 (Table 7). This is because the data request included all ling landings from every trip that fished in LIN 1 and it appears that many of the trips are wide ranging, even after implementing the procedure described in Appendix C. About 70\% of the LIN 1 landings were reported on CELR forms until the form change in 2007-08, with the remainder on CLR forms (Catch Landing Returns; Table 8). The CLR forms are used by larger vessels using the TCEPR and LCER forms to report their effort and, after 2007-08, by smaller trawl and longline (between 6 and 28 m ) vessels using the new event-based forms. Only a negligible amount of landings of LIN 1 are reported on the NCELR form (Table 8). After 2007-08, there is a clear increase in the use of the fishing event based forms (TCER and LTCER), with the percentage of the LIN 1 catch reported on CELR forms dropping to less than $10 \%$ of the annual total in recent years (Table 8).

Table 8: Distribution by form type for landed catch by weight for each fishing year in LIN 1. Also provided are the number of days fishing and the associated distribution of days fishing by form type for the effort data using statistical areas consistent with LIN 1. CELR: Catch, Effort, Landing Return; CLR: Catch Landing Return; NCELR: Netting Catch Effort Landing Return, TCEPR: Trawl Catch Effort Processing Return; TCER: Trawl Catch Effort Return; LTCER: Lining Trip Catch Effort Return. Forms other than CELR and NCELR have their related landings reported on CLR forms.

| Fishing | Landings ${ }^{1}$ |  | Days Fishing (\%) ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  | Days Fishing |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | CELR | CLR | CELR | TCEPR | TCER | LTCER | CELR | TCEPR | TCER | LTCER | Other | Total |
| 89/90 | 34 | 66 | 79 | 21 | - | - | 1751 | 460 | - | - | - | 2211 |
| 90/91 | 49 | 51 | 76 | 24 | - | - | 2222 | 703 | - | - | - | 2925 |
| 91/92 | 69 | 31 | 85 | 15 | - | - | 2744 | 489 | - | - | 1 | 3234 |
| 92/93 | 79 | 21 | 85 | 15 | - | - | 3052 | 534 | - | - | 2 | 3588 |
| 93/94 | 79 | 21 | 81 | 19 | - | - | 2868 | 653 | - | - | 1 | 3522 |
| 94/95 | 79 | 21 | 72 | 28 | - | - | 2418 | 958 | - | - | 2 | 3378 |
| 95/96 | 61 | 39 | 41 | 59 | - | - | 1381 | 1956 | - | - | 2 | 3339 |
| 96/97 | 42 | 58 | 41 | 58 | - | - | 1752 | 2467 | - | - | 6 | 4225 |
| 97/98 | 41 | 59 | 38 | 62 | - | - | 1751 | 2835 | - | - | - | 4586 |
| 98/99 | 41 | 59 | 38 | 61 | - | - | 1539 | 2464 | - | - | 5 | 4008 |
| 99/00 | 39 | 61 | 44 | 56 | - | - | 2044 | 2560 | - | - | 2 | 4606 |
| 00/01 | 38 | 62 | 39 | 61 | - | - | 1722 | 2642 | - | - | 1 | 4365 |
| 01/02 | 31 | 69 | 43 | 57 | - | - | 1638 | 2149 | - | - | 1 | 3788 |
| 02/03 | 44 | 56 | 44 | 56 | - | - | 1702 | 2147 | - | - | - | 3849 |
| 03/04 | 43 | 57 | 40 | 60 | - | - | 1552 | 2364 | - | - | - | 3916 |
| 04/05 | 68 | 32 | 40 | 59 | - | - | 1634 | 2416 | - | - | 15 | 4065 |
| 05/06 | 62 | 38 | 45 | 55 | - | - | 1799 | 2199 | - | - | 8 | 4006 |
| 06/07 | 70 | 30 | 48 | 51 | - | - | 1768 | 1871 | - | - | 27 | 3666 |
| 07/08 | 7 | 93 | 9 | 37 | 24 | 28 | 352 | 1436 | 918 | 1085 | 40 | 3831 |
| 08/09 | 2 | 98 | 8 | 38 | 25 | 27 | 290 | 1438 | 966 | 1024 | 75 | 3793 |
| 09/10 | 1 | 99 | 8 | 36 | 26 | 30 | 301 | 1419 | 1018 | 1180 | 31 | 3949 |
| 10/11 | 1 | 99 | 9 | 35 | 19 | 36 | 351 | 1426 | 798 | 1498 | 32 | 4105 |
| 11/12 | 0 | 100 | 5 | 42 | 20 | 32 | 165 | 1492 | 697 | 1153 | 43 | 3550 |
| Total | 39 | 61 | 43 | 45 | 5 | 7 | 36796 | 39078 | 4397 | 5940 | 2943 | 86505 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Percentages of landed greenweight (about 100 kg of total landings using the NCELR form have been omitted) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{3}$ includes 110 days for NCELR (Netting Catch Effort Lining Return), 69 days for LCER (Lining Catch Effort Return), and 115 days for TUN (Tuna Longlining Catch Effort Return) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 2.5 DESCRIPTION OF THE LIN 1 FISHERY

Distributions by statistical area, major fishing method and target species in this section are provided by summarised statistical areas, methods and target species in Table 9.

Table 9: Definitions of statistical area (see Appendix B for the locations of the indicated statistical areas), major method codes and target species codes used in the distribution tables and plots in this report. Number events=number of effort records in analysis dataset; number records=number of records in analysis dataset after rolling up to trip/statistical area/method/target species.

Code used in report Statistical area region definition

| 001 | 001 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 002 | 002 |
| 003 | 003 |
| 004 | 004 |
| HG | $005,006,007$ |
| 008 | 008 |
| 009 | 009 |
| 010 | 010 |
| $041-045$ | $041,042,043,044,045$ |
| 046 | 046 |
| $047-048$ | 047,048 |
| $101-107$ | $101,102,103,104,105,106,107$ |

Number events Number records

| 2388 | 1056 |
| ---: | ---: |
| 12723 | 5491 |
| 11410 | 4124 |
| 4546 | 1668 |
| 7145 | 2413 |
| 24017 | 5545 |
| 38091 | 12515 |
| 27098 | 9391 |
| 17676 | 5361 |
| 7973 | 3037 |
| 16238 | 5225 |
| 1838 | 519 |


| Region code | Statistical area definition for Regions | Number events | Number records |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| EN | $001,002,003,004,105,106$ | 32044 | 12604 |
| HG | $005,006,007$ | 7145 | 2413 |
| BoP | $008,009,010,107$ | 89549 | 27569 |
| WCNI | $041,042,043,044,045,046,047,048,101,102$, |  |  |
|  | 103,104 | 42405 | 13759 |


| Method designation | Methods included | Number events Number records |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| BLL | Bottom longline | 25514 | 11077 |
| BT | Bottom trawl | 135038 | 40130 |
| OTH | All other methods: reporting >1 t of LIN 1 total |  |  |
|  | landings in ranked descending order: trot line, <br> setnet, bottom pair trawl, Dahn line, Danish seine, |  |  |
|  | midwater trawl | 10591 | 5138 |


| Target species code ${ }^{1}$ | Target species definition | Number events | Number records |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SCI | Scampi | 15866 | 928 |
| SKI | Gemfish | 8060 | 2657 |
| LIN | Ling | 1032 | 614 |
| HOK | Hoki | 3385 | 1610 |
| TAR | Tarakihi | 32581 | 11989 |
| SNA | Snapper | 30653 | 8770 |
| TRE | Trevally | 20599 | 5861 |
| RBY | Rubyfish | 410 | 269 |
| BAR | Barracouta | 3454 | 1438 |
| GUR | Red gurnard | 6472 | 2199 |
|  | All other species: > 3 t of total LIN 1 landings in ranked descending order: look-down dory, john dory, silver dory, alfonsino, orange roughy, |  |  |
| OTH | arrow squid, silver warehou | 12526 | 3795 |
| Target species code ${ }^{2}$ | Target species definition | Number events | Number records |
| LIN | Ling | 4223 | 1420 |
| BNS | Bluenose | 12179 | 5004 |
| RIB | Ribaldo | 894 | 287 |
| HPB | Hapuku/bass | 5066 | 2390 |
| SPO | Rig | 157 | 45 |
| SNA | Snapper | 2286 | 1468 |
| OTH | All other species: > 1 t of total LIN 1 landings in ranked descending order: gemfish, school shark | 709 | 463 |
| ${ }^{1}$ bottom trawl method only |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{2}$ bottom longline method only |  |  |  |

LIN 1 shares only Statistical Area 041 with LIN 7. The remaining statistical area boundaries coincide with the QMA boundaries (Appendix B). The LIN 1 fishery is taken primarily by the bottom longline and bottom trawl methods, with only minor amounts of landings using other methods (Table 10; Figure 5). The bottom longline fishery has taken $49 \%$ percent of the landings and a further $49 \%$ has been taken by the bottom trawl fishery over the 23 years of available catch history. The remaining methods have taken less than $2 \%$ of the total landings.

About one-half of the LIN 1 bottom longline landings are taken in the Bay of Plenty (Figure 6; Table 11) while two-thirds of the bottom trawl landings come from this region (Figure 7; Table 11). East Northland is the other important area for bottom longline landings while the WCNI accounts for a large proportion of the bottom trawl landings in some years (Figure 7; Table 11).

Table 10: Total landings (t) and distribution of landings (\%) of ling from trips which landed LIN 1 by statistical area group and important fishing methods (Table 9), summed from 1989-90 to 2011-12. Landings ( $\mathbf{t}$ ) have been scaled to the adjusted QMR totals ( $\tilde{Q}_{\mathrm{MR}}^{\mathrm{y}}$ ) using Eq. 1.

| Statistical <br> Area | Fishing Method |  |  | Fishing Method |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | BLL | BT | Other | Total | BLL | BT | Other |
|  | Total landings (t) |  |  | Distribution (\%) |  |  |  |
| 001 | 181 | 14 | 18 | 213 | 2.7 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| 002 | 796 | 127 | 9 | 931 | 12.0 | 1.9 | 0.1 |
| 003 | 55 | 53 | 7 | 115 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.1 |
| 004 | 48 | 37 | 1 | 86 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.0 |
| HG | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 008 | 75 | 902 | 2 | 979 | 1.1 | 13.6 | 0.0 |
| 009 | 704 | 962 | 13 | 1680 | 10.6 | 14.5 | 0.2 |
| 010 | 819 | 337 | 39 | 1195 | 12.4 | 5.1 | 0.6 |
| 041-045 | 401 | 204 | 5 | 610 | 6.1 | 3.1 | 0.1 |
| 046 | 97 | 333 | 6 | 436 | 1.5 | 5.0 | 0.1 |
| 047-048 | 89 | 263 | 7 | 359 | 1.3 | 4.0 | 0.1 |
| 101-107 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 15 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| EN | 1087 | 236 | 34 | 1356 | 16.4 | 3.6 | 0.5 |
| HG | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| BoP | 1599 | 2202 | 54 | 3856 | 24.1 | 33.2 | 0.8 |
| WCNI | 588 | 801 | 19 | 1407 | 8.9 | 12.1 | 0.3 |
| Total | 3274 | 3244 | 108 | 6626 | 49.4 | 49.0 | 1.6 |



Figure 5: Distribution of catches for the major fishing methods by fishing year from trips which landed LIN 1. Circles are proportional to the catch totals by method and fishing year, with the largest circle representing: $315 \mathbf{t}$ in 10/11 for BLL.


## Statistical Area Region

Figure 6: Distribution of landings and number of hooks/sets for the bottom longline method by Statistical Area Region (see Table 9 for definition) and fishing year from trips landing to LIN 1. Circles are proportional within each panel: [landings] largest circle= $105 \mathbf{t}$ in $\mathbf{1 0 / 1 1}$ for Region 041-045; [number hooks] largest circle= $\mathbf{9 . 3 1} \times \mathbf{1 0}^{\mathbf{5}}$ hooks in $\mathbf{1 0} / \mathbf{1 1}$ for Area 002.


Figure 7: Distribution of landings and number of tows for the bottom trawl method by Statistical Area Region (see Table 9 for definition) and fishing year from trips landing to LIN 1. Circles are proportional within each panel: [landings] largest circle= $91 \mathbf{t}$ in 01/02 for Area 008; [number tows] largest circle=2104 tows in 92/93 for Area 009.


Figure 8: Total landings by month and fishing year for bottom longline and bottom trawl based on trips which landed LIN 1. Circles sizes are proportional across panels with the largest circle= 119 t for bottom longline in September 05/06.
Bottom longline landings of LIN 1 have a wide sporadic distribution, with the Bay of Plenty landings coming primarily from Statistical Areas 009 and 010 (Figure 6). Bottom longline landings increased since about 2000 in East Northland Statistical Area 002, fell off considerably in 2007-08 but then increased to levels similar to those observed in the mid-2000s (Figure 6). The distribution of bottom longline effort by year shows much effort in Areas 003 and 004 and on the west coast North Island, areas which take relatively less LIN 1 (Figure 6). It is likely that this is effort directed at other species, such as snapper. The distribution of bottom trawl effort is broader than the distribution of the catch, with effort taking some LIN 1 in East Northland and on the west coast in most years (Figure 7). It is difficult to know if there are any trends in the effort or landings, due to the small amount of landings and the diverse fisheries which take this species. However, the landings of LIN 1 in the Bay of Plenty trawl fishery appear to have dropped in recent years and the recent increase in LIN 1 landings appears to come from increased bottom longline landings in East Northland and the Bay of Plenty (Figure 6 and Figure 7).

The bottom longline landings of LIN 1 are taken mainly in the final two months of the fishing year while the bottom trawl landings of LIN 1 have been more evenly distributed across the year (Figure 8; Table 12). There is some convergence between the two fisheries, with the BLL landings becoming more seasonally widespread from 2007-08 onwards while there is a suggestion that the importance of August and September bottom trawl landings is increasing (Figure 8; Table 12). Both fisheries have relatively sporadic seasonal patterns, probably reflecting the small amount of landings in most years and the by-catch nature of many of the fisheries. Bottom longline landings of ling are concentrated in the last two months of the fishing year in both East Northland and the Bay of Plenty while the west coast North Island longline fishery is more spread out in the fishing year (Figure 9). The seasonal pattern of the bottom trawl fishery by region shows that the Bay of Plenty fishery extends relatively evenly through the fishing year while the other regions are more sporadic in their seasonal timing (Figure 10). This broader seasonal pattern in the west coast fishery probably reflects the large commitment required to fish in this area.


Figure 9: Distribution of landings for the bottom longline method by grouped statistical area (see Table 9 for definition) for month and fishing year from trips which landed LIN 1. Circle sizes are proportional across panels: maximum value: 67 t for EN 04/05 in September. HG plot not shown because of negligible BLL landings.


Month

Figure 10: Distribution of landings for the bottom trawl method by grouped statistical area (see Table 9 for definition) for month and fishing year from trips which landed LIN 1. Circle sizes are proportional across panels: maximum value: 75 t for WCVI 96/97 in June. HG plot not shown because of negligible BT landings.

Table 11: Percent distribution of landings by region (Table 9) from 1989-90 to 2011-12 for the bottom trawl and bottom longline methods for trips which landed LIN 1. Annual landings by method are available in Table 12 and the rows sum to 100\%. '-': no data.

| Fishing Year | Region |  |  |  | Region |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | EN | HG | BoP | WCNI | EN | HG | BoP | WCNI |
|  | Bottom tra |  | Bottom longline (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 89/90 | 2 | 0 | 97 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 98 | - |
| 90/91 | 5 | 0 | 93 | 2 | 7 | - | 93 | - |
| 91/92 | 3 | 0 | 83 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 98 | 0 |
| 92/93 | 4 | 0 | 91 | 5 | 35 | 0 | 65 | 0 |
| 93/94 | 5 | 0 | 81 | 14 | 16 | 0 | 84 | 0 |
| 94/95 | 6 | 0 | 64 | 30 | 23 | 0 | 75 | 2 |
| 95/96 | 13 | 0 | 59 | 28 | 37 | 0 | 50 | 13 |
| 96/97 | 7 | 0 | 52 | 40 | 48 | 0 | 40 | 12 |
| 97/98 | 7 | 0 | 63 | 30 | 61 | 0 | 32 | 8 |
| 98/99 | 4 | 0 | 71 | 25 | 44 | 0 | 39 | 17 |
| 99/00 | 17 | 0 | 42 | 41 | 62 | 0 | 36 | 2 |
| 00/01 | 3 | 0 | 66 | 31 | 49 | 0 | 48 | 2 |
| 01/02 | 5 | 0 | 79 | 16 | 61 | 0 | 36 | 3 |
| 02/03 | 4 | 0 | 71 | 25 | 66 | 0 | 32 | 2 |
| 03/04 | 3 | 0 | 87 | 11 | 43 | 0 | 46 | 10 |
| 04/05 | 2 | 0 | 88 | 10 | 43 | 0 | 51 | 6 |
| 05/06 | 14 | 0 | 62 | 24 | 39 | 0 | 50 | 10 |
| 06/07 | 16 | 0 | 61 | 23 | 36 | 0 | 48 | 16 |
| 07/08 | 7 | 0 | 49 | 44 | 17 | 0 | 53 | 30 |
| 08/09 | 9 | 0 | 50 | 41 | 23 | 0 | 25 | 52 |
| 09/10 | 16 | 0 | 67 | 17 | 20 | 0 | 42 | 38 |
| 10/11 | 5 | 0 | 75 | 20 | 28 | 0 | 30 | 42 |
| 11/12 | 3 | 0 | 60 | 37 | 39 | 0 | 31 | 29 |
| total | 7 | 0 | 68 | 25 | 33 | 0 | 49 | 18 |

Table 12: Percent distribution of landings by month and total annual landings (t) of LIN 1 from 198990 to 2011-12 for the bottom trawl and bottom longline methods for trips which landed LIN 1. Landings (t) have been scaled to the adjusted QMR totals ( ${ }^{\text {Q MR }}{ }_{y}$ ) using Eq. 1.

Fishing

| Fishing <br> Year | Oct <br> Bottom | Nov <br> Longline | Dec <br> $(\%)$ | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Total (t) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 89/90 | 2.2 | 4.6 | 3.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 1.7 | 10.1 | 12.5 | 7.1 | 54.5 | 24.5 |
| $90 / 91$ | 1.5 | 4.0 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 2.3 | 0.9 | 2.1 | 11.5 | 0.5 | 2.3 | 7.8 | 65.4 | 40.5 |
| $91 / 92$ | 4.4 | 2.5 | 3.9 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 7.1 | 7.6 | 31.0 | 29.4 | 122.2 |
| $92 / 93$ | 15.6 | 6.9 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 3.4 | 6.0 | 3.3 | 1.6 | 4.4 | 25.3 | 31.8 | 138.6 |
| $93 / 94$ | 8.7 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 4.3 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 7.4 | 34.4 | 22.0 | 146.2 |
| $94 / 95$ | 4.0 | 7.0 | 9.2 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 8.2 | 5.5 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 4.7 | 18.1 | 34.0 | 170.0 |
| $95 / 96$ | 11.3 | 3.5 | 4.4 | 2.4 | 4.6 | 2.7 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 3.8 | 5.7 | 41.2 | 18.1 | 137.8 |
| $96 / 97$ | 1.3 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 2.0 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 1.3 | 19.5 | 7.8 | 9.0 | 27.6 | 20.3 | 99.0 |
| $97 / 98$ | 10.8 | 5.6 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 1.9 | 5.2 | 3.8 | 7.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 32.6 | 16.7 | 101.4 |
| $98 / 99$ | 0.4 | 12.0 | 11.6 | 3.5 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 2.2 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 25.3 | 33.8 | 53.0 |
| $99 / 00$ | 14.4 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 3.4 | 5.5 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 23.3 | 31.2 | 69.2 |
| $00 / 01$ | 5.6 | 1.3 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 2.8 | 41.9 | 36.6 | 86.1 |
| $01 / 02$ | 4.1 | 3.7 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 0.9 | 1.8 | 0.6 | 1.8 | 6.1 | 19.8 | 56.5 | 79.3 |
| $02 / 03$ | 12.0 | 2.5 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 2.7 | 0.8 | 39.6 | 34.7 | 90.0 |
| $03 / 04$ | 3.9 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 2.2 | 5.1 | 3.2 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 4.7 | 20.0 | 49.9 | 104.4 |
| $04 / 05$ | 9.1 | 4.2 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 2.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.4 | 12.6 | 59.7 | 189.9 |
| $05 / 06$ | 9.9 | 11.5 | 2.9 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 6.2 | 0.4 | 2.4 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 5.3 | 54.4 | 217.9 |
| $06 / 07$ | 5.8 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 9.0 | 6.4 | 3.8 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 11.8 | 48.6 | 199.5 |
| $07 / 08$ | 7.0 | 7.4 | 1.6 | 15.3 | 13.8 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 13.6 | 29.8 | 244.5 |
| $08 / 09$ | 2.6 | 2.9 | 1.8 | 18.2 | 20.4 | 14.3 | 4.3 | 6.2 | 3.3 | 0.5 | 5.9 | 19.5 | 174.0 |
| $09 / 10$ | 4.5 | 1.4 | 10.7 | 5.5 | 9.3 | 14.1 | 3.5 | 5.1 | 5.8 | 2.1 | 15.5 | 22.4 | 225.1 |
| $10 / 11$ | 3.0 | 6.0 | 7.7 | 7.3 | 8.5 | 11.7 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 4.8 | 2.2 | 26.3 | 10.0 | 315.1 |
| $11 / 12$ | 10.9 | 12.5 | 8.2 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 1.1 | 4.1 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 6.3 | 28.0 | 16.1 | 245.6 |
| Mean | 6.9 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 21.5 | 31.4 | $3274.0^{1}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



About one-half of the LIN 1 landings are taken by target fishing for ling, mainly in the longline fishery (Table 13). The most important bottom trawl fishery taking ling is the scampi fishery, but it still only accounts for about one-third of the bottom trawl catch of LIN 1 (Table 13; Figure 11). Other important bottom trawl fisheries which have taken LIN 1 include the gemfish, hoki and tarakihi fisheries (Figure 11). The other longline fisheries which take significant amounts of LIN 1 include the target bluenose, hapuku/bass and ribaldo fisheries. There has been some variation in the importance of some of these fisheries over the 23 years of data, with an apparent decline in recent years of the by-catch of LIN 1 in the target scampi and gemfish bottom trawl fisheries, reflecting quota cuts in both of these fisheries (Table 14; Figure 11). On the other hand, there has been an increase in recent years in the bottom longline landings of target ling fishing, probably contributing to the recent rise in overall LIN 1 landings (Figure 11).

Table 13: Landings ( $\mathbf{t}$ ) and distribution of landings (\%) of ling from trips which landed LIN 1 by target species and important fishing methods (Table 9), summed from 1989-90 to 2011-12. Landings (t) have been scaled to the adjusted QMR totals ( $\tilde{Q}_{\mathrm{MR}}^{y}$ ) using Eq. 1. '-': no landings.

| Target Species | Fishing Method |  |  |  | Fishing Method |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | BLL | BT | Other | Total | BLL | BT | Other | Total |
|  | Total landings (t) |  |  |  | Distribution (\%) |  |  |  |
| LIN | 2596 | 626 | 32 | 3255 | 39.2 | 9.4 | 0.5 | 49.1 |
| SCI | - | 987 | - | 987 | - | 14.9 | - | 14.9 |
| SKI | 4 | 649 | 11 | 665 | 0.1 | 9.8 | 0.2 | 10.0 |
| HOK | 0 | 527 | 3 | 531 | 0.0 | 7.9 | 0.1 | 8.0 |
| BNS | 333 | 1 | 9 | 343 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 5.2 |
| TAR | 1 | 268 | 14 | 283 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 0.2 | 4.3 |
| RIB | 176 | 0 | 0 | 176 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.7 |
| HPB | 124 | 0 | 27 | 151 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 2.3 |
| SNA | 13 | 53 | 3 | 70 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 1.1 |
| OTH | 27 | 132 | 8 | 167 | 0.4 | 2.0 | 0.1 | 2.5 |
| Total | 3274 | 3244 | 108 | 6626 | 49.4 | 49.0 | 1.6 | 100.0 |

Table 14A: Percent distribution of landings by target species (Table 9) from 1989-90 to 2011-12 for bottom longline which landed LIN 1. The final column shows the percent landing for BLL in each fishing year. Annual landings by method are available in Table 12. '-': no data.

| Fishing year | Declared Target Species |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | LIN | BNS | RIB | HPB | SPO | SNA | OTH | Total |
| Bottom longline |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 89/90 | 11.6 | 83.6 | 1.2 | 1.3 | - | 1.5 | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| 90/91 | 66.6 | 29.6 | 0.6 | 2.7 | - | 0.4 | 0.0 | 1.2 |
| 91/92 | 79.7 | 5.3 | 13.3 | 1.5 | - | 0.1 | 0.1 | 3.7 |
| 92/93 | 83.4 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 4.4 | - | 0.2 | 0.1 | 4.2 |
| 93/94 | 68.8 | 9.8 | 5.5 | 7.2 | 8.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 4.5 |
| 94/95 | 69.6 | 9.8 | 15.3 | 2.9 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 5.2 |
| 95/96 | 70.9 | 6.3 | 13.3 | 2.1 | 5.7 | 0.1 | 1.5 | 4.2 |
| 96/97 | 70.7 | 16.9 | 9.8 | 2.0 | - | 0.6 | 0.0 | 3.0 |
| 97/98 | 76.9 | 15.5 | - | 6.6 | - | 0.6 | 0.5 | 3.1 |
| 98/99 | 52.6 | 20.6 | 14.4 | 11.1 | - | 0.8 | 0.6 | 1.6 |
| 99/00 | 56.4 | 20.4 | 11.9 | 7.6 | - | 3.1 | 0.6 | 2.1 |
| 00/01 | 73.6 | 16.6 | 0.4 | 5.6 | - | 2.9 | 1.0 | 2.6 |
| 01/02 | 70.8 | 18.0 | 1.1 | 7.3 | - | 1.9 | 0.9 | 2.4 |
| 02/03 | 84.4 | 8.4 | 0.3 | 5.6 | - | 1.0 | 0.3 | 2.7 |
| 03/04 | 66.9 | 13.7 | 4.2 | 14.2 | - | 0.6 | 0.3 | 3.2 |
| 04/05 | 79.3 | 12.1 | 3.7 | 4.6 | - | 0.2 | 0.2 | 5.8 |
| 05/06 | 78.4 | 8.7 | 8.9 | 3.7 | - | 0.1 | 0.1 | 6.7 |
| 06/07 | 79.1 | 9.8 | 7.6 | 3.2 | - | 0.2 | 0.1 | 6.1 |
| 07/08 | 86.6 | 8.2 | 3.5 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 7.5 |
| 08/09 | 85.6 | 5.4 | 7.4 | 1.3 | - | 0.2 | 0.2 | 5.3 |
| 09/10 | 90.3 | 7.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 6.9 |
| 10/11 | 91.0 | 5.8 | 0.4 | 2.6 | - | 0.1 | 0.1 | 9.6 |
| 11/12 | 92.3 | 5.3 | 0.1 | 2.3 | - | 0.1 | 0.0 | 7.5 |
| Mean | 79.3 | 10.2 | 5.4 | 3.8 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 100.0 |

Table 14B. Percent distribution of landings by target species (Table 9) from 1989-90 to 2011-12 for bottom trawl which landed LIN 1. The final column shows the percent landing for BT in each fishing year. Annual landings by method are available in Table 12.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Declared Target Species |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | SCI | SKI | LIN | HOK | TAR | SNA | TRE | RBY | BAR | GUR | OTH | Total |
|  | Bottom trawl |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 89/90 | 77.2 | 11.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 4.8 | 3.9 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 2.8 |
| 90/91 | 78.7 | 11.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 7.0 | 1.6 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 4.1 |
| 91/92 | 66.5 | 14.4 | 7.1 | 0.6 | 7.4 | 2.7 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 3.5 |
| 92/93 | 46.7 | 22.0 | 4.6 | 6.8 | 10.5 | 2.7 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 4.2 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 3.2 |
| 93/94 | 53.5 | 8.8 | 6.9 | 1.2 | 21.4 | 2.4 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 3.4 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 2.7 |
| 94/95 | 38.5 | 25.6 | 5.4 | 3.2 | 21.0 | 2.9 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 1.2 | 2.7 |
| 95/96 | 17.4 | 52.5 | 0.8 | 6.1 | 15.2 | 5.8 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 3.0 |
| 96/97 | 6.4 | 49.3 | 0.3 | 29.6 | 9.8 | 1.8 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 6.4 |
| 97/98 | 11.6 | 45.8 | 0.9 | 27.0 | 8.8 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 1.7 | 5.8 |
| 98/99 | 13.9 | 36.1 | 11.8 | 24.1 | 8.5 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 4.6 |
| 99/00 | 29.5 | 29.3 | 7.8 | 24.6 | 4.3 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 1.9 | 7.2 |
| 00/01 | 36.4 | 33.5 | 4.8 | 11.9 | 7.8 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 6.2 |
| 01/02 | 41.7 | 14.1 | 13.3 | 15.8 | 4.4 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 8.2 | 6.8 |
| 02/03 | 31.8 | 27.7 | 23.5 | 6.0 | 6.7 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 4.8 |
| 03/04 | 36.9 | 10.2 | 14.1 | 26.5 | 8.9 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 4.4 |
| 04/05 | 49.2 | 5.0 | 11.8 | 18.2 | 9.7 | 2.0 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 2.9 |
| 05/06 | 15.3 | 2.5 | 59.5 | 11.4 | 6.4 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 2.2 | 4.5 |
| 06/07 | 27.3 | 2.8 | 37.5 | 19.2 | 7.4 | 2.3 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 3.1 |
| 07/08 | 11.5 | 7.5 | 58.5 | 11.8 | 5.0 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 2.6 | 4.2 |
| 08/09 | 14.2 | 2.1 | 61.5 | 10.8 | 7.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 4.4 |
| 09/10 | 12.3 | 2.4 | 48.3 | 26.1 | 6.2 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 4.8 |
| 10/11 | 20.9 | 2.4 | 33.8 | 25.6 | 9.8 | 0.7 | 1.7 | 2.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 2.4 | 3.7 |
| 11/12 | 18.5 | 3.1 | 35.8 | 29.1 | 8.0 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 4.2 |
| Mean | 30.4 | 20.0 | 19.3 | 16.2 | 8.3 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 1.7 | 100.0 |

Target bottom longline fishing for ling predominates in both the Bay of Plenty and East Northland, with both fisheries showing an increase in recent fishing years (Figure 12). The west coast North Island longline landings of ling appear to be split between a target ling fishery and by-catch from the target bluenose/hapuku longline fishery.

Target fishing patterns in the bottom trawl fishery by region show a decline in LIN 1 landings in the Bay of Plenty scampi trawl fishery in recent years as well as the disappearance of ling by-catch in the gemfish Bay of Plenty trawl fishery (coinciding with the reduction in SKI 1 TACC; Figure 13). The by-catch of ling by the west coast North Island gemfish trawl fishery ceased around 2002-03, again coinciding with the reduction in SKI 1 TACC, but this fishery has been replaced with a trawl fishery targeting ling. There is a relatively consistent by-catch of ling in both the Bay of Plenty and East Northland target tarakihi trawl fisheries as well as in the target hoki fishery in the Bay of Plenty.


Figure 11: Total landings by target species (Table 9) and fishing year for the bottom longline and bottom trawl methods based on trips which landed LIN 1. Circle sizes are proportional across panels with the largest circle= $\mathbf{2 8 7} \mathbf{t}$ for targeting LIN by bottom longline in 10/11.


Target Species

Figure 12: Distribution of landings for the bottom longline method by grouped statistical area (see Table 9 for definition) for target species and fishing year from trips which landed LIN 1. Circle sizes are proportional across panels: maximum value: 126 t for LIN in WCVI 10/11. HG plot not shown because of negligible BLL landings.


Target Species
Figure 13: Distribution of landings for the bottom trawl method by grouped statistical area (see Table 9 for definitions) for target species and fishing year from trips which landed LIN 1. Circles sizes are proportional across panels: maximum value: 100 t for SCI in BoP 90/91. HG plot not shown because of negligible BT landings.

Table 15: Summary statistics from distributions of bottom depth from TCEPR, TCER, LCER, and LTCER forms using the bottom trawl and bottom longline methods for effort that targeted or caught ling by target species category. These statistics are derived from a set of effort data selected for LIN 1 for the period 2007-08 to 2011-12.

| Target species category | Number observations | Lower 5\% of distribution | Mean of distribution | Median (50\%) of distribution | Depth (m) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Upper 95\% of distribution |
| Bottom trawl |  |  |  |  |  |
| SCI | 1333 | 348 | 391 | 392 | 430 |
| TAR | 1176 | 78 | 164 | 156 | 260 |
| HOK | 566 | 300 | 402 | 400 | 477 |
| LIN | 473 | 225 | 399 | 417 | 480 |
| SKI | 193 | 165 | 304 | 330 | 407 |
| RBY | 129 | 160 | 333 | 350 | 438 |
| JDO | 49 | 57 | 90 | 89 | 130 |
| SNA | 43 | 43 | 107 | 90 | 265 |
| GUR | 38 | 48 | 90 | 90 | 125 |
| SDO | 22 | 320 | 414 | 423 | 450 |
| TRE | 19 | 37 | 70 | 70 | 120 |
| SCH | 15 | 161 | 220 | 198 | 430 |
| Other | 46 | 210 | 492 | 450 | 867 |
| Total | 4102 | 90 | 312 | 365 | 450 |
| Bottom longline |  |  |  |  |  |
| LIN | 2087 | 320 | 537 | 550 | 665 |
| BNS | 1352 | 335 | 480 | 484 | 628 |
| HPB | 423 | 170 | 299 | 290 | 490 |
| SNA | 153 | 24 | 76 | 75 | 127 |
| RIB | 105 | 630 | 644 | 650 | 660 |
| Other | 32 | 48 | 173 | 160 | 300 |
| Total | 4152 | 170 | 477 | 500 | 660 |

Figure 14: Box plot distributions of bottom depth from TCEPR and TCER forms using the bottom trawl method for effort that targeted or caught ling by target species category. These statistics are derived from a set of effort data for LIN 1 for the period 2007-08 to 2011-12. Vertical line indicates the median depth from all tows which caught or targeted ling.


Figure 15: Box plot distributions of bottom depth from LCER and LTCER forms using the bottom longline method for effort that targeted or caught ling by target species category. These statistics are derived from a set of effort data for LIN 1 covering the period 2007-08 to 201112. Vertical line indicates the median depth from all tows which caught or targeted ling.

Depth information by fishing event is available from TCEPR and the new TCER forms which report bottom trawl catches pertaining to ling (either recording an estimated catch or as target species; Table 15) and from longline vessels completing the new LCER and LTCER forms. These reports show that trawl-caught ling are mainly taken between 90 and 450 m of depth, with the median value at 365 m ). Bottom longline fisheries went deeper: the $5-95$ percentiles are 170 to 660 m , with mean 477 m and median 500 m .

The distribution of tows which caught or targeted ling varies mainly according to the target fishery, with deeper fisheries such as scampi, gemfish, hoki, and ling target bottom trawl taking ling in deeper waters compared to the more shallow trawl fisheries such as tarakihi, barracouta, trevally and snapper (Figure 14). The ling target bottom longline fishery has a relatively deep depth distribution, deeper than the target trawl hoki, gemfish and scampi fisheries: 5-95\% range is 320-665 m for target LIN bottom longline and 225-480 m for target LIN bottom trawl (Figure 15; Table 15).

## 3 LIN 1 STANDARDISED CPUE ANALYSIS

The geographic complexity of the ling fishery in LIN 1 is high, with diverse fisheries operating on the west coast of the North Island, as well as off the upper east coast in East Northland and in the Bay of Plenty. The main difficulty with the fisheries in this QMA is that there are so many and the amount of data available is small, given the size of the TACC (Table 1). When this amount of catch is divided among eight to ten fisheries, the amount available for any one fishery is usually too little to perform a standardised CPUE analysis. Each of the previous reviews of the LIN 1 fisheries has attempted to extract as much information as possible from these data, with little success because most of the potential fisheries had too little associated landings or effort (SeaFIC 2005, Starr et al. 2007, 2009).

The 2007 and 2009 reviews of the LIN 1 AMP concluded that only the bycatch of ling in the target scampi bottom trawl fishery operating in the Bay of Plenty and the target ling bottom longline fishery operating in the Bay of Plenty and East Northland had sufficient information to warrant attempting a standardised CPUE analysis (Starr et al. 2007, 2009). These analyses were repeated in 2013, although both of the earlier reviews concluded that the SCI bottom trawl series was not fully satisfactory or credible and that the target LIN BLL series had many shortcomings.

The Bay of Plenty BT(SCI) fishery and the East Northland/Bay of Plenty BLL(LIN) fishery were selected in 2009 to proceed with a standardised analysis, largely because they represented the greatest amount of LIN 1 catch and effort in definable fisheries (Table 16). Following a recommendation from the 2009 review, an alternative bottom trawl index series from the East Northland/Bay of Plenty bottom trawl fisheries targeted at LIN, HOK and TAR was developed for the 2013 [designated BT(MIX)]. The BT(SCI) fishery was dominated by the MPI TCEPR forms in the early years, allowing this analysis to be made on a tow event basis. An event-based analysis was also followed for the BT(MIX) fishery. The BLL(LIN) was selected because it is a ling target fishery covering a large area on the east side of the North Island, in spite of problems with lack of data. These analyses are presented in Appendix D [BLL(LIN)], Appendix F [BT(SCI)], and Appendix G [BT(MIX)].

Table 16: Summary of information available for the major LIN 1 fisheries from the characterisation dataset, with all catch and efforts totals summed from 1989-90 to 2011-12. Codes for target species, region and method codes are described in Table 9. Effort totals are in number of tows for BT and number of sets for BLL. Fisheries selected for standardised CPUE analysis are indicated in grey.

| Fishery | Bottom longline |  |  |  | Bottom trawl |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | EN | BoP | WCNI | Total | EN | BoP | WCNI | Total |
| Landings (t) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BoP BT(SCI) | - | - | - |  | - | 900.8 | - | 900.8 |
| EN_BoP BT(LIN/HOK/TAR) | - | - | - | - | 135.0 | 857.5 | - | 992.5 |
| EN_BoP BLL(LIN) | 827.9 | 1194.4 | - | 2022.3 | - | - | - | - |
| EN_BoP BT(SKI) | - | - | - | - | 34.3 | 229.0 | - | 263.4 |
| EN_BoP BLL(BNS) | 105.8 | 176.7 | - | 282.6 | - | - | - | - |
| WCNI BT(SKI) | - | - | - | - | - | - | 355.9 | 355.9 |
| WCNI BLL(LIN | - | - | 491.2 | 491.2 | - | - | - | - |
| WCNI BLL(BNS) | - | - | 34.3 | 34.3 | - | - | - | - |
| Effort (BLL=sets; BT=tows) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BoP BT(SCI) | - | - | - |  | - | 15129 | - | 15129 |
| EN_BoP BT(LIN/HOK/TAR) | - | - | - |  | 7905 | 30357 | - | 38262 |
| EN_BoP BLL(LIN) | 1839 | 2745 | - | 4584 | - | - | - | - |
| EN_BoP BT(SKI) | - | - | - | - | 2632 | 6284 | - | 8916 |
| EN_BoP BLL(BNS) | 6825 | 8319 | - | 15144 | - | - | - | - |
| WCNI BT(SKI) | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1977 | 1977 |
| WCNI BLL(LIN | - | - | 1085 | 1085 | - | - | - | - |
| WCNI BLL(BNS) | - | - | 2048 | 2048 | - | - | - | - |



Each relative series scaled so that the geometric mean=1.0 from 1997 to 2012

Figure 16: Comparison of three 2013 LIN 1 bottom trawl standardised CPUE models: A) model fitted to SCI target species data using the log.logistic distribution for positive catches; B) model fitted to target species data for LIN, HOK or TAR using the lognormal distribution for positive catches; C) model fitted to target species data for LIN or HOK using the lognormal distribution for positive catches. Model ' $A$ ' is reported in Appendix F, model ' $B$ ' is reported in Appendix $G$ and model ' $C$ ' is not reported.

When these analyses were presented in March 2013, the NINSWG rejected the two standardised CPUE analyses based on bottom trawl data (see discussion in Chapter 42 of MPI 2016). The reasons for this conclusion included the relatively small amount of data available to each of these fisheries, the small number of vessels operating in the BT(SCI) fishery, the abrupt jumps in each series which led to the conclusion that the year indices were responding to unmodelled factors other than abundance. The change in trend direction in the $\mathrm{BT}(\mathrm{MIX})$ series when the TAR target tows were omitted reinforced the conclusion that this was not an abundance-based series (Figure 16).

The NINSWG also reviewed the BLL(LIN) series, noting the lack of data in many of the years, but agreeing that the BLL(LIN) target index had more potential as an abundance index for LIN 1. However, there is a large anomalous peak in the series in 1998-99 (Figure 17) that troubled the WG and there was concern about the small amount of data in the analysis. Closer examination of the data showed that the anomalous 1998-99 peak was associated with only two vessels fishing at the end of the fishing year (Table 17). Although it cannot be reported in detail, these vessels were experienced and likely to have been fishing in localised areas. On the basis of this information, the NINSWG concluded that this pattern was likely to be non-representative of the fishery, with the standardisation model unable to estimate a credible index in that year. The NINSWG tentatively accepted the BLL(LIN) index series (Figure 17) as an index of LIN 1 abundance, coupled with the requirement that each accepted CPUE index value had to be determined by at least three vessels, thus removing the 1998-99 index value. The NINSWG gave the BLL(LIN) series a Science Information Quality ranking of "2" ("Medium or Mixed Quality"), largely due to the lack of data in the analysis (Table 17).


Each relative series scaled so that the geometric mean $=1.0$ from $91 / 92$ to $97 / 98,99 / 00$ to 07/08

Figure 17: Comparison of three 2013 LIN 1 bottom longline standardised CPUE models: A) BLL(LIN) (see Appendix D), based on the Weibull distribution; b) a version of BLL(LIN) based on the lognormal index for comparison to the 2009 index; c) 2009 lognormal index, including the anomalous 1998-99 index value omitted from the two 2013 series.

Table 17: Number of vessels reporting by month in the BLL(LIN) data set, showing the information for the omitted 1998-99 fishing year.

| Fishing <br> year | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $91 / 92$ | 2 | 4 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 8 |
| $92 / 93$ | 4 | 3 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | 3 | 8 | 8 |
| $93 / 94$ | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 7 |
| $94 / 95$ | 3 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | - | 4 | 10 | 11 |
| $95 / 96$ | 7 | 6 | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| $96 / 97$ | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| $97 / 98$ | 5 | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| $98 / 99$ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| $99 / 00$ | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 4 |
| $00 / 01$ | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| $01 / 02$ | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | 6 | 4 |
| $02 / 03$ | 3 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| $03 / 04$ | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | - | 1 | 2 | 5 | 8 |
| $04 / 05$ | 4 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | 6 |
| $05 / 06$ | 3 | 3 | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| $06 / 07$ | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 8 |
| $07 / 08$ | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | - | - | 8 | 9 |
| $08 / 09$ | 3 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | - | 5 | 5 |
| $09 / 10$ | 3 | 2 | 3 | - | - | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 6 |
| $10 / 11$ | 5 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| $11 / 12$ | 7 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 5 |

The BLL(LIN) series shows an overall decline from the beginning of the series to the mid-2000s, once the 1998-99 peak has been removed (Figure 18). Following the nadir around 2005-06, the series climbs to a level that is near the long-term average index and about $50-70 \%$ below the index values at the beginning of the series. This standardised series also shows considerable modification from the unstandardised series, with the model adjusting for trends in the composition of the fishing fleet, the months fished and the configuration of effort (see step and influence plot: Figure D.2). This model is also based on small amounts of data, with only 971 records available to estimate 114 parameters, including 19 annual indices (after dropping the 1998-99 index). No binomial model was attempted as the number of records with zero catch was very small.


Standardised index error bars $=+/-1.96^{*}$ SE

Figure 18: Relative CPUE indices for LIN 1 using the lognormal non-zero model based on target ling bottom longline [BLL(LIN)]. Also shown are two unstandardised series from the same data: a) Arithmetic $A_{y}=\sum_{i=1}^{N_{y}} C_{i, y} / \sum_{i=1}^{N_{y}} E_{i, y}$ and b) Unstandardised $U_{y}=\exp \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{y}} \ln \left(C_{i, y} / E_{i, y}\right)}{N_{y}}\right)$ which is the geometric mean of the observations. $C_{i, y}$ =landings in year $y . E_{i, y}$ =number hooks in year $y$.

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# Appendix A. Glossary of Abbreviations, Codes, and Definitions of Terms 

Table A.1: Table of abbreviations and definitions of terms

| Term/Abbreviation | Definition |
| :---: | :---: |
| AIC | Akaike Information Criterion: used to select between different models (lower is better) |
| AMP | Adaptive Management Programme |
| AMPWG | Adaptive Management Programme Fishery Assessment Working Group |
| analysis datase | data set available after completion of grooming procedure (Starr 2007) |
| arithmetic CPUE | Sum of catch/sum of effort, usually summed over a year within the stratum of interest |
| CDI plot | Coefficient-distribution-influence plot (see Figure E. 5 for an example) (Bentley et al. 2012) |
| CELR | Catch/Effort Landing Return (Ministry of Fisheries 2010): active since July 1989 for all vessels less than 28 m . Fishing events are reported on a daily basis on this form |
| CLR | Catch Landing Return (Ministry of Fisheries 2010): active since July 1989 for all vessels not using the CELR or NCELR forms to report landings |
| CPUE <br> destination code | Catch Per Unit Effort code indicating how each landing was directed after leaving vessel (see Table 4) |
| EEZ estimated catch | Exclusive Economic Zone: marine waters under control of New Zealand an estimate made by the operator of the vessel of the weight of ling captured, which is then recorded as part of the "fishing event". Only the top 5 species are required for any fishing event in the CELR and TCEPR data (expanded to 8 for the TCER and LTCER form types) |
| fishing event | a "fishing event" is a record of activity in trip. It is a day of fishing within a single statistical area, using one method of capture and one declared target species (CELR data) or a unit of fishing effort (usually a tow or a line set) for fishing methods using other reporting forms |
| fishing year | 1 October - 30 September for ling |
| FMA | MPI Fishery Management Areas: 10 legally defined areas used by MPI to define large scale stock management units; QMAs consist of one or more of these regions |
| landing event | weight of ling off-loaded from a vessel at the end of a trip or otherwise disposed of as part of a transaction. Every landing has an associated destination code and there can be multiple landing events with the same or different destination codes for a trip |
| LCER | Lining Catch Effort Return (Ministry of Fisheries 2010): active since October 2003 for lining vessels larger than 28 m and reports set-by-set fishing events |
| LFR | Licensed Fish Receiver: processors legally allowed to receive commercially caught species |
| LTCER | Lining Trip Catch Effort Return (Ministry of Fisheries 2010): active since October 2007 for lining vessels between 6 and 28 m and reports individual set-by-set fishing events |
| MHR | Monthly Harvest Return: monthly returns used after 1 October 2001. Replaced QMRs but have same definition and utility |
| MPI | New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries |
| NCELR | Netting Catch Effort Landing Return (Ministry of Fisheries 2010): active since October 2006 for inshore vessels using setnet gear between 6 and 28 m and reports individual fishing events |
| NINSWG | Northern Inshore Working Group: MPI Working Group overseeing the work presented in this report |
| QMA | Quota Management Area: legally defined unit area used for ling management (Figure 1) |
| QMR | Quota Management Report: monthly harvest reports submitted by commercial fishermen to MPI. Considered to be best estimates of commercial harvest. In use from 1986 to 2001. |
| QMS | Quota Management System: name of the management system used in New Zealand to control commercial and non-commercial catches |
| replo | data extract identifier issued by MPI data unit |
| residual implied coefficient plots | plots which mimic interaction effects between the year coefficients and a categorical variable by adding the mean of the categorical variable residuals in each fishing year to the year coefficient, creating a plot of the "year effect" for each value of the categorical variable |
| rollup | a term describing the average number of records per "trip-stratum" |
| RTWG <br> standardised CPUE | MPI Recreational Technical Working Group procedure used to remove the effects of explanatory variables such as vessel, statistical area and month of capture from a data set of catch/effort data for a species; annual abundance is usually modelled as an explanatory variable representing the year of capture and, after removing the effects of the other explanatory variables, the resulting year coefficients |
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## Term/Abbreviation

statistical area

TACC Total Allowable Commercial Catch: catch limit set by the Minister of Fisheries for a QMA that applies to commercial fishing
TCEPR Trawl Catch Effort Processing Return (Ministry of Fisheries 2010): active since July 1989 for deepwater vessels larger than 28 m and reports tow-by-tow fishing events
TCER Trawl Catch Effort Return (Ministry of Fisheries 2010): active since October 2007 for inshore vessels between 6 and 28 m and reports tow-by-tow fishing events
trip a unit of fishing activity by a vessel consisting of "fishing events" and "landing events", which are activities assigned to the trip. MPI generates a unique database code to identify each trip, using the trip start and end dates and the vessel code (Ministry of Fisheries 2010)
trip-stratum summarisation within a trip by fishing method used, the statistical area of occupancy and the declared target species
unstandardised CPUE

## Definition

represent the relative change in species abundance
sub-areas (Appendix B) within an FMA which are identified in catch/effort returns. The boundaries for these statistical areas do not always coincide with the QMA/FMA boundaries, leading to ambiguity in the assignment of effort to a QMA. geometric mean of all individual CPUE observations, usually summarised over a year within the stratum of interest

Table A.2: Code definitions used in the body of the main report and in Appendix D, Appendix F and Appendix G.

| Code | Definition | Code | Description |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| BLL | Bottom longlining | BAR | Barracouta |
| BPT | Bottom trawl-pair | BNS | Bluenose |
| BS | Beach seine/drag nets | BUT | Butterfish |
| BT | Bottom trawl—single | ELE | Elephant Fish |
| CP | Cod potting | FLA | Flatfish (mixed species) |
| DL | Drop/dahn lines | GMU | Grey mullet |
| DS | Danish seining—single | GSH | Ghost shark |
| HL | Handlining | GUR | Red gurnard |
| MW | Midwater trawl-single | HOK | Hoki |
| RLP | Rock lobster potting | HPB | Hapuku \& Bass |
| SLL | Surface longlining | JDO | John Dory |
| SN | Set netting (includes gill nets) | JMA | Jack mackerel |
| T | Trolling | KAH | Kahawai |
| TL | Trot lines | KIN | Kingfish |
|  |  | LEA | Leatherjacket |
|  |  | LIN | Ling |
|  | MOK | Moki |  |
|  |  | POR | Porae |
|  | RCO | Red cod |  |
|  | SCH | School shark |  |
|  |  | SCI | Scampi |
|  |  | SKI | Gemfish |
|  |  | SNA | Snapper |
|  |  | SPD | Spiny dogfish |
|  |  | SQU | Sea perch |
|  | Arrow squid |  |  |
|  |  | STA | Giant stargazer |
|  |  | SWA | Silver warehou |
|  | TRE | Tarakihi |  |
|  | WAR | Trevally |  |
|  |  |  |  |

## Appendix B. Map of MPI statistical and management areas

## NEW ZEALAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT AREAS AND STATISTICAL AREAS



Figure B.1: Map of Ministry for Primary Industries statistical areas and Fishery Management Area (FMA) boundaries, showing locations where FMA boundaries are not contiguous with the statistical area boundaries.


Figure B.2: Inset map of showing location of the Hauraki Gulf Statistical Areas (005, 006 and 007). Statistical Areas 043 and 044 are the Kaipara and Manukau Harbours respectively.

## Appendix C. Finding spurious LIN 1 landings

## C. 1 General overview

A three step procedure was used to screen implausible trips from the LIN 1 data set. This was required because Starr et al. (2009) had previously identified the problem that many fishers designated " 5 ", " 6 " or " 7 " when asked to identify the "area" of capture. What they probably meant was LIN 5, LIN 6 and LIN 7 but, in many instances, these entries were interpreted at the point of data entry as statistical areas 005 , 006 or 007 , all within the inner Hauraki Gulf and part of LIN 1 (Appendix B: all MPI finfish Statistical Areas; Figure B.2: inset map showing location of Areas 005, 006 and 007). The Hauraki Gulf is not ling habitat and declared catches in this region can be safely interpreted as coming from somewhere else.

The forms used to report catch to MPI are in two parts, with the "top" part used to report location and date of capture, the area of capture, the effort expended and some information about the most important species catch. The "bottom" part of the form (or else in a separate form, known as the Catch Landing Return [CLR]) is used to report landings, linked by the trip number with the effort data (in both instances). It is only at this latter step that the QMA is reported, with the top part of the form only reporting the "area" of capture. Consequently, it is not possible to simply use the QMA of record to exclude the spurious or implausible trips. The presence of spurious trips in the landing data set can be seen in Figure C.1, with the sum of the declared landings (shown by the blue line) exceeding the sum of LIN 1 landings from the QMR/MHR system, particularly in the years 1993-94, 1994-95, 1997-98 to 1999-2000, 2001-02, 2010-11 and 2011-12.


Figure C.1: Comparison of the total annual QMR/MHR landings with the total annual raw landings in the LIN 1 data set (blue line) and the annual landings which remained after excluding the six trips identified in Table C.1.

## C. 2 Methods

The following three steps were used to exclude spurious trips in LIN 1:

1. identify "out-of-range" landings, where large amounts of landings are recorded without adequate corroborative information in the trip, using the procedure described in Starr \& Kendrick (2016);
2. identify trips which fished in Statistical Areas south of LIN 1 or LIN 2, on the assumption that LIN 1 is a local fishery and that landings off the South Island were extremely unlikely to occur on the same trip;
3. from the remaining trips, identify trips which reported estimated catches from Statistical Areas 005,006 or 007 , as these areas are not suitable habitat for ling.

## C. 3 Results

## C.3.1 Identifying "out-of-range" landings

The method described in detail by Starr \& Kendrick (2016) was followed, resulting in identifying six trips which failed the screening (Table C.1), indicating that large and potentially unreasonable trips were not a problem with this data set. These trips only accounted for 50 t of total catch (Table C.2) and had negligible effect on the problem identified in Figure C.1.

Table C.1: Six trips identified in the LIN 1 data set as having unreasonably large landings relative to the internal evidence in the trip (see appendix D in Starr \& Kendrick 2016 for a description of the method). Landings are the sum for the entire trip while calculated landings are based on the number of containers multiplied by the average weight of the containers for the trip. Ratio 1 is calculated relative to the calculated landings and Ratio 2 is calculated relative to the estimated catch. These are the only trips which exceeded 1.44 t (the $95^{\text {th }}$ quantile of landing sum) and also had a Ratio of at least 3 in either Ratio 1 or Ratio 2.

| Fishing year | Trip number | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Sum } \\ \text { landings }(t) \end{array}$ | Sum | Sum | N |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | calculated | estimated | N | landing |  |  |
|  |  |  | landings (t) | catch (t) | events | events | Ratio 1 | Ratio 2 |
| 89/90 | 2287261 | 14.87 | 1.67 | 1.6 | 65 | 1 | 8.9 | 9.3 |
| 89/90 | 2163108 | 7.91 | 0.11 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 75.4 | - |
| 97/98 | 2979605 | 6.23 | 0.63 | 0.4 | 13 | 1 | 9.9 | 15.6 |
| 97/98 | 1989979 | 13.9 | 0.12 | 0.07 | 4 | 1 | 119.8 | 185.4 |
| 00/01 | 3658739 | 6.0 | 0.02 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 344.8 | - |
| 08/09 | 5391639 | 1.52 | 0.04 | 0.01 | 3 | 1 | 34.9 | 101.3 |

## C.3.2 Identifying trips which fished off either coast of the South Island

Three hundred and forty trips were identified in the data set as reporting fishing in LIN 1 but also reported fishing in Statistical Areas off of the east or west coasts of the South Island or off the South Taranaki Bight. These trips represented nearly 9000 records (Table C.3) and were distributed throughout the data set, representing a total of nearly 2000 t (Table C.2). However, there were still some discrepancies in the annual totals, particularly in the 1999-2000 fishing year, after these trips were dropped (Figure C.2). Note that there are only 335 trips identified in Table C.2. This is because five trips in the effort section of the LIN 1 data set did not have corresponding landing data, a frequent occurrence in these data sets, probably attributable to discarding trips with "P", "Q" or "R" destination codes (see Table 4 in Section 2.4).

## C.3.3 Identifying additional trips which misreported LIN 1

Although all the remaining trips in the data set only fished in Statistical Areas that were consistent with LIN 1 or LIN 2 (Table C.4), there still were some anomalies in the annual totals (Figure C.2). It was noted that 108 of the remaining trips reported estimated catches from Statistical Areas 005, 006 and 007, which seemed very unlikely, given the location of these areas in the inner Hauraki Gulf which is unsuitable ling habitat. When these trips were dropped, representing about 70 t spread over the 23 years of data (Table C.2), the major anomaly in the 1999-2000 disappeared (Figure C.3) and the remaining trips were deemed acceptable for use in the characterisation and CPUE analyses.

Table C.2: Tonnage and number of trips represented by trips dropped from the LIN 1 data set by fishing year and sequence step described in Section C.2.

| Fishing year | Exclude out of range trips | Exclude trips fishing off South Island | Exclude trips reporting estimated catches in Areas 005, 006 or 007 |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | N trips Sum landings (t) | N trips Sum landings (t) | N trips Sum landings (t) | N trips | Sum landings (t) |
| 89/90 | 222.8 | $12 \quad 30.1$ | 50.4 | 19 | 53.3 |
| 90/91 | - - | $10 \quad 15.2$ | $10 \quad 3.7$ | 20 | 18.9 |
| 91/92 | - - | $8 \quad 26.7$ | 60.4 | 14 | 27.1 |
| 92/93 | - - | $13 \quad 33.5$ | 5 0.1 | 18 | 33.6 |
| 93/94 | - - | 18 346.2 | 40.3 | 22 | 346.5 |
| 94/95 | - - | $15 \quad 284.5$ | $3 \quad 0.1$ | 18 | 284.7 |
| 95/96 | - - | 18 16.2 | 20.0 | 20 | 16.2 |
| 96/97 | - - | $24 \quad 71.2$ | 410.1 | 28 | 81.4 |
| 97/98 | 220.1 | $27 \quad 372.3$ | 8 0.3 | 37 | 392.8 |
| 98/99 | - - | $20 \quad 69.2$ | $6 \quad 1.7$ | 26 | 70.9 |
| 99/00 | - - | $22 \quad 24.4$ | 1239.0 | 34 | 63.3 |
| 00/01 | 16.0 | $21 \quad 93.0$ | 40.0 | 26 | 99.0 |
| 01/02 | - - | 16 75.9 | 50.0 | 21 | 75.9 |
| 02/03 | - - | 4 2.4 | $3 \quad 0.1$ | 7 | 2.4 |
| 03/04 | - - | $15 \quad 24.5$ | 415.0 | 19 | 39.5 |
| 04/05 | - - | 16 417.5 | 10.0 | 17 | 417.5 |
| 05/06 | - - | $7 \quad 2.1$ | $1 \quad 0.1$ | 8 | 2.2 |
| 06/07 | - - | 1020.1 | 40.1 | 14 | 20.1 |
| 07/08 | - - | $8 \quad 14.5$ | 50.3 | 13 | 14.8 |
| 08/09 | 11.5 | 16 10.3 | 70.0 | 24 | 11.8 |
| 09/10 | - - | $9 \quad 8.6$ | $4 \quad 0.1$ | 13 | 8.7 |
| 10/11 | - - | 15 15.4 | 20.1 | 17 | 15.5 |
| 11/12 | - - | $11 \quad 8.7$ | $3 \quad 0.0$ | 14 | 8.7 |
| Total | 650.4 | 3351982.6 | 108 72.1 | 449 | 2105.1 |

Table C.3: Number of records by year and LIN QMA, with QMA being determined from the Statistical Area for the 335 trips (Table C.2) identified as having fished in Statistical Areas below LIN 1 or LIN 2.

| Fishing | Statistical Areas consistent with LIN QMA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| year | LIN 1 | LIN 2 | LIN 3 | LIN 4 | LIN 5 | LIN 7 | LIN 8 | Total |
| 89/90 | 91 | 57 | 50 | 55 | 123 | 130 | - | 506 |
| $90 / 91$ | 56 | 91 | 31 | 23 | 22 | 44 | - | 267 |
| $91 / 92$ | 48 | 71 | 2 | 86 | - | 24 | - | 231 |
| $92 / 93$ | 99 | 107 | 8 | 150 | 10 | 119 | - | 493 |
| $93 / 94$ | 140 | 116 | 74 | 276 | 152 | 19 | 1 | 778 |
| $94 / 95$ | 67 | 6 | 21 | 26 | 84 | 17 | - | 221 |
| $95 / 96$ | 28 | 22 | 66 | 43 | 1 | 25 | - | 185 |
| $96 / 97$ | 128 | 41 | 116 | 104 | 113 | 125 | 3 | 630 |
| $97 / 98$ | 169 | 27 | 52 | 67 | 5 | 159 | - | 479 |
| $98 / 99$ | 126 | 55 | 32 | 45 | 11 | 105 | 4 | 378 |
| $99 / 00$ | 134 | 50 | 55 | 109 | 23 | 122 | 8 | 501 |
| $00 / 01$ | 122 | 81 | 67 | 60 | - | 35 | 3 | 368 |
| $01 / 02$ | 65 | 24 | 108 | 110 | 27 | 195 | - | 529 |
| $02 / 03$ | 58 | 5 | 3 | - | 30 | 3 | - | 99 |
| $03 / 04$ | 278 | 1 | 70 | 172 | 133 | 36 | - | 690 |
| $04 / 05$ | 86 | 2 | 15 | 37 | 144 | 52 | - | 336 |
| $05 / 06$ | 61 | - | 8 | 88 | - | 3 | - | 160 |
| $06 / 07$ | 100 | 4 | 29 | 11 | 69 | 67 | 7 | 287 |
| $07 / 08$ | 38 | 1 | 19 | 24 | 48 | 195 | 18 | 343 |
| $08 / 09$ | 142 | 35 | 67 | 51 | 34 | 88 | 58 | 475 |
| $09 / 10$ | 161 | - | 1 | 39 | - | 141 | 19 | 361 |
| $10 / 11$ | 162 | - | 25 | 30 | - | 92 | 33 | 342 |
| $11 / 12$ | 119 | 7 | 9 | 103 | 7 | 61 | 21 | 327 |
| Total | 2478 | 803 | 928 | 1709 | 1036 | 1857 | 175 | 8986 |

Table C.4: Number of records by year and LIN QMA, with QMA being determined from the Statistical Area for the 108 trips (Table C.2) identified as having fished in LIN 1 or LIN 2 but had also declared estimated catches in Statistical Areas 005, 006 or 007.

| Statistical Areas <br> Fishing <br> year |  |  |  <br> consistent with LIN QMA |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $89 / 90$ | LIN 1 | LIN 2 | Total |
| $90 / 91$ | 21 | - | 21 |
| $91 / 92$ | 87 | 1 | 88 |
| $92 / 93$ | 14 | - | 14 |
| $93 / 94$ | 11 | - | 11 |
| $94 / 95$ | 12 | - | 12 |
| $95 / 96$ | 5 | - | 5 |
| $96 / 97$ | 5 | - | 5 |
| $97 / 98$ | 79 | 23 | 102 |
| $98 / 99$ | 63 | 4 | 67 |
| $99 / 00$ | 57 | - | 57 |
| $00 / 01$ | 75 | - | 75 |
| $01 / 02$ | 45 | - | 45 |
| $02 / 03$ | 14 | - | 14 |
| $03 / 04$ | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| $04 / 05$ | 25 | - | 25 |
| $05 / 06$ | 5 | - | 5 |
| $06 / 07$ | 2 | - | 2 |
| $07 / 08$ | 43 | - | 43 |
| $08 / 09$ | 18 | - | 18 |
| $09 / 10$ | 68 | - | 68 |
| $10 / 11$ | 56 | - | 56 |
| $11 / 12$ | 19 | - | 19 |
| Total | 16 | - | 16 |
|  | 746 | 29 | 775 |



Figure C.2: Comparison of the total annual QMR/MHR landings with the total annual raw landings in the LIN 1 data set (blue line) and the annual landings which remained after excluding the six trips identified in Table C. 1 and the 335 trips excluded in Table C.2.


Figure C.3: Comparison of the total annual QMR/MHR landings with the total annual raw landings in the LIN 1 data set (blue line) and the annual landings which remained after excluding the six trips identified in Table C.1, the 335 trips excluded in Table C. 2 and the 108 trips excluded in Table C.4.

## Appendix D. LIN 1 CPUE Analysis

## D. 1 General overview

Previous work investigated CPUE series from the LIN 1 bottom trawl and the bottom longline fisheries. When the CPUE series were reviewed in 2009, the AMPWG concluded that the bottom trawl fisheries had operated inconsistently and consequently could not be used as reliable indices of abundance. It then went on to conclude that the target ling bottom longline series operating in East Northland and the Bay of Plenty was the best candidate for monitoring abundance of ling (Starr et al. 2009). This study updated the LIN 1 target longline CPUE series as well as the scampi bottom trawl CPUE series, while also developing a standardised series based on a wider trawl CPUE targeted at species other than scampi.

Three candidate standardised CPUE indices of abundance were presented to the NINSWG in March 2013. These were based on 1) target LIN BLL [=BLL(LIN)], 2) LIN by-catch in the scampi trawl fishery [=BT(SCI)] and 3) bottom trawl catch and effort when targeting LIN, HOK or TAR [=BT(MIX)]. The two BT series were rejected as indices of abundance based on a combination of: implausible trends, poor diagnostics and little data and are not described in detail here. However, results and diagnostics for the $\mathrm{BT}(\mathrm{SCI})$ standardised analysis are reported in Appendix F and for the BT(MIX) standardised analysis in Appendix G.

The bottom longline fishery was previously analysed on the basis of estimated catch because of concerns that the proportion of the landings being retained for landing (sale) at another date; breaking the link between effort and the landing information, which render the landing data potentially unusable. However, models that were offered alternative data treatments demonstrated no discernible difference in the year effects between analyses based on estimated and on allocated landed catch, and this analysis used landed catch (Starr et al. 2009).

The BLL(LIN) dataset is sparse, with an unlikely peak in 1998-99 which appeared to be due to the model attempting to estimate a year effect from just two months of data and two participating vessels (see Table 17). The BLL(LIN) index series was accepted by the NINSWG with the proviso that all years with less than three vessels fishing were excluded. This removed the strong peak in 1998-99.

## D. 2 Data Preparation

Candidate trips were identified by searching for all trips which, at least for one event in the trip, fished in a valid statistical area for LIN 1 and used the bottom longline method and targeted ling. This produced a list of trips for which all effort and landing records associated with these trips were extracted, regardless of the method or target species.

Extreme values in the effort data were identified as outliers by examining the distribution for each effort field by vessel and for the whole fleet. All records for a trip with missing or out-of-range effort data were removed. Missing values for vessel ID, statistical area, method, or target species within any trip were substituted with the predominant (most frequent) value for that field over all records for the trip. Trips which were missing in all records for one of these fields were dropped, as were trips which used multiple methods and had a missing method field.

Effort and estimated catch data were summarised by fishing trip, for every unique combination of fishing method, statistical area, and target species, referred to as a "trip stratum". This reduced both CELR and TCEPR format records to lower resolution "amalgamated" data, resulting in fewer records per trip but retaining the original method, area, and target species recorded by the skipper. The daily resolution in the CELR data is lost as is the tow-by-to resolution in the TCEPR data.

The landed catches of LIN 1 for each trip were allocated to "trip strata" (defined as statistical area, target species and method) in proportion to the ling estimated catch in each "trip stratum". In the case where there were no estimated catches in any of the trip strata, the allocation of the landing data was
made proportionate to the number of sets, depending on the fishing method being analysed. The main assumption made in this allocation procedure is that the reporting of ling is consistent across statistical areas and target species within a trip. In contrast, if estimated catches were used directly, the assumption must be made that reporting rates are constant across the entire fleet and all statistical areas for all years, as well as making the assumption that the ratio of estimated catch to landed greenweight catch is also consistent across the entire fleet for all years

The data variables available from each trip include estimated and landed catch of ling, the number of sets, number of hooks for the longline effort, fishing year, statistical area, target species, month of landing, and a unique vessel identifier. Data might not represent an entire fishing trip; just those portions of it that qualified, but the amount of landed catch assigned to the part of the trip that was kept would be proportional to the total landed catch for the trip based on the estimated catches which apportion the landings to each trip stratum. Trips were not dropped because they targeted more than one species or fished in more than one statistical area. Trips landing more than one Fishstock of any species from one of the straddling statistical areas were entirely dropped. Trips were also dropped where there was a mismatch between the statistical area fished and the declared Fishstock on landing.

## D.2.1 Data selection and methods

Those groups of events that satisfied the criteria of target species, method and statistical areas defining the defined fisheries were selected from available fishing trips. Any effort strata that were matched to a landing of LIN 1 were termed "successful", and included any relevant but unsuccessful effort, so that the analysis of catch rates in successful strata also incorporates much of the relevant zero catch information. Strata which did not include any landed LIN 1 were assigned a value of zero so that the effort data associated with them could be included in the analysis that considered total effort (as differentiated from successful effort only).

Strata which did not include any landed LIN 1 were assigned a value of zero. Target fisheries contain very few zero catch records, and those are largely a product of the merge process that assigns landed catch on the basis of estimated catch. Zero catches in this dataset were excluded, and a linear model was fit to those trip-strata with positive catches.

Regression models using five different distributional assumptions (lognormal, log-logistic, inverse Gaussian, gamma and Weibull) that predicted catch based on a fixed set of explanatory variables (year, month, area, vessel and log[number of sets]) were evaluated by examining the residual diagnostics, selecting the error distribution with the lowest negative log likelihood for the final stepwise regression.

A linear regression model that assumed the selected error distribution was then fitted to log(catch) based only on records with successful catches of LIN 1. The regression was performed in a stepwise manner against the available explanatory variables; selecting each explanatory variable until the improvement in model $R^{2}$ (deviance) was less than 0.01 . The year effects are expressed in canonical form, allowing the calculation of confidence bounds for each year (Francis 1999). Fishing year was always forced as the first explanatory variable, and the explanatory variables offered to the model included month (of landing), statistical area and a unique vessel identifier. Continuous variables offered to the model included $\log ($ sets $)$ and $\log ($ hooks $)$. The range of explanatory variables offered to the models are given in Table D.1.

## D.2.2 Fishery definitions for CPUE analysis

BLL (LIN) - Ling bottom longline; The Fishery is defined from bottom longline fishing events which fished in Statistical Areas 002 to 004 or 008 to 010, and targeted ling. This is a target fishery and the few zero catches have been excluded. Data for 1998-99 were excluded under the NINSWG agreement to exclude years where fewer than three core vessels were operating. Both the fishery and the model are referred to in this report as BLL(LIN).

## D. 3 Unstandardised CPUE

## D.3.1 BLL (LIN) Ling bottom longline

The pattern of number of trips has fluctuated widely in this fishery, peaking in the mid 1990s, then declining to lowest levels of activity in the late 1990s and recovering to nearly the early 1990 peak since then. Catch per trip of ling in this fishery has varied in a reciprocal pattern to effort, peaking during the years of lowest effort but with a flat trend overall (Figure D. 1 [left panel]). The amalgamation of data shows a trend of an increasing number of original records per trip stratum in the last half of the series which is reflected in the number of sets per trip stratum (Figure D. 1 [right panel]). Note that there are very few zero catch trips (Figure D. 1 [left panel]), leading to the decision that no binomial standardisation was required. It also leads to the conclusion that the "roll-up" process will not introduce a bias into the analysis. The effect of the shift to reporting of individual sets in 2007-08 is apparent.


Figure D.1: [left panel]: number of trips targeting ling by bottom longline, (dark area), the number of those trips that landed LIN 1 (light area) and the simple catch rate (kg/set) of LIN 1 in successful trips, by fishing year; [right panel]: the effect of data rollup indicated by the ratio of original records per trip-stratum, and number of sets per trip-stratum by fishing year [right].

## D. 4 Standardised CPUE analysis

## D.4.1 Core fleet definitions

The data sets used for the standardised CPUE analysis were further restricted to those vessels that participated with some consistency in the defined fishery. Core vessels were selected by specifying two variables; the number of trips that determined a qualifying year, and the number of qualifying years that each vessel participated in the fishery. The effect of these two variables on the amount of landed ling retained in the dataset and on the number of core vessels is shown for the BLL(LIN) fishery in Figure E. 1 [left panel]. The core fleet was selected using criteria that were not very stringent (at least 3 trips in any one year), given the small number of vessels in this model. The number of tripstrata in each fishing year for the selected vessels is shown in Figure E. 1 [right panel]. Summaries of the core vessel data set can be found Table E.1.

## D.4.2 Model selection

Alternative error distributions were fitted to a saturated model containing the positive estimated catches. By comparing the resultant log likelihoods and residual patterns, the most appropriate error distribution for this data set was selected, with the Weibull error distribution providing the best model fit to BLL(LIN) data (Figure E.2).

The final model selected for standardising positive catches is described in Table D.1. This table includes the explanatory variables that improved the AIC and do not necessarily include a complete list of the variables that were offered because some variables (e.g. [area]) had no effect on the AIC. Variables that were accepted into the model needed to improve the $\mathrm{R}^{2}$ by at least $1 \%$; these variables are indicated with asterisks in the table, along with the amount of variance they explained. Fishing year was forced as the first variable and explained about $8 \%$ of the variance in catch. The log of number of sets is the most important variable in terms of explanatory power, entering second and explaining an additional $40 \%$ of the variance. Vessel entered the model third and explained a further $17 \%$ of variance. The final model explained $74 \%$ of the variance in $\log$ (catch).

Table D.1: Order of acceptance of variables into the Weibull model of successful catches of in the BLL(LIN) fishery model for core vessels based on the vessel selection criteria of at least 3 trips in 1 or more fishing years), with the amount of explained deviance and $R^{2}$ for each variable. Variables accepted into the model are marked with an ${ }^{*}$, and the final $R^{2}$ of the selected model is in bold. Fishing year was forced as the first variable. The variable [area] did not enter the model because it had no effect on the AIC.

| Variable | DF | Neg. Log <br> likelihood | AIC | $\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{2}}$ | Model use |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| fishing year | 21 | -7952 | 15947 | 8.05 | $*$ |
| poly(log(num), 3) | 24 | -7677 | 15403 | 48.48 | $*$ |
| vessel | 101 | -7488 | 15179 | 65.42 | $*$ |
| month | 112 | -7395 | 15014 | 71.58 | $*$ |
| poly(log(hooks), 3) | 115 | -7348 | 14926 | 74.27 | $*$ |
| area | - | - | - | - |  |

The annual indices are plotted at each step of this selection procedure in Figure D.2, demonstrating the progressive effect on the annual indices of each explanatory variable as it enters the model, and comparing the influence of each variable on observed catch (which the model adjusts for) in adjacent panels. These plots highlight the observation made in Bentley et al. (2012) that the variables that explain the most deviance are not necessarily the ones responsible for most of the difference between standardised and observed series of CPUE. The log of number of sets is the most important variable with respect to explaining variance, but there is no overall trend to shifts in this measure of effort and its influence on observed catches is flat. The inclusion of vessel, in contrast, introduces considerable structure into the standardised series, changing a flat trajectory to one that declines steadily over the first half of the time series and then increases in the second half. Month and log(hooks) each have considerable explanatory power on the observed catches but their inclusion in the model does not markedly alter the standardised series further.



Figure D.2: [left column]: annual indices from the Weibull model of BLL(LIN) at each step in the variable selection process; [right column]: aggregate influence associated with each step in the variable selection procedure.

Diagnostic residual plots are presented in Figure E. 3 which show a reasonably good fit of the data to the underlying Weibull distributional assumption. The influence (CDI) plot for $\log ($ sets ) shows an adjustment for high number of sets per record in the mid 2000s, but little influence on the overall trend (Figure E.4).

The coefficients for vessel show consistent differences in performance among vessels with respect to ling catch, and a general improvement in the performance of the fleet to peak in the mid 2000s, after which the loss from the fishery of several top vessels coinciding with the entry of several poorer performing vessels is predicted to have accounted for about a $50 \%$ decline in potential catches (Figure E.5).

The coefficients for month demonstrate a strong seasonal pattern with highest catches predicted for the spring months of August to September, and a trend away from those peak months towards more year round fishing that is predicted to have lowered potential catches (Figure E.6)

A shift in the number of hooks per record is likely to have been an effect of the amalgamation procedure and its effect on the CPUE series is adjusted by the model (Figure E.7), but without changing the trend in the annual indices.

Residual implied coefficients, which show predicted indices for each year by statistical area and which serve as an alternative to fitting a full model with year×area interaction terms (see Starr \& Kendrick 2016 for a discussion on this issue) are plotted in Figure E.8. This plot should be interpreted with caution, given that area did not have any effect in the main model (Table D.1). This plot shows good correspondence of the individual area $\times$ year effects for those areas with most of the data (these are Statistical Areas 002, 009 and 010) Data are sparse in the other statistical areas and contribute little to the overall trend.

## D.4.3 Trends in model year effects

## D.4.3.1 BLL(LIN) Ling bottom longline fishery

The year effects from the BLL(LIN) model show a steadily declining trend from the highest point in 1991-92 to the lowest point in 2005-06 followed by some recovery in the subsequent six years (Table E.2, Figure D.3). The trends are well-determined because they hold over consecutive years with little interannual variation. There is reasonably good agreement with the previous series presented in 2009 for the years that include more than two vessels (Figure D.3).

The effect of standardisation is to lift points in the first half of the series and lower those in the second half, changing a trajectory that is flat and spiky to one that describes a smoother and more realistic pattern of decline and subsequent upturn (Figure D.3).


Figure D.3: The effect of standardisation on the raw CPUE of ling in successful trips by core vessels in the BLL(LIN) fishery. Broken line is the annual geometric mean of $\mathrm{kg} /$ set, bold line is the Weibull standardised canonical indices with $\pm 2 \times$ SE error bars. Grey line is the previous lognormal series (Starr et al. 2009) for this fishery. All series are relative to the geometric mean over the years in common.

## D.4.4 Comparison with Other models

The effect of selecting the error distribution that gave the most consistent residual pattern relative to the distributional assumption was not substantial: there is little difference in the estimated year indices when the "best" (Weibull) series is compared to an alternative series based on a lognormal distribution (Figure D.4).


Figure D.4: Comparison between the Weibull indices and indices obtained from a similar model that assumed lognormal error distributions.

## Appendix E. Detailed diagnostics for BLL(LIN) CPUE standardisation

E. 1 Core vessel selection



Figure E.1: [left panel] total landed LIN 1 and number of vessels plotted against the number of years used to define core vessels participating in the BLL(LIN) dataset. The number of qualifying years (minimum number of trips per year) for each series is indicated in the legend. [right panel]: bubble plot showing the number of trip-strata for selected core vessels (based on at least 3 trips in 1 or more fishing years) by fishing year.

## E. 2 Data summary

Table E.1: Number of number of core vessels, trips, trip strata, number of events that have been "rolled up" into trip strata, calculated number of events per trip-stratum, number of sets, landed LIN 1 (t), proportion of trips with catch and proportion of trip-strata with catch, by fishing year for core vessels (based on a minimum of 3 trips per year in at least 1 years) in the BLL(LIN) fishery.

| Fishing year | Vessels | Trips | Trip | Events | Events per stratum | Number sets | Number hooks (‘000s) | Catch (t) | Strata <br> Trips with with catch |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | catch (\%) | (\%) |
| 1992 | 11 | 80 | 83 | 220 | 2.65 | 303 | 233.305 | 94.37 | 97.5 | 97.6 |
| 1993 | 13 | 55 | 56 | 113 | 2.02 | 174 | 140.170 | 80.55 | 96.4 | 96.4 |
| 1994 | 14 | 72 | 72 | 189 | 2.63 | 271 | 299.050 | 89.49 | 97.2 | 97.2 |
| 1995 | 17 | 86 | 89 | 197 | 2.21 | 276 | 299.996 | 88.58 | 91.9 | 92.1 |
| 1996 | 12 | 50 | 50 | 87 | 1.74 | 139 | 138.400 | 60.25 | 100 | 100 |
| 1997 | 5 | 15 | 16 | 40 | 2.50 | 48 | 56.650 | 23.45 | 100 | 100 |
| 1998 | 6 | 22 | 23 | 42 | 1.83 | 81 | 58.450 | 35.11 | 100 | 100 |
| 2000 | 6 | 15 | 16 | 34 | 2.13 | 44 | 47.500 | 31.39 | 100 | 100 |
| 2001 | 4 | 19 | 21 | 46 | 2.19 | 62 | 94.600 | 60.07 | 100 | 100 |
| 2002 | 8 | 24 | 26 | 50 | 1.92 | 82 | 77.323 | 50.68 | 91.7 | 92.3 |
| 2003 | 10 | 29 | 31 | 73 | 2.36 | 145 | 151.250 | 66.24 | 100.0 | 96.8 |
| 2004 | 9 | 29 | 34 | 78 | 2.29 | 119 | 98.917 | 58.20 | 96.6 | 97.1 |
| 2005 | 8 | 29 | 30 | 129 | 4.30 | 222 | 278.927 | 126.47 | 100 | 100 |
| 2006 | 11 | 34 | 37 | 116 | 3.14 | 271 | 276.085 | 119.32 | 100 | 100 |
| 2007 | 12 | 41 | 45 | 126 | 2.80 | 254 | 277.036 | 101.37 | 97.6 | 97.8 |
| 2008 | 13 | 75 | 92 | 308 | 3.35 | 323 | 558.668 | 136.62 | 98.7 | 98.9 |
| 2009 | 12 | 43 | 53 | 141 | 2.66 | 144 | 263.947 | 56.50 | 100 | 100 |
| 2010 | 12 | 51 | 57 | 181 | 3.18 | 181 | 296.650 | 118.48 | 100 | 100 |
| 2011 | 13 | 68 | 80 | 286 | 3.58 | 286 | 493.028 | 152.58 | 97.1 | 97.5 |
| 2012 | 11 | 56 | 60 | 240 | 4.00 | 240 | 368.606 | 154.92 | 98.2 | 98.3 |

## E. 3 Residual and diagnostic plots

The best distribution was the Weibull.


Figure E.2: Diagnostics for alternative distributional assumptions for catch in the BLL(LIN) fishery. Left: quantile-quantile plot of observed catches (centred (by mean) and scaled (by standard deviation) in log space) versus maximum likelihood fit of distribution (missing panel indicates the fit failed to converge); Middle: standardised residuals from a generalised linear model fitted using the formula catch $\sim$ fyear + month + area+ vessel $+\log ($ sets $)$ and the distribution (missing panel indicates the model failed to converge); Right: quantile-quantile plot of model standardised residuals against standard normal (vertical lines represent $\mathbf{0 . 1 \%}$, $1 \%$ and $10 \%$ percentiles). NLL = negative log-likelihood; AIC = Akaike information criterion.


Figure E.3: Plots of the fit of the Weibull standardised CPUE model to successful catches of LIN 1 in the BLL(LIN) model. [Upper left] histogram of the standardised residuals compared to a lognormal distribution (SDSR: standard deviation of standardised residuals. MASR: median of absolute standardised residuals); [Upper right] Q-Q plot of the standardised residuals; [Lower left] Standardised residuals plotted against the predicted model catch per trip; [Lower right] Observed catch per record plotted against the predicted catch per record.

## E. 4 Model coefficients



Figure E.4: Effect of log number of sets in the Weibull model for the LIN 1 BLL(LIN) fishery. Top: effect by level of variable (left-axis: log space additive; right-axis: natural space multiplicative). Bottom-left: distribution of variable by fishing year. Bottom-right: cumulative effect of variable by fishing year (bottom-axis: log space additive; top-axis: natural space multiplicative).


Figure E.5: Effect of vessel in the Weibull model for the LIN 1 BLL(LIN) fishery. Top: effect by level of variable (left-axis: log space additive; right-axis: natural space multiplicative). Bottom-left: distribution of variable by fishing year. Bottom-right: cumulative effect of variable by fishing year (bottom-axis: log space additive; top-axis: natural space multiplicative).


Figure E.6: Effect of month in the Weibull model for the LIN 1 BLL(LIN) fishery. Top: effect by level of variable (left-axis: log space additive; right-axis: natural space multiplicative). Bottom-left: distribution of variable by fishing year. Bottom-right: cumulative effect of variable by fishing year (bottom-axis: log space additive; top-axis: natural space multiplicative).


Figure E.7: Effect of log number of hooks in the Weibull model for the LIN 1 BLL(LIN) fishery. Top: effect by level of variable (left-axis: log space additive; right-axis: natural space multiplicative). Bottom-left: distribution of variable by fishing year. Bottom-right: cumulative effect of variable by fishing year (bottom-axis: log space additive; top-axis: natural space multiplicative).


Figure E.8: Residual implied coefficients for area $\times$ fishing year interaction (not offered) in the BLL(LIN) Weibull model. Implied coefficients (black points) are calculated as the normalised fishing year coefficient (grey line) plus the mean of the standardised residuals in each fishing year and area. These values approximate the coefficients obtained when an area $\times$ year interaction term is fitted, particularly for those area $\times$ year combinations which have a substantial proportion of the records. The error bars indicate one standard error of the standardised residuals.

## E. 5 CPUE indices

Table E.2: Arithmetic indices for the total and core data sets, geometric and Weibull standardised indices and associated standard error for the core data set by fishing year for the BLL(LIN) analysis.

|  | All vessels |  |  | Core vessels |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Arithmetic | Arithmetic | Geometric | Standardised | SE |  |
| 1992 | 0.815 | 0.807 | 0.889 | 1.720 | 0.1107 |
| 1993 | 0.991 | 1.028 | 0.866 | 1.909 | 0.1255 |
| 1994 | 0.849 | 0.832 | 0.804 | 1.377 | 0.1031 |
| 1995 | 0.805 | 0.789 | 0.694 | 1.462 | 0.0908 |
| 1996 | 0.716 | 0.708 | 0.523 | 1.112 | 0.1229 |
| 1997 | 0.959 | 0.940 | 0.902 | 0.778 | 0.1615 |
| 1998 | 0.624 | 0.667 | 0.677 | 1.327 | 0.1636 |
| 2000 | 1.532 | 1.595 | 1.457 | 1.144 | 0.1573 |
| 2001 | 1.717 | 1.834 | 2.342 | 0.916 | 0.1795 |
| 2002 | 0.982 | 0.911 | 0.927 | 0.777 | 0.1364 |
| 2003 | 1.120 | 1.148 | 0.767 | 0.822 | 0.1511 |
| 2004 | 0.858 | 0.912 | 0.842 | 0.671 | 0.1279 |
| 2005 | 1.310 | 1.187 | 1.434 | 0.637 | 0.1447 |
| 2006 | 1.124 | 1.012 | 1.151 | 0.620 | 0.1354 |
| 2007 | 0.981 | 0.981 | 1.053 | 0.924 | 0.1115 |
| 2008 | 0.887 | 0.893 | 1.146 | 0.854 | 0.1046 |
| 2009 | 0.789 | 0.787 | 0.759 | 0.727 | 0.1057 |
| 2010 | 1.344 | 1.383 | 1.616 | 1.161 | 0.1069 |
| 2011 | 1.041 | 1.050 | 1.129 | 1.142 | 0.1006 |
| 2012 | 1.207 | 1.234 | 1.293 | 0.975 | 0.1106 |

## Appendix F. Diagnostics for BT(SCI) CPUE standardisation

## F. 1 Introduction

This model was not accepted by the NINSWG but the results and diagnostics for this model are reported here without comment for reference.

## F. 2 Fishery definition

BT (SCI) - Ling bottom trawl; The Fishery is defined from bottom trawl fishing events which fished in Statistical Areas 008, 009 or 010, and targeted scampi. The analysis was restricted to vessels which reported on TCEPR or TCER forms.

## F. 3 Core vessel selection

The criteria used to define the core fleet were those vessels that had fished for at least 3 trips in each of at least 2 years. These criteria resulted in a core fleet size of 9 vessels which took $95 \%$ of the catch.

## F. 4 Data summary

Table F.1: Number of number of core vessels, trips, trip strata, number of events that have been "rolled up" into trip strata, calculated number of events per trip-stratum, number of tows, sum of duration fished, landed LIN 1 ( $\mathbf{t ) \text { , proportion of trips with catch and proportion of trip-strata }}$ with catch, by fishing year for core vessels (based on a minimum of 3 trips per year in at least 2 years) in the BT(SCI) fishery.

| Fishing year | Vessels | Trips | Trip strata | Events | Events per stratum | Number tows | Duration <br> (h) | Catch (t) | Trips with with catch |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | catch (\%) | (\%) |
| 1990 | 4 | 30 | 792 | 792 | 1 | 792 | 2975 | 52.91 | 90.0 | 70.1 |
| 1991 | 7 | 41 | 1228 | 1228 | 1 | 1228 | 5741 | 92.33 | 95.1 | 84.4 |
| 1992 | 6 | 34 | 906 | 906 | 1 | 906 | 5191 | 66.38 | 82.4 | 73.8 |
| 1993 | 4 | 24 | 588 | 588 | 1 | 588 | 3203 | 44.45 | 79.2 | 44.6 |
| 1994 | 4 | 20 | 497 | 497 | 1 | 497 | 2653 | 46.14 | 75.0 | 53.5 |
| 1995 | 4 | 17 | 344 | 344 | 1 | 344 | 1852 | 28.53 | 94.1 | 68.0 |
| 1996 | 3 | 11 | 264 | 264 | 1 | 264 | 1415 | 13.65 | 100 | 64.8 |
| 1997 | 3 | 15 | 364 | 364 | 1 | 364 | 1939 | 11.70 | 80.0 | 57.7 |
| 1998 | 2 | 9 | 259 | 259 | 1 | 259 | 1719 | 12.12 | 88.9 | 83.8 |
| 1999 | 6 | 17 | 301 | 301 | 1 | 301 | 1782 | 18.34 | 70.6 | 62.5 |
| 2000 | 6 | 17 | 556 | 556 | , | 556 | 3642 | 53.19 | 88.2 | 89.4 |
| 2001 | 5 | 20 | 726 | 726 | 1 | 726 | 5151 | 69.66 | 90.0 | 80.9 |
| 2002 | 6 | 30 | 712 | 712 | 1 | 712 | 4895 | 74.72 | 90.0 | 74.3 |
| 2003 | 5 | 13 | 502 | 502 | 1 | 502 | 3518 | 41.47 | 100 | 70.9 |
| 2004 | 6 | 19 | 746 | 746 | 1 | 746 | 5109 | 45.81 | 68.4 | 64.5 |
| 2005 | 3 | 14 | 742 | 742 | 1 | 742 | 5207 | 42.24 | 85.7 | 64.7 |
| 2006 | 2 | 13 | 780 | 780 | 1 | 780 | 5383 | 21.76 | 84.6 | 39.5 |
| 2007 | 2 | 11 | 730 | 730 | 1 | 730 | 5134 | 19.78 | 100 | 45.6 |
| 2008 | 2 | 10 | 558 | 558 | 1 | 558 | 3911 | 11.78 | 90.0 | 31.0 |
| 2009 | 2 | 12 | 770 | 770 | 1 | 770 | 5394 | 19.00 | 100 | 32.2 |
| 2010 | 3 | 12 | 745 | 745 | 1 | 745 | 5226 | 16.56 | 83.3 | 26.7 |
| 2011 | 2 | 14 | 784 | 784 | 1 | 784 | 5621 | 24.09 | 85.7 | 34.8 |
| 2012 | 2 | 14 | 747 | 747 | 1 | 747 | 5403 | 23.91 | 85.7 | 38.3 |

## F. 5 Model selection table

Table F.2: Order of acceptance of variables into the log.logistic model of successful catches of in the BT(SCI) fishery model for core vessels based on the vessel selection criteria of at least 3 trips in 2 or more fishing years), with the amount of explained deviance and $\mathbf{R}^{2}$ for each variable. Variables accepted into the model are marked with an *, and the final $\mathbf{R}^{2}$ of the selected model is in bold. Fishing year was forced as the first variable.

| Variable | DF | Neg. Log <br> likelihood | AIC | $\mathbf{R}^{2}$ | Model use |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| fishing year | 24 | -46357 | 92762 | 8.03 | $*$ |
| bottom depth | 25 | -45887 | 91824 | 17.66 | $*$ |
| vessel | 41 | -45427 | 90937 | 26.09 | $*$ |
| month | 52 | -45175 | 90453 | 30.35 | $*$ |
| area | 54 | -45096 | 90301 | 31.62 | $*$ |
| poly(log(duration), 3) | 57 | -45033 | 90181 | 32.62 |  |



Each relative series scaled so that the geometric mean=1.0 from 1990 to 2008

Figure F.1: Comparison of three versions of the LIN 1 BT(SCI) standardised CPUE model: A) 2013 model fitted to data up to the 2011-12 fishing year using the Weibull distribution for positive catches; B) 2013 model fitted to data up to the 2011-12 fishing year using the lognormal distribution for positive catches; C) 2009 model fitted to data up to the 2007-08 fishing year using the lognormal distribution for positive catches.


Figure F.2: [left column]: annual indices from the log.logistic model of BT(SCI) at each step in the variable selection process; [right column]: aggregate influence associated with each step in the variable selection procedure.



Figure F.3: [left panel] total landed LIN 1 and number of vessels plotted against the number of years used to define core vessels participating in the BT(SCI) dataset. The number of qualifying years (minimum number of trips per year) for each series is indicated in the legend. [right panel]: bubble plot showing the number of trip-strata for selected core vessels (based on at least 3 trips in $\mathbf{2}$ or more fishing years) by fishing year

## F. 7 Residual and diagnostic plots

The best distribution was log.logistic.


Figure F.4: Diagnostics for alternative distributional assumptions for catch in the BT(SCI) fishery. Left: quantile-quantile plot of observed catches (centred (by mean) and scaled (by standard deviation) in log space) versus maximum likelihood fit of distribution (missing panel indicates the fit failed to converge); Middle: standardised residuals from a generalised linear model fitted using the formula catch $\sim$ fyear + month +area+ vessel $+\log ($ sets $)$ and the distribution (missing panel indicates the model failed to converge); Right: quantile-quantile plot of model standardised residuals against standard normal (vertical lines represent $\mathbf{0 . 1 \%}$, $1 \%$ and $10 \%$ percentiles). NLL = negative log-likelihood; AIC = Akaike information criterion.


Figure F.5: Plots of the fit of the log.logistic standardised CPUE model to successful catches of LIN 1 in the BT(SCI) fishery. [Upper left] histogram of the standardised residuals compared to a log.logistic distribution (SDSR: standard deviation of standardised residuals. MASR: median of absolute standardised residuals); [Upper right] Q-Q plot of the standardised residuals; [Lower left] Standardised residuals plotted against the predicted model catch per trip; [Lower right] Observed catch per record plotted against the predicted catch per record.

## F. 8 Model coefficients



Figure F.6: Effect of bottom depth in the log.logistic model for the LIN 1 BT(SCI) fishery. Top: effect by level of variable (left-axis: log space additive; right-axis: natural space multiplicative). Bottom-left: distribution of variable by fishing year. Bottom-right: cumulative effect of variable by fishing year (bottom-axis: log space additive; top-axis: natural space multiplicative).


Figure F.7: Effect of vessel in the log.logistic model for the LIN 1 BT(SCI) fishery. Top: effect by level of variable (left-axis: log space additive; right-axis: natural space multiplicative). Bottom-left: distribution of variable by fishing year. Bottom-right: cumulative effect of variable by fishing year (bottom-axis: log space additive; top-axis: natural space multiplicative).


Figure F.8: Effect of month in the log.logistic model for the LIN 1 BT(SCI) fishery. Top: effect by level of variable (left-axis: log space additive; right-axis: natural space multiplicative). Bottom-left: distribution of variable by fishing year. Bottom-right: cumulative effect of variable by fishing year (bottom-axis: log space additive; top-axis: natural space multiplicative).


Figure F.9: Effect of area in the log.logistic model for the LIN 1 BT(SCI) fishery. Top: effect by level of variable (left-axis: log space additive; right-axis: natural space multiplicative). Bottom-left: distribution of variable by fishing year. Bottom-right: cumulative effect of variable by fishing year (bottom-axis: log space additive; top-axis: natural space multiplicative).


Figure F.10: Residual implied coefficients for area $\times$ fishing year interaction (not offered) in the BT(SCI) log.logistic model. Implied coefficients (black points) are calculated as the normalised fishing year coefficient (grey line) plus the mean of the standardised residuals in each fishing year and area. These values approximate the coefficients obtained when an area $\times$ year interaction term is fitted, particularly for those area $\times$ year combinations which have a substantial proportion of the records. The error bars indicate one standard error of the standardised residuals.

## F. 9 CPUE indices

Table F.3: Arithmetic indices for the total and core data sets, geometric and log.logistic standardised indices and associated standard error for the core data set by fishing year for the BT(SCI) analysis.

| Fishing year | All vessels Arithmetic | Arithmetic | Geometric | Core vessels |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Standardised | SE |
| 1990 | 1.253 | 1.295 | 1.063 | 1.039 | 0.0336 |
| 1991 | 1.440 | 1.458 | 1.013 | 0.844 | 0.0273 |
| 1992 | 1.470 | 1.421 | 0.827 | 0.786 | 0.0321 |
| 1993 | 1.376 | 1.466 | 1.697 | 1.427 | 0.0460 |
| 1994 | 1.790 | 1.800 | 1.319 | 1.001 | 0.0492 |
| 1995 | 1.585 | 1.608 | 0.948 | 0.927 | 0.0479 |
| 1996 | 0.967 | 1.003 | 0.758 | 0.663 | 0.0545 |
| 1997 | 0.635 | 0.623 | 0.729 | 0.619 | 0.0498 |
| 1998 | 1.131 | 0.907 | 0.668 | 0.618 | 0.0515 |
| 1999 | 1.161 | 1.181 | 1.095 | 1.012 | 0.0553 |
| 2000 | 1.840 | 1.855 | 1.284 | 1.076 | 0.0395 |
| 2001 | 1.820 | 1.860 | 1.353 | 1.622 | 0.0331 |
| 2002 | 1.808 | 2.035 | 1.471 | 1.418 | 0.0398 |
| 2003 | 1.528 | 1.602 | 1.366 | 1.345 | 0.0459 |
| 2004 | 1.224 | 1.191 | 1.242 | 1.400 | 0.0388 |
| 2005 | 1.026 | 1.104 | 1.143 | 1.210 | 0.0331 |
| 2006 | 0.549 | 0.541 | 0.951 | 1.004 | 0.0406 |
| 2007 | 0.663 | 0.525 | 0.399 | 0.723 | 0.0445 |
| 2008 | 0.405 | 0.409 | 0.603 | 1.182 | 0.0631 |
| 2009 | 0.454 | 0.478 | 0.901 | 0.891 | 0.0495 |
| 2010 | 0.423 | 0.431 | 1.080 | 1.083 | 0.0515 |
| 2011 | 0.621 | 0.596 | 1.097 | 0.999 | 0.0451 |
| 2012 | 0.587 | 0.621 | 1.084 | 0.915 | 0.0424 |

## Appendix G. DIAGNOStICs FOR BT(MIX) CPUE standardisation

## G. 1 Introduction

This model was not accepted by the NINSWG but the results and diagnostics for this model are reported here without comment for reference.

## G. 2 Fishery definition

BT (MIX) - Ling bottom trawl; The Fishery is defined from bottom trawl fishing events which fished in Statistical Areas 002, 003, 004, 008, 009 or 010, and targeted LIN, HOK or TAR. The analysis was restricted to vessels which reported on TCEPR or TCER forms.

## G. 3 Core vessel selection

The criteria used to define the core fleet were those vessels that had fished for at least 5 trips in each of at least 5 years. These criteria resulted in a core fleet size of 29 vessels which took $88 \%$ of the catch.

## G. 4 Data summary

Table G.1: Number of number of core vessels, trips, trip strata, number of events that have been "rolled up" into trip strata, calculated number of events per trip-stratum, number of tows, sum of duration fished, landed LIN 1 (t), proportion of trips with catch and proportion of trip-strata with catch, by fishing year for core vessels (based on a minimum of 5 trips per year in at least 5 years) in the BT(MIX) fishery.

| Fishing year | Vessels | Trips | Trip strata | Events | Events per stratum | Number tows | Duration <br> (h) | Catch (t) | Trips with with catch |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | catch (\%) | (\%) |
| 1996 | 21 | 142 | 554 | 554 | 1 | 554 | 2141 | 5.00 | 61.3 | 51.6 |
| 1997 | 21 | 230 | 1064 | 1064 | 1 | 1064 | 4024 | 18.92 | 70.0 | 47.9 |
| 1998 | 23 | 251 | 1207 | 1207 | 1 | 1207 | 4706 | 30.53 | 76.5 | 55.0 |
| 1999 | 21 | 263 | 1177 | 1177 | 1 | 1177 | 4553 | 50.87 | 72.6 | 48.4 |
| 2000 | 20 | 250 | 1255 | 1255 | 1 | 1255 | 4774 | 35.36 | 76.0 | 57.6 |
| 2001 | 24 | 282 | 1124 | 1124 | 1 | 1124 | 4166 | 29.03 | 80.9 | 55.5 |
| 2002 | 23 | 309 | 1194 | 1194 | 1 | 1194 | 4927 | 42.85 | 79.6 | 53.4 |
| 2003 | 20 | 315 | 1449 | 1449 | 1 | 1449 | 6112 | 34.53 | 75.2 | 56.1 |
| 2004 | 21 | 353 | 1376 | 1376 | 1 | 1376 | 6194 | 47.29 | 78.8 | 46.3 |
| 2005 | 17 | 333 | 1635 | 1635 | 1 | 1635 | 7242 | 26.39 | 76.3 | 45.1 |
| 2006 | 17 | 350 | 1767 | 1767 | 1 | 1767 | 7859 | 68.13 | 76.0 | 48.3 |
| 2007 | 13 | 264 | 1329 | 1329 | 1 | 1329 | 5687 | 31.90 | 81.1 | 49.5 |
| 2008 | 17 | 300 | 1649 | 1649 | 1 | 1649 | 6821 | 47.94 | 76.0 | 46.0 |
| 2009 | 16 | 312 | 1839 | 1839 | 1 | 1839 | 7544 | 55.87 | 80.5 | 48.1 |
| 2010 | 13 | 337 | 1907 | 1907 | 1 | 1907 | 7924 | 90.61 | 79.8 | 44.4 |
| 2011 | 15 | 313 | 1703 | 1703 | 1 | 1703 | 7210 | 57.74 | 78.6 | 41.3 |
| 2012 | 14 | 307 | 1680 | 1680 | 1 | 1680 | 6585 | 46.96 | 79.5 | 44.6 |

## G. 5 Model selection table

Table G.2: Order of acceptance of variables into the lognormal model of successful catches of in the BT(MIX) fishery model for core vessels based on the vessel selection criteria of at least 5 trips in 5 or more fishing years), with the amount of explained deviance and $\mathbf{R}^{2}$ for each variable. Variables accepted into the model are marked with an *, and the final $R^{2}$ of the selected model is in bold. Fishing year was forced as the first variable.

| Variable | DF | Neg. Log <br> likelihood | AIC | $\mathbf{R}^{2}$ | Model use |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| fishing year | 17 | -26102 | 52240 | 4.05 | $*$ |
| target species | 19 | -23049 | 46139 | 43.97 | $*$ |
| vessel | 47 | -21629 | 43353 | 56.45 | $*$ |
| area | 52 | -21193 | 42491 | 59.71 | $*$ |
| bottom depth | 53 | -20819 | 41746 | $\mathbf{6 2 . 3 1}$ | $*$ |
| poly(log(duration), 3) | 56 | -20700 | 41513 | 63.10 |  |
| month | 67 | -20620 | 41376 | 63.62 |  |

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Each relative series scaled so that the geometric mean=1.0 from 1997 to 2012

Figure G.1: Comparison of three 2013 LIN 1 bottom trawl standardised CPUE models: A) model fitted to target species data for LIN, HOK or TAR using the lognormal distribution for positive catches; B) model fitted to target species data for LIN or HOK using the lognormal distribution for positive catches; C) model fitted to target species data for SCI using the log.logistic distribution for positive catches. Model ' $A$ ' is reported in Appendix $G$, model ' $B$; is not reported and model ' $C$ ' is reported in Appendix $F$.


Figure G.2: [left column]: annual indices from the lognormal model of BT(MIX) at each step in the variable selection process; [right column]: aggregate influence associated with each step in the variable selection procedure.

## G. 6 Core vessel selection



Figure G.3: [left panel] total landed LIN 1 and number of vessels plotted against the number of years used to define core vessels participating in the BT(MIX) dataset. The number of qualifying years (minimum number of trips per year) for each series is indicated in the legend. [right panel]: bubble plot showing the number of trip-strata for selected core vessels (based on at least 5 trips in 5 or more fishing years) by fishing year.

## G. 7 Residual and diagnostic plots

The best distribution was lognormal.


Figure G.4: Diagnostics for alternative distributional assumptions for catch in the BT(MIX) fishery. Left: quantile-quantile plot of observed catches (centred (by mean) and scaled (by standard deviation) in log space) versus maximum likelihood fit of distribution (missing panel indicates the fit failed to converge); Middle: standardised residuals from a generalised linear model fitted using the formula catch $\sim$ fyear + month + area+ vessel $+\log ($ sets $)$ and the distribution (missing panel indicates the model failed to converge); Right: quantile-quantile plot of model standardised residuals against standard normal (vertical lines represent $\mathbf{0 . 1 \%}$, $1 \%$ and $10 \%$ percentiles). NLL = negative log-likelihood; AIC = Akaike information criterion.


Figure G.5: Plots of the fit of the lognormal standardised CPUE model to successful catches of LIN 1 in the BT(MIX) fishery. [Upper left] histogram of the standardised residuals compared to a lognormal distribution (SDSR: standard deviation of standardised residuals. MASR: median of absolute standardised residuals); [Upper right] Q-Q plot of the standardised residuals; [Lower left] Standardised residuals plotted against the predicted model catch per trip; [Lower right] Observed catch per record plotted against the predicted catch per record.

## G. 8 Model coefficients



Figure G.6: Effect of target species in the lognormal model for the LIN 1 BT(MIX) fishery. Top: effect by level of variable (left-axis: log space additive; right-axis: natural space multiplicative). Bottom-left: distribution of variable by fishing year. Bottom-right: cumulative effect of variable by fishing year (bottom-axis: log space additive; top-axis: natural space multiplicative).


Figure G.7: Effect of vessel in the lognormal model for the LIN 1 BT(MIX) fishery. Top: effect by level of variable (left-axis: log space additive; right-axis: natural space multiplicative). Bottom-left: distribution of variable by fishing year. Bottom-right: cumulative effect of variable by fishing year (bottom-axis: log space additive; top-axis: natural space multiplicative).


Figure G.8: Effect of area in the lognormal model for the LIN 1 BT(MIX) fishery. Top: effect by level of variable (left-axis: log space additive; right-axis: natural space multiplicative). Bottom-left: distribution of variable by fishing year. Bottom-right: cumulative effect of variable by fishing year (bottom-axis: log space additive; top-axis: natural space multiplicative).


Figure G.9: Effect of bottom depth in the lognormal model for the LIN 1 BT(MIX) fishery. Top: effect by level of variable (left-axis: log space additive; right-axis: natural space multiplicative). Bottom-left: distribution of variable by fishing year. Bottom-right: cumulative effect of variable by fishing year (bottom-axis: log space additive; top-axis: natural space multiplicative).


Figure G.10: Residual implied coefficients for area $\times$ fishing year interaction (not offered) in the BT(MIX) lognormal model. Implied coefficients (black points) are calculated as the normalised fishing year coefficient (grey line) plus the mean of the standardised residuals in each fishing year and area. These values approximate the coefficients obtained when an area $\times$ year interaction term is fitted, particularly for those area $\times$ year combinations which have a substantial proportion of the records. The error bars indicate one standard error of the standardised residuals.

## G. 9 CPUE indices

Table G.3: Arithmetic indices for the total and core data sets, geometric and lognormal standardised indices and associated standard error for the core data set by fishing year for the BT(MIX) analysis.

| Fishing | $\begin{array}{rlrrr}\text { All vessels } \\ \text { year }\end{array}$ | Arithmetic |  | Core vessels |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1996 | 0.366 |  | Arithmetic | Geometric | Standardised |$)$ SE

