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# Changes in Biomass, Production and Species Composition of the Fish Populations in the Northwest Atlantic Over the Last 30 Years, and Their Possible Causes

Special Session of the Scientific Council of NAFO  
Brussels, Belgium, 6–8 September 1989<sup>1</sup>

### General Theme

Fish populations in the Northwest Atlantic have undergone dramatic changes during the last 30 years in response to environmental effects, exploitation and other anthropogenic factors. The primary objective of the session is to document changes in abundance, production and community composition and to examine hypotheses regarding underlying mechanisms. The principal focus will be on the northwestern Atlantic but comparative studies from other regions will be welcome.

### Specific Topics

1. *Community-level Change.* Descriptive and theoretical studies of long-term changes in fish populations in the Northwest Atlantic at the community level. Consideration of the ecological implications of long-term anthropogenic or natural perturbations on fish community structure.
2. *Exploitation Effects.* Examination of the role of fishing pressure in inducing long-term changes in production, biomass and community structure.
3. *The Biotic Environment.* Consideration of the role of changes in the biotic environment and its effect on fish populations. Examples include changes in primary or secondary production and changes in predator-prey fields.
4. *The Physical Environment.* Analysis of effects of persistent changes in physical factors on fish populations. The emphasis will be on the linkages between environmental change and production (recruitment, growth, and mortality) and the implications for community structure.
5. *Other Anthropogenic Effects.* The potential long-term effects of pollution and habitat degradation on production and species composition of coastal systems will be considered.
6. *Indirect and Secondary Effects.* Species-selective harvesting can have indirect and cascading effects on predator-prey and competitive interactions, resulting in unforeseen effects on community structure.

### Deadlines

Authors are requested to send titles and brief descriptions of their potential contributions to the Convener by **1 March 1989**. Papers will be selected on the basis of their relevance to the topics indicated above. Authors will be informed of selected contributions by **15 April 1989**. Authors are advised that since the Special Session is being held away from NAFO Headquarters, it is imperative that completed manuscripts (typescript or good quality photocopy) are forwarded to reach the NAFO Secretariat by **15 August 1989** for mimeographing. Authors who cannot meet this deadline are requested to bring 50 copies of their manuscripts for distribution at the beginning of the Session.

### Publication of Papers

Publication in the *Journal of Northwest Atlantic Fishery Science* or *NAFO Scientific Council Studies* will depend on the nature and quality of the paper.

### Addresses

Further information may be obtained from the Convener (M. J. Fogarty) or the NAFO Secretariat.

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<sup>1</sup> The exact location in Brussels will be announced before June 1989.



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**Management Under Uncertainties Related to Biology and Assessments, with Case Studies on Some North Atlantic Fisheries**

This theme was chosen by the Scientific Council of NAFO for a 3-day session, which is tentatively scheduled for 5-7 September 1990.

Details of organizational arrangements, including confirmation of time and place, outline of topics to be covered, and deadlines for the submission of abstracts and completed manuscripts will be finalized during the September 1989 Meeting of the Scientific Council.



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**International Symposium — Research and Small Scale Fisheries  
Montpellier, France, 3-7 July 1989**

**Organized by**

Office de la Recherche Scientifique et Technique Outre-Mer (ORSTOM)

and

Institut Français de Recherche pour L'Exploration de la Mer (IFREMER)

Taking into account the importance, in terms of biology, economics, social and legal aspects, of small-scale fisheries in the world, the aim of this symposium is to create an opportunity for research-workers from various disciplines and origins to assess collectively the present state, the compulsions and perspectives of research. This symposium will deal with the relevance, the possibilities for a generalization of problems and of the methods used, from a scientific point of view.

**Languages — English and French**

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### Microfiche of ICNAF Meeting Documents, 1951-79

The International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (ICNAF) came into being in July 1950, and the first annual meeting took place at Washington, USA, in April 1951. From that time until the termination of ICNAF in 1979 (29 annual meetings and numerous special and midterm meetings), documentation of research and statistical activities grew as the Commission's interest expanded from developing the groundwork for scientific investigation of the marine living resources during the 1950s and 1960s to managing more than 70 fish and invertebrate stocks in the Northwest Atlantic during the 1970s, until the 200-mile fishery conservation zones of the coastal states were implemented in 1977. However, ICNAF continued until 1979, when it was replaced by the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO).

Under the ICNAF regime, it was the mandate of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (STACRES) to keep under review and provide regular assessments of the exploited stocks, and to develop policies and procedures for the collection, compilation, analysis and dissemination of fishery statistics in the Convention Area and adjacent waters. Thousands of meeting documents were generated during the 30-year life of ICNAF, most of which were scientific in nature. The Scientific Council of NAFO recognized the historical value of this long series of ICNAF documents and, in 1983, recommended that all papers related to fishery science and statistics should be assembled and copied on microfiche.

Before 1965, all ICNAF documents were designated "Meeting Documents", with no distinction between documents presented at scientific meetings and those for consideration by Commissioners. During 1965-72, documents were issued in two series, design-

ated as "Commission Documents" and "Research Documents". During 1973-79, further division occurred with the issue of "Summary Documents". The microfiche series contains all documents from 1951-64, all Research and a few relevant Commission documents for 1965-72, and all Research and Summary documents for 1973-79. The task of locating and preparing the papers for microfiche began in early 1985 and was completed in late 1986. Nearly 2,700 documents (31,500 pages) has been recorded on 632 fiche (98-page format, negative). When organizing the material, an index fiche was included to start the series for each year, to provide the user with ready access to the authors and titles of papers and the document numbers. The title strip on each fiche is color-coded by document series, and contains the name of the document series, the year of issue and the document number(s).

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## General Guidelines

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## Content of Manuscript

### Title page

This page should contain the title, followed by the name(s) and address(es) of the author(s) including professional affiliation, and any related footnotes. Limit the title to what is documented in the manuscript, and keep it as concise as possible.

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An informative abstract must be provided, which does not exceed one double-spaced page or about 250 words, the ultimate length being dependent on the size of the manuscript. The abstract should concisely indicate the content and emphasis of the paper. It should begin with the main conclusion from the study and be supported by statements of relevant findings. It is important that the abstract accurately reflect the paper's contents, because it is often separated from the main body of the paper by abstracting and indexing services.

### Text

In general, the text should be organized into Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, Acknowledgements and References. Authors should be guided by the organization of papers that have been published in the NAFO Journal or Studies and by such authorities as the Council of Biological Editors Style Manual (CBE, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814, USA). The Introduction should be limited to the purpose and rationale of the study, with literature review and other information limited to what is needed to define the problem. The Materials and Methods should provide the framework for obtaining answers to the problems which concern the purpose of the study. The Results should answer the questions evolving from the purpose of the study in a comprehensive manner, avoiding any confusion between facts and inferences and the restatement of table and figure captions in the text. The Discussion should give the main contribu-

tions from the study, with appropriate interpretation and comparison with those of other authors. Speculation should be limited to what can be supported with reasonable evidence. In the case of short papers, it is often useful to combine Results and Discussion to avoid repetition. Acknowledgements should be limited to the names of individuals who provided significant scientific and technical support, including reviews, during the preparation of the manuscript, and the names of agencies which provided financial support.

Mathematical equations and formulae must be accurately stated, with clear definitions of the various letters and symbols. If logarithmic expressions are used, the type of function (base 10 or natural logarithms) must be clearly indicated in the text or by appropriate symbols ("log<sub>10</sub>" or "log" for ordinary logarithms, and "log<sub>e</sub>" or "ln" for natural logarithms).

## References

Good judgment should be used in the selection of references, which must be restricted largely to significant published literature. References to unpublished data and documents, manuscripts in preparation, and manuscripts submitted to other journals (if not yet accepted for a particular issue) must not be cited in the list of references but may be noted in the text as unpublished data or personal communications (with full mailing address of the authors). Citation of meeting documents which have limited circulation should be avoided whenever possible, except when such documents contain significant new findings for which no other published sources of the information exist.

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All tables must be discussed or mentioned in the text. Tables should be carefully constructed so that the data presented in them are clearly understood and that they fit within either a column or page of the periodical. Each table should start on a separate page and be headed by a description which, together with the column headings, makes the table intelligible with reference to the text. Tables must be numbered consecutively in arabic numerals, which correspond with the order of presentation in the text. The required position of tables in the text should be indicated in the left margin of the relevant page. Place the tables after the list of references.

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This publication replaced the ICNAF Research Bulletin which terminated with No. 14 in September 1979. Each annual volume consists of one or more numbers.

- Vol. 1 — One number, 10 papers, 112 pages (Published December 1980)
- Vol. 2 — One number, 10 papers, 76 pages (Published October 1981)
- Vol. 3 — Two numbers, 17 papers, 180 pages (Published May and December 1982)
- Vol. 4 — One number, special issue on early stages of marine fishes, 424 pages (Published July 1983)
- Vol. 5 — Two numbers, 26 papers, 224 pages (Published January and November 1984)
- Vol. 6 — Two numbers, 17 papers, 179 pages (Published June and December 1985)
- Vol. 7 — Two numbers, 18 papers, 177 pages (Published December 1986 and December 1987)

## NAFO Scientific Council Studies

This publication replaced ICNAF Special Publication, which terminated with Number 11 (revised) in August 1980, and ICNAF Selected Papers, which terminated with Number 6 in January 1980. One or more numbers are published annually.

- No. 1 — Miscellaneous papers (11), 101 pages (Published March 1981)
- No. 2 — Manual on groundfish surveys, 56 pages (Published December 1981)
- No. 3 — Miscellaneous papers (8), 82 pages (Published April 1982)
- No. 4 — Papers on remote-sensing applications to fishery science (12), 98 pages (Published September 1982)
- No. 5 — Papers on environmental conditions in 1970-79 (12), 114 pages (Published December 1982)
- No. 6 — Miscellaneous papers (8), 104 pages (Published December 1983)
- No. 7 — Miscellaneous papers (9), 98 pages (Published August 1984)
- No. 8 — Miscellaneous papers (12), 96 pages (Published April 1985)
- No. 9 — Papers on squid (17), 180 pages (Published November 1985)
- No. 10 — Miscellaneous papers (9), 112 pages (Published August 1986)
- No. 11 — Miscellaneous papers (11), 127 pages (Published March 1987)
- No. 12 — Miscellaneous papers (8), 90 pages (Published March 1988)

## NAFO Scientific Council Reports

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- 1980 — Reports of seven meetings in 1979 and 1980, 190 pages (Published December 1980)
- 1981 — Reports of four meetings in 1981, 148 pages (Published December 1981)
- 1982 — Reports of two meetings in 1982, 110 pages (Published December 1982)
- 1983 — Reports of three meetings in 1983, 152 pages (Published December 1983)
- 1984 — Reports of three meetings in 1984, 126 pages (Published December 1984)
- 1985 — Reports of three meetings in 1985, 146 pages (Published in December 1985)
- 1986 — Reports of three meetings in 1986, 156 pages (Published in December 1986)
- 1987 — Reports of three meetings in 1987, 138 pages (Published in December 1987)

## NAFO Statistical Bulletin

This publication (issued annually) replaced ICNAF Statistical Bulletin which terminated with Vol. 28 (revised). The volume numbering continues the series.

- Vol. 29 — Fishery statistics for 1979, 290 pages (Originally published July 1981; revised edition published November 1984)
- Vol. 30 — Fishery statistics for 1980, 280 pages (Originally published August 1982; revised edition published October 1984)
- Vol. 31 — Fishery statistics for 1981, 276 pages (Originally published September 1983; revised edition published March 1985)
- Vol. 32 — Fishery statistics for 1982, 284 pages (Published December 1984)
- Vol. 33 — Fishery statistics for 1983, 280 pages (Published December 1985)
- Vol. 34 — Fishery statistics for 1984, 304 pages (Published December 1986)
- Vol. 35 — Fishery statistics for 1985, 322 pages (Published December 1987)

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- 1983 — List for 1983, 43 pages (Published April 1985)
- 1986 — List for 1986, 48 pages (Published July 1988)

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