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NON-REPORTING AND UNDER-REPORTING OF CATCHES BY WESTERN PACIFIC PURSE SEINERS IN DATA COLLECTED BY COASTAL STATES


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## Introduction

The Tuna and Billfish Assessment Programme (TBAP) has compiled daily catch and effort logsheet data from distant-water fishing nations since the early 1980s. The logsheet data in the Regional Tuna Fisheries Database have been provided to the TBAP by SPC member countries, which in turn have collected the data from the fishing nations under the terms of access agreements. Unfortunately, the terms of the agreements have not included provisions allowing for the verification of the logsheet data with data from other sources, such as unloadings. Even a rough estimate of the coverage of the logsheet data has been problematic, due to the lack of reliable estimates of the total catches by the fleets.

Previously, verification of purse seine logsheet data has been approached by comparing the catches reported on logsheets to storage capacity (Anonymous 1991). The comparison of logsheet data with storage capacity assumes, however, that (1) vessels fish until their holds are full, (2) vessels take all catches within the waters of member countries (and thus report all catches on logsheets), and (3) transhipment at sea does not occur. All three assumptions are known to be violated for the Western Pacific purse seine fleet. While estimates of coverage from comparisons of logsheet data with storage capacity are therefore not possible, the magnitude of the differences presented by Anonymous (1991) are so great as to suggest that under-reporting is probably taking place, at least for Korean, Taiwanese and possibly Japanese vessels. In fact, under-reporting by Korean and Taiwanese vessels has been suspected for a number of years based on low catch rates reported by these vessels compared to those reported by American and Japanese purse seiners.

Analysis of the coverage of purse seine catches by logsheet data collected by SPC member countries has recently been made possible with the publication of estimates of annual catches for the fleets operating in the SPC area (South Pacific Commission 1992) and with access to unloading statistics for purse seiners delivering their catches to canneries in Pago Pago, American Samoa, and transhipping at Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands. This information is used below to estimate coverage and to examine non-reporting and under-reporting of catches on logsheets. The rate of non-reporting is defined herein as the proportion of the catch from fishing effort that is not recorded on the logsheets, while the rate of under-reporting is defined as the proportion not recorded on logsheets of the catch from fishing effort recorded on logsheets.

## Annual Coverage of Purse Seine Catches

The coverage of purse seine catches by data held collected by member countries can be determined from independent estimates of annual catches. Unfortunately, the annual catch estimates (South Pacific Commission 1992), which are derived from a variety of sources, are poor or incomplete for several distant-water fleets, including those of Indonesia, the Philippines and the Republic of China (Taiwan). Table 1 compares independent estimates of annual catches to catches determined from logsheet data for Japan, Republic of Korea, Taiwan and the United States of America. Although the estimates of annual catches for Taiwan are relatively poor, they have been included to give a rough indication of coverage.

Overall, coverage by logsheet data of the catches by purse seiners from Japan, Korea, Taiwan and the United States combined during 1980-1991 is 45 per cent. However, coverage varies considerably among the fleets.

Coverage for Japanese vessels during 1980-1991 is 67 per cent, with a low of 46 per cent in 1980 and a high of 81 per cent in 1984. Most of the missing 33 per cent might reasonably be explained as catches in international waters, which, under the terms of the access agreements, were not required to be reported on logsheets by the Japanese.

Coverage for American vessels during 1980-1991 is 44 per cent, however it is of interest to consider two periods for this fleet, i.e., before and after the implementation of the multilateral treaty on fisheries between certain Pacific island states and the United States of America in June 1988. For the period prior to the treaty, 1980-1987, coverage is 8 per cent, while after the implementation of the treaty coverage has been nearly complete. Access agreements were not entered into by the United States prior to the multilateral treaty due to federal law which did not recognise national jurisdiction for the management of highly migratory species. Those agreements that existed prior to the multilateral treaty were private agreements with American vessel owners.

Coverage of the Korean and Taiwanese fleets are 19 per cent and 23 per cent respectively for 1980-1991. The missing catches, 81 per cent for the Koreans and 77 per cent for the Taiwanese, are much too large to be attributed solely to catches in international waters. Throughout the 1980-1990 period, both fleets had access to major purse seining grounds in the waters of the Federated States of Micronesia and Papua New Guinea, therefore the fleets were not restricted in the areas available for fishing. Since 1990, however, neither fleet has fished in the waters of the Federated States of Micronesia.

While coverage rates in terms of the catch for Korean and Taiwanese vessels are roughly the same, coverage in terms of the number of days fished or searched is greater for Taiwanese vessels than for Korean vessels. Table 2 shows the number of vessels active, the number of vessels covered by logsheet data collected by member countries, and the average annual number of days covered per vessel. While, for most years, data have been received from almost all Taiwanese vessels, the number of Korean vessels covered has consistently been much lower than the number of vessels active. For those Korean vessels for which data have been received, the number of days covered per annum is, on average, lower than the average number of days covered per annum for Taiwanese vessels. Thus, non-reporting would appear to be a greater problem with Korean vessels than with Taiwanese vessels.

## Comparison of Catches Recorded on Logsheets to Unloadings

Catches recorded on logsheets are usually estimated by multiplying the number of brails taken to load the fish from each set by a constant representing the average tonnage per brail. While the constants representing the average tonnage per brail vary depending on the species composition and the size of the fish in the brail, the catches recorded on logsheets, the "hailed weights," are less accurate than the catches measured with a scale during unloading.

Data on unloadings by Japanese, Korean and Taiwanese purse seiners in the SPC region have generally been lacking. Unloadings by these fleets have usually taken place on the high seas or at home ports. However, some vessels, mostly Taiwanese, have transhipped at Tinian.

A data processing system for the management of the Tinian transhipment data was installed by the Tuna and Billfish Assessment Programme at the request of the Division of Fish and Wildlife, Saipan, in August 1989. However, the transhipment data have not been entered into the system on
a regular basis. Therefore the only Tinian transhipment data currently available consist of records covering the period from December 1986 to March 1989 that were processed at the time of the installation of the system.

Table 3 compares catches recorded on logsheets to the amount unloaded for Japanese and Taiwanese vessels. While Korean vessels also unloaded at Tinian during 1986-1989, the logsheet data for Korean vessels are too incomplete to be used for meaningful comparisons with transhipment data.

Table 3 shows that catches recorded on logsheets for seven trips by five Japanese vessels appear to over-estimate the catch by about 30 per cent on average. The reason for the discrepancy is unknown, though incomplete unloading is probably a factor. The number of trips examined is small, therefore it should not be concluded that logsheet data for Japanese vessels consistently overestimate the catch.

The logsheet data reported in Table 3 for 12 trips by seven Taiwanese vessels appear to underestimate the catch by a large amount, 74 per cent on average. The number of days covered on logsheets compared to the number of days at sea is generally high for Taiwanese vessels, thus the missing catch cannot be attributed to a large amount of unrecorded fishing activity. In the absence of any other explanation, it is reasonable to conclude that the seven Taiwanese vessels underreported their catches.

American vessels usually unload at Pago Pago or tranship their catch at sea. Several vessels based in Guam also unload their catch at Tinian. Since the implementation of the multilateral treaty in June 1988, the coverage of the fishing activities on logsheets has been nearly complete.

Unloading data for 171 trips by 40 American vessels were examined. The data included only those trips for which unloading occurred at Pago Pago or Tinian and excluded trips for which transhipment was known to have occurred at sea. Only trips for which the difference between the number of days recorded on the logsheet and the duration of the trip (i.e., from the date of departure from port to the date of return to port) was less than or equal to three days were included in order to reduce errors due to unrecorded catches on logsheets.

The resulting estimate of the bias of catches recorded on logsheets for American seiners is small, +1.7 per cent of the amount unloaded. Though the average difference between logsheet catches and unloadings was small, +17 mt per trip, compared to the average amount unloaded, 983 mt per trip, the differences ranged from -870 mt to +589 mt , with a standard deviation of 131 mt . When trips for which gross errors (differences between logsheet catches and unloadings of greater than 200 mt ) were excluded, the standard deviation dropped to 43 mt . The bias for the resulting 161 trips by 39 vessels dropped slightly to +1.1 per cent, with an average difference between logsheet catches and unloadings of +11 mt per trip.

## Mechanisms of under-reporting

The evidence for under-reporting by Taiwanese vessels raises questions concerning how the catches are under-reported. Is under-reporting of the catch due to sets not being recorded on logsheets? To successful sets being reported as unsuccessful? Or to bias in the catch per set? Table 4 presents
statistics by vessel nationality on the proportion of days recorded on logsheets on which at least one set was made, the proportion of sets in which fish were caught, and the catch per successful set.

Taiwanese vessels report a considerably smaller proportion of days on which sets were made compared to the other fleets. According to the logsheet data, the Taiwanese make sets on only 36 per cent of days fished, compared to 75 per cent for Japanese vessels, 62 per cent for American vessels and 57 per cent for Korean vessels.

In comparing the percentage of successful sets and the catch per successful set, the type of set must be taken into account. A greater proportion of sets made by the Taiwanese are on schools associated with floating objects (i.e. logs, fish aggregating devices or animals), as opposed to freeswimming schools, than the other fleets. On average, sets on schools associated with floating objects are more successful than those on unassociated schools. Therefore only schools associated with floating objects were considered when comparing the percentages of successful sets and the catches per successful set.

The Taiwanese have the highest percentage of successful sets on schools associated with floating objects. Almost every set, 99.7 per cent overall, is successful. The success rates for American and Japanese vessels are also high, while the success rate for Korean vessels is considerably lower than for the other fleets.

While the success rate for Taiwanese vessels is highest, the catch per successful set on floating objects is lowest. The catch per successful set for Taiwanese vessels, 15 mt , is about half that for Japanese vessels, 28 mt .

From the above discussion, it would appear that under-reporting by Taiwanese vessels is due both to sets not being recorded on logsheets and to error in the catch per successful set. The recording of successful sets as unsuccessful does not appear to occur.

A further question that arises is whether all or only some of the Taiwanese vessels under-report. Table 5 presents statistics for individual Taiwanese purse seiners for which data covering at least 500 days fishing, or about two years of fishing effort, are available. The statistics provided include the proportion of days on which sets were made ("set days per days fished"), the average number of sets for days on which at least one set was made ("sets per set day"), the proportion of successful sets, the catch per successful set and the catch per day fished. (The catch per day fished is equal to the product of the four other statistics.) For the 22 Taiwanese vessels, the catch per day fished ranges from 2.25 mt per day to 11.96 mt per day. Even the highest catch per day fished, 11.96 mt per day, is considered to be economically unsustainable for purse seiners of this size, which suggests that all Taiwanese purse seiners listed in Table 5 have under-feported to some degree. The statistics show, however, that the magnitude of under-reporting varies considerably among the vessels, more or less in a continuum from the worst case to the best.

Table 6 presents similar statistics for 10 Korean vessels. Catch per day fished ranges from 5.58 mt per day to 20.89 mt per day, which suggests that only some of the Korean vessels under-reported. Low values of the catch per day fished for Korean vessels are due to a combination of a low rate of successful sets and a low catch per successful set.

In contrast to Taiwanese and Korean purse seiners, catch per day fished for 33 Japanese vessels ranged from 16.61 mt per day to 27.95 mt per day, while for 18 American vessels it ranged from 16.08 mt per day to 33.37 mt per day.

## Quantification of the Rates of Non-Reporting and Under-Reporting

Estimates of the rate of under-reporting, $\mathrm{P}_{\text {under }}$, can be obtained from the actual annual catch, $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{A}}$, the catch recorded on logsheets, $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{L}}$, and the rate of non-reporting, $\mathrm{P}_{\text {non }}$, from the following relationship:

$$
\begin{equation*}
C_{L}=C_{A} \cdot\left(1-P_{\text {non }}\right) \cdot\left(1-P_{\text {under }}\right) \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Solving Equation (1) for $\mathrm{P}_{\text {under }}$, we obtain:

$$
\begin{equation*}
P_{\text {under }}=1-\left[C_{L} / C_{A}\right] /\left[1-P_{\text {non }}\right] . \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

If an independent estimate of the actual number of days fished, $D_{A}$, is available, the rate of nonreporting of days fished could be determined from the number of days recorded on logsheets, $D_{L}$, and used as a surrogate for $\mathrm{P}_{\text {non }}$, the rate of non-reporting of the catch, i.e.:

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\begin{equation*}
P_{\mathrm{nom}} \approx 1-\left[D_{L} / D_{A}\right] \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

If an independent estimate of the actual number of days fished is unavailable, it can be derived from an independent estimate of the catch per unit effort, CPUE, as follows:

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\begin{equation*}
D_{A}=C_{A} / \text { CPUE } \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

from which we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{P}_{\text {non }} \approx 1-\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{L}} /\left[\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{A}} / \text { CPUE }\right] . \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Substituting (5) into (2) gives $\mathrm{P}_{\text {under }}$ in terms of CPUE:

$$
\begin{equation*}
P_{\text {under }} \approx 1-\left(\left[C_{L} / D_{L}\right] \cdot[1 / \text { CPUE }]\right) . \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

Table 7 presents the results of an analysis based on Equations (2) and (3), using the actual number of days fished for Japanese vessels during 1983-1990 (South Pacific Commission 1992). Nonreporting averages 24 per cent, and ranges from 16 to 31 per cent, which is roughly the amount of fishing expected to occur in international waters. Under-reporting is low, averaging 9 per cent and ranging from 1 to 16 per cent.

Reliable estimates of the actual number of days fished or the catch per unit effort are currently unavailable for the purse seine fleets of Korea and Taiwan. Nevertheless, for illustrative purposes, Tables 8 and 9 present estimates of the rates of non-reporting and under-reporting derived from crude estimates of the catch per unit effort. For Korean vessels, annual cPUE was estimated as 70 per cent of the CPUE for American vessels, which are similar in size to Korean vessels, while annual cpue for Taiwanese vessels was estimated as 70 per cent of the CPue for Japanese vessels, which are roughly similar in size to Taiwanese vessels. These estimates of CPUE are considered to
be near the upper limit of the possible values. Lower values will result in higher estimates of the rate of non-reporting, therefore the estimated rates of non-reporting may possibly be conservative.

The results in Tables 8 and 9 confirm the finding above that non-reporting is of greater importance for Korean vessels than for Taiwanese vessels. In recent years, non-reporting by Korean vessels may have been ranged from about 58 to 75 per cent, while for Taiwanese vessels it may have been much lower, possibly ranging from about 5 to 31 per cent. A portion of the rate of non-reporting can be attributed to catches in international waters. Yet, for Korean vessels at least, the estimated rates of non-reporting are much greater than would be expected from high seas fishing alone.

Since the overall rates of coverage of the catch are similar for both fleets, 19 per cent and 23 per cent for Korean and Taiwanese vessels respectively, it follows from Equation (1) that if nonreporting is of greater importance for Korean vessels, under-reporting should be of greater importance for Taiwanese vessels. Tables 8 and 9 show that under-reporting for Taiwanese vessels in recent years may have ranged from about 62 to 79 per cent, while for Korean vessels it could have been much lower, possibly ranging from about 18 to 28 per cent. The estimate of underreporting for Taiwanese vessels roughly agrees with the amount of under-reporting determined from Tinian unloading data.

It should be stressed that the rates of non-reporting and under-reporting in Tables 8 and 9 are only indicative and should be treated with caution. Estimates of non-reporting and under-reporting for Korean and Taiwanese vessels will improve when more accurate information on catch rates or total fishing effort are made available.

## Conclusion

The lack of coverage by logsheet data of catches by American purse seiners prior to the implementation of the multilateral treaty in June 1988 was due to the lack of access agreements with SPC member countries. Since June 1988, coverage has been nearly complete. A comparison of catches recorded on logsheets with catches measured during unloading indicates that the logsheet data for American vessels is unbiased and relatively accurate.

Coverage of Japanese catches for 1980-1991 is 67 per cent. Non-reporting, which is probably due to fishing in international waters, accounts for 24 per cent of the missing catch, while a small amount of under-reporting, 9 per cent, accounts for the remainder.

Coverage by logsheet data of Korean and Taiwanese catches for 1980-1991 is similar, 19 and 23 per cent respectively. However, the low coverage of catches by Korean vessels is due primarily to non-reporting, while, for Taiwanese vessels, low coverage is primarily due to under-reporting.

Under-reporting by Taiwanese vessels appears to be due to sets not being recorded on logsheets and to bias in the catch per successful set. All individual Taiwanese vessels examined appeared to have under-reported, although the magnitude of under-reporting varied considerably among vessels. Under-reporting by Korean vessels appears to be due to the reporting of successful sets as unsuccessful and to error in the catch per successful set. Only some of the Korean vessels appear to have under-reported.

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Table 1. Annual coverage of purse seine catches (mt) in the Regional Tuna Fisheries Database

| YEAR | - |  |  | -_KOREA - _-_ |  |  | -TAIWAN-_ |  |  | $\longrightarrow$ USAL |  |  | TOTAL TOTAL |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | total | RTFD | \% | total | RTFD | \% | rotal | RTFD | \% | TOTAL | RTFD | \% |  |  |  |
| 1980 | 39,560 | 18,325 | 46 | 500 | 70 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11,000 | 0 | 0 | 51,060 | 18,395 | 36 |
| 1981 | 59,258 | 30,108 | 51 | 1,600 | 413 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35.013 | 0 | 0 | 95,871 | 30,521 | 32 |
| 1982 | 100,427 | 72,225 | 72 | 12,000 | 1,129 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 81,770 | 0 | 0 | 194,197 | 73,354 | 38 |
| 1983 | 137,392 | 90,023 | 66 | 16,000 | 3,627 | 23 | 12,000 | 3,663 | 31 | 153,700 | 618 | 0 | 319,092 | 97,931 | 31 |
| 1984 | 141,473 | 114,844 | 81 | 13,600 | 5,368 | 39 | 24,000 | 5,297 | 22 | 169,460 | 16,918 | 10 | 348,533 | 142,427 | 41 |
| 1985 | 144,200 | 88,363 | 61 | 11,300 | 4,546 | 40 | 28,000 | 10,473 | 37 | 116,700 | 21,506 | 18 | 300,200 | 124,888 | 42 |
| 1986 | 149,291 | 118,576 | 79 | 27,700 | 6,534 | 24 | 40,000 | 11,623 | 29 | 130,100 | 16,059 | 12 | 347,091 | 152,792 | 44 |
| 1987 | 129,958 | 101,167 | 78 | 60,000 | 20,858 | 35 | 52,000 | 16,656 | 32 | 146,200 | 13,206 | 9 | 388,158 | 151,887 | 39 |
| 1988 | 167,172 | 108,105 | 65 | 78,552 | 21,020 | 27 | 76,000 | 21,284 | 28 | 124,600 | 75,360 | 60 | 446,324 | 225,769 | 51 |
| 1989 | 139,060 | 96,182 | 69 | 115,754 | 37,475 | 32 | 100,000 | 22,028 | 22 | 139,276 | 139,276 | 100 | 494,090 | 294,961 | 60 |
| 1990 1991 | 159,735 170,315 | 101,161 93,609 | 63 55 | 173,343 242,685 | 31,546 11,159 | 18 5 | 128,000 176,000 | 26,516 25,599 | 21 15 | 164,087 205,884 | 164,087 205,884 | 100 100 | 625,165 794,884 | 323,310 336,251 | 52 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | - |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL | 1,537,841 | 1,032,688 | 67 | 753,034 | 143,745 | 19 | 636,000 | 143,139 | 23 | 1,477,790 | 652,914 | 44 | 4,404,665 | 1,972,486 | 45 |

## NOTES

1. References for the independent estimates of the total annual catches are given in South Pacific Commission (1992).
2. Coverage of American purse seiners by data held in the RTFD is assumed complete for 1989-1990, therefore the coverage rate for 1989 - 1990 is 100 per cent.
3. Catches determined from logbook data held at SPC may be incomplete for 1991, therefore coverage rates for 1991 may be underestimated.

Table 2. Vessels active compared to vessels covered in the RTFD

| YEAR | VESSELS <br> ACTIVE | VESSELS COVERED | ANNUAL DAYS PER VESSEL | VESSELS <br> ACTIVE | VESSELS COVERED | ANNUAL DAYS PER VESSEL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1980 | 2 | 1 | 5 | - | - | - |
| 1981 | 3 | 1 | 33 | - | - | - |
| 1982 | 10 | 3 | 65 | - | - | - |
| 1983 | 11 | 3 | 122 | 3 | 3 | 85 |
| 1984 | 12 | 5 | 130 | 6 | 6 | 108 |
| 1985 | 11 | 5 | 138 | 7 | 7 | 192 |
| 1986 | 13 | 7 | 86 | 10 | 10 | 118 |
| 1987 | 20 | 17 | 124 | 13 | 13 | 234 |
| 1988 | 23 | 19 | 121 | 19 | 19 | 207 |
| 1989 | 30 | 22 | 169 | 25 | 25 | 197 |
| 1990 |  | 13 | 221 | 35 | 33 | 230 |
| 1991 | 37 | 10 | 122 | 44 | 36 | 173 |

1. The numbers of vessels covered and the number of days covered per vessel per annum for 1991 are incomplete.

| VESSEL NATIONALITY | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TRIP } \\ & \text { START } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { TRIP } \\ \text { END } \end{gathered}$ | TRIP DURATION | $\begin{aligned} & \text { LOGSHEET } \\ & \text { DAYS } \end{aligned}$ | TINIAN ARRIVAL | LOGSHEET CATCH | AMOUNT UNLOADED | DIFFERENCE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Japan | 25.10 .88 | 15.11 .88 | 22 | 22 | 16.11 .88 | 395 | 359 | 35 |
| Japan | 15.03 .89 | 30.03 .89 | 16 | 15 | 31.03 .89 | 275 | 179 | 95 |
| Japan | 15.03 .89 | 28.03.89 | 14 | 14 | 29.03 .89 | 265 | 253 | 11 |
| Japan | 21.12 .88 | 30.12.88 | 10 | 10 | 30.12.88 | 90 | 66 | 23 |
| Japan | 18.02 .89 | 25.03 .89 | 36 | 30 | 27.03.89 | 475 | 269 | 205 |
| Japan | 07.01.89 | 22.02 .89 | 47 | 43 | 23.02 .89 | 302 | 179 | 122 |
| Japan | 16.12.88 | 19.01 .89 | 35 | 35 | 20.01.89 | 680 | 610 | 69 |
| taiwan | 01.06 .87 | 06.08 .87 | 67 | 60 | 07.08 .87 | 41 | 571 | -530 |
| tainan | 01.06 .87 | 22.08 .87 | 83 | 83 | 23.08 .87 | 79 | 640 | -561 |
| tainan | 09.03 .88 | 31.05 .88 | 84 | 84 | 01.06.88 | 225 | 571 | -346 |
| tailwan | 01.12 .86 | 31.12 .86 | 31 | 31 | 03.01 .87 | 520 | 612 | -92 |
| TAIWAN | 20.03 .87 | 05.05 .87 | 47 | 47 | 06.05 .87 | 75 | 500 | -425 |
| talwan | 18.05 .87 | 10.09.87 | 116 | 114 | 16.09.87 | 110 | 720 | -610 |
| talwan | 17.03 .88 | 28.05.88 | 73 | 73 | 29.05 .88 | 50 | 720 | -670 |
| taiwan | 01.06 .87 | 10.09.87 | 102 | 102 | 16.09.87 | 50 | 700 | -650 |
| taiwan | 01.03 .88 | 19.05 .88 | 80 | 80 | 20.05 .88 | 75 | 571 | -496 |
| tainan | 20.01.87 | 08.03 .87 | 48 | 48 | 10.03.87 | 150 | 122 | 27 |
| taiman | 07.04.87 | 22.05 .87 | 46 | 45 | 24.05 .87 | 170 | 600 | -430 |
| taiman | 19.04.87 | 14.05 .87 | 26 | 26 | 15.05.87 | 200 | 400 | -200 |

Table 4. Days with sets, successful set rate and catch per successful set, by vessel nationality

| VESSEL NATIONALITY | DAYS WITH <br> SETS (\%) | LOG SETS <br> $(\%)$ | SUCCESSFUL <br> LOG SETS (\%) | CATCH PER <br> SUCCESSFUL <br> LOG SET (mt) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| JAPAN | 75.1 | 61.7 | 92.1 | 28.1 |
| KOREA | 56.9 | 57.4 | 76.1 | 25.9 |
| TAIWAN | 36.0 | 87.9 | 99.7 | 15.0 |
| UNITED STATES | 62.3 | 22.7 | 92.2 | 40.2 |

Table 5. Catch (mt) per day fished for individual Taiwanese purse seiners

| VESSEL | SET DAYS PER DAY FISHED | SETS PER <br> SET DAY | SUCCESSFUL SET RATE | CATCH PER SUCCESSFUL SET | CATCH PER DAY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 0.44 | 1.23 | 0.99 | 22.33 | 11.96 |
| 2 | 0.42 | 1.03 | 0.99 | 26.71 | 11.44 |
| 3 | 0.41 | 1.06 | 1.00 | 25.29 | 10.99 |
| 4 | 0.36 | 1.27 | 0.89 | 20.06 | 8.16 |
| 5 | 0.37 | 1.01 | 0.86 | 24.67 | 7.93 |
| 6 | 0.39 | 1.14 | 0.95 | 18.01 | 7.61 |
| 7 | 0.28 | 1.00 | 0.97 | 24.97 | 6.78 |
| 8 | 0.24 | 1.11 | 0.97 | 23.18 | 5.99 |
| 9 | 0.31 | 1.00 | 0.96 | 16.64 | 4.95 |
| 10 | 0.30 | 1.32 | 0.96 | 12.63 | 4.80 |
| 11 | 0.46 | 1.09 | 1.00 | 9.17 | 4.60 |
| 12 | 0.17 | 2.72 | 0.77 | 12.63 | 4.50 |
| 13 | 0.32 | 1.32 | 0.99 | 10.24 | 4.28 |
| 14 | 0.26 | 1.25 | 0.94 | 13.60 | 4.15 |
| 15 | 0.35 | 1.14 | 1.00 | 9.52 | 3.80 |
| 16 | 0.25 | 1.20 | 0.99 | 12.53 | 3.72 |
| 17 | 0.22 | 1.12 | 0.98 | 15.01 | 3.62 |
| 18 | 0.38 | 1.13 | 1.00 | 8.26 | 3.55 |
| 19 | 0.53 | 1.05 | 1.00 | 5.91 | 3.29 |
| 20 | 0.58 | 1.03 | 1.00 | 5.46 | 3.26 |
| 21 | 0.48 | 1.10 | 1.00 | 5.68 | 3.00 |
| 22 | 0.18 | 1.36 | 0.95 | 9.66 | 2.25 |

Table 6. Catch (mt) per day fished for individual Korean purse seiners

| VESSEL | SET DAYS <br> PER DAY FISHED | SETS PER <br> SET DAY | SUCCESSFUL <br> SET RATE | CATCH PER <br> SUCCESSFUL | CATCH <br> PER DAY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 0.67 | 1.46 | 0.53 | 40.30 | 20.89 |
| 2 | 0.53 | 1.15 | 0.74 | 46.27 | 20.87 |
| 3 | 0.55 | 1.16 | 0.70 | 39.80 | 17.77 |
| 4 | 0.65 | 1.29 | 0.57 | 36.62 | 17.50 |
| 5 | 0.57 | 1.11 | 0.78 | 32.79 | 16.18 |
| 6 | 0.65 | 1.00 | 0.65 | 29.63 | 12.52 |
| 7 | 0.46 | 1.00 | 0.85 | 9.20 |  |
| 8 | 0.61 | 1.02 | 0.75 | 20.52 | 9.16 |
| 9 | 0.56 | 1.00 | 0.59 | 17.31 | 5.83 |
| 10 |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 7. Rates of non-reporting and under-reporting of the catch by Japanese purse seiners

| YEAR | ANNUAL <br> CATCH | DAYS <br> FISHED | DAYS <br> COVERED | NON- <br> REPORTING | UNDER- <br> REPORTING |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1983 | 137,392 | 6,579 | 4,872 | 26 |  |
| 1984 | 141,473 | 7,268 | 6,107 | 16 | 12 |
| 1985 | 144,200 | 7,210 | 5,132 | 29 | 14 |
| 1986 | 149,291 | 6,343 | 5,155 | 19 | 2 |
| 1987 | 129,958 | 6,473 | 5,111 | 21 | 1 |
| 1988 | 167,172 | 7,110 | 5,500 | 23 | 16 |
| 1989 | 139,060 | 7,207 | 5,354 | 26 | 7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1990 | 159,735 | 6,689 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 15 |

Table 8. Rates of non-reporting and under-reporting of the catch by Korean purse seiners

| YEAR | ANNUAL <br> CATCH | CPUE | DAYS <br> FISHED | DAYS <br> COVERED | NON- <br> REPORTING | UNDER- <br> REPORTING |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1982 | 12,000 | 13.3 | 902 | 177 |  |  |
| 1983 | 16,000 | 14.4 | 1,110 | 309 | 72 | 52 |
| 1984 | 13,600 | 11.4 | 1,192 | 621 | 48 | 19 |
| 1985 | 11,300 | 11.6 | 972 | 631 | 35 | 24 |
| 1986 | 27,700 | 18.5 | 1,501 | 477 | 68 | 38 |
| 1987 | 60,000 | 16.6 | 3,615 | 1,531 | 58 | 26 |
| 1988 | 78,552 | 12.5 | 6,269 | 1,790 | 71 | 18 |
| 1989 | 115,754 | 14.8 | 7,837 | 3,156 | 60 | 6 |
| 1990 | 173,343 | 18.0 | 9,636 | 2,431 | 75 | 20 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. Korean CPUE (mt/day) is assumed to be equal to 70 per cent of the CPUE for American vessels.

Table 9. Rates of non-reporting and under-reporting of the catch by Taiwanese purse seiners

| YEAR | ANNUAL <br> CATCH | CPUE | DAYS <br> FISHED | DAYS <br> COVERED | NON- <br> REPORTING | UNDER <br> REPORTING |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1984 | 24,000 | 13.6 | 1,767 | 528 | 70 |  |
| 1985 | 28,000 | 13.4 | 2,083 | 1,074 | 48 | 26 |
| 1986 | 40,000 | 16.5 | 2,432 | 1,204 | 50 | 27 |
| 1987 | 52,000 | 14.0 | 3,714 | 3,114 | 16 | 41 |
| 1988 | 76,000 | 16.5 | 4,600 | 4,008 | 13 | 62 |
| 1989 | 100,000 | 13.9 | 7,179 | 4,926 | 31 | 68 |
| 1990 | 128,000 | 17.2 | 7,464 | 7,121 | 5 | 65 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. Taiwanese CPUE (mt/day) is assumed to be equal to 70 per cent of the CPUE for Japanese vessels.

## ADDENDUM TO WORKING PAPER 6

Table 10. Effect of CPUE (mt per day) on rates (\%) of nonreporting and under-reporting of the catch by Korean (1982-1990) and Taiwanese (1984-1990) purse seiners

| CPUE | KOREAN PURSE SEINERS |  |  | TAIWANESE PURSE SEINERS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ACTUAL DAYS | $\begin{gathered} \text { NON- } \\ \text { REPORTING } \end{gathered}$ | UNDERREPORTING | ACTUAL DAYS | $\begin{gathered} \text { NON- } \\ \text { REPORTING } \end{gathered}$ | UNDERREPORTING |
| 10.0 | 50,825 | 78 | - | 44,800 | 51 | 48 |
| 12.5 | 40,660 | 73 | 5 | 35,840 | 39 | 59 |
| 15.0 | 33,883 | 67 | 21 | 29,867 | 26 | 65 |
| 17.5 | 29,043 | 62 | 32 | 25,600 | 14 | 70 |
| 20.0 | 25,412 | 56 | 41 | 22,400 | 2 | 74 |
| 22.5 | 22,589 | 51 | 47 | 19,911 | - | 75 |
| 25.0 | 20,330 | - 45 | 52 | 17,920 | - | 75 |
| 27.5 | 18,482 | 40 | 57 | 16,291 | - | 75 |
| 30.0 | 16,942 | 34 | 60 | 14,933 | - | 75 |
| 32.5 | 15,638 | 29 | 63 | 13,785 | - | 75 |
| 35.0 | 14,521 | 23 | 66 | 12,800 | - | 75 |

