using a square mesh netting grid

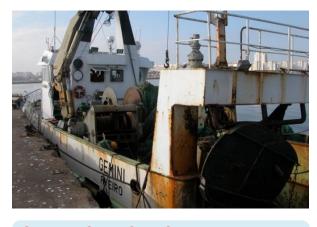
to sort out juvenile *Nephrops* in crustacean fishery

TARGET SPECIES

Nephrops, rose shrimp, commercial hake

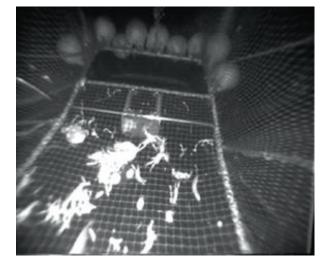
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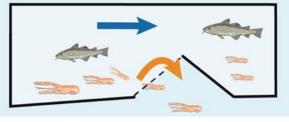
22 hauls were carried out in the crustacean fishery on the Portuguese south coast on board the FV Gemini (24.0 m, 600 HP) during November 2005



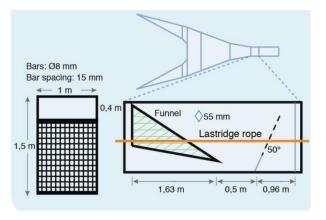
GEAR MODIFICATION

a grid with a square mesh netting lower escape section and an upper section connected to the codend is fitted into the extension of a crustacean demersal trawl.





The selection is essentially mechanical, based mainly on size differences



RESULTS

27.1 % of immature and 6.1 % of mature *Nephrops* were excluded.

12.8% of unmarketable hake were excluded, while all marketable hake were retained.

4.3% of blue whiting were excluded.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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