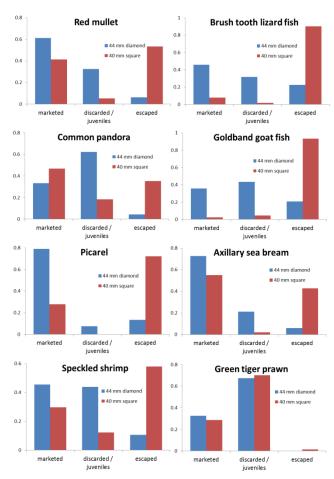
using a 40 mm square mesh codend to reduce discards in the eastern Mediterranean

TARGET SPECIES

Red mullet, brush tooth lizardfish, common pandora, goldband goat fish, picarel, axillary sea bream, speckled shrimp, green tiger prawn and other marketable fish and crustaceans

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46 covered codend hauls were carried out onboard commercial trawler 'Azim' (18 m LOA, 350 HP) in Mersin Bay in 2011.





GEAR MODIFICATION

The catching performance of a hand made 44 mm diamond mesh commercial codend was compared with that of machine woven 40 mm square mesh codend.





RESULTS

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the square mesh codend reduced the numbers of juveniles caught. But there were also significant losses of marketable brushtooth lizard fish and goldband goat fish.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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