

using a square mesh codend in the beam trawl fishery

to improve the selection of roundfish

TARGET SPECIES

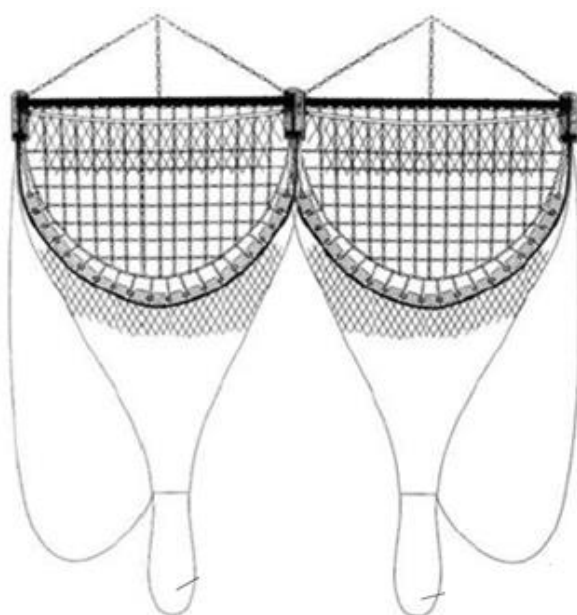
sole

AREA, VESSEL

Beam trawl tows were carried out in the Southern North Sea (ICES IVc) on board the RV Belgica

GEAR MODIFICATION

The catches of a standard 80 mm diamond mesh codend are compared with those of an 80mm square mesh codend.



Diamond mesh
codend

Square mesh
codend

RESULTS

The square mesh codend released more pouting than the diamond mesh codend .

There were no differences in the catches of the target species, sole.

There was some deformation of the square meshes

FURTHER INFORMATION

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