

200mm diamond-mesh netting in the wings, square and back sections of a trawl to improve size selection and reduce undersized haddock in ICES Area VII

TARGET SPECIES

Cod, haddock and other demersal species

AREA, VESSEL

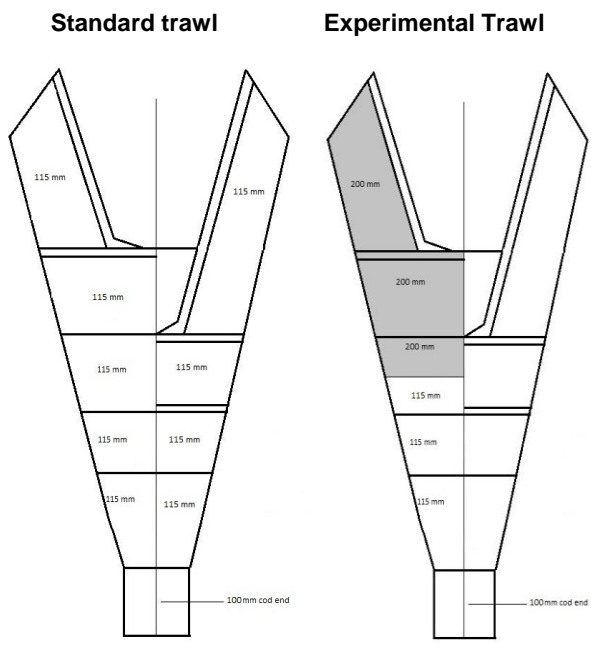
18 hauls with a single-rig; 9 tows with each rig, on board MFV Valhalla in the Celtic Sea. August and September 2014.



GEAR MODIFICATION

The standard gear was a 115mm mesh size trawl with a 100mm codend. The modified gear incorporated 200mm mesh size wings, square and lower back

Percentage difference in weight of landed catches



RESULTS

- the modified gear caught fewer haddock across all length classes
- nevertheless substantial numbers of unmarketable ones were still caught

FURTHER INFORMATION

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