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NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

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Objectives

1. Summarise retained and discarded catches and length-frequency data on sharks, rays and holocephalans from the Integrated Scientific Monitoring Program (ISMP) database.
2. Estimate spatial and temporal trends in catches and abundance of sharks, rays and holocephalans using data from the ISMP database and from the SEF catch and effort database.
3. Identify implications and requirements for species management, fishery bycatch action plans, and FAO's International Plan of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks (IPOA-Sharks).
4. Evaluate impact on the ISMP data and catch and effort data collection following adoption of the shark field guide to sharks and rays caught in Australian waters.

Non-Technical Summary

The project met all four objectives completely and the outputs from the project are important inputs for the management of byproduct and bycatch.

Data from the Integrated Scientific Monitoring Program (ISMP) and from fisher logbooks were analysed for the South Eastern Trawl Fishery (SETF) during 1994–06, the Great Australian Bight Trawl Fishery (GABTF) during 2000–06, and, where available, the Gillnet Hook and Trap Fishery (GHATF) during 2000–06. The project delivered several important outputs.

1. The project provides mean annual estimates of retained catches (byproduct) and discarded catches (bycatch) for all species of sharks, rays and holocephalans in the SETF, GABTF and GHATF for the period 2000–06. These results complement estimates of retained and discarded catches made for the GHATF shark gillnet method and GHATF longline method as part of FRDC Project 1999/103 (Sawshark and elephant fish assessment and bycatch evaluation in the Southern Shark Fishery) cover all chondrichthyan species caught in the Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery (SESSF).
2. The project provides trends in standardised catch per unit effort (CPUE) for the SETF during 1994–06 and the GABTF during 2000–06 for interpretation as trends in relative abundance of species of sharks, rays and holocephalans or trends in changing fishing practices such as re-targeting.
3. The project provides distributional maps displaying spatial variation in standardised CPUE from the SETF and GABTF mostly the period 2000–06 for interpretation as spatial variation in relative abundance of species of sharks, rays and holocephalans or spatial variation in fishing practices such as targeting.
4. The complex process for data management and analysis developed to produce these outputs provides a basis for future ready update of the results for sharks, rays and holocephalans and for processing similar data available for non-chondrichthyan species.

5. The project provides a basis for classing the abundance of chondrichthyan species as 'abundant', 'common', 'sparse' or 'rare'. This is an important input to FRDC Project 2002/033 (Rapid assessment of ecological risk for chondrichthyan species from the effects of fishing).
6. The project provides a basis for classing trend in standardised CPUE as 'increasing', 'decreasing', 'no trend', or 'indeterminable' also an important input to FRDC Project 2002/033.

Estimates of mean annual CPUE and catch are provided for 131 chondrichthyan species (72 shark, 47 ray and 12 holocephalan species) identified mostly to species with some identified to genus or family; the list includes both species distributed predominantly in southern and eastern Australian waters and species distributed predominantly outside this region but sampled by the ISMP within this region.

The overall mean annual chondrichthyan catch estimate during 2000–06 for southern and eastern Australia from eight fishing methods is at 6467 tonnes: 3731 t of shark species (58%), 2641 t of ray species (41%), and 95 t of holocephalan species (1%). The highest chondrichthyan catch was provided by SETF otter trawl (4377 t, 66%) followed by GABTF otter trawl (1468 t, 22%), SETF Danish seine (560 t, 9%), GHATF scalefish longline (112 t, 2%), and GHATF automatic longline (72 t, 1%). The three other methods of GHATF trap, GHATF dropline, GHATF scalefish longline, and GHATF scalefish gillnet together provided a negligible catch (7 t, 0%).

About two-thirds of the overall chondrichthyan catch comprises only 14 species. Spikey spurdog (*Squalus megalops*) (11%), greenback stingaree (*Urolophus viridis*) (7%), whitefin swell shark (*Cephaloscyllium* sp A) (6%), wide stingaree (*Urolophus expansus*) (5%), Australian angel shark (*Squatina australis*) (5%), ornate angel shark (*Squatina tergocellata*) (4%), common sawshark (*Pristiophorus cirratus*) (5%), brier shark (*Deania calcea*) (4%), and draughtboard shark (*Cephaloscyllium laticeps*) (4%) provided 51% of catch. The remaining 15% for the top two-thirds of catch was provided by the five species of green-eyed dogfish (*Squalus mitsukurina*) (3%), Port Jackson shark (*Heterodontus portusjacksoni*) (3%), gummy shark (*Mustelus antarcticus*) (3%), southern fiddler ray (*Trygonorrhina fasciata*) (3%), and Melbourne skate (*Dipturus whitleyi*) (3%).

Excluding species detected by the ISMP that are mainly distributed outside the range of the SESSF and adding species not detected by the ISMP, but known from the literature to be mainly distributed within the range of the SESSF, gives a total of 121 chondrichthyan species (77 shark, 36 ray, and 8 holocephalan species). Based on mean annual catch during 2000–06, these species are arbitrarily classed as 'rare' where mean annual catch is <1 t, 'sparse' where catch is 1–19 t, 'common' where catch is 20–99 t, and abundant where catch is ≥100 t. The 77 shark species were classed as 33 rare, 25 sparse, 8 common, and 11 abundant; the 36 ray species were classed as 8 rare, 9 sparse, 13 common, and 6 abundant; and the 8 holocephalan species were classed as 2 rare, 5 sparse, and 1 abundant.

As part of trend analysis of each species for the effects of year, month, depth of fishing, and longitude west of the meridian 148° E and latitude east of this meridian, initial data screening was undertaken to exclude broad regions and broad depth-ranges of zero catch for a selected period. Initially, four separate data selection criteria were applied sequentially for each species in each of the SETF and GABTF separately or in these two fisheries combined for the period after 2000, the year when ISMP monitoring of the GABTF began. The data were selected for each of the four depth-ranges within each of the eight regions if the total catch exceeded 0 kg for >0 tows (Criterion 1), >10 tows (Criterion 2), >50 tows (Criterion 3), and >100 tows (Criterion 4). Initial analyses suggested a need for Criteria 2, 3 and 4 for trend analysis, but it eventually became apparent that these can be abandoned in favour of a more fine-tuned approach, which involves removing zeros or low catches by applying Criterion 1 and then, if required, slightly reducing longitude range, latitude range, or depth range for data selection.

Extensive preliminary statistical testing of alternative probability density functions (pdf), individually or in combination with the binomial pdf (i.e. delta-x) for model formulation, was undertaken with many separate selected data sets. This testing indicated that the log-gamma pdf (for CPUE values >0) combined with the binomial pdf (1 for CPUE values >0 and 0 for CPUE values of 0) (i.e. presence-absence) provided the most appropriate model formulation. Whereas model runs for most formulations failed to converge, the log-gamma pdf-binomial pdf delta-x model formulation usually converged without having to apply data selection criteria to reduce zero CPUE values. However, the model usually failed to converge for species where the mean annual catch was less than ~20 t or where there were less than ~500 trawl tows selected in the data. This is an important finding and has wide application for the analysis of CPUE data. This is

because it overcomes the statistically questionable practices commonly adopted to avoid zero CPUE values, such as ignoring data of zero value, transforming data by adding an arbitrary constant, or aggregating data. The disadvantage of data aggregation is that it reduces statistical power.

Based on standardised CPUE by depth, each species is assigned to one of the three depth-categories of continental shelf (<200 m), upper-slope–mid-slope (200–599 m), or lower-slope (≥600 m). For most species classed as ‘sparse’ or ‘rare’ and for some species classed as ‘common’, there were insufficient data for trend analysis and hence provided an indeterminable result. For most species, the results of trend analysis were ‘indeterminable’ where the mean annual catch was below ~20 t or the number of trawl tows selected for analysis was below ~500. The only exceptions to this pattern were three holocephalan species—blackfin ghostshark (*Hydrolagus lemuris*), Ogilbys ghostshark (*Hydrolagus ogilbyi*), and southern chimaera (*Chimaera* sp a)—where the models converged, but exhibited ‘no trend’. Calculated from standardised CPUE trend analysis based on post-2000 decline, risk of future population decline from the effects of fishing was classed as ‘high’, ‘medium’, or ‘low’.

Shark species distributed on the continental shelf identified at ‘medium’ risk are school shark (*Galeorhinus galeus*), gummy shark (*Mustelus antarcticus*), common sawshark (*Pristiophorus cirratus*), and Australian angel shark (*Squatina australis*). School shark, gummy shark and common sawshark, which are taken as target or byproduct species by shark gillnet, have undergone extensive ongoing stock assessment and are now effectively carefully managed by a total allowable catch with individual transferable quota, a narrow mesh-size range (6–6½ inches) for shark gillnet, and closed areas (including nursery areas). For Australian angel shark, the region of medium risk from the effects of otter trawl is restricted to waters off New South Wales and, although the species is exposed to shark gillnet throughout the rest of southern Australia on the continental shelf, shark gillnet takes a negligible catch and provides negligible risk.

Shark species distributed predominantly on the upper-slope–mid-slope and lower-slope identified at ‘high’ or ‘medium’ risk are whitefin swell shark (*Cephaloscyllium* sp a), greeneye spurdog (*Squalus mitsukurii*), gulper sharks (*Centrophorus* spp), brier shark (*Deania calcea*), and black shark (*Dalatias licha*). Analyses for the gulper sharks—mostly endeavour dogfish (*Centrophorus moluccensis*) and southern dogfish (*C. uyato*), with negligible quantities of Harrison's dogfish (*C. harrissoni*), and leafscale gulper shark (*C. squamosus*)—are at higher risk in the western region than in the eastern region of the SETF.

Ray species distributed predominantly on the continental shelf are mostly at ‘low’ risk from the effects of otter trawl. Three species are at ‘medium risk’: greenback stingaree (*Urolophus viridis*), sandyback stingaree (*U. bucculentus*), and sparsely spotted stingaree (*U. paucimaculatus*). None of seven ray species distributed on the continental slope are at risk.

Holocephalan species are mostly on the continental slope, with only elephant fish (*Callorhinchus milii*) distributed on the continental shelf. Catches of all holocephalan species by otter trawl are low and insufficient to detect statistically significant trends.

In summary, species identified as requiring stock rehabilitation are the gulper sharks (*Centrophorus* spp) and the greeneye spurdog (*Squalus mitsukurii*). Catch and retention of these species and the other deepwater byproduct species of dogfish *Centroscymnus owstoni*, *Deania calcea*, and *Dalatias licha* are monitored and controlled by basket trip limits to discourage targeting these species. A temporary closed area for gulper sharks and school shark established on the continental slope off Kangaroo Island in South Australia, was moved further west off South Australia, following a survey of the waters off South Australia and Western Australia by automatic longline fishing to assess the presence of gulper sharks, greeneye spurdog, and school shark. Given risk cannot be evaluated for sparse (<20 t) and rare (<1 t) species from the ISMP, management of these species and several bycatch species of stingaree and the whitefin swellshark require a precautionary approach.

It is too early to assess the full impact the Field Guide to Australian Sharks and Rays on ease of species identifications for the ISMP. Both scientific observers and fishers find that the diagrams with clear labels make the guide easy to use and find the compact size and waterproof pages much more convenient to use in the field than the other available texts for species identification. Observers report that they would like to see additional species included.

The results presented present report and a separate report on scalefish have provided an important input to the decision making processes associated with setting basket quotas for dogfish and holocephalans, and for

establishing spatial closures during June 2007. Many of these spatial closures are for protection of school shark, greeneye spurdog, and of gulper sharks through four gulper shark closures. Deepwater dogfish and holocephalans will receive additional protection through the closure of all waters of depth greater than 700 m in the SETF.

OUTCOMES ACHIEVED

In response to presentations of preliminary results from the present FRDC project on sharks, rays and holocephalans, AFMA requested similar data analyses for teleosts, cephalopods, and crustaceans. As a result, the present report, together with the report for a similar AFMA project (Walker *et al.* 2007), where the AFMA report applies the methods developed by the present project, provide the most comprehensive analysis of data from the Integrated Scientific Monitoring Program yet undertaken.

Results from the FRDC project and AFMA Project together have been presented variously to AFMA, industry, SharkRAG, GHATMAC, SETMAC, CSIRO, and various scientific forums. The results provided key data inputs to development of Management Plans and extensive legislation on the SESSF for quota baskets, trip limits, closed areas and depth exclusions, implemented in response to the Ministerial Direction to AFMA of December 2005 to eliminate overfishing and halve bycatch.

Evaluation of byproduct and bycatch and CPUE trend analysis for species impacted by the GABTF, SETF, and GHATF are part of documentation requirements for several important processes prescribed in legislation and national policies.

- (a) Strategic assessment of fisheries prescribed under the Australian Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. AFMA has previously used other data sets for this purpose, but the outputs from the present project will serve to refine the documentation.
- (b) AFMA's documentation requirements for bycatch action plans prescribed under the Australian Fisheries Act 1991.
- (c) Prescribed action in Australia's National Plan of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks launched 26 May 2004. The present FRDC report will provide required information to the Shark Plan Implementation Committee for updating the Shark Assessment Report, submitted periodically to the FAO Committee of Fisheries.

Methods developed as part of the present project provide a basis for periodic update of the ISMP data, refinement of the monitoring design of the ISMP, and a new approach to analysis of fisheries catch and effort data in Australia and other parts of the world.

There has been growing demand from the SESSF Fishery Assessment Groups to provide time series of standardised CPUE from ISMP from SESSF quota species for direct input into stock assessment. Because the ISMP data provide a basis for standardising CPUE from retained and discarded catches combined, for some species, the ISMP CPUE data provide a better indication of abundance than fisher logbook data, which contain only retained catches known often to vary depending on market and legislative requirements.

The results also provide an essential input to FRDC Project 2002/033 (Rapid assessment of ecological risk for chondrichthyan species in the SESSF).

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FINAL REPORT

2001/007 Shark & other chondrichthyan byproduct & bycatch estimation in the Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery

Background

Acronyms

AFMA	Australian Fisheries Management Authority
COFI	FAO Committee of Fisheries
CSIRO	CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research
DAFF	Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forests
DEH	Department of Environment and Heritage
FAO	United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation
FIRTA	Fishing Industry Research Trust Account
FRDC	Fisheries Research and Development Corporation
GABTF	Great Australian Bight Trawl Fishery
GHATF	Gillnet Hook and Trap Fishery
GHATMAC	Gillnet Hook and Trap Management Advisory Committee
IPOA-Sharks	International Plan of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks
ISMP	Integrated Scientific Monitoring Program
NPOA-Sharks	National Plan of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks
PIRVic	Primary Industries Research Victoria
SEF	South East Fishery (former name)
SESSF	Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery
SETF	South East Trawl Fishery
SAG	Shark Assessment Group
SCFA	Standing Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture (former committee)
SETMAC	South East Trawl Management Advisory Committee
SharkRAG	Shark Resource Assessment Group

Background

Since commencement of the present project, the former South East Fishery (SEF) has been amalgamated with the former Southern Shark Fishery (SSF) and other fisheries to form the Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery (SESSF). The project evaluates byproduct catch and bycatch of sharks, rays and holocephalans (class chondrichthyes) by analysing data for each of three fishing methods from the South East Trawl Fishery (SETF) and Great Australian Bight Trawl Fishery (GABTF), which are now sectors of the SESSF. The three fishing methods are GABTF otter trawl, SETF otter trawl, and SETF Danish seine. The project also analyses data for five fishing methods used in the Gillnet Hook and Trap Fishery (GHATF), which is also now a sector of the SESSF. The five methods analysed are referred to as GHATF trap, GHATF dropline, GHATF automatic longline, GHATF scalefish hook, and GHATF scalefish gillnet. Chondrichthyan catch evaluation was undertaken as part of FRDC Project 1999/103 for GHATF shark gillnet and GHATF shark hook, which are two other fishing methods deployed in the GHATF (Walker *et al.* 2005).

Globally, there have been concerns since the early 1990s that targeted catch, byproduct (retained non-

targeted catch), and bycatch (discarded catch), are markedly depleting the populations of sharks, rays and holocephalans. Chondrichthyan species are among the least biologically productive fish resources and some species are particularly prone to overexploitation by fishing.

In Australia, species such as gummy shark (*Mustelus antarcticus*) are harvested sustainably and rationally (Pribac *et al.* 2005; Walker 1998), but populations of several species of dogfish (family squalidae) and holocephalan (order holocephalii) on the continental slope off New South Wales are severely depleted (Andrew *et al.* 1997; Graham *et al.* 2001). The population of school shark (*Galeorhinus galeus*) harvested from on the continental shelf throughout southern Australia is another example of a markedly depleted species (Punt *et al.* 2000a; Punt and Walker 1998).

Target species of shark in Australia have been monitored and extensive biological studies have been undertaken to provide a basis for sound stock assessment. Results from the monitoring, research and assessment have been well documented for the shark fisheries of south-eastern Australia (Walker 1999), Western Australia (Simpfendorfer 1999), and northern Australia (Stevens 1999).

Byproduct and bycatch of species of sharks, rays and holocephalans, however, have not been so extensively investigated. In southern and eastern Australia, fishing methods presently providing the highest byproduct and bycatch of these fish include the GABTF otter trawl, SETF otter trawl, GHATF shark gillnet, and GHATF automatic longline. Data are available or currently being collected for these fisheries. Data on byproduct and bycatch are much less extensive for the State-managed inshore species, but the catches are low compared with those for the offshore fisheries.

The present project uses data on catch mass of sharks, rays and holocephalans with information on spatial position, depth, year, season and vessel for tows, line-lifts or sets of the fishing gear from the Integrated Scientific Monitoring Program (ISMP) and from available fisher logbook data submitted to various fisheries agencies. The principal objective of the ISMP is to provide information on the quantity, size and age composition of the retained and discarded catch of quota and non-quota species caught by the SESSF. To meet this objective, scientifically trained on-board field observers sample the retained and discarded catches. Through the ISMP, which includes its pre-cursors (the Scientific Monitoring Program and a NSW project on fish trawling); an extensive database has been developed since 1992 with details of the species composition from a large region of southern and eastern Australia.

The present report is structured to address each of the four project objectives, addressed through a set of four sub-headings recurring through the report. Addressing Objective 2 was complex. It required evaluating new methods to standardise CPUE for trends in relative abundance and developing an innovative approach to interface outputs from the statistical package SAS with the Geographic Information Systems software ARCINFO and ARCVIEW (GIS) and then to display spatial variation in abundance on maps.

Previous research

Analysis and recent collection of byproduct and bycatch data for the GHATF shark gillnet and GHATF shark hook were undertaken as part of FRDC Project 1999/103 (Sawshark and elephant fish assessment and bycatch evaluation in the Southern Shark Fishery) (Walker *et al.* 2005). Deepwater dogfish (family Squalidae) taken in several fisheries were investigated by FRDC Project 1998/108 (Daley *et al.* 2002b). Byproduct species such as whiskery shark (*Furgaleus macki*) and dusky shark (*Carcharhinus obscurus*) were investigated in Western Australia as part of FRDC Project 1996/130 (Simpfendorfer *et al.* 1999). Data on shark species taken by pelagic long-line in the EEZ were collated by FRDC project 98/107 (Stevens and Wayte 1999). Improvement of field identification of chondrichthyan species has been facilitated by recent preparation of a field guide to sharks and rays as part of FRDC project 2000/105 (Daley *et al.* 2002a).

Collection of data from the ISMP occurred for the SETF during 1992–present, GABTF during 2000–present, and GHATF trap, GHATF dropline, GHATF automatic longline, GHATF scalefish longline, and GHATF scalefish gillnet during various periods during 2000–present. The present project is the first attempt to provide a thorough synthesis of the chondrichthyan data. The ISMP catch and effort data are merged with fisher logbook data to provide estimates of total catch of chondrichthyan byproduct and bycatch species.

Need

The present project addresses two items listed as high priority in various updates of the Southern Shark Fishery Five Year Strategic Research Plan; these items are under the key area 'resource status' of FRDC's program 'resources sustainability'. The two items are (1) investigation of non-quota species and (2) analysis of bycatch. There are also international and national priorities for the work.

Several initiatives taken in recent years have created requirements to evaluate catches better and determine trends in abundance in Australian fisheries. The requirement applies to both targeted and non-targeted species, and, of the non-targeted species, to both the retained (byproduct) and discarded (bycatch) species.

Australia's *Fisheries Management Act 1991* requires management arrangements to "ensure that the exploitation of fisheries resources and the carrying on of related activities are conducted in a manner consistent with the principles of ecologically sustainable development and the exercise of the precautionary principle, in particular the need to have regard to the impact of fishing activities on non-target species and the long-term sustainability of the marine environment". Hence, in accordance with these legislative obligations and Commonwealth Government policy prescribed under Australia's Ocean Policy regarding the impact of fishing activities on non-target species and the environment, the Australian Fisheries Management Authority is required to update periodically bycatch action plans for major Australian fisheries.

In addition, through the former Standing Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture (SCFA), all Australian Commonwealth and State fisheries ministers endorsed the National Policy on Fisheries Bycatch, which includes sharks, rays and holocephalans. The Australian government released its bycatch policy, which builds on the endorsed National Policy on Fisheries Bycatch and committed the Commonwealth to develop and periodically update a Bycatch Action Plan for each major Commonwealth fishery.

More recently, the Australian *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC) 1999* requires fisheries managed under Commonwealth jurisdiction or fisheries producing products for export to be 'strategically assessed'. This process involves assessing each fishery for ecological impacts on (a) target and byproduct species, (b) bycatch species, (c) threatened, endangered and protected species, (d) marine habitats, and (e) marine food chains. The process requires collection of appropriate data, risk assessment, and appropriate management responses.

At the world level, concern for the condition of the stocks of chondrichthyan species led to the International Plan of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks (IPOA-Sharks), developed by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO). Ratified by the FAO Committee of Fisheries (COFI) during February 1999, the IPOA-Sharks recognises that the life-history characteristics of chondrichthyan species provide low 'biological productivity' and cause these animals to be generally more susceptible to overexploitation from fishing than teleost and invertebrate species. The IPOA-Sharks also recognises that these species require special management, research, and monitoring if they are to be harvested sustainably (Anon. 2000).

As a signatory to FAO's IPOA-Sharks, Australia was obliged to develop a National Plan of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks (NPOA-Sharks). Australia's Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forests (DAFF) established a national Shark Advisory Group (SAG) to prepare a Shark Assessment Report and develop a Shark Plan, which together formed the Australian NPOA-Sharks. The SAG included representatives from all key government and non-government stakeholder groups, including shark research specialists. Following endorsement of all appropriate Commonwealth, State and Territory fisheries ministers and environment ministers, Australia's NPOA-Sharks was launched 26 May 2004. The FAO Committee of Fisheries has endorsed Australia's NPOA-Sharks.

Globally, the catches of most chondrichthyan species have not been reported and it is likely that many species, particularly those taken as bycatch, are already at high risk without it being recognised (Walker 1998). 'Critical bycatches' are bycatches of species or populations that are in danger of extinction, and 'unsustainable bycatches' are bycatches of species or populations that are not currently at risk, but will decline at current levels of bycatch (Hall 1996).

In the SESSF, the catches of sharks, rays and holocephalans have been evaluated for the GHATF shark gillnet and the GHATF shark hook (Walker *et al.* 2005). The present study is designed to evaluate the catch and catch rates for each chondrichthyan species for GABTF otter trawl, SETF otter trawl, SETF Danish seine, GHATF trap, GHATF dropline, GHATF automatic longline, GHATF scalefish longline, and GHATF scalefish gillnet. Each species is evaluated in terms of 'retained catch' and 'discarded catch' using data available from the ISMP and fish logbooks.

Objectives

1. Summarise retained and discarded catches and length-frequency data on sharks, rays and holocephalans from the Integrated Scientific Monitoring Program (ISMP) database.
2. Estimate spatial and temporal trends in catches and abundance of sharks, skates, rays and holocephalans using data from the ISMP database and from the SESSF catch and effort database.
3. Identify implications and requirements for species management, fishery bycatch action plans, and FAO's International Plan of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks (IPOA-Sharks).
4. Evaluate impact on the ISMP data and catch and effort data collection following adoption of the shark field guide to sharks and rays caught in Australian waters.

Methods

The geographic range of the present study includes the Great Australian Bight and south-eastern Australia. For the purpose of this report, south-eastern Australia is the region of the SETF, which is separated from the Great Australian Bight Trawl fishery at longitude 138°E (eastern end of Kangaroo Island). The report adopts the terms western region and eastern region to distinguish regions of the SETF west and east of longitude 148°E. The report also refers to the regions of South Australia (SA), Bass Strait (BS) (waters south of Victoria and north of latitude 41° South, which aligns approximately with the north coast of Tasmania), Tasmania (Tas) (south of 41° South), and New South Wales defined as waters adjacent to the states.

Data are available from the Integrated Scientific Monitoring Program (ISMP) for the SETF during 1992–present, but only data for the period 1994–06 are used. Because sampling intensity and fishery coverage were low for the years 1992 and 1993, data for these two years were rejected from the data analyses. Expansion of the ISMP to cover the GABTF and parts of the GHATF began in 2000. The most comprehensive data are for the SETF otter trawl and GABTF otter trawl; data for SETF Danish seine and GHATF are limited. All data were collected under normal fishing operations and the sampling by the ISMP is designed to provide for representative coverage of vessels and regions. The scientifically trained observers apply strict sampling protocols when estimating and sampling catches, and recording data.

Available ISMP and fisher logbook data were combined and analysed to provide four different types of information.

1. Estimates of mean catch rate (with standard error) and mean-annual total catch mass (with percentage discarded) during 2000–06 for each chondrichthyan species for GABTF otter trawl, SETF otter trawl, SETF Danish seine, GHATF trap, GHATF dropline, GHATF automatic longline, GHATF scalefish longline, and GHATF scalefish gillnet.
2. Estimates of annual retained catch, discarded catch, and total catch (each with a standard error) for each chondrichthyan species taken in significant quantities by SETF otter trawl during 1994–06 and GABTF otter trawl during 2000–06. There are insufficient data to provide time series of estimates of these quantities for SETF Danish seine and each fishing method used the GHATF.
3. Trends in CPUE standardised for year, month, longitude or latitude, depth, and vessel for the each species where generalised linear models converged SETF otter trawl data for 1994–06. Where early data

were missing or where the model failed to converge or provide all summary statistics, trends are presented for a reduced period (mostly 1996–06, 1998–06, or 2000–06). There were insufficient data available to provide trends in standardised CPUE for methods other than SEFT otter trawl and GABTF trawl fishery. Some analyses combine SETF otter trawl and GABTF otter trawl for the period 2000–06.

4. Maps of CPUE standardised for the effects of year and longitude-depth or latitude-depth for each species where generalised linear models converged using combined data for GABTF otter trawl and SETF otter trawl during 2000–06. The maps are based on five arbitrary CPUE ranges represented by a five-tone colour-scale prepared using the Geographic Information Systems package ARCVIEW.

Species names adopted are based mostly on the books 'Australian Seafood Handbook an identification guide to domestic species' (Andrew *et al.* 1999), Sharks and Rays of Australia (Last and Stevens 1994), and 'The fishes of Australia's South Coast' (Goman *et al.* 1994), and on the Codes for Australian Aquatic Biota (www.marine.csiro.au/caab/caabsearch) administered by CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research.

Estimation of retained and discarded catches

The mean annual total-catch mass for each species during 2000–06, within each fishery sector of the SESSF, was estimated in two steps. The first step was to estimate mean CPUE for total catch mass (kg per tow, kg per line-lift, or kg per set depending on sector) from ISMP data. The second step was to weight the mean CPUE for each species within each sector by the mean annual number of shots of the gear (tows, line-lifts or sets) reported on fisher logbooks to determine total catch. The term 'shot' refers to 'tow' of otter trawl or Danish seine; to 'line-lift' of trap or dropline; or to 'set' of automatic longline, scalefish longline, or scalefish gillnet. Also determined for each species is percentage of shots producing catch >0 kg and percentage of total-catch discarded.

Estimates of mean annual retained-catch and mean annual discarded-catch were estimated from the estimate of mean annual total-catch combined with percentage of total-catch discarded for each teleost species separately for GABTF otter trawl, SETF otter trawl, SETF Danish seine, GHATF trap, GHATF dropline, GHATF automatic longline, GHATF scalefish longline, and GHATF scalefish gillnet. These catch masses were determined separately within each of three bathometric depth ranges (0–199 m, 200–599 m, and ≥600 m) and for all depths combined during 2000–05.

Determination of spatial and temporal trends in abundance

ISMP

The ISMP monitors the GABTF from Cape Leeuwin (34° 22' South, 115° 08' East) in Western Australia to Cape Jervis (35° 37' South, 138° 05' East) in South Australia. The ISMP also monitors the SETF from Cape Jervis in South Australia to Barranjoey Head (33° 35' South, 151° 20' East) in New South Wales. The data are distinguished between the two fishery sectors by the meridian of longitude 138° East. Data are available since 2000 from the GABTF and since 1992 from the SETF. Because of large differences in the periods of the time series of data and limited overlap in the vessels between the GABTF and SETF, data from the two fishery sectors were mostly analysed separately, but were combined for some species.

Rationale for standardisation

Standardisation of CPUE data as an indicator of abundance of populations of teleost species is widely practiced. Examples include demersal otter trawl (Chatterton 1996; Goñi *et al.* 1999; Kulka *et al.* 1996; Salthaug and Godø 2001), beam trawl (Large 1992), long-line (Fonteneau and Richard 2003; Goodyear 2003; Hinton and Nakano 1996; Kimura 1981), and purse seine (CPUE associated with spotter planes) (Lo *et al.* 1992). However, there are few examples of standardization of CPUE data for abundance of populations of chondrichthyan species; these are for gillnet (Punt *et al.* 2000b) and longline (Bradford 2001; Nakano 1997).

The present study explores standardising the available observer CPUE data from the ISMP for temporal and spatial trends in relative abundance and for distributional abundance to prepare maps for each chondrichthyan species. Catches resulting from fishing operations from either survey or commercial fishing vessels depend largely on three factors. These factors are (a) vessel and characteristics such as skill of operators, fishing gear and technological equipment; (b) characteristics of the fished population such as abundance level, spatial distribution and availability to the fishing gear; and (c) environmental and physiographic conditions such as weather, hydrology, depth and substrate. It is necessary to identify and, if

possible, separate the effects of these factors to correctly interpret catch rate (Pelletier 1998).

Demersal otter trawling in the GABTF and SETF is over a wide geographic range and wide depth-range, well beyond the spatial distribution of many of the species caught. Fishing outside a species' distributional range, combined with the naturally occurring low abundance of many chondrichthyan species gives numerous records of zero catch. Large proportions of zero CPUE values in the data create statistical complexities that are addressed by two processes applied to each species and usually to each fishery separately. The first of the two processes is to undertake a "data selection process" designed to reduce the proportion of zero records by excluding records from localities outside of the distributional range of each species. The second process is to explore alternative probability distribution functions (pdfs) for data structures in the generalised linear models for each selected data set.

Several alternative approaches are not explored here. One such approach sometimes taken to reduce the proportion of zero CPUE values is to aggregate data over larger units of fishing effort (Punt *et al.* 2000b) from say length of tow to a larger unit such as total length of all tows during each month. This approach can reduce the standard errors on parameter estimates, which can have the advantage of reducing noise if the standardised CPUE trends are used as inputs to stochastic fishery assessment models. However, this approach reduces the resolution of the data and reduces statistical power. In the present study, we chose to work with the resolution at which the data were collected to explore the variance in the actual data. Models involving log-normal (Kimura 1981; Large 1992), gamma (Goñi *et al.* 1999), and log-gamma (Punt *et al.* 2000b) pdfs cannot include zero CPUE values and are often adjusted by the addition of a small constant γ (Bradford 2001; Punt *et al.* 2000b). However, because standardised trends can be affected by the magnitude γ , this approach is also avoided in the present study. Other pdfs adopted as model data-structures, such as normal, inverse Gaussian, Poisson (Dong and Restrepo 1995) and negative binomial (Punt *et al.* 2000b), can include zero CPUEs in the data. The "delta-x" modelling approach (Lo *et al.* 1992; Punt *et al.* 2000b; Vignaux 1994), which can incorporate the log-normal, gamma, log-gamma, as well as other pdfs, paired with the binomial pdf, is also applied as part of the present study.

Data

The observers recorded, *inter alia*, the start and finish dates, times and positions of each trawl tow and the mass of the catch for each species. The mass of the catch was categorised as retained and discarded and, each of these, were further categorised as live and dead. For the purpose of the present study, CPUE for each species was computed for each trawl tow from total catch measured in kilograms and from fishing effort expressed in nautical miles as length of tow calculated from the start and finish positions.

Relevant data were transferred from a Microsoft ACCESS database to the statistical package SAS Version 9.1 (SAS Institute, North Carolina, USA) for manipulation, selection and analysis. The ARCINFO Geographic Information System, together with ARCVIEW, was adopted for processing bathymetric data to generate isobaths on maps and for calculating the area of locality-cells. ARCVIEW was used for spatial display of relative abundance estimates produced by SAS.

The data associated with each observed trawl tow were assigned to one or more "locality-cells" based on start and finish positions and depth of fishing. Where a trawl tow crossed the boundaries of cells, the catch and effort from that tow were distributed between cells in proportion to the length of tow in each cell; this assumes catch is uniform over the full length of the tow. The locality-cell boundaries were defined by depth-intervals and by intervals of longitude west of the meridian of longitude 148° East or intervals of latitude east of this meridian. Adopted were 40-m depth-interval in the range 0–39 m, 20-m depth-intervals in the range 40–199 m, 100-m depth-intervals in the range 200–999 m, and 1000-m depth-intervals in the range 1000–3000 m. Longitude-intervals of 1 degree were adopted for the range 127°–148° East. East of the meridian of longitude 148° East, eight latitude-intervals were adopted for the range 33°–46° South (33° 00'–35° 59', 36° 00'–37° 29', 37° 30'–38° 12', 38° 13'–38° 59', 39° 00'–39° 59', 40° 00'–40° 59', 41° 00'–41° 59', 42° 00'–46° 00') (Figure 1).

Data selection

Data selection criteria were adopted to exclude fishing grounds where a species was absent or rare and to reduce the number of zero observations in the data used for an analysis. Initially four separate data selection criteria were applied sequentially for each species in each of the SETF and GABTF separately or in these two fisheries combined for the period after 2000 when monitoring of the GABTF began. As a first step each

locality-cell was assigned to one of four depth-ranges (0–199, 200–599, 600–1199, and ≥ 1200 m) within one of eight broad regions (Figure 2). The data were selected for each of the four depth-ranges within each of the eight regions if the total catch exceeded 0 kg for >0 tows (Criterion 1), >10 tows (Criterion 2), >50 tows (Criterion 3), and >100 tows (Criterion 4). Initial analyses suggested a need for Criteria 2, 3 and 4 for trend analysis, but it became apparent that these could be abandoned in favour of a more fine-tuned approach, which involved removing zeros or low catches by applying Criterion 1 and then, if required, slightly reducing longitude range, latitude range, or depth range for data selection data. Occasionally, a combination of ranges was applied. Where every model continued to fail to converge for a species, the data were split west and east of the meridian of longitude 148° E to provide the western and eastern regions. The data were also split into the two regions where the statistical package used to analyse the data indicated that the results were uncertain or it failed to provide all of the requested statistics after initial data selection. The data were also split into these two regions, where there is evidence or a body of opinion indicating separate stocks. The data selection process was then repeated for each sub-stock separately.

Depending on species, the additional selection criterion of y years was applied to the data so that only data after a particular year were selected. There were two reasons for this. Firstly, coverage of the SETF by the observer program tended to monitor the western regions and deeper depths of the fishery less intensively during the early years than during the later years. Secondly, there was uncertainty associated with identification of several species. Hence, the early years were variously excluded from certain analyses and several species were grouped (see results).

Data analysis

Each data set selected as part of the “data selection process” was analysed using the GENMOD procedure of the statistical package SAS/STAT. The GENMOD procedure fits generalised linear models (Nelder and Wedderburn 1972) to data by maximum likelihood estimation of parameters through an iterative fitting process. The GENMOD Type 3 Analysis was adopted because design of the data is non-orthogonal and because the results do not depend on the order in which the explanatory variable terms in the model were fitted to the data.

Standardising CPUE data for various effects was undertaken by applying generalised linear models (Gavaris 1980; Hilborn and Walters 1992). This modelling involved using nominal CPUE or the natural logarithm of CPUE as a response variable and using several variables as explanatory variables. For depicting temporal and spatial trends in relative abundance, the explanatory variables included year, month, locality, bathometric depth-interval, and vessel, where locality is treated as a longitude-interval or latitude-interval (‘long-lat’). For determining distributional relative abundance for display on maps, the explanatory variables included year, month, locality, and vessel, where locality is defined by a longitude-interval or latitude-interval combined with a depth-interval (as defined above) to compute a ‘locality-cell’. For trend analysis, CPUE standardisation was undertaken separately for the SETF and the GABTF separately because of differences in the duration of the monitoring programs between the two fishery sectors.

CPUE standardisation for temporal and spatial trends in abundance was applied by estimating values of the constant β_0 and the coefficients of each of the five vectors β_1 , β_2 , β_3 , β_4 , and β_5 associated with the five explanatory variables. Constant β_0 is the CPUE for the final “year”, “month”, “depth”, “long-lat”, and “vessel”. Vector β_1 denotes the $y - 1$ coefficients associated with $y - 1$ of y selected fishing years (“year”). Vector β_2 denotes the 11 coefficients associated with $m - 1$ of m (usually 12) fishing months (“month”) to include seasonal effects in the model. Vector β_3 denotes the $d - 1$ coefficients associated with $d - 1$ of d selected depth-intervals (“depth”); this is included as a categorical variable rather than as a continuous variable (covariate) because CPUE is unlikely to vary linearly with depth. Vector β_4 denotes the $l - 1$ coefficients associated with $l - 1$ of l selected longitude-intervals or latitude-intervals (“long-lat”). Vector β_5 denotes coefficients associated with $v - 1$ of v selected vessels (“vessel”). CPUE standardisation for depicting distributional abundance on maps was undertaken by applying an almost identical approach, except depth-intervals and longitude-intervals or latitude-intervals were combined to compute “locality-cells”. Standard errors and associated p-values were computed by SAS for the parameter estimates based on asymptotic normality of the maximum likelihood estimators.

The GENMOD procedure uses a ridge-stabilised Newton–Raphson algorithm (McCullagh and Nelder 1983) to maximise the log-likelihood function. It automatically fits a sequence of models, beginning with a simple model with only an intercept term, to include one additional explanatory variable in each successive model

until all explanatory variables in the specified model are included. These asymptotic tests allow the statistical significance of each additional explanatory variable to be assessed from the value of χ^2 / degrees of freedom produced for each explanatory variable.

To address statistical complexities associated with large proportions of zero catch rates, a range of possible response probability distribution functions (pdfs) were tested for each of the alternative data sets selected using criteria designed to include only data from the distributional range of each species. In addition, non-zero CPUE values modelled with each of seven alternative pdfs (normal, log-normal, inverse Guassian, gamma, log-gamma, Poisson or negative binomial) was combined with the binomial pdf where CPUE=0 was assigned a value of 0 and CPUE>0 a value of 1. These seven pairs of pdfs (delta-x model formulation) plus four pdfs that could be fitted directly to the data with zero values (normal, inverse Gaussian, Poisson, and negative binomial) gave a total of 11 model formulations each fitted by maximum likelihood to each data set.

The GENMOD procedure has facility for applying eight response pdfs to the structure of data: normal, log-normal, inverse Guassian, Poisson, gamma, log-gamma, negative-binomial and binomial. Three of the seven pdfs could not be applied directly to the data available for the present study; the log-normal, gamma, and log-gamma pdfs cannot include values of CPUE=0 and the binomial pdf can only include values of CPUE=0 and CPUE=1. All seven pdfs were tested with the delta-x formulation where non-zero CPUE values modelled alternatively with each of the seven pdfs (normal, log-normal, inverse Guassian, gamma, log-gamma, Poisson or negative binomial) were each separately combined with the eighth pdf (binomial). For the binomial pdf, CPUE=0 was assigned a value of 0 and CPUE>0 was assigned a value of 1. In each of the delta-x formulations, a coefficient for a particular variable is calculated by multiplying together the corresponding coefficients determined for each of the two component pdfs. The seven pairs of pdfs associated with the delta-x option, and the four pdfs that could be applied directly to the data (normal, inverse Gaussian, Poisson and negative binomial) gave 11 separate analyses for each data set.

Selection of the most appropriate pdf model formulation for each data set was based on, firstly, whether or not the model converged and, then secondly, if the model did converge, on the goodness of fit of the data to the model. Goodness of fit was examined from the scaled Pearson's χ^2 value (i.e. Pearson's χ^2 / degrees of freedom); the pdf giving the scaled Pearson's χ^2 value closest to 1.0 was accepted as the most appropriate for the data set in question (SAS Institute Inc. 1997). Where the value lay outside the range 0.5–2.0, the deviance value was compared with tables of asymptotic values to determine whether probability > 0.05.

Standardisation of CPUE is usually undertaken to determine inter-annual trends in abundance of target species involving standardisation for differences in the fishing power of vessels (Goñi *et al.* 1999; Salthaug and Godø 2001). In these instances, the vessels tend to operate in regions where the fish are most abundant resulting in data that give good coverage in regions of high abundance, but, often, inadequate coverage in regions of low abundance. An advantage with target species is that the proportion of zero-CPUE values in the data is low, but the tendency for fleets to operate on fish aggregations biases CPUE as an indicator of abundance. Where stocks are declining this often leads to hyperstability where the fish re-aggregate as abundance declines or to hypostability where initial aggregations in an unfished population are depleted. Attempts to reduce these biases are often addressed by weighting nominal CPUE (Gulland 1956) or standardised CPUE (Punt *et al.* 2000b) in locality-cells by the "habitat area" in each cell.

To achieve this, the estimates of the parameters associated with each of the variables in the model, and the associated standard errors, were weighted by A_c / A_τ ('habitat area ratio'). A_c is the size of the 'habitat area' in locality-cell c and A_τ is the sum of the 'habitat areas' over all locality-cells included in the analysis. These 'habitat area ratio' weighted standardised CPUEs were then be summed over any region or the entire fishery using the formula

$$I_\tau = \sum_c I_{\tau,c} (A_c / A_\tau) .$$

I_τ is the relative abundance index ('habitat area ratio weighted standardised CPUE') for year τ . $I_{\tau,c}$ is the relative abundance index (standardised CPUE) for year τ , or any other variable such as month, depth-interval or long-lat-interval, in the 'locality-cell' c . A_c / A_τ is the value of the 'habitat area ratio' of 'cell' c (Quinn II and Deriso 1999). A limitation of this approach is the need to have data from all locality-cells in all years; missing CPUE data for any of the factors in the model create the need for establishing rules for filling in for missing data (Punt *et al.* 2000b). This is a lesser problem for byproduct and bycatch species than for

target species.

For displaying distributional abundance on maps, standardised CPUE values determined for each locality-cell within SAS were transferred to the Geographic Information Systems software ARCVIEW. In ARCVIEW, the standardised CPUE values were categorised into three ranges to represent three relative abundance intervals (high, medium, and low) which is displayed on a map using five-step colour tones, where the darker the tone the higher the relative abundance. Absence of CPUE data is displayed as white. Standardised CPUE values used for the maps were not weighted by 'habitat ratio area'.

Identification requirements for species management

In the SETF, GABTF and GHATF, evaluation of catch with trends in catch and trends in abundance based on CPUE are usually the first information used for identifying the need for fishery management or conservation measures for any species. These trends can be readily determined for target and some byproduct species from fisher logbook data provided there is not significant discarding or other forms of cryptic fishing mortality. However, fisher logbook data do not include bycatch species or byproduct species where significant discarding occurs for these fisheries.

For the present study, catch and CPUE for shark, ray and holocephalan bycatch species were evaluated from on-board observer data available for the SETF during 1994–06 and in the GABTF during 2000–06. Catch is identified for scalefish gillnet and automatic longline but there are insufficient data for evaluating CPUE trends for these fishing methods. Relative catches between species and evaluation of trends in CPUE were evaluated for shark gillnets and shark longline by FRDC Project 199/103 (Sawshark and elephant fish assessment and bycatch evaluation in the Southern Shark Fishery') (Walker *et al.* 2005).

Results on trends in catch provided in addressing Objective 1 of the present study in conjunction with published information were used for classing each species as 'abundant', 'common', 'sparse' or 'rare'. Results on trends in CPUE provided in addressing Objective 2 of the present study in conjunction with published information were used for classing the population of each species as 'increasing', 'decreasing', or 'no trend'.

Evaluation of shark field guide for ISMP and logbook data

The scientifically trained on-board observers encounter several hundred species of fish as part of their work associated with the ISMP. The ability of an observer to identify accurately the species of a fish at sea depends on the observer's experience and the availability of taxonomic guides. When examining data from the ISMP databases, in most instances, it is not possible to determine whether the identification is correct. While it is clear that the quality of the data has improved, it is not possible to distinguish whether the improvement is a result of observer experience or availability of taxonomic guides. Hence a qualitative approach was adopted to assess the value the shark field guide (Daley *et al.* 2002a). Each of five experienced observers was interviewed to discuss the value of the guide. Four of the observers were experienced in the SETF, GABTF or both and a fifth was experienced in New Zealand trawl fisheries and had operated in the SETF for only several months.

Results and Discussion

Estimation of retained and discarded catches

The total number of tows, lifts or sets for each of eight fishing sectors of the SESSF monitored by the ISMP during 2000–06 and the mean annual number of tows, lifts or sets for each of the eight sectors reported on fisher logbooks during 2000–05 are presented in Table 1. The onboard observer coverage was 4.06% annually for GABTF otter trawl tows, 2.54% for SETF otter trawl tows, 0.85% for SETF Danish seine tows, 12.09% for GHATF trap lifts, 16.89% for GHATF dropline lifts, 17.62% for GHATF automatic longline sets, 1.54% for GHATF scalefish longline sets, and 0.04% (200–599 m depth) for GHATF scalefish gillnet sets. The GHATF gillnet set in depth-range 0–199 m was all assumed to be GHATF shark gillnet and excluded from the analysis.

The mean annual overall catch estimate across all species was 45,171 tonnes, comprising 611 species (identified mostly to species with some identified to genus or family) across all eight sectors of the SESSF monitored by the ISMP during 2000–06 (Tables 2 and 3). The overall catch mass comprised teleosts (80.1%), sharks (8.3%), rays (5.8%), holocephalans (0.2%), hagfish (0.0%), cephalopods (2.8%), crustaceans (1.2%), and other invertebrates (1.5%). Of the overall catch, 49% came from 0–199 m depth, 37% from 200–599 m depth, and 14% from ≥ 600 m depth.

For summary purposes, the species are divided into eight taxonomic groups: ‘sharks’ (72 species or higher taxon), ‘rays’ (47), ‘holocephalans’ (12), ‘scalefish’ (409), ‘hagfish’ (3), cephalopods (15), crustaceans (30), and other invertebrates (23). Of the overall catch estimate of 45,171 t, the largest component was taken by SETF otter trawl (33,764 t, 74.7%) (Table 2). This was followed by GABTF otter trawl (6880 t, 15.2%), SETF Danish seine (3369 t, 7.5%), GHATF scalefish longline (781 t, 1.7%), GHATF automatic longline (266 t, 0.6%), GHATF trap (42 t, 0.1%), GHATF scalefish gillnet (45 t, 0.1%), and GHATF dropline (23t, 0.1%).

The overall mean annual chondrichthyan catch during 2000–06 from the SESSF by eight fishing methods is estimated at 6467 tonnes: 3731 t of shark species (58%), 2641 t of ray species (41%), and 95 t of holocephalan species (1%). The highest chondrichthyan catch was by SETF otter trawl (4377 t, 66%) followed by GABTF otter trawl (1468 t, 22%), SETF Danish seine (560 t, 9%), GHATF scalefish longline (112 t, 2%), and GHATF automatic longline (72 t, 1%). The three other methods of GHATF trap, GHATF dropline, GHATF scalefish longline, and GHATF scalefish gillnet together provided a negligible catch (7 t, 0%) (Table 2).

About two-thirds of the overall chondrichthyan catch comprises only 14 species. Spikey spurdog (*Squalus megalops*) (11%), greenback stingaree (*Urolophus viridis*) (7%), white finned swell shark (*Cephaloscyllium* sp A) (6%), wide stingaree (*Urolophus expansus*) (5%), Australian angel shark (*Squatina australis*) (5%), ornate angel shark (*Squatina tergocellata*) (4%), common sawshark (*Pristiophorus cirratus*) (5%), brier shark (*Deania calcea*) (4%), and draughtboard shark (*Cephaloscyllium laticeps*) (4%) provided 51% of catch. The remaining 15% for the top two-thirds of catch was provided by the five species of green-eyed dogfish (*Squalus mitsukurina*) (3%), Port Jackson shark (*Heterodontus portusjacksoni*) (3%), gummy shark (*Mustelus antarcticus*) (3%), southern fiddler ray (*Trygonorrhina fasciata*) (3%), and Melbourne skate (*Dipturus whitleyi*) (3%) (Table 4a).

Of the overall mean annual chondrichthyan catch estimate of 6467 tonnes, retained catch was highest for shark species (1993 t, 53%), followed by ray species (262 t, 10%) and holocephalan species (85 t, 89%) (Table 4a). Higher proportions of the catch were retained for quota and basket species (Table 4b). The chondrichthyan mass values reported above are whole mass, whereas the landed form of sharks and holocephalans is about two-thirds (headed and eviscerated carcass) and rays (margins of disc only) is about one-tenth.

Mean annual catch mass (retained and discarded) and catch rate (with standard error) (kg per shot), for each chondrichthyan species during 2000–06, are presented for each method. Also presented for each species by fishing method are percentages of shots with a catch exceeding 0 kg and percent of catch discarded (Tables 5a and 5b).

Determination of spatial and temporal trends in abundance

Extensive testing of various probability density functions (pdf), with and without the delta-x model formulation, against four different data selection criteria related to the number of zero CPUE observations in the data, indicated that the log-gamma pdf combined with the binomial pdf most often fit the data to provide results. Models fitted to the data when applying most other pdfs usually failed to converge. Models applying normal and log-normal pdfs often converged but these were rejected for two reasons. One reason is that they impose the assumption of homogeneous variance in the data, and the other reason is that use of these pdfs often predicts negative values either for mean values or for part of the range of the 95% confidence limits.

In addition to applying a standard method based on the delta-x formulation, with log-gamma pdf and binomial pdf, it was found that data selection could be simplified to Criterion 1 (>0 tows), which occasionally required minor constraints. These constraints included period (by excluding years at the beginning of the time series), longitude range, latitude range, or depth range (or a combination of these). Available ISMP data for 1992–1993 were rejected from all analyses and, for some species, it was necessary to reject data from some of the other early years because of uncertainty with species identification or missing data on depth of fishing.

Success of the delta-x model formulation combining log-gamma and binomial pdfs with data selection Criterion 1 for analysing ISMP data is not only highly statistically defensible, but simplifies the data selection and analysis procedures. The model formulation works for species of low abundance as well as species of high abundance, except data selected from a low number of tows causes the confidence limits to widen. Hence, all results presented in the present report are based on this model formulation with minimal data exclusion and without initial transformation or alteration to the resolution of the data. This remarkable discovery simplifies standardisation of ISMP CPUE data and, possibly, of fisher logbook CPUE data.

CPUE standardisation was undertaken for all species where there were more than ~500 otter trawl tows (less for several species) throughout the time series after applying data selection; the 95% confidence limits on the inter-annual trend become very wide with fewer tows. For some species it was necessary to analyse data within a western or eastern region (or both); these regions were normally divided at longitude 147° E or 149° E, depending on species. Analyses of several species were confined to the region off NSW. Details of the data selection criteria along with summary statistics for the standardisation analyses for each species are provided in Table 6.

A standard output for the CPUE standardisation analyses is provided for each species based variously on data from the SETF (1994–06) or GABTF (2000–06) or from the two SETF and GABTF combined (2000–06). Results are presented for each of 15 species of shark (Figures 3.01–3.15b), 18 species of rays (Figures 4.01a–4.18a), and 3 species of holocephalans (Figures 5.01a–5.03a). Because of difficulties encountered by observers distinguishing between species of gulper shark, the species were bulked for analysis, such that *Centrophorus* spp comprises four species. These species are mostly endeavour dogfish (*C. moluccensis*) and southern dogfish (*C. uyato*), with negligible quantities of Harrisons dogfish (*C. harrissoni*), and leafscale gulper shark (*C. squamosus*) for the western region of the SETF (Figure 3.16a) and for the eastern region of the SETF (Figure 3.16b). In addition to the figures, tables of the time series of raw CPUE and standardised CPUE adjusted against the mean raw CPUE are presented in tables along with the figures. The tables of adjusted standardised CPUE can be applied in species assessments. The 95% confidence limits on standardised CPUE for month, longitude-latitude and depth are variously suppressed for some species because they were wide and obscured the trend in mean standardised CPUE. The 95% confidence limits on standardised CPUE were retained for the annual trends of all species.

Inter-annual standardised CPUE trends for chondrichthyan species, where models converge, exhibited four distinct trend-patterns: rise–peak–decline, continual decline, continual rise, and no-trend. These patterns were inferred from regression analysis to test for ‘increasing trend’, ‘decreasing trend’ or ‘no trend’, and, where there was no trend, the time period was truncated to test whether or not there was a trend during 2000–06 or similar period. The continual-decline pattern is a special case of the rise–peak–decline pattern, where peaking occurred during 1992–94 or before commencement of the ISMP. The rise–peak–decline pattern and continual-decline pattern occurred more frequently than the continual-rise pattern and no-trend pattern in all three depth-categories. Where a model failed to converge to provide standardised CPUE, the trend was classed as ‘indeterminable’.

Based on the results of the trend analyses, the chondrichthyan species are grouped within three depth-categories: continental-shelf depth-category (predominantly <200 m depth), the upper-slope–mid-slope category (predominantly 200–599 m depth), and the lower-slope category (predominantly ≥600 m depth). Of the species with sufficient data to undertake trend analyses, the 15 species of shark were distributed in all three depth-categories, whereas the 18 species of rays were predominantly distributed in the continental-shelf category, and the 3 species of holocephalans were distributed across the upper-slope–mid-slope category and the lower-slope category. The shark species in the continental-shelf category were taxonomically diverse, whereas the shark species in the two continental-slope depth-categories were either dogfish (family *Squalidae*) or catsharks. The continental shelf category included two species of angel shark (genus *Squatina*), two species of catshark (family *Scyliorhinidae*), two species of smoothhound (family *Triakidae*), common sawshark (*Pristiophorus cirratus*), and Port Jackson shark (*Heterodontus portusjacksoni*). The upper-slope–mid-slope category included two species of catshark – whitefin swell shark (*Cephaloscyllium* sp A) and sawtail shark (*Galeus boardmani*) – and two species of dogfish of genus *Squalus*, whereas the lower-slope depth-category included three species of dogfish of the genera *Dalatias*, *Deania*, and *Centroscymnus*. Whereas the data from trawl catches recorded by the ISMP for school shark (*Galeorhinus galeus*) are predominantly from the upper-slope–mid-slope category, data from gillnet and longline shark fishing in the GHATF indicate that school shark (Walker *et al.* 2005) are distributed predominantly in the continental-shelf

depth-category (Table 7).

For the continental-shelf depth-category, eight species exhibited the rise–peak–decline pattern: Australian angel shark (*Squatina australis*) (peaked 1998), common sawshark (*Pristiophorus cirratus*) (2000), gummy shark (*Mustelus antarcticus*) (2000), ornate angel shark (*Squatina tergocellata*) (2003 in Great Australian Bight), Port Jackson shark (*Heterodontus portusjacksoni*) (1998 off eastern Australia), sandyback stingaree (*Urolophus bucculentus*) (2000), school shark (*Galeorhinus galeus*), and Sydney skate (*Dipterus australis*) off eastern Australia (2003). Three species exhibited the continual-decline pattern: longnose skate (*Raja* sp A), southern fiddler ray (*Trygonorrhina fasciata*), and sparsely spotted stingaree (*Urolophus paucimaculatus*). Five species in the continental-shelf depth-category exhibited the continual-rise pattern: the Bight skate (*Raja gudgeri*), eastern shovelnose ray (*Aptychotrema rostrata*), greenback stingaree (*Urolophus viridis*), Melbourne skate (*Raja whitleyi*), and Tasmanian numbfish (*Narcine tasmaniensis*). Ten species exhibited the no-trend pattern: draughtboard shark (*Cephaloscyllium laticeps*), grey spotted catshark (*Asymbolis analis*), banded stingaree (*Urolophus cruciatus*), black stingray (*Dasyatis thetidis*), common stingaree (*Trygonoptera testacea*), peacock skate (*Pavoraja nitida*), smooth stingray (*Dasyatis brevicaudata*), southern eagle ray (*Myliobatis australis*), short-tail torpedo ray (*Torpedo macneilli*), and wide stingaree (*Urolophus expansus*) in Great Australian Bight.

For the upper-slope–mid-slope depth-category, two species exhibited the rise–peak–decline pattern: greeneye spurdog (*Squalus mitsukurii*) (peaked 2001 in eastern SETF region and 1999 western SETF region) and whitefin swell shark (*Cephaloscyllium* sp A) (peaking 1997; both species exhibited severe decline after peaking). Only sawtail shark (*Galeus boardmani*) exhibited the continual-decline pattern, with minor change in CPUE, and only spikey spurdog (*Squalus megalops*) exhibited the continual-rise pattern, with major increase in CPUE. *Centrophorus* spp in the upper-slope–mid-slope category exhibited the no-trend pattern.

For the lower-slope depth-category, three species exhibited the continual-decline pattern: black shark (*Dalatias licha*), brier shark (*Deania calcea*), and Owstons dogfish (*Centroscymnus owstoni*). Three holocephalan species inhabit both mid-slope and lower-slope—blackfin ghostshark (*Hydrolagus lemurs*), Ogilbys ghostshark (*Hydrolagus ogilbyi*), and southern chimaera (*Chimaera* sp a)—of which all exhibited no trend.

In a complex multi-species fishery such as the SETF, it is difficult to distinguish between changes in fish abundance and changes in targeting, which are affected by catch rates and market forces. Of the species predominantly inhabiting depths ≥ 600 m, five had the continuous-decline pattern and one had the no-trend pattern, while fishing effort declined, suggesting an overall decline in abundance. The lack of the continual-rise pattern for any lower-slope species suggests that declining trends are more likely to be caused by declining stock abundance than by retargeting. For upper-slope–mid-slope species, 17 had the rise–peak–decline pattern or decline pattern, whereas 9 had the continual-rise pattern or no-trend pattern. On balance, more species exhibiting decline patterns than rise patterns suggests an overall decline in stock abundance, particularly as there has been a gradual decline in the number of tows since about 2003. Similarly, for shelf species, 13 had the rise–peak–decline pattern or continual-decline pattern, whereas 7 had the continual-rise pattern or no-trend pattern, suggesting some overall decline in stock abundance.

Interpreting the standardised CPUE time series is complex and outside the scope of the present study. Such an interpretation requires invoking several competing hypotheses to explain the observed patterns.

1. Change in standardised CPUE reflects a temporal change in relative abundance of fish on the fishing grounds from the effects of fishing mortality.
2. Change in standardised CPUE reflects a temporal change in relative abundance of fish on the fishing grounds from the effects of fishing altering habitats such that species are either attracted or repelled from an area because of changes in food availability or habitat suitability or both.
3. Change in standardised CPUE reflects a temporal change in relative abundance of fish on the fishing grounds from the effects of fishing altering the abundance of competitor species.
4. Change in standardised CPUE reflects a temporal change in the accuracy of species identification by on-board scientific observers.
5. Change in standardised CPUE reflects a temporal change in the targeting practices of fishers.

Interpreting the standardised CPUE patterns against these hypotheses requires examination of patterns of fishing effort by region and fishing depth during 1994–06. Of the seven SharkRAG regions (Figure 1), the

highest levels of effort were in New South Wales and Eastern Bass Strait at 6000–13,000 trawl tows per year, whereas levels were low in Eastern Tasmania, Western Tasmania, Eastern South Australia, and South Australia–Victoria at 2000–4000 tows per year. Western Bass Strait was <1000 tows per year (Figure 6.01). East of longitude 146° East (eastern region), effort has been stable at ~20,000–27,000 tows per annum, whereas, west of longitude 146°E (western region), effort steadily rose to half this peak level at ~14,000 tows during 2002–04, which declined by ~50% during 2005–06 (Figure 6.01).

Depth of fishing has tended to remain fairly constant except during 1994, 1995 and 1997 when gemfish (*Rexea solandri*) recruitment failed and fishing in depths 200–599 m was markedly reduced in New South Wales and Eastern Tasmania (Figure 6.02). Most of the fishing effort was in depths of 0–199 m east of longitude 146° East and, until recently, in depths of 200–599 m west of longitude 146° East (Figure 6.03). In other words, most of the fishing was on top of the continental shelf off New South Wales, in eastern Bass Strait, and off eastern Tasmania. From southern Tasmania to the Great Australian Bight, most trawling was on the upper-slope and mid-slope, but during 2004–06, there was a shift in effort from the slope to the shelf, particularly in the Great Australian Bight.

Seasonal variation in catch rates of key quota teleost species suggest a tendency to vary targeting through the year successively from the shelf to deeper water on the slope: tiger flathead (*Neoplatycephalus richardsoni*) (May–June), eastern gemfish (June–August), blue warehou (*Seriola lalandi*) (July–October), spotted warehou (*Seriola punctata*) (July–October), orange roughy (September–November).

Following the mid-1990s, targeting on the upper-slope and mid-slope shifted from gemfish to a range of other species, including deepwater dogfish (family *Squalidae*) and blue grenadier (*Macruronus novaezelandiae*). Targeting for tiger flathead (*Neoplatycephalus richardsoni*) and other flatheads increased at this time on the continental shelf. This re-targeting, largely explains the initial increase in standardised CPUE for a number of species during 1997–2000, but the subsequent declines are likely to be a result of reduced abundance or further re-targeting (Walker *et al.* 2007).

Some of the steepness of the major long-term decline of the upper-slope–mid-slope species *Squalus mitsukurii* may be partly attributable to misidentification of *Squalus megalops* as *S. mitsukurii* during the earlier years of the 1994–06 period. Conversely, *Squalus megalops* abundance appears not to have been markedly impacted by fishing off New South Wales (Andrew *et al.* 1997; Graham *et al.* 2001). There is a large population of *S. megalops* on the continental shelf, largely unaffected by gillnet of 6–6½-inch mesh-size adopted by the shark fishery (Walker *et al.* 2005), the most widespread fishing method on the shelf, that can sustainably support the large bycatch of this species by otter trawl.

In the eastern region on the continental shelf, increased targeting of tiger flathead during 2000–06 probably contributed to decreasing CPUE for *Heterodontus portusjacksoni*, *Mustelus antarcticus*, *Pristiophorus cirratus*, *Squatina australis*, *Trygonorrhina fasciata*, *Urolophus paucimaculatus*, and *U. viridis*. For some species, immigration to trawled regions from large populations distributed throughout south-eastern Australia might explain the increasing trend and no trend in standardised CPUE found for many species.

The standardised CPUE trends for *Galeorhinus australis* from the ISMP suggests abundance of mature males in the western region is continuing to decline. The switch from effort controls to quota management caused changed targeting practices, which created high uncertainty in interpretation of the fisher logbook CPUE for GHATF shark gillnet. It is likely that otter-trawl non-targeted CPUE provides a less biased indication of abundance than shark-gillnet targeted CPUE.

Squatina tergocellata and *Urolophus expansus*, which exhibit no trend in standardised CPUE, occur predominantly in the Great Australian Bight. Catches of both these species have risen rapidly in recent years.

During most of the period of the ISMP, scientific observers had difficulty distinguishing between the four species of gulper shark (*Centrophorus* spp): *C. uyato*, *C. moluccensis*, *C. harrissoni*, and *C. squamosus*. There is also a view among taxonomists that *C. uyato* needs to be divided into two separate species. Consequently, results of standardised CPUE trends are pooled rather than split by species. Independent survey data indicate that these species have been severely depleted (Andrew *et al.* 1997; Graham *et al.* 2001). Pooling ISMP data across all species indicates that the total population of *Centrophorus* spp is relatively stable at a low level. This suggests that most of the depletion occurred before the ISMP began and small populations persist in areas inaccessible to trawls. However, there is no information on whether the least abundant species (*C. harrissoni* and *C. squamosus*) are continuing to decline.

Mapping standardised CPUE for the GABTF and SETF on a single-page map is problematic. Because most of the trawl catch is taken on the continental slope and on the east coast where the continental shelf is very narrow, the isobaths are close together compared with those on top of the continental shelf throughout southern Australia. The implication of this is that a map of the entire region of the GABTF and SETF provides little clear visual definition of variation in CPUE and that a series of maps needs to be produced for each species to be useful. Hence, more than one map for each species of shark (Maps 1.01a–1.15c), ray (Maps 2.01a–2.14a), and holocephalan (Maps 3.01a–3.03a).

Identification of requirements for species management

Table 8a shows the number of separate species identified by the ISMP, the number of species identified by the ISMP but have their distribution mostly outside the range of the SESSF, and the number of species known from the scientific literature to occur predominantly within the range of the SESSF, yet not identified by the ISMP during 2000–06. Table 8b is a simplified version of Table 8a, where species distributed mostly outside the range of the SESSF are excluded. This gives a total of 77 shark species, 36 ray species, and 8 holocephalan species. In these two tables, based on mean annual catch during 2000–06, species are arbitrarily classed as ‘rare’ where mean annual catch is <1 t, ‘sparse’ where catch is 1–19 t, ‘common’ where catch is 20–99 t, and abundant where catch is ≥100 t. The 77 shark species were classed as 33 rare, 25 sparse, 8 common, and 11 abundant; the 36 ray species were classed as 8 rare, 9 sparse, 13 common, and 6 abundant; and the 8 holocephalan species were classed as 2 rare, 5 sparse, and 1 abundant.

Tables 9a (sharks), 9b (rays), and 9c (holocephalans) combine information from Table 8b and Tables 6 and 7. These tables attempt to simplify and create a framework for representing the vast volume of information of information provided in Tables 1–9. Within each of the three depth-categories of continental shelf (<200 m), upper-slope–mid-slope (200–599 m), and lower-slope (≥600 m), the tables identify individually the abundant and common species. Percentage of catch retained by fishers and a measure of risk, based on trend analysis, are presented for each of these species. For most species classed as ‘sparse’ or ‘rare’ and for some species classed as ‘common’, there were insufficient data for trend analysis; models applied using GENMOD in the statistical package SAS did not converge and hence provided an indeterminable result. For most species, the results of trend analysis were ‘indeterminable’ where the mean annual catch was below ~20 t or below ~500 trawl tows selected for analysis. The only exceptions to this pattern were three holocephalan species—blackfin ghostshark (*Hydrolagus lemurs*), Ogilbys ghostshark (*Hydrolagus ogilbyi*), and southern chimaera (*Chimaera* sp a)—where the models converged but exhibited ‘no trend’.

Risk of population decline into the future classed as ‘high’, ‘medium’, or ‘low’ was calculated from standardised CPUE based on post-2000 decline (=mean CPUE 2004–06/mean CPUE 2000–02). Post-2000 decline to ≥0.667 was classed as ‘low’ risk, post-2000 decline to 0.334–0.666 was classed as ‘medium’ risk, and post-2000 decline to ≤0.333 was classed as ‘high’ risk. Post-2000 decline was ‘indeterminable’ for all rare species, most sparse species, and several ‘common’ species. For these species, greater coverage of otter trawl in the SESSF by the ISMP or change to the design of the ISMP would be required to provide sufficient statistical power to detect trends in standardised CPUE.

Species of shark on the continental shelf identified at ‘medium’ risk are school shark (*Galeorhinus galeus*), gummy shark (*Mustelus antarcticus*), common sawshark (*Pristiophorus cirratus*), and Australian angel shark (*Squatina australis*) (Table 9a). School shark, gummy shark and common sawshark, which are taken as target or byproduct species by shark gillnet, have undergone extensive ongoing stock assessment through SharkRAG and are now effectively carefully managed by a total allowable catch with individual transferable quota, a narrow mesh-size range (6–6½ inches) for shark gillnet, and closed areas (including nursery areas). For Australian angel shark, the region of medium risk from the effects of otter trawl is restricted to waters off New South Wales (Table 9a; Figures 3.01a, b and c). Although the species is exposed to shark gillnet throughout the rest of southern Australia on the continental shelf, shark gillnet takes a negligible catch (Walker and Gason 2005) and provide negligible risk.

Species of shark on the upper-slope–mid-slope and lower-slope identified at ‘high’ or ‘medium’ risk are whitefin swell shark (*Cephaloscyllium* sp a), greeneye spurdog (*Squalus megalops*), gulper sharks (*Centrophorus* spp), brier shark (*Deania calcea*), and black shark (*Dalatias licha*) (Table 9a). Analyses for the gulper sharks—mostly *Centrophorus moluccensis* and *C. uyato*, with negligible quantities of *C. harrissoni*, and *C. squamosus*—are at higher risk in the western region than in the eastern region of the SETF.

The rays are distributed mostly on the continental shelf and at 'low' risk from the effects of otter trawl. Three species are at 'medium risk': greenback stingaree (*Urolophus viridis*), sandyback stingaree (*U. bucculentus*), and sparsely spotted stingaree (*U. paucimaculatus*) (Table 9b).

Species of holocephalan are mostly distributed on the continental slope, with only the elephant fish (*Callorhinchus milii*) distributed on the continental shelf. Catches are low and insufficient to detect statistically significant trends (Table 9c).

In summary, species identified as having their populations markedly reduced from the effects of fishing and requiring special rehabilitation are the gulper sharks (*Centrophorus* spp) and the greeneye spurdog (*Squalus mitsukurii*). Catches of these species and the other deepwater species of dogfish *Centroscymnus owstoni*, *Deania calcea*, and *Dalatias licha* are now carefully monitored and controlled by trip limits. The species are partly controlled by a basket trip limit for dogfish to prevent fishers from targeting these species. A temporary closed area for gulper sharks and *Galeorhinus galeus* was presently established on the continental slope off Kangaroo Island in South Australia. However, following survey of the waters off South Australia and Western Australia by automatic longline fishing to assess their suitability for closed areas for gulper sharks and *Galeorhinus galeus* resulted in dismantling this closure and establishing one further west.

Various updates of the results of the analyses presented in this report and a separate report on scalefish (Walker *et al.* 2007) have been presented to AFMA. The results have provided an important input to the decision making processes associated with setting basket quotas for dogfish and holocephalans, and for establishing spatial closures during June 2007. Many of these spatial closures are targeted at improved management of school shark through protection of breeding animals and of gulper sharks through four gulper shark closures. Deepwater dogfish and holocephalans will receive additional protection through the closure of all waters of depth greater than 700 m in the SETF.

Evaluation of shark field guide for ISMP and logbook data

An important feature of the ISMP is that the accuracy of species identification of sharks, rays and holocephalans in the database has improved with time, which can be attributed to several factors. The most important factor is improved stability in staffing of the ISMP with time; observers are confronted with several hundred different species to identify and it takes time to learn to distinguish the species. The recent staff can all be characterised as highly trained and experienced in species identification. During 1992–04, there have been 24 different observers with rapid turn over in staffing during the early phases of the ISMP. At present, the five on-board scientific observers all have 8–14 years experience undertaking this at-sea work. Another feature is that taxonomic uncertainties are being gradually resolved and the observers are regularly advised of these developments.

Both scientific observers and fishers find the diagrams with clear labels make the guide easy to use and find the compact size and waterproof pages much more convenient to use than the other available texts for taxonomic identification of species. Observers report that they would like to see additional species included.

The Field Guide to Australian Sharks and Rays (Daley *et al.* 2002a) very clearly identifies key taxonomic features pictorially with clear labels for distinguishing between closely related species. The waterproof pages provide for a durable guide. The guide was only recently published, whereas the most useful guides used previously were published in 1994 (Goman *et al.* 1994; Last and Stevens 1994), so the guide has only the recent developments. It will take some time before the influence of the guide can be detected.

Benefits and Adoption

Benefits from the present project are allocated as 58% to the Commercial Sector (25% SETF, 10% GABTF, 15% GHATF, 2% NSW, 2% South Australia, 2% Tasmania, and 2% Victoria) and 2% Recreational Sector (½% NSW, ½% South Australia, ½% Tasmania, and ½% Victoria). The remaining 40% consists of 20% national ecological interests through the Department of Environment and Heritage (DEH) and 20% international commitments through the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forests (DAFF).

Catches and catch rates of byproduct catch and bycatch species are not adequately monitored by fisher logbooks and therefore need to be monitored either by fishery-independent survey or by on-board observer programs. The results from synthesis of ISMP data for sharks, rays and holocephalans are available for the for management of these species.

Documentation of the results from the present project, and the capacity developed during the project to update readily the results, provides a basis for catch evaluation and determining trends in abundance and spatial distribution of chondrichthyan byproduct and bycatch species. As the data sets are updated, summarised and analysed, the results can be presented periodically to SharkRAG, GHATMAC, SESSMAC, and other resource assessment groups and management advisory committees. The results are now available to the Commonwealth and State agencies connected with fisheries management for input into various ongoing consultative and management processes (see Planned Outcomes).

Further Development

Conduct of the present project required development of improved data management and data analysis processes for the ISMP data and required integration of these data with fisher logbook data. The understanding and processes developed as part of this project will facilitate periodic update of analyses for species of sharks, rays and holocephalans and has already enabled cost-effective analysis of similar data from the ISMP for species of teleosts, hagfishes, cephalopods, crustaceans, and other invertebrates. Increasingly various Fishery Resource Assessment Groups are requesting standardisation of CPUE. For example, the standardised CPUE trends for school shark using ISMP data are now being used routinely as an index of abundance for stock assessment.

There is scope for additional work with the ISMP data. Further work might show that certain trends are a result of incorrect species identification or certain artefacts of the data.

The results from the present project are of wide scientific interest and to ensure the scientific defensibility of the results and the defensibility of ecological risk assessments based on the methods developed by the project, the results are being prepared for publication in internationally recognised scientific journals.

Planned Outcomes

Results from the present project provide fundamental information required for several regional, national, and international fishery-management processes. (1) AFMA's requirement for provision of data and data synthesis to resource assessment groups and fishery management committees involving industry, scientist, and fishery managers associated with the SESSF. (2) Department of Environment and Heritage (DEH) requirement under the Commonwealth Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999 for a Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment for each Commonwealth managed fishery and each export State-managed fishery. (3) DEH's requirement under the EPBC Act 1999 to identify threatened and potentially threatened marine and estuarine fishes. (4) AFMA's requirement to develop a Bycatch Action Plan for each major Commonwealth managed fishery under Australia's Fisheries Management Act 1991. (5)

Commonwealth Fisheries Minister's direction of December 2005 for AFMA to cease overfishing and to halve bycatch. (6) Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forests (DAFF) international obligation to update periodically the Shark Assessment Report and Shark Plan, which form Australia's National Plan of Action for the Management and Conservation of Sharks (NPOA-Sharks). As a signatory nation to the International Plan of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks (IPOA-Sharks), developed by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), Australia is required to report periodically these documents to the FAO Committee of Fisheries (COFI).

Relative catches between species and trends in catch and standardised CPUE determined by the present project serve as sustainability indicators for byproduct and bycatch species, consistent with the ESD reporting and assessment framework developed through the former Standing Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture (SCFA). Each species in the SETF, GABTF or both is classed as having standardised CPUE during 2000–06 'declining', 'increasing', 'no trend', or 'indeterminable' from available ISMP data. Each species identified as taken in the GABTF, SETF or GHATF is classed into one of four abundance categories: 'abundant', 'common', 'sparse', or 'rare'. In addition, based on spatial distribution and inhabited water depth, each species is classed into one of three depth ranges: 'continental shelf', 'upper-slope–mid-slope', or 'lower-slope'. Maps and graphs indicating spatial distribution and relative abundance serve to indicate sensitive areas for threatened and potentially threatened species. These outputs serve as an important input to FRDC Project 2002/033 ('Rapid assessment of sustainability for ecological risk of shark and other chondrichthyan bycatch in the SESSF').

In addition to providing results immediately applicable for ecological risk assessment and fishery management, the present project provides facility for rapid data access and update of statistical analyses as required. Data and specific analyses can be provided readily to other scientists and fisheries managers as required. Results from the project will also be made available to scientists, fishery managers, industry personnel, and other beneficiaries in the form of the present report final to FRDC and scientific papers and other reports as they are published.

The present project focused on analysis of available data on sharks, rays and holocephalans, but the new data management and analysis processes can cost-effectively process available ISMP and fisher logbook data to provide updated evaluation of byproduct catch and bycatch and trends in abundance of any species. These systems and methods developed as part of the present project were applied recently to teleost, hagfish, cephalopod, crustacean, and other invertebrate species as part of AFMA Project R05/1096 using National Heritage Trust funds provided by DEH (Walker *et al.* 2007). The results from the present report and AFMA Project R05/1096 have been an essential input to AFMA's decision processes in establishing closed areas, fishing depth limits, and species trip limits.

A major outcome from the project was to develop appropriate methods to analyse data from the ISMP. The present report focussing on sharks, rays and holocephalans, together with the report focussing on other groups (Walker *et al.* 2007), provide the most comprehensive analysis of the data collected by the ISMP since it began in 1992. To apply the most scientifically defensible methods and provide up-to-date information, components of the data have been variously reanalysed several times and presented to AFMA, CSIRO, SharkRAG, and several industry forums. The results of these analyses have been a major input to the decision-making processes associated with setting basket quotas for dogfish and holocephalans, and for establishing spatial closures during June 2007. Many of these spatial closures improve management of school shark through protection of breeding animals and of gulper shark and greeneye spurdog through four gulper shark closures. Deepwater dogfish and holocephalans will receive additional protection through the closure of all waters of depth greater than 700 m in the SETF.

Conclusion

Excluding species detected by the ISMP that are mainly distributed outside the range of the SESSF and adding species not detected by the ISMP, but known from the literature to be mainly distributed within the range of the SESSF, gives a total of 121 chondrichthyan species (77 shark, 36 ray, and 8 holocephalan species). The 77 shark species were classed as 33 rare, 25 sparse, 8 common, and 11 abundant; the 36 ray species were classed as 8 rare, 9 sparse, 13 common, and 6 abundant; and the 8 holocephalan species were classed as 2 rare, 5 sparse, and 1 abundant.

The overall mean annual chondrichthyan catch estimate during 2000–06 for southern and eastern Australia from eight fishing methods is at 6467 tonnes: 3731 t of shark species (58%), 2641 t of ray species (41%), and 95 t of holocephalan species (1%). The highest chondrichthyan catch was provided by SETF otter trawl (4377 t, 66%) followed by GABTF otter trawl (1468 t, 22%), SETF Danish seine (560 t, 9%), GHATF scalefish longline (112 t, 2%), and GHATF automatic longline (72 t, 1%). The three other methods of GHATF trap, GHATF dropline, GHATF scalefish longline, and GHATF scalefish gillnet together provided a negligible catch (7 t, 0%). About two-thirds of the overall catch comprises only 14 species.

As part of trend analysis of each species for the effects of year, month, depth of fishing, and location, the log-gamma pdf–binomial pdf delta-x model formulation usually converged without having to apply data selection criteria to reduce zero CPUE values. However, all model formulations usually failed to converge for rare (mean annual catch was <1 t) and sparse (<20 t) species and for datasets where there were less than ~500 trawl tows. This is an important finding and has wide application for the analysis of CPUE data. This is because it overcomes the statistically questionable practices commonly adopted to avoid zero CPUE values.

Species identified as requiring stock rehabilitation are the gulper sharks (*Centrophorus* spp) and the greeneye spurdog (*Squalus mitsukurii*), and several byproduct dogfish species (*Centroscymnus owstoni*), (*Deania calcea*), and (*Dalatias licha*) require careful monitoring and management. Several bycatch species of stingaree, the whitefin swellshark (*Cephaloscyllium* sp a), and the rare and sparse require a precautionary approach to management.

The standardised CPUE trends for *Galeorhinus australis* from the ISMP for otter trawl are now used for stock assessment. This is because the switch from effort controls to quota management caused changed targeting practices, which created high uncertainty in interpretation of the fisher logbook CPUE for GHATF shark gillnet. It is likely that for shark otter trawl non-targeted CPUE provides a less biased indication of abundance than gillnet targeted CPUE.

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Appendix 1: Intellectual Property

No intellectual property has arisen from the research that is likely to lead to significant commercial benefits, patents or licences. Intellectual property associated with information produced from the project will be shared equally by the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation and by the Victorian Department of Primary Industries.

Appendix 2: Staff

Organisation, position, period on the project and percentage of time each year on the project are listed for each staff member at the Department of Primary Industries.

Terence Walker	Principal Investigator	1 Jul 01–30 Jun 02	45%
Anne Gason	Biometrician	1 Jul 99–30 Jun 00	35%

Table 1. Fishing effort observed by ISMP during 2000–06 and reported by fishers on logbooks during 2000–05

Fishing effort monitored by onboard scientific observers was recorded as part of the Integrated Scientific Monitoring Program (ISMP) and fishing effort for the fishery was determined from AFMA fisher logbooks for each SESSF sector, except the Shark Gillnet Sector.

Data source	Depth range (m)	Number of tows, lifts or sets for each fishing method							
		GABTF Otter trawl (tows)	SETF Otter trawl (tows)	SETF Danish Seine (tows)	GHATF Trap (trap-lifts)	GHATF Dropline (line-lifts)	GHATF ALL (sets)	GHATF Longline (sets)	GHATF Gill net (sets)
ISMP observed fishing effort during 2000–06	0–199	875	2743	471	0	55	9	23	^A 4
	200–599	129	2503	0	56	627	565	40	29
	≥600	145	495	0	1	137	3	23	0
	Total	1149	5741	471	57	819	577	86	33
Fishery reported fishing effort during 2000–05	0–199	3454	15332	7945	2	15	4	595	12040
	200–599	320	13014	0	65	670	419	200	167
	≥600	272	3956	0	0	8	45	2	2
	Total	4045	32302	7945	67	693	468	797	12209
Annual per cent sampled	0–199	3.62	2.56	0.85	0.00	53.57	30.86	0.55	0.00
	200–599	5.76	2.75	0	12.31	13.36	19.29	2.85	2.48
	≥600	7.62	1.79	0	0	249.85 ^B	0.95	219.05 ^B	0.00
	Total	4.06	2.54	0.85	12.09	16.89	17.62	1.54	0.04

^AGHATF gillnet for the 0–199 m depth range was excluded from the analysis because of the very small number of sets monitored by the ISMP (4 sets during 7 years) compared with the large number of sets reported by commercial fishers (12,040 sets as mean annual effort) (most sets of GHATF gillnet in this depth range are targeted at gummy shark and catch evaluation for the SESSF Shark Gillnet Sector is reported from a separate survey (Walker et al. 2005)). ^BAnomalies where the number of line-lifts or sets monitored by the ISMP exceeds that reported for the SESSF Sector is a result of differences in the depth ranges of fishing reported independently by ISMP observers on data sheets and by commercial fishers on logbook returns.

Table 2. Estimates of mean annual catch mass for each sector of the SESSF by depth category during 2000–06

Shark longline and shark gillnet sectors of the SESSF were not monitored by the ISMP during 2000–06.

Depth category (metres)	Species category	Catch mass (tonnes) for each fishing method								Total
		GABTF	SETF	SETF	GHATF	GHATF	GHATF	GHATF	GHATF	
		Otter trawl	Otter trawl	Danish seine	Trap	Dropline	Automatic longline	Scalefish longline	Scalefish gillnet	
0–199	Sharks	612	1029	202	0	0	0	52	0	1896
	Rays	708	1207	317	0	0	0	23	0	2254
	Holocephalans	3	8	41	0	0	0	0	0	52
	Scale fish	4248	9929	2658	0	0	1	26	0	16863
	Hagfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Cephalopods	106	392	20	0	0	0	0	0	518
	Crustaceans	7	82	9	0	0	0	0	0	97
	Other Invertebrates	414	98	123	0	0	0	0	0	635
	Total	6098	12745	3369	0	0	2	102	0	22315
200–599	Sharks	67	1108	0	0	1	50	32	6	1263
	Rays	41	352	0	0	0	6	4	0	402
	Holocephalans	2	27	0	0	0	2	0	1	31
	Scale fish	411	12953	0	41	21	181	177	39	13823
	Hagfish	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Cephalopods	20	661	0	0	0	0	0	0	681
	Crustaceans	2	394	0	0	0	0	0	0	397
	Other Invertebrates	16	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
	Total	559	15539	0	42	22	239	213	45	16658
≥600	Sharks	33	620	0	0	0	15	0	0	668
	Rays	1	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
	Holocephalans	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
	Scale fish	304	5131	0	0	0	19	2	0	5456
	Hagfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Cephalopods	2	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
	Crustaceans	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
	Other Invertebrates	3	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
	Total	344	5849	0	0	0	34	2	0	6230
Total (Sum of above)	Sharks	713	2757	202	0	1	65	85	6	3828
	Rays	750	1575	317	0	0	6	26	0	2674
	Holocephalans	5	45	41	0	0	2	1	1	94
	Scale fish	4962	28013	2658	41	22	202	205	39	36142
	Hagfish	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Cephalopods	128	1068	20	0	0	0	0	0	1215
	Crustaceans	9	511	9	0	0	0	0	0	530
	Other Invertebrates	434	163	123	0	0	0	0	0	719
	Total	7001	34133	3369	42	23	274	317	45	45204
Total (Estimated independently of above)	Sharks	704	2671	202	0	1	56	91	6	3731
	Rays	691	1607	317	0	0	6	20	0	2641
	Holocephalans	7	45	41	0	0	2	1	1	95
	Scale fish	4943	27625	2658	42	22	202	669 ^A	39	36200
	Hagfish	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Cephalopods	126	1120	20	0	0	0	0	0	1266
	Crustaceans	9	534	9	0	0	0	0	0	552
	Other Invertebrates	399	161	123	0	0	0	0	0	683
	Total	6880	33764	3369	42	23	266	781	45	45171

^ACatches of species on the continental slope overestimated by large number of shark longline sets in the data.

Table 3. Number of species captured for each sector of the SESSF by depth during 2000–06

Shark longline and shark gillnet sectors of the SESSF were not monitored by the ISMP during 2000–06.

Depth category (metres)	Species category	Number of species for each fishing method								Total
		GABTF	SETF	SETF	GHATF	GHATF	GHATF	GHATF	GHATF	
		Otter trawl	Otter trawl	Danish seine	Trap	Dropline	Automatic longline	Scalefish longline	Scalefish gillnet	
0–199	Sharks	30	44	24	0	1	9	13	0	51
	Rays	27	35	30	0	0	3	10	0	41
	Holocephalans	4	7	2	0	0	0	1	0	7
	Scale fish	115	238	134	0	8	15	13	0	282
	Hagfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Cephalopods	5	7	9	0	0	0	1	0	11
	Crustaceans	7	20	8	0	0	0	0	0	21
	Other Invertebrates	14	14	11	0	0	0	1	0	21
	Total	202	365	218	0	9	27	39	0	434
200–599	Sharks	25	50	0	1	15	37	13	12	59
	Rays	20	35	0	0	3	11	4	1	38
	Holocephalans	4	9	0	0	0	5	2	1	9
	Scale fish	82	211	0	14	25	76	22	21	241
	Hagfish	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	3
	Cephalopods	4	12	0	1	0	2	0	0	12
	Crustaceans	6	19	0	4	0	5	2	0	20
	Other Invertebrates	9	13	0	7	0	2	0	0	17
	Total	150	351	0	27	44	140	43	35	399
≥600	Sharks	19	29	0	0	2	6	7	0	36
	Rays	4	12	0	0	1	1	2	0	14
	Holocephalans	6	11	0	0	0	0	1	0	11
	Scale fish	68	163	0	0	6	11	11	0	174
	Hagfish	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Cephalopods	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Crustaceans	3	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	13
	Other Invertebrates	5	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	7
	Total	108	240	0	0	9	20	21	0	261
Total (Estimated independently of above)	Sharks	41	63	24	1	16	37	20	12	72
	Rays	30	39	30	0	4	11	12	1	47
	Holocephalans	7	12	2	0	0	5	2	1	12
	Scale fish	172	360	134	14	28	76	35	21	409
	Hagfish	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	3
	Cephalopods	5	13	9	1	0	2	1	0	15
	Crustaceans	7	28	8	4	0	5	2	0	30
	Other Invertebrates	14	16	11	7	0	2	1	0	23
	Total	276	533	218	27	49	140	73	35	611

Table 4a. Estimates of mean annual catch mass of each species in the SESSF during 2000–06

Catch is determined as (CPUE for onboard observations) x (mean annual fishing effort reported on fisher logbooks); GHATF gillnet at depths of 0–199 m (4 sets) is all assumed to be targeted at shark excluded from the analysis; se, standard error; cum, cumulative catch. Sorted in descending order of annual total catch estimate for each major taxonomic group.

Table 4a. Continued

Common name	Scientific name	Annual catch estimate			Total annual catch estimate				
		Retained		Discarded (kg)	Estimate (kg)	se (kg)	se (%)	Cum (%)	
		(kg)	(%)						
Sharks (Selachii)									
Spikey spurdog	<i>Squalus megalops</i>	198122	28	521075	719197	48906	7	19.3	19
Whitefin swell shark	<i>Cephaloscyllium sp A</i>	39611	10	345590	385201	17993	5	10.3	30
Australian angelshark	<i>Squatina australis</i>	301855	97	9470	311325	12932	4	8.3	38
Ornate angelshark	<i>Squatina tergocellata</i>	217016	75	72411	289427	11217	4	7.8	46
Common sawshark	<i>Pristiophorus cirratus</i>	256960	93	19005	275965	14396	5	7.4	53
Brier shark	<i>Deania calcea</i>	208586	81	48065	256651	31257	12	6.9	60
Draughtboard shark	<i>Cephaloscyllium laticeps</i>	107194	47	119670	226864	10650	5	6.1	66
Greeneye dogfish	<i>Squalus mitsukurii</i>	51172	24	161021	212193	15656	7	5.7	72
Port Jackson shark	<i>Heterodontus portusjacksoni</i>	0	0	210653	210653	9944	5	5.6	77
Gummy shark	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	174822	94	10636	185458	7438	4	5.0	82
Platypus shark	<i>Deania spp</i>	89709	93	7109	96818	22972	24	2.6	85
Black shark	<i>Dalatias licha</i>	36262	45	44907	81169	10370	13	2.2	87
Owston dogfish	<i>Centroscyrmus owstoni</i>	65509	93	5260	70769	9458	13	1.9	89
Golden dogfish	<i>Centroscyrmus crepidater</i>	51509	93	4098	55607	11945	21	1.5	91
School shark	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	33049	94	2095	35144	3696	11	0.9	91
Southern sawshark	<i>Pristiophorus nudipinnis</i>	30899	96	1148	32047	6198	19	0.9	92
Endeavour dogfish	<i>Centrophorus moluccensis</i>	19269	64	10928	30197	5649	19	0.8	93
Grey spotted catshark	<i>Asymbolus analis</i>	0	0	25884	25884	2170	8	0.7	94
Spotted wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus maculatus</i>	21672	89	2800	24472	2416	10	0.7	94
Sawtail catshark	<i>Galeus boardmani</i>	0	0	23076	23076	1832	8	0.6	95
Sharpnose sevengill shark	<i>Heptranchias perlo</i>	3449	18	15803	19252	2456	13	0.5	96
Rusty carpetshark	<i>Parascyllum ferrugineum</i>	0	0	18689	18689	3329	18	0.5	96
Bronze whaler	<i>Carcharhinus brachyurus</i>	15294	90	1788	17082	3264	19	0.5	97
Thresher shark	<i>Alopias vulpinus</i>	14576	94	926	15502	3348	22	0.4	97
Southern lanternshark	<i>Etmopterus granulosus</i>	7905	54	6826	14731	3147	21	0.4	97
Gulper shark (unspecified)	<i>Centrophorus spp</i>	9778	70	4217	13995	2847	20	0.4	98
Southern dogfish	<i>Centrophorus uyato</i>	10355	88	1471	11826	2095	18	0.3	98
Unspecified & other sharks	<i>Selachii</i>	276	3	10533	10809	2674	25	0.3	98
Collar carpetshark	<i>Parascyllum collare</i>	168	2	9778	9946	895	9	0.3	99
Blackbelly lanternshark	<i>Etmopterus lucifer</i>	38	1	4701	4739	608	13	0.1	99
Longsnout dogfish	<i>Deania quadrispinosa</i>	2209	52	2037	4246	1677	39	0.1	99
Slender lanternshark	<i>Etmopterus pusillus</i>	2559	63	1472	4031	922	23	0.1	99
Whitespotted dogfish	<i>Squalus acanthias</i>	3024	81	688	3712	986	27	0.1	99
Sandtiger shark	<i>Odontaspis ferox</i>	2979	85	526	3505	1043	30	0.1	99
Broadnose sevengill shark	<i>Notorynchus cepedianus</i>	2618	91	258	2876	502	17	0.1	99
Smooth hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna zygaena</i>	2740	96	118	2858	438	15	0.1	99
Tiger shark	<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>	2759	100	0	2759	1392	50	0.1	99
Grey nurse shark	<i>Carcharias taurus</i>	91	3	2601	2692	1292	48	0.1	99
Scalloped hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	2580	100	0	2580	1054	41	0.1	100
Shortfin mako	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>	2321	98	38	2359	1007	43	0.1	100
Southern sleeper shark	<i>Sommiosus antarcticus</i>	0	0	1912	1912	1247	65	0.1	100
White shark	<i>Carcharodon carcharias</i>	228	14	1403	1631	1182	72	0.0	100
Basking shark	<i>Cetorhinus maximus</i>	0	0	1405	1405	1405	100	0.0	100
Portuguese dogfish	<i>Centroscyrmus coelolepis</i>	0	0	1383	1383	423	31	0.0	100
Prickly dogfish	<i>Oxynotus bruniensis</i>	21	2	1075	1096	146	13	0.0	100
Whiskery shark	<i>Furgaleus macki</i>	939	99	9	948	325	34	0.0	100
Blue shark	<i>Prionace glauca</i>	873	97	28	901	262	29	0.0	100
Smooth lanternshark	<i>Etmopterus bigelowi</i>	155	19	653	808	300	37	0.0	100
Orange spotted catshark	<i>Asymbolus rubiginosus</i>	0	0	696	696	547	79	0.0	100
Gulf catshark	<i>Asymbolus vincenti</i>	0	0	632	632	117	19	0.0	100
Banded wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus ornatus</i>	563	99	6	569	411	72	0.0	100
White-spotted gummy shark	<i>Mustelus sp B</i>	381	99	3	384	181	47	0.0	100
Dwarf catshark	<i>Asymbolus parvus</i>	0	0	371	371	119	32	0.0	100
Plunket dogfish	<i>Centroscyrmus plunketi</i>	181	70	77	258	136	53	0.0	100
Bluntnose sixgill shark	<i>Hexanchus griseus</i>	254	100	0	254	246	97	0.0	100
Harrison dogfish	<i>Centrophorus harrissoni</i>	110	65	59	169	70	41	0.0	100
Smalltooth cookiecutter shark	<i>Isistius brasiliensis</i>	16	10	141	157	114	73	0.0	100
Porbeagle	<i>Lamna nasus</i>	25	19	105	130	66	51	0.0	100
Frill shark	<i>Chlamydoselachus anguineus</i>	3	3	107	110	58	53	0.0	100
Eastern angel shark	<i>Squatina sp A</i>	100	100	0	100	100	100	0.0	100
Fleshynose catshark	<i>Apristurus sp C</i>	0	0	100	100	29	29	0.0	100
Variegated catshark	<i>Asymbolus submaculatus</i>	0	0	83	83	36	43	0.0	100
Western spotted catshark	<i>Asymbolus occiduus</i>	0	0	69	69	31	44	0.0	100
Crested hornshark	<i>Heterodontus galeatus</i>	0	0	68	68	29	43	0.0	100
Velvet dogfish	<i>Zameus squamulosus</i>	0	0	55	55	55	100	0.0	100
Leafscale gulper shark	<i>Centrophorus squamosus</i>	1	3	32	33	32	97	0.0	100
Zebra shark	<i>Stegostoma fasciatum</i>	0	0	32	32	29	91	0.0	100

Table 4a. Continued

Common name	Scientific name	Annual catch estimate			Total annual catch estimate				
		Retained		Discarded	Estimate	se	se	se (%)	Cum (%)
		(kg)	(%)						
Reticulate swellshark	<i>Cephaloscyllium fasciatum</i>	0	0	29	29	29	100	0.0	100
Fossil shark	<i>Hemipristis elongata</i>	18	100	0	18	18	100	0.0	100
Crocodile shark	<i>Pseudocarcharias kamoharai</i>	0	0	14	14	14	100	0.0	100
Blind shark	<i>Brachaelurus waddi</i>	0	0	13	13	13	100	0.0	100
Pinocchio catshark	<i>Apristurus sp G</i>	0	0	6	6	6	100	0.0	100
Mandarin shark	<i>Cirrhigaleus barbifer</i>	0	0	0	0	0	100	0.0	100
Total	<i>Selachii</i>	1992804		1737936	3730740	75885	2	100.0	
Rays (Batoidea)									
Greenback stingaree	<i>Urolophus viridis</i>	0	0	454679	454679	31128	7	17.2	17
Wide stingaree	<i>Urolophus expansus</i>	0	0	351084	351084	29785	8	13.3	31
Southern fiddler ray	<i>Trygonorrhina fasciata</i>	57140	26	162099	219239	11838	5	8.3	39
Melbourne skate	<i>Dipturus whiteleyi</i>	52108	30	124145	176253	8794	5	6.7	45
Sydney skate	<i>Dipturus australis</i>	0	0	157239	157239	5683	4	6.0	51
Sandyback stingaree	<i>Urolophus bucculentus</i>	23202	19	100655	123857	6698	5	4.7	56
Unspecified & other rays	<i>Batoidea</i>	3778	3	110339	114117	10215	9	4.3	60
Skate (unspecified)	<i>Rajidae</i>	6981	7	97762	104743	8007	8	4.0	64
Black stingray	<i>Dasyatis thetidis</i>	24909	26	70834	95743	6237	7	3.6	68
Sparsely-spotted stingaree	<i>Urolophus paucimaculatus</i>	1260	1	88606	89866	8834	10	3.4	71
Smooth stingray	<i>Dasyatis brevicaudata</i>	4289	5	84216	88505	5520	6	3.4	75
Southern eagle ray	<i>Myliobatis australis</i>	48303	55	39958	88260	9131	10	3.3	78
Bight skate	<i>Dipturus gudgeri</i>	2611	3	85524	88135	4546	5	3.3	81
Short-tail torpedo ray	<i>Torpedo macneilli</i>	0	0	71912	71912	3615	5	2.7	84
Banded stingaree	<i>Urolophus cruciatus</i>	0	0	70322	70322	3974	6	2.7	87
Peacock skate	<i>Pavoraja nitida</i>	0	0	69717	69717	4034	6	2.6	89
Tasmanian numbfish	<i>Narcine tasmaniensis</i>	0	0	55989	55989	3701	7	2.1	92
Whitespotted skate	<i>Dipturus cerva</i>	98	0	37242	37340	3912	10	1.4	93
Common stingaree	<i>Trygonoptera testacea</i>	0	0	30766	30766	2944	10	1.2	94
Longnose skate	<i>Dipturus sp A</i>	16582	67	8093	24675	2522	10	0.9	95
Eastern shovelnose ray	<i>Aptychotrema rostrata</i>	17527	77	5359	22886	1902	8	0.9	96
Thornback skate	<i>Dipturus lemprieri</i>	73	0	19816	19889	7254	36	0.8	97
Deepwater skate	<i>Dipturus sp J</i>	3022	19	12884	15906	2264	14	0.6	97
Grey skate	<i>Dipturus sp B</i>	76	1	13182	13258	2083	16	0.5	98
Stingaree (unspecified)	<i>Urolophidae</i>	0	0	10454	10454	3628	35	0.4	98
Coffin ray	<i>Hypnos monopterygium</i>	0	0	9296	9296	1304	14	0.4	99
Stingray (unspecified)	<i>Dasyatidae</i>	42	1	7308	7350	1939	26	0.3	99
Western shovelnose ray	<i>Aptychotrema vincentiana</i>	11	0	7287	7298	903	12	0.3	99
Yellowback stingaree	<i>Urolophus sufflavus</i>	0	0	4776	4776	1134	24	0.2	99
Pink whipray	<i>Himantura fai</i>	0	0	4572	4572	1142	25	0.2	100
Spotted stingaree	<i>Urolophus gigas</i>	0	0	2578	2578	2265	88	0.1	100
Brown stingaree	<i>Urolophus westraliensis</i>	0	0	2536	2536	413	16	0.1	100
Electric ray (unspecified)	<i>Torpedinidae</i>	0	0	2289	2289	538	24	0.1	100
Western shovelnose stingaree	<i>Trygonoptera mucosa</i>	0	0	1560	1560	442	28	0.1	100
Kapala stingaree	<i>Urolophus kapalensis</i>	0	0	1169	1169	339	29	0.0	100
Guitarfish (unspecified)	<i>Rhinobatidae</i>	227	24	719	946	342	36	0.0	100
Eastern shovelnose stingaree	<i>Trygonoptera sp B</i>	0	0	720	720	263	36	0.0	100
Blue skate	<i>Notoraja sp A</i>	0	0	653	653	226	35	0.0	100
Bluespotted maskray	<i>Dasyatis kuhlii</i>	0	0	141	141	141	100	0.0	100
Eastern fiddler ray	<i>Trygonorrhina sp A</i>	0	0	130	130	96	74	0.0	100
Pygmy devilray	<i>Mobula eregoodootenkee</i>	0	0	110	110	55	50	0.0	100
Australian butterfly ray	<i>Gymnura australis</i>	0	0	101	101	101	100	0.0	100
Sawfish (unspecified)	<i>Pristidae</i>	0	0	68	68	68	100	0.0	100
Boreal skate	<i>Amblyraja hyperborea</i>	0	0	57	57	37	65	0.0	100
Western numbfish	<i>Narcine lasti</i>	0	0	39	39	19	49	0.0	100
Longtail torpedo ray	<i>Torpedo sp A</i>	0	0	29	29	29	100	0.0	100
Whitespotted guitarfish	<i>Rhynchobatus australiae</i>	0	0	21	21	21	100	0.0	100
Total	<i>Batoidea</i>	262238		2379035	2641273	52476	2	100.0	
Holocephalans (Holocephalii)									
Elephantfish	<i>Callorhynchus milii</i>	45201	94	2759	47960	14717	31	50.3	50
Southern chimaera	<i>Chimaera sp A</i>	10959	89	1419	12378	1232	10	13.0	63
Blackfin ghostshark	<i>Hydrolagus lemures</i>	7912	74	2733	10645	1080	10	11.2	74
Ogilby ghostshark	<i>Hydrolagus ogilbyi</i>	9147	89	1139	10286	854	8	10.8	85
Shortnose chimaera (unspecified)	<i>Chimaeridae</i>	8304	86	1341	9645	1341	14	10.1	95
Bigspine spookfish	<i>Harriotta raleighana</i>	1717	85	293	2010	381	19	2.1	97
Pacific spookfish	<i>Rhinochimaera pacifica</i>	577	48	623	1200	335	28	1.3	99
Black ghostshark	<i>Hydrolagus sp A</i>	798	83	160	958	245	26	1.0	100
Giant chimaera	<i>Chimaera lignaria</i>	0	0	97	97	48	49	0.1	100
Marbled ghostshark	<i>Hydrolagus sp B</i>	0	0	68	68	42	62	0.1	100
Shortspine chimaera	<i>Chimaera sp B</i>	0	0	45	45	32	71	0.0	100
Spookfish (unspecified)	<i>Rhinochimaeridae</i>	23	100	0	23	16	70	0.0	100
Total	<i>Holocephalii</i>	84639		10676	95315	14904	16	100.0	

Table 4b. Estimates of mean annual catch mass of each quota or basket species in the SESSF during 2000–06

Catch is determined as (CPUE for onboard observations) x (mean annual fishing effort reported on fisher logbooks); GHATF gillnet at depths of 0–199 m is all assumed to be targeted at shark excluded from the analysis; se, standard error. Sorted in descending order of annual total catch estimate for each major taxonomic group.

Table 4b. Continued

Common name	Scientific name	Annual catch estimate			Total annual catch estimate		
		Retained		Discarded	Estimate	se	
		(kg)	(%)			(kg)	(kg)
Sharks (Selachii)–continental shelf							
Common sawshark	<i>Pristiophorus cirratus</i>	256960	93	19005	275965	14396	5
Gummy shark	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	174822	94	10636	185458	7438	4
School shark	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	33049	94	2095	35144	3696	11
Southern sawshark	<i>Pristiophorus nudipinnis</i>	30899	96	1148	32047	6198	19
Total		495730	94	32884	528614	17739	3
Sharks (Selachii)–deepwater							
Brier shark	<i>Deania calcea</i>	208586	81	48065	256651	31257	12
Platypus shark	<i>Deania spp</i>	89709	93	7109	96818	22972	24
Black shark	<i>Dalatias licha</i>	36262	45	44907	81169	10370	13
Owston dogfish	<i>Centroscymnus owstoni</i>	65509	93	5260	70769	9458	13
Golden dogfish	<i>Centroscymnus crepidater</i>	51509	93	4098	55607	11945	21
Southern lanternshark	<i>Etmopterus granulosus</i>	7905	54	6826	14731	3147	21
Blackbelly lanternshark	<i>Etmopterus lucifer</i>	38	1	4701	4739	608	13
Longsnout dogfish	<i>Deania quadrispinosa</i>	2209	52	2037	4246	1677	39
Slender lanternshark	<i>Etmopterus pusillus</i>	2559	63	1472	4031	922	23
Portuguese dogfish	<i>Centroscymnus coelolepis</i>	0	0	1383	1383	423	31
Smooth lanternshark	<i>Etmopterus bigelowi</i>	155	19	653	808	300	37
Plunket dogfish	<i>Centroscymnus plunketi</i>	181	70	77	258	136	53
Total		464623	79	126587	591210	43111	7
Sharks (Selachii)–gulper sharks							
Endeavour dogfish	<i>Centrophorus moluccensis</i>	19269	64	10928	30197	5649	19
Gulper shark (unspecified)	<i>Centrophorus spp</i>	9778	70	4217	13995	2847	20
Southern dogfish	<i>Centrophorus uyato</i>	10355	88	1471	11826	2095	18
Harrison dogfish	<i>Centrophorus harrissoni</i>	110	65	59	169	70	41
Leafscale gulper shark	<i>Centrophorus squamosus</i>	1	3	32	33	32	97
Total		39513	70	16707	56220	6664	12
Holocephalans (Holocephalii)							
Elephantfish	<i>Callorhynchus milii</i>	45201	94	2759	47960	14717	31
Southern chimaera	<i>Chimaera sp A</i>	10959	89	1419	12378	1232	10
Blackfin ghostshark	<i>Hydrolagus lemures</i>	7912	74	2733	10645	1080	10
Ogilby ghostshark	<i>Hydrolagus ogilbyi</i>	9147	89	1139	10286	854	8
Shortnose chimaera (unspecified)	<i>Chimaeridae</i>	8304	86	1341	9645	1341	14
Bigspine spookfish	<i>Harriotta raleighana</i>	1717	85	293	2010	381	19
Pacific spookfish	<i>Rhinochimaera pacifica</i>	577	48	623	1200	335	28
Black ghostshark	<i>Hydrolagus sp A</i>	798	83	160	958	245	26
Giant chimaera	<i>Chimaera lignaria</i>	0	0	97	97	48	49
Marbled ghostshark	<i>Hydrolagus sp B</i>	0	0	68	68	42	62
Shortspine chimaera	<i>Chimaera sp B</i>	0	0	45	45	32	71
Spookfish (unspecified)	<i>Rhinochimaeridae</i>	23	100	0	23	16	70
Total		84639	89	10676	95315	14904	16

Table 5a. Mean annual catch rate for each species in the GABTF otter trawl, SETF otter trawl, SETF Danish seine, and GHATF trap during 2000–06

For each species and method, % of tows, lifts or sets >0 kg is the percent of observed tows, lifts or sets in the ISMP database during 2000–06 with a greater than zero catch mass. For each species and method, 'catch' is mean annual catch mass estimated from the observer mean catch per unit effort weighted to total effort (tows, lifts or sets) as reported in fisher logbooks during 2000–05. Species with blank fields for any fishing method were not detected by the ISMP during 2000–06.

Common name	Scientific name	Depth category (metres)	Total annual catch (kg)			GABTF otter trawl			SETF otter trawl			SETF Danish seine			GHATF trap					
			Estimate	% tows >0 kg	kg per tow	% dis- card	Annual catch (kg)	% tows >0 kg	kg per tow	% dis- card	% tows >0 kg	kg per tow	% dis- card	% tows >0 kg	kg per tow	% dis- card	% tows >0 kg	kg per tow	% dis- card	
Sharks (Selachii)	<i>Squatina australis</i>	0–199	255022																	
		200–599	50507				46	16.2012	0.7248	1	248402	11113	14	0.8333	0.1469	51	6620	1167		
		≥600	0				13	3.8809	0.4075	4	50507	5303								
		Total	311325																	
Banded wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus ornatus</i>	0–199	638																	
		200–599	0				28	9.4329	0.3987	2	304705	12879	14	0.8333	0.1469	51	6620	1167		
		≥600	0				0	0.0004	0.0004	100	6	6								
		Total	569																	
Basking shark	<i>Cetorhinus maximus</i>	0–199	0																	
		200–599	1300				0.1393	0.1015		563	411									
		≥600	0				0.0999	0.0999	100	1300	1300									
		Total	1405																	
Black shark	<i>Dolania licha</i>	0–199	2293																	
		200–599	39095				1	0.0549	0.0264	100	190	91								
		≥600	52378				4	0.2868	0.1561	41	92	50	7	2.9271	0.4691	84	38094	6105		
		Total	81169																	
Blackbelly lanternshark	<i>Etmopterus lucifer</i>	0–199	53																	
		200–599	523				2	0.1532	0.0359	85	620	145	6	2.4179	0.3199	56	78104	10334		
		≥600	5436				5	0.7310	0.3170	100	199	86	11	1.3202	0.2004	99	5222	793		
		Total	4739																	
Blind shark	<i>Brachaelurus waddi</i>	0–199	0																	
		200–599	12				1	0.0923	0.0405	100	373	164	1	0.1191	0.0180	99	3847	581		
		≥600	0																	
		Total	13																	
Blue shark	<i>Prionace glauca</i>	0–199	15																	
		200–599	588																	
		≥600	2																	
		Total	901																	
Bluntnose sixgill shark	<i>Hexanchus griseus</i>	0–199	276																	
		200–599	7				0.0800	0.0800		276	276									
		≥600	0																	
		Total	254																	
Brier shark	<i>Deania calcea</i>	0–199	7258																	
		200–599	31303				10	1.3953	0.4335	2	446	139	5	0.8757	0.1873	8	11397	2438		
		≥600	286691				11	35.0207	10.3040	1	9514	2799	41	66.7533	9.8859	8	264065	39107		
		Total	256651																	
Broadnose sevengill shark	<i>Notorynchus cepedianus</i>	0–199	2417																	
		200–599	431				3	4.5762	1.3416	1	18510	5427	6	6.1379	0.8901	8	198268	28752		
		≥600	0																	
		Total	2848																	
Bronze whaler	<i>Carcharhinus brachyurus</i>	0–199	2876																	
		200–599	4003				2	1.3178	0.9298		421	297								
		≥600	0																	
		Total	17082																	
Collar carpetshark	<i>Parascyllium collare</i>	0–199	9821																	
		200–599	57				1	0.9443	0.2913		3820	1178	1	0.4083	0.0942	13	13189	3043		
		≥600	0				8	0.6296	0.0562	100	9653	862	8	0.6296	0.0562	100	9653	862		
		Total	9946																	

Table 5a (continued)

Common name	Scientific name	Depth category (metres)	Total annual catch (kg)	GABTF otter trawl				SETF otter trawl				SETF Danish seine				GHATF trap					
				% tows >0 kg	kg per tow	Mean	se	% tows >0 kg	kg per tow	Mean	se	% tows >0 kg	kg per tow	Mean	se	% tows >0 kg	kg per trap-lift	Mean	se		
Common sawshark	<i>Pristiophorus cirratus</i>	0-199	182548	69	19.5019	2.2160	18	67350	7653	40	6.2989	0.4272	1	96577	6550	31	2.3439	0.3321	11	18621	2638
		200-599	85472	33	43.6667	15.4013	22	13959	4923	17	5.4912	0.5387	2	71463	7011						
		≥600	4028							2	1.0182	0.5298		4028	2096						
		Total	275965	56	19.7539	2.4321	19	79901	9837	27	5.4915	0.3150	1	177388	10175	31	2.3439	0.3321	11	18621	2638
Crested hornshark	<i>Heterodontus galeatus</i>	0-199	67																		
		200-599	0																		
		≥600	0																		
		Total	67																		
Crocodile shark	<i>Pseudocarcharias kamoharui</i>	0-199	68																		
		200-599	0																		
		≥600	7	1	0.0276	0.0276	100	7	7												
		Total	75																		
Draughtboard shark	<i>Cephaloscyllium laticeps</i>	0-199	190664																		
		200-599	33349																		
		≥600	40																		
		Total	226864																		
Dwarf catshark	<i>Asymbolus parvus</i>	0-199	302																		
		200-599	62																		
		≥600	0																		
		Total	371																		
Eastern angel shark	<i>Squatina sp A</i>	0-199	0																		
		200-599	94																		
		≥600	0																		
		Total	94																		
Endeavour dogfish	<i>Centrophorus moluccensis</i>	0-199	13099	2	0.6789	0.2302	2345	795													
		200-599	14902	9	3.0310	1.0912	969	349													
		≥600	1335																		
		Total	30197	2	0.8573	0.2149	3468	869													
Fleshynose catshark	<i>Apristurus sp C</i>	0-199	0																		
		200-599	0																		
		≥600	144																		
		Total	144																		
Fossil shark	<i>Hemipristis elongata</i>	0-199	0																		
		200-599	12	1	0.0388	0.0388	12	12													
		≥600	0																		
		Total	12																		
Fring shark	<i>Chlamydoselachus anguineus</i>	0-199	0																		
		200-599	3																		
		≥600	152																		
		Total	155																		
Golden dogfish	<i>Centroscymnus crepidater</i>	0-199	0																		
		200-599	3237																		
		≥600	73564	6	0.6828	0.2735	6	185	74												
		Total	76647	6	0.0862	0.0351	6	349	142												
Greeneye dogfish	<i>Squalus mitsukurina</i>	0-199	72249	28	13.2983	1.4292	73	45926	4936												
		200-599	122672	66	36.5004	7.5551	78	11684	2415												
		≥600	10202	4	0.6828	0.3783	85	185	103												
		Total	212193	29	14.3168	1.4037	75	57909	5678												
Grey nurse shark	<i>Carcharias taurus</i>	0-199	2703																		
		200-599	78																		
		≥600	0																		
		Total	2692																		

Table 5a (continued)

Common name	Scientific name	Depth category (metres)	Total annual catch (kg)	GABTF otter trawl				SETF otter trawl				SETF Danish seine				GHATF trap					
				% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	Estimate	% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	Estimate	% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	Estimate	% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	Estimate		
Grey spotted catshark	<i>Asymbolus analis</i>	0-199	25230	12	0.8378	0.1196	100	2893	413	17	1.0454	0.0991	100	16028	1519	8	0.7941	0.1848	100	6309	1468
		200-599	786	2	0.0698	0.0624	100	22	20	2	0.0587	0.0117	100	764	152						
		≥600	0																		
Gulf catshark	<i>Asymbolus vincenti</i>	Total	25884	9	0.6459	0.0919	100	2613	372	9	0.5251	0.0481	100	16962	1554	8	0.7941	0.1848	100	6309	1468
		0-199	628	5	0.1737	0.0363	100	600	125	5	0.0018	0.0012	100	28	18						
		200-599	55	2	0.0698	0.0443	100	22	14	2	0.0016	0.0010	100	21	13						
Gulper shark (unspecified)	<i>Centrophorus spp</i>	0-199	632	4	0.1401	0.0282	100	567	114	4	0.0016	0.0007	100	52	23						
		200-599	508		0.0366	0.0344	100	126	119	2	0.0011	0.0011	100	17	17						
		≥600	8073	24	7.0897	4.1224	21	1926	1120	5	1.5539	0.5441	10	6147	2152						
Gummy shark	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	Total	13995	3	0.9225	0.5239	23	3731	2119	2	0.2267	0.0537	7	7323	1735						
		0-199	166934	61	19.1303	1.0751	1	66066	3713	24	2.8489	0.1818	1	43680	2787	34	3.3051	0.3674	31	26257	2919
		200-599	40248	8	1.1008	0.4189	1	352	134	2	0.5051	0.2506	4	1998	991						
Harrison dogfish	<i>Centrophorus harrissoni</i>	Total	185458	47	14.6919	0.8527	1	59426	3449	19	2.6993	0.1614	1	87194	5214	34	3.3051	0.3674	31	26257	2919
		0-199	28																		
		200-599	131																		
Leafscale gulper shark	<i>Centrophorus squamosus</i>	0-199	169																		
		200-599	32																		
		≥600	0																		
Longsnout dogfish	<i>Deania quadrispinosa</i>	Total	33																		
		0-199	23																		
		200-599	837																		
Mandarin shark	<i>Cirrhitalepis barbifer</i>	0-199	4246																		
		200-599	0																		
		≥600	0																		
Orange spotted catshark	<i>Asymbolus rubiginosus</i>	0-199	152																		
		200-599	505																		
		≥600	0																		
Ornate angel shark	<i>Squatina tergocellata</i>	Total	696	95	88.4217	3.1618	25	305364	10919												
		0-199	305381	36	37.3411	9.0662	23	11937	2898												
		200-599	11989	1	0.0690	0.0690	100	19	19												
Owston dogfish	<i>Centroscymnus owstoni</i>	Total	289427	76	71.5370	2.7731	25	289355	11217												
		0-199	0																		
		200-599	3758	1	0.4031	0.4031	4	129	129	1	0.1946	0.1297	8	2533	1688						
Pnocchio catshark	<i>Apristurus sp G</i>	0-199	92609	12	4.1172	1.5570	8	1119	423	40	22.9414	3.1609	6	90752	12504						
		200-599	70769	2	0.5648	0.2050	8	2285	829	4	2.0629	0.2907	6	66636	9390						
		≥600	8																		
Platypus shark	<i>Deania spp</i>	0-199	84																		
		200-599	5586	1	0.9302	0.9302	100	297	297	2	0.3004	0.0816	15	3909	1062						
		≥600	95711	9	71.5517	30.2913	12	19438	8229	6	19.2808	5.9600	2	76272	23577						
Total	96818	1	9.1340	3.8763	13	36946	15679	1	1.7960	0.5195	3	58015	16781								

Table 5a (continued)

Common name	Scientific name	Depth category (metres)	Total annual catch (kg)	GABTF otter trawl				SETF otter trawl				SETF Danish seine				GHATF trap				
				% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	Estimate	% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	Estimate	% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	Estimate	% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	Estimate	
Sharks (Selachii) (continued)	<i>Centroscymnus plunketi</i>	0-199	0																	
		200-599	0																	
		≥600	367																	
Plunket dogfish	<i>Lamna nasus</i>	Total	258																	
		0-199	0																	
		200-599	119																	
Portbeagle		0-199	0																	
		200-599	119																	
		≥600	0																	
Port Jackson shark	<i>Heterodontus portusjacksoni</i>	Total	130																	
		0-199	185384																	
		200-599	25896																	
Portuguese dogfish	<i>Centroscymnus coelolepis</i>	0-199	6																	
		200-599	210653																	
		≥600	1279																	
Prickly dogfish	<i>Oxymotus bruniensis</i>	0-199	0																	
		200-599	817																	
		≥600	287																	
Reticulate swellshark	<i>Cephaloscyllium fasciatum</i>	Total	1096																	
		0-199	0																	
		200-599	26																	
Rusty carpetshark	<i>Parascyllium ferrugineum</i>	0-199	29																	
		200-599	18938																	
		≥600	128																	
Sandtiger shark	<i>Odontaspis ferox</i>	Total	18689																	
		0-199	44																	
		200-599	3198																	
Sawtail catshark	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	Total	3505																	
		0-199	3537																	
		200-599	17699																	
Scalloped hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	0-199	3																	
		200-599	23076																	
		≥600	2893																	
School shark	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	0-199	0																	
		200-599	2580																	
		≥600	7626																	
Sharpnose sevengill shark	<i>Hapranchias perlo</i>	Total	1351																	
		0-199	35144																	
		200-599	7231																	
Shortfin mako	<i>Isurus paucus</i>	0-199	41																	
		200-599	19252																	
		≥600	654																	
Total		0-199	3																	
		200-599	2359																	
		≥600	1620																	

Table 5a (continued)

Common name	Scientific name	Depth category (metres)	Total annual catch (kg)	GABTF otter trawl			SETF otter trawl			SETF Danish seine			GHATF trap						
				% tows >0 kg	kg per tow	se	% tows >0 kg	kg per tow	se	% tows >0 kg	kg per tow	se	% tows >0 kg	kg per trap-lift	Mean	se			
Slender lanternshark	<i>Etmopterus pusillus</i>	0-199	0																
		200-599	36																
		≥600	5468	6	0.4483	0.1895	12	122	51	10	1.3515	0.3243	37	5346	1283				
		Total	4031	1	0.0566	0.0242	12	229	98	1	0.1177	0.0284	38	3802	917				
		0-199	0																
Smalltooth cookiceutter shark	<i>Isistius brasiliensis</i>	200-599	41																
		≥600	160																
		Total	157																
		0-199	2859	2	0.2891	0.0754	998	260	2	0.0042	0.0035	88	136	113					
		200-599	67	2	0.2093	0.1483	67	47											
Smooth hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna zygaena</i>	≥600	0																
		Total	2858	2	0.2437	0.0599	986	242	1	0.0543	0.0107	1754	346						
		0-199	0																
		200-599	211																
		≥600	815	2	0.2061	0.1062	73	815	420	0.0016	0.0008	100	21	10					
Southern dogfish	<i>Centrophorus tyato</i>	Total	808																
		0-199	514	5	3.6667	2.6705	13	1172	854	4	0.4387	0.0940	8	5709	1223				
		200-599	7519	2	0.1862	0.1535	7	51	42	3	0.9535	0.3713	1	3772	1469				
		≥600	3823	1	0.4352	0.3013	12	1760	1219	2	0.2888	0.0525	6	9329	1696				
		Total	11826	1	0.0073	0.0073	112	112											
Southern lanternshark	<i>Etmopterus granulosus</i>	0-199	215																
		200-599	4782	3	0.1103	0.0546	100	30	15	13	3.2762	0.7799	67	12960	3085				
		≥600	12990	7	0.0139	0.0070	100	56	28	1	0.4570	0.0969	44	14116	3130				
		Total	14731	7	0.4551	0.1172	45	1572	405	2	0.2264	0.0912	3471	1398					
		0-199	30917	5	0.3466	0.0894	45	1402	362	1	0.1477	0.0550	4771	1777					
Southern sawshark	<i>Pristiophorus mullipinnis</i>	200-599	1180																
		≥600	0																
		Total	32047																
		0-199	0																
		200-599	1612																
Southern sleeper shark	<i>Somniosus antarcticus</i>	≥600	240																
		Total	1912																
		0-199	310797	44	16.6274	1.7816	100	57423	6153	23	13.4779	2.0669	64	206648	31690				
		200-599	377295	40	40.8140	7.6009	99	13047	2430	32	27.8072	2.5310	69	361888	32939				
		≥600	512	1	0.0690	0.0690	100	19	19	1	0.1172	0.0634	29	464	251				
Spiky spurdog	<i>Squalus megalops</i>	Total	719197	38	17.2533	1.6280	100	69787	6585	25	18.5733	1.4853	67	599961	47979				
		0-199	23137	12	5.6514	0.5995	6	19517	2070	1	0.1466	0.0404	2248	619					
		200-599	3737	1	0.4651	0.4651	100	149	149	1	0.2757	0.0916	32	3588	1192				
		≥600	0																
		Total	24472	9	4.3560	0.4645	7	17619	1879	1	0.1902	0.0444	20	6144	1434				
Thresher shark	<i>Alopias vulpinus</i>	0-199	419																
		200-599	13956	1	0.0273	0.0273	419	419											
		≥600	0																
		Total	15502																
		0-199	2738	1	1.0659	0.2353	6	13872	3062	0.0273	0.0273	6	13872	3062					
Tiger shark	<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>	200-599	0																
		≥600	0																
		Total	2759																
		0-199	10383	7	0.3543	0.0589	100	1224	203	1	0.1458	0.0447	100	2235	685				
		200-599	306	2	0.0775	0.0475	100	25	15	0.0216	0.0145	7	281	189					
Unspecified & other sharks	<i>Seiachii</i>	≥600	288																
		Total	10809	6	0.2785	0.0453	100	1126	183	1	0.0854	0.0231	90	2759	746				
		0-199	0																
		200-599	0																
		≥600	0																
Unspecified & other sharks	<i>Seiachii</i>	Total	2759																
		0-199	10383	7	0.3543	0.0589	100	1224	203	1	0.1458	0.0447	100	2235	685				
		200-599	306	2	0.0775	0.0475	100	25	15	0.0216	0.0145	7	281	189					
		≥600	288																
		Total	10809	6	0.2785	0.0453	100	1126	183	1	0.0854	0.0231	90	2759	746				

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Common name	Scientific name	Depth category (metres)	Total annual catch (kg)	GABTF otter trawl			SETF otter trawl			SETF Danish seine			GHATF trap									
				% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	% tows >0 kg	Mean	se				
Sharks (Selachii) (continued)	<i>Asymbolus submaculatus</i>	0-199	93	1	0.0269	0.0116	100	93	40													
		200-599	0																			
		≥600	0																			
		Total	83	1	0.0205	0.0088	100	83	36													
Velvet dogfish	<i>Zameus squamulosus</i>	0-199	0																			
		200-599	0																			
		≥600	80																			
		Total	55																			
Western spotted catshark	<i>Asymbolus occidentus</i>	0-199	70																			
		200-599	0																			
		≥600	0																			
		Total	69																			
Whiskery shark	<i>Furgaleus macki</i>	0-199	1054	2	0.3051	0.1055	1	1054	364													
		200-599	7																			
		≥600	0																			
		Total	948	2	0.2324	0.0804	1	940	325													
White shark	<i>Carcharodon carcharias</i>	0-199	1621																			
		200-599	0																			
		≥600	0																			
		Total	1631																			
Whitefin swell shark	<i>Cephaloscyllium sp A</i>	0-199	31116	1	0.1383	0.0498	100	478	172													
		200-599	310243	48	20.1783	2.3519	100	6450	752	5	1.4340	0.1862	50	21987	2855	3	0.4331	0.1720	100	3441	1366	
		≥600	4209	1	0.3448	0.2479	100	94	67	6	0.8105	0.3713	100	3206	1469	2	0.0357	0.0357			2	
		Total	385201	7	2.4143	0.3262	100	9765	1319	25	10.1449	0.5324	88	327704	17198	3	0.4331	0.1720	100	3441	1366	2
Whitespotted dogfish	<i>Squalus acanthias</i>	0-199	2510																			
		200-599	1066																			
		≥600	0																			
		Total	3712																			
White-spotted gummy shark	<i>Mustelus sp B</i>	0-199	380																			
		200-599	2																			
		≥600	0																			
		Total	384																			
Zebra shark	<i>Stegostoma fasciatum</i>	0-199	34																			
		200-599	0																			
		≥600	0																			
		Total	32																			
Rays (Batoidea)	<i>Gymnura australis</i>	0-199	101																			
		200-599	0																			
		≥600	0																			
		Total	101																			
Banded stingaree	<i>Urolophus cruciatus</i>	0-199	60448	3	0.2636	0.1696	100	84	54	24	2.6140	0.1953	100	40079	2994	36	2.5639	0.2473	100	20369	1965	
		200-599	8853							6	0.6738	0.1155	100	8769	1503							
		≥600	0																			
		Total	70322							14	1.5427	0.1069	100	49833	3453	36	2.5639	0.2473	100	20369	1965	
Bight skate	<i>Dipturus gudgeri</i>	0-199	6000	3	0.2720	0.1235	100	939	427	22	4.6264	0.2787	98	60209	3627	2	0.2038	0.0836	100	1619	664	
		200-599	70312	28	7.8605	1.4374	98	2513	459	6	1.0869	0.2976	78	4300	1177							
		≥600	5081	8	2.0345	0.7745	100	553	210	10	2.1410	0.1282	97	69159	4141	2	0.2038	0.0836	100	1619	664	
		Total	88135	6	1.3464	0.2218	99	5446	897	13	4.5498	0.3514	69	69759	5388	4	0.3482	0.1118	100	2766	888	
Black stingray	<i>Dasyatis herdias</i>	0-199	88181	7	3.8069	0.5885	100	13147	2032	2	0.7195	0.1511	74	9364	1966							
		200-599	9364																			
		≥600	0																			
		Total	95743	6	2.8990	0.4507	100	11726	1823	7	2.4875	0.1822	69	80352	5885	4	0.3482	0.1118	100	2766	888	

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Common name	Scientific name	Depth category (metres)	Total annual catch (kg)	GABTF otter trawl			SETF otter trawl			SETF Danish seine			GHATF trap		
				% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	% tows >0 kg	Mean	se
Blue skate	<i>Notoraja sp. A</i>	0-199	0												
		200-599	442												
		≥600	248												
		Total	653												
Bluespotted maskray	<i>Dasyatis kuhlii</i>	0-199	0												
		200-599	99	0.3101	0.3101	100	99	99							
		≥600	0												
		Total	141	0.0348	0.0348	100	141	141							
Boreal skate	<i>Amblyraja hyperborea</i>	0-199	0												
		200-599	52												
		≥600	0												
		Total	57												
Brown stingaree	<i>Urolophus westralensis</i>	0-199	1867												
		200-599	605												
		≥600	0												
		Total	2536												
Coffin ray	<i>Hypnos monopterygium</i>	0-199	8013	0.0960	0.0405	100	332	140							
		200-599	1133	0.2093	0.1594	100	67	51							
		≥600	19	0.0690	0.0690	100	19	19							
		Total	9296	0.1053	0.0367	100	426	148							
Common stingaree	<i>Trigonoptera testacea</i>	0-199	29720												
		200-599	790												
		≥600	0												
		Total	30766												
Deepwater skate	<i>Dipturus sp. J</i>	0-199	0												
		200-599	12952												
		≥600	2685												
		Total	15906												
Eastern fiddler ray	<i>Trigonorrhina sp. A</i>	0-199	213												
		200-599	0												
		≥600	0												
		Total	130												
Eastern shovelnose ray	<i>Apychotrema rostrata</i>	0-199	23322	1.5029	0.2400	100	5190	829							
		200-599	5												
		≥600	0												
		Total	22886	0.0004	0.0004	100	4629	743							
Eastern shovelnose stingaree	<i>Trigonoptera sp. B</i>	0-199	719												
		200-599	0												
		≥600	0												
		Total	720												
Electric ray (unspecified)	<i>Torpedinidae</i>	0-199	317	0.0869	0.0338	100	300	117							
		200-599	1662	0.0620	0.0620	100	20	20							
		≥600	280												
		Total	2289	0.0731	0.0266	100	296	108							
Greenback stingaree	<i>Urolophus viridis</i>	0-199	377369												
		200-599	69155												
		≥600	0												
		Total	454679	0.0174	0.0174	100	70	70							
Grey skate	<i>Dipturus sp. B</i>	0-199	174	0.0343	0.0343	100	118	118							
		200-599	9511	1.5659	0.7687	100	501	246							
		≥600	2956	1.1724	0.4538	100	319	123							
		Total	13258	0.3499	0.1078	100	1415	436							

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				% tows		% dis- Annual catch (kg)		% tows		% dis- Annual catch (kg)		% tows		% dis- Annual catch (kg)		% tows		% dis- Annual catch (kg)	
				>0 kg	Mean	se	Estimate	se	Estimate	>0 kg	Mean	se	Estimate	se	Estimate	>0 kg	Mean	se	Estimate
Rays (Batoidea) (unspecified)	<i>Rhinobatidae</i>	0-199	547																
		200-599	364																
		≥600	0																
		Total	946																
		Total	1162																
Kapala stingaree	<i>Urolophus kapalensis</i>	0-199	0																
		200-599	0																
		≥600	0																
		Total	1169																
		Total	22356																
Longnose skate	<i>Dipturus sp A</i>	0-199	2035																
		200-599	144																
		≥600	24675																
		Total	26																
		Total	26																
Longtail torpedo ray	<i>Torpedo sp A</i>	0-199	0																
		200-599	26																
		≥600	0																
		Total	29																
		Total	133942																
Melbourne skate	<i>Dipturus whiteleyi</i>	0-199	36731																
		200-599	759																
		≥600	176253																
		Total	64157																
		Total	5075																
Peacock skate	<i>Pavoraja nitida</i>	0-199	0																
		200-599	0																
		≥600	69717																
		Total	4555																
		Total	0																
Pink whiptray	<i>Himantura fai</i>	0-199	0																
		200-599	0																
		≥600	4572																
		Total	109																
		Total	0																
Pygmy devilray	<i>Mobula eregoodootenkee</i>	0-199	0																
		200-599	0																
		≥600	0																
		Total	110																
		Total	121876																
Sandyback stingaree	<i>Urolophus bucculentus</i>	0-199	3765																
		200-599	160																
		≥600	123857																
		Total	68																
		Total	0																
Sawfish (unspecified)	<i>Pristidae</i>	0-199	0																
		200-599	0																
		≥600	0																
		Total	68																
		Total	21959																
Short-tail torpedo ray	<i>Torpedo maeneilli</i>	0-199	45512																
		200-599	903																
		≥600	71912																
		Total	54150																
		Total	40621																
Skate (unspecified)	<i>Rajidae</i>	0-199	2194																
		200-599	104743																
		≥600	96926																
		Total	2596																
		Total	88505																
Smooth stingray	<i>Dasyatis brevicaudata</i>	0-199	0																
		200-599	0																
		≥600	0																
		Total	4921																
		Total	4921																

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				% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	Estimate	% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	Estimate	% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	Estimate	% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	Estimate			
Southern eagle ray	<i>Myllobatis australis</i>	0-199	96022	14	6.6114	0.9404	94	22832	3248	15	3.3547	0.5314	17	51435	8148	14	1.1953	0.2264	100	9496	1799	
		200-599	2039	1	0.2326	0.2326	100	74	74	1	0.1510	0.0499	96	1965	649							
		≥600	0																			
Southern fiddler ray	<i>Trigonorrhina fasciata</i>	Total	88260	11	5.0609	0.7212	94	20470	2917	7	1.6687	0.2557	20	53903	8260	14	1.1953	0.2264	100	9496	1799	
		0-199	234494	55	44.4263	3.3369	100	153426	11524	18	4.3376	0.3097	15	66506	4748	17	1.8036	0.3006	98	14329	2388	
		200-599	892	4	0.6589	0.3131	100	211	100	1	0.0523	0.0185	85	681	241							
Sparsely-spotted stingaree	<i>Urolophus paucimaculatus</i>	Total	219239	42	33.9060	2.6009	100	137144	10520	9	2.0953	0.1509	16	67683	4874	17	1.8036	0.3006	98	14329	2388	
		0-199	86923	3	2.7257	0.6995	100	9413	2416	8	1.7969	0.3002	98	27551	4603	35	6.2885	0.8966	100	49959	7123	
		200-599	2924							1	0.2247	0.0712	82	2924	927							
Spotted stingaree	<i>Urolophus gigas</i>	≥600	871						2	0.2202	0.0906	100	871	358								
		Total	89866	3	2.0757	0.5337	100	8396	2159	5	0.9755	0.1473	96	31511	4758	35	6.2885	0.8966	100	49959	7123	
		0-199	2610		0.7314	0.7314	100	2526	2526													
Stingaree (unspecified)	<i>Urolophidae</i>	200-599	175	1	0.4961	0.4961	100	159	159													
		≥600	0								0.0012	0.0012	100	16	16							
		Total	2578		0.6127	0.5597	100	2478	2264	1	0.0005	0.0005	100	16	16							
Stingray (unspecified)	<i>Dasyatidae</i>	0-199	10234		0.0057	0.0057	100	20	20													
		200-599	163								0.0124	0.0063	100	161	82							
		≥600	0																			
Sydney skate	<i>Dipturus australis</i>	Total	10454		0.0044	0.0044	100	18	18													
		0-199	6230	2	0.7783	0.5266	100	2688	1819	1	0.1947	0.0601	98	2985	921	2	0.3737	0.1620	100	2969	1287	
		200-599	1246	2	0.4031	0.3230	100	129	103	1	0.0851	0.0244	100	1108	318	1	0.0701	0.0454	100	557	361	
Tasmanian numbfish	<i>Narcine tasmanensis</i>	≥600	0																			
		Total	7350	1	0.6379	0.4027	100	2580	1629	1	0.1301	0.0306	99	4203	988	1	0.0701	0.0454	100	557	361	
		0-199	142736							53	9.2435	0.3358	100	141724	5149	1	0.1274	0.0558	100	1012	443	
Thornback skate	<i>Dipturus templieri</i>	200-599	12535						7	0.9632	0.1007	100	12535	1311								
		≥600	0																			
		Total	157239							28	4.8364	0.1754	100	156227	5666	1	0.1274	0.0558	100	1012	443	
Unspecified & other rays	<i>Batoidea</i>	0-199	42299		0.0491	0.0354	100	170	122	23	2.2125	0.1908	100	33923	2925	29	1.0329	0.1073	100	8206	852	
		200-599	12439	1	0.2326	0.2326	100	74	74	7	0.9501	0.1452	100	12365	1890	3	0.5478	0.1552	100	4352	1233	
		≥600	0																			
Western numbfish	<i>Narcine lasii</i>	Total	55989		0.0635	0.0375	100	257	152	14	1.4713	0.1114	100	47526	3598	29	1.0329	0.1073	100	8206	852	
		0-199	9049	2	0.4503	0.1538	100	1555	531	1	0.2049	0.0466	97	3142	714	3	0.5478	0.1552	100	4352	1233	
		200-599	7819	17	23.3721	15.5572	100	7471	4973													
Western shovelhoe ray	<i>Apychotrema vincentiana</i>	≥600	0																			
		Total	19889	3	2.9669	1.7576	100	12001	7109	1	0.1092	0.0232	98	3527	749	3	0.5478	0.1552	100	4352	1233	
		0-199	104804	2	0.4686	0.2451	100	1618	846	5	2.4615	0.3287	92	37741	5040	20	8.2378	1.0852	100	65445	8621	
Western shovelhoe stingaree	<i>Trigonoptera mucosa</i>	200-599	7695						3	0.5913	0.1305	92	7695	1698								
		≥600	1295						1	0.3273	0.1496	100	1295	592								
		Total	114117	2	0.3568	0.1867	100	1443	755	4	1.4621	0.1680	92	47229	5427	20	8.2378	1.0852	100	65445	8621	
Western shovelhoe stingaree	<i>Trigonoptera mucosa</i>	0-199	11							0.0007	0.0007	100	11	11								
		200-599	26								0.0020	0.0012	100	26	16							
		≥600	0																			
Western shovelhoe stingaree	<i>Trigonoptera mucosa</i>	Total	39							0.0012	0.0006	100	39	19								
		0-199	8118	11	2.3440	0.2900	100	8095	1002													
		200-599	52								0.0015	0.0010	50	23	15							
Western shovelhoe stingaree	<i>Trigonoptera mucosa</i>	≥600	0							0.0040	0.0040	100	52	52								
		Total	7298	8	1.7850	0.2228	100	7220	901													
		0-199	1749	2	0.5063	0.1432	100	1749	495													
200-599	0																					
≥600	0																					
Total	1560	2	0.3856	0.1092	100	1560	442															

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				% tows >0 kg	kg per tow	Mean	se	% dis-Annual catch (kg)	% tows >0 kg	kg per tow	Mean	se	% dis-Annual catch (kg)	% tows >0 kg	kg per trap-lift	Mean	se	% dis-Annual catch (kg)	% tows >0 kg	kg per trap-lift	Mean	se			
Whitespotted guitarfish	<i>Rhynchobatus australiae</i>	0-199	0																						
		200-599	0																						
		≥600	1																						
		Total	21																						
Whitespotted skate	<i>Dipturus cervina</i>	0-199	21649	4	0.7634	0.2156	100	2636	745	2	0.6201	0.0994	100	9508	1524	6	1.1932	0.2447	100	9479	1944				
		200-599	14109	3	6.0930	4.1195	100	1948	1317	4	0.9261	0.1619	100	12052	2107										
		≥600	0																						
		Total	37340	3	1.2654	0.4919	100	5118	1990	3	0.7001	0.0851	100	22615	2749	6	1.1932	0.2447	100	9479	1944				
Wide stingaree	<i>Urolophus expansus</i>	0-199	364733	60	#####	9.3504	100	364733	32292																
		200-599	18139	31	56.7442	13.7998	100	18139	4411																
		≥600	0																						
		Total	351084	49	86.7981	7.3637	100	351084	29785																
Yellowback stingaree	<i>Urolophus styllanus</i>	0-199	4576		0.0103	0.0103	100	36	36		0.0343	0.0191	100	526	293	4	0.5053	0.1366	100	4014	1085				
		200-599	187								0.0144	0.0105	100	187	137										
		≥600	0																						
		Total	4776		0.0078	0.0078	100	32	32		0.0226	0.0102	100	730	329	4	0.5053	0.1366	100	4014	1085				
Holocephalus (Holocephalini)	<i>Harrionta raleighana</i>	0-199	11								0.0007	0.0007		11	11										
		200-599	198								0.0152	0.0091	16	198	118										
		≥600	2324	1	0.0276	0.0194	100	7	5	11	0.6364	0.1262	13	2517	499										
		Total	2010		0.0035	0.0025	100	14	10	1	0.0618	0.0118	14	1996	381										
Black ghostshark	<i>Hydrolagus sp A</i>	0-199	29		0.0034	0.0034		12	12		0.0011	0.0008		17	12										
		200-599	474	1	0.0138	0.0138	4	4	4	3	0.1475	0.0541	16	583	214										
		≥600	587		0.0044	0.0031	18	13			0.0291	0.0076	17	940	245										
		Total	958	3	0.3097	0.0918	23	1070	317	4	0.0317	0.0174	40	486	267										
Blackfin ghostshark	<i>Hydrolagus lemmings</i>	0-199	1711	17	4.4806	1.2494	13	1432	399	4	0.3160	0.0452	43	4112	588										
		200-599	6810	6	1.7931	0.9057	5	487	246	1	0.0687	0.0425	2	272	168										
		≥600	759	5	0.9652	0.1974	14	3904	798	2	0.1589	0.0218	41	5133	704										
		Total	10645	6	0.5029	0.1980	2	1737	684	3	0.2836	0.0683	2	4348	1047	16	5.1507	1.8456	6	40920	14662				
Elephantfish	<i>Callorhynchus milii</i>	0-199	47005	3	0.0930	0.0473		30	15	1	0.0575	0.0228	17	748	297										
		200-599	790								0.0889	0.0570	9	352	225										
		≥600	352																						
		Total	47960	5	0.3934	0.1510	2	1591	611	2	0.1683	0.0345	5	5436	1114	16	5.1507	1.8456	6	40920	14662				
Giant chimaera	<i>Chimaera lignaria</i>	0-199	0								0.0343	0.0179	100	136	71										
		200-599	0								0.0030	0.0015	100	97	48										
		≥600	136																						
		Total	97																						
Marbled ghostshark	<i>Hydrolagus sp B</i>	0-199	0																						
		200-599	47																						
		≥600	24																						
		Total	68																						
Ogilby ghostshark	<i>Hydrolagus ogilbyi</i>	0-199	772		0.0034	0.0026		12	9	1	0.0496	0.0143	1	760	219										
		200-599	7691	5	0.3721	0.1533	8	119	49	11	0.5202	0.0494	14	6770	643										
		≥600	1012	1	0.0690	0.0524	19	14	3	3	0.2505	0.1075	10	991	425										
		Total	10286	1	0.0531	0.0188	7	215	76	5	0.2721	0.0246	12	8789	795										
Pacific spookfish	<i>Rhinochimaera pacifica</i>	0-199	0																						
		200-599	0																						
		≥600	1263	5	0.9724	0.4492	100	264	122	3	0.2525	0.0867	18	999	343										
		Total	1200	1	0.1227	0.0573	100	496	232	1	0.0766	0.0404	2	1174	619										
Shortnose chimaera (unspecified)	<i>Chimaeridae</i>	0-199	1191																						
		200-599	7071																						
		≥600	1127																						
		Total	9645																						

Table 5a (continued)

Common name	Scientific name	Depth category (metres)	Total annual catch (kg) Estimate	GABTF otter trawl			SETF otter trawl			SETF Danish seine			GHATF trap				
				% tows >0 kg	Mean kg per tow	se	% tows >0 kg	Mean kg per tow	se	% tows >0 kg	Mean kg per tow	se	% tows >0 kg	Mean kg per trap-lift	se		
Holocephalans (Holocephalini) (continued)	<i>Chimaera sp B</i>	0-199	0														
		200-599	42			0.0032	0.0023	100	42	30							
		≥600	0														
Southern chimaera	<i>Chimaera sp A</i>	Total	45			0.0014	0.0010	100	45	32							
		0-199	860			0.0561	0.0279	2	860	428							
		200-599	8063	6	0.3333	0.1294	2	107	41	6	0.5873	0.0732	8	7643	953		
Spookfish (unspecified)	<i>Rhinochimaeridae</i>	≥600	3760	5	0.3103	0.1300	44	84	35	11	0.9293	0.1764	23	3676	698		
		Total	12378	1	0.0766	0.0222	24	310	90	4	0.3630	0.0380	11	11726	1227		
		0-199	0														
		200-599	0														
		≥600	32			0.0081	0.0057		32	23							
		Total	23			0.0007	0.0005		23	16							

Table 5b. Mean annual catch rate for each species in the SESSF GHATF dropline, GHATF automatic longline, GHATF scalefish longline, and GHATF gillnet (excluding GHATF shark gillnet) sectors during 2000-06

For each species and method, % of tows, lifts or sets >0 kg is the percent of observed tows, lifts or sets in the ISMP database during 2000-06 with a greater than zero catch mass. For each species and method, 'catch' is mean annual catch mass estimated from the observer mean catch per unit effort weighted to total effort (tows, lifts or sets) as reported in fisher logbooks during 2000-06. Species with blank fields for any fishing method were not detected by the ISMP during 2000-06.

Common name	Scientific name	Depth category (metres)	Total annual catch (kg) Estimate	GHATF dropline				GHATF automatic longline				GHATF scalefish longline				GHATF scalefish gillnet			
				% tows >0 kg	kg per line-lift	% dis- card	Annual catch (kg) Estimate	% tows >0 kg	kg per set	% dis- card	Annual catch (kg) Estimate	% tows >0 kg	kg per set	% dis- card	Annual catch (kg) Estimate	% tows >0 kg	kg per set	% dis- card	Annual catch (kg) Estimate
Sharks (Selachii)	<i>Squatina australis</i>	0-199	255022																
		200-599	50507																
		≥600	0																
Banded wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus ornatus</i>	Total	311325																
		0-199	638																
		200-599	0																
Basking shark	<i>Cetorhinus maximus</i>	0-199	569																
		200-599	1300																
		≥600	0																
Black shark	<i>Dalatias licha</i>	Total	1405																
		0-199	2293																
		200-599	39095																
Blackbelly lanternshark	<i>Etmopterus lucifer</i>	0-199	81169																
		200-599	523																
		≥600	5436																
Blind shark	<i>Brachaelurus waddi</i>	Total	4739																
		0-199	0																
		200-599	12																
Blue shark	<i>Prionace glauca</i>	0-199	13																
		200-599	588																
		≥600	2																
Bluntnose sixgill shark	<i>Hexanchus griseus</i>	Total	901																
		0-199	276																
		200-599	7																
Brier shark	<i>Deania calcea</i>	Total	254																
		0-199	7258																
		200-599	31303																
Broadnose sevengill shark	<i>Notorynchus cepedianus</i>	0-199	286691																
		200-599	2417																
		≥600	431																
Bronze whaler	<i>Carcharhinus brachyurus</i>	Total	2876																
		0-199	12935																
		200-599	4003																
Collar carpetshark	<i>Parascyllium collare</i>	0-199	17082																
		200-599	9821																
		≥600	0																
Total	9946																		

Table 5b (continued)

Common name	Scientific name	Depth category (metres)	Total annual catch (kg)	GHATF dropline				GHATF automatic longline				GHATF scalefish longline				GHATF scalefish gillnet											
				% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	card	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	Estimate	se	% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	card	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	Estimate	se	% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	card	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	Estimate	se			
Common sawshark	<i>Pristiophorus cirratus</i>	0-199	182548																								
		200-599	85472	3	0.1195	0.0360	3	50	15																		
		≥600	4028																								
Crested hornshark	<i>Heierodontus galceatus</i>	Total	275965																								
		0-199	67	3	0.1170	0.0353	3	55	17																		
		200-599	0																								
Crocodile shark	<i>Pseudocarcharias kamoharui</i>	0-199	68																								
		200-599	0																								
		≥600	7																								
Draughtboard shark	<i>Cephaloscyllium laticeps</i>	Total	14																								
		0-199	190664																								
		200-599	33349	19	13.4094	2.1967	90	5612	919	22	2.6957	1.5972	100	1603	950	5	0.2250	0.1660	100	45	33						
Dwarf catshark	<i>Asymbolia parvus</i>	Total	226864																								
		0-199	302	18	13.1305	2.1525	90	6143	1007	8	0.8256	0.4445	100	658	354												
		200-599	62																								
Eastern angel shark	<i>Squatina sp A</i>	0-199	371																								
		200-599	94																								
		≥600	0																								
Endeavour dogfish	<i>Centropristis moluccensis</i>	Total	100																								
		0-199	13099	2	0.0789	0.0275	100	53	18	5	0.4389	0.1119	26	184	47												
		200-599	14902																								
Fleshy nose catshark	<i>Apristurus sp C</i>	0-199	30197	1	0.0604	0.0211	100	42	15	5	0.4298	0.1096	26	201	51												
		200-599	0																								
		≥600	144																								
Fossil shark	<i>Hemipristis elongata</i>	Total	100																								
		0-199	0																								
		200-599	12																								
Fring shark	<i>Chlamydoselachus anguineus</i>	Total	18																								
		0-199	0																								
		200-599	3																								
Golden dogfish	<i>Centroscymnus crepidater</i>	0-199	152																								
		200-599	110																								
		≥600	3237																								
Greeneye dogfish	<i>Squalus mitsukurini</i>	Total	73564																								
		0-199	55607																								
		200-599	72249	6	0.2089	0.0464	89	140	31	22	37.5779	6.0026	95	15726	2512	22	29.3333	26.4659	100	122	110	22	37.5779	6.0026	95	15726	2512
Grey nurse shark	<i>Carcharias taurus</i>	0-199	10202	4	0.1600	0.0356	89	111	25	22	37.2539	5.8917	95	17429	2756	30	2.4348	1.5564	100	4	2	69	8.6207	4.4780	92	1438	747
		200-599	2703																								
		≥600	0																								
Total	2692																										

Table 5b (continued)

Common name	Scientific name	Depth category (metres)	Total annual catch (kg)	GHATF dropline				GHATF automatic longline				GHATF scalefish longline				GHATF scalefish gillnet										
				% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	card	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	Estimate	se	% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	card	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	Estimate	se	% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	card	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	Estimate	se		
Sharks (Selachii) (continued)	Grey spotted catshark	0-199	25230																							
		200-599	786																							
		≥600	0																							
Gulf catshark	<i>Asymbolus vincenti</i>	Total	25884																							
		0-199	628																							
		200-599	55	0.0283	0.0283	100	12	12																		
Gulper shark (unspecified)	<i>Centrophorus spp</i>	Total	632	0.0277	0.0277	100	13	13																		
		0-199	508	6.4444	6.4444	100	27	27																		
		200-599	5088	5.5416	1.5299	97	2319	640																		
Gummy shark	<i>Mastellus antarcticus</i>	Total	13995	5.5269	1.5011	97	2586	702																		
		0-199	166934	8.2761	0.8201	46	1156	343																		
		200-599	40248	8.27036	0.8032	46	1265	376																		
Harrison dogfish	<i>Centrophorus harrissoni</i>	Total	185458	0.0064	0.0064	100	4	4																		
		0-199	28																							
		200-599	131																							
Leafile gulper shark	<i>Centrophorus squamosus</i>	Total	169	0.0049	0.0049	100	3	3																		
		0-199	0																							
		200-599	32	0.0018	0.0018		1	1																		
Longsnout dogfish	<i>Deania quadrispinosa</i>	Total	33	0.0017	0.0017		1	1																		
		0-199	23																							
		200-599	837	0.0016	0.0016	100	1	1																		
Mandarin shark	<i>Cirrhigaleus barbifer</i>	Total	4723	0.0035	0.0025	100	1	1																		
		0-199	4246	0.0012	0.0012	100	1	1																		
		200-599	0																							
Orange spotted catshark	<i>Asymbolus rubiginosus</i>	Total	0																							
		0-199	152																							
		200-599	505																							
Omate angelshark	<i>Squatina tergocellata</i>	Total	696																							
		0-199	305381																							
		200-599	11989																							
Owston dogfish	<i>Centroscymnus owstoni</i>	Total	289427																							
		0-199	0																							
		200-599	3758	4.6920	0.2592	37	290	108																		
Pinoocchio catshark	<i>Apristurus</i> sp G	Total	92609	33.163333	16.3333	51	738	738																		
		0-199	70769	4.07626	0.2673	39	357	125																		
		200-599	0																							
Platypus shark	<i>Deania spp</i>	Total	8																							
		0-199	6																							
		200-599	5586	8.24354	0.6087	48	1019	255																		
Total	95711	8.23847	0.5962	48	1116	279																				
Total	96818																									

Table 5b (continued)

Common name	Scientific name	Depth category (metres)	Total annual catch (kg)	GHATF dropline				GHATF automatic longline				GHATF scalefish longline				GHATF scalefish gillnet								
				% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	Estimate	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	Mean	se	Estimate	% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	Estimate	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	Mean	se	Estimate	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	Mean	se	Estimate	
Sharks (Selachii) Plunket dogfish	<i>Centroscymnus plunketi</i>	0-199	0																					
		200-599	0																					
		≥600	367																					
Porbeagle	<i>Lamna nasus</i>	Total	258																					
		0-199	0																					
		200-599	119	1	0.2832	0.1440	81	119	60															
Port Jackson shark	<i>Heierodontus portusjacksoni</i>	0-199	185384																					
		200-599	25896																					
		≥600	6																					
Portuguese dogfish	<i>Centroscymnus coelolepis</i>	Total	210653																					
		0-199	0																					
		200-599	1279																					
Prickly dogfish	<i>Oxymotus bruniensis</i>	0-199	1383																					
		200-599	817																					
		≥600	287																					
Reticulate swellshark	<i>Cephaloscyllium fasciatum</i>	Total	1096																					
		0-199	0																					
		200-599	26																					
Rusty carpetshark	<i>Parascyllium ferrugineum</i>	0-199	18938																					
		200-599	128																					
		≥600	0																					
Sandtiger shark	<i>Odontaspis ferox</i>	Total	18689																					
		0-199	44																					
		200-599	3198																					
Sawtail catshark	<i>Galeus boardmani</i>	0-199	3537																					
		200-599	17699																					
		≥600	3																					
Scalloped hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	Total	23076																					
		0-199	2893																					
		200-599	0																					
School shark	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	Total	2580																					
		0-199	7626																					
		200-599	22851																					
Sharpnose sevengill shark	<i>Hepranchius perlo</i>	0-199	1351																					
		200-599	35144																					
		≥600	41																					
Shortfin mako	<i>Isurus paucus</i>	Total	19252																					
		0-199	654																					
		200-599	1620																					
Total		0-199	3	1	0.3285	0.3285	3	3																
		200-599	38	38	0.0549	0.0549	38	38	1	0.2686	0.1795	2	126	84										
		≥600	2359																					

Table 5b (continued)

Common name	Scientific name	Depth category (metres)	Total annual catch (kg)	GHATF dropline				GHATF automatic longline				GHATF scalefish longline				GHATF scalefish gillnet										
				% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	Estimate	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	card	Estimate	se	% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	Estimate	se	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	card	Estimate	se	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	card	Estimate	se		
Sharks (Selachii) (continued)	<i>Etmopterus pusillus</i>	0-199	0																							
		200-599	36																							
		≥600	5468																							
		Total	4031																							
Smalltooth cookiecutter shark	<i>Isistius brasiliensis</i>	0-199	0																							
		200-599	41																							
		≥600	160																							
		Total	157																							
Smooth hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna zygaena</i>	0-199	2859																							
		200-599	67																							
		≥600	0																							
		Total	2858																							
Smooth lanternshark	<i>Etmopterus bigelowi</i>	0-199	0																							
		200-599	211																							
		≥600	815																							
		Total	808																							
Southern dogfish	<i>Centrophorus tyoto</i>	0-199	514																							
		200-599	7519																							
		≥600	3823																							
		Total	11826																							
Southern lanternshark	<i>Etmopterus granulosus</i>	0-199	215																							
		200-599	4782																							
		≥600	12990																							
		Total	14731																							
Southern sawshark	<i>Pristiophorus nudipinnis</i>	0-199	30917																							
		200-599	1180																							
		≥600	0																							
		Total	32047																							
Southern sleeper shark	<i>Somniosus antarcticus</i>	0-199	0																							
		200-599	1612																							
		≥600	240																							
		Total	1912																							
Spiky spurdog	<i>Squalus megalops</i>	0-199	310797																							
		200-599	377295																							
		≥600	512																							
		Total	719197																							
Spotted wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus maculatus</i>	0-199	23137																							
		200-599	3737																							
		≥600	0																							
		Total	24472																							
Thresher shark	<i>Alopias vulpinus</i>	0-199	419																							
		200-599	13956																							
		≥600	0																							
		Total	15502																							
Tiger shark	<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>	0-199	2738																							
		200-599	0																							
		≥600	0																							
		Total	2738																							
Unspecified & other sharks	<i>Selachii</i>	0-199	10383																							
		200-599	306																							
		≥600	288																							
		Total	10809																							

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Common name	Scientific name	Depth category (metres)	Total annual catch (kg)	GHATF dropline				GHATF automatic longline				GHATF scalefish longline				GHATF scalefish gillnet									
				% tows >0 kg	kg per line-lift	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	card Estimate	se	% tows >0 kg	kg per set	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	card Estimate	se	% tows >0 kg	kg per set	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	card Estimate	se	% tows >0 kg	kg per set	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	card Estimate	se		
Sharks (Selachii) (continued)																									
Variegated catshark	<i>Asymbolia submaculatus</i>	0-199	93																						
		200-599	0																						
		≥600	0																						
Total		83																							
Velvet dogfish	<i>Zameus squamulosus</i>	0-199	0																						
		200-599	0																						
		≥600	80																						
Total		55																							
Western spotted catshark	<i>Asymbolia occidentalis</i>	0-199	70																						
		200-599	0																						
		≥600	0																						
Total		69																							
Whiskery shark	<i>Furgaleus macki</i>	0-199	1054																						
		200-599	7																						
		≥600	0																						
Total		948																							
White shark	<i>Carcharodon carcharias</i>	0-199	1621																						
		200-599	0																						
		≥600	0																						
Total		1631																							
Whitfin swell shark	<i>Cephaloscyllium sp A</i>	0-199	31116																						
		200-599	310243																						
		≥600	4209																						
Total		385201																							
Whitespotted dogfish	<i>Squalus acanthias</i>	0-199	2510																						
		200-599	1066																						
		≥600	0																						
Total		3712																							
White-spotted gummy shark	<i>Mastellus sp B</i>	0-199	380																						
		200-599	2																						
		≥600	0																						
Total		384																							
Zebra shark	<i>Stegostoma fasciatum</i>	0-199	34																						
		200-599	0																						
		≥600	0																						
Total		32																							
Rays (Batoidea)																									
Australian butterfly ray	<i>Gymnura australis</i>	0-199	101																						
		200-599	0																						
		≥600	0																						
Total		101																							
Banded stingaree	<i>Urolophus cruciatus</i>	0-199	60448																						
		200-599	8853																						
		≥600	0																						
Total		70322																							
Bight skate	<i>Dipturus gaudieri</i>	0-199	6000																						
		200-599	70312																						
		≥600	5081																						
Total		88135																							
Black stingray	<i>Dasyatis tharidus</i>	0-199	88181																						
		200-599	9364																						
		≥600	0																						
Total		95743																							

Table 5b (continued)

Common name	Scientific name	Depth category (metres)	Total annual catch (kg)	GHATF dropline				GHATF automatic longline				GHATF scalfish longline				GHATF scalfish gillnet							
				% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	Estimate	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	Mean	se	Estimate	% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	Estimate	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	Mean	se	Estimate	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	Mean	se	Estimate
Blue skate	<i>Notoraja sp A</i>	0-199	0																				
		200-599	442																				
		≥600	248																				
Bluespotted maskray	<i>Dasyatis kahlili</i>	Total	653																				
		0-199	0																				
		200-599	99																				
Boreal skate	<i>Amblyraja hyperborea</i>	0-199	0																				
		200-599	52					1	0.1239	0.0800	100	52	33										
		≥600	0																				
Brown stingaree	<i>Urolophus westraliensis</i>	Total	57																				
		0-199	1867					1	0.1213	0.0784	100	57	37										
		200-599	605						0.0442	0.0442	100	18	18										
Coffin ray	<i>Hypnos monopterygium</i>	0-199	2536																				
		200-599	8013																				
		≥600	1133																				
Common stingaree	<i>Trigonoptera testacea</i>	Total	9296																				
		0-199	29720																				
		200-599	790																				
Deepwater skate	<i>Dipturus sp J</i>	0-199	0																				
		200-599	12952																				
		≥600	2685																				
Eastern fiddler ray	<i>Trigonorrhina sp A</i>	Total	15906																				
		0-199	213																				
		200-599	0																				
Eastern shovelnose ray	<i>Apychoirema rostrata</i>	0-199	130																				
		200-599	23322																				
		≥600	5																				
Eastern shovelnose stingaree	<i>Trigonoptera sp B</i>	Total	22886																				
		0-199	719																				
		200-599	0																				
Electric ray (unspecified)	<i>Torpedinidae</i>	0-199	720																				
		200-599	317																				
		≥600	1662																				
Greenback stingaree	<i>Urolophus viridis</i>	Total	2289																				
		0-199	377369																				
		200-599	69155																				
Grey skate	<i>Dipturus sp B</i>	0-199	454679																				
		200-599	174																				
		≥600	9511																				
Total	13258																						

Table 5b (continued)

Common name	Scientific name	Depth category (metres)	Total annual catch (kg)	GHATF dropline				GHATF automatic longline				GHATF scalefish longline				GHATF scalefish gillnet									
				% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	card	Estimate	se	% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	card	Estimate	se	% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	card	Estimate	se	
Rays (Batoida) (continued) Guitarfish (unspecified)	<i>Rhinobatidae</i>	0-199	547																						
		200-599	364																						
		≥600	0																						
		Total	946																						
Kapala stingaree	<i>Urolophus kapalensis</i>	0-199	1162																						
		200-599	0																						
		≥600	0																						
		Total	1169																						
Longnose skate	<i>Dipturus sp A</i>	0-199	22356																						
		200-599	2035																						
		≥600	144																						
		Total	24675																						
Longtail torpedo ray	<i>Torpedo sp A</i>	0-199	0																						
		200-599	26																						
		≥600	0																						
		Total	29																						
Melbourne skate	<i>Dipturus whiteleyi</i>	0-199	133942																						
		200-599	36731																						
		≥600	759																						
		Total	176253																						
Peacock skate	<i>Pavoraja nitida</i>	0-199	64157																						
		200-599	5075																						
		≥600	0																						
		Total	69717																						
Pink whipray	<i>Himantura fai</i>	0-199	4555																						
		200-599	0																						
		≥600	0																						
		Total	4572																						
Pygmy devilray	<i>Mobula eregoodonkenke</i>	0-199	109																						
		200-599	0																						
		≥600	0																						
		Total	109																						
Sandyback stingaree	<i>Urolophus bucculentus</i>	0-199	121876																						
		200-599	3765																						
		≥600	160																						
		Total	123857																						
Sawfish (unspecified)	<i>Pristidae</i>	0-199	68																						
		200-599	0																						
		≥600	0																						
		Total	68																						
Short-tail torpedo ray	<i>Torpedo maeneilli</i>	0-199	21959																						
		200-599	45512																						
		≥600	903																						
		Total	71912																						
Skate (unspecified)	<i>Rajidae</i>	0-199	54150																						
		200-599	40621																						
		≥600	2194																						
		Total	104743																						
Smooth stingray	<i>Dasyatis brevicaudata</i>	0-199	96926																						
		200-599	2596																						
		≥600	0																						
		Total	88505																						

Table 5b (continued)

Common name	Scientific name	Depth category (metres)	Total annual catch (kg)	GHATF dropline				GHATF automatic longline				GHATF scalefish longline				GHATF scalefish gillnet												
				% tows >0 kg	kg per line-lift	Mean	se	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	Estimate	se	Mean	se	% tows >0 kg	kg per set	Mean	se	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	Estimate	se	% tows >0 kg	kg per set	Mean	se	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	Estimate	se		
Southern eagle ray	<i>Myllobatis australis</i>	0-199	96022																									
		200-599	2039																									
		≥600	0																									
Southern fiddler ray	<i>Trigonorrhina fasciata</i>	Total	88260																									
		0-199	23494																									
		200-599	892																									
Sparsely-spotted stingaree	<i>Urolophus paucimaculatus</i>	0-199	219239																									
		200-599	86923																									
		≥600	871																									
Spotted stingaree	<i>Urolophus gigas</i>	Total	89866																									
		0-199	2610																									
		200-599	175																									
Stingaree (unspecified)	<i>Urolophidae</i>	0-199	2578																									
		200-599	10234																									
		≥600	163																									
Stingray (unspecified)	<i>Dasyatidae</i>	Total	10454																									
		0-199	6230																									
		200-599	1246																									
Sydney skate	<i>Dipturus australis</i>	0-199	7350																									
		200-599	142736																									
		≥600	12535																									
Tasmanian numbfish	<i>Narcine tasmaniensis</i>	Total	157239																									
		0-199	42299																									
		200-599	12439																									
Thornback skate	<i>Dipturus lemprieri</i>	0-199	55989																									
		200-599	9049																									
		≥600	7819																									
Unspecified & other rays	<i>Batoidea</i>	0-199	19889																									
		200-599	104804																									
		≥600	7695																									
Western numbfish	<i>Narcine lasi</i>	Total	114117																									
		0-199	11																									
		200-599	26																									
Western shovelnose ray	<i>Apychoirema vincentiana</i>	0-199	39																									
		200-599	8118																									
		≥600	52																									
Western shovelnose stingaree	<i>Trigonoptera mucosa</i>	Total	7298																									
		0-199	1749																									
		200-599	0																									
	≥600	0																										
Total		1560																										

Table 5b (continued)

Common name	Scientific name	Depth category (metres)	Total annual catch (kg)	GHATF dropline				GHATF automatic longline				GHATF scalefish longline				GHATF scalefish gillnet											
				% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	card	Estimate	se	% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	card	Estimate	se	% tows >0 kg	Mean	se	% dis- Annual catch (kg)	card	Estimate	se			
Rays (Batoida) (continued)																											
Whitespotted guitarfish																											
	<i>Rhynchobatus australis</i>	0-199	0																								
		200-599	0																								
		≥600	1	1	0.1825	0.1825	100	1	1																		
	Total		21		0.0305	0.0305	100	21	21																		
Whitespotted skate																											
	<i>Dipturus cervia</i>	0-199	21649																								
		200-599	14109							2	0.2602	0.2133	18	109	89												
		≥600	0																								
	Total		37340							2	0.2548	0.2089	18	119	98	1	0.0116	0.0116	100	9	9						
Wide stingaree																											
	<i>Urolophus expansus</i>	0-199	364733																								
		200-599	18139																								
		≥600	0																								
	Total		351084																								
Yellowback stingaree																											
	<i>Urolophus safflanus</i>	0-199	4576																								
		200-599	187																								
		≥600	0																								
	Total		4776																								
Holocephalans (Holocephalii)																											
Bigspine spookfish																											
	<i>Harriotta raleighana</i>	0-199	11																								
		200-599	198																								
		≥600	2524																								
	Total		2010																								
Black ghostshark																											
	<i>Hydrolagus sp A</i>	0-199	29																								
		200-599	474																								
		≥600	587																								
	Total		958																								
Blackfin ghostshark																											
	<i>Hydrolagus lemmings</i>	0-199	1711																								
		200-599	6810							25	2.5522	0.3204	7	1068	134	4	0.2609	0.2609	155	155							
		≥600	759													38	0.9900	0.2483	198	50							
	Total		10645							24	2.4991	0.3141	7	1169	147	21	0.5512	0.1418	439	113							
Elephantfish																											
	<i>Callorhynchus milii</i>	0-199	790																								
		200-599	47005																								
		≥600	352																								
	Total		47960																								
Giant chimaera																											
	<i>Chimaera lignaria</i>	0-199	0																								
		200-599	0																								
		≥600	136																								
	Total		97																								
Marbled ghostshark																											
	<i>Hydrolagus sp B</i>	0-199	0																								
		200-599	47																								
		≥600	24																								
	Total		68																								
Ogilby ghostshark																											
	<i>Hydrolagus ogilbyi</i>	0-199	772																								
		200-599	7691							5	0.2301	0.0490	96	21	15	1.0250	0.5633	10	205	113	45	3.0000	0.9687	7	501	162	
		≥600	1012												22	1.3913	0.6556	2	2	1							
	Total		10286							5	0.2253	0.0480	105	22	13	0.8488	0.3175	5	676	253	45	3.0000	0.9687	7	501	162	
Pacific spookfish																											
	<i>Rhinochimaera pacifica</i>	0-199	0																								
		200-599	0																								
		≥600	1263																								
	Total		1200																								
Shortnose chimaera (unspecified) <i>Chimaeridae</i>																											
		0-199	1191							2	0.1097	0.0394	46	16													
		200-599	7071																								
		≥600	1127																								
	Total		9645							2	0.1075	0.0386	50	18													

Table 5b (continued)

Common name	Scientific name	Depth category (metres)	Total annual catch (kg) Estimate	GHATF dropline			GHATF automatic longline			GHATF scalefish longline			GHATF scalefish gillnet					
				% tows >0 kg	kg per line-lift Mean	se	% dis- Annual catch (kg) Estimate	se	% tows >0 kg	kg per set Mean	se	% dis- Annual catch (kg) Estimate	se	% tows >0 kg	kg per set Mean	se	% dis- Annual catch (kg) Estimate	se
Holocephalans (Holocephalid) (continued)	<i>Chimaera sp. B</i>	0-199	0															
		200-599	42															
		≥600	0															
Southern chimaera	<i>Chimaera sp. A</i>	Total	45															
		0-199	860															
		200-599	8063	13	0.7469	0.1266	16	313	53									
Spookfish (unspecified)	<i>Rhinochimaeridae</i>	≥600	3760															
		Total	12378	12	0.7314	0.1240	16	342	58									
		0-199	0															
		200-599	32															
		≥600	32															
		Total	23															

Table 6. Summary statistics and data selection criteria for CPUE standardisation

Summary statistics include values of scaled Pearson χ^2 and regression gradient. CPUE standardisations are from ISMP data for various periods during 1994–06 for SETF and during 2000–06 for GABTF. Sthn Aus, southern Australia predominantly longitude range 127–151°E; SE Aus, south-eastern Australia predominantly longitude range 138–151°E; GAB, Great Australian Bight predominantly longitude range 127–138°E; Western, predominantly longitude range 138–148°E; Eastern, predominantly longitude range 148–152°E.

Common name	Scientific name	Region	Data selection criteria			Mean annual catch & effort for selected data			Scaled Pearson χ^2			Trend in abundance		Figure		
			Period	Longitude	Latitude	Depth	Hauls	Catch	Tow dist	CPUE	Hauls (%)	Log-	Binomial		Trend	P
			Min	Max		(m)	(no.)	(kg)	(km)	(kg/km)	>0 catch	gamma				
Sharks (Selachii)																
Australian angel shark	<i>Squatina australis</i>	Eastern	148°E	151°E	<38°S	0–500	316	5001	2776	1.801	40	1.52	1.01	No trend	ns	3.01a
Australian angel shark	<i>Squatina australis</i>	Eastern	148°E	151°E	<38°S	0–500	419	7167	3586	1.999	49	1.58	1.01	Decreasing	0.0005	3.01b
Australian angel shark	<i>Squatina australis</i>	Eastern	148°E	151°E	<38°S	0–500	442	7653	3754	2.039	49	1.48	1.01	No trend	ns	3.01c
Black shark	<i>Dalatias licha</i>	SE Aus	137°E	151°E		600–1000	106	829	321	2.584	27	1.09	1.15	Decreasing	0.0026	3.02a
Black shark	<i>Dalatias licha</i>	SE Aus	137°E	151°E		600–1000	130	1905	1008	1.890	241	1.24	1.56	Decreasing	0.0200	3.02b
Brier shark	<i>Denia calcea</i>	Sthn Aus	136°E	148°E		600–1000	131	5626	1012	5.562	30	1.00	1.08	Decreasing	0.0159	3.03a
Brier shark	<i>Denia calcea</i>	Western	137°E	148°E		600–1000	61	3208	554	5.789	58	0.74	1.10	Decreasing	0.0111	3.03b
Common sawshark	<i>Pristiophorus cirratus</i>	Sthn Aus	127°E	151°E		0–800	859	6819	8177	0.834	32	1.52	1.04	Decreasing	0.0044	3.04a
Common sawshark	<i>Pristiophorus cirratus</i>	SE Aus	136°E	151°E		0–800	601	2866	5558	0.516	22	1.56	1.21	Increasing	0.0135	3.04b
Common sawshark	<i>Pristiophorus cirratus</i>	Western	127°E	145°E		0–800	229	3977	2754	1.444	40	1.14	1.07	No trend	ns	3.04c
Common sawshark	<i>Pristiophorus cirratus</i>	Eastern	148°E	151°E		0–500	499	2656	4219	0.629	34	1.62	1.10	Decreasing	0.0099	3.04d
Draughtboard shark	<i>Cephaloscyllium laticeps</i>	SE Aus	143°E	151°E		0–200	315	4122	2781	1.482	40	1.20	1.07	No trend	ns	3.05a
Draughtboard shark	<i>Cephaloscyllium laticeps</i>	SE Aus	143°E	151°E		0–200	382	4052	3287	1.233	34	1.18	1.07	No trend	ns	3.05b
Greeneye spurdog	<i>Squalus mitsukurii</i>	Sthn Aus	127°E	151°E		120–800	650	4547	6335	0.718	17	1.56	1.13	Decreasing	<0.0001	3.06a
Greeneye spurdog	<i>Squalus mitsukurii</i>	Western	127°E	148°E		200–800	169	3948	1786	2.211	47	1.73	1.14	Decreasing	<0.0001	3.06b
Greeneye spurdog	<i>Squalus mitsukurii</i>	Eastern	148°E	151°E	<39°S	120–600	304	767	2752	0.279	8	1.63	1.06	Decreasing	0.0108	3.06c
Grey spotted catshark	<i>Asymbolis analis</i>	Sthn Aus	137°E	151°E		0–300	497	440	4523	0.097	15	1.10	1.03	No trend	ns	3.07a
Grey spotted catshark	<i>Asymbolis analis</i>	SE Aus	137°E	151°E		0–300	450	404	3927	0.103	15	1.09	1.03	No trend	ns	3.07b
Gummy shark	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	Sthn Aus	127°E	151°E		0–500	806	2669	7929	0.337	25	1.08	1.00	Decreasing	0.0013	3.08a
Gummy shark	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	SE Aus	139°E	151°E		0–600	828	2077	7430	0.280	19	1.13	0.99	No trend	ns	3.08b
Ornate angel shark	<i>Squatina tergocellata</i>	GAB	127°E	133°E		0–300	121	11122	1691	6.576	93	1.08	0.77	No trend	ns	3.09a
Owstons dogfish	<i>Centroscymnus owstoni</i>	SE Aus	137°E	151°E		600–1000	126	1924	931	2.067	32	0.79	1.15	Decreasing	0.0072	3.10a
Owstons dogfish	<i>Centroscymnus owstoni</i>	SE Aus	136°E	151°E		600–1000	120	1731	902	1.920	26	1.02	1.21	No trend	ns	3.10b
Port Jackson shark	<i>Heterodontus portusjacksoni</i>	Sthn Aus	127°E	151°E		0–300	542	4952	5149	0.962	32	1.98	1.00	Decreasing	0.0415	3.11a
Port Jackson shark	<i>Heterodontus portusjacksoni</i>	GAB	127°E	132°E		0–300	92	387	1272	0.305	33	1.06	1.03	No trend	ns	3.11b
Port Jackson shark	<i>Heterodontus portusjacksoni</i>	Eastern	148°E	151°E		0–400	326	3357	2864	1.172	25	1.76	0.94	No trend	ns	3.11c
Sawtail shark	<i>Galeus boardmani</i>	Sthn Aus	127°E	151°E		140–600	615	542	6060	0.089	14	1.80	1.05	No trend	ns	3.12a
Sawtail shark	<i>Galeus boardmani</i>	SE Aus	136°E	151°E		140–600	524	509	4834	0.105	16	1.81	1.05	Decreasing	0.0301	3.12b
School shark	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	Sthn Aus	127°E	151°E		120–600	672	586	6601	0.089	5	1.07	0.94	Decreasing	0.0115	3.13a
School shark	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	SE Aus	136°E	151°E		100–600	520	922	5044	0.183	12	1.17	1.00	Decreasing	<0.0001	3.13b
School shark	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	Western	136°E	148°E		200–600	154	726	1649	0.440	21	1.09	1.04	Decreasing	<0.0001	3.13c
School shark	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	Eastern	148°E	151°E		100–500	374	183	3369	0.054	7	1.31	0.95	Decreasing	0.0045	3.13d

Table 6 (continued)

Common name	Scientific name	Region	Data selection criteria				Mean annual catch & effort for selected data				Trend in abundance		Figure		
			Period	Longitude Min Max	Latitude	Depth (m)	Hauls (no.)	Catch (kg)	Tow dist (km)	CPUE (kg/km)	Hauls (%) >0 catch	Log- gamma		Binomial P	
Sharks (Selachii) (continued)															
Spinye spurdog	<i>Squalus megalops</i>	Sthn Aus	2000-06	127°E	151°E	0-600	842	17326	8038	2.156	29	2.38	0.98	Increasing	3.14a
Spinye spurdog	<i>Squalus megalops</i>	GAB	2001-06	127°E	132°E	0-300	98	2346	1335	1.757	53	1.39	1.05	No trend	ns
Spinye spurdog	<i>Squalus megalops</i>	Western	2002-06	139°E	148°E	140-600	161	3606	1837	1.963	30	1.24	0.94	No trend	ns
Spinye spurdog	<i>Squalus megalops</i>	Eastern	1998-06	148°E	151°E	<41°S	534	11747	4500	2.611	29	2.33	0.99	Increasing	0.0019
Whitefin swell shark	<i>Cephaloscyllium sp a</i>	SE Aus	1994-06	137°E	151°E	200-700	354	7905	3369	2.346	51	1.34	1.01	Decreasing	<0.0001
Whitefin swell shark	<i>Cephaloscyllium sp a</i>	SE Aus	2000-06	137°E	151°E	200-700	417	8136	3878	2.098	47	1.33	0.99	Decreasing	<0.0001
Gulper shark	<i>Centrophorus spp</i>	Western	1996-06	136°E	144°E	200-1000	160	313	1578	0.199	9	1.55	1.42	No trend	ns
Gulper shark	<i>Centrophorus spp</i>	Eastern	1998-06	148°E	151°E	200-900	214	434	1726	0.252	12	1.67	1.03	No trend	ns
Rays (Batoidea)															
Banded stingaree	<i>Urolophus cruciatus</i>	Sthn Aus	2000-06	136°E	151°E	0-400	563	1264	4975	0.254	20	1.22	0.99	No trend	ns
Bight skate	<i>Dipturus gudelgeri</i>	Sthn Aus	2000-06	127°E	151°E	160-1000	496	1940	4816	0.403	19	1.01	1.02	Increasing	0.0029
Black stingray	<i>Dasyatis thetidis</i>	GAB	2001-06	127°E	132°E	120-200	80	304	1099	0.277	7	1.27	0.52	No trend	ns
Black stingray	<i>Dasyatis thetidis</i>	Eastern	1998-06	148°E	151°E	<38°S	385	1573	3279	0.480	11	1.14	1.00	No trend	ns
Common stingaree	<i>Trigonoptera testacea</i>	Eastern	2001-06	148°E	151°E	<38°S	326	882	2742	0.322	17	2.00	0.93	No trend	ns
Eastern shovelnose ray	<i>Apristotrema rostrata</i>	Eastern	1998-06	148°E	151°E	<38°S	241	427	1967	0.217	12	0.71	0.82	Increasing	<0.0001
Greenback stingaree	<i>Urolophus viridis</i>	Eastern	1998-06	149°E	151°E	<38°S	351	9162	2991	3.064	44	1.82	1.02	Decreasing	0.0026
Longnose skate	<i>Dipturus sp A</i>	Eastern	1998-06	148°E	151°E	<38°S	250	393	2106	0.187	8	0.81	0.79	Decreasing	0.0438
Melbourne skate	<i>Dipturus whiteleyi</i>	GAB	2001-06	127°E	131°E	160-400	93	761	1268	0.600	11	1.33	1.34	Increasing	0.0071
Melbourne skate	<i>Dipturus whiteleyi</i>	Western	2002-06	138°E	147°E	0-400	91	272	945	0.287	8	1.93	0.91	No trend	ns
Melbourne skate	<i>Dipturus whiteleyi</i>	Eastern	1998-06	145°E	151°E	>35°S	609	2950	5270	0.560	11	1.14	0.99	Increasing	0.0034
Peacock skate	<i>Pavoraja nitida</i>	Eastern	2001-06	148°E	151°E	0-600	588	795	5018	0.158	10	0.94	1.06	No trend	ns
Sandyback stingaree	<i>Urolophus bucculentus</i>	Eastern	1998-06	148°E	151°E	0-300	407	1510	3533	0.427	19	1.23	1.14	No trend	ns
Smooth stingray	<i>Dasyatis brevicaudata</i>	GAB	2001-06	127°E	132°E	0-200	90	2216	1228	1.805	34	0.99	1.71	No trend	ns
Smooth stingray	<i>Dasyatis brevicaudata</i>	Eastern	2002-06	149°E	151°E	<38°S	368	526	3135	0.168	7	1.68	1.03	No trend	ns
Southern eagle ray	<i>Myliobatis australis</i>	Eastern	1998-06	148°E	151°E	<38°S	380	1358	3255	0.417	13	2.11	1.19	No trend	ns
Southern fiddler ray	<i>Trigonorrhina fasciata</i>	GAB	2000-06	127°E	132°E	0-200	86	2699	1181	2.285	49	0.88	1.07	No trend	ns
Southern fiddler ray	<i>Trigonorrhina fasciata</i>	Eastern	1998-06	148°E	151°E	<38°S	327	1540	2776	0.554	17	0.86	1.27	Decreasing	0.0435
Sparsely spotted stingaree	<i>Urolophus paucimaculatus</i>	Eastern	1998-06	148°E	151°E	0-200	407	792	3533	0.224	8	1.21	1.35	Decreasing	0.0125
Short-tail torpedo ray	<i>Torpedo macneilli</i>	Sthn Aus	2000-06	127°E	151°E	60-600	830	1819	7973	0.228	13	1.22	1.05	No trend	ns
Sydney skate	<i>Dipturus australis</i>	Eastern	1998-06	148°E	151°E	0-600	567	3570	4855	0.735	35	1.35	1.04	No trend	ns
Tasmanian numbfish	<i>Narcine tasmanensis</i>	Sthn Aus	2000-06	127°E	151°E	0-600	736	1216	6739	0.180	16	1.16	1.26	Increasing	<0.0001
Wide stingaree	<i>Urolophus expansus</i>	GAB	2000-06	127°E	133°E	120-400	85	6563	1173	5.594	55	1.44	1.18	No trend	ns
Holocephalans (Holocephali)															
Blackfin ghostshark	<i>Hydrolagus lemmings</i>	Eastern	2002-06	148°E	151°E	140-900	324	184	2763	0.067	7	1.46	1.00	No trend	ns
Ogilbyes ghostshark	<i>Hydrolagus ogilbyi</i>	SE Aus	1994-06	141°E	151°E	140-1000	425	209	3759	0.056	8	1.39	0.90	No trend	ns
Southern chimaera	<i>Chimaera sp a</i>	SE Aus	1994-06	137°E	151°E	200-1000	383	283	3400	0.083	10	1.05	0.87	No trend	ns

Table 7. Depth range distribution from results of standardisation for each species

CPUE standardisations are from ISMP data for various periods during 1994–06 for SETF and during 2000–06 for GABTF. Sthn Aus, southern Australia predominantly longitude range 127–151°E; SE Aus, south-eastern Australia predominantly longitude range 138–151°E; GAB, Great Australian Bight predominantly longitude range 127–138°E; Western, western region of SETF predominantly longitude range 138–148°E; Eastern, eastern region of predominantly longitude range 148–152°E. ■, present; ■, highest abundance.

Common name	Scientific name	Region	Period	Longitude		Lat.	Depth (m)	Relative abundance by depth (m)														
				Min	Max			0	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	900	1000				
Sharks (Selachii)																						
Australian angel shark	<i>Squatina australis</i>	Eastern	1994–06	148°E	151°E	<38°S	0–500	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Australian angel shark	<i>Squatina australis</i>	Eastern	1998–06	148°E	151°E	<38°S	0–500	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Australian angel shark	<i>Squatina australis</i>	Eastern	2000–06	148°E	151°E	<38°S	0–500	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Black shark	<i>Dalatias licha</i>	SE Aus	1994–06	137°E	151°E	600–1000	0–500	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Black shark	<i>Dalatias licha</i>	SE Aus	2000–06	137°E	151°E	600–1000	0–500	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Brier shark	<i>Denia calcea</i>	Sthn Aus	2000–06	136°E	148°E	600–1000	0–500	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Brier shark	<i>Denia calcea</i>	Western	1996–06	137°E	148°E	600–1000	0–500	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Brier shark	<i>Denia calcea</i>	Sthn Aus	2000–06	137°E	151°E	600–1000	0–500	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Common sawshark	<i>Pristiophorus cirratus</i>	SE Aus	1994–06	136°E	151°E	0–800	0–800	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Common sawshark	<i>Pristiophorus cirratus</i>	SE Aus	2000–06	127°E	145°E	0–800	0–800	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Common sawshark	<i>Pristiophorus cirratus</i>	Western	2000–06	148°E	151°E	0–500	0–500	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Common sawshark	<i>Pristiophorus cirratus</i>	Eastern	2000–06	143°E	151°E	0–200	0–200	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Draughtboard shark	<i>Cephaloscyllium laticeps</i>	SE Aus	1996–06	143°E	151°E	0–200	0–200	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Draughtboard shark	<i>Cephaloscyllium laticeps</i>	SE Aus	2000–06	143°E	151°E	0–200	0–200	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Greeneye spurdog	<i>Squalus mitsukurii</i>	Sthn Aus	2000–06	127°E	151°E	120–800	120–800	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Greeneye spurdog	<i>Squalus mitsukurii</i>	Western	1996–06	137°E	148°E	200–800	200–800	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Greeneye spurdog	<i>Squalus mitsukurii</i>	Eastern	1996–06	148°E	151°E	120–600	120–600	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Grey spotted catshark	<i>Asymbolis analis</i>	Sthn Aus	2000–06	127°E	151°E	0–300	0–300	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Grey spotted catshark	<i>Asymbolis analis</i>	SE Aus	1998–06	137°E	151°E	0–300	0–300	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Grey spotted catshark	<i>Asymbolis analis</i>	Sthn Aus	2000–06	127°E	151°E	0–300	0–300	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Gummy shark	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	Sthn Aus	2000–06	127°E	151°E	0–500	0–500	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Gummy shark	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	Sthn Aus	2000–06	127°E	151°E	0–500	0–500	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Gummy shark	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	Sthn Aus	1994–05	139°E	151°E	0–600	0–600	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Ornate angel shark	<i>Squatina tergocellata</i>	GAB	2000–06	127°E	133°E	0–300	0–300	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Owston's dogfish	<i>Centroscyllium owstoni</i>	SE Aus	1996–06	137°E	151°E	600–1000	600–1000	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Owston's dogfish	<i>Centroscyllium owstoni</i>	SE Aus	2000–06	136°E	151°E	600–1000	600–1000	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Owston's dogfish	<i>Centroscyllium owstoni</i>	SE Aus	2000–06	136°E	151°E	600–1000	600–1000	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Port Jackson shark	<i>Heterodontus portusjacksoni</i>	Sthn Aus	2000–06	127°E	151°E	0–300	0–300	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Port Jackson shark	<i>Heterodontus portusjacksoni</i>	GAB	2000–06	127°E	132°E	0–300	0–300	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Port Jackson shark	<i>Heterodontus portusjacksoni</i>	Eastern	1994–06	148°E	151°E	0–400	0–400	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Port Jackson shark	<i>Heterodontus portusjacksoni</i>	Sthn Aus	2000–06	127°E	151°E	140–600	140–600	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Sawtail shark	<i>Galeus boardmani</i>	Sthn Aus	2000–06	136°E	151°E	140–600	140–600	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Sawtail shark	<i>Galeus boardmani</i>	SE Aus	1998–06	136°E	151°E	140–600	140–600	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Sawtail shark	<i>Galeus boardmani</i>	Sthn Aus	2000–06	127°E	151°E	100–600	100–600	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
School shark	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	SE Aus	1994–06	136°E	151°E	200–600	200–600	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
School shark	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	Western	1994–06	136°E	148°E	100–500	100–500	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
School shark	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	Eastern	1994–06	148°E	151°E	100–500	100–500	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	

Table 7 (continued)

Common name	Scientific name	Region	Relative abundance by depth (m)														
			99	199	299	399	499	599	699	799	899	999	1099				
		Period	Longitude		Lat.	Depth											
			Min	Max		(m)											
Sharks (Selachii) (continued)																	
Spiley spurdog	<i>Squalus megalops</i>	Sthn Aus	2000-06	127°E	151°E	0-600											
Spiley spurdog	<i>Squalus megalops</i>	GAB	2001-06	127°E	132°E	0-300											
Spiley spurdog	<i>Squalus megalops</i>	Western	2002-06	139°E	148°E	140-600											
Spiley spurdog	<i>Squalus megalops</i>	Eastern	1998-06	148°E	151°E	0-600											
Whitfin swell shark	<i>Cephaloscyllium sp a</i>	SE Aus	1994-06	137°E	151°E	200-700											
Whitfin swell shark	<i>Cephaloscyllium sp a</i>	SE Aus	2000-06	137°E	151°E	200-700											
Gulper shark	<i>Centrophorus spp</i>	Western	1996-06	136°E	144°E	200-1000											
Gulper shark	<i>Centrophorus spp</i>	Eastern	1998-06	148°E	151°E	200-900											
Rays (Batoidea)																	
Banded stingaree	<i>Urolophus cruciatus</i>	Sthn Aus	2000-06	136°E	151°E	0-400											
Bight skate	<i>Dipturus gudgeri</i>	Sthn Aus	2000-06	127°E	151°E	160-1000											
Black stingray	<i>Dasyatis thetidis</i>	GAB	2001-06	127°E	132°E	120-200											
Black stingray	<i>Dasyatis thetidis</i>	Eastern	1998-06	148°E	151°E	<38°S	0-400										
Common stingaree	<i>Trygonoptera testacea</i>	Eastern	2001-06	148°E	151°E	<38°S	0-300										
Eastern shovelnose ray	<i>Apychotrema rostrata</i>	Eastern	1998-06	148°E	151°E	<38°S	0-160										
Greenback stingaree	<i>Urolophus viridis</i>	Eastern	1998-06	149°E	151°E	<38°S	0-300										
Longnose skate	<i>Dipturus sp A</i>	Eastern	1998-06	148°E	151°E	<38°S	0-140										
Melbourne skate	<i>Dipturus whiteleyi</i>	GAB	2001-06	127°E	131°E	160-400											
Melbourne skate	<i>Dipturus whiteleyi</i>	Western	2002-06	138°E	147°E	0-400											
Melbourne skate	<i>Dipturus whiteleyi</i>	Eastern	1998-06	145°E	151°E	>35°S	0-600										
Peacock skate	<i>Pavoraja nitida</i>	Eastern	2001-06	148°E	151°E	0-600											
Sandyback stingaree	<i>Urolophus bucculentus</i>	Eastern	1998-06	148°E	151°E	0-300											
Smooth stingray	<i>Dasyatis brevicaudata</i>	GAB	2001-06	127°E	132°E	0-200											
Smooth stingray	<i>Dasyatis brevicaudata</i>	Eastern	2002-06	149°E	151°E	0-300											
Southern eagle ray	<i>Myliobatis australis</i>	Eastern	1998-06	148°E	151°E	<38°S	0-300										
Southern fiddler ray	<i>Trygonorrhina fasciata</i>	GAB	2000-06	127°E	132°E	0-200											
Southern fiddler ray	<i>Trygonorrhina fasciata</i>	Eastern	1998-06	148°E	151°E	<38°S	0-200										
Sparsely spotted stingaree	<i>Urolophus paucimaculatus</i>	Eastern	1998-06	148°E	151°E	0-300											
Short-tail torpedo ray	<i>Torpedo macneilli</i>	Sthn Aus	2000-06	127°E	151°E	60-600											
Sydney skate	<i>Dipturus australis</i>	Eastern	1998-06	148°E	151°E	0-600											
Tasmanian numbfish	<i>Narcine tasmaniensis</i>	Sthn Aus	2000-06	127°E	151°E	0-600											
Wide stingaree	<i>Urolophus expansus</i>	GAB	2000-06	127°E	133°E	120-400											
Holocephalans (Holocephali)																	
Black fin ghostshark	<i>Hydrolagus lemures</i>	Eastern	2002-06	148°E	151°E	<38°S	140-900										
Ogilbys ghostshark	<i>Hydrolagus ogilbyi</i>	SE Aus	1994-06	141°E	151°E	140-1000											
Southern chimaera	<i>Chimaera sp a</i>	SE Aus	1994-06	137°E	151°E	200-1000											

Table 8a. Number of species by abundance category and depth range

Abundance category is mostly total catch in the SESSF: rare <1 t; sparse, 1–19 t; common 20–99 t; abundant, ≥100 t.

Category	Mean annual catch (t) estimate from ISMP	Number of species			Total
		Shelf <200 m	Upper-mid slope 200–599 m	Deep-water ≥600 m	
Sharks (Selachii)					
Rare	0	3	4	2	9
	<1	8	9	7	24
	Outside range	2	1		3
	Sub-total	13	14	9	36
Sparse	0	4			4
	1–19	7	9	5	21
	Outside range	2			2
	Sub-total	13	9	5	27
Common	20–99	3	2	3	8
Abundant	≥100	7	3	1	11
Total		36	28	18	82
Rays (Batoidea)					
Rare	0	3		1	4
	<1	2	2		4
	Outside range	3	3	1	7
	Sub-total	8	5	2	15
Sparse	0				0
	1–19	7	2		9
	Outside range	2			2
	Sub-total	9	2	0	11
Common	20–99	11	2	0	13
Abundant	≥100	6	0	0	6
Total		34	9	2	45
Holocephalans (Holocephalii)					
Rare	0				0
	<1			2	2
	Outside range		2		2
	Sub-total	0	2	2	4
Sparse	1–19		3	2	5
	Outside range				0
	Sub-total	0	3	2	5
Common	20–99	0	0	0	0
Abundant	≥100	1	0	0	1
Total		1	5	4	10
Grand total		71	42	24	137

Table 8b. Number of species by abundance category and depth range

Abundance category is mostly total catch in the SESSF: rare <1 t; sparse, 1–19 t; common 20–99 t; abundant, ≥100 t.

Abundance category	Number of species			
	Shelf <200 m	Upper-mid slope 200–599 m	Deep-water ≥600 m	Total
Sharks (Selachii)				
Rare	11	13	9	33
Sparse	11	9	5	25
Common	3	2	3	8
Abundant	7	3	1	11
Total	32	27	18	77
Rays (Batoidea)				
Rare	5	2	1	8
Sparse	7	2	0	9
Common	11	2	0	13
Abundant	6	0	0	6
Total	29	6	1	36
Holocephalans (Holocephalii)				
Rare	0	0	2	2
Sparse	0	3	2	5
Common	0	0	0	0
Abundant	1	0	0	1
Total	1	3	4	8
Grand total	62	36	23	121

Table 9a. Number of species of shark (selachii) by abundance category and depth range

Shark gillnet and shark longline catch is included in SESHF quota, but not included in ISMP catch estimate. Abundance category is based on mostly total catch in the SESHF: rare <1 t; sparse, 1–19 t; common 20–99 t; abundant, ≥100 t; risk category is derived from standardised CPUE based on post-2000 decline (=mean cpue 2004–06/mean cpue 2000–02): low, ≥0.667; medium, 0.334–0.666; high, ≤0.333.

Common name	Scientific name	ISMP ^A catch estimate (t)	Per cent retained category	Abundance category	Trend	Post-2000 decline	Risk	Management mitigation
Continental shelf (<200 m)								
School shark	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	35		Abundant	Decline only	0.426	Medium	Quota (257 t) ^B
Gummy shark	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	185	94	Abundant	Rise-peak-decline	0.520	Medium	Quota (1800 t)
Australian angel shark	<i>Squatina australis</i>	313	97	Abundant	Rise-peak-decline	0.657	Medium	
Ornate angel shark	<i>Squatina tergocellata</i>	289	75	Abundant	Rise-peak-decline	1.643	Low	
Common sawshark	<i>Pristiophorus cirratus</i>	280	93	Abundant	Rise-peak-decline	0.556	Medium	Quota (434 t) ^C
Port Jackson shark	<i>Heterodontus portusjacksoni</i>	211	0	Abundant	Rise-peak-decline	0.687	Low	
Draughtboard shark	<i>Cephaloscyllium laticeps</i>	227	47	Abundant	No trend	0.864	Low	
Grey-spotted catshark	<i>Asymbolis analis</i>	26	0	Common	No trend	0.675	Low	
Southern sawshark	<i>Pristiophorus nudipinnis</i>	32	96	Common	Indeterminable			Quota ^C
Spotted wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus maculatus</i>	24	89	Common	Indeterminable			
11 sparse species (4 included from inshore fisheries)		1–19		Sparse	Indeterminable			
11 rare species (3 from literature)		<1		Rare	Indeterminable			
Upper-slope-mid-slope (200–599 m)								
Spinye spurdog	<i>Squalus megalops</i>	719	28	Abundant	Rise only	2.643	Low	Spatial closure
Whitefin swellshark	<i>Cephaloscyllium</i> sp a	385	10	Abundant	Rise-peak-decline	0.508	Medium	Spatial closure
Greeneye spurdog	<i>Squalus mitsukurii</i>	112	24	Abundant	Rise-peak-decline	0.123	High	Spatial closure
Gulper shark	<i>Centrophorus spp</i> ^D	56	75	Common	No trend	0.273	High ^E	Spatial closure
Sawtail shark	<i>Galeus boardmani</i>	23	0	Common	Decline	0.903	Low	
9 sparse species		1–19		Sparse	Indeterminable			
13 rare species (4 from literature)		<1		Rare	Indeterminable			
Lower-slope (≥600 m)								
Brier shark	<i>Deania calcea</i>	257	81	Abundant	Decline	0.476	Medium	Closure >700 m
Platypus shark	<i>Deania</i> spp	97	93	Common	Indeterminable			Closure >700 m
Black shark	<i>Dalatis licha</i>	81	45	Common	Decline	0.204	High	Closure >700 m
Owston's shark	<i>Centroscymnus owstoni</i>	71	93	Common	Decline	1.578	Low	Closure >700 m
Golden dogfish	<i>Centroscymnus crepidator</i>	56	93	Common	Indeterminable			Closure >700 m
5 sparse species		1–19		Sparse	Indeterminable			Closure >700 m
9 rare species (2 from literature)		<1		Rare	Indeterminable			Closure >700 m

^AExcludes shark gillnet and shark longline fishing catch; ^BSESSF quota includes shark gillnet and shark longline fishing catch; ^Csawshark quota;

^Dmostly *Centrophorus moluccensis* and *C. ayato*, with negligible quantities of *C. harrissoni*, and *C. squamosus*; ^Epost-2000 decline in western region is 0.273 (high risk), whereas eastern region is 1.667 (low risk).

Table 9b. Number of species of rays (batoidea) by abundance category and depth range

Shark gillnet and shark longline catch is included in SESSF quota, but not included in ISMP catch estimate. Abundance category is based on mostly total catch in the SESSF: rare <1 t; sparse, 1–19 t; common 20–99 t; abundant, ≥100 t; risk category is derived from standardised CPUE based on post-2000 decline (=mean cpue 2004–06/mean cpue 2000–02): low, ≥0.667; medium, 0.334–0.666; high, ≤0.333.

Common name	Scientific name	ISMP ^A catch estimate (t)	Per cent retained	Abundance category	Trend	Post-2000 decline	Risk	Management mitigation
Continental shelf (<200 m)								
Greenback stingaree	<i>Urolophus viridis</i>	455	0	Abundant	Decline only	0.337	Medium	
Wide stingaree	<i>Urolophus expansus</i>	351	0	Abundant	No trend	1.067	Low	
Southern fiddler ray	<i>Trygonorrhina fasciata</i>	219	26	Abundant	No trend	1.252	Low	
Melbourne skate	<i>Dipturus whiteleyi</i>	176	30	Abundant	Rise only	2.233	Low	
Sydney skate	<i>Dipturus australis</i>	157	0	Abundant	Rise-peak-decline	0.721	Low	
Sandyback stingaree	<i>Urolophus bucculentus</i>	124	19	Abundant	Rise-peak-decline	0.405	Medium	
Black stingray	<i>Dasyatis thetidis</i>	96	26	Common	Rise only	2.232	Low	
Sparse spotted stingaree	<i>Urolophus paucimaculatus</i>	90	1	Common	Decline only	0.615	Medium	
Smooth stingray	<i>Dasyatis brevicaudata</i>	89	5	Common	Rise-peak-decline	2.123	Low	
Southern eagle ray	<i>Myliobatis australis</i>	88	55	Common	No trend	2.077	Low	
Banded stingaree	<i>Urolophus cruciatus</i>	70	0	Common	Rise-peak-decline	0.861	Low	
Peacock skate	<i>Pavoraja nitida</i>	70	0	Common	No trend	0.873	Low	
Tasmanian numbfish	<i>Narcine tasmaniensis</i>	56	0	Common	Rise only	4.715	Low	
Whitespotted skate	<i>Dipturus cervia</i>	37	0	Common	Indeterminable			
Common stingaree	<i>Trygonoptera testacea</i>	31	0	Common	Indeterminable			
Longnose skate	<i>Dipturus</i> sp A	25	67	Common	Indeterminable			
Eastern shovelnose	<i>Apychotrema rostrata</i>	23	77	Common	Rise only	9.555	Low	
7 sparse species		1–19		Sparse	Indeterminable			
5 rare species (3 from literature with zero catch)		<1		Rare	Indeterminable			
Upper-slope-mid-slope (200–599 m)								
Bight skate	<i>Dipturus gudgeri</i>	88		Common	Rise only	2.232	Low	
Short-tail torpedo ray	<i>Torpedo macneilli</i>	72		Common	Rise-peak-decline	1.067	Low	
2 sparse species		1–19		Sparse	Indeterminable			
2 rare species		<1		Rare	Indeterminable			
Lower-slope (≥600 m)								
0 sparse species		1–19		Sparse	Indeterminable			Closure >700 m
1 rare species (includes 1 from literature with zero catch)		<1		Rare	Indeterminable			Closure >700 m

Table 9c. Number of species of holocephalans (holocephalii) by abundance category and depth range

Shark gillnet and shark longline catch is included in SESSF quota, but not included in ISMP catch estimate. Abundance category is based on mostly total catch in the SESSF: rare <1 t; sparse, 1–19 t; common 20–99 t; abundant, ≥100 t; risk category is derived from standardised CPUE based on post-2000 decline (=mean cpue 2004–06/mean cpue 2000–02): low, ≥0.667; medium, 0.334–0.666; high, ≤0.333.

Common name	Scientific name	ISMP ^A catch estimate	Per cent retained category	Abundance Trend	Post-2000 Risk decline	Management mitigation
Continental shelf (<200 m)						
Elephant fish	<i>Callorhynchus milii</i>	94	94	Abundant	Indeterminable	Quota (130 t) ^B
0 sparse species		1–19		Sparse	Indeterminable	
0 rare species		<1		Rare	Indeterminable	
Upper-slope–mid-slope (200–599 m)						
Southern chimaera	<i>Chimaera</i> sp A	12	89	Sparse	No trend	Quota (basket)
Ogilby's ghostshark	<i>Hydrolagus ogilby</i>	10	89	Sparse	No trend	Quota (basket)
1 sparse species		1–19		Sparse	Indeterminable	Quota (basket)
0 rare species		<1		Rare	Indeterminable	
Lower-slope (≥600 m)						
Blackfin ghostshark	<i>Hydrolagus lemuress</i>	11	74	Sparse	No trend	Closure >700 m
1 sparse species		1–19		Sparse	Indeterminable	Closure >700 m
2 rare species		<1		Rare	Indeterminable	Closure >700 m

^AExcludes shark gillnet and shark longline fishing catch; ^BSESSF quota includes shark gillnet and shark longline fishing catch.

Fig. 1. Boundaries of locality-cells

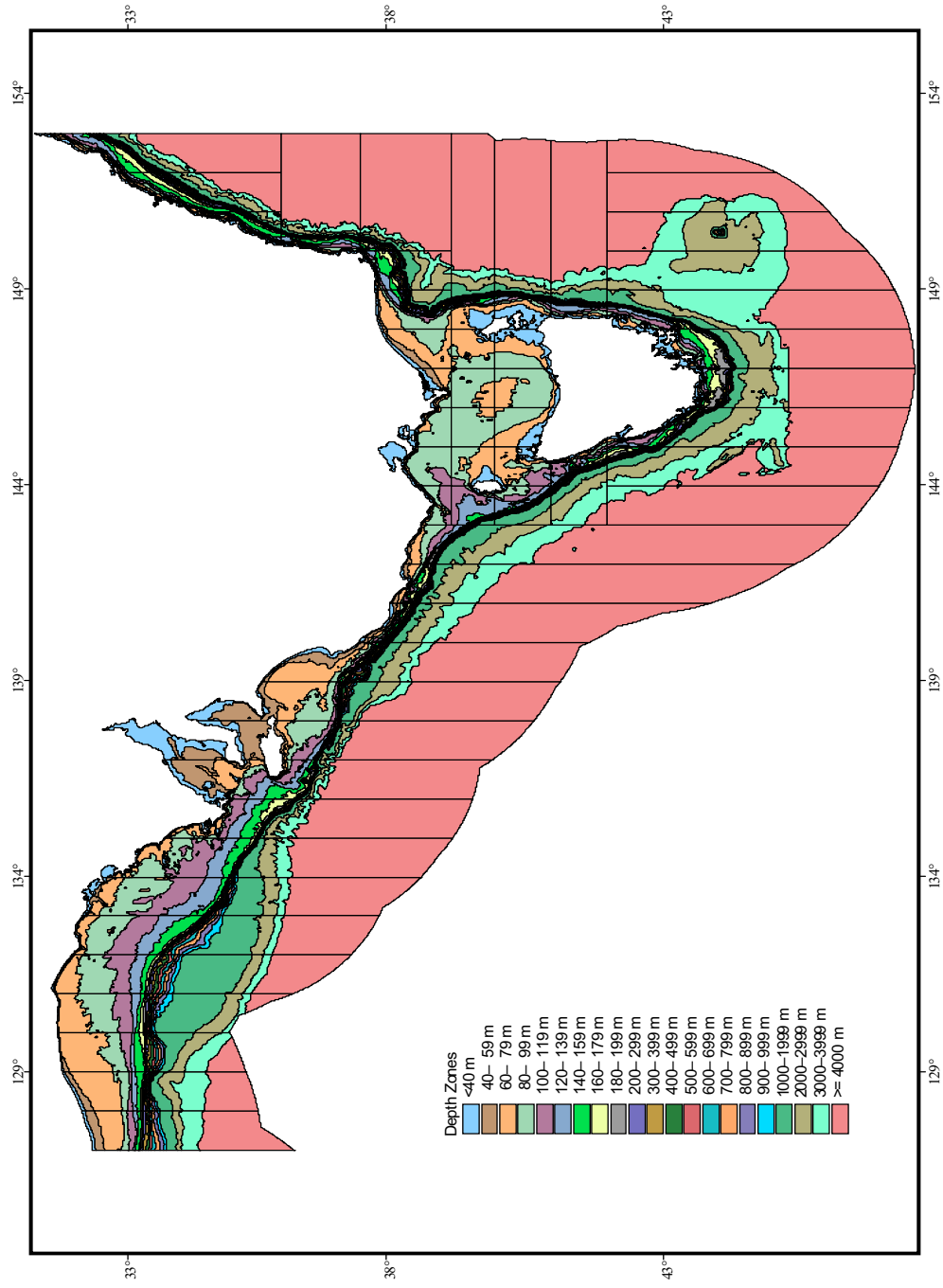


Fig. 2. Regions for data selection

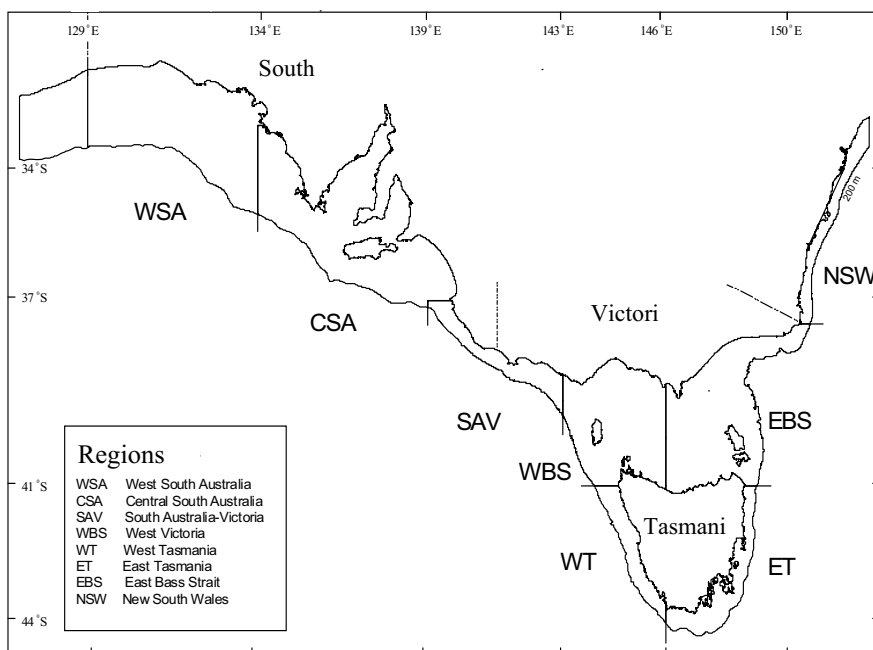


Fig. 3.01a. Australian angel shark (*Squatina australis*) 1994–06 SETF 0–400 m depth eastern region (longitude 148–151° E, latitude <38° S)

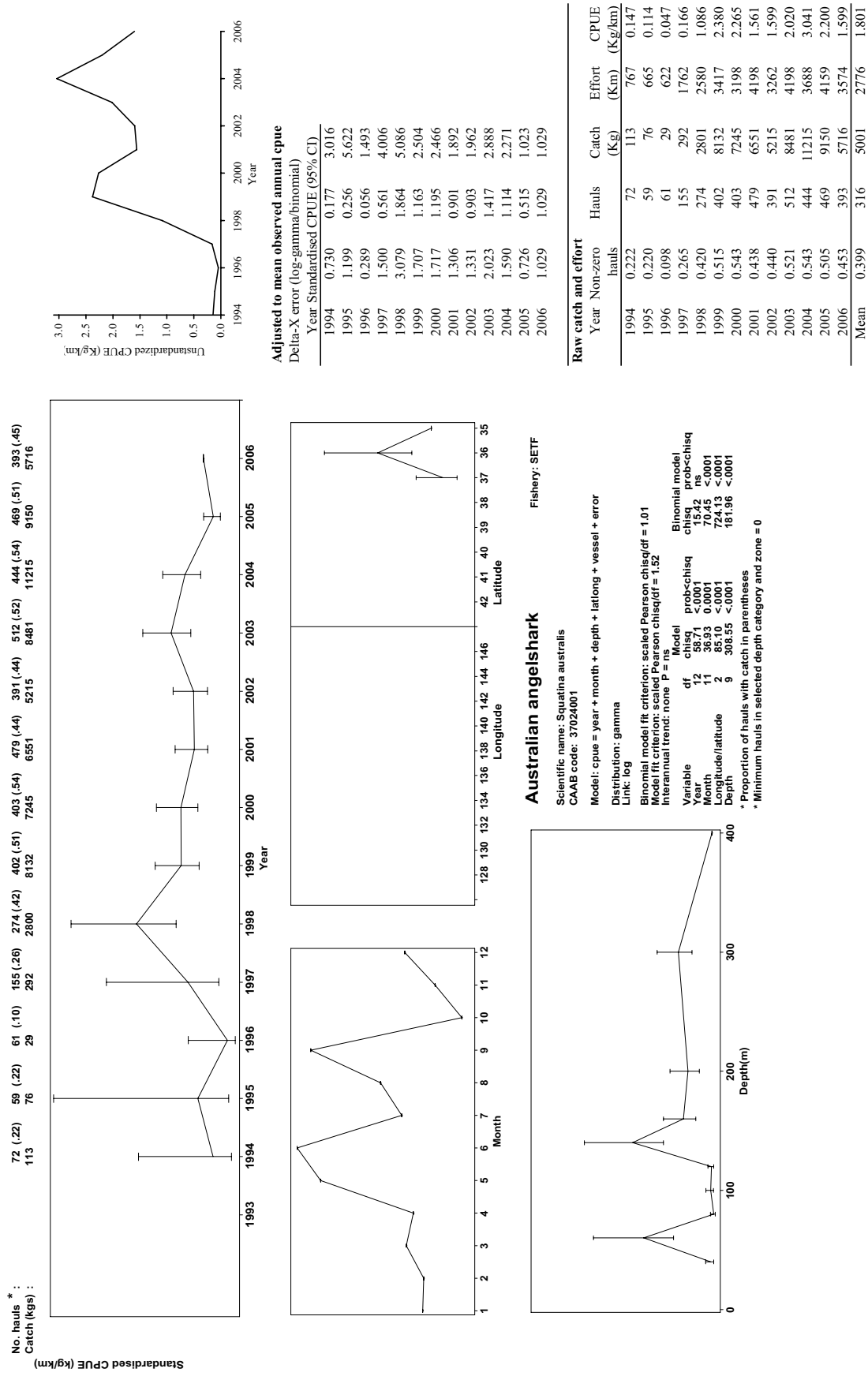


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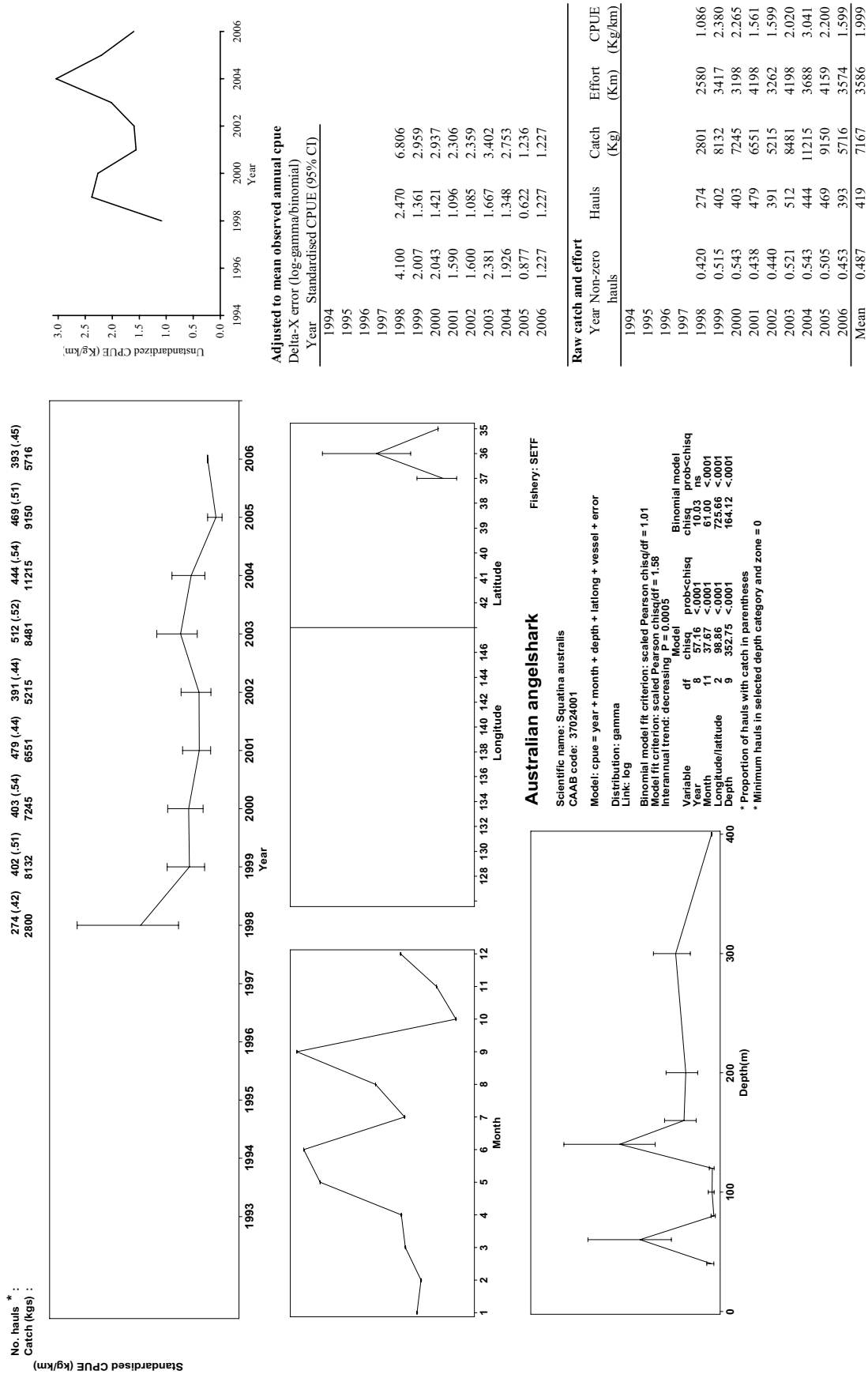


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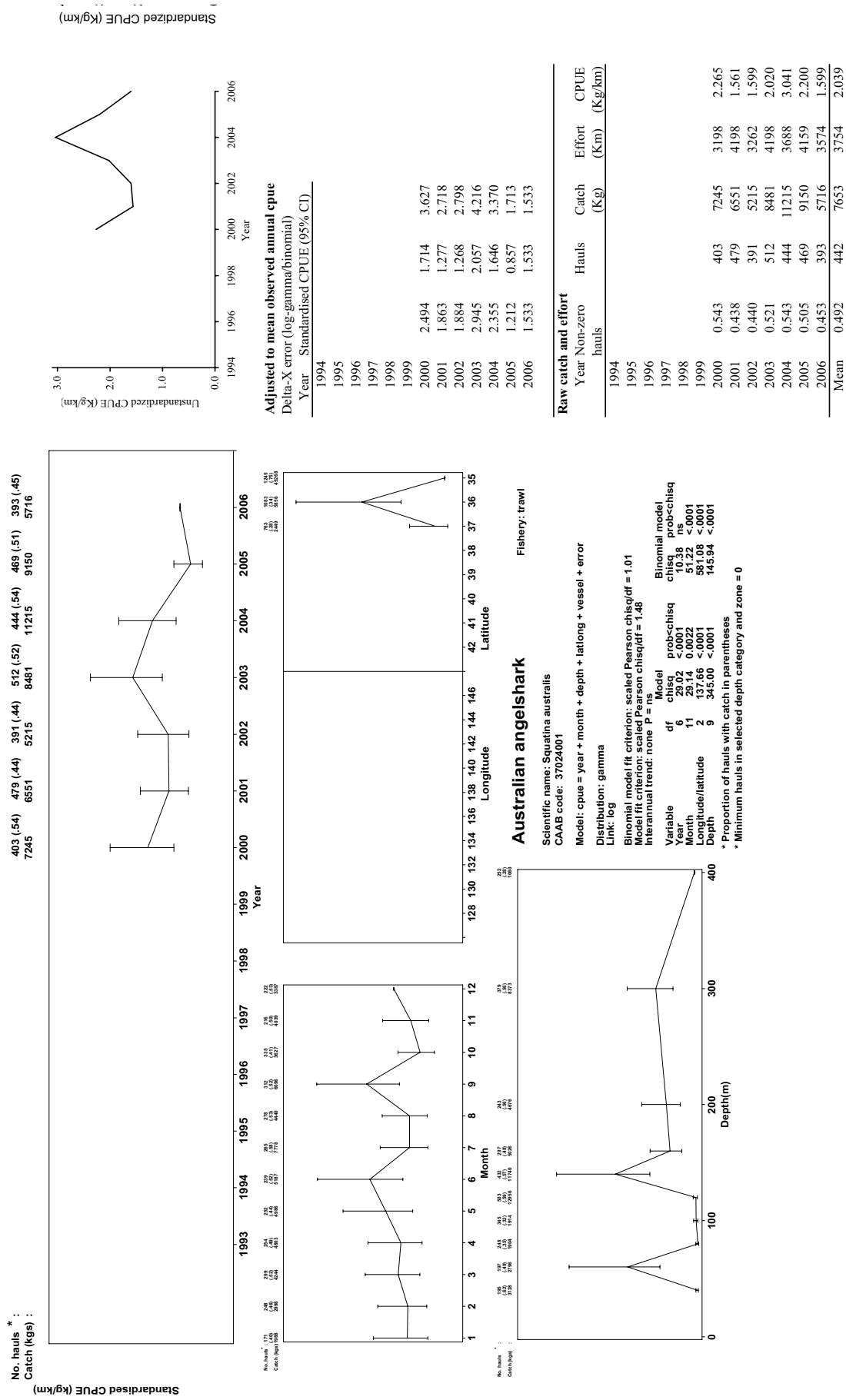


Fig. 3.02a. Black shark (*Dalatias licha*) 1994–06 SETF 600–1000 m depth south-eastern Australia (longitude 137–151° E)

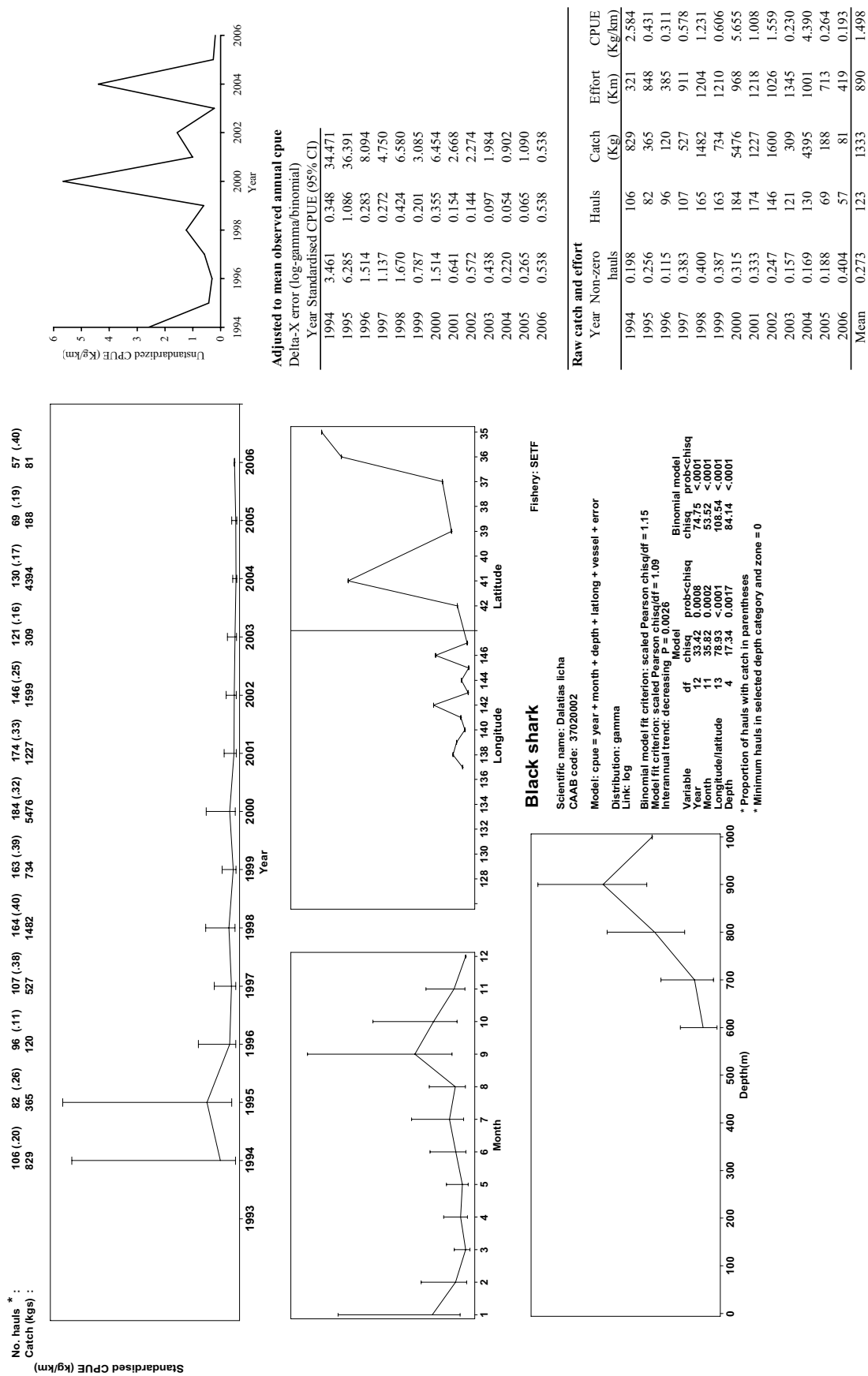


Fig. 3.02b. Black shark (*Dalatias licha*) 2000–06 SETF 600–1000 m depth south-eastern Australia (longitude 137–151° E)

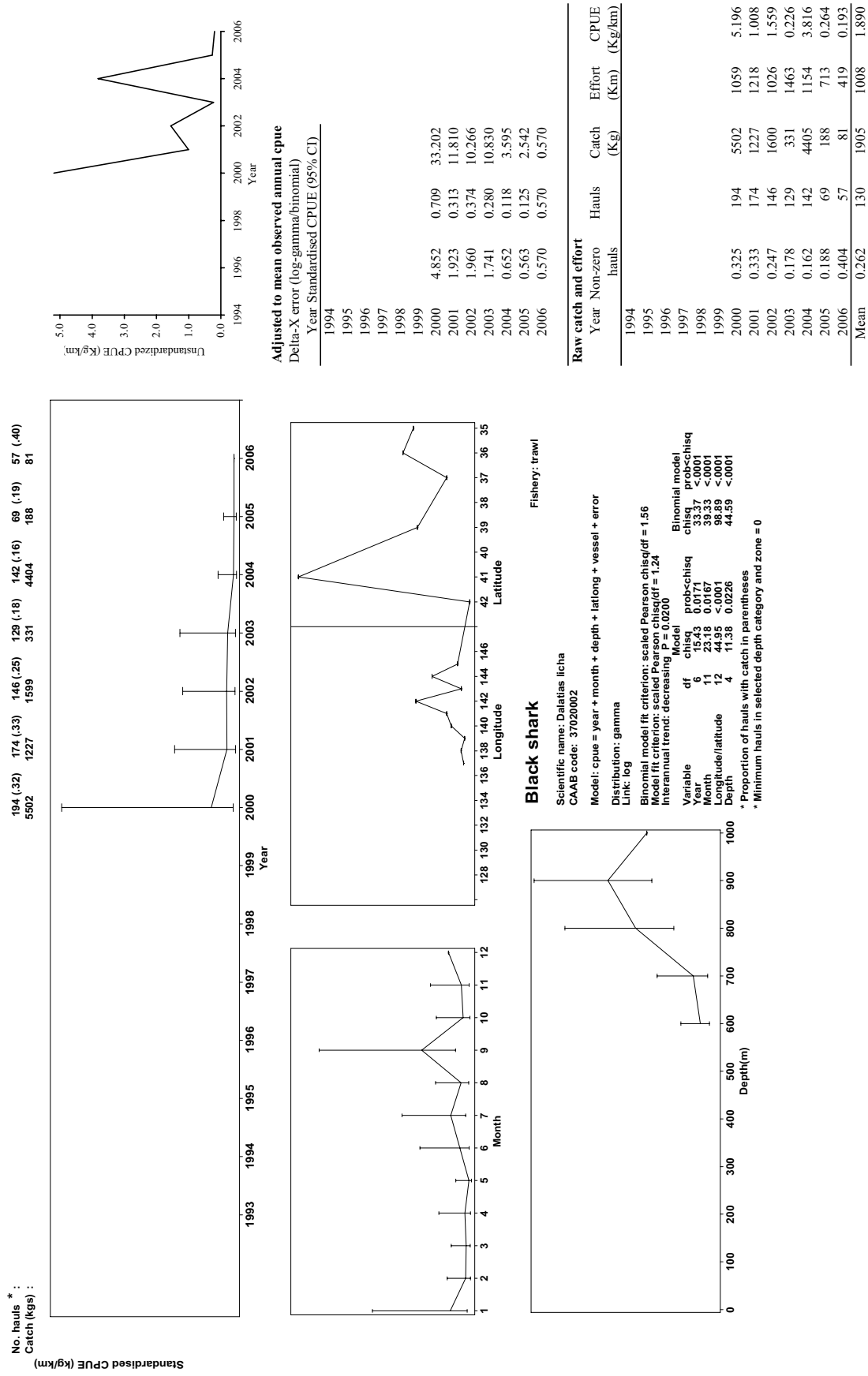


Fig. 3.03a. Brier shark (*Deania calcea*) 2000–06 SETF 600–1000 m depth south-eastern Australia (longitude 136–151° E)

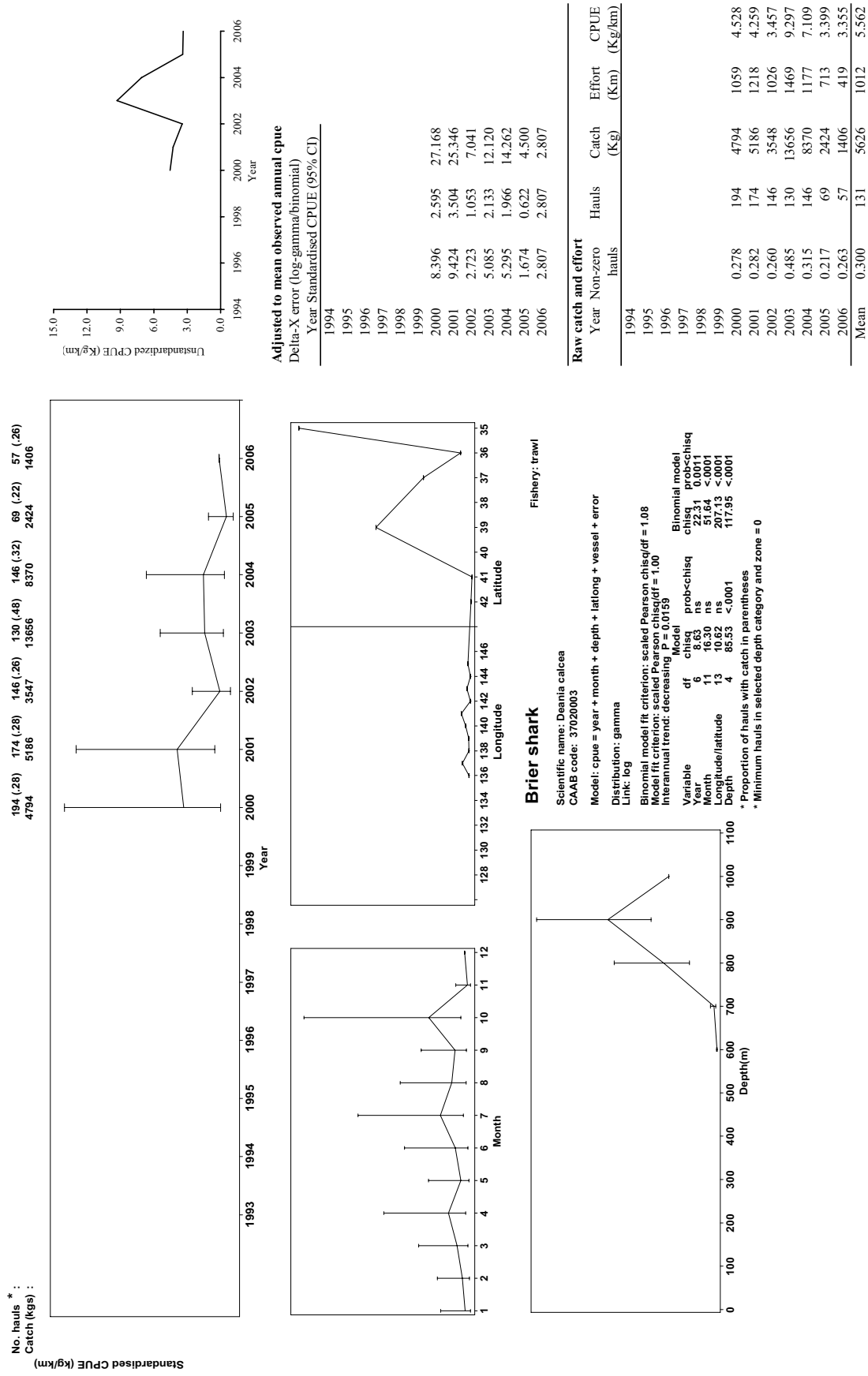


Fig. 3.03b. Brier shark (*Deania calcea*) 1994–06 SETF 600–1000 m depth western region (longitude 137–147° E)

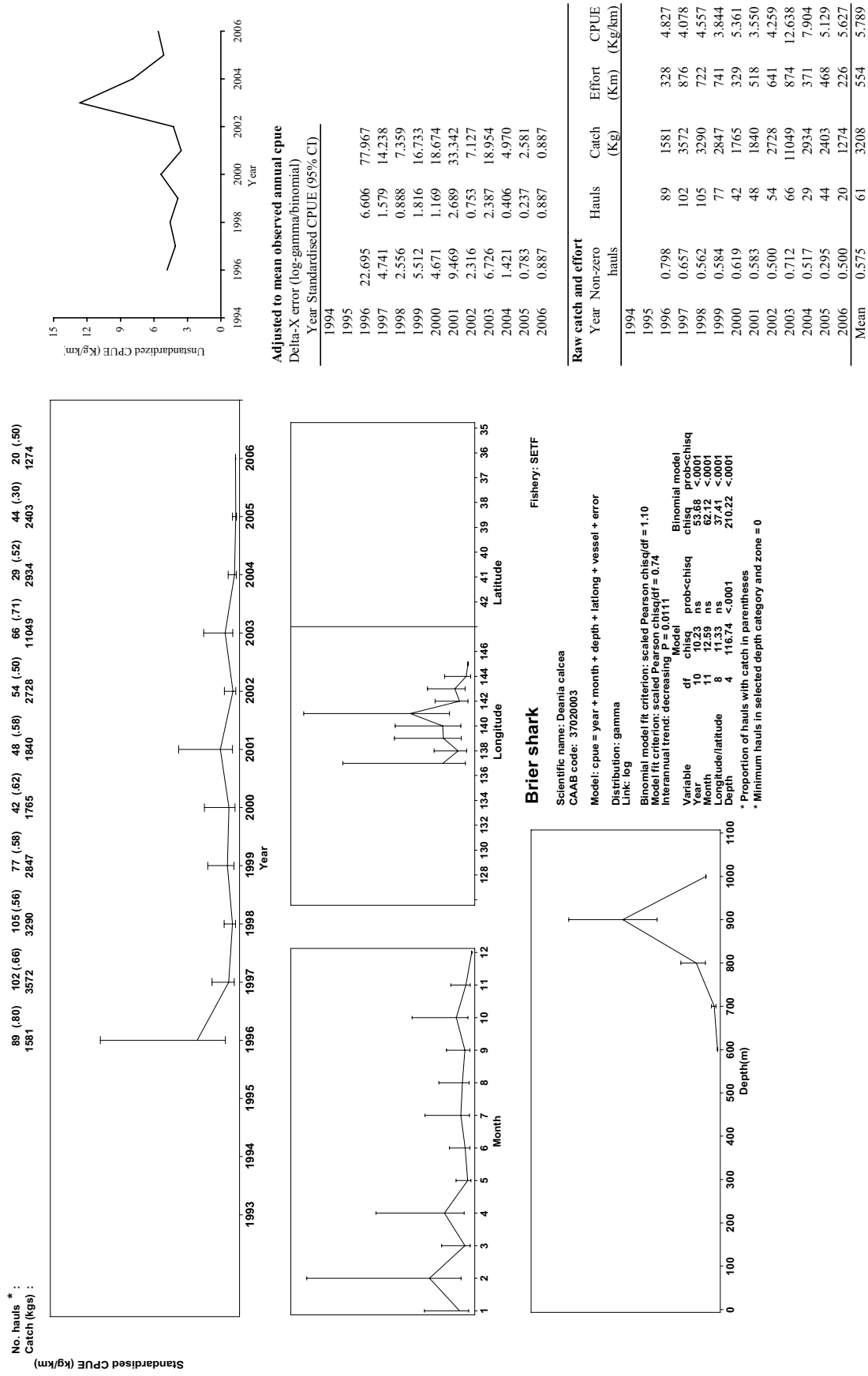


Fig. 3.04a. Common sawshark (*Pristiophorus cirratus*) 2000–06 otter trawl 0–800 m depth southern Australia (longitude 127–151° E)

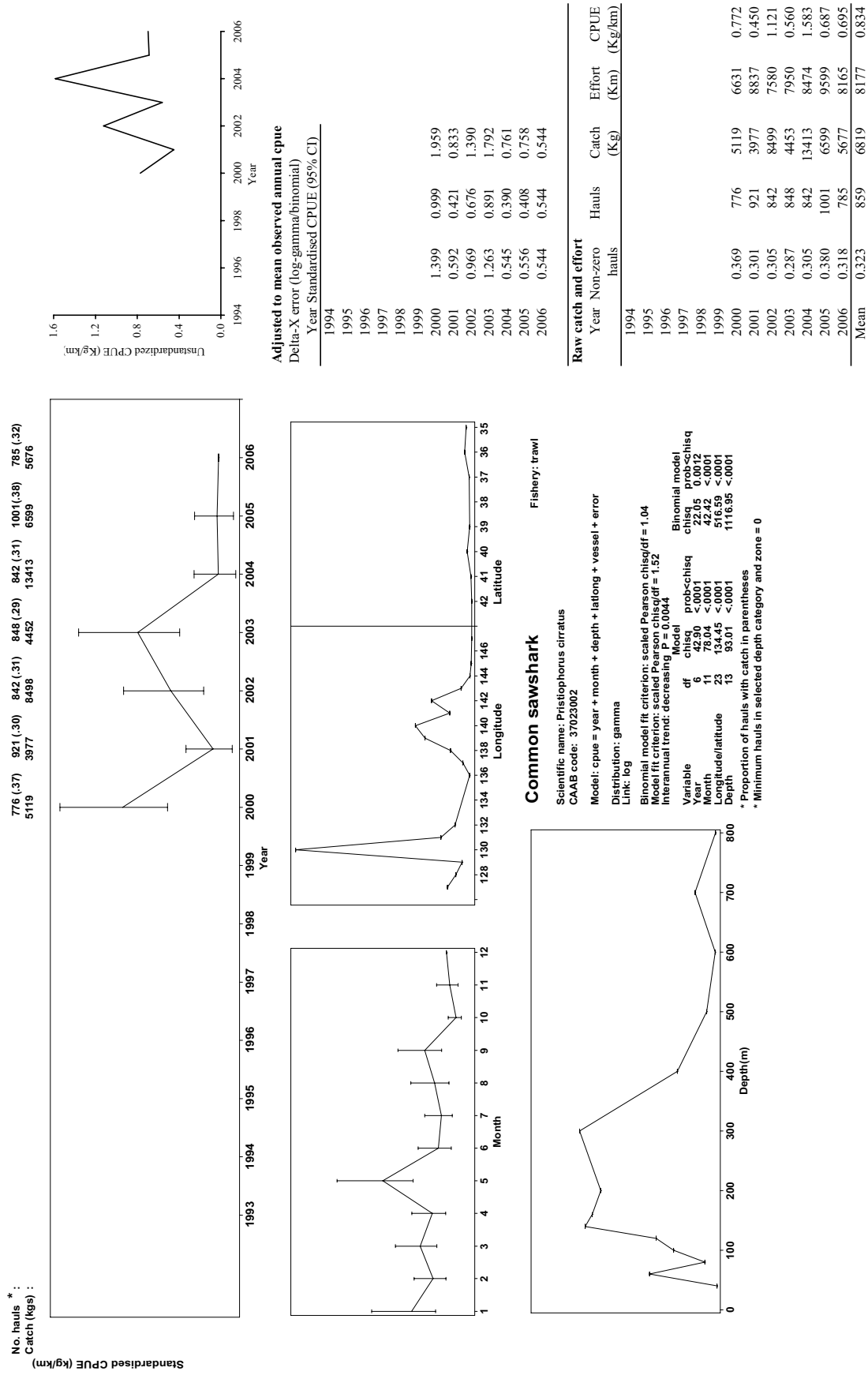


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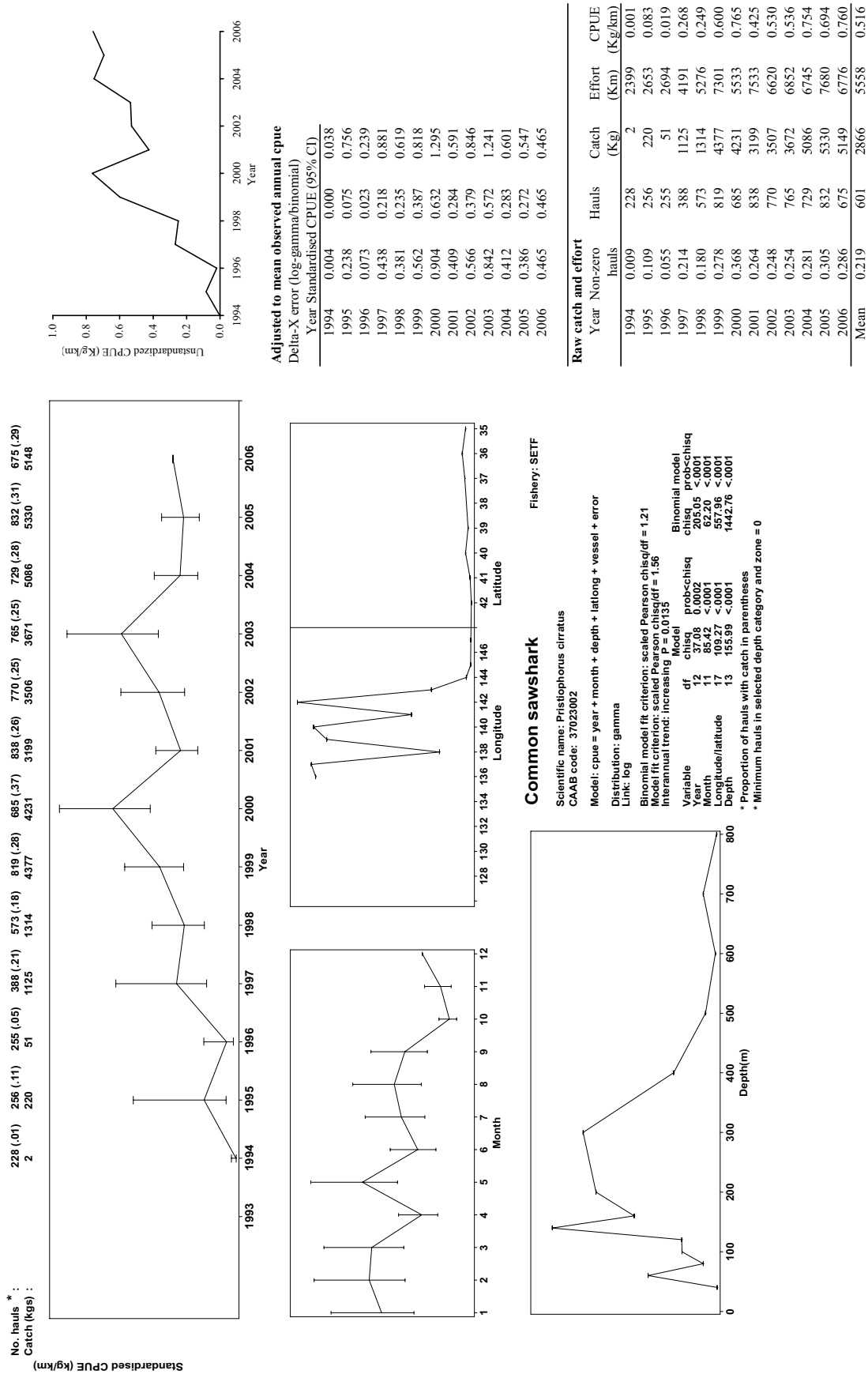


Fig. 3.04c. Common sawshark (*Pristiophorus cirratus*) 2000–06 otter trawl 0–800 m depth South Australia (longitude 127–145° E)

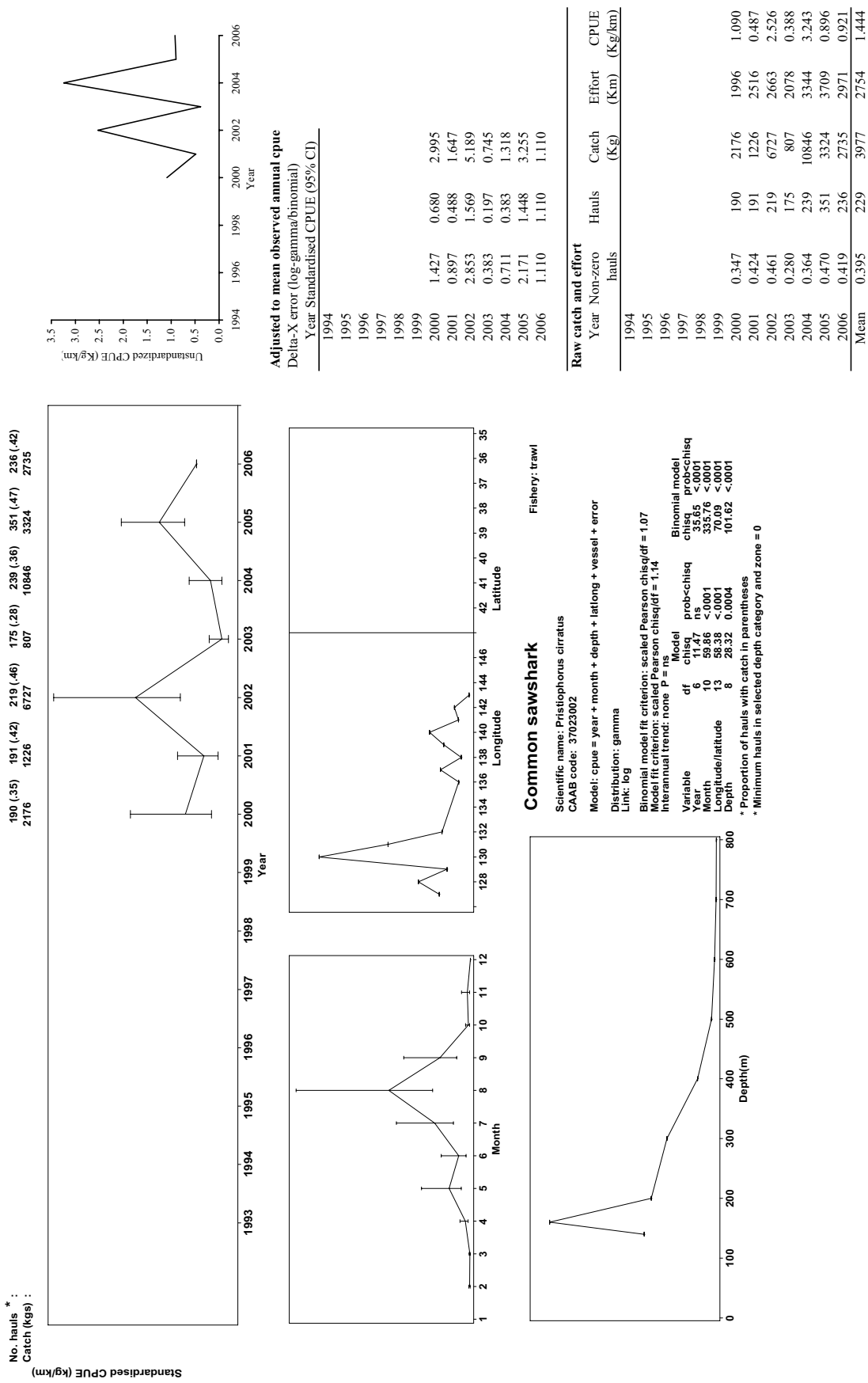


Fig. 3.04d. Common sawshark (*Pristiophorus cirratus*) 2000–06 SETF 0–500 m depth eastern region (longitude 148–151° E)

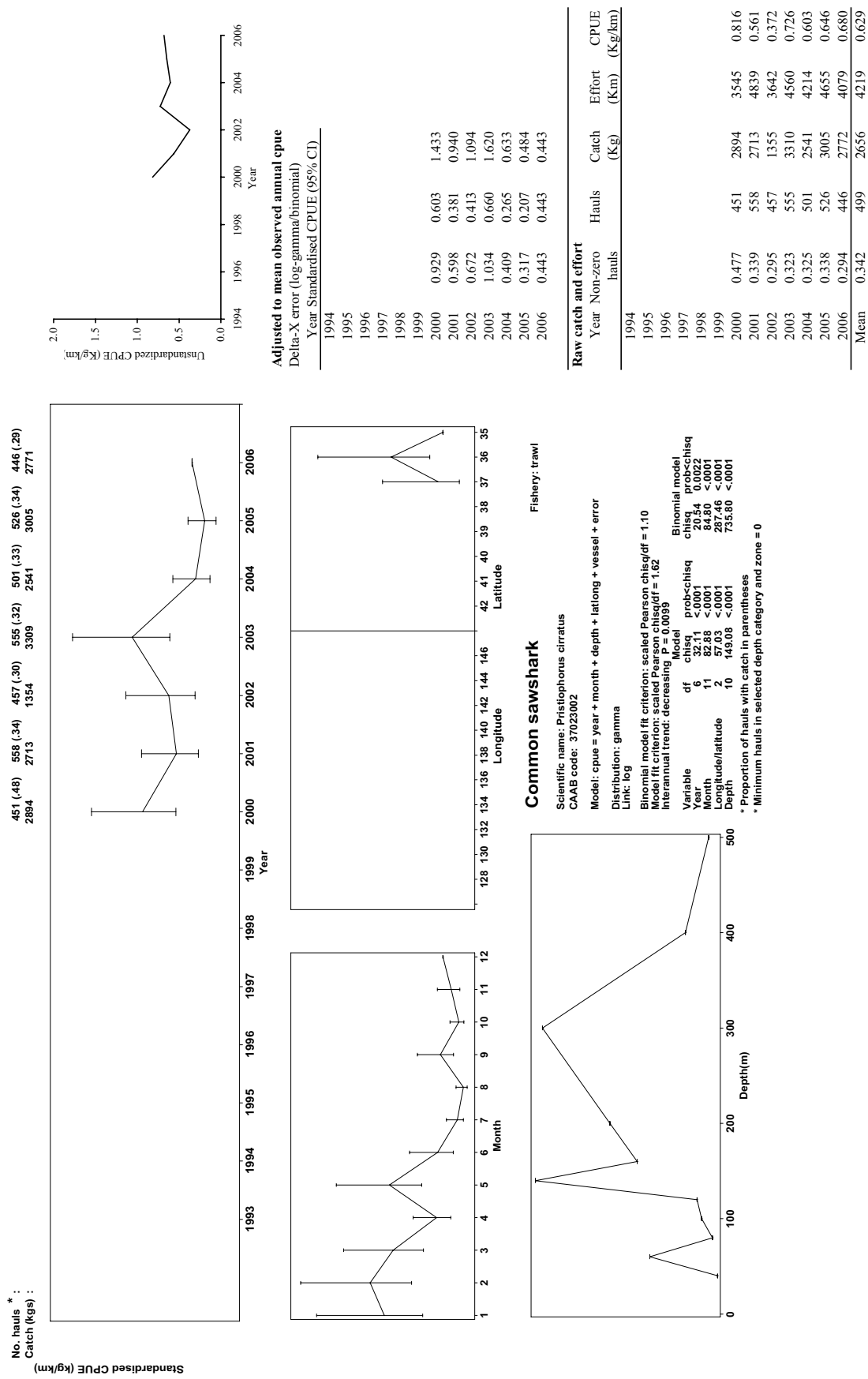


Fig. 3.05a. Draughtboard shark (*Cephaloscyllium laticeps*) 1996–06 SETF 0–200 m depth south-eastern Australia (longitude 143–151° E)

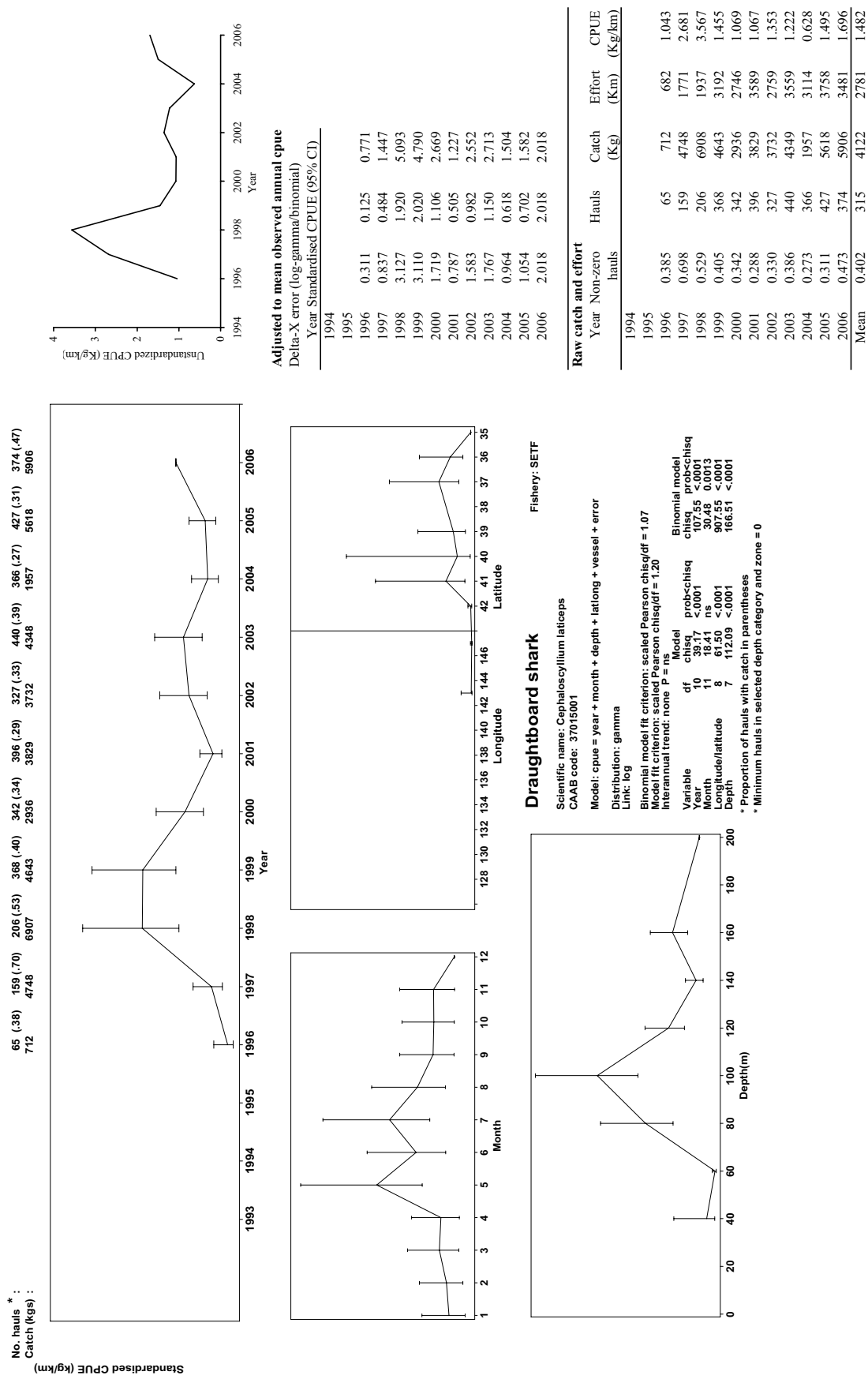


Fig. 3.05b. Draughtboard shark (*Cephaloscyllium laticeps*) 2000–06 SETF 0–200 m depth south-eastern Australia (longitude 143–151° E)

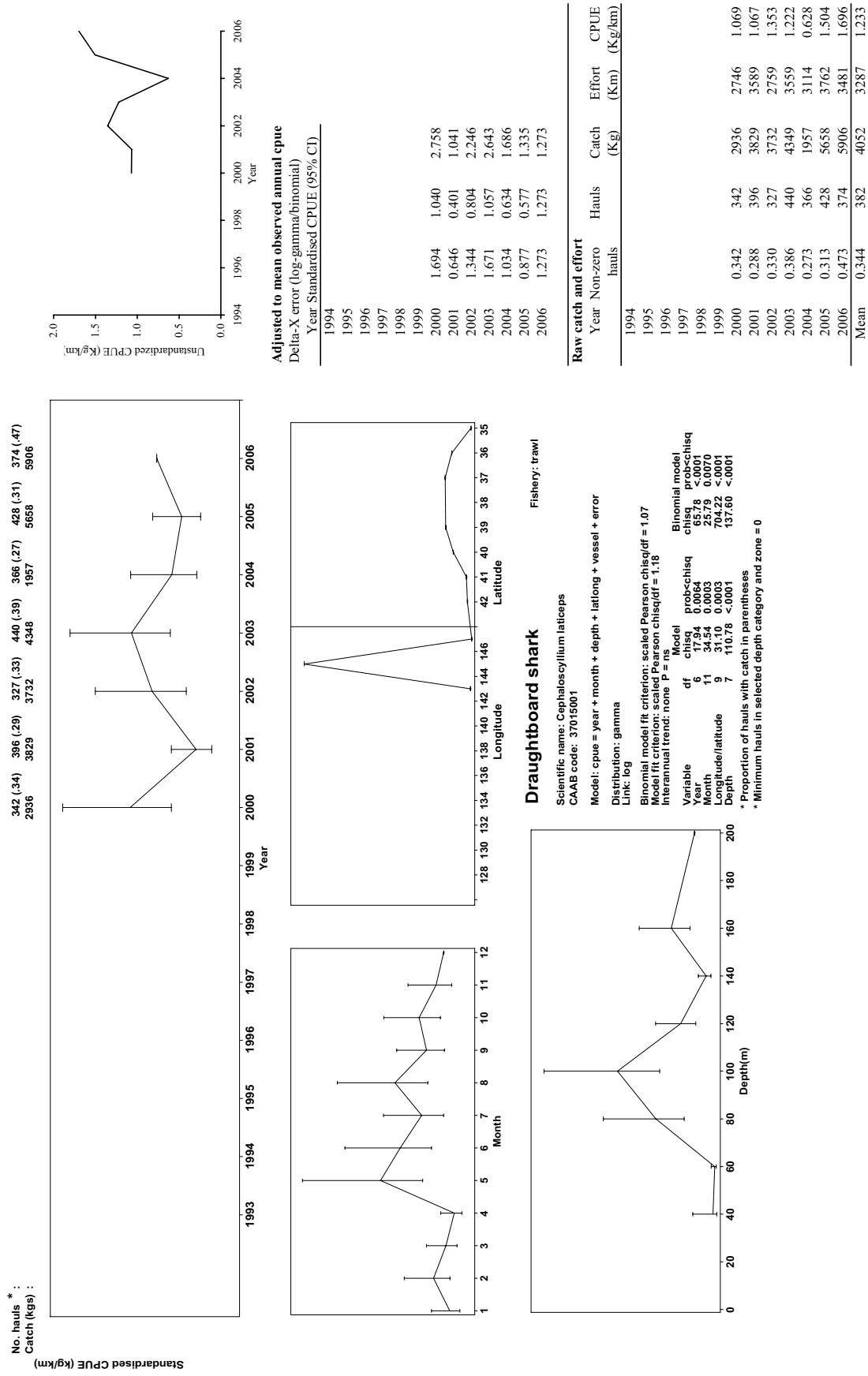


Fig. 3.06a. Greeneye spurdog (*Squalus mitsukurii*) 2000–06 GABTF SETF 120–800 m depth southern Australia (longitude 127–151° E)

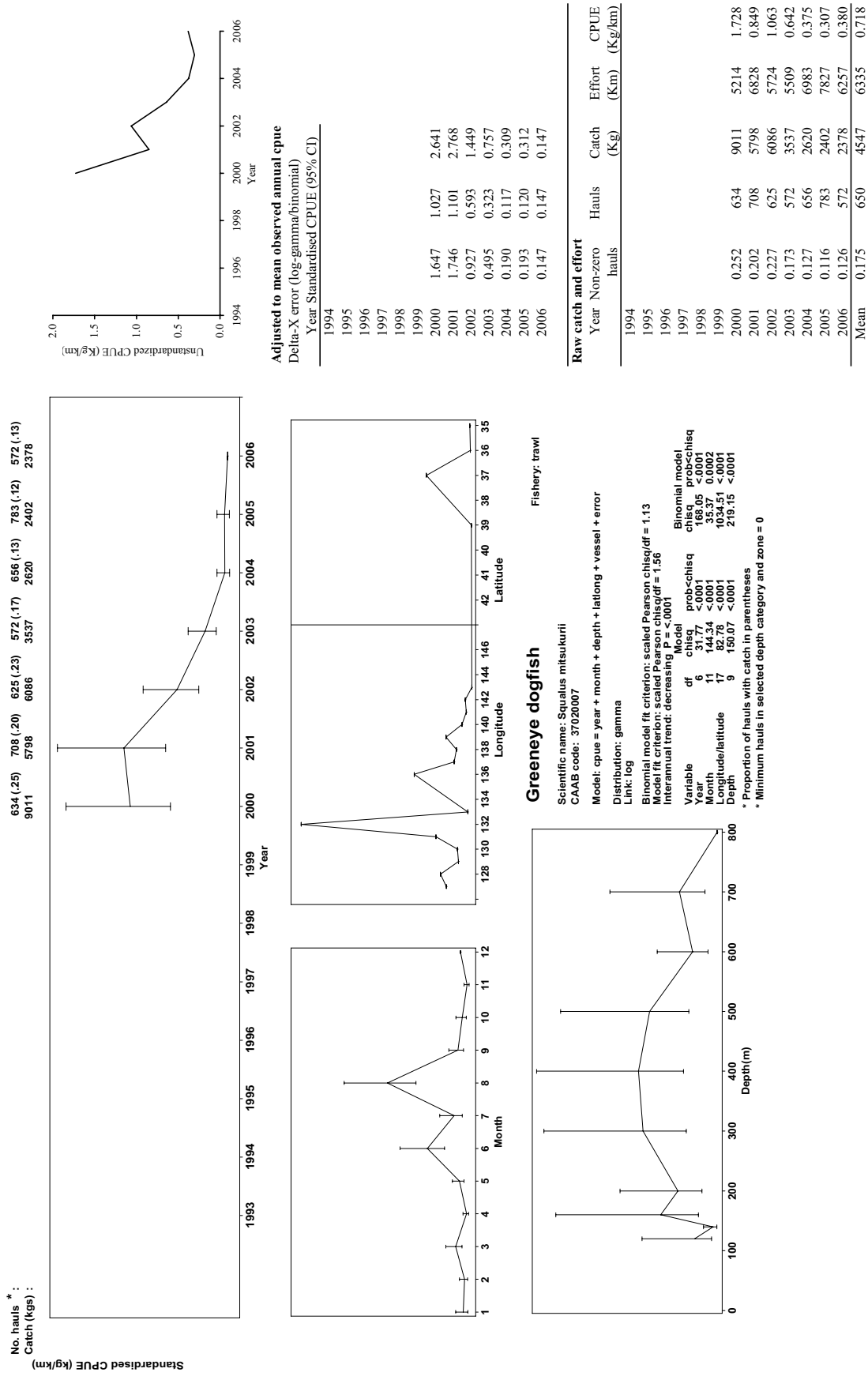
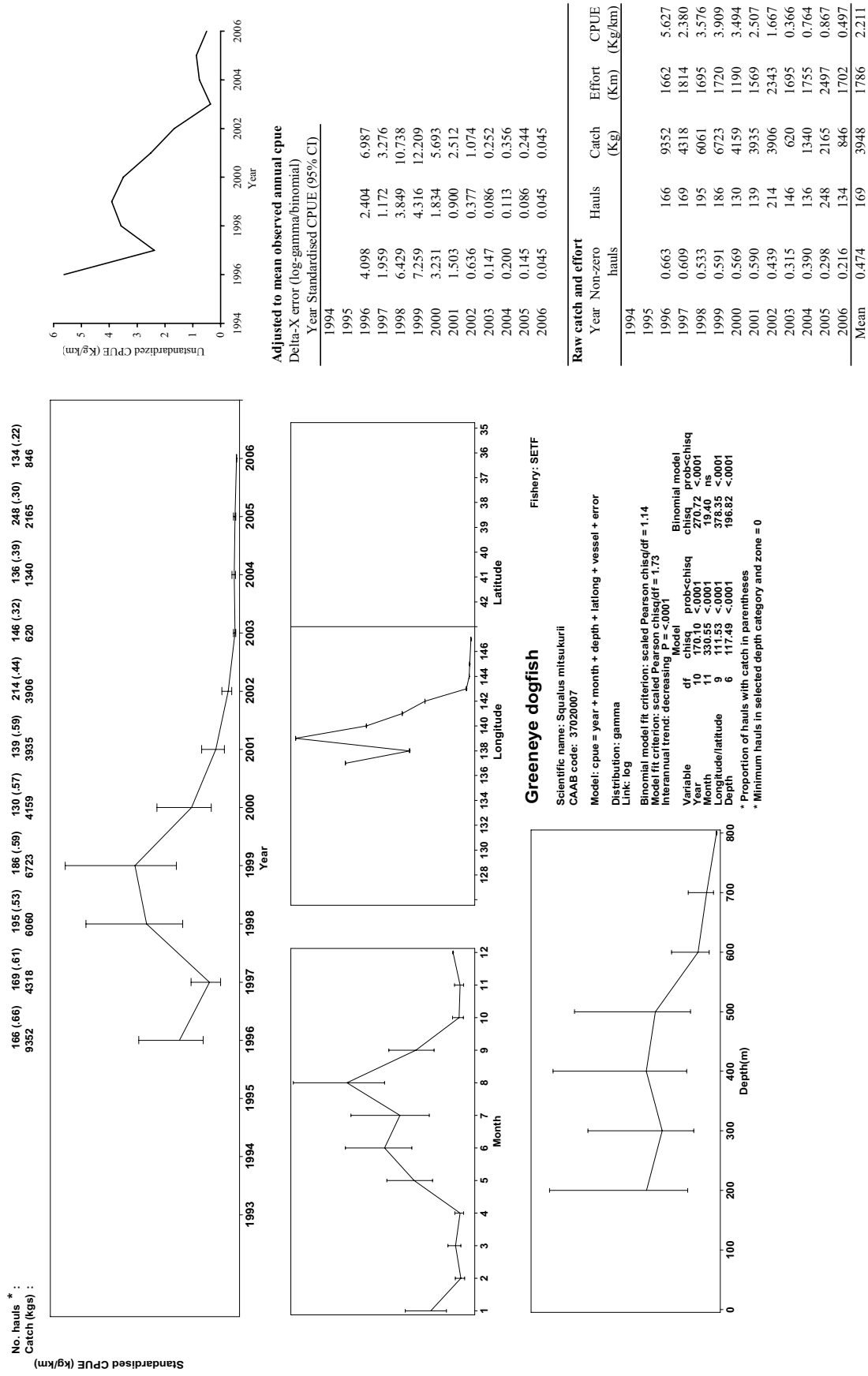


Fig. 3.06b. Greeneye spurdog (*Squalus mitsukurii*) 1996–06 SETF 200–800 m depth western region (longitude 137–148° E)



Greeneye dogfish
 Scientific name: *Squalus mitsukurii*
 FAO code: 3702007
 Model: cpue = year + month + depth + latlong + vessel + error
 Distribution: gamma
 Link: log

Binomial model fit criterion: scaled Pearson chisq/df = 1.14
 Model fit criterion: scaled Pearson chisq/df = 1.73
 Interannual trend: decreasing P = <.0001

Variable	df	chisq	P	prob-chisq	Binomial model
Year	10	170.55	<.0001	277.72	<.0001
Month	11	336.55	<.0001	19.40	ns
Longitude/latitude	9	111.53	<.0001	378.35	<.0001
Depth	6	117.49	<.0001	196.82	<.0001

* Proportion of hauls with catch in parentheses
 * Minimum hauls in selected depth category and zone = 0

Fishery: SETF

Fig. 3.06c. Greeneye spurdog (*Squalus mitsukurii*) 1996–06 SETF 120–600 m depth eastern region (longitude 148–151° E, latitude <39°S)

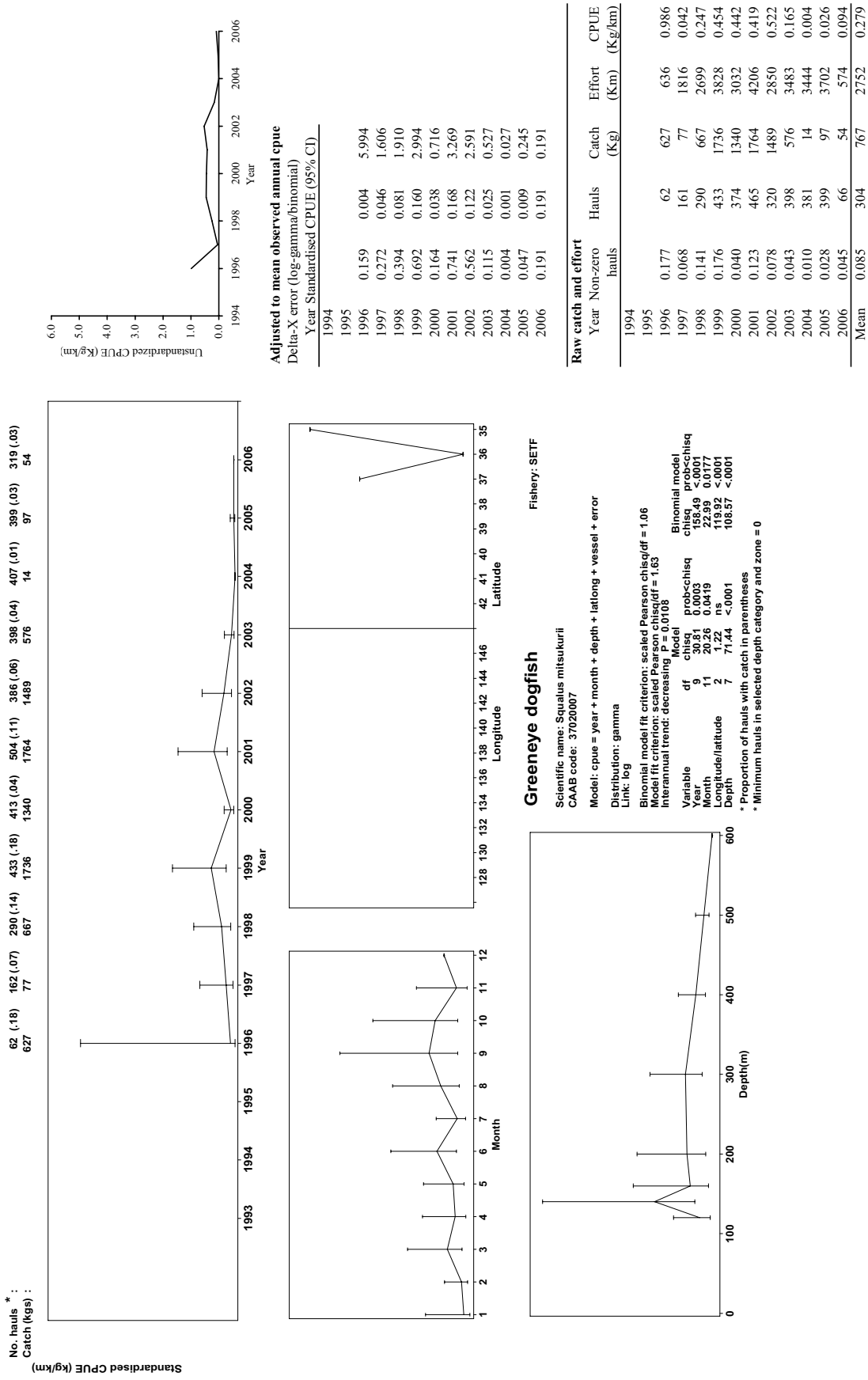


Fig. 3.07a. Grey spotted catshark (*Aymbolis analis*) 2000–06 otter trawl 0–300 m depth southern Australia (longitude 127–151° E)

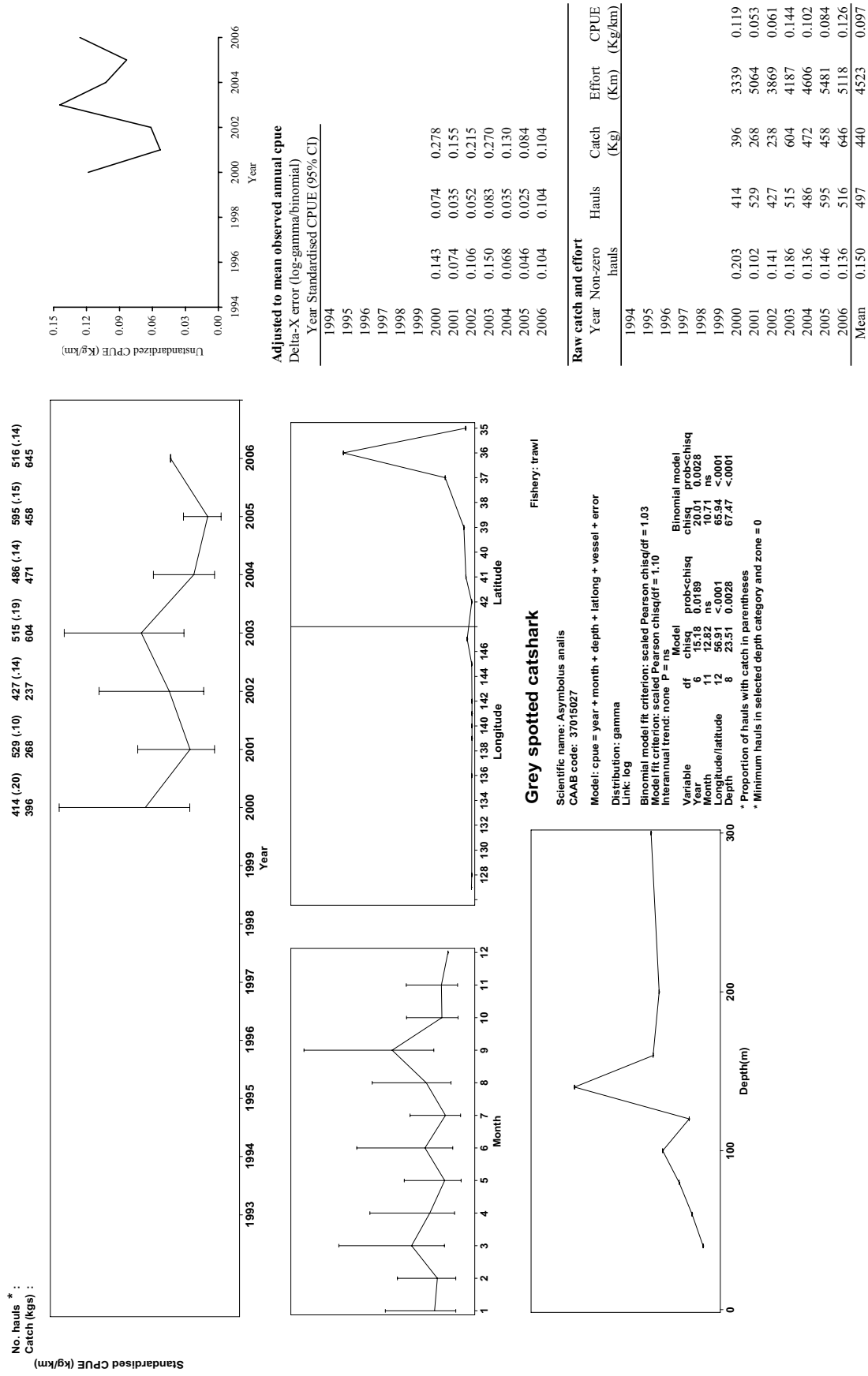


Fig. 3.07b. Grey spotted catshark (*A-symbolis analis*) 2000–06 SETF 0–300 m depth south-eastern Australia (longitude 138–151°E)

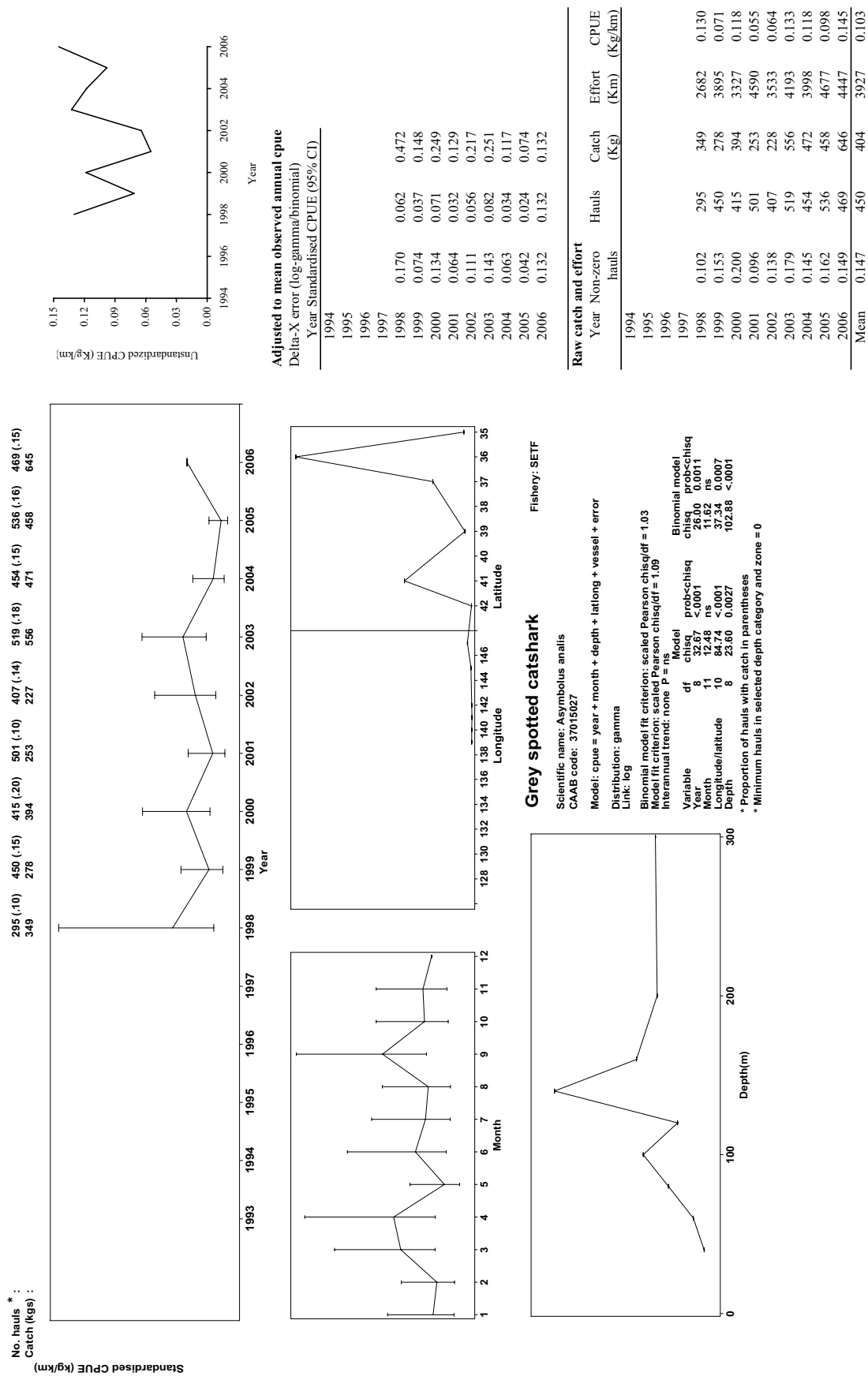


Fig. 3.08a. Gummy shark (*Mustelus antarcticus*) 2000–06 otter trawl 0–500 m depth southern Australia (longitude 127–151°E)

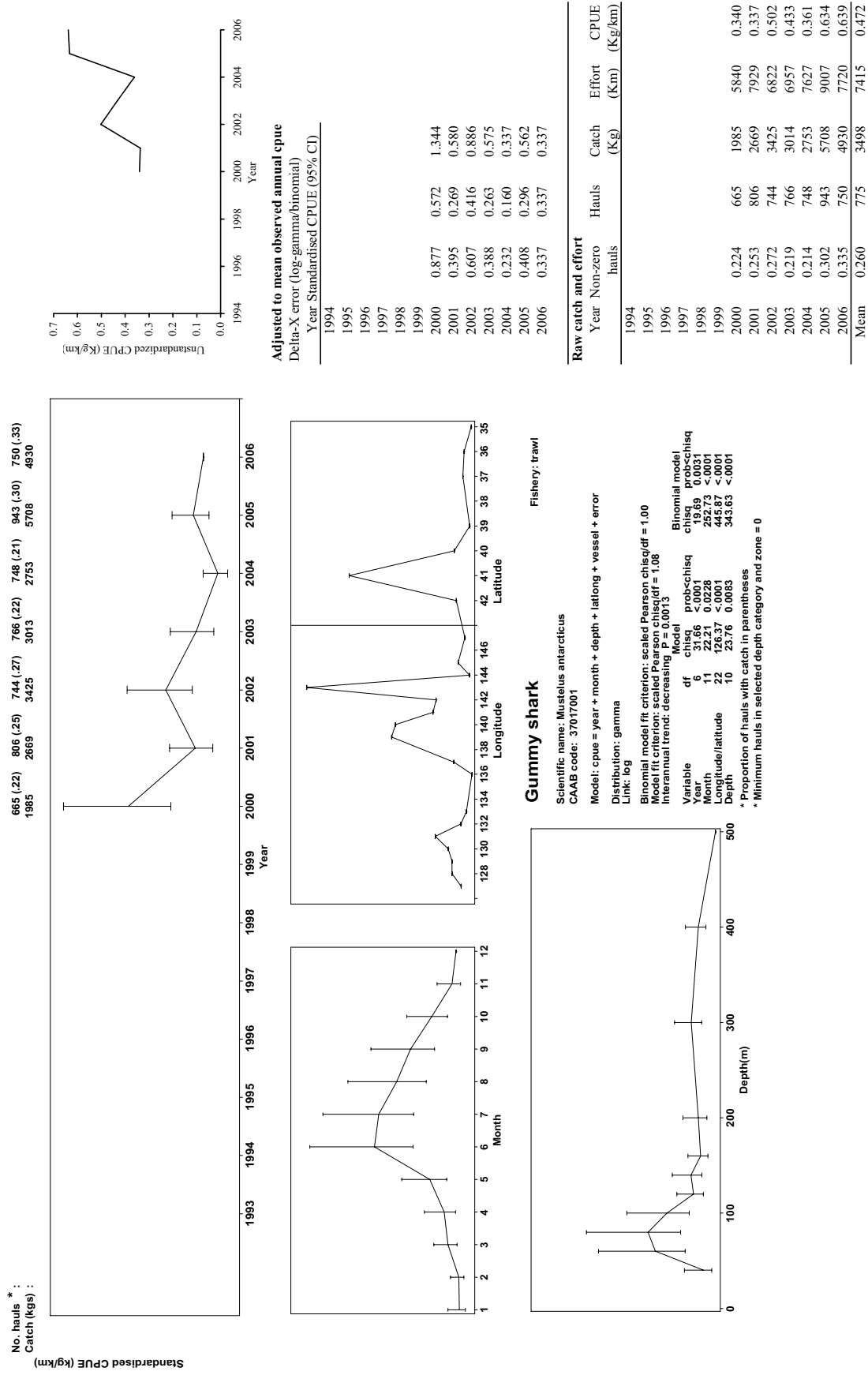


Fig. 3.08b. Gummy shark (*Mustelus antarcticus*) 1994–06 SETF 0–600 m depth south-eastern Australia (longitude 139–151°E)

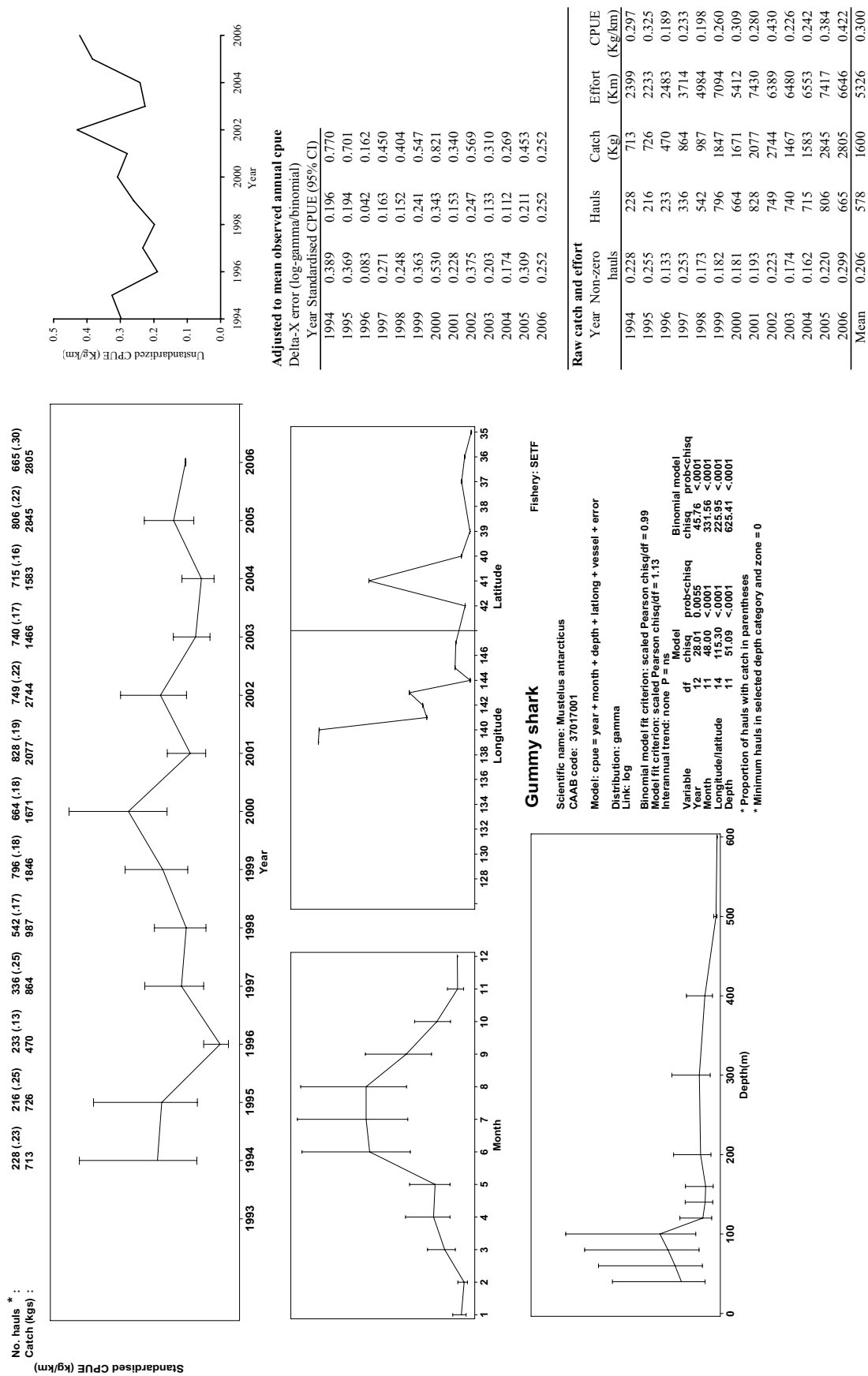


Fig. 3.09a. Ornate angel shark (*Squatina tergocellata*) 2000–06 GABTF 80–300 m depth Great Australian Bight (longitude 126–133° E)

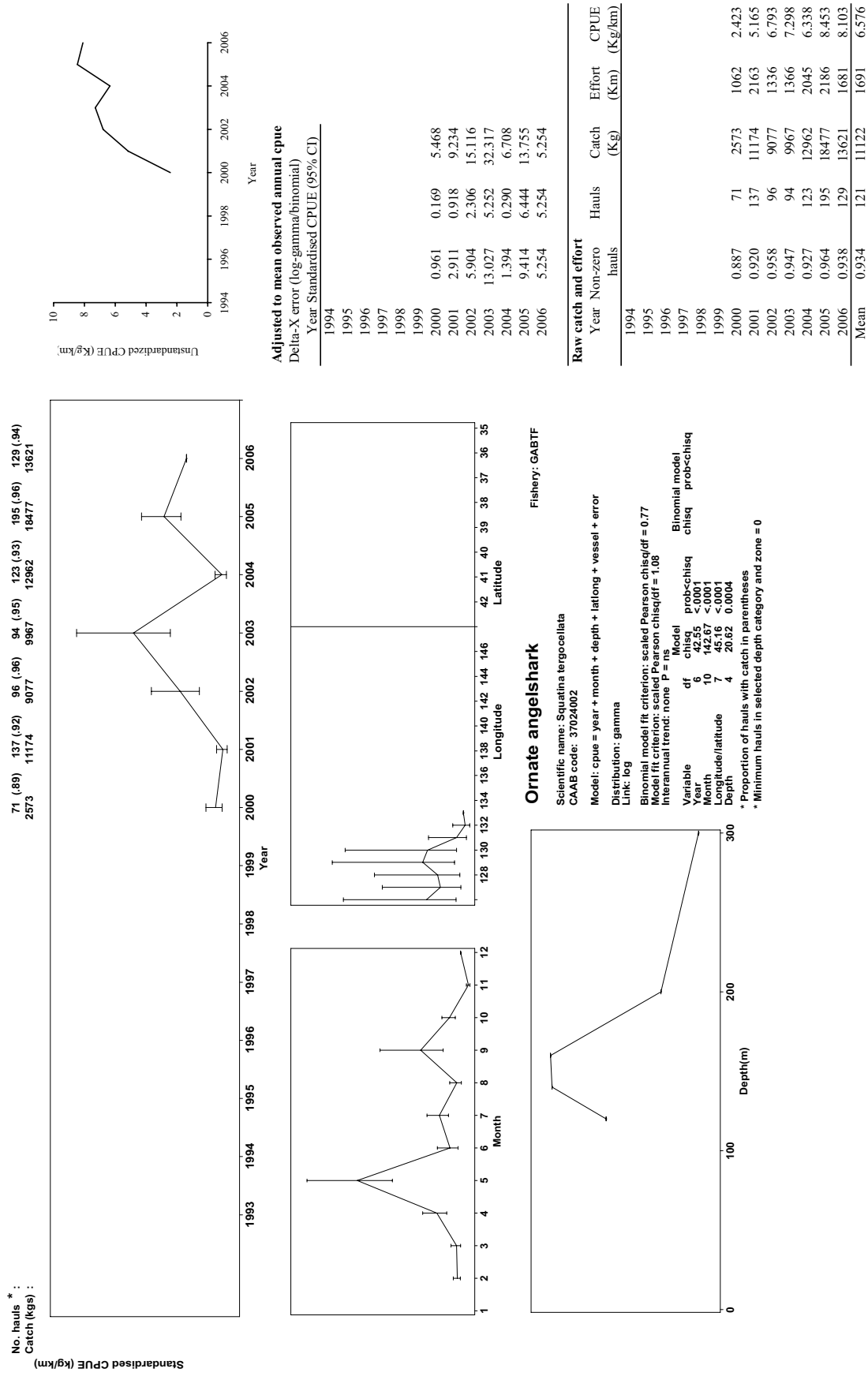


Fig. 3.10a. Owston's dogfish (*Centroscyllium owstoni*) 1996–06 SETF 600–1000 m depth south-eastern Australia (longitude 137–151°E)

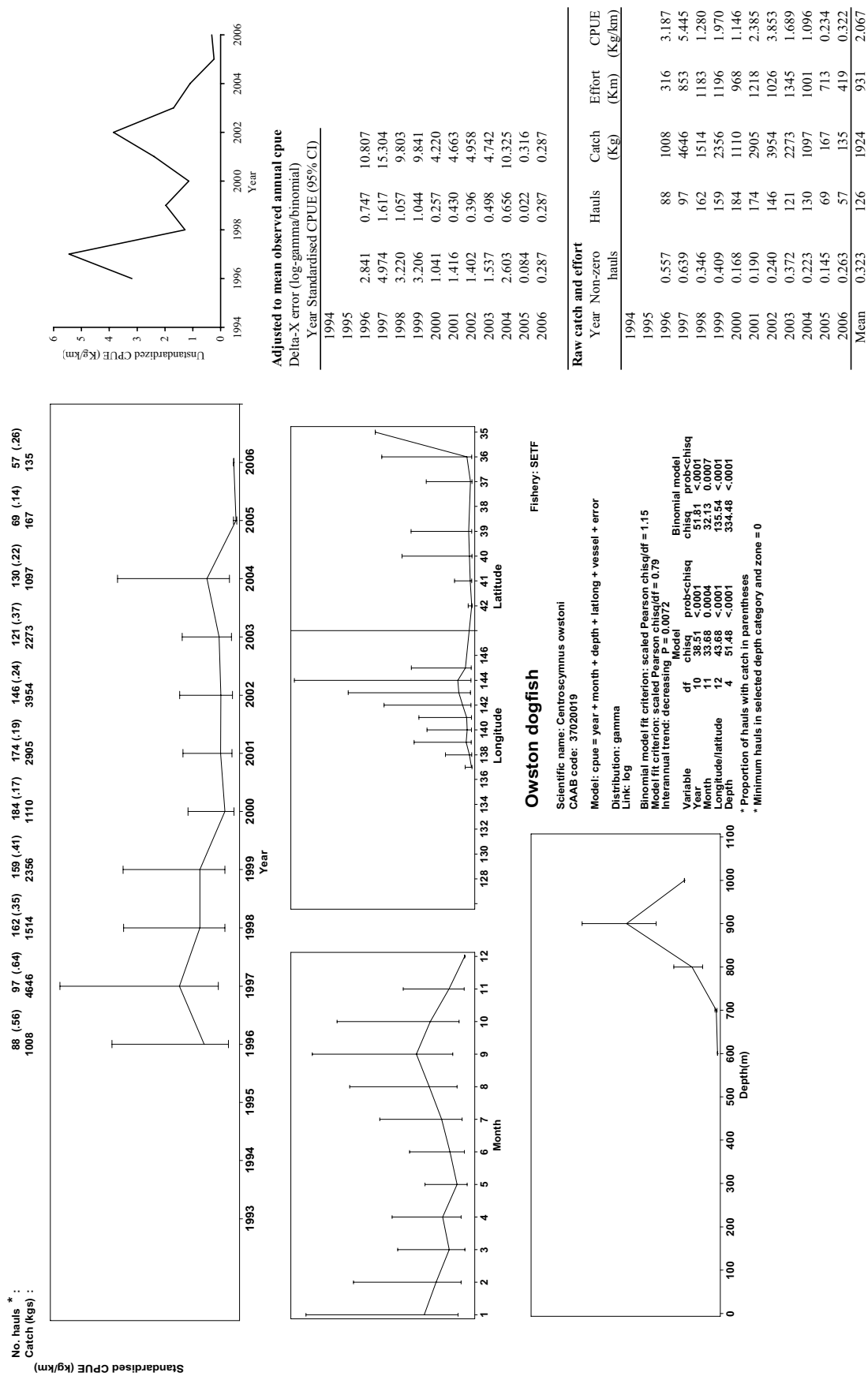


Fig. 3.10b. Owston dogfish (*Centroscymnus owstoni*) 1996–06 SETF 600–1000 m depth south-eastern Australia (longitude 136–151°E)

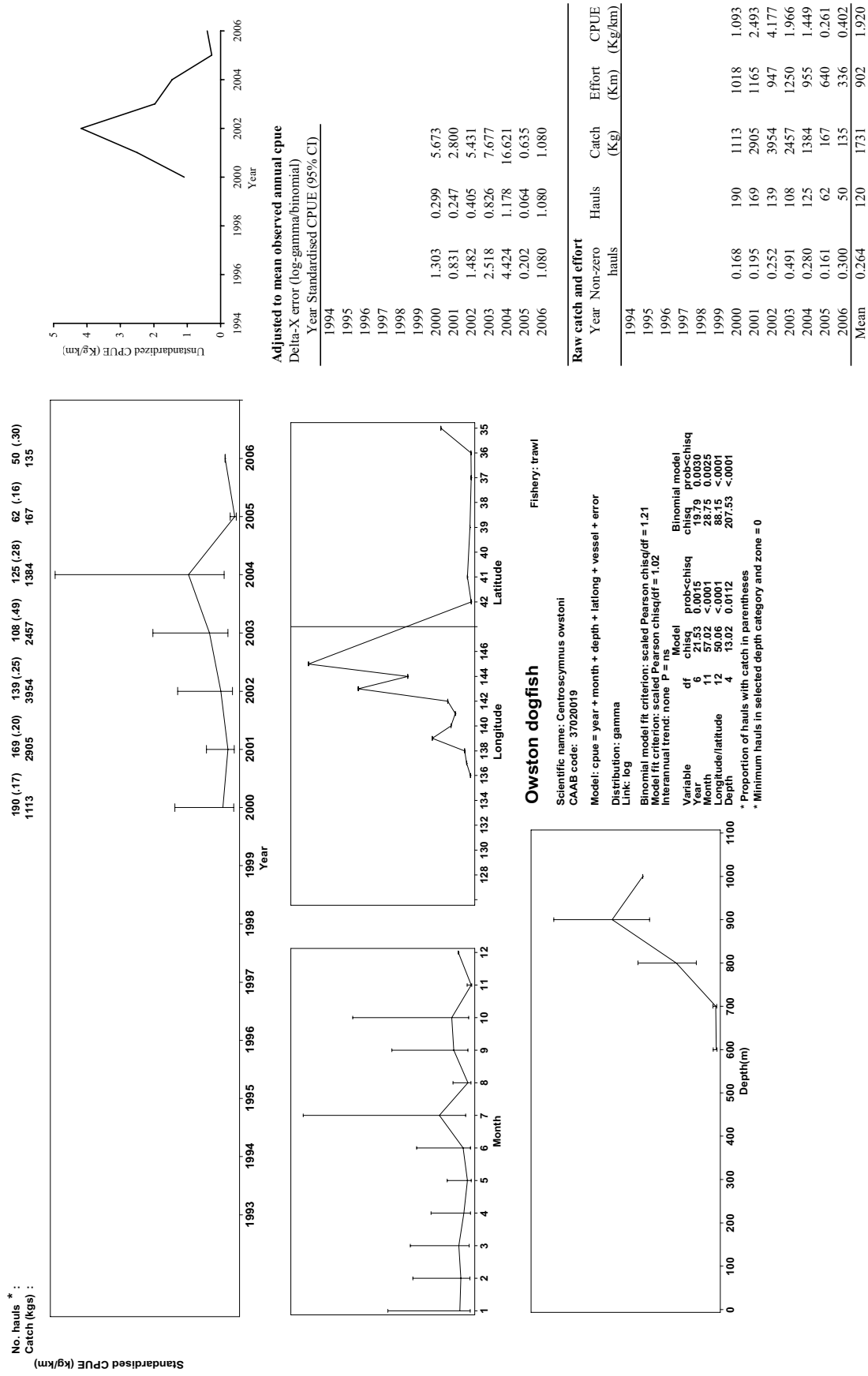


Fig. 3.11a. Port Jackson shark (*Heterodontus portusjacksoni*) 2000–06 otter trawl 0–300 m depth southern Australia (longitude 127–151°E)

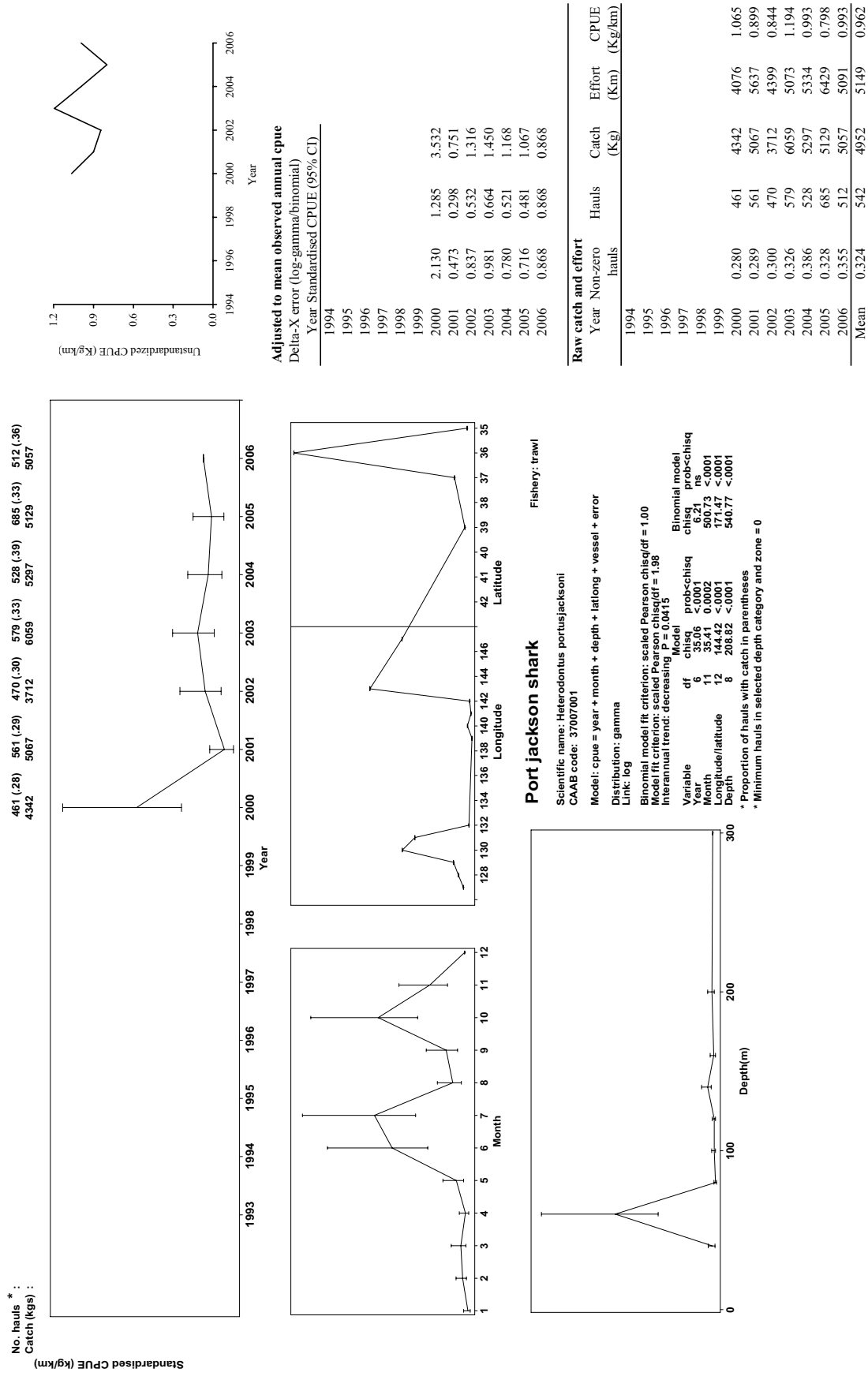


Fig. 3.11b. Port Jackson shark (*Heterodontus portusjacksoni*) 2000–06 GABTF 0–300 m depth Great Australian Bight (longitude 127–132°E)

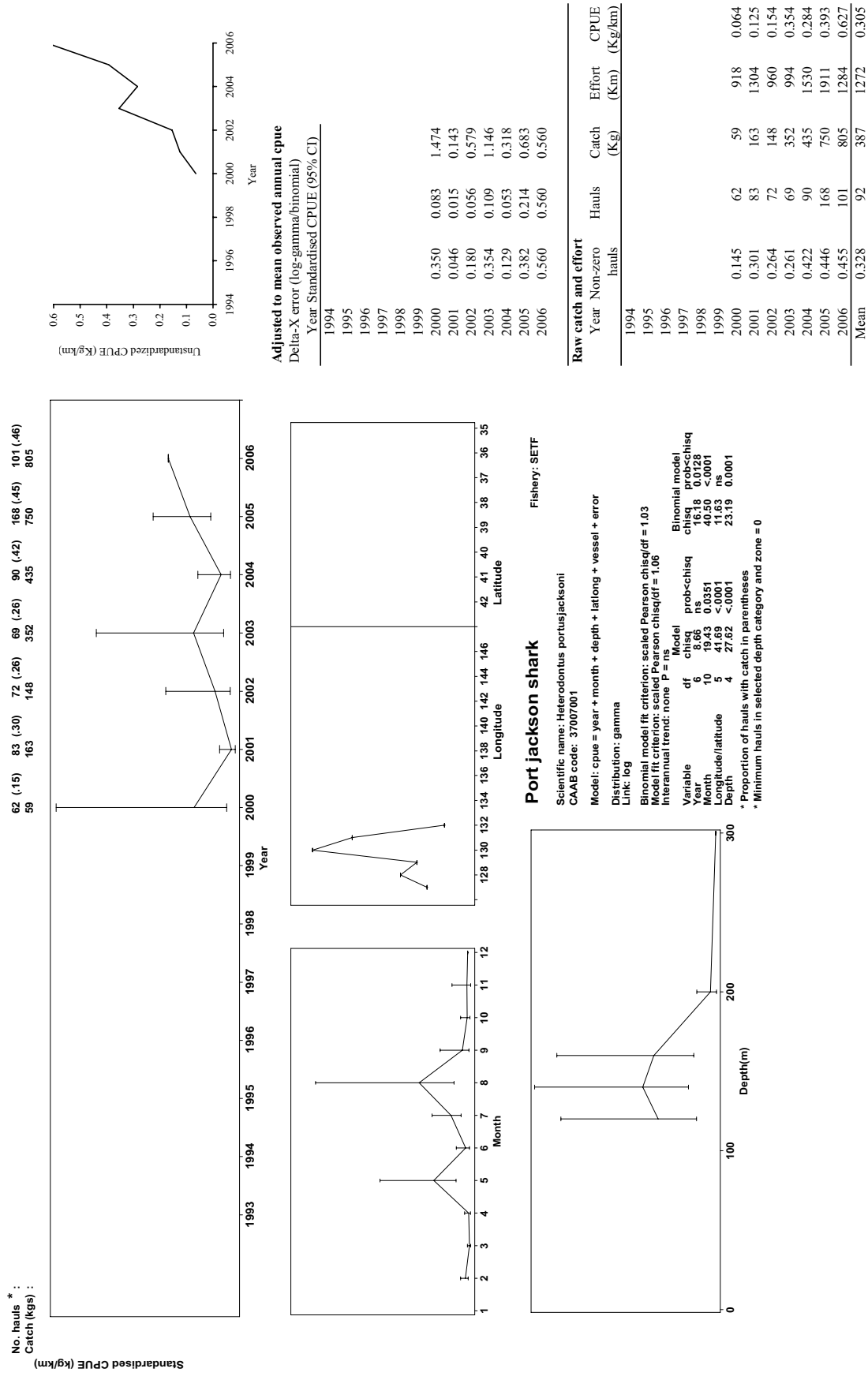


Fig. 3.11c. Port Jackson shark (*Heterodontus portusjacksoni*) 1994–06 SETF 0–400 m depth eastern region (longitude 148–151°E)

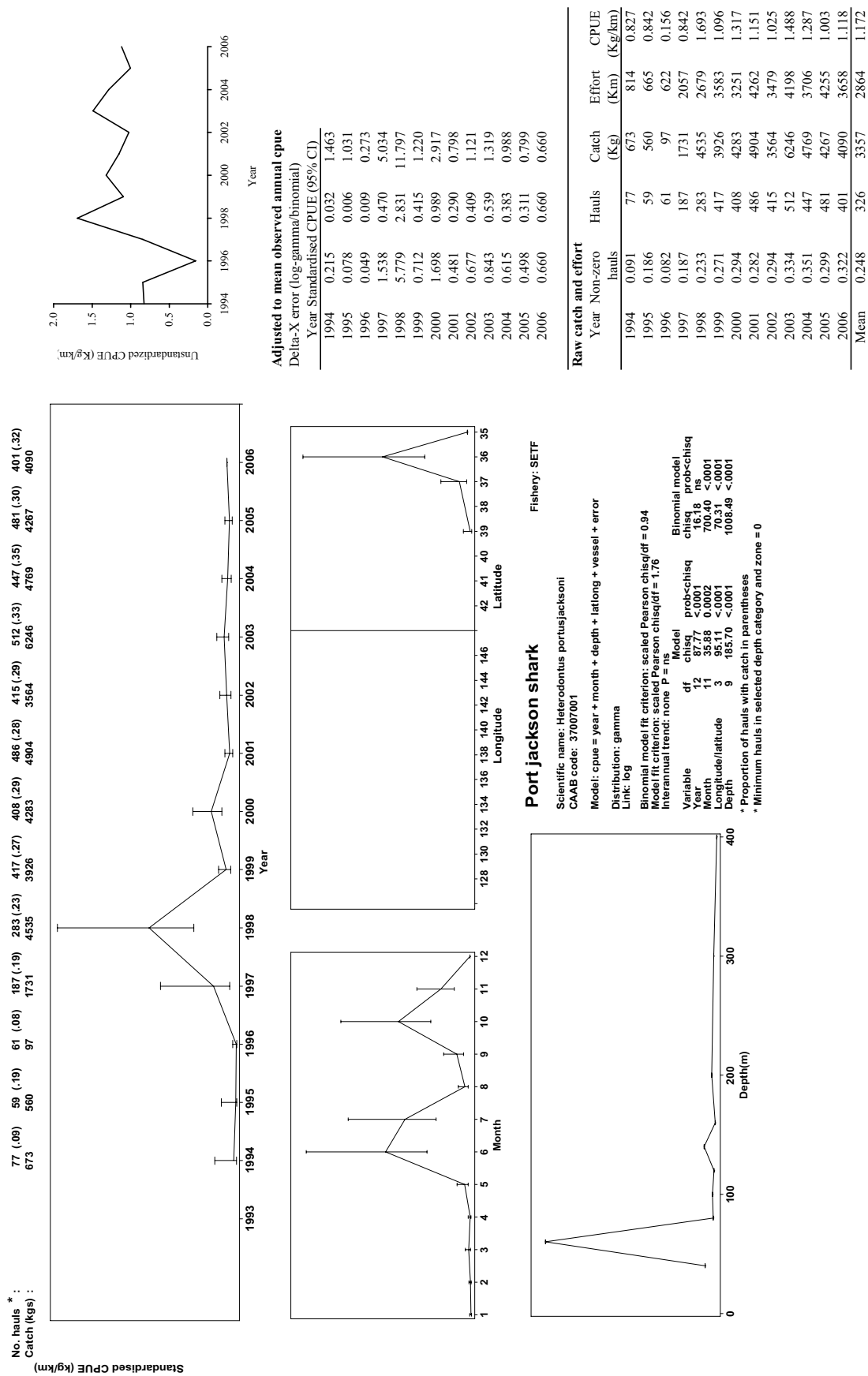


Fig. 3.12a. Sawtail shark (*Galeus boardmani*) 1998–06 otter trawl 140–600 m depth southern Australia (longitude 127–151°E)

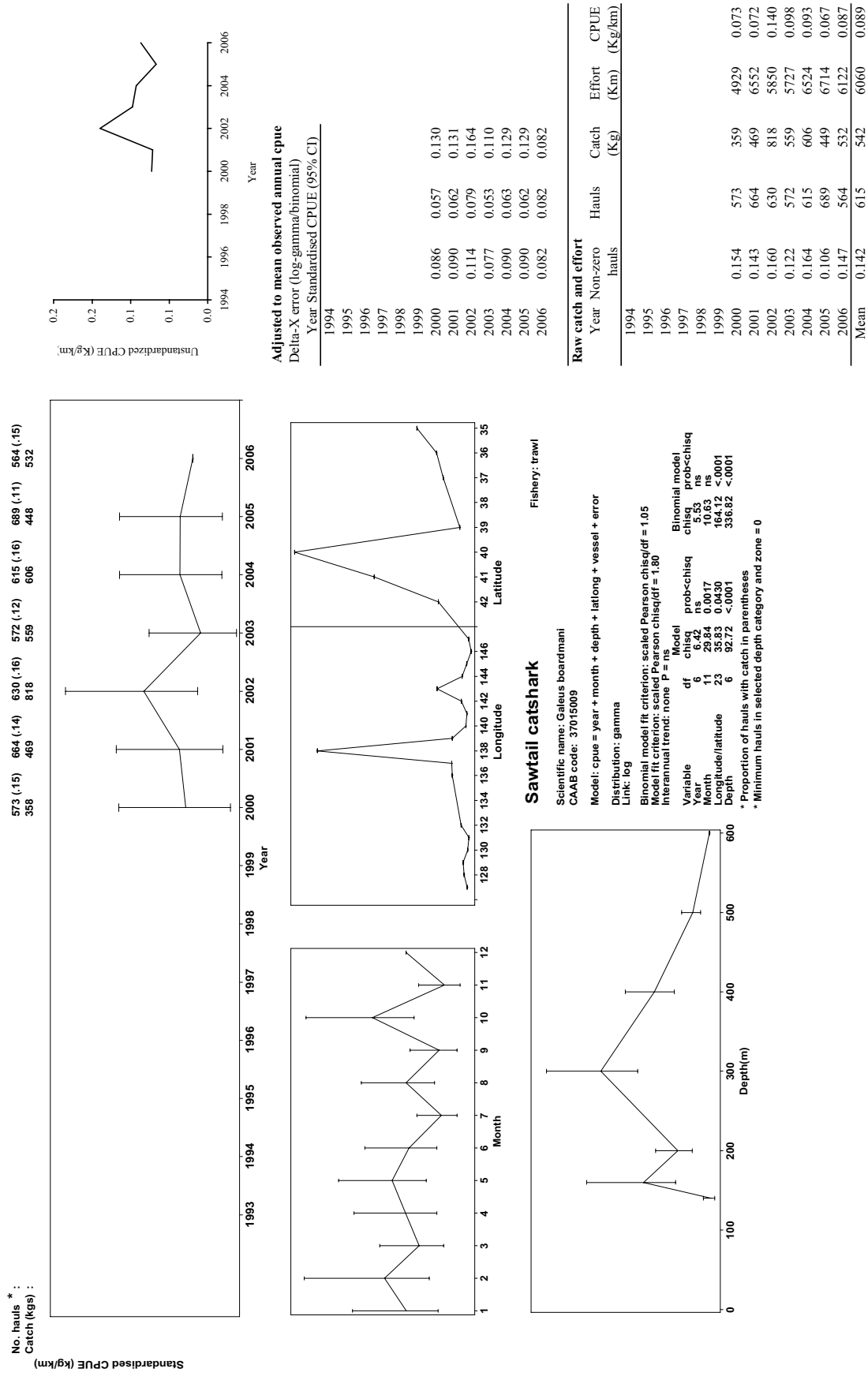


Fig. 3.12b. Sawtail shark (*Galeus boardmani*) 1998–06 SETF 120–600 m depth south-eastern Australia (longitude 136–151° E)

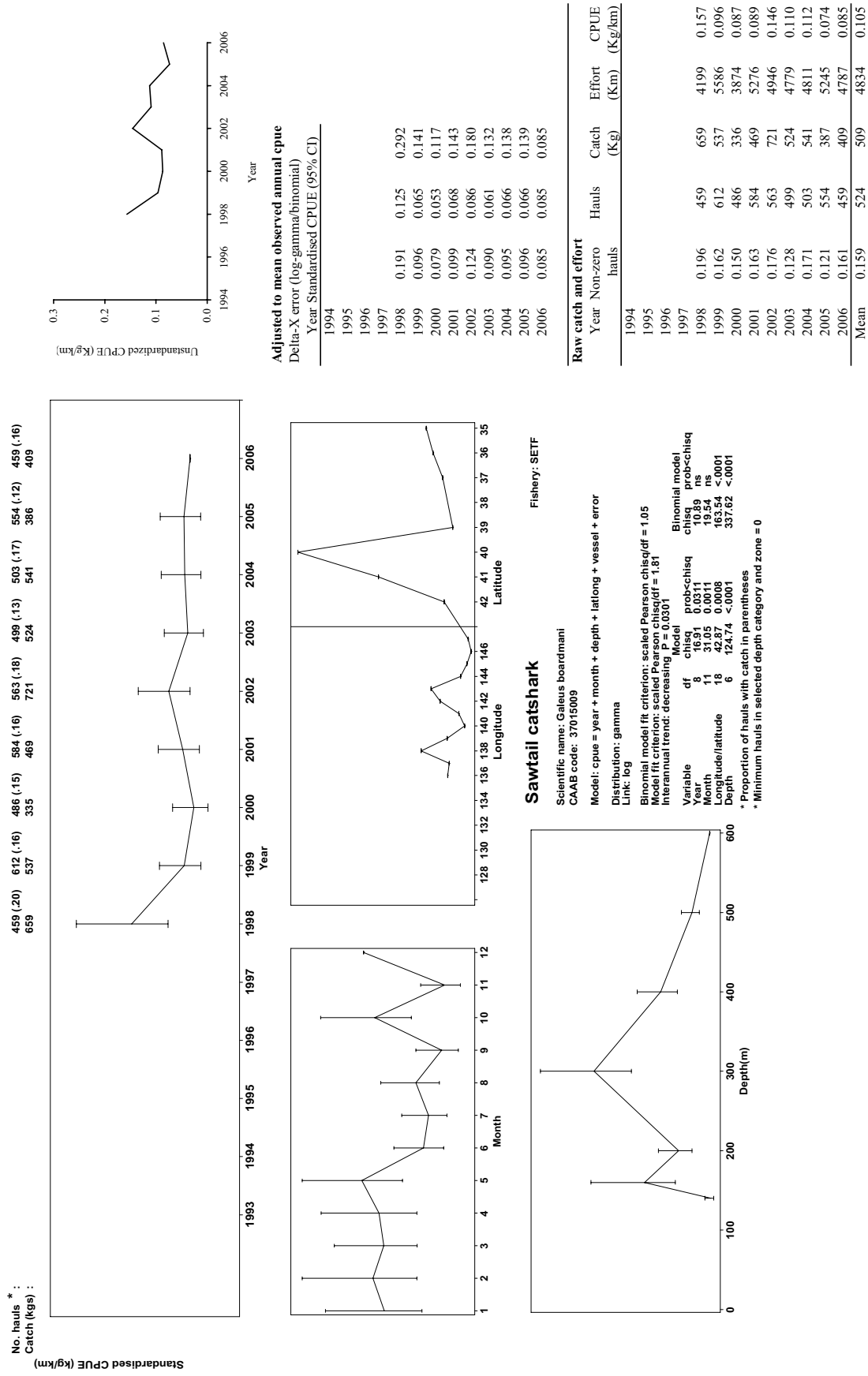


Fig. 3.13a. School shark (*Galeorhinus galeus*) 2000–06 otter trawl 120–600 m depth southern Australia (longitude 127–151°E)

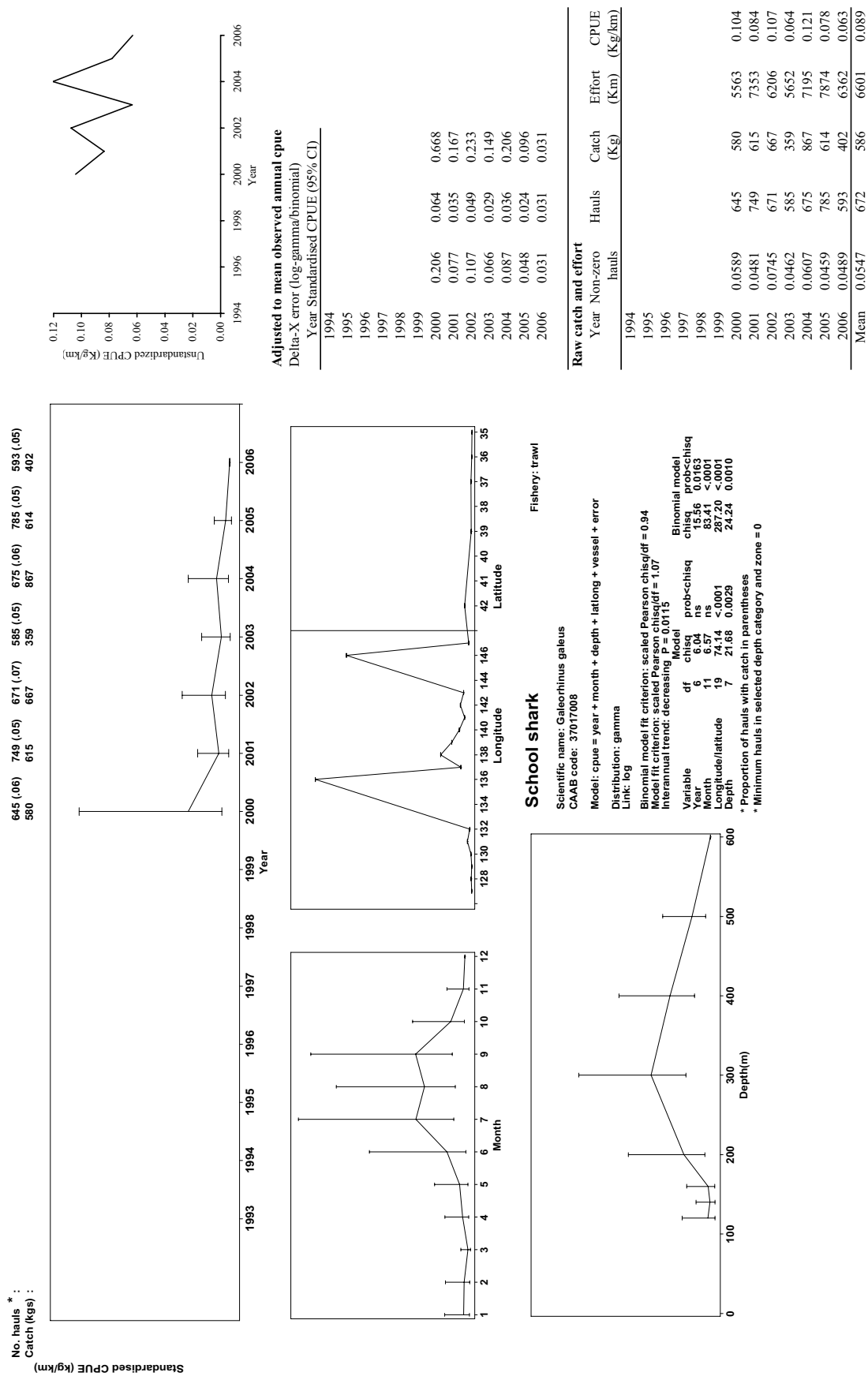


Fig. 3.13b. School shark (*Galeorhinus galeus*) 1994–06 SETF 80–600 m depth longitude south-eastern Australia (136–151°E)

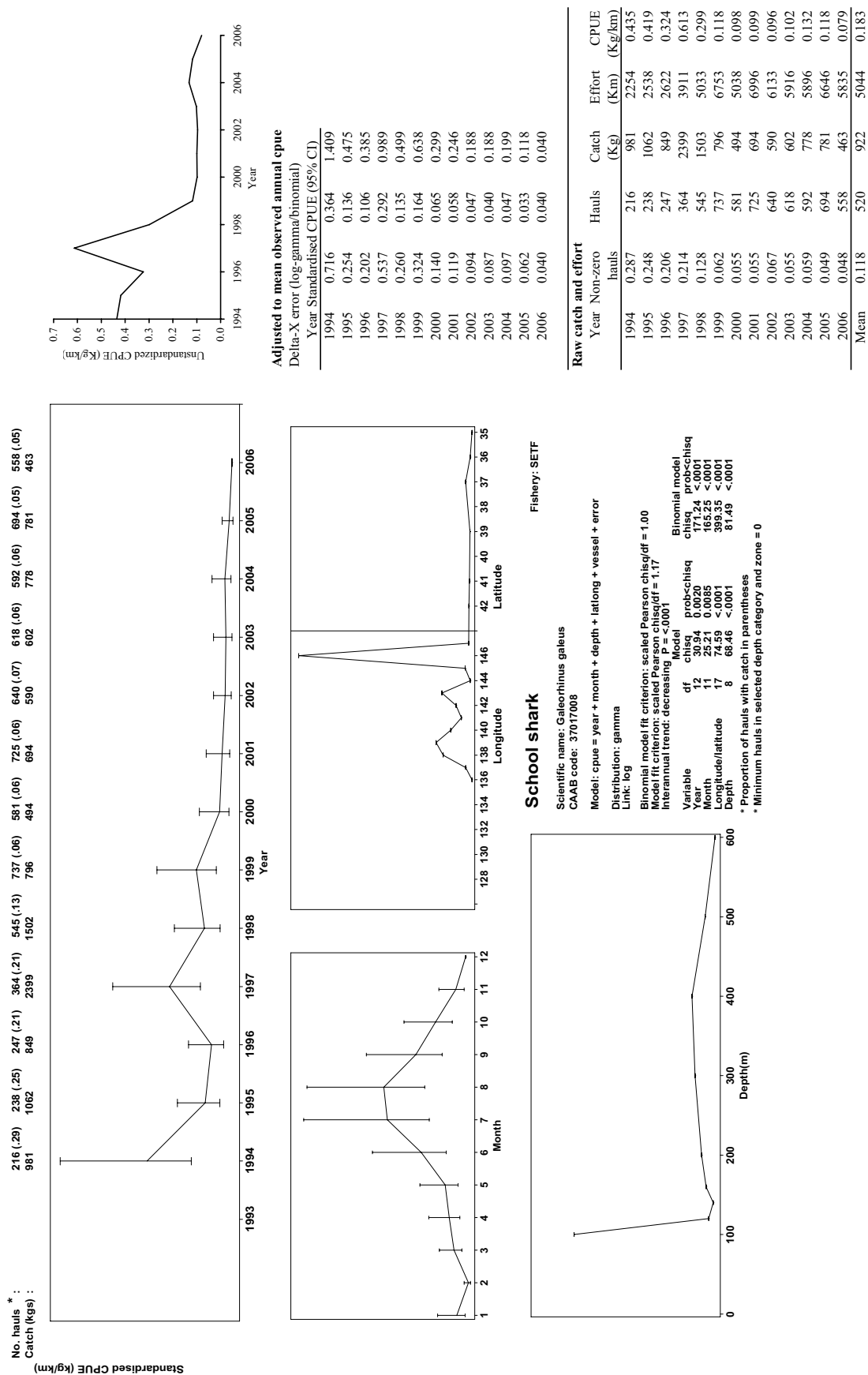


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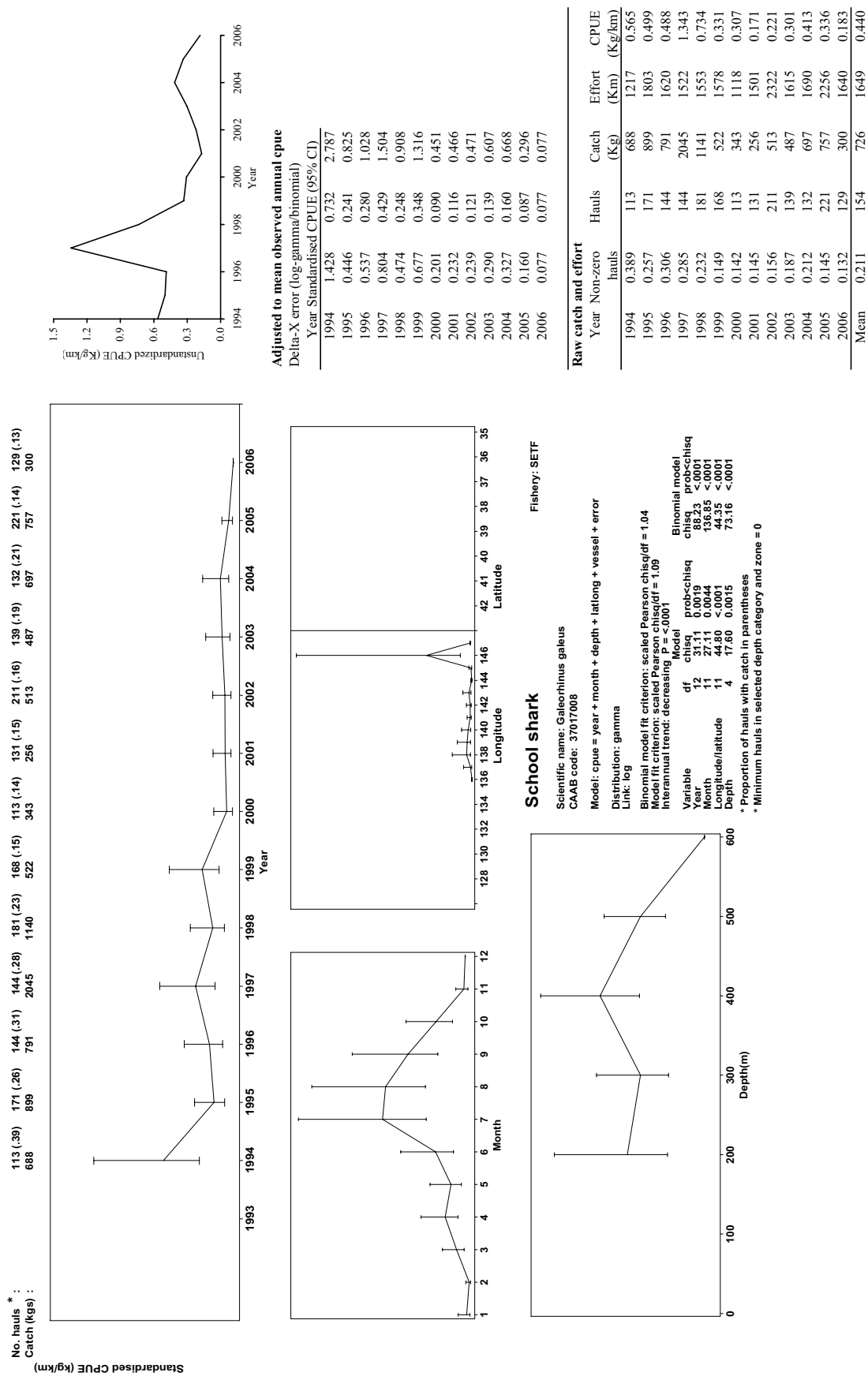


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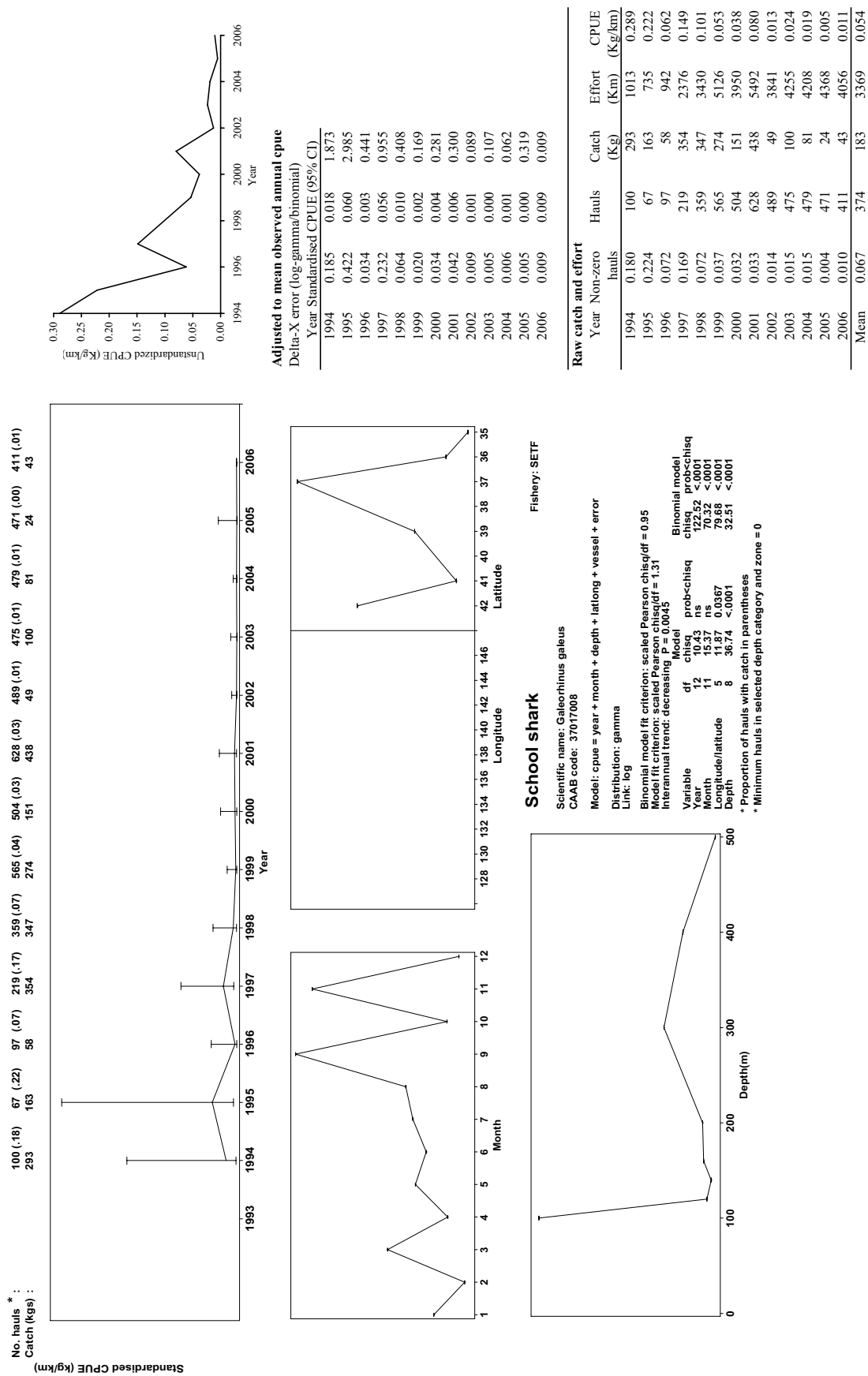


Fig. 3.14a. Spikey spurdog (*Squalus megalops*) 1998–06 otter trawl 0–600 m depth southern Australia (longitude 127–151°E)

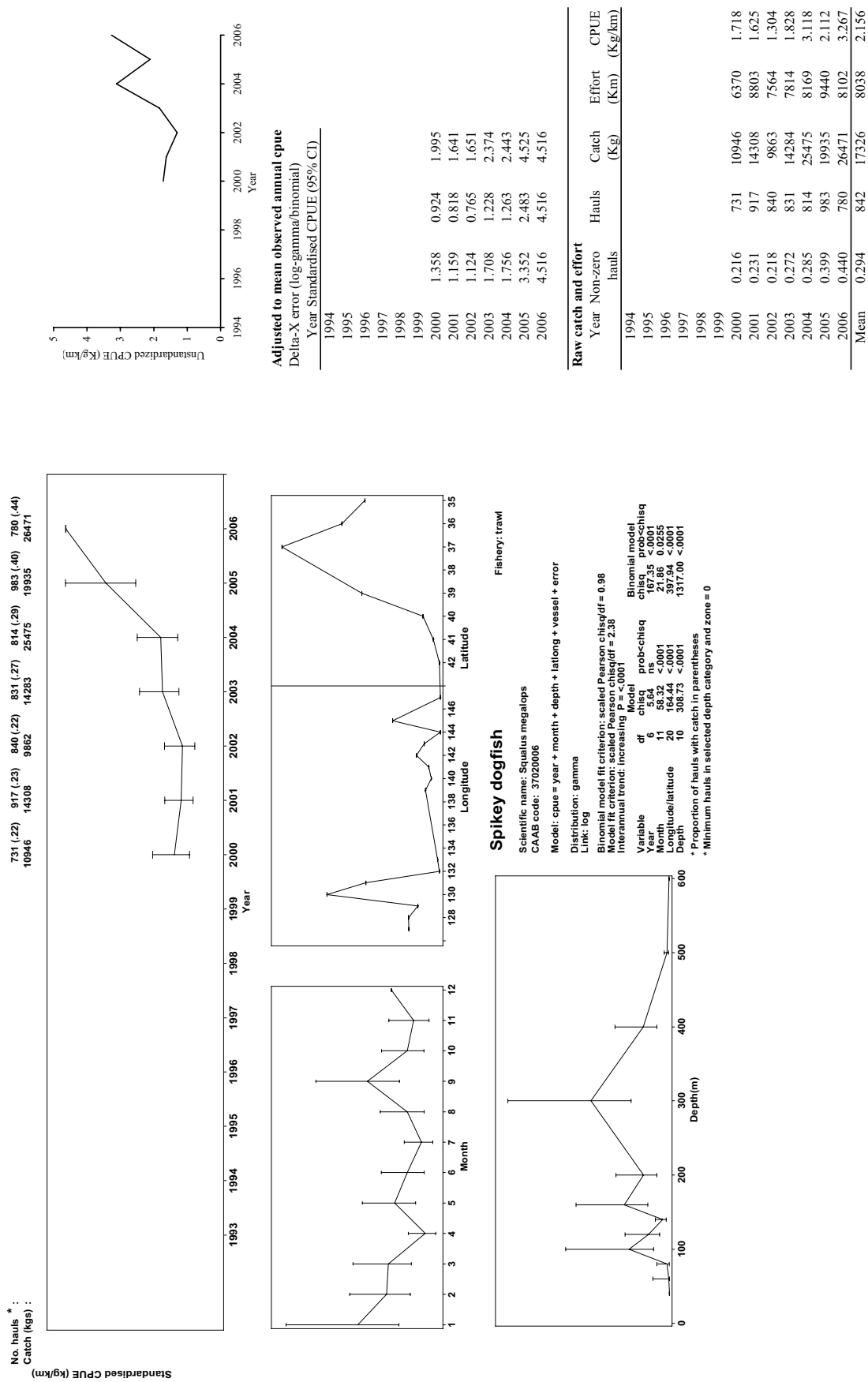


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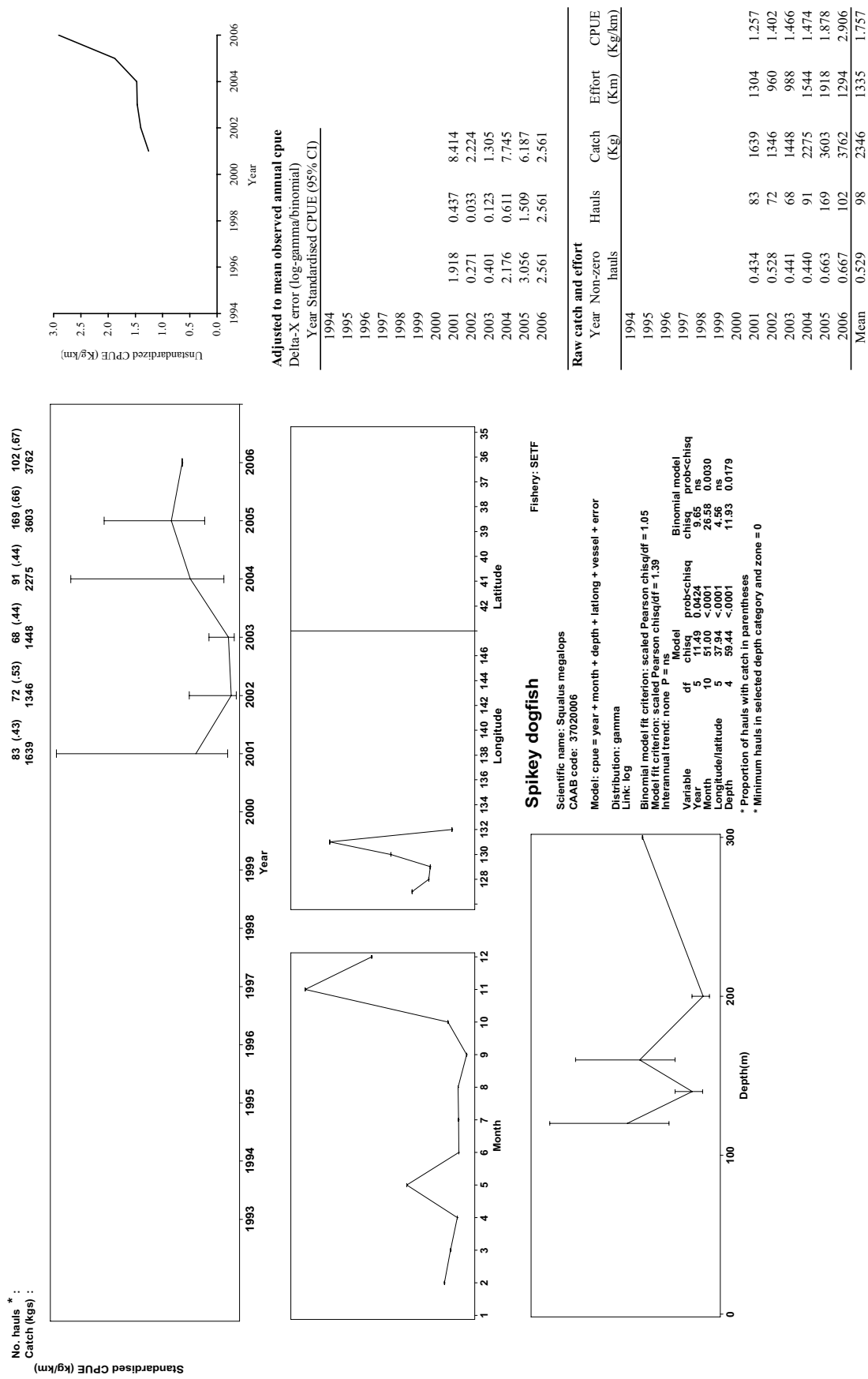


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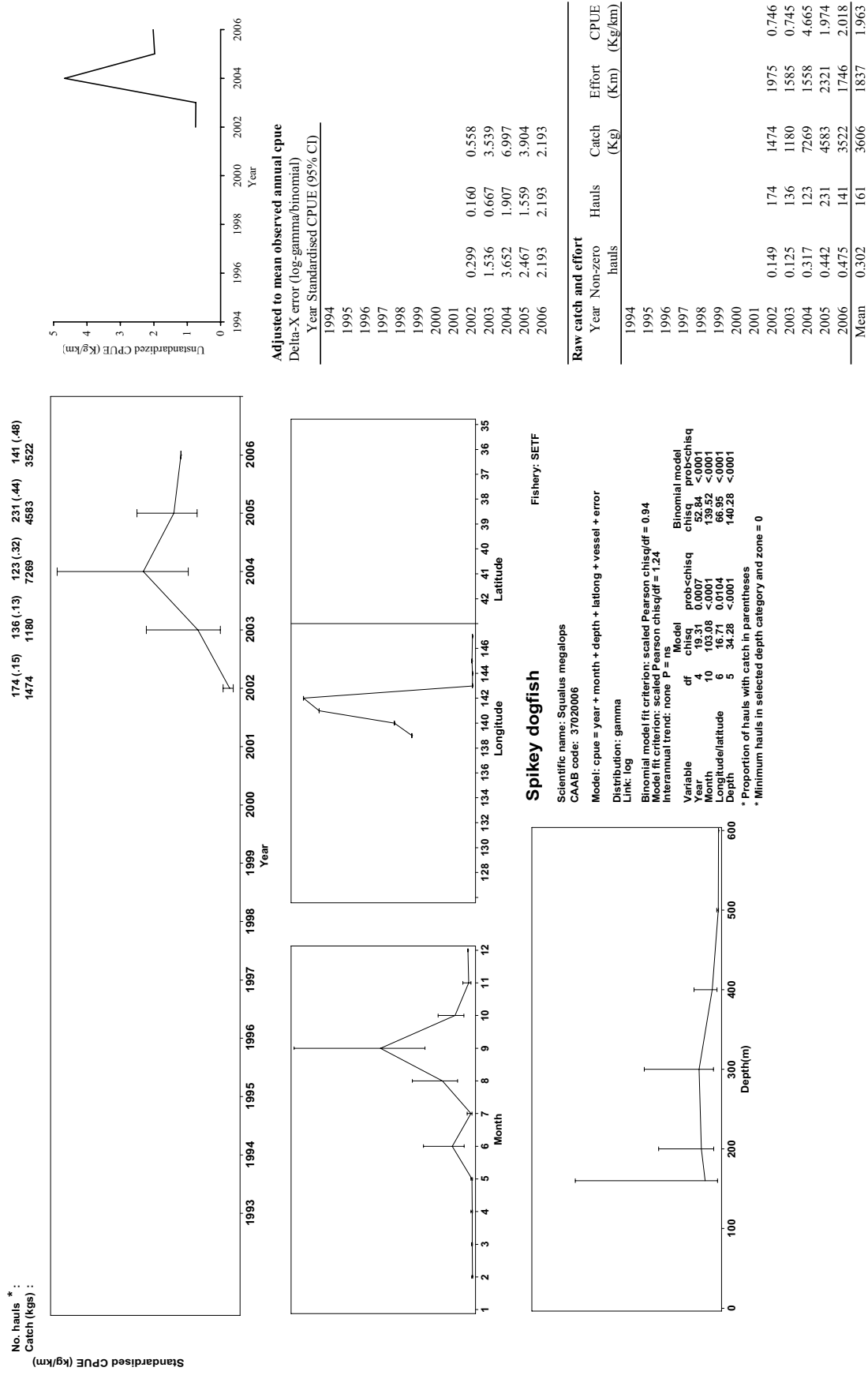


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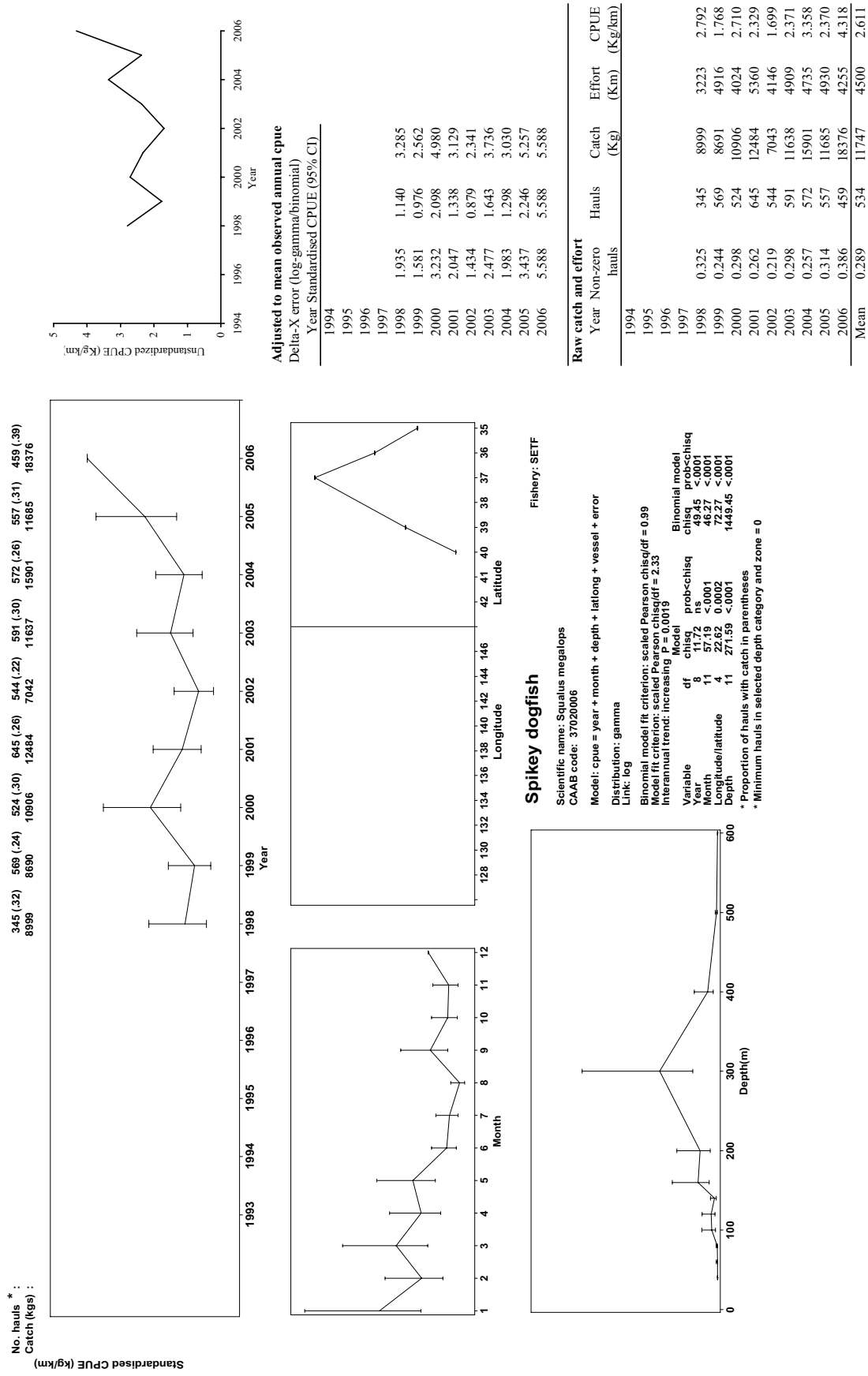


Fig. 3.15a. Whitfin swell shark (*Cephaloscyllium* sp A) 1994-06 SETF 200-700 m depth south-eastern Australia (longitude 137-151°E)

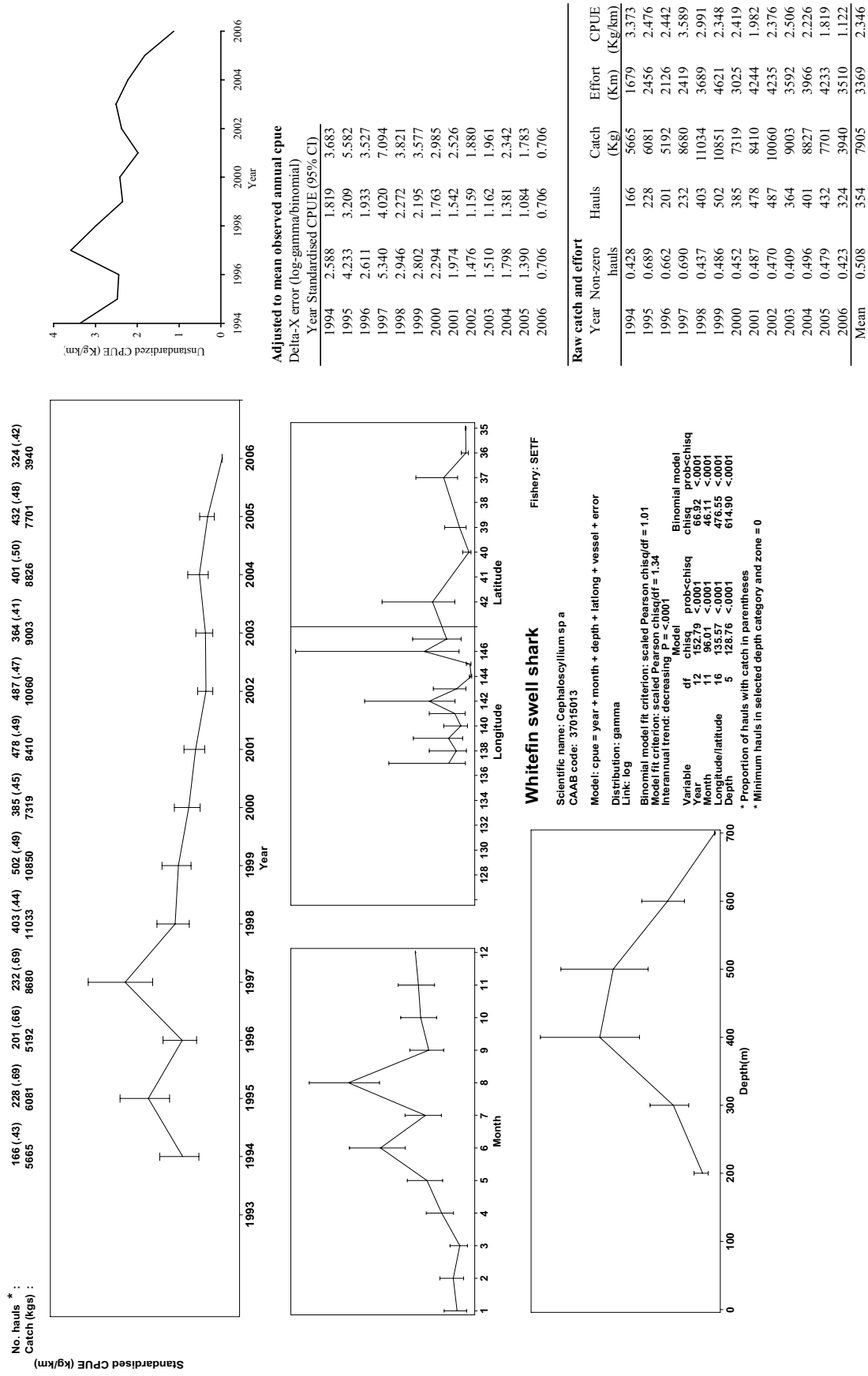


Fig. 3.15b. Whitetfin swell shark (*Cephaloscyllium sp. A*) 2000–06 SEITF 200–700 m depth south-eastern Australia (longitude 137–151°E)

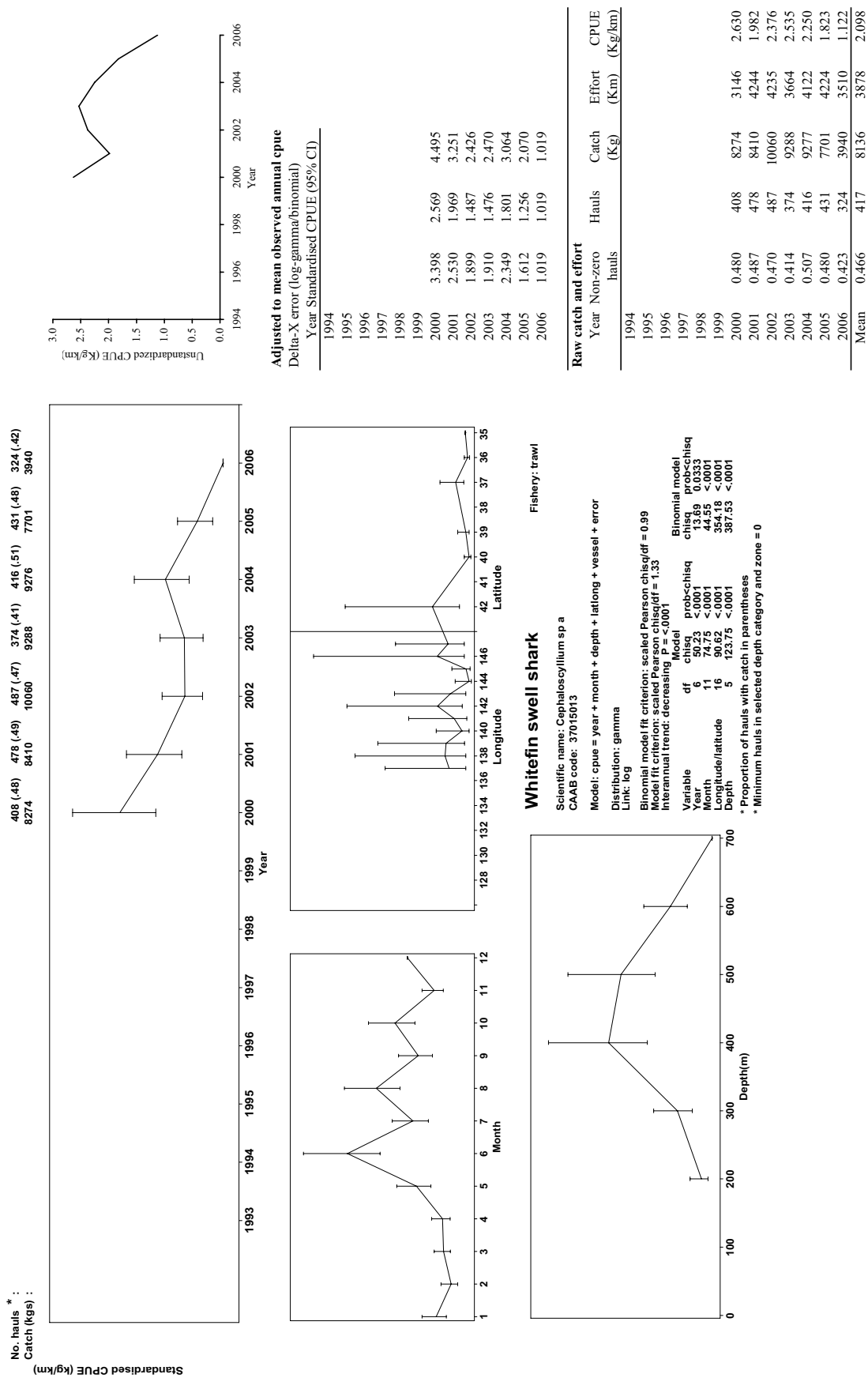


Fig. 3.16a. Gulper shark (*Centrophorus* spp) 1996–06 SETF 200–1100 m depth western region (longitude 136–144°)

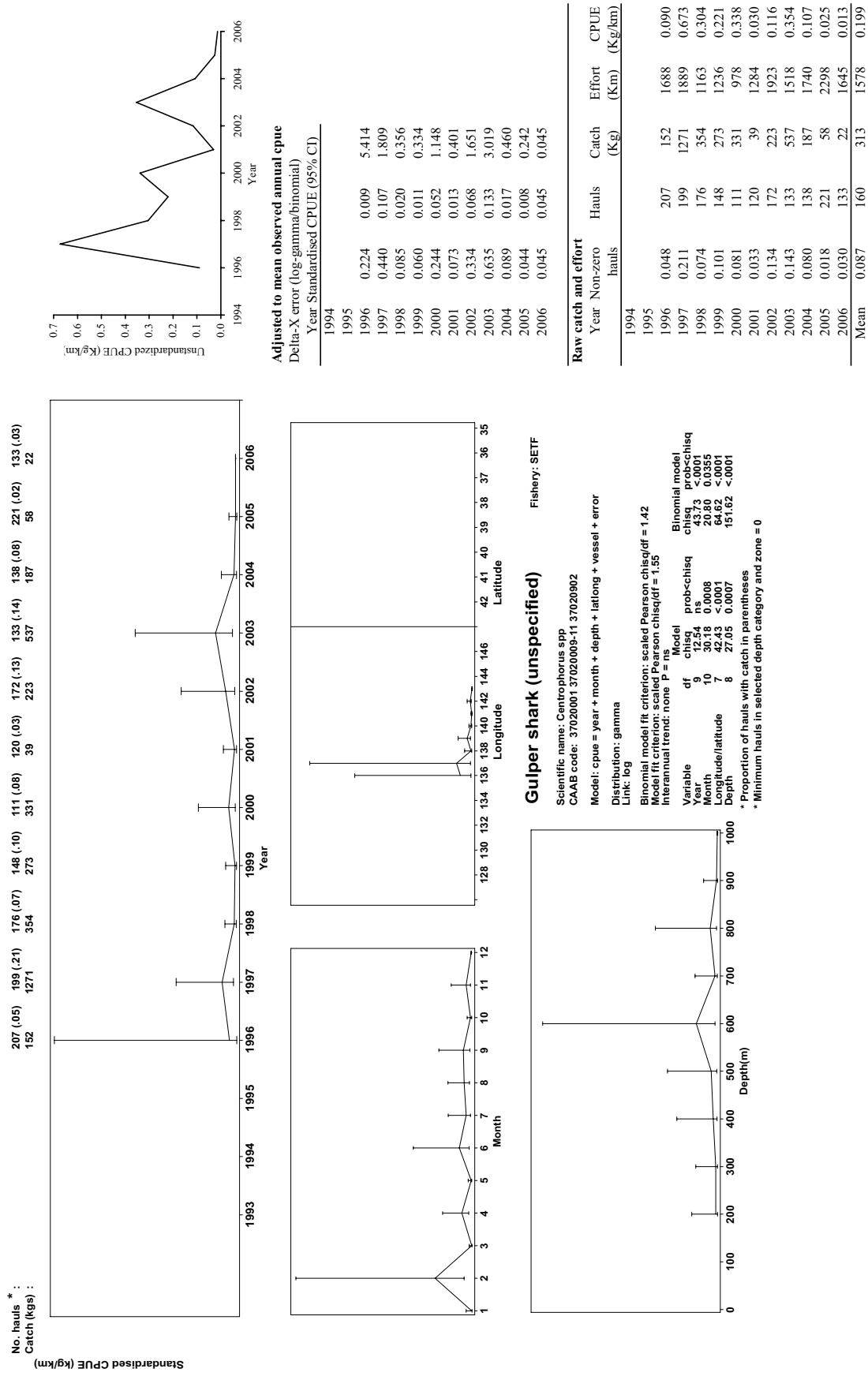


Fig. 3.16b. Gulper shark (*Centrophorus* spp) 1998–06 SETF 0–1000 m depth eastern region (longitude 148–151° E, latitude <38° S)

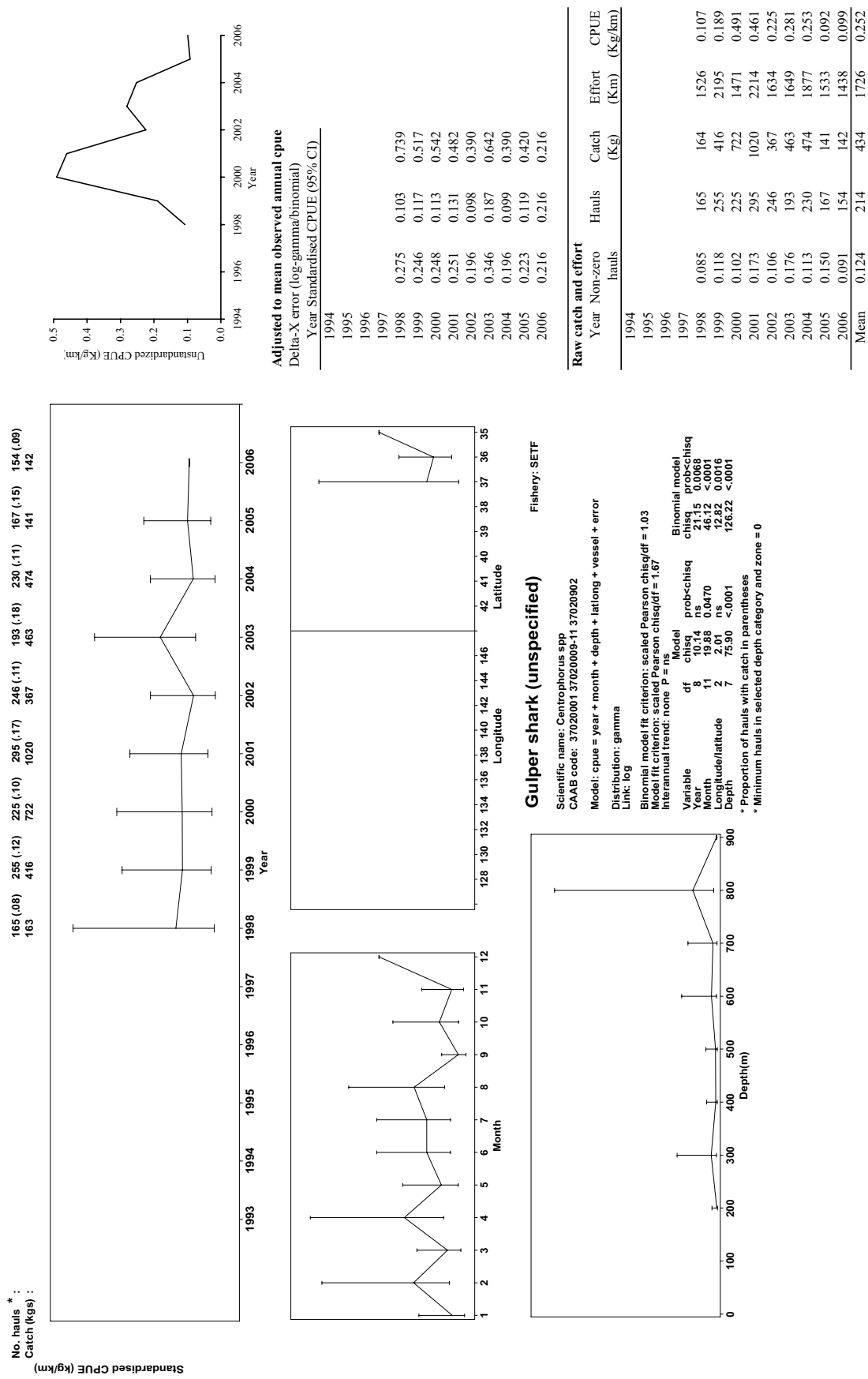


Fig. 4.01a. Banded stingaree (*Urolophus cruciatus*) 2000–06 Otter trawl 0–400 m depth southern Australia (longitude 136–151° E)

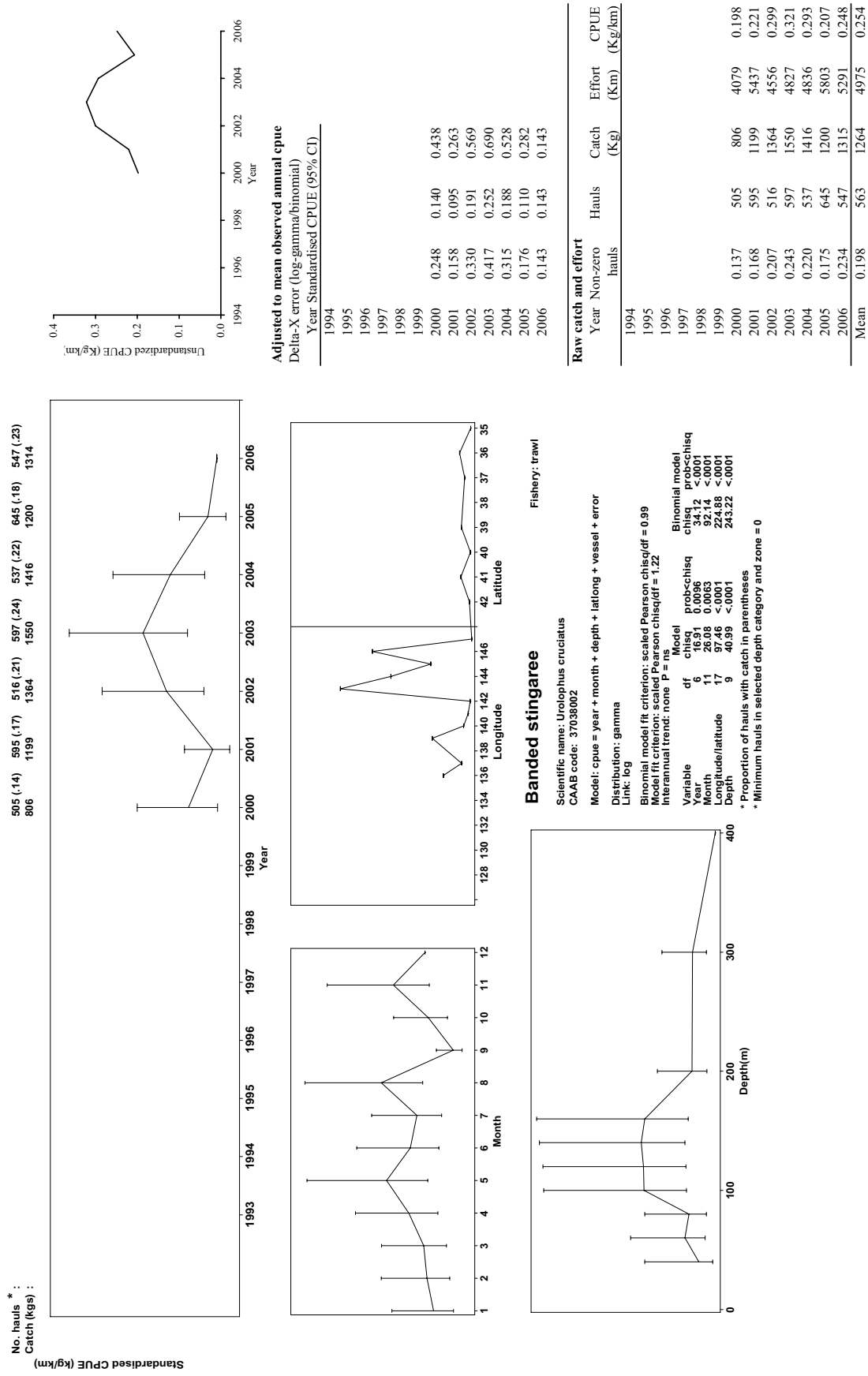
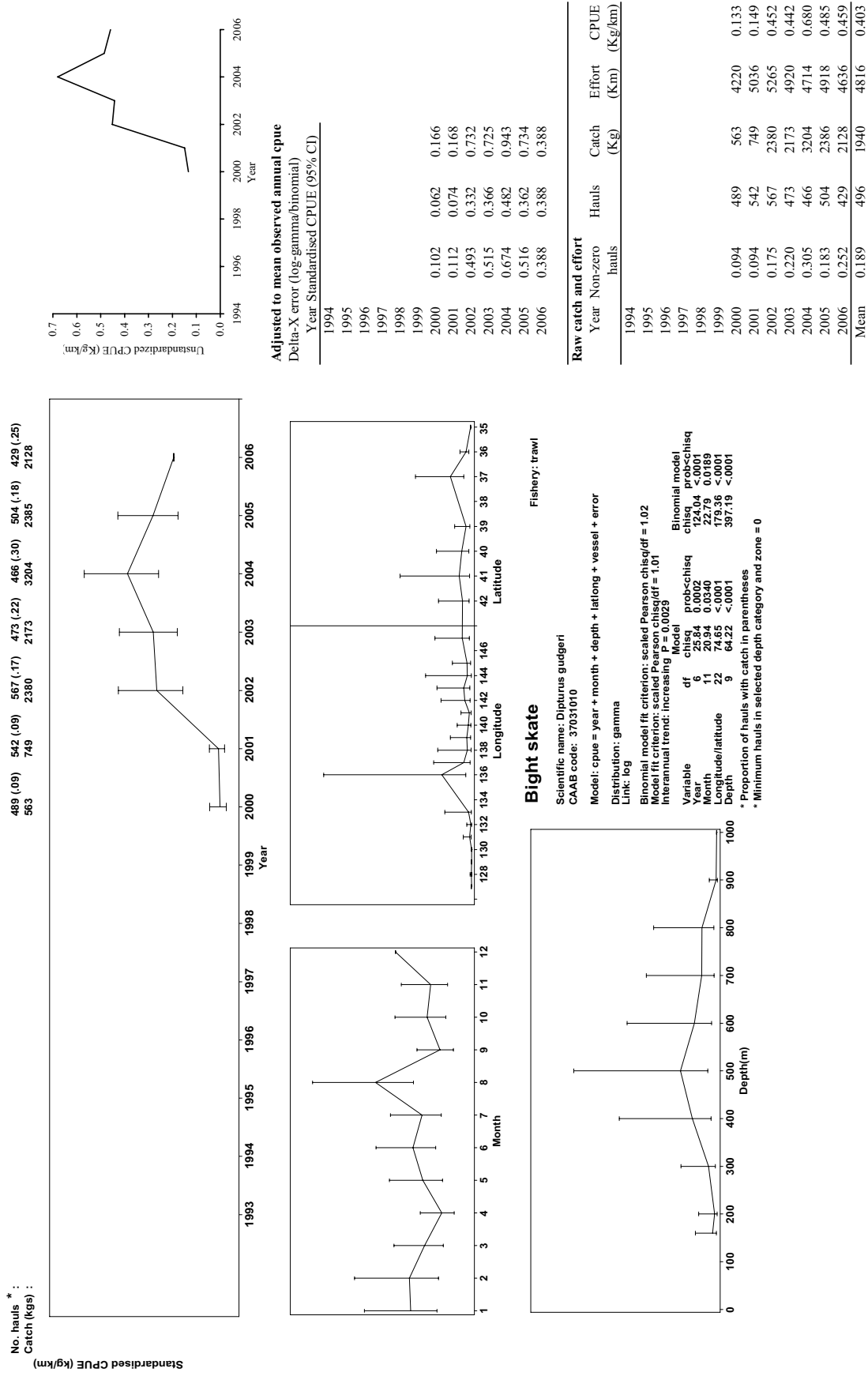


Fig. 4.02a. Bight skate (*Dipturus gudgeri*) 2000–06 Otter trawl 160–1000 m depth southern Australia (longitude 126–151° E)



Bight skate
 Scientific name: *Dipturus gudgeri*
 CAAB code: 37031010
 Model: cpue = year + month + depth + lalong + vessel + error
 Distribution: gamma
 Link: log

Binomial model fit criterion: scaled Pearson chisq/df = 1.02
 Model fit criterion: scaled Pearson chisq/df = 1.01
 Interannual trend: increasing P = 0.0029

Variable	df	chisq	p-value	Binomial model
Year	6	25.94	0.0002	chisq/df = 4.324
Month	11	20.94	0.0340	chisq/df = 1.904
Longitude/latitude	22	74.65	<.0001	prval = 0.0001
Depth	9	64.22	<.0001	prval = 0.0001
				179.36 <.0001
				397.19 <.0001

* Proportion of hauls with catch in parentheses
 * Minimum hauls in selected depth category and zone = 0

Month

Longitude

Depth

Fig. 4.03a. Black stingray (*Dasyatis thetidis*) 2000–06 GABTF 120–200 m depth Great Australian Bight (longitude 127–132° E)

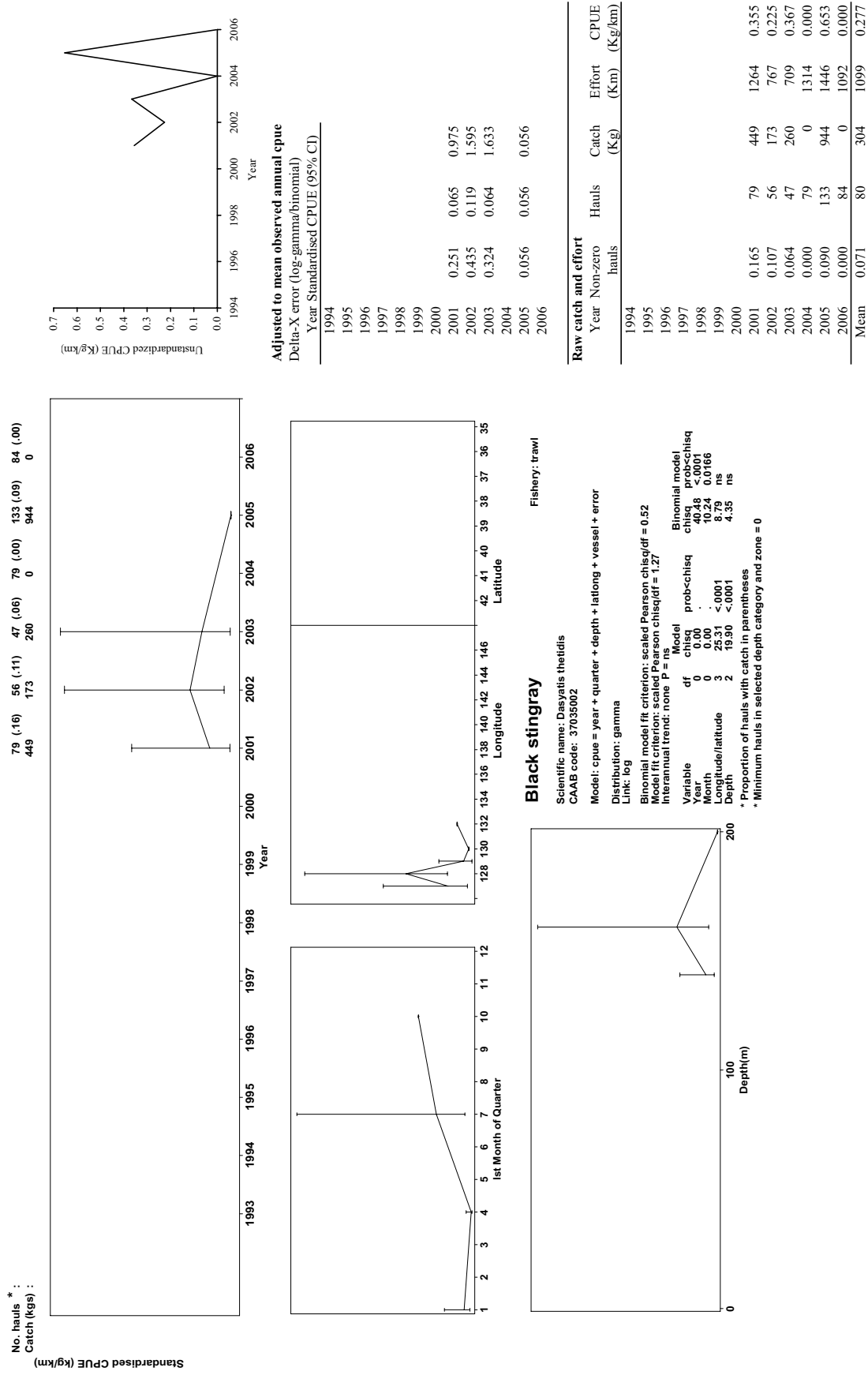


Fig. 4.03b. Black stingray (*Dasyatis thetidis*) 1998–06 SETF 0–400 m depth eastern region (longitude 148–151° E, latitude <38°S)

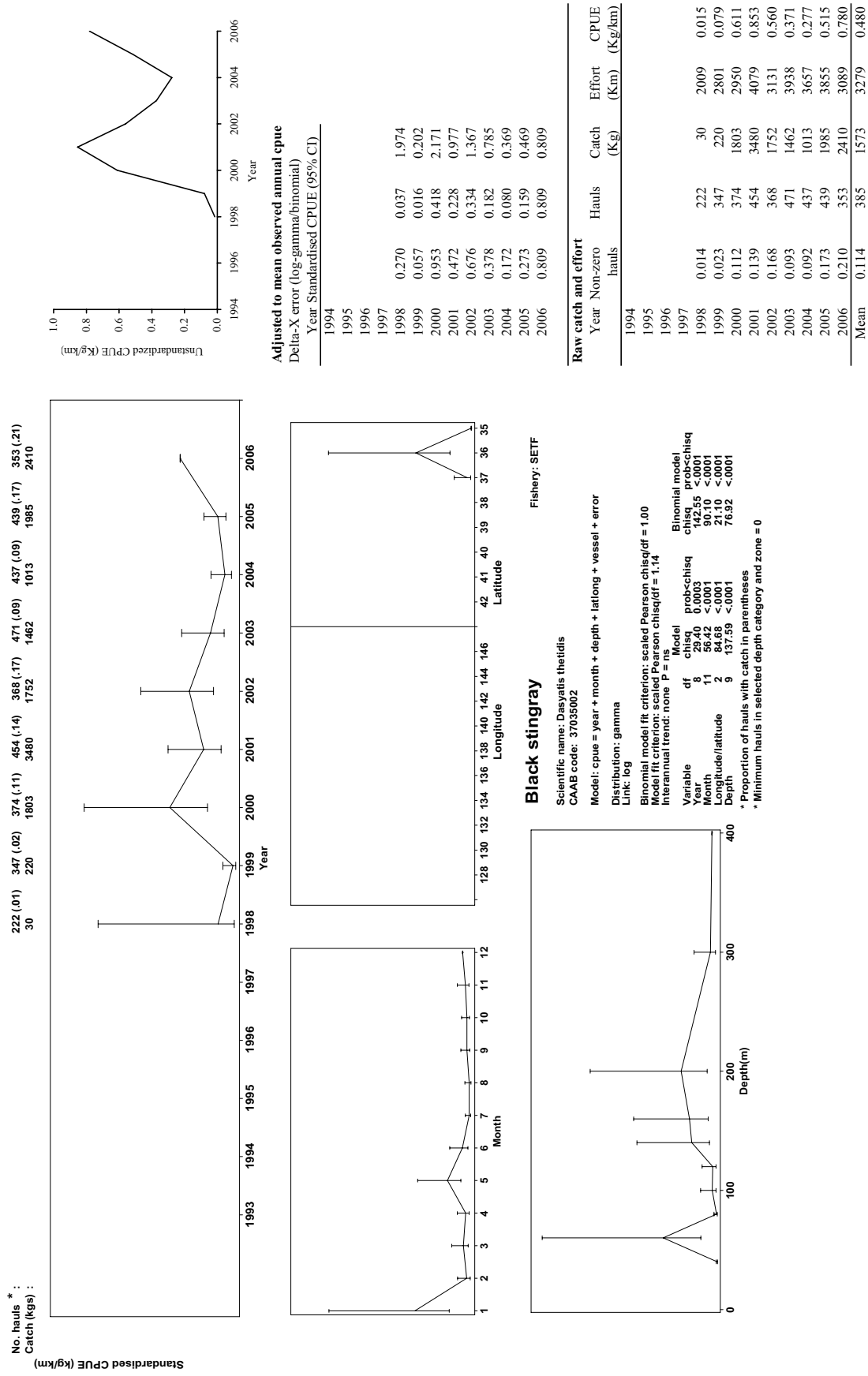


Fig. 4.04a. Common stingaree (*Trygonoptera testacea*) 2001–06 SETF 0–300 m depth eastern region (longitude 148–151° E, latitude <38°S)

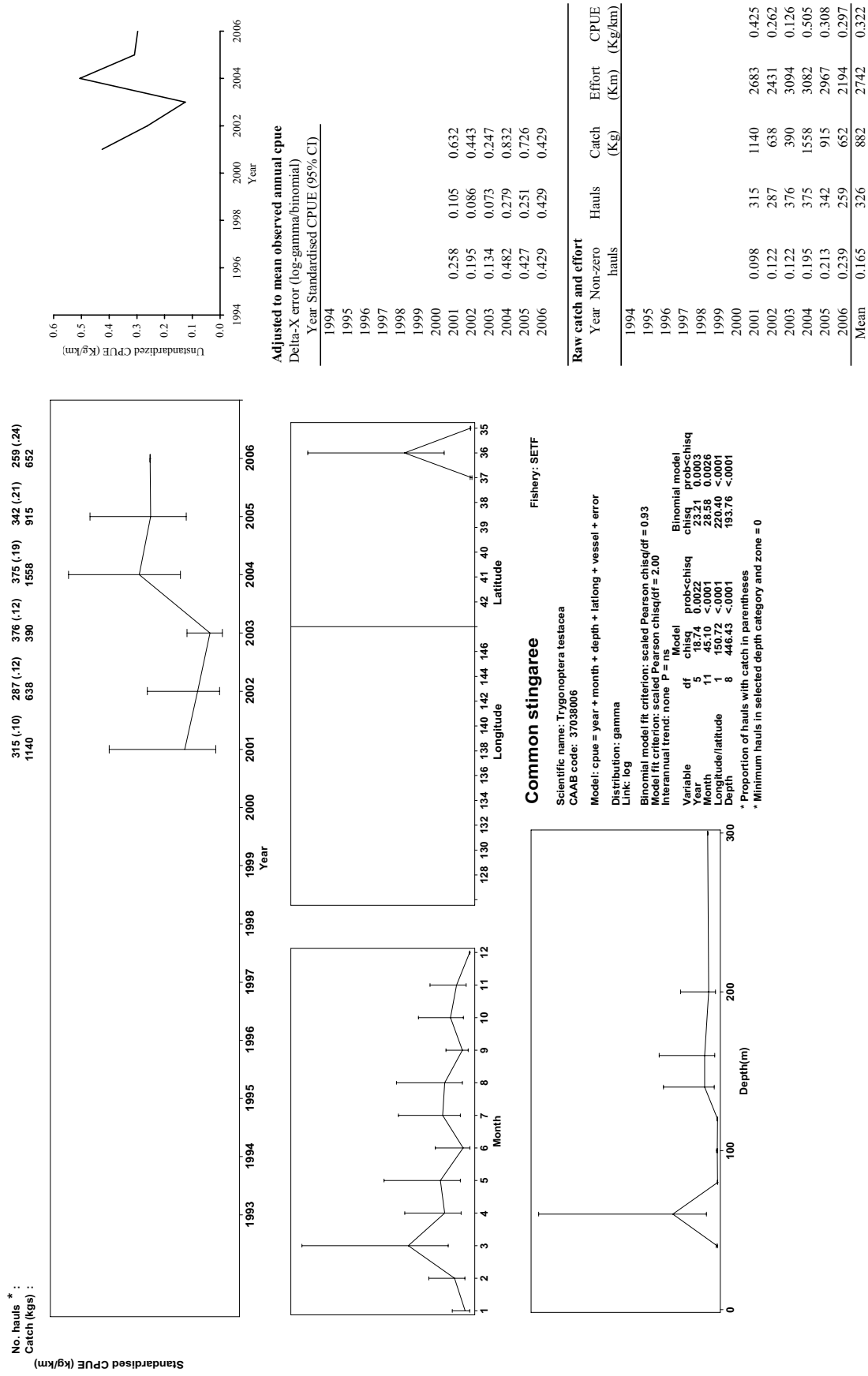


Fig. 4.05a. Eastern shovelnose ray (*Apychotrema rostrata*) 1999–06 SETF 0–160 m depth eastern region (longitude 148–151° E, latitude <38°S)

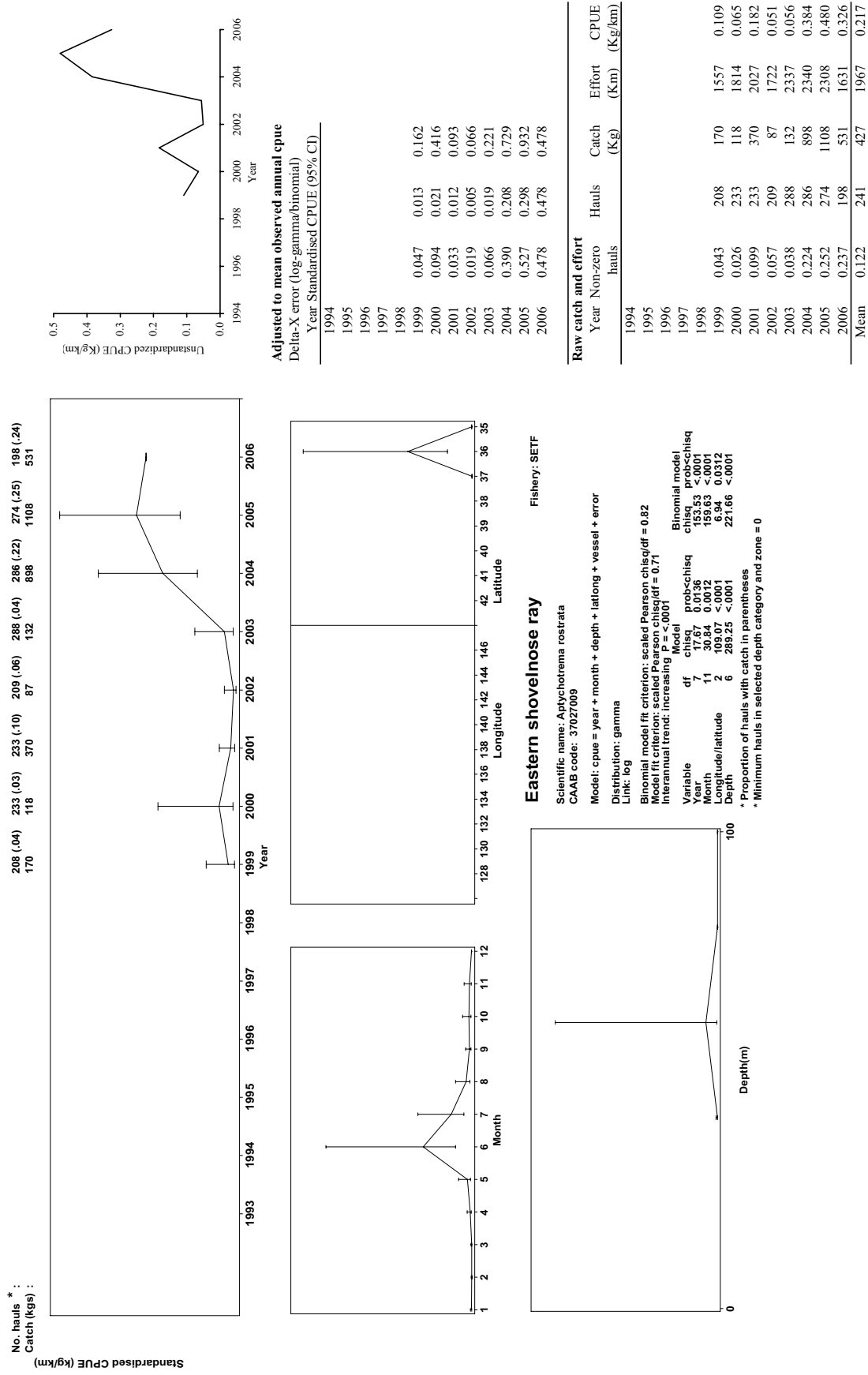


Fig. 4.06a. Greenback stingaree (*Urolophus viridis*) 1998–06 SETF 0–300 m depth eastern region (longitude 149–151°E, latitude <38°S)

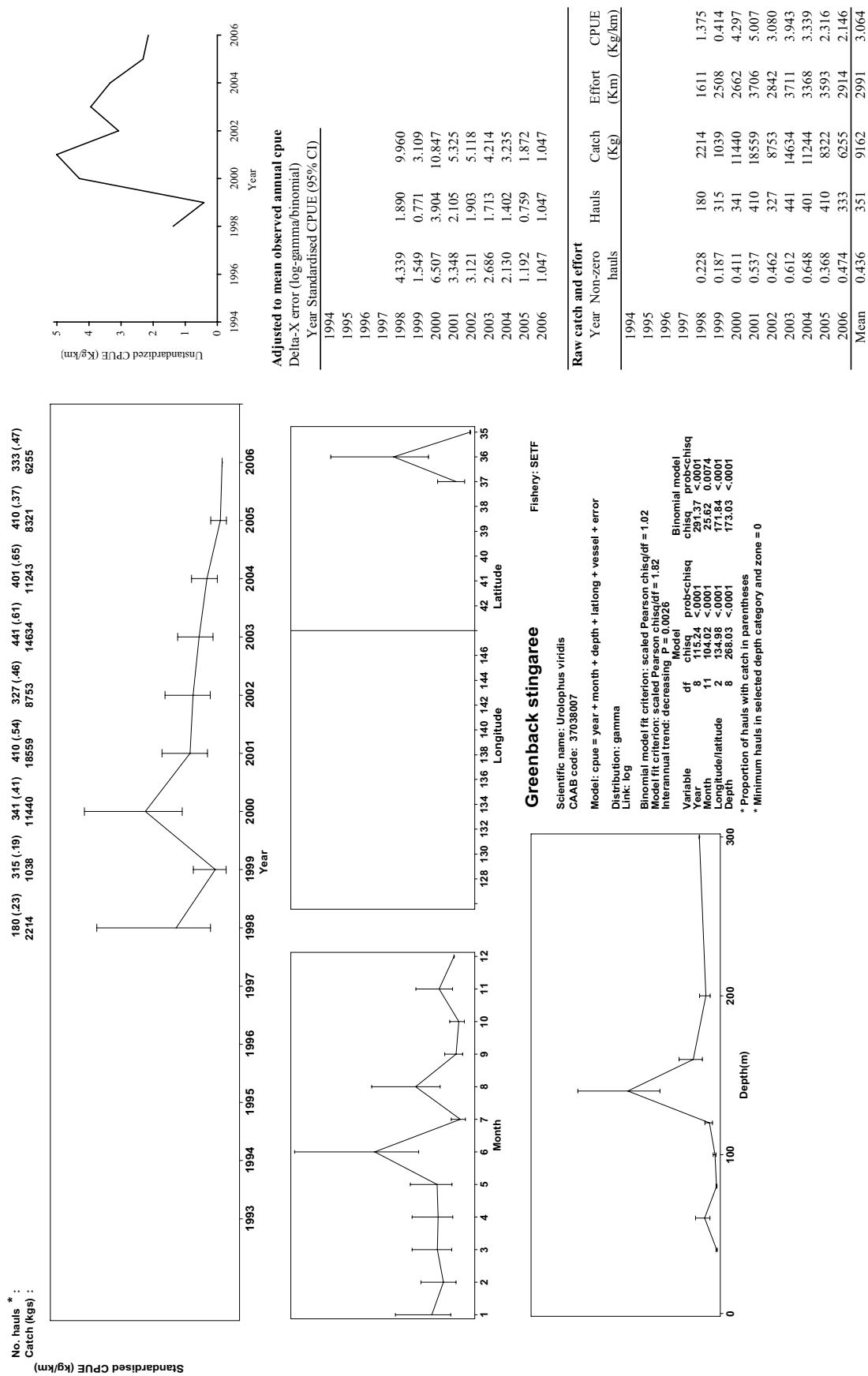


Fig. 4.07a. Longnose skate (*Dipturus* sp A) 1998–06 SETF 0–140 m depth eastern region (longitude 148–151°E, latitude <38°S)

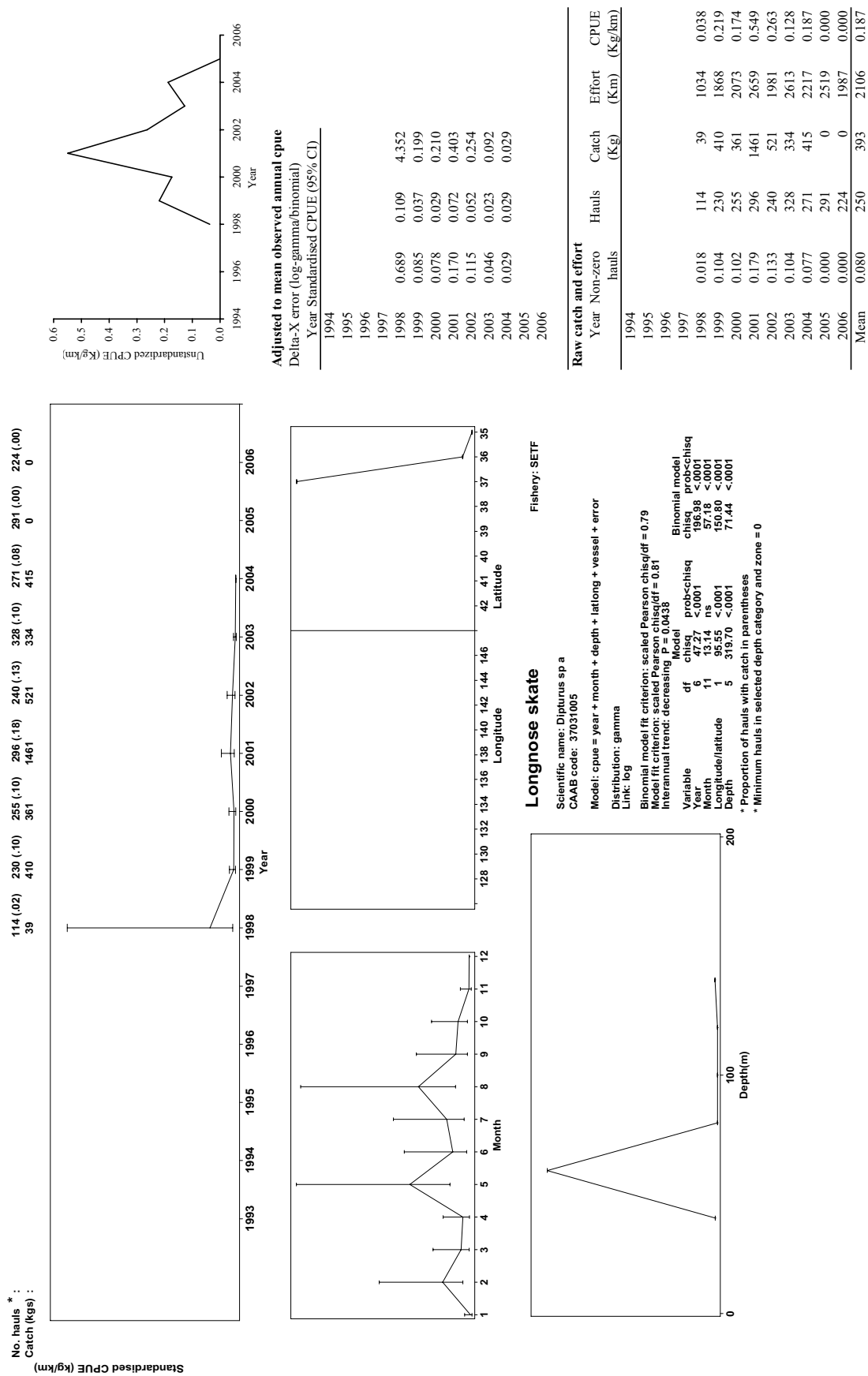


Fig. 4.08a. Melbourne skate (*Dipturus whiteleyi*) 2001–06 GABTF 160–400 m Great Australian Bight (longitude 127–131° E)

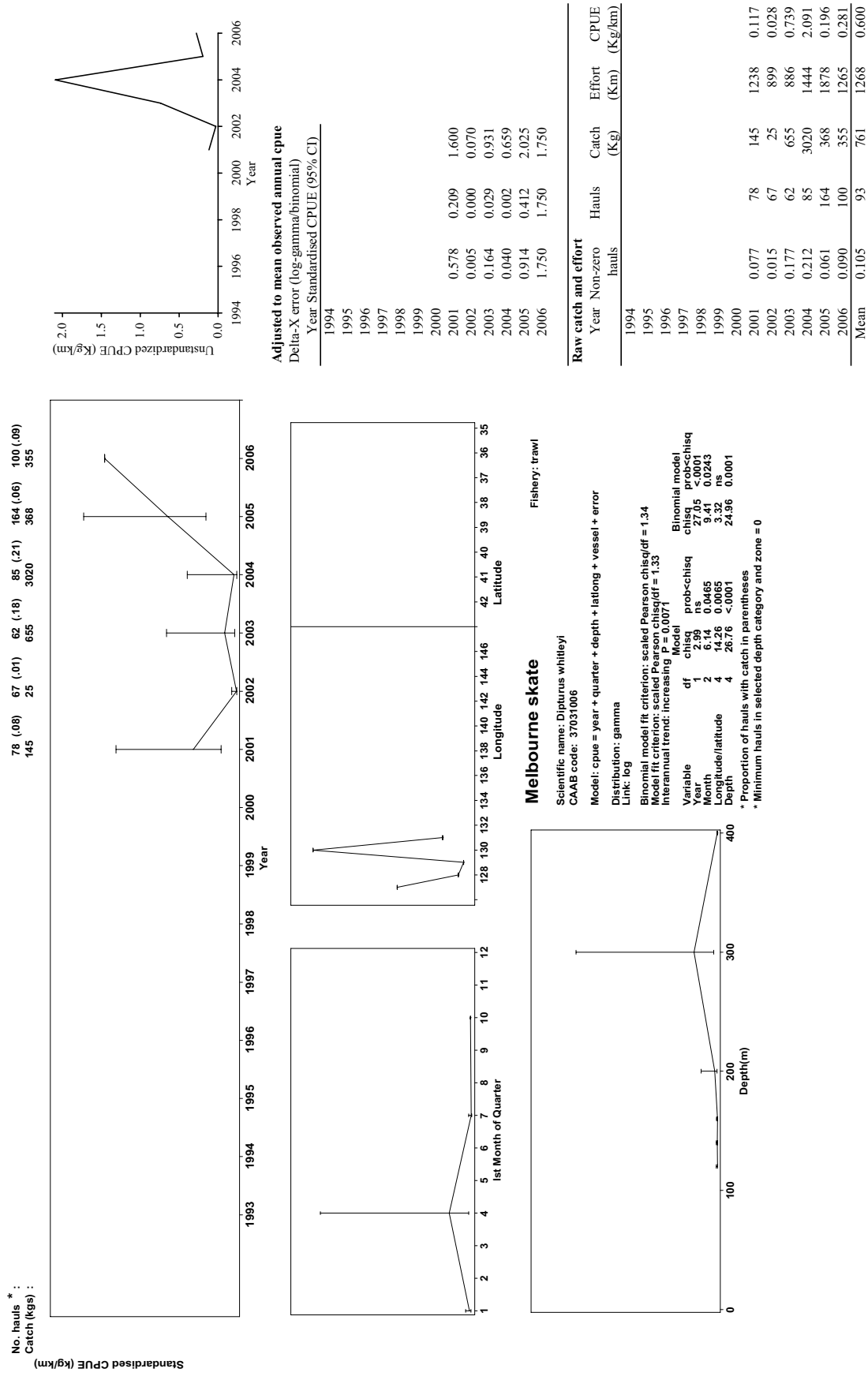


Fig. 4.08b. Melbourne skate (*Dipturus whiteleyi*) 2002–06 SETF 0–400 m western region (longitude 138–147° E)

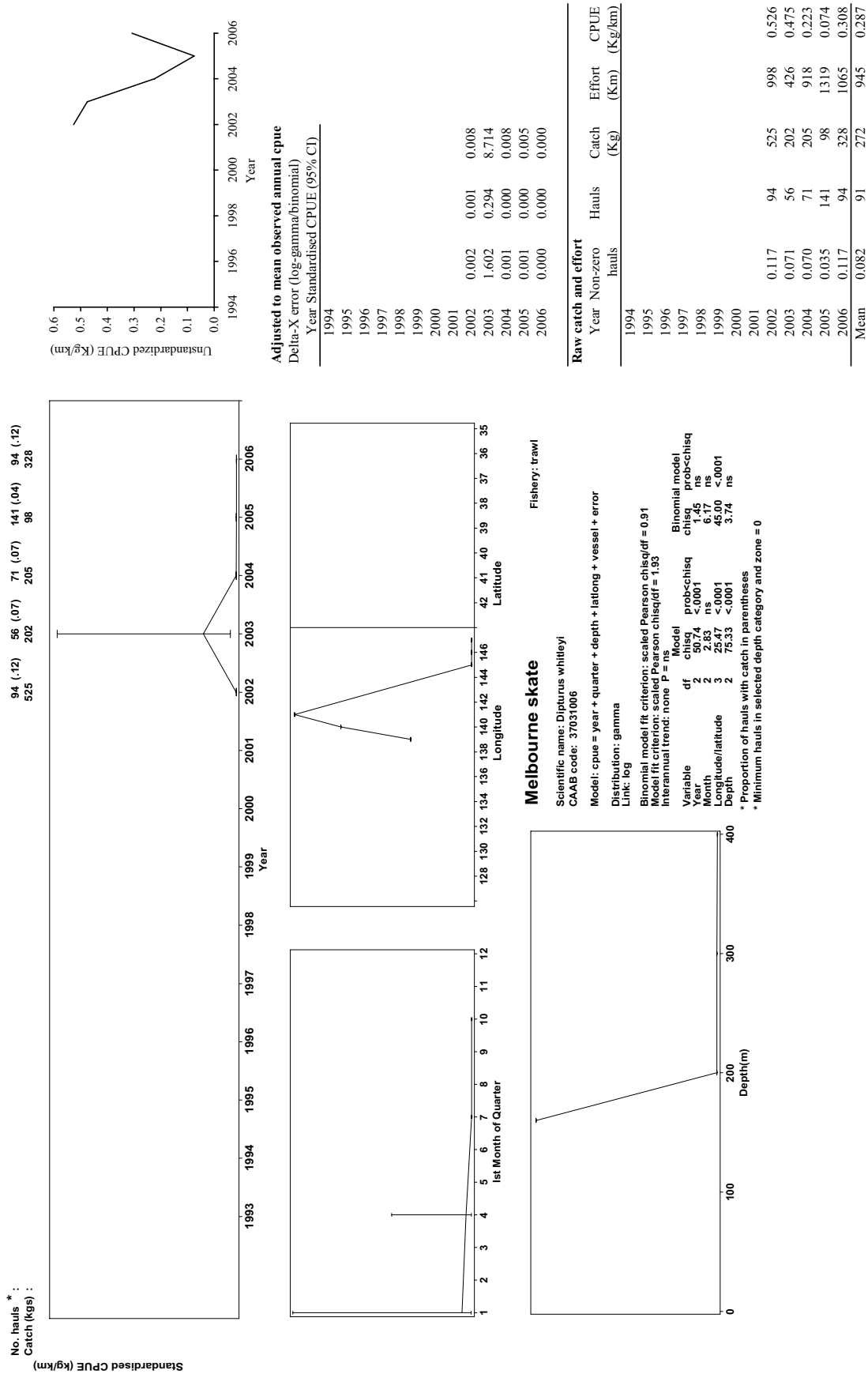


Fig. 4.08c. Melbourne skate (*Dipturus whiteleyi*) 1998–06 SETF 0–600 m south-eastern Australia (longitude 145–151° E)

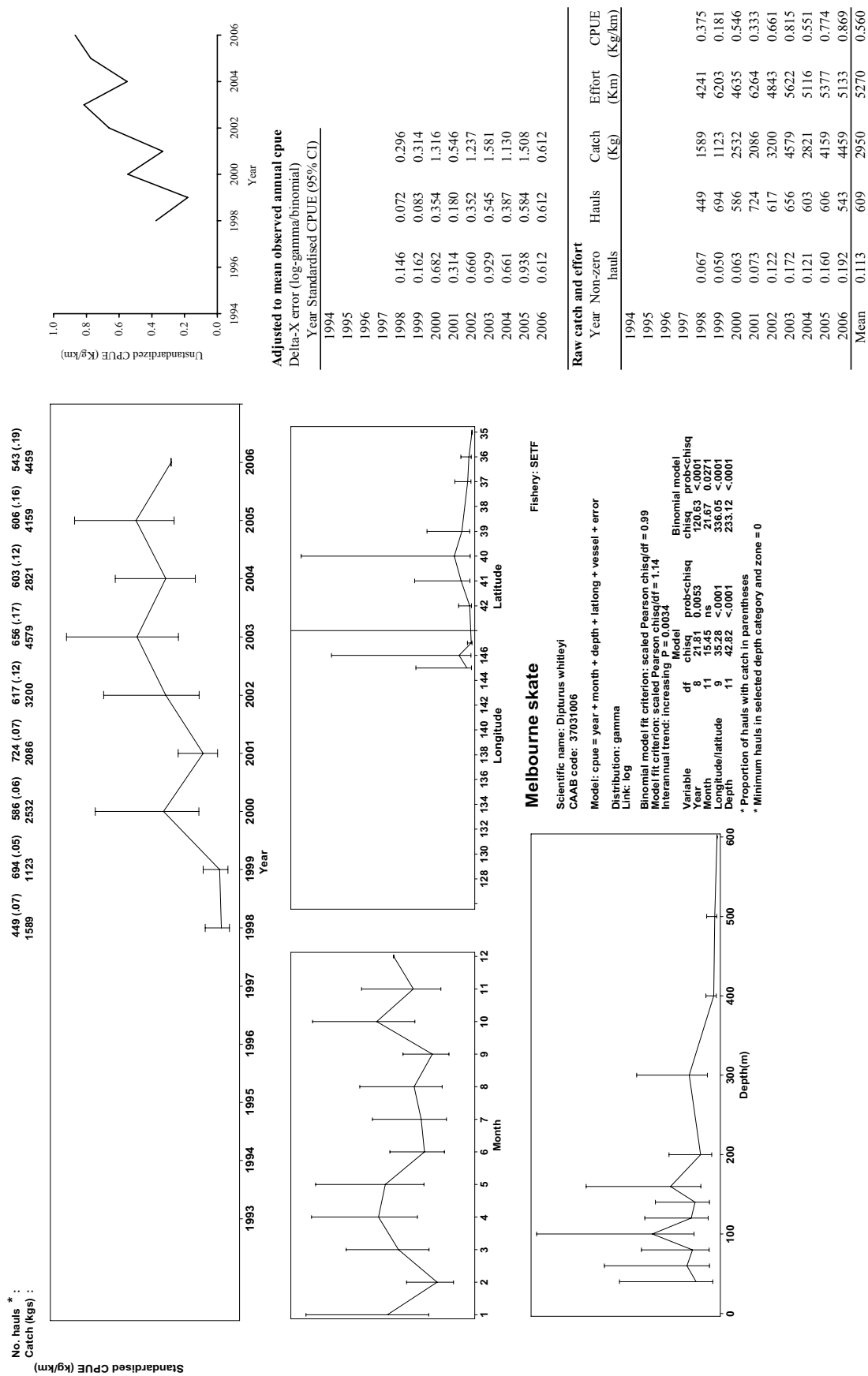


Fig. 4.09a. Peacock skate (*Pavoraja nitida*) 2001–06 SETF 0–600 m depth eastern region (longitude 148–151° E)

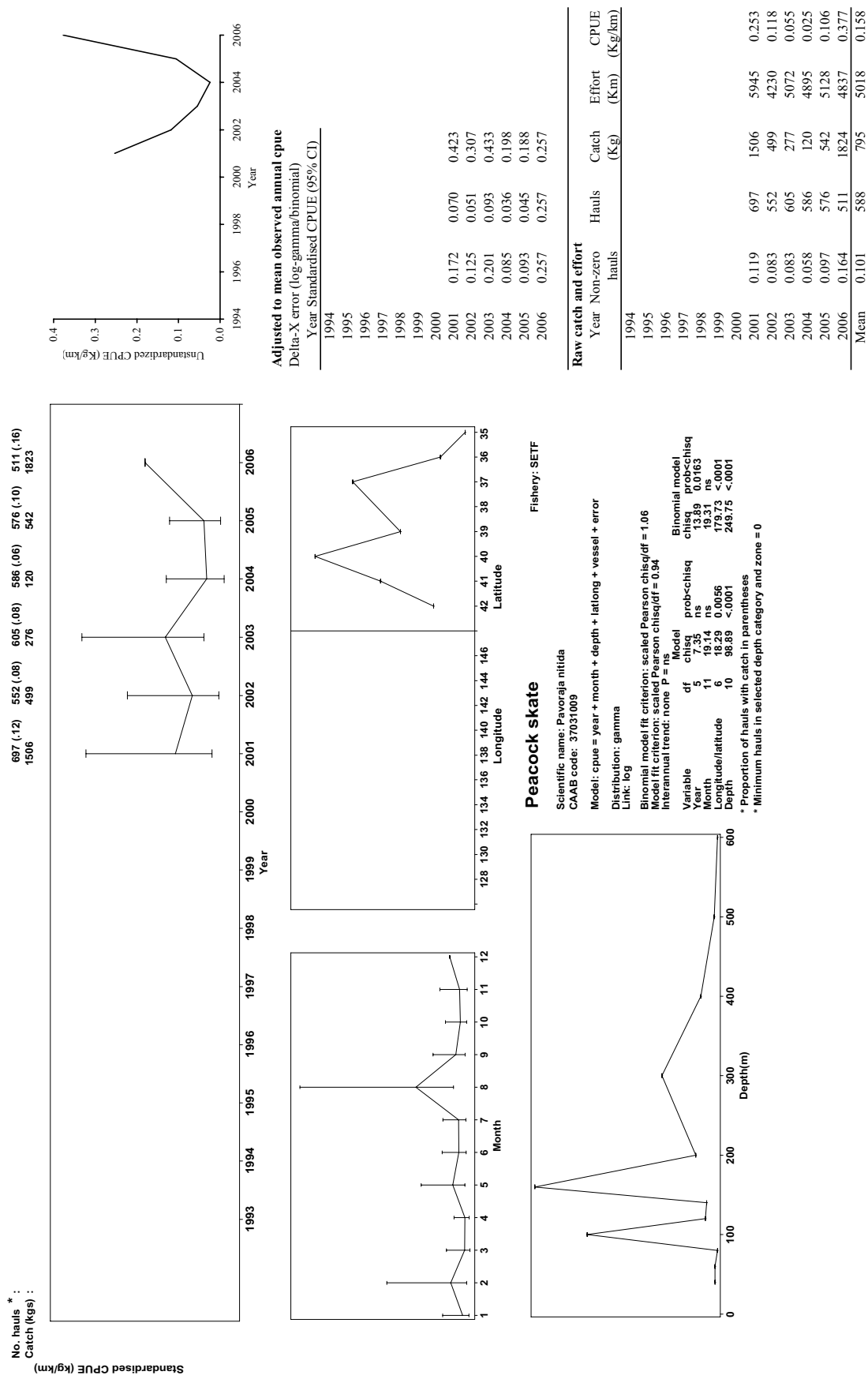


Fig. 4.10a. Sandyback stingaree (*Urolophus bucculentus*) 1998–06 SETF 0–300 m depth eastern region (longitude 148–151° E)

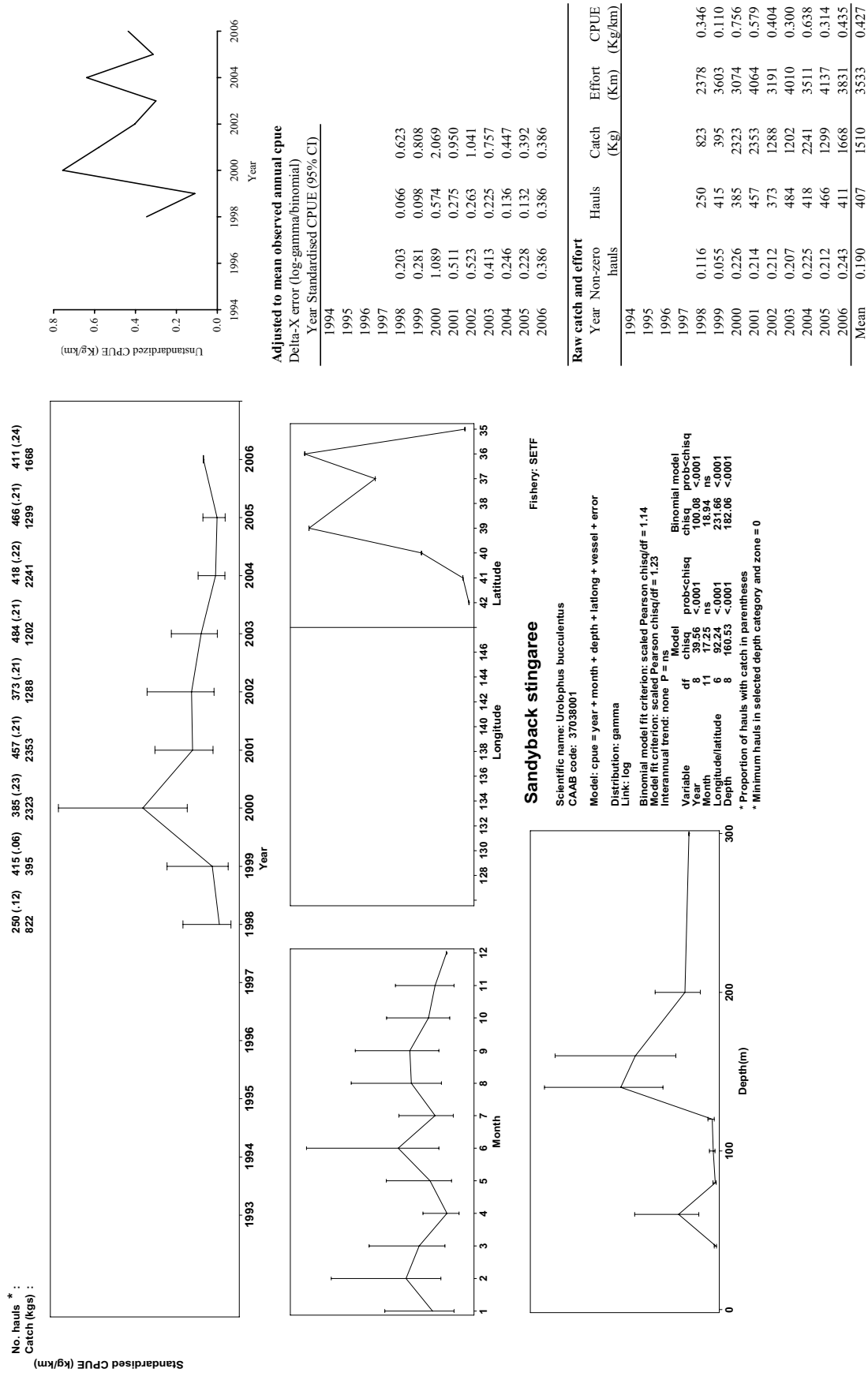


Fig. 4.11a. Smooth stingray (*Dasyatis brevicaudata*) 2001–06 GABTF 0–200 m depth Great Australian Bight (longitude 127–132° E)

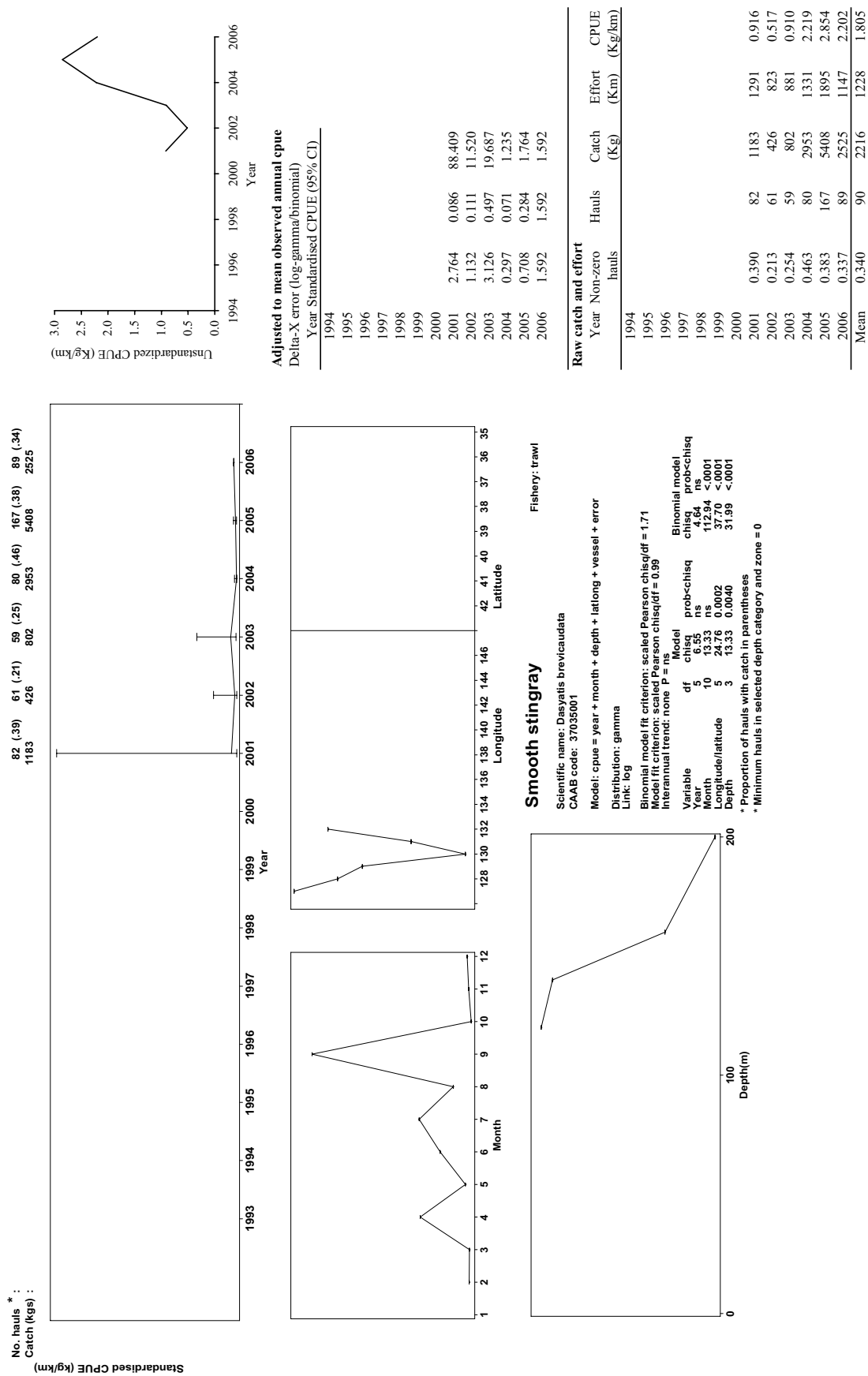


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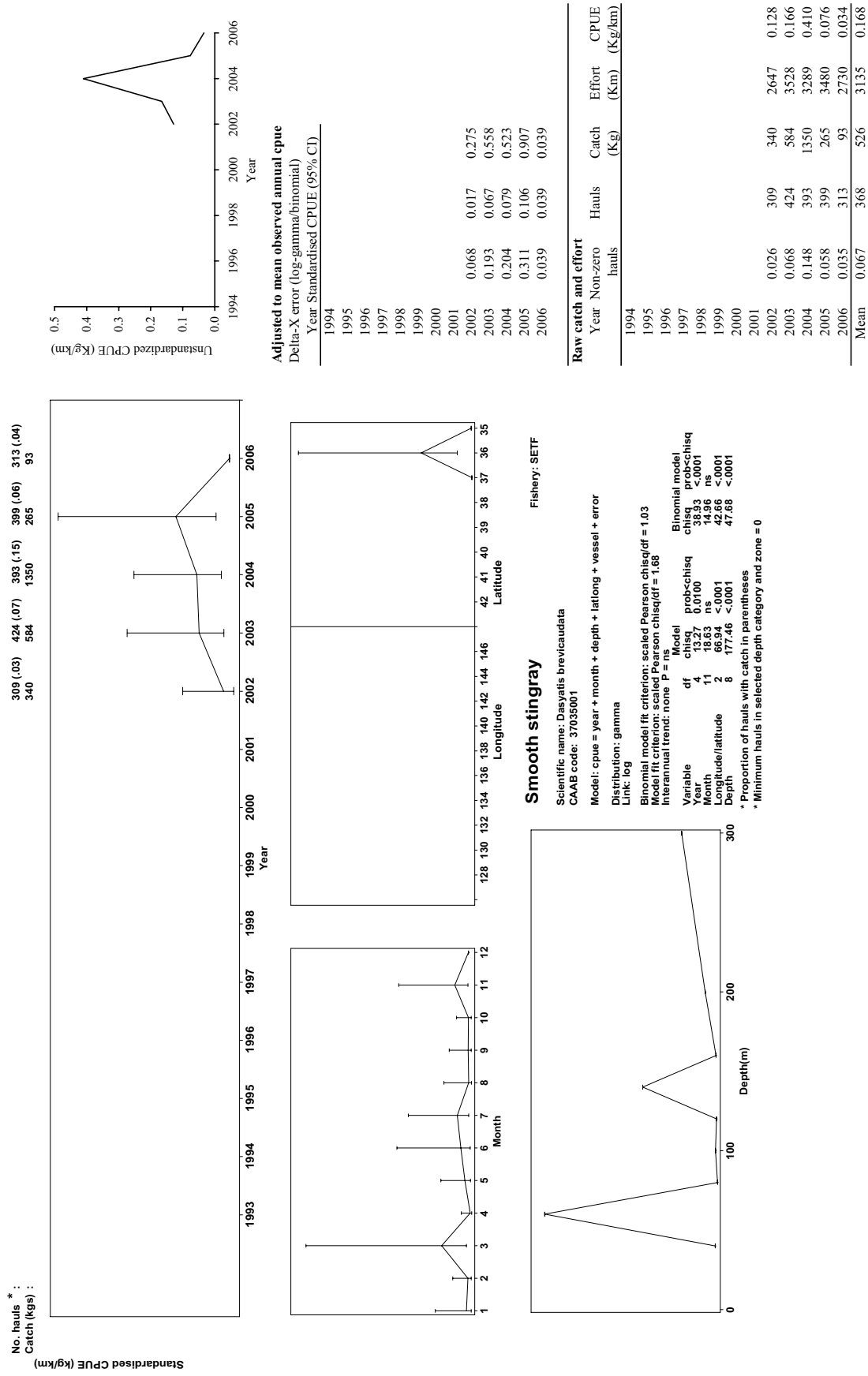


Fig. 4.12a. Southern eagle ray (*Myliobatis australis*) 1998–06 SETF 0–300 m depth eastern region (longitude 148–151°E, latitude <39°S)

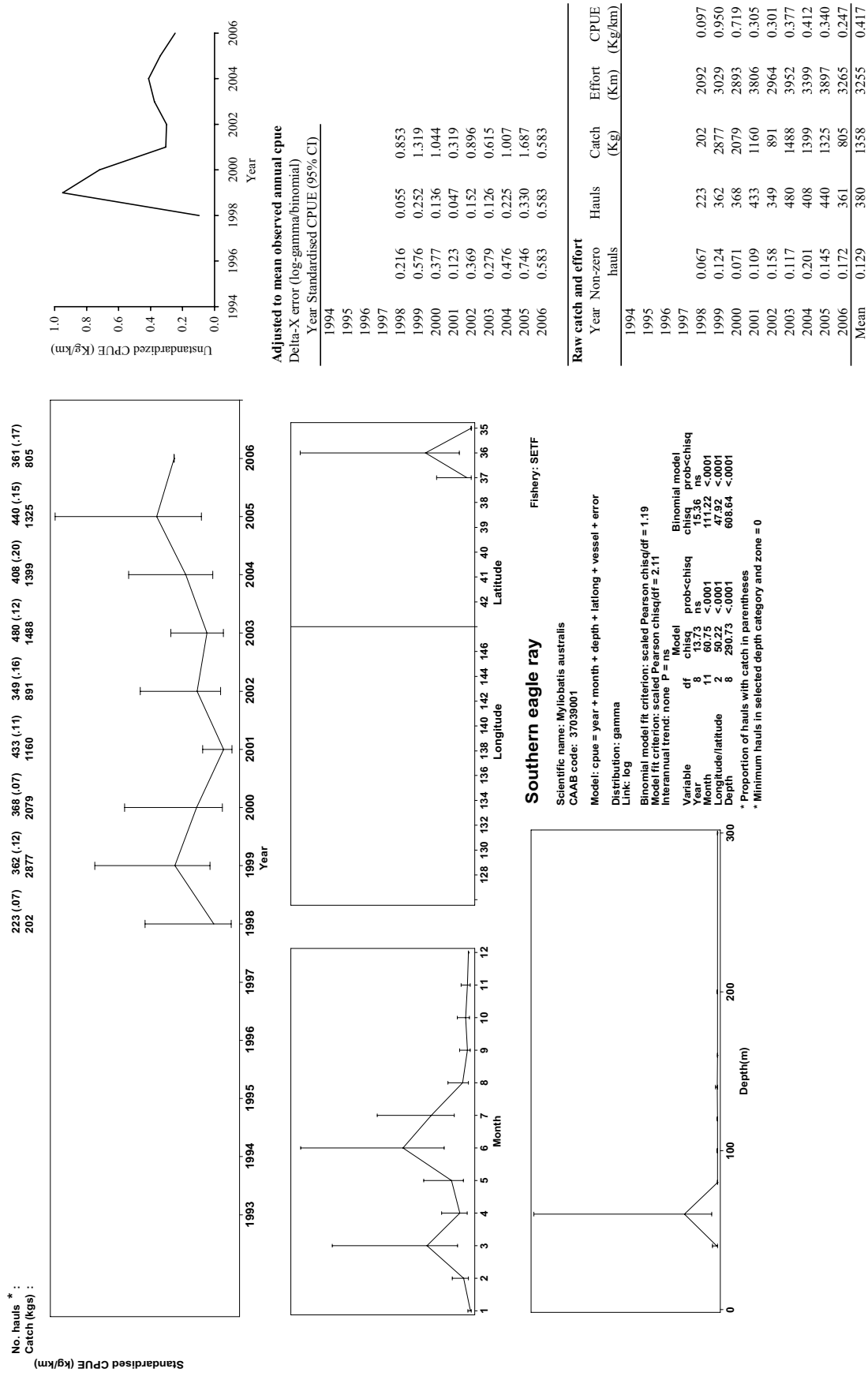


Fig. 4.13a. Southern fiddler ray (*Trygonorrhina fasciata*) 2000–06 GABTF 0–200 m depth Great Australian Bight (longitude 127–132° E)

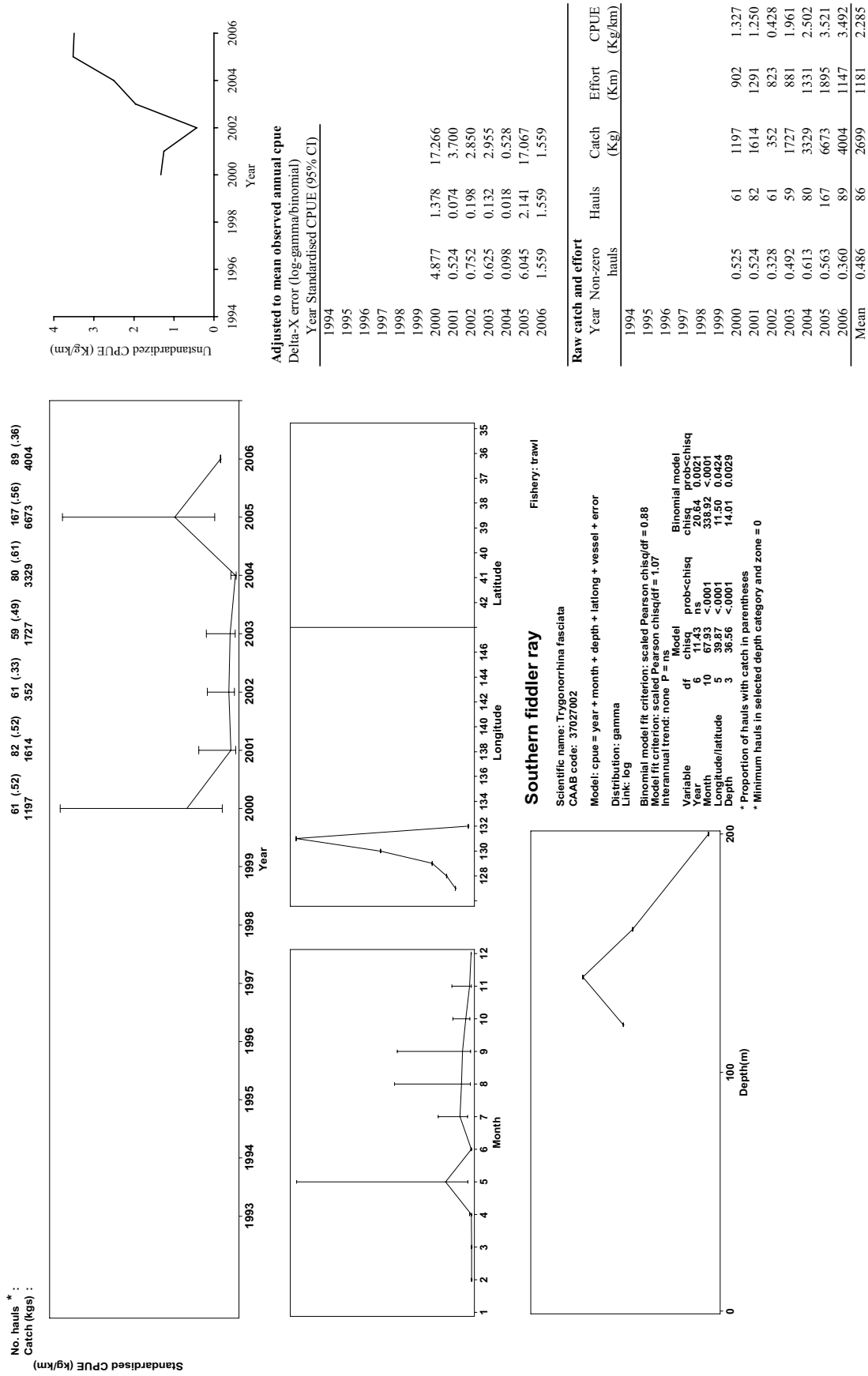


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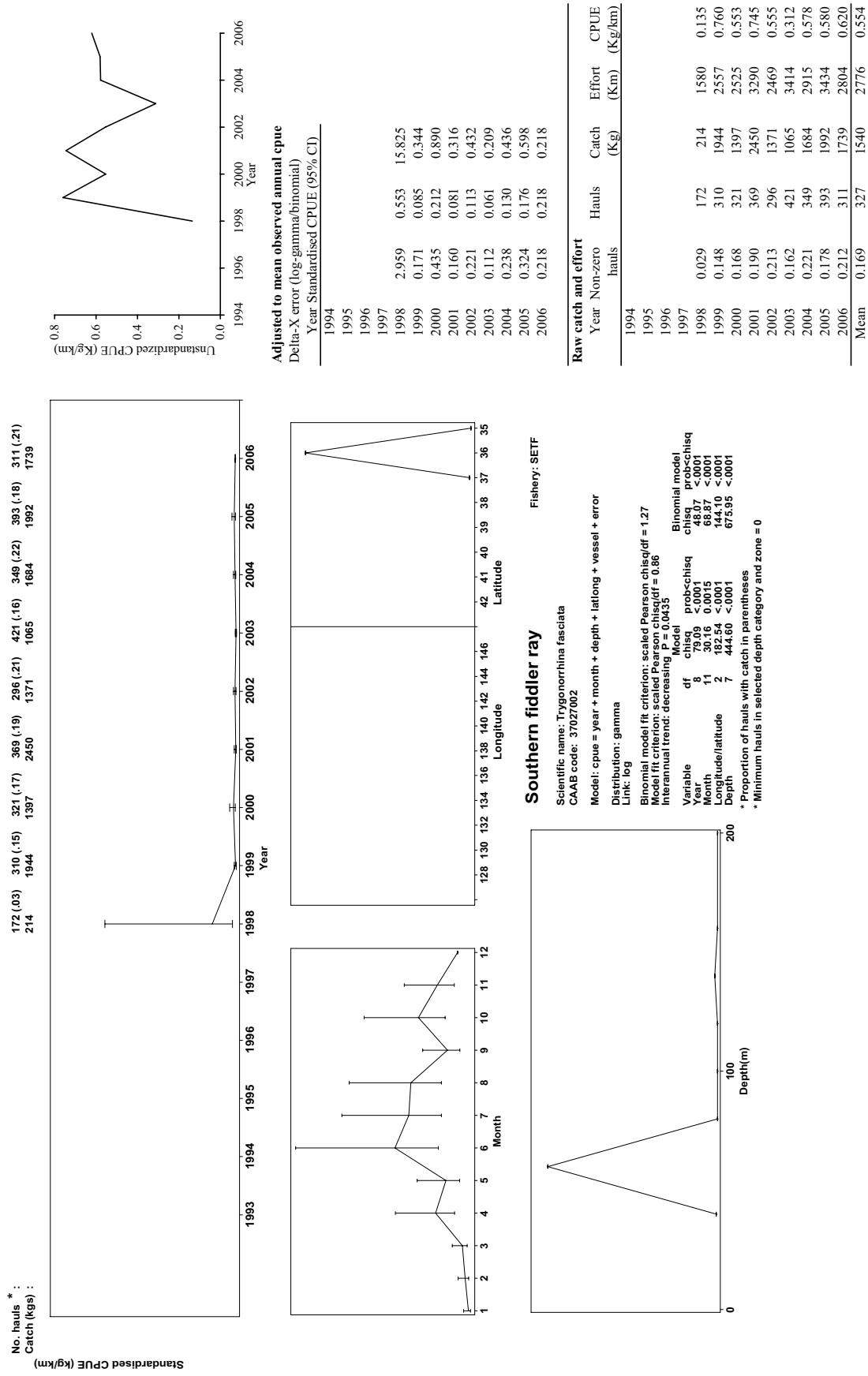


Fig. 4.14a. Sparsely spotted stingaree (*Urolophus paucimaculatus*) 1998–06 SETF 0–300 m depth eastern region (longitude 148–151° E)

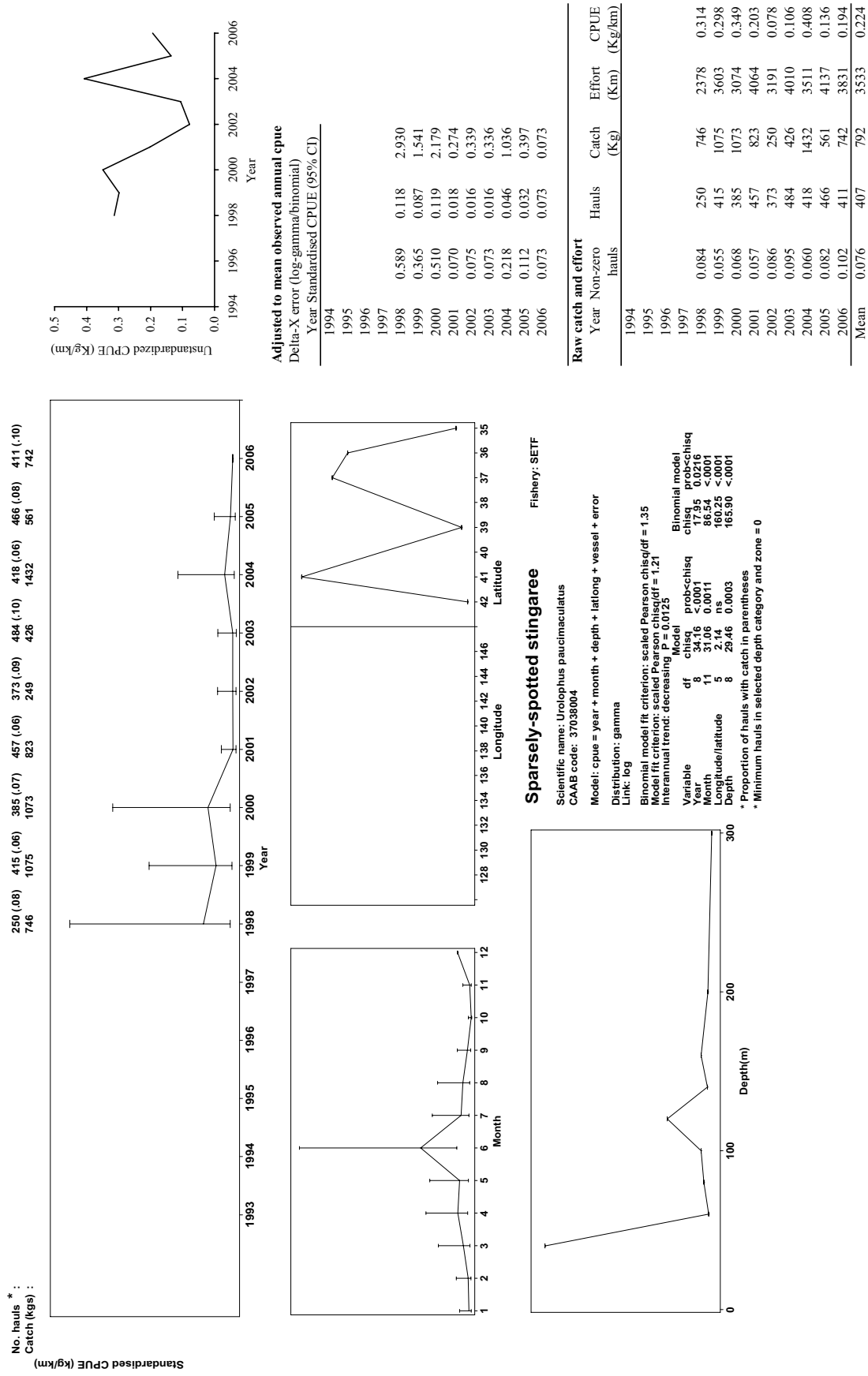


Fig. 4.15a. Short-tail torpedo ray (*Torpedo macneilli*) 2000–06 otter trawl 60–600 m depth southern Australia (longitude 127–151 °E)

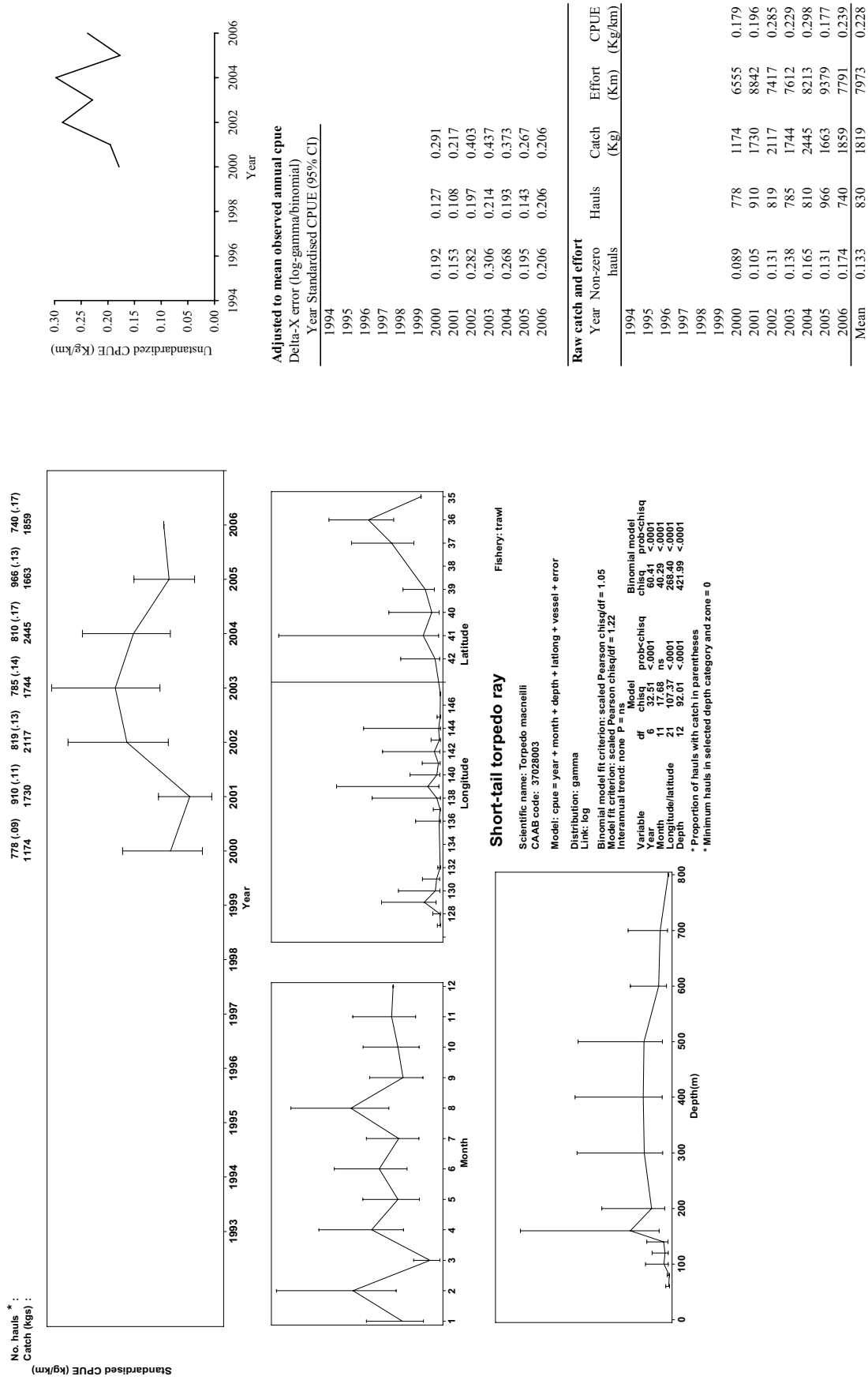


Fig. 4.16a. Sydney skate (*Dipturus australis*) 1998–06 SETF 60–600 m depth eastern region (longitude 148–151° E)

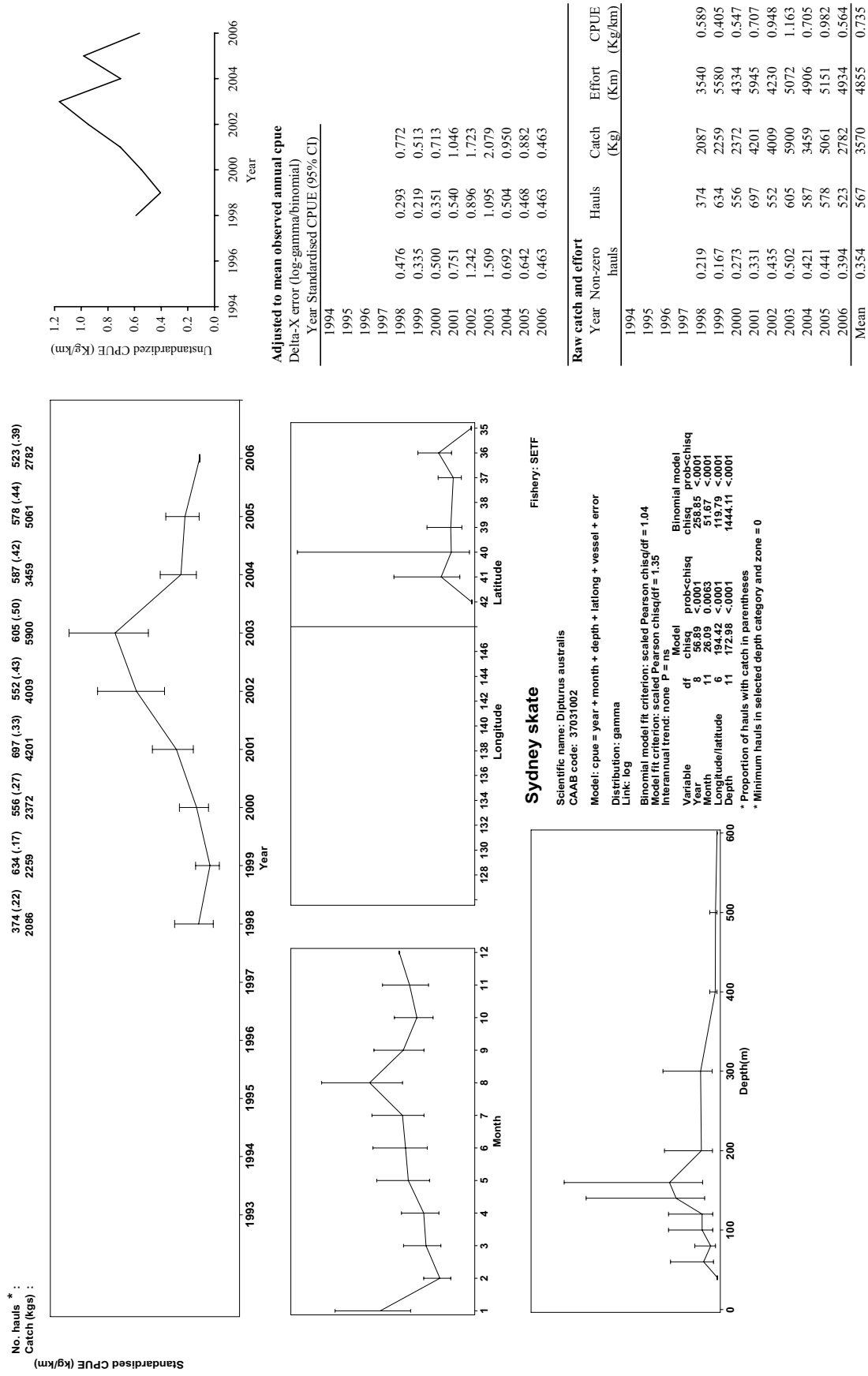


Fig. 4.17a. Tasmanian numbfish (*Narcine tasmaniensis*) 2000–06 otter trawl 0–600 m depth southern Australia (longitude 127–151° E)

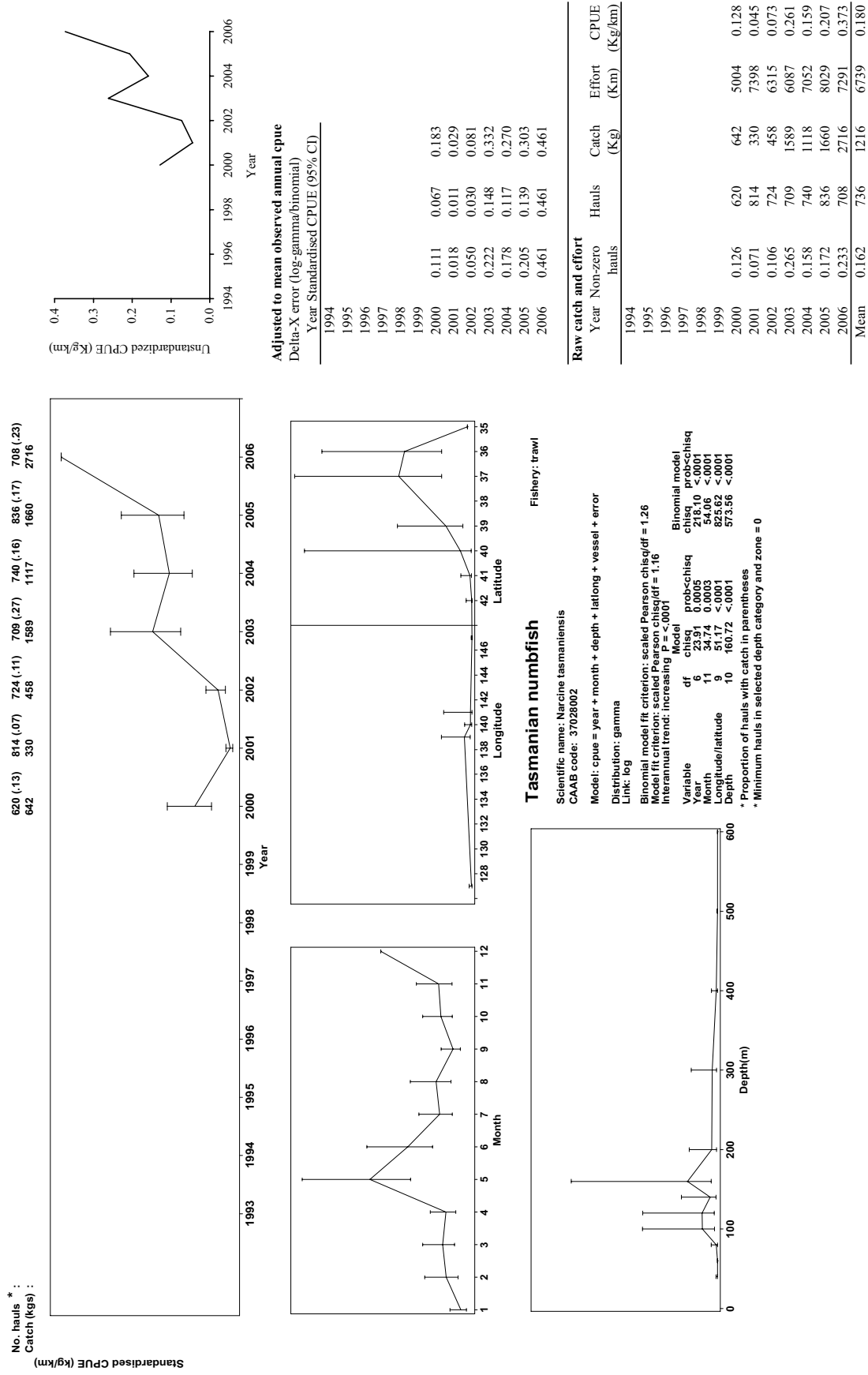


Fig. 4.18a. Wide stingaree (*Urolophus expansus*) 2000–06 GABTF 120–400 m depth Great Australian Bight (longitude 127–133° E)

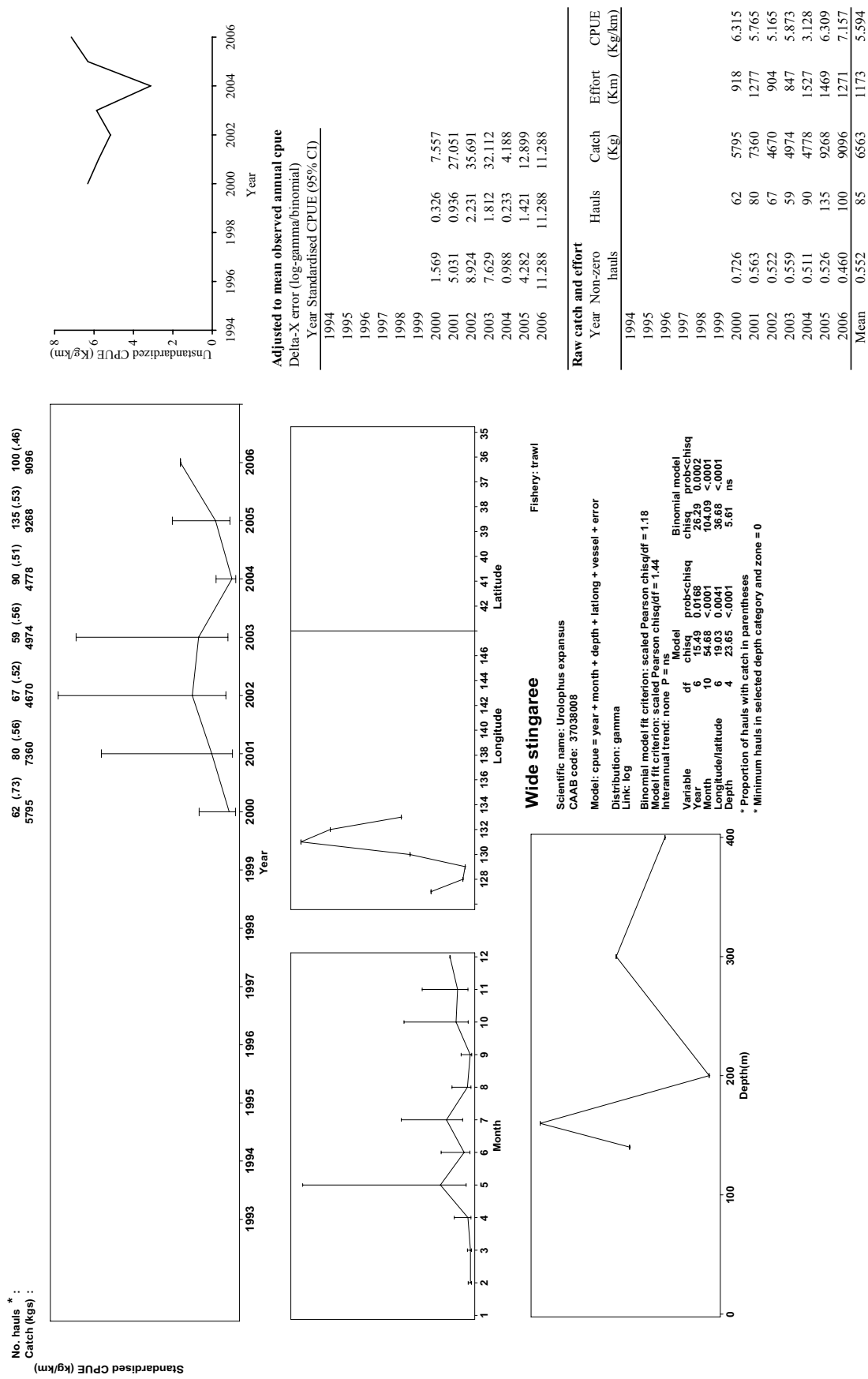


Fig. 5.01a. Blackfin ghostshark (*Hydrolagus leuures*) 2002–06 SETF 140–1000 m depth eastern region (longitude 148–151° E)

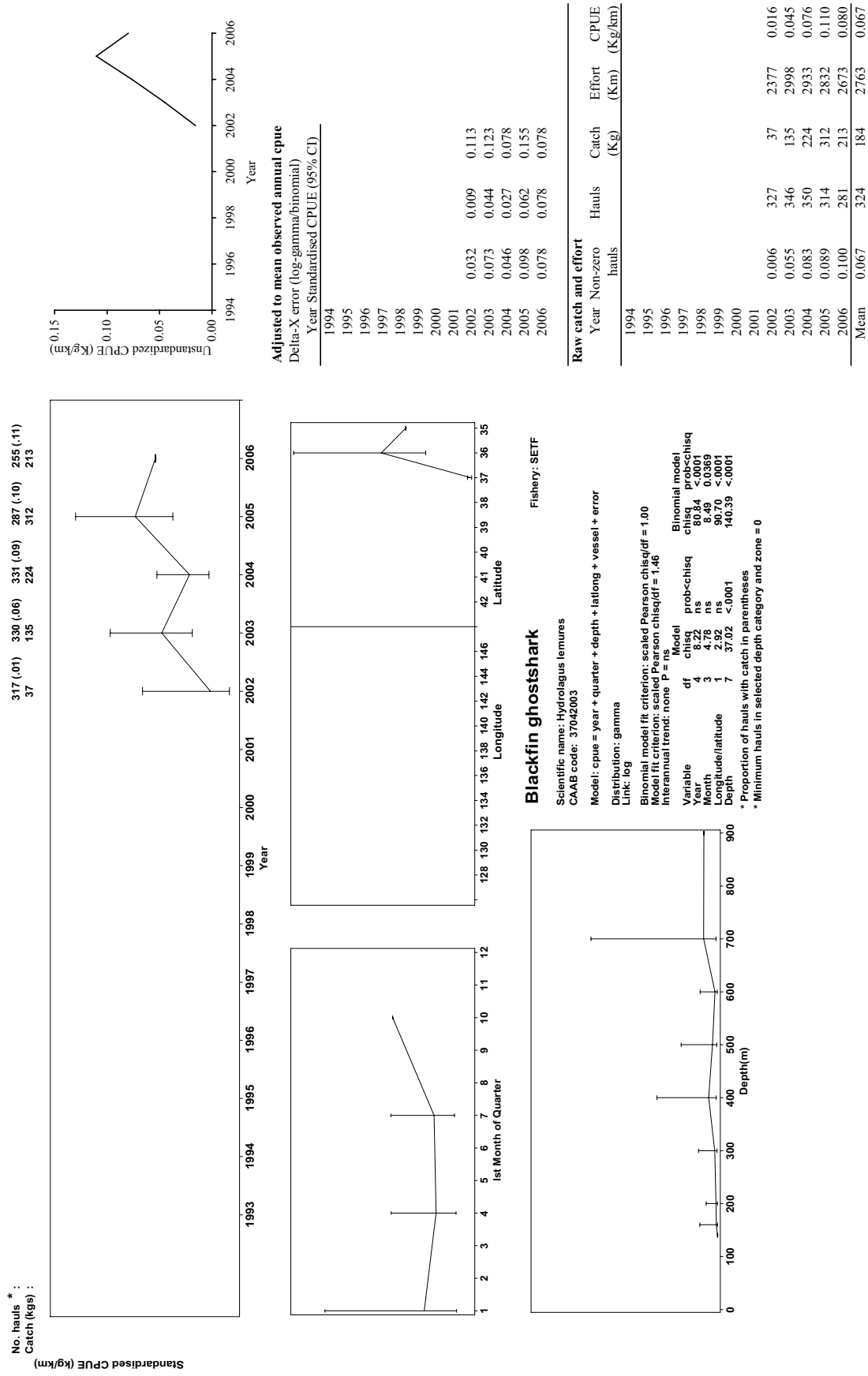


Fig. 5.02a. Ogilby's ghostshark (*Hydrolagus ogilbyi*) 1994–06 SETF 140–1000 m depth south-eastern Australia (longitude 141–151° E)

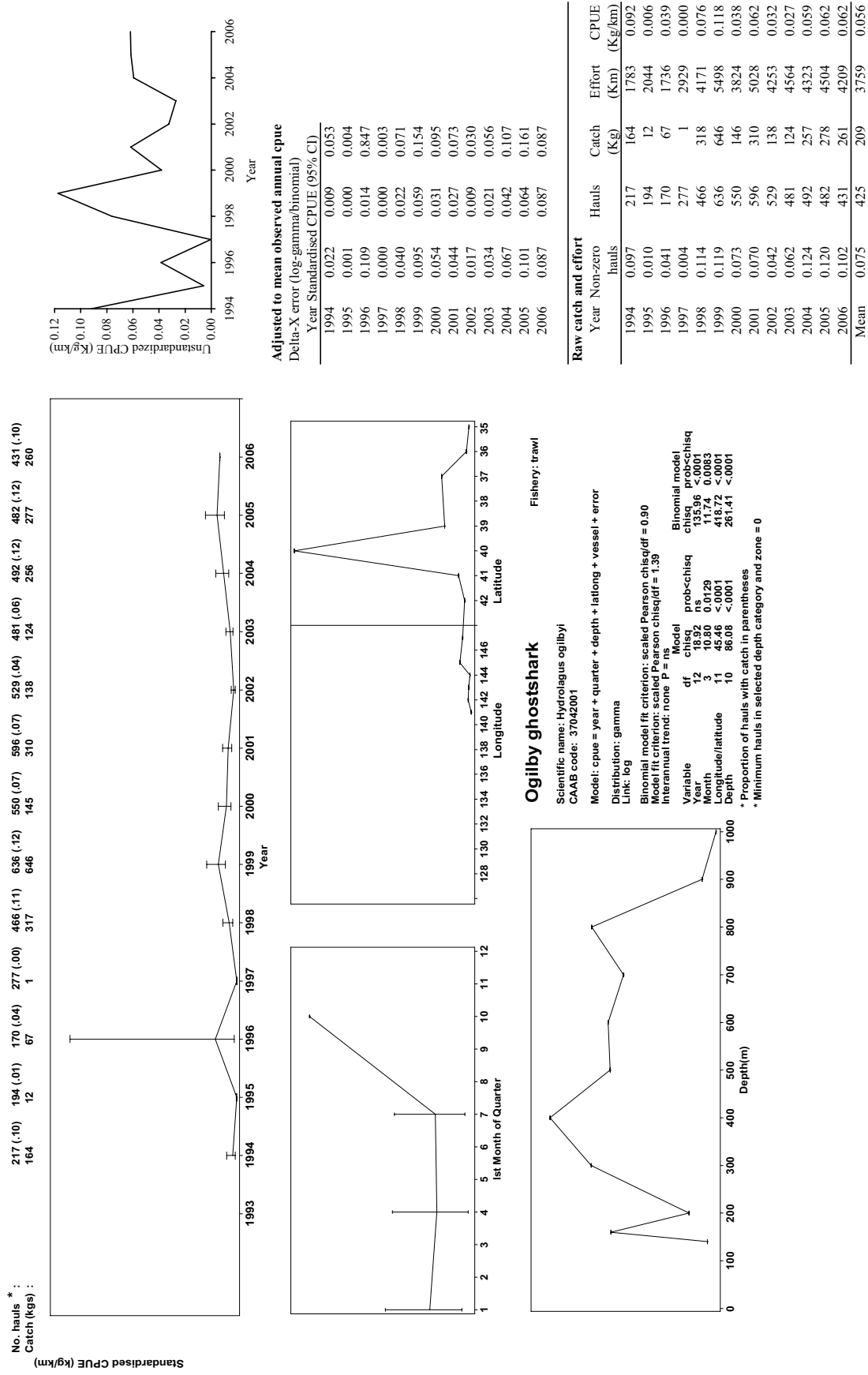


Fig. 5.03a. Southern chimaera (*Chimaera sp a*) 1994–06 SETF 200–1000 m depth south-eastern Australia (longitude 136–151° E)

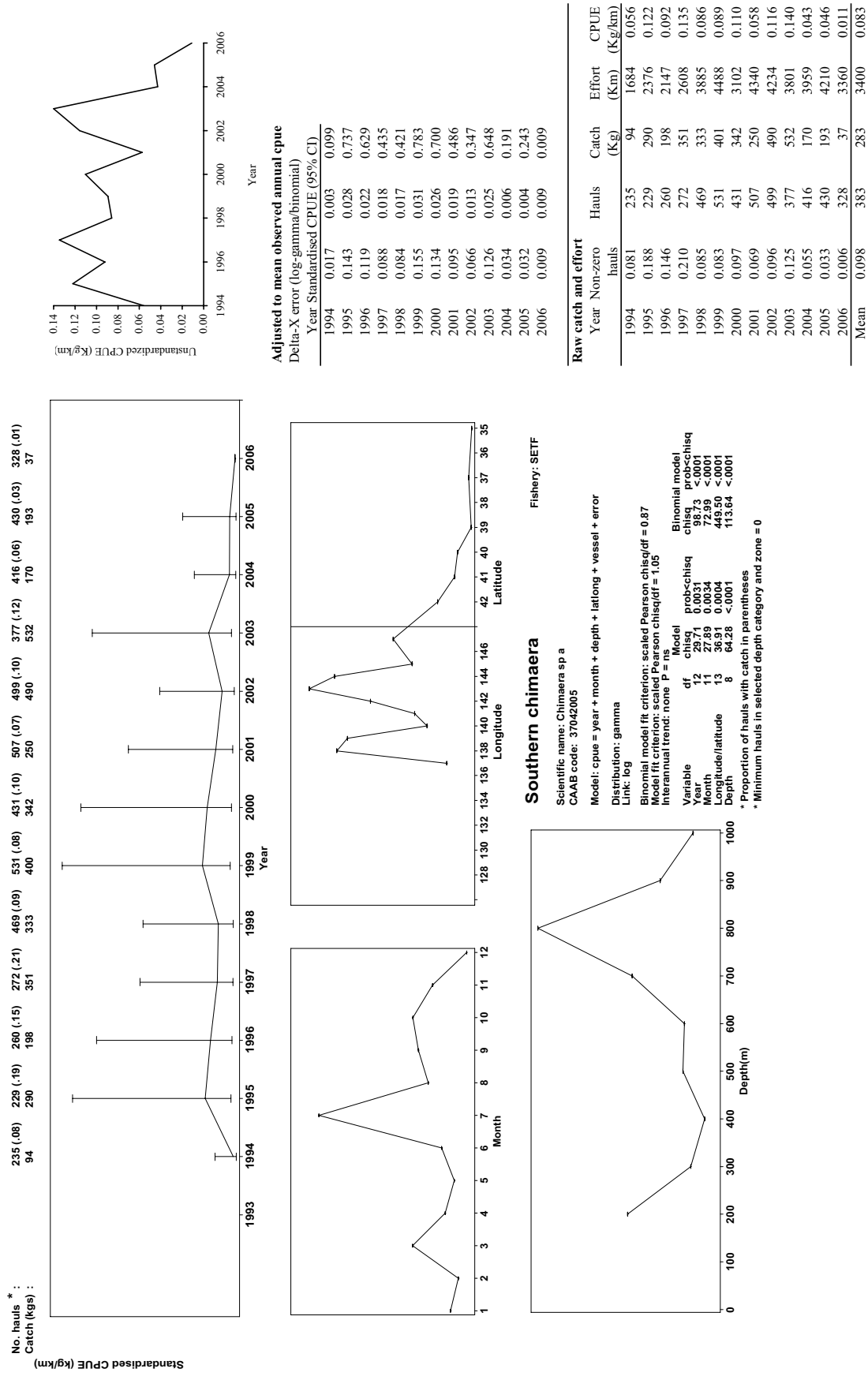


Fig. 6.01. Number of otter trawl tows by region in the SETF and GABTF

See Figure 1 for definitions of regions (defined by SharkRAG).

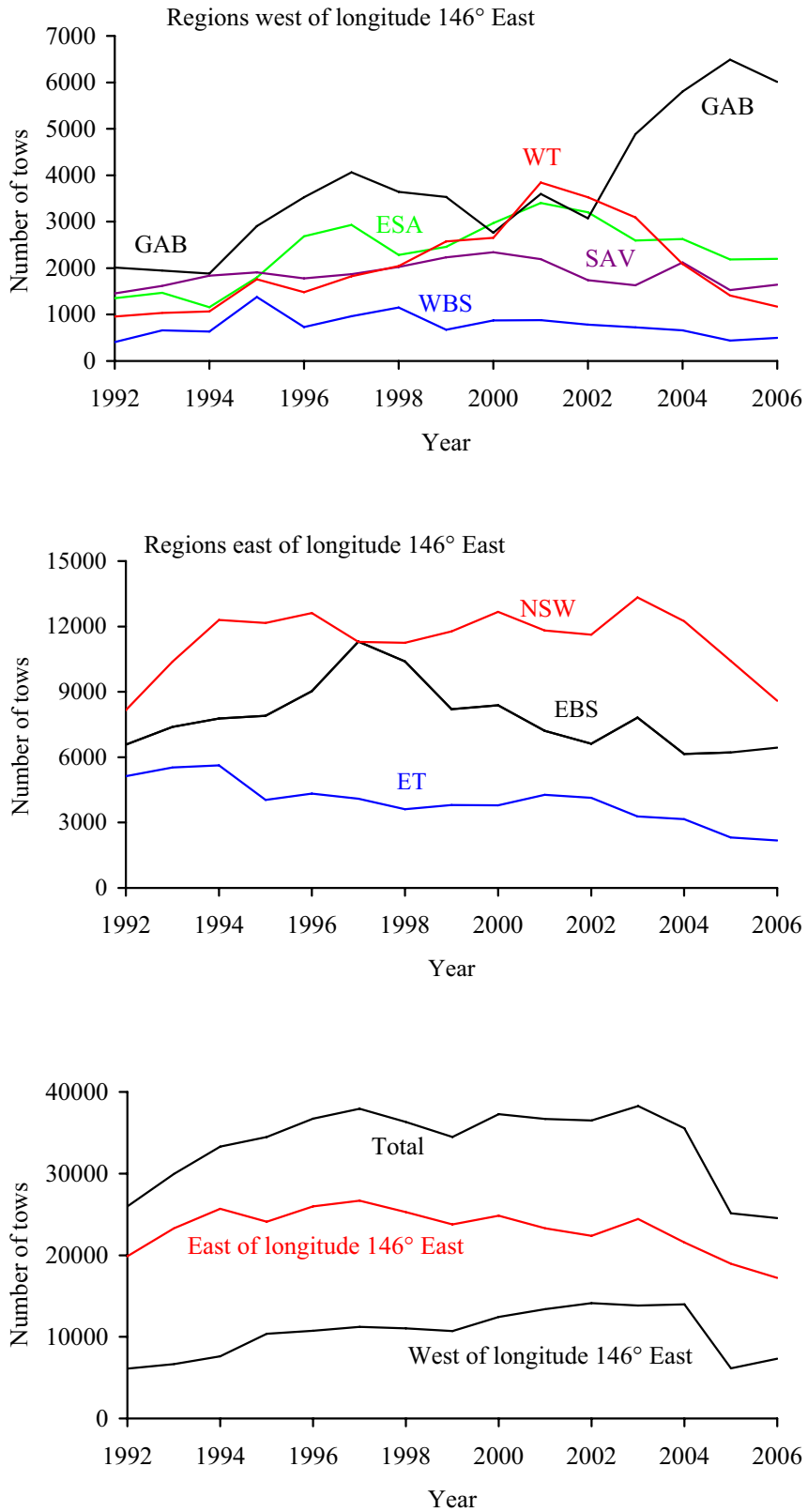


Fig. 6.02. Number of otter trawl tows by depth-class in eastern regions in SETF

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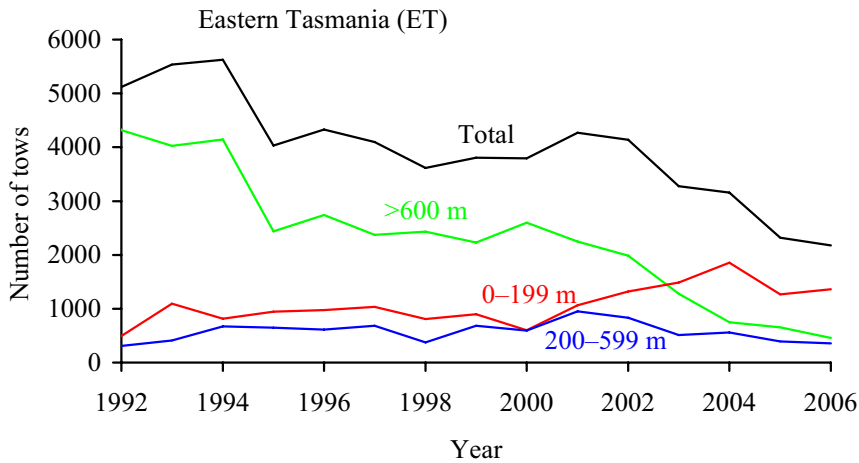
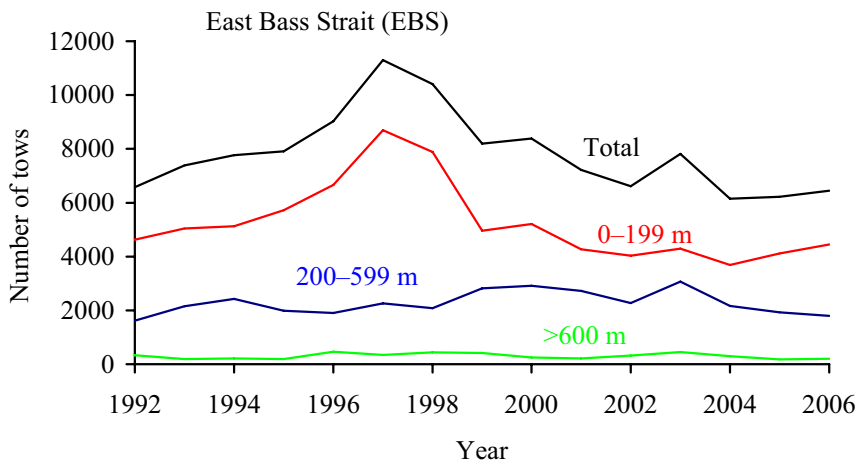
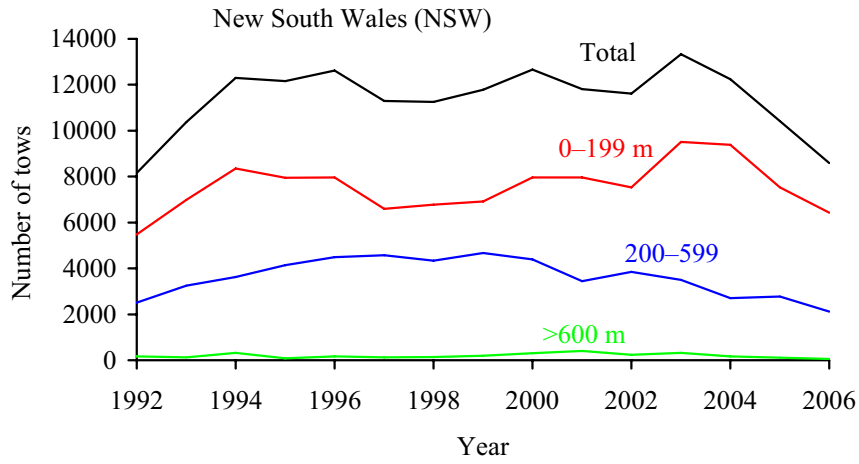
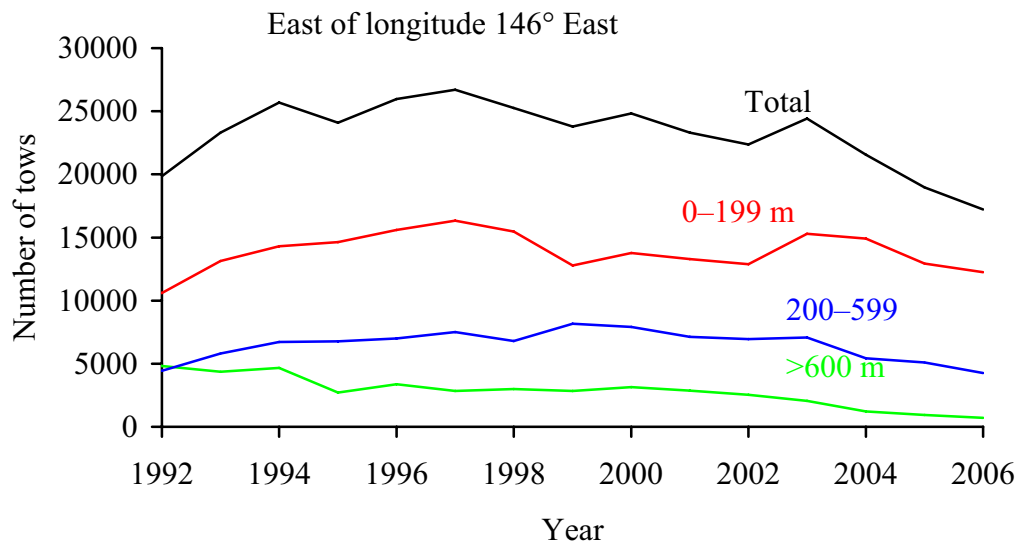
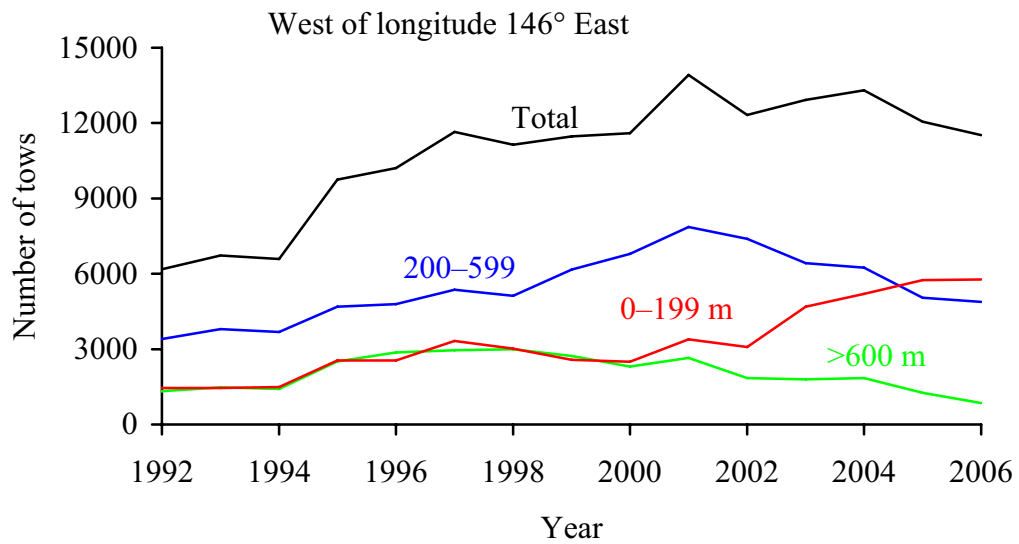
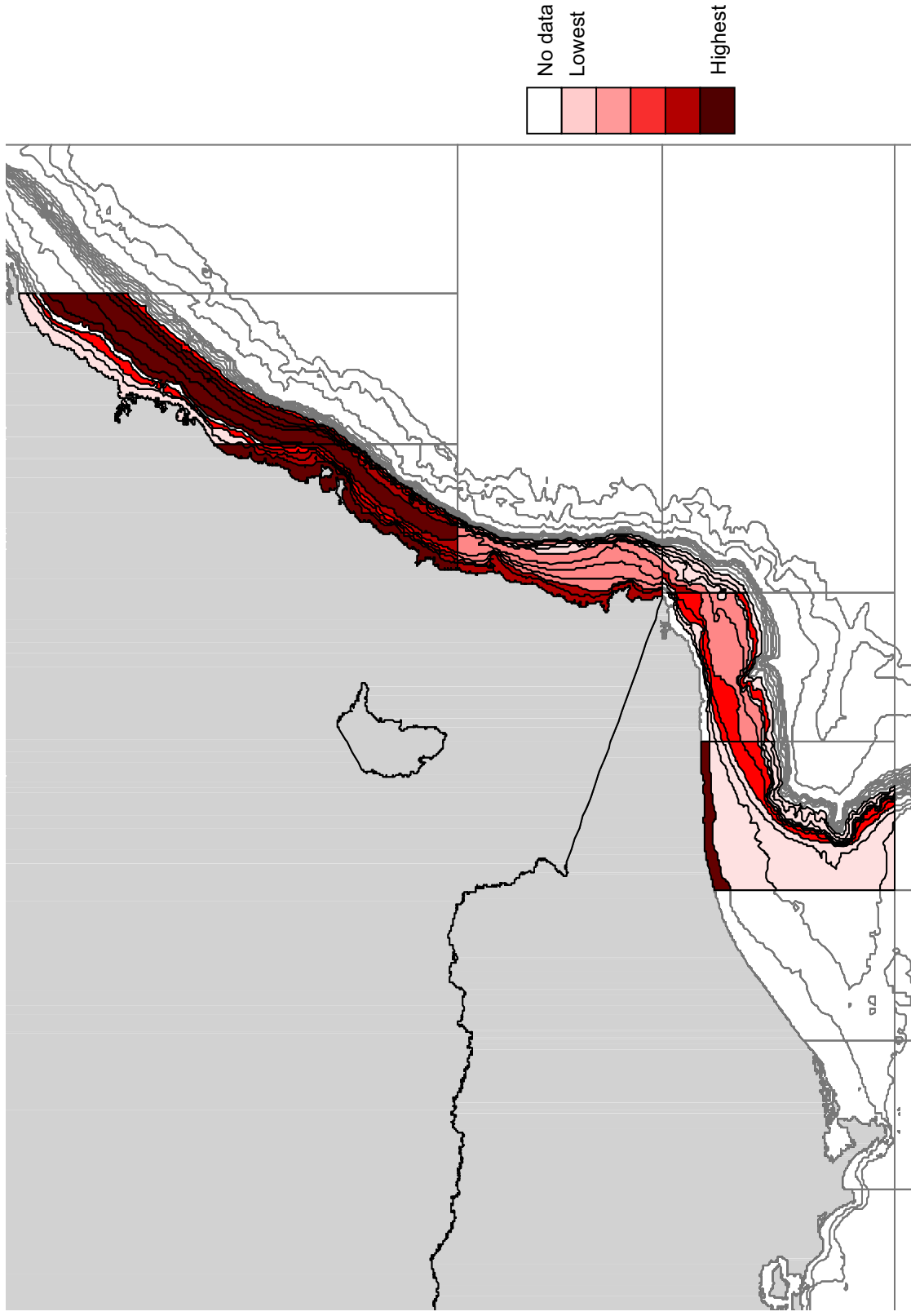


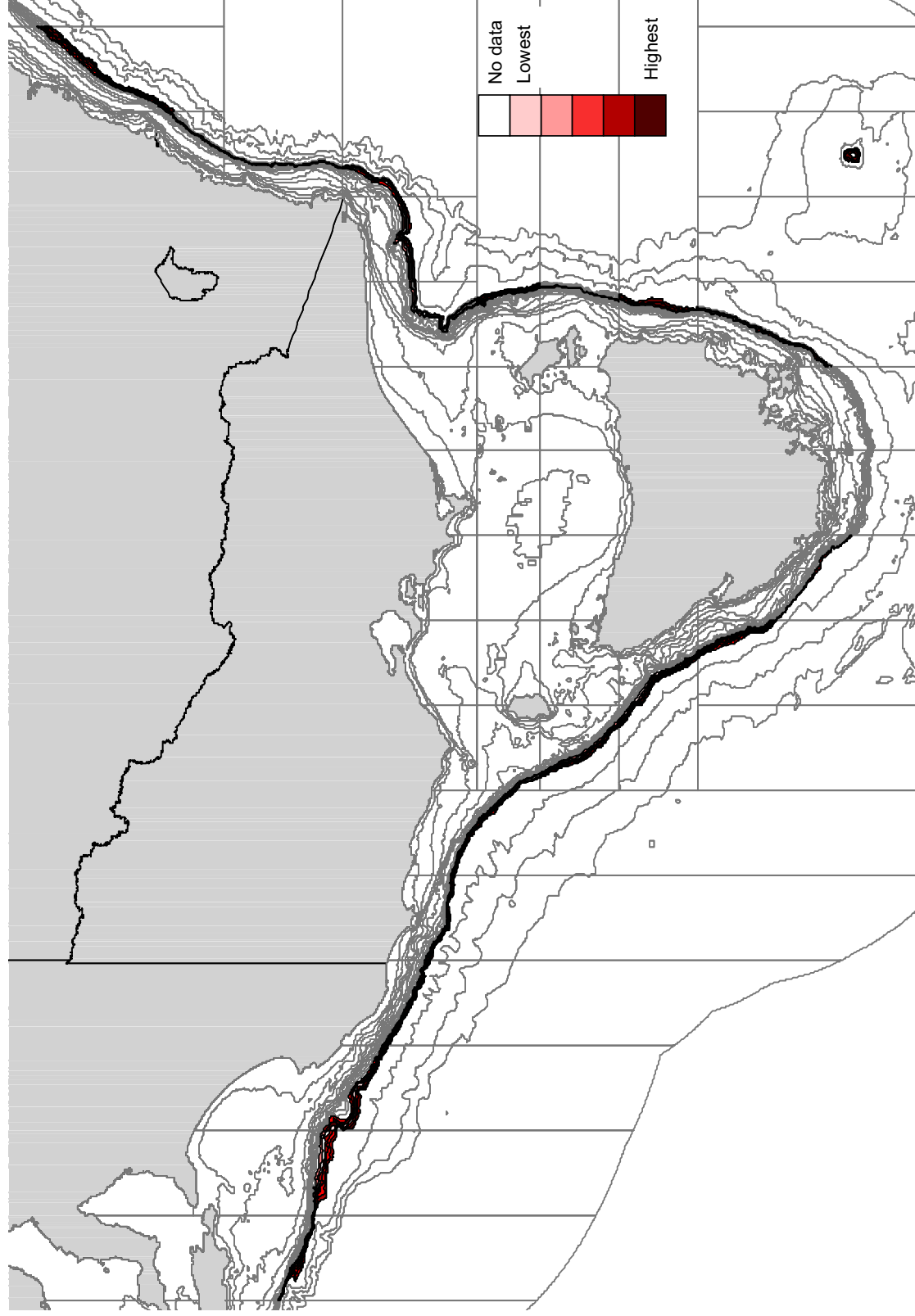
Fig. 6.03. Number otter trawl tows by depth-class each side of 146° East



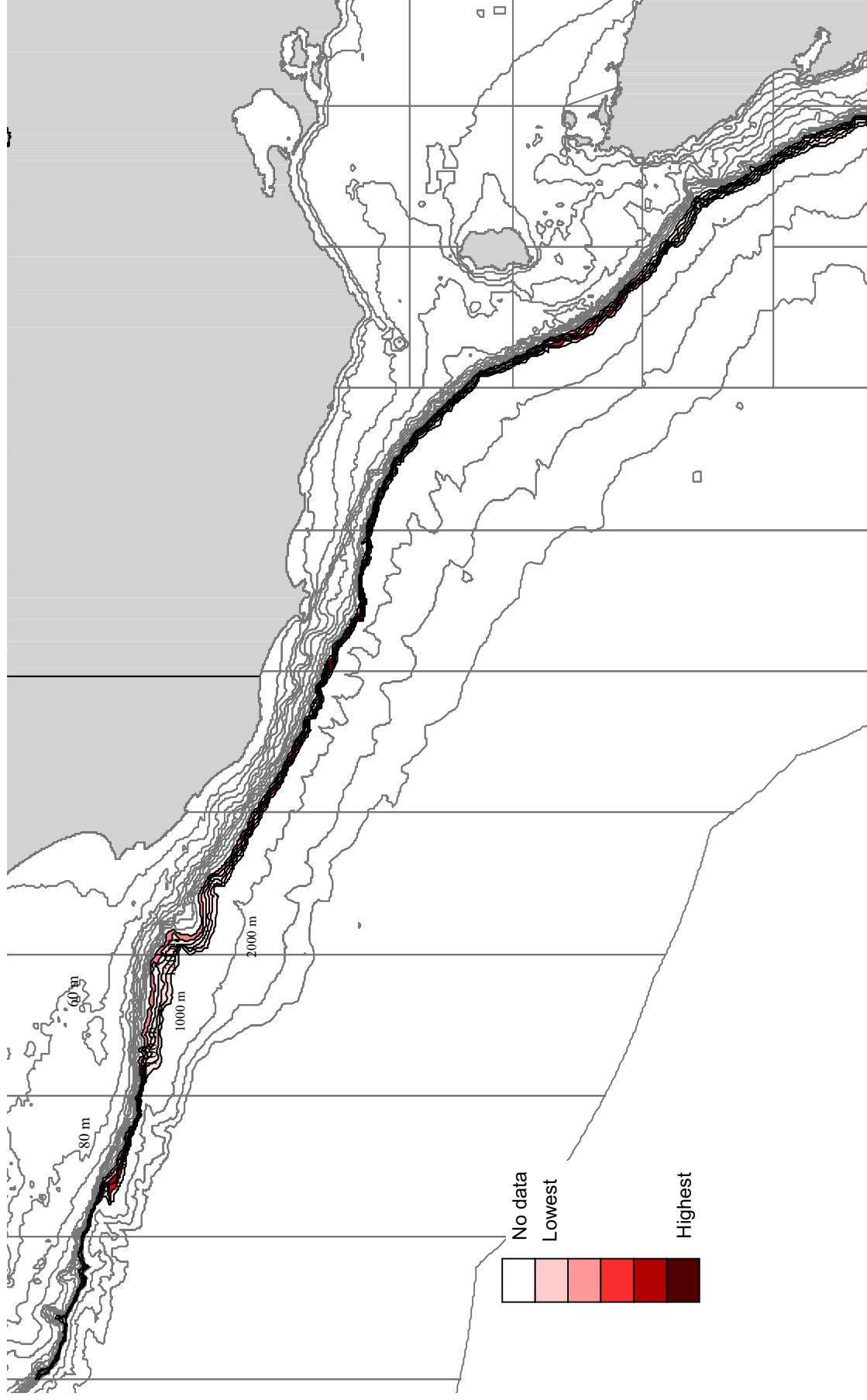
Map 1.01a. Australian angel shark (*Squatina australis*) 1998–06 SETF 0–400 m depth (longitude 137–151° E)



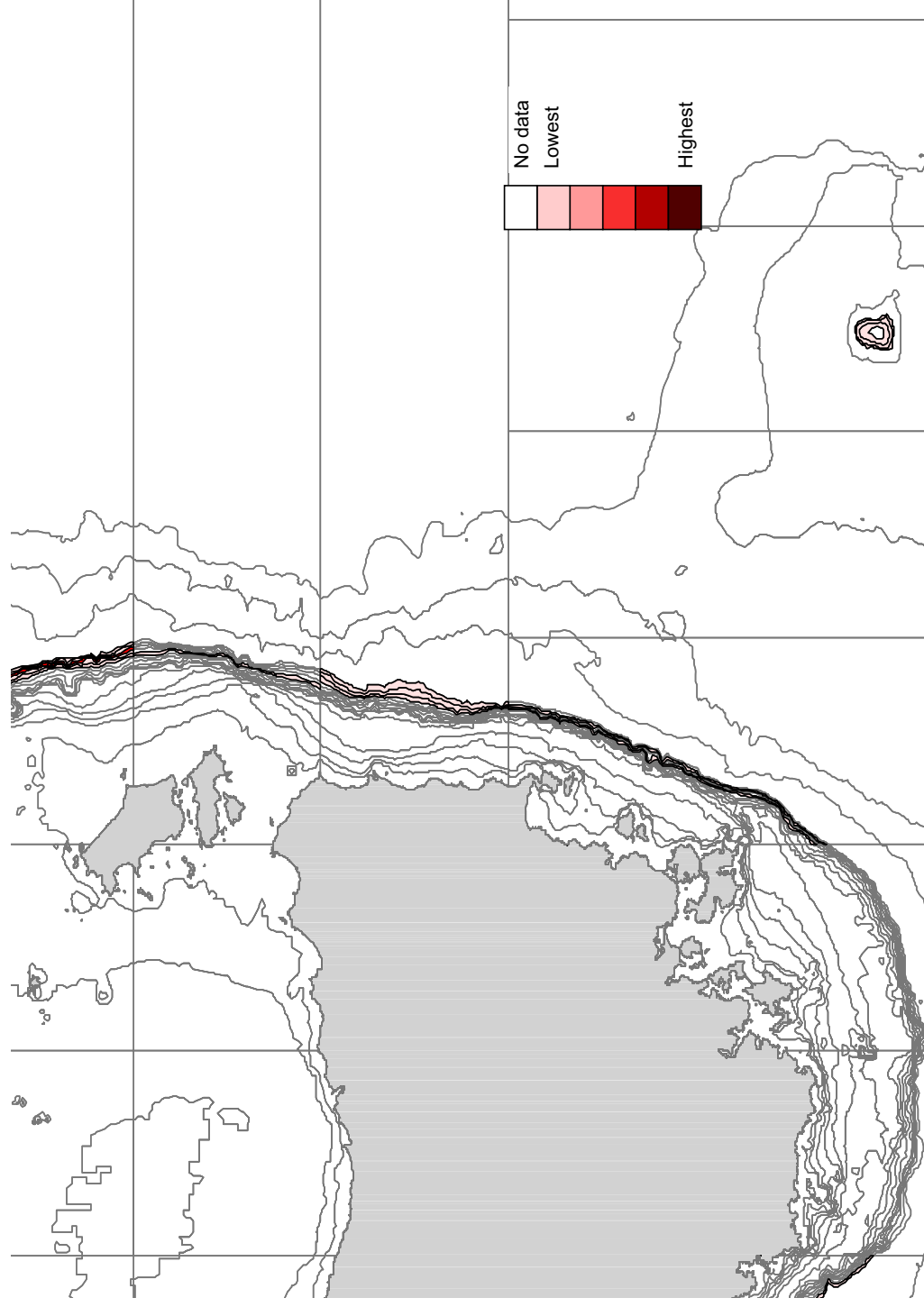
Map 1.01a. Black shark (*Dalatias licha*) 2000–06 SETF 600–1000 m depth (longitude 137–151° E)



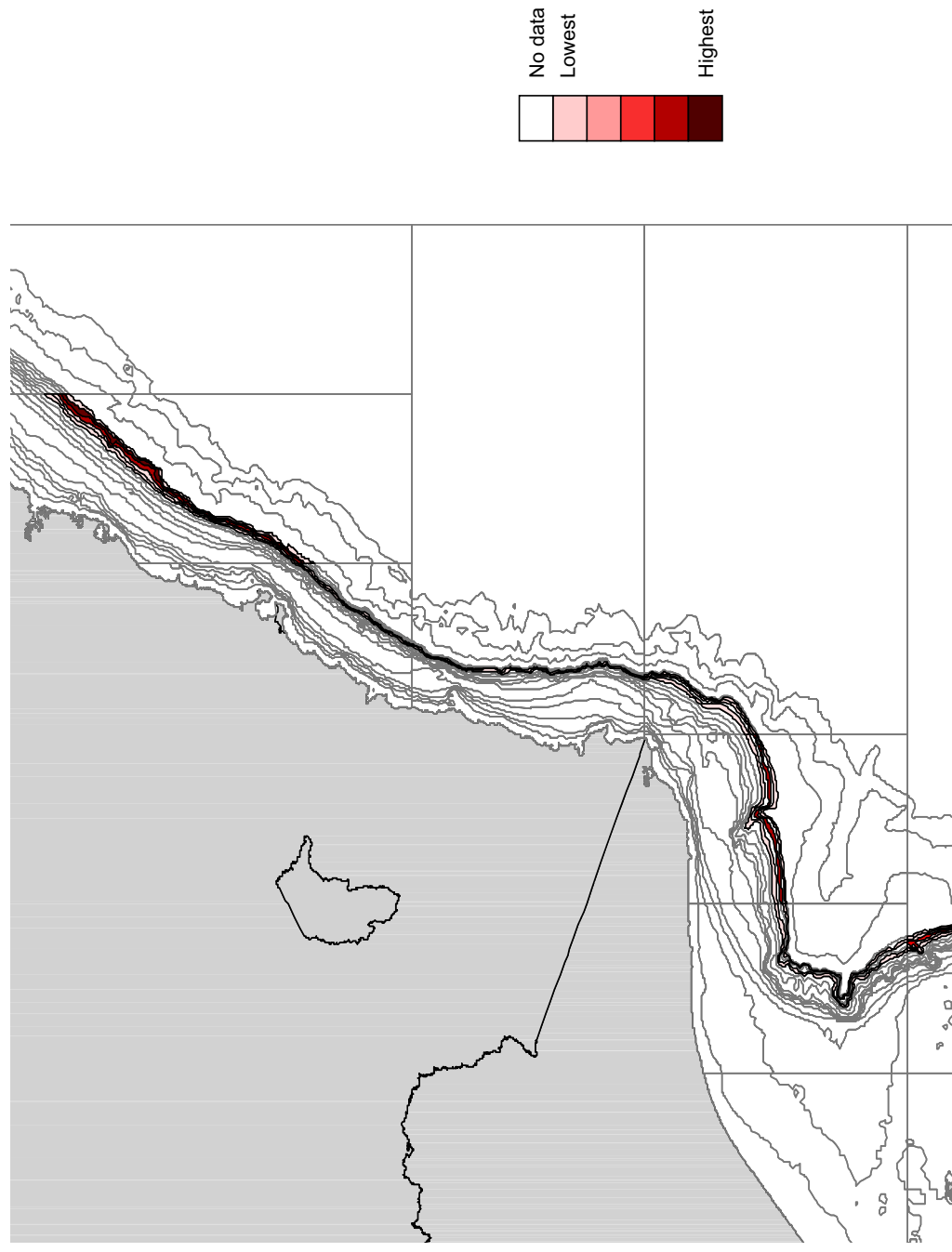
Map 1.03a. Brier shark (*Deania calcea*) 2000–06 SETF 600–1100 m depth western region



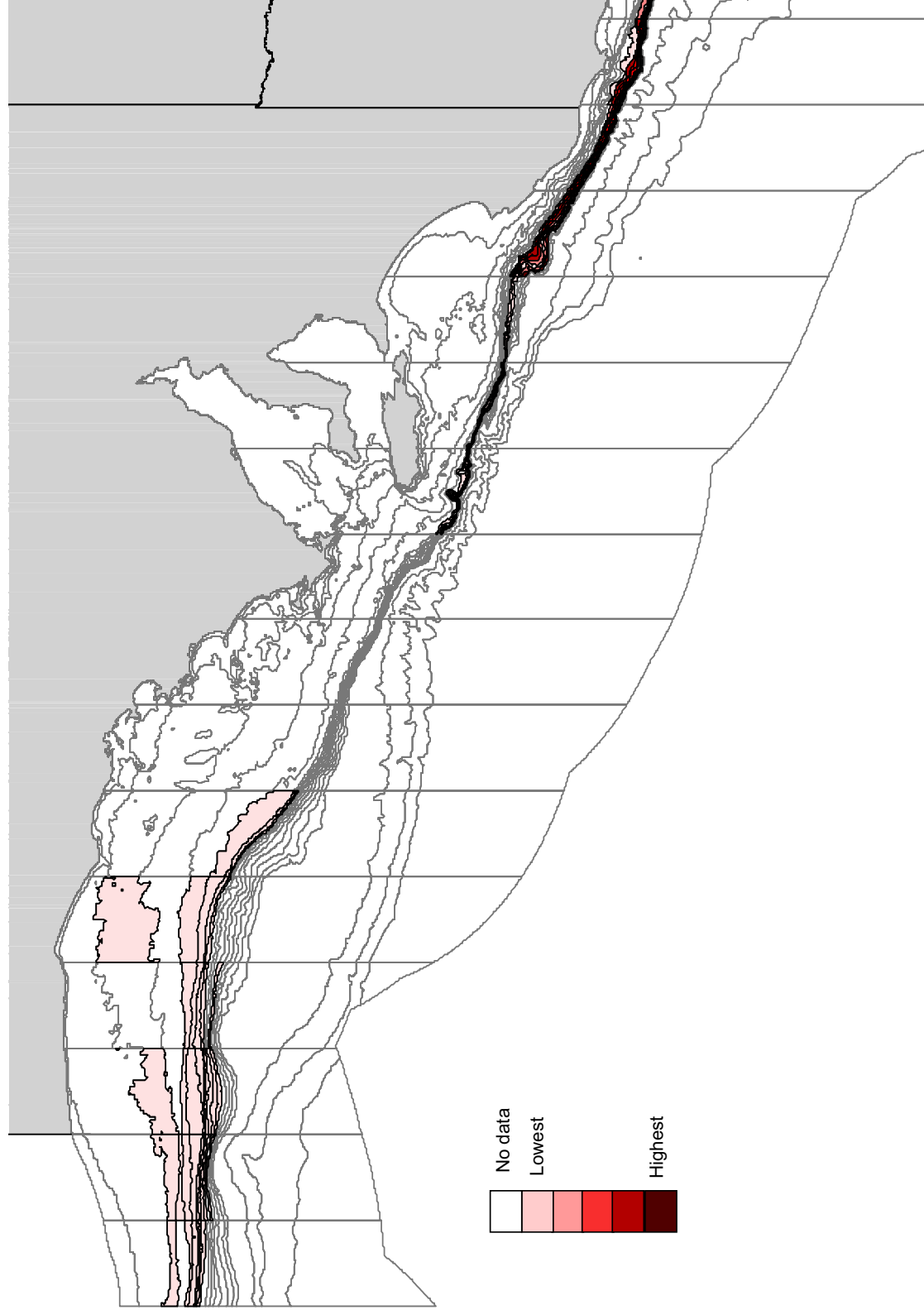
Map 1.03b. Brier shark (*Deania calcea*) 2000–06 SETF 600–1100 m depth eastern Tasmania



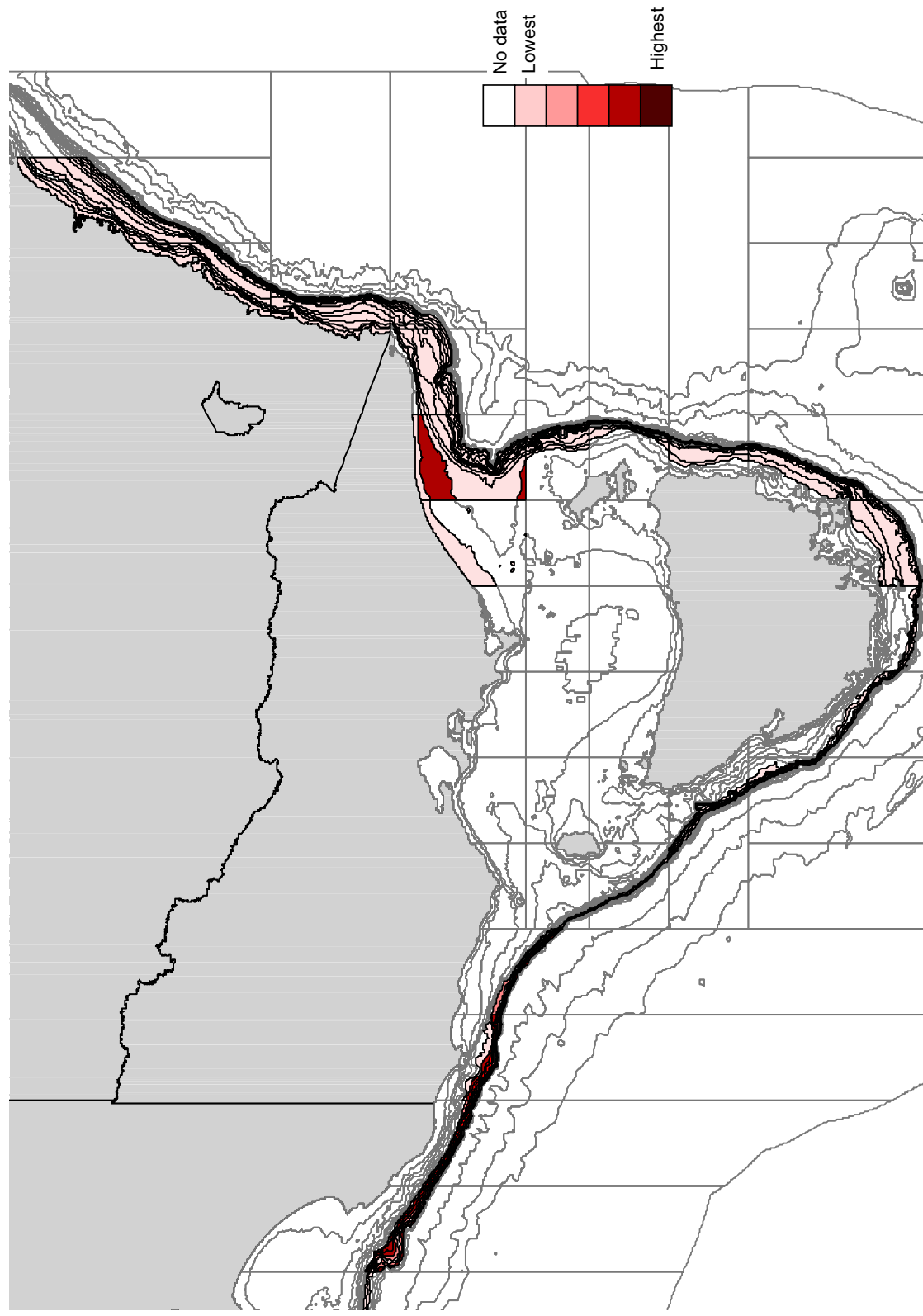
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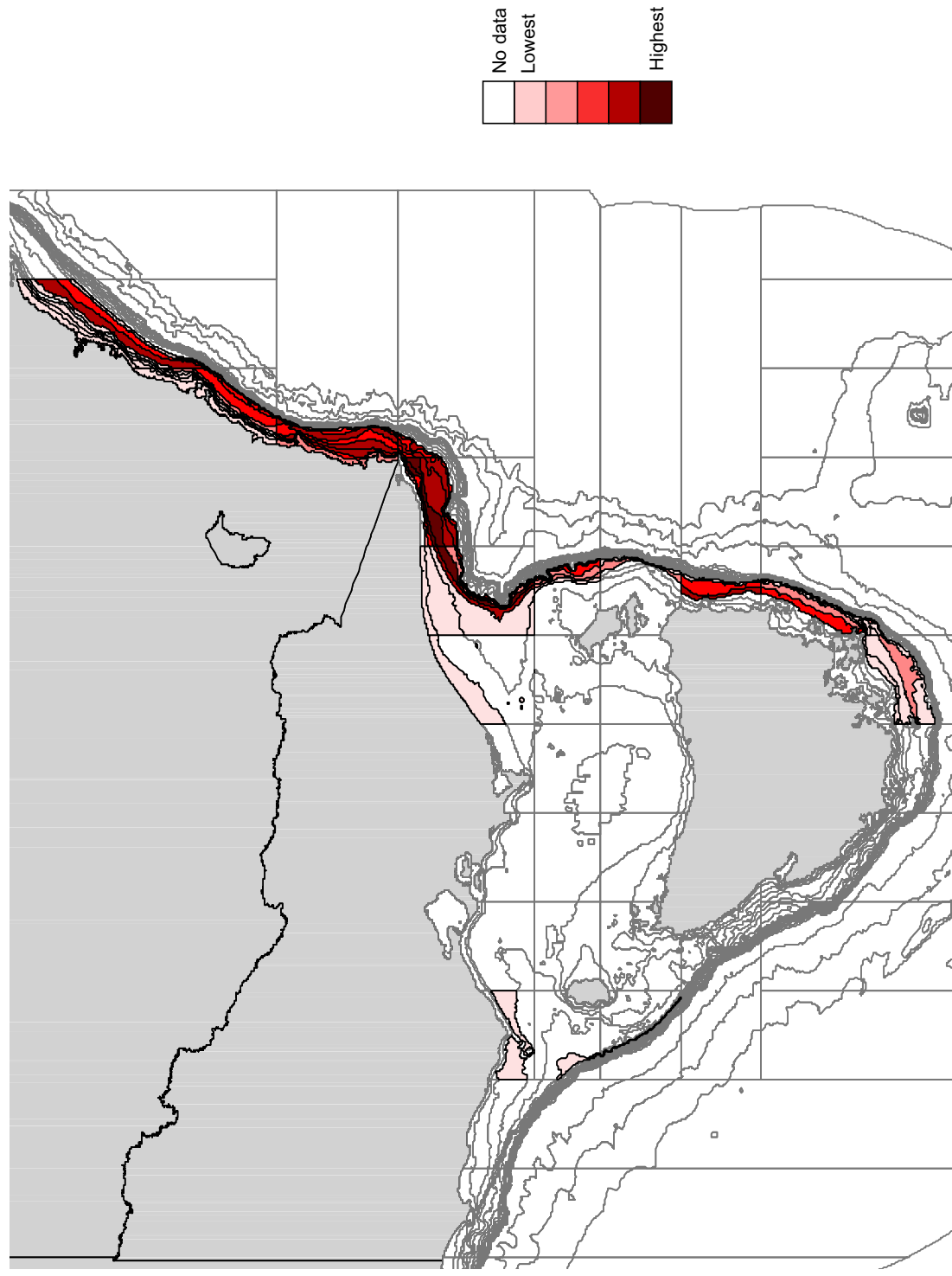
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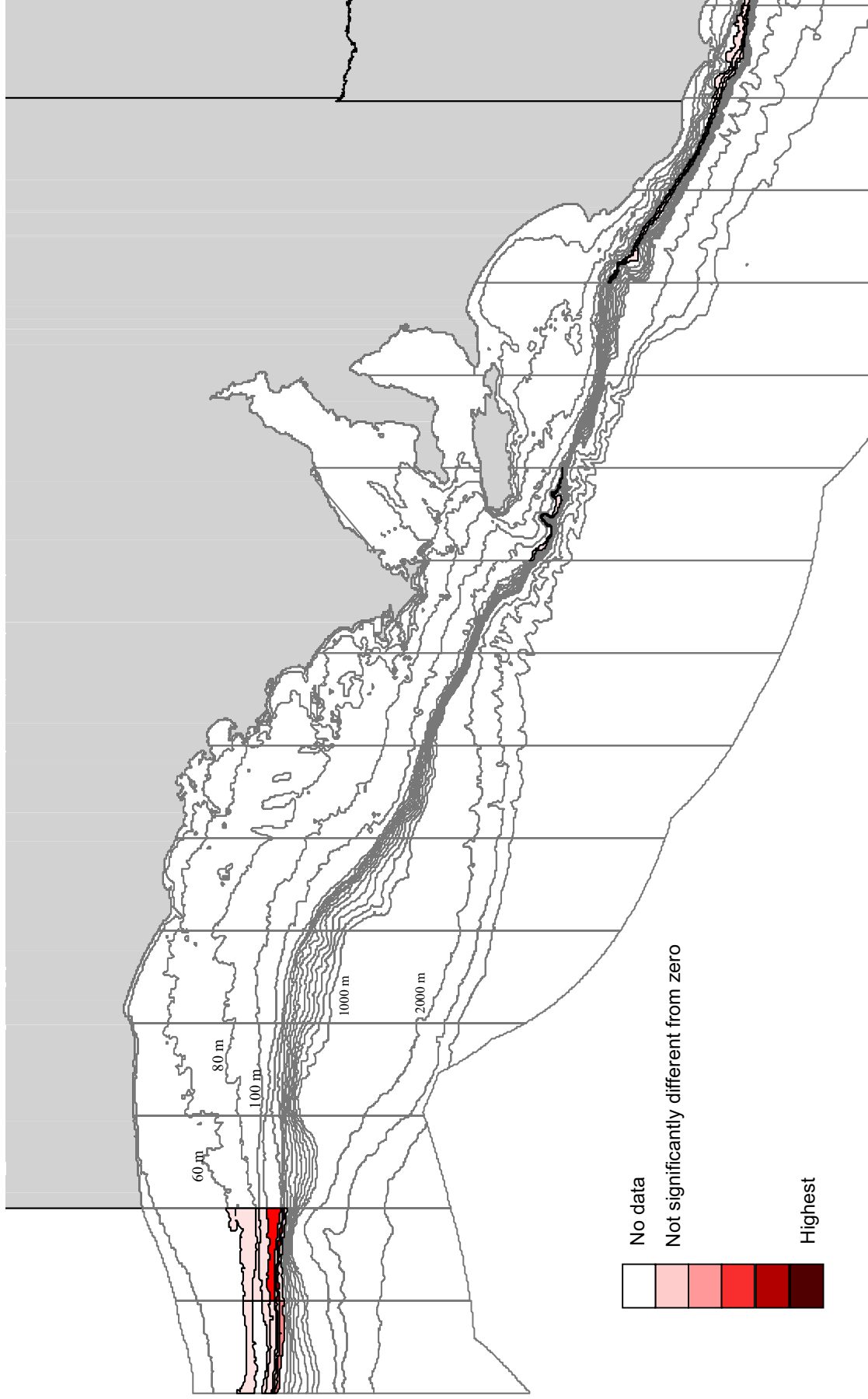
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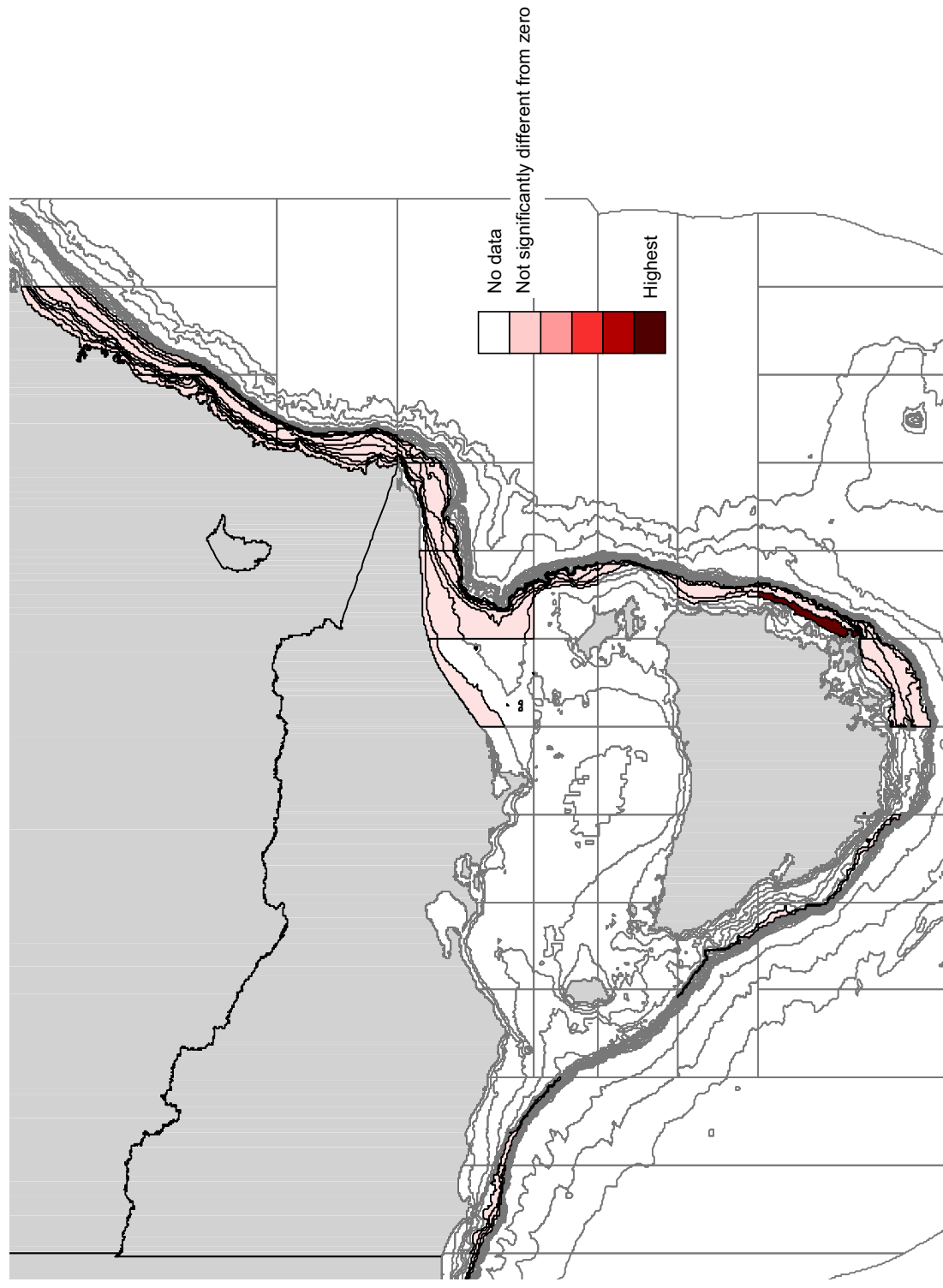
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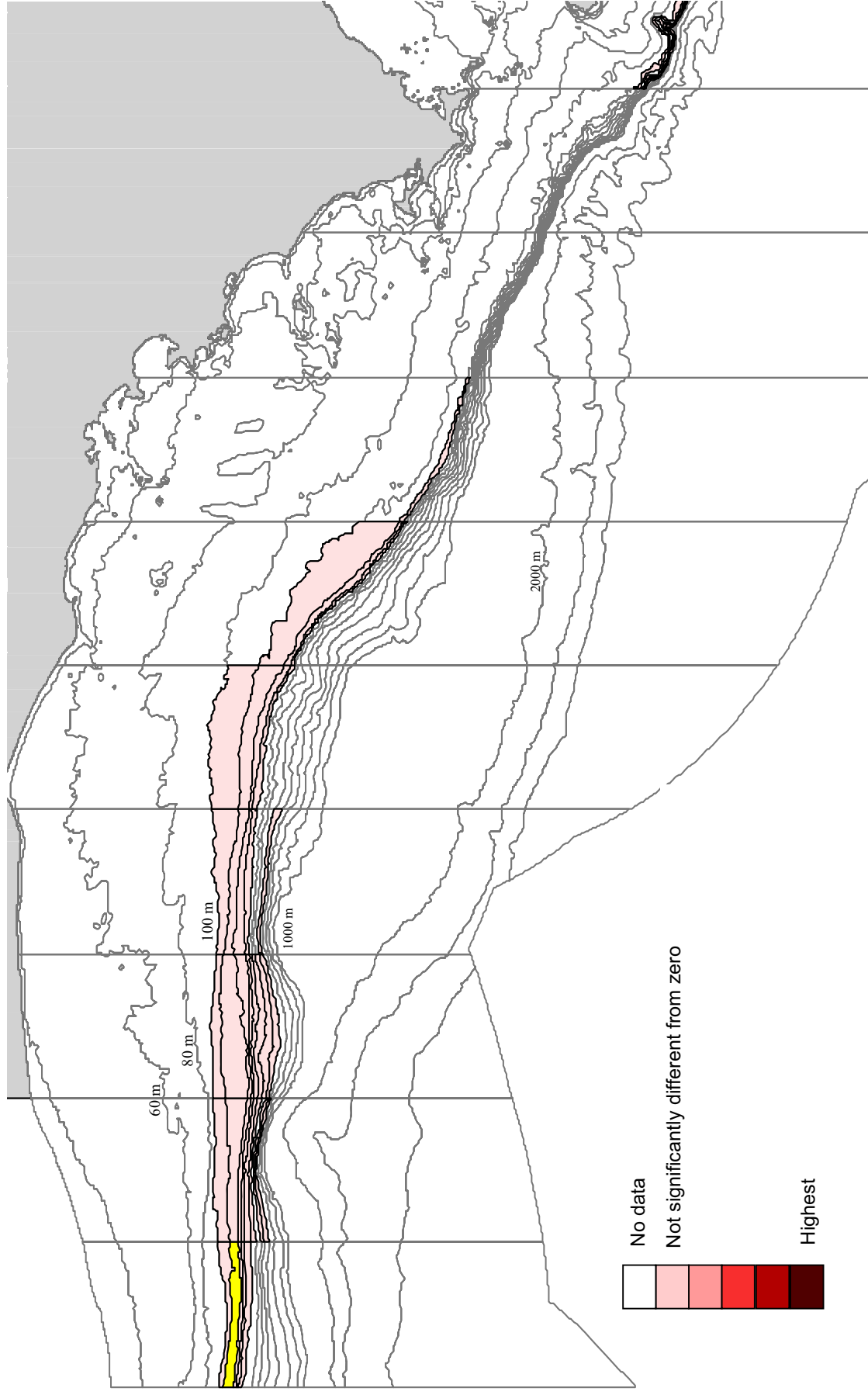
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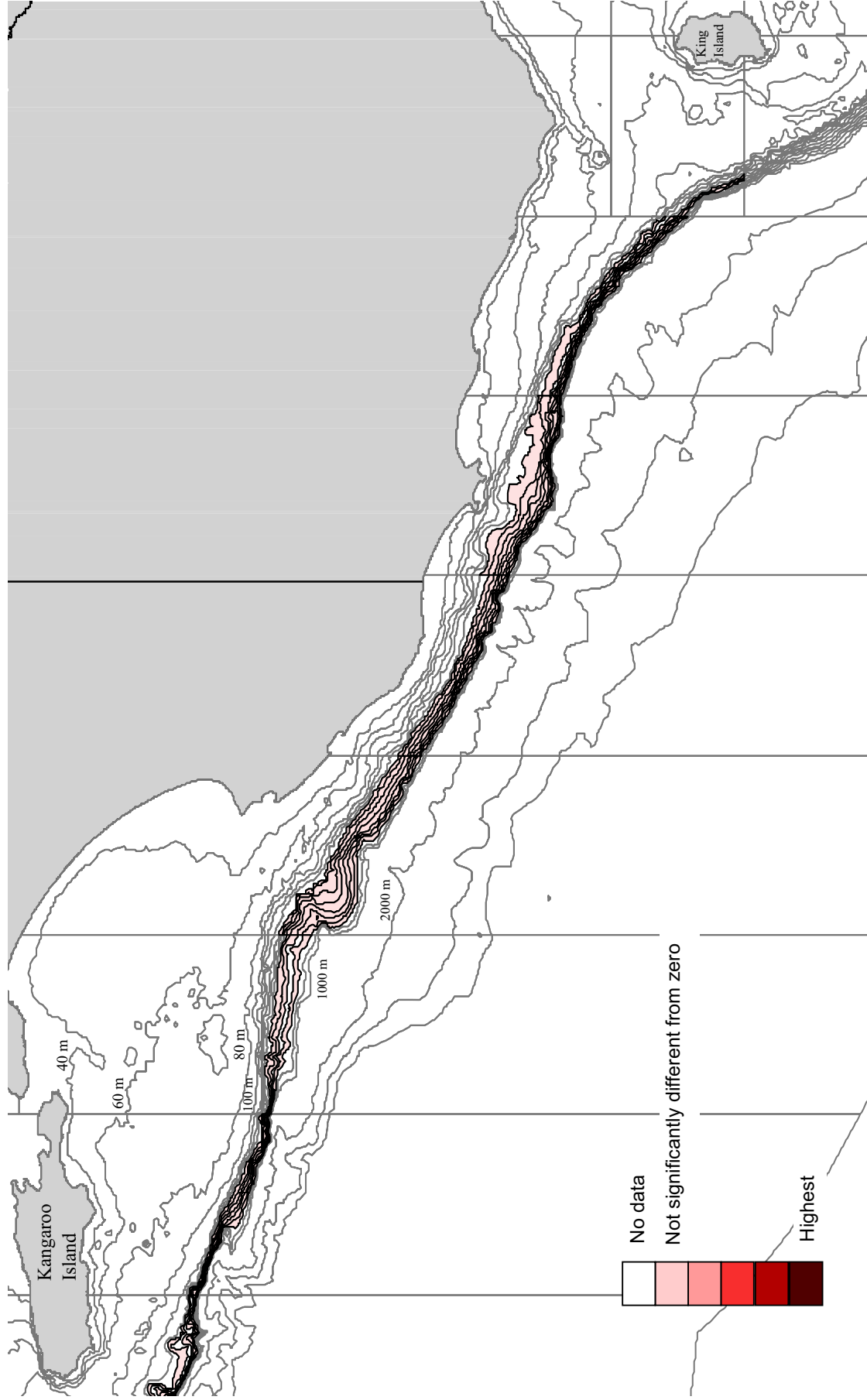
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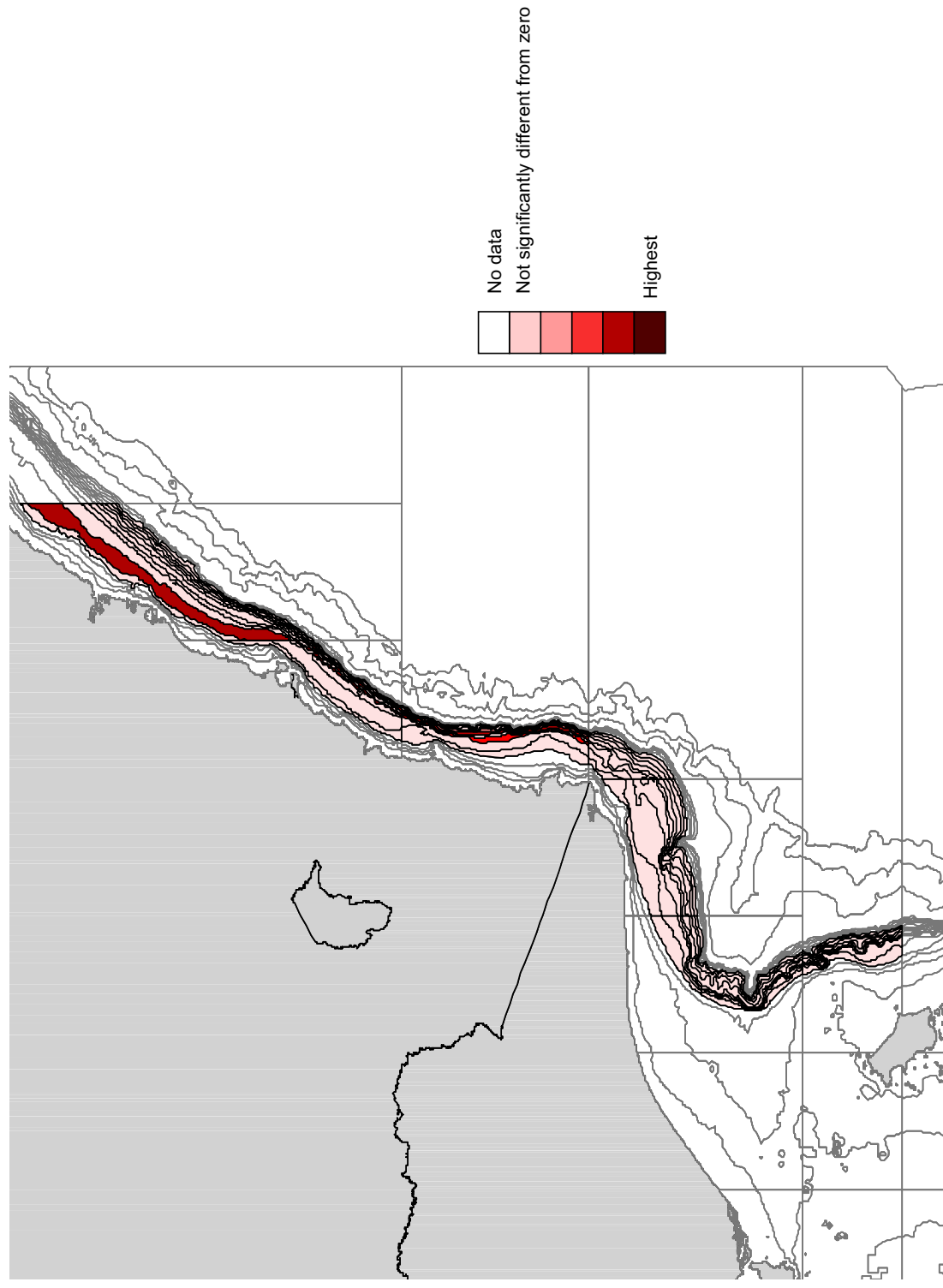
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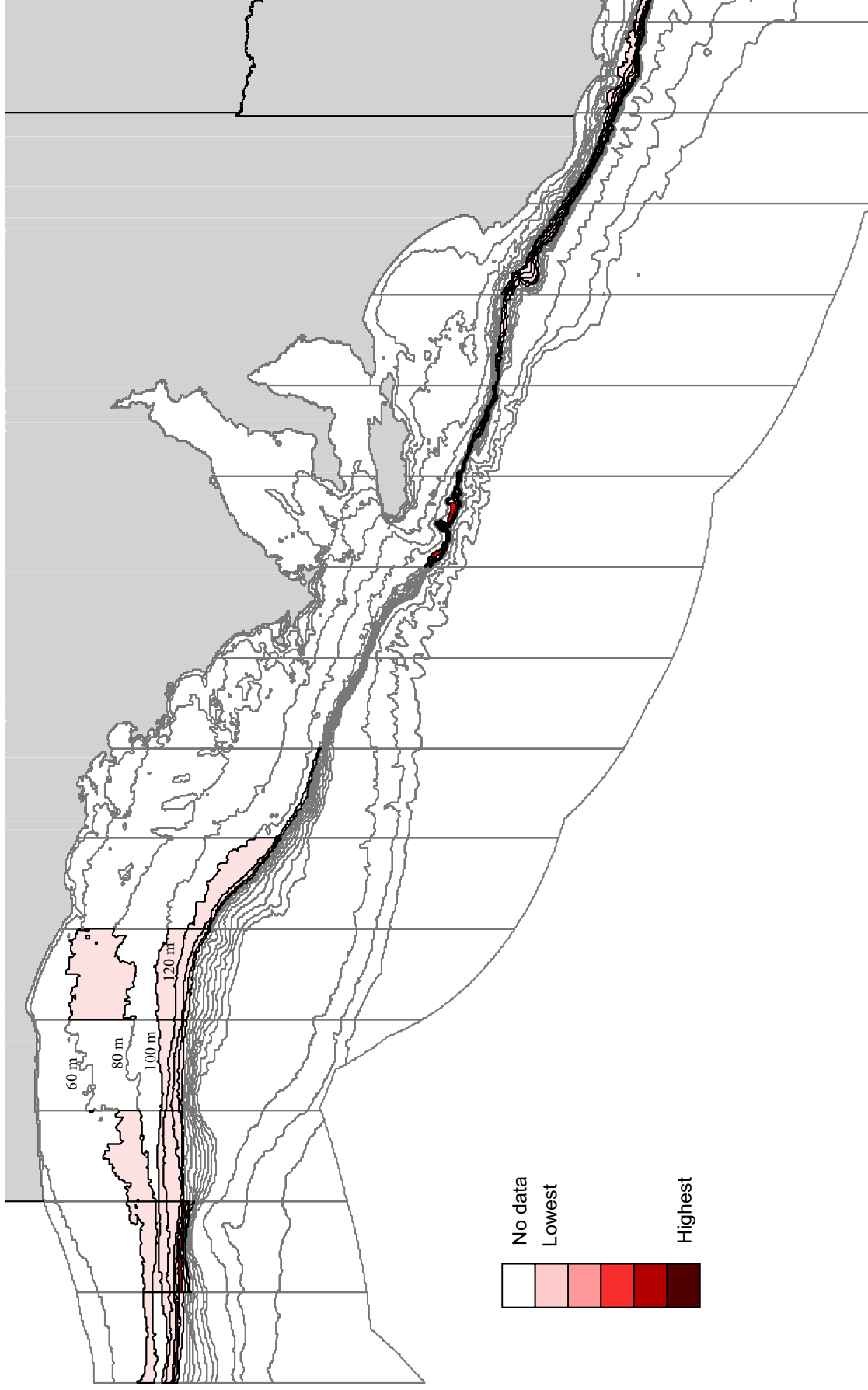
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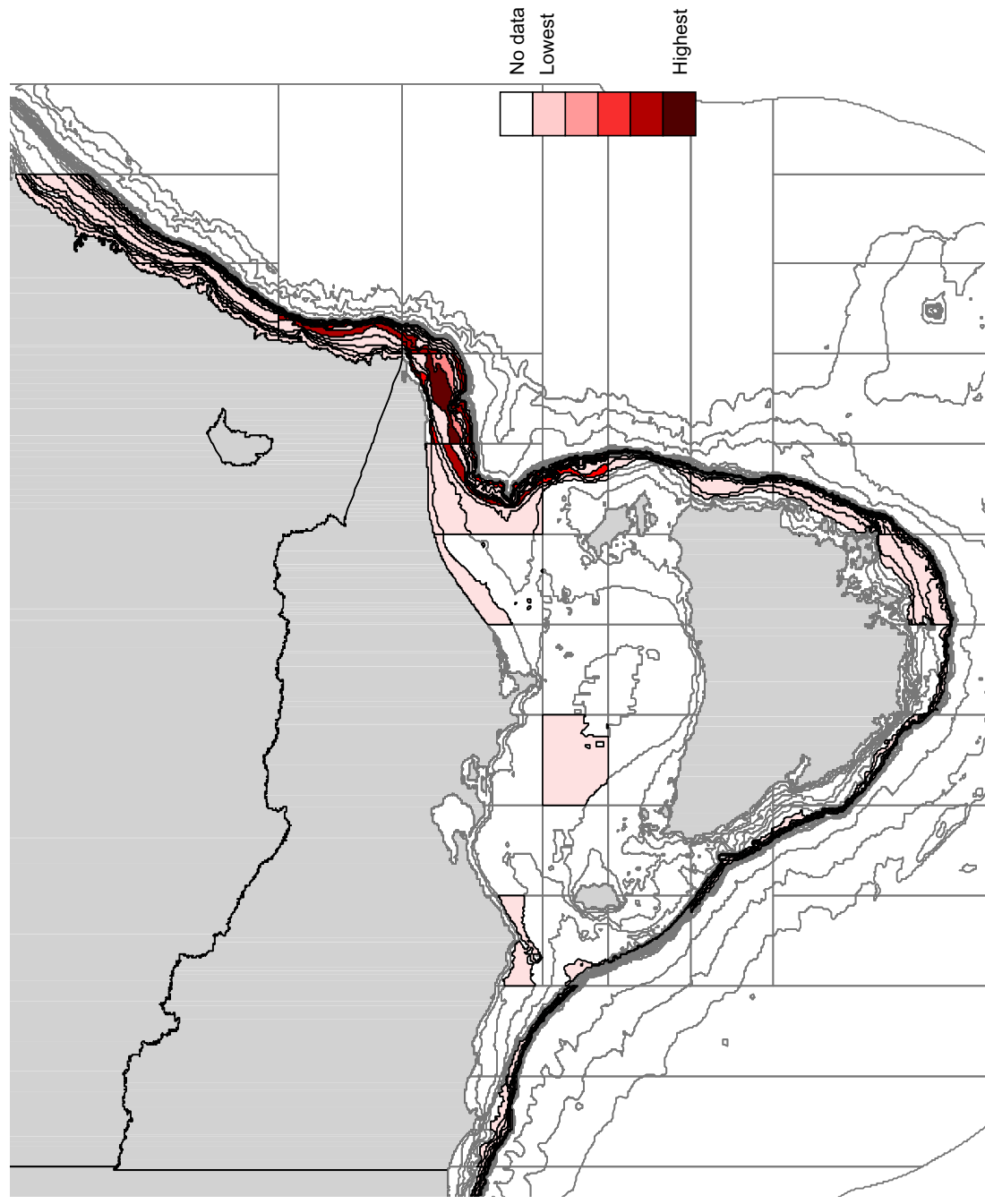
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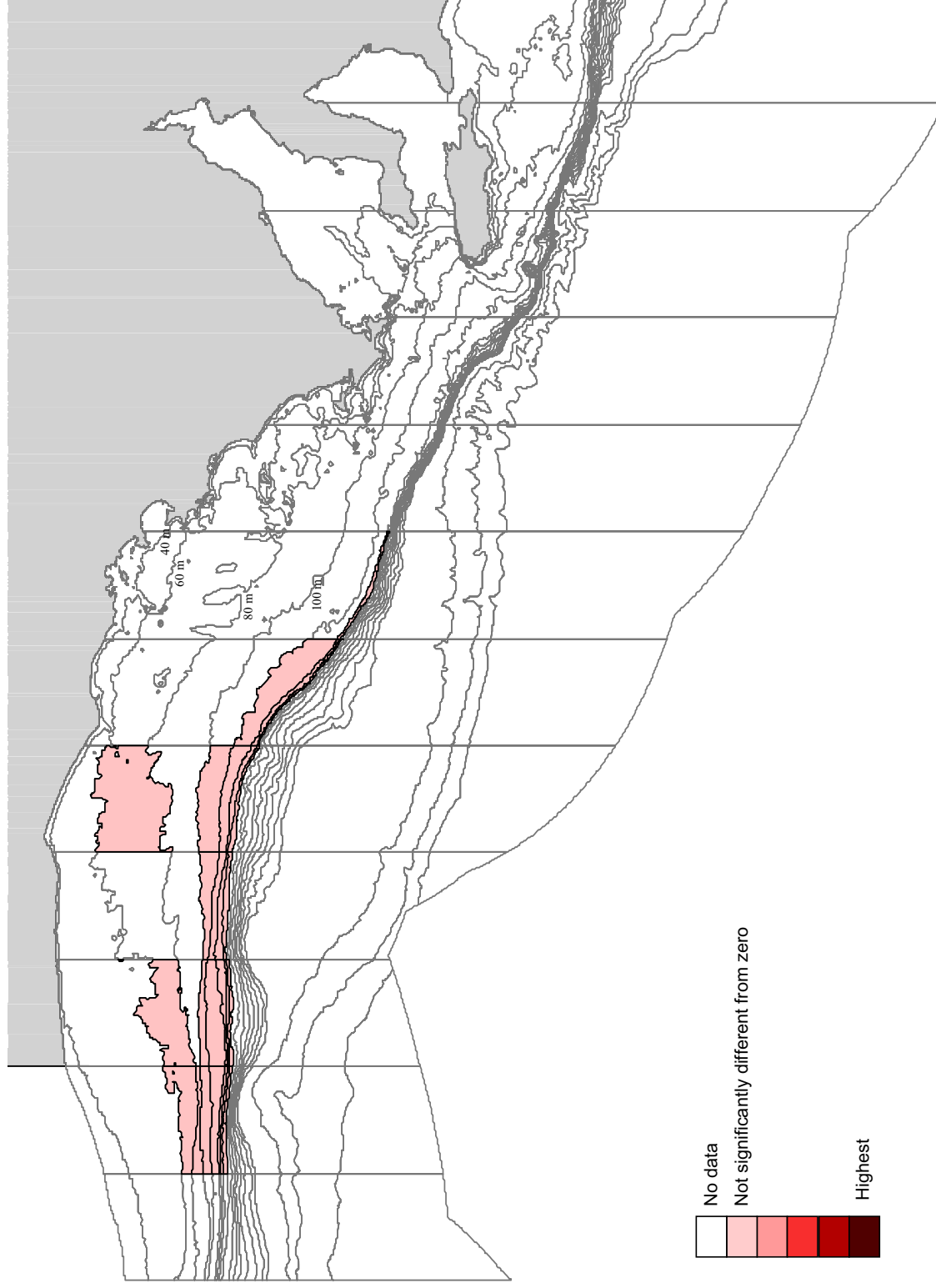
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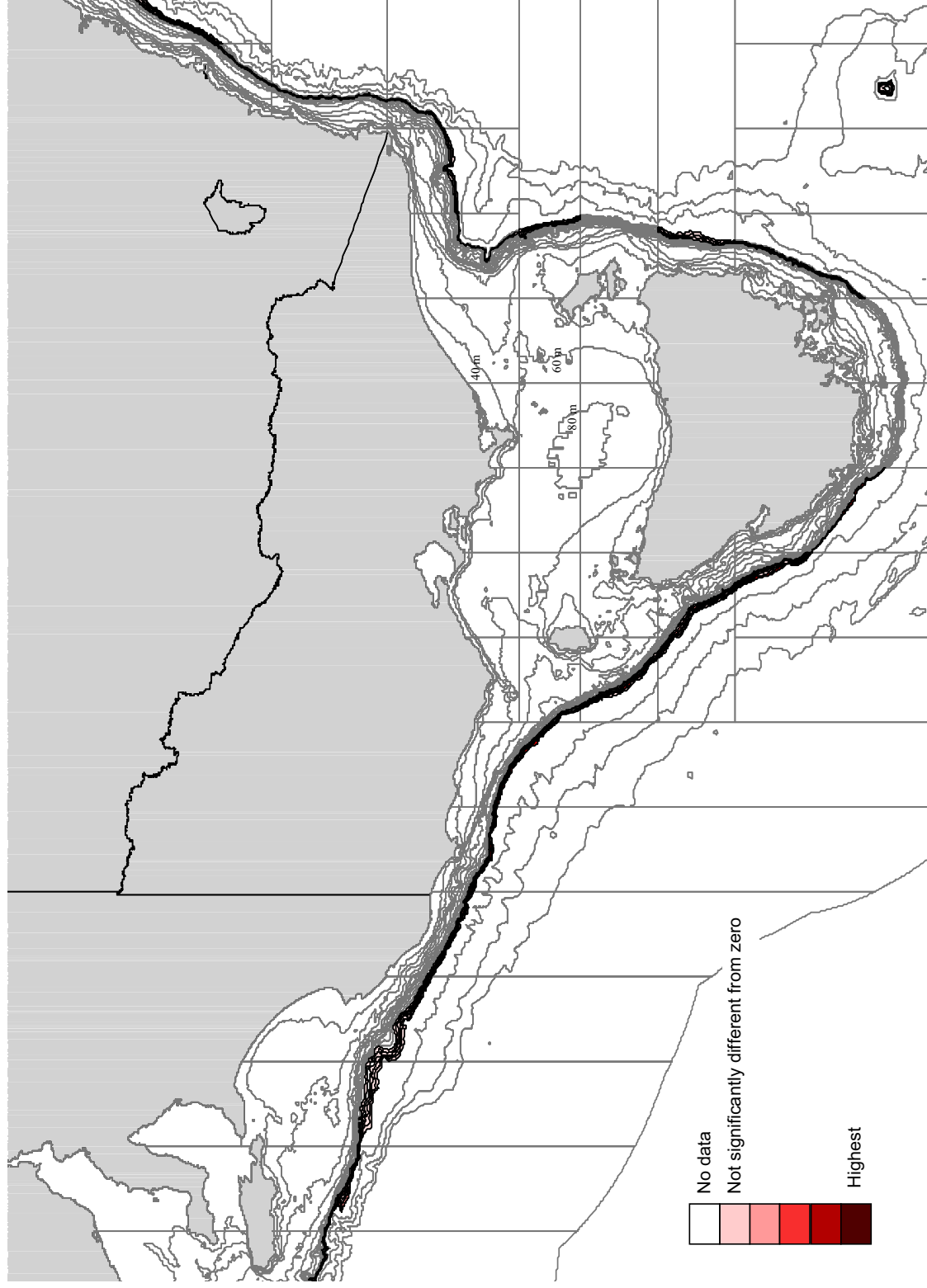
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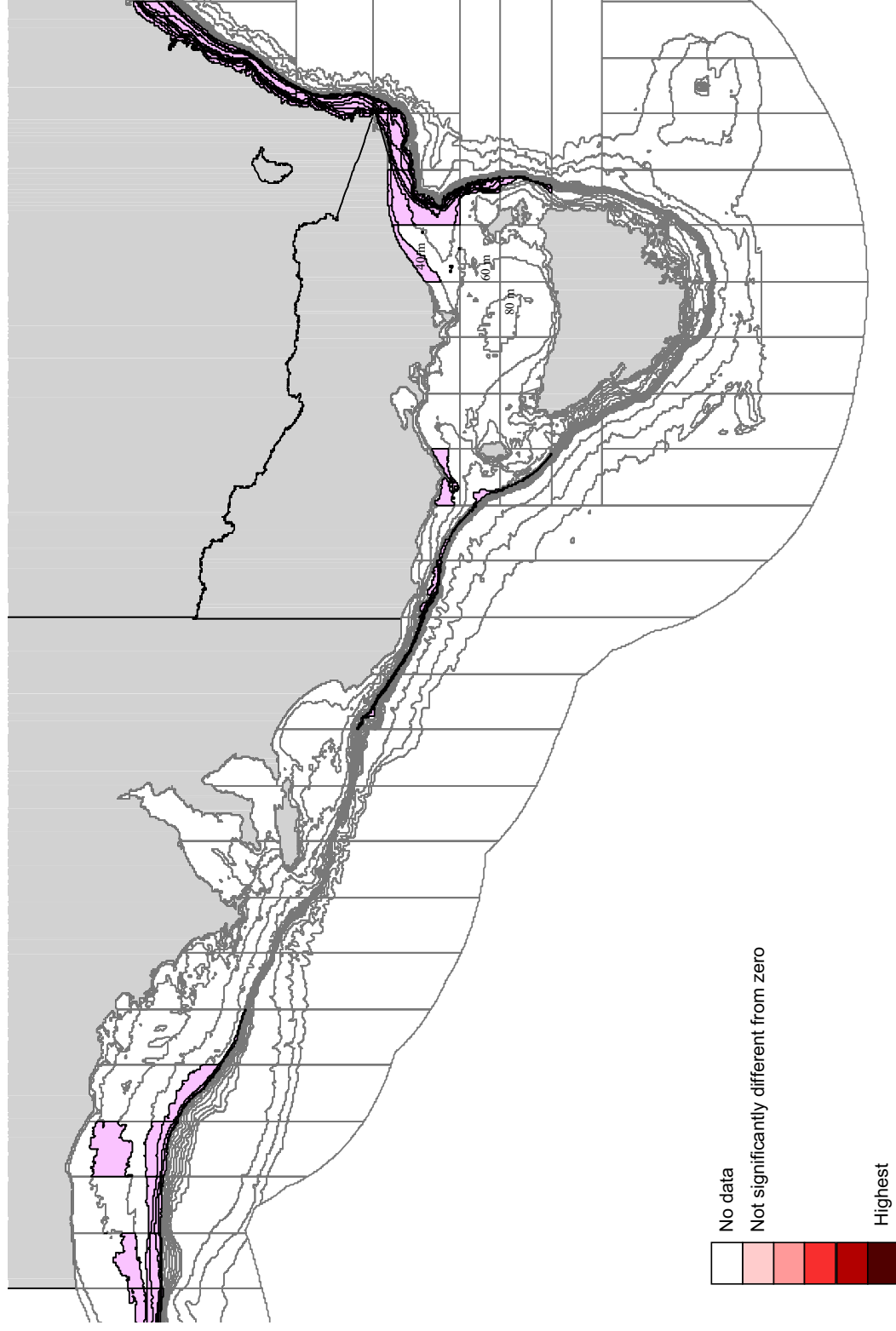
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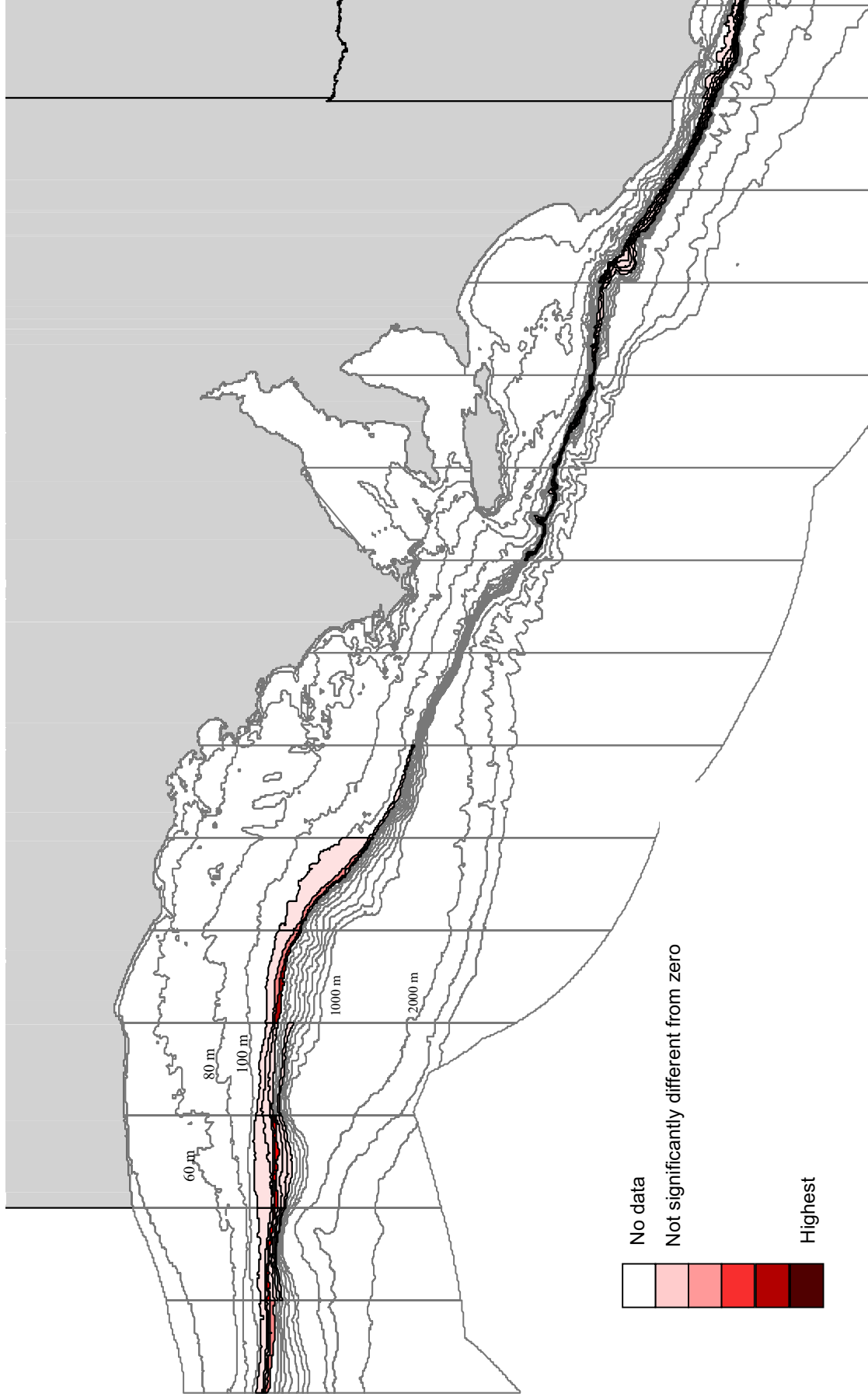
Map 1.10a. Owstons dogfish (*Centroscyllium owstoni*) 2000–06 SETF 0–600 m depth south-eastern Australia



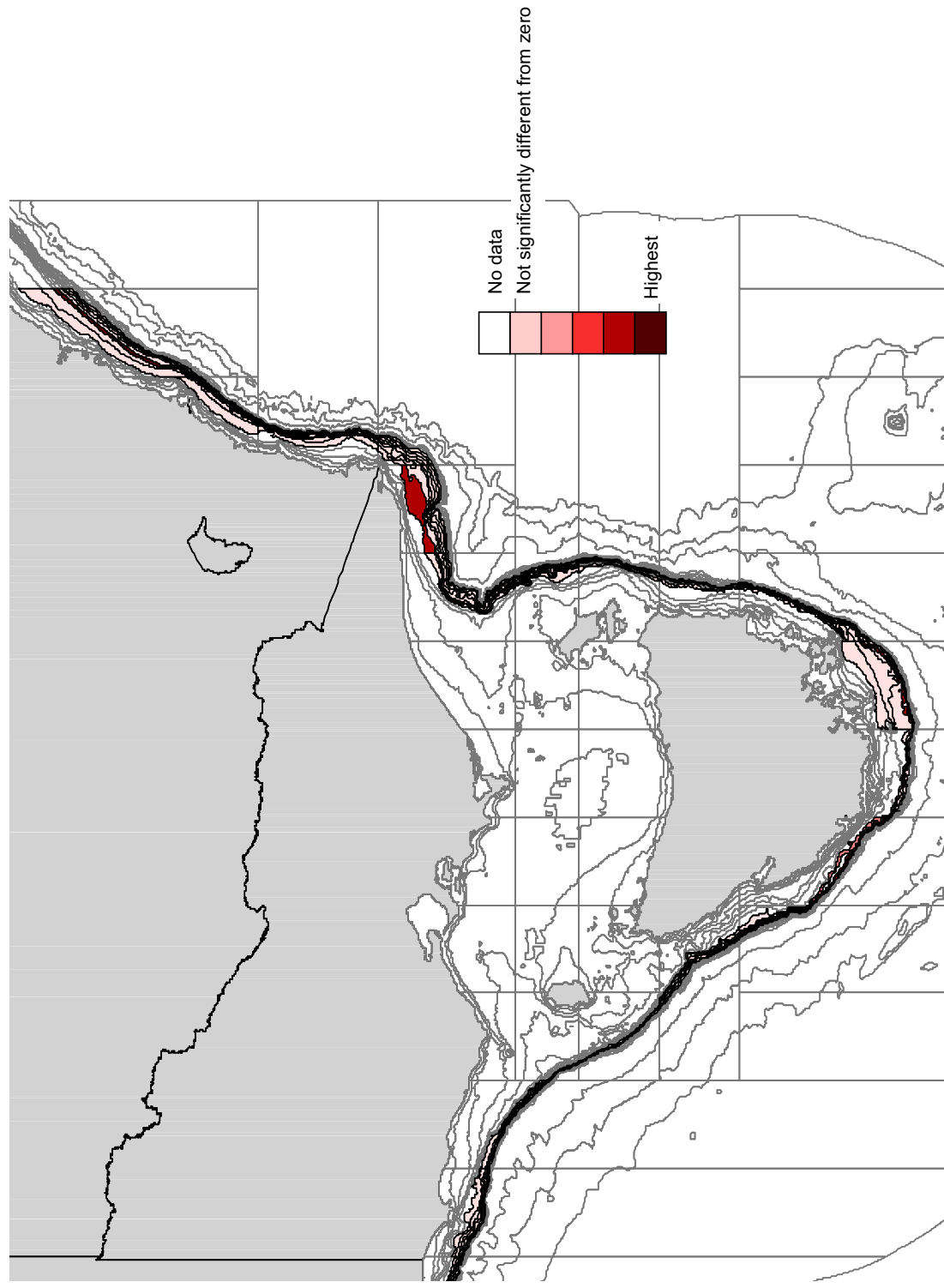
Map 1.11a. Port Jackson shark (*Heterodontus portusjacksoni*) 2000–06 Otter trawl 0–300 m depth southern Australia



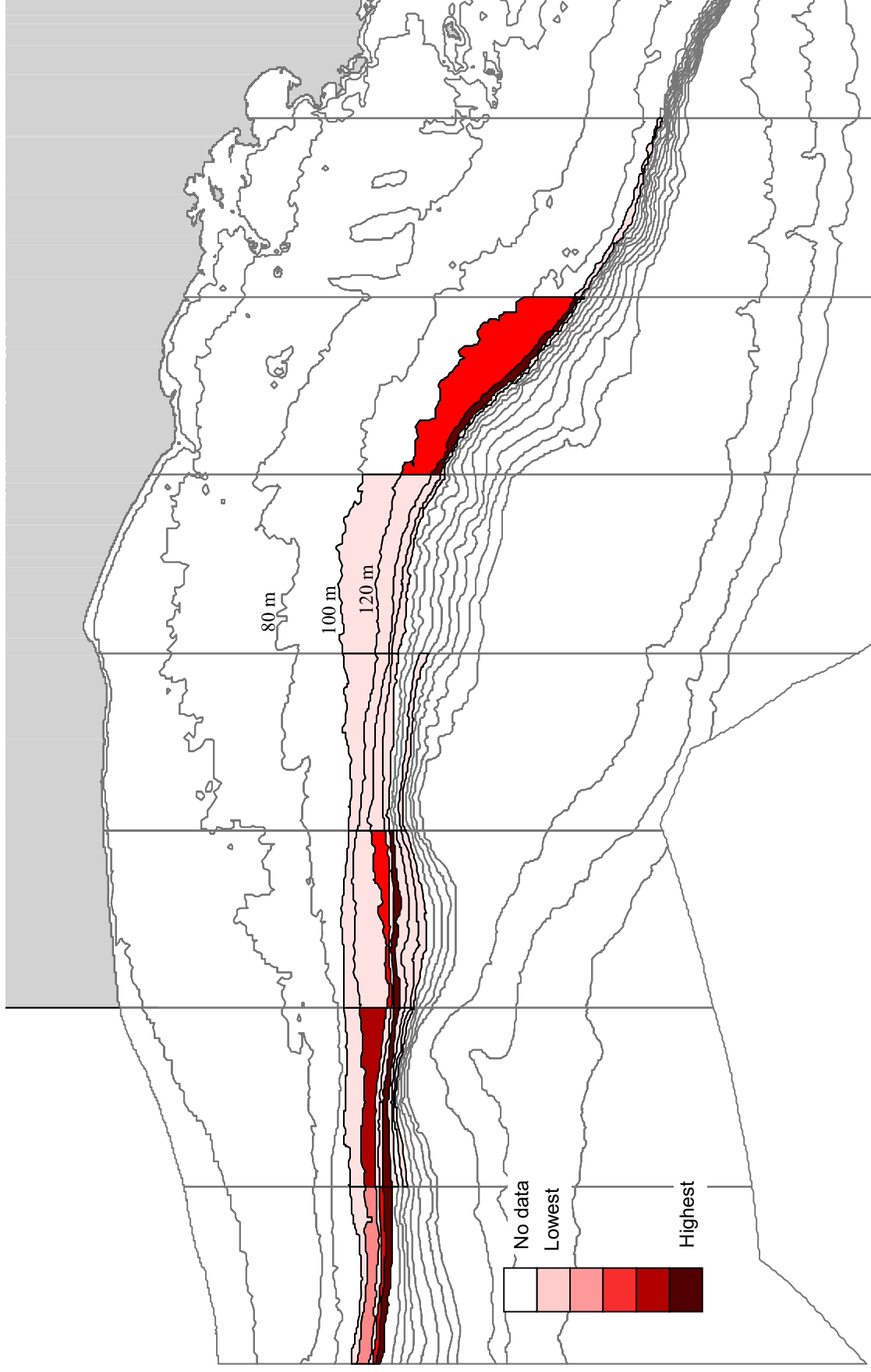
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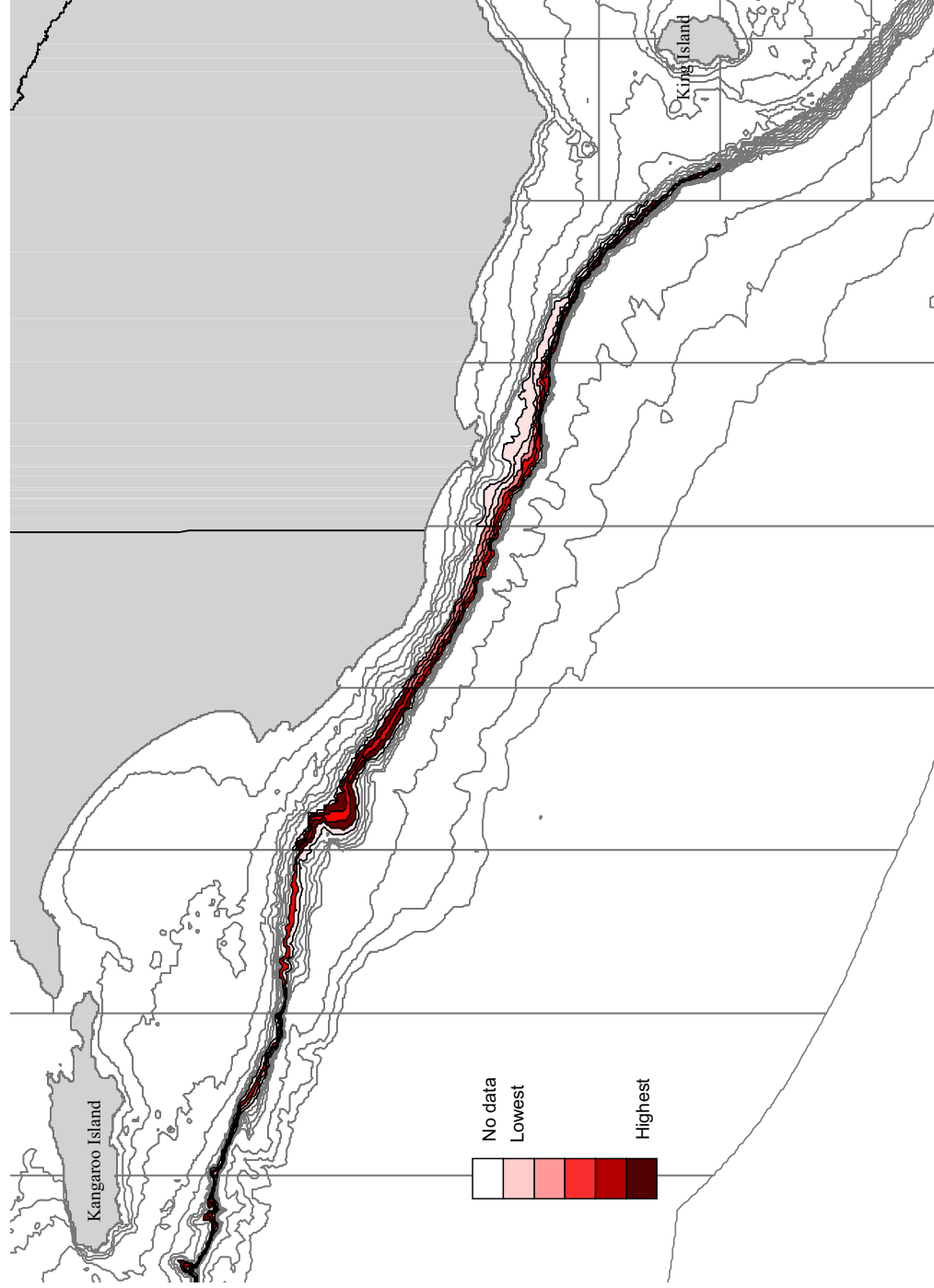
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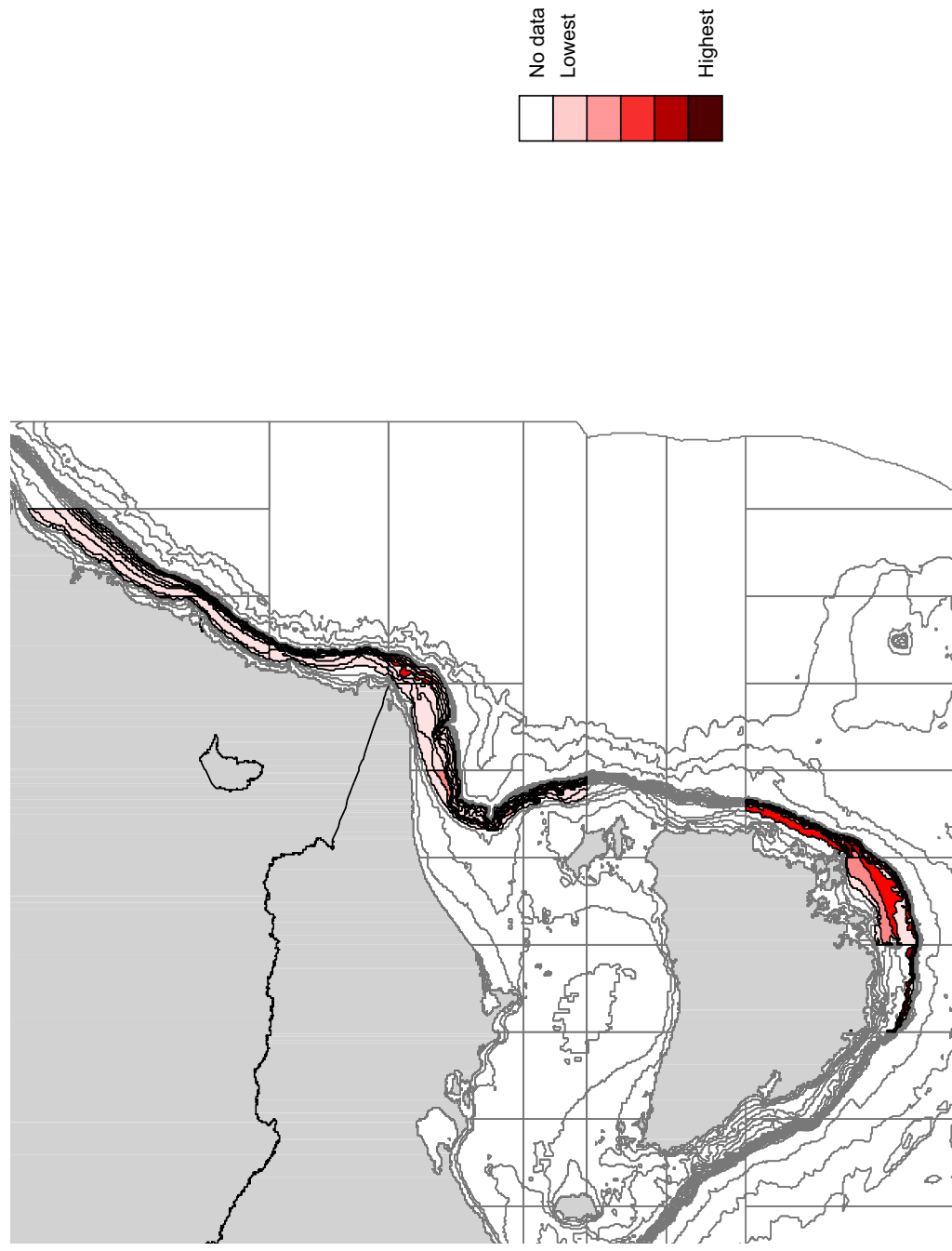
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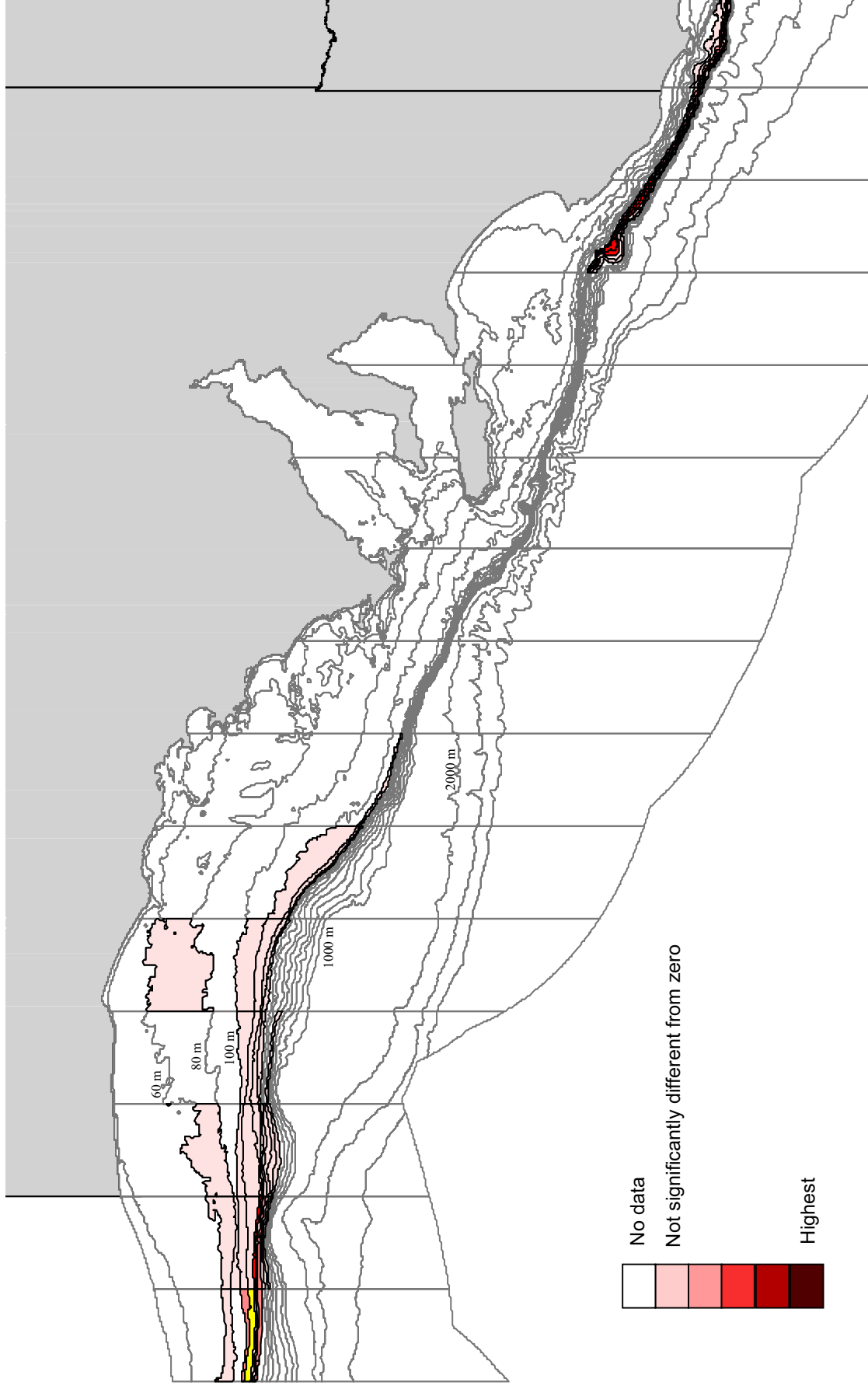
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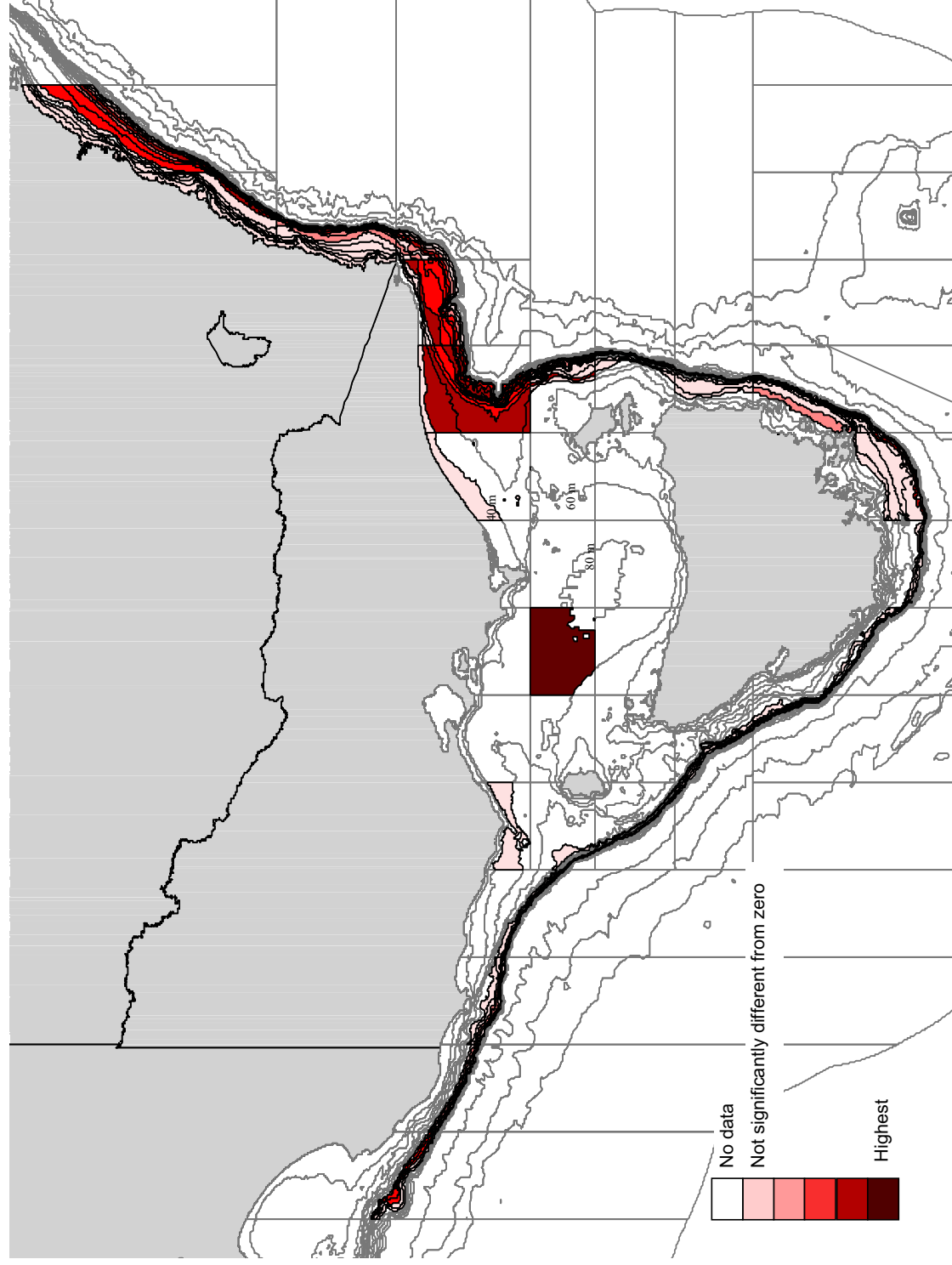
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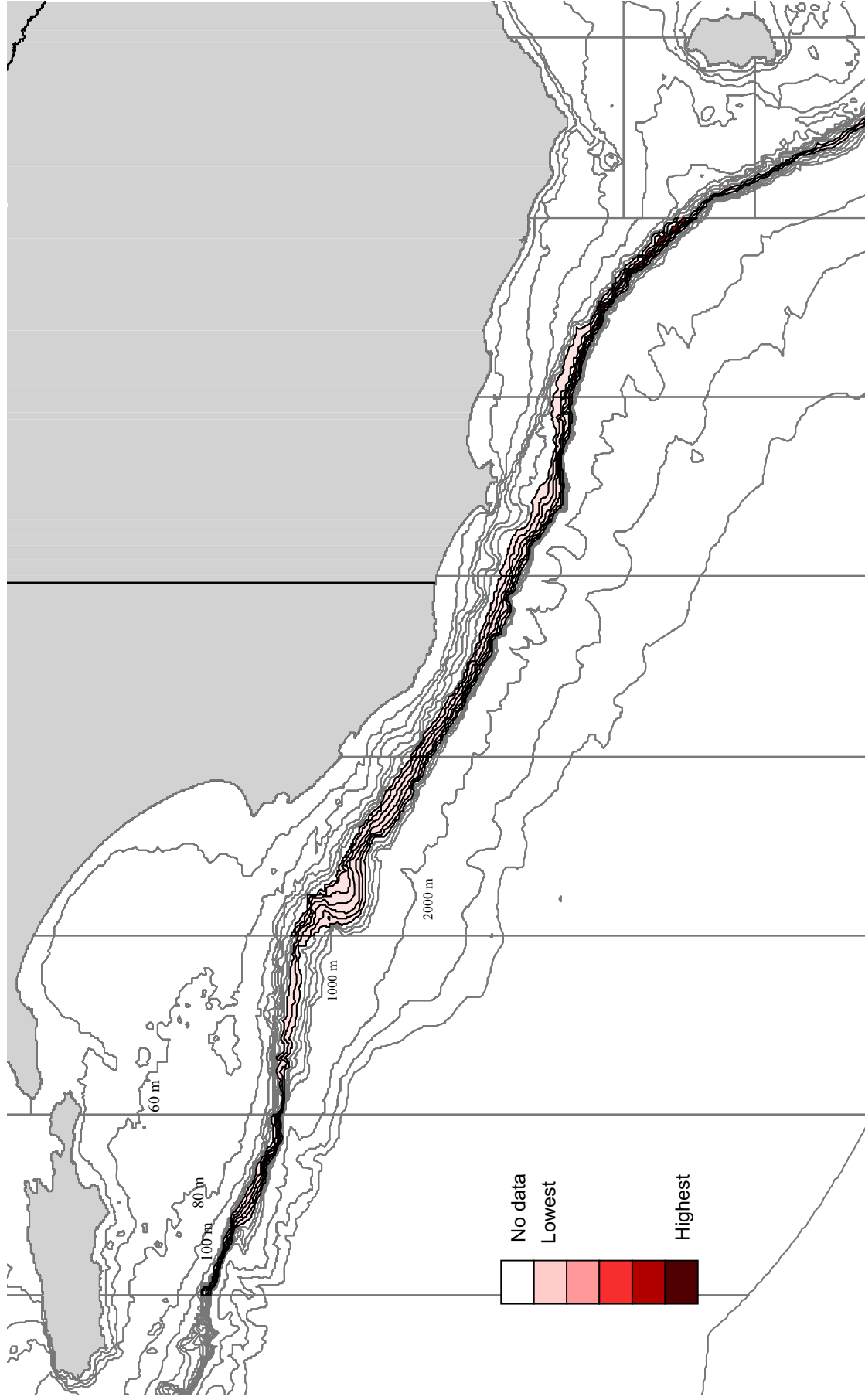
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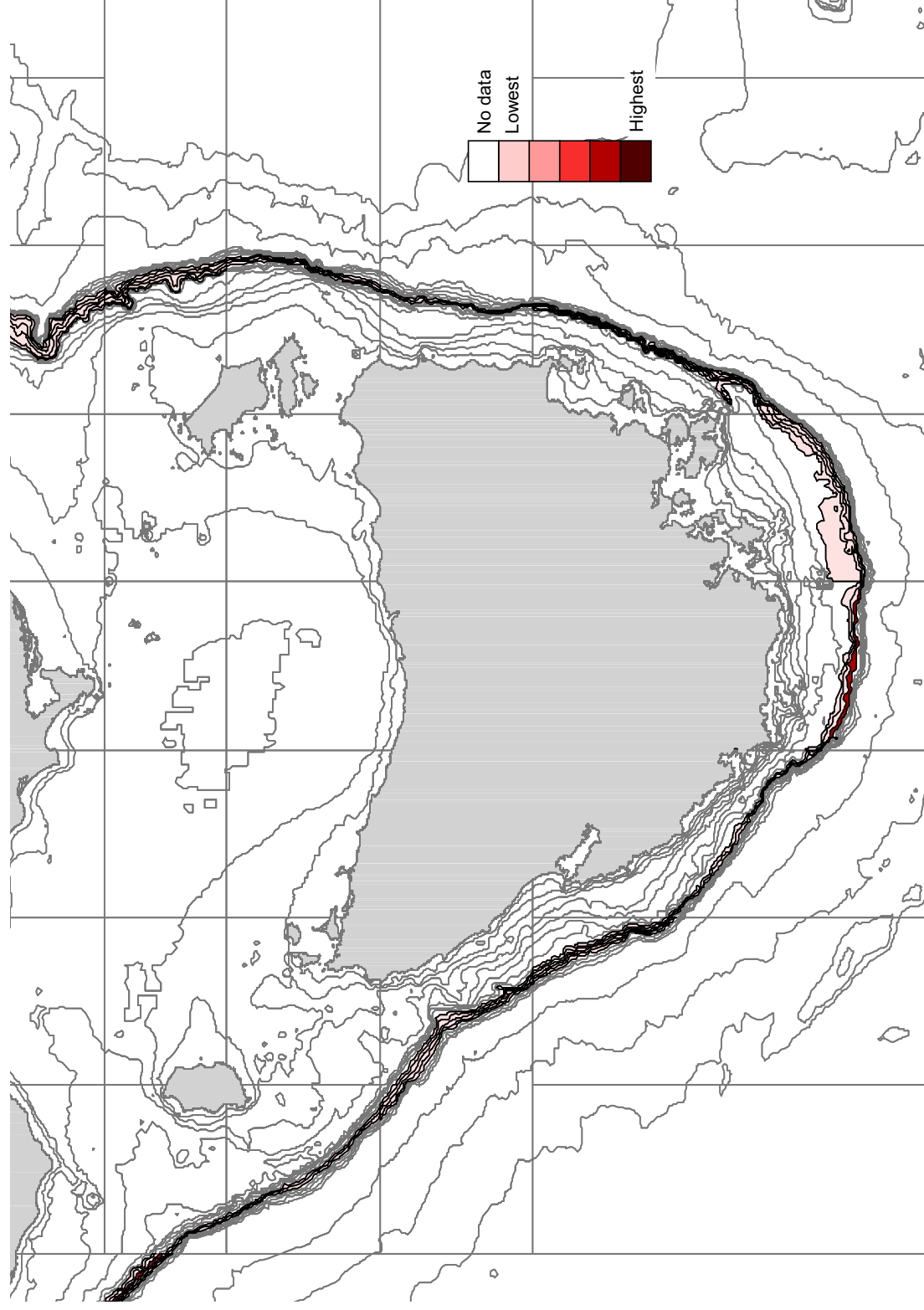
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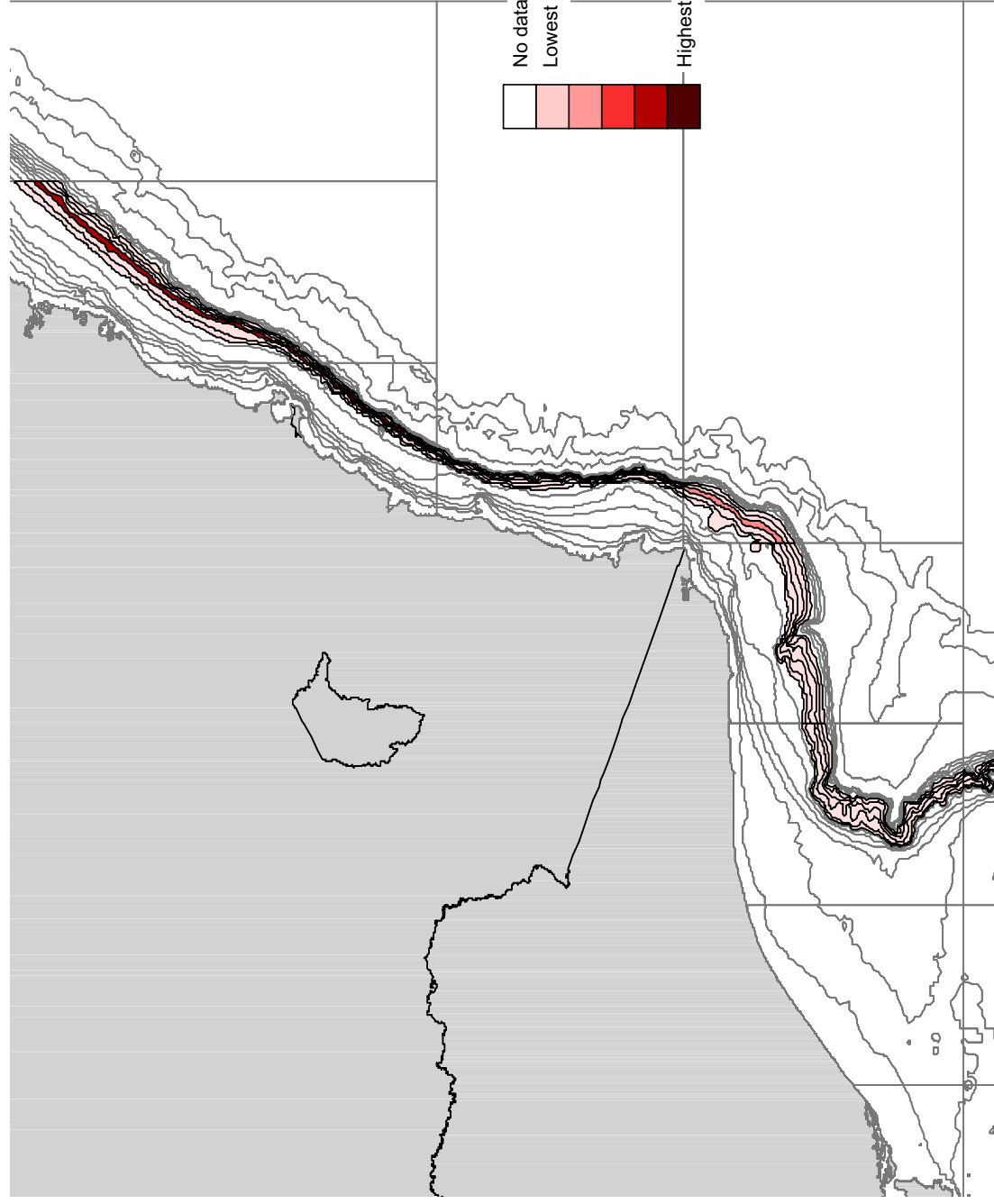
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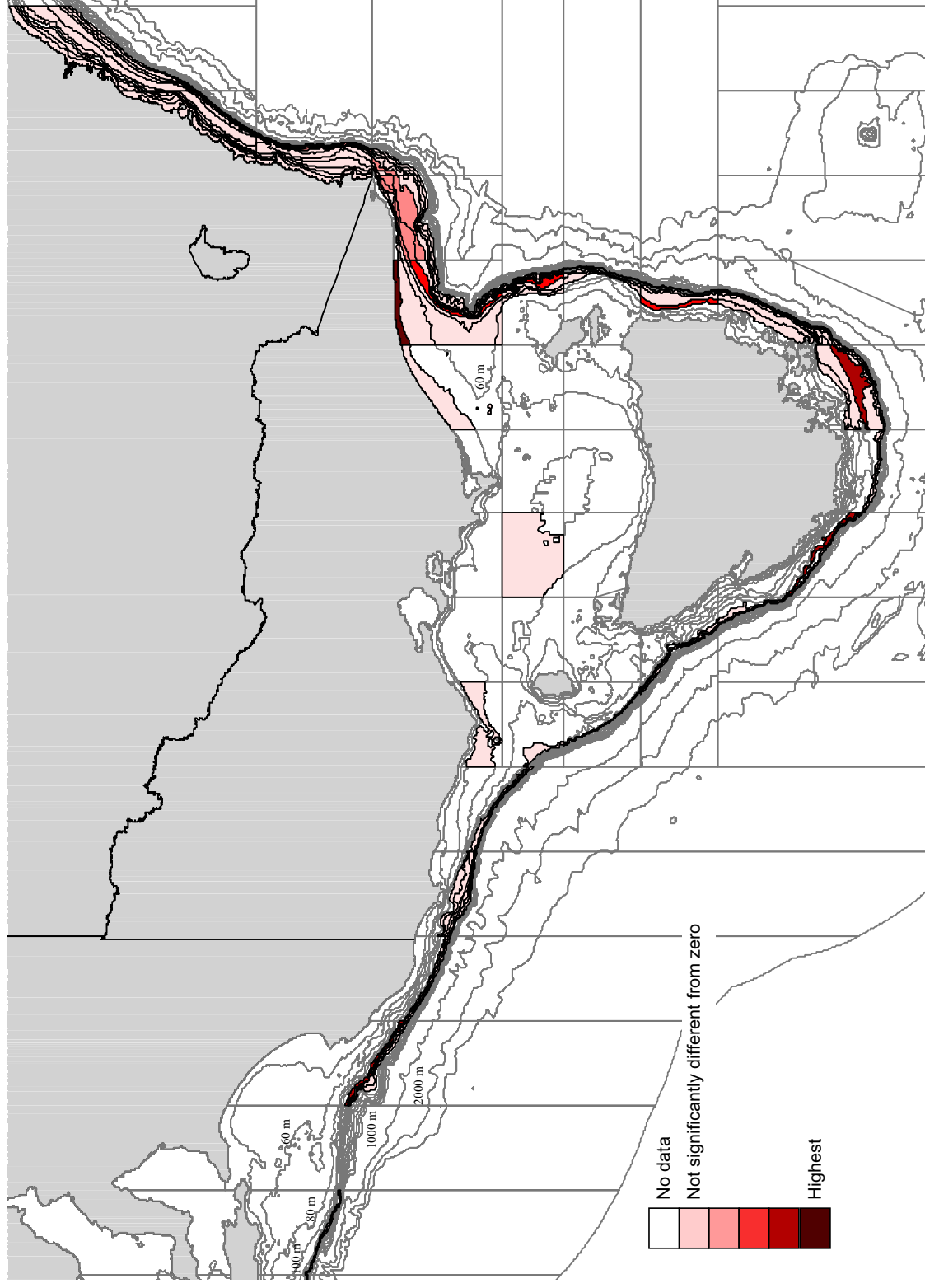
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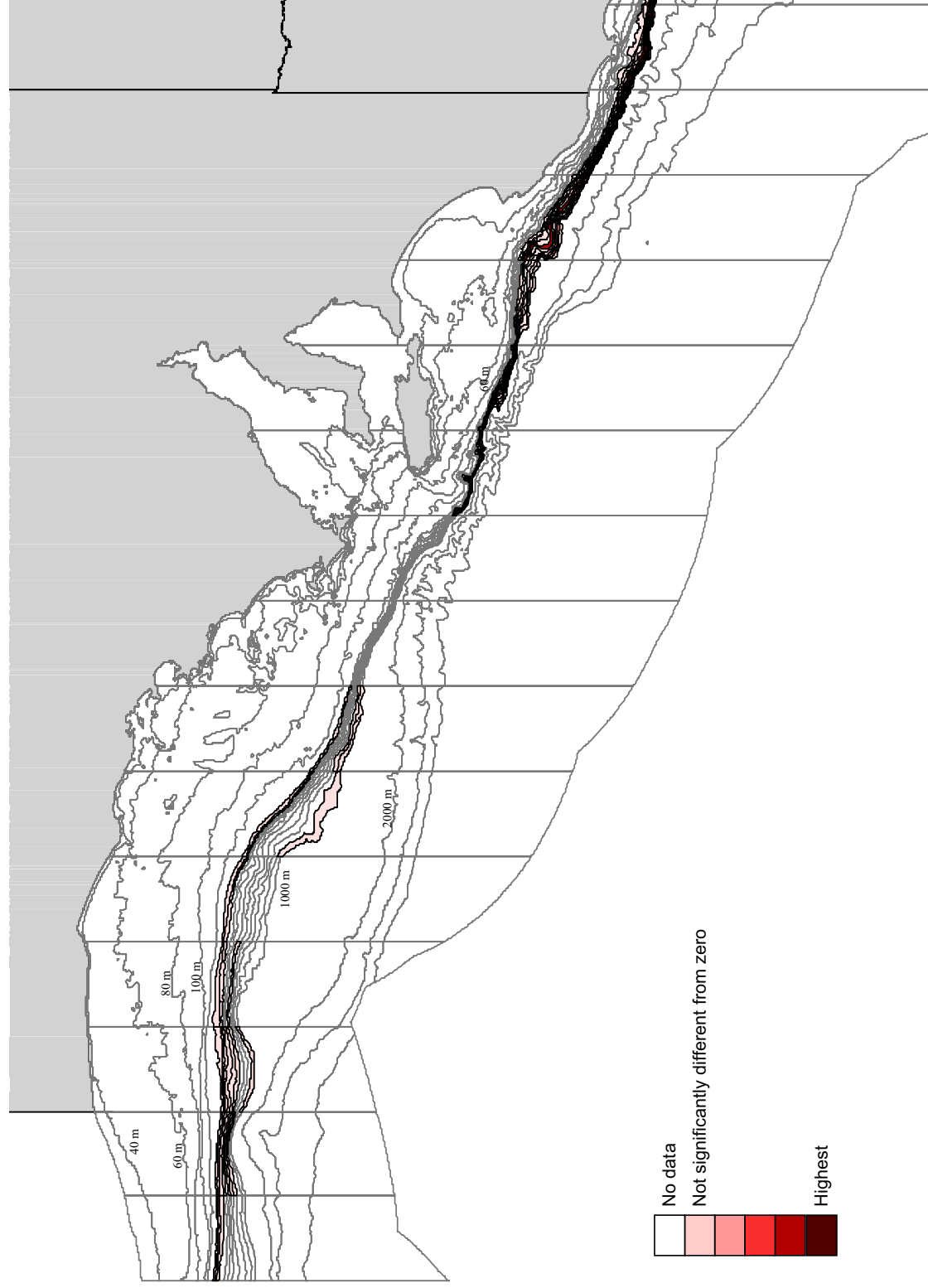
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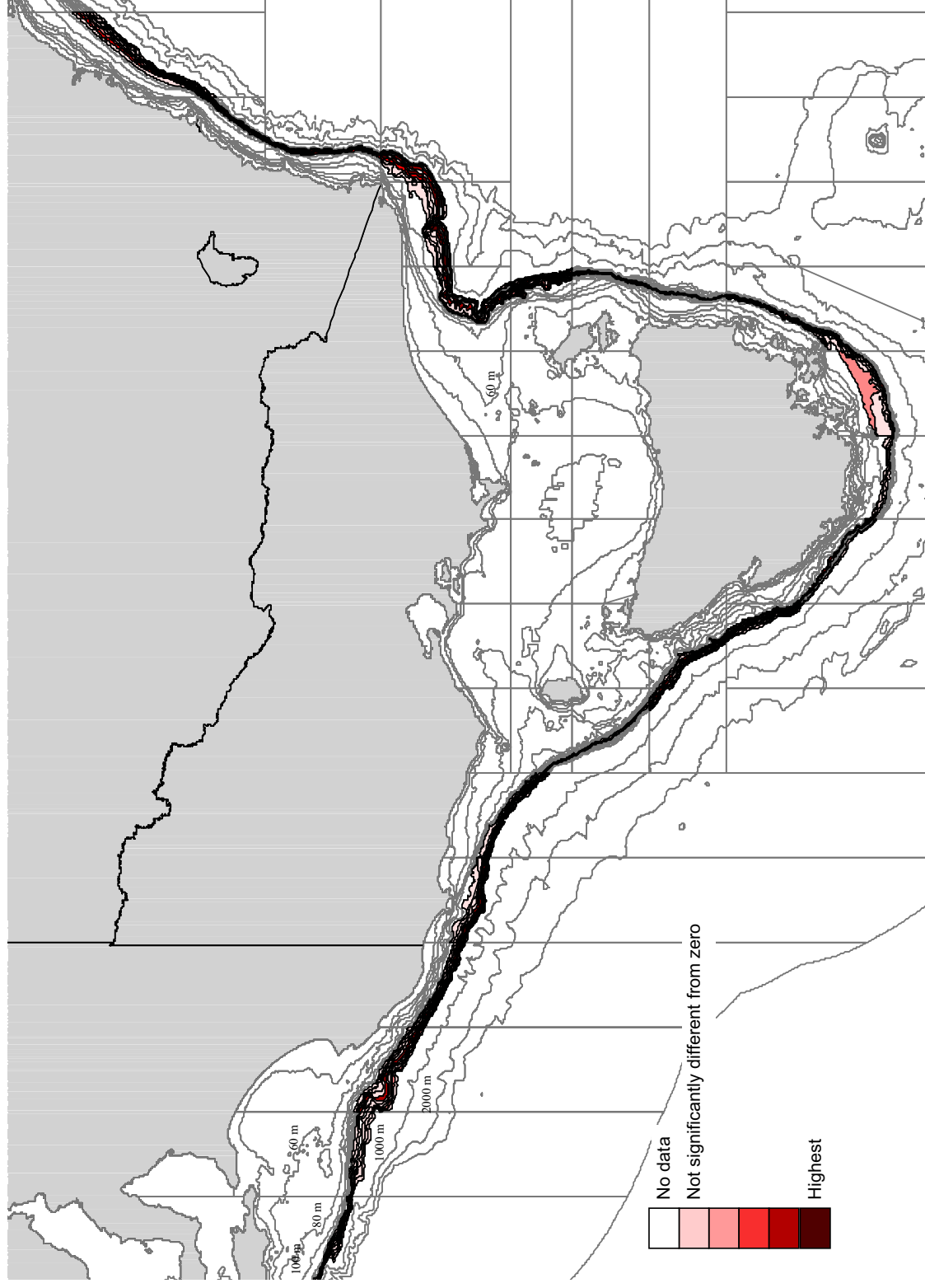
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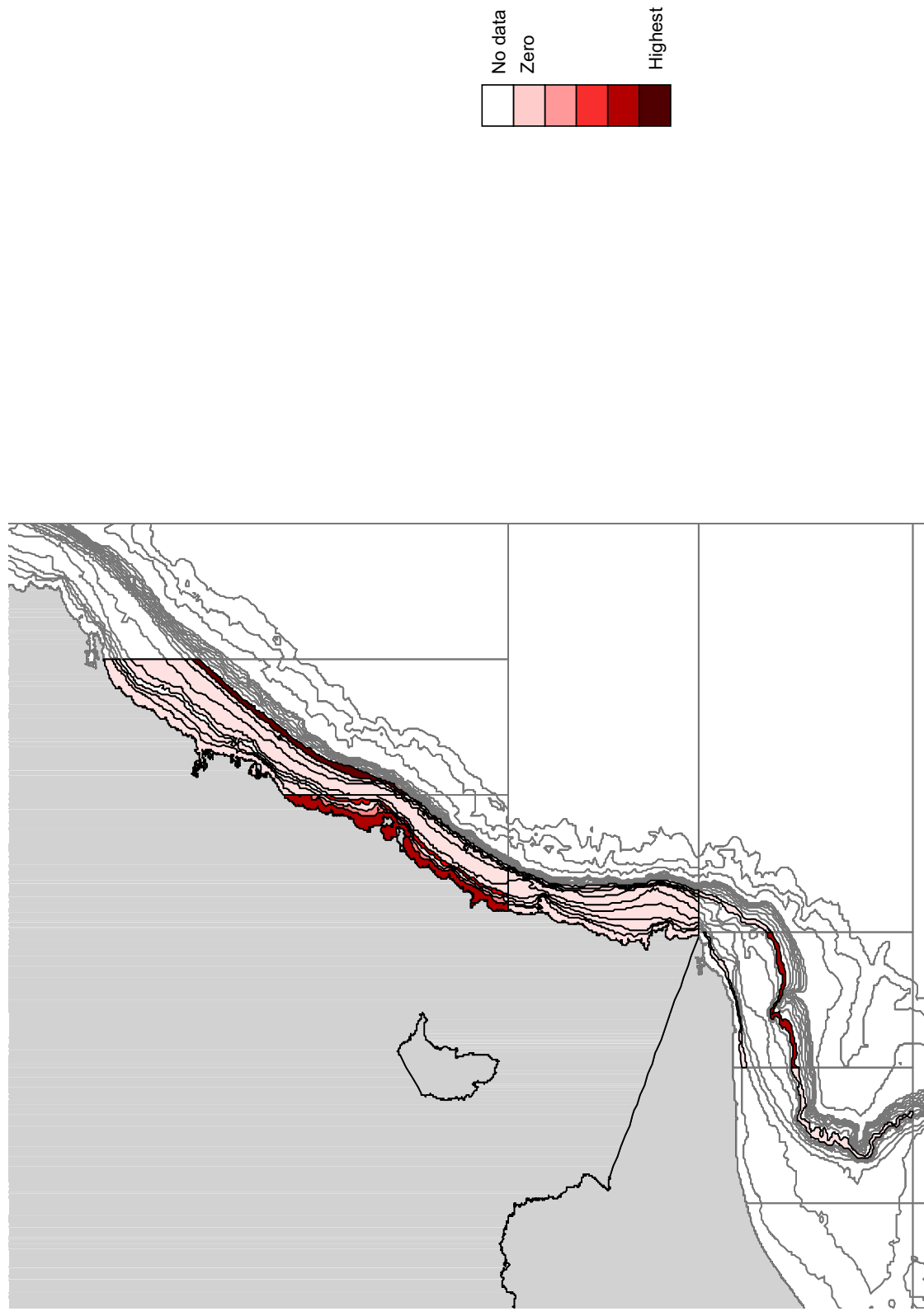
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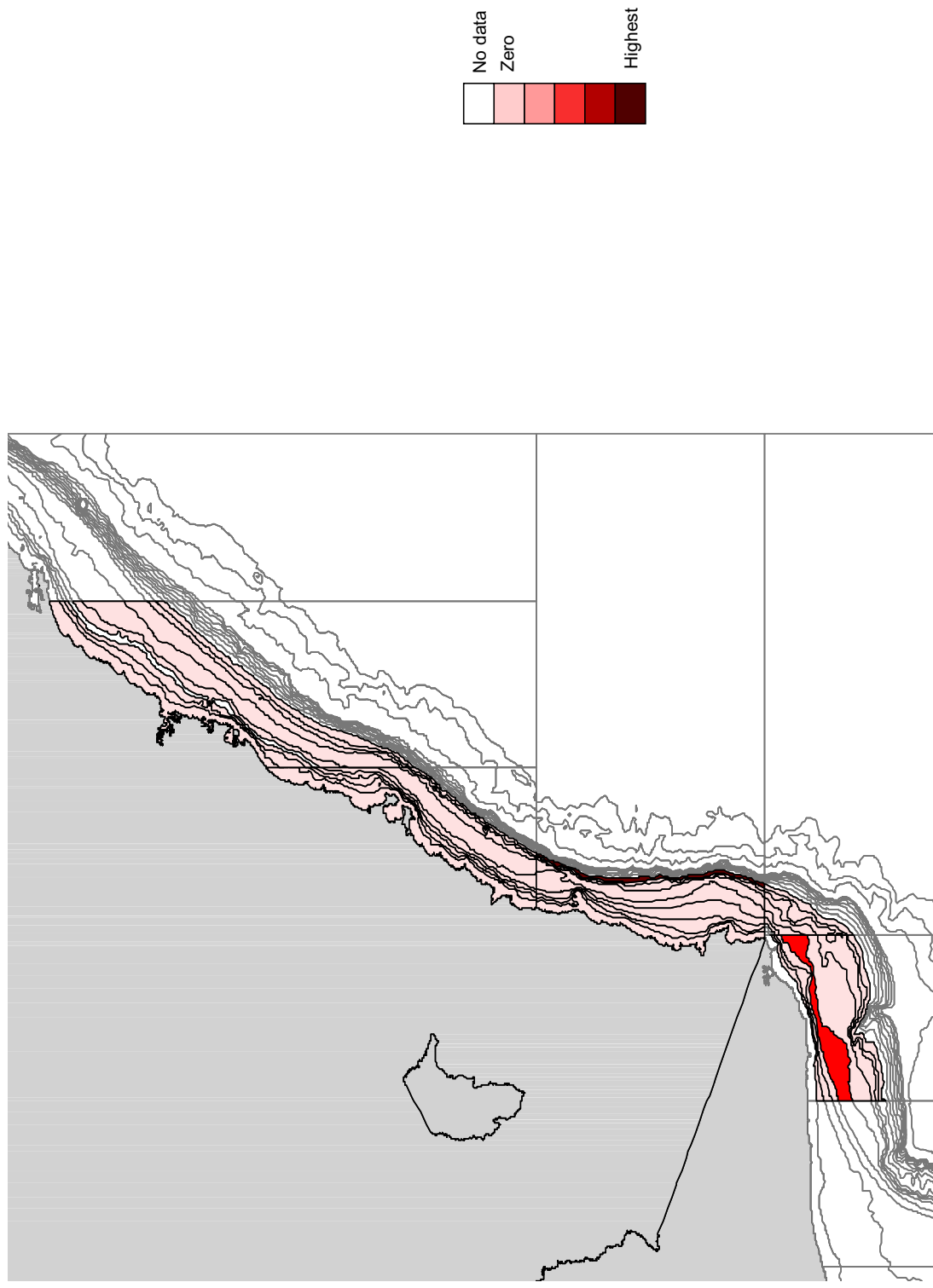
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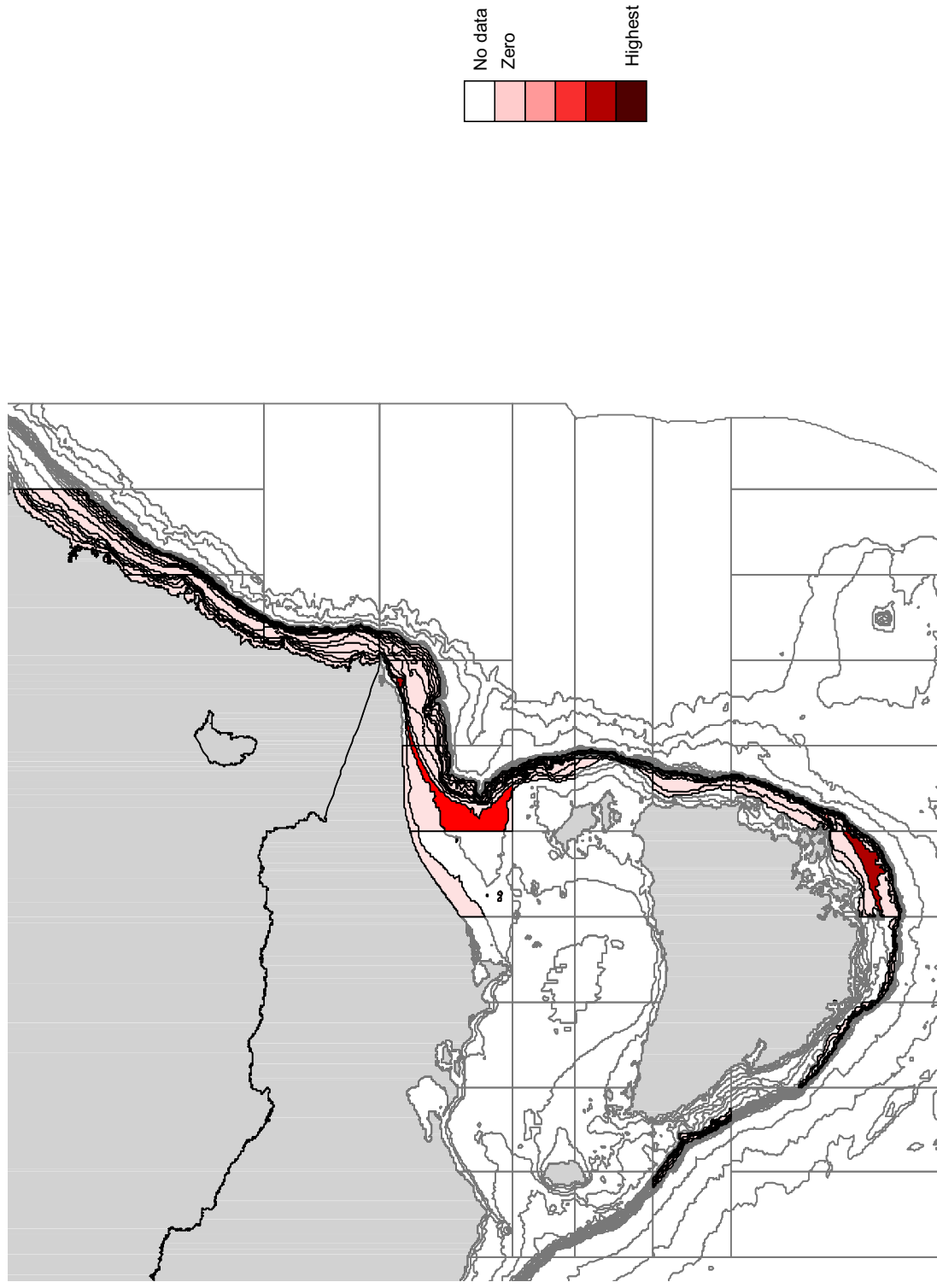
Map 2.03a. Common stingaree (*Trygonoptera testacea*) 2001–06 SETF 0–300 m depth eastern Australia (longitude 148–151° E, latitude <38°S)



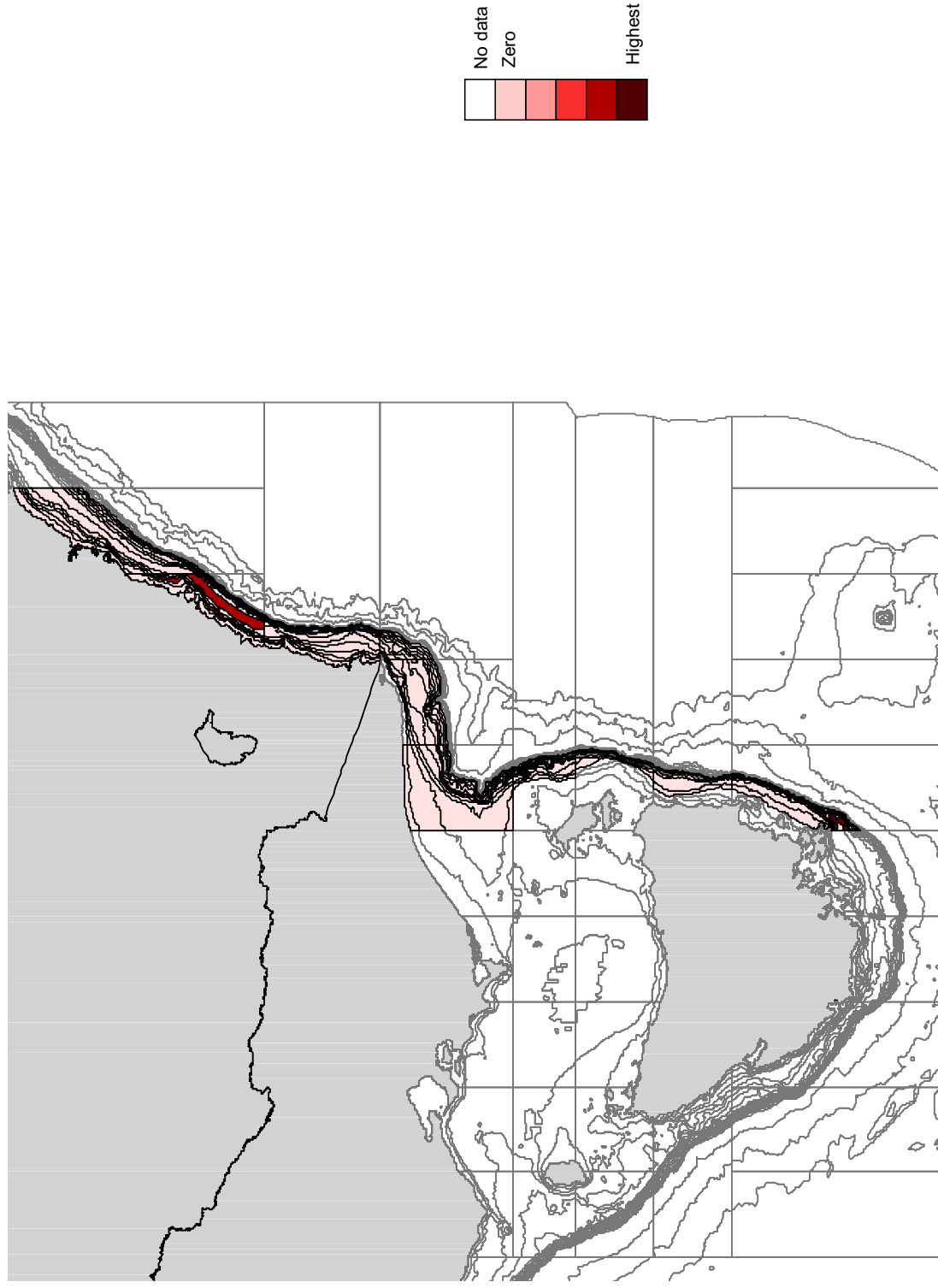
Map 2.04a. Greenback stingaree (*Urolophus viridis*) 1998–06 SETF 0–300 m depth eastern Australia (longitude 149–151°E, latitude <38°S)



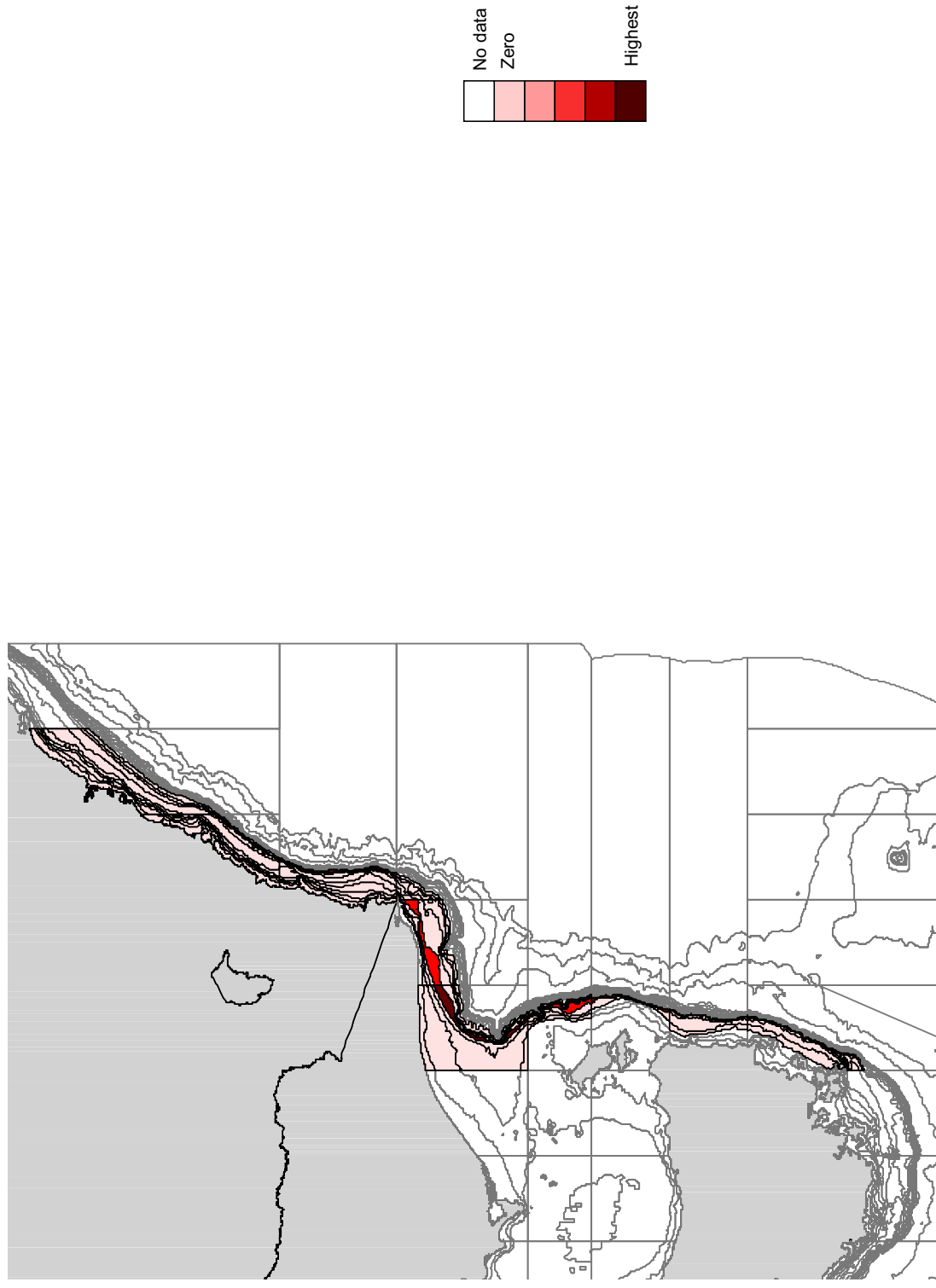
Map 2.05a. Melbourne skate (*Dipturus whiteyi*) 1998–06 SETF 0–600 m south-eastern Australia (longitude 145–151° E)



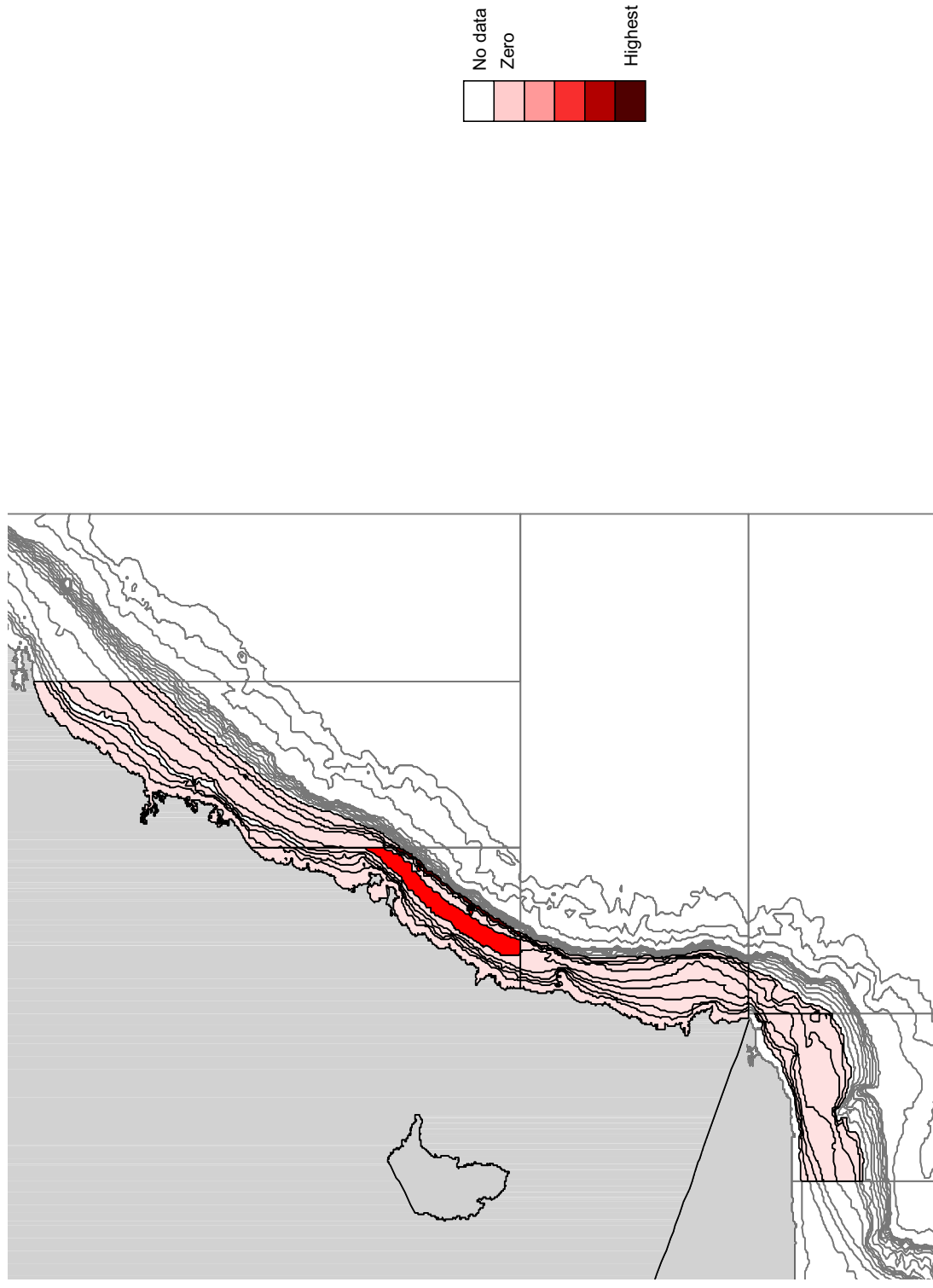
Map 4.06a. Peacock skate (*Pavoraja nitida*) 2001–06 SETF 0–600 m depth eastern Australia (longitude 148–151° E)



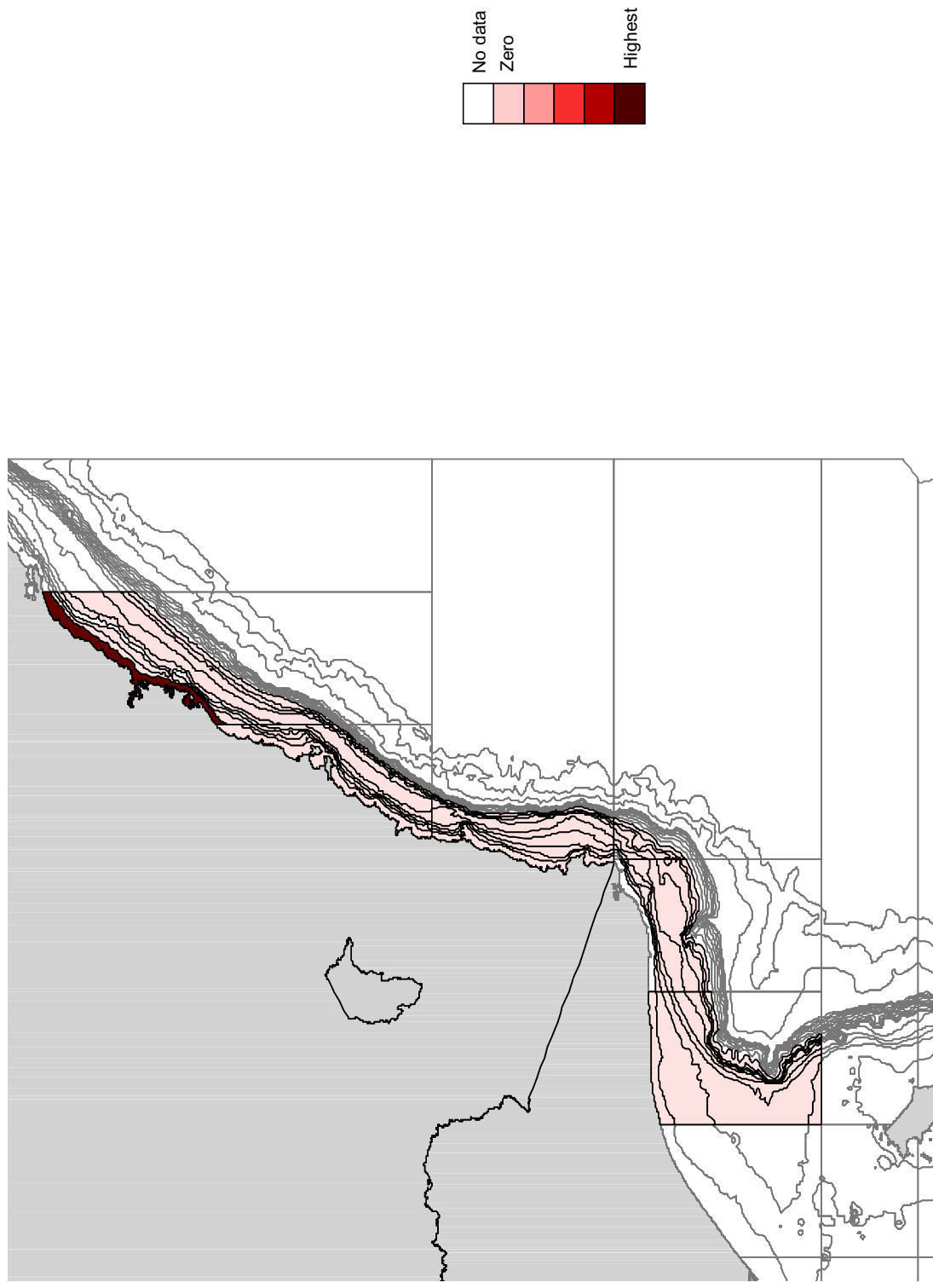
Map 2.07a. Sandyback stingaree (*Urolophus bucculentus*) 1998–06 SETF 0–300 m depth eastern region (longitude 148–151° E)



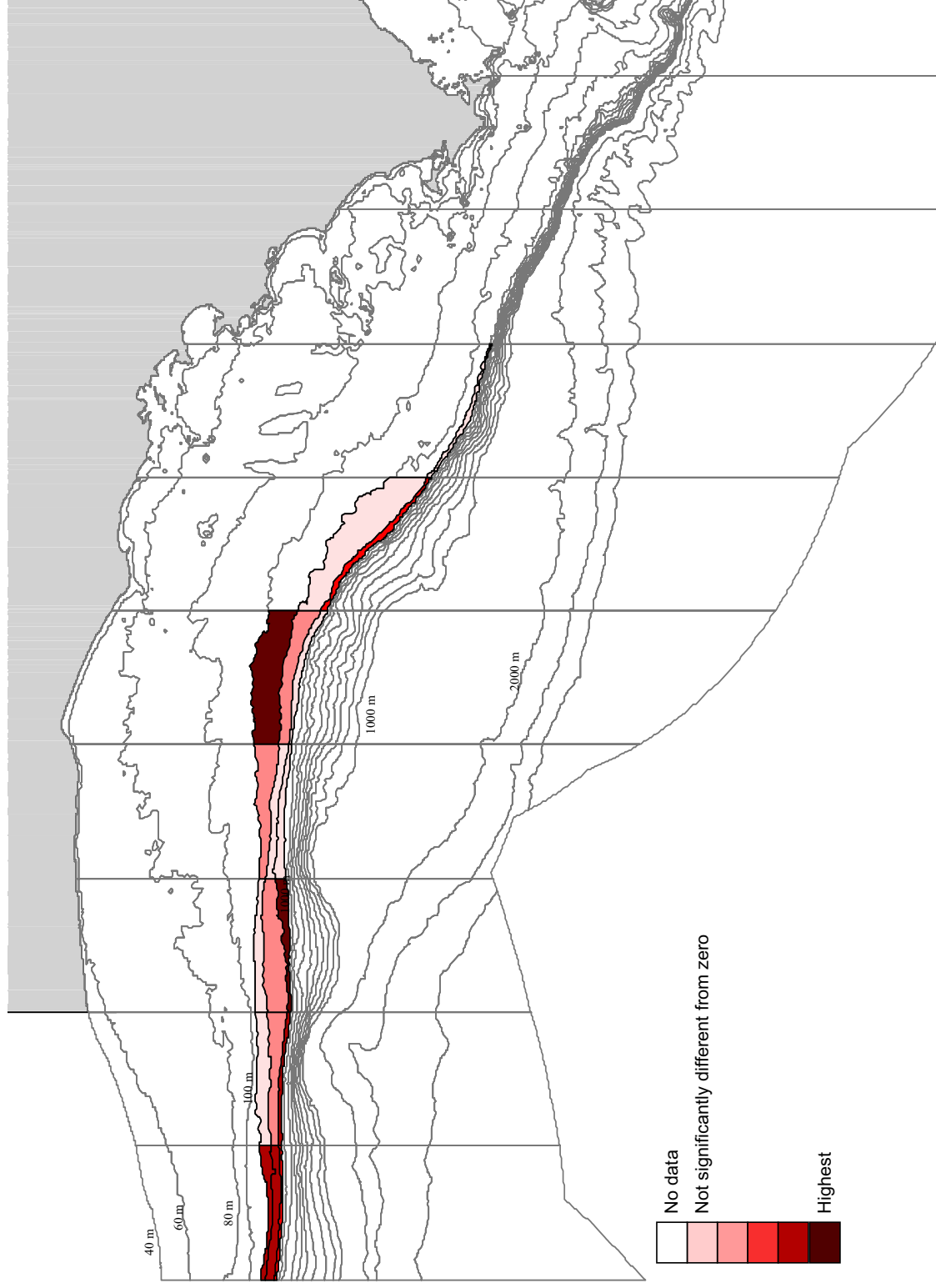
Map 2.08b. Smooth stingray (*Dasyatis brevicaudata*) 2002–06 SETF 0–300 m depth eastern Australia (longitude 149–151° E)



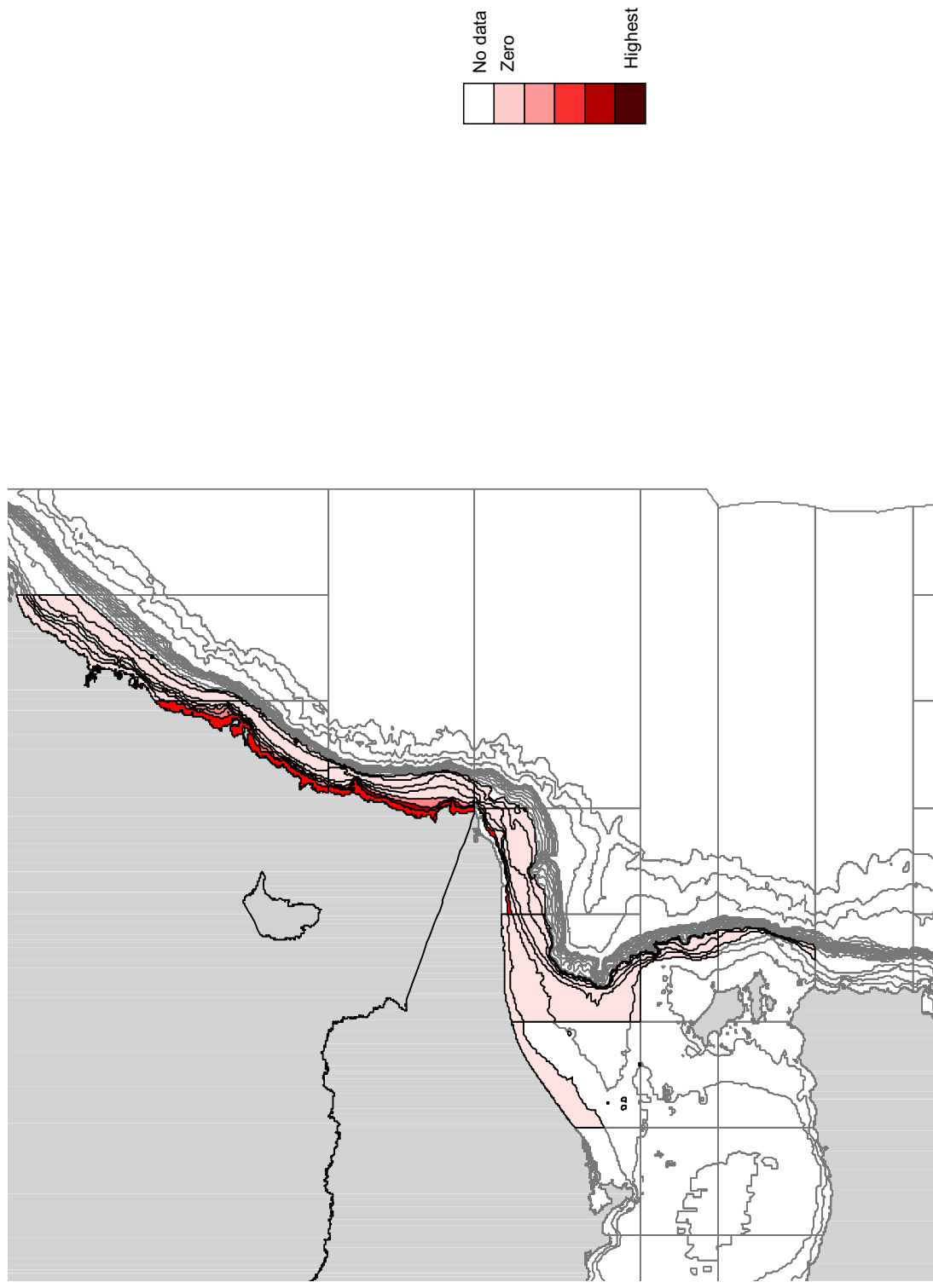
Map 2.09a. Southern eagle ray (*Myliobatis australis*) 1998–06 SETF 0–300 m depth eastern Australia (longitude 148–151°E, latitude <39°S)



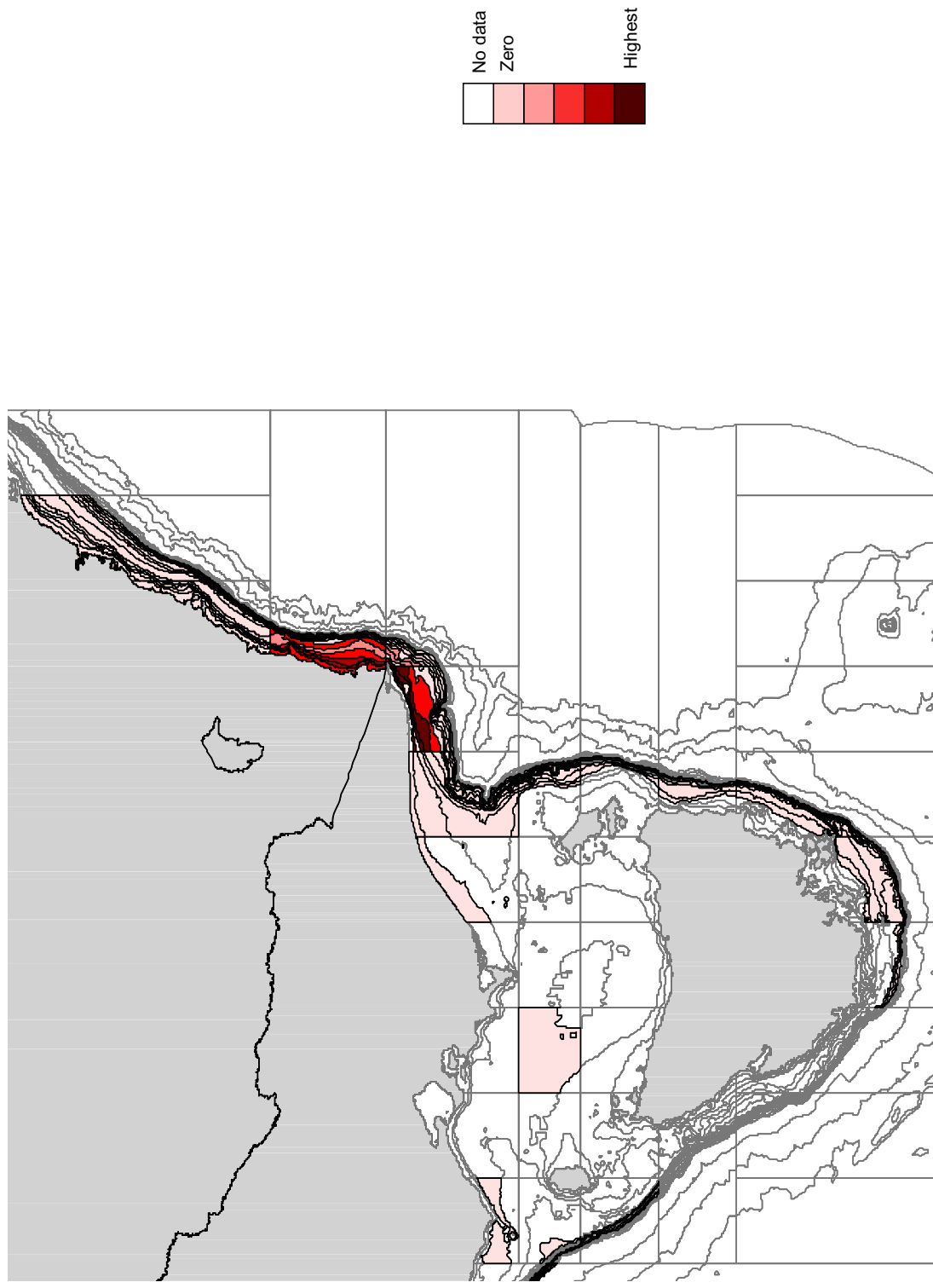
Map 2.10a. Southern fiddler ray (*Trygonorrhina fasciata*) 2000–06 SETF 0–200 m depth Great Australian Bight (longitude 127–151° E, lat. <38° S)



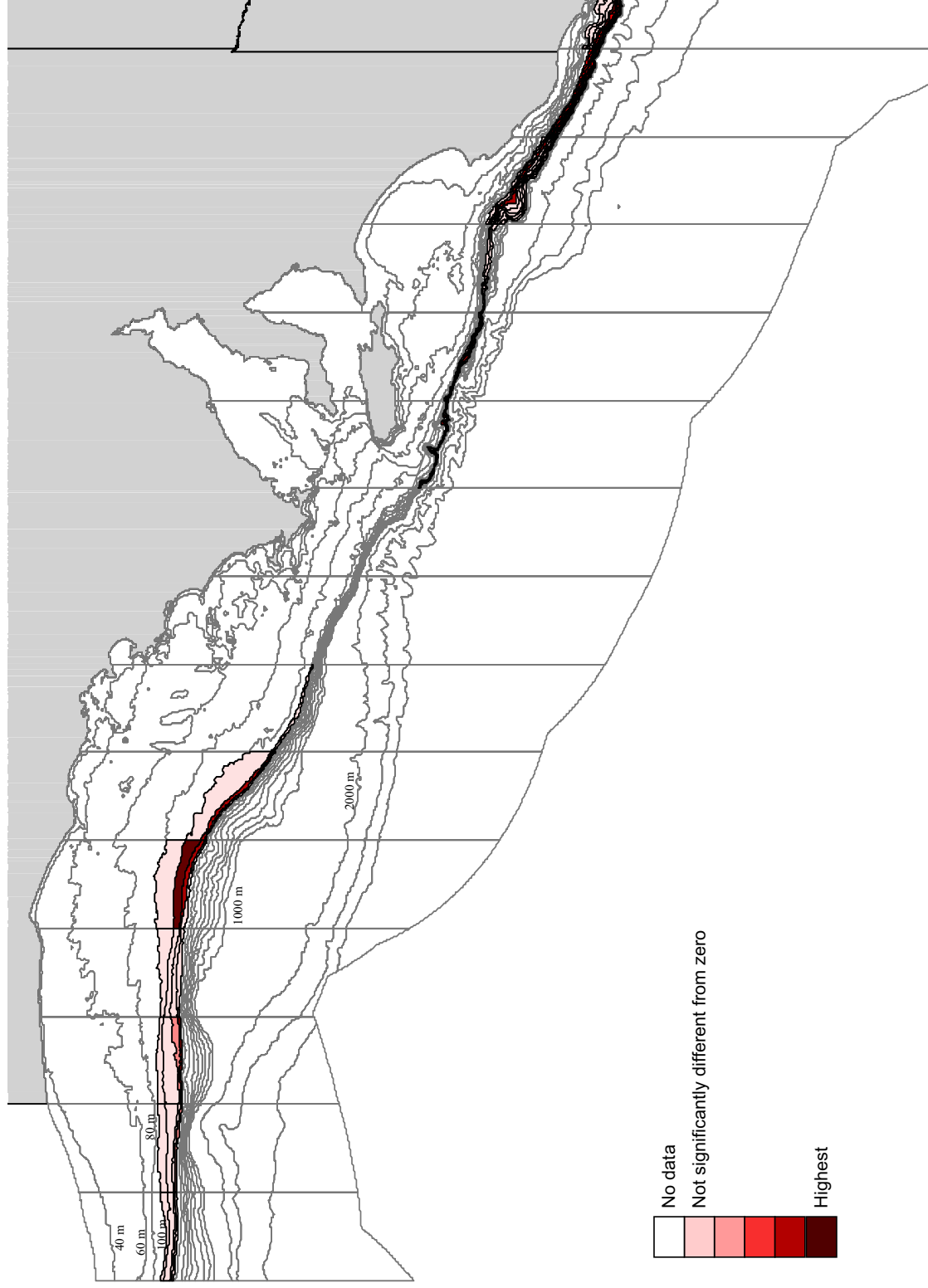
Map 2.10b. Southern fiddler ray (*Trygonorrhina fasciata*) 2000–06 SETF 0–200 m depth eastern Australia (longitude 148–151° E, latitude <38° S)



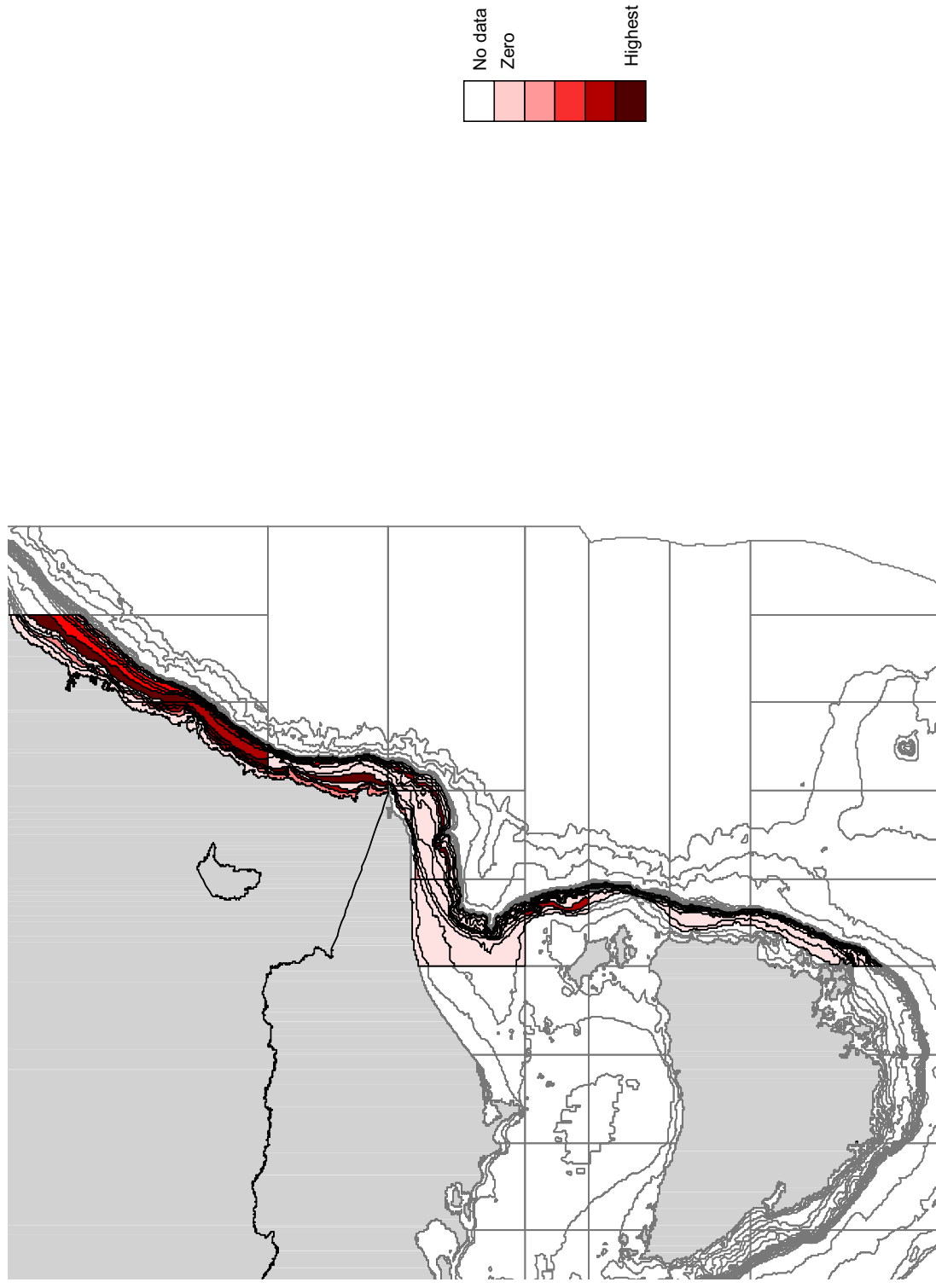
Map 2.11a. Sparsely spotted stingaree (*Urolophus paucimaculatus*) 1998–06 SETF 0–300 m depth eastern Australia (longitude 148–151° E)



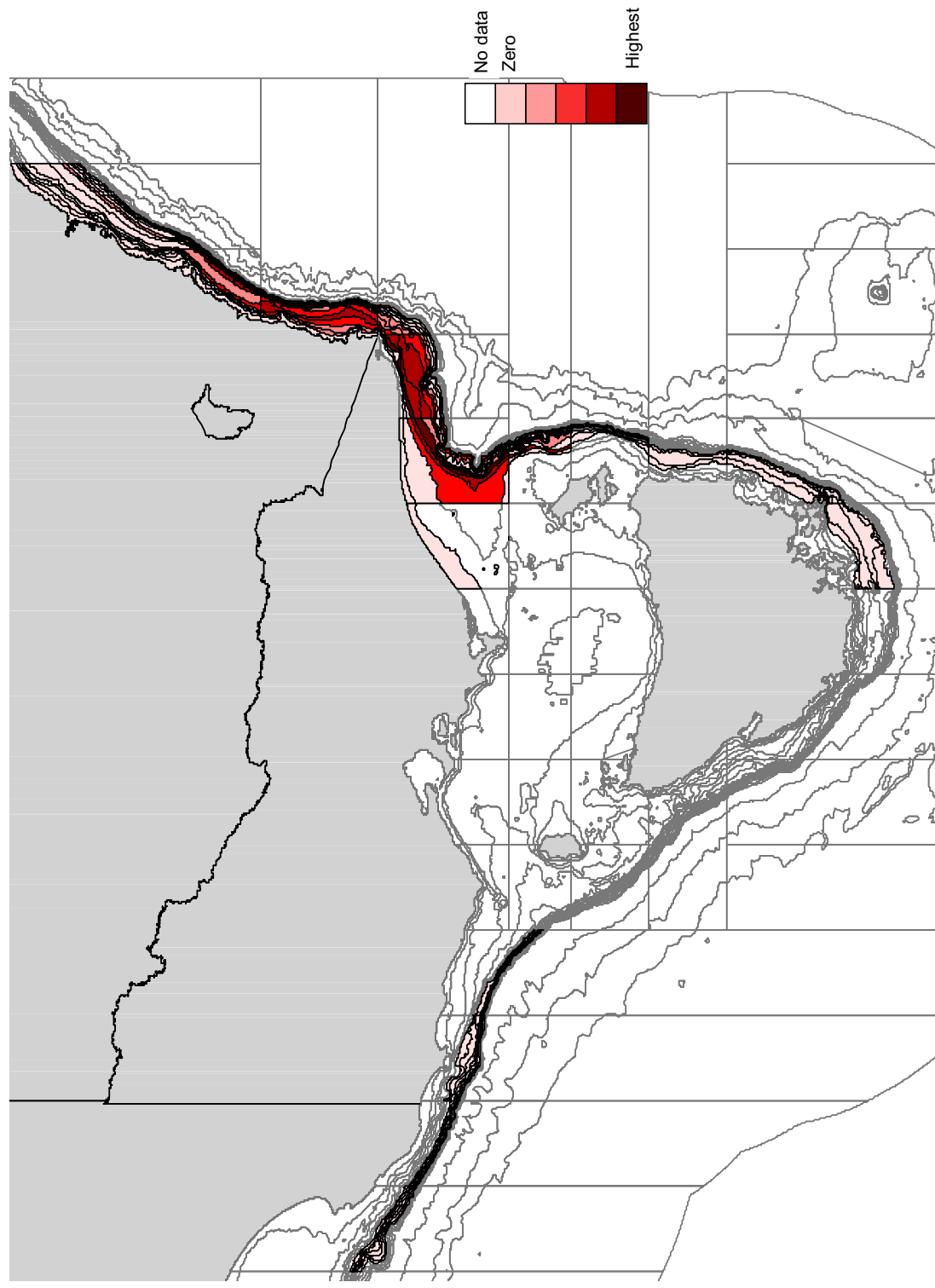
Map 2.12a. Short-tail torpedo ray (*Torpedo macneilli*) 2000–06 otter trawl 60–600 m depth southern Australia (longitude 127–151°E)



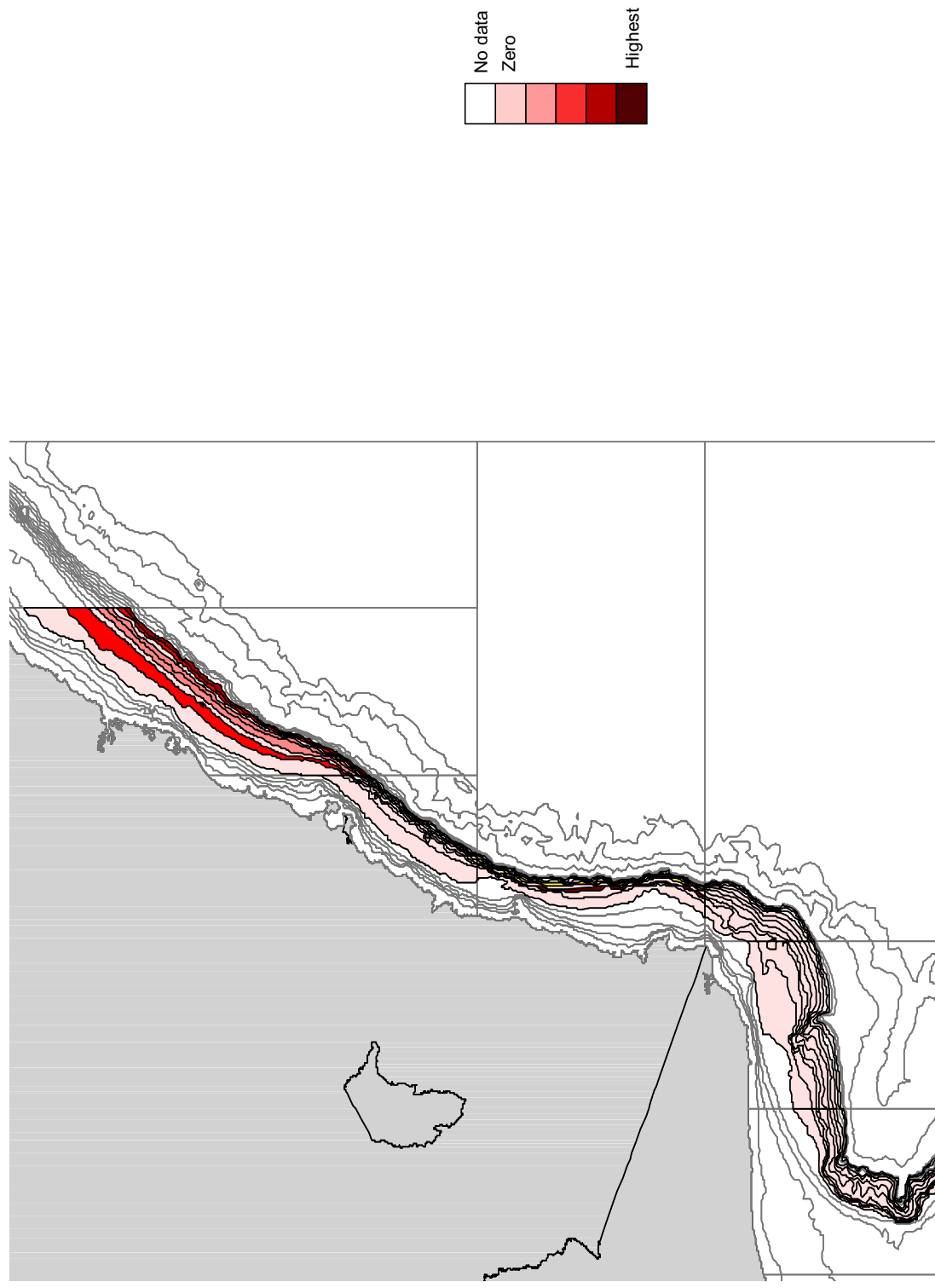
Map 2.13a. Sydney skate (*Dipturus australis*) 1998–06 SETF 60–600 m depth eastern Australia (longitude 148–151° E)



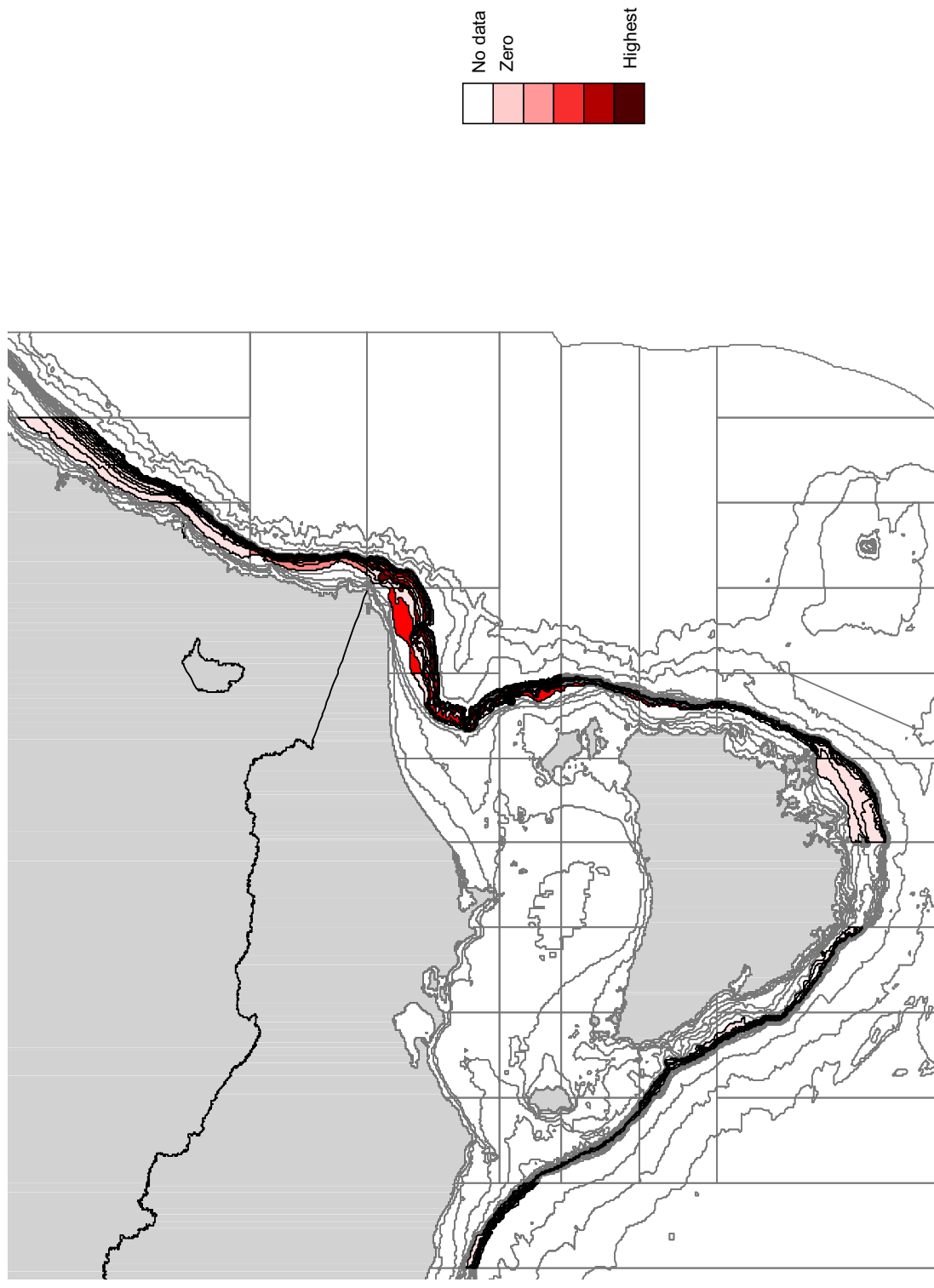
Map 2.14a. Tasmanian numbfish (*Narcine tasmaniensis*) 2000–06 otter trawl 0–600 m depth southern Australia (longitude 127–151° E)



Map 3.01 a. Blackfin ghostshark (*Hydrolagus lemmings*) 2002–06 SETF 140–1000 m depth eastern Australia (longitude 148–151° E)



Map 3.02a. Ogilbys ghostshark (*Hydrolagus ogilbyi*) 2000–06 SETF 140–1000 m depth south-eastern Australia (longitude 141–151° E)



Map 3.03a. Southern chimaera (*Chimaera* sp a) 2000–06 SETF 200–1000 m depth south-eastern Australia (longitude 136–151° E)

