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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1. This study provides information to underpin a risk assessment of the vulnerability of bycatch species to prawn trawling in Spencer Gulf. To do this, a fishery-independent survey of Spencer Gulf was undertaken using commercial prawn trawlers. All species captured (including prawns) were identified to species level or putative taxa. Data were analysed to determine the correlations of environmental factors and historical fishing effort with spatial patterns in: 1) overall species richness, biomass and abundance; 2) community structure; 3) taxonomic groups, and; 4) common species.
- 2. Samples were collected from 120 sites between Point Lowly in the north and Thistle Island in the south. Site locations were selected to represent the range of habitats and depths (10-60 m) historically targeted by prawn trawlers. Some sites were located in areas that have been closed to trawling in recent years. Trawls of approximately 30-minutes duration were conducted at each site using the standard double-rig otter trawl used for commercial prawn fishing. One level bin (96 L) of homogenised catch was retained and frozen from a single trawl net at each sampling site.
- 3. During the last 20 years, prawns were harvested from 119 of the 125 reporting blocks for the Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery. Historically trawled blocks were categorised by trawl intensity (hours trawling per km<sup>2</sup>) for 5 year periods from 1988 to 2007. For the most recent period (2003-2007), there were 6, 27 and 86 fishing blocks in the high, medium and low trawl intensity categories, respectively. High intensity blocks comprised 2.7% of the historically trawled area and they contributed >40% of commercial catch and effort. Medium intensity blocks were 17.7% of the area and contributed >45% of commercial catch and effort. Low intensity blocks were 79.5% of the area and contributed <10% of commercial catch and effort. Of the 86 low intensity blocks, 15 (9.9% of area) were not trawled during 2003-07.
- 4. A total of 4.2 tonnes of catch samples belonging to 395 species was collected. The bycatch-to-prawn ratio was 2.0:1 in areas subjected to high trawling intensities and 3.2:1 and 8.7:1 in areas subject to moderate and low intensity trawling histories, respectively.
- 5. Total catch weight (biomass) was correlated with number of individuals (abundance). Both parameters were highest in the western gulf, where nutrient-rich water from the shelf flows inwards. In contrast, species richness was highest in the east where nutrientdepleted water flows out of the gulf.
- 6. Communities were similar at sites with different trawling histories. At a whole of gulf scale, putative trawl-related differences in community structure were small compared to those associated with latitude (north-south gradient). Four communities were identified: northern, mid-northern, central and southern.
- 7. Fish, prawns and crabs dominated the catch and together comprised 96% of the total abundance and 82% of the total biomass. These motile taxa also represented 38% of the total species richness. Degens leatherjacket, western king prawn and blue swimmer crab were the most common species encountered in the survey, individually occurring at more than 74% of sites and collectively accounting for 74% of the total abundance and 52% of the total biomass. In contrast, most other species were uncommon, with 74% occurring at fewer than 10% of sites. The abundances and biomasses of six of the 20 most common species (i.e. western king prawn, blue swimmer crab, rough leatherjacket, southern calamary, little scorpion fish and strawberry prawn) were significantly higher on moderate-to-heavily fished trawl grounds than grounds that have received low levels of trawling effort in recent years. In contrast, five of the 20 most common species (i.e. silverbelly, red mullet, silver whiting, doughboy scallop and bridled leatherjacket) had

significantly lower biomasses and abundances (red mullet only) on the most intensively trawled grounds.

- 8. The dominant species group, i.e. fish, explained most of the spatial patterns in community structure. However, a similar latitudinal gradient was observed in the invertebrates. Importantly, there was a significant correlation between the fish and invertebrate communities, with over 50% of the variation in the among-site relationships for fish explained by the among-site relationships in invertebrates. This suggests that these groups were strongly coupled, probably because sessile invertebrates (sponges) provide habitats for fishes. The importance of invertebrates on community structure suggests that the observed patterns may be temporally robust (i.e. independent of the timing of surveys).
- 9. The whole of gulf scale variations in community structure we observed did not appear to be related to trawl intensity. However, there were significantly lower biomasses of poriferans, bryozoans and fish in heavily trawled areas. These results correspond with previous studies which have shown that a) trawling can significantly reduce the abundance and biomass of poriferans and bryozoans, and b) that a reduction in these taxa can result in a reduction in the abundance and biomass of fish. Unfortunately, as there are no quantitative data on the benthic communites of Spencer Gulf prior to the commencement of prawn trawling, these hypotheses could not be formally tested. However, evidence such as the presence of several species of porifera in both the north and south of the gulf but an absence of these species in heavily trawled sites, suggest that prawn trawling is likely to have had detectable deleterious effects on the benthic faunal communities of Spencer Gulf.
- 10. Seven of the 395 species collected during the survey are listed under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act)* as threatened, endangered or protected. All seven species belong to the Family Syngnathidae, which comprises seahorses, seadragons and pipefish. The total survey catch of 112 individuals included tiger pipefish (7), bigbelly seahorse (21), Macleays crested pipefish (1), brushtail pipefish (16), leafy seadragon (21), common seadragon (41) and spotted pipefish (5). The ecological consequences of prawn trawling for syngnathids are unknown. South Australian Museum records indicate that 11 other species of syngnathid have been recorded in Spencer Gulf but were not captured during this survey.
- 11. This study provides critical information on the spatial distribution of benthic organisms in Spencer Gulf and establishes a baseline for future assessments of the impacts of trawling. Future studies should account for structural differences among the four benthic communities identified in this study, and involve sampling areas that are both open and closed to commercial prawn trawling. Additional information that is needed to support future assessment includes: 1) seasonal patterns in the distribution of motile taxa and species composition of the catch; 2) species-specific changes in catch rates during commercial fishing (i.e. depletion studies); and 3) rates of post-trawl survival of species that are vulnerable to trawling, especially threatened, endangered and protected species.

# **1 INTRODUCTION**

#### **1.1 Impacts of trawling**

Benthic communities are important functional components of estuarine ecosystems. Benthic organisms play a significant role in the diets of many seabirds and marine mammals and can profoundly influence the abundance and species composition of these tertiary consumers (Skagen and Oman, 1996; Bowen, 1997). Many benthic organisms also play an important role in the recycling of nutrients and the maintenance of water quality within estuarine systems (Harris, 1999; Peterson and Heck, 1999). Understanding factors that underpin community structure is important for the ecological sustainable management of estuaries.

Multiple biotic and abiotic factors affect the distribution of shallow-water benthic fauna and flora. Important physical influences include depth (Gray, 1981), sediment structure (Sundberg and Kennedy, 1993), salinity (Gaston and Nasci, 1988) and hydrology (Pearson and Rosenberg, 1987). Key biological factors include predation (Peterson, 1979), competition (Wilson, 1990) and recruitment (Olafsson *et al.*, 1994). Estuarine benthic communities also respond to a range of human-induced impacts, including organic enrichment (Pearson and Rosenberg, 1987), chemical pollution (Warwick, 1988) and commercial fishing (Blaber *et al.*, 2000). Few generalisations have emerged regarding the dominant processes structuring estuarine benthos, perhaps because structuring forces vary among estuaries.

Demersal trawling has significant impacts on estuarine benthic habitats and species (Andrew and Pepperell, 1992; Dayton *et al.*, 1995; Jennings and Kaiser, 1998; Thrush and Dayton, 2002; Svane *et al.*, 2009). High mortality rates of by-catch species and significant modifications to community structure have been widely reported (Jennings and Kaiser, 1998; Tanner, 2003). Typically, trawling dislodges attached epifauna and flattens existing topographical features (Jennings and Kaiser 1998) which can disrupt sediment stratification, destroy burrows and other structures and reduce the number of ecological niches available (Sainsbury, 1988; Kaiser *et al.*, 2000). Such changes can have cascade effects on ecosystem function (Pinnegar *et al.*, 2000).

Increasing environmental awareness has focused attention on the need to assess the biological impacts of trawling (reviewed by Jennings and Kaiser, 1998; Thrush and Dayton, 2002). However, trawling impacts are difficult to assess because of the complexity of the biological communities and our limited understanding of their natural variability (Messieh *et al.*, 1991). This problem is further complicated by the high costs associated with collecting, sorting and identifying benthic samples. Cost constraints have frequently necessitated compromises in the intensity, distribution, frequency and longevity of sampling programs. There are few long-term datasets with high levels of spatial and temporal replication on changes in community structure associated with trawling.

### 1.2 Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery

Spencer Gulf is a shallow embayment <40 metres depth in northern areas and up to 60 metres depth in southern areas. Sediments are predominately sand and mud. Seagrass habitats are common at depths <10 metres, where trawling is prohibited. Due to the minimal freshwater inputs and high summer evaporation rates, Spencer Gulf is an inverse estuary, with salinity increasing towards the head of the gulf resulting in a mean annual salinity of ~45 ppt (Nunes & Lennon 1986; Nunes Vaz *et al.*, 1990).

The Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery (SGPF) is managed by Primary Industries and Resources South Australia (PIRSA) under the framework provided by the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*. It is a limited entry fishery with 39 licensed operators. Fishers are entitled to harvest the target species western king prawn, *Melicertus latisulcatus*, and two by-product species:

southern calamary, *Sepioteuthis australis*, and Balmain bug, *Ibacus peronii*. Vessels are permitted to use double-rigged, demersal otter-trawls (Figure 1). Considerable technological advancements have been made in the fishery including the use of "crab bags" within the nets to exclude mega-fauna by-catch, and "hoppers" for efficient sorting and grading of prawns of and rapid return of by-catch. Trawling is not permitted during daylight hours. Gear restrictions include vessel size and power, type and number of trawl nets towed, maximum headline length and minimum mesh sizes. There are generally 6 fishing periods within each fishing year. Each fishing period lasts a maximum of 18 nights from the last to first quarters of the moon in November, December, March, April, May and June. Commercial trawl shots are generally less than 1 hour duration.

The SGPF produces approximately 2,000 t of western king prawns annually (Figure 2). Commercial prawn trawling in Spencer Gulf began in 1967 and large areas have been trawled at varying intensities (Carrick, 2003). Catches and trawling intensity increased dramatically over the first six years of the fishery. In 1973/74 more than 2,000 t of prawns were harvested with approximately 25,000 hrs of fishing effort (Figure 2). Since then, annual catches have remained relatively stable (~1,300-2,500 t). Fishing effort has declined from a peak of 45,786 hrs in 1978/79 to 18,438 hrs in 2007/08. The reduction in the number of hours trawled has occurred because the fleet works cooperatively to maximise economic returns and reduce costs. Pre-fishing surveys are conducted to identify areas that support high densities of large (high value) prawns. Fishing is formally confined to these areas through legislative notices signed by a delegate of the Minister for Fisheries. There are several areas of the Gulf that have not been fished for many years. These closure areas were determined by industry, and are identified on each legislative notice documented by Government.

Since 1999, the export of prawns from the Spencer Gulf has been controlled under the wildlife protection provisions of the *Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act* (DEH, 2004). To gain export status under the act (Part 13 and 13A), the South Australian Government must demonstrate that harvesting strategies for the fishery are ecologically sustainable. This includes demonstrating that impacts on the structure, productivity, function and biological diversity of the ecosystem are minimised. In 2004, the Commonwealth Government provided recommendations to enhance the ecologically sustainable fishing of prawns in the Spencer Gulf (DEH, 2004). These include recommendations to assess and mitigate ecological impacts on 1) by-catch species, 2) by-product species and 3) Threatened, Endangered and Protected species.

### **1.3** By-catch research

Several research projects have been conducted to obtain information on the ecological consequences of prawn trawling in Spencer Gulf. These studies have concentrated on documenting the magnitude and composition of non-target (by-catch) species captured incidentally during commercial fishing operations (Carrick, 1997), determining the fates and consequences of discarded by-catch (Svane, 2003, 2005; Svane *et al.*, 2007, 2008) and impacts on benthic habitats and assemblages (Svane *et al.*, 2009). While these studies provide important information on by-catch, their focus on small areas of Spencer Gulf has limited their use for assessing trawling impacts at the scale of the fishery.

Few consistent patterns have emerged on the dominant components of the catch composition from prawn trawlers in Spencer Gulf, possibly as a result of spatial and temporal differences among surveys. Carrick (1997) reported that the by-catch composition in commercial trawls at 32 sites in the northern and central Spencer Gulf during February 1996 was dominated by small fin-fish which comprised 97% of the total by-catch by weight. In contrast, Svane *et al.* (2007) found that sessile benthos (i.e. sponges, bryozoans, bivalves) were the dominant by-catch group (by average weight) at five sites in the northern Spencer Gulf sampled during fishery independent surveys in October 2004 and January 2005. Svane *et al.* (2007) also

found relatively high proportions of sand trevally, blue crabs, sharks and rays in the by-catch. Few data are available to assess the diversity of organisms caught as by-catch in the Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery. Carrick (1997) provides a list of 106 by-catch species that included fish, crustaceans or molluscs and motile invertebrates, but not sessile biota. Svane *et al.*, (2007) reported by-catch in broad faunal categories (e.g. miscellaneous fish, benthos), which also limited assessment of by-catch biodiversity. While there are sound practical reasons for aggregating catch composition data into broad functional groups (e.g. field data can be acquired rapidly with limited taxonomic expertise), determining the identity and distributions of all captured species is necessary to evaluate ecological risk.

Many protected species including syngnathids (sea dragons, seahorses and pipefish), blue groper, marine turtles, white sharks, dolphins, seals and whales occur in Spencer Gulf, but levels of interaction with prawn trawlers are poorly understood. Some data on the capture rates of protected species have been recorded in commercial logbooks. However, few fishers have provided this information and the quality of data is unknown (Dixon *et al.*, 2005). Reporting the capture of protected species became mandatory in 2008. There are two reports on the interactions of the Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery with endangered, threatened or protected species. Carrick (1999) demonstrated that the capture of marine turtles in the fishery is extremely rare, while Svane (2005) showed that dolphins were significant consumers of prawn trawl by-catch during hauling.

Robust determination of the effects of trawling is complicated by financial and political issues in establishing appropriate experimental designs, e.g. including replicated control sites in untrawled areas. Spatial confounding of differences in community structure associated with environmental factors and levels of trawling effort has complicated interpretation of the results of many studies (Lindegarth *et. al.* 2000). However, a few replicated experiments have effectively demonstrated the negative effects of prawn trawling on sessile epibenthos. For example, Tanner (2003) experimentally showed the effects of prawn trawling in areas of Gulf St Vincent that had not been fished commerically for 15–20 years prior to that study.

The issues associated with quantitatively determining the direct effects of trawling have meant that most studies have focused on determining species composition, distribution patterns and relative abundance. One can, however, determine correlations between the composition of the catch and the abiotic factors that may affect it, such as trawling effort or environmental parameters. Svane *et al.* (2009) documented a negative correlation between commercial trawling effort and the biomass and abundance of by-catch at five sites in Spencer Gulf, and suggested that the observed differences among sites were caused by variations in trawl histories. This conclusion was based on the assumption that the confounding effects of differences among the sites associated with biophysical factors were minor. Here, we evaluate correlations with trawl effort history as well as a number of potential environmental factors, on the catch composition and community structure of the Spencer Gulf prawn trawl grounds.

#### **1.4** Aims and objectives

This study provides information to underpin a risk assessment of the vulnerability of by-catch species to the trawling activity of the Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery. The specific aims are:

- 1. To describe species composition and spatial distribution patterns of prawn trawl catch throughout Spencer Gulf.
- 2. To investigate relationships of i) historical trawl effort and ii) environmental parameters with:
  - a. overall species richness, abundance and biomass
  - b. community structure
  - c. taxonomic groups
  - d. common species
- 3. To assess catches of threatened, endangered or protected species.

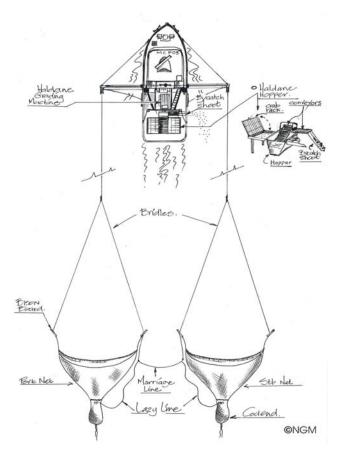


Figure 1. Double-rigged demeral otter trawl and location of hopper system used for sorting and prawn systems in the Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery. Figure reproduced from Carrick (2003).

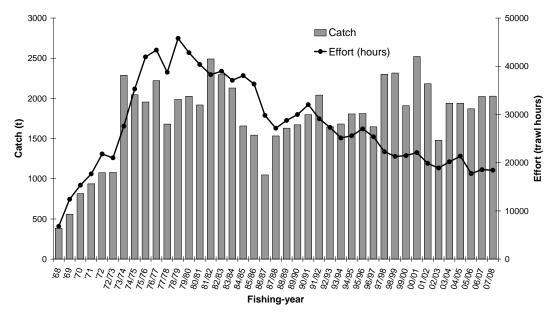


Figure 2. Total catch (t) and effort (hours) for Spencer Gulf from 1968 to 2007/08. Data for 1968-1972 are reported as calendar year. Data for 1972/73 are from January to October 1973. From 1973/74 data are from November to October each year (season).

# 2 METHODS

### 2.1 Catch sampling

Catch samples were collected from 120 sites in Spencer Gulf (Figure 3) trawled by eight commercial prawn trawlers over 4 successive nights (16-19 February 2007). The sites were selected *a priori* to provide a context for evaluating historical levels of fishing effort and were allocated, where practical, to one of the 125 fishery reporting blocks for Spencer Gulf (Figure 4). Sites were also stratified to reflect the range of depths (>10 m) historically fished and to maximise the variety of sediments (e.g. mud, sand, gravel, rhodolith) and sea-scapes (e.g. banks, gutters, bays) sampled.

Trawls of approximately 30-minute duration were conducted at each site using standard double-rig prawn gear (2 x 14.63 m-wide nets with 4.5 cm diamond mesh cod-ends). To maintain consistent ground coverage skippers were asked to maintain a speed over-ground of 3 knots. This was not always possible due to variations in tidal currents. Accordingly, the positions of the start and end points of each shot were recorded on a GPS plotter to provide accurate measures of trawl path and distance. Time-stamped depth profiles were also recorded on data-loggers attached to the otter boards to accurately determine the area of seafloor swept at each site.

One level fish bin (96 L) of homogenised catch was retained and frozen from a single trawl net at each sampling site. All large sharks and rays (>0.5 m length/width) that could not be effectively sub-sampled in each fishbin were individually measured and weighed before being released. The remaining catch was then weighed before being processed by the crew; with commercial sized prawns and by-product removed and the by-catch discarded overboard.

## 2.2 Laboratory processing

The entire contents of each sample was sorted into component taxa (i.e. fish, invertebrates, seagrass and algae) in the laboratory before being individually identified, counted, measured and weighed. During this process, fragments of the same non-unitary organism (e.g. colonial ascidians and plants) were consolidated and collectively weighed and counted as a single entity. Voucher specimens of all species collected were preserved in 70% ethanol and retained for future reference in the SARDI collection. Representative samples of fish guts (up to10/species/site) were also dissected from the by-catch samples and preserved in 10% formaldehyde solution to support future dietary studies.

### 2.3 Database

A relational MS Access database (SG\_By-catch.mbd) was constructed to archive all data obtained during the by-catch survey. This database is presently held on the PIRSA server at \\Pirsaf02\USER8\Wild Fisheries\Prawns\By-catch Survey 2007\Database, and includes three primary tables:

*Vessel* - information related to each trawl shot position and duration. *Species* - identification codes and taxonomic nomenclature for each organism. *Laboratory* - individual measurement for all sub-samples processed in the laboratory.

In an effort to limit errors in this database, an intensive cross validation procedure was applied. A detailed account of all quality assurance procedures undertaken during this process is provided in Appendix 1.

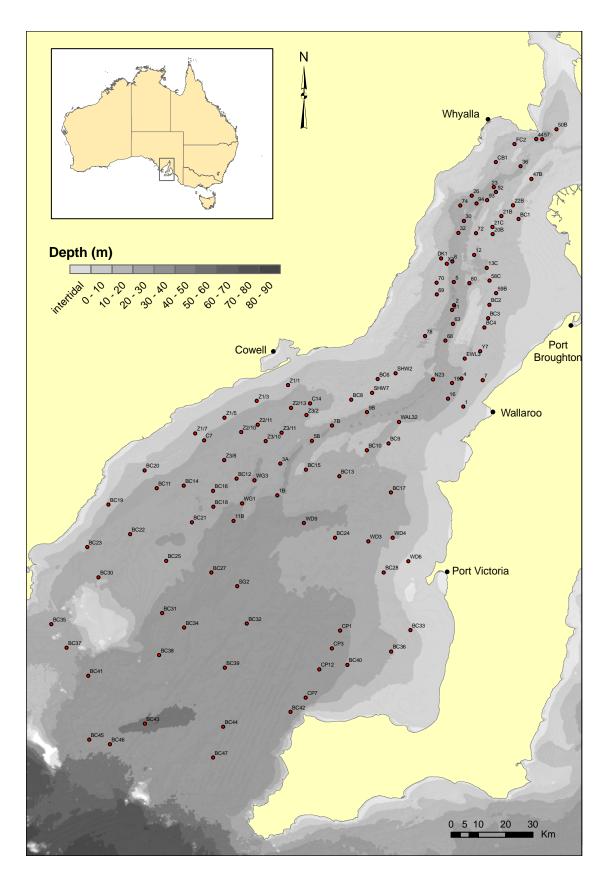


Figure 3. Bathymetric map of the Spencer Gulf showing the locations (small filled circles) of 120 sites sampled by commercial prawn trawlers during February 2007.

## 2.4 Data standardisation

Prior to all analyses, species abundance and biomass measures were standardised as either number (n) or weight (g) per area trawled (hectares, ha). The area A swept by each shot was estimated as follows:

$$A = (H * S * D) / 10,000$$

where *H* was the headline length of the net (i.e. 14.63 = 0.5\*29.26 m (maximum permissible headline length for a double otter-trawl configuration)), *S* was the net spread factor (i.e. 0.75 from Carrick, 1996) and *D* was the distance trawled. Division by 10,000 converts the area from square metres to hectares.

By-catch ratios were calculated as the sum of the standardised weight of by-catch versus the sum of the standardised weight of prawns.

### 2.5 Environmental parameters

Temperature-depth profiles were recorded at each sampling site using data loggers attached to the otter boards of the trawl gear. Distance from top of gulf was calculated for each site as the straight line distance from Port Augusta.

### 2.6 Trawling history

For the period 1988 to 2007 the annual number of hours fished in each of 119 trawled reporting blocks (each 29 to 1031 km<sup>2</sup>) was estimated from fishing effort data (hours fished per day per fisher) provided by licence holders to SARDI Aquatic Sciences. These data were standardised by the area of the reporting block (km<sup>2</sup>) and averaged over four separate 5-year periods (1988-1992, 1993-1997, 1998-2002, 2003-2007).

As the most commonly caught species in Spencer Gulf were relatively short-lived (<5 years) and spawn annually, we used levels of prawn trawling effort over the last 5-years (2003-2007) to assign reporting blocks to categories of high, moderate and low fishing effort (Appendix 2). Some blocks included in the low trawl effort category for 2003-2007.

### 2.7 Data analysis

One-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) was used to test differences in total species richness, abundance and biomass of captured species across three fishing block groupings subjected to low, moderate and high levels of historical trawling effort. Differences in abundance and biomass were also tested independently for the 20 most commonly caught species, and the byproduct species southern calamary, *Sepioteuthis australis*, and Balmain bug, *Ibacus peronii*. This test could not be applied to the majority of other taxa due to their low and variable densities. Prior to conducting all ANOVAs, homogeneity of variance was examined using Levene's test and heterogeneity removed where necessary by  $log_{10}(n+1)$  and 1/(n+1) transformations.

Variations in community structure between the 120 trawl sites were examined using Bray-Curtis (B-C) dissimilarity measures (Bray and Curtis, 1957). This dissimilarity measure was chosen because it is not affected by joint absences, and it has consistently performed well in preserving ecological distance in a variety of simulations on different types of data (Field *et al.*, 1982; Faith *et al.*, 1987). Single square-root transformations were applied to the data before calculating the B-C dissimilarity measures to prevent a small number of abundant species from influencing the dissimilarity measures excessively (Clarke, 1993). The computer package PRIMER was used to generate B-C dissimilarities and to undertake all multivariate analyses (Clarke and Gorley, 2001). Initially, differences in B-C community structure between low, moderate, and highly fished areas were tested using analysis of similarity (ANOSIM). A combination of hierarchical agglomerative clustering and non-metric multidimensional scaling (MDS) was then used to group sites according to their B-C community composition. This was complimented by a similarity percentage test (SIMPER) to determine those species contributing most to within and among site groupings.

To examine the cumulative influences of trawling on trophic structure, relationships between the three key trophic groupings (i.e. fish, invertebrates, plants/algae) were tested using the RELATE permutation procedure of Clarke and Gorley (2001). The extent to which measured environmental variables (i.e. depth, location, temperature, sediment grain-size) accounted for groupings was also tested using the BIOENV routine of Clarke and Ainsworth (1993).

## 3 **RESULTS**

#### **3.1** Environmental parameters

Average sea surface temperature was  $24.04\pm0.04$ °C in the north and  $23.15\pm0.09$ °C in the south. Bottom water temperature was  $23.91\pm0.03$ °C in the north and  $22.48\pm0.07$ °C in the south of the gulf. Depth trawled during the survey ranged from 12 to 55 m.

### 3.2 Trawling history

During the last 20 years, prawns were harvested from 119 of the 125 fishing blocks in Spencer Gulf. The six unfished blocks represented 3.5% of the total area of fishing blocks and were not included in analyses. Despite apparent shifts in trawling effort, including a decline in effort in the northern blocks of the gulf since 2002, it is evident that most trawling has been concentrated in the same areas of the gulf since at least 1987 (Figure 4). In particular, high intensity trawling (>10 hours fishing per km<sup>2</sup>) has consistently occurred in the near-shore waters off Wallaroo (i.e. blocks 43 and 44) and around Middlebank (i.e. blocks 31 and 36). Several blocks surrounding these areas and extending along the main channel to the south (42, 46, 51, 52, 53, 55 and 64) also consistently support moderate levels of fishing effort (1-10 hours fishing per km<sup>2</sup>). In contrast, most blocks situated near the coast, or in the southern reaches of the gulf, consistently incur low levels of trawling (0-1 hours fishing per km<sup>2</sup>).

Of the 119 historically fished blocks, six were designated as high trawl intensity for 2003-2007. These represented 2.7% of the historically fished area and comprised >40% of total catch and effort for this period (Table 1). A further 27 blocks were designated as medium intensity and comprised 17.7% of the area and >45% of total catch and effort. The 86 low intensity fishing blocks comprised 79.5% of the area and contributed <10% of total catch and effort. It should be noted that 15 blocks (9.9% of area) were not fished during 2003-2007, but are included as low intensity as they had been previously fished. Of the 120 survey shots, 10 shots (5 trawl hours), 27 shots (13 h) and 83 shots (39 h) were located in high, medium and low intensity blocks, respectively. It should also be noted that calculations of trawling intensity and area are based on the total area of fishing blocks, and do not necessarily reflect the actual area trawled within each block.

Intensity	No. of blocks	No. of survey shots	Proportion of historically fished area	% of commercial effort	% of commercial catch
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High	6	10	2.7%	41.5%	47.5%
Medium	27	27	17.7%	48.7%	45.5%
Low	86	83	79.5%	9.8%	7.0%

 Table 1. Survey and fishery statistics for high, medium and low intensity fishing blocks from 2003-2007.

### 3.3 Species composition and spatial distribution

#### 3.3.1 *Captured species*

A total of 4.2 t of catch samples were collected from 120 sites trawled during the survey. From this, 395 species were identified from 12 phyla: Chordata (fish), Crustacea, Porifera (sponges), Mollusca, Chlorophyta, Phaeophyta, Rhodophyta, Magnoliophyta, Bryozoa, Urochordata, Cnideria and Echinodermata.

Detailed information for each species is provided in Appendix 3, including:

- a laboratory photograph, taxonomic classification and common name(s),
- a map of its spatial distribution, list of sites captured, and depth and size range of capture
- average biomass, rank biomass, average abundance and rank abundance.

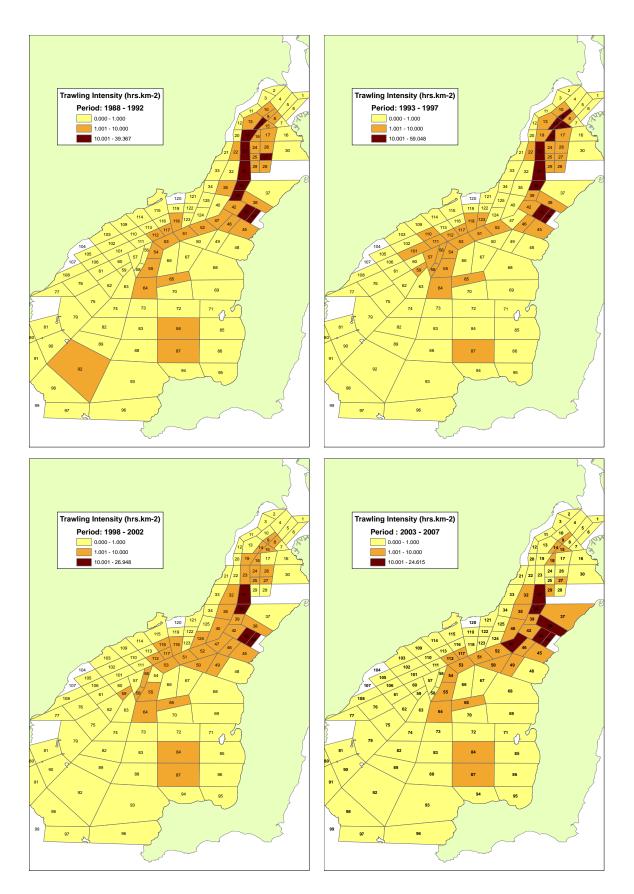


Figure 4. Map of mean (5-year average) prawn trawling effort (hours fished /  $km^2$ ) reported for 119 fishing bocks in Spencer Gulf between 1988 and 2007.

### 3.3.2 By-catch to prawn ratio

The by-catch to prawn ratio was  $6.0 \pm 1.0$ :1 across the 120 sites surveyed. When considering trawl effort intensity, the by-catch to prawn ratio at high fishing intensity sites (n = 10) was  $2.0 \pm 0.6$ :1, while at medium fishing intensity sites (n = 27) the by-catch to prawn ratio was  $3.2 \pm 0.9$ :1 and at low fishing intensity sites (n = 83) it was  $8.7 \pm 1.8$ :1.

#### 3.4 Relationships with trawl effort history and environmental parameters

#### 3.4.1 Overall species richness, abundance and biomass

Overall species abundances and biomasses were highly correlated (Table 2). Distributional patterns of abundance and biomass were broadly similar (Figure 5). In general, the western side of the gulf supported the highest abundances and biomasses, while the eastern side (particularly the south-eastern region) supported the lowest abundances and biomasses. In contrast, species richness was generally higher in areas supporting low numbers of individuals and biomasses, as demonstrated by the significant negative correlations between species richness and both these parameters (Table 2).

**Table 2.** Spearman's rank correlation coefficients between depth, latitude, longitude, distance (from top of gulf TOG), bottom temperature, and abundance, biomass and richness. The sample-size for all correlations = 120. Significant correlations are denoted at the \*\*1% level and \*5% level.

	Depth	Latitude	Longitude	Distance	Temperature	Abundance	Biomass
Depth							
Latitude	-0.568**						
Longitude	-0.630**	0.832**					
Distance from TOG	0.659**	-0.992**	-0.879**				
Temperature	-0.584**	0.863**	0.683**	-0.851**			
Abundance	-0.096	0.304**	0.076	-0.280**	0.226*		
Biomass	-0.025	0.142	0.013	-0.120	0.127	0.783**	
Richness	-0.030	-0.152	0.057	0.120	-0.153	-0.457**	-0.247**

Because of the generally lower abundances recorded in the south-eastern gulf, weak but significant correlations occurred between abundance and latitude (and it's proxy - distance from the top of the gulf). In addition, abundance was also weakly correlated with bottom temperature (which characteristically decreased with increased depth and latitude). No other bio-physical interdependencies were detected.

Mean species richness was highest (39 species per hectare) in areas subjected to low levels of trawling over recent years and lowest (36 species per hectare) in areas subjected to the highest effort levels (Figure 6). Similar trends were observed in overall abundance and biomass. The mean number of organisms caught was more than twice as high in areas trawled with low intensity than those subjected to the highest levels of effort (1402 *vs.* 575 individuals per hectare; Figure 6). Likewise, mean biomass on grounds subjected to low levels of recent fishing effort were approximately twice as high as those of grounds subjected to higher levels (42,109 *vs.* 21,825 grams per hectare; Figure 6). Notably, whilst the differences in mean abundance and biomass by trawl intensity were large, they were not statistically significant (Table 3). This was likely due to the exceptionally high abundance and biomass at a small number of stations (BC37, BC41 and 3A) which resulted in low power in the ANOVA test (<0.24).

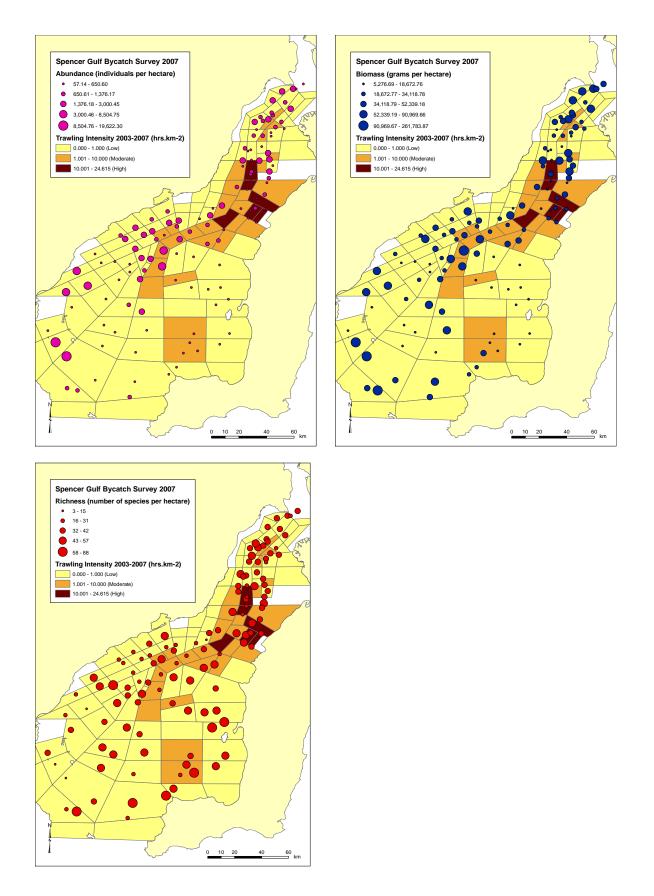


Figure 5. Bubble plots of abundance, biomass and richness at 120 trawl sites in the Spencer Gulf surveyed during February 2007. Note all values presented are standardised to an area of one hectare (1 ha) and are overlayed on a map of mean prawn trawling effort (hours fished /  $km^2$ ) reported for 119 fishing bocks in Spencer Gulf for the 5-year period between 2003 and 2007.

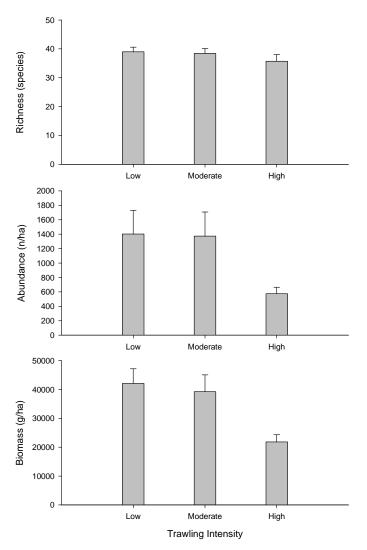


Figure 6. Bar graphs showing mean ( $\pm$  s.e) species richness (per shot), abundance and biomass (per hectare) of total catch collected from three areas of the Spencer Gulf subject to low (<1 hour fishing per km<sup>2</sup>, n = 83), moderate (1-10 hours fishing per km<sup>2</sup>, n = 27) and high levels (>10 hours fishing per km<sup>2</sup>, n = 10) of prawn trawling effort over the period 2003 to 2007.

**Table 3**. Results of one-way ANOVA's on differences in species richness, abundance and biomass across three areas of the Spencer Gulf subject to low, moderate and high levels of prawn trawling over the period 2003 to 2007.

Dependent	Source	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Significance	<b>Power</b> (α=0.05)
Richness	Between Groups	97.119	2	48.559	0.288	0.751	0.237
	Within Groups	19756.348	117	168.858			
	Total	19853.467	119				
Abundance	Between Groups	6186034.095	2	3093017.048	0.452	0.638	0.122
	Within Groups	8.008E8	117	6844618.850			
	Total	8.070E8	119				
Biomass	Between Groups	3.682E9	2	1.841E9	1.088	0.340	0.095
	Within Groups	1.979E11	117	1.692E9			
	Total	2.016E11	119				

#### 3.4.2 Community structure

The primary MDS ordination (Figures 7) shows differences in community structure at the 120 trawl sites surveyed during February 2007. The stress coefficient (0.19) indicates that the ordination is not unduly distorted (Clarke, 1993) and is a fair representation of the input dissimilarities in two dimensions. In this ordination, there is considerable overlap in the spread of site numbers, and no clear patterns are readily apparent.

When symbols representing different trawl intensities are superimposed on the ordination (Figure 8) it is clear that low intensity trawling sites are scattered widely. In contrast, moderate and high intensity sites integrate as a less defuse group towards the right-hand edge of the plot. This pattern indicates that similar assemblages of captured species were obtained from sites that have received different levels of trawling intensity in recent years (2003-2007). An analysis of similarity test (ANOSIM) provides a formal assessment of the spatial differences in assemblage structure of captured species between sites identified *a priori* as being subject to low, moderate and high levels of trawl effort. As the observed *R* statistic (-0.152) falls within the main body of the distribution, there is no evidence for any trawl intensity-related differences in community structure.

When symbols representing different regions of the gulf were superimposed on the primary MDS ordination, a distinct latitudinal pattern is evident (Figure 9). Notably, symbols for sites sampled in the north, mid-north, central and south form quite discrete groupings and plot sequentially on the ordination from left to right. This pattern is also present when abundance rather than biomass data are used in the ordination, and highlights a robust and progressive shift in the community structure of captured species between the most northerly and southerly regions of the gulf (Figure 10).

The PRIMER routine BIOENV was used to assess the correspondence and significance of environmental and trawl intensity data to the four site groupings identified in the MDS analysis. Measures of latitude and longitude were excluded from these analyses because they are highly correlated and co-varied with the distance from the top of the Gulf (TOG). The best fit was with TOG distance ( $\rho w = 0.567$ ), which in combination with depth gave a best fit of  $\rho w = 0.641$ . The remaining two variables considered in the analyses (temperature and trawling intensity) were apparently unrelated to the patterns in site groupings.

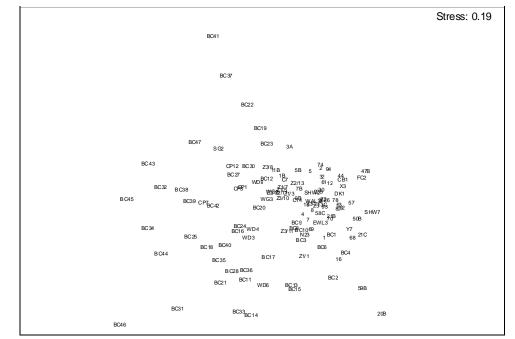


Figure 7. Non-metric MDS plot of by-catch community structure at 120 trawl sites in Spencer Gulf.

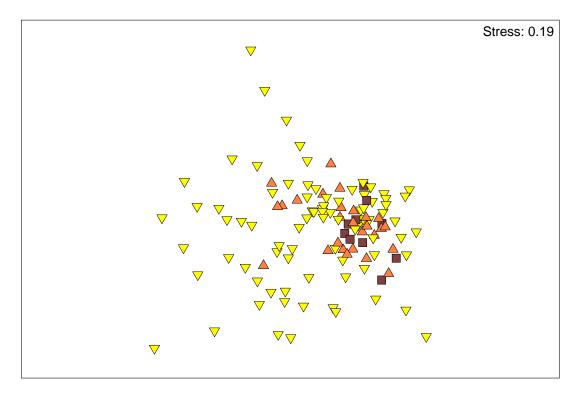


Figure 8. Non-metric MDS plots of average trawling intensity for period 2003-2007 superimposed on community ordination: yellow triangles = low intensity (<1 hours fishing per km<sup>2</sup>), orange triangles = moderate intensity (1-10 hours fishing per km<sup>2</sup>), brown squares = high intensity (10-25 hours fishing per km<sup>2</sup>).

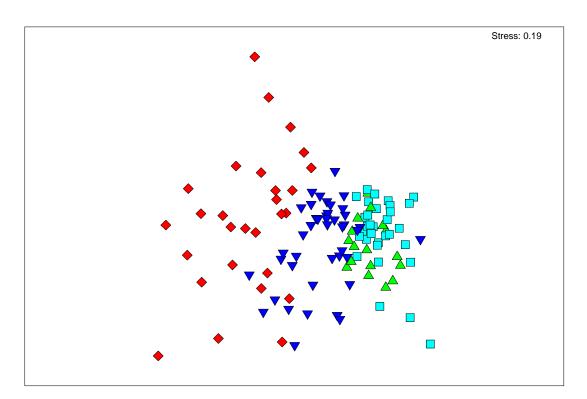


Figure 9. Non-metric MDS plots of bycatch community structure at 120 trawl sites sampled in Spencer Gulf during February 2007 with regional symbols superimposed on ordination: light-blue squares = north (<120 km from top of gulf (TOG)), green triangles = mid-north (120-160 km from TOG), dark-blue triangles = central (160-220 km from TOG), red diamonds = south (220-300 km from TOG).

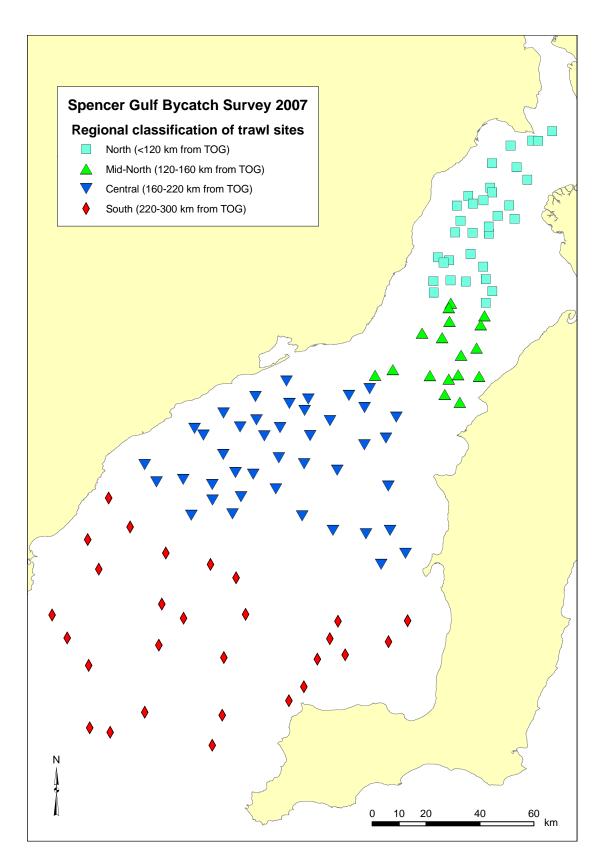


Figure 10. Map Spencer Gulf showing the locations of 120 trawl sampling sites surveyed during February 2007, and their classification into four regional groups.

# 3.4.3 Taxonomic groups

Chordata (fish) was the dominant phylum in terms of abundance, and accounted for 68% of the standardised catch (mean density  $\overline{\chi}_D = 907$  individuals per ha) (Figure 11a). Crustaceans (principally prawns and crabs) were also abundant, and comprised 28% of the catch ( $\overline{\chi}_D = 368$  individuals per ha). All other phyla collected, including Bryozoa (lace corals), Chlorophyta (green algae), Cnidaria (soft corals), Echinodermata (starfish), Magnoliophyta (seagrass), Mollusca (squid and snails), Phaeophyta (brown algae), Porifera (sponges), Rhodophyta (red algae) and Urochordata (sea squirts) were much less abundant, with each comprising < 3% of the catch ( $\overline{\chi}_D < 37$  individuals per ha).

The most abundant phyla were also the best represented in term of biomass (Figure 11b). Chordates accounted for over half (51%) of the total biomass (mean biomass  $\bar{\chi}_B = 20,223$  grams per ha), while a further third (32%) was made up of crustaceans ( $\bar{\chi}_B = 12,937$  grams per ha). Porifera were also well represented in term of biomass (on account of their frequently massive body size, i.e. > 1 m diameter), and this phyla accounted for 10% of the total biomass ( $\bar{\chi}_B = 4,007$  grams per ha). In contrast, all other phyla collected individually comprised only a small (< 3%) component of the total biomass ( $\bar{\chi}_B < 1,139$  grams per ha).

Chordata was also the best represented phylum in terms of species richness and accounted for 33% (132) of the species collected (Figure 11c). Porifera were also well represented, comprising 27% (108) of the total species richness. All other phyla collected, including Bryozoa, Chlorophyta, Cnidaria, Crustacea, Echinodermata, Magnoliophyta, Mollusca, Phaeophyta, Rhodophyta and Urochordata, were less diverse and represented by fewer than 8% (33) of the total species collected.

Chordata was also the most widely distributed phylum, and was collected at all 120 trawl sites (Figure 11d). Crustaceans and molluscs were also widespread, being found at all but one (119) of the survey sites. Other phyla collected, including Bryozoa, Cnidaria, Echinodermata, Magnoliophyta, Phaeophyta, Porifera, Rhodophyta and Urochordata, had more restricted distributions, being found at between 33% (40) and 78% (93) of the sites. The Chlorophyta had the narrowest distribution and was collected at only 18% (21) of the sites.

Significantly lower abundances of poriferans and bryozoans were recorded in heavily trawled areas (Table 4, Figure 12). In addition, the biomasses of porifera and bryozoa were more than an order-of-magnitude lower on intensely trawled grounds. The biomass of chordates was also significantly lower in these areas (Table 4, Figure 13). In contrast, the abundances and/or biomasses of crustaceans, rhodophytes and chlorophytes were significantly higher on moderate and/or intensely trawled areas (Table 4, Figures 12 and 13).

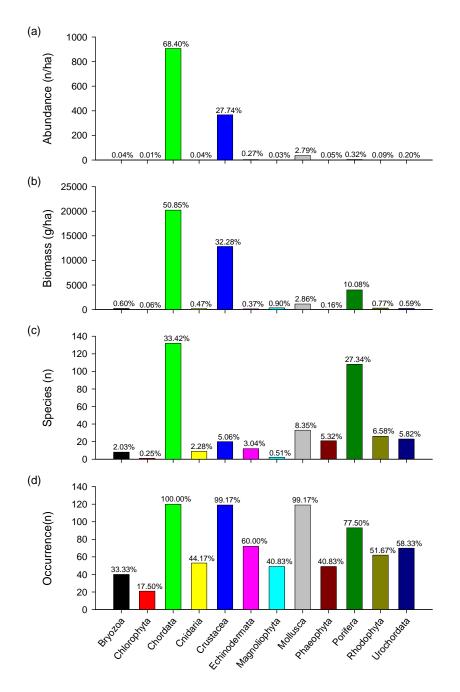


Figure 11. Average (a) number of individuals, (b) wet weights, and (c) total species of each major phyla collected during the by-catch survey, and (d) the total number of trawl sites (out of 120) at which specimens belonging to each major phylum were collected. Values for each variable are shown as percentages above each bar.

**Table 4**. Results of one-way ANOVA's for differences in abundance and biomass of catch grouped by phylum (bryozoa, chlorophyta, chordate, cnidaria, crustacean, echinodermata, magnoliophyta, mollusca, phaeophyta, porifera, rhodophyta, urochordata) from three areas of the Spencer Gulf subject to low, moderate and high levels of prawn trawling over the period 2003 to 2007. Phyla that display significant (p < 0.05) differences in abundance or biomass across the three trawl areas are highlighted bold. Homogeneous groups of means identified from *post hoc* SNK tests are highlighted by similar shades of grey backfill. Note all estimates have been back-transformed from Log10(x+1) to aid interpretation.

Dependant	Phylum		Trawling Intensity	_	F(2,117)	р
		Low	Moderate	High		
Abundance	Chordata	$337.74 \pm 0.15$	$357.63 \pm 0.22$	$162.11 \pm 0.15$	1.821	0.166
	Crustacea	$81.36 \pm 0.24$	$368.85 \pm 0.24$	$298.20\pm0.25$	8.745	<0.001
	Mollusca	$14.88 \pm 0.15$	$18.23\pm0.22$	$23.62\pm0.21$	0.795	0.454
	Porifera	$2.11 \pm 0.11$	$1.56 \pm 0.13$	$0.45\pm0.21$	3.587	0.031
	Echinodermata	$1.50\pm0.12$	$0.62\pm0.14$	$0.90\pm0.27$	2.244	0.111
	Urochordata	$0.93 \pm 0.10$	$1.24\pm0.18$	$0.82\pm0.16$	0.379	0.685
	Rhodophyta	$0.64\pm0.07$	$0.82 \pm 0.14$	$2.03\pm0.15$	3.981	0.021
	Phaeophyta	$0.38\pm0.05$	$0.55\pm0.11$	$0.93\pm0.23$	2.205	0.115
	Cnidaria	$0.47 \pm 0.05$	$0.28\pm0.08$	$0.30\pm0.13$	1.109	0.333
	Bryozoa	$0.42\pm0.06$	$0.10\pm0.04$	$0.04\pm0.04$	5.075	0.008
	Magnoliophyta	$0.25\pm0.04$	$0.44\pm0.08$	$0.66\pm0.14$	3.133	0.057
	Chlorophyta	$0.09 \pm 0.03$	$0.17 \pm 0.06$	$0.30\pm0.09$	2.597	0.079
Biomass	Chordata	$12743.78 \pm 0.13$	$9682.37 \pm 0.18$	$5064.78 \pm 0.17$	4.106	0.019
	Crustacea	$2963.03 \pm 0.26$	$14545.34 \pm 0.25$	$11587.06 \pm 0.17$	8.894	<0.001
	Mollusca	$501.88 \pm 0.17$	$526.31 \pm 0.27$	$842.57\pm0.19$	0.647	0.525
	Porifera	$329.01 \pm 0.46$	$261.84\pm0.69$	$11.05 \pm 1.84$	4.502	0.013
	Echinodermata	$10.17\pm0.30$	$3.60\pm0.52$	$28.22 \pm 1.58$	2.540	0.083
	Urochordata	$10.55 \pm 0.33$	$19.39\pm0.62$	$29.01 \pm 1.07$	0.969	0.383
	Rhodophyta	$6.25 \pm 0.32$	$12.14 \pm 0.80$	$607.31 \pm 0.64$	12.869	<0.001
	Phaeophyta	$3.10 \pm 0.26$	$3.09\pm0.48$	$14.24 \pm 1.48$	1.728	0.182
	Cnidaria	$5.44 \pm 0.32$	$1.91\pm0.37$	$1.45 \pm 0.53$	1.747	0.179
	Bryozoa	$6.26 \pm 0.35$	$0.95 \pm 0.34$	$0.28\pm0.28$	4.571	0.012
	Magnoliophyta	$4.17\pm0.34$	$6.12\pm0.56$	$7.85\pm0.78$	0.309	0.735
	Chlorophyta	$0.55 \pm 0.16$	$1.20 \pm 0.32$	$6.07\pm0.95$	4.988	0.008

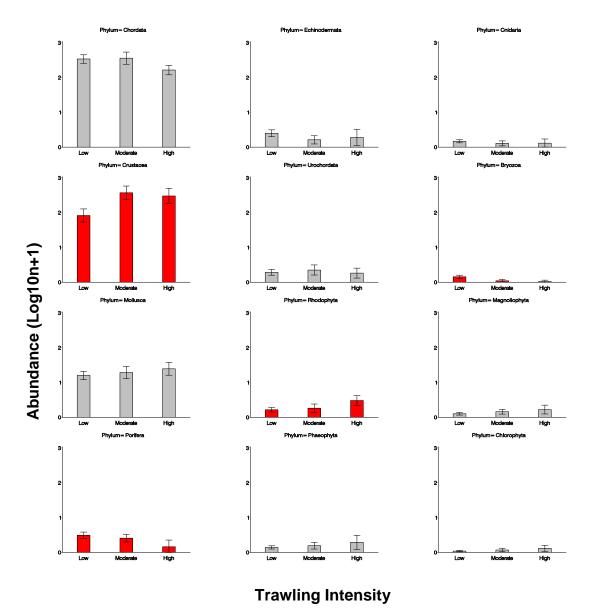


Figure 12. Mean abundance (Log10 n+1) of species grouped by phylum (bryozoa, chlorophyta, chordate, cnidaria, crustacean, echinodermata, magnoliophyta, mollusca, phaeophyta, porifera, rhodophyta, urochordata)) from three

areas of the Spencer Gulf subject to low (<1 hour fishing per  $km^2$ , n = 83), moderate (1-10 hours fishing per  $km^2$ , n = 27) and high levels (>10 hours fishing per  $km^2$ , n = 10) of prawn trawling effort over the period 2003 to 2007. All estimates presented are standardised values per hectare  $\pm$  95% C.I. Red-filled graphs denote those phyla that display significant (p < 0.05) differences in abundance across the three trawl areas, while grey-filled graphs denote those phyla for which no significant differences are detectable.

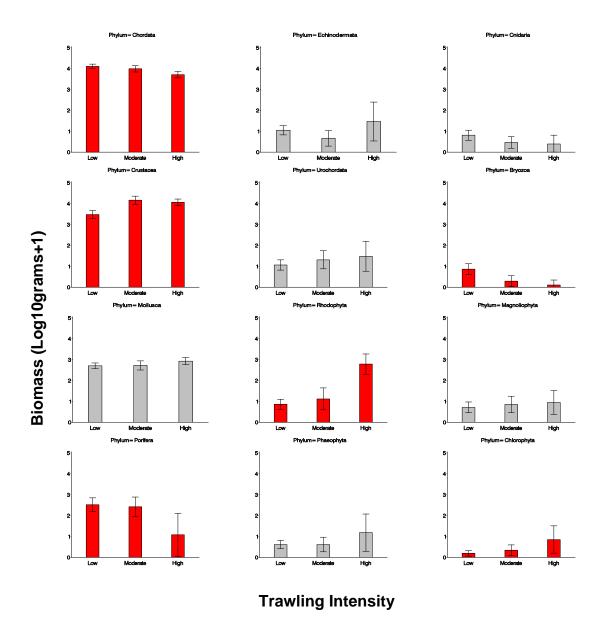


Figure 13. Mean biomass (Log10 wet weight (grams+1)) of species grouped by phylum (bryozoa, chlorophyta, chordate, cnidaria, crustacean, echinodermata, magnoliophyta, mollusca, phaeophyta, porifera, rhodophyta, urochordata)) from three areas of the Spencer Gulf subject to low (<1 hour fishing per km<sup>2</sup>, n = 83), moderate (1-10 hours fishing per km<sup>2</sup>, n = 27) and high levels (>10 hours fishing per km<sup>2</sup>, n = 10) of prawn trawling effort over the period 2003 to 2007. All estimates presented are standardised values per hectare  $\pm$  95% C.I. Red-filled graphs denote those phyla that display significant (p < 0.05) differences in biomass across the three trawl areas, while grey-filled graphs denote those phyla for which no significant differences are detectable.

Non-metric MDS ordinations were individually constructed for three higher-order, taxonomic groups (fish, invertebrates and plants/algae; Figures 14a-c) in an effort to evaluate their relative contributions to the strong latitudinal gradient in community composition. It is immediately obvious, from comparisons with the primary MDS plot (Figure 7), that the ordinations for fish and invertebrates are remarkably consistent, whereas the plant/algae ordination bears no resemblance to the overall pattern. Because fish comprise the largest component of the overall species richness, abundance and biomass, it is not surprising that the north-south gradient in community structure is best defined by this group. While some overlap in the symbols denoting the four regions of the gulf occurs in the fish ordination (Figure 14a), there is clearly a progressive shift in fish community structure between the northern and southern areas of the gulf. A marked latitudinal shift in community structure is also readily apparent in the invertebrate ordination (Figure 14b), however the tight grouping of stations from the north, mid-north and central regions suggest that these areas support similar invertebrate assemblages. By comparison, stations from the south of the gulf are most dissimilar, and clearly support very different invertebrate communities. The lack of any regional patterns in the plant/algae MDS (Figure 14c), can be largely explained by the absence of these taxa from most deep sites in the south of the gulf.

The extent by which community patterns in plants/algae, invertebrates and fish are related was further assessed by calculating rank correlation coefficients for their respective dissimilarity matrices. The null hypothesis of no relationship between each pairwise comparison was subsequently tested using the RELATE permutation test in PRIMER. The results (Table 5) confirm that there is no strong spatial relationship between the plant/algae community structure in the Spencer Gulf and the overlaying fish and invertebrate assemblages. In comparison, a significant correlation between fish and invertebrate relationships for fish may be explained by among-site relationships in invertebrates, and suggests that these two groups are strongly coupled.

**Table 5**. Mantel correlation coefficients ( $\rho$ ) for pairwise comparisons of plants/algae, invertebrate and fish community structure in Spencer Gulf. Contrasts are based on root-transformed Bray-Curtis dissimilarities matrices that include 120 transect locations. Significance values for these correlations are provided in brackets.

	Plants/Algae	Invertebrates	Fish
Plants/Algae	-		
Invertebrates	0.051 (0.228)	-	
Fish	0.204 (0.100)	0.532 (0.010)	-

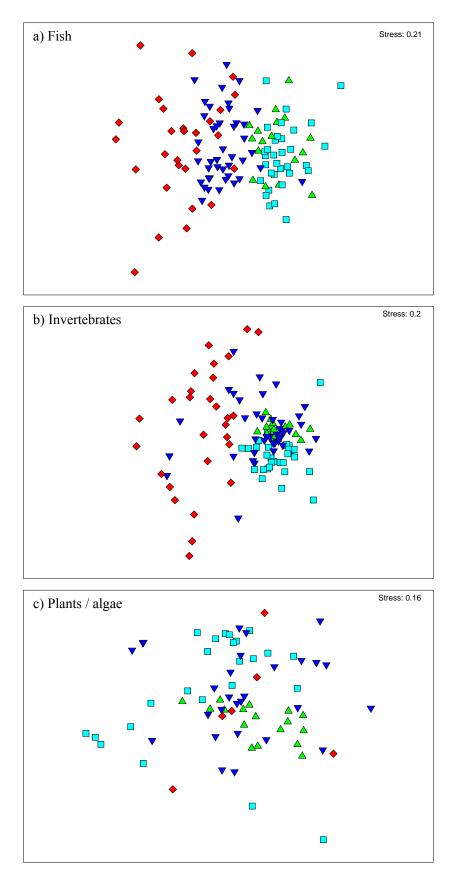


Figure 14. Non-metric MDS plots of (a) fish, (b) invertebrate, and (c) plant/algal community structure at 120 trawl sites sampled in Spencer Gulf during February 2007. Regional symbols superimposed on ordinations are: light-blue squares = north (<120 km from top of gulf (TOG)), green triangles = mid-north (120-160 km from TOG), dark-blue triangles = central (160-220 km from TOG), red diamonds = south (220-300 km from TOG).

### 3.4.4 Common species

Degens leatherjacket *Thamnaconus degeni* was the most common species collected during the trawl survey (Table 6). This small (< 20 cm) scavenging fish occurred at 75% (91/120) of survey sites and accounted for over 47% of the total abundance ( $\bar{\chi}_D = 627$  individuals per ha) and over 20% of the total biomass ( $\bar{\chi}_B = 8,265$  grams per ha). The target species, western king prawn *Melicertus latisulcatus*, was the second most common species collected. This species was found at 90% (108/120) of the survey sites, and accounted for over 19% of the total abundance ( $\bar{\chi}_D = 257$  individuals per ha), and over 14% of the total biomass ( $\bar{\chi}_B = 5,705$  grams per ha). Most notably, the western king prawn was not found in the deepest trawl sites (> 45 m) located in the extreme south of the gulf and was also absent from a few near-shore sites in the south-western gulf (Appendix 3). Two other species, the blue swimmer crab *Portunus pelagicus* and the skipjack trevally *Pseudocaranx wrighti*, comprised over 5% of the total abundance and more than 3% of the total biomass. The blue swimmer crab occurred at 89/120 sites and was not collected south of a line from Port Neill to Port Victoria (see Appendix 3). In contrast, skipjack trevally was broadly distributed, being encountered at 85% (102/120) of all sites.

**Table 6**. Mean abundance and biomass of the 20 numerically most common species collected from 120 prawn trawl shots in the Spencer Gulf. All estimates presented are standardised measures per hectare. Note that a total abundance of 1327 individuals per hectare and a total biomass of 39,768 grams per hectare were used to calculate relative (%) abundances and biomassage

Rank Abundance	Species Name	Common Name	Abundance (n/ha)	Abundance (% total)	Biomass (g/ha)	Biomass (% total)
1	Thamnaconus degeni	Degens Leatherjacket	627.41	47.30	8265.79	20.79
2	Melicertus latisulcatus	Western King Prawn	257.77	19.43	5705.06	14.35
3	Portunus (Portunus) pelagicus	Blue Swimmer crab	100.96	7.61	6852.95	17.23
4	Pseudocaranx wrighti	Skipjack Trevally	75.74	5.71	1461.67	3.68
5	Scobinichthys granulatus	Rough Leatherjacket	43.43	3.27	753.96	1.90
6	Parequula melbournensis	Silverbelly	27.37	2.06	408.25	1.03
7	Upeneichthys vlamingii	Red Mullet	26.27	1.98	784.59	1.97
8	Sepioteuthis australis	Southern Calamary	13.40	1.01	412.94	1.04
9	Acanthaluteres vittiger	Toothbrush Leatherjacket	13.29	1.00	227.46	0.57
10	Trichomya hirsuta	Hairy Mussel	11.93	0.90	223.90	0.56
11	Trachurus declivis	Jack Mackerel	11.31	0.85	515.06	1.30
12	Parapriacanthus elongatus	Slender Bullseye	10.46	0.79	57.37	0.14
13	Repomucenus calcaratus	Spotted Stinkfish	9.90	0.75	135.44	0.34
14	Lepidotrigla papilio	Spiny Gurnard	8.27	0.62	110.27	0.28
15	Sillago bassensis	Silver Whiting	5.92	0.45	259.16	0.65
16	Mimachlamys asperrima	Doughboy Scallop	4.82	0.36	50.36	0.13
17	Maxillicosta scabriceps	Little Scorpion Fish	4.55	0.34	58.55	0.15
18	Acanthaluteres spilomelanurus	Bridled Leatherjacket	4.34	0.33	44.37	0.11
19	Metapenaeopsis sp.	Strawberry Prawn	3.97	0.30	12.72	0.03
20	Neoplatycephalus richardsoni	Tiger Flathead	3.66	0.28	260.03	0.65

A further sixteen species (including rough leatherjacket *Scobinichthys granulatus*, silverbelly *Parequula melbournensis*, red mullet *Upeneichthys vlamingii*, southern calamary *Sepioteuthis australis*, toothbrush leatherjacket *Acanthaluteres vittiger*, hairy mussel *Trichomya hirsute*, jack mackerel *Trachurus declivis*, slender bullseye *Parapriacanthus elongates*, spotted stinkfish *Repomucenus calcaratus*, spiny gurnard *Lepidotrigla papilio*, silver whiting *Sillago bassensis*, doughboy scallop *Mimachlamys asperrima*, little scorpion fish *Maxillicosta scabriceps*, bridled leatherjacket *Acanthaluteres spilomelanurus*, strawberry prawn *Metapenaeopsis* sp., and tiger flathead *Neoplatycephalus richardsoni*) accounted for between 0.28 and 3.27% of the total abundance ( $\overline{\chi}_B = 12.72 - 784.59$  grams per ha). All other organisms

(375 species) were found in relatively low densities, and collectively contributed less than 5% to the total abundance and 34% to the total biomass.

The densities of seven (western king prawn *Melicertus latisulcatus*, the blue swimmer crab *Portunus pelagicus*, the rough leatherjacket *Scobinichthys granulatus*, the red mullet *Upeneichthys vlamingii*, the southern calamary *Sepioteuthis australis*, the little scorpion fish *Maxillicosta scabriceps*, and the strawberry prawn *Metapenaeopsis* sp.) of the 20 most abundant species differed significantly among the three trawl intensities (Table 7, Figure 15). All but one of these species (red mullet) were significantly more abundant in the intensively fished areas (moderate and high). The target species, western king prawn *Melicertus latisulcatus*, was more than four times as abundant on moderate and highly fished grounds ( $\overline{\chi} = 150-179$  individuals per hectare) than lightly fished 'low intensity' grounds ( $\overline{\chi} = 33$  individuals per hectare). Blue swimmer crabs *Portunus pelagicus* and rough leatherjacket *Scobinichthys granulatus* were also more than four times as abundant on moderate and highly fished grounds than lightly fished ones. In contrast, the red mullet *Upeneichthys vlamingii*, was three times less prevalent on the most intensively fished grounds ( $\overline{\chi} = 4$  individuals per hectare).

The biomasses of 12 of the 20 most common species differed significantly among categories of trawl effort intensity (Table 8, Figure 16), including all seven species displaying significant spatial differences in abundance. The other five species were: silverbelly *Parequula melbournensis*, jack mackerel *Trachurus declivis*, silver whiting *Sillago bassensis*, doughboy scallop *Mimachlamys asperrima* and bridled leatherjacket *Acanthaluteres spilomelanurus*.

Because abundance and biomass co-vary for most common species, spatial differences in biomass mirror observed trends in abundance. Consequently, biomasses for western king prawn *Melicertus latisulcatus*, blue swimmer crab *Portunus pelagicus*, rough leatherjacket *Scobinichthys granulatus*, southern calamary *Sepioteuthis australis*, little scorpion fish *Maxillicosta scabriceps*, and strawberry prawn *Metapenaeopsis* sp. were all significantly higher on the moderate to high intensity trawl grounds than low intensity grounds (Table 8). The abundance and biomass of red mullet, *Upeneichthys vlamingii*, was significantly lower on the high intensity trawl grounds. All additional taxa showing significant trawl-related differences (i.e. silverbelly *Parequula melbournensis*, jack mackerel *Trachurus declivis*, silver whiting *Sillago bassensis*, doughboy scallop *Mimachlamys asperrima* and bridled leatherjacket *Acanthaluteres spilomelanurus*) had significantly lower biomasses on the most intensively trawled grounds (i.e. moderate and/or high).

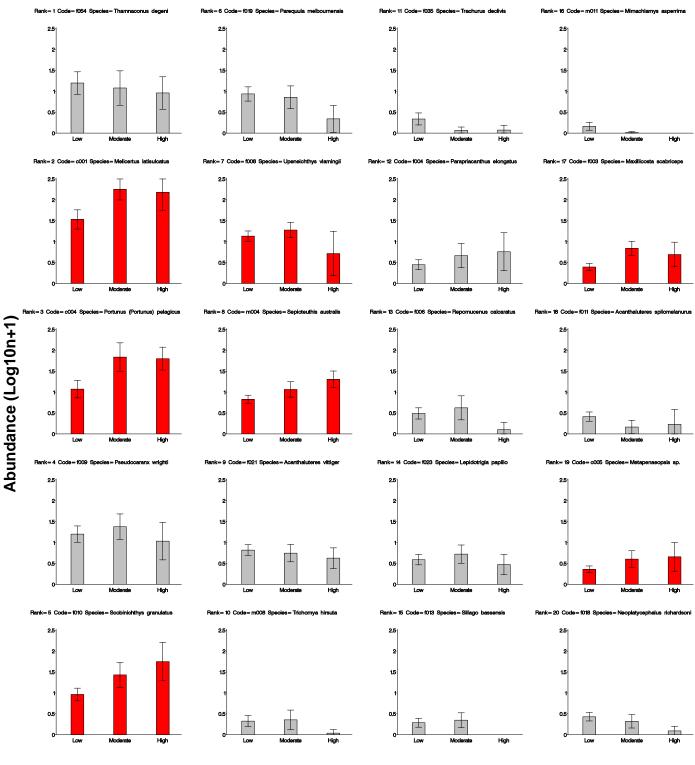
Two by-product species are harvested by Spencer Gulf prawn fishers, southern calamary *Sepioteuthis australis*, and Balmain bug *Ibacus peronii*. Southern calamary was the eighth most abundant species found in Spencer Gulf, while the Balmain bug was ranked 31 in terms of abundance. Both species were broadly distributed throughout the Gulf, with southern calamary and Balmain bugs found at 93% (112/120) and 53% (64/120) of survey sites respectively. Southern calamary accounted for 1% of the total abundance ( $\overline{\chi}_D = 13.4$  individuals per ha), and 1% of the total biomass ( $\overline{\chi}_B = 413$  grams per ha). Balmain bugs accounted for <0.1% of the total abundance ( $\overline{\chi}_D = 1.23$  individuals per ha), and <1% of the total biomass ( $\overline{\chi}_B = 201$  grams per ha). The proportion of both abundance and biomass of southern calamary and Balmain bugs found in high intensity trawl grounds was 14% and 3%, respectively. While the abundance and biomass of southern calamary was significantly higher in areas of high and medium trawl intensity compared to sites of low trawl intensity, the abundance and biomass of Balmain bugs did not differ significantly in relation to trawl intensity.

**Table 7**. Results of one-way ANOVA's for differences in species abundance across differing trawl effort intensities (low, moderate and high) over the period 2003 to 2007. Species that display significant (p < 0.05) differences in abundance across the three intensities are highlighted bold. Homogeneous groups of means identified from *post hoc* SNK tests are highlighted by similar shades of grey backfill. Note all densities presented have been back-transformed from Log10(n+1) to aid interpretation.

Rank	Species	Common Name	Mean Abundance (n/ha) ± s.e.		F (2,117)	р	
			<b>Low</b> (n = 83)	Moderate (n = 27)	<b>High</b> (n = 10)		
1	Thamnaconus degeni	Degens Leatherjacket	$14.76\pm0.37$	$10.98\pm0.59$	$8.12\pm0.48$	0.256	0.774
2	Melicertus latisulcatus	Western King Prawn	$33.02\pm0.31$	$178.40\pm0.33$	$150.08\pm0.56$	6.969	0.001
3	Portunus (Portunus) pelagicus	Blue Swimmer crab	$10.83\pm0.27$	$67.80\pm0.47$	$62.36\pm0.32$	8.878	<0.001
4	Pseudocaranx wrighti	Skipjack Trevally	$14.91\pm0.25$	$23.03\pm0.41$	$9.80\pm0.58$	0.738	0.480
5	Scobinichthys granulatus	Rough Leatherjacket	$8.21\pm0.19$	$25.98\pm0.40$	$55.23 \pm 0.59$	8.624	<0.001
6	Parequula melbournensis	Silverbelly	$7.66\pm0.22$	$6.20\pm0.36$	$1.20\pm0.39$	2.901	0.059
7	Upeneichthys vlamingii	Red Mullet	$12.60\pm0.15$	$18.02\pm0.23$	$4.21\pm0.71$	3.654	0.029
8	Sepioteuthis australis	Southern Calamary	$5.69\pm0.12$	$10.61\pm0.23$	$19.21\pm0.22$	6.816	0.002
9	Acanthaluteres vittiger	Toothbrush Leatherjacket	$5.61\pm0.16$	$4.60\pm0.26$	$3.25\pm0.29$	0.615	0.542
10	Trichomya hirsuta	Hairy Mussel	$1.11\pm0.17$	$1.27\pm0.30$	$0.09\pm0.09$	1.186	0.309
11	Trachurus declivis	Jack Mackerel	$1.18\pm0.18$	$0.17\pm0.09$	$0.18\pm0.13$	2.964	0.055
12	Parapriacanthus elongatus	Slender Bullseye	$1.81\pm0.15$	$3.65\pm0.38$	$4.76\pm0.59$	2.229	0.112
13	Repomucenus calcaratus	Spotted Stinkfish	$2.09\pm0.17$	$3.22\pm0.38$	$0.27\pm0.20$	2.533	0.084
14	Lepidotrigla papilio	Spiny Gurnard	$2.90\pm0.15$	$4.28\pm0.28$	$1.98\pm0.28$	0.930	0.398
15	Sillago bassensis	Silver Whiting	$0.94\pm0.13$	$1.23\pm0.22$	$0.00\pm0.00$	2.109	0.126
16	Mimachlamys asperrima	Doughboy Scallop	$0.45\pm0.12$	$0.04\pm0.03$	$0.00\pm0.00$	2.213	0.114
17	Maxillicosta scabriceps	Little Scorpion Fish	$1.48 \pm 0.10$	$5.89 \pm 0.21$	$3.94 \pm 0.35$	13.669	<0.001
18	Acanthaluteres spilomelanurus	Bridled Leatherjacket	$1.60\pm0.14$	$0.46\pm0.19$	$0.70\pm0.44$	2.945	0.057
19	Metapenaeopsis sp.	Strawberry Prawn	$1.30 \pm 0.10$	$3.02\pm0.25$	$3.54\pm0.42$	5.169	0.007
20	Neoplatycephalus richardsoni	Tiger Flathead	$1.70\pm0.12$	$1.10\pm0.20$	$0.24\pm0.12$	2.972	0.055

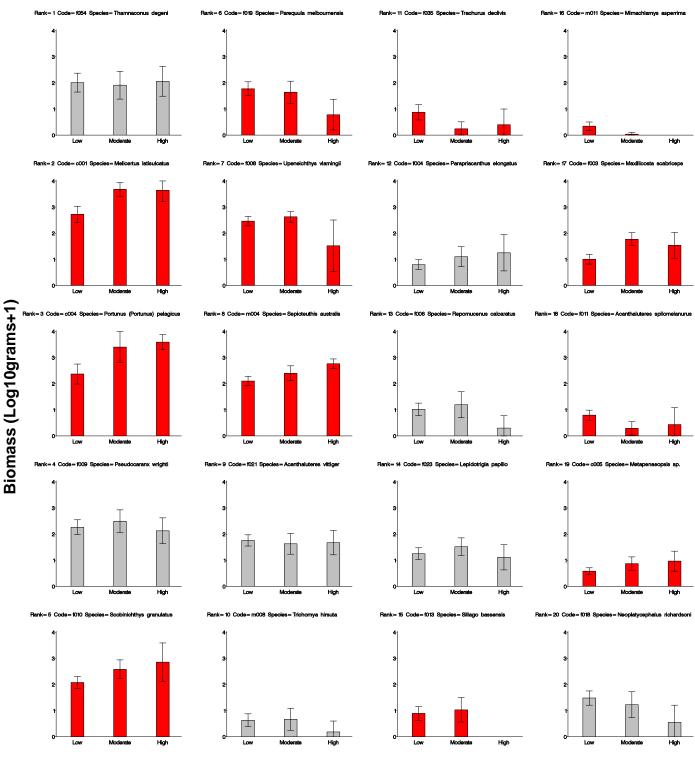
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Rank	Species	Common Name	Mean Biomass (grams/ha) ± s.e.			F (2,117)	р
			<b>Low</b> (n = 83)	Moderate (n = 27)	<b>High</b> (n = 10)		
1	Thamnaconus degeni	Degens Leatherjacket	$101.13\pm0.52$	$80.24\pm0.81$	$113.94\pm0.79$	0.053	0.948
2	Melicertus latisulcatus	Western King Prawn	$525.24\pm0.43$	$4778.16\pm0.34$	$4413.43\pm0.56$	7.609	0.001
3	Portunus (Portunus) pelagicus	Blue Swimmer crab	$233.54\pm0.56$	$2532.92 \pm 0.94$	$3898.58\pm0.34$	5.688	0.004
4	Pseudocaranx wrighti	Skipjack Trevally	$182.66\pm0.39$	$312.22\pm0.62$	$133.69\pm0.65$	0.484	0.618
5	Scobinichthys granulatus	Rough Leatherjacket	$118.01\pm0.30$	$380.68\pm0.49$	$715.16 \pm 1.11$	4.456	0.014
6	Parequula melbournensis	Silverbelly	$58.12\pm0.36$	$42.61\pm0.61$	$5.03\pm0.81$	3.250	0.042
7	Upeneichthys vlamingii	Red Mullet	$290.89\pm0.24$	$423.69\pm0.25$	$31.89 \pm 1.73$	6.743	0.002
8	Sepioteuthis australis	Southern Calamary	$124.58\pm0.23$	$248.95\pm0.37$	$579.27\pm0.21$	4.166	0.018
9	Acanthaluteres vittiger	Toothbrush Leatherjacket	$56.21\pm0.28$	$41.47\pm0.56$	$46.21\pm0.60$	0.197	0.821
10	Trichomya hirsuta	Hairy Mussel	$3.3\pm0.32$	$3.66\pm0.61$	$0.53\pm0.53$	0.865	0.424
11	Trachurus declivis	Jack Mackerel	$6.48\pm0.40$	$0.72\pm0.35$	$1.5 \pm 0.85$	3.309	0.040
12	Parapriacanthus elongatus	Slender Bullseye	$5.27\pm0.24$	$11.64 \pm 0.53$	$16.83 \pm 1.03$	2.024	0.137
13	Repomucenus calcaratus	Spotted Stinkfish	$9.36\pm0.32$	$14.7\pm0.74$	$0.99\pm0.62$	2.409	0.094
14	Lepidotrigla papilio	Spiny Gurnard	$16.89\pm0.30$	$32.06\pm0.46$	$11.96\pm0.63$	0.972	0.381
15	Sillago bassensis	Silver Whiting	$6.81\pm0.35$	$9.74\pm0.69$	0.00	3.139	0.047
16	Mimachlamys asperrima	Doughboy Scallop	$1.21 \pm 0.20$	$0.09\pm0.07$	0.00	3.356	0.038
17	Maxillicosta scabriceps	Little Scorpion Fish	$9.11 \pm 0.24$	$58.42\pm0.32$	$33.15 \pm 0.65$	10.553	<0.001
18	Acanthaluteres spilomelanurus	Bridled Leatherjacket	$5.22 \pm 0.25$	$0.93\pm0.33$	$1.73\pm0.93$	4.030	0.020
19	Metapenaeopsis sp.	Strawberry Prawn	$2.81 \pm 0.16$	$6.45 \pm 0.33$	$8.24\pm0.47$	3.751	0.026
20	Neoplatycephalus richardsoni	Tiger Flathead	$29.38\pm0.37$	$15.88\pm0.74$	$2.56\pm0.95$	2.741	0.069



# **Trawling Intensity**

Figure 15. Mean abundance (Log10 (n+1)) of the 20 most abundant species collected from three areas of the Spencer Gulf subject to low (<1 hour fishing per km<sup>2</sup>, n = 83), moderate (1-10 hours fishing per km<sup>2</sup>, n = 27) and high levels (>10 hours fishing per km<sup>2</sup>, n = 10) of prawn trawling effort over the period 2003 to 2007. Graphs are arranged by overall rank abundance and present estimates standardised per hectare  $\pm$  95% C.I. Red-filled graphs denote those species that display significant (p < 0.05) differences in abundance across the three trawl areas, while grey-filled graphs denote those species for which no significant differences in abundance were detected.



# **Trawling Intensity**

Figure 16. Mean biomass (Log10 wet weight (grams+1)) of the 20 most abundant species collected from three areas of the Spencer Gulf subject to low (<1 hour fishing per km<sup>2</sup>, n = 83), moderate (1-10 hours fishing per km<sup>2</sup>, n = 27) and high levels (>10 hours fishing per km<sup>2</sup>, n = 10) of prawn trawling effort over the period 2003 to 2007. Graphs are arranged by overall rank abundance and present estimates standardised per hectare  $\pm$  95% C.I. Red-filled graphs denote those species that display significant (p < 0.05) differences in biomass across the three trawl areas, while grey-filled graphs denote those species for which no significant differences in biomass are detectable.

SIMPER analysis was undertaken to determine which species contributed most to similarities within and differences between the four regional (site) groupings. Biomasses of the 11 species contributing  $\geq$  5% to within-group similarity or between-group dissimilarity for at least one of the four regional groupings are listed in Table 9. Results from the SIMPER analysis indicate that all regional groups are characterised by relatively small subsets of species with wide distributions.

**Table 9**. Mean biomass (grams per hectare  $\pm$  s.e.) of captured species in four regional (site) groups identified from MDS classification. Species listed were identified as contributing  $\geq$  5% to the similarity within and dissimilarity between regional groupings. Those species indicative of each regional grouping (i.e. contributing  $\geq$  5% to the total similarity within a group) are highlighted in bold. Species are ranked in order of decreasing biomass across all site groupings.

Species	Common Name	Region					
		North (n = 33)	Mid-North (n = 17)	Central (n = 42)	South (n = 28)		
Thamnaconus degeni	Degens Leatherjacket	$96.97 \pm 33.87$	$308.03\pm93.48$	7332.47 ± 2286.17	$24124.8 \pm 12124.17$		
Portunus pelagicus	Blue Swimmer crab	$8946.59 \pm 1841.78$	$7773.09 \pm 1274.66$	9404.14 ± 2189.44	-		
Melicertus latisulcatus	Western King Prawn	$11378.49 \pm 1486.93$	$5468.72 \pm 1232.85$	4298.9 ± 794.51	$1271.23 \pm 388.8$		
Pseudocaranx wrighti	Skipjack Trevally	$1451.35 \pm 340.04$	$626.57 \pm 419.74$	2095.39 ± 496.68	$1030.27 \pm 286.37$		
Heterodontus portusjacksoni	Port Jackson Shark	$1101.03 \pm 233.92$	$923.25 \pm 268.28$	$957.47 \pm 165.97$	$306.32 \pm 154.92$		
Scobinichthys granulatus	Rough Leatherjacket	$1192.73 \pm 247.28$	$1356.34 \pm 204.34$	$596.89 \pm 136.3$	$106.7\pm36.09$		
Upeneichthys vlamingii	Red Mullet	$268.05\pm51.37$	$511.04 \pm 173.91$	$1344.74 \pm 229.08$	$719.23 \pm 191.26$		
Trachurus declivis	Jack Mackerel	$1.07\pm1.07$	$3.52\pm3.52$	$52.79\pm30.09$	$\textbf{2124.83} \pm \textbf{878.4}$		
Sepioteuthis australis	Southern Calamary	$469.59 \pm 72.17$	$684.62 \pm 114.32$	$290.94\pm53.62$	$364.24 \pm 119.7$		
Parequula melbournensis	Silverbelly	$16.15 \pm 5.81$	$50.98 \pm 24.88$	$846.78 \pm 147.36$	$429.5\pm106.33$		
Neoplatycephalus richardsoni	Tiger Flathead	$35.42 \pm 9.94$	$39.29 \pm 19.83$	$254.76\pm62.45$	$666.67 \pm 150.55$		

The North group consisted of 181 species, including 21 only collected from this area (e.g. the shield limpet *Tugali ciratricosa*, chiton *Ischnochiton (Heterozona) cariosus*, and six-spine leatherjacket *Meuschenia freycineti*). Like many species comprising this group, these organisms were never present at more than 6% (2/33) of the region's trawl sites. Four species representing two phyla typified this group and contributed more than 5% to the within-group similarity (Table 9). Western king prawn, *Melicertus latisulcatus*, was recognised as the principal species characterising the North group, on account of the organisms exceptionally high biomass (> 2x Mid-North, Central and South) and ubiquitous occurrence at the thirty-three sampling sites. Blue swimmer crab *Portunus pelagicus*, skipjack trevally *Pseudocaranx wrighti* and rough leatherjacket *Scobinichthys granulatus* also characterised the group on account of their widespread distributions (present at > 29/33 (88%)) of sites) and their high biomasses, particularly in comparison with sites located in the south of the gulf.

The Mid-North group contained the smallest number of species (152), but also comprised the smallest number of trawl sites (17). This group also supported the smallest proportion of regionally rare species (i.e. only 6 of the 152 species or 4%) that were not sampled in other regions. These species included tommy rough *Arripis georgianus*, the bivalve molluscs *Dosinia victoriae* and *Eucrassatella kingicola*, the ascidians *Halocynthia dumosa* and *Pyura molguloides*, and the green algae *Hormosira banksii*. As was the case for the North group, none of the species confined to the Mid-North area were locally common, and thus were not encountered at a large proportion (>18%, 3/17) of the region's sites. Like the North group, the Mid-North grouping was also characterised by blue swimmer crab *Portunus pelagicus*, western king prawn *Melicertus latisulcatus* and rough leatherjacket *Scobinichthys granulatus*. In addition, southern calamary *Sepioteuthis australis* also typified the group, due to its high biomass and occurrence at all seventeen sites.

The Central group was composed of 252 species, 83% (210/252) of which were found elsewhere in the gulf. The remaining species comprising this group (42) had restricted distributions and were not found outside the Central region. Most organisms found in this group were either invertebrates (48%, 20/42; including black cowry *Zoila friendii thersites*, spindle shell *Fusinus australis* and razor clam *Atrina tasmanica*) or fish (29%, 12/42; including spotted pipefish *Stigmatopora argus*, Macleays crested pipefish *Histiogamphelus cristatus* and gulf catshark *Asymbolus vincenti*). Few, of these species were locally common and none were present at more than 12% (5/42) of the trawl sites in the region. Seven species consistently dominated the biomass at a majority of sampling sites in the region (83%, 35/42) and therefore characterised the areas benthos. These included Degens leatherjacket *Thamnaconus degeni*, western king prawn *Melicertus latisulcatus*, blue swimmer crab *Portunus pelagicus*, skipjack trevally *Pseudocaranx wrighti*, red mullet *Upeneichthys vlamingii*, Port Jackson shark *Heterodontus portusjacksoni* and silverbelly *Parequula melbournensis*.

The South group comprised the richest collection of species (278), and also displayed the highest level of group fidelity. More than one-third of species (94/278) collected from the twenty-eight sites in this area of the gulf were not encountered elsewhere. Of these species, most (71%, 67/94) were invertebrates, and a majority (51%, 48/94) were sponges. The sponge collection included the massive Spheciospongia papillosa (a species that can grow to more than 1 m diameter) and the large (0.2 m high) tabular form Callyspongia bilamellata. Other invertebrates found exclusively in the area included the little boot holothurian Ceto cuvieria, southern sand star Luidia australiae and wavy volute Amoria undulata. A large number of fish (23) were also only found in the south of the gulf. These included barber perch Caesioperca razor, butterfly perch Caesioperca lepidoptera, chinaman leatheriacket Nelusetta ayraudi, four-spine leatherjacket Eubalichthys quadrispinis, knifejaw Oplegnathus woodwardi, latchet Pterygotrigla polyommata, little pineapplefish Sorosichthys ananassa, magpie perch Cheilodactylus nigripes, Swallowtail Centroberyx lineatus, ornate wobbegong Orectolobus maculates, piked dogfish Squalus megalops, red cod Pseudophycis bachus, red gurnard Chelidonichthys kumu, rodless anglerfish Histiophryne cryptacanthus, saw shark Pristiophorus nudipinnis, senator wrasse Pictilabrus laticlavius, sergeant baker Aulopus purpurissatus, smooth anglerfish Phyllophryne scortea, smoothspine leatherjacket Cantheschenia longipinnis, southern roughy Trachichthys australis, western roughy Optivus agrammus, and whiskered prowfish Neopataecus waterhousii. Most of these fish were uncommon and not present at more than one-quarter (7/28) of the southern trawl sites.

A total of six species (including Degens leatherjacket *Thamnaconus degeni*, western king prawn *Melicertus latisulcatus*, skipjack trevally *Pseudocaranx wrighti*, red mullet *Upeneichthys vlamingii*, jack mackerel *Trachurus declivis*, and tiger flathead *Neoplatycephalus richardsoni*) dominated the biomass at most sites (75%, 21/28) in the south of the gulf and therefore typified the regional biota. Notably, the scavenging leatherjacket *Thamnaconus degeni*, was the key discriminator for this group, because of their exceptionally high biomass (> 3x North, Mid-North and Central) in the south of the gulf. It is also notable, that this group did not include the otherwise ubiquitous blue swimmer crab *Portunus pelagicus*, which was entirely absent from southern sites.

## 3.5 Threatened, endangered and protected species

Seven of the 395 species collected were listed under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* as protected. All of these species belong to the Family Syngnathidae (Table 10). Figure 17 shows the distribution of the 112 individuals syngnathids found in the survey, with the "Wardang closure" and "Broughton closure" areas identified as hatchings. These areas are now closed to trawling under an industry code of practice. It should be noted that the abundance data presented in this section of the report represent only those syngnathids found in the sub-samples of the catch i.e. the abundance is not standardised as it is for previous analyses.

One syngnathid was captured in an area of high trawl intensity, while seven individuals from six different sites were captured in areas of moderate trawl intensity. Most syngnathids were captured from areas of low trawl intensity (65 individuals from 18 sites). Syngnathids were also captured within areas now closed to trawling, with 43 individuals found at eight sites.

The common seadragon, *Phyllopteryx taeniolatus*, was the most frequently captured syngnathid during the survey, with 41 individuals collected from 10 trawls. Most individuals were taken from blocks of low trawl intensity. Ten individuals were taken from closed areas and two were taken from areas of moderate fishing intensity.

Despite their contrasting spatial distributions, similar patterns of capture were also observed for the next two most-common syngnathid species, the leafy seadragon *Phycodurus eques* and bigbelly seahorse *Hippocampus abdominalis* (Table 10, Figure 17). For both species most individuals were captured in closed and low intensity trawl areas, and two individuals of each species were captured in medium intensity areas.

Other syngnathids encountered during the trawl survey (including brushtail pipefish *Leptoichthys fistularius*, spotted pipefish *Stigmatopora argus* and Macleays crested pipefish *Histiogamphelus cristatus*) were only collected from a small number trawl shots (<8) located on grounds that were of low trawl intensity or are now closed to trawling.

Of the seven species of syngnathid collected, the tiger pipefish, *Filicampus tigris*, had the highest incidence of capture on the most heavily trawled grounds with one individual captured in each of the high and moderate trawl intensity areas. Tiger pipefish were not captured in areas closed to prawn trawling.

**Table 10**. Total abundance and frequency of occurrence of seven syngnathid species collected as by-catch from Spencer Gulf during a prawn trawl survey of 120 sites in February 2007. Measures are presented for each species in relation to levels of fishing intensity between 2003 and 2007. Fishing intensity "closed" refers to sites located within areas now closed to prawn trawling. The number of sites in each intensity category is given in brackets.

	Species	Common Name	Abundance				Occurance			
			High	Mod.	Low	Closed	High	Mod.	Low	Closed
F027	Filicampus tigris	Tiger Pipefish	1	1	5	0	1	1	5	0
F095	Hippocampus abdominalis	Bigbelly Seahorse	0	2	6	13	0	2	5	4
F107	Histiogamphelus cristatus	Macleays Crested Pipefish	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
F044	Leptoichthys fistularius	Brushtail Pipefish	0	0	9	7	0	0	5	2
F045	Phycodurus eques	Leafy Seadragon	0	2	9	10	0	2	5	3
F046	Phyllopteryx taeniolatus	Common Seadragon	0	2	29	10	0	2	5	3
F078	Stigmatopora argus	Spotted Pipefish	0	0	3	2	0	0	3	2
Total			1	7	61	43	1 (10)	6 (27)	18 (75)	8 (8)

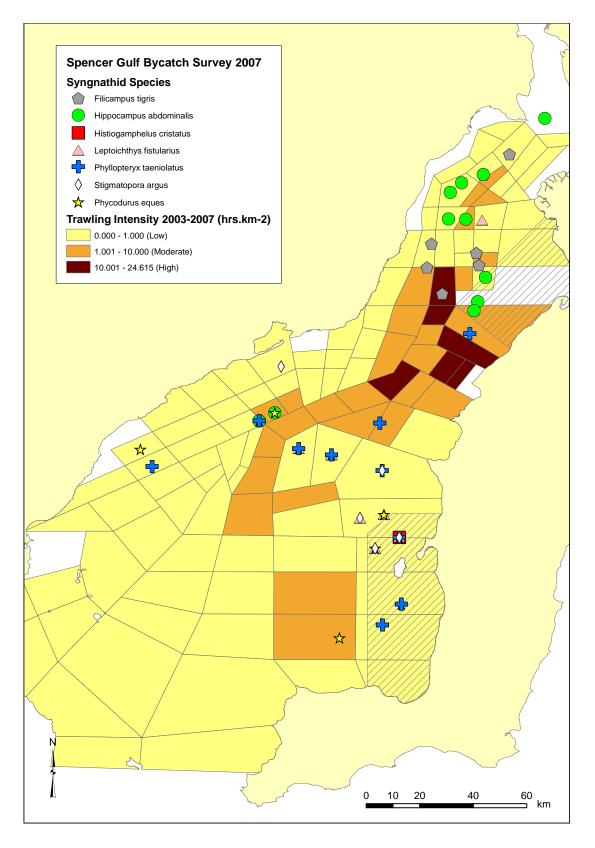


Figure 17. Map of the Spencer Gulf showing the distributions of 7 species of Syngnathid collected as by-catch during a prawn trawl survey of 120 sites in February 2007. Symbols denoting each species are overlayed on a map of mean prawn trawling effort (hours fished  $/ \text{km}^2$ ) reported for 119 fishing bocks in Spencer Gulf between 2003 and 2007. Hatched polygons on the eastern side of the gulf denote voluntary spatial closures at Broughton (north) and Wardang (south) implemented by the Spencer Gulf and West Coast Prawn Fisherman's Association.

## 4 **DISCUSSION**

## 4.1 Species composition and spatial distribution

The total of 395 species collected from the 120 x  $\sim$ 30 minute trawls in the present study is higher than the 106 species previously identified for the SGPF by Carrick (1997). The higher number of species collected in the present study reflects three major differences in approach. Firstly, we collected samples from 57 hours of trawling effort whereas Carrick (1997) collected samples from 16 hours of trawling. Secondly, our survey was conducted across a wider area of the Gulf, which included areas voluntarily closed to prawn fishing, whereas Carrick's samples were obtained from regularly fished areas only. Thirdly, we identified all organisms collected to the lowest taxonomic classification possible (generally to the species level), whereas Carrick (1997) only identified the teleosts and a few molluscs and crustaceans to the species level.

By-catch studies that include sites in low intensity trawl grounds (e.g. Stobutzki *et.al.*2003) may identify more species that are potentially impacted by prawn trawling than studies confined to the main fishing grounds (e.g. Kennelly *et al.*, 1998; Svane, 2007; Tonks *et. al.* 2008). Carrick (1997) surveyed at 32 sites in Spencer Gulf in areas of medium and high trawl intensity. Despite differences in the location of sites sampled by Carrick (1997) and in the present study, Carrick (1997) reported a similar number of fish species from a similar amount of trawl effort from those obtained from medium and high trawl intensity areas in the present study (Carrick, 95 species from 16 hours; present study, 85 species from 17.6 hours). The inclusion of low trawl intensity sites in the present study resulted in the collection of an additional 47 fish species that were not captured from areas of medium and high trawl intensity.

The by-catch-to-prawn ratios estimated in the present study differed among areas with varying trawl histories. The ratio in areas that have been subjected to high trawling intensities was 2.0:1, whereas areas with medium and low intensity trawling histories had ratios of 3.2:1 and 8.7:1, respectively. The by-catch-to-prawn ratios estimated for trawled areas in two previous studies of Spencer Gulf, i.e. 3.5:1 by Carrick (1997) and 2.2:1 by Svane *et al.* (2007), are comparable to the estimates obtained for medium and high intensity trawl grounds in the present study. Higher by-catch-to-prawn ratios have been reported for trawled areas in other Australian prawn fisheries. For example, by-catch-to-prawn ratios of 4.3:1 and 10.4:1 have been reported for heavily trawled areas in the North Queensland Prawn Fishery (Poiner *et al.*, 1998) and New South Wales Oceanic Prawn Fishery, respectively (Kennelly *et al.*, 1998). Hence, the by-catch-to-prawn ratio in regularly trawled areas of Spencer Gulf is relatively low in comparison to those in other Australian prawn fisheries. However, such comparisons must be interpreted with caution as differences in habitat type, fishing methodology, and the level and frequency of fishing effort make direct comparisons between fisheries difficult.

## 4.2 Relationships with trawl effort history and environmental parameters

## 4.2.1 Overall species richness, abundance and biomass

Patterns of total abundances and biomasses in Spencer Gulf may, in part, reflect differences in oceanographic conditions. The high total abundances and biomasses recorded at sites on the western side of the gulf may reflect the inflow of nutrient-rich water from the shelf in this region (Nunes Vaz *et. al.* 1990). In contrast, the total abundances and biomasses were generally low in the eastern gulf where nutrient-depleted water flows outward. Interestingly, species richness was inversely correlated with total abundance and biomass and was high in the eastern gulf and low in the west.

Whilst mean abundance and biomass was substantially lower at high trawl intensity sites, the differences among trawl intensity areas were not statistically significant, due to the extremely high abundance and biomass at a small number of sites in the north and south of the Gulf.

## 4.2.2 Community structure

Although distance from the top of the gulf, and to a lesser extent depth, explain most of the variation in community structure, it is unlikely that either variable is the primary casual factor in structuring the benthos. Depth, for example, co-varies with many other environmental variables (e.g. turbidity, sediment grain size) which directly affect the distribution of benthic species and communities, while both salinity and temperature generally decline with increasing distance from the top of the gulf (Heggie and Skyring, 1999). Studies conducted elsewhere in temperate Australia (Loneragan *et al.*, 1989; Edgar *et al.*, 1999; Hirst, 2004) have generally concluded that salinity predominantly structures diversity and community composition of estuarine biota and it seems reasonable to infer that the large north-south salinity gradient reported for the Spencer Gulf (Nunes and Lennon, 1986) also plays a role in structuring its marine benthos.

The identification of a strong north-south gradient in the species composition of the benthic communities in Spencer Gulf is an important finding because it provides a spatial framework for future assessment and management of the impacts of prawn trawling. Future studies should be designed to take into account these broad spatial patterns of distribution and abundance, i.e. the existence of North, Mid-North, Central and South groups. This is important because the regional differences among these communities appear to be larger than the variations resulting from the effects of trawling. These findings contrast with the conclusion of Svane *et al.* (2009) that the differences in community structure among five sites in Spencer Gulf were primarily due to differences in trawl effort rather than biophysical factors.

## 4.2.3 Taxonomic groups

The total abundances and biomasses recorded in this survey were dominated by chordates (fish) and crustaceans, which were both widely distributed in Spencer Gulf. These findings were consistent with those of Carrick (1997) who reported that small fin-fish dominated catches of commercial trawls at 32 sites in the northern and central Spencer Gulf during February 1996. Fish and crustaceans also comprise the majority of the catch of prawn fisheries in locations such as Joseph Bonaparte Gulf (Tonks *et al.* 2008) and oceanic waters off New South Wales (Kennelley *et. al.* 1998).

Poriferans (sponges) accounted for 10% of the biomass in the current study, which reflects their broad distribution and their frequently large size (i.e. >1 m diameter). In previous studies, Carrick (1997) reported relatively low levels of biomass for poriferans, whereas Svane *et al.* (2007) found that sessile epibenthos (i.e. sponges, bryozoans, bivalves) dominated the by-catch. These contrasting results are likely to reflect the spatial differences in the locations surveyed in the two previous studies. For example, Carrick (1997) only surveyed areas where trawl intensity was high or medium, and the study of Svane et al (2007) was limited to five sites in northern Spencer Gulf.

The very low biomasses of poriferans and bryozoans that we recorded in heavily trawled areas support the generalisation that these taxa are particularly susceptible to demersal trawling. This is because they are sessile, long-lived, slow growing, slow to recruit and thus may take years, or even decades, to recover from trawling impacts. Studies in north-western Australia have shown that a single fish trawl can remove up to 90% of the large sponges in its path (Sainsbury *et al.*, 1992). Elsewhere in northern Australia, experimental prawn trawling has been shown to deplete sponge biomass by approximately 78% (Burridge *et al.*, 2003).

Unfortunately, as no quantitative data are available on sponge and bryozoan distribution in Spencer Gulf prior to the commencement of the fishery, the hypothesis that trawling may explain the spatial differences in the abundances and biomasses of these taxa observed in the present study, could not be formally tested. However, the absence of several widely distributed species of poriferans in heavily trawled areas of Spencer Gulf suggests that prawn trawling may adversely affect these slow growing taxa.

Sessile emergent benthos provides important refuges for the juveniles and adults of some commercial species (Auster *et al.*, 1996), and may support diverse faunal assemblages that are important prey for some organisms. The lack of sponges and other erect sessile fauna on the main trawl grounds of the Spencer Gulf may explain the apparently lower biomass of fish on those grounds. While some individual fish species, notably rough leatherjacket and little scorpion fish, did not follow this overall trend, fish biomasses were collectively lower on the most intensively fished grounds. This result is consistent with the findings of Sainsbury (1988) who reported that a measurable decrease in sponge by-catch during trawling led to a reduction in the catches of snappers and emperors, which sheltered among these structures and fed on the emergent fauna. Studies in the north Atlantic have also shown that a reduction in habitat complexity adversely affects the recruitment and survivorship of juvenile cod (Tupper and Boutilier, 1995).

The similarities in the spatial distribution patterns of invertebrates and fish observed in this study have important implications. As the survey was designed to provide comprehensive spatial coverage and did not involve temporal replication, it could be argued that the latitudinal gradient in community structure observed could be confounded with seasonal variation. However, as the invertebrate community was dominated by long-lived, sessile organisms (i.e. sponges) these patterns may be temporally stable. In addition, the high correlation between the underlying patterns in structure of the invertebrate and fish communities, suggest this latitudinal gradient would have been observed regardless of the timing of the survey.

In contrast to the poriferans, the abundances and/or biomasses of crustaceans, rhodophytes and chlorophytes were significantly higher on moderate and/or intensely trawled areas than lightly trawled areas. This may reflect the capacity of these fast growing and fecund groups to rapidly colonise areas disturbed by prawn trawling (e.g. Sainsbury *et al.*, 1992).

## 4.2.4 Common species

Several species of motile benthic scavengers dominated catches throughout Spencer Gulf, including western king prawn, Degens leatherjacket, blue swimmer crab and skipjack trevally. These four species collectively accounted for over 80% of the total abundance and over 50% of the total biomass. This pattern of dominance by a small number of widespread species is not unusual in marine benthic communities. However, the prevalence of scavenging species is noteworthy in light of the large volume of by-catch discarded annually by prawn trawlers in Spencer Gulf and made available as food for these species (Svane *et al.*, 2008). Svane *et al.* (2008) found that discarded by-catch is quickly consumed by the large numbers of generalist predators and scavengers at a rate eight times higher than in some tropical fisheries. Several studies have suggested that the discarding of unwanted catch may lead to increases in the size of some scavenging populations (Wassenberg and Hill, 1990; Kaiser and Spencer, 1996; Ramsay *et al.*, 1998). It is unclear whether the prevalence of benthic scavengers in Spencer Gulf is a response to the increase in food generated by prawn trawling as no studies of the ecosystem were undertaken prior to the commencement of fishing.

The four community regions identified within Spencer Gulf were characterised by differences in the number of species. Survey stations comprising the northern region of the Spencer Gulf support a moderate-high number of species (181, of which 21 are unique to the area) and are

typified by exceptionally high biomasses of the target species, western king prawn. Stations from the mid-north, by comparison, are dominated by blue swimmer crabs, and support fewer bycatch species (152) and a smaller number of unique species (6). Blue swimmer crabs also characterise the bycatch taken from the central region, but this region also supports relatively higher numbers of species (252) and includes 42 species that are unique to the area. In contrast, stations from the south of the gulf are characterised by Degens leatherjacket, and are found to support the richest collection of species (278) and the highest number of locally unique species (94). Notably, this later group includes a large number of sponges and fish with open coastal affinities, and their rarity elsewhere in the gulf appears to be consistent with the intrusion of oceanic waters at the mouth of the gulf.

Spencer Gulf Prawn fishers can retain two by-product species: the southern calamary, *Sepioteuthis australis,* and Balmain bug, *Ibacus peronii.* Both species were distributed broadly throughout the Gulf. Southern calamary represented 1% of the total survey abundance and biomass, whereas Balmain bugs were <0.1% of total abundance and <1% of the total biomass. Southern calamary was significantly more abundant on high (×4) and medium (×2) intensity trawl grounds, than areas with historically low trawl intensity. Fish predation is considered very substantial in many marine food webs (Bax, 1991) and it may be that the higher abundance of calamary in trawled regions of Spencer Gulf is a result of the lower number of predatory fish in these areas. It may be also reflective of the favourable conditions that by-catch discarding creates for scavenging populations (Wassenberg and Hill, 1990; Kaiser and Spencer, 1996; Ramsay *et. al.*, 1998).

## 4.3 Threatened, Endangered and Protected species

During the present study, seven species of syngnathids were captured from waters greater than 10 m depth. South Australian Museum records indicate that 11 other syngnathid species have been recorded for Spencer Gulf but were not captured during this study. The most abundant species captured was the common seadragon, *Phyllopteryx taeniolatus*, followed by the leafy seadragon, *Phycodurus eques* and potbelly seahorse, *Hippocampus abdominalis*. Three species of pipefish, brushtail pipefish *Leptoichthys fistularius*, spotted pipefish *Stigmatopora argus* and Macleays crested pipefish *Histiogamphelus cristatus* were captured exclusively on grounds receiving low levels of trawling or areas now closed. In contrast to all other syngnathid species, the tiger pipefish, *Filicampus tigris*, was only captured in trawled areas, including those of medium and high intensity.

A total of 112 individuals were identified in the sub-samples of the trawl catch. This included 43 individuals captured from eight sites in areas now closed to fishing. Of the remainder, 61 were captured in areas of low trawl intensity (from 18 sites), seven were captured in areas of moderate intensity (from 6 sites) and one was captured in an area of high intensity. Due to the relatively small area surveyed and sub-sampling of the catch in this study it hard to accurately characterise the distribution and abundance of each species throughout Spencer Gulf.

There are several reasons why it is difficult to use the findings from our fishery-independent survey to quantify sygnathid capture during commercial fishing. Firstly, this survey provides only a snapshot and does not account for the effects of seasonal variation on population abundance e.g. migration (Lazzari and Able, 1990; Vincent and Sadler, 1995). Secondly, information on historical trawling effort is only available at the scale of fishing block and thus the effort applied at specific site locations is unknown. Finally, the depletion rates associated with commercial prawn trawl effort are unknown. Despite this uncertainty, our results suggest that thousands of syngnathids may be taken annually during commercial prawn trawling in Spencer Gulf (18,438 hrs of commercial trawl effort in 2007/08).

Whilst this is the most comprehensive data set available on syngnathid interactions with the SGPF, the ecological consequences for these species remain unknown. Many captured

syngnathids are likely to be returned to the water alive after trawling, but their subsequent fate is uncertain. It has been reported that syngnathids are taken as prey by several fish species (Whitley and Allan, 1958; Jordan and Gilbert, 1982) and they may be particularly vulnerable to predation after release. Physiological stress associated with trawl capture and release may also result in mortality (Thomas and Chick, 2007). Syngnathids that encounter trawl gear but are not captured by it may also be negatively affected.

A number of approaches could be taken to improve the understanding of the effects of prawn trawling on syngnathids in Spencer Gulf. It would seem sensible to use the current fishery-independent trawl surveys conducted in November, February and April to obtain information on the seasonal distribution and abundance of syngnathids in trawled areas. On-board observing during commercial fishing may also be conducted which could provide seasonal information on capture and depletion rates. Additional studies, such as survival experiments, may also be conducted to improve our understanding on the fate of discarded individuals.

## 4.4 Future monitoring and research

Most community concern regarding the impacts of prawn trawling is with the possible longterm effects. Unfortunately, natural cyclical change and random between-year variation make long-term trawling impacts difficult to detect. Like many estuaries with populated catchments, Spencer Gulf receives pollution from a wide range of sources including urban and industrial developments, commercial and recreational shipping and agriculture. While some impacts such as the introduction of exotic marine organisms may also be contributing to irreversible changes to the ecology of the Spencer Gulf, the relative significance of prawn trawling in relation to these impacts is unknown.

The magnitude and persistence of the effects of prawn trawling on the benthic communities of Spencer Gulf can only be assessed with a degree of certainty if controlled manipulative experiments are conducted at the scale of the fishery. However, the high costs of these types of studies have often limited their application (Currie and Parry, 1996). While several studies have been undertaken in Spencer Gulf to evaluate the fates and consequences of by-catch discards (Svane 2003, Svane *et al* 2007), no manipulative studies have been done to quantify the direct effects of prawn trawling on habitat structure or the indirect effects of habitat modification on the ecology of the Spencer Gulf. As a result, there is still considerable uncertainty surrounding the effects of prawn trawling on the gulf's benthic ecosystems. The permanent closure of two areas in the Spencer Gulf (off Port Broughton in the north-east, and Wardang Island in the south-east; Figure 4) provides an opportunity to investigate the contribution of prawn trawling to long-term changes in the gulf's ecology. Periodically resampling sites located on trawl grounds and in closed areas would provide insights into the future effects of prawn trawling on community structure.

This study provides critical information on the spatial distribution of benthic organisms in Spencer Gulf and provides a baseline for future assessments of trawling impacts. Future assessments of the ecological impacts of the SGPF should include high-quality data on all potentially deleterious human activities, including aquaculture and other commercial fishing activities in the region. Ideally, future surveys would be conducted annually to account for natural variations in recruitment, migration, sea temperature and rainfall. However, given the high costs of conducting these surveys it may be more appropriate to conduct monitoring surveys every 3-5 years. Future assessments will be enhanced by additional information on: 1) seasonal patterns in the distribution of motile taxa and species composition of the by-catch; 2) species-specific changes in catch rates during commercial fishing (i.e. depletion studies); and 3) rates of post-trawl survival of species that are vulnerable to trawling, especially threatened, endangered and protected species.

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Appendix 1. Quality control procedures for by-catch database validation.

### Shot nomenclature

- All shot names reconciled with field notes and transcription errors removed 23/07/2008.
- All duplicate shot names recoded and assigned unique key in access database 23/07/2008. This action was necessary as the historical names for some survey shots were repeated in different areas of the Spencer Gulf.

### Shots excluded

• A total of 121 by-catch shots were undertaken during the February 2007 survey. One of these shots (Site 13C, Vessel Evelyn B, Date 18/02/2007) was physically duplicated and the fauna was processed in the laboratory. The electronic data for this shot has been places on file (\\Pirsaf02\USER8\Wild Fisheries\Prawns\By-catch Survey 2007\Database\Additional Data\DUPLICATED SHOT (13C).xls) but this information has not been included in the Access database.

### Shot Length

• Co-ordinates for start and end-points of shots imported to ArcGIS layer. Distance estimates for extreme values (i.e. lowest = 0.854 km, highest = 4.194 km) checked against database. No correction required 23/07/2008.

### Shot Mislabel

• CI inadvertently swapped labels from shots BC2 & 59B. This transcription error was corrected in the Laboratory table of the Access database on 24/07/2008.

### **Un-landed Shots**

• Shot BC41 could not be landed on deck. SR estimated that the shot was similar in size and composition to BC37 (i.e ~20 tonnes of leatherjackets *Thamnaconus degeni*, plus a small number of calamary *Sepioteuthis australis* and jack mackerel *Trachurus declivis*). Following discussions with CD on 24/07/2008, it was agreed that an estimate for 2-nally bins of by-catch derived from BC37 be added to the Access database to account for the missing data at shot BC41. On 24/07/2008 the following three lines were added to the 'Laboratory' table of the Access database:

ID 41484		Code F054	Weight	Length	Sex	Remain Weight 40073	Remain Count 3127
	bc41	100.				156 368	4 10

### **Miscellaneous Shots**

- CP1, Sandy S, 17/02/2007. As the deck crew removed half of the prawns from the by-catch nally bin, the total count (266) and weight (10922g) of prawns (C001 *Melicertus latisulcatus*) recorded for this shot has been doubled and inserted in the remainder count/weight cells of the 'Laboratory' table in the Access database: DC 24/07/2008.
- CP12, Sandy S, 17/02/2007. Because the deck crew removed half of the prawns from the bycatch nally bin, the total count (124) and weight (5617g) of prawns (C001 *Melicertus latisulcatus*) recorded for this shot has been doubled and inserted in the remainder count/weight cells of the 'Laboratory' table in the Access database: DC 24/07/2008.

### **Catch Estimate**

- The electronic entry for total by-catch volume for each shot ('Vessel' table; nally bins) was double checked against the observer logs. No transcription errors and no correction required DC 25/07/2008.
- One level nally bin of by-catch was to be taken from each shot, however, half-bin subsamples were collected from eleven of the Miss Rylee shots (BC12, C7, Z1/7, Z2/10, Z2/11, Z3/8, 2, BC8, C14, SHW7, Z2/13) due to a lack of available freezer bags/tags (KR *pers. com.*). To ensure that the under-sampling is not overlooked during standardisation a new variable (BinSTD) was added to the 'Vessel' table of the Access database. This includes a 2x multiplier for the 11 aforementioned Miss Rylee shots.

### Standardisation

• The total catch landed on deck, and subsequently retained for laboratory analysis, was less than one (<1) nally bin at 12 shots (BC24, WD3, WD9, BC33, BC35, BC18, 20B, 68, BC42, BC43, CP7, CP3). To ensure proportional representation of these data, the catch standardisation variable (BinSTD) for each of these shots has been coded '1' on the 'Vessel' table of the Access database.

### **Species Table**

- Duplicate codes for Barber Perch (F066, F118) identified. On closer examination it appears that F066 is most probably a Butterfly Perch (*Caesioperca lepidoptera*). Species table updated accordingly. DC 28/07/2008.
- No abundance data were recorded for either the Masked Burrowing Crab (C021) or the White Spotted Skate (F102). These codes have therefore been removed from the species table. DC 28/08/2008.
- Two Demosponge sponge species (S017 & S025) were initially assigned duplicate common and scientific names (Demosponge sp. 5). The latter sponge (S025) has now been renamed Demosponge sp. 64.
- Two Chondropsid sponge species (S007 & S087) were initially assigned duplicate common and scientific names (Chondropsid sp. 1). The latter sponge (S087) has now been renamed Chondropsid sp. 3.
- Two sponges (S039 & S049) are now recognised as ascidians. These have been re-coded to A022 & A023, respectively. Photograph codes have been updated. Associated entries for these revised species have also been corrected in the Laboratory Table. DC 21/08/2008.
- One sponge (S109) but could not confidently assigned to any taxa (amorphous tangle of algae/seagrass/ascidian). As this voucher was only recoded from one location, it has been deleted from the species and laboratory tables. DC 21/08/2008.
- Refinement of the sponge identities has facilitated some consolidation of vouchers and data. The following sponges have now been amalgamated: (S012=S061=S095) (S004=S103), (S027=S036), (S042=S045), (S010=S033), (S040=S098), with the first code in each group taking precedence.
- Species dataset filtered and checked to ensure that all scientific names assigned to each alphanumeric code are unique.
- The only abiotic code in the species table of the Access database (Rubble; R001) was removed (DC 28/07/2008) to prevent any confusion during interrogation. The associated data held in the Laboratory table was also removed and archived in <u>\Pirsaf02\USER8\Wild</u> Fisheries\Prawns\By-catch Survey 2007\Database\Additional Data\Rubble.xls.
- New variable "Mobility" added to Species table. This will facilitate assessment of vulnerability and recovery associated with trawling impacts. Only two classes of adult mobility (sessile or motile) have been assigned at this stage (30/07/2008).
- New variable "Guild" added to Species table. This variable is used to classify species according to their primary feeding group. Using published literature (inc. Gomon *et al* for Fish, Edgar for invertebrates) seven trophic groups are assigned (primary producer, primary consumer (deposit), primary consumer (suspension), secondary consumer (benthic predator), tertiary consumer (piscivore), parasite, pelagic).

## Laboratory Table

- Check to ensure that data from 120 by-catch shots (only) held in the laboratory table of the Access database. DC 28/07/2008.
- Power curves developed to predict weights for excess megafauna. The formulae used for each species is given below, and was generated using by-catch specimens processed in the laboratory. Were insufficient data were available we have used relationships developed by KR. Note all ray lengths are based on disk widths.

Code	Common Name	Scientific Name	Formula
F031	Port Jackson Shark	Heterodontus portusjacksoni	W = 0.000001* L^3.297
F061	Eagle Ray	Myliobatis australis	$W = 0.0000005 * L_{Width}^{3.515}$
F073	Southern Fiddler Ray	Trygonorrhina dumerilii	W = 0.000006* L^2.9893
F077	Angel Shark	Squatina australis	$W = 0.000009 * L^{3.004}$

F082	Melbourne Skate	Dipturus whitleyi	W = 0.000004* L^3.1225
F088	Southern Shovelnose	Aptychotrema vincentiana	W = 0.000006* L^2.8875
F097	Black Stingray	Dasyatis thetidis	$W = 0.00001 * L_{Width}^{3.1184}$
F098	Smooth Stingray	Dasyatis brevicaudata	$W = 0.00001 * L_{Width}^{3.1184}$
F099	Gummy Shark	Mustelus antarcticus	W = 0.000006* L^3.012

- Check to ensure no duplicate species or shot lines for remainder variables (i.e. weight & count) in the Laboratory Table of the Access Database. All good DC 4/08/2008.
- Check to ensure cumulative weights for each remainder species are consistent with count. All OK 4/08/2008. (species codes A011, M004, M008, M011, C001, C004, C005, F004, F006, F008, F009, F010, F013, F018, F019, F021, F022, F023, F025, F035, F042, F052, F054, F091).
- General length-weight relationships for extremes ends of Laboratory Table reviewed and outliers corrected, DC 4/08/2008.
- Duplicate case sensitive codes for 40 fish, 9 crustacean, 6 mollusc and 1 sponge species were identified during validation checks. To avoid any errors in summary statistics all alphanumeric species codes in the Laboratory Table have been converted to lower case. DC 6/08/2008.
- Plots of length-weight relationship generated for all Ascidian and Bryozoan species, and used to identify and amend outliers in database. DC 6/08/2008.
- Balmain Bug (Code C002) plot suggest that a subset of data has used carapace lengths rather then widths as the primarily size measurement. All size measurements corrected by DC 7/08/2008.
- Blue Crab (C004) size-weight relationships verified/corrected for undamaged individuals.
- Size-weight relationships for all outstanding taxa (crustaceans, molluscs, fish) validated and corrected DC 10/08/2008.
- Weight of sponges, seagrass, algae and bryozoans validated DC 18/08/2008.
- "Remainder Count" and "Remainder Weight" scanned for duplicate entry lines (by species and site). All good 18/08/2008.
- Number-weight plots constructed for "Remainder Count" and "Remainder Weight" (by species) to identify outliers. Table corrected DC 18/08/2008.
- Uppercase letters in site codes transformed to lower case in all instances to avoid any duplicate sites. DC 18/08/2008.

## **Aggregation of Abundance and Biomass**

- Abundance and biomass information from the Laboratory table were aggregated by Site and Species using the following steps:
  - 1. Data lines for non-excess species (Excess not equal to 1) extracted and summary table produced (TEMP 1 4564 lines) with total weight and counts.
  - 2. Data lines with entries for "Remainder Count" and "Remainder Weight" (not null) extracted and summary table produced (TEMP 2 390 lines) with total weight and counts.
  - 3. Summary table (TEMP 3) of all organisms processed in the laboratory at West Beach produced by merging counts and weights from TEMP1 with TEMP2.
  - 4. Total count and weight for each species in each shot (excluding excess species) derived by multiplying site data in TEMP 3 by standardisation integer (BinSTD variable in Vessel Table of Access database).
  - 5. Absolute count and weight for all species landed on deck during each shot generated by adding total count and weight information for all excess species (Excess = 1) to TEMP3.
  - 6. The final aggregated catch for each trawl shot has been added to the Access database as a new table (Catch). (DC 22/08/2008)

### Standardising catch

• Standardised weight and count information for each species and shot have been included as new variables ('WtSTD' and 'CountSTD', respectively) in the Catch Table of the Access database. DC 26/08/2008

**Appendix 2**. Mean (5-year average) prawn trawling effort (hours fished /  $km^2$ ) reported for 119 fishing bocks in Spencer Gulf between 1987 and 2007. Intensity classification employed in ANOVA groups are derived from rank order of fishing effort recorded for the period 2003-2007.

Block No.	1988 - 1992	1993 - 1997	1998 - 2002	2003 - 2007	Intensity Class
43	39.367	59.048	26.948	24.615	High
36	20.149	14.113	17.056	18.324	High
44	14.449	13.441	20.956	17.439	High
31 38	21.853	29.567	19.066	14.933	High
	4.296	1.586	9.655	12.655	High
47	1.005	0.819	2.887	11.792	High
46	6.789	6.239	6.229	9.318	Moderate
39	10.415	6.775	7.465	8.752	Moderate
52 25	9.377	7.803	5.816	6.814	Moderate
35	1.698	0.307	3.867	5.609	Moderate
42	9.007	5.523	5.499	5.445	Moderate
87	2.065	2.390	4.319	3.950	Moderate
40	0.360	0.027	3.167	3.903	Moderate
14	10.957	20.365	2.253	3.596	Moderate
51	7.660	8.839	5.316	2.773	Moderate
65	2.088	5.810	3.291	2.746	Moderate
29	3.970	1.709	0.987	2.531	Moderate
45	1.453	2.274	1.988	2.281	Moderate
15	8.777	12.938	2.537	2.261	Moderate
55	1.429	2.472	2.304	1.709	Moderate
37	0.073	0.010	0.886	1.688	Moderate
50	0.042	0.000	3.579	1.655	Moderate
64	2.551	2.932	2.418	1.647	Moderate
9	9.463	19.552	1.939	1.642	Moderate
27	10.097	6.163	3.231	1.615	Moderate
117	5.623	3.467	2.236	1.578	Moderate
18	2.384	11.501	4.811	1.547	Moderate
53	3.508	2.440	3.789	1.389	Moderate
32	0.604	0.144	1.128	1.347	Moderate
49	0.022	0.018	2.277	1.047	Moderate
84	1.294	0.879	1.133	1.024	Moderate
54	2.069	1.659	0.833	1.013	Moderate
112	1.597	2.459	1.681	1.011	Moderate
26	6.083	5.910	1.151	0.980	Low
69	0.508	0.478	0.919	0.876	Low
124	0.250	0.345	1.621	0.855	Low
58	0.245	3.766	3.145	0.812	Low
59	0.020	2.492	1.129	0.790	Low
24	1.280	2.773	2.175	0.606	Low
8	4.473	6.737	1.377	0.598	Low
17	3.161	3.869	0.818	0.509	Low
94	0.151	0.072	0.340	0.490	Low
23	17.192	12.108	3.442	0.448	Low
118	3.638	1.361	1.197	0.379	Low
57	0.086	1.455	0.849	0.368	Low
25	5.095	1.749	1.235	0.343	Low
56	0.683	4.012	1.947	0.338	Low
28	2.046	1.272	0.698	0.328	Low
7	0.553	0.273	0.321	0.323	Low
68	0.512	0.979	0.256	0.318	Low
63	0.103	0.418	0.245	0.301	Low
92	1.146	0.651	0.770	0.197	Low
101	0.133	1.790	0.260	0.194	Low
110	0.091	1.096	0.747	0.188	Low
70	0.162	0.472	0.229	0.182	Low
102	0.505	0.906	0.229	0.179	Low
102 62	0.007	0.575	0.204	0.179	Low
111	0.162	2.532	0.288	0.178	Low
73	0.162	0.393	0.849	0.173	
116	0.949				Low
		0.437	1.488	0.142	Low
119	0.357	0.289	0.046	0.142	Low
19	13.336	6.047	1.604	0.126	Low
67	0.009	0.000	0.283	0.112	Low
60	0.004	0.537	0.144	0.091	Low

Block No.	1988 - 1992	1993 - 1997	1998 - 2002	2003 - 2007	Intensity Class
93	0.244	0.067	0.221	0.078	Low
123	0.284	1.093	0.307	0.076	Low
98	0.626	0.133	0.396	0.068	Low
113	0.123	0.431	0.407	0.064	Low
22	2.155	1.716	0.303	0.061	Low
109	0.019	0.027	0.185	0.054	Low
5	0.060	0.161	0.103	0.049	Low
20	0.117	0.000	0.015	0.049	Low
88	0.000	0.049	0.032	0.045	Low
82	0.000	0.021	0.006	0.043	Low
48	0.000	0.021	0.000	0.041	Low
33	0.000	0.010	0.004	0.035	Low
10	2.794	3.637	0.034	0.034	Low
13	5.122	3.029	0.353	0.033	Low
30	0.008	0.002	0.011	0.029	Low
72	0.153	0.127	0.106	0.027	Low
34	0.078	0.070	0.135	0.025	Low
103	0.095	0.252	0.139	0.025	Low
21	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.021	Low
71	0.077	0.005	0.133	0.020	Low
66	0.009	0.057	0.063	0.017	Low
114	0.004	0.019	0.040	0.017	Low
85	0.050	0.118	0.044	0.016	Low
16	0.067	0.134	0.166	0.015	Low
125	0.079	0.000	0.222	0.013	Low
86	0.042	0.080	0.048	0.009	Low
89	0.024	0.002	0.013	0.009	Low
61	0.000	0.110	0.058	0.008	Low
83	0.091	0.032	0.018	0.008	Low
91	0.021	0.001	0.007	0.005	Low
96	0.008	0.004	0.010	0.003	Low
97	0.000	0.006	0.009	0.003	Low
6	0.002	0.000	0.001	0.003	Low
74	0.002	0.019	0.009	0.002	Low
77	0.000			0.002	
3		0.001	0.000	0.002	Low
	0.013	0.024	0.023		Low
4	0.148	0.065	0.014	0.001	Low
80	0.002	0.026	0.001	0.001	Low
115	0.220	0.074	0.229	0.001	Low
1	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	Low
2	0.040	0.000	0.002	0.000	Low
11	0.014	0.005	0.000	0.000	Low
12	0.006	0.008	0.002	0.000	Low
75	0.000	0.007	0.005	0.000	Low
76	0.000	0.023	0.000	0.000	Low
79	0.000	0.013	0.000	0.000	Low
81	0.000	0.004	0.009	0.000	Low
90	0.002	0.001	0.009	0.000	Low
95	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	Low
100	0.043	0.005	0.000	0.000	Low
105	0.000	0.021	0.000	0.000	Low
106	0.000	0.033	0.001	0.000	Low
108	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	Low
121	0.000	0.002	0.043	0.000	Low
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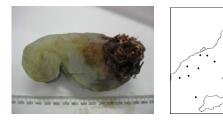
**Appendix 3**. Distribution of 395 species collected during Spencer Gulf prawn trawl survey.

### A001 Pyura gibbosa (Heller, 1878) (Urochordata, Pyuridae) CAAB 35 032028



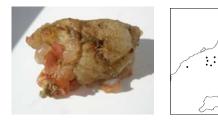
Common name = Sea Tulip Length = To 405 mm Depth range = 13.5 - 41.5 m Sites = 21C, 47B, 69, BC15, BC44, Z1/1, Z3/10, Z3/11 Average biomass = 1.240 g/ha Rank biomass = 260Average abundance = 0.158/ha Rank abundance = 85

### A002 Ascidia sydneiensis Stimpson, 1855 (Urochordata, Ascididae) CAAB 35 002018



Common name = Blue Ascidian Length = To 176 mm Depth range = 13.5 - 41.5 m Sites = 21C, 26, 30, 44, 50B, 68, 7, 74, 92, 94, BC10, BC11, BC25, BC30, BC4, BC44, C14, WG1, Z1/3 Average biomass = 17.567 g/ha Rank biomass = 125 Average abundance = 0.232/ha Rank abundance = 74

### A003 Herdmania momus (Savigny, 1816) (Urochordata, Pyuridae) CAAB 35 032008



Common name = Spined Ascidian Length = To 180 mm Depth range = 13 - 33 m Sites = 13C, 16, 19, 4, 59B, 5B, 63, 68, 74, 80, 94, 9B, BC10, BC11, BC13, BC15, BC4, CB1, EWL3, FC2, N23, WAL32, Y7, Z3/2 Average biomass = 35.106 g/ha Rank biomass = 90 Average abundance = 0.259/ha Rank abundance = 67

#### A004 Polycarpa pedunculata Heller, 1878 (Urochordata, Styelidae) CAAB 35 033086





Common name = Polycarpa Length = To 88 mm Depth range = 14.5 - 26 m Sites = 69, 78, BC11, BC40, BC6 Average biomass = 0.459 g/ha Average abundance = 0.042/ha

Rank biomass = 301 Rank abundance = 185

#### A005 Pyura abradata Kott, 1985 (Urochordata, Pyuridae) CAAB 35 032020

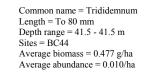


Common name = Pyura sp. 1 Length = To 88 mm Depth range = 17 - 22.5 mSites = 32, 78, BC11, Z3/2 Average biomass = 0.772 g/ha Average abundance = 0.020/ha

Rank biomass = 280Rank abundance = 218

#### A006 Trididemnum cerebriforme Hartmeyer, 1913 (Urochordata, Didemnidae) CAAB 35 013049





Rank biomass = 300 Rank abundance = 271

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### A007 Eudistoma sabulosum Kott, 1990 (Urochordata, Polycitoridae) CAAB 35 018029



Common name = Eudistoma sp. 1 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 16.5 - 41.5 mSites = 50B, 5B, BC44 Average biomass = 108.316 g/ha Average abundance = 0.032/ha

Rank biomass = 48 Rank abundance = 196

A008 Pyura australis (Quoy & Gaimard, 1834) (Urochordata, Pyuridae) CAAB 35 032022





Common name = Sea Tulip sp. 2 Length = To 440 mm Depth range = 13 - 54.5 m Sites = 22B, 5B, BC10, BC14, BC2, BC42, BC43, BC44, BC46, BC9, CP1, CP3, CP7, Z1/5, Z3/10, Z3/11 Average biomass = 30.314 g/ha Rank biomass = 96Average abundance = 0.777/ha Rank abundance = 44

#### A009 Pyura molguloides (Herdman, 1899) (Urochordata, Pyuridae) CAAB 35 032032

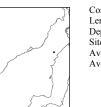


Common name = Pyura sp. 2 Length = To 98 mmDepth range = 15.5 - 15.5 m Sites = Y7Average biomass = 2.087 g/ha Average abundance = 0.008/ha

Rank biomass = 229 Rank abundance = 287

### A010 Halocynthia dumosa (Stimpson, 1855) (Urochordata, Pyuridae) CAAB 35 032004





Common name = Christmas Tree Ascidian Length = To 78 mm Depth range = 21.5 - 21.5 mSites = 4Average biomass = 0.250 g/ha Average abundance = 0.005/ha

Rank biomass = 328 Rank abundance = 312

### A011 Cnemidocarpa radicosa (Herdman, 1882) (Urochordata, Pyuridae) CAAB 35 033059





Common name = Cnemidocarpa Length = To 69 mm Depth range = 12 - 32 m Sites = 26, BC1, BC14, BC31, DK1, SHW2, WG1, Z2/13, Z3/10 Average biomass = 4.091 g/ha Rank biomass = 190 Average abundance = 0.977/haRank abundance = 39

#### A012 Pseudodistoma candens Kott, 1992 (Urochordata, Pseudodistomidae) CAAB 35 021005





Common name = Pseudodistoma Length = To 76 mm Depth range = 41.5 - 41.5 m Sites = BC44Average biomass = 0.726 g/ha Average abundance = 0.010/ha

Rank biomass = 283 Rank abundance = 271

### A013 Polyclinum marsupiale Kott, 1963 (Urochordata, Polyclinidae) CAAB 35 019056



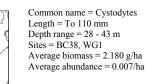


Common name = Polyclinum Length = To 96 mm Depth range = 32 - 32 m Sites = BC31 Average biomass = 0.612 g/ha Average abundance = 0.006/ha

Rank biomass = 293 Rank abundance = 301

#### A014 Cystodytes dellachiajei (Della Valle, 1877) (Urochordata, Polycitoridae) CAAB 35 018002

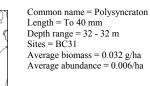




a Rank biomass = 227 Rank abundance = 291

#### A015 Polysyncraton aspiculatum Tokioka (Urochordata, Didemnidae) CAAB 35 013000





Rank biomass = 378 Rank abundance = 301

### A016 Sigillina cyanea (Herdman, 1899) (Urochordata, Holozoidae) CAAB 35 015023

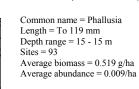


Common name = Sigillina Length = To 126 mm Depth range = 43 - 43 m Sites = BC38 Average biomass = 0.458 g/ha Average abundance = 0.002/ha

Rank biomass = 302 Rank abundance = 337

#### A017 Phallusia obesa (Herdman, 1880) (Urochordata, Ascidiidae) CAAB 35 002025





Rank biomass = 297 Rank abundance = 282

#### A018 Pyura stolonifera (Heller, 1878) (Urochordata, Pyuridae) CAAB 35 032041





$$\label{eq:common name} \begin{split} & \text{Common name} = \text{Cunjuvoi} \\ & \text{Length} = \text{To 111 mm} \\ & \text{Depth range} = 28 - 28 \text{ m} \\ & \text{Sites} = \text{WG1} \\ & \text{Average biomass} = 1.287 \text{ g/ha} \\ & \text{Average biomass} = 0.005/\text{ha} \\ \end{split}$$

Rank biomass = 258Rank abundance = 319

### A019 Didemnum augusti Michaelsen, 1920 (Urochordata, Didemnidae) CAAB 35 013002





 $\begin{array}{l} Common name = Didemnum\\ Length = To 95 mm\\ Depth range = 20 - 20 m\\ Sites = Z1/3\\ Average biomass = 0.697 g/ha\\ Average abundance = 0.007/ha \end{array}$ 

Rank biomass = 287 Rank abundance = 289

#### A020 Sycozoa cerebriformis (Quoy & Gaimard, 1834) (Urochordata, Holozoidae) CAAB 35 015031



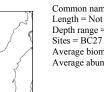


Common name = Holozoid Length = To 108 mm Depth range = 20 - 20 m Sites = 21/3Average biomass = 0.220 g/ha Average abundance = 0.007/ha

Rank biomass = 329 Rank abundance = 289

#### A021 Eudistoma constrictum Kott, 1990 (Urochordata, Polycitoridae) CAAB 35 018012



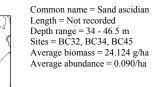


Common name = Eudistoma sp. 2 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 33 - 33 m Sites = BC27 Average biomass = 2.173 g/ha Average abundance = 0.009/ha

Rank biomass = 228 Rank abundance = 280

A022 Aplidium caeleste Monniot, 1987 (Urochordata, Polyclinidae) CAAB 35 019010

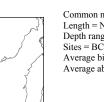




Rank biomass = 106 Rank abundance = 120

### A023 Didemnum spongioides Sluiter, 1909 (Urochordata, Didemnidae) CAAB 35 013016





Common name = Sponge ascidian Length = Not recorded Depth range = 22 - 25 m Sites = BC16, BC21 Average biomass = 2.352 g/ha Average abundance = 0.012/ha

Rank biomass = 223 Rank abundance = 256

#### B001 Celleporaria fusca (Busk, 1854) (Bryozoa, Lepraliellidae) CAAB 20 418004





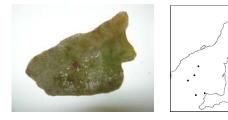
Common name = Celleporaria Length = Not recorded Depth range = 13 - 43 m Sites = 11B, 13C, 19, 20B, 26, 74, 94, BC19, BC2, BC20, BC23, BC27, BC3, BC30, BC34, BC35, BC38, BC4, BC42, BC44, BC9, C7, N23, WG1, Z1/1, Z1/3, Z2/11, Z2/13, Z3/8 Average biomass = 89.294 g/ha Average abundance = 0.251/ha Rank abundance = 71

### B002 Adeona grisea Lamouroux, 1816 (Bryozoa, Adeonidae) CAAB 20 405006



Common name = Adeona Length = Not recorded Depth range = 14 - 44 m Sites = 20B, BC16, BC34, BC38, BC42, BC44, BC46 Average biomass = 38.117 g/ha Rank biomass = 87 Average abundance = 0.071/haRank abundance = 130

B003 Steginoporella chartacea (Lamarck, 1816) (Bryozoa, Steginoporellidae) CAAB 20 354006



Common name = Steginoporella Length = Not recorded Depth range = 13 - 41.5 m Sites = 58C, 59B, BC27, BC3, BC31, BC42, BC44, WG1 Average biomass = 104.930 g/ha Rank biomass = 50 Average abundance = 0.068/ha Rank abundance = 133

B004 Cigclisula verticalis (Maplestone, 1910) (Bryozoa, Stomachetosellidae) CAAB 20 460005



Common name = Cigclisula Length = Not recorded Depth range = 28 - 43 m Sites = BC25, BC34, BC42, BC44 Average biomass = 4.730 g/haAverage abundance = 0.022/ha

Rank biomass = 178 Rank abundance = 207

B005 Triphyllozoon moniliferum (MacGillivray, 1860) (Bryozoa, Phidoloporidae) CAAB 20 487002

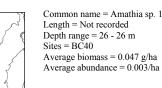


Common name = Lace Bryozoan Length = Not recorded Depth range = 22 - 41 m Sites = BC30, BC31, BC37, BC42 Average biomass = 1.924 g/ha Average abundance = 0.062/ha

Rank biomass = 234Rank abundance = 141

#### B006 Amathia tortuosa Tenison Woods, 1880 (Bryozoa, Vesiculariidae) CAAB 20 231013





Length = Not recorded Depth range = 26 - 26 m Sites = BC40 Average biomass = 0.047 g/ha Average abundance = 0.003/ha

Rank biomass = 373 Rank abundance = 334

#### B007 Amathia wilsoni Kirkpatrick, 1888 (Bryozoa, Vesiculariidae) CAAB 20 231014





Common name = Amathia sp. 2 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 20.8 - 20.8 m Sites = BC28 Average biomass = 0.100 g/ha Average abundance = 0.002/ha

Rank biomass = 358 Rank abundance = 341

### B008 Amathia sp. 3 (Bryozoa, Vesiculariidae) CAAB 20 231000

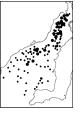


Common name = Amathia sp. 3 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 14.5 - 21.5 m Sites = 30, DK1 Average biomass = 0.166 g/ha Average abundance = 0.011/ha

Rank biomass = 342 Rank abundance = 262

#### C001 Melicertus latisulcatus (Kishinouye, 1896) (Crustacea, Penaeidae) CAAB 28 711047





Common name = Western King Prawn Length = To 64 mm

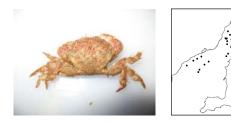
Depth range = 12 - 44.5 m Sites = 1, 11B, 12, 13C, 16, 19, 1B, 2, 20B, 21B, 21C, 22B, 23, 26, 30, 32, 36, 3A, 4, 44, 47B, 5, 50B, 57, 58C, 59B, 5B, 61, 63, 68, 69, 7, 70, 72, 74, 78, 7B, 8, 80, 92, 93, 94, 9B, BC1, BC10, BC11, BC12, BC14, BC16, BC17, BC19, BC2, BC20, BC22, BC23, BC24, BC25, BC27, BC3, BC30, BC31, BC34, BC35, BC36, BC38, BC39, BC4, BC40, BC42, BC44, BC47, BC6, BC8, BC9, C14, C7, CB1, CP1, CP12, CP3, CP7, DK1, EWL3, FC2, N23, SG2, SHW2, SHW7, WAL32, WD3, WD4, WD6, WD9, WG1, WG3, X3, Y7, Z1/1, Z1/3, Z1/5, Z1/7, Z2/10, Z2/11, Z2/13, Z3/10, Z3/11, Z3/2, Z3/8 Average biomass = 5,705.056 g/ha Rank biomass = 3 Average abundance = 257.774/ha Rank abundance = 2

#### C002 Ibacus peronii Leach, 1815 (Crustacea, Scyllaridae) CAAB 28 821004



Common name = Balmain Bug (Eastern Balmain Bug) Length = To 169 mm Depth range = 12 - 54.5 m Sites = 1, 12, 16, 21B, 21C, 22B, 23, 26, 36, 44, 5, 50B, 57, 59B, 61, 68, 69, 7, 70, 72, 74, 7B, 8, 92, 94, 9B, BC1, BC10, BC13, BC15, BC16, BC17, BC18, BC2, BC21, BC24, BC27, BC28, BC3, BC31, BC32, BC33, BC34, BC36, BC38, BC39, BC4, BC40, BC42, BC43, BC45, BC8, BC9, CB1, DK1, EWL3, FC2, N23, SG2, SHW2, WD3, WD4, WD6, Z3/11 Average biomass = 201.296 g/ha Rank biomass = 28 Average abundance = 1.231/ha Rank abundance = 31

### C003 Pilumnidae sp. Leach, 1816 (Crustacea, Pilumnidae) CAAB 28 926000



Common name = Hairy Shore Crab Length = To 26 mm Depth range = 12 - 33 m Sites = 11B, 13C, 16, 2, 21B, 21C, 23, 36, 3A, 4, 44, 47B, 5, 50B, 59B, 5B, 72, 74, 8, BC1, BC20, BC3, BC4, CB1, DK1, FC2, WG1, X3, Z1/3, Z1/5, Z1/7 Average biomass = 2.631 g/ha Rank biomass = 212 Average abundance = 0.603/ha Rank abundance = 50

#### C004 Portunus (Portunus) pelagicus (Linnaeus, 1758) (Crustacea, Portunidae) CAAB 28 911005



Common name = Blue Swimmer crab Length = To 158 mm Depth range = 12 - 33 m Sites = 1, 11B, 12, 13C, 16, 19, 1B, 2, 20B, 21B, 21C, 22B, 23, 26, 30, 32, 36, 3A, 4, 44, 47B, 5, 50B, 57, 58C, 59B, 5B, 61, 63, 68, 69, 7, 70, 72, 74, 78, 7B, 8, 80, 92, 93, 94, 9B, BC1, BC10, BC12, BC13, BC14, BC15, BC16, BC17, BC18, BC2, BC20, BC24, BC3, BC4, BC6, BC8, BC9, C14, C7, CB1, DK1, EWL3, FC2, N23, SHW2, SHW7, WAL32, WD3, WD4, WD6, WD9, WG1, WG3, X3, Y7, Z1/1, Z1/3, Z1/5, Z1/7, Z2/10, Z2/11, Z2/13, Z3/10, Z3/11, Z3/2, Z3/8 Average biomass = 6,852.946 g/ha Rank biomass = 2 Average abundance = 100.956/ha Rank abundance = 3

### C005 Metapenaeopsis sp. (Crustacea, Penaeidae) CAAB 28 711913





Common name = Strawberry Prawn Length = To 25 mm Depth range = 12 - 44.5 m Sites = 1, 11B, 12, 13C, 16, 19, 1B, 2, 20B, 21B, 21C, 22B, 26, 30, 36, 4, 5, 61, 63, 68, 7, 70, 72, 78, 7B, 8, 80, 92, 93, 94, 9B, BC1, BC10, BC14, BC16, BC17, BC18, BC19, BC20, BC21, BC22, BC23, BC24, BC25, BC27, BC28, BC3, BC30, BC31, BC32, BC34, BC35, BC36, BC38, BC39, BC4, BC40, BC42, BC44, BC47, BC6, BC8, BC9, C14, CB1, CP1, CP3, CP7, DK1, EWL3, N23, SHW2, WAL32, WD3, WD4, WD9, WG1, Y7, Z1/1, Z1/3, Z1/1, Z2/13, Z3/11, Z3/2 Average biomass = 12.717 g/ha Rank biomass = 142 Average abundance = 3.973/ha Rank abundance = 19

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### C006 Ovalipes australiensis Stephenson & Rees, 1968 (Crustacea, Portunidae) CAAB 28 911003



 $\label{eq:common name = Sand Crab} \\ \mbox{Length = To 118 mm} \\ \mbox{Depth range = 17.5 - 25 m} \\ \mbox{Sites = BC11, BC16, BC18, BC21, BC23, BC36} \\ \mbox{Average biomass = 5.689 g/ha} \\ \mbox{Average abundance = 0.044/ha} \\ \mbox{Rank abundance = 183} \\ \mbox{Rank abund$ 

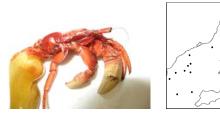
C007 Austrodromidia octodentata (Haswell, 1882) (Crustacea, Dromiidae) CAAB 28 852001



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Common name = Bristled Sponge Crab Length = To 60 mm Depth range = 14 - 46.5 m Sites = 12, 20B, BC16, BC18, BC21, BC45 Average biomass = 3.558 g/ha Rank biomass = 196 Average abundance = 0.034/ha Rank abundance = 194

C008 Paguristes frontalis (H. Milne Edwards, 1836) (Crustacea, Diogenidae) CAAB 28 827003



Common name = Common Hermit crab Length = To 40 mm Depth range = 15 - 44 m Sites = BC18, BC21, BC25, BC27, BC30, BC35, BC44, BC46, BC6, C7 Average biomass = 0.924 g/ha Rank biomass = 270 Average abundance = 0.142/ha Rank abundance = 91

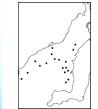
C009 Lamarckdromia globosa (Lamarck, 1818) (Crustacea, Dromiidae) CAAB 28 852002



 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Common name} = \mbox{Shaggy Sponge Crab} \\ \mbox{Length} = \mbox{To 43 mm} \\ \mbox{Depth range} = \mbox{14} - \mbox{34 m} \\ \mbox{Sites} = \mbox{13C}, \mbox{23}, \mbox{44}, \mbox{70}, \mbox{80}, \mbox{BC10}, \mbox{BC25}, \mbox{BC31}, \mbox{BC32} \\ \mbox{Average biomass} = \mbox{1.802 g/ha} \\ \mbox{Average abundance} = \mbox{0.094/ha} \\ \mbox{Rank abundance} = \mbox{116} \\ \mbox{Rank abundance} = \mbo$ 

C010 Nectocarcinus integrifrons (Latreille, 1825) (Crustacea, Portunidae) CAAB 28 911010





Common name = Rock Crab (Rough Rock Crab) Length = To 65 mm Depth range = 14.8 - 28 m Sites = 16, BC11, BC13, BC15, BC17, BC21, BC28, BC30, BC33, BC35, BC36, EWL3, WD3, WD4, WD6, WG1, Z1/1, Z3/11 Average biomass = 17.483 g/ha Rank biomass = 126 Average abundance = 0.474/ha Rank abundance = 56

### C011 Alpheus villosus (Olivier, 1811) (Crustacea, Alpheidae) CAAB 28 765001





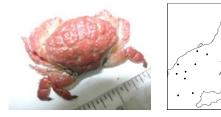
Common name = Snapping Prawn (Hairy Pistol Prawn) Length = To 19 mm Depth range = 12 - 27 m Sites = 21B, 47B, 59B, 63, 7B, 92, BC1, BC20, BC30, FC2, Z1/3, Z2/11 Average biomass = 0.694 g/ha Average abundance = 0.143/ha Rank biomass = 288

### C012 Leptomithrax gaimardii (H. Milne Edwards, 1834) (Crustacea, Majidae) CAAB 28 880010



Common name = Great Spider Crab Length = To 119 mm Depth range = 13 - 43 m Sites = 30, 44, 69, 8, BC10, BC27, BC28, BC3, BC35, BC37, BC38, BC44, EWL3, Z1/3 Average biomass = 8.666 g/ha Average abundance = 0.179/ha Rank abundance = 81

#### C013 Actaea calculosa (H. Milne Edwards, 1834) (Crustacea, Xanthidae) CAAB 28 920002



Common name = Facetted Crab Length = To 19 mm Depth range = 13 - 44 m Sites = 47B, 59B, 72, 7B, BC19, BC25, BC30, BC31, BC44, BC46, WG1, Z1/3 Average biomass = 0.396 g/ha Rank biomass = 306 Average abundance = 0.221/ha Rank abundance = 77

#### C014 Nerocila laticauda Schioedte & Meinert, 1881 (Crustacea, Cymothoidae) CAAB 28 223007



Common name = Nerocila Length = To 29 mm Depth range = 26 - 26 m Sites = BC40 Average biomass = 0.008 g/ha Average abundance = 0.005/ha

Rank biomass = 390 Rank abundance = 316

#### C015 Naxia aries (Guérin-Méneville, 1834) (Crustacea, Majidae) CAAB 28 880089





### C016 Alpheus lottini Guérin-Méneville, 1829 (Crustacea, Alpheidae) CAAB 28 765006





Common name = Pistol Shrimp (Coral Snapping Shrimp) Length = To 11 mm Depth range = 16.5 - 43 m Sites = 11B, BC23, BC34, X3 Average biomass = 0.047 g/ha Average abundance = 0.032/ha Rank biomass = 372 Rank abundance = 197

#### C017 Erugosquilla grahami Ahyong & Manning, 1998 (Crustacea, Squillidae) CAAB 28 051032





Common name = Mantis Shrimp Length = To 29 mm Depth range = 12 - 54.5 m Sites = 1, 11B, 12, 13C, 16, 19, 1B, 26, 30, 32, 36, 3A, 4, 50B, 58C, 59B, 5B, 63, 68, 72, 74, 78, 7B, 80, 93, 9B, BC10, BC12, BC19, BC2, BC20, BC24, BC27, BC3, BC31, BC4, BC43, BC9, C14, CB1, DK1, FC2, SG2, SHW2, WAL32, WD9, WG1, WG3, X3, Z1/1, Z1/3, Z1/5, Z1/7, Z2/13, Z3/10, Z3/11, Z3/2 Average biomass = 18.900 g/ha Rank biomass = 122 Average abundance = 1.866/ha Rank abundance = 25

### C018 Processa gracilis Baker, 1907 (Crustacea, Processidae) CAAB 28 768010



Common name = Long-Wristed Shrimp<br/>Length = To 12 mmDepth range = 20.8 - 20.8 mSites = BC28Average biomass = 0.002 g/haRarAverage abundance = 0.002/ha

Rank biomass = 395 Rank abundance = 341

#### C019 Austrodromidia australis (Rathbun, 1923) (Crustacea, Dromiidae) CAAB 28 852015





Common name = Southern Sponge Crab Length = To 25 mm Depth range = 12 - 33 m Sites = 4, BC1, BC27, BC4 Average biomass = 0.263 g/ha Average abundance = 0.041/ha Rank abu

Rank biomass = 326 Rank abundance = 186

#### C020 Naxia aurita (Latreille, 1825) (Crustacea, Majidae) CAAB 28 880007



Common name = Smooth Seaweed Crab Length = To 51 mm Depth range = 18.7 - 41.5 m Sites = BC21, BC25, BC44, WD6 Average biomass = 2.377 g/ha Average abundance = 0.030/ha Rank abundance = 199

E001 Ophiothrix (Ophiothrix) caespitosa Lyman, 1879 (Echinodermata, Ophiotrichidae) CAAB 25 192002



 $Common name = Ophiothrix caespitosa \\ Length = To 18 mm \\ Depth range = 12 - 43 m \\ Sites = 1, 11B, 12, 21C, 47B, 59B, 94, BC11, BC20, BC21, BC30, BC38, BC6, CB1, FC2, SHW2, \\ Z1/3, Z1/7, Z2/10, Z3/2 \\ Average biomass = 2.415 g/ha \\ Average abundance = 1.078/ha \\ Rank biomass = 217 \\ Rank abundance = 34 \\$ 

### E002 Goniocidaris tubaria (Lamarck, 1816) (Echinodermata, Cidaridae) CAAB 25 202007





#### E003 Ptilometra macronema (Müller, 1846) (Echinodermata, Ptilometridae) CAAB 25 047001





#### E004 Ophionereis schayeri (Müller & Troschel, 1844) (Echinodermata, Ophionereididae) CAAB 25 179009



Common name = Schayer's brittlestar Length = To 5 mm Depth range = 17 - 20.1 m Sites = 80, SHW2 Average biomass = 0.020 g/ha Average abundance = 0.020/ha

Rank biomass = 381 Rank abundance = 216

E005 Amblypneustes pallidus (Lamarck, 1816) (Echinodermata, Temnopleuridae) CAAB 25 241007



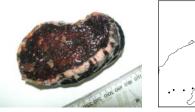
Common name = Sea Urchin Length = To 73 mm Depth range = 14.8 - 37 m Sites = 11B, BC11, BC15, BC17, BC28, BC33, BC36, CP7, WD4 Average biomass = 0.925 g/ha Rank biomass = 269 Average abundance = 0.128/ha Rank abundance = 95

#### E007 Conocladus australis (Verrill, 1876) (Echinodermata, Gorgonocephalidae) CAAB 25 171001



Common name = Southern Basket Star Length = To 50 mm Depth range = 15 - 43 m Sites = 44, BC21, BC25, BC31, BC34, BC38, BC42, BC44, CP1, WD6 Average biomass = 5.094 g/haRank biomass = 175Average abundance = 0.125/ha Rank abundance = 99

E008 Ceto cuvieria (Cuvier, 1817) (Echinodermata, Psolidae) CAAB 25 404001

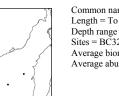




Common name = Little Boot Holothurian Length = To 98 mm Depth range = 41 - 54.5 m Sites = BC42, BC43, BC44, BC46 Average biomass = 34.997 g/ha Rank biomass = 91 Average abundance = 1.016/haRank abundance = 37

E009 Centrostephanus rodgersii (A. Agassiz, 1863) (Echinodermata, Diadematidae) CAAB 25 211001





Common name = Longspine Sea Urchin Length = To 82 mm Depth range = 23.5 - 34 m Sites = BC32, WD3 Average biomass = 5.072 g/ha Average abundance = 0.050/ha

Rank biomass = 176 Rank abundance = 157

#### E010 Holothuria (Thymiosycia) hartmeyeri Erwe, 1913 (Echinodermata, Holothuriidae) CAAB 25 416053





Common name = Handsome Sea Cucumber Length = To 262 mm Depth range = 13 - 25 m Sites = 16, 20B, 26, 30, 32, 59B, 61, 63, 68, 69, BC10, BC2, BC4, DK1, EWL3, N23, SHW7, WAL32, Y7, Z3/2 Average biomass = 75.052 g/ha Rank biomass = 61 Average abundance = 0.445/ha Rank abundance = 59

### E011 Luidia australiae Döderlein, 1920 (Echinodermata, Luidiidae) CAAB 25 105001



Common name = Southern Sand Star Length = To 60 mm Depth range = 37 - 37 m Sites = CP7 Average biomass = 0.270 g/ha Average abundance = 0.003/ha

Rank biomass = 324 Rank abundance = 336

#### E012 Goniodiscaster seriatus (Müller & Troschel, 1843) (Echinodermata, Oreasteridae) CAAB 25 127033



Common name = Goniodiscaster Length = To 100 mm Depth range = 21.5 - 34 m Sites = 68, BC32 Average biomass = 4.187 g/ha Average abundance = 0.018/ha

Rank biomass = 188 Rank abundance = 229

### E013 Astropecten triseriatus Müller & Troschel, 1843 (Echinodermata, Astropectinidae) CAAB 25 111013



Common name = Astropecten Length = To 35 mm Depth range = 32 - 32 m Sites = BC31 Average biomass = 0.290 g/ha Average abundance = 0.006/ha

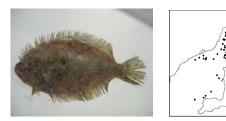
Rank biomass = 318 Rank abundance = 301

#### F001 Sillaginodes punctata (Cuvier, 1829) (Chordata, Sillaginidae) CAAB 37 330001



Common name = King George Whiting Length = To 434 mm Depth range = 12 - 44 m Sites = 1, 12, 13C, 20B, 21B, 21C, 22B, 30, 36, 44, 50B, 58C, 61, 69, 7, 70, 78, 8, 80, 92, 93, BC1, BC10, BC11, BC13, BC15, BC17, BC20, BC24, BC27, BC28, BC3, BC32, BC36, BC38, BC39, BC40, BC42, BC44, BC46, BC9, CP7, N23, WD3, WD4, WG1, X3, Y7, Z1/1, Z3/11, Z3/2 Average biomass = 161.890 g/ha Average abundance = 1.109/ha Rank abundance = 33

#### F002 Pseudorhombus jenynsii (Bleeker, 1855) (Chordata, Paralichthyidae) CAAB 37 460002



 $Common name = Small Tooth Flounder \\ Length = To 351 mm \\ Depth range = 12 - 41.5 m \\ Sites = 1, 12, 13C, 16, 19, 21B, 21C, 22B, 23, 26, 30, 32, 36, 4, 44, 47B, 50B, 57, 58C, 59B, 61, 63, 68, 69, 7, 72, 74, 78, 8, 80, 92, 93, 94, 9B, BC1, BC2, BC3, BC40, BC42, BC44, C14, CB1, CP7, DK1, EWL3, FC2, SHW2, WD4, WD6, X3, Z1/1, Z1/3, Z1/5, Z2/13, Z3/2 \\ Average biomass = 194.012 g/ha \\ Average abundance = 1.713/ha \\ Rank abundance = 26 \\$ 

#### F003 Maxillicosta scabriceps Whitley, 1935 (Chordata, Neosebastidae) CAAB 37 287007





Common name = Little Scorpion Fish (Little Gurnard Perch) Length = To 124 mm Depth range = 12 - 43 m Sites = 1, 11B, 13C, 16, 19, 1B, 2, 21B, 21C, 23, 26, 3A, 4, 47B, 5, 58C, 59B, 61, 63, 68, 69, 70, 72, 74, 78, 7B, 8, 80, 92, 93, 9B, BC1, BC10, BC11, BC12, BC15, BC16, BC17, BC18, BC19, BC2, BC20, BC21, BC22, BC23, BC24, BC25, BC27, BC28, BC3, BC30, BC35, BC36, BC38, BC39, BC4, BC40, BC42, BC6, BC8, BC9, C14, C7, CP1, CP12, CP3, CP7, EWL3, N23, SHW2, SHW7, WAL32, WD3, WD4, WD6, WD9, WG1, WG3, Y7, Z1/1, Z1/3, Z1/5, Z1/7, Z2/10, Z2/11, Z2/13, Z3/11, Z3/2 Average biomass = 58.550 g/ha Rank biomass = 69 Average abundance = 4.550/ha Rank abundance = 17

### F004 Parapriacanthus elongatus (McCulloch, 1911) (Chordata, Pempherididae) CAAB 37 357002



Common name = Slender Bullseye (Elongate Bullseye) Length = To 100 mm Depth range = 12 - 41.5 m Sites = 1, 12, 13C, 19, 1B, 2, 21C, 22B, 32, 36, 3A, 4, 44, 47B, 50B, 57, 5B, 61, 68, 7, 70, 72, 74, 78, 7B, 8, 80, 92, 93, 94, 9B, BC1, BC10, BC12, BC14, BC16, BC19, BC2, BC20, BC23, BC24, BC25, BC28, BC3, BC30, BC33, BC36, BC42, BC44, BC6, BC8, BC9, C7, CB1, CP7, FC2, N23, SHW2, WAL32, WD3, WD9, WG1, WG3, Y7, Z1/7, Z2/10, Z2/11, Z3/10, Z3/11, Z3/2 Average biomass = 57.367 g/ha Average abundance = 10.458/ha Rank abundance = 12

#### F005 Siphonognathus radiatus (Quoy & Gaimard, 1834) (Chordata, Odacidae) CAAB 37 385007



Common name = Longray Rock Whiting Length = To 166 mm Depth range = 14.8 - 21.5 m Sites = BC11, BC13, BC33, Z3/11 Average biomass = 0.199 g/ha Rank biomass = 333Average abundance = 0.020/ha Rank abundance = 216

#### F006 Repomucenus calcaratus (Macleay, 1881) (Chordata, Callionymidae) CAAB 37 427015



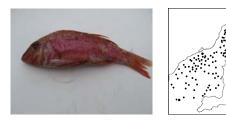
Common name = Spotted Stinkfish (Spotted Dragonet) Length = To 226 mm Depth range = 12 - 44.5 m Sites = 1, 11B, 12, 13C, 19, 21C, 22B, 26, 30, 32, 36, 5, 58C, 5B, 61, 69, 72, 74, 78, 7B, 8, 80, 93, 94, BC1, BC12, BC19, BC22, BC24, BC25, BC27, BC3, BC30, BC42, BC44, BC47, C14, CB1, CP1, CP12, CP3, DK1, FC2, SG2, SHW7, WD4, WD9, WG1, WG3, X3, Z1/3, Z1/5, Z1/7, Z2/10, Z2/13, Z3/10, Z3/11, Z3/8 Average biomass = 135.441 g/ha Rank biomass = 37 Average abundance = 9.895/ha Rank abundance = 13

#### F007 Pelates octolineatus (Jenyns, 1840) (Chordata, Terapontidae) CAAB 37 321020



Common name = Striped Perch (Western Striped Grunter ) Length = To 250 mm Depth range = 12 - 25.5 m Sites = 12, 13C, 19, 2, 21B, 21C, 22B, 23, 26, 30, 32, 36, 44, 47B, 50B, 57, 58C, 63, 68, 69, 70, 72, 8, 80, 92, 93, 94, BC1, BC11, BC33, CB1, FC2, X3, Z1/1, Z1/5, Z2/11, Z2/13, Z3/10, Z3/11, Z3/2, Z3/8 Average biomass = 139.397 g/ha Rank biomass = 36 Average abundance = 2.722/ha Rank abundance = 23

#### F008 Upeneichthys vlamingii (Cuvier, 1829) (Chordata, Mullidae) CAAB 37 355029



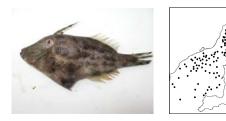
Common name = Red Mullet (Bluespotted Goatfish) Length = To 235 mm Depth range = 12 - 54.5 m Sites = 1, 11B, 12, 13C, 16, 19, 1B, 20B, 21B, 21C, 22B, 23, 26, 30, 32, 36, 3A, 4, 44, 47B, 5, 50B, 57, 58C, 59B, 5B, 63, 69, 7, 70, 72, 74, 78, 7B, 8, 80, 92, 93, 94, 9B, BC1, BC10, BC11, BC12, BC13, BC14, BC15, BC16, BC17, BC18, BC19, BC2, BC20, BC21, BC22, BC23, BC24, BC25, BC27, BC28, BC3, BC30, BC31, BC32, BC33, BC34, BC35, BC36, BC37, BC38, BC39, BC4, BC40, BC42, BC43, BC44, BC45, BC46, BC6, BC8, BC9, C14, C7, CB1, CP1, CP12, CP3, CP7, DK1, EWL3, N23, SG2, SHW2, WD3, WD4, WD6, WD9, WG1, WG3, Y7, Z1/1, Z1/3, Z1/5, Z1/7, Z2/10, Z2/11, Z2/13, Z3/10, Z3/11, Z3/2, Z3/8 Average biomass = 784.591 g/ha Rank biomass = 7 Average abundance = 26.269/ha Rank abundance = 7

#### F009 Pseudocaranx wrighti (Whitley, 1931) (Chordata. Carangidae) CAAB 37 337063 Common name = Skipjack Trevally



Length = To 204 mm Depth range = 12 - 54.5 m Sites = 1, 11B, 12, 13C, 16, 19, 1B, 2, 21B, 21C, 22B, 23, 26, 30, 32, 36, 3A, 4, 44, 47B, 5, 50B, 57, 58C, 5B, 61, 63, 68, 7, 70, 72, 74, 78, 7B, 8, 80, 92, 93, 94, 9B, BC1, BC10, BC11, BC12, BC14, BC19, BC20, BC21, BC22, BC23, BC24, BC25, BC27, BC28, BC3, BC30, BC31, BC32, BC33, BC34, BC36, BC38, BC39, BC42, BC43, BC44, BC47, BC6, BC8, BC9, C14, C7, CB1, CP1, CP12, CP3, CP7, DK1, EWL3, FC2, N23, SG2, SHW2, WAL32, WD3, WD4, WD9, WG1, WG3, X3, Y7, Z1/1, Z1/3, Z1/5, Z1/7, Z2/10, Z2/11, Z2/13, Z3/10, Z3/11, Z3/2, Z3/8 Average abundance = 75.739/ha Rank abundance = 4

### F010 Scobinichthys granulatus (Shaw, 1790) (Chordata, Monacanthidae) CAAB 37 465007



Common name = Rough Leatherjacket Length = To 218 mm Depth range = 12 - 44 m Sites = 1, 11B, 12, 13C, 16, 19, 1B, 2, 20B, 21B, 21C, 22B, 23, 26, 30, 32, 36, 3A, 4, 44, 47B, 5, 50B, 57, 58C, 59B, 5B, 61, 63, 69, 7, 70, 72, 74, 78, 7B, 8, 80, 92, 93, 94, 9B, BC1, BC10, BC11, BC12, BC13, BC15, BC16, BC17, BC18, BC19, BC2, BC20, BC21, BC24, BC25, BC28, BC3, BC30, BC32, BC33, BC35, BC36, BC37, BC39, BC4, BC40, BC42, BC44, BC46, BC6, BC8, BC9, C14, C7, CB1, CP12, CP3, CP7, DK1, EWL3, FC2, N23, SHW2, SHW7, WAL32, WD3, WD4, WD6, WD9, WG1, WG3, X3, Y7, Z1/1, Z1/5, Z1/7, Z2/10, Z2/11, Z2/13, Z3/10, Z3/11, Z3/2, Z3/8 Average biomass = 753.959 g/ha Average abundance = 43.435/ha Rank abundance = 5

F011 Acanthaluteres spilomelanurus (Quoy & Gaimard, 1824)(Chordata, Monacanthidae) CAAB 37 465043



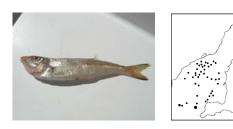
Common name = Bridled Leatherjacket Length = To 150 mm Depth range = 12 - 25 m Sites = 12, 13C, 19, 20B, 21C, 23, 26, 30, 32, 36, 44, 47B, 50B, 57, 58C, 59B, 68, 7, 70, 72, 74, 92, 93, 94, BC1, BC12, BC13, BC15, BC17, BC18, BC2, BC20, BC21, BC23, BC28, BC3, BC33, BC35, C14, CB1, DK1, FC2, WD3, WD6, Z1/1, Z1/3, Z1/5, Z2/11, Z2/13, Z3/2 Average biomass = 44.365 g/ha Rank biomass = 81 Average abundance = 4.338/ha Rank abundance = 18

### F012 Kathetostoma laeve (Bloch & Schneider, 1801) (Chordata, Uranoscopidae) CAAB 37 400003



Common name = Common Stargazer Length = To 571 mm Depth range = 17 - 44 m Sites = BC11, BC13, BC15, BC16, BC17, BC18, BC21, BC24, BC27, BC28, BC40, BC44, BC46, CP1, CP3, WAL32, WD4, WD6, WG1 Average biomass = 300.104 g/ha Rank biomass = 19 Average abundance = 0.254/ha Rank abundance = 70

### F013 Sillago bassensis Cuvier, 1829 (Chordata, Sillaginidae) CAAB 37 330002



 $Common name = Silver Whiting (Sthn. School Whiting) \\ Length = To 292 mm \\ Depth range = 15 - 54.5 m \\ Sites = 11B, 1B, 3A, 44, 5B, 7B, 9B, BC11, BC16, BC17, BC18, BC21, BC22, BC24, BC27, BC28, BC39, BC40, BC42, BC43, BC44, BC45, BC46, BC47, BC8, CP1, CP12, CP3, CP7, SG2, WD3, WD4, WD9, WG1, WG3, Z1/3, Z1/5, Z2/10, Z2/11, Z2/13, Z3/10, Z3/11, Z3/2, Z3/8 \\ Average biomass = 259.157 g/ha \\ Arerage abundance = 5.921/ha \\ Rank abundance = 15 \\$ 

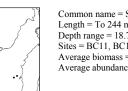
#### F014 Pentaceropsis recurvirostris (Richardson, 1845) (Chordata, Pentacerotidae) CAAB 37 367003



Common name = Longsnout Boarfish Length = To 400 mm Depth range = 14.8 - 44 m Sites = BC13, BC14, BC18, BC28, BC33, BC35, BC36, BC46, CP7 Average biomass = 27.105 g/ha Rank biomass = 99 Average abundance = 0.040/ha Rank abundance = 187

#### F015 Parazanclistius hutchinsi Hardy, 1983 (Chordata, Pentacerotidae) CAAB 37 367010





Common name = Short Boarfish Length = To 244 mm Depth range = 18.7 - 44 m Sites = BC11, BC14, BC18, BC28, BC46, WD6, WG1 Average biomass = 9.292 g/ha Average abundance = 0.063/ha Rank biomass = 159 Rank abundance = 139

### F016 Diodon nicthemerus Cuvier, 1818 (Chordata, Diodontidae) CAAB 37 469001



Common name = Spikey Globefish Length = To 304 mm Depth range = 13 - 46.5 m Sites = 11B, 13C, 23, 30, 36, 4, 50B, 57, 58C, 68, 69, 70, 74, 93, 94, BC11, BC12, BC14, BC15, BC16, BC17, BC18, BC21, BC24, BC25, BC27, BC28, BC3, BC30, BC32, BC33, BC34, BC35, BC36, BC38, BC39, BC40, BC42, BC45, CP1, CP7, WAL32, WD3, WD6, WG3, Z1/1, Z1/5, Z1/7, Z2/10, Z3/10, Z3/11 Average biomass = 228.293 g/ha Rank biomass = 24 Average abundance = 0.922/ha Rank abundance = 41

#### F017 Omegophora armilla (Waite & McCulloch, 1915) (Chordata, Tetraodontidae) CAAB 37 467002





Common name = Ringed Toadfish Length = To 212 mm Depth range = 14.5 - 44.5 m Sites = 69, BC14, BC15, BC16, BC18, BC21, BC34, BC36, BC40, BC47, WG3, Z3/11 Average abundance = 0.126/ha Rank abundance = 97

#### F018 Neoplatycephalus richardsoni (Castelnau, 1872) (Chordata, Platycephalidae) CAAB 37 296001



Common name = Tiger Flathead Length = To 462 mm Depth range = 13 - 54.5 m Sites = 11B, 13C, 19, 1B, 21B, 22B, 23, 26, 36, 3A, 50B, 58C, 7, 7B, 94, 9B, BC11, BC12, BC15, BC16, BC17, BC18, BC20, BC23, BC24, BC25, BC27, BC28, BC3, BC30, BC31, BC32, BC34, BC35, BC36, BC38, BC39, BC40, BC42, BC43, BC44, BC45, BC46, BC47, BC8, BC9, CB1, CP1, CP12, CP3, CP7, DK1, EWL3, SG2, SHW2, WD3, WD4, WD6, WD9, WG1, WG3, X3, Z1/3, Z2/10, Z2/11, Z2/13, Z3/10, Z3/11 Average biomass = 260.032 g/ha Rank biomass = 20 Average abundance = 3.655/ha Rank abundance = 20

#### F019 Parequula melbournensis (Castelnau, 1872) (Chordata, Gerreidae) CAAB 37 349001



Common name = Silverbelly Length = To 146 mm Depth range = 12 - 54.5 m Sites = 1, 11B, 12, 13C, 19, 1B, 2, 26, 30, 3A, 4, 44, 47B, 5, 58C, 59B, 5B, 68, 69, 7, 70, 7B, 8, 80, 92, 9B, BC1, BC10, BC11, BC12, BC13, BC14, BC15, BC16, BC17, BC18, BC19, BC20, BC21, BC22, BC23, BC24, BC25, BC27, BC28, BC3, BC30, BC31, BC32, BC33, BC34, BC36, BC4, BC40, BC42, BC43, BC44, BC45, BC47, BC6, BC8, BC9, C14, C7, CP1, CP12, CP3, CP7, EWL3, N23, SG2, SHW7, WD3, WD4, WD6, WD9, WG1, WG3, Z1/1, Z1/3, Z1/5, Z1/7, Z2/10, Z2/11, Z2/13, Z3/10, Z3/11, Z3/2, Z3/8 Average abundance = 27.375/ha Rank abundance = 6

#### F020 Meuschenia scaber (Forster, 1801) (Chordata, Monacanthidae) CAAB 37 465005



Common name = Velvet Leatherjacket Length = To 181 mm Depth range = 21.4 - 41.5 m Sites = BC13, BC18, BC25, BC42, BC44 Average biomass = 4.058 g/ha Rank biomass = 191 Average abundance = 0.093/ha Rank abundance = 117

#### F021 Acanthaluteres vittiger (Castelnau, 1873) (Chordata, Monacanthidae) CAAB 37 465002





Common name = Toothbrush Leatherjacket Length = To 193 mm Depth range = 12 - 54.5 m Sites = 1, 11B, 12, 13C, 16, 19, 20B, 21B, 22B, 23, 26, 30, 32, 36, 4, 44, 5, 57, 58C, 59B, 61, 63, 68, 69, 7, 72, 74, 8, 80, 92, 93, 94, 9B, BC1, BC10, BC11, BC12, BC13, BC14, BC16, BC17, BC18, BC19, BC2, BC20, BC21, BC24, BC25, BC27, BC28, BC3, BC30, BC31, BC32, BC33, BC35, BC36, BC4, BC40, BC42, BC43, BC47, BC6, BC8, BC9, C14, C7, CB1, CP1, CP12, CP3, CP7, DK1, EWL3, FC2, N23, SG2, SHW2, SHW7, WAL32, WD3, WD4, WD6, WD9, WG1, WG3, X3, Z1/1, Z1/3, Z1/5, Z1/7, Z2/10, Z2/11, Z2/13, Z3/10, Z3/11, Z3/2, Z3/8 Average biomass = 227.464 g/ha Rank biomass = 25 Average abundance = 13.288/ha Rank abundance = 9

### F022 Foetorepus calauropomus (Richardson, 1844) (Chordata, Callionymidae) CAAB 37 427001



Common name = Common Stink Fish Length = To 342 mm Depth range = 14 - 46.5 m Sites = 1B, 2, 61, 92, 9B, BC11, BC12, BC14, BC16, BC18, BC20, BC22, BC23, BC27, BC28, BC30, BC32, BC34, BC35, BC36, BC38, BC39, BC40, BC42, BC45, BC47, BC8, C7, CP12, CP3, CP7, SG2, WAL32, WD4, WG1, WG3, Z2/11, Z3/2 Average biomass = 75.353 g/ha Rank biomass = 60Average abundance = 3.159/ha Rank abundance = 22

### F023 Lepidotrigla papilio (Cuvier, 1829) (Chordata, Triglidae) CAAB 37 288002



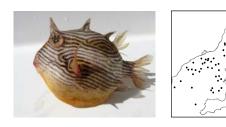
Common name = Spiny Gurnard Length = To 170 mm Depth range = 12 - 54.5 m Sites = 1, 11B, 13C, 16, 1B, 2, 21B, 22B, 23, 3A, 4, 50B, 58C, 5B, 61, 68, 69, 7, 72, 74, 78, 7B, 92, 93, 9B, BC1, BC10, BC11, BC12, BC14, BC15, BC16, BC17, BC18, BC19, BC20, BC22, BC23, BC24, BC25, BC27, BC28, BC3, BC30, BC32, BC34, BC35, BC36, BC37, BC38, BC39, BC4, BC40, BC42, BC43, BC45, BC46, BC47, BC8, C14, C7, CP1, CP12, CP3, CP7, EWL3, SG2, SHW2, WAL32, WD3, WD4, WD6, WD9, WG1, WG3, Y7, Z1/1, Z1/3, Z1/5, Z1/7, Z2/10, Z2/11, Z3/10, Z3/2, Z3/8 Average biomass = 110.273 g/ha Rank biomass = 45Average abundance = 8.272/ha Rank abundance = 14

#### F024 Parapercis ramsayi Steindachner, 1884 (Chordata, Pinguipedidae) CAAB 37 390002



Common name = Spotted Grubfish Length = To 170 mm Depth range = 17.3 - 44 m Sites = 1B, 9B, BC10, BC18, BC24, BC27, BC28, BC31, BC38, BC40, BC42, BC44, BC46, BC9, CP3, WD3, WD6, WG1, WG3 Average biomass = 4.356 g/ha Rank biomass = 185 Average abundance = 0.209/haRank abundance = 78

### F025 Aracana ornata (Gray, 1838) (Chordata, Ostraciidae) CAAB 37 466001



Common name = Ornate Cowfish Length = To 175 mm Depth range = 12 - 44.5 m Sites = 21B, 23, 26, 36, 69, 70, 78, 7B, 93, 94, BC1, BC10, BC11, BC13, BC14, BC15, BC16, BC17, BC2, BC20, BC21, BC28, BC3, BC30, BC33, BC34, BC35, BC36, BC40, BC47, BC8, BC9, C14, CP1, CP3, N23, WD3, WD4, WD6, WG1, WG3, Z1/3, Z1/7, Z2/13, Z3/10, Z3/11, Z3/2 Average biomass = 109.939 g/ha Rank biomass = 47Average abundance = 1.868/haRank abundance = 24

#### F026 Taratretis derwentensis Last, 1978 (Chordata, Pleuronectidae) CAAB 37 461011

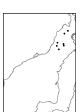




Common name = Derwent Flounder Length = To 215 mmDepth range = 13 - 36 m Sites = 70, BC17, BC3, CP1, CP3, WD6 Average biomass = 1.650 g/ha Rank biomass = 246Average abundance = 0.037/haRank abundance = 191

# F027 Filicampus tigris (Castelnau, 1879) (Chordata, Syngnathidae) CAAB 37 282064





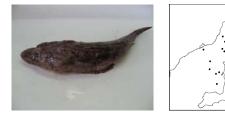
Common name = Tiger Pipefish Length = To 269 mm Depth range = 14 - 25 m Sites = 13C, 23, 36, 58C, 61, 70, DK1 Average biomass = 0.298 g/ha Rank biomass = 317 Average abundance = 0.055/haRank abundance = 152

### F028 Parapercis haackei (Steindachner, 1884) (Chordata, Pinguipedidae) CAAB 37 390004



Common name = Wavy Grubfish Length = To 93 mm Depth range = 12 - 30.5 m Sites = 1, 12, 13C, 1B, 21C, 26, 30, 32, 36, 47B, 58C, 59B, 61, 70, 74, 78, 80, 93, BC1, BC10, BC20, BC22, BC24, BC3, BC30, CB1, DK1, EWL3, FC2, SHW2, WG1, Z1/5 Average biomass = 2.396 g/ha Average abundance = 0.641/ha Rank abundance = 47

### F029 Thysanophrys cirronasa (Richardson, 1848) (Chordata, Platycephalidae) CAAB 37 296045



Common name = Rock Flathead Length = To 298 mm Depth range = 13 - 28 m Sites = 16, 21B, 22B, 58C, 59B, 63, 70, BC13, BC24, BC28, BC3, BC36, BC4, EWL3, N23, WD6, Z1/1 Average biomass = 11.021 g/ha Average abundance = 0.120/ha Rank biomass = 150 Rank abundance = 104

#### F030 Platycephalus speculator Klunzinger, 1872 (Chordata, Platycephalidae) CAAB 37 296037



Common name = Yank Flathead Length = To 525 mm Depth range = 12 - 41.5 m Sites = 1, 13C, 16, 19, 21B, 23, 26, 36, 44, 5, 50B, 58C, 59B, 69, 7, 70, 72, 74, 78, 8, 80, 92, BC20, BC3, BC44, BC8, CB1, DK1, FC2, N23, WD3, WD4, WD6, X3, Z1/1, Z1/3, Z1/7, Z2/11, Z2/13, Z3/10, Z3/11, Z3/2 Average biomass = 113.140 g/ha Rank biomass = 42 Average abundance = 0.656/ha Rank abundance = 46

### F031 Heterodontus portusjacksoni (Meyer, 1793) (Chordata, Heterodontidae) CAAB 37 007001





Common name = Port Jackson Shark Length = To 870 mm Depth range = 13 - 46.5 m Sites = 11B, 13C, 19, 1B, 2, 23, 30, 36, 3A, 44, 5, 57, 5B, 61, 63, 68, 69, 7, 70, 72, 74, 78, 7B, 80, 93, 9B, BC11, BC12, BC13, BC17, BC18, BC20, BC21, BC23, BC24, BC27, BC28, BC3, BC30, BC36, BC40, BC45, BC6, BC9, C7, CB1, CP1, CP3, CP7, DK1, EWL3, FC2, SHW2, SHW7, WAL32, WD3, WD4, WD9, WG1, WG3, X3, Y7, Z1/1, Z1/3, Z1/5, Z1/7, Z2/10, Z2/11, Z2/13, Z3/10, Z3/11, Z3/2, Z3/8 Average biomass = 840.167 g/ha Average abundance = 0.872/ha Rank abundance = 42

#### F032 Eubalichthys mosaicus (Ramsay & Ogilby, 1886) (Chordata, Monacanthidae) CAAB 37 465003



Common name = Mosaic Leatherjacket Length = To 260 mm Depth range = 16.1 - 44 m Sites = 19, 58C, 7, BC10, BC11, BC13, BC14, BC15, BC16, BC19, BC21, BC24, BC27, BC30, BC31, BC34, BC38, BC44, BC46, C14, CP3, WD3, WD4, Z1/3, Z1/5, Z3/11 Average biomass = 40.457 g/ha Rank biomass = 84 Average abundance = 0.255/ha Rank abundance = 69

#### F033 Pempheris klunzingeri (McCulloch, 1911) (Chordata, Pempherididae) CAAB 37 357003





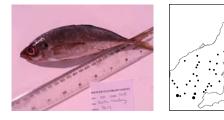
### F034 Lophonectes gallus Günther, 1880 (Chordata, Bothidae) CAAB 37 460001





Common name = Crested Flounder Length = To 229 mm Depth range = 12 - 54.5 m Sites = 1, BC11, BC12, BC13, BC15, BC17, BC21, BC27, BC28, BC30, BC33, BC34, BC36, BC39, BC40, BC42, BC43, BC44, BC47, CP1, CP3, CP7, SG2, WD3, WD4, WD9, Z1/1, Z2/11, Z3/8 Average biomass = 5.947 g/ha Rank biomass = 168 Average abundance = 0.286/haRank abundance = 64

### F035 Trachurus declivis (Jenyns, 1841) (Chordata, Carangidae) CAAB 37 337002



Common name = Jack Mackerel Length = To 230 mm Depth range = 14.8 - 54.5 m Sites = 11B, 16, 8, BC13, BC17, BC20, BC24, BC27, BC28, BC32, BC33, BC34, BC35, BC37, BC38, BC39, BC40, BC41, BC42, BC43, BC44, BC45, BC46, BC47, CP12, CP3, CP7, SG2, WAL32, WD3, WG1, WG3, Z2/10 Average biomass = 515.063 g/ha Rank biomass = 11 Average abundance = 11.307/haRank abundance = 11

#### F036 Neosebastes bougainvillii (Cuvier, 1829) (Chordata, Neosebastidae) CAAB 37 287004



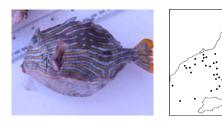
Common name = Gulf Gurnard Perch Length = To 279 mm Depth range = 13 - 44 m Sites = 11B, 16, 1B, 4, 7, BC12, BC13, BC14, BC15, BC16, BC17, BC21, BC24, BC27, BC28, BC3, BC31, BC32, BC34, BC36, BC38, BC4, BC40, BC42, BC44, BC46, BC8, CP12, SG2, WD3, WD6, WG3, Y7 Average biomass = 187.367 g/ha Rank biomass = 30 Average abundance = 1.214/haRank abundance = 32

#### F037 Sphyraena novaehollandiae (Günther, 1860) (Chordata, Sphyraenidae) CAAB 37 382002



Common name = Snook (Shortfin seapike) Length = To 578 mm Depth range = 15 - 22 m Sites = BC11, BC13, BC15, BC17, BC28, BC35, WD4, WD6, Z1/1, Z3/11 Average biomass = 26.119 g/ha Rank biomass = 101 Average abundance = 0.088/ha Rank abundance = 124

#### F038 Aracana aurita (Shaw, 1798) (Chordata, Ostraciidae) CAAB 37 466003



Common name = Shaws Cowfish Length = To 189 mm Depth range = 12 - 44 m Sites = 1, 69, BC10, BC11, BC13, BC14, BC15, BC17, BC2, BC20, BC21, BC28, BC3, BC33, BC35, BC36, BC40, BC44, BC46, BC6, BC9, C14, WD3, WD4, WD6, Z1/1, Z1/5, Z2/13, Z3/11, Z3/8 Average biomass = 103.029 g/ha Rank biomass = 52 Average abundance = 1.031/haRank abundance = 36

#### F039 Urolophus orarius (Last & Gommon 1987) (Chordata, Urolophidae) CAAB 37 038022





Common name = Coastal Stinaree Length = To 342 mm Depth range = 18.7 - 43 m Sites = BC13, BC14, BC28, BC31, BC35, BC38, BC44, CP1, CP7, WD6, Z3/8 Average biomass = 13.560 g/ha Rank biomass = 141Average abundance = 0.058/haRank abundance = 147

# F040 Odax acroptilus (Richardson, 1846) (Chordata, Odacidae) CAAB 37 385010



Common name = Rainbow Cale Length = To 145 mm Depth range = 18.7 - 23 m Sites = BC13, BC14, BC28, WD6 Average biomass = 0.726 g/ha Rank biomass = 282 Average abundance = 0.026/ha Rank abundance = 202

F041 Siphonognathus argyrophanes (Richardson, 1858) (Chordata, Odacidae) CAAB 37 385008

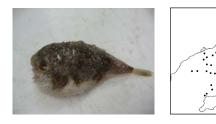




Common name = Tubemouth Length = To 302 mm Depth range = 21.4 - 23.5 m Sites = BC13, WD3Average biomass = 0.084 g/ha Average abundance = 0.005/ha

Rank biomass = 363 Rank abundance = 314

### F042 Polyspina piosae (Whitley, 1955) (Chordata, Tetraodontidae) CAAB 37 467049



Common name = Orangebarred Puffer fish Length = To 100 mm Depth range = 12 - 41 m Sites = 1, 11B, 78, BC13, BC15, BC17, BC21, BC24, BC28, BC3, BC36, BC40, BC42, BC6, BC8, CP1, CP7, N23, WD3, WD4, WD6, WD9, Z1/1, Z3/11, Z3/2 Average biomass = 10.953 g/ha Rank biomass = 151 Average abundance = 0.922/ha Rank abundance = 40

## F043 Vincentia badia (Allen, 1987) (Chordata, Apogonidae) CAAB 37 327120





Common name = Scarlet Cardinal fish Length = To 106 mm Depth range = 13 - 44 m Sites = 12, 1B, 21B, 23, 32, 4, 44, 47B, 50B, 57, 58C, 59B, 69, 93, BC13, BC15, BC16, BC19, BC2, BC25, BC27, BC28, BC3, BC31, BC36, BC38, BC4, BC40, BC44, BC46, C7, EWL3, N23, WD3, WD6, Y7, Z1/1, Z1/3, Z2/11, Z2/13, Z3/10, Z3/11, Z3/8 Average biomass = 10.927 g/ha Rank biomass = 152 Average abundance = 1.665/haRank abundance = 27

## F044 Leptoichthys fistularius Kaup, 1853 (Chordata, Syngnathidae) CAAB 37 282013



Common name = Brushtail Pipefish Length = To 481 mm Depth range = 14 - 23.5 m Average biomass = 0.149 g/ha Average abundance = 0.052/ha

Sites = 20B, BC13, BC15, BC28, WD3, WD4, WD6 Rank biomass = 345 Rank abundance = 155

## F045 Phycodurus eques (Günther, 1865) (Chordata, Syngnathidae) CAAB 37 282001



Common name = Leafy Seadragon Length = To 279 mm Depth range = 14.8 - 26 m Sites = BC13, BC15, BC20, BC28, BC33, BC40, WD4, WD6, Z3/10, Z3/11 Average biomass = 0.941 g/ha Rank biomass = 268Average abundance = 0.092/haRank abundance = 119

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# F046 Phyllopteryx taeniolatus (Lacépède, 1804) (Chordata, Syngnathidae) CAAB 37 282002



Common name = Common Seadragon Length = To 286 mm Depth range = 14.8 - 25.5 mSites = BC11, BC13, BC15, BC17, BC33, BC36, BC9, WD6, Y7, Z3/10 Average biomass = 2.472 g/ha Rank biomass = 216Average abundance = 0.239/ha Rank abundance = 73

## F047 Eubalichthys gunnii (Günther, 1870) (Chordata, Monacanthidae) CAAB 37 465034



Common name = Gunn's Leatherjacket Length = To 148 mm Depth range = 19.2 - 37 m Sites = BC15, CP12, CP3 Average biomass = 0.690 g/ha Average abundance = 0.013/ha

Rank biomass = 289 Rank abundance = 253

## F048 Vincentia conspersa (Klunzinger, 1872) (Chordata, Apogonidae) CAAB 37 327033





Common name = Southern Gobbleguts (Southern cardinalfish) Length = To 90 mmDepth range = 13 - 25.5 m Sites = 30, BC15, BC2, BC3, BC30, BC35, BC4, C14, Z3/10 Average biomass = 1.450 g/ha Rank biomass = 252 Average abundance = 0.176/haRank abundance = 83

## F049 Vincentia macrocauda (Allen, 1987) (Chordata, Apogonidae) CAAB 37 327122



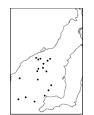


Common name = Smooth Cardinal fish Length = To 106 mm Depth range = 19.2 - 54.5 m Sites = BC15, BC43, BC46Average biomass = 1.537 g/ha Average abundance = 0.150/ha

Rank biomass = 251 Rank abundance = 86

## F050 Thyrsites atun (Euphrasen, 1791) (Chordata, Gempylidae) CAAB 37 439001

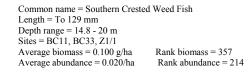




Common name = Barracouta Length = To 368 mm Depth range = 21 - 54.5 m Sites = 11B, 1B, 3A, 5B, 7B, BC30, BC42, BC43, BC45, BC47, CP1, CP12, SG2, WD9, WG1, Z1/5, Z2/10, Z2/11 Average biomass = 27.635 g/ha Rank biomass = 97 Average abundance = 0.476/ha Rank abundance = 55

## F051 Cristiceps australis Valenciennes, 1836 (Chordata, Clinidae) CAAB 37 416007



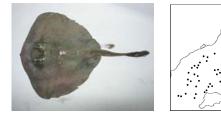


# F052 Gymnapistes marmoratus (Cuvier, 1829) (Chordata, Tetrarogidae) CAAB 37 287018



Common name = Soldier Fish Length = To 118 mm Depth range = 13.5 - 40 m Sites = 12, 13C, 23, 30, 32, 36, 44, 5, 58C, 74, 7B, 92, 93, 94, BC12, BC15, CB1, FC2, SG2, X3, Z1/1, Z1/3, Z3/11, Z3/2 Average biomass = 40.070 g/ha Rank biomass = 85 Average abundance = 3.344/ha Rank abundance = 21

## F053 Urolophus paucimaculatus Dixon, 1969 (Chordata, Urolophidae) CAAB 37 038004



Common name = Sparsely-Spotted Stingaree Length = To 485 mm Depth range = 14.8 - 54.5 m Stes = 11B, 5B, 9B, BC15, BC18, BC21, BC25, BC27, BC28, BC31, BC32, BC33, BC34, BC38, BC39, BC40, BC42, BC43, BC44, BC45, BC46, BC47, CP12, CP3, CP7, SG2, WD3, WD4, WD6, WG1, WG3, Z3/11 Average biomass = 107.731 g/ha Rank biomass = 49Average abundance = 0.845/ha Rank abundance = 43

### F054 Thamnaconus degeni (Regan, 1903) (Chordata, Monacanthidae) CAAB 37 465037



Common name = Degens Leatherjacket (Bluefin) Length = To 183 mm Depth range = 13 - 43 m Sites = 11B, 12, 13C, 16, 19, 1B, 2, 23, 26, 30, 32, 3A, 4, 5, 58C, 5B, 61, 63, 68, 69, 7, 72, 74, 78 7B, 8, 80, 94, 9B, BC10, BC11, BC12, BC14, BC16, BC17, BC19, BC20, BC21, BC22, BC23, BC24, BC25, BC27, BC28, BC3, BC30, BC32, BC33, BC34, BC35, BC36, BC37, BC38, BC40, BC41, BC42, BC6, BC8, BC9, C14, C7, CP1, CP12, CP3, CP7, DK1, EWL3, N23, SG2, SHW2, SHW7, WAL32, WD3, WD4, WD6, WD9, WG1, WG3, X3, Y7, Z1/1, Z1/3, Z1/5, Z1/7, Z2/10, Z2/11, Z2/13, Z3/10, Z3/11, Z3/2, Z3/8 Average biomass = 8,265.789 g/ha Rank biomass = 1 Average abundance = 627.412/ha Rank abundance = 1

F055 Brachaluteres jacksonianus (Quoy & Gaimard, 1824) (Chordata, Monacanthidae) CAAB 37 465025



Common name = Sthn. Pygmy Leatherjacket Length = To 81 mm Depth range = 12 - 30 m Sites = 1, 2, 23, 30, 32, 47B, 57, 58C, 69, 72, 8, 92, 93, 94, BC10, BC11, BC14, BC28, BC3, BC4, BC8, BC9, N23, SHW2, WAL32, WD4, WD6, WG3, Y7, Z1/1, Z1/3, Z2/11, Z3/11 Average biomass = 2.496 g/ha Rank biomass = 214 Average abundance = 0.465/haRank abundance = 57

## F056 Contusus brevicaudus Hardy, 1981 (Chordata, Tetraodontidae) CAAB 37 467044

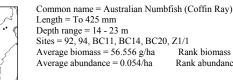




Common name = Prickly Toadfish Length = To 120 mm Depth range = 15.5 - 41.5 m Sites = BC11, BC27, BC28, BC36, BC39, BC40, BC42, BC44, CP7, WD4, Y7 Average biomass = 3.426 g/haRank biomass = 197 Average abundance = 0.105/haRank abundance = 113

### F057 Hypnos monopterygium (Shaw & Nodder, 1795) (Chordata, Hypnidae) CAAB 37 028001





Rank biomass = 71Rank abundance = 153

## F058 Chelmonops curiosus Kuiter, 1986 (Chordata, Chaetodontidae) CAAB 37 365066



Common name = Squareback Butterflyfish Length = To 191 mm Depth range = 13.5 - 28 m Sites = 74, BC11, BC14, BC25, BC4, WD3, Z2/11 Average biomass = 1.735 g/ha Rank biomass = 241 Average abundance = 0.056/ha Rank abundance = 149

## F059 Neoodax balteatus (Valenciennes, 1840) (Chordata, Odacidae) CAAB 37 385005



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 $\label{eq:common name = Little Rock Whiting \\ Length = To 105 \mmon \m$ 

## F060 Cynoglossus broadhursti Waite, 1905 (Chordata, Cynoglossidae) CAAB 37 463015



 $Common name = Southern Tongue Sole \\ Length = To 252 mm \\ Depth range = 12 - 54.5 m \\ Sites = 1, 11B, 19, 7, 9B, BC23, BC24, BC25, BC27, BC39, BC40, BC42, BC43, BC44, C14, \\ CP1, CP12, CP3, CP7, SG2, WD4, WD6, WD9, WG1, WG3, Z1/3, Z3/11 \\ Average biomass = 14.405 g/ha \\ Average abundance = 0.309/ha \\ Rank abundance = 63 \\$ 

### F061 Myliobatis australis Macleay, 1881 (Chordata, Myliobatidae) CAAB 37 039001

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Common name = Eagle Ray Length = To 1100 mm Depth range = 13 - 54.5 m Sites = 32, 94, BC18, BC2, BC3, BC32, BC34, BC42, BC43, BC44, BC45, CP12, CP7 Average biomass = 1,225.967 g/ha Rank biomass = 5 Average abundance = 0.146/ha Rank abundance = 89

### F062 Centroberyx lineatus Cuvier, 1829 (Chordata, Berycidae) CAAB 37 258003





Common name = Swallowtail Length = To 260 mm Depth range = 41.5 - 54.5 m Sites = BC38, BC43, BC44, BC46 Average biomass = 70.660 g/ha Average abundance = 0.448/ha Rank biomass = 63 Rank abundance = 58

## F063 Pagrus auratus (Bloch & Schneider, 1801) (Chordata, Sparidae) CAAB 37 353001

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Common name = Snapper Length = To 580 mm Depth range = 13 - 43 m Sites = 12, 19, 2, 21B, 22B, 26, 30, 32, 36, 44, 50B, 58C, 63, 68, 72, 92, 93, 94, BC10, BC14, BC24, BC28, BC3, BC32, BC34, BC38, BC4, BC40, BC44, BC9, CP12, FC2, N23, WD3, X3, Y7 Average biomass = 92.185 g/ha Average abundance = 0.622/ha Rank biomass = 54

# F064 Gonorynchus greyi (Richardson, 1845) (Chordata, Gonorynchidae) CAAB 37 141001



Common name = Beaked Salmon Length = To 301 mm Depth range = 12 - 44.5 m Sites = 1, 11B, 1B, 3A, 61, 7, 80, 9B, BC10, BC14, BC22, BC24, BC28, BC35, BC38, BC40, BC44, BC47, BC9, EWL3, N23, WAL32, WD3, WD4, WD9, Z3/11 Average biomass = 16.583 g/ha Rank biomass = 128 Average abundance = 0.256/ha Rank abundance = 68

## F065 Trachichthys australis Shaw, 1799 (Chordata, Trachichthyidae) CAAB 37 255015

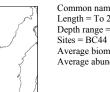


Common name = Roughy (Southern Roughy) Length = To 140 mm Depth range = 34 - 44 m Sites = BC32, BC44, BC46 Average biomass = 8.739 g/ha Average abundance = 0.125/ha

Rank biomass = 160 Rank abundance = 101

#### F066 Caesioperca lepidoptera (Bloch & Schneider, 1801) (Chordata, Serranidae) CAAB 37 311002





Common name = Butterfly Perch Length = To 207 mm Depth range = 41.5 - 41.5 m Sites = BC44 Average biomass = 1.658 g/ha Average abundance = 0.010/ha

Rank biomass = 245 Rank abundance = 271

F067 Paratrachichthys macleavi (Johnston, 1881) (Chordata, Trachichthyidae) CAAB 37 255003



Common name = Sandpaper Fish Length = To 117 mm Depth range = 23.5 - 44 m Sites = BC24, BC31, BC34, BC38, BC44, BC46, WD3 Average biomass = 2.209 g/haAverage abundance = 0.114/ha

Rank biomass = 226Rank abundance = 109

### F068 Ammotretis lituratus (Richardson, 1844) (Chordata, Pleuronectidae) CAAB 37 461004





Common name = Spotted Flounder Length = To 265 mm Depth range = 18.7 - 44.5 m Sites = BC28, BC40, BC47, CP1, CP3, WD6 Average biomass = 1.959 g/ha Rank biomass = 233Average abundance = 0.021/haRank abundance = 208

# F069 Zebrias scalaris Gommon 1987 (Chordata, Soleidae) CAAB 37 462010





Common name = Many Banded Sole Length = To 154 mm Depth range = 23.5 - 28 m Sites = 9B, BC24, BC40, WD3 Average biomass = 0.305 g/ha Average abundance = 0.011/ha

Rank biomass = 316Rank abundance = 260

# F070 Ichthyscopus barbatus Mees, 1960 (Chordata, Uranoscopidae) CAAB 37 400002



Common name = Fringed Stargazer Length = To 247 mm Depth range = 14.8 - 54.5 m Sites = BC24, BC33, BC36, BC39, BC40, BC43, WD4 Average biomass = 3.784 g/ha Rank biomass = 194 Average abundance = 0.028/ha Rank abundance = 200

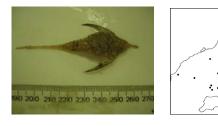
## F071 Neosebastes pandus Richardson, 1842 (Chordata, Neosebastidae) CAAB 37 287003



 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Common name} = \mbox{Gurnard Perch} \\ \mbox{Length} = \mbox{To} 354 \mbox{ mm} \\ \mbox{Depth range} = 18.7 - 44 \mbox{ m} \\ \mbox{Sites} = BC10, BC19, BC21, BC28, BC32, BC38, BC39, BC40, BC42, BC46, CP12, CP3, \\ \mbox{WD3}, WD6 \\ \mbox{Average biomass} = 62.103 \mbox{g/ha} \\ \mbox{Average abundance} = 0.196/\mbox{ha} \\ \mbox{Rank biomass} = 67 \\ \mbox{Rank abundance} = 79 \end{array}$ 

## F072 Pegasus lancifer Kaup, 1861 (Chordata, Pegasidae) CAAB 37 309003

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Common name = Sculptured Seamoth Length = To 86 mm Depth range = 17 - 36 m Sites = 7B, BC23, BC27, BC36, BC40, CP1, CP3, WD4 Average biomass = 0.187 g/ha Average abundance = 0.067/ha Rank abundance = 134

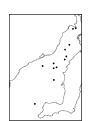
### F073 Trygonorrhina dumerilii, Castelnau, 1873 (Chordata, Rhinobatidae) CAAB 37 027002



Common name = Southern Fiddler Ray Length = To 1050 mm Depth range = 15 - 41.5 m Sites = 63, 68, 93, BC12, BC15, BC24, BC27, BC28, BC40, BC44, C7, CP1, CP3, EWL3, SG2, WG1, Z2/10 Average biomass = 131.244 g/ha Rank biomass = 38 Average abundance = 0.090/ha Rank abundance = 121

### F074 Sardinops neopilchardus (Steindachner, 1879) (Chordata, Clupeidae) CAAB 37 085002





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 $\label{eq:common name = Pilchard} \\ \mbox{Length = To 152 mm} \\ \mbox{Depth range = 13.5 - 41.5 m} \\ \mbox{Sites = 13C, 19, 2, 44, 9B, BC10, BC44, BC9, EWL3, FC2, WD3, Z3/11} \\ \mbox{Average biomass = 1.039 g/ha} \\ \mbox{Average abundance = 0.141/ha} \\ \mbox{Rank biomass = 264} \\ \mbox{Rank abundance = 92} \\ \end{tabular}$ 

### F075 Hyporhamphus melanochir (Valenciennes, 1847) (Chordata, Hemiramphidae) CAAB 37 234001



Common name = Southern Garfish Length = To 262 mm Depth range = 13 - 21.5 m Sites = 19, 78, BC3, BC33, BC36, N23, WD6 Average biomass = 0.502 g/ha Rank biomass = 298 Average abundance = 0.053/ha Rank abundance = 154

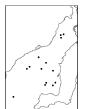
# F076 Enoplosus armatus (White, 1790) (Chordata, Enoplosidae) CAAB 37 366001



 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Common name} = \mbox{Old Wife} \\ \mbox{Length} = \mbox{To $217$ mm} \\ \mbox{Depth range} = 17.5 - 44 m \\ \mbox{Sites} = \mbox{BC14}, \mbox{BC28}, \mbox{BC32}, \mbox{BC34}, \mbox{BC36}, \mbox{BC38}, \mbox{BC44}, \mbox{BC46} \\ \mbox{Average biomass} = 24.548 \mbox{g/n} & \mbox{Rank biomass} = 105 \\ \mbox{Average abundance} = 0.178/\mbox{ha} & \mbox{Rank abundance} = 82 \end{array}$ 

### F077 Squatina australis Regan, 1906 (Chordata, Squatinidae) CAAB 37 024001





### F078 Stigmatopora argus (Richardson, 1840) (Chordata, Syngnathidae) CAAB 37 282017



 $\label{eq:common name = Spotted Pipefish Length = To 278 mm \\ Depth range = 15 - 23.5 m \\ Sites = BC17, BC28, WD3, WD6, Z1/1 \\ Average biomass = 0.050 g/ha \\ Average abundance = 0.023/ha \\ Rank abundance = 206 \\ Rank abundance$ 

F079 Callorhinchus milii (Bory de Saint-Vincent, 1823) (Chordata, Callorhinchidae) CAAB 37 043001



 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Common name} = \mbox{Elephant Fish} \\ \mbox{Length} = \mbox{To 738 mm} \\ \mbox{Depth range} = 14.8 - 43 m \\ \mbox{Sites} = \mbox{BC23}, \mbox{BC23}, \mbox{BC33}, \mbox{BC38}, \mbox{CP3}, \mbox{SG2} \\ \mbox{Average biomass} = \mbox{53}, \mbox{BC38}, \mbox{CP3}, \mbox{SG2} \\ \mbox{Average biomass} = \mbox{53}, \mbox{862 g/ha} \\ \mbox{Average abundance} = \mbox{0.073/ha} \\ \mbox{Rank abundance} = 128 \end{array}$ 

# F080 Hyperlophus vittatus (Castelnau, 1875) (Chordata, Clupeidae) CAAB 37 085005





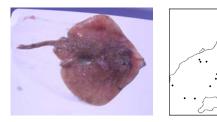
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 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Common name} = \mbox{Sandy Spratt} \\ \mbox{Length} = \mbox{To 89 mm} \\ \mbox{Depth range} = 14.8 - 27 m \\ \mbox{Sites} = 12, 26, 32, 72, 78, 78, 9B, BC10, BC19, BC30, BC33, Z1/3, Z1/5} \\ \mbox{Average biomass} = 0.846 g/ha \\ \mbox{Average abundance} = 0.266/ha \\ \mbox{Rank abundance} = 66 \end{array}$ 

### F081 Genypterus tigerinus Klunzinger, 1872 (Chordata, Ophidiidae) CAAB 37 228008



# F082 Dipturus whitleyi (Iredale, 1938) (Chordata, Rajidae) CAAB 37 031006



Common name = Melbourne Skate Length = To 1070 mm Depth range = 17 - 54.5 m Sites = 5, 5B, BC28, BC35, BC43, BC44, CP1, WD4, Z2/11, Z3/10 Average biomass = 59.725 g/ha Rank biomass = 68 Average abundance = 0.052/ha Rank abundance = 156

## F083 Leviprora inops (Jenyns, 1840) (Chordata, Platycephalidae) CAAB 37 296005





Common name = Longhead Flathead Length = To 370 mm Depth range = 14.8 - 21.5 m Sites = BC33, WD4, Z1/1, Z3/11 Average biomass = 10.622 g/ha Rank biomass = 153 Average abundance = 0.039/ha Rank abundance = 188

## F084 Neopataecus waterhousii (Castelnau, 1872) (Chordata, Pataecidae) CAAB 37 292005



Common name = Whiskered Prowfish Length = To 71 mm Depth range = 14.8 - 14.8 m Sites = BC33 Average biomass = 0.005 g/ha Average abundance = 0.003/ha

Rank biomass = 392Rank abundance = 332

### F085 Sutorectus tentaculatus (Peters, 1865) (Chordata, Orectolobidae) CAAB 37 013012



Common name = Cobbler Carpet Shark Length = To 697 mm Depth range = 12 - 22.5 m Sites = 1, 16, 32, 57, 58C, 80, 93, BC3, DK1, EWL3, Y7 Average biomass = 183.684 g/ha Rank biomass = 31 Average abundance = 0.109/ha Rank abundance = 112

# F086 Tetractenos glaber (Fréminville, 1813) (Chordata, Tetraodontidae) CAAB 37 467003





Common name = Smooth Toadfish Length = To 235 mm Depth range = 13.5 - 27 m Sites = 21B, 36, 44, 47B, 50B, 57, 63, 78, 7B, 93, 94, BC6, CB1, N23, Z1/1, Z3/2 Average biomass = 34.365 g/ha Rank biomass = 93Average abundance = 0.228/ha Rank abundance = 75

## F087 Parascyllium ferrugineum McCulloch, 1911 (Chordata, Parascylliidae) CAAB 37 013005





Common name = Rusty Catshark Length = To 581 mm Depth range = 23.5 - 44 m Sites = BC24, BC31, BC46, WD3 Average biomass = 15.805 g/ha Average abundance = 0.055/ha

Rank biomass = 131 Rank abundance = 150

## F088 Aptychotrema vincentiana (Haacke, 1885) (Chordata, Rhinobatidae) CAAB 37 027001



Common name = Southern Shovelnose Ray Length = To 729 mm Depth range = 17 - 40 m Sites = 61, 78, 94, BC27, BC39, C7, CP12, CP3, EWL3, Z1/7 Average biomass = 20.748 g/ha Rank biomass = 117Average abundance = 0.085/ha Rank abundance = 125

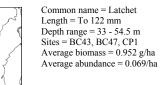
#### F089 Pristiophorus nudipinnis Günther, 1870 (Chordata, Pristiophoridae) CAAB 37 023001



Common name = Saw Shark Length = To 966 mm Depth range = 37 - 54.5 m Sites = BC42, BC43, BC45, BC46, BC47, CP7 Average biomass = 54.096 g/ha Rank biomass = 73 Average abundance = 0.574/ha Rank abundance = 51

#### F090 Pterygotrigla polyommata (Richardson, 1839) (Chordata, Triglidae) CAAB 37 288006

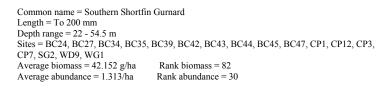




Rank biomass = 267Rank abundance = 132

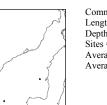
#### F091 Lepidotrigla spinosa Gomon, 1987 (Chordata, Triglidae) CAAB 37 288028





### F092 Sphyraena obtusata Cuvier, 1829 (Chordata, Sphyraenidae) CAAB 37 382001





Common name = Striped Seapike Length = To 396 mm Depth range = 20.8 - 44 m Sites = BC28, BC46Average biomass = 22.823 g/ha Average abundance = 0.047/ha

Rank biomass = 111Rank abundance = 161

#### F093 Siphonognathus attenuatus (Ogilby, 1897) (Chordata, Odacidae) CAAB 37 385004





Common name = Slender Weed Whiting Length = To 92 mm Depth range = 12 - 20.8 m Sites = BC1, BC28Average biomass = 0.016 g/ha Rank biomass = 386 Average abundance = 0.014/ha

Rank abundance = 249

## F094 Cnidoglanis macrocephalus (Valenciennes, 1840) (Chordata, Plotosidae) CAAB 37 192001



Common name = Estuary Catfish Length = To 461 mm Depth range = 17 - 20.8 m Sites = 13C, BC28 Average biomass = 2.403 g/ha Average abundance = 0.016/ha

Rank biomass = 218 Rank abundance = 237

### F095 Hippocampus abdominalis Lesson, 1827 (Chordata, Syngnathidae) CAAB 37 282120

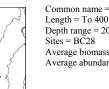




Common name = Bigbelly Seahorse Length = To 212 mm Depth range = 13 - 25.5 m Sites = 23, 26, 32, 50B, 59B, 72, 74, BC3, BC4, Z3/10, Z3/11 Average biomass = 1.693 g/ha Rank biomass = 242Average abundance = 0.192/haRank abundance = 80

### F096 Urolophus gigas Scott, 1954 (Chordata, Urolophidae) CAAB 37 038003



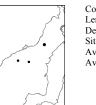


Common name = Spotted Stingaree Length = To 400 mm Depth range = 20.8 - 20.8 mSites = BC28 Average biomass = 1.811 g/ha Average abundance = 0.002/ha

Rank biomass = 238 Rank abundance = 341

#### F097 Dasyatis thetidis Ogilby, 1899 (Chordata, Dasyatidae) CAAB 37 035002





Common name = Black Stingray Length = To 1200 mm Depth range = 17 - 21 m Sites = 78, BC15, Z3/8 Average biomass = 302.562 g/ha Average abundance = 0.015/ha

Rank biomass = 18 Rank abundance = 248

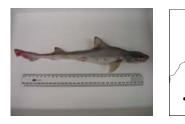
# F098 Dasyatis brevicaudata (Hutton, 1875) (Chordata, Dasyatidae) CAAB 37 035001

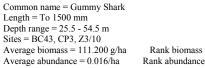




Common name = Smooth Stingray Length = To 1110 mm Depth range = 13.5 - 26 m Sites = 44, 61, 94, BC22, BC28, CB1, FC2, WD4 Average biomass = 610.034 g/ha Rank biom Rank biomass = 10Average abundance = 0.038/ha Rank abundance = 190

#### F099 Mustelus antarcticus Günther, 1870 (Chordata, Triakidae) CAAB 37 017001





Rank biomass = 43Rank abundance = 240

## F100 Orectolobus maculatus (Bonnaterre, 1788) (Chordata, Orectolobidae) CAAB 37 013003

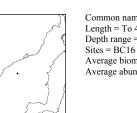




Common name = Ornate Wobbegong Length = To 2200 mm Depth range = 23 - 33 m Sites = BC19, BC27 Average biomass = 327.668 g/ha Average abundance = 0.005/ha Rank abundance = 317

# F101 Pristiophorus cirratus (Latham, 1794) (Chordata, Pristiophoridae) CAAB 37 023002





 $\label{eq:common name = Common Sawshark} \\ \mbox{Length = $T0 $ 475 mm} \\ \mbox{Depth range = $22 - $22 m} \\ \mbox{Sites = $BC16} \\ \mbox{Average biomass = $0.446 g/ha} \\ \mbox{Average abundance = $0.003/ha} \\ \mbox{Rank biomass = $303 \\ \mbox{Rank abundance = $334} \\ \mbox{Ra$ 

## F104 Chelidonichthys kumu (Lesson, 1826) (Chordata, Triglidae) CAAB 37 288001



Common name = Red Gurnard Length = To 521 mm Depth range = 22 - 54.5 m Sites = BC30, BC43, BC44, BC46 Average biomass = 18.376 g/ha Average abundance = 0.060/ha Rank abu

Rank biomass = 123 Rank abundance = 143

## F105 Nemadactylus valenciennesi (Whitley 1937) (Chordata, Cheilodactylidae) CAAB 37 377002

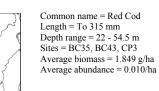


Common name = Queen snapper Length = To 600 mm Depth range = 25 - 54.5 m Sites = BC21, BC43, BC46 Average biomass = 27.293 g/ha Average abundance = 0.018/ha

Rank biomass = 98 Rank abundance = 228

## F106 Pseudophycis bachus (Forster, 1801) (Chordata, Moridae) CAAB 37 224006

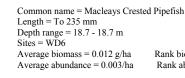




n 3 9 g/ha Rank biomass = 235 110/ha Rank abundance = 276

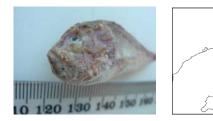
F107 Histiogamphelus cristatus (Macleay, 1881) (Chordata, Syngnathidae) CAAB 37 282081





Rank biomass = 387 Rank abundance = 326

# F108 Kanekonia queenslandica Whitley, 1952 (Chordata, Aploactinidae) CAAB 37 290007



Common name = Deep Velvet fish Length = To 54 mm Depth range = 14 - 19.3 m Sites = 21B, 58C, BC10, BC9 Average biomass = 0.104 g/ha Average abundance = 0.033/ha

Rank biomass = 356 Rank abundance = 195

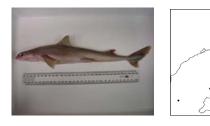
## F109 Neoplatycephalus aurimaculatus (Knapp, 1987) (Chordata, Platycephalidae) CAAB 37 296035





Common name = Toothy Flathead Length = To 483 mm Depth range = 23 - 46.5 m Sites = BC14, BC21, BC24, BC27, BC34, BC42, BC45, CP1, CP12, CP3, CP7, WD9, WG1, WG3 Average biomass = 26.471 g/ha Rank biomass = 100 Average abundance = 0.149/ha Rank abundance = 87

### F110 Squalus megalops (Macleay, 1881) (Chordata, Squalidae) CAAB 37 020006



Common name = Piked Dogfish Length = To 430 mm Depth range = 33 - 46.5 m Sites = BC45, CP1, CP3 Average biomass = 12.446 g/ha Average abundance = 0.045/ha

Rank biomass = 146 Rank abundance = 162

### F111 Nelusetta ayraudi (Quoy & Gaimard, 1824) (Chordata, Monacanthidae) CAAB 37 465006

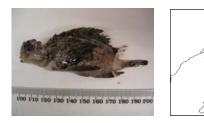


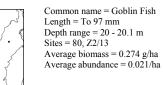


Common name = Chinaman Leather Jacket Length = To 188 mm Depth range = 22 - 46.5 m Sites = BC35, BC42, BC45 Average biomass = 1.147 g/ha Average abundance = 0.017/ha

Rank biomass = 261Rank abundance = 235

### F112 Glyptauchen panduratus (Richardson, 1850) (Chordata, Tetrarogidae) CAAB 37 287023





Depth range = 20 - 20.1 m Sites = 80, Z2/13Average biomass = 0.274 g/ha

Rank biomass = 321 Rank abundance = 212

#### F113 Siphonognathus caninis (Scott, 1976) (Chordata, Odacidae) CAAB 37 385011



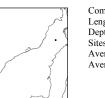


Common name = Sharpnose Weed Whiting Length = To 65 mm Depth range = 19.3 - 19.3 m Sites = BC10 Average biomass = 0.017 g/ha Average abundance = 0.008/ha

Rank biomass = 385 Rank abundance = 284

## F114 Meuschenia freycineti (Quoy & Gaimard, 1824) (Chordata, Monacanthidae) CAAB 37 465036





Common name = Six-spine Leather Jacket Length = To 176 mm Depth range = 16.1 - 16.1 m Sites = 58CAverage biomass = 0.790 g/ha Average abundance = 0.007/ha

Rank biomass = 276Rank abundance = 293

### F116 Asymbolus sp. 1 (Chordata, Scyliorhinidae) CAAB 37 015000



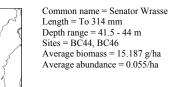


Common name = Saddled Catshark Length = To 380 mm Depth range = 44 - 44 m Sites = BC46 Average biomass = 12.184 g/ha Average abundance = 0.045/ha

Rank biomass = 147 Rank abundance = 172

### F117 Pictilabrus laticlavius (Richardson, 1840) (Chordata, Labridae) CAAB 37 384020

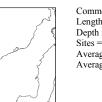




Rank biomass = 133Rank abundance = 151

## F118 Caesioperca rasor (Richardson, 1839) (Chordata, Serranidae) CAAB 37 311003



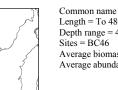


Common name = Barber Perch Length = To 190 mm Depth range = 44 - 44 m Sites = BC46 Average biomass = 20.187 g/ha Average abundance = 0.267/ha

Rank biomass = 119Rank abundance = 65

## F119 Aulopus cf purpurissatus (Chordata, Aulopidae) CAAB 37 117802





Common name = Sergeant Baker Length = To 480 mm Depth range = 44 - 44 m Average biomass = 66.610 g/ha Average abundance = 0.089/ha

Rank biomass = 65Rank abundance = 122

#### F120 Cheilodactylus nigripes Richardson, 1850 (Chordata, Cheilodactylidae) CAAB 37 377001

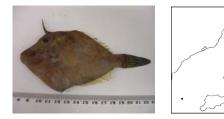




Common name = Magpie Perch Length = To 321 mm Depth range = 44 - 44 m Sites = BC46 Average biomass = 25.879 g/ha Average abundance = 0.045/ha

Rank biomass = 102Rank abundance = 172

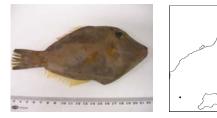
## F121 Cantheschenia longipinnis (Fraser-Brunner, 1941) (Chordata, Monacanthidae) CAAB 37 465053

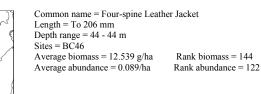


Common name = Smoothspine Leather Jacket Length = To 192 mm Depth range = 44 - 44 m Sites = BC46 Average biomass = 19.565 g/ha Average abundance = 0.222/ha

Rank biomass = 120Rank abundance = 76

### F122 Eubalichthys quadrispinis Hutchins, 1977 (Chordata, Monacanthidae) CAAB 37 465032





### F123 Optivus agrammus Gomon, 2004 (Chordata, Trachichthyidae) CAAB 37 255016

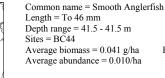


Common name = Western Roughy Length = To 63 mm Depth range = 44 - 44 m Sites = BC46 Average biomass = 0.267 g/ha Average abundance = 0.045/ha

Rank biomass = 325Rank abundance = 172

## F124 Phyllophryne scortea (McCulloch & Waite, 1918) (Chordata, Antennariidae) CAAB 37 210015





Rank biomass = 375Rank abundance = 271

F125 Engraulis australis (Shaw, 1790) (Chordata, Engraulidae) CAAB 37 086001



Common name = Australian Anchovy Length = To 122 mm Depth range = 14.5 - 27 m Sites = 23, 44, 61, 7B, 94, BC36, CB1, DK1, SHW2, WAL32Average biomass = 0.789 g/haAverage abundance = 0.127/haRank abundance = 96

### F126 Arripis georgianus (Valenciennes, 1831) (Chordata, Arripidae) CAAB 37 344001





Common name = Tommy Rough (Australian Herring) Length = To 114 mm Depth range = 15 - 15 m Sites = BC6 Average biomass = 0.182 g/ha Rank biomass = 337 Average abundance = 0.006/ha

Rank abundance = 310

# F127 Rhycherus filamentosus (Castelnau, 1872) (Chordata, Antennariidae) CAAB 37 210006

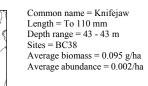


Common name = Tasselled Anglerfish Length = To 110 mm Depth range = 15 - 25 m Sites = 8, Z1/1Average biomass = 0.837 g/ha Average abundance = 0.018/ha

Rank biomass = 275 Rank abundance = 233

## F128 Oplegnathus woodwardi (Waite, 1900) (Chordata, Oplegnathidae) CAAB 37 369002

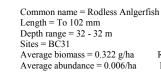




Rank biomass = 359 Rank abundance = 337

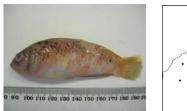
### F129 Histiophryne cryptacanthus (Weber, 1913) (Chordata, Antennariidae) CAAB 37 210013





Rank biomass = 312 Rank abundance = 301

## F130 Austrolabrus maculatus (Macleay, 1881) (Chordata, Labridae) CAAB 37 384025





Common name = Blackspotted Wrasse Length = To 108 mm Depth range = 23 - 32 m Sites = BC14, BC31Average biomass = 0.180 g/ha Average abundance = 0.010/ha

Rank biomass = 339 Rank abundance = 277

## F131 Sorosichthys ananassa Whitley, 1945 (Chordata, Trachichthyidae) CAAB 37 255010





Common name = Little Pineapplefish Length = To 81 mmDepth range = 32 - 32 m Sites = BC31Average biomass = 0.110 g/haAverage abundance = 0.006/ha

Rank biomass = 355 Rank abundance = 301

### F132 Pempheris multiradiata Klunzinger, 1880 (Chordata, Pempherididae) CAAB 37 357001



Common name = Common Bullseye (Bigscale Bullseye ) Length = To 88 mm Depth range = 28 - 28 m Sites = BC24 Average biomass = 0.312 g/ha Rank biomass = 315 Average abundance = 0.036/ha Rank abundance = 192

# F133 Spratelloides robustus Ogilby, 1897 (Chordata, Clupeidae) CAAB 37 085003





Common name = Blue Sprat Length = To 97 mm Depth range = 19 - 19 m Sites = BC20 Average biomass = 0.135 g/ha Average abundance = 0.020/ha

Rank biomass = 350 Rank abundance = 215

## F134 Urolophus cruciatus (Lacépède, 1804) (Chordata, Urolophidae) CAAB 37 038002

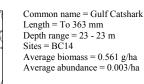


Common name = Banded Stingaree Length = To 207 mm Depth range = 22 - 22 m Sites = BC18 Average biomass = 0.380 g/ha Average abundance = 0.003/ha

Rank biomass = 309 Rank abundance = 326

## F135 Asymbolus vincenti (Zietz, 1908) (Chordata, Scyliorhinidae) CAAB 37 015003





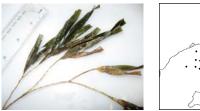
Rank biomass = 296 Rank abundance = 323

## G001 Posidonia sp. (Magnoliophyta, Posidoniaceae) CAAB 63 617000



Common name = Strapweed Length = Not recorded Depth range = 12 - 26 m Sites = 13C, 16, 19, 2, 20B, 21B, 21C, 22B, 26, 4, 58C, 59B, 7, 70, 72, 78, 80, BC1, BC10, BC11, BC13, BC14, BC15, BC17, BC2, BC21, BC28, BC33, BC35, BC36, BC40, BC8, C14, EWL3, N23, WD3, WD4, WD6, Z3/10, Z3/2 Average biomass = 342.494 g/ha Rank biomass = 15 Average abundance = N/ARank abundance = N/A

### G002 Amphibolis antartica (Labill.) Asch. (Magnoliophyta, Cymodoceaceae) CAAB 63 618004

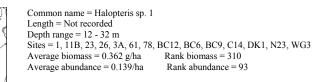




Common name = Amphibolis Length = Not recorded Depth range = 12 - 32 m Sites = 1, 11B, 16, 19, 21C, 22B, 4, 68, 7, 72, 80, 93, BC10, BC13, BC15, BC17, BC24, BC28, BC33, BC36, BC40, BC6, BC8, BC9, C14, EWL3, N23, SHW2, WD3, WD6, WD9 Average biomass = 14.875 g/ha Rank biomass = 134 Average biomass = 14.875 g/ha Average abundance = N/ARank abundance = N/A

## H001 Halopteris campanula (Busk, 1852) (Cnidaria, Halopterididae) CAAB 11 063001





# H002 Halopteris glutenosa (Lamouroux, 1816) (Cnidaria, Halopterididae) CAAB 11 063008





Common name = Halopteris sp. 2 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 20.5 - 20.5 mSites = Z3/2Average biomass = 0.136 g/ha Average abundance = 0.007/ha

Rank biomass = 348 Rank abundance = 295

### H003 Nemertesia procumbens (Spencer, 1891) (Cnidaria, Plumulariidae) CAAB 11 058004





Common name = Plumularia Length = Not recorded Depth range = 20.8 - 41.5 m Sites = 2, 4, BC28, BC44, N23 Average biomass = 0.790 g/ha Average abundance = 0.027/ha

Rank biomass = 277 Rank abundance = 201

## M001 Lima vulgaris (Link, 1807) (Mollusca, Limidae) CAAB 23 250020



Common name = Lima Lima Length = To 60 mm Depth range = 12 - 41.5 m Sites = 19, 21C, 36, 44, 47B, 50B, 57, 59B, 72, 80, BC1, BC14, BC19, BC2, BC3, BC32, BC4, BC44, BC6, DK1 Average biomass = 8.391 g/ha Rank biomass = 162 Average abundance = 1.065/ha Rank abundance = 35

## M002 Malleus (Malleus) meridianus Cotton, 1930 (Mollusca, Malleidae) CAAB 23 237001



Common name = Southern Hammer Oyster Length = To 163 mm Depth range = 12 - 34 m Sites = 1, 11B, 12, 16, 19, 21C, 30, 32, 44, 47B, 5, 50B, 63, 69, 72, 74, 8, 80, 92, 94, BC2, BC27, BC3, BC30, BC32, BC4, CB1, DK1, FC2, N23, X3, Z1/3 Average biomass = 40.918 g/ha Rank biomass = 83 Average abundance = 0.996/ha Rank abundance = 38

### M003 Octopus australis Hoyle, 1885 (Mollusca, Octopodidae) CAAB 23 659001





Common name = Southern Hammer Octopus Length = To 91 mm Depth range = 12 - 54.5 m Sites = 1, 12, 13C, 16, 19, 21B, 21C, 22B, 23, 26, 32, 58C, 61, 63, 68, 69, 7, 70, 72, 78, 80, 9B, BC10, BC30, BC35, BC38, BC40, BC42, BC43, BC45, BC46, BC8, BC9, CB1, DK1, FC2, SHW2, X3, Y7 Average biomass = 31.124 g/ha Rank biomass = 95 Average abundance = 0.628/ha Rank abundance = 48

### M004 Sepioteuthis australis Quoy & Gaimard, 1832 (Mollusca, Loliginidae) CAAB 23 617005



Common name = Southern Calamary Length = To 257 mm Depth range = 12 - 54.5 m Z2/11, Z2/13, Z3/10, Z3/11, Z3/2, Z3/8 Average biomass = 412.945 g/ha

Stes = 1, 11B, 12, 13C, 16, 19, 1B, 2, 21B, 21C, 22B, 23, 26, 30, 32, 36, 4, 44, 47B, 5, 50B, 57, 58C, 59B, 5B, 61, 63, 68, 69, 7, 70, 72, 74, 78, 7B, 8, 80, 92, 93, 94, 9B, BC1, BC10, BC11, BC12, BC13, BC15, BC17, BC18, BC19, BC2, BC20, BC21, BC22, BC23, BC24, BC25, BC27, BC28, BC3, BC30, BC33, BC34, BC35, BC36, BC37, BC38, BC39, BC4, BC40, BC41, BC42, BC43, BC44, BC45, BC47, BC6, BC8, BC9, C14, C7, CB1, CP1, CP12, CP3, CP7, DK1, EWL3, FC2, N23, SG2, SHW2, WAL32, WD3, WD4, WD6, WD9, WG1, WG3, X3, Y7, Z1/1, Z1/3, Z1/5, Z1/7, Z2/10, Rank biomass = 13Average abundance = 13.404/haRank abundance = 8

## M005 Sepia novaehollandae Hoyle, 1909 (Mollusca, Sepiidae) CAAB 23 607005



Common name = Nova Cuttlefish Length = To 139 mm Depth range = 12 - 54.5 m Sites = 19, 2, 21B, 21C, 22B, 23, 26, 30, 32, 3A, 4, 58C, 63, 69, 70, 72, 8, 80, 92, 93, 94, 9B, BC1, BC10, BC13, BC15, BC19, BC2, BC20, BC24, BC28, BC3, BC30, BC35, BC37, BC39, BC4, BC40, BC42, BC43, BC47, BC9, C7, CB1, CP12, CP3, CP7, DK1, EWL3, N23, WAL32, WD3, WD4, WD6, WD9, WG3, Y7, Z1/1, Z3/11 Average biomass = 85.456 g/ha Rank biomass = 57 Average abundance = 1.381/ha Rank abundance = 29

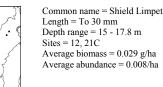
### M006 Ischnochiton (Heterozona) cariosus Pilsbry, 1892 (Mollusca, Ischnochitonidae) CAAB 23 115023



Common name = Chiton Length = To 17 mm Depth range = 15 - 15 m Sites = 21CAverage biomass = 0.005 g/ha Rank biomass = 394 Average abundance = 0.005/haRank abundance = 315

### M007 Tugali cicatricosa Adams, 1851 (Mollusca, Fissurellidae) CAAB 24 040007





Rank biomass = 379 Rank abundance = 288

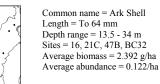
## M008 Trichomya hirsuta (Lamarck, 1819) (Mollusca, Mytilidae) CAAB 23 220006



Common name = Hairy Mussel Length = To 79 mm Depth range = 12 - 26 m Sites = 12, 2, 20B, 21B, 21C, 26, 30, 32, 36, 3A, 44, 47B, 5, 50B, 57, 58C, 59B, 70, 72, 74, 8, 80, 92, 93, 94, BC1, BC2, BC3, BC4, DK1, FC2, X3 Average biomass = 223.905 g/ha Rank biomass = 26 Average abundance = 11.926/ha Rank abundance = 10

#### M009 Barbatia (Barbatia) pistachia (Lamarck, 1819) (Mollusca, Arcidae) CAAB 23 226006





Sites = 16, 21C, 47B, BC32 Average biomass = 2.392 g/ha

Rank biomass = 220 Rank abundance = 103

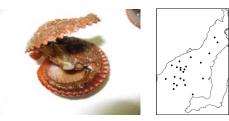
#### M010 Nototodarus gouldi (McCoy, 1888) (Mollusca, Ommastrephidae) CAAB 23 636004

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Common name = Red Arrow Squid Length = To 232 mm Depth range = 17 - 54.5 m Sites = BC17, BC18, BC21, BC23, BC28, BC30, BC34, BC35, BC39, BC40, BC42, BC43, BC44, BC45, BC46, CP3, CP7, SG2, WD3, WD4, WG1, Z1/7, Z2/13 Average biomass = 32.337 g/ha Rank biomass = 94 Average abundance = 0.354/ha Rank abundance = 61

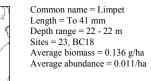
## M011 Mimachlamys asperrima (Lamarck, 1819) (Mollusca, Pectinidae) CAAB 23 270006



Common name = Doughboy Scallop (Sponge Scallop) Length = To 60 mm Depth range = 13 - 43 m Sites = 11B, 12, 59B, BC10, BC14, BC16, BC18, BC20, BC25, BC27, BC28, BC30, BC31, BC32, BC34, BC38, C7, CP7, N23, SG2, WG1, WG3, Z2/13 Average biomass = 50.362 g/ha Rank biomass = 77 Average abundance = 4.824/ha Rank abundance = 16

### M012 Diodora lincolnensis (Cotton, 1930) (Mollusca, Fissurellidae) CAAB 24 040002





Rank biomass = 349 Rank abundance = 265

#### M013 Acrosterigma cygnorum (Deshayes, 1855) (Mollusca, Cardiidae) CAAB 23 335019



Common name = Cockle Length = To 36 mm Depth range = 14.5 - 21.4 m Sites = BC13, DK1, Y7 Average biomass = 0.339 g/ha Average abundance = 0.025/ha

Rank biomass = 311 Rank abundance = 203

#### M014 Sepia apama Gray, 1849 (Mollusca, Sepiidae) CAAB 23 607001



Common name = Giant Cuttlefish Length = To 270 mm Depth range = 13 - 44 m Sites = 12, 13C, 16, 20B, 22B, 30, 32, 36, 44, 5, 50B, 58C, 69, 7, 8, 80, 93, BC10, BC11, BC13, BC14, BC15, BC16, BC17, BC2, BC27, BC28, BC3, BC33, BC36, BC46, EWL3, FC2, WD3, WD6, Z1/5, Z3/11 Average biomass = 205.296 g/ha Average abundance = 0.506/ha Rank abundance = 53

#### M015 Ostrea (Eostrea) angasi Sowerby, 1871 (Mollusca, Ostreidae) CAAB 23 257002





### M016 Sepiadarium austrinum Berry, 1921 (Mollusca, Sepiadariidae) CAAB 23 608003

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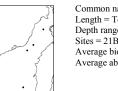
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Common name = Southern Bottletail Squid Length = To 25 mm Depth range = 13 - 33 m Sites = 21B, 59B, 9B, BC10, BC3, BC33, BC40, CP1, N23 Average biomass = 0.272 g/ha Average abundance = 0.062/ha Rank abundance = 142

# M017 Clanculus flagellatus (Philippi, 1848) (Mollusca, Trochidae) CAAB 24 046124

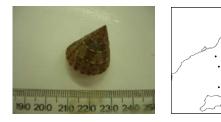




Common name = Clanculus Length = To 30 mm Depth range = 14 - 26 m Sites = 21B, 78, BC40, BC6 Average biomass = 0.172 g/ha Average abundance = 0.031/ha

Rank biomass = 341 Rank abundance = 198

### M018 Calliostoma (Salsipotens) armillatum (Wood, 1828) (Mollusca, Calliostomatidae) CAAB 24 047011



Common name = Topshell Length = To 29 mm Depth range = 15.5 - 25 m Sites = 61, 9B, BC17, BC36, Y7 Average biomass = 0.259 g/ha Average abundance = 0.039/ha

Rank biomass = 327 Rank abundance = 189

## M019 Cleidothaerus albidus (Lamarck, 1819) (Mollusca, Cleidothaeridae) CAAB 23 423001



Common name = Rock Shell Length = To 56 mm Depth range = 12 - 34 m Sites = 1, 1B, 30, 44, 47B, 50B, 5B, 63, 80, 92, BC2, BC3, BC32, BC4, DK1, N23, X3 Average biomass = 10.363 g/ha Rank biomass = 155 Average abundance = 0.724/ha Rank abundance = 45

## M020 Pinna bicolor Gmelin, 1791 (Mollusca, Pinnidae) CAAB 23 245001



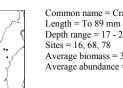
Sites = 20B, BC33

Common name = Razor Clam (Razor Fish) Length = To 328 mm Depth range = 14 - 14.8 m Average biomass = 4.016 g/ha Average abundance = 0.011/ha

Rank biomass = 192Rank abundance = 266

# M021 Eucrassatella kingicola (Lamarck, 1805) (Mollusca, Crassatellidae) CAAB 23 330004





Common name = Crassatela Depth range = 17 - 22 m Sites = 16, 68, 78Average biomass = 3.408 g/haAverage abundance = 0.021/ha

Rank biomass = 198 Rank abundance = 213

### M022 Pecten fumatus Reeve, 1852 (Mollusca, Pectinidae) CAAB 23 270007





Common name = Commercial Scallop Length = To 95 mm Depth range = 15 - 43 m Sites = 9B, BC38, BC42, CP1, EWL3, SG2, WG3, Z1/1 Average biomass = 2.388 g/haRank biomass = 221Average abundance = 0.063/ha Rank abundance = 138

# M023 Equichlamys bifrons (Lamarck, 1819) (Mollusca, Pectinidae) CAAB 23 270005



Common name = Queen Scallop Length = To 82 mm Depth range = 15.5 - 25 m Sites = 19, 2, 61, BC16, EWL3, Y7 Average biomass = 2.746 g/ha Rank biomass = 211 Average abundance = 0.113/ha Rank abundance = 111

### M024 Sepioloidea lineolata (Quoy & Gaimard, 1832) (Mollusca, Sepiadariidae) CAAB 23 608001





Common name = Striped Pyjama Squid Length = To 27 mm Depth range = 12 - 18 m Sites = 59B, BC1, BC3, BC4, EWL3, Z1/1 Average biomass = 0.903 g/ha Rank biomass = 271 Average abundance = 0.116/ha Rank abundance = 106

## M025 Sassia (Cymatiella) verrucosa (Reeve, 1844) (Mollusca, Ranellidae) CAAB 24 176057



Common name = Triton Length = To 31 mm Depth range = 34 - 44.5 m Sites = BC32, BC47 Average biomass = 0.073 g/ha Average abundance = 0.021/ha

Rank biomass = 367 Rank abundance = 210

## M026 Amoria undulata (Lamarck, 1804) (Mollusca, Volutidae) CAAB 24 207007

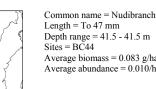


Common name = Wavyvolute Length = To 87 mm Depth range = 54.5 - 54.5 mSites = BC43Average biomass = 0.213 g/ha Average abundance = 0.003/ha

Rank biomass = 330 Rank abundance = 330

## M027 Ceratosoma brevicaudatum Abraham, 1876 (Mollusca, Chromodorididae) CAAB 24 432001





Length = To 47 mm Depth range = 41.5 - 41.5 m Sites = BC44 Average biomass = 0.083 g/ha Average abundance = 0.010/ha

Rank biomass = 364 Rank abundance = 271

### M028 Fusinus (Fusinus) australis (Quoy & Gaimard, 1833) (Mollusca, Buccinidae) CAAB 24 202004





Common name = Spindle Shell Length = To 75 mm Depth range = 19 - 19 m Sites = WAL32 Average biomass = 0.141 g/ha Average abundance = 0.005/ha

Rank biomass = 346Rank abundance = 312

## M029 Atrina (Servatrina) tasmanica (Tenison Woods, 1876) (Mollusca, Pinnidae) CAAB 23 245007



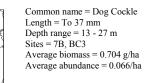


Common name = Razor Fish sp. 2 Length = To 208 mm Depth range = 28 - 28 m Sites = WG1 Average biomass = 0.774 g/ha Average abundance = 0.005/ha

Rank biomass = 279 Rank abundance = 319

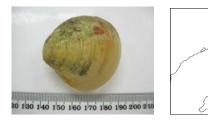
M030 Glycymeris (Glycymeris) striatularis (Lamarck, 1819) (Mollusca, Glycymerididae) CAAB 23 231001

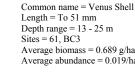




Rank biomass = 286 Rank abundance = 135

## M031 Dosinia victoriae Gatliff & Gabriel, 1914 (Mollusca, Veneridae) CAAB 23 380013





Average biomass = 0.689 g/ha Average abundance = 0.019/ha

Rank biomass = 290 Rank abundance = 223

### M032 Zoila friendii thersites (Gaskoin, 1849) (Mollusca, Cypraeidae) CAAB 24 155035



Common name = Black Cowry Length = To 78 mm Depth range = 32 - 32 m Sites = 11BAverage biomass = 0.641 g/ha Average abundance = 0.009/ha

Rank biomass = 291 Rank abundance = 280

### M033 Octopus berrima (Mollusca, Octopodidae) CAAB 23 659002





Common name = Southern Keeled Octopus Length = To 116 mm Depth range = 22 - 22 m Sites = BC35 Average biomass = 0.872 g/ha Average abundance = 0.003/ha

Rank biomass = 273 Rank abundance = 332

## O001 Carijoa multiflora (Laackmann, 1909) (Cnidaria, Clavulariidae) CAAB 11 181002





Common name = Carijoa Length = Not recorded Depth range = 12 - 41.5 m Sites = 13C, 20B, 21C, 23, 26, 30, 32, 36, 44, 47B, 50B, 57, 59B, 72, 94, BC1, BC2, BC27, BC3, BC4, BC42, BC44, BC6, CB1, CP7, DK1, FC2 Average biomass = 180.502 g/ha Rank biomass = 33 Average abundance = 0.246/haRank abundance = 72

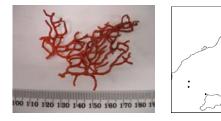
# O002 Sarcoptilus grandis Gray, 1848 (Cnidaria, Pteroeididae) CAAB 11 219001



Common name = Sea Pen Length = To 270 mmDepth range = 30 - 37 mSites = CP3, CP7, WD9, WG3 Average biomass = 3.009 g/ha Average abundance = 0.020/ha

Rank biomass = 203 Rank abundance = 218

## O003 Acabaria sp. 1 Gray, 1859 (Cnidaria, Acabaria) CAAB 11 190000



Common name = Acabaria sp. 1 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 32 - 43 m Sites = BC31, BC38, BC42Average biomass = 0.131 g/ha Average abundance = 0.011/ha

Rank biomass = 351 Rank abundance = 262

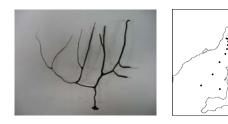
## O004 Capnella gaboensis Verseveldt, 1977 (Cnidaria, Nephtheidae) CAAB 11 191002



Common name = Capnella Length = Not recorded Depth range = 12 - 12 m Sites = BC1 Average biomass = 0.708 g/haAverage abundance = 0.012/ha

Rank biomass = 285 Rank abundance = 258

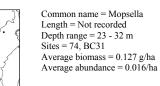
## O005 Plexauridae sp. 1 (Cnidaria, Plexauridae) CAAB 11 196000



Common name = Plexauridae sp. 1 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 14.5 - 34 m Sites = 21C, 22B, 30, 32, 4, 5, 50B, 61, 68, 8, 94, BC24, BC32, BC36, BC9, DK1, N23 Average biomass = 2.578 g/ha Rank biomass = 213 Average abundance = 0.100/haRank abundance = 115

### O006 Mopsella zimmeri Kükenthal, 1908 (Cnidaria, Melithaeidae) CAAB 11 190001



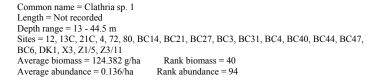


Average biomass = 0.127 g/ha

Rank biomass = 353 Rank abundance = 241

## S001 Clathria sp. 1 (Porifera, Microcionidae) CAAB 10 066000





## S002 Ecionemia sp. 1 (Porifera, Ancorinidae) CAAB 10 009000



Common name = Cannon Ball Sponge Length = To 210 mm Depth range = 14.5 - 25 m Sites = 16, 21C, 80, 93, 9B, BC14, DK1 Average biomass = 71.573 g/ha Rank biomass = 62Average abundance = 0.048/ha Rank abundance = 159

## S003 Ircinia sp. (Porifera, Irciniidae) CAAB 10 112000



Common name = Ircinia sp. 1 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 12 - 34 m Sites = 1, 16, 21C, 30, 70, BC14, BC27, BC32, BC4, CB1, WD6 Average biomass = 109.990 g/ha Rank biomass = 46 Average abundance = 0.085/haRank abundance = 126

## S004 Poecilosclerid sp. 1 (Porifera, Poecilosclerida (Order)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Poecilosclerid sp. 1 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 12 - 54.5 m Scites = 11B, 12, 1B, 21C, 23, 30, 32, 44, 47B, 5, 50B, 57, 69, 72, 74, 8, 93, 94, BC1, BC11, BC14, BC15, BC18, BC2, BC20, BC21, BC25, BC27, BC31, BC32, BC34, BC38, BC39, BC4, BC42, BC43, BC44, BC46, C7, CB1, CP12, DK1, SG2, WG1, X3, Z1/1, Z1/3, Z1/7, Z2/10, Z2/11, Z3/10 Average biomass = 673.514 g/ha Rank biomass = 9Average abundance = 0.530/haRank abundance = 52

## S005 Dictyoceratid sp. 1 (Porifera, Dictyoceratida (Order)) CAAB 10 000000



Common name = Dictyoceratid sp. 1 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 15 - 21.5 m Sites = 21C, 4, BC36 Average biomass = 14.842 g/ha Average abundance = 0.013/ha

Rank biomass = 135 Rank abundance = 254

# S006 Ancorinid sp. (Porifera, Ancorinidae) CAAB 10 009000



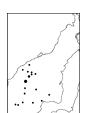


Common name = Ancorinid sp. 1 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 22 - 22 m Sites = BC18 Average biomass = 12.446 g/ha Average abundance = 0.003/ha

Rank biomass = 145 Rank abundance = 326

# S007 Chondropsid sp. 1 (Porifera, Chondropsidae) CAAB 10 078000





Common name = Chondropsid sp. 1 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 19 - 54.5 m Sites = BC14, BC16, BC18, BC20, BC21, BC25, BC31, BC32, BC38, BC40, BC42, BC43, BC44, BC45, BC46, WG1, Z1/7 Average biomass = 327.017 g/ha Rank biomass = 17 Average abundance = 0.172/ha Rank abundance = 84

## S008 Haplosclerid sp. 1 (Porifera, Haplosclerida (Order)) CAAB 10 000000



Common name = Haplosclerid sp. 1 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 17 - 54.5 m Sites = 72, BC15, BC43 Average biomass = 1.376 g/ha Average abundance = 0.017/ha

Rank biomass = 256 Rank abundance = 234

### S009 Holopsamma laminaefavosa Carter, 1885 (Porifera, Microcionidae) CAAB 10 066142



Common name = Honey Comb Sponge Length = Not recorded Depth range = 13 - 43 m Sites = 11B, 16, 59B, 74, BC2, BC27, BC30, BC31, BC34, BC38, BC42, BC44, FC2, SG2 Average biomass = 49.273 g/ha Rank biomass = 79 Average abundance = 0.125/ha Rank abundance = 100

#### S010 Demosponge sp. 1 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000

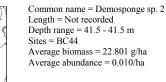




Common name = Demosponge sp. 1 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 12 - 41.5 m Sites = 1B, 30, 74, BC1, BC4, BC44, Z3/2 Average biomass = 103.116 g/ha Rank biomass = 51 Average abundance = 0.065/haRank abundance = 136

#### S011 Demosponge sp. 2 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000

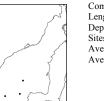




Rank biomass = 112 Rank abundance = 271

#### S012 Demosponge sp. 3 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000



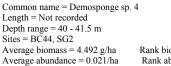


Common name = Demosponge sp. 3 Length = To 698 mm Depth range = 34 - 44 m Sites = BC32, BC44, BC46 Average biomass = 52.433 g/ha Average abundance = 0.115/ha

Rank biomass = 75 Rank abundance = 108

#### S013 Demosponge sp. 4 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000

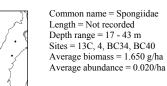




Rank biomass = 181 Rank abundance = 208

# S014 Spongiid sp. 1 (Porifera, Spongiidae) CAAB 10 114000





Rank biomass = 247Rank abundance = 221

## S015 Holopsamma sp. 2 (Porifera, Microcionidae) CAAB 10 066000





Common name = Holopsamma sp. 2 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 26 - 44 m Sites = BC40, BC44, BC46, CP7 Average biomass = 17.423 g/ha Rank biomass = 127 Average abundance = 0.062/haRank abundance = 140

## S016 Haplosclerid sp. 2 (Porifera, Haplosclerida (Order)) CAAB 10 000000



Common name = Haplosclerid sp. 2 Length = Not recorded Lengm = Not recorded Depth range = 12 - 54.5 m Sites = 26, 30, 32, 5, 59B, 5B, 69, 8, 80, 94, BC1, BC31, BC33, BC34, BC36, BC38, BC40, BC42, BC43, BC44, BC47, CP1, CP3, CP7, DK1, X3 Average biomass = 34.638 g/ha Rank biomass = 92 Average abundance = 0.148/ha Rank abundance = 88

### S017 Demosponge sp. 5 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000



Common name = Demosponge sp. 5 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 26 - 44 m Sites = BC40, BC46Average biomass = 21.676 g/ha Average abundance = 0.047/ha

Rank biomass = 114Rank abundance = 160

### S018 Thorectandra sp. (Porifera, Thorectidae) CAAB 10 113000





Common name = Thorectandra sp. 1 Length = To 414 mm Depth range = 17.5 - 17.5 mSites = BC36 Average biomass = 2.792 g/haAverage abundance = 0.002/ha

Rank biomass = 208Rank abundance = 339

## S019 Dictyoceratid sp. 2 (Porifera, Dictyoceratida (Order)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Dictyoceratid sp. 2 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 13.5 - 32 m Sites = 11B, 12, 21B, CB1, FC2 Average biomass = 142.787 g/ha Average abundance = 0.050/ha

Rank biomass = 35Rank abundance = 158

## S020 Poecilosclerid sp. 2 (Porifera, Poecilosclerida (Order)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Poecilosclerid sp. 2 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 13.5 - 23 m Sites = 12, 13C, 26, 30, 47B, 50B, 57, 72, 74, 94, DK1, FC2, X3 Average biomass = 66.313 g/ha Average abundance = 0.116/ha Rank abundance = 107

#### S021 Dictyoceratid sp. 3 (Porifera, Dictyoceratida (Order)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Dictyoceratid sp. 3 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 14 - 16.5 m Sites = 20B, 44, X3 Average biomass = 3.977 g/ha Average abundance = 0.018/ha Rank

Rank biomass = 193 Rank abundance = 227

#### S022 Clathria sp. 2 (Porifera, Microcionidae) CAAB 10 066000



Common name = Clathria sp. 2 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 16.5 - 37 m Sites = 11B, 30, 74, BC10, CP12, CP3, X3 Average biomass = 22.861 g/ha Rank biomass = 110 Average abundance = 0.043/ha Rank abundance = 184

#### S023 Thorectid sp. (Porifera, Thorectidae) CAAB 10 113000





 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Common name} = \mbox{Thorectid sp. 1} \\ \mbox{Length} = \mbox{Not recorded} \\ \mbox{Depth range} = \mbox{16.5} - \mbox{43 m} \\ \mbox{Sites} = \mbox{BC38}, \mbox{X3} \\ \mbox{Average biomass} = \mbox{1.814 g/ha} \\ \mbox{Average abundance} = \mbox{0.009/ha} \\ \mbox{Rank a} \end{array}$ 

Rank biomass = 236 Rank abundance = 283

### S024 Dictyoceratid sp. 4 (Porifera, Dictyoceratida (Order)) CAAB 10 000000





 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Common name} = \mbox{Dictyoceratid sp. 4} \\ \mbox{Length} = \mbox{Not recorded} \\ \mbox{Depth range} = 14.5 - 16.5 m \\ \mbox{Sites} = \mbox{CB1}, X3 \\ \mbox{Average biomass} = 24.065 \mbox{g/ha} \\ \mbox{Average abundance} = 0.018/ha \\ \mbox{Rank abun} \end{array}$ 

Rank biomass = 107 Rank abundance = 232

#### S025 Demosponge sp. 64 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Demosponge sp. 64 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 16.5 - 44 m Sites = 16, BC46, X3 Average biomass = 9.355 g/ha Average abundance = 0.058/ha Rank al

Rank biomass = 158 Rank abundance = 148

# S026 Chalinid sp. (Porifera, Chalinidae) CAAB 10 099000





Common name = Chalinid sp. 1 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 16.5 - 22.5 m Sites = 32, X3 Average biomass = 1.393 g/ha Average abundance = 0.011/ha

Rank biomass = 255 Rank abundance = 262

# S027 Demosponge sp. 6 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Demosponge sp. 6 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 14.5 - 25 m Sites = 2, 32, 57, 74, 94, BC6, DK1, N23, X3, Z1/3 Average biomass = 18.905 g/ha Rank biomass = 121 Average abundance = 0.073/ha Rank abundance = 129

## S028 Ecionemia sp. 2 (Porifera, Ancorinidae) CAAB 10 009000



Common name = Ecionemia sp. 2 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 14 - 44 m Sites = 23, 30, 3A, 5, 8, 92, 93, 94, BC46 Average biomass = 243.166 g/ha Rank biomass = 22Average abundance = 0.126/ha Rank abundance = 98

## S029 Spongiid sp. 2 (Porifera, Spongiidae) CAAB 10 114000



Common name = Bath Sponge Length = To 158 mm Depth range = 14 - 18.5 m Sites = 57, 92 Average biomass = 4.293 g/ha Average abundance = 0.019/ha

Rank biomass = 187 Rank abundance = 224

## S030 Demosponge sp. 7 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Demosponge sp. 7 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 14 - 43 m Sites = 92, BC34 Average biomass = 20.684 g/ha Average abundance = 0.011/ha

Rank biomass = 118 Rank abundance = 264

### S031 Demosponge sp. 8 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Demosponge sp. 8 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 22 - 25 m Sites = 16, 8Average biomass = 20.855 g/ha Average abundance = 0.011/ha

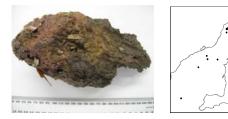
Rank biomass = 116Rank abundance = 259

## S032 Demosponge sp. 9 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000



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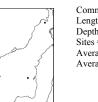
S034 Dictyoceratid sp. 6 (Porifera, Dictyoceratida (Order)) CAAB 10 000000



Common name = Dictyoceratid sp. 6 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 15 - 44 m Sites = 26, 32, 5B, 74, 93, BC46, BC9, WG1, Z3/2 Average biomass = 130.334 g/ha Rank biomass = 39 Average abundance = 0.123/ha Rank abundance = 102

#### S035 Dictyoceratid sp. 7 (Porifera, Dictyoceratida (Order)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Dictyoceratid sp. 7 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 13.5 - 28 m Sites = BC25, BC28, FC2 Average biomass = 24.062 g/ha I Average abundance = 0.024/ha R

Rank biomass = 108 Rank abundance = 204

#### S037 Holopsamma sp. 3 (Porifera, Microcionidae) CAAB 10 066000





 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Common name} = \mbox{Holopsamma sp. 3} \\ \mbox{Length} = \mbox{Not recorded} \\ \mbox{Depth range} = 54.5 - 54.5 \mbox{ m} \\ \mbox{Sites} = \mbox{BC43} \\ \mbox{Average biomass} = 0.095 \mbox{ g/ha} \\ \mbox{Average abundance} = 0.003/ha \\ \mbox{Rame} \end{array}$ 

Rank biomass = 360 Rank abundance = 330

#### S038 Demosponge sp. 11 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000



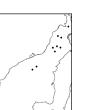


Common name = Demosponge sp. 11 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 54.5 - 54.5 m Sites = BC43 Average biomass = 0.018 g/ha Average abundance = 0.003/ha Rank biom

Rank biomass = 384 Rank abundance = 330

#### S040 Demosponge sp. 12 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Demosponge sp. 12 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 13 - 33 m Sites = 21B, 3A, 50B, 59B, 5B, 63, 69, 80, 94 Average biomass = 35.787 g/ha Average abundance = 0.116/ha Rank abundance = 105

## S041 Demosponge sp. 13 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000



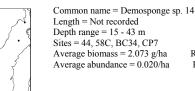


Common name = Demosponge sp. 13 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 19.3 - 21.5 m Sites = 30, BC10 Average biomass = 5.359 g/ha Average abundance = 0.014/ha

Rank biomass = 173 Rank abundance = 252

# S042 Demosponge sp. 14 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000

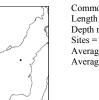




Rank biomass = 230 Rank abundance = 220

#### S043 Verongid sp. 1 (Porifera, Verongida (Order)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Verongid sp. 1 Length = To 216 mm Depth range = 19.3 - 19.3 mSites = BC10 Average biomass = 0.282 g/ha Average abundance = 0.008/ha

Rank biomass = 320 Rank abundance = 284

#### S044 Dictyoceratid sp. 8 (Porifera, Dictyoceratida (Order)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Dictyoceratid sp. 8 Length = To 245 mm Depth range = 13.5 - 17 m Sites = 13C, BC4Average biomass = 49.960 g/ha Average abundance = 0.015/ha

Rank biomass = 78Rank abundance = 247

### S046 Siphonochalina sp. (Porifera, Haplosclerida (Order)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Siphonochalina sp. 1 Length = To 510 mmDepth range = 41 - 41 m Sites = BC42 Average biomass = 0.201 g/ha Average abundance = 0.004/ha

Rank biomass = 332 Rank abundance = 321

#### S047 Demosponge sp. 16 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Demosponge sp. 16 Length = To 173 mm Depth range = 41 - 41.5 m Sites = BC42, BC44 Average biomass = 1.691 g/ha Average abundance = 0.012/ha

Rank biomass = 243Rank abundance = 255

## S048 Demosponge sp. 17 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000



Common name = Demosponge sp. 17 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 28 - 44 m Sites = BC25, BC31, BC34, BC38, BC42, BC46, CP7 Average biomass = 39.004 g/ha Rank biomass = 86 Average abundance = 0.070/ha Rank abundance = 131

#### S050 Demosponge sp. 19 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Demosponge sp. 19 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 32 - 44 m Sites = BC31, BC32, BC38, BC42, BC44, BC46, SG2 Average biomass = 86.005 g/ha Rank biomass = 56 Average abundance = 0.092/ha Rank abundance = 118

#### S051 Demosponge sp. 20 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000

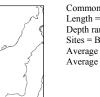


Common name = Demosponge sp. 20 Length = To 64 mm Depth range = 41 - 41 m Sites = BC42 Average biomass = 0.010 g/ha Average abundance = 0.002/ha

Rank biomass = 389 Rank abundance = 343

#### S052 Echinodictyum mesenterinum (Lamarck, 1814) (Porifera, Raspailiidae) CAAB 10 067020





Common name = Echinodictyum Length = Not recorded Depth range = 40 - 44 m Sites = BC38, BC46, SG2 Average biomass = 14.376 g/ha Average abundance = 0.058/ha

Rank biomass = 137 Rank abundance = 146

### S053 Shpeciospongia papillosa (Porifera, Clionaidae) CAAB 10 021000



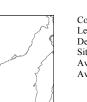


Common name = Spheciospongia Length = Not recorded Depth range = 44 - 44 m Sites = BC46 Average biomass = 415.754 g/ha Average abundance = 0.045/ha

Rank biomass = 12 Rank abundance = 172

### S054 Callyspongia bilamellata (Lamarck, 1814) (Porifera, Callyspongiidae) CAAB 10 098010



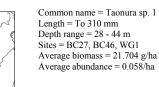


Common name = Callyspongia Length = To 225 mm Depth range = 44 - 44 m Sites = BC46 Average biomass = 2.935 g/ha Average abundance = 0.045/ha

Rank biomass = 205Rank abundance = 172

## S055 Taonura sp. (Porifera, Thorectidae) CAAB 10 113000





Rank biomass = 113Rank abundance = 144

## S056 Cribrochalina sp. (Porifera, Niphatidae) CAAB 10 100000



Common name = Cribrochalina sp. 1 Length = To 262 mm Depth range = 44 - 44 m Sites = BC46Average biomass = 2.757 g/ha Average abundance = 0.045/ha

Rank biomass = 209 Rank abundance = 172

## S057 Cliona sp. (Porifera, Clionaidae) CAAB 10 021000





Common name = Cliona sp. 1 Length = To 300 mm Depth range = 44 - 44 m Sites = BC46 Average biomass = 17.786 g/ha Average abundance = 0.045/ha

Rank biomass = 124 Rank abundance = 172

## S058 Thorecta sp. (Porifera, Thorectidae) CAAB 10 113000



Common name = Thorecta sp. 1 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 13.5 - 44 m Sites = 23, 47B, 50B, 74, BC21, BC32, BC38, BC46 Average biomass = 239.275 g/ha Rank biomass = 23 Average abundance = 0.113/ha Rank abundance = 110

# S059 Jaspis sp. (Porifera, Ancorinidae) CAAB 10 009000

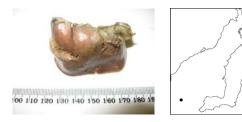


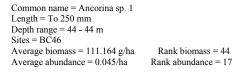


Common name = Jaspis sp. 1 Length = To 202 mm Depth range = 44 - 44 m Sites = BC46 Average biomass = 35.750 g/ha Average abundance = 0.045/ha

Rank biomass = 89 Rank abundance = 172

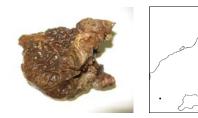
## S060 Ancorina sp. (Porifera, Ancorinidae) CAAB 10 009000





Rank abundance = 172

## S062 Demosponge sp. 22 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000

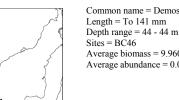


Common name = Demosponge sp. 22 Length = To 83 mm Depth range = 44 - 44 m Sites = BC46 Average biomass = 3.379 g/ha Average abundance = 0.045/ha

Rank biomass = 199 Rank abundance = 172

## S063 Demosponge sp. 23 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Demosponge sp. 23 Average biomass = 9.960 g/ha Rank biomass = 156 Average abundance = 0.045/haRank abundance = 172

### S064 Demosponge sp. 24 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Demosponge sp. 24 Length = To 151 mm Depth range = 44 - 44 m Sites = BC46 Average biomass = 6.848 g/ha Average abundance = 0.045/ha

Rank biomass = 167 Rank abundance = 172

## S065 Demosponge sp. 25 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000



Common name = Demosponge sp. 25 Length = To 325 mm Depth range = 44 - 44 m Sites = BC46Average biomass = 181.687 g/ha Rank biomass = 32 Average abundance = 0.045/ha Rank abundance = 172

### S066 Demosponge sp. 26 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Demosponge sp. 26 Length = To 145 mm Depth range = 44 - 44 m Sites = BC46 Average biomass = 2.490 g/ha Average abundance = 0.045/ha

Rank biomass = 215Rank abundance = 172

## S067 Demosponge sp. 27 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Demosponge sp. 27 Length = To 225 mm Depth range = 44 - 44 m Sites = BC46Average biomass = 4.536 g/ha Average abundance = 0.045/ha

Rank biomass = 180 Rank abundance = 172

# S068 Demosponge sp. 28 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000



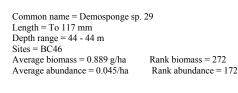


Common name = Demosponge sp. 28 Length = To 165 mm Depth range = 44 - 44 m Sites = BC46 Average biomass = 2.757 g/haAverage abundance = 0.045/ha

Rank biomass = 209 Rank abundance = 172

## S069 Demosponge sp. 29 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





#### S070 Demosponge sp. 30 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Demosponge sp. 30 Length = To 206 mm Depth range = 44 - 44 m Sites = BC46 Average biomass = 8.271 g/ha Average abundance = 0.045/ha

Rank biomass = 163Rank abundance = 172

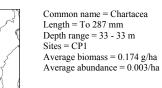
## S071 Demosponge sp. 31 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000



Common name = Demosponge sp. 31 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 14.5 - 34 m Sites = 1B, 30, 32, 5, BC21, BC32, DK1 Average biomass = 15.595 g/ha Rank biomass = 132 Average abundance = 0.058/haRank abundance = 145

## S072 Antho (Isopenectya) chartacea (Whitelegge, 1907) (Porifera, Microcionidae) CAAB 10 066005





Depth range = 33 - 33 m Average biomass = 0.174 g/ha

Rank biomass = 340Rank abundance = 328

## S073 Demosponge sp. 32 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Demosponge sp. 32 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 12 - 22 m Sites = 23, BC1 Average biomass = 2.823 g/ha Average abundance = 0.020/ha

Rank biomass = 207 Rank abundance = 222

## S074 Demosponge sp. 33 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Demosponge sp. 33 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 24 - 24 m Sites = Z1/7Average biomass = 5.854 g/ha Average abundance = 0.012/ha

Rank biomass = 169Rank abundance = 257

#### S075 Demosponge sp. 34 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000



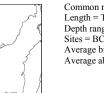


Common name = Demosponge sp. 34 Length = To 122 mm Depth range = 44 - 44 m Sites = BC46 Average biomass = 1.423 g/ha Average abundance = 0.045/ha

Rank biomass = 253 Rank abundance = 172

#### S076 Demosponge sp. 35 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Demosponge sp. 35 Length = To 73 mm Depth range = 44 - 44 m Sites = BC46 Average biomass = 2.312 g/ha Average abundance = 0.045/ha

Rank biomass = 225Rank abundance = 172

#### S077 Demosponge sp. 36 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000

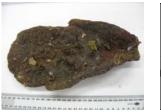




Common name = Demosponge sp. 36 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 21.5 - 41.5 mSites = 30, BC44 Average biomass = 2.344 g/ha Average abundance = 0.016/ha

Rank biomass = 224 Rank abundance = 244

#### S078 Demosponge sp. 37 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Demosponge sp. 37 Length = To 270 mm Depth range = 41.5 - 41.5 mSites = BC44 Average biomass = 4.539 g/ha Average abundance = 0.010/ha

Rank biomass = 179Rank abundance = 271

#### S079 Demosponge sp. 38 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Demosponge sp. 38 Length = To 159 mm Depth range = 41.5 - 41.5 mSites = BC44 Average biomass = 3.006 g/haAverage abundance = 0.021/ha

Rank biomass = 204Rank abundance = 211

## S080 Clathria sp. 3 (Porifera, Microcionidae) CAAB 10 066000

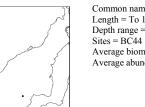




Common name = Clathria sp. 3 Length = To 500 mm Depth range = 28 - 43 m Sites = BC25, BC32, BC34, BC44 Average biomass = 23.558 g/ha Rank biomass = 109 Average abundance = 0.036/ha Rank abundance = 193

S081 Demosponge sp. 39 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Demosponge sp. 39 Length = To 190 mm Depth range = 41.5 - 41.5 mAverage biomass = 2.052 g/ha Rank biomass = 231 Average abundance = 0.010/ha Rank abundance = 271

### S082 Demosponge sp. 40 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000

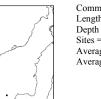


Common name = Demosponge sp. 40 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 25 - 41.5 m Sites = BC21, BC44 Average biomass = 14.375 g/ha Average abundance = 0.017/ha

Rank biomass = 138 Rank abundance = 236

# S083 Demosponge sp. 41 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Demosponge sp. 41 Length = To 141 mm Depth range = 41.5 - 41.5 mSites = BC44Average biomass = 4.394 g/ha Average abundance = 0.010/ha

Rank biomass = 183 Rank abundance = 271

## S084 Poecilosclerid sp. 3 (Porifera, Poecilosclerida (Order)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Poecilosclerid sp. 3 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 20.5 - 43 m Sites = 94, BC25, BC34 Average biomass = 16.353 g/ha Average abundance = 0.019/ha

Rank biomass = 129 Rank abundance = 225

### S085 Haplosclerid sp. 3 (Porifera, Haplosclerida (Order)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Haplosclerid sp. 3 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 22 - 43 m Sites = BC34, BC35 Average biomass = 1.027 g/ha Average abundance = 0.005/ha

Rank biomass = 265Rank abundance = 318

# S086 Poecilosclerid sp. 4 (Porifera, Poecilosclerida (Order)) CAAB 10 000000



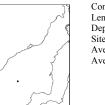


Common name = Poecilosclerid sp. 4 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 23 - 43 m Sites = BC19, BC34, WG1 Average biomass = 1.688 g/ha Rank biomass = 244 Average abundance = 0.018/ha

Rank abundance = 230

## S087 Chondropsid sp. 3 (Porifera, Chondropsidae) CAAB 10 078000

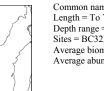




Common name = Chondropsid sp. 3 Length = To 419 mm Depth range = 43 - 43 m Sites = BC34Average biomass = 11.833 g/ha Rank biomass = 148 Average abundance = 0.002/ha Rank abundance = 343

## S088 Demosponge sp. 42 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Demosponge sp. 42 Length = To 742 mm Depth range = 34 - 43 m Sites = BC32, BC34 Average biomass = 52.303 g/ha Average abundance = 0.018/ha

Rank biomass = 76 Rank abundance = 230

## S089 Demosponge sp. 43 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Demosponge sp. 43 Length = To 206 mm Depth range = 22 - 25 m Sites = 23, BC21 Average biomass = 11.193 g/ha Average abundance = 0.014/ha

Rank biomass = 149Rank abundance = 250

# S090 Demosponge sp. 44 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Demosponge sp. 44 Length = To 93 mm Depth range = 14.5 - 14.5 m Sites = DK1 Average biomass = 0.029 g/ha Average abundance = 0.006/ha

Rank biomass = 380 Rank abundance = 310

## S091 Demosponge sp. 45 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000



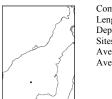


Common name = Demosponge sp. 45 Length = To 177 mm Depth range = 14.5 - 17.8 mSites = 12, DK1 Average biomass = 2.911 g/ha Average abundance = 0.008/ha

Rank biomass = 206Rank abundance = 286

# S092 Demosponge sp. 46 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000



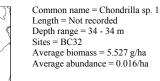


Common name = Demosponge sp. 46 Length = To 176 mm Depth range = 34 - 34 m Sites = BC32Average biomass = 7.161 g/haAverage abundance = 0.016/ha

Rank biomass = 166Rank abundance = 244

### S093 Chondrilla sp. (Porifera, Chondrillidae) CAAB 10 020000

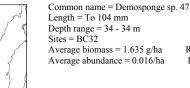




Rank biomass = 172 Rank abundance = 244

#### S094 Demosponge sp. 47 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Length = To 104 mm Depth range = 34 - 34 m Average biomass = 1.635 g/ha Average abundance = 0.016/ha

Rank biomass = 248Rank abundance = 244

#### S096 Demosponge sp. 48 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Demosponge sp. 48 Length = To 177 mm Depth range = 13.5 - 13.5 mSites = 47BAverage biomass = 1.963 g/ha Average abundance = 0.016/ha

Rank biomass = 232 Rank abundance = 238

#### S097 Dictyoceratid sp. 9 (Porifera, Dictyoceratida (Order)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Dictyoceratid sp. 9 Length = To 125 mm Depth range = 13.5 - 13.5 mSites = 47BAverage biomass = 5.234 g/ha Average abundance = 0.016/ha

Rank biomass = 174Rank abundance = 238

# S099 Verongid sp. 2 (Porifera, Verongida (Order)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Verongid sp. 2 Length = To 70 mm Depth range = 32 - 32 m Sites = BC31 Average biomass = 0.090 g/haAverage abundance = 0.006/ha

Rank biomass = 362Rank abundance = 301

# S100 Demosponge sp. 50 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000



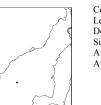


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Rank biomass = 284 Rank abundance = 301

## S101 Demosponge sp. 51 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





 $\label{eq:common name = Demosponge sp. 51} \\ \mbox{Length = To 115 mm} \\ \mbox{Depth range = 32 - 32 m} \\ \mbox{Sites = BC31} \\ \mbox{Average biomass = 1.301 g/ha} \\ \mbox{Average abundance = 0.006/ha} \\ \mbox{Rank biomass = 257} \\ \mbox{Rank abundance = 301} \\ \mbox{Rank a$ 

## S102 Demosponge sp. 52 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Common name} = \mbox{Demosponge sp. 52} \\ \mbox{Length} = \mbox{To 65 mm} \\ \mbox{Depth range} = \mbox{32 - 32 m} \\ \mbox{Sites} = \mbox{BC31} \\ \mbox{Average biomass} = \mbox{0.631 g/ha} \\ \mbox{Average abundance} = \mbox{0.006/ha} \\ \mbox{R} \end{array}$ 

Rank biomass = 292 Rank abundance = 301

#### S104 Demosponge sp. 54 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000

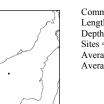


 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Common name} = \mbox{Demosponge sp. 54} \\ \mbox{Length} = \mbox{To 370 mm} \\ \mbox{Depth range} = 13 - 13 m \\ \mbox{Sites} = 59 B \\ \mbox{Average biomass} = 82.895 \mbox{g/ha} \\ \mbox{Average abundance} = 0.016/ha \\ \mbox{Rank abu} \end{array}$ 

Rank biomass = 58 Rank abundance = 242

## S105 Demosponge sp. 55 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000



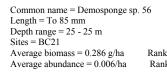


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Rank biomass = 347 Rank abundance = 307

#### S106 Demosponge sp. 56 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Rank biomass = 319 Rank abundance = 307

# S107 Dictyoceratid sp. 10 (Porifera, Dictyoceratida (Order)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Dictyoceratid sp. 10 Length = To 85 mm Depth range = 25 - 25 m Sites = BC21 Average biomass = 0.050 g/haAverage abundance = 0.006/ha

Rank biomass = 371 Rank abundance = 307

S108 Demosponge sp. 57 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Demosponge sp. 57 Length = To 100 mm Depth range = 25 - 25 m Sites = BC21 Average biomass = 0.273 g/ha Average abundance = 0.006/ha

Rank biomass = 322 Rank abundance = 307

## S110 Demosponge sp. 59 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Demosponge sp. 59 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 20.5 - 20.5 m Sites = 94Average biomass = 4.447 g/ha Average abundance = 0.007/ha

Rank biomass = 182 Rank abundance = 293

## S111 Demosponge sp. 60 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Demosponge sp. 60 Length = To 65 mm Depth range = 20.5 - 20.5 mSites = 94Average biomass = 0.953 g/ha Average abundance = 0.007/ha

Rank biomass = 266Rank abundance = 293

## S112 Demosponge sp. 61 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000



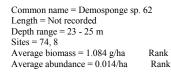


Common name = Demosponge sp. 61 Length = To 222 mm Depth range = 19 - 19 m Sites = BC20 Average biomass = 13.824 g/ha Average abundance = 0.007/ha

Rank biomass = 140 Rank abundance = 296

## S113 Demosponge sp. 62 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Rank biomass = 262Rank abundance = 251

# S114 Haplosclerid sp. 4 (Porifera, Haplosclerida (Order)) CAAB 10 000000



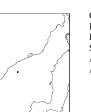


Common name = Haplosclerid sp. 4 Length = To 186 mm Depth range = 33 - 33 m Sites = BC27Average biomass = 0.479 g/ha Average abundance = 0.009/ha

Rank biomass = 299 Rank abundance = 280

# S115 Demosponge sp. 63 (Porifera, Demospongiae (Class)) CAAB 10 000000





Common name = Demosponge sp. 63 Length = To 320 mm Depth range = 23 - 23 m Sites = BC14 Average biomass = 10.527 g/ha Rank biomass = 154 Average abundance = 0.003/ha Rank abundance = 323

## S116 Arenochalina sp. (Porifera, Mycalidae) CAAB 10 086000





Common name = Arenochalina sp. 1 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 23 - 23 m Sites = BC14 Average biomass = 0.321 g/ha Rank biomass = 314 Average abundance = 0.003/haRank abundance = 323

# S117 Tethya sp. 1 (Porifera, Tethyiidae) CAAB 10 029000

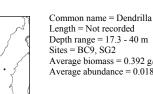


Common name = Tethya Length = To 35 mm Depth range = 23 - 23 m Sites = 74Average biomass = 0.189 g/ha Average abundance = 0.009/ha

Rank biomass = 334 Rank abundance = 278

# S118 Dendrilla rosea Lendenfeld, 1883 (Porifera, Darwinellidae) CAAB 10 120014





Length = Not recorded Depth range = 17.3 - 40 m Sites = BC9, SG2 Average biomass = 0.392 g/ha Average abundance = 0.018/ha

Rank biomass = 307 Rank abundance = 226

## X001 Caulerpa cactoides (Turner) C.Agardh (Chlorophyta, Caulerpaceae) CAAB 56 197003





Common name = Caulerpa Length = Not recorded Depth range = 12 - 22 m Sites = 16, 19, 20B, 21B, 21C, 22B, 26, 4, 59B, 69, 7, 70, 92, 93, BC1, BC3, BC4, C14, EWL3. N23, Y7 Average biomass = 24.668 g/ha Rank biomass = 104 Average abundance = N/ARank abundance = N/A

# X003 Hormophysa cuneiformis (J.F.Gmelin) P.C.Silva (Phaeophyta, Cystoseiraceae) CAAB 54 103033



Common name = Hormophysa Length = Not recorded Depth range = 14 - 26 m Sites = 16, 21C, 26, 4, 69, 70, BC13, BC14, BC36, BC40, BC6, BC8, BC9, N23, WD6, Z1/1, Z3/10 Average biomass = 4.385 g/ha Rank biomass = 184 Average abundance = N/ARank abundance = N/A

## X004 Zonaria angustata (Kützing) Papenfuss (Phaeophyta, Dictyotaceae) CAAB 54 025010





Common name = Zonaria sp. 1 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 14 - 25 m Sites = 19, 4, 44, 69, 7, 70, BC21, BC28, BC33, EWL3, N23 Average biomass = 24.780 g/ha Rank biomass = 103 Average abundance = N/ARank abundance = N/A

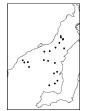
## X006 Gracilaria secundata Harvey (Rhodophyta, Gracilariaceae) CAAB 55 106002



Common name = Gracilaria sp. 1 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 14 - 25.5 m Sites = 16, 19, 4, 61, 70, 78, BC15, BC28, BC33, BC36, BC8, C14, N23, WD6, Z3/10 Average biomass = 3.054 g/ha Rank biomass = 201 Average abundance = N/ARank abundance = N/A

# X007 Gracilaria flageliformis (Sonder) Womersley (Rhodophyta, Gracilariaceae) CAAB 55 106017

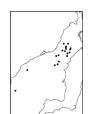




Common name = Gracilaria sp. 2 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 14 - 26 m Sites = 2, 4, 61, 69, 70, 78, BC11, BC13, BC14, BC15, BC17, BC20, BC21, BC28, BC33, BC36, BC40, BC8, C14, SHW2, WD6 Average biomass = 21.575 g/ha Rank biomass = 115 Average abundance = N/ARank abundance = N/A

# X008 Sporolithon durum (Foslie) Townsend & Woelkerling (Rhodonhvta. Sporolithaceae) CAAB 55 120001

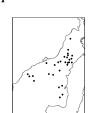




Common name = Popcorn Length = Not recorded Depth range = 13 - 25 m Sites = 2, 4, 61, 63, 68, 70, 78, 80, BC10, BC11, BC3, BC37, BC4, BC6, BC9, EWL3, SHW2, WAL32, Y7 Average biomass = 123.839 g/ha Rank biomass = 41 Rank abundance = N/A Average abundance = N/A

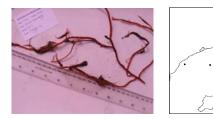
#### X009 Spongoclonium conspicuum Sonder (Rhodophyta, Ceramiaceae) CAAB 55 130238





Common name = Spongoclonium Length = Not recordedDepth range = 13.5 - 26 m Sites = 16, 19, 26, 4, 5, 61, 63, 68, 7, 78, BC11, BC13, BC14, BC15, BC20, BC21, BC28, BC33, BC36, BC4, BC6, BC8, BC9, EWL3, N23, SHW2, WD6, Y7, Z1/1 Average biomass = 80.886 g/ha Rank biomass = 59 Average abundance = N/ARank abundance = N/A

# X010 Heterosiphonia gunniana (Harvey) Reinbold (Rhodophyta, Dasyaceae) CAAB 55 132002



Common name = Heterosiphonia sp. 1 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 19 - 21.4 m Sites = BC13, BC20Average biomass = 0.581 g/ha Rank biomass = 295 Average abundance = N/ARank abundance = N/A

# X011 Osmundaria prolifera J.V.Lamouroux (Rhodophyta, Rhodomelaceae) CAAB 55 133148

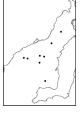




Common name = Osmundaria Length = Not recorded Depth range = 14.8 - 30 m Sites = 2, 7, BC13, BC14, BC15, BC20, BC21, BC28, BC33, BC9, N23, WD3, WD6, WG3 Average biomass = 5.663 g/ha Rank biomass = 171 Average abundance = N/A Rank abundance = N/A

## X012 Dictyopteris muelleri (Sonder) Reinbold (Phaeophyta, Dictyotaceae) CAAB 54 025003





Common name = Dictyopteris sp. 1 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 17 - 32 m Sites = 80, BC13, BC14, BC15, BC16, BC40, SHW2, WD9 Average biomass = 1.807 g/ha Rank biomass = 239 Average abundance = N/A Rank abundance = N/A

# X013 Lobospira bicuspidata Areschoug (Phaeophyta, Dictyotaceae) CAAB 54 025007



Common name = Lobospira Length = Not recorded Depth range = 12 - 32 m Sites = 1, 16, 19, 23, 7, 78, BC15, BC17, BC20, BC31, BC6, EWL3, SHW2 Average biomass = 4.184 g/ha Rank biomass = 189 Average abundance = N/A Rank abundance = N/A

# X014 Plocamium cartilagineum (Linnaeus) P.S.Dixon (Rhodophyta, Plocamiaceae) CAAB 55 090002

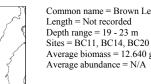




Common name = Plocamium Length = Not recorded Depth range = 19.2 - 19.2 mSites = BC15Average biomass = 0.151 g/ha Rank biomass = 343 Average abundance = N/ARank abundance = N/A

## X015 Asperococcus bullosus J.V.Lamouroux (Phaeophyta, Punctariaceae) CAAB 54 067002





Common name = Brown Leaf Algae Average biomass = 12.640 g/ha Rank biomass = 143 Rank abundance = N/A

# X017 Zonaria turneriana J.Agardh (Phaeophyta, Dictyotaceae) CAAB 54 025074



Common name = Zonaria sp. 2 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 13 - 26 m Sites = 4, 7, BC21, BC3, BC33, BC36, BC40, BC9, C7, N23, WD3, WD6, Z3/10 Average biomass = 7.191 g/ha Rank biomass = 165 Average abundance = N/A Rank abundance = N/A

## X018 Ectocarpus fasciculatus Harvey (Phaeophyta, Ectocarpaceae) CAAB 54 001001





 $Common name = Ectocarpus \\ Length = Not recorded \\ Depth range = 12 - 33 m \\ Sites = 1, 13C, 16, 19, 26, 4, 5B, 69, 78, 7B, BC14, BC28, BC33, BC36, BC40, N23, WD6, WG1 \\ Average biomass = 1.631 g/ha \\ Average abundance = N/A \\ Rank biomass = 249 \\ Average abundance = N/A \\ Rank abundance = N/A \\$ 

## X020 Cladostephus spongiosus (Hudson) C.Agardh (Phaeophyta, Sphacelariaceae) CAAB 54 021001



 $\label{eq:common name} Cladostephus \\ Length = Not recorded \\ Depth range = 15 - 23 m \\ Sites = BC14, BC20, BC36, BC6, SHW2 \\ Average biomass = 3.124 g/ha \\ Average abundance = N/A \\ Rank \\ Ra$ 

#### X021 Phacelocarpus peperocarpus (Poiret) (Rhodophyta, Phacelocarpaceae) CAAB 55 058002



Common name = Phacelocarpus Length = Not recorded Depth range = 17.3 - 23 m Sites = 94, BC10, BC14, BC20, BC36, BC9, N23 Average biomass = 0.766 g/ha Average abundance = N/A Rank abundance = N/A

## X022 Dictyopteris sp. 2 (Phaeophyta, Dictyotaceae) CAAB 54 025000





Common name = Dictyopteris sp. 2 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 17.5 - 17.5 m Sites = BC36 Average biomass = 0.012 g/ha Average abundance = N/A Rank biomass = 388

## X023 Champia viridis C.Agardh (Rhodophyta, Champiaceae) CAAB 55 111001





Common name = Champia Length = Not recorded Depth range = 18.7 - 20.8 m Sites = BC17, BC28, WD6 Average biomass = 0.591 g/ha Average abundance = N/A Rank biomass = 294

# X024 Erythroclonium muelleri Sonder (Rhodophyta, Areschougiaceae) CAAB 55 056001



Common name = Erythroclonium Length = Not recorded Depth range = 12 - 32 m Sites = BC1, BC17, BC28, BC31, Y7 Average biomass = 1.268 g/ha Rank biomass = 259 Average abundance = N/A Rank abundance = N/A

## X025 Dictyota ciliolata Sonder ex Kützing (Phaeophyta, Dictyotaceae) CAAB 54 025030





Common name = Dictyota Length = Not recorded Depth range = 14.8 - 20.8 m Sites = 7, BC28, BC33 Average biomass = 0.065 g/ha Average abundance = N/A Rank biomass = 368

#### X026 Chordaria cladosipho Kützing Sphaerotrichia divaricata (Phaeophyta, Chordariaceae) CAAB 54 012001





Common name = Chordaria Length = Not recorded Depth range = 14.8 - 14.8 m Sites = BC33 Average biomass = 0.005 g/ha Average abundance = N/A Rank biomass = 392

# X027 Cliftonaea pectinata (Harvey) Harvey (Rhodophyta, Rhodomelaceae) CAAB 55 133051





Common name = Cliftonaea Length = Not recorded Depth range = 14.8 - 20.8 m Sites = BC28, BC33, BC6 Average biomass = 0.082 g/ha Average abundance = N/A Rank biomass = 366

Rank abundance = N/A

#### X028 Solieria robusta (Greville) Kylin (Rhodophyta, Areschougiaceae) CAAB 55 056002



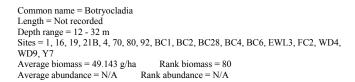


Common name = Solieria Length = Not recorded Depth range = 12 - 30 m Sites = 19, 78, BC1, BC28, BC33, EWL3, WD6, WG3 Average biomass = 1.813 g/ha Rank biomass = 237 Average abundance = N/A Rank abundance = N/A

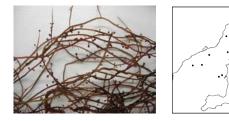
#### X029 Botryocladia sonderi P.C.Silva (Rhodophyta, Rhodymeniaceae) CAAB 55 110001

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# X030 Gracilaria sp. 3 (Rhodophyta, Gracilariaceae) CAAB 55 106000



Common name = Gracilaria sp. 3 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 13.5 - 30 mSites = 19, 23, 26, 44, 50B, BC14, BC28, C14, CB1, DK1, FC2, WD6, WG3 Average biomass = 4.303 g/ha Rank biomass = 186 Average abundance = N/ARank abundance = N/A

## X031 Gelidium asperum (C.Agardh) Greville (Rhodophyta, Gelidiaceae) CAAB 55 030001





Common name = Gelidium sp. 1 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 12 - 17 m Sites = 1, BC8, FC2 Average biomass = 3.047 g/ha Rank biomass = 202 Average abundance = N/ARank abundance = N/A

## X033 Zonaria crenata J.Agardh (Phaeophyta, Dictyotaceae) CAAB 54 025072



Common name = Zonaria sp. 3 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 12 - 32 m Sites = 16, 22B, 4, BC1, BC2, WD6, WD9, Y7 Average biomass = 0.209 g/haRank biomass = 331Average abundance = N/ARank abundance = N/A

# X034 Gelididum sp. 2 (Rhodophyta, Gelidiaceae) CAAB 55 030000



Common name = Gelidium sp. 2 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 18 - 20.8 m Sites = BC28, EWL3 Average biomass = 0.056 g/ha Rank biomass = 369 Average abundance = N/ARank abundance = N/A

# X035 Cystophora sp. 1 (Phaeophyta, Cystoseiraceae) CAAB 54 103000





Common name = Cystophora sp. 1 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 20.8 - 21.5 mSites = 19, BC28, N23 Average biomass = 0.127 g/ha Average abundance = N/A

Rank biomass = 352Rank abundance = N/A

## X036 Hormosira banksii (Turner) Decaisne (Phaeophyta, Hormosiraceae) CAAB 54 100001





Common name = Hormosira Length = Not recorded Depth range = 21.5 - 21.5 mSites = N23 Average biomass = 0.181 g/ha Average abundance = N/A

Rank biomass = 338Rank abundance = N/A

# X037 Cystophora pectinata J.Agardh (Phaeophyta, Cystoseiraceae) CAAB 54 103026



X039 Melanthalia obtusata (Labillardiére) J.Agardh (Rhodophyta, Gracilariaceae) CAAB 55 106034





Common name = Melanthalia Length = Not recorded Depth range = 14.5 - 20.8 m Sites = 26, 69, 78, BC28, BC6, SHW2 Average biomass = 1.067 g/ha Average abundance = N/A Rank abundance = N/A

X040 Wrangelia nobilis J.D. Hooker & Harvey (Rhodophyta, Ceramiaceae) CAAB 55 130006





Common name = Wrangelia Length = Not recorded Depth range = 20.8 - 23 m Sites = BC19, BC28 Average biomass = 0.040 g/ha Average abundance = N/A Rank biomass = 377

X041 Gracilaria blodgettii Harvey (Rhodophyta, Gracilariaceae) CAAB 55 106013



Common name = Gracilaria sp. 4 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 20.8 - 20.8 m Sites = BC28 Average biomass = 0.018 g/ha Average abundance = N/A Rank biomass = 383 Rank abundance = N/A

X042 Thamnoclonium dichotomum (J.Agardh) J.Agardh (Rhodophyta, Halymeniaceae) CAAB 55 095046

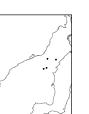




Common name = Thamnoclonium Length = Not recorded Depth range = 20.1 - 20.8 m Sites = 80, BC28 Average biomass = 0.188 g/ha Average abundance = N/A Rank biomass = 335

X043 Rhodoglossum gigartinoides (Sonder) (Rhodophyta, Gigartinaceae) CAAB 55 053003





 $\label{eq:common name = Rhodoglossum} \\ \mbox{Length = Not recorded} \\ \mbox{Depth range = 17 - 21.5 m} \\ \mbox{Sites = 4, BC10, BC9, SHW2} \\ \mbox{Average biomass = 0.424 g/ha} \\ \mbox{Average abundance = N/A} \\ \mbox{Rank biomass = 304} \\ \mbox{Rank abundance = N/A} \\ \mb$ 

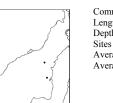
# X044 Perithalia caudata (Labillardière) Womersley (Phacophyta, Sporochnaceae) CAAB 54 045002



Common name = Perithalia Length = Not recorded Depth range = 15 - 23 m Sites = 80, BC14, BC16, BC6, WD6 Average biomass = 1.581 g/ha Rank biomass = 250 Average abundance = N/ARank abundance = N/A

X045 Sargassum sp. 1 (Phaeophyta, Sargassaceae) CAAB 54 105000





Common name = Sargassum sp. 1 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 17.3 - 18.7 m Sites = BC9, WD6 Average biomass = 0.387 g/ha Rank biomass = 308 Average abundance = N/ARank abundance = N/A

## X046 Cystophora sp. 3 (Phaeophyta, Cystoseiraceae) CAAB 54 103000





Common name = Cystophora sp. 3 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 17.3 - 21 m Sites = 63, BC9 Average biomass = 0.091 g/ha Rank biomass = 361 Average abundance = N/ARank abundance = N/A

X048 Laurencia filiformis (C.Agardh) Montagne (Rhodophyta, Rhodomelaceae) CAAB 55 133008





Common name = Laurencia Length = Not recorded Depth range = 37 - 41 m Sites = BC42, CP7 Average biomass = 0.046 g/ha Average abundance = N/A

Rank biomass = 374 Rank abundance = N/A

## X051 Ecklonia radiata (C.Agardh) J.Agardh (Phaeophyta, Alariaceae) CAAB 54 080001

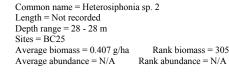




Common name = Ecklonia Length = Not recorded Depth range = 19 - 28 m Sites = BC14, BC20, BC25 Average biomass = 0.322 g/ha Rank biomass = 313 Average abundance = N/ARank abundance = N/A

X052 Heterosiphonia muelleri (Sonder) De Toni (Rhodophyta, Dasyaceae) CAAB 55 132038





# X053 Gracilaria sp. 5 (Rhodophyta, Gracilariaceae) CAAB 55 106000





Common name = Gracilaria sp. 5 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 12 - 23 m Sites = 1, 26, 63, BC11, BC14, BC36, BC6, N23, Z1/1 Average biomass = 7.911 g/ha Rank biomass = 164 Rank abundance = N/A Average abundance = N/A

## X054 Dictyopteris sp. 3 (Phaeophyta, Dictyotaceae) CAAB 54 025000



Common name = Dictyopteris sp. 3 Length = Not recorded Depth range = 23 - 23 m Sites = BC14Average biomass = 0.007 g/ha Rank biomass = 391 Average abundance = N/ARank abundance = N/A

## X055 Dasya extensa Sonder ex Kützing (Rhodophyta, Dasyaceae) CAAB 55 132001

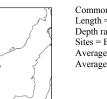




Common name = Dasya Length = Not recorded Depth range = 23 - 23 m Sites = BC14 Average biomass = 0.150 g/ha Rank biomass = 344 Average abundance = N/ARank abundance = N/A

# X056 Sporochnus comosus C.Agardh (Phaeophyta, Sporochnaceae) CAAB 54 045012





Common name = Sporochnus Length = Not recorded Depth range = 23 - 23 m Sites = BC14Average biomass = 0.082 g/ha Rank biomass = 365 Average abundance = N/ARank abundance = N/A

X057 Hypnea ramentacea (C.Agardh) J. Agardh (Rhodophyta, Hypneaceae) CAAB 55 061001





Common name = Hypnea Length = Not recorded Depth range = 23 - 23 m Sites = BC14 Average biomass = 0.116 g/ha Rank biomass = 354 Rank abundance = N/A Average abundance = N/A