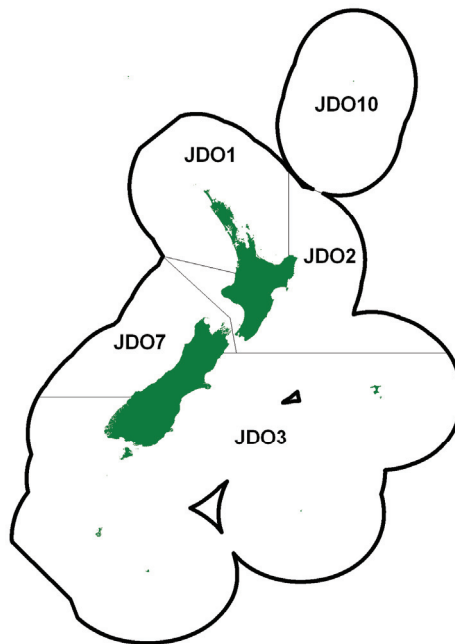


**JOHN DORY (JDO)***(Zeus faber)*

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**1. FISHERY SUMMARY****1.1 Commercial fisheries**

John dory are taken mainly as a bycatch of the trawl and Danish seine fisheries. In recent years, around 50-65% of the total reported catch has been taken in JDO 1, and around 20% taken in JDO 2. Recent reported landings by Fishstock are shown in Table 1, while the historical landings and TACC values for the three main JDO stocks are depicted in Figure 1.

The increase in JDO 1 landings since 1986-87 is largely attributed to increased targeting of John dory by trawl and Danish seine. The TACC in JDO 1 was exceeded (slightly) in 1994-95, but in the following years landings steadily decreased, reaching a low of 440 t in 2002-03. Landings have increased in recent years, with 482 t being caught in 2007-08. It is estimated that during the 1990s about 10-20% of the annual JDO 1 landings were taken in QMA 9, mainly as bycatch in fisheries targeting snapper and trevally. Landings from the eastern part of JDO 1 (QMA 1) are taken primarily in target fisheries for John dory and snapper. However, since 1990 there has been a steady trend of increased target fishing directed at John dory and decreased landings of this species from the snapper fishery.

Annual landings in JDO 2 have never exceeded the TACC and in the mid 90's, were around 50% of the TACC in each year (Figure 1). From 1999-00 to 2002-03 landings were above 200 t, but in recent years landings have decreased. Landings from JDO 2 are considered to be approximately equally split between QMAs 2 and 8. Substantial proportions of John dory landings are taken as bycatch in target trawl fisheries for jack mackerels in QMA 8, and as tarakihi and red gurnard bycatch in QMA 2.

The JDO 7 catch has exceeded the TACC during eight of the last nine fishing years. Substantial increases in landings from this Fishstock since 1999 are attributed to increased abundance in response to environmental influences on recruitment and stock displacement. JDO 7 is taken largely as a bycatch by FMA 7 trawl fisheries. The JDO 7 TACC was increased to 114 t under the Low Knowledge Bycatch Framework in October 2004. The overall TAC of 120 t includes 1 t for customary interests, 2 t for recreational interests and 3 t for other sources of fishing-related mortality. For the 2009-10 fishing season, the TACC was increased from 114 t to 125 t.

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**Table 1: Reported landings (t) of John dory by Fishstock from 1983–84 to 2008–09 and actual TACCs (t) for 1986–87 to 2008–09. QMS data from 1986–present.**

| Fishstock<br>QMA (s) | JDO 1    |      | JDO 2    |      | JDO 3       |      | JDO 7    |      |
|----------------------|----------|------|----------|------|-------------|------|----------|------|
|                      | 1 & 9    |      | 2 & 8    |      | 3, 4, 5 & 6 |      | 7        |      |
|                      | Landings | TACC | Landings | TACC | Landings    | TACC | Landings | TACC |
| 1983–84*             | 659      | –    | 131      | –    | 1           | –    | 35       | –    |
| 1984–85*             | 620      | –    | 110      | –    | 0           | –    | 36       | –    |
| 1985–86*             | 531      | –    | 158      | –    | 1           | –    | 45       | –    |
| 1986–87              | 409      | 510  | 168      | 240  | 3           | 30   | 57       | 70   |
| 1987–88              | 476      | 633  | 192      | 246  | 1           | 30   | 89       | 75   |
| 1988–89              | 480      | 662  | 151      | 253  | 6           | 30   | 47       | 82   |
| 1989–90              | 494      | 704  | 152      | 262  | 1           | 30   | 54       | 88   |
| 1990–91              | 505      | 704  | 171      | 269  | 1           | 31   | 53       | 88   |
| 1991–92              | 562      | 704  | 214      | 269  | 1           | 31   | 60       | 88   |
| 1992–93              | 578      | 704  | 217      | 269  | 8           | 31   | 50       | 91   |
| 1993–94              | 640      | 704  | 186      | 269  | 2           | 32   | 37       | 91   |
| 1994–95              | 721      | 704  | 140      | 270  | 3           | 32   | 30       | 91   |
| 1995–96              | 696      | 704  | 139      | 270  | < 1         | 32   | 42       | 91   |
| 1996–97              | 689      | 704  | 140      | 270  | < 1         | 32   | 35       | 91   |
| 1997–98              | 651      | 704  | 134      | 270  | < 1         | 32   | 26       | 91   |
| 1998–99              | 672      | 704  | 182      | 270  | < 1         | 32   | 34       | 91   |
| 1999–00              | 519      | 704  | 235      | 270  | < 1         | 32   | 71       | 91   |
| 2000–01              | 497      | 704  | 217      | 270  | 1           | 32   | 104      | 91   |
| 2001–02              | 453      | 704  | 240      | 270  | 4           | 32   | 124      | 91   |
| 2002–03              | 440      | 704  | 239      | 270  | 2           | 32   | 114      | 91   |
| 2003–04              | 492      | 704  | 184      | 270  | < 1         | 32   | 155      | 91   |
| 2004–05              | 561      | 704  | 182      | 270  | 1           | 32   | 133      | 114  |
| 2005–06              | 549      | 704  | 159      | 270  | 1           | 32   | 124      | 114  |
| 2006–07              | 544      | 704  | 143      | 270  | 1           | 32   | 127      | 114  |
| 2007–08              | 482      | 704  | 133      | 270  | < 1         | 32   | 110      | 114  |
| 2008–09              | 411      | 704  | 136      | 270  | < 1         | 32   | 116      | 114  |

| Fishstock<br>QMA (s) | JDO 10   |      | Total    |       |
|----------------------|----------|------|----------|-------|
|                      | 10       |      |          |       |
|                      | Landings | TACC | Landings | TACC  |
| 1983–84*             | 0        | –    | 826      | –     |
| 1984–85*             | 0        | –    | 766      | –     |
| 1985–86*             | 0        | –    | 735      | –     |
| 1986–87              | <1       | 10   | 638      | 860   |
| 1987–88              | 0        | 10   | 758      | 994   |
| 1988–89              | 0        | 10   | 684      | 1 037 |
| 1989–90              | 0        | 10   | 701      | 1 094 |
| 1990–91              | 0        | 10   | 730      | 1 102 |
| 1991–92              | 0        | 10   | 837      | 1 102 |
| 1992–93              | 0        | 10   | 853      | 1 105 |
| 1993–94              | 0        | 10   | 865      | 1 106 |
| 1994–95              | 0        | 10   | 894      | 1 107 |
| 1995–96              | 0        | 10   | 877      | 1 107 |
| 1996–97              | 0        | 10   | 864      | 1 107 |
| 1997–98              | 0        | 10   | 811      | 1 107 |
| 1998–99              | 0        | 10   | 889      | 1 107 |
| 1999–00              | 0        | 10   | 826      | 1 107 |
| 2000–01              | 0        | 10   | 819      | 1 107 |
| 2001–02              | 0        | 10   | 819      | 1 107 |
| 2002–03              | 0        | 10   | 795      | 1 107 |
| 2003–04              | 0        | 10   | 832      | 1 107 |
| 2004–05              | 0        | 10   | 877      | 1 129 |
| 2005–06              | 0        | 10   | 833      | 1 129 |
| 2006–07              | 0        | 10   | 815      | 1 129 |
| 2007–08              | 0        | 10   | 725      | 1 129 |
| 2008–09              | 0        | 10   | 663      | 1 129 |

\* FSU data.

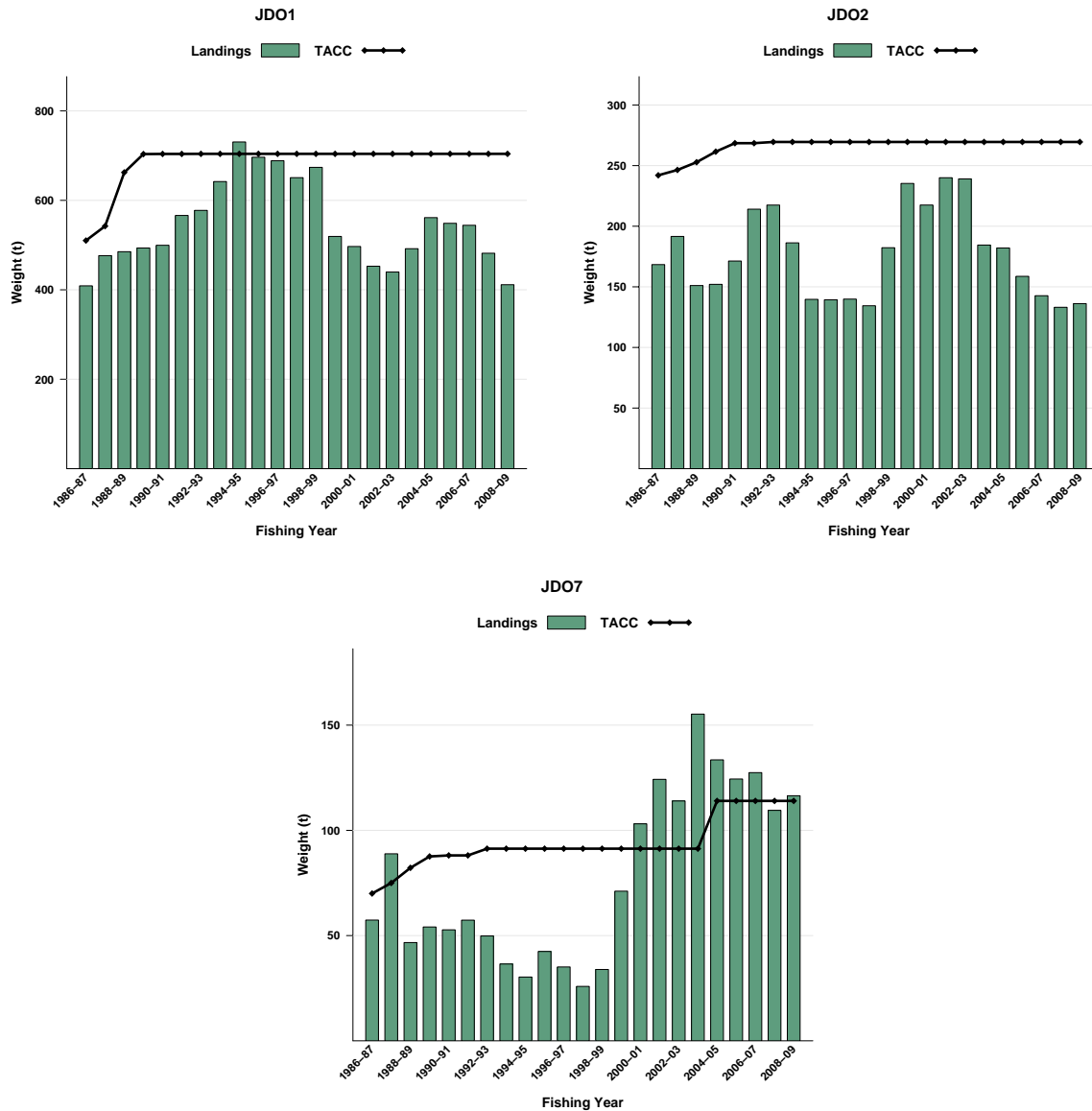


Figure 1: Historical landings and TACC for the three main JDO stocks. From top left: JDO1 (Auckland East), JDO2 (Central East), and JDO7 (Challenger). Note that these figures do not show data prior to entry into the QMS.

## 1.2 Recreational fisheries

John dory is an important recreational species in the north of New Zealand. Annual recreational take estimated from diary surveys conducted during the 1990s are given in Table 2. The most recent nationwide recreational survey was undertaken in 2001, but the results are still under review and are not currently available. The Recreational Technical Working Group concluded that the harvest estimates from the diary surveys should be used only with the following qualifications: a) they may be very inaccurate; b) the 1996 and earlier surveys contain a methodological error; and, c) the 2000 and 2001 estimates are implausibly high for many important fisheries.

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**Table 2: Estimated number and weight of John dory harvested by recreational fishers by Fishstock and survey. Surveys were carried out in different years in the Ministry of Fisheries regions: South in 1991–92, Central in 1992–93, North in 1993–94 (Teirney *et al.* 1997) and National in 1996 (Bradford 1998) and Dec 1999–Nov 2000 (Boyd & Reilly 2002).**

| Fishstock | Survey   | Total   |        | Estimated harvest range (t) | Point estimate (t) |
|-----------|----------|---------|--------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
|           |          | Number  | CV (%) |                             |                    |
| 1992–94   |          |         |        |                             |                    |
| JDO 1     | North    | 49 000  | 12     | 75–95                       | –                  |
| JDO 1     | Central  | 2000    | –      | 0–5                         | –                  |
| 1996      |          |         |        |                             |                    |
| JDO 1     | National | 46 000  | 9      | 80–100                      | 87                 |
| 1999/2000 |          |         |        |                             |                    |
| JDO 1     | National | 129 000 | 23     | 174–280                     | 227                |
| JDO 2     |          | 9000    | 41     | 10–23                       | 16                 |

### 1.3 Customary non-commercial fisheries

No quantitative information is available on the current level of Maori customary non-commercial catch.

### 1.4 Illegal catch

No quantitative information is available.

### 1.5 Other sources of mortality

No quantitative information is available.

## 2. BIOLOGY

John dory are widespread, being found in the eastern Atlantic Ocean, the Mediterranean Sea and around New Zealand, Australia and Japan. They are common in the inshore coastal waters of northern New Zealand and to a lesser extent in Tasman Bay, to depths of 50 m. In the Hauraki Gulf, adults move to deeper waters during summer, and occasional feeding aggregations occur during winter.

John dory are serial spawners (spawning more than once in a season). There appears to be substantial variation in the time of spawning throughout New Zealand, with spawning occurring between December and April on the northeast coast. The eggs are large and pelagic, taking 12–14 days to hatch. Initially John dory grow rapidly with both males and females reaching 12 to 18 cm standard length (SL) after the first year. From the second year onwards females grow faster than males and reach a greater maximum length. Females mature at a size of 29 to 35 cm SL and in general, larger females mature earlier in the season and are more fecund. Males mature at 23 to 29 cm SL.

$M$  was estimated using the equation  $M = \log_e 100/\text{maximum age}$ , where maximum age is the age to which 1% of the population survives in an unexploited stock. Using a maximum observed age of 12 years,  $M$  was estimated to equal 0.38.

Biological parameters relevant to the stock assessment are shown in Table 3.

**Table 3: Estimates of biological parameters of John dory.**

| Fishstock  | Estimate |        |            |       |        |            | Source                   |
|--|----------|--------|------------|-------|--------|------------|--------------------------|
| Weight = $a(\text{length})^b$ (Weight in g, length in cm total length) |          |        |            |       |        |            |                          |
| Combined sexes   | a        |        | b          |       |        |            |                          |
| JDO 1  | 0.048    |        | 2.7        |       |        |            | from <i>Ikatere</i> 2003 |
| 2. von Bertalanffy growth parameters                                   |          |        |            |       |        |            |                          |
|  | Females  |        |            | Males |        |            |                          |
|  | K        | $t_0$  | $L_\infty$ | K     | $t_0$  | $L_\infty$ |                          |
| JDO 1  | 0.425    | -0.223 | 41.13      | 0.48  | -0.251 | 36.4       | Hore (1982)              |

### 3. STOCKS AND AREAS

No information is available to assess the separation of stocks of John dory within New Zealand waters. Current fishstocks are based on an administrative division by FMA. There are no new data which would alter the stock boundaries given in previous assessment documents.

### 4. STOCK ASSESSMENT

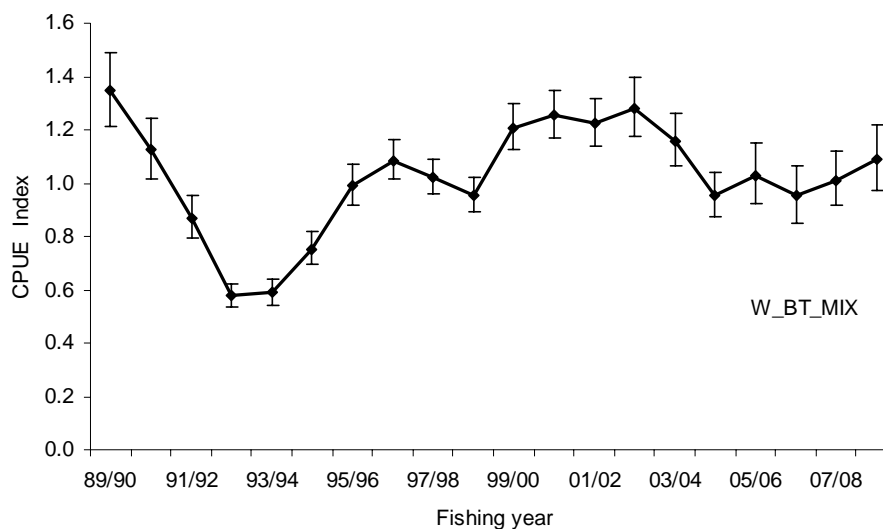
The yield estimates are based on commercial landings data only and have not changed since the 1992 Plenary Report.

#### 4.1 Estimates of fishery parameters and abundance

##### JDO 1

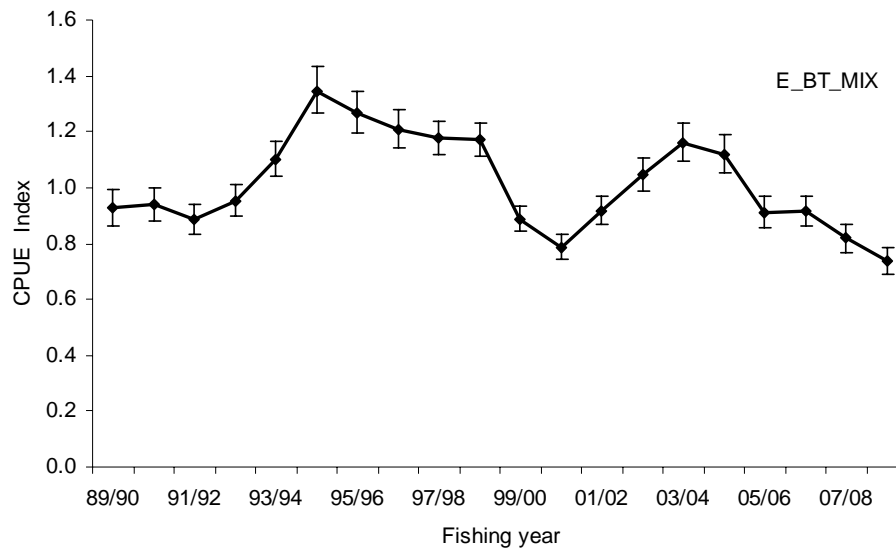
Relative abundance indices have been obtained from trawl surveys of the Bay of Plenty, west coast North Island and Hauraki Gulf within the JDO 1 Fishstock (Table 4). However, there was a change in the configuration of the trawl gear following the 1988 trawl survey. Modifications to the trawl gear may have resulted in a change in the catchability of John dory part way through the time series. Therefore, surveys conducted between 1982 and 1988 and from 1989 onwards should be considered separately for comparisons of biomass indices to be valid. For the west coast North Island (QMA 9), Bay of Plenty and Hauraki Gulf (both JDO 1), there appears to be no trend in the abundance indices since 1988.

CPUE indices were investigated in 2010 (Kendrick & Bentley in prep.). Series based on lognormal models of catch in the mixed species bottom trawl fisheries for each of the three sub regions were accepted by the WG (Figure 2, 3, and 4). The analyses were based on landed catch allocated to trip-stratum and combined data from the main form types. Danish seine and single species JDO target bottom trawl series were also examined but rejected.

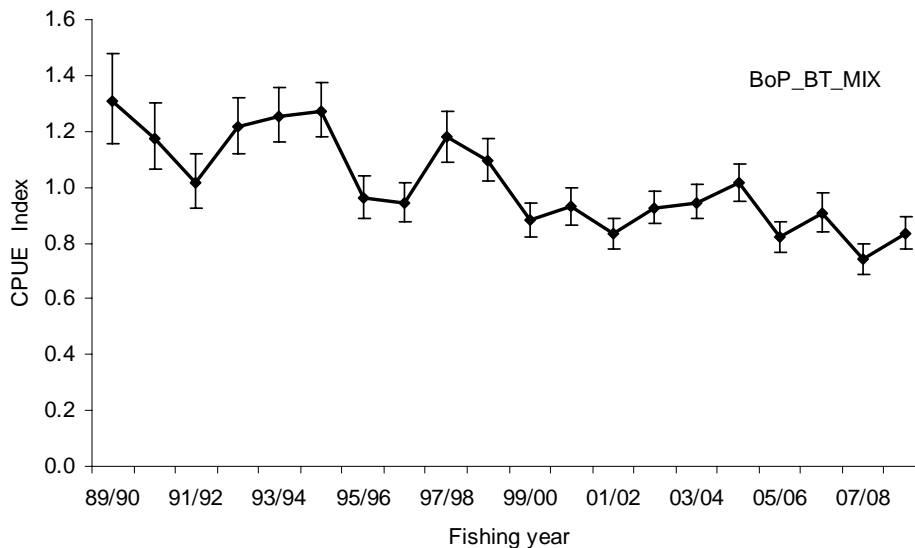


**Figure 2: CPUE indices of abundance for JDO 1 West from a lognormal model of positive catches in mixed species bottom trawl tows (Kendrick & Bentley, 2010 in prep).**

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**Figure 3: CPUE indices of abundance for JDO 1 East from a lognormal model of positive catches in mixed species bottom trawl tows (Kendrick & Bentley, 2010 in prep).**



**Figure 4: CPUE indices of abundance for JDO 1 Bay of Plenty from a lognormal model of positive catches in mixed species bottom trawl tows (Kendrick & Bentley, 2010 in prep).**

In JDO 1 W, the lowest point for the series was reached in 1992–93. This was followed by a recovery to almost original levels over the following seven years, followed by a three year plateau. The series subsequently dropped to the mean by 2004–05 and has been relatively stable since then. JDO 1 E shows a more pronounced cyclical pattern with lows in the early 1990s and early 2000s and peaks in the middle of each decade. The index is currently at a low point. The series for JDO 1 in the Bay of Plenty shows more stability and an overall decrease to just below the mean.

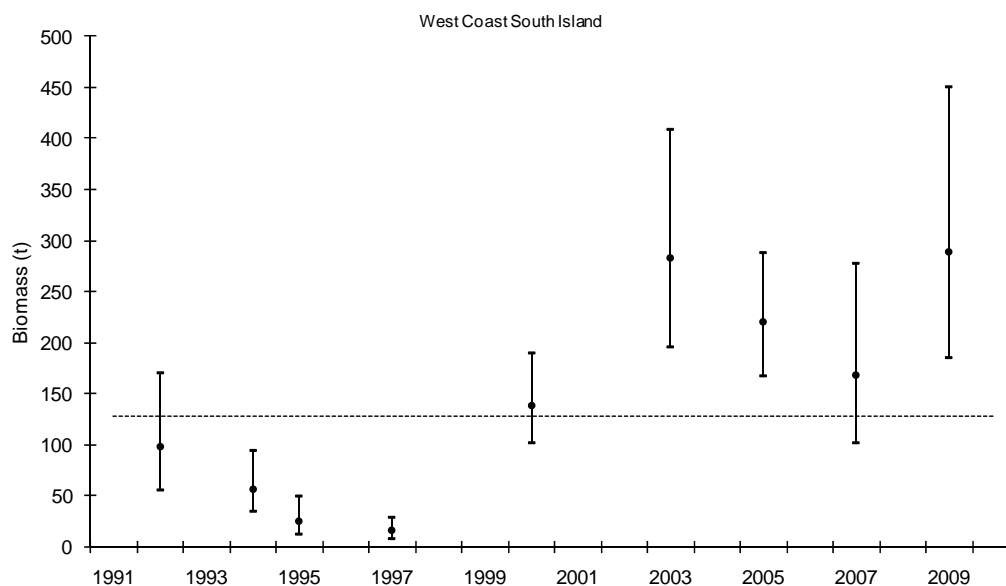
## JDO 2

Relative abundance indices have also been derived for JDO 2 from trawl surveys of the North Island east coast (QMA 2) and North Island west coast (QMA 8) (Table 4, Figure 5). Similarly, the indices from both of these time series show no trend.

**Table 4: Estimates of John dory biomass (t) from *Kaharoa* trawl surveys.**

| Year                            | Trip Code                     | Biomass | CV (%) |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Bay of Plenty                   |                               |         |        |
| 1983                            | KAH8303                       | 113     | 24     |
| 1985                            | KAH8506                       | 128     | 12     |
| 1987                            | KAH8711                       | 155     | 38     |
| 1990                            | KAH9004                       | 157     | 16     |
| 1992                            | KAH9202                       | 236     | 12     |
| 1996                            | KAH9601                       | 193     | 44     |
| 1999                            | KAH9902                       | 176     | 14     |
| North Island west coast (QMA 8) |                               |         |        |
| 1989                            | KAH8918                       | 68      | 25     |
| 1991                            | KAH9111                       | 142     | 62     |
| 1994                            | KAH9410                       | 33      | 47     |
| 1996                            | KAH9615                       | 19      | 38     |
| North Island west coast (QMA 9) |                               |         |        |
| 1986                            | KAH8612                       | 155     | 35     |
| 1987                            | KAH8715                       | 160     | 16     |
| 1989                            | KAH8918                       | 148     | 16     |
| 1991                            | KAH9111                       | 216     | 37     |
| 1994                            | KAH9410                       | 102     | 47     |
| 1996                            | KAH9615                       | 147     | 15     |
| 1999                            | KAH9915 (QMAs 8 & 9 combined) | 374     | 9      |
| Hauraki Gulf                    |                               |         |        |
| 1984                            | KAH8421                       | 292     | 22     |
| 1985                            | KAH8517                       | 245     | 20     |
| 1986                            | KAH8613                       | 211     | 25     |
| 1987                            | KAH8716                       | 181     | 12     |
| 1988                            | KAH8810                       | 477     | 32     |
| 1989                            | KAH8917                       | 250     | 22     |
| 1990                            | KAH9016                       | 322     | 13     |
| 1992                            | KAH9212                       | 227     | 35     |
| 1993                            | KAH9311                       | 374     | 24     |
| 1994                            | KAH9411                       | 288     | 17     |
| 1997                            | KAH9720                       | 387     | 18     |
| 2000                            | KAH0012                       | 260     | 26     |
| North Island east coast         |                               |         |        |
| 1993                            | KAH9304                       | 265     | 17     |
| 1994                            | KAH9402                       | 268     | 31     |
| 1995                            | KAH9502                       | 170     | 18     |
| 1996                            | KAH9605                       | 172     | 48     |
| West Coast South Island         |                               |         |        |
| 1992                            | KAH9204                       | 102     | 29     |
| 1994                            | KAH9404                       | 59      | 26     |
| 1995                            | KAH9504                       | 27      | 36     |
| 1997                            | KAH9701                       | 17      | 31     |
| 2000                            | KAH0004                       | 141     | 16     |
| 2003                            | KAH0304                       | 288     | 19     |
| 2005                            | KAH0503                       | 222     | 14     |
| 2007                            | KAH0704                       | 174     | 26     |
| 2009                            | KAH0904                       | 269     | 23     |

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**Figure 5: Biomass trends  $\pm 95\%$  CI (estimated from survey CV's assuming a lognormal distribution) and the time series mean (dotted line) from the West Coast South Island trawl surveys.**

The Southern Inshore Working Group noted that the West Coast South Island trawl survey series appears to be monitoring trends in abundance for the recruits of this population. Length frequency trends for the West Coast South Island John dory catch are presented in Figure 6. These data show that in the early 1990's low numbers were caught by the survey series and there was no evidence of significant numbers of recruits. In 2000 a large number of recruits appeared and these fish seemed to remain in the population through to 2007. There is evidence that a new cohort of recruits has appeared in 2009.

### 4.2 Biomass estimates

Estimates of absolute reference and current biomass are not available.

### 4.3 Estimation of Maximum Constant Yield (MCY)

MCY was estimated using the equation,  $MCY = cY_{AV}$  (method 4).  $Y_{AV}$  is the average annual catch for the period 1983–84 to 1985–86. The value of  $c$  was set equal to 0.6 based on the estimate of  $M = 0.38$ . Estimates of MCY are shown in Table 5. The estimates of MCY are probably conservative because John dory has probably not been fully exploited in the past, as they are predominantly a bycatch species that is not specifically targeted.

**Table 5: Estimates of MCY (t) rounded to the nearest 5 t.**

| Fishstock | QMA   |                | $Y_{AV}$ | MCY |
|-----------|---|----------------|----------|-----|
| JDO 1     | Auckland (East) (West)                                    | 1 & 9          | 600      | 360 |
| JDO 2     | Central (East) (West)                                     | 2 & 8          | 130      | 80  |
| JDO 3     | South-East (Coast) (Chatham),<br>Southland, Sub-Antarctic | 3, 4,<br>5 & 6 | 1        | 5   |
| JDO 7     | Challenger  | 7              | 40       | 25  |
| JDO 10    | Kermadec  | 10             | –        | –   |
| Total     |   |                | 771      | 470 |

The level of risk to the stock by harvesting the population at the estimated MCY value cannot be determined.



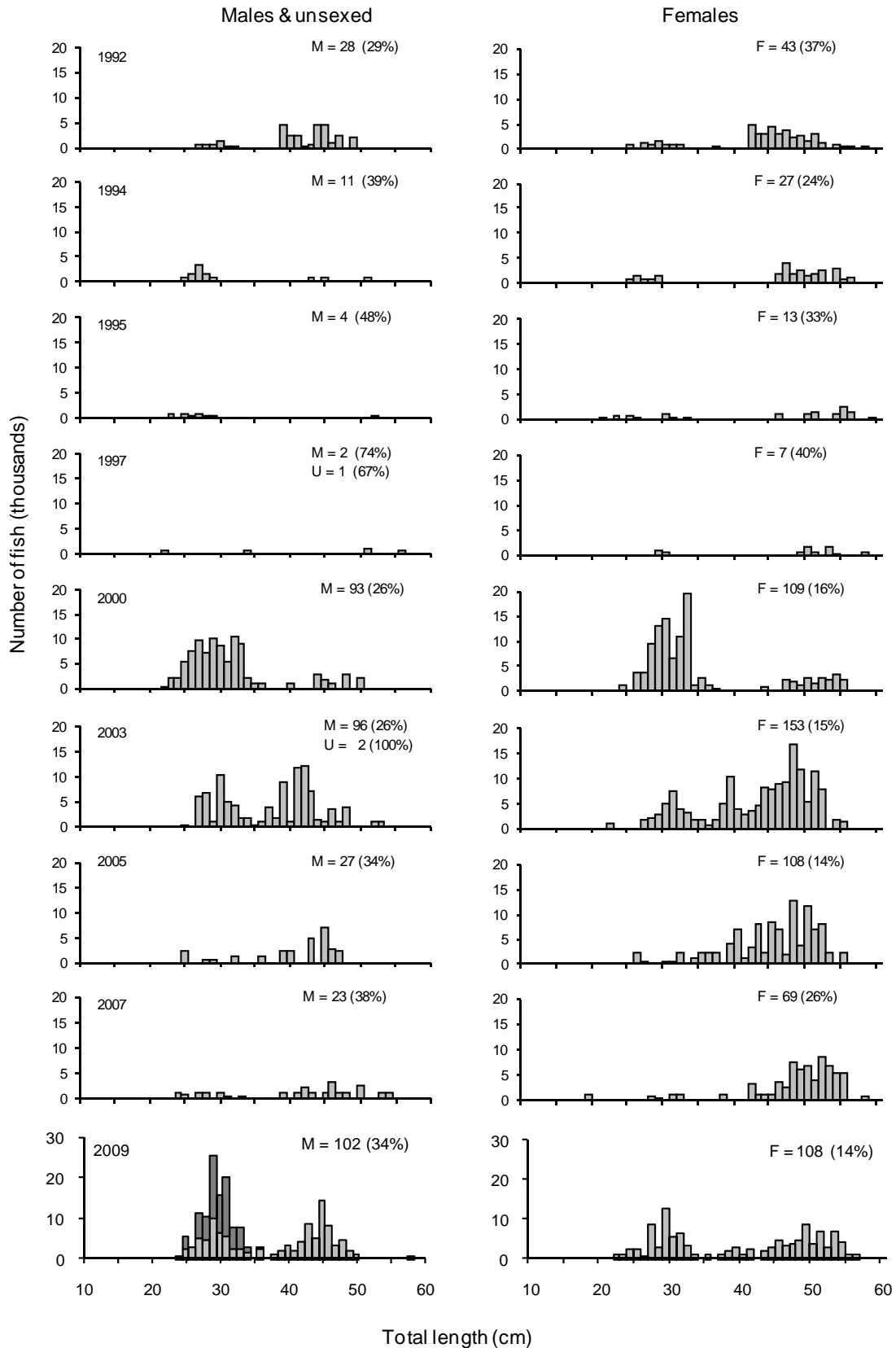


Figure 6: Scaled length frequency distributions for John dory in 30–400 m, for WCSI surveys. M, males; F, females; (CV%) (Stevenson 2009).

#### 4.4 Estimation of Current Annual Yield (CAY)

No estimates of current biomass are available which would permit the estimation of CAY.

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### 4.5 Other yield estimates and stock assessment results

Current estimates of yield are based upon commercial landings only and are assumed to be independent of the non-commercial catch. There was no indication that John dory were overfished at the time of the introduction of the QMS. There has been no apparent change in the fishing patterns for JDO over the last decade.

## 5. STATUS OF THE STOCKS

Estimates of absolute current and reference biomass are not available.

John dory is principally a bycatch species and, as such, estimates of MCY based on catch statistics are uncertain. Under such conditions it is difficult to determine whether changes in the reported catches indicate actual changes in the stocks or simply changes in the catches of the target species.

In 1994–95, the TACC for JDO 1 was slightly overcaught for the first time since the start of the QMS. The 1994–95 landings followed a consistent trend of increasing catches, probably due to increased targeting for John dory. However, other factors, such as increased abundance or changing fishing practices, may also have contributed to JDO 1 catch increases but trawl surveys in sub-areas of JDO 1 reveal no apparent trend in John dory biomass. Since 1994–95, the TACC for JDO 1 has been undercaught.

For JDO 1 recent catch levels and the current TACC are likely to be sustainable at least in the short-term. It is not known if recent catch levels and the current TACC are sustainable in the long-term. For all other JDO stocks it is not known if the recent catch levels and current TACCs are sustainable. For all Fishstocks it is unknown if recent catches or the current TACCs are at levels that will allow the stocks to move towards a size that will support the MSY.

### JDO 1

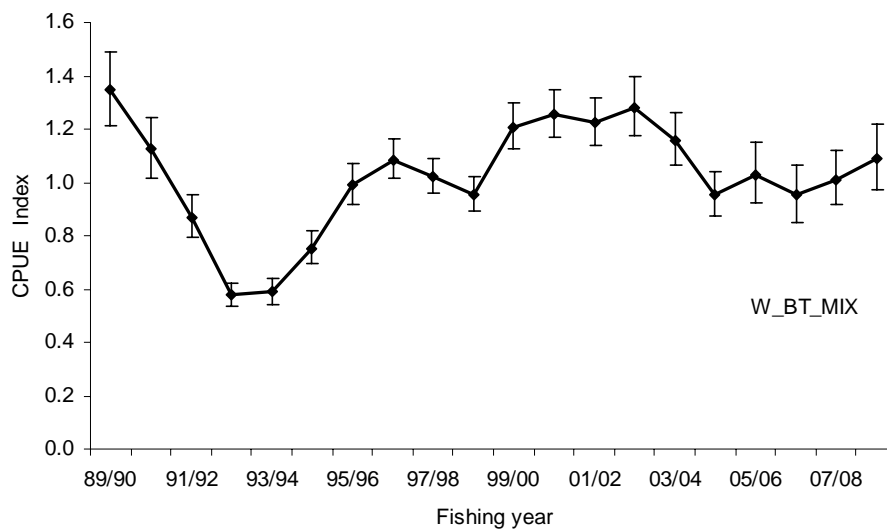
#### Stock Structure Assumptions

For the purpose of this summary JDO 1 is considered to be a single stock with three sub-stocks.

#### JDO 1W

| Stock Status                   |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Year of Most Recent Assessment | 2010   |
| Assessment Runs Presented      |  |
| Reference Points               | Target(s): Not established but $B_{MSY}$ assumed<br>Soft Limit: $20\%B_0$<br>Hard Limit: $10\%B_0$ |
| Status in relation to Target   | Unknown  |
| Status in relation to Limits   | Soft Limit: Unknown<br>Hard Limit: Unlikely (< 40%) to be below                                    |

## Historical Stock Status Trajectory and Current Status



Standardised CPUE indices for John dory in JDO 1W from lognormal models of catch rate in successful bottom trawl trips in a mixed target fishery (Kendrick & Bentley in prep).

**Fishery and Stock Trends**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Recent Trend in Biomass or Proxy                 | The lognormal CPUE series has fluctuated at or above the long-term mean since 1995/96. The 2008/09 data point is slightly above the long-term mean. |
| Recent Trend in Fishing Mortality or Proxy       |   |
| Other Abundance Indices                          |   |
| Trends in Other Relevant Indicators or Variables |   |

**Projections and Prognosis**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Stock Projections or Prognosis                                    | Without corroborating information on recruitment from a trawl survey, it is not possible to predict how the stock will respond in the next few years. |
| Probability of Current Catch or TACC causing decline below Limits | Soft Limit: Unknown<br>Hard Limit: Unlikely (< 40% probability) (for the current catch)   |

**Assessment Methodology**

|  |  |                       |
|--|--|-----------------------|
| Assessment Type                            | Level 2 – Partial Quantitative stock assessment  |                       |
| Assessment Method                          | Standardized CPUE based on lognormal error distribution and positive catches.                                  |                       |
| Main data inputs                           | Catch and effort data  |                       |
| Period of Assessment                       | Latest assessment: 2010  | Next assessment: 2014 |
| Changes to Model Structure and Assumptions | Inclusion of a wider range of target species appears to have improved the utility of the bottom trawl indices. |                       |
| Major Sources of Uncertainty               | Uncertainty in the stock structure<br>Relationship between CPUE and biomass.                                   |                       |

**Qualifying Comments**

As the John dory fishery in FMAs 1 and 9 has a long history, it is not possible to infer stock status from abundance trends from only the last 20 years. This sub-stock appears to be cyclical, probably in response to recruitment variation. This makes it difficult to predict future trends without recruitment information.

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**Fishery Interactions**

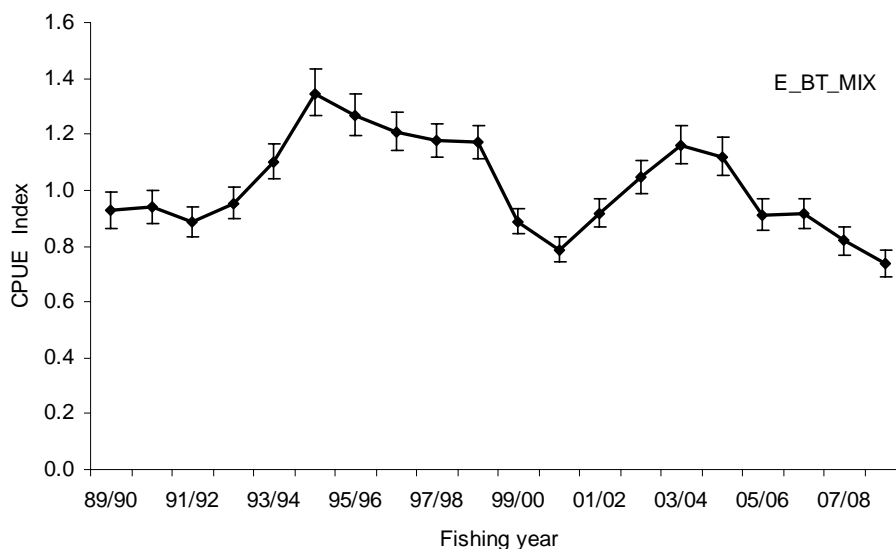
John dory is taken on the west coast by bottom trawl targeted at snapper trevally, gurnard and tarakihi

**JDO 1E**

**Stock Status**

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Year of Most Recent Assessment | 2010   |
| Assessment Runs Presented      |  |
| Reference Points               | Target(s): Not established but $B_{MSY}$ assumed<br>Soft Limit: 20% $B_0$<br>Hard Limit: 10% $B_0$ |
| Status in relation to Target   | Unknown  |
| Status in relation to Limits   | Soft Limit: Unknown<br>Hard Limit: Unknown   |

**Historical Stock Status Trajectory and Current Status**



Standardised CPUE indices for John dory in JDO 1E from lognormal models of catch rate in successful bottom trawl trips in a mixed target fishery (Kendrick & Bentley in prep).

**Fishery and Stock Trends**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Recent Trend in Biomass or Proxy                 | The lognormal CPUE series is cyclical with an overall downward trend since 1994/95. The 2008/09 data point is the lowest point in the series at about 25% below the long-term mean. |
| Recent Trend in Fishing Mortality or Proxy       |   |
| Other Abundance Indices                          |   |
| Trends in Other Relevant Indicators or Variables |   |

**Projections and Prognosis**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Stock Projections or Prognosis                                    | Without corroborating information on recruitment from a trawl survey, it is not possible to predict how the stock will respond in the next few years. |
| Probability of Current Catch or TACC causing decline below Limits | Soft Limit: Unknown<br>Hard Limit: Unknown  |

| <b>Assessment Methodology</b>              |  |
|--|--|
| Assessment Type                            | Level 2 – Partial Quantitative stock assessment  |
| Assessment Method                          | Standardized CPUE based on lognormal error distribution and positive catches.                                  |
| Main data inputs                           | Catch and effort data  |
| Period of Assessment                       | Latest assessment: 2010      Next assessment: 2014   |
| Changes to Model Structure and Assumptions | Inclusion of a wider range of target species appears to have improved the utility of the bottom trawl indices. |
| Major Sources of Uncertainty               | Uncertainty in the stock structure<br>Relationship between CPUE and biomass.                                   |

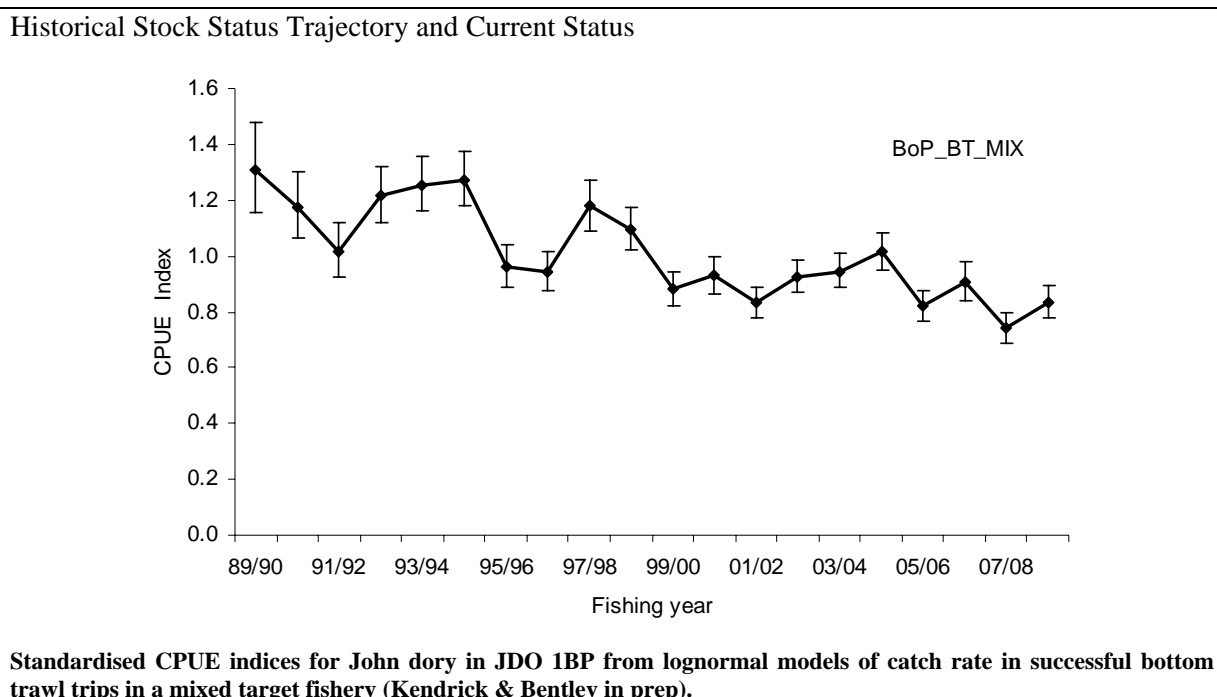
| <b>Qualifying Comments</b>  |
|---|
| <p>As the John dory fishery in FMAs 1 and 9 has a long history, it is not possible to infer stock status from abundance trends from only the last 20 years. This sub-stock appears to be cyclical, probably in response to recruitment variation, and the current trend is downward. This makes it difficult to predict future trends without recruitment information.</p> <p>Almost 2/3 of the John dory bottom trawl catch in JDO 1E is target JDO. The declining catch JDO 1 is mainly driven by declining catch in JDO 1E. Declining CPUE and catch in recent years suggests that biomass is presently (2010) declining in this sub-area.</p> |

| <b>Fishery Interactions</b>  |
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| John dory is taken on the east coast by bottom trawl and Danish seine targeted at John dory and snapper. |

### JDO 1BoP

| <b>Stock Status</b>            |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Year of Most Recent Assessment | 2010   |
| Assessment Runs Presented      |  |
| Reference Points               | Target(s): Not established but $B_{MSY}$ assumed<br>Soft Limit: $20\%B_0$<br>Hard Limit: $10\%B_0$ |
| Status in relation to Target   | Unknown  |
| Status in relation to Limits   | Soft Limit: Unknown<br>Hard Limit: Unknown   |

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| <b>Fishery and Stock Trends</b>                  |  |
|--|--|
| Recent Trend in Biomass or Proxy                 | The lognormal CPUE series has declined steadily by 30% between 1989/90 to 2008/09. |
| Recent Trend in Fishing Mortality or Proxy       |  |
| Other Abundance Indices                          |  |
| Trends in Other Relevant Indicators or Variables |  |

| <b>Projections and Prognosis</b>                                  |   |
|---|---|
| Stock Projections or Prognosis                                    | The stock is Likely (> 60%) to continue to decline. |
| Probability of Current Catch or TACC causing decline below Limits | Soft Limit: Unknown<br>Hard Limit: Unknown          |

| <b>Assessment Methodology</b>              |  |
|--|--|
| Assessment Type                            | Level 2 – Partial Quantitative stock assessment  |
| Assessment Method                          | Standardized CPUE based on lognormal error distribution and positive catches.                                  |
| Main data inputs                           | Catch and effort data  |
| Period of Assessment                       | Latest assessment: 2010   Next assessment: 2014  |
| Changes to Model Structure and Assumptions | Inclusion of a wider range of target species appears to have improved the utility of the bottom trawl indices. |
| Major Sources of Uncertainty               | Uncertainty in the stock structure<br>Relationship between CPUE and biomass.                                   |

| <b>Qualifying Comments</b> |
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| <b>Fishery Interactions</b>  |
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| John dory is taken in the Bay of Plenty by bottom trawl targeted at John dory, snapper, trevally, tarakihi and gurnard; and by Danish seine targeted at snapper and gurnard. |

**JDO 1 summary**

The declining catch in JDO 1 is being driven by declines in JDO 1 E. Declining CPUE trends are seen in JDO 1E (25% below the mean) and BoP (30% below the start). If the CPUE trends in sub-stocks continue to differ, it may be inappropriate to manage JDO 1 as a single stock.

**JDO 7**

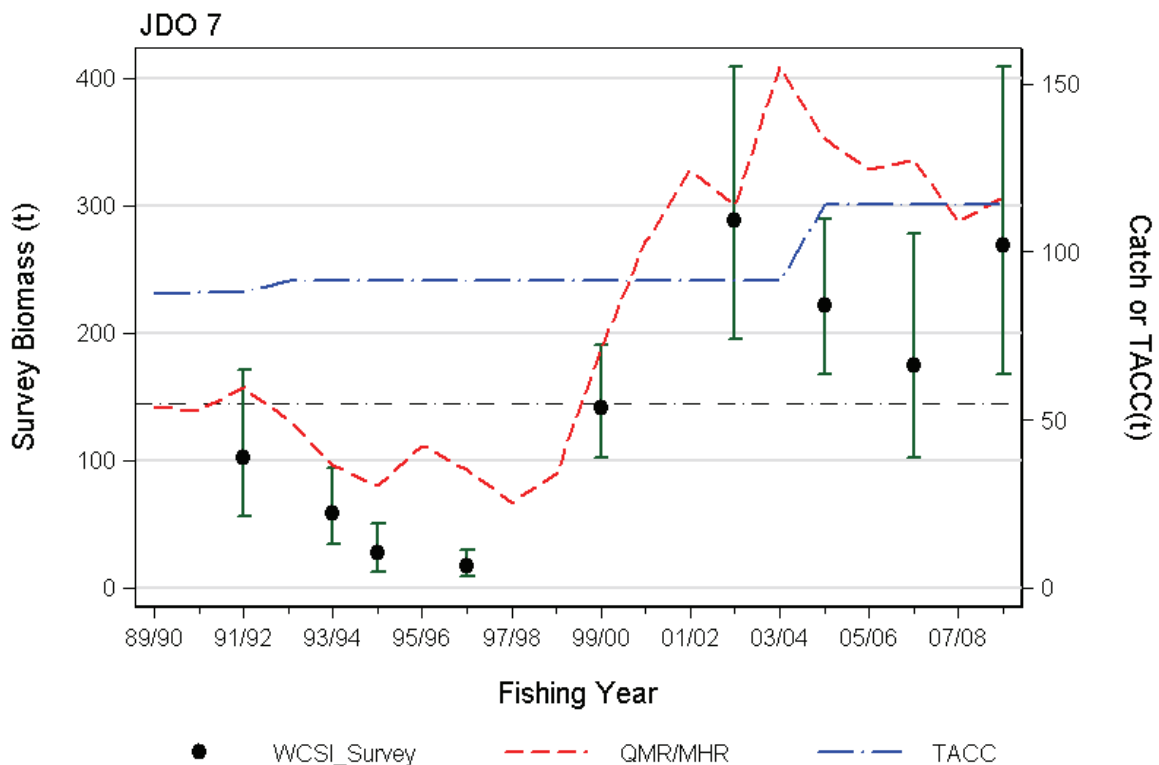
**Stock Structure Assumptions**

Stock boundaries are unknown, but for the purpose of this summary, JDO 7 is treated as a single management unit.

| <b>Stock Status</b>            |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Year of Most Recent Assessment | 2009 (West Coast South Island Trawl survey)   |
| Reference Points               | Target: Not established but $B_{MSY}$ assumed<br>Soft Limit: 20% $B_0$<br>Hard Limit: 10% $B_0$ |
| Status in relation to Target   | Unknown   |
| Status in relation to Limits   | Unknown   |

| <b>Fishery and Stock Trends</b>     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Trend in Biomass or Proxy           | Abundance of John dory fluctuates widely with year class strength. Biomass has been high since 2003 and there has been good recruitment in 2009.  |
| Trend in Fishing Mortality or Proxy | The commercial catch trends have largely mirrored those of the trawl survey biomass estimates, declining through the 1990s then increasing from a low of 26 t in 1997–98 to a high of 155 t in 2003–04. The average catch from 2002/03 to 2008/09 was 126t. |

Historical survey biomass, Catch and TACC Trajectories



West Coast South Island survey biomass (points) commercial catch (red dashed line) and TACC (blue dashed line) for the period 1990 to 2007. Horizontal dashed line is the mean biomass index, 1992–2009.

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|   |   |
|---|---|
| Other Abundance Indices                         | -   |
| Trends in Other Relevant Indicator or Variables | Length frequency analysis from the West Coast South Island trawl survey showed very good recruitment in 2009. |

| <b>Projections and Prognosis</b>                                 |   |
|--|---|
| Stock Projections or Prognosis                                   | No quantitative stock assessment has been undertaken for this Stock. The -2009 size data as well as the biomass trends suggest that the stock biomass is Likely to increase at recent catch levels. |
| Probability of Current Catch / TACC causing decline below Limits | Soft Limit: Unknown<br>Hard Limit: Unknown  |

| <b>Assessment Methodology</b>              |  |
|--|--|
| Assessment Type                            | Level 2: Semi-quantitative Stock Assessment - Agreed abundance index   |
| Assessment Method                          | Evaluation of survey biomass trends and length frequencies.  |
| Main data inputs                           | - West Coast South Island trawl survey<br>- Survey length frequency.   |
| Period of Assessment                       | Latest assessment: 2009      Next assessment: 2011   |
| Changes to Model Structure and Assumptions | N/A  |
| Major Sources of Uncertainty               | This stock is assessed using trends in trawl survey relative biomass. No current formal quantitative stock assessment is available for this stock. Therefore, the stock status of JDO 7 is Unknown and quantitative projections are not available. |

| <b>Qualifying Comments</b> |
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| <b>Fishery Interactions</b>  |
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| John Dory are primarily taken in conjunction with the following QMS species: barracouta, red cod, stargazer, red gurnard and tarakihi in the West Coast South Island bottom trawl fishery. |

Yield estimates, TACCs and reported landings are summarised in Table 6.

**Table 6: Summary of yields (t), TACCs (t) and reported landings (t) of John dory for the most recent fishing year.**

| Fishstock | QMA   | MCY            | 2008–09<br>Actual TACC | 2008–09<br>Reported landings |
|-----------|---|----------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| JDO 1     | Auckland (East) (West)                                    | 1 & 9          | 360                    | 411                          |
| JDO 2     | Central (East) (West)                                     | 2 & 8          | 80                     | 136                          |
| JDO 3     | South-East (Coast) (Chatham),<br>Southland, Sub-Antarctic | 3 & 4<br>5 & 6 | 5                      | < 1                          |
| JDO 7     | Challenger  | 7              | 25                     | 114                          |
| JDO 10    | Kermadec  | 10             | –                      | 0                            |
| Total     |   |                | 470                    | 1130                         |

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