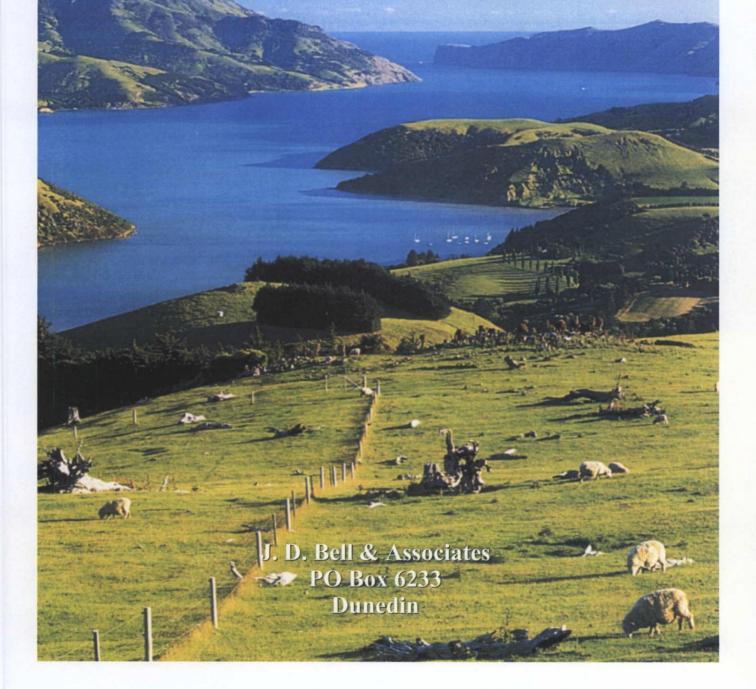
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5. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Beginning in December 1996, people fishing in Akaroa Harbour were intercepted at various key locations (boat ramps, wharves, holiday camps etc.), interviewed, and asked to keep a diary of their Akaroa Harbour fishing activities for the following 12 months. Pre-numbered diaries were given to fishers at the completion of their interview. In addition to the intercept interviews, the members of local fishing and diving clubs were interviewed by telephone and asked to keep a diary. Participating fishers were contacted every three months and asked to send in their fishing trip records (diary pages).

207 fishers were interviewed and agreed to keep a diary. The results from 1741 trips were obtained.

The main fish species targeted and caught were flatfish and red cod. The main fishing methods used were set netting for flatfish and rod/line fishing from a private boat when targeting red cod. Outside the harbour heads, the main target species was blue cod. From Wainui to Timutimu head the main target species was red cod, while from Duvauchelle Bay to Wainui the main target species was flatfish. The areas with the greatest intensity of fishing effort were Wainui, Akaroa and Barrys Bay.

6. OBJECTIVES

The programme objective was . . .

"To determine the areas fished, species caught, methods used and the catch per unit effort for the recreational fishery in Akaroa."

The survey obtained data from just under 1800 fishing trips representing over 9200 hours of fishing effort in Akaroa Harbour. The data collection instrument used a map to plot fishing activities and only those trip records with complete information were included in the analysis (less than 2.5% of all trip records were excluded). Fishers were phoned to clarify any records that required it. Through the use of local contacts and the local fishing club, the researcher was able to largely ensure that the most active fishers were included in the survey. The only sampling limitation was due to the poor weather that curtailed the fishing effort over the Christmas period, during which intercept interviews were carried out. Anecdotal evidence suggests that fewer "tourist fishers" (including families fishing from the wharf or small boats) were active during early 1997 when the survey began. Anecdotal evidence also suggests that

the total fishing effort made by the more active fishers was down on previous years, due to the rough weather making conditions unsuitable for boating and netting.

7. METHODS

Beginning on December 26 1996, people fishing in Akaroa Harbour were intercepted at various key locations (e.g. boat ramps, wharves), interviewed, and asked to keep a diary of their Akaroa Harbour fishing activities for the coming 12 months. Pre-numbered diaries were given to fishers at the completion of their interview. Interviews were carried out for 30 days (increased from the 20 originally proposed to compensate for the poor weather which reduced the number of fishers intercepted) and were completed by the end of March 1997. In addition to intercept interviews, members of local fishing and diving clubs were approached to keep diaries.

Trip records from the diaries were sent in every 3 months. Diarists were sent a newsletter and reminder at the completion of each 3-month period. Non-respondents were followed up with a phone call.

In their diary, fishers recorded the following:

- 1. The date of their trip.
- 2. The precise location(s) where they fished (a zone map was provided).
- 3. The number of hours they spent fishing.
- 4. The fishing methods they used.
- 5. The number of each species of fish they caught.
- 6. The species targeted.

A copy of the main pages from the diary is included in the appendix. Also included in the

appendix is a copy of the questionnaire used when interviewing the fishers at the time of intercept (or over the phone).

A total of 207 fishers were interviewed and agreed to keep a diary for the following 12 months. 1741 completed trip records were returned, describing over 9200 hours of fishing in Akaroa Harbour.

Returned trip records were edited by the researchers and any queries followed up with a phone call to the fisher. Results were analysed using the programme SPSS. Fishing location data was analysed by hand and also by coding into 19 different fishing zones for computer analysis. The location of each fishing zone is shown on all the figures in this report.

8. RESULTS

8.1 Profile of fishers participating in the study

Before being given a diary to keep, fishers were asked a few questions about their previous fishing activities in Akaroa Harbour, and a few questions about themselves. These results are presented below. 207 fishers participated in the survey.

Table 1: Sex of participating fishers

| | Percent (n=207) |
|--------|-----------------|
| Male | 95.2% |
| Female | 4.8% |
| TOTAL | 100% |

Table 2: Age of participating fishers*

| | Percent (n=207) |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 15 to 20 years | 1.0% |
| 21 to 30 years | 4.8% |
| 31 to 40 years | 22.7% |
| 41 to 50 years | 23.7% |
| 51 to 60 years | 23.2% |
| 61 years and over | 19.8% |
| Not specified | 4.8% |
| TOTAL | 100% |

^{*}To be eligible for the survey fishers had to be at least 15 years old.

Table 3: Number of fishing trips made in Akaroa Harbour by participating fishers in the 12 months prior to being interviewed

| | Percent (n=207) |
|------------------|-----------------|
| No trips | 0.5% |
| 1 to 5 trips | 5.3% |
| 6 to 15 trips | 26.1% |
| 16 to 30 trips | 40.6% |
| 31 or more trips | 25.6% |
| Not specified | 1.9% |
| TOTAL | 100% |

Table 4: The number of other people that participating fishers usually go fishing with

| | Percent (n=207) | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--|
| No one else | 1.0% | |
| 1 other person | 6.3% | |
| 2 other people | 35.7% | |
| 3 other people | 29.0% | |
| 4 other people | 22.2% | |
| 5 other people | 1.0% | |
| More than 5 other people | 1.9% | |
| It varies | 2.9% | |
| TOTAL | 100% | |

Table 5: Fishing methods used by participating fishers in and around Akaroa Harbour in the 12 months prior to being interviewed

| | Percent* |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Rod or line from private boat | 90.8% |
| Rod or line from charter boat | 2.9% |
| Longline from private boat | 2.4% |
| Rod or line from the shore | 3.9% |
| Longline from the shore | 0.5% |
| Diving from private boat | 18.8% |
| Diving from charter boat | 1.4% |
| Diving from the shore | 1.4% |
| Dredging | 2.9% |
| Set netting/gill netting | 67.1% |
| Drag netting/beach seining | 9.2% |
| Hand gathering | 45.4% |
| Potting | 3.4% |
| Spearing (flatfish) | 2.9% |

^{*}This table totals more than 100% as respondents could indicate more than one method

8.2 Overview of the trips made by participating fishers during the 12-month duration of the study

Table 6: Months during which trips were made

| | Percent of trips (n=1741) |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| January | 20.1% |
| February | 7.5% |
| March | 24.3% |
| April | 8.6% |
| May | 5.9% |
| June | 3.0% |
| July | 2.8% |
| August | 3.0% |
| September | 3.5% |
| October | 8.3% |
| November | 3.0% |
| December | 10.1% |
| TOTAL | 100% |

Table 7: The number of hours spent fishing on a trip*

| | Percent of trips (n=1741) |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 0.5 hours | 8.0% |
| 1.0 hours | 20.4% |
| 1.5 hours | 9.1% |
| 2.0 hours | 13.8% |
| 2.5 hours | 3.1% |
| 3.0 hours | 6.7% |
| 3.5 hours | 1.1% |
| 4.0 hours | 3.7% |
| (4.0) to 6.0 hours | 3.1% |
| (6.0) to 8.0 hours | 1.8% |
| (8.0) to 10.0 hours | 3.5% |
| (10.0) to 12 hours | 13.8% |
| (12.0) to 14 hours | 4.6% |
| Over 14.0 hours | 7.2% |
| TOTAL | 100% |

^{*}Length of time to the nearest half hour. The time recorded for set netting and potting was the length of time the net or pot was in the water.

Table 8: Fish species targeted

| Species | Percent of all trips (n=1741) |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Red Cod | 44.6% |
| Flatfish | 30.9% |
| Blue Cod | 16.1% |
| Blue Moki | 4.8% |
| Greenbone/Butterfish | 3.6% |
| Trumpeter | 3.6% |
| Rock Lobster | 3.6% |
| Jock Stewart | 2.5% |
| Mussels | 2.5% |
| Paua | 1.6% |
| Mullet | 1.3% |
| Wrasse | 0.3% |
| Tarakihi | 0.3% |
| Groper | 0.2% |
| Warehou | 0.2% |
| Kahawai | 0.2% |
| Barracouta | 0.1% |
| Others | 0.6% |

^{*}This table totals more than 100% as respondents could target more than one species per trip.

Table 9: Number of species caught

| Species | Number |
|----------------|--------|
| Red Cod | 4374 |
| Kahawai | . 8 |
| Blue Cod | 537 |
| Flatfish | 4384 |
| Trumpeter | 100 |
| Salmon | 22 |
| Tarakihi | 49 |
| Barracouta | 66 |
| Jock Stewart | 382 |
| Trevally | 10 |
| Groper | 0 |
| Mullet | 503 |
| Greenbone | 276 |
| Blue Moki | 290 |
| Spikey Dogfish | 121 |
| Wrasse | 196 |
| Rig | 39 |
| Warehou | 45 |
| Skate | 77 |
| Lobster | 230 |
| Mussels | 1713 |
| Paua | 254 |
| Pipi | 0 |
| Cockles | 0 |
| Paddle Crabs | 41 |

Table 10: The type of fishing methods used

| | Number of trips | Percent of trips |
|---|-----------------|------------------|
| Rod/handline from private boat | 817 | 46.9 |
| Rod/handline/longline from charter boat | 91 | 5.2 |
| Longline from private boat | .11 | 0.6% |
| Rod/handline from the shore | 18 | 1.0% |
| Longline from the shore | 0 | 0% |
| Diving from a private boat | . 88 | 5.1% |
| Diving from a charter boat | 4 | 0.2% |
| Diving from the shore | 7 | 0.4% |
| Dredging | 0 | 0% |
| Set netting | 657 | 37.7% |
| Drag netting | 7 | 0.4% |
| Hand gathering | 33 | 1.9% |
| Potting | 2 | 0.1% |
| Spearing flatfish | 6 | 0.3% |
| TOTAL | 1741 | 100% |

Table 11: Average length of time spent fishing using each fishing method*

| | Average length of trip | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Rod/handline from a private boat | 1.7 hrs | |
| Rod/handline from a charter boat | 2.0 hrs | |
| Rod/handline from the shore | 2.0 hrs | |
| Diving from a private boat | 1.6 hrs | |
| Set netting | 11.2 hrs | |
| Hand gathering | 1.4 hrs | |

^{*}This table has been limited to those methods used in at least 15 trips.

8.3 Areas Fished

The areas that fishing trips were made to are shown in the figures 1-4 that follow.

Figure 1 - The main fish species targeted in each zone and the percentage of trips in that zone targeting that species. **DUVAUCHELLE BAY** BARRYS BAY Flatfish 53.8% 5 79.5% ROBINSONS BAY Flatfish Flatfish 88.7% Flatfish 53.6% Flatfish 73.0% FRENCH FARM BAY Red Cod 64.3% TAKAMATUA BAY 7 8 TIKAO BAY Flatfish AKAROA 55.1% Red Cod 52.6% 10 WAINUI Red Cod 85.7% Blue Moki 44.4% **OTANERITO BAY OHINEPAKA BAY** THE KAIK Red Cod 55.0% POMPEYS PILLAR Red Cod 28.6% STONY BAY MAT WHITE BAY PERAKI BAY FLEA BAY 13 DAN ROGERS REEF 19 Blue Cod 46.2% LUCAS BAY Red Cod Red Cod 42.5% LONG BAY 61.1% SQUALLY BAY Blue Cod 64.6% TIMUTIMU HEAD Blue Cod 15 Blue Cod 16 Blue Cod 57.9% 35.2% 60.0%

Figure 2 - The total number of trips made in each zone and that figure as a percentage of all trips made.

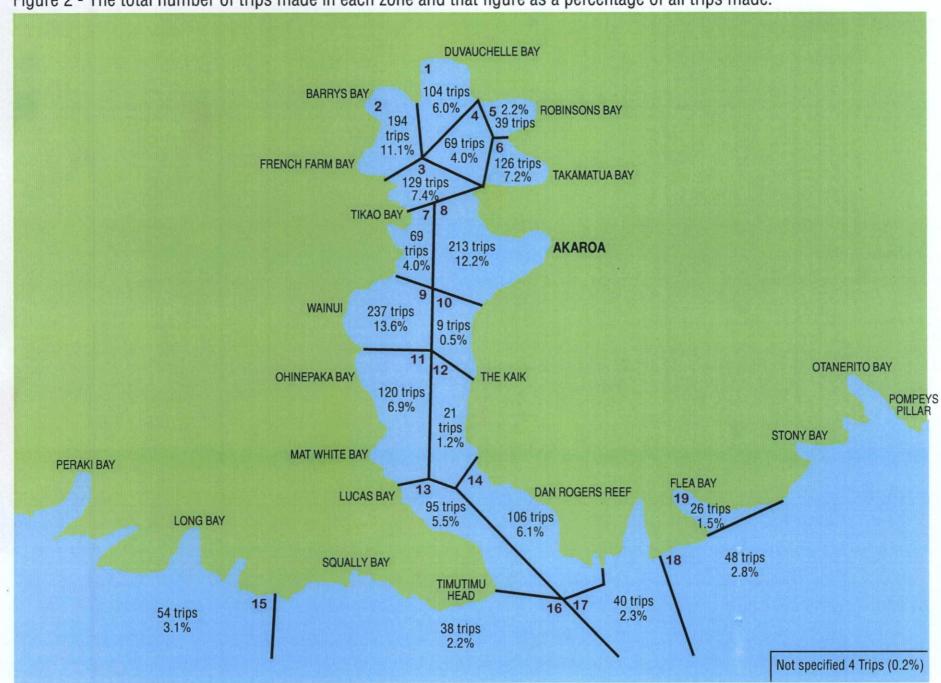


Figure 3 - The main fishing method used in each zone and the percentage of trips in that zone using that method. **DUVAUCHELLE BAY** Set netting 56% BARRYS BAY Set ROBINSONS BAY netting 56% 5 Set netting 89% 6 Set netting 56% FRENCH FARM BAY netting 56% TAKAMATUA BAY Rod/line from a boat 61% TIKAO BAY Set netting 55% Rod/line from a boat **AKAROA** 61% 10 Rod/line WAINUI from a boat 82% Set netting 56% 11 **OTANERITO BAY** Rod/line from a boat 64% THE KAIK **OHINEPAKA BAY** Rod/ **POMPEYS** PILLAR line from a boat STONY BAY 57% MAT WHITE BAY PERAKI BAY FLEA BAY DAN ROGERS REEF LUCAS BAY 19 Rod/line from a boat 42% Rod/line Rod/line from a boat 64% from a boat LONG BAY 18 SQUALLY BAY Rod/line from a boat 44% TIMUTIMU HEAD Set netting 31% 15 Rod/line from a boat 16 Rod/line from a boat 71% 65%

8.4 Total number of each species caught by zone

The total numbers of each species caught in each zone are shown in figures 5 to 11 that follow.

Figure 4 - Average number of hours spent fishing (all methods) in each zone **DUVAUCHELLE BAY** 1 BARRYS BAY 7.1 hrs 5 11.9 ROBINSONS BAY 7.6 hrs 12.3 hrs FRENCH FARM BAY 11.2 hrs TAKAMATUA BAY 4.8 hrs TIKAO BAY 6.1 hrs 5.0 hrs AKAROA 10 WAINUI 1.9 hrs 4.3 hrs OTANERITO BAY OHINEPAKA BAY THE KAIK 2.1 hrs 1.8 hrs STONY BAY MAT WHITE BAY PERAKI BAY FLEA BAY 13 DAN ROGERS REEF LUCAS BAY 19 2.3 hrs 1.8 hrs 1.6 hrs LONG BAY SQUALLY BAY 2.9 hrs TIMUTIMU HEAD 15 16 2.0 hrs 2.9 hrs 1.8 hrs

Figure 5 - Total number of red cod caught in each zone **DUVAUCHELLE BAY** 205 BARRYS BAY **ROBINSONS BAY** 5 92 477 220 FRENCH FARM BAY 314 TAKAMATUA BAY 533 TIKAO BAY 150 AKAROA 475 10 WAINUI 1145 17 **OTANERITO BAY** 12 OHINEPAKA BAY THE KAIK 347 21 STONY BAY MAT WHITE BAY PERAKI BAY FLEA BAY DAN ROGERS REEF LUCAS BAY 19 203 94 LONG BAY 18 SQUALLY BAY 12 TIMUTIMU HEAD 15 16 19 28 15 Total number caught = 4374

Figure 6 - Total number of flatfish caught in each zone

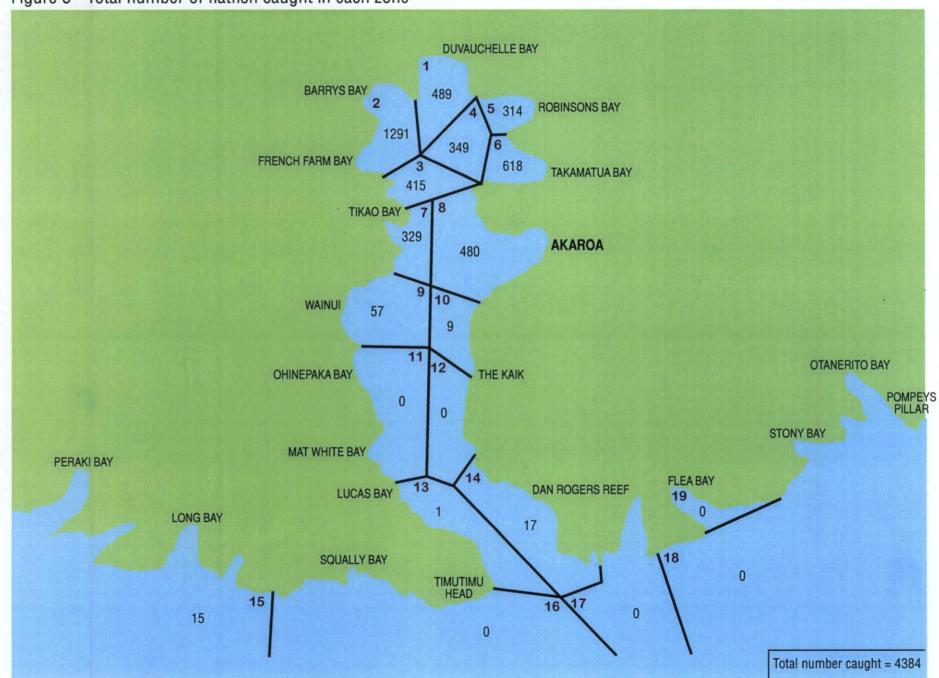


Figure 7 - Total number of blue cod caught in each zone

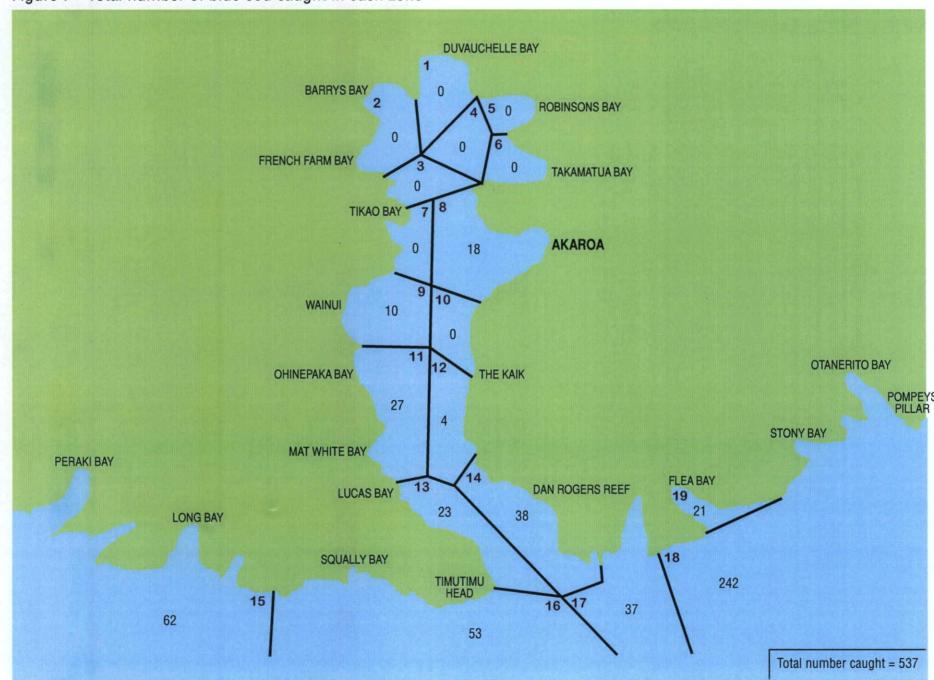


Figure 8 - Total number of blue moki caught in each zone

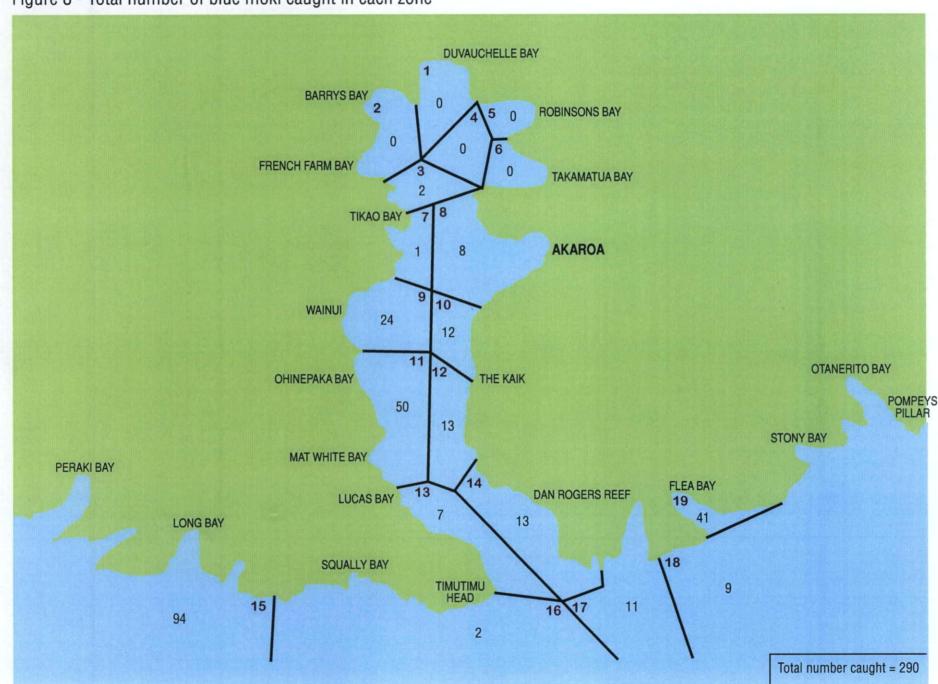


Figure 9 - Total number of greenbone caught in each zone

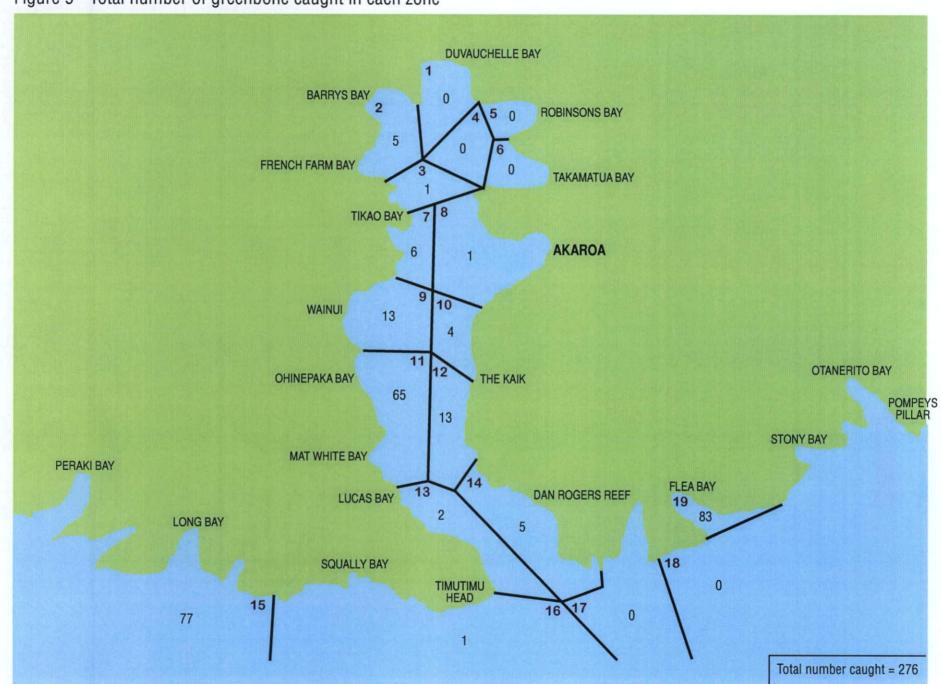


Figure 10 - Total number of rock lobster caught in each zone

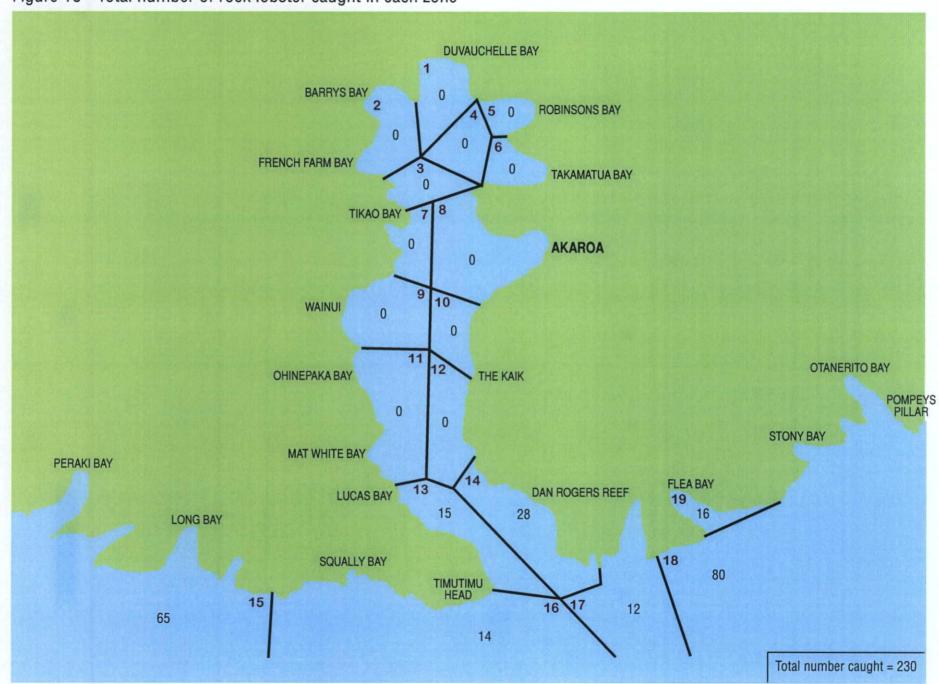
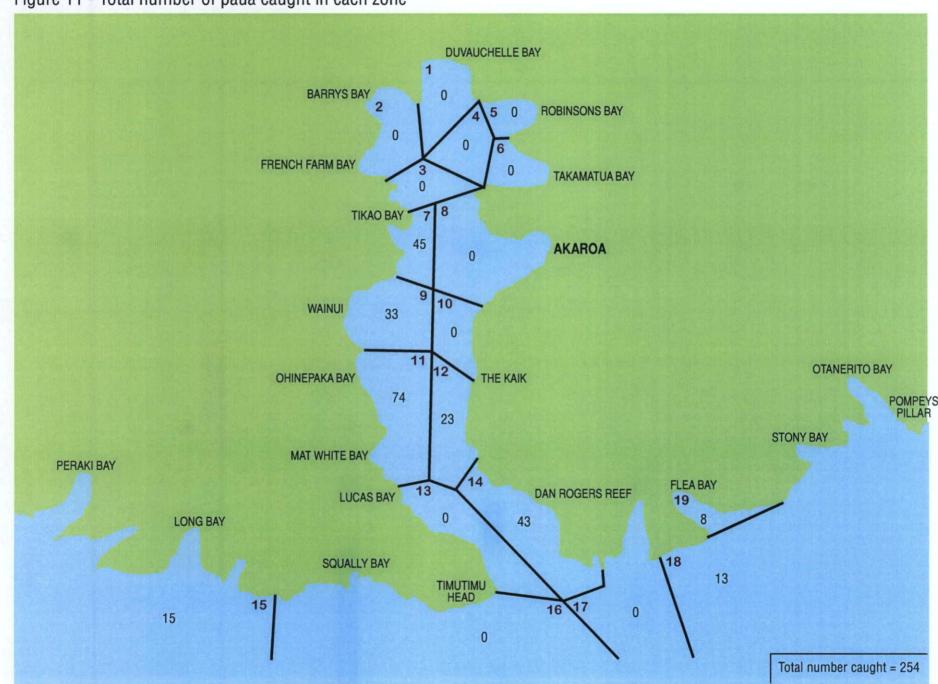


Figure 11 - Total number of paua caught in each zone



8.5 Location and intensity of each method used by zone

The location and intensity of each method used in each zone are shown in figures 12 to 16 that follow.

Figure 12 - Map showing location and intensity of "rod/line fishing from private boat" effort (n = 817 trips) **DUVAUCHELLE BAY** BARRYS BAY 2 **ROBINSONS BAY** FRENCH FARM BAY TAKAMATUA BAY TIKAO BAY 7 8 AKAROA WAINUI **OTANERITO BAY** OHINEPAKA BAY THE KAIK POMPEYS PILLAR STONY BAY MAT WHITE BAY PERAKI BAY FLEA BAY DAN ROGERS REEF LUCAS BAY LONG BAY SQUALLY BAY 18 TIMUTIMU HEAD 15 16

Figure 13 - Map showing location and intensity of set netting effort (n = 657 trips)

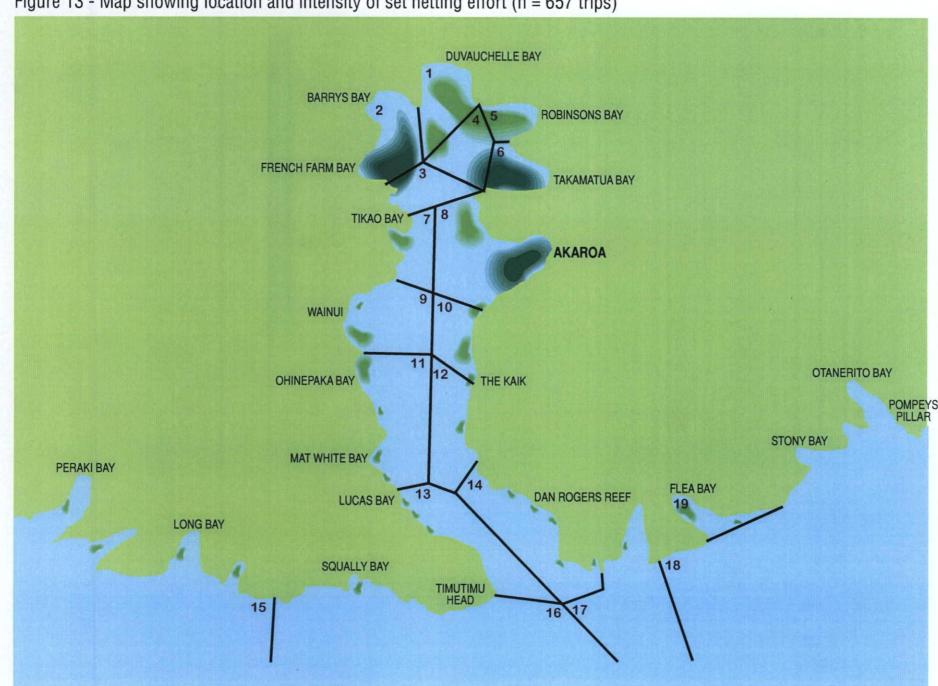


Figure 14 - Map showing location and intensity of "rod/line fishing from the shore" effort (n = 18 trips) **DUVAUCHELLE BAY** BARRYS BAY **ROBINSONS BAY** FRENCH FARM BAY TAKAMATUA BAY TIKAO BAY AKAROA 10 WAINUI 11 12 OTANERITO BAY THE KAIK OHINEPAKA BAY STONY BAY MAT WHITE BAY PERAKI BAY FLEA BAY LUCAS BAY 13 DAN ROGERS REEF 19 LONG BAY 18 SQUALLY BAY TIMUTIMU HEAD 15 16

Figure 15 - Map showing location and intensity of shellfish gathering effort (n = 33 trips) **DUVAUCHELLE BAY** BARRYS BAY **ROBINSONS BAY** FRENCH FARM BAY TAKAMATUA BAY TIKAO BAY AKAROA 10 WAINUI 11 12 OTANERITO BAY OHINEPAKA BAY THE KAIK STONY BAY MAT WHITE BAY PERAKI BAY FLEA BAY LUCAS BAY 13 DAN ROGERS REEF LONG BAY SQUALLY BAY 18 TIMUTIMU HEAD 15 16

Figure 16 - Map showing location and intensity of diving effort (n = 99 trips) **DUVAUCHELLE BAY** BARRYS BAY **ROBINSONS BAY** FRENCH FARM BAY TAKAMATUA BAY TIKAO BAY AKAROA 10 WAINUI 11 12 THE KAIK OTANERITO BAY **OHINEPAKA BAY** STONY BAY MAT WHITE BAY PERAKI BAY FLEA BAY DAN ROGERS REEF LUCAS BAY LONG BAY SQUALLY BAY TIMUTIMU HEAD 15 16

8.6 Per cent use of methods by zone

The percentages of trips using each fishing method made in each zone are shown in figures 17 to 22 that follow.

Figure 17 - Distribution of trips using rod/handline from a private boat (n = 817 trips) **DUVAUCHELLE BAY** BARRYS BAY 4.3% 0.7% ROBINSONS BAY 2.3% 3.1% FRENCH FARM BAY 2.3% TAKAMATUA BAY 9.5% TIKAO BAY 2.1% 12.6% AKAROA WAINUI 23.9% 0.5% 11 OTANERITO BAY 12 OHINEPAKA BAY THE KAIK 9.4% POMPEYS PILLAR STONY BAY 1.5% MAT WHITE BAY PERAKI BAY FLEA BAY DAN ROGERS REEF LUCAS BAY 19 6.9% 1.3% 8.3% LONG BAY 18 SQUALLY BAY 2.6% TIMUTIMU HEAD 15 16 3.2% 2.0% 3.3%

Figure 18 - Distribution of trips using set nets (n = 657 trips)

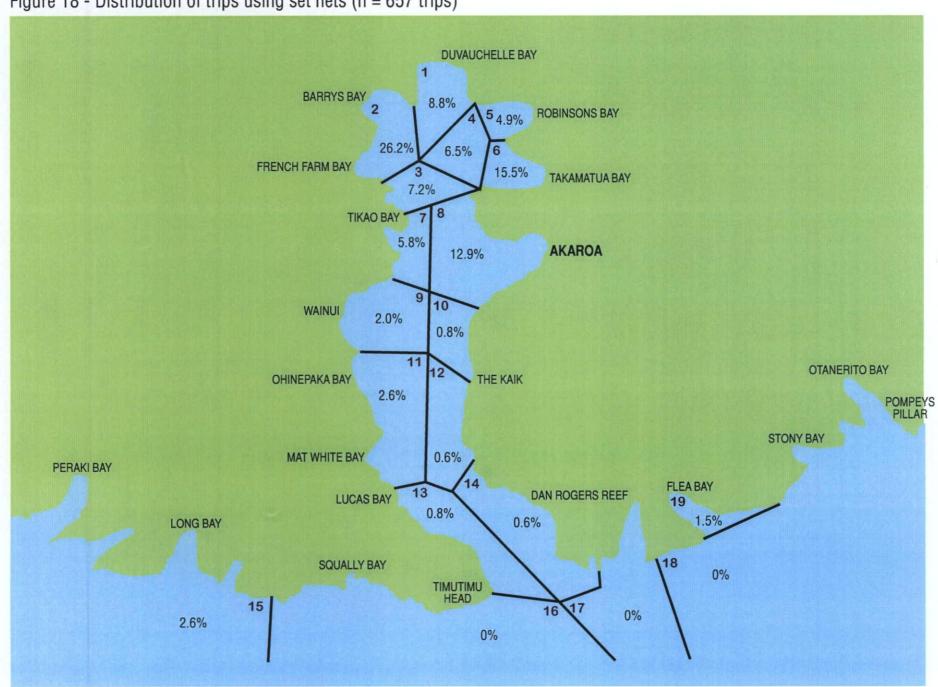


Figure 19 - Distribution of trips using rod/handline/longline from a charter boat (n = 91 trips)

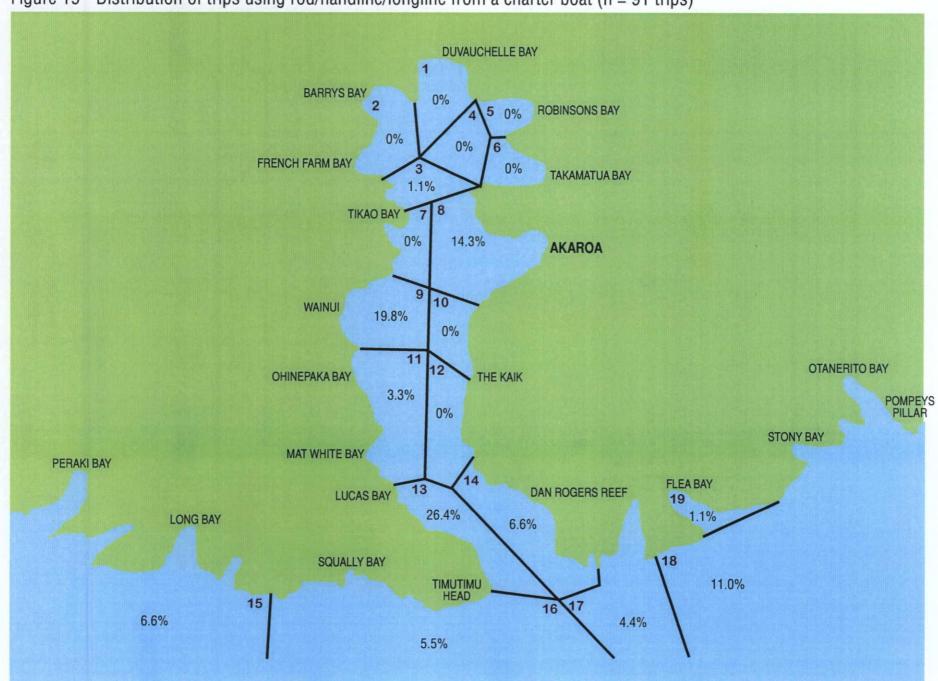


Figure 20 - Distribution of trips diving from a private boat (n = 88 trips) **DUVAUCHELLE BAY**

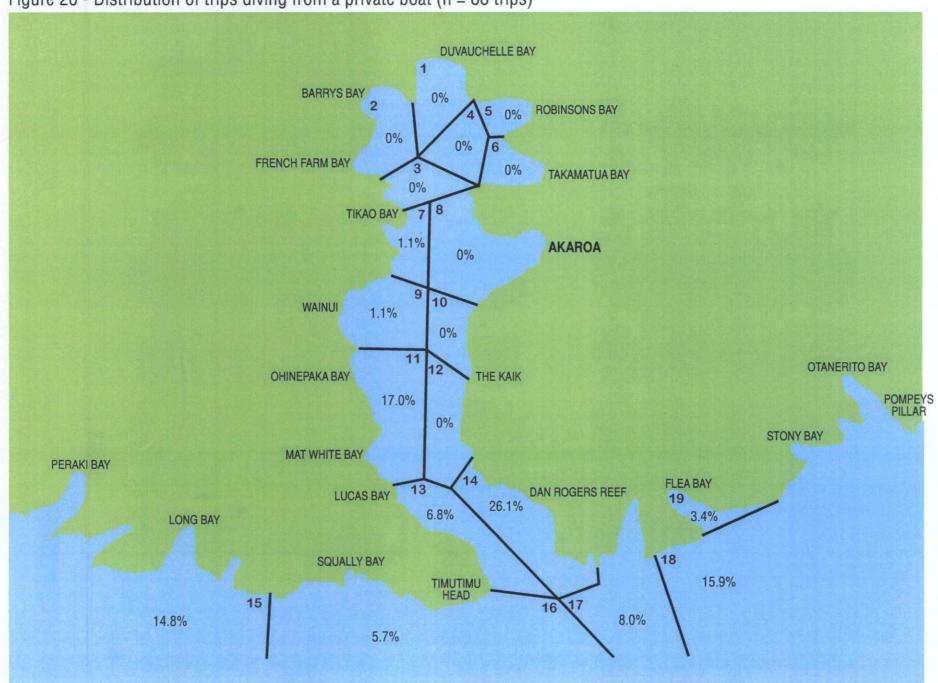


Figure 21 - Distribution of handgathering trips (n = 33 trips)

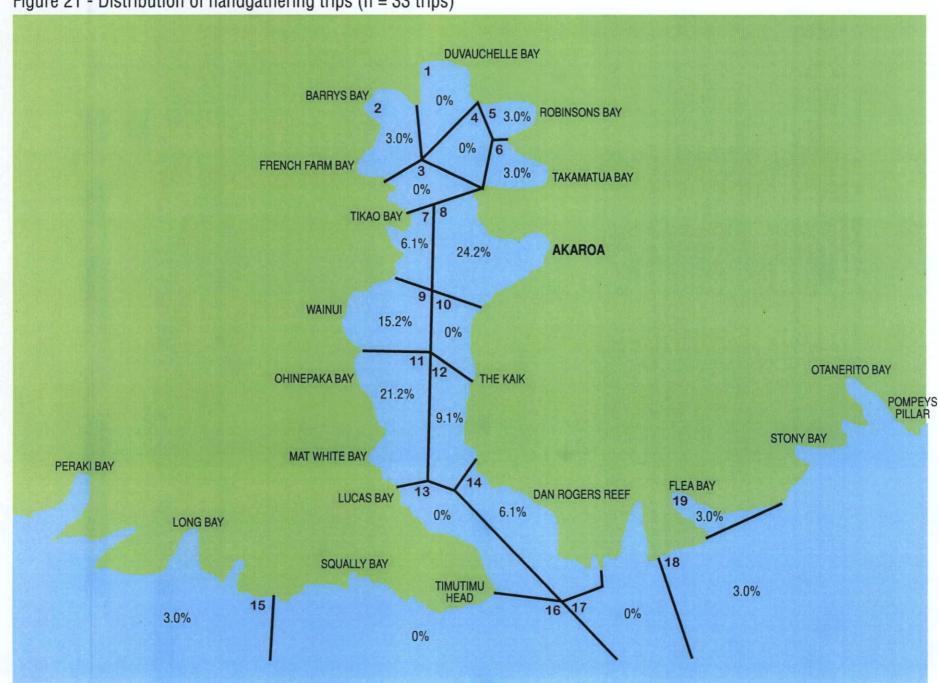
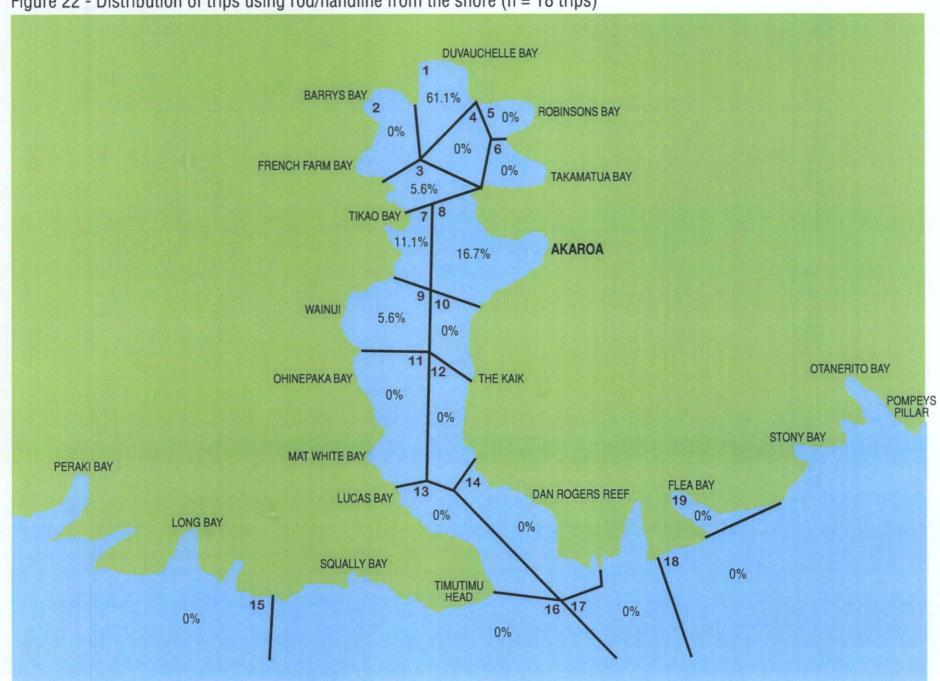


Figure 22 - Distribution of trips using rod/handline from the shore (n = 18 trips)



8.7 Catch per unit effort

Table 12: Key species; Catch per unit effort*

| | Number of trips targeting the species | Total number hours spent targeting the species | Total number of the species caught when being targeted | Number of each species caught per hour when being targeted |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Red Cod | 777 | 1778 | 3110 | 1.75 |
| Blue Cod | 281 | 559 | 502 | 0.90 |
| Flatfish | 538 | 6801 | 4365 | 0.64 |
| Trumpeter | 63 | 134 | 68 | 0.51 |
| Greenbone | 62 | 171 | 237 | 1.39 |
| Blue Moki | 83 | 225 | 261 | 1.16 |
| Rock Lobster | 63 | 114 | 230 | 2.01 |

^{*}This table has been limited to those species targeted by more than 50 trips.

9. CONCLUSIONS

- 1. The main target species are . . .
 - 1. Red Cod (44.6% of all trips)
 - 2. Flatfish (30.9% of all trips)
 - 3. Blue Cod (16.1% of all trips)
 - 4. Blue Moki (4.8% of all trips)
- 2. The main species caught are . . .
 - 1. Flatfish (4384 fish)
 - 2. Red Cod (4374 fish)
 - 3. Blue Cod (537 fish)
 - 4. Mullet (503 fish)
 - 5. Jock Stewart (382 fish)
 - 6. Blue Moki (290 fish)
 - 7. Greenbone (276 fish)
 - 8. Paua (254 fish)

- 3. The main fishing methods used are . . .
 - 1. Rod/handline from a private boat (46.9% of all trips)
 - 2. Set netting (37.7% of all trips)
 - 3. Rod/handline/longline fishing from a charter boat (5.2% of all trips)
 - 4. Diving from a private boat (5.1% of all trips)
- 4. The areas with the highest level of fishing effort are . . .
 - 1. Wainui (13.6% of all trips)
 - 2. Akaroa village (12.3% of all trips)
 - 3. Barrys Bay (11.2% of all trips)
 - 4. French Farm Bay to Tikao Bay (7.4% of all trips)
 - 5. Ohinepaka Bay to Mat White Bay (6.9% of all trips)
- 5. The areas with the highest level of "rod/handline fishing from a private boat" effort are . . .
 - 1. Wainui (23.9% of trips)
 - 2. Akaroa village (12.6% of trips)
 - 3. French Farm Bay to Tikao Bay (9.5% of trips)
 - 4. Ohinepaka Bay to Mat White Bay (9.4% of trips)
 - 5. Dan Rogers Reef (8.3% of trips)
- 6. The areas with the highest level of set netting effort are . . .
 - 1. Barrys Bay to French Farm Bay (26.2% of all trips)
 - 2. Takamatua Bay (15.5% of trips)
 - 3. Akaroa village (12.9% of trips)
 - 4. Duvauchelle Bay (8.8% of trips)

- 7. The CPUEs of the key target species are . . .
 - 1. Red Cod 1.75 fish per hour
 - 2. Blue Cod 0.90 fish per hour
 - 3. Flatfish 0.64 fish per hour
 - 4. Trumpeter 0.51 fish per hour
 - 5. Greenbone 1.39 fish per hour
 - 6. Blue Moki 1.16 fish per hour
 - 7. Rock Lobster 2.01 fish per hour

10. PUBLICATIONS

None so far.

11. DATA STORAGE

Data is held by both the Ministry of Fisheries and NIWA.

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- 12.1 Interviewers' script(s)
- 12.2 Questionnaire and show cards used when interviewing fishers
- 12.3 Covering letter included with the diary given to fishers
- 12.4 Pages from the diary given to fishers

12.1 Interviewers' script(s)

To be eligible for the survey the person must be

- 15 years or older
- intend fishing, diving or gathering seafood from in or around Akaroa Harbour in the coming 12 months

Script when interviewing someone who is or has obviously been fishing.

"Hello, my name is I am conducting a survey on recreational fishing in Akaroa Harbour for the Ministry of Fisheries - have you been interviewed about this before?"

IF YES:

"That's great, thanks."

IF NO:

"Would you have a couple of minutes to answer a few

simple questions?"

IF IT IS A GROUP:

"If it's OK I'd like to interview everyone in the group

(who is 15 and over)."

Script when interviewing people in their home, motel, camping ground, batch etc.

Hello, my name is I am conducting a survey on recreational fishing in Akaroa Harbour for the Ministry of Fisheries - is there anyone in this household/batch etc. who is likely to go fishing, diving or gathering seafood in or around Akaroa Harbour in the coming 12 months?"

IF NO:

"Thanks very much." [End interview]

IF YES:

"Is that person or persons available?" [Reintroduce

yourself.] "Would you have a couple of minutes to

answer a few simple questions?"

MINISTRY OF FISHERIES

AKAROA HARBOUR RECREATIONAL FISHING SURVEY

| 1. | | e last 12 months, how m nd Akaroa Harbour? | nany times did you pe | rsonally go | saltwater fishing, diving | or shellfish gathering in |
|----|--|---|--|----------------|---|---|
| | Neve | r[] 1-5 times[] | 6-15 times [] 16-3 | 30 times [] | 31 or more times [] | Don't know [] |
| 2. | Whei with? | | or shellfish gathering | around Aka | roa Harbour, how many | people do you usually ç |
| | No o | ne else [] 1 [] 2 | [] 3[] 4[] | 5[] 6 or | more [] it varies [| Don't know [] |
| 3. | In the Harb | | of the following (show | w card) fishii | ng methods have you u | sed in and around Akard |
| | a) b) c) d) e) f) g) h) i) k) l) m) | Rod, handline or lor Longline fishing from Shore fishing with a Shore fishing with a Diving from a private Diving from a charted Diving from the shoredging | ngline fishing from a on a privately owned by rod or handline longline (e.g. kon-tikely owned boat | charter boat | | Ders, trolling etc) [][][][][][][][][] |
| 4. | Reco | ord sex: -a) Male[] | b) Female [] | | | |
| 5. | Whic | ch of the following age | groups are you in (sh | ow card)? | | |
| | a) b) c) d) | 14 years or under 15-20 years 21-30 years 31-40 years | [] [] [] | e) f) g) | 41-50 years 51-60 years 61 years or older | [] [] [] |
| 6. | Whic | ch of the following ethni | c groups do you belo | ng to (show | card)? | |
| | a) b) | European or Pakeha NZ Maori | | c) d) | Pacific groups [] Other [] | |

The Ministry of Fisheries is carrying out a year-long study on saltwater recreational fishing in and around Akaroa Harbour. We need people to keep a diary recording when and where they went fishing and what they caught. This information is vital if the Ministry is to improve the management of the Akaroa fishery. Would you be prepared to keep one of these fishing diaries? You fill it in each time you go fishing. It doesn't matter to us whether you go out once or 100 times, or whether you catch nothing or 100 fish. We just want you to keep an accurate record so we can calculate statistics.

| a) Ye | s [] | b) | No [] | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------|-----------|----------|--|--|
| IF YES: | Name: _ | (First | name) | (Surname) | <u> </u> | | |
| | Address: | (Number) | | (Street) | | | |
| | | (Suburb) | | (City) | | | |
| | | (Postcode i | f known) | | | | |
| | Phone N | o. (0) <u> </u> | | | | | |
| RECORD DIARY NUMBER | | | | | | | |
| GO OVEF | R THE MECHA | NICS OF FI | LLING IN T | HE DIARY | | | |

Thank you very much for helping with our research. We really appreciate it. If you have any questions about the study, the person to contact is John Bell working for the Ministry in Dunedin. Would you like his phone number? (03) 479 8165

- a) Rod or handline fishing from a privately owned boat (includes bait, jigs, poppers, trolling etc.)
- b) Rod, handline or longline fishing from a charter boat
- c) Longline fishing from a privately owned boat
- d) Shore fishing with a rod or handline
- e) Shore fishing with a longline (e.g. kon-tiki or kite)
- f) Diving from a privately owned boat
- g) Diving from a charter boat
- h) Diving from the shore
- i) Dredging
- j) Set netting/gill netting
- k) Drag netting/beach seining
- I) Hand gathering
- m) Potting
- n) Spearing (for flounder or other flatfish)

| a) 14 years or unde | a) | 14 | years | or | und | le |
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e) 41-50 years

b) 15-20 years

f) 51-60 years

c) 21-30 years

g) 61 years or older

d) 31-40 years

a) European or Pakeha

c) Pacific groups

b) NZ Maori

d) Other



MINISTRY OF FISHERIES
Te Tautiaki i nga tini a Tangaroa

1st Floor, 45 Filleul Street, Private Bag 1926, Dunedin, New Zealand. Phone (03) 474-0333, Fax (03) 474-6275.

Dear Fisher

Thank you for agreeing to take part in this important study on recreational fishing in and around Akaroa Harbour. This area is an extremely important recreational fishery, and your trip records along with those from around 750 other recreational fishers will provide the Ministry with the essential information it needs in order to manage the fishery for your long-term benefit.

Please begin keeping the diary immediately, and remember to fill in the results for every fishing, diving or gathering trip you make in and around Akaroa Harbour, between now and March 1988. Please record every trip you make even if you catch nothing.

Every 3 months we will send you a newsletter or phone to remind you to send in your trip records in the reply-paid envelopes supplied. Every person who returns their trip records or advises us that they <u>didn't</u> go fishing (by sending in a trip record with "didn't fish" written across it) will go into a draw to win fishing equipment from Kilwell Sports.

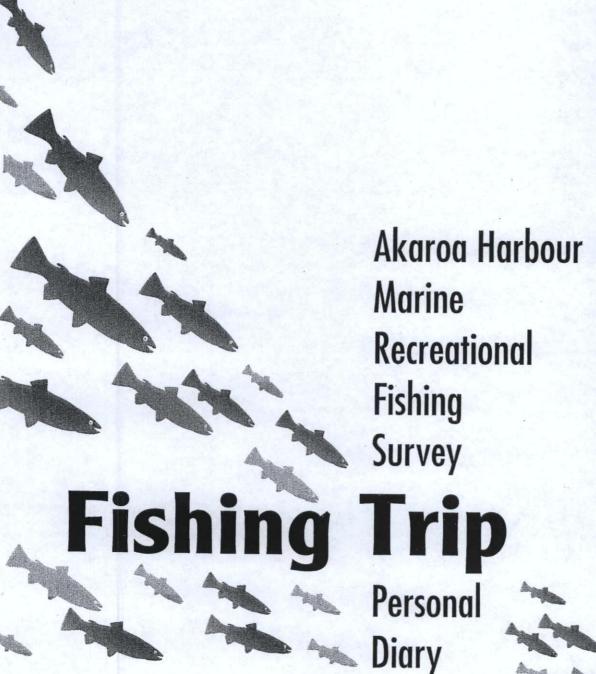
If you have any questions or would like another diary please either phone me on (03) 479 8165 during business hours or (03) 464 0994 after hours, or send me a note in one of the reply-paid envelopes.

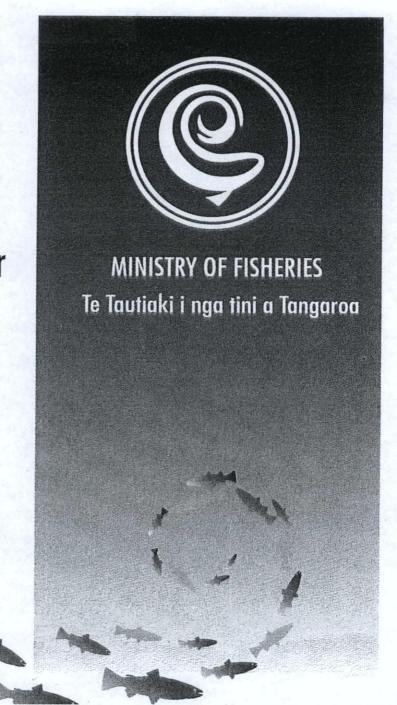
Thank you once again for agreeing to take part.

Good Fishing

John Bell

Survey Coordinator





Thank you for participating in this important study on recreational fishing in and around Akaroa Harbour. The records of your fishing trips along with those of about 700 other diarists will provide the Ministry of Fisheries with vital information on catch rates and the level of fishing activity. This information will allow the Ministry to improve the management of this extremely popular fishery.

Every 3 months we will send you a newsletter, and also, every 3 months you will go into a draw to win fishing equipment from Kilwell Sports or boating equipment from Hutchwilco

Thank you once again for taking part.

John Bell (Survey Coordinator) Tel (03) 479 8165 (Day) or (03) 464 0994 (After Hours) PO Box 6233, Dunedin

INSTRUCTIONS

- I. Please fill in a page of the diary each and every time you go out to catch fish or gather shellfish in or around Akaroa Harbour.
- 2. Record YOUR individual catch and fishing effort only. DO NOT record the catch and fishing effort of anyone else.
- 3. Please keep this diary from the day you receive it until March 1988. Every 3 months we will write to or ring you, asking you to send in your records for that period. Simply tear out the relevant page(s) from the diary and post them back in the reply paid envelopes supplied.
- 4. It is very important to fill in the diary for EVERY TRIP you make, even if you catch nothing.
- 5. Please send in your trip record sheet every 3 months even if you didn't go fishing! (Just write "didn't fish" across the sheet). This is because it is vitally important we know what times of the year people DON'T go fishing.
- 6. REMEMBER, every 3-monthly return that we receive, whether it be blank (showing that you didn't go fishing during the period) or one detailing several trips, will go into a draw to win fishing equipment from Kilwell Sports or boating equipment from Hutchwilco.
- Only record one trip on each page.
- 8. If you are a commercial fisher, please DO NOT include any trips where you caught fish or shellfish to sell.
- 9. If you have any questions about the diary or the survey please phone John Bell (03) 479 8165 during the day, or (03) 464 0994 after hours.

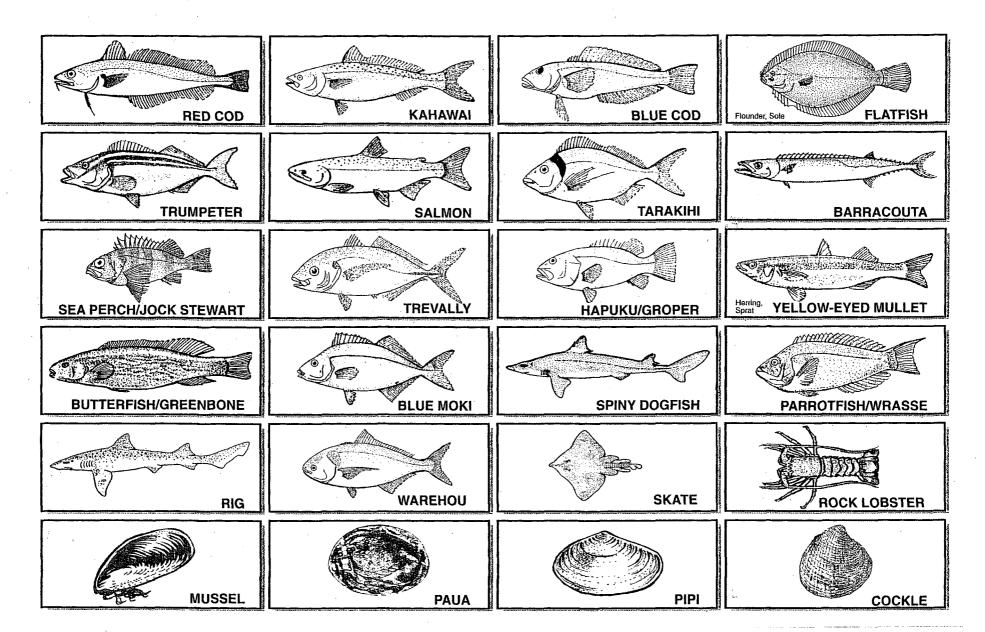
FILLING IN A TRIP RECORD

- 1. Date of Trip: Please record the day/month/year of the trip.
- 2. Site Fished: Please mark on the map the site or sites where you tried to catch a fish or shellfish during the trip.
- 3. Hours spent fishing, diving, gathering etc: Please record to the nearest half hour the time you actually spent fishing, diving or gathering etc. DO NOT count the time you spent travelling or resting. If you used a net or pot, please record the length of time the net or pot was in the water.
- 4. Type of fishing method: Please specify the fishing method you used. The options are:

| 1) | Rod or handline fishing from a privately owned boat (includes bait, jigs, poppers, trolling etc.) | 9) | Dredging |
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| 2) | Rod, handline or longline fishing from a charter boat | 10) | Set netting / gill netting |
| 3) | Longline fishing from a privately owned boat | 11) | Drag netting / beach seining |
| 4) | Shore fishing with a rod or handline | 12) | Hand gathering |
| 5) | Shore fishing with a longline (e.g. kon-tiki or kite) | 13) | Potting |
| 6) | Diving from a privately owned boat | 14) | Spearing (for flounder or other flatfish) |
| 7) | Diving from a charter boat | 15) | Other (please specify) |
| 8) | Diving from the shore | | |

If you used more than one fishing method on a trip, please treat each method as being a separate trip and fill out a trip record for each method.

- 5. Species targeted: Please specify ALL the species of fish and/or shellfish that you set out to catch. Please be as precise as you can when naming the species. For example, don't just put "cod" was it red cod or blue cod.
- **Species caught:** Please record ALL the different species of fish and/or shellfish that you caught and killed. Include any dead fish that you discarded or used as bait. Please do not include any fish that you returned to the water alive. As with species targeted, please be as precise as you can when naming the species caught.
- 7. Number of each species caught: Please record only your own catch (including fish discarded or used as bait). However, if the catch was the result of a group effort (e.g. netting or longlining), please divide the catch evenly among the people involved, even if in reality some people received more than others, and record your share.
- 8. Remember to use a separate trip record page to record each trip you make. If you use more than one fishing method on a trip please treat each method as being a separate trip.
- 9. The examples over the page shows how the trip record should be filled in.
- 10. If you have any comments that you would like to make, please write these on the trip record page or on a separate sheet.



Date of Trip: 29 / 3 /97 Hours spent fishing, diving, gathering etc: 1 hr

Site Fished: On the map below please mark with an 'x' (as accurately as possible) the site(s) you tried to catch fish at during this trip.

Type of fishing method: Diving from a privately aumed boat

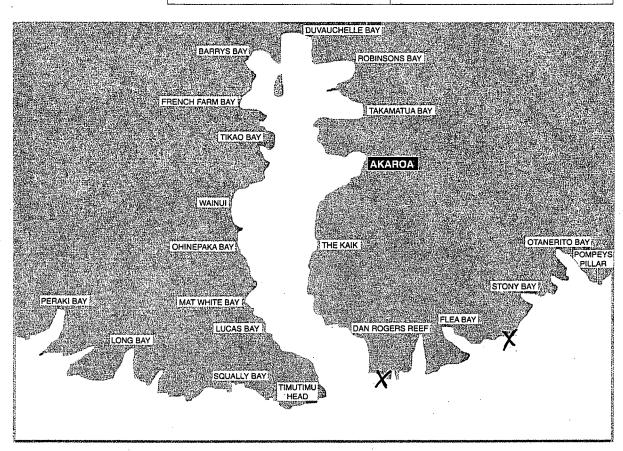
Species targeted:

Rock lobster

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Species caught:

| Species | No. caught and killed |
|--------------|-----------------------|
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TRIP RECORD

Please use a separate trip record for each trip.

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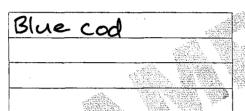
Hours spent fishing, diving, gathering etc:

Site Fished:

On the map below please mark with an 'x' (as accurately as possible) the site(s) you tried to catch fish at during this trip.

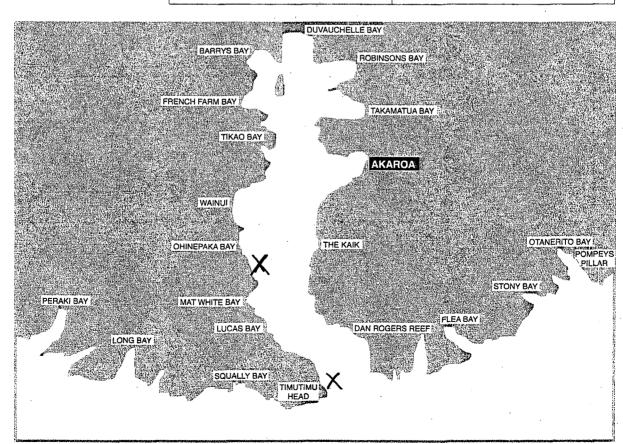
Type of fishing method: Rod fishing from a privately owned boat

Species targeted:



Species caught:

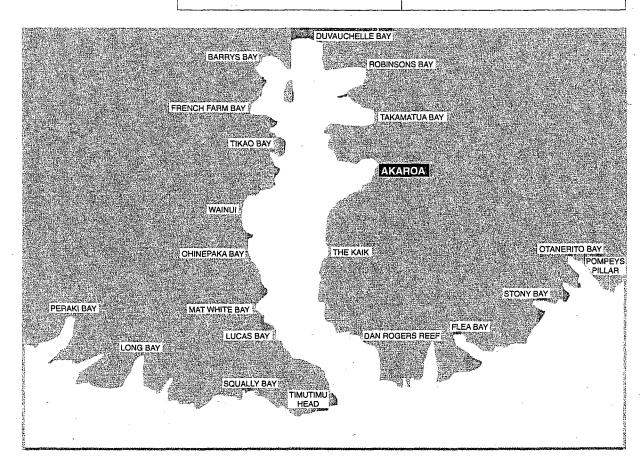
| Species | No. caught and killed |
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| Red cod | 3 |
| Sea perch | 2 |
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| Species caught: | Species | No. caught and killed |
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