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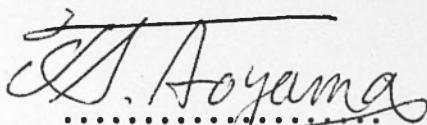
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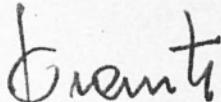
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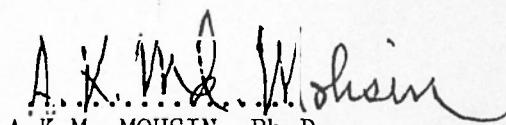
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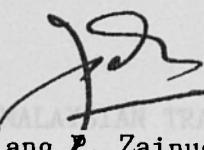
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M'	= vertical mesh opening of a net
M_s	= mesh size of a net
$M_{ext.}$	= mesh size extension after loading
M_o	= optimum mesh size for a fishery
S_C	= selection curve
S_f	= selection factor
S_R	= selection range
K	= growth constant
P	= rate of fishing mortality
M	= rate of mortality
Z	= rate of natural mortality
E	= experimental L_{50} / Predicted L_{50}
C_L	= carapace length
T_L	= total length

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D _{per}	= maximum body depth
D _C	= critical body depth
D _R	= depth ratio
L ₂₅	= 25 percent retention length
L ₅₀	= 50 percent retention length
L ₇₅	= 75 percent retention length
L _C	= length of first capture
L _∞	= the maximum length of a species
L _O	= optimum length of first capture
L/G	= length - girth
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Suatu "model" untuk meramalkan graf pemilihan spesis ikan dan udang berasaskan ukuran panjang dan lebar spesis tersebut telah dicipta. "Model" ini akan menyenangkan kerja penyiasatan pemilihan pada pukat dengan hanya mendapatkan makluman tersebut dari sampel ikan atau udang dari mana-mana tangkapan.

Hasil penyelidikan ini menunjukkan bahawa saiz mata keroncong 25 mm menangkap 98.20 peratus berbanding dengan saiz

mata kerongcong 51 mm yang menghasilkan 56.10 peratus dari ikan-ikan yang memasuki pukat tunda ikan. Dengan pukat tunda udang pula, saiz mata kerongcong 25 mm menangkap 92.60 peratus manakala saiz mata kerongcong 38 mm menangkap 51.35 peratus dari jumlah ikan yang memasuki pukat tersebut.

Bersamaan ini, ikan baja merupakan 46.40 peratus dari tangkapan pukat tunda ikan dan 68.20 peratus dari tangkapan pukat tunda udang yang menggunakan saiz mata kerongcong 25 mm. Ini berbanding dengan 34.60 peratus bagi pukat tunda ikan yang menggunakan saiz mata kerongcong 51 mm dan 56.80 peratus untuk pukat tunda udang yang menggunakan saiz mata kerongcong 38 mm.

Walaupun kenaikan kelajuan menunda mengurangkan pemilihan dan tambahan masa menunda menambah pemilihan pada pukat saiz mata kerongcong yang besar, saiz mata kerongcong yang kecil telah menghasilkan keputusan yang berlawanan. Kesan-kesan kelajuan dan masa menunda hanya kecil dan diatasi oleh kesan tangkapan yang besar. Tangkapan besar mengurangkan pemilihan pada semua saiz mata kerongcong dan pukat tunda ikan mahupun pukat tunda udang.

Berbeza dari anggapan ramai, saiz mata pukat kecil yang biasa digunakan dalam industri perikanan di Malaysia, mengakibatkan faktor pemilihan yang dependen kepada saiz mata pukat. Berasaskan kepada faktor pemilihan yang didapati, saiz mata pukat yang optimum bagi industri pukat tunda negara adalah 55 mm bagi pukat tunda ikan dan 38 mm untuk pukat tunda udang.