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Figure 8.2.1.1.1.1. Position of the 8 boxes in the North Sea.

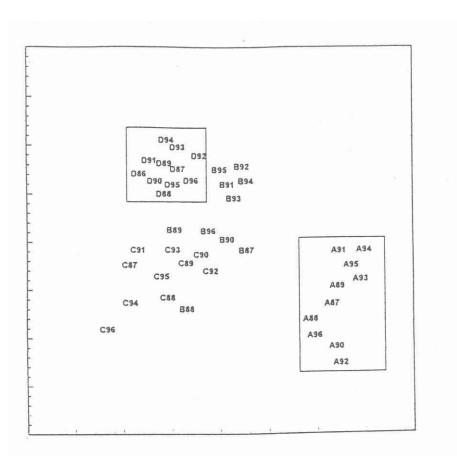
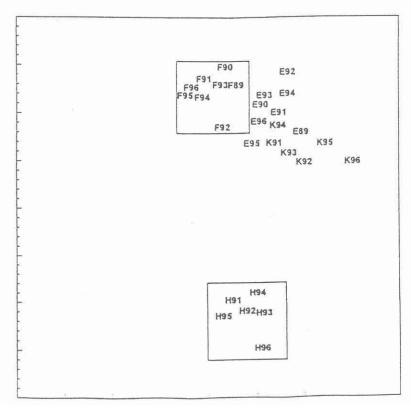
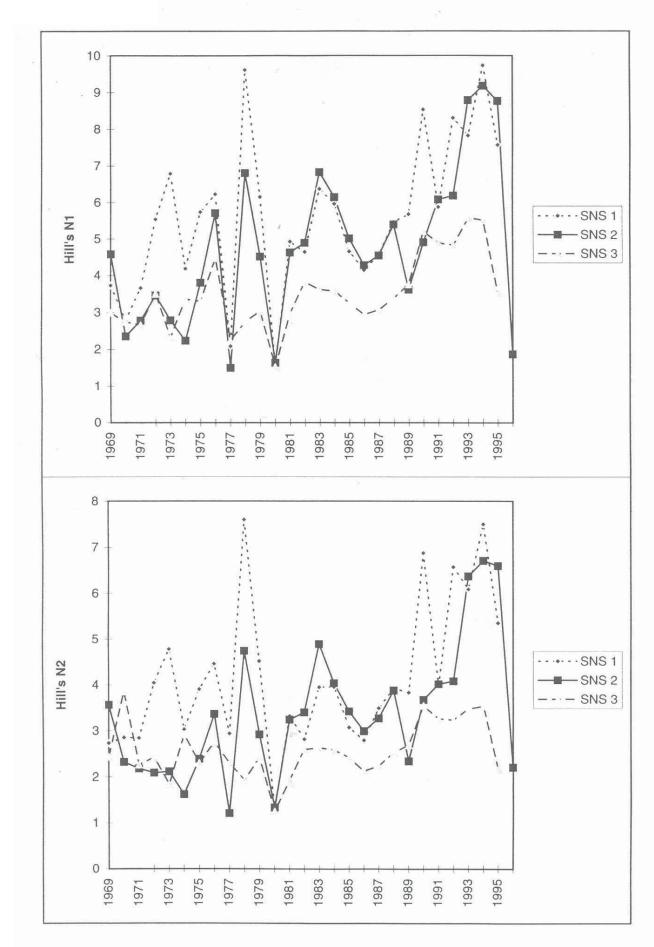
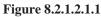


Figure 8.2.1.1.1.2 MDS plot of similarities (Bray–Curtis index) within and between the boxes A, B, C, and D.



**Figure 8.2.1.1.1.3** MDS plot of similarities (Bray–Curtis index) within and between the boxes E, F, H, and K.





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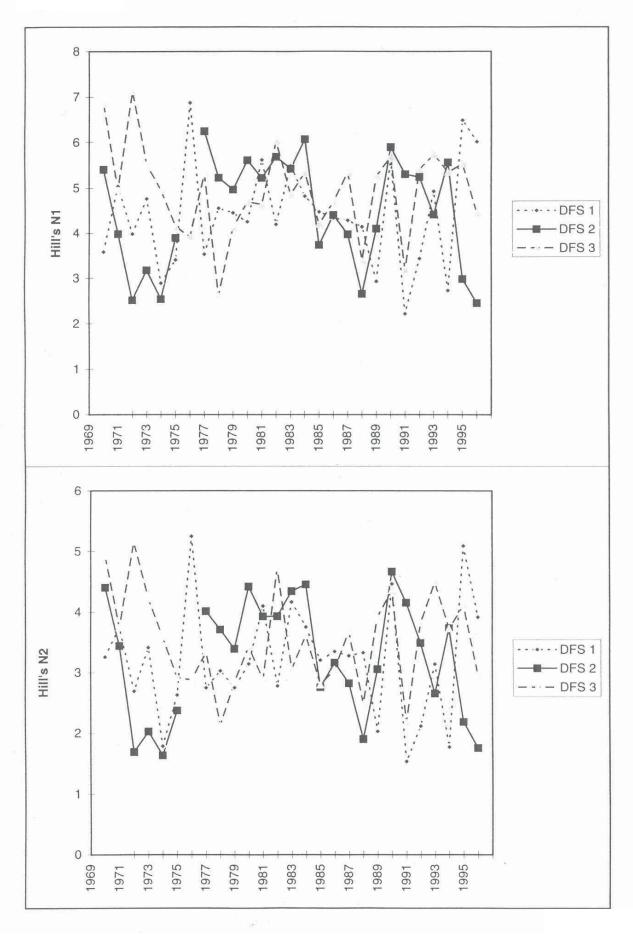


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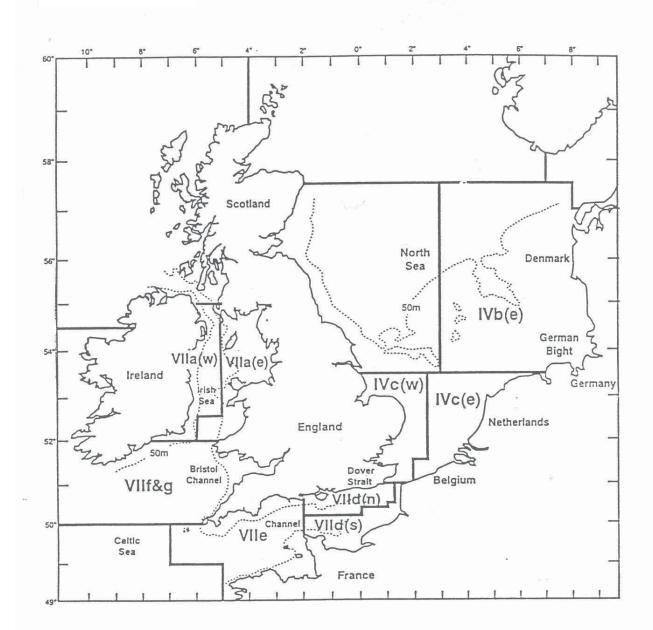


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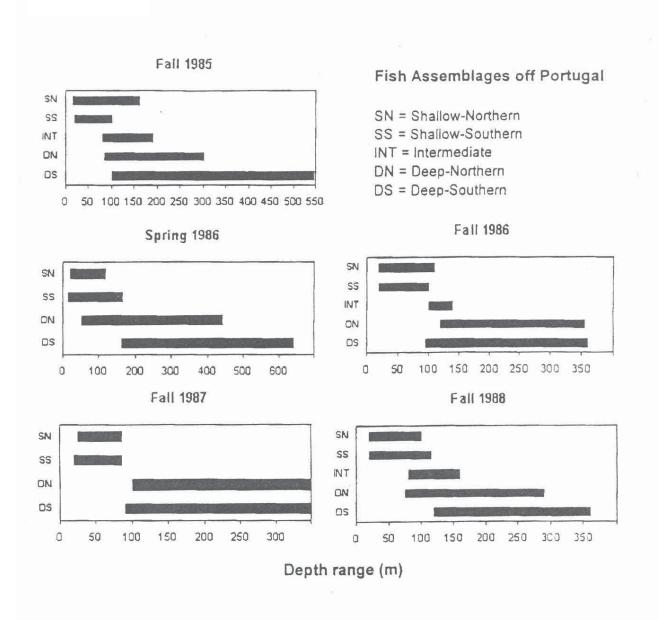


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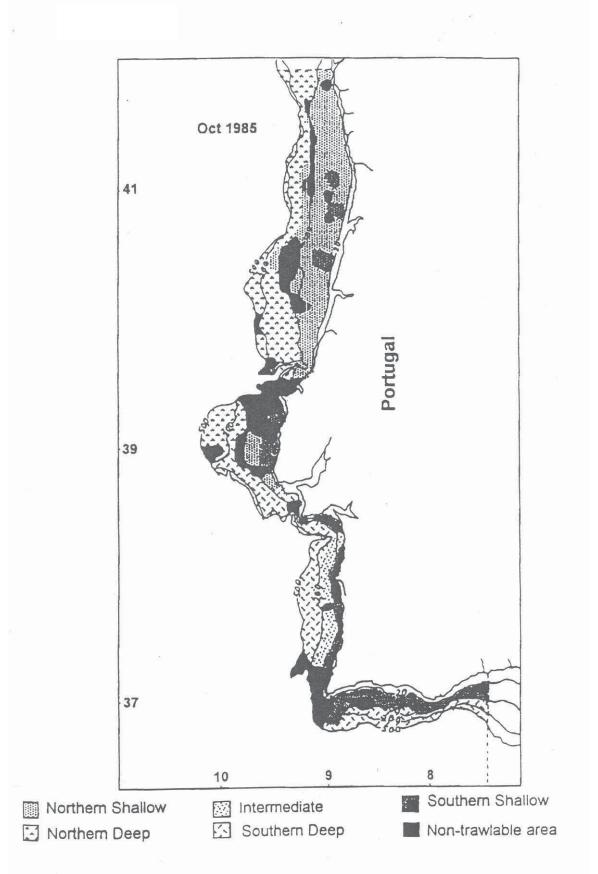


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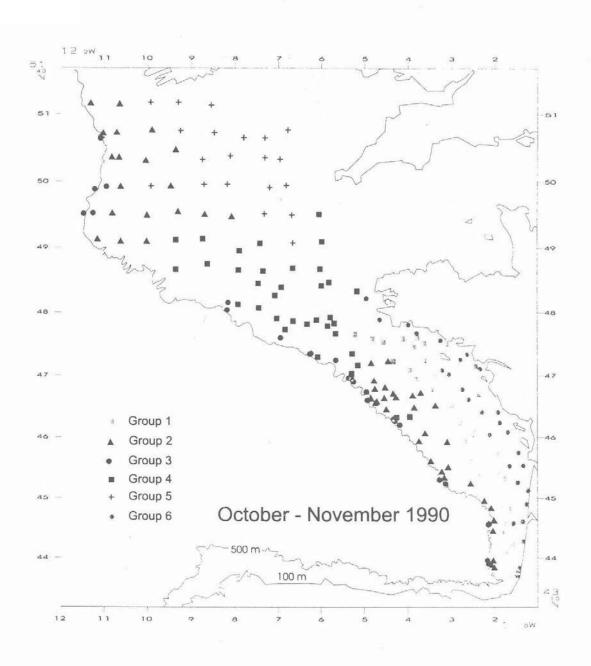


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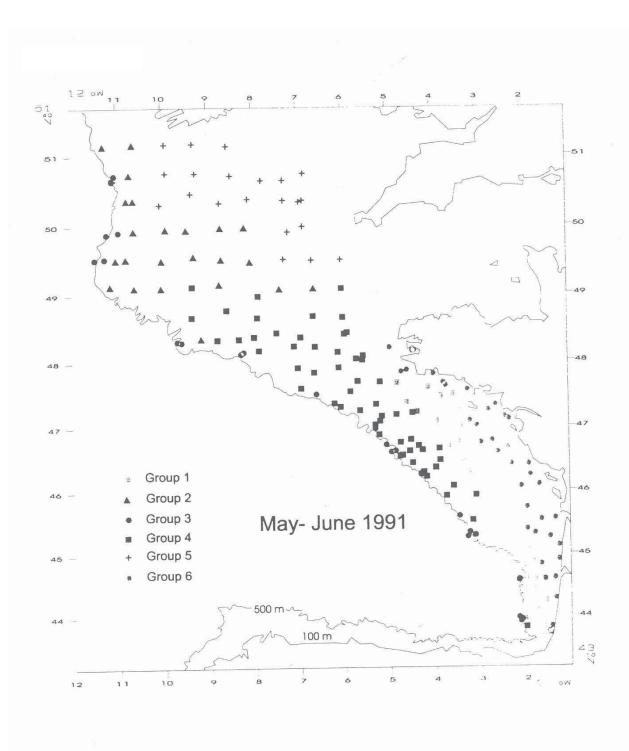


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Demersal species only

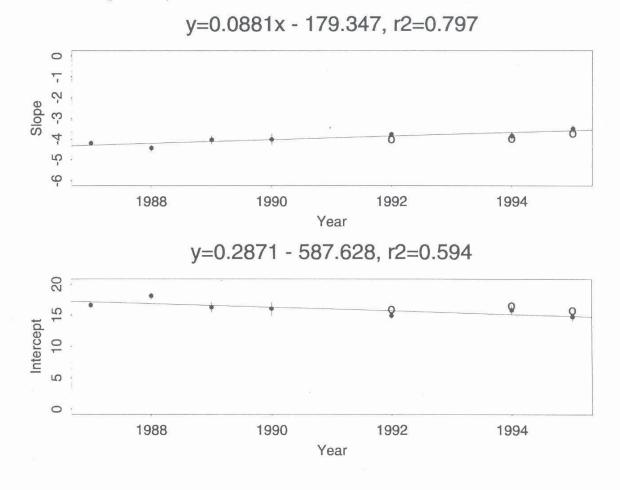


Figure 8.2.2.1.4.1 Patterns of slopes (upper) and intercepts (lower)  $\pm$  standard error over years from annual regressions of ln(numbers) on ln(length) for demersal species only. Open circles: all species; dots: set of selected species.

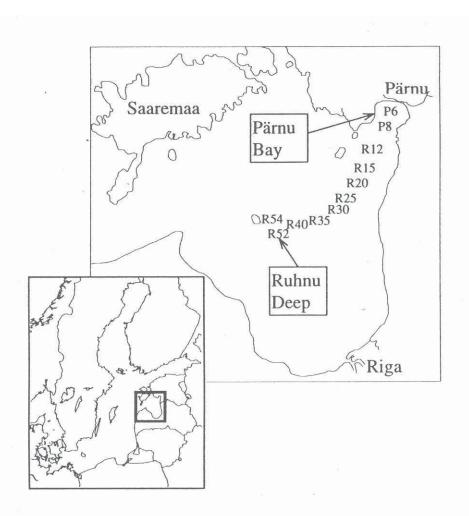
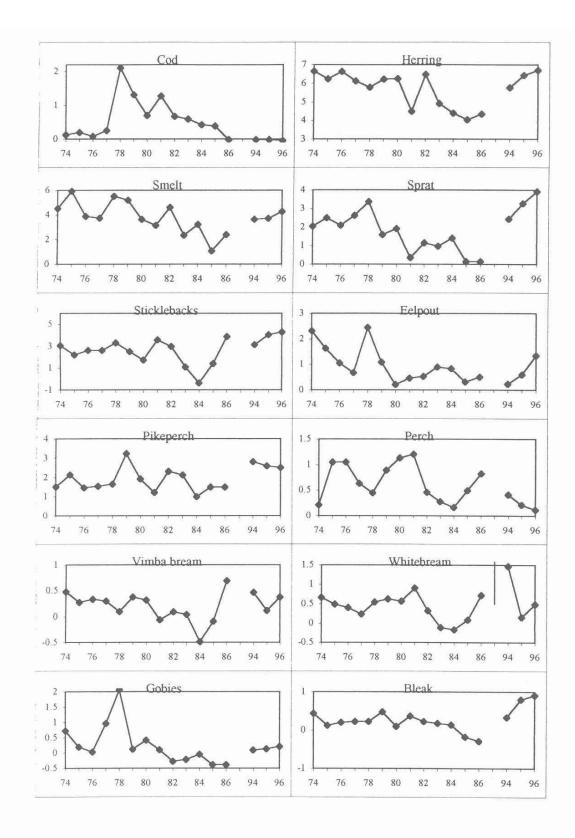
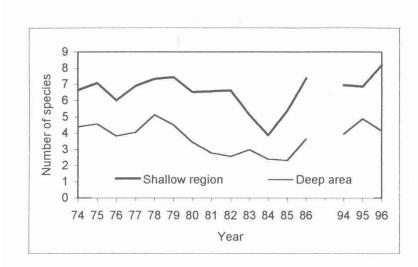


Figure 8.2.2.1.5.1 Location of trawling stations in the Gulf of Riga. The number indicate depth of a given station.



**Figure 8.2.2.1.5.2** Dynamics of the abundance-based year-effect with the least significant difference (LSD) bar for the most abundant fish species in the NE Gulf of Riga over the years 1974–1986 and 1994–1996.



**Figure 8.2.2.1.5.3** Dynamics of the mean number of fish species present in experimental bottom trawl catches in the shallow and deep areas during 1974–1986 and 1994–1996.

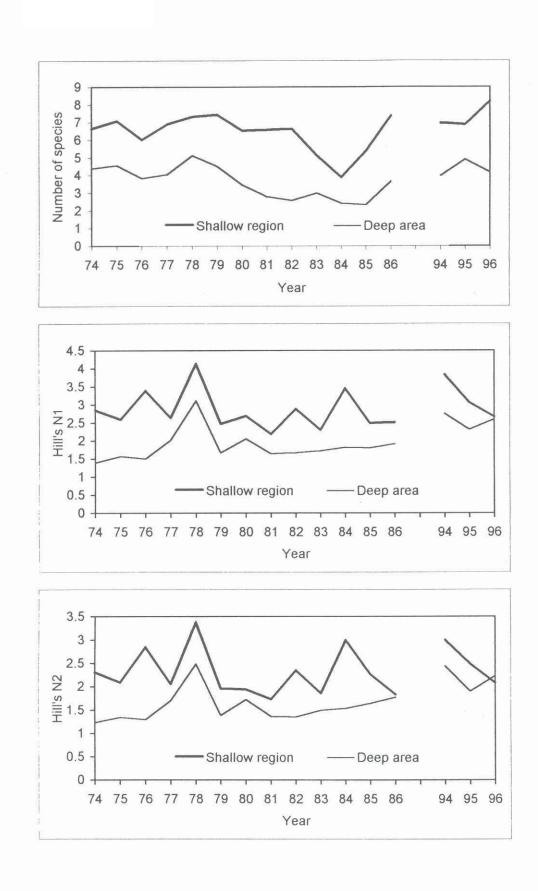
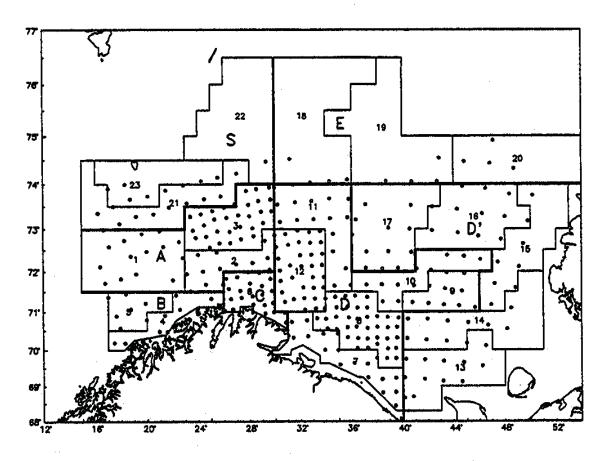
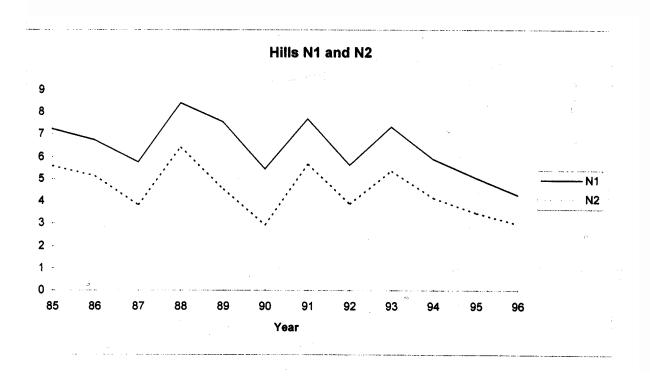


Figure 8.2.2.1.1



**Figure 8.2.2.2.1** (Barents Sea case study). The survey area with subareas (A,B,C,D,D<sup>1</sup>,E, and S) and strata used in the bottom trawl survey.



**Figure 8.2.2.2.2** Hills N1 and N2 calculated from a series of 12 years of the Norwegian bottom trawl survey in the Barents Sea.