

# Table 1: Quarter 3 Catch Model

Table 1. Model selection tests of time-dependency and linearity for the  $S_t$  model using F-tests of nested models fit to log landings data.  $S_t$  is the catch during Qtr 3 (Jul-Sep) of season  $t$ .  $N_{t-1}$  is the catch in the prior sardine season during the post-monsoon period (Oct-Jun, of the previous sardine season).  $N_{t-2}$  is the same for two seasons prior.  $s()$  is a non-linear function of the response variable.

| Model  | Residual<br>df | Adj.<br>R2 | MASE | F    | p<br>value | AIC    |
|--|----------------|------------|------|------|------------|--------|
| Time dependency test 1982-2015 data  |                |            |      |      |            |        |
| $\ln(S_t) = \ln(S_{t-1}) + \epsilon$   | 34             | 1          | 0    |      |            | 129.25 |
| $\ln(S_t) = \alpha + \ln(N_{t-1}) + \epsilon$                                | 33             | 0.877      | 10   |      |            | 117.43 |
| $\ln(S_t) = \alpha + \beta \ln(N_{t-1}) + \epsilon$                          | 32             | 0.822      | 20   | 4.88 | 0.035      | 114.47 |
| $\ln(S_t) = \alpha + \beta_1 \ln(N_{t-1}) + \beta_2 \ln(N_{t-2}) + \epsilon$ | 31             | 0.828      | 20   | 0.12 | 0.73       | 116.34 |
| $\ln(S_t) = \alpha + \beta_1 \ln(N_{t-1}) + \beta_2 \ln(S_{t-2}) + \epsilon$ | 31             | 0.805      | 20   | 0.31 | 0.58       | 116.13 |
| Linearity test 1982-2015 data  |                |            |      |      |            |        |
| $\ln(S_t) = \ln(S_{t-1}) + \epsilon$   | 34             | 1          | 0    |      |            | 129.25 |
| $\ln(S_t) = \beta \ln(N_{t-1}) + \epsilon$                                   | 32             | 0.822      | 20   |      |            | 114.47 |
| $\ln(S_t) = \alpha + s(\ln(N_{t-1})) + \epsilon$                             | 30.6           | 0.788      | 30   |      |            | 113.76 |
| $\ln(S_t) = \alpha + s(\ln(N_{t-1})) + s(\ln(N_{t-2})) + \epsilon$           | 28.2           | 0.786      | 30   | 0.54 | 0.618      | 116.14 |
| $\ln(S_t) = \alpha + s(\ln(N_{t-1})) + s(\ln(S_{t-2})) + \epsilon$           | 27.7           | 0.75       | 30   | 0.97 | 0.419      | 115.33 |