

Comments on Juan-Carlos PhD Research Plan

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General Comments

In the title you mention using a consistent approach to estimate sustainable harvests. I'm not sure the approach needs to be consistent between the two fisheries, especially since Australia applies the CCAMLR decision rules when South America doesn't. I'd possibly even drop the reference to Patagonian toothfish if you could potentially apply these methods to Antarctic toothfish.

Background

I imagine you will expand the background to become the introductory chapter of your thesis.

Chapter 1

I think this is good idea and publishing information on South American toothfish fisheries will be quite useful.

Chapter 2

I think you may be over-reaching in this Chapter, to develop and test an assessment model for the Kerguelen Plateau and the write and submit by November 2015 could be a little unrealistic. The later chapters also depend on this being successful and on time. We should discuss this with the other supervisors next week.

Chapter 3

Using the available Kerguelen data to evaluate model misspecification for South American fisheries is a good idea.

Chapter 4

Undertaking management strategy evaluation for South American toothfish fisheries fits well with aims of the project and should provide useful information to fishery manager considering the implementation of the CCAMLR decision rules.

Other Comments

There are some minor issues with your bibliography you need to correct in your bibtext file. The issues I've noticed are the lack of capitalisation in author initials, the lack of capitalisation of proper nouns (you need to surround bibtext entries in {} to preserve capitalisation).