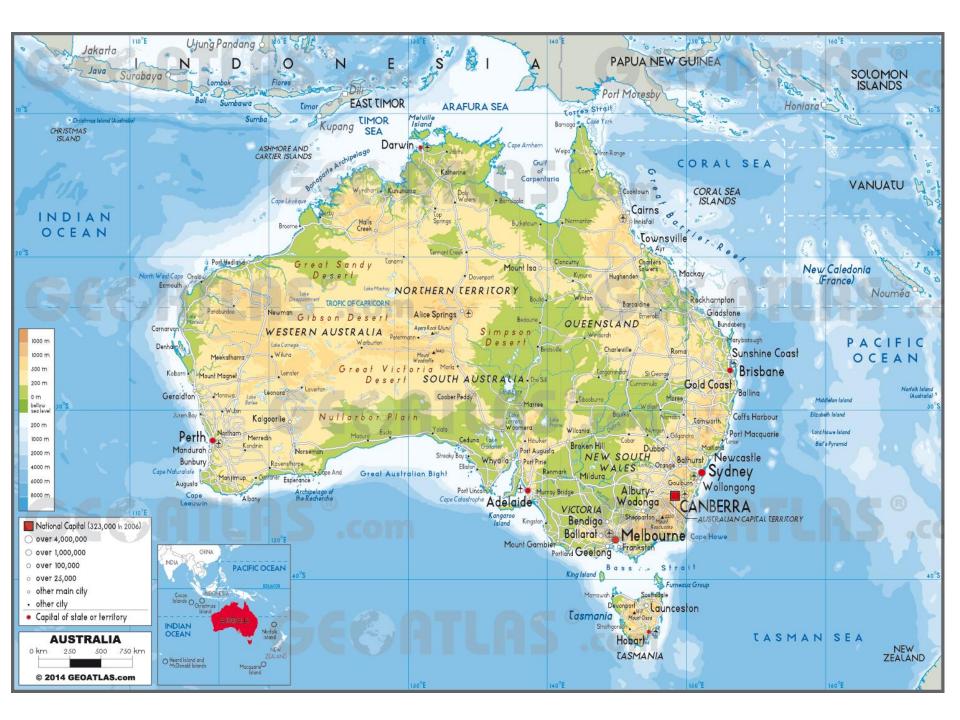
# Case study: Multi-sector fisheries management

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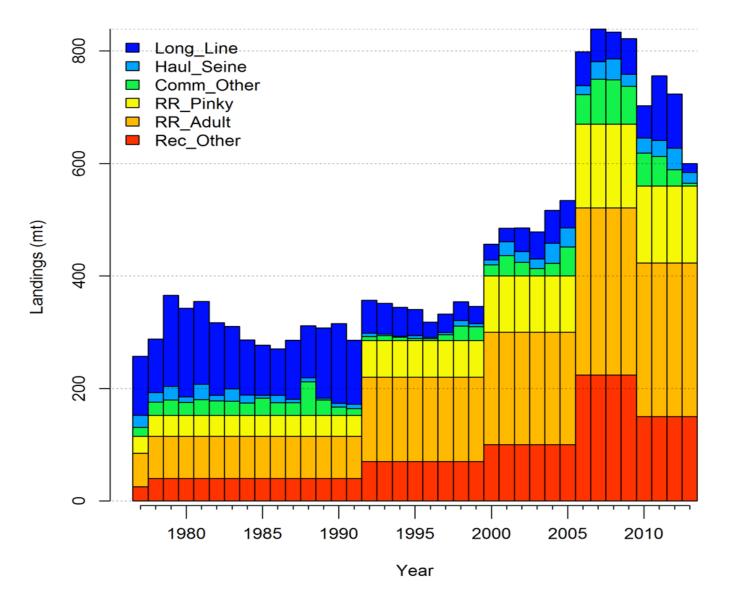


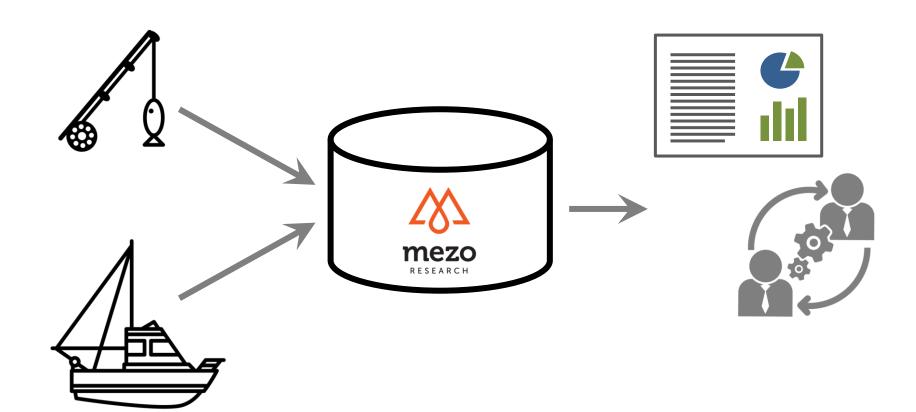


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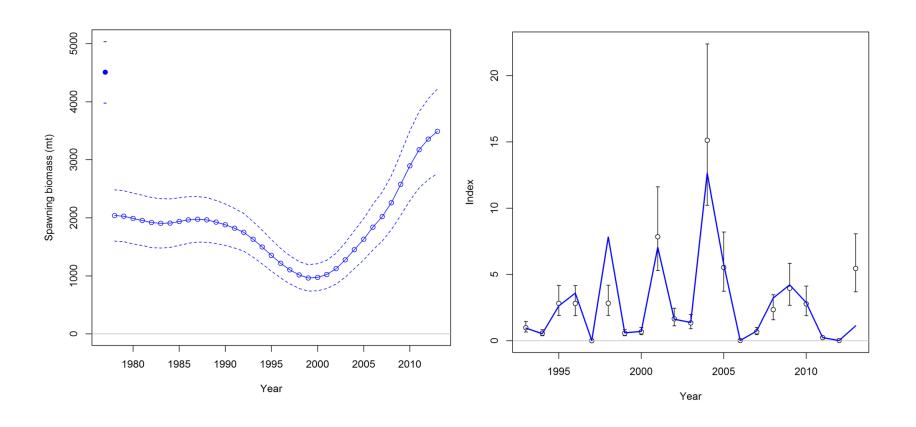
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- Several commercial fleets, but also lots of recreational fishing
- 600,000 rec fishers in Victoria
- Government has a policy to grow participation to 1 million by 2020
- 88% of total catch of snapper, 80% flathead, 50% King George whiting were caught by recreational fishers

#### The last thirty years are dominated by recreational fishing

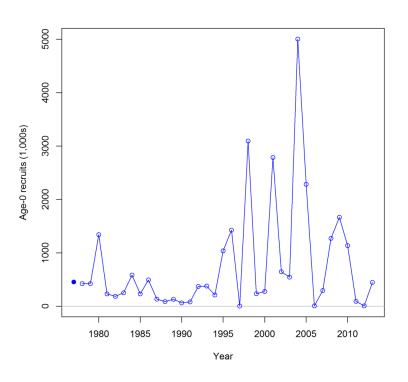


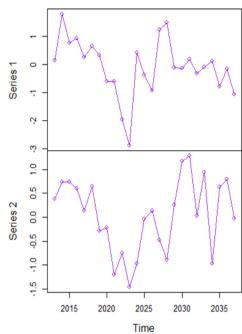


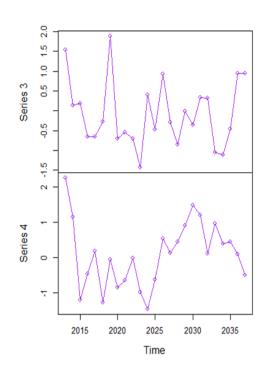
## Model estimate of spawning biomass



#### Model simulations

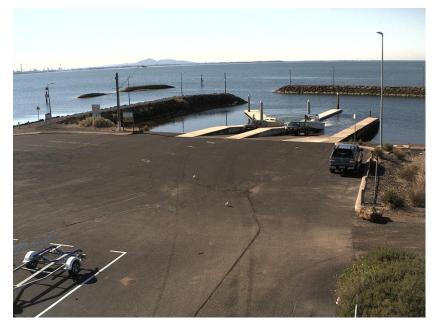






## Estimating recreational fishing

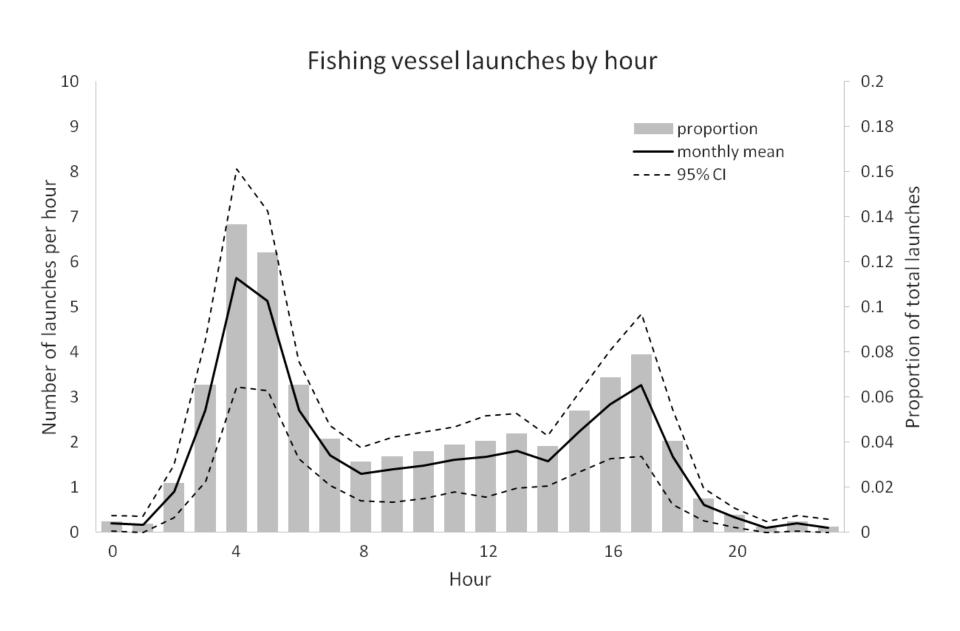
- Total recreational fishing effort
  - Fish composition per trip
  - Number of fishing trips
- Good data on catches per trip:
  - Creel surveys
  - Diary anglers
  - Boat ramp surveys
- Need a technique to estimate total number of trips



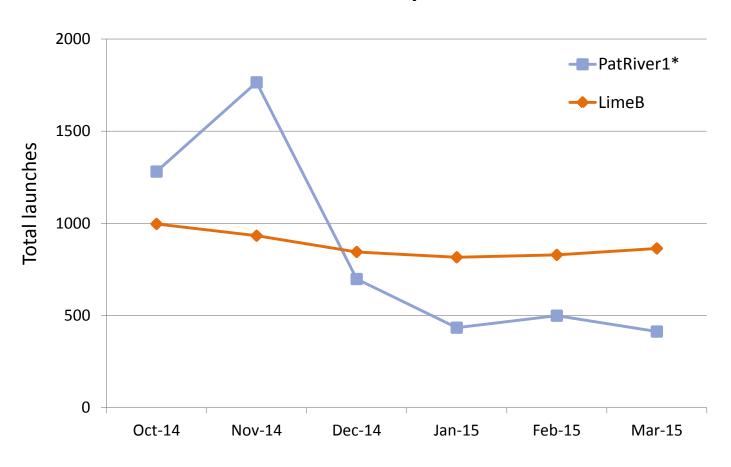




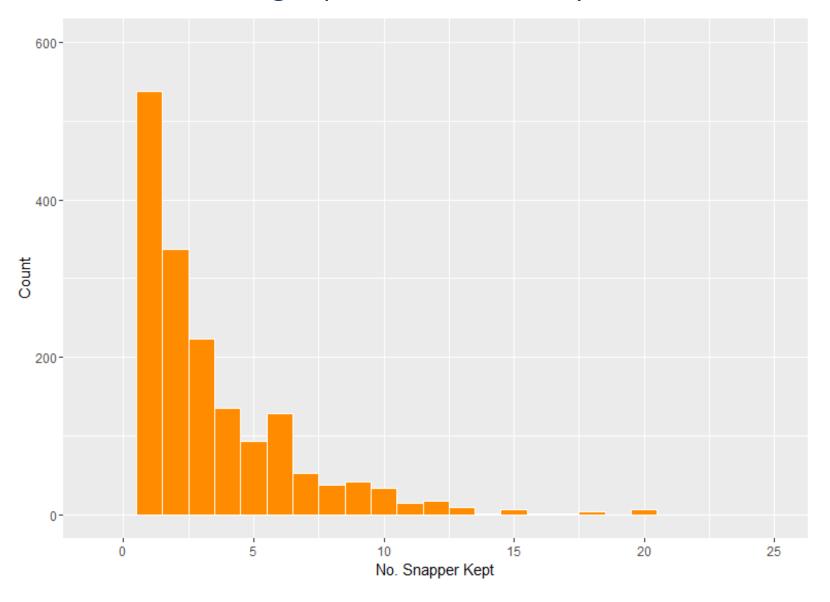




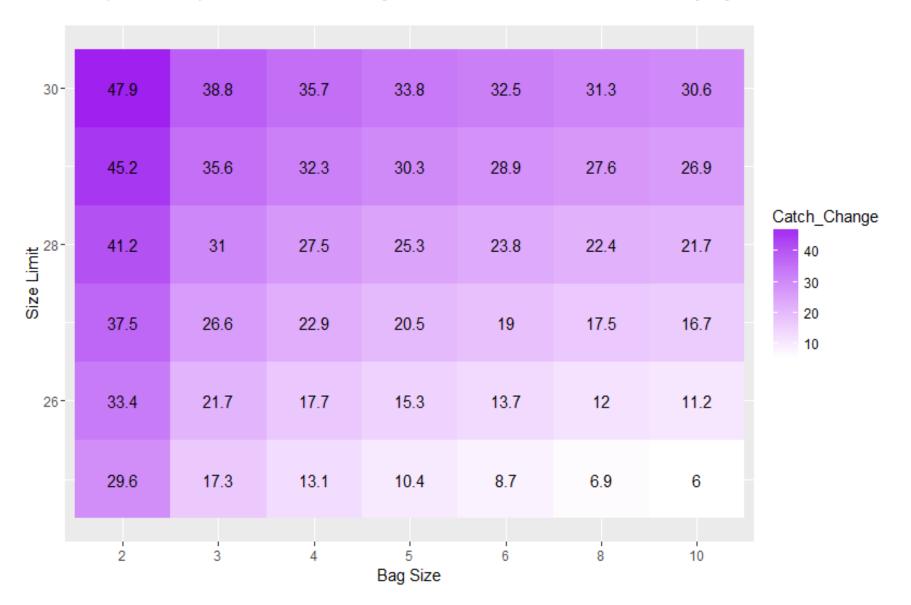
#### **Total Launches by Month**



## Recreational fishing trips are dominated by catches of <5 fish



#### Simple outputs for management decisions aid engagement





## **Group activity**

- Consider a recreational fishery that you are familiar with.
- How is the fishery managed at present?
- Identify what data are currently collected, and how the fishery is being assessed (if at all).
- What are some other ways that the fishery could be managed?



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