

Supplementary material

Table S1. Average duration of fishing operations, and mean number of fishing operations and number of days at sea during the observed trips within the onboard observer programme, 2003-2010, onboard the *Nephrops* trawlers in the Bay of Biscay (VIIIa-b).

		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
By FO	Mean duration of fishing operations (minutes)	169	181	172	167	166	157	183	173
By trip	Mean number of fishing operations	2.63	2.14	2.45	2.47	3.08	2.50	3.29	2.12
	Mean days at sea	1.21	1.16	1.45	1.13	1.31	1.05	2.29	1.63