Trends in artisanal fisheries of Bardawil lagoon with reference to shrimp bottom trawling (kalsa)

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ABSTRACT

Bardawil lagoon is one of the most important fishing grounds in Egypt, since it is the least polluted lagoon in Egypt and in the whole Mediterranean as well as the majority of fish species are exported. Analysis of fish yields and efforts performed in Bardawil lagoon during the period 2003-2012 was done. Production trends of yearly total fish yields revealed an increasing trend with decreasing increments ($R^2=71.9$, P=0.018). The same trends were observed for both crabs ($R^2 = 76.9$, P=0.003), shrimps ($R^2= 58.9$, P=0.04) and sea bream ($R^2=57.7$, P=0.05), while that of family Mugilidae revealed increasing trends along the period of study ($R^2=28.0$) with insignificant relationship.

Analysis of efforts exerted by shrimp trawl net revealed that the number of hauls seems to be the controlling factor as stepwise regression between the different catches resulting from the shrimp bottom trawl net and the number of hauls had shown significant relationships except large shrimps which showed insignificant relationship.

Banning of fishing by shrimp trawl net should be superior more than further studies to develop such fishing method, as there is an alternative eco-friendly shrimp fixed traps which should be used. In addition to its destruction effect to the bottom habitats and bottom flora which acts as shelter and spawning areas for many fish species.

Keywords: Artisanal fisheries, Bardawil lagoon, shrimp bottom trawling

INTRODUCTION

The loss of habitats in relation to fisheries is increasingly becoming an important issue (ICES, 2010). As species like sole, plaice, cod, whiting etc. are bottom dwelling species, usually in close contact with the seafloor, all commercial bottom fishing for these species potentially impact the seabed. The impact of physical contact of bottom trawls affects biological communities (e.g. Kaiser *et al.* (2006), Schratzberger *et al.* (2009)) as well as the chemical (e.g. Dounas *et al.* (2007) and physical environment (e.g. Fonteyne (1999).

It is therefore important to monitor changes in the fish community as well as the exploited stock, to ensure the ecosystem is not damaged by the fishery. Catch, effort, discards and biological data are required to monitor the direct effects of exploitation, and fisheries-independent and environmental monitoring may also be necessary to track all ecological changes (FAO, 1998).

Vital rates in both the efforts and catch per unit efforts exerted are important for estimating the risk of extinction or decline of a fish population. Catch per-unit-effort is used in many ways. Changes in the abundance of the stock from year to year and by studying a time series of catch per unit effort and total landings by fleets (e.g. gear or boat category), by commercial species group, fishing area and fishing season, will help in detection of the overfishing problems. Hence, the present research was suggested to throw the light on the fish catch trends and efforts exerted on Lake Bardawil with reference to that exerted by shrimp trawling method (Kalsa), which may be helpful in fishery management of Lake Bardawil.

MATERIAL AND METHOD

Bardawil lagoon (Fig. 1) is a shallow hyper-saline lagoon with an average area of about 650 Km². It extends to about 90 km length with a maximum width of 22 km, and range in depth from 0.3 to 3 m. It occupies much of the Mediterranean coast of Sinai and separated from the sea by a sandbar that varies in width between 100 m and 1 km. Bardawil was connected to the sea via one small natural inlet at its eastern extremity (Boughaz Zaranik) and two man-made inlets (Boughaz I and II). The fishing in the lagoon is seasonal starting in April and extends to the end of December. The Bardawil lagoon fisheries are operated on a small scale basis, utilizing small boats and limited technology which is comprised of trammel nets, trawl nets, shrimp and crab nets and hook and line (Mehana *et al.*2011).



Fig. 1: Sattelite image of Bardawil lagoon

The present study is based on data obtained from fish statistical reports of the General Authority of Fish Resources Development (GAFRD, 2003-2012). Statistical analysis of time – series was performed on the total fish production and the common fish species and the rate of their changes for assessing variations in fish production of the lake.

Forty three surveys were conducted covering 400 fishing boat along Bardawil lagoon during the fishing seasons 2013 to identify the catch composition of trawl net (kalsa). Surveys covered the two months where shrimp trawling is conducted during mid-April till mid-June. Five to six surveys were carried out each week where the catch of a number of hauls was taken and transported to the laboratory where the samples were washed, sorted into small shrimp, large shrimps and crabs as target species and other small fish species as by-catch. The mean weight of each category per day per boat was estimated for each of the three codends used and then raised to the whole trawling period (60 days) and to the half number of trawlers (614 boats) to estimate the total annual weight of the lagoon.

Trawl dimensions were measured and the catch was classified on the basis of codend mesh size of the used trawl net.

Statistical analysis was carried out using minitab-15 computer program in order to get the most suitable and best-fitting relationships between the different parameters.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Fish species in Bardawil lagoon

The average catches of crabs and shrimps represented 30.36 % and 25.55 % of the total average catch of Bardawil lagoon respectively during the period 2003-2012. Family Mugilidae represented the third order by 24.56 %, seabream, sole fish and *Dicentrarchus labrax* represented 7.13 %, 4.72 % and 1.16 % respectively and the rest (6.52 %) was of other fish species of little importance (Fig. 2).

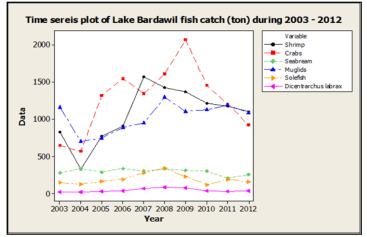


Fig. 2: Time series plot of Lake Bardawil fish catch during 2003 - 2012.

The total fish catch during the period 2003-2012 varied between a maximum of 5410 ton in 2009 and a minimum of 2227 ton in 2004 with an annual average of about 4184 ton. The relationship between the total fish catch and the successive years (Fig. 3) was found to follow the best fitted polynomial regression equation revealing a secular trend:

 $Y = 1382 + 1076 X - 79.69 X^2$

Where Y = Total catch and X = Time in Year

 $R^2 = 71.9\%, F = 8.96, P = 0.012$

From the equation (1), it can be seen that:

(1) The total fish production of Bardawil lagoon represents a proximated parabolic curve with an overall decreasing trend (- 79.69).

(1)

- (2) Coefficient of determination (R^2) is about 0.72 which means that about 72 % of the total fish production is connected with time and the equation was significant at P = 0.012.
- (3) Although F-test (8.96) was high, the equation was significant with a relatively higher determination coefficient.

In fact this period can be divided into two different sub-periods. The first subperiod from 2003 to 2008 which can be characterized by a growing trend in the fish catch (r = + 0.89). An increased effort exerted by fishermen caused the declined trend in fish catch in the second sub-period from 2009 to 2012 (r = -0.98).

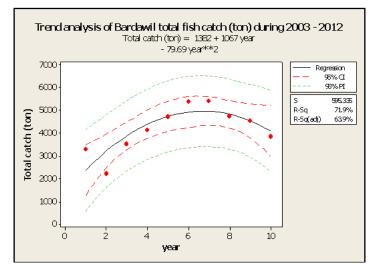


Fig. 3: Trend analysis of Bardawil total fish catch during 2003 - 2012

Crab total catch of Bardawil lagoon

The minimum catch of crabs (570 ton) was observed in 2004 and the maximum catch was 2071 ton in 2009 and then decreased to 926 ton in 2012.

The relationship between crab catch and time progression was found to follow the polynomial regression model:

$$Y = -80.9 + 575.8 X - 47.17 X^2$$

where Y = yield of crabs in tons , X = Time index in Year $R^2 = 76.9$, F = 11.67, P= 0.006

From the equation (2) and Fig. (4), it can be seen that,

- (1) The crab catch approximated the parabolic curve with a decreasing trend with progression in time.
- (2) Coefficient of determination is about 76.9
- (3) All the recorded crab catches were belonging to 95% confidence interval area except that of the maximum production (2071 ton during 2009) was inside the prediction interval area and the relation is significant at P = 0.006.

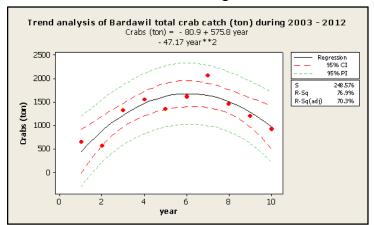


Fig. 4: Trend analysis of crabs caught off Lake Bardawil during 2003-2012

Total shrimp catch of Bardawil lagoon

The relationship between shrimp catch and time progression was found to follow the polynomial regression model:

$$Y = 156.5 + 330.9 X - 23.55 X^2$$
(3)

where Y = yield of total shrimps in tons , X = Time index in Year $R^2 = 58.9$, F = 5.03, P = 0.044

From the equation (3) and Fig. (5), it can be seen that,

- (1) The total shrimp catch approximated the parabolic curve with a slight decreasing trend with progression in time.
- (2) Coefficient of determination is about 58.9
- (3) All the recorded values of total shrimps were belonging to 95% confidence interval area except that of the minimum production (329 ton during 2004) and that of maximum (1569 ton during 2007) were inside the prediction interval area and the relation is significant at P = 0.044.

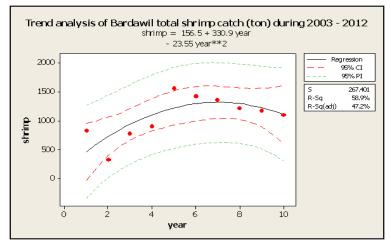


Fig. 5: Trend analysis of total shrimp catch of Lake Bardawil during 2003 - 2012.

Total seabream catch of Bardawil lagoon

The relationship between seabream catch and time progression was found to follow the polynomial regression model (Fig. 6):

(4)

 $Y = 271.3 + 25.57 X - 2.951 X^2$

where Y = yield of total seabream in tons , X = Time index in Year $R^2 = 57.7$, F = 4.77, P = 0.049

From the equation (4) and Fig. (6), it can be seen that,

- (1) The total seabream catch approximated the parabolic curve with a sharp decreasing trend with progression in time.
- (2) Coefficient of determination is about 57.7.
- (3) All the recorded values were belonging to 95% confidence interval area except that of the minimum production (212 ton during 2011) was inside the prediction interval area and the relation is significant at P = 0.049.

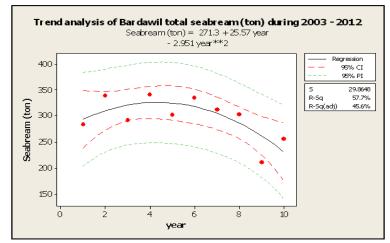


Fig. 6: Trend analysis of total seabream catch of lake Bardawil during 2003 – 2012.

Total mugilids catch of Bardawil lagoon

The relationship between muglids catch and time progression was found to follow the logarithmic polynomial regression model (Fig. 7):

Log Y = 3.023 - 0.4843 Log X + 0.5726 Log X² (5) where Y = yield of total muglid fish in tons, X = Time index in Year

 $R^2 = 55.2, F = 4.32, P = 0.06$

From the equation (5) and Fig. (7), it can be seen that,

(1) The total muglid catch approximated the parabolic curve with an increasing trend with progression in time.

(2) Coefficient of determination is about 58.9

(3) All the recorded values were belonging to 95% confidence interval area except that of the maximum production (1298 ton during 2008) was inside the prediction interval area and the relation is significant at P = 0.06.

(4) The quadratic polynomial equation was not significant.

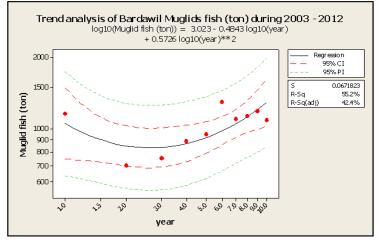


Fig. 7: Trend analysis of total muglids catch of Lake Bardawil during 2003 - 2012.

Total sole catch of Bardawil lagoon

The relationship between sole catch and time progression was found to follow the logarithmic cubic polynomial regression model (Fig. 8):

(6)

Log (Sole (ton)) = 2.178-1.485 Log X + 5.177 Log X²

$$-3.726 \text{ Log} X^3$$

where Y = yield of total sole fish in tons, X = Time index in Year

 $R^2 = 57.2, F = 5.2, P = 0.064$

From the equation (6) and Fig. (8), it can be seen that,

- (1) The total sole catch approximated the parabolic curve with an increasing trend during most of the period the decreases with progression in time.
- (2) Coefficient of determination is about 57.2.
- (3) All the recorded values were belonging to 95% confidence interval area except that of the minimum production (123 ton during 2010) was inside the prediction interval area and the relation is significant at P = 0.064.
- (4) The quadratic polynomial equation was not significant.

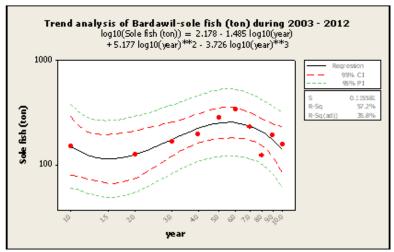


Fig. 8: Trend analysis of total sole catch of Lake Bardawil during 2003 - 2012.

Total Dicentrarchus labrax catch of Bardawil lagoon

The relationship between *Dicentrarchus labrax* catch and time progression was found to follow the polynomial regression model :

(7)

 $Y = -9.47 + 25.05 X - 2.076 X^{2}$

where Y = yield of total *Dicentrarchus labrax*, X = Time index in Year $R^2 = 55.8$, F = 4.41, P = 0.058

From the equation (7) and Fig. (9) it can be seen that,

- (1) The total *Dicentrarchus labrax* catch approximated the parabolic curve with an increasing trend with progression in time.
- (2) Coefficient of determination is about 55.8.
- (3) All the recorded values were belonging to 95% confidence interval area except that of the maximum production (90 ton during 2008) was inside the prediction interval area and the relation is significant at P = 0.058.

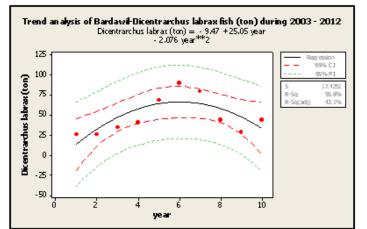


Fig. 9: Trend analysis of total Dicentrarchus labrax catch of lake Bardawil during 2003 - 2012

Description of bottom trawl (kalsa) fishery

Shrimp bottom trawling which locally named as kalsa was introduced to Bardawil lagoon by 1995. It was operating at the beginning of the fishing season (April, May, June and July), but now this period was restricted to only two months, April and May (Mehana *et al.*2011).

The trawl net (kalsa) is used mainly for fishing crustaceans especially shrimp. It consists of two wings and a bag; the length of each wing is about 10 m (it changes from place to place, according to personal judgment) and its height is about 2 m. The

head rope of the wing is fitted with floats to keep the bag open; the distance between floats is about 25 cm, while the footrope of the wing is fitted with sinkers of about 25 cm apart which keep the bag creeping on the bottom (Mehana *et al.*2011).

The bag net is about 14.1 m in length and 8 mm mesh size. The mouth of the bag net has a radius of about 12 m. A total of 1228 fishing boats were used the trawl nets, each net is dragged by two boats, the fishermen throw the net in water, then the boats move to deeper water where the bag is dragged and finally, the two wings and the bag are pulled to one of the boats to collect the catch (Mehana *et al.*2011).

The present study revealed that the majority of the catch is represented mainly of shrimps (small and large combined) by about 38 %, crab by about 33 % and bycatch by about 27 %. The major portion of total shrimps (about 27 %) was small shrimp and the remained portion was large shrimps (about 11.9 %) (Table 1). The results coincide with those obtained by Mehana *et al.* (2011). Large shrimps were represented by two species mainly of *Penaeus semisulcatus* and *P. japonicus*. By-catch, which represents small juveniles of high value fish species like seabream fish and soles beside other low valued fish, represented also a higher proportion of bottom trawl catch (about 27 %).

Av. Catch	No. of Hauls	Small Shrimp	Large Shrimp	Crabs	By-Catch	
Boat/day (kg)	17	28.47	12.45	35.58	28.56	
Total catch/ Season (Ton)		908.834	397.615	1136.043	911.989	

Table 1: Average catch of bottom trawl net (Kalsa), Bardawil lagoon, 2013.

The major species in Kalsa (trawl) by-catches were gilthead seabream juveniles, soles juveniles, groupers, glass eel, *Terapon puta, sardinella aurita, Atherina*, and others like shells, gastropods, jelly fish, squilla, small crabs and small sized non targeted fish. It was shown by Mehana *et al.*(2011) that an averaged catch of this by-catch reached 66 kg per day while, in this study, the by-catch reached 28.6 kg per day. This difference may return to the differences in fish density during the period of collection.

It was shown that (Tables 2,3 & 4) the majority of bottom trawl fishing boats (about 58.14 %) use trawls of codends # 80-85 mesh/ 50 cm net, 27.9 % of boats use codends less than 80 mesh / 50 cm net and the remained portion (13.9 %) use nets larger than 85 mesh / 50 cm.

These small differences in codends' mesh sizes seems to have no effect on the species or even the size composition of the catches of bottom trawl nets due to the diamond nature of meshes used in codends which tends to close under the towing force and the fish loads inside the codend, therefore tests were used to show the correlations between the different catches and the number of hauls carried out by the fishing boat (Table 5).

Based on analysis of 95 % CIs of means (as a part of One way-ANOVA), It was shown that catch of small shrimps was highly correlated to the number of hauls for the codend 80 - 85/50 cm ($R^2 = 73.28$, F = 6.86, P < 0.005) and for the three codends combined, the relation was as following;

Small shrimps (Kg) = -13.2 + 2.52 No. of hauls (R² = 58.6 %, F = 58.01 and P < 0.005) (Fig. 10).

Table 2: Fish catch of shrimp trawl net (codend # 80-85/50 cm), Lake Bardawil, 2013.										
	Av. No. of	Av. No. of	Av. Catch / haul / day (kg)				Raised total catch / day (kg)			
Obs	boats / day	hauls /day	Large Shrimp	Crabs	small shrimp	By-catch	Large shrimps	Crabs	small shrimp	By-catch
1	7	18	0.5	2	2	2	9	36	36	36
2	3	20	0.5	2 2	1.5	1.5	10	40	30	30
3	11	21	0.25	2	4	2	5.25	42	84	42
4	6	20	0.25	3	3	2	5	60	60	40
5	8	17	0.5	1.5	0.5	1	8.5	25.5	8.5	17
6	11	15	0.5	2	0.5	1	7.5	30	7.5	15
7	12	18	0.5	2	3	2	9	36	54	36
8	12	19	0.5	2	1	1	9.5	38	19	19
9	7	13	0.5	2	1	1	6.5	26	13	13
10	8	17	0.5	1.5	1.5	3	8.5	25.5	25.5	51
11	12	18	0.25	2	3	3	4.5	36	54	54
12	11	20	0.25	2	3	3	5	40	60	60
13	14	20	0.5	1	2	2.5	10	20	40	50
14	8	17	0.5	1.5	2	1.5	8.5	25.5	34	25.5
15	13	20	0.5	3	2	3	10	60	40	60
16	15	40	0.5	1	2	2.5	20	40	80	100
17	11	45	0.25	1	2	2	11.25	45	90	90
18	14	45	0.25	2	2 2	1	11.25	90	90	45
19	11	14	0.5	2.5	2	1	7	35	28	14
20	9	14	0.5	2.5	1.5	1.5	7	35	21	21
21	11	21	0.5	1	1.5	2 3	10.5	21	31.5	42
22	12	18	0.25	1.5	2	3	4.5	27	36	54
23	9	20	0.5	3	1.5	2	10	60	30	40
24	7	12	1	3	1	1	12	36	12	12
25	9	17	0.5	2	2	1.5	8.5	34	34	25.5
Average (kg)		21	0.45	1.96	1.9	1.88	8.75	38.54	40.72	39.68
Seasonal Total\boat(kg)		1092					491.4	2140.3	2074.8	2053
Total \ 357 boat \season (ton)							175.4	764.1	740.7	732.9

Table 2: Fish catch of shrim	p trawl net (codend # 80-85)	/50 cm), Lake Bardawil, 2013.

Table 3: Fish catch & fishin	g effort of shrimp trav	vl net (codend < # 80/50 cr	n), Lake Bardawil, 2013.

Obs.	Av. No.	Av. No. of hauls /day	Av. Catch / haul / day (kg)				Raised total catch / boat / day (kg)			
Obs.	of boats / day		Large shrimp	Crabs	small shrimp	By-catch	Large shrimp	Crabs	small shrimp	By-catch
	2	1.5	0.5	2		2		4.5	1.5	20
1	3	15	0.5	3	1	2	7.5	45	15	30
2	9	14	1	2	1	0.25	14	28	14	3.5
3	2	14	2	2	0.5	0	28	28	7	0
4	8	18	0.5	4	0.5	0.5	9	72	9	9
5	3	16	3	1.5	0.5	0.5	48	24	8	8
6	9	12	2	2	1.5	0.25	24	24	18	3
7	3	10	1	2	0	1	10	20	0	10
8	7	17	1.5	3	1	0.25	25.5	51	17	4.25
9	5	14	0.5	2.5	2	1	7	35	28	14
10	7	14	1	1.5	0	0	14	21	0	0
11	2	12	2	1	0	0.5	24	12	0	6
12	8	16	0.25	3	1	0.5	4	48	16	8
Average		14	1.27	2.29	0.75	0.56	17.78	32	10.5	7.8
Seasonal		728					925.6	1664	546	405.6
Total/boat		120					925.0	1004	540	405.0
Total\171							158.1 ton	284.5 ton	93.4 ton	69.4 ton
boat\season							136.1 1011	204.3 1011	93.4 ton	09.4 1011

Obs.	Av. No. of boats / day	Av. No. of hauls /day	Av. Catch / haul / day (kg)				Raised to	Raised total catch / day (kg)			
			Large shrimp	Crab s	small shrim P	By- catch	Large shrimp	Crabs	small shrimp	By-catch	
1	16	16	0.5	3	3	3	8	48	48	48	
2	9	18	0.5	1.5	2.5	3	9	27	45	54	
3	13	18	0.25	3	2	2.5	4.5	54	36	45	
4	20	20	0.25	2	2.5	3	5	40	50	60	
5	12	18	0.5	3	3.5	2.5	9	54	63	45	
6	13	18	0.5	2	3	3	9	36	54	54	
Average	14	18	0.42	2.42	2.75	2.83	7.42	43.17	49.33	51	
Seasonal Total\boat		936					385.8	2244.8	2565.2	2652	
Total\85 boat\season							32.796 ton	190.808 ton	218.04 ton	225.420 ton	

Table 4: Fish catch & fishing effort of shrimp trawl net (codend > # 80/50 cm), Lake Bardawil, 2013.

Table 5: Stepwise regression of fish catches by common codend (80-85\50cm) shrimp trawl net (Kalsa) at Bardawil Lake during 2013

Compared items	mpared items No. of hauls		Small Shrimp Large shrimp		By-catch fish	
No. of hauls	n. a.	N = 25 T = 6.37 P = 0.000* $R^2 = 63.82$	N = 25 T = 3.22 P = 0.004* $R^2 = 31.06$	N = 25 T = 3.2 P = 0.004* $R^2 = 30.86$	N = 25 T = 5.05 P = 0.000* $R^2 = 52.57$	
Small shrimp		n. a.	N = 25 T = 0.97 P = 0.344 $R^2 = 3.09$	N = 25 T = 5.33 P = 0.000* $R^2 = 55.22$	N = 25 T = 3.10 P = 0.005* $R^2 = 29.5$	
Large shrimp			n. a.	N = 25 T = 2.14 P = 0.043* $R^2 = 16.64$	N = 25 T = 0.72 P = 0.478 $R^2 = 2.21$	
Crabs				n. a.	N = 25 T = 1.14 P = 0.267 $R^2 = 5.33$	

* The relation is significant at $P \le 0.05$,

N = Number of observations, T = t - test, P -value, and n. a. = not available

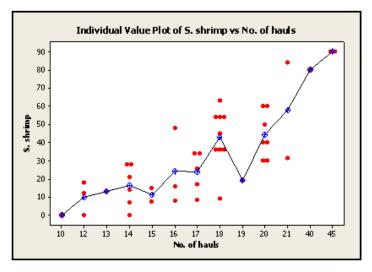


Fig. 10: Individual value plot of small shrimps versus number of hauls

Also, crabs catch was significantly correlated with the number of hauls ($R^2 =$ 77.4, P = 0.001) although the coefficient of determination was low for the whole data combined ($R^2 = 24.8$) (Fig. 11) and the relation was; Crabs (Kg) = 18.8 + 1.03 No. of hauls.

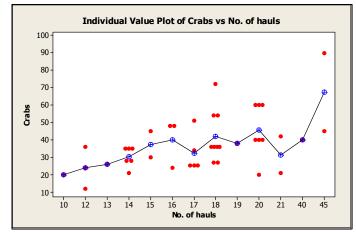


Fig. 11: Individual value plot of crabs versus number of hauls

By-catches were also positively correlated with the number of hauls (Fig. 12) and the relation was;

By-catch (kg) = -8.89 + 2.22 No. of hauls ($R^2 = 48$, P < 0.005).

Correlations among the different catches of shrimp bottom trawl revealed either insignificant relationships or significant with low coefficient of determinations except that small shrimps with by-catch ($R^2 = 67.3$, P < 0.005) and the relation was;

Small shrimp (Kg) = 6.37 + 0.841 Bycatch.

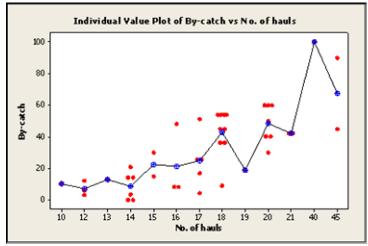
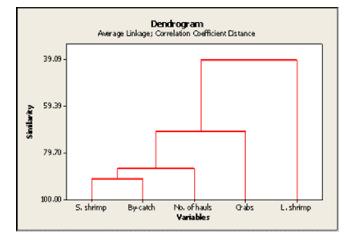
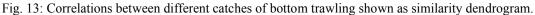


Fig. 12: Individual value plot of total bycatch versus number of hauls

The whole relations as shown as similarity dendrogram at Fig. (13) revealed higher correlations between small shrimps and by-catches with the number of hauls than large shrimps and crabs. However, the largely unknown temporal and spatial dynamics of target and non-target species as well as of fishermen makes it difficult to find a link between species composition and fishing effort.





CONCLUSION

Preservation of the bottom ecosystem is superior to any further studies to develop shrimp bottom trawling method as its production mainly depends on the number of hauls as revealed from the present study (i.e. more destruction to the bottom floor). Such studies should be directed towards the fixed shrimp trap nets to select the more appropriate and suitable meshes for shrimps prevailing in the lake while shrimp bottom trawling, beside its additional fry overfishing, should be banned off.

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ARABIC SUMMARY

اتجاهات المصايد التقليديه في بحيرة البردويل مع الإشارة الى شباك جر الجمبري القاعيه (الكلسه)

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تعتبر بحيرة البردويل من أهم مصايد مصر حيث يصدر معظم انتاجها للخارج و انها تعتبر البحيرة الوحيده الأقل تلوثا في نطاق البحر الأبيض المتوسط .

أظهر تحليل الإنتاج السمكي للبحيرة في الفترة بين ٢٠٠٣ ـ ٢٠١٢ أن اتجاه الصيد الكلي لها في تزايد مع الوقت و أن معدل التزايد في تناقص مع الزيادة في الوقت و كذلك اتجاهات كلا من الكابوريا و الجمبري والعائله البوريه والتي مثلت بالإتجاه اللوغاريتمي المتعدد بينما تناقص انتاج الدنيس مع تزايد الوقت.

أظهر تحليل جهد الصيد و الإنتاجيات المختلفه لشبكة جر الجمبرّى أن عدد الجرات أو السحبات هو العامل المؤثر على انتاج هذه الشبكه حيث أن التحليل التراجعى لهذه الإنتاجيات أظهر علاقات معنويه مع عدد السحبات بينما الجمبرى الكبير كانت علاقته غير معنويه.

وقف الصيد بطريقة الجر ينبغى أن يكون ذات أولويه ليس فقط نتيجة الصيد الجائر لصغار الأسماك ولكن لتأثيرها المدمر لكائنات القاع الحيوانيه و التى تمثل حلقه مستويات الطاقه للكائنات العليا والنباتيه التى تقدم مأوى للأسماك الصغيرة و مناطق لتكاثر بعض الأنواع.