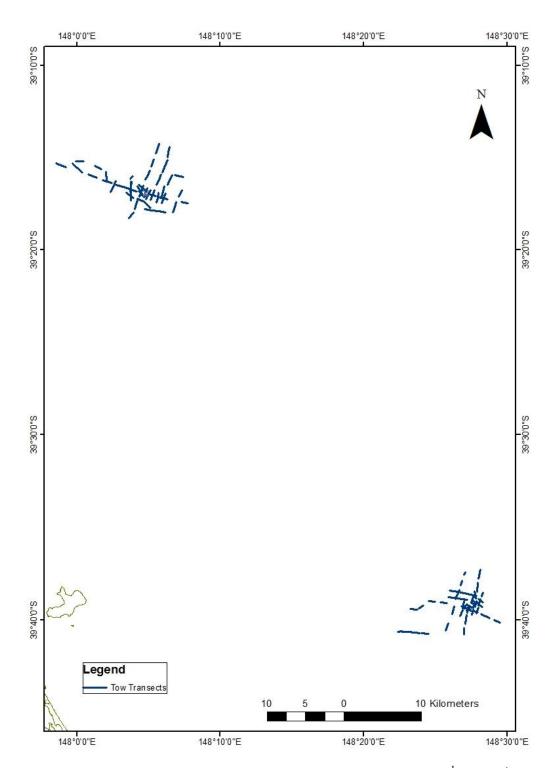
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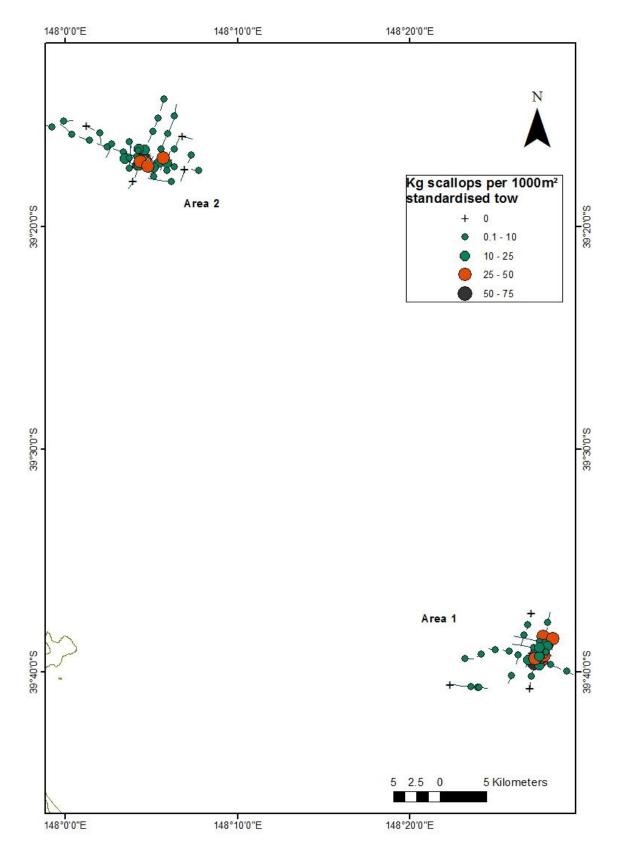
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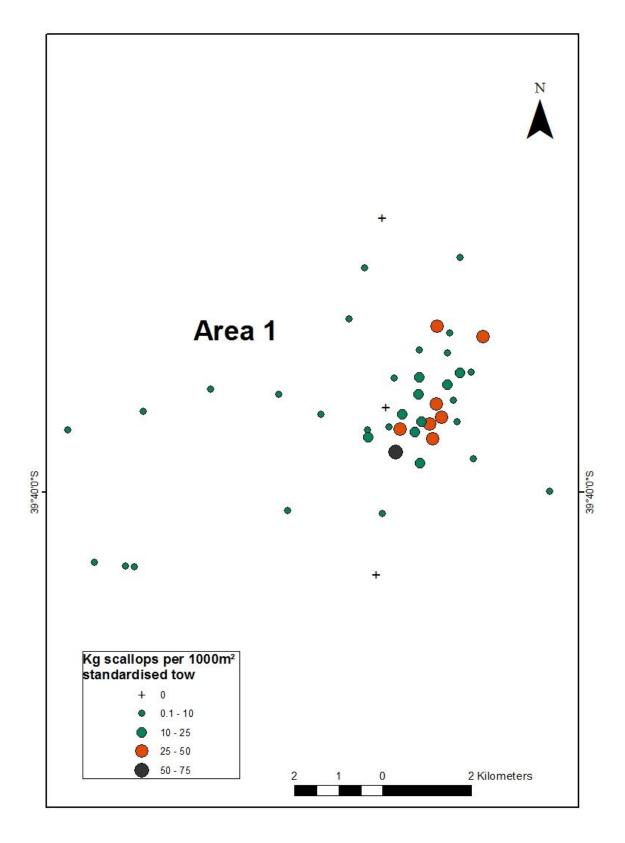




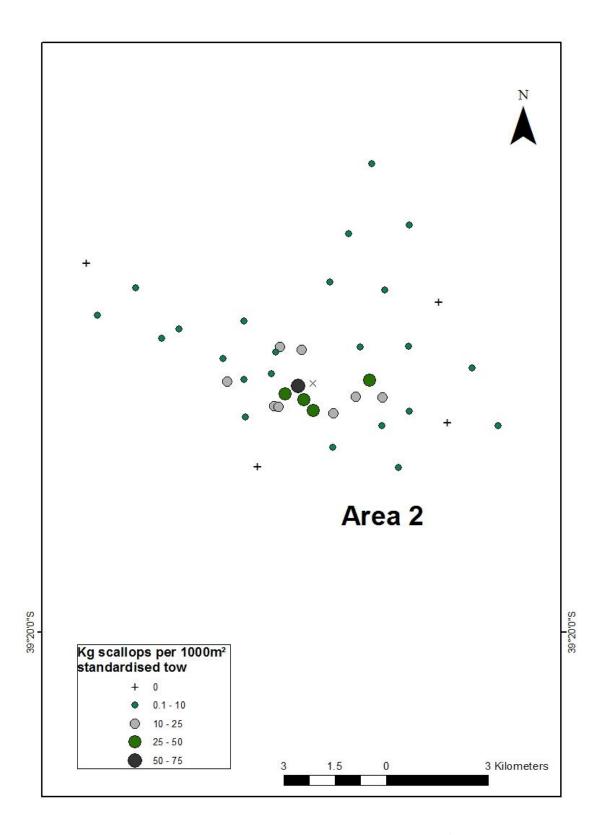
**Figure 1**. Transects of the 89 survey tows conducted between  $22^{nd}$  and  $31^{st}$  of May 2013 on board the FV Insta-Gator.



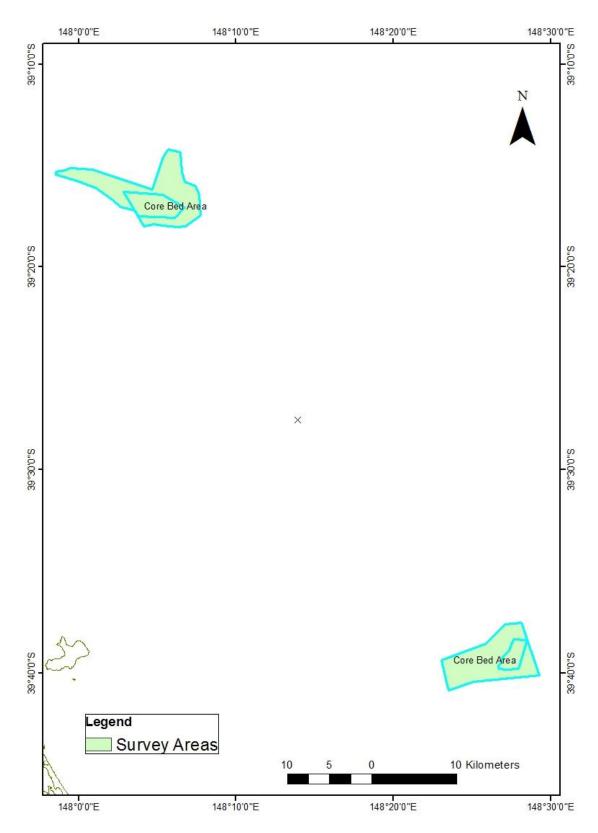
**Figure 2**. Overview of scallop density for both surveyed areas. Density is recorded at kg per  $1000\text{m}^2$ . Fine solid lines represent individual survey tows.



**Figure 3**. Scallops density per shot in area 1 - surveyed on the  $22^{\text{nd}}$  of May. Density is recorded at kg per  $1000\text{m}^2$ .

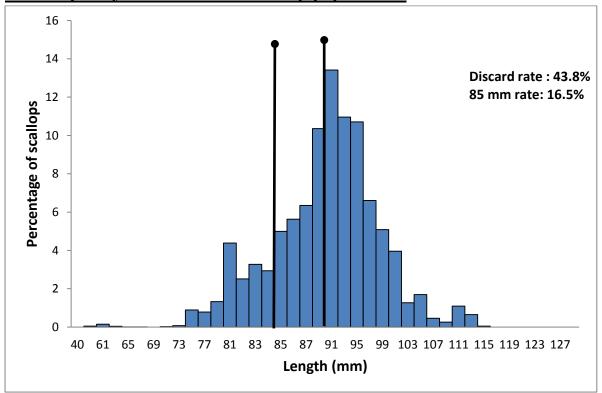


**Figure 4**. Scallops density per shot in area – surveyed on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May. Density is recorded at kg per 1000m<sup>2</sup>.

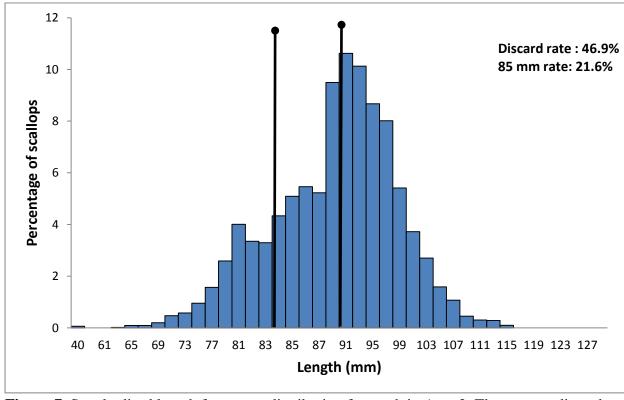


**Figure 5**. Boundaries used for calculating biomass per area, and the defined core 'bed' areas where the scallop biomass was concentrated.

## Size frequency distributions of scallop populations



**Figure 6**. Standardised length frequency distribution for catch in Area 1. There was a discard rate of 43.79% from 1550 scallops measured in 26 tows. Mean size  $\pm$  se:  $90.33 \pm 6.53$  mm.



**Figure 7**. Standardised length frequency distribution for catch in Area 2. There was a discard rate of 46.92% from 2177 scallops measured in 32 tows. Mean size  $\pm$  se: 89.77  $\pm$  8.34 mm.

### **Biomass Estimates**

#### **Biomass**

**Table 1**. Biomass estimates, in tonnes (t), for the all tows in survey area 1 (Fig. 3), with an area of 50.7 km2, at 33% dredge efficiencies (as used for the 2008 biomass estimates - see Harrington, Semmens & Haddon 2008). The upper and lower 95% refer to the confidence intervals.

Area 1	3067.9	upper 95%
	2197.2	average
	1326.5	lower 95%

**Table 2**. Biomass estimates, in tonnes (t), for the all tows in survey area 2 (Fig. 4), with an area of 64.06 km2, at 33% dredge efficiencies (as used for the 2008 biomass estimates - see Harrington, Semmens & Haddon 2008). The upper and lower 95% refer to the confidence intervals.

Area 2	2609.8	upper 95%
	1915.0	average
	1220.3	lower 95%

#### **Defined Beds**

**Table 3**. Biomass estimates, in tonnes (t), for Sub-Area 1 (Fig. 5), which had the highest density of scallops within Area 1. Sub-Area 1 was 7.11km<sup>2</sup>. Thirty-three percent dredge efficiencies were assumed (as used for the 2008 biomass estimates - see Harrington, Semmens & Haddon 2008). The upper and lower 95% refer to the confidence intervals.

Sub-area 1	430.2	upper 95%
	308.1	average
	186.0	lower 95%

**Table 4**. Biomass estimates, in tonnes (t), for Sub-Area 2 (Fig. 5), which had the highest density of scallops within Area 2. Sub-Area 2 was 11.69 km<sup>2</sup>. Thirty-three percent dredge efficiencies were assumed (as used for the 2008 biomass estimates - see Harrington, Semmens & Haddon 2008). The upper and lower 95% refer to the confidence intervals.

Sub-area 2	475.8	upper 95%
	349.1	average
		lower 95%