

Types of fish size reference used to estimate mean capture weights

Reference type		No. of reported fish sizes obtained							Total ⁱⁱ	Percent of total	
		Average/ mean weight	Usual/ modal weight	Simple weight range	Common/ typical weight	Survey mean weight ⁱ	Average/ mean length	Usual/ modal length			Common/ typical length
1	Research article	178	7	8		33		2		228	33
2	Seafood marketing & industry	54	12	56	1		2	1		126	18
3	Government & inter-government	99	4	4	2	10				119	17
4	Recreational fishing	57	2	4	4					67	10
5	Research institute, university, science centre & museum	39	3	1		4				47	7
6	FAO factsheet/report	8	6	2		2	3		4	25	4
7	NGO	19	1	1	1			1		23	3
8	FishBase (Froese & Pauly 2021)	1							20	21	3
9	Misc fish biology	8	2						1	11	2
10	Misc food	10	1							11	2
11	University student thesis/project	8				2				10	1
12	Diving	1			1					2	<1
13	Other periodical	1								1	<1
	Total	483	38	76	9	51	5	4	25	691	100
	Percent of total	70	5	11	1	7	1	1	4	100	

ⁱ Mean weights are categorised as survey mean weights when obtained from survey fishing, e.g. survey trawls, and not specifically relating to mature fishes.

ⁱⁱ A total of 691 fish sizes were used to estimate mean capture weights in the main estimate for 2000-2019, out of a total 805 collected from internet searches, with 114 excluded by the data ranking system (see text).