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3. DATA SET ABSTRACT

3.1 Abstract of the Data set

The CP_DEM_A.DAT, CP_DEM_S.TXT, CP_DEM_L.DAT, CP_DEM_C.DAT data sets contain demersal trawl data collected at each station in the EMAP Carolinian Province from 1994-1995. Fishes and invertebrates (shrimp, crabs, and squid) were collected at each station with a 4.9-m otter trawl (2.5 cm mesh wings and cod end) towed against the tidal currents. Tow duration was 10 min wherever possible and tow speed was 2-3 knots. Two to four tows were conducted at each station. Fishes and invertebrates captured in the trawls were carefully removed, sorted and identified to the lowest possible taxon (usually to species), enumerated, and measured for length to the nearest mm. In cases where a species was caught in excessive numbers, a minimum subsample of 30 individuals was measured for length.

The CP_DEM_A.DAT data set contains unsummarized demersal abundance data by trawl and taxon. This data set is for use as the data source for subsequent demersal trawl analyses and summary calculations (e.g., CP_DEM_L.DAT, CP_DEM_C.DAT are calculated from the data in CP_DEM_A.DAT).

The CP_DEM_S.TXT data set contains taxonomic classification information for all demersal taxa observed in trawls throughout the Carolinian Province from 1994-1995. This data set
is essential to resolve actual taxonomy and species names from the 8 digit code (variable COD_EMAP) used to identify taxa in the CP_DEM_A.DAT and CP_DEM_L.DAT data sets. Taxonomic information includes: phylum, class, order, family, genus, species, and common name.

The CP_DEM_L.DAT data set contains demersal organism length data summarized by station and taxon. Summary results included are: number of lengths measured, mean length, and standard deviation of lengths, by taxon for each station.

The CP_DEM_C.DAT data set contains summary metrics used to describe the demersal community at a station. The summary results included are: number of trawls, mean number of demersal taxa (species richness) per trawl, mean demersal abundance per trawl, and Shannon-Weaver Index (H' diversity) per trawl, for each station.

The following reports are products of these and other data collected during the 1994-1995 Sampling period in the Carolinian Province. These reports may contain additional information and summary statistics that are not contained in this data set catalog or its respective data sets. We therefore recommend referring to them when using these data.


3.2 Keywords for the Data Set

demersal trawls, demersal community, species composition, mean taxon abundance, mean number of taxa, richness, Shannon-Weaver Index, H' diversity, pathologies, mean length, EMAP Carolinian Province
4. OBJECTIVES AND INTRODUCTION

4.1 Program Objective

EMAP has three primary objectives:

1. To estimate the current status, extent, changes, and trends in indicators of the Nation's ecological resources on a regional basis;

2. To monitor indicators of pollutant exposure and habitat condition, and to seek correlative relationships between human-induced stresses and ecological condition that identify possible causes of adverse effects; and

3. To provide periodic statistical summaries and interpretive reports on ecological status and trends to the EPA Administrator and to the public.

4.2 Data Set Objective

The CP_DEM_A.DAT, CP_DEM_S.TXT, CP_DEM_L.DAT, and CP_DEM_C.DAT data sets report raw and summarized demersal trawl data collected at each station in the EMAP Carolinian Province from 1994-1995. Results include abundances summarized by taxon and trawl, various community measures by station, and mean lengths by taxa and station.

4.3 Data Set Background Information

The CP_DEM_A.DAT, CP_DEM_S.TXT, CP_DEM_L.DAT, CP_DEM_C.DAT data sets contain demersal trawl data collected at each station in the EMAP Carolinian Province from 1994-1995. Fishes and invertebrates (shrimp, crabs, and squid) were collected at each station with a 4.9-m otter trawl (2.5 cm mesh wings and cod end) towed against the tidal currents. Tow duration was 10 min wherever possible and tow speed was 2-3 knots. Two to four tows were conducted at each station. Fishes and invertebrates captured in the trawls were carefully removed, sorted and identified to the lowest possible taxon (usually to species), enumerated, and measured for length to the nearest mm. In cases where a species was caught in excessive numbers, a minimum subsample of 30 individuals was measured for length.

4.4 Summary of Data Set Parameters

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The CP_DEM_L.DAT data set contains demersal organism length data summarized by station and taxon. Summary results included are: number of lengths measured, mean length, and standard deviation of lengths, by taxon for each station. In addition, a variable called MEASTYPE stores a code designating what dimensions of the organism were measured and reported as "length".

The CP_DEM_C.DAT data set contains summary metrics used to describe the demersal community at a station. The summary results included are: number of trawls, mean number of demersal taxa (species richness) per trawl, mean demersal abundance per trawl, and Shannon-Weaver Index (H' diversity) per trawl, for each station.

4.5 Year-Specific Information about Data

Demersal trawl data were only collected in the Carolinian Province during the first two (1994 and 1995) of the four sampling years from 1994 to 1997.

5. DATA ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING METHODS

5.1 Data Acquisition

5.1.1 Sampling Objective

See section 4.3 (Data Set Background Information)

5.1.2 Sample Collection Method Summary

See section 4.3 (Data Set Background Information)

5.1.3 Beginning Sampling Dates

30 June 1994
05 July 1995

5.1.4 Ending Sampling Dates

31 August 1994
14 September 1995

5.1.5 Platform

Samples were collected from various gasoline or diesel powered boats equipped with at least the following equipment: "A" frame boom or davit, winch, LORAN-C or GPS for location, and a depth finder.

5.1.6 Sampling Equipment

4.9-m otter trawl with 2.5 cm mesh wings
5.1.7 Manufacturer of Sampling Equipment

Glavin Trawl Manufacturing Company
117 Oak Street
Biloxi, Mississippi 39530

5.1.8 Key Variables

5.1.9 Sample Collection Method Calibration

The sampling gear did not require any calibration. It did however require inspection for tears resulting from underwater obstructions, twisting during deployment, and any material caught in the trawl that may have reduced the trawls effectiveness or resulted in a loss of catch.

5.1.10 Sample Collection Quality Control

Several quality control measures were incorporated. Field technicians were trained to follow Standard Operating Procedures to insure the collection of representative, and high quality samples. To help assure that the biota were identified accurately, all field crews had at least one member on board familiar with the species that were likely to be caught in bottom trawls. In addition, species identifications were validated in the laboratory by examination of voucher specimens collected for each species encountered in the field. Database entries for all trawl measurements were checked against the original field-recorded measurements (field sheets) and any inconsistencies were corrected.

Field site audits were conducted during sampling seasons by the QA Officer to determine compliance with the Quality Assurance Plan and Field Operations Manual.

The following QA codes, stored under the variable QACODE_T in the CP_DEM_A.DAT data set, flag QA issues that resulted in non-standard or unacceptable trawls:

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<td>UA-Trawl</td>
<td>Trawl was unacceptable due to reasons such as: trawl filled with algae, trawl twisted or not properly opened, large object caught in trawl, trawl fouled on bottom. These situations generally resulted in the trawl being aborted well before its planned duration was reached. Due to the problems mentioned above, any observations flagged with the &quot;UA-Trawl&quot; QC code should not be used in data analyses.</td>
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MA-Trawl  Trawl was marginally acceptable because its duration was less than the planned 10 min. As a result, observations flagged with the "MA-Trawl" QC code may not truly represent the demersal community at a station, and may result in underestimation of abundance or diversity for that trawl. Data from trawls flagged with the "MA-Trawl" code should be used with discretion.

In addition, due to possible data recording errors, the following observations have been identified as potentially underestimating abundance for the given taxa and trawl:

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Note that all values reported in the CP_DEM_A.DAT data set that do not have any QACODT_T codes assigned and are not specifically mentioned above, met all QA/QC guidelines and are acceptable without further qualification.

See: Hyland et al. (1996), Hyland et al. (1998), Kokkinakis et al. (1994a)
5.2.2 Sample Processing Methods Summary

5.2.2.1 Field Summary

Fishes and invertebrates (shrimp, crabs, and squid) were collected at each station with a 4.9-m otter trawl 2.5 cm mesh wings and cod end towed against the tidal currents. Tow duration was 10 min wherever possible and tow speed was 2-3 knots. Two to four tows were conducted at each station. Fishes and invertebrates captured in the trawls were carefully removed, sorted and identified to the lowest possible taxon (usually to species), enumerated, and measured for length to the nearest mm. In cases where a species was caught in excessive numbers, a minimum subsample of 30 individuals was measured for length.

5.2.2.2 Laboratory Summary

NA

5.2.3 Sample Processing Method Calibration

NA

5.2.4 Sample Processing Quality Control

NA

5.2.5 Sample Processing Method Reference

NA

5.2.6 Sample Processing Method Deviations

NA

6. DATA ANALYSIS AND MANIPULATIONS

6.1 Name of New or Modified Value

Data set CP_DEM_C.DAT

D_TAXA Mean number of demersal taxa per trawl
D_ORGS Mean demersal abundance per trawl
D_HPRIME Mean dem. H prime diversity per trawl

Data set CP_DEM_L.DAT

M_LEN Mean length (mm)
SD_LEN Std. dev. of lengths
MEASTYPE Length measurement type code
6.2 Data Manipulation Description

Data set CP_DEM_A.DAT

In the CP_DEM_A.DAT data set, observations occasionally have a missing taxa code (COD_EMAP = "") and an abundance of zero (ABUNDANC = 0). These observations are correct, and are used to identify valid demersal trawls that caught no fauna.

Data set CP_DEM_S.TXT

Because several different field crews participated in sample processing, and several years of data are reported in the demersal trawl data sets (CP_DEM_A.DAT, CP_DEM_S.TXT, CP_DEM_C.DAT, CP_DEM_L.DAT), the taxa codes (COD_EMAP) used in these data sets have been continuously scrutinized and standardized with each new addition of data. Inconsistencies in coding and nomenclature were corrected as necessary. Through this process, taxa codes are consistently assigned throughout all of these demersal trawl data sets.

Data set CP_DEM_C.DAT

Note that the CP_DEM_A.DAT data set is the data source for the following community measures reported in the CP_DEM_C.DAT data set. Prior to any of the following calculations, observations with QACODE_T = "UA-Trawl" in the CP_DEM_A.DAT data set were excluded.

Variable I_TAXA (Mean number of demersal taxa per trawl) was calculated by counting the number of unique taxa (COD_EMAP) in each trawl, summing these trawl counts, and then dividing by the number of trawls (N_TRAWLS) at the station.

Variable I_ORGS (Mean demersal abundance per trawl) was calculated by finding the total abundance of all taxa in each trawl, summing these trawl abundances, and then dividing by the number of trawls (N_TRAWLS) at the station.

Variable I_HPRIME (Mean dem. H prime diversity per trawl) was calculated by first calculating H prime for each trawl as given in Shannon and Weaver (1949), then summing these H prime values for the trawls, and then dividing by the number of trawls (N_TRAWLS) at the station. H prime diversity (Shannon-Weaver Index) values that we have reported were calculated using base 2 logarithms.

Unsampled stations are identified in this data set by all variables containing missing data with the exception of N_TRAWLS = 0.

Data set CP_DEM_L.DAT

Variable M_LEN (Mean length) was calculated by finding the mean length of all individuals of a given taxon captured over all valid trawls at the station. Results are reported by taxon for each station.
Variable SD_LEN (Std. dev. of lengths) is the standard deviation associated with M_LEN.

Because of the variable shapes of demersal biota, the mean lengths reported often represent different dimensions depending on the taxon. The following measurement type codes (stored in variable MEASTYPE) are used in the CP_DEM_L.DAT data set to designate the type of length reported:

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<td>Total length (finfish)</td>
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<td>B</td>
<td>Standard length (finfish)</td>
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<td>S</td>
<td>Shell length - rostrum to telson (shrimp)</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>Greatest carapace width (crabs)</td>
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<td>Disk width (skates and rays)</td>
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<td>M</td>
<td>Mantle length (squid)</td>
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An inconsistency in the recording of finfish lengths exists in the demersal length data set (CP_DEM_L.DAT) and must be considered when using these data. During QC checks after field work had been completed, it was discovered that individual field crews used different length measurement methods for the same fish species (e.g., one team measured total length of croaker while the other may have measured fork length). This inconsistency makes between station or between year comparisons of the lengths of some fish species difficult. Although the mean lengths (M_LEN) reported in the CP_DEM_L.DAT data set are correct for a given species and station, the accompanying measurement type code (MEASTYPE) for that observation must always be considered before using the data further (e.g., if comparing the mean length of a taxon between stations, you must be certain that the MEASTYPES are the same for that taxon for all of the observations being compared, or be willing to accept the reduced accuracy associated with this source of sampling error). Measurement type codes are discussed further in Section 6.2 (Data Manipulation Description) below.

6.3 Data Manipulation Examples

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7. DATA DESCRIPTION

7.1 Description of Parameters

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For numeric (Num) variables, the format is given in W.D format, where W = maximum width (number of characters) for the number (including all digits and the decimal point), and D = number of digits to the right of the decimal point.

7.1.6 Precision to which values are reported

All values are accurate to the full precision that they are reported to.

7.1.7 Minimum Value in Data Set

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7.2 Data Record Example

7.2.1 Column Names for Example Records

Data set CP_DEM_A.DAT

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Data set CP_DEM_S.TXT

COD_EMAP;PHYLUM;CLASS;ORDER;FAMILY;GENUS;SPECIES;COMMNAME

Data set CP_DEM_L.DAT

STA_NAME;DATE;COD_EMAP;N_LEN;M_LEN;SD_LEN;MEASTYPE

Data set CP_DEM_C.DAT

STA_NAME;DATE;N_TRAWLS;D_TAXA;D_ORGS;D_HPRIME

7.2.2 Example Data Records

Data set CP_DEM_A.DAT

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7.2.2 Example Data Records, continued

Data set CP_DEM_S.TXT

ACHILINE; CHORDATA; OSTEICHTHYES; PLEURONECTIFORMES;
SOLEIDAE; Achirus; lineatus; lined sole
ACIPOXYR; CHORDATA; OSTEICHTHYES; ACIPENSERIFORMES;
ACIPENSERIDAE; Acipenser; oxyrhynchus;
Atlantic sturgeon
ALOSAEST; CHORDATA; OSTEICHTHYES; CLUPEIFORMES;
CLUPEIDAE; Alosa; aestivalis; blueback herring
ALUTSCHO; CHORDATA; OSTEICHTHYES; TETRAODONTIFORMES;
BALISTIDAE; Aluterus; schoepfi;
orange filefish
ALUTSCRI; CHORDATA; OSTEICHTHYES; TETRAODONTIFORMES;
BALISTIDAE; Aluterus; scriptus;
scrawled filefish

Data set CP_DEM_L.DAT

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Data set CP_DEM_C.DAT

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CP94004; 940816; 2; 4.00; 17.50; 1.31
CP94005; 940802; 1; 9.00; 35.00; 2.60

8. GEOGRAPHIC AND SPATIAL INFORMATION

8.1 Minimum Longitude

-81 Degrees, 43.83 Minutes West Longitude

8.2 Maximum Longitude

-75 Degrees, 33.82 Minutes West Longitude

8.3 Minimum Latitude

27 Degrees, 12.07 Minutes North Latitude

8.4 Maximum Latitude

36 Degrees, 43.43 Minutes North Latitude

8.5 Name of area or region

Coastal distribution of sampling is along the southeastern US from Cape Henry, VA, through St. Lucie Inlet, FL. States represented: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.
9. QUALITY CONTROL/QUALITY ASSURANCE

9.1 Measurement Quality Objectives

See section 5.1.9 (Sample Collection Method Calibration) and section 5.1.10 (Sample Collection Quality Control) above.

9.2 Quality Assurance/Control Methods

See section 5.1.9 (Sample Collection Method Calibration) and section 5.1.10 (Sample Collection Quality Control) above.

9.3 Quality Assessment Results

An inconsistency in the recording of finfish lengths exists in the demersal length data set (CP_DEM_L.DAT) and must be considered when using these data. During QC checks after field work had been completed, it was discovered that individual field crews used different length measurement methods for the same fish species (e.g., one team measured total length of croaker while the other may have measured fork length). This inconsistency makes between station or between year comparisons of the lengths of some fish species difficult. Although the mean lengths (M_LEN) reported in the CP_DEM_L.DAT data set are correct for a given species and station, the accompanying measurement type code (MEASTYPE) for that observation must always be considered before using the data further (e.g., if comparing the mean length of a taxon between stations, you must be certain that the MEASTYPEs are the same for that taxon for all of the observations being compared, or be willing to accept the reduced accuracy associated with this source of sampling error). Measurement type codes are discussed further in Section 6.2 (Data Manipulation Description) below.

10. DATA ACCESS

10.1 Data Access Procedures

Data can be downloaded from the WWW site.

10.2 Data Access Restrictions

Data can only be accessed from the WWW site.

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10.4 Data file Format
Delimited ASCII Text

10.5 Information Concerning Anonymous FTP
Not accessible

10.6 Information Concerning Gopher and WWW
Data can be downloaded from the WWW.

10.7 EMAP CD-ROM Containing the Data file
Data not available on CD-ROM.

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