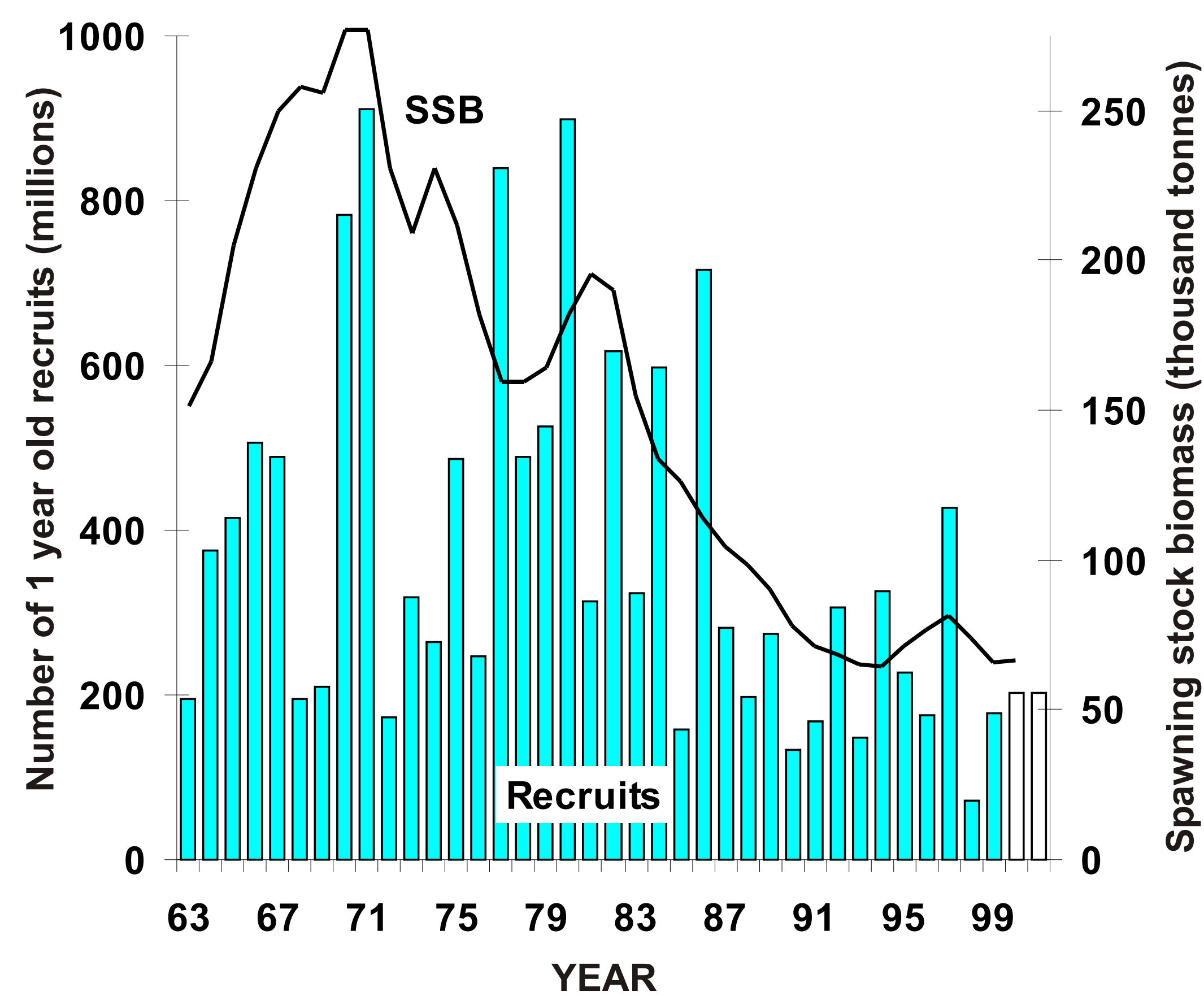
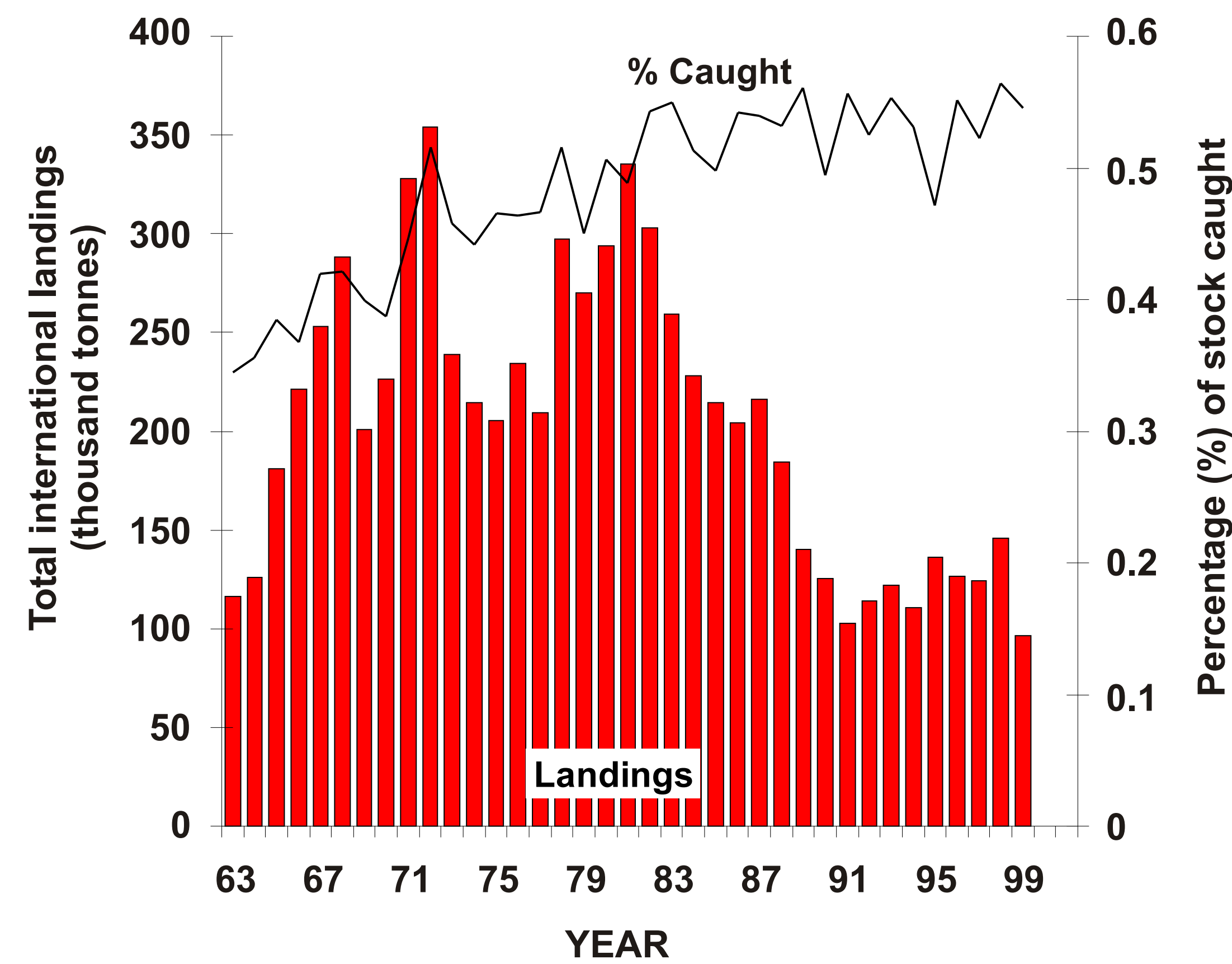
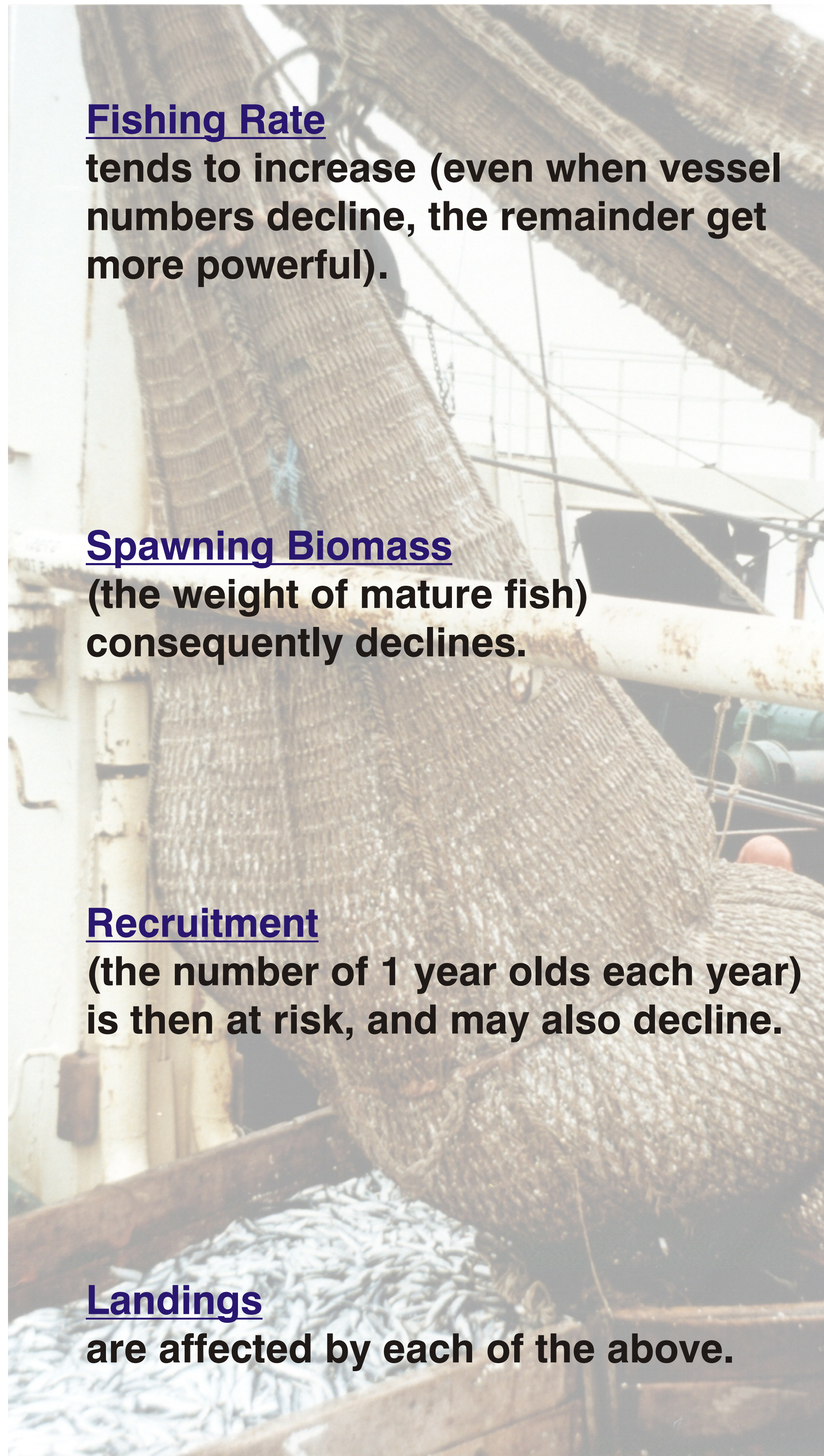
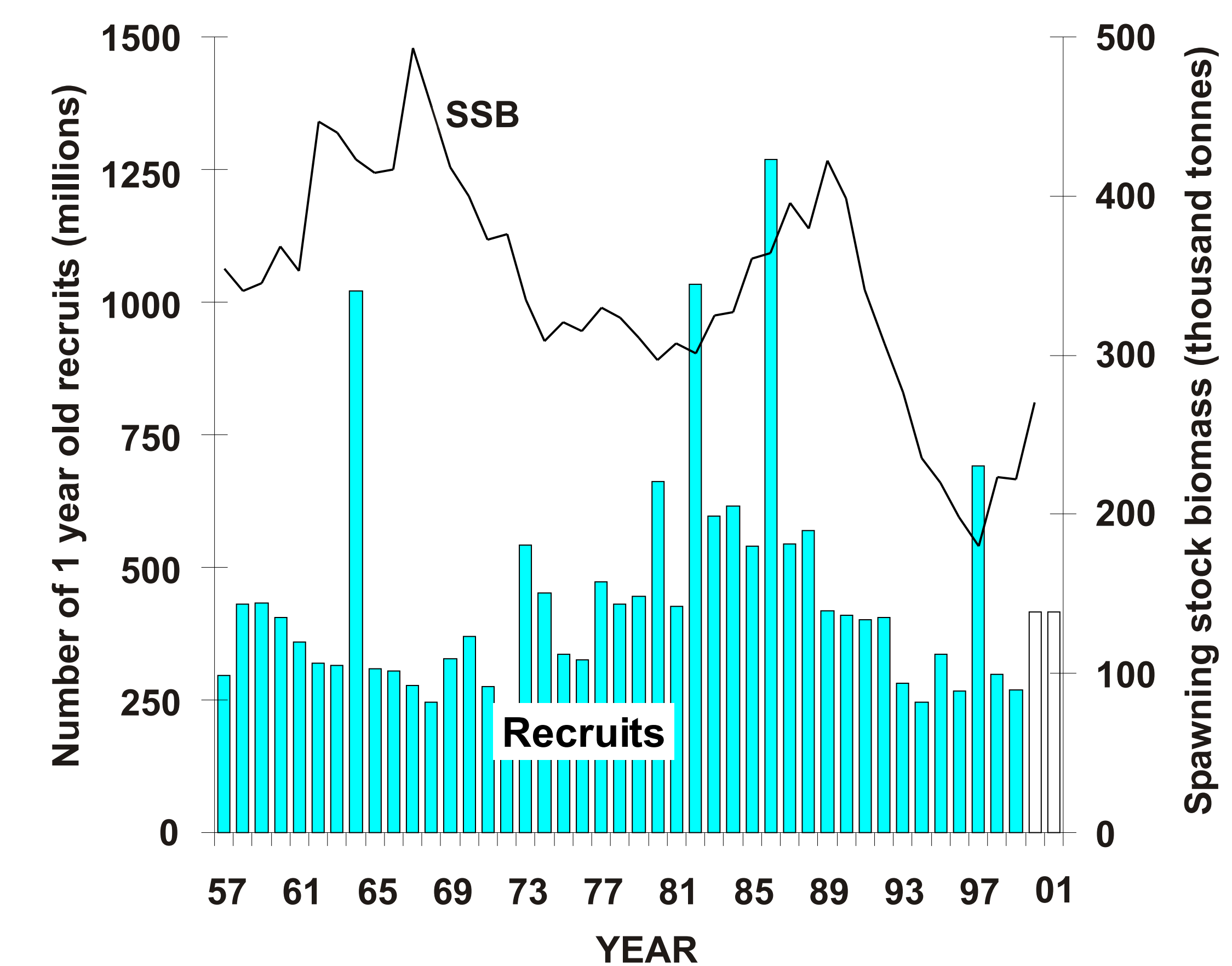
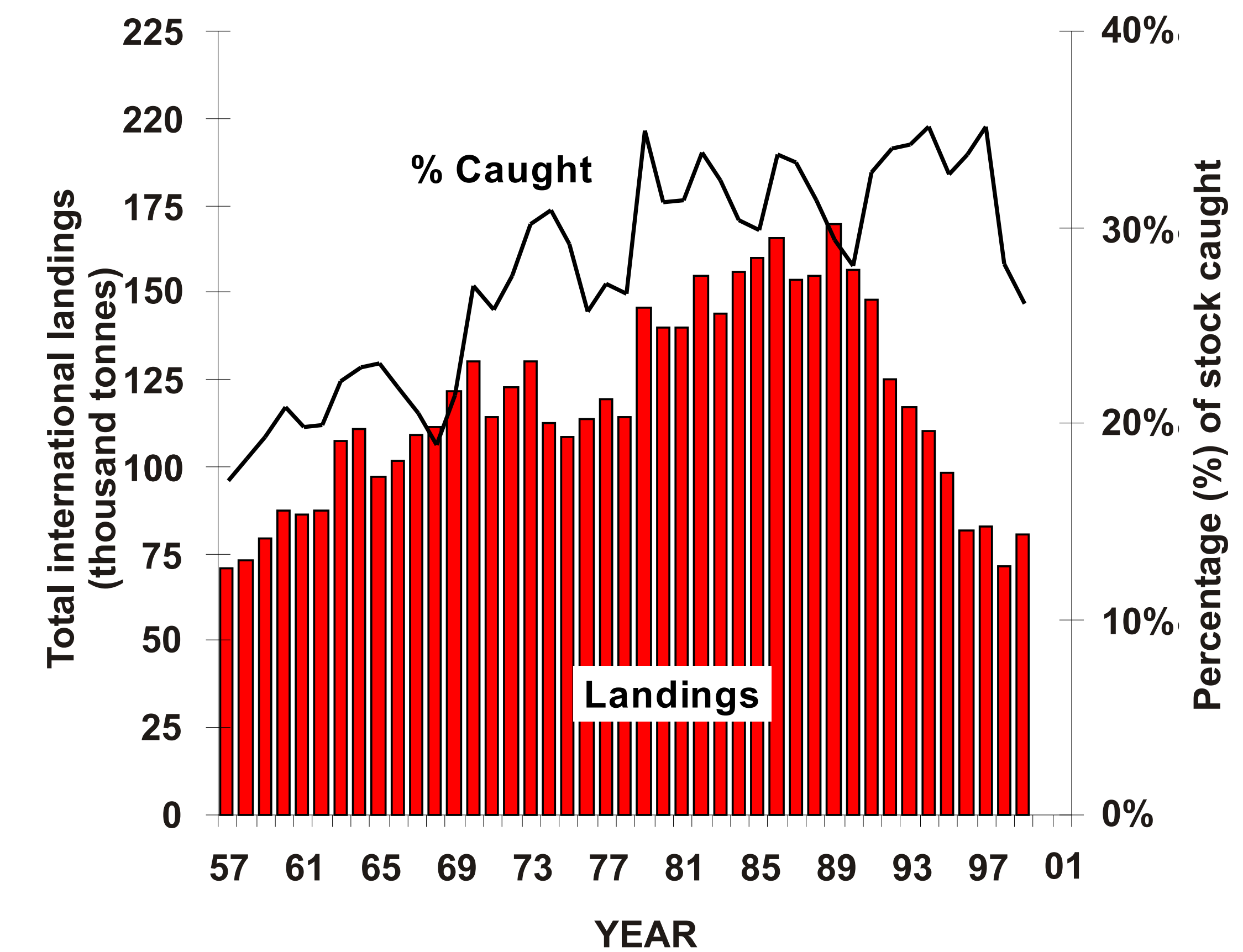


Many stocks are heavily fished and are declining.
Two examples are North Sea Cod and North Sea Plaice

North Sea Cod



North Sea Plaice



Fishing Rate
tends to increase (even when vessel numbers decline, the remainder get more powerful).

Spawning Biomass
(the weight of mature fish) consequently declines.

Recruitment
(the number of 1 year olds each year) is then at risk, and may also decline.

Landings
are affected by each of the above.

There is a danger that as recruitment declines stocks could collapse.