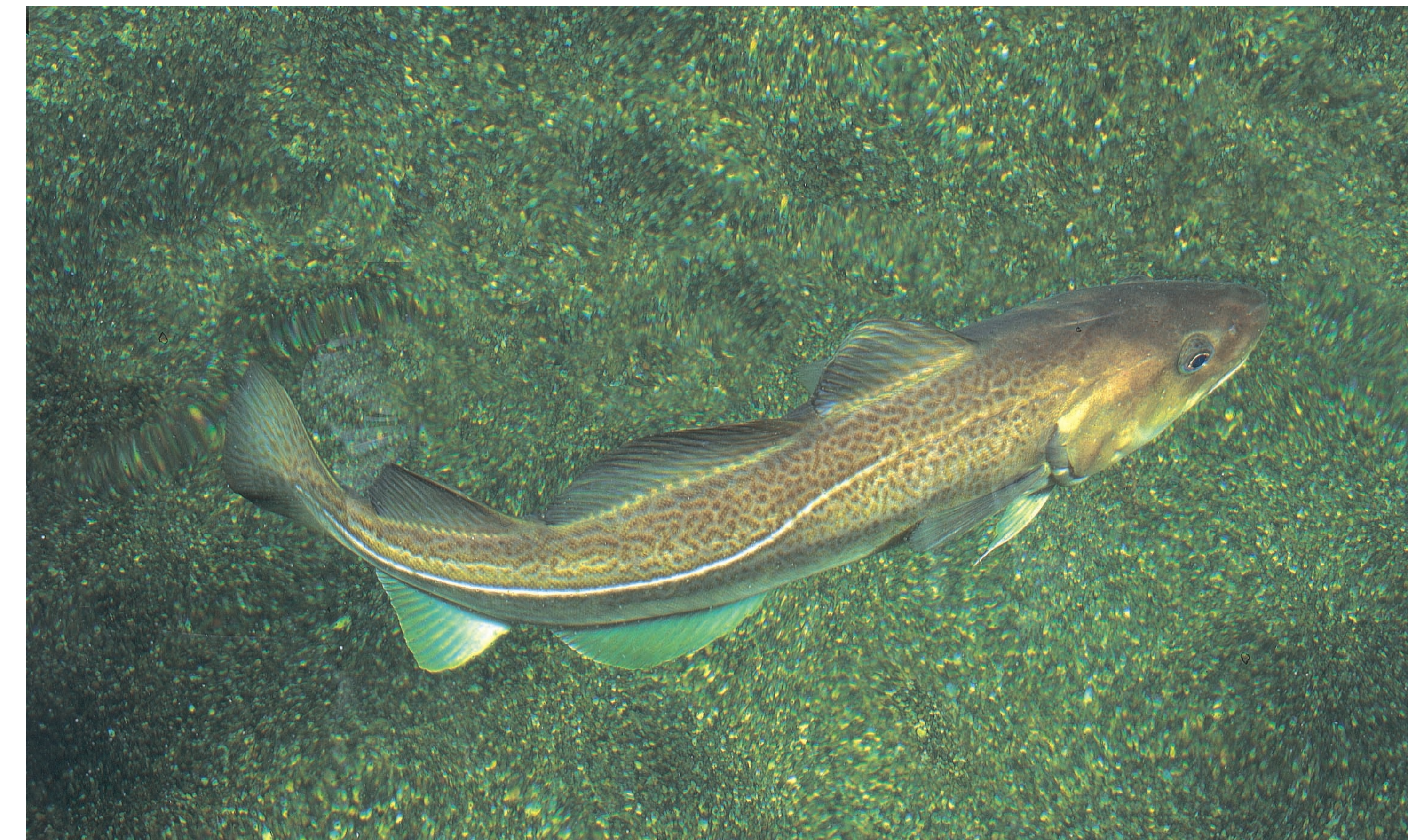
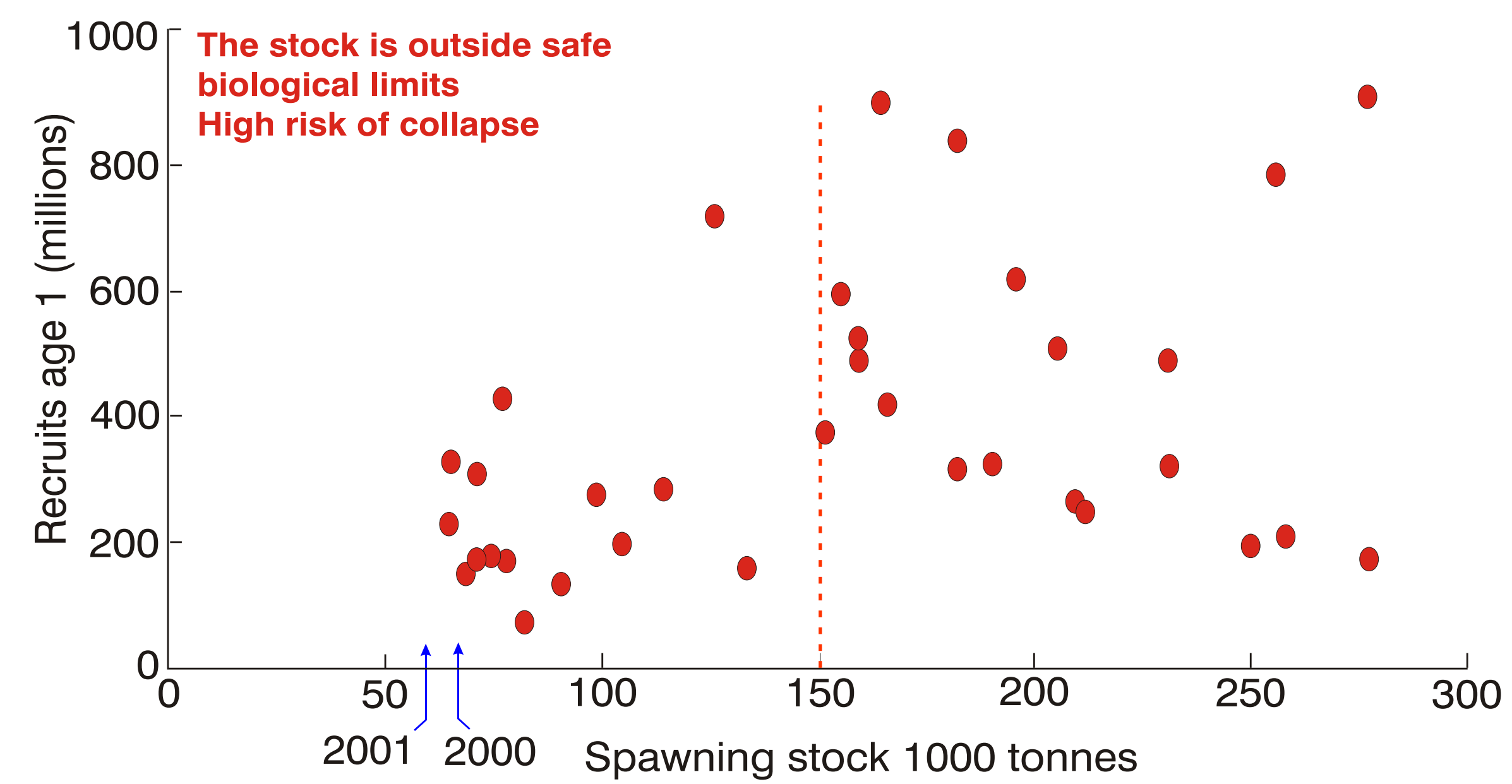
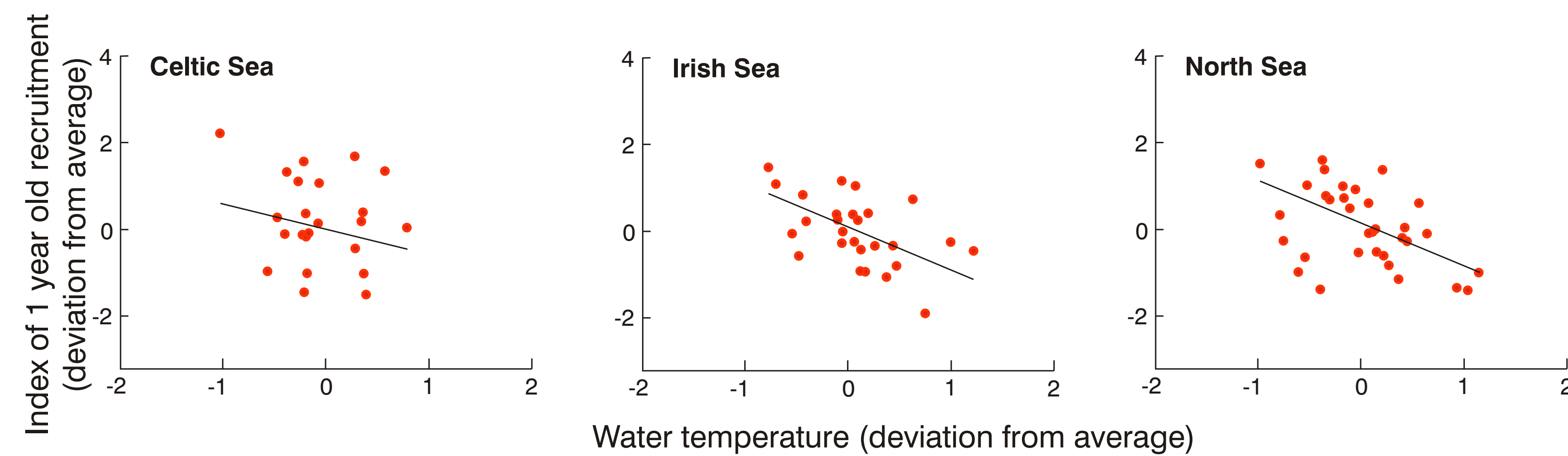


Stock assessments show that fishing significantly reduces the number of cod that survive to spawn.

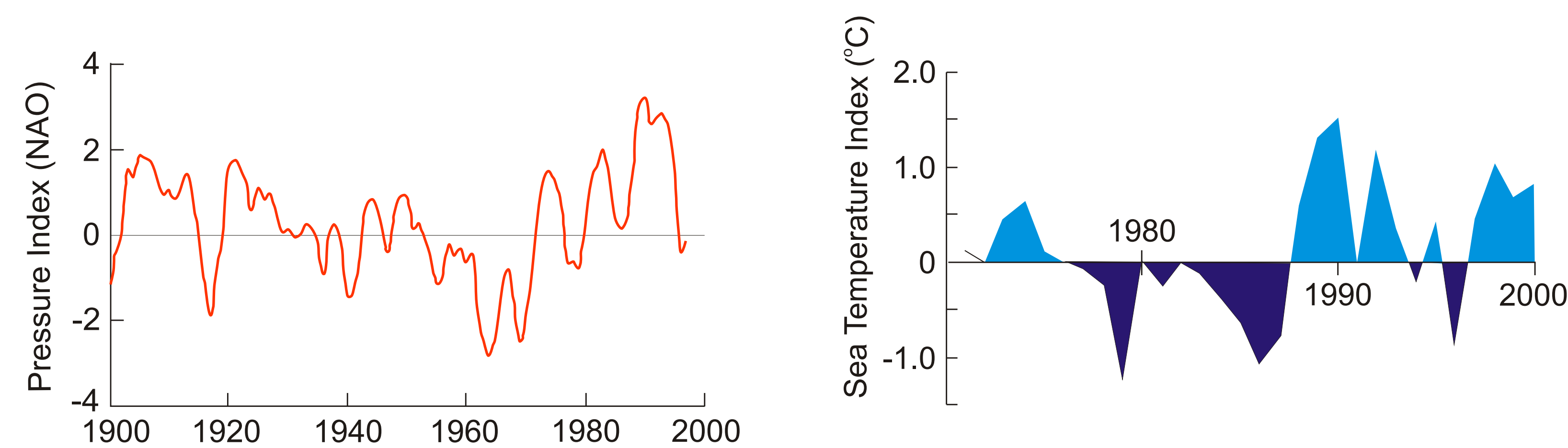


Cod - *Gadus morhua*

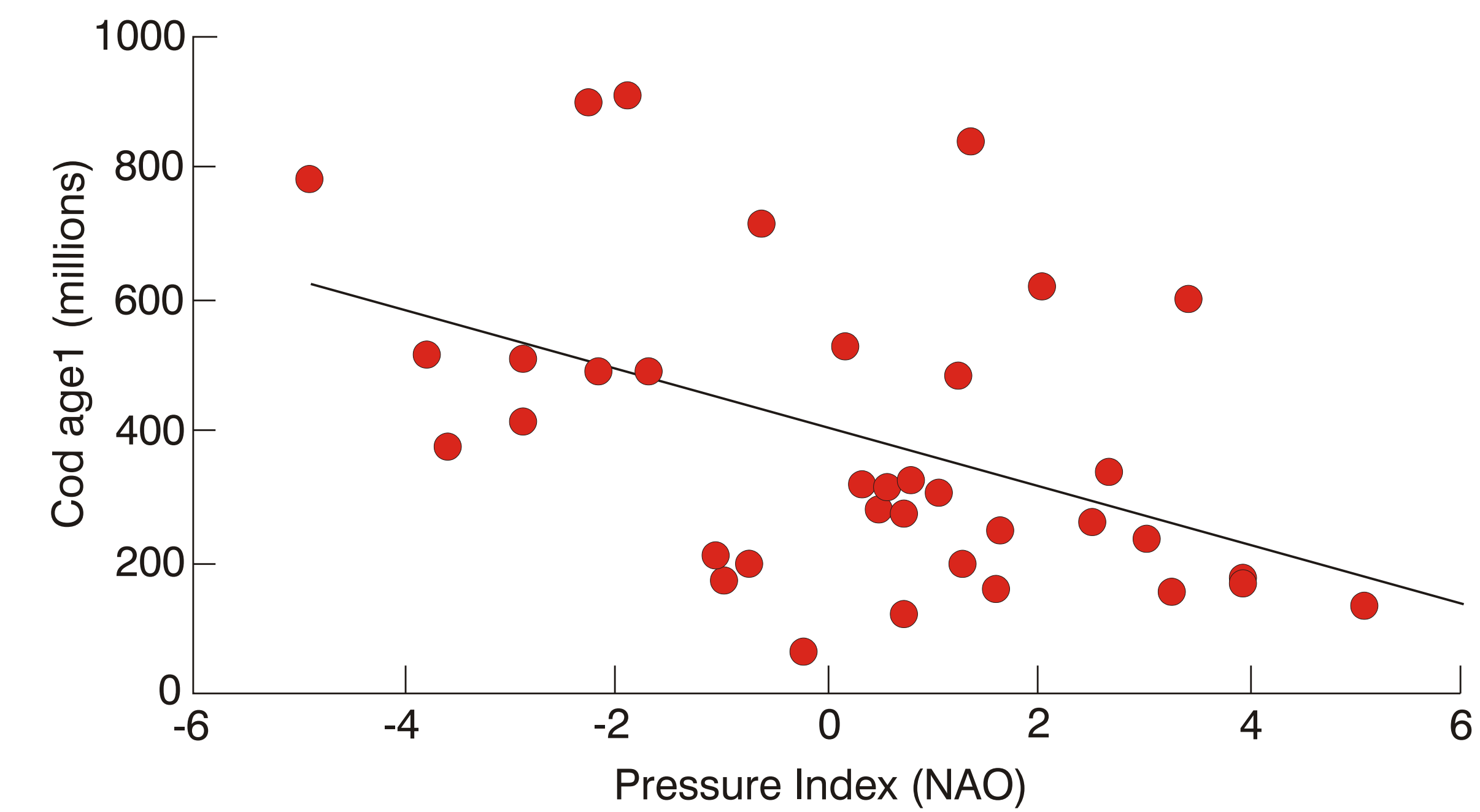
Round Britain, the newly hatched cod also appear to survive less well when water temperature is higher.



Since the 1970's atmospheric pressure patterns in the North Atlantic have intensified and produced rising water temperatures in spring, when the young cod are hatching.



Climate could therefore be adding to the affect of fishing on the cod stocks



We cannot control how the environment affects the survival of baby cod.

This puts more emphasis on managing the fisheries to allow more young cod to mature and spawn.