



# Opportunities and challenges for fishery by-products and by-catches to contribute to the supply of aquaculture feed ingredients.

A study based on the British fishery-aquaculture continuum.

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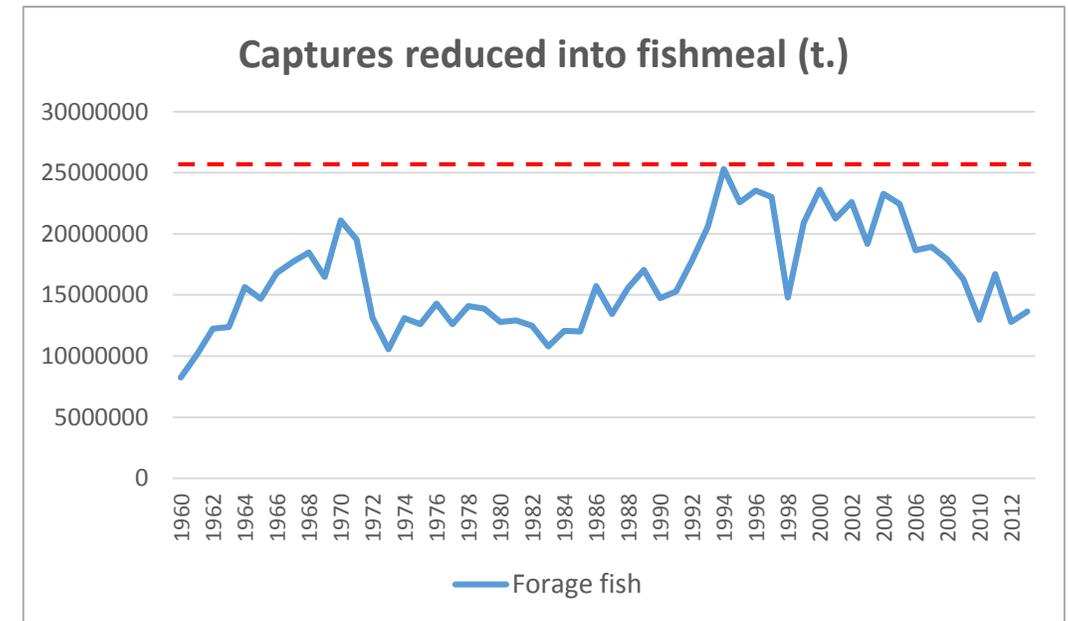
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# Why should we use by-products?

- **Aquaculture:** + 70 million tonnes by 2050.

- **Need resources:**  
industrial fisheries fully exploited.
- **Substitution with veg. ingredients:**  
cannot replace all the fish meal.
- **Alternative:**  
fish by-products to make fish meal (35% in 2012).



# Are there more by-products?

- **Previous study of IFFO & IoA (2016):**
  - identify further supplies to make fish meal.

**Fish could be more highly processed in the factories.**

**Opportunities for using fisheries by-catch and by-products produced at sea.**



# An economic study for this year:

- **1 objective:**

- Fill knowledge gaps: look at detailed data to establish the facts and figures when it comes to use fishery by-products and by-catch for aquafeed ingredients in a given location.

- **These information are essential in the way that:**

- Provide IFFO's members with a summary of the opportunities and challenges for using fishery by-products and by-catch as aqua-feed ingredients.
- Develop a methodology based on the UK that is transferable to other countries.

# Our approach in 3 key milestones:

*-Inventory of the B.P. and B.C. in the UK.  
Based on capture and trade statistics.  
-Inventory of the current routes.  
K.I. interviews/fishing & processing sector.  
Questionnaires/fishermen & processors.*

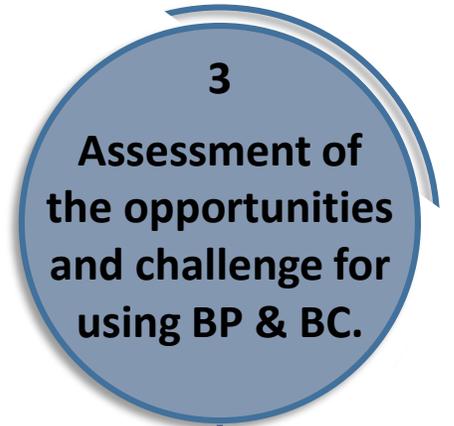


*-Secondary data review.  
-Develop contacts with K.I. persons.*

*2 months*



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*-Based on the compilation of the knowledge gained through stage 1 and 2.  
-K.I. interviews: aqua-feed sector.*

*1 months*

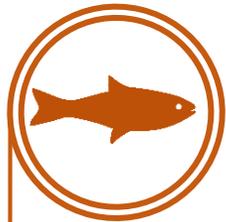


# By-products and by-catches?

- Produced at sea and on-shore:

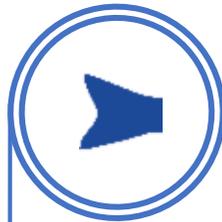


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## By-catch:

- *No market value.*
- *No right to land it.*

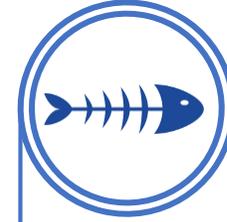


## 1<sup>st</sup> processing b.p.:

- *Non-edible portion.*
- *No market demand.*



ON SHORE

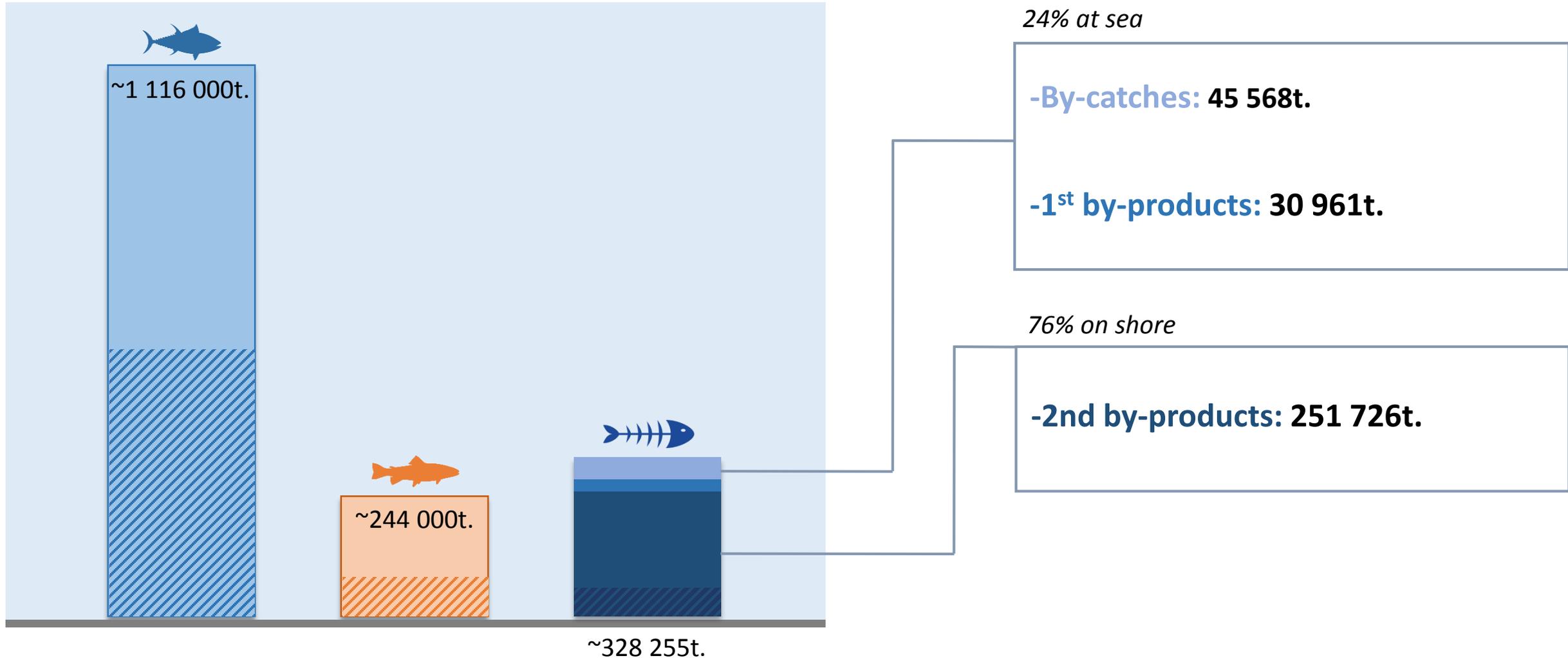


## 2<sup>nd</sup> processing b.p.:

- *Non-marketable portion.*
- *No market demand.*

# Volumes of B.P. & B.C. in the UK (2014):

Resource mapping and inventory of the destinations.



 \*Imports.

*\*Results from our national statistics analysis: 4360 vessels, 333 processors.*

# Current routes for B.P. & B.C.:



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**At sea:** all discarded.

- Market:** price offered for FM too low.
- Logistic:** more convenient to discard.

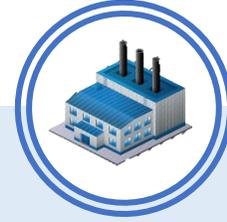
~75 000t. of fish products **discarded at sea.**

~30 961t.

1<sup>st</sup> by-products.

~45 568t.

By-catches.



ON SHORE

**On-shore:** current uses, low value added or cost.

- Fish meal:** ~(+) $\text{£}80/\text{T}$ .
- Disposal:** ~(-) $\text{£}50\text{-}120/\text{T}$ .
- Few remaining:** geographically constrained.

~251 726t.

~180-190 000t. **reduced into fishmeal.**

~20-70 000t. shells wastes **disposed.**

2<sup>nd</sup> by-products.

# First observations:

- **Utilised resource in the UK: poorly valued, going to fishmeal, only option.**
- **Under-utilised resources/ economic constraints:**

ON SHORE



**In remote areas or for small volumes, expensive to collect for FM producers.**

AT SEA



**Lack of economic incentive to land the 1<sup>st</sup> by-products & by-catches.**

# Study on higher-value upgrading options:

- Fish protein hydrolysates production (FPH):

Much stricter requirements for sourcing raw materials:

- 1) Need mono-specific whereas fish meal will take up anything as long as it swims.
- 2) Much more advanced & complex production: need consistency in the volume, composition and freshness.

*Suitability for the fishery industry?*



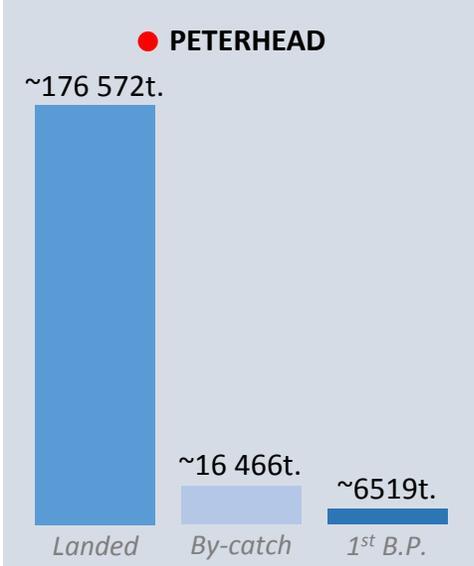
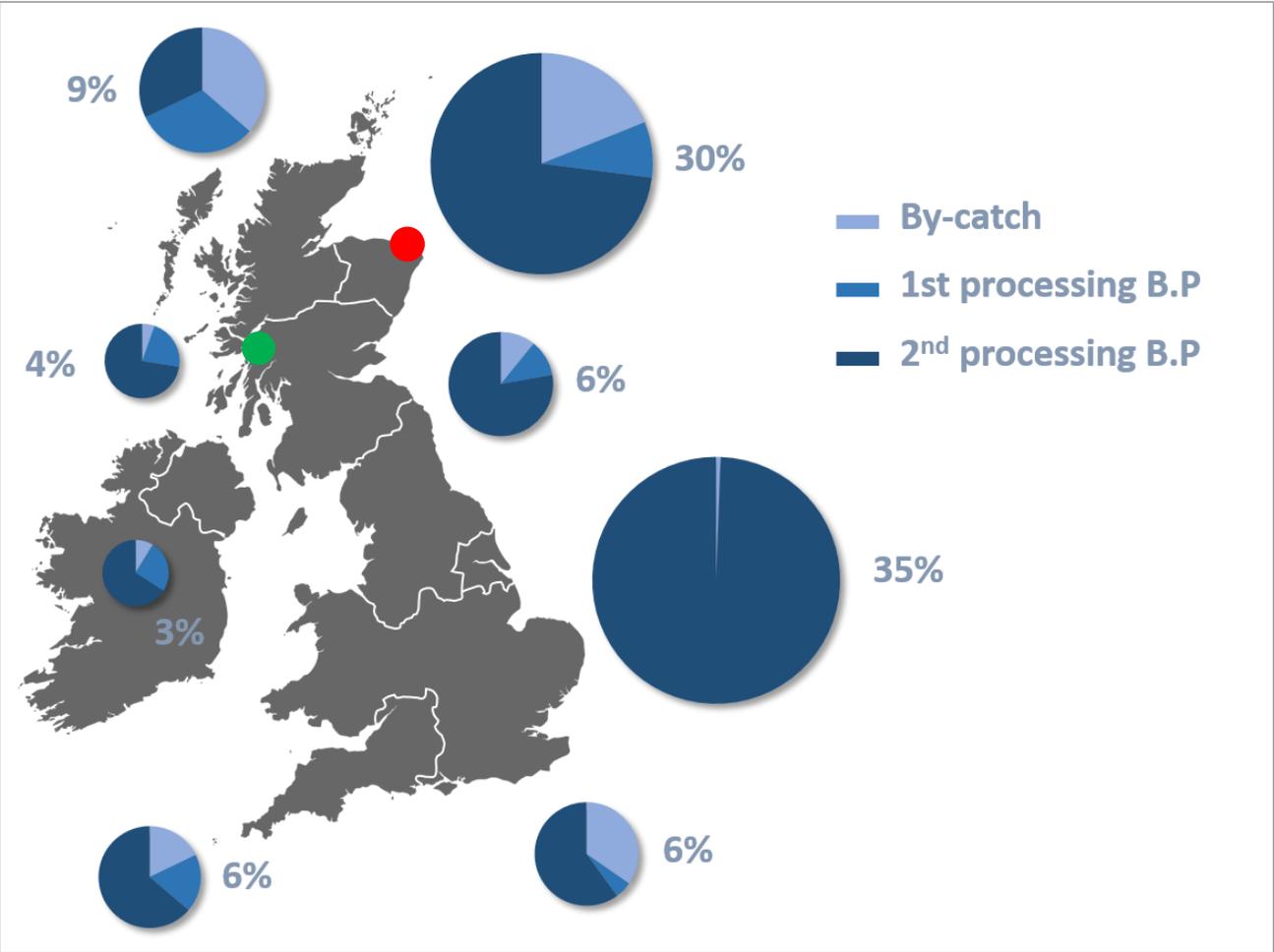
*A single product suitable for FPH.*



*Diverse species and products going for fishmeal.*

# Regional disparities: 1<sup>st</sup> B.P. & B.C.

## Regional repartition of the total B.P. & B.C. in the UK:



>95% of fish products



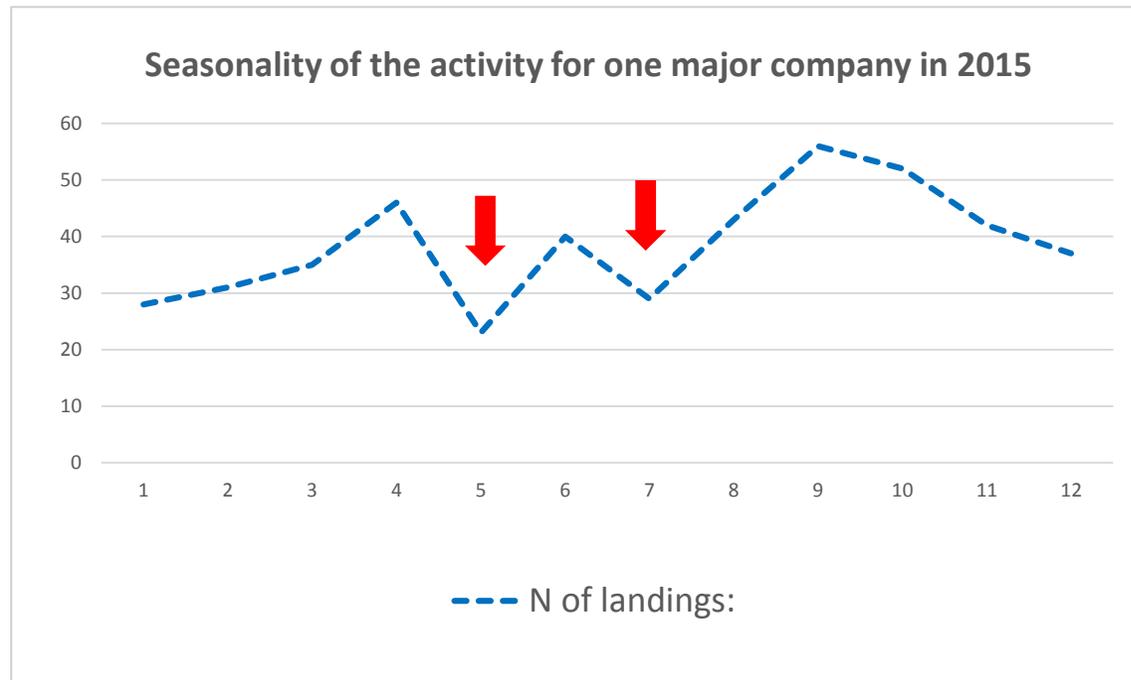
>97.5% of shellfish products

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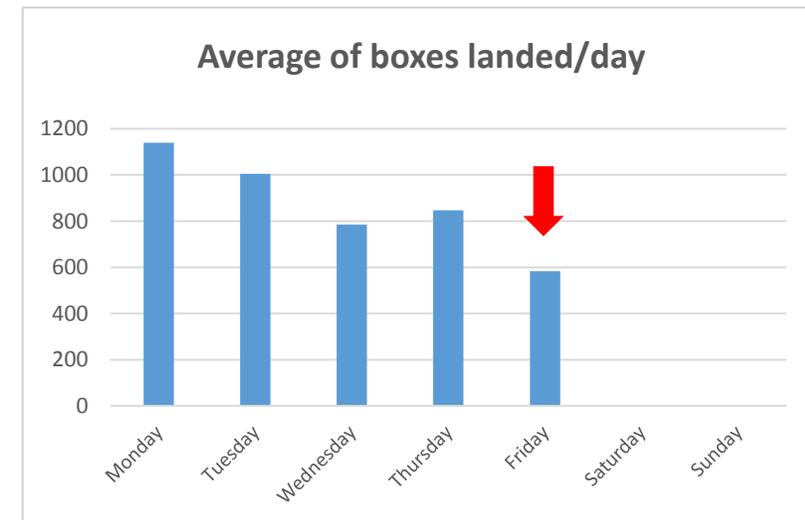
# Inconsistent volumes: 1<sup>st</sup> B.P. & B.C.

- Results from our boat-scale analysis in Peterhead: fleet of 23 demersal trawlers.

## Seasonally



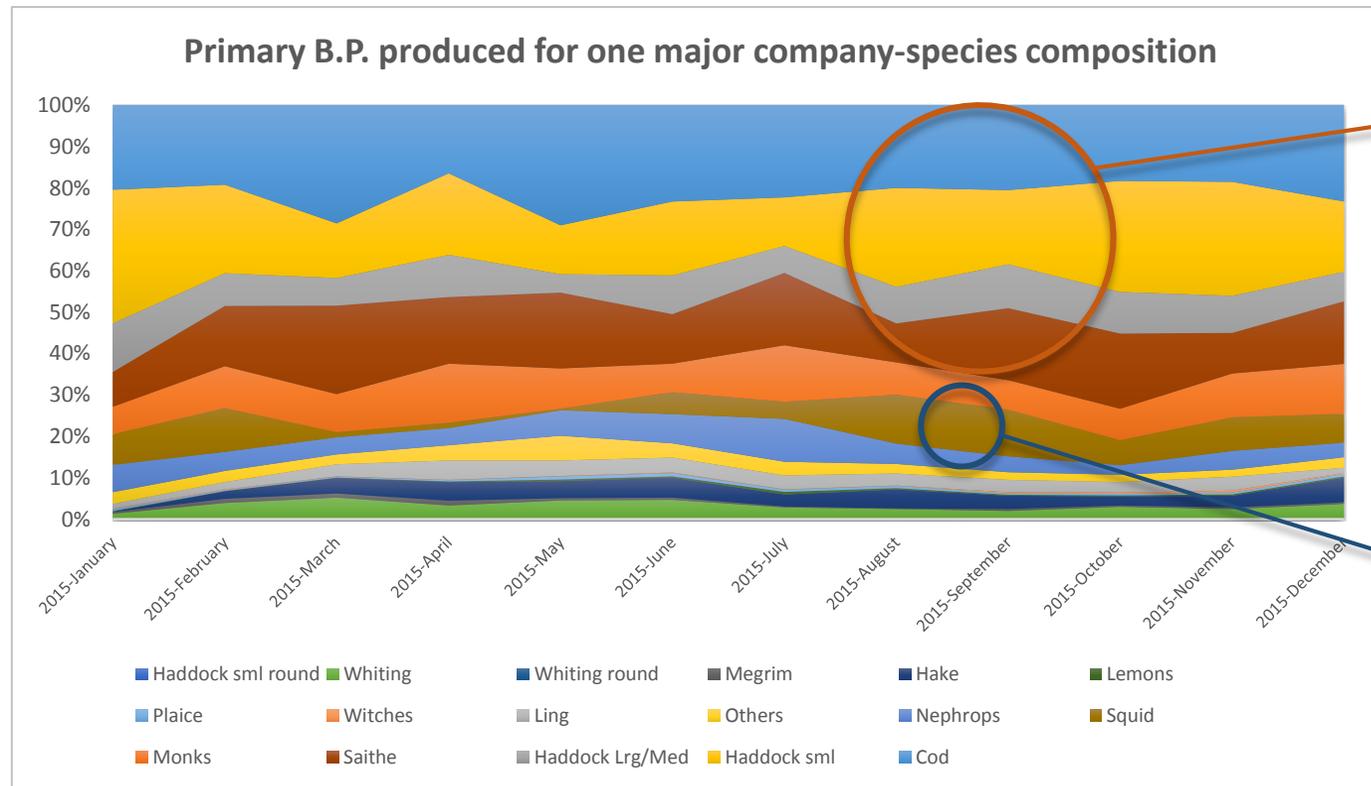
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*\*Results from our boat-scale analysis in Peterhead: 23 vessels.*

# Inconsistent composition: 1<sup>st</sup> B.P. & B.C.

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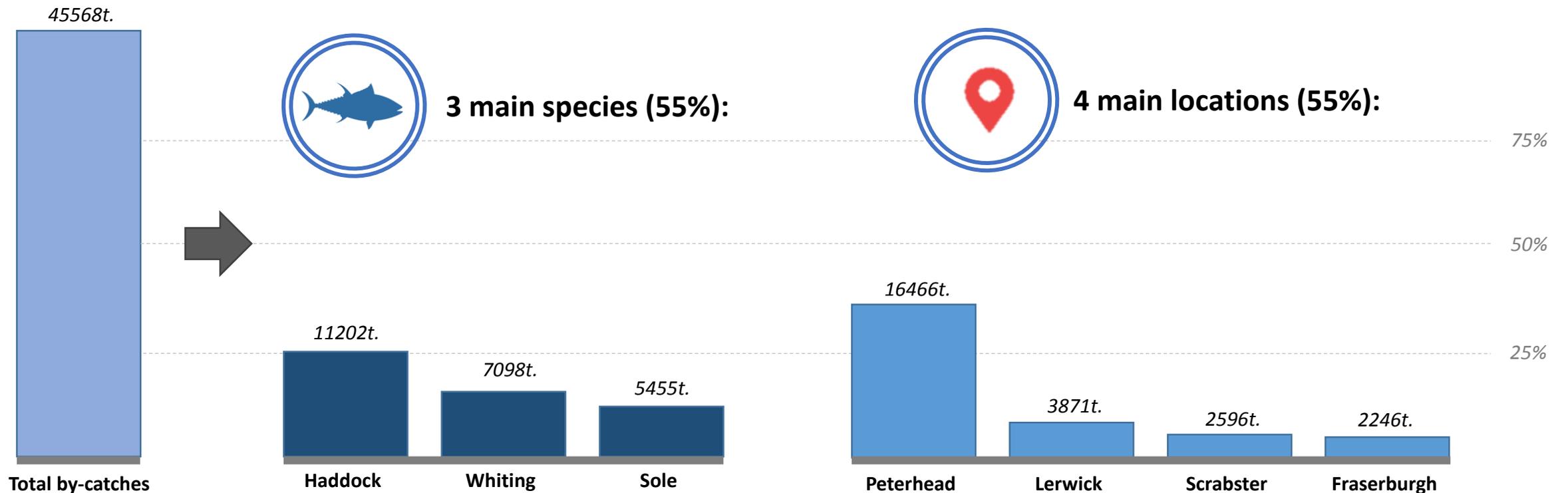
Some fishermen are traditional in their target species: haddock, cod, anglerfish, etc.

Some are more varied in their target species: squid.

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# Opportunities for by-catches:

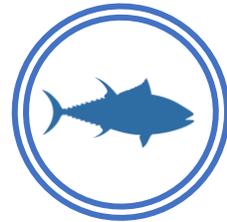
- Landing obligation of the by-catches:
  - Implementation of a discard ban from 2016 to 2019 in the EU  
(Article 15, CFP regulation 1380/2013).



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# Opportunities for 1<sup>st</sup> B.P. :

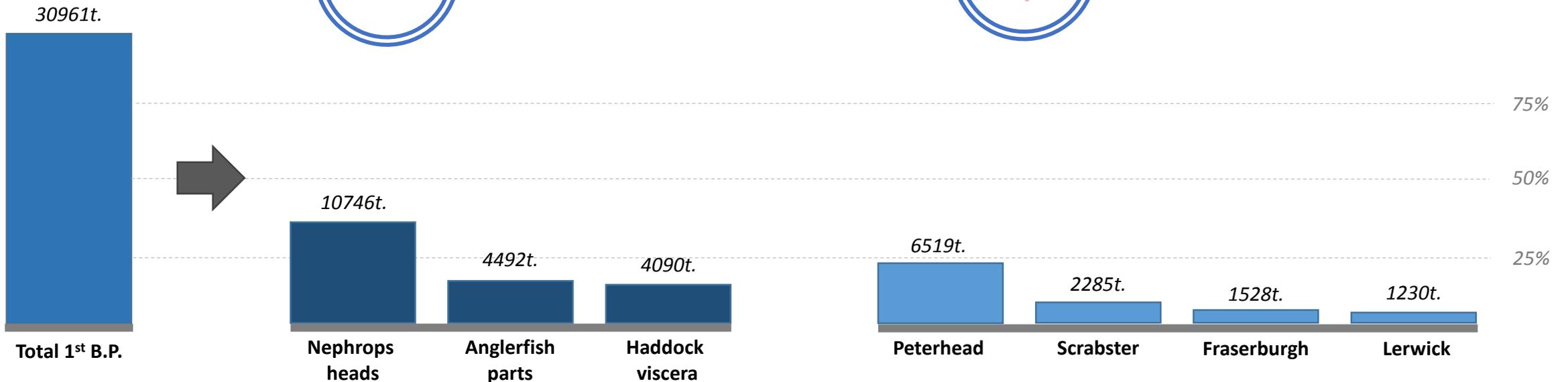
- Not counted against quotas:
  - Can land as much as we want.
  - The 23 vessels in PD: 49% empty on average in 2015 (3850t. of overcapacity).



3 main species (62%):



4 main locations (37%):



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# Research gaps.

- **Optimise consistency:** solutions to mitigate the constraints implied to B.P. & B.C. derived from multiples sources and species, at different seasons.
- **Optimise quality:** solutions to ensure the preservation of the B.P. & B.C. on-board.
- **Avoid wastage:** bring innovative solutions to shellfish wastes.
- **Support constrained locations:** develop tailored approaches and cost-effective models to improve the utilization of small and geographically remote fishery B.P. & B.C. (*e.g. West of Scotland*).

# Recommendations

- **Look site by site:** Clear mapping of locations where there are opportunities for implementing circular models between the fishery sector and aqua-feed sector in the UK.
- **Network well:** promote collaborative works with the fishery organisations to have access the information.
- **Bring the stakeholders together:** call for greater collaborations between the two sectors to develop innovative and adapted upgrading processes and business models.



# Thank you.

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