

# Introduction and Manual to

# Pasgear 2



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## Background and acknowledgements

'PASGEAR' was initially developed in Turbo Pascal for analyzing a series of experimental multi-mesh fishing data from Lake Turkana ([Kolding 1989](#)), and was, at that stage, never intended for anything else. In 1991, however, I (Jeppe Kolding) was assigned to computerize, clean and analyze, together with Lawrence Karengē†, the huge amount of experimental gillnet data collected by Lake Kariba Fisheries Research Institute in Zimbabwe, and the old 'Turkana' programs were dusted of and adapted to the Lake Kariba data set. During this process various modules for facilitating the data entering and cleaning procedures were developed and added, and the idea of developing a more general package was initiated.

Pasgear 1 (DOS) was released in various versions until 2003 by Jeppe Kolding. In February 2003 Åsmund Skålevik was assigned to help redesign and convert the old DOS program into Pasgear II on the Windows Platform. The result, so far, is what you have here.

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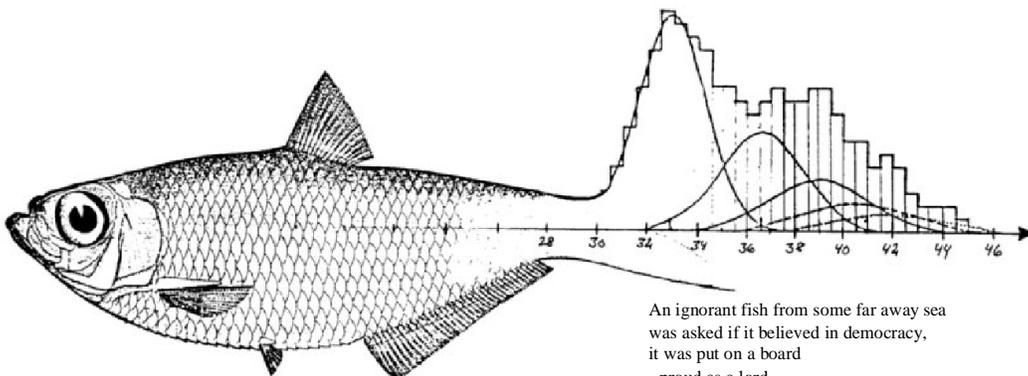
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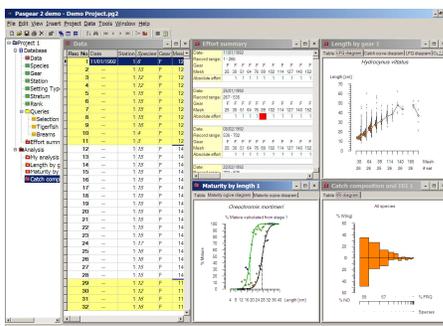
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An ignorant fish from some far away sea  
was asked if it believed in democracy,  
it was put on a board  
- proud as a lord,  
and got lost somewhere in a length-frequency



***PASGEAR 2 is a customised data base package primarily intended for experimental or artisanal fishery data. It is a tool that neatly and quickly lets you store and analyse fishery data from various survey designs.***

## What Pasgear 2 does

PASGEAR is a customized data base package primarily intended for experimental or artisanal fishery data. The package is developed to facilitate the entering, storage and analysis of the often huge amounts of experimental fishery data, or catch and effort data, accumulated in the research institutes of many countries. It is particularly useful for test-fishing data from multi-mesh gillnets such as 'Lundgren nets' or the 'Drottningholm method' (e.g. [Degerman et al. 1989](#), [Fjälling & Fürst 1991.](#)), but can also be used for many other sampling methods such as lines, trawls, or Underwater Visual Census (UVC), [Labrosse et al. \(2002\)](#).

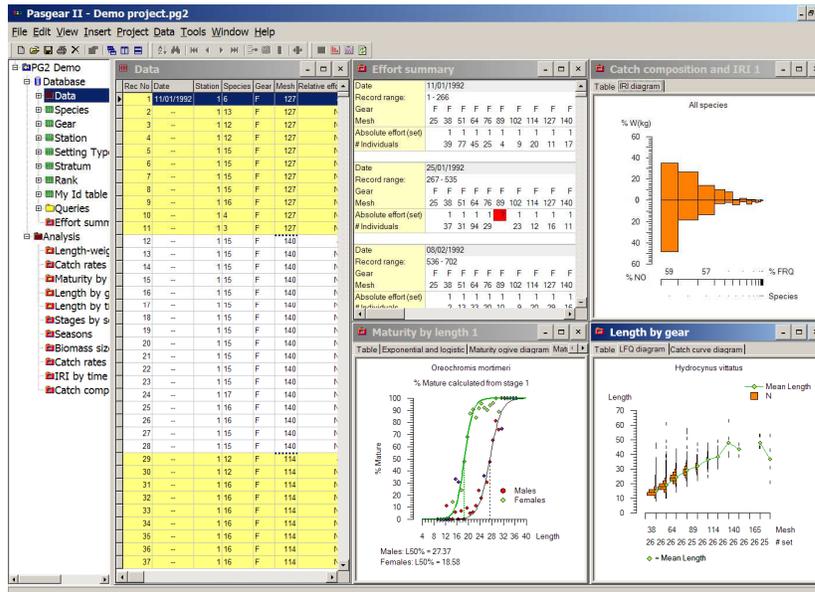
Although PASGEAR has many of the features of an advanced database, it is intended for users with little or no experience in computerized data bases, or with limited access to sophisticated computer equipment. Emphasis has been put on easy data input, editing and manipulation, and on procedures for checking and 'cleaning' data records. With a clean, complete, and accurate data base you are ensured that the calculated results are reliable, at least from a computational point of view. All data can be explored, tabulated, analysed and displayed graphically in the analysis section by query selecting, various groupings, and calculations of a wide range of statistics. A number of predefined extraction, condensing and calculation programmes have been incorporated (see [Analysis](#) section) which give an easy overview of large data files and serve the need of the most fundamental data-exploration and most common primary 'analyses' of experimental or statistical fisheries data. Among the several special features included are:

- Automatic [estimation of weights](#) from [length-weight relationships](#).
- [Standardized](#) (weighed) calculation of [CPUE](#) with [confidence limits](#).
- Calculation of different types of confidence limits such as [arithmetic](#), [Pennington estimator](#), and [bootstrap](#).
- Non-linear maximum likelihood estimation of gillnet, hook and trap [selectivity](#) probabilities
- Gear selectivity [corrected](#) length frequencies and catch curves
- [Non-linear](#) least squares estimation of maturity [ogives](#) and size at 50% maturity
- Raising of mixed gear catches (CPUE by length groups) for cohort analysis and T&B.

The data-base, or parts of it (any combination of selected records and fields), can be converted into ASCII format for [export](#) to spreadsheets, other data bases or statistical packages. Similarly, data can be easily imported from these through the [import wizard](#). All extracts and tables can be [copied](#) and pasted in eg. Excel or Word. Length frequencies by time intervals, or mesh sizes, are [exportable in FiSAT](#) format for further analysis in ELEFAN ([Gayanilo et al. 1989](#)) or FiSAT ([Gayanilo et al. 1996](#)). Also total weighted catches by length groups are exportable in FiSAT format as input to length-based cohort analysis ([Sparre and Venema 1998](#)).

Pasgear 2 has a powerful [graphical interface](#) which lets you plot variables and statistics in almost any combination, as well as fitting a number of different trend curves. The fitting of [trends](#) can be done both analytically (linear least square regression method) or by a non-linear iterative numerical solution.

## Multiple document interface (MDI)

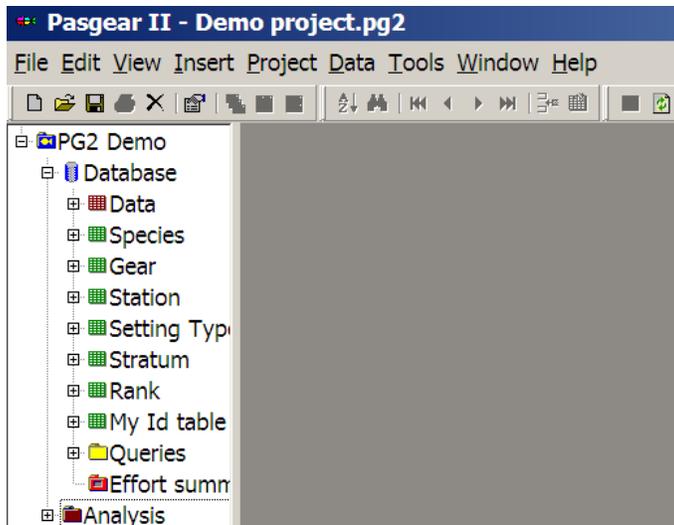


Pasgear 2 has a multiple document interface which means that you can show any number of tables or analyses simultaneously. Data files, reference tables, queries, and analyses are combined into a [Project](#). PasGear 2 has a project tree which lets you navigate easily among the various tables, queries and analyses, as well as accessing the properties of these components (objects).

## The organization of PASGEAR

Pasgear 2 is both a database and a tool for data exploration and analysis. A [“project”](#) is a file (\*.pg2) that:

1. Links the database files ([tables](#)) to an unlimited set of specified analyses
2. Describes and defines the contents and units of the database and tables
3. Stores the layout of the defined [queries](#), [expressions](#), [analyses](#), [charts](#) etc, that connects with the database



## Database

The database is a set of files that stores the data records in binary format (\*.bds). These data can be viewed in tables (see [Database/Tables](#)).

The main file is [Data](#) which stores all the primary information in records (see [the data structure in PASGEAR](#)). Some of this information is stored as codes (so-called [foreign keys](#)), e.g. species, gear, station etc in order to save space. Therefore there is a number of additional reference or [Id-files](#) that link these codes (by [primary key](#) fields) to further information such as e.g. the generic name of the key field code. When the data is tabulated in the [Analysis](#) section, all key field codes will be translated into corresponding names from the [Id tables](#).

**Note that all entering and editing in the database files (\*.bds) is done directly on the disk file (not in memory) so that any changes will be directly and permanently written to the file.** All changes on the project file (\*.pg2), however, will only be saved on user request (either by pressing save, or press [yes] to save when closing the project).

## Queries



There are two types of queries:

- [Selection](#)
- [Validation](#)

Selection queries (see Database/[Queries](#)) (or selection filters) can be added, defined and applied to any database tables and selection queries on the Data table can also be connected with any [analysis](#) item or [expression](#).

Validation queries (see [Find and correct records](#)) are used to check whether there are undefined codes in the Data file, i.e. there are codes which have not been defined with key field codes in the corresponding support tables. Validation queries can also be used to find and correct records where the observed length is deviating from the expected length of a fish (calculated from the length-weight relationship) by a defined limit (see [Check length/weight](#) and [Length-weight relationship](#)).

## Effort Summary

Date:	25/01/1992														#2	
Record range:	267 - 535															
Gear	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	
Mesh	25	38	51	64	76	89	102	114	127	140	152	165	178	190	203	Total
Absolute effort	1	1	1	1	1	?	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
# Fish	37	31	94	29			23	12	16	11	14	1	1			269

Effort Summary (see Database/[Effort summary](#)) is a module that quickly gives you an overview of the data by various date intervals, and specifically lets you check the chronology and the number of primary samples units (see [Effort](#) or [primary sample unit](#)). It also has an option for inserting 'empty' gear settings (see [empty settings](#)) into the Data file if these have not been recorded. An empty setting is a gear setting which did not catch any fish. This module should always be run after creating the database and prior to run the analyses in order to secure that the effort and number of primary sample units are correctly counted.

## Analysis

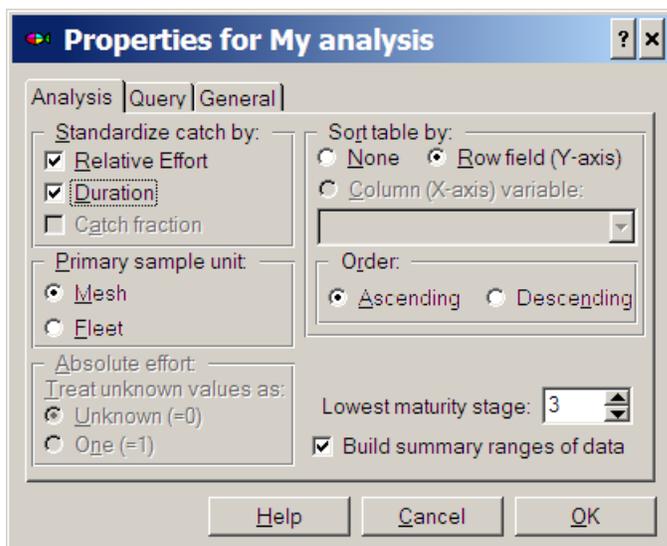
The Analysis (see [Analysis](#)) part of Pasgear consists of two parts:

- [General analysis](#)
- [Predefined analyses](#)

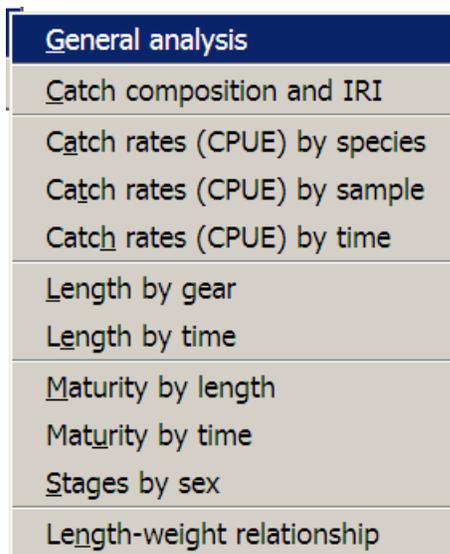
An analysis is generally built as a grouping (condensing) of data fields in one to three dimensions ([rows, columns, and pages](#)) with a number of variables/statistics (see [Analysis/variables](#)) associated with the groups:

Table		1992			Total		
Species		F	M	Total	F	M	Total
<i>Alestes imberi</i>							
<i>Hydrocynus vittatus</i>							
<i>Distichodus shenga</i>							
<i>Labeo altivelis</i>							
<i>Labeo congoro</i>							
<i>Labeo cylindricus</i>							
<i>Schilbe mystus</i>							
<i>Clarias gariepinus</i>							
<i>Total</i>							

The outputs of all analyses can be standardized to a given standard effort (see [Effort mode](#) in [properties for tables](#)) and the result table can be [sorted](#) in various ways. Results can also be shown graphically by using the vast range of opportunities in the charts and diagrams objects (see [Diagram and chart](#))

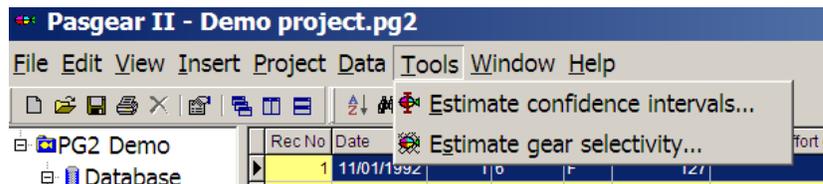


Pasgear 2 contains a number of [predefined analyses](#) (macros) that can be added (inserted) in a project.



Each of the 10 predefined analyses are special cases of a [general analysis](#), but have been developed to serve the need for the most often used calculations. They all also have [predefined diagrams](#) for showing the results. Both the predefined analyses and their diagrams can all be edited or changed nearly unlimited according to the users' wishes. The predefined analyses are all described in more details under [Analysis](#).

## Tools



There are two stand alone tools associated with Pasgear 2. These programs can be executed independently from Pasgear 2 and are using their own file system, but can be directly accessed from Pasgear itself. The two tools are:

- Estimation of [confidence intervals](#) (conflim.exe)
- Estimation of [gear selectivity](#) (gearsel.exe)

The confidence interval tools contains procedures for getting confidence intervals from data that are distributed both normally and highly skewed, such as [Pennington's](#) estimator based on the Delta distribution ([Pennington, 1983, 1996](#); [Conquest \*et al.\*, 1996](#)) and [bootstrap](#) ([Efron & Tibshirani 1986, 1993](#)).

The gear selectivity tool is for indirect estimation of gillnet, hook, and trap selectivity from comparative data of observed catch frequencies across a series of mesh or hook sizes. The general statistical model (SELECT) is described in [Millar \(1992\)](#), and the specific application on gillnets and hooks is described in [Millar & Holst \(1997\)](#) and [Millar and Fryer \(1999\)](#).

## The data structure in PASGEAR

PASGEAR is basically a flat data base (one type of records) which can be used to store and analyze fisheries data on various levels, from individual fish with biological measurements to aggregated catch (just numbers and/or weights) and effort data. Each record ([Table 1](#)) is consisting of 3 parts:

1. the physical [primary](#) sample fields (date, station, gear, gear size or relative effort, duration, set- or sample type, depth etc.),
2. the biological [secondary](#) sample fields (species, length, weight, sex, gonads), and
3. the [Rank field](#), which PASGEAR uses for internal data control and validation.

Data can be either punched directly (see [Get started/Enter data](#)) or imported from Pasgear 1 (DOS) other sources in text or clipboard format (see [Get started/import from Pasgear 1](#) or [import from text](#))

## Field types and codes in a PASGEAR record:

**Table 1.** The entry fields of one standard (default) record in PASGEAR. The type indicates whether the field is [physical](#), [biological](#) or 'free'. For further details see Database tables/data table/[Fields](#)

Entry field	Type	Comments
RECORD NO	NA	Number in file (automatically set)
DATE	Phy	The format depends on the default format chosen for your PC
STATION	Free	Station or location entered as a code (integer) <i>free field</i>
SPECIES	Bio	Name of species (or group of species) entered as a code (7 characters, letters or number)
GEAR CODE	Phy	The code of fishing gear used (two letters)
MESH CODE	Phy	The mesh/hook/trap size or code used (integer)
RELATIVE EFFORT	Phy	The relative sample effort or the relative gear effort (e.g. length, area or other unit)
DURATION	Phy	Time duration of effort in hours or minutes
SET TYPE	Free	What kind of setting/sample type or other separator (integer) <i>free field</i>
NUMBER	Bio	Number of individuals the record represents (integer)
LENGTH	Bio	Length of the individual (in mm or cm)
WEIGHT	Bio	Weight of the number (defined in the number field) of individuals (in grams or Kg)
SEX	Bio	Male, female or not determined (M, F or X)
GONADS	Bio	Gonad stage (range defined in project properties (integer)
STRATUM	Free	e.g. bottom depth or any other separator (integer) <i>free field</i>
RANK		Data <a href="#">validity codes</a> (integer, codes different from 0 has special meanings)

Table 1 shows the standard (default) fields in a Pasgear record. Some of these fields are fixed and you have limited options for editing their properties. Two fields (Date and 'mesh code' indicated by yellow) are obligatory for a record to be considered [valid](#). Some default fields can be deleted (indicated by grey background) and others (indicated by red italics) are 'free' which means that they can be changed from [physical fields](#) (red/blue) to [biological fields](#) (green) - or vice versa - according to the users wish. Any field, however, or any visible object in Pasgear, can have its field header [renamed](#).

The user can add any number of [additional fields](#) (columns) to the data base, either containing values or calculated from other fields (see [Database tables/Fields](#)).

### Valid records and missing information

You do not need to have information for all fields in a record for using Pasgear 2. For a record to be valid only 2 [physical fields](#) need to have values: Date and Mesh code (indicated by yellow background in Table 1). Other 'physical' fields such as 'Gear', 'Station', 'Set type', and 'Stratum' can be empty or [renamed](#) and used for other purposes, or – for the two latter – even deleted. For the [biological fields](#), only the Species code and number field needs to be specified. Species code = 0 by default means no catch ([empty](#)

[setting or haul](#)). Fields with no information entered will be stored with default values for 'unknown' or empty (see [Database tables/Fields](#)). You can define the number of fields to be [displayed](#) (visually shown) in the data [table properties](#).

## 2-stage sampling design in one record

Rec No	Date	Station	Species	Gear	Mesh	Setting Type	Number	Length [cm]	Weight [g]	Sex	Gonadal Stage	Stratum	Rank
1	11/01/1992	1 6		F	127	2	1	62.3	3200.000	F	0	1	0
2	--	1 14	Hydrocynus vittatus			2	1	50.9	1750.000	M	2	1	0
3	--	1 12		F	127	2	1	48.5	1300.000	F	4	1	0
4	--	1 12		F	127	2	1	55.8	1700.000	F	3	1	0
5	--	1 15		F	127	2	1	26.3	650.000	F	2	1	0
6	--	1 15		F	127	2	1	27.5	850.000	F	3	1	0
7	--	1 15		F	127	2	1	22.7	525.000	M	0	1	0
8	--	1 15		F	127	2	1	24.1	600.000	F	2	1	0
9	--	1 16		F	127	2	1	23.4	575.000	M	2	1	0
10	--	1 4		F	127	2	1	56.8	2125.000	M	2	1	0
11	--	1 3		F	127	2	1	58.8	1850.000	F	1	1	0
12	--	1 15		F	140	2	1	28.1	775.000	F	3	1	0
13	--	1 15		F	140	2	1	25.6	700.000	F	3	1	0
14	--	1 15		F	140	2	1	25.5	750.000	M	2	1	0
15	--	1 15		F	140	2	1	23.3	575.000	F	1	1	0
16	--	1 15		F	140	2	1	29.4	1000.000	F	3	1	0
17	--	1 15		F	140	2	1	21.5	425.000	M	0	1	0

Sampling of biological organisms normally consists of two stages or sample levels:

1. The physical capture or sampling stage where you set the gear.
2. The biological recording stage where you count and measure various parameters in the catch.

The capture or 'physical' sampling stage defines the **primary sample unit (PSU)** and is characterised by physical attributes (eg. Date, Station, Stratum, Set Type, Gear, Mesh size etc.) that are unique for each primary sample unit. A primary sample unit in fisheries is typically labelled as a 'set' or 'haul', and often represent a unit of absolute effort (see [Effort definition](#)).

The recording of the biological catch defines the **secondary sample unit (SSU)** and consist of biological attributes (typically Species, Number, Length, Weight, Sex, Gonads). The number of biological records within one primary sample will vary with the size of the catch and the aggregated level of the biological recording (see below under [Types of Catch data](#)).

One record in Pasgear consist of both physical (PSU) and biological (SSU) information (indicated by red and green color respectively in [Table 1](#)). The minimum of physical information required for a record to be valid is date and mesh (gear), whereas no biological information is required. One record with only physical values but no biological simply means an [empty setting](#), i.e. the sampling was done but no catch obtained.

When the records are properly sorted chronologically (see [sorting data](#)), this unique system enables Pasgear to automatically keep track of the number of primary sample units. This is a great advantage because Pasgear itself keeps track of the number of

sample units (PSU) in calculations (e.g. CPUE see [Calculating CPUE](#)) irrespective of the number of records within one sample.

### ***Physical data (the primary sampling unit)***

PASGEAR will automatically 'count' a new PSU (setting, fishing operation, or sample) each time one of the fixed physical fields (**Date, Gear or Mesh**) change value or optionally also if any of the other physical fields change value (see [Database tables](#)). Thus, each time a physical (PSU) field changes its value, a new primary sample is considered regardless of the number of biological records (SSU) within each PSU.

You can define which optional physical fields should be used to demarcate a PSU by checking these as sample separators under [column properties](#). Each time any one of these fields change its numerical value, compared to the previous record, PASGEAR will consider it a new primary sample and add the number of sample units (n) with +1. In other words when just one of these fields changes its value it simply means that it is now a different fishing operation, i.e. a new sample.

The screenshot shows the 'Properties for Station' dialog box with the following settings:

- Column: General
- Field name: Station
- Field Id: 3
- Type: Integer
- Size (in bytes): 4
- Sample level:
  - Primary (physical)
  - Secondary (biological)
- Sample separator
- Id key
- Id alias (label): <No alias>
- Id relationship with table: Station.Station Id
- Format: # decimals: 0, Color: (empty)
- Calculated expression: (empty)
- Default empty / unknown: 0
- Unit: (empty)
- Conversion: 1

### ***Biological data (the secondary sampling level)***

#### **Types of biological data.**

The biological data or catch data (secondary sample unit) can be from 3 different levels of information:

- a) The *individual* level where one record is one organism (fish) and all biological fields have a value referring to this single organism. In this case the **NUMBER** field takes the value 1 (see Table 2).
- b) The *length-frequency* level where the length is a length-group and the weight is the total weight of individuals in the length group and the **NUMBER** field is the number of individuals in the length group. In this case the number field is normally >1 (see Table 2).
- c) The *total "catch"*-level where the length is unknown (value = 0) and the weight is the summed weight of the species caught (in one to several settings or a sample), in this case the **NUMBER** field is the number of fish caught (if not known it is set to 0).

Thus, there are 3 possibilities for entering biological information into a record:

Level of information	Fields				
	species	length	Weight	number	sex/gonads
a) Individual fish	x	x or 0	x or 0	1	x or 0
b) Length-frequency	x	x	x or 0	x	0
c) Catch in Number/weight	x	0	x or 0	x or 0	0

where x stands for known information and 0 for unknown (missing) information. If species is 0 and the physical fields (i.e. date and gear fields) are entered then such record will count as an [‘empty’ setting](#).

PASGEAR will work on any of these levels, and they can even be mixed into the same file and in the same sample (e.g. when various proportions of a catch is sampled for individual measurements, length-frequencies, and maybe a rest groups of only numbers and weight). PASGEAR will keep track of which information is available in the individual calculation programmes.

## Effort definition and sample raising modes.

### ***Effort mode***

The most commonly used method of estimating the relative abundance of an exploited fish stock is by using the catch per unit effort (CPUE) as an index of abundance. The nominal fishing effort is expressed in for example the number of fishermen, the number of boat-days, the number of gill-net set, the number of hooks set, the number of hauls or pulls made, etc. However, it is important that the so-called catchability coefficient remains constant. Catchability is defined as the relationship between the catch rate (CPUE) and the true population size (B). So the unit is fish caught per fish available per effort unit and per time unit. Catchability is also called gear efficiency (Hillborn and Walters 1992) or sometimes fishing power. For the gear efficiency to be constant it is important that the relative effort of the nominal fishing effort is also constant.

In PASGEAR ‘effort’ is considered at 2 different *levels* or types and with two different *kinds* in the primary sampling unit.

The two different levels are:

1. The *absolute* effort, i.e. the number of gear settings/hauls/transects etc., or sample units in a data series. Each Primary sample unit (setting or sample) can consist of one to several absolute effort units depending on the defined [effort mode](#) on the data table.
2. The *relative* effort within one primary sample unit. This can vary between each PSU according to the respective gear size (e.g. area of different mesh panels in a fleet), or the relative sampling effort (e.g. fraction of sampled fish of total catch in a primary sampling unit, or number of settings (effort) for the total catch in a sample).

To illustrate, standardized catch per unit effort (*CPUE*) in PASGEAR is calculated as:

$$CPUE = \frac{1}{y} \sum_{i=1}^n W_i \cdot \frac{SU}{U_i} \quad \text{where}$$

- $y$  is the *absolute* effort and  $n$  is number of primary sample units (thus when effort is not a variable then  $y = n$ ),
- $W_i$  is the catch (weight or numbers) of sample unit  $i$
- $SU$  is the standard value of one absolute effort unit (i.e. 100% or *standard effort* e.g. area of a gillnet)
- $U_i$  is the *relative* effort value or ‘weight’ of sample unit  $i$  given in e.g. the **RELATIVE EFFORT** field (i.e. 50 (percent) if only half the catch was measured, or the actual area of the net used).

PASGEAR can thus easily work on 'sampled' catch and effort, and thus sampled CPUE, even if only a fraction of the catch in one fishing operation (PSU) is actually recorded, or if the recorded catch in a sample is aggregated from several effort units (e.g. nets).

Both absolute ( $y$ ) and relative ( $U_i$ ) effort can be stored in PASGEAR, but there are 2 different ‘mode’ or *kind* options for absolute effort within a PSU, depending on whether the number of settings (or absolute effort units) in a primary sample is a variable ( $y \neq n$ ) or not ( $y = n$ ), i.e whether the biological information in a primary sample unit is obtained from one or a variable number of effort units (nets, hauls etc.):

The ‘effort mode’ and standard units are defined on the [data table properties](#):

The two different kinds of absolute effort mode:

- 1) The absolute effort is the same as a primary sample unit ( $y = n$ ):

For most experimental fishing data, the recorded catch is usually separated by each unit of effort (i.e. settings/hauls/mesh size etc.) and each primary sample is from one such effort unit. In this case (which is the 'automatic' **default** effort mode in PASGEAR, see [Data properties/effort mode](#)) you do not have to store the number of gears, settings or hauls within a primary sample. Click on 'Default' under absolute effort (definition will then be 1) and PASGEAR will count the effort as the number of primary sampling units.

- 2) The absolute effort (number of settings or hauls) within a primary sample unit is a variable ( $y \neq n$ ):

If the catch data consists of pooled data coming from  $y$  units of effort then the 'automatic' default absolute effort mode is not applicable as ' $y$ ' in the above CPUE equation is a recorded variable that can change with each record or sample (where the number of samples,  $n$ , are still automatically separated each time any one of the defined physical fields change value). In this case you can use either the **RELATIVE EFFORT** field, or the **DURATION** field, or any other new field, to store the absolute effort variables (and then specify (define) the used location on the property page by giving the column name in the definition field). The number of settings (' $y$ ' in the above equation) will then be read from the file in the specified column instead of being automatically counted. If you choose the **DURATION** field to store the absolute effort variable then you can still use the **RELATIVE EFFORT** field to give relative weight to the sample as described below under sample raising. Alternatively, if you use the **RELATIVE EFFORT** field to store the absolute effort variable then you can

use the **DURATION** field to standardize (raise) the calculated CPUE by time units, or any other unit (see [sample raising](#)).

### **Sample raising**

Sample raising means that the raising of calculated values (number and weight) will take place on each primary sample unit. Thus the whole PSU will be raised according to the ratio of the  $SU/U_i$  for the  $U_i$  value given in the first record of a new PSU.  $U_i$  values in subsequent records within the same PSU are recorded but may be considered redundant. This option should be used if the same proportions of the catch is sampled and recorded within one PSU or the whole sample should be raised according to a given standard value. E.g. the catch was sampled with nets of 45 m length (relative effort = 45) but you want your results standardised to say 100 m net lengths.

The two standard 'effort' fields in a record (relative effort, and duration) can be used depending on the setup of the [Effort mode](#). If any one of these is not used for storing absolute effort (i.e. absolute effort is not 'Default') then they can also be used for sample raising. However, you can define any new field for storing absolute and relative effort and duration.

The *relative* effort field (e.g. gear length/area) or relative sample effort (fraction of catch recorded of total) is normally given in the **RELATIVE EFFORT** field ([Table 1](#)). This field, together with the given **standard** effort unit (defined under '[effort mode](#)') is used to give relative 'weight' to the catch within a primary sample unit. If the **standard** effort unit for example is 100 (settings, nets, hauls, hooks, fishermen, pulls, boats, etc...) and the **RELATIVE EFFORT** field for these records is given the value 50, it means that the recorded catch within this setting or sample will be given double weight, or in other words, only half the catch was sampled and recorded. Similarly, if the standard effort unit is set to 100, and the **RELATIVE EFFORT** field is given the value 600 it means that this sample is the combined catch from 6 times the standard effort unit (e.g. 6 settings pooled).

Table 3. Typical relative effort values depending on the survey methodology:

<b>Sampling gear/methodology</b>	<b>Relative effort</b>
Gillnets	Area or length of net panels
Lines	Number of hooks
Underwater Visual Census	Area of transect
Trawl	Area swept
Sub-sample	Fraction of total

The *duration* field can be used to store the actual duration of the catch operation, and the corresponding standard value can then be used to raise your catch to standard duration. When both the 'relative effort'- and 'duration' fields are defined then your optional standardization in the analyses can be performed on each level separately or combined (see [standardize catch](#)).

Note that the relative effort units, e.g. meter (m) for relative effort expressing net length, and hours or minutes for duration, are defined in the respective [column properties/Units](#). They will appear in the 'Standard effort (sample raising) unit' field when pressing [Apply].

If information on the relative effort and/or the duration is not available then click [None] for these under 'Sample raising'

### ***Record raising***

Record raising means that the raising of calculated values will take place at each record. Thus each record will be raised according to the ratio of the  $SU/U_i$  for the  $U_i$  value given in the record. This option (set in Data table/[effort mode](#)) should be used if for example different proportions of the catch is sampled and recorded within one PSU.

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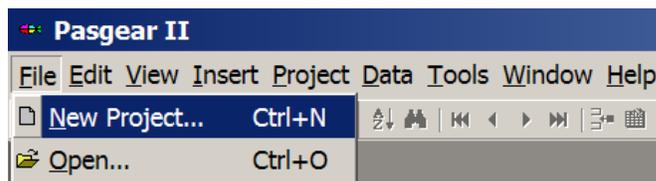
## Get started with Pasgear 2

For those not acquainted with Pasgear 1 (DOS), they should first read the [Overview](#) to understand the structure of Pasgear 2.

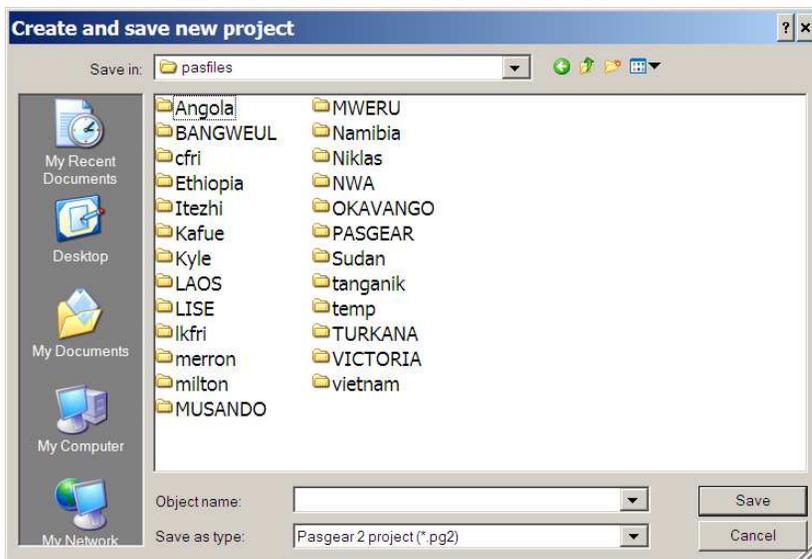
The following points show how to

- Create a new project in Pasgear 2 and migrate from old Pasgear 1 files
- Import data from the clipboard text stream or a text file.
- Punch and edit data directly in Pasgear 2.

### *Create a new Project*



1. Choose **File ► New project** or press Ctrl + N.

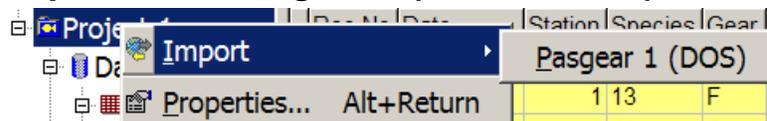


2. Select location, enter Object name and Save.

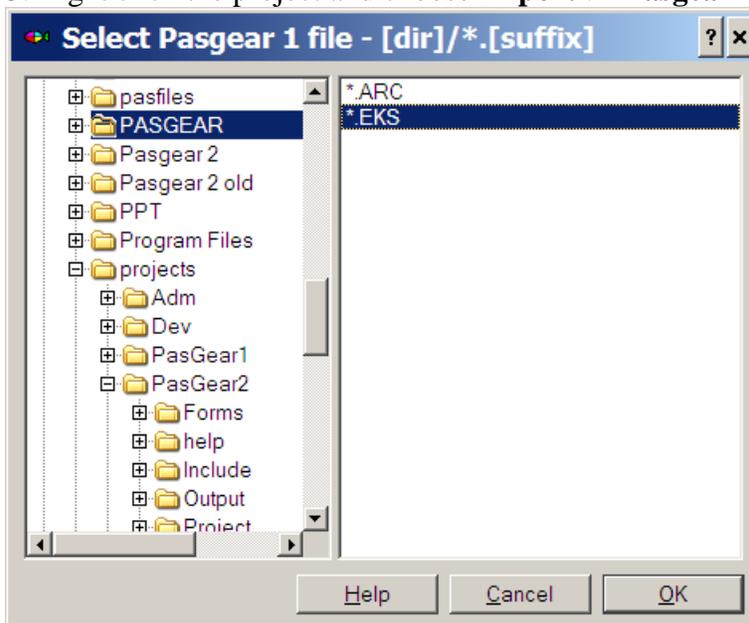
Depending on the data source there are now 3 options:

- Import data from old Pasgear 1 (DOS) files
- Import data from other sources, e.g. Excel or text files
- Punch data directly into Pasgear 2

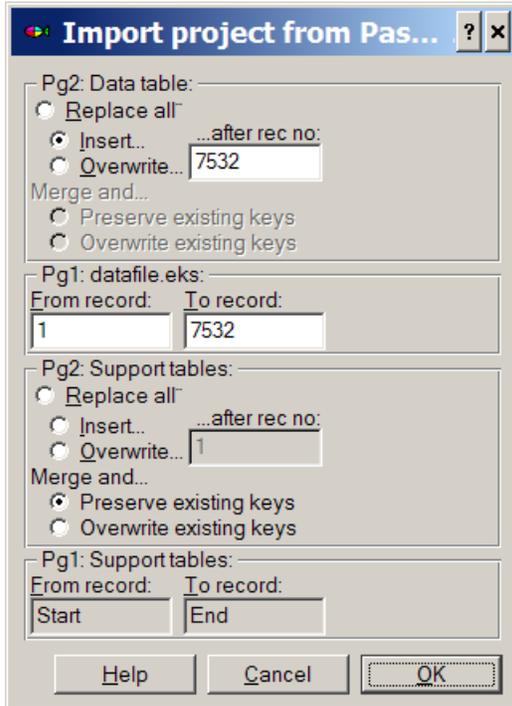
### ***Import from Pasgear 1 (DOS version)***



3. Right click the project and choose **Import ► Pasgear 1 (DOS)**.



4. Choose the location of your Pasgear 1 (DOS) files. Select the \*.\*[extension] and press OK.



5. Choose the import range (From record and To record), or accept defaults (whole range) and press OK.

6. Double click 'Data' to view imported data in the [Data table](#).

Rec No	Date	Station	Species	Gear	Mesh (mm)	Relative Effort (m)	Duration (hour)	Setting Type	Number	Length (cm)	Weight (g)	Sex	Gonadal Stage	Stratum	Rank
1	11/01/1992	1	6	F	127	45.000	0.000	2	1	62.300	3200.000	F	0	1	0
2	--	1	13	F	127	NA	NA	2	1	50.900	1750.000	M	2	1	0
3	--	1	12	F	127	NA	NA	2	1	48.500	1300.000	F	4	1	0
4	--	1	12	F	127	NA	NA	2	1	55.800	1700.000	F	3	1	0
5	--	1	15	F	127	NA	NA	2	1	26.300	650.000	F	2	1	0
6	--	1	15	F	127	NA	NA	2	1	27.500	850.000	F	3	1	0
7	--	1	15	F	127	NA	NA	2	1	22.700	525.000	M	0	1	0
8	--	1	15	F	127	NA	NA	2	1	24.100	600.000	F	2	1	0
9	--	1	16	F	127	NA	NA	2	1	23.400	575.000	M	2	1	0
10	--	1	4	F	127	NA	NA	2	1	56.800	2125.000	M	2	1	0
11	--	1	3	F	127	NA	NA	2	1	58.800	1850.000	F	1	1	0

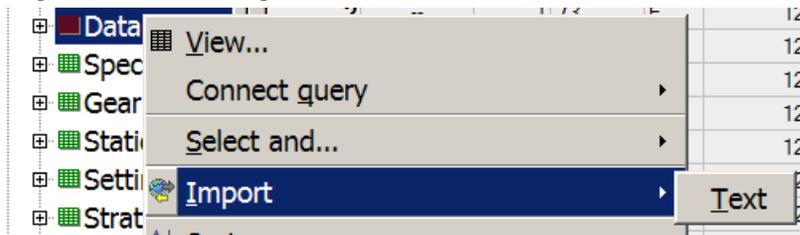
7. Open view [Id tables](#) (species, Station, Setting type etc.)

8. Open Project properties (see [Project properties](#)) and set all definitions and default settings for the project. This is equivalent to the old CONSTANT.\* file in Pasgear 1 (DOS)

9. Open Data properties (see [Properties for tables](#)) and set the [Effort mode](#).

10. You are ready to build and run analyses (see [Analysis](#))

## Import from Clipboard or text files

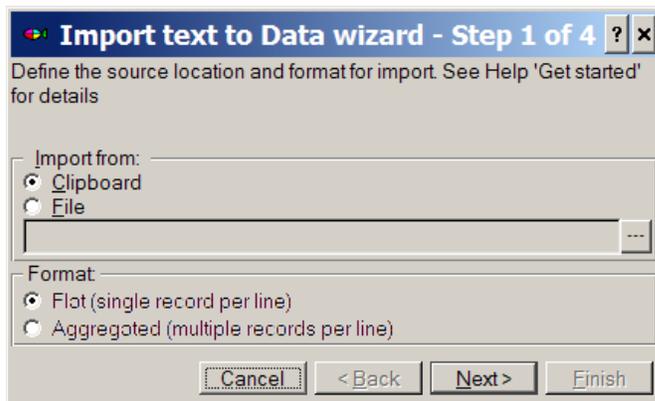


Importing data from external sources (e.g. Excel) must be done on the Data table and/or each Id Table separately.

3. Right click on the table, choose **Import ► Text**.

This will bring you into the Import Wizard with 4 steps:

### Step 1.



Define the source origin:

- Clipboard or
- File

If file (must be a text file) then open the file by pressing 

Define the format: Flat or aggregated.

- A flat file is one record with various fields per line.
- An aggregated file is a matrix with rows and columns, typically a length frequency file with length intervals in rows and e.g. dates or mesh sizes in columns.

Press **Next** for next step

## Step 2.

**Import text to Data wizard - Step 2 of 4** ? x

Preview of the source and destination specifications. Define delimiters, date format, start line, end line, etc.

Destination:

Replace all

Insert... after rec no:

Overwrite... 7532

Merge and...

Preserve existing keys

Overwrite existing keys

Source:

From line: 2 To line: End

Delimiter:

Tab  Other:

Comma

Date format:

Mask: DMY Delimiter: /

Has header row

Source preview:

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Date	Spec code	Station	Setting Type	Mesh (mm)	Hat
2	06/10/2005	CHACH36	1	2	127	4
3	06/10/2005	CHACH36	1	2	127	4
4	06/10/2005	CHACH36	1	2	127	4
5	06/10/2005	SCASC05	1	2	127	4
6	06/10/2005	SCASC05	1	2	127	4
7	06/10/2005	SCASC05	1	2	127	4

Help Cancel < Back Next > Finish

Here you have various options on the Destination (i.e. the Pasgear file you import to) on whether to replace, insert, or overwrite records. You must also define the format of the external source data (date format, field delimiter), as well on which lines the import should start. If there is a header line for the columns to be imported then check [ ] Has header row, and the import will automatically start at line2. The source preview gives you the layout on how the data are read from the source.

### Step 3

**Import text to Data wizard - Step 3 of 4** ? x

Map the source data to the destination table fields. Mark Include on fields to be imported and map them from the preview

Destination:	Incl	Source column	Default value	Unit
Date	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1		
Station	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3		
Species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2		
Gear	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		GN	
Mesh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5		
Relative effort	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		90	
Duration (hour)				hour
Setting Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4		
Number	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8		
Length (cm)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9		cm
Weight (g)				g
Sex				
Gonadal Stage				
Stratum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6		
Rank				

Mark all

Source preview: Import starts at row (line) 2

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Date	Spec code	Station	Setting Type	Mesh (mm)	Habitat
2	06/10/2005	CHACH36	1	2	127	4
3	06/10/2005	CHACH36	1	2	127	4
4	06/10/2005	CHACH36	1	2	127	4
5	06/10/2005	SCASC05	1	2	127	4
6	06/10/2005	SCASC05	1	2	127	4
7	06/10/2005	SCASC05	1	2	127	4
8	06/10/2005	HOLMY05	1	2	127	4

Help Cancel < Back Next > Finish

Pasgear 2 will import any number of [fields](#) in any (specified) order from the clipboard a text file where each line is a record (if not an aggregated matrix) as long as they correspond to the Pasgear [formats](#).

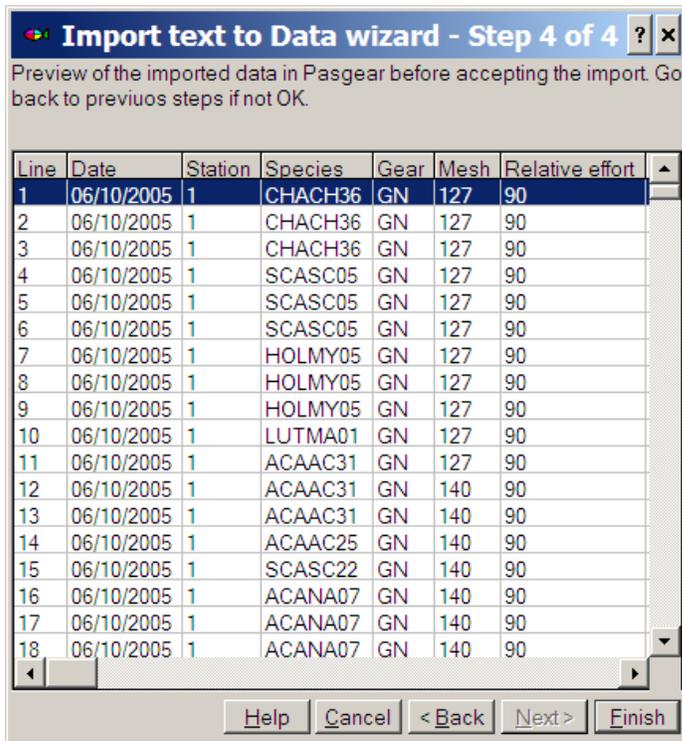
First mark [V] the fields you want to import, if all then use [Mark all].

Next, The 'column'-number (1..n) given in the preview of a particular variable/field in the source-file should be indicated to the right of the corresponding Pasgear 2 field. This means that the source file can contain both more or less fields, and in any different order, than the Pasgear 2 fields, and that fields in the source file which are not to be imported are just 'skipped'. You can also enter a default value for fields where you don't have information in the source file, such as e.g. the gear code or any other field with constant values. It is only important that the values in the source file are within the range and format accepted by Pasgear 2 (see [Table 1](#)). The only exception is the date field which will accept a range of optional input values in Step 2.

Lastly, you should give the units (where applicable) to the imported fields. If some field already have defined units (see [Database tables/column properties](#)) then these will appear in combo boxes. Note that for a Pasgear record to be recognised as [valid](#), then 3 fields are

obligatory (Date, gear and mesh – indicated in red). If you do not have import values for any one of these fields then give a constant default value.

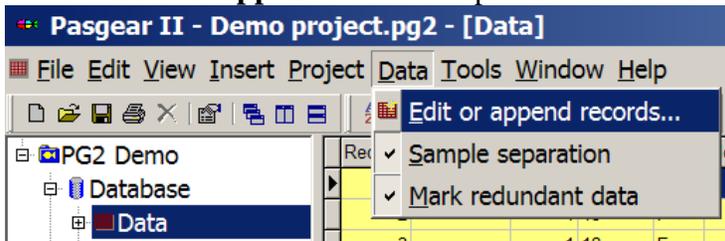
#### Step 4.



The last step in the Import wizard gives you a preview of how the data will be imported into Pasgear 2. If it is OK then press Finish, otherwise go back to previous steps and adjust your settings.

## Enter data directly into Pasgear 2

Choose **Edit or Append records** or press  in the main menu



The data entry dialogue:

**Data entry** ? x

Enter records (Empty fields keeps value of previous record):

Field	Format	Previous record	New record	Info/validation
Rec No	Calculated (Integer)	7532	7533	AutoNumber
<b>Date</b>	<b>dd/MM/yyyy</b>	<b>24/12/1992</b>		
<b>Station</b>	<b>Code (Integer)</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>Sampling station 1</b>
<b>Species</b>	<b>Code (String)</b>	<b>2 6</b>		<b>Hydrocynus vittatus</b>
Gear	Code (String)	F		Gill net
<b>Mesh</b>	<b>Code (Integer)</b>	<b>38</b>		<b>38</b>
Relative effort (m)	Float	45		
Duration (hour)	Float	0.000		
<b>Setting Type</b>	<b>Code (Integer)</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>Bottom set</b>
<b>Number</b>	<b>Integer</b>	<b>1</b>		
<b>Length (cm)</b>	<b>Float</b>	<b>13.8</b>		<b>Warning: Dev: 27%, Exp: 10.843</b>
<b>Weight (g)</b>	<b>Float</b>	<b>25</b>		<b>Warning: Dev: 50%, Exp: 50.464</b>
Sex	Input: F,M,X,J (1-4)	F		
Gonadal Stage	Integer	3		
<b>Stratum</b>	<b>Code (Integer)</b>	<b>1</b>	22	<b>Warning: Not defined</b>
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Code (Integer)</b>	<b>0</b>		
Season	Calculated ()	Summer		Four_seasons

Each record in the [DATA table](#) (= each individual or frequency of same organism) contains an array of codes or Id fields (foreign codes) and field data values. Once the values have been entered in a field (i.e. after the first record data entry) they will remain unchanged in the subsequent new records by just pressing [Enter] on the field. Only fields that are actually entered with new Id's or values have their contents changed. This feature makes it easy and fast to enter records as most fields do not change very often.

Data entry is fastest using the numeric keyboard, therefore the Sex fields (F,M, J or X = unknown) can be entered by corresponding numbers 1,2,4 or 3.

You can also set up the punching module in [Options] to jump over fields that are not changed often (they will simply inherit their value from the previous record) or connect the fields with the Id-Tables to give warnings when unknown codes and/or unrealistic combinations of length and weights are entered.

Once a record has been entered you append it to the data base by pressing [Append record], or just press [Enter] when you reach the bottom of the field array, and you are ready for the next record entry.

### **Data entry options**

In addition there is a series of **Options** for Data entry, which can be accessed by pressing [Options..]

- **View Columns.** Check these if you want these columns to appear in the [data entry dialogue](#). If the Id Tables (see [database tables](#)) have been created and entered, and you have the **Info/Validation** view checked on, you can optionally enter data while the **names** corresponding to the codes of species, stations, setting types etc. are simultaneously displayed. This will help you to remember and check the codes while entering the data. Ids that are not defined in the corresponding Id tables will be given a **Warning: Not defined**.
- **Species in Latin or Local.** This is for display of corresponding species names to the Id codes in either local language or in Latin.
- **Length-weight control.** Similarly, if the Id Table for Species has been created and the species-specific length-weight coefficients (see [Analysis/Length-weight relationship](#)) have been entered in the table, you can optionally enter data while the corresponding length and weight data are simultaneously controlled for mutual consistency (see also [Queries/Length-weight validation](#)). This will help you to avoid punching in obvious mistakes and/or disclose major errors in the field observations. Default level of warning is more than 20% deviance between observed and expected length.
- **Weight Unit.** Specify the unit of the weight field (all data will by default be converted and stored in grams)

- **Punch fields.** This for shortening the data entries by excluding fields that are not changed often. Fields that are not checked will be jumped when pressing [Enter] = next field in the data [entry dialogue](#).

### ***Edit previously punched records***

You can use the data entry dialogue to go back and check/edit previously punched data.

Use



or the 'Goto' button  for navigating around in the data table.

With  you can [insert](#) new records anywhere in the file.

## **Project**

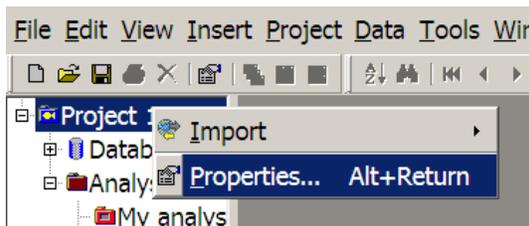
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### **Project properties (definitions and layout)**

A Pasgear “project” is a set of [data-](#) and [Id-files](#) in binary format (\*.bds) and a \*.pg2 file in XML (eXtended Markup Language) format. The ‘bds’ files contain the data and the ‘pg2’ file holds the project properties, and keeps all the settings, queries, expressions, analyses, layouts, and graphics. When data are stored in binary format they cannot be red without using the programme.

**Note** that all editing or changes on the bds files is **always** done directly on the disk and **cannot be ‘undone’**. It is therefore highly recommended to have regular backups of the bds files (or the whole project by using Save as.. in the File menu). The pg2 file, however, will only be saved to disk on prompt. So any changes in running Pasgear 2, or changing properties, will only be kept when responding [Yes] to saving on exit, or pressing the save button .

For accessing the project properties then *Right click the Project and choose properties from the popup menu.*



The project properties consist of a series of Tabs (each explained more fully below) that set up the configuration and properties of a Project:

- Summary

- Definitions
- Expressions
- Table layout
- Default chart layout

## Summary

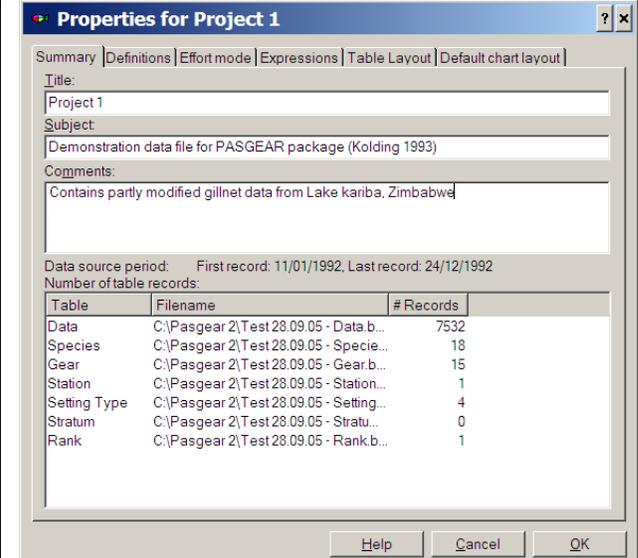
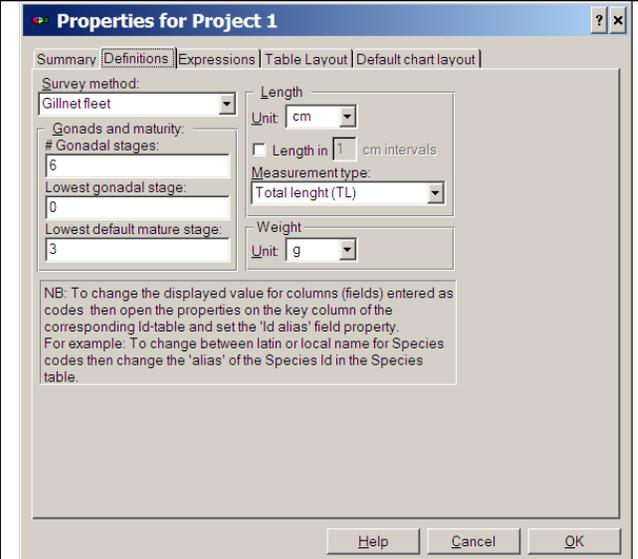


Table	Filename	#Records
Data	C:\Pasgear2\Test28.09.05 - Data b...	7532
Species	C:\Pasgear2\Test28.09.05 - Specie...	18
Gear	C:\Pasgear2\Test28.09.05 - Gear.b...	15
Station	C:\Pasgear2\Test28.09.05 - Station...	1
Setting Type	C:\Pasgear2\Test28.09.05 - Setting...	4
Stratum	C:\Pasgear2\Test28.09.05 - Stratu...	0
Rank	C:\Pasgear2\Test28.09.05 - Rank.b...	1

- **Title:** Project title
- **Subject:** Project subject
- **Comments:** Project comments
- **Data source period:** The first and last records date of data table.
- **Tables:** List of connected [data and Id tables](#), their names, files and # records.

## Definitions

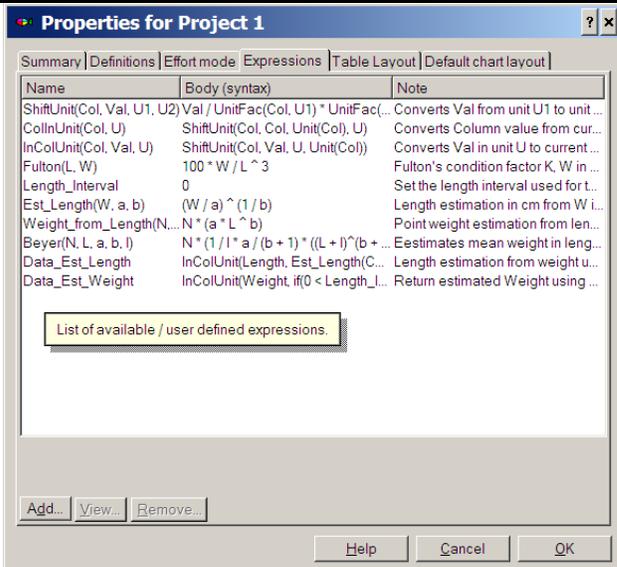


NB: To change the displayed value for columns (fields) entered as codes then open the properties on the key column of the corresponding Id-table and set the 'Id alias' field property. For example: To change between latin or local name for Species codes then change the 'aliases' of the Species Id in the Species table.

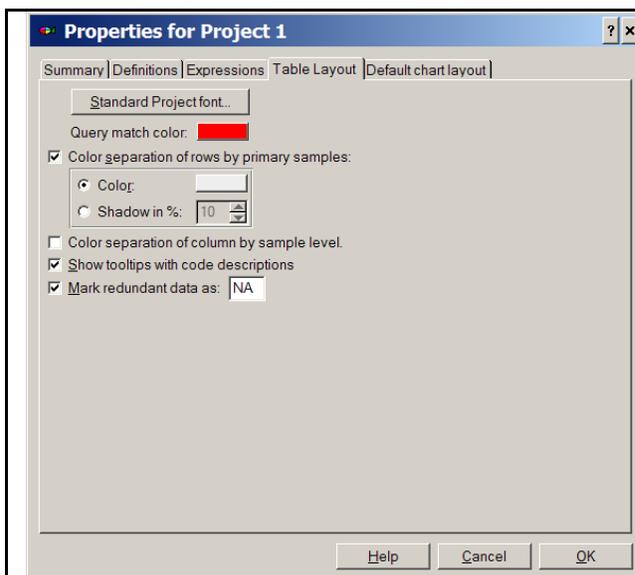
- **Survey method:** Choose sampling method or define your own.
- **Gonads and maturity:** (Depends on this data [field](#) exist).
  - **Gonadal stages:** # of defined stages allowed in data field 'gonads'.
  - **Lowest gonadal stage:** lowest stage allowed in data field 'gonads'.
  - **Lowest default mature stage:** Lowest mature stage for mature individuals. Used by the analysis variable 'Mature percentage'. This property can be overridden at the analysis. (See [Analysis properties](#)).
- **Length:** Defines the length unit used in groupings and display. This is a short cut to the unit

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## Expressions

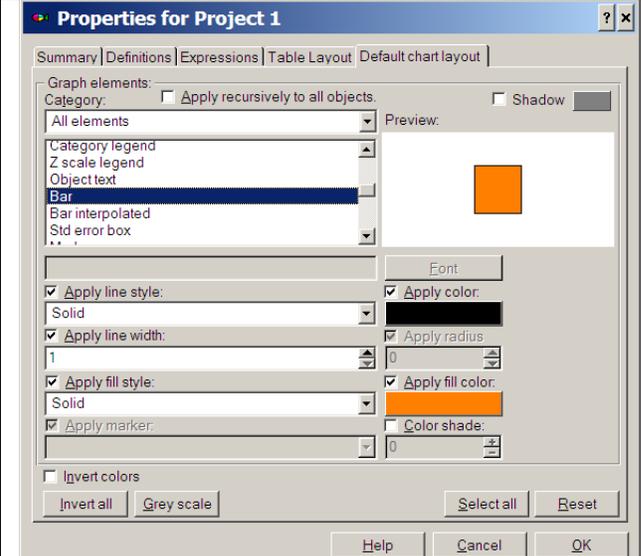
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## Table layout



- The Table layout gives options for how the [tables](#) should be displayed
- The **Standard font**. Sets the default font used on all tables and new objects.
- **Query match color**. Sets the text color used for records that matches the [connected query](#).
- **Color separation of rows by primary samples**. If checked the [primary sample units](#) (PSU) will be separated visually in the data table by a color or a shade depending on the choice. If you have colors on the columns (see [column properties](#)) you should use shadow.
- **Color separation of columns by sample level**. This option will automatically color the columns depending on their defined sample level: PSU (red), physical (blue) or biological (green). (see [column properties](#)).
- **Show tool tips with code description**. This option enables you to directly see the lookup alias of codes from the related [Id-Table](#).
- **Mark redundant data as NA**. If checked then illegal records or data not used in analyses will be marked as NA (default) in table, or user defined layout.

## Default chart layout



Pasgear has an inbuilt default for the layout of all [graph elements](#) (objects). This, however, can be modified by the user. All newly created [charts and diagrams](#) will follow the default setup. Graph elements can be categorized into

- All elements
- Font elements
- Fill elements
- Line elements

Each element can be individually designed (size, color, fill style etc.)

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## Expressions

Pasgear 2 has an expression compiler that enables you to solve a large range of mathematical or logical expressions (see [Project properties/expressions](#)). Expressions are used as [queries](#), functions (mathematical calculations), or data base operations such as e.g. lookup codes in Id-tables or [replacement](#) of values. By using expressions on added calculated columns in the data table, or in the queries, the user has virtually unlimited possibilities for selecting, grouping and analyzing the data (see example in [Database tables/Calculated fields](#)). Expressions are compiled in Pasgear, and therefore needs to be constructed with the correct syntax for the compiler to deal with it. For complicated sequential expression the use of parentheses is therefore important to divide the operations into smaller parts.

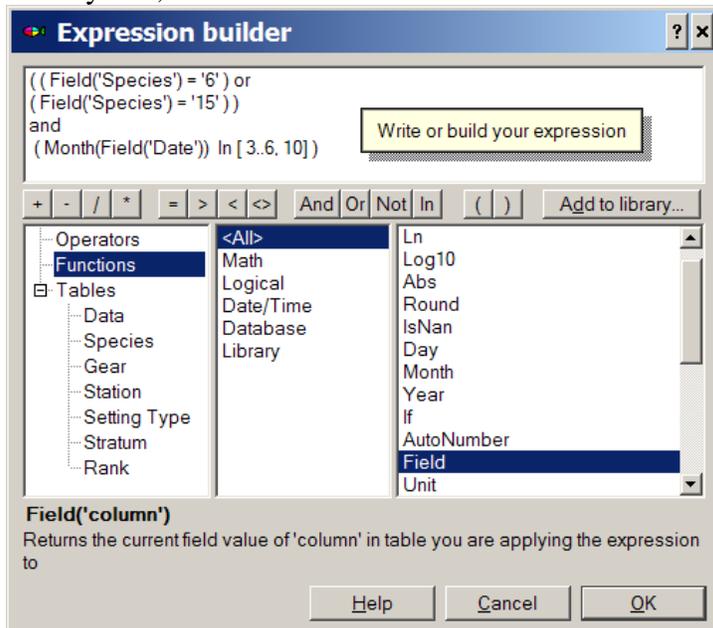
Expressions can be any combinations of the following:

1. A number (float) – i.e. a simple floating value like 2, 2.1 or 2e-2
2. A variable - a quoted expression for an object representing a value. 'var1'
3. A binary operation - an arithmetic or logical operation with 2 operands (+, -, \*, /, DIV, MOD, ^, =, <, etc..)
4. A unary operation - an arithmetic or logical operation with 1 operands (LN, LOG10, EXP, ABS, etc..)
5. A function - a freely defined function with an optional [parameter list](#) like FuncName(Arg1, Arg2..ArgN).

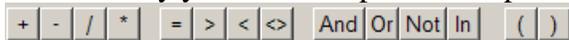
6. Another expression – identified by a name and stored in the [Expression library](#).

### Expression builder

By using the expression builder  you can see the available operators and functions and their syntax, as well as the available tables and fields to select values (variables) from:



The expression builder has an edit field where you can directly type in the expression. Alternatively you can add operators or parentheses by using the speed buttons



Below the speed buttons you can select among the main expressions groups (Operators, Functions, or Tables) in the left pane. The middle pane will then give you the group categories:

- **Operators:** All or Arithmetic, Comparison, Logical, and set
- **Functions:** All or Mathematical, Logical, Date/time, Database, and Library
- **Tables:** The fields (columns) of the selected table.

If you have chosen operators or functions you can then select and insert (double click) the chosen operator or function in the expression pane.

Below the pane the syntax is shown, and - if necessary - a help text of the chosen operator or function is given.

### Formal and actual parameters

Some functions have formal parameters that must be specified to actual parameters. The formal parameters are given in parenthesis after the expression (function) name:

<name>(formal param1, formal param2,...).

For example if you want to look up a value from a specific table field you use the function **Lookup(table, column)**, which has two formal parameters: table and column. To make this function operational you must insert the actual table name (choose group table, choose table and double click) instead of formal parameter 'table', and the actual column name in chosen table instead of formal parameter 'column' (choose a column in second pane and double click).

## Expression Library

You can add any new expressions (queries, functions, calculated fields, etc.) to the [Project Expression library](#) by pressing

This will open a new dialogue where you must give the expression a header (name), specify if there are formal parameters, and optionally give an explanatory note (annotation) to your expression:

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Expression". It has a title bar with a question mark and a close button. The dialog is divided into three main sections:

- Expression Name (with or without parameters):** A text box containing the text "Tiger\_or\_Bream\_in\_selected\_months".
- Expression body (syntax):** A text box containing the following SQL-like expression:
 

```
( ( Field('Species') = '6' ) or
  ( Field('Species') = '15' ) )
and
( Month(Field('Date')) In [ 3..6, 10] )
```
- Note:** A text box containing the text "Query that returns true if species is Tiger or Bream and months are Mars to June or October". To the right of this text box is a "Compile" button.

At the bottom of the dialog are three buttons: "Help", "Cancel", and "OK".

When pressing OK the expression will be saved to the library and you can recall it anytime you need it by just referring to the name. For example, if you want to use it inside other expressions. Expressions added to the library will be displayed and can be retrieved in the expression builder under Functions/Library.

To delete or edit a user defined expression you must use the [Edit] or [Remove] option in [Project properties/Expressions](#). If you change or edit the syntax you can check if it compiles without errors by pressing [Compile].

## Database

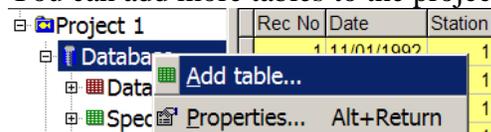
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## Database tables

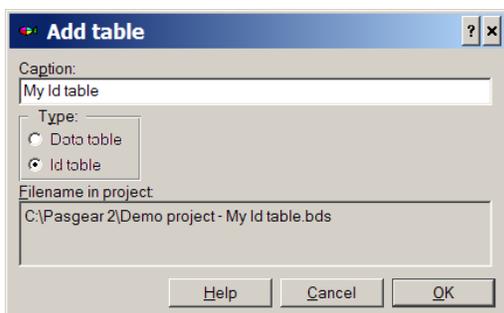
A standard (default) Pasgear database has one table for [data](#) and a series of 6 [Id tables](#) (or reference tables for translating codes (foreign keys) in the data table to corresponding names and additional information) for species, gear, station, set-type, stratum and rank. The unique Id field (or primary key) in the Id tables corresponds to an Id-field (foreign key) in the data table. (i.e. Species-Id, Gear-Id etc.).

## Add tables

You can add more tables to the project by right-click on Database and choose Add table:



This will open the Add table dialog:



Here you give the name (caption) of the table. The file name will automatically be a combination of the project name + <table caption>.bds, and located on the same path as the project.

You can choose between two table types:

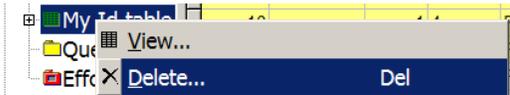
- Data table
- Id table

NB! Although you can add a data table, these cannot yet be accessed by the analyses so this option is for future use only.

The [Id-tables](#) (or reference tables) are for creating relationships for translating codes in the data table to corresponding names and additional information. Thus if you want more code fields in the data tables and associate these with a new Id-Table you can create one and set the relationship on the [data field property](#).

## Delete tables

You can delete some of the standard Pasgear Id-tables (Station, Setting type, and Stratum) and any of the tables you have added yourself by highlight the table and choose delete.



## Insert records

You can insert new records anywhere in a table by right click and choose **Insert record** or simply press [Ins]. The insert record dialog consist of 2 columns, where the first (**Default**) contains the field values of the last record you want to insert after. This means you only have to fill out the fields in the **New** column where information has changed. All the others will inherit their values form the Default column. The number of records to be inserted is by default 1, but you can insert any number of records by changing the value in the **Repeat** field. If you have many records to insert, it is easier to simply append them at the end using [Enter data](#), and then [sort](#) them in to their right place in the table.

Field	Default	New
Date	25/01/1992	
Station	1	
Species	6	
Gear	F	
Mesh (mm)	64	
area covered (m)	45	
Duration (hour)	0	
Setting Type	2	
Number	1	
Length (cm)	27.5	
Weight (g)	400	
Sex	M	
Gonadal Stage	3	
Stratum	5	
Rank	0	

Empty values means:  Empty record  Previous record

Insert After:

Buttons: Help, Cancel, OK

## Delete records

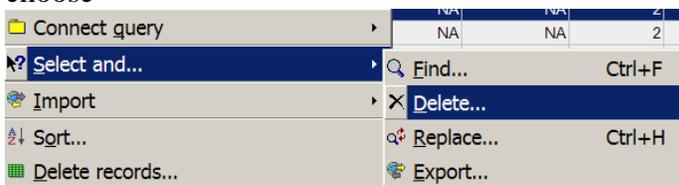
Choose the starting record, the right click on the table and choose **Delete records**. In the **From** and **To** fields you can then define the number of records to be deleted. You can use arrow keys, PgUp, PgDown, Home or End when specifying the number of records to be deleted.

Note that once you press [OK], the records will be deleted permanently; there are no Undo or Ctrl Z options in Pasgear when working on the tables. You should therefore always make sure you have a [backup](#) of the tables and project.

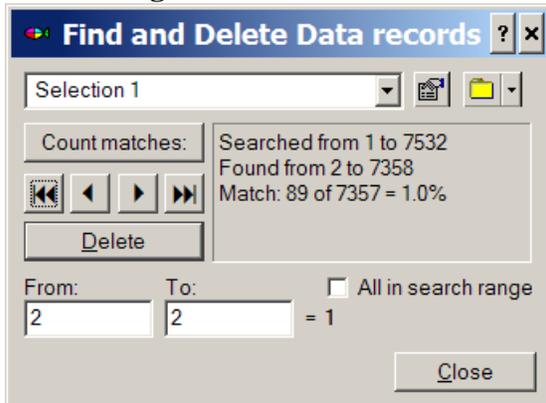
From:  To:  = 7  All in table

Buttons: Help, Cancel, OK

You can also select and delete records using a Query by right click on the Table and choose



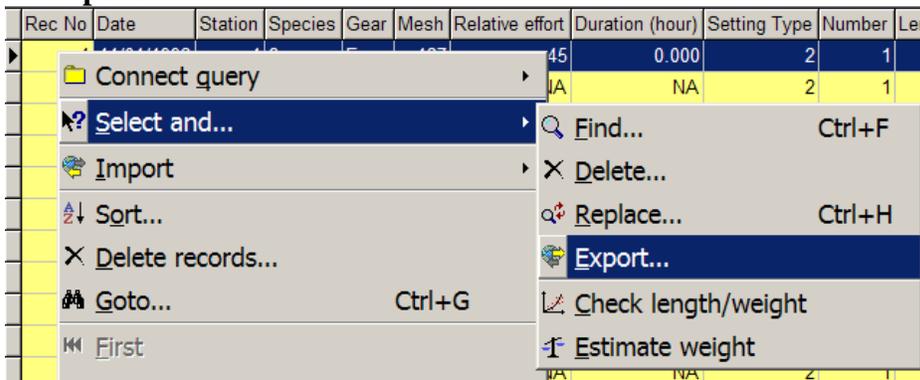
By going to the first record matching the [Query filter](#) (press ) you can then delete one by one, a range by increasing the **To** field, or all found by checking [V] the box 'All in search range'.



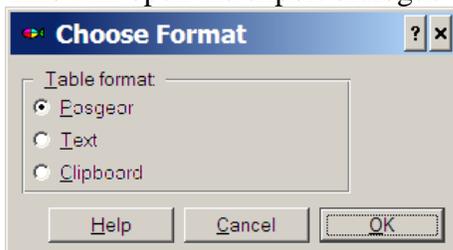
## Export data

Data can be selected and exported from any table by right click on table ► **Select and..**

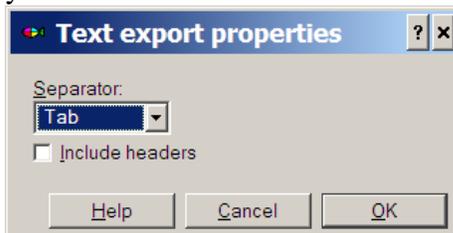
### ► Export..



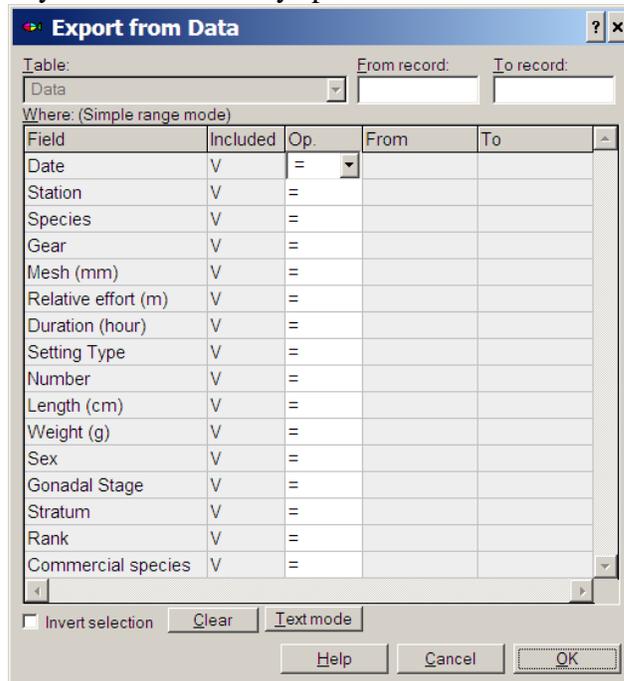
This will open the export dialogue where you choose the export format:



If you choose 'text' or 'clipboard' then you must define the field separator and whether you want to include the column headers when exporting (check Include headers on).



Finally specify which record range to export (in From record – To record) and the Fields – by checking [V] Included on/off + optionally the field ranges you want to export. If you don't make any specifications or restrictions the whole data table will be exported.



## Properties for tables

Right click table in project tree view and choose properties or highlight table and press



Each table has a property frame where you can define the display, connected query, and the table caption (under the general tab). In addition to can see the file information of the table (path, size and last modified).

## Effort mode

If the table is a **Data table** it has one more frame for effort mode:

Here you define:

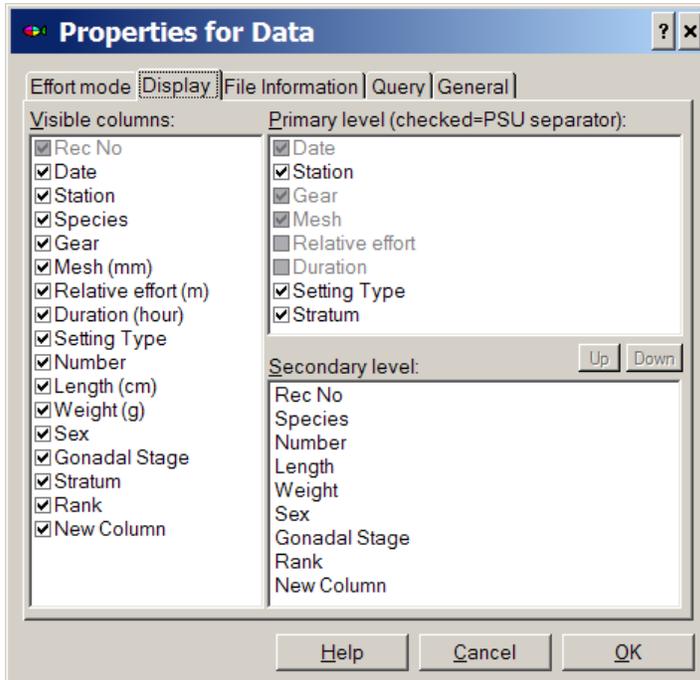
- 1) The absolute effort (value and unit), (see also Overview/ [Effort definition and sample raising modes](#)). Default (1) means that the absolute effort is the same as a primary sample unit (one sample = one absolute effort unit). If this is not the case you must specify in the definition field the [column](#) (or [expression](#)) where the absolute effort values are given.
- 2) The relative effort and the duration effort used for sample raising to a given standard value. If not applicable then press **None** and definition and standard value will both be set to “None” (code =1). Otherwise you must specify in the definition field the column (or expression) where the relative effort and duration values are given.
- 3) The [record raising](#) (if applicable see [Effort definition and sample raising modes](#)) and the column (or expression) where these values are given
- 4) The relative effort units, e.g. m for relative effort expressing net length, and hours or minutes for duration, are defined (if applicable) in the respective [column properties/Units](#). They will appear in the combined definition for ‘Standard effort (or sample raising) unit’ field when pressing **Apply**.

By changing the standard values of the relative efforts, all calculations will be adjusted accordingly if ‘Standardize catch by’ is checked in the [Analysis properties](#):

If any of the raising options are set to **None** in the data table properties (definition and standard values = 1), then these will be disabled in the Analysis properties, as e.g. Catch fraction in the example above.

## Display

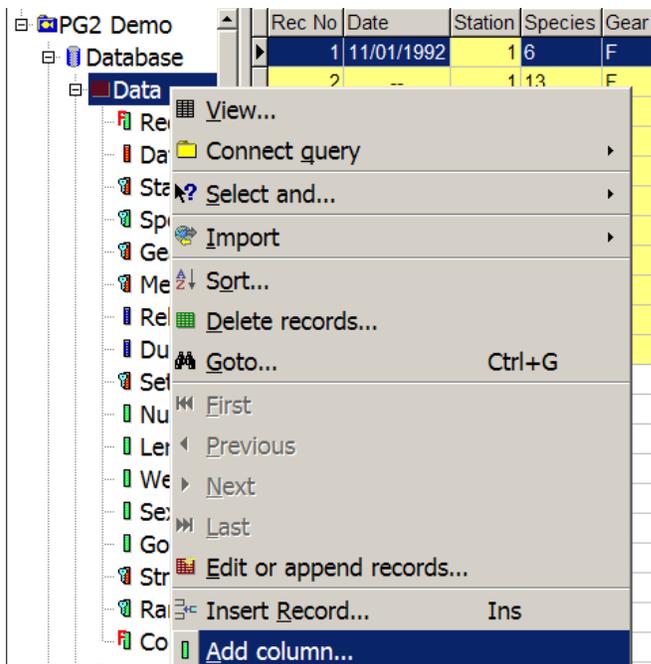
Under the Display tab you can define the number of visible columns (= checked), and for the data table you can change some of the field columns to being physical (with or without PSU separation) or biological (see [2-stage sampling design in one record](#)).



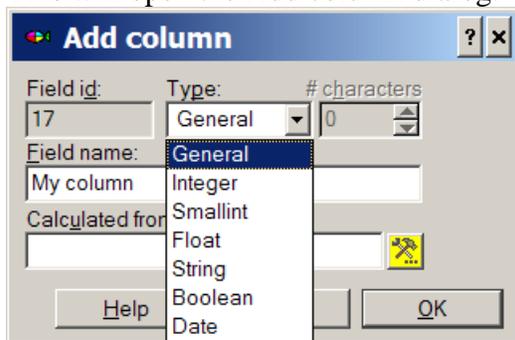
In the project tree view you can see some of the properties of the fields by their icons. Fields that are used as sample separators (PSU fields) are red, other physical fields are blue, while biological fields are green. In addition you can see if the field is a code field with an Id-relationship (reference) to one of the Id-tables (marked by a key ) , or if it is a calculated field (marked by a red **F** for function).

## Add new fields (columns)

You can add any number of new fields (columns) to a table by right click on the table and choose 'add column' in the pop-menu:



This will open the Add column dialog:



Here you can give the column a name and specify the type you want. If you choose string you must also give the maximum number of characters that the field can take. The type 'General' is for calculated fields.

## Calculated fields

You can choose the column to be a calculated expression. In that case the type will automatically be set to 'General'. Calculated fields will take no physical space in the database. You must then specify the expression, optionally by using the [expression builder](#) . Calculated fields are very useful for making new groupings on the data. If, for example, you want to group the species into commercial and non-commercial you can do this by making a calculated field and give it the following expression:

If (Field('Species') in ['code1', 'code2', 'code3', etc ], 'commercial', 'non-commercial')

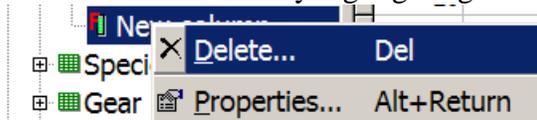
Or you can nest several 'If' expressions inside each other to make several groups

If (Field('Species') = 'code1', 'name1', If( Field('Species') = 'code2', 'name2', 'Other'))

You can then [group](#) your [analyses](#) on this calculated field.

### Delete columns

Of the standard (default) Pasgear columns, you can only delete Stratum, Gonadal stages, Sex, Setting type and Duration. In addition you can delete any of the new columns you have added to a table by highlighting the column and press delete:



### Field (column) properties

Right click field in project tree view and choose properties or highlight field and press 

Depending on the type of the field (column), and table, you have various options:

- If the table is an [Id-table](#) (reference table) you can define the field as a primary key field by checking  Id key
- If the field is a primary key field you can then choose the default Id 'alias' (Label) that the key shall translate into.
- If the field is a code (foreign key) in a [data table](#) you can set the Id relationship with an Id-table and the corresponding primary key. (see example below on how the <station> field in the data table is related to the <Station Id> field in the 'Station' table, and that the default alias is the <name> field)
- If the field is a calculated expression (only applicable to new columns, see [add fields](#)), you must specify the expression, optionally by using the [expression builder](#) 
- If the field has a metric unit (stored unit has conversion = 1) you can choose or [define other units](#), e.g. stored length unit = mm, then cm has conversion 0.1. You can also add more units to the list by pressing 
- You can set the default empty or unknown value for the field
- Sample level: For some of the standard Pasgear fields, and all new fields you can define the sample level as physical (with or without being a sample separator) or biological (see [2-stage sampling design in one record](#))
- Finally you can specify the field format (# decimals, font and background color)

**Properties for Station**

Column | General

Field name: Station    Field Id: 3    Sample level:   
 Primary (physical)   
 Sample separator   
 Secondary (biological)

Type: Integer    Size (in bytes): 4

Id key   
 Id alias (label): <No alias>    Format: # decimals: 0    Color:   
 Id relationship with table: Station.Station Id

Calculated expression:    Default empty / unknown: 0

Unit:    Conversion: 1

Help    Cancel    OK

This means that field <Station> in the data table has Id relationship with the <Station Id> field in the 'Station' Id table:

**Properties for Station Id**

Column | General

Field name: Station Id    Field Id: 2    Sample level:   
 Primary (physical)   
 Sample separator   
 Secondary (biological)

Type: Integer    Size (in bytes): 4

Id key   
 Id alias (label): Name    Format: # decimals:    Color:   
 Id rel: <No...>    Choose default description field to label the id-codes.

Calculated expression:    Default empty / unknown: 0

Unit:    Conversion: 1

Help    Cancel    OK

The primary key field <Station Id> in the 'Station' Id table will be translated into the content of the <Name> field when running analyses.

Thus on the [data table](#) you can set Id relationships of the values which are in codes to a set of primary keys (list of all codes used) in an [Id-Table](#). On the Id-Table you give the field that contains the information the codes should be translated into. For example if you want the species codes to be translated in 'Local name' instead of 'Latin name' you change the Id alias from the field with caption 'Latin name' to the field with caption 'Local name' in the [species table](#) on the 'Species Id'.

## Defining and adding units

Numeric fields can have automatic units (e.g. length and weight) where you can toggle between different units by choosing from the 'Unit' combobox:

Unit: kg Conversion: 0.001

g  
kg  
tonnes

The 'Conversion' field will then give you the multiplication factor between the displayed unit and the value as stored in the database. Data are preferably stored at the lowest resolution possible, so that for weight, for example, the stored unit is grams, so that the conversion factor between grams and kg (the optional displayed unit) will be 0.001.

You can add any units of your own by pressing **...**, which will open the Unit editor:

Name	Conversion
g	1
kg	0.001
tonnes	1E-6

Edit... Delete... New... Close

Press [New] to define a new unit and corresponding conversion factor

### ***Renaming fields (and any othe object)***

Almost any object in a Pasgear Project can be renamed according to your preferences. If the property page has a tab called 'General' (usually located as the last tab on any property page), then by opening this you can rename the object your are addressing. Thus if you want to rename any of the fields, tables, [queries](#), [analyses](#), [charts](#) etc. then open property page and change the name in the 'Caption' edit field. Similarly you can add any personal comments, memos, etc. to any of the objects in the 'Comments' pane.

Properties for Station

Column: General

Caption: Station

Comments: Edit to give new user defined name of the object

Add any comments you like in this pane.

Help Cancel OK

## Data table

Rec No	Date	Station	Species	Gear	Mesh	Rel. effort (m)	Duration (hour)	Setting Type	Number	Length (cm)	Weight (g)	Sex	Gonads	Stratum	Rank
1	11/01/1992	1 6	F	127		45.000	0.000	2	1	62.300	3200.000	F	0	1	0
2	--	1 13	F	127		NA	NA	2	1	50.900	1750.000	M	2	1	0
3	--	1 12	F	127		NA	NA	2	1	48.500	1300.000	F	4	1	0
4	--	1 12	F	127		NA	NA	2	1	55.800	1700.000	F	3	1	0
5	--	1 15	F	127		NA	NA	2	1	26.300	650.000	F	2	1	0
6	--	1 15	F	127		NA	NA	2	1	27.500	850.000	F	3	1	0
7	--	1 15	F	127		NA	NA	2	1	22.700	525.000	M	0	1	0
8	--	1 15	F	127		NA	NA	2	1	24.100	600.000	F	2	1	0
9	--	1 16	15 = Kariba bream			NA	NA	2	1	23.400	575.000	M	2	1	0
10	--	1 4	F	127		NA	NA	2	1	56.800	2125.000	M	2	1	0
11	--	1 3	F	127		NA	NA	2	1	58.800	1850.000	F	1	1	0
12	--	1 15	F	140		45.000	0.000	2	1	28.100	775.000	F	3	1	0
13	--	1 15	F	140		NA	NA	2	1	25.600	700.000	F	3	1	0
14	--	1 15	F	140		NA	NA	2	1	25.000	750.000	M	2	1	0
15	--	1 15	F	140		NA	NA	2	1	23.300	575.000	F	1	1	0
16	--	1 15	F	140		NA	NA	2	1	29.400	1000.000	F	3	1	0

### Fields (columns):

In a standard Pasgear data base there are the following fields by default (see also [table 1](#)):

- Record number (automatically calculated)
- Date: Uses local short date format (In MS Windows, choose Control Panel ► Regional options ► Date). NB. A date is mandatory for the record to be accepted as [valid](#) (see [2-stage sampling design in one record](#)).
- Station: Numeric station Id. Corresponds to [Station table](#) ► Id
- Species: String Id. (7 chars) Corresponds to [Species table](#) ► Id. Unknown default = '0'. NB: If Species Id is known, the record is considered as a [valid](#) secondary sample record (SSU), or valid biological record (see [2-stage sampling design in one record](#)).
- Gear: String Id. (2 chars) Corresponds to [Gear table](#) ► Gear Id
- Mesh: Numeric Id: Corresponds to [Gear table](#) ► Mesh Id. NB: If 'Mesh' is known (<> 0), the record is considered as a [valid](#) primary sample record (PSU), or physical record (see [2-stage sampling design in one record](#)).
- Relative Effort field. Relative effort type is defined in the [Data property page](#) ► [effort mode](#). (see also [Effort definition and sample raising modes](#) or [Table 3](#))
- Duration field. Duration type is defined in the [Data property page](#) ► [effort mode](#). (see also [Effort definition and sample raising modes](#)) .
- Setting type: Numeric Id: Corresponds to 'Id' field in [Setting type table](#).
- Number: Number of individuals per record. Unknown = 0. (see [Biological data \(the secondary sampling level\)](#))
- Length: length of individuals in record. Unknown = 0
- Weight: Weight of individuals in record. Unknown = 0
- Sex: The values Males (M), females (F), unknown (X), juvenile (J) is allowed here. Default = unknown = X.
- Gonadal stage: The gonadal stage (numeric value) of the individuals in the record. The range of valid gonadal stages is defined in the [Project Properties](#).
- Stratum: Numeric Id: Corresponds to 'Id' field in [Stratum table](#).
- Rank: Numeric Id: Corresponds to 'Id' field in [Rank table](#).

## Id Tables or Reference Tables

The Id tables are used to store information on the Id's used in the data table, such as names etc. This works a bit like a relational database and the purpose is to save space in the often very large data tables.

All Id tables can automatically be filled out with Id's from the Data table by right click and choose 'Build from table..' on the pop-up menu and choose the table to build from. This will add all the codes (foreign keys) found in the chosen table.

Standard Pasgear Id-tables are the following:

### Species table

Rec No	Species Id	Latin name	Local name	a	b	r <sup>2</sup>	N
1	1	<i>Hippopotamyrus dischorhyncus</i>	Parrot fish	0.037	2.740	0.000	0
2	2	<i>Marcusenius macrolepidotus</i>	Bulldog	0.012	3.070	0.000	0
3	3	<i>Mormyrops deliciosus</i>	Cornish jack	0.029	2.690	0.000	0
4	4	<i>Mormyrops longirostris</i>	Bottlenose	0.032	2.720	0.000	0
5	5	<i>Alestes imberi</i>	Imberi	0.255	2.150	0.000	0
6	6	<i>Hydrocynus vittatus</i>	Tigerfish	0.024	2.911	0.000	0
7	7	<i>Distichodus shenga</i>	Chessa	0.006	3.500	0.000	0
8	8	<i>Labeo altivelis</i>	Rednose labeo	0.025	3.050	0.000	0

The **Species Id** (7 character text string) should correspond with the ones you have used in the species field in the DATA table. Here you can now enter the Latin name well as the common or local name. The **a** and **b** fields are the length-weight coefficients for the particular species, and the **r<sup>2</sup>** and **N** fields are statistics describing their estimates from the data (if applicable). The length-weight coefficients can be entered manually (values for most species can be found in FishBase <http://www.fishbase.org/search.php>) or automatically when calculated from your own data (see [Analysis/Length-weight relationship](#)).

### Gear table

Rec No	Gear Id	Mesh Id	Gear name	Mesh label	Mesh size (mm)	Abs effort unit	Gear size	Size unit
1	F	25	Gill net	25	25.0	Set	45	m
2	F	38	Gill net	38	38.0	Set	45	m
3	F	51	Gill net	51	51.0	Set	45	m
4	F	64	Gill net	64	64.0	Set	45	m
5	F	76	Gill net	76	76.0	Set	45	m
6	F	89	Gill net	89	89.0	Set	45	m
7	F	102	Gill net	102	102.0	Set	45	m
8	F	114	Gill net	114	114.0	Set	45	m

The **Gear Id** (2 characters) and **Mesh Id** (integer) should correspond with the ones you have used in the DATA table. Under **Gear name** you can enter the name of the gear (e.g. gill net) and the **Mesh label** (= output format) you want to be used in the [Analysis](#) Tables. The **Mesh Id** and the **Mesh label** can be identical, and usually are when operating with different mesh sizes. However, the order of **Mesh labels** given in the gear file will also determine the order they are shown in some of the Analysis tables calculated by PASGEAR, and the order they are presented in the gear selectivity tool. It is therefore recommended to arrange and enter (or sort) various mesh or hook sizes in ascending order.

The **Mesh size (unit)** field is for calculating the selectivity coefficients in the Ger selectivity tool and should always be numerical. The **Abs effort unit** field is used to define the fishing unit (Set, haul, etc.). The field **Gear size** field is used if for example the different mesh panels, long lines or traps have different dimensions. They may be identical to the **Relative effort** field in the DATA table, but this is not critical for most calculations of standardized CPUE. For calculations of standardized CPUE, only the **Relative effort** field in the data base is used, except when **Gear table** is chosen in Data properties/[Effort mode](#)/Sample raising/relative effort where the value in the **Gear size** field will be used. The **Size unit** gives the unit of the **Gear size**.

### Station table

Rec No	Station Id	Name	Short name	Latitude	N/S	Longitude	E/W
1	1	Sampling station 1	st1	0.	.	0.	.

The **Station Id** (integer) should correspond with the ones you have used in the DATA table. Here you can now enter the **name** of the station, and a **short** print name for graphs, and the geographic position of the station.

### Setting type table

Rec No	Setting Type Id	Name	Label
1	1	Top set	Type
2	2	Bottom set	Type

The **Setting type Id** (integer) should correspond with the ones you have used in the DATA table. Here you can now enter the name of the particular **Type** of setting, and the **label** (e.g. Sector, Strata, Type, etc.). A type of setting can be any of your choice. For example 'Bottom set', 'Top set', 'Perpendicular to the shore' or whatever your particular samplings programme wants to stratify by or differentiate between.

## Stratum table

Stratum			
Rec No	Stratum Id	Name	Label

This table works like the Setting type table. The **Stratum Id** (integer) should correspond with the ones you have used in the DATA table etc.

## Rank table

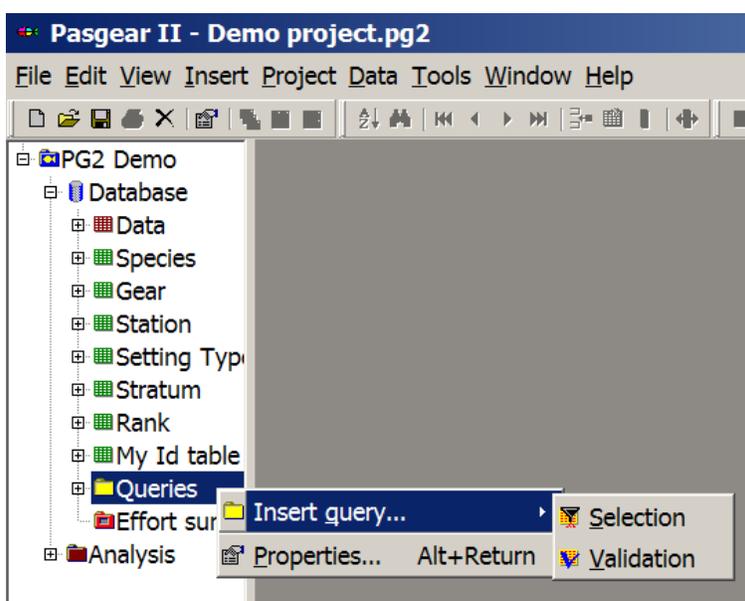
Rank			
Rec No	Rank Id	Name	Label
1	0	No ranking	0
2	10	length is assumed wrong and corrected	10
3	20	weight is estimated from weight-length relationship	20
4	30	weight is estimated from mean weight in mesh size of species	30

The Rank field in Pasgear is typically used to give validity to the specific records. When the **Rank** field contains values different from 0 the record will not be used in certain of the calculation procedures, such as length-weight relationship, mean weight, condition factor etc. See [Find, check, and correct records](#) for possible sources of errors and the suggested codes used when correcting them.

The **Rank Id** (integer) should correspond with the ones you have used in the DATA table. Here you can now enter the meaning (**Name**) of the Id, i.e. how is this particular record ranked in terms of validity and usage. The **label** is used in the [Analysis](#) tables and diagrams

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Queries (or selection filters) can be applied to the [data](#) or [Id tables](#) or to any [analysis](#). Right click 'Queries' under database in project tree and choose query type from the sub menu. Available queries are:

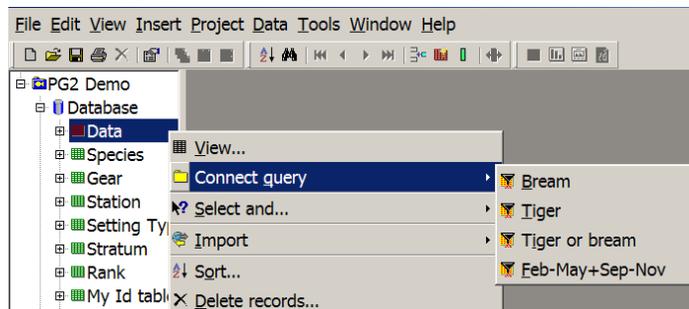
1. [Selection](#)
2. [Validation](#)

Once a query has been created, defined and optionally named it will be stored in the \*.pg2 file of the project and available on all subsequent entries. Queries can also be cut, copied, pasted, edited, deleted or – if in [text mode](#) - be added to [Expression library](#).

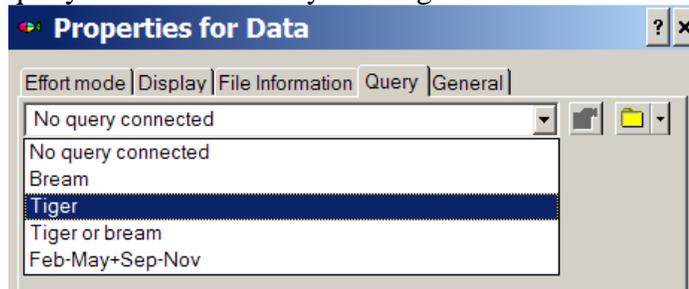
### Connecting a query

You can connect a query to a table or analysis in two ways:

1. Right click on the table or the analysis, Choose **Connect query** ► and select one of the available queries that have been created:



2. Go into properties [Alt + Return], choose the Query tab and select an available query or create a new by clicking 



To disconnect a query then choose **No query connected** in the combo box, or Right click on the table or the analysis ► **'Disconnect [Query name]'**.

When a query is connected to a table the all matching records (those satisfying the selection criteria, see below) will be displayed in a different color (default = red but can be changed in [Project properties/Tables layout](#)).

Rec No	Date	Station	Species	Gear	Mesh (Mesh)	Size (m)	E2 (hour)	Setting Type	Number	Length (cm)	Weight (g)	Sex
1	11/01/199	1 6	F		127	45.000	0.000	2	1	62.3	3200.000	F
2	--	1 13	F		127	NA	NA	2	1	50.9	1750.000	M
3	--	1 12	F		127	NA	NA	2	1	48.5	1300.000	F
4	--	1 12	F		127	NA	NA	2	1	55.8	1700.000	F
5	--	1 15	F		127	NA	NA	2	1	26.3	650.000	F

All matching records can be found successively by using the  on the tool bar or using accelerator keys:

⏪	First	Shift+Home
⏩	Previous	Shift+F3
⏪	Next	F3
⏩	Last	Shift+End

## Selection query

### Simple range mode

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Properties for Selection 1" with a "General" tab. At the top, there are fields for "Table:" (set to "Data"), "From record:", and "To record:". Below this is a section titled "Where: (Simple range mode)" containing a table with the following columns: Field, Op., From, and To. The table lists 15 fields: Date, Station, Species, Gear, Mesh, Relative effort (m), Duration (hour), Setting Type, Number, Length (cm), Weight (g), Sex, Gonadal Stage, Stratum, Rank, and Season. The "Op." column for all fields contains an equals sign (=). The "From" and "To" columns are empty for most fields. The "Gear" field has a dropdown menu open, showing a list of options: 1 - Hippopo, 2 - Marcuse, 3 - Mormyr, 4 - Mormyr, 5 - Alestes, 6 - Hydrocy, 7 - Disticho, and 8 - Labeo a. At the bottom of the dialog, there are buttons for "Invert selection" (unchecked), "Clear", "Text mode", "Help", "Cancel", and "OK".

For those fields you want to select on then enter field filter criteria (Operator: '=' (equal) or '<>' (different from), and the **From** value, **To** value) on the table fields. If you do not enter any values in the **From** or **To** columns, the field is not considered in the filter. If you only enter a value in either the **From** or in the **To** column, the other (empty) column will be considered to take the either the maximum or the minimum value of the field respectively. Each field filtered are combined with logical **And** operator (all filter criteria must be satisfied at the same time for the record to be accepted). For those fields which are Id's and have corresponding Id Tables, a combo-box will appear from which you can choose your Ids.

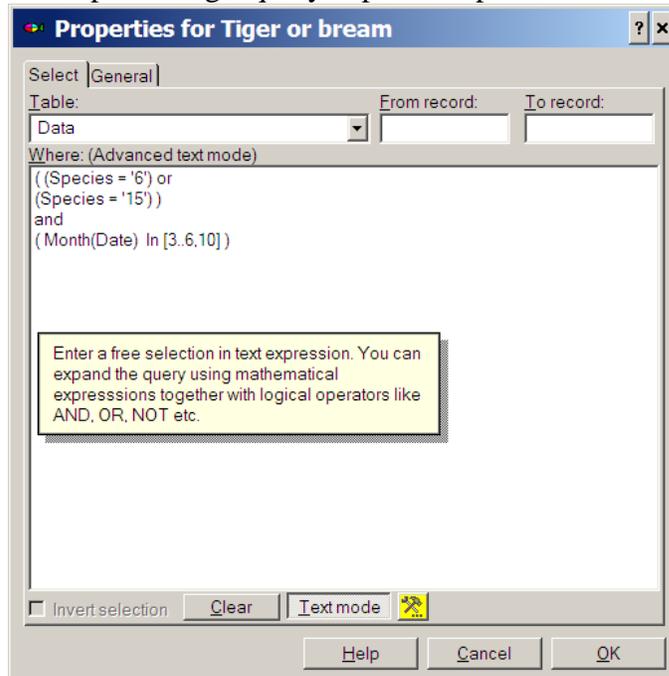
The 'From record' and 'To record' fields define the part of the database that the query shall refer to. All uses of a query are restricted to only apply within the defined record range. If you do not enter any values in the **From** or **To** record fields, the query will apply to the whole table/file.

**Invert selection.** At the bottom of the query dialogue there is a check box for inverting the selection. When this is checked it simply means that all records that returned true (i.e. satisfies the selection criteria) now returns false and vice versa.

## Advanced text mode

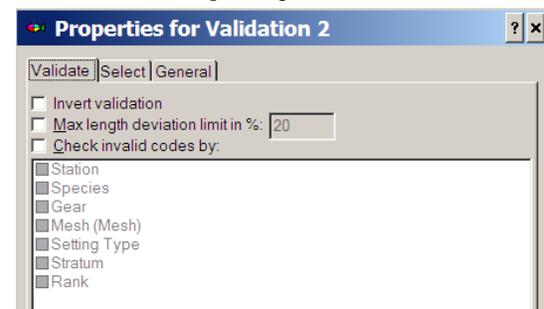
Queries can be constructed either by defining simple ranges combined with logical **And** operators, or by pressing **Text mode** where you write the query in text (like using SQL). When in text mode you have unlimited possibilities of constructing a query using a range of operators such as **or**, **not**, **in**, **if** etc. (see [Expressions](#)).

To help building a query expression press  to enter the [Expression builder](#).



In the example above the Query will only return those records containing either species '6' or '15' and only for the months March (3) to June (6) and October (10).

## Validation query



A validation query is used to validate and check records. It consists of 2 parts

- A selection query (as above)
- A specification of the validation to be performed:
  - Length-weight validation
  - Validation of the [Id's used](#) in the Data table

## Length-weight validation

Check the box: [V] **Max length deviation in %** and set the percentage limit (default = 20%).

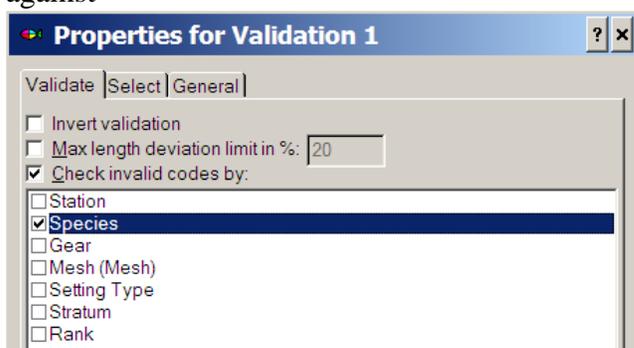
If the Species Id table (see [Data tables](#)) contains the coefficients of the species specific length-weight relationship (either entered manually or estimated from Pasgear, see [Find, check, and correct records](#)) then each record can be checked for deviations in the recorded lengths and weight values, where the deviation criteria is more than the specified percentage limit between the **observed** length, and the **expected** length (as calculated from the observed weight).

Length-weights can also be checked and directly edited by right click in the Data table and choose ► **Select and..** ► [Check length/weight](#).

## Validation of the Id's used in Data

This is used to check if the entered Id's (codes) of species, gears, mesh sizes, stations, settings etc, in the data file match with the one specified in the Id tables. All Id's found with no corresponding 'definition' in the Id table will be selected.

Check the box: [V] **Check invalid codes by:** and select the Id tables you want to check against

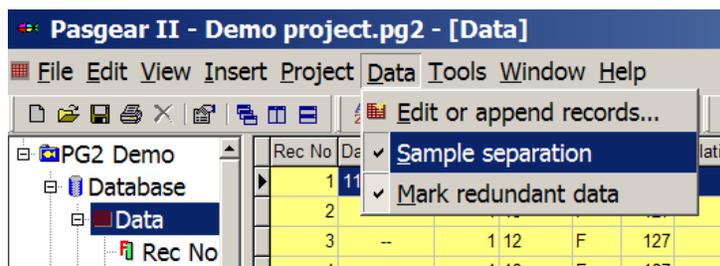


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## Chronology and the units of effort (settings or samples)

Chronology is important when analysing the data. This means that is each date should preferably follow chronologically and all fish caught in the same setting, gear, or sample, should follow each other (see also [‘sort data’](#) below). The reason is that the calculation and tabulating programmes will automatically assume that when any of the physical fields that define a [primary sample unit](#) (see Overview/[2 stage sampling design in one record](#)) such as either the **date** or the **station** or the **mesh/hook/trap size** or the **setting type** changes in the record series, then it is considered as a **new** setting or a new sample! You can see the separation of settings/samples in colours in the Data table by checking on [‘Sample separation’](#).



### Check chronology and the number of settings/samples.

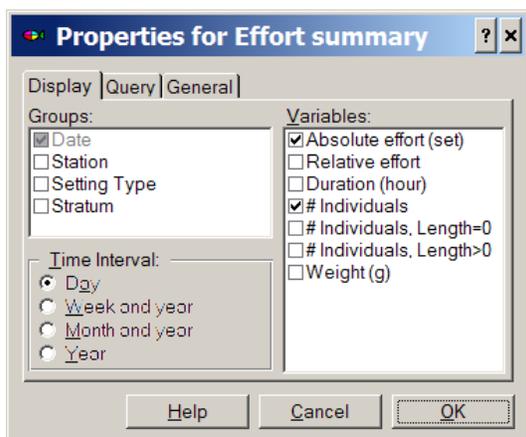
In order to check if all the settings or samples are correctly entered you should run the module **Effort summary** under Database in the tree view.

The screenshot shows the 'Pasgear II - Demo project.pg2 - [Data]' window. On the left is a tree view with 'PG2 Demo' expanded to show 'Database', 'Data', 'Species', 'Gear', 'Station', 'Setting Type', 'Stratum', 'Rank', 'My Id table', 'Queries', 'Effort summary', and 'Analysis'. The 'Effort summary' item is selected. On the right is a data table with the following columns: Rec No, Date, Station, Species, Gear, and Me. The table contains 13 rows of data.

Rec No	Date	Station	Species	Gear	Me
1	11/01/1992	1	6	F	
2	--	1	13	F	
3	--	1	12	F	
4	--	1	12	F	
5	--	1	15	F	
6	--	1	15	F	
7	--	1	15	F	
8	--	1	15	F	
9	--	1	16	F	
10	--	1	4	F	
11	--	1	3	F	
12	--	1	15	F	
13	--	1	15	F	

This will give you a short summary of the date, record number where that day starts, the number of settings of each mesh size and optionally the total number of fish caught in each mesh size, relative effort etc.

**Effort summary properties:** Effort Summary can be run on various levels of group resolution and on various time intervals (date, week, month, and year). It can also give you a summary of selected variables within each defined group.



### The 'empty' setting.

For proper calculation of frequency of occurrence and catch per unit effort, it is very important that all 'empty settings' are included in the data base. An **empty setting** is a setting or hauls in which one or some of the mesh panels, lines or traps caught no fish. It is entered as a single record where all the [physical fields](#) are filled, but where the [biological fields](#): the species (most importantly), number, length, weight and maturity, are all set to empty values, i.e. 0 or X (or the values that are defined as being empty, see [column properties](#)). An empty setting will be displayed as a unit of absolute effort but with no catch (#Individuals = 0), see mesh size 178 mm in the first date below, which is an empty setting.

Effort summary														#1		
Date	11/01/1992															
Record range:	1 - 266															
Gear	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F		
Mesh (mm)	25	38	51	64	76	89	102	114	127	140	152	165	178	190	203	Total
Absolute effort (set)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
# Individuals	39	77	45	25	4	9	20	11	17	12	3					262
														#2		
Date	25/01/1992															
Record range:	267 - 535															
Gear	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F		
Mesh (mm)	25	38	51	64	76	89	102	114	127	140	152	165	178	190	203	Total
Absolute effort (set)	1	1	1	1	?	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		11
# Individuals	37	31	94	29		23	12	16	11	14	1	1				269

## Missing settings

If a setting is 'missing', i.e. the mesh has not been registered in a date, but was found on the previous or the next date, it will be displayed in red with a question mark **?**. If the missing setting is simply an empty setting then Pasgear 2 can automatically insert this into the data table by clicking on the **?**, right click and choose 'Insert [gear]:[mesh] into data, or press [Ins]

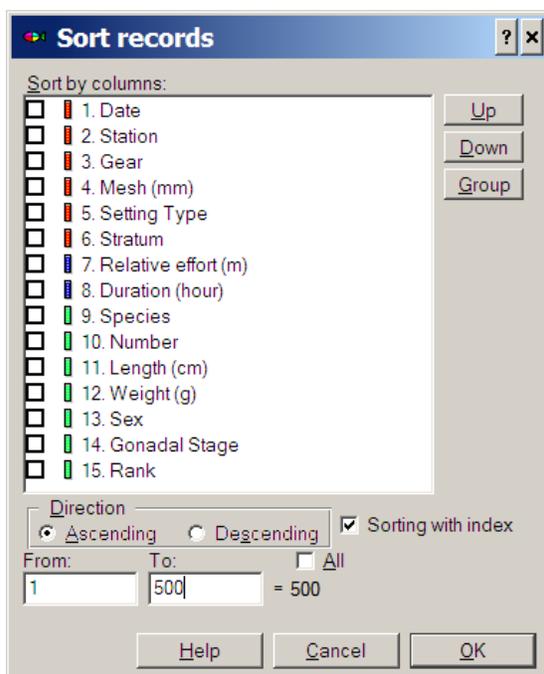
Date	11/01/1992													#1		
Record range:	1 - 266															
Gear	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F		
Mesh (mm)	25	38	51	64	76	89	102	114	127	140	152	165	178	190	203	Total
Absolute effort	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
														#2		
Date	25/01/1992															
Record range:	267 - 535															
Gear	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F		
Mesh (mm)	25	38	51	64	76	89	102	114	127	140	152	165	178	190	203	Total
Absolute effort	1	1	1	1	?	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		11
														#3		
Date	08/02/1992															
Record range:	536 - 702															
Gear	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F		
Mesh (mm)	25	38	51	64	76	89	102	114	127	140	152	165	178	190	203	Total
Absolute effort	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12

## Wrong absolute effort

If the data are not grouped (sorted) by the primary physical sample separation fields, then the number of primary sample units ([PSU](#)) and the [absolute effort](#) might be wrong. Pasgear assumes that the number of gear samples within a date (station, setting type etc.) should be constant. Thus if the same gear and mesh size is found at several places within a grouped time interval, and the absolute effort is not constant then these are shown in pink **?**. If the reason is that the data have not been properly sorted then sort the data.

## Sort the data

If the data have been entered (or imported) haphazardly and the dates and other physical fields are out of order, you can run the sorting module which will sort the records. Right click on table and choose **Sort** or press **A↓**. **NB.** Sorting can be done on any table.



The sorting will be done hierarchically down to the last item checked. You can define any sorting hierarchy by highlighting a field and move it up or down the list by the [Up] or [Down] buttons. By choosing [Group] the hierarchy will set up automatically by first [PSU](#) fields (red) the other physical fields (Blue) and lastly biological fields (green).

Check the **Sorting with index** in order to keep groups of data that do not need sorting, i.e. the catch in a mesh size, in the original order they were entered (this will facilitate the retrieval of records under cleaning and correction procedures as they will have the same order as the original sheets).

Lastly define the record range of the sorting operation in the From – To edit boxes or choose all by checking  All.

Once the data are correctly entered, sorted chronologically, and all the settings are correctly displayed in the effort summary, you can start to 'clean' the data base for recording or punching mistakes as best as possible (see [Find, check and correct records](#)).

**Hint:** If you want to create an index so that you always can retrieve the original data order, irrespective of later sorting then do the following:

- 1) [Add new column](#) of type integer, and name it e.g. 'Original Index'
- 2) Right click 'Original Index', choose **Replace from column ► Rec No.**



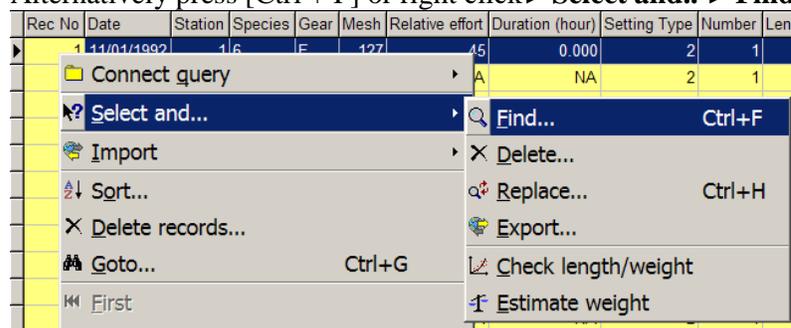
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## Find, check, and correct records

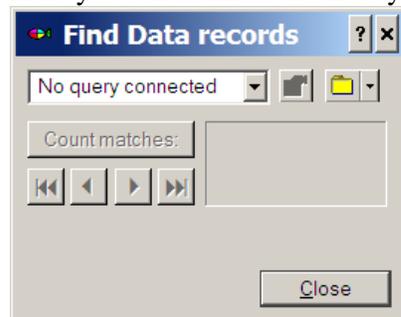
### *Find any specific records*

By creating a query and entering the search criteria (any query combination) you can find one or several of the codes and values in a table (see [Queries](#)).

Alternatively press [Ctrl + F] or right click ► **Select and.. ► Find**

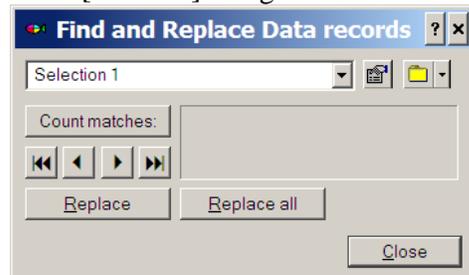


Here you can connect an already existing [query](#) or create a new by clicking 

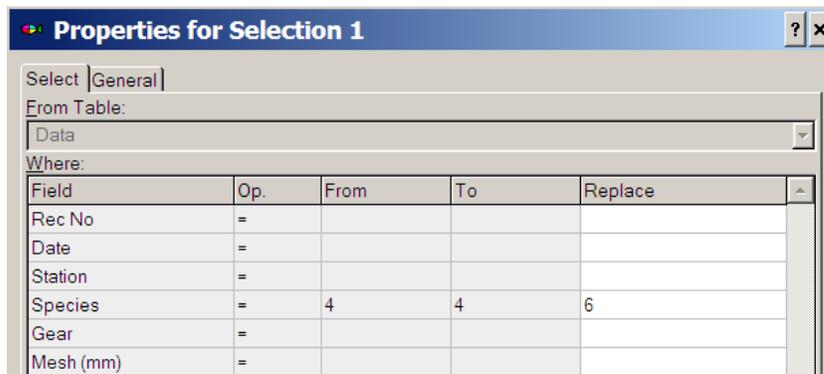


### *Find and replace any specific records*

Press [Ctrl + H] or right click on table ► **Select and.. ► Replace**



The connected query will now be extended with a **Replace** column where you can specify the updates you want to make, e.g. changing species Id's or any other values.



You can use [expressions](#) in the replace column by writing these or using the [expression builder](#)



### **Check codes (Id's)**

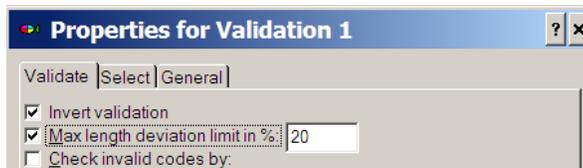
See [Queries/Validation of the Id's used in Data](#)

### **Check observed length versus weight**

If you have individual fish measurements, you should check if the entered length and weight data of each fish and species are corresponding. This is best done by first running the [length-weight relationship](#). If there are inconsistencies between observed (recorded) length and weight then the  $r^2$  in the length-weight relationship will be relatively low ( $r^2$  is acceptable within roughly 0.95-1.00) and the diagram of length versus weight will show many [outliers](#).

First you should try to get the best set of estimated length-weight coefficients of a given species. This is done iteratively:

1. Run the length-weight Analysis (see [Analysis/Length-weight relationship](#))
2. Transfer coefficients to species table (see [Analysis/Length-weight relationship](#))
3. Connect a [Validation query](#) and check the 'Max length deviation in %'
4. Invert the query (see [Queries](#)). This will return all records with less than the specified deviation



5. Proceed with step 1 and 2 until there are no more outliers or  $r^2$  is acceptable.

Now with a good set of length-weight coefficients in the species table you are able to go back to the original records to check the outliers for punching, or recording mistakes.

Right click in data table ► **Select** and.. ► **Check length/weight**:

**Length weight check**

Tigerfish

Count matches: Searched from 1 to 7532  
Found from 131 to 7437  
Match: 14 of 7307 = 0.0%

Replace

From: 131 To: 131 All in search range = 1

New value:  
 Length Value: 24.7 Rank: 10  
 Weight

Use expected:  Default rank

Record: Rec no: 131 - Hydrocynus vittatus

Calculation:  
 Expected length (cm): 24.7  
 Expected weight (g): 142  
 Deviation (length): 5.0 cm (20.2 %)

Coefficients:  
 a 0.024  
 b 2.913  
 r<sup>2</sup> 0.974

Additional restrictions:  
 Length > 0  Species <> 0  
 Weight = 0  Length deviation bigger than:  
 Number = 1 20 %  
 Rank = 0

Close

Here you can now find each ‘outlier’ successively and decide whether the records need correction (e.g. punching mistake). Note that higher deviations are acceptable, and expected, between observed and expected weight as weight is a much more variable parameter than length.

- You can choose whether the length or the weight value should be updated under **New value**
- You can replace using the expected (calculated) value, check **Use expected**, or check this off and enter any new value manually
- Choose the validity code you want for the Rank field (see below) or use default.
- When ready press [**Replace**]

### Validity codes in Rank field.

Punching mistakes should be relatively easy to disclose and correct with the above procedure, but some times it may not be possible to find the source of an error, particularly if the mistake is done in the original data sheets or during the sampling itself. In such case you can either decide to delete the record altogether or to change it the most sensible way. Remember that if you do so you must (!) enter a correction/validity code in the Rank field, see Table below.

Rank codes (suggested)

Id	Comments
10	when length is assumed wrong and corrected
20	when weight is estimated from weight-length relationship
30	when weight is estimated from mean weight in mesh size of species
40	when weight is measured as mean weight in catch of species

When the Rank field contains values different from 0 the record will not be used in certain of the calculation procedures, such as [length-weight relationship](#), mean weight, condition factor etc. If deleting a possible mistaken weight from a record, but maintaining the length, the weight

can be re-estimated and entered by using the Estimate weights option (see next section). This option should only be used at the very end of a file cleaning, when all the length-weight coefficients entered in the species table are as precise as possible!!

Checking and cleaning records is a tedious job, but very important if you want good and reliable results of your data analysis. Remember that in all computer programs 'rubbish in is equal to rubbish out'!

### **Estimate missing weights**

If the records have length measurements, but weight measurements are missing (or wrongly measured) and set to 0, and the [length-weight coefficients](#) of the species are entered into the [Species table](#), then weights can be automatically estimated and inserted in the data base by the module **Estimate weight**: Right click on data ► **Select and.. ► Estimate weight**

The screenshot shows the 'Estimate weight' dialog box. At the top, the species 'Tigerfish' is selected, and 'Count matches:' shows 1. Below this are navigation buttons and a 'Replace' button. The 'From:' and 'To:' fields are both set to 133, with a checkbox for 'All in search range' which is unchecked. The 'New value' section has radio buttons for 'Length' and 'Weight' (selected), with 'Value:' set to 360 and 'Rank:' set to 20. There are checkboxes for 'Use expected:' and 'Default rank', both checked. The 'Record:' field shows 'Rec no: 133 - Hydrocynus vittatus'. The 'Calculation:' section has fields for 'Expected length (cm): NA', 'Expected weight (g): 360', and 'Deviation (length): NA'. The 'Coefficients:' section has fields for 'a: 0.024', 'b: 2.913', and 'r<sup>2</sup>: 0.974'. The 'Additional restrictions:' section has checkboxes for 'Length > 0', 'Weight = 0', 'Number = 1', 'Rank = 0', and 'Species <> 0', all of which are checked. A 'Close' button is at the bottom right.

In such case the [Rank value](#) is set by default to 20 or user defined.

Pasgear 2 calculates missing weights in two different ways:

1) if the individual lengths are recorded in mm and each record contains one fish only then the weight is estimated from the normal [length-weight relationship](#)

$$\text{weight} = a \cdot \text{length}^b \quad (\text{Where weight is in grams and length in cm})$$

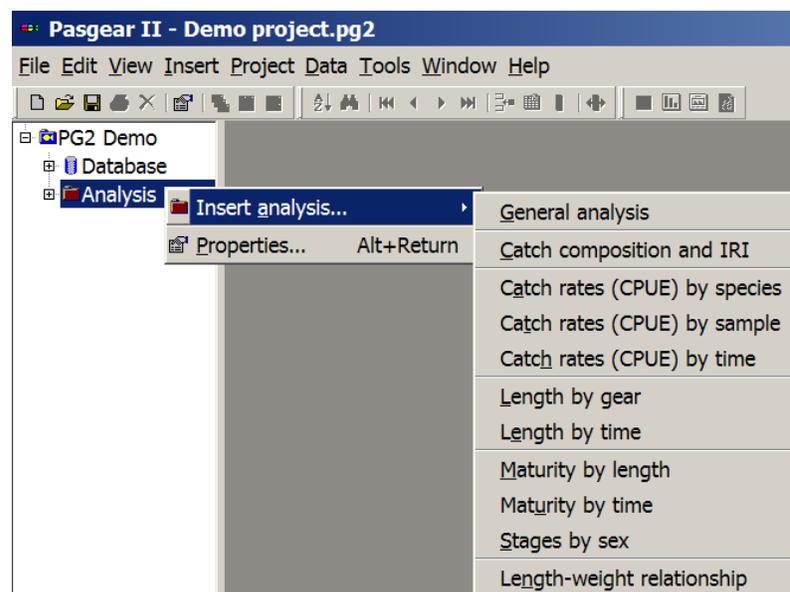
2) if the individual lengths are recorded in whole cm and the record represents a length frequency (see [project properties/definitions](#)), then the weight is estimated as the mean weight in the length class  $i$  ( $L_1$ - $L_2$ ) and calculated from [Beyer \(1987\)](#)

$$\overline{\text{weight}}_i = \frac{1}{(L_2 - L_1)} \cdot \frac{a}{(b+1)} \cdot (L_2^{b+1} - L_1^{b+1})$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are the length-weight coefficients,  $L_1$  is lower interval limit (which should be the recorded length in the data base) and  $L_2$  is the higher interval limit, so  $L_2-L_1$  is the length class interval in cm (default interval is 1 cm but other whole cm length class intervals can be specified).

## Analysis

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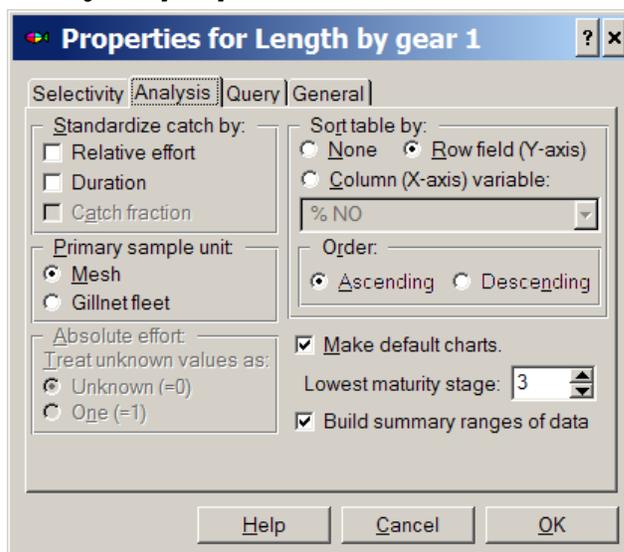
To make an analysis either:

- Choose Insert on the main menu or
- Right click on Analysis in project tree and insert one of the following analysis types:
  1. [General analysis](#)
  2. [Catch composition and IRI](#)

3. [Catch rates \(CPUE\) by species](#)
4. [Catch rates \(CPUE\) by sample](#)
5. [Catch rates \(CPUE\) by time](#)
6. [Length by gear](#)
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8. [Maturity by time](#)
9. [Stages by sex](#)
10. [Length-Weight relationship](#)

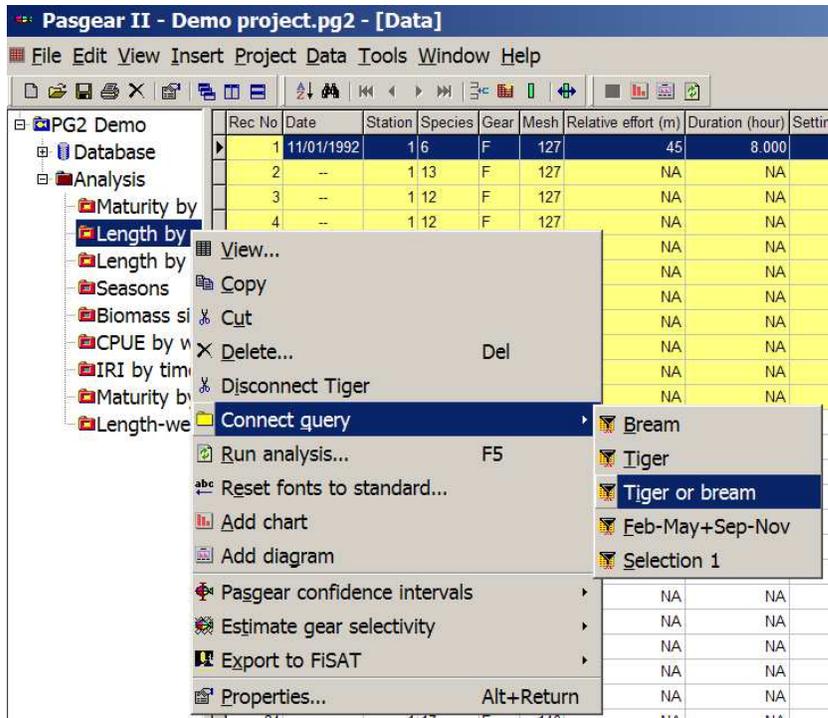
A **general analysis** is built from scratch (see [general analysis](#) below), while the remaining 9 analyses are predefined setups (macros), but which all can be modified.

### Analysis properties



Under the properties of an analysis, the analysis can be

- Named and given comments (Tab: Properties/[General](#))
- Connected with a [query](#) (Tab: Properties/Query or right click and Connect and already existing query)
- Standardized to [Standard effort](#)
- If absolute effort is not default ([one per sample](#)) then there is an option for treating unknown values
- Result table can be sorted by row field groups or column variables
- Lowest maturity stage can be set for [maturity analyses](#)
- **Make default charts** should be checked if you want the [predefined graphs](#) (add hoc charts) to be produced
- **Build summary ranges of data** should be checked if you want a [summary of the ranges](#) found in the data table
- If the analysis is a length grouped analysis it can be connected to a gear selectivity file (Tab: Properties/[Selectivity](#))



All analyses can also be copied or cut and pasted (within or among pasgear programs), and viewed or deleted.

According to the grouping setup and the chosen variables the results can also be exported to

- [Estimate confidence intervals](#) (Pasgear tool)
- [Estimate gear selectivity](#) (Pasgear tool)
- [FiSAT](#) (FAO ICLARM Stock Assessment Tools, [Gayanilo et al. 1996](#))

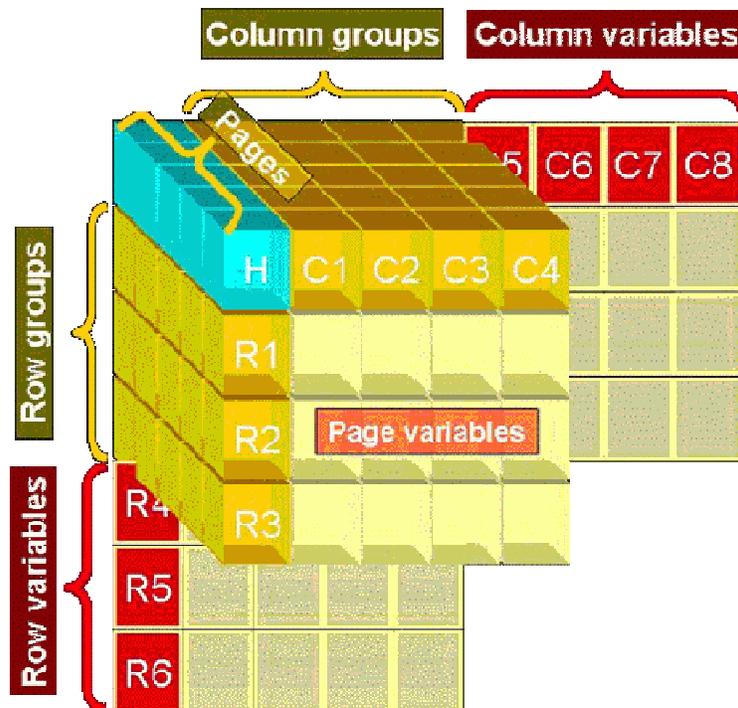
## General analysis

Table						
Species	1992			Total		
	F	M	Total	F	M	Total
<i>Alestes imberi</i>						
<i>Hydrocynus vittatus</i>						
<i>Distichodus shenga</i>						
<i>Labeo altivelis</i>						
<i>Labeo congoro</i>						
<i>Labeo cylindricus</i>						
<i>Schilbe mystus</i>						
<i>Clarias gariepinus</i>						
Total						

The general analysis (and all predefined macros) consists of 3 grouping dimension (rows, columns and pages, like the MS Excel pivot table), and a number of chosen variables or statistics can be added to each dimension by [Add variable](#). By pressing the F5 button or refresh , the analysis spools over the data table and will aggregate groups (see below) and calculated variables up in a report table. A matrix table (X,Y) can be created by grouping rows and columns and adding one page-[variable](#). An array of matrices can be made by [grouping](#) by pages (e.g. if you want the result of an analysis repeated for each year in the data then group pages by Year).

## Grouping dimensions

All data fields can be grouped by either Rows (Y), Columns (X) or Pages (Z), and any number of [variables](#) can be added to rows columns and pages. See for example the '[Length by time](#)' analysis, where all three dimensions are used:

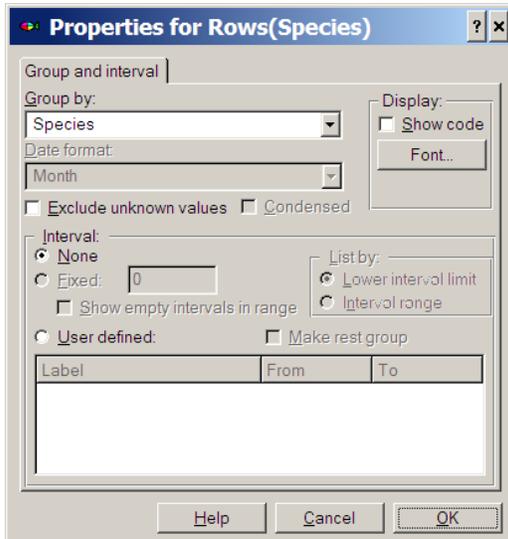


Technically, the page dimension is the 3D dimension of a cube, but for the display each page will be sliced off the cube and located next to each other (as 'pages'). If you are using the page dimension, the last page will always be the total off all the other pages summed.

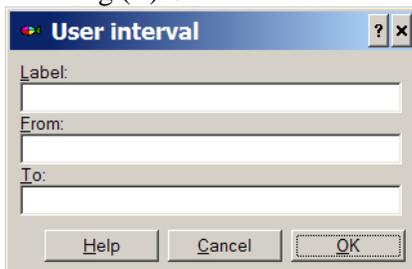
To group in one of the dimensions, then right click i.e. Rows and choose Properties at the menu:



The property page for grouping dimension (in this case grouped by species):



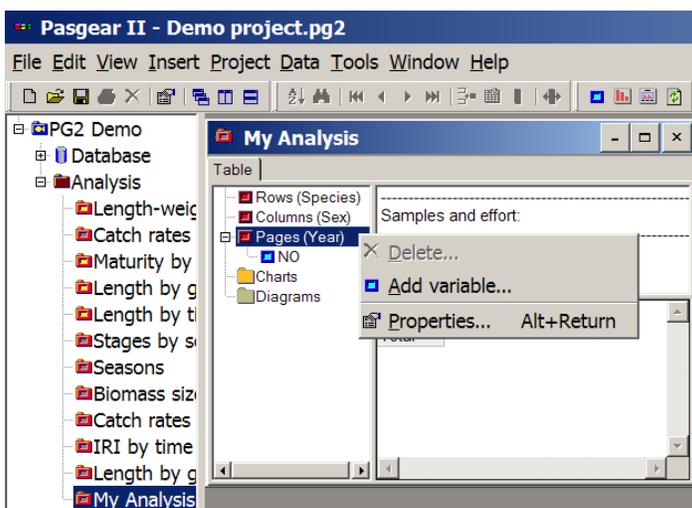
The grouping can be done by each individual element found (Interval = None), or by user defined fixed intervals of any positive integer  $>0$ . Groups can also be user defined by checking (●) User defined and then right click in the pane and choose [add]:



You can then give the group a label and select ranges From ... to ...

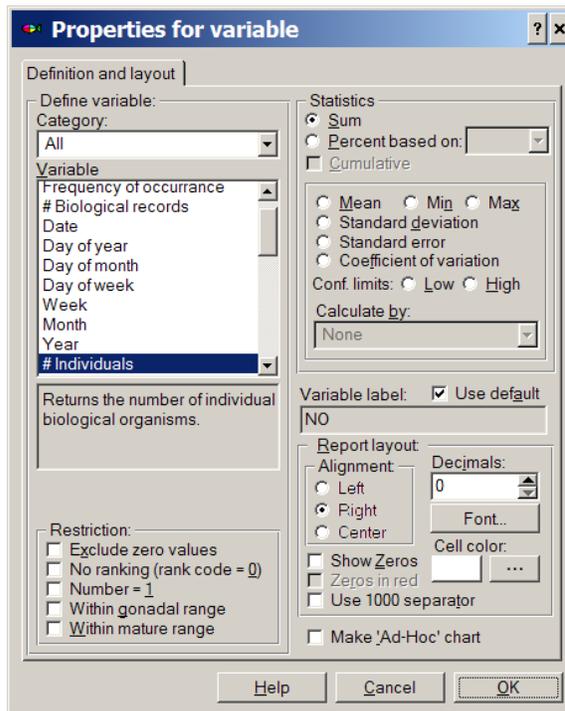
You can also define your own groupings by adding a [calculated field](#) in the data table and use an [expression](#) to make a new set of groups. See [example](#).

## Variables



Variables can be added to rows, columns or matrix (pages) by right clicking on the dimension and choose Add variable, or click on the  speed button on the main menu . The property

page for a variable is rather big and can best be studied by examining the 'hints' on the dialog or the status bar.



The list of available variables can be categorised and listed (open the combo box Category) by:

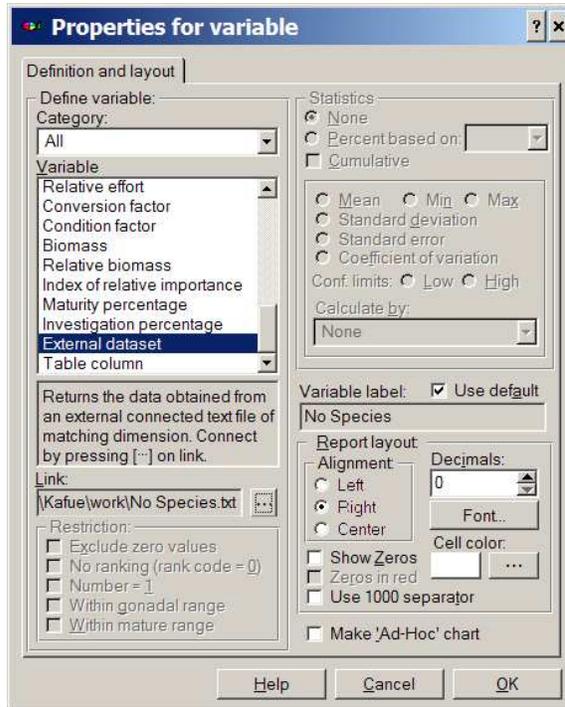
- All
- Basic (number, length, weight, frequency of occurrence etc. taken from the Data table)
- Effort (absolute, relative, duration or conversion factor for standardizing samples)
- Date (various ways of grouping or expressing dates)
- Derived (special such as Index of relative importance, Fulton's condition factor, percent mature, Shannon's diversity index etc.)
- External (reads the variables from an external file of rows and columns)

The info pane under the combo box with listed variables will tell what each chosen variable will return.

## External Data sets

This is a powerful feature that enables the user to import external data to the report table. You can also [export](#) a report table to e.g Excel, do your own calculations and then re-import the new variable to the table or for use in the plots.

Variables can be imported from outside of Pasgear by connecting an external dataset from a file in text format. Choose the variable 'External dataset' and link the file by pressing [...] on the Link edit line:



External data sets have the following format:

Groups	Column1	Column2	Column3	ColumnN
Group1	var			
Group2				
Group3				
Group4				
Group5				
Group6				
Group7				
Group8				
Group9				
Group10				
Group11				
Group12				
-				
-				
-				
GroupN				

If the variable is a row or column variable only the first column in the external set will be used (read). However if the variable is a page variable (matrix) all rows and all columns will be added to the table. Group names (rows) and column headers with same value (or name) as found in the data table will be grouped with these, whereas if the external data set contains groups or column headers that are new these will be added as new groups to the table.

### **Variable restrictions**

Depending on the chosen variable they can be directly restricted (without connecting a [query](#)) when reading from the Data such as:

- Exclude zero values
- No ranking (only choose records with rank code = 0)

- Number = 1 (only choose records where number field = 1)
- Within gonadal range (as defined in [Project properties](#))
- Within mature range (only records with gonadal stages defined as mature)

### **Variable statistics**

Depending on the chosen variable they can be expressed in various statistical terms such as

- Count
- Sum
- Percent (based on totals in either table, page, rows or columns)
- Min or Max value observed
- Mean and standard spread statistics (based on various chosen denominators in ‘Calculate by’)
  - Standard deviation
  - Standard error of mean
  - Coefficient of variation
  - 95% confidence intervals

### **Standard deviation**

In case where the estimated mean (e.g. CPUE) is the ratio of two variables, then SD's are calculated from the Taylor series approximation by the following formula ([Cochran 1977](#), [Krebs 1989](#))

$$SD = \frac{1}{\bar{y}} \sqrt{\frac{\sum x^2 - 2\hat{R}\sum xy + \hat{R}^2\sum y^2}{n-1}} \quad \text{where } \hat{R} = \frac{\bar{x}}{\bar{y}}$$

However, if the denominator (y) is equal to the sample size (n) then

- Each  $y = 1$
- $\sum y^2 = y = n$
- $\sum xy = \sum x$

And the above ratio formula reduces to the normal standard deviation formula of

$$SD = \sqrt{\frac{\sum x^2 - \frac{(\sum x)^2}{n}}{n-1}}$$

**Standard error** is calculated as  $SE = \frac{SD}{\sqrt{N}}$

**Coefficient of variation** is calculated as  $CV = \frac{SD}{\bar{x}} \cdot 100\%$

**95% Confidence intervals** are calculated as  $CI_{95\%} = \bar{x} \pm t_{n-1} \cdot SE$  where  $t$  is from Students t-table with (n-1) degrees of freedom and  $\alpha = 0.025$ .

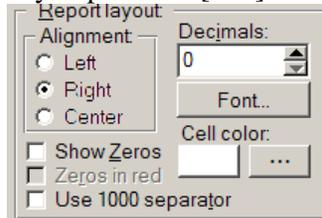
### **Variable layout**

The chosen variable will always be given a default label as header in the Analysis table. However, if checking off ‘Use default’ the user can specify the given label.

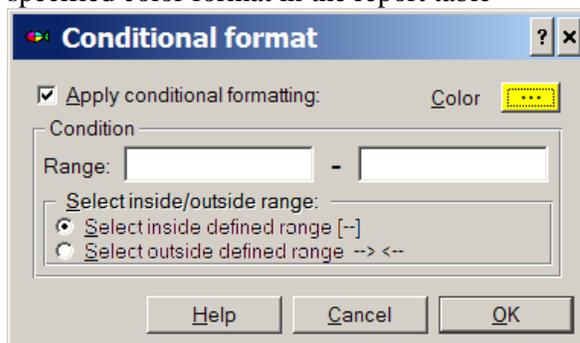
Variables can be given a font, aligned, given a specific number of decimals, or optimally show zero values. The cell color in the Analysis table can also be given a specific background color in the report table.

## Conditional formatting

If you press the [ ... ] button under Report layout



You can define a selected value range (inside or outside) of the variable which will be given a specified color format in the report table



## Making 'Ad hoc' chart

When checking this option Pasgear will automatically set up a diagram with a plot of the chosen variable. This plot can be modified (see [Diagrams and Charts](#)).

## Analysis results

Table   CPUE diagram																			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rows(Species)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Columns(NA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> % NO</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W(kg)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> % W</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO/set</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SD NO/set</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W(kg)/set</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SD W(kg)/set</li> </ul> </li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pages(NA)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charts</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diagrams</li> </ul>	<p>Samples and settings:</p> <hr/> <p># Mesh samples : 310  Absolute effort : 310 set  Absolute effort with empty catch: 8 set (2.58%)  Standard effort unit: 45 m set</p> <hr/> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Field</th> <th>Range found</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Rec No</td> <td>: 1 to 7532</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Date</td> <td>: 11/01/1992 to 24/12/1992</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Station</td> <td>: Sampling station 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Species</td> <td>: Hippopotamyrus dischorhyncus to Synodontis zambezensis</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gear</td> <td>: Gill net</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gear2 (Mesh)</td> <td>: 38 to 178</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Setting Type</td> <td>: Bottom set</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stratum</td> <td>: 1 to 15</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Field	Range found	Rec No	: 1 to 7532	Date	: 11/01/1992 to 24/12/1992	Station	: Sampling station 1	Species	: Hippopotamyrus dischorhyncus to Synodontis zambezensis	Gear	: Gill net	Gear2 (Mesh)	: 38 to 178	Setting Type	: Bottom set	Stratum	: 1 to 15
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When the analysis has been built by groupings and variables, then press F5, or the refresh icon , to run it.

The result will be shown in the 'Table' tab, which has 2 panes:

The upper is a summary pane giving:

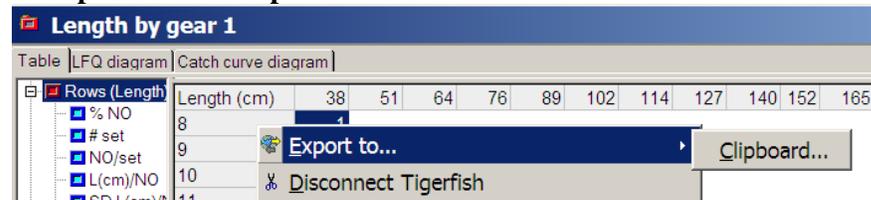
- The number of primary sample units (Mesh samples) and absolute effort, and if the Analysis is standardized then also the Standard effort unit.
- The ranges found over the major physical fields (Records, date, station, etc.) and the species. If some of these ranges have been restricted by a connected query this will be displayed too.

The lower is the results table with the chosen variables and statistics built, layout and sorted into rows, columns (and pages). By right click in this pane you have various options such as e.g. Export the table to clipboard (can e.g. be pasted directly into MS Excel, Word etc).

## Export results

You can export the Pasgear report table via the clipboard by right click on the Table

► Export to... ► Clipboard...



The content of the clipboard can then be pasted in other applications (e.g. Excel, Word etc.).

## Predefined analyses

### Catch composition and IRI

Species	NO	% NO	W(kg)	% W	FRQ	% FRQ	IRI	% IRI	H'	J'
<i>Hydrocymus vittatus</i>	3635	48.6	1059.761	35.2	183	59.0	4944	46.2	0.351	0.12
<i>Oreochromis mortimeri</i>	1386	18.5	815.372	27.1	212	68.4	3117	29.1	0.312	0.11
<i>Serranochromis codringtonii</i>	1002	13.4	423.915	14.1	176	56.8	1559	14.6	0.269	0.09
<i>Clarias gariepinus</i>	239	3.2	307.119	10.2	111	35.8	479	4.5	0.110	0.04
<i>Mormyrops longirostris</i>	163	2.2	235.650	7.8	82	26.5	265	2.5	0.083	0.03
<i>Schilbe mystus</i>	317	4.2	23.803	0.8	75	24.2	122	1.1	0.134	0.05
<i>Tilapia rendalli</i>	115	1.5	53.106	1.8	73	23.5	78	0.7	0.064	0.02
<i>Hippopotamyrus dischorhynchus</i>	283	3.8	17.934	0.6	54	17.4	76	0.7	0.124	0.04
<i>Synodontis zambezensis</i>	85	1.1	16.965	0.6	42	13.5	23	0.2	0.051	0.02
<i>Marcusenius macrolepidotus</i>	134	1.8	7.750	0.3	30	9.7	20	0.2	0.072	0.02
<i>Alestes imberi</i>	100	1.3	3.756	0.1	22	7.1	10	0.1	0.058	0.02
<i>Mormyrops deliciosus</i>	10	0.1	23.550	0.8	10	3.2	3	0.0	0.009	0.00
<i>Distichodus shenga</i>	7	0.1	4.175	0.1	7	2.3	1	0.0	0.007	0.00
<i>Heterobranchus longifilis</i>	3	0.0	8.800	0.3	3	1.0	0	0.0	0.003	0.00
<i>Labeo congoro</i>	2	0.0	8.650	0.3	2	0.6	0	0.0	0.002	0.00
<i>Oreochromis machrochir</i>	1	0.0	0.975	0.0	1	0.3	0	0.0	0.001	0.00
<i>Labeo cylindricus</i>	1	0.0	0.750	0.0	1	0.3	0	0.0	0.001	0.00
<i>Labeo altivelis</i>	1	0.0	0.500	0.0	1	0.3	0	0.0	0.001	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>7484</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3012.532</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1085</b>	<b>350.0</b>	<b>10697</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.652</b>	<b>0.56</b>

This analysis gives total catch composition in numbers and weight (kg), as well as frequency of occurrence (FRQ) in the fleet or mesh size settings (i.e. whether the species was present or not irrespective of the abundance). Each of these values is also given in percentage of total (not that the percentage frequency of occurrence %FRQ does not add to 100 as the total is the total number of settings). As a measure of relative abundance or commonness of each species (*i*) in the catch composition an index of relative importance (%IRI, [Kolding 1989](#)) is used

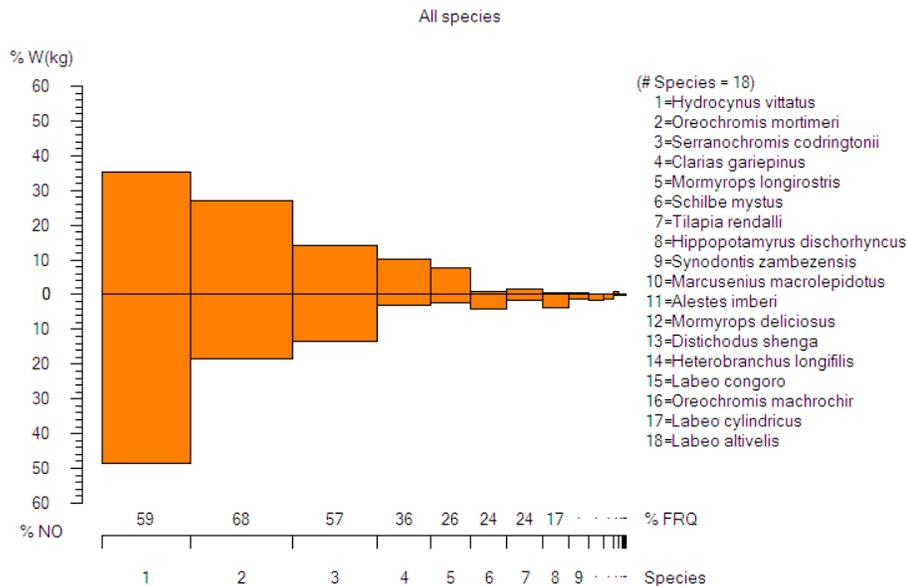
$$\% IRI_i = \frac{(\%W_i + \%N_i) \cdot \%F_i}{\sum_{j=1}^S (\%W_j + \%N_j) \cdot \%F_j} \cdot 100$$

where  $\%W_i$  and  $\%N_i$  is percentage weight and number of each species of total catch,  $\%F_i$  is percentage frequency of occurrence of each species in total number of settings, and  $S$  is total number of species. This index was originally graphical and combines and show simultaneously the relative numeric abundance (N), the average size (W) and the commonness (F) of a species,  $IRI = (\%N + \%W) \cdot \%F$  (Pinkas *et al.* 1971, see also Caddy & Sharp 1986), displayed as a rectangle (see figure).  $\%IRI$  gives the relative area of this rectangle in percentage to all the other species present. After running the programme there is an option for illustrating the IRI graphically instead of in percentages (see figure).

Shannon's diversity index. The IRI programme also calculates Shannon's diversity index ( $H'$ ) and the relative evenness ( $J'$ ) defined as:

$$H' = -\sum_{i=1}^S P_i \cdot \ln(P_i) \text{ and } J' = H' / H_{\max} \text{ where } H_{\max} = \ln(S)$$

where  $P_i$  is the relative abundance, i.e. the number of individuals for each species divided by the total number of individuals for all species ( $S$ ) in each sample (Begon *et al.* 1990, p. 617).



## Catch rates (CPUE) by species

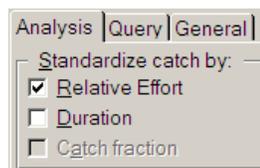
Species	NO	% NO	W(kg)	% W	NO/set	SD NO/set	W(kg)/set	SD W(kg)/set	
<i>Hydrocynus vittatus</i>	3635	48.6	1059.761	35.2	11.7	18.3	3.4		4.4
<i>Oreochromis mortimeri</i>	1386	18.5	815.372	27.1	4.5	6.8	2.6		4.0
<i>Serranochromis codringtonii</i>	1002	13.4	423.915	14.1	3.2	5.9	1.4		2.6
<i>Clarias gariepinus</i>	239	3.2	307.119	10.2	0.8	1.5	1.0		1.9
<i>Mormyrops longirostris</i>	163	2.2	235.650	7.8	0.5	1.1	0.8		1.6
<i>Tilapia rendalli</i>	115	1.5	53.106	1.8	0.4	0.9	0.2		0.5
<i>Schilbe mystus</i>	317	4.2	23.803	0.8	1.0	2.9	0.1		0.2
<i>Mormyrops deliciosus</i>	10	0.1	23.550	0.8	0.0	0.2	0.1		0.5
<i>Hippopotamyrus dischorhynchus</i>	283	3.8	17.934	0.6	0.9	3.0	0.1		0.2
<i>Synodontis zambezensis</i>	85	1.1	16.965	0.6	0.3	1.0	0.1		0.2
<i>Heterobranchus longifilis</i>	3	0.0	8.800	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0		0.4
<i>Labeo congoro</i>	2	0.0	8.650	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0		0.4
<i>Marcusenius macrolepidotus</i>	134	1.8	7.750	0.3	0.4	2.4	0.0		0.1
<i>Distichodus shenga</i>	7	0.1	4.175	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0		0.1
<i>Alestes imber</i>	100	1.3	3.756	0.1	0.3	2.6	0.0		0.1
<i>Oreochromis machrochir</i>	1	0.0	0.975	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0		0.1
<i>Labeo cylindricus</i>	1	0.0	0.750	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0		0.0
<i>Labeo altivelis</i>	1	0.0	0.500	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0		0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7484</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3012.532</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>9.7</b>		<b>6.7</b>

Catch per unit effort (CPUE) in PASGEAR is calculated as:

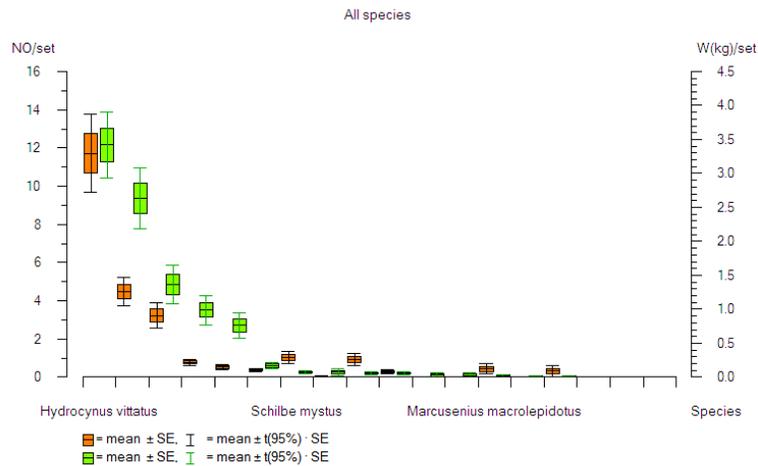
$$CPUE = \frac{1}{y} \sum_{i=1}^n W_i \cdot \frac{SU}{U_i} \cdot \frac{ST}{T_i}, \quad \text{where}$$

- $y$  = [absolute effort](#), e.g. number of net panel (or fleet) settings and
- $n$  = number of [samples](#) (NB, if effort is not a variable then  $y = n$ ).
- $W_i$  = catch (in weight or numbers) in set<sub>*i*</sub> or sample<sub>*i*</sub>,
- $SU$  = standard relative effort unit (size) of a net panel (defined in the data table properties/[Effort mode](#)),
- $U_i$  = actual [relative effort](#) unit (size) of net<sub>*i*</sub> (this can be given in the Relative **effort** [field](#) in the [Data](#) Table  
and/or defined in the [Gear](#) Table, see [Effort definition and sample raising modes](#))
- $ST$  = standard time unit (hours or minutes) of a setting (defined in the data table properties/[Effort mode](#)),
- $T_i$  = actual time unit of setting<sub>*i*</sub> (this can be given in the **duration** [field](#) in the [Data](#) Table).

Standardization of the CPUE, i.e. expressing the result per standard effort units (gear size or standard time), is optionally achieved by activating one or both of the terms ( $SU/U_i$  and  $ST/T_i$ ) in the above equation when setting the [Analysis properties](#) under Analysis/Standardize catch by:



For changing the standard units see [Effort definition](#) and [sample raising modes](#).



### Catch rates (CPUE) by sample

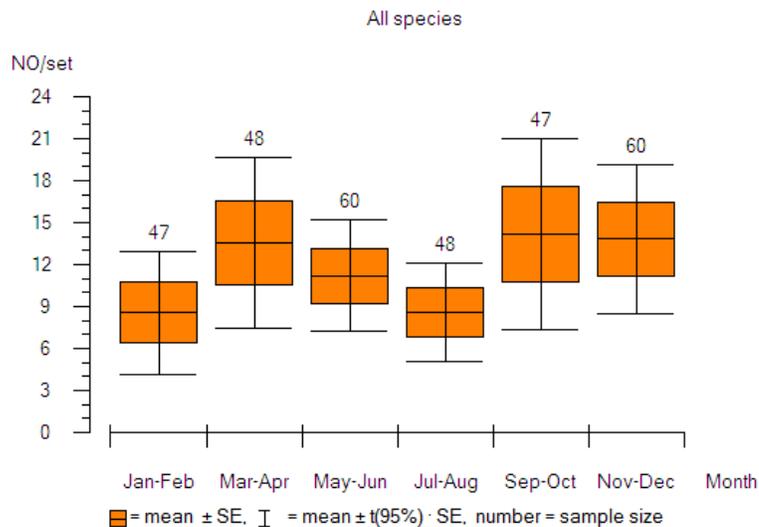
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This macro gives CPUE by each individual sample (rows) and can be variously grouped (columns). The main purpose is for exporting the results to the tool “[Estimate confidence intervals](#)” in order to see the frequency distribution of the catch rates, and/or for various ways of calculating alternative confidence intervals. There are 4 options for calculating confidence intervals:

- 1) Standard parametric based on the arithmetic [sample mean](#)
- 2) The [Pennington](#) estimator based on the log-normal Delta distribution
- 3) [Bootstrap](#) on the arithmetic sample mean
- 4) [Bootstrap](#) on the Pennington estimator



This macro is particularly useful for data exploration and getting a quick overview of patterns or regularities in your experimental fishing or sampling design. It can also be used to calculate stratified mean catch per unit effort, with variance, depending on your sampling design.



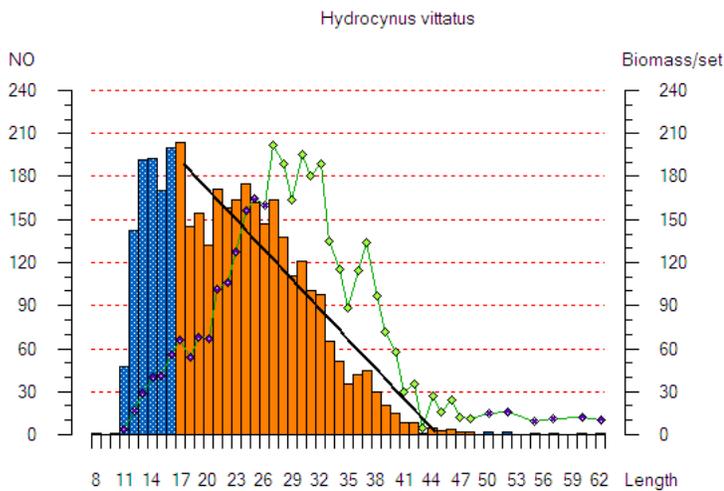
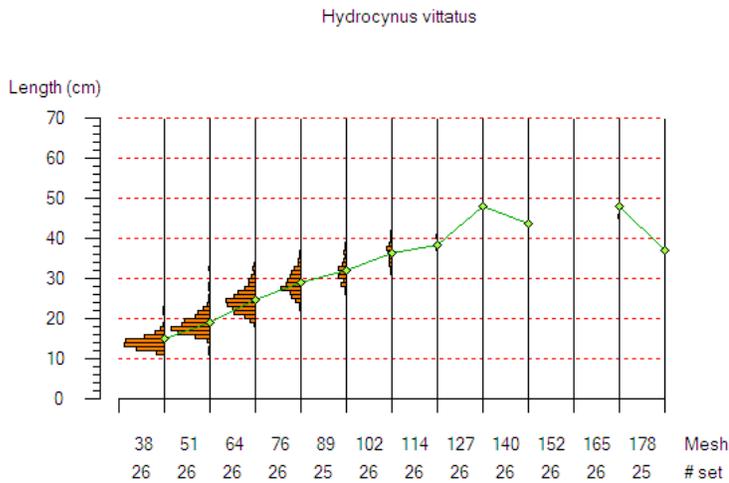
## Length by gear

		Length (cm)	38	51	64	76	89	102	114	127	140	152	165	178	Total	% NO	CUM% NO
Rows (Length)	% NO	8	1												1	0.0	0.0
	# set	9															0.0
	NO/set	10	1												1	0.0	0.1
	L(cm)/NO	11	39	8											47	1.3	1.3
	SD L(cm)/NO	12	135	7											142	3.9	5.3
	W(g)/NO	13	189	3											192	5.3	10.5
	SD W(g)/NO	14	180	12	1										193	5.3	15.9
	Gear2 (Mesh)	15	95	72	3										170	4.7	20.5
	% NO	16	46	149	5										200	5.5	26.0
	CUM% NO	17	20	182	2										204	5.6	31.6
	W(g)/NO	18	6	130	9										145	4.0	35.6
	CV W/NO	19	4	121	28	1									154	4.2	39.9
	Biomass/set	20	5	73	53	1									132	3.6	43.5
	Pages(NA)	21	9	61	98	2									171	4.7	48.2
	NO	22	8	34	110	5	1								158	4.3	52.6
	Charts	23	3	16	134	9	2								164	4.5	57.1
	Diagrams	24	3	8	136	27	1								175	4.8	61.9
		25	5	8	101	45	2	1							162	4.5	66.3
		26	1	3	85	52	6								147	4.0	70.4
		27	3	9	50	96	6								164	4.5	74.9

This macro gives length frequencies by mesh (or gear) size in the nets or sampling gear (or any other chosen column grouping). Mean weight per length group with CV is displayed. Mean retention lengths (cm) and weight (g) for each mesh size with standard deviations.

This macro is the standard programme for exporting the results into the tool “[Estimate gear selectivity](#)”, in order to correct the length frequencies for gear selectivity (see [Correction for gear selectivity](#)).

The catch-curve diagram can be manipulated into various transformations such as ln-transformation of the length frequencies or calculation of relative biomass (CPUE in grams/set) in order to plot biomass-size distributions.



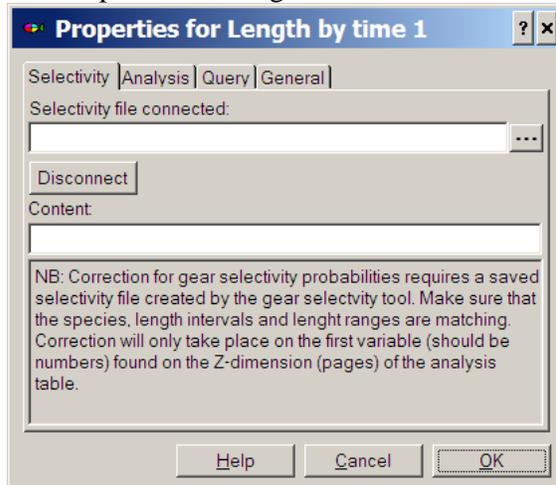
### Length by time

Table | LFQ diagram | Catch curve diagram

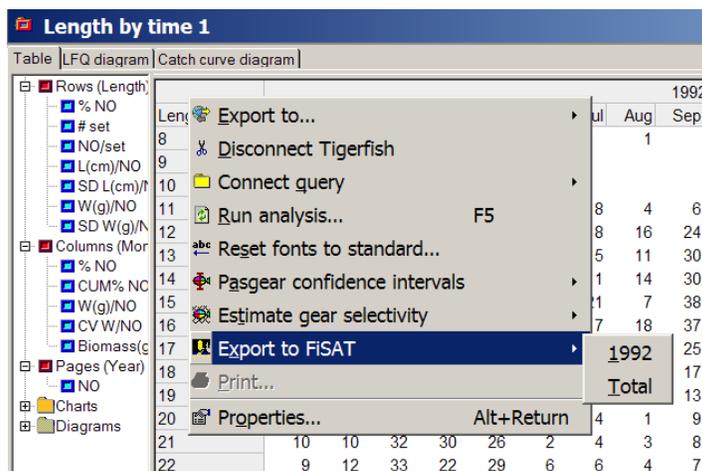
Length (cm)	1992												Total	% NO	CL	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec				
8									1					1	0.0	
9																
10						1								1	0.0	
11					7	10	8	4	6	2				10	47	1.3
12	1		1	2	19	25	18	16	24	7	17	12	142	142	3.9	
13	1			3	15	25	15	11	30	32	38	22	192	192	5.3	
14				1	9	19	11	14	30	23	59	27	193	193	5.3	
15		2		1	9	11	21	7	38	31	25	24	170	170	4.7	
16		11			18	3	17	18	37	28	46	22	200	200	5.5	
17	21	6	4		9	8	11	9	25	40	48	23	204	204	5.6	
18	14	3	7	2	3	4	8	2	17	23	35	27	145	145	4.0	
19	14	7	16	8	5	4	2	3	13	22	38	22	154	154	4.2	
20	8	13	22	6	9	4	4	1	9	11	28	17	132	132	3.6	
21	10	10	32	30	26	2	4	3	8	10	18	18	171	171	4.7	
22	9	12	33	22	29	6	6	4	7	3	14	13	158	158	4.3	
23	5	7	42	29	39	11	4	8	3	5	6	5	164	164	4.5	

The macro gives length frequencies by various chosen time intervals. If you set the pages (years) to NA the results will be pooled by time interval over all the years in the data base.

**Correction for gear selectivity.** If you have estimated gear [selectivity](#) of the particular species and stored the relative probabilities on file, you can optionally correct the observed length frequencies to estimated ‘true’ frequencies when examining the monthly catches or total catch curve or before exporting in FiSAT format. Choose the properties for the analysis, and then the ‘selectivity’ tab, and connect the appropriate selectivity file (\*.sel) where species and length intervals must match with the format of the analysis:

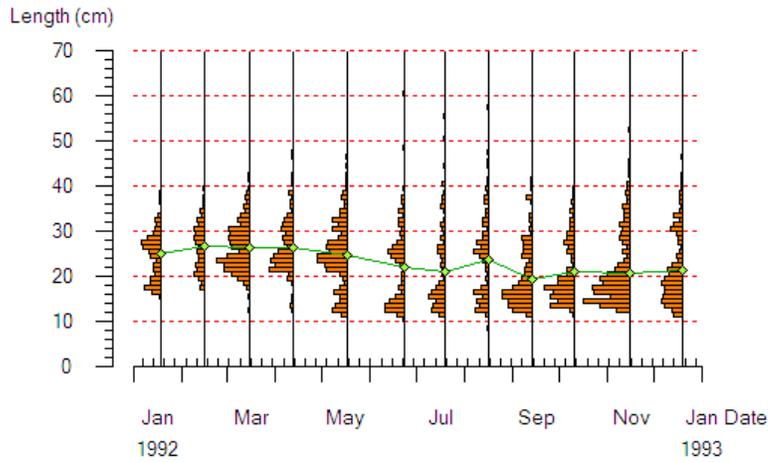


**FiSAT export.** This macro has also export facilities into FiSAT format ([Gayanilo et al 1996](#)). Right click on table and choose Export to FiSAT:



In the default chart the length frequencies are plotted on a time axis, either year by year or all years combined, to visually examine the various dynamics and/or modal progression which can be interpreted as growth or size-specific migration over time.

Hydrocynus vittatus

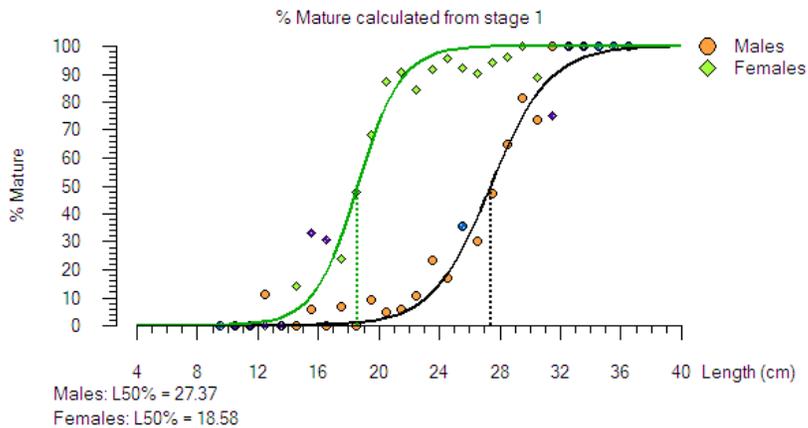


**Maturity by length**

Length (cm)	Males							Females													
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	CUM% NO	%MAT	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	CUM% NO	%MAT	
6																					
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9	1							1	0.1	0											
10	9							9	1.5	0	2							2	0.3	0	
11	2							2	1.7	0	1							1	0.4	0	
12	8	1						9	3.1	11	2							2	0.7	0	
13	17							17	5.5	0	3							3	1.2	0	
14	19							19	8.3	0	6	1						7	2.2	14	
15	16	1						17	10.8	6	4	2						6	3.1	33	
16	23							23	14.1	0	9	4						13	4.9	31	
17	28	2						30	18.5	7	19	6						25	8.6	24	
18	29							29	22.7	0	13	12						25	12.2	48	
19	29	3						32	27.3	9	13	26	2					41	18.2	68	
20	40	2						42	33.4	5	5	31	3	1				40	24.0	88	
21	49	2	1					52	41.0	6	4	31	6	1	2			44	30.4	91	
22	49	5	1					55	49.0	11	12	44	19	1				76	41.4	84	
23	49	14	1					64	58.3	23	7	49	23	4	1	1		85	53.8	92	
24	43	8	1					52	65.8	17	3	35	26	1	3	2		70	64.0	96	

This macro gives distribution of gonadal stages by length and sex, as well as the percentage mature (%M) depending on the chosen stage for individuals considered mature.

*Oreochromis mortimeri*



Length at maturity ogive. A length-at-maturity ogive can be estimated by fitting a logistic model ([Gunderson \*et al.\* 1980](#)):

$$P_m = \frac{1}{1 + e^{(-aL+b)}} \cdot 100, \text{ where}$$

$P_m$  is percent mature (= %M) at length  $L$ , and  $a$  and  $b$  are fitted constants.

The model constants are estimated (see [trends](#)) by an iterative numerical search of the minimum sum of squares, ( $= \sum (\text{observed} - \text{predicted})^2$ ). The non-linear search algorithm (Fletcher's method) is adapted to Pascal from a QBasic program (FLET) supplied with [Hilborn & Walters \(1992\)](#).

$L_{50\%}$  is defined as the length where 50% of the fish are mature and are calculated ([Rickey 1995](#)) from the estimated constants  $a$  and  $b$ :

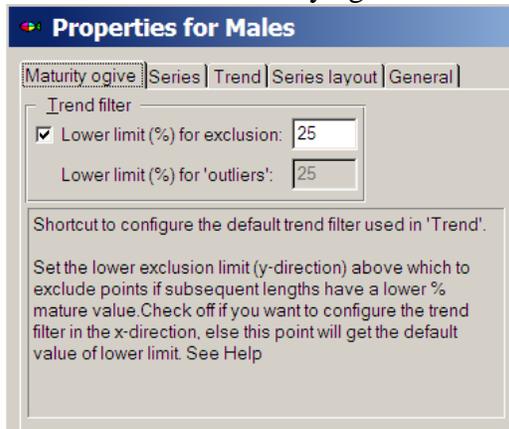
$$L_{50\%} = \frac{a}{b}$$

There are several options available when fitting the logistic model on each series (Males or females) which can be accessed by clicking on the series and choose properties, or simply double click:

- Lower limit (%) for exclusion (default = 25%):
- Lower limit (%) for 'outliers' (default = 25%):
- Minimum number of observations per point (default = 5):
- Weigh fitting with number of observations (default = 0):

These options should be explored in order to see what fit gives the best results.

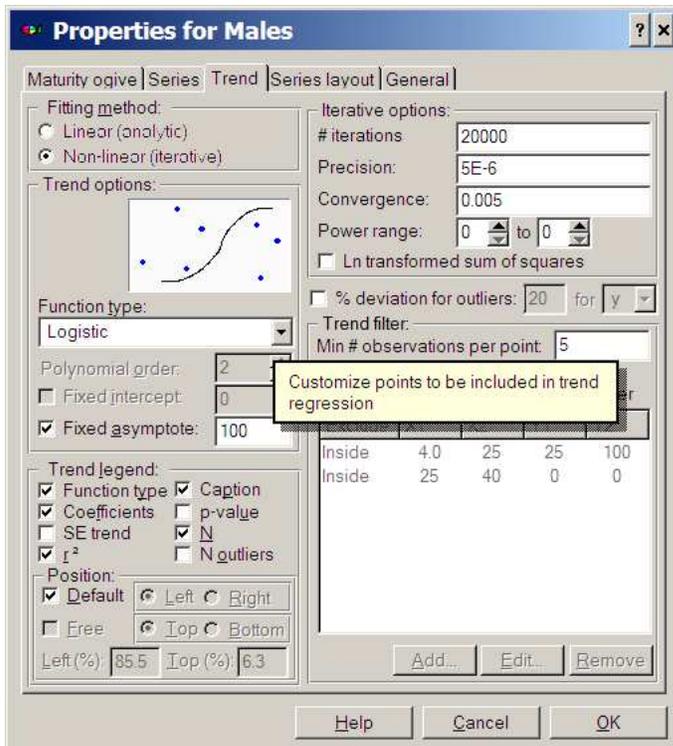
Set lower limit (%) for exclusion. Double click on the [series](#) in the [Diagram control pane](#) and choose the 'Maturity ogive' tab:



This tab is used as a shortcut to configure the optional default [trend filter](#) when estimating a maturity ogive. Since the value of % mature is based on the number of observed specimens, and this number can be low in the small or large length classes, there is sometimes 'noise' in the lower part of the logistic curve where a high percentage of mature individuals can be caused one or two erroneous entries. Many small positive maturity values, intercepted by 0-values, may also be interpreted as 'noise'. However, if used they may tend to lower the slope of the ogive and thus over-estimate the  $L_{50\%}$ . By applying the default trend filter these will be excluded in order to improve the curve fit. The algorithm works as follows: When setting the Lower limit (%) for exclusion to e.g. 25%, then all values above this will be excluded **until** the point on the x-axis where the **subsequent** value is higher than the limit given by Lower limit (%) for 'outliers' = when  $Y_i \geq \text{lower limit}$  **and**  $Y_i < Y_{i+1}$ . Normally the value for lower limit for exclusion = the value for lower limit for outliers (by default), but you can configure the two values separately by checking off the checkbox. The lower limit for exclusion (y-direction) will be kept, but the extent in the x-direction will be defined by the first point where the **subsequent** x-class (length) will have a higher % mature value than the new (normally lower) limit given for 'outliers'.

You can see the applied [trend filter](#) by checking ' Show excluded region' and/or the data not used by checking ' Data excluded from trend' on the [Diagram control pane](#) under the series.

Minimum number of observations per point. Double click on the [series](#) in the [Diagram control pane](#) and choose the [Trend](#) tab:



This filter is used to define the minimum number of observations required in a length group for the data-point to be included in the curve fit. Here you can also deactivate the default trend filter described above by checking off ' Use trend filter'.

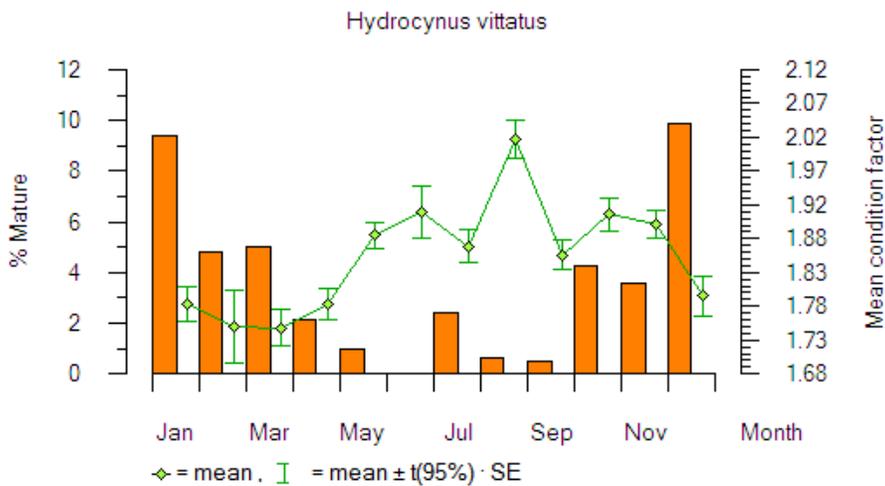
Weigh fitting with number of observations. Choose the Trend tab/Iterative options/Power range.

This option is used to give more weight to length (x-class) intervals with a high number of observations. The weighing is done by multiplying the sum of squares with the number of observations raised to the power of the entered weight value (which can range from 0 to 10), i.e.  $\text{SumSQ} = \sum (\text{observed} - \text{predicted})^2 \cdot \text{obs}^{\text{weight}}$ . Thus with weight value=0 there is no weighing. If you choose a range of power values, the fitted trend for each value will be displayed simultaneously.

## Maturity by time

Table   Mat diagram		Date	U	0	1	2	3	4	5	Total	%INV	%MAT	K/NO	SD K/NO	L(cm)/NO	SD L(cm)/NO
Rows(Month)		Jan	88	92	43	5	4	5		237	63	9	1.8	0.2	25.1	6.1
Columns(Gonadal)		Feb	62	87	12	1	3	1		166	63	5	1.7	0.3	26.6	5.2
		Mar	175	168	39	9	2			393	55	5	1.7	0.3	26.4	5.0
		Apr	118	115	22	3				258	54	2	1.8	0.2	26.8	5.5
		May	112	268	43	3				426	74	1	1.9	0.2	26.3	5.8
		Jun	109	103	35					247	56		1.9	0.3	26.2	6.5
		Jul	69	111	12	3				195	65	2	1.9	0.2	24.3	8.2
		Aug	62	123	32		1			218	72	1	2.0	0.2	26.7	7.6
		Sep	132	170	24		1			327	60	1	1.9	0.2	21.9	6.5
		Oct	152	150	29	1	5	2		339	55	4	1.9	0.2	23.3	6.9
		Nov	299	164	23	4		3		493	39	4	1.9	0.2	23.5	7.4
		Dec	124	149	42	11	5	3	2	336	63	10	1.8	0.3	23.9	7.2
		Total	1502	1700	356	40	21	14	2	3635	59	4	1.8	0.2	25.1	6.6

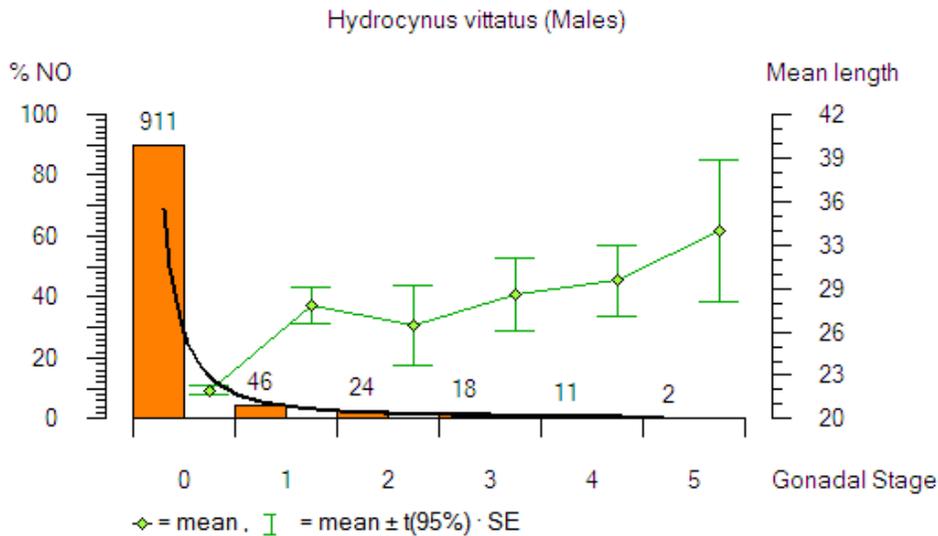
This macro gives time interval frequencies of maturity stages for each specified species (or range of species) and percentage of 'gonadal active' (defined by an optional stage) of total investigated fish. Mean Fulton's condition factor (K) and mean length of total fish caught with standard deviations are also given. This macro can be used to determine the maximum spawning peaks and choosing the monthly sampling interval for calculating length-at-maturity.



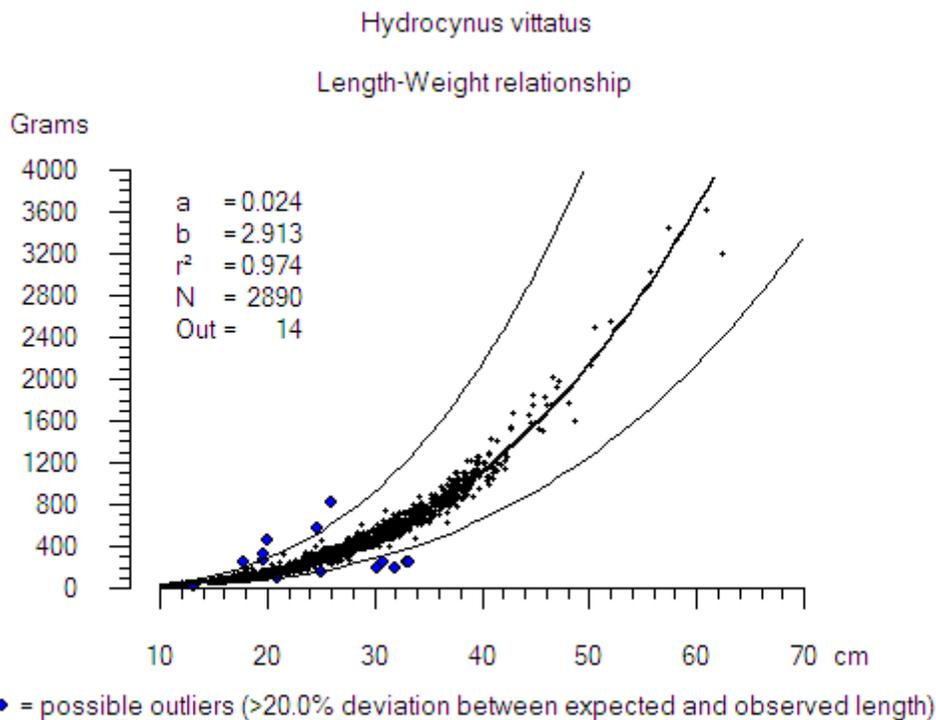
### Stages by sex

Table		Gonadal stages: males diagram	Gonadal stages: females diagram	Gonadal stages: Total diagram					
Rows(Gonadal Stage)									
Columns(NA)		males							
% NO	K/NO	SD K/NO	L(cm)/NO	SD L(cm)/NO	W(g)/NO	SD W(g)/NO			
SD K/NO	L(cm)/NO	SD L(cm)/NO	W(g)/NO	SD W(g)/NO					
SD L(cm)/NO									
SD W(g)/NO									
SD W(g)/NO									
Pages(Sex)									
Charts									
Diagrams									
Gonadal Stage	% NO	K/NO	SD K/NO	L(cm)/NO	SD L(cm)/NO	W(g)/NO	SD W(g)/NO		
0	90.0	1.9	0.2	22.0	4.8	229.7	159.1		
1	4.5	1.9	0.3	28.2	4.3	447.7	201.4		
2	2.4	1.9	0.5	26.8	6.8	406.3	252.1		
3	1.8	2.0	0.3	29.0	5.3	510.3	210.8		
4	1.1	2.0	0.2	30.0	3.8	568.2	210.1		
5	0.2	1.9	0.1	33.6	0.6	737.5	17.7		
Total	100.0	1.9	0.3	22.7	5.2	255.1	182.2		

This macro gives the number of gonadal stages by sex, as well as the mean condition factor, mean length, and mean weight.



### Length-Weight relationship



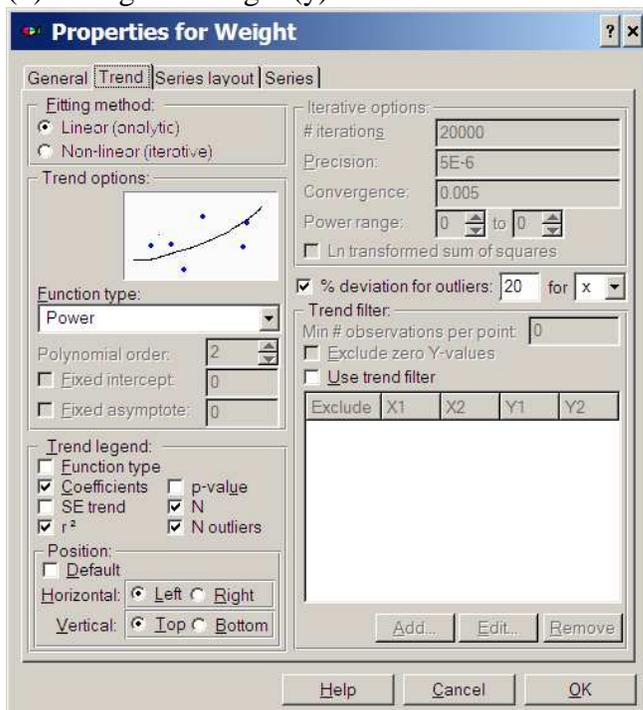
This macro is used to calculate length (cm)-weight (g) coefficients from the relationship

$$\text{weight} = a \cdot \text{length}^b$$

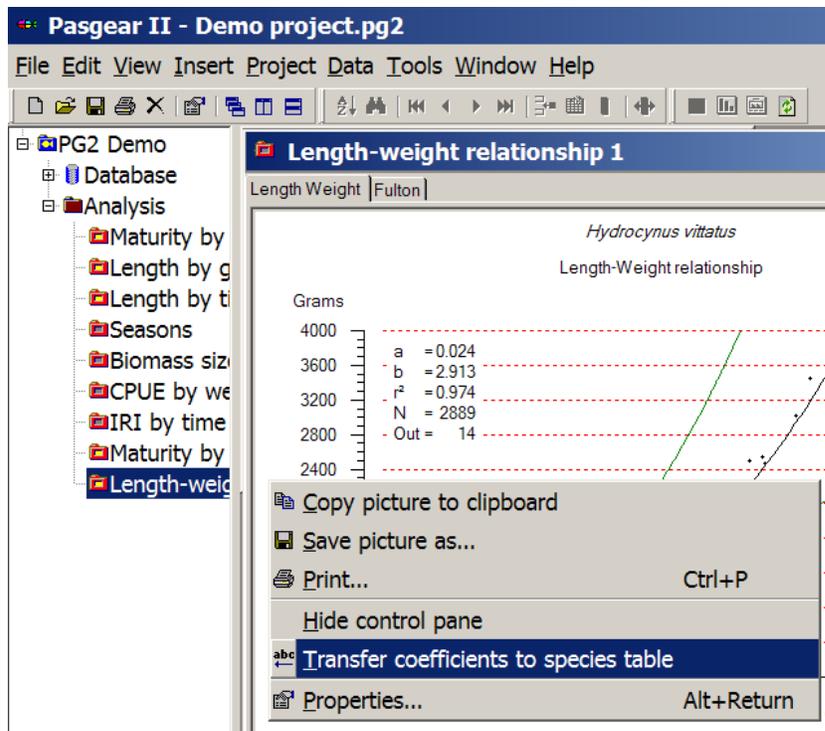
of the chosen species or range of species (in [query](#)), and show this in a diagram plot of the length-weight relationship, with possible outliers indicated. I also give the Condition factor as a function of length. Note that only records with [Rank-code](#)=0 are included by

default in the length-weight regression, as different rank codes normally are set when either the length or the weight has been [corrected](#) under cleaning.

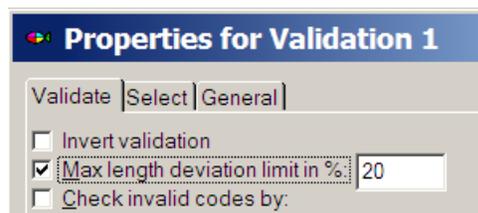
The length-weight relationship can be regressed both linearly by logarithmic transformation of the power function (default) or iteratively by selecting the fitting method under Series/Properties/[trend](#). The default deviation for ‘outliers’ is 20% for x, i.e. when there is more than 20% deviation between the observed and the expected length (x) for a given weight (y).



The coefficients (a and b, as well as the coefficient of determination ( $r^2$ ) and the sample size N), if acceptable, can optionally be written automatically into the [Species table](#) for the respective species (right click on the Analysis and choose ► ‘Transfer coefficients to species table’).



The length-weight coefficients are used when running [validation queries](#) on observed length versus weight in the database (in order to find the ‘outliers’), or when running the modules ‘[Check length/weight](#)’ or ‘[Estimate weight](#)’ on the data table (see also [Find, clean and correct records](#), and [missing weights](#)).



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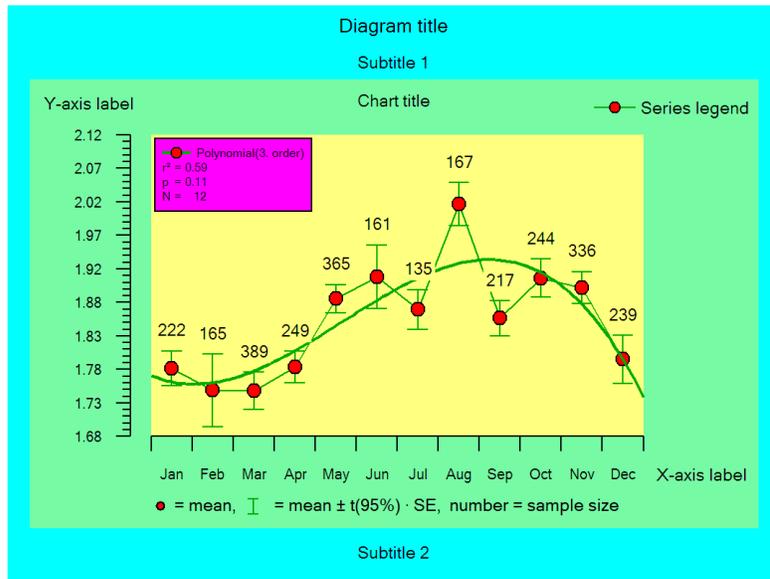
## Diagrams and charts

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There are almost endless possibilities for designing your diagrams and charts in terms of layout and orientation. Below only a brief description is given on how to access the different property pages and their configuration.

### **Basic concepts**

- A **diagram** is a frame (shown in cyan in the example below) that can display one to several charts, or other diagrams, as well as title, two subtitles and a free positioned legend.
- A **chart** consist of two parts:
  - The chart area (in green in example below) consisting of a title, axes, [legends](#) and a plot area.
  - The plot area (in yellow in example below) which plot one to several series on 2 or 3 axes.
- An **axis** (X,Y or Z) can hold one to several series and can be formatted in various ways.
- A **series** is a set of data connected to an axis that can be plotted with various layouts.
- A **trend** is a curve that can be fitted to a series and added to the plot with an optional [legend](#)
- A **graph element** is any item in a diagram or chart that has [graphic properties](#) such as color, line, style, fills, and for some fonts.



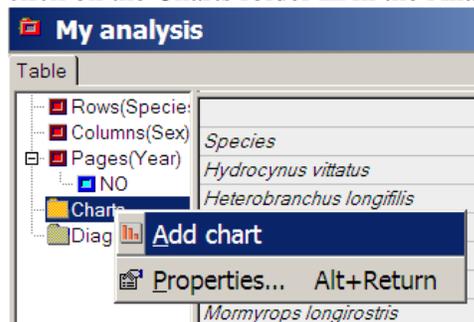
## Making a chart

A diagram and chart can be created either automatically or by the user. When charts are created automatically ([default charts](#)) they are ‘ad hoc’ or non-persistent charts, which mean that they will be re-created on every run of the analysis. These charts can, however, be modified and saved as persistent if desirable (right click in the diagram and choose [Keep diagram] from the pop-up menu). If an ‘ad hoc’ diagram or chart has been made persistent, and the analysis still is asked to make [default charts](#), then these will be added to the persistent charts.

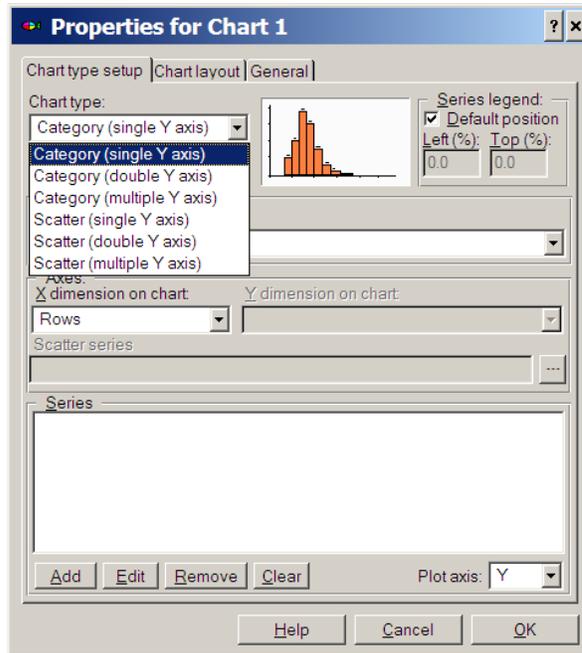
**Automatic charts** are created in two ways:

1. All predefined analyses will make automatic default charts if the  [Make default charts](#) on the [analysis property](#) frame is checked.
2. Any single variable can also be rendered graphically if the  [Make 'Ad-Hoc' chart](#) on the [variable property](#) frame is checked.

**User created charts** are created by either click on the cart icon  on the toolbar, or right click on the Charts folder  in the Analysis tree view ► **Add chart**



This will open the Chart property page/Chart type setup:



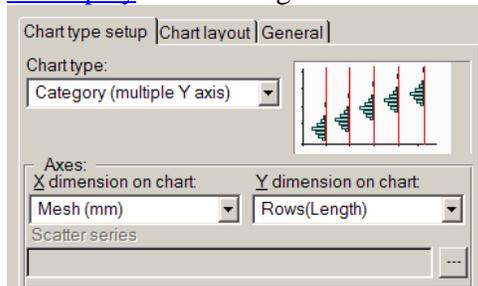
You can choose between 6 types of charts:

1. Category (single Y-axis)
2. Category (double Y-axis)
3. Category (multiple Y-axis)
4. Scatter (single Y-axis)
5. Scatter (double Y-axis)
6. Scatter (multiple Y-axis)

The preview next to the combo-box will give you an idea of how each are looking.

Then you must choose your X-axis from the table dimension (rows, columns, or pages).

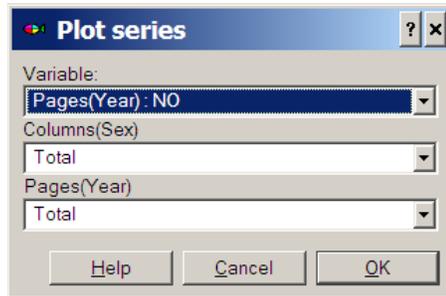
If you have a multiple Y-axis chart you must also choose your primary Y-axis from one of the remaining table dimensions. In this case the data will be plotted against a series of 'Z-axes' which is lying parallel to the X-axis, but has no scale (see [The Diagram tree view and options for display](#) for how to get the Z-scale on top of the plot area).



If you have a category plot you can now choose your series, and if you have a scatter plot you can choose the X-values and the Y-values (= series):

## 1. Category plot

Add your series by clicking [Add] under the series pane:



Choose the variable you want as a series, and where on the 'Y-dimension' of the table you find it. If your X-dimension is rows, then the available Y-dimension is columns and vice versa. If you have pages then also specify which page to choose from (default = Total).

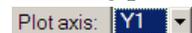
## 2. Scatter plot

First choose your X-values by pressing [...]



Then choose your Y-values by clicking [Add] under the series pane:

You can add as many series as you have on any chart type. If you have double Y-axis on either the category- or scatter plot then assign each added series to one of the two axes by choosing plot axis:



If you have multiple Y-axes then you can assign the series to either the primary Y-axis or the additional Z-axis.

Hint! You can go into any of the chart properties in the diagrams of the different predefined analyses (see [Analysis](#)) to see how they have been configured. All diagrams in Pasgear 2 are built from the same modules.

### ***Linking a chart to a diagram***

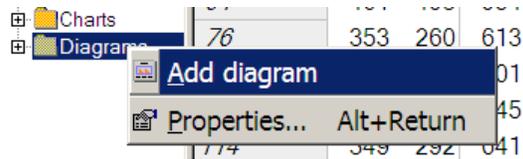
When you have created and designed a new chart and pressed [OK] you will be prompted:



If you confirm a new diagram will automatically be created and linked with the chart.

If you press [No] the new chart will not be visible before you have linked it to an existing diagram.

If there are no diagrams then add one by click on the Diagram icon  on the toolbar, or right click on  Diagrams folder ► Add diagram:

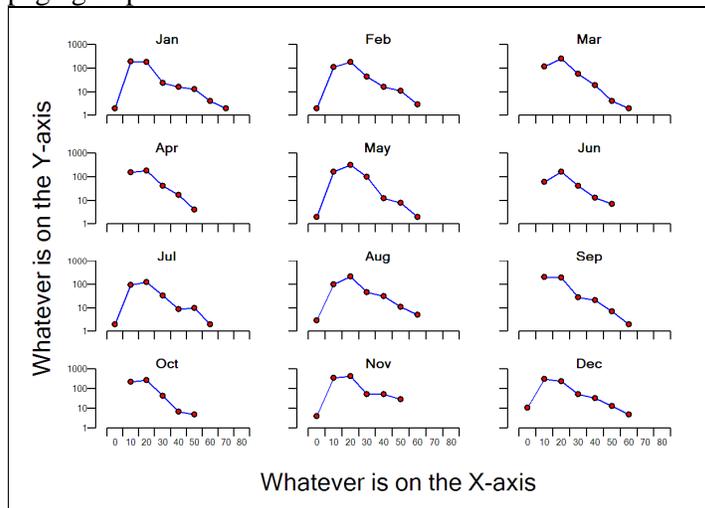


If a diagram exists then link the chart by right click the Diagram ► Link to.. ► choose object.



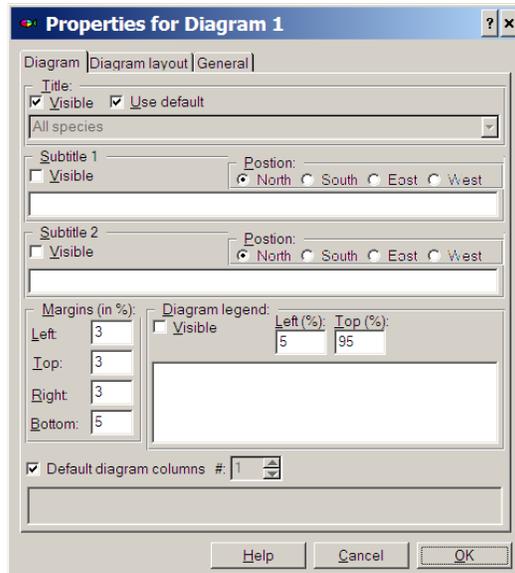
A diagram can also be linked to another diagram, and any links can be removed by right click the Diagram ► Remove link.. ► choose object.

**Multiple charts in one diagram.** You can link as many charts or diagrams into one diagram as you like and format the layout by defining the number of [columns](#). If your analysis is [grouped](#) by pages then each chart will be given a default title corresponding to the page group.



### ***Properties for diagrams***

Diagrams, charts, axes, and series all have the property Tabs 'Layout' and 'General' in common. On the [General](#) frame you can, like elsewhere in Pasgear 2 give the [Caption](#) and add [comments](#). The graph [Layout](#) frame is, besides the graph elements included, identical for and will be described below under [Layout of Diagrams, Charts, and series](#).



The diagram properties has

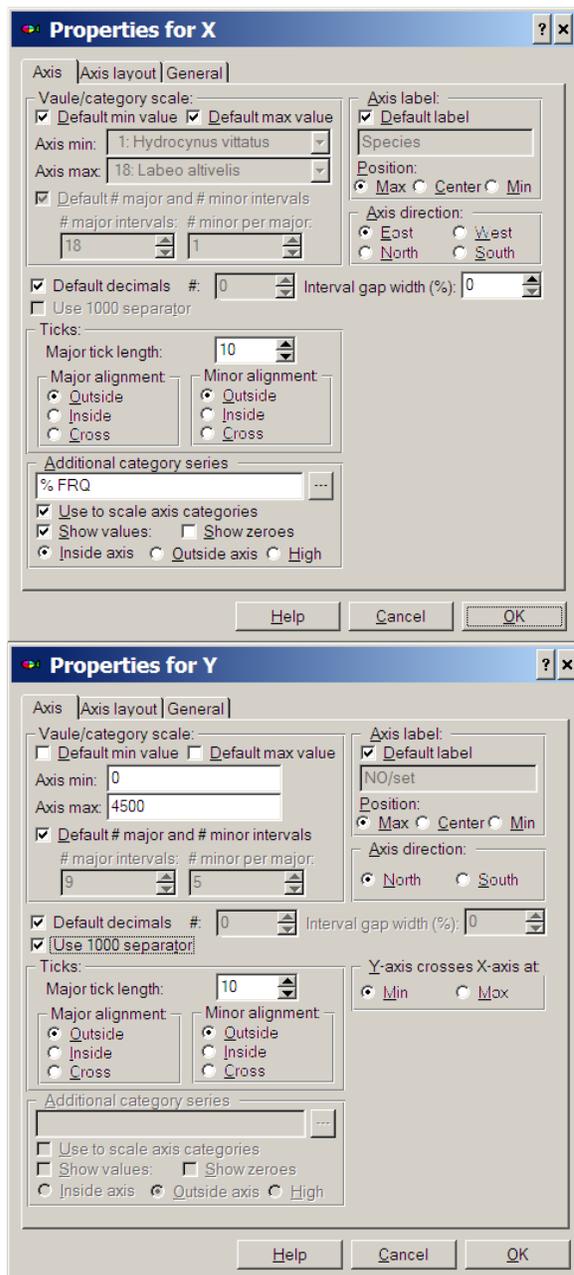
- Title
- Subtitle 1 + position (north, south , east , west)
- Subtitle 2 + position (north, south , east , west)
- Margins (in percent of area)
- A legend + free position
- A number of columns

The number of columns defines the relative position of the 1..N [linked](#) objects. If you use **default** the number of columns will be  $\text{round}(\text{square root}(\# \text{ objects}))$ . Thus two charts will be positioned next to each other. Four will be positioned two by two etc. If you want all object on top of each other then choose 1 column. If you want all next to each other then # columns = # objects.

### ***Properties for charts***

Is described above under [Making a chart](#).

## Properties for axes



Here you can set:

- The range (Min and max value) of both categories and values (if plot type is scatter or the axis is continuous)
- The axis label and position (Max, Min or Center),
- The axis direction (if on the X-axis you can turn this in all directions (East, West, South, North), if on Y then North or South, and if you have multiple Y-axes, then the data will be plotted against a Z-axis that can be turned East or West).
- The number of major intervals (if not a category axis)
- The number of minor intervals per major (if not a category axis)
- The axis values format (number of decimals or using 1000 separator, the format of the latter is defined in the Regional and Language options of the PC).
- If on the Y-axis you can set its position on the X-axis (crosses at Min or max)

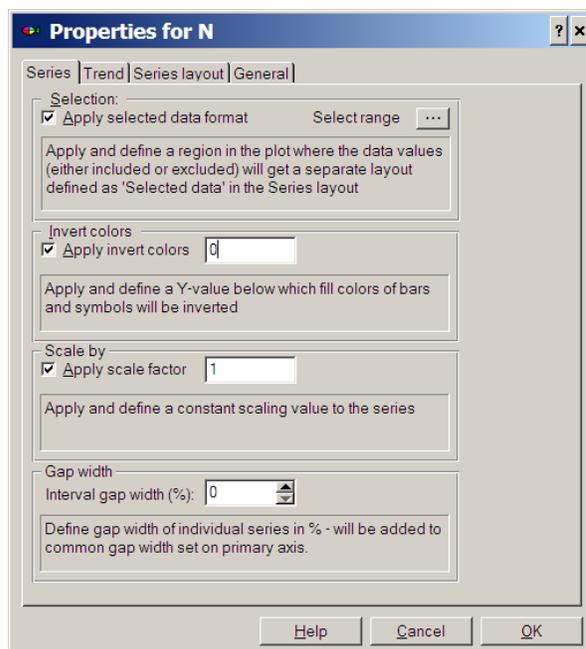
- If the axis is a category you can change the interval gap width, i.e. narrowing the displayed elements. This operation can also be performed on each [series](#) individually.
- The length of tick marks and their position on the axis (Inside, Outside or Cross).
- If on the X-axis (and category) you can add an additional series to be displayed, and even use its values to scale the X-categories (such as the IRI plot).

By changing the axis direction and position you can turn your chart in nearly all directions, and if you have double Y-axis these can be pointing in opposite directions (one North, the other South).

## Properties for series

Series have two special property frames (tabs) besides '[Series layout](#)' and '[General](#)':

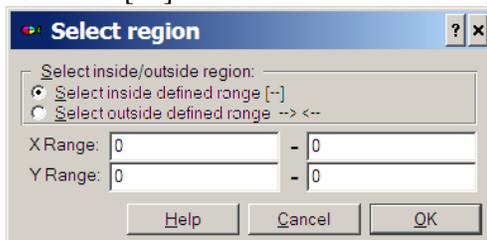
- Series
- Trend (see below under [Add trend](#))



Under Series you can do:

1) **Selection:** Define and apply a region in the series that you may want to give a special layout (color, marker etc.).

Click on [...] and define the selected region:

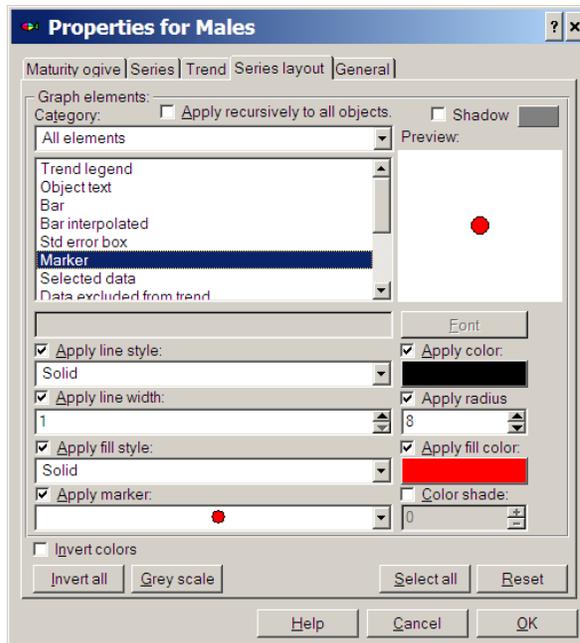


This region will have the graph element name 'Selected data' in the Series layout (see [Layout of Diagrams, Charts and Series](#) below).

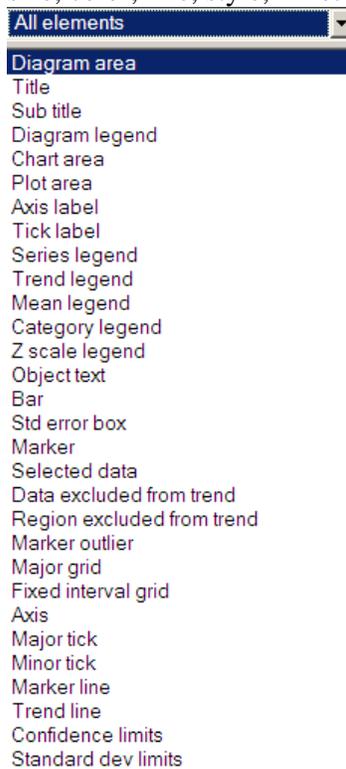
2) **Invert colors:** Define a constant Y-value below which the colors of filled elements (bars and symbols) will be automatically inverted.

- 3) **Scale by:** Scale or raise (= multiply) all values by a constant factor.
- 4) **Gap width:** Give each individual series a gap width in the X-direction. This gapwidth will be added to the common gap width defined on the [axis-property](#).

## Layout of Diagrams, Charts, Axes and Series



There are 30 different graph elements that can all be given their own layout in terms of font, size, color, line, style, fill etc. depending on the graph element type.



The various elements can be categorized and filtered under **Category** into

- All elements
- Font elements
- Line elements
- Fill elements

Depending on layout property page you are on (Diagram, Charts, or Series) you can access all elements from the hierarchical level you have selected and below, and apply your changes on all objects from your hierarchical level and below by checking:

**Apply recursively to all objects.**

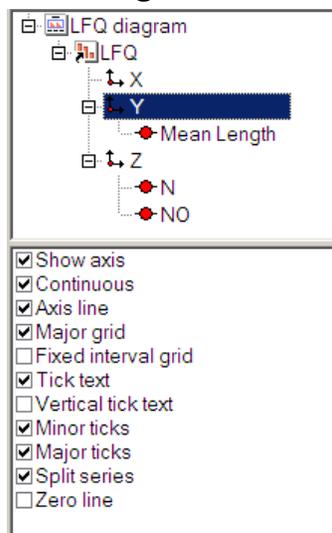
Depending on the element type you can change the available layout attributes (if some attributes are not available, such as Font on a marker symbol, then these will be grayed out on the property frame. You should select only the style attributes (line color, width, fill color, fill style etc.) you want to change by checking  **Apply**

You can invert the colors on either selected element by checking ‘ Invert colors’, or all colors in the layout by pressing the  button.

Similarly, you can convert all colors to grey scale (monochrome) by pressing the  button.

You can reset the layout to the specified default (see [Project properties](#)) by selecting all elements and press the  button. You can reset everything to default by entering at the highest hierarchical level (Diagram), check  **Apply recursively to all objects.** and press .

### ***The Diagram tree view and options for display***

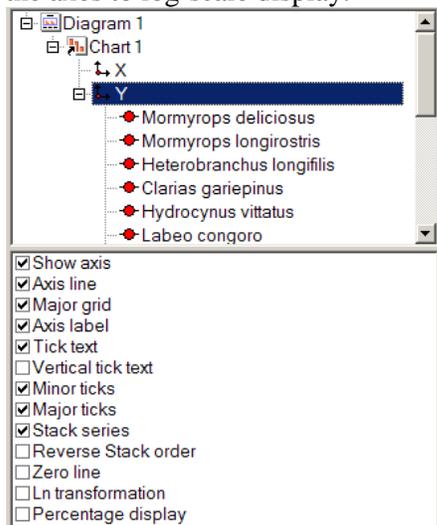


On the diagram tree view you will see all the objects associated with the diagram: The Chart (or charts), their respective axes (X,Y and Z if multiple Y-axes), and the series assigned to the respective axes. By clicking on these you get a number of options for display depending on the object. By double clicking you get into the properties frames of each object.

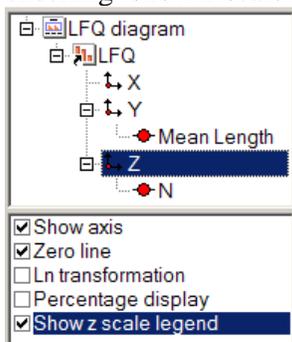
On the axes you can change configuration (grid, text, ticks etc,) or even make them invisible (Show axis).

If there are several series on the same axis these can be stacked, and on the opposite axis they can be split.

If the axis is continuous (i.e. not a category) the series values can be ln transformed or given in percent. If the values are ln-transformed there will be an additional option for converting the axes to log-scale display.

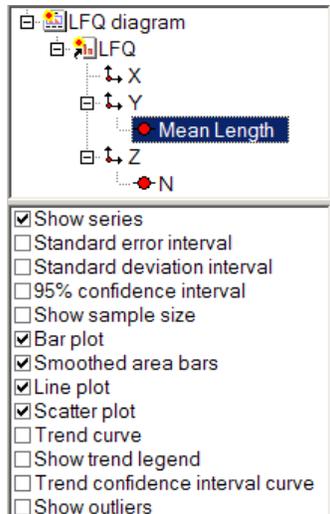


If the axis is a Z-axis (in multiple Y-axes plots) then you can get a scale indication by checking 'show z-scale legend')

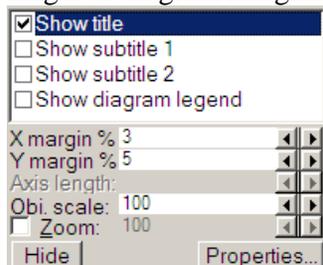


On the series you can remove these visually from the plot or change their display (bar, line, scatter). If bars these can be smoothed like an area plot.

If the series is a mean value of many observations then it can be shown with error bars ([SE](#), [SD](#) or [95% CI](#)) and the sample size (number of observations for each point). You can also fit and add an optional trend (see [Add trend](#) below).

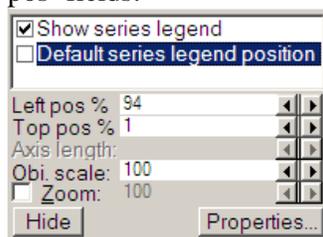


Below the tree view you have options for zooming, change the legend positions, change axes length or diagram margins



The **Objects** zoom will simultaneously change the relative size of selected objects in the diagram, and is a short cut for changing font size, line width, symbol size etc.

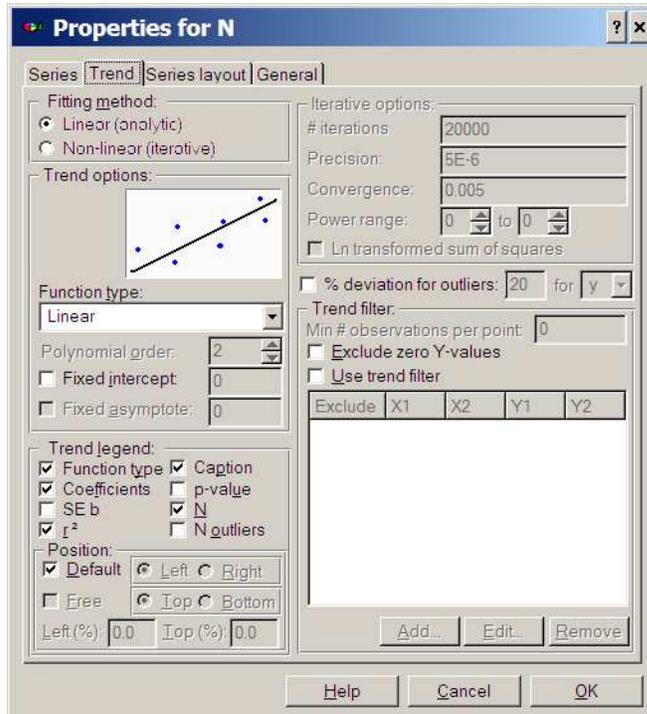
Changing legend positions: When clicking an object in the diagram which has a legend (Diagram, chart, or series if a trend is applied) and the legend is displayed, you check can off '☐ Default position' and move the legend by changing the values in the 'Left pos' and 'Top pos' fields:



The **Zoom** is like an ordinary zoom where you can zoom in and out of the whole diagram. You can also use **Hide** to remove the tree view. It can be reinstated by right click in the diagram ► Show control pane.

### **Add Trend**

On the series property page there is a frame for configuration of a fitted trend.



There are two different fitting methods

1. Linear (analytic)
2. Non-linear (iterative)

The linear is based on linear transformation of the data (depending on the trend type) and least squares regression.

The non-linear are based on an iterative numerical search of the minimum sum of squares, ( $=\sum(\text{observed} - \text{predicted})^2$ ). The non-linear search algorithm (Fletcher's method) is adapted to Pascal from a QBasic program (FLET) supplied with [Hilborn & Walters \(1992\)](#).

## Trend type

Depending on the chosen fitting method there are number of trends available.

For the linear method there are:

1. Linear
2. Logarithmic
3. Power
4. Exponential
5. Polynomial
6. Cubic Spline
7. Moving average

For the non-linear method you have the same (except the 2 smoothers: spline and moving average) plus in addition

8. Logistic
9. Standard normal
10. Skewed normal

- For the polynomial you can set the polynomial order to anything less than the number of points-2

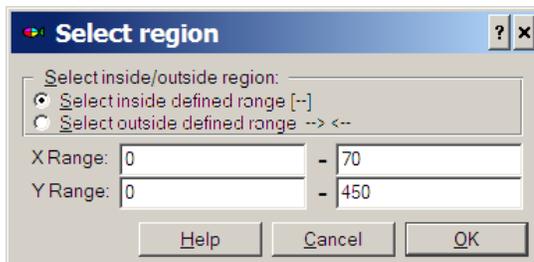
- For the linear, exponential and the polynomial (up to order of 2) you can fix and set the intercept
- For the Logistic you can fix and set the asymptote
- For the moving average you can set the Period (# elements included), and whether the curve should be centered within the period or at the end.

There are a number of options available (for the experienced user) for the iterative method. If the series is a mean or a percentage and the number of observations behind each point is not the same, then you can give weight to the fit by the number of observations by using the **power** option. The weighing is done by multiplying the sum of squares with the number of observations raised to the power of the entered value (which can range from 0 to 10 i.e.  $\text{SumSQ} = \sum (\text{observed} - \text{predicted})^2 \cdot \text{obs}^{\text{power}}$ ). Thus with power value = 0 there is no weighing. Note that you can see the effect of different power values by giving a range. A curve will then be drawn for each power value in the range.

## Trend filter

You can customize the number of data points included in the trend by applying a trend filter. There are 3 options:

- If the series is a mean or a percentage you can exclude all point where the underlying number of observation is below a given limit by setting **Min # observations per point** [ ].
- You can simply **exclude all 0 Y-values**
- Or you can select a number of regions to include or exclude by **Use trend filter and Add**

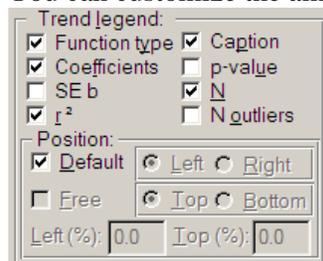


Several of the predefined analyses in Pasgear is using a default trend filter (such as [Catch-curve diagram](#) and [Maturity diagram](#)). In such case there will be a check mark for **Use default** but this can be overridden or changed if desired.

If a trend filter is used there will be an option on the series display for  Show excluded region.

## Trend legend

You can customize the amount of information you want in the trend legend



- **Function type** writes the chosen trend type
- **Caption** includes the series caption
- **Coefficients** give the estimated coefficients, where the number depends on the trend type
- **SE (b or trend)** gives the Standard error of the slope (if linear) or else the trend
- **$r^2$**  gives the coefficient of determination (= regression sum of squares / total sum of squares)
- **p-value** gives the probability that the trend is different from 0 ( $F$  = regression mean squares / residual mean squares)
- **N** gives the number of points in the regression
- **N-outliers** give the number of points where there are more than a specified percentage deviation between the observed value and the expected value. The level of deviation is given in **% deviation for outliers** (default = 20).

For the two smoothing trends (cubic spline and moving average), coefficients,  $r^2$  and p-values are not available.

Finally you can give the position of the trend legend. Either chooses the default which is under the series legend, or in one of the corners of the plot area, or a '[Free](#)' position.

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## Confidence limits

This stand alone tool (conflim.exe) of the Pasgear II package is meant of calculating alternative confidence intervals than standard parametric from a dataset, such as Pennington's estimator or bootstrap (see [options for confidence intervals](#)).

Pasgear confidence limits [Pasted from clipboard]										
File Edit Options Run Help										
Species (W(kg)/set)	Mean	SD	SE	N	Lower 95...	Upper 95...	Min	Max	Bootstrap	
Hippopotamyrus dischorhynchus	0.06	0.21	0.01	310	0.03	0.08	0.00	1.88		
Marcusenius macrolepidotus	0.03	0.12	0.01	310	0.01	0.04	0.00	1.18		
Mormyrops deliciosus	0.08	0.46	0.03	310	0.03	0.13	0.00	4.42		
Mormyrops longirostris	0.76	1.63	0.09	310	0.58	0.94	0.00	8.85		
Alestes imberi	0.01	0.09	0.00	310	0.00	0.02	0.00	1.35		
Hydrocynus vittatus	3.41	4.40	0.25	310	2.92	3.90	0.00	21.93		
Distichodus shenga	0.01	0.10	0.01	310	0.00	0.02	0.00	1.27		
Labeo altivelis	0.00	0.03	0.00	310	-0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50		
Labeo congoro	0.03	0.35	0.02	310	-0.01	0.07	0.00	5.20		
Labeo cylindricus	0.00	0.04	0.00	310	-0.00	0.01	0.00	0.75		
Schilbe mystus	0.08	0.18	0.01	310	0.06	0.10	0.00	1.33		
Clarias gariepinus	0.99	1.94	0.11	310	0.77	1.21	0.00	11.94		
Heterobranchus longifilis	0.03	0.37	0.02	310	-0.01	0.07	0.00	6.15		
Oreochromis machrochir	0.00	0.06	0.00	310	-0.00	0.01	0.00	0.97		
Oreochromis mortimeri	2.63	4.00	0.23	310	2.18	3.08	0.00	31.90		
Serranochromis codringtonii	1.37	2.59	0.15	310	1.08	1.66	0.00	20.40		
Tilapia rendalli	0.17	0.46	0.03	310	0.12	0.22	0.00	3.35		
Synodontis zambezensis	0.05	0.18	0.01	310	0.03	0.07	0.00	1.23		
<b>Total</b>	<b>9.71</b>	<b>6.70</b>	<b>0.38</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>8.96</b>	<b>10.46</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>39.85</b>	<b>AB/PB</b>	
Other estimators	Mean	SE	Lower 95...	Upper 95...	N > Cut l...	Cut level				
Pennington	9.95	0.46	9.04	10.86	285	1.44				
Arithmetic bootstrap	9.71	0.38	8.95	10.45	-	-				
Pennington bootstrap	9.94	0.40	9.18	10.74	-	1.44				
<b>Total</b>	<b>Sample: 1 - 310</b>		<b>Obs: 1.00 - 310.00</b>							

The program will read a general matrix from the clipboard or a text file of the following format (separators can be <tab> or comma <,>):

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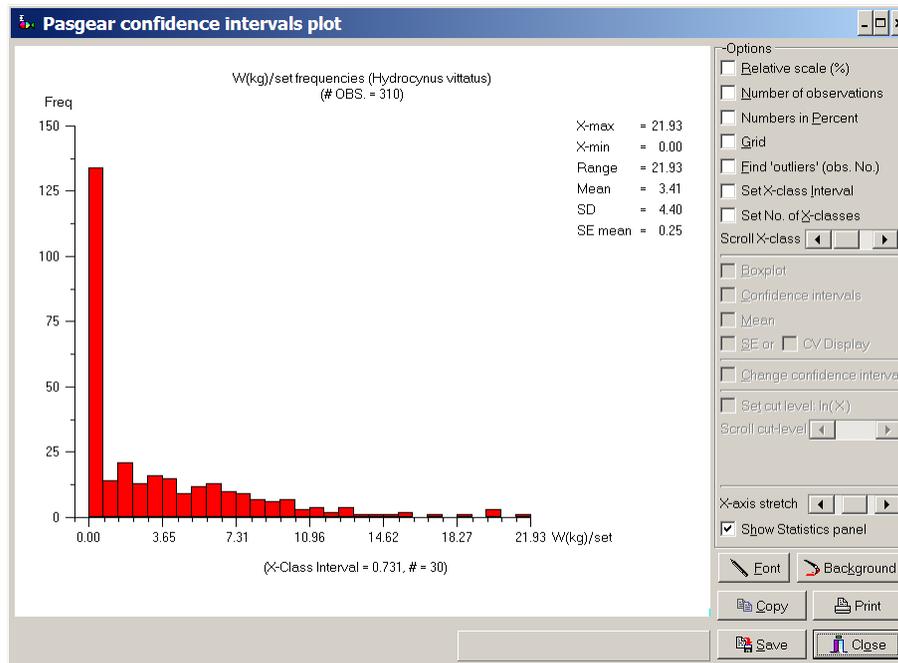
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etc     Val          val          val          val          val  val

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The two first columns <Sample Id\_1> and <Sample Id\_2> are for grouping and sorting. They can contain e.g. the station number and the depth, or any other grouping value. If no information then just fill out with dummies e.g. numbers 1..n. The remaining columns (from 3 and onwards) are the actual data values for each group. The length of each group column does not need to be the same, so for example if the groups are e.g. years and the data are samples

(and there is an unequal sample size for each year) then just fill out fields with no information with a dash '-' or something which is not a number.

### ***The frequency distribution***



Due to the behaviour of fish and often clumped (contagious) distribution, the frequency distributions of catch rates ([CPUE](#)) in most fisheries are highly skewed to the right (log normal or negative binomial). This has consequences for using parametric statistical tests when sample sizes are small, or if there are occasionally very large catches, as parametrical statistical tests assume that data are normally distributed.

In order to examine the actual frequency distribution of a particular data set, there is an option for viewing the frequency distribution graphically (see figure above). This option shows both the original value and the logarithmic transformations ( $x = \ln(x+1)$  or the Delta distribution ( $x = \ln(x)$ , if  $x > 0$ ), (see below under the [Pennington estimator](#)).

### ***Options for calculating confidence intervals***

There are four options for calculating confidence intervals:

1. standard parametric based on arithmetic the sample mean
2. the Pennington estimator based on the log-normal Delta distribution
3. bootstrap on the arithmetic sample mean
4. bootstrap on the Pennington estimator

Each of the methods will be elaborated below

### ***Estimates based on the sample mean***

The estimate of the standard error for the mean CPUE is given by

$SE(CPUE) = \sqrt{S^2/n}$  , where  $S^2$  is the variance of the individual observations.

If the sample size is “large” enough, then the Central Limit Theorem states that there is a 95% chance that the true mean lies in the interval (see Cochran, 1977, pp. 39-44)

$\overline{CPUE} \pm t_{(n-1)} \cdot SE(CPUE)$  , where

$t$  is from Students t-table with (n-1) degrees of freedom and  $\alpha = 0.025$ .

### ***Estimates of the mean based on log-normal theory - The Pennington estimator***

Since catch data from fisheries surveys usually have a large variance (much higher than the mean) and are highly skewed to the right, the sample sizes are typically not large enough so that estimates based on the sample mean and standard SE is a valid 95% confidence interval. In fact, the confidence associated with the parametric confidence interval is usually much lower than 95% ([McConnaughey and Conquest 1992](#); [Conquest et al. 1996](#); [Pennington 1996](#)). A major problem to the degree of skewness is due to the high proportion of zero catches often observed, and the occasional occurrence of very large catches. Development of confidence intervals is complicated by the asymmetric distribution, and the occurrence of zero catches confounds an effective normalization transformation. Logarithmic transformation will stabilize the variance but data will still not be normally distributed and interpretation of re-transformed means is difficult.

One way to generate more precise estimates of the mean and more accurate confidence statements for skewed catch data is to base the estimators on the log-normal Delta distribution (Pennington 1983, 1996; Conquest *et al.*, 1996), in which catches are divided into zero and non-zero units, followed by transformation of the non-zero values to natural logarithms. When it is found that the transformed non-zero data are approximated by a log-normal distribution (*i.e.* the logged values are normally distributed), then a more efficient estimator of mean CPUE is given by (Pennington, 1983, 1996)

$$c = \frac{m}{n} \exp(\bar{x}) G_m(s_x^2/2) , \quad \text{where}$$

$m$  is the number of sample values greater than 0,  
 $\bar{x}$  and  $s_x^2$  are the mean and variance, respectively, of the logged values of non-zero catches,  
 $G_m(f)$  is an infinite series function of  $m$  and  $f$  [for example  $f = s_x^2/2$  in above equation] which is used to correct for bias in re-transformation from log to arithmetic scale and is defined by

$$G_m(f) = 1 + \frac{m-1}{m} f + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{(m-1)^{2j-1} f^j}{m^j (m+1)(m+3)\cdots(m+2j-3)j!}$$

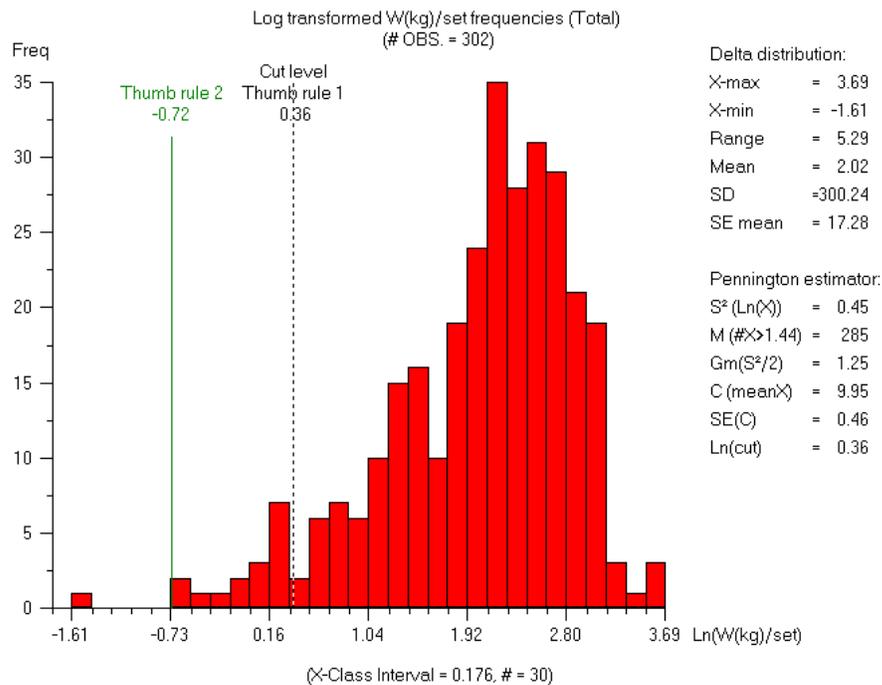
The variance of  $c$  is given by

$$\text{var}(c) = \frac{m}{n} \exp(2\bar{x}) \left\{ \frac{m}{n} G_m^2(S_x^2/2) - \frac{(m-1)}{n-1} G_m\left(\frac{m-2}{m-1} S_x^2\right) \right\}$$

and the standard error is

$$SE = \sqrt{\text{var}(c)}$$

## The modified Pennington estimator



In contrast to estimates based on the arithmetic sample mean, which are highly sensitive to a single or a few isolated high catch rates that may account for more than 50% of the total catch, Pennington's estimator is sensitive to low catch rates which contribute little to the total catch, but when log-transformed may give large negative values resulting in a distribution becoming skewed to the left. In such a case a more precise estimator of mean CPUE,  $\hat{\mu}$ , is given by (modified by Michael Pennington from [Pennington 1983, 1996](#))

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{(n-m)}{n} \bar{y}' + \frac{m}{n} \exp(\bar{x}) G_m(s_x^2/2) \quad \text{where}$$

$m$  is the number of sample values greater than a defined 'cut-level' (rather than 0),  $\bar{y}'$  denotes the arithmetic mean of the non-transformed values less than the cut-level,  $\bar{x}$  and  $s_x^2$  are the mean and variance, respectively, of the logged values of catches greater than the cut-level.

The variance of  $\hat{\mu}$  is given by

$$\text{var}(\hat{\mu}) = \text{var}(c) + \left( \frac{n-m-1}{n(n-1)} \right) s^2 + \left( \frac{m(n-m)}{n^2(n-1)} \right) \bar{y}'^2 - 2 \left( \frac{n-m}{n(n-1)} \right) \bar{y}' \times c, \quad \text{where}$$

$s^2$  is the variance of the non-transformed values less than the cut-level, and  $c$  and  $\text{var}(c)$  are the equations above but with  $m$  bigger than the cut-level instead of 0.

### **Setting the cut level:**

There is no single objective criterion upon which to define a cut-level bigger than zero. Basically the logged Delta distribution should be viewed (in the plot module, see above figure) in order to determine if it is skewed to the left and/or contains isolated small catches. As a 'rule of thumb' (Pennington pers. com.) the cut-level should be set as either:

- Thump rule 1 (R1) =  $(2\bar{x} - x_{\max})$ , where  $\bar{x}_i$  and  $x_{\max}$  are the mean and the largest value, respectively, of the log-transformed values greater than 0.
- Thump rule 2 (R2) =  $y\%$  of  $\bar{x}$ , where default  $y = 5\%$ , but the fraction (%) of the mean value can be changed by the user

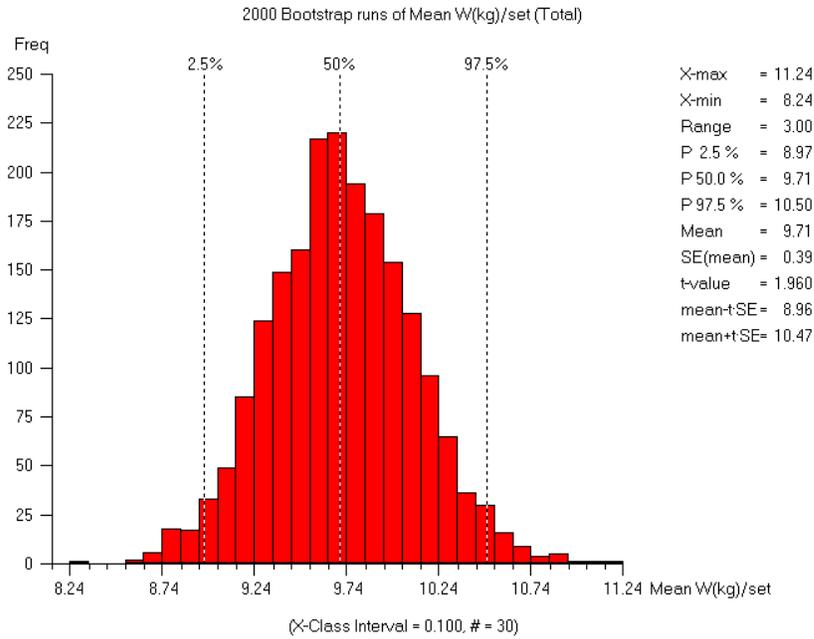
In the plotting module of conflim.exe there is an option for setting the cut-level bigger than 0 by pressing [T]. You can then either set your own cut-level by entering a number or automatically apply one of the two the 'rules of thumb' by entering 'R1' or 'R2'. It is always advisable to view the Delta distribution to see the actual cut-level. When viewing the Delta distribution it is also possible to change the cut-level up and down (by toggling the arrow keys [→] and [←]) to see the effect on the Pennington's modified estimator.

### **Bootstrap confidence intervals**

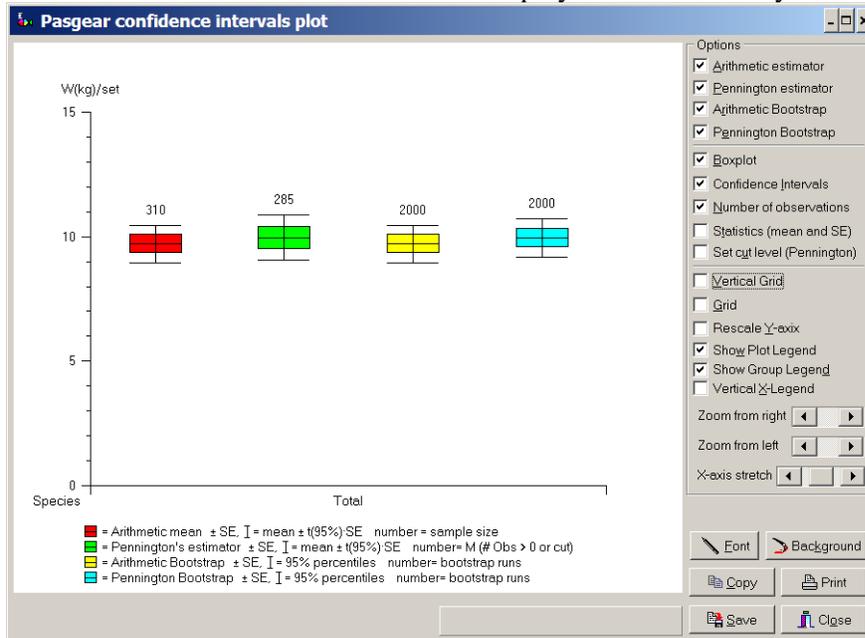
The bootstrap ([Efron and Tibshirani 1986, 1993](#)) is a computer-based re-sampling method for assigning measures of accuracy to statistical estimates. The properties of a sample statistic (e.g. mean CPUE) are determined from the sample information itself and thus are free from the usual distributional assumptions in parametric statistics. The basic idea is to construct a sequence of *new samples* (individual observations) which is obtained by randomly sampling N times with replacement from the original data points (i.e. the original individual CPUE estimates where N is the size of the original sample, i.e. the total number of individual CPUE estimates = settings). By generating a large number of independent bootstrap sample series (typically 2000), each of size N, then the frequency distribution of the mean of the bootstrap samples will approximate a normal distribution (Fig. 6). Standard 95% confidence limits can then be obtained by taking the 2.5% and 97.5% percentiles (P 2.5%, P 97.5%), or by calculating the standard error SE (and multiplying with 1.96 from the *t*-distribution when  $df. > 120$  and  $\alpha = 0.025$ ). By calculating the

$$\overline{CPUE} \pm 1.96 \cdot SE$$

this will give the lower and upper CL (at the 95% confidence level). Both upper and lower CL's and P 2.5% and P 97.5% (or other optional confidence levels) are output in PASGEAR.



Bootstrap confidence intervals can be constructed on both the sample mean and on Pennington's estimator and all four estimators can be displayed simultaneously:



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## Gear selectivity

### *Indirect estimation of gear selectivity curves*

The fish retained in a gear is usually only an unknown proportion of the various size classes available in the fished population. Selectivity is a quantitative expression of this proportion and represented as a probability of capture of a certain size of fish in a certain size of mesh. In PASGEAR 2 gillnet, hook, and trap selectivity is indirectly estimated from comparative data of observed catch frequencies across a series of mesh or hook sizes. The general statistical model (SELECT) is described in [Millar \(1992\)](#), and the specific application on gillnets and hooks is described in [Millar and Holst \(1997\)](#) and [Millar and Fryer \(1999\)](#).

For a given length class,  $j$ , the number of fish,  $Y_{ji}$ , that encounter gillnet  $i$  are assumed to be observations of independent Poisson variables

$$Y_{ji} = \text{Po}(p_i \lambda_j)$$

where the expected count,  $p_i \lambda_j$ , is the product of the abundance of length class  $j$  fish, and the relative fishing intensity of gillnet  $i$ . Fishing intensity can also be considered as a combination of fishing effort and fishing power ([Millar 1992](#)).

We denote the relative selectivity (catch or retention probability) of length class  $j$  fish in gillnet  $i$  by  $s_i(j)$ . The number of length  $j$  fish caught in gillnet  $i$  is then Poisson distributed ([Millar and Holst 1997](#))

$$N_{ji} = \text{Po}(p_i \lambda_j s_i(j))$$

Without loss of generality it can be assumed that the selection curves  $s_i(\cdot)$  for each net have unit height because any differences in fishing powers is modeled through the relative fishing intensities  $p_i$ . This is the full general model.

In practice the researcher will have to make assumptions about the form of  $p_i$ ,  $\lambda_j$ , and  $s_i(\cdot)$ . Options to be considered include ([Millar and Holst 1997](#)):

1. If the nets are fished with equal effort, should the relative fishing intensities  $p_i$  be assumed equal or some function of mesh size? (see Hamley 1975). In PASGEAR  $p_i$  is simply considered equal with standardized effort (i.e. number of settings of standardized panel area and time set).
2. Is it reasonable to postulate a form of the population length distribution by specifying  $\lambda_j$ ? In PASGEAR the form of the population length distribution is not assumed.
3. Is the selection curve  $s_i(\cdot)$  normal, log-normal, gamma, or perhaps bimodal shaped? Does the principle of geometric similarity apply? (i.e. length of maximum retention and spread of selection curve are both proportional to mesh size, [Baranov 1948](#)). In PASGEAR the user can explore this feature and make assumptions about the selection curve.

There are 5 choices of selection curves (all are of unit height):

A) Normal location shift:  $\exp\left(-\frac{(L_j - k \cdot m_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$

where only the modes (maximum retention length) is changing with mesh size  $m_i$ . Spread is constant.

B) Normal scale shift: 
$$\exp\left(-\frac{(L_j - k_1 \cdot m_i)^2}{2(k_2 \cdot m_i)^2}\right)$$

where both the modes and the spreads of the selection curves are increasing with mesh size (i.e. the principle of geometric similarity).

The following three models all include asymmetrical retention modes (i.e. skewed distributions). The bimodal curve is appropriate if the fish are caught by different mechanisms, e.g. both wedged by the gills and entangled in the mesh sizes

C) Log Normal: 
$$\frac{1}{L_j} \exp\left[\mu_i + \log\left(\frac{m_i}{m_1}\right) - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} - \frac{\left(\log(L_j) - \mu_i - \log\left(\frac{m_i}{m_1}\right)\right)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]$$

D) Gamma: 
$$\left(\frac{L_j}{(\alpha - 1)k \cdot m_i}\right)^{\alpha - 1} \cdot \exp\left(\alpha - 1 - \frac{L_j}{k \cdot m_i}\right)$$

E) Bi-modal: 
$$\exp\left(-\frac{(L_j - k_1 \cdot m_i)^2}{2(k_2 \cdot m_i)^2}\right) + w \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{(L_j - k_3 \cdot m_i)^2}{2(k_4 \cdot m_i)^2}\right)$$

where

$\mu_i$  = mean size (length) of fish caught in mesh size  $i = k_1 \cdot m_i$

$\sigma_i$  = standard deviation of the size of fish in mesh  $i = k_2 \cdot m_i$  or  $\alpha \cdot m_i$

$L_j$  = mean size of fish in size (length) class  $j$

In all cases of the above considerations and models, one can use the Poisson distribution of  $N_{ji}$  to apply maximum likelihood for purposes of statistical inferences and estimation fits. The code and implementation of a general non-linear maximum likelihood optimizer, and the five optional selection curves, into PASGEAR was done by René Holst, ConStat, Denmark.

In order to explore the possible shapes of the selection curve  $S_i(\cdot)$  and whether the principle of geometric similarity seems applicable, there is an option for estimating the mean, standard deviation and degree of skewness for each of the observed catch frequencies in mesh size  $i$  (Fig. 10). You can choose between two models or function types: The standard normal (function type 2):

$$E(n_{ij}) = \frac{n_i}{\sigma_i \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(L_j - m_i)^2}{2\sigma_i^2}\right)$$

and a skew-normal function ([Helser et al. 1991, 1994](#)), for species that also have some degree of entanglement (function type 1 and default):

$$E(n_{ij}) = \frac{n_i}{\sigma_i \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(L_j - m_i)^2}{2\sigma_i^2}\right) \cdot \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{2} q_i \cdot \sigma_i^{2/3} \left[ \frac{(L_j - m_i)}{\sigma_i} - \frac{(L_j - m_i)^3}{\sigma_i^3} \right] \right\}$$

where new symbols are

$q_i$  = skewness coefficient of the distribution of fish in mesh  $i$ ,  
(when  $q_i = 0$  the model reduces to the standard normal distribution)

$n_{ij}$  = catch of fish of size class  $j$  in mesh  $i$

$n_i$  = total catch of fish in mesh  $i$  ( $= \sum_j n_{ij}$ )

The model parameters ( $\mu_i$ ,  $\sigma_i$ ,  $q_i$ ) are estimated by an iterative numerical search of the minimum sum of squares, ( $= \sum (\text{observed} - \text{predicted})^2$ ) between the expected catch based on the model,  $E(n_{ij})$ , and the observed catch ( $n_{ij}$ ). The non-linear search algorithm (Fletcher's method) is adapted to Pascal from a QBasic program (FLET) supplied with [Hilborn and Walters \(1992\)](#).

It is also possible to evaluate the statistical fit of the chosen selection curve by an examination of the residual plot or by the model deviance (squared sum of residuals). In the residual plot it is expected that the residuals are randomly distributed around 0 (the red line), and have a value smaller than  $\pm 2$  (white lines). Residuals with an absolute value bigger than 2 are represented in yellow. Under assumption that the deviance is  $\chi^2$  distributed (which is not always the case) a p-value is given with degrees of freedom ( $\# L_{ij} - \#$  parameters). The p-values will in general always be small, so the best measure of goodness of fit is looking at the deviance.

The total relative selectivity (catch or retention probability) of the gear is computed as:

$$S_{ij} = \sum \frac{s_i(j)}{\max_j}$$

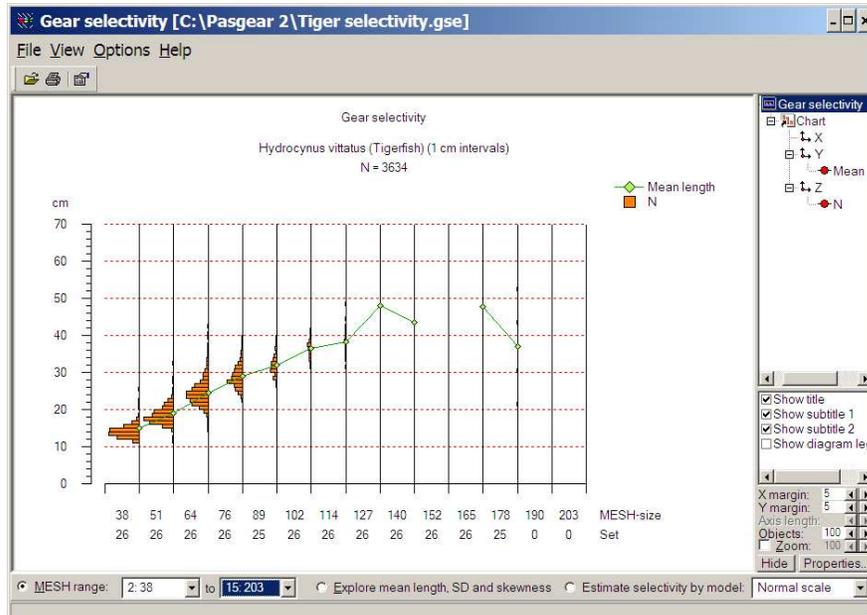
where each estimated mesh specific selectivity curve  $s_i(j)$  is weighed by the number of settings (effort) of that net. The total relative selectivity is used to estimate the corrected catch frequency in each size class ( $N_j$ ) from the observed catches, computed as

$$N_{ij} = \sum \frac{n_{ij}}{S_{ij}} \quad \text{where } S_{ij} = 1 \text{ if } S_{ij} \leq 0.1 \text{ (or optionally chosen value)}$$

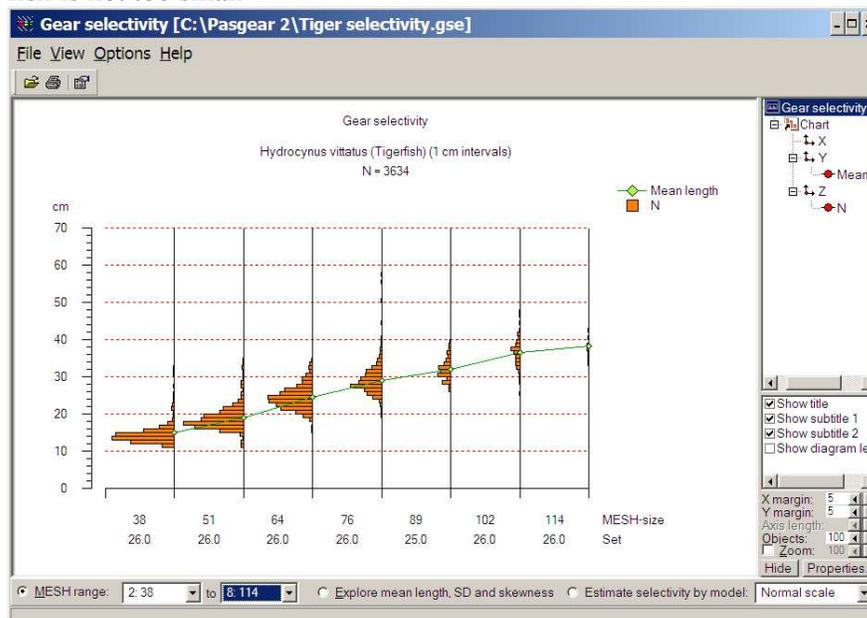
The total relative selectivity by length groups ( $S_{ij}$ ) can be stored on a file (ASCII) and used for selectivity corrections in the Analyses. The default name of the ASCII file with selectivity probabilities will consist of a combination of the species Id, the length interval used and the length unit, with the extension \*.sel so that several selectivity files can be stored and accessed by the Analyses programs.

### **How to use Gear selectivity**

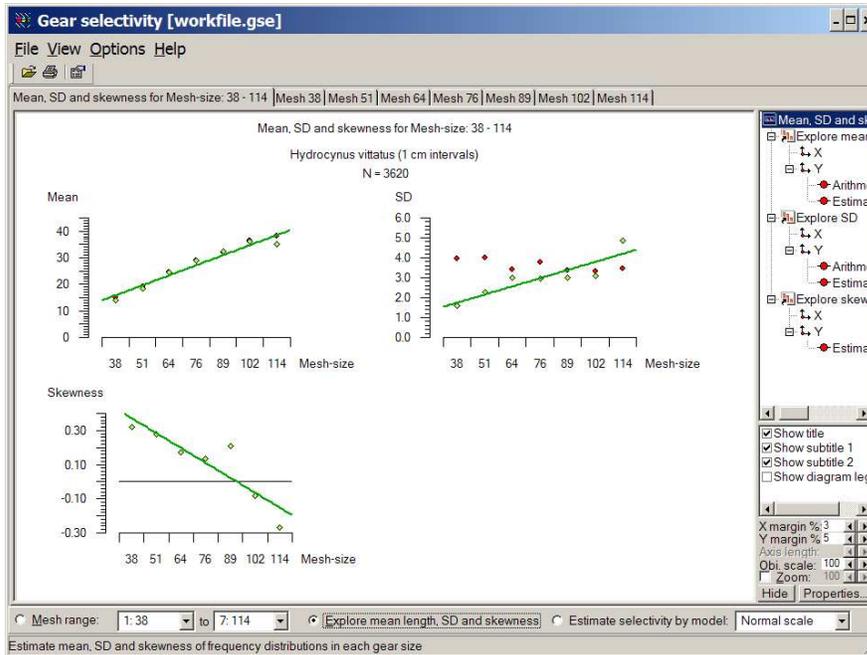
1. First you must specify the range of mesh sizes you want to include in the analysis.  
This is best done by a visual examination of the first diagram



Select the mesh size range where the mean length is reasonably 'linear' and the number of fish is not too small



2. Then choose Explore mean length, SD and skewness



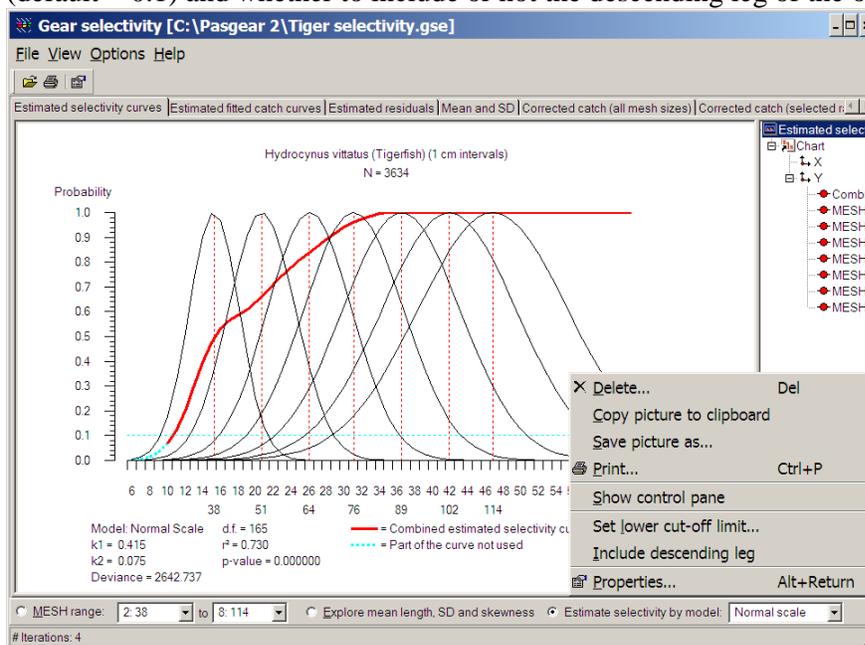
This plot will assist in deciding which selectivity model to choose

- Normal location: where only the modes (maximum retention length) is changing with mesh size. Spread (SD) is constant.

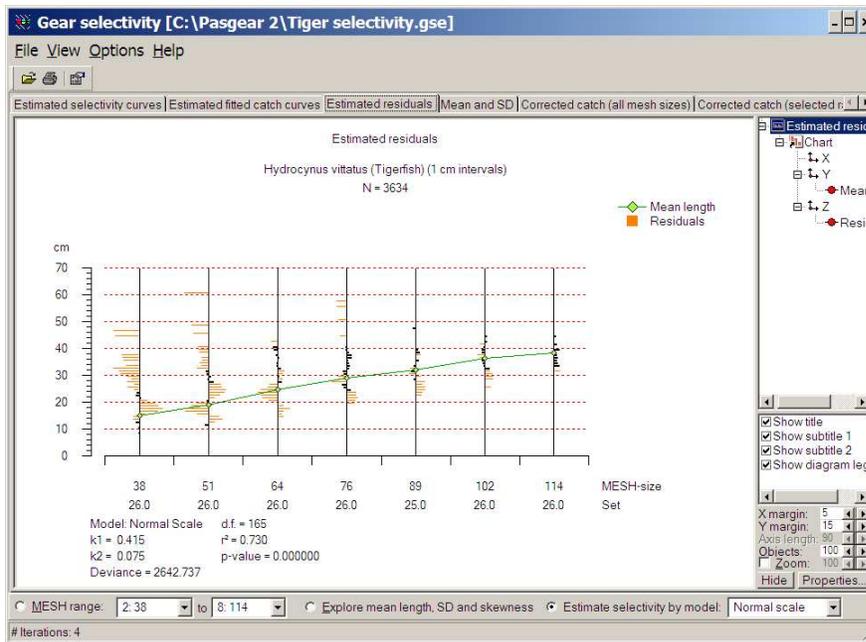
- Normal scale: where both the modes and the spreads of the selection curves are increasing with mesh size (i.e. the principle of geometric similarity).  
Or the following three models which all include asymmetrical retention modes (i.e. skewed distributions).
- Log Normal
- Gamma
- Bi-modal: The bimodal curve is appropriate if the fish are caught by different mechanisms, e.g. both wedged by the gills and entangled in the mesh sizes

3. When the model has been chosen then click estimate selectivity  
After successful iteration the results will be displayed in a series of diagrams

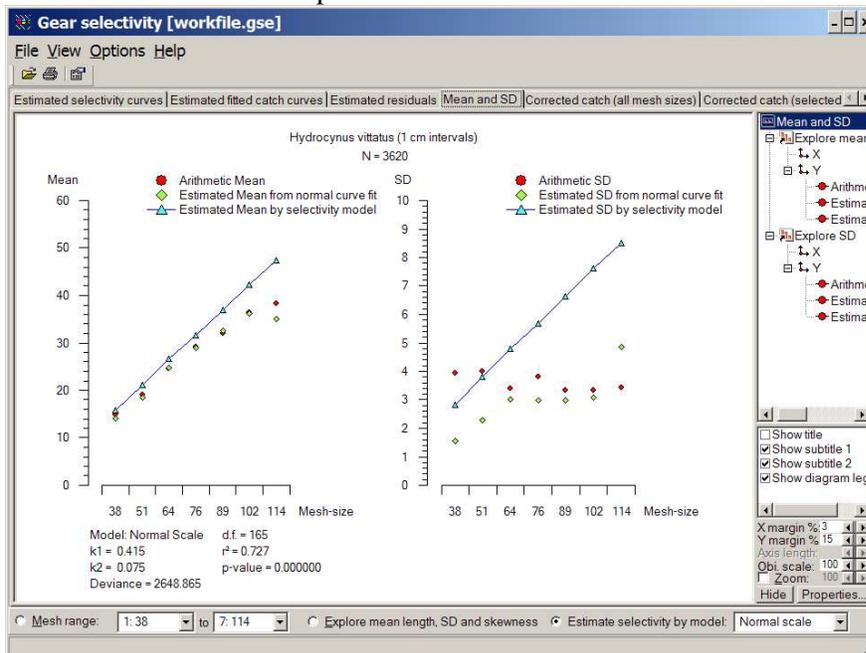
The estimated selectivity curves for each mesh size. In this plot you can set a lower cut-off limit (default = 0.1) and whether to include or not the descending leg of the overall curve (default = not)



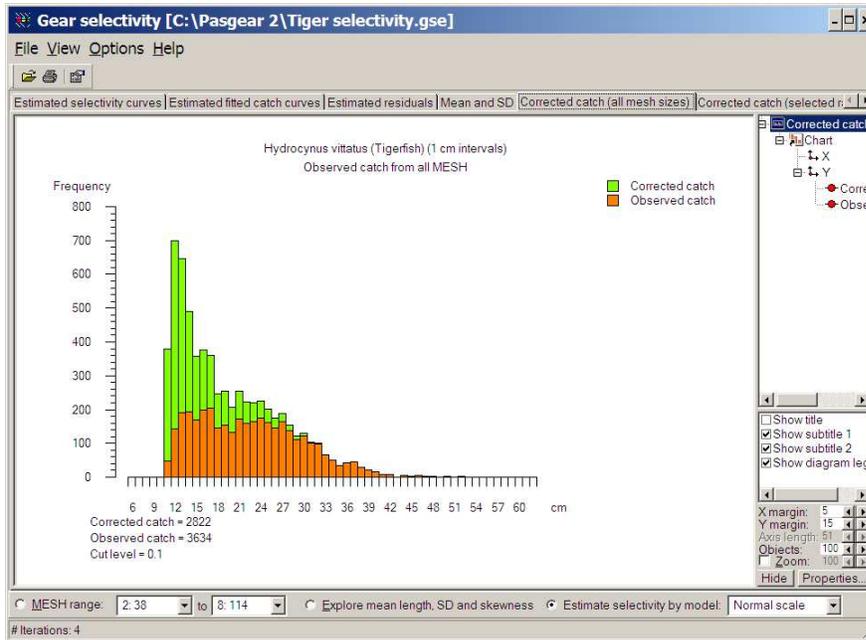
The residuals plot by mesh size



The estimated mean and spread to the observations

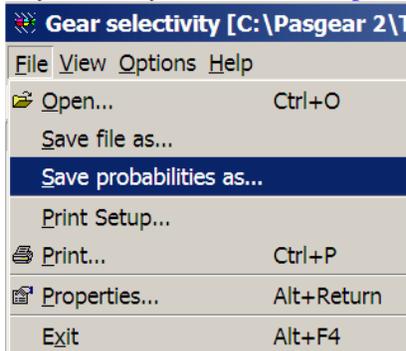


And the corrected catch superimposed on the observed

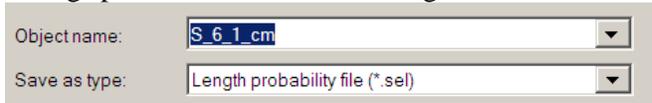


## Save estimated gear selectivity

Once you are satisfied you can save the results to a file in order to [correct for estimated selectivity](#) in your analyses or before [exporting to FiSAT](#).



The default file name will consist of a combination of the species Id, the length interval used and the length unit, with the extension \*.sel. This will secure that selectivity curves are not applied on wrong species or with different length intervals or units in the analysis.



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