

Chapter 3

Preliminary Data Analysis

In this chapter we describe the preliminary data analysis based on the quantities of the various species of fish collected each day from the Pattani Fishery Port over the 5-year period from 1999 to 2003. In the first section of this chapter we show time series plot of the marine fish daily catches. The frequency distributions of the marine fish catches are investigated in Section 3.2, with the aim of using a data transformation to reduce skewness. After further study of the most appropriate transformation, in Section 3.3 we compare the marine fish catches by day, month and year.

3.1 Time series plots

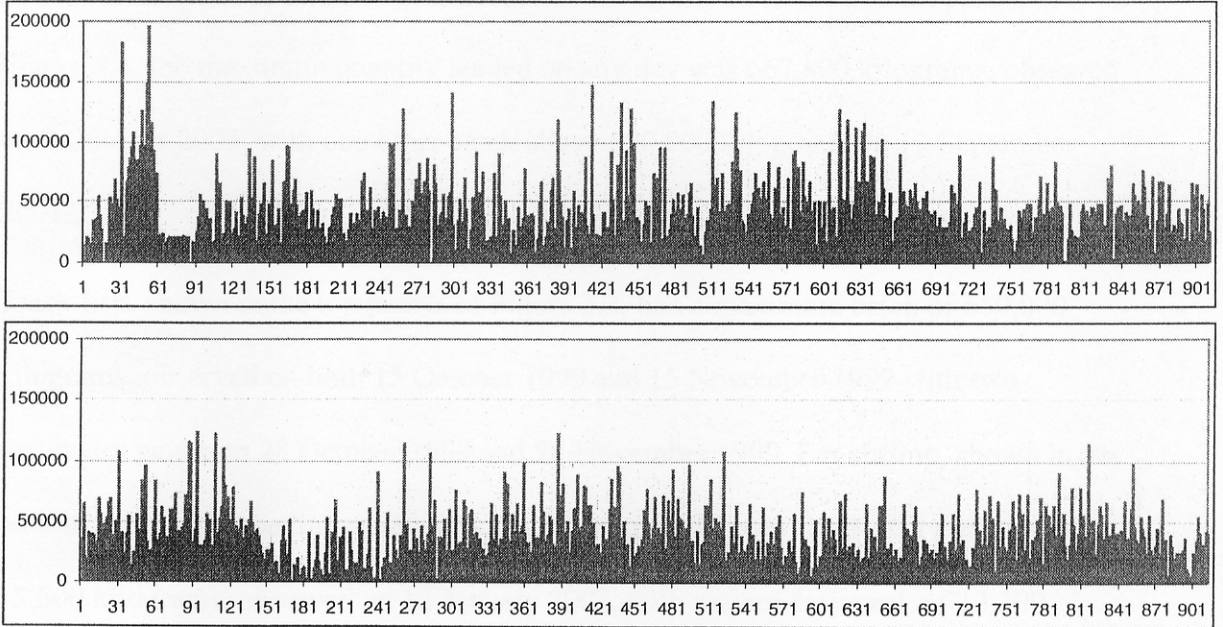
A time series is sequence of observations observed over time, usually at regular intervals. The daily catches of marine fish of various species, measured in kilograms weight, landed from fishing boats at Pattani Fishery Port, provide an example of time series. However, on some days no boats came in, or no boats caught any fish of a particular species. This situation could be regarded as a zero catch if an attempt was made to fish but nothing was caught or as a missing value if no boats landed.

Figures 3.1 to 3.4 display graphs of these data as bar charts.

For mackerel, shown in the top panels of Figure 3.1, the maximum quantity landed on any day over the 5-year period was 196,000 kilograms, observed on 22 February 1999, with a secondary peak of 181,800 kilograms on 31 January 1999. For other food fish, shown in the bottom panels of Figure 3.1, the maximum quantity recorded was 773,030

kilograms, observed on 20 January 1999, with several secondary peaks close to 700,000 kilograms over the next 27 months.

Mackerel daily catches (kilograms) at Pattani Fishery Port from 2 January 1999 to 30 June 2001 (upper panel) and from 1 July 2001 to 29 December 2003 (lower panel)



Other food fish daily catches (kilograms) at Pattani Fishery Port from 2 January 1999 to 30 June 2001 (upper panel) and from 1 July 2001 to 29 December 2003 (lower panel)

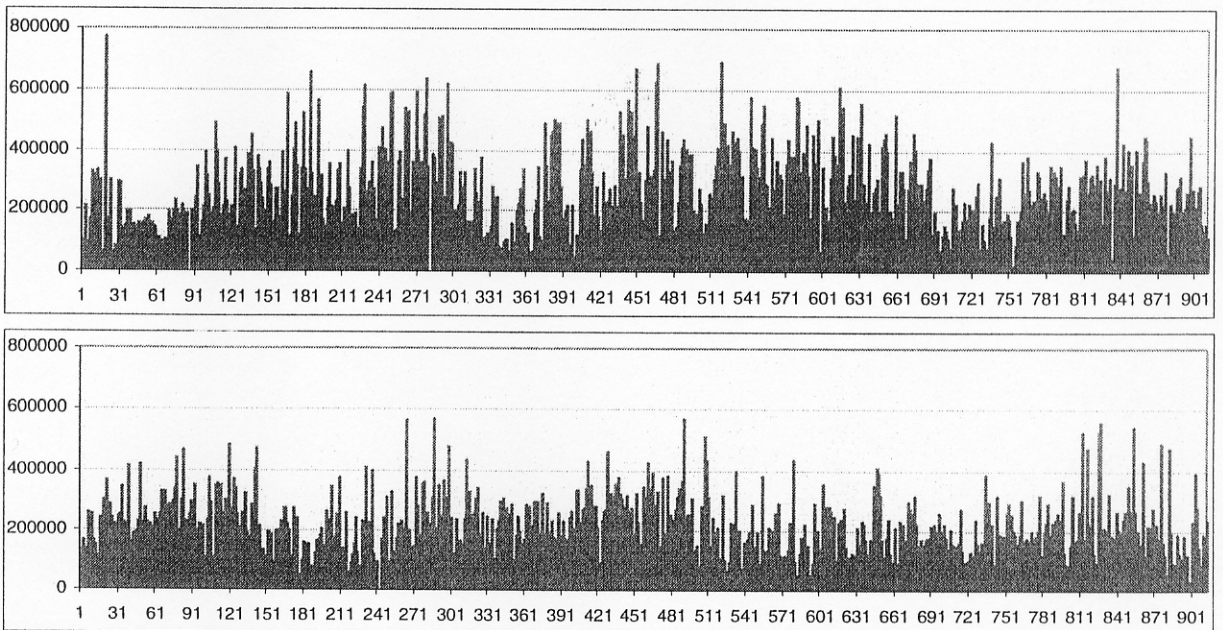
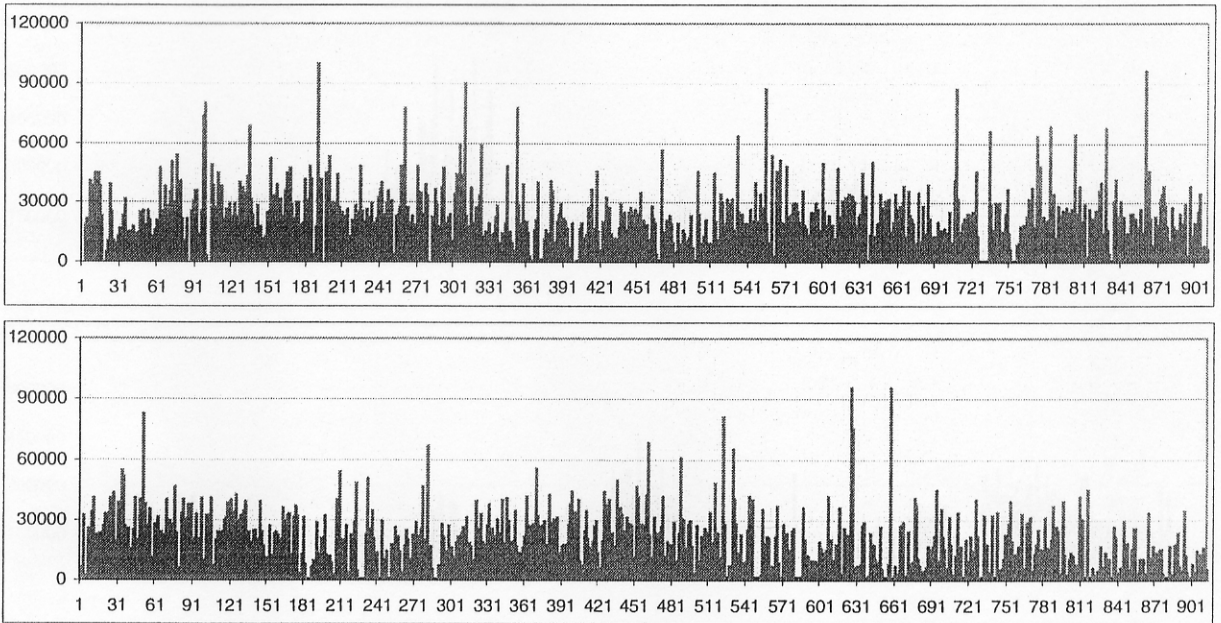


Figure 3.1: Daily catches of mackerel and other food fish from Pattani Fishery Port: 1999-2003

For squid, shown in the top panels of Figure 3.2, the maximum quantity landed on any day over the 5-year period was 99,400 kilograms, observed on 10 July 1999. There were three other occasions when the squid catch exceeded 90,000 kilograms: 9 May 2001, 16 March 2003 and 16 April 2003. For scads, shown in the bottom panels of Figure 3.4, the maximum quantity landed on any day was 667,800 kilograms, observed on 2 October 2003, with one other catch above 600,000 kilograms on 19 September 2001.

Trash fish, shown in the top panels of Figure 3.3, had a maximum catch of 650,000 kilograms, observed on both 15 October 1999 and 15 November 1999 with two secondary peaks on 28 October 1999 and 28 November 1999. For shrimp, shown in the bottom panels, the maximum quantity landed on any day over the 5-year period was 15,500 kilograms, observed on 12 January 2002, with a secondary peak of 13,300 kilograms on 18 April 1999.

Squid daily catches (kilograms) at Pattani Fishery Port from 2 January 1999 to 30 June 2001 (upper panel) and from 1 July 2001 to 29 December 2003 (lower panel)



Scads daily catches (kilograms) at Pattani Fishery Port from 2 January 1999 to 30 June 2001 (upper panel) and from 1 July 2001 to 29 December 2003 (lower panel)

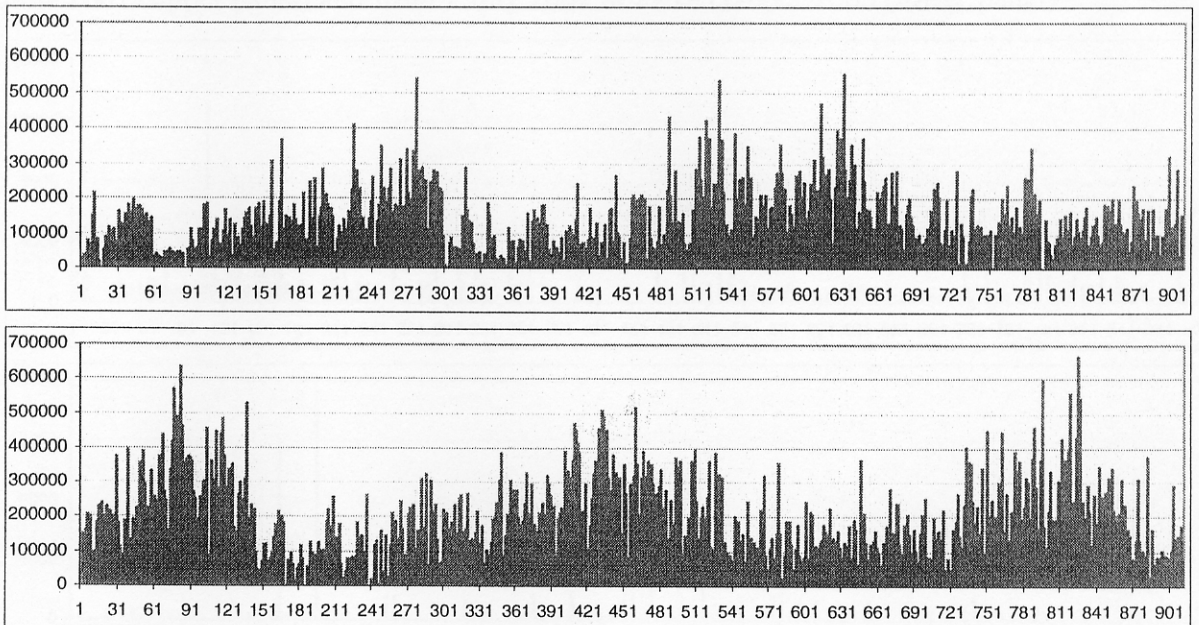
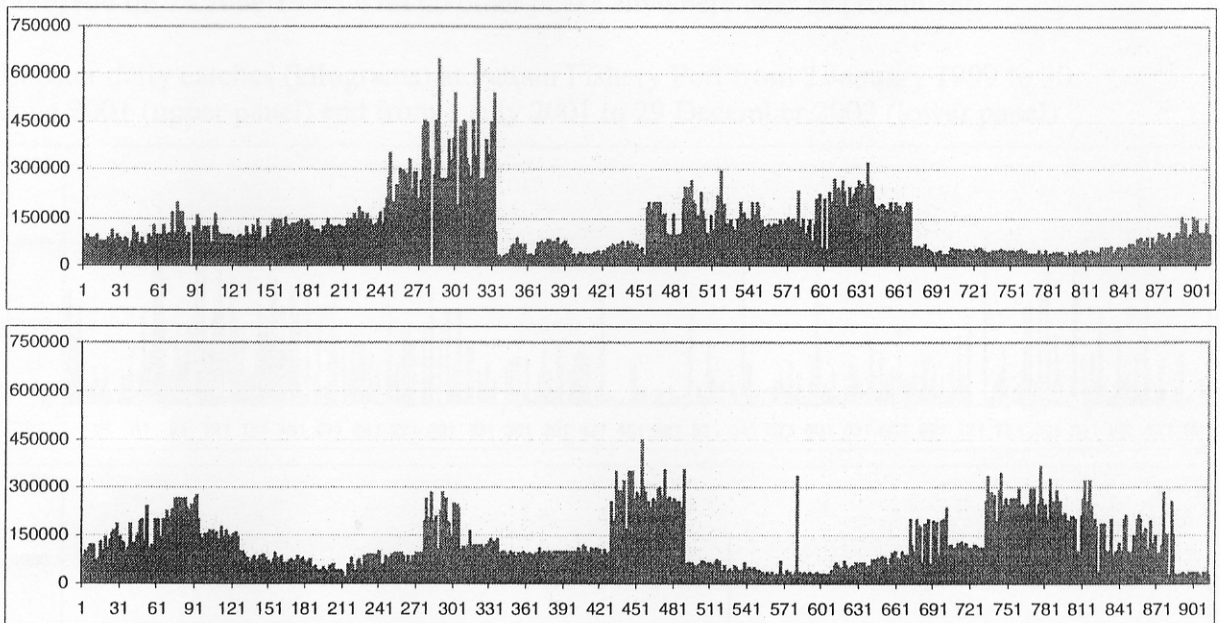


Figure 3.2: Daily catches of squid and scads from Pattani Fishery Port: 1999-2003

Trash fish daily catches (kilograms) at Pattani Fishery Port from 2 January 1999 to 30 June 2001 (upper panel) and from 1 July 2001 to 29 December 2003 (lower panel)



Shrimp daily catches (kilograms) at Pattani Fishery Port from 2 January 1999 to 30 June 2001 (upper panel) and from 1 July 2001 to 29 December 2003 (lower panel)

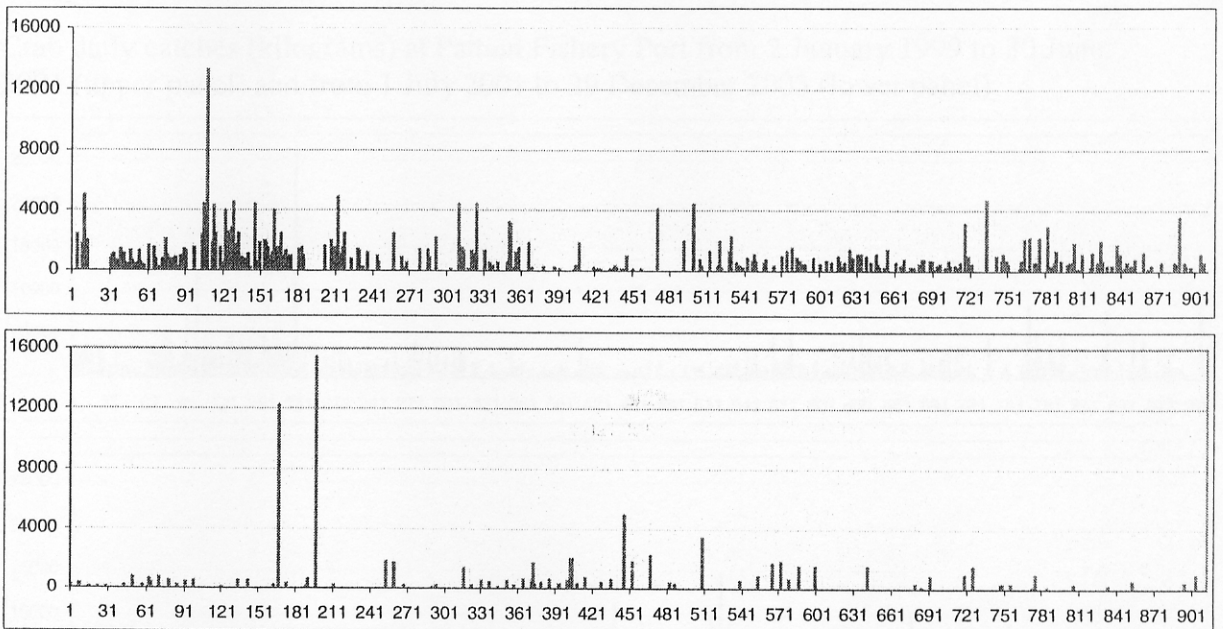
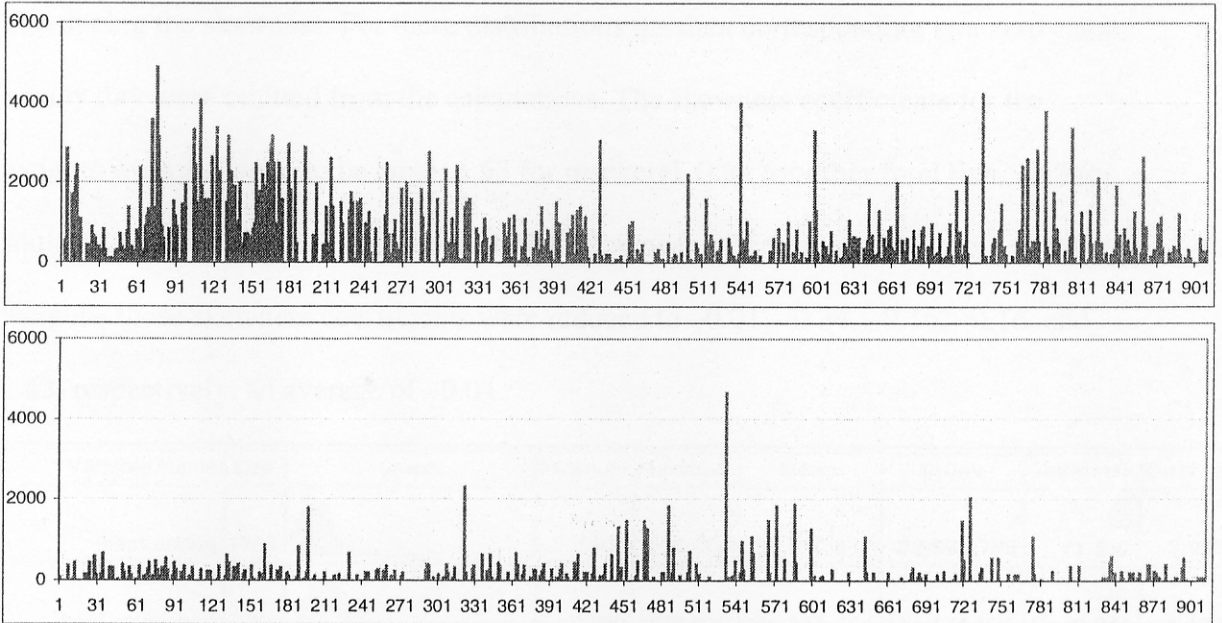


Figure 3.3: Daily catches of trash fish and shrimp from Pattani Fishery Port: 1999-2003

For lobster, shown in the top panels of Figure 3.4, the maximum quantity was 4,900 kilograms, observed on 17 March 1999, with secondary peaks on 13 December 2002.

Crab, shown in the bottom panels, had a maximum quantity was 26,000 kilograms, observed on 28 June 1999, with no other peaks anywhere near as prominent.

Lobster daily catches (kilograms) at Pattani Fishery Port from 2 January 1999 to 30 June 2001 (upper panel) and from 1 July 2001 to 29 December 2003 (lower panel)



Crab daily catches (kilograms) at Pattani Fishery Port from 2 January 1999 to 30 June 2001 (upper panel) and from 1 July 2001 to 29 December 2003 (lower panel)

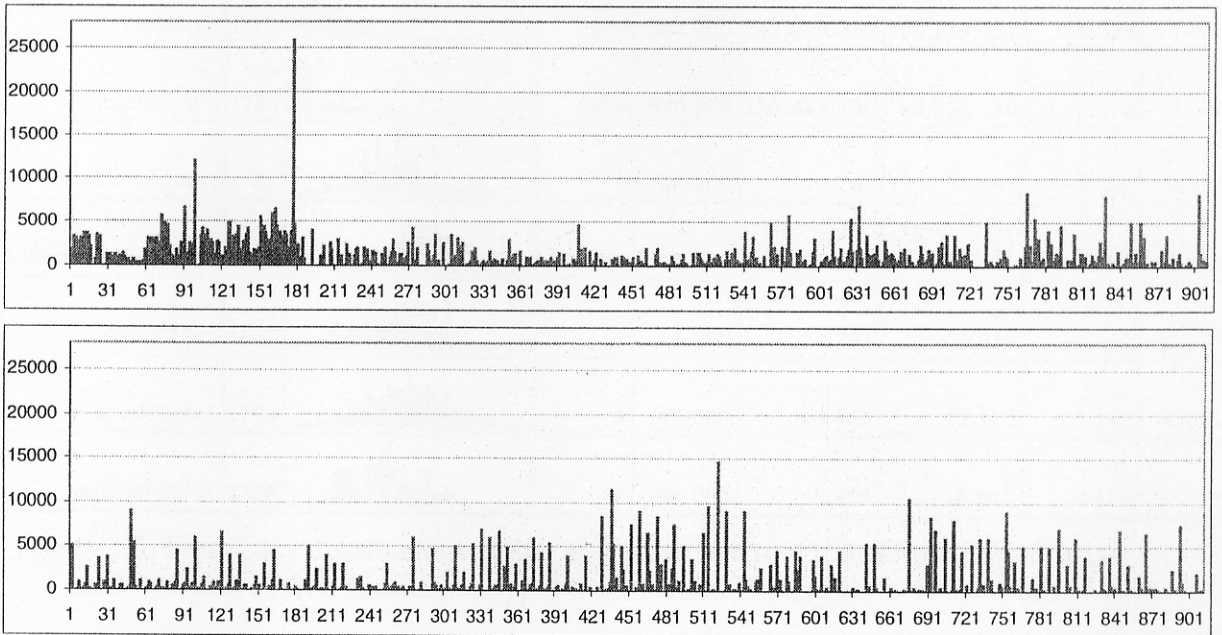


Figure 3.4: Daily catches of lobster and crab from Pattani Fishery Port: 1999-2003

3.2 The frequency distributions of the marine fish catch

Figure 3.5 shows histograms and brief numerical summaries of the daily catch weights of the five species apart from the shellfish before and after a data transformation aimed at reducing the skewness. For these distributions the data corresponding to a zero catch on any day were omitted from the calculations. The skewness coefficients for the weights were all found to be large: 1.53 for mackerel, 0.94 for other food fish, 1.45 for squid, 1.23 for scads, and 1.57 for trash fish. However, after taking cube roots of the weights, these skewness coefficients were reduced to -0.01 , -0.34 , -0.16 , -0.16 , and 0.43 , respectively, an average of -0.04 .

Variable name	Size	Graph	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	StDev	Skewness	Kurtosis
mackerelKg	1765		1000	196,000	35,340.517	23,595.788	1.532	3.927
otherFoodFishKg	1785		1500	773,030	206,145.354	119,174.975	0.944	1.177
squidKg	1567		500	99,400	19,660.570	14,263.036	1.450	3.907
scadsKg	1763		800	667,800	142,218.862	103,217.767	1.233	1.810
trashFishKg	1788		5000	650,000	116,553.128	83,252.250	1.572	3.607
mackerelCubrt	1765		9	58.000	30.727	7.245	-0.012	0.250
otherFoodFishCubrt	1785		11	91.000	56.165	12.070	-0.338	0.319
squidCubrt	1567		7	46.000	24.791	6.819	-0.162	-0.199
scadsCubrt	1763		9	87.000	48.423	13.180	-0.159	-0.031
trashFishCubrt	1788		17	86.000	45.884	10.810	0.432	-0.287

Figure 3.5: Frequency distributions before and after cube root transformation of daily catch weights of five marine fish types from Pattani Fishery Port: 1999-2003.

Previous investigators have suggested taking logarithms of fish catch weights prior to statistical analysis, but these data indicate that taking cube roots provides distributions

that are more symmetrically distributed, and thus more amenable to statistical analysis requiring the normality assumption. Taking logarithms over transforms, and results in negative skewness coefficients. The skewness coefficients resulting from taking logarithms were found to be -0.94 , -1.35 , -0.94 , -1.36 and -0.08 respectively.

Figure 3.6 shows histograms and brief numerical summaries of the daily shellfish catch weights of the three species before and after a data transformation aimed at reducing the skewness. For these distributions the data corresponding to a zero catch on any day were again omitted from the calculations. The skewness coefficients for the weights were all found to be large: 5.44 for shrimp, 3.52 for crab, and 2.20 for lobster.

However, taking cube roots did not effectively remove the skewness in the shellfish catch weights. The skewness coefficients resulting from taking cube roots were found to be 1.13, 0.76 and 0.72 respectively.

However, after taking logarithms of the weights, these skewness coefficients were reduced to 0.07, 0.07 and -0.14 , respectively, averaging out to zero.

Variable name	Size	Graph	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	StDev	Skewness	Kurtosis
shrimpKg	378		80	15,500	1,079.757	1,493.752	5.443	41.977
lobsterKg	719		10	4,900	658.608	760.766	2.202	5.565
crabKg	897		10	26,000	1,665.377	2,077.013	3.517	24.914
shrimpLog	378		4.382	9.649	6.476	1.000	0.072	-0.192
lobsterLog	719		2.303	8.497	5.932	1.077	0.067	-0.553
crabLog	897		2.303	10.166	6.787	1.181	-0.135	-0.418

Figure 3.6: Frequency distributions before and after natural logarithm transformations of daily catch weights of three marine shellfish types from Pattani Fishery Port: 1999-2003.

Figure 3.7 shows histograms and brief numerical summaries of the monthly catch weights of the five species apart from the shellfish before and after a data transformation aimed at reducing the skewness. The skewness coefficients for the weights were all found to be fairly large: 0.86 for mackerel, 0.24 for other food fish, -0.11 for squid, 0.72 for scads, and 1.07 for trash fish. However, after taking square roots of the weights, these skewness coefficients were reduced to 0.06, -0.004, -0.37, 0.24, and 0.52, respectively.

Variable name	Size	Graph	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	StDev	Skewness	Kurtosis
mackerelKg	60		421600	2,221,900.000	1,039,600.200	295,051.922	0.856	3.473
FoodFishKg	60		3507750	9,879,650.000	6,132,824.283	1,561,243.654	0.242	-0.591
squidKg	60		210200	821,200.000	513,468.550	142,336.366	-0.109	-0.900
scadsKg	60		1004900	9,304,800.000	4,178,864.217	1,868,433.556	0.715	-0.067
trashFishKg	60		825229	9,541,772.000	3,473,283.200	2,233,509.657	1.068	0.501
mackSqrt	60		649.307	1,490.604	1,009.525	144.242	0.064	1.730
otherSqrt	60		1872.899	3,143.191	2,456.413	317.073	-0.004	-0.722
squidSqrt	60		458.476	906.201	709.299	102.657	-0.368	-0.641
scadsSqrt	60		1002.447	3,050.377	1,994.394	452.400	0.241	-0.421
trashSqrt	60		908.421	3,088.976	1,774.476	574.473	0.520	-0.483

Figure 3.7: Frequency distributions before and after square root transformation of monthly catch weights of five marine fish types from Pattani Fishery Port: 1999-2003.

Figure 3.8 shows histograms and brief numerical summaries of the monthly shellfish catch weights of the three species before and after a data transformation aimed at reducing the skewness. The skewness coefficients for the weights were all found to be large: 2.17 for shrimp and lobster, 2.61 for crab. However, taking square roots did not effectively remove the skewness in the shellfish catch weights. The skewness

coefficients resulting from taking square roots were found to be 0.85, 1.06 and 1.56 respectively.

However, after taking logarithms of the weights, these skewness coefficients were reduced to -0.43, -0.06 and 0.65, respectively.

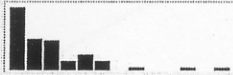
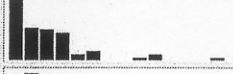



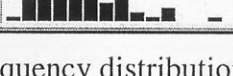
Variable name	Size	Graph	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	StDev	Skewness	Kurtosis
shrimpKg	57		280	37,410.000	7,160.491	7,483.880	2.173	5.804
lobsterKg	60		480	39,952.000	7,892.317	7,750.269	2.172	5.477
crabKg	60		7430	106,500.000	24,897.383	16,696.914	2.612	9.210
shrimpLog	57		5.635	10.530	8.348	1.134	-0.429	-0.293
lobsterLog	60		6.174	10.595	8.575	0.921	-0.064	-0.270
crabLog	60		8.913	11.576	9.970	0.527	0.654	0.653

Figure 3.8: Frequency distributions before and after natural logarithm transformations of monthly catch weights of three marine shellfish types from Pattani Fishery Port: 1999-2003.

3.3 Comparison of the marine fish catches by day, month and year

In this section we compare the marine fish catches with respect to the day of the week, the month of the year, and the year. Confidence intervals, with means joined when pairs are not statistically different, show the differences in the means of the transformed daily catches.

Figure 3.9 shows statistically significant differences in the catches on different days of the week for mackerel and other food fish catch.

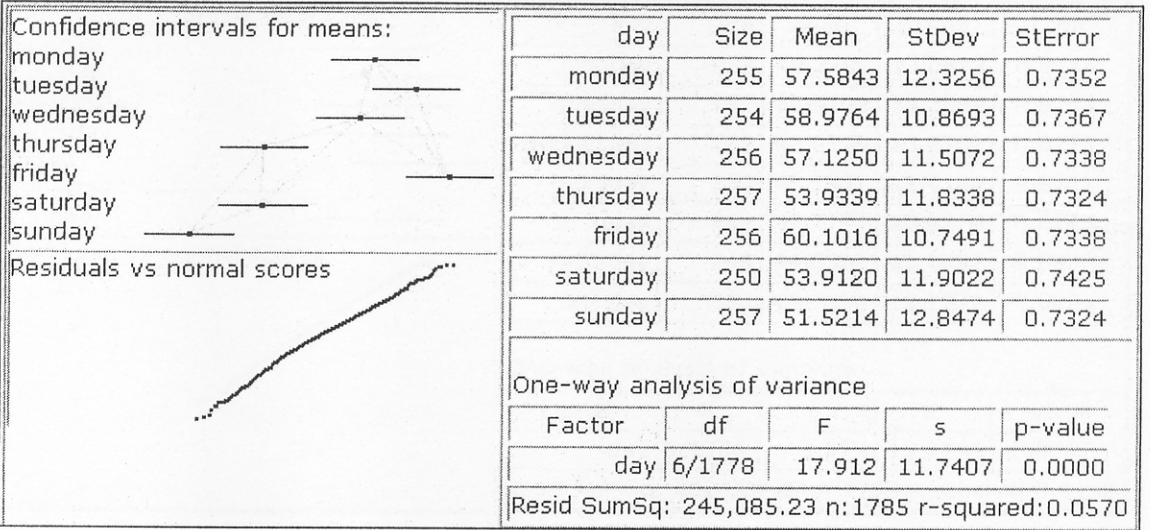
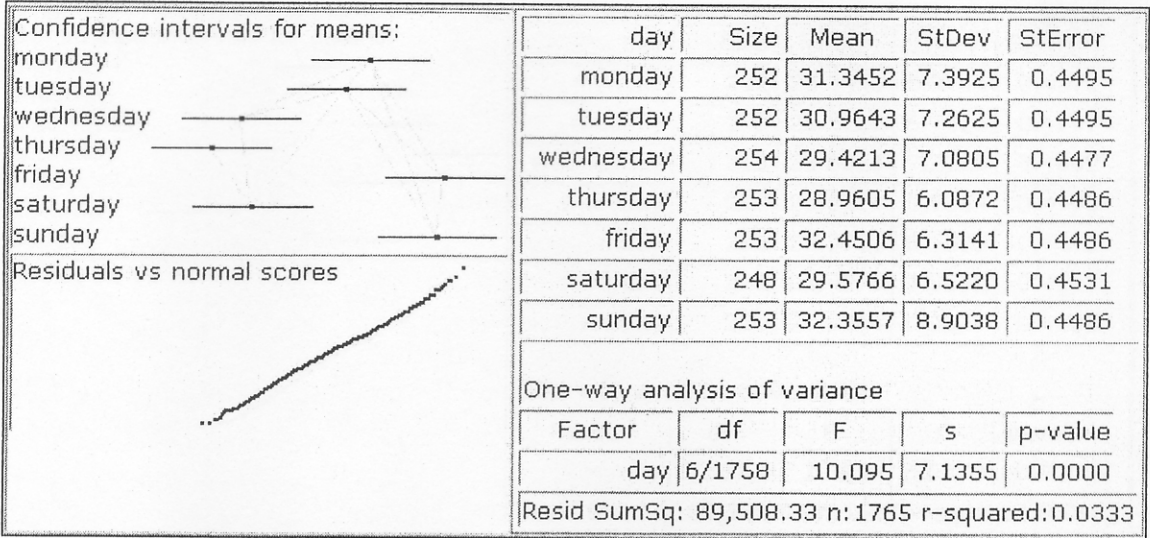


Figure 3.9: Comparison of mackerel (top panel) and other food fish catches by day of week

For mackerel, the catches on Friday and Sunday are higher than those on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, with Mondays and Tuesdays having average catches. For other food fish, the pattern is different. The catches on Friday are still relatively high and the catches on Saturday are still lower than on Mondays and Tuesdays, but Sunday has the lowest catches.

The patterns for squid and scads are similar, as shown in Figure 3.10. In each case the catches are lower on Saturday than on others days of the week, but there is no evidence of any difference between the amounts caught on these other days.

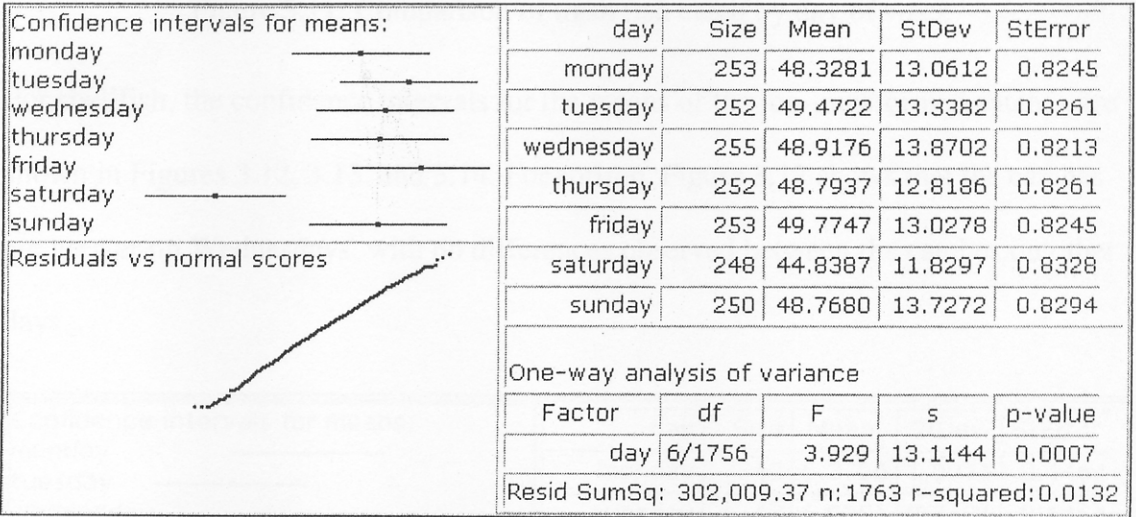
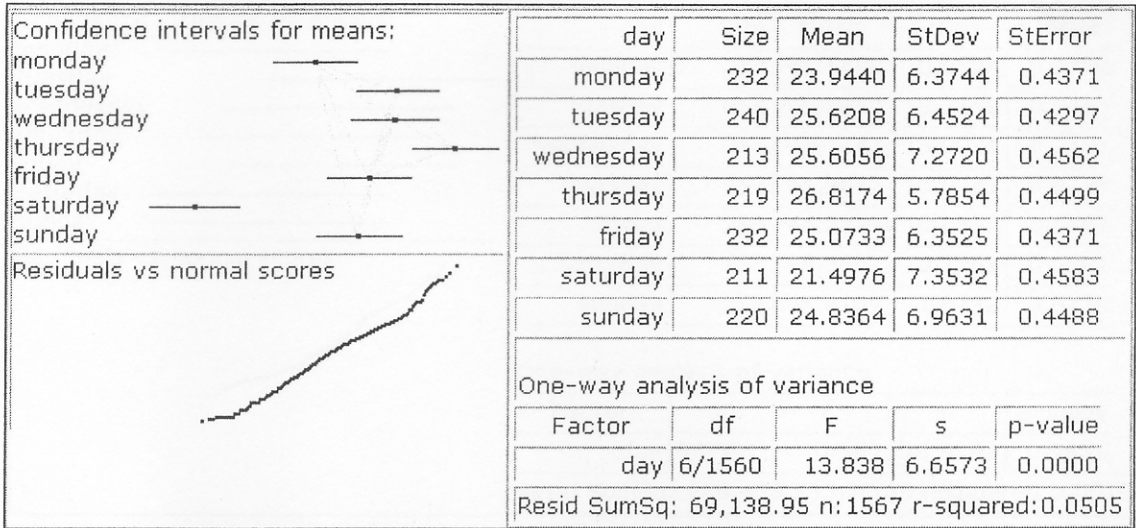


Figure 3.10: Comparison of daily catches of squid (top panel) and scads by day of week

For scads, the catch on Friday has the highest and the catch on Saturday is still lowest and the catch on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday having average catches.

Figure 3.11, which shows the comparison for trash fish, indicates that there is no statistically significant day of week effect on the catch (p-value = 0.76).

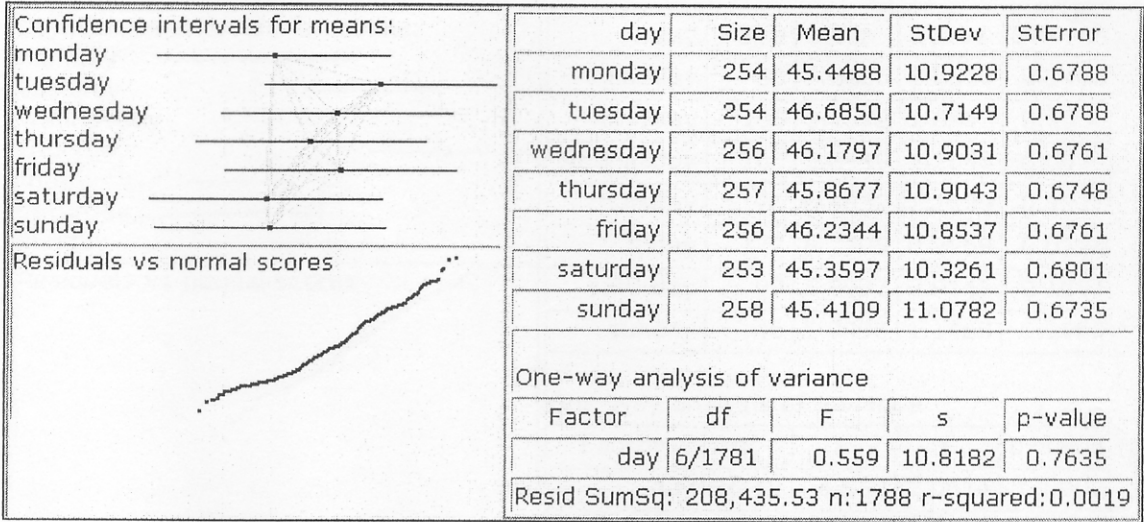


Figure 3.11: Comparison of trash fish catch by day of week

For shellfish, the confidence intervals for the means of the log-transformed catches are shown in Figures 3.12, 3.13, and 3.14. For shrimp, Figure 3.12 shows that the catches are greater on Wednesdays, with no differences observed between the catches on other days.

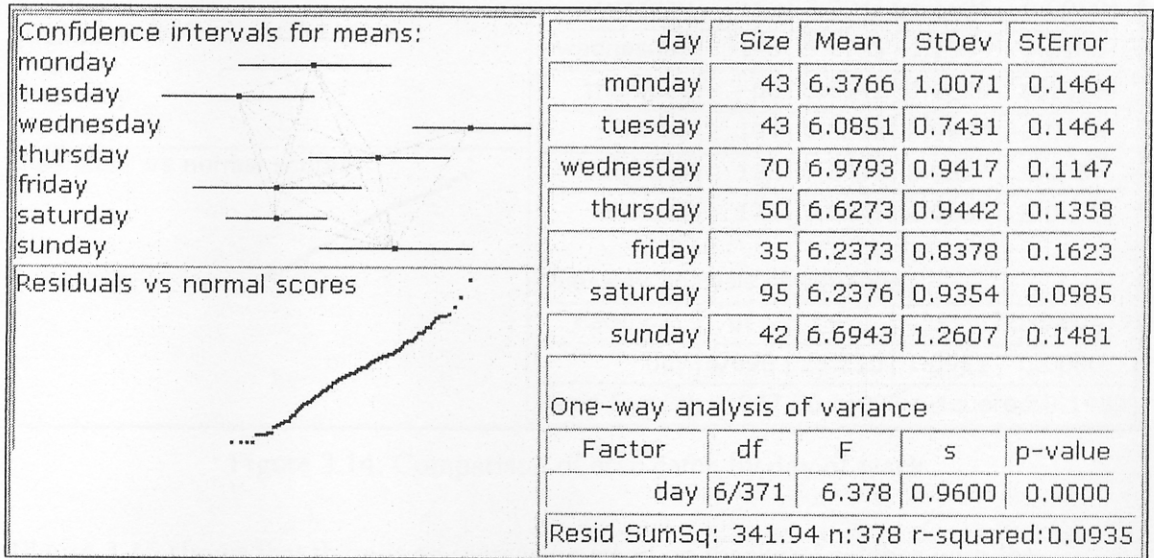


Figure 3.12: Comparison of shrimp catch by day of week

For lobster (Figure 3.13), Thursday have higher catches than Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, but no other differences are statistically significant.

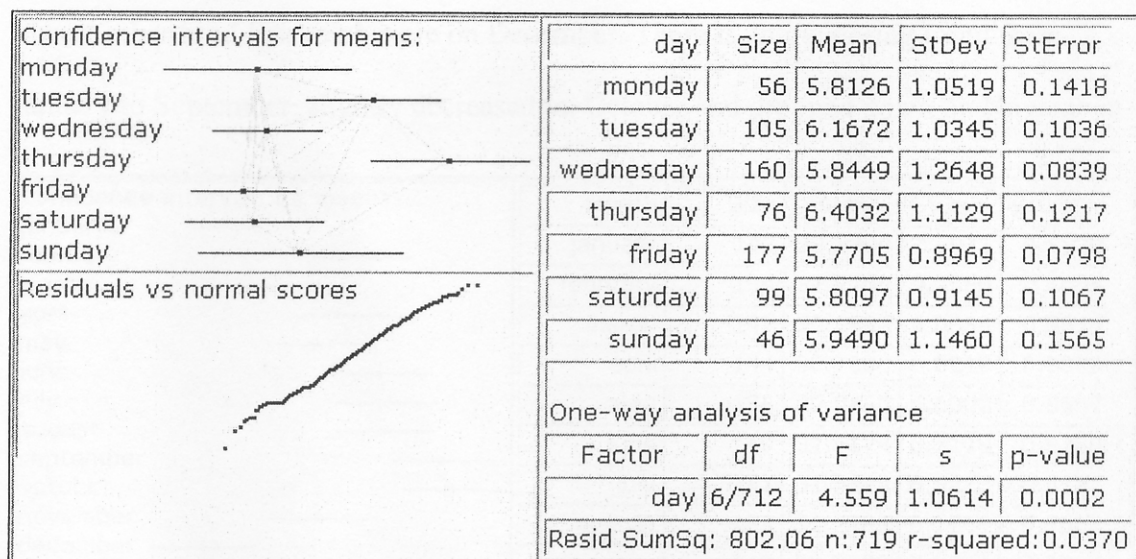


Figure 3.13: Comparison of lobster catch by day of week

Finally, Figure 3.14 shows that crab catches tended to be higher on Tuesdays and Sundays, with no differences between other days of the week.

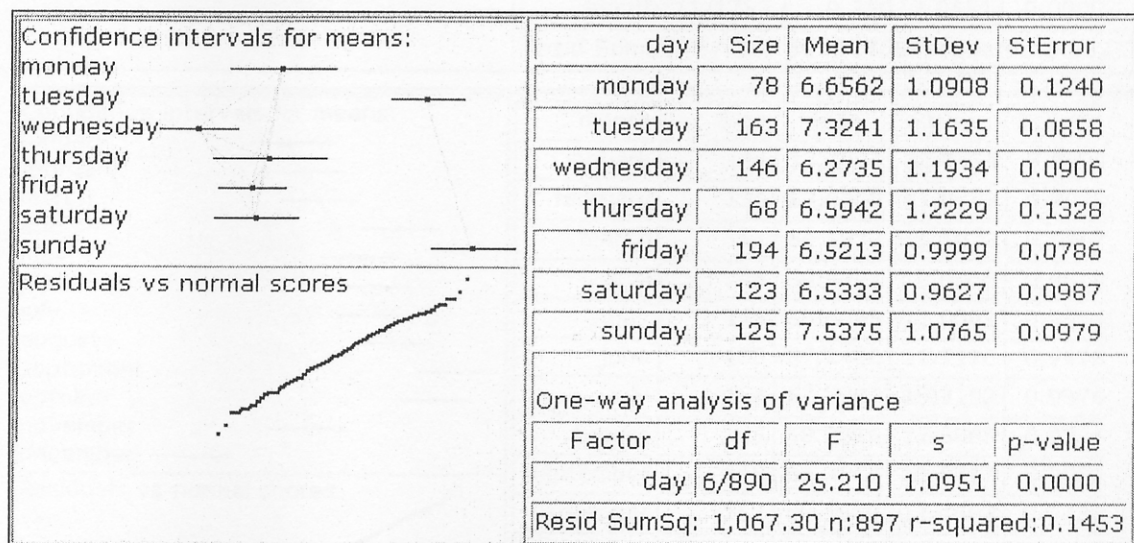


Figure 3.14: Comparison of crab catch by day of week

Figure 3.15 shows that there is an increasing trend on mackerel catches with the months. The lowest catch was on December. They slightly increased on January and moderate increased on February. From March to October, the mackerel catches increased gradually and dropped down again on November. For other food fish, the

lowest other food fish catch were on December. There is an increasing trend from January to September, slightly decreased on October and dropped down on November.

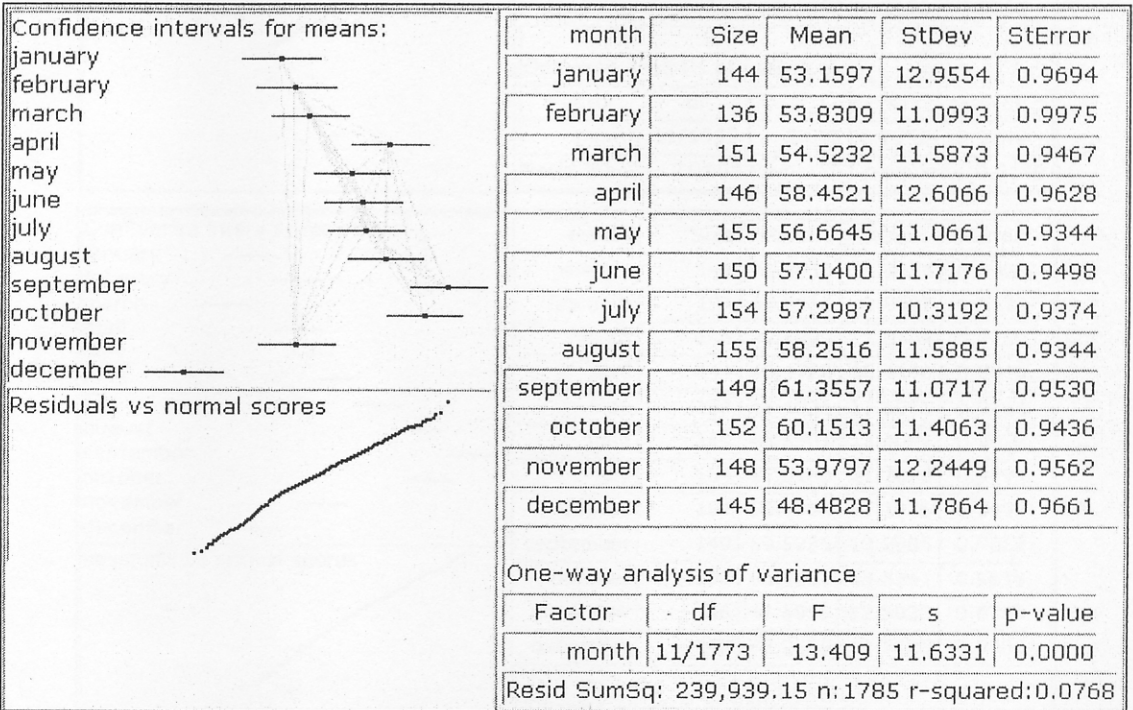
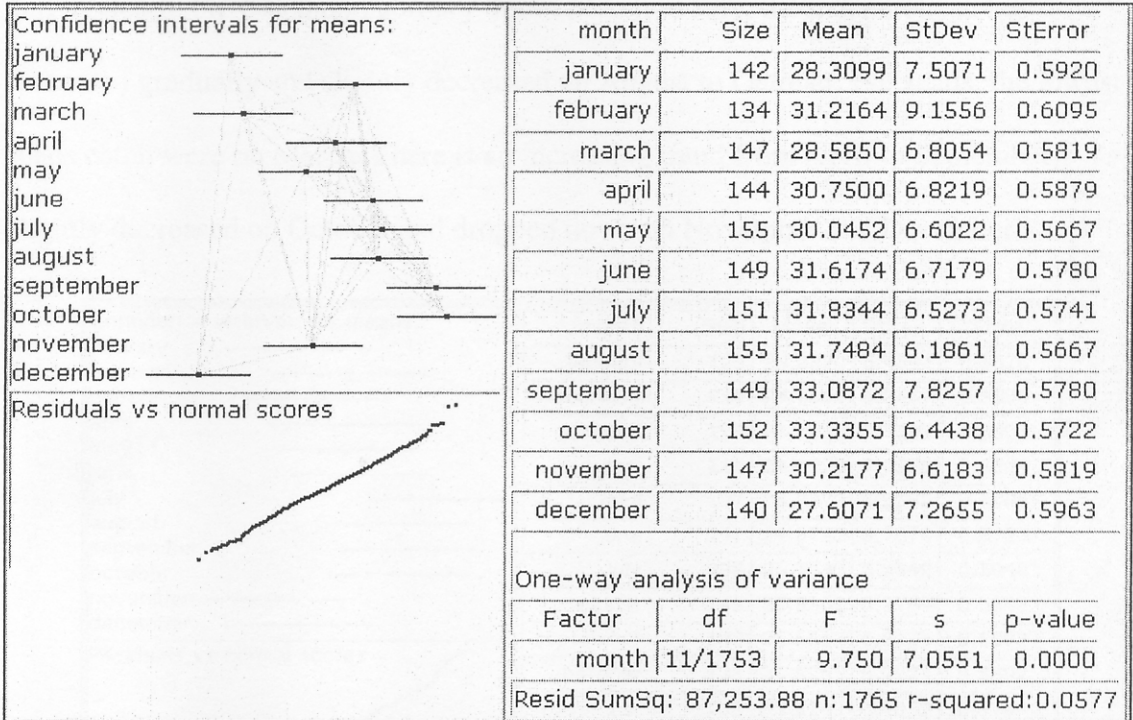


Figure 3.15: Comparison of mackerel (top panel) and other food fish by month

Figure 3.16 shows that there is an increasing trend on squid catches with the months. The lowest catch was on November. They slightly increased on December to January and moderate increased on February. From March to July, the mackerel catches increased gradually and slightly decreased on August to October. For scads, the lowest scads catch were on March. There is an increasing trend from April to September, slightly decreased on October and dropped down on November and December.

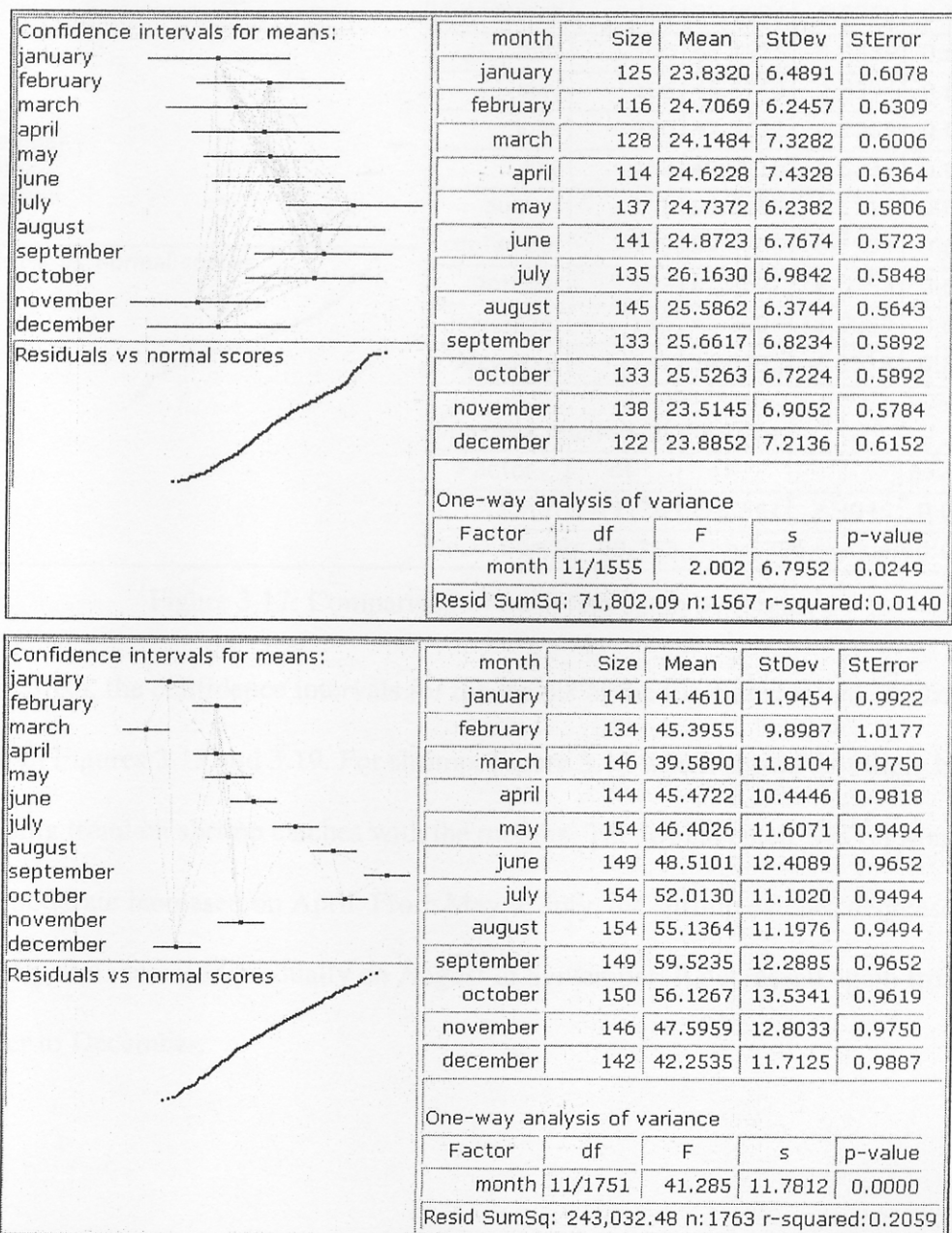


Figure 3.16: Comparison of squid (top panel) and scads catch by month

Figure 3.17 shows that there is an increasing trend on trash fish catches with the months. The lowest catch was on December. They slightly increased on January and slightly decrease on February. From March to October, the trash fish catches increased gradually and dropped down again on November.

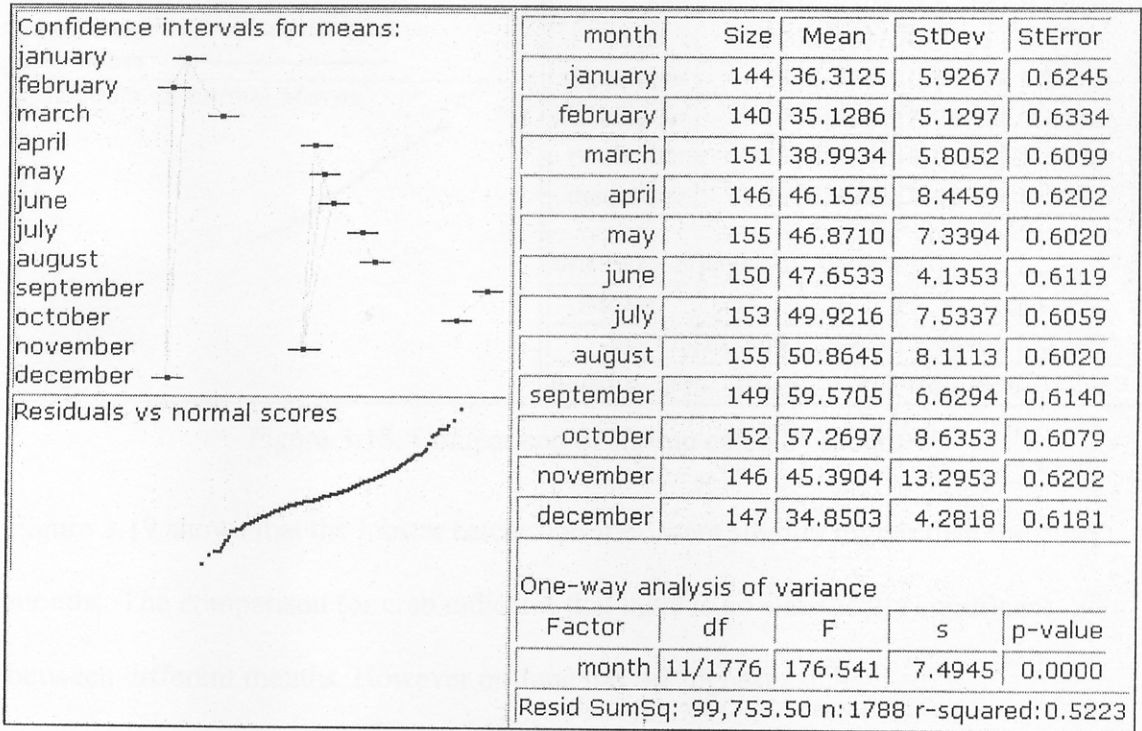


Figure 3.17: Comparison of trash fish catch by month

For shellfish, the confidence intervals for the means of the log-transformed catches are shown in Figures 3.18 and 3.19. For shrimp, Figure 3.18 which shows that there is an increasing trend on shrimp catches with the months. The lowest catch was on March. They moderate increased on April. From May to July, the shrimp catches decreased gradually and increased gradually on August to September. It decreased again from October to December.

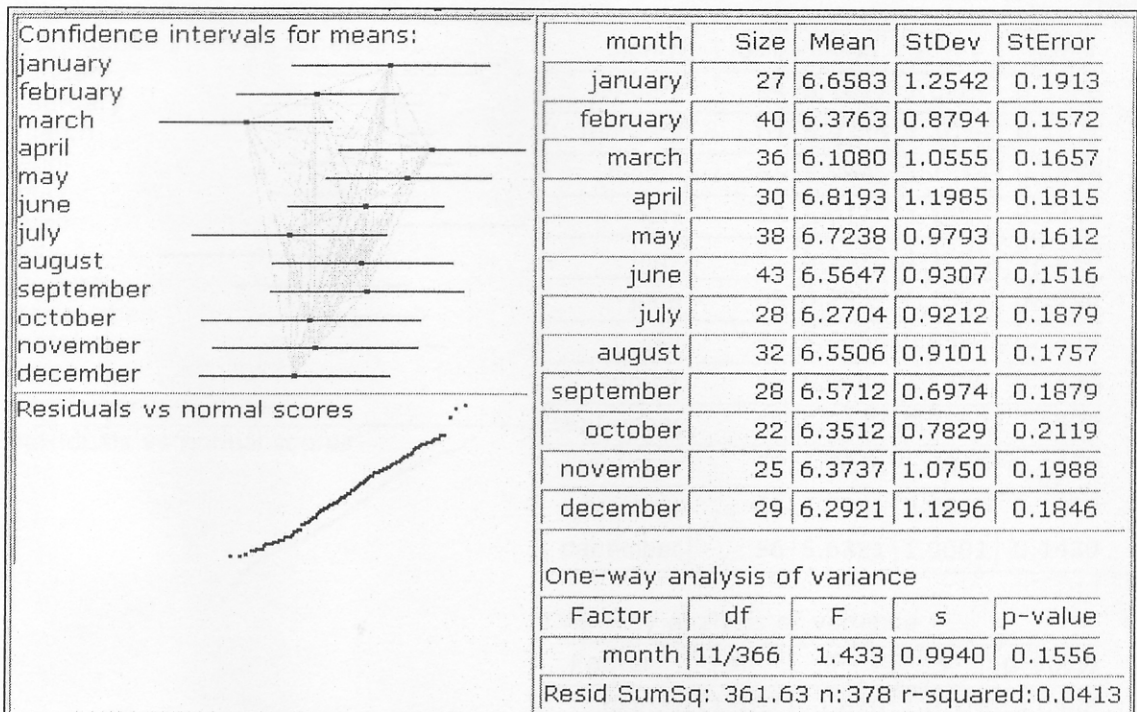


Figure 3.18: Comparison of shrimp catch by month

Figure 3.19 shows that the lobster catches on June were slightly higher than the other months. The comparison for crab indicates that there is no statistically significant between different months. However on June has the highest catch.

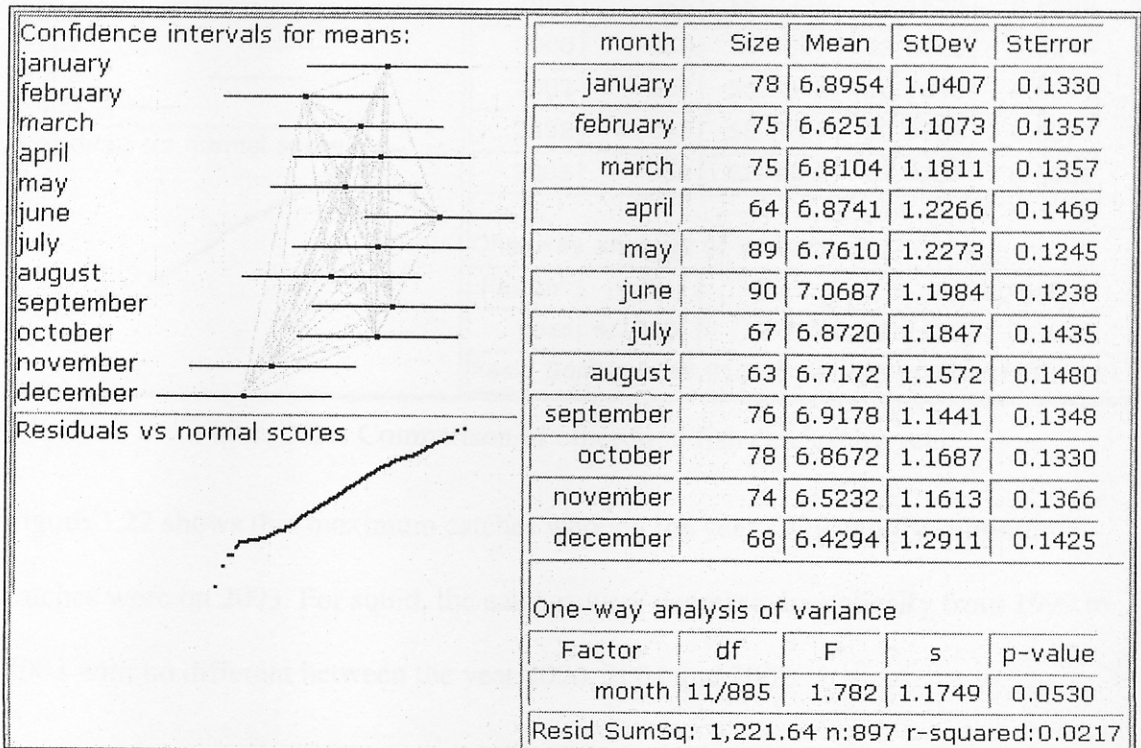
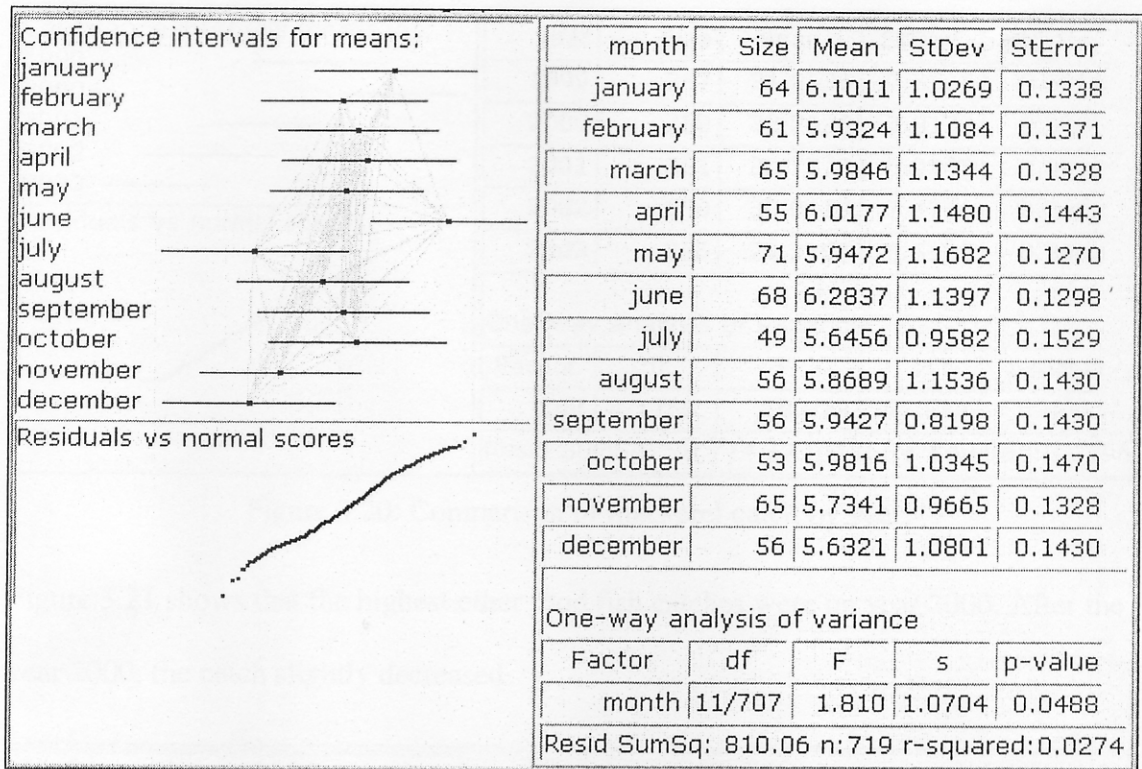


Figure 3.19: Comparison of lobster (top panel) and crab catch by month

Figure 3.20 shows that the highest mackerel catches were on the year 2000. After the year 2000, the catch slightly decreased.

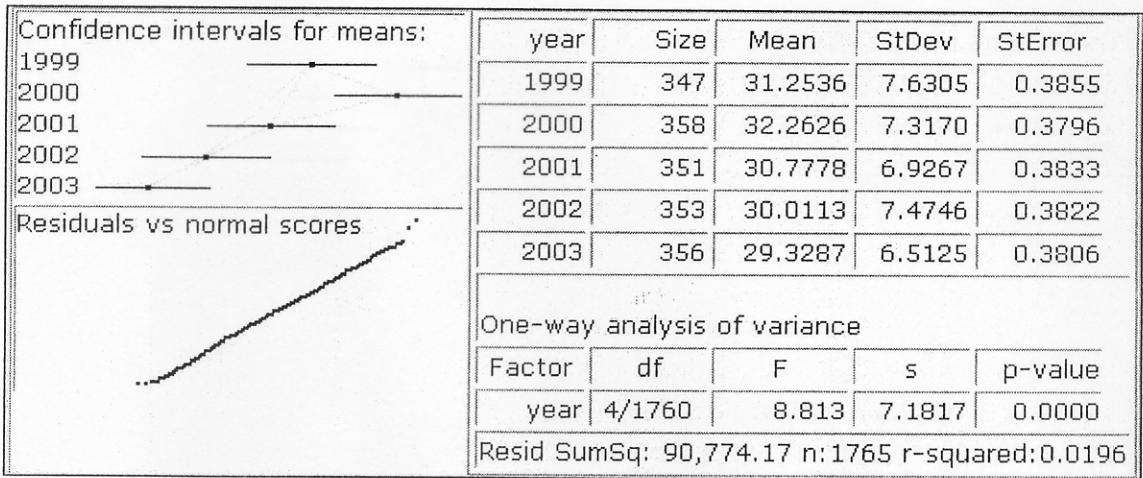


Figure 3.20: Comparison of mackerel catch by year

Figure 3.21 shows that the highest other food fish catches were on year 2000. After the year 2000, the catch slightly decreased.

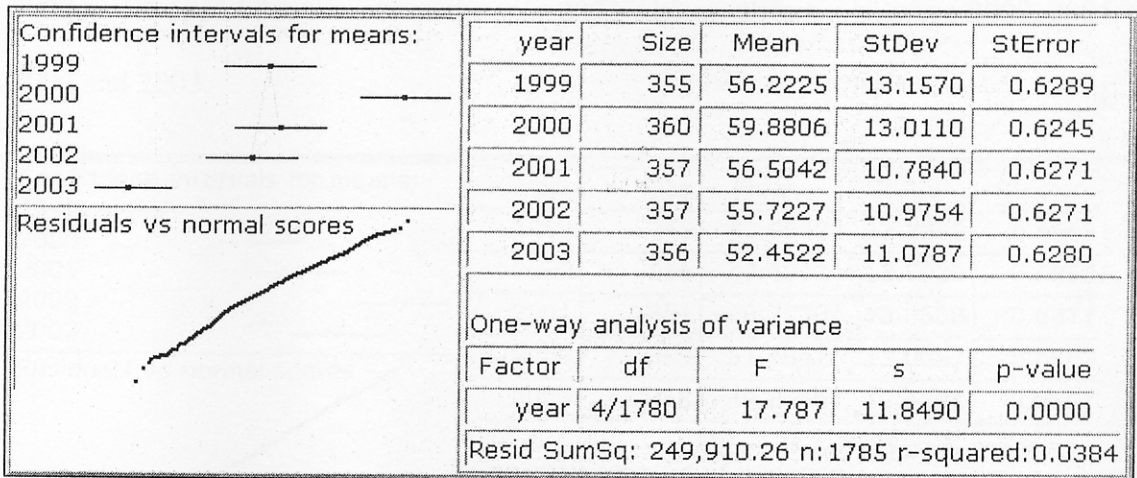


Figure 3.21: Comparison of other food fish catches by year

Figure 3.22 shows that maximum catches were on the year 1999 and the minimum catches were on 2003. For squid, the catches were decrease dramatically from 1999 to 2003 with no different between the year 2000, 2001 and 2002.

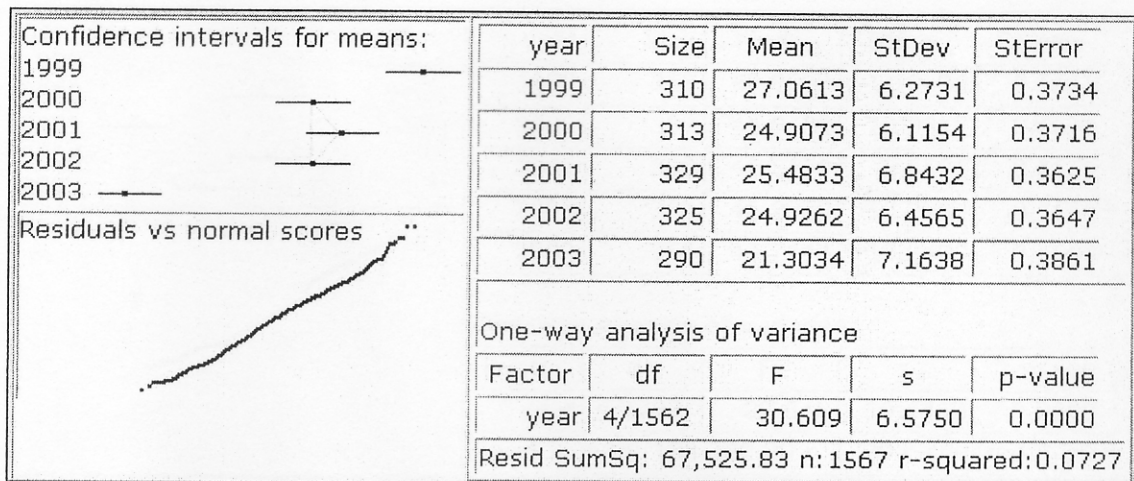


Figure 3.22: Comparison of squid catch by year

Figure 3.23 shows that maximum catches were on the year 2002 and the minimum catches were on 1999. For scads, the catches were increase dramatically from 2000 to 2002 and dropped down again on the year 2003 with no different between 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003.

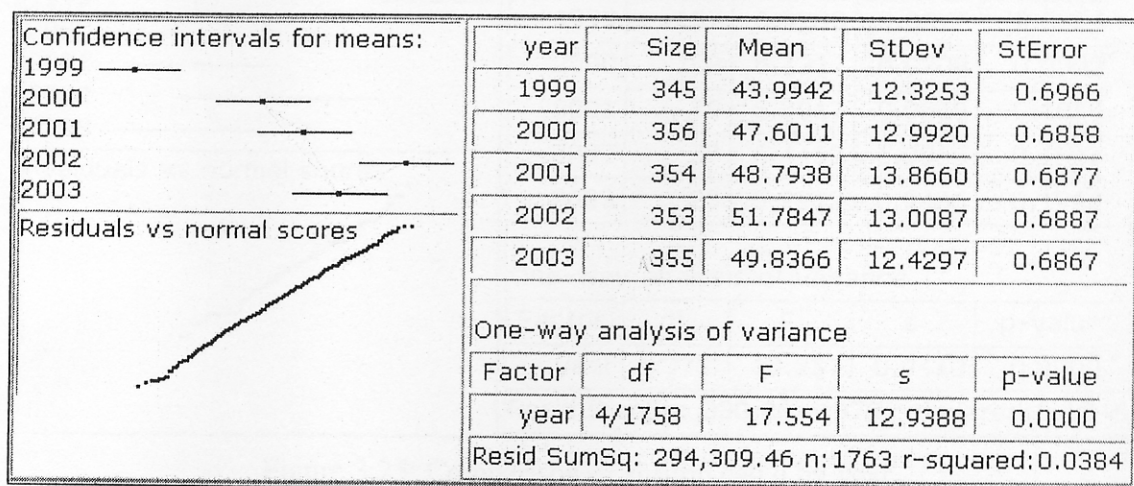


Figure 3.23: Comparison of scads catch by year

Figure 3.24 shows that maximum catches were on the year 1999 and the minimum catches were on 2001. For trash fish, the catches were decrease dramatically from 2000 to 2001 with no different between 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003.

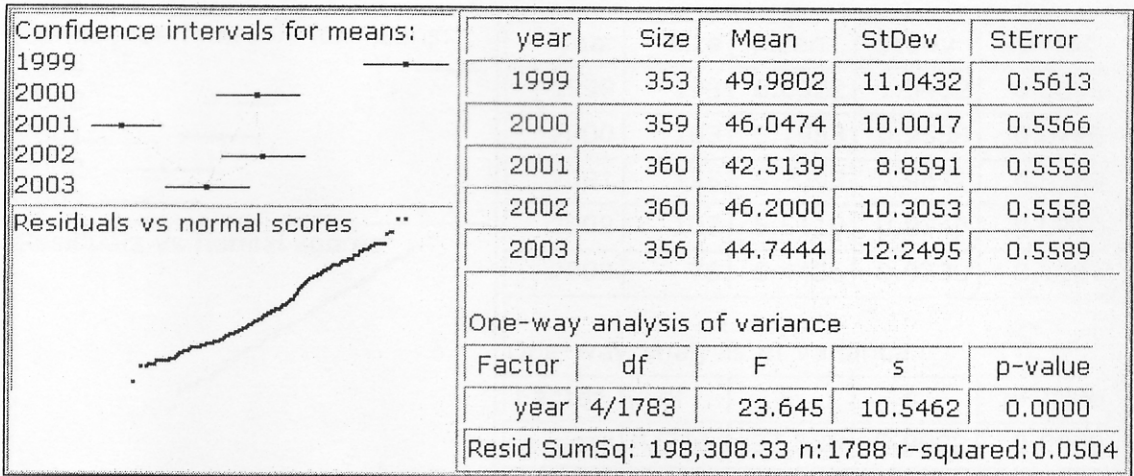


Figure 3.24: Comparison of trash fish catch by year

Figure 3.25 shows that maximum catches were on the year 1999 and the minimum catches were on 2000. For shrimp, the catches were increase dramatically from 2000 to 2002 and slightly decreased on the year 2003.

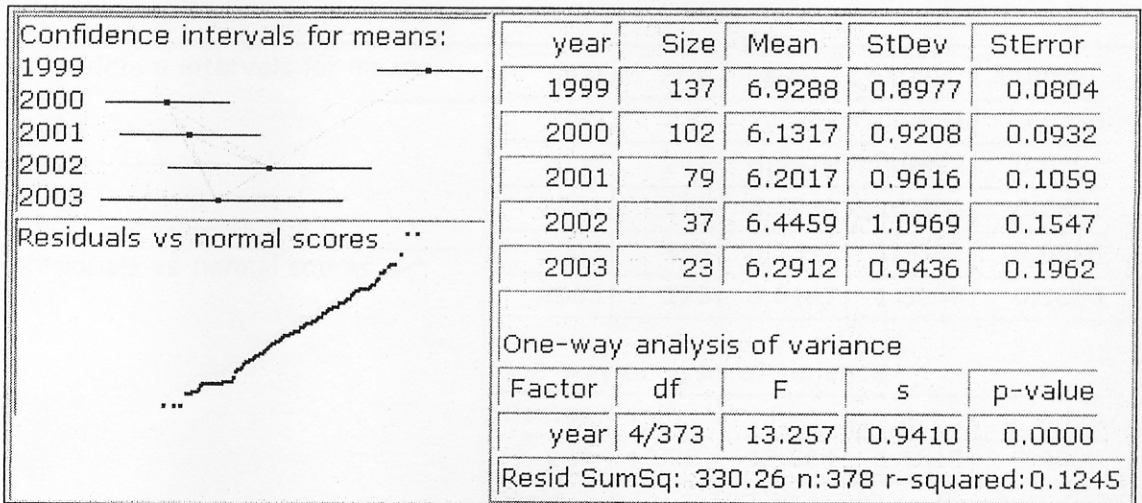


Figure 3.25: Comparison of shrimp catch by year

Figure 3.26 shows that maximum catches were on the year 1999 and the minimum catches were on 2003. For lobster, the catches were decrease dramatically from 2000 to 2003 with no different between 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003.

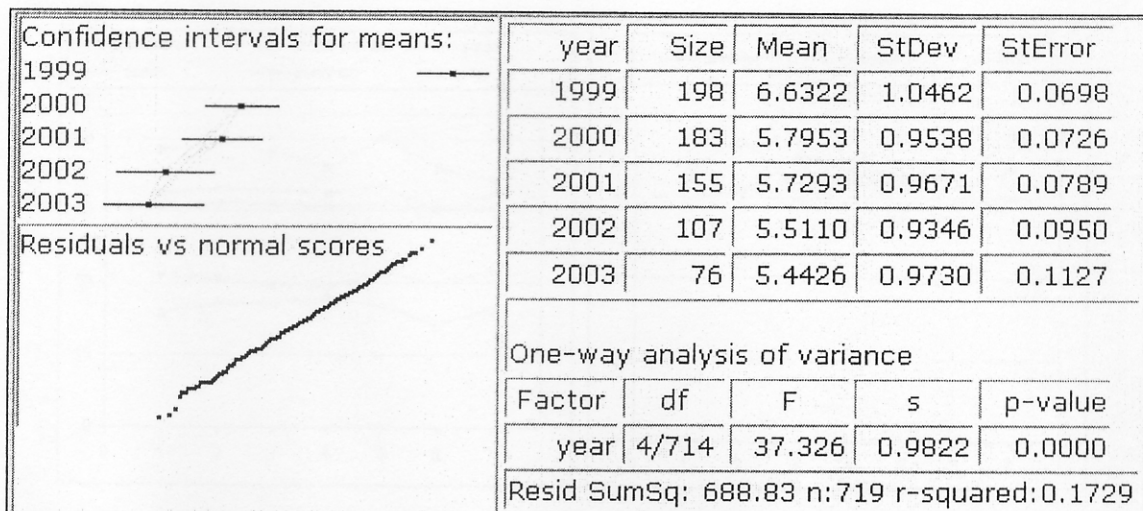


Figure 3.26: Comparison of lobster catch by year

Figure 3.27 shows that maximum catches were on the year 1999 and the minimum catches were on 2003. For crab, the catches were decrease dramatically after the year 1999 with no different between 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003.

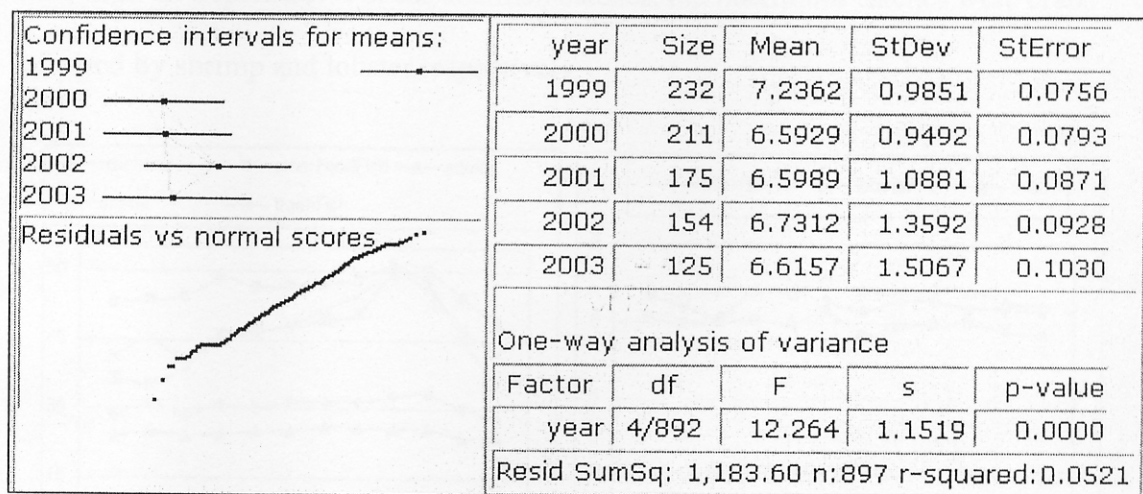


Figure 3.27: Comparison of crab catch by year

Figure 3.28 shows marine fish catches and shellfish catches by day of week. For the marine fish catch, the maximum catches were other food fish, followed by scads, trash fish, mackerel and squid respectively. Compared between different days, the catches were quite high on Friday. For the shellfish catches, the maximum catches were crab, followed by shrimp and lobster respectively.

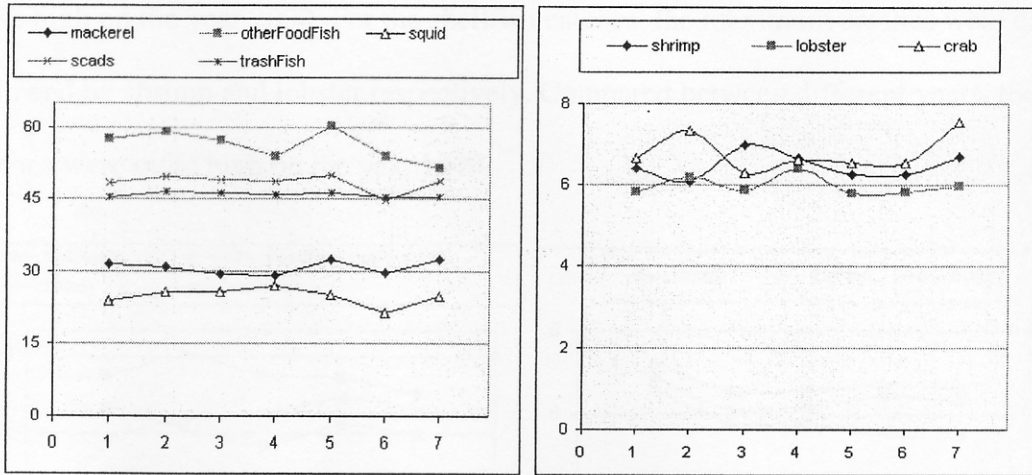


Figure 3.28: Marine fish and shellfish catches by day of week

Figure 3.29 shows marine fish catches and shellfish catches by months. For the marine fish catch, the maximum catches were other food fish, followed by scads, trash fish, mackerel and squid respectively. Compared between different months, the catches were quite high on September. For the shellfish catches, the maximum catches were crab, followed by shrimp and lobster respectively.

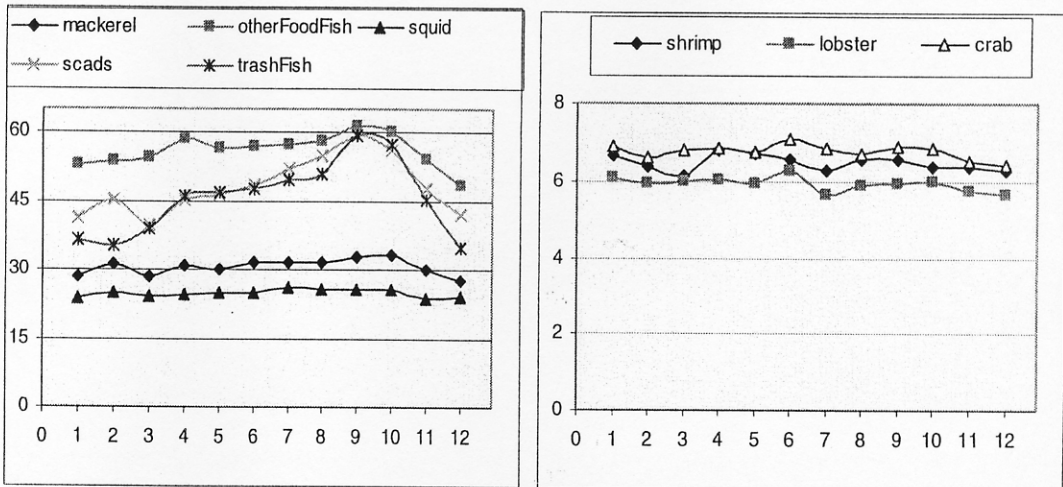


Figure 3.29: Marine fish and shellfish catches by month

Figure 3.30 shows marine fish catches and shellfish catches by years. For the marine fish catch, the maximum catches were other food fish, followed by scads, trash fish, mackerel and squid respectively. Compared between different years, the catches were

quite high on the year 2000. For the shellfish catches, the maximum catches were crab, followed by shrimp and lobster respectively. Compared between different years, the catches were quite high on the year 1999.

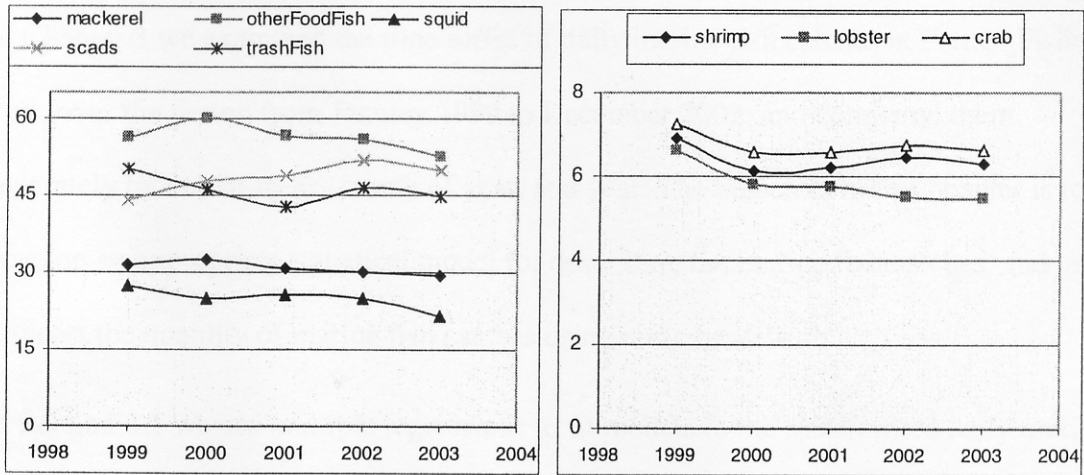


Figure 3.30: Marine fish and shellfish catches by year

In Chapter 4 we use time series analysis to investigate and model the trends in the monthly series of marine fish catch in Pattani Fisheries Port.