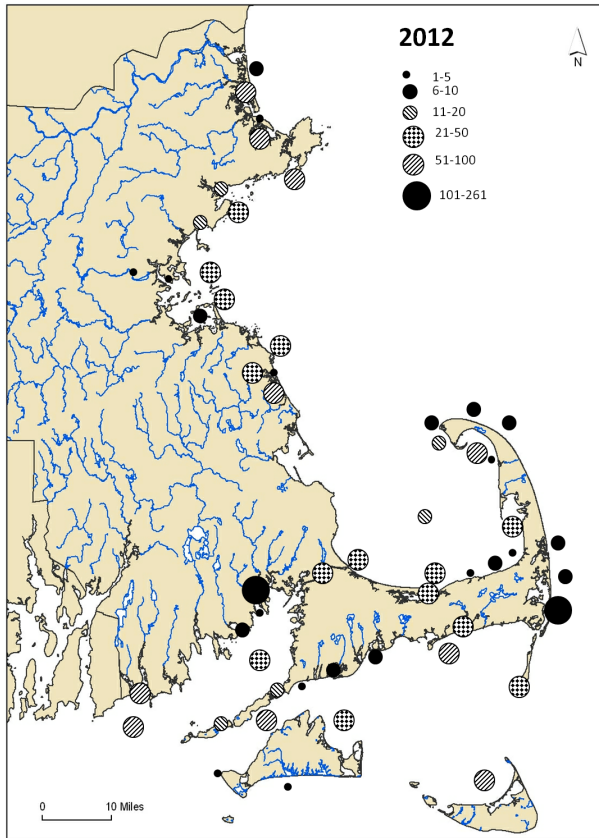




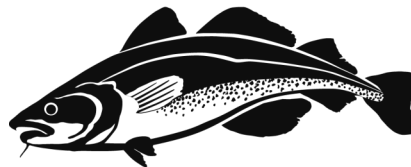
The success of the SADCT program stems from the volunteer efforts of over 200 anglers. This program provides a means for interested and dedicated anglers to help study the marine species they enjoy. All participating anglers receive a ball cap and an annual study report that includes an individualized summary—including length and age information—on the fish they sampled.



Angler locations in MA waters where SADCT members caught striped bass in 2012. Numbers are amounts of striped bass caught.

To find out more about SADCT and to sign up, contact Jennifer Stritzel Thomson: **(978) 282-0308 ext. 130** or email at jennifer.s.thomson@state.ma.us

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Sportfish Angler Data
Collection Team

About SADCT



The Sportfish Angler Data Collection Team (SADCT) program is a group of volunteer anglers collecting biological samples of selected recreational fish species in Massachusetts marine waters. SADCT is part of an

Atlantic coast-wide effort to manage and conserve recreationally targeted species. Information gathered through SADCT is used by the Division of Marine Fisheries and provided to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) to support conservation and sustainability efforts.

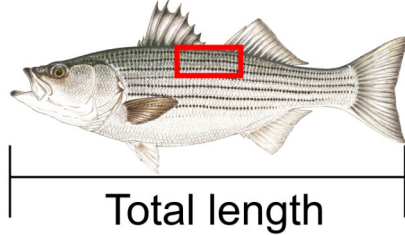
Anglers joining SADCT follow simple protocols for gathering data on striped bass, fluke (summer flounder), scup, and black sea bass. Participants measure fish length, collect scale samples from each fish caught, and note whether it is kept or released. Scales are used to determine the age of the fish by counting growth rings, much like the aging technique for trees.



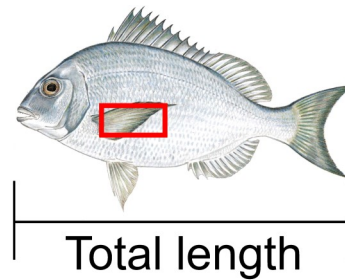
SADCT originally began in 2002 with anglers taking data from their striped bass catches. In 2013, three more species were added to the program: scup, black sea bass, and fluke.

Below are examples of how to measure each catch, as well as where to remove scales from.

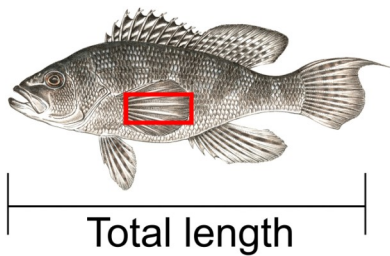
Striped Bass



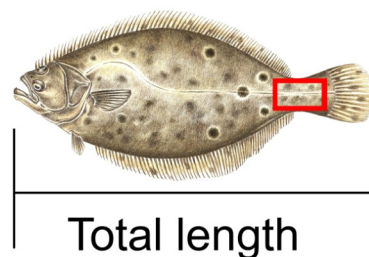
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Black Sea Bass

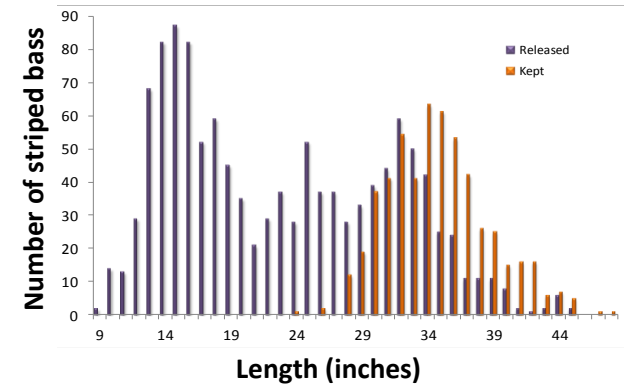


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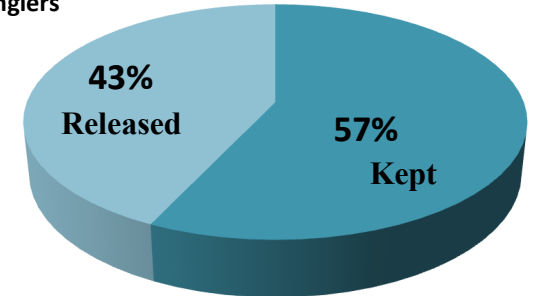


The Data

Striped bass kept versus released in Massachusetts waters by SADCT anglers



57% of legal sized striped bass (28 inches or greater) were kept while 43% were released in 2012 by SADCT anglers



Striped bass length versus average age caught in Massachusetts waters by SADCT anglers

