

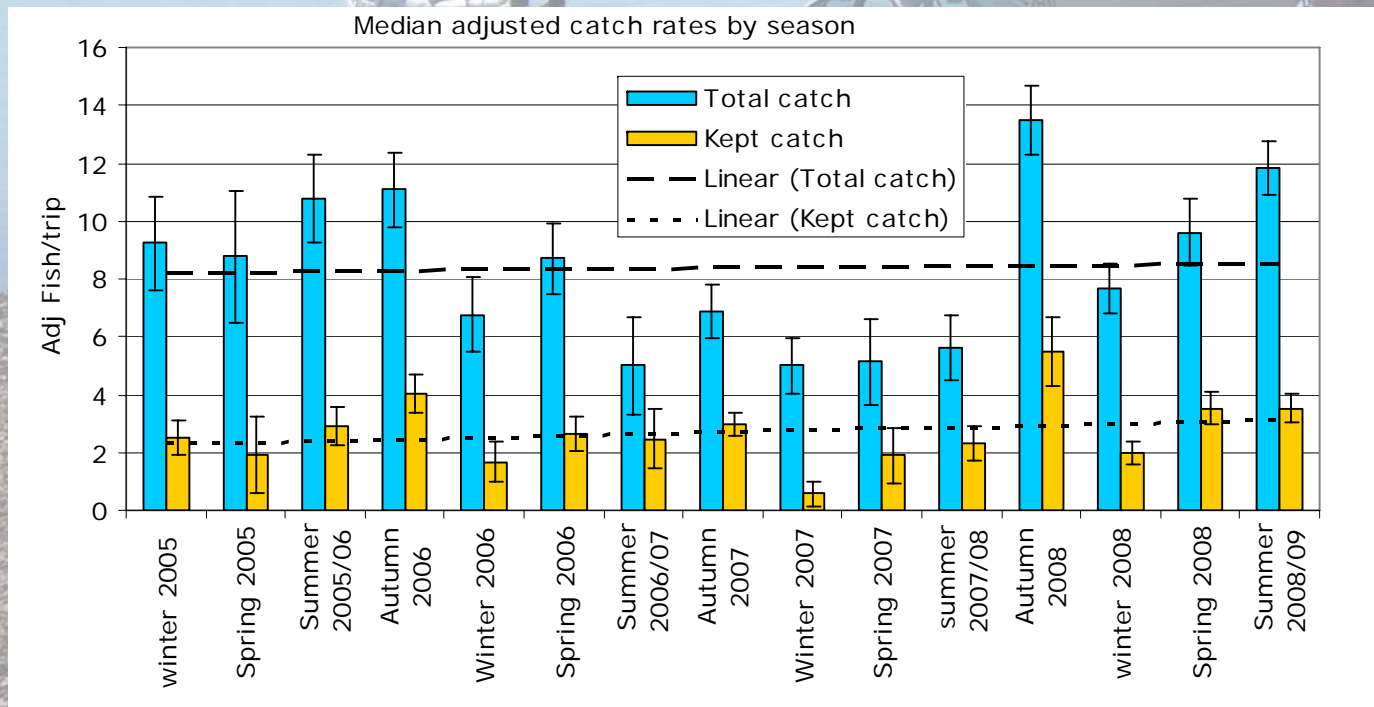
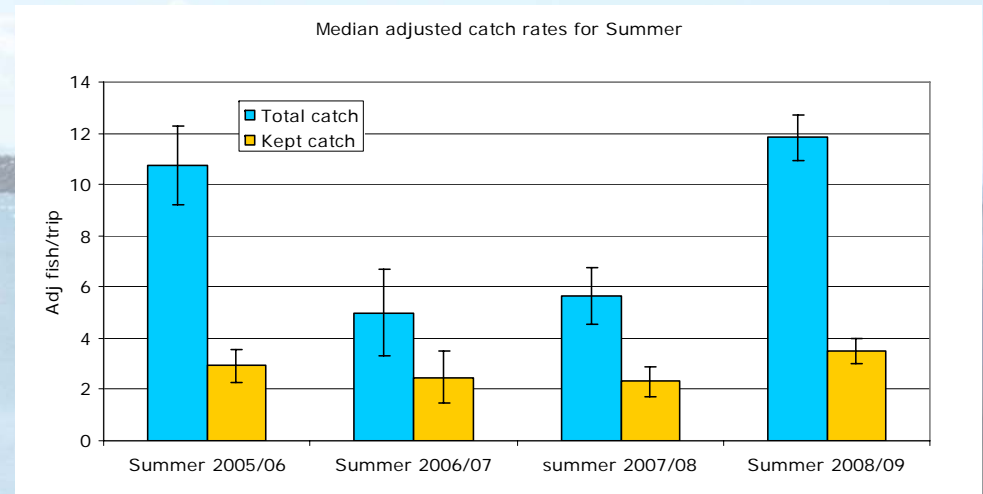
MONITORING RECREATIONAL FISH CATCH RATES OFFSHORE IN CENTRAL QUEENSLAND – SUMMER 2008-09 UPDATE



CapReef has been monitoring fish catch rates in Central Queensland since mid 2005 with details now available for over 12,500 trips.

Trends in catch rates can provide useful information on what is happening in local fisheries over time.

For offshore fishing there has been little change in catch rates when comparisons are made on a seasonal basis. Coastal flooding from the Fitzroy River and other rivers in early 2008 appears to have had a positive effect on catch rates.



Top right: Graph showing summer catch rates for each of the past 4 years

Left: Overall seasonal catch rates for total catch and fish kept

Detailed reports available from www.info-fish.net

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