**Table 1:** The *M. paradoxus* WC abundance series which were used for the analyses of Hake/P8. The Namibian survey abundance series was extracted from Figure 5 of Kathena *et al.* (2016).

| South African WC abundance data | | | | | | Namibian | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WC ICEAF | | WC commercial CPUE | | WC summer survey | | survey abundance | |
| 1955 | 17.31 | 1978 | 8.82 | 1985 | 168.99 | 1998 | 208.98 |
| 1956 | 15.64 | 1979 | 8.87 | 1986 | 202.33 | 1999 | 215.08 |
| 1957 | 16.47 | 1980 | 8.30 | 1987 | 284.43 | 2000 | 194.07 |
| 1958 | 16.26 | 1981 | 8.14 | 1988 | 138.53 | 2001 | 162.20 |
| 1959 | 16.26 | 1982 | 7.95 | 1990 | 307.62 | 2002 | 124.24 |
| 1960 | 17.31 | 1983 | 8.82 | 1991 | 331.18 | 2003 | 108.98 |
| 1961 | 12.09 | 1984 | 9.02 | 1992 | 225.76 | 2004 | 135.08 |
| 1962 | 14.18 | 1985 | 10.61 | 1993 | 340.08 | 2005 | 106.95 |
| 1963 | 13.97 | 1986 | 9.17 | 1994 | 333.50 | 2006 | 163.90 |
| 1964 | 14.6 | 1987 | 7.66 | 1995 | 317.10 | 2007 | 128.98 |
| 1965 | 10.84 | 1988 | 7.45 | 1996 | 474.27 | 2008 | 167.97 |
| 1966 | 10.63 | 1989 | 8.07 | 1997 | 543.62 | 2009 | 111.02 |
| 1967 | 10.01 | 1990 | 8.55 | 1999 | 542.83 | 2010 | 83.90 |
| 1968 | 10.01 | 1991 | 9.54 | 2002 | 251.82 | 2011 | 222.88 |
| 1969 | 8.62 | 1992 | 8.50 | 2003 | 386.32 | 2012 | 202.88 |
| 1970 | 7.23 | 1993 | 8.58 | 2004 | 271.54 | | |
| 1971 | 7.09 | 1994 | 9.18 | 2005 | 296.07 | | |
| 1972 | 4.9 | 1995 | 8.15 | 2006 | 316.25 | | |
| 1973 | 4.97 | 1996 | 8.97 | 2007 | 407.38 | | |
| 1974 | 4.65 | 1997 | 7.95 | 2008 | 238.14 | | |
| 1975 | 4.66 | 1998 | 9.04 | 2009 | 310.76 | | |
| 1976 | 5.35 | 1999 | 7.43 | 2010 | 576.85 | | |
| 1977 | 4.84 | 2000 | 6.69 | 2011 | 380.19 | | |
| | | 2001 | 5.37 | 2012 | 405.87 | | |
| | | 2002 | 5.25 | 2013 | 136.26 | | |
| | | 2003 | 6.04 | 2014 | 269.48 | | |
| | | 2004 | 4.95 | 2015 | 207.58 | | |
| | | 2005 | 4.82 | 2016 | 312.88 | | |
| | | 2006 | 5.09 | 2017 | 319.02 | | |
| | | 2007 | 6.19 | 2019 | 243.56 | | |
| | | 2008 | 6.79 | | | | |
| | | 2009 | 7.00 | | | | |
| | | 2010 | 7.81 | | | | |
| | | 2011 | 7.61 | | | | |
| | | 2012 | 6.63 | | | | |
| | | 2013 | 6.63 | | | | |
| | | 2014 | 6.71 | | | | |
| | | 2015 | 8.71 | | | | |
| | | 2016 | 8.78 | | | | |
| | | 2017 | 7.95 | | | | |
| | | 2018 | 6.98 | | | | |

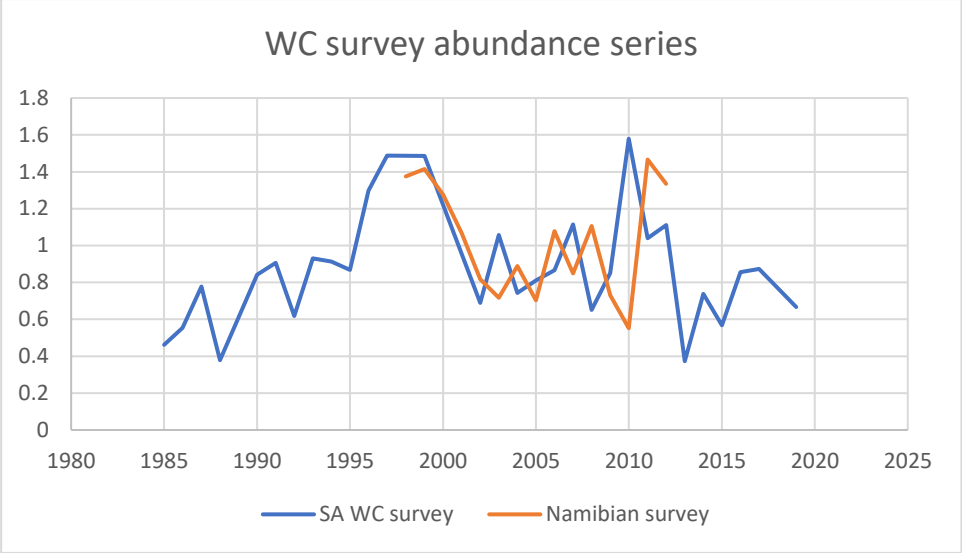


**Figure 1:** The West Coast survey abundance series from South Africa and Namibia superimposed onto each other. Each series has been normalised to the period of overlap (1999-2012).

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