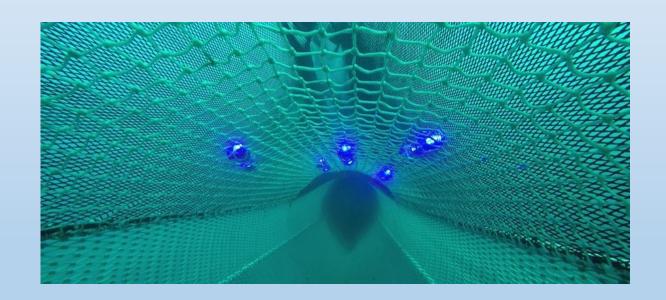
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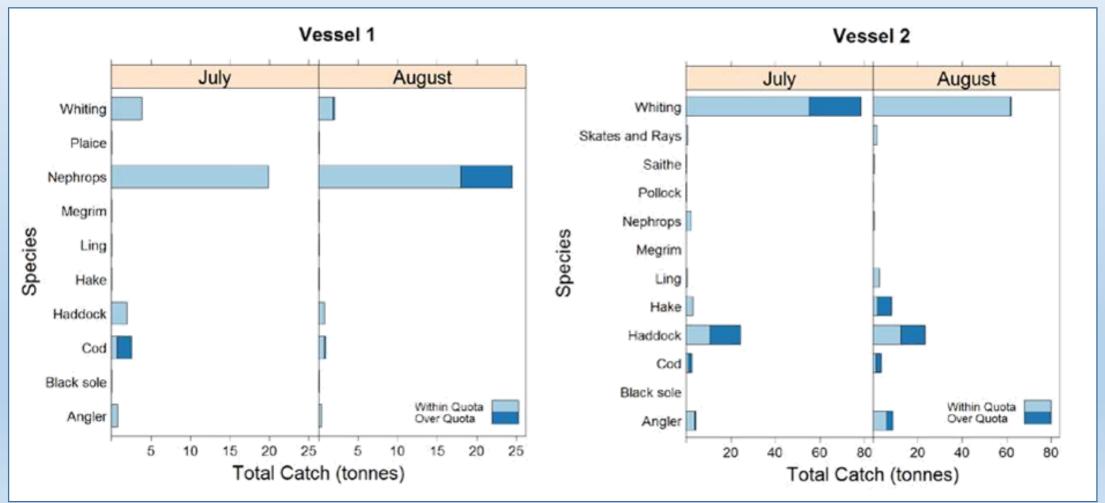


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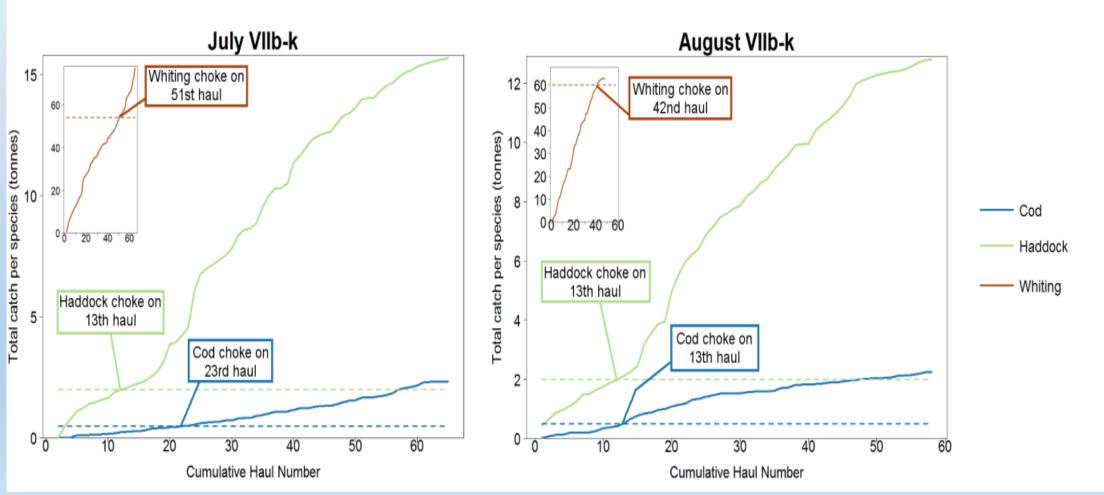






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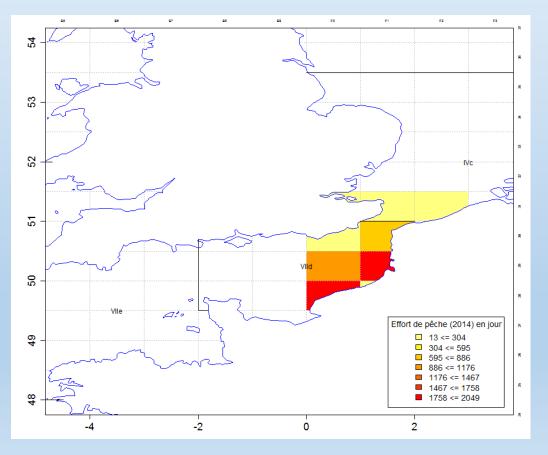




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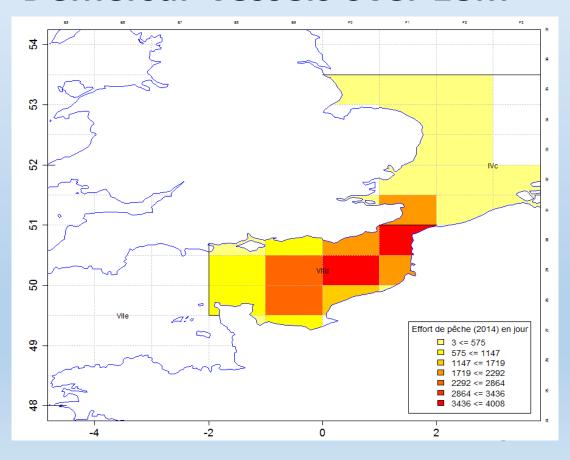
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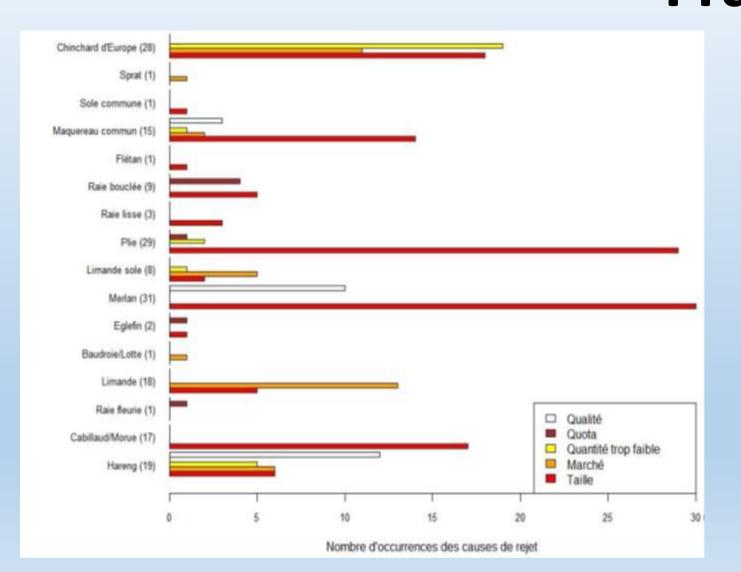


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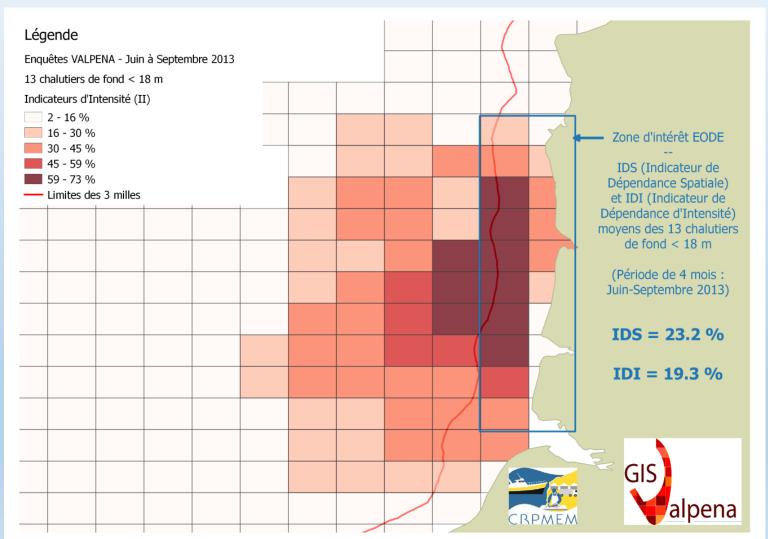




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Conclusions

- Some scope for the use of both more selective gear, and changes in behaviour, both locally, and in moving between management units, to reduce discards, and mitigate LO impacts of the LO on fishing viability.
- Fishers believed that these changes could make a difference
- BUT improvements were generally quite small.
- Good to work with fishers on both gear and behavioural based responses to the LO challenges
- The trials were all successful in terms of the level of collaboration, and in some of the outcomes, and this approach should continue