

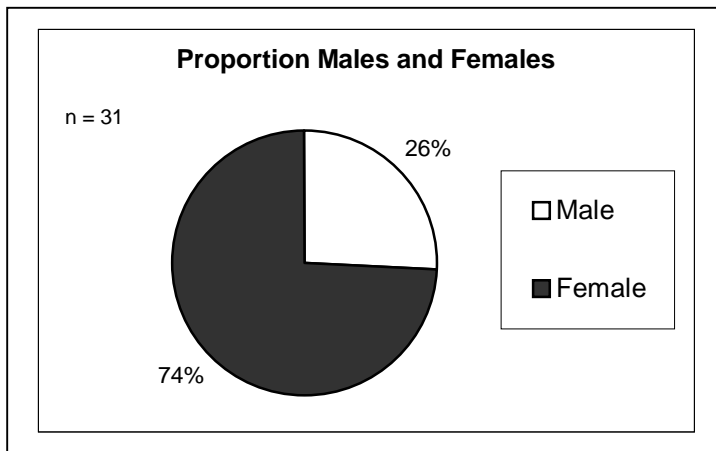


Solent Mantis Shrimp Survey

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-Summary of Results

- 41 mantis shrimps seen and recorded between October 2003 and February 2004, doubling previous records.
- Only 26% were males
- Largest was 82mm – smallest 41mm - no very small animals yet seen

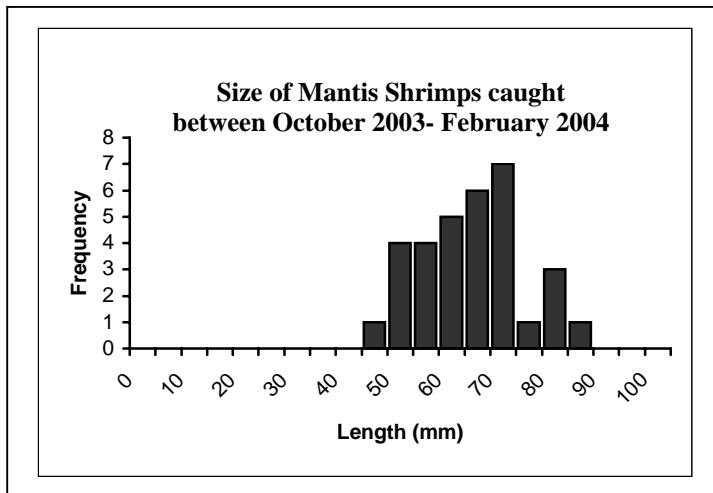


Records from October 2003 – February 2004 - shown on maps overleaf PTO

No animals were observed to be in breeding condition during this period.

More work is being carried out on gut contents of retained specimens.

- Most animals caught off Ryde and north east coast of Isle of Wight



It is hoped that the survey will be continued next season – *including a Bounty!* Look out for further information

A Big Thankyou to all fishermen who submitted records and information

**If you have any additional information on mantis shrimps then please send it to:
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