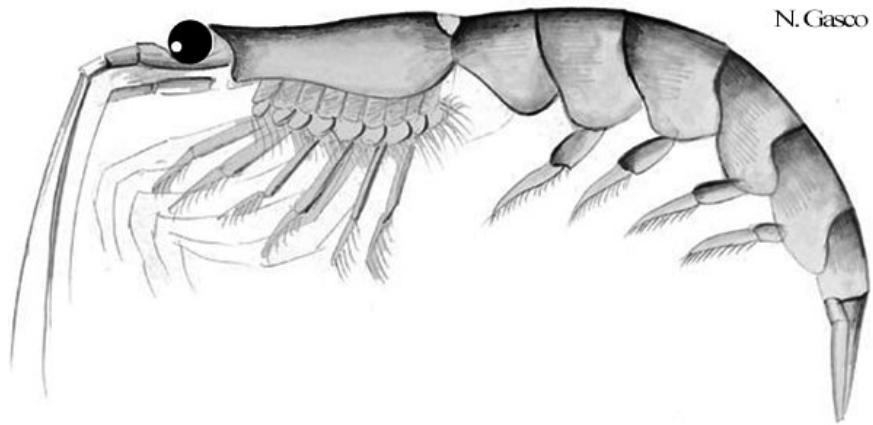


Species Description 2019: *Euphausia superba*

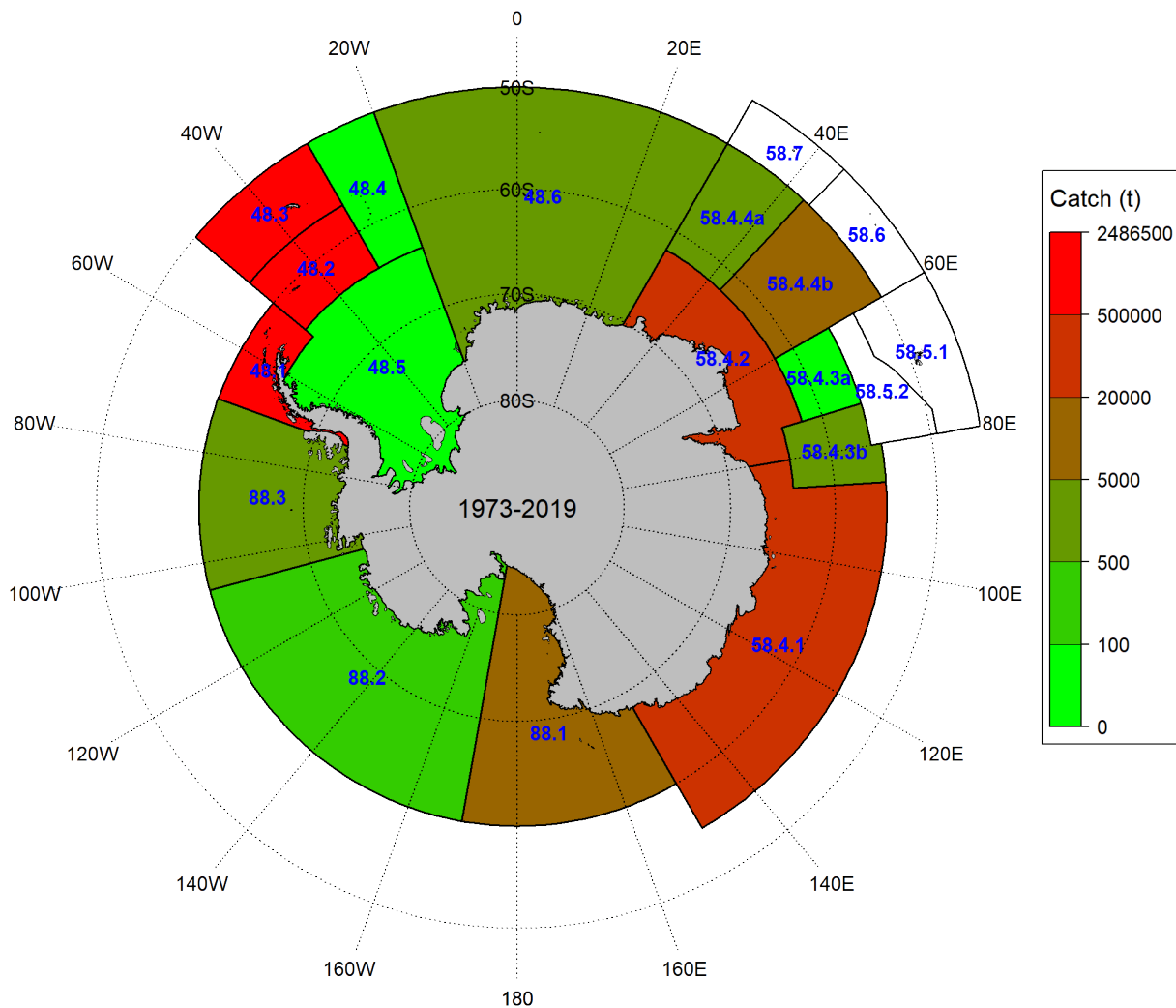
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Antarctic krill, *Euphausia superba* Dana, 1850.

Distribution of reported catch



Distribution of reported catch of *Euphausia superba* at the ASD scale.

Life-history

Krill are small crustaceans of the order *Euphausiacea*, and are found in all the world's oceans. In the Southern Ocean, one species, the Antarctic krill, *Euphausia superba*, has a biomass estimated to be between 60 and 420 million tonnes, with a current best estimate at around 379,000,000 tonnes (more than that of the global population of humans). Krill can live up to 8 years in aquariums but in the wild they probably live for 3 to 4 years, spawning occurs when they are 2 to 3 years old. Given the relatively short life-cycle and relatively high mortality rate of krill, variation in the level of recruitment is a major contributor to the inter-annual variability in the abundance of krill.

Relevant Conservation Measures

In addition to [Conservation Measures](#) that apply to all Areas and all Species, the following Conservation Measures apply:

Description	Species	Area	Conservation Measure
Notifications of intent to participate in a fishery for <i>Euphausia superba</i>	<i>Euphausia superba</i>	All Areas	CM 21-03
Data Reporting System for <i>Euphausia superba</i> Fisheries	<i>Euphausia superba</i>	All Areas	CM 23-06
Precautionary catch limitations on <i>Euphausia superba</i> in Statistical Subareas 48.1, 48.2, 48.3 and 48.4	<i>Euphausia superba</i>	Subarea 48.1, Subarea 48.2, Subarea 48.3, Subarea 48.4	CM 51-01
Precautionary Catch Limitation on <i>Euphausia superba</i> in Statistical Division 58.4.1	<i>Euphausia superba</i>	Division 58.4.1	CM 51-02
Precautionary Catch Limitation on <i>Euphausia superba</i> in Statistical Division 58.4.2	<i>Euphausia superba</i>	Division 58.4.2	CM 51-03
General measure for exploratory fisheries for <i>Euphausia superba</i> in the Convention Area in the 2018/19 season	<i>Euphausia superba</i>	All Areas	CM 51-04
General measure for scientific observation in fisheries for <i>Euphausia superba</i>	<i>Euphausia superba</i>	All Areas	CM 51-06
Interim distribution of the trigger level in the fishery for <i>Euphausia superba</i> in Statistical Subareas 48.1, 48.2, 48.3 and 48.4	<i>Euphausia superba</i>	Subarea 48.1, Subarea 48.2, Subarea 48.3, Subarea 48.4	CM 51-07

Additional Resources

- Fishery Summary: [pdf](#), [html](#)
- Fishery Report: [pdf](#), [html](#)
- Management approach: [pdf](#)
- [Fisheries Documents Browser](#)