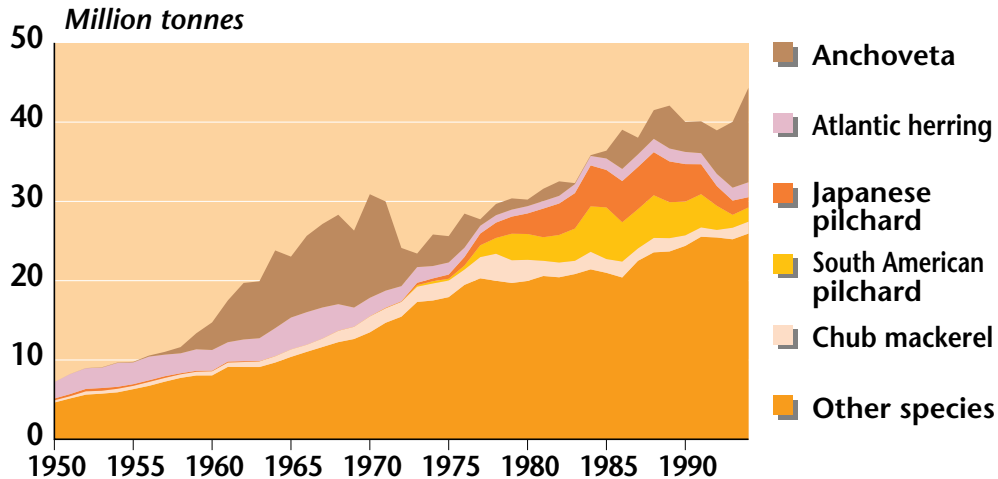


World catch of surface-dwelling open-sea (pelagic) fish, 1950-1995



Latest data reveal sharply increased pelagic fish landings, much of which results from a rebound in the catch of anchovies off the coast of South America. When anchovies and a few other highly fluctuating species are excluded, the data show a continuous increase in total landings of about 180 remaining pelagic species.