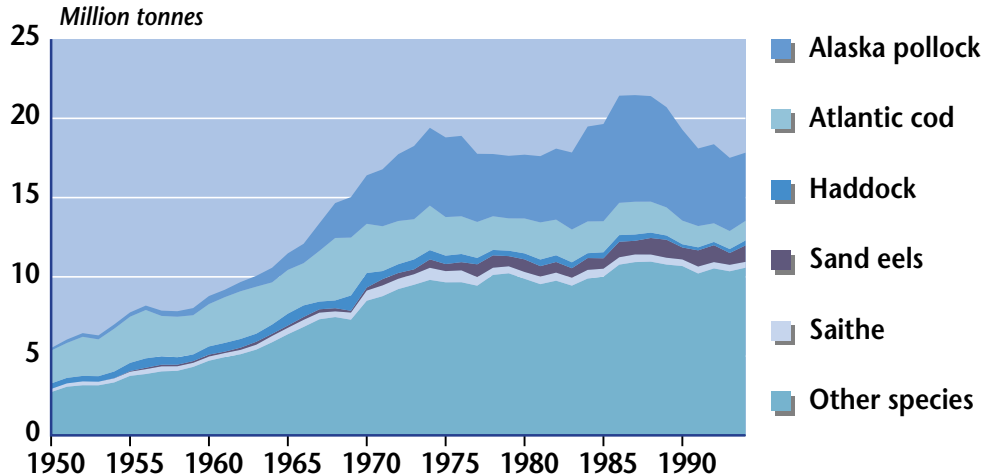


## World catch of bottom-dwelling open-sea (demersal) fish, 1950-1995



The global trend in demersal fish landings shows the impact of overfishing that has resulted in reduced catch of several major species, including the Atlantic cod, haddock, and Alaska pollock. When these species are excluded, data reveal that the demersal catch increased steadily up to the early 1970s when it levelled off and has remained stable since then.