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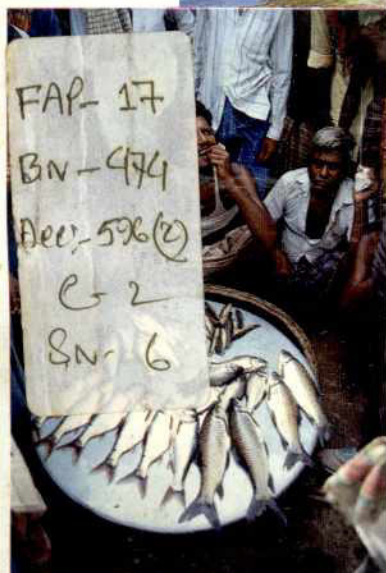
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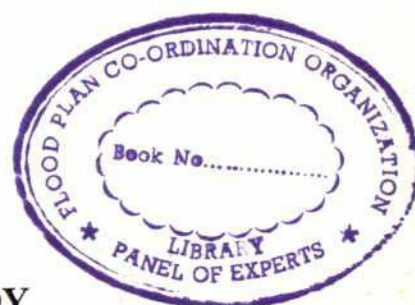
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## SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL FINDINGS

1. The peripheral embankment to be used in the Tangail CPP had no influence on flooding patterns on floodplain, beel and canal sites inside the CPP.

There was a delay in the first river flooding into beel and floodplains of about 2-3 weeks inside the CPP, but this was caused by natural siltation at the mouth of the Lohajang River.

2. The annual catch per unit length of the Lohajang River flowing through the CPP was higher (784 kg/km) than those of two adjacent rivers, the Pungli (598 kg/km) and the Northern Dhaleswari (438 kg/km) lying immediately outside the CPP, but the difference could not be validated statistically because of the lack of consistency in catch rate trends.
3. There was no statistically significant ( $p < 0.05$ ) difference between annual catches of canals inside (955 kg/km) and outside (1,042 kg/km) the CPP.
4. Floodplain catches were similar inside (57 kg/ha) and outside (60 kg/ha) the CPP. A baor-like beel inside the CPP produced a higher catch per unit area (550 kg/ha) than comparable beel outside it (404 kg/ha) but there was little difference between floodplain depression-type beel inside (123 kg/ha) and outside the CPP (108 kg/ha). Although fish productivity appeared slightly higher inside the CPP, the difference could not be tested statistically because of inconsistencies in catch rate trends of dominant gears.
5. Species richness, as measured by the total number of species recorded in the catch, was similar inside and outside the CPP and also between rivers, canals, floodplain and beel. Species numbers ranged from 79 to 92 between different habitats outside the CPP and from 84 to 90 between different habitats within it.
6. Species composition of floodplain and beel catches was almost identical inside and outside the CPP, while rivers and canals supported a higher proportion of migratory species outside the CPP compared with inside it. The majority of migratory species

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in canals comprised major carps which totalled 30% of the catch outside and 6% of the catch inside the CPP. Species dominating floodplain and beel catches comprised mainly floodplain residents (90 - 94%), whilst the few migratory species comprised the major carps rui, catla, mrigel and raik, the catfish, boal and the minnow, fulchela. This composition appeared typical of floodplains on the left bank of the Jamuna River and along the Dhaleswari-Kaliganga system.



## TANGAIL COMPARTMENTALIZATION PILOT PROJECT

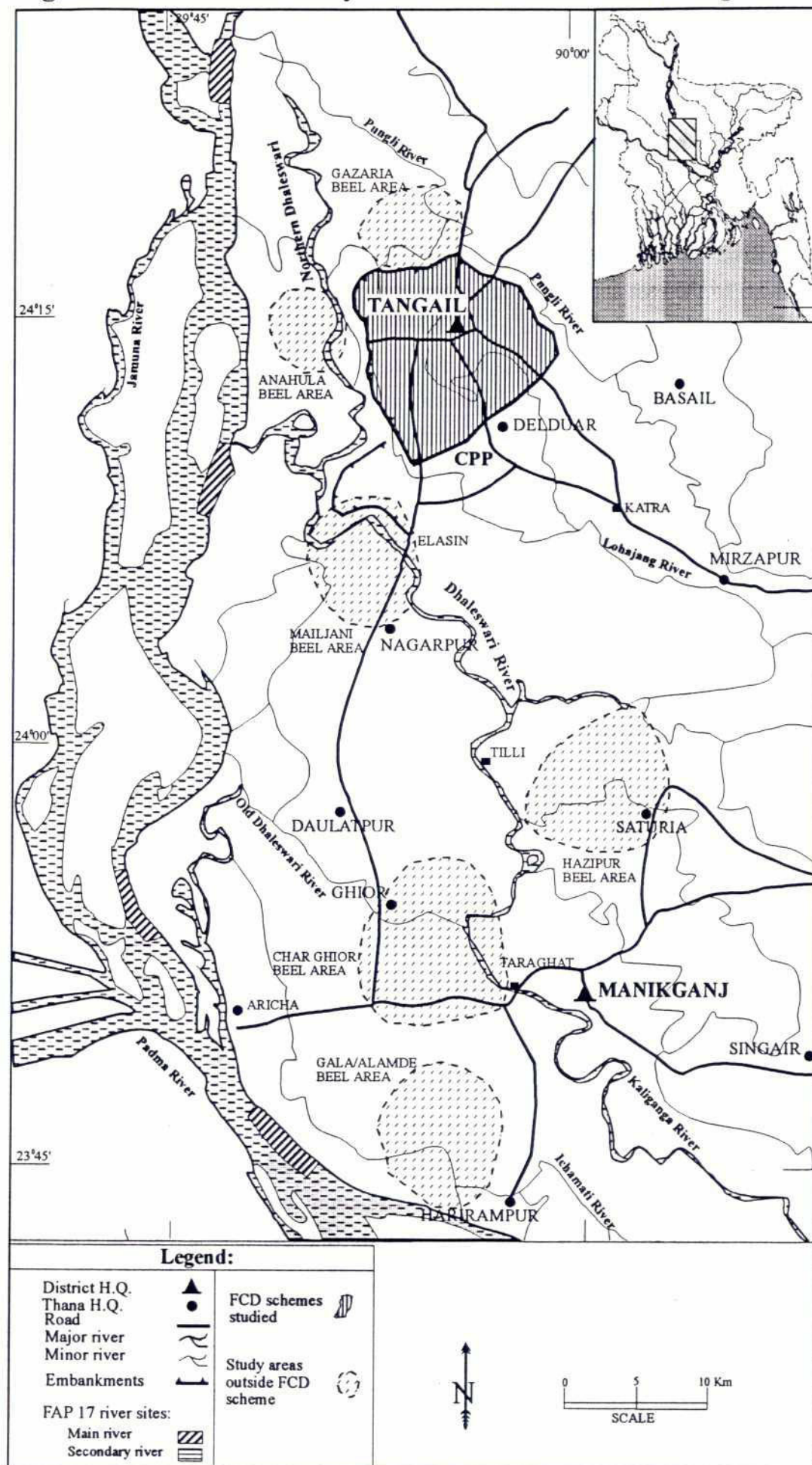
### 1. STUDY AREA: BACKGROUND

The Tangail Compartmentalization Pilot Project (CPP) is situated on the left bank of the Jamuna River surrounding Tangail town (Fig. 1.1). The CPP lies between the Northern Dhaleswari to the east and the Pungli River, an offtake of the Northern Dhaleswari, to the west. The project area is bisected by the Lohajang River, a second offtake of the Northern Dhaleswari. A third offtake, the Elanjani River, runs southwards along the western boundary of the project area. The CPP incorporates an older FCD scheme, the Silimpur-Karatia project, which comprises an embankment running along the western boundary of the horseshoe-shaped CPP (Fig. 1.1). The embankment was constructed by local people on a piecemeal basis in 1963 without professional planning. BWDB assumed responsibility for the scheme from 1975 onwards and installed four flushing inlets for irrigation purposes. In practice this objective was not achieved. The scheme was evaluated by FAP 12 (FCD/I Agricultural Study) as part of a series of Rapid Rural Appraisals. The general conclusion from this study was that the amount of water entering through the inlet gates was small, even in the relatively wet year of 1991, and that the land area targeted for flood protection flooded from the Lohajang to the east. In normal years, flooding was not regarded as a major problem to agriculture. To achieve flood control there would need to be regulation of the flow of the Lohajang and improved drainage to remove congestion by the creation of drainage structures.

The Compartmentalization Pilot Project (FAP 20) selected Tangail as one of its study areas. The boundary of the area, enclosing 13,765 ha, is formed by an embankment along the Elanjani and Northern Dhaleswari Rivers to the east (this is part of the former Silimpur-Karatia project), the Lohajang and Gala khal to the north and the Pungli River in the east. The southern boundary is formed by an earthen road between Silimpur and Karatia.

The FAP 20 CPP is viewed as a key component of the Flood Action Plan, to test the concept of compartmentalization in the field with the aim of achieving integrated water management through controlled flooding. The principal structural work to be completed by FAP 20 involves the installation of a major regulator on the Lohajang River and the control of internal drainage by excavation, sills and sluice gates.

Figure 1.1 Location of study areas in the North Central Region





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FAP 17 selected the CPP for study to provide the following:

- a. An investigation of the impact of partial flood control on fisheries.
- b. Evaluation of methods for the assessment of capture fisheries in an area where detailed hydrological and sociological data were already available and where an improved MIKE 11 flood simulation model was being developed.
- c. Baseline data collected during the pre-implementation phase of a key FAP initiative which could be used in future assessments of the impact of the project on capture fisheries.

During the study, FAP 17 worked in close collaboration with FAP 20 on studies of the movements of fish hatchlings in rivers (Supporting Volume 11).



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## 2. SAMPLING SITES

Rivers, canals, floodplains and beel were sampled inside and outside the CPP at fortnightly intervals for a total of 19 months from August 1992 to February 1994 inclusive. Detailed information on catch by species and fishing effort of different types of gears was collected at each site following the methods previously outlined in the FAP 17 Inception and Interim Reports.

Two beel were sampled within the CPP : Atia (site 15) and Indrabelta (site 11), lying to the south and east of Tangail town respectively (Fig. 2.1). A floodplain area adjacent to Atia beel was also sampled (site 14), but at Indrabelta a large area of floodplain was included in the area of site 11 (Table 2.1).

The beel selected represent two types which commonly occur along the left bank of the Jamuna River and along the Dhaleswari River system. Atia beel (site 15) is a small baor-type beel formed from an old river which has long since changed course, leaving a series of disconnected beel of which Atia is one. Indrabelta beel (site 11) is a true depression-type beel which would be more seasonal in nature were it not for the limited area of brickwork excavations which serve the same function as a small perennial beel. The depression-type beel differ hydrologically from the baor type because they are physically more closely associated with the floodplain immediately surrounding them, onto which they overspill during the pre-monsoon and from which they concentrate floodwaters and fish during the drawdown. The baor-type beel do not possess such close association with their floodplains but instead tend to drain rainfall runoff and receive river floodwater via canal links to adjacent rivers, overspilling their banks only in times of higher floods.

Each type of beel inside the CPP was paired with an equivalent outside it: Atia with Mailjani beel (site 19) to the south of the CPP and on the right bank of the Dhaleswari River and Indrabelta with Gazaria (site 05) and Tepi beel immediately to the north of the CPP (Fig. 2.1). A second baor-type beel, Anahula beel, was selected for comparison with Atia beel, because this beel directly connected with the Northern Dhaleswari through Anahula khal. However, the elevations of the floodplain surrounding this beel were somewhat higher than those of Atia.

Figure 2.1 Location of sampling sites inside and outside the Tangail CPP

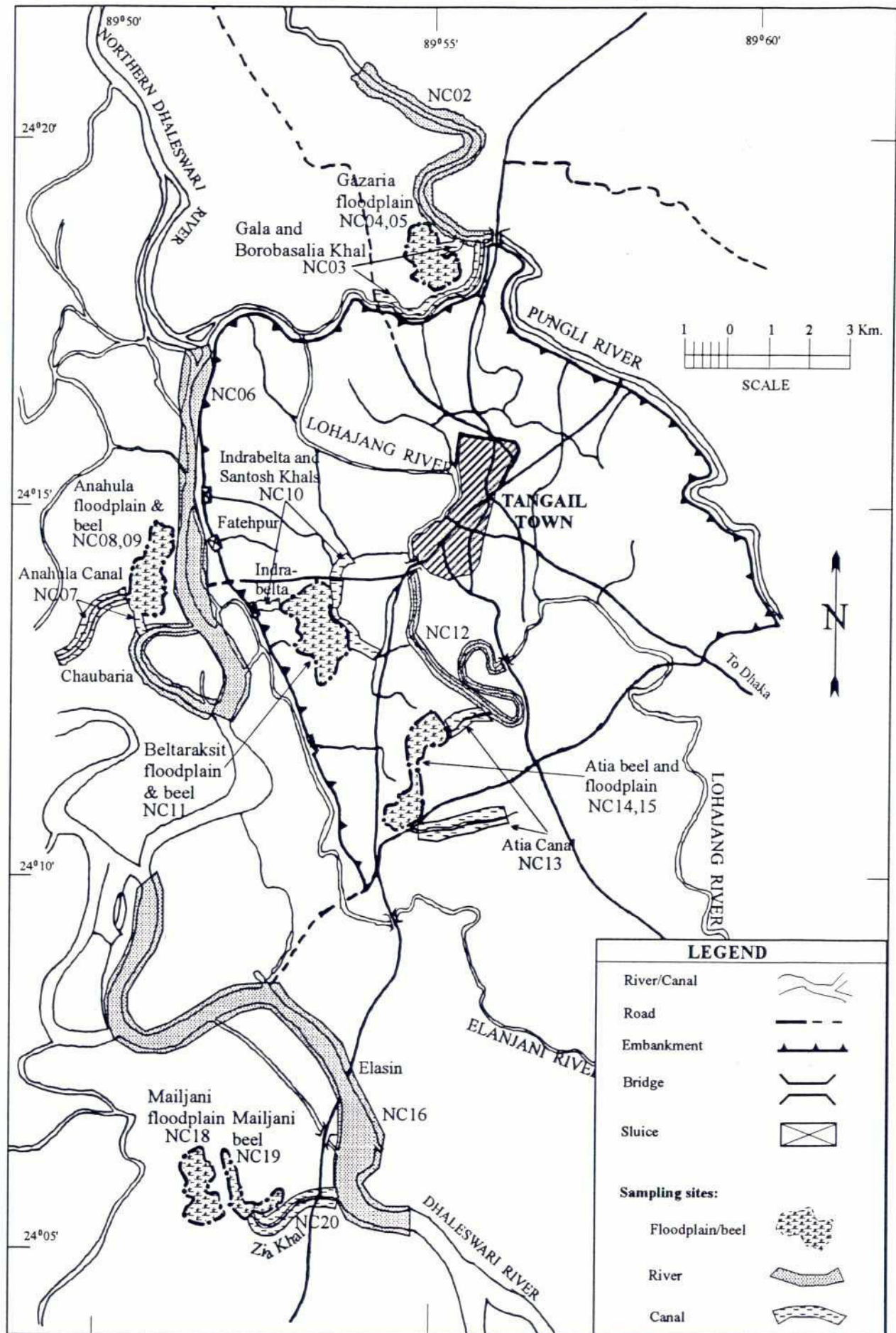




Table 2.1 Description of sampling sites inside and outside the Tangail CPP

Site Code	Site Name	Habitat	In/Out CPP	Size	
				Area (ha)	Length (Km)
NC 12	Lohajang River	Secondary River	I		9.80
NC 02	Pungli River	Secondary River	O		7.45
NC 06	Northern Dhaleswari River	Secondary River	O		16.05
NC 10	Indrabelta and Santosh Khals	Canal	I		5.64
NC 13	Deojan and Atia Khals	Canal	I		3.62
NC 03	Gala & Borobasalia Khals	Canal	O		4.87
NC 07	Anahula Khal	Canal	O		4.78
NC 17	Zia Khal	Canal	O		4.41
NC 11	Beltaraksit Floodplain	Floodplain	I	1.8470	
NC 14	Atia/Kumuria Floodplains	Floodplain	I	1.9890	
NC 15	Atia Beel	Beel	I	0.1790	
NC 04/05	Gazaria Floodplain/Beel	Floodplain	O	1.2350	
NC 08	Anahula Floodplain	Floodplain	O	0.7730	
NC 09	Anahula Beel	Beel	O	0.1440	
NC 18	Mailjani Floodplain	Floodplain	O	1.1890	
NC 19	Mailjani Beel	Beel	O	0.1790	

The total floodplain/beel area sampled within the CPP was 402 ha. A control area of 352 ha was sampled outside the CPP, at sites in Gazaria beel and floodplain (sites 4 and 5) immediately to the north, Anahula beel and floodplain (sites 8 and 9) to the east across the Northern Dhaleswari, and Mailjani beel and floodplain (sites 18 and 19) to the south across the Dhaleswari River.

Canals linking each floodplain/beel with adjacent rivers were sampled inside and outside the CPP (Fig. 2.1). Inside the scheme the canals included Santosh khal (site 10) draining Indrabelta floodplain and leading indirectly to the Lohajang River and Deojan and Atia khal (site 13) draining Atia beel and again connecting with the Lohajang River. Outside the scheme Gala and Borobasalia khal (site 03) on Gazaria floodplain/beel, linked with the Pungli and Lohajang Rivers respectively, were sampled. Anahula khal (site 07) connected the beel

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with the Northern Dhaleswari, and Zia khal (site 17) linked Mailjani beel to the main Dhaleswari River. A total of 9.26 km of canal was sampled inside the CPP, and 14.06 km outside.

Three rivers were sampled : 9.80 km of the Lohajang (site 12) inside the CPP, and 7.45 km of the Pungli (site 02) and 16.05 km of the Northern Dhaleswari (site 06) outside it (Fig. 2.1).



### 3. HYDROLOGY

#### 3.1 Outside the CPP

Pre-monsoon rainfall resulted in the gradual water-logging of floodplains during April and May 1993. In May, canals linking floodplains and beel with rivers made their first hydraulic connection as a result of this rainfall running off into the rivers. During early May the Northern Dhaleswari filled with rainfall runoff and fully connected with its ox-bow like loops, one of which was included in the sampled site No. 06. About two weeks later, in mid-May, the Pungli River was transformed by rainfall runoff from its winter condition of a series of disconnected pools into a continuously flowing system.

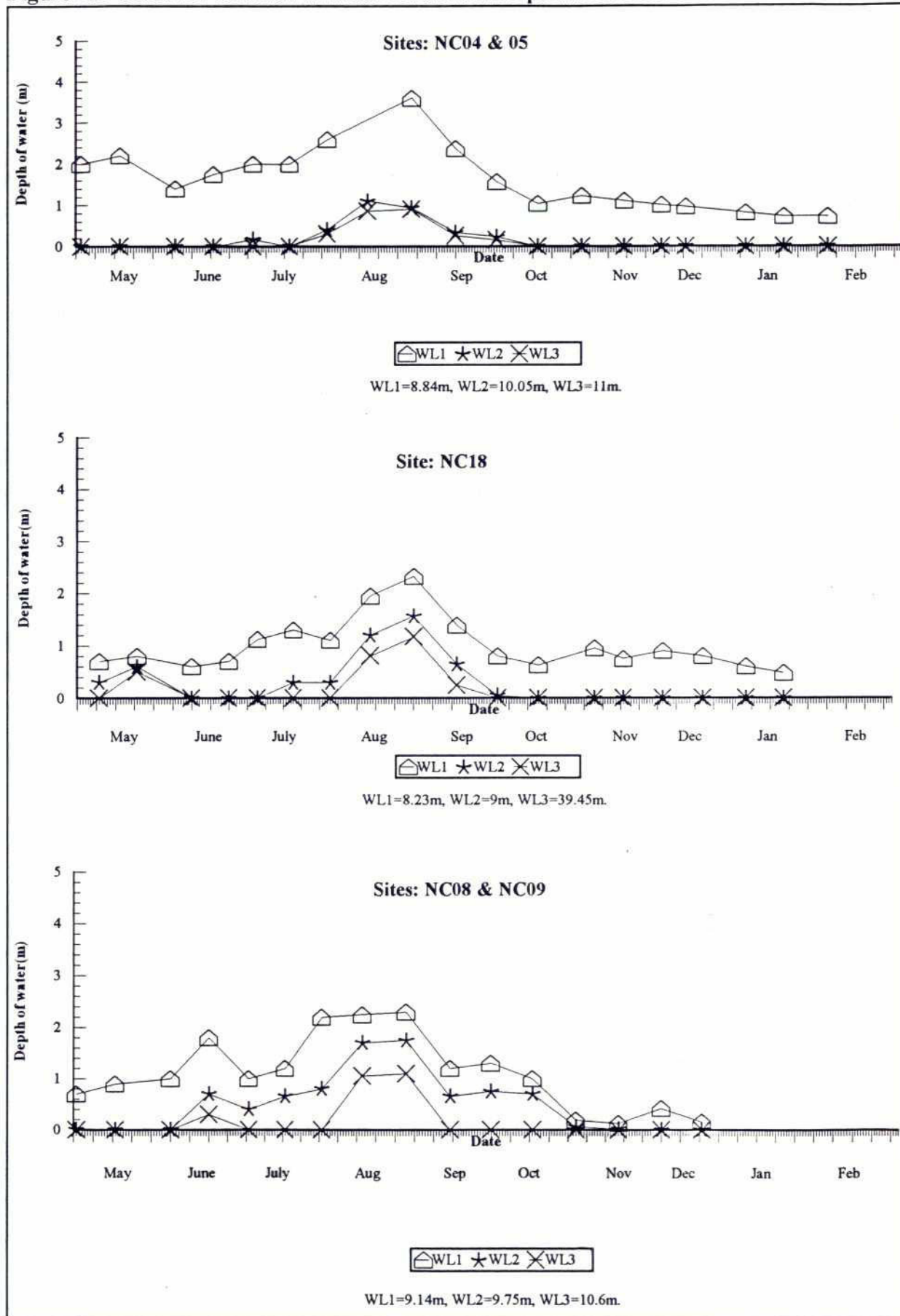
Rainfall runoff continued to enter rivers from the floodplains until the end of the first week in June. By mid-June hydraulic connections were made between the Jamuna River, Northern Dhaleswari and Pungli River and rising river levels reversed most flows in connecting canals which then began to deliver river floodwaters to beel and floodplains. Continued rises in river levels and heavy prevailing rainfall caused increased flooding of floodplains during July and August, reaching a peak in early September. After that water levels dropped sharply at all sampling sites (Fig. 3.1). At sites of higher elevation (Figs. 3.1 and 3.2) floodplains dried out quickly during September, but most retained water until mid-October, after which only a few scattered small depressions held water on the floodplains. Flood depths obviously varied with land height, but over much of the area sampled depths ranged from 0.5m to 1.5m for between 2 and 3 months.

#### 3.2 Inside the CPP

Pre-monsoon flooding by rainfall followed a similar pattern to that outside the CPP. Floodplains were inundated during May and rainfall runoff entered the Lohajang River via connecting canals. In mid-May the Lohajang was transformed from a series of isolated pools to a continuously flowing river by rainfall runoff. It made its first hydraulic connection with the Northern Dhaleswari on the 12 June, about 2 weeks earlier than in the previous dry year of 1992 when it connected on the 29 June.

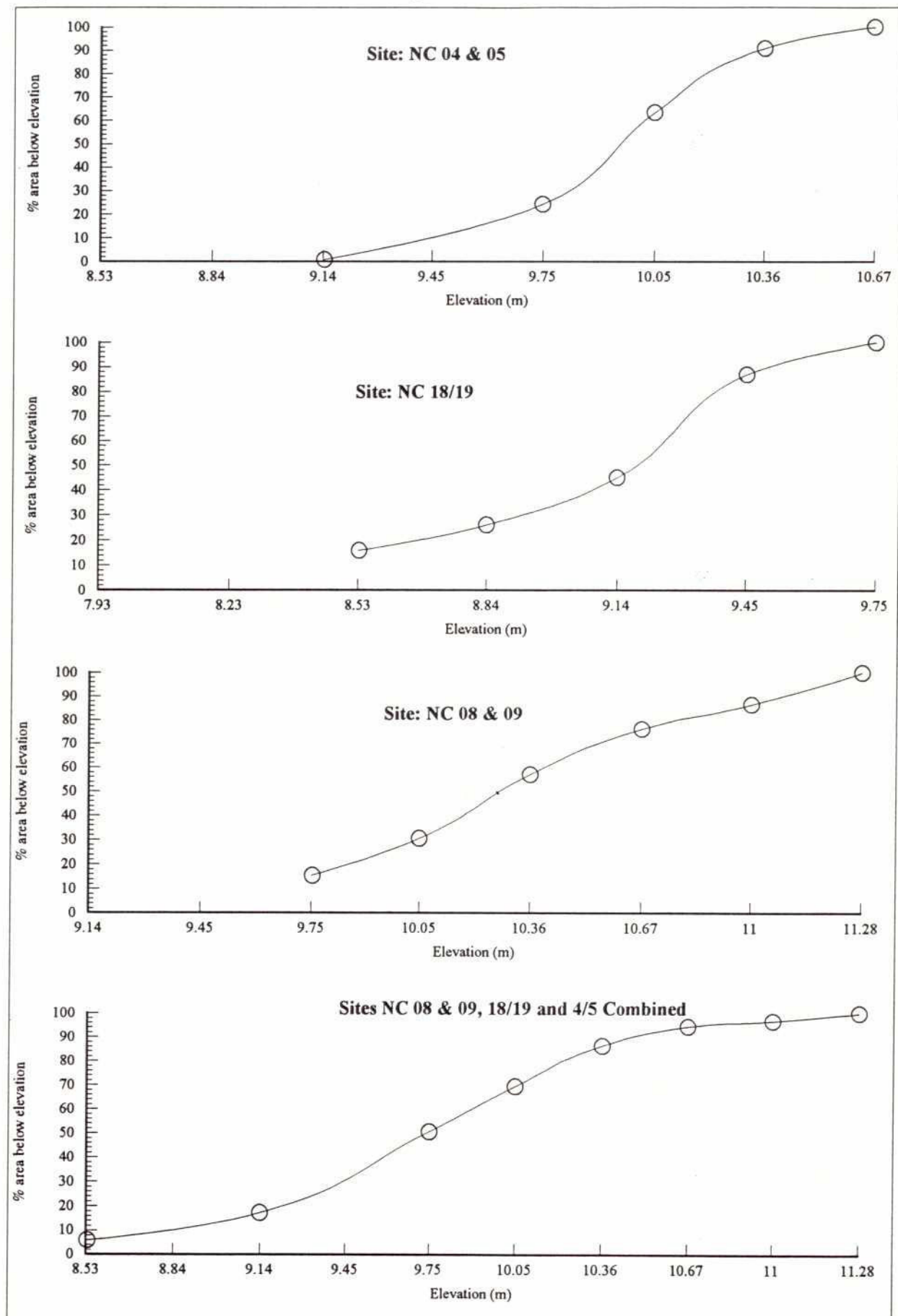
The first floodwater from the Lohajang was delivered to floodplain and beel about 2 weeks later than the Pungli and Northern Dhaleswari waters. Flow reversal in Deojan khal feeding Atia beel and Kumuria floodplain was not observed until the fisheries survey on 11 July, but

Figure 3.1 Seasonal variation in water levels at floodplain/beel sites outside the CPP



WL = Positions of depth measurements

Figure 3.2 Area elevation curve of floodplain/beel sites outside the CPP

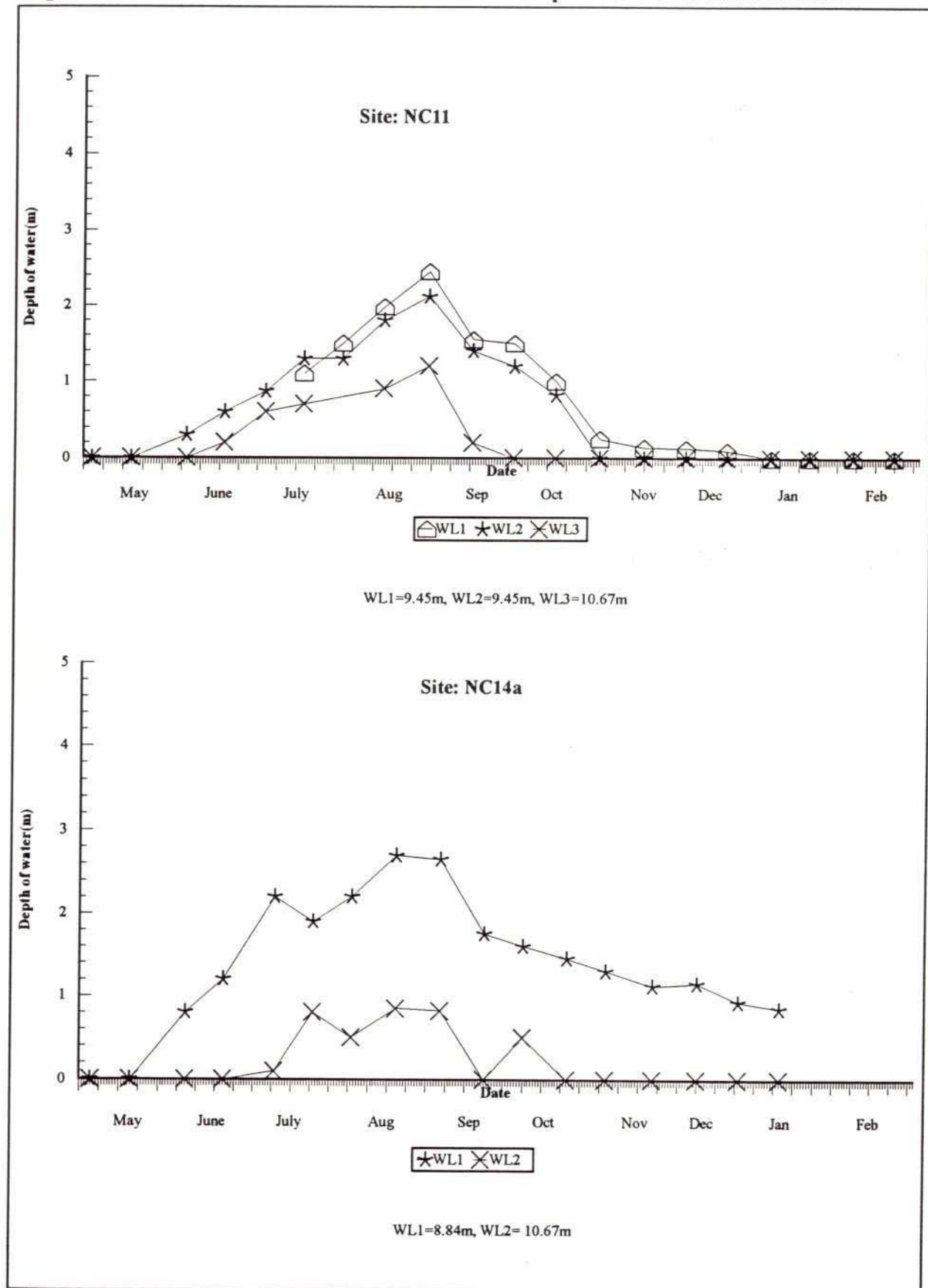


first connection may have occurred a week earlier.

Flooding patterns inside the CPP followed those seen outside (Fig. 3.3). Water levels increased during July and August to a peak in early September, after which they decreased rapidly during the drawdown. Floodplains dried out completely, depending on land height (Fig. 3.4) between the first weeks of October and November, suggesting a slightly longer water retention period than outside floodplains. Flood depths varied from 0.5 m to 2.5 m over about the same period of inundation as sites outside the CPP.

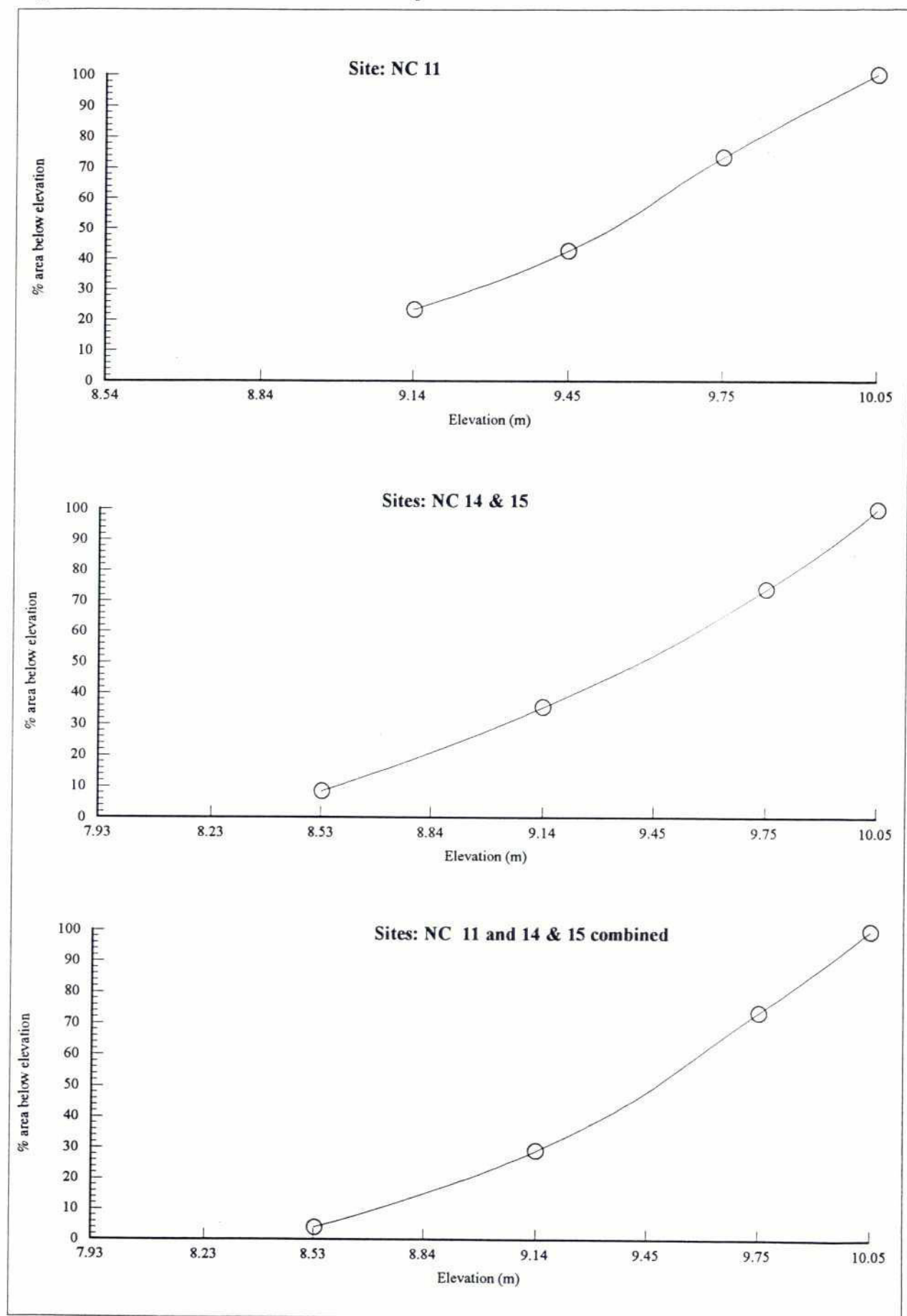


**Figure 3.3 Seasonal variation in water levels at floodplain/beel sites inside the CPP**



WL = Positions of depth measurements

**Figure 3.4 Area elevation curve of floodplain/beel sites inside the CPP**



## 4. RIVER FISHERIES

### 4.1 Total Catch

#### 4.1.1 Pattern of catch

The collection of catch data for the period of 19 months from August 1992 to February 1994 provided the opportunity to examine changing patterns of catch through two full flood drawdown periods. All three rivers exhibited the same rapid increase in catch coinciding with the drawdown period each year (Fig. 4.1). The Northern Dhaleswari, being the largest of the three rivers, tended to retain water longer during the drawdown and dry season resulting in a slightly extended period of increased catches compared to the other rivers. The Pungli River, although hydrologically very similar to the Lohajang, showed differences in its pattern of catch during the pre-monsoon period (April - May). Heavy runoff from rainfall during April 1993 increased water levels in the series of disconnected pools which remained in the Pungli and Lohajang Rivers. Later, in May, these connected to form a continuous flow of water which resulted in significant increases in catches in the Pungli but, for reasons unknown, not in the Lohajang (Fig. 4.1).

#### 4.1.2 Size of catch

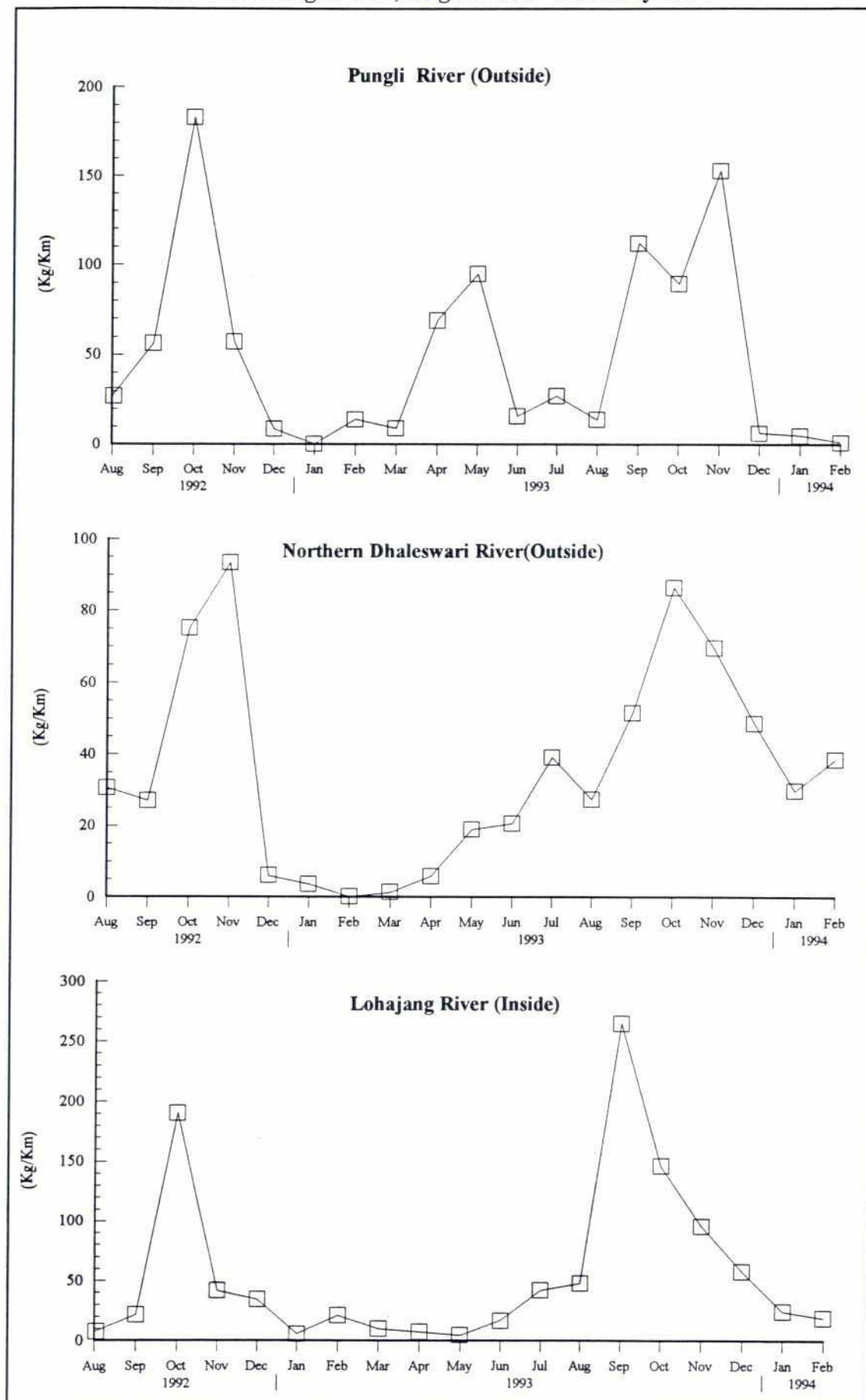
The highest catches per unit length of river were recorded at the inside sites on the Lohajang River (Table 4.1). However, as will be demonstrated in the following section, there was no statistical evidence on which to base differences in catch between rivers inside and outside the CPP.

The lowest catch/km was recorded in the Northern Dhaleswari, the largest and most perennial in water of the three rivers. A similar pattern was found in the Southwest Region, where catches per unit length of seasonal rivers greatly exceeded those of neighbouring perennial rivers (Supporting Volume 2). The difference can be attributed to the increased "catchability" of fish populations trapped in disconnected pools during the drawdown in seasonal rivers. Very heavy fishing effort is concentrated on these isolated stocks.

The survey period of 19 months, from August 1992 to February 1994, provides an opportunity to examine inter-annual changes in total fish catch through two full flood drawdown periods. Peak catches in outside rivers were slightly higher in 1992 than in 1993.

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**Figure 4.1 Seasonal variation in catch per unit length (Kg/Km) of rivers inside and outside the Tangail CPP, August 1992 - February 1994**





**Table 4.1 Comparison of the annual Catch per Unit Length of Rivers Inside and Outside the Tangail CPP.**

Site	Name	Inside/Outside	Annual Catch March 1993 - Feb 1994 (kg/km)	Total Sampled Catch Aug 1992 - Feb 1994 (kg/km)
12	Lohajang	Inside	784	1,107
02	Pungli	Outside	598	945
06	Northern Dhaleswari	Outside	438	674
All rivers sampled in NCR		-	1,060	1,554

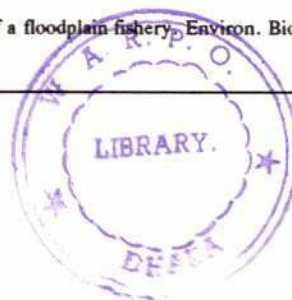
However, this masks the real difference between years, which is clearly revealed in Table 4.2 and Fig. 4.2. Comparison of the total catch over comparable time periods in the different hydrological years revealed a consistent and substantial increase in the 1993 - 1994 catch compared with the 1992 - 1993 catch. In rivers outside the CPP this overall increase in catch was greater despite high peak catches in 1992. Combining data from all rivers sampled in the NCR, including those not associated directly with the CPP study, an increase in catch of 77% was observed. This can be explained partly in hydrological terms. 1992 - 1993 was a particularly dry year compared with the following year and, given the relationship between flood extent and floodplain fish production demonstrated elsewhere in the world (Welcomme and Hagborg, 1977)<sup>1</sup> it is likely that such differences in magnitude, extent and duration of the flood between years was responsible for differences in catch.

Another factor which may have been influential in determining fish densities and thus catches between years was the occurrence of epizootic fish disease. The disease arrived only recently in Bangladesh (it was first seen in 1988), and outbreaks of it occur irregularly from year to year. The disease was much more severe in 1992 than in 1993. However, since the first serious disease outbreak occurred in mid-November 1992, after the bulk of the catch had already been taken, it is unlikely to have had a major influence on the comparisons of catches made in Table 4.2.

Higher catches observed in 1993/94 were largely a function of increased catch rates of dominant gears (Fig. 4.3). The only gears for which a noticeable increase in fishing effort was observed in 1993/94 were veshal and hooks. For other dominant gears (ber jal, jhaki jal,

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**Figure 4.2 Seasonal variation in catch per unit length (kg/km) of all rivers sampled in the North Central Region, August 1992 - February 1994**

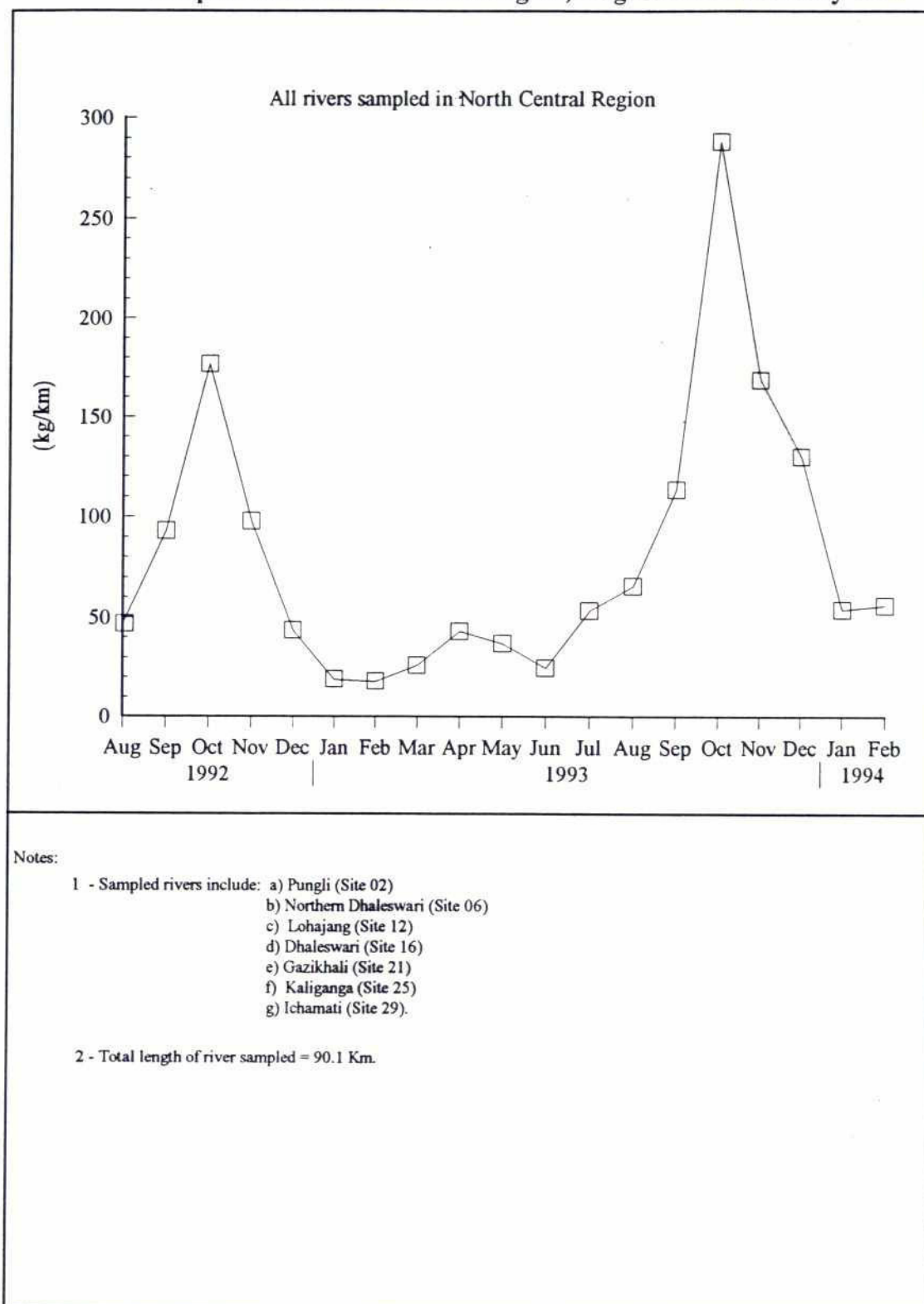


Figure 4.3 Inter-annual variation in total monthly fishing effort and catch rate (CPUE) of dominant gears: all rivers sampled in NCR, August 1992 - February 1994

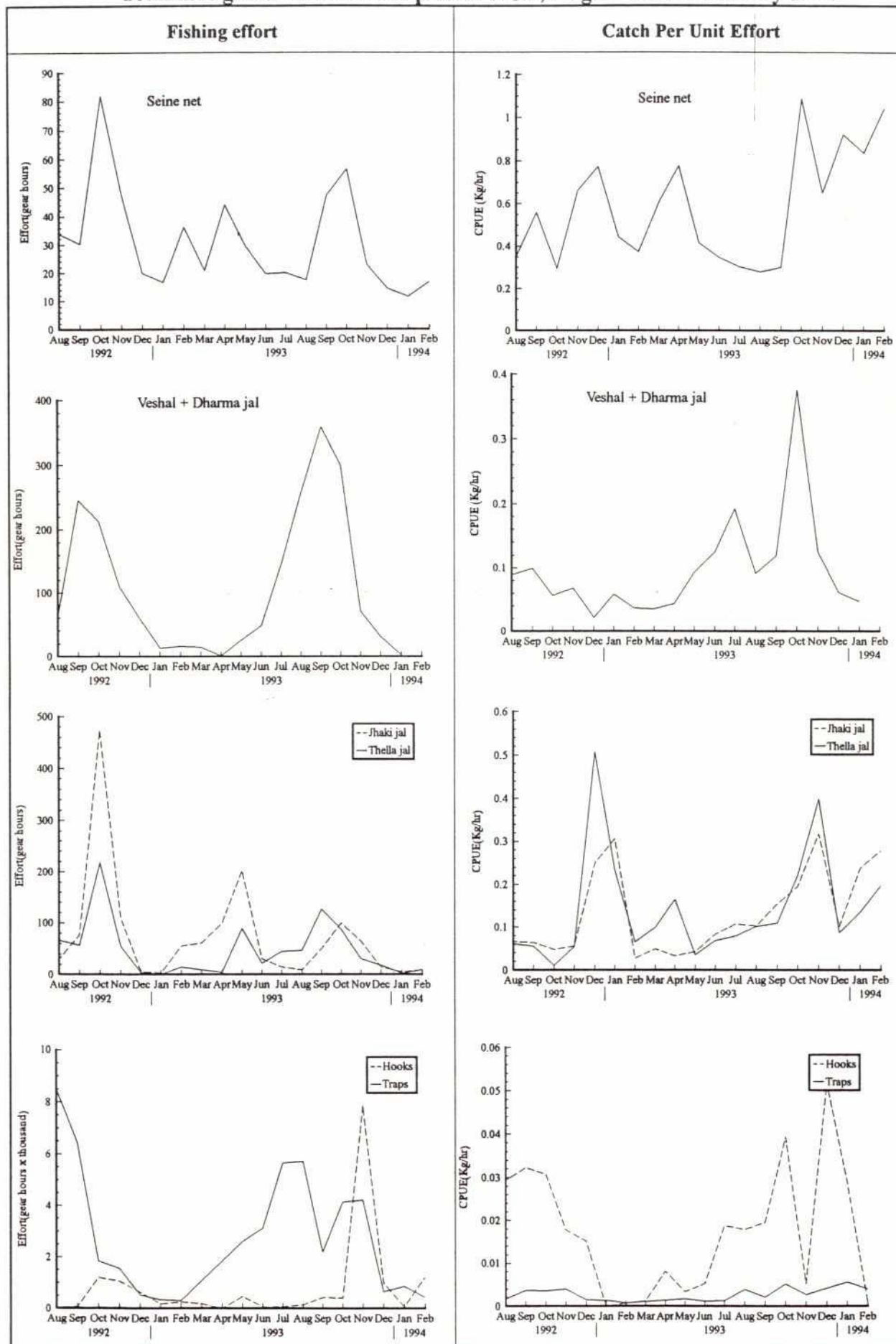




Table 4.2 Comparison of the Total Catch (kg/km) from Rivers Inside and Outside the Tangail CPP between Different Years.

		Aug 1992 - Feb 1993	Aug 1993 - Feb 1994	Percentage Increase
Inside	-	323	657	103
Outside	(N. Dhaleswari)	236	674	185
	Pungli	347	945	175
All rivers sampled in NCR		494	876	77

traps and thella jal), there was little difference in effort between years. Catch rates of ber jal, veshal, jhaki jal and thella jal were higher during 1993/94 compared to the previous year, but little change was seen in the catch rates of traps and hooks.

The increase in catch rates of several dominant gears indicate higher overall fish densities during 1993/94 compared to 1992/93.

## 4.2 Pattern of Fishing

### 4.2.1 Catch by gear

Details of the percentage of the total catch taken by each gear sampled on rivers inside and outside the CPP are presented in Tables 4.3 and 4.4. Data for the Northern Dhaleswari and Pungli Rivers were combined together in these tables, but a summarised list of dominant gears is presented separately for each river in Table 4.5. In all three rivers about the same number of different types of fishing gear were found, and the majority of the total catch was captured by small-scale gears frequently used by subsistence or part-time fishermen. These common gears included sip (hand lines), jhaki jal and thella jal. Inside the CPP, on the Lohajang River, the small lift net, dharma jal and doiar traps captured a greater proportion of the catch than in other rivers. This can be explained by the greater density of houses along the banks of the Lohajang, from which the dharma jal and traps operate at subsistence level. Katha fishing was only important in the Northern Dhaleswari, the largest of the three rivers with a greater water retention during the dry season when katha predominate. The moi jal (drag net) also captured a greater part of the total catch in this river, possibly because of the greater area of gently sloping banks which favours the use of this gear.



Table 4.3 Percentage total monthly catch by gear type: Lohajang river

Gear Code	Gear name(Bengali)	Year: 1992												Year: 1993												Year: 1994				Total annual catch (Mar'93 - Feb'94)	
		Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Kg	%									
30	Sip	14.780	-	71.721	71.534	34.264	1.165	0.161	5.906	-	-	8.604	6.302	44.804	19.039	37.294	15.481	0.472	0.321	-	-	1436.194	19.833								
105	Dharma jal	2.949	7.428	6.277	2.156	7.450	24.122	13.799	26.693	-	23.702	39.440	0.736	18.458	26.488	11.064	4.660	16.314	3.920	-	-	1185.417	16.370								
95	Doiar trap	31.576	7.992	1.493	10.209	7.029	74.713	2.210	-	-	9.234	18.299	26.072	15.586	2.283	5.413	25.687	35.204	74.864	9.121	-	991.914	13.698								
164	Jhaki jal	4.829	68.473	18.130	10.475	7.747	-	31.162	11.043	63.713	61.376	24.919	8.314	8.894	13.230	18.550	10.877	4.590	9.065	11.562	-	987.618	13.638								
255	Thella jal	45.867	9.145	2.378	4.610	43.510	-	35.524	4.716	3.035	1.908	7.949	1.135	3.587	15.140	11.997	1.608	7.528	-	-	-	681.869	9.416								
271	Suti jal	-	6.962	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.790	57.441	8.672	11.723	-	-	-	-	-	-	583.775	8.062								
45	Ber jal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.784	-	-	-	-	-	11.544	-	-	-	-	-	-	343.079	4.738								
270	Katha	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.667	24.759	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28.921	-	-	-	298.140	4.117								
152	Tana Barshi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23.819	6.655	-	-	-	262.004	3.618								
307	Hand fishing	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.144	22.191	6.709	-	-	-	-	-	5.942	8.537	-	-	-	-	192.411	2.657								
266	Veshal	-	-	-	1.016	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.413	8.242	1.499	-	-	-	-	143.322	1.979								
277	Kachitana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.207	-	-	-	-	67.846	0.937								
88	Current jal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.580	-	3.325	-	-	-	0.139	-	0.624	0.317	11.564	-	-	41.322	0.571								
170	Juti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.500	-	-	-	-	-	21.559	0.298								
202	Moi jal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.206	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.092	0.057								
314	Boat Katha	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.639	0.009								
89	Dhor jal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.455	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.265	-	-	0.217	0.003								
		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	7241.418	100.000								

Table 4.4 Percentage total monthly catch by gear type: Northern Dhaleswari and Pungli rivers

Gear Code	Gear name(Bengali)	Year: 1992												Year: 1993												Year: 1994		Total annual catch (Mar-93 – Feb-94)	
		Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Kg	%							
255	Thella jal	32.880	23.395	4.673	5.111	15.930	39.078	8.994	12.764	2.882	19.915	18.510	31.662	59.570	20.121	15.147	0.970	6.003	3.467	9.780	1698.857	14.787							
30	Sip	8.080	5.253	31.487	48.556	53.424	-	-	-	0.547	12.064	-	5.723	2.348	12.379	12.832	35.582	24.429	0.352	-	1663.354	14.478							
164	Jhaki jal	20.321	25.352	37.361	5.392	2.714	32.817	5.743	73.256	12.374	40.255	12.788	11.654	5.629	10.177	20.565	7.497	4.452	3.275	2.507	1564.254	13.615							
45	Ber jal	11.199	2.729	11.650	20.579	-	-	76.675	-	80.644	16.562	34.939	7.607	-	1.419	8.143	5.128	-	-	-	1186.175	10.325							
202	Moi jal	0.120	2.773	7.941	2.007	-	-	-	-	2.391	14.953	0.301	-	-	-	3.822	22.350	38.104	-	13.267	1077.070	9.375							
307	Hand fishing	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.567	13.980	2.870	-	-	-	-	33.780	13.266	1.265	-	6.291	-	932.146	8.113							
270	Katha jal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.100	18.895	49.700	44.292	762.217	6.634							
105	Dharma jal	10.617	15.082	2.430	2.612	-	4.603	-	-	4.624	1.079	2.140	5.918	5.918	9.589	19.344	1.787	-	-	-	698.704	6.082							
95	Dotar trap	2.885	21.854	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.454	6.872	2.031	2.031	0.746	0.733	4.368	-	38.833	20.196	582.549	5.071							
175	Kathi jal	-	-	0.128	-	-	-	-	-	2.318	2.774	31.234	12.187	12.187	6.379	0.512	-	-	-	-	479.064	4.170							
152	Tana Barshi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.770	0.796	-	-	204.661	1.781							
272	Daun	7.230	3.564	0.420	11.825	6.411	-	-	-	-	0.932	0.815	12.317	12.317	0.782	1.515	0.306	2.529	-	-	150.047	1.306							
271	Suti jal	-	-	-	1.193	-	-	-	-	1.833	-	1.993	-	-	-	-	4.928	-	-	-	146.445	1.275							
316	Kajuti jal	-	-	1.935	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.629	0.721	-	-	-	-	91.752	0.799							
88	Current jal(stationary)	-	-	1.719	1.504	12.972	0.577	5.021	-	0.039	-	-	-	-	-	0.249	0.129	3.997	3.168	3.316	78.829	0.686							
282	Current jal (drifting)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.182	2.978	-	-	-	70.978	0.618							
268	Konaber jal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.003	0.069	-	-	-	-	42.681	0.371							
123	Koi jal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.776	-	0.676	-	21.006	0.183							
89	Dhor jal	6.668	-	0.257	0.998	-	19.230	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.967	-	-	-	-	19.866	0.173							
314	Boat Katha	-	-	-	-	-	3.696	-	0.682	-	-	0.570	-	-	-	-	-	0.794	0.531	0.210	14.800	0.129							
278	Nol barsi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.569	0.022							
170	Juti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.142	0.896	0.008							
266	Veshal	-	-	-	0.160	8.548	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							
149	Horga	-	-	-	0.063	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							
		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	11488.920	100							



Table 4.5 Percentage of the Total Catch Taken by Dominant Gears Used on Rivers Inside and Outside the CPP, August 1992 - February 1994.

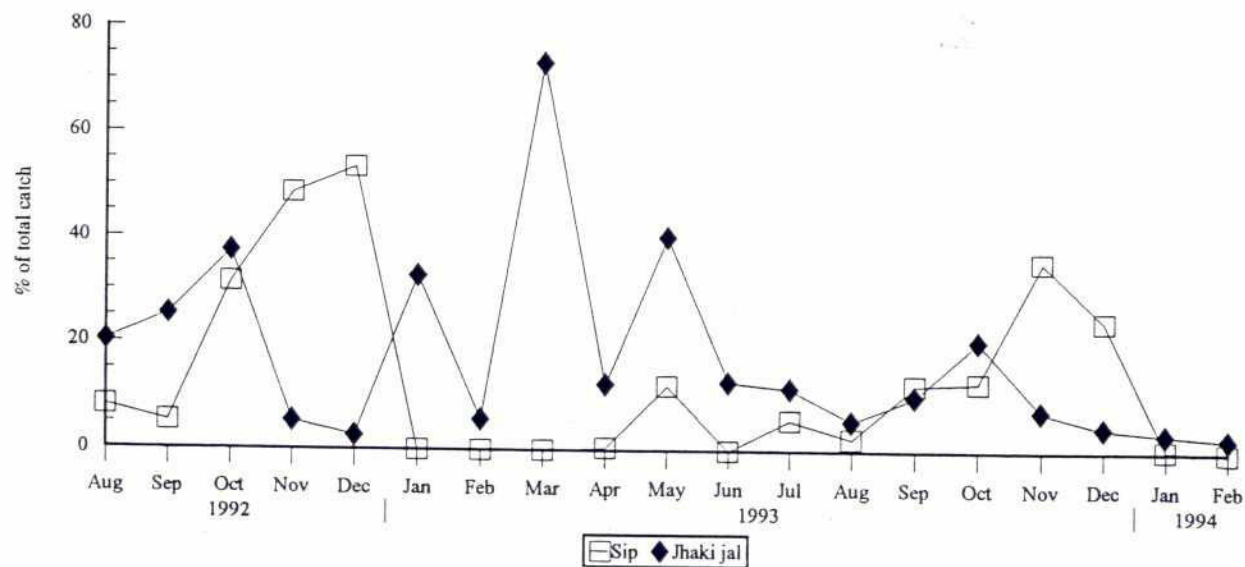
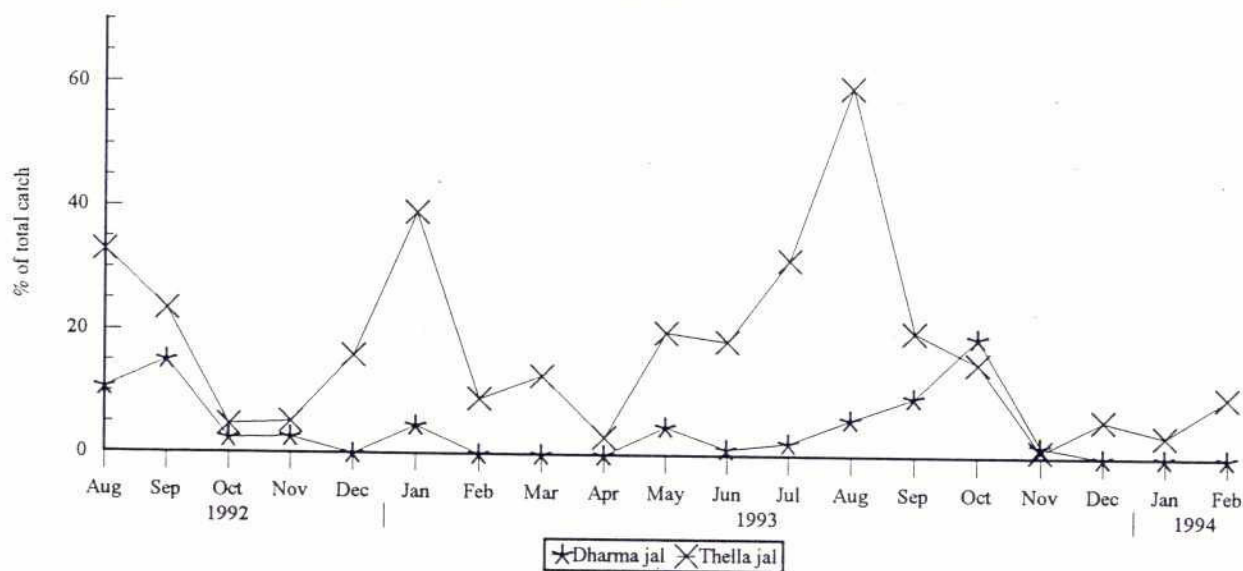
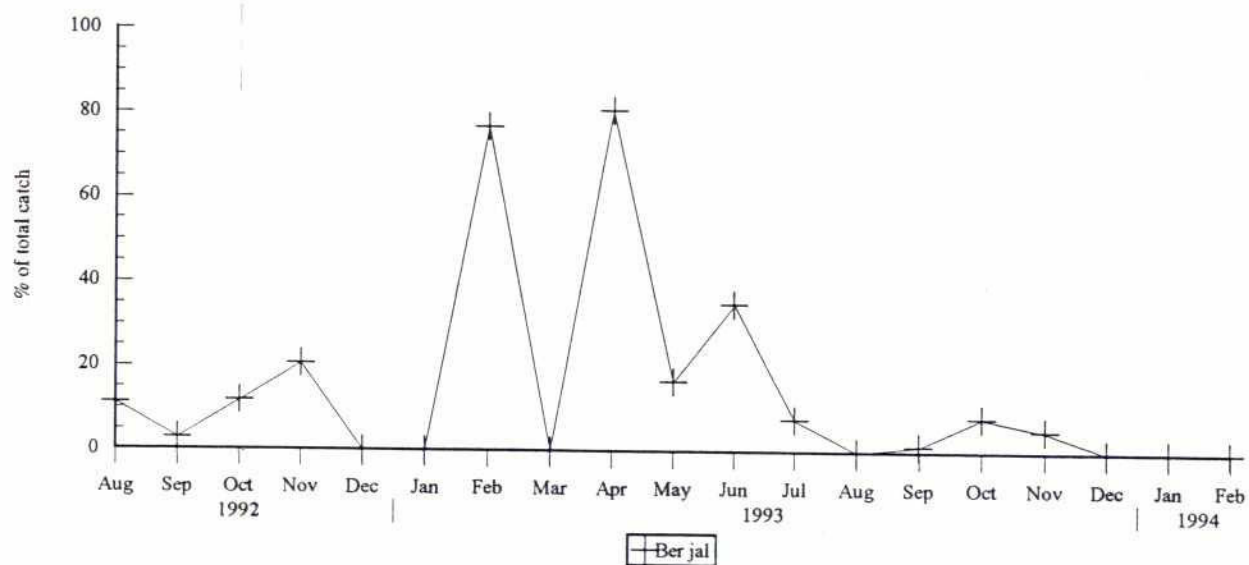
Gear Name	Lohajang (Inside)	Pungli (Outside)	Northern Dhaleswari (Outside)	All Rivers Sampled in NCR
Sip	31	29	14	8
Jhaki jal	15	23	13	7
Dharma jal	13	3	7	2
Doiar trap	11		7	9
Thella jal	10	11	15	5
Sutiber jal	6	16	8	18
Katha	3		7	14
Hatani (hand fishing)	3	5	6	
Kathi jal (seine)		3	3	
Moi jal			12	2
Daun			4	
Veshal				16
Tara barsi				5
Total No. of Gear types used	19	20	19	

Note: Dominant gears are defined as those which between them take at least 90% of the catch in each river.

#### 4.2.2 Catch by gear by month

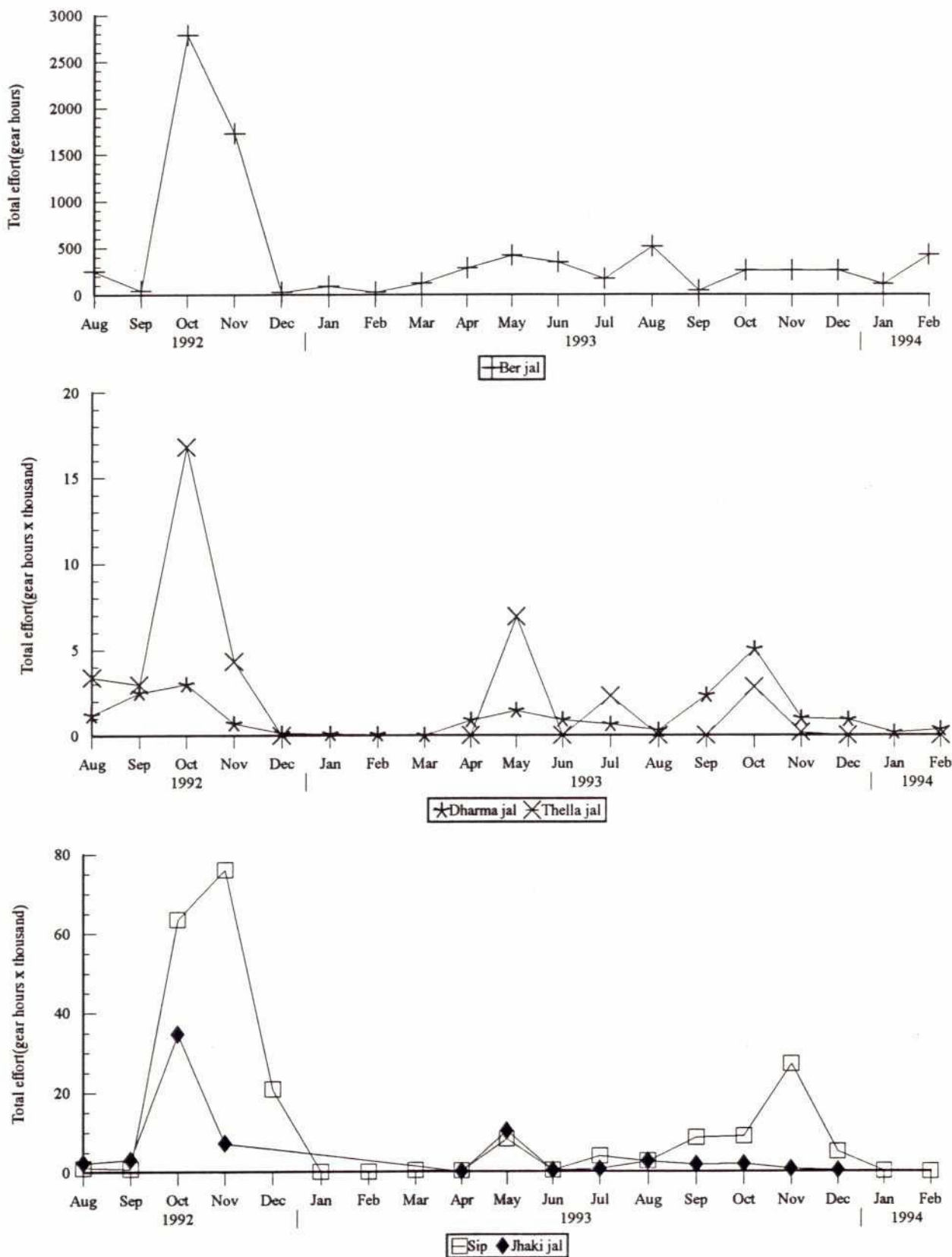
In the rivers outside the CPP, peak catches during the flood drawdown of 1992 (October - November) were mainly attributable to a mixture of simple rod-and-line fishing (sip), the jhaki jal and the ber jal of professional fishermen (Fig. 4.4) catching mainly boal, puti (*Puntius sophore*) and baim. The dramatic catch increase resulted from increased fishing effort of these gears (Fig. 4.5), since catch rates of all three gears actually declined compared with the previous two months (Fig. 4.6). During the slack winter period, between December 1992 and March 1993, catches fell to a minimum, but catch rates of certain gears e.g. thella and ber jal (Fig. 4.6) reached maximum levels by exploiting the last remaining stocks of fish and prawns concentrated in shallow waters. As runoff from floodplains increased river water level in May and June, catches by small-scale gears such as jhaki jal and thella contributed most of the catch, together with the larger-scale operation of the ber jal.

Figure 4.4 Percentage of the total monthly catch taken by dominant gears: Northern Dhaleswari and Pungli rivers

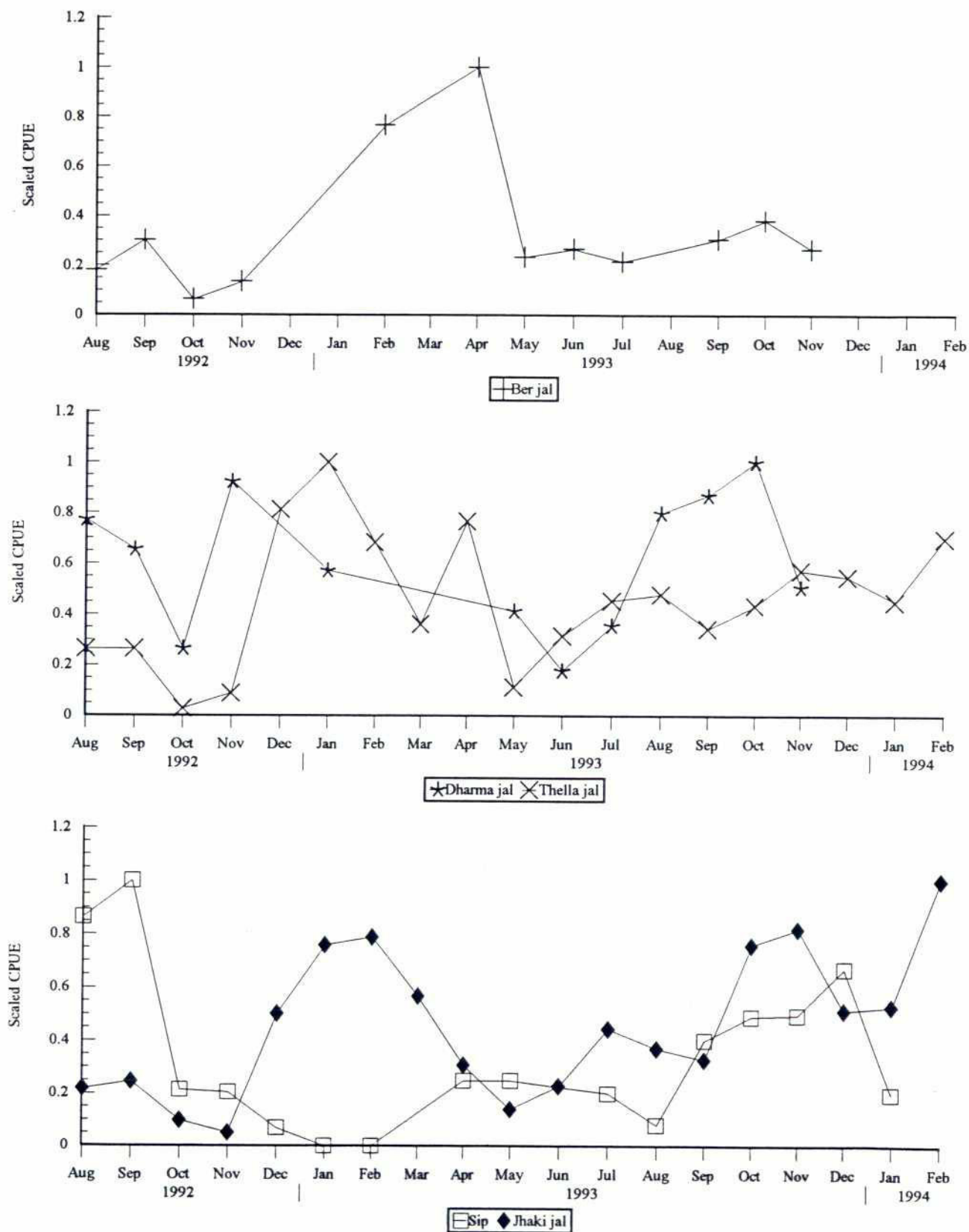




**Figure 4.5 Total monthly fishing effort of dominant gears: Northern Dhaleswari and Pungli rivers**



**Figure 4.6 Catch rates (Scaled CPUE) of dominant gears: Northern Dhaleswari and Pungli rivers**



Note: Scaled CPUE are values of CPUE expressed as a proportion (decimal) of the maximum monthly value recorded.

Peak catches of the 1993 flood recession were taken principally by jhaki jal (21%), dharma jal (19%) and thella jal (15%) in October, and by sip (36%) and moi jal (22%) in November. In contrast to the catches made during the 1992 drawdown, boal did not contribute greatly during the same period in 1993, although it did do so a little later in December. Instead, the carp *Labeo calbasu* predominated together with two other species, puti (*P. sophore*) and baim, which also contributed greatly to the 1992 drawdown catches.

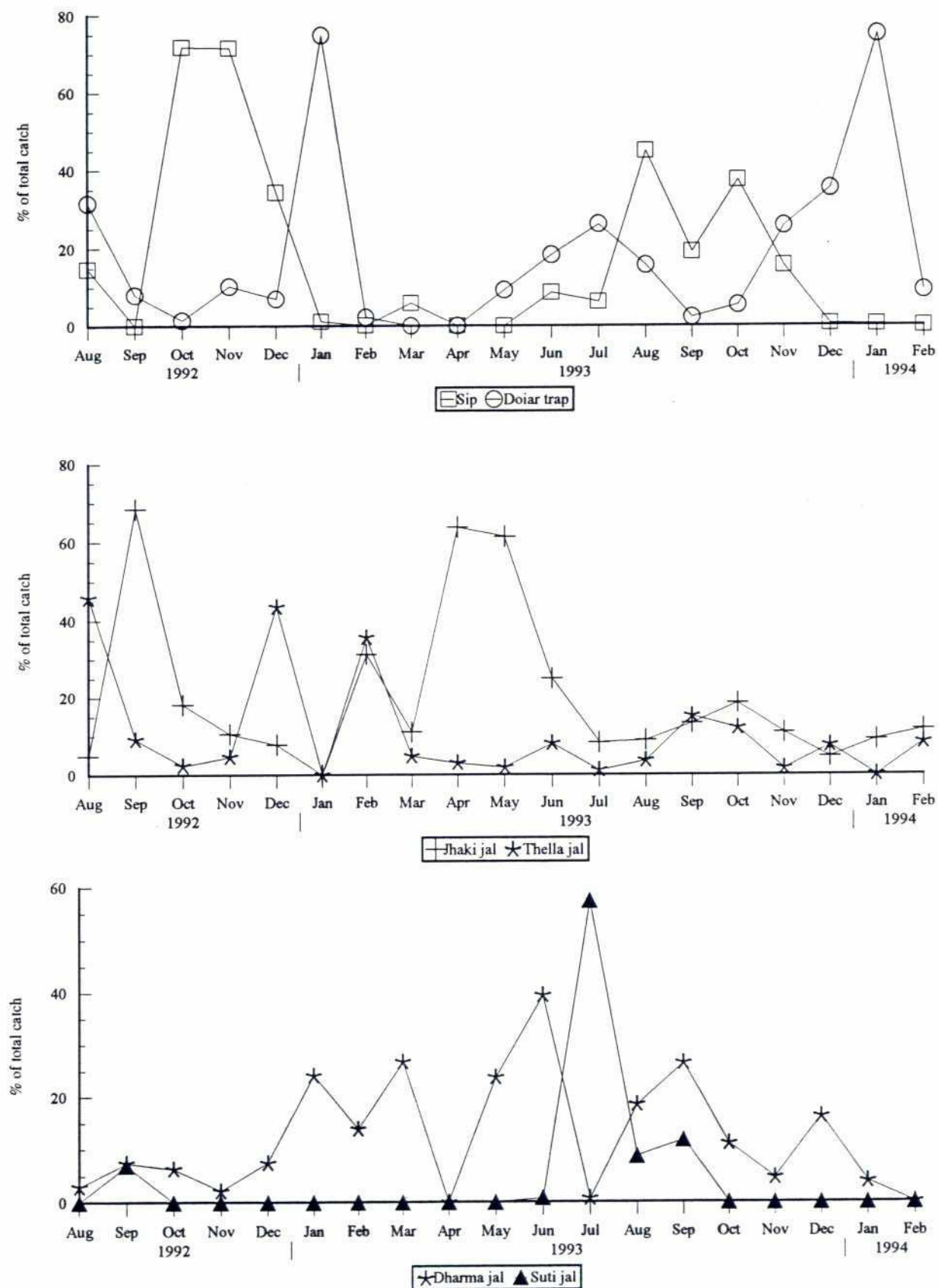
On the Lohajang River inside the CPP sip, and to a much lesser extent jhaki jal, provided the bulk (90%) of the peak catch during the 1992 drawdown (Fig. 4.7), taking mainly the spiny eels baim and tara baim. Increased catches were a function of both increased effort (Fig. 4.8) and high catch rates (Fig. 4.9). During the rising floods of July and August, suti jal (bag nets), dharma jal and hooks predominated, but catches remained fairly low compared with the considerable increase observed during the initial drawdown of September. At that time dharma jal, hooks and thella jal again captured a great variety of species, none of which particularly dominated the monthly catch. During the continuing drawdown of October and November hooks, jhaki jal and traps predominated. As in 1992, peak catches were a function of both increased fishing effort and increased catch rates of dominant gears (Fig. 4.8 and 4.9),

#### 4.2.3 Statistical comparison of catch rates

At the inside sites for this habitat type, over 88% of the total catch per kilometre for the period March 1993 to February 1994, excluding katha, was taken by 7 gears. In descending order of catch per kilometre, these were: sip, dharma jal, doiar, jhaki jal, thella jal, suti jal and ber jal. At the outside sites, over 87% of the total catch per kilometre over the same period was taken by 8 gears. These were: thella jal, sip, jhaki jal, ber jal, moi jal, hand/dewatering, dharma jal and doiar. Six gears appeared in both lists: thella jal, sip, jhaki jal, ber jal, doiar and dharma jal. Sip took nearly 21% of the catch at inside sites, and nearly 16% at outside sites.

Unfortunately, when seasonal catch rates for the six common gears were compared, there was very little consistency in the trends. For each gear, there was at least one season when the trends in catch rates at inside and outside sites were substantially different. These data provide no basis for valid statistical comparisons of fish densities using the proposed model.

**Figure 4.7 Percentage of the total monthly catch taken by dominant gears:  
Lohajang River**





**Figure 4.8 Total monthly fishing effort of dominant gears: Lohajang River**

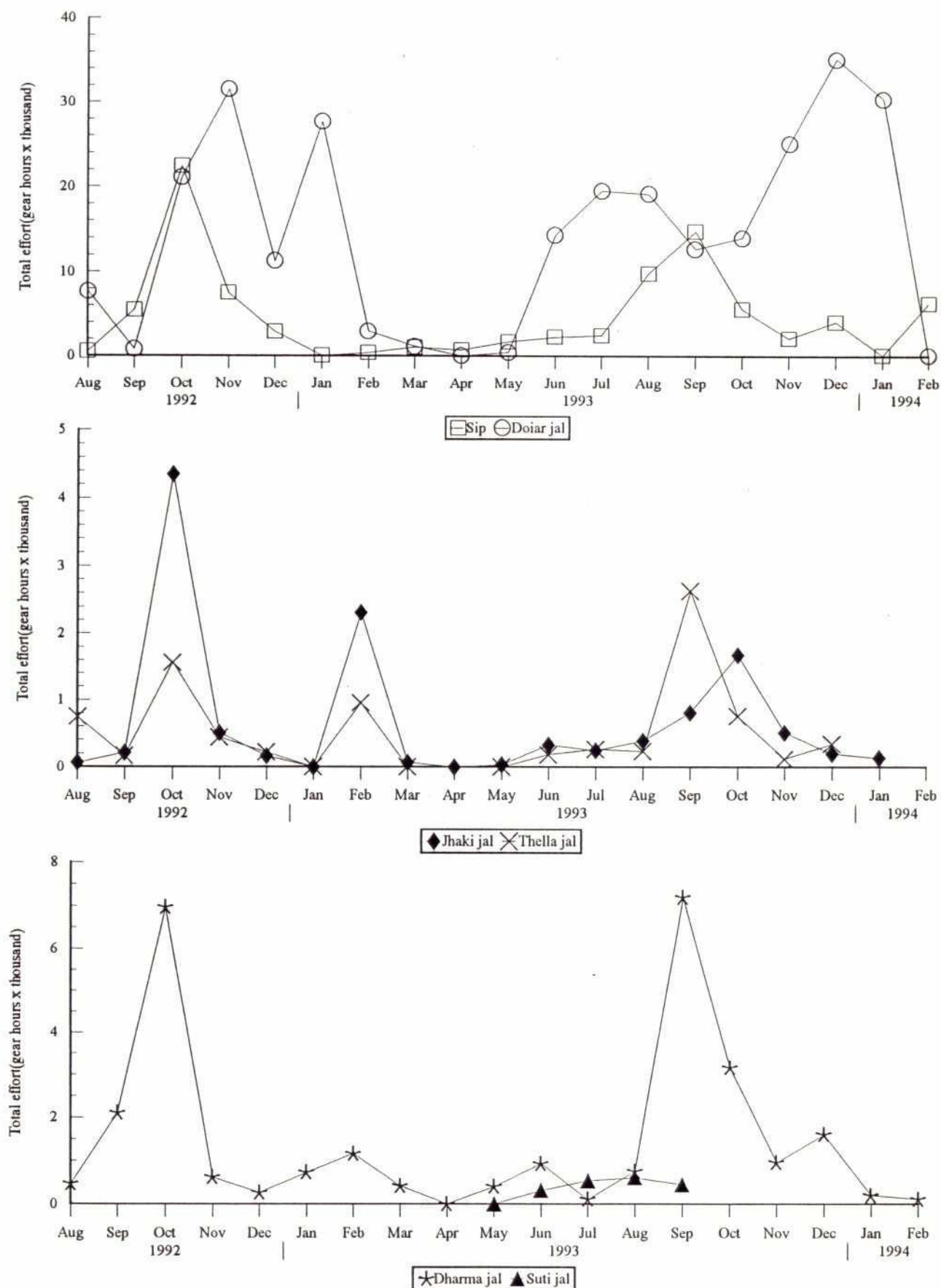
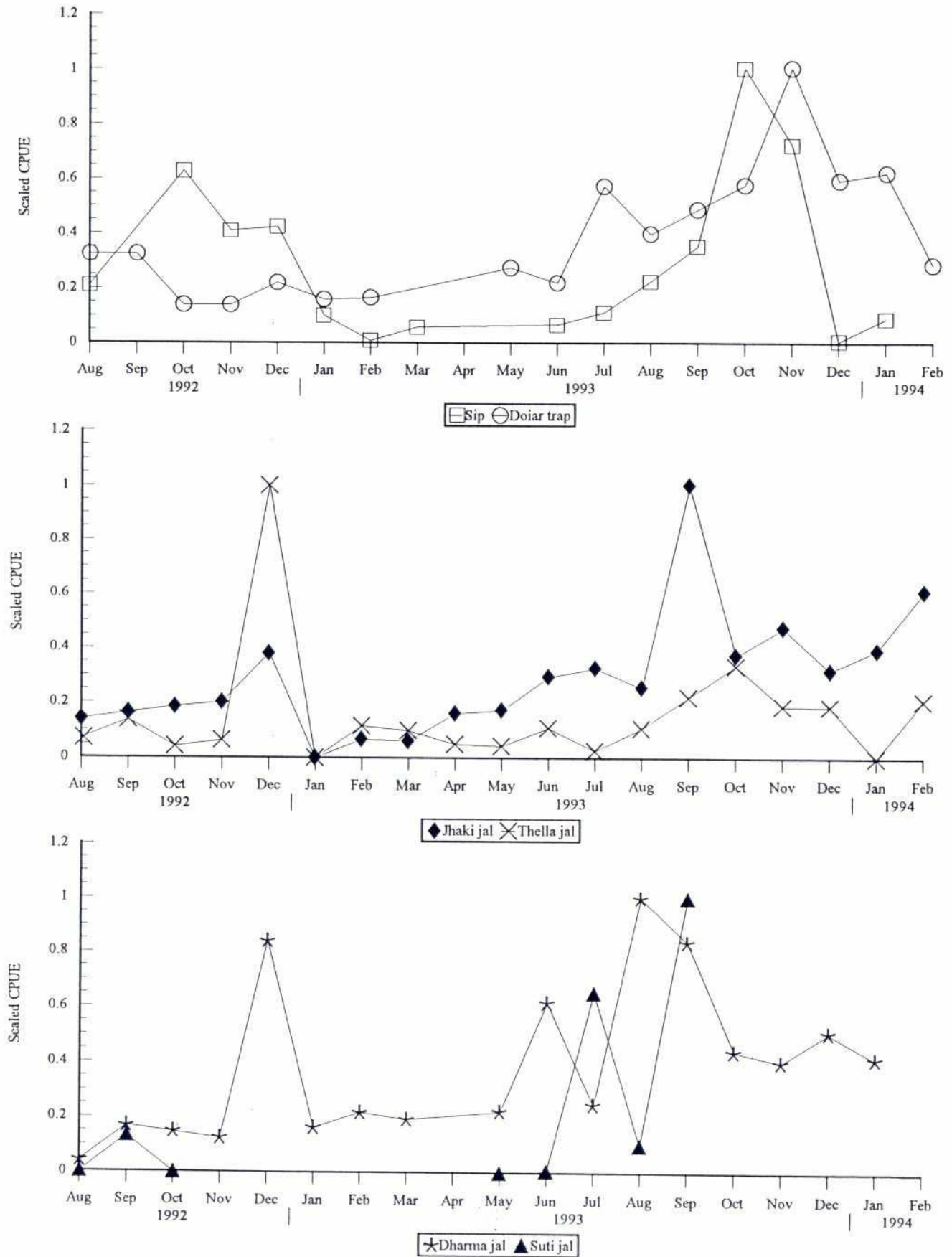


Figure 4.9 Catch rates (Scaled CPUE) of dominant gears: Lohajang River



Note: Scaled CPUE are values of CPUE expressed as a proportion (decimal) of the maximum monthly value recorded.

However, while the seasonal trends by gear are different at inside and outside sites, in almost all cases the inside catch rates for a gear equal or exceed the outside catch rates for that gear (Fig. 4.10). Assuming these catch rates are a valid indicator of fish density, then this provides evidence of higher productivity on the Lohajang River compared to the Pungli and Northern Dhaleswari Rivers outside the CPP.

### 4.3 Species Composition and Biodiversity

#### 4.3.1 Species richness

A total of 79 species and 84 species were recorded from the Pungli and Northern Dhaleswari rivers respectively, compared with 89 species recorded from the Lohajang inside the CPP. Thus, species richness was slightly higher at the inside site compared with the outside sites.

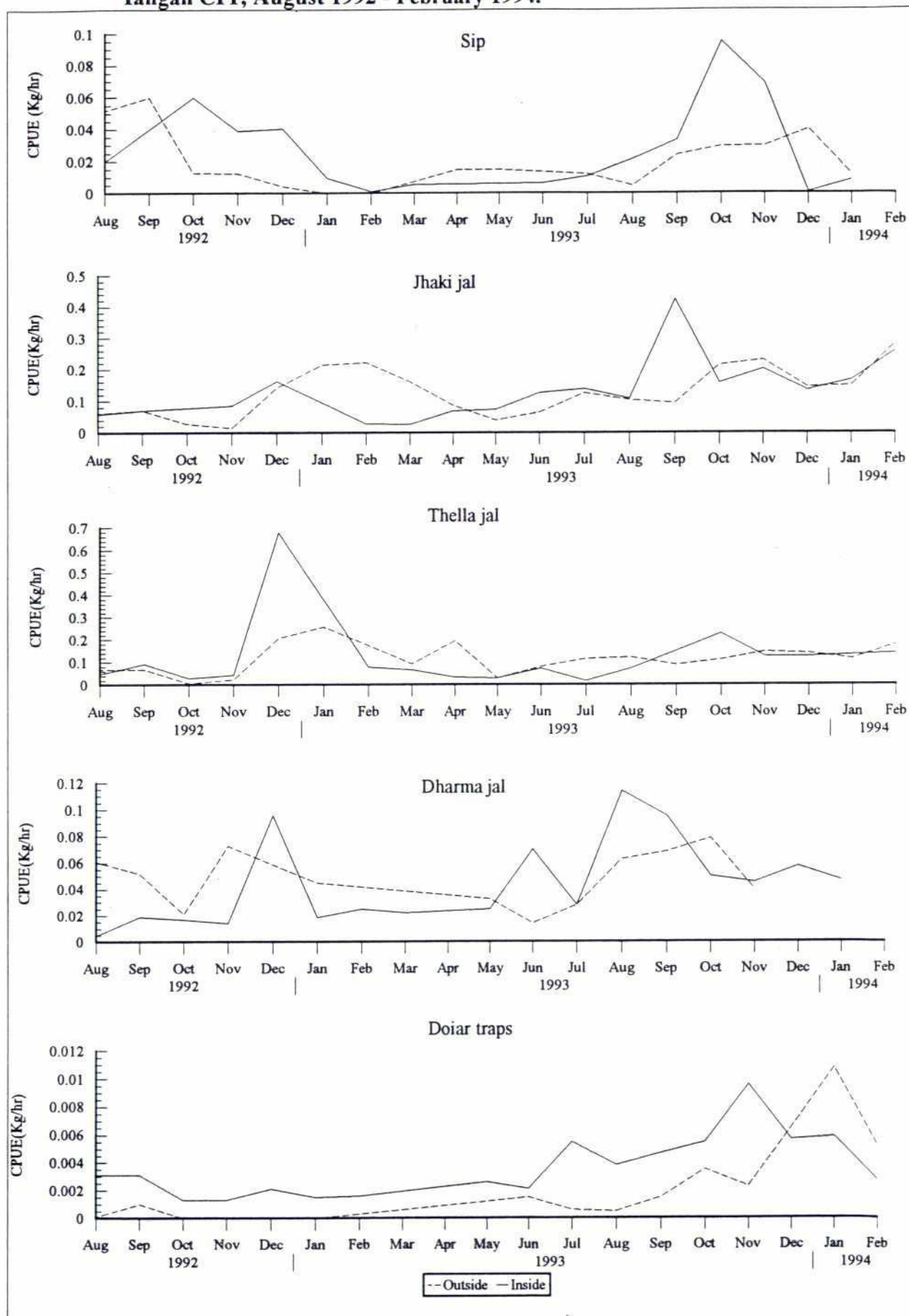
Clear seasonal changes in species numbers were observed in all rivers. Lowest numbers were found during the winter and pre-monsoon, gradually increasing as river levels increased during the monsoon, before a very sharp rise coinciding with the flood recession when fish migrate from floodplains to rivers (Fig. 4.11). A similar seasonal trend in species richness changes was recorded in other regions studied by FAP 17.

#### 4.3.2 Species composition

Detailed monthly species compositions (% of catch by weight) are presented in Tables 4.6 and 4.7 for rivers outside and inside the CPP respectively. Dominant species, i.e. those together comprising 90% of the catch by weight, found in each river are listed in Table 4.8. These species accounted for 85% of the total catch from the Lohajang and Northern Dhaleswari and slightly more (90%) from the Pungli.

A striking feature of the lists presented in Table 4.8 is the dominance of typical floodplain species in all rivers. This same characteristic has been noted in seasonal rivers in the Southwest Region of Bangladesh (Supporting Volume 2). Such dominance by floodplain species results from the majority of the annual catch being captured during the flood drawdown, when floodplain species migrate to rivers. In the Southwest Region, rivers which

Figure 4.10 Comparison of catch rates of dominant gears from rivers inside and outside the Tangail CPP, August 1992 - February 1994.





**Figure 4.11 Seasonal variation in the number of fish species recorded from rivers inside and outside the Tangail CPP, August 1992 - February 1994**

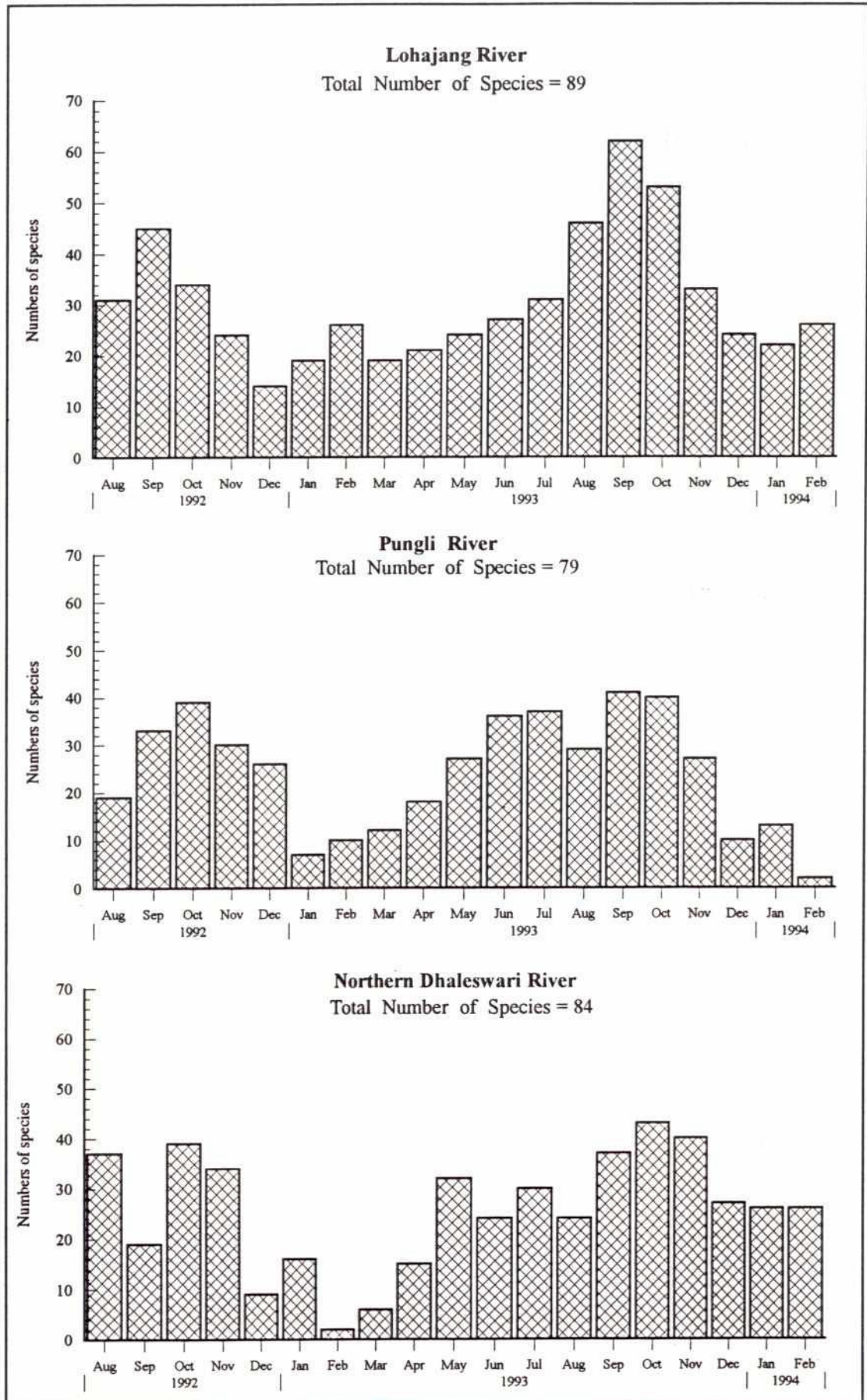


Table 4.6 Percentage total monthly catch by species: Northern Dhaleswari and Pungli rivers

Species Code	Scientific	Species name	Year: 1992												Year: 1993												Year: 1994		Total annual catch (Mar'93 - Feb'94)	
			Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Kg	%							
175	<i>Puntius conchonius</i>	Bengali																												
931	<i>Prawn spp.</i>	Canchan puti																												
180	<i>Puntius sophore</i>	Puti																												
83	<i>Glossogobius giuris</i>	Bailla																												
102	<i>Laboe calbasu</i>	Kalbasu																												
122	<i>Mastomembelus armatus</i>	Batal baim																												
51	<i>Clupisoma garua</i>	Gharua																												
123	<i>Macrognathus pancalus</i>	Guchi																												
41	<i>Channa punctatus</i>	Taki																												
2	<i>Ailia coila</i>	Kajuli																												
209	<i>Wallagu attu</i>	Boal																												
137	<i>Myxus vittatus</i>	Tengra																												
132	<i>Myxus cavasius</i>	Kabashi																												
189	<i>Salmostoma phulo</i>	Fulchela																												
218	<i>Barilius ovezardi</i>																													
131	<i>Myxus bleekeri</i>	Golsa tengra																												
210	<i>Xenotodon cancella</i>	Kaikka																												
13	<i>Aspidoparia morar</i>	Morari																												
130	<i>Aorichthys aor</i>	Ayze																												
81	<i>Gagana yousoufi</i>	Gang tengra																												
77	<i>Gagina cenia</i>	Kauwa																												
110	<i>Lepidocephalus guntea</i>	Gutum																												
36	<i>Chanda nama</i>	Nama Chanda																												
120	<i>Macrobrachium rosenbergii</i>	Golda																												
47	<i>Cirrhinus mrigala</i>	Mrigel																												
18	<i>Barilius barna</i>	Bani Koka																												
55	<i>Colisa fasciatus</i>	Khalisha																												
48	<i>Cirrhinus reba</i>	Raik																												
37	<i>Chanda ranga</i>	Lalchanda																												
76	<i>Eutropichthys vacha</i>	Bucha																												
212	<i>Puntius ticto</i>	Titi puti																												
80	<i>Gagina viridescens</i>	Gang tengra																												
139	<i>Nemachellus botia</i>	Balichan																												
6	<i>Anabas testudineus</i>	Koi																												
136	<i>Myxus tengra</i>	Bajari tengra																												
32	<i>Catla catla</i>	Carla																												
86	<i>Gudusia chapra</i>	Chapila																												
121	<i>Macrognathus aculeatus</i>	Tara baim																												
186	<i>Rita rita</i>	Rita																												
88	<i>Heteropneustes fossilis</i>	Shingi																												
16	<i>Bagarius bagarius</i>	Baghair																												
188	<i>Salmostoma bacaila</i>	Katari																												
174	<i>Puntius chola</i>	Chala puti																												
75	<i>Esomus danicus</i>	Darkina																												
144	<i>Notopterus chinla</i>	Chinal																												
101	<i>Laboe boga</i>	Bhangon																												
169	<i>Pseudeutropius atherinoides</i>	Bansi																												
198	<i>Somileptes gongota</i>	Gharpoia																												
135	<i>Aorichthys seenghala</i>	Guizua																												



Table 4.6 Percentage total monthly catch by species: Northern Dhaleswari and Pungli rivers(Cont.)

Table 4.6 Percentage total monthly catch by species, northern Dhaleswari and Rangpur rivers (Cont.)																												
Species Code	Species name		Year: 1992												Year: 1993												Total annual catch (Mar'93 – Feb'94)	
	Scientific	Bengali	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Kg	%					
923	<i>Sicamugil cascasia</i>	Chora chela	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.248	0.497	0.004	—	—	—	—	15.128	0.132					
154	<i>Securicula gora</i>	Shillong	7.228	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.424	0.376	0.011	—	—	—	15.009	0.131					
196	<i>Silonia silondia</i>	Rui	0.049	0.554	—	0.208	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.138	—	0.617	—	—	—	—	13.411	0.117					
107	<i>Labeo rohita</i>	Khorsula	0.300	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.250	0.024	0.508	—	—	—	0.348	—	12.445	0.108					
185	<i>Rhinomugil corsula</i>	Kalabata	0.801	0.084	0.043	0.123	0.436	4.603	—	—	—	—	—	0.204	0.244	0.480	0.241	0.017	—	—	—	11.815	0.103					
59	<i>Crossocheilus latius</i>	Phutani puti	—	—	0.136	—	—	—	—	0.038	—	—	—	0.062	0.048	0.523	0.028	0.043	—	—	—	10.718	0.093					
178	<i>Puntius phutunio</i>	Phasa	—	—	—	0.013	—	9.122	—	0.079	0.234	0.067	—	0.007	0.048	0.037	0.383	—	—	—	0.380	9.102	0.079					
193	<i>Setipinna phasa</i>	Mola	—	—	0.165	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.048	0.014	—	—	0.047	0.087	0.142	—	0.337	—	8.809	0.077					
5	<i>Amblypharygodon mola</i>	Bata	—	1.940	4.807	1.016	0.479	—	—	0.263	—	—	—	—	—	0.185	0.037	0.180	—	—	—	8.059	0.070					
100	<i>Labeo bata</i>	Bele	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.669	0.080	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.898	0.069					
14	<i>Awaoius stamineus</i>	Tengra	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.186	0.356	—	—	—	—	—	7.130	0.062					
25	<i>Batasio tengana</i>	Giliputi	—	—	0.006	—	—	—	—	1.010	—	—	—	0.016	—	0.004	—	—	—	—	—	6.932	0.060					
176	<i>Puntius gelius</i>	Rani	0.539	—	0.289	0.139	0.144	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.039	0.022	0.164	0.078	—	—	—	—	6.355	0.055					
28	<i>Botia dario</i>	Napit koi	—	—	—	—	—	0.064	0.916	—	0.056	0.010	0.005	—	0.030	—	—	—	—	0.961	—	6.124	0.053					
15	<i>Badis badis</i>	Puiya	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.879	0.049	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.113	0.053					
217	<i>Lepidocephalus thermalis</i>	Poa	—	—	0.068	—	—	—	—	—	0.001	0.129	—	—	—	—	0.183	—	—	—	—	4.367	0.038					
155	<i>Pama pama</i>	Foli	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.358	0.038					
145	<i>Notopterus notopterus</i>	Lal Khalisha	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.144	—	0.053	—	0.137	—	4.293	0.037					
56	<i>Colisa lalia</i>	Chebli	—	—	0.196	0.047	—	—	—	0.350	—	0.008	0.010	—	0.230	—	0.107	—	—	—	—	3.887	0.034					
68	<i>Danio devario</i>	Kanpona	0.049	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.024	0.050	0.113	—	—	—	—	3.264	0.028					
9	<i>Aplocheilichthys panchax</i>	Madhu pabda	0.076	0.157	0.152	—	—	0.409	—	—	0.143	0.070	0.053	—	0.092	0.030	—	—	0.292	—	—	3.211	0.028					
148	<i>Ompok pabda</i>	Khalisha	—	0.021	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.234	—	—	2.425	0.021					
57	<i>Colisa sola</i>	Goni chapila	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.017	0.067	—	—	—	—	2.228	0.019					
85	<i>Goniatosa manmina</i>	Sarputi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.071	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.103	0.018					
179	<i>Puntius sarana</i>	Silver carp	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.151	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.530	0.013					
91	<i>Hypophthalmichthys molitrix</i>	Potka	—	—	0.038	—	—	—	—	—	0.078	0.093	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.204	0.010					
203	<i>Tetraodon cutcutia</i>	Teri punti	—	1.516	10.863	1.465	—	—	—	—	0.029	0.034	—	—	—	—	—	0.009	0.004	—	0.070	0.674	0.006					
181	<i>Puntius terio</i>	Keti	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.021	—	—	—	—	—	0.439	0.004					
187	<i>Osteobrama cotio cotio</i>	Mola puti	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.002	—	—	—	0.390	0.003					
177	<i>Puntius guganio</i>	Anju	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.048	—	0.029	—	—	—	0.002	—	—	—	0.262	0.002					
69	<i>Brachydanio rerio</i>	Chep Chela	0.269	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.016	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.244	0.002					
43	<i>Chela cachius</i>	Kash Khaira	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.006	—	—	—	0.160	0.001					
44	<i>Chela laubuca</i>	Khalisha	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.008	0.010	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.144	0.001					
211	<i>Colisa labiosus</i>	Sisor	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.126	0.001					
197	<i>Sisor rhabdophorus</i>	Ilish	2.862	0.698	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.003	—	—	0.004	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.034	0.0002					
89	<i>Hilsa ilisha</i>	Piali	1.194	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.027	0.0002					
12	<i>Aspidoparia jaya</i>	Kani pabda	—	—	0.263	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
147	<i>Ompok bimaculatus</i>	Pangas	0.046	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
158	<i>Pangasius pangasius</i>	Tengra	0.019	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
24	<i>Batasio batasio</i>	Bauskata	—	0.166	0.025	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
907	<i>Unidentified</i>	Bhol	0.073	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
20	<i>Raiamas bola</i>	Gura icha	—	—	—	0.003	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
117	<i>Macrobrachium styliferus</i>	Bata	—	0.042	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
128	<i>Liza parsia</i>	Balitara	—	—	—	0.027	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
171	<i>Psilorhynchus balitora</i>	Tila koka	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
22	<i>Barilius ileo</i>	Gajar	1.785	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
39	<i>Channa marulius</i>	Magur	—	1.758	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
955	<i>Amblyceps mangois</i>		—	—	—	—	0.035	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
			100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	11489.021	100.000					



Table 4.7 Percentage total monthly catch by species: Lohajang river

Species Code	Species name		Year: 1992												Year: 1993												Year: 1994			Total annual catch (Mar'93 - Feb'94)	
			Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Kg	%								
931	Prawn spp.	Bengali Prawn	0.542	4.610	2.217	6.056	45.511	19.888	6.855	5.981	5.082	2.109	2.703	18.476	10.901	5.940	14.041	14.670	20.008	25.647	9.684	830.385	11.467								
180	<i>Puntius sophore</i>	Puti	5.544	2.243	4.048	5.262	6.449	15.826	9.046	18.013	3.528	7.406	30.059	2.538	0.610	12.281	4.779	16.980	12.974	28.816	7.010	790.775	10.920								
122	<i>Mastacembelus armatus</i>	Baral baim	0.247	2.586	53.478	52.886	16.454	0.590	33.571	3.757	1.633	2.684	-	0.381	1.091	5.716	24.718	10.137	1.318	1.663	-	623.630	8.612								
209	<i>Wallaga attu</i>	Boal	-	1.061	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.575	-	35.799	-	3.525	17.554	7.015	-	-	8.471	440.521								
175	<i>Puntius conchanius</i>	Canchan puti	-	1.951	0.703	1.052	6.338	25.634	8.823	14.352	22.984	33.695	19.522	2.374	0.731	2.743	3.352	9.024	10.194	3.494	3.353	369.827	5.107								
137	<i>Mystus vittatus</i>	Tengra	14.601	2.504	2.119	0.808	17.871	4.926	2.322	6.575	19.563	5.391	6.326	2.151	0.899	4.867	3.675	10.527	2.544	1.379	1.706	346.614	4.787								
145	<i>Notopterus notopterus</i>	Foli	-	-	-	-	-	2.588	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.974	0.818	-	4.335	-	0.595	296.642								
83	<i>Glossogobius giuris</i>	Bailla	3.159	3.006	1.802	9.250	2.945	8.741	4.933	10.410	9.129	7.557	8.832	6.039	8.608	2.400	1.731	3.468	6.935	9.467	2.572	287.412	3.969								
2	<i>Ailia coila</i>	Kajuli	1.551	2.479	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41.017	3.039	2.880	0.354	-	2.141	4.018	9.508	246.272	3.401								
41	<i>Channa punctatus</i>	Taki	4.821	0.603	0.042	0.420	0.187	8.983	1.017	5.290	1.985	1.246	0.131	2.997	0.416	1.505	8.591	2.359	2.141	4.018	9.508	246.272	3.401								
75	<i>Esomus danricus</i>	Darkina	-	-	-	-	-	0.110	0.003	-	-	2.598	-	0.119	0.023	8.777	-	0.008	2.180	1.591	-	246.197	3.400								
131	<i>Mystus bleekeri</i>	Golsia tengra	-	5.301	0.237	-	-	-	-	11.017	2.519	1.218	0.105	1.227	1.319	0.403	12.952	1.697	0.625	0.074	1.104	243.030	3.356								
107	<i>La beo rohita</i>	Rui	-	15.020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.386	0.045	5.031	2.216	-	0.625	0.074	1.104	243.030	3.356								
62	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	Karlu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.914	-	-	17.933	-	1.091	3.868	178.415								
110	<i>Lepidocyphalus guntea</i>	Gutum	2.469	1.034	0.639	0.523	0.267	6.467	6.194	5.225	8.470	1.432	1.647	7.058	0.264	1.094	1.967	1.851	1.431	9.952	3.951	158.899	2.194								
123	<i>Macrognathus pancalus</i>	Guchi	1.905	5.503	2.386	0.129	0.886	2.099	7.544	4.742	11.551	17.951	6.098	1.789	0.225	1.323	2.306	2.008	2.254	2.026	2.704	149.560	2.065								
91	<i>Hypophthalmichthys molitrix</i>	Silver carp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.114	4.594	0.897	-	-	-	-	137.507	1.899								
48	<i>Cirrhinus reba</i>	Raik	0.819	0.664	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	116.091	1.603								
51	<i>Clupisoma garua</i>	Ghaura	1.854	1.295	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.165	0.015	2.104	2.629	0.326	3.233	-	1.138	116.091	1.603								
210	<i>Xenentodon cancella</i>	Kaikka	-	1.256	0.950	0.165	0.370	0.155	4.109	0.834	2.724	-	0.303	-	0.150	0.308	2.968	0.803	0.538	0.042	18.411	100.001	1.381								
5	<i>Amblypharyngodon mola</i>	Mola	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	91.300	1.261								
47	<i>Cirrhinus variegata</i>	Mrigel	0.052	4.515	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	88.990	1.229								
100	<i>La beo bata</i>	Bata	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71.368	0.986								
32	<i>Calla calla</i>	Calla	0.342	0.849	0.123	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67.410	0.931							
37	<i>Chanda ranga</i>	Lal chanda	1.654	0.370	0.676	0.155	-	-	1.368	0.145	0.462	0.398	3.443	0.711	0.503	1.672	0.326	0.102	0.039	0.136	0.319	61.922	0.855								
81	<i>Gagata youssoufi</i>	Gang tengra	0.211	1.871	0.100	0.092	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.137	1.223	1.495	0.297	-	-	-	-	57.684	0.797								
55	<i>Colisa fasciatus</i>	Khalisha	-	0.385	-	1.062	0.499	0.155	0.235	-	1.278	1.092	4.181	-	0.197	0.836	0.204	0.728	0.163	4.206	2.438	56.488	0.780								
212	<i>Puntius ticto</i>	Titi puti	4.187	1.615	-	-	0.684	-	6.772	8.100	3.472	0.161	-	0.138	0.015	0.333	0.076	1.628	1.702	1.442	3.064	55.155	0.762								
36	<i>Chanda nama</i>	Nama Chanda	7.592	0.074	0.728	0.145	0.281	-	0.602	-	-	-	1.791	0.237	0.395	1.031	0.416	0.115	0.093	0.073	0.630	45.252	0.625								
203	<i>Tetraodon cucutia</i>	Poika	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.179	0.003	0.096	2.464	1.503	2.272	0.465	40.712	0.562								
56	<i>Colisa lalia</i>	Lal Khalisha	-	-	-	-	-	0.265	0.008	-	-	-	-	-	0.105	1.077	0.222	0.045	-	-	-	38.750	0.535								
86	<i>Gudusia chapra</i>	Chapla	-	0.779	0.019	-	-	-	-	-	0.477	-	0.894	-	1.733	1.064	-	1.524	0.364	-	0.336	37.796	0.522								
132	<i>Mystus cavasius</i>	Kabashi	-	5.784	0.874	0.114	-	0.823	2.058	0.668	0.477	-	-	-	-	-	0.554	0.154	-	-	0.414	36.281	0.501								
49	<i>Charias batrachus</i>	Magur	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34.800	0.481								
196	<i>Silonia silonia</i>	Shillong	0.016	1.061	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29.845	0.412								
178	<i>Puntius phutunio</i>	Phutani puti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21.613	0.298								
101	<i>La beo boga</i>	Bhangan	-	-	0.373	0.070	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.825	0.094	-	1.666	-	27.946	0.386								
88	<i>Heteropneustes fossilis</i>	Shingi	4.915	-	0.166	0.159	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.031	0.080	-	-	-	21.613	0.298								
211	<i>Colisa labrosus</i>	Khalisha	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.567	2.859	-	2.794	-	0.864	0.371	-	-	0.060	0.008	-	21.562	0.290								
945	<i>Orab sp</i>	Kakra	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.183	-	0.482	0.896	0.392	0.209	0.657	-	-	-	-	-	20.978	0.290								
189	<i>Salmostoma phulo</i>	Fulchela	-	0.628	0.024	0.054	-	-	-	-	0.477	0.965	0.231	0.096	0.488	0.325	0.319	0.027	-	-	0.961	18.968	0.262								
130	<i>Aorichthys aor</i>	Ayre	0.196	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.008	0.017	0.339	1.043	-	-	-	15.173	0.210								
76	<i>Eutropichthys vacha</i>	Bacha	-	0.775	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.671	0.203								
218	<i>Barilius evezardi</i>	Kalhaus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.314	0.184								
102	<i>La beo calbasu</i>	Batasi	0.127	2.954	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.107	-	0.031	0.618	0.017	-	-	-	11.880	0.164								
169	<i>Pseudotropheus atherinoides</i>	Kouwa	0.012	0.718	2.149	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.430	-	-	-	-	-	0.084	0.027	0.279	-	10.690	0.148								
77	<i>Gagata cenia</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.224	0.263	0.297	-	-	-	-	-	9.879	0.136								



Table 4.7 Percentage total monthly catch by species: Lohajang river(Cont.)

Species Code	Species name		Year: 1992												Year: 1993												Year: 1994		Total annual catch (Mar'93 - Feb'94)	
	Scientific	Bengali	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Kg	%							
121	<i>Macrogynathus aculeatus</i>	Tara baum	0.040	2.505	18.710	18.664	-	-	0.283	-	-	-	2.057	-	0.104	-	0.360	-	-	-	-	9.064	0.125							
193	<i>Setipinna phasa</i>	Phasa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.267	-	-	-	-	-	6.937	0.096							
120	<i>Macrobrachium rosenbergii</i>	Golda	-	-	-	-	-	0.471	-	-	-	-	-	0.641	0.891	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.826	0.094							
139	<i>Nemacheilus botia</i>	Balichata	0.012	0.258	0.380	-	-	-	-	0.544	-	-	-	0.192	0.117	0.145	-	0.070	-	0.232	-	6.742	0.093							
80	<i>Gagata viridescens</i>	Gang tengra	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.067	0.245	-	-	-	-	-	6.678	0.092							
176	<i>Puntius gelius</i>	Giliputi	-	-	-	0.181	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.205	0.065	-	-	-	-	6.254	0.086							
15	<i>Badis badis</i>	Najpt koi	-	-	0.277	0.065	-	0.176	0.618	1.657	0.477	0.323	0.138	0.015	-	0.028	0.099	-	0.081	0.328	0.172	6.151	0.085							
148	<i>Ompok pabda</i>	Madhu pabda	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.425	0.119	-	-	4.682	0.065							
198	<i>Somileptes gongota</i>	Gharpoia	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.177	2.079	-	0.728	0.444	0.044	0.033	-	0.110	0.032	-	-	-	4.245	0.059							
136	<i>Mystus tengara</i>	Bajari tengra	4.887	0.887	0.744	0.562	0.514	-	0.036	0.293	0.126	-	1.653	-	-	0.028	0.139	-	-	-	-	4.189	0.058							
40	<i>Channa orientalis</i>	Cheng	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.082	-	-	-	3.509	0.048							
6	<i>Anabas testudineus</i>	Koi	2.946	0.746	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.033	0.108	-	-	-	-	-	2.969	0.041							
16	<i>Bagarius bagarius</i>	Baghair	0.148	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.009	0.179	-	-	-	-	2.813	0.039							
59	<i>Crossocheilus latius</i>	Kalabata	-	-	0.275	-	1.883	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.010	0.017	0.007	0.167	-	-	-	-	2.690	0.037							
163	<i>Pseudonophis boro</i>	Kharu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.100	-	-	-	-	-	2.602	0.036							
33	<i>Chaca chaca</i>	Cheka	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.162	-	-	-	-	2.323	0.032							
69	<i>Brachydanio rerio</i>	Anju	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.084	-	-	-	-	-	2.186	0.030							
28	<i>Botia dario</i>	Rani	0.024	1.071	0.029	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.010	0.076	0.027	0.050	-	-	-	-	1.826	0.025							
25	<i>Batasio tengana</i>	Tengra	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.112	-	-	-	-	0.016	0.056	-	-	-	-	-	1.542	0.021							
186	<i>Rita rita</i>	Rita	-	-	0.062	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.007	0.004	0.080	-	-	-	-	1.394	0.019							
9	<i>Aplocheilichthys panchax</i>	Kanpona	-	-	0.014	-	0.110	0.003	-	0.535	-	0.208	-	-	0.089	-	0.022	-	-	-	-	1.232	0.017							
57	<i>Colisa sola</i>	Khalisha	11.065	0.142	0.053	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.409	-	-	-	0.028	-	-	-	-	1.082	0.015							
68	<i>Danio devario</i>	Chebli	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.144	-	-	0.900	-	-	-	-	0.019	-	-	-	-	0.699	0.010							
18	<i>Barilius barna</i>	Bani Koksa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.026	-	-	-	-	-	0.686	0.009							
154	<i>Securicula gora</i>	Chora chela	6.218	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.001	0.028	-	-	-	-	0.439	0.006							
14	<i>Awaous stamineus</i>	Bele	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.103	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.427	0.006							
187	<i>Osteokrama cotio cotio</i>	Kei	0.036	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.000	0.028	-	-	-	-	0.412	0.006							
85	<i>Gonialosa mannina</i>	Goni chapla	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.096	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.397	0.005							
188	<i>Salmostoma bacaila</i>	Katari	-	2.549	0.376	0.004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.075	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.351	0.005							
29	<i>Botia lohachata</i>	Putul	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.074	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.348	0.005							
35	<i>Chanda baculis</i>	Chanda	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.013	-	-	-	-	-	0.343	0.005							
182	<i>Rasbora daniconius</i>	Darlina	-	-	-	-	0.110	0.003	-	0.126	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.006	0.011	-	-	-	0.280	0.004							
13	<i>Aspidoparia morar</i>	Morari	-	0.654	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.000	0.006	-	-	-	-	0.094	0.001							
135	<i>Aorichthys seenghala</i>	Guizza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.015	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.069	0.001							
177	<i>Puntius guganio</i>	Mola puti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.107	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.051	0.001							
58	<i>Corica soborna</i>	Kachki	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.042	0.001							
109	<i>Lepidocephalus berdmorei</i>	Puiya	-	1.219	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
156	<i>Pampus argenteus</i>	Fali chanda	-	1.330	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
147	<i>Ompok bimaculatus</i>	Kani pabda	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.442	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
181	<i>Puntius terio</i>	Teri punti	-	1.588	4.709	2.070	0.744	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
138	<i>Nandus nandus</i>	Bheda	-	0.296	0.143	0.053	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
165	<i>Plotosus canius</i>	Gang Magur	-	-	0.147	-	-	-	0.204	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
174	<i>Puntius chola</i>	Chala puti	-	0.258	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
185	<i>Rhinomugil corsula</i>	Khorsula	-	0.221	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
113	<i>Macrob. birmanicus</i>	Chingri Thengua	17.542	4.440	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
22	<i>Barilius tileo</i>	Tila koksa	0.267	0.147	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
			100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	7241.356	100.000							

**Table 4.8 Percentage Contribution to the Total Riverine Catch of Dominant Species Inside and Outside the Tangail CPP, August 1992 - February 1994.**

Species Name	Lohajang River Site 12: Inside	Pungli River Site 02 Outside	Northern Dhaleswari River Site 06 Outside
<i>Mastacembelus armatus</i>	18.9	6.0	5.7
Prawn spp	10.4	4.5	11.5
<i>Puntius sophore</i>	9.1	4.3	11.5
<i>Mystus vittatus</i>	4.6	3.6	2.3
<i>Puntius conchoni</i>	4.3	13.7	6.1
<i>Wallagu attu</i>	4.3	3.5	15.7
<i>Macrognathus aculeatus</i>	4.2		
<i>Glossogobius giuris</i>	3.8	6.7	5.9
<i>Notopterus notopterus</i>	2.9		
<i>Ailia coila</i>	2.6	6.1	3.3
<i>Channa punctatus</i>	2.5	2.9	5.2
<i>Mystus bleekeri</i>	2.5	1.9	
<i>Esomus danricus</i>	2.4		
<i>Macrognathus pancalus</i>	2.2	1.9	4.3
<i>Labeo rohita</i>	2.0		
<i>Lepidocephalus guntea</i>	1.9		1.1
<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	1.7		
<i>Hypophthalmichthys molitrix</i>	1.2		
<i>Xenentodon cancila</i>	1.2	1.3	
<i>Cirrhinus reba</i>	1.1		
<i>Clupisoma garua</i>	1.1	8.2	5.0
<i>Labeo Calbasu</i>		9.0	
<i>Puntius terio</i>		4.3	
<i>Mystus cavasius</i>		3.2	1.2
<i>Gagata youssoufi</i>		2.3	
<i>Labeo bata</i>		2.0	
<i>Salmostoma phulo</i>		1.9	1.2
<i>Aspidoparia morar</i>		1.5	1.3
<i>Macrobrachium rosenbergii</i>		1.3	
<i>Aorichthys aor</i>		1.1	1.2
<i>Puntius ticto</i>			1.5
<i>Barilius evezardi</i>			1.3



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had a perennial flow supported a community of more typically riverine species. In the Lohajang very few (11%) of the dominant fish species could be categorised as riverine or migratory. These included only boal, kajuli, ghaura and the major carps rui and raik. Two exotic carps, common and silver carp, were found in the list of dominant species of the Lohajang, but did not appear in the lists from the other two rivers (Table 4.8). In these outside rivers there was a higher proportion of dominant riverine or migratory species, 36% in the Pungli and 28% in the Northern Dhaleswari. The migratory species included boal, which was particularly abundant in the Northern Dhaleswari, the carps rui, kalbaush and *Labeo bata*, and the catfish, ayre. The riverine species comprised kajuli, ghaura, gang tengra, fulchela and piali.

Prawns formed an important component of the total catch, particularly in the Lohajang (10%) and Northern Dhaleswari (12%), as they did in the Bhubaneswar (13%), a seasonal river in the Southwest region.

Although there were differences between the Lohajang River within the CPP and those outside it in terms of the relative importance of certain dominant species and in the proportion of migratory or riverine fish contributing to the list of dominant species, there were similar differences between the two outside rivers themselves. It is therefore difficult to attribute such differences to the fact that the Lohajang flowed through the CPP.



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## 5. CANAL FISHERIES

### 5.1 Total Catch

#### 5.1.1 Pattern of catch

Distinct seasonal changes in catch from canals inside and outside the CPP were observed (Fig. 5.1). Catches from both remained low between December and July 1993, but rose rapidly through August to a peak in September in canals outside the CPP. The peak inside was reached during October. This period of high catch coincided with the flood drawdown. The only difference between sites inside and outside the CPP was that the period of high catches was extended by one month, up to November, within the CPP (Fig. 5.1). This can be explained, certainly for 1993, by the longer period of water retention in Santosh khal inside the CPP compared with canals outside. The clear seasonal trends observed in the Tangail area are similar to those observed in other regions studied by FAP 17.

#### 5.1.2 Size of catch

Total annual catches per unit length of canal were very similar at sites inside and outside the CPP (Table 5.1). No statistical difference between catches was detected using comparisons of catch rates (see Section 5.2.3).

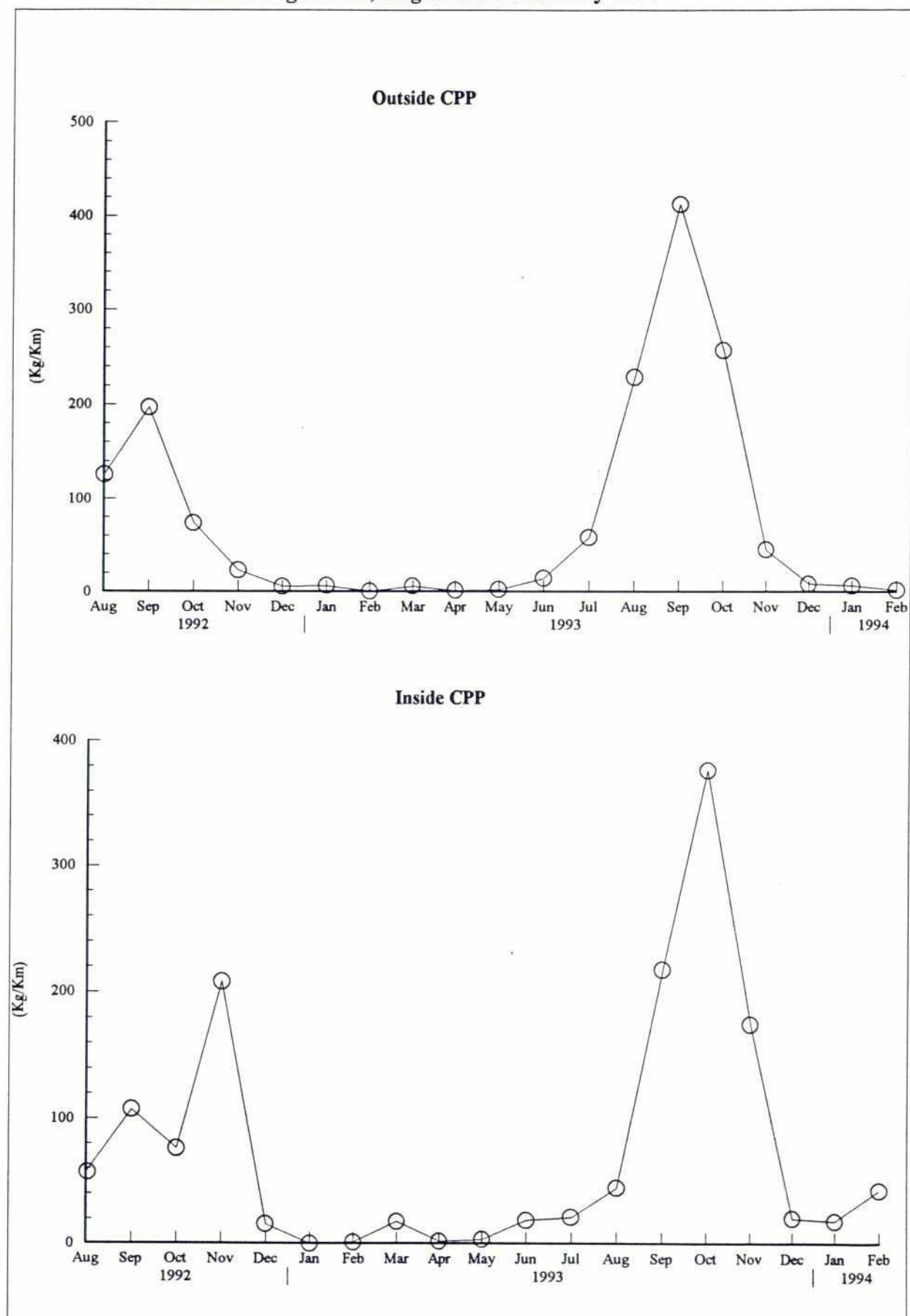
**Table 5.1 Comparison of Catch per Unit Length of Canals Inside and Outside the Tangail CPP.**

	Annual Catch March 1993 - Feb 1994 (kg/km)	Total Sampled Catch Aug 1992 - Feb 1994 (kg/km)
Outside	1,042	1,392
Inside	955	1,358
All canals sampled in NCR	1,230	1,702

Catches per unit length of canal inside and outside the CPP were slightly lower than the overall average estimated from all canals sampled in the North Central Region (Table 5.1)

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**Figure 5.1 Seasonal variation in the catch per unit length (Kg/Km) of canals inside and outside the Tangail CPP, August 1992-February 1994**





and were considerably lower than catches recorded in three of the four canals sampled in the southwest, where annual catches ranged from 2182 to 3235 kg/km. In comparison with riverine catches from Tangail, canal catches were consistently higher. A similar, though not so clear, trend was observed in the southwest.

Inter-annual changes in catch were clearly seen from plots of monthly catch data (Fig. 5.1) and from total catch estimates made over longer comparable periods between years (Table 5.2).

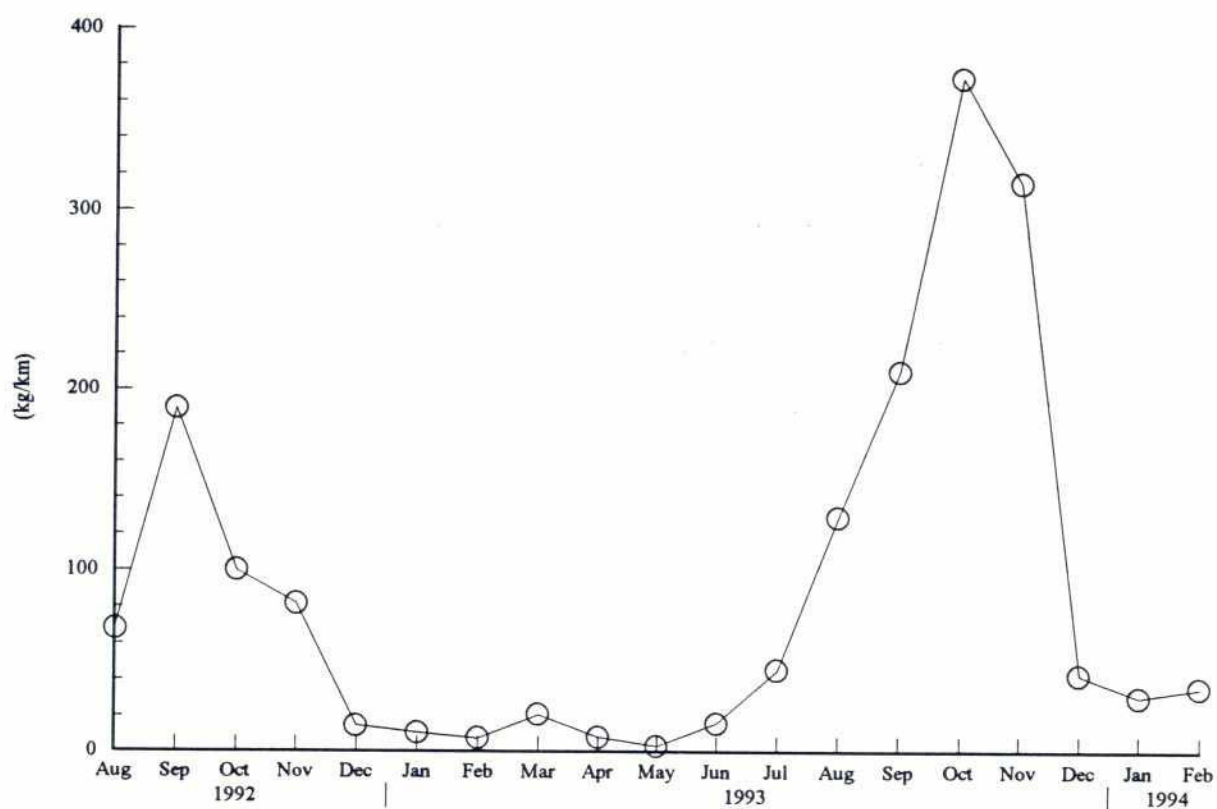
**Table 5.2 Comparison of the Total Catch (kg/km) from Canals Inside and Outside the Tangail CPP Between Different Years.**

	Aug 1992 - Feb 1993	Aug 1993 - Feb 1994	Percentage Increase
Inside	465	893	92
Outside	432	960	122
All canals sampled in NCR	472	1,137	140

It is obvious from Table 5.2 that both inside and outside the CPP there were substantial increases in the canal catches of 1993, when floods were greater and more prolonged, over those of 1992, which was a very dry year. This pattern was seen in all canals sampled in the NCR, where an average increase in catch of 140% was recorded (Table 5.2 and Fig. 5.2). This increase was a function of both increased fishing effort by dominant gears and increased catch rates (Fig. 5.3). Of the dominant gears, only ber jal exhibited no increase in effort or catch rate during 1993/94. Doiar traps increased in effort, but their catch rates remained unchanged. The increased catch rates of other gears (lift nets, cast nets and push nets) indicated higher fish densities in the more extensively flooded year of 1993/94.

This confirms the pattern found in rivers (Fig. 4.2) where an increase of 77% was observed. The greater increase in canal catches between years suggests that there may be a differential impact of inter-annual changes in flood regimes on fish populations in different aquatic habitats, with the riverine fish being less affected than canal fisheries. This point will be returned to in section 6.1.2 where floodplain catches are examined.

Figure 5.2 Seasonal variation in the catch per unit length (kg/km) of all canals sampled in the North Central Region, August 1992-February 1994

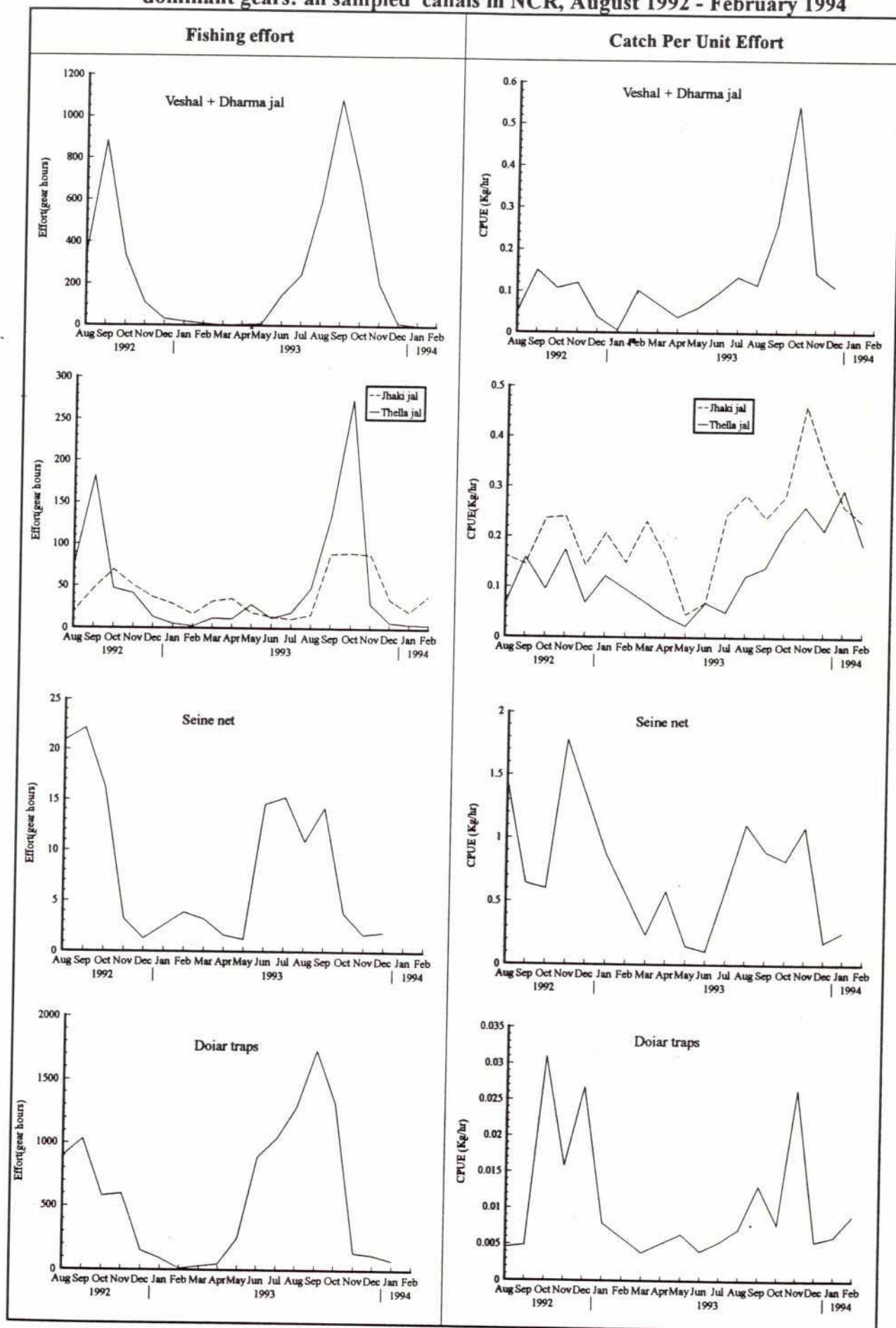


Notes:

1 - Canals sampled comprised Gala+borobasalia(Site 03), Anahula (Site 07), Santosh & Indrabelta (Site 10), Deojang & Atia (Site 13), Zia (Site 17), Chandrakhal (Site 22), Mailagi (Site 26) and Sakini (Site 30).

2 - Total length of canals sampled = 46.8 Km.

Figure 5.3 Inter-annual variation in total monthly fishing effort and catch rate (CPUE) of dominant gears: all sampled canals in NCR, August 1992 - February 1994





## 5.2 Pattern of Fishing

### 5.2.1 Catch by gear

A total of 19 different types of gear were recorded being used in canals outside the CPP and 17 gears inside it (Tables 5.3 and 5.4).

In general, the composition of gear types used inside and outside was similar, but there were differences in the relative importance of dominant gears (Table 5.5).

Lift nets predominated to an equal extent in and out. The dharma jal was the most important type of lift net used on sites outside the CPP, capturing 39% of the catch, whereas inside the CPP dharma jal and veshal captured an equal share (19.5% each) of the total catch (Table 5.5)

Thella jal and ber jal were both more important outside, while small-scale gears such as sip, doiar and current jal took more of the catch inside the CPP. Katha were important only inside, particularly on Santosh khal, an important drainage canal within the CPP which retained water longer than most others and therefore could support a dry season katha fishery.

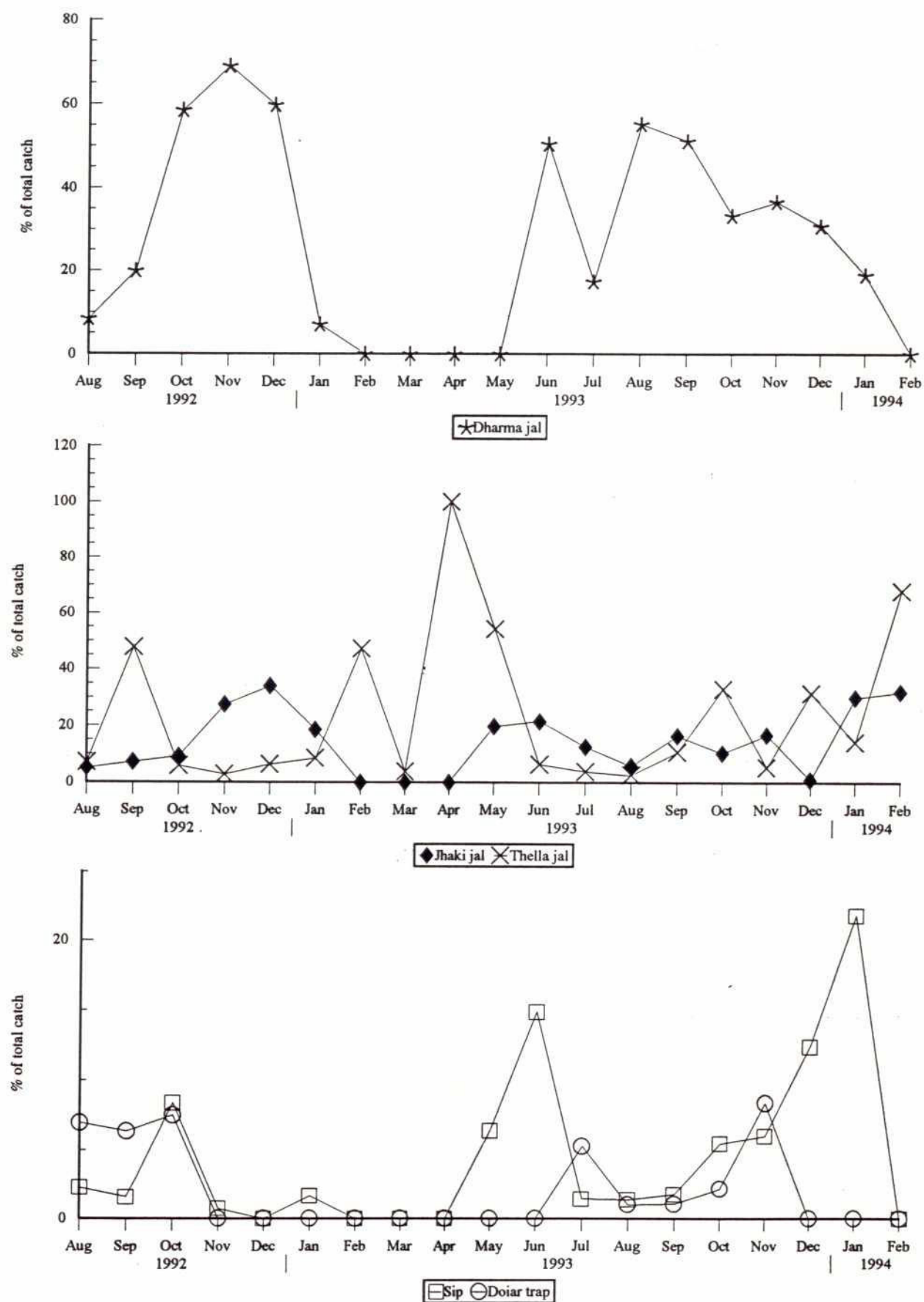
### 5.2.2 Catch by gear by month

On the canals outside the CPP, peak catches during August to October 1992 were taken mainly by lift nets (dharma jal and veshal), thella jal and ber jal (Fig. 5.4). The maximum catch recorded during September principally resulted from thella jal (48%) and dharma jal (20%) capturing prawns, puti (*P.sophore*) and the major carp, mrigal. The following year peak catches (seen again in September despite the larger flooding), were due to dharma jal (51%), jhaki jal (16%) and thella jal (11%) capturing mainly major carps, catla, rui and mrigal.

These species also dominated the high August catches of dharma jal and ber jal. The high catches during the flood drawdown in both years were a function of both increased fishing effort by the dominant gears (Fig. 5.5) and also increased catch rates of these same gears (Fig. 5.6).



Figure 5.4 Percentage of the total monthly catch taken by dominant gears: canals outside the Tangail CPP



**Figure 5.5 Total monthly fishing effort of dominant gears: canals outside the Tangail CPP**

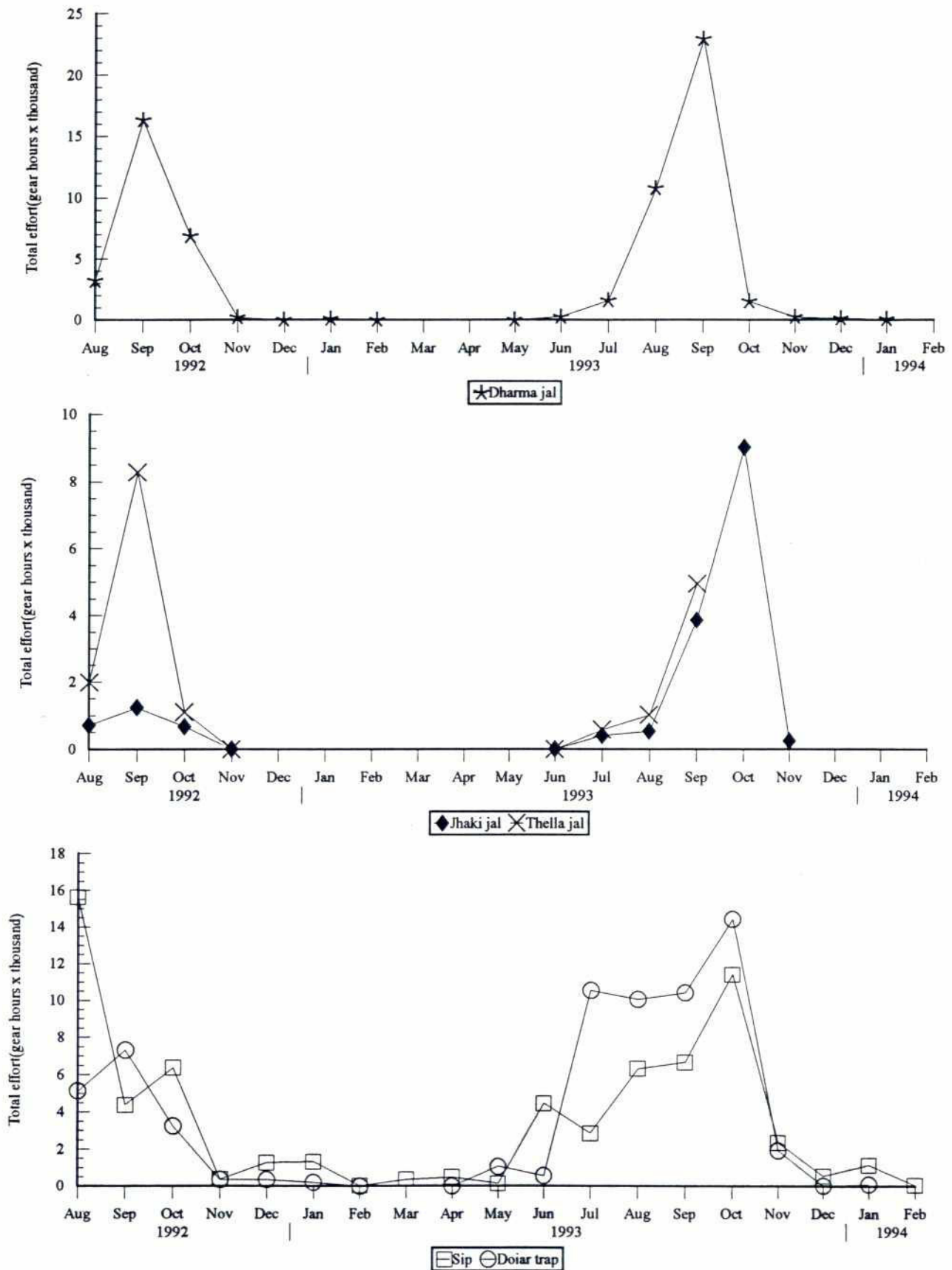
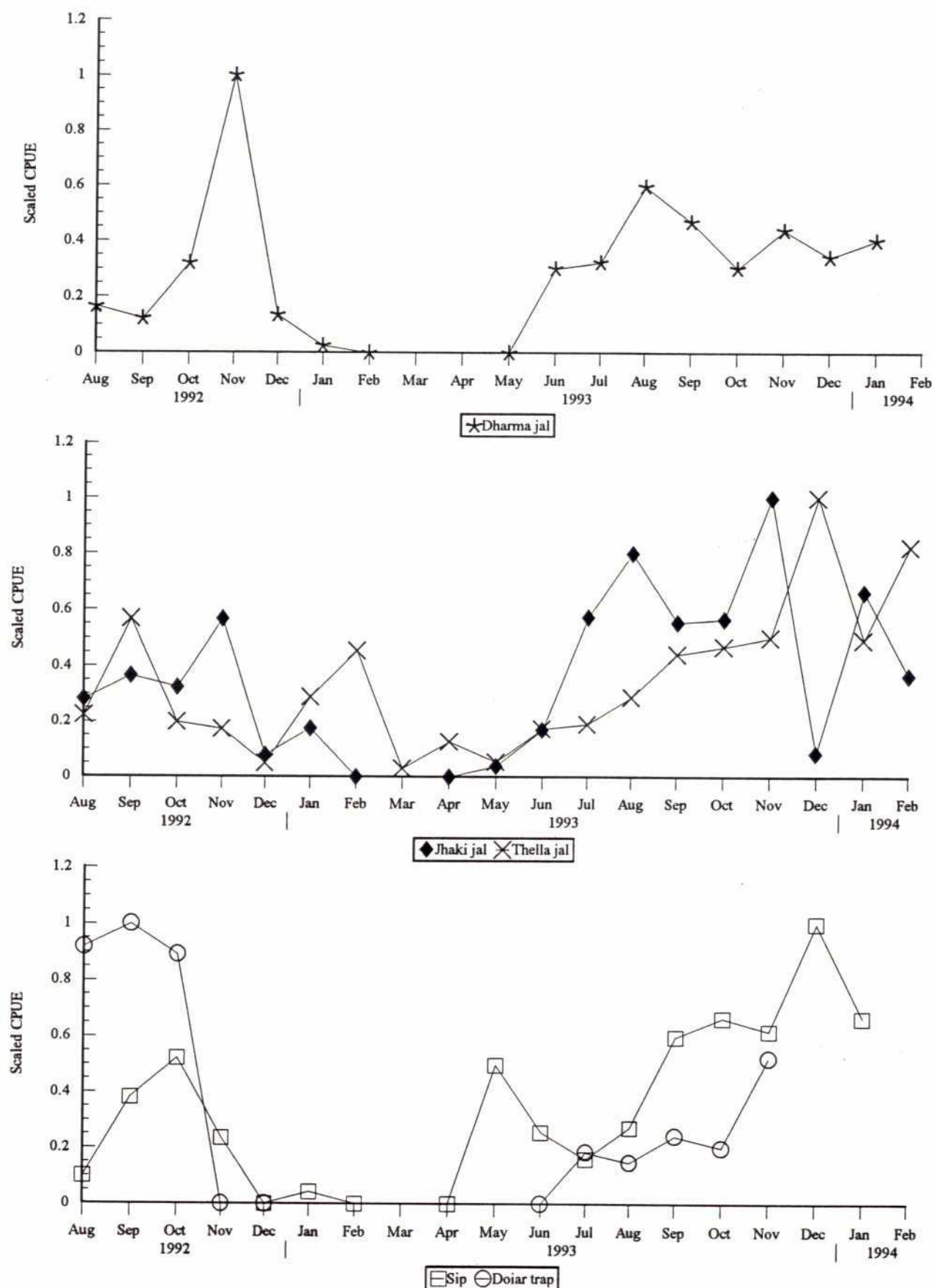


Figure 5.6 Catch rates (Scaled CPUE) of dominant gears: canals outside the Tangail CPP



Note: Scaled CPUE are values of CPUE expressed as a proportion (decimal) of the maximum monthly value recorded.



Table 5.3 Percentage total monthly catch by gear type: canals outside CPP

Gear Code	Gear name(Bengali)	Year: 1992												Year: 1993												Year: 1994			Total annual catch (Mar'93 – Feb'94)	
		Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Kg	%								
105	Dharma jal	8.334	19.865	58.459	68.931	59.680	7.038	—	—	—	50.341	17.315	55.071	51.038	33.163	36.512	30.583	18.855	—	—	6456.186	44.073								
255	Thella jal	7.024	47.634	5.838	2.831	6.348	8.455	47.129	100.000	54.177	6.251	3.756	2.535	10.620	32.919	5.330	31.471	14.091	68.088	—	—	2071.593	14.142							
164	Jhaki jal	5.014	7.186	9.206	27.494	33.972	18.627	—	—	19.709	21.485	12.509	5.814	16.360	10.381	16.781	0.992	29.932	31.912	—	—	1806.551	12.332							
45	Ber jal	63.846	13.218	3.761	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33.330	23.381	7.080	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1435.120	9.797							
307	Hand fishing	—	—	—	—	—	18.511	48.907	42.669	19.709	—	—	—	0.397	8.367	20.293	6.409	—	—	—	—	502.119	3.428							
30	Sip/Barshi	2.263	1.576	8.380	0.744	—	1.661	—	—	6.405	14.895	1.444	1.398	1.797	5.484	6.018	12.401	21.832	—	—	—	463.730	3.166							
88	Current jal	3.377	0.243	3.742	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.853	7.691	5.152	0.355	4.725	—	—	—	—	—	—	427.730	2.920							
266	Veshal	—	2.348	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.048	1.273	5.908	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	392.064	2.676							
202	Moi jal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.237	3.675	0.966	—	11.868	—	—	—	—	301.770	2.060							
95	Doiar trap	6.952	6.348	7.500	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.287	1.025	1.083	2.182	8.394	—	—	—	—	—	271.084	1.851							
89	Dhor jal	1.735	1.583	0.723	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.175	13.653	—	0.753	1.029	1.615	6.277	—	—	—	—	216.651	1.479							
272	Daun	1.454	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.385	2.703	0.085	0.262	—	—	—	—	—	—	112.597	0.769							
271	Suti jal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.262	0.334	0.800	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	67.443	0.460							
175	Kathi jal/Dolna	—	—	2.392	—	—	—	—	53.550	—	—	—	—	—	0.295	—	—	—	—	—	—	53.703	0.367							
270	Katha jal	—	—	—	—	—	45.459	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.057	—	15.289	—	—	—	45.980	0.314							
278	Nol barsi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.321	0.079	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13.341	0.091							
291	Urani	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.228	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.239	0.056							
123	Koi jal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.050	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.925	0.020							
314	Boat katha	—	—	—	—	—	0.248	3.965	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—						
		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	14648.8	100							

Table 5.4 Percentage total monthly catch by gear type: canals inside CPP

Gear Code	Gear name(Bengali)	Year: 1992												Year: 1993												Year: 1994		Total annual catch (Mar'93 – Feb'94)	
		Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Kg	%								
266	Veshal	4.228	19.116	6.931	2.575	–	–	–	–	–	20.745	6.842	4.904	20.867	49.854	2.072	–	–	–	2259.376	25.551								
105	Dharma jal	7.269	43.849	25.059	10.218	7.533	–	–	–	–	34.785	47.156	23.225	29.376	47.923	6.395	0.635	–	–	1701.052	19.237								
164	Jhaki jal	10.650	9.296	20.970	11.468	28.982	13.144	33.179	63.647	–	1.970	10.040	4.442	0.322	16.994	35.039	17.179	31.813	29.817	1472.028	16.647								
95	Doiar trap	14.368	6.044	0.145	–	–	–	1.452	–	–	6.864	22.014	29.209	20.625	9.763	9.299	3.576	–	7.002	1117.024	12.632								
270	Katha	–	–	–	–	46.836	–	45.699	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	18.576	71.219	41.789	62.342	820.796	9.282								
255	Thella jal	19.486	2.021	10.879	15.242	11.642	34.056	7.755	28.248	29.259	8.645	6.687	13.535	7.130	3.057	6.439	7.390	26.398	0.758	523.842	5.924								
291	Urani	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.972	15.659	–	–	–	286.774	3.243								
45	Ber jal	42.672	17.058	5.340	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6.286	–	–	–	–	219.022	2.477								
30	Sip	1.254	2.617	8.616	23.639	5.007	10.986	–	–	35.956	14.620	4.614	17.300	3.022	0.177	1.779	–	–	–	211.811	2.395								
307	Hand fishing	–	–	–	–	–	–	11.521	6.675	–	–	–	–	–	–	4.142	–	–	–	86.678	0.980								
271	Suti jal	0.073	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	26.578	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	51.646	0.584								
88	Current jal	–	–	22.060	36.858	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.423	0.112	1.222	0.215	–	0.080	–	50.355	0.569								
202	Moi jal	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.916	–	–	–	–	31.904	0.361								
170	Juti	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.385	–	–	–	6.214	0.070								
278	Nol barsi	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.810	–	–	–	–	–	–	3.348	0.038								
314	Boat Katha	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.394	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.639	0.007								
296	Tukri	–	–	–	–	–	41.815	–	1.430	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.240	0.003								
		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	8842.7	100								



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**Table 5.5 Percentage of Total Catch Taken by Dominant Gears Used on Canals Inside and Outside the Tangail CPP, August 1992 - February 1994.**

Gear Name	Outside	Inside	All Canals Sampled in NCR
Dharma jal	38.8	19.5	14
Thella jal	17.4	7.9	8
Ber jal	14.3	5.0	6
Jhaki jal	11.2	15.5	11
Doiar trap	3.1	9.5	7
Sip	3.1	5.8	3
Current jal	2.6	7.0	2
Veshal		19.5	30
Katha		6.7	5

Note: Dominant gears are those gears taking between them at least 90% of the total catch inside or outside the CPP.

Within the CPP, peak catches of 1992 were largely due to current jal and sip catching puti (*P. sophore*) and taki respectively. Peak catches in October 1993 resulted from lift nets (Fig. 5.7) taking *P. sophore*, bailla, kaika and the major carps rui and catla. Peak catches in both years were due to increased fishing effort (Fig. 5.8) and increased catch rates (Fig. 5.9) of the dominant gears.

### 5.2.3 Statistical comparison of catch rates

At the inside sites for this habitat type, over 90% of the total catch per kilometre for the period March 1993 to February 1994, excluding katha and kua, was taken by 6 gears. At the outside sites, over 90% of the total catch per kilometre over the same period was taken by 7 gears. In all, 10 gears were used in the statistical analysis of catch rates, as listed in Table 5.6. Three gears appeared in both lists: dharma jal, thella jal and jhaki jal. Dharma jal took 21% of the catch at the inside sites, and 44% of the catch at the outside sites. A total of 569 individual catch rate observations were used in this analysis.



**Figure 5.7 Percentage of the total monthly catch taken by dominant gears:  
canals inside the Tangail CPP**

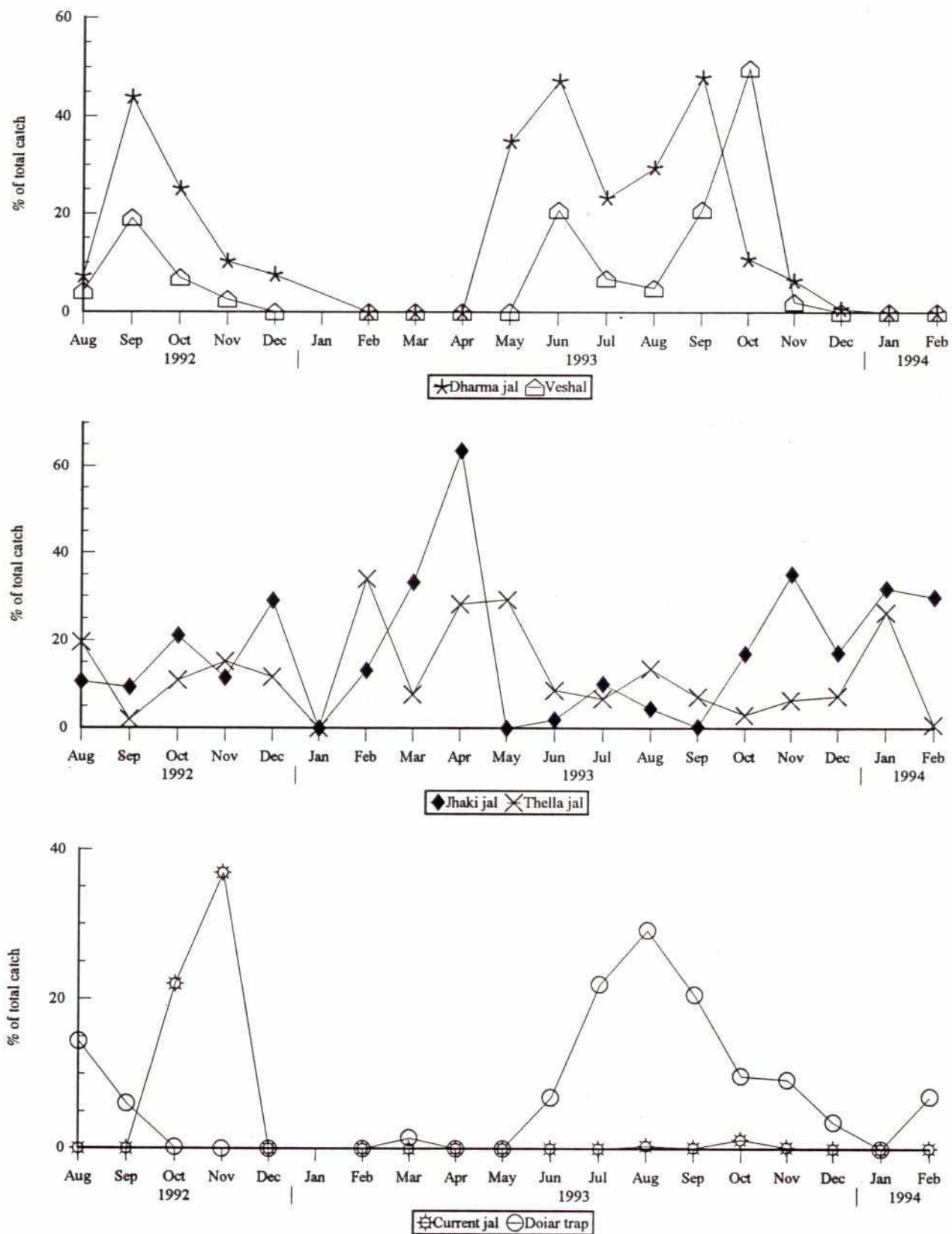


Figure 5.8 Total monthly fishing effort of dominant gears: canals inside the Tangail CPP

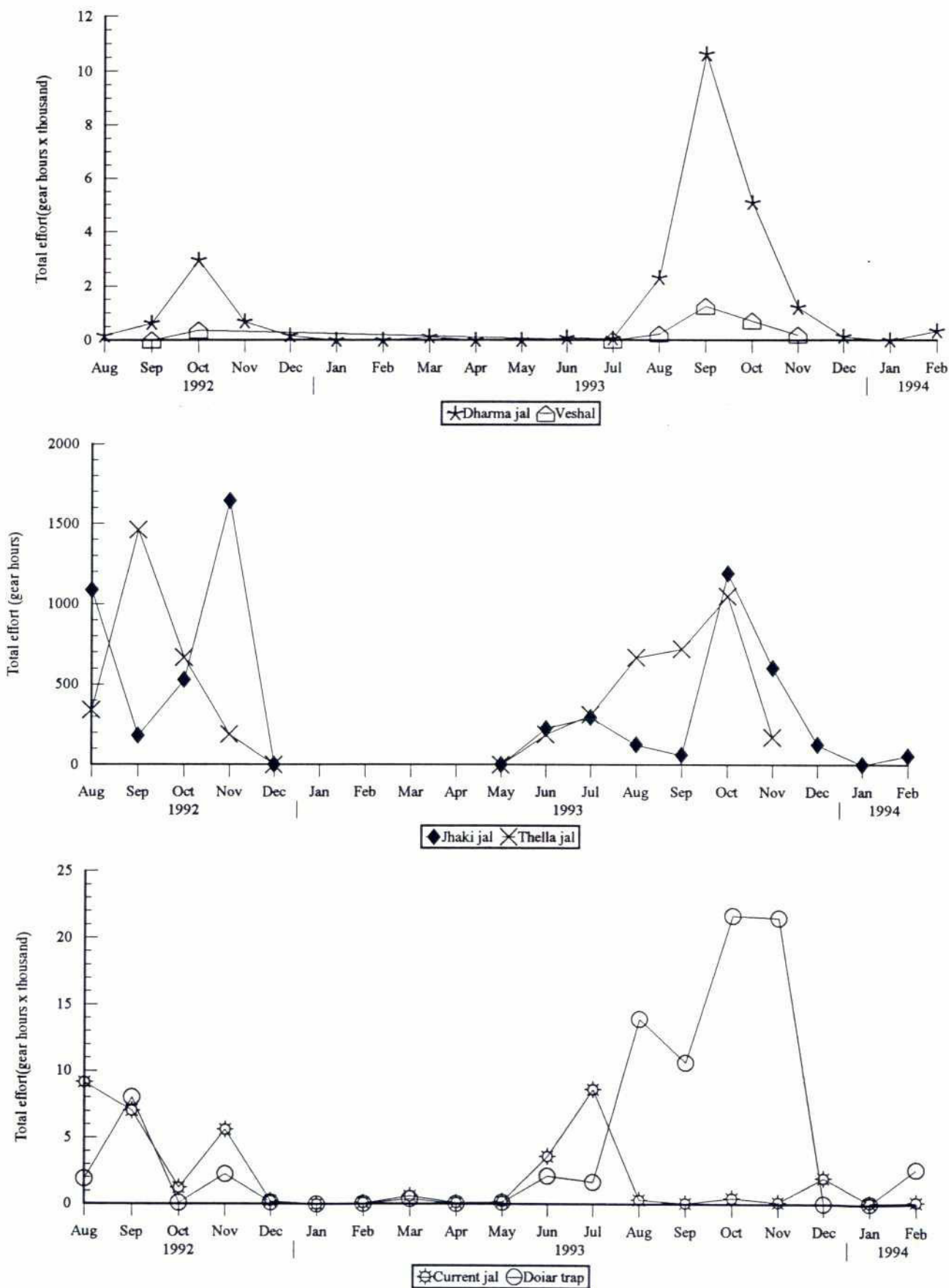
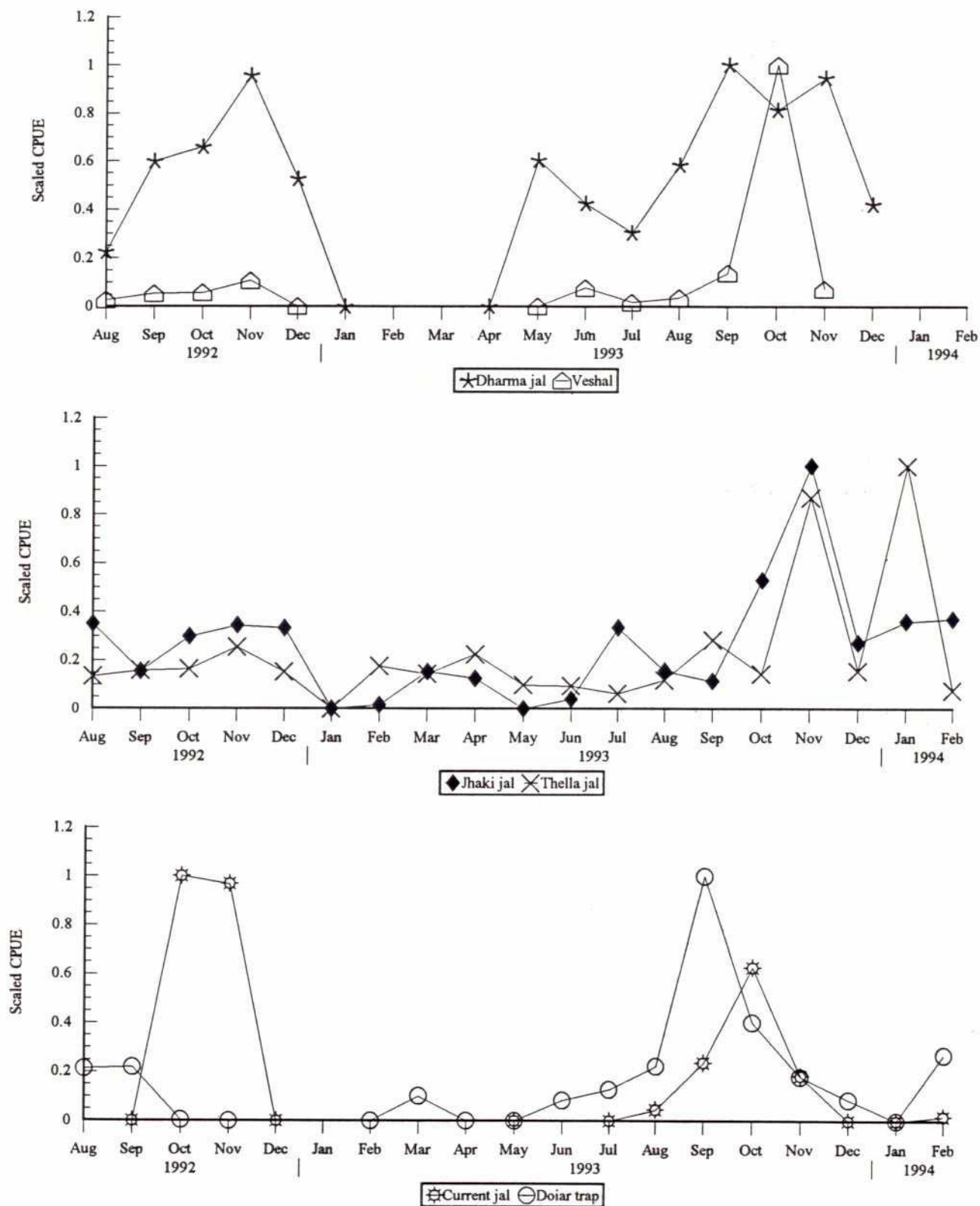


Figure 5.9 Catch rates (Scaled CPUE) of dominant gears: canals inside the Tangail CPP



Note: Scaled CPUE are values of CPUE expressed as a proportion (decimal) of the maximum monthly value recorded.



Table 5.6 Statistical Comparison of Catches Per Unit Area Inside and Outside the Tangail CPP, March 1993 - February 1994.

		SEASON																				
		March - April				May - June				July - Sept				Oct - Nov				Dec - Feb				
		1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10		
		Obs	Pred	Pred Out	Obs	Pred	Pred Out	Obs	Pred	Pred Out	Obs	Pred	Pred Out	Obs	Pred	Pred Out	Obs	Pred	Pred Out	Obs	Pred	Pred Out
OUTSIDE	105 SL	0.0	0.0		5.0	4.5		350.1	300.2		114.9	98.0		3.7	3.6		473.7	406.4				
	255 PU	4.2	4.2		5.3	5.7		43.9	69.1		85.6	88.8		4.7	4.4		143.6	172.1				
	164 CA	0.0	0.0		3.4	3.4		78.2	78.3		30.8	44.4		2.2	2.2		114.7	129.0				
	45 SE	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		102.1	102.1		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		102.1	102.1				
	307 HA	14.5	14.5		2.6	2.6		0.0	0.0		37.1	37.1		0.8	0.8		54.9	54.9				
	30 HO	0.0	0.0		2.1	2.1		9.0	9.0		17.0	17.0		2.6	2.6		30.8	30.8				
	88 SG	0.0	0.0		2.7	2.7		16.2	16.2		9.4	9.4		0.0	0.0		28.3	28.3				
	266 SL	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0				
	95 PT	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0				
	291 OT	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0				
TOTAL STD ERR		18.6	18.6		21.1	21.0		599.4	574.9		294.8	294.8		14.0	14.2		948.0	923.5				
INSIDE	105 SL	0.0	0.0		14.3	14.8		107.8	129.3		188.0	54.1		57.2	87.4		201.8	304.9		63.8		322.0
	255 PU	2.1	2.1		2.7	2.5		26.5	18.6		27.0	24.6		17.7	36.1		89.6	81.9		26.4		74.4
	164 CA	7.0	7.0		0.4	0.6		4.2	4.2		6.1	115.0		69.4	59.6		189.5	160.4		43.5		119.5
	45 SE	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0		0.0
	307 HA	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0		0.0
	30 HO	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0		0.0
	88 SG	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0		0.0
	266 SL	0.0	0.0		3.9	3.9		37.9	37.9		55.1	201.6		157.1	0.0		243.4	243.4		20.0		215.6
	95 PT	0.3	0.3		1.3	1.3		34.3	34.3		49.9	60.4		47.1	27.4		123.7	123.7		27.4		118.3
	291 OT	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0		0.0
TOTAL STD ERR		9.4	9.4		22.4	23.0		210.8	224.3		326.2	455.7		348.5	210.5		848.0	814.4		153.7		849.8
		2.4	2.4		0.5	5.1		5.3	23.7		35.6	79.8		67.1	49.8		97.2	77.3		12.9		77.3

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Comparison of the seasonally pooled catch rates by gear between inside and outside sites indicated that the main assumptions of statistical analysis were reasonably satisfied, with acceptable agreement between observed and predicted catch rates. Parameter estimates measuring the seasonal differences in underlying density of fish at the inside and outside sites indicated higher densities at the inside sites in seasons 1, 2, 4 and 5, and lower densities in season 3. Only the difference in season 3 was statistically significant when judged individually. Taken together, the seasonal densities at inside and outside sites are significantly different, but the statistical test was only marginally significant ( $p=0.03$ ).

Total annual catches per kilometre by the 10 gears were quite similar at the inside and outside sites (Table 5.6). Estimates of standardised effort per kilometre, summed across all 10 gears and seasons, were derived from the statistical analysis. For the inside sites, the total standardised effort (measured in dharma jal hours per kilometre) was 8,970, compared with 10,408 for the outside sites.

To make allowance for this small difference in effort, estimates of the total annual catch per kilometre at inside sites, based on the observed effort pattern by gear at the inside sites, were calculated using both the predicted densities at inside and outside sites. The results are shown in Table 5.6. The predicted total catch per kilometre using the inside densities was 914.4 kg per kilometre (s.e. 97.2), while the corresponding figure predicted using the outside densities was 849.8 kg per kilometre (s.e. 77.3). This comparison suggests that the inside sites may have been slightly more productive than the outside sites, but the difference between the predicted values is nowhere near statistically significant.

### 5.3 Species Composition and Biodiversity

#### 5.3.1 Species richness

A total of 90 species of fish was found in canals outside the CPP and 84 species in canals inside it. The numbers are comparable with those found in the three rivers over the same sampling period (79 - 89 species) but are considerably higher than the number of species found in canals in some parts of the Southwest Region, where total numbers ranged from 42 to 55. The regional difference is partly due to the shorter sampling period (13 months) in the southwest. If the same period is used on the North Central data, then species numbers recorded outside and inside the CPP decrease to 77 and 73 respectively; still considerably higher than in the southwest.





Seasonal changes in species number were similar inside and outside the CPP (Fig. 5.10) and followed the same trend as that in rivers (Fig. 4.11), with numbers rising during the flood season to peak at the time of the recession as fish leave the floodplains, followed by a decrease again during the winter.

### 5.3.2 Species composition

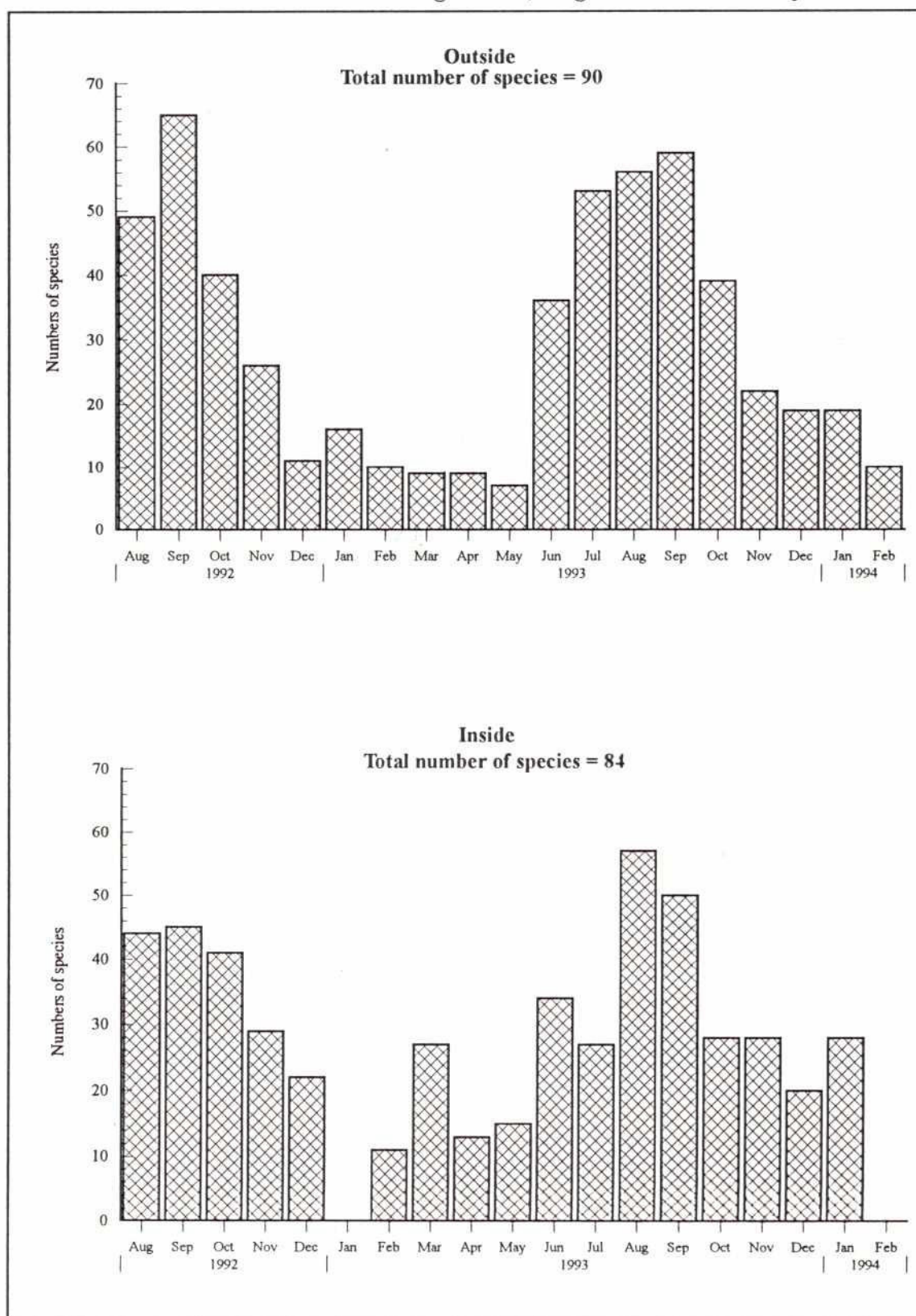
Percentage monthly catches by species are provided in Tables 5.7 and 5.8 for sites outside and inside the CPP respectively. Those species dominating the total catches for the period August 1992 to February 1994 are listed in Table 5.9. The composition of dominant species was very similar inside and outside the CPP, differing only in the relative contributions made by certain species.

It is clear from Table 5.9 that the greatest difference between sites was in the reduction of the abundance of major carps inside the CPP (6% of total catch) compared with sites outside it (30%). This reduction was most marked in 1993, when carp were generally more abundant. The reduction can be partly explained by the differences in timing of the first flow of river waters into beel and floodplains inside and outside the CPP and the effect of this on the supply of carp hatchlings delivered by these waters. Some sites outside the CPP (e.g. site 19) received waters from the Jamuna River in late May, but most first received river waters in mid-June. By contrast, within the CPP, Lohajang River waters did not flow into beel/floodplains until late June or early July. Since carp hatchlings first appeared in mid-May (Supporting Volume 11), the delay in reaching the floodplain inside the CPP resulted in a significantly lower recruitment which would be expected to result in lower catches later in the year.

A prominent feature of the composition of the dominant species list for all sites is the importance of typical floodplain resident species. This same characteristic was noted in rivers around Tangail. Of the species listed in Table 5.9 only the four major carps, catla, rui, mrigel and raik are migratory, while the minnow, fulchela is more typical of rivers. The remainder are species capable of remaining on the floodplain throughout the year and can therefore be categorised as floodplain residents, even though they also inhabit canals and rivers.



**Figure 5.10 Seasonal variation in the number of fish species recorded from canals inside and outside the Tangail CPP, August 1992 - February 1994**



**Table 5.7 Percentage total monthly catch by species: canals outside CPP**

Species Code	Scientific	Species name	Year: 1992					Year: 1993					Year: 1994					Total annual catch (Mar'93 - Feb '94)					
			Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Kg	%
32	<i>Carla carla</i>	Carla	4.533	4.170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.471	12.903	14.876	22.992	1.442	-	-	-	-	-	1970.267	13.453
107	<i>Labeo rohita</i>	Rui	1.286	2.164	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.225	12.966	11.039	22.040	5.699	-	-	-	-	-	1945.655	13.285
180	<i>Puntius sophore</i>	Pui	5.631	9.026	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16.452	29.249	6.765	2.924	23.586	-	-	-	-	-	1664.613	11.366
931	<i>Prawn spp.</i>	Prawn	2.339	38.446	0.697	0.357	33.714	8.113	3.395	16.772	18.772	1.088	10.594	3.330	11.149	20.326	8.697	4.475	24.898	15.572	14.965	1664.613	11.366
47	<i>Cirrhinus mrigala</i>	Mrigel	6.992	7.073	7.500	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.165	1.902	24.379	8.117	-	-	-	-	-	-	1270.260	8.673
41	<i>Channa pumilus</i>	Taki	1.398	2.568	10.466	6.667	6.118	19.783	15.927	-	-	5.293	3.614	1.934	3.194	10.162	13.749	19.365	24.717	13.809	802.193	5.477	
123	<i>Macrognathus pancalus</i>	Guchi	2.434	0.761	2.943	0.526	4.925	0.487	17.187	16.224	-	33.151	4.701	1.589	4.983	4.508	2.266	3.863	0.534	4.019	594.941	4.062	
83	<i>Glossogobius giuris</i>	Bulla	3.702	0.974	1.087	0.656	0.656	0.835	7.456	-	-	4.327	2.201	5.609	3.063	4.252	1.567	8.891	1.643	-	573.490	3.916	
175	<i>Puntius conchozius</i>	Canchan pui	-	0.007	1.517	1.996	26.949	1.809	5.875	0.309	-	20.349	9.815	6.912	2.069	1.863	7.645	2.534	2.984	1.612	557.625	3.807	
48	<i>Cirrhinus reba</i>	Rauk	0.903	0.447	0.618	0.072	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.218	1.222	4.917	1.221	0.004	-	-	370.342	2.529	
110	<i>Lepidosteus guntea</i>	Gutum	0.731	2.377	2.663	6.387	4.486	4.339	1.199	15.833	1.179	1.090	1.933	0.272	0.893	4.159	4.537	7.018	1.179	12.432	280.530	1.915	
55	<i>Colisa fasciatus</i>	Khalisha	0.552	2.414	1.986	1.531	-	15.136	5.823	6.599	-	2.985	0.794	0.712	1.152	3.642	2.652	4.233	0.774	22.670	267.276	1.825	
137	<i>Mystus vittatus</i>	Tenga	1.855	2.601	8.378	6.393	13.151	13.811	-	-	-	8.103	2.116	1.034	0.792	2.829	0.912	3.509	10.263	1.419	236.464	1.615	
102	<i>Labeo calbasus</i>	Kalbas	0.290	0.313	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.240	2.027	1.823	-	0.006	-	-	172.870	1.180	
75	<i>Esomus danicus</i>	Darika	7.105	1.416	2.440	0.054	-	-	5.125	48.869	5.341	4.921	4.993	0.365	0.356	1.080	0.175	5.081	0.435	9.709	165.825	1.132	
212	<i>Puntius ticto</i>	Titi pui	1.686	0.706	1.092	0.056	1.421	-	-	-	-	1.567	0.697	0.800	0.728	0.379	9.060	9.376	1.575	-	160.709	1.097	
37	<i>Chanda rangi</i>	Lal chanda	1.228	0.435	1.146	0.388	-	0.094	3.412	-	-	1.397	1.087	1.300	0.639	1.319	0.765	0.713	1.359	-	145.156	0.991	
122	<i>Mastomys armatus</i>	Bani balm	0.572	0.034	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.318	0.037	1.968	0.357	0.421	0.396	0.897	0.272	-	143.892	0.982	
36	<i>Chanda nama</i>	Nama Chanda	0.670	0.181	0.330	0.479	-	0.680	-	-	-	0.541	2.824	1.748	0.397	0.305	-	0.897	-	-	126.639	0.865	
189	<i>Salmostoma phulo</i>	Fulchela	7.566	3.928	0.091	0.027	-	-	-	-	-	0.338	0.820	0.572	0.473	1.207	0.870	2.172	2.920	-	115.490	0.789	
210	<i>Xenentodon cancila</i>	Kauka	0.343	0.898	0.176	0.594	6.373	-	-	-	-	6.653	2.143	1.325	0.250	0.379	-	0.633	-	-	107.556	0.734	
5	<i>Amblypharyngodon mola</i>	Mola	4.517	0.802	-	-	-	0.130	-	-	-	-	-	1.325	0.250	0.379	-	0.633	-	-	103.800	0.709	
2	<i>Ailia colla</i>	Kajuli	0.010	0.014	0.003	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.325	0.250	0.379	-	0.633	-	-	103.800	0.709	
56	<i>Colisa lalia</i>	Lal Khalisha	-	0.034	1.010	0.005	-	-	7.509	-	-	5.653	0.140	0.314	0.038	1.256	0.540	1.266	0.489	-	81.727	0.558	
6	<i>Anabas testudineus</i>	Koi	0.114	0.389	0.059	0.018	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.215	1.520	0.207	0.187	-	0.952	-	-	75.555	0.516	
91	<i>Hypophthalmichthys molitrix</i>	Silver carp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.963	0.207	0.187	-	0.952	-	-	70.491	0.481	
169	<i>Pseudotripturus atherinoides</i>	Batasi	-	0.106	0.010	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.172	0.039	1.535	0.093	-	-	-	-	-	63.113	0.431	
86	<i>Gudusia chapra</i>	Chapila	0.174	0.103	0.505	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.377	0.497	1.344	0.036	0.090	0.002	-	-	-	55.403	0.378	
178	<i>Puntius phutuno</i>	Phutuni pui	-	0.027	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.611	0.086	0.384	0.050	0.938	0.038	-	-	-	53.397	0.365	
131	<i>Mystus bleekeri</i>	Golsia tenga	-	-	1.737	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.245	1.440	0.020	0.319	0.362	-	-	0.544	-	51.808	0.354	
121	<i>Macrognathus aculeatus</i>	Tam balm	0.573	0.526	3.347	0.218	-	2.815	-	-	-	2.102	0.751	0.528	0.083	0.264	-	-	6.599	-	50.570	0.345	
211	<i>Colisa labiosus</i>	Khalisha	-	-	3.347	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.048	0.805	0.125	0.138	0.401	-	-	-	-	44.841	0.306	
209	<i>Wallagu attu</i>	Baal	2.075	0.482	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.085	0.411	0.489	0.138	0.401	-	-	-	-	43.192	0.295	
136	<i>Mystus tengra</i>	Bajiri tenga	14.076	4.075	0.003	1.070	1.801	0.187	-	-	-	0.163	0.187	0.402	0.039	0.574	-	-	-	-	42.267	0.289	
16	<i>Bagarius bagarius</i>	Baghair	0.108	0.017	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.039	0.574	-	-	-	-	37.837	0.258	
100	<i>Labeo bata</i>	Bata	0.472	2.949	4.537	0.280	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.617	-	-	-	-	-	35.762	0.244	
81	<i>Gagrin youssoufi</i>	Gang tenga	0.054	0.057	0.124	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.241	0.695	0.529	0.155	0.047	-	-	-	-	35.657	0.243	
188	<i>Salmostoma bacaila</i>	Katari	0.039	0.518	0.075	0.151	-	-	-	-	-	1.031	0.693	0.160	0.225	0.056	-	-	-	-	33.864	0.231	
88	<i>Heteropneustes fossilis</i>	Shingi	0.472	0.129	1.456	-	-	1.610	1.713	4.764	-	-	0.298	0.298	0.234	0.055	0.028	-	0.472	2.344	33.023	0.225	
28	<i>Botia dario</i>	Rani	0.062	0.150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.064	0.361	0.081	0.287	0.016	-	-	-	-	27.539	0.188	
132	<i>Mystus cavasius</i>	Kabashi	-	0.073	-	0.243	0.407	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.287	0.016	-	-	-	-	26.354	0.180	
15	<i>Budis budis</i>	Nipiti koi	-	0.003	0.008	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.082	0.247	-	-	-	-	24.601	0.168	
59	<i>Crossocheilus latius</i>	Kalabata	0.001	0.130	0.545	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.064	0.361	0.081	0.287	0.016	-	-	1.074	-	16.952	0.116	
25	<i>Batasio tengana</i>	Tenga	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.082	0.247	-	-	-	-	16.572	0.113	
130	<i>Aorichthys aor</i>	Ayre	-	0.152	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.154	0.471	-	-	-	-	-	-	16.396	0.112	
101	<i>Labeo boga</i>	Bhangan	0.595	0.152	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.001	0.285	-	-	-	-	15.340	0.105	
13	<i>Aspidopoma morni</i>	Morni	-	0.034	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.353	0.069	-	-	-	-	-	14.269	0.097	
49	<i>Clarias batrachus</i>	Magur	-	0.246	0.024	-	-	2.020	-	-	-	-	-	0.409	0.020	-	-	-	-	-	12.984	0.089	
120	<i>Macrobrachium rosenbergii</i>	Golda	-	-	-	-	-	1.777	-	-	-	-	-	0.137	0.148	-	-	-	-	-	10.588	0.072	
139	<i>Nemachilus botia</i>	Balichan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.183	-	-	-	-	-	9.247	0.063	
40	<i>Channa orientalis</i>	Cheng	0.373	0.179	0.003	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.431	0.169	0.000	0.082	0.006	-	-	-	-	8.107	0.055	



**Table 5.7 Percentage total monthly catch by species: canals outside CPP (Cont.)**

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Table 5.8 Percentage total monthly catch by species: canals inside CPP

Species Code	Species name		Year: 1992												Year: 1993												Year: 1994		Total annual catch (Mar'93 - Feb'94)	
			Bengali																											
			Scientific	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Kg	%							
180	<i>Puntius sophore</i>	Puti	12.414	18.056	40.429	45.099	37.823	0.196	6.714	3.576	4.574	16.251	17.293	8.574	10.676	17.316	37.318	28.043	16.782	36.006	1752.167	19.814								
931	Prawn spp.	Prawn	15.468	0.832	8.238	2.808	1.483	7.690	4.874	3.016	6.362	3.443	6.873	30.833	9.275	20.292	10.349	8.690	24.910	5.062	1294.830	14.643								
210	<i>Xenotodon canalis</i>	Kaikka	1.583	5.782	6.926	1.349	1.131	-	0.605	-	-	1.823	1.231	7.549	7.861	14.310	2.295	1.374	4.937	2.472	751.908	8.503								
41	<i>Channa punctatus</i>	Taki	3.783	4.384	5.616	26.004	9.857	13.683	22.387	15.018	19.621	3.441	4.284	1.590	3.993	5.224	8.856	22.249	13.669	14.955	593.458	6.711								
83	<i>Glossogobius giuris</i>	Bailla	2.391	1.075	1.807	0.283	0.826	-	3.599	1.669	0.955	2.443	2.654	6.459	8.225	2.062	4.899	1.743	9.044	2.034	385.010	4.354								
137	<i>Mystus vittatus</i>	Tengra	2.460	2.428	6.351	3.129	20.844	0.432	10.098	2.145	21.896	13.217	9.770	3.119	2.222	2.273	6.839	7.235	2.692	9.448	367.200	4.152								
123	<i>Macrogynthus pancalus</i>	Guchi	9.293	5.536	2.508	3.393	0.116	3.276	8.195	28.689	10.059	3.872	5.638	2.465	4.007	4.791	2.685	2.133	6.097	2.235	362.547	4.100								
110	<i>Lepidocephalus guntea</i>	Gutum	1.802	2.076	2.539	4.236	2.650	60.235	6.428	6.234	9.930	2.943	2.146	2.145	1.584	4.163	6.014	2.226	3.447	0.958	320.063	3.619								
175	<i>Puntius conchonius</i>	Canchan puti	-	-	-	2.140	2.296	0.393	0.245	-	3.773	9.186	19.216	2.017	1.268	5.077	2.323	1.372	2.159	0.101	309.421	3.499								
107	<i>Labeo rohita</i>	Rui	1.659	7.284	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.214	12.378	0.182	-	-	-	-	276.824	3.130								
55	<i>Colisa fasciatus</i>	Khalisha	2.593	4.544	3.226	4.400	7.438	0.245	5.668	0.715	1.405	7.280	8.115	0.422	1.492	2.615	3.210	1.887	4.964	4.820	243.409	2.753								
203	<i>Tetraodon cutcutia</i>	Potika	-	0.339	0.290	-	0.046	-	0.106	-	-	-	-	0.027	2.415	4.533	2.112	0.224	-	-	241.313	2.729								
88	<i>Heteropneustes fossilis</i>	Shingi	1.066	0.639	0.704	1.015	3.630	6.641	22.065	28.266	-	1.208	0.622	1.128	0.615	2.175	-	1.141	-	13.409	191.567	2.166								
75	<i>Esomus danricus</i>	Darkina	0.062	0.497	1.308	0.878	-	1.648	0.211	0.715	4.349	6.057	0.775	2.297	5.599	0.370	1.569	0.344	-	0.233	175.579	1.986								
32	<i>Catla catla</i>	Carla	6.915	10.426	0.822	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.510	0.147	5.474	0.306	-	-	-	-	122.348	1.384								
121	<i>Macrogynthus aculeatus</i>	Tara baim	3.468	0.117	0.593	0.321	-	-	0.222	6.436	-	4.279	0.881	-	0.959	2.245	0.203	0.301	-	0.379	113.337	1.282								
42	<i>Channa striatus</i>	Shol	-	0.062	-	-	5.204	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.087	5.371	-	1.517	95.765	1.083									
212	<i>Puntius ticto</i>	Tit puti	1.314	2.193	0.012	-	1.160	-	0.426	-	-	0.344	1.000	0.256	0.372	1.550	0.728	1.108	-	1.517	80.260	0.908								
37	<i>Chanda ranga</i>	Lal chanda	0.561	0.321	2.456	0.262	0.138	-	0.220	0.358	5.690	3.570	2.353	2.652	0.978	0.697	0.433	0.750	0.075	0.606	78.599	0.889								
5	<i>Amblypharyngodon mola</i>	Mola	0.112	0.839	0.038	0.007	-	-	-	-	0.747	0.240	3.956	2.039	1.199	0.478	0.364	0.222	4.928	0.646	74.492	0.842								
6	<i>Anabas testudineus</i>	Koi	0.266	0.531	0.692	0.869	-	2.933	-	-	0.300	0.057	0.447	1.335	0.070	1.738	0.056	-	-	-	69.440	0.785								
182	<i>Rasbora daniconius</i>	Darkina	0.051	2.074	0.026	-	2.073	-	-	-	-	1.248	-	-	0.626	0.090	3.029	0.043	-	0.199	67.666	0.765								
33	<i>Chaca chaca</i>	Chaka	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.449	-	3.586	-	-	1.667	0.763	-	-	-	-	66.695	0.754								
56	<i>Colisa lalia</i>	Lal Khalisha	-	0.183	0.016	-	-	-	0.486	-	0.634	1.078	0.666	0.685	0.983	0.962	0.042	0.938	1.862	0.059	65.965	0.746								
40	<i>Channa orientalis</i>	Cheng	-	-	-	0.304	-	-	-	-	8.958	1.722	-	0.046	2.637	0.039	0.053	-	-	-	61.038	0.690								
211	<i>Colisa labiosus</i>	Khalisha	-	0.177	0.026	-	-	-	0.083	0.715	-	3.994	3.681	0.411	0.819	0.658	0.022	-	-	0.015	55.784	0.631								
47	<i>Cirrhinus mrigala</i>	Mrigel	0.038	4.404	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.571	0.083	-	-	-	-	54.610	0.618								
51	<i>Clupisoma garua</i>	Gharua	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.036	-	-	-	-	53.433	0.604								
62	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	Karfu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.355	-	0.170	0.882	15.627	-	-	49.825	0.563								
48	<i>Cirrhinus reba</i>	Raik	1.272	2.029	0.276	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.656	0.405	-	-	-	-	47.430	0.536								
136	<i>Mystus tengara</i>	Bajari tengra	13.826	6.198	3.278	0.696	1.281	-	0.475	-	-	2.861	0.510	-	-	1.127	-	0.220	-	0.047	46.533	0.526								
36	<i>Chanda nama</i>	Nama Chanda	2.604	2.258	0.801	0.187	0.161	-	0.030	-	0.747	0.297	4.878	1.571	0.375	0.342	0.231	0.197	1.196	0.309	43.479	0.492								
130	<i>Aorichthys aor</i>	Ayre	-	-	0.039	0.982	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.974	0.545	-	-	-	-	38.576	0.436								
181	<i>Puntius terio</i>	Teri puti	4.840	4.335	4.290	0.982	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.605	0.568	-	-	0.165	0.011	32.294	0.365								
102	<i>Labeo calbasu</i>	Kalbasu	0.009	0.659	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.128	0.274	-	-	-	-	32.242	0.365								
178	<i>Puntius phutunio</i>	Phutani puti	-	-	0.125	0.028	-	-	-	-	-	0.390	0.730	4.352	0.309	0.114	-	-	0.113	-	30.427	0.344								
131	<i>Mystus bleekeri</i>	Golsa tengra	-	-	-	0.052	-	-	0.233	-	-	1.115	-	-	0.314	0.234	-	0.258	0.220	2.711	28.278	0.320								
189	<i>Salmostoma phulo</i>	Fulchela	0.239	0.199	0.755	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.418	-	0.050	0.232	0.478	0.004	0.287	1.753	-	25.743	0.291								
145	<i>Notopierus notopierus</i>	Foli	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.740	0.010	-	-	-	-	15.231	0.172								
49	<i>Clarias batrachus</i>	Magur	-	0.423	0.084	-	-	-	1.473	-	-	-	-	-	0.298	-	-	-	1.469	14.178	0.160	0.160								
35	<i>Chanda baculis</i>	Chanda	-	-	-	0.028	-	-	-	-	-	0.827	-	0.598	0.481	-	-	-	0.059	13.794	0.156	0.156								
209	<i>Wallagutta</i>	Baol	-	5.187	-	-	-	-	4.754	-	-	-	-	-	0.221	-	-	-	-	-	12.139	0.137								
198	<i>Somileptes gongota</i>	Gharpoia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.931	-	-	0.383	-	-	-	-	-	11.034	0.125								
15	<i>Badis badis</i>	Napit koi	0.333	0.204	0.113	0.036	-	2.197	-	-	-	-	0.266	0.490	0.181	0.047	0.005	0.568	0.263	0.047	9.577	0.108								





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**Table 5.9** Percentage Contribution of Dominant Species to the total Canal Catch Inside and Outside the Tangail CPP, August 1992 - February 1994

Species Name	Outside	Inside
Prawn spp.	13.4	11.4
<i>Puntius sophore</i>	13.4	24.4
<i>Catla catla</i>	10.5	2.0
<i>Labeo rohita</i>	9.8	2.7
<i>Cirrhinus mrigala</i>	8.0	<1
<i>Channa punctatus</i>	5.1	9.2
<i>Glossogobius giuris</i>	3.4	3.3
<i>Macrognathus pancalus</i>	3.4	4.2
<i>Puntius conchoniis</i>	2.9	2.8
<i>Mystus vittatus</i>	2.3	4.1
<i>Lepidocephalus guntea</i>	2.0	3.5
<i>Cirrhinus reba</i>	2.0	<1
<i>Mystus tengara</i>	2.0	1.7
<i>Colisa fasciatus</i>	1.9	3.2
<i>Salmostoma phulo</i>	1.7	<1
<i>Esomus danricus</i>	1.7	1.6
<i>Puntius ticto</i>	1.1	<1
<i>Amblypharygodon mola</i>	1.0	<1
<i>Chanda ranga</i>	1.0	<1
<i>Xenentodon cancila</i>	<1	6.8
<i>Tetraodon cutcutia</i>	<1	1.9
<i>Heteropneustes fossilis</i>	<1	1.8
<i>Puntius terio</i>	<1	1.1
<i>Macrognathus aculeatus</i>	<1	1.1



## 6. FLOODPLAIN FISHERIES

### 6.1 Total Catch

#### 6.1.1 Pattern of catch

Seasonal trends in catch were generally similar at paired sites inside and outside the CPP (Figs. 6.1 - 6.3). The small depression-type beels and associated floodplain supported little or no fishing during the winter and pre-monsoon periods (December - May) either inside or outside the CPP (Fig. 6.1). Catches gradually increased during the monsoon before rising very sharply during and immediately following the drawdown when fish were concentrated into the remaining small area of water in the beel.

In the larger baor-type beel, substantial catches extended into the dry season principally because of katha fishing. Peak catches were again observed during the flood drawdown both inside and outside the CPP.

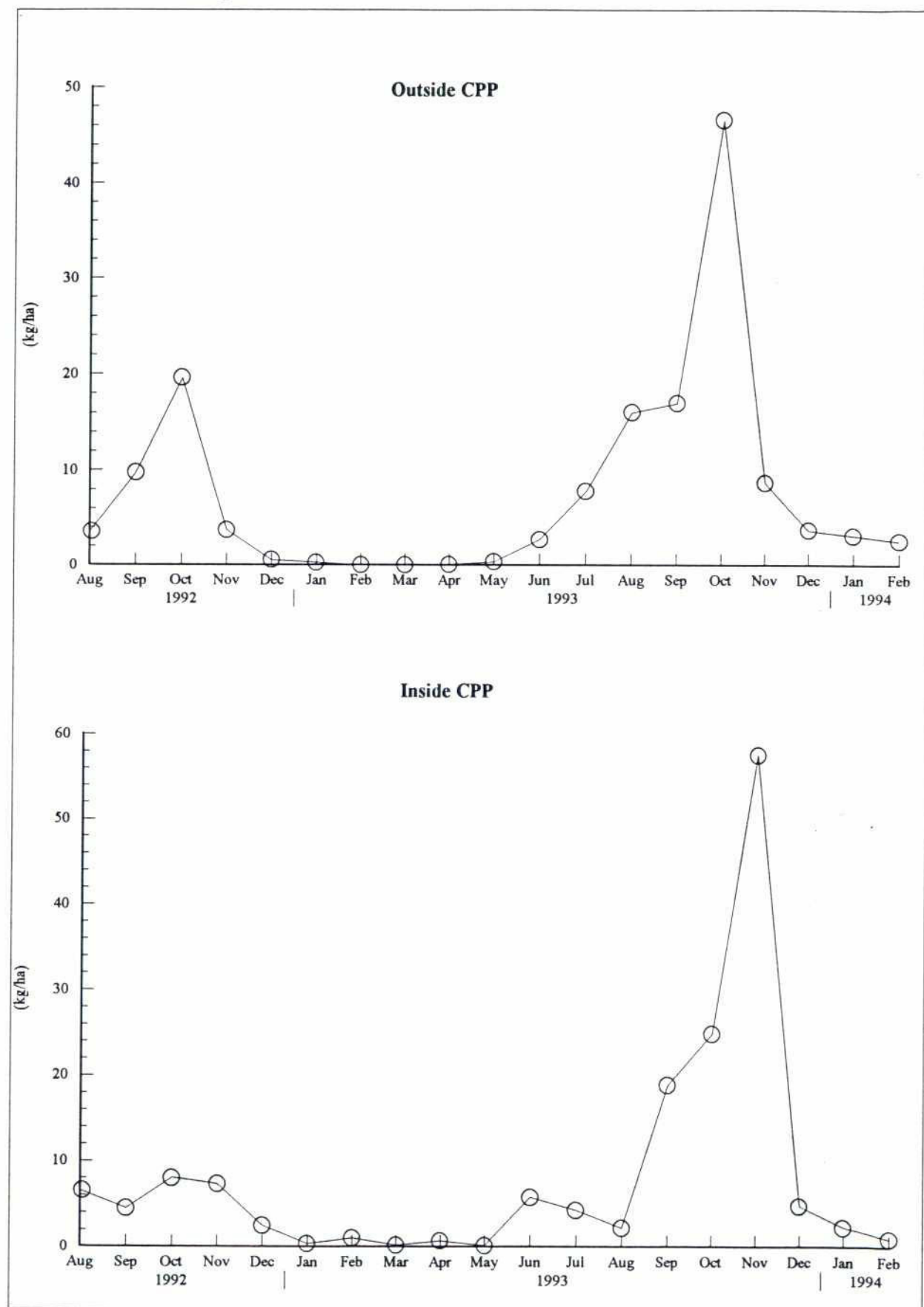
The lower-lying floodplain sites associated with baor-type beel supported more fishing during the winter and pre-monsoon seasons (Fig. 6.3) than the floodplains on higher land (Figs. 6.1 and 6.4). Catches during this time remained low and rather variable, but increased dramatically during the September flood drawdown both inside and outside the CPP. Yields remained high during October within the CPP while dropping sharply outside it, and catches rose again in December due to katha and kua fishing both inside and outside the CPP.

The floodplain site at the highest land elevation hardly flooded at all during the dry year of 1992, resulting in very low catches (Fig. 6.4). The following year catches here fluctuated more than at other sites during the rising floods and exhibited only a modest rise during the flood drawdown before the land dried out again in February 1994. The baor like beel associated with this higher floodplain showed the usual catch increases in September of both years, but supported little fishing during the winter and pre-monsoon (Fig. 6.4).

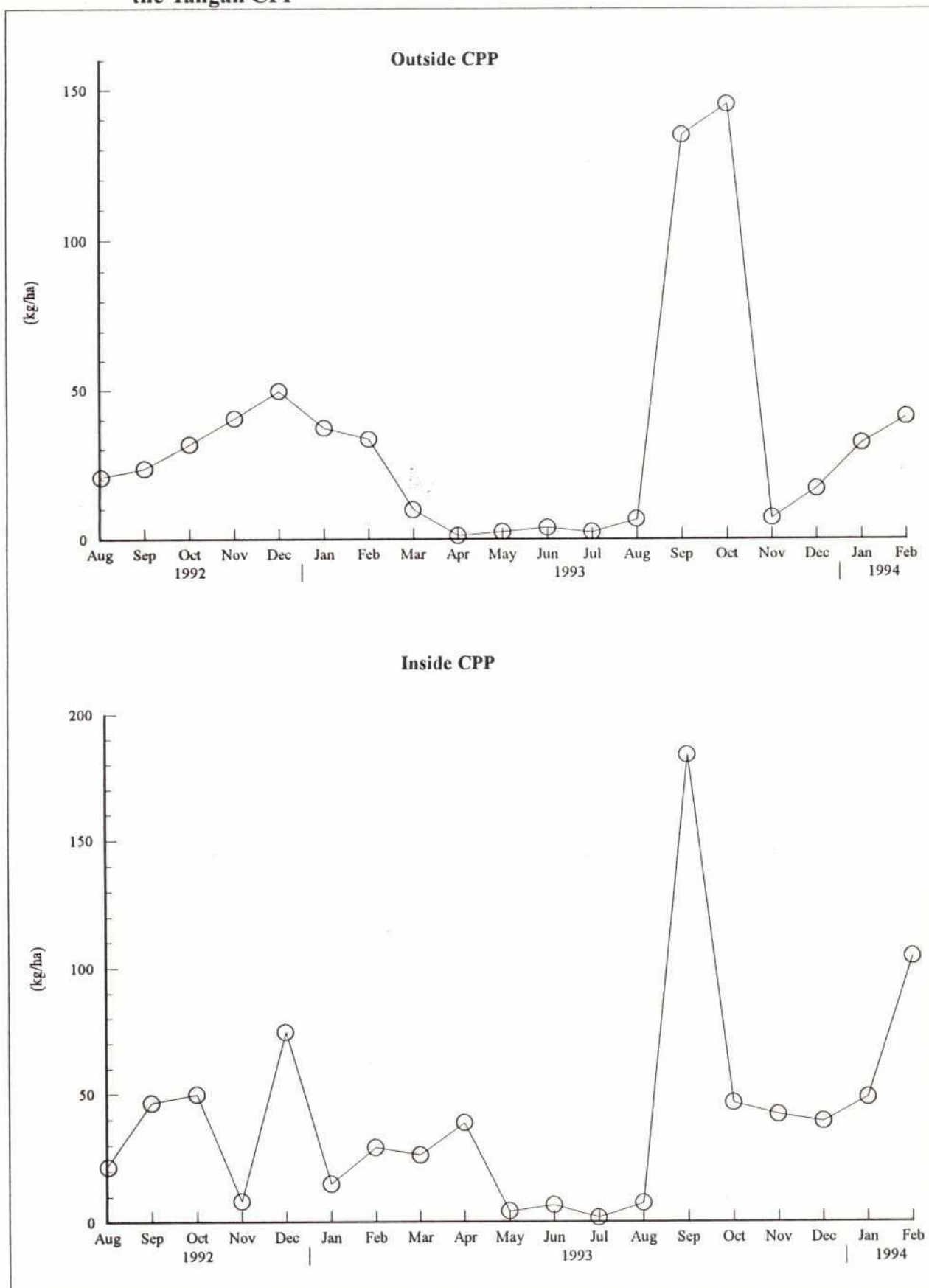
When the catches from all sites are combined together, some slight differences between inside and outside the CPP emerge (Fig. 6.5). Compared with sites outside, catches observed within the CPP showed little initial increase during the monsoon months of July and August, but remained higher after the drawdown and during the winter months of December and February.

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**Figure 6.1** Catch per unit area (kg/ha) from floodplains/beel inside and outside the Tangail CPP

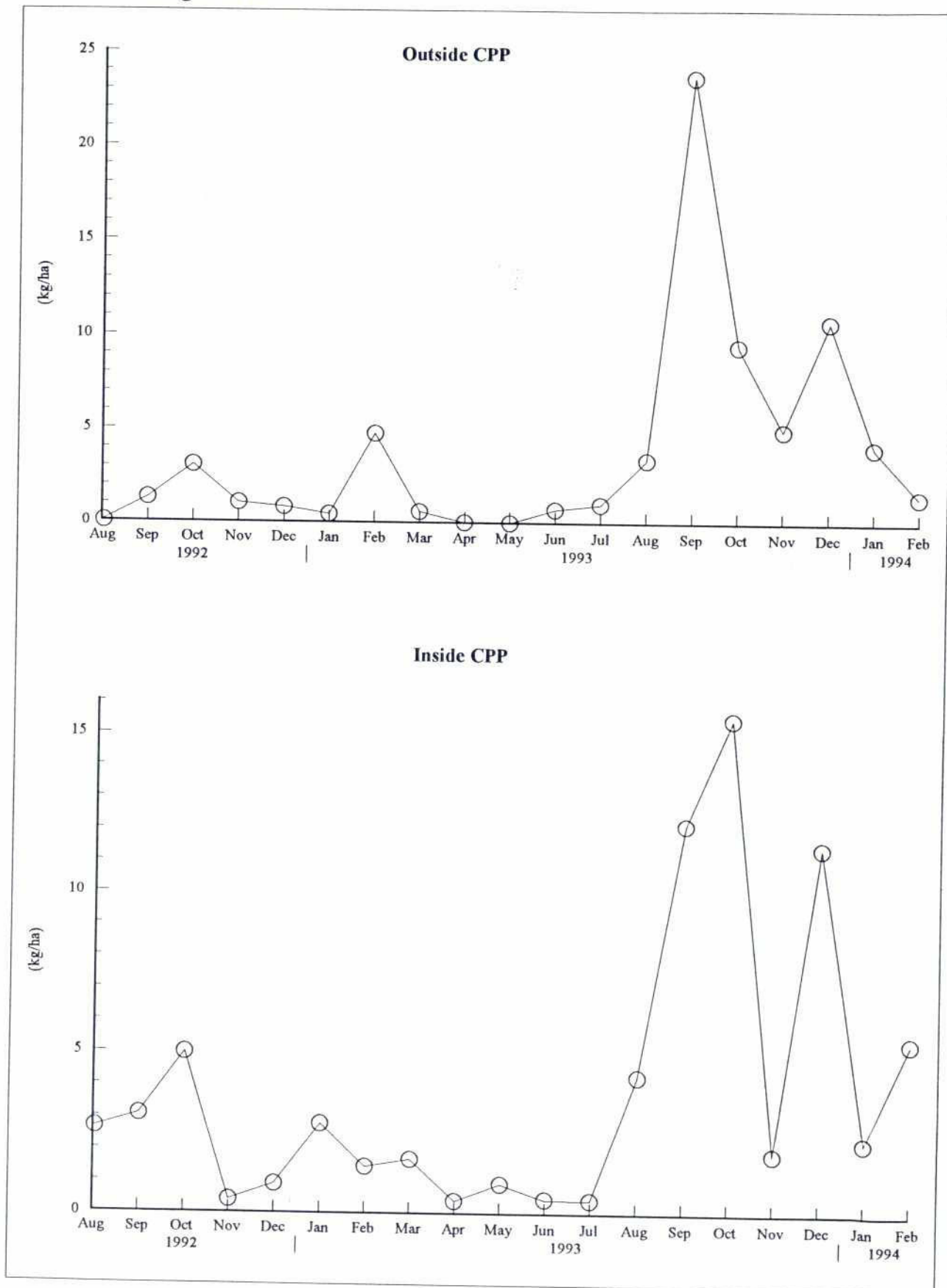


**Figure 6.2** Catch per unit area (kg/ha) from baor-like beel inside and outside the Tangail CPP

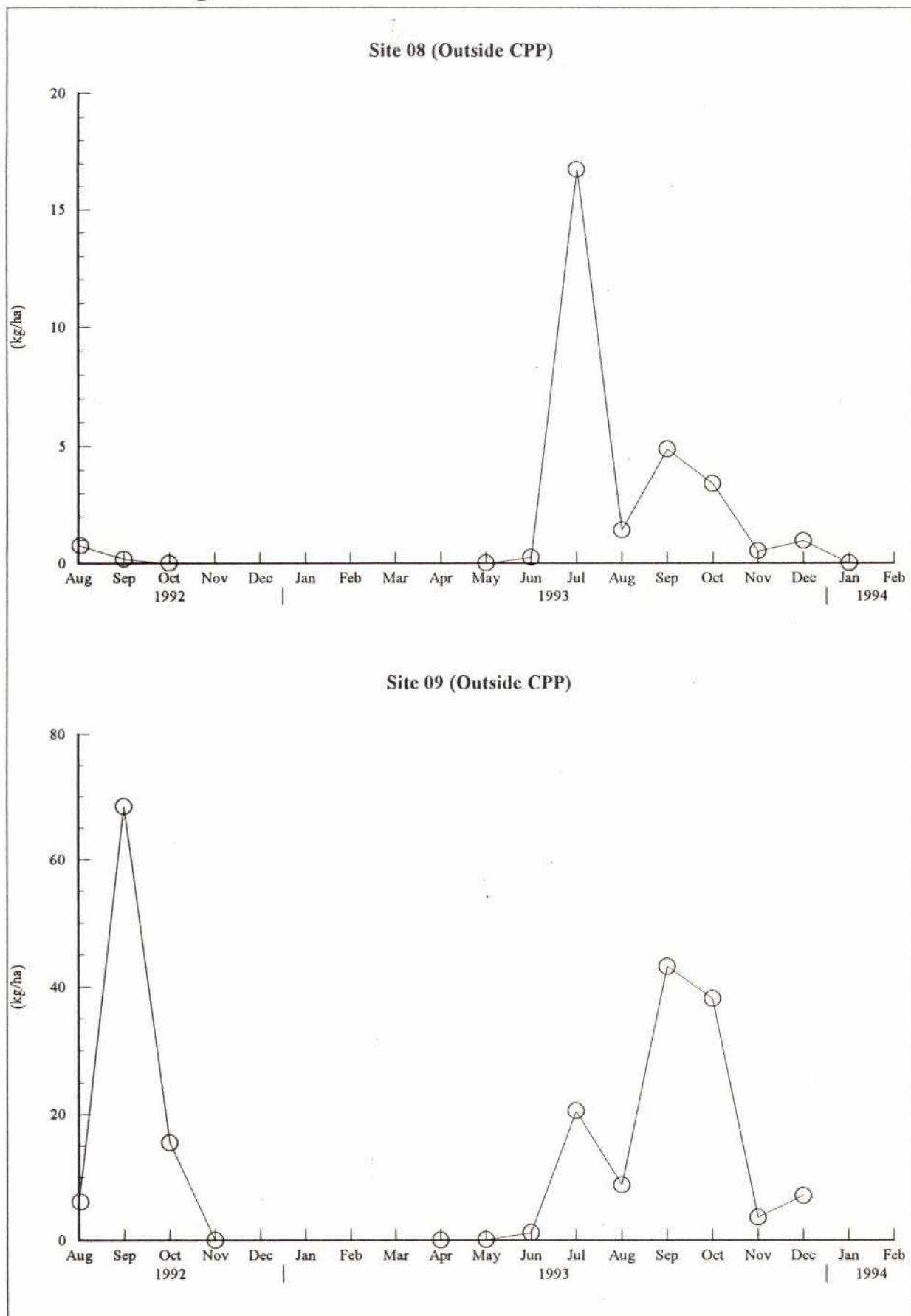




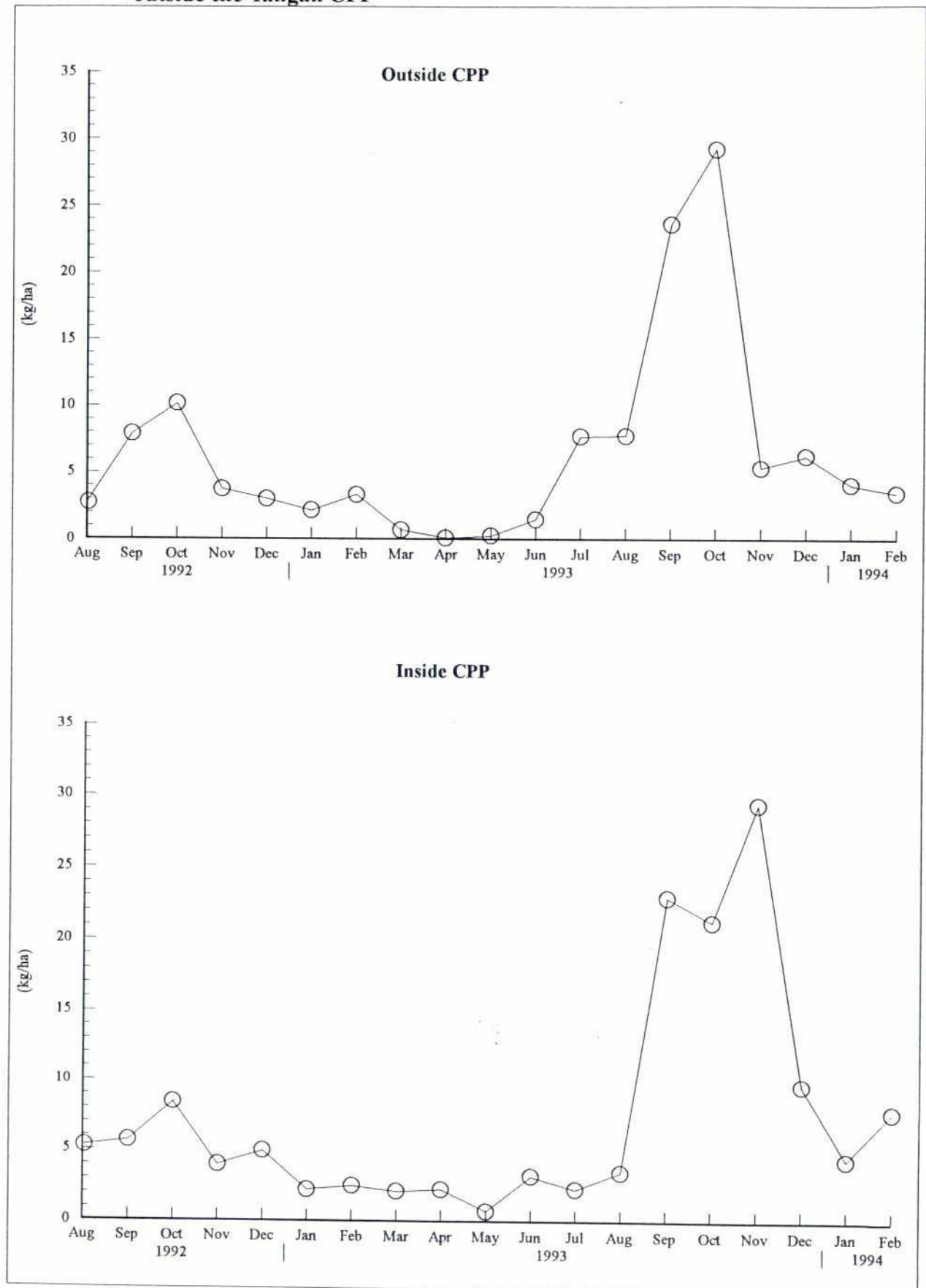
**Figure 6.3** Catch per unit area (kg/ha) from lower-lying floodplains inside and outside the Tangail CPP



**Figure 6.4** Catch per unit area (kg/ha) from higher elevation floodplains and beel outside the Tangail CPP



**Figure 6.5** Catch per unit area (kg/ha) from all floodplain/beel sites combined, inside and outside the Tangail CPP





### 6.1.2 Size of catch

Annual catches from floodplains and beel were similar inside and outside the CPP (Table 6.1). However, the catch from the baor-like beel inside the CPP, Atia beel, was substantially higher than that from Mailjani beel, a comparable water body outside the embankment. Catch rates of dominant gears pooled across sites indicated somewhat higher productivity within the CPP, but the difference in combined catches was not statistically significant (see Section 6.2.3).

**Table 6.1 Comparison of the Annual Catch Per Unit Area (kg/ha) of Paired Floodplain and Beel Sites Inside and Outside the Tangail CPP, March 1993 - February 1994.**

Site Comparisons	Habitat	Inside	Outside
Site 04/05 vs 11	Beel depression floodplain (intermediate elevation)	123	108
Site 19 vs 15	Baor-like beel	550	404
Site 18 vs 14	Floodplain (low elevation)	57	60
Site 9	Seasonal baor-like beel	-	123
Site 8	Floodplain (high-elevation)	-	28

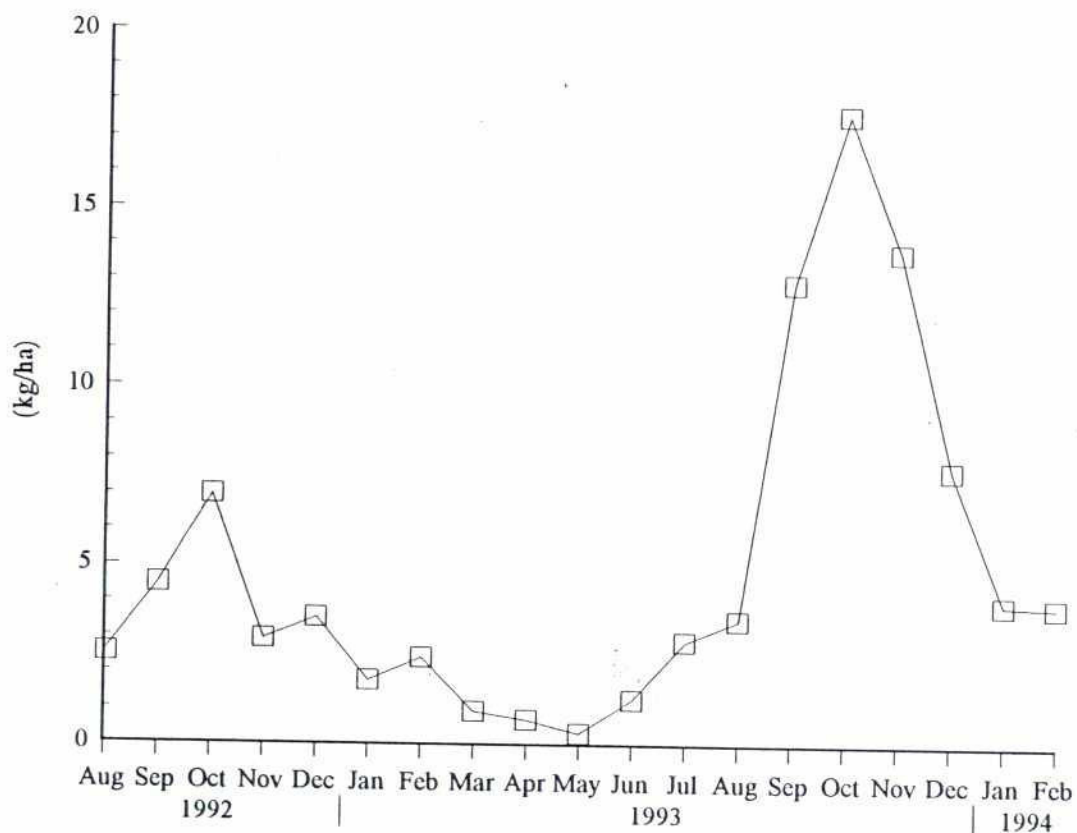
Inter-annual variations in catch were clearly identified at all sites inside and outside the CPP and at other sites sampled in the North Central Region which were not associated with the Tangail study (Fig. 6.6). Comparison of the total catch over a seven month period (August to February) in 1992/93 and 1993/94 revealed substantially higher catches both inside the CPP (197% higher) and outside it (135% higher) during the wetter 1993/94 flood season than in the dry year of 1992/93 (Table 6.2).

**Table 6.2 Comparison of Total Catch (kg/ha) From Floodplains/Beel Inside and Outside the Tangail CPP Between Different Years.**

	August 1992 - February 1993	August 1993 - February 1994	Percentage Increase
Inside	33	98	197
Outside	34	80	135
All FP/beels sampled in NCR	25	64	156

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**Figure 6.6** Catch per unit area (kg/ha) from all floodplain/beel sites sampled in the North Central Region, August 1992 - February 1994



Analysis of the catch from all floodplain/beel sites sampled in the North Central Region, including those of the Tangail study, revealed an increase in the 1993/94 catch of 156% compared with the drier year of 1992/93. The increased catches observed in 1993/94 were a function of increased effort by some dominant gears (thella and current jal) but not others (jhaki jal, ber jal, and dharma jal) and increased catch rates of all but ber jal (Fig. 6.7). Increases in catch rate were quite marked for certain gears, e.g. dharma jal and jhaki. For current jal and thella jal increases were fairly modest, but they occurred during periods of peak catch and therefore substantially increased the overall total catch. Increased catch rates in 1993/94 indicate generally higher fish densities, despite the potential dilution effect of a greater volume of floodwaters in this year. This confirms the pattern of increased fish densities observed in canals and rivers of the North Central Region.

Although epizootic fish disease was more prevalent in 1992 than 1993, the disease did not appear until mid-November, after the bulk of the 7 month catch had already been taken. Therefore, the major factor responsible for such large inter-annual catch variations is likely to be the extent and duration of flooding. As mentioned previously (Section 5.1.2), there would appear to be a differential impact of inter-annual variation in flood extent and magnitude on fish populations in different habitats, with the greatest changes occurring in floodplain/beel catches (156% increase in NCR, 1993) followed by canal catches (140% increase) and then rivers (77%). This agrees with the expected direction of differential impact due to changes in flooding.

## 6.2 Pattern of fishing

### 6.2.1 Catch by gear

The types of gears used outside and inside the CPP were similar (Tables 6.3 and 6.4). A total of 24 gear types was found inside and 27 outside the embankment. The thella jal predominated both in and out of the CPP, catching 34% and 39% of the total catch respectively (Table 6.5). The only difference in the composition of dominant gears in and out of the scheme was the greater relative catch by ber jal outside and by hand fishing and katha inside the CPP. Katha were particularly important to local farmers living adjacent to Atia beel, while hand fishing and dewatering was a regular annual village event on Indrabelta floodplain.



**Figure 6.7 Inter-annual variation in total monthly fishing effort and catch rate (CPUE) of dominant gears: all sampled floodplain/beels in NCR, August 1992 - February 1994**

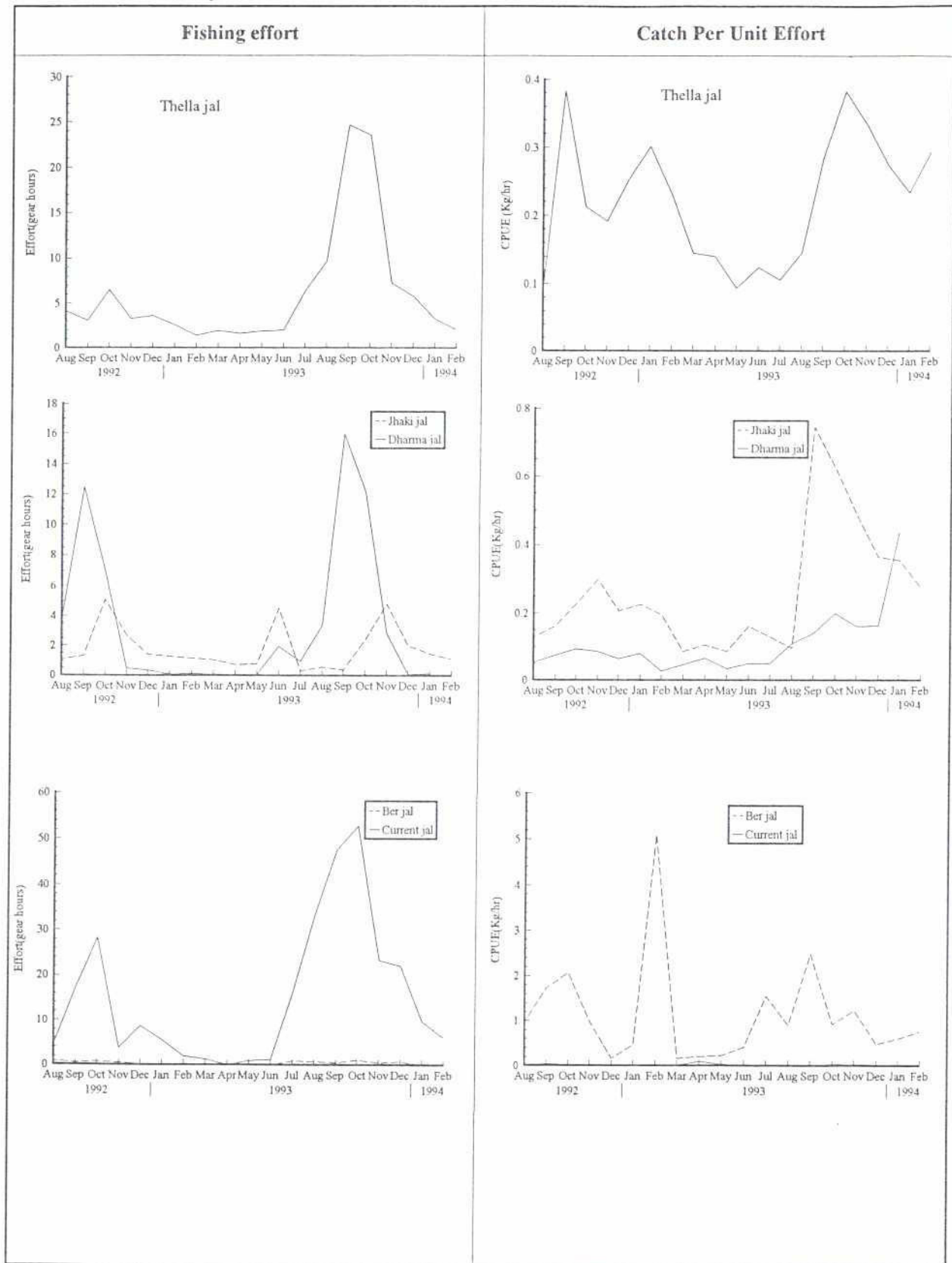


Table 6.3 Percentage total monthly catch by gear type: floodplains/beel outside CPP

Gear Code	Gear name(Bengali)	Year: 1992												Year: 1993												Year: 1994			Total annual catch (Mar'93 – Feb'94)	
		Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Kg	%								
255	Thella jal	32.915	12.844	35.448	25.161	77.033	76.592	7.318	35.120	37.392	48.804	46.088	27.251	47.497	50.102	44.716	33.619	26.816	46.869	13.893	13263.927	41.836								
45	Ber jal	15.131	37.158	1.606	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	55.287	24.076	17.178	6.242	—	—	—	—	—	4231.162	13.346							
164	Jhaki jal	7.981	4.110	28.083	22.060	11.245	9.425	7.445	6.040	58.453	21.784	37.483	1.742	1.824	5.188	14.827	20.367	13.762	23.044	19.406	3561.780	11.234								
105	Dharma jal	16.379	8.619	14.880	1.911	1.441	—	—	—	—	—	0.387	—	1.328	20.820	7.397	3.136	0.752	6.604	—	2703.318	8.527								
89	Dhor jal	—	0.136	—	2.648	0.670	—	—	3.122	—	—	6.605	2.289	0.646	—	4.956	0.783	19.634	—	1.736	1100.286	3.470								
88	Current jal	0.727	19.929	2.788	9.149	6.233	2.417	—	0.498	—	—	0.799	2.877	5.463	1.300	5.910	2.639	0.909	4.766	0.114	1088.837	3.434								
307	Hand fishing	—	—	—	1.124	—	—	—	4.913	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.833	10.095	6.625	—	1.400	965.647	3.046								
270	Katha	—	—	1.820	0.928	—	—	38.826	32.431	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.448	3.407	40.156	—	803.826	2.535								
30	Sip	8.436	0.147	8.005	32.912	0.146	0.016	—	—	4.155	0.564	5.657	0.187	0.446	1.225	5.538	1.180	0.843	2.160	—	792.740	2.500								
302	Kua	—	—	—	—	—	—	44.960	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.248	21.534	—	6.585	709.700	2.238								
298	Akra	—	—	—	3.475	3.231	—	—	0.697	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.626	4.581	12.350	10.325	568.786	1.794								
277	Kachitana	17.803	2.076	4.677	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.621	13.110	—	—	—	—	—	—	537.850	1.696								
266	Veshal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.241	—	3.642	0.557	—	—	—	—	367.048	1.158								
175	Kathi jal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.826	—	2.806	1.752	—	0.428	—	—	—	—	175.203	0.553								
272	Daun	0.629	9.582	1.299	0.633	—	—	—	—	—	10.441	2.981	0.287	1.027	0.410	0.606	—	—	—	—	157.443	0.497								
170	Juti	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.081	0.940	—	—	—	2.276	131.215	0.414								
278	Nol barsi	—	5.399	1.396	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.483	—	0.121	2.833	—	0.277	—	0.874	—	—	129.761	0.409								
296	Tukri	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.050	—	9.100	—	—	—	0.054	0.157	0.658	—	0.437	1.430	102.296	0.323								
291	Urani	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.877	—	—	—	—	90.232	0.285								
202	Moi jal	—	—	—	—	—	10.122	1.155	0.904	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.344	0.198	0.244	—	2.197	80.272	0.253								
123	Koi jal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.352	—	—	—	—	44.514	0.140								
263	Ucha	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.685	—	—	—	36.208	0.114								
97	By hand + dewatering	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.318	0.019	—	—	31.760	0.100								
314	Boat katha	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36.208	0.114								
95	Doar trap	—	—	—	—	—	1.428	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.019	0.210	0.481	15.296	0.048								
149	Honga	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.296	1.224	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.043	—	—	—	—	12.341	0.039								
		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	31704.4	100								

Table 6.4 Percentage total monthly catch by gear type: floodplains/beel inside CPP

Gear Code	Gear name(Bengali)	Year: 1992						Year: 1993												Year: 1994		Total annual catch (Mar'93 – Feb'94)	
		Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Kg	%	
255	Thella jal	20.214	5.497	16.379	9.625	12.249	57.447	37.337	31.113	31.776	67.558	9.185	33.208	47.183	68.537	64.393	10.938	26.374	18.495	23.986	16959.162	38.759	
270	Katha	–	–	2.674	18.704	75.413	–	19.277	37.960	43.137	–	–	–	–	–	–	12.066	29.619	52.189	61.042	6075.713	13.885	
164	Jhaki jal	7.268	4.404	17.011	38.474	4.950	29.790	23.037	3.129	7.174	1.645	73.634	1.455	1.622	0.159	6.049	16.004	18.082	15.800	6.321	4649.922	10.627	
307	Hand fishing	–	–	–	2.977	–	–	1.677	6.050	11.927	–	–	–	–	–	0.218	34.909	6.769	0.652	0.363	4565.164	10.433	
88	Current jal	0.204	7.528	5.383	1.471	4.818	7.214	6.954	3.966	–	17.614	0.952	33.242	16.646	7.563	9.538	2.864	10.996	9.553	3.253	3162.542	7.228	
105	Dharma jal	2.009	43.073	9.517	1.687	0.443	1.388	0.531	–	0.273	0.922	6.446	5.210	26.100	11.973	8.533	2.779	0.093	–	–	–	2652.854	6.063
95	Doiar trap	9.070	5.047	5.329	2.490	0.184	0.747	0.128	–	–	–	7.977	10.412	1.327	0.846	3.085	8.566	1.919	0.490	–	1644.337	3.758	
175	Kathi jal	–	–	–	3.780	–	–	–	–	2.781	–	–	–	–	–	2.502	5.137	–	–	1.390	885.101	2.023	
45	Ber jal	39.867	15.900	7.593	14.314	0.720	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2.493	7.889	0.795	–	–	–	–	827.103	1.890	
291	Urani	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3.078	–	–	–	361.815	0.827	
302	Kua	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	16.044	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1.157	–	–	2.482	348.150	0.796	
123	Koi jal	–	–	0.313	–	0.127	2.511	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.019	0.389	0.923	1.480	0.847	–	–	321.197	0.734	
266	Veshal	1.380	1.604	0.892	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1.373	1.238	0.335	0.798	1.731	0.169	–	–	–	273.774	0.626	
30	Sip	19.987	13.691	28.015	2.881	0.663	0.904	–	–	2.163	8.611	–	0.528	2.435	0.956	0.607	0.273	0.062	0.076	–	259.031	0.592	
170	Juti	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.182	1.119	–	2.904	1.002	0.291	250.345	0.572	
278	Nol barsi	–	–	–	–	0.433	–	–	–	–	3.649	0.433	14.707	1.839	–	0.303	–	–	–	–	200.734	0.459	
89	Dhor jal	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.617	–	–	1.529	–	–	115.680	0.264	
272	Daun	–	3.257	6.894	3.599	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.091	0.204	0.254	–	–	–	55.662	0.127	
222	Polo	–	–	–	–	–	–	11.060	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.150	0.551	0.129	–	42.844	0.098	
296	Tukri	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1.737	0.768	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.667	–	42.313	0.097	
97	By hand + dewatering	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.178	0.255	–	–	30.734	0.070	
298	Akra	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1.758	–	30.587	0.070	
314	Boat katha	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.061	–	1.067	0.002	
		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	43755.8	100	



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**Table 6.5**      **Percentage Contribution to the Total Catch by Dominant Gears Used on Floodplains and Beel Inside and Outside the Tangail CPP, August 1992 - February 1994.**

Gear Name	Outside	Inside	All Floodplains/beel Sampled in NCR
Thella jal	39.3	33.9	32.0
Ber jal	12.6	4.4	9.4
Jhaki jal	12.3	11.7	10.5
Dharma jal	8.5	7.1	5.3
Current jal	4.5	6.6	6.1
Sip	3.7	4.0	2.9
Katha	3.1	14.3	7.0
Kua	2.8	<1	7.8
Dhor jal	2.6	<1	1.7
Hatani (Hand fishing)	2.3	8.1	4.8
Doiar trap	<1	3.8	1.9
Veshal	<1	<1	2.7
Total Number of Gear Types	27	24	30

Note: The dominant gears listed above caught 92% of the total catch outside and 94% inside the CPP.

#### 6.2.2 Catch by gear by month

Thella jal operated on floodplains and beel outside the CPP throughout the year, but became particularly important during the flood recession when peak catches were made (Fig. 6.8).

Other gears which predominated during periods of peak catch included the dharma jal and the ber jal of professional fishermen. Peak catches were a function of increased fishing effort (Fig. 6.9) and increased catch rates (Fig. 6.10) of dominant gears.

Within the CPP, the thella jal again dominated the gears used during the peak catches of the 1993 flood drawdown, taking 64-68% of total catch, but other methods such as hand-fishing and jhaki jal contributed more to the high catch of November 1993 (Fig. 6.11). Again peak catches resulted not only from increased fishing effort (Fig. 6.12) but also increased catch rates of dominant gears (Fig. 6.13).

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**Figure 6.8 Percentage of the monthly catch taken by dominant gears: floodplain/beels outside the Tangail CPP**

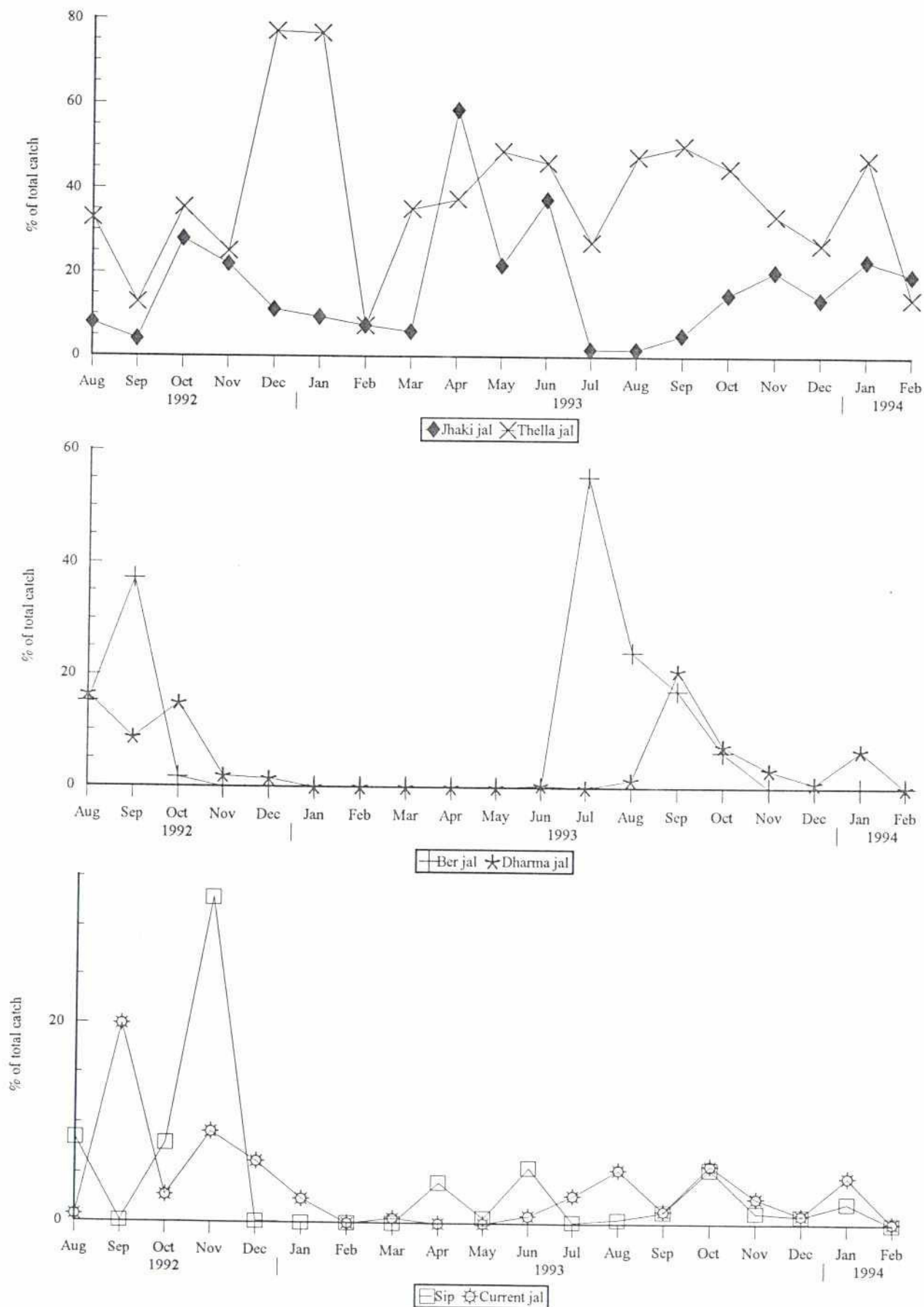
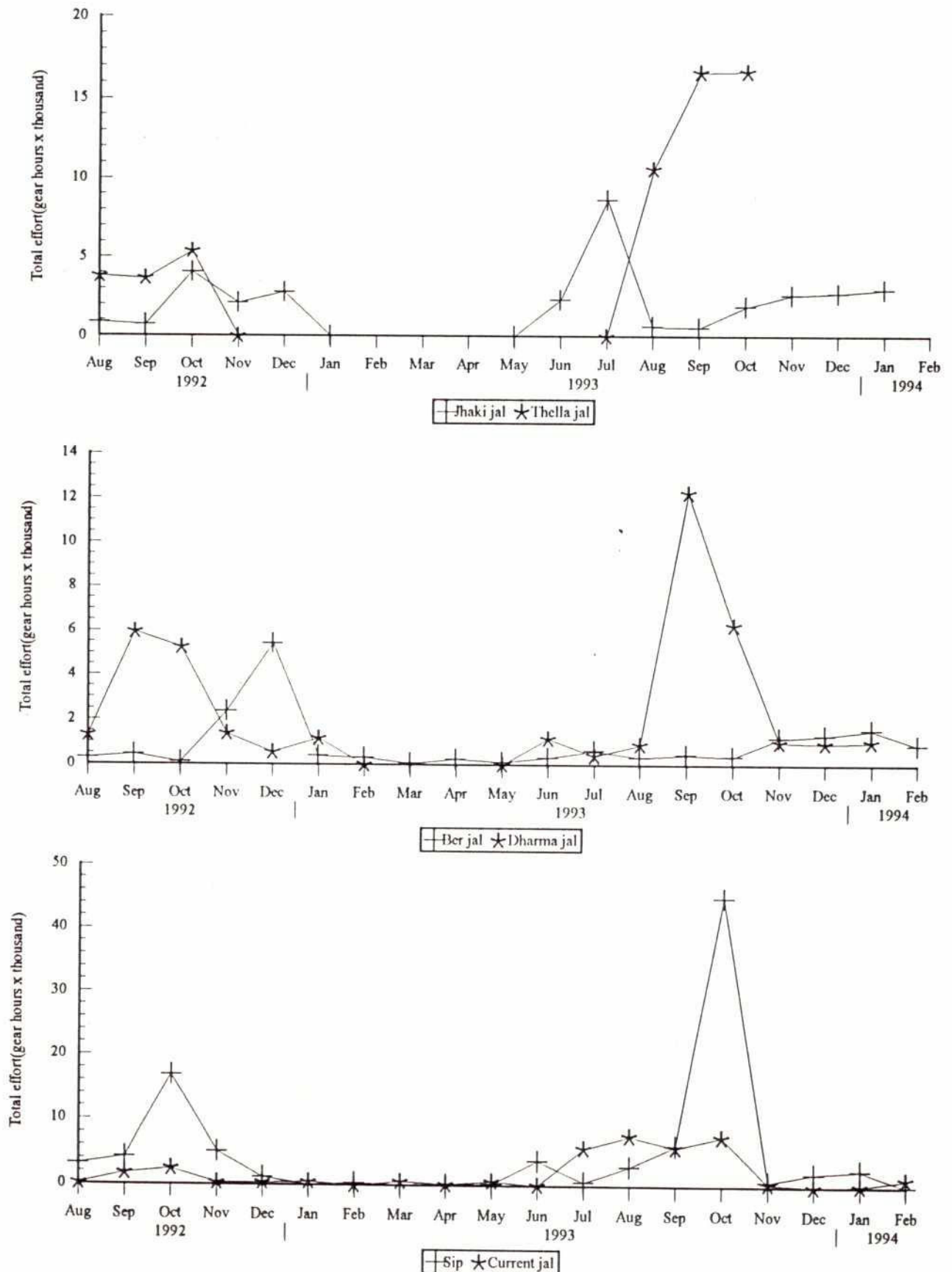


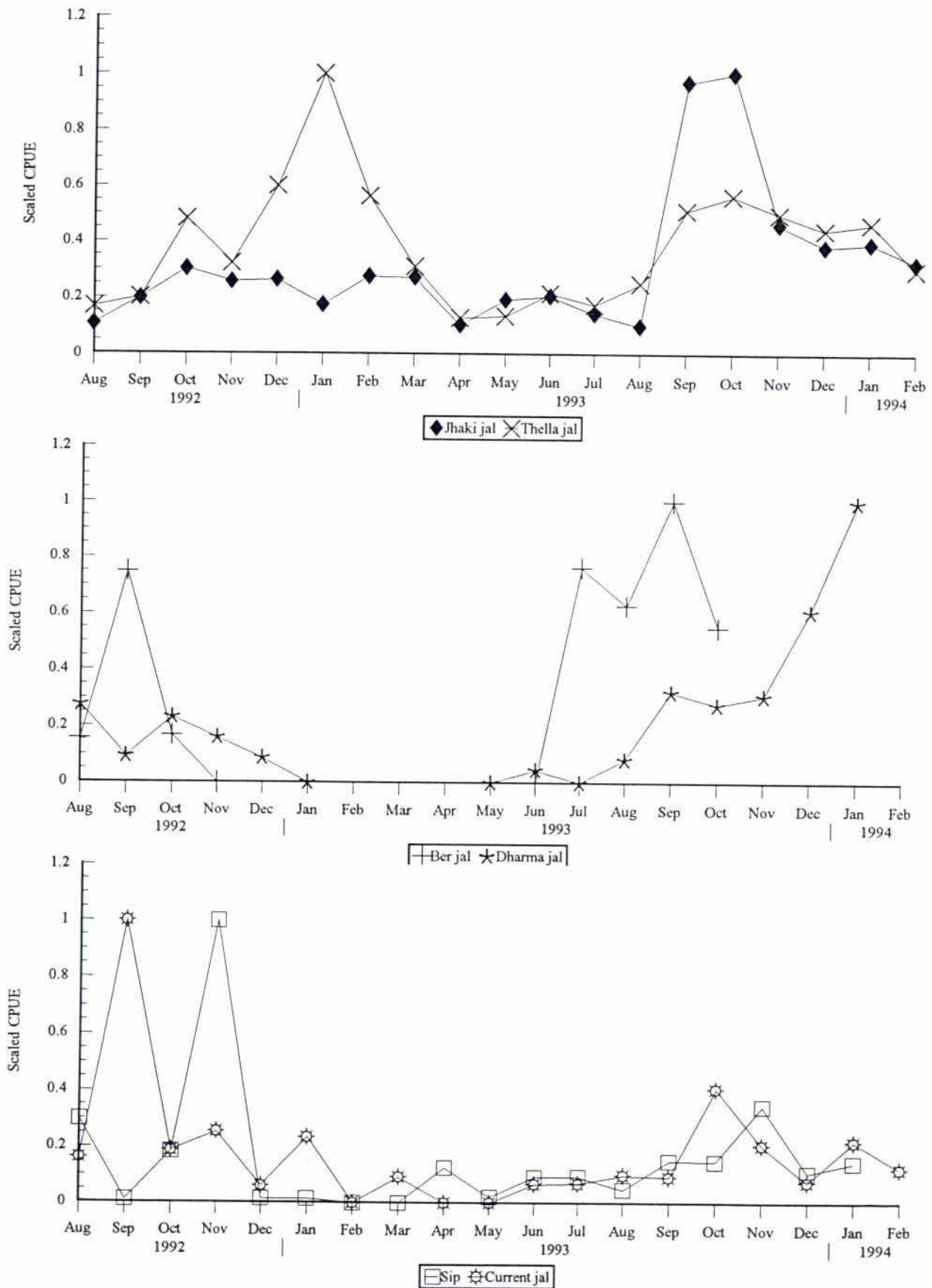
Figure 6.9 Total monthly fishing effort of dominant gears: floodplains/beel outside the Tangail CPP





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**Figure 6.10** Catch rates (Scaled CPUE) of dominant gears: floodplains/beel outside CPP



Note: Scaled CPUE are values of CPUE expressed as a proportion (decimal) of the maximum monthly value recorded.

Figure 6.11 Percentage of the total monthly catch taken by dominant gears:  
floodplains/beel inside the Tangail CPP

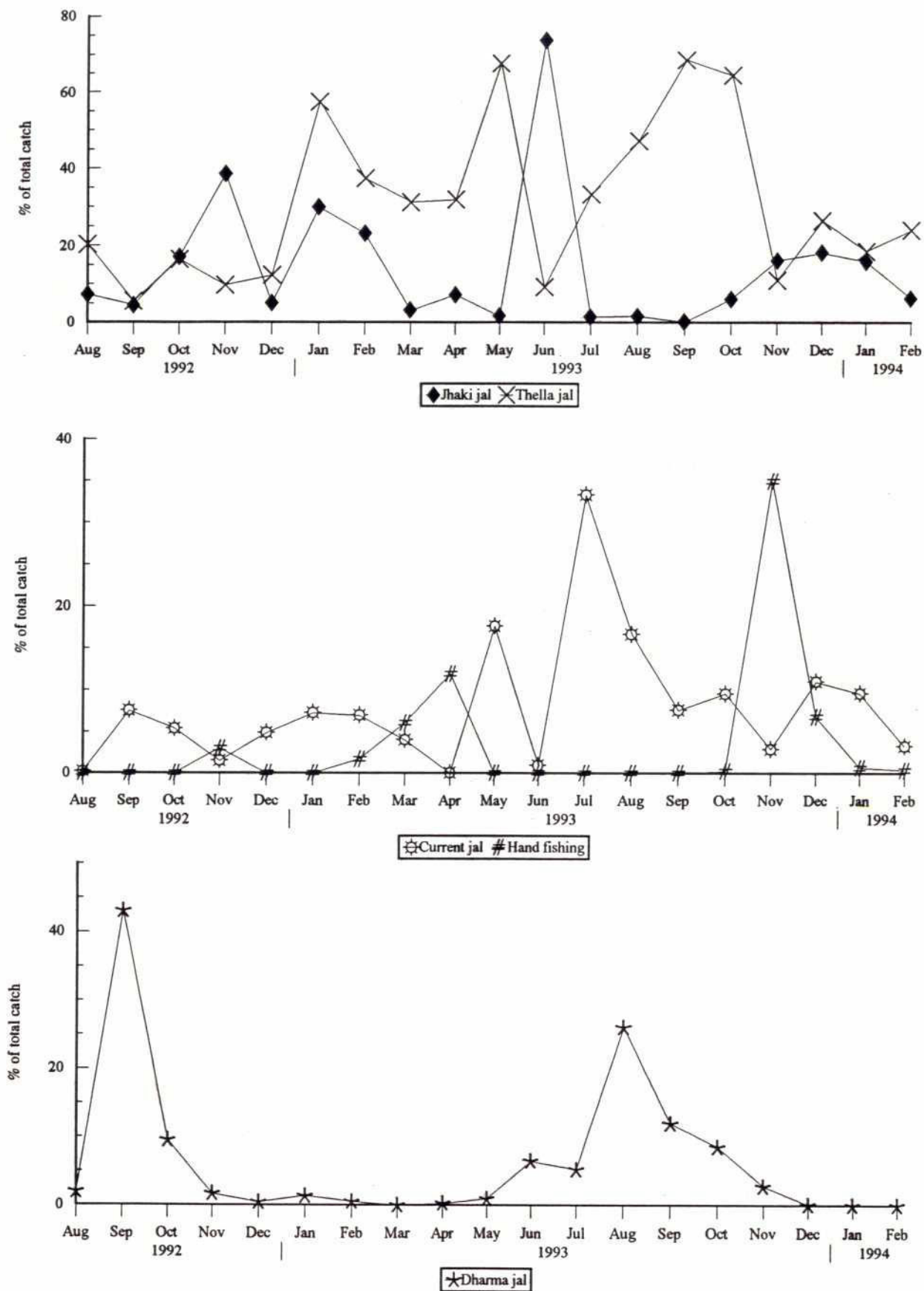
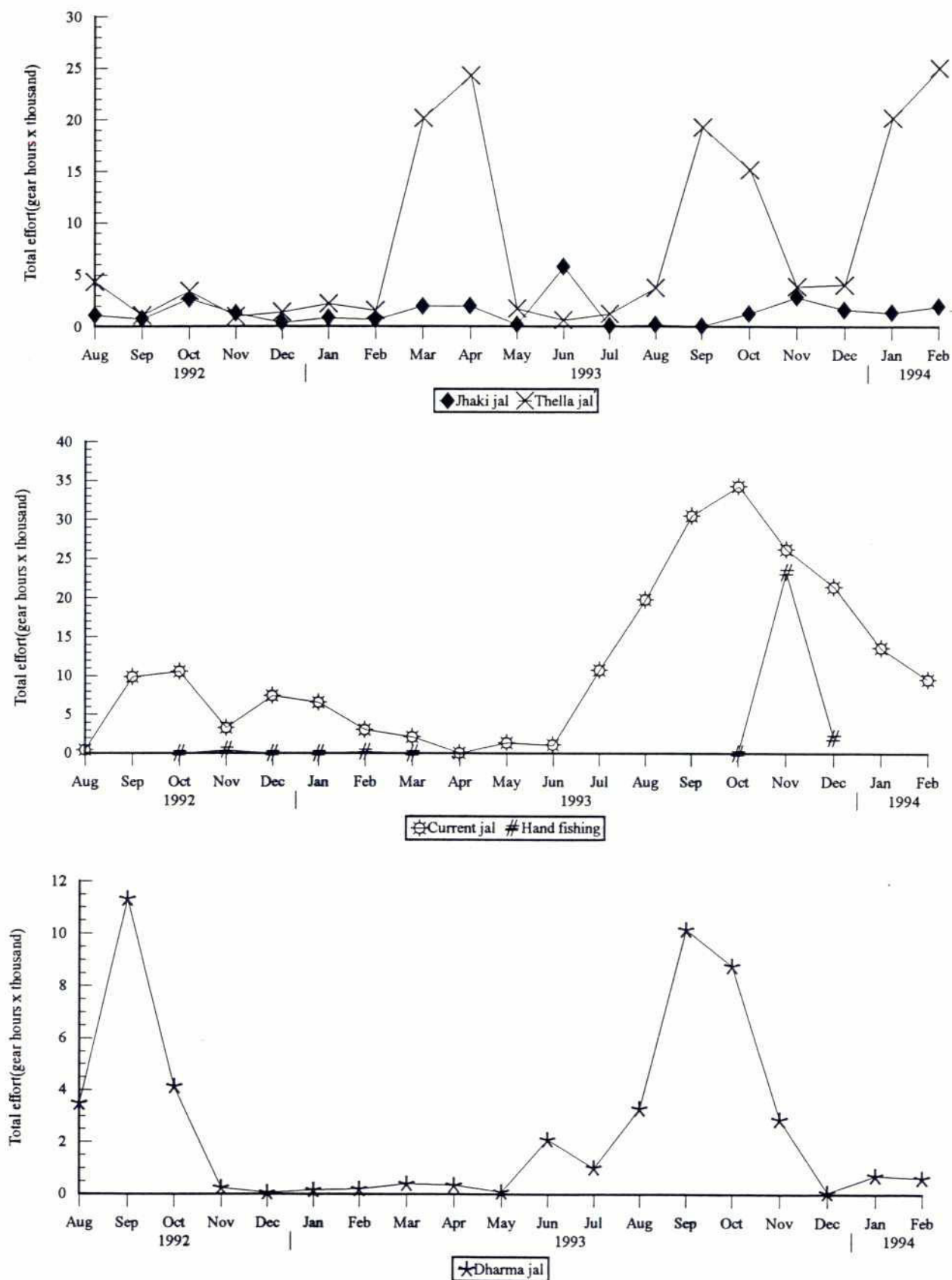
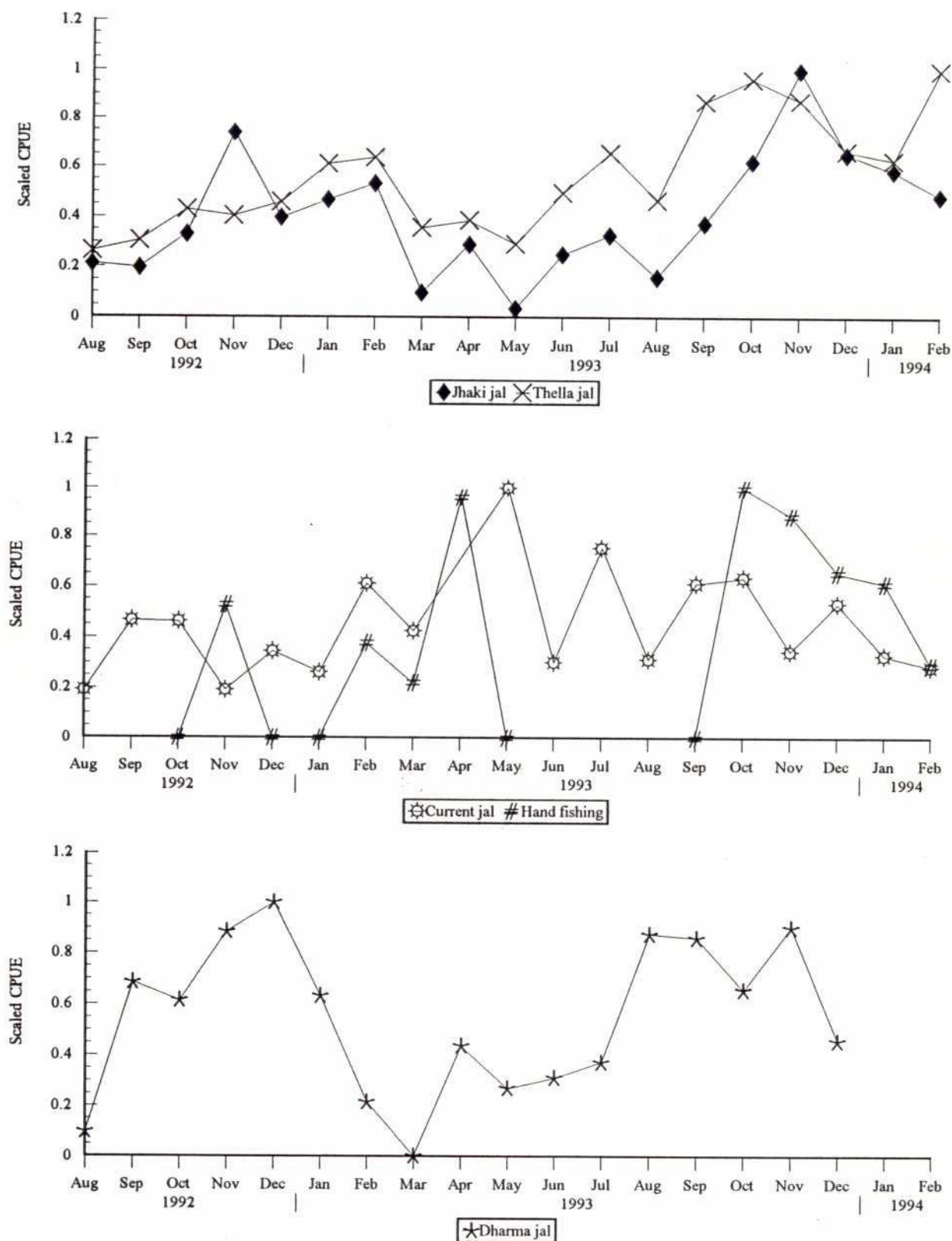


Figure 6.12 Total monthly fishing effort of dominant gears: floodplains/beel inside the CPP





**Figure 6.13** Catch rates (Scaled CPUE) of dominant gears: floodplains/beel inside the CPP



Note: Scaled CPUE are values of CPUE expressed as a proportion (decimal) of the maximum monthly value recorded.

### 6.2.3 Statistical comparison of catch rates

At the inside sites for this habitat type, over 90% of the total catch per hectare for the period March 1993 to February 1994, excluding katha and kua, was taken by 6 gears. In descending order of catch per hectare, these were: thella jal, jhaki jal, hand fishing and dewatering, current jal, dharma jal and doiar traps. At the outside sites, over 90% of the total catch per hectare over the same period was taken by 8 gears. These were: thella jal, ber jal, jhaki jal, dharma jal, dhor jal, current jal, hand fishing and dewatering, and sip. Five gears appeared in both lists: thella jal, jhaki jal, dharma jal, current jal, hand fishing and dewatering.

For each of these common gears, there were similar seasonal trends in catch rates at inside and outside sites, with the exception of current jal in season 4 and to a lesser extent in season 5. For this gear, the catch rates were much higher at outside sites than in the earlier seasons, whereas at inside sites the catch rates remained about the same throughout the year. There was also a single aberrant catch rate observation for dharma jal at inside sites in season 5, but this would have no effect on the statistical analysis. With the exceptions already noted, not only the seasonal patterns, but also the sizes of the catch rates were very similar at inside and outside sites for jhaki jal, dharma jal and current jal. However, in seasons 2, 3, 4 and 5 thella jal had consistently and substantially higher catch rates at inside sites than at outside sites. Despite this, statistical comparisons were attempted, but inspection of observed and predicted catch rates revealed that the discrepancies in trends and sizes of catch rates caused severe lack of fit in the model.

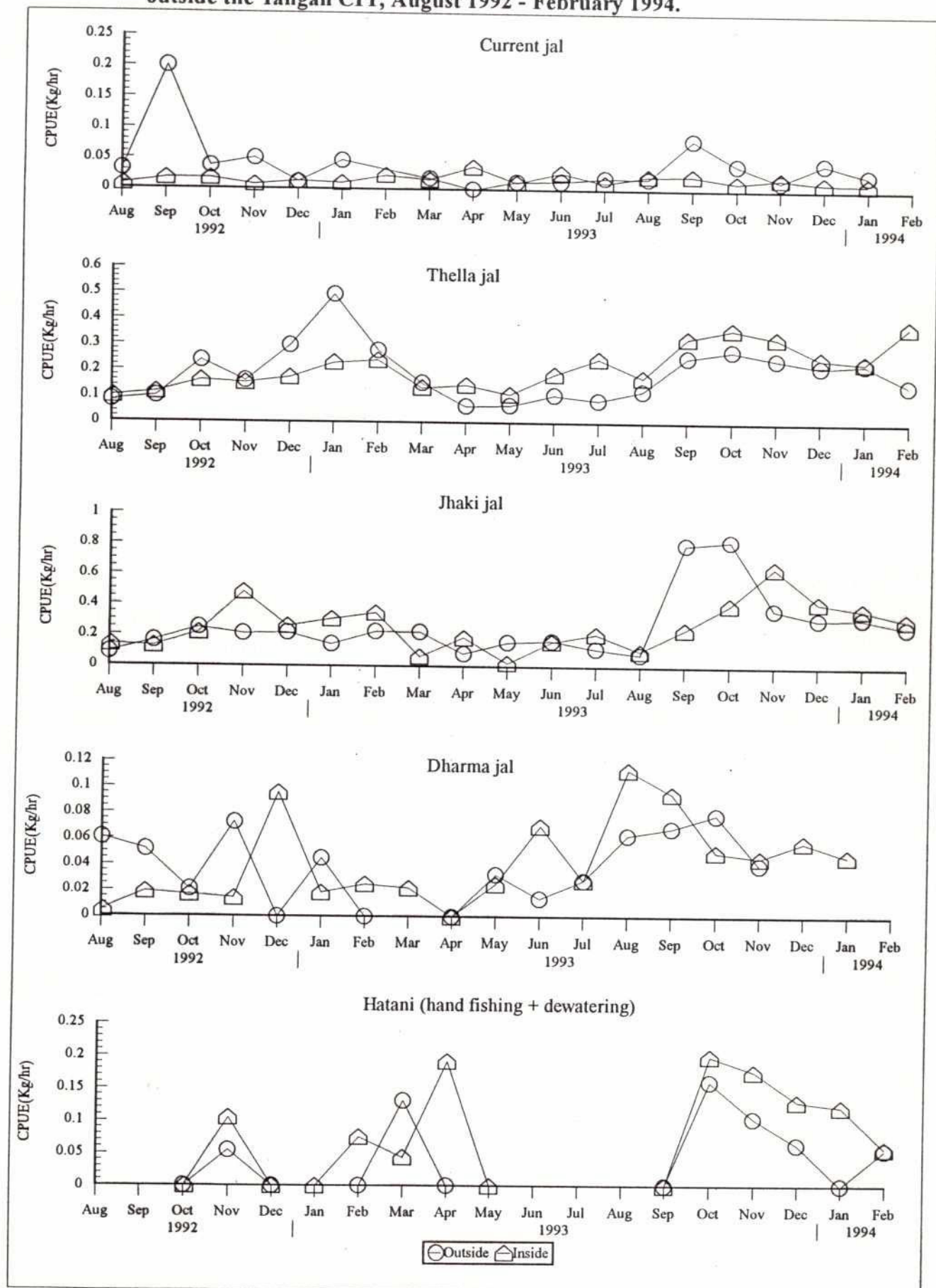
Summarising the trends in seasonally pooled catch rates, for three of the five common gears, there is little evidence of differences in catch rates at inside and outside sites. Larger catch rates were taken by current jal at outside sites in seasons 4 and 5, but thella jal had much higher catch rates at inside sites in seasons 2, 3, 4 and 5 (Fig. 6.14). This lack of consistency precludes valid statistical comparisons of fish densities.

## 6.3 Species Composition and Biodiversity

### 6.3.1 Species richness

The total number of species recorded inside the CPP (90) was almost the same as that outside (92) despite the fact that more sites were sampled outside and therefore the increased sampling

Figure 6.14 Comparison of catch rates of dominant gears from floodplains/beel inside and outside the Tangail CPP, August 1992 - February 1994.





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effort might be expected to have yielded a higher number of species. The total number of species found in floodplains and beel was similar to those in canals and rivers around Tangail. This species richness is very high compared with the Southwest Region of Bangladesh.

Seasonal variations in the number of fish species found were fairly similar in and out of the CPP (Fig. 6.15). This pattern differed from that recorded in canals and rivers, in that quite high species richness was maintained throughout the winter and pre-monsoon seasons when normally substantial reductions in species number occur. The retention of high species diversity reveals the importance of the perennial waters, particularly the baor-type beel which are especially abundant in the Dhaleswari system.

### 6.3.2 Species composition

The species compositions (% of total catch by weight) for combined floodplain and beel sites outside and inside the CPP are presented in Tables 6.6 and 6.7. Those species dominating the total catch for the period August 1992 to February 1994 are listed in Table 6.8. These comprised 87% of the total catch outside the CPP and 88% inside it. Clearly, the compositions of dominant species were virtually identical at sites inside and outside the CPP. This degree of similarity is surprising given the preponderance of the major carps rui, catla and mrigel in canals outside the CPP (30% of catch) compared to within it (6%). Since most of the canal catch is taken during the flood drawdown when fish migrate from the floodplains, then a fairly close similarity in catch composition of canals and floodplains is to be expected. The reason for the disparity in the relative contribution made by major carp to canal and floodplain catches remains unclear. There are two possible explanations. Firstly, that major carp might occur on the floodplains at the same relative densities as in canals but for some reason are not captured at the same rate. This seems unlikely given the presence and operation of gears suitable for their capture e.g. ber jal, dharma jal, current jal etc. The second possibility is that juvenile major carps migrate from the floodplains at a greater rate than many other dominant species. The second explanation appears more likely in the Tangail area, where few large water bodies capable of supporting high carp densities remain in the dry season.

With the exception of the major carps, the only other migratory species appearing in the lists of dominant floodplain species are boal and fulchela. The former was equally abundant

**Figure 6.15 Seasonal variation in the number of fish species recorded from floodplains/beel inside and outside the Tangail CPP, August 1992 - February 1994**

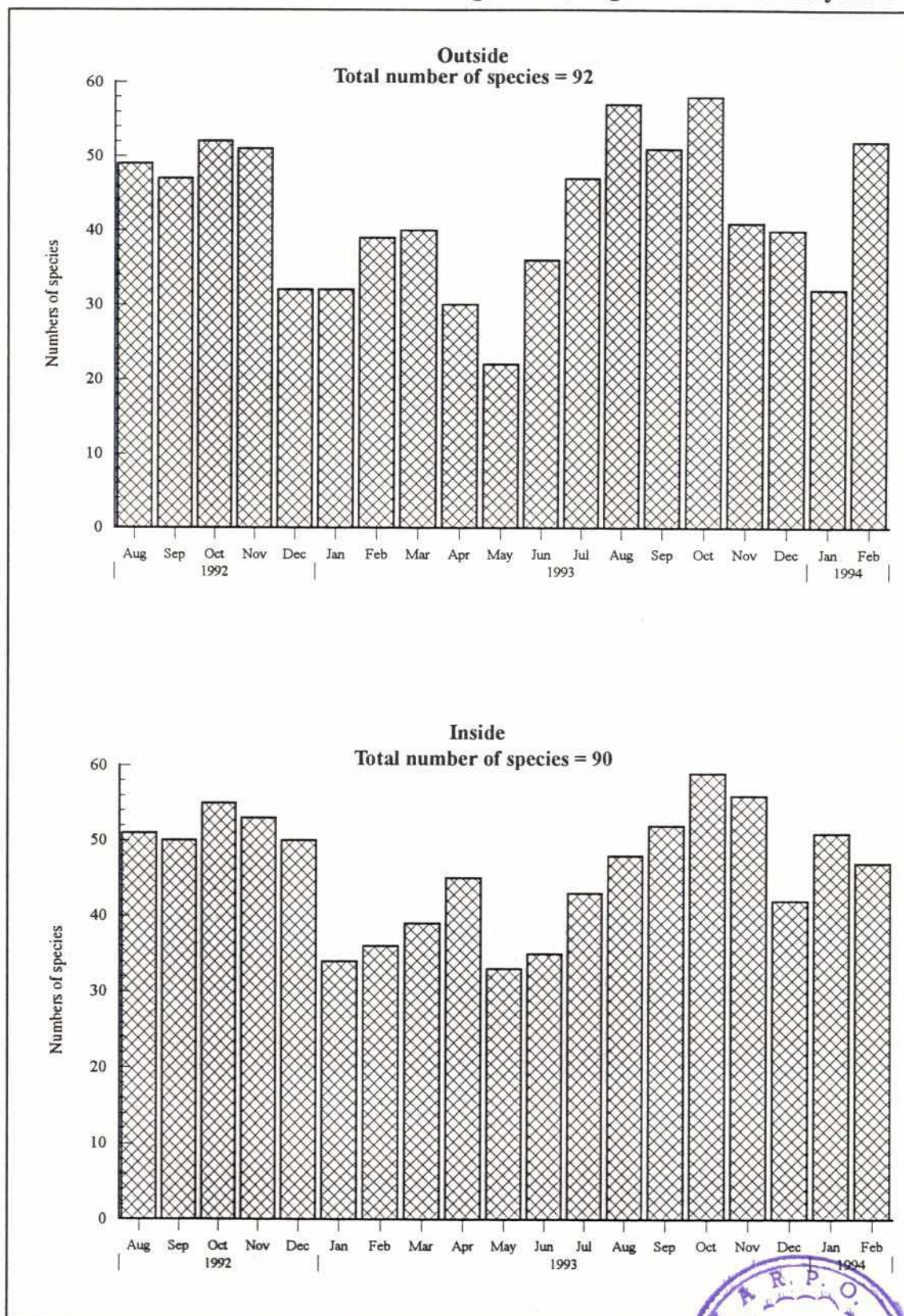




Table 6.6 Percentage total monthly catch by species: floodplains/beel outside CPP

Species			Year: 1992												Year: 1993												Year: 1994		Total annual catch (Mar'93 – Feb'94)	
Code	Scientific	Species name	Bengali	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Kg	%						
931	Prawn spp.	Prawn		14.385	9.461	4.849	9.032	6.929	32.112	22.753	19.685	14.521	15.631	6.734	11.821	34.724	39.413	21.003	6.724	4.399	12.902	7.378	7314.208	23.070						
180	<i>Puntius sophore</i>	Puri		8.208	35.478	23.616	12.678	28.839	7.458	5.704	1.964	11.856	1.557	11.546	7.119	5.631	3.829	18.320	29.107	11.608	20.858	12.555	3879.603	12.237						
41	<i>Channa punctatus</i>	Taki		2.097	5.934	13.198	11.884	13.855	4.469	4.114	5.496	15.057	5.839	17.082	1.981	6.931	2.897	10.482	16.674	26.961	15.109	9.972	2923.571	9.221						
123	<i>Macrobrachium pancalus</i>	Guchi		3.364	2.019	2.208	2.490	5.560	0.605	0.778	10.204	10.172	15.477	6.138	6.422	8.519	8.966	2.682	7.482	8.187	14.481	7.644	2127.328	6.710						
110	<i>Lepidocephalus guntea</i>	Gutum		1.338	1.708	5.644	3.041	4.626	4.282	2.846	6.125	8.701	11.871	6.766	1.799	2.982	2.480	4.174	2.596	4.515	4.257	4.589	1096.229	3.458						
55	<i>Colisa fasciatus</i>	Khalisha		0.645	0.816	8.793	5.260	14.623	13.525	3.226	9.809	2.736	2.892	3.429	2.822	2.012	1.134	3.819	8.372	4.464	3.970	2.236	1005.421	3.171						
37	<i>Chanda ranga</i>	Lal chanda		4.672	1.717	0.851	0.546	0.907	3.354	2.577	0.841	1.616	0.616	1.747	16.231	4.724	1.579	2.278	0.371	0.156	1.251	0.616	984.026	3.104						
32	<i>Carla carla</i>	Rui		19.442	0.351	—	—	—	—	3.518	—	—	—	—	0.363	0.267	9.864	0.931	0.172	—	—	2.450	967.075	3.050						
107	<i>Laboe rohita</i>	Rui		1.069	0.856	0.169	3.150	0.805	—	6.564	—	—	—	—	4.997	1.155	5.045	2.720	0.179	0.615	—	3.043	921.101	2.905						
175	<i>Puntius conchonius</i>	Canchan puri		—	1.064	1.523	0.189	0.035	3.164	0.113	0.141	0.493	—	1.575	5.812	3.058	0.575	5.113	1.822	0.677	1.364	1.020	903.478	2.856						
83	<i>Glossogobius giuris</i>	Balla		3.961	0.880	3.776	0.741	1.571	1.573	0.857	0.637	2.326	2.942	1.151	0.991	1.517	2.699	3.955	1.321	2.154	3.269	5.621	898.946	2.835						
121	<i>Macrobrachium aculeatus</i>	Tura beim		2.458	1.763	0.672	2.282	2.900	0.023	—	1.035	2.579	2.339	1.520	2.390	6.750	2.193	1.968	4.005	1.737	2.927	1.170	817.986	2.580						
56	<i>Colisa lalia</i>	Lal Khalisha		—	0.001	0.400	1.296	0.146	—	2.150	0.322	0.080	0.504	5.046	0.815	2.263	1.470	4.093	1.021	1.759	2.496	—	749.161	2.363						
137	<i>Mystus vittatus</i>	Tengra		2.640	1.202	9.695	3.057	2.892	1.434	0.719	0.328	5.099	2.549	1.740	1.573	3.022	0.966	0.560	4.144	2.293	1.258	4.172	474.804	1.498						
122	<i>Mastacembeleus armatus</i>	Baral beim		6.899	0.476	1.371	0.459	4.456	1.888	0.396	7.520	—	—	—	0.638	0.568	0.800	2.615	0.062	0.831	1.049	3.949	469.860	1.482						
189	<i>Salmostoma phulo</i>	Fulchela		0.188	3.018	0.040	0.015	—	0.214	0.347	0.139	0.881	—	0.136	6.852	1.168	1.983	0.504	0.055	0.852	0.495	0.280	466.629	1.472						
210	<i>Xenotodon cancella</i>	Kaikka		0.298	0.759	0.598	0.526	0.598	0.718	1.192	0.282	1.311	0.141	0.340	0.294	1.032	1.292	1.466	1.105	1.693	3.305	2.541	434.311	1.370						
88	<i>Heteropneustes fossilis</i>	Shingi		1.307	0.033	1.649	1.706	1.163	0.604	3.774	8.285	—	5.878	7.799	0.568	0.797	0.076	0.838	4.987	4.667	0.579	2.177	428.182	1.351						
47	<i>Cirrhinus mrigala</i>	Mrigel		0.743	1.202	0.050	0.730	—	—	8.623	—	—	—	—	—	0.352	3.629	0.650	—	—	0.202	381.042	1.202							
75	<i>Esomus danricus</i>	Darkina		3.313	0.306	0.145	0.599	0.551	0.446	1.024	0.310	—	2.300	4.931	2.048	1.726	0.176	1.578	1.401	0.720	1.873	0.082	378.757	1.195						
6	<i>Anabas testudineus</i>	Koi		0.237	1.939	0.618	1.979	5.564	0.496	5.700	0.270	—	—	1.623	0.145	1.608	0.044	0.511	1.705	6.173	0.161	2.624	315.565	0.995						
36	<i>Chanda nama</i>	Nama Chanda		1.870	0.572	0.461	0.229	0.143	4.000	1.918	0.471	3.272	0.045	0.458	6.976	1.019	0.480	0.203	0.250	0.130	0.633	0.543	306.225	0.966						
209	<i>Wallago attu</i>	Boal		0.026	0.500	1.814	32.124	—	—	5.706	14.057	—	—	5.656	—	0.038	0.795	0.640	0.334	0.909	—	3.168	262.539	0.828						
212	<i>Puntius ticto</i>	Titi puti		0.971	0.204	1.134	0.022	1.161	8.158	0.396	0.279	0.821	—	0.769	0.265	0.295	0.537	0.707	1.060	1.917	1.679	0.965	235.838	0.744						
178	<i>Puntius phutunio</i>	Phutani puti		—	—	0.004	0.097	0.100	0.935	—	0.122	0.080	—	0.417	1.286	1.248	1.075	0.338	0.103	0.082	0.804	0.124	218.192	0.688						
49	<i>Channa batrachus</i>	Magur		—	0.298	0.668	—	0.856	—	1.647	—	—	—	0.312	0.047	0.269	—	—	2.722	6.347	—	1.245	216.464	0.683						
203	<i>Tetodon cuvierii</i>	Pokna		—	—	0.004	0.037	0.095	2.007	—	—	—	—	0.265	—	0.028	0.924	1.187	0.116	0.058	0.679	0.092	215.592	0.680						
144	<i>Nothopterus chinla</i>	Chital		0.259	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.240	1.586	—	—	0.809	193.016	0.609							
15	<i>Badis badis</i>	Nagiri koi		0.039	0.024	0.353	0.429	0.578	0.412	0.323	0.860	0.456	0.562	0.740	0.575	0.366	0.575	0.512	0.373	0.064	2.893	0.388	187.651	0.592						
5	<i>Amblypharyngodon mola</i>	Mola		2.333	0.337	0.049	0.083	0.318	1.147	3.602	0.585	4.554	6.069	1.312	1.174	1.281	0.643	0.147	0.001	0.355	0.195	1.126	175.267	0.553						
48	<i>Cirrhinus reba</i>	Raik		1.099	4.656	0.004	—	—	0.056	—	—	—	6.407	—	—	0.311	1.251	0.017	0.229	0.464	0.124	1.397	153.466	0.484						
13	<i>Aspidoparia morar</i>	Morari		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.576	—	0.024	—	—	—	—	—	153.413	0.484						
40	<i>Channa orientalis</i>	Cheng		—	—	—	0.022	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.312	0.219	1.092	—	0.993	0.157	—	—	—	147.770	0.466						
211	<i>Colisa labrous</i>	Khalisha		—	—	0.042	0.166	—	—	0.461	2.697	0.473	5.036	3.680	1.015	0.905	0.489	0.165	0.058	0.255	0.021	—	147.704	0.466						
130	<i>Aorichthys aor</i>	Ayre		0.609	1.375	0.013	0.140	—	—	—	0.376	4.338	—	—	—	0.130	—	0.753	0.111	0.244	—	3.287	130.944	0.413						
86	<i>Gudusia chapra</i>	Chapila		2.509	0.600	0.001	0.075	0.022	0.414	1.353	0.538	—	—	—	2.331	0.060	0.114	0.061	—	—	—	0.708	90.662	0.286						
42	<i>Channa striatus</i>	Shol		—	—	8.963	0.587	—	—	0.549	1.175	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.236	2.761	—	1.849	90.661	0.286						
136	<i>Mystus tengara</i>	Bejari tengra		2.016	0.238	0.482	0.023	0.114	4.231	0.167	0.112	2.930	0.141	0.119	0.344	0.093	0.397	0.184	0.042	0.211	0.427	0.187	79.693	0.251						
132	<i>Mystus cavasius</i>	Kabashi		—	2.553	0.048	0.196	—	0.056	0.888	0.320	3.340	—	—	0.083	0.039	0.005	0.628	0.119	0.031	—	0.398	78.104	0.246						
131	<i>Mystus bleekeri</i>	Golsa tengra		—	—	0.073	0.166	—	—	—	0.289	—	—	1.246	0.025	0.310	0.009	0.163	0.191	0.176	0.103	1.409	59.961	0.189						
39	<i>Channa marulius</i>	Gajar		—	—	0.182	—	—	—	—	1.316	—	10.440	0.238	0.015	—	—	—	—	—	1.797	59.180	0.187							
62	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	Karf		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.153	0.341	—	3.513	53.169	0.168						
176	<i>Puntius gelius</i>	Gilputi		—	0.016	0.355	0.028	0.093	1.021	0.317	0.042	0.060	—	0.515	0.190	0.155	0.152	0.172	—	0.101	0.323	0.110	50.783	0.160						
101	<i>Laboe boga</i>	Bhangan		—	—	0.004	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.794	—	0.306	—	—	—	—	—	47.085	0.149						
147	<i>Ompok bimaculatus</i>	Kani pabda		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.006	0.433	—	—	—	0.068	45.854	0.145						
148	<i>Ompok pabda</i>	Madhu pabda		0.110	1.453	0.161	0.225	0.082	0.211	—	0.118	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.205	0.084	0.022	37.982	0.120						
145	<i>Notopterus notopterus</i>	Foli		—	0.123	—																								



Table 6.6 Percentage total monthly catch by species: floodplains/beel outside CPP(Cont.)

Species		Species name	Year: 1992												Year: 1993												Year: 1994		Total annual catch (Mar'93 – Feb'94)	
Code	Scientific		Bengali	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Kg	%						
188	<i>Salmostoma becula</i>	Katari	0.574	0.059	0.007	0.100	-	0.285	0.728	0.077	-	-	0.114	0.843	-	0.383	0.004	-	-	-	-	0.074	24.913	0.079						
51	<i>Clupisoma garua</i>	Ghaura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.383	0.136	-	-	-	-	-	21.765	0.069						
170	<i>Pseudopocryptes lanceolatus</i>	Chawa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21.470	0.068						
28	<i>Botia dario</i>	Rani	0.652	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.254	0.255	0.074	0.010	-	-	-	0.004	21.122	0.067							
9	<i>Aplocheilichthys panchax</i>	Kanpura	0.024	0.006	0.005	0.280	0.124	-	0.051	0.079	0.080	-	0.246	0.107	0.057	0.017	0.086	0.012	0.272	0.182	0.026	0.005	17.093	0.054						
139	<i>Nemacheilus botia</i>	Balichara	0.138	0.365	0.004	0.071	-	0.154	-	2.303	0.351	-	-	0.107	0.057	0.017	0.086	0.012	0.272	0.472	0.005	0.005	16.276	0.051						
135	<i>Aorichthys seenghala</i>	Guizza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.065	0.028	-	-	0.041	12.941	0.041						
81	<i>Gagata youssoufi</i>	Gang tengra	0.015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.425	0.030	0.005	-	-	-	-	-	0.040	12.779	0.040						
100	<i>Laboe batia</i>	Bata	0.004	9.378	0.024	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.418	0.099	0.089	0.023	-	-	-	-	12.447	0.039							
59	<i>Crossocheilus latius</i>	Kalabata	-	0.066	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.372	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.895	0.038							
939	<i>Puntius sp.</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.093	0.234	-	-	-	0.025	-	-	0.019	-	-	0.338	8.258	0.026							
85	<i>Goniolaosa manmima</i>	Goni chapila	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.274	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.440	0.023							
104	<i>Laboe gonius</i>	Goni	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.020	0.007	-	0.038	-	-	-	-	4.651	0.015							
217	<i>Lepidocephalus thermalis</i>	Puya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.026	0.024	0.023	0.011	0.012	0.012	-	-	-	4.470	0.014							
169	<i>Pseudotropheus atherinoides</i>	Bansi	0.338	0.004	0.021	0.049	0.059	-	2.631	0.171	0.117	-	-	0.024	0.031	-	0.008	-	-	-	-	0.225	4.362	0.014						
174	<i>Puntius chola</i>	Chala puti	-	-	0.016	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.070	-	-	0.004	-	-	0.068	0.010	3.545	0.011						
181	<i>Puntius terio</i>	Teri puti	1.803	0.421	3.633	1.302	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.003	0.070	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.234	2.850	0.009						
60	<i>Ctenopharyngodon idellus</i>	Gheso carp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.026	-	-	-	-	-	2.788	0.009						
2	<i>Alla coila</i>	Kajuli	0.074	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.024	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
58	<i>Corica soborna</i>	Kachki	1.452	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.019	0.018	0.008	-	0.065	-	-	-	2.605	0.008						
177	<i>Puntius guganio</i>	Mola puti	-	-	-	0.001	-	-	-	0.667	-	-	-	-	0.093	-	-	0.018	-	-	-	-	2.531	0.008						
76	<i>Eutropichthys vacha</i>	Bacha	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.058	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.529	0.008						
33	<i>Channa chana</i>	Chaka	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.005	0.005	-	-	-	-	2.080	0.007						
109	<i>Lepidocephalus berdmorei</i>	Puya	-	-	0.009	-	-	-	-	0.157	-	-	-	0.034	-	0.007	-	0.001	-	-	-	-	1.036	0.003						
35	<i>Chanda baculis</i>	Chanda	0.148	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.004	0.003	-	-	-	-	1.015	0.003						
198	<i>Somileptes gongota</i>	Gharpoia	-	-	-	0.033	-	-	-	0.644	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.003	-	-	-	-	0.831	0.003						
68	<i>Danio devario</i>	Chebli	-	0.011	-	0.012	-	0.090	0.023	-	-	-	-	0.008	-	-	0.002	-	-	0.022	-	-	0.780	0.002						
182	<i>Rasbora daniconius</i>	Darkina	-	-	0.038	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.661	0.002						
25	<i>Batasio tengana</i>	Tengra	-	-	-	0.007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.006	-	-	-	-	-	0.521	0.002						
69	<i>Brachydanio rerio</i>	Anju	-	-	-	0.001	-	-	-	-	-	0.034	0.062	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.357	0.001						
29	<i>Botia lohachata</i>	Putul	0.328	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.353	0.001						
214	<i>Oryzias melastigma</i>	Kanpura	-	-	0.001	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.042	-	-	0.013	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.218	0.001						
922	<i>Liza sp</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.004	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.102	0.0003						
185	<i>Rhinomugil corsula</i>	Khorsula	-	0.066	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
173	<i>Puntius cosuatis</i>	Kosunti	-	-	0.009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
134	<i>Myristus menoda</i>	Ghagra	-	4.222	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
187	<i>Osteobrama cotlio cotlio</i>	Koti	0.090	-	-	0.005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
18	<i>Barilius batna</i>	Bani Koksa	0.024	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
120	<i>Macrobrachium rosenbergii</i>	Golda	-	-	-	-	-	0.087	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
157	<i>Pampus chinensis</i>	Rup chanda	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.042	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
184	<i>Rasbora rasbora</i>	Leuzza darkina	-	0.069	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
923	<i>Stenmugil cascasia</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
43	<i>Chela caehius</i>	Chep Chela	0.051	-	-	-	-	-	0.050	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
8	<i>Anodontostoma chacunda</i>	Koi puti	3.723	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
138	<i>Nandus nandus</i>	Bheda	0.055	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
154	<i>Securidula gora</i>	Chorn chela	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
20	<i>Raitamas bolu</i>	Bhol	0.172	-	-	0.002	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
			100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	31704.443	100						



Table 6.7 Percentage total monthly catch by species: floodplains/beel inside CPP

Species Code	Scientific	Species name	Year: 1992												Year: 1993		Year: 1994		Total annual catch (Mar'93 - Feb'94)					
			Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Kg	%	
931	Prawn spp.	Bengali	10.709	6.394	5.634	6.829	5.789	9.817	17.054	19.287	14.091	39.768	22.192	7.851	21.762	46.241	37.079	8.386	12.136	12.136	9.785	14.569	10538.525	24.085
180	<i>Puntius sophore</i>	Prawn	10.548	20.069	17.826	44.656	18.424	12.567	12.123	10.857	12.502	12.123	26.841	17.894	10.660	7.320	6.817	30.543	13.116	13.116	17.069	6.408	6705.668	15.325
41	<i>Channa punctatus</i>	Taki	3.745	6.049	8.659	5.241	9.347	18.767	10.272	4.643	8.810	10.467	4.719	15.442	4.093	3.944	9.361	13.507	29.418	29.418	13.744	12.503	4914.280	11.231
55	<i>Colisa fasciatus</i>	Khalisha	4.143	2.118	2.978	2.957	6.522	20.071	13.692	3.523	4.251	1.024	3.980	0.798	4.935	1.697	4.516	9.122	5.807	5.807	10.678	5.691	2399.047	5.483
123	<i>Macrognathus pancalus</i>	Guchi	3.043	1.808	3.841	2.585	0.347	0.603	1.477	6.973	7.364	1.862	3.057	2.988	5.369	6.029	4.652	4.985	1.817	1.817	3.113	1.594	1980.610	4.527
210	<i>Xenodonta canaliculata</i>	Kaikka	13.372	3.127	1.040	3.945	0.056	0.706	1.589	0.823	0.244	0.017	0.292	0.754	1.127	2.190	4.623	1.506	2.368	2.368	4.557	0.599	1978.924	4.523
88	<i>Heteropneustes fossilis</i>	Shingi	0.672	1.396	2.213	4.072	0.922	3.015	3.167	5.791	7.518	5.316	1.395	1.424	1.345	1.303	3.400	2.866	2.364	2.364	2.734	1.752	1120.283	3.120
110	<i>Lepidocephalus guntea</i>	Gutum	0.440	0.533	3.045	4.072	0.165	0.084	0.113	2.465	0.536	—	—	0.320	2.424	2.798	2.593	1.760	1.458	1.458	2.597	7.507	1084.747	2.479
145	<i>Notopterus notopterus</i>	Rui	3.475	12.234	1.026	0.083	0.165	0.084	2.465	0.169	0.536	—	0.031	0.008	0.032	—	0.720	0.796	0.796	4.904	6.905	17.444	981.747	2.244
37	<i>Chanda naga</i>	Foli	0.044	0.105	0.306	0.153	0.239	0.113	3.833	5.407	0.619	0.268	0.649	4.330	5.139	2.064	1.938	0.732	0.562	0.562	2.031	0.744	760.301	1.738
137	<i>Myxus vitatus</i>	Lal chanda	3.020	0.922	1.182	0.318	0.405	0.406	3.719	6.640	3.783	4.855	6.474	2.900	2.990	1.083	0.571	1.255	1.241	1.241	5.771	1.990	760.055	1.737
62	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	Tengra	1.058	3.161	1.374	5.481	3.657	1.841	3.719	6.640	3.783	4.855	6.474	2.900	2.990	1.083	0.571	1.255	1.241	1.241	5.771	1.990	760.055	1.737
56	<i>Colisa lala</i>	Karfu	0.042	0.027	0.146	0.277	0.646	11.553	—	0.849	1.030	0.077	2.492	2.512	1.071	1.641	1.784	1.751	0.700	0.700	2.029	0.782	681.081	1.557
42	<i>Channa striata</i>	Shol	11.595	7.001	24.003	3.497	4.966	0.589	0.030	6.347	0.291	—	—	0.020	—	—	0.189	0.980	1.474	1.474	1.643	1.973	597.915	1.366
40	<i>Channa orientalis</i>	Cheng	—	—	—	0.056	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.029	14.444	0.570	2.565	0.401	1.462	0.111	—	—	—	585.319	1.338
6	<i>Anabas testudineus</i>	Koi	9.336	4.103	2.144	0.843	5.265	11.444	2.159	3.965	3.049	1.064	0.463	1.608	4.318	0.516	1.484	0.688	1.338	1.338	0.954	3.556	577.534	1.320
83	<i>Glossogobius giuris</i>	Balla	1.478	0.450	1.050	1.077	0.192	0.309	1.469	1.598	1.864	0.894	0.199	1.280	2.318	1.306	0.975	1.062	1.535	1.535	0.962	1.093	516.888	1.181
32	<i>Catla catla</i>	Catla	3.047	13.036	2.000	1.032	—	—	—	1.598	1.864	0.894	0.199	1.280	2.318	1.306	0.975	1.062	1.535	1.535	0.962	1.093	516.888	1.181
175	<i>Puntius conchonius</i>	Canchan puti	—	0.202	0.218	0.142	1.591	1.547	1.025	0.738	0.261	0.297	8.888	1.950	0.767	0.674	0.688	0.428	0.716	1.682	0.364	0.287	467.280	1.068
178	<i>Puntius phutunio</i>	Phutani puti	0.013	0.005	0.106	0.100	0.171	0.048	0.001	0.819	0.154	0.111	0.275	0.933	2.436	0.674	0.688	0.497	0.705	0.705	1.070	0.716	393.055	0.898
49	<i>Clarias batrachus</i>	Magur	—	0.827	0.645	0.164	1.618	—	0.386	0.342	1.447	12.913	—	0.282	0.294	2.428	0.767	0.216	0.356	0.356	0.571	0.034	392.806	0.898
209	<i>Wallago attu</i>	Boal	1.620	3.688	8.009	5.751	7.520	0.573	6.824	4.029	3.411	—	—	—	—	—	0.226	0.436	3.253	3.253	0.369	2.777	348.069	0.795
75	<i>Esomus danricus</i>	Darkina	0.338	0.314	0.091	0.136	0.286	0.205	1.616	1.056	0.287	1.176	2.409	0.492	0.154	0.164	1.400	0.610	0.422	0.422	0.692	1.842	327.258	0.748
211	<i>Colisa labiosus</i>	Khalisha	—	—	0.022	0.105	0.105	0.141	0.005	0.999	1.187	0.733	2.554	0.643	1.433	0.169	0.782	0.787	0.070	0.070	0.064	0.131	261.907	0.599
130	<i>Aorichthys aor</i>	Ayro	0.169	—	—	0.603	0.053	0.013	7.291	—	0.436	—	—	0.587	0.055	0.276	0.371	1.554	—	—	—	0.289	258.556	0.591
203	<i>Tetraodon cutcutia</i>	Poika	0.287	0.612	1.293	0.202	0.818	—	0.076	—	0.076	—	0.022	0.099	0.297	1.057	0.818	0.272	0.404	0.404	0.211	0.700	245.679	0.561
121	<i>Macrognathus aculeatus</i>	Tam baim	1.363	0.433	0.473	0.304	—	—	0.082	2.806	0.333	0.051	0.410	3.682	1.167	0.442	0.362	0.571	0.224	0.224	0.424	0.086	238.787	0.546
15	<i>Badis badis</i>	Nepil kol	0.086	0.022	0.044	0.125	0.208	0.562	0.225	0.185	0.022	8.103	0.090	0.316	0.848	0.747	0.521	0.219	0.149	0.149	0.741	0.730	220.707	0.504
5	<i>Amblythyraxodon mola</i>	Mola	2.276	0.803	0.513	0.048	0.678	—	0.051	0.059	0.150	0.013	3.311	0.786	0.165	0.091	0.571	0.052	1.785	1.785	0.684	0.340	207.928	0.475
150	<i>Oreochromis mossambica</i>	Tilapia	—	—	—	—	0.071	—	—	—	0.030	—	—	—	—	—	0.196	0.013	1.456	—	—	—	192.448	0.440
212	<i>Puntius ticto</i>	Tit puti	0.934	0.317	0.018	0.125	0.532	0.120	2.940	1.294	0.483	0.155	0.053	0.359	0.247	0.246	0.529	0.410	0.621	0.621	0.290	0.672	188.697	0.431
47	<i>Cirrhinus mirigala</i>	Mrigel	0.091	0.147	0.020	0.011	0.005	—	0.751	0.979	0.345	—	—	—	2.939	1.106	0.208	0.022	—	—	—	0.695	184.357	0.421
122	<i>Mastomembelus armatus</i>	Bam baim	0.013	0.120	1.110	0.448	0.655	—	0.751	0.979	0.345	—	—	—	0.630	0.599	0.648	0.091	0.592	0.592	0.006	0.285	172.705	0.395
36	<i>Chanda nama</i>	Nana Chanda	5.340	4.165	0.739	1.195	0.093	0.055	1.134	0.430	0.124	0.036	0.291	0.487	0.778	0.278	0.400	0.226	0.080	0.080	0.766	0.452	140.351	0.321
39	<i>Channa marulius</i>	Gajar	—	—	0.138	0.767	1.112	—	0.051	0.681	3.426	—	—	—	—	0.495	0.056	0.058	—	—	—	1.385	136.912	0.313
136	<i>Myxus tengra</i>	Bajiri tengra	1.581	1.135	1.196	1.682	0.925	0.053	0.175	0.261	4.225	0.085	2.578	0.109	0.636	0.071	0.297	0.010	0.008	0.008	0.025	0.020	117.638	0.269
48	<i>Cirrhinus reba</i>	Raik	0.888	0.095	0.192	0.023	0.025	—	0.039	0.021	0.586	—	—	—	1.066	0.250	0.198	0.074	—	—	—	0.221	67.113	0.153
131	<i>Myxus bleekeri</i>	Gokha tengra	—	—	0.014	0.018	1.527	—	0.039	0.021	0.586	0.012	0.027	0.304	0.137	0.043	0.213	0.037	0.060	0.060	0.562	0.402	61.510	0.141
182	<i>Rasbora daniconius</i>	Darkina	0.220	0.025	0.636	0.240	0.007	—	0.039	0.021	0.586	—	—	—	—	0.252	0.146	0.014	0.048	0.048	0.097	0.480	60.793	0.139
176	<i>Puntius gelius</i>	Gilliputi	—																					



Table 6.7 Percentage total monthly catch by species: floodplains/beel inside CPP(Cont.)

Species			Species name		Year: 1992												Year: 1994		Total annual catch (Mar'93 - Feb'94)						
Code	Scientific	Bengali	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Kg	%		
91	<i>Hypophthalmichthys molitrix</i>	Silver carp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.051	0.641	0.094	0.001	-	-	-	-	18.556	0.042		
188	<i>Salmostoma bacilla</i>	Kanari	0.422	1.401	0.368	0.327	0.028	-	0.028	0.758	0.167	0.079	-	-	0.056	0.094	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.652	0.040	
102	<i>Labeo calbasu</i>	Kalbasu	0.210	0.226	0.071	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.572	0.047	0.058	0.000	-	0.011	-	0.011	17.600	0.040	
174	<i>Puntius chola</i>	Chola puti	-	-	0.018	0.001	-	-	-	-	0.018	-	-	0.372	-	-	0.080	-	-	0.379	-	-	16.936	0.039	
181	<i>Puntius terio</i>	Teri puni	0.204	0.580	3.768	1.228	0.024	0.020	-	-	0.059	-	-	0.030	0.216	-	0.061	0.033	0.027	0.031	0.021	-	15.113	0.035	
4	<i>Amblypharygodon microlepis</i>	Mola	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.116	-	-	-	-	13.619	0.031	
86	<i>Gudusia chapra</i>	Chapila	0.478	-	0.029	0.008	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.013	0.011	0.085	0.016	0.033	0.071	-	-	12.796	0.029	
135	<i>Aorichthys seenghala</i>	Guizun	-	-	0.040	0.042	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.087	0.115	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.796	0.027	
9	<i>Aplocheilichthys panchax</i>	Kanpura	0.029	-	0.009	0.018	0.208	0.059	0.034	0.035	0.177	-	0.083	0.131	0.031	0.005	0.049	0.003	0.003	0.005	-	-	11.132	0.025	
57	<i>Colisa socia</i>	Khalisha	0.541	0.244	0.304	0.802	0.201	0.875	0.785	0.573	-	0.017	0.004	0.038	0.011	0.009	0.010	0.023	0.028	-	-	-	10.880	0.025	
69	<i>Brachydanio rerio</i>	Anju	-	-	-	0.030	0.001	-	-	-	0.010	0.002	0.073	0.010	-	0.068	0.003	-	-	-	-	-	7.682	0.018	
945	<i>Crab sp</i>	Kakra	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.050	-	-	-	-	-	4.248	0.010	
60	<i>Ctenopharyngodon idellus</i>	Gheso carp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.029	-	-	-	-	3.420	0.008	
147	<i>Ompok bimaculatus</i>	Knai pubda	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.005	0.013	-	0.025	-	-	2.380	0.005	
109	<i>Lepidoccephalus berdmorei</i>	Puiya	-	-	-	-	0.001	-	-	-	-	-	0.186	-	-	-	0.006	0.000	-	-	-	-	2.368	0.005	
28	<i>Bota dario</i>	Rani	-	0.003	0.032	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.023	-	0.015	0.006	-	-	-	-	-	2.096	0.005	
2	<i>Ailia coila</i>	Kajuli	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.021	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.964	0.004	
139	<i>Nemachellus botia</i>	Balichata	0.003	0.003	-	-	-	-	-	0.011	-	0.119	0.081	-	-	-	0.004	-	-	0.005	-	-	-	1.939	0.004
198	<i>Somleptes gongora</i>	Gharpoia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.119	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.523	0.003	
51	<i>Clupisoma garua</i>	Ghaura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.012	-	-	-	-	1.387	0.003	
89	<i>Hilsa ilisha</i>	Ilish	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.051	-	-	0.883	0.002	
217	<i>Lepidoccephalus thermalis</i>	Puiya	-	-	-	-	-	0.266	-	-	-	-	-	0.084	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.763	0.002	
68	<i>Danio devario</i>	Chebli	-	0.004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.654	0.001	
144	<i>Notopterus chinla</i>	Chinal	0.007	0.001	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.004	0.001	-	-	0.029	0.005	-	0.327	0.001	
81	<i>Gagata youssouffi</i>	Gang tengra	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.026	-	-	-	0.013	0.001	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.264	0.001	
128	<i>Liza parva</i>	Bata	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.016	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.239	0.001		
923	<i>Silamugil caucasia</i>	Kanpura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.009	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.224	0.001		
214	<i>Oryzias melastigma</i>	Phasa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.124	0.00028		
193	<i>Scilpiana phasa</i>	Kalabata	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.001	-	-	-	0.115	0.00026		
59	<i>Crossocheilus latius</i>	Chop Chela	0.033	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.000	-	0.000	-	-	-	-	0.029	0.00006	
43	<i>Chela cachi</i>	Kunchu icha	-	-	-	0.103	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.022	0.00005	
114	<i>Macrobrychium lammariei</i>	Chingri Thengua	0.843	0.069	-	-	-	-	0.026	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
113	<i>Macrob. birmanicus</i>	Longu	-	-	-	-	0.057	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
106	<i>Labeo pangusia</i>	Kosuari	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
173	<i>Puntius cosuatis</i>	Bhangra	-	-	0.078	0.036	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
101	<i>Labeo boga</i>	Bheda	-	-	0.513	0.299	4.991	1.024	1.576	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
138	<i>Nandus nandus</i>	Kachki	0.312	0.641	-	-	0.014	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
58	<i>Cortas soborna</i>	Kuchia	0.080	-	0.351	-	0.371	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
124	<i>Monopterus euchia</i>	African magur	-	-	-	-	0.038	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50	<i>Clarias gariepinus</i>	Gura icha	-	-	-	0.120	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
117	<i>Macrobrychium styliferus</i>	Porika	-	-	-	-	-	0.168	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	<i>Chelonodon fluvialis</i>	Chora chela	0.006	-	0.039	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
154	<i>Securicula gora</i>	Pali	0.002	0.002	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	<i>Aspidoparia jaya</i>	Kachhim	-	0.267	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
207	<i>Trionyx gangeticus</i>	Bata	-	0.006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
127	<i>Liza melinoptera</i>	Sepatia	-	-	0.167	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
183	<i>Rasbora elanga</i>	Kajuli	0.063	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
939	<i>Puntius sp.</i>		-	0.004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	<i>Ailia punctata</i>		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	43755.445	100	



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Table 6.8 Percentage Contribution to the total Floodplain Catch by Dominant Species Inside and Outside the Tangail CPP, August 1992 - February 1994.

Species Name	Outside	Inside	All floodplains/beel sites Sampled in NCR
Prawn spp.	19.8	20.3	19.6
<i>Puntius sophore</i>	14.7	16.3	15.2
<i>Channa punctatus</i>	9.2	10.5	11.4
<i>Macrognathus pancalus</i>	5.5	4.0	4.4
<i>Colisa fasciatus</i>	4.0	5.5	5.2
<i>Lepidocephalus guntea</i>	3.5	2.4	2.7
<i>Catla catla</i>	2.8	1.6	1.9
<i>Chanda ranga</i>	2.7	1.7	1.8
<i>Glossogobius giurus</i>	2.6	1.1	1.7
<i>Labeo rohita</i>	2.5	2.6	3.3
<i>Puntius conchoni</i>	2.3	<1	1.5
<i>Macrognathus aculeatus</i>	2.3	<1	1.3
<i>Mystus vittatus</i>	2.2	2.0	1.9
<i>Wallagu attu</i>	1.9	1.8	1.5
<i>Colisa lalia</i>	1.9	1.4	1.4
<i>Mastacembelus armatus</i>	1.5	<1	<1
<i>Heteropneustes fossilis</i>	1.3	2.8	2.8
<i>Salmostoma phulo</i>	1.3	<1	<1
<i>Anabas testudineus</i>	1.3	2.1	2.7
<i>Cirrhinus mrigala</i>	1.2	<1	<1
<i>Xenentodon cancila</i>	1.2	4.3	3.2
<i>Esomus danricus</i>	1.0	<1	<1
<i>Channa striatus</i>	<1	3.5	2.6
<i>Notopterus notopterus</i>	<1	2.1	<1
<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	<1	1.2	<1
<i>Channa orientalis</i>	<1	1.1	<1

inside and outside the CPP, while the latter was relatively more abundant outside it (Table 6.8). The remaining dominant floodplain species are capable of surviving in small perennial water bodies during the dry season and are therefore categorised as floodplain residents. This pattern of species composition was also observed in several lower-lying and free-flooding sampling sites in the Manikgonj Thana to the south of Tangail and therefore appears to be typical of fisheries along the right bank of the Jamuna River and along the Dhaleswari-Kaliganga river system.

The single most important component of the annual catches everywhere consisted of small prawns comprising 20% of total catches. This study thus highlights the importance of this cheap, protein rich food resource which is captured by subsistence and professional fishermen alike.



