Course analysis BIOR67 "Fisheries ecology" autumn 2018

Course leader: Anders Persson
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Number of students: 18 registered students

Grades: 1 Fail (U), 8 Pass (G), 9 Pass w distinction (VG).

Evaluation

I. Summary of the course evaluation
Number of answers: 10
Short summary of the result: Overall most students were very pleased with the course, although some were not so pleased (grade 3.9). Some students appreciated the excursions, others the modeling, most the mixed activities.

II. Comments from the teachers team
This course was twice the size of the most previous years, but teacher staff was the same. That meant that students had to wait longer to get help. This was most pronounced during the VPA part. That also meant some rescheduling since some seminars were done in halfclass. The mixed impression by the students is well in line with previous years. Some student into the subject love the course and learning modeling, others not so interested in fisheries issues mostly appreciate the field work.

III. Evaluation of changes made since the previous course
One change was field location from Ålabodarna to Mölle for net fishing because the boat was located in Mölle for research activities with harbor porpoise. Unfortunately this was a disaster since all nets in Mölle were overloaded with shorecrabs that destroyed the nets and consumed the few fish that were caught. That was not anticipated since the distance between Ålabodarna and Mölle is not that far, but rendered the gillnet catch useless.

IV. Suggested changes for the next course
Change field location back to Ålabodarna. Make sure early on that teacher staff is sufficient for the number of student. If more than 12, add another teacher at VPA and modelling projects if budget allow.

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