



Smartrawl: a vision for sustainable fishing

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Discarding of fish, & bycatch, are big problems



Perez Roda *et al* (2019). *FAO Tech. Pap. 633*

“...about 46 % (4.2 million tonnes) of total annual discards were from bottom trawls...”



*Evaluation of Landing Obligation
Compliance in the North Sea*

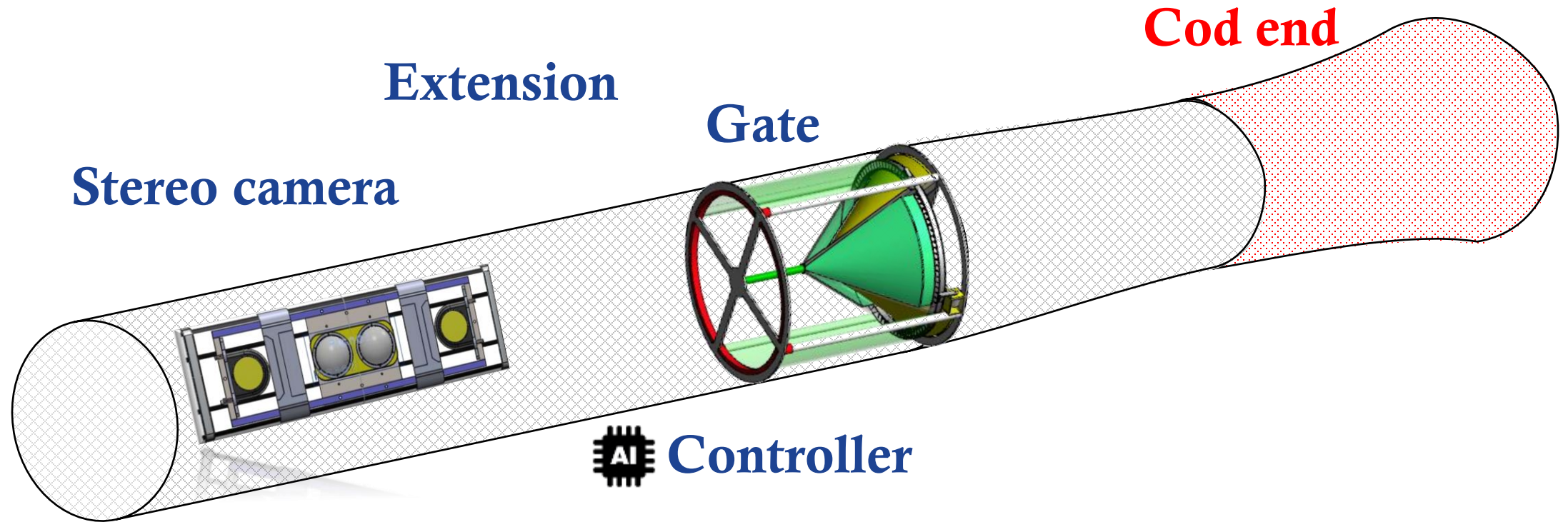
“...non-compliance widespread...”

“...traditional control tools have proven to be inefficient..”

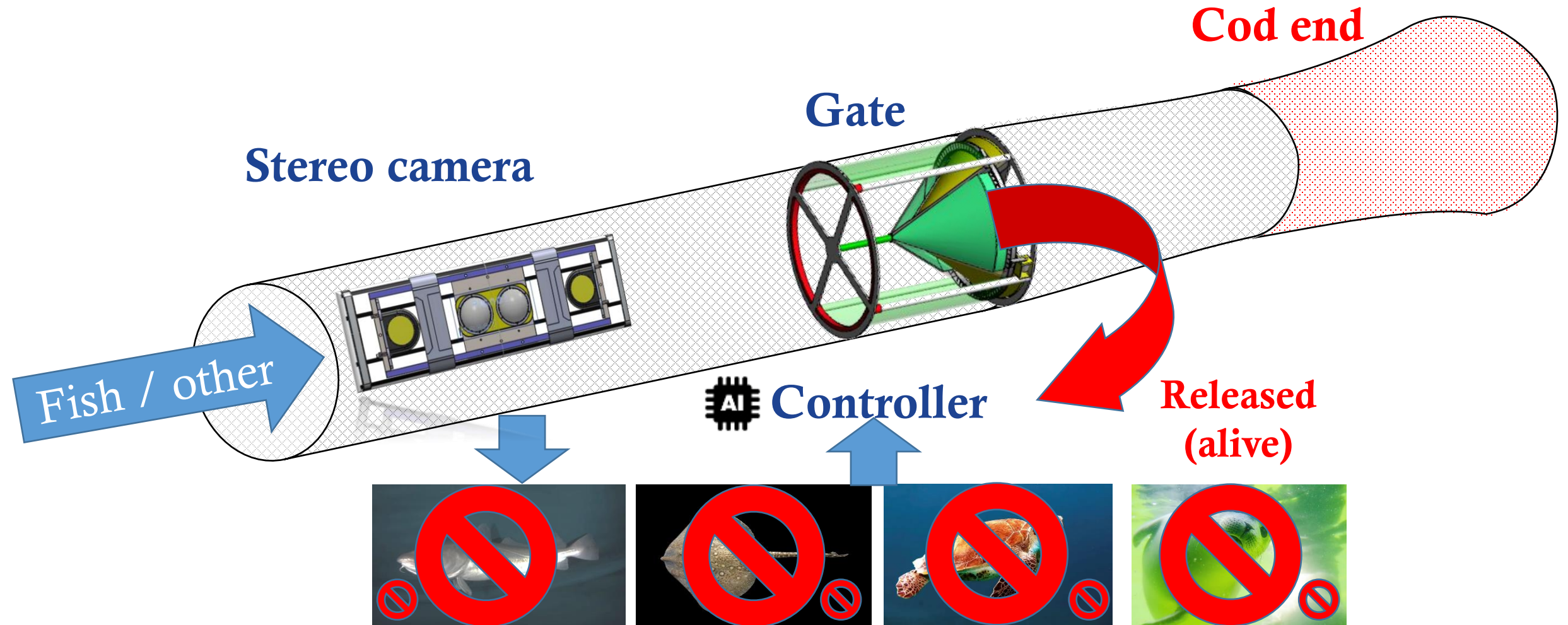
Smartrawl: a vision for the future of trawling?



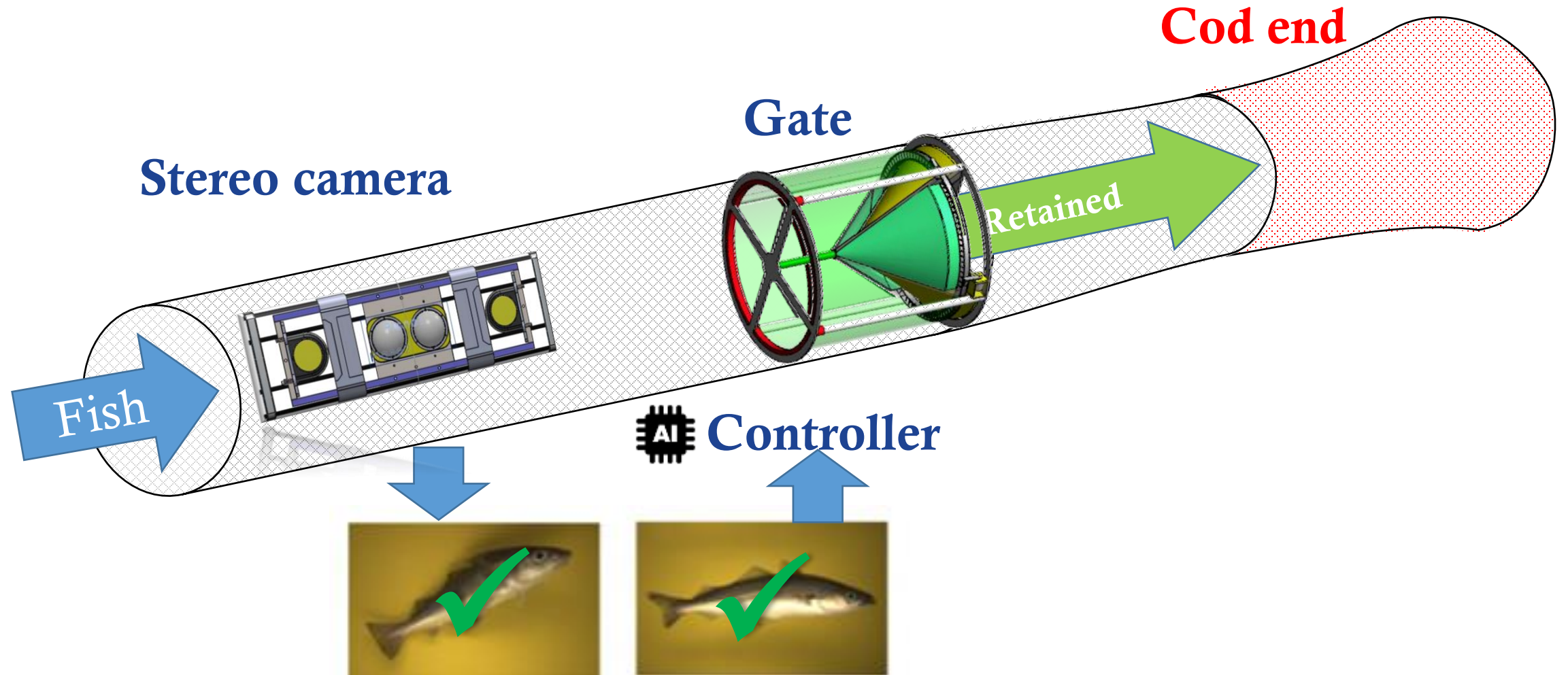
Smartrawl: 3 major components



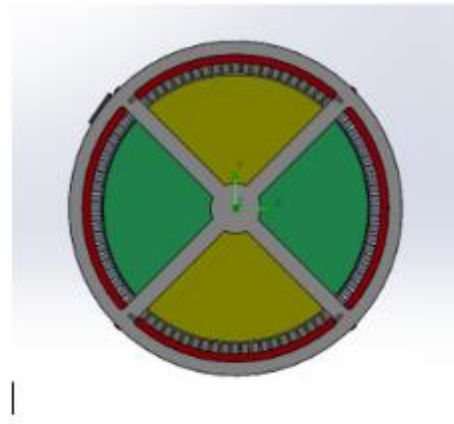
Smartrawl: releases unwanted organisms



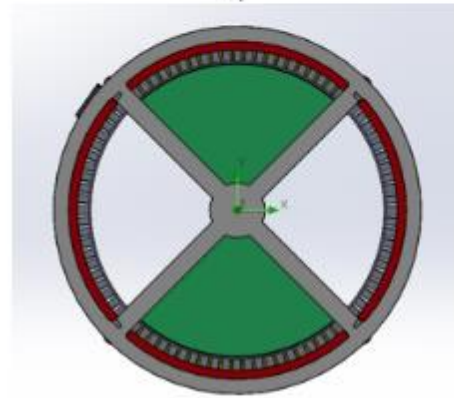
Smartrawl: retains only what is wanted



The Smartrawl gate ...designed for UK fishers

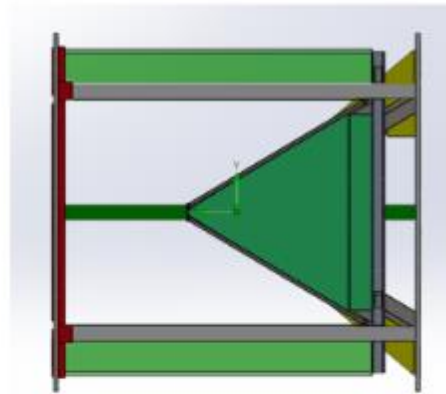


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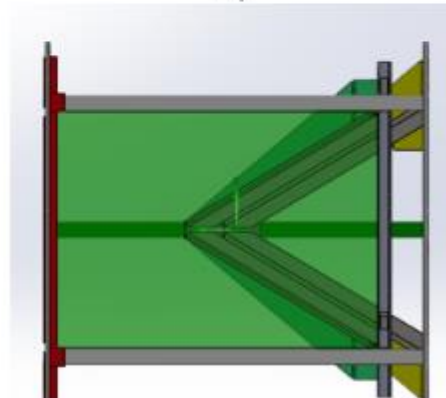


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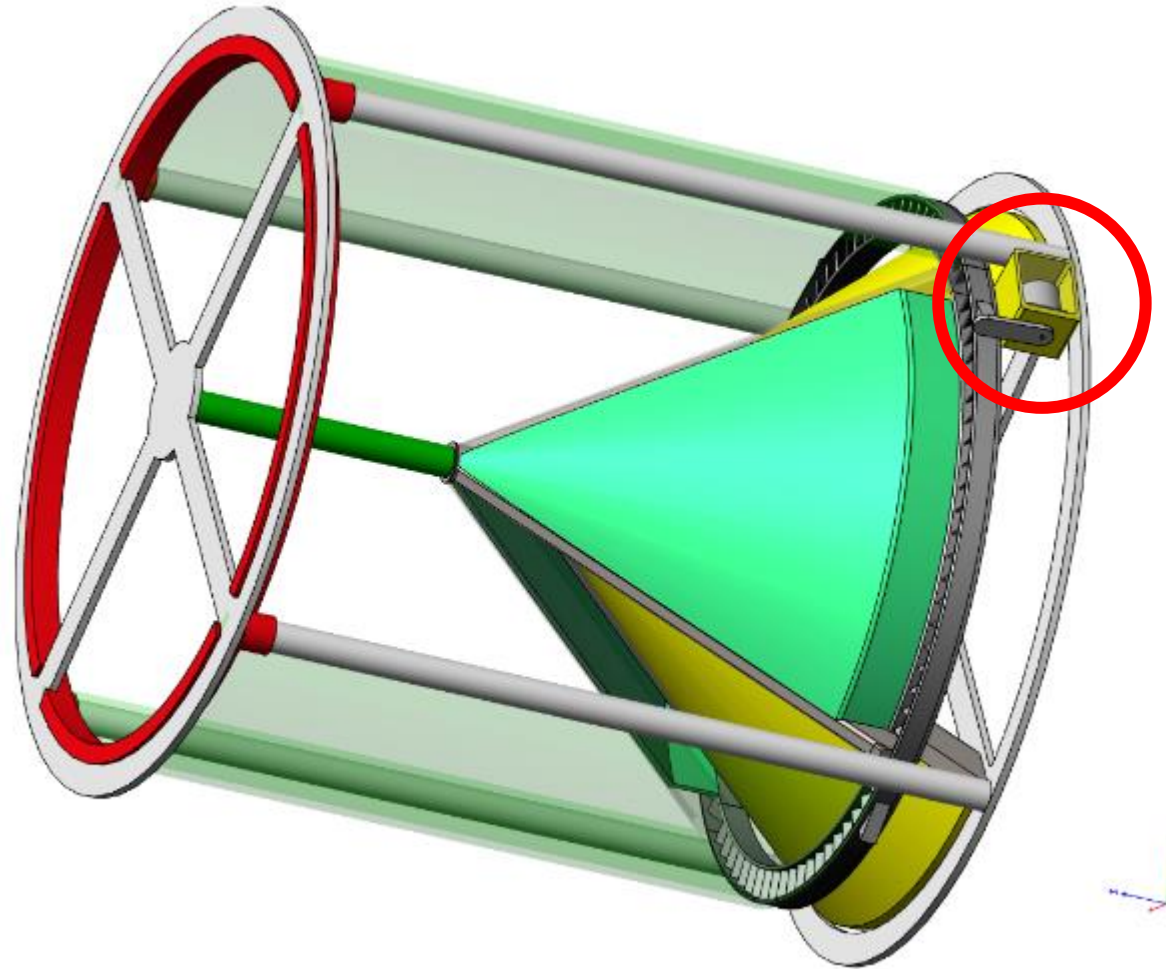
**v4
(built)**



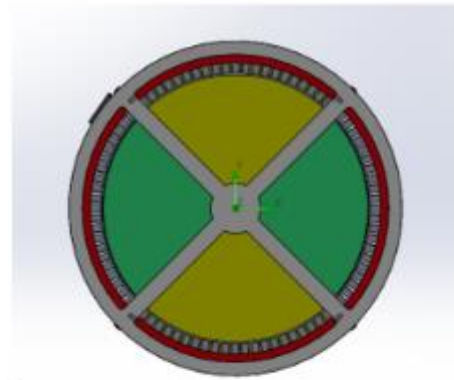
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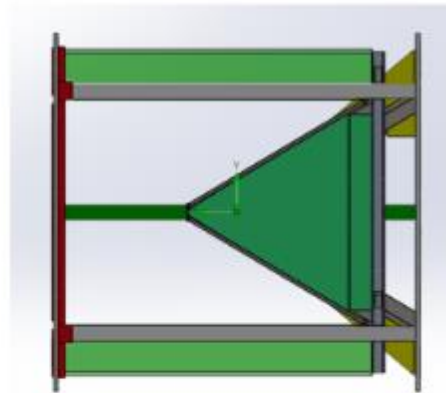
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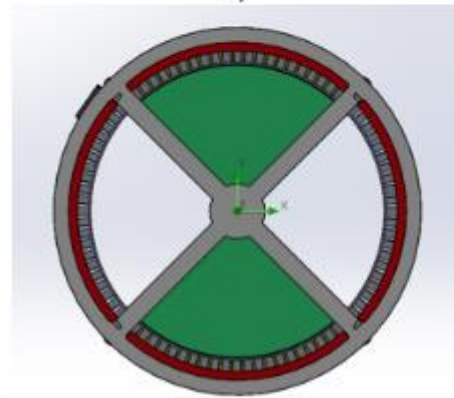
The Smartrawl gate



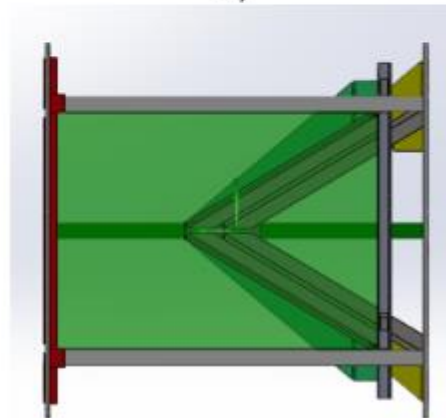
a)



b)



c)



d)

**v4
(built)**



Patent filed



**United Kingdom Patent
Application No GB2116105.4**

Filed 9 Nov 2021

40 claims [describing the gate]

A technical examiner carried out a search investigating the novelty of the invention.

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Catch position

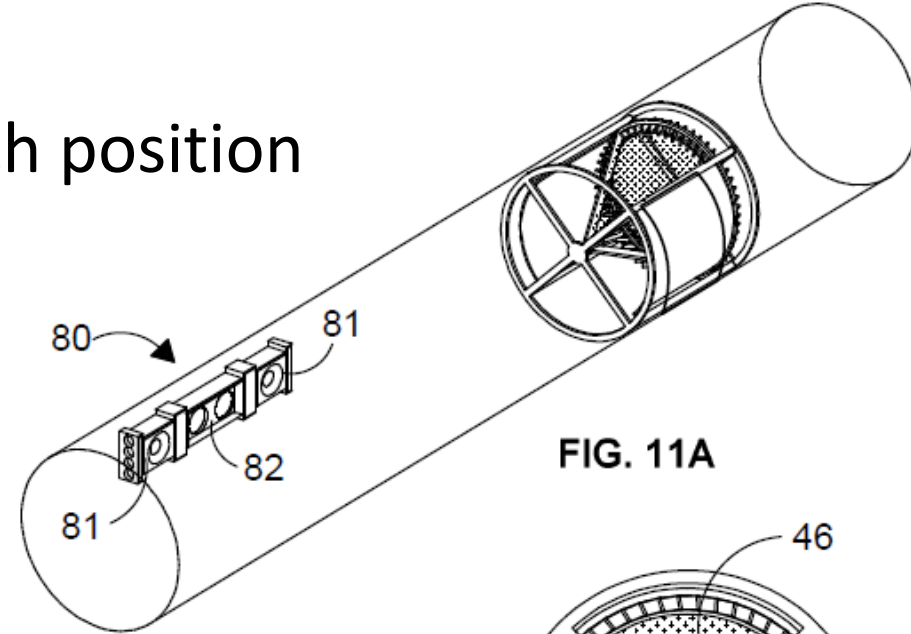


FIG. 11A

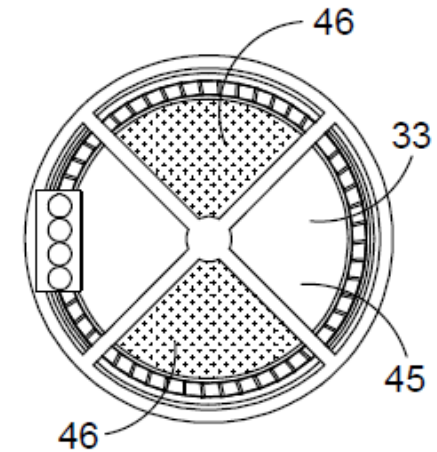


FIG. 11B

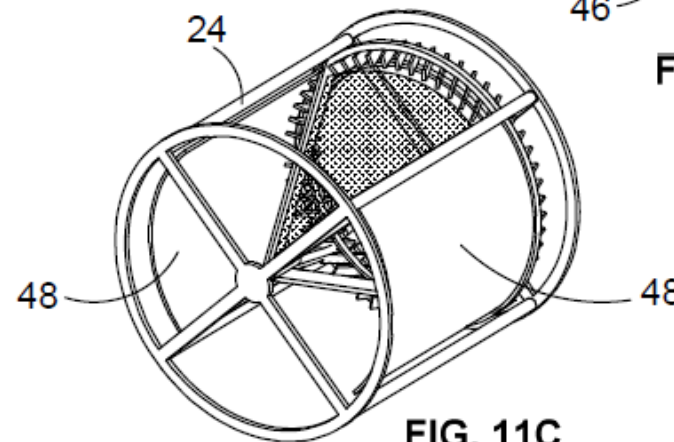


FIG. 11C



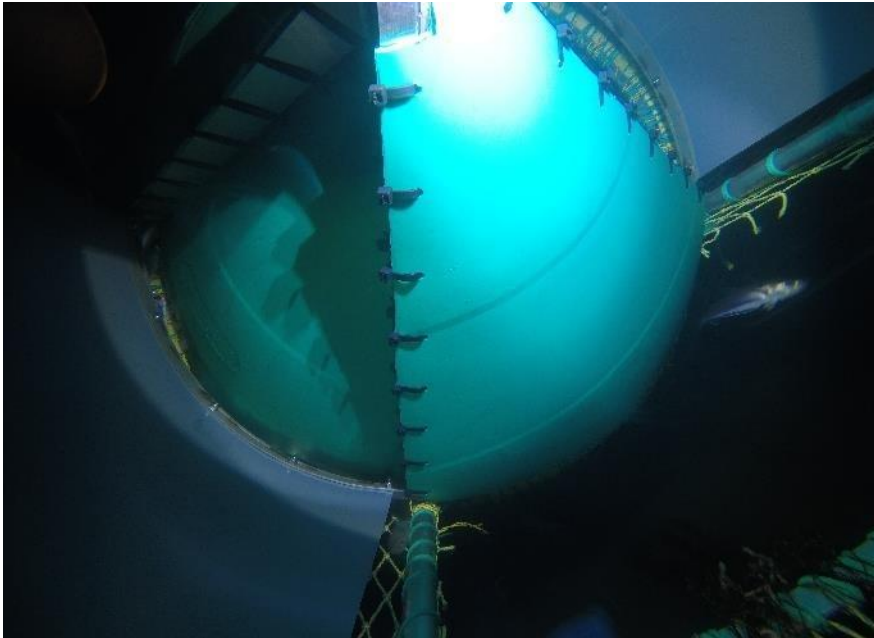
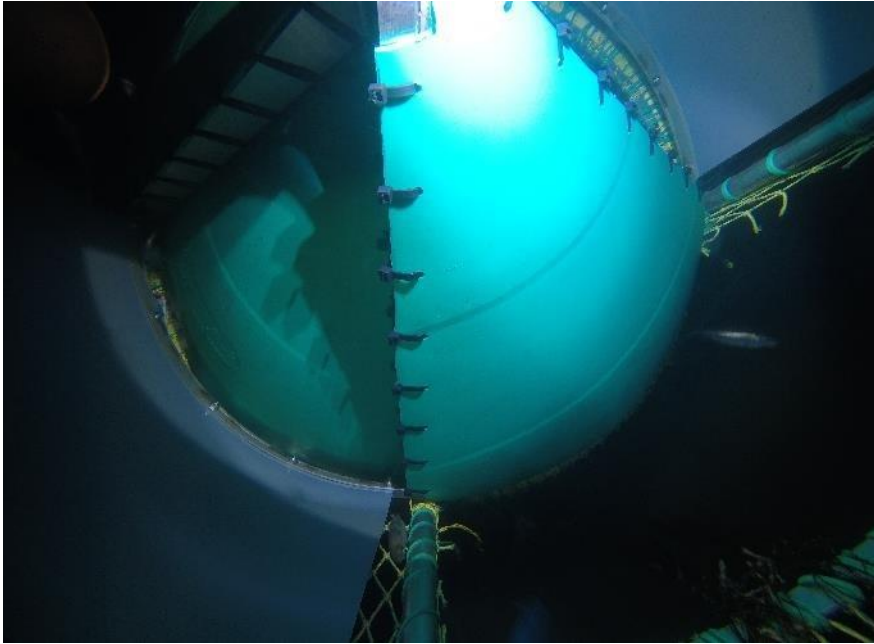
Gate fitted neatly & easily into the trawl!



Gate also slotted in easily
to the aft deck

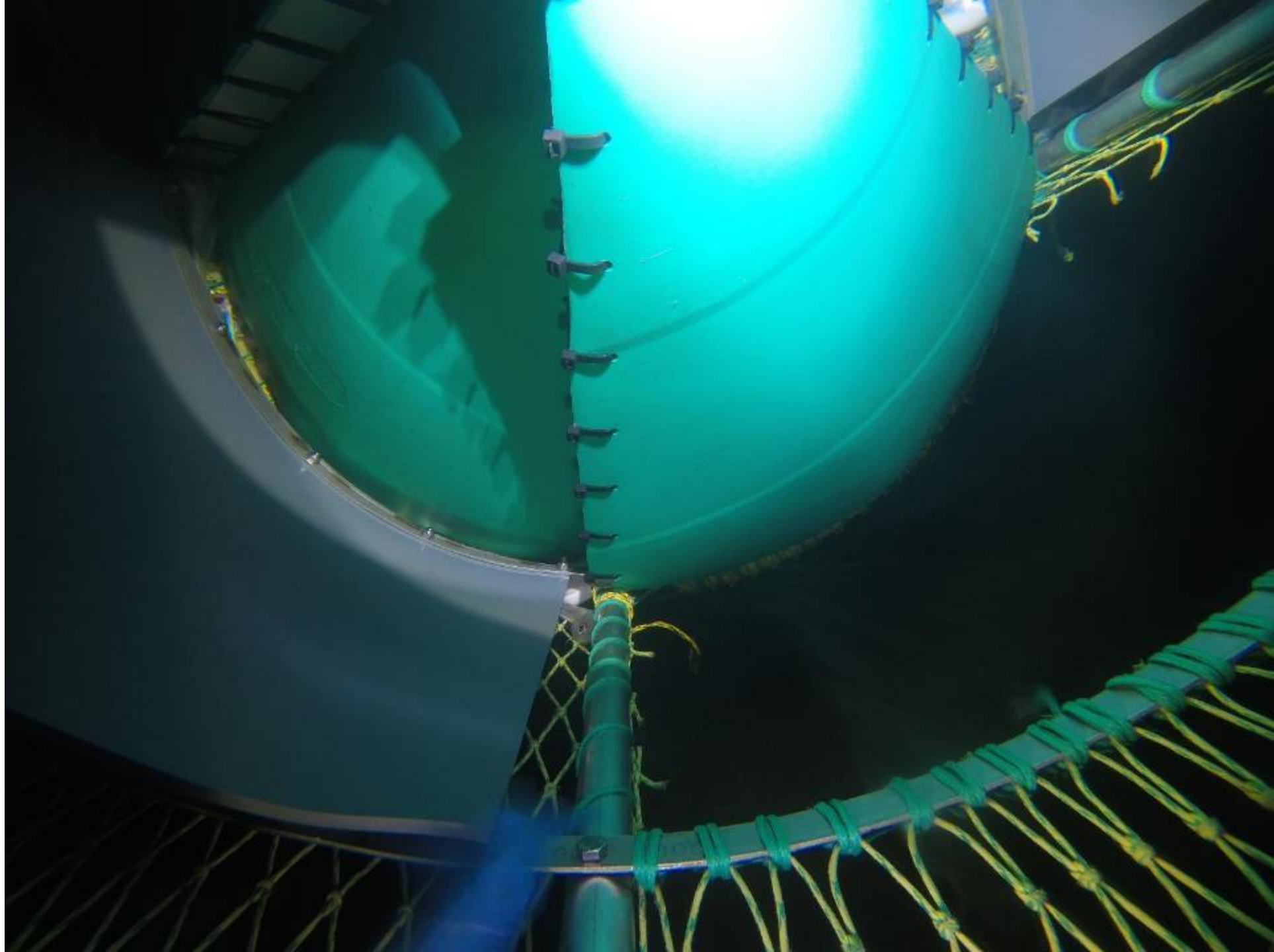


The gate was also remarkably easy to deploy and recover!

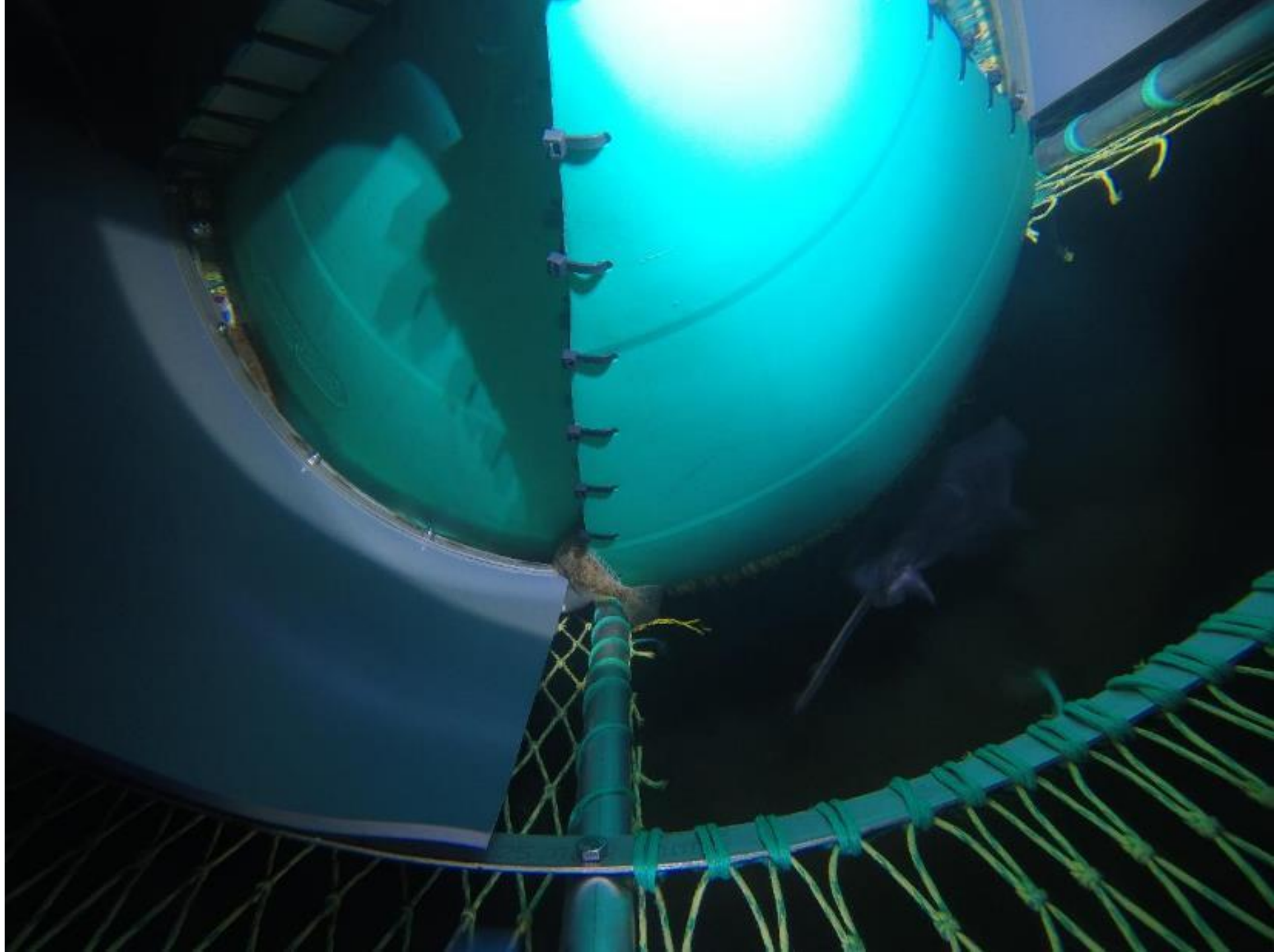


In “release” mode it worked so well,
that images of fish were totally
blurred

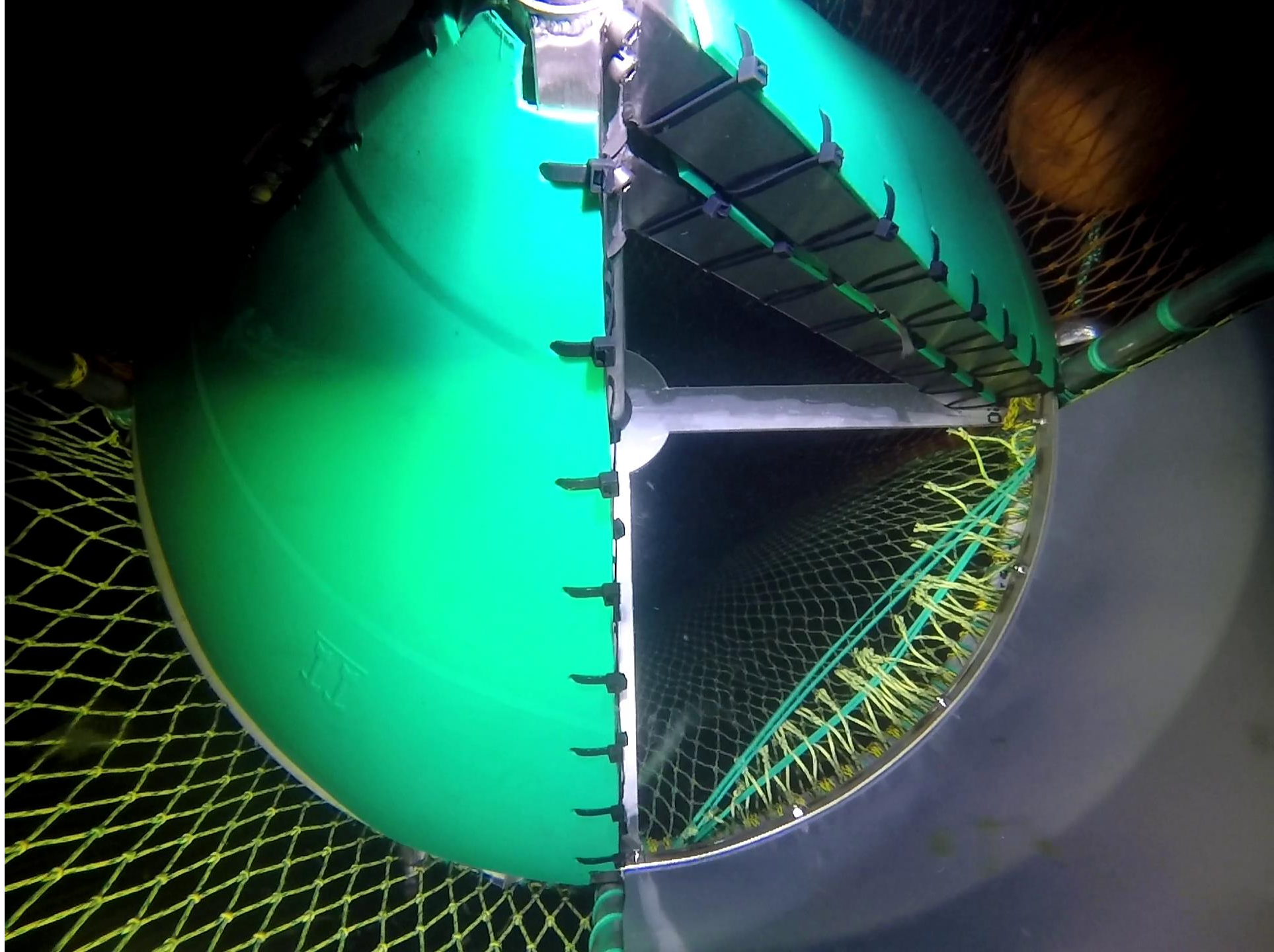
Release
images



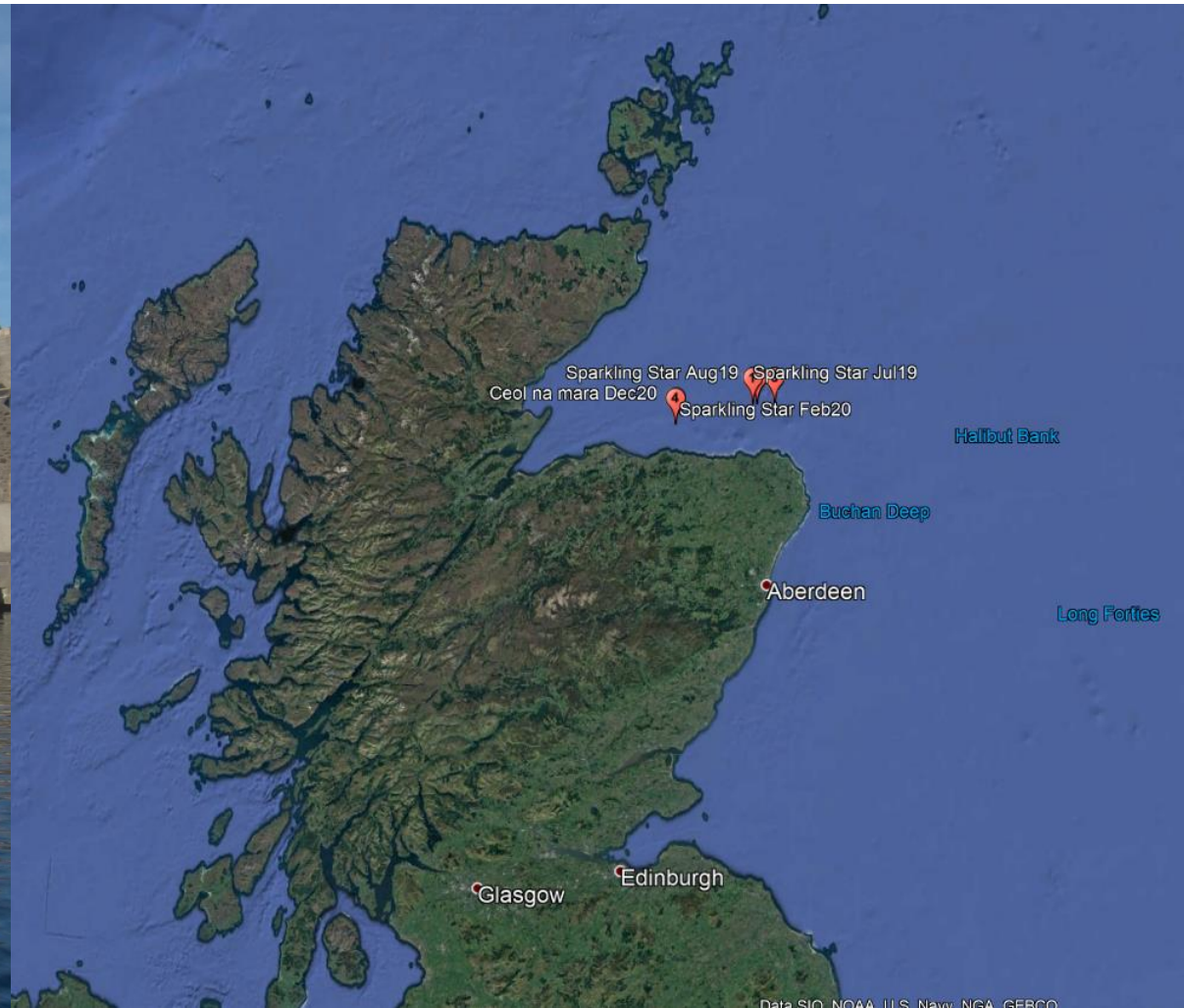
Release of
thornback
ray!



Catch
images



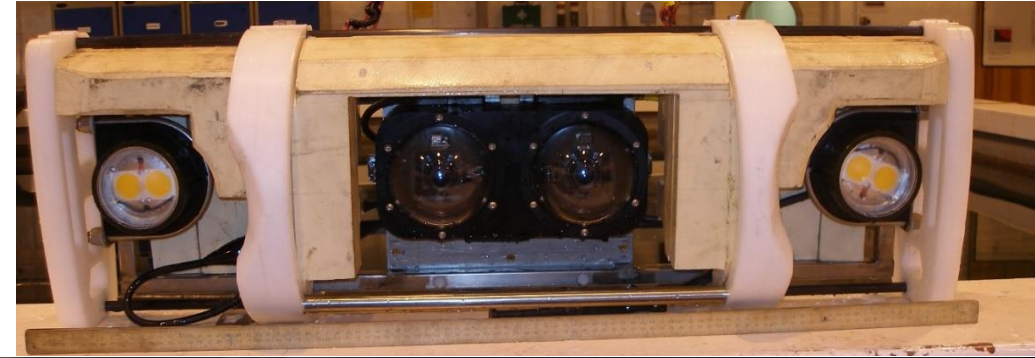
We have conducted trials of the camera system in the North Sea on a commercial fishing vessel



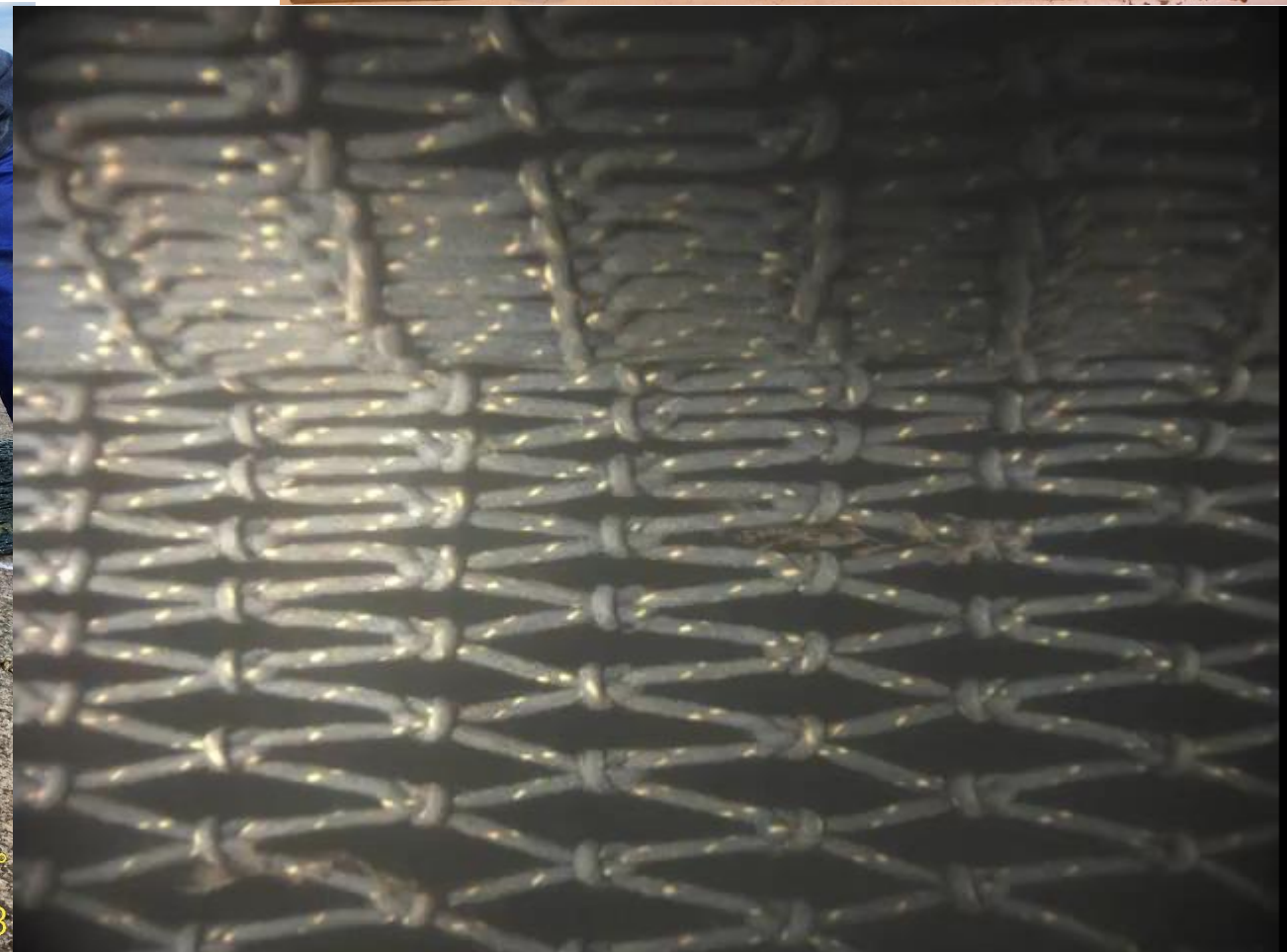
Smartrawl: field trials

- Deployment on commercial fishing vessels
- >200,000 images analysed

Stereo camera system



57.69148, -1.99875, 54.7m, 320°
2019-07-19 08:14:53



Passage rates are different for different animals at different times



E.g. 19 July 2019

1st haddock @ 10:44:42

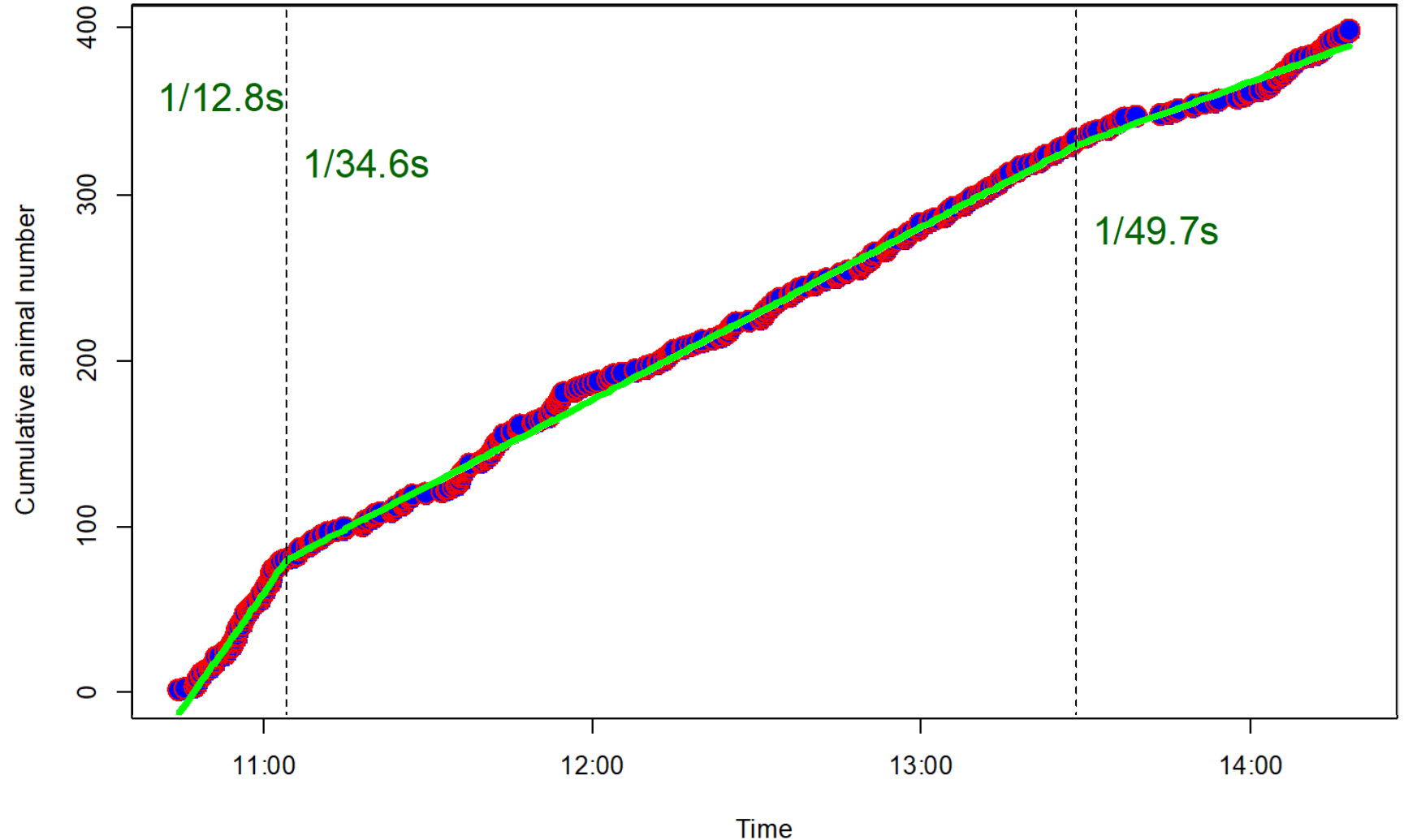
Last one @ 14:18:15

Duration = 12,813 seconds

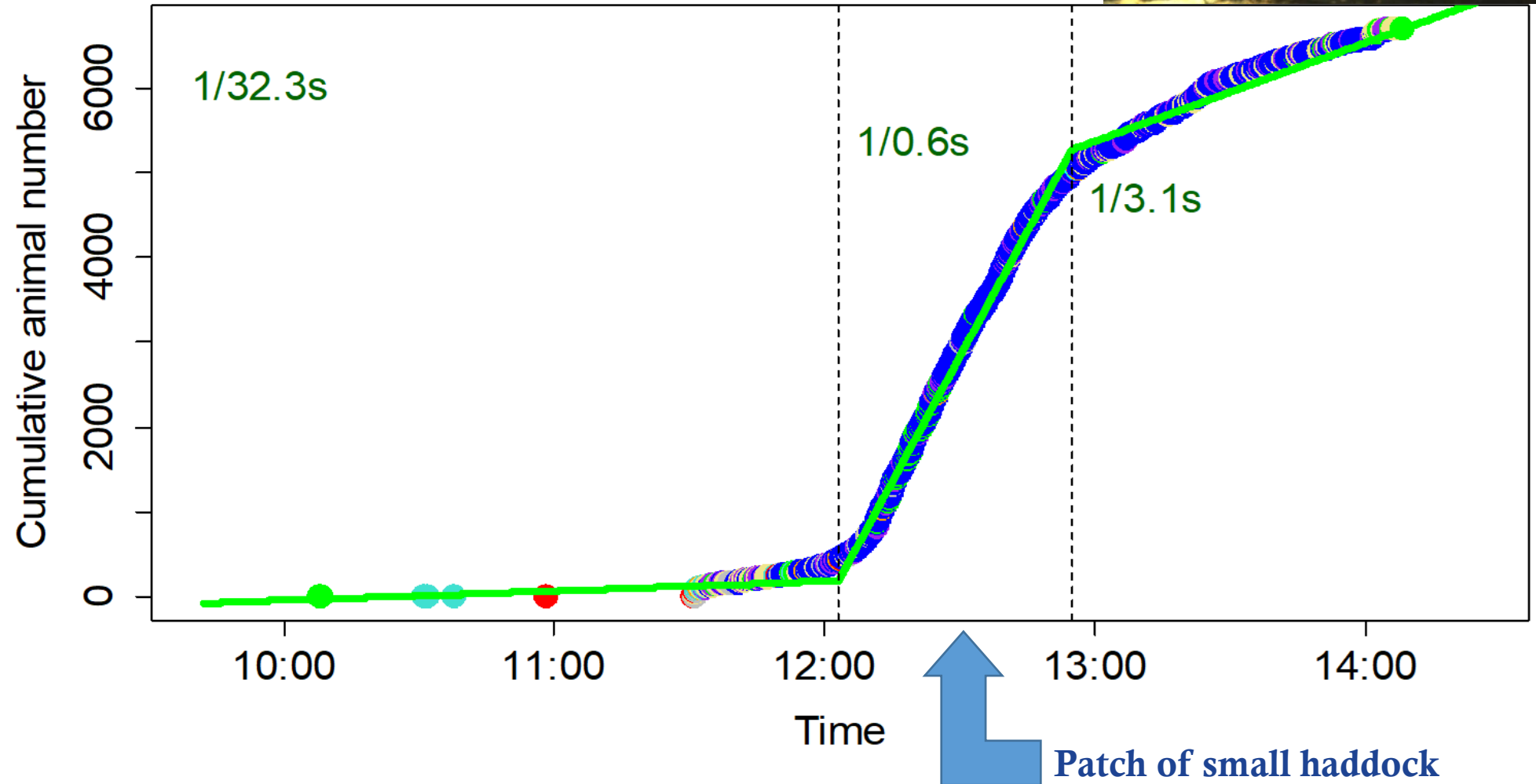
Σ haddock = 398

Passage rates calculated
(slopes of this line)

Segmented regression fits 3 slopes



There are occasional high passge rates- usually small fish



Shetland trials - improved image quality



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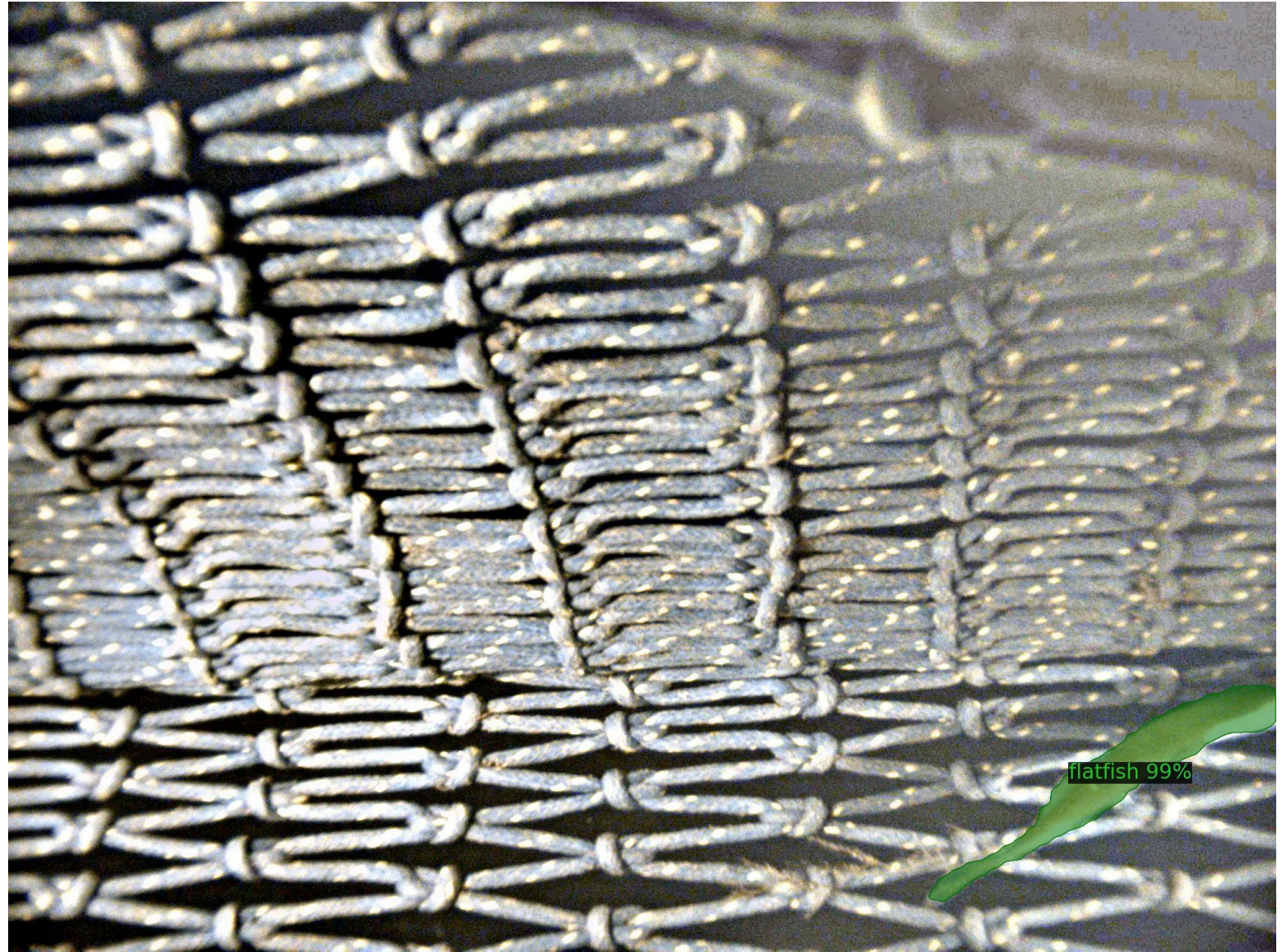
Shetland trials - improved image quality



AI fish detection and species identification



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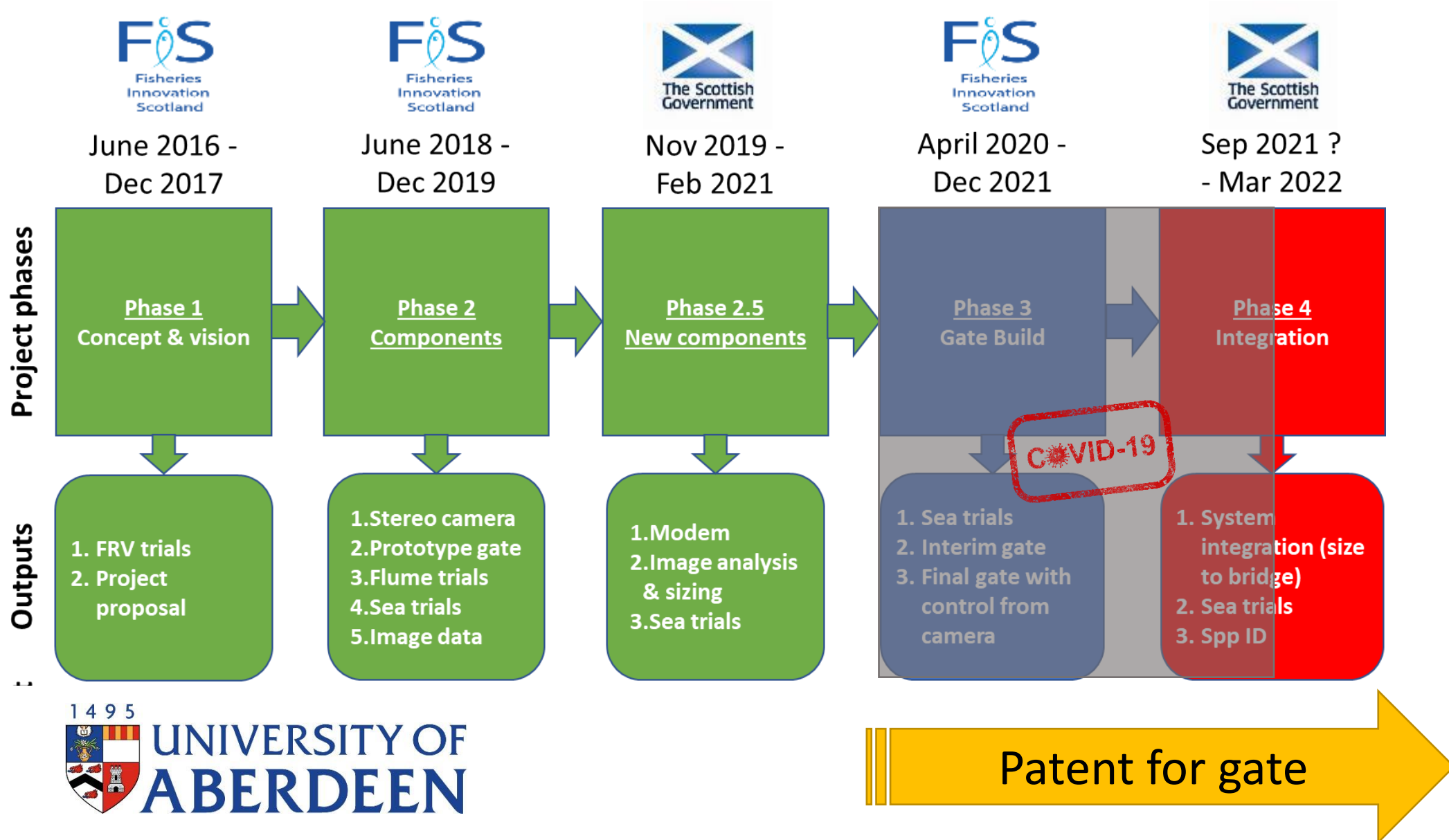
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Smartrawl Roadmap



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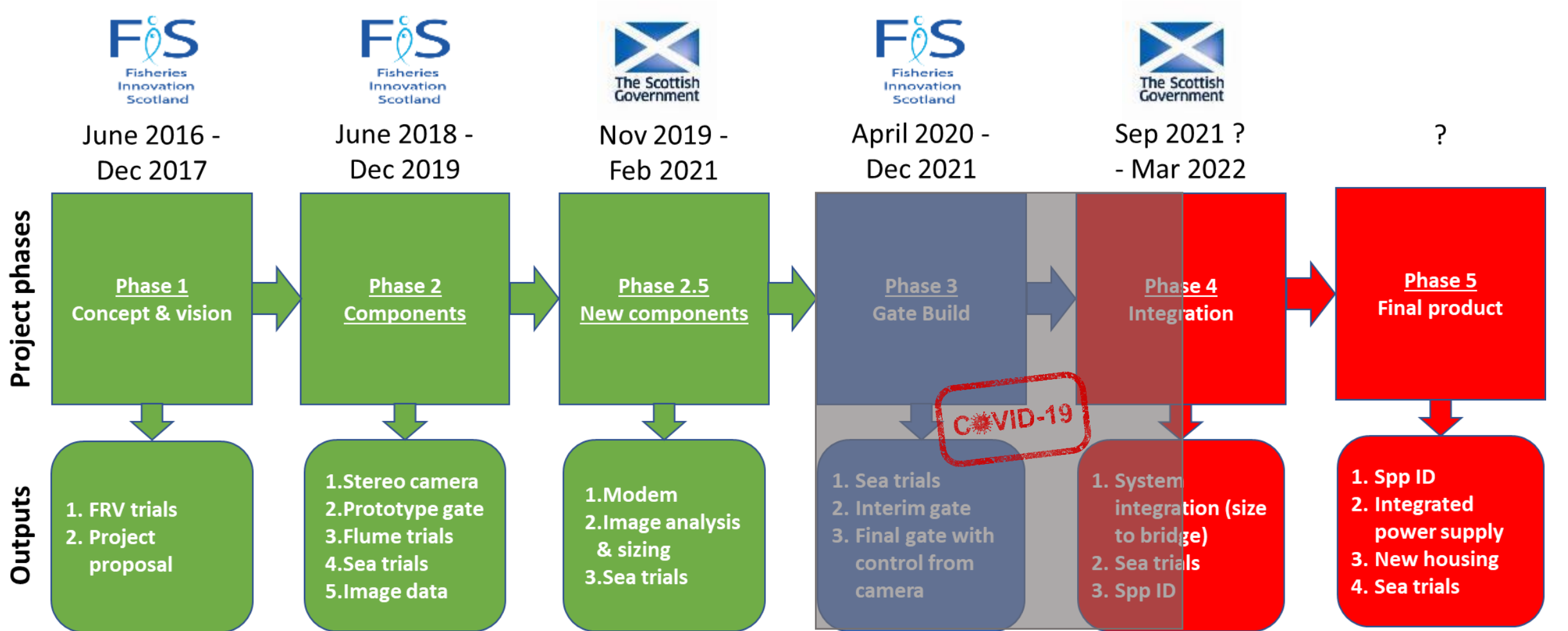


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Smartrawl: what next?

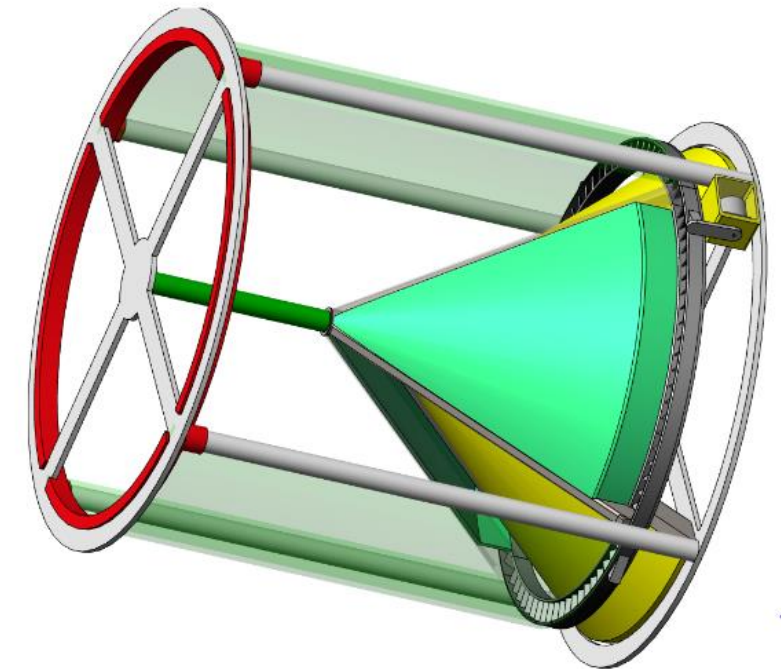
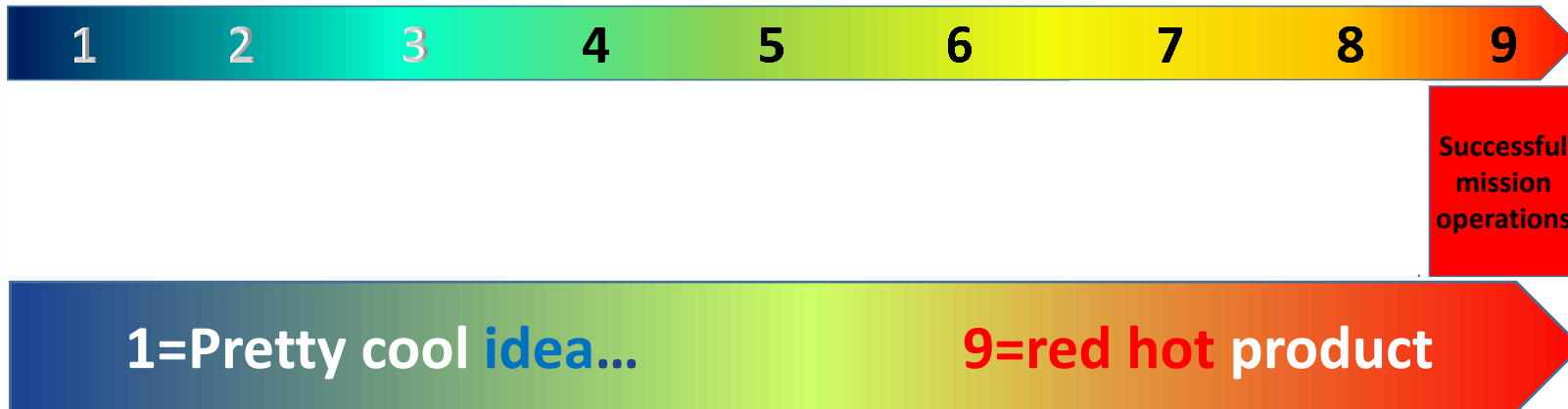
Technology Readiness Level TRL

TRL 1-2 ✓

TRL 3 Smartrawl technical phase 5
Integrate systems for proof of concept = 1 year

TRL 4-6 Refining system for regular use in industry = 1-2 years
Could also be part of Phase 5

TRL 7+ Needs business track with industrial partner/investor





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