



Conservation success or pest out of control: the recovery of cormorants in Europe

Cormorants - basics

- Large fish-eating birds (2.5 kg)
- Breeds in colonies (5,000 pairs)
- Almost exterminated in Europe
- Now back in most countries
- Conflicts throughout Europe
 - Fishery
 - Aquaculture
 - Angling
 - Conservation of fish



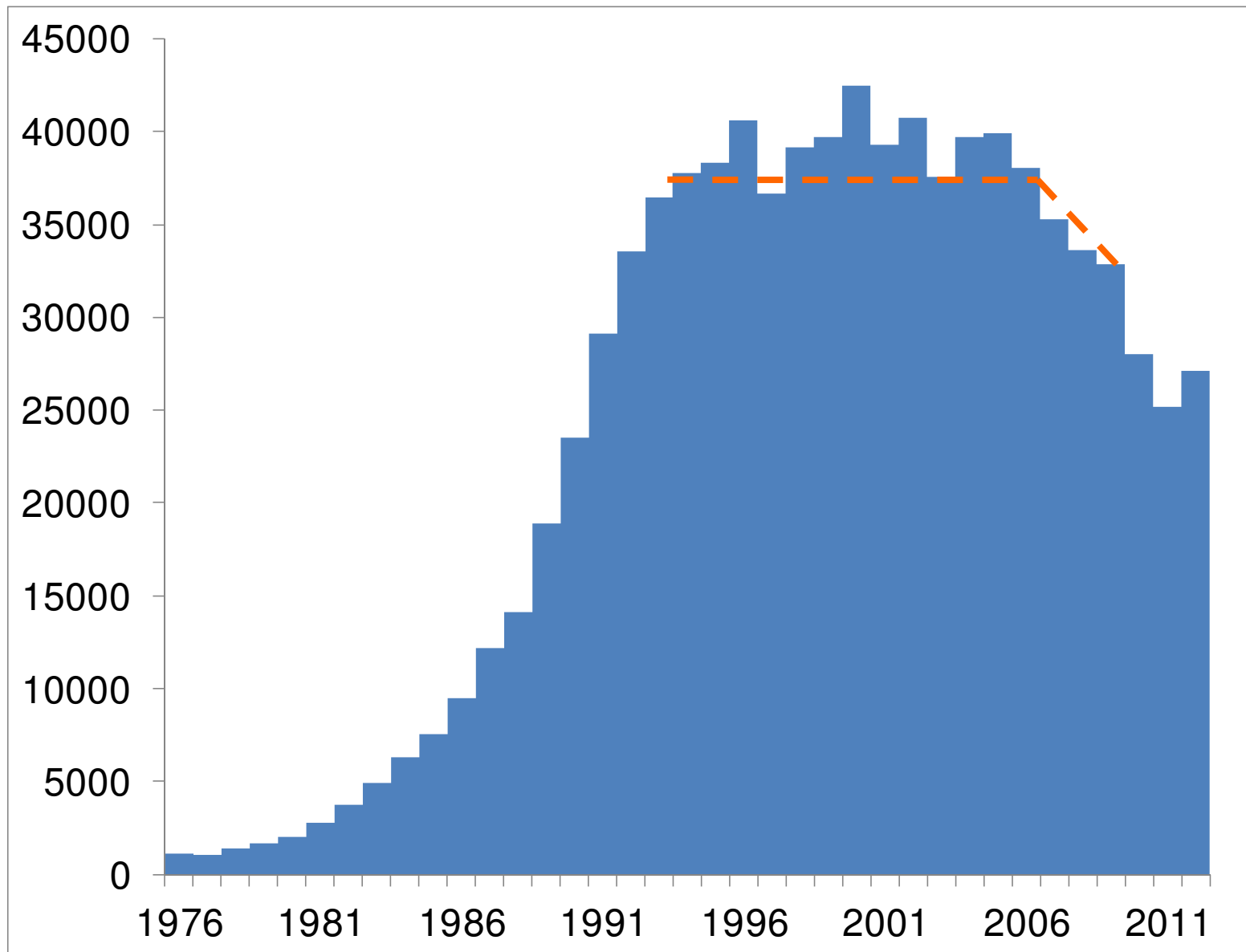
Hungry and efficient fishers!



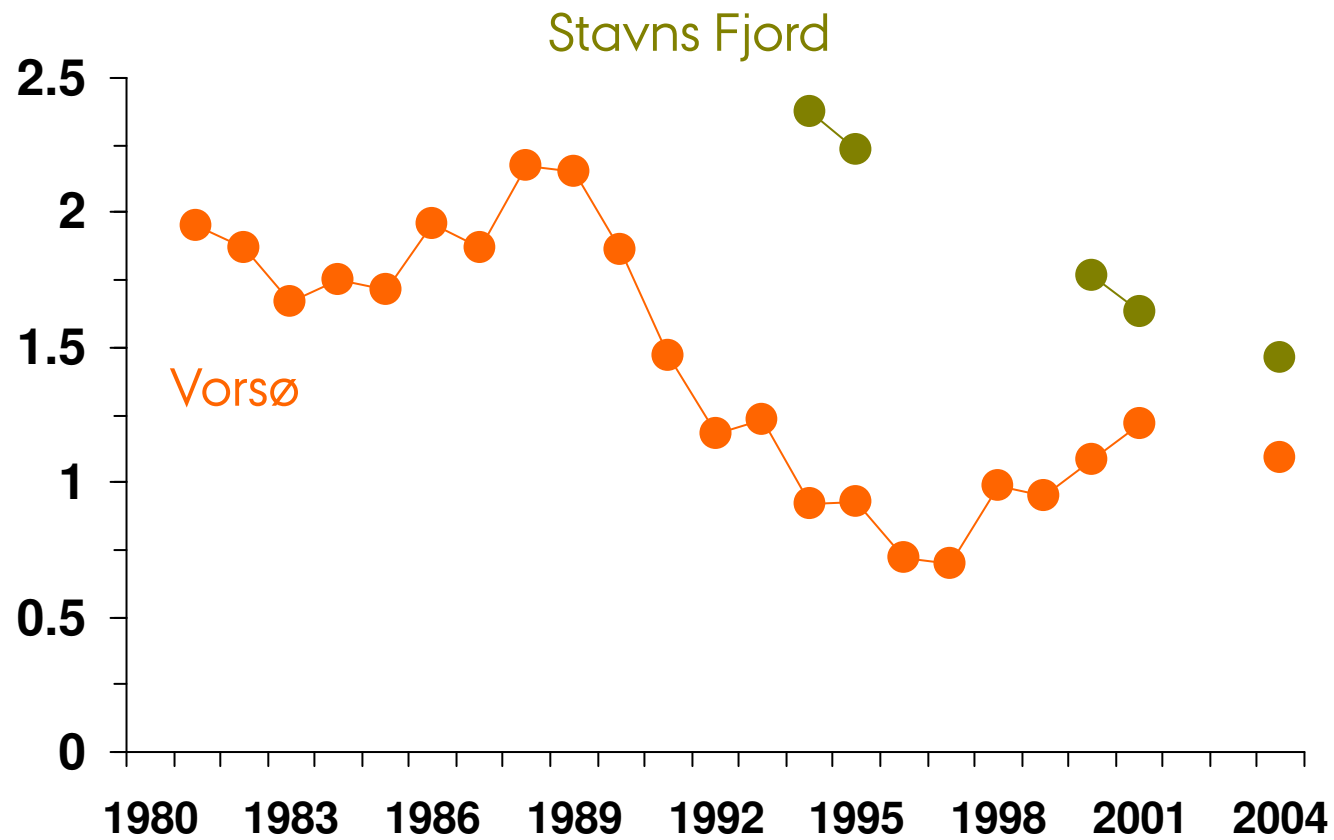
Opportunistic feeders – leads to conflicts!



Development of breeding numbers in Denmark 1976-2012



Number of fledged young per nest 1981-2004



Danish ringed
cormorants found
dead in winter

