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**LOE POOL URBAN WASTE WATER
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Loe Pool meets the DoE criteria for a eutrophic still water for total phosphorus, chlorophyll a, dissolved oxygen and algal biomass. Adverse effects include regular blue-green algal blooms which have been linked to dog deaths. Helston STW has been identified as the major source of orthophosphate to the system. Modelling suggests that 90 to 100% removal of orthophosphate from Helston STW would ensure DoE criteria for total phosphorus are met within Loe Pool. This would benefit the conservation status of Loe Pool as an SSSI and improve the aesthetic quality and health of one of West Cornwall's most popular areas.

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1. BACKGROUND

1.1. Location

Loe Pool is 1 km south of Helston, Cornwall. The main input to Loe Pool is the River Cober. Loe Pool outfall's to Mounts Bay. Chemical and biological monitoring points are shown in appendix 1.1.

1.2. Description

Loe Pool is a shallow coastal lake dammed by a shingle bar. The maximum depth is 10 metres with a mean depth of 4 metres. The surface area of Loe Pool is approximately 0.56 km². The River Cober, which feeds into Loe Pool, has a drainage area of 53.75 km² and is 17.4 km long from source to tidal limit.

Landscape

The source of the River Cober is within the granite upland of Carnmenellis. This has a fabric of small fields, areas of heathland, rough grassland and metalliferous mining remains. Further down the catchment is a more fertile lowland, given over to dairying, early vegetable production and bulb growing. Wooded hedges occur between the fields, although significant tracts of woodland are scarce.

Wildlife and conservation status

The whole of Loe Pool and some surrounding land has been a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) since 1951 (see Appendix 1.2. for details). It is also an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Heritage Coast and is designated as an Area of Great Scientific Value. Loe Pool is owned by the National Trust and provides scarce habitat not found elsewhere in Cornwall. It provides habitats for many rare higher plant, bryophyte, algal and insect species and the area is also important to wintering birds.

Loe Pool was one of only two native sites for the rare plant species Strapwort, *Corrigiola litoralis*. It became extinct there at around the turn of the century and English Nature is considering the reintroduction of the species to Loe Pool. However, they have identified the eutrophic state of Loe Pool as a factor against a successful reintroduction and support any measures to reduce the eutrophic status of Loe Pool (J. Clitherow, pers. comm. and see reference 1).

Loe Pool was historically famous for its large brown trout considered a unique race. The trout live in Loe Pool and run up the River Cober to spawn. Until the late 1970's good numbers spawned in the River Cober (L. Portlock, pers. comm.) but numbers and size of trout have declined since. They are now seen infrequently (R. Howard, pers. comm.).

Amenity and aesthetic value

The National Trust own and manage Loe Pool and much of the surrounding land. A permissive path has been developed around Loe Pool, which is very popular with tourists year-round. Annual visitor numbers have been estimated to be around 30000 (pers. comm. (National Trust Wardens pers. comm.)). Because of this there has been great public awareness of the problems associated with Loe Pool (see Appendix 1.3.).

Geology

The source of the River Cober is in the higher open country with gently rounded summits typical of the Carnmenellis granite. At the edge of the granite mass are large aureoles of thermally metamorphosed country rocks. The rest of the catchment is made up of the Devonian Mylor Slates in which sandstone is more rare.

Crossing the catchment is a belt of hydrothermal metalliferous tin-copper mineralisation. This belt, containing the highest concentration of mineral lodes in the 'Old World', has been exploited since the Bronze Age. The large number of abandoned mines has left behind a legacy of contaminated land.

Hydrogeology

Neither the granite nor the country rock within the catchment can be termed major aquifers. However, usable groundwater is present both in the weathered zone and in fissures in the bedrock. Because of this, the rocks have been classified by the Environment Agency as minor aquifers. Within the catchment, there are a large number of boreholes and wells supporting small local demands. In addition, groundwater is abstracted from adits and disused mine shafts.

Hydrology

The catchment is generally steep and impervious. There is a gauging station at Trenear on the River Cober approximately 8 kilometres upstream of Loe Pool. The gauging station monitors the prescribed flow for the Wendron Water treatment abstraction. Water from Stithians Reservoir (in the Fal catchment) can also be diverted into the River Cober. The maximum recorded instantaneous flow is 3.8 cumecs with a minimum daily flow of 0.01 cumecs (both events were recorded in 1990) and a mean of 0.44 cumecs for the 6 year period of record.

2. DATA ANALYSIS AND PRESENTATION TO DEMONSTRATE THE PROPOSED WATER IS EUTROPHIC

2.1. Chemical data

Methods

Chemical data from January 1994 to October 1996 has been used for this report. Location of sites is shown in appendix 1.1. Sites are sampled twelve times a year except P20A/P/5 which is sampled four times a year. All samples are taken on the same day.

Results

The Department of the Environment (DoE) criteria for eutrophication are set out in appendix 2.12. For still freshwaters standards are set for total phosphorus, while for running freshwaters standards are set for orthophosphate. However, total phosphorus was not analysed for UWWT only Lake Classification purposes. Subsequently, total phosphorus data is unavailable for River Cober upstream of Helston STW (R20A009), Helston STW (WSTW0086FE) and River Cober downstream of Helston STW (R20A004). Helston STW is the only qualifying discharge within the catchment under the UWWT. Therefore, orthophosphate data could only be used for the model (see section 4) and is used in the summary statistics for comparison. Total phosphorus summary statistics are given for the three Loe Pool sites only.

Phosphorus

The impact of Helston STW (WSTW0086FE) is apparent with the 0.1 mg/l orthophosphate standard exceeded at both downstream sites on the River Cober (R20A004 and R20A017) in all years (see Appendix 2.2.). The River Cober upstream of Helston STW (R20A009) easily complies with the standard. Helston STW effluent has high concentrations of orthophosphate and there are no known additional sources in this reach of the River Cober.

The Penrose Stream (R20A018) complies with the orthophosphate standard in all years. This is not surprising as there are no known discharges to the Penrose Stream.

The Carminowe Stream (R20A019) exceeds the orthophosphate standard in all years. Culdrose STW (P20A/P/5) discharges to the stream but no data on orthophosphate is available. Culdrose STW serves the Ministry of Defence base at RNAS Culdrose and until recently was not required to be consented. Because of this and the fact that the discharge is too small to qualify as a UWWT discharge sampling was kept to a minimum. However, it is likely that Culdrose STW is the major source of orthophosphate to the Carminowe Stream.

Consequently the three sites within Loe Pool greatly exceed the 0.05 mg/l total phosphorus standard in all years (see Appendix 2.1.).

Chlorophyll a

All sites on the River Cober, Penrose Stream and Carminowe Stream comply with both the 25 µg/l annual average and 100 µg/l maximum standards for chlorophyll a in all years (see Appendix 2.3.).

The three sites within Loe Pool exceed the 30 µg/l maximum standard for chlorophyll a in all years (see Appendix 2.3.). The percentage of samples exceeding varies with 1994 and 1996 showing greater exceedence than 1995. This indicates the substantial algal biomass within Loe Pool.

Water clarity

The water clarity at the two surface Loe Pool sites (R20A005 and R20A026) was less than the 3.0 metre annual average standard in all years (see Appendix 2.4. - no data for R20A005 for 1994). This was likely to have been a consequence of algal biomass (see section 2.2.).

Dissolved oxygen

Supersaturation of dissolved oxygen occurred at all three sites within Loe Pool through the summer months (see Appendix 2.7.). Only two profiles were carried out and on one occasion depletion of dissolved oxygen occurred at depth (see Appendix 2.8. and 2.9.).

2.2. Biological data

Methods

Algal spot samples were collected every time a chlorophyll a sample was taken (see section 2.1. for sampling strategy). The sample was analysed if the chlorophyll a concentration was more than the threshold level for still waters (30 ug/l). Algae were identified to species level (where possible) and enumeration based upon national guidelines.

Owing to the historical toxic blue green algal problems within Loe Pool routine monthly algal samples were collected in 1995 and 1996. The results from this sampling provided additional data regarding phytoplankton abundance at the three sites within Loe Pool.

Results

Algal succession at R20A026 within Loe Pool for 1995 and 1996 is shown in appendices 2.10. and 2.11.

In 1995, eight samples exceeded the chlorophyll a threshold level at the three Loe Pool sites (see appendix 2.6.). On 27 April 1995 only R20A028 exceeded and could be attributed to the relatively high abundance of the desmid *Staurastrum* and an increase in the diversity of diatoms. The next exceedence was on the 21 July 1995 when all three sites exceeded the chlorophyll a threshold level. The Desmid *Staurastrum* was again present in abundance and would appear to have been the most likely reason for the failures. On 29 August 1995, the three sites again exceeded the chlorophyll a threshold level. Although *Staurastrum* was again common/abundant within each sample, the potentially toxic blue green algae *Microcystis aeruginosa* was also present at a similar level of abundance. The presence of this alga within both the surface and bottom samples showed the extent of this proliferation throughout the full depth of the water column. The final exceedence in 1995 occurred on the 25 September at R20A005. *Staurastrum* was again identified as the principal algal species present. Its abundance was however substantially lower than that observed in the August sample.

In 1995 the monthly routine sampling identified the presence of blue green algae within Loe Pool from May - November. From May - June, *Anabaena* spp. and *Coelosphaerium*

spp. were present at low abundance levels. In July, *Microcystis aeruginosa* became the dominant species within the phytoplankton assemblage. *Microcystis aeruginosa* continued to be common / abundant within the routine samples until 25 September 1995 and persisted within the water column until the 22 November 1995.

In 1996 there were twelve UWWTD exceedences of the threshold confined to the same three sites within Loe Pool. As anticipated the first failure was because of the spring diatom bloom in April. At this time all three sites were found to have chlorophyll a levels over the threshold level. The diatom *Tabellaria fenestrata* was the phytoplankton species responsible for this exceedence. The next exceedence occurred on the 24 June 1996 at R20A005. The high chlorophyll a level recorded on this date reflected the high abundance of three species, the Diatom *Gomphonema spp.*, the Chlorophyte *Pediastrum spp.* and most notably, a large bloom of the potentially toxic blue green algae *Anabaena flos-aquae*. On the 24 July, 28 August and 24 September 1996 all three sites were found to exceed the chlorophyll a threshold level. On each occasion a diverse range of phytoplankton taxa was present within the samples with the desmid *Staurastrum* being the dominant algae throughout this period. *Microcystis aeruginosa* was present at a low level of abundance in July but became common in September at all sites. *Anabaena spp.* was present at a low level of abundance at all sites in July being largely replaced by another species of blue green algae, *Aphanizomenon flos-aquae* in September. The sampling performed on the 31 October 1996 identified R20A005 and R20A026 exceeding the standard. *Microcystis aeruginosa* and *Staurastrum* were again present but at lower levels of abundance when compared to the September samples. The blue green alga *Coelosphaerium spp.* was also present at R20A026 but again, at a low level of abundance.

The 1996 routine sampling identified the presence of blue green algae in all samples taken between the end of May and end of October. On the 30 May 1996 the blue green alga *Gleocapsa* was present at a low level of abundance. By the end of June the diversity of the phytoplankton assemblage had increased greatly and it was at this time that a bloom of *Anabaena flos-aquae* dominated the micro flora. *Gleocapsa* and *Microcystis aeruginosa* were also present. In July and August, *Microcystis aeruginosa* was found to increase in abundance and on the 24 September 1996, this species was present at bloom levels. *Coelosphaerium spp.* was also present at this time. By the end of October the abundance of all algal species had declined substantially although *Microcystis aeruginosa* was still present.

3. ADVERSE EFFECTS

The *Microcystis aeruginosa* and *Anabaena flos-aquae* blooms of 21 July 1995 and 24 June 1996 respectively exceeded the bloom warning threshold level used by the Environment Agency (six units/ml). Both species of blue green algae are capable of producing toxins. This situation therefore initiated the Environment Agency to send out warning letters to the relevant bodies responsible for public health (see Appendix 3.1.).

Since 1994 only one pollution complaint may be linked to the eutrophic status of Loe Pool (see Appendix 3.2.). On 21 July 1995 workmen reported feeling dizzy when clearing "blanket weed" from Loe Pool. This is coincident with the bloom of *Anabaena flos-aquae*.

There have been several cases of dogs dying after swimming in Loe Pool during blue-green algal blooms (see Appendix 3.3.). The presumption is that the dogs have died due to blue-green algal toxins.

4. NUTRIENT REMOVAL AT QUALIFYING DISCHARGES

4.1. Modelling

Loe Pool is modelled as a single cell, as though it were a stirred tank (volume 1930000 m³). Monitored orthophosphate data shows that this is justified as the concentrations do not vary greatly either vertically or laterally within Loe Pool. The modelling calculations were performed using the ECOS model.

Orthophosphate was used for the model as no total phosphorus data were available for Helston STW. From the routine data orthophosphate accounts for approximately 55% to 70% of the total phosphorus in Loe Pool. Therefore, the modelled concentrations for Loe Pool are likely to be only 55% to 70 % of the total phosphorus.

The modelled Loe Pool concentration is a consequence of the various input loads, the output load and any losses within Loe Pool. There are three modelled input sources:

- Carminowe Stream
- Penrose Stream
- River Cober

and one modelled outflow point at the south west of Loe Pool.

The input loads for the Carminowe Stream and Penrose Stream are found by multiplying the observed concentrations and estimated flows, at the points where they flow into Loe Pool. The water quality monitoring sites are:

- R20A018 Penrose Stream
- R20A019 Carminowe Stream

The Penrose Stream and Carminowe Stream flows were estimated from the River Cober daily mean flows using the Micro Low Flow mean flow statistics to scale the time series. The MLF means are:

- 0.039 Penrose Stream
- 0.083 Carminowe Stream
- 0.844 River Cober (gauge ref SW63F042)

The River Cober load was calculated slightly differently. There are two ways to find it. One way is as for the Penrose Stream and Carminowe Stream, using the monitoring point

at which it flows into Loe Pool:

- R20A017 River Cober

and multiplying it by the flow. Alternatively, the load can be found by summing the STW (Helston) load with the upstream River Cober load and then modifying the resulting load to take account of any losses en route to Loe Pool. The advantage with the second method is that it separates the contributions from the STW and upstream river, allowing the STW load to be varied in the model. The loss factor was estimated by comparing the two methods and the separate load method was then used. The following monitoring sites were used:

- R20A009 River Cober upstream
- WSTW0086FE Helston STW
- R20A017 River Cober downstream

and the Dry Weather Flow, 2821 m³/day was used for Helston STW.

The output load was found as the product of the summed inflows and the observed Loe Pool concentration. The following monitoring site was used:

- R20A026

There is only one calibration parameter and this is the bulk decay factor which models the net losses within Loe Pool itself. This was found by comparing the modelled and observed concentrations within Loe Pool and adjusting until reasonable agreement resulted. This was done using one years data and then checking with another year.

4.2. Nutrient removal and justification for nutrient stripping at the qualifying works

Appendix 4.1. shows the relative loadings of the principal sources of orthophosphate. In the summer months close to 100% of the orthophosphate loading comes from Helston STW, at a time when algal blooms are most prevalent. Although the Carminowe Stream exceeds the standards for orthophosphate (see section 2.1.) the loading is small in comparison to Helston STW. In the winter months Helston STW is still the biggest load but the River Cober upstream of Helston STW and the Carminowe Stream form a much greater proportion of the orthophosphate loading.

Appendix 4.2. shows the effect of orthophosphate reduction at Helston STW on the predicted concentrations at R20A026 in Loe Pool. The 0.05 mg/l standard for total phosphorus is exceeded at reductions up to 80% removal. Only 90% and 100% removals stay consistently below 0.05 mg/l. As the modelled determinand is orthophosphate, which accounts for 55% to 70% of total phosphorus, it is estimated 90% and preferably 100% removal should ensure compliance with the standard. This would not be dependant on nutrient control anywhere else.

5. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Work by O'Sullivan (Reference 2) using sediment analysis has shown that Loe Pool started to change to a more eutrophic state in the 1930's coincident with the commissioning of Helston STW. Blue green algal blooms have been a regular feature of Loe Pool since at least 1968. Pictures of the *Microcystis aeruginosa* bloom and scum of 1989 are shown in appendix 5.1.

The 1995 and 1996 data have shown that the eutrophic nature of Loe Pool supports several algal taxa at or near bloom levels from May until October. Potentially toxic blue green algae in particular form a major part of the phytoplankton biomass from June until the end of September. This period is when Helston STW is providing close to 100% of the orthophosphate loading. Modelling indicates the complete removal of this source would reduce total phosphorus concentrations to below DoE standards.

The blue-green algal blooms have been coincident with cases of dizziness in workmen and several dog deaths. It was presumed that blue-green algal toxins were responsible.

English Nature would welcome nutrient control to enhance Loe Pool as an SSSI and for species reintroduction. Its present eutrophic state is not compatible with their aims.

6. CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1. Loe Pool meets all the criteria as a eutrophic water for total phosphorus, chlorophyll a, water clarity, dissolved oxygen and algal blooms.
- 6.2. Dog deaths have been linked with the blue-green algal blooms.
- 6.3. Modelling indicates Helston STW to be the major source of orthophosphate especially during the summer.
- 6.4. To meet DoE criteria for total phosphorus in Loe Pool 90% to 100% of the orthophosphate from Helston STW would have to be removed.

7. REFERENCES

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8. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Appendix 1.1. Proposed sensitive area (green shading) for Loe Pool showing monitoring sites



Appendix 1.2. Loe Pool SSSI designation

CITATION SHEET

COUNTY: CORNWALL

SITE NAME: LOE POOL

DISTRICT: KERRIER

Status: Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) notified under Section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

Local Planning Authority: KERRIER DISTRICT COUNCIL; CORNWALL COUNTY COUNCIL

National Grid Reference: SW 647250 Area: 128.7 (ha) 318.0 (ac)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 203 1:10,000: SW 62 SW SE NW NE

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1951 Date of Last Revision: 1973

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1986 Date of Last Revision:

Other Information: Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Cornwall Heritage Coast. Site boundary amended by extension and deletion. Mainly National Trust owned.

Description and Reasons for Notification:

Loe Pool, located south of Helston on the South Cornish coast, is the largest freshwater lagoon in Cornwall covering an area of approximately 50 hectares and with maximum depth of 6 metres. The underlying rock is composed of Devonian shales and siltstones, locally overlain by beach deposits. Soils developed over the surrounding area are mainly acidic brown earths.

Both the pool and the shingle bar provide scarce habitat not found elsewhere in Cornwall, with rare species of higher plants, bryophytes, and algae, together with many rare and local insect species. The area is also important to wintering birds.

The pool supports several locally rare aquatic plant species including Six-stemmed Waterwort (Elatine hexandra), Perfoliate Pondweed (Potamogeton perfoliatus), Shoreweed (Littorella uniflora), Horned Pondweed (Zannichellia palustris), and Amphibious Bistort (Polygonum amphibium). One noteworthy species of alga, Stonewort Alga (Nitella hyalina), has also been recorded. The shingle bar supports local plant species including Sea Holly (Eryngium maritimum), Sea Fern-grass (Catapodium maritimum), Yellow Horned-poppy (Glaucium flavum), Sea Sandwort (Monkenya peploides), Sea Mayweed (Tripleurospermum maritimum), and the very rare Strapwort (Corrigiola litoralis).

At the northern inflow area is an extensive area of willow carr, mainly Grey Willow (Salix cinerea), with Common Reed (Phragmites australis) locally dominant within the willow. There is a wide fringe of Reed around the northern border of the lake. An area of relatively undisturbed ancient oakwood, mainly Pedunculate Oak (Quercus robur), occurs in the west of the site. Areas of maritime grassland occur along the cliff edge with Red Fescue (Festuca rubra) forming an extensive mat. Other species include Thrift (Armeria maritima), Wild Carrot (Daucus carota), Wild Thyme (Thymus drucei), Spring Squill (Scilla verna), and Western Clover (Trifolium occidentale).

Loe Pool is the only known site in Britain for the Cornish subspecies of the Sandhill Rustic Moth (Luperina nickerlii leechi), which feeds on Sand Couch Grass (Agropyron junceiforme). Nine species of Odonata, including the Keel Skimmer (Orthetrum coerulescens) have been recorded here. The nutrient rich status of the pool has encouraged an abundance of benthic invertebrates, and there are also many rare or local species of Coleoptera and Hymenoptera. Loe Pool has the only recent record in Cornwall of the rare woodlouse, Porcellio dilatatus.

Loe Pool supports nearly 80 species of wintering birds with up to 1,200 wildfowl. Numbers of Shoveler (Anas clypeata) can reach nationally important levels and regionally important counts of Teal (Anas crecca) are not unusual.

There are also high counts for Pochard (Aythya ferina), Tufted Duck (Aythya fuligula), Mallard (Anas platyrhynchos), Goldeneye (Bucephala clangula), Gadwall (Anas strepera), and Coot (Fulica atra).

Several rare birds have been recorded here in winter and on autumn migration. There is a breeding colony of about 20 pairs of Sand Martins (Riparia riparia) a species not well represented in Cornwall.

Loe Bar encloses a lagoon occupying part of a former ria, and forms an integral part of a beach system extending from Porthleven to Ouzvalloe.

The site is important for coastal geomorphology on two accounts. First, Loe Bar is a classic coastal landform; and second, the beach system is an essential member of a suite of major beaches formed and maintained by predominantly south-west wave regimes. The beach is formed mainly of flint shingles and coarse sand. Current inputs from adjacent cliffs are small, and overall, the beach is in deficit. The Bar itself is washed-over during periods of high wave energy as demonstrated by a series of washover fans. The annually laminated sediments composed of clastic material are unique in Great Britain.

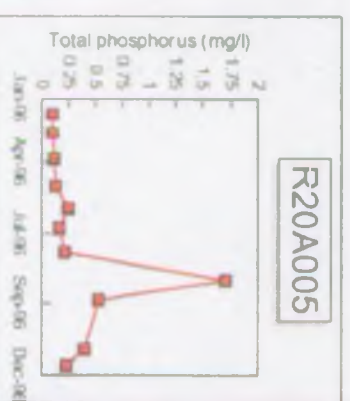
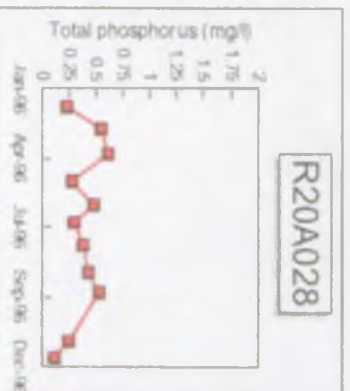
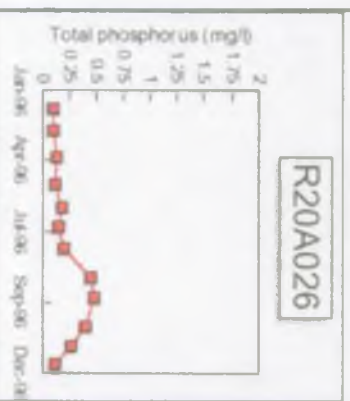
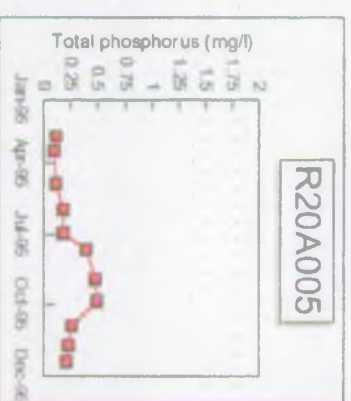
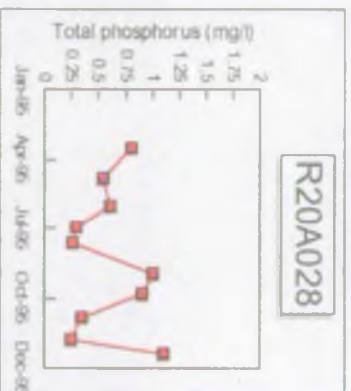
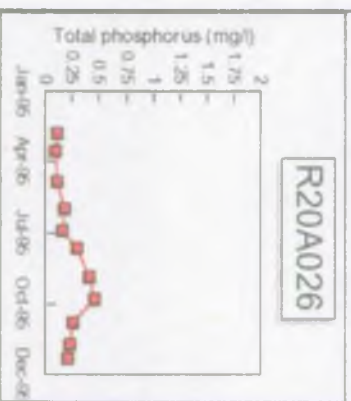
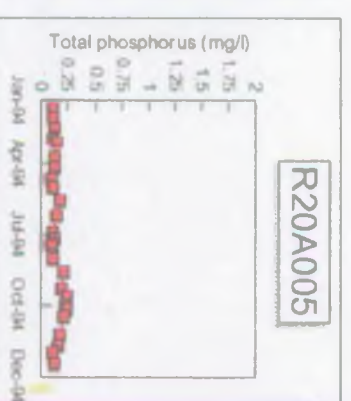
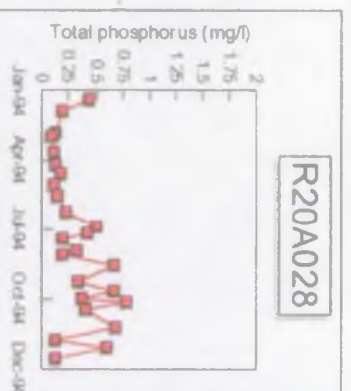
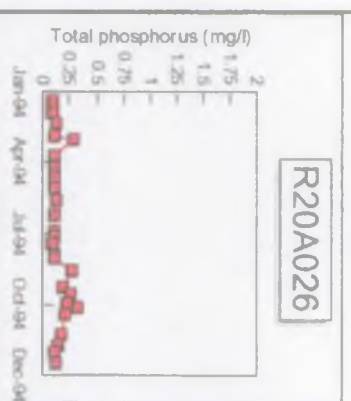
Appendix 2.1. Total phosphorus (mg/l) summary statistics and temporal trends for Loe Pool sites from 1994 to 1996

Site	Year	Samples taken	Mean value	Standard deviation	Maximum value	Minimum value	Date standard	Number of samples exceeding standard	Percentage of sample exceeding standard
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R20A026	1994	26	0.16	0.06	0.32	0.09	0.05	26	100
R20A028	1994	25	0.33	0.21	0.79	0.09	0.05	25	100
R20A005	1994	26	0.15	0.04	0.25	0.10	0.05	26	100

R20A026	1995	11	0.23	0.11	0.46	0.10	0.05	11	100
R20A028	1995	10	0.61	0.31	1.10	0.24	0.05	10	100
R20A005	1995	11	0.25	0.14	0.49	0.10	0.05	11	100

R20A026	1996	12	0.23	0.13	0.49	0.11	0.05	12	100
R20A028	1996	11	0.38	0.15	0.61	0.12	0.05	11	100
R20A005	1996	12	0.35	0.43	1.70	0.11	0.05	12	100



Appendix 2.2. Orthophosphate (mg/l) summary statistics for 1994 to 1996 (part)

Site	Year	Samples taken	Mean value	Standard deviation	Maximum value	Minimum value	DoE standard	Number of samples exceeding standard	Percentage of samples exceeding standard
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R20A009	1994	12	0.03	0.02	0.08	0.02	0.10	0	0
WSTW0086FE	1994	1	5.10	0.00	5.10	5.10			
R20A004	1994	12	0.47	0.66	2.50	0.06	0.10	9	75
R20A017	1994	26	0.26	0.19	0.62	0.02	0.10	17	65
R20A018	1994	26	0.07	0.08	0.46	0.02	0.10	1	4
P20A/P/5	1994	0							
R20A019	1994	26	0.43	0.36	1.70	0.06	0.10	24	92
R20A026	1994	26	0.09	0.03	0.16	0.05	0.05	21	81
R20A028	1994	25	0.10	0.04	0.21	0.04	0.05	24	96
R20A005	1994	26	0.09	0.03	0.14	0.04	0.05	24	92

R20A009	1995	12	0.03	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.10	0	0
WSTW0086FE	1995	17	6.02	2.20	8.90	2.40			
R20A004	1995	12	1.14	0.97	2.60	0.04	0.10	9	75
R20A017	1995	12	0.58	0.42	1.30	0.06	0.10	10	83
R20A018	1995	12	0.06	0.03	0.14	0.02	0.10	1	8
P20A/P/5	1995	0							
R20A019	1995	12	0.57	0.35	1.10	0.02	0.10	10	83
R20A026	1995	12	0.16	0.09	0.36	0.06	0.05	12	100
R20A028	1995	11	0.17	0.09	0.38	0.07	0.05	11	100
R20A005	1995	12	0.15	0.08	0.34	0.06	0.05	12	100

R20A009	1996 (part)	10	0.03	0.01	0.06	0.02	0.10	0	0
WSTW0086FE	1996 (part)	9	6.52	2.16	8.80	2.40			
R20A004	1996 (part)	10	0.86	0.51	1.70	0.07	0.10	9	90
R20A017	1996 (part)	9	0.65	0.53	1.50	0.07	0.10	8	89
R20A018	1996 (part)	9	0.05	0.01	0.07	0.03	0.10	0	0
P20A/P/5	1996 (part)	0							
R20A019	1996 (part)	9	0.54	0.43	1.50	0.10	0.10	8	89
R20A026	1996 (part)	9	0.12	0.06	0.25	0.07	0.05	9	100
R20A028	1996 (part)	9	0.14	0.06	0.25	0.06	0.05	9	100
R20A005	1996 (part)	9	0.11	0.06	0.24	0.05	0.05	8	89

Appendix 2.3. Chlorophyll a ($\mu\text{g/l}$) summary statistics for 1994 to 1996 (part)

Site	Year	Samples taken	Mean value	Standard deviation	Maximum value	Minimum value	DoE standard	Number of samples exceeding standard	Percentage of samples exceeding standard
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R20A009	1994	6	3	2	8	1	100	0	0
WSTW0086FE	1994	0							
R20A004	1994	6	5	5	16	1	100	0	0
R20A017	1994	26	5	6	27	1	100	0	0
R20A018	1994	26	6	17	90	1	100	0	0
P20A/P/5	1994	0							
R20A019	1994	26	4	3	14	1	100	0	0
R20A026	1994	42	39	31	109	1	30	25	60
R20A028	1994	25	29	25	81	1	30	10	40
R20A005	1994	26	26	29	119	1	30	10	38

R20A009	1995	12	2	1	4	1	100	0	0
WSTW0086FE	1995	0							
R20A004	1995	12	3	1	5	1	100	0	0
R20A017	1995	12	4	5	20	1	100	0	0
R20A018	1995	12	5	7	29	1	100	0	0
P20A/P/5	1995	0							
R20A019	1995	12	3	3	10	1	100	0	0
R20A026	1995	11	15	16	62	2	30	1	9
R20A028	1995	11	30	18	68	10	30	3	27
R20A005	1995	12	33	49	169	2	30	3	25

R20A009	1996	10	3	2	6	1	100	0	0
WSTW0086FE	1996	0							
R20A004	1996	10	3	1	5	2	100	0	0
R20A017	1996	9	3	1	5	1	100	0	0
R20A018	1996	9	4	4	13	1	100	0	0
P20A/P/5	1996	0							
R20A019	1996	9	4	3	11	1	100	0	0
R20A026	1996	9	68	83	271	1	30	5	56
R20A028	1996	9	71	86	286	2	30	5	56
R20A005	1996	9	85	86	285	1	30	6	67

Appendix 2.4. Water clarity (metres - Secchi disc) summary statistics for 1994 to 1996

Site	Year	Samples taken	Mean value	Standard deviation	Maximum value	Minimum value	DoE standard	Number of samples exceeding standard	Percentage of sample exceeding standard
R20A026	1994	24	1.72	0.94	4.50	0.60	3	21	88
R20A005	1994	0							
R20A026	1995	11	1.69	0.75	3.50	0.50	3	10	91
R20A005	1995	6	0.47	0.05	0.50	0.40	3	6	100
R20A026	1996	9	1.21	0.78	2.70	0.50	3	9	100
R20A005	1996	8	0.71	0.43	1.50	0.00	3	8	100

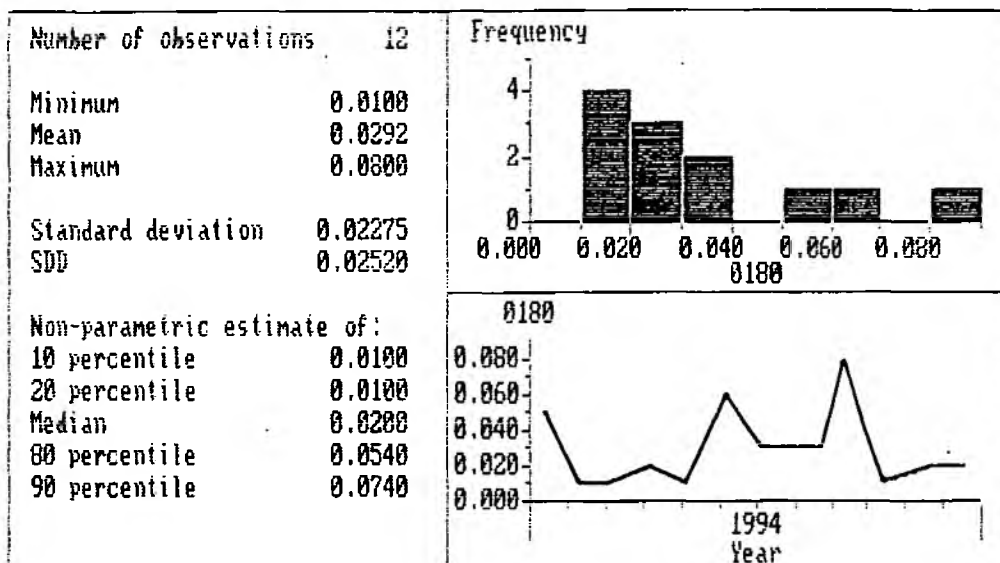
Appendix 2.5. Orthophosphate (mg/l) temporal trends 1994 to 1996

R20A009

11-29-1996

0180

12/ 1/94 to 31/12/94

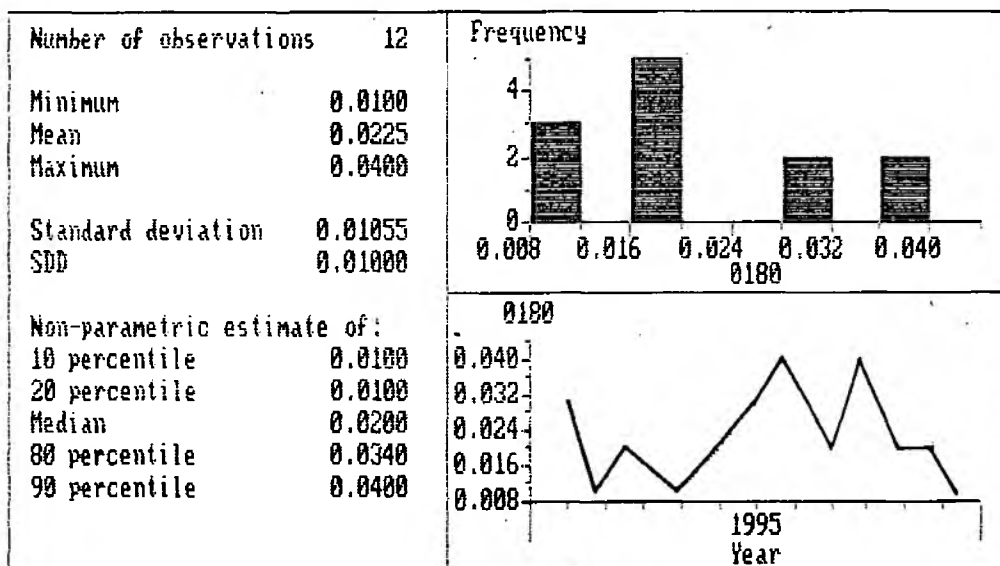


R20A009

11-29-1996

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1/ 1/95 to 31/12/95

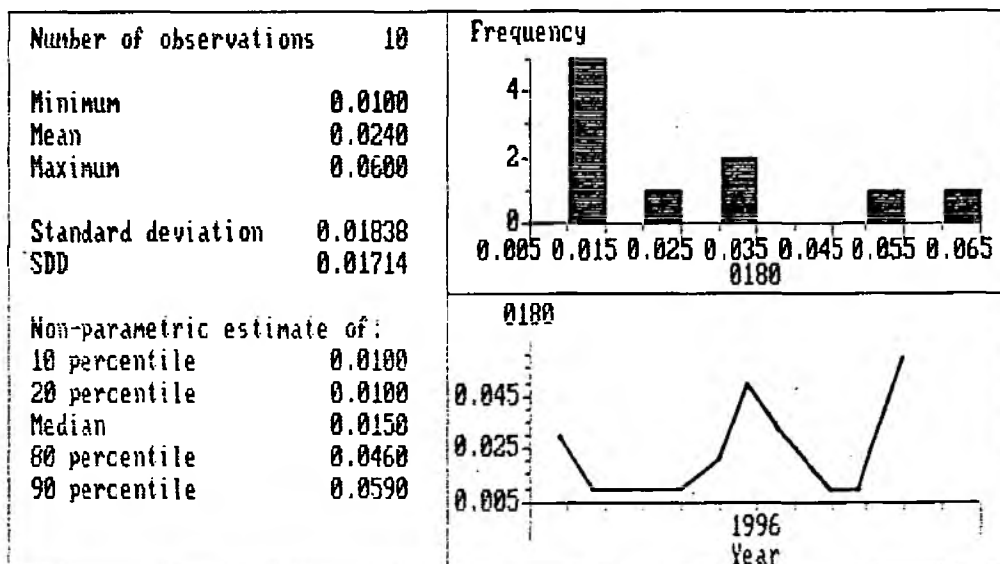


R20A009

11-29-1996

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1/ 1/96 to 31/10/96

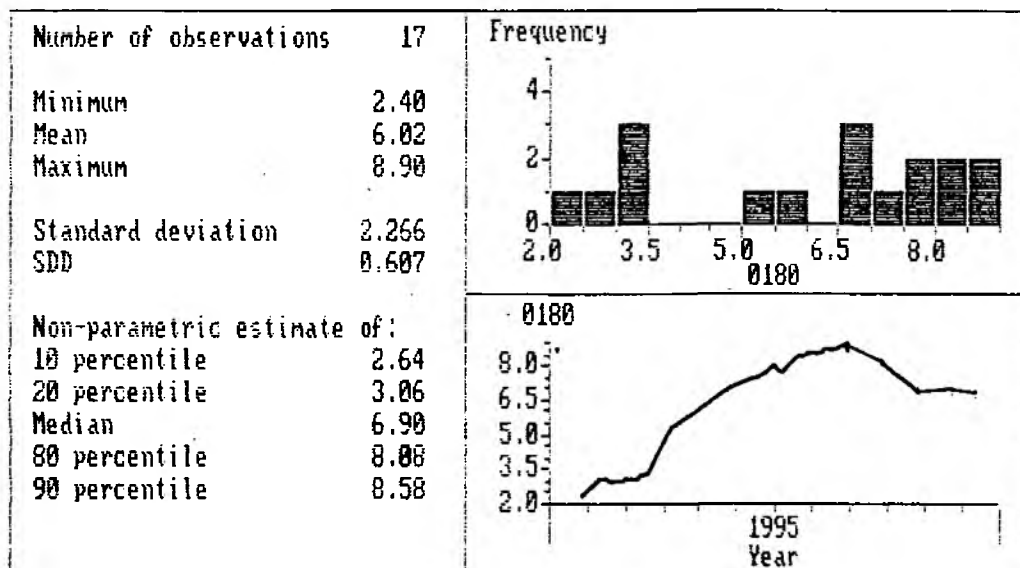


TW0086FE

11-29-1996

0180

1/ 1/95 to 31/12/95

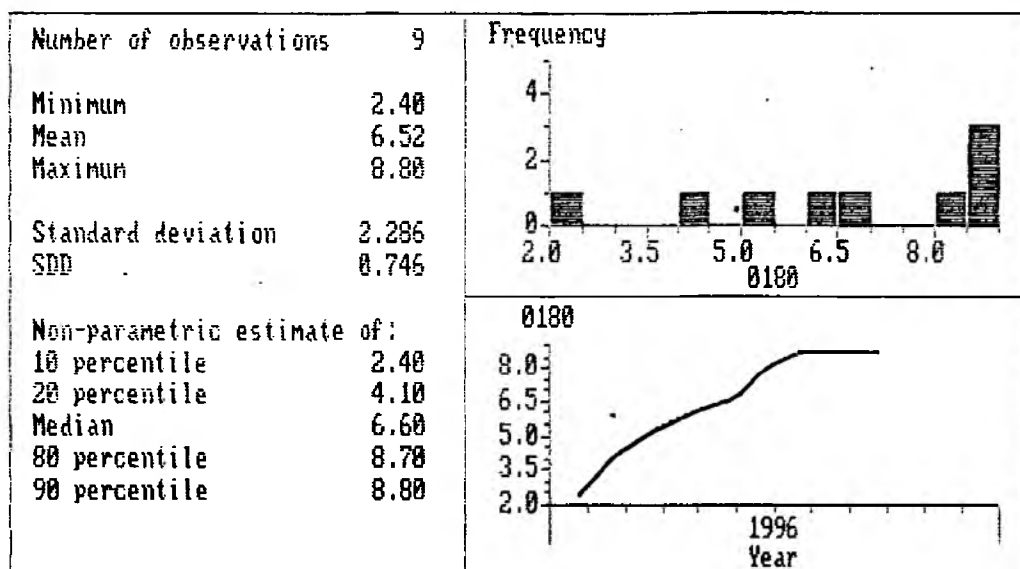


TW0086FE

11-29-1996

0180

1/ 1/96 to 24/ 9/96

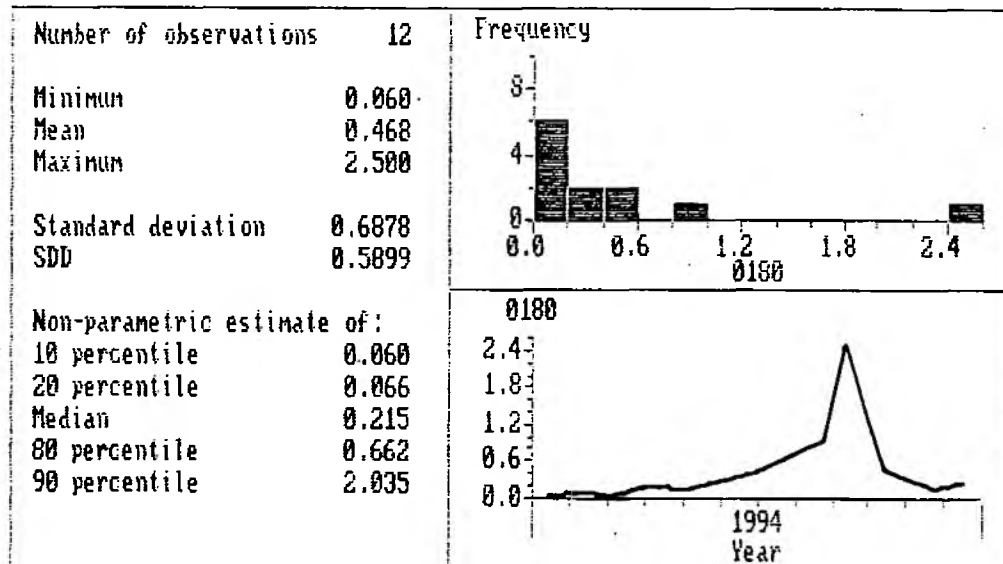


R20A004

11-29-1996

0180

12/ 1/94 to 31/12/94

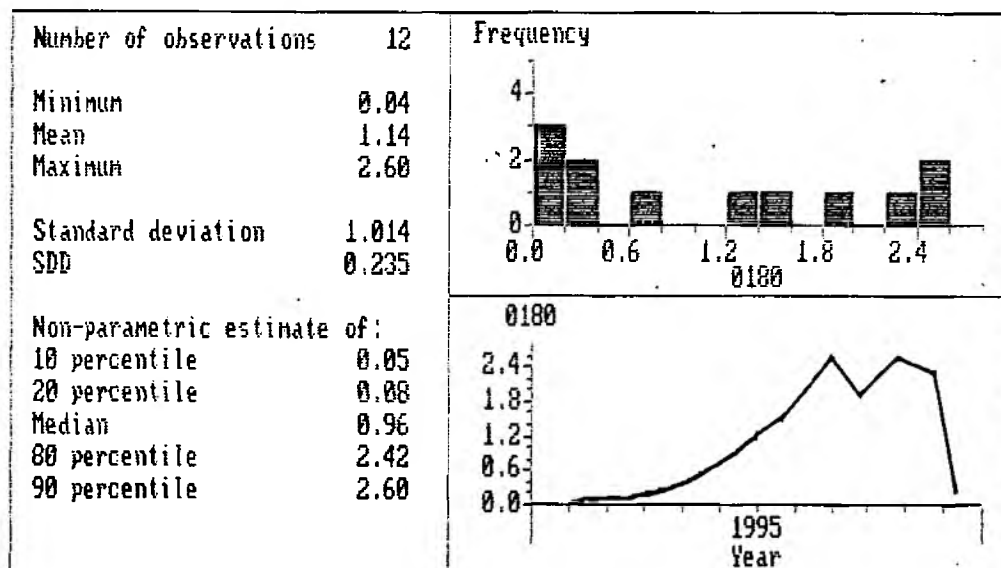


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11-29-1996

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1/ 1/95 to 31/12/95

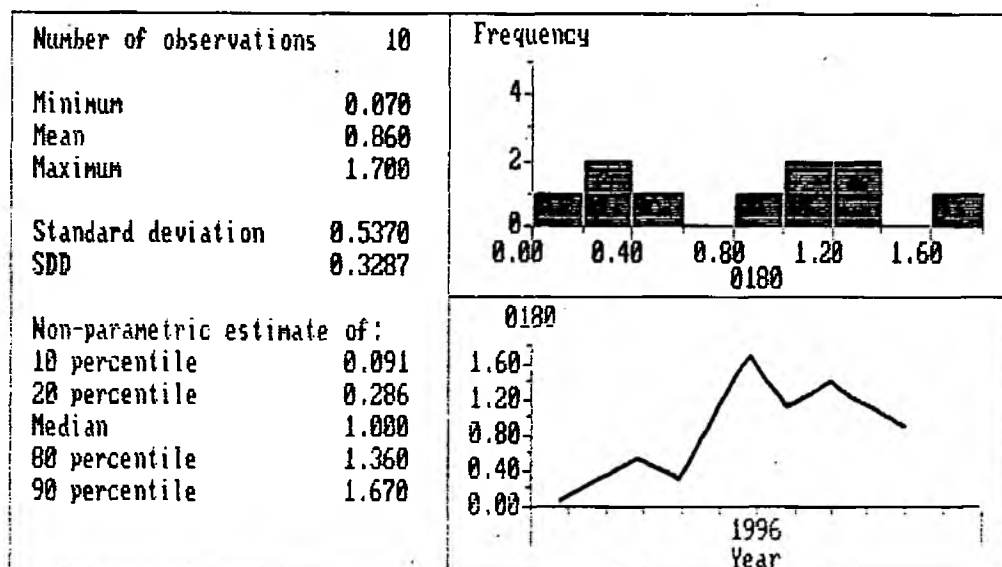


R20A004

11-29-1996

0180

1/ 1/96 to 31/10/96

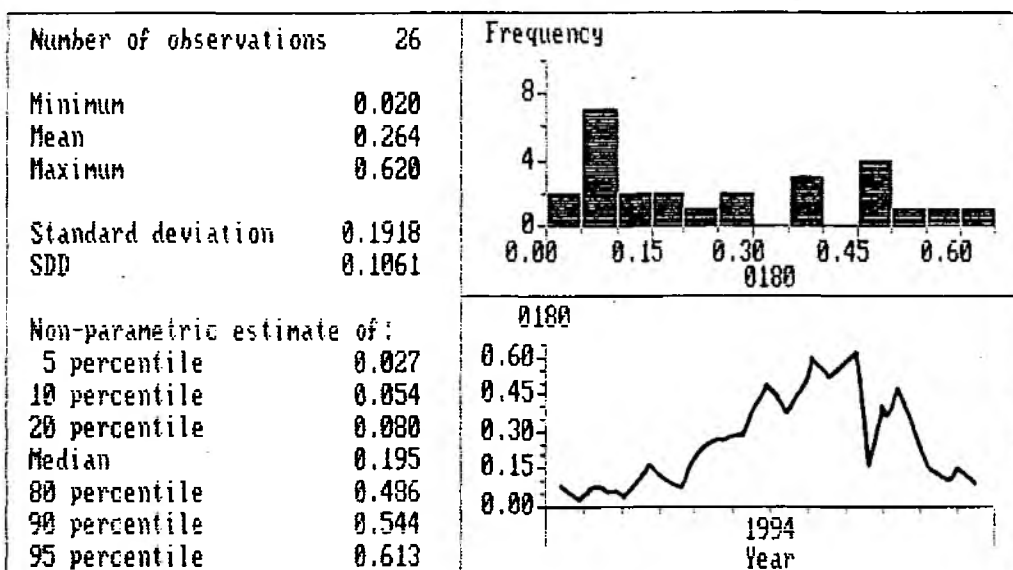


R20A017

11-29-1996

0180

12/ 1/94 to 31/12/94

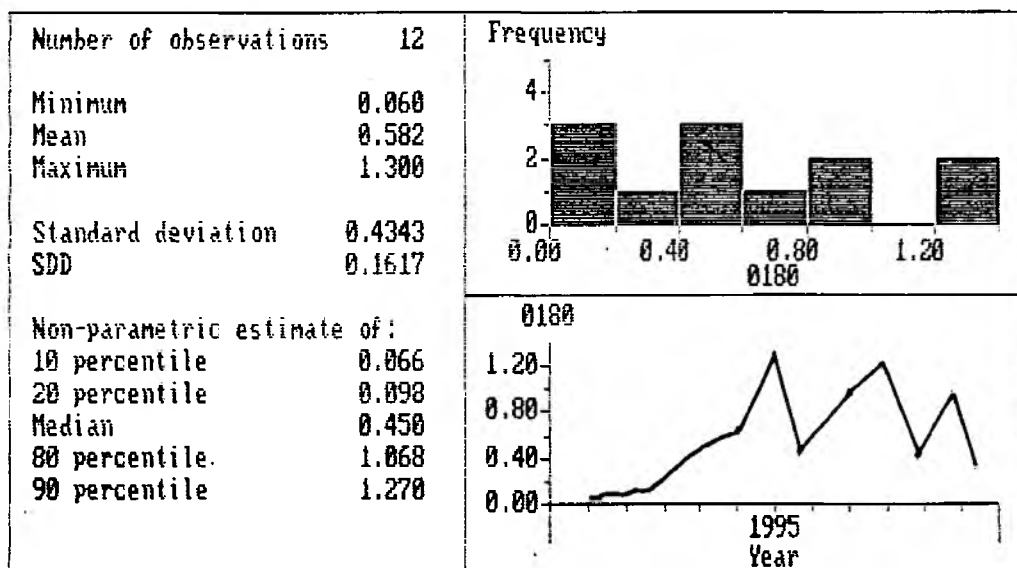


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11-29-1996

0180

1/ 1/95 to 31/12/95

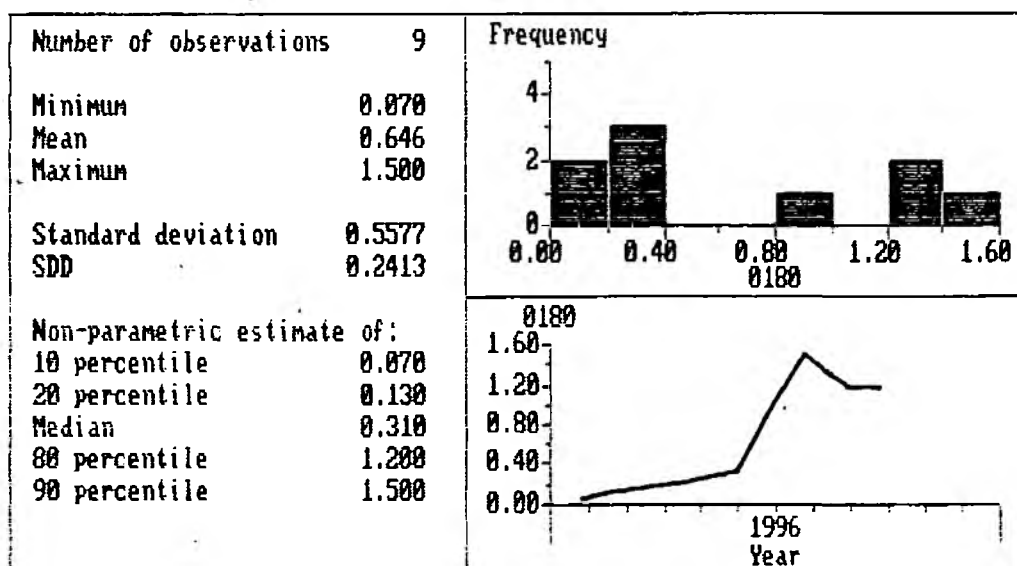


R20A017

11-29-1996

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1/ 1/96 to 24/ 9/96

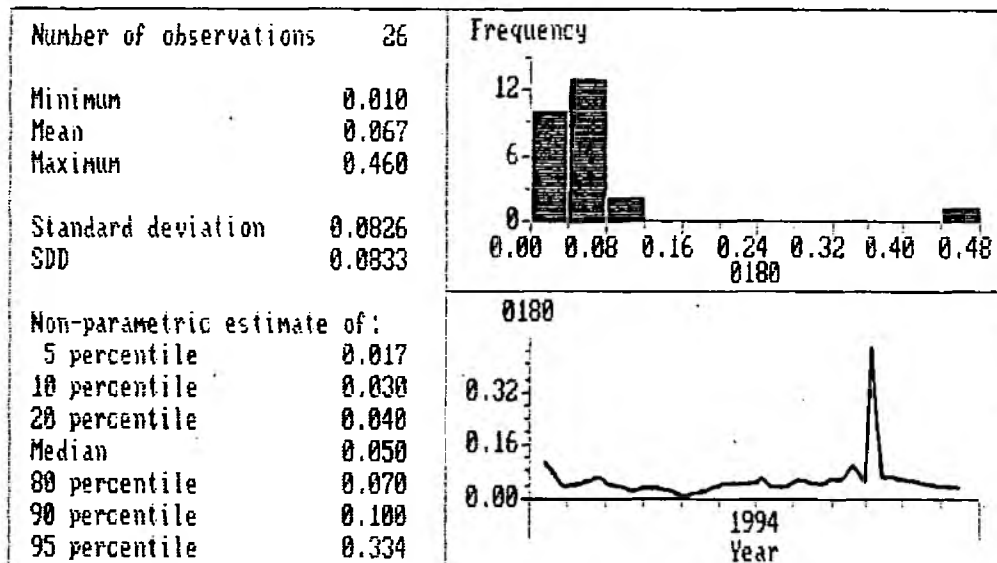


R20A018

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12/ 1/94 to 31/12/94

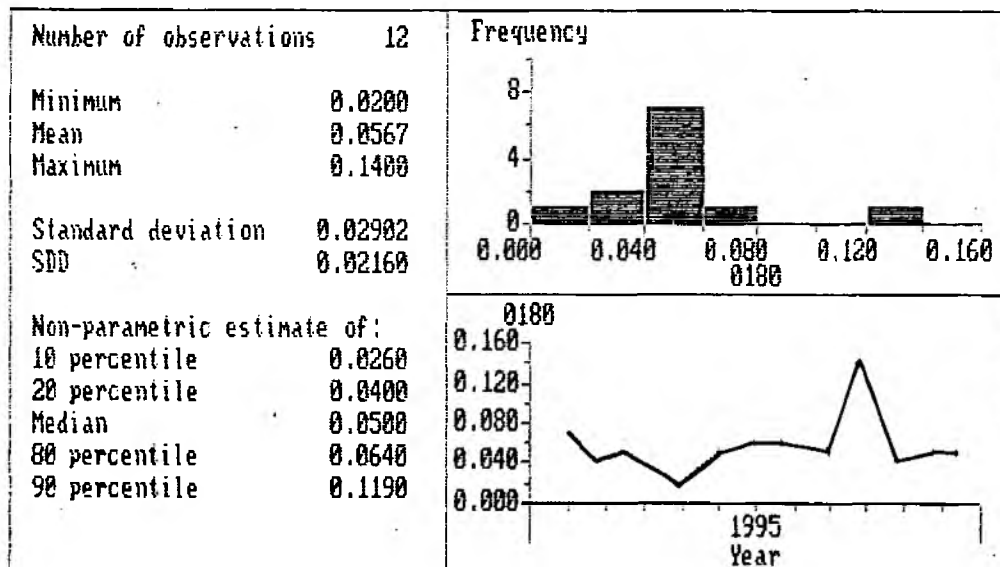


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1/ 1/95 to 31/12/95

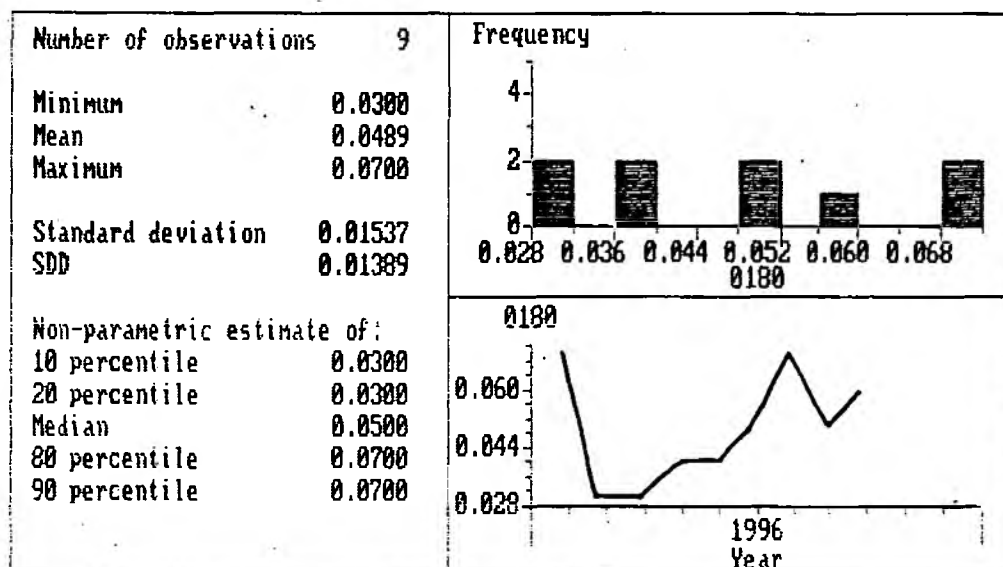


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1/ 1/96 to 24/ 9/96

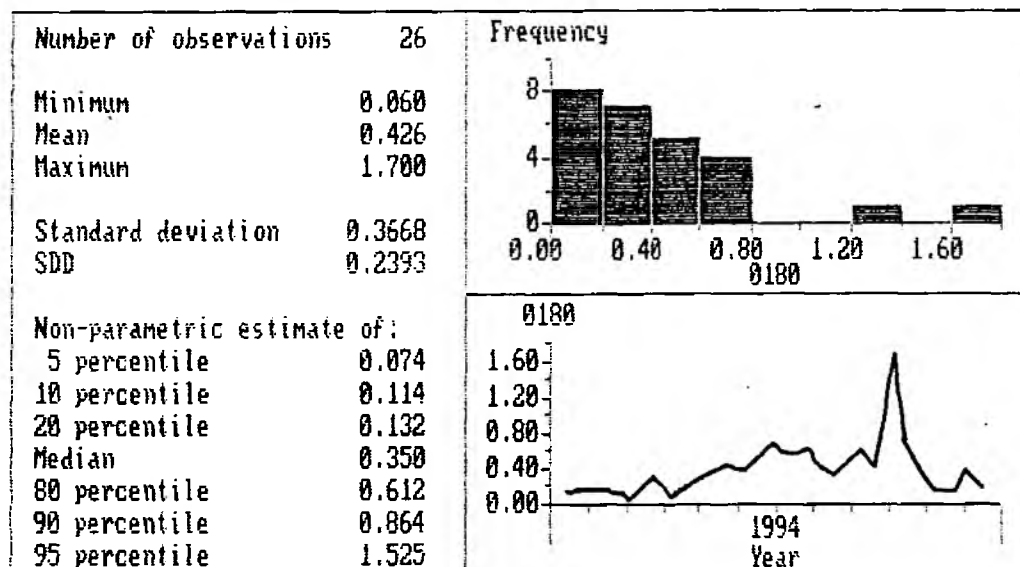


R20A019

11-29-1996

0180

12/ 1/94 to 31/12/94

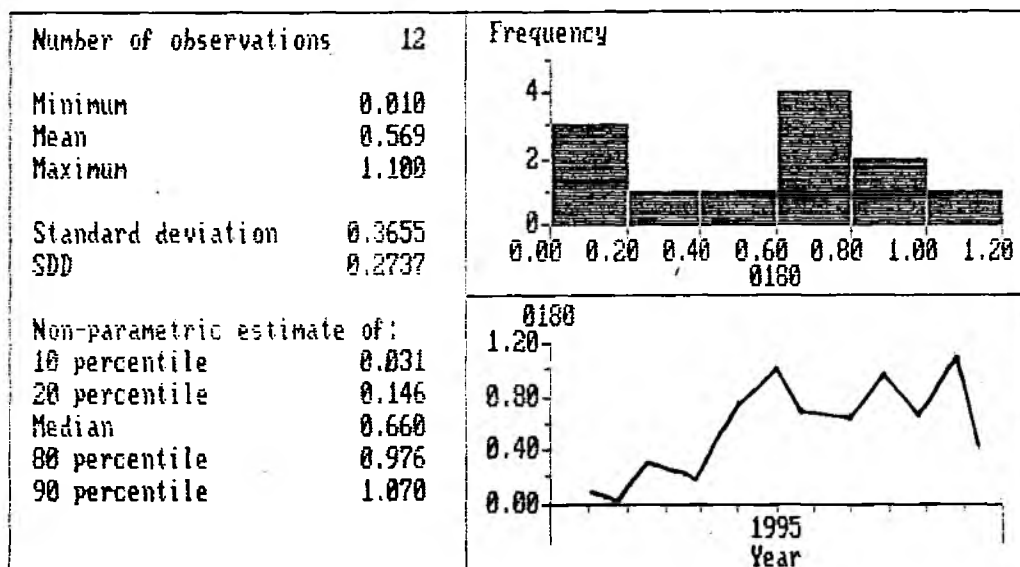


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11-29-1996

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1/ 1/95 to 31/12/95

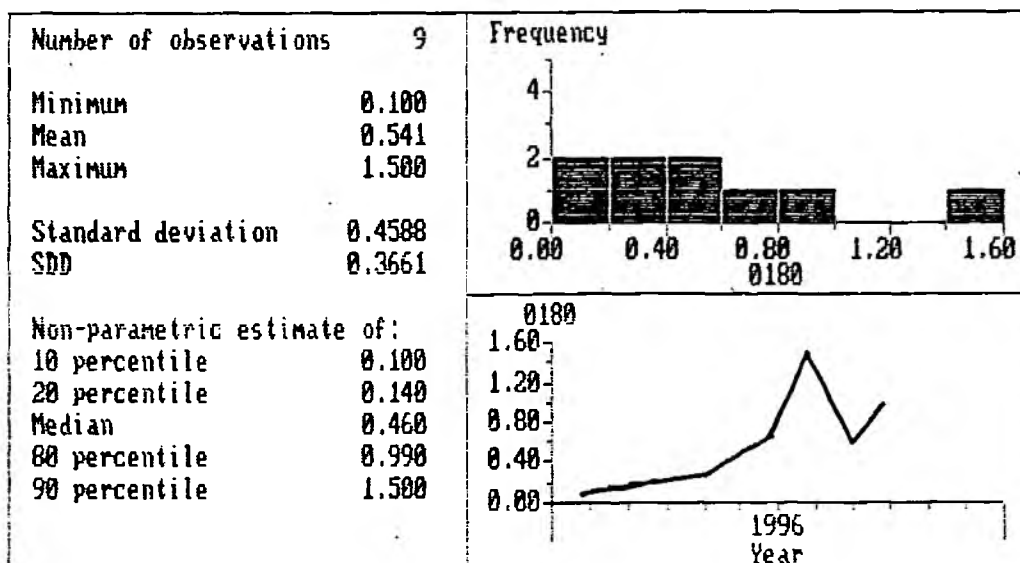


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1/ 1/96 to 24/ 9/96



R20A026

11-29-1996

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12/ 1/94 to 31/12/94

Number of observations 26

Minimum 0.0500

Mean 0.0888

Maximum 0.1600

Standard deviation 0.03362

SDD 0.02454

Non-parametric estimate of:

5 percentile 0.0500

10 percentile 0.0500

20 percentile 0.0540

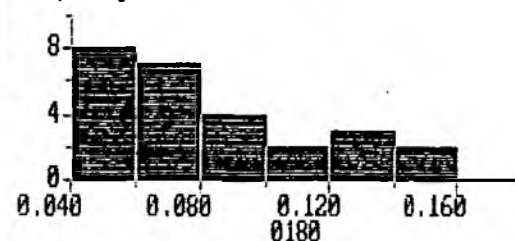
Median 0.0800

80 percentile 0.1260

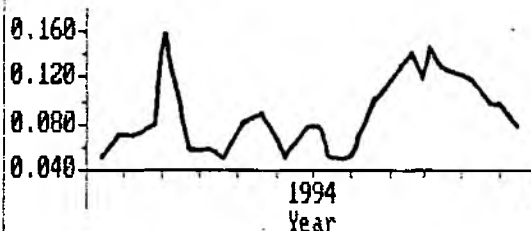
90 percentile 0.1430

95 percentile 0.1565

Frequency



0180



R20A026

11-29-1996

0180

1/ 1/95 to 31/12/95

Number of observations 12

Minimum 0.060

Mean 0.162

Maximum 0.360

Standard deviation 0.0925

SDD 0.0190

Non-parametric estimate of:

10 percentile 0.063

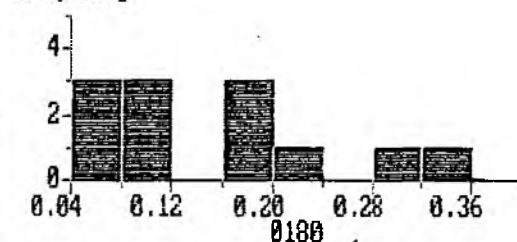
20 percentile 0.076

Median 0.145

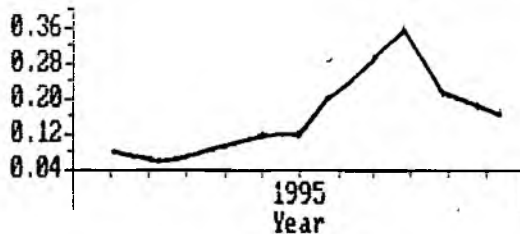
80 percentile 0.242

90 percentile 0.339

Frequency



0180



R20A026

11-29-1996

0180

1/ 1/96 to 24/ 9/96

Number of observations 9

Minimum 0.0700

Mean 0.1244

Maximum 0.2500

Standard deviation 0.05961

SDD 0.02775

Non-parametric estimate of:

10 percentile 0.0700

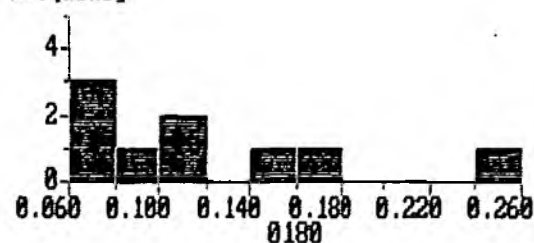
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Median 0.1100

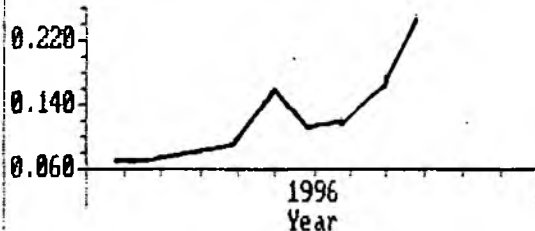
80 percentile 0.1700

90 percentile 0.2500

Frequency



0180

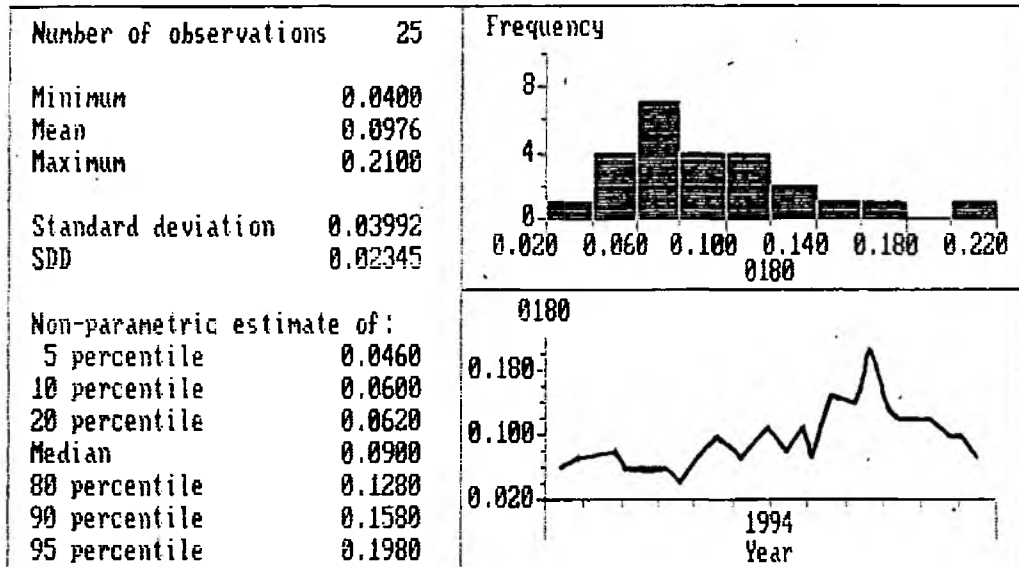


R20A028

11-29-1996

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12/ 1/94 to 31/12/94

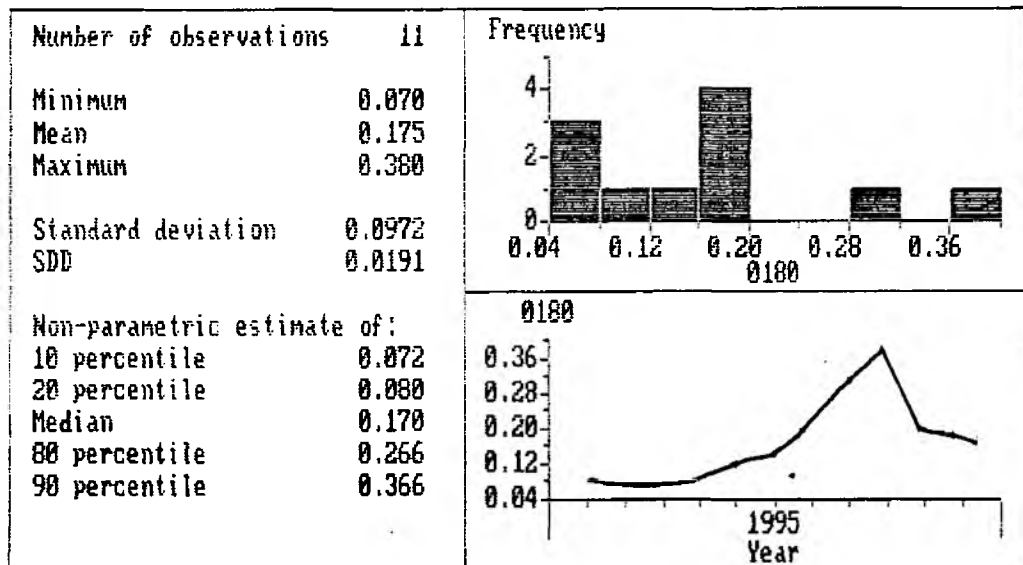


R20A028

11-29-1996

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1/ 1/95 to 31/12/95

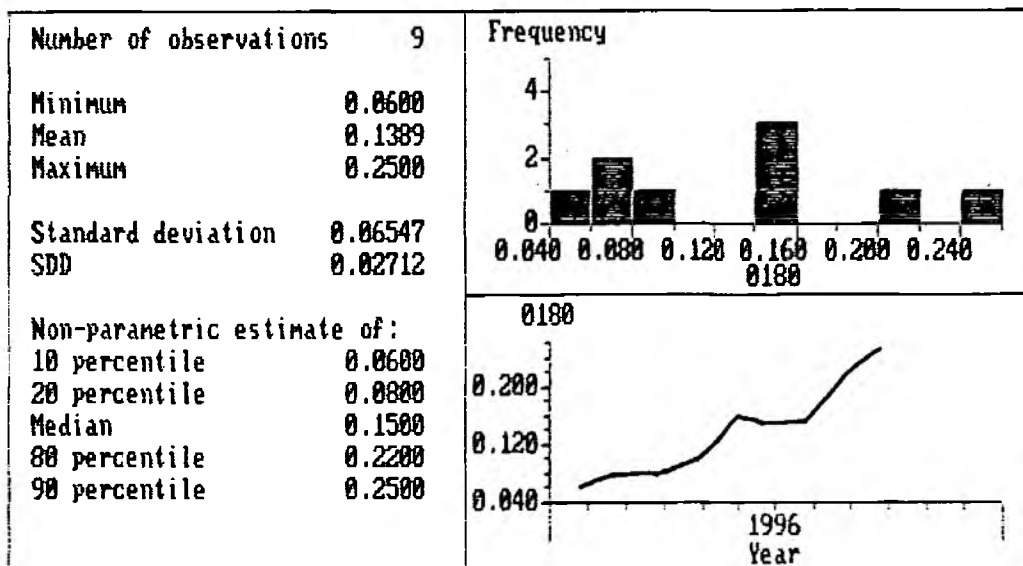


R20A028

11-29-1996

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1/ 1/96 to 24/ 9/96



R20A005

11-29-1996

0180

12/ 1/94 to 31/12/94

Number of observations 26

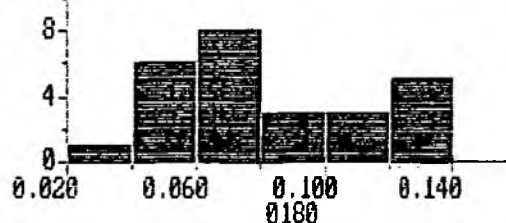
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Mean 0.0885
Maximum 0.1400

Standard deviation 0.03068
SDD 0.01479

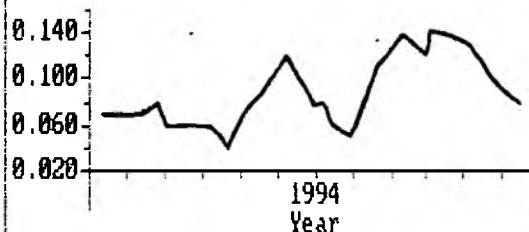
Non-parametric estimate of:

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10 percentile 0.0570
20 percentile 0.0600
Median 0.0800
80 percentile 0.1260
90 percentile 0.1400
95 percentile 0.1400

Frequency



0180



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1/ 1/95 to 31/12/95

Number of observations 12

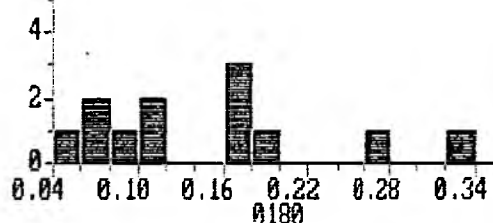
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Standard deviation 0.0848
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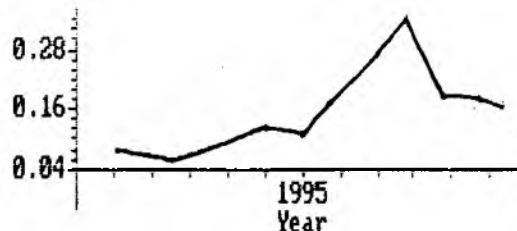
Non-parametric estimate of:

10 percentile 0.063
20 percentile 0.076
Median 0.145
80 percentile 0.222
90 percentile 0.319

Frequency



0180



R20A005

11-29-1996

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1/ 1/96 to 24/ 9/96

Number of observations 9

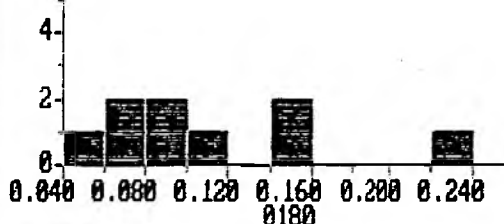
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Mean 0.1144
Maximum 0.2400

Standard deviation 0.05961
SDD 0.03635

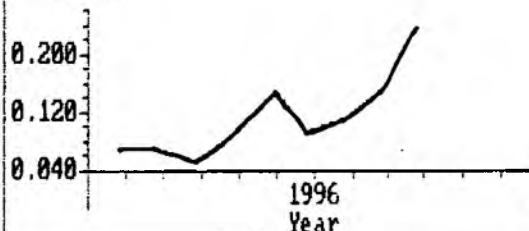
Non-parametric estimate of:

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Median 0.0900
80 percentile 0.1600
90 percentile 0.2400

Frequency



0180



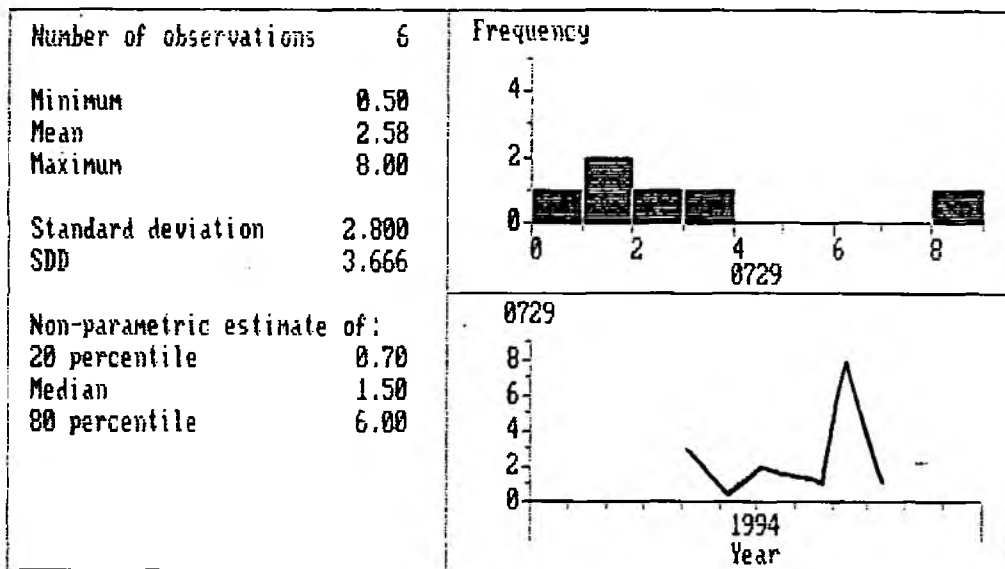
Appendix 2.6. Chlorophyll a ($\mu\text{g/l}$) temporal trends 1994 to 1996

R20A009

11-29-1996

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12/ 1/94 to 31/12/94

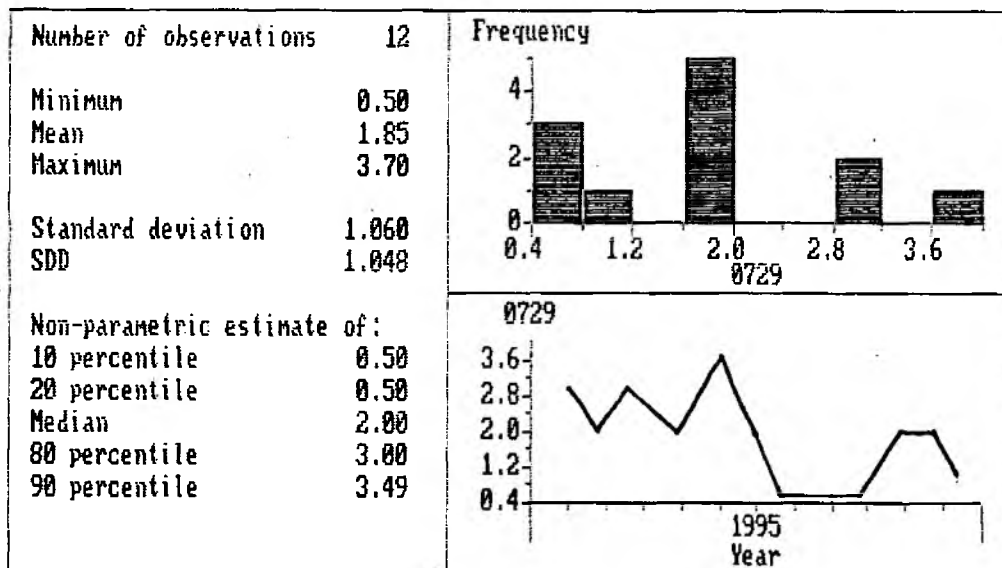


R20A009

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1/ 1/95 to 31/12/95

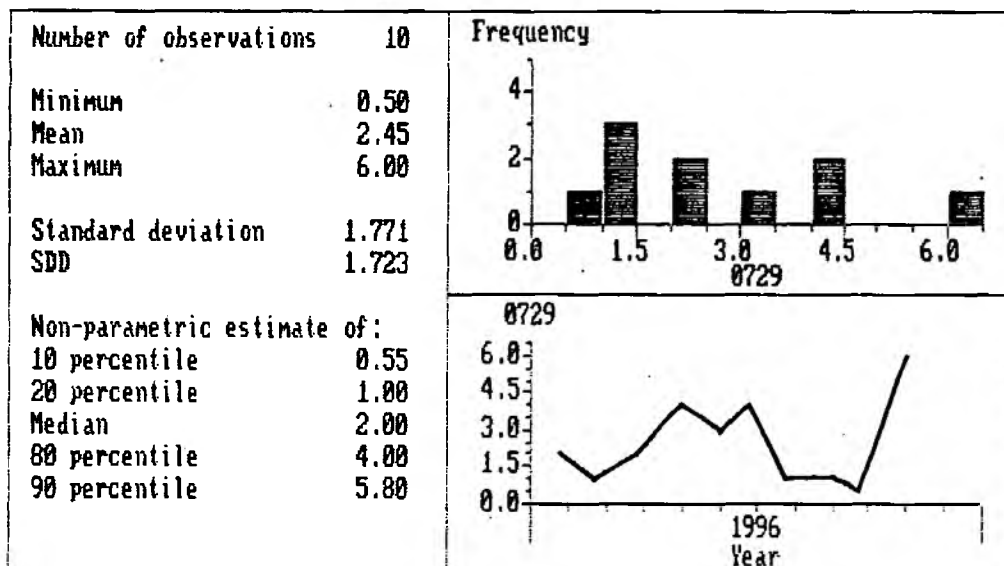


R20A009

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1/ 1/96 to 31/10/96

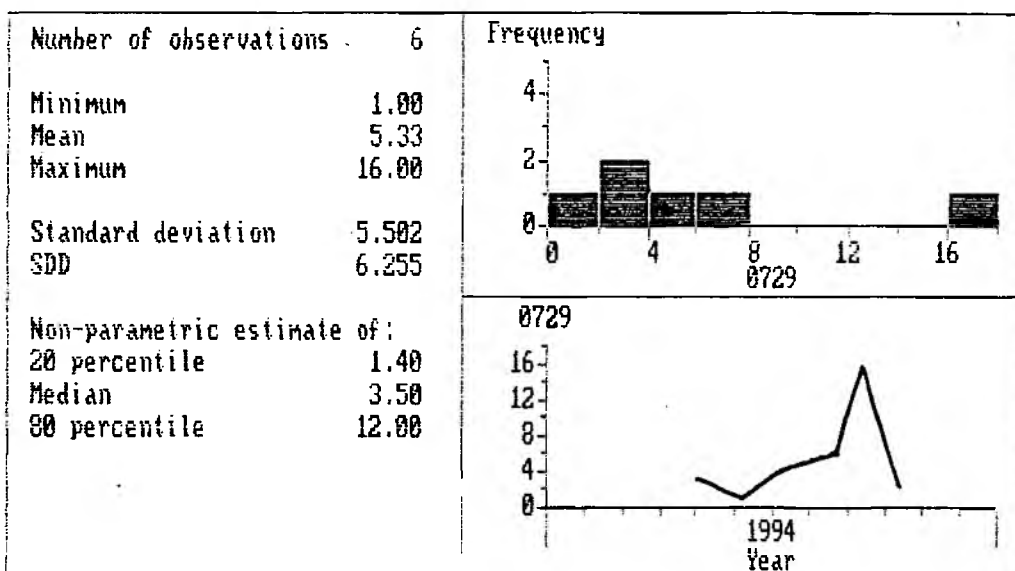


R20A004

11-29-1996

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12/ 1/94 to 31/12/94

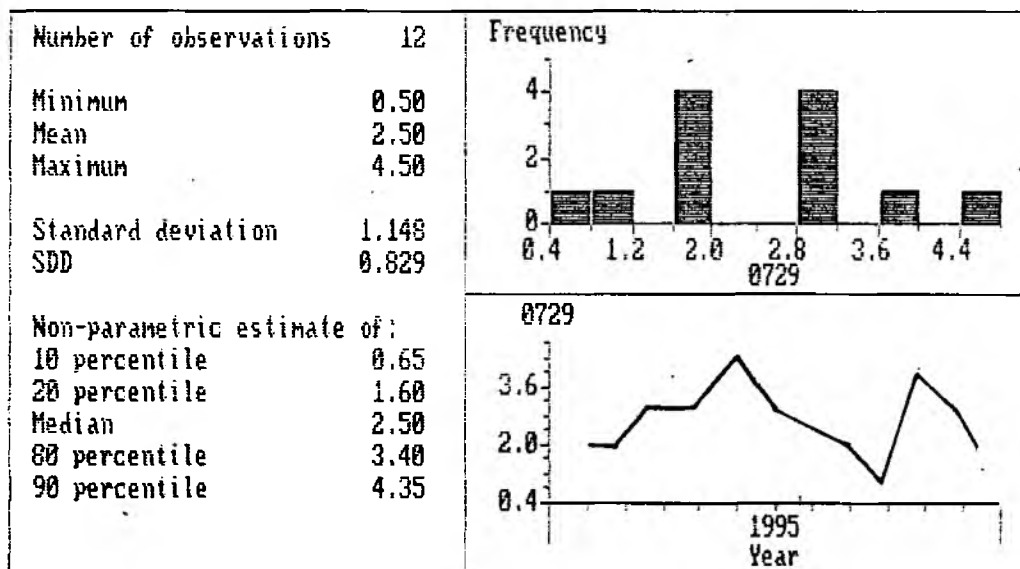


R20A004

11-29-1996

0729

1/ 1/95 to 31/12/95

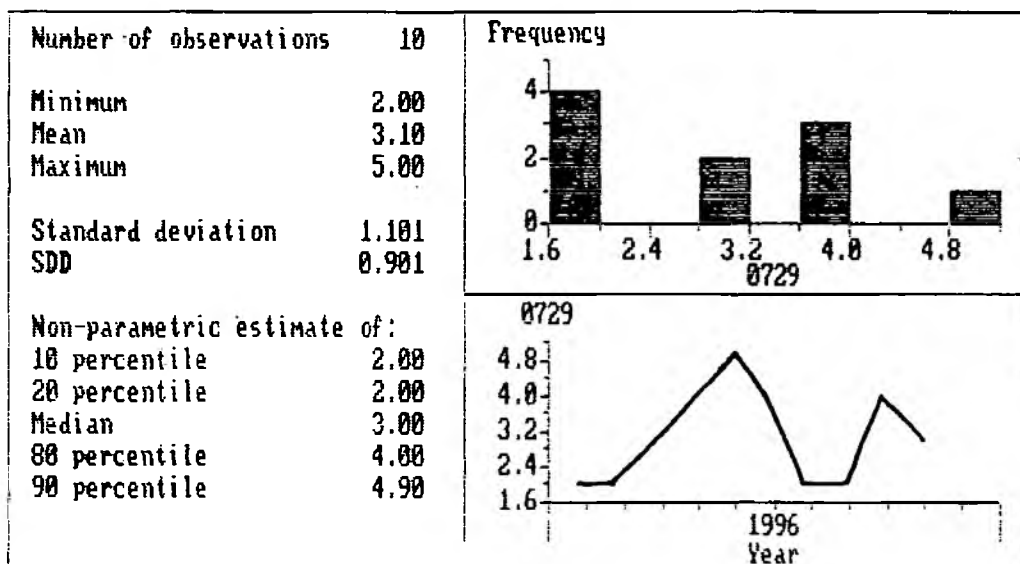


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1/ 1/96 to 31/10/96



R20A017

11-29-1996

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12/ 1/94 to 31/12/94

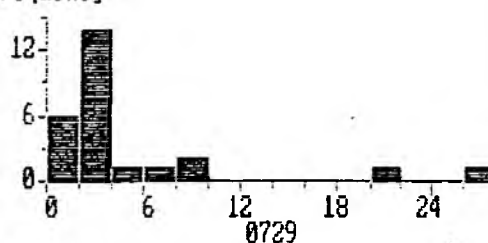
Number of observations 26
 Minimum 0.5
 Mean 4.5
 Maximum 27.0

Standard deviation 6.07
 SDD 5.74

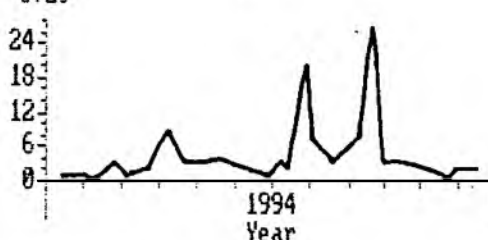
Non-parametric estimate of:

5 percentile 0.5
 10 percentile 0.9
 20 percentile 1.0
 Median 3.0
 80 percentile 5.8
 90 percentile 12.3
 95 percentile 24.5

Frequency



0729



R20A017

11-29-1996

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1/ 1/95 to 31/12/95

Number of observations 12

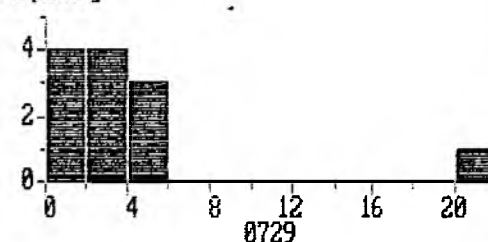
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 Mean 3.91
 Maximum 20.00

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 SDD 1.376

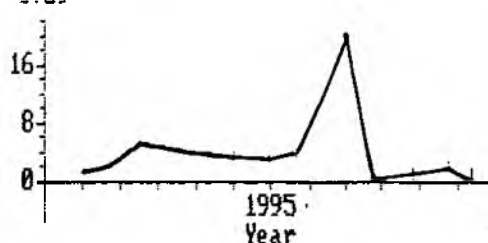
Non-parametric estimate of:

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 20 percentile 1.00
 Median 2.50
 80 percentile 4.40
 90 percentile 15.50

Frequency



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R20A017

11-29-1996

0729

1/ 1/96 to 24/ 9/96

Number of observations 9

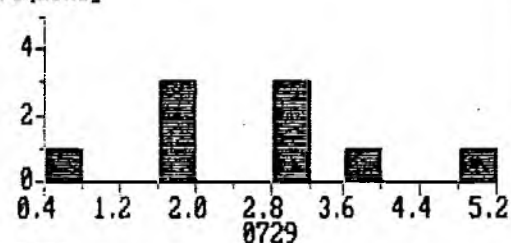
Minimum 0.50
 Mean 2.72
 Maximum 5.00

Standard deviation 1.302
 SDD 1.296

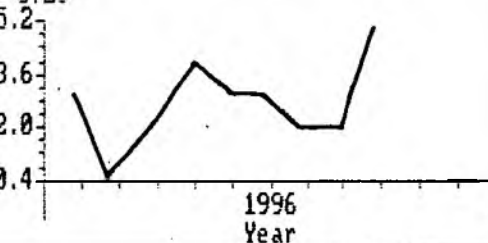
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 20 percentile 2.00
 Median 3.00
 80 percentile 4.00
 90 percentile 5.00

Frequency



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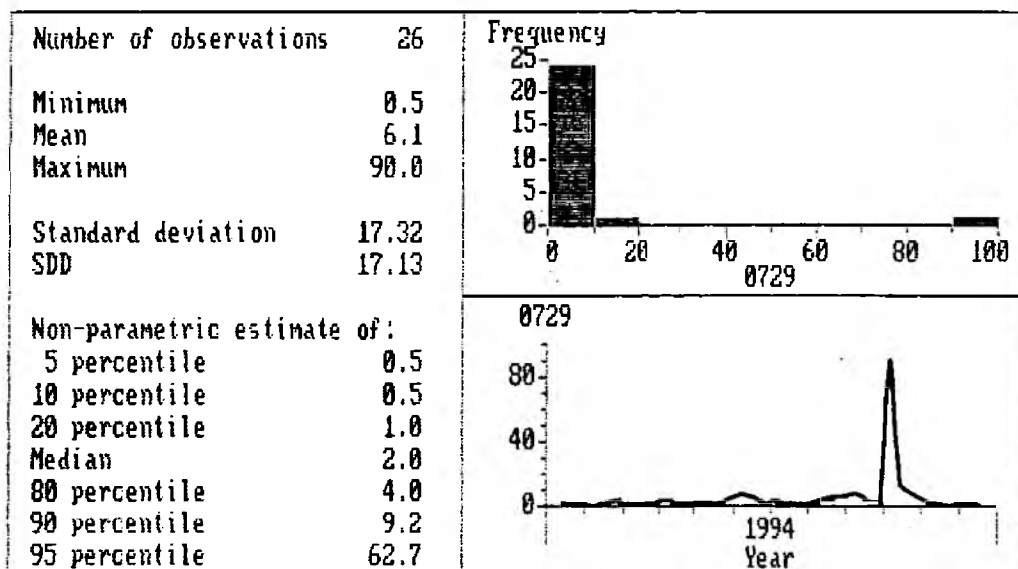


R20A018

11-29-1996

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12/ 1/94 to 31/12/94

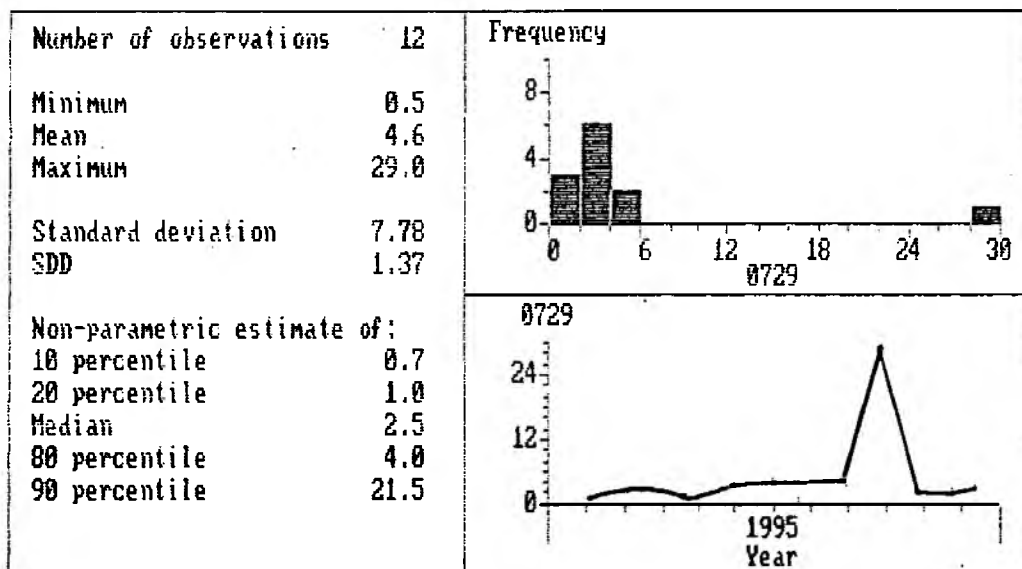


R20A018

11-29-1996

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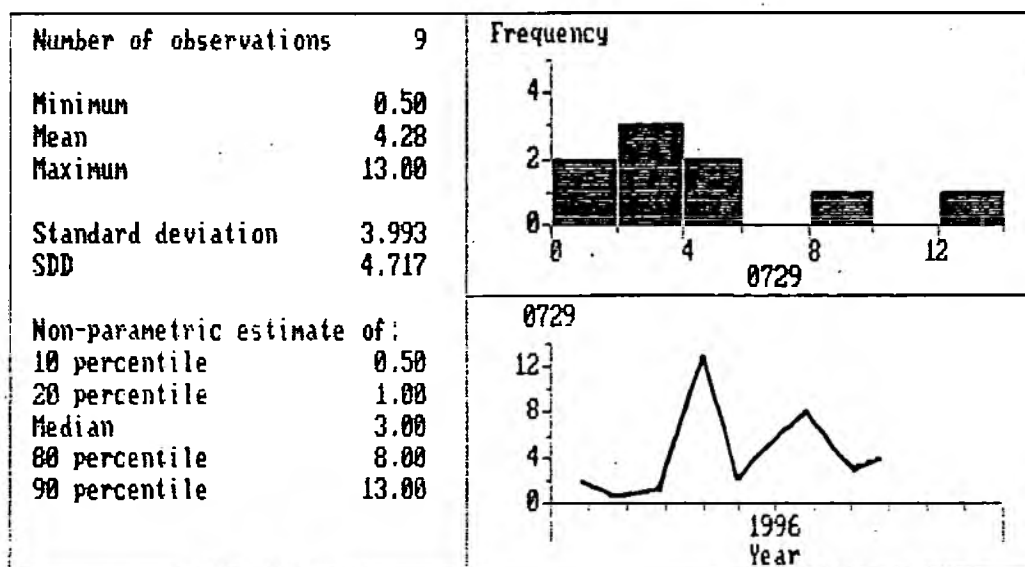


R20A018

11-29-1996

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1/ 1/96 to 24/ 9/96



R20A019

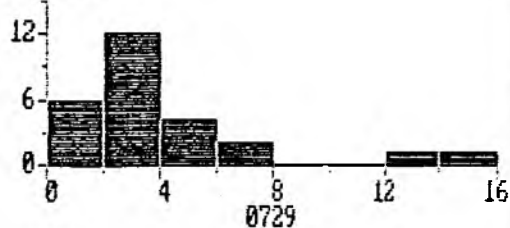
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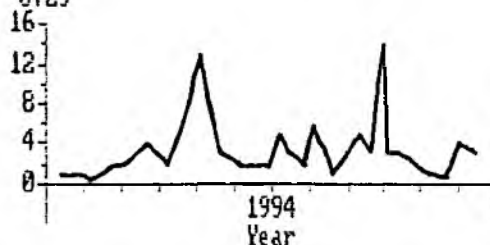
12/ 1/94 to 31/12/94

Number of observations	26
Minimum	0.50
Mean	3.54
Maximum	14.00
Standard deviation	3.322
SDD	3.263
Non-parametric estimate of:	
5 percentile	0.50
10 percentile	0.85
20 percentile	1.00
Median	3.00
80 percentile	5.00
90 percentile	8.10
95 percentile	13.65

Frequency



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R20A019

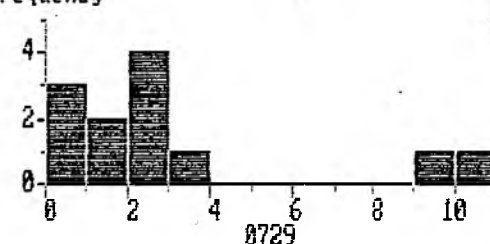
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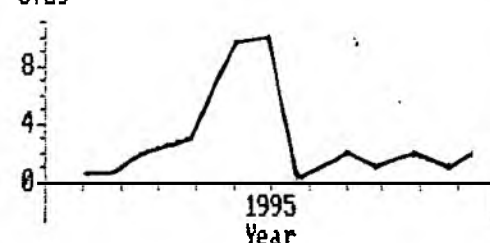
1/ 1/95 to 31/12/95

Number of observations	12
Minimum	0.50
Mean	2.83
Maximum	10.00
Standard deviation	3.308
SDD	2.377
Non-parametric estimate of:	
10 percentile	0.50
20 percentile	0.50
Median	2.00
80 percentile	5.56
90 percentile	9.82

Frequency



0729



R20A019

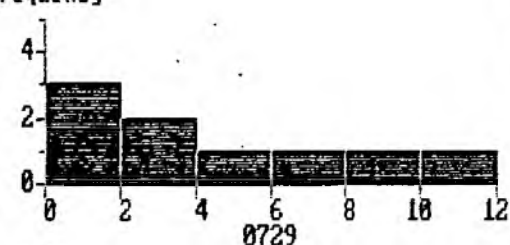
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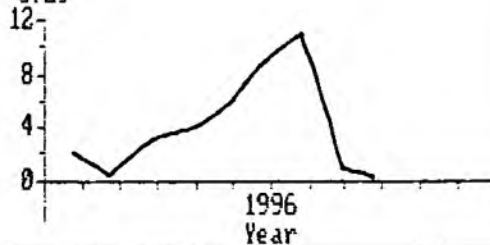
1/ 1/96 to 24/ 9/96

Number of observations	9
Minimum	0.50
Mean	4.11
Maximum	11.00
Standard deviation	3.814
SDD	3.009
Non-parametric estimate of:	
10 percentile	0.50
20 percentile	0.50
Median	3.00
80 percentile	9.00
90 percentile	11.00

Frequency



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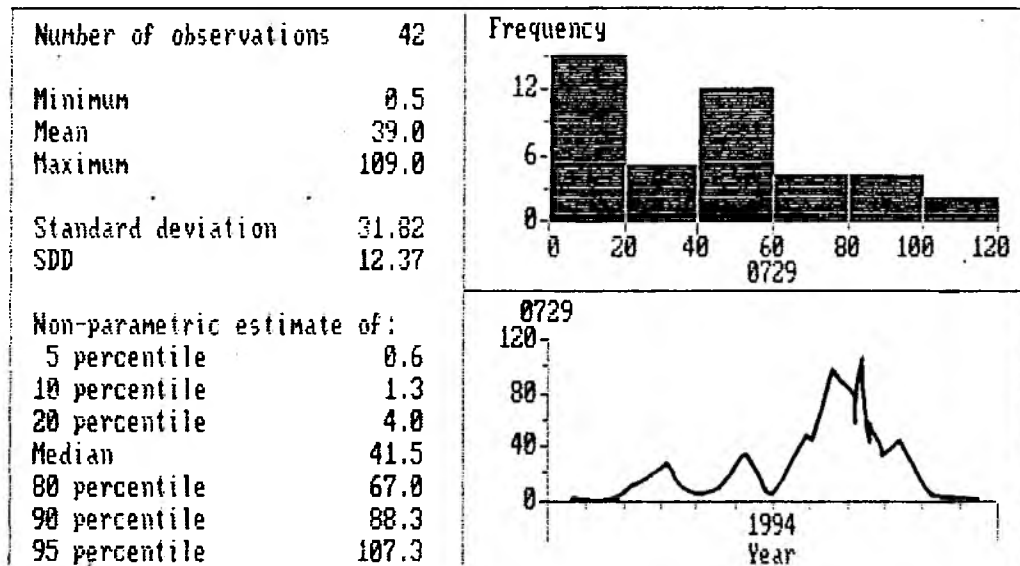


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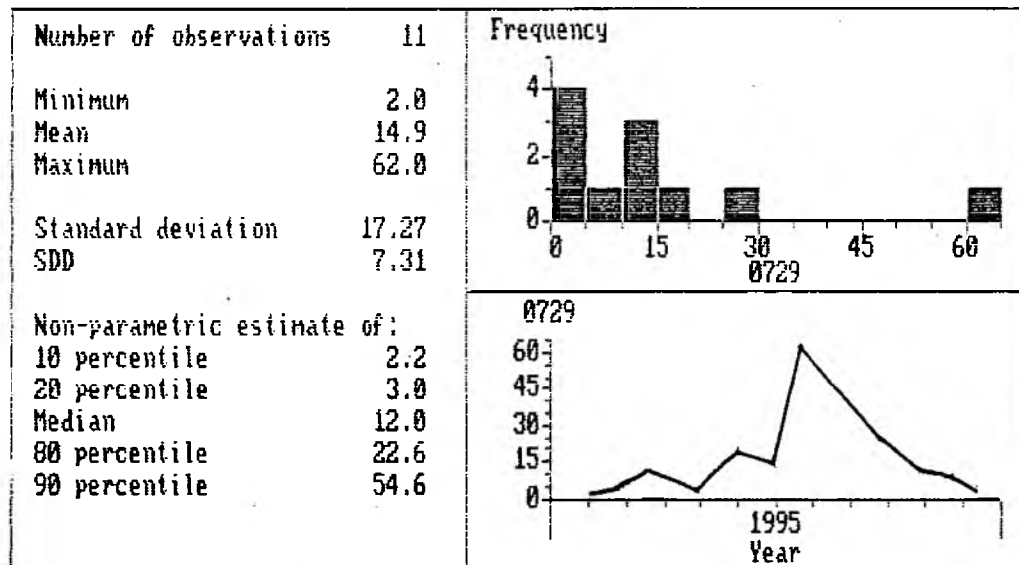


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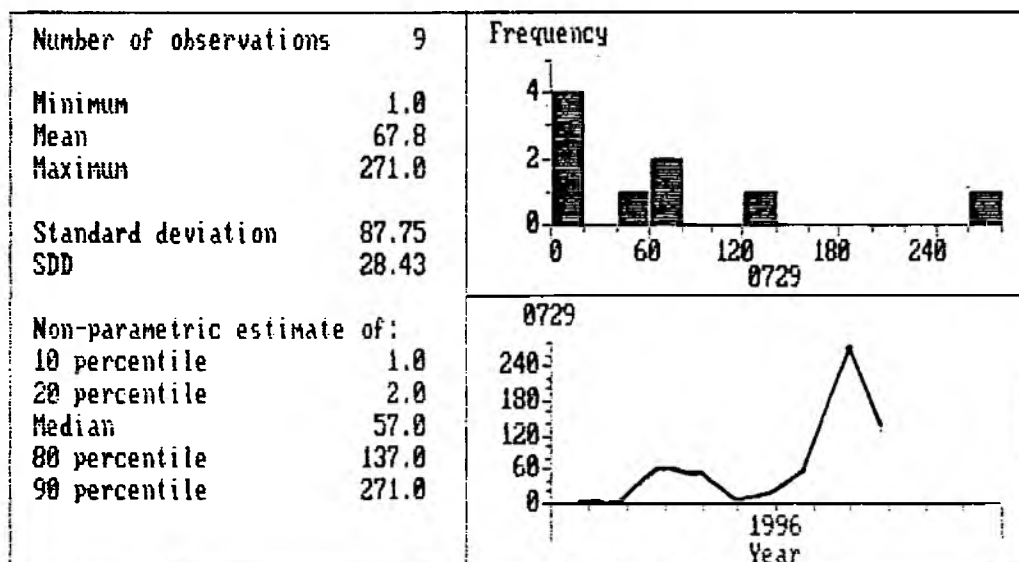


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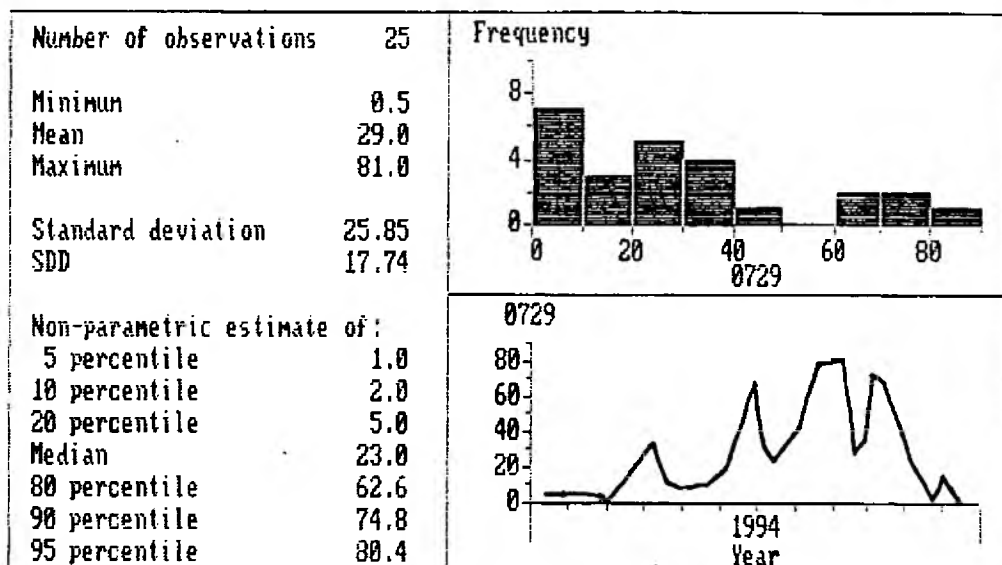


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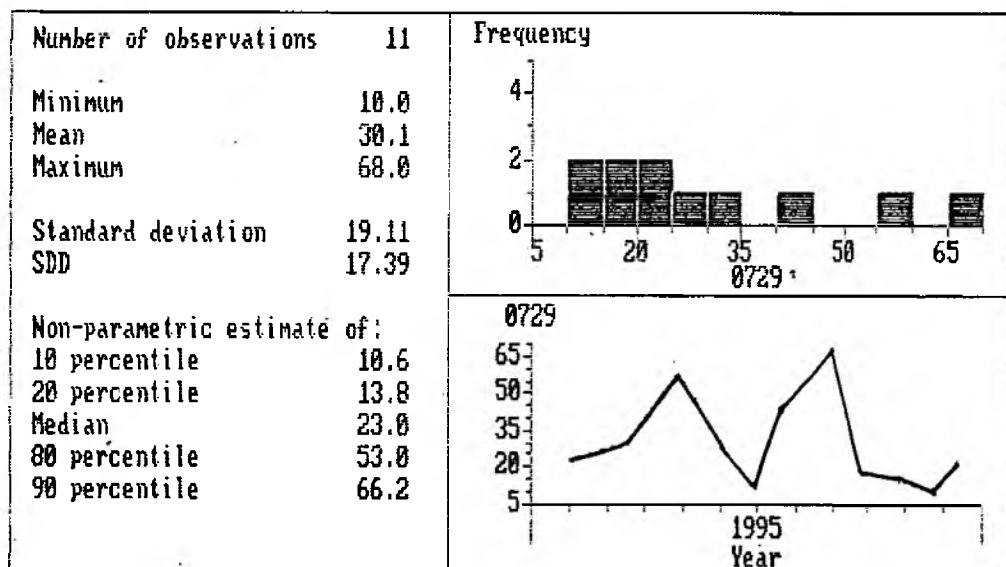


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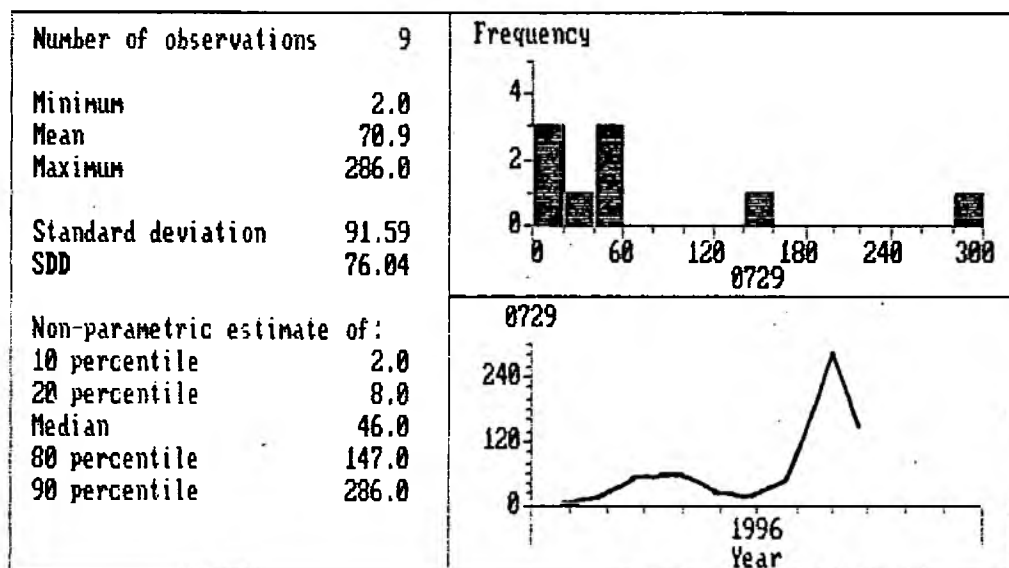


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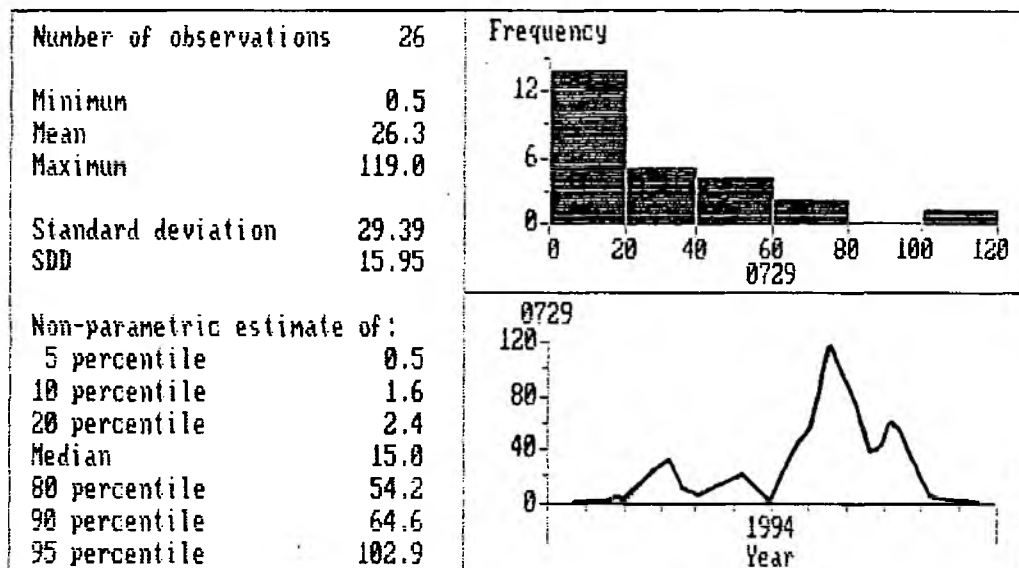


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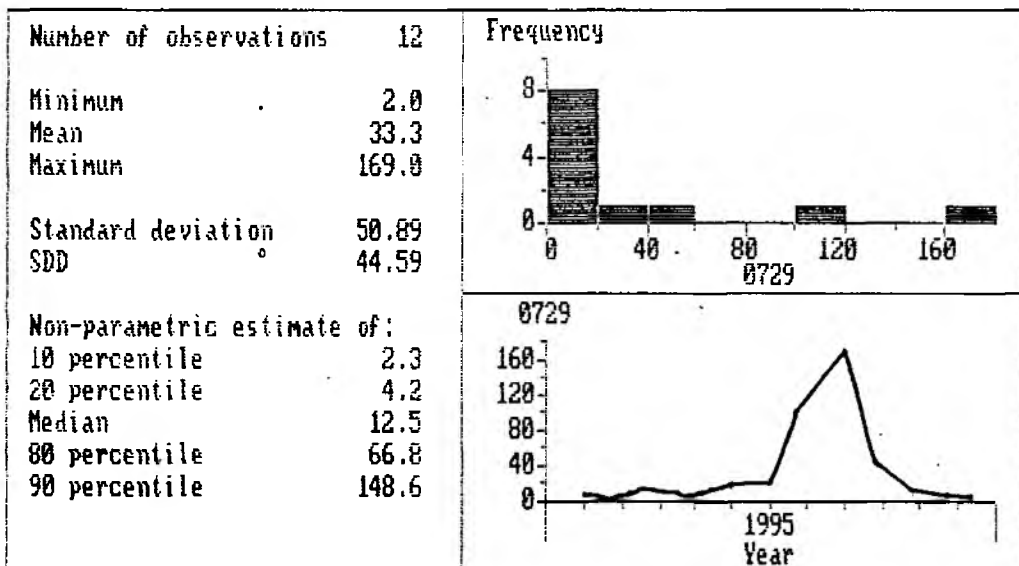


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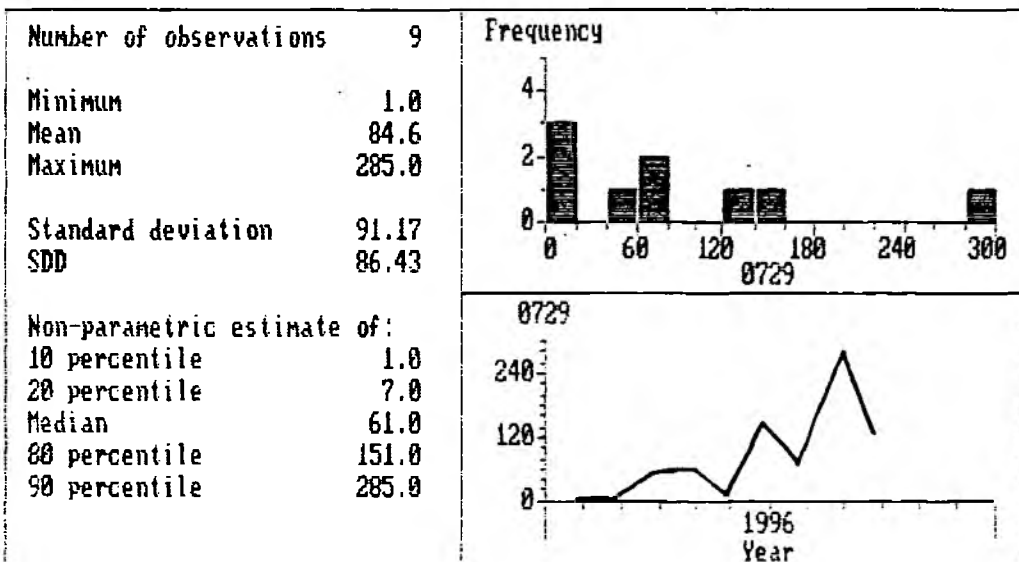


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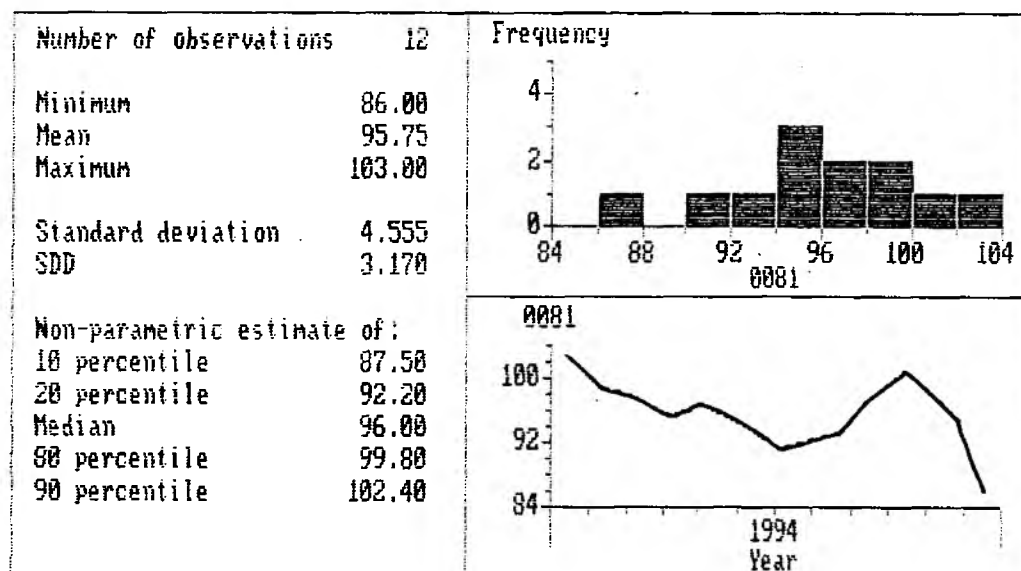
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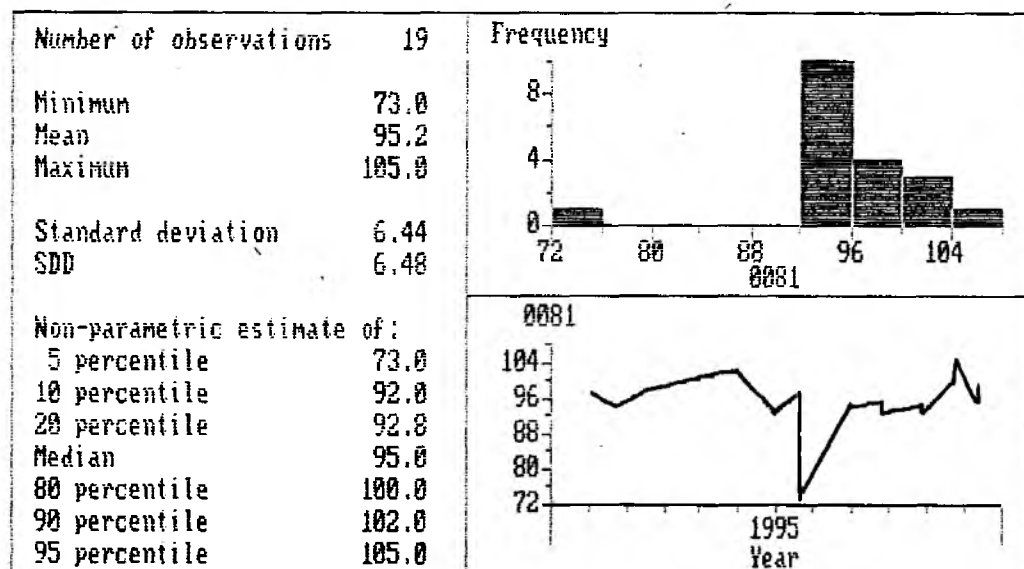


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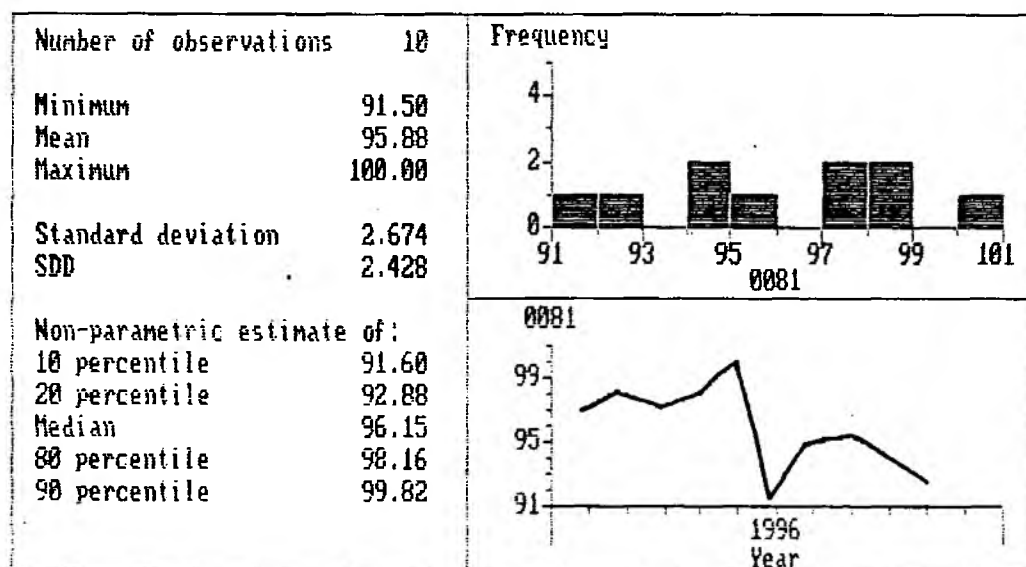


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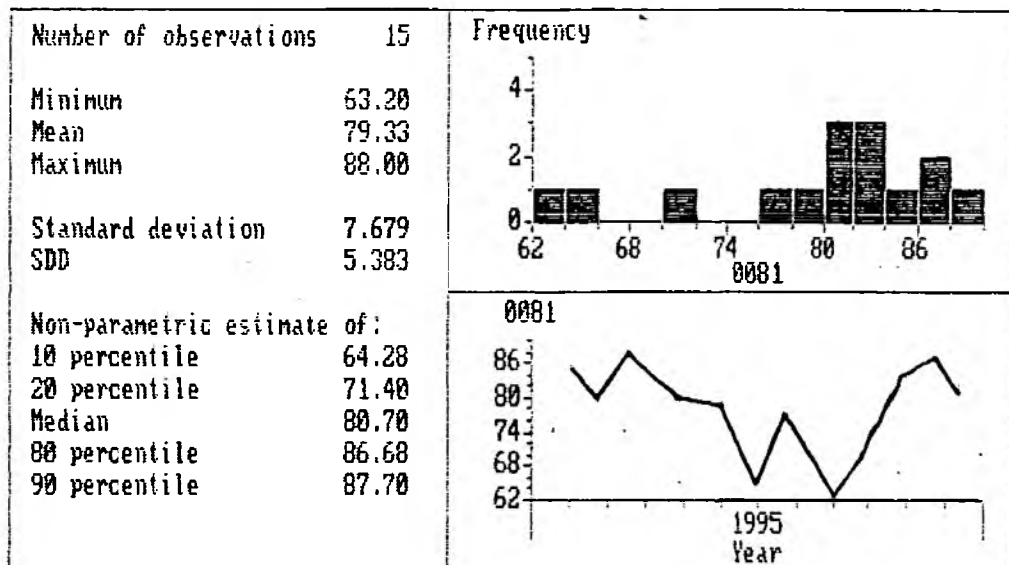


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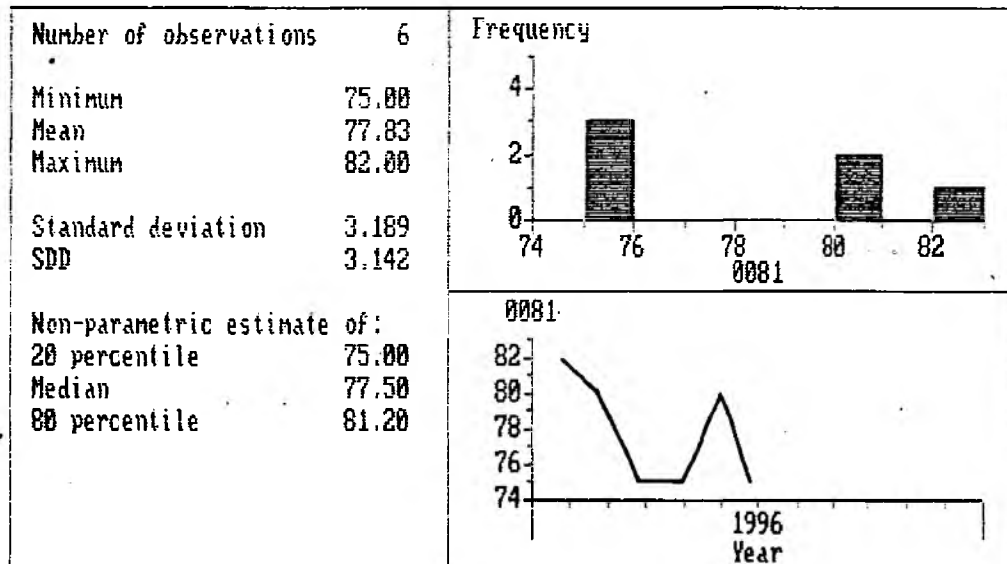


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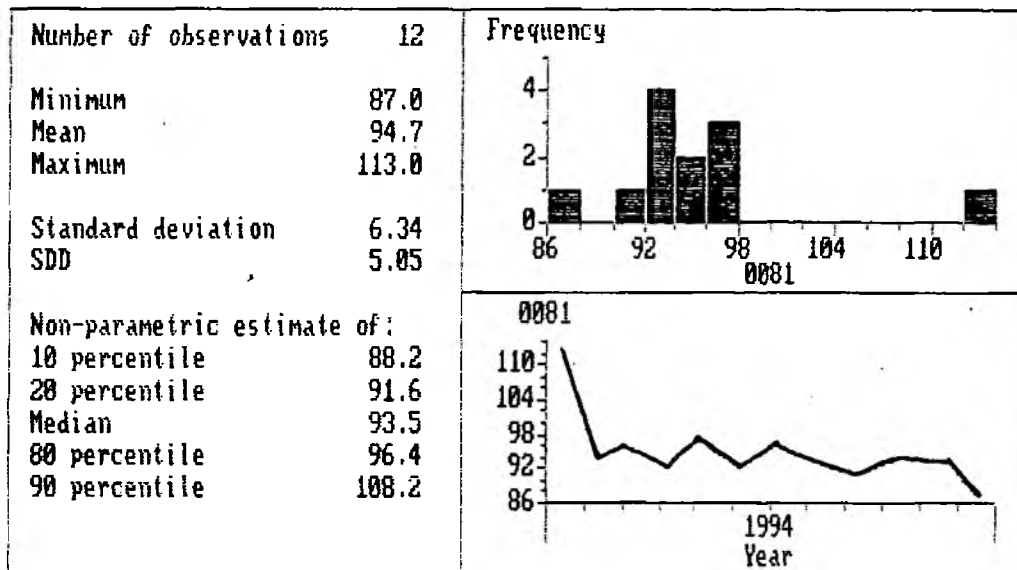


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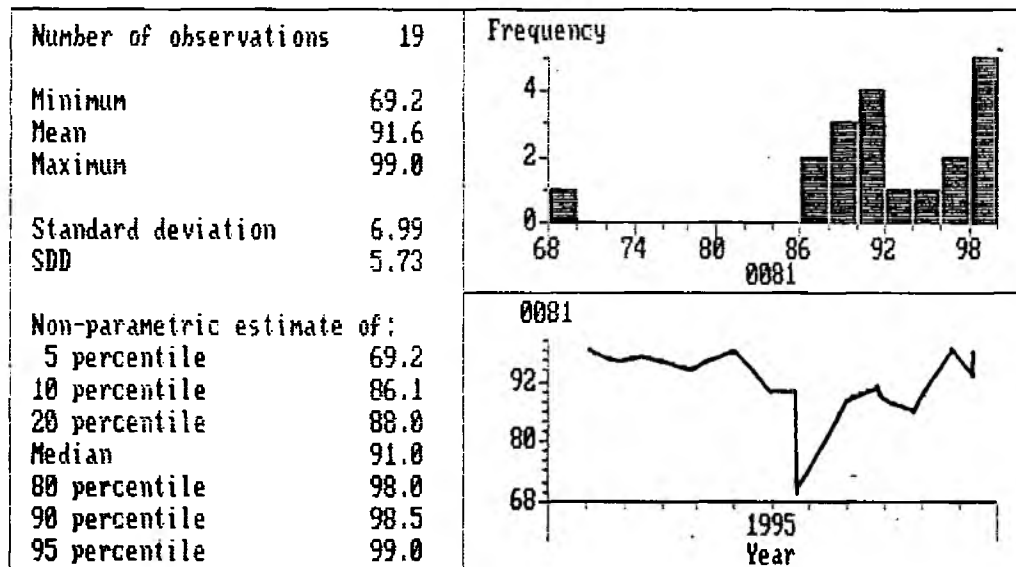


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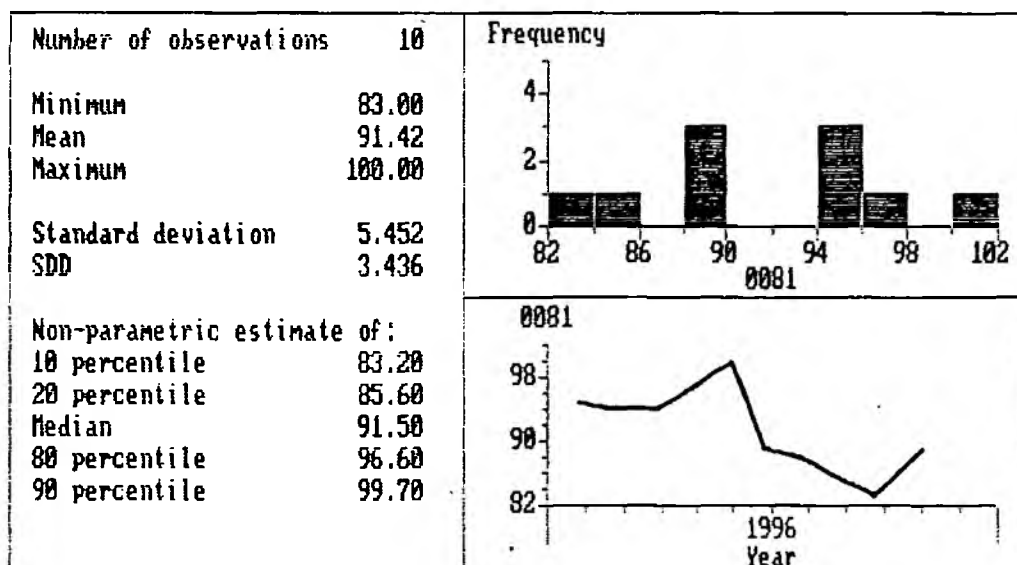


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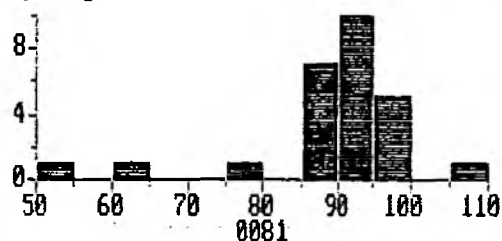
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 Minimum 53.0
 Mean 89.2
 Maximum 106.0

Standard deviation 11.05
 SDD 12.19

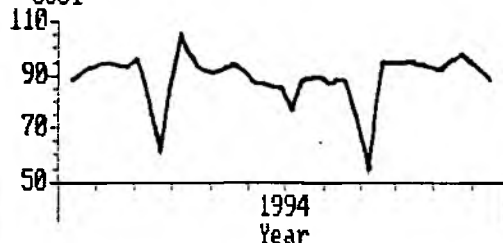
Non-parametric estimate of:

5 percentile 55.5
 10 percentile 71.2
 20 percentile 87.0
 Median 92.5
 80 percentile 95.6
 90 percentile 97.3
 95 percentile 103.2

Frequency



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R20A017

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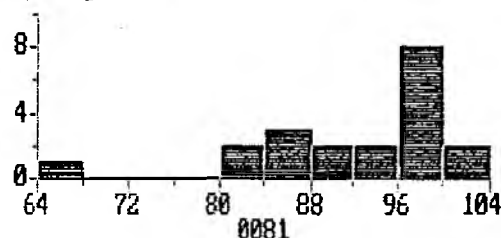
Number of observations 20
 Minimum 67.6
 Mean 91.8
 Maximum 101.0

Standard deviation 8.19
 SDD 6.96

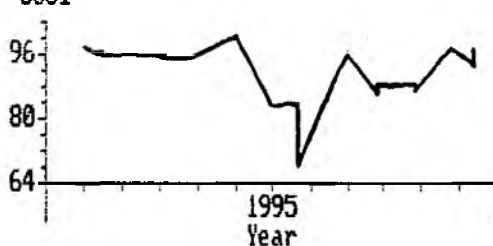
Non-parametric estimate of:

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 10 percentile 83.0
 20 percentile 84.5
 Median 95.5
 80 percentile 98.0
 90 percentile 100.7
 95 percentile 101.0

Frequency



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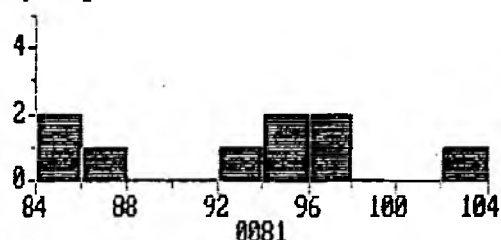
Number of observations 9
 Minimum 85.00
 Mean 92.69
 Maximum 102.00

Standard deviation 6.035
 SDD 3.872

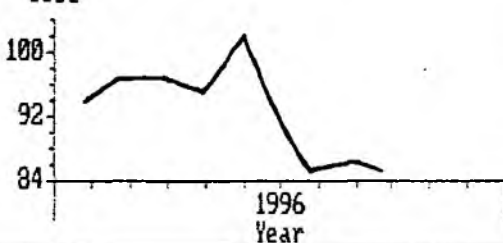
Non-parametric estimate of:

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 Median 94.00
 80 percentile 97.00
 90 percentile 102.00

Frequency



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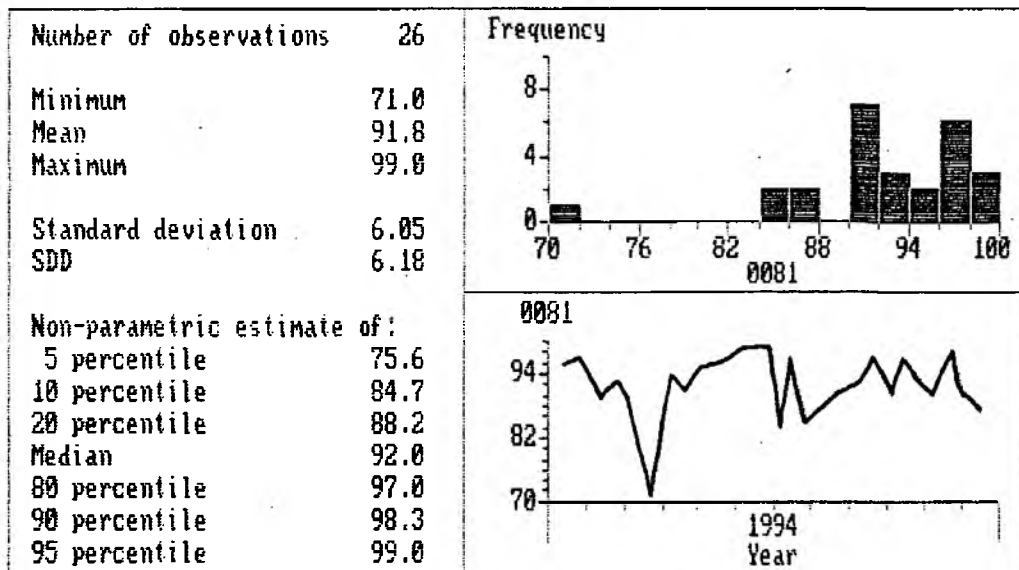


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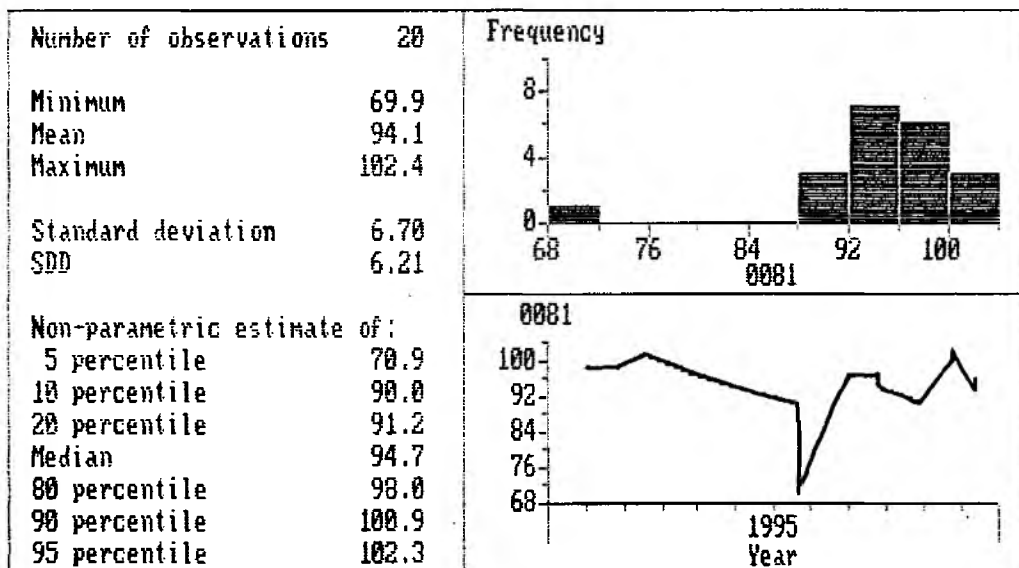


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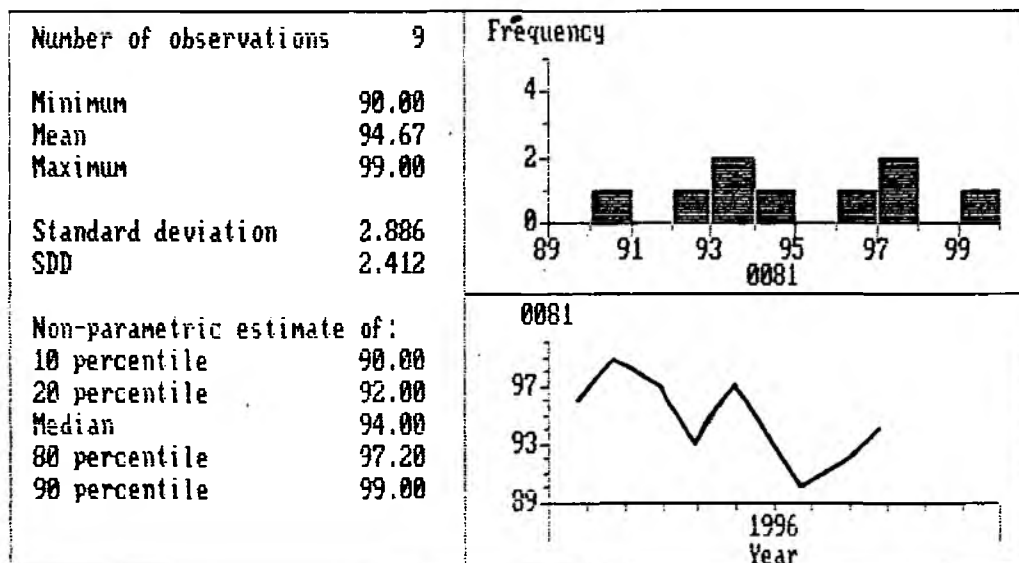


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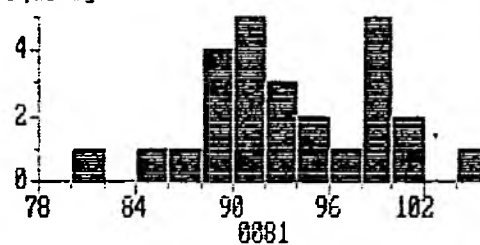
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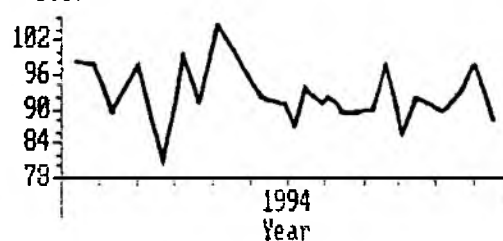
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Mean	92.85
Maximum	105.00
Standard deviation	5.519
SDD	5.895
Non-parametric estimate of:	
5 percentile	81.75
10 percentile	86.40
20 percentile	88.40
Median	92.00
80 percentile	98.00
90 percentile	100.00
95 percentile	103.25

Frequency



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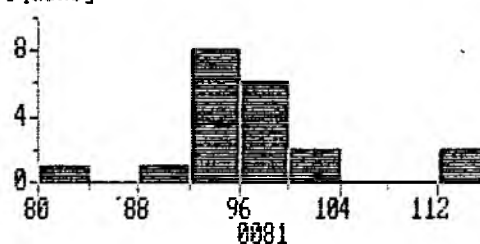
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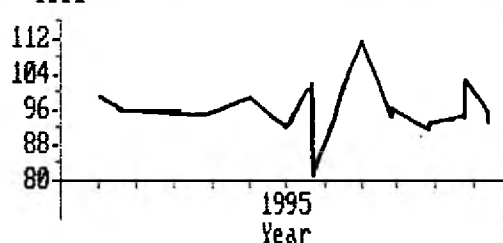
1/ 1/95 to 31/12/95

Number of observations	20
Minimum	80.2
Mean	96.7
Maximum	112.0
Standard deviation	7.04
SDD	7.76
Non-parametric estimate of:	
5 percentile	80.8
10 percentile	91.8
20 percentile	92.2
Median	95.7
80 percentile	101.4
90 percentile	111.1
95 percentile	112.0

Frequency



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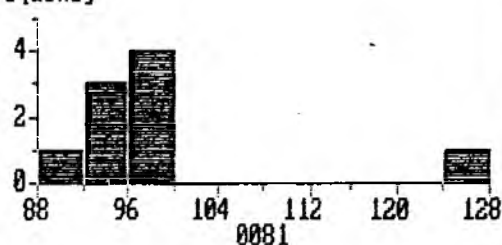
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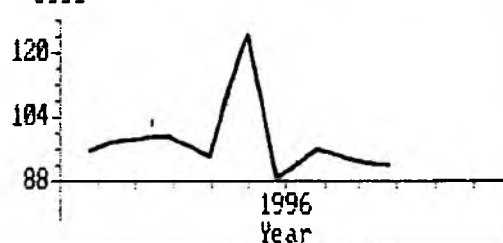
1/ 1/96 to 24/ 9/96

Number of observations	9
Minimum	89.0
Mean	98.0
Maximum	125.0
Standard deviation	10.60
SDD	12.95
Non-parametric estimate of:	
10 percentile	89.0
20 percentile	92.0
Median	96.0
80 percentile	99.0
90 percentile	125.0

Frequency



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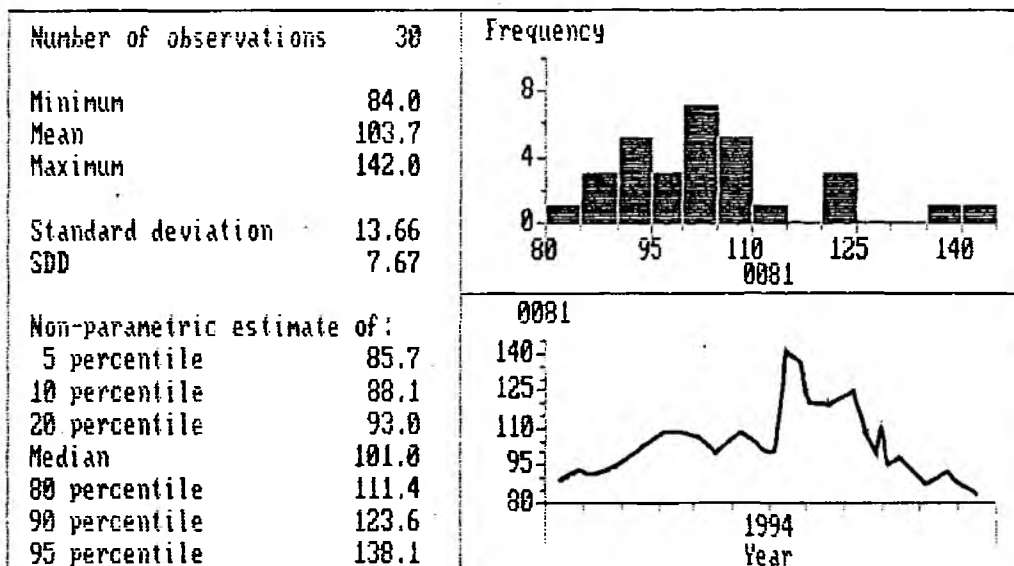


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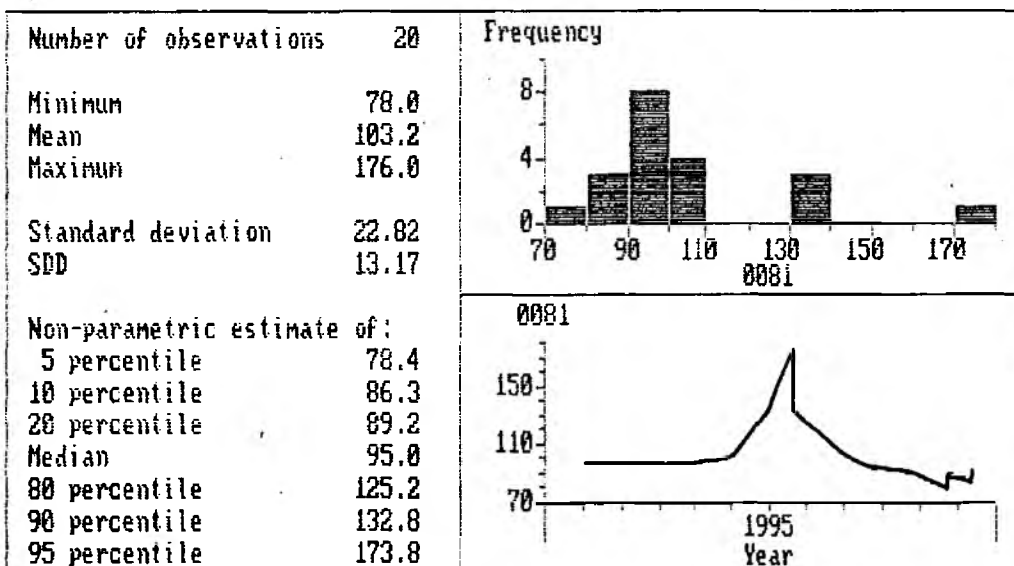


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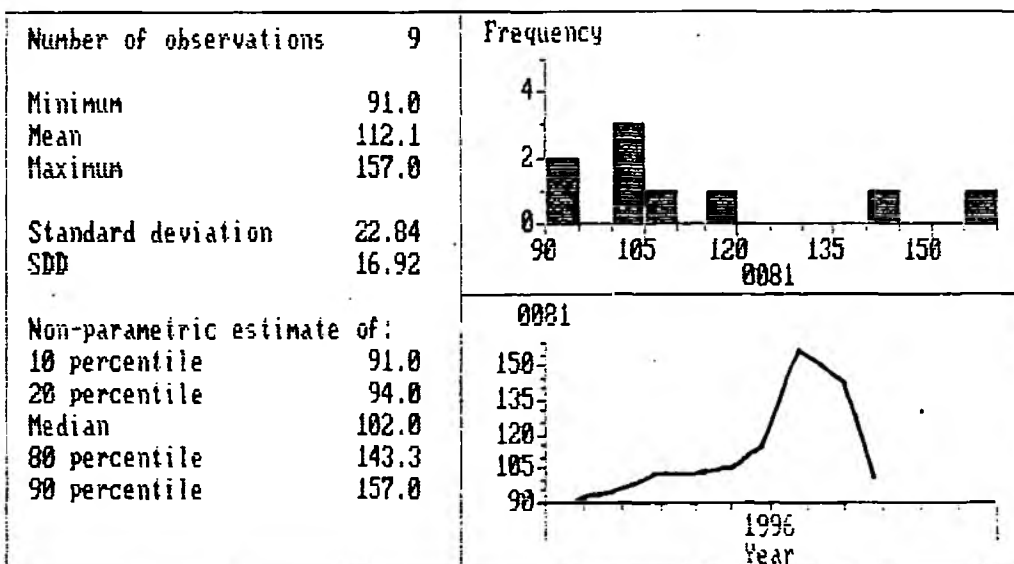


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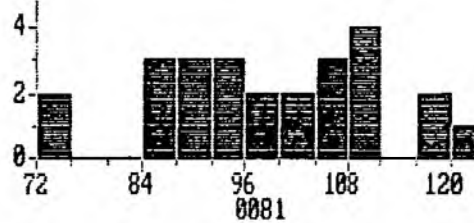
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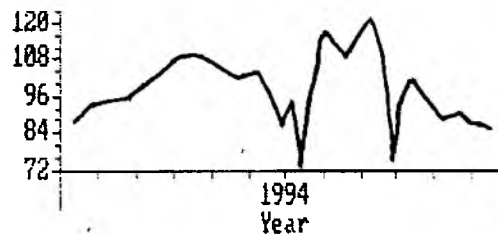
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Number of observations	25
Minimum	73.0
Mean	98.5
Maximum	122.0
Standard deviation	12.55
SDD	10.75
Non-parametric estimate of:	
5 percentile	73.6
10 percentile	81.0
20 percentile	87.2
Median	99.0
80 percentile	109.8
90 percentile	116.4
95 percentile	120.5

Frequency



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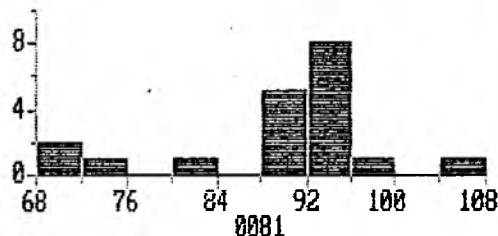
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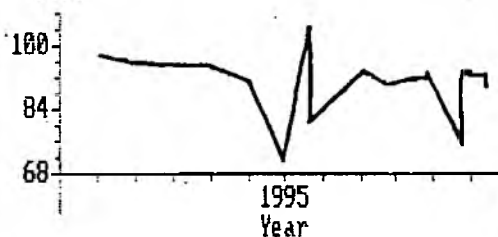
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Number of observations	19
Minimum	71.0
Mean	89.6
Maximum	105.0
Standard deviation	8.96
SDD	9.54
Non-parametric estimate of:	
5 percentile	71.0
10 percentile	71.0
20 percentile	80.5
Median	92.3
80 percentile	95.0
90 percentile	98.0
95 percentile	105.0

Frequency



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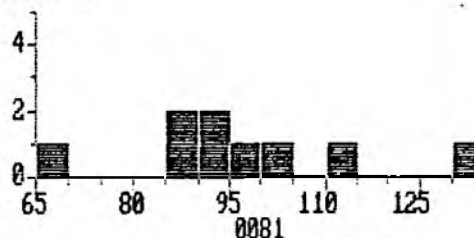
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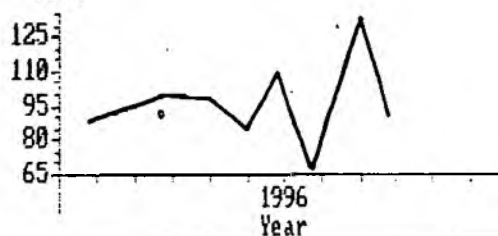
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Mean	96.0
Maximum	133.2
Standard deviation	18.49
SDD	25.65
Non-parametric estimate of:	
10 percentile	66.0
20 percentile	85.0
Median	93.0
80 percentile	110.0
90 percentile	133.2

Frequency



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R20A005

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12/ 1/94 to 31/12/94

Number of observations 26

Minimum 67.0

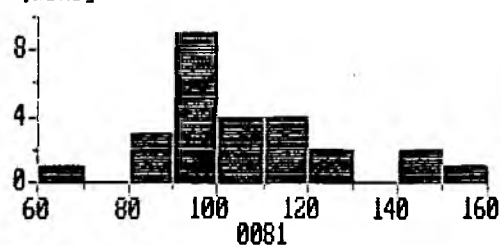
Mean 104.9

Maximum 150.0

Standard deviation 19.26

SDD 10.35

Frequency



Non-parametric estimate of:

5 percentile 73.3

10 percentile 85.0

20 percentile 92.4

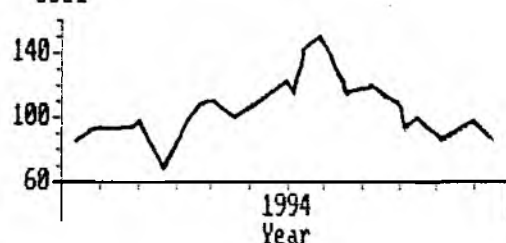
Median 99.5

80 percentile 117.2

90 percentile 142.3

95 percentile 147.6

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1/ 1/95 to 31/12/95

Number of observations 20

Minimum 9.0

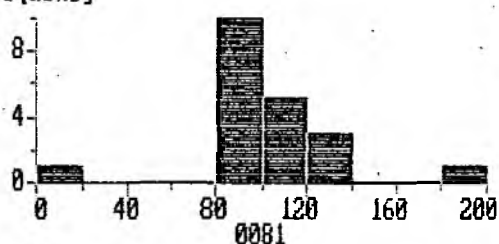
Mean 103.6

Maximum 182.0

Standard deviation 30.87

SDD 25.09

Frequency



Non-parametric estimate of:

5 percentile 13.1

10 percentile 91.2

20 percentile 94.7

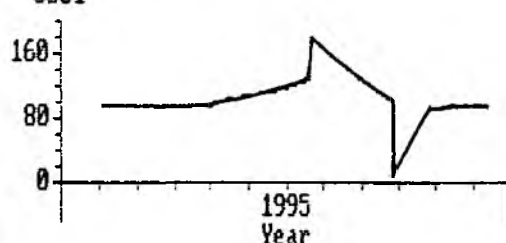
Median 97.0

80 percentile 125.8

90 percentile 130.0

95 percentile 179.4

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Number of observations 9

Minimum 91.0

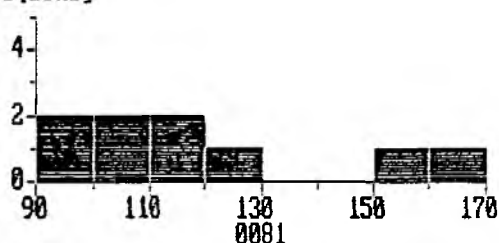
Mean 118.5

Maximum 164.0

Standard deviation 25.41

SDD 15.96

Frequency



Non-parametric estimate of:

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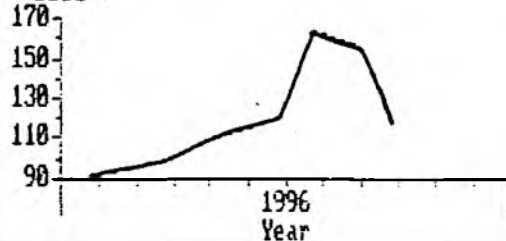
20 percentile 95.0

Median 114.8

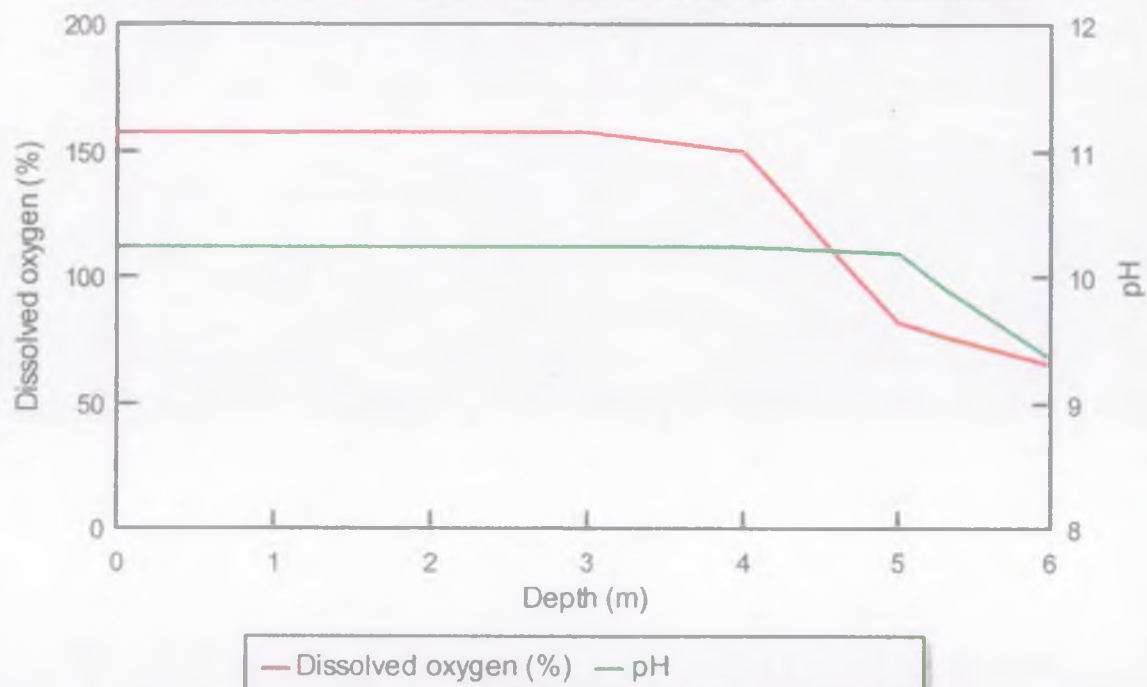
80 percentile 155.0

90 percentile 164.0

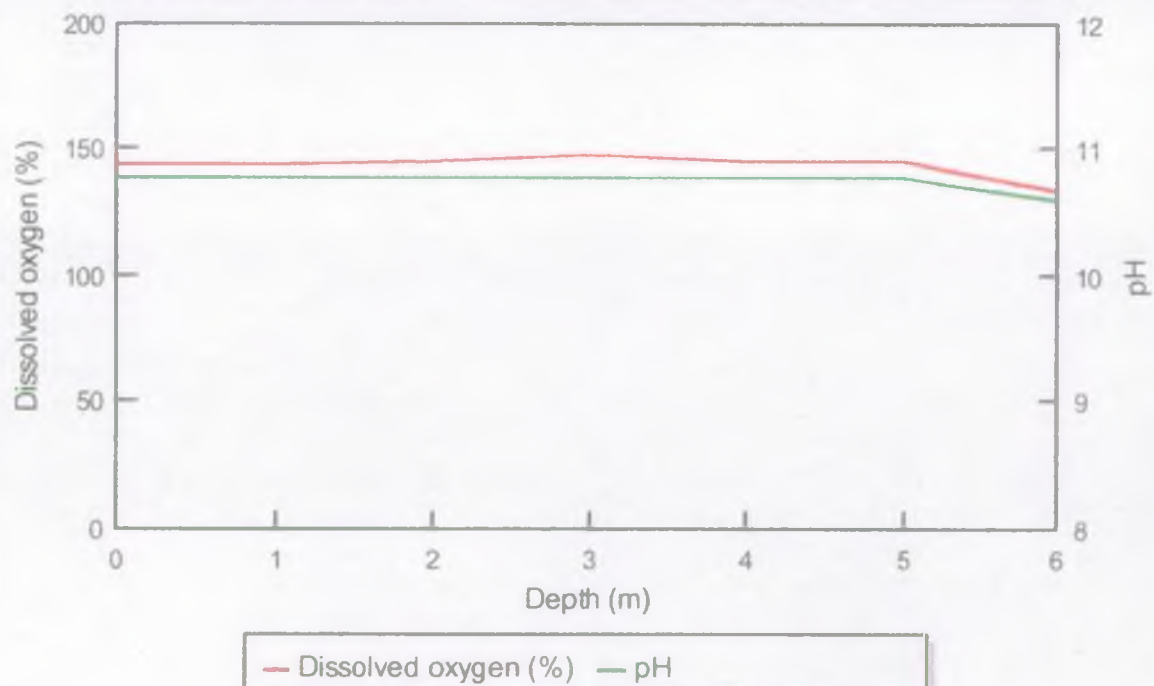
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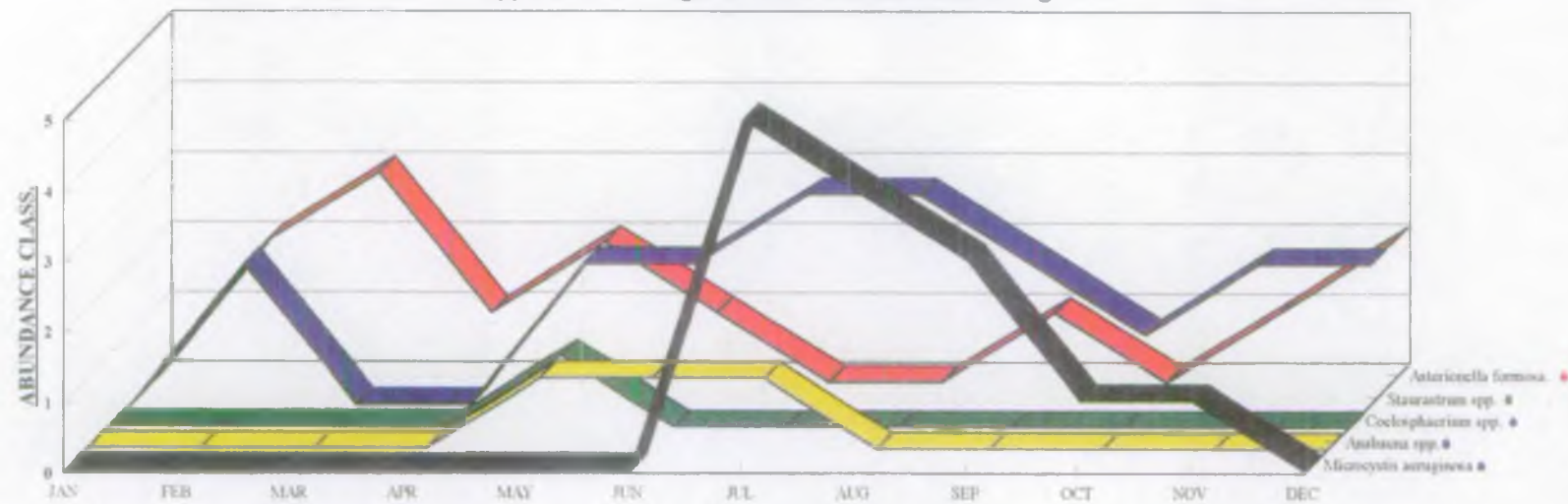
Appendix 2.8. R20A026 profile on 7 July 1996



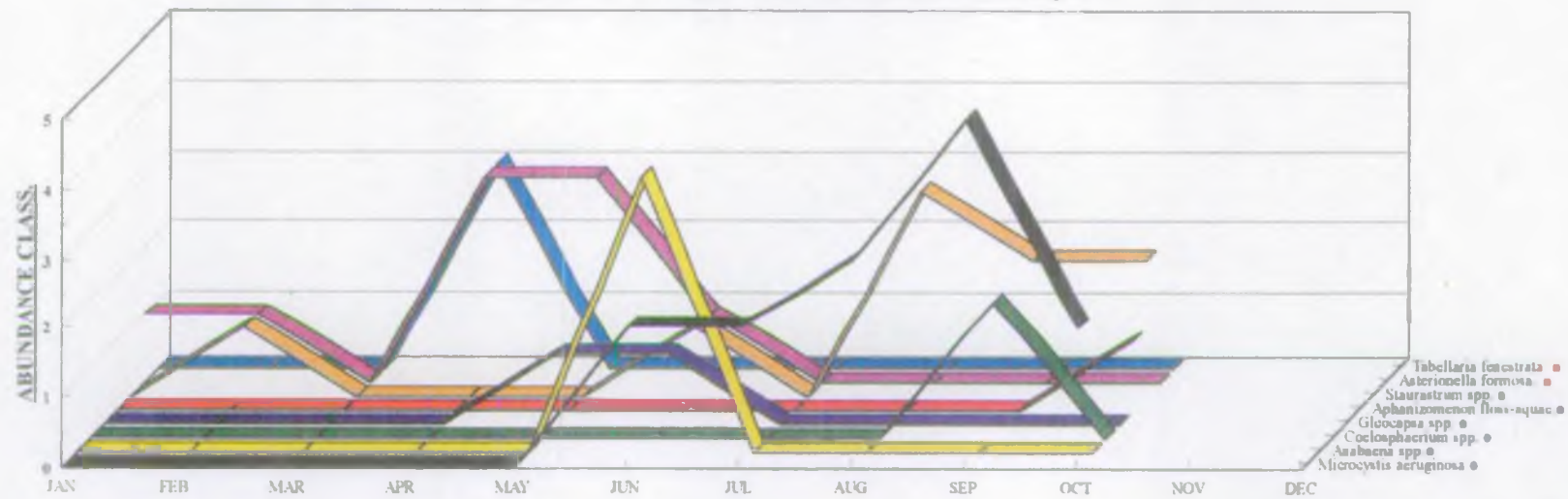
Appendix 2.9. R20A026 profile on 29 August 1996



Appendix 2.10. Algal succession at R20A026 during 1995



Appendix 2.11. Algal succession at R20A026 during 1996



Abundance class: 1) Rare 2) Occasional 3) Common 4) Abundant 5) Super abundant

Key to algal taxa :- Blue green (blue circle) Desmid (purple circle) Diatom (red circle)

Appendix 2.12. Department of the Environment criteria for eutrophication

CRITERIA FOR WATERS SUBJECT TO EUTROPHICATION

	<u>STILL FRESHWATER</u>	<u>RUNNING FRESHWATER</u>	<u>ESTUARIES/COASTAL WATERS</u>
<u>PHOSPHORUS</u>	> 50 µg/l Total Phosphorus Annual Average (Geometric mean)	> 100 µg/l Orthophosphate as annual average	
<u>NITROGEN</u>			Winter NO ₃ -N concentrations enhanced relative to background conc. for defined area, based on salinity
<u>CHLOROPHYLL 'A'</u>	> 30 µg/l Chlorophyll a peak concentration	Planktonic algae: 25 µg/l Chl a (Ann Ave) 100 µg/l Chl a (maxima)	Chlorophyll a concentration of around 10 µg/l in algal blooms.
<u>ALGAL BIOMASS/BLOOMS</u>		Excessive growth of attached algae biomass may reach several hundred g/m ²	Bloom densities of 5 x 10 ⁵ cells/l. Lasts all summer. No nutrient-limited decline.
<u>WATER CLARITY</u>	Secchi disc transparency < 3 m ann ave (Geo Mean). Due to algal biomass		
<u>WATER RETENTION TIME</u>		Sufficient time for planktonic algal multiplication (usually > 5 days)	

	<u>STILL FRESHWATER</u>	<u>RUNNING FRESHWATER</u>	<u>ESTUARIES/COASTAL WATERS</u>
<u>DISSOLVED OXYGEN</u>	Excess supersaturation of surface layers & decreased saturation in hypolimnion	Strong diurnal cycle. Daytime > 150%. Reduced night-time saturation	O ₂ concentration decreased at surface & deeper layers due to the decay of plant material.
<u>FAUNA</u>	Decreased diversity & abundance of fish & invertebrates due to nutrient enrichment	Decreased diversity & abundance of fish & invertebrates due to nutrient enrichment	Increase or decrease in benthic biomass. Shifts in species composition /mortality of benthos/fish
<u>MACROFLORA</u>	Substantial adverse change in macrophyte abundance and diversity	Substantial adverse change in macrophyte abundance & diversity.	Changes in species composition, eg loss of red algae, growth of <i>Enteromorpha</i> . Decrease in photic zone
<u>MICROFLORA</u>	Exceptional increase in biomass leading to blooms, scums, or discolouration	Exceptional increase in biomass leading to blooms, scums, or discolouration	Formation of algal scum on beaches and offshore eg from <i>Phaeocystis</i> , <i>Chaetoceros</i>
<u>PARALYTIC SHELLFISH POISONING (PSP)</u>			Extension of area and duration of natural occurrence of PSP.

Appendix 3.1. Environment Agency warning letters sent out as a result of blue-green algal blooms in 1995 and 1996

Our Ref: TR/MWM
Your Ref:

Date: 26 July 1995



*National Rivers Authority
South Western Region*

The Public Affairs Manager
The National Trust
Cornwall Regional Office
Lanhydrock
Bodmin
Cornwall

Dear Sir

TOXIC BLUE-GREEN ALGAL BLOOMS

The recent sampling of waters in your ownership by the South Western Region of the NRA has shown that the following sites have developed blue-green algae, at levels which have the potential for surface scum formation within the next two or three weeks and which may be toxic.

Experience from monitoring in 1989 and 1990 has shown that, once algal numbers are high, the bloom is likely to persist throughout the season and only decline at the onset of winter weather conditions. The NRA will not therefore be monitoring routinely at your site(s), but if you require further information on blooms or scums please contact this office. For advice on health matters you should contact your local Environmental Health Officer. The sample was taken from the edge of the lake on the down-wind side where the algae are at their highest concentrations.

THIS SAMPLE IS NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF CONDITIONS IN THE WHOLE WATERBODY AND IS LIKELY TO GIVE THE WORST CASE SCENARIO ONLY

You are recommended to make regular inspections of these waters to check for evidence of scum formation.

SITE	DATE SAMPLED	ALGAL GENUS IN ABUNDANCE
Loe Pool, Helston	24.07.95	Microcystis aeruginosa

Such algae occur naturally and during spells of warm weather can multiply sufficiently to discolour the water such that it appears green, blue-green, or greenish-brown. During calm weather the algae can rise to the surface to form a scum which may look like blue-green paint, or jelly, and may form flocks. The scum can be blown around the surface of the water and may this appear at different places at different times. It may disappear and reappear quickly, and accumulate on the shoreline.

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Mrs Katharine Bryon, Regional General Manager

Our Ref: KI/PL
Your Ref:



ENVIRONMENT
AGENCY

Date: 27 June 1996

The Public Affairs Manager
The National Trust
Cornwall Regional Office
Lanhydrock
Bodmin
Cornwall

Dear Sir/Madam

TOXIC BLUE-GREEN ALGAL BLOOMS

The recent sampling of waters in your ownership by the South West Region of the Environment Agency has shown that the following site(s) have developed blue-green algae, at levels which have the potential for surface scum formation within the next two or three weeks and which may be toxic.

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SITE	DATE	ALGAL SPECIES IN ABUNDANCE
Loe Pool, Helston	24-06-96	Anabaena flos-aquae

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Appendix 3.2. Pollution report on 21 July 1995

Details for Incident number : F62016255 Date : 21/07/95 Time : 1600

How Received TELEPHONE
 Received By RECEPTION
 Investigating Officer PORTLOCK L
 Reported By NRA Tel.
 Address TOLGUS
 Reported Incident BLANKET WEED ON LOE POOL MAKING WORKMEN DIZZY

Source Name LOE POOL NATURAL
 Address
 Catchment COBER & LOOE POOL
 Parish SENNEN
 NGR SW 6430 2430 Samples Taken YES

Primary Incident Code ZX OTHER
 D WEATHER
 9 NATURAL EVENT
 4Q CHINA CLAY

FRESHWATER INCIDENT FURTHER DETAILS

Reference No. F62016255 Date : 21/07/95 Time : 1600

Estimated Volume (m-3)		Estimated Flow Rate (m-3)	
Potable supply affected	NO	Number of Salmonids killed	
Industrial supply affected	NO	Number of Cyprinids killed	
Agricultural supply affected	NO	Number of Eels killed	
Groundwater affected	NO	Other Fish Species killed	N
Tidal Water affected	NO	Fisheries affected	YE
Amenity/Conservation affected	YES	Aquatic Life affected	N
River Qual. seriously affected	NO	River Length affected (km)	2.0

(UNK = Unkno

Closure Details :- Time 1030 Date 24/07/95
 Action Taken VERBAL WARNING AND REMEDY TO PROBLEM
 Closing Officer PORTLOCK L ASSISTANT POLLUTION INSPECTOR (TRURO)

Enter 'Q' - Quit, 'P' Previous Screen or Incident number { }
 TYPE ONLINE READY

Appendix 3.3. Letter from Head and Head Veterinary Surgeons on dog deaths

Environment Agency,
Sir John Moore House,
Victoria Square,
Bodmin PL31 1GB.

**HEAD
AND
HEAD**
Veterinary Surgeons

20.2.97

Dear Mr Geddes,

Further to our conversation on the phone I can confirm that we have seen cases in our surgery of dogs that have died from acute haemorrhagic gastroenteritis subsequent to swimming in Looe Pool.

These incidents are usually associated with periods of hot weather and we have assumed that there has been a link with the presence of Blue Green Algae although this has never been scientifically proved.

Our experiences have led us to advise owners not to let their pets have access to the pool at any time of year since many of cases of gastroenteritis and malaise can be linked to immersion in Looe pool.

I hope this information is of use to you - if we encounter any fresh cases I will try to give you more specific details.

Yours Sincerely

H. Anthony Ross

H. ANTHONY ROSS BVMS, MRCVS.

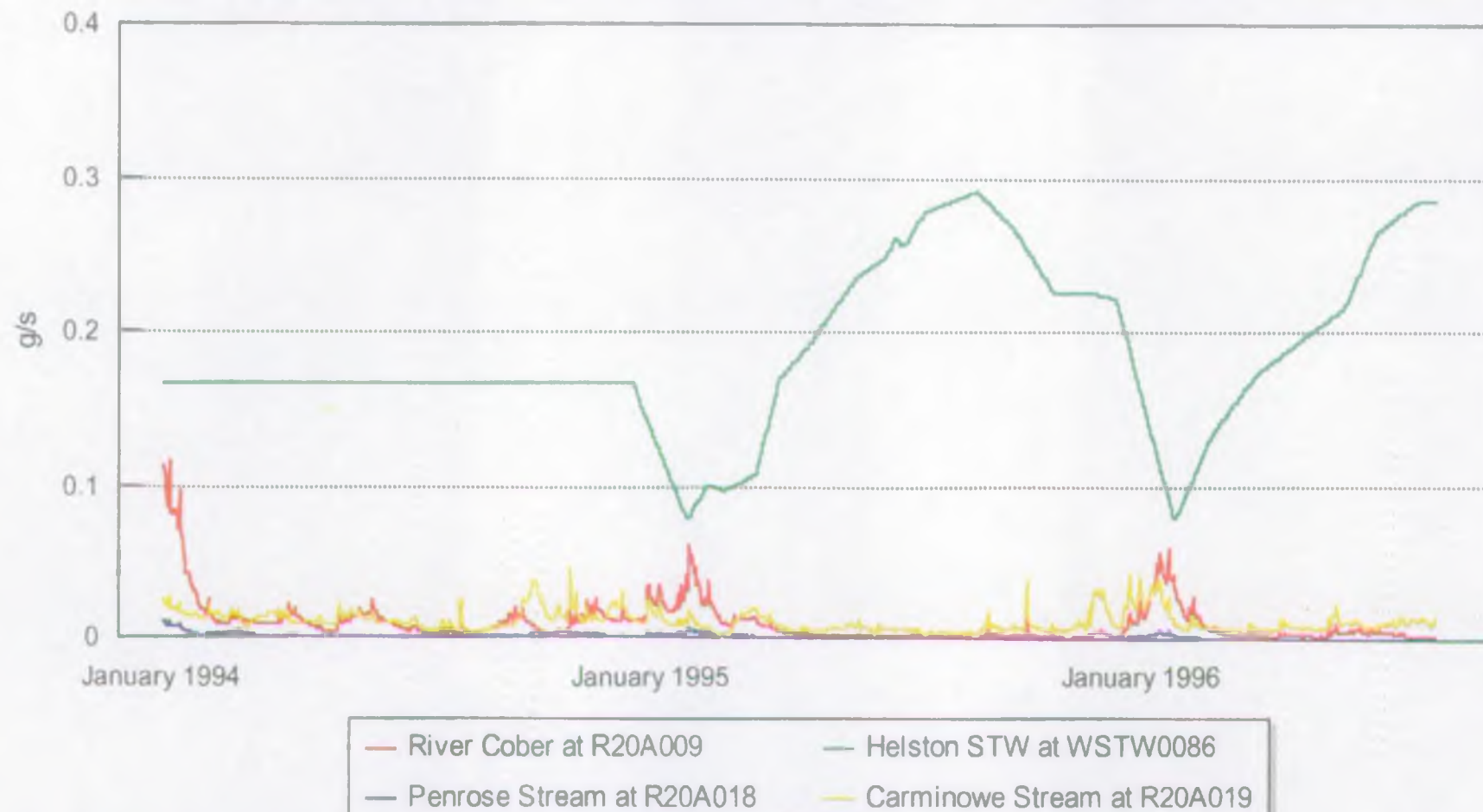
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VETERINARY CENTRE

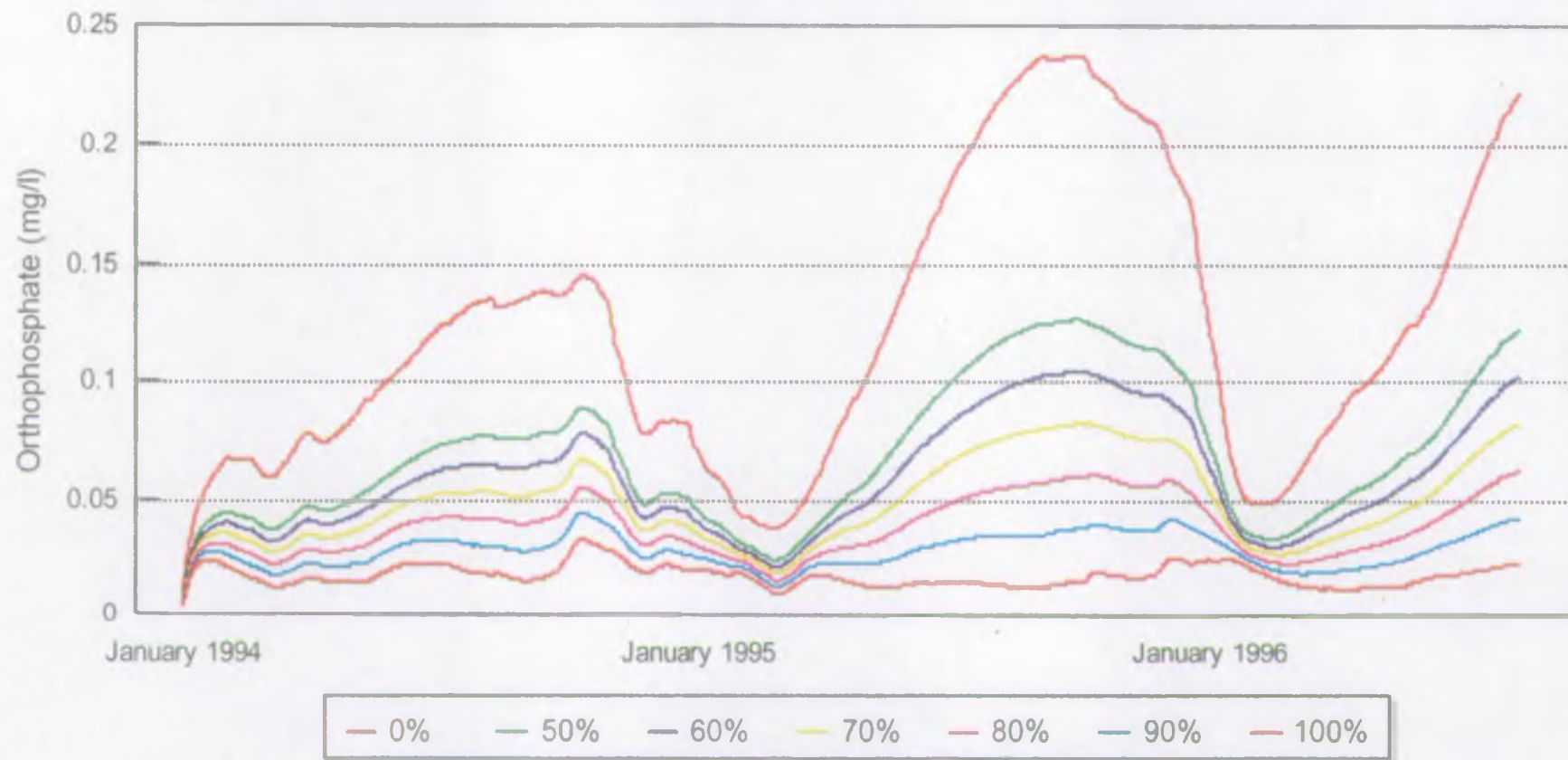
Water-Ma-Trust
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JCS Head & Vet Med, MRCVS.
MA Ross BVMS, MRCVS.
DS Cramsey BSc, BVMS, MRCVS.

Appendix 4.1. Orthophosphate loadings to Loe Pool



Appendix 4.2. Effect of orthophosphate removal at Helston STW on predicted orthophosphate concentrations in Loe Pool at R20A026



Orthophosphate reduction at Helston STW

Appendix 5.1. *Microcystis aeruginosa* blooms in Loe Pool during 1996

