Several authors found that a single stock of Patagonian squid exists around Falkland Islands and that there are no genetic differences between spawning cohorts (e.g. Carvalho and Pitcher, 1989; Vega et al., 2001; Shaw et al., 2004). However, there are two fishing seasons related with two spawning cohorts – autumn-spawning cohort (ASC) and the spring-spawning cohort – that are subject to different oceanographic conditions, show distinct dynamics, are assessed and managed separately (Arkhipkin et al., 2007; FIG, 2013) and were thus here considered. Both national and international fleets operate within the Falkland Interim Conservation and Management Zone (FICZ) and Falkland Islands Outer Conservation Zone (FOCZ) and the existence of a distinct stock out of FICZ is referred by Casey et al. (2013) but further research is needed. Besides, Arkhipkin et al. (2003) consider that the life cycle of Patagonian squid is completed within FICZ. The map below regards an approximate distribution of both spawning stocks on the eastern-southern area of Falkland Islands.

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