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- First study on the demersal fish community structure of the inner shelf of Suriname
- A spatial shift from a *coastal* to an *offshore* species assemblage around the 30 m isobath
- Demersal fish distribution related to sediment characteristics and *Xiphopenaeus kroyeri* density
- The estuarine-like nearshore waters have a nursery function for demersal fish

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