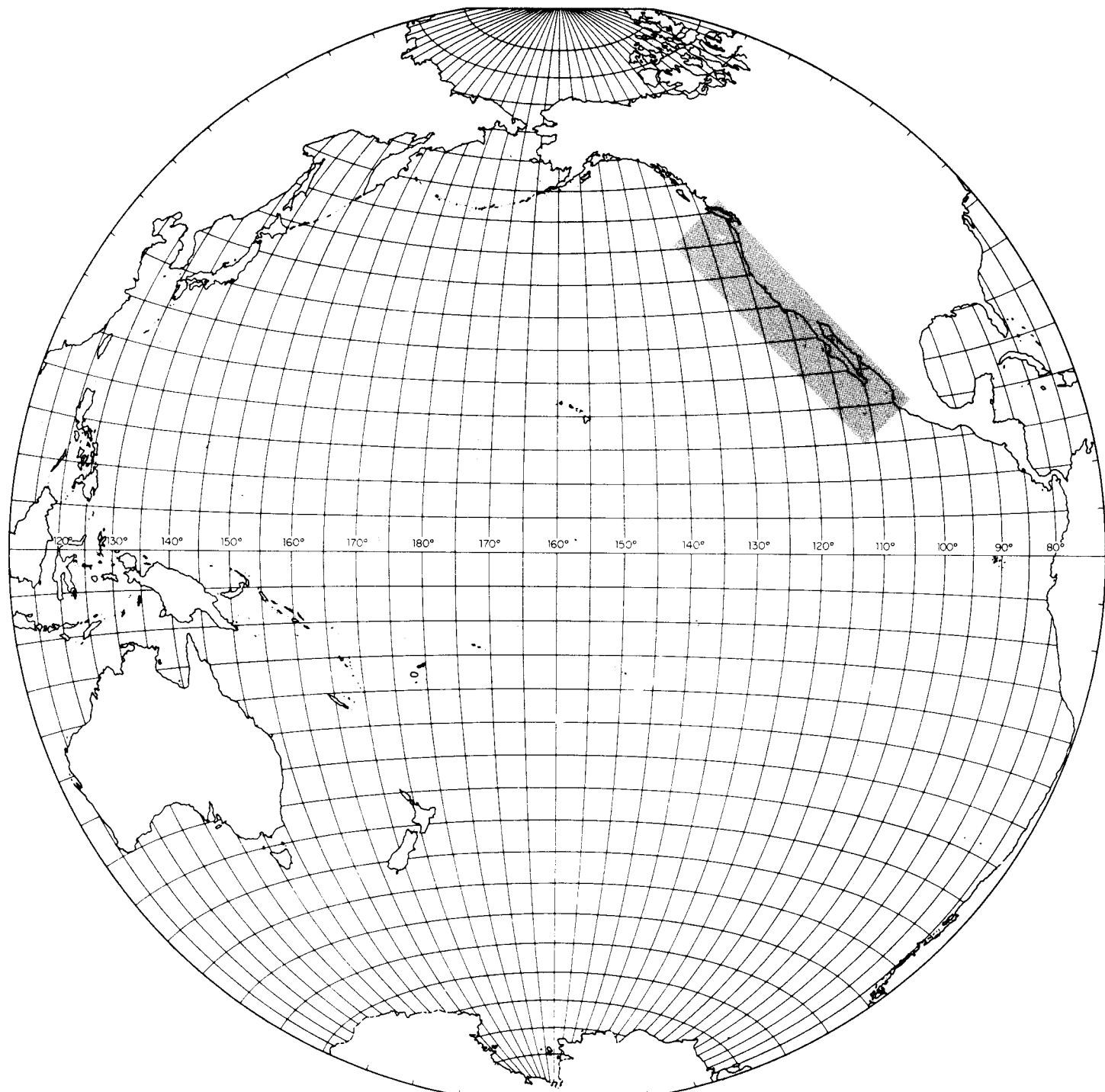
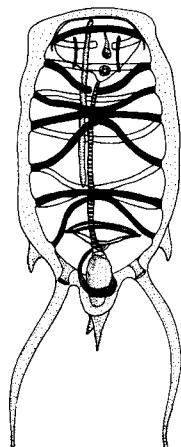


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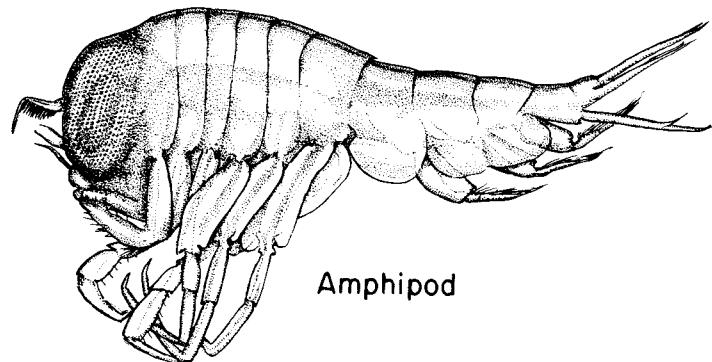


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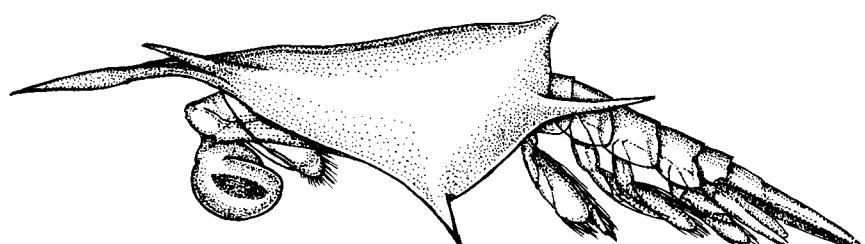
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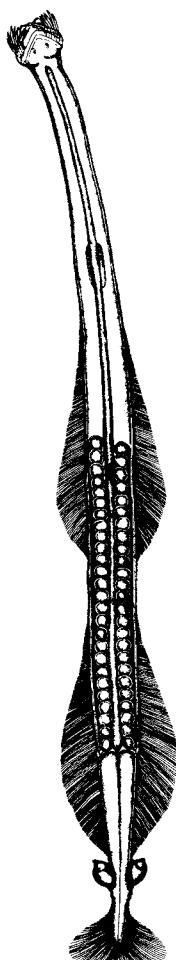
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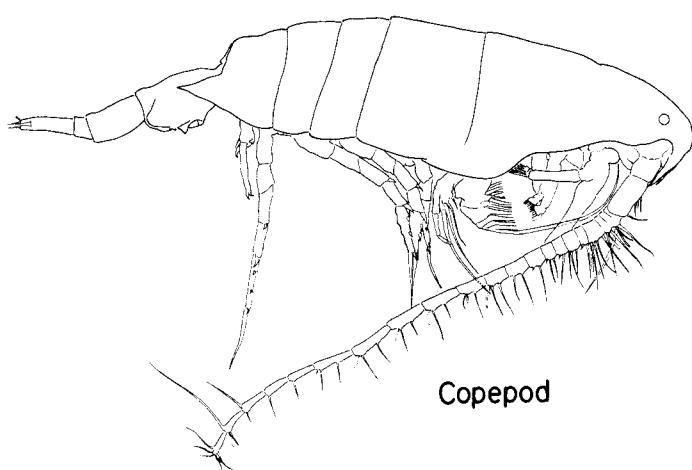
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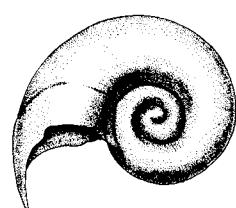
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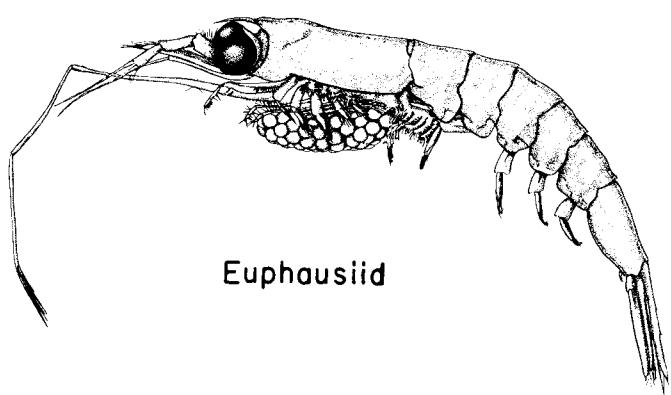
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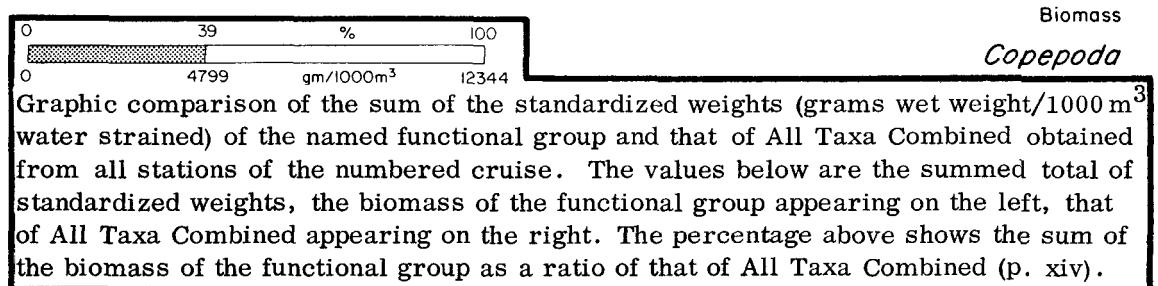
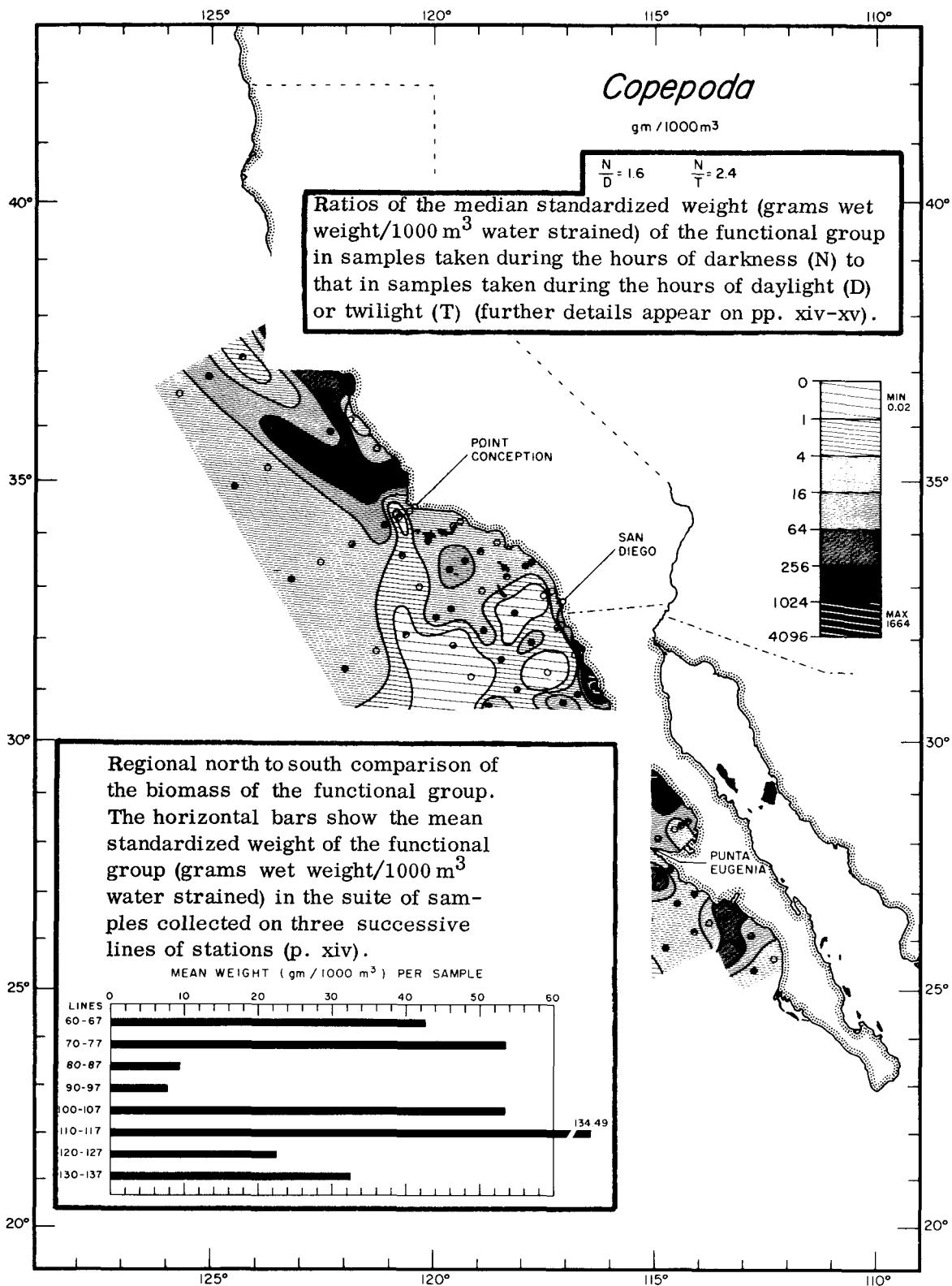
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## Introduction

Beginning in 1949, the California Cooperative Oceanic Fisheries Investigations (CalCOFI) program has systematically monitored a variety of oceanographic features across the California Current region. Standardized measurements and collections of physical, chemical and biological components are taken from a network of stations. The stations are usually spaced at 40-mile intervals between 25°N and 38°N and extend seaward to several hundred miles off the Pacific coast of North America (Chart 1). The California Current region, distinguished by upwelling and relatively high productivity, comprises the eastern boundary current of the north Pacific Ocean.

The CalCOFI Zooplankton Collection with more than 30,000 standard samples has already served a large number of specialized studies concerned with distribution and abundance of organisms among the epipelagic fauna of the region. For example, data in CalCOFI Atlases 2, 3 and 5 through 9 confirm the eastern features of the biogeographical patterns proposed for the mixed layers of the north Pacific Ocean (recently reviewed by Beklemishev, 1967). The CalCOFI data illustrate the relatively stable relationships among these features as well as their seasonal latitudinal displacement. In addition to seasonal variation, striking distributional changes have also occurred between periods of several years duration (Ahlstrom, 1960; Balech, 1960; Berner, 1960; \_\_\_\_\_ and Reid, 1961; Brinton, 1960; Radovich, 1960). These fluctuations will be better understood in the course of relating hydrographic, meteorological and biological measurements regularly made during the CalCOFI study.

Displacement volumes of the CalCOFI plankton collections are routinely measured by a standard procedure. Such data for the cruises between 1949 and 1960 have been published in the Special Scientific Report series of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Nos. 73, 100, 125, 132, 161, 177, 188, 232, 326, 374, 414, 581). Displacement volumes afford a rapid estimate of the standing crop of plankton at minimal cost. However, without qualification as to contents, their contribution to an understanding of the region's ecosystem is limited.

Quantitative estimates of phylogenetically different groups may provide an estimate of nutritive quality of the standing crop as well as an index of trophodynamic complexity in the region. Biomass estimates made species by species, however, are a practical impossibility for large collections. A simpler procedure would be to group together species of higher taxonomic categories since it is probable that the components of such categories occupy similar or overlapping trophic levels. Species within a category would tend to be like each other in morphology, nutrient storage and size, and therefore similar in terms of nutrient quality relative to other categories. For example, chaetognaths are primarily metazoan carnivores, salps are fine-screen filterfeeders and epilanktonic copepods range from coarser screen filterfeeders to obligate secondary consumers. These three taxonomically high-ranking groups not only occupy somewhat different positions in the trophic spectrum

but are quite different from one another with respect to body proportions, size range of adults, proportion of water in body weight and presumably mechanisms of defense against predation. In general, therefore, taxonomic categories may also be viewed ecologically and nutritionally as "functional groups."

The number of functional groups to be employed in analyzing the distribution of biomass in a set of samples must of necessity be determined by the optimum desired resolution versus the limitations of the laboratory. In the present study, zooplankton biomass is being measured in terms of 17 functional groups (Table 1). The wet weight of each functional group corrected for interstitial water is estimated in every sample. All of the standard zooplankton collections from 20 CalCOFI cruises, namely, mid-spring, mid-summer, mid-fall and mid-winter cruises from the years 1955 through 1959, are analyzed in this manner. This atlas presents contoured biomass distributions of the 17 functional groups found in the mid-spring and mid-fall sets of samples.

#### Materials and Methods

Selection of the years 1955 through 1959 for analysis of biomass distribution was dictated by interest in the occurrence and nature of patterns of seasonal and annual variability among the functional groups of zooplankton. During this time, yearly mean temperatures above the thermocline shifted upward from the relatively cold years of 1955 and 1956 to the relatively warm years of 1958 and 1959. These changes in the California Current region are well documented (Anon., 1963), and broader ramifications as experienced in other areas within the north Pacific were discussed in a CalCOFI-sponsored symposium entitled "The Changing Pacific Ocean in 1957 and 1958," (Sette and Isaacs, Eds., 1960).

In the present atlas, spring is represented by the April cruises and fall by the October cruises of 1955 through 1959 (Table 2). Similar analyses of the summer and winter seasons, now in preparation, are scheduled to appear in a future CalCOFI atlas. The net and the procedures employed in obtaining CalCOFI plankton samples have already been described at length several times (e.g., Ahlstrom, 1948, 1952, 1954; Fleminger, 1964). Suffice it to say that the net is 1 meter in diameter at the mouth and about 5 meters long, the conical straining section having a mesh size of approximately 0.5 mm. The net, towed obliquely from a ship underway at about 2 knots, makes a traverse from the surface to 140 meters and return, requiring about 14.5 minutes and usually straining 400 to 600 cubic meters of sea water.

Analysis of samples for this atlas has been carried out by the Biomass Laboratory, a team established for this purpose within the Marine Life Research Group at Scripps Institution of Oceanography. This laboratory is regularly staffed by a small number of technically trained personnel and also employs temporary and part-time employees recruited from among the student body of the University of California

at San Diego. Newcomers undergo a training phase followed by a prolonged apprenticeship. During this trial period their work is closely scrutinized and must satisfactorily meet a number of quality control tests before their analyses of samples are included among the laboratory's data output. Plankton specialists at Scripps Institution participated with the laboratory supervisor, Mr. Julian K. Miller, in training the initial cadre of the Biomass Laboratory and subsequent recruits have been trained and tested by the Laboratory's senior personnel. The usual quality

TABLE 1. Number of epiplanktonic species in CalCOFI region.

Functional Group <sup>1/</sup>	Approximate number of species found in regions between the surface and 140 meters depth; source of estimate.
Amphipoda	≥ 41 (Bowman, 1953)
Chaetognatha	24 (Alvariño, 1965)
Cladocera	5 (Baker, 1938; Strickland, et. al., 1968)
Copepoda	≥ 235 (Esterly, 1905; Olson, 1949; Fleminger, 1967)
Crustacean larvae	No estimate available
Ctenophora	≥ 4 (Torrey, 1904)
Decapoda	No estimate available
Euphausiacea	28 (Brinton, 1967a)
Heteropoda	13 (McGowan, 1967)
Larvacea	26 (Tokioka, 1960)
Medusae	24 (Alvariño, in press)
Mysidacea	≥ 14 (Banner, 1948; Tattersall, 1951; W. D. Clarke, pers. comm., 1969)
Ostracoda	≥ 16 (Juday, 1906; C. Miller, pers. comm., 1969)
Pteropoda	29 (McGowan, 1967)
Radiolaria, Tripylea <sup>2/</sup>	≥ 20 (Kling, 1966; P. B. Helms and E. D. Milow, pers. comm., 1969) <sup>2/</sup>
Thaliacea	≥ 23 (Berner, 1967)
Siphonophora	44 (Alvariño, in press)
All Taxa Combined	≥ 546

<sup>1/</sup>Fish eggs, fish larvae and squid are regularly removed from CalCOFI plankton samples by the La Jolla Laboratory, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and are being reported elsewhere. Within the functional group "Decapoda" we have included for convenience galatheid crabs, holoplanktonic Natantia, planktonic juveniles of other Natantia and planktonic juveniles of stomatopods (Hoplcarida). Our functional group "Crustacean larvae" is comprised of the pelagic larvae of Brachyura and Anomura without the galatheids. Other identifiable larvae, crustacean or otherwise, are included within their respective functional groups. In general the forms included herein are those large enough to be retained regularly by 0.5 mm mesh.

<sup>2/</sup>Radiolarian counts usually do not include the acantharians, often poorly preserved, and the much smaller-sized polycystins; adding the latter two groups brings the number of radiolarian species in the California Current region to about 200 (R. Casey, pers. comm., 1969).

control test consists of re-submitting selected samples already analyzed but disguised by substituting a false label for the original one. Re-analysis is performed by either the same worker or some other member of the laboratory. Selection of the operator, the sample and the frequency of the test is random unless deviations from the standards are excessive. Variation of less than  $\pm 5\%$  is regarded as an acceptable performance. The reliability of data produced in this laboratory has been tested independently by Professor E. W. Fager of Scripps Institution, who has kindly provided a summary of results in Appendix I. <sup>3/</sup>

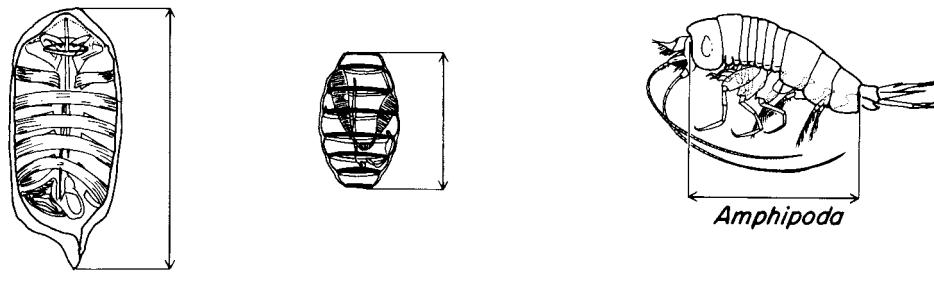
TABLE 2. CalCOFI zooplankton samples selected for analysis of spring and fall conditions. The first two digits of the cruise number represent the year, the last two, the month of a cruise.

Cruise	Number of samples
Spring	
5504	125
5604	178
5704	208
5804	271
5904	<u>251</u>
	1033
Fall	
5510	108
5610	42
5710	142
5810	250
5910	<u>222</u>
	764

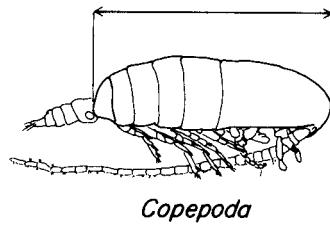
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The operator analyzing the sample seeks to obtain a representative wet weight, less interstitial water, standardized to grams per  $1000 \text{ m}^3$  of sea water, for each functional group present in the sample. These weights comprise an estimate of standing crop occurring between the surface and about 140 m depth. Weight has been determined indirectly by means of a standardized length, as described below.

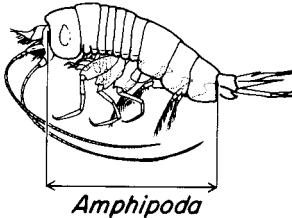
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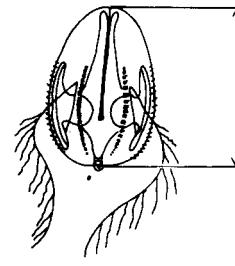
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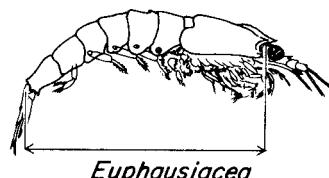
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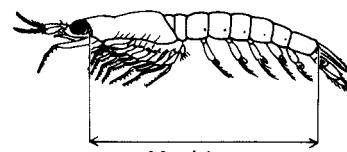
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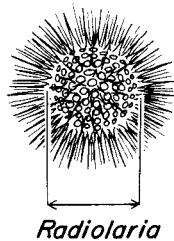
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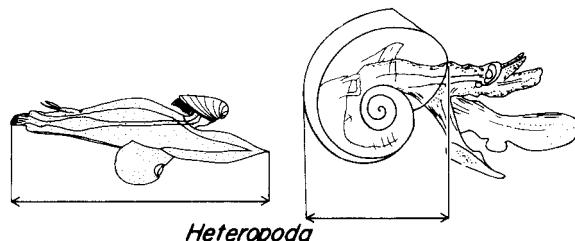
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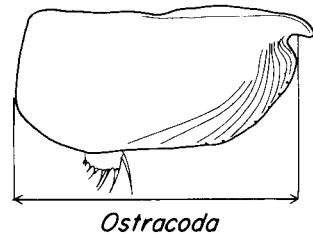


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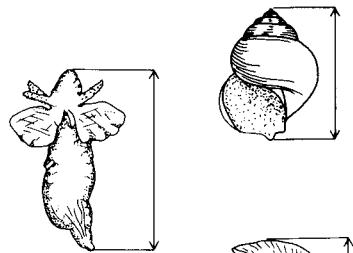


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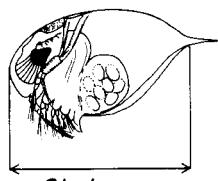
Figure 1. Standard lengths used in this study. The measurements delimited by arrows are taken with the aid of an ocular micrometer at 7X magnification.



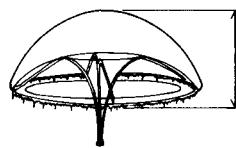
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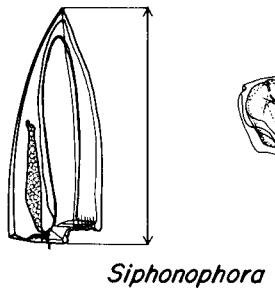
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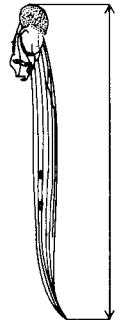
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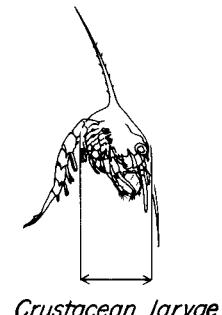
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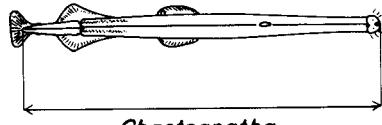
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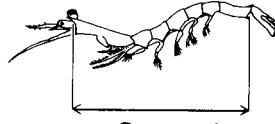
*Larvacea*



*Crustacean larvae*



*Chaetognatha*



*Decapoda*

Figure 1, cont. Tables showing the relationship of standard length to weight among zooplankton from the California Current region appear in Appendix 2.

In practice, analysis begins with displacement volumes following the method of Ahlstrom and Threlkill (1963) taken before and after removal of "large jellies" (thaliaceans, cnidarians, heteropods). Large jellies are also sorted into their respective functional groups and weight is estimated directly with the aid of an analytical balance. The biomass of the other functional groups is determined from an aliquot ranging in size from 1/2 to 1/32, depending upon the volume of the sample after removal of the large jellies. As a rule the size of the aliquot examined is at least 1 cc in displacement volume. Its adequacy is judged by comparison with the displacement volume of the total sample as described below. The aliquot is obtained with the aid of a Folsom splitter (McEwen, Johnson and Folsom, 1954).

The aliquot is poured into a square transparent dish of plexiglass 20 by 20 cm whose chamber is partitioned into seven equal subchambers by six equidistant parallel ridges. The contents are examined with the aid of a stereomicroscope at 7X magnification. One of the oculars is fitted with a ruled ocular disc bearing 100 equally spaced divisions (1 division = 0.167 mm at 7X magnification) that is used to estimate the length of each specimen. Standard length measurements for conversion to weight (conversion tables are presented in Appendix II) are made to the nearest division. The specimens are tallied in size classes which vary somewhat depending on the overall size range of the functional group. The points of reference for taking a standard length in each functional group are shown in Figure 1. Where practical, bent specimens are straightened and, based on experience, allowances are made for slight to moderate distortions. Grossly distorted specimens are removed and weighed on a balance. To eliminate the effect of interstitial water the standard weight is corrected by reducing it to two thirds of the gross weight (Ahlstrom and Threlkill, 1963). This correction for interstitial water has been incorporated in the length-weight conversion tables of Appendix II. Weights are also taken directly of functional groups dominated by a single growth stage or a species that is morphometrically atypical with respect to its functional group. The conversion tables are based upon typical samples in which each functional group consists of a heterogeneous mixture of species and growth stages.

The estimated weights of all functional groups within a sample are summed, and to be acceptable, must be within 10% of the normalized weight based upon displacement volume of the total sample. Use of the displacement volume to estimate weight is predicated upon the relationship of volume and weight in stabilized preserved samples, as determined by Ahlstrom and Threlkill (1963).

#### Presentation of Data

In general, practices established in earlier atlases of this series have been followed. The results of each cruise is shown separately by functional group and plotted on standard charts. We have departed from previous contouring practices by using contour intervals based upon a power of 4. The change from our usual power

of 10 was dictated by (1) the range of biomass values extending below as well as above unity, (2) the desirability of having the value, one gram (i.e., one part organism in  $10^9$  parts sea water) coincide with a contour line, (3) the need for a system of interpolable logarithmic contours and (4) the range (0.5 to 2 times) of the 95% confidence limits of any single estimate with respect to variability from laboratory procedures employed in sample analysis (see Appendix I).

The biomass estimates are expressed in terms of grams wet weight per  $1000 \text{ m}^3$  of sea water strained (corrected for interstitial water) per functional group. Contour intervals are factors of 4 and contour lines coincide with a sequence of values as follows: 0.016, 0.062, 0.25, 1, 4, 16 and 64. The contour intervals increase exponentially and the contours are defined by the equation:

$$C_n = KB^{an}$$

where

$C_n$  is the value of a contour for a value of the exponent  $n$ ,

$B$  is the base,

$K$  is a constant,

$a$  is constant, and

$n$  is a variable with integer values.

As employed here,  $K = 1$ ,  $B = 4$ ,  $a = 1$ , and  $n = -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3$ , etc. The system permits indefinite extension above and below unity. Interpolation or extrapolation into a finer or coarser series of logarithmic intervals can be readily accommodated.

No more than seven contour intervals are shown per chart and seven grades of shading are applied in the same sequence of increasing abundance. The sequence of seven values within the exponential series used on a specific chart is the one that best fits the range of abundance estimates shown by a functional group in a specific cruise. The highest and the lowest estimates of biomass (greater than zero) are shown in Arabic numerals to the right alongside the index of contour interval shadings in the chart legend. The charts have been arranged by functional groups which follow an alphabetical sequence, the sum total of the functional groups appearing first under the heading "All Taxa Combined." Within each category the charts are arranged by season, each seasonal set of five cruises following in chronological order.

In addition to the contoured estimates of biomass overlying the station plan, each chart presents two graphic summaries pertaining to the abundance of the functional group. Latitudinal distribution of biomass is estimated in terms of the mean weight per station in each set of three successive lines of stations. This is shown as a histogram to the left of the distribution. The proportion of the functional group to the category All Taxa Combined, i.e., the total zooplankton biomass per cruise less fish eggs, fish larvae and squid is shown in actual values and in percentage in a bar diagram located in the lower left margin of the chart.

#### Zooplankton Abundance and Diurnal Vertical Migration

CalCOFI monitoring cruises usually survey large areas exceeding 200,000 square miles and occupy 200 or more stations during a 30 to 40-day period. The severe time limitations imposed upon the sampling program do not permit the sampling of zooplankton with regard to time of day, intensity and quality of light striking the sea surface or water transparency. It is well known that samples of zooplankton from the mixed layer vary appreciably in both quality and quantity when collected under similar conditions but at different times within a 24-hour cycle (King and Demond, 1953; King and Hida, 1954, 1957a, b). Not only is this phenomenon known to prevail in the California Current region (e.g., Kramer, 1963), but Brinton (1962, 1967) has shown that species of euphausiids may vary in abundance by an order of magnitude or more in replicate samples differing primarily in the hour of collection.

Seasonal influences on biotic and abiotic factors, extent of cloud cover, moon phase, water transparency, etc., may influence in part the abundance and quality of day and night samples of zooplankton. At present, however, the level of understanding of horizontal and vertical distribution in local waters is inadequate to standardize abundance and quality of samples taken at different times within a 24-hour cycle.

Some of the functional groups considered here failed to show consistent day-night differences. Moreover, among the highly diverse groups such as copepods some taxa do not ordinarily migrate below the sampling level (e.g., Clausocalanus, most candaciids, pontellids), others may virtually disappear from the uppermost 140 meters in daylight (e.g., Pleuromamma, Undeuchaeta) while still others may be predominantly epipelagic in one portion of the region and mesopelagic when present elsewhere (e.g., Calanus, Eucalanus, Rhincalanus).

We have provided three visual aids to assist in recognizing possible artifacts in a distribution introduced by time of sampling. Each station symbol shows whether the sample was obtained during the hours of daylight, twilight (sunrise or sunset) or night. Twilight is used here to denote a period of time extending one-and-one-half hours before and one-and-one-half hours after local sunrise or local sunset. The terms day and night are restricted to the hours between the two twilight periods.

Ratios of the median values of night (N), twilight (T) and day (D) catches are shown in the chart legend as N/D and N/T. When these ratios are close to unity it is assumed that the contour intervals absorb much if not all of the variability due to time of sampling. The relationship between these ratios and the distribution of day, twilight and night values for a few typical examples is shown in Figure 2.

The less abundant functional groups were frequently absent from one-half or more of the total number of observations per cruise. In these instances, N/D and N/T ratios were estimated graphically. Abundance was ranked by cruise and rank was plotted against abundance. To normalize differences in the number of observations between time periods under comparison, the linear distance between units along the scale of ranks for the set of fewer observations was adjusted to match the distance required for the ranks of the set with the higher number of observations. If the two resulting curves are roughly parallel the N/D and N/T ratios are determined by the distance between the two lines along the ordinate scale (Fig. 2). If the curves were strongly oblique or crossing, the differences were assumed to be due to factors other than time of day and N/D or N/T ratios were not estimated.

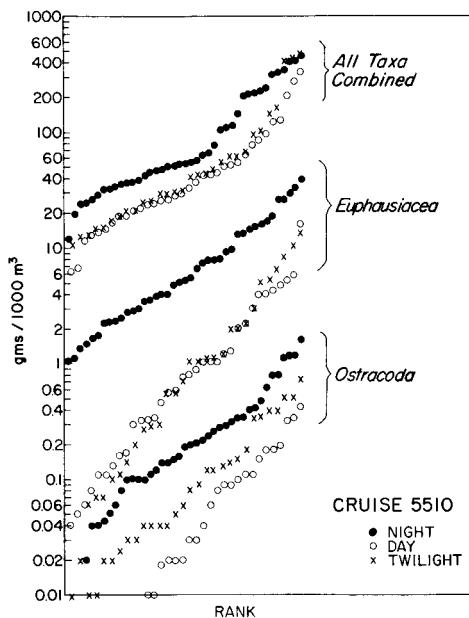


Figure 2. Scatter diagram of three representative examples showing the distribution of biomass ranked in order of increasingly higher values. Each set of data consists of all measurements of a functional group derived from a single cruise. Day, twilight and night samples are differentiated and the scale of ranked position (abscissa) is adjusted so that the number of samples per time period extends over the same length irrespective of the number of observations. Further comments in the text.

Contoured distributions may be noticeably influenced by the time of sampling when the ratio of the median exceeds 2. Accordingly, to compensate for artifacts when N/D or N/T equalled or exceeded 2, an additional chart was prepared in which day and twilight catches were multiplied by N/D and N/T, respectively, so as to more closely approximate an equivalent night-time distribution. Each of the adjusted charts is preceded by a contoured presentation of the unfactored data.

Variability due to the hour of collection appears to have a consistent and noticeable effect on the charted distributions in only certain of the functional groups, namely euphausiids, amphipods and perhaps copepods. Adjustment of the estimated abundances in these cases, however, has resulted in only moderately improved coherence within the distributions. Due to the general agreement among the large number of samples in our data and evidence based on repeated sampling of euphausiids (Brinton, 1962; Figs. 16-23), we believe the charts reflect real geographical variations in relative abundance, irrespective of accumulated errors from escapement, avoidance, patchiness and vertical migration.

Questions arose over the use of medians derived from unpaired sets of observations to determine the ratios, N/D and N/T. Paired observations may be simulated by pairing samples from adjacent stations along the cruise track which were occupied successively in different time phases (day, twilight or night). Pairing increases the likelihood that differences in the catch reflect variability due primarily to time of collection; i.e., the sets of observations were made on ecologically and biogeographically similar assemblages of organisms. Comparisons between the ratios of such simulated pairs with unpaired data were carried out for various representative functional groups (Table 3).

TABLE 3. N/D ratios for paired and unpaired observations.

	Unpaired observations		Paired observations
	mean N mean D	median N median D	Median $\frac{N}{D}$
<u>Cruise 5510</u>			
All Taxa Combined	1.5	1.9	1.9
Euphausiacea	4.0	6.5	6.8
Copepoda	1.5	2.0	2.0
Pteropoda	1.9	3.8	2.4
Ostracoda	3.5	6.7	8.0
<u>Cruise 5910</u>			
All Taxa Combined	1.0	1.4	1.5

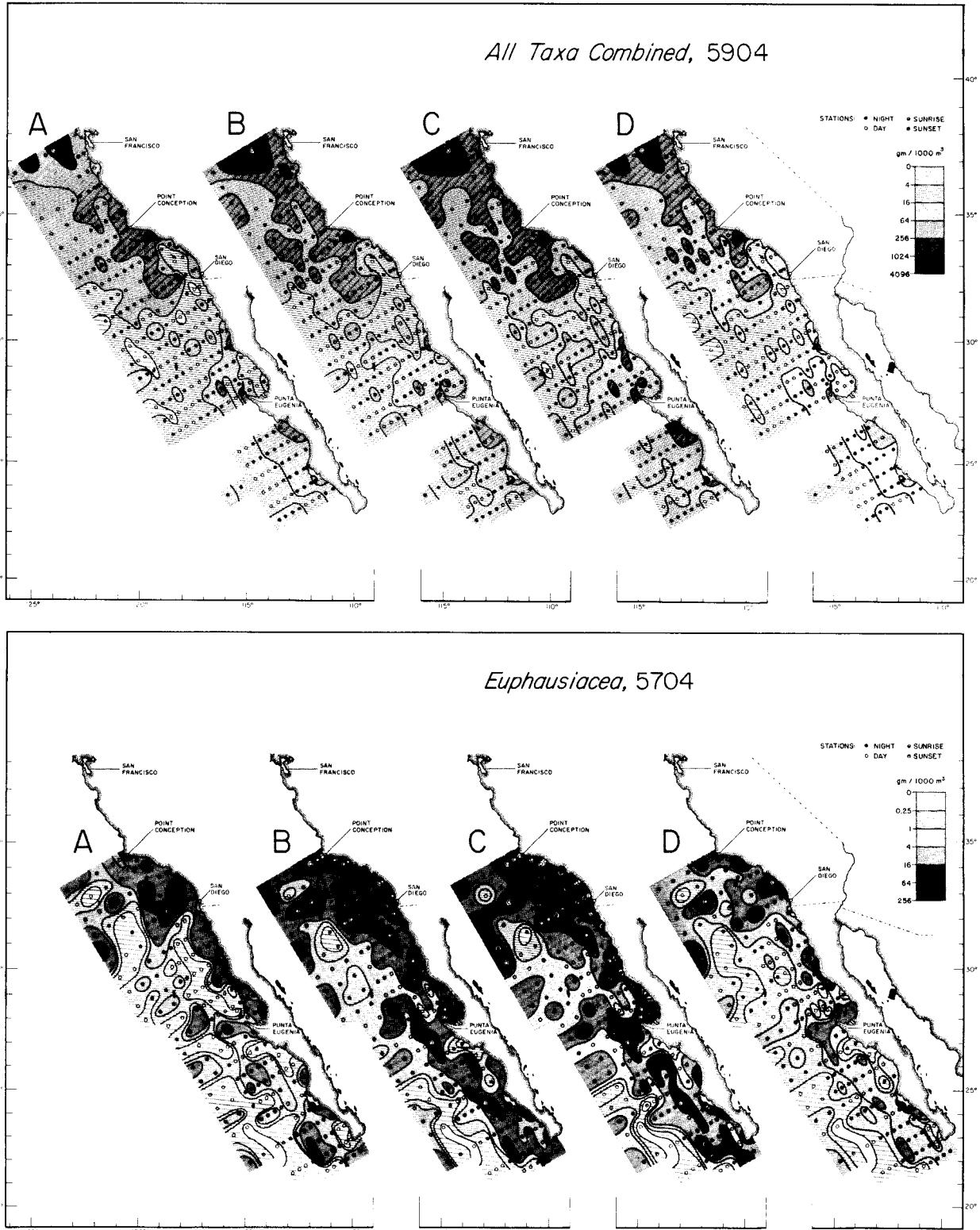


Figure 3. Comparison of two methods to compensate for the effect of diurnal vertical migration on plankton abundance. Categories "All Taxa Combined" and "Euphausiacea" were selected as examples to show moderate and pronounced differences in abundance, respectively, among samples taken at different times of the 24-hour cycle. In B, C and D the abundance of samples taken in hours other than the desired sampling time has been adjusted by the appropriate factor. The distribution of the biomass estimates is contoured in the usual manner.

(A) unadjusted values; (B) day and twilight values adjusted by the ratio of the medians method to approximate median night values; (C) values adjusted by the sine curve method (King and Hida, 1954) to approximate abundance at 0000 hours; (D) as in C, above, but adjusted to approximate abundance at 0600 and 1800 hours when sine is zero as originally employed by King and Hida (1954). Additional explanation and comments in text.

The ratios of paired observations were found to scatter broadly. No more than about one third were within  $\pm 0.5$  of either the ratio of the medians or the general trend observable in graphed data similar to Figure 2. On the other hand, the median ratio of the paired sets (Table 3) is remarkably similar to the ratio of the medians of unpaired observations as well as to the trend of the differences between the day and night curves in Figure 2. We conclude that simulating paired observations does not noticeably improve upon the use of the ratio of the medians, N/D and N/T, in compensating for day, twilight and night effects on standing-crop estimates from standard CalCOFI tows.

Our method for adjusting catch size relative to time of sampling was chosen over the sine curve method employed on mid-Pacific plankton by King and Hida (1954, 1957a, b) for several reasons. Chief among them are: (1) our practice of estimating biomass separately for each functional group; (2) our region of study which spans a biogeographical gradient from the boreal to the tropical and an ecological gradient from coastal-neritic water to central waters overlying the ocean basin; (3) the full range of variability shown by our samples with respect to their individual extent of faunal homogeneity. We are reluctant to assume that different combinations of faunally heterogeneous species comprising a functional group will tend to behave diurnally in a similar manner. In fact, N/D and N/T may show considerable variability within functional groups (Fig. 2) and the ratio of the medians differs appreciably between groups. It might also be noted that compared to the sine curve method, calculation and employment of the ratio of the medians was carried out more easily.

Using the data for All Taxa Combined from Cruise 5904 and for euphausiids from Cruise 5704, both selected solely for the sake of convenience, direct comparisons of contour patterns were made between values adjusted for differences in the time of catch by means of the King and Hida sine curve factor and the ratio of the medians factor. With N/D being 2.04 for All Taxa Combined and 24.5 for the euphausiid data, the two examples approximate the breadth of the range in the ratio of the medians encountered during the study. We found no noticeable differences in either the general pattern or in coherence of the contours between the sets of data adjusted by the two different procedures (Fig. 3).

It should be noted that in contrast to the adjustments by King and Hida, we have normalized data to represent median night values, typically the period of time yielding the highest standing crop for most of the functional groups. Computer programs for adjusting catch size by the sine curve method or by the ratio of the medians method are on file at Scripps Institution of Oceanography. A copy may be obtained by writing Prof. E. W. Fager.

LIST OF CHARTS

Cruise Number	Spring					Fall				
	5504	5604	5704	5804	5904	5510	5610	5710	5810	5910
All Taxa Combined	2	3	4	5	6	8	9	11	12	14
All Taxa Combined, adjusted					7		10			13
Amphipoda	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	33
Amphipoda, adjusted	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34
Chaetognatha	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44
Cladocera	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54
Copepoda	55	56	57	58	60	62	63	65	66	68
Copepoda, adjusted					59	61			67	
Crustacean larvae	69	70	72	74	75	76	77	79	81	82
Crustacean larvae, adjusted			71	73			78	80		83
Ctenophora	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93
Decapoda	94	96	98	100	102	104	106	108	110	112
Decapoda, adjusted	95	97	99	101	103	105	107	109	111	113
Euphausiacea	114	116	118	120	122	124	126	128	130	132
Euphausiacea, adjusted	115	117	119	121	123	125	127	129	131	133
Heteropoda	134	136	137	138	139	140	142	143	144	145
Heteropoda, adjusted	135					141			146	
Larvacea	147	148	149	150	151	152	154	155	156	157
Larvacea, adjusted						153				
Medusae	158	159	161	162	163	164	165	166	167	169
Medusae, adjusted		160							168	
Mysidacea	170	171	172	173	174	175	176	177	178	179
Ostracoda	180	182	184	186	188	190	192	194	196	198
Ostracoda, adjusted	181	183	185	187	189	191	193	195	197	199
Pteropoda	200	202	204	206	208	209	211	212	213	214
Pteropoda, adjusted	201	203	205	207		210			215	
Radiolaria	216	217	218	219	220	221	222	224	225	226
Radiolaria, adjusted							223			
Siphonophora	227	229	230	231	232	233	234	235	236	238
Siphonophora, adjusted	228								237	
Thaliacea	239	240	241	242	243	245	247	249	250	252
Thaliacea, adjusted					244	246	248		251	

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## APPENDIX I<sup>1/</sup>

### Reliability of Laboratory Measurements

There are a number of possible sources of error in making the counts involved in this program: incorrect splitting of samples to obtain the aliquots, operator bias, differences in efficiency of counting different classes of organisms and differences in efficiency associated with differences in relative numbers.

The first two have been examined by having replicate counts done on the same sample. In five cases the same operator made the counts but was unaware the same sample was being recounted; in 17 cases, different operators counted the same sample and the second person did not know the sample had already been counted. The median number of categories counted in each sample was 12 (range: 9-16). The signed-ranks test was applied to the paired counts on each of the samples. All five of the cases involving two counts by the same person and 15 of the 17 involving two operators were non-significant at the 20% level. This probably represents random error because it is just over the expected number at this level, namely 1.1.

Six operators were involved in the preceding test. Examination of the paired counts in the 17 cases where two persons did the counts revealed only one operator whose counts were consistently below or above those of all others who counted the same sample. This operator, D, recorded counts that were on the average somewhat below those of her partners in 7 of 8 cases ( $p = .10$ ). In no case was the operator sufficiently far below the partner to make the difference significant by the signed-ranks test. From these tests one can conclude that bias in sample splitting or in counting by the operators is no greater than would be expected as a result of random errors.

In order to determine whether the type of organism counted or its relative abundance had an effect on the counts, samples representing high, medium and low abundances of 10 classes of organisms were selected. Three replicate counts were done on each sample in such a manner that the operators did not know whether a sample had been counted before or not. In addition to the counts, weights were determined in the standard fashion. An analysis of variance was run on both sets of data. The average counts for the different classes of organisms ranged from 25 to 5532; the corresponding weights ranged from .029 to 1.924 grams. The average

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<sup>1/</sup>Prepared by E. W. Fager, Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

counts for the three abundance classes of samples were 2623, 1026 and 47; the corresponding weights were 1.035, .864 and .047 grams. As was expected, mean squares for both of these factors and for their interaction were highly significant.

Only one of the total of six mean squares for replicates, type of organism, replicate interaction and abundance-replicate interaction was significant and this was at the 20% level. From these tests it may be concluded that neither the type of organism nor the relative abundance of the organisms have any significant effect on either the counts or the weights. The error mean square can, therefore, be used to set confidence limits for the observations. In order to make these most useful, the analyses were rerun with the data transformed to logarithms, 95% confidence limits were calculated and then transformed to antilogarithms. The results indicate that conservative 95% confidence limits for both counts and weights are given by 0.45 and 2.20 times the observed value. These account only for the variability introduced in the laboratory handling of the samples and do not include any that may have been introduced by the sampling procedures in the field.

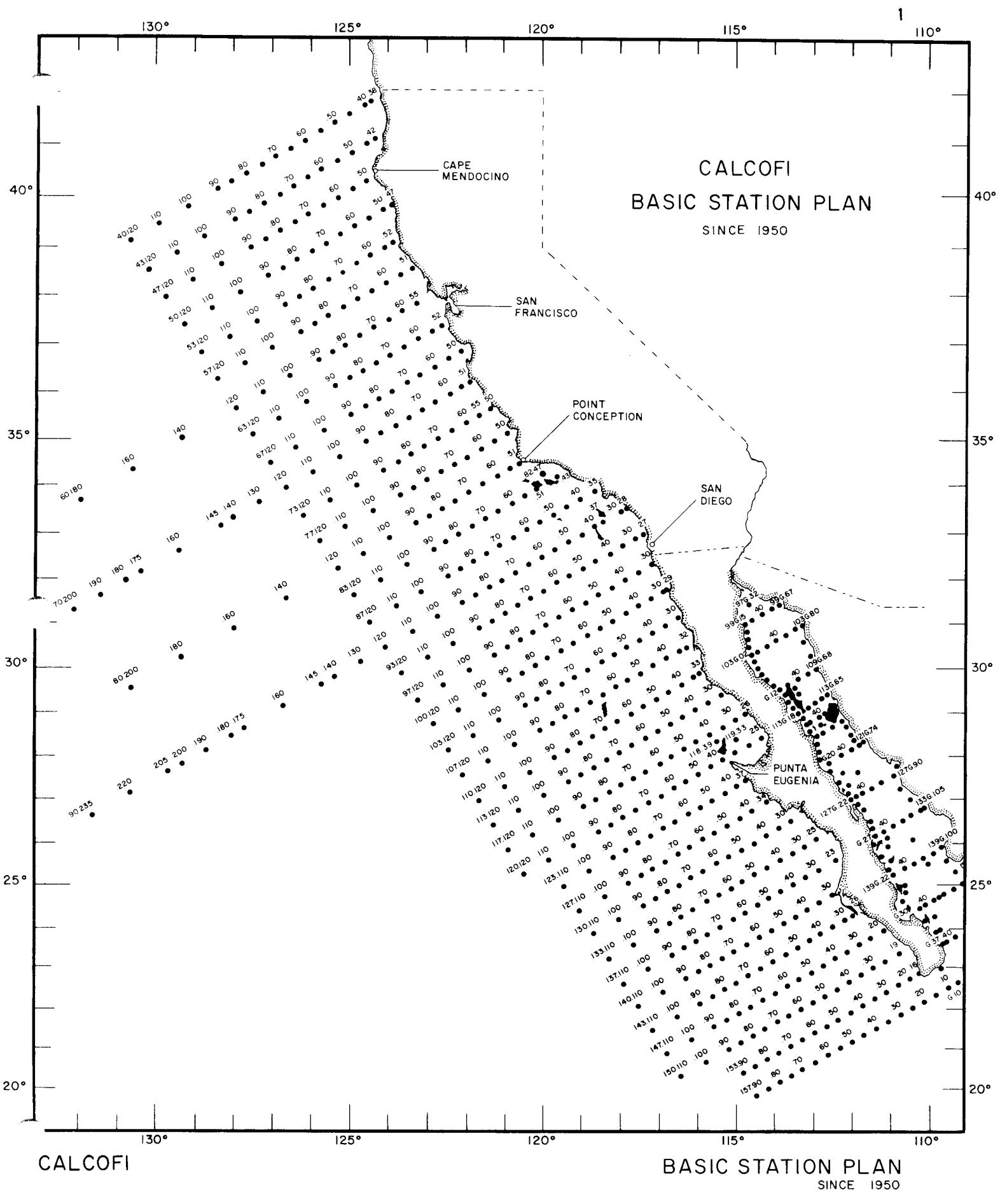
APPENDIX II<sup>1/</sup>Relationship of Length to Weight, California Current Region

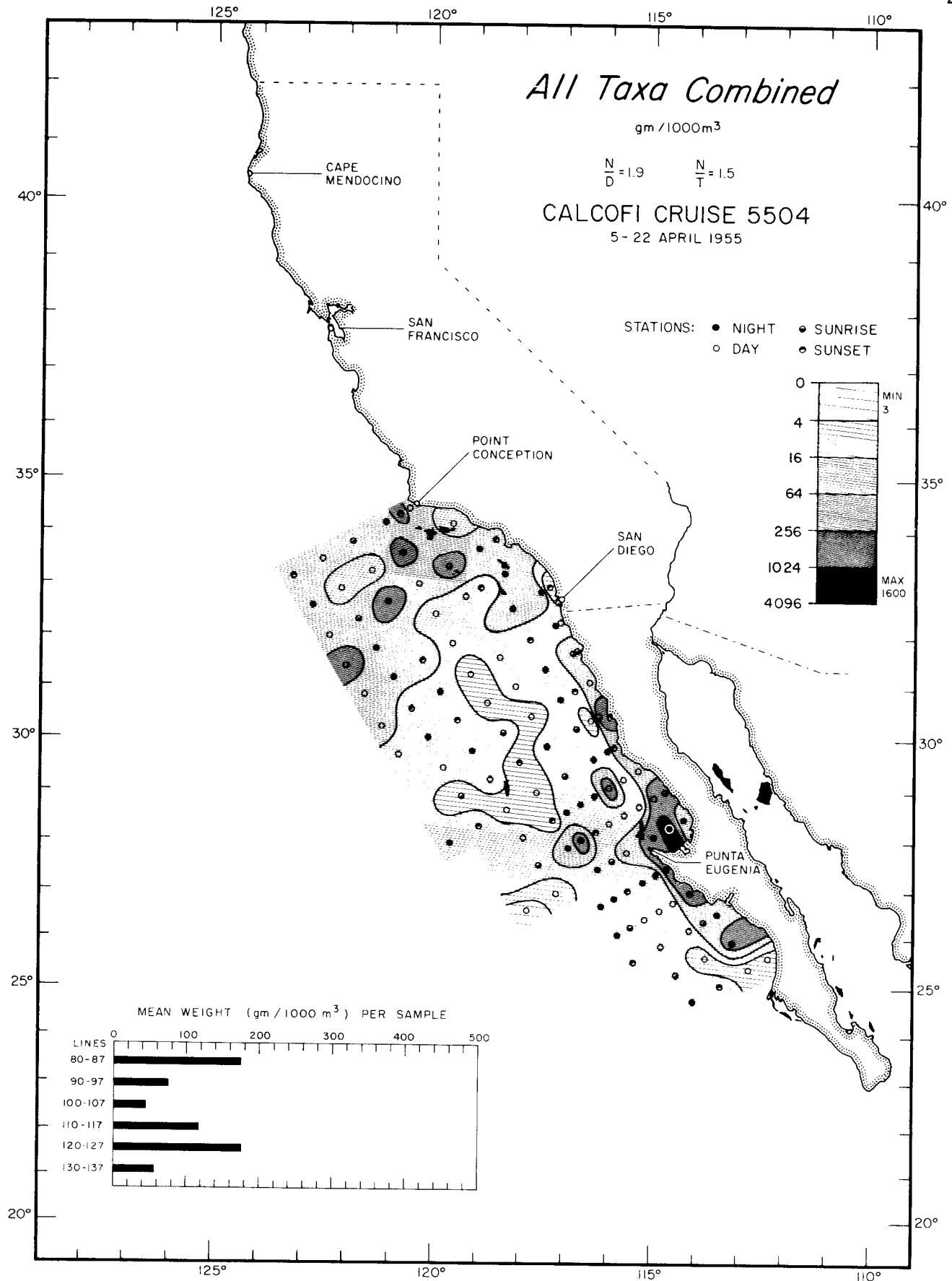
Ocular <sup>2/</sup> Micrometer Units	No./gm	Ocular Micrometer Units	No./gm	Ocular Micrometer Units	No./gm
<u>Amphipods</u>					
10	1023	230	16	7	2762
20	376	240	14	10	949
30	159	250	13	13	500
40	101	260	11	15	200
50	64	270	9	25	65
60	48	280	6		
70	29	290	5	(c) Megalopa	
80	26			15	500
90	14	<u>Cladocerans</u>		20	235
100	10	3	11731	30	105
110	7	6	3921	40	68
				50	39
<u>Chaetognaths</u>		<u>Copepods</u>		60	23
20	6994	5	5814		
30	3808	10	1873	<u>Ctenophores</u>	
40	2168	15	698	Usually weighed	
50	1522	20	254		
60	762	25	123	<u>"Decapods"</u>	
70	614	30	70	(a) Galatheids	
80	425	35	50	30	286
90	330	40	31	40	125
100	253			50	36
110	200	<u>Crustacean larvae</u>		60	28
120	142	(a) Anomuran Zoea		70	18
130	110	3	752	80	15
140	75	5	254	90	10
150	61	10	162		
160	44	15	146	(b) Hoplocarids	
170	40	20	128	8	1368
180	34	25	111	20	775
190	31	30	100	30	253
200	27			40	217
210	23	(b) Brachyuran Zoea		50	157
220	18	4	3403	60	83

<sup>1/</sup>This table was prepared by J. K. Miller and is based upon 1-gram samples of each size category of a functional group sorted from a variety of plankton collections characterized by pronounced diversity in species and in developmental stages.

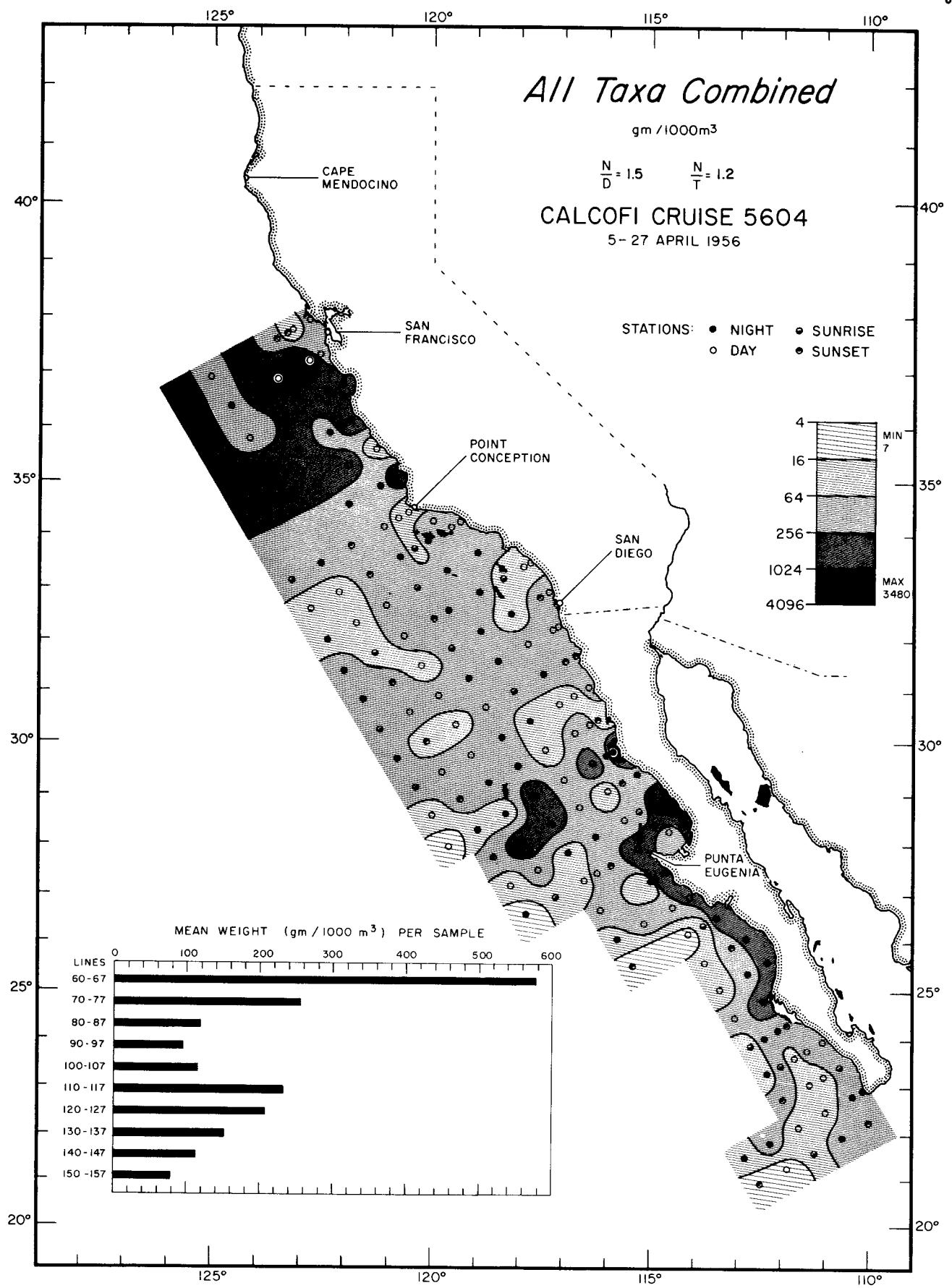
<sup>2/</sup>One Ocular Micrometer Unit = 0.167 mm at 7X magnification.

Ocular Micrometer Units	No./gm	Ocular Micrometer Units	No./gm	Ocular Micrometer Units	No./gm
70	71	100	21	<u>Mysids</u>	
80	50	110	17	15	5400
90	40	120	13	25	3420
		130	10	35	2500
(c) Natantians		140	8	45	1075
5	7143	150	7	55	625
15	1744	160	6	65	300
25	765	170	5	75	154
35	539	210	4	85	133
45	379	240	3	95	48
55	147	270	2	110	15
65	54	300	1		
75	42	330	1	<u>Ostracods</u>	
85	29	360	1	5	3465
95	20	390	1	10	1496
105	18			15	501
115	15	<u>Heteropods</u>		20	341
125	13	5	7000	25	96
135	11	10	2147	30	87
145	8	15	941		
155	7	20	525	<u>Pteropods</u>	
165	6	30	375	5	3520
175	5	40	222	10	1444
185	4	50	185	15	910
195	3	60	158	20	327
205	2	70	105	25	185
215	1.5	80	83	30	140
250	1	90	61	35	122
		100	48	40	100
<u>Euphausiids</u>					
5	11111	Larger forms usually weighed		45	62
10	6243			50	42
15	4200			55	33
20	1426	<u>Larvaceans</u>			
25	930	10 - 15	13200	<u>Radiolarians</u>	
30	778	15 - 20	7173	4	5106
35	451	20 - 25	5200	5	3998
40	308	25 - 30	3848	6	2431
50	175	30 - 35	2564		
55	125	35 - 40	2197	<u>Thaliaceans</u>	
60	99	40 - 50	1923	Usually weighed	
65	89	50 - 60	405		
70	60	60 - 70	267	<u>Siphonophores</u>	
80	45	<u>Medusae</u>		Usually weighed	
90	31	Usually weighed			





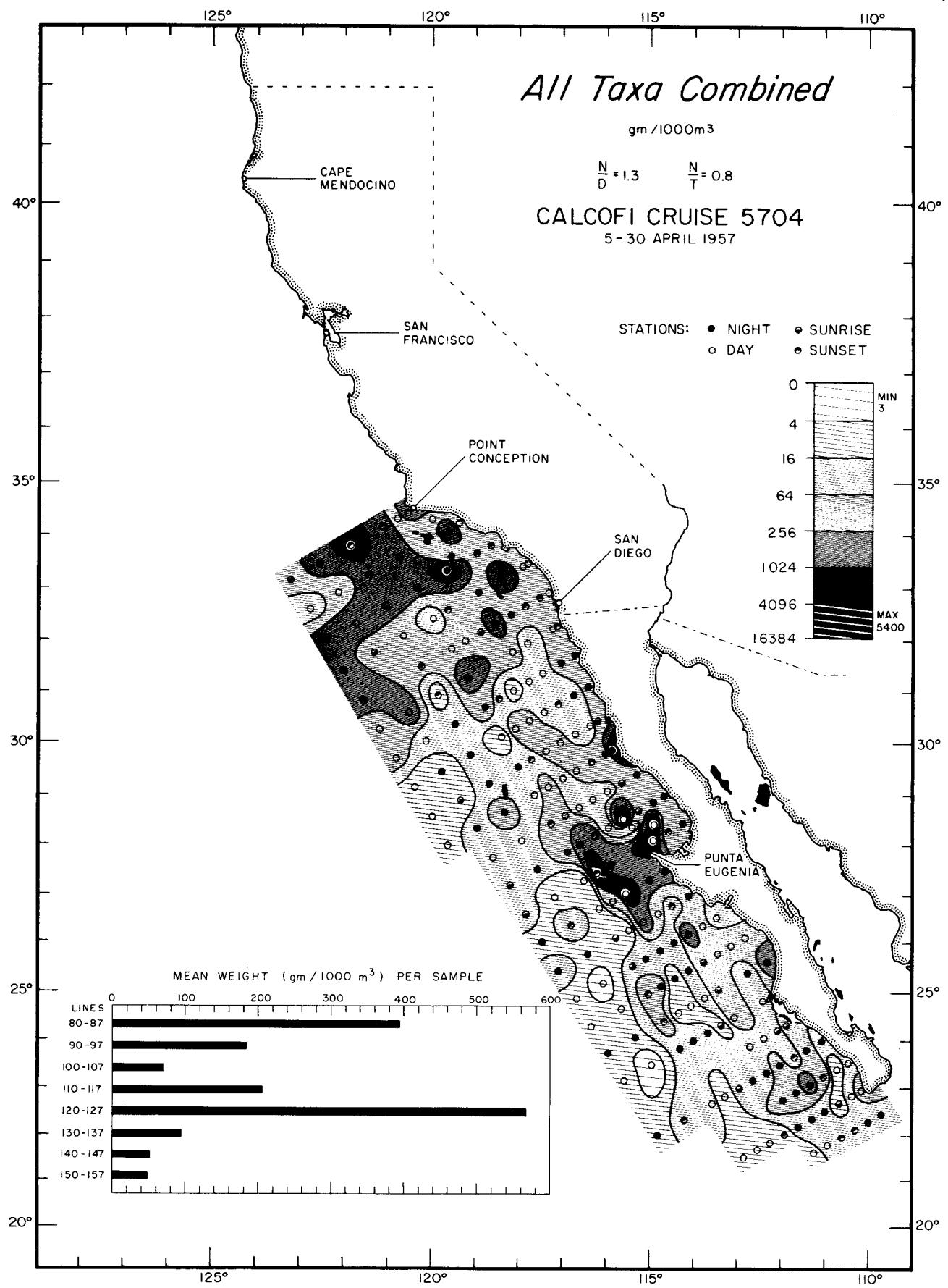
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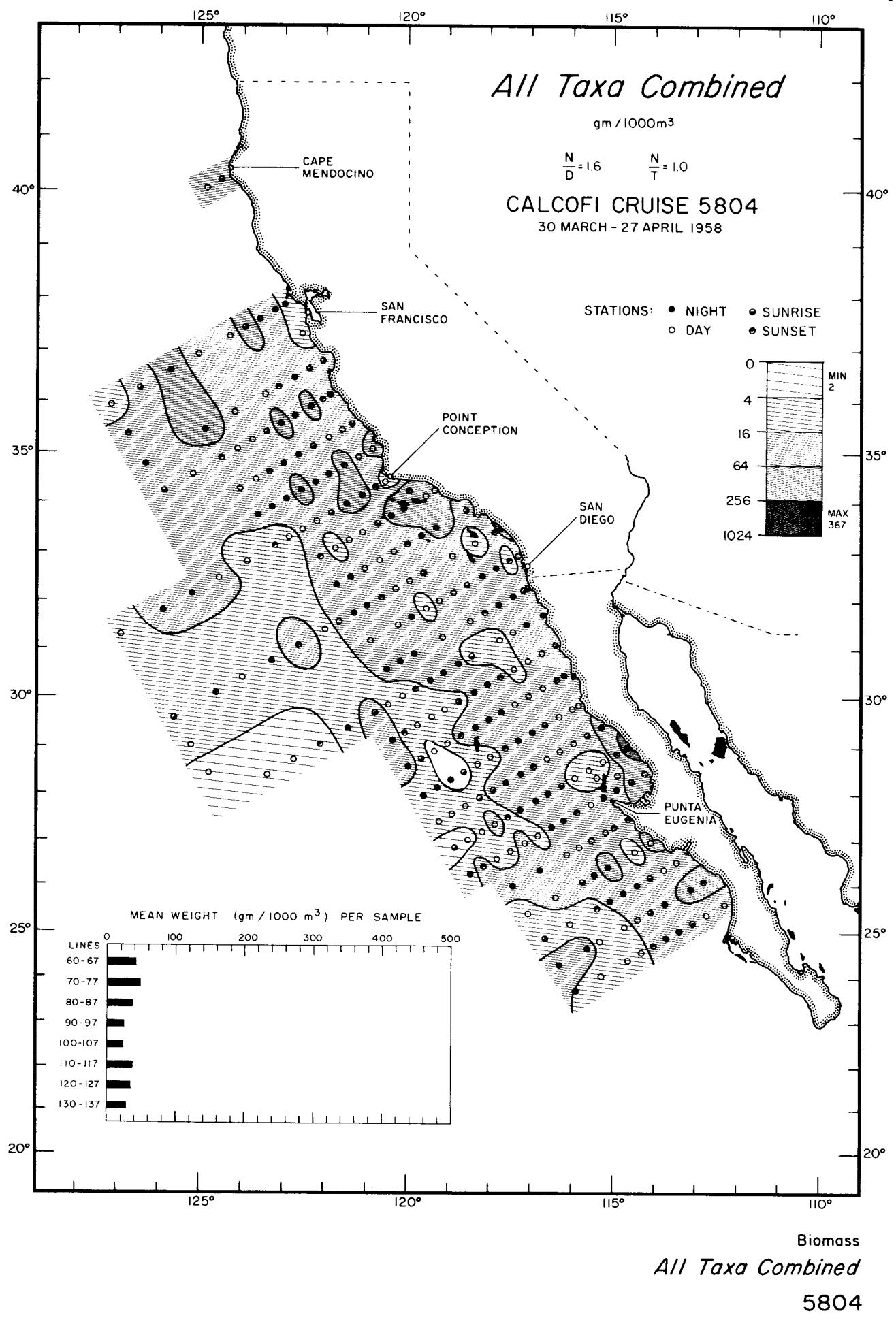
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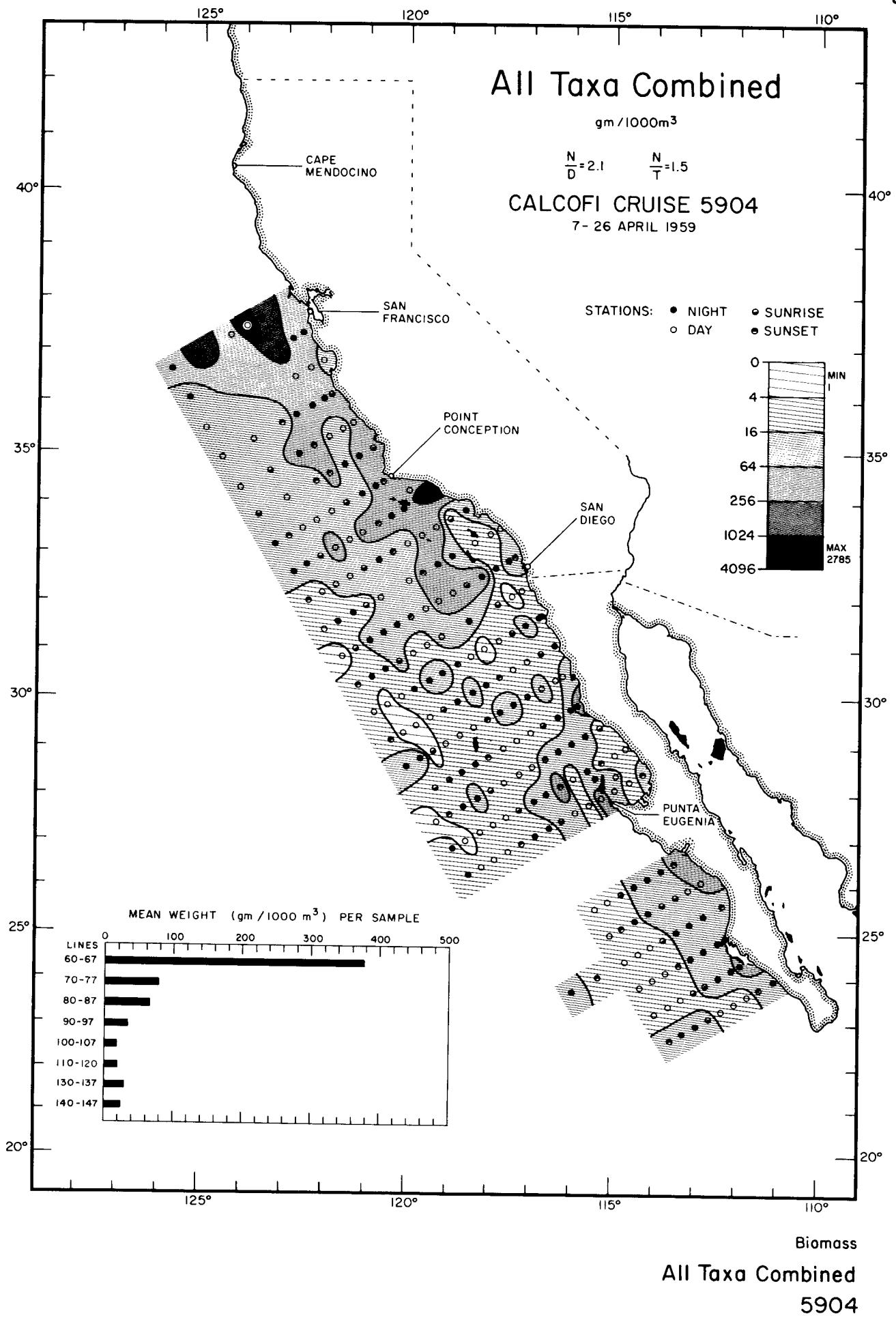


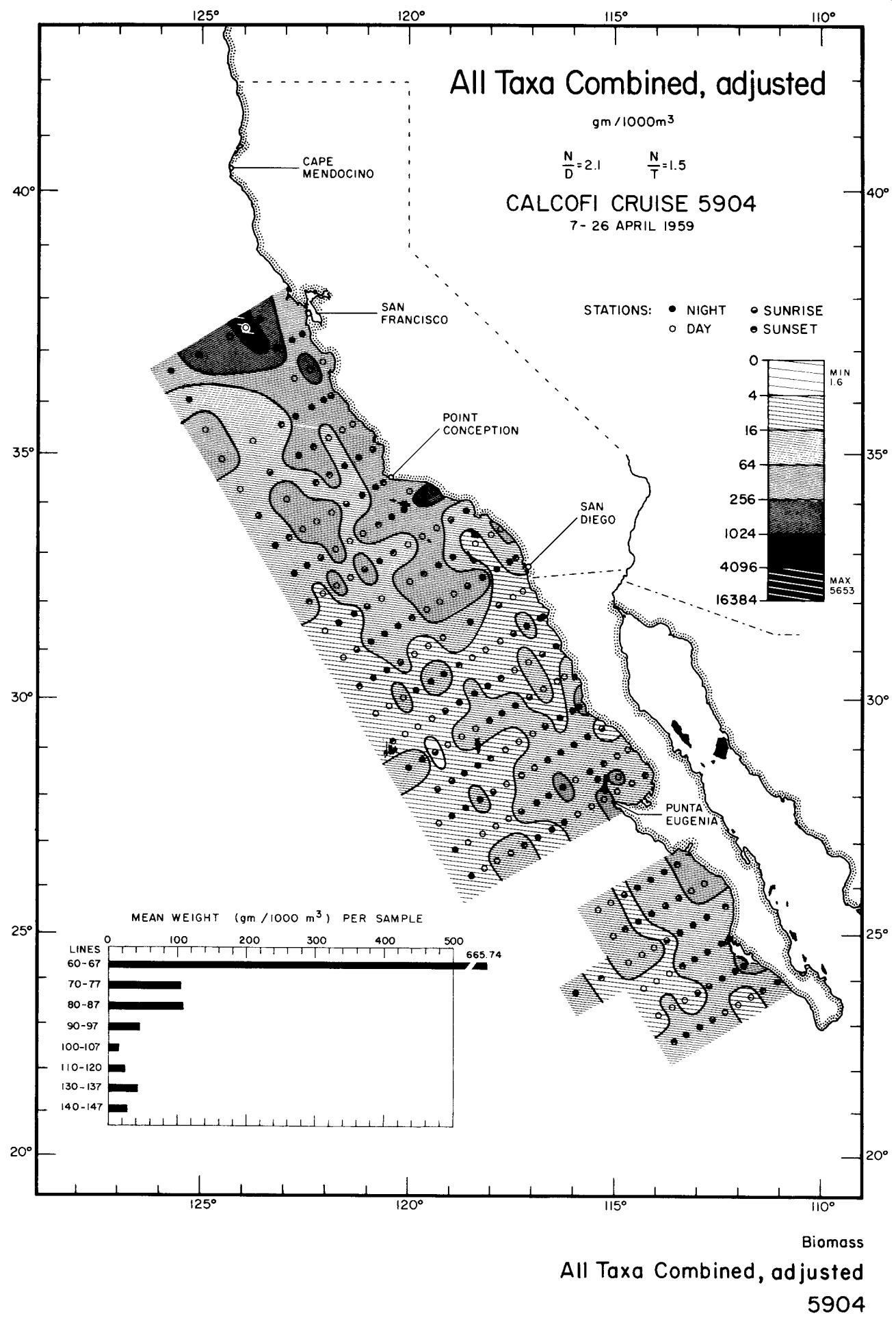
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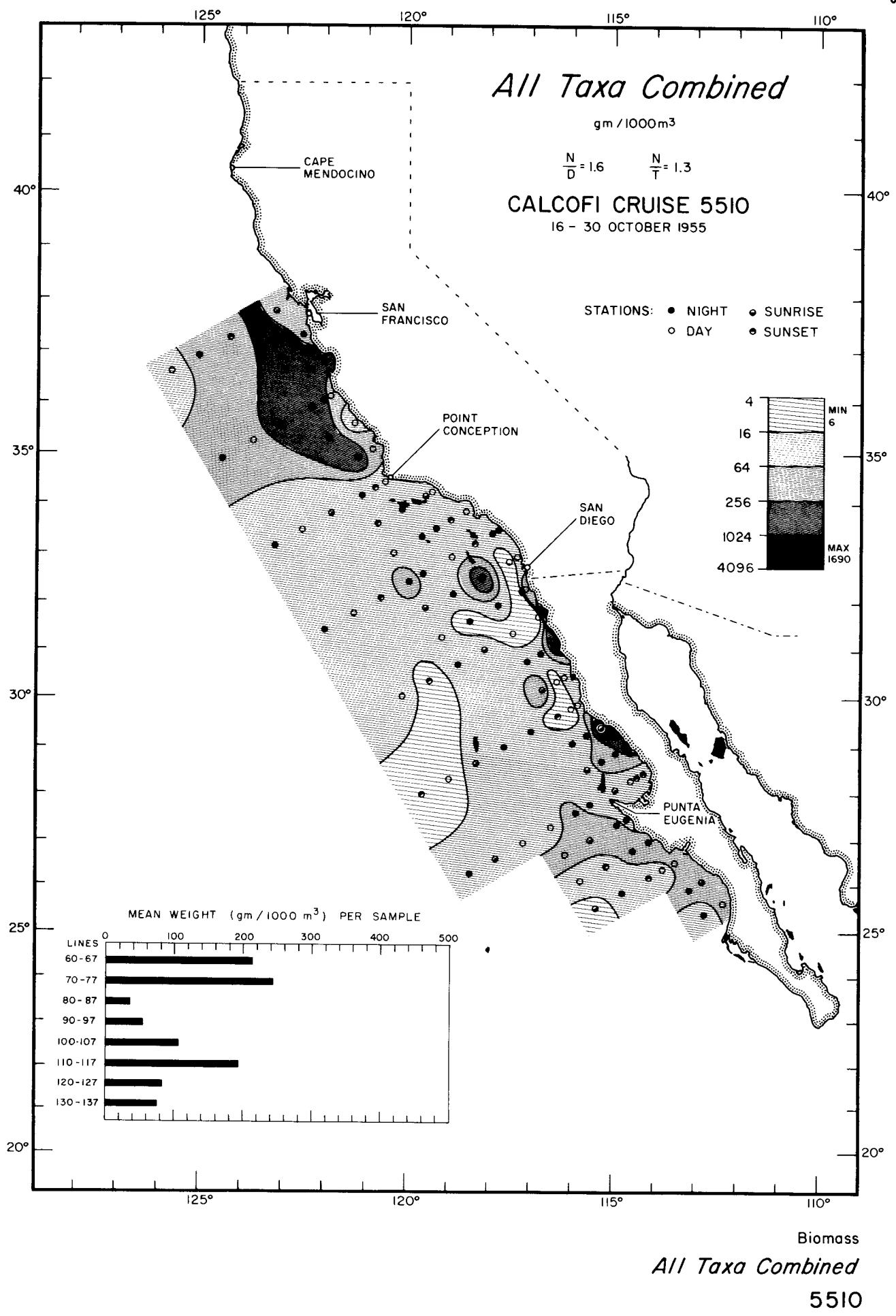
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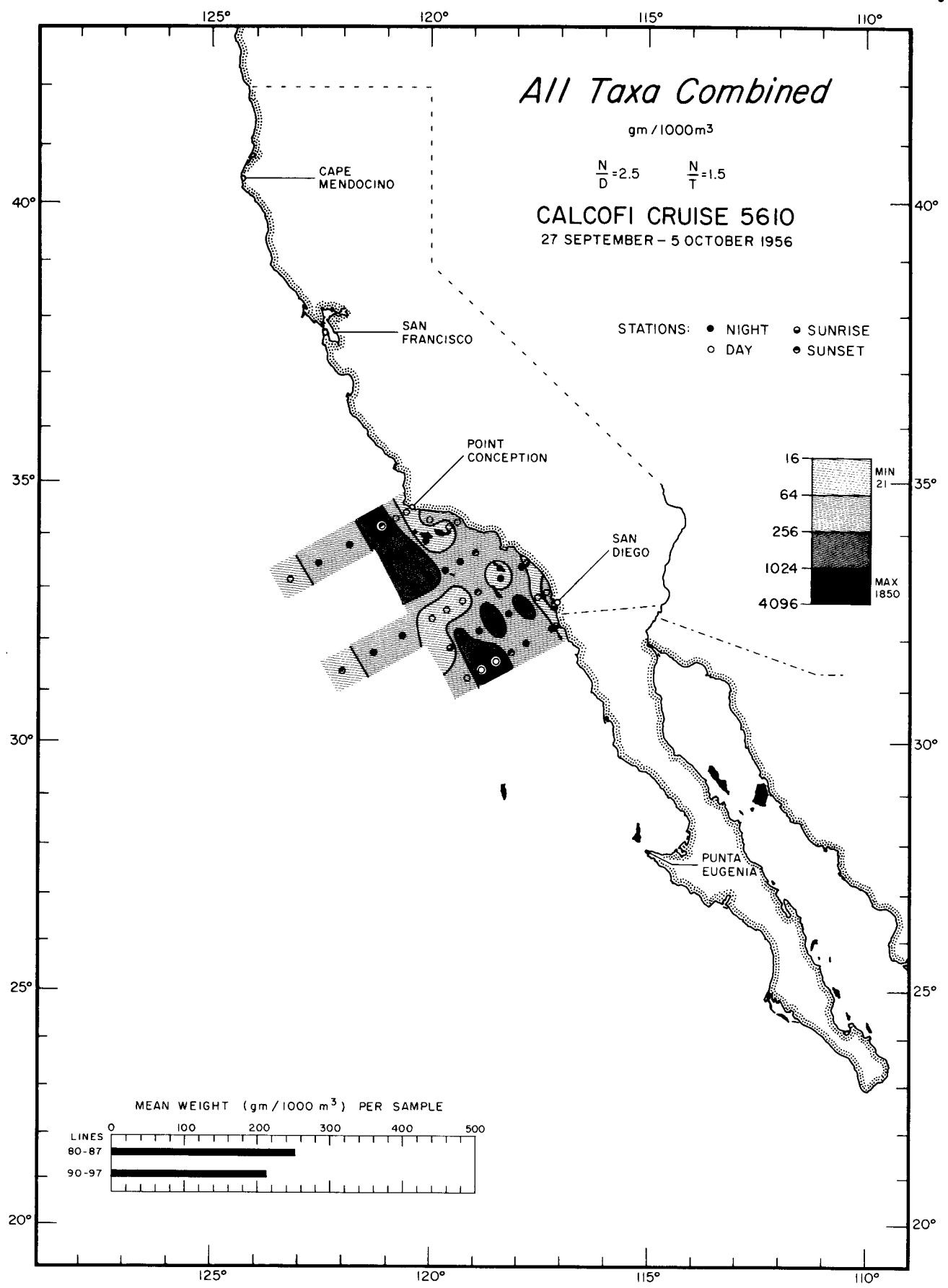
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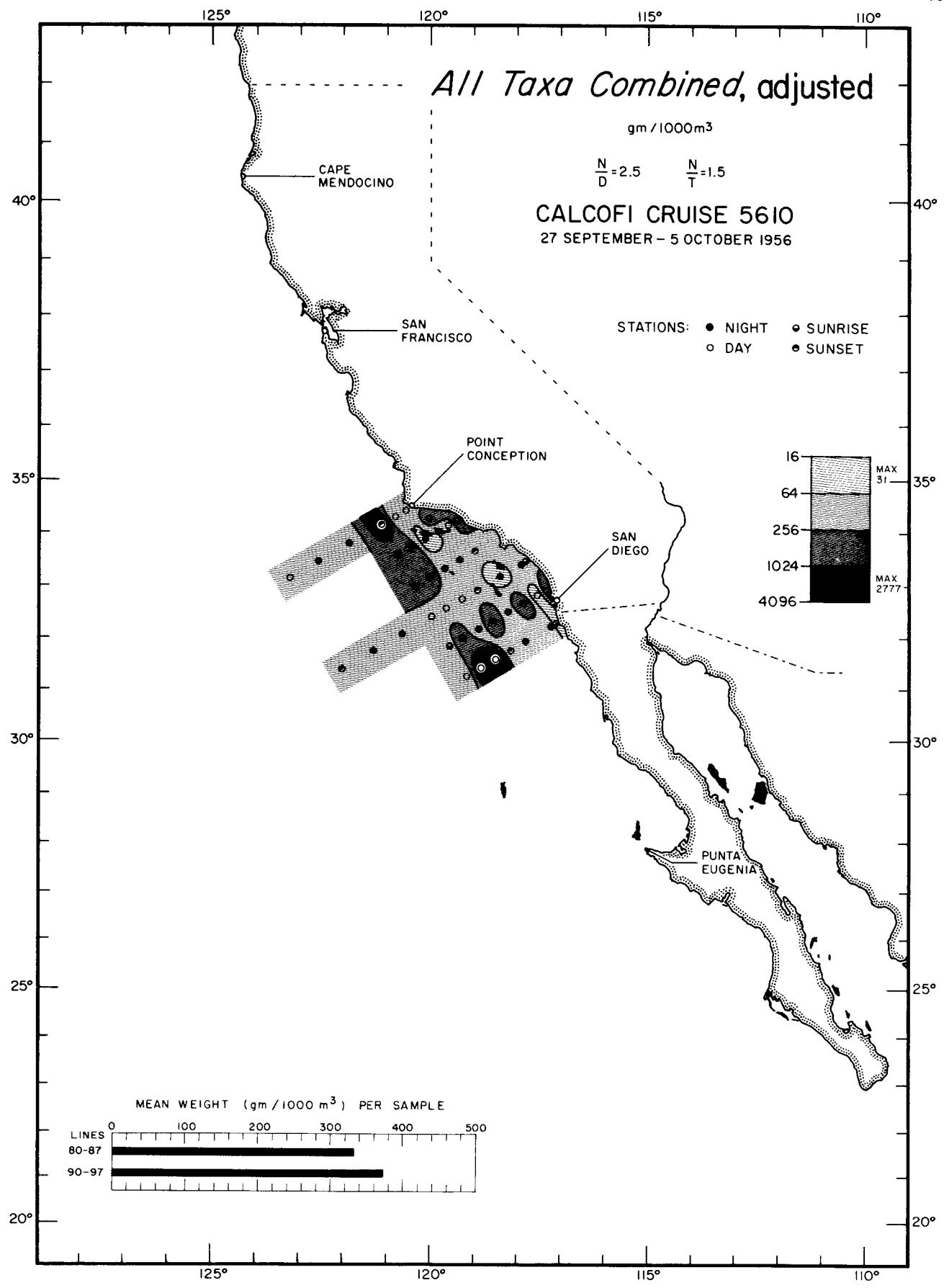




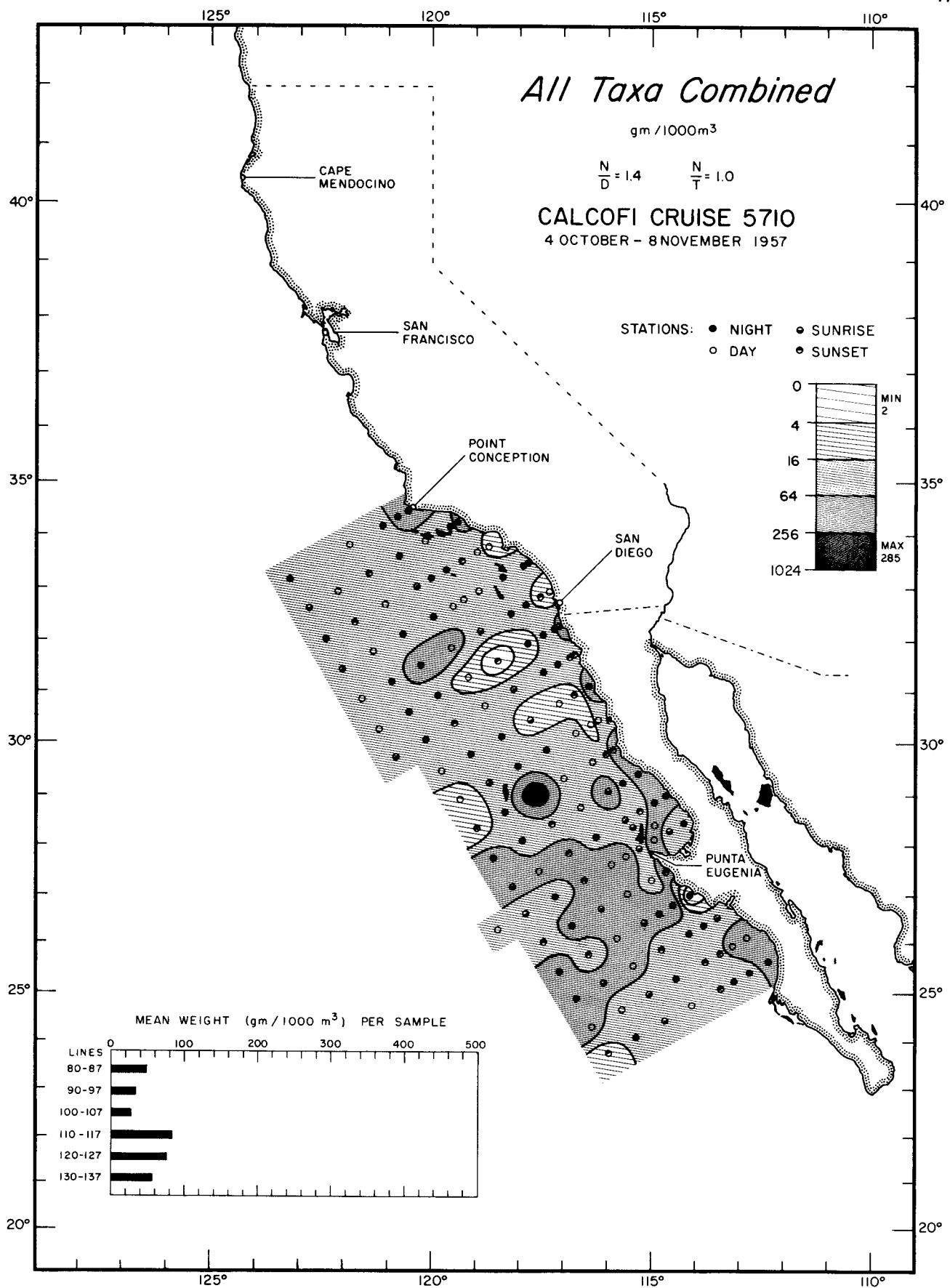


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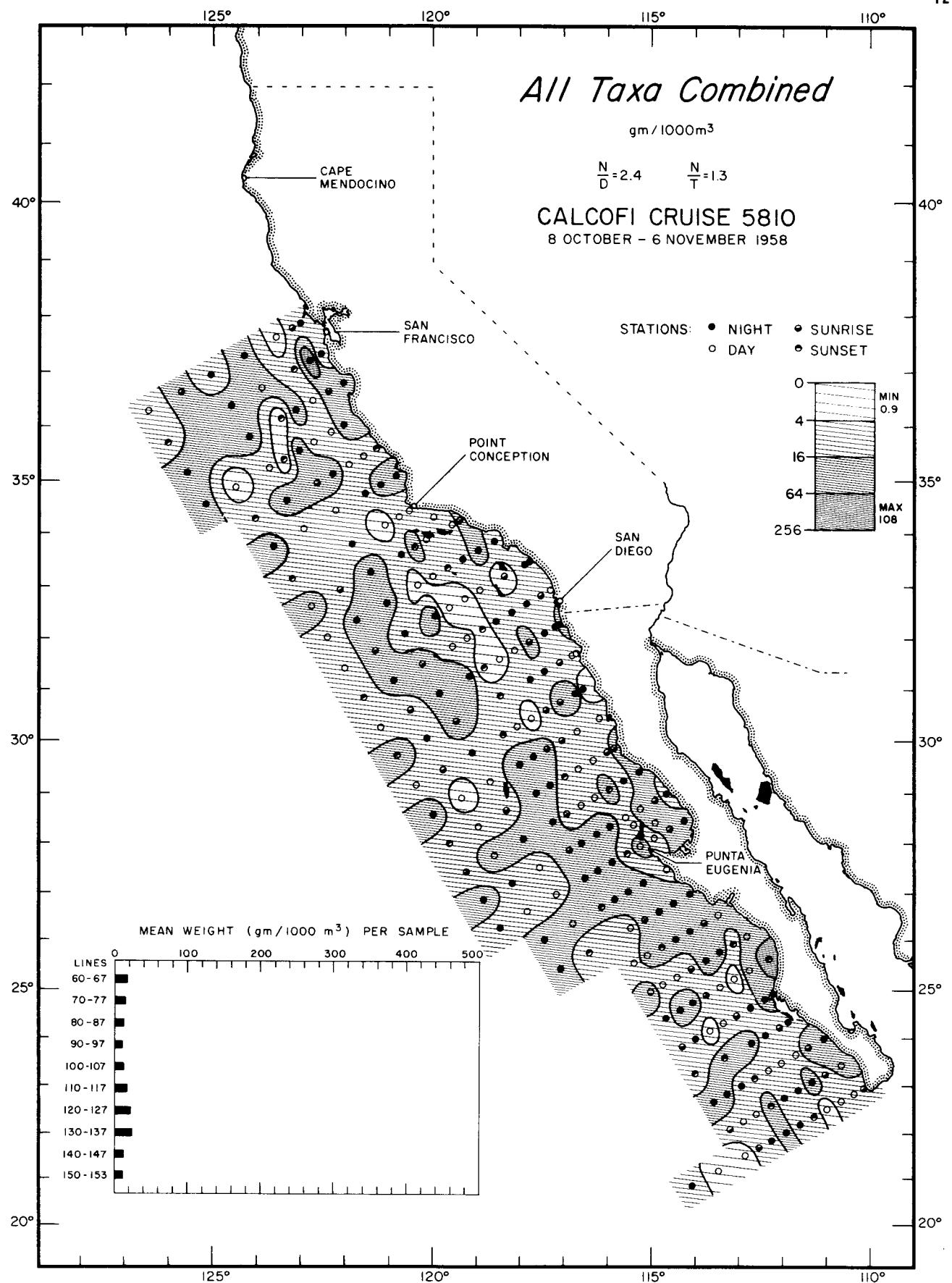
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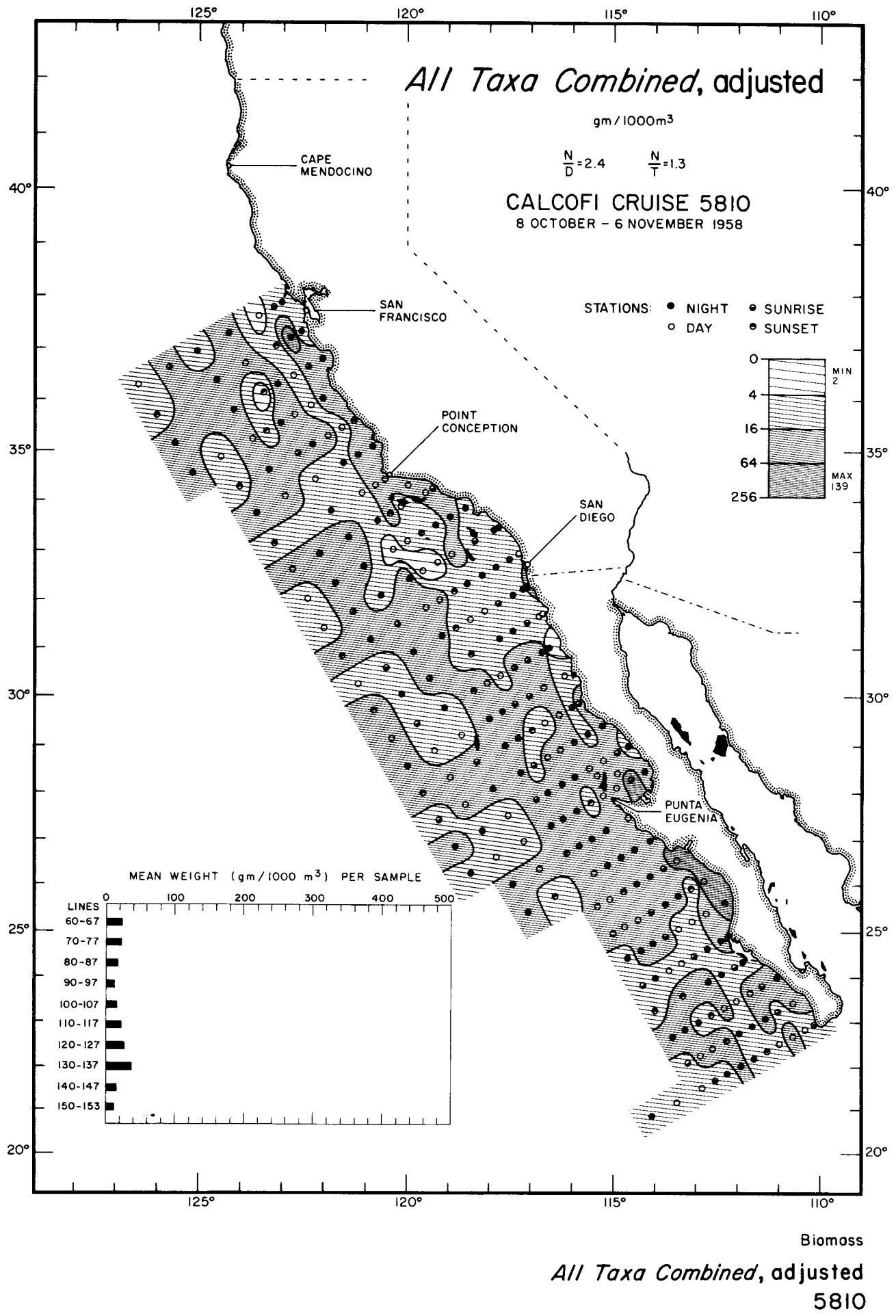
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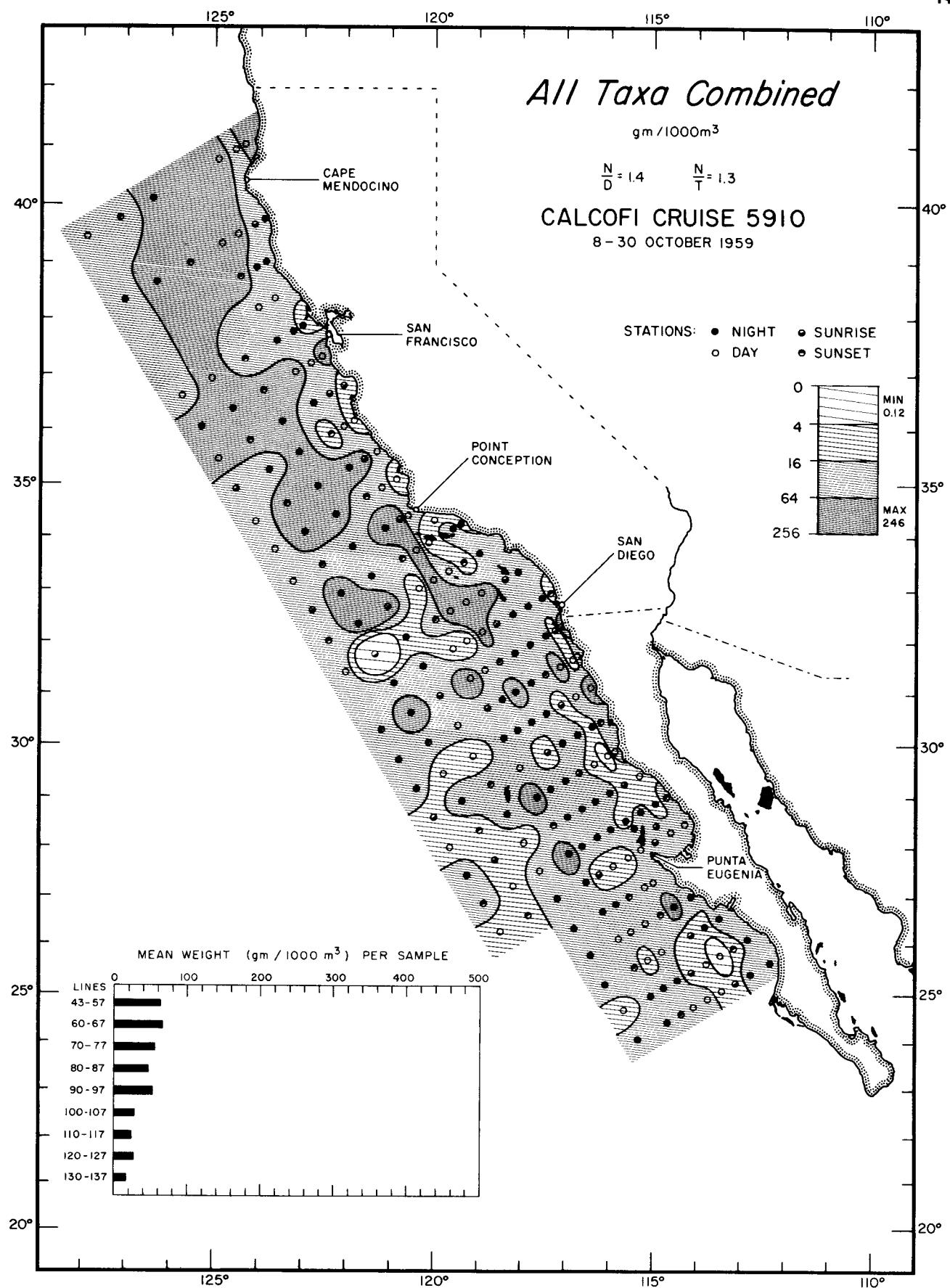


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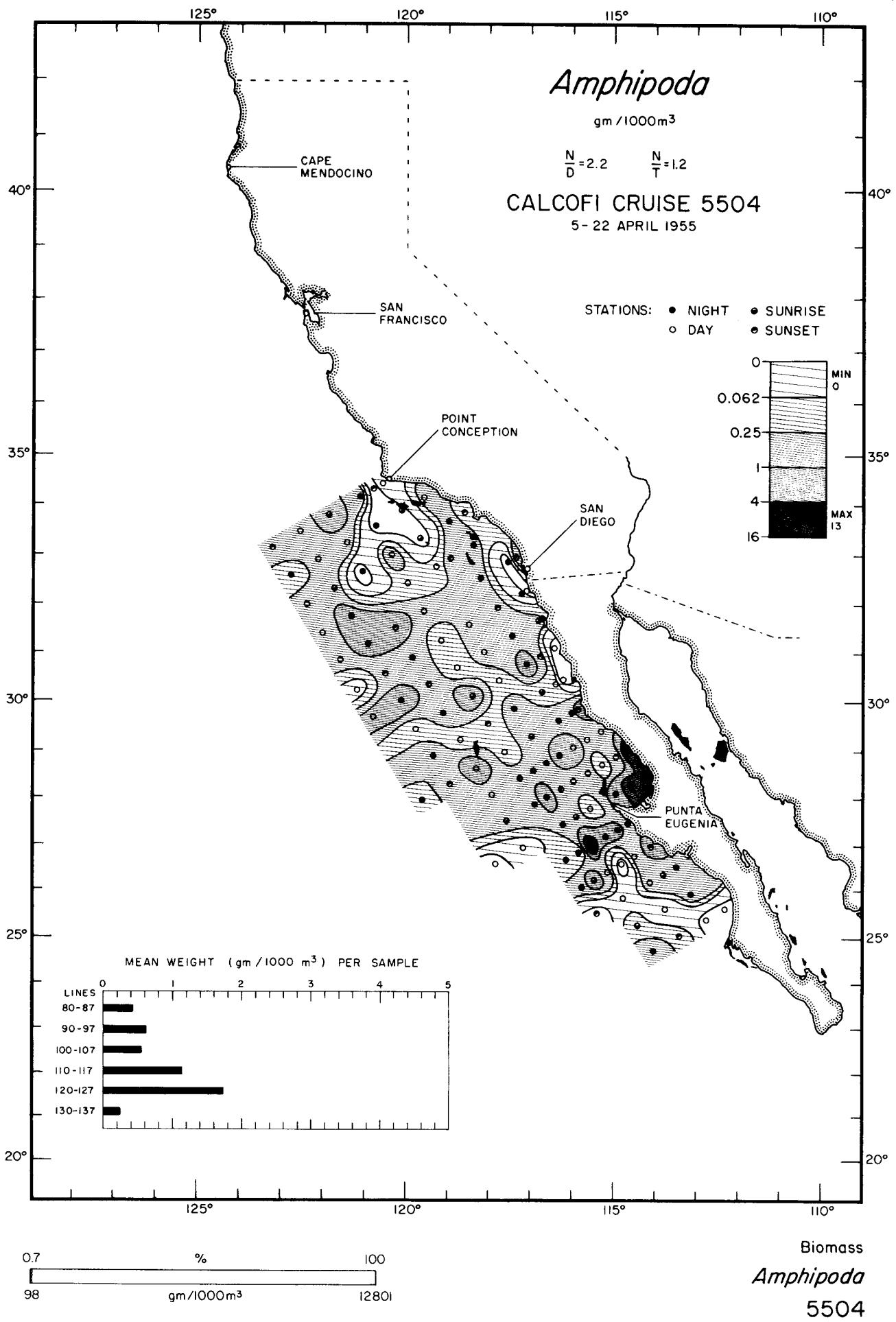
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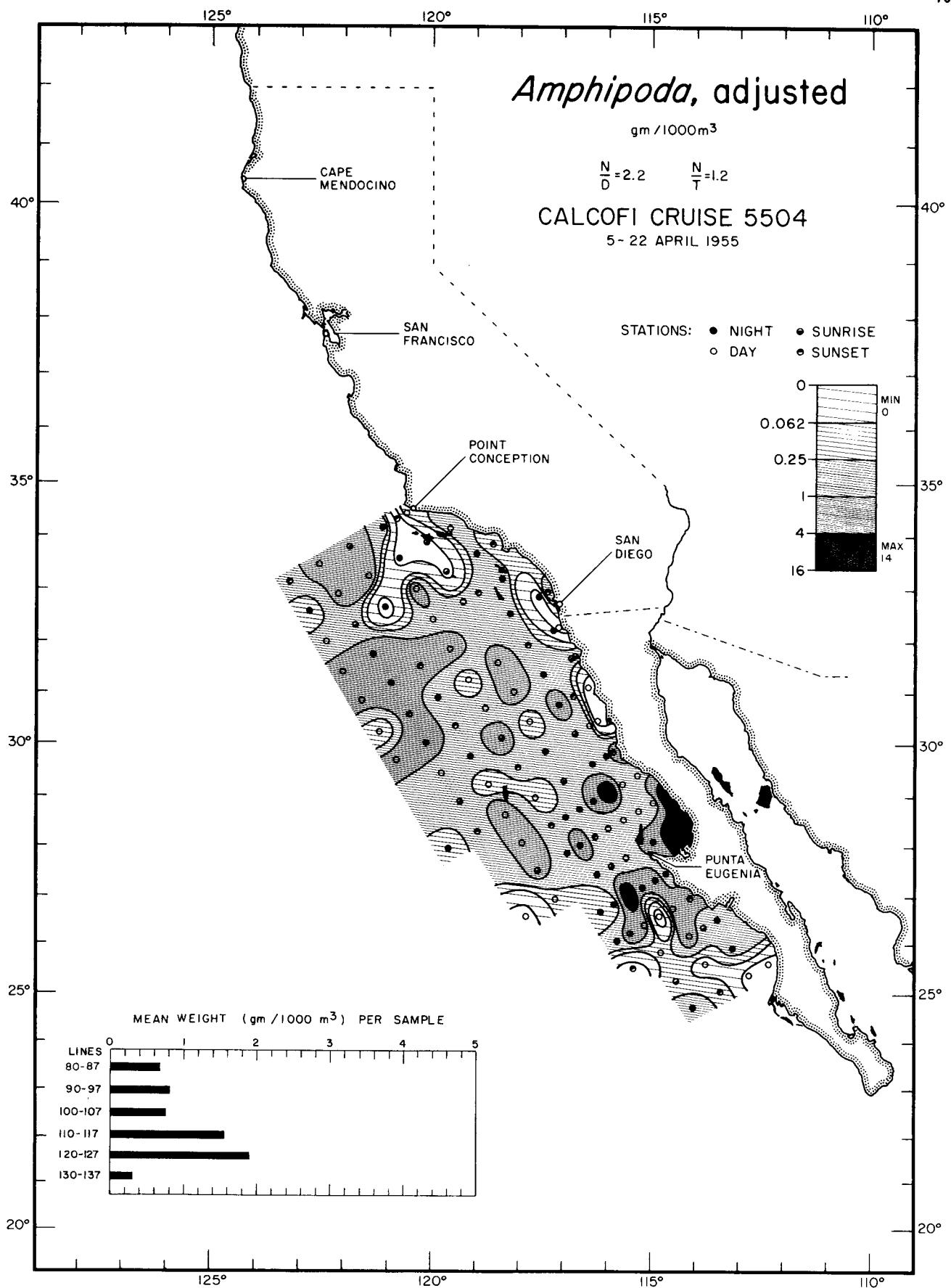
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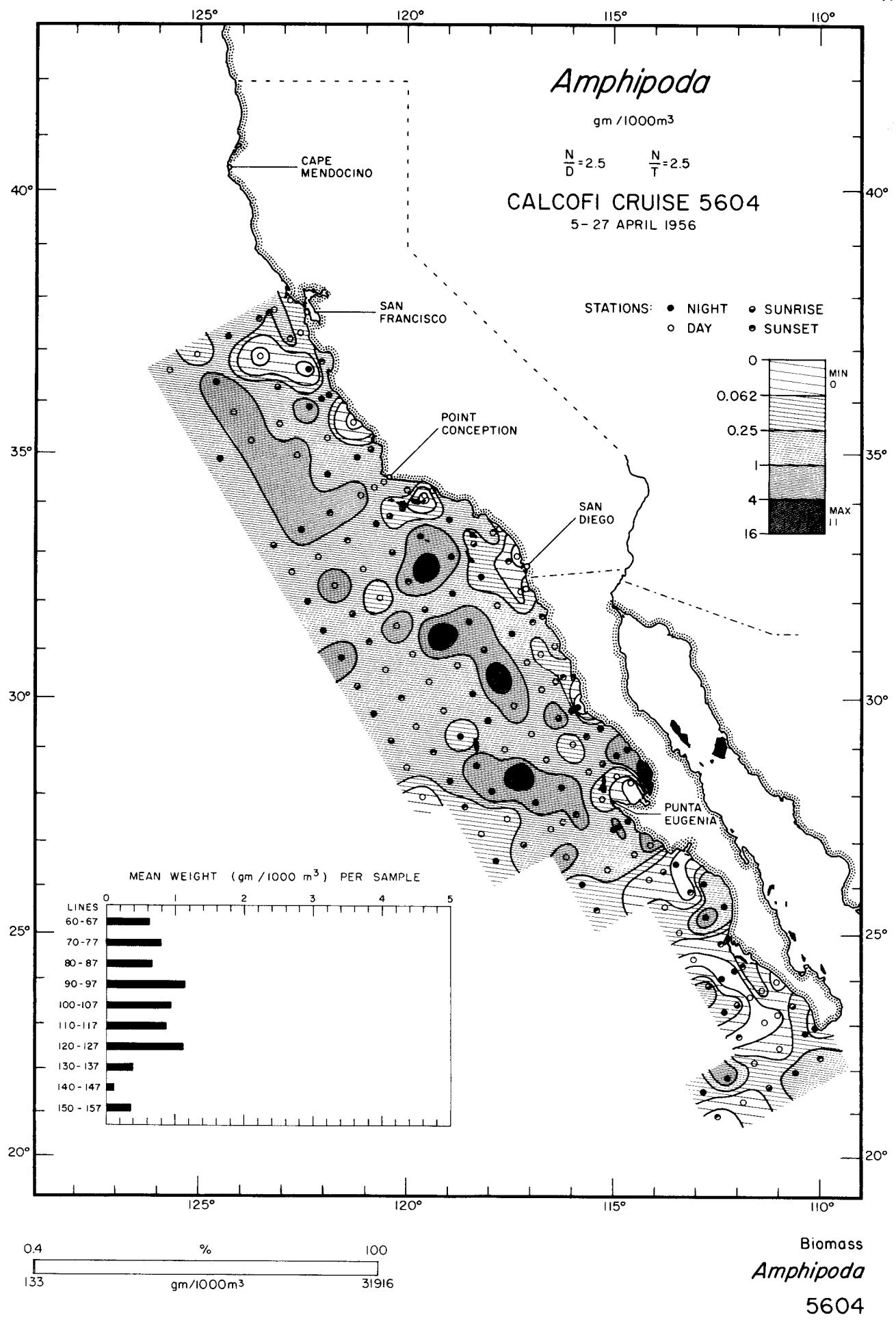


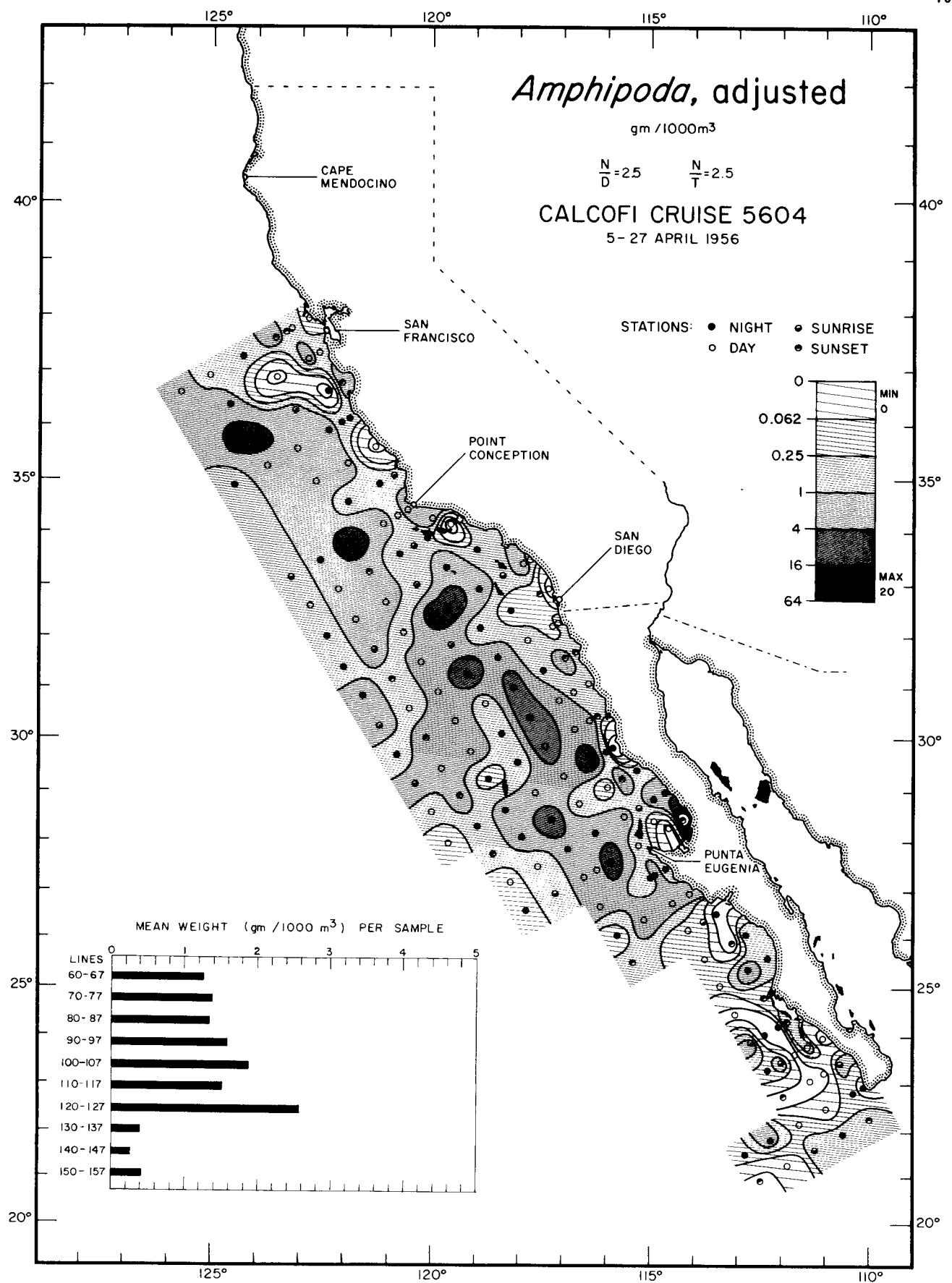
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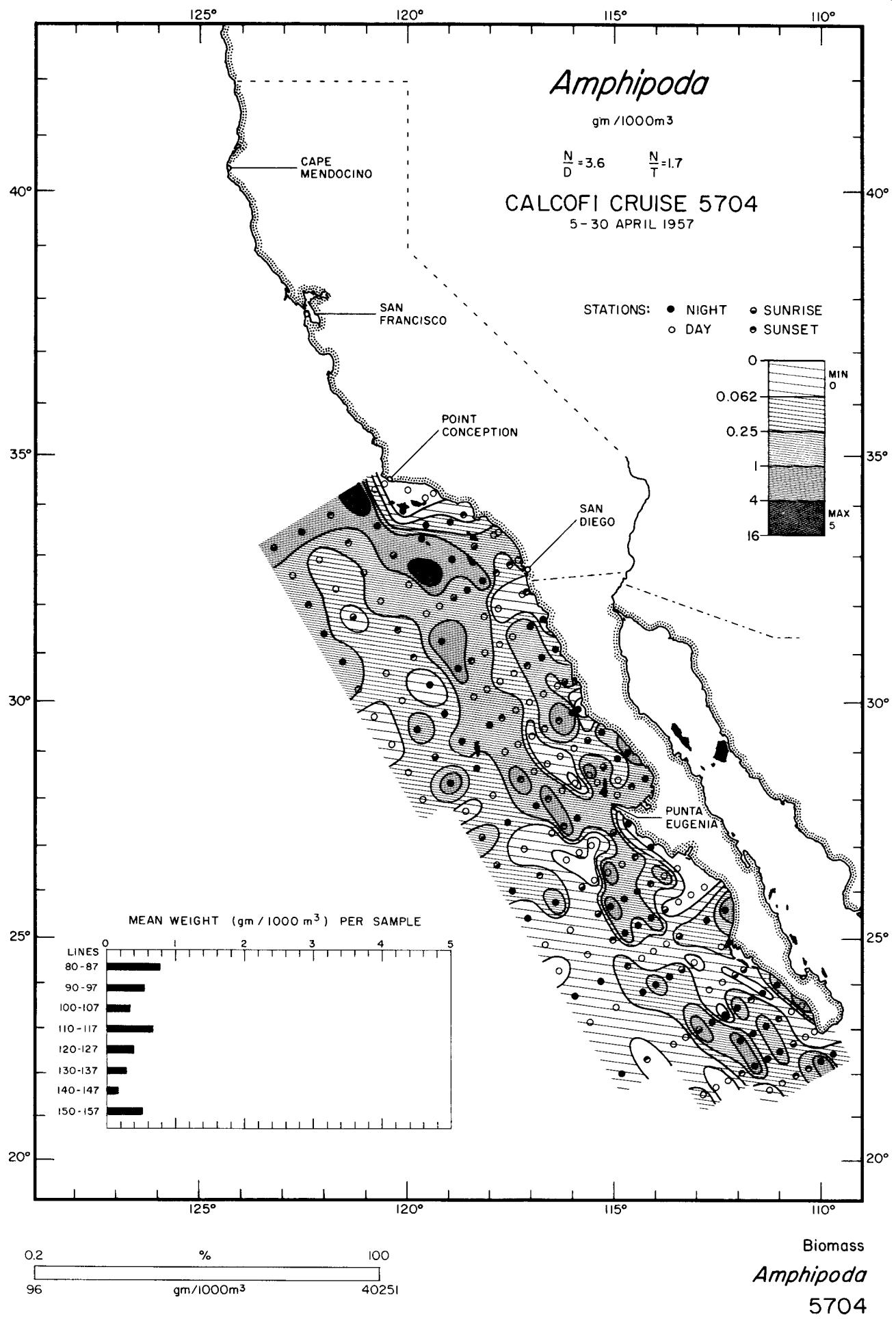


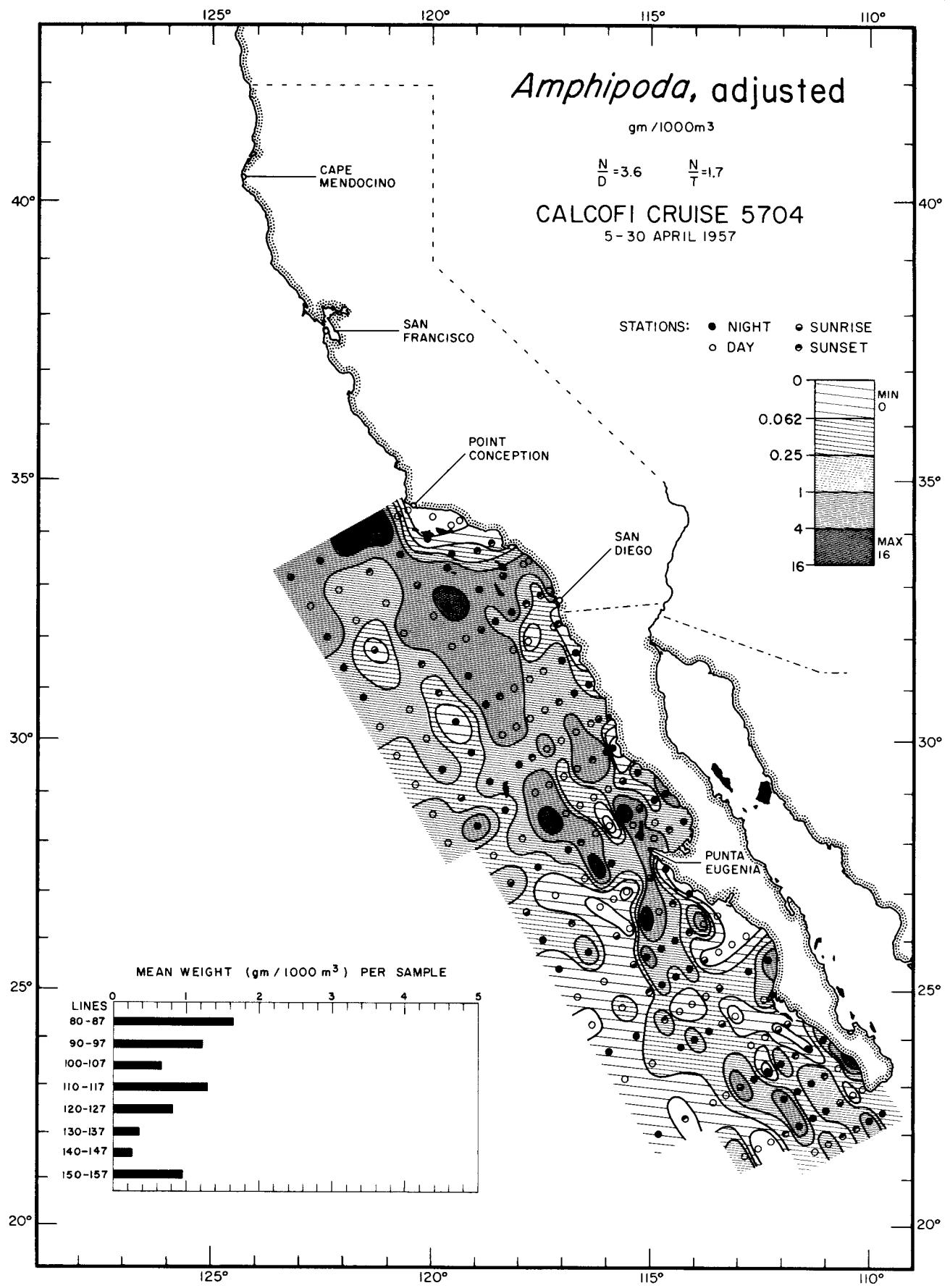


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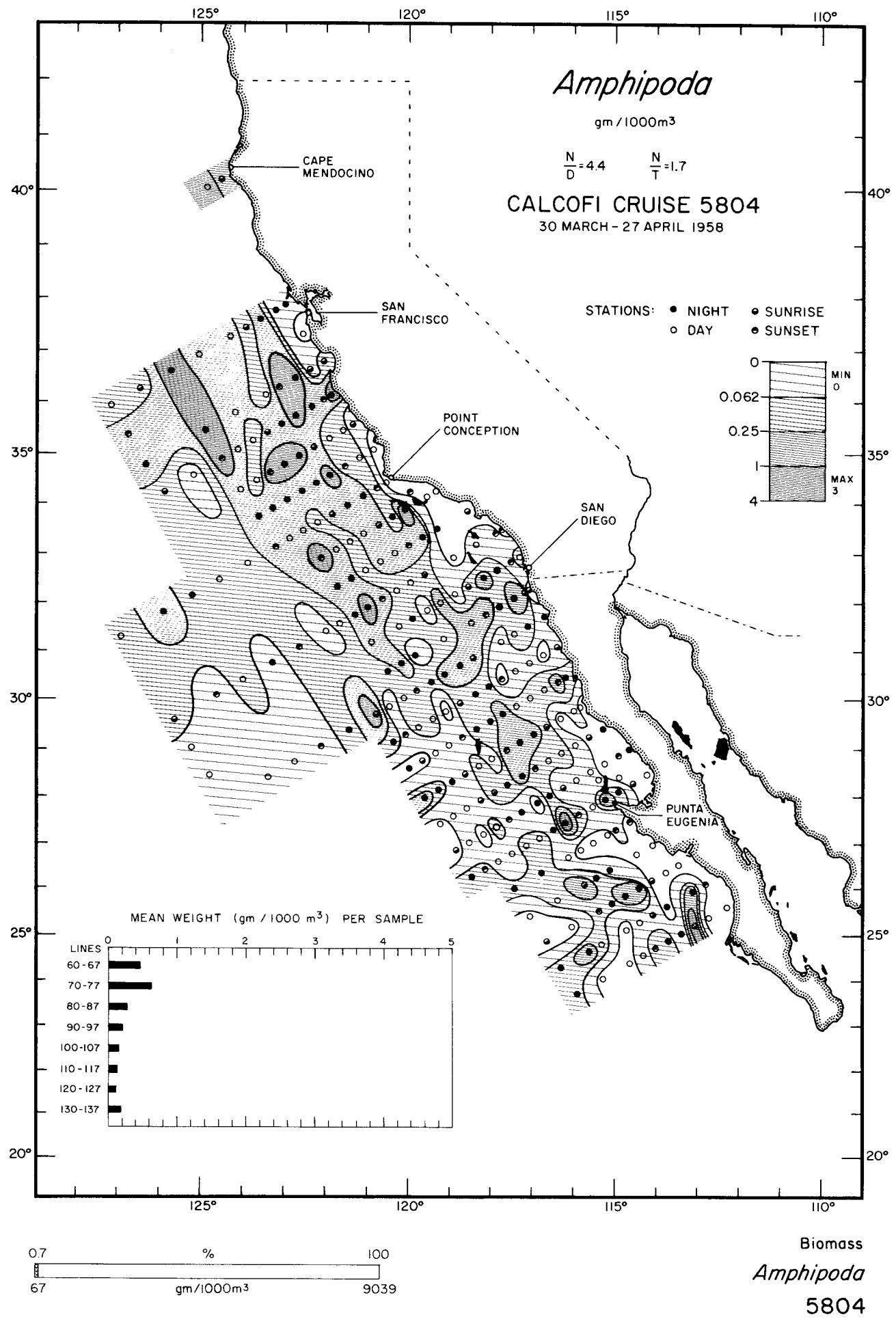
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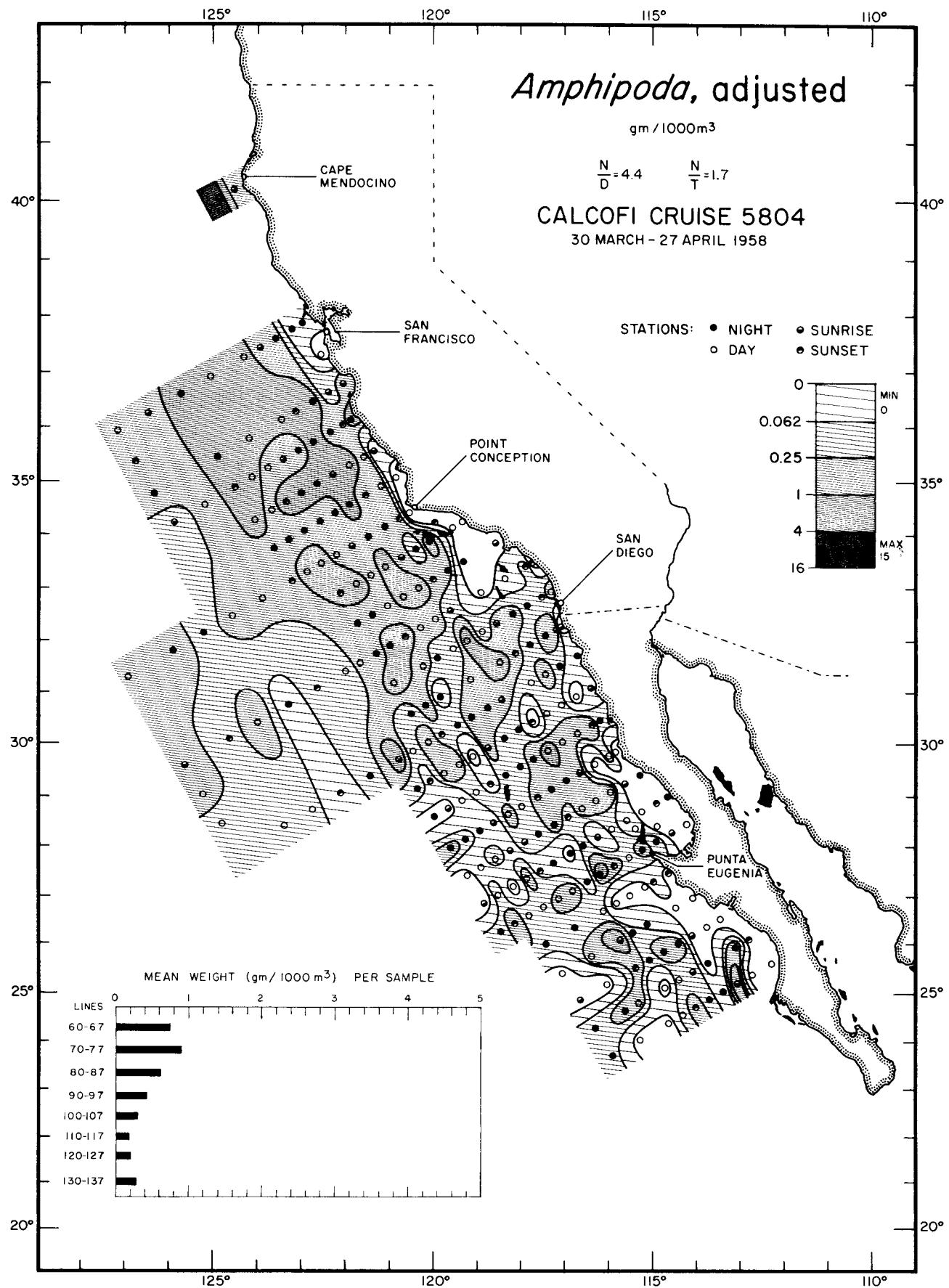




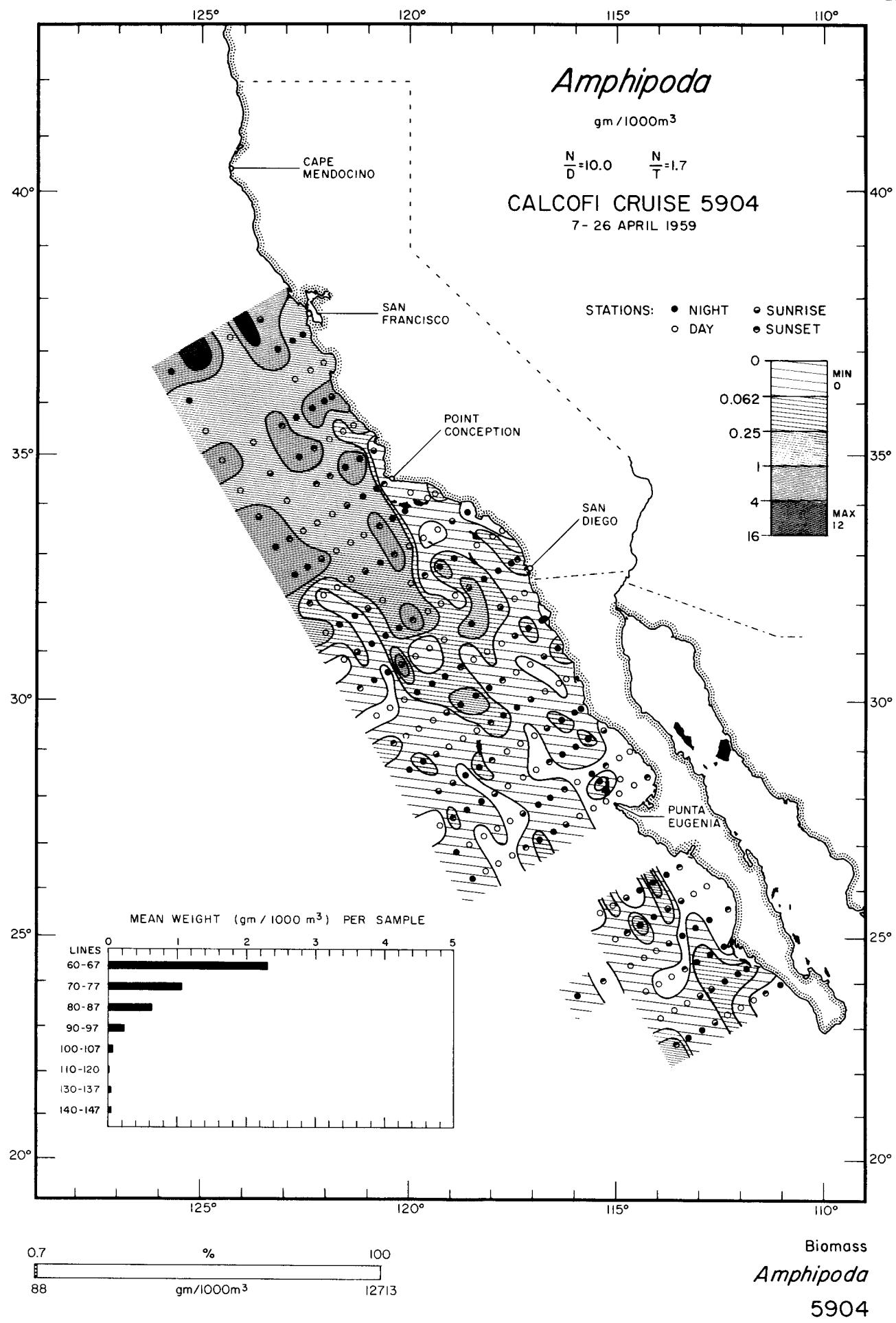
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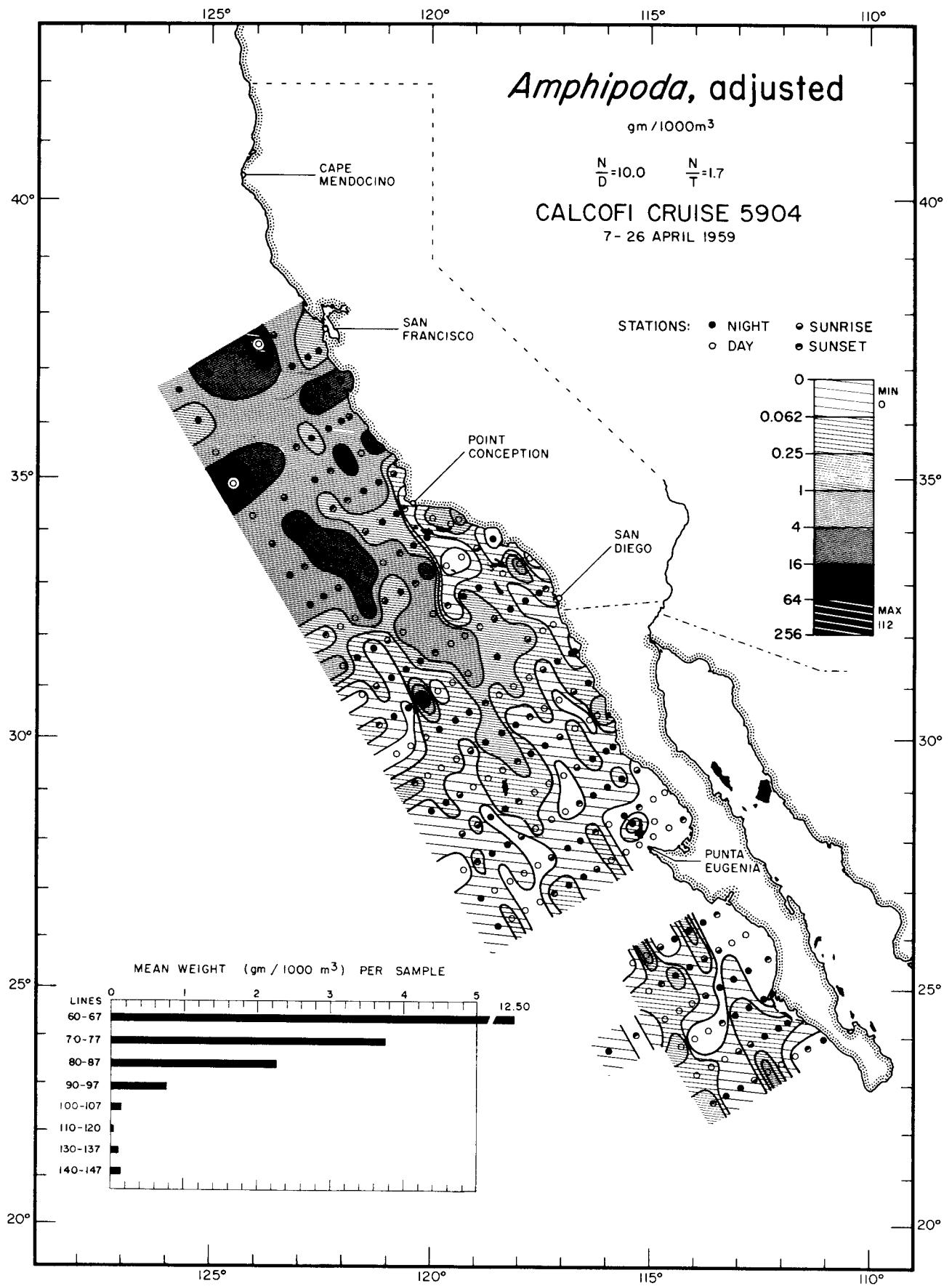
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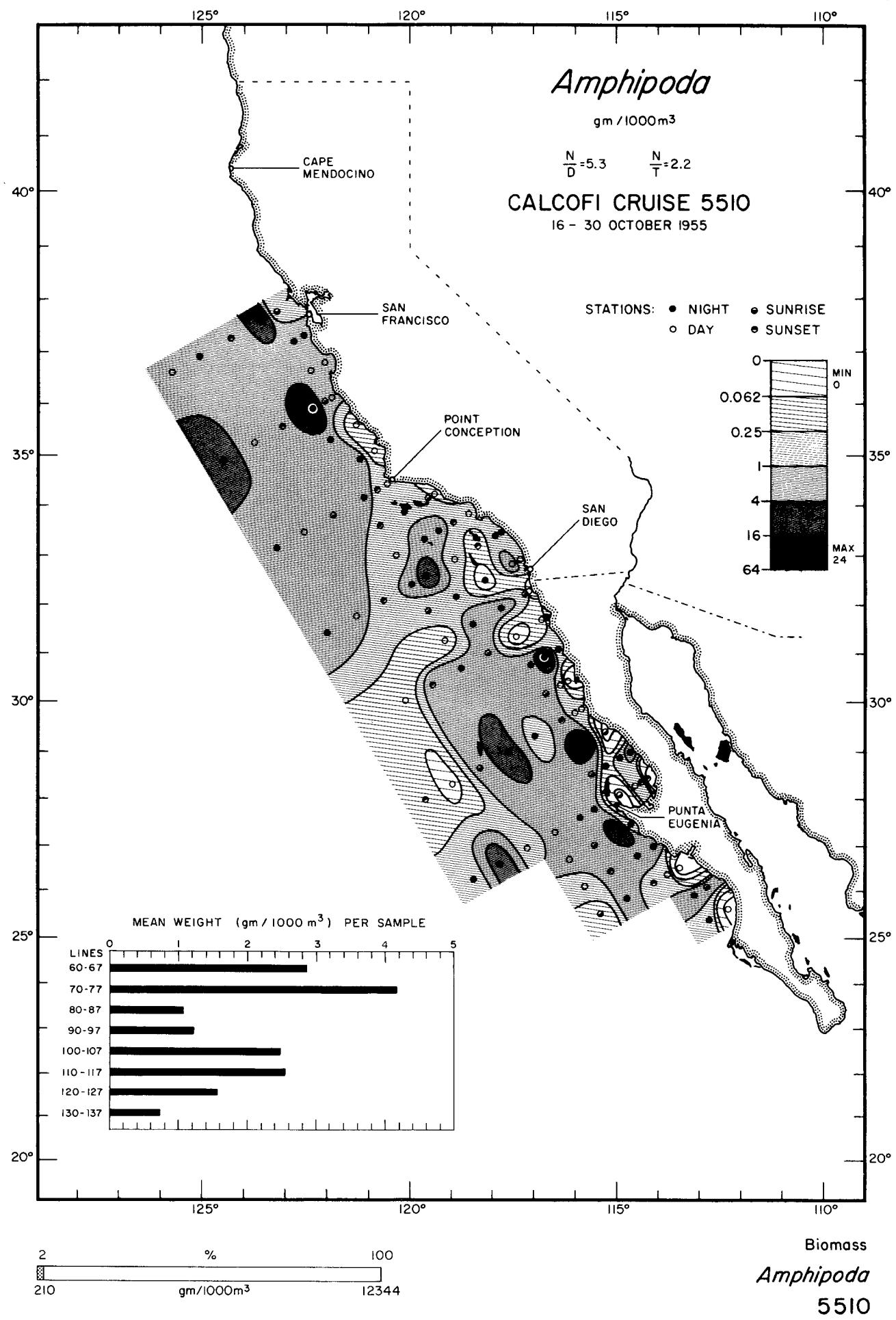


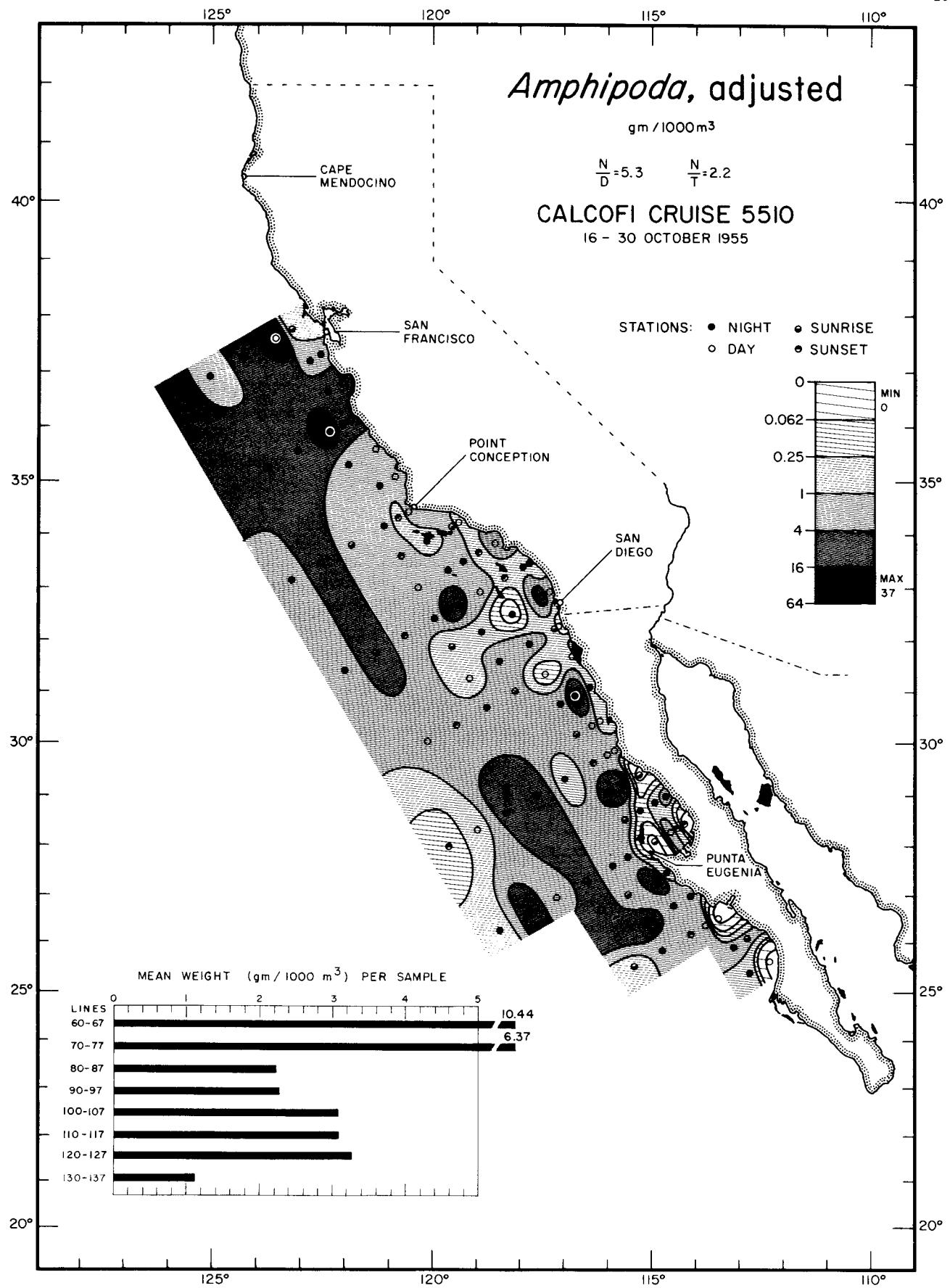


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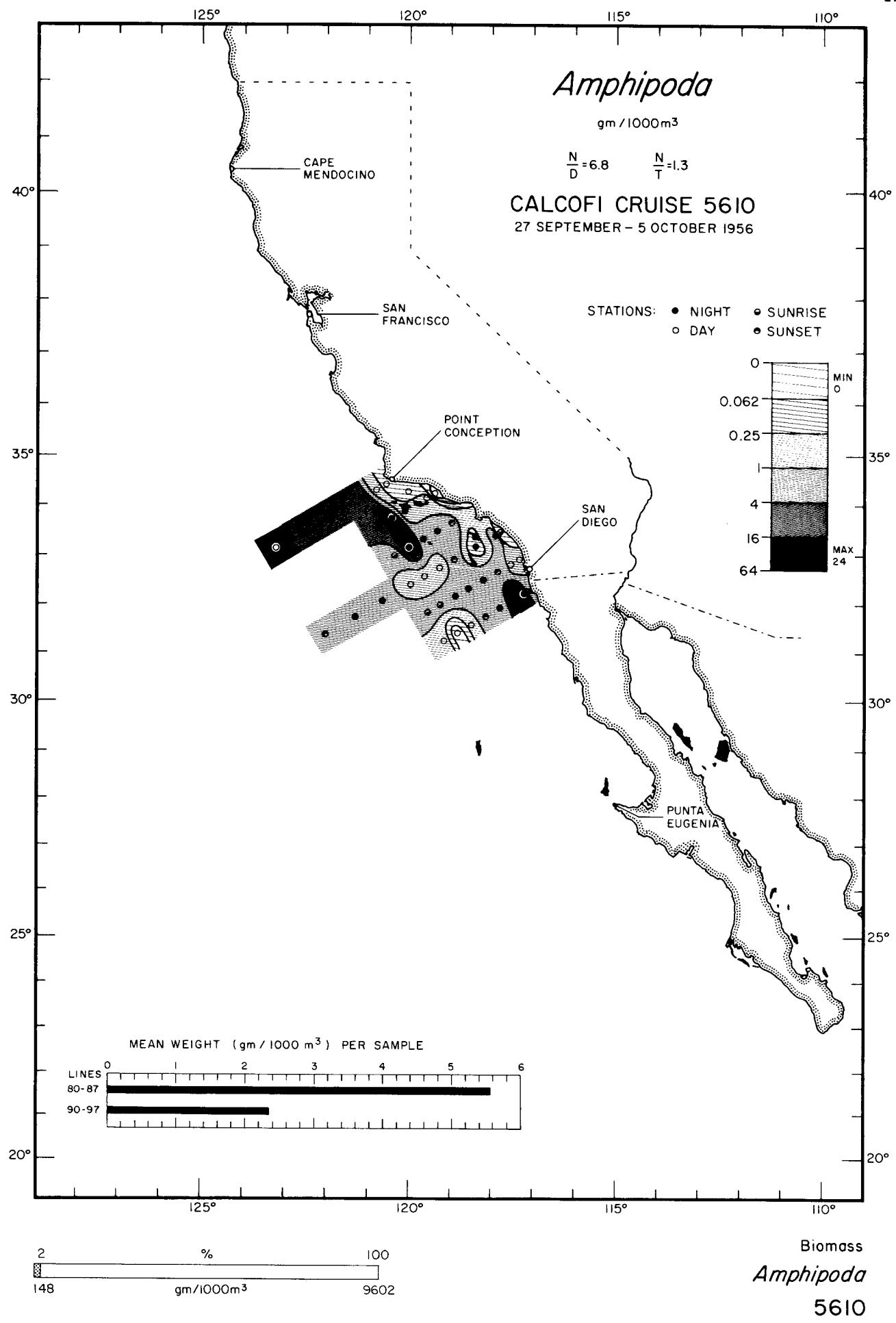


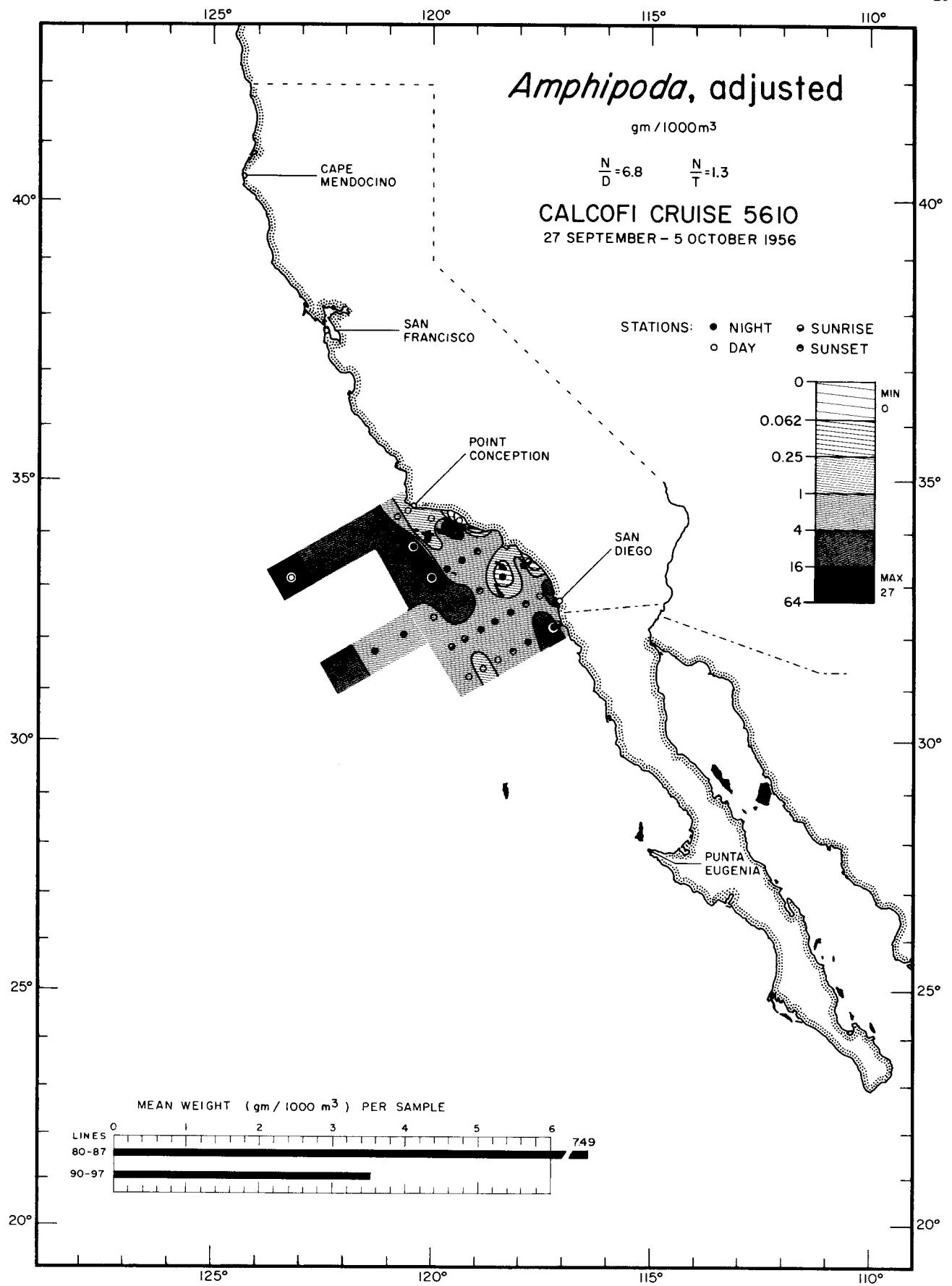


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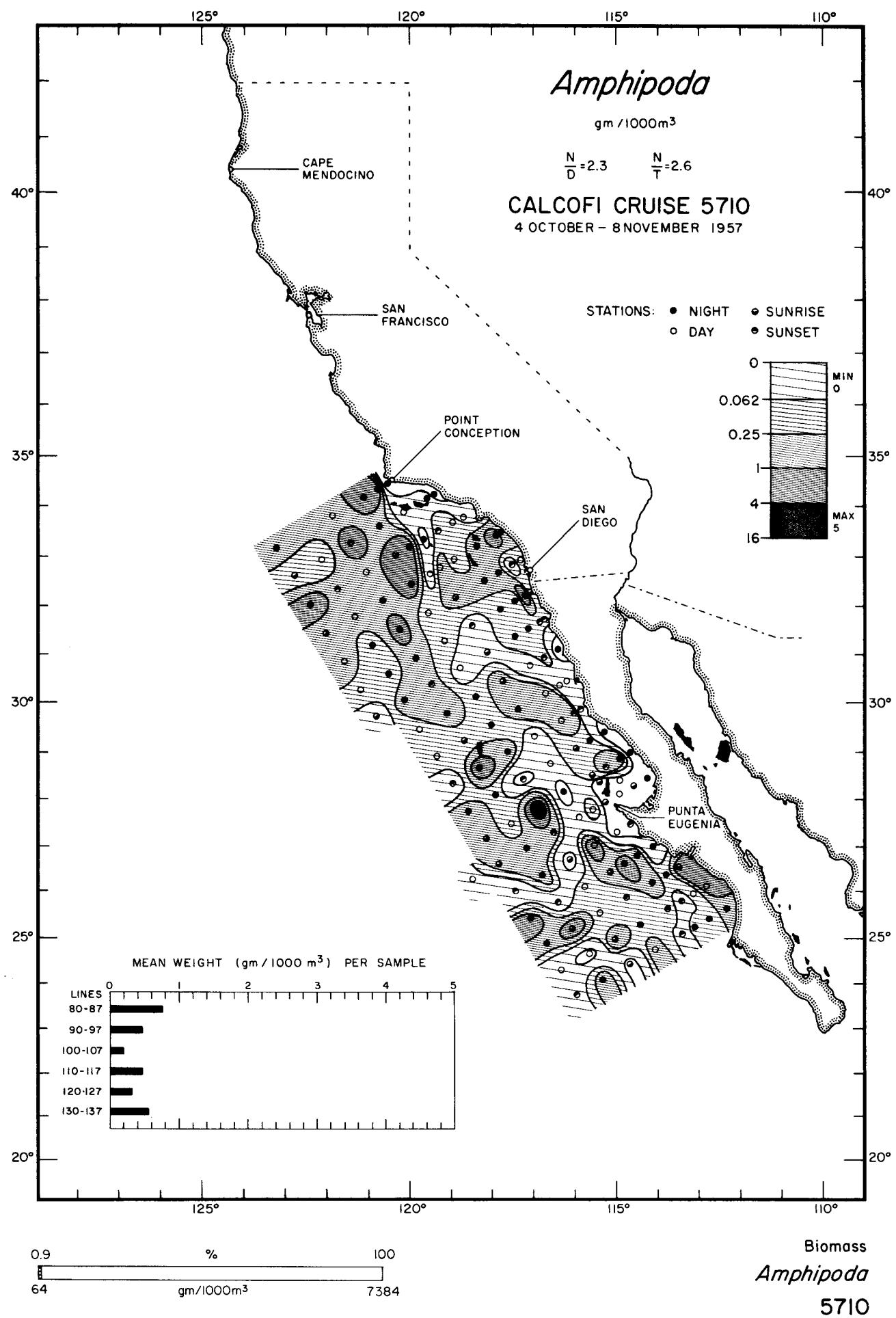


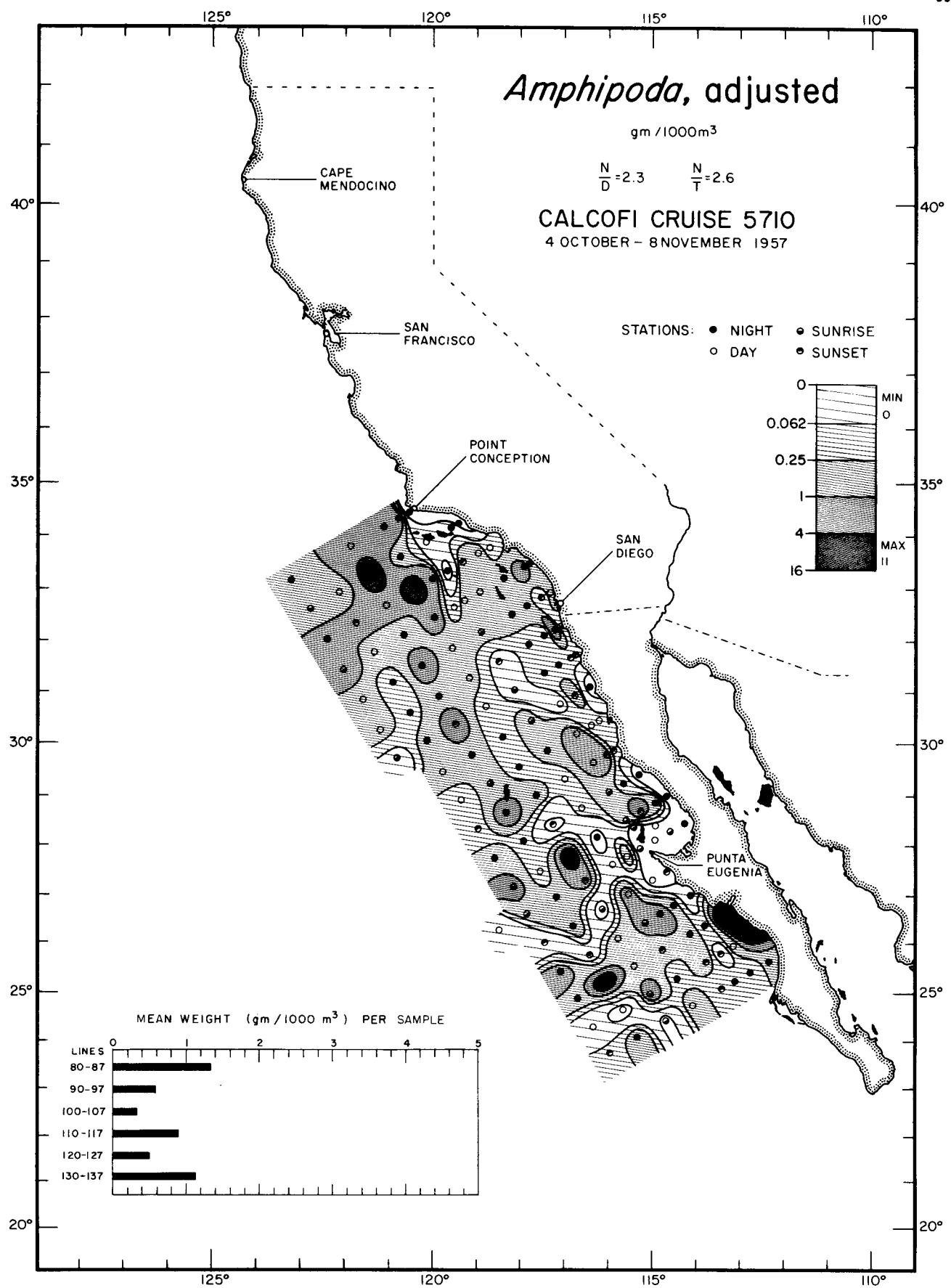


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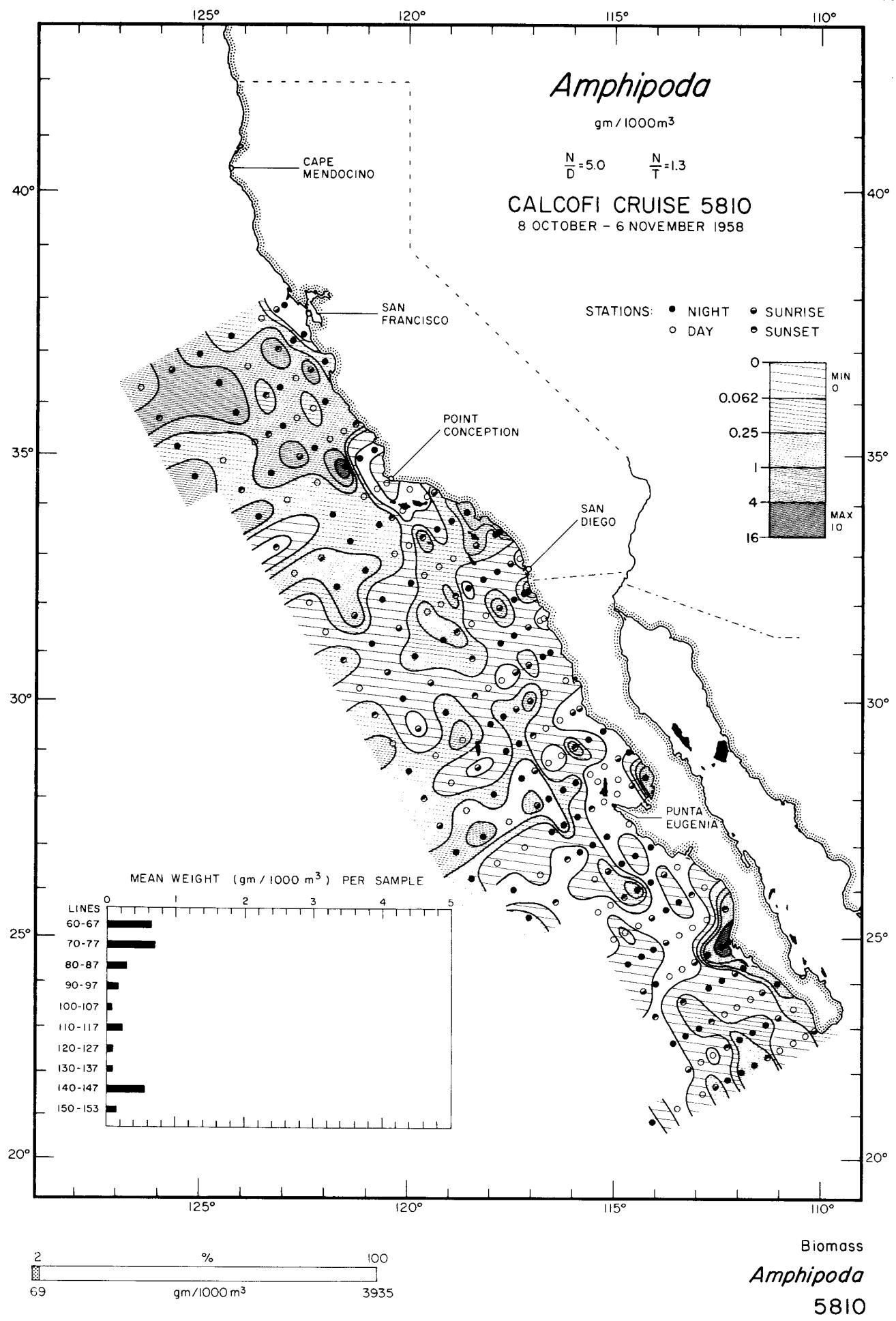


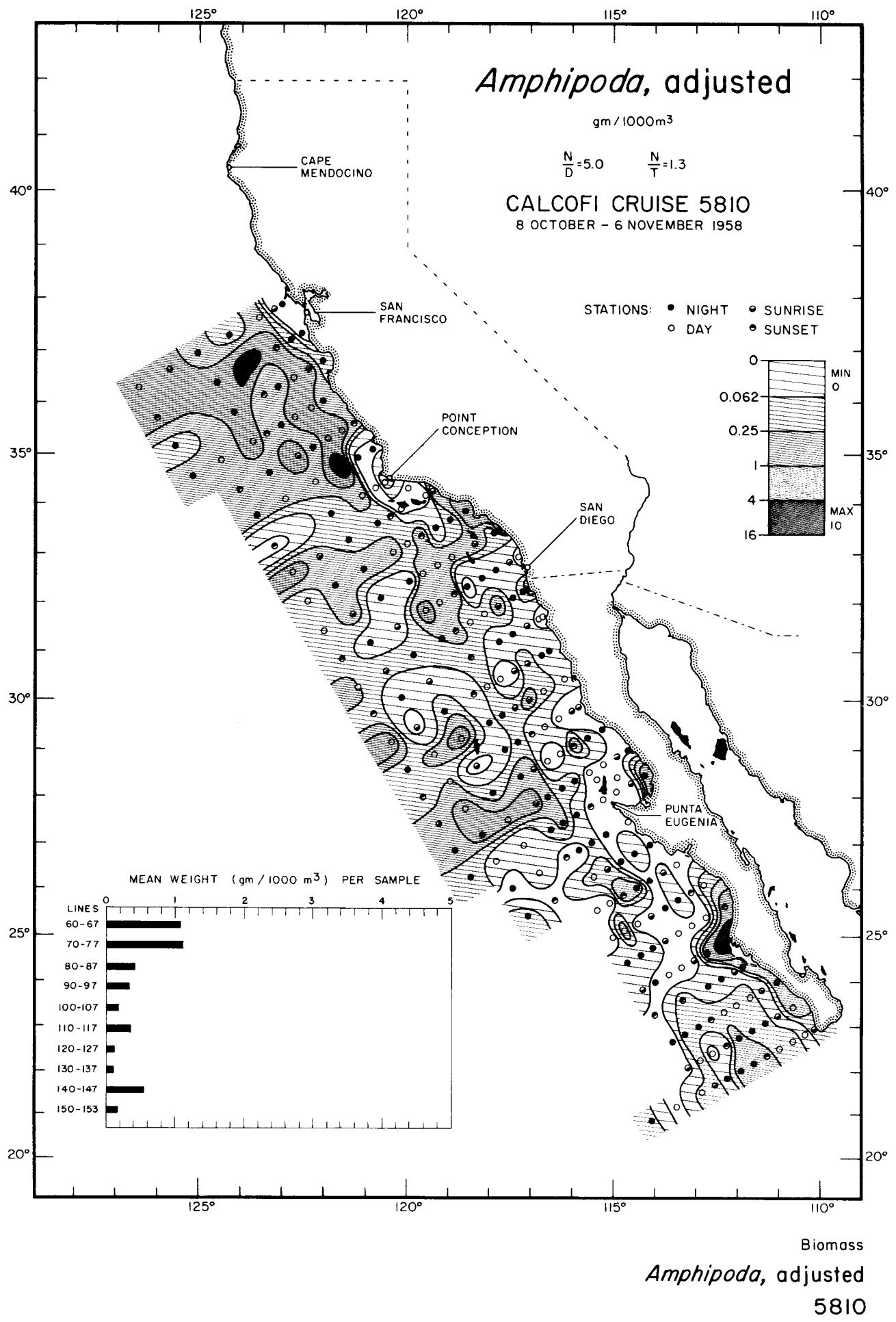


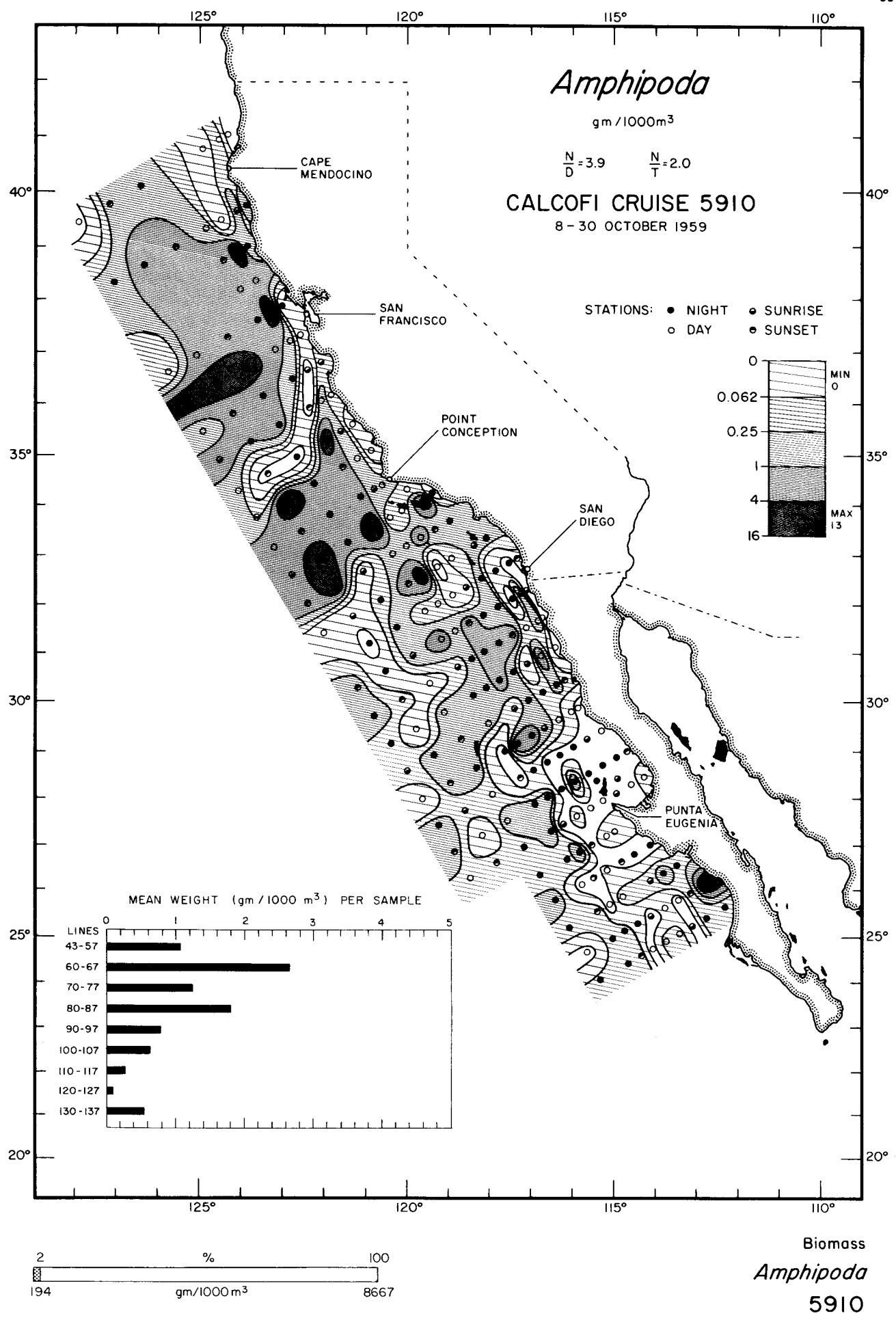
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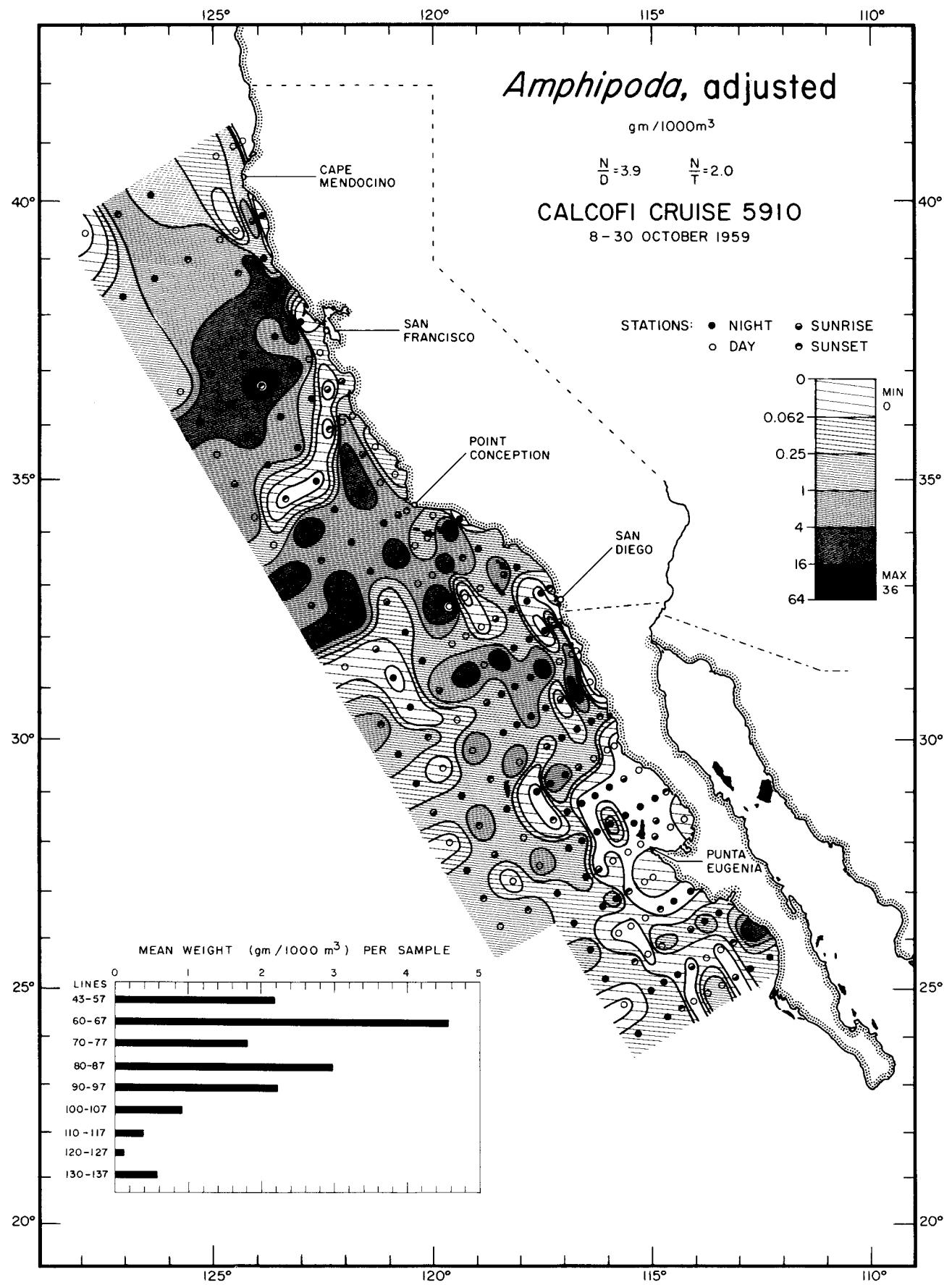
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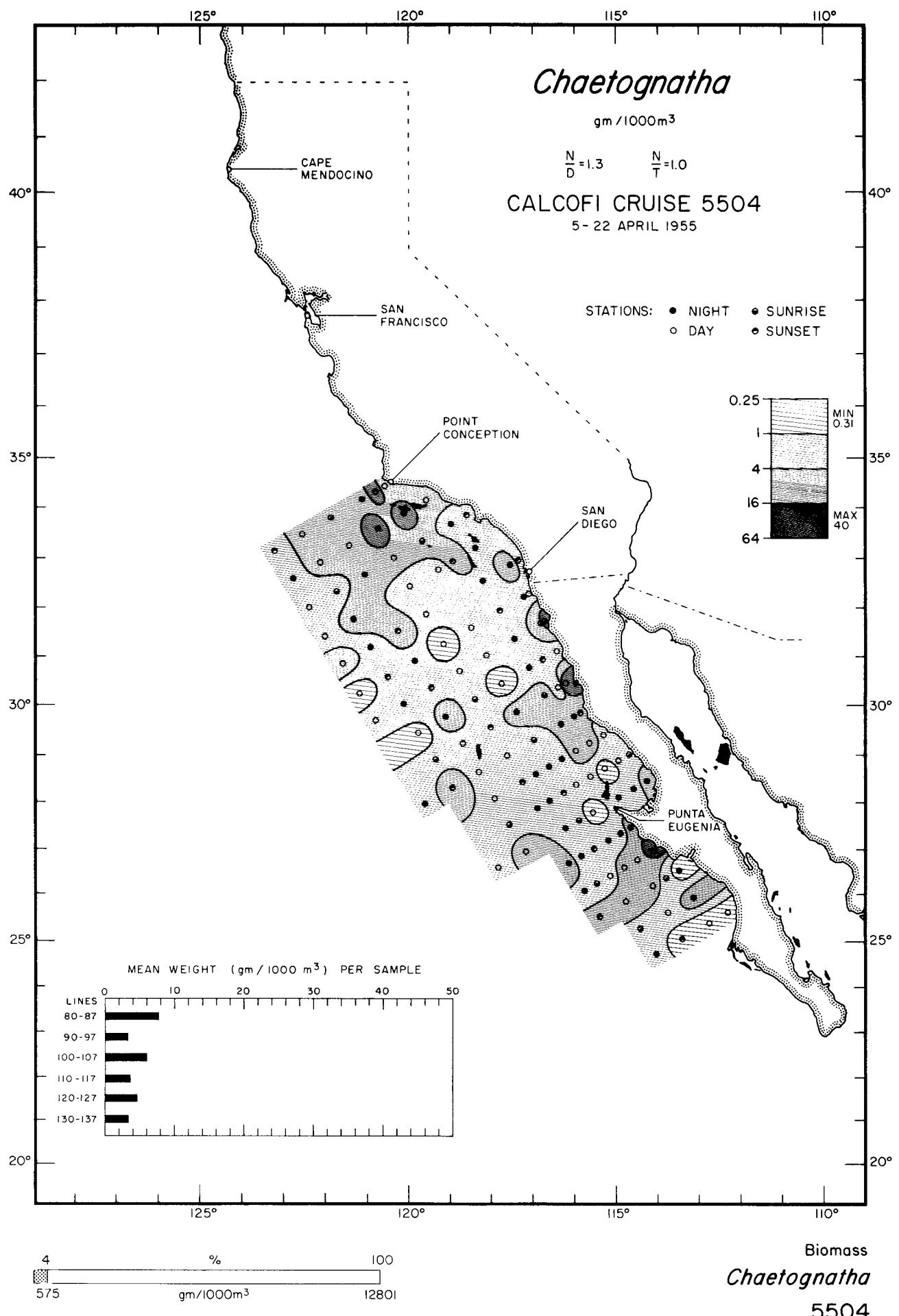


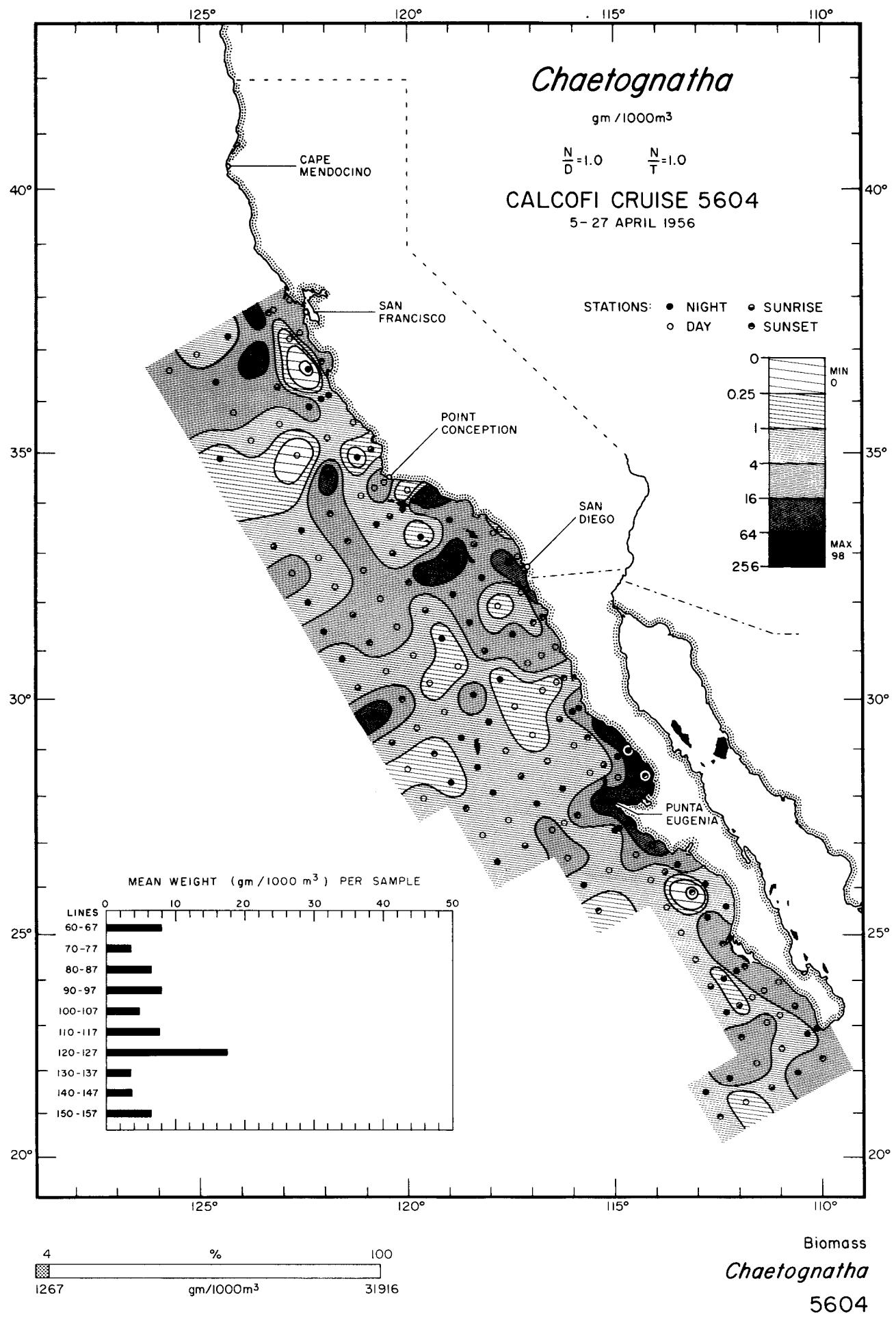


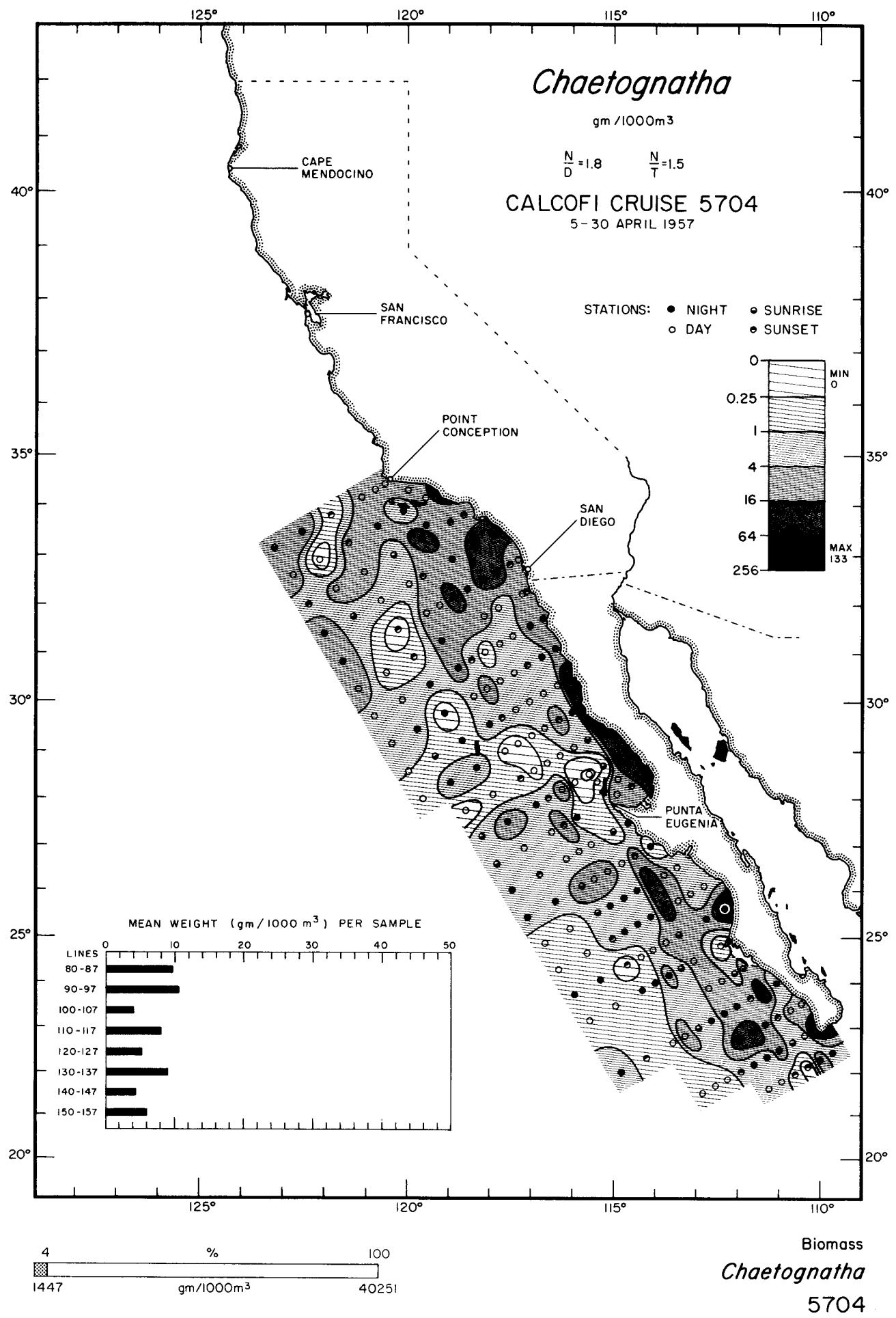
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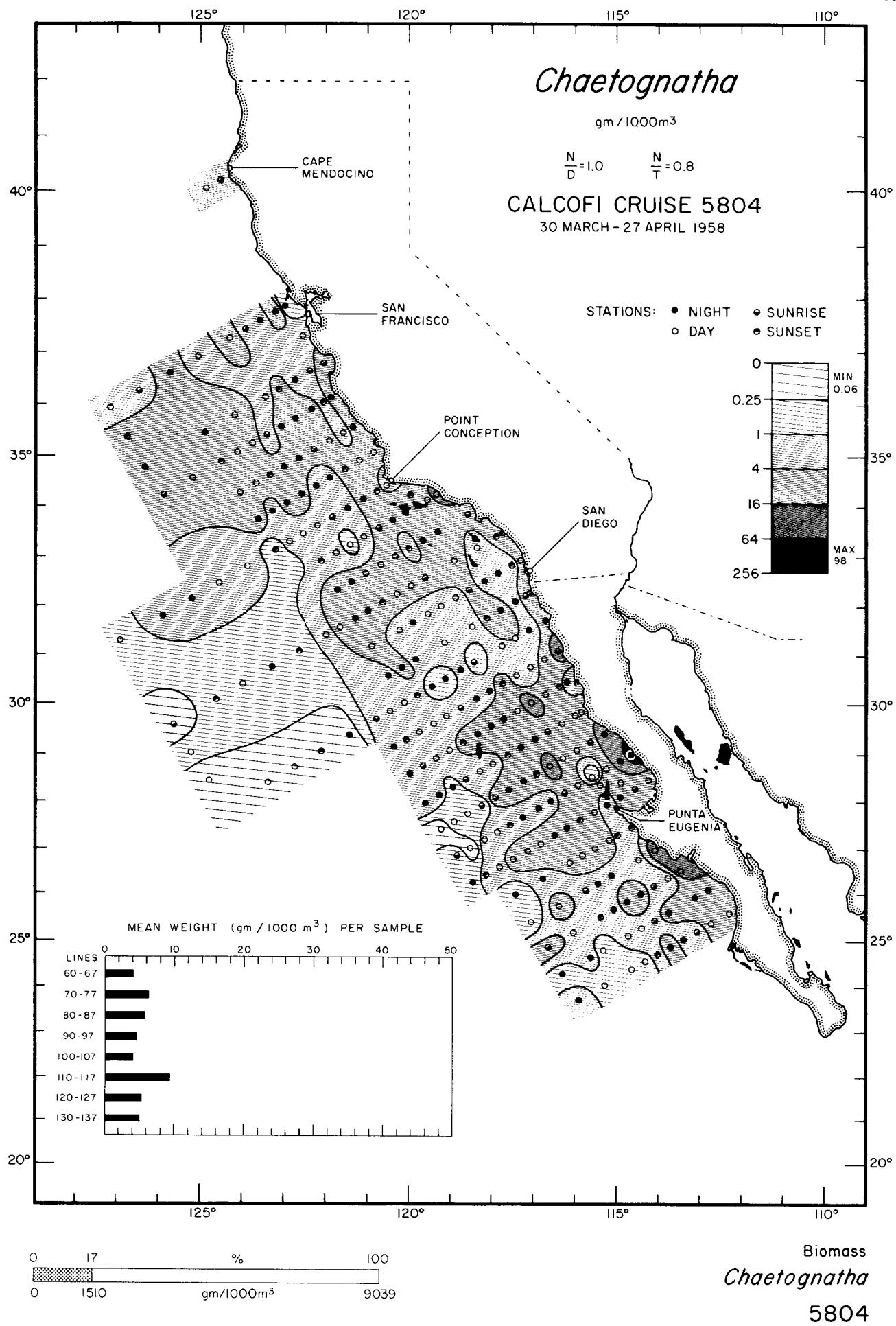
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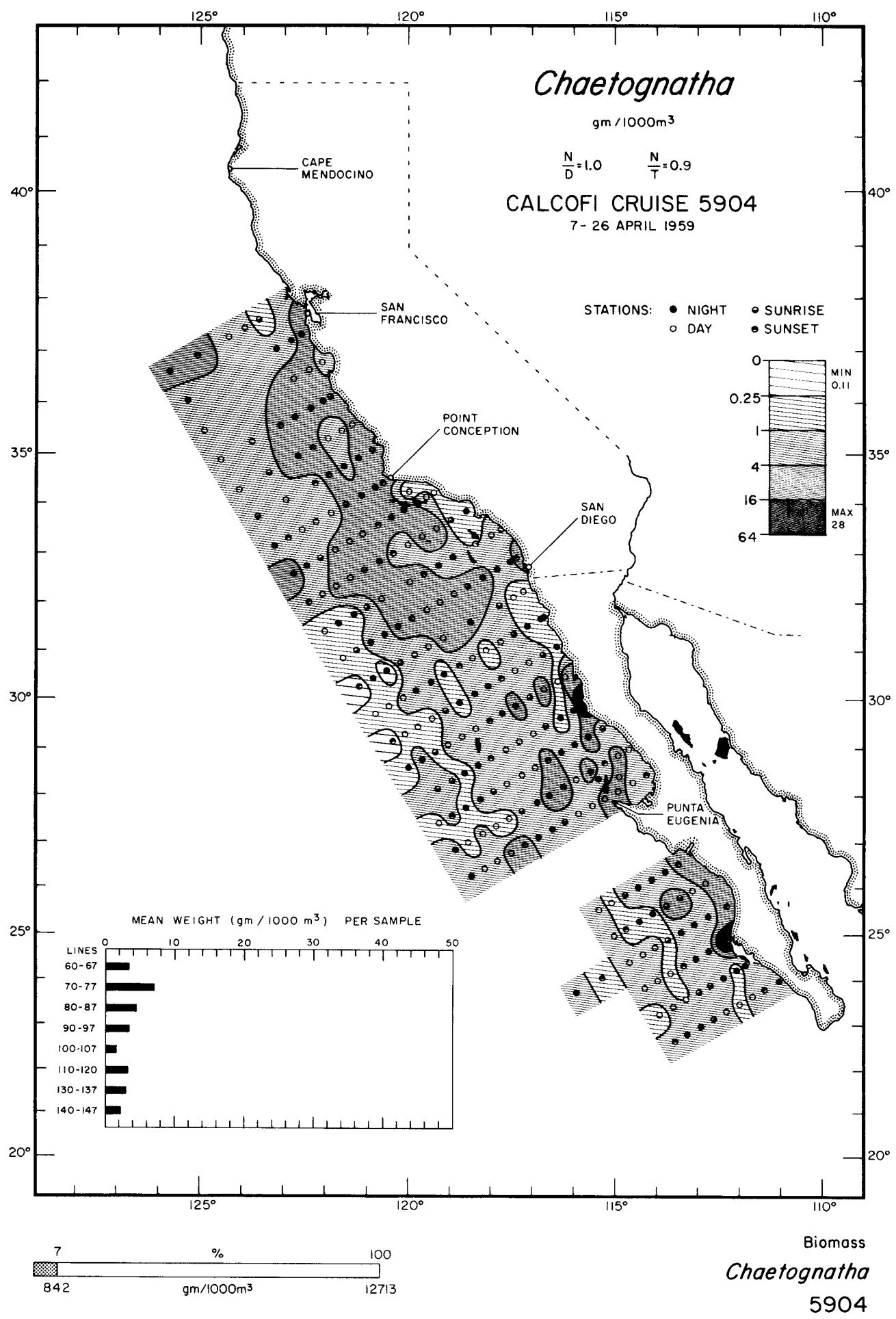
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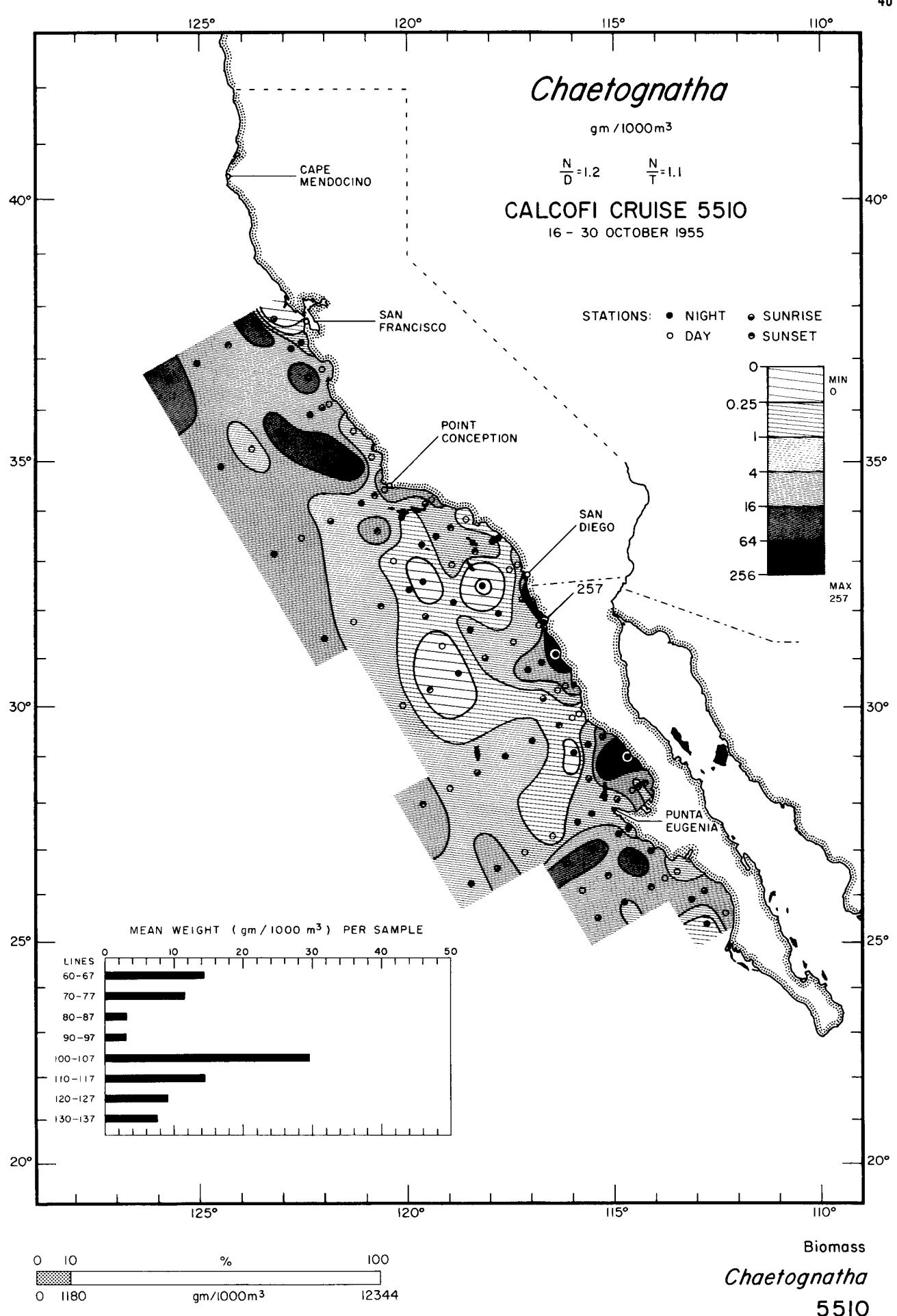


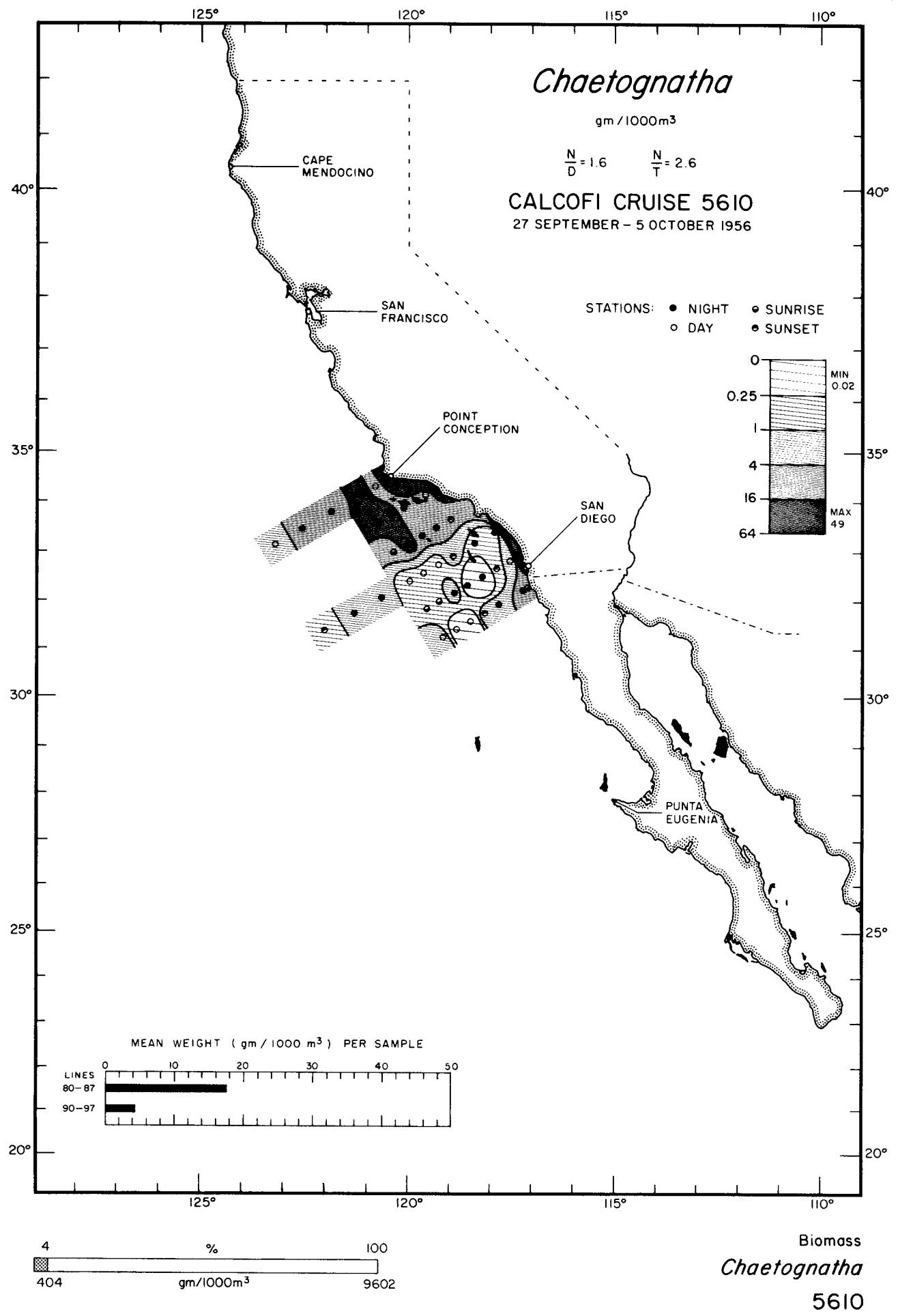


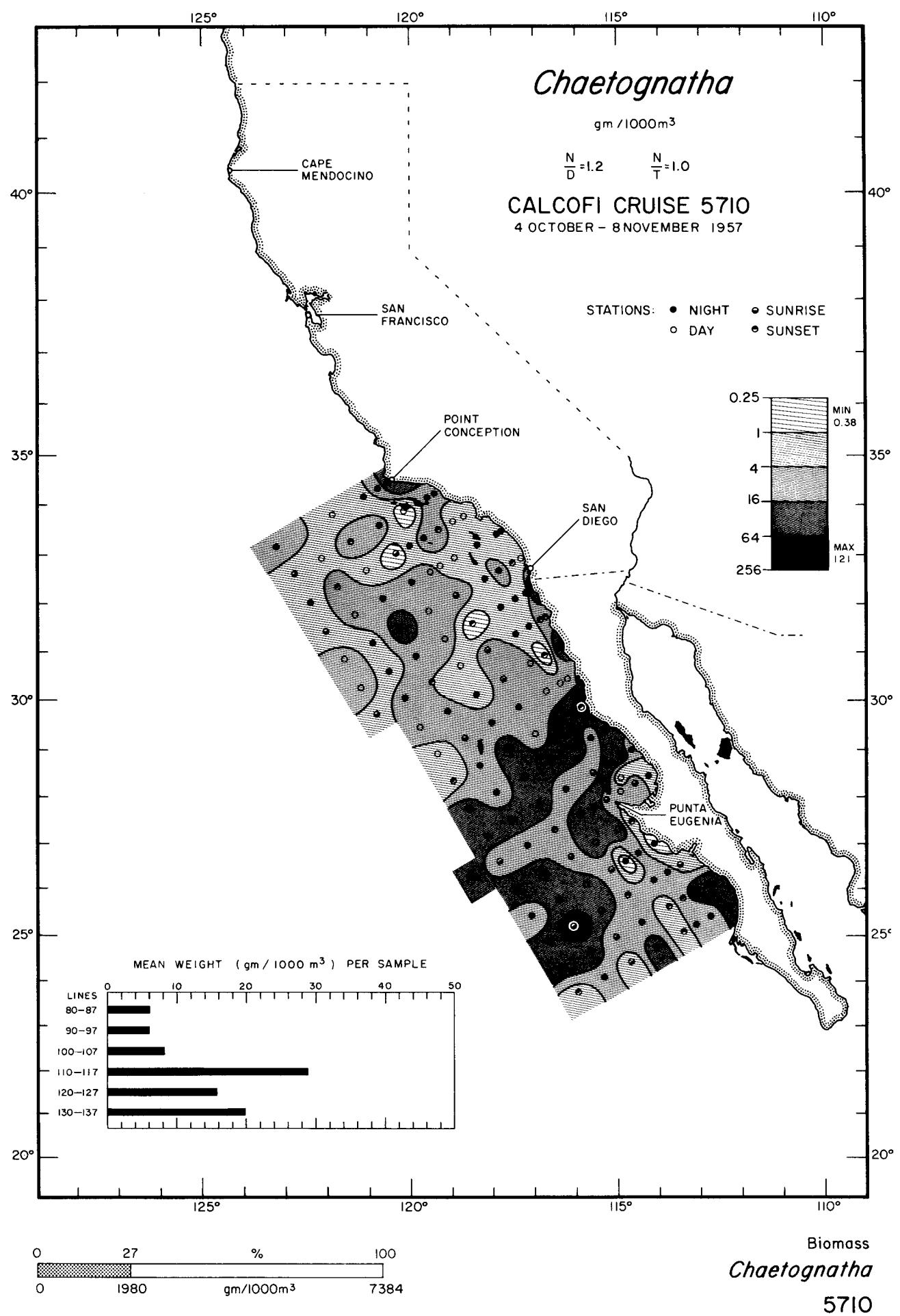


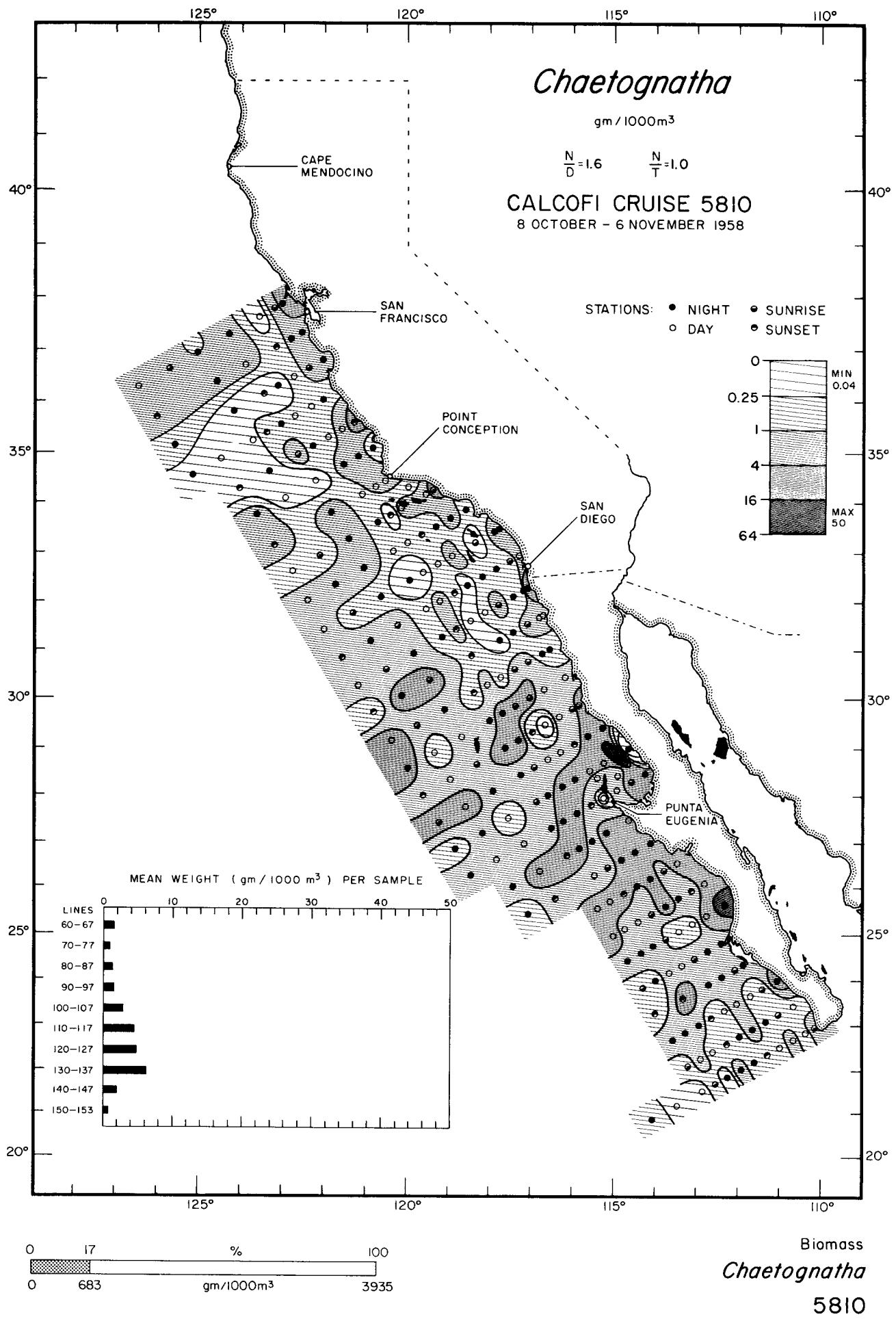


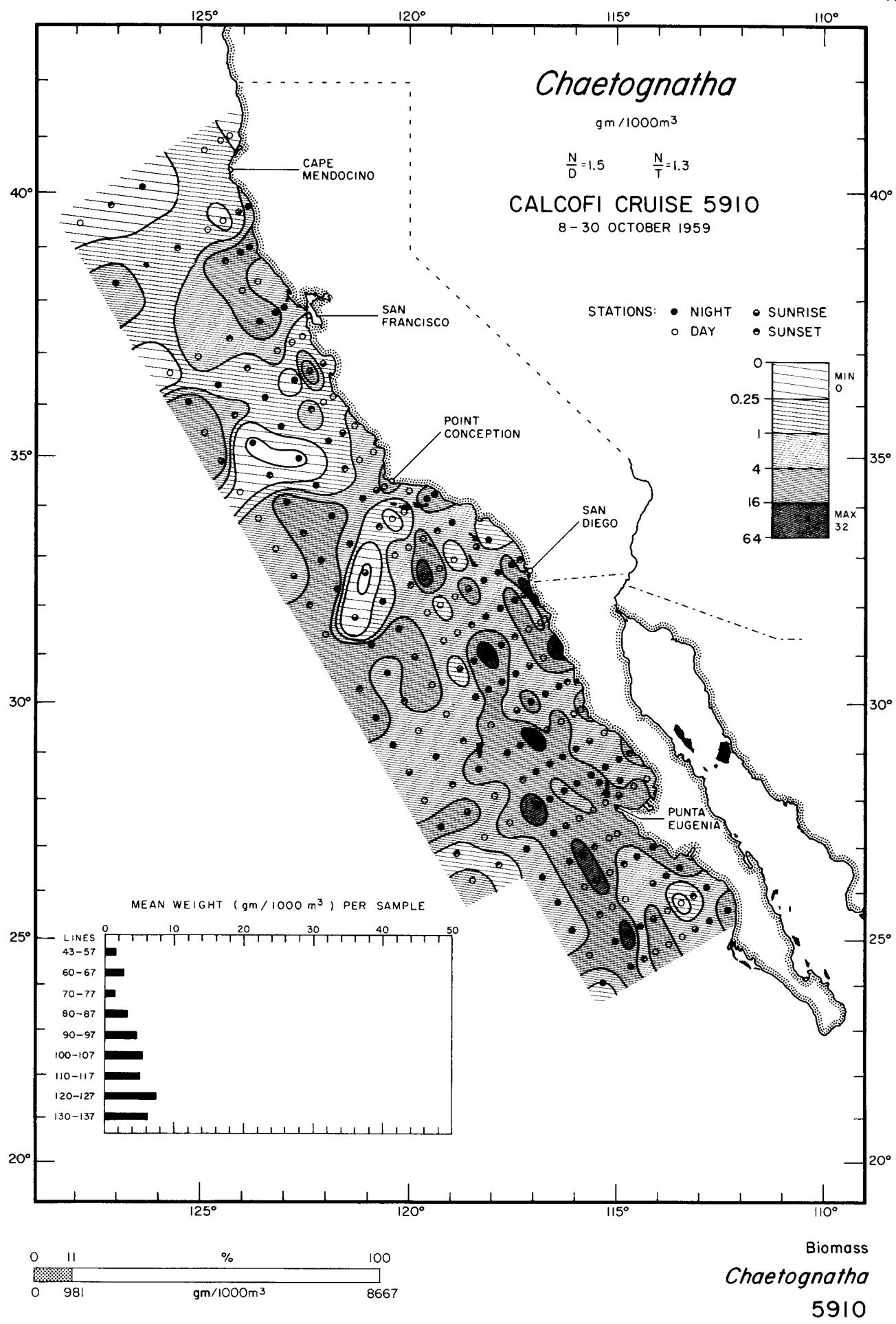


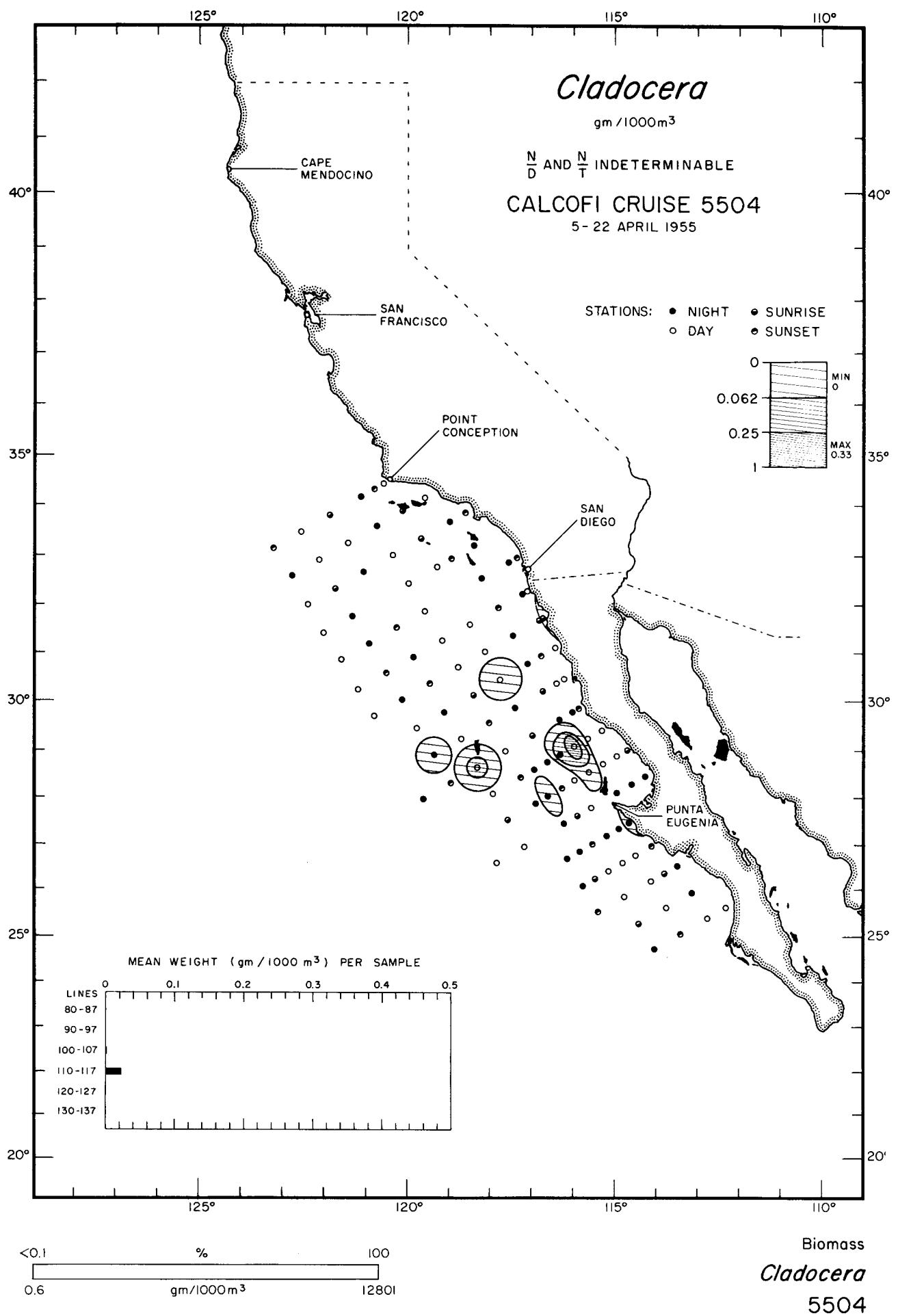


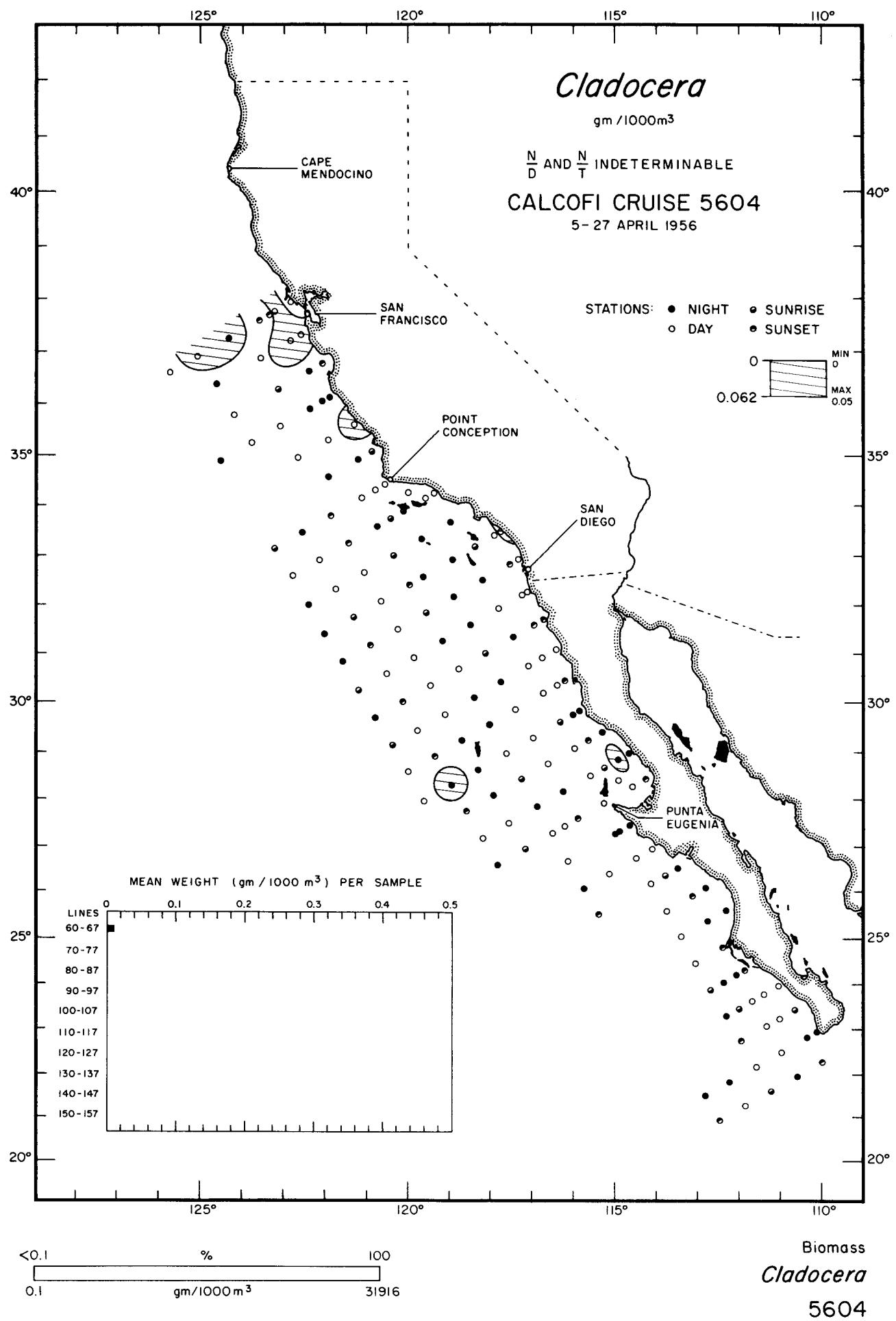


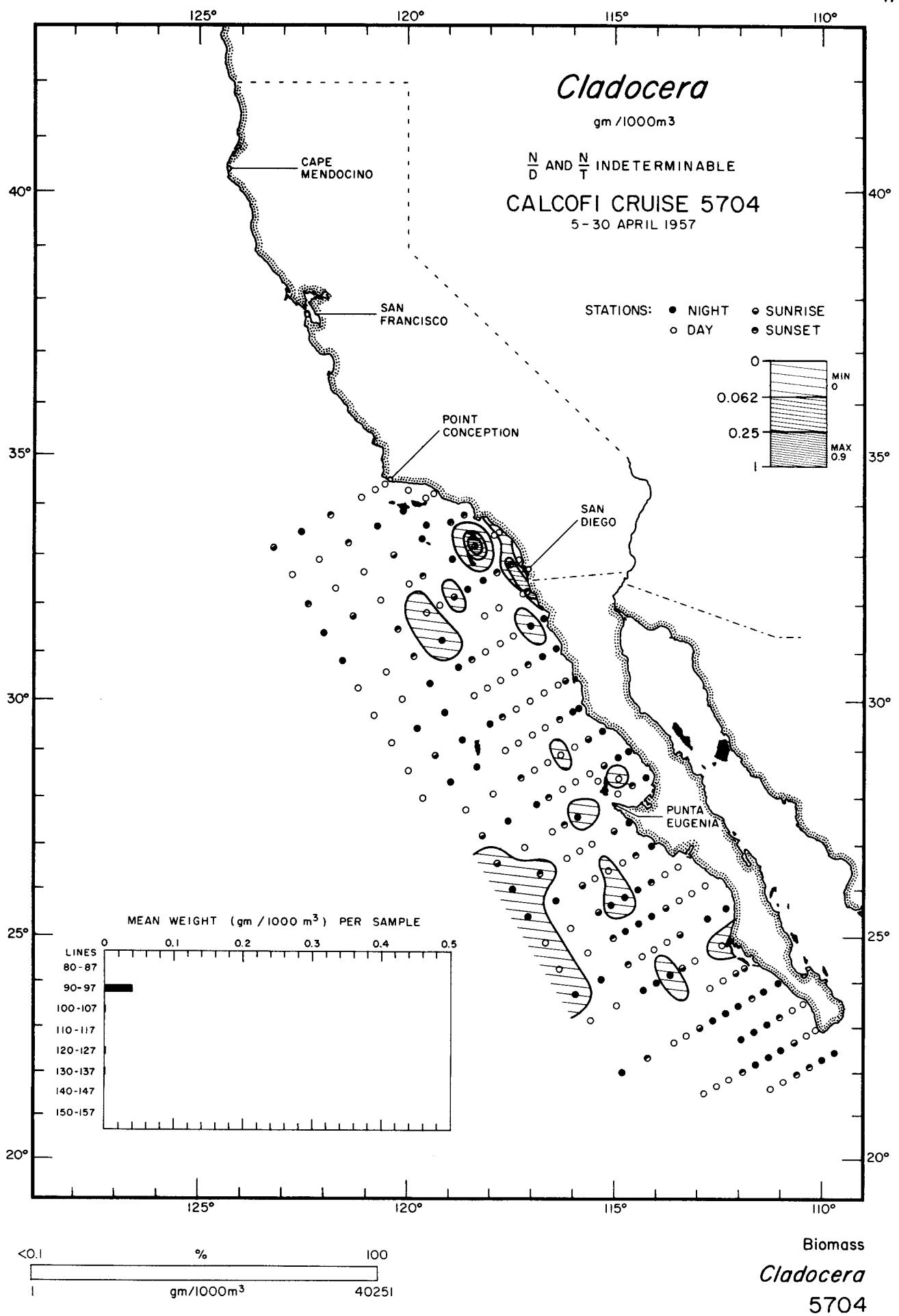


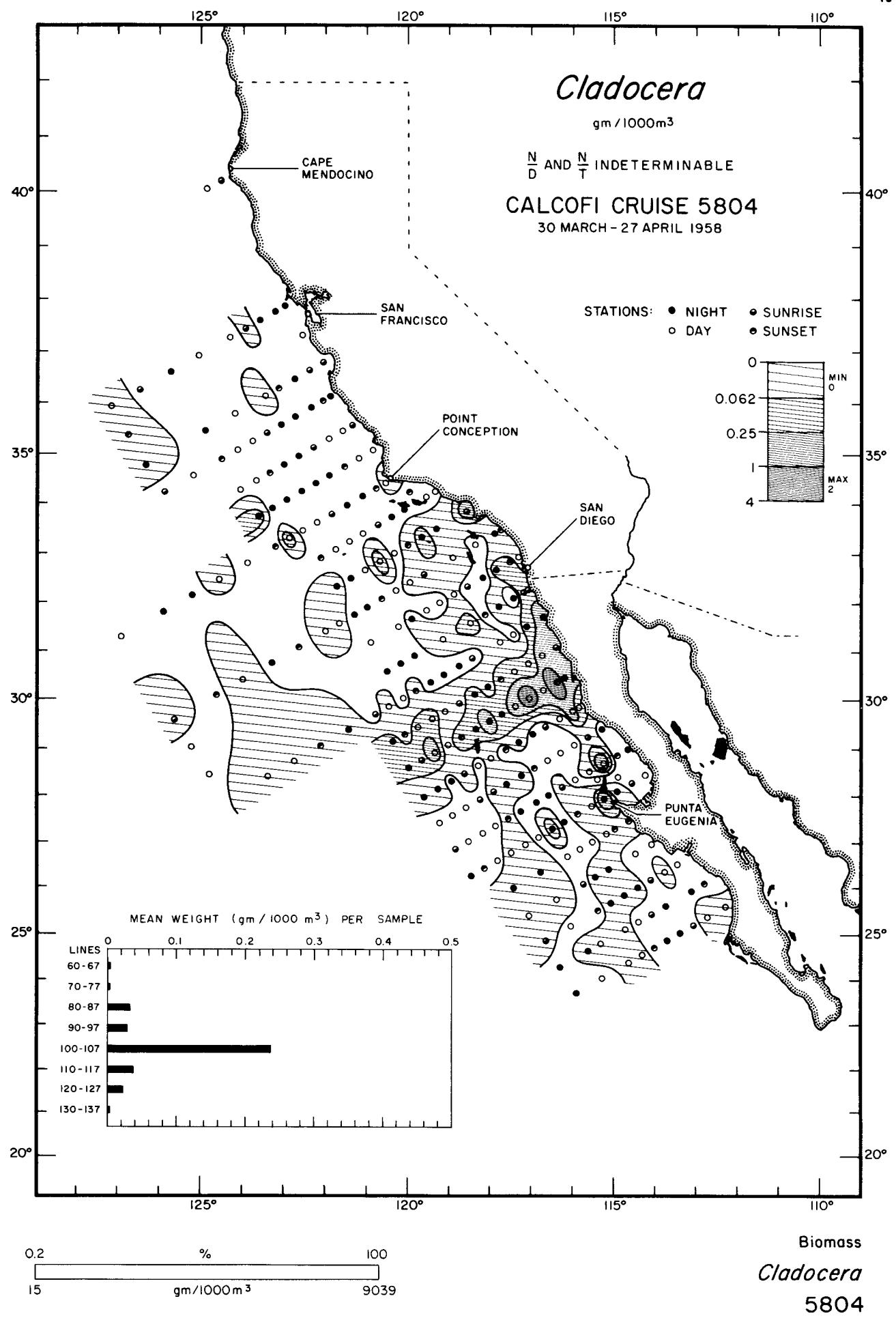


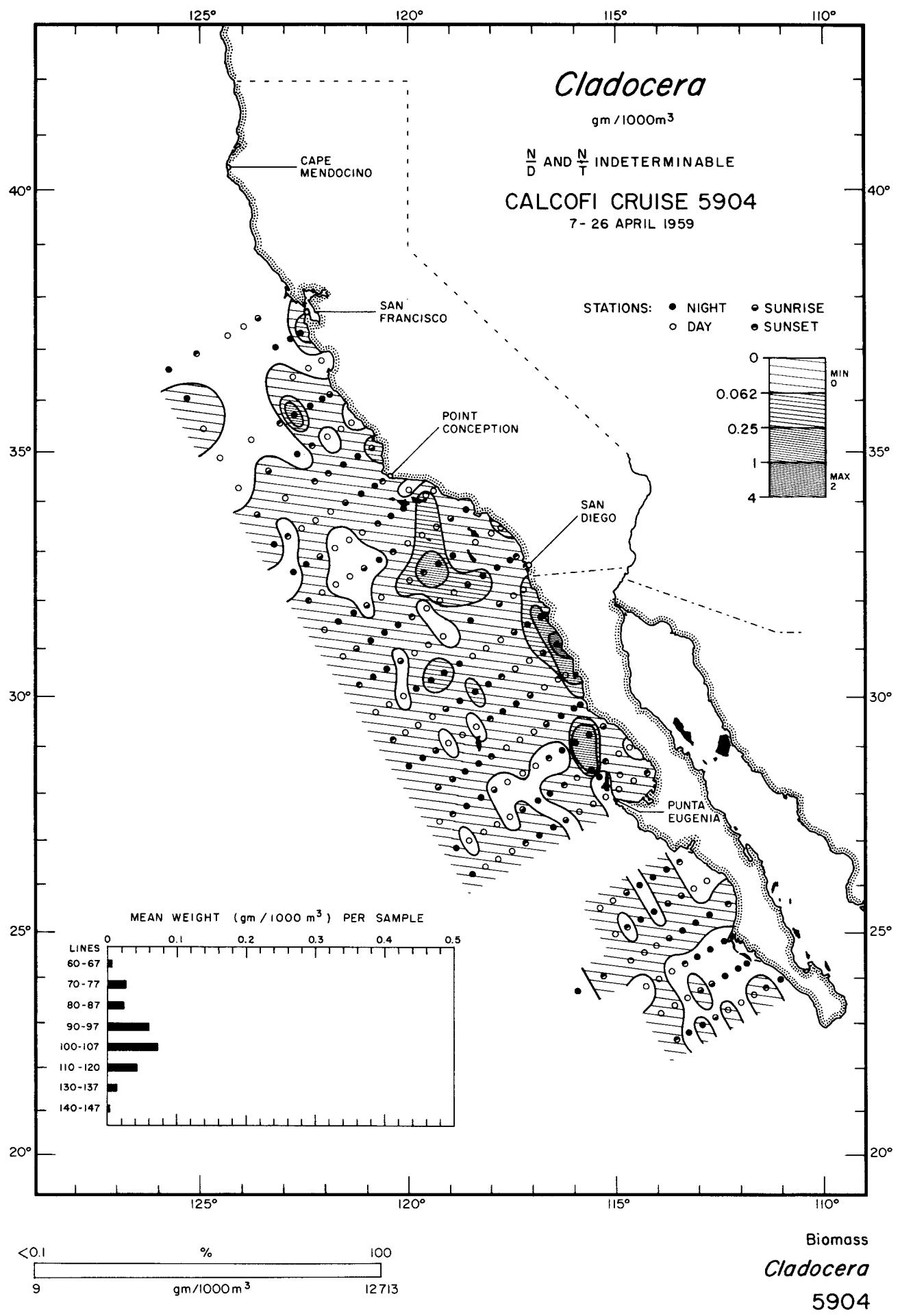


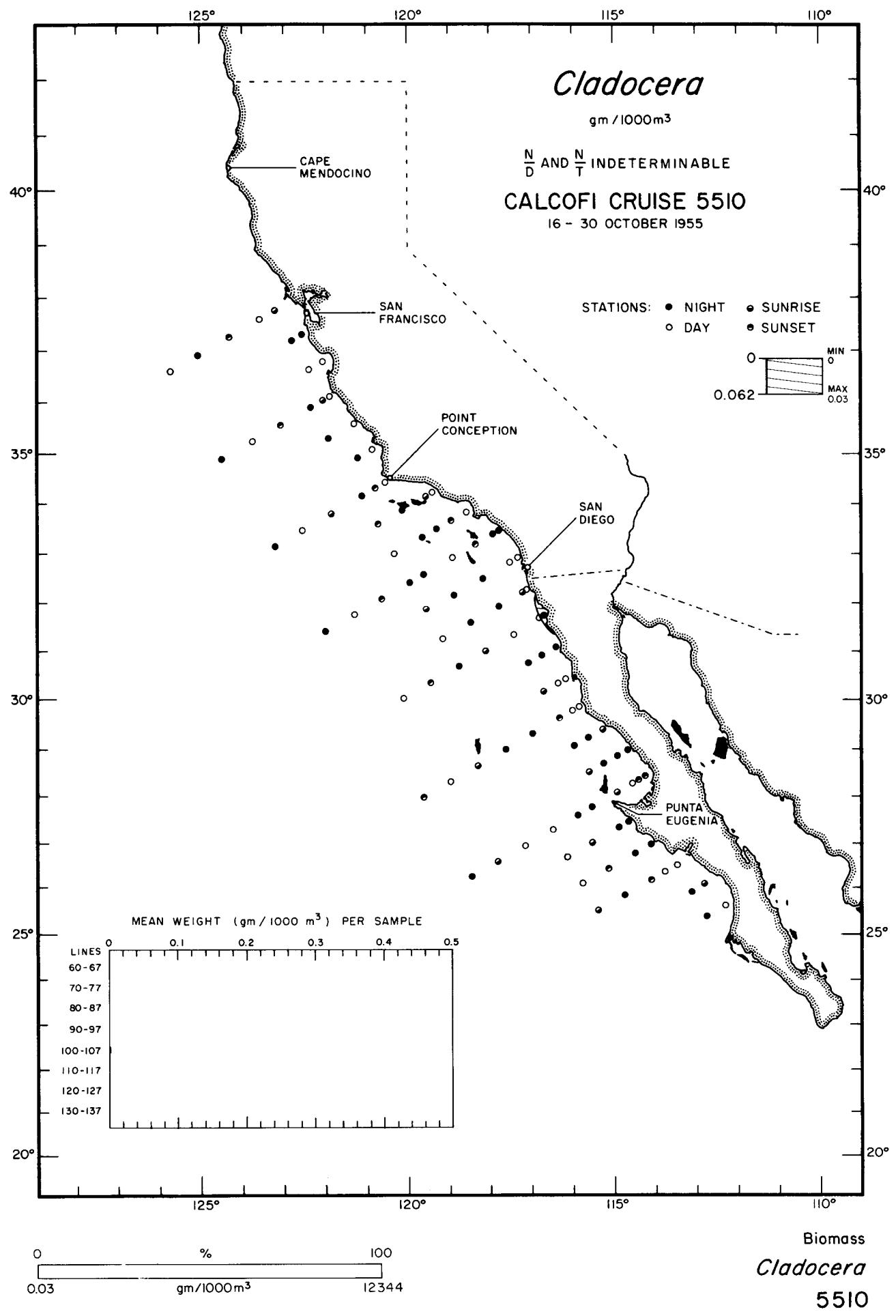


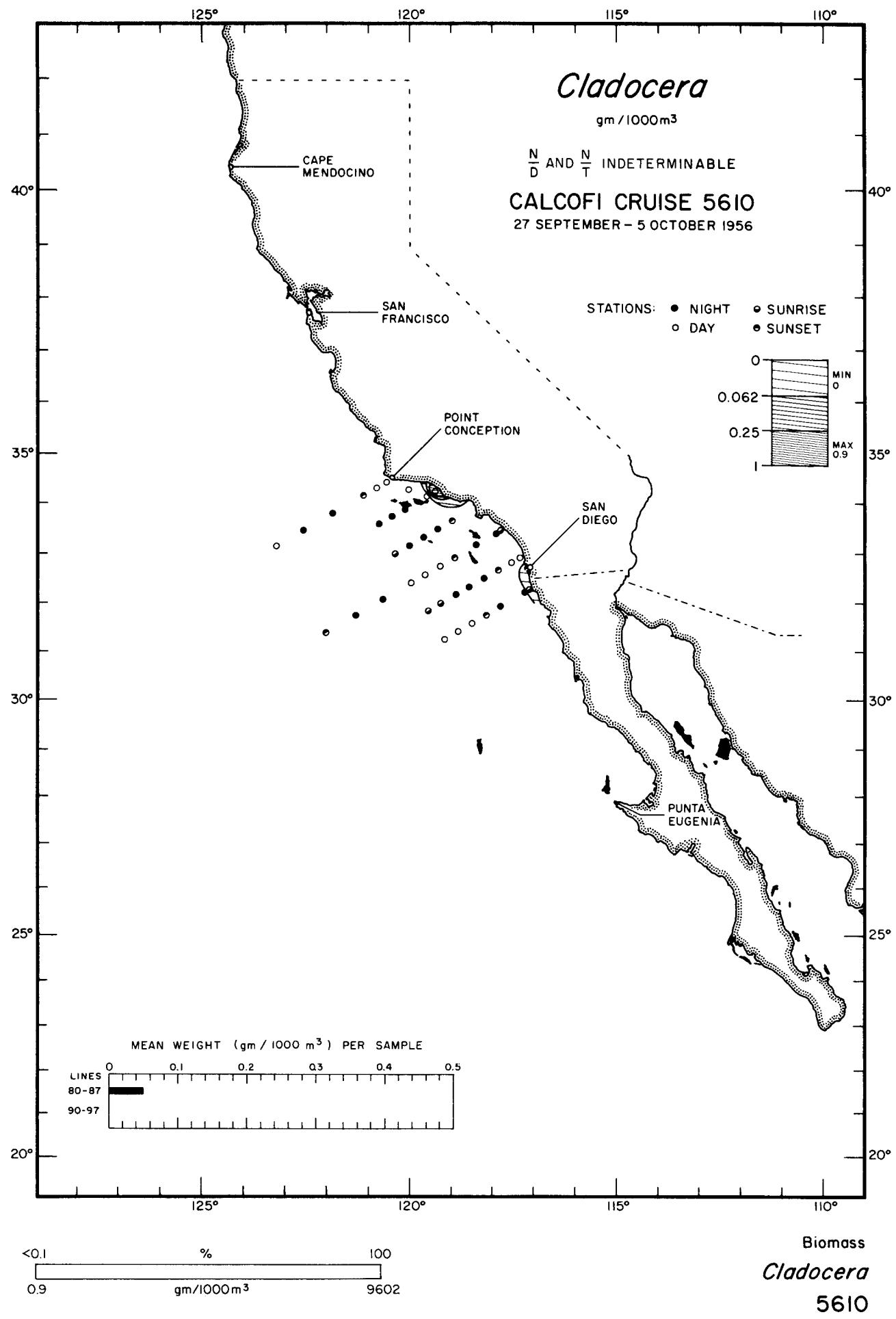


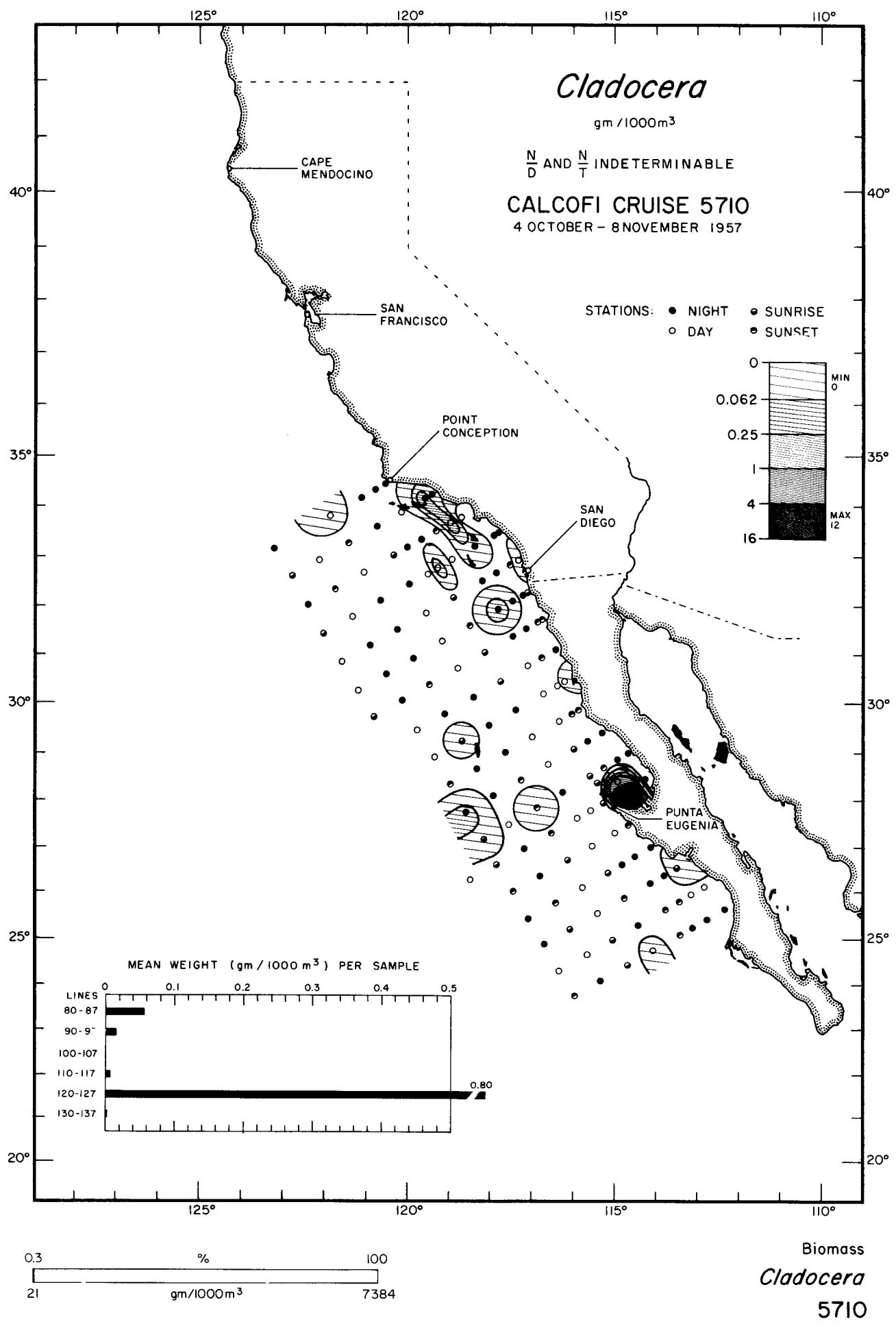


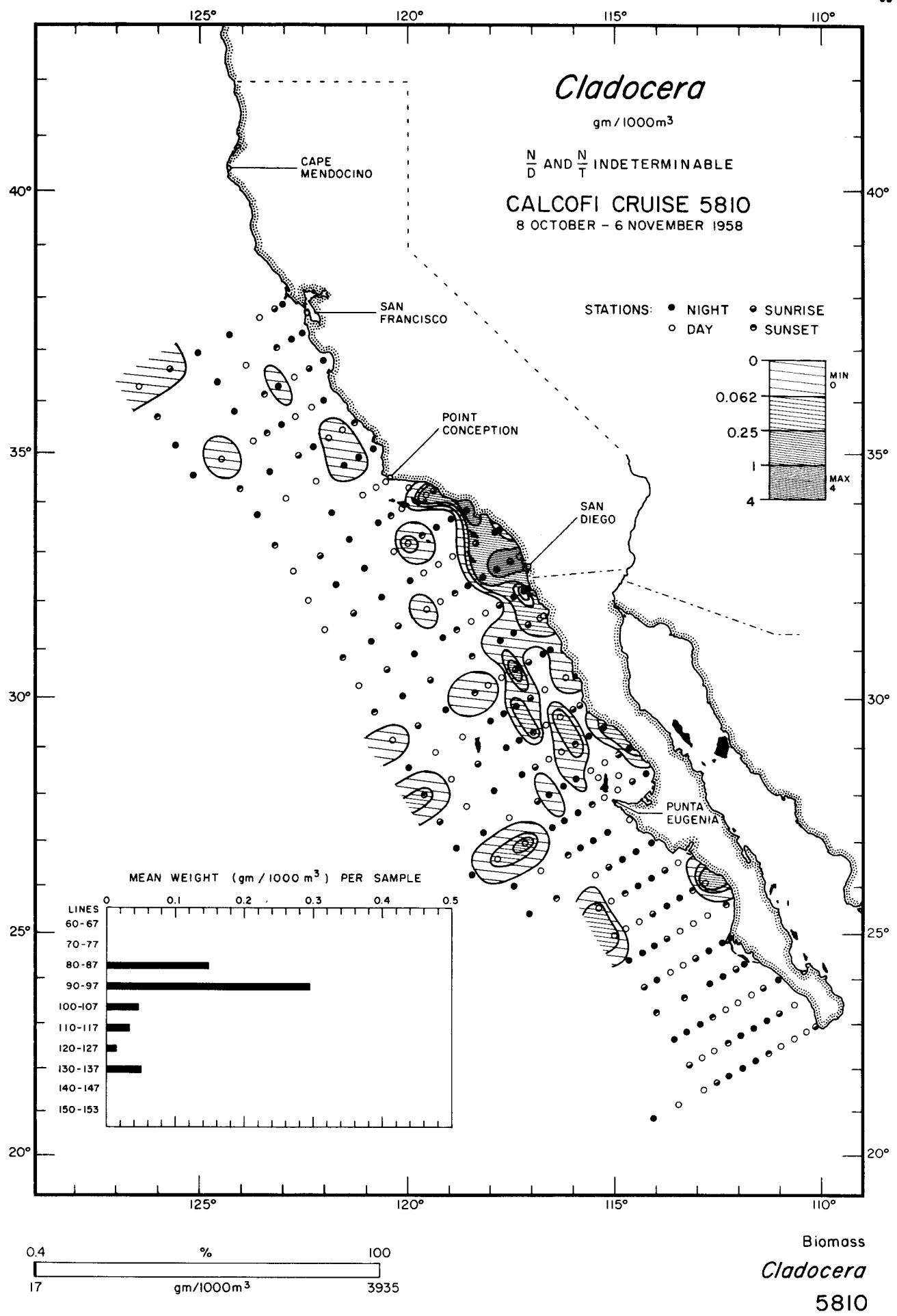


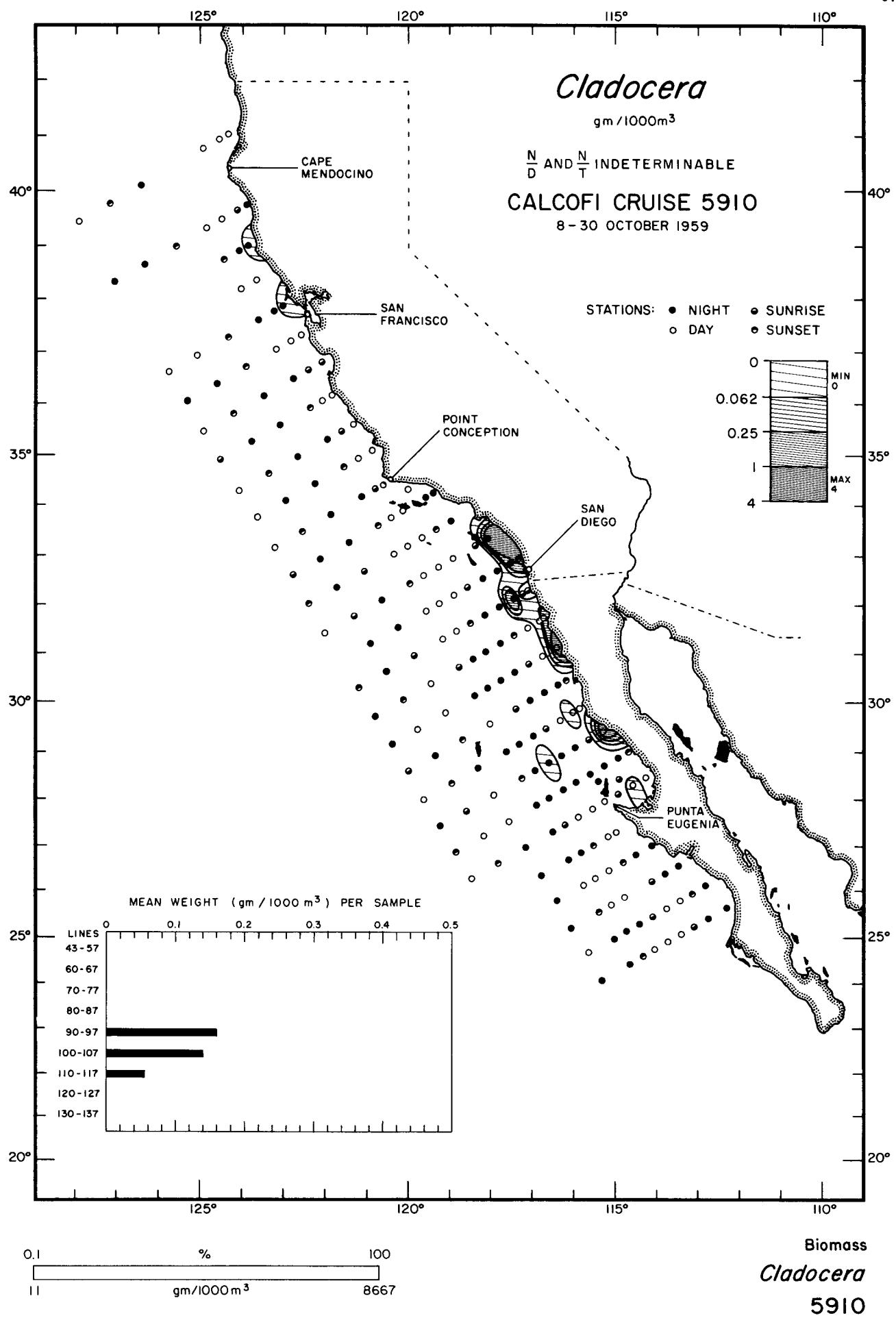


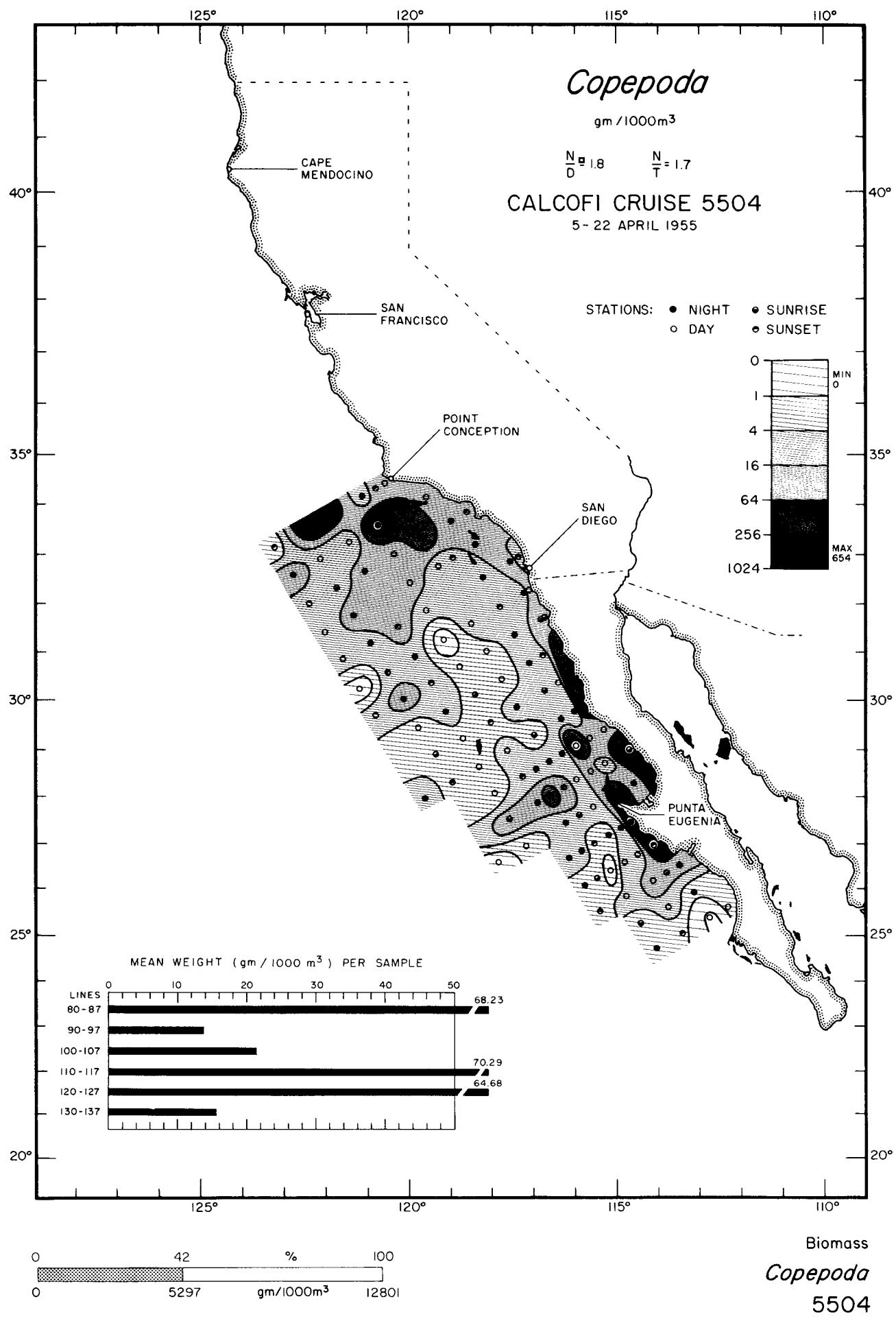


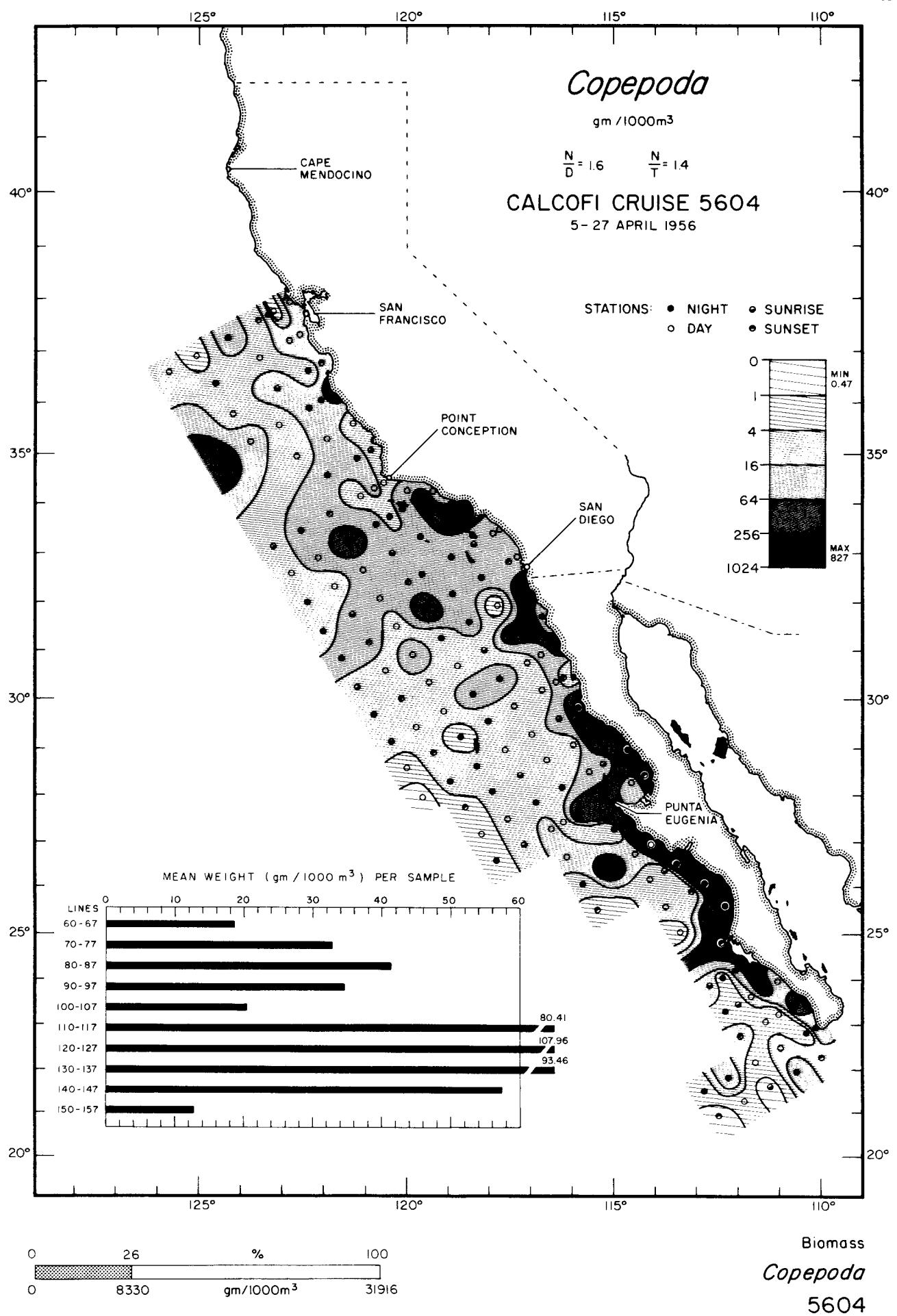


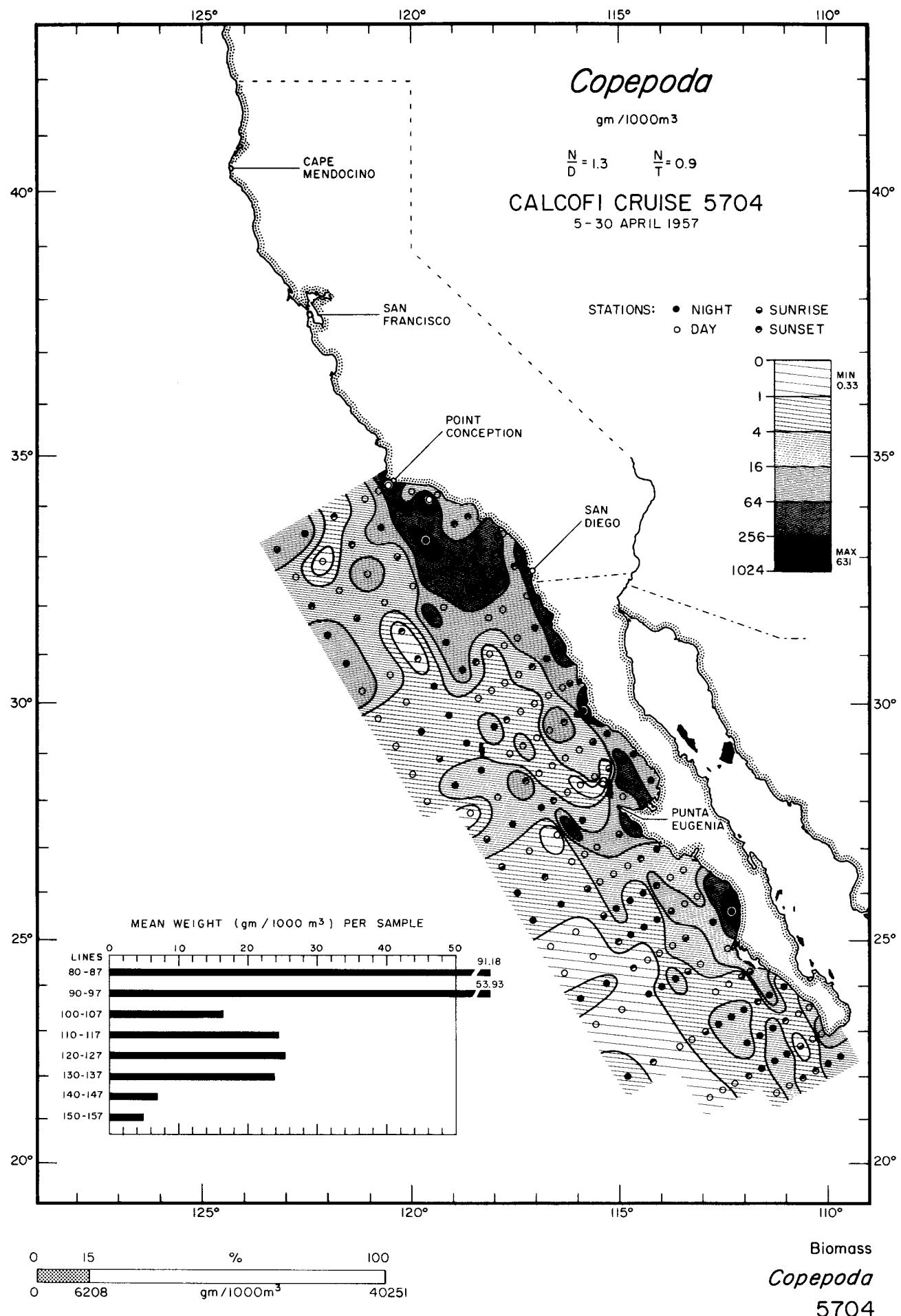


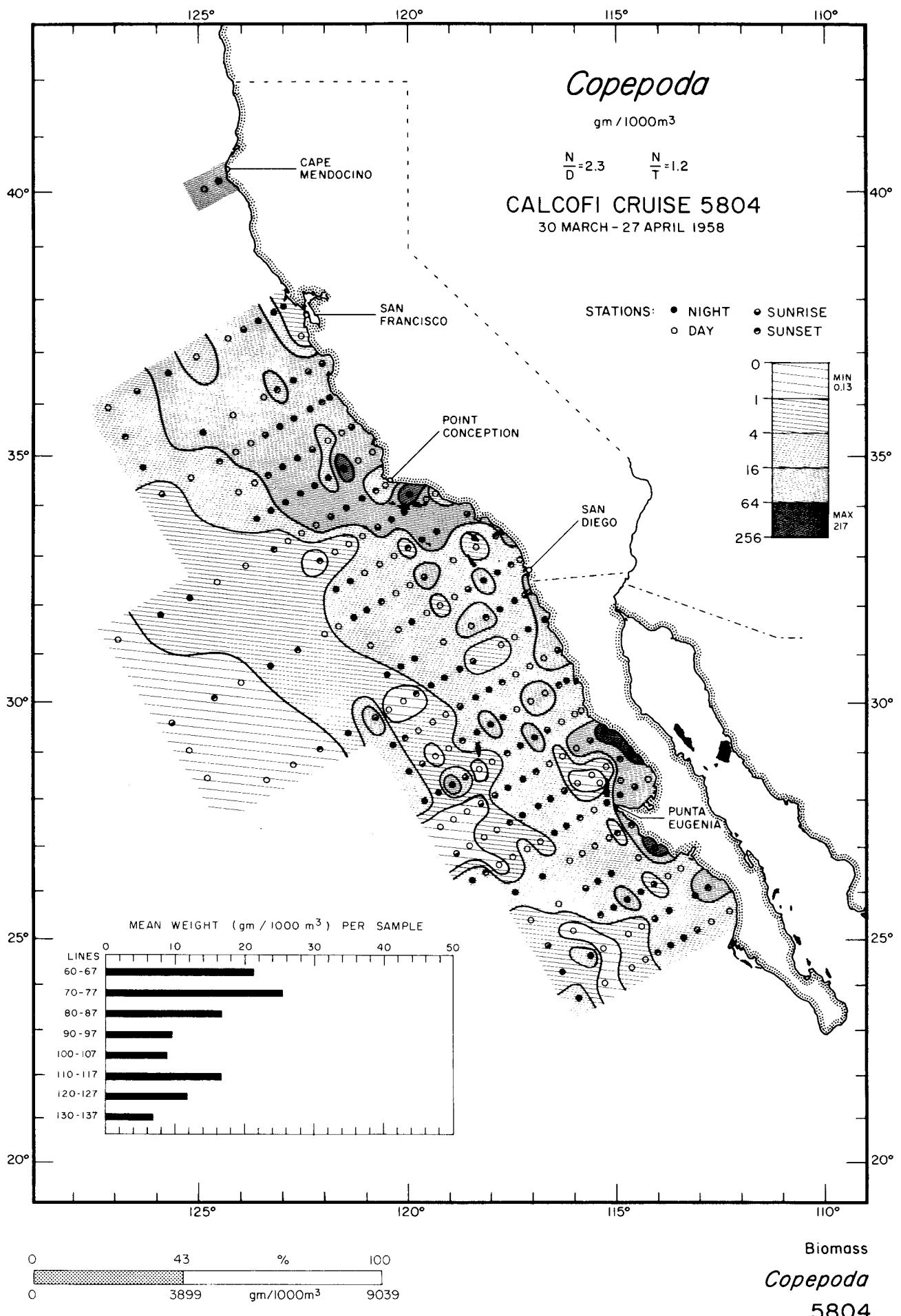


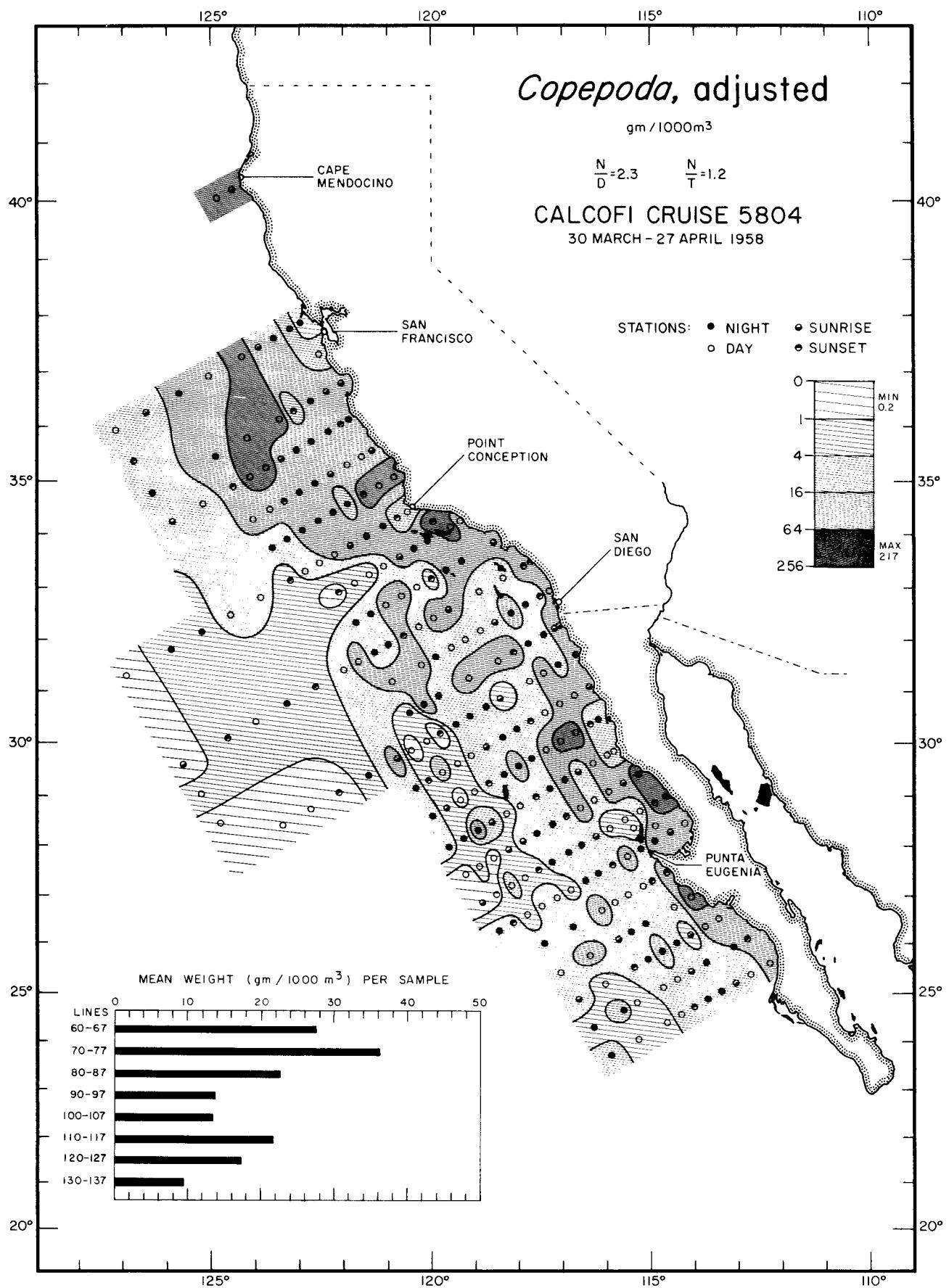








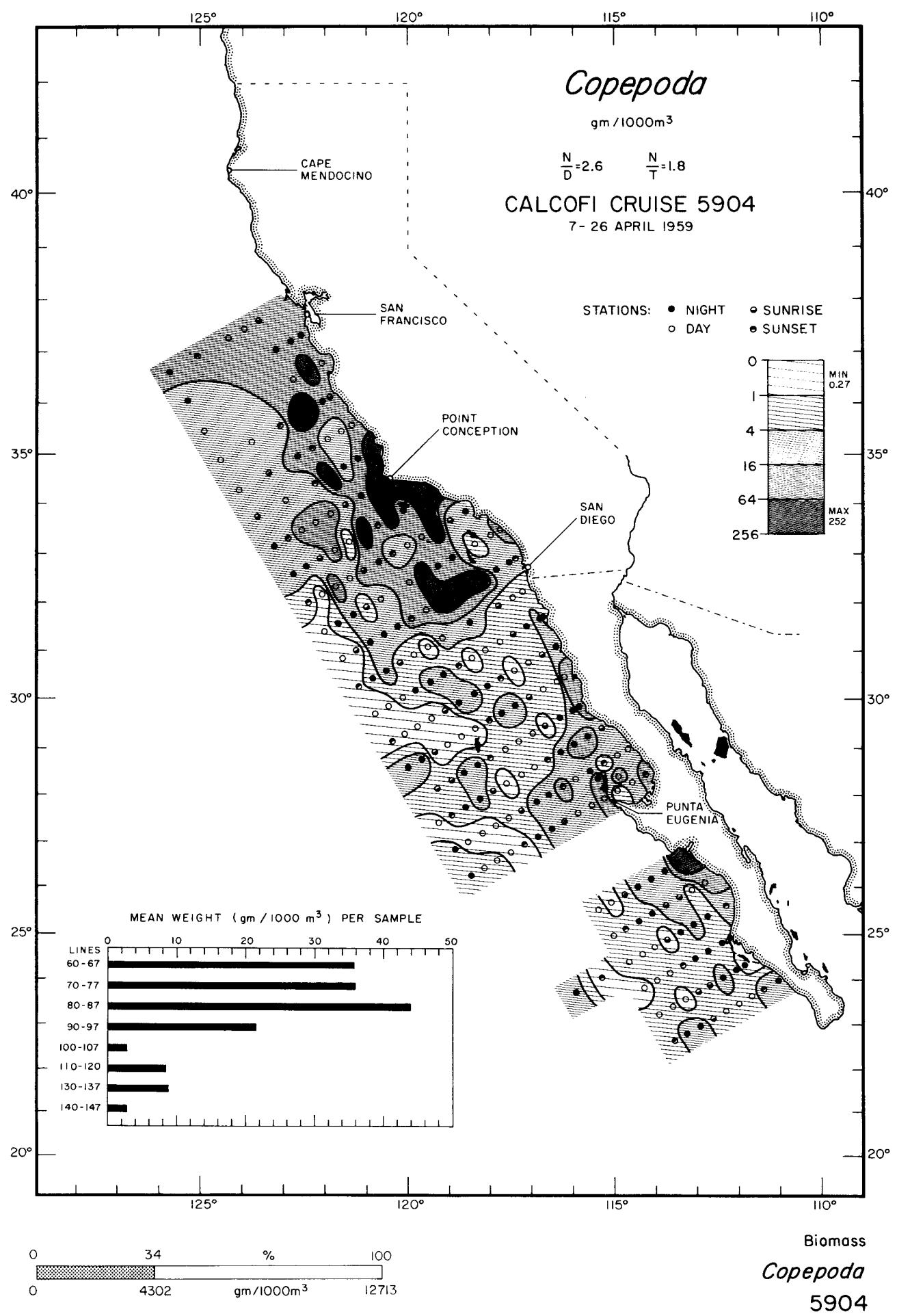


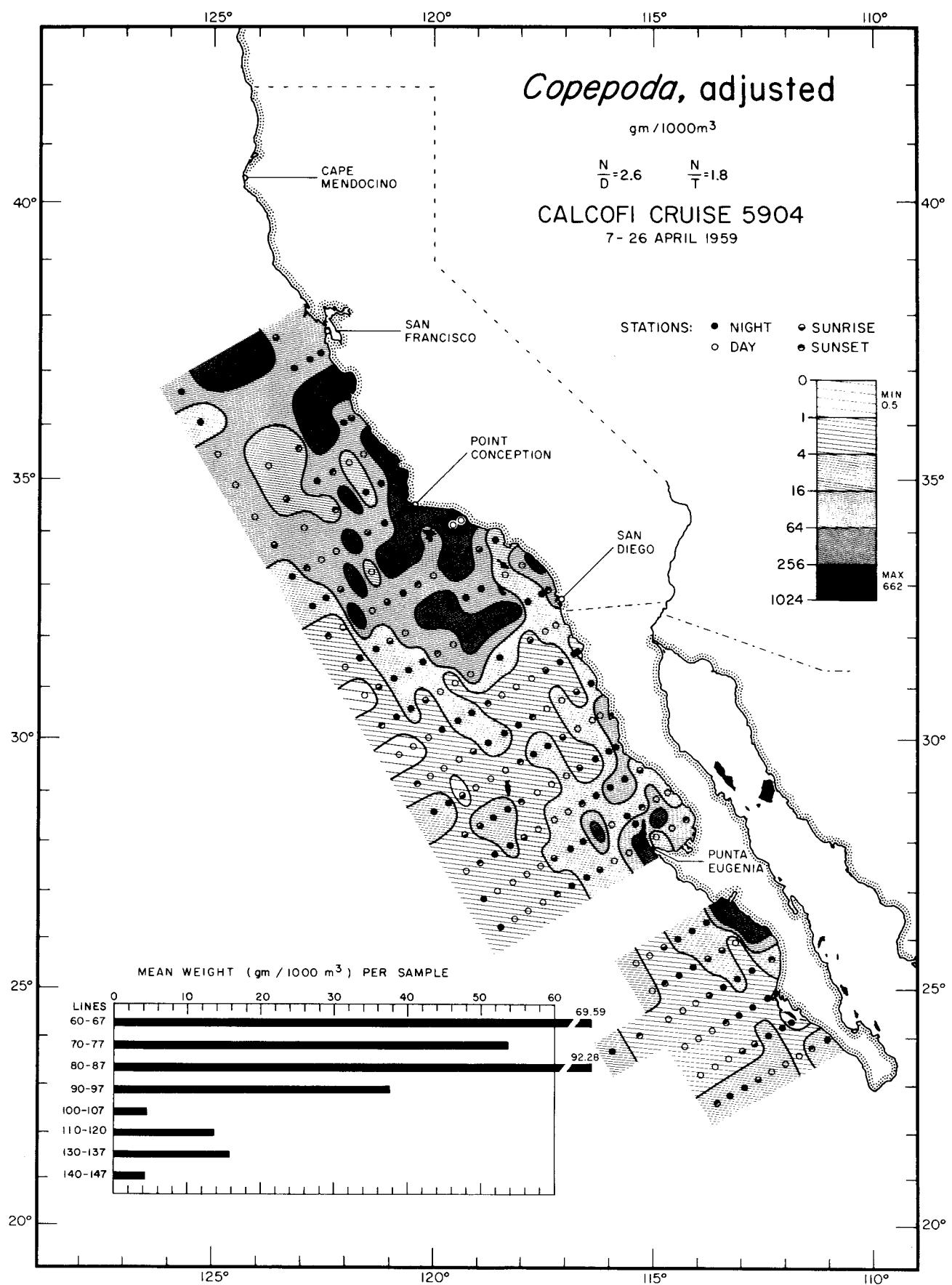


Biomass

*Copepoda, adjusted*

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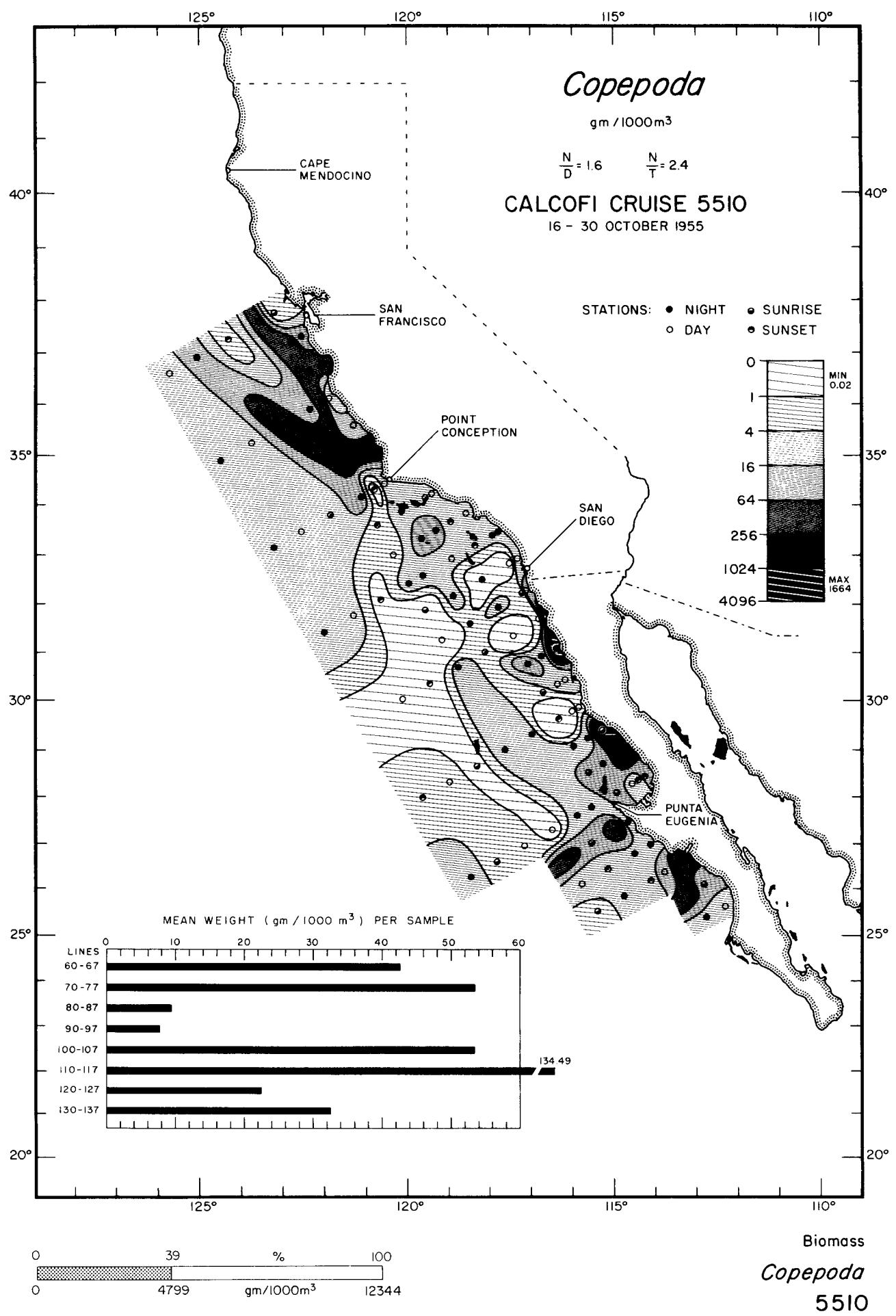


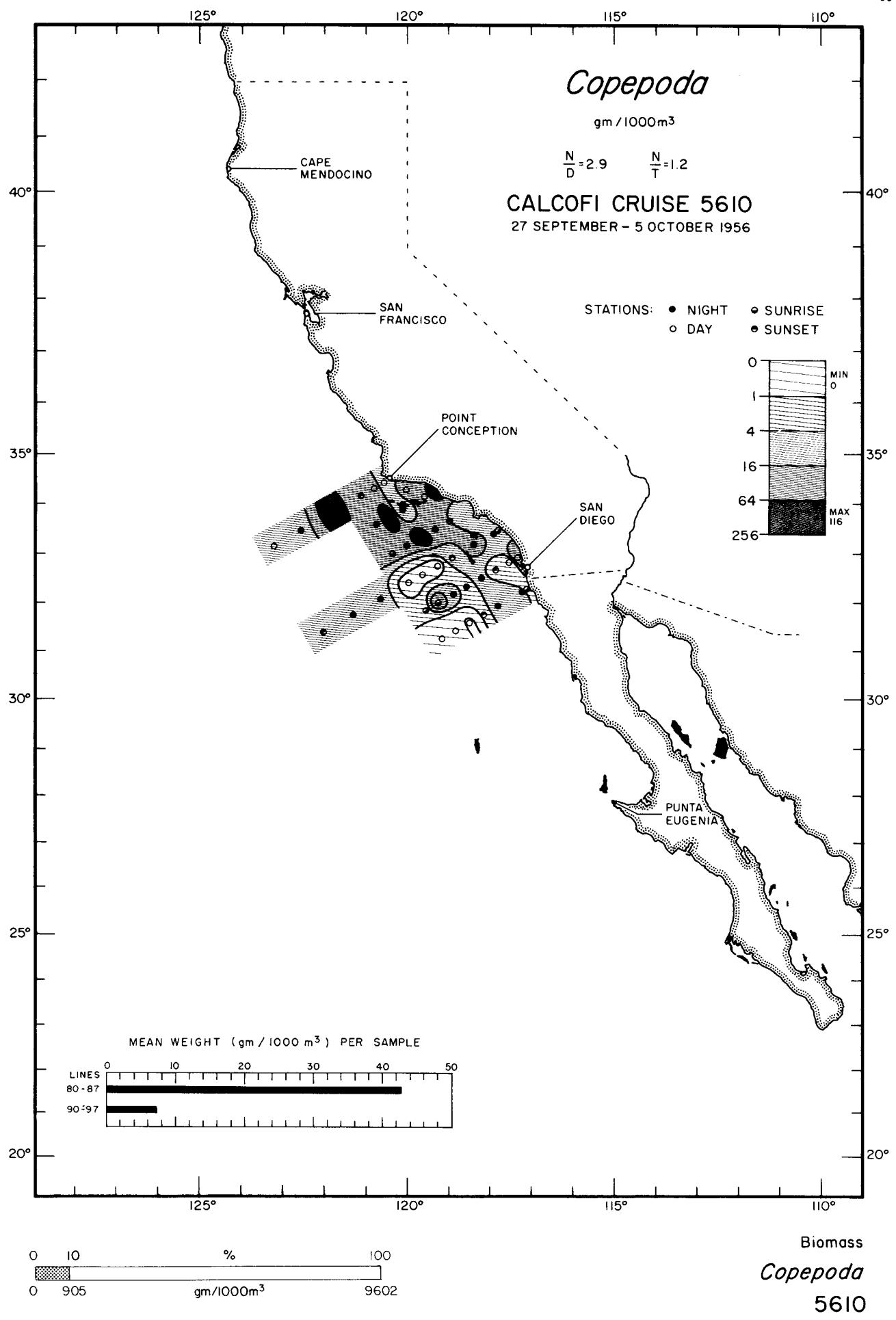


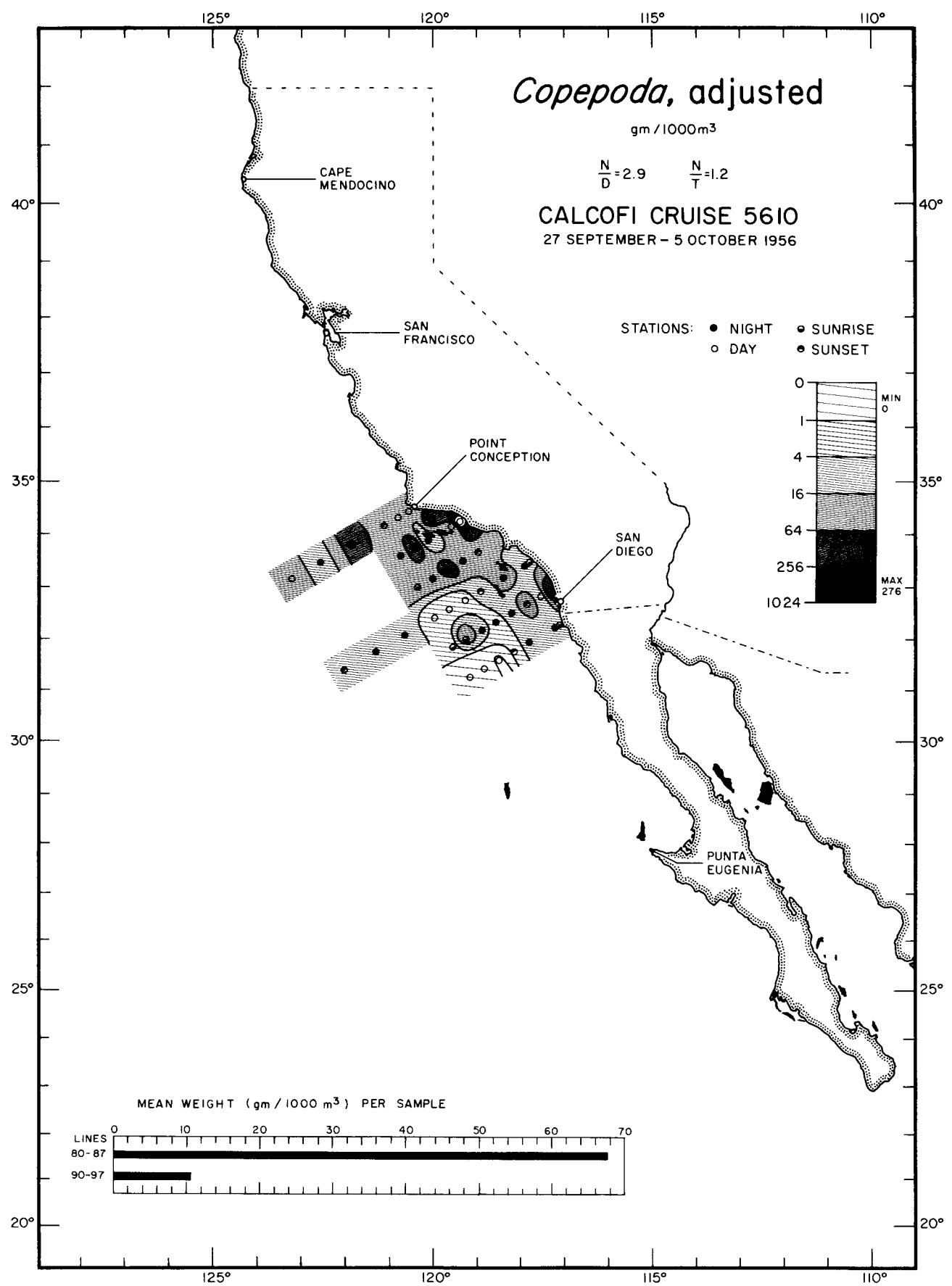
Biomass

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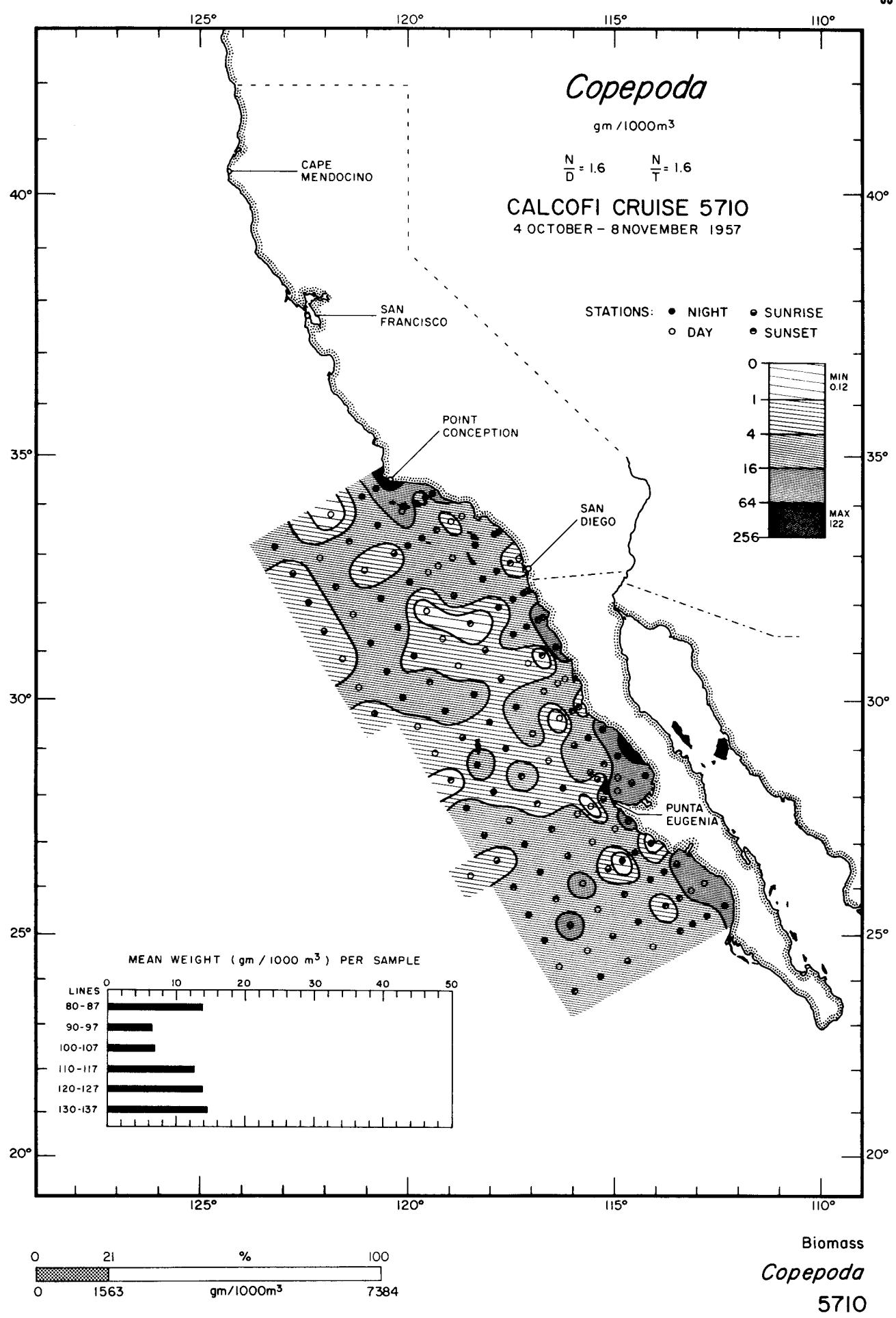


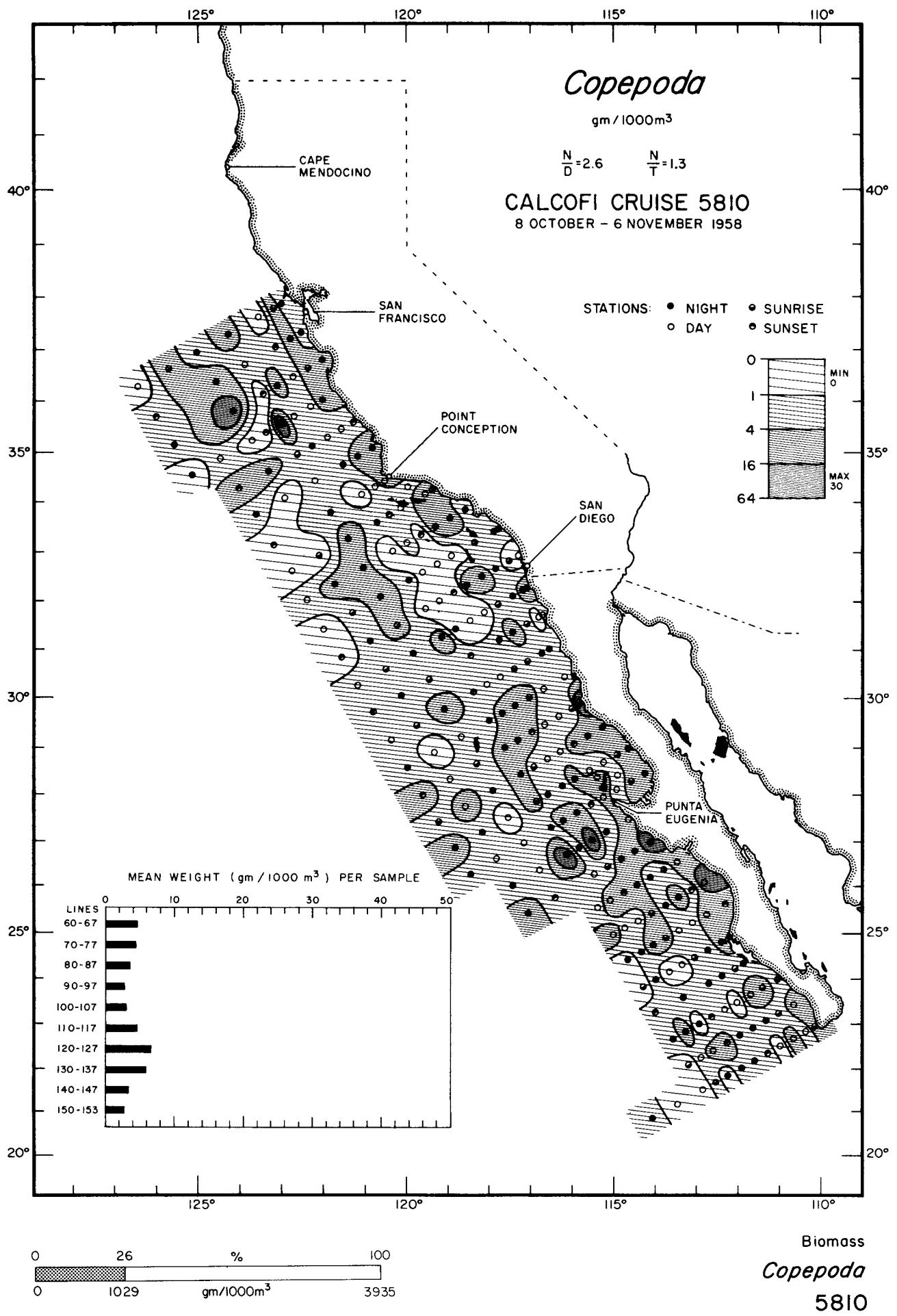


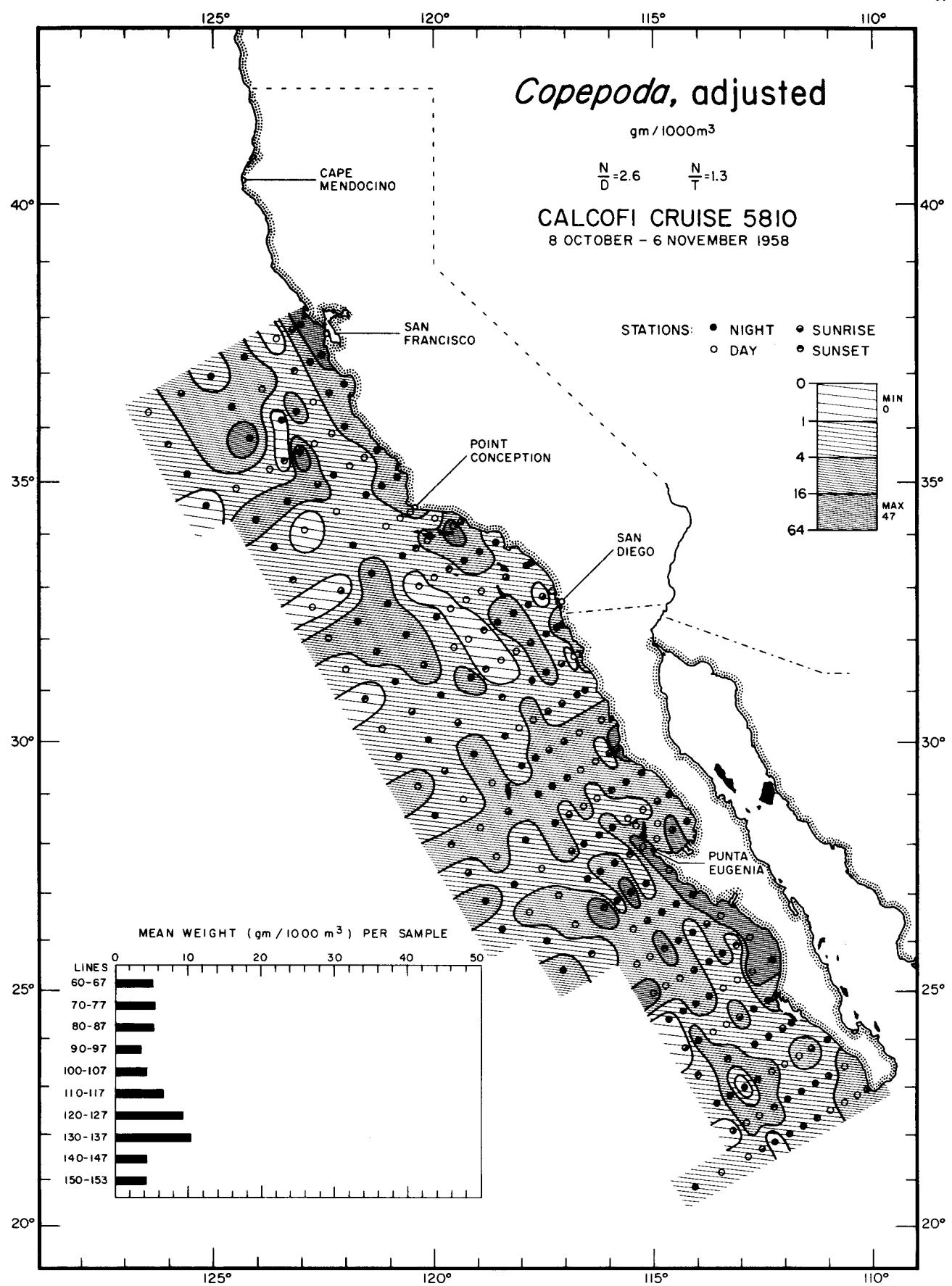
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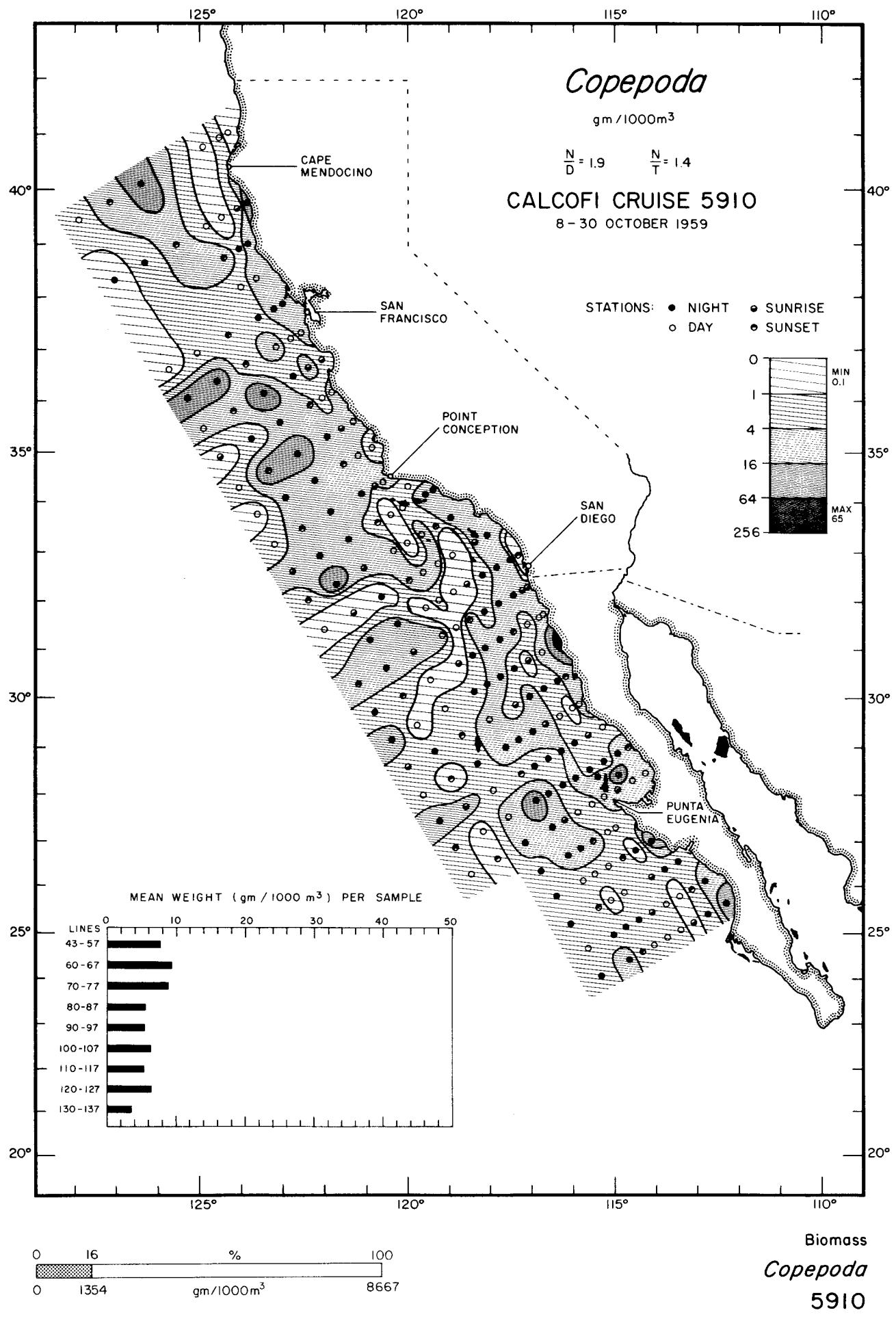


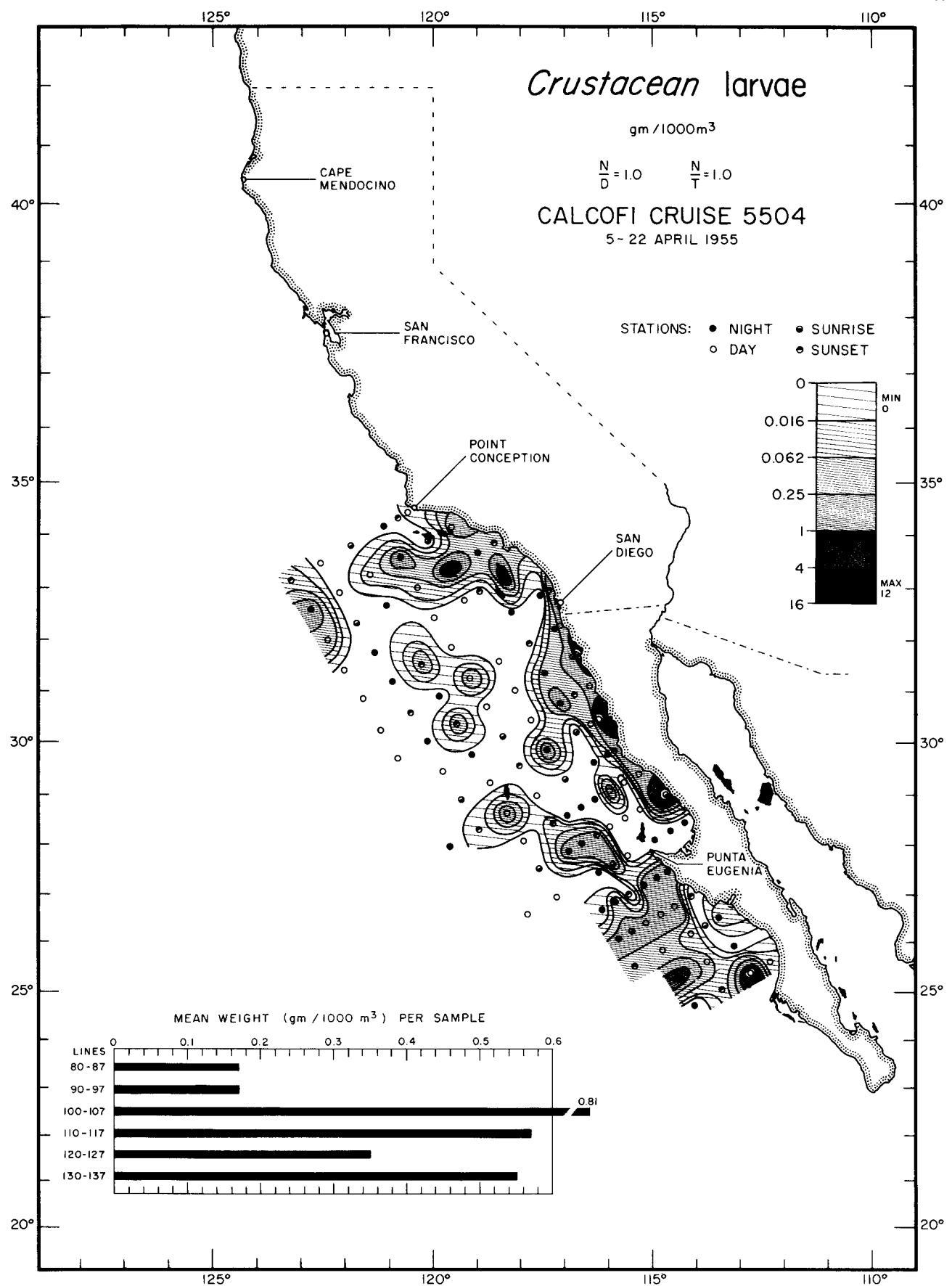


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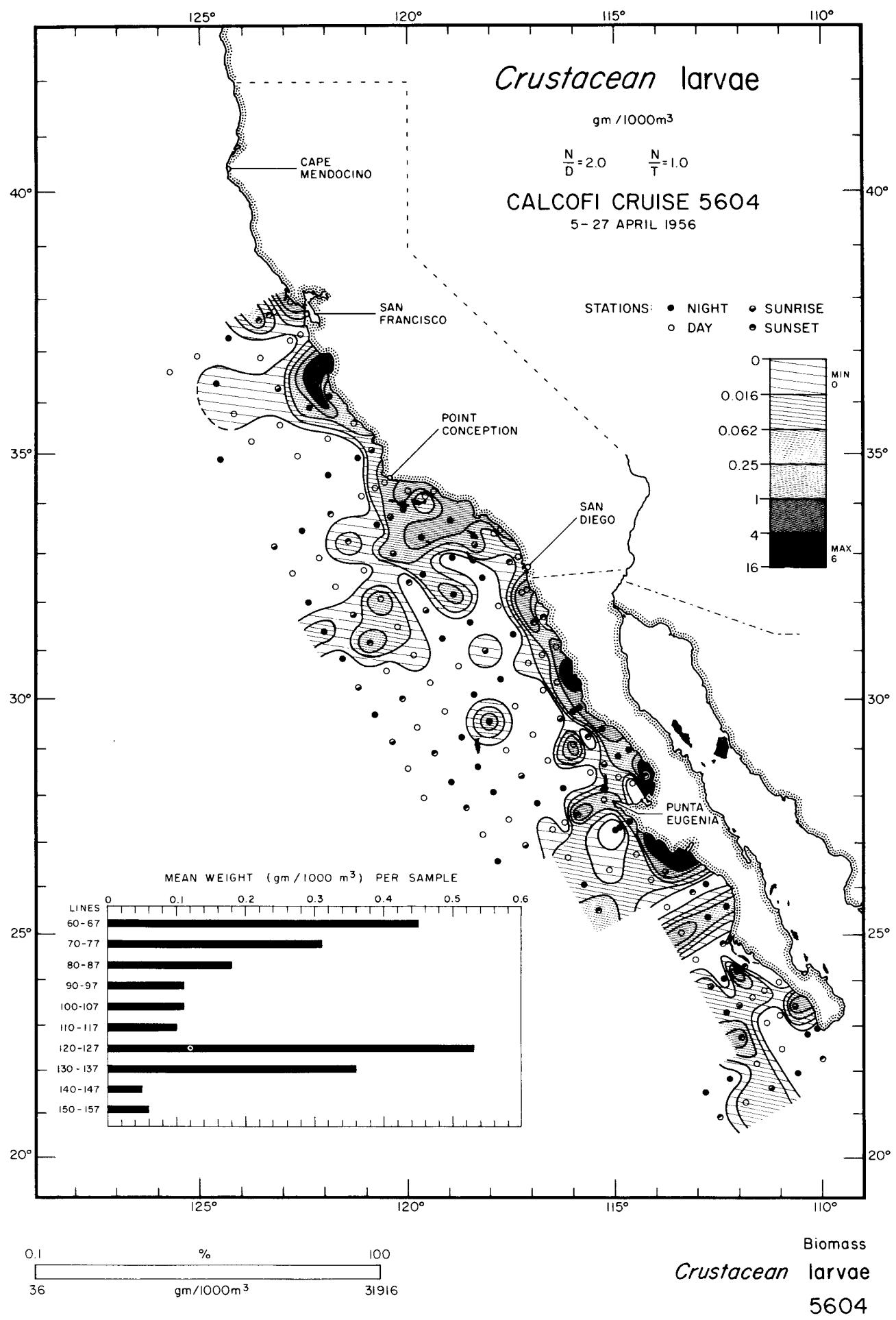
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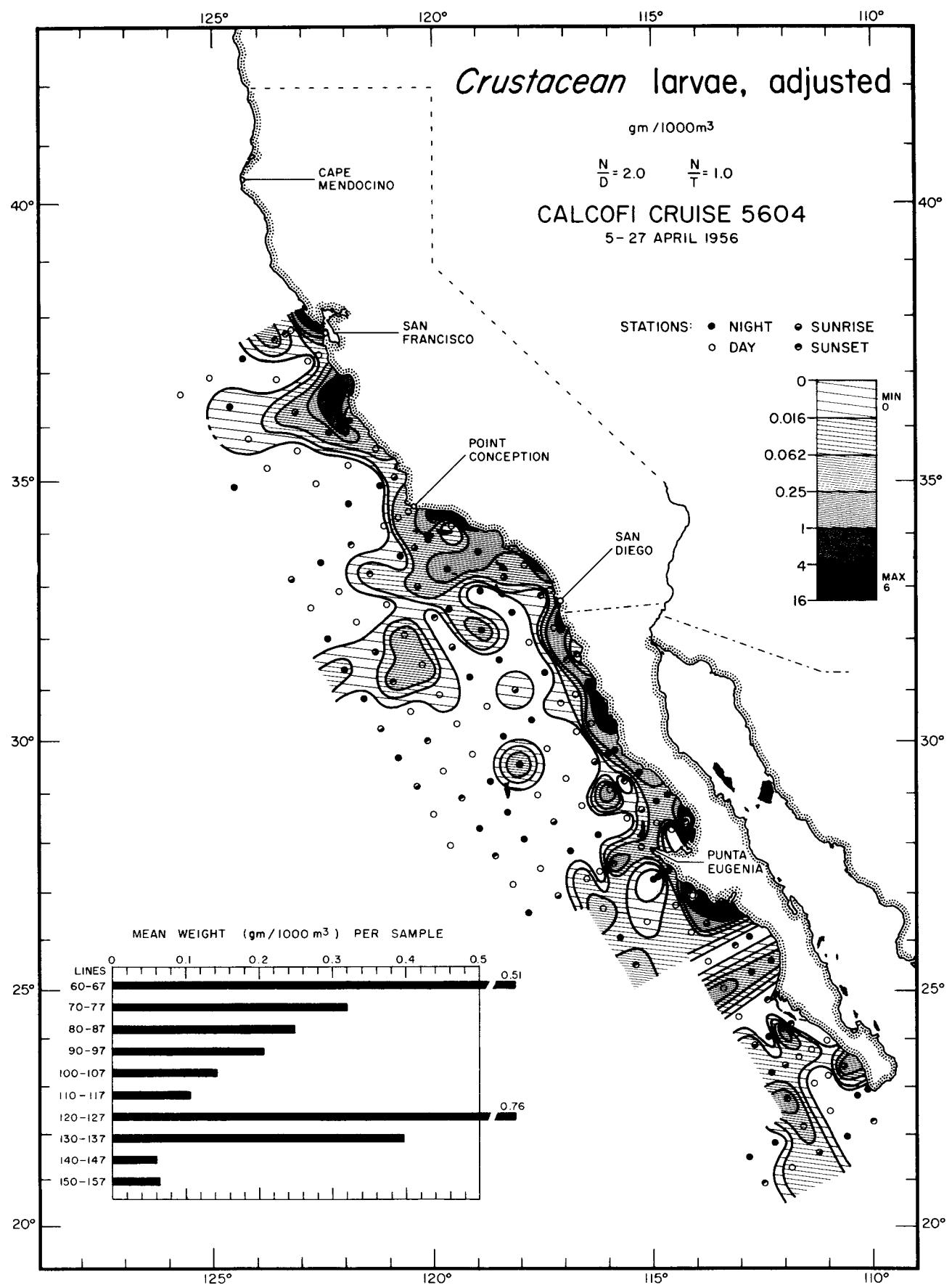




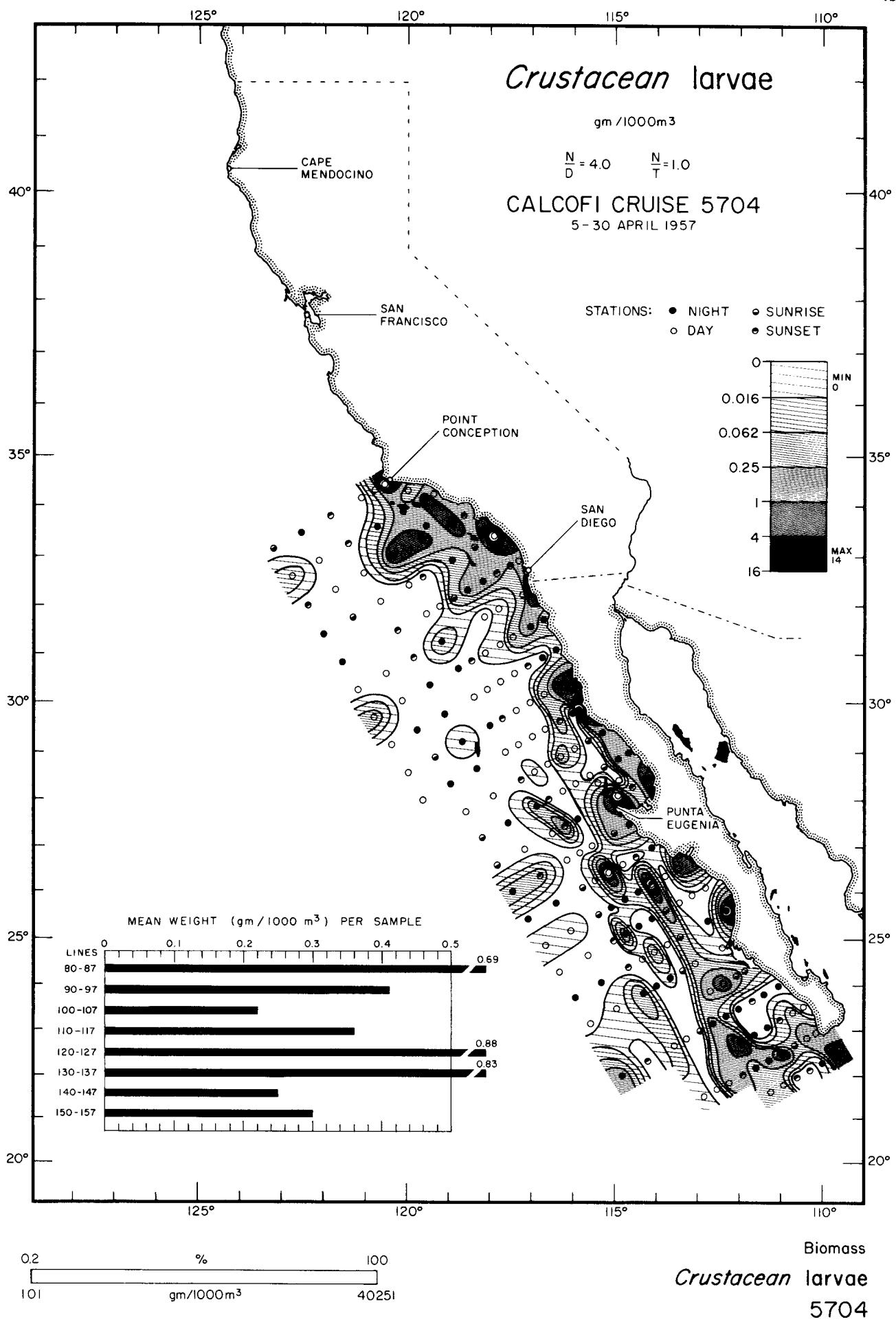
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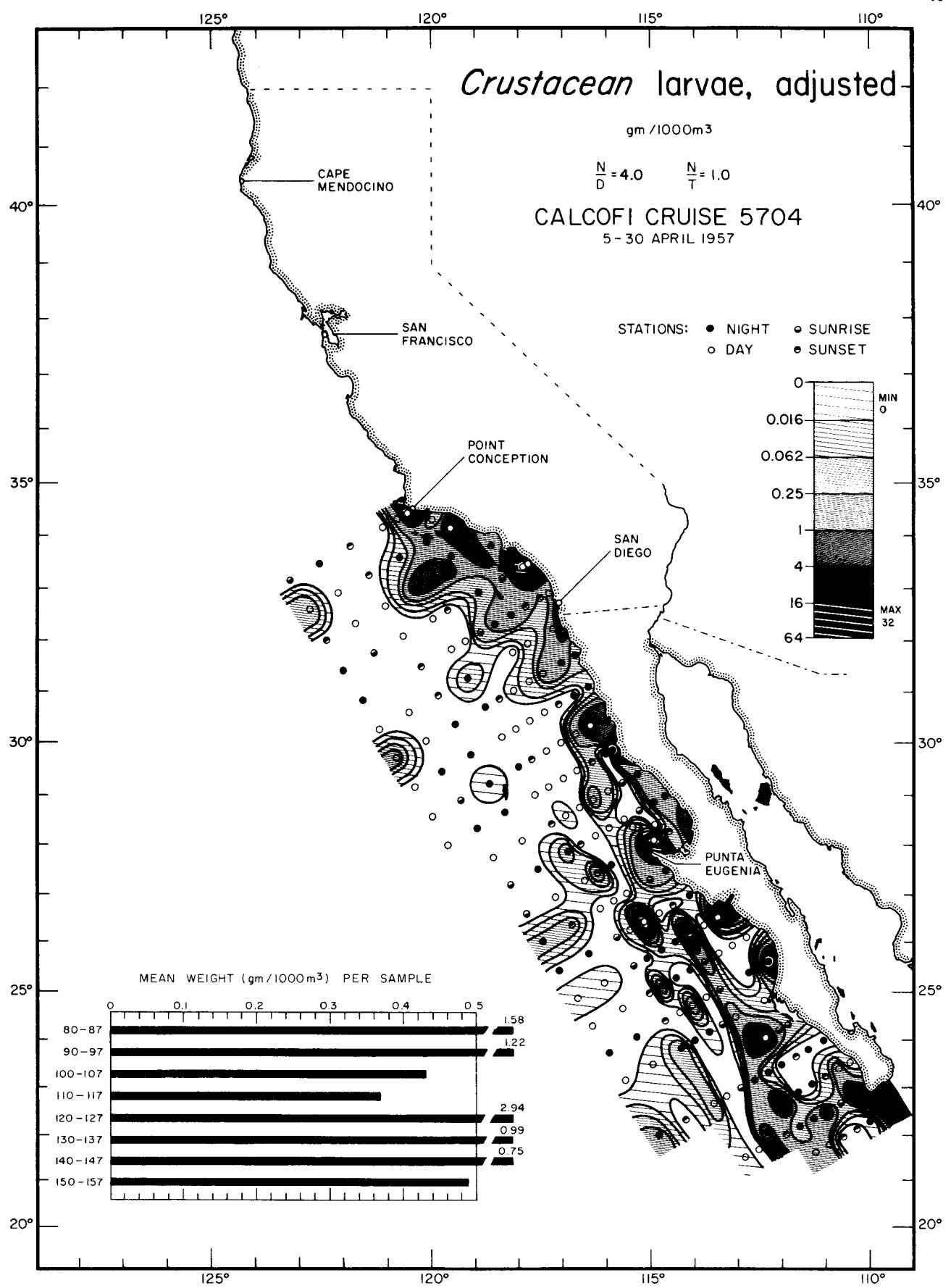
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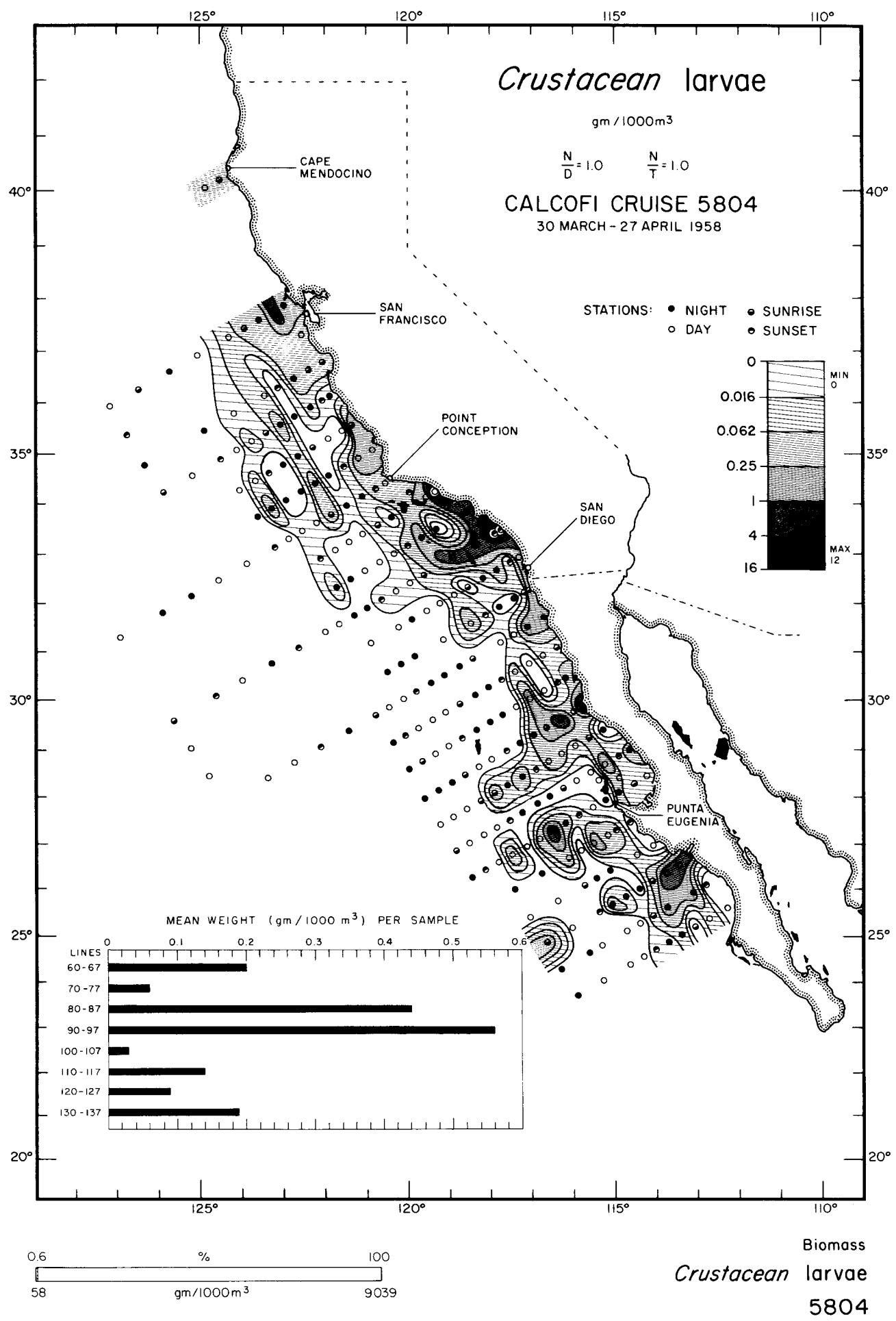


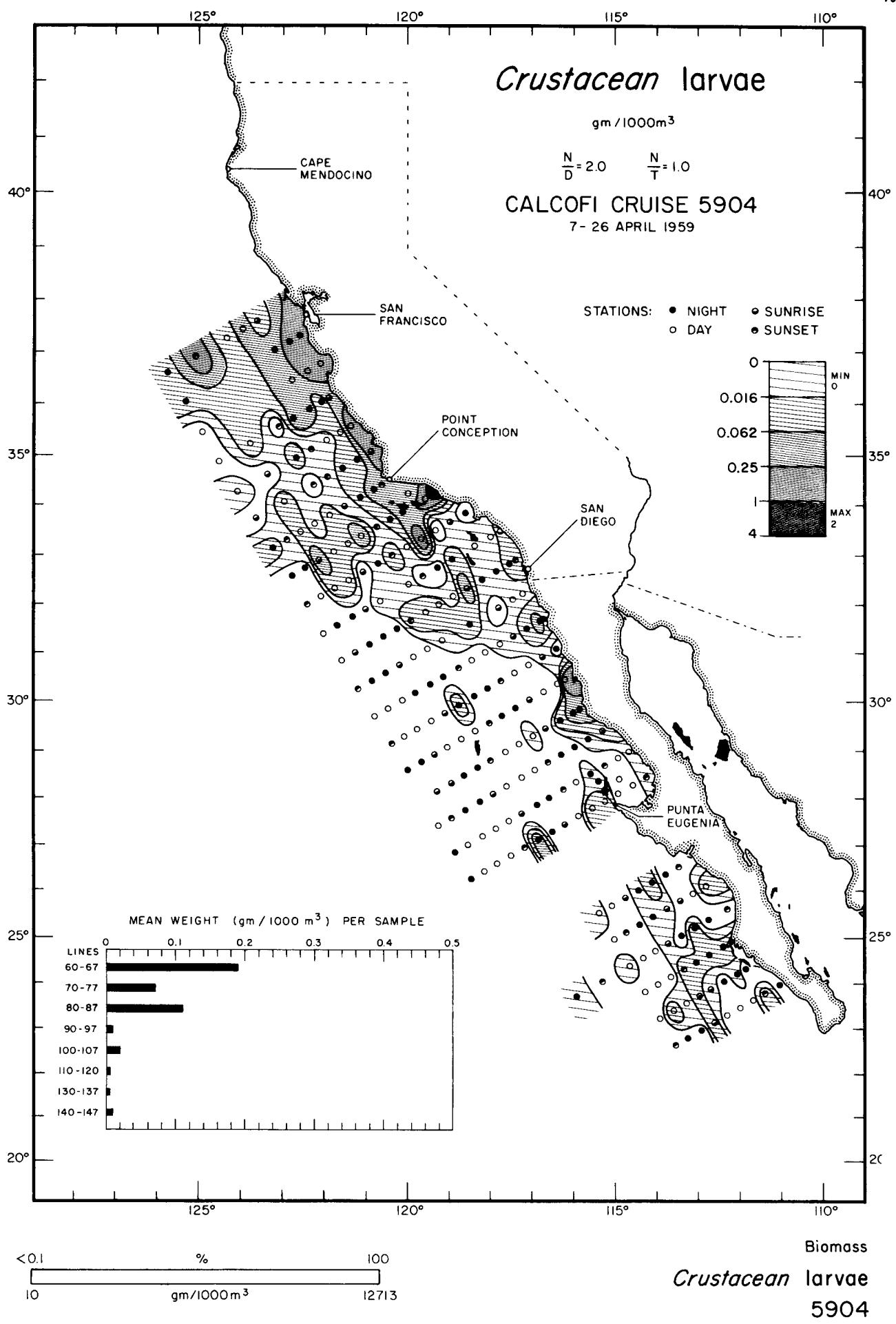
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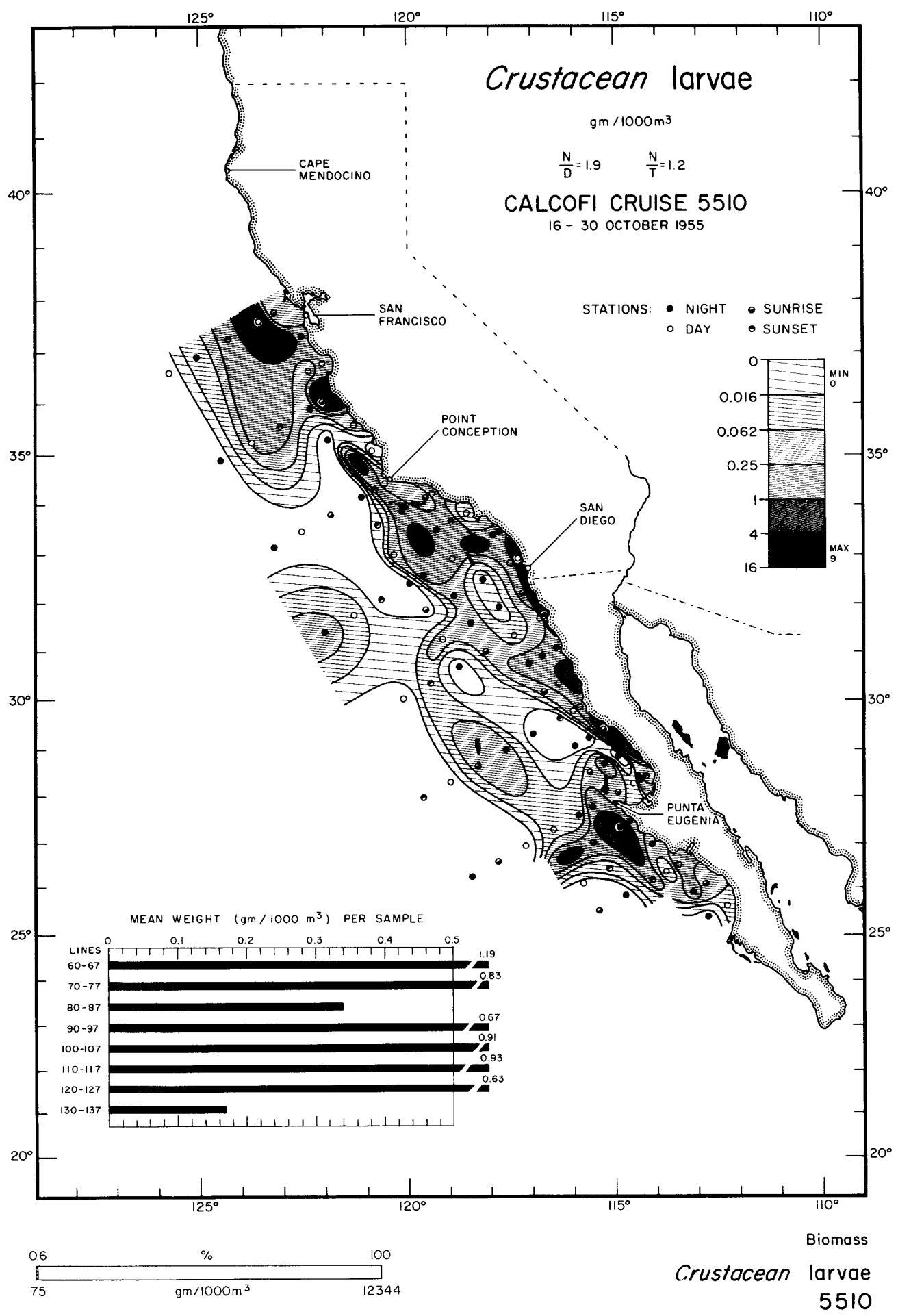


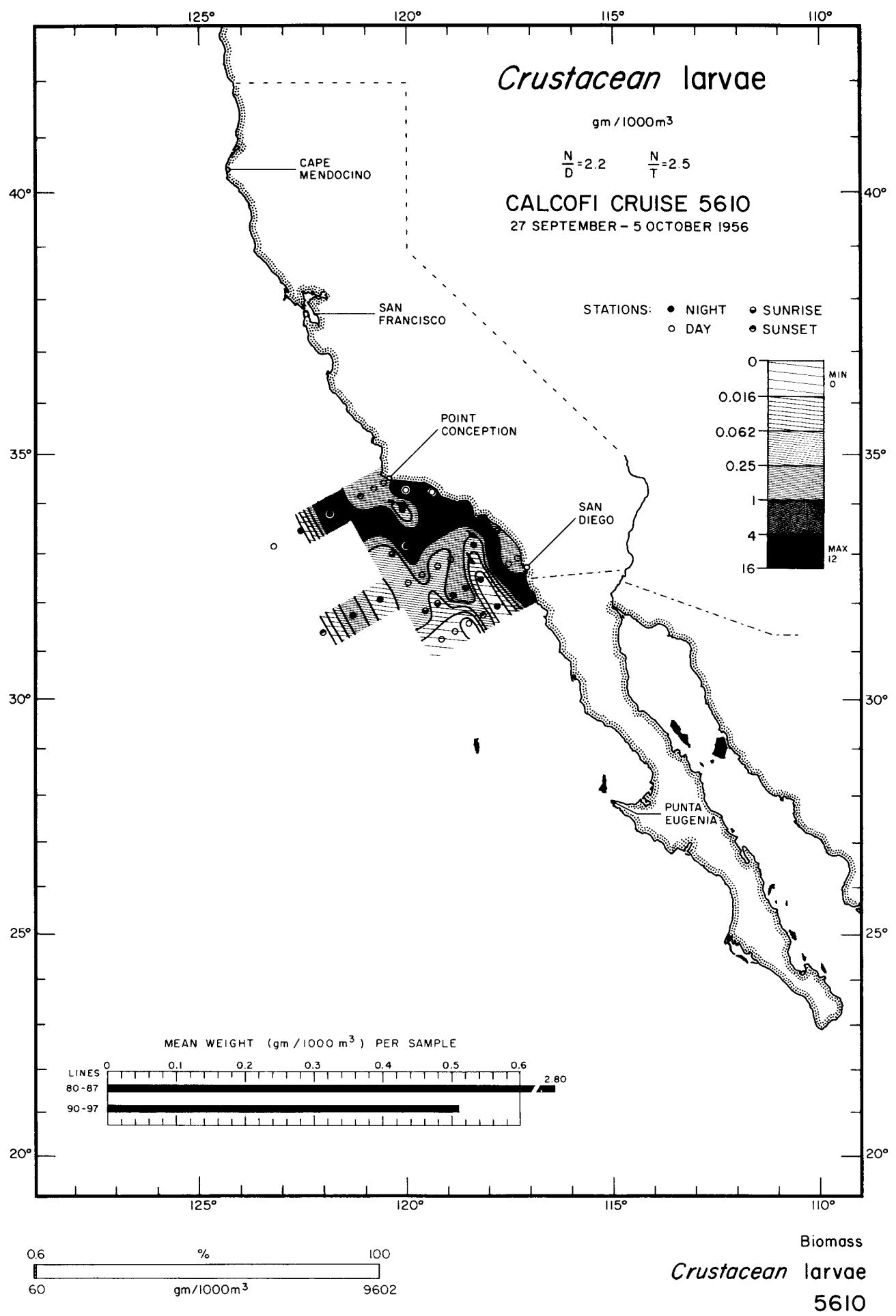


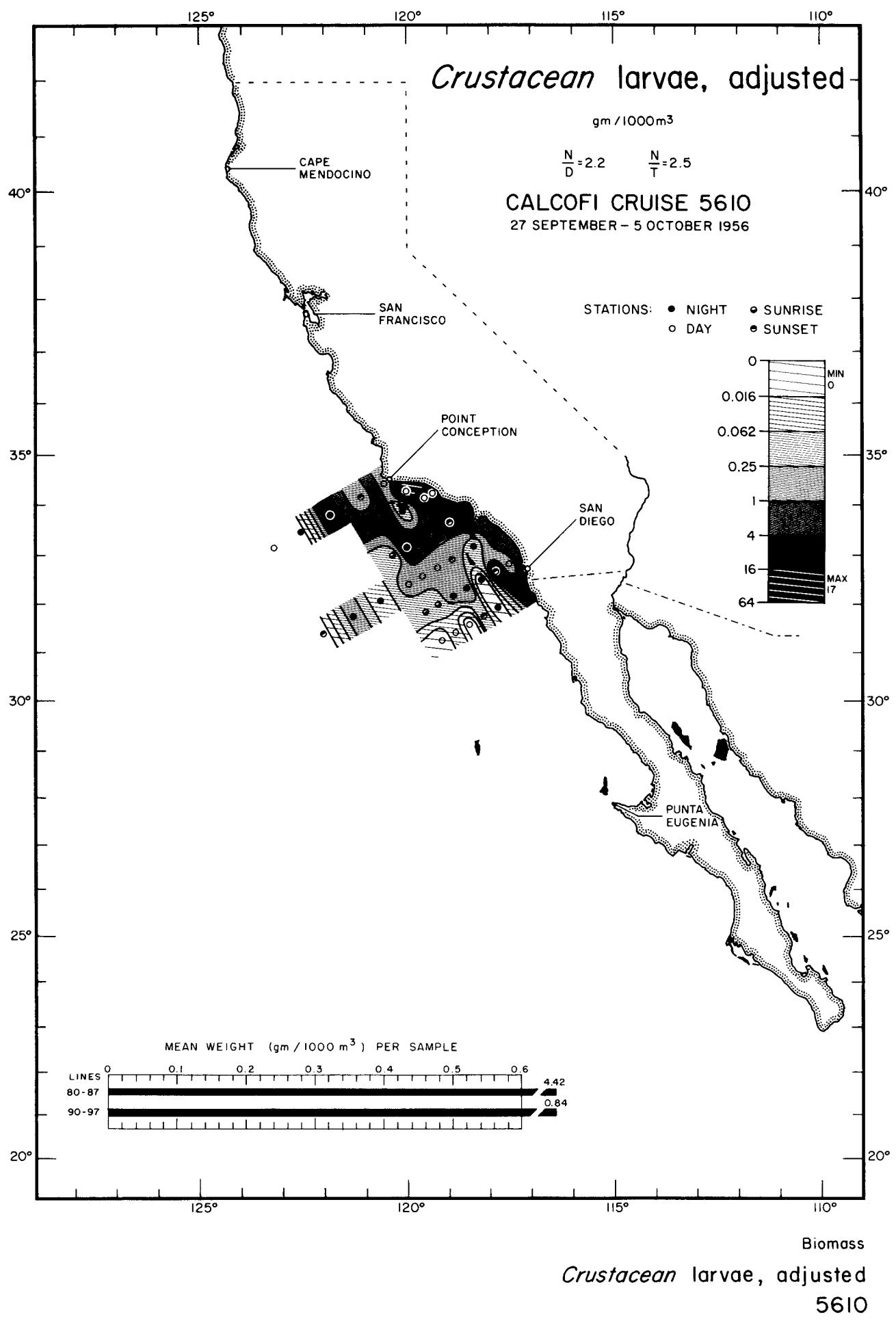
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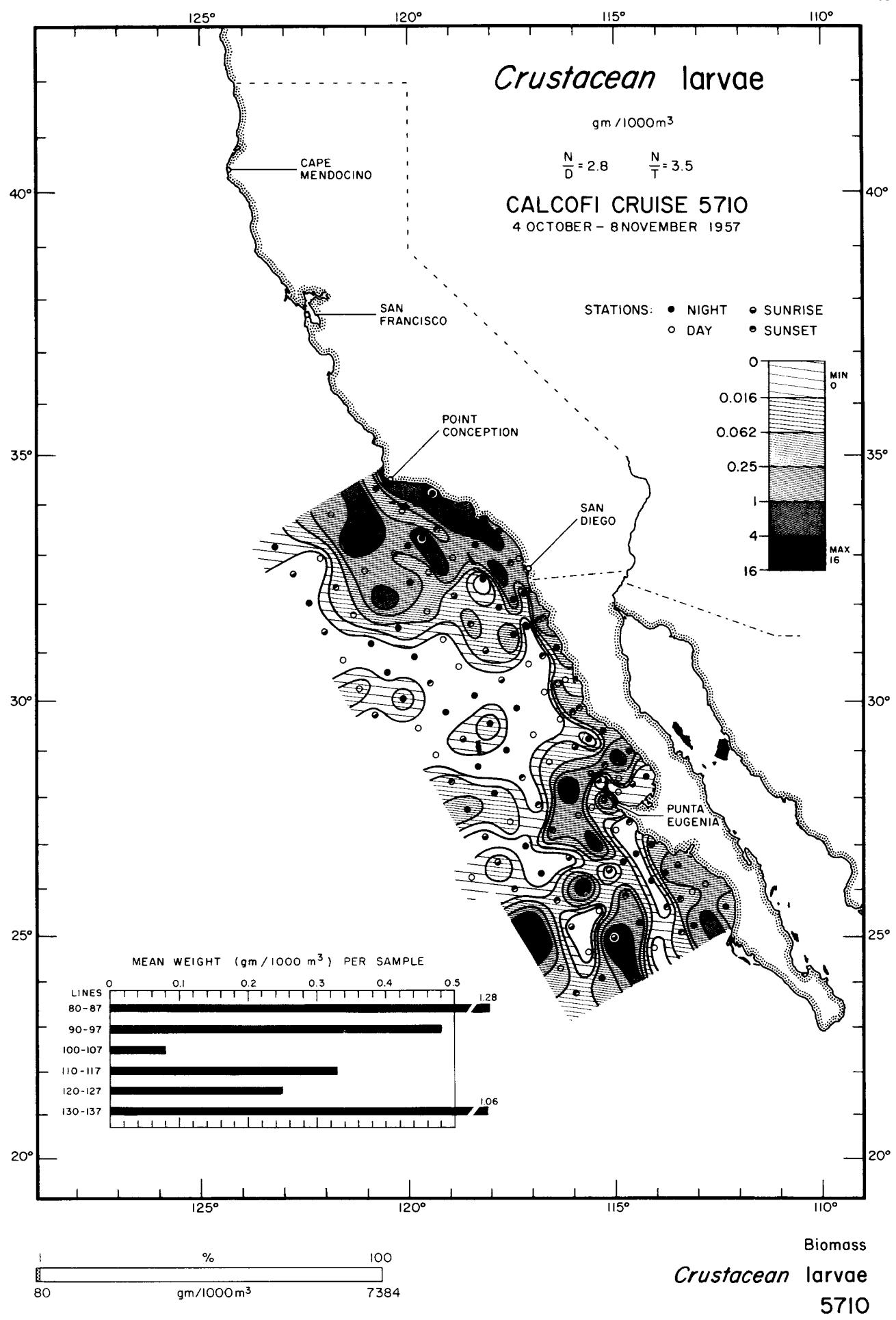


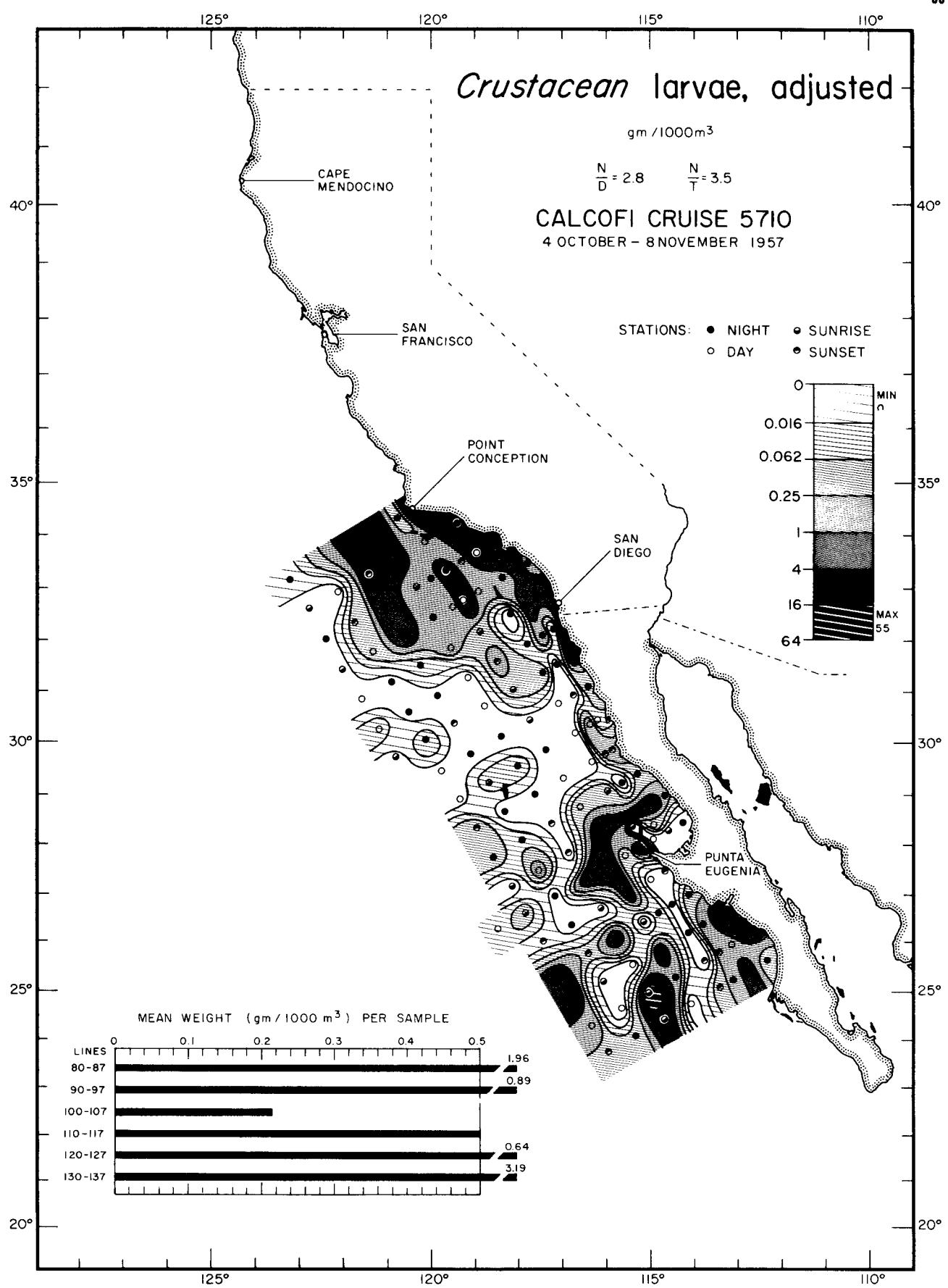




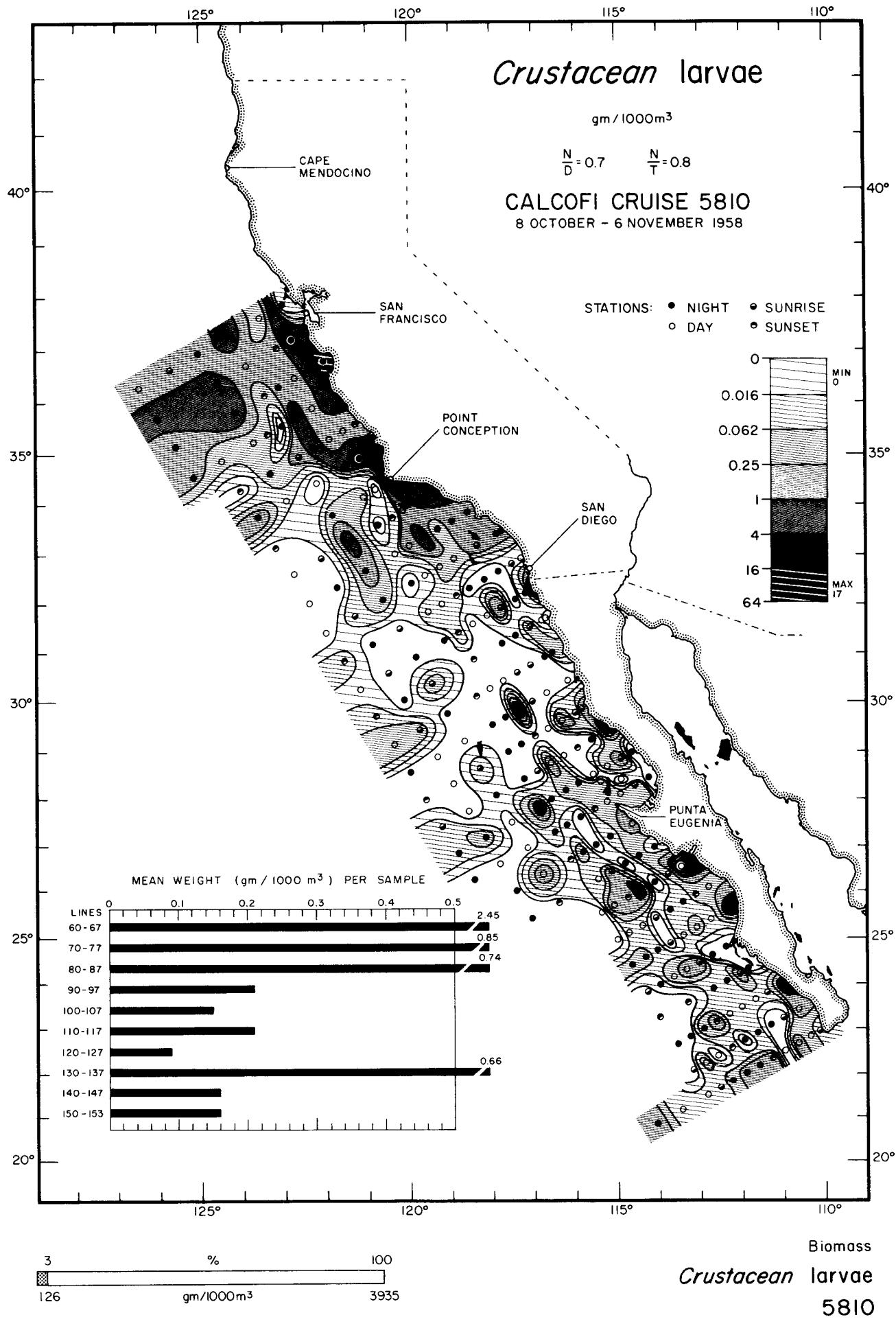


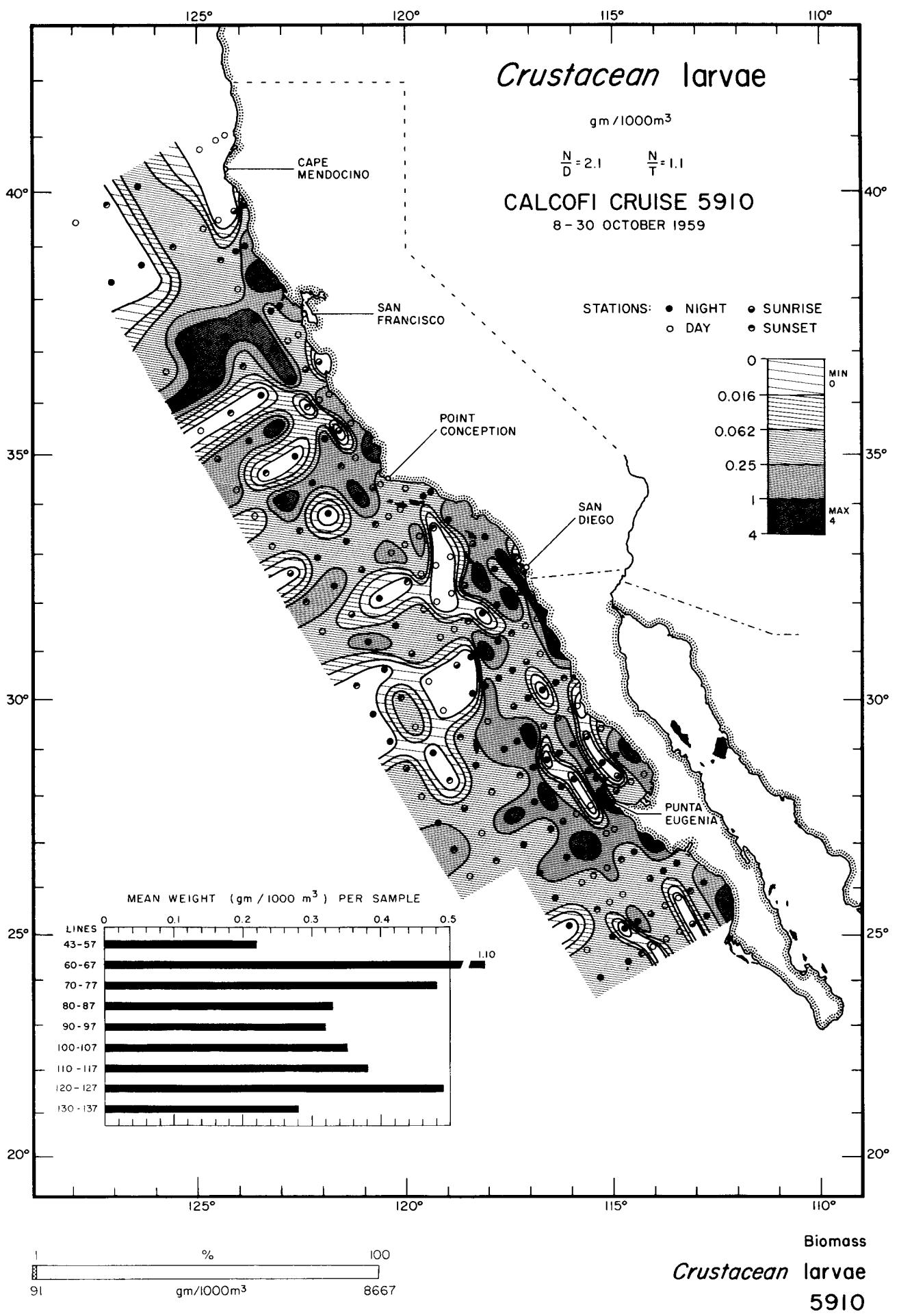


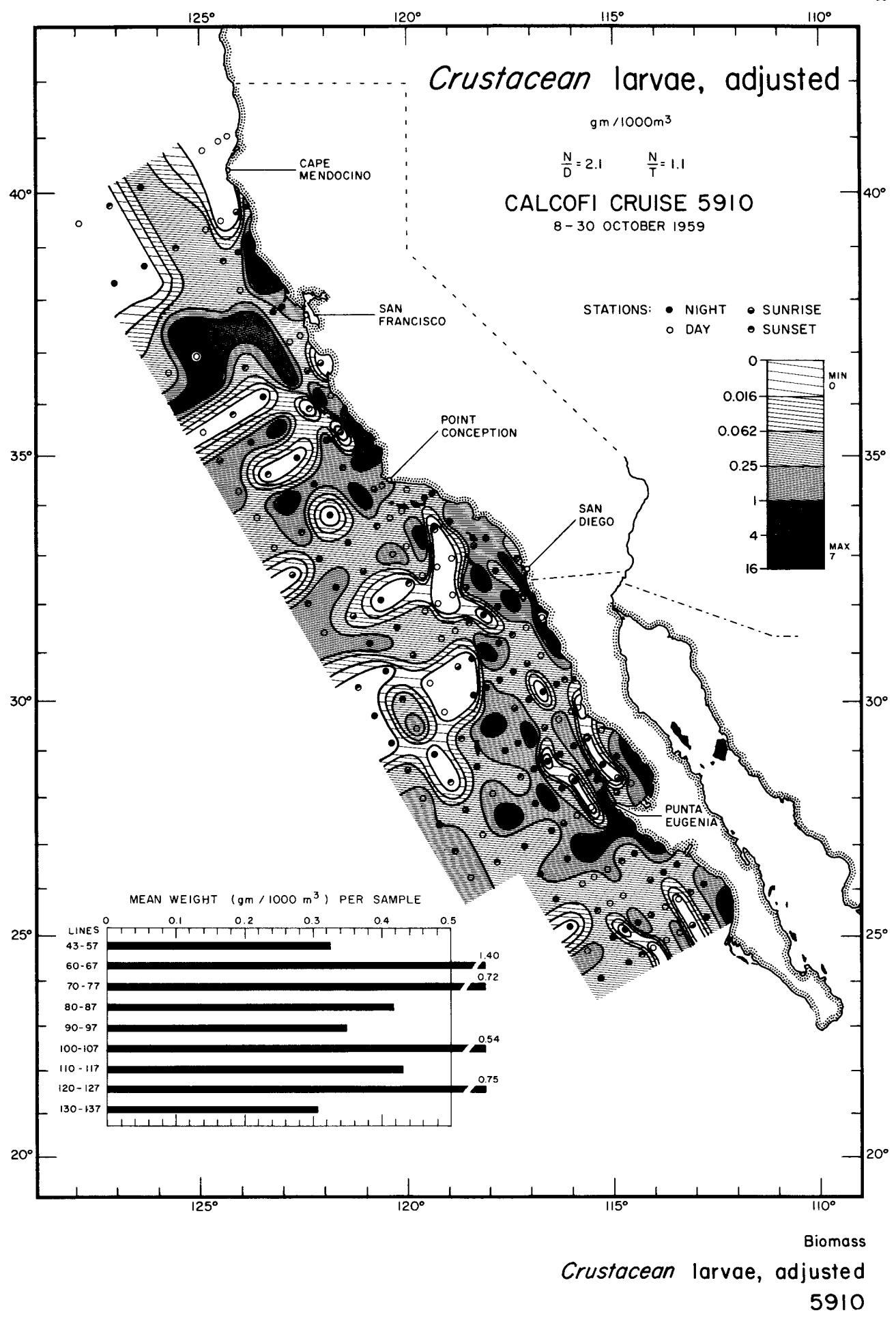


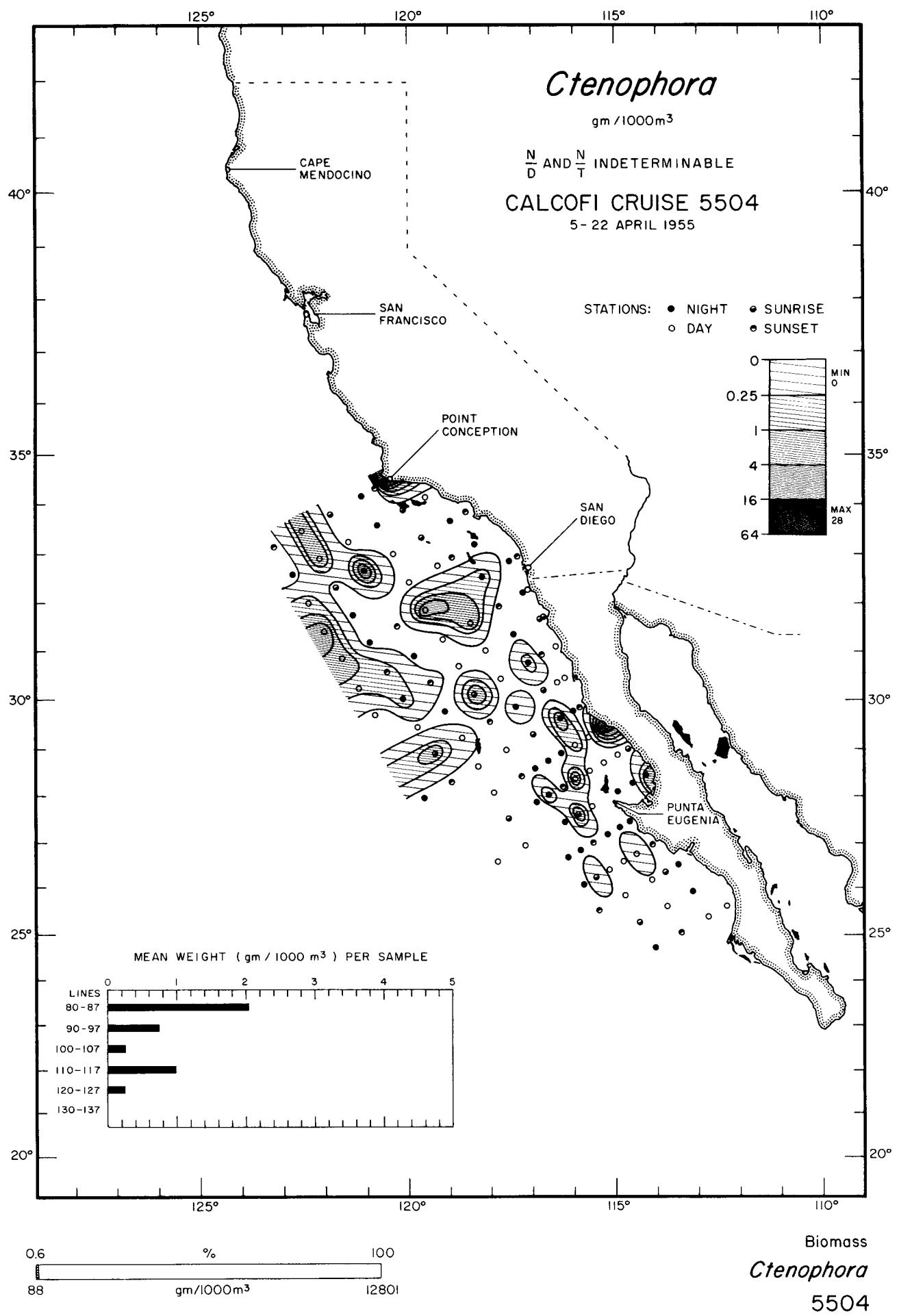


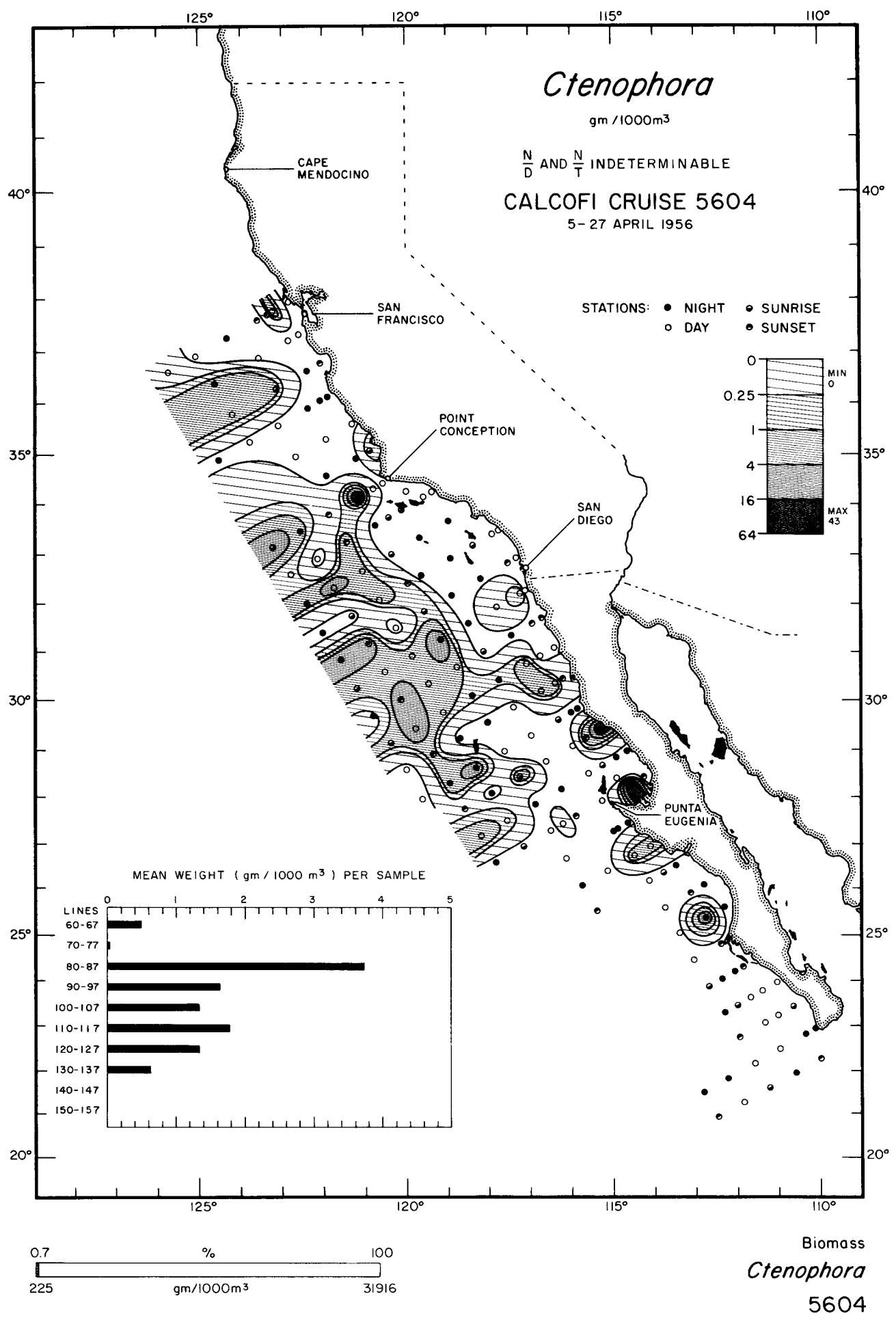
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*Crustacean larvae, adjusted*  
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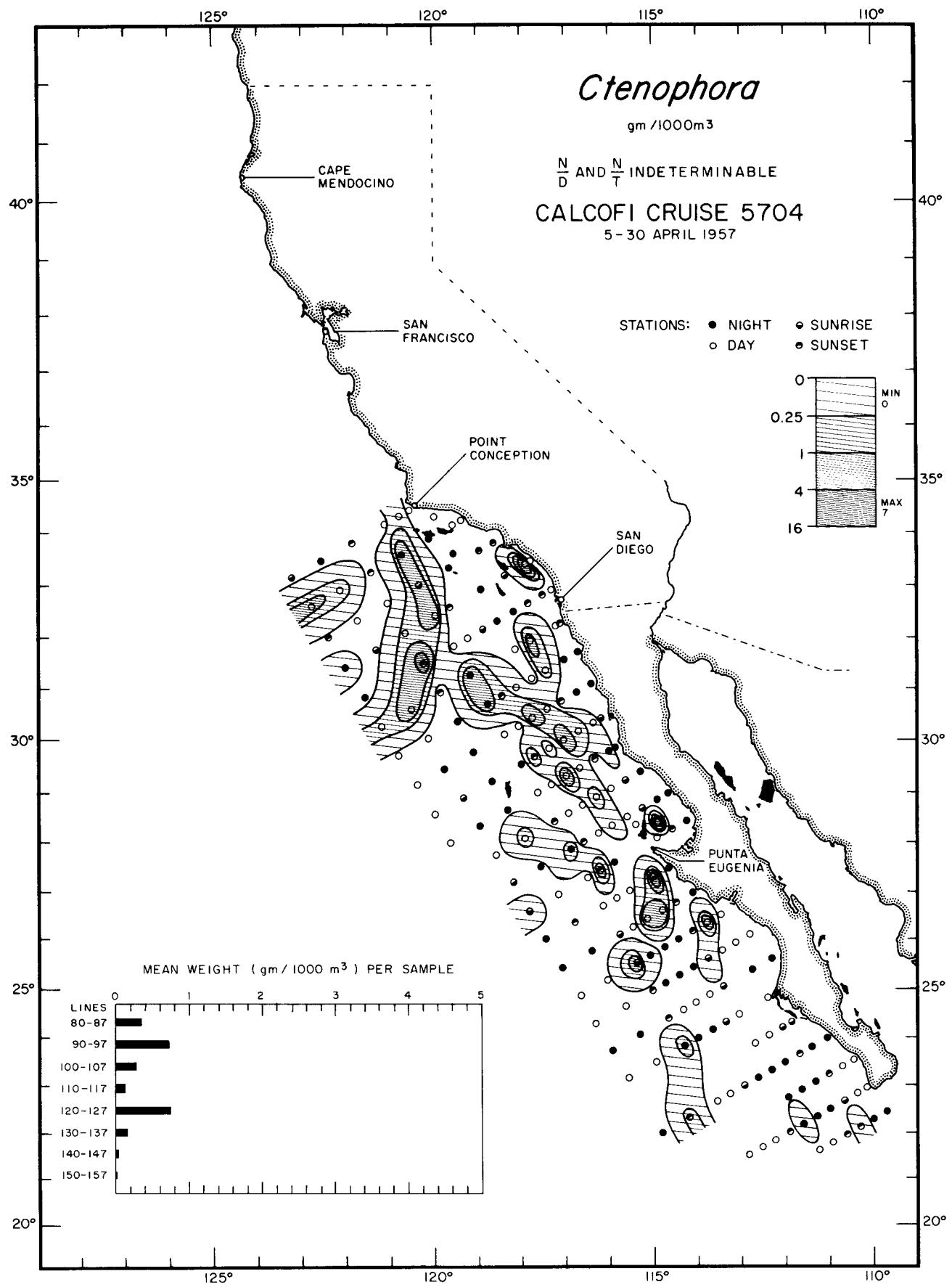




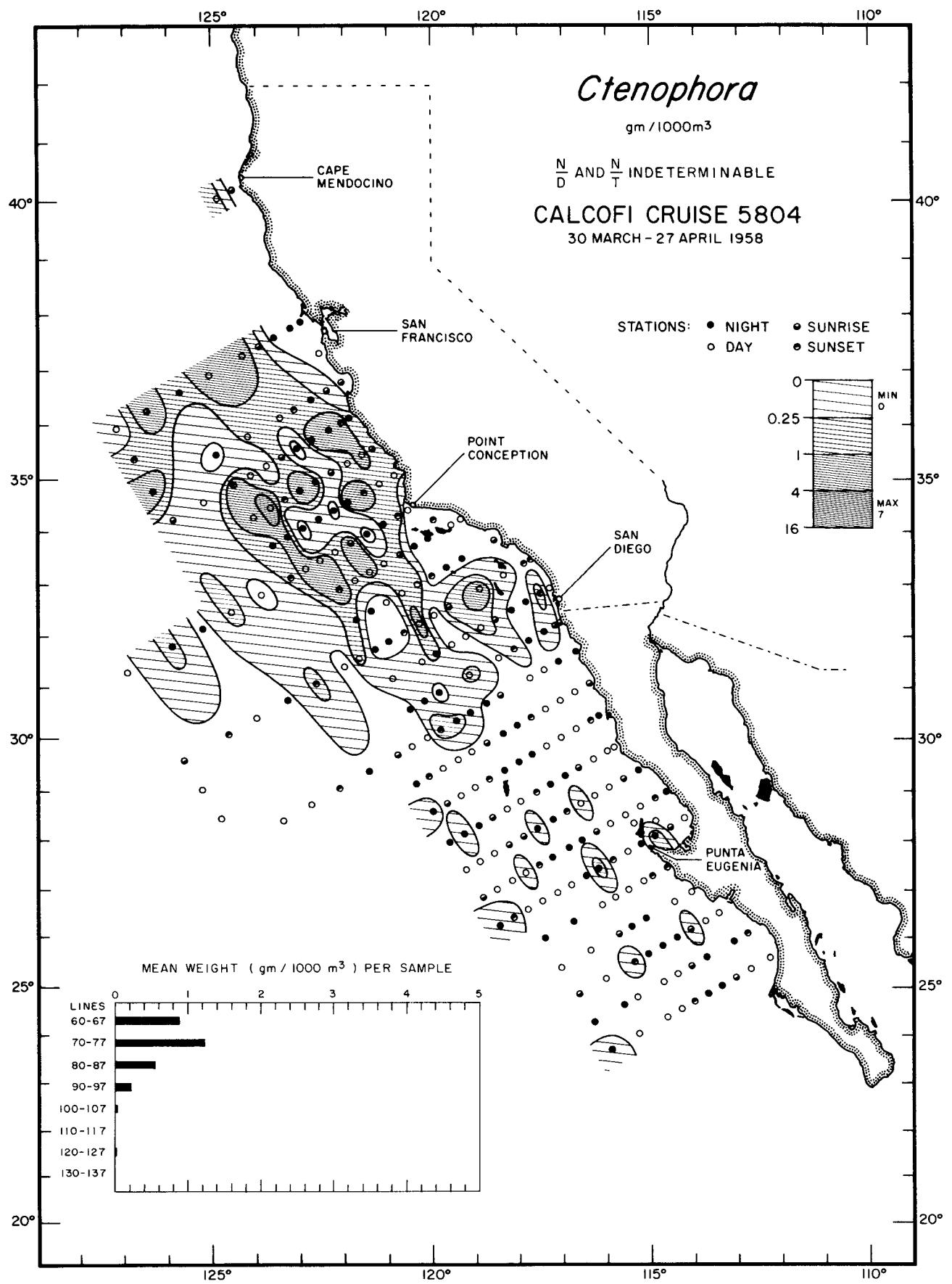




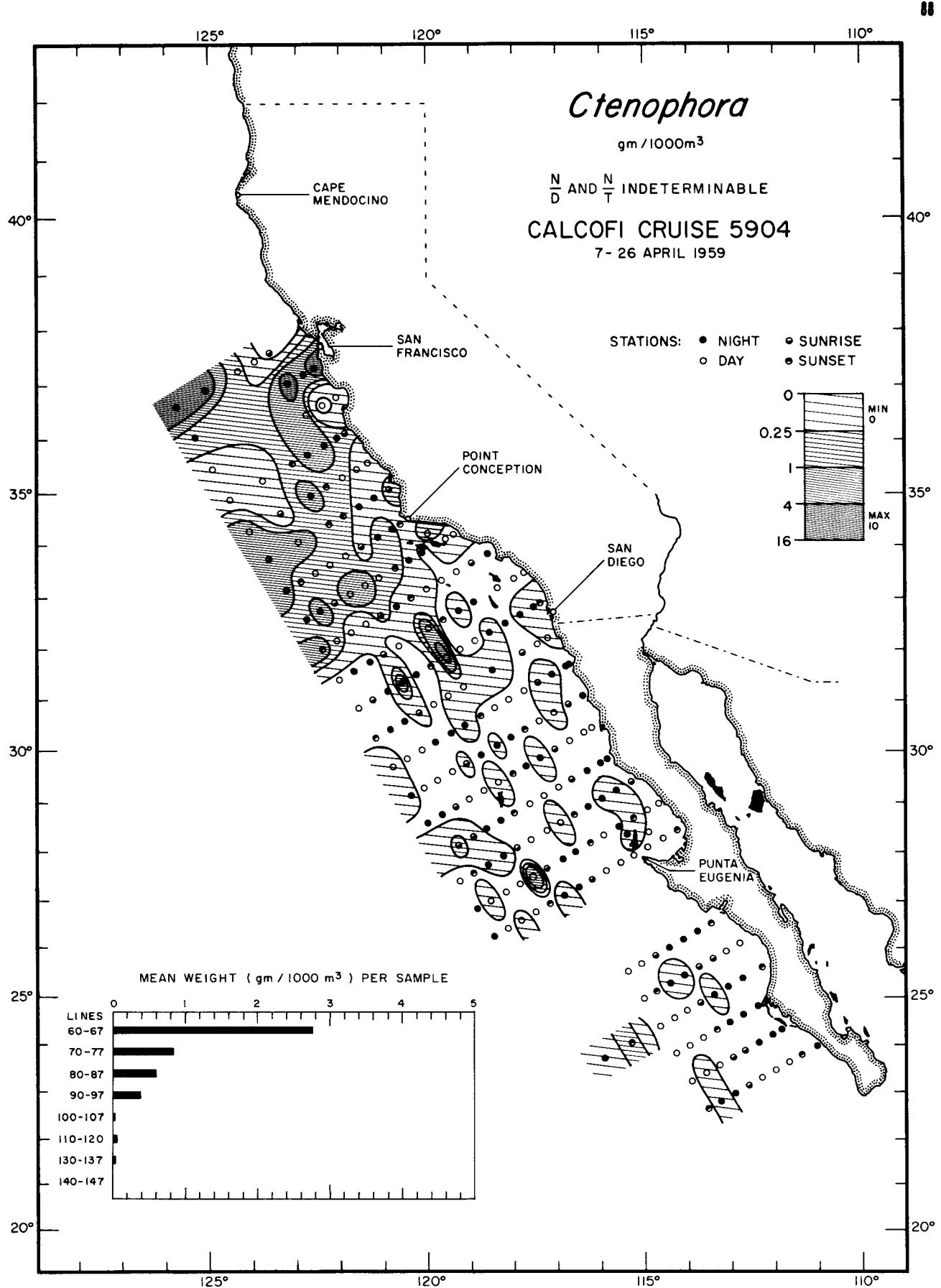




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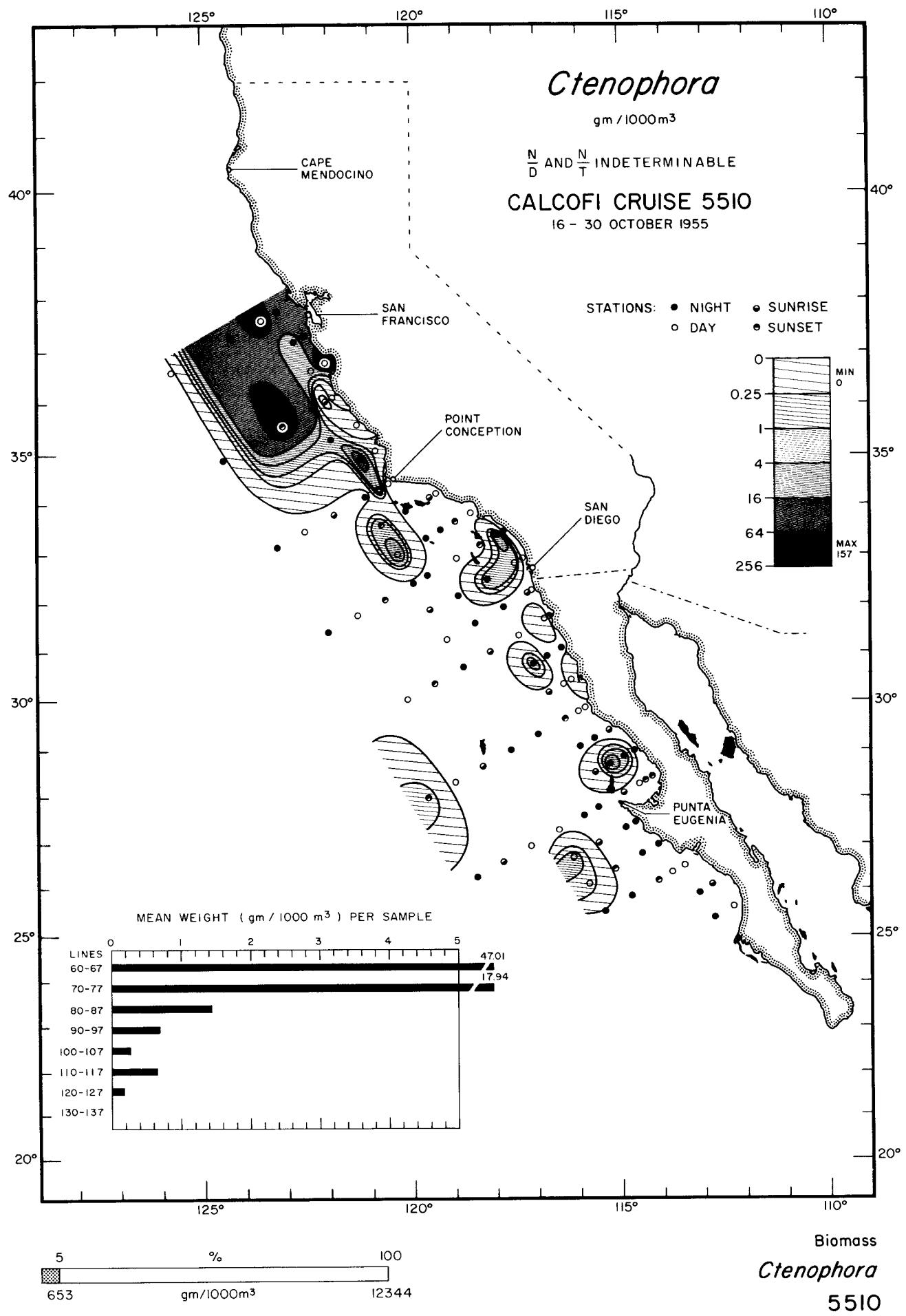


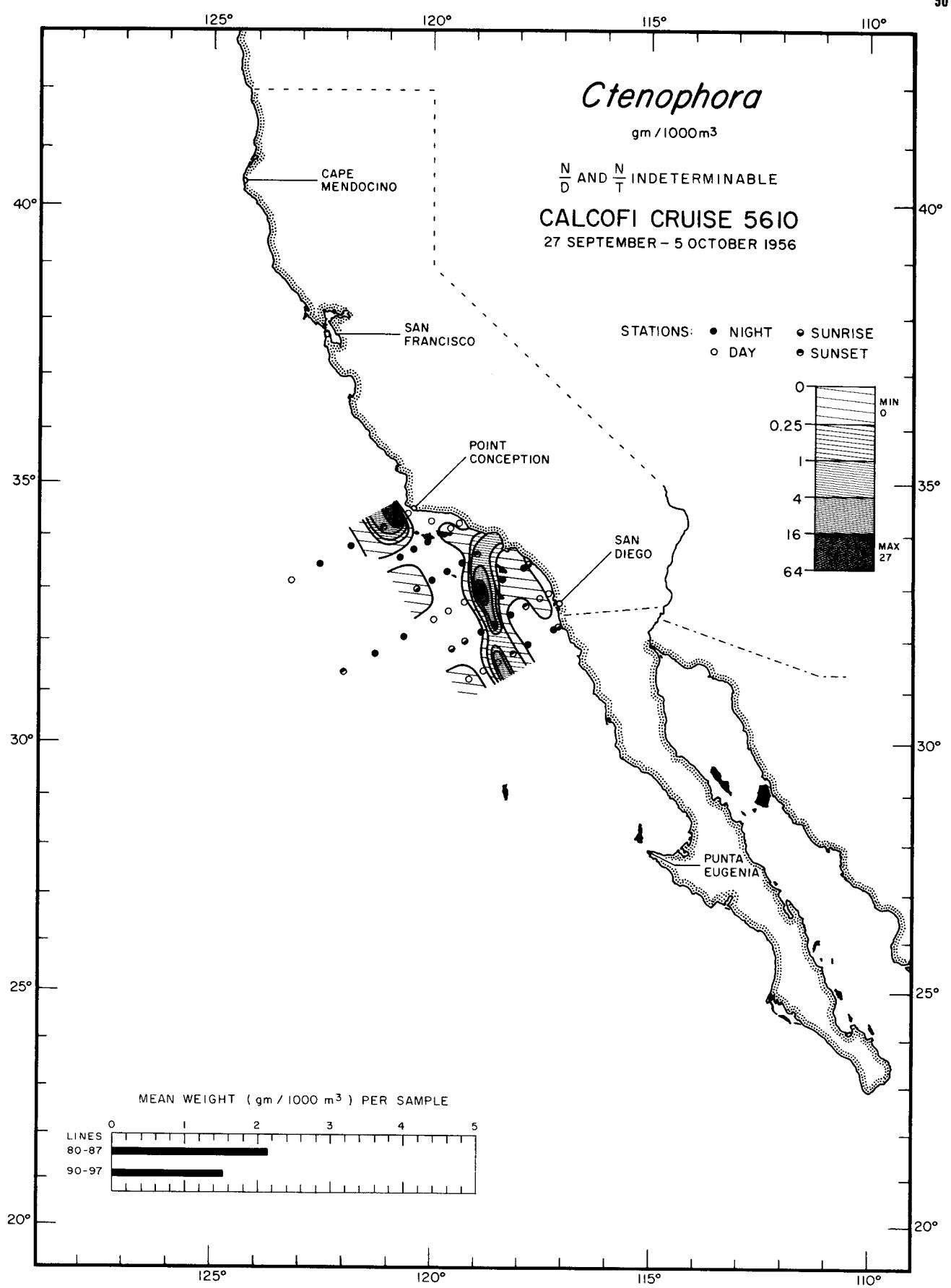
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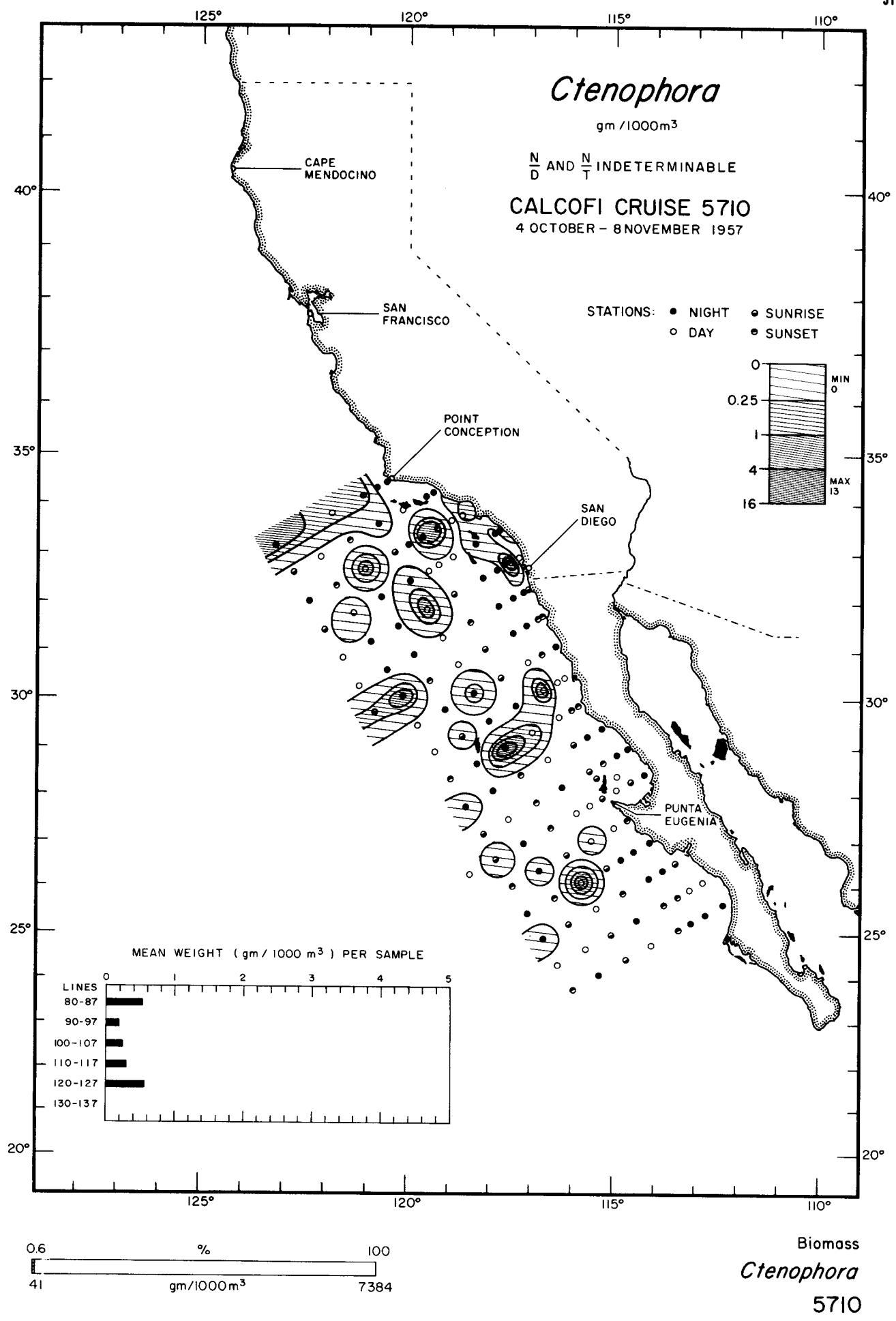
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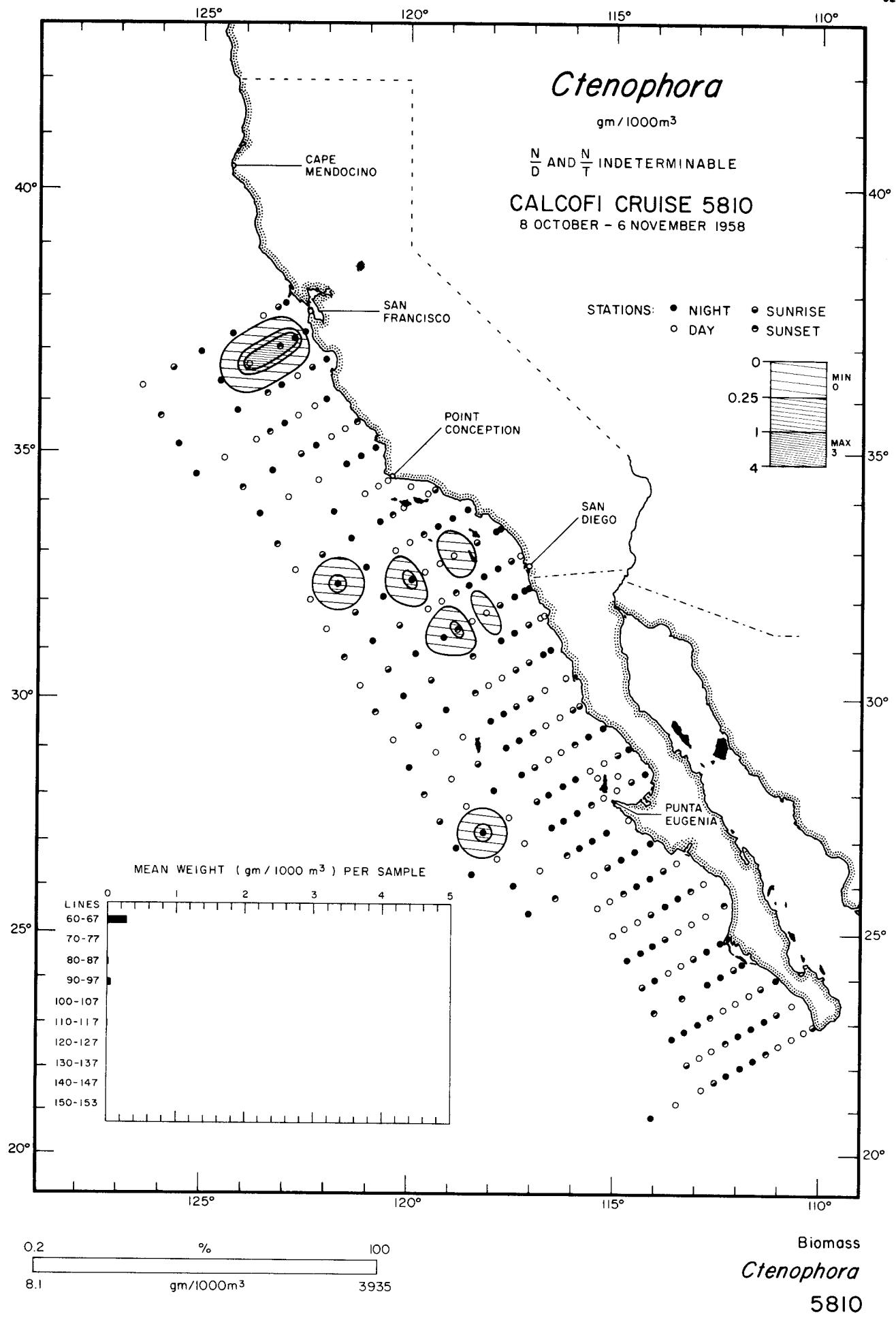
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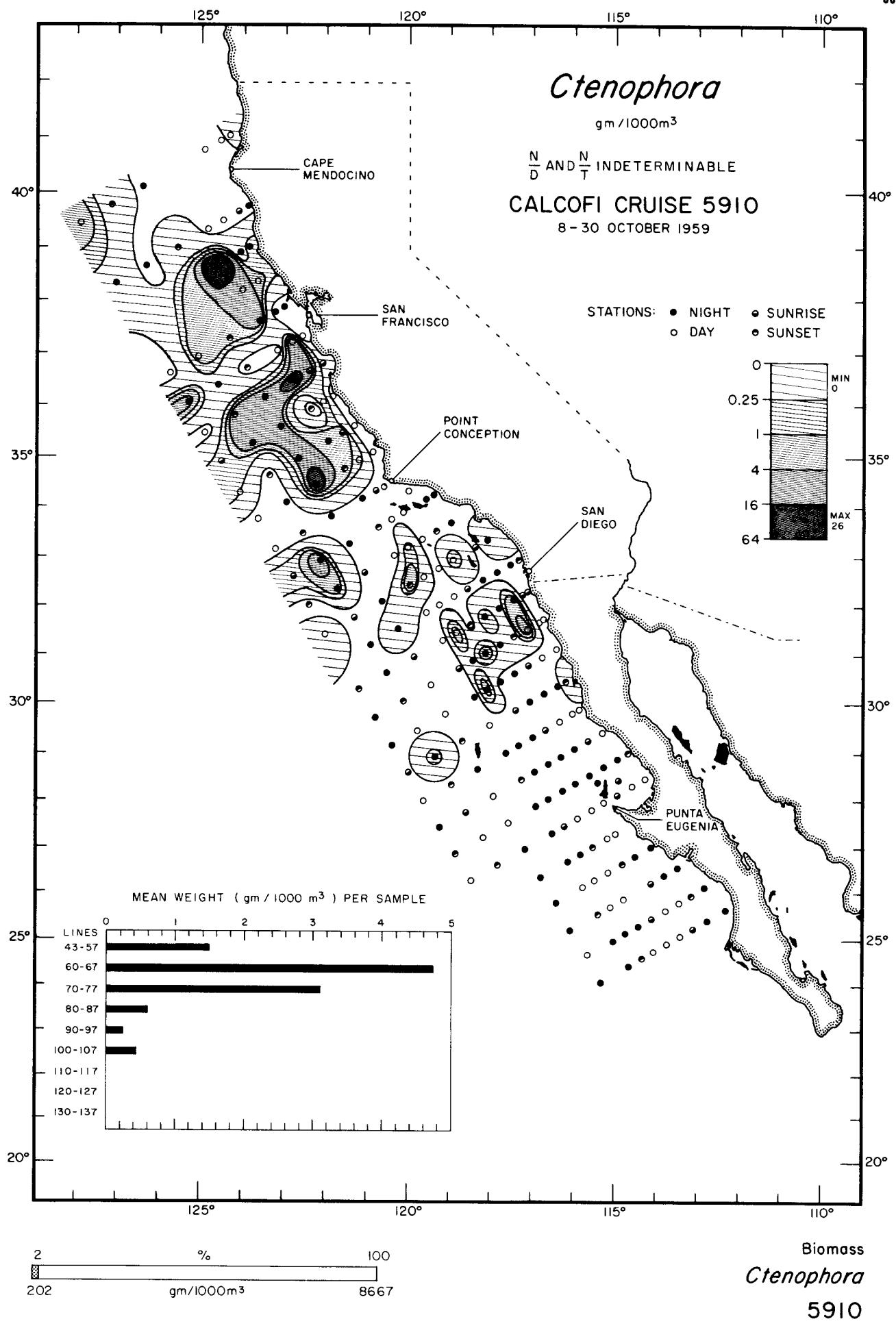


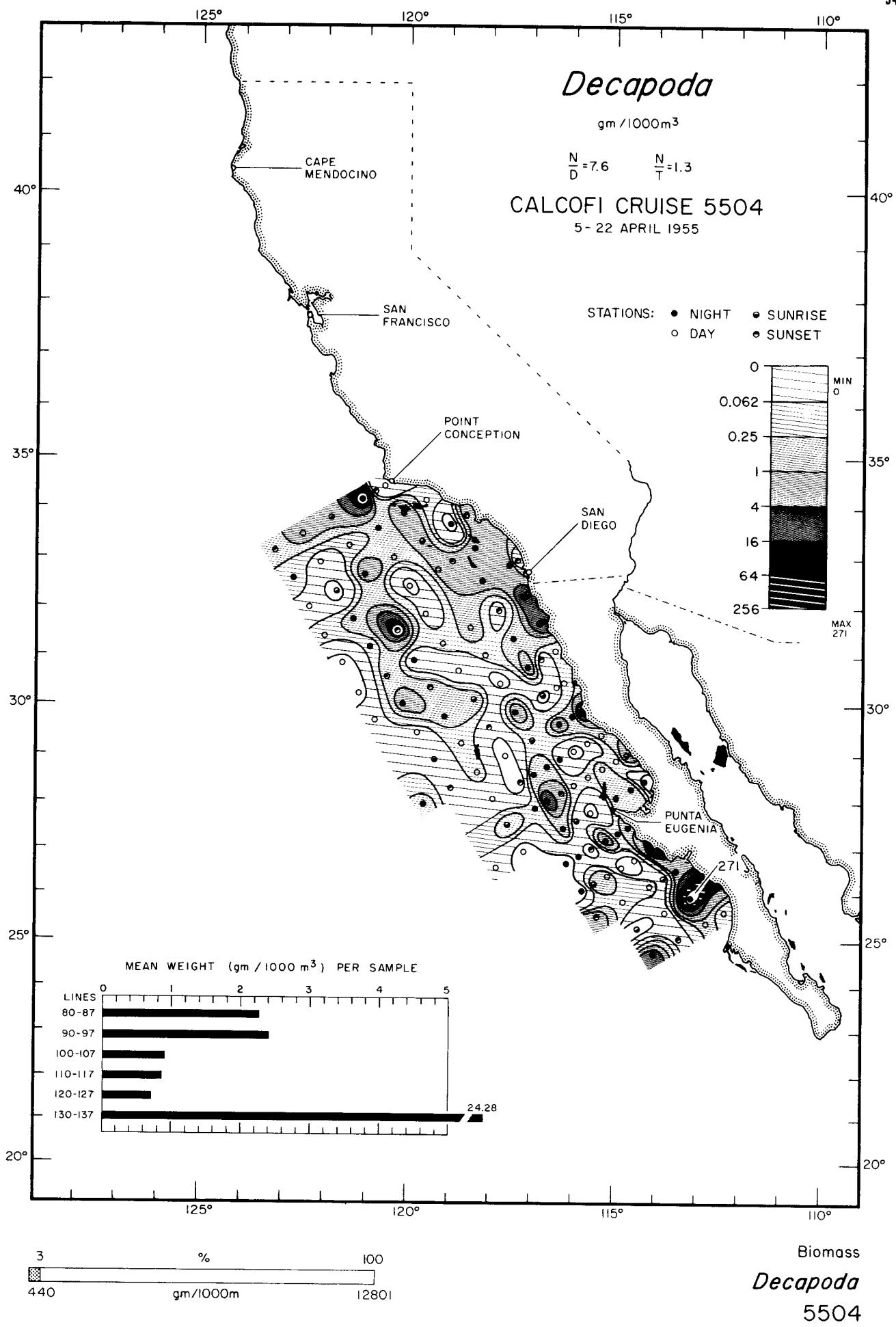


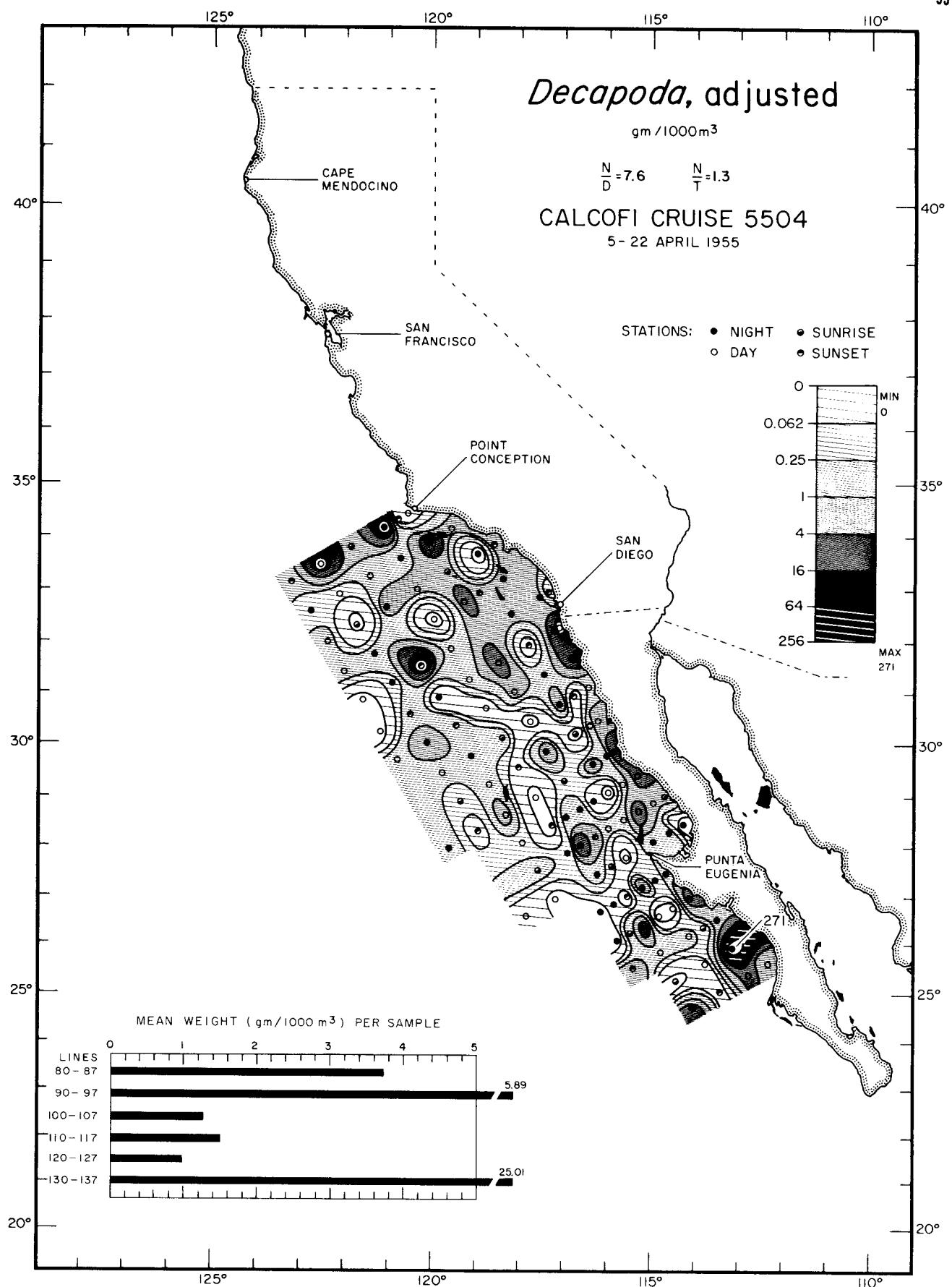
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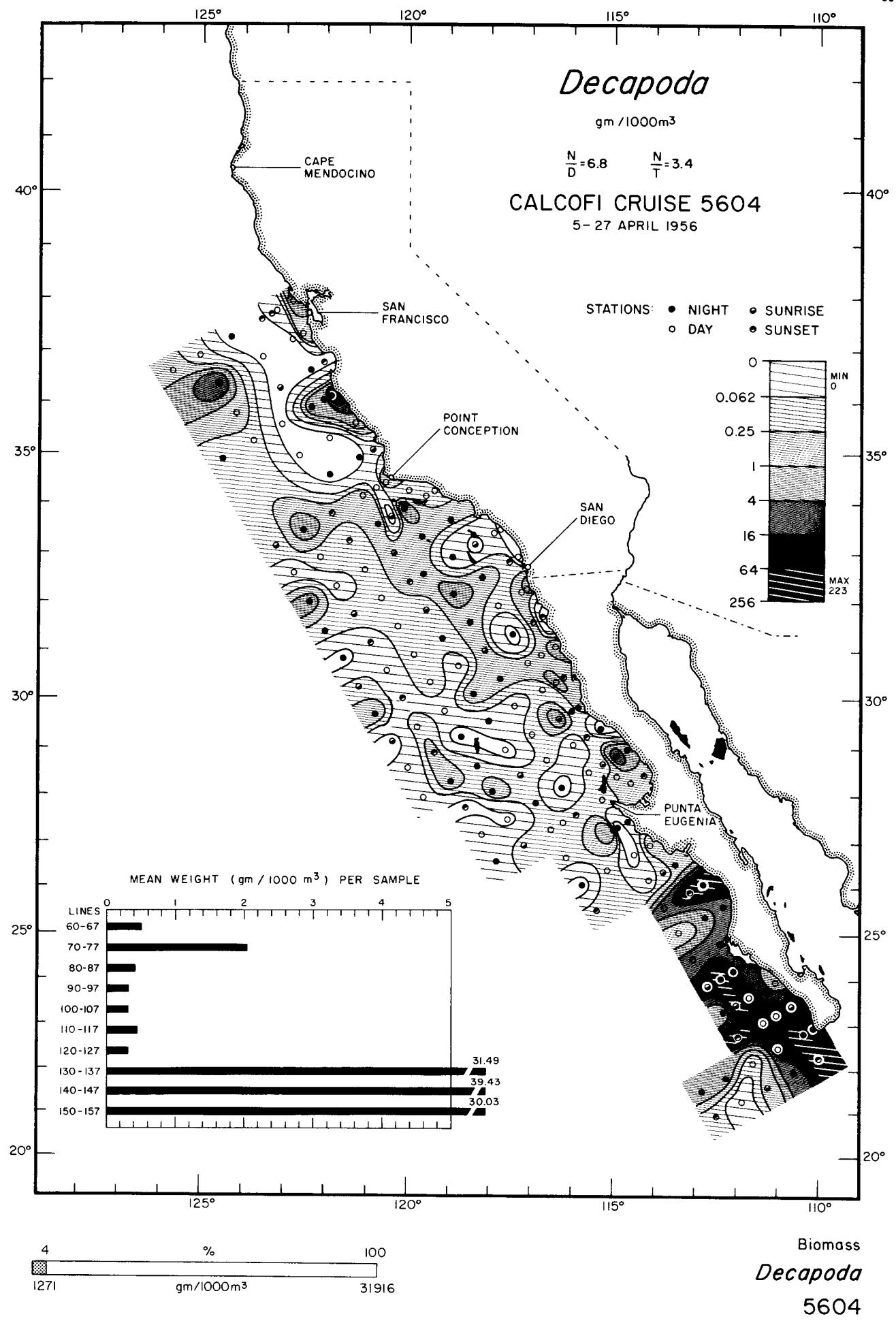


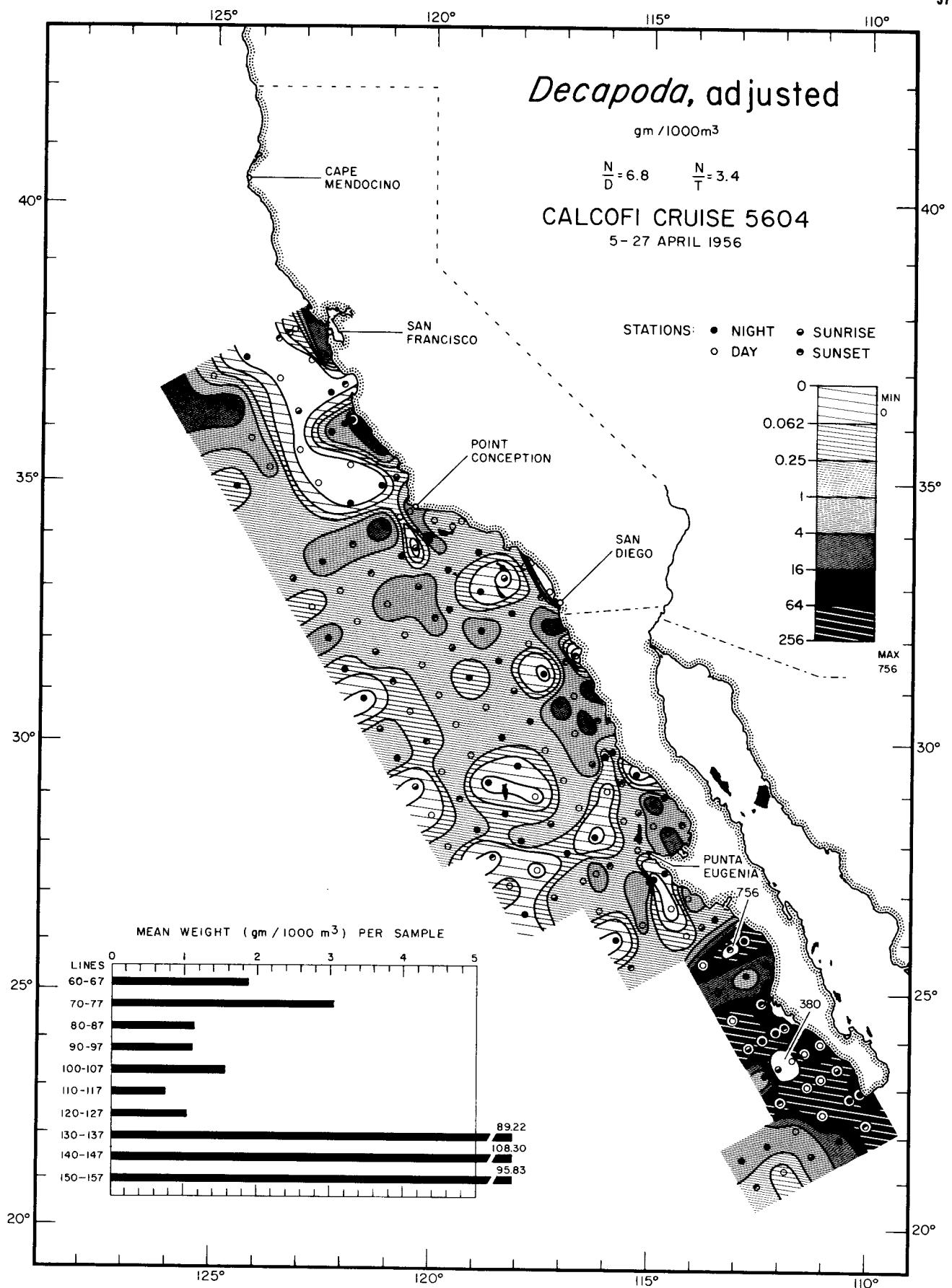


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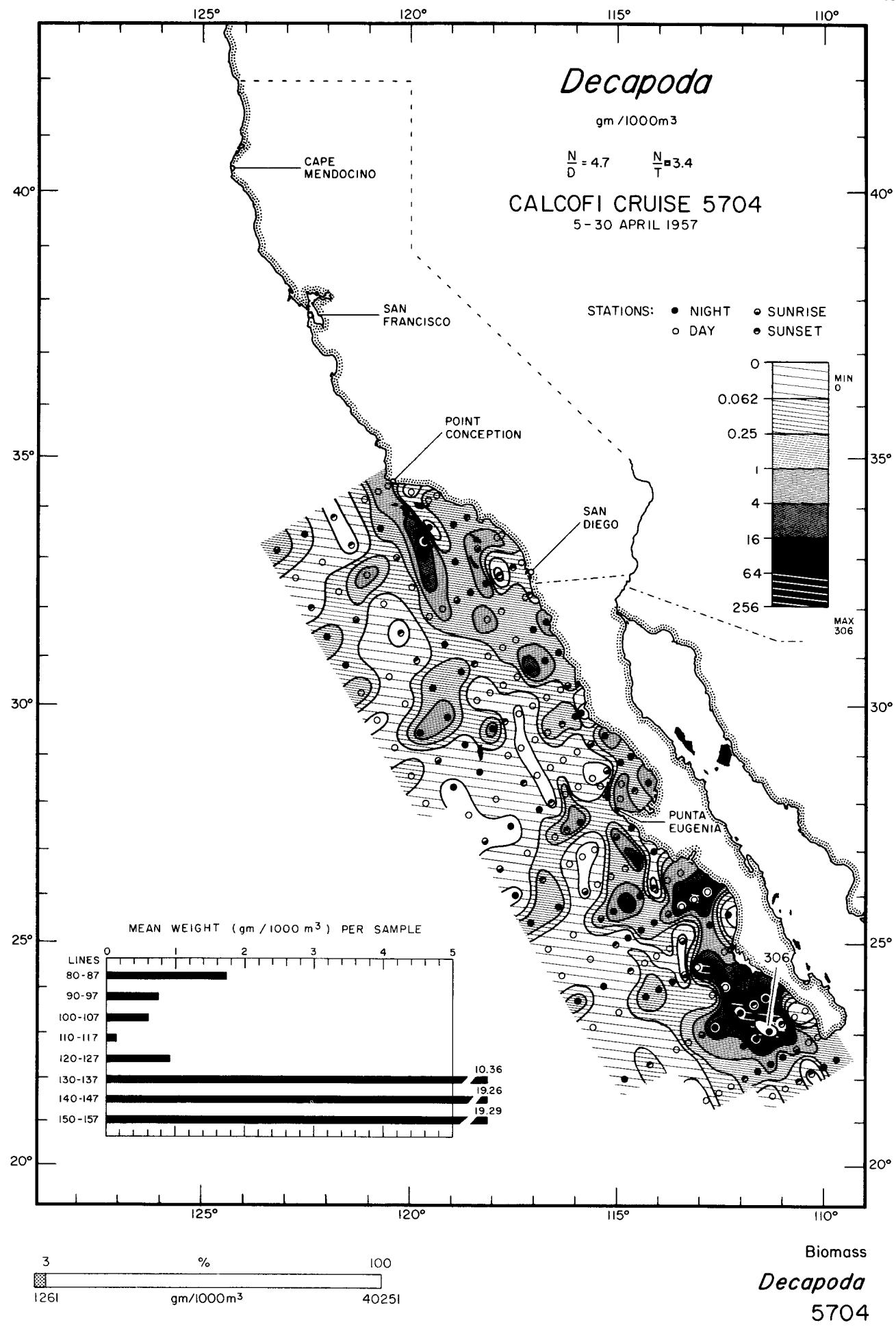
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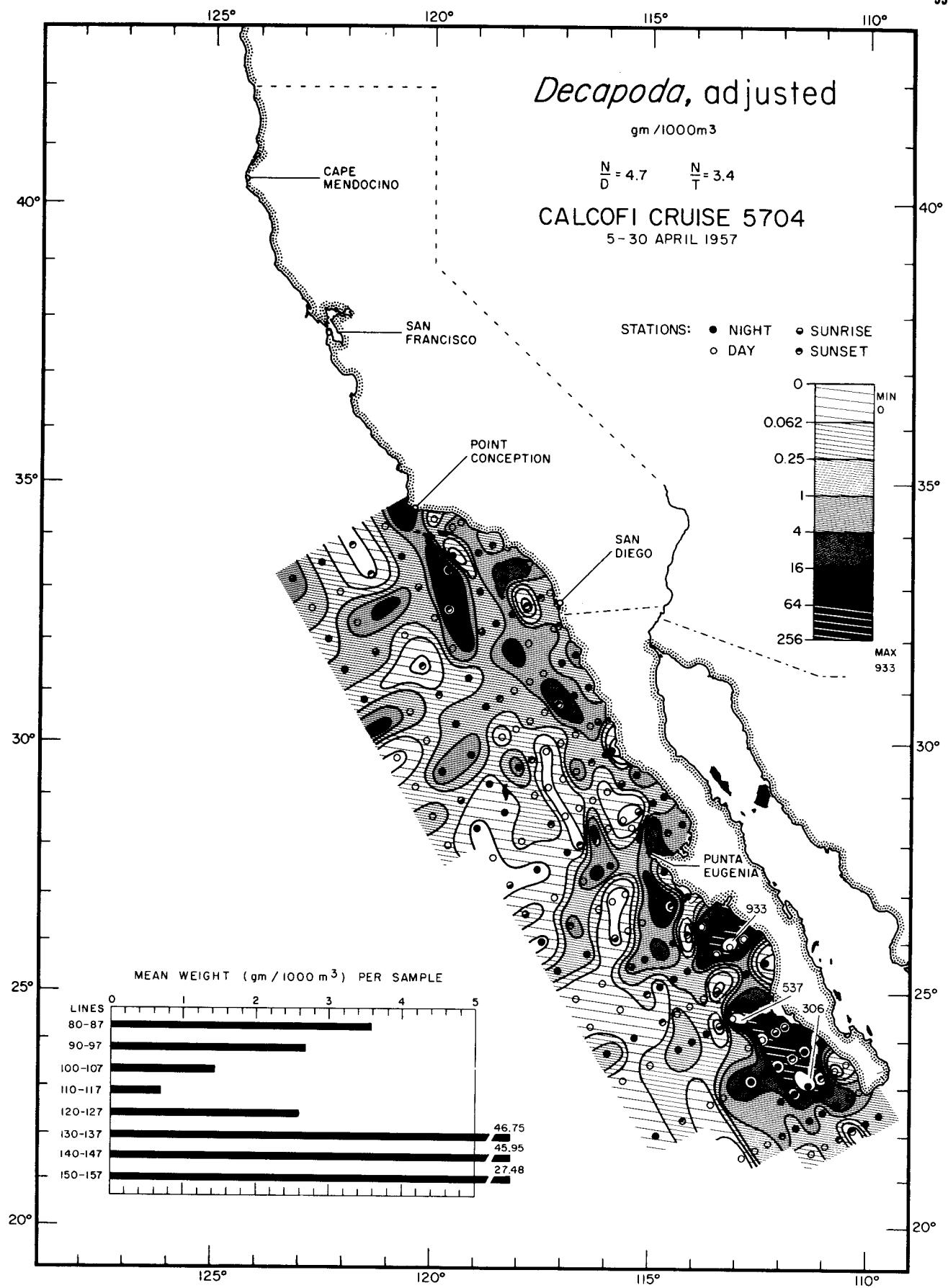
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Biomass  
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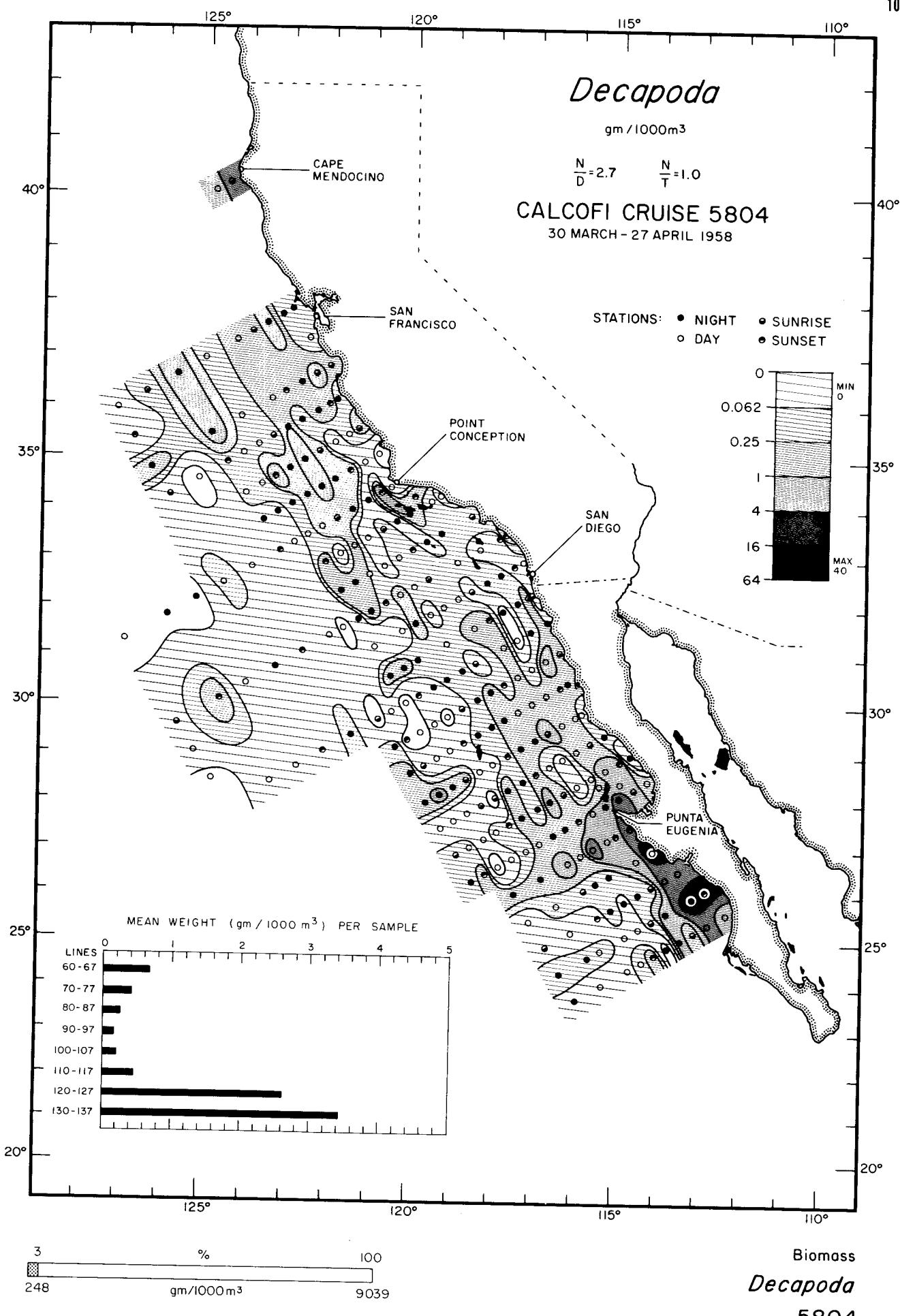


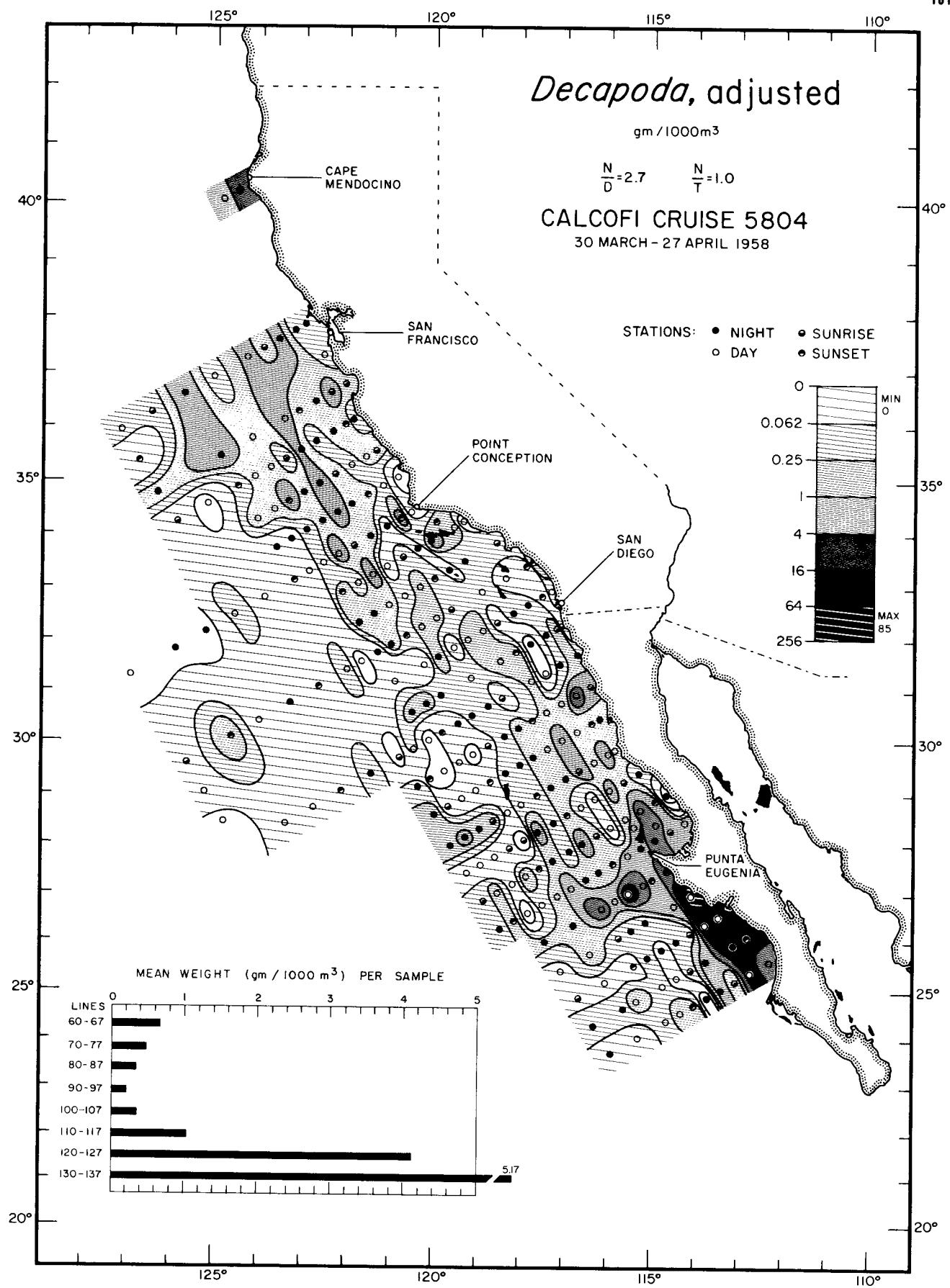


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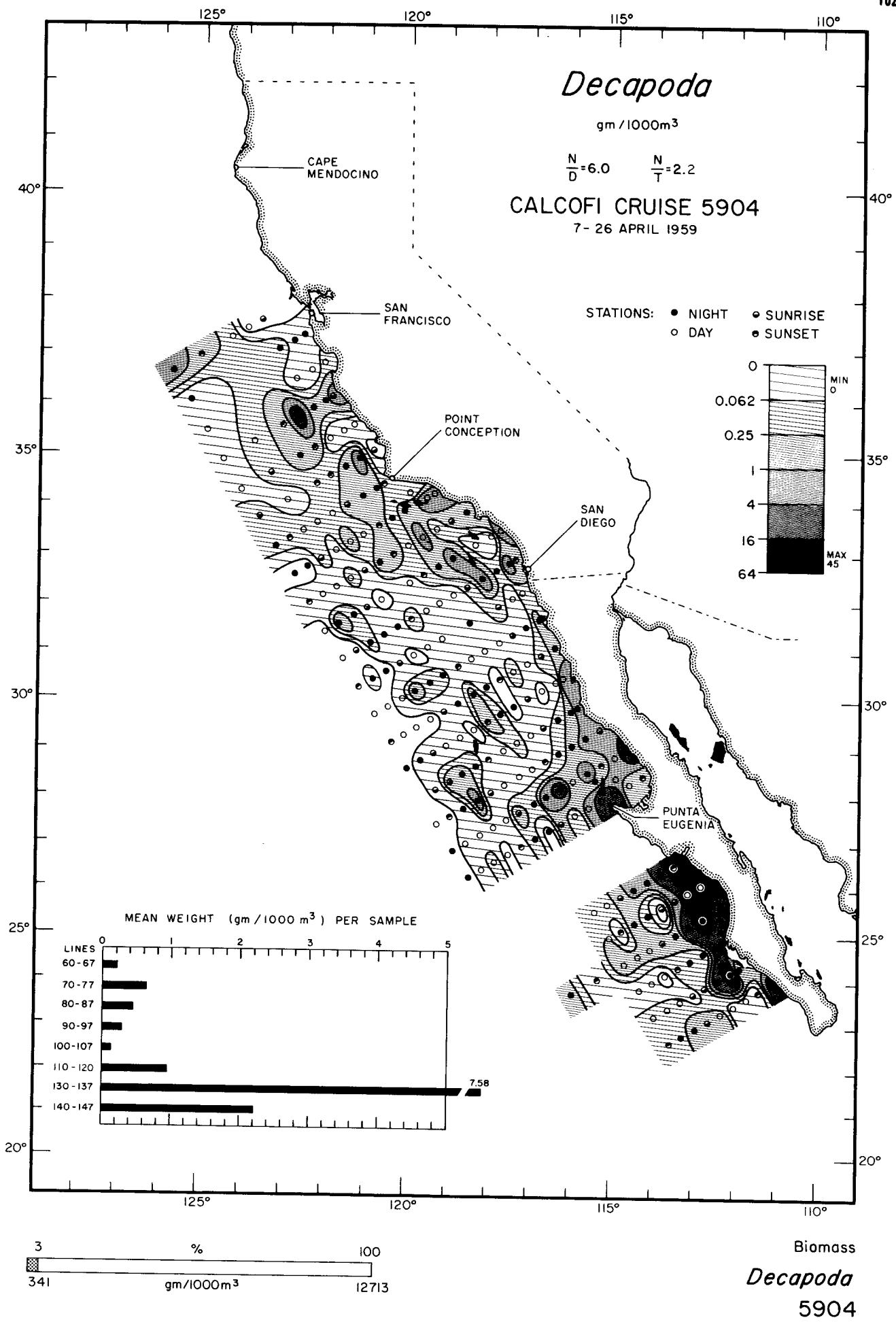


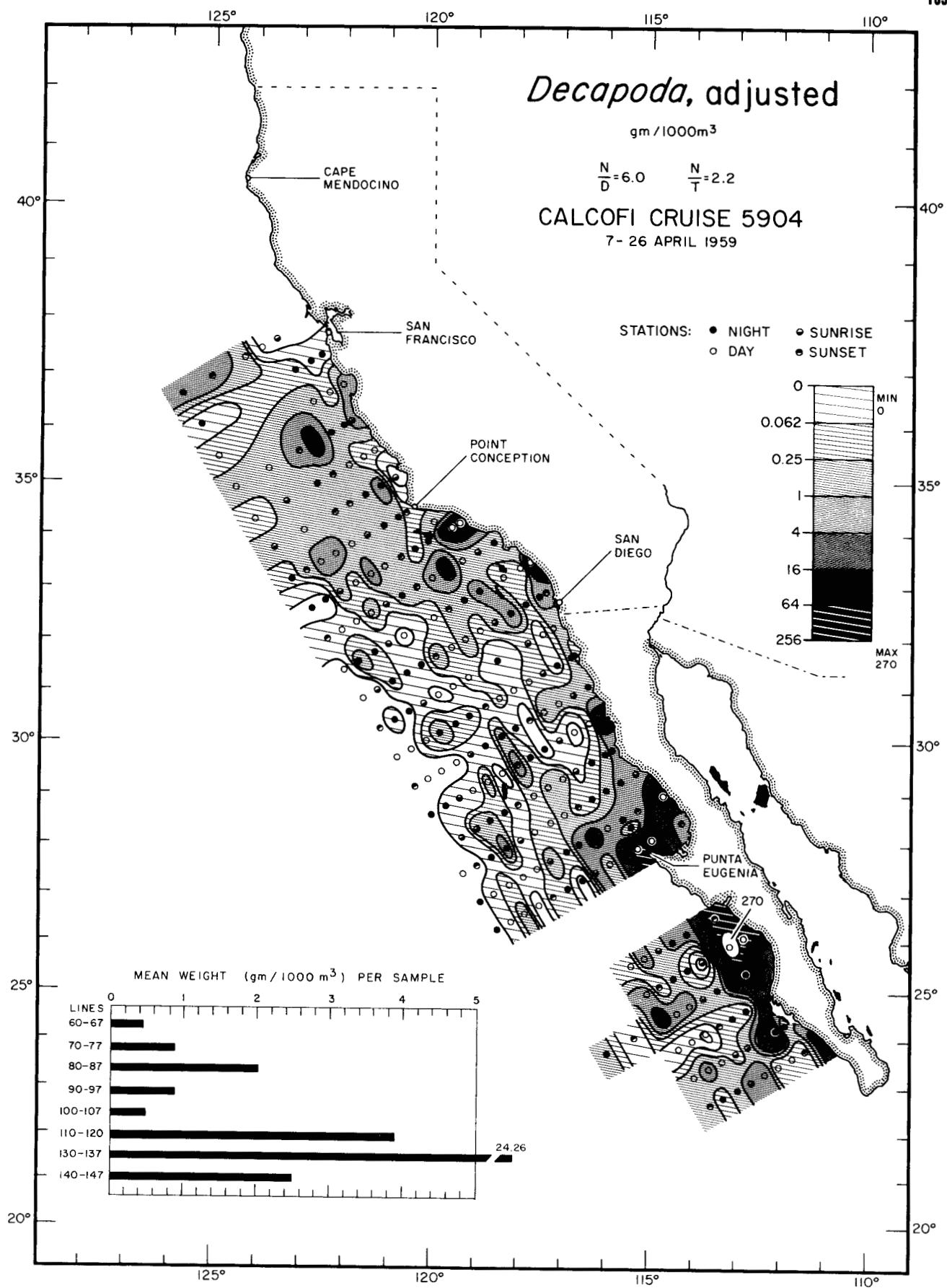


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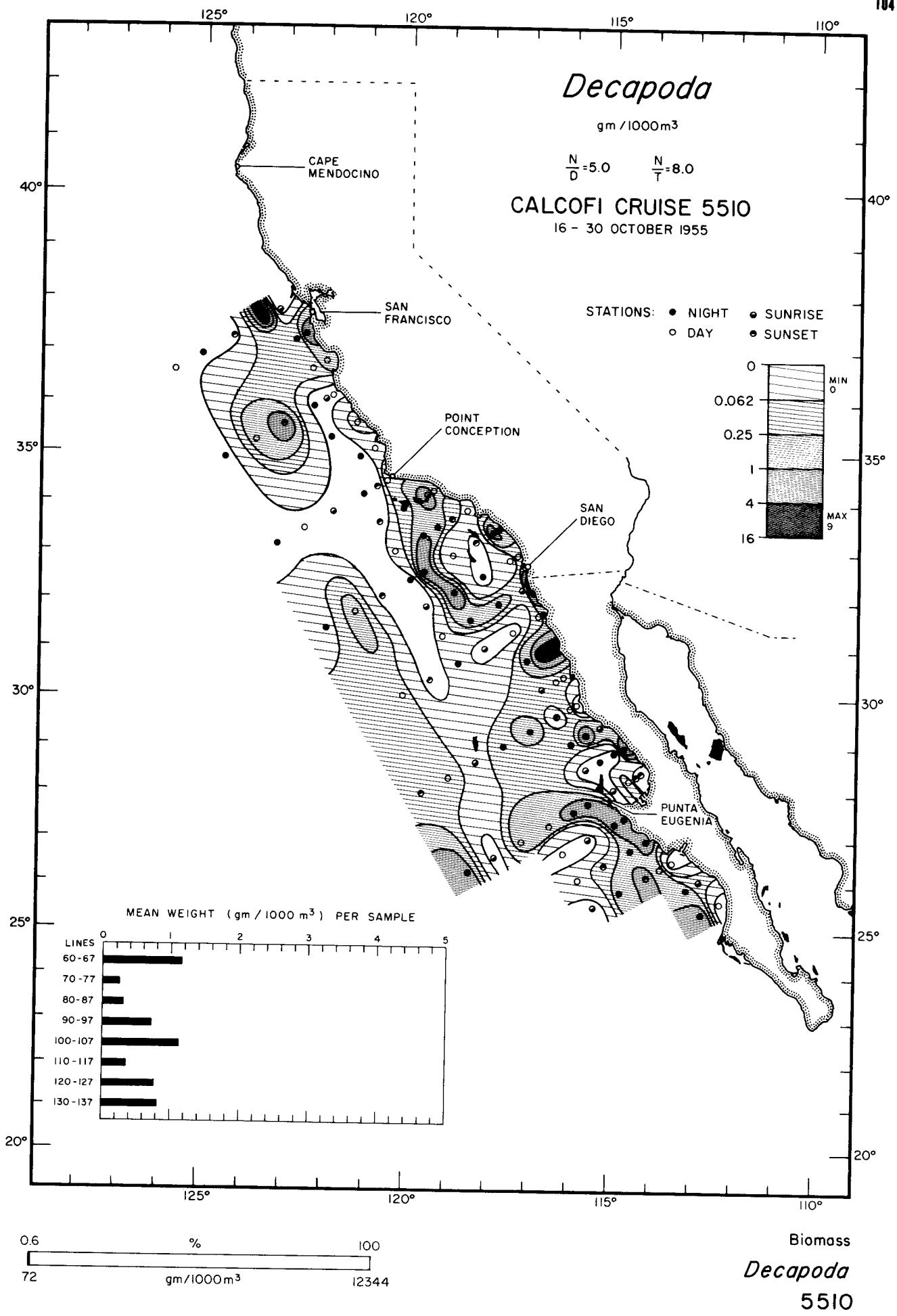


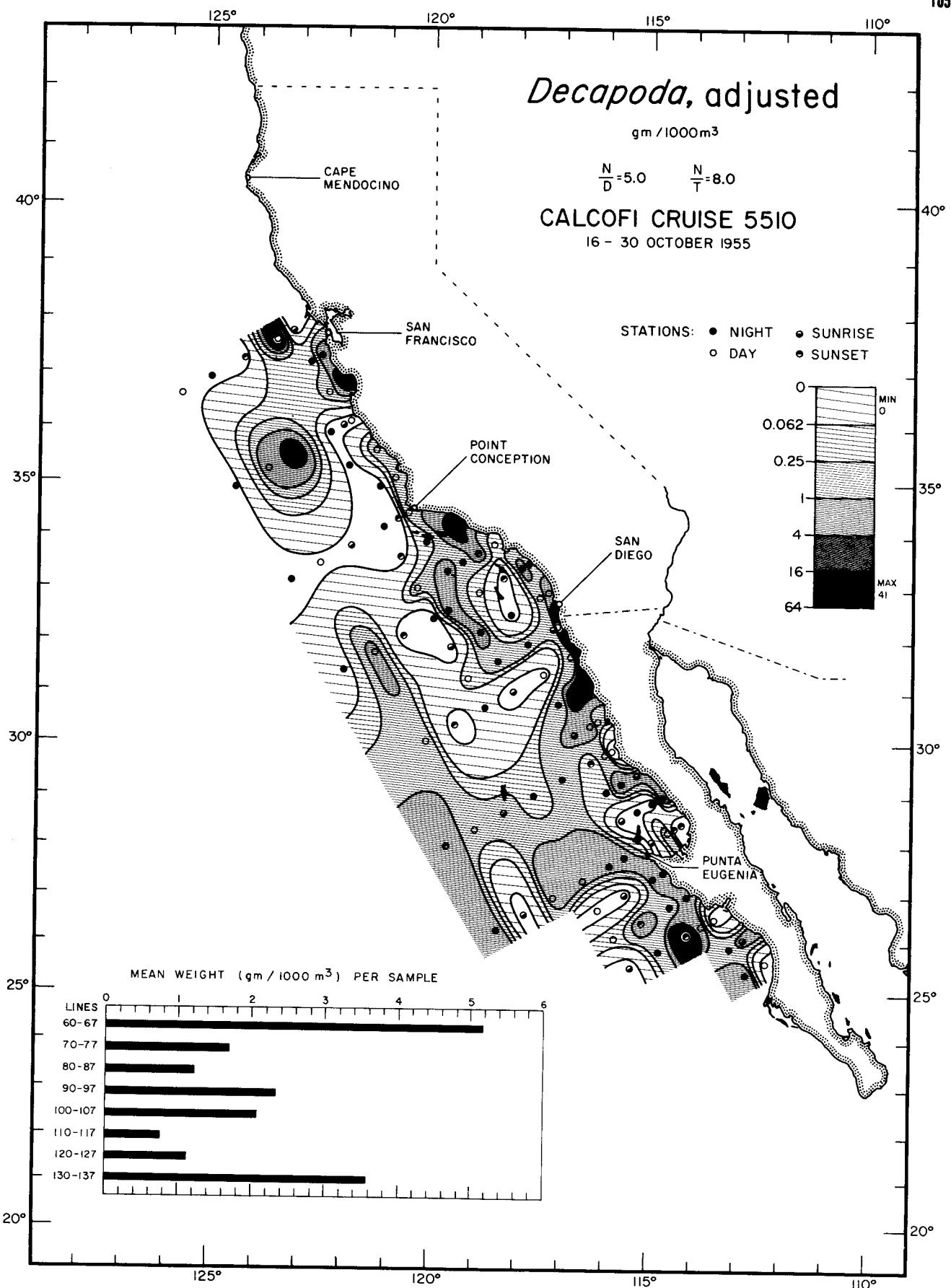


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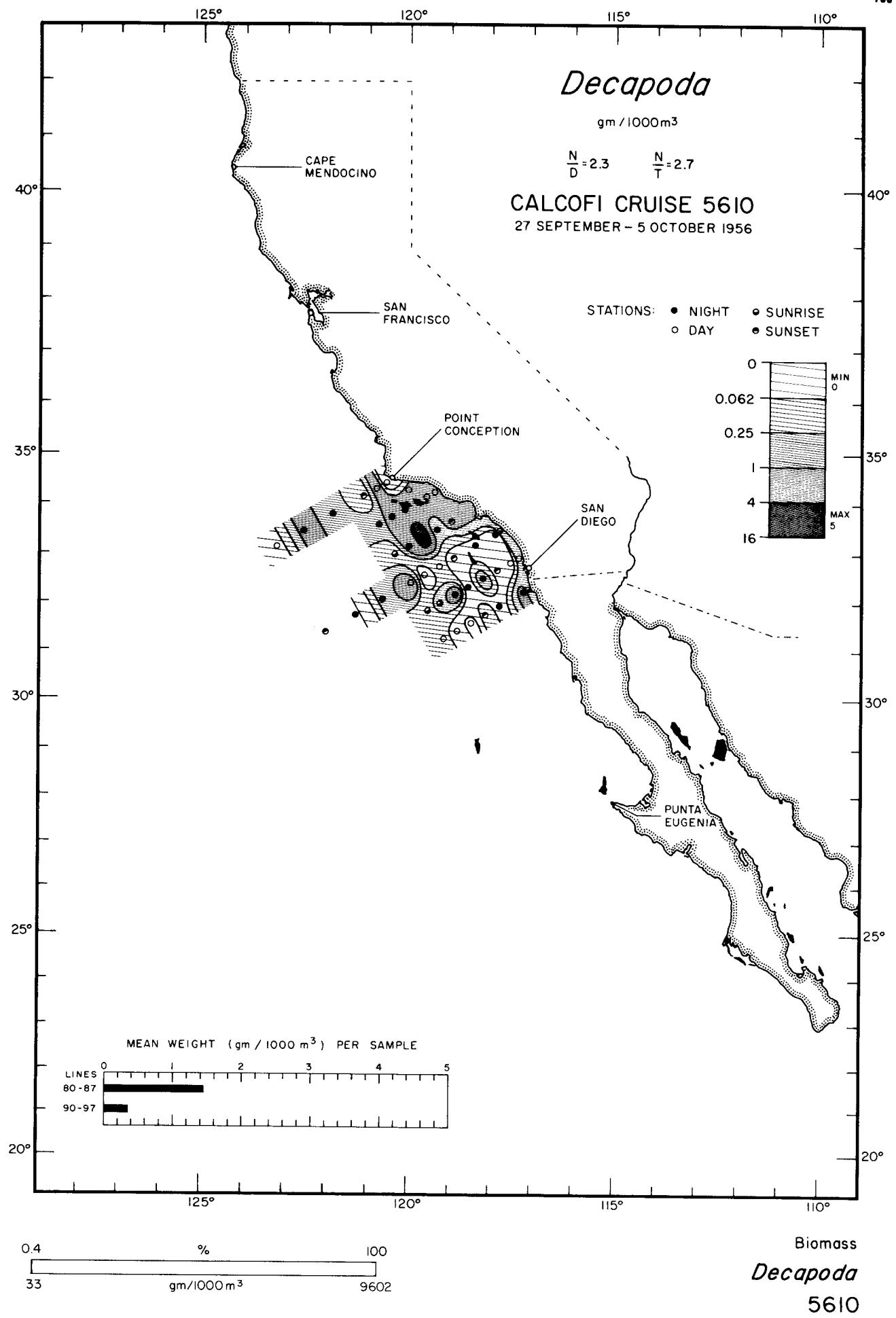


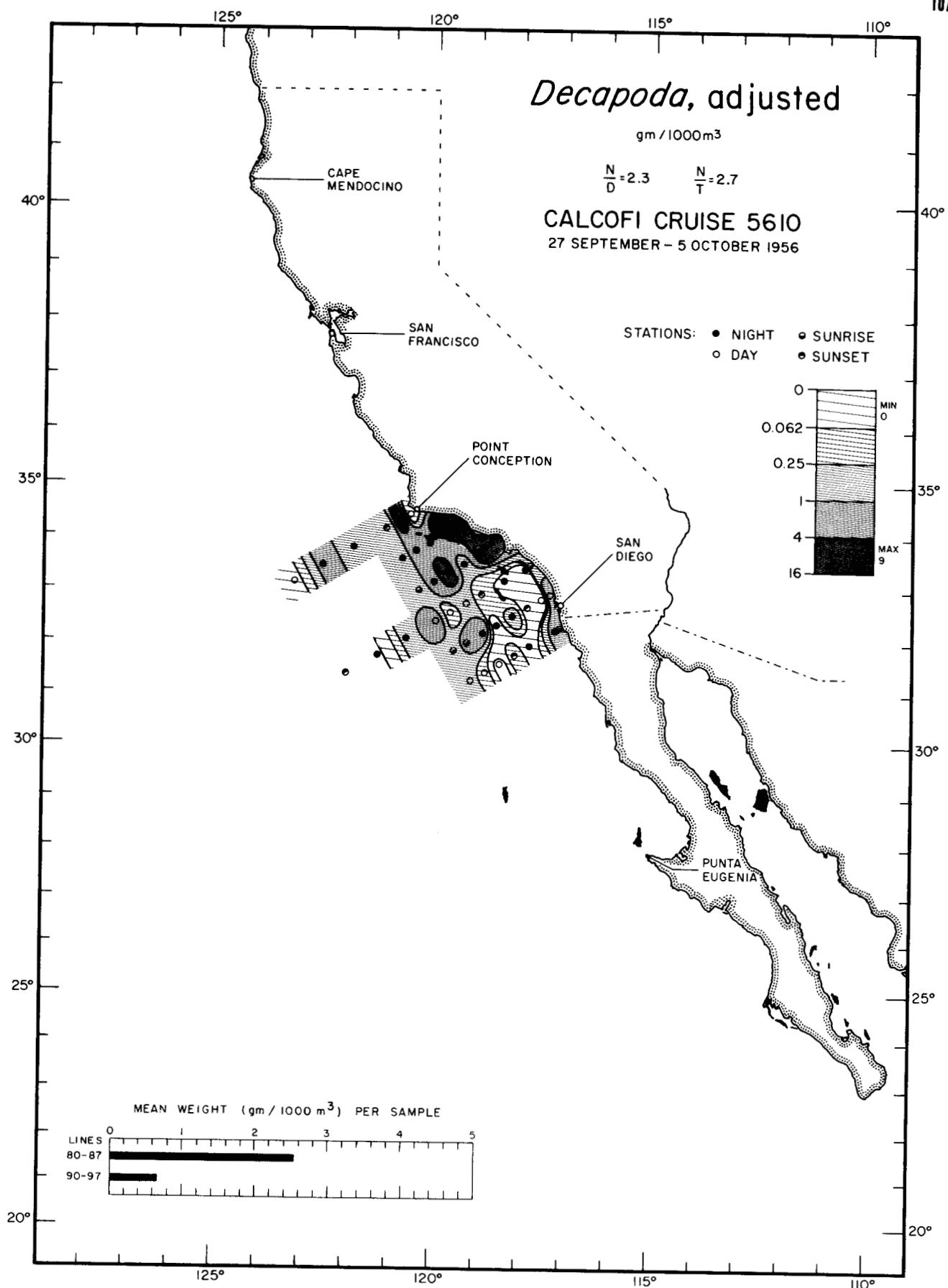


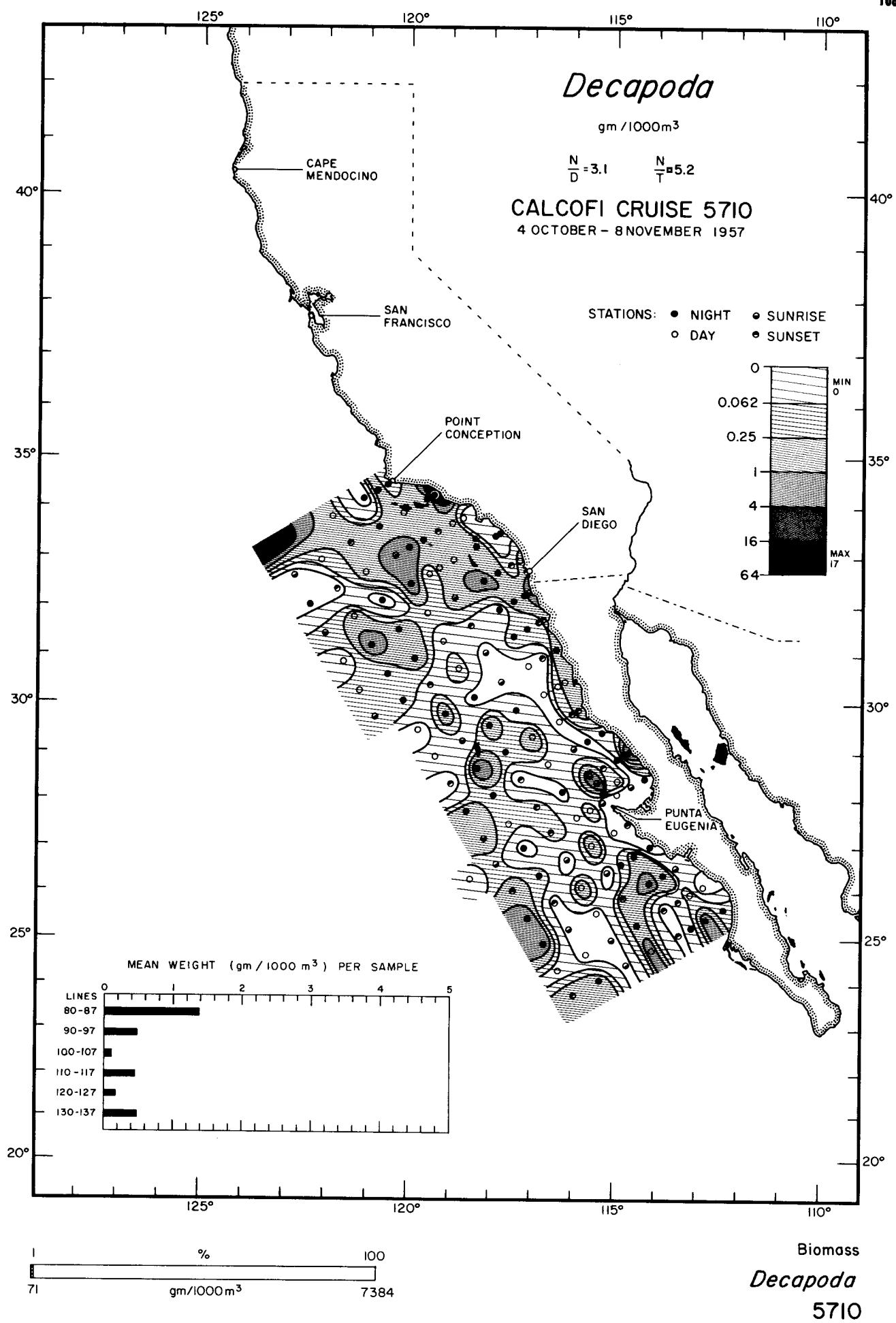
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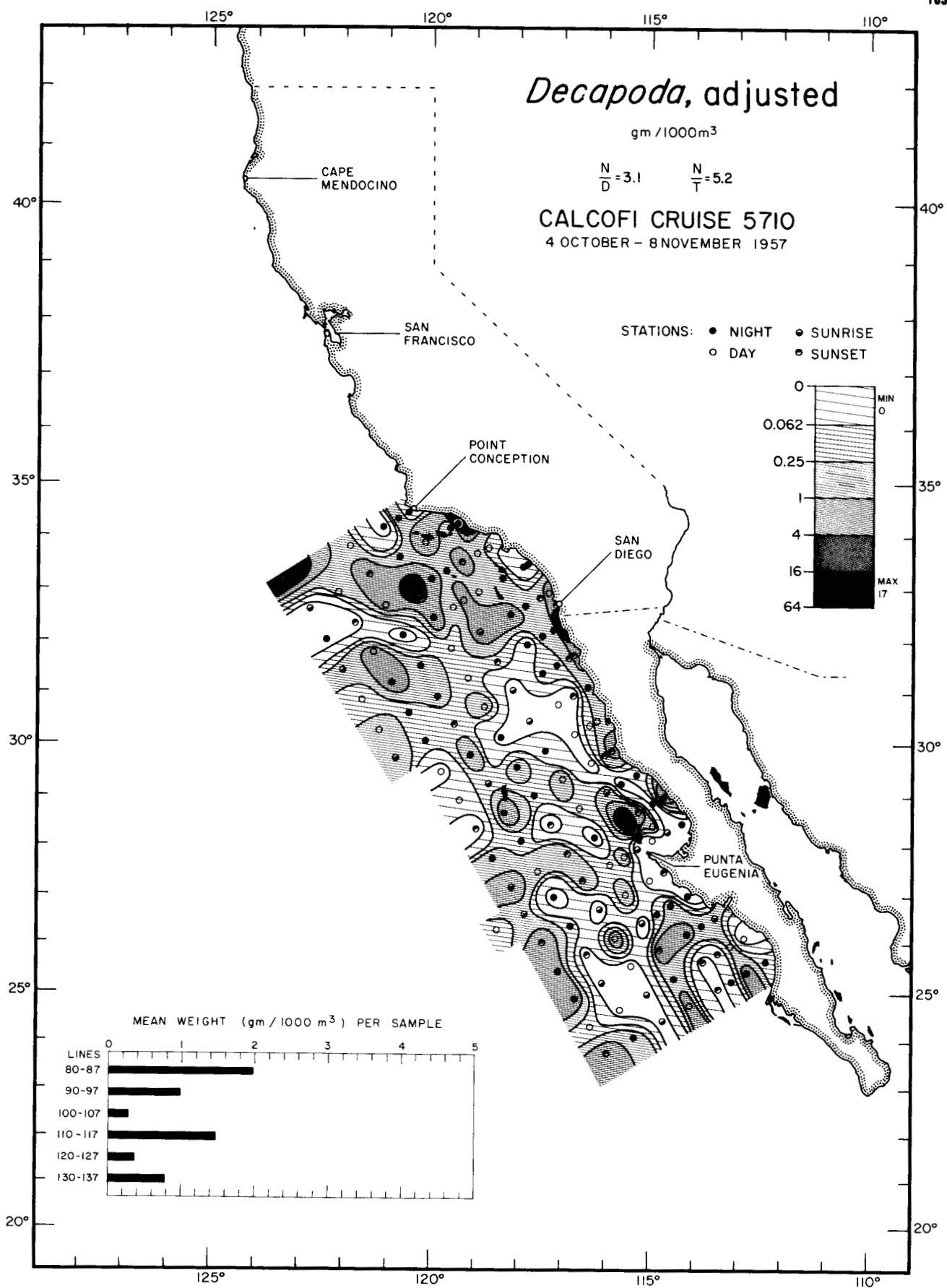
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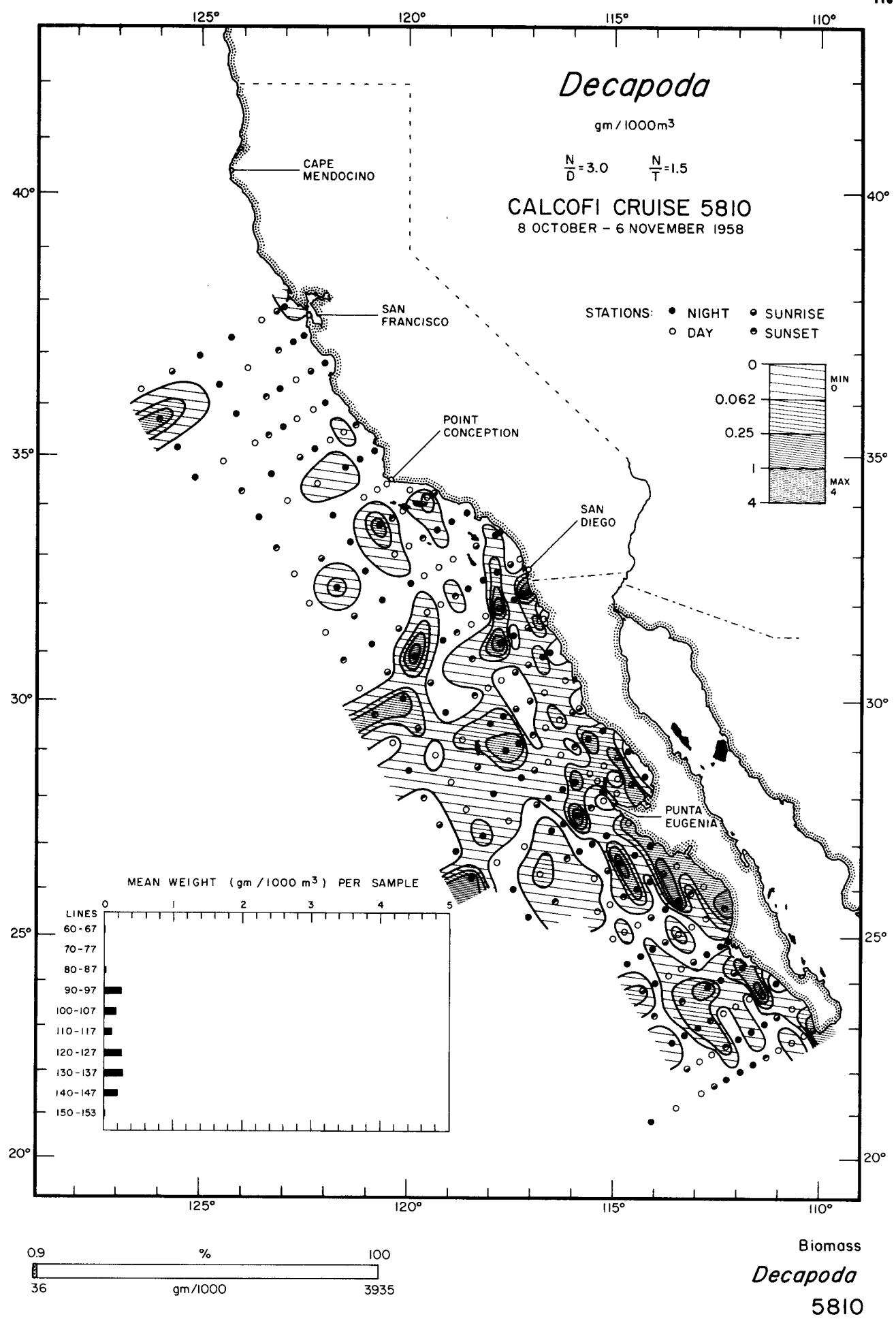


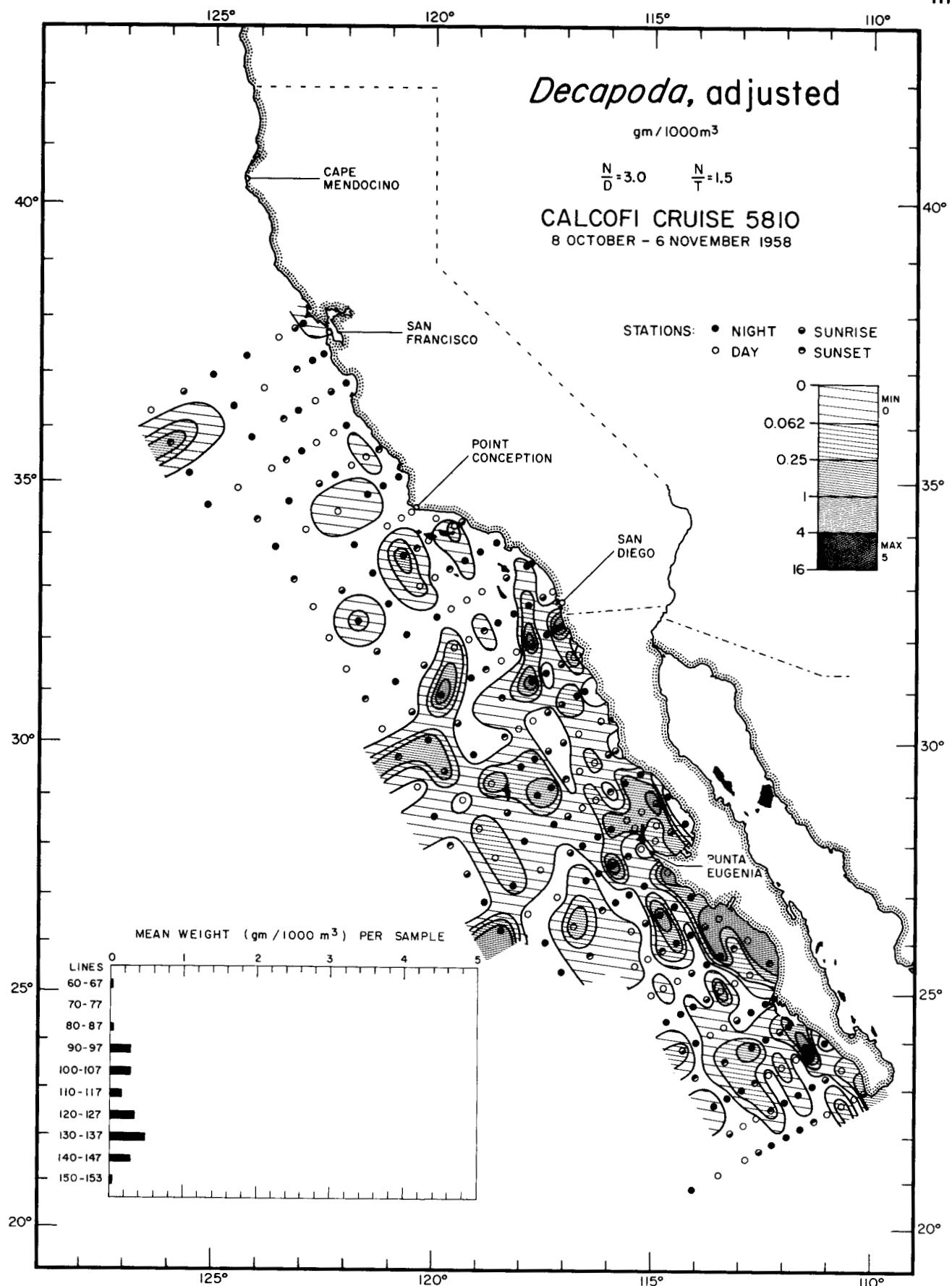






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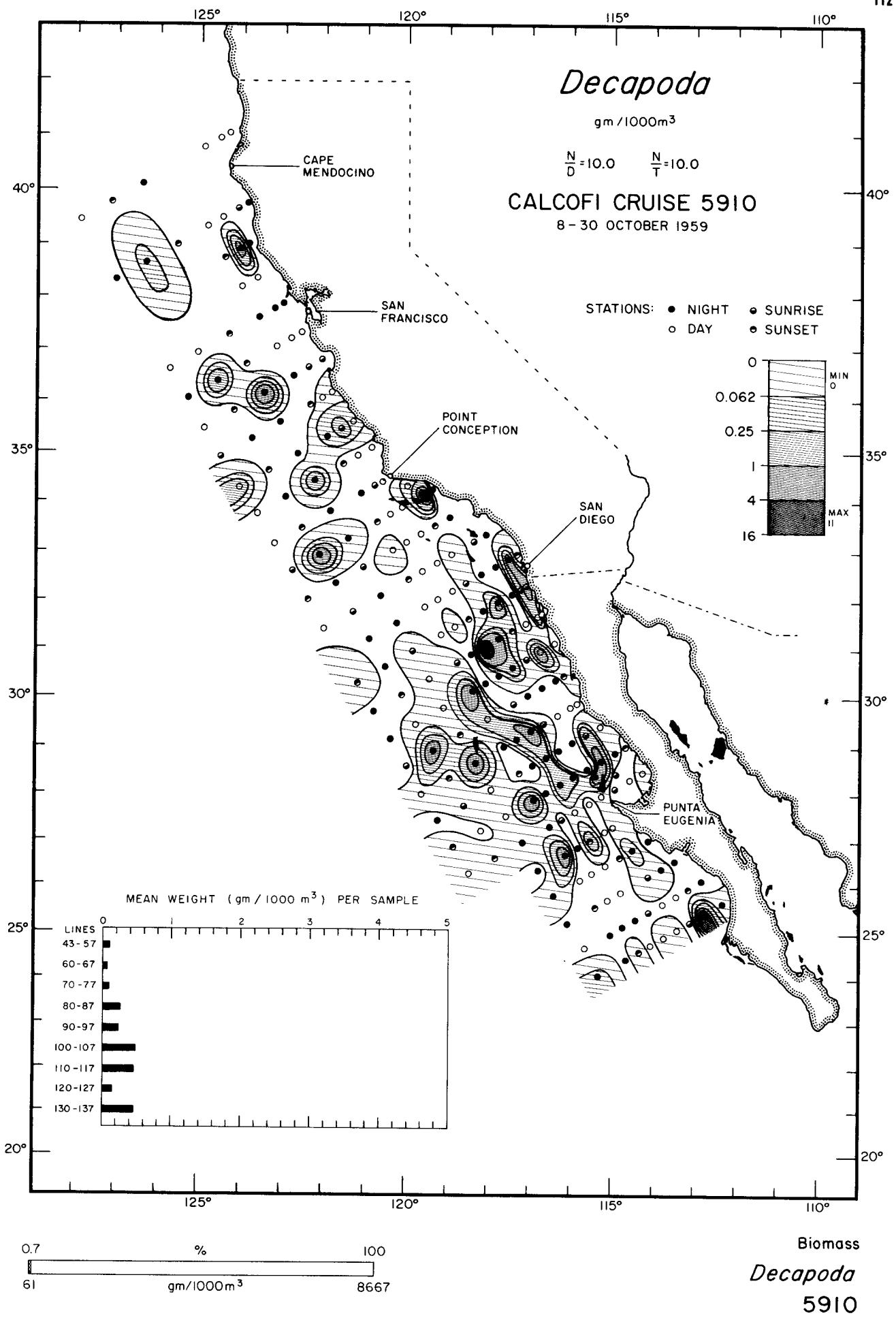


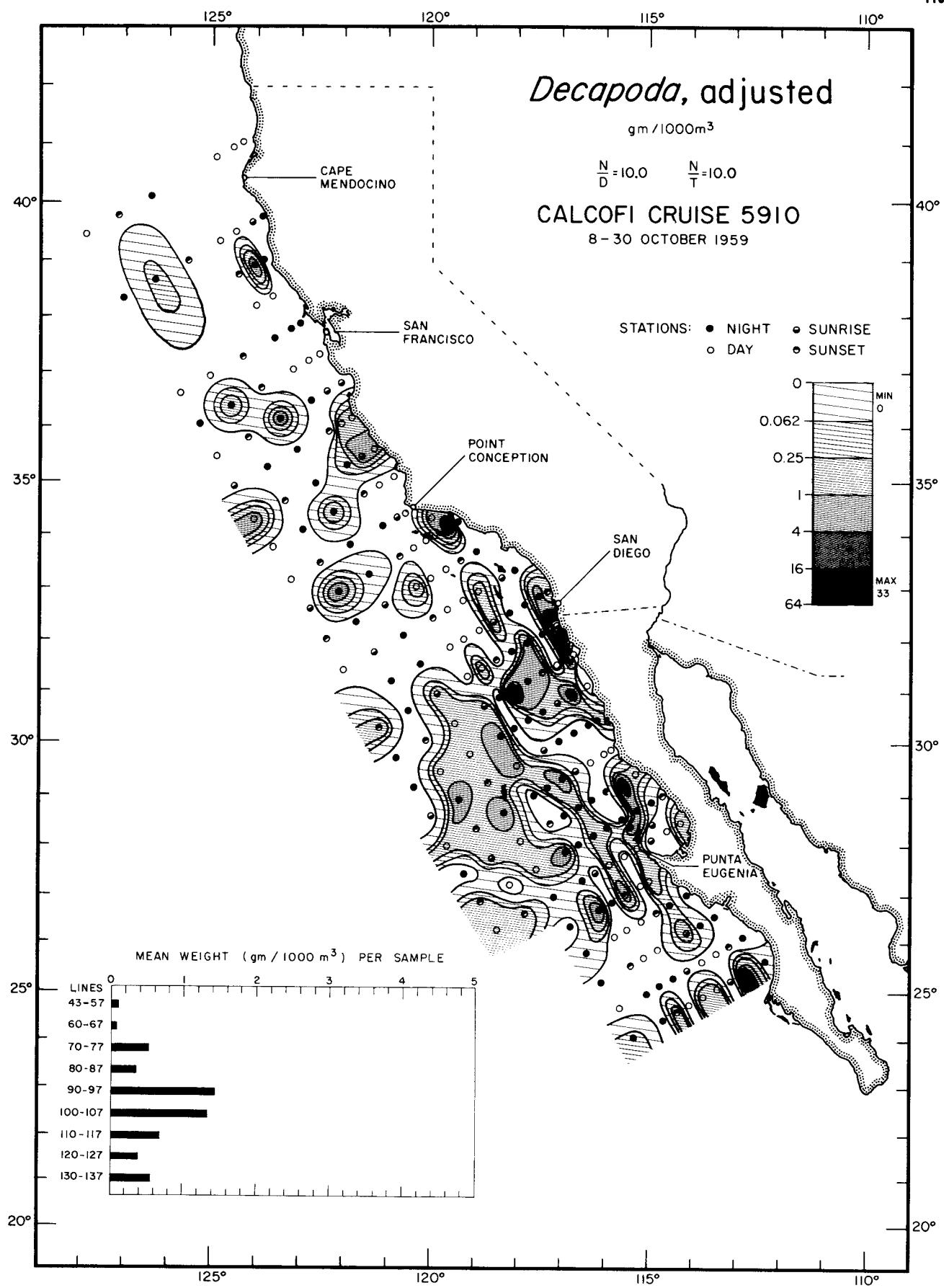


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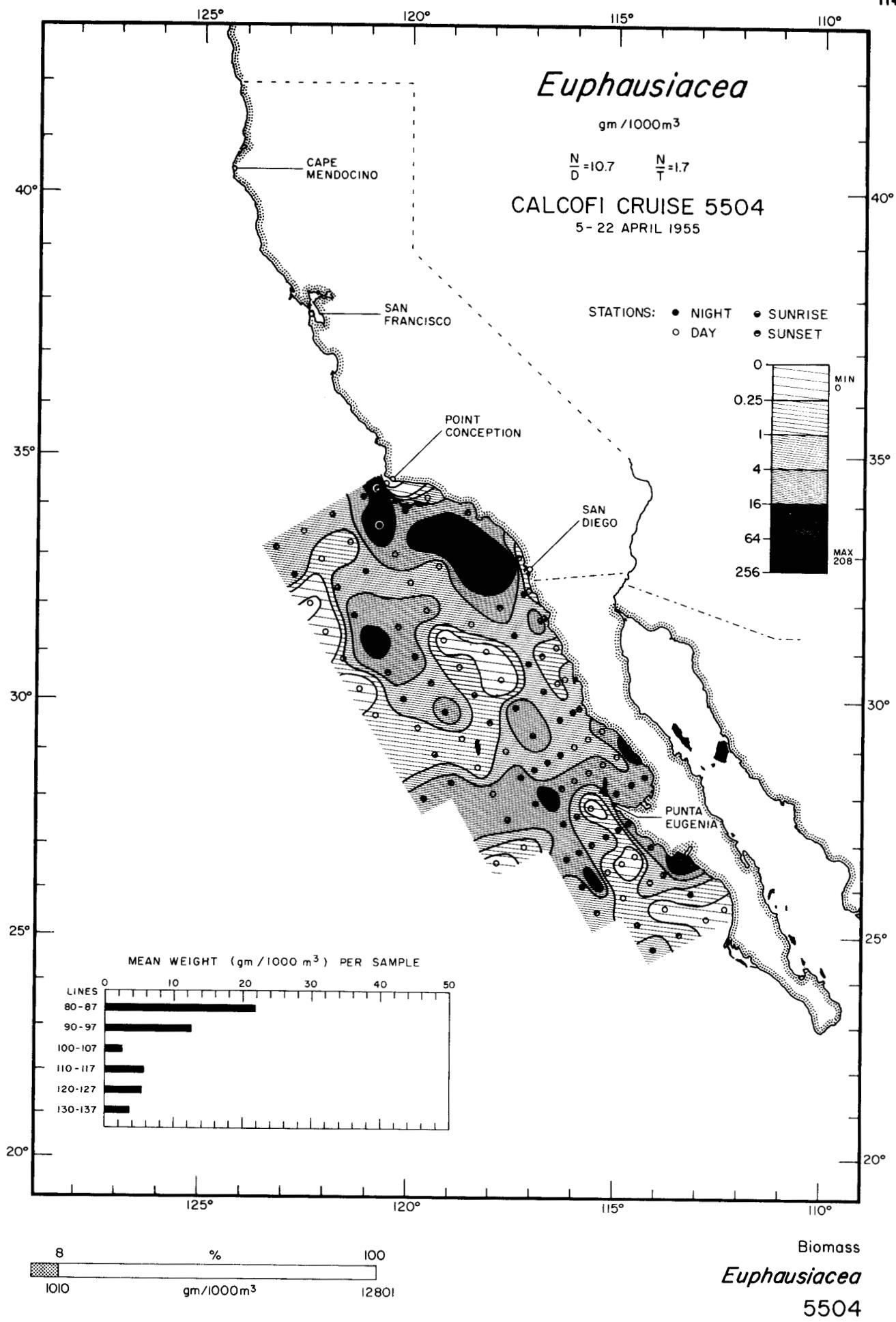


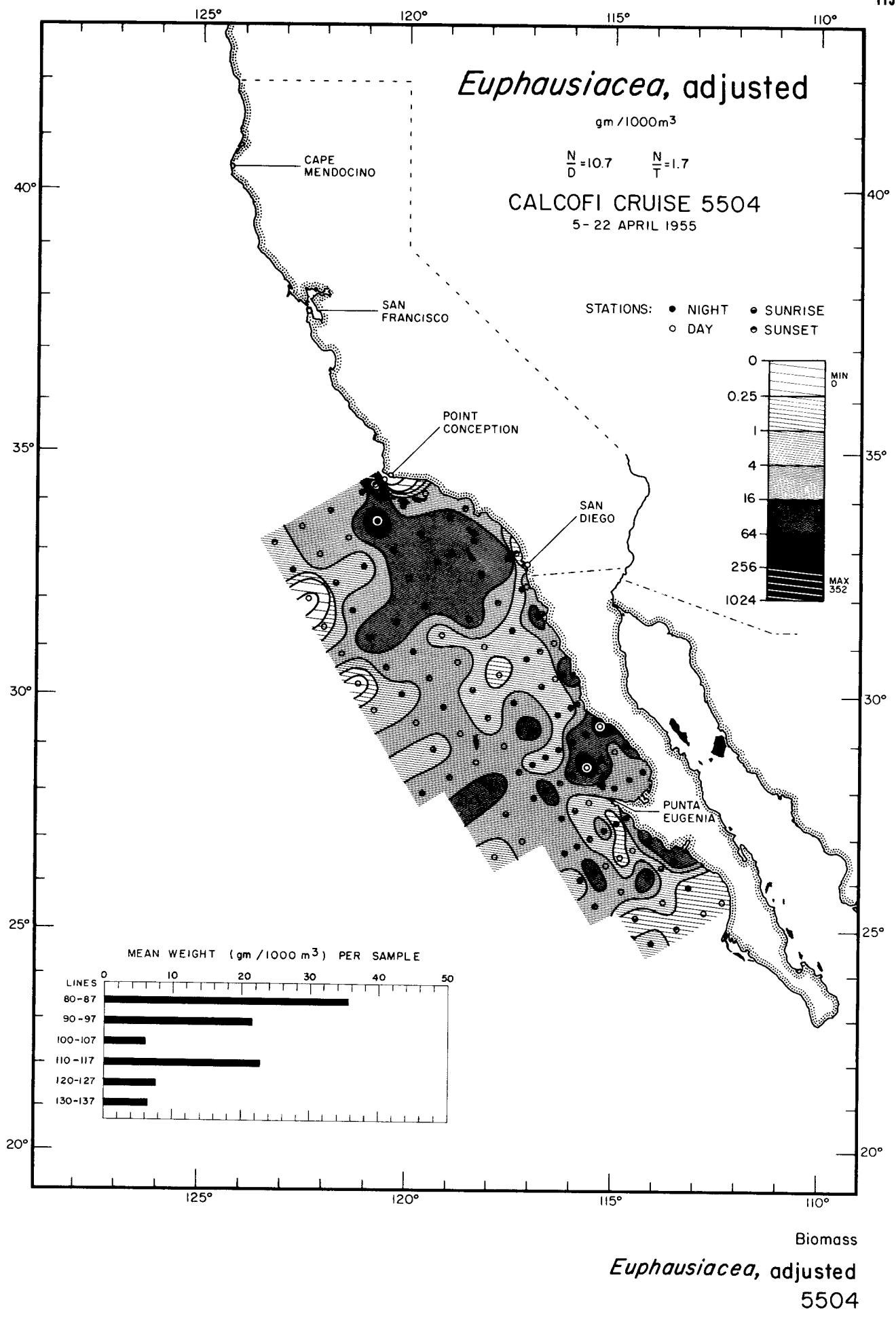


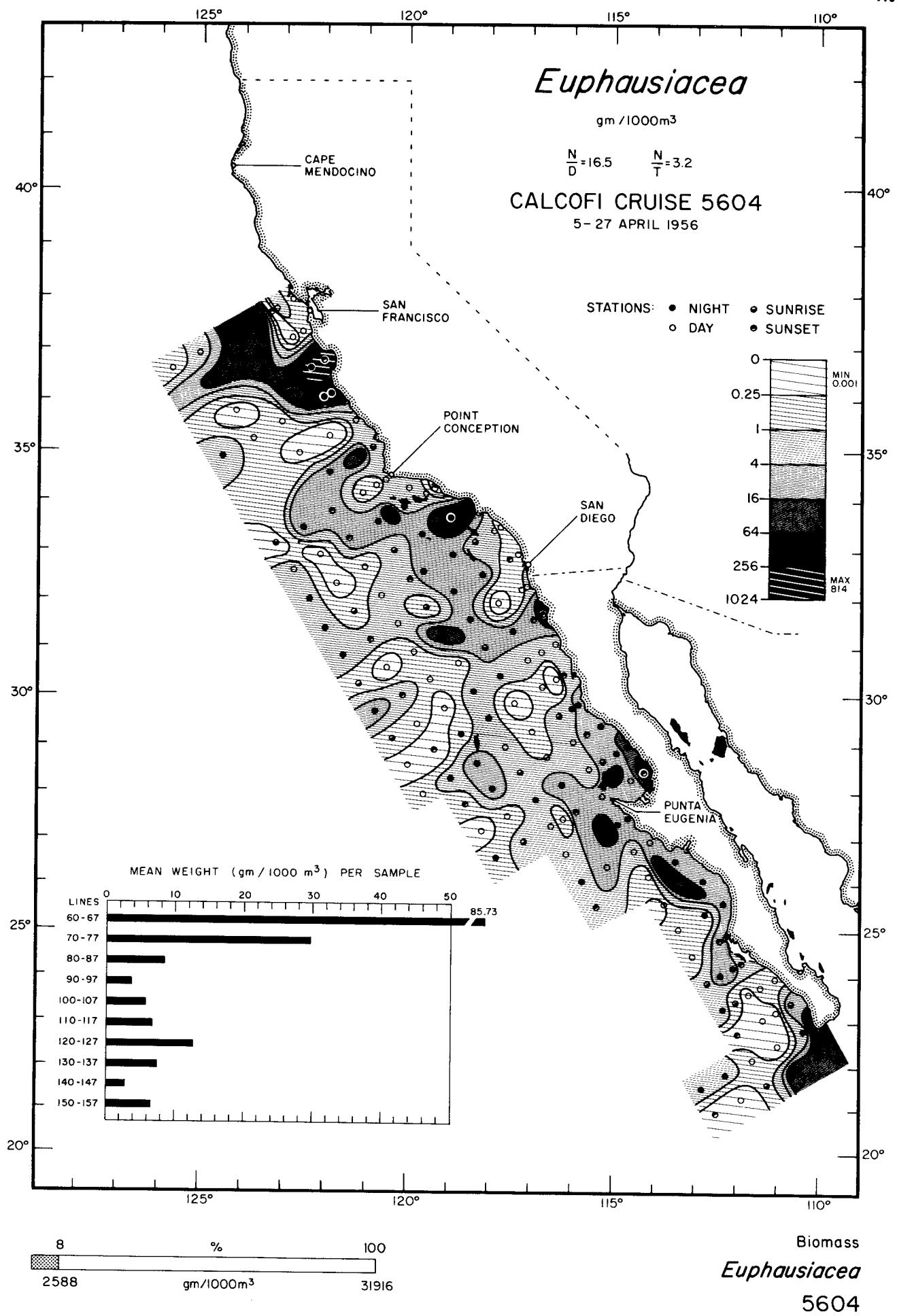
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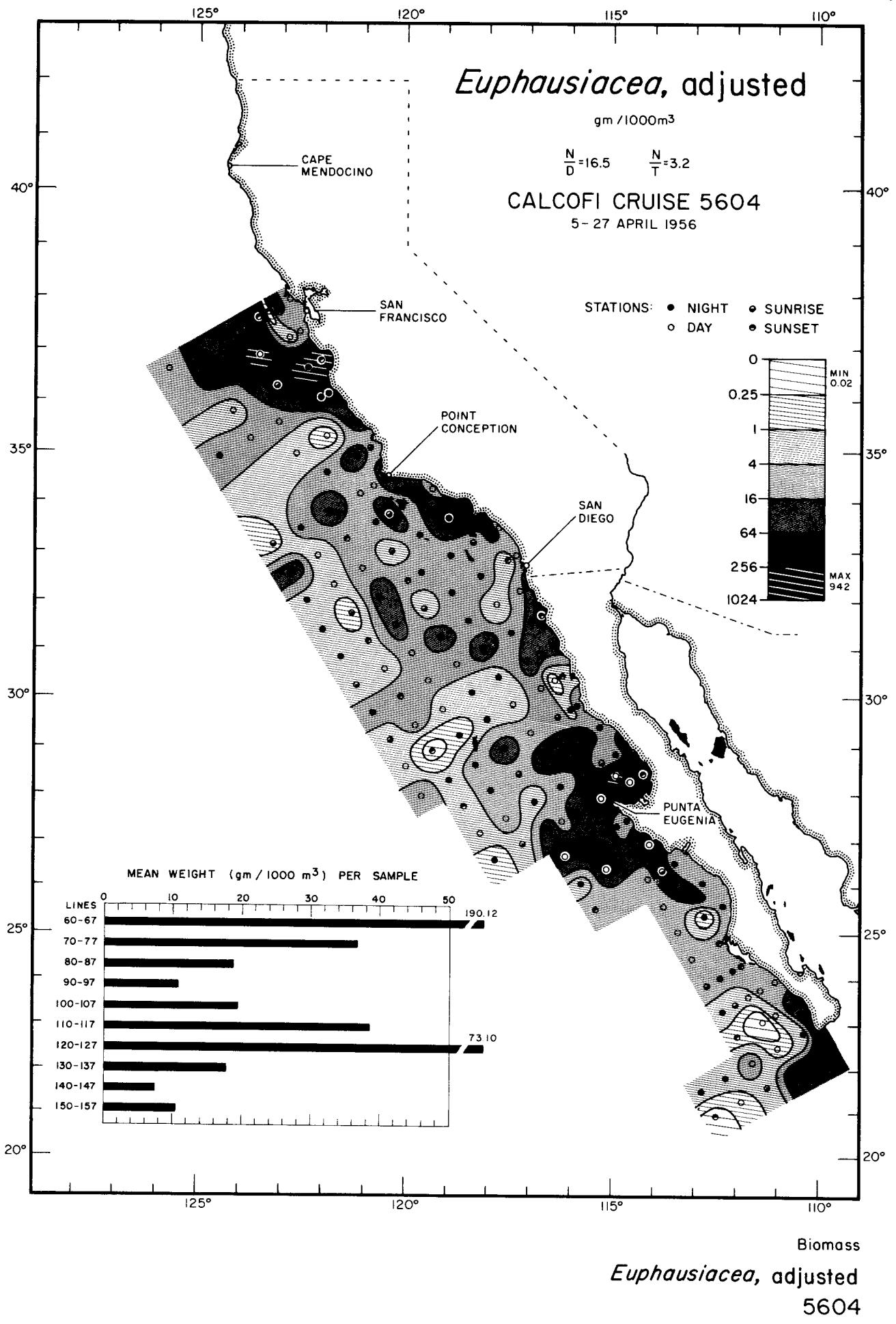
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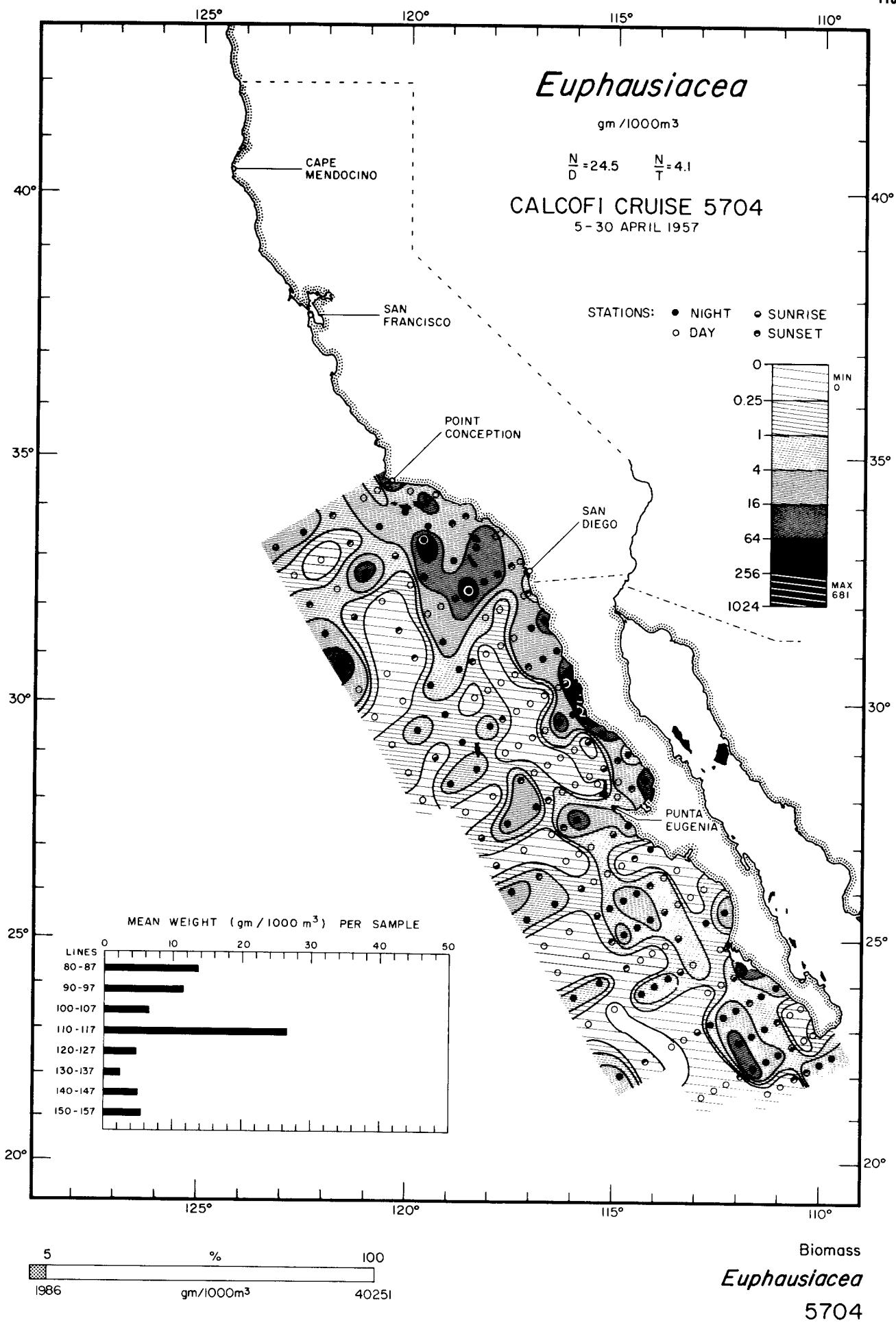
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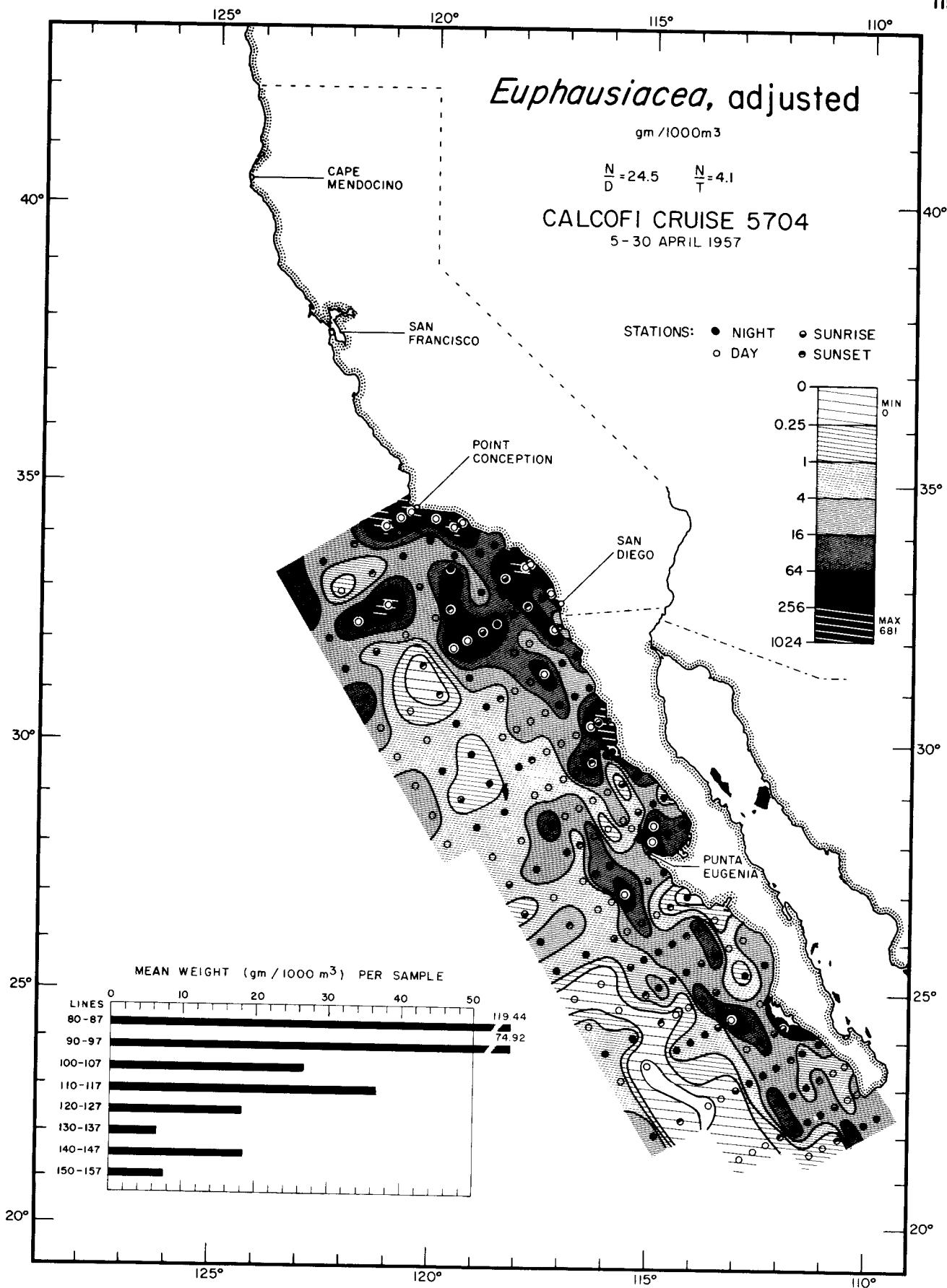








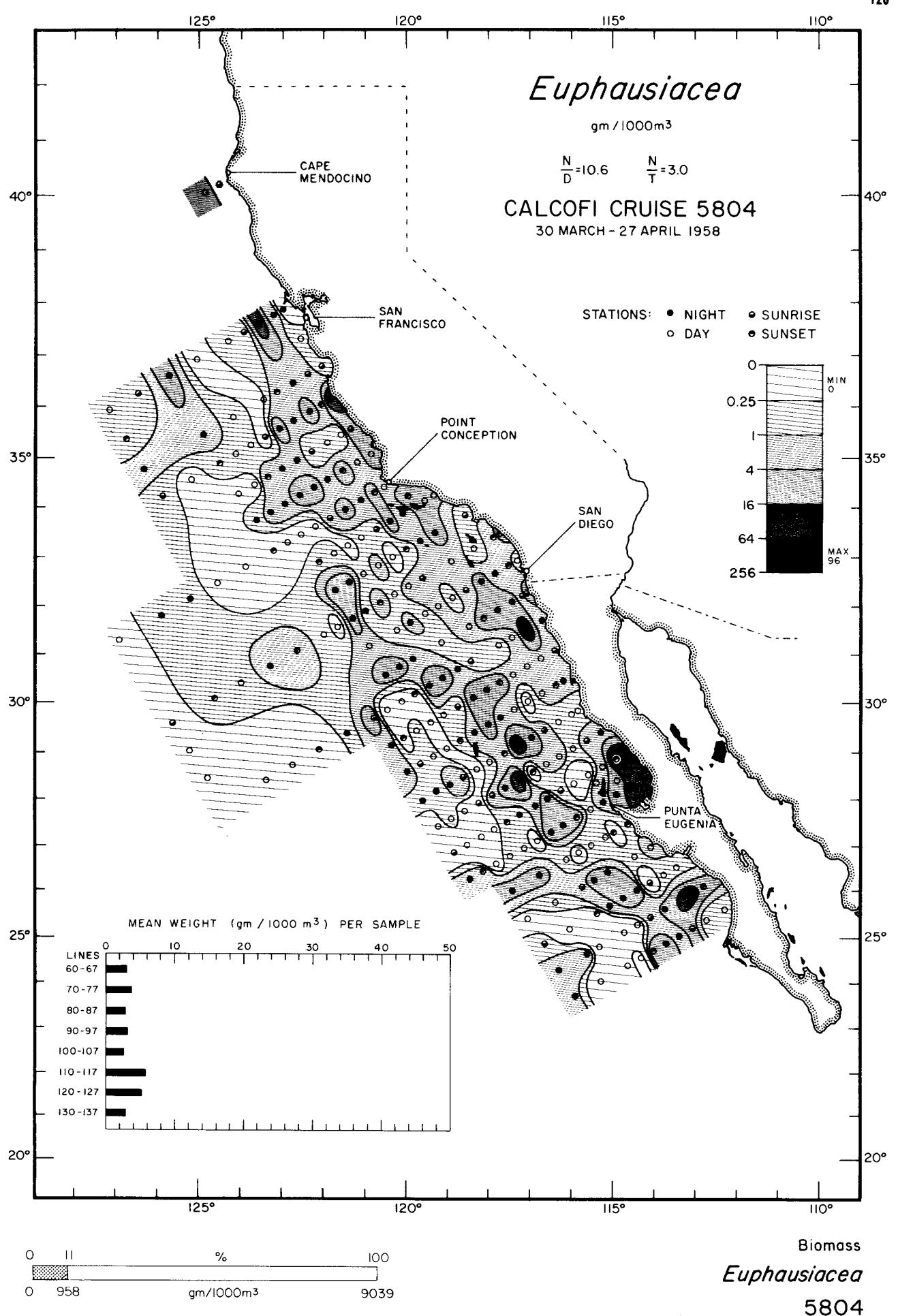


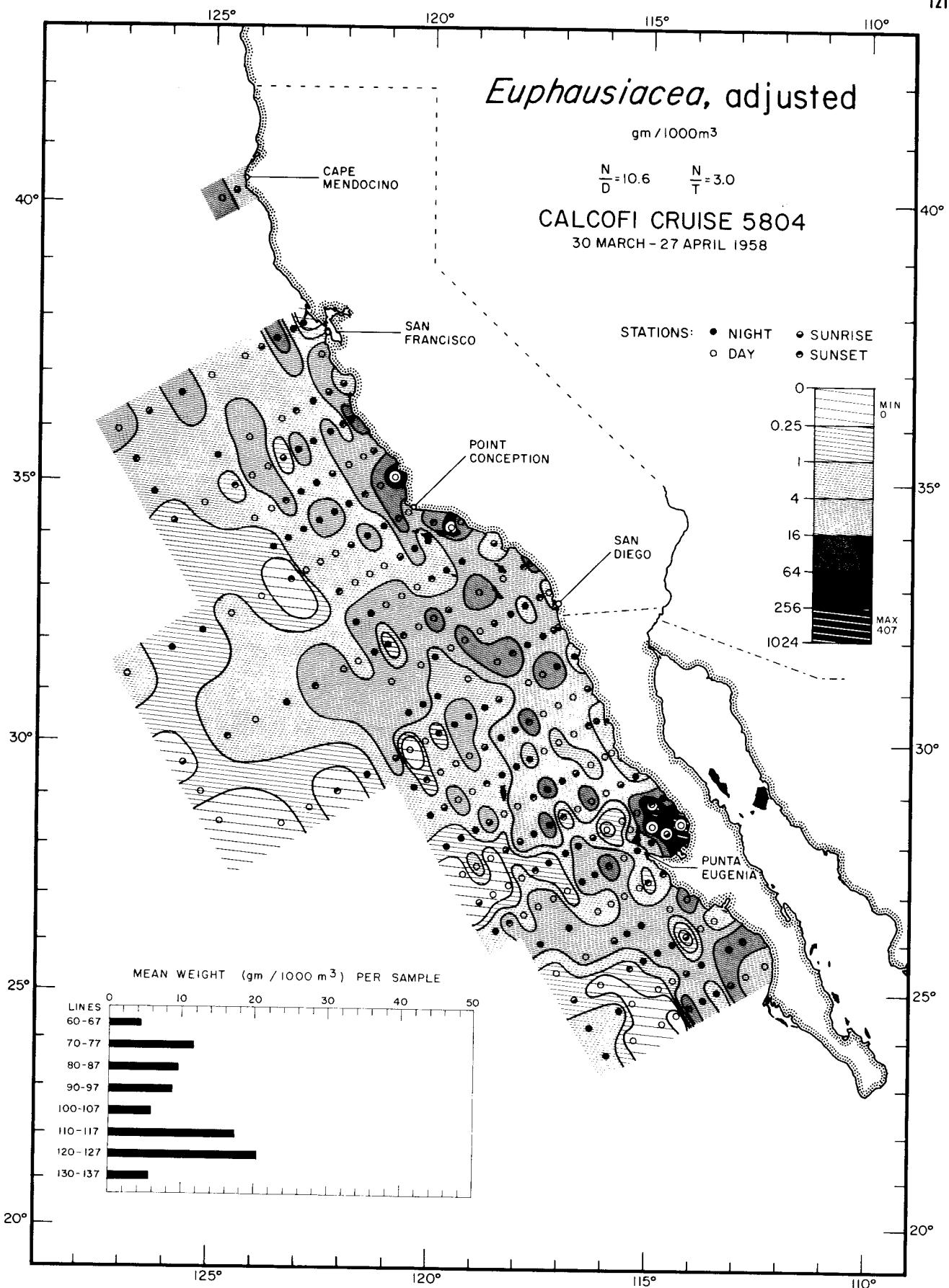


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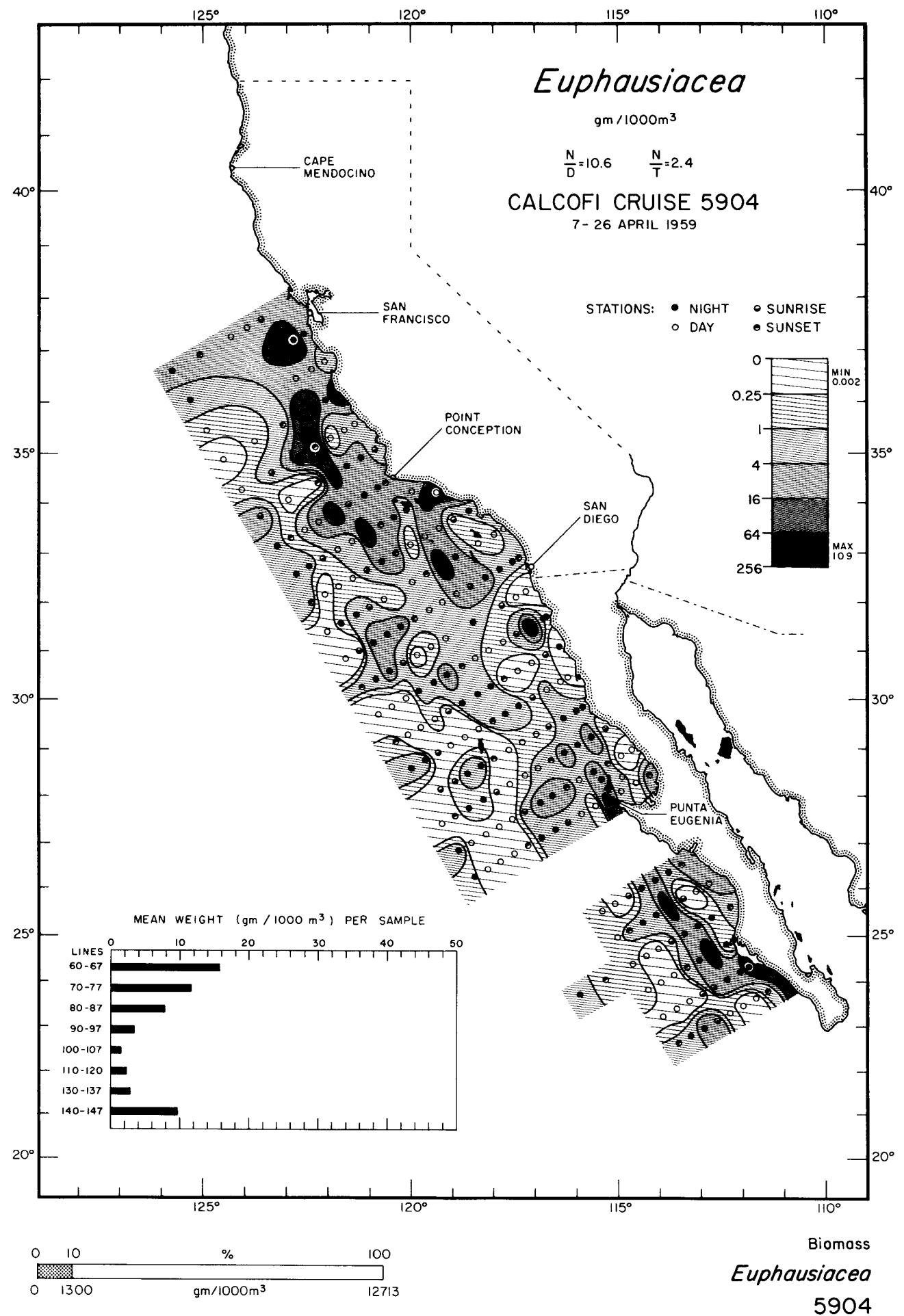
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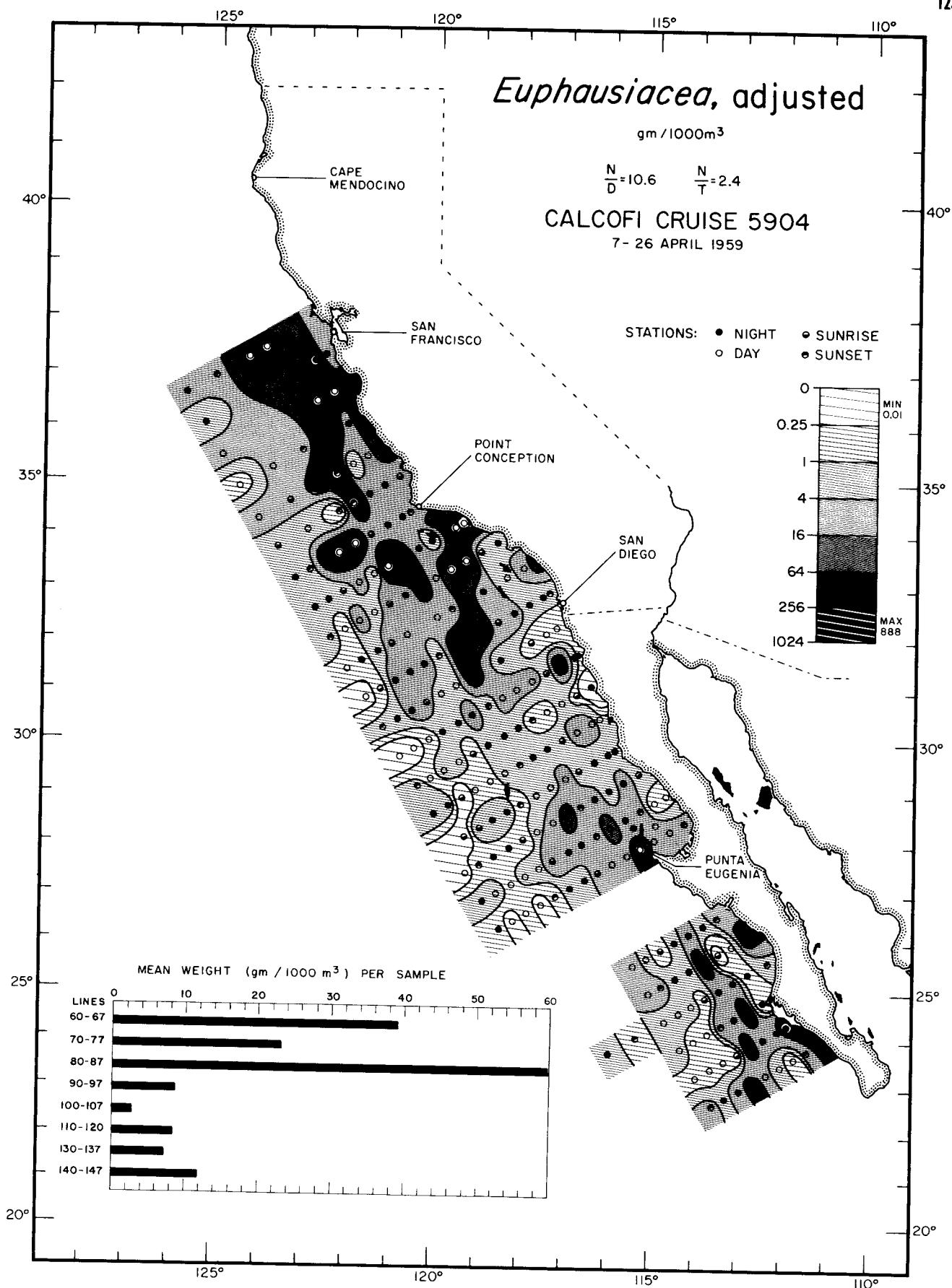
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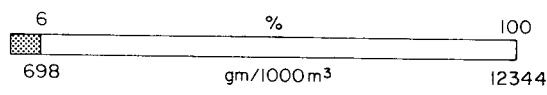
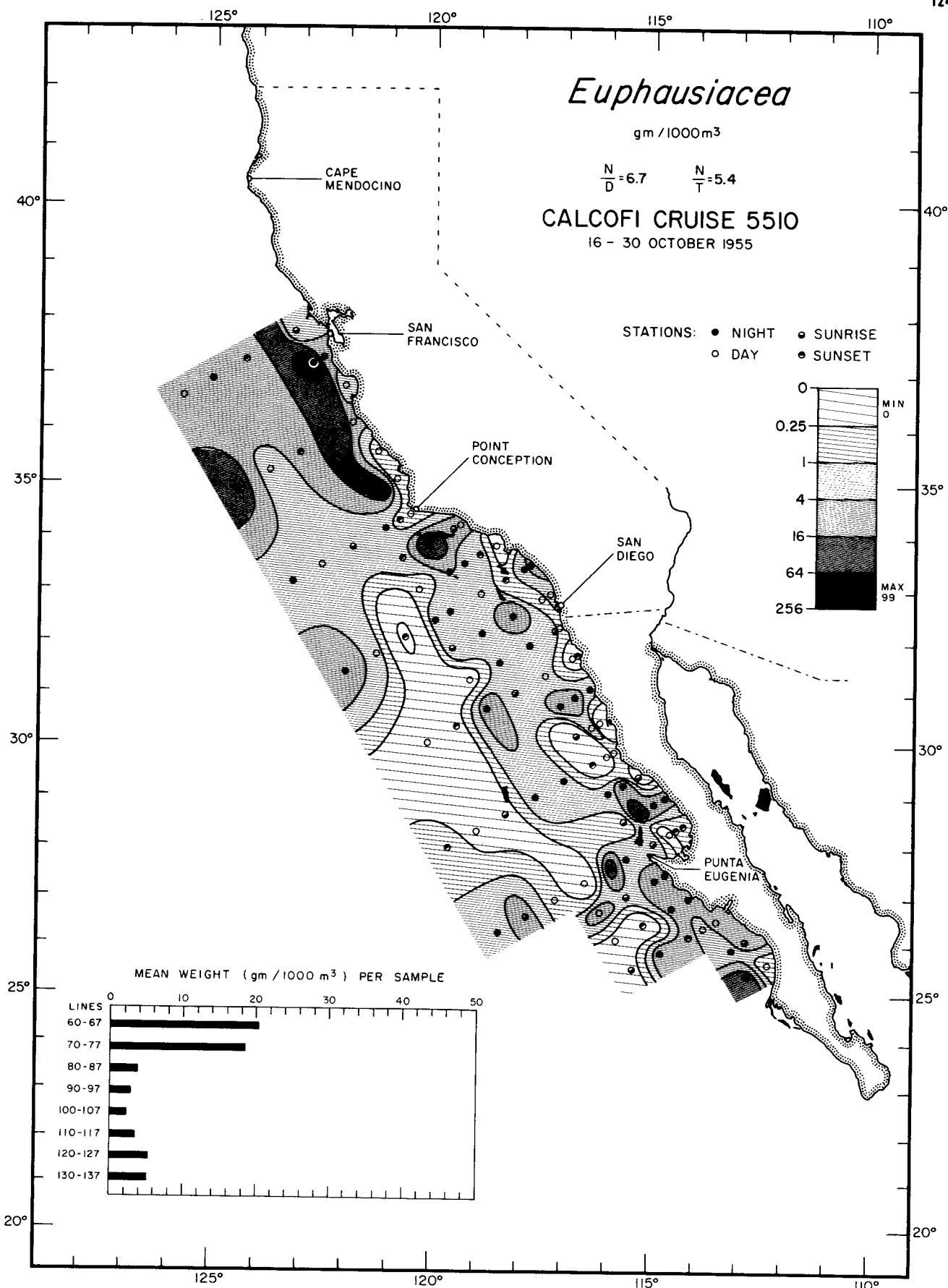


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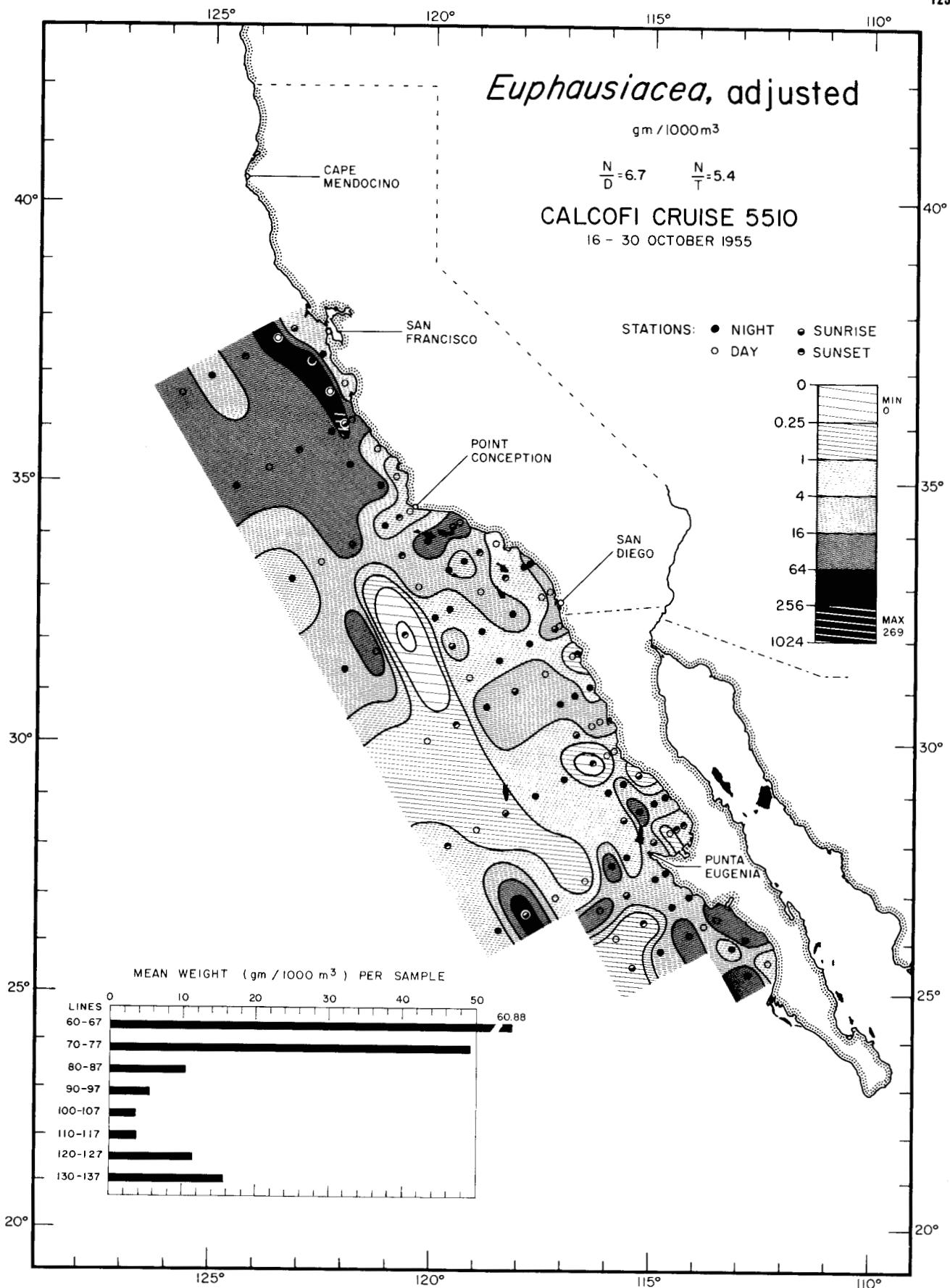




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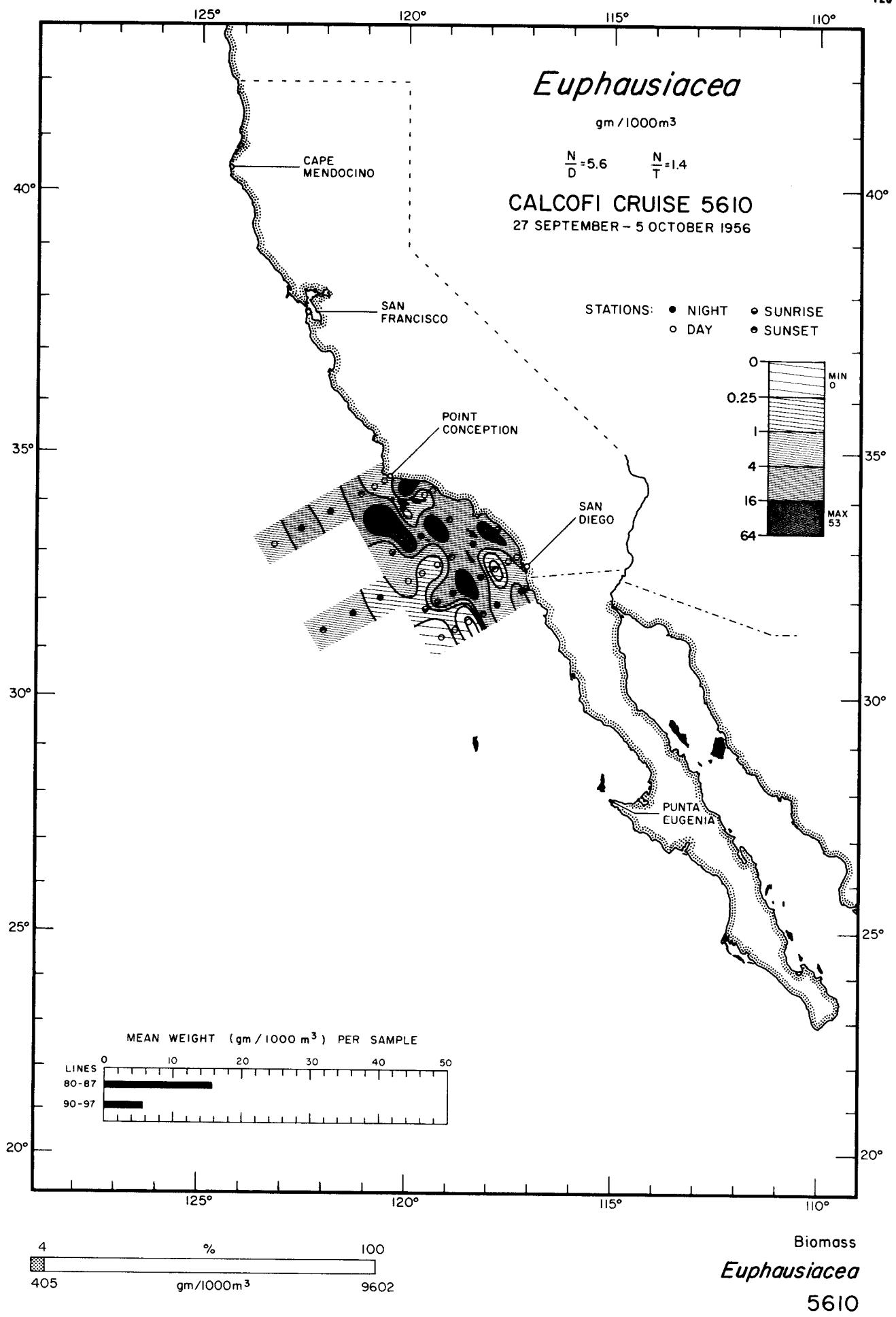
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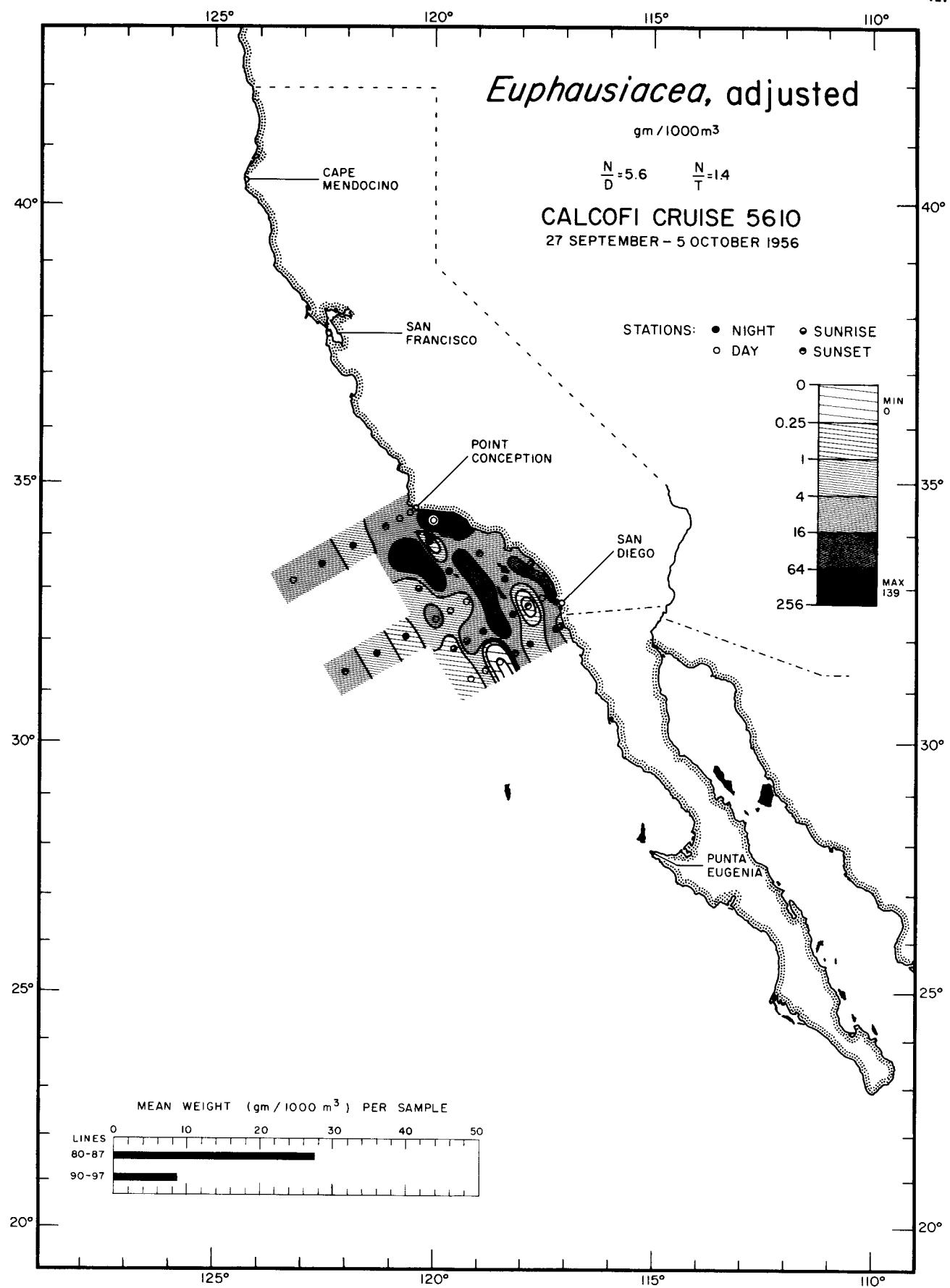


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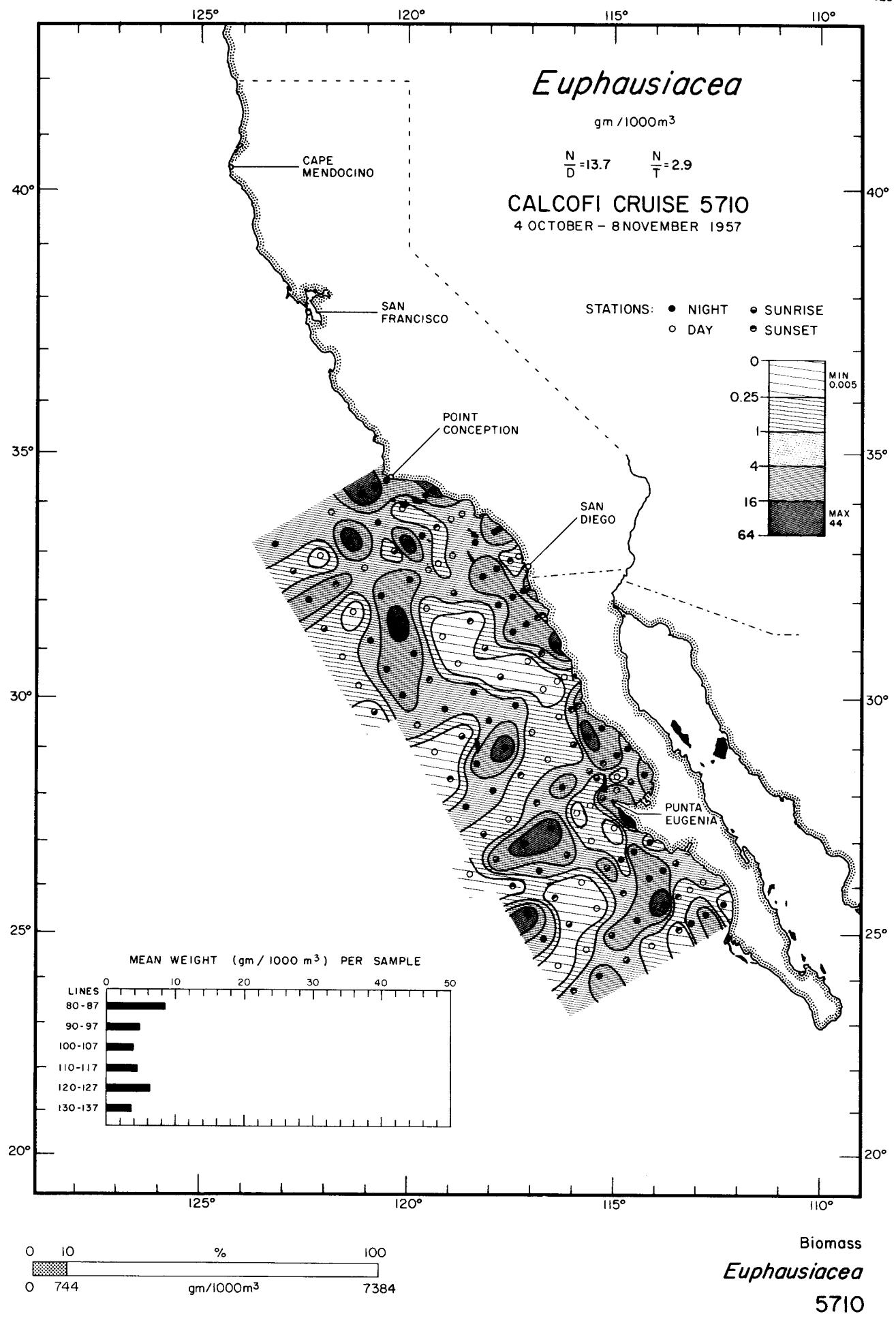


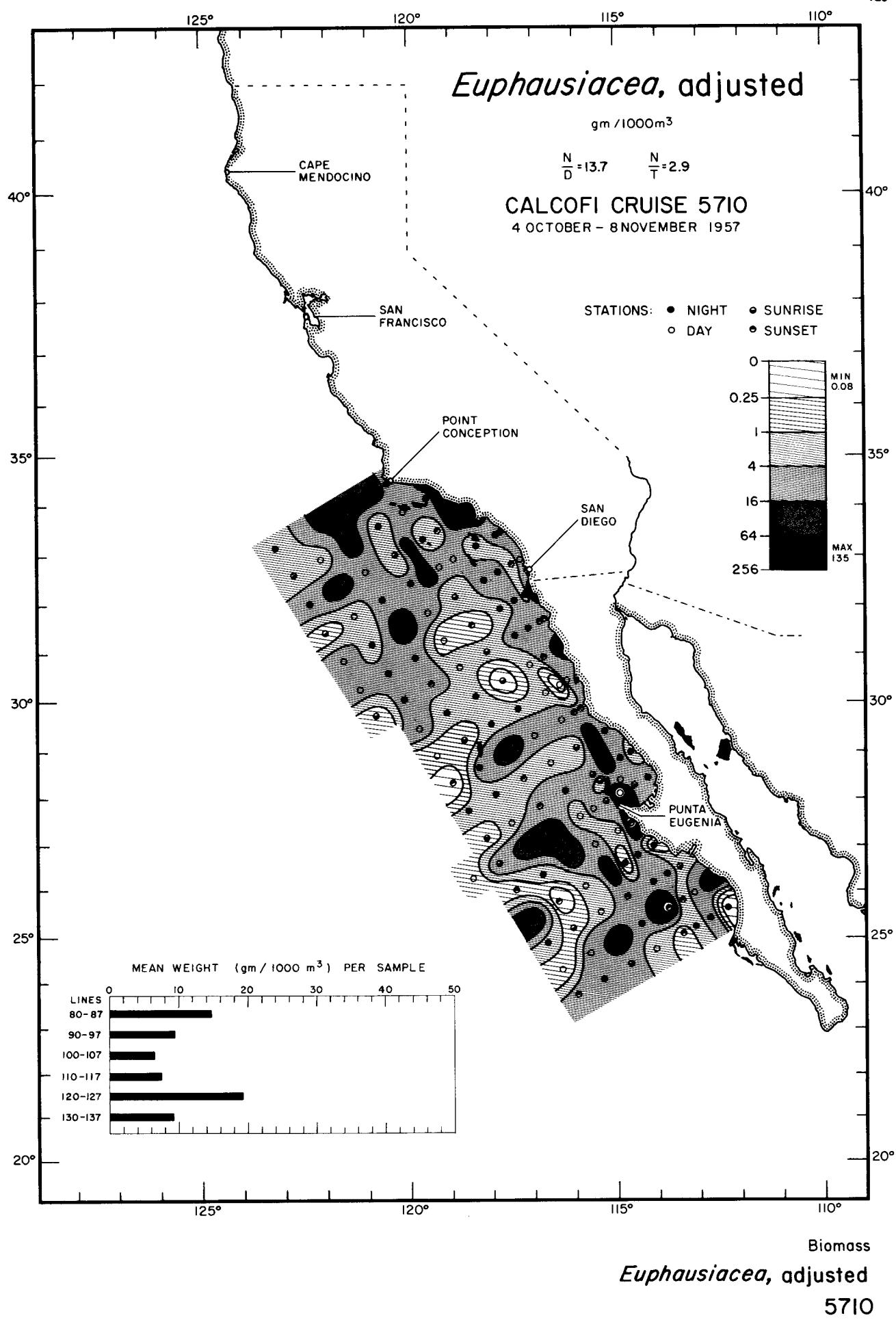


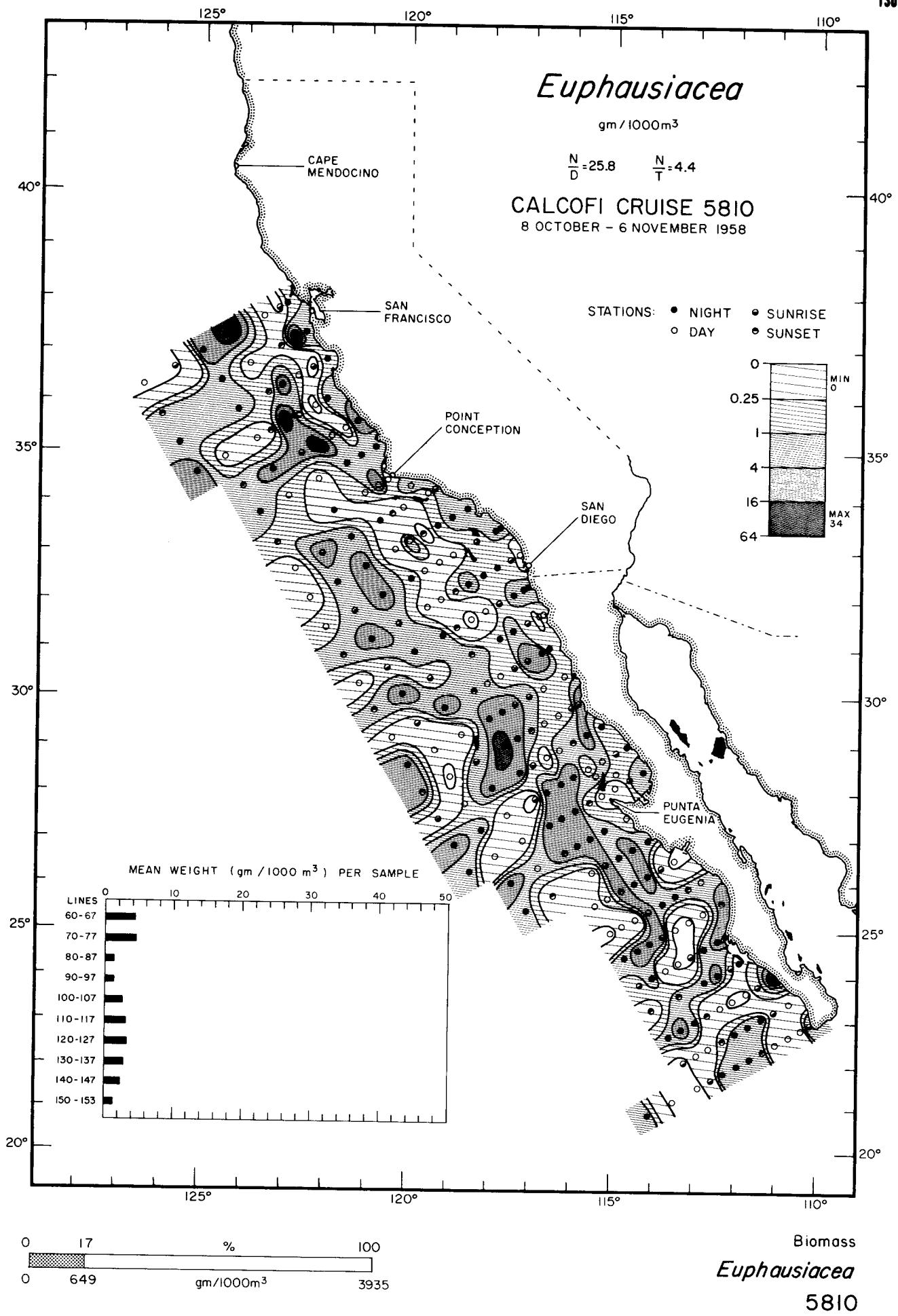
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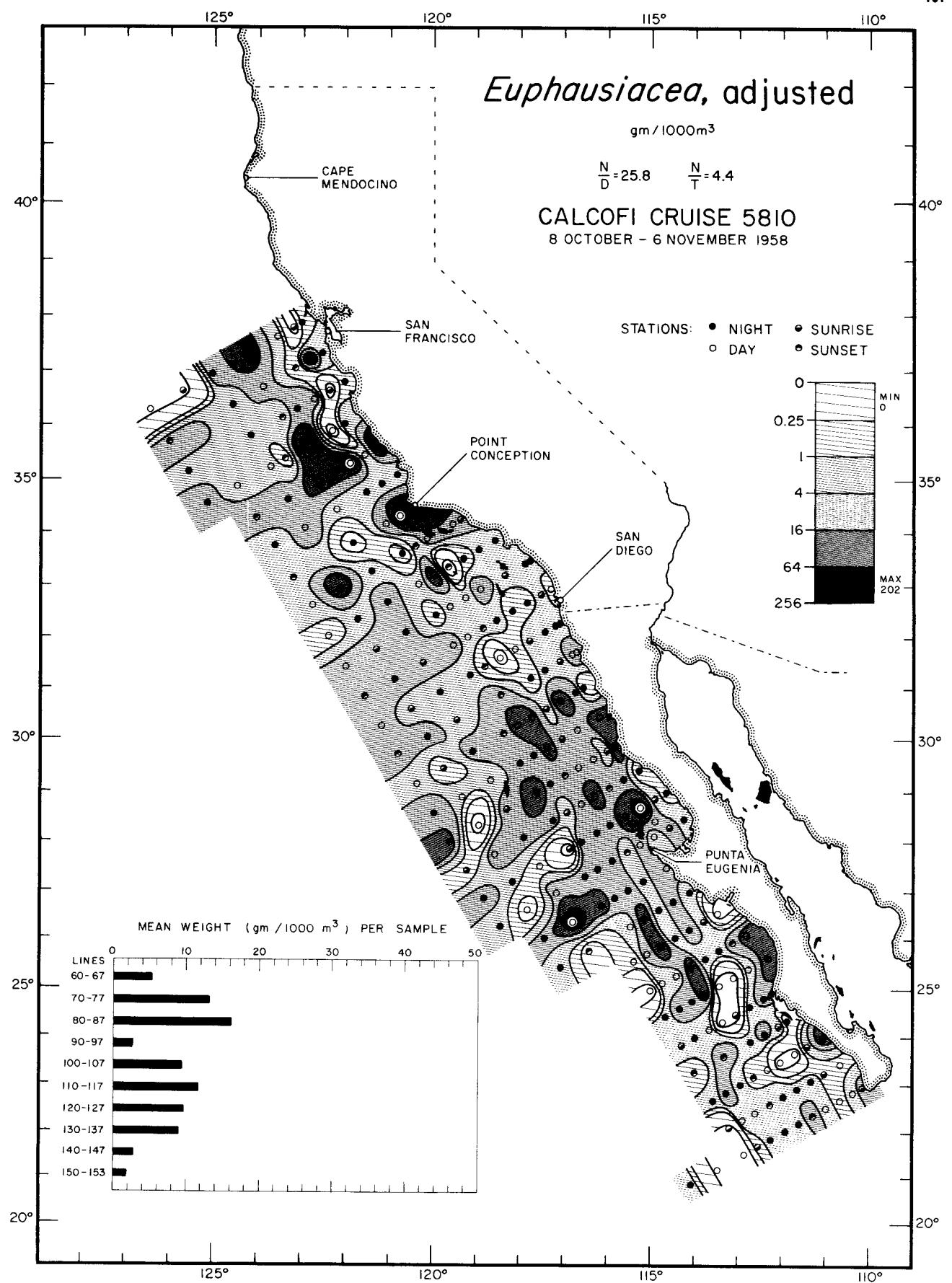
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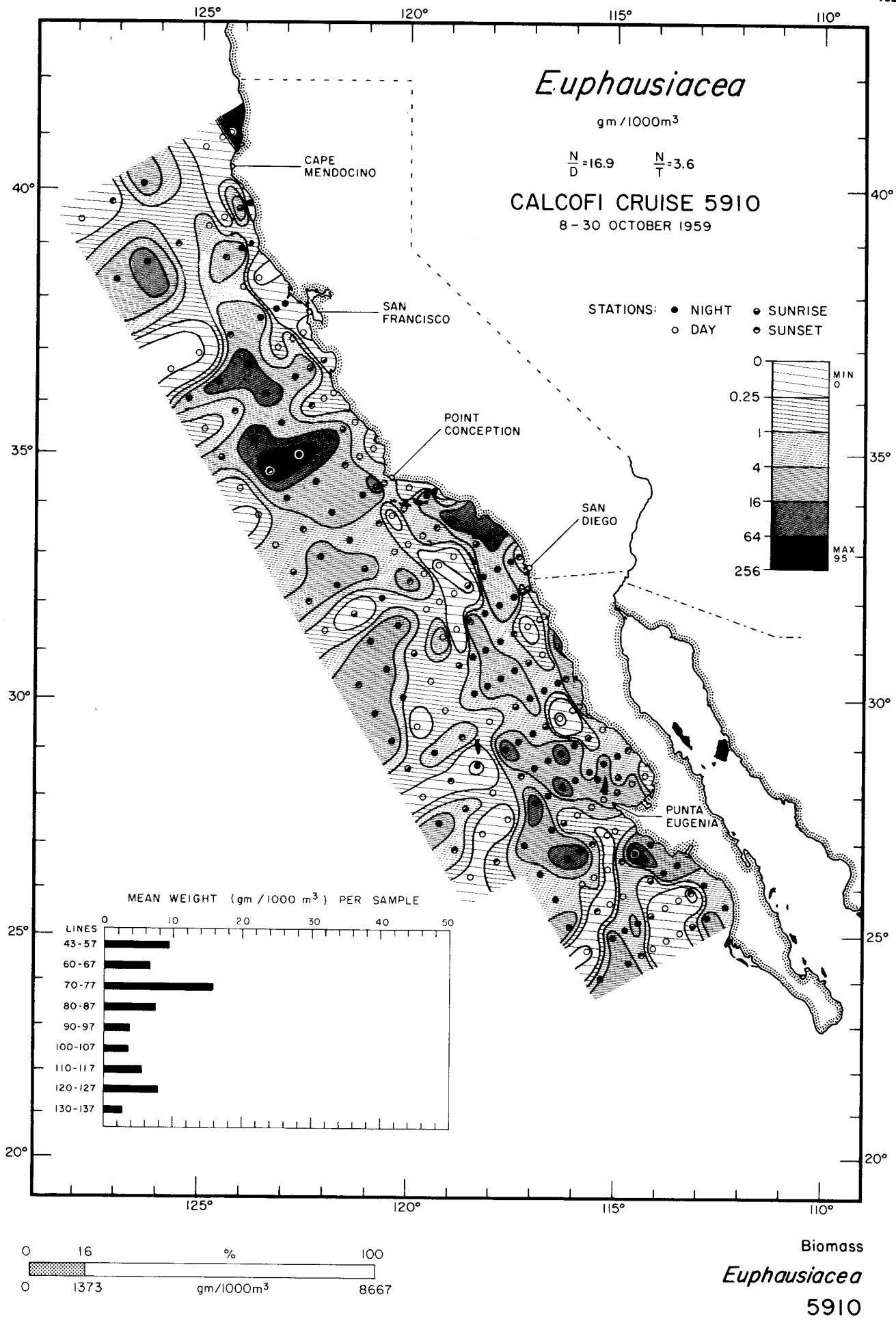


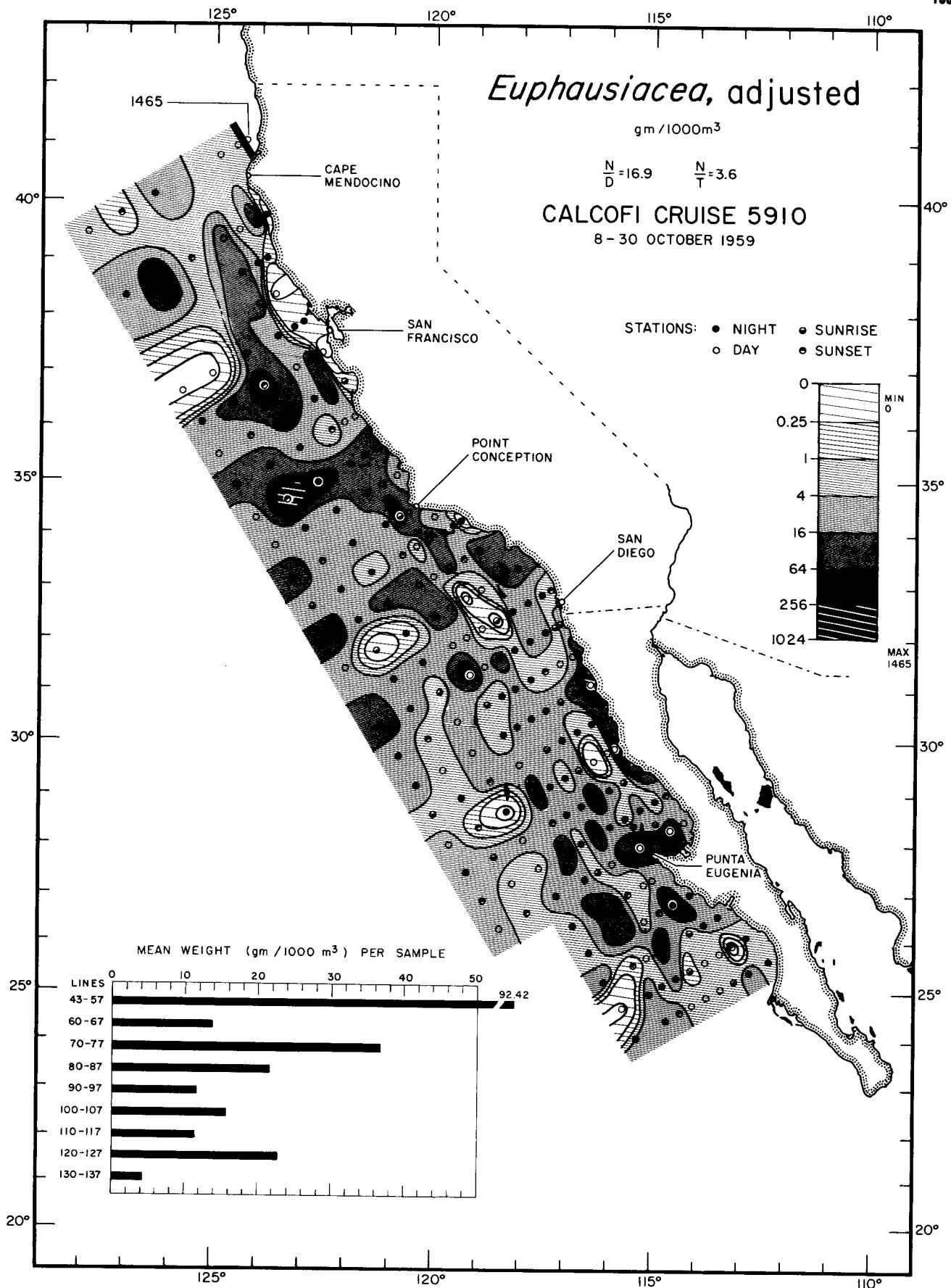


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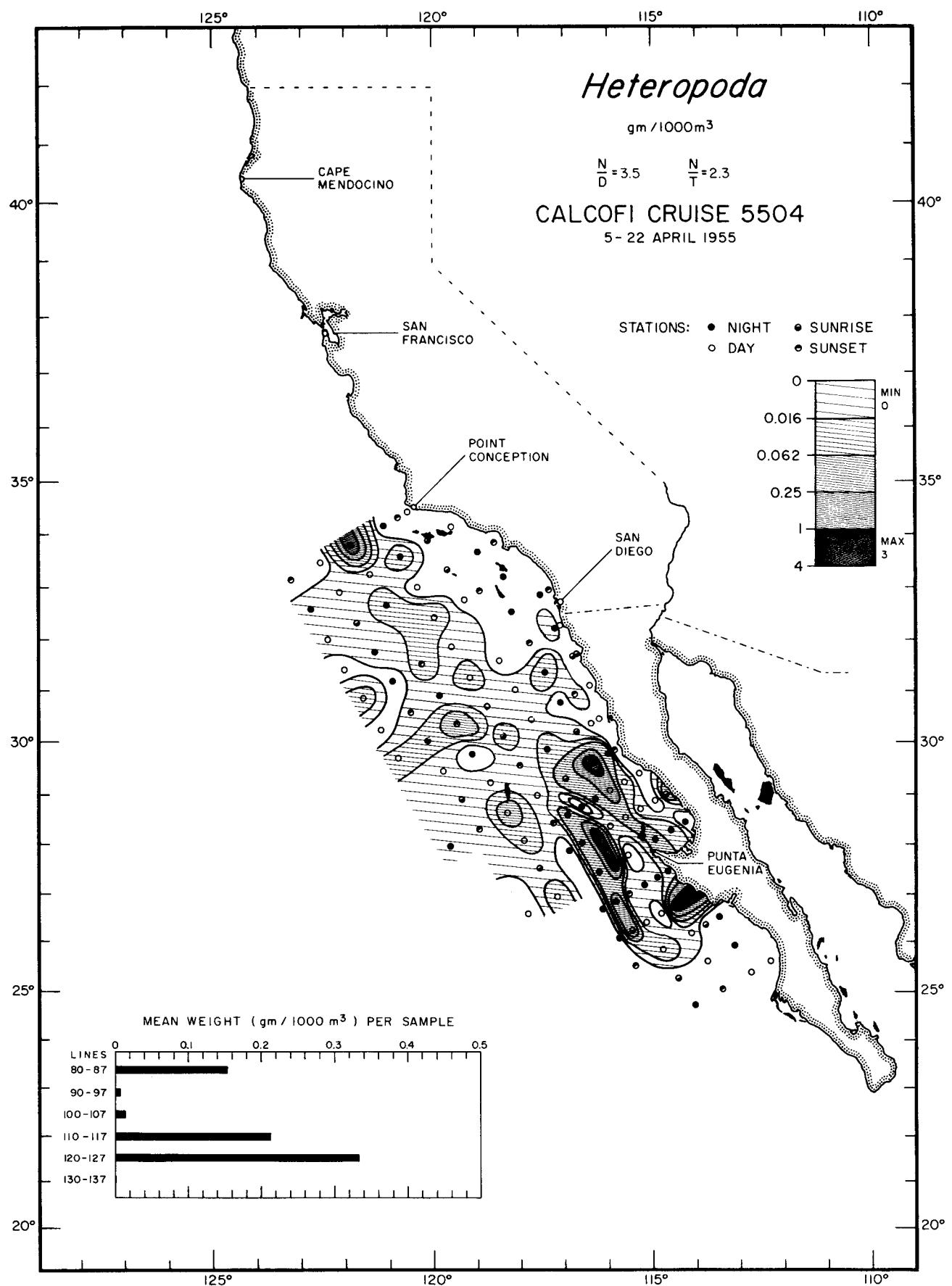


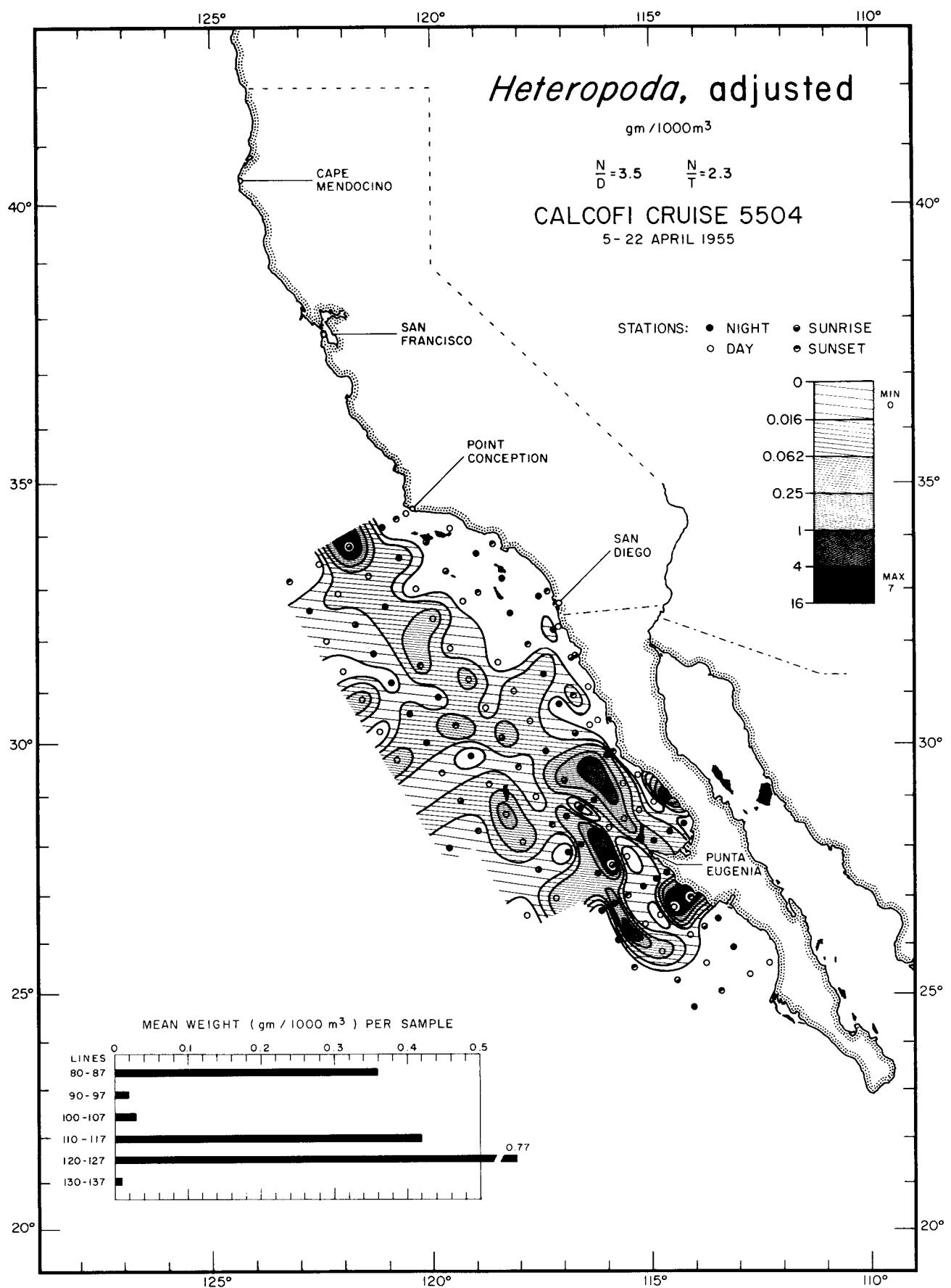


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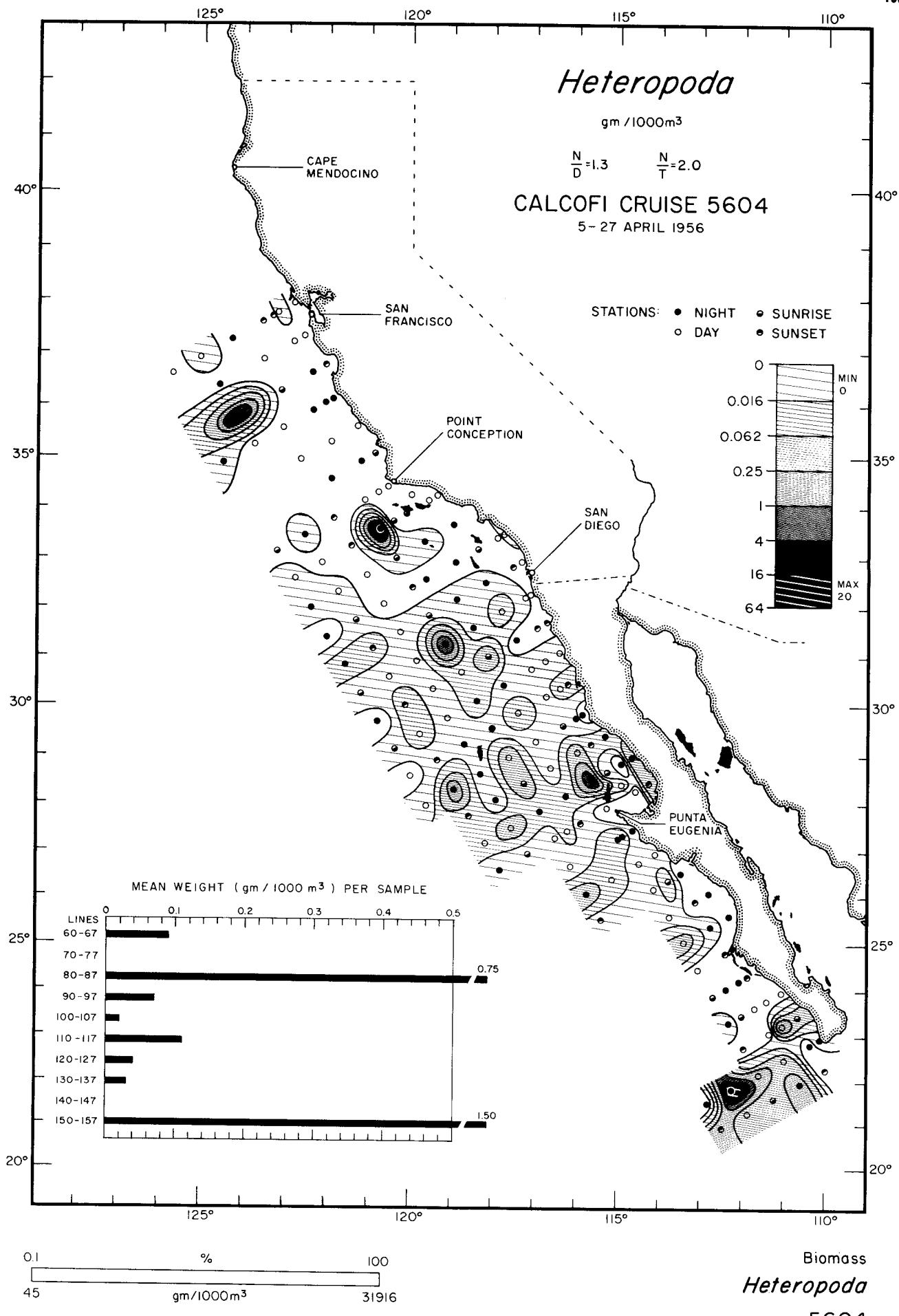


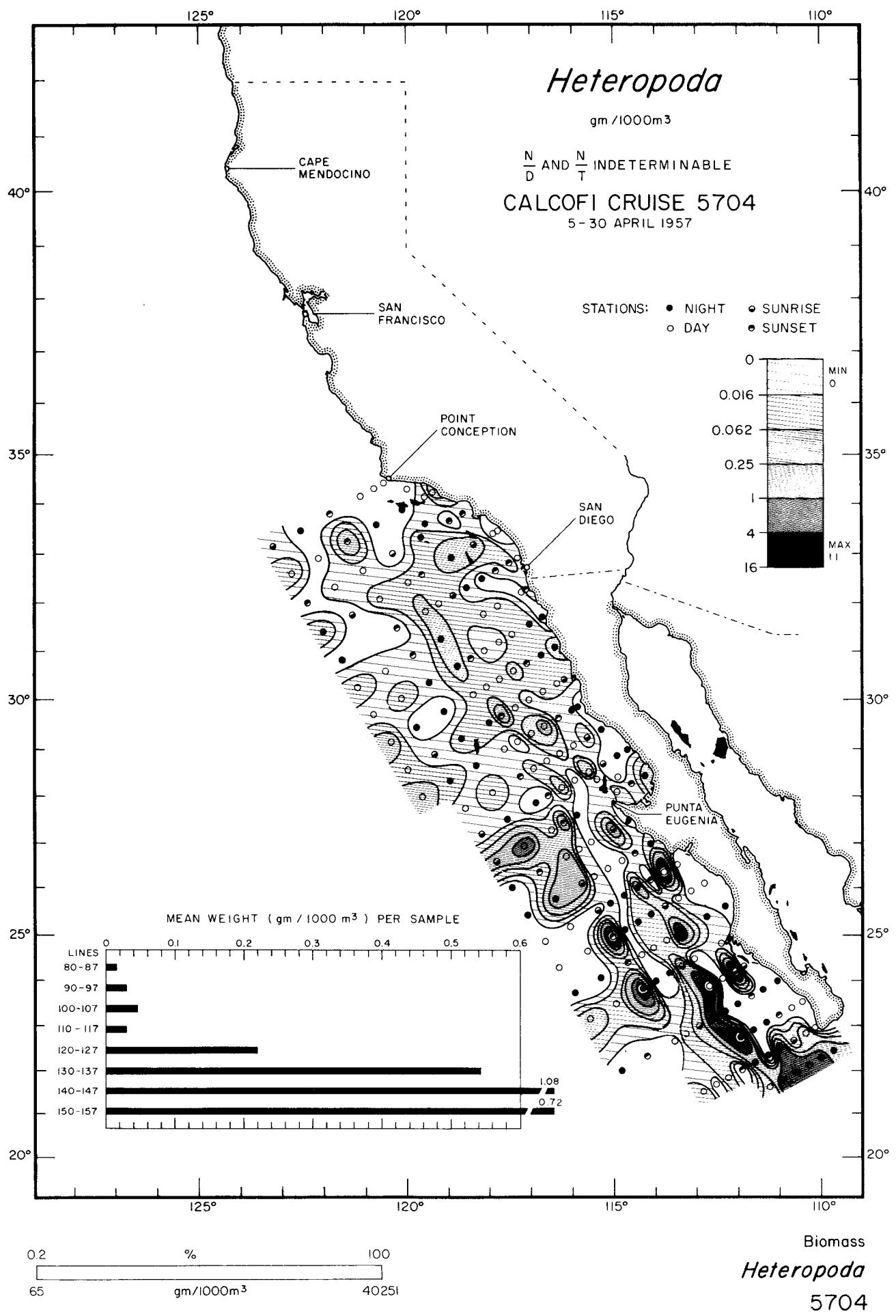


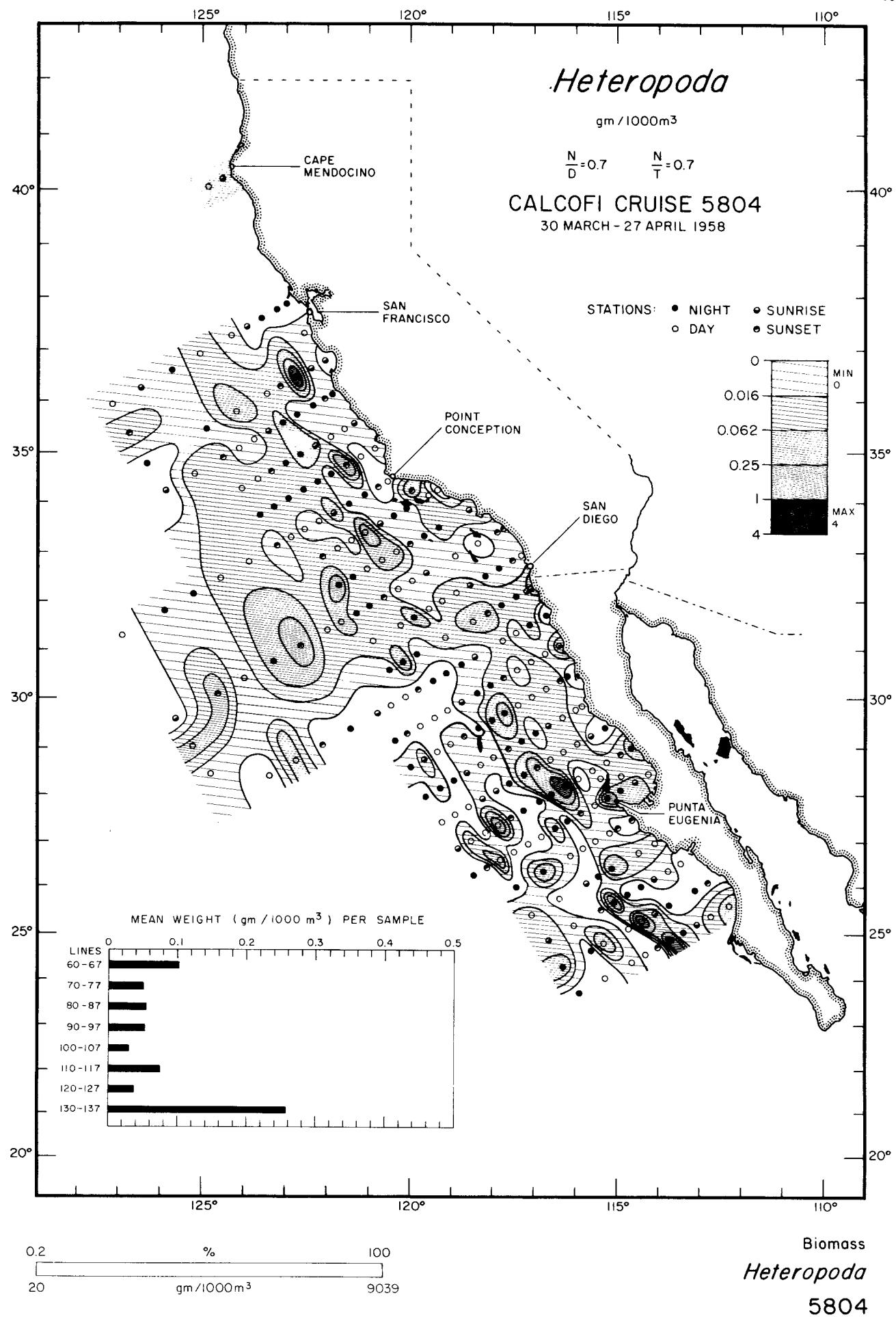
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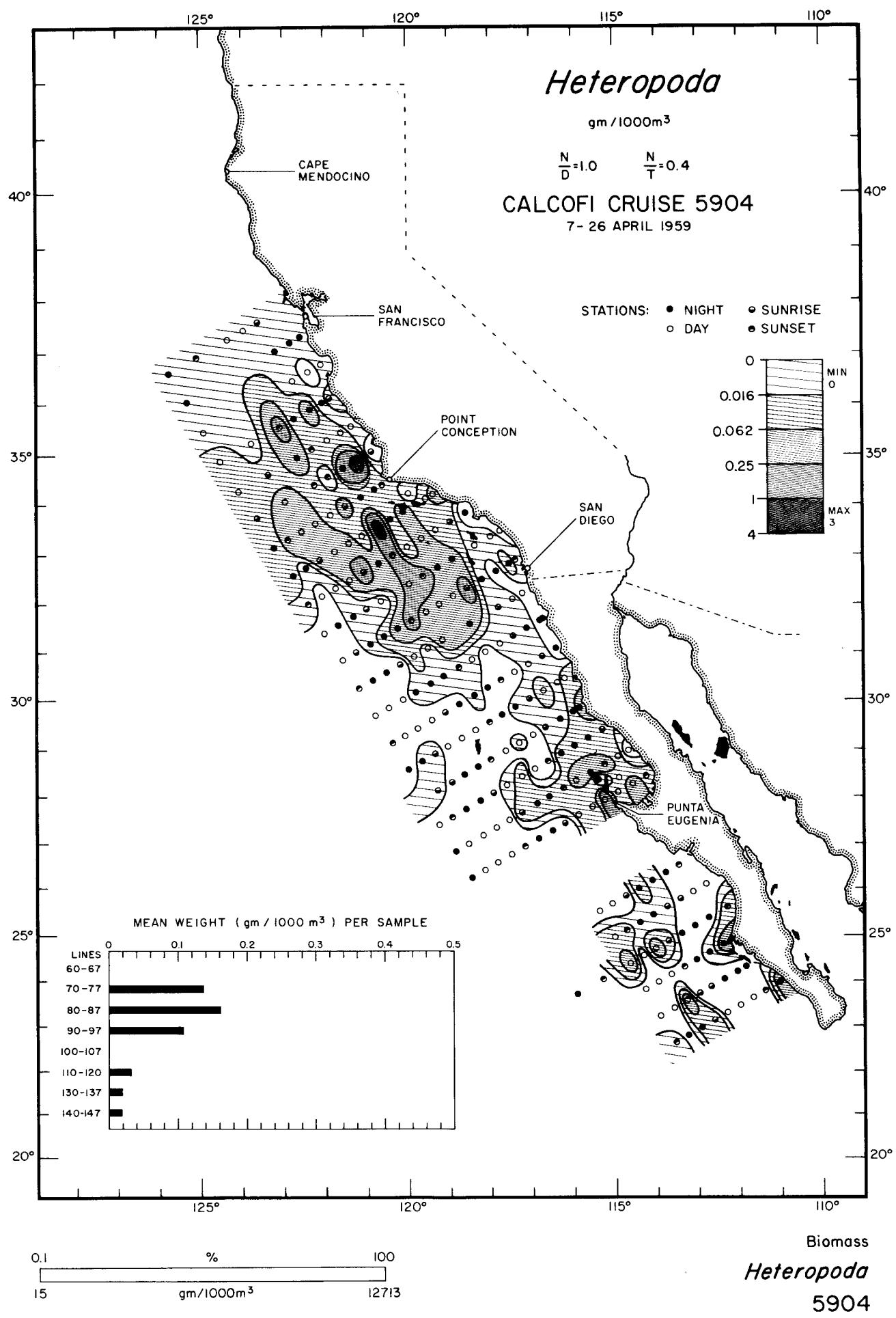
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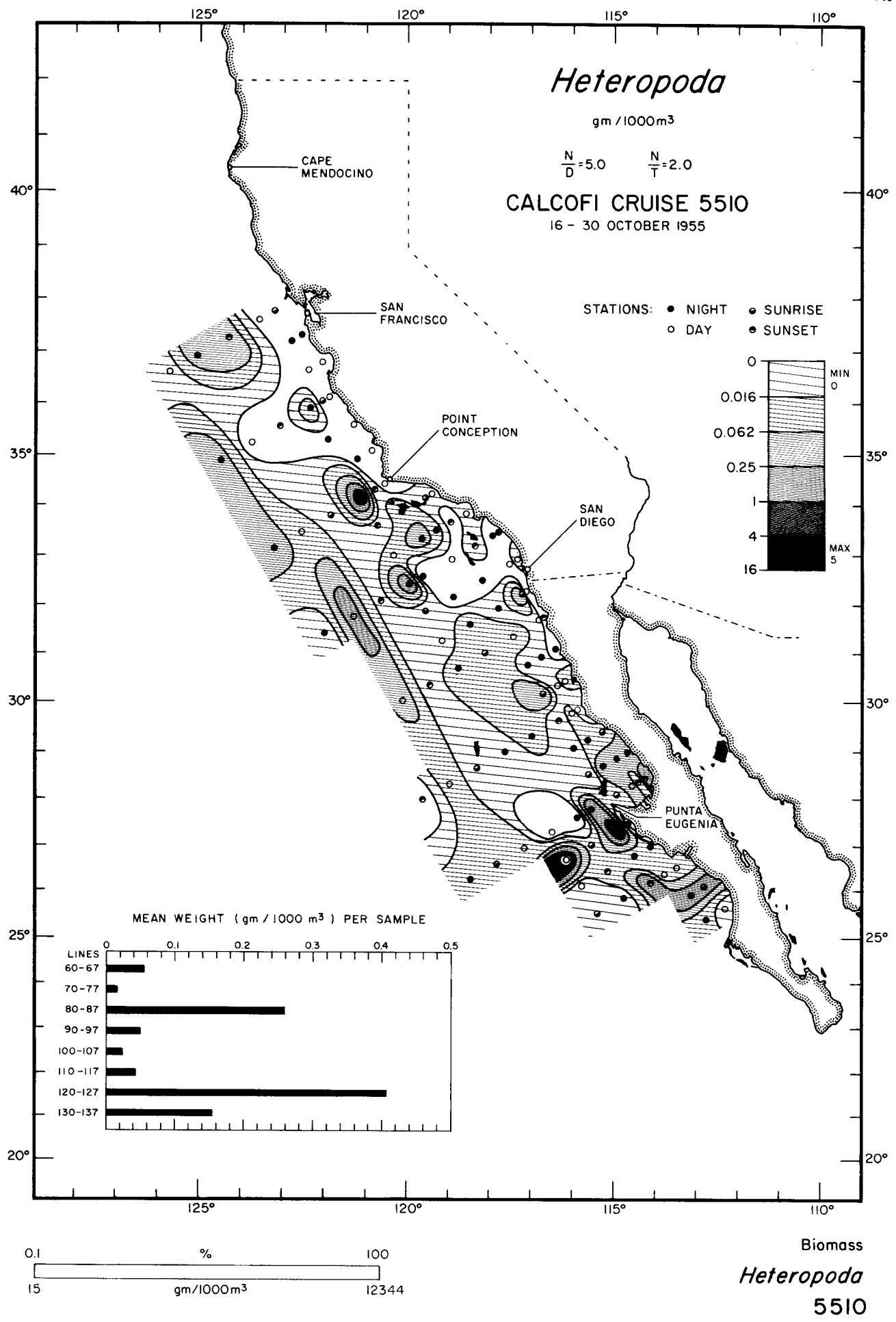
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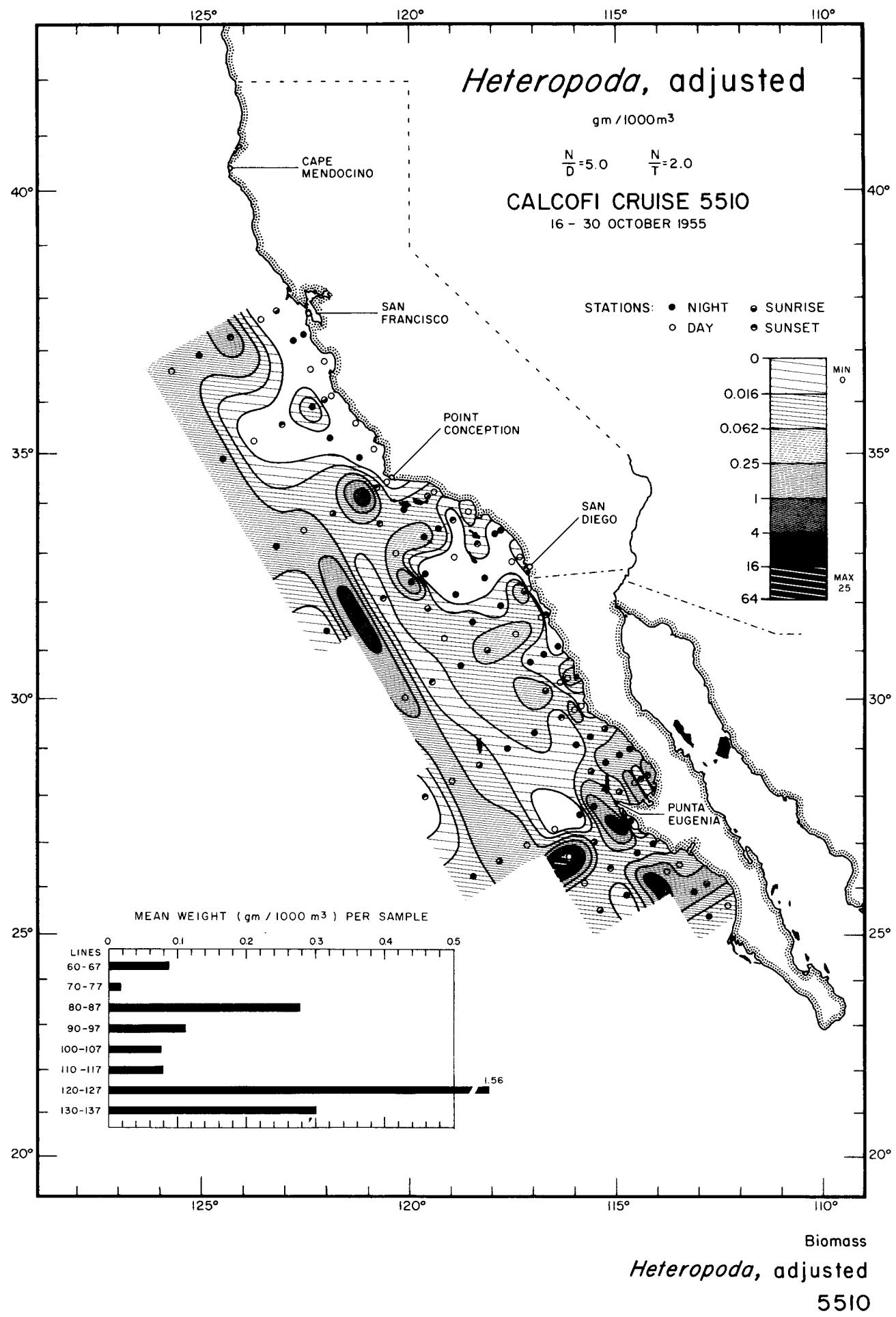


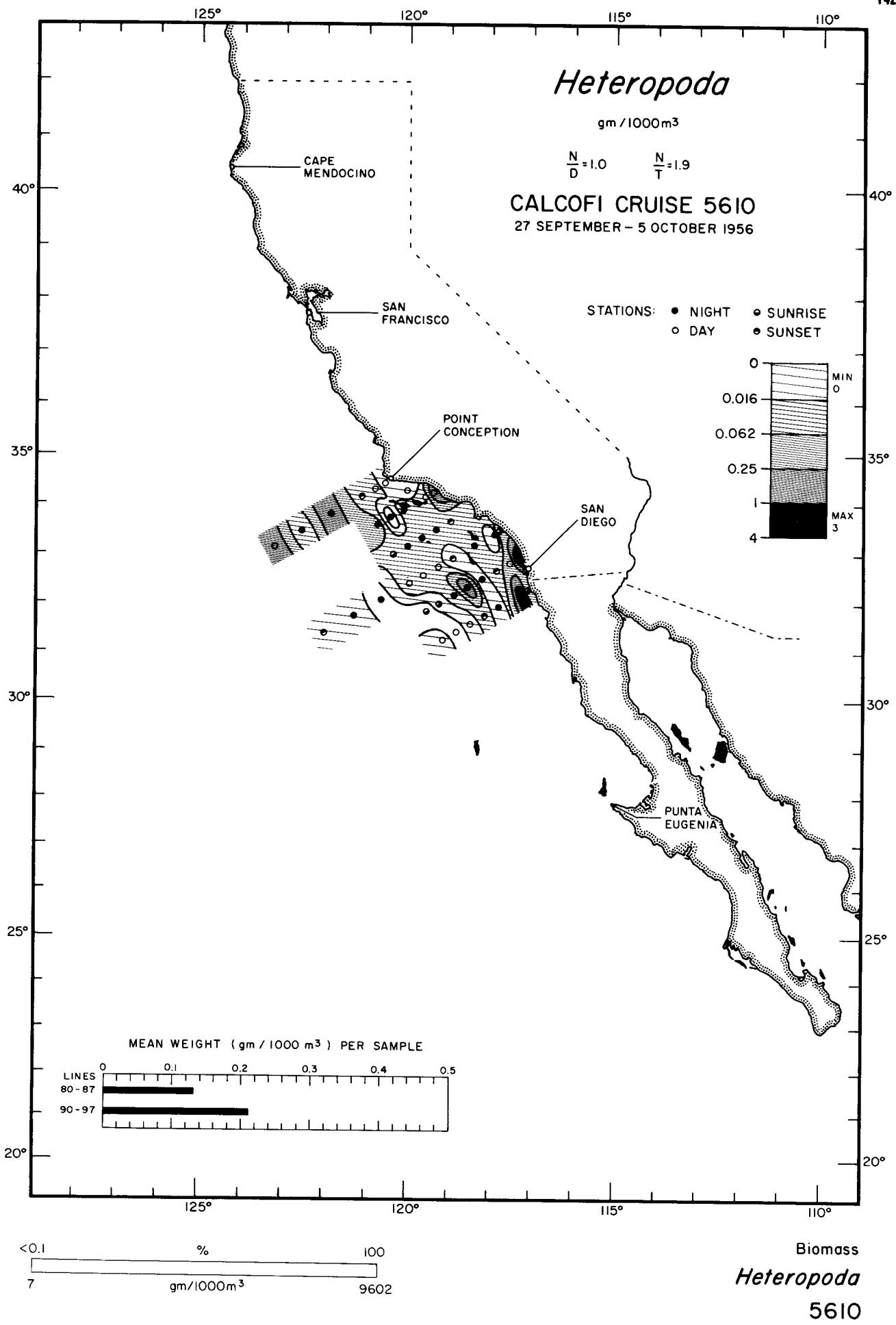


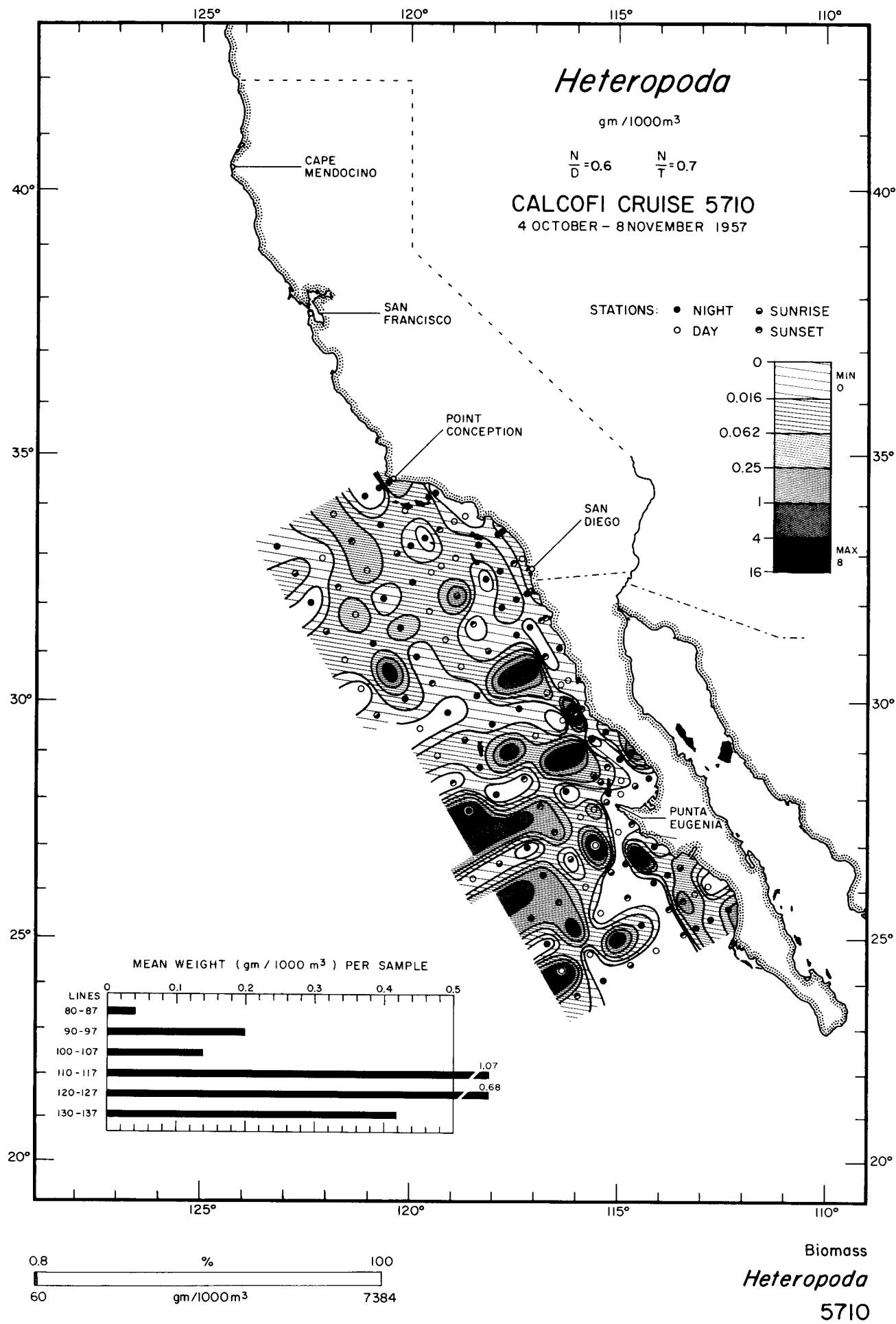


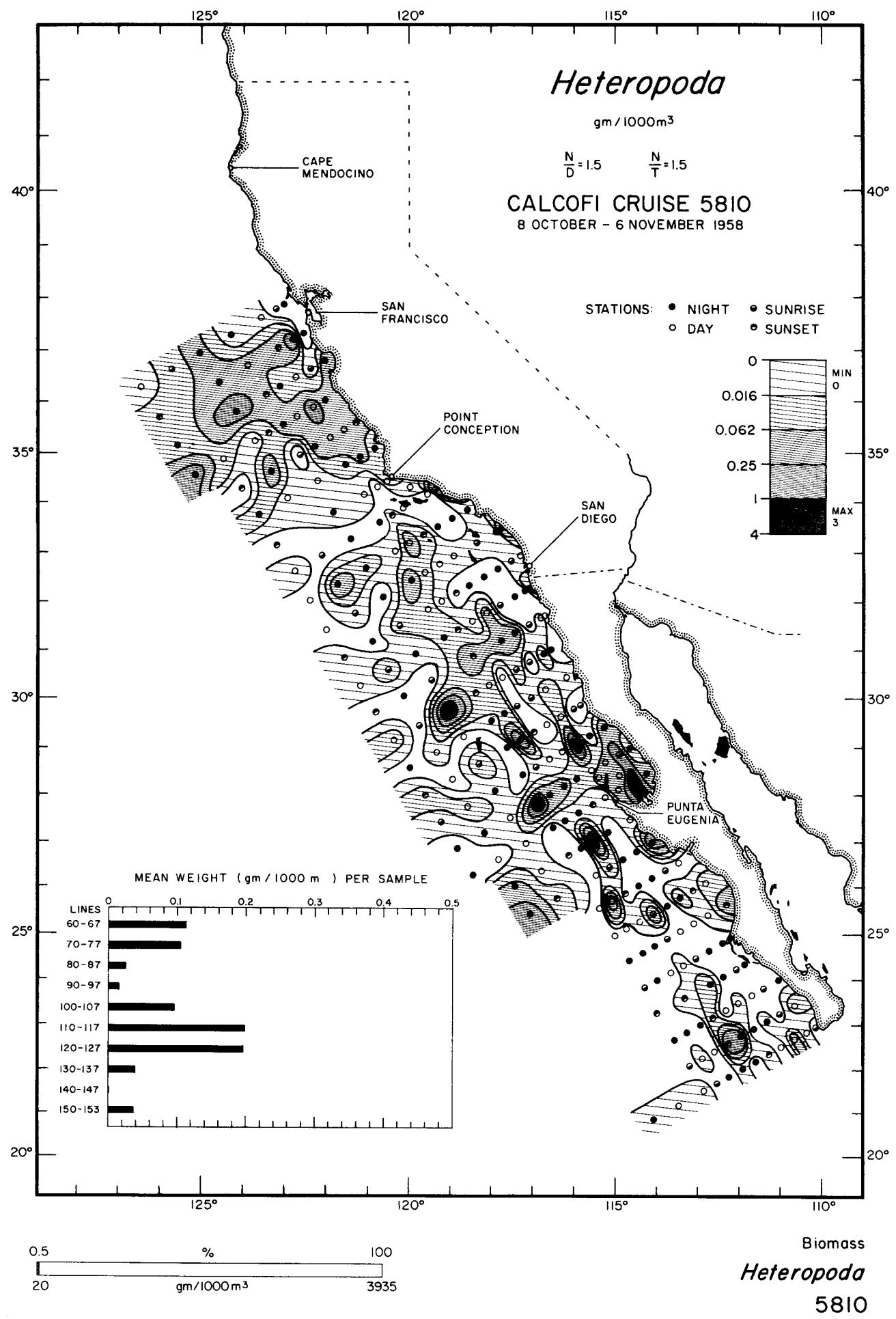


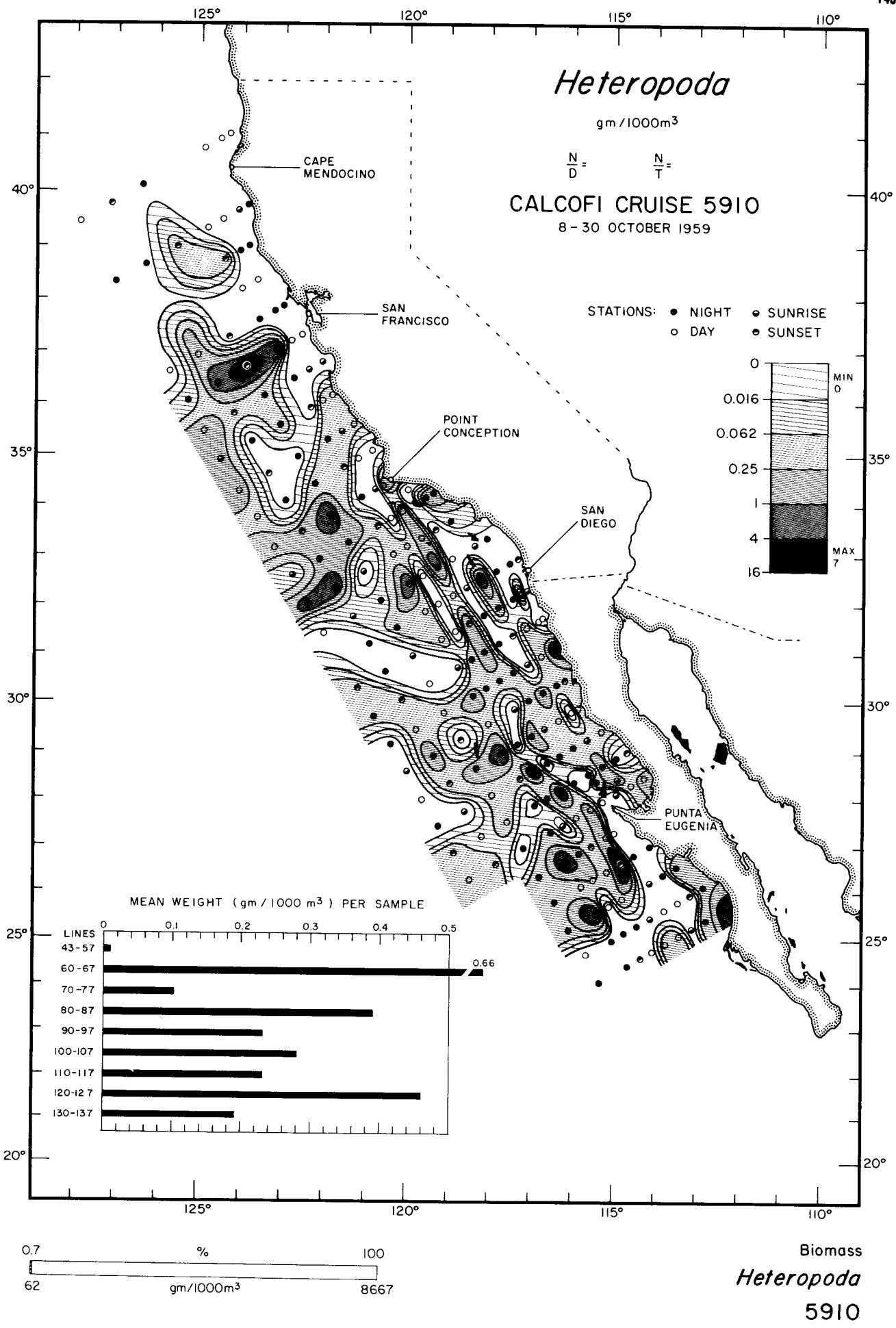


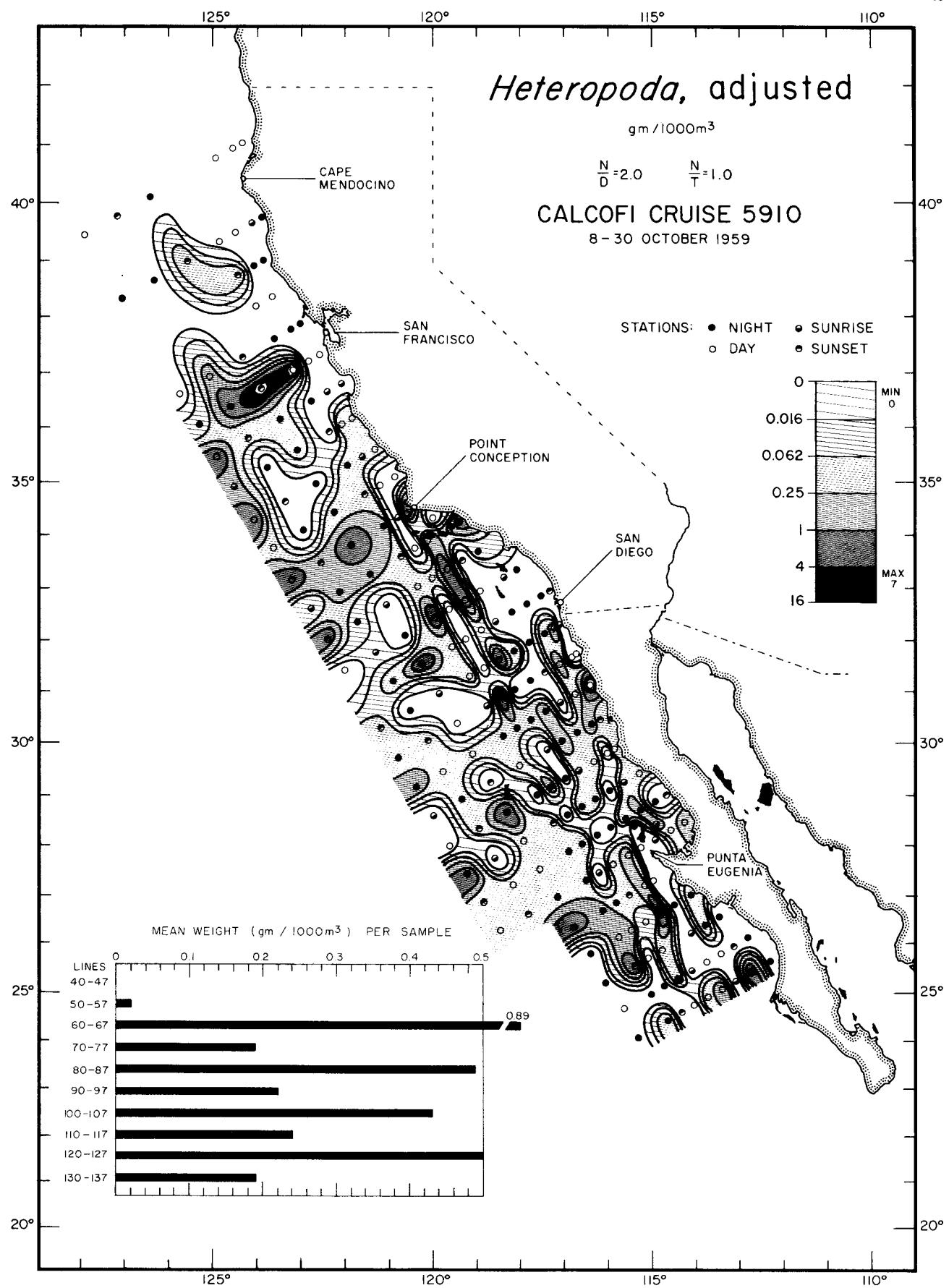








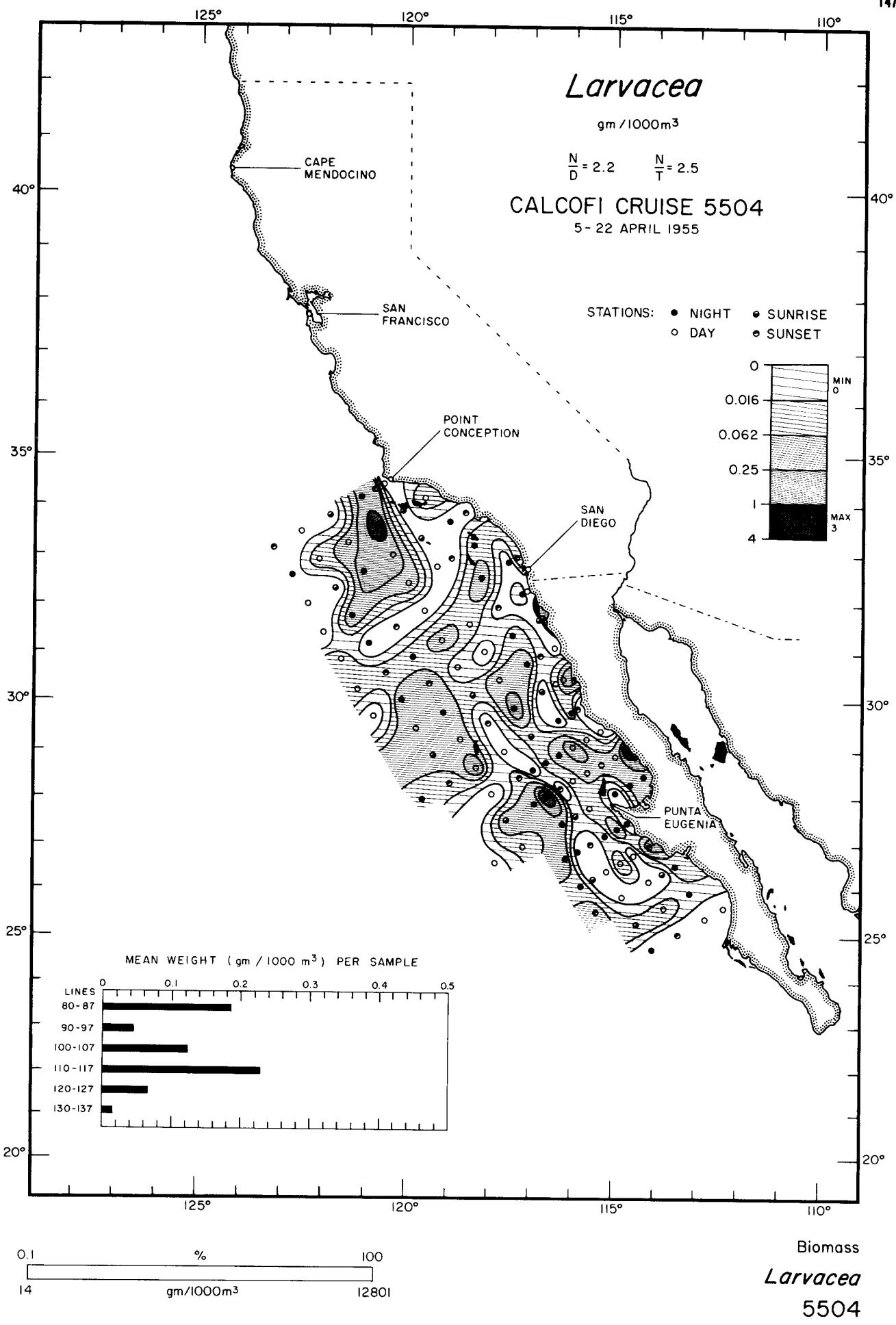


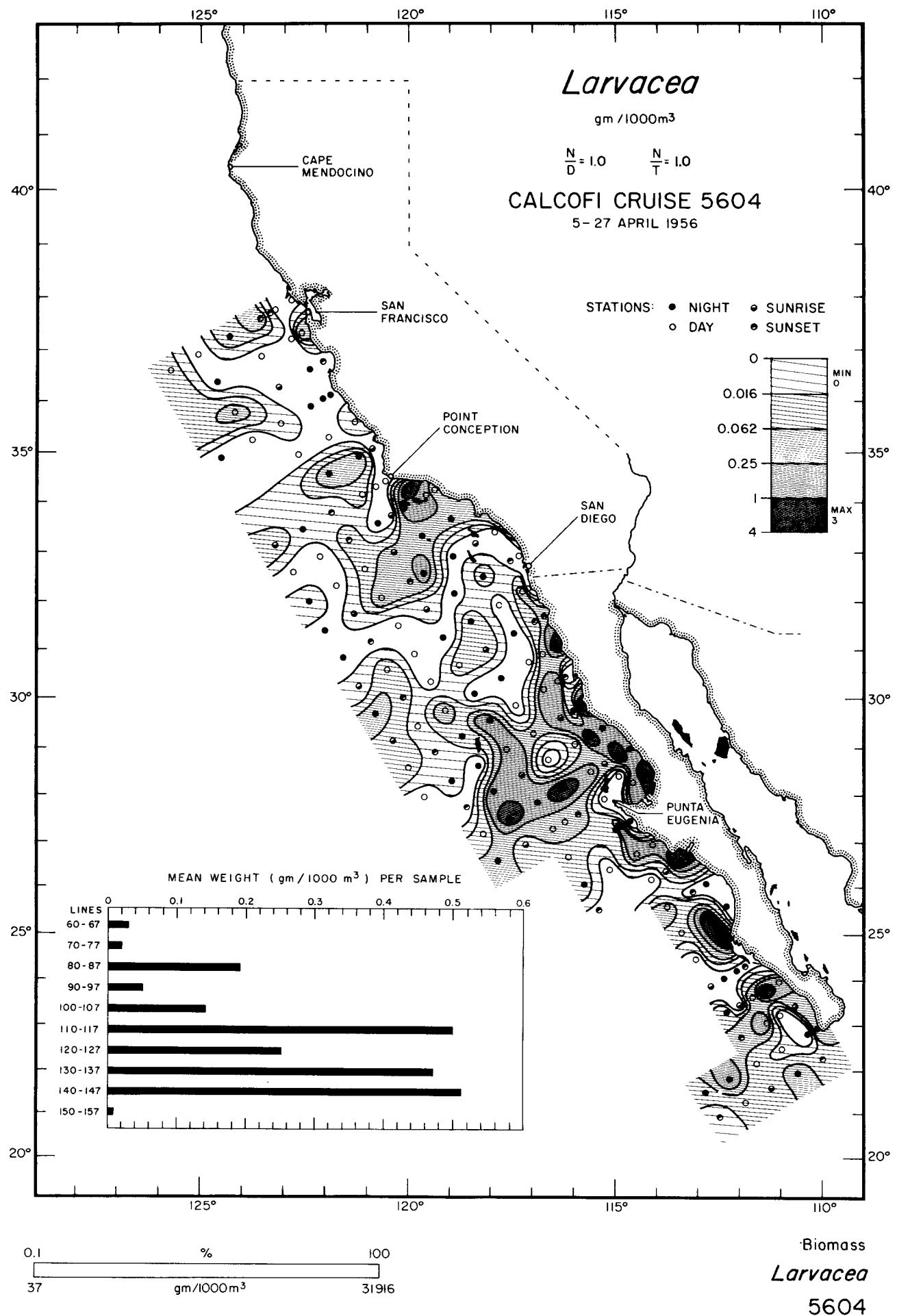


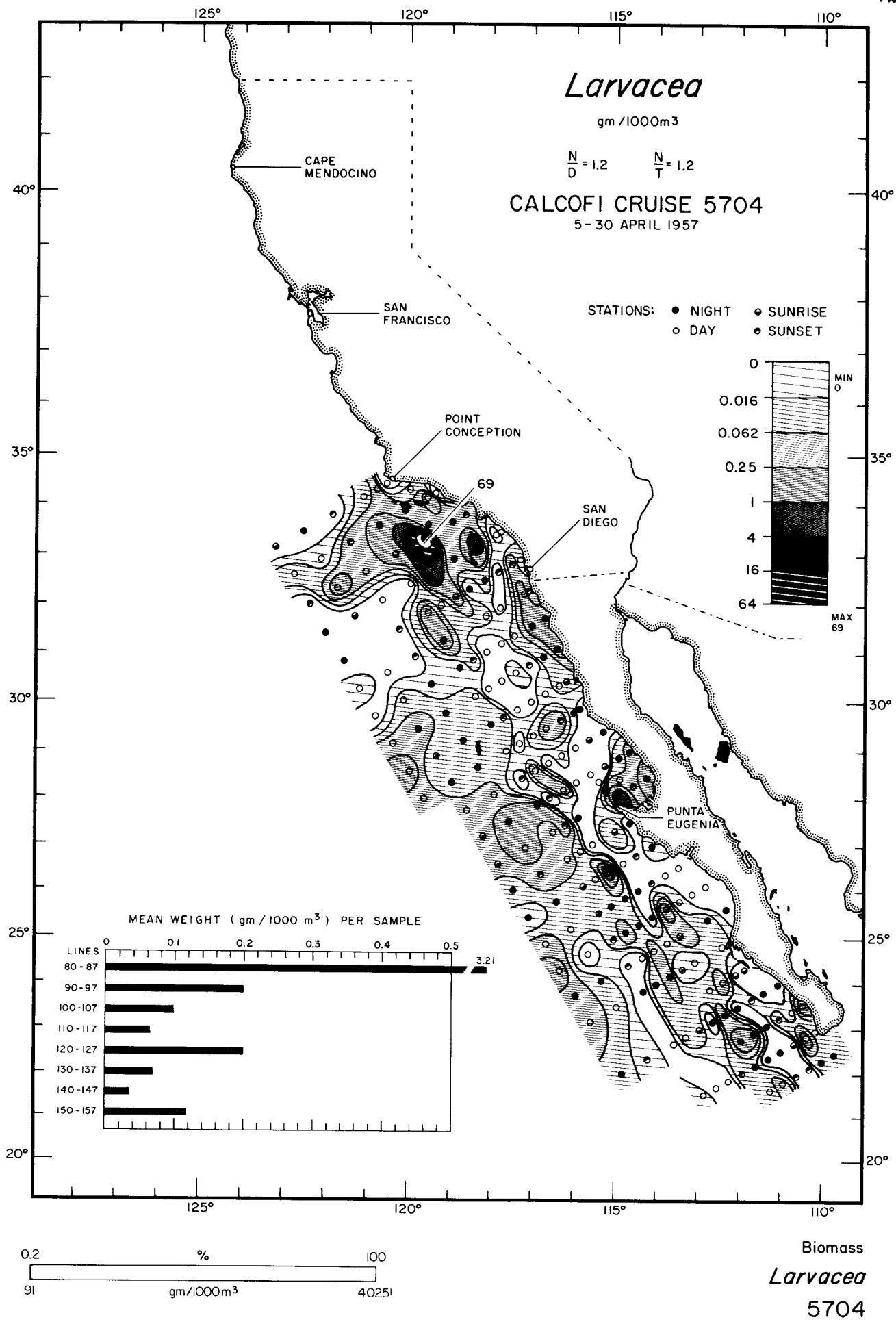
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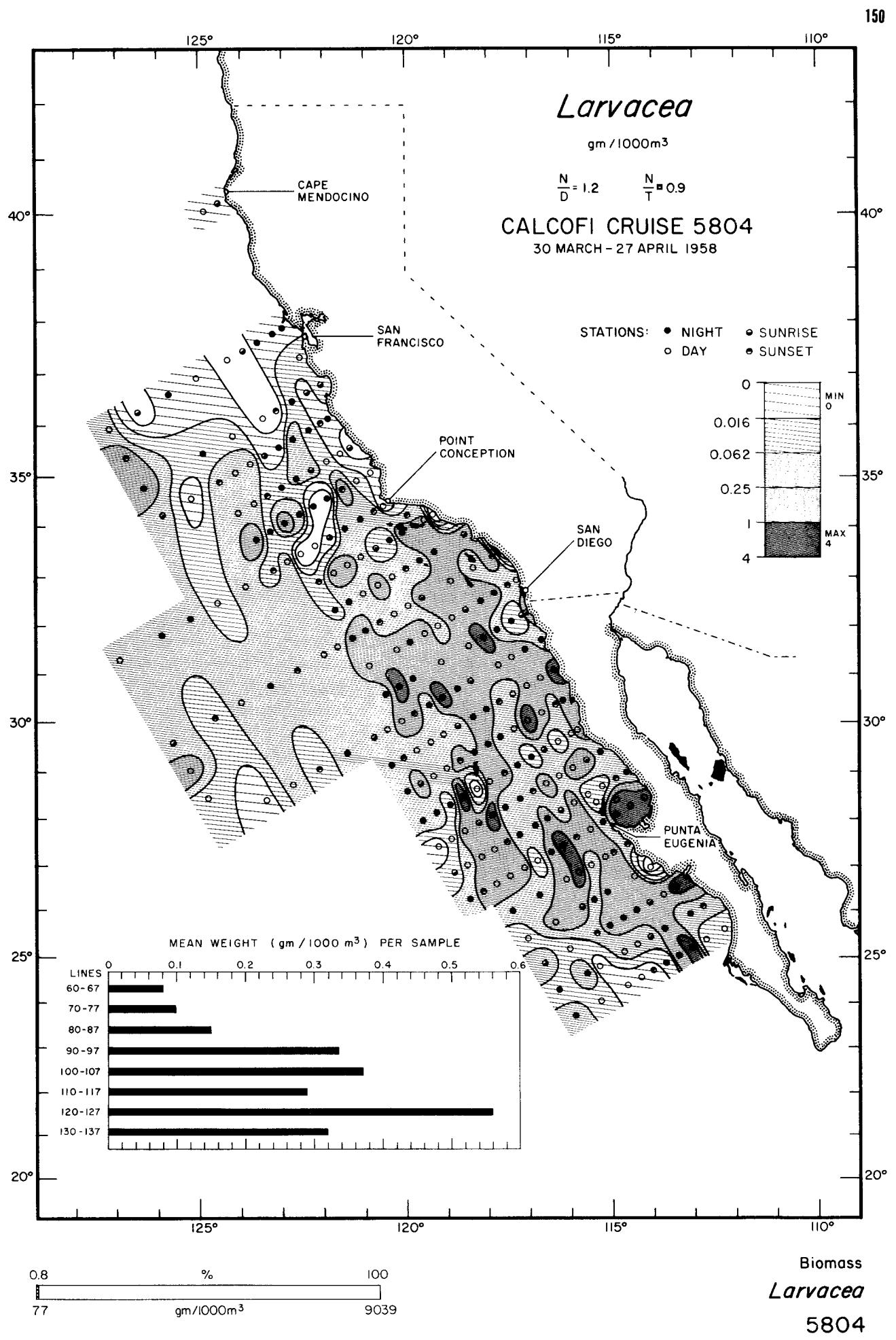
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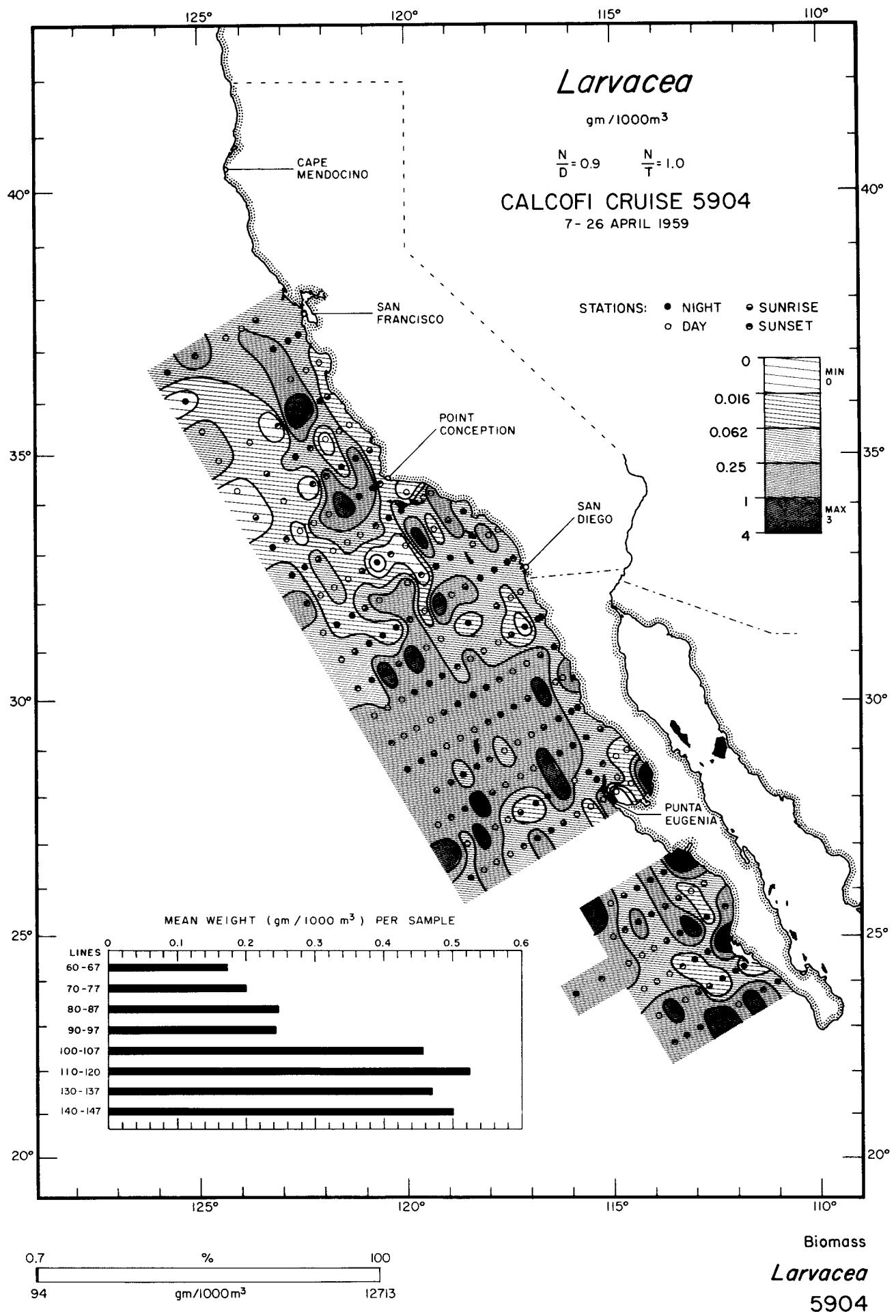
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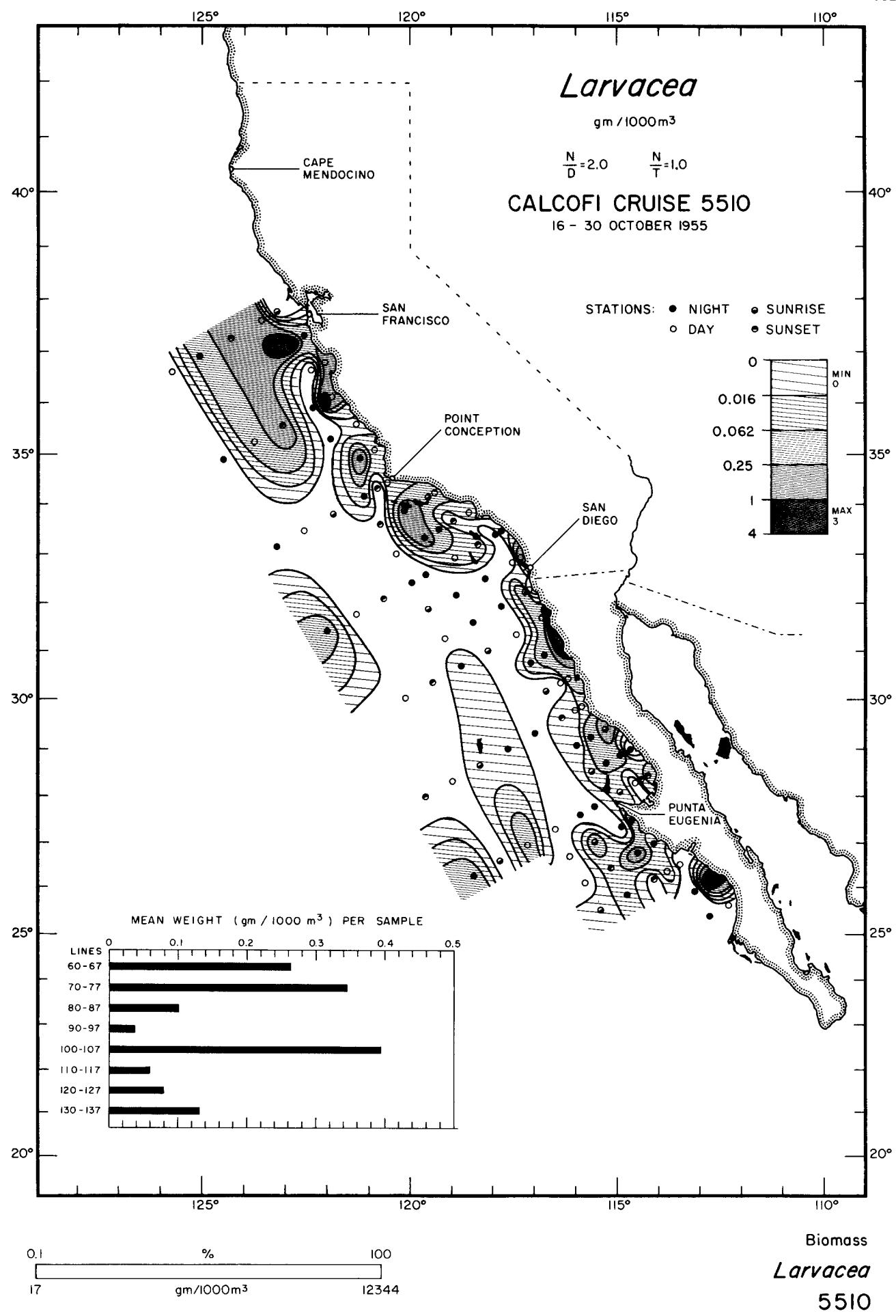


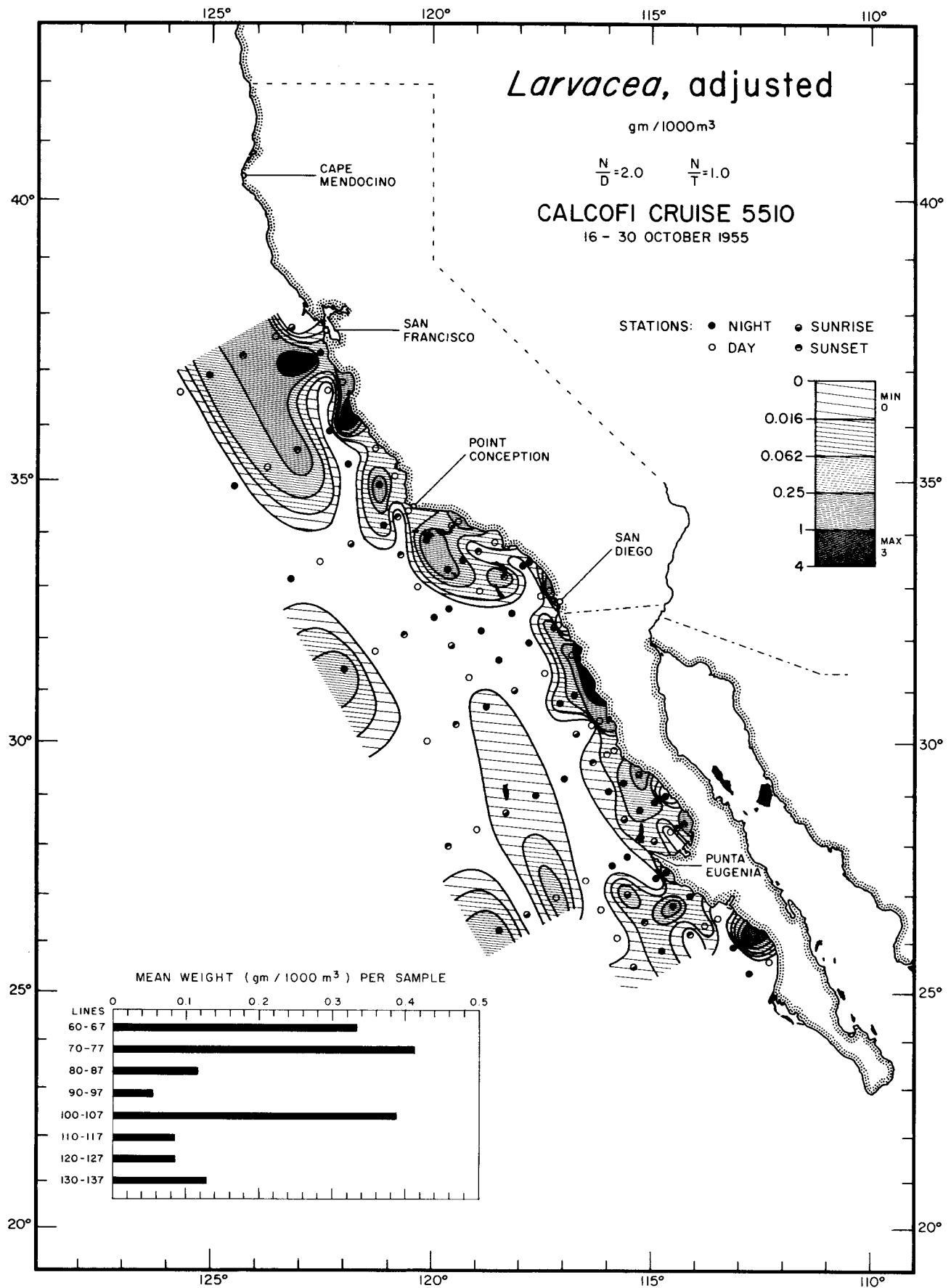




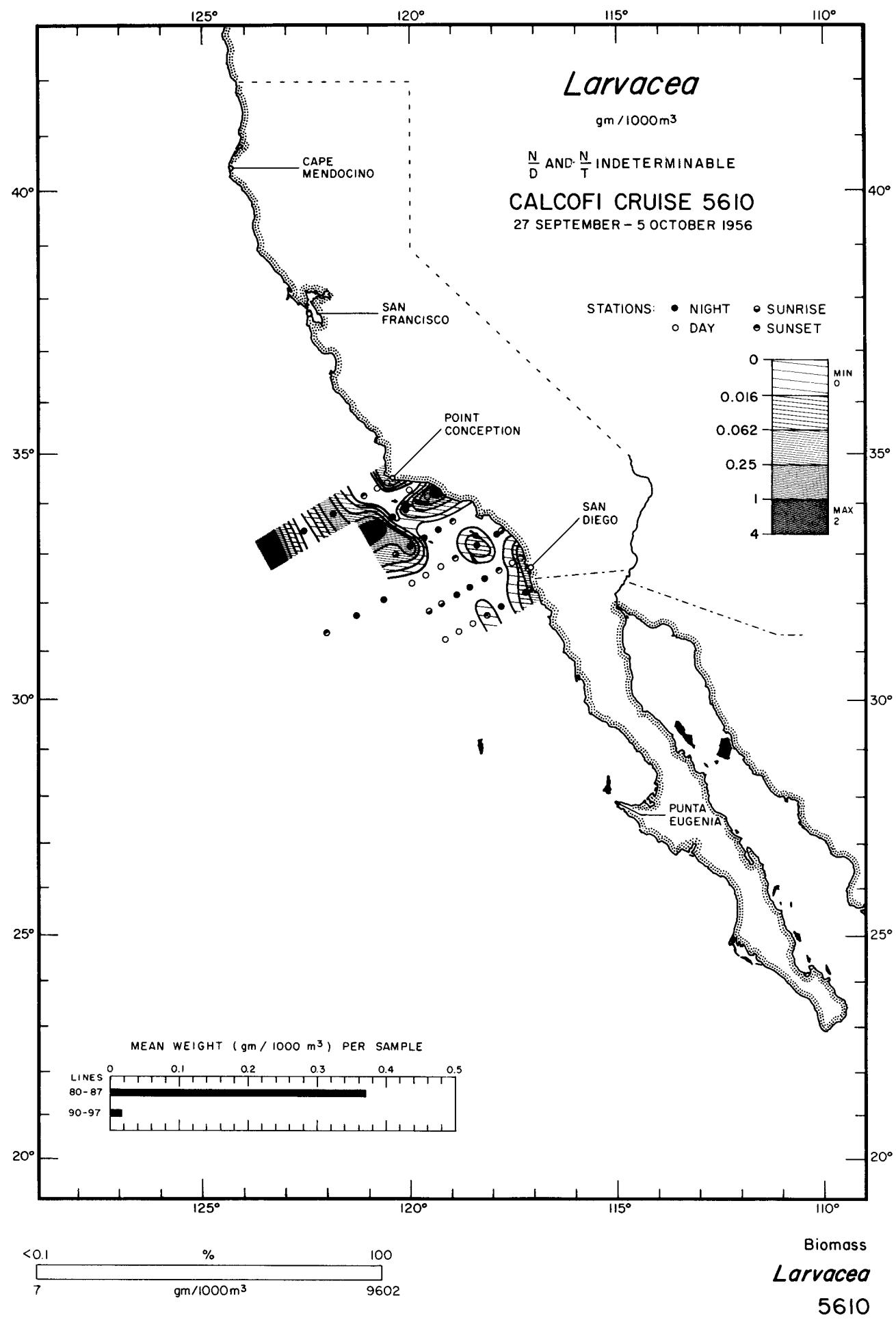


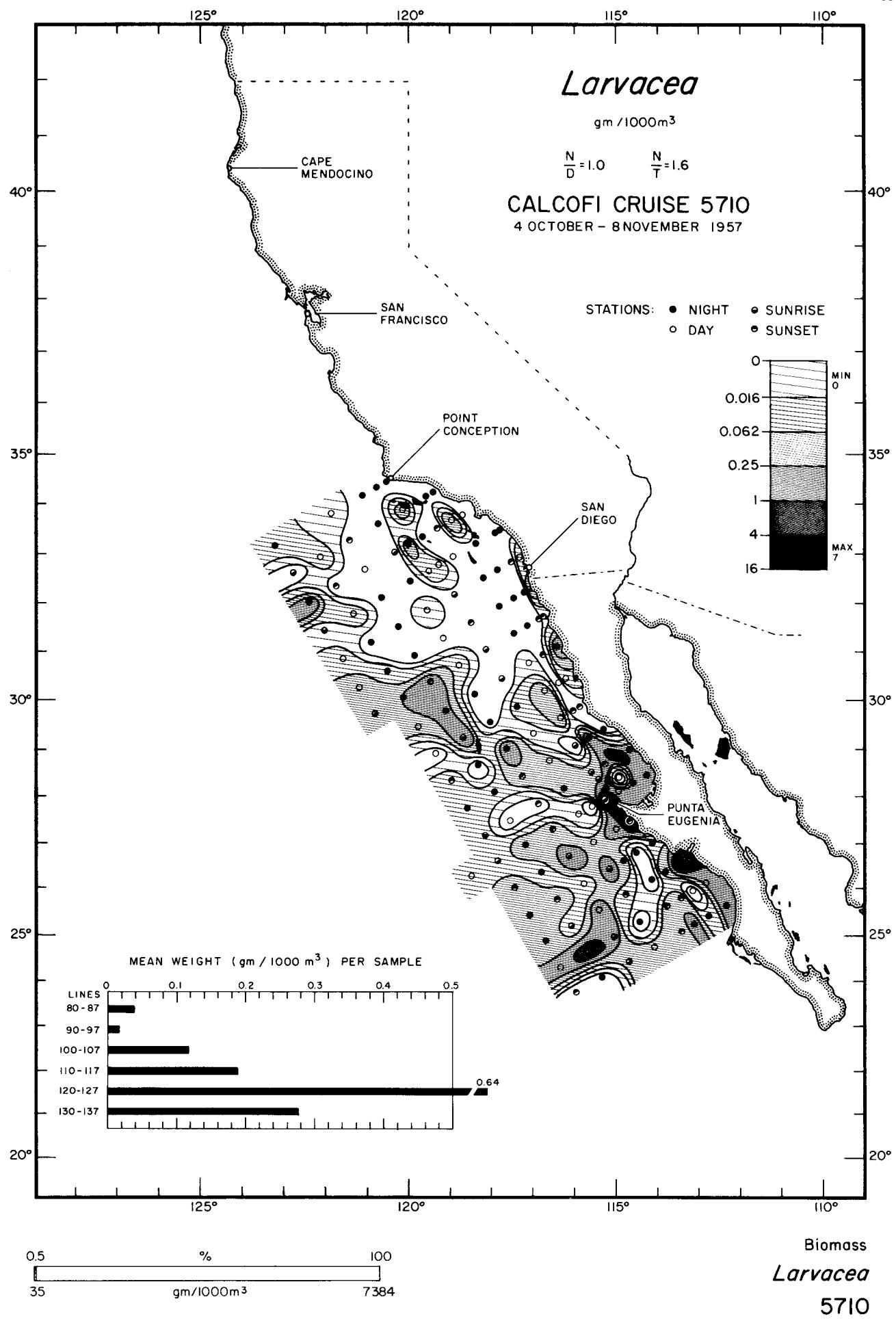


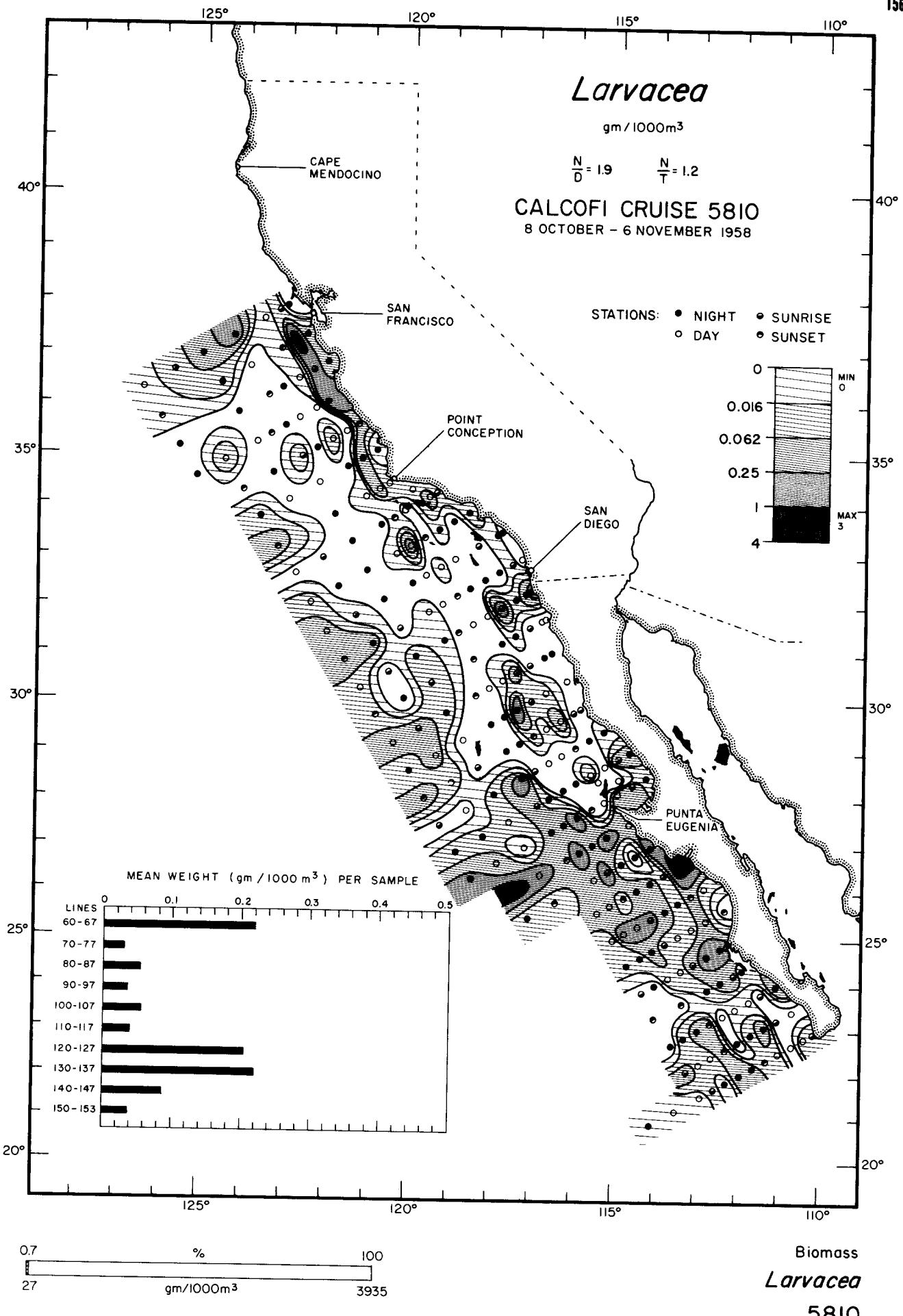


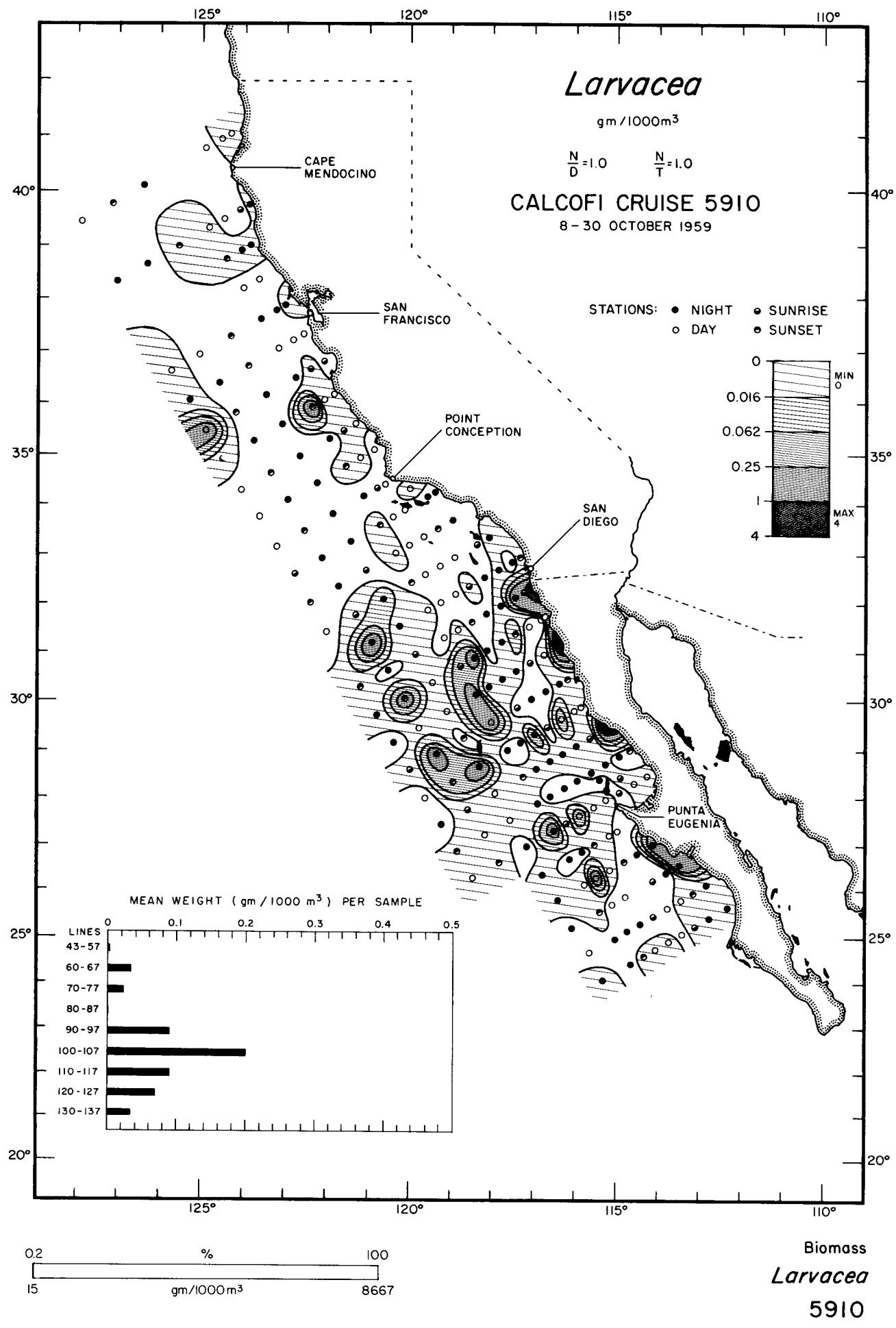


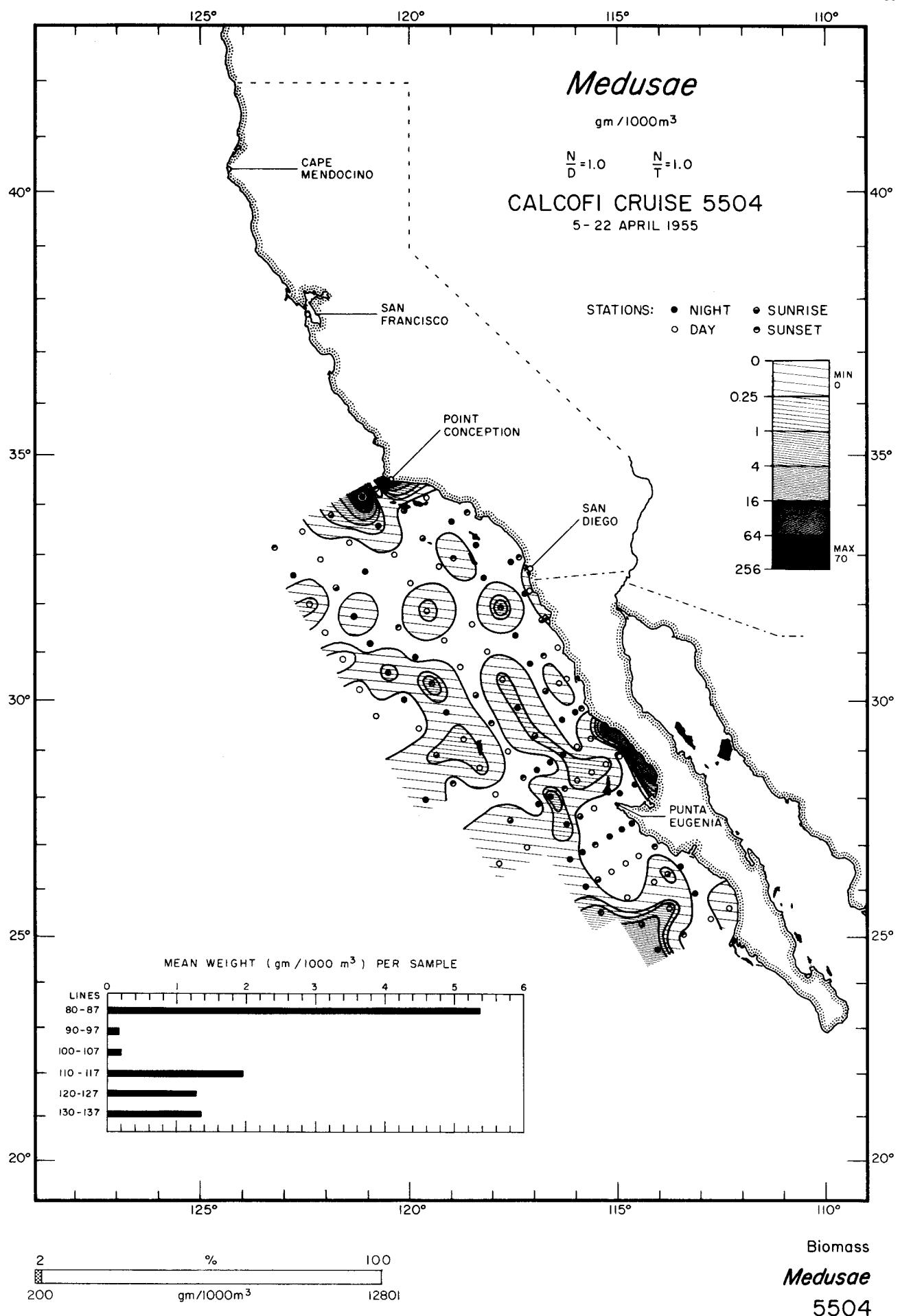
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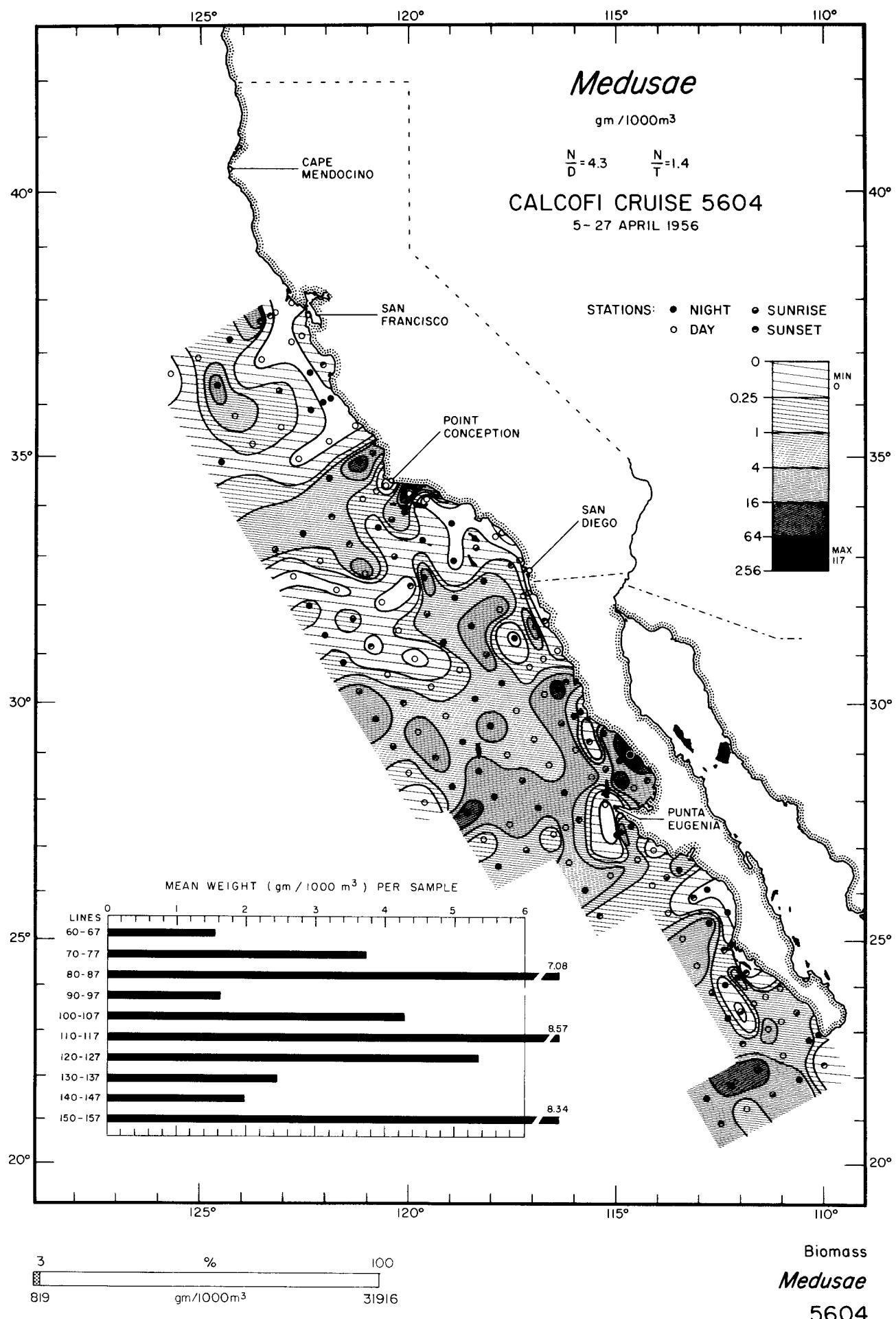


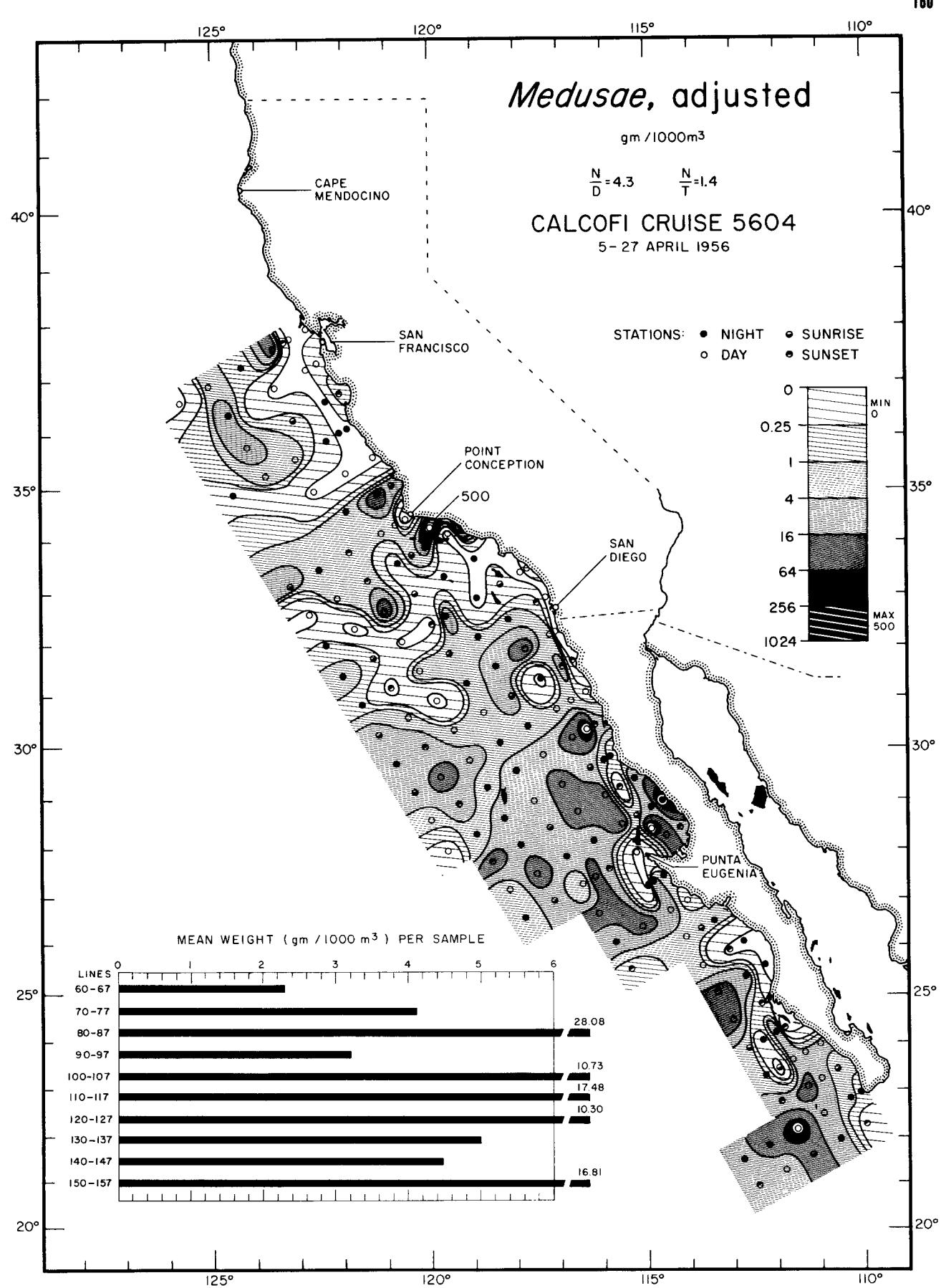








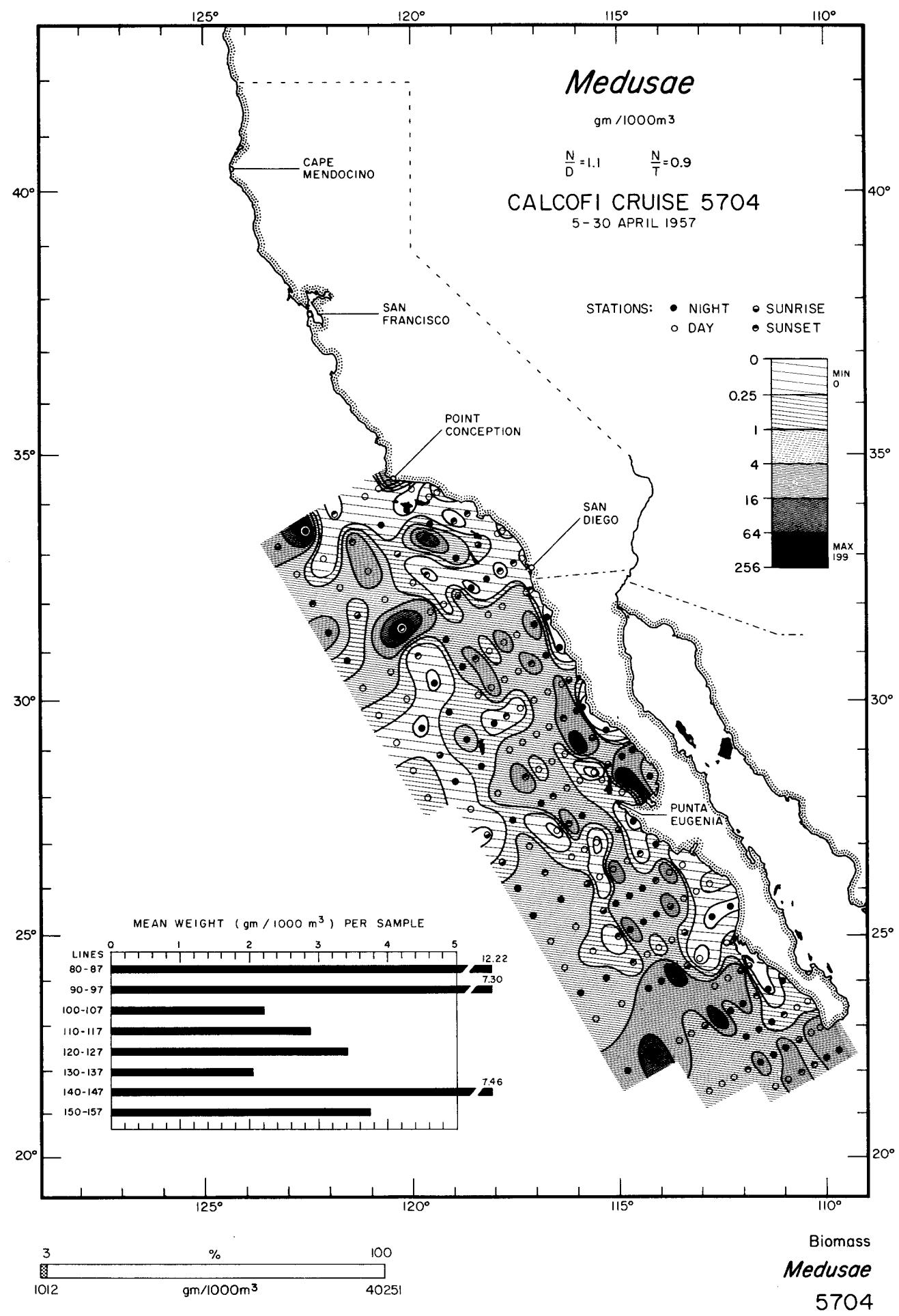


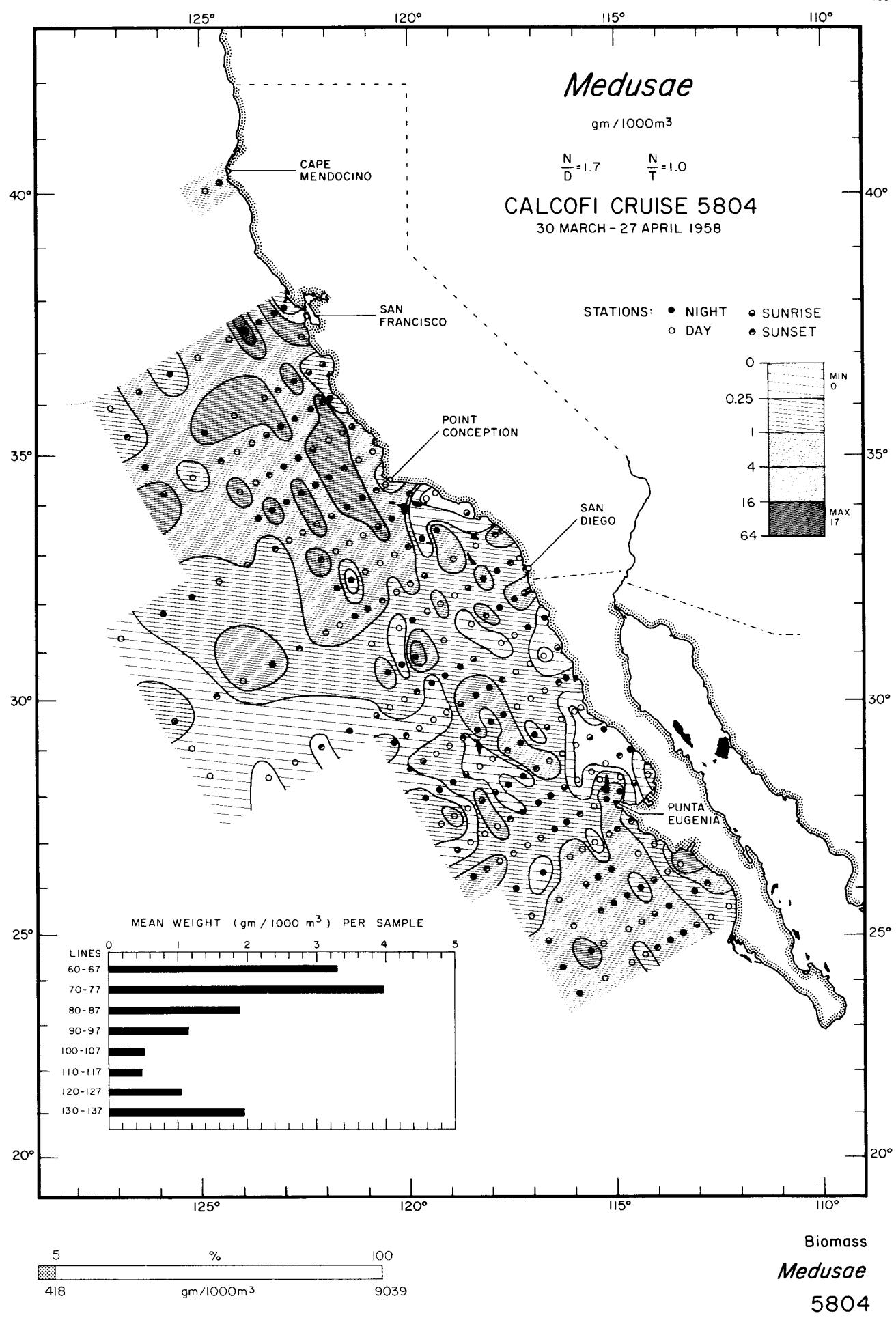


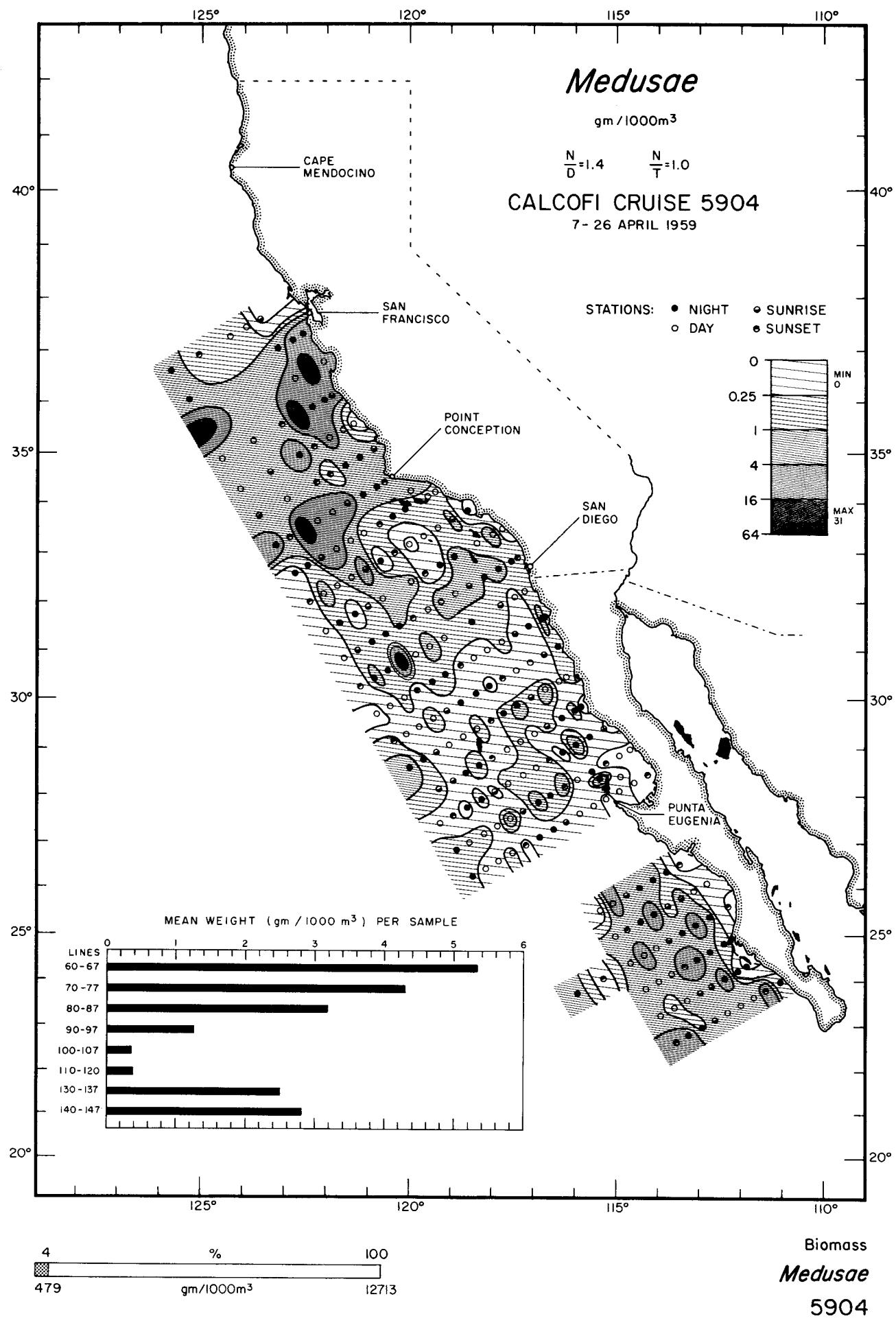
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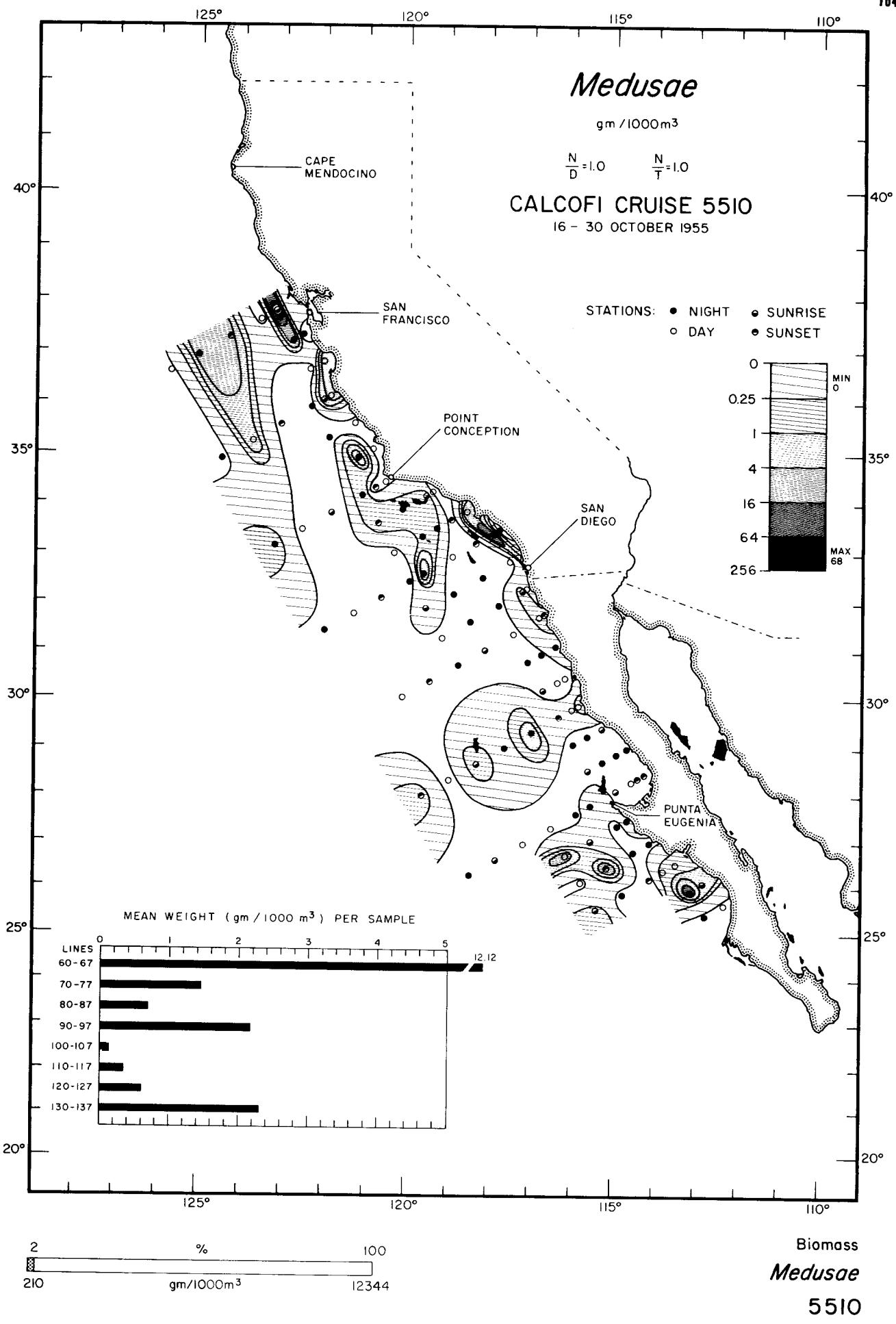
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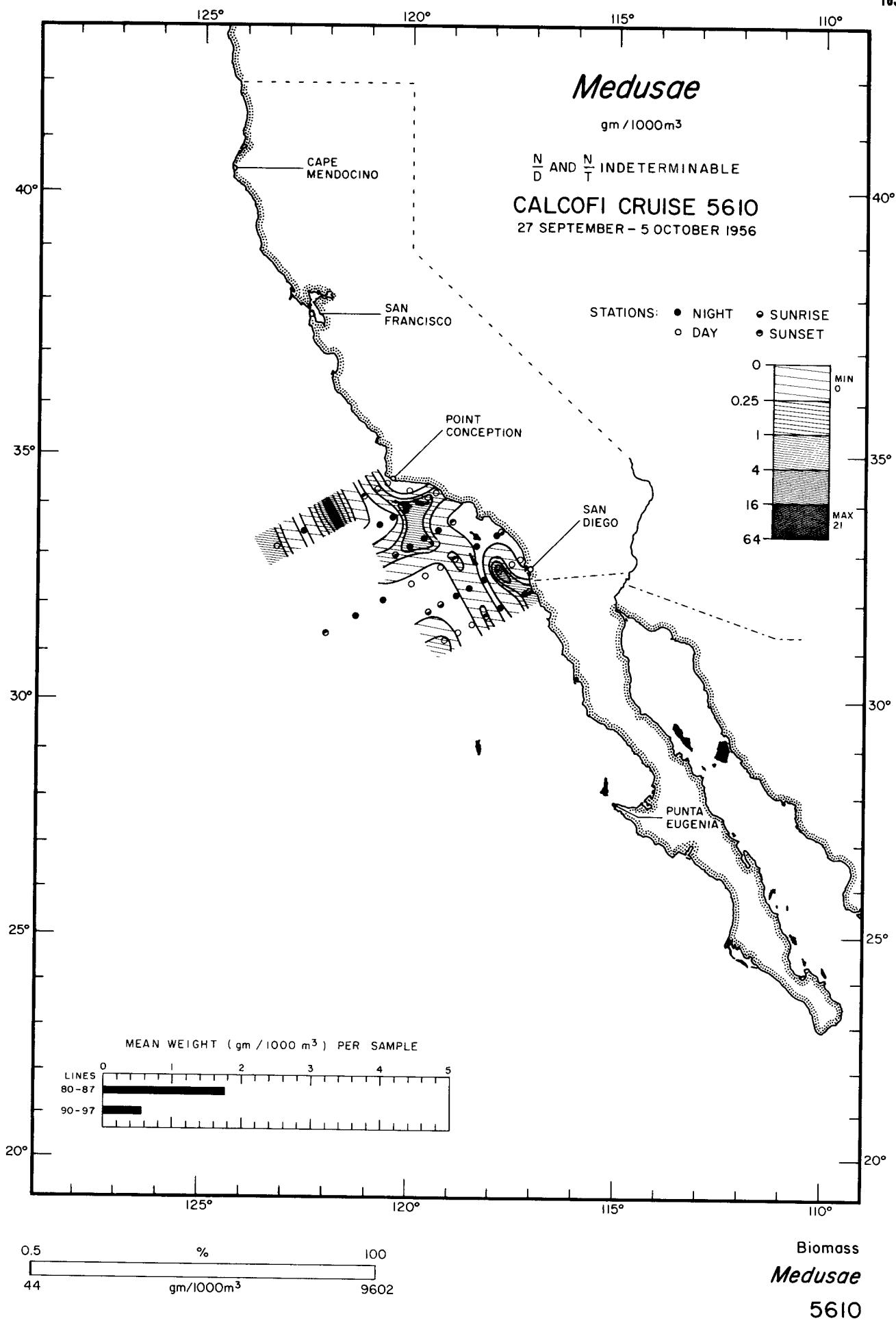
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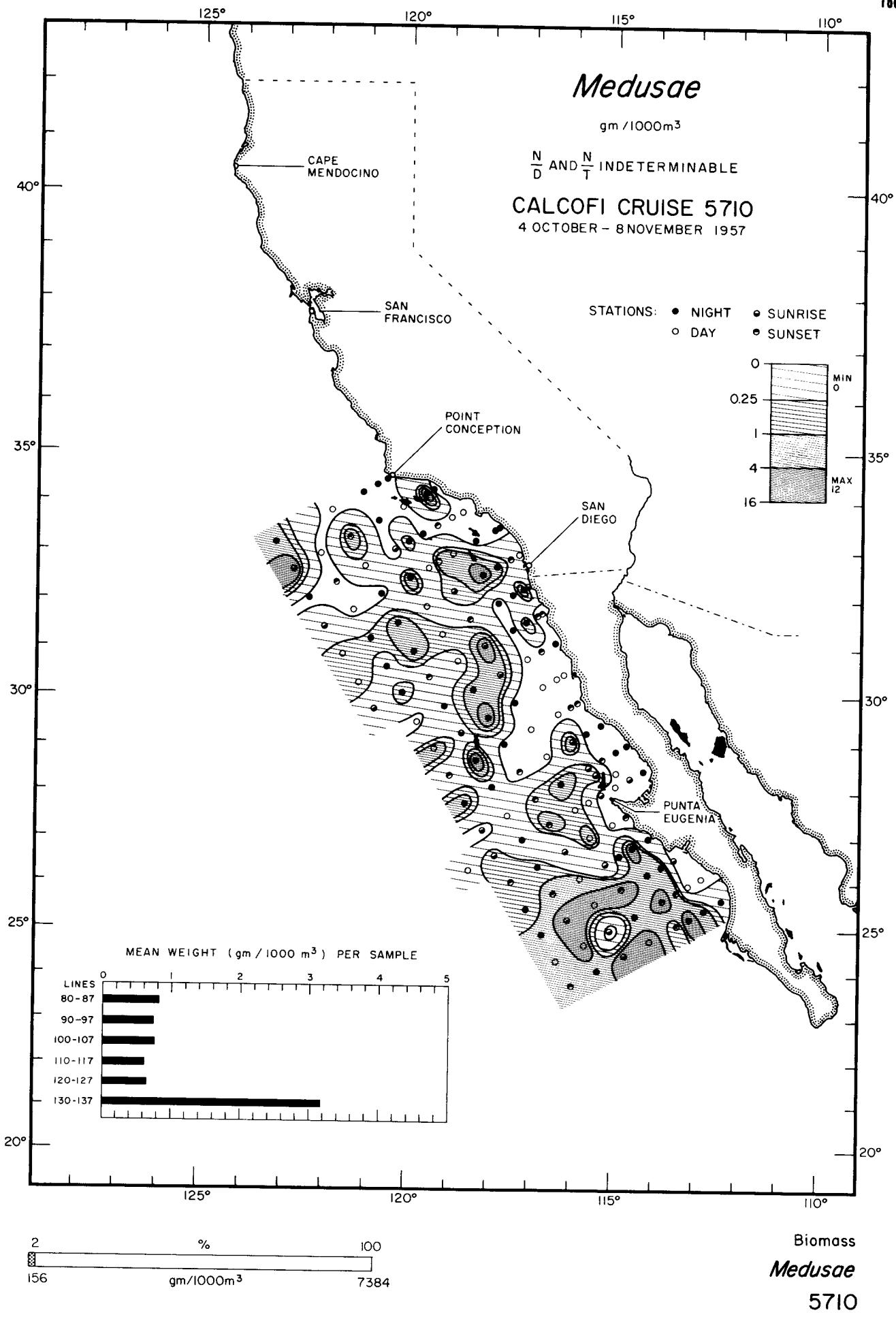


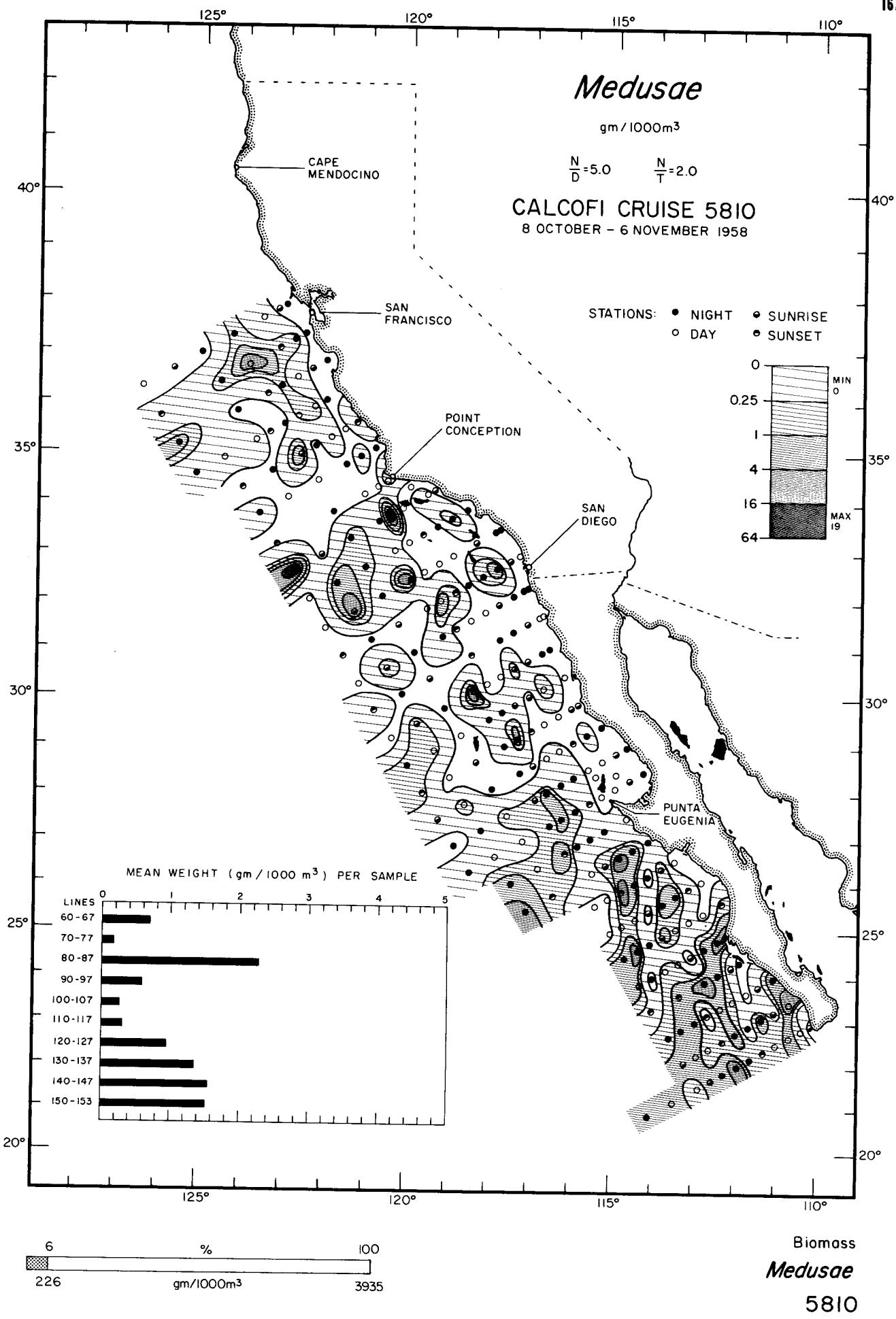


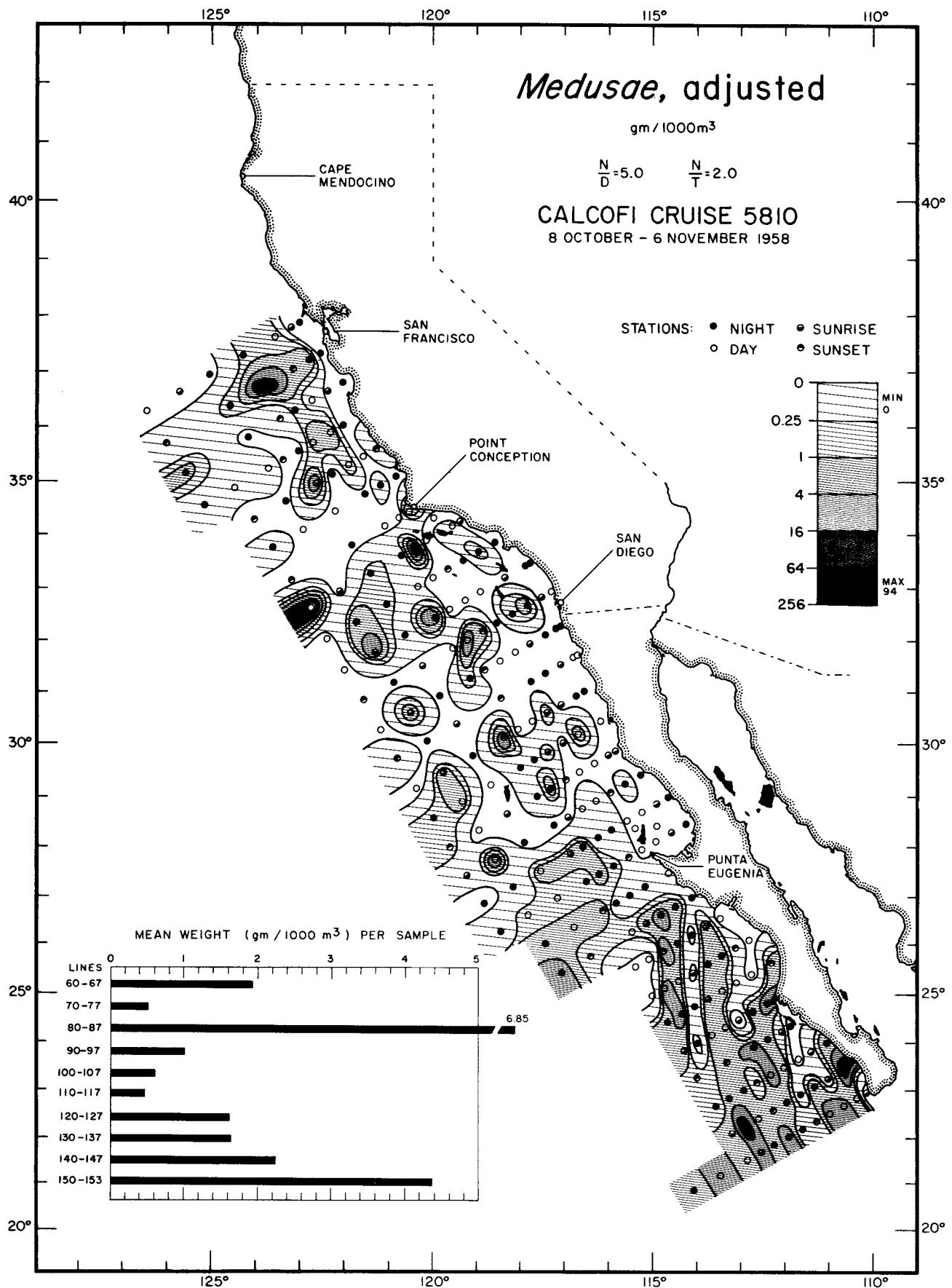






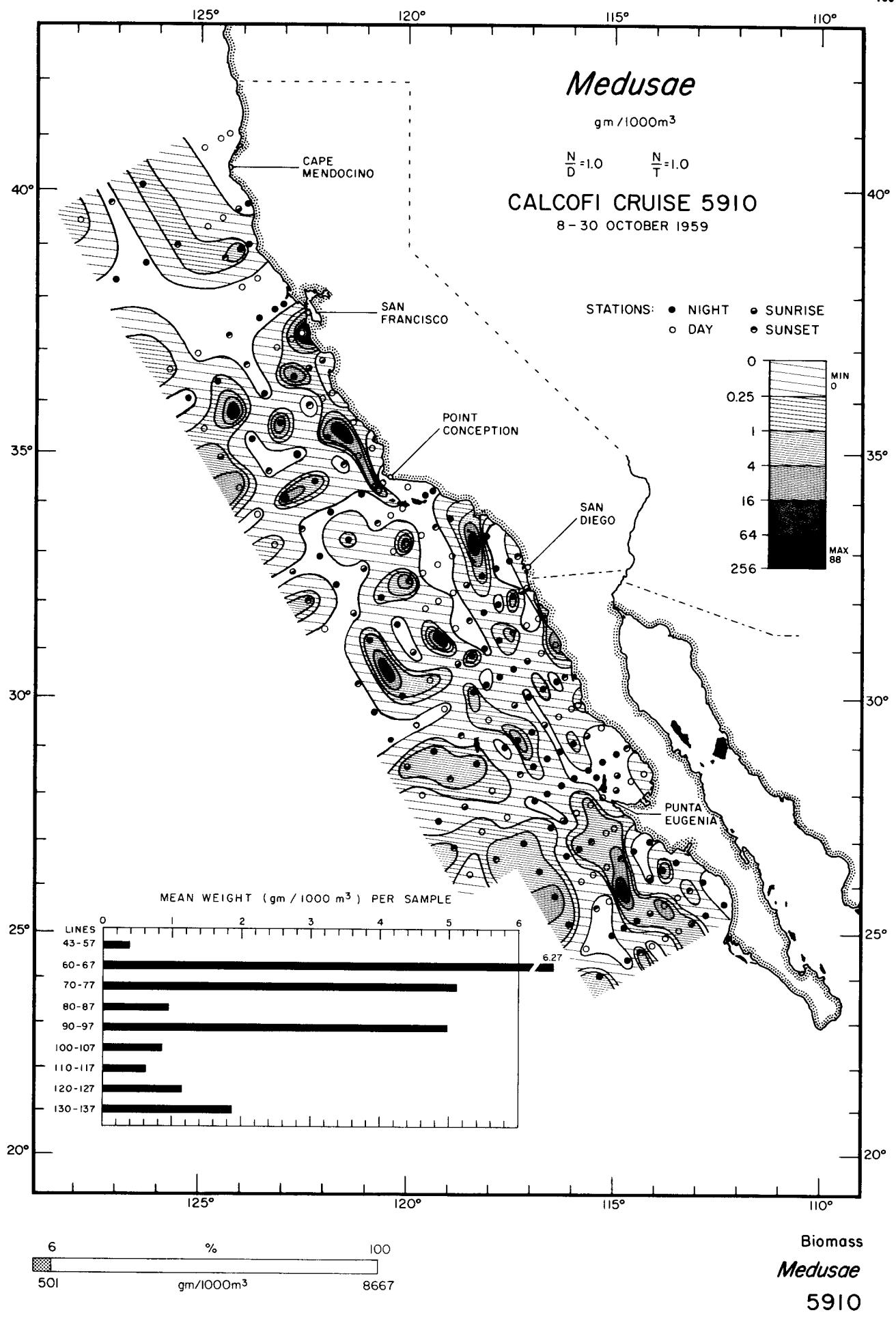


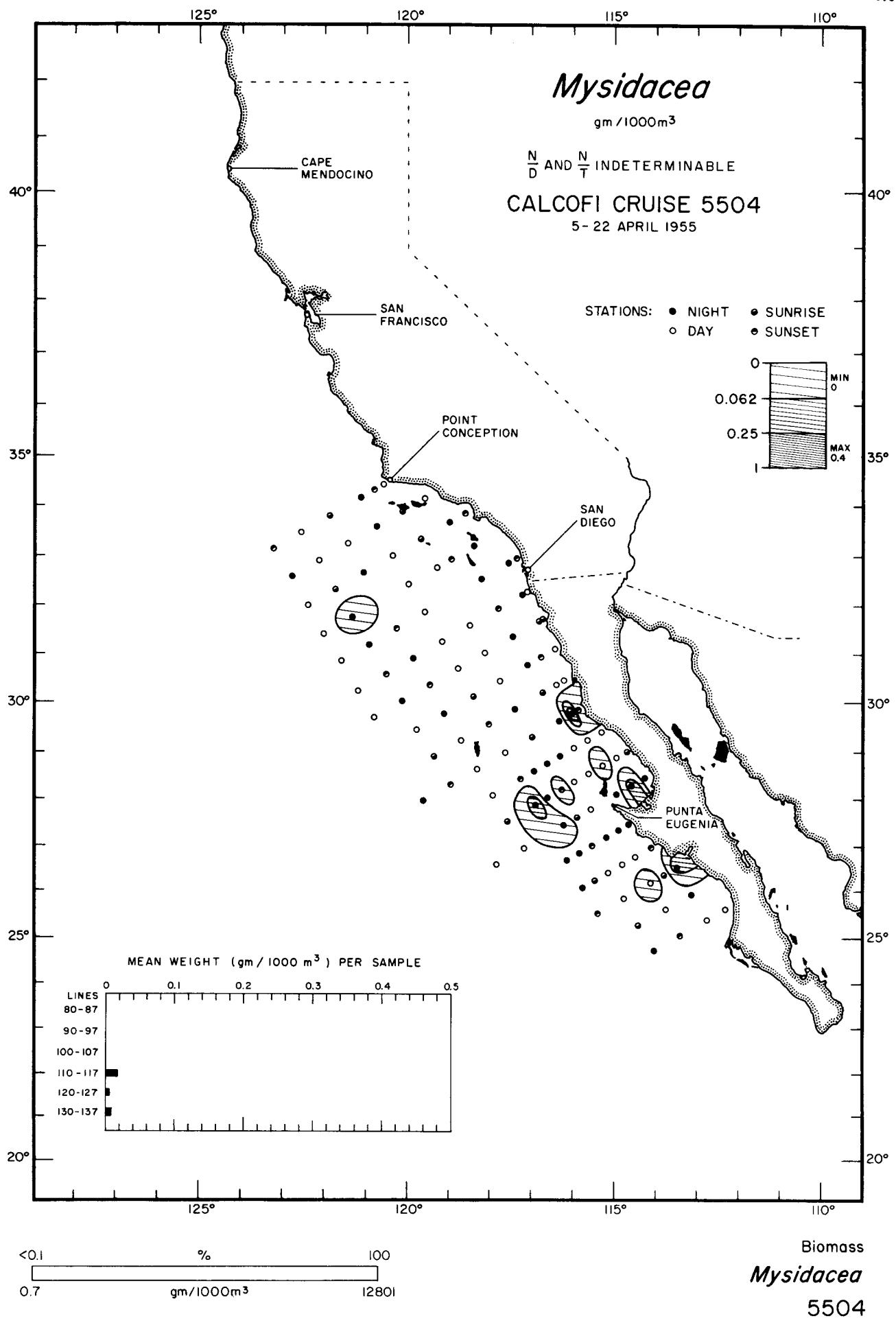


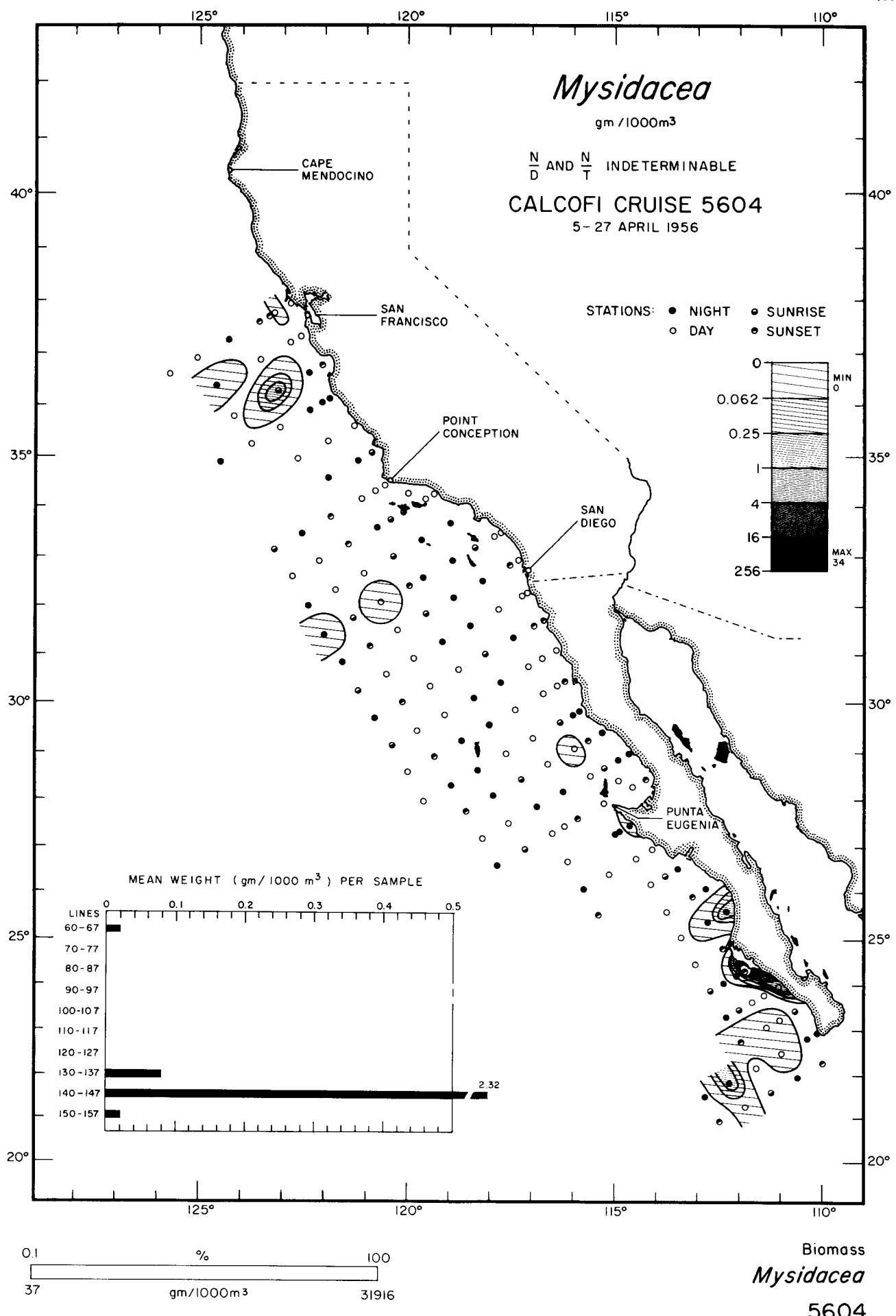


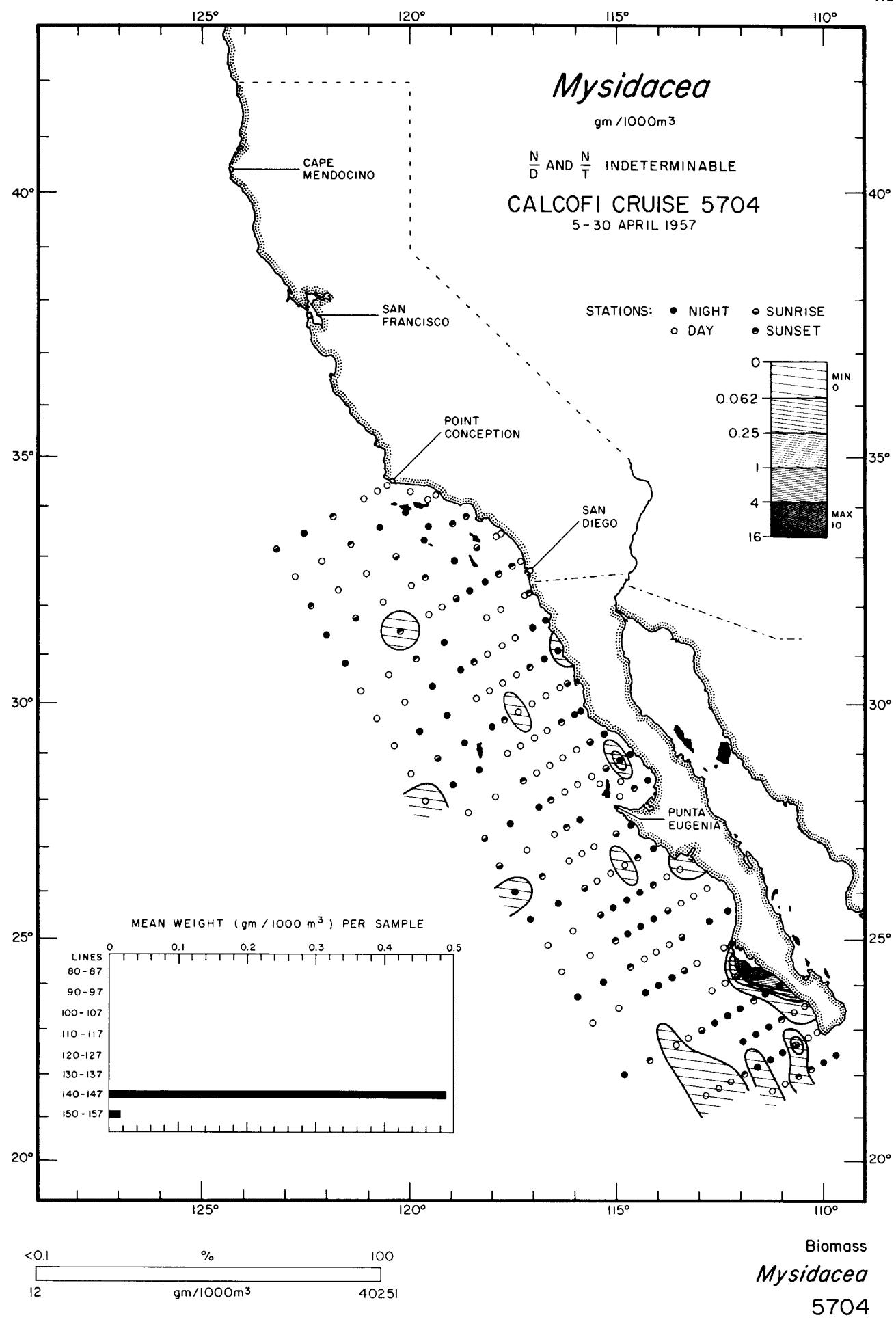
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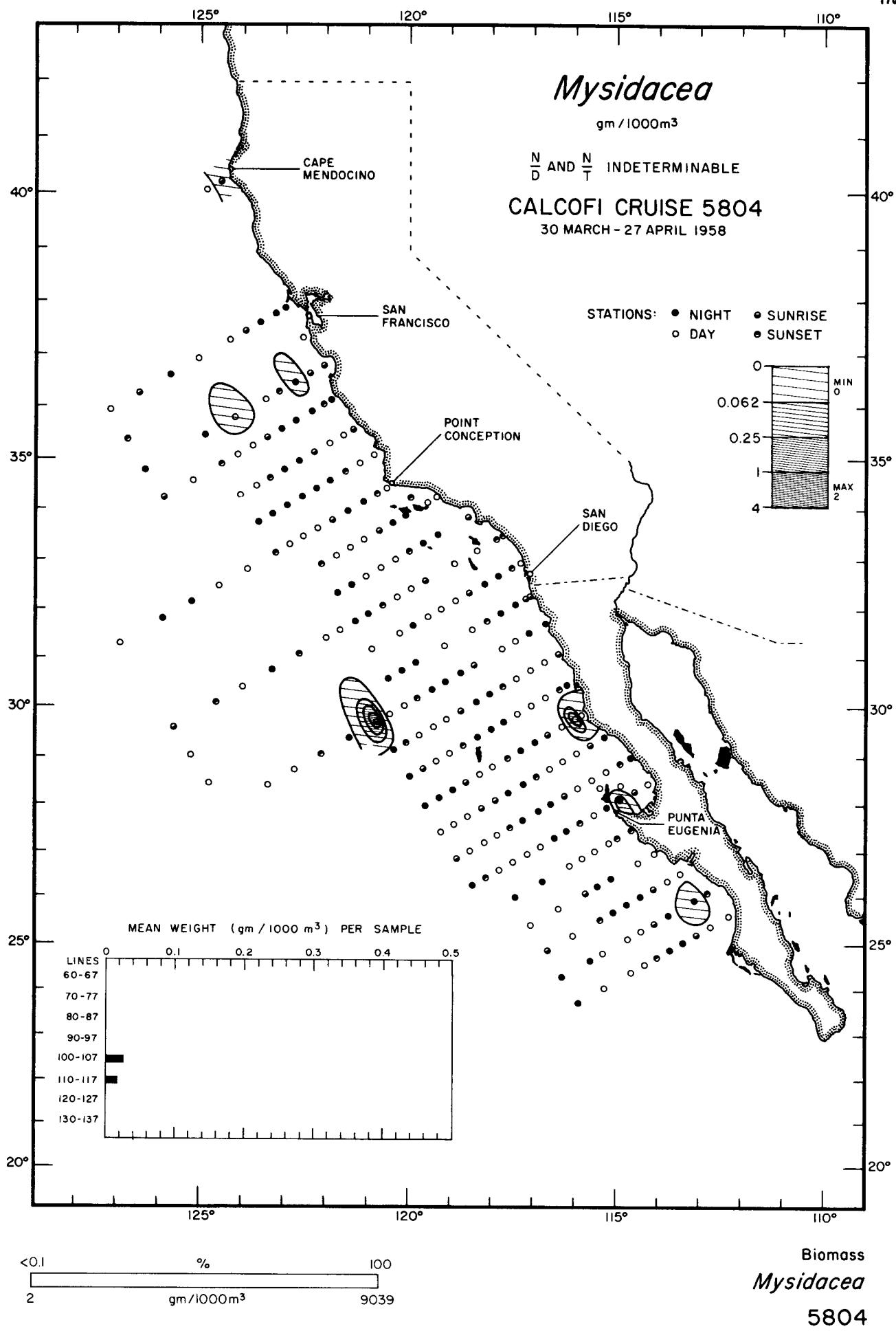
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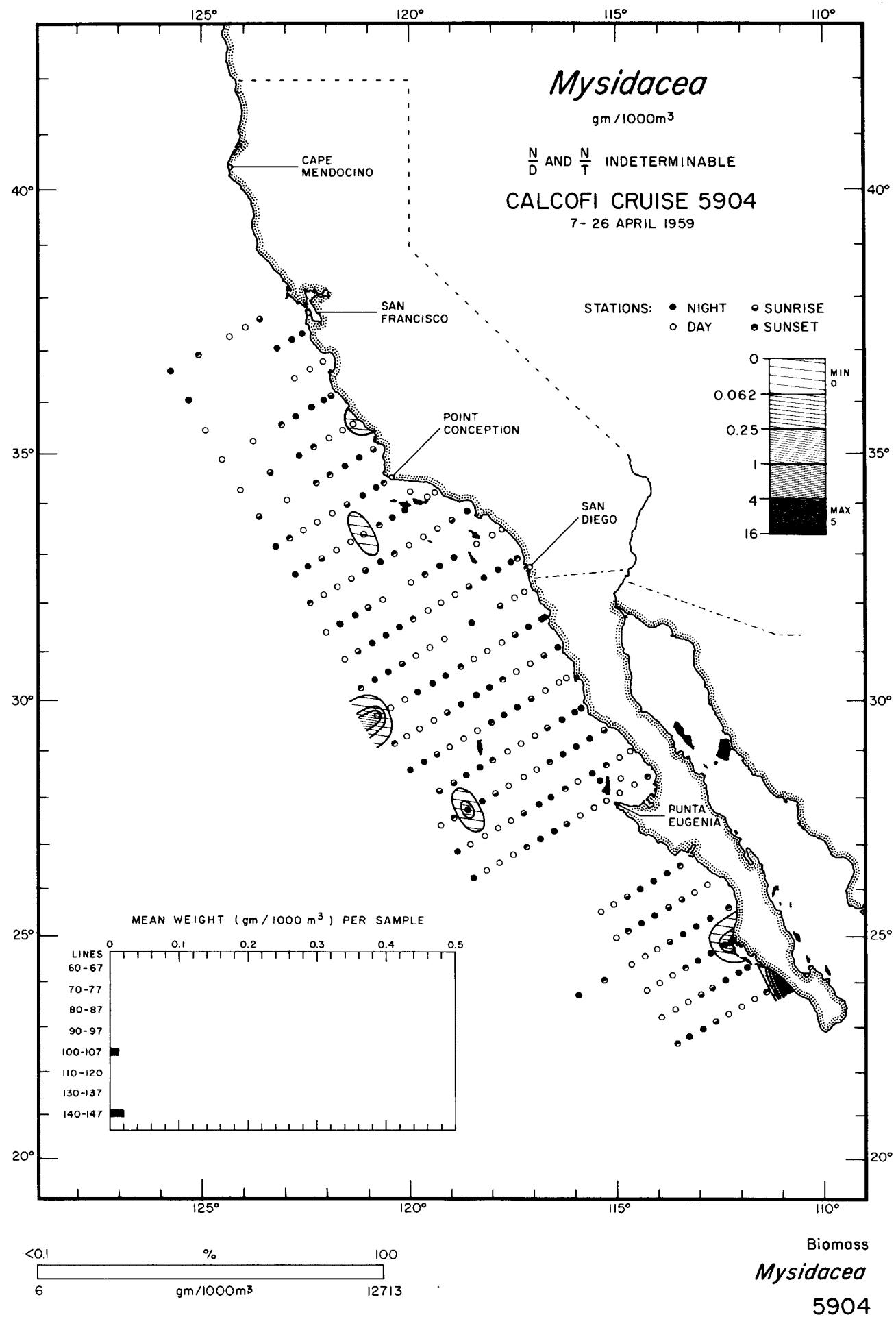


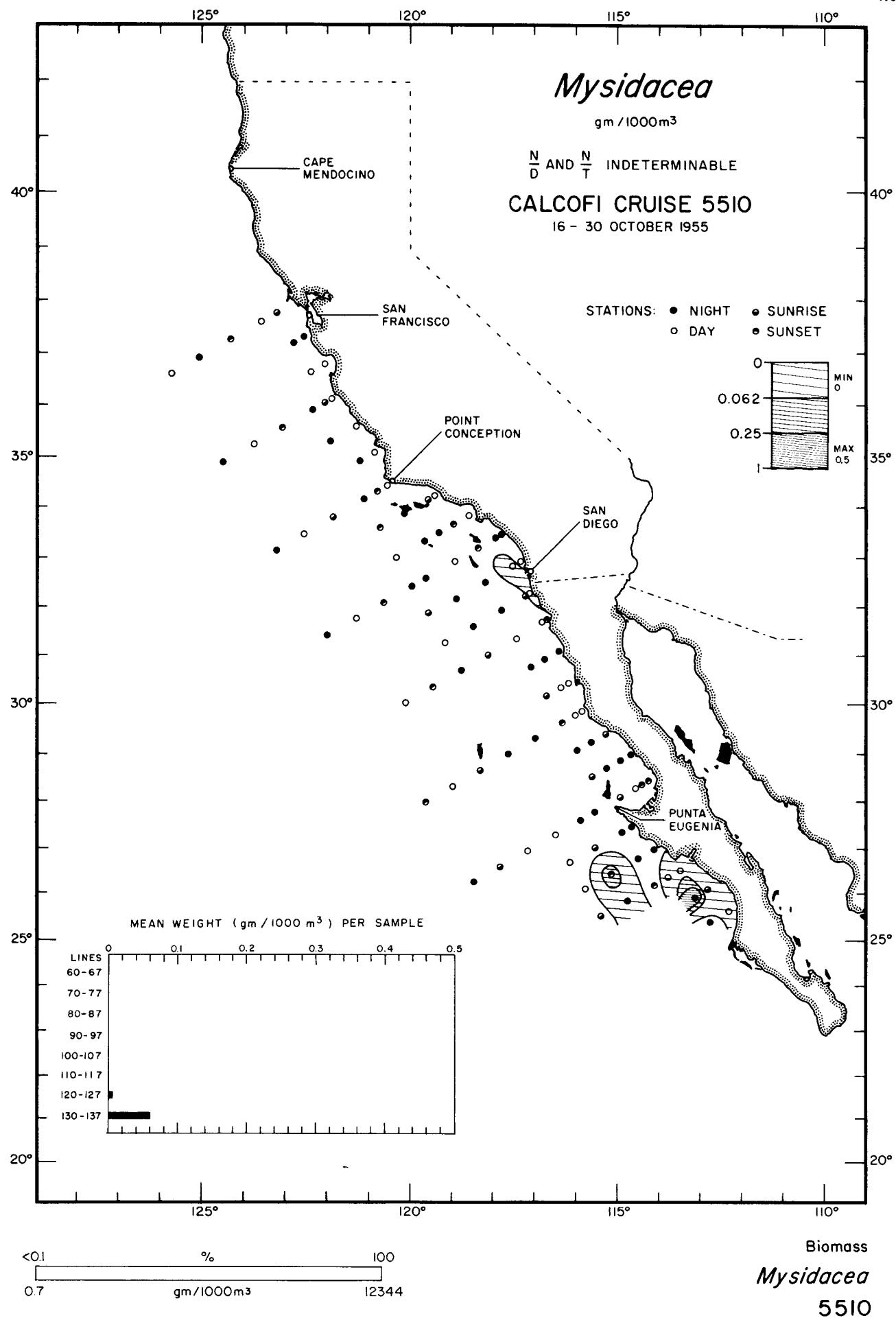


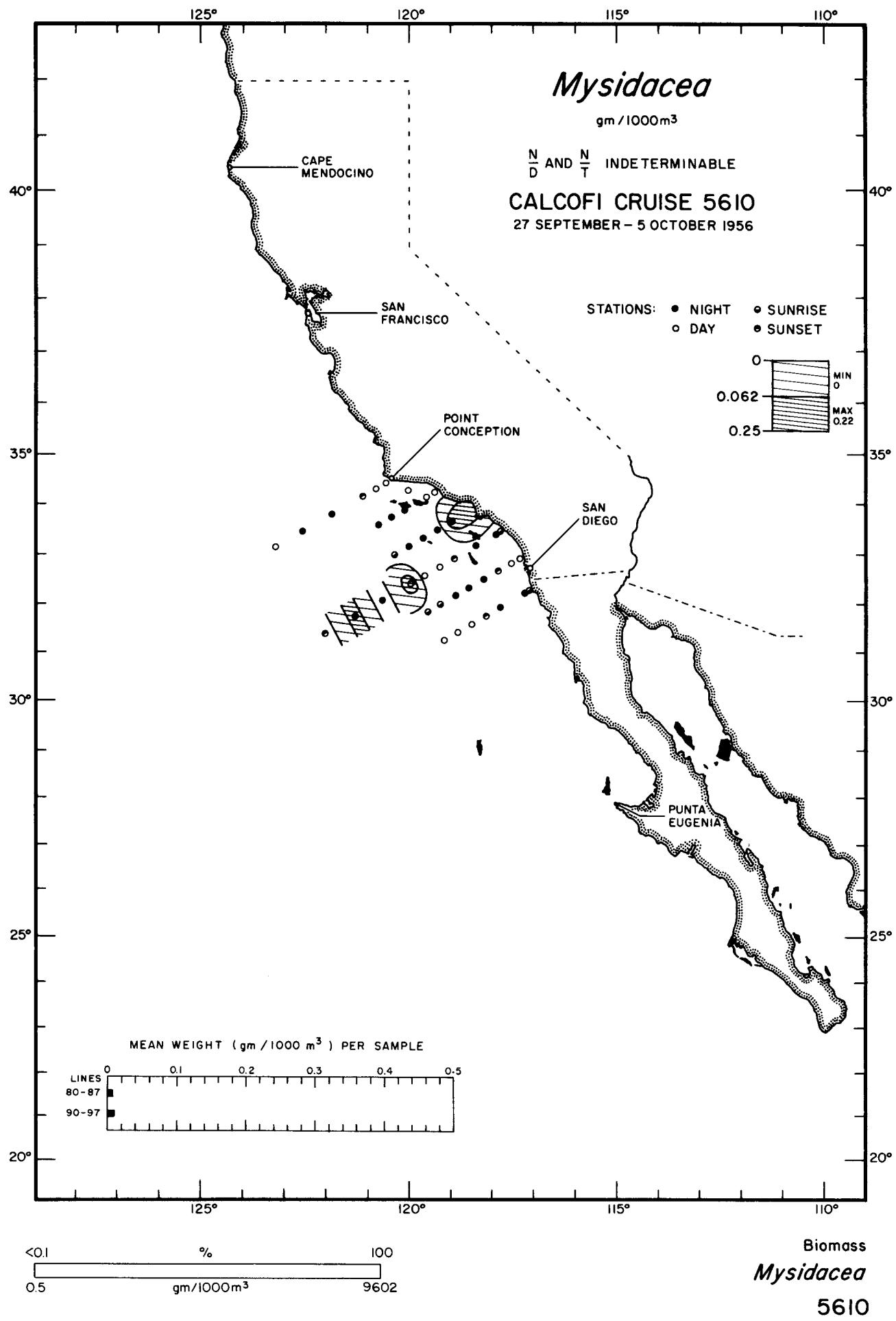


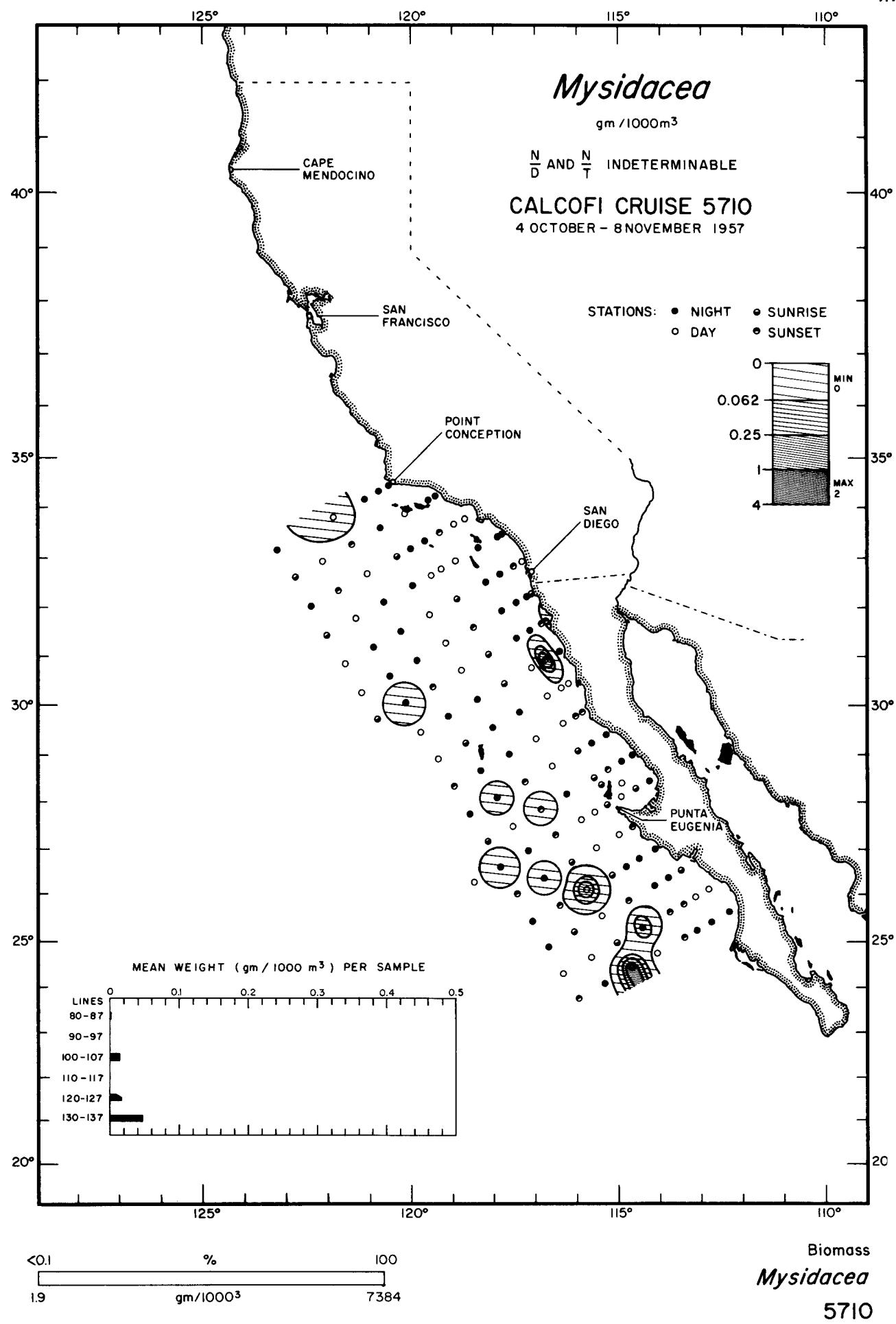


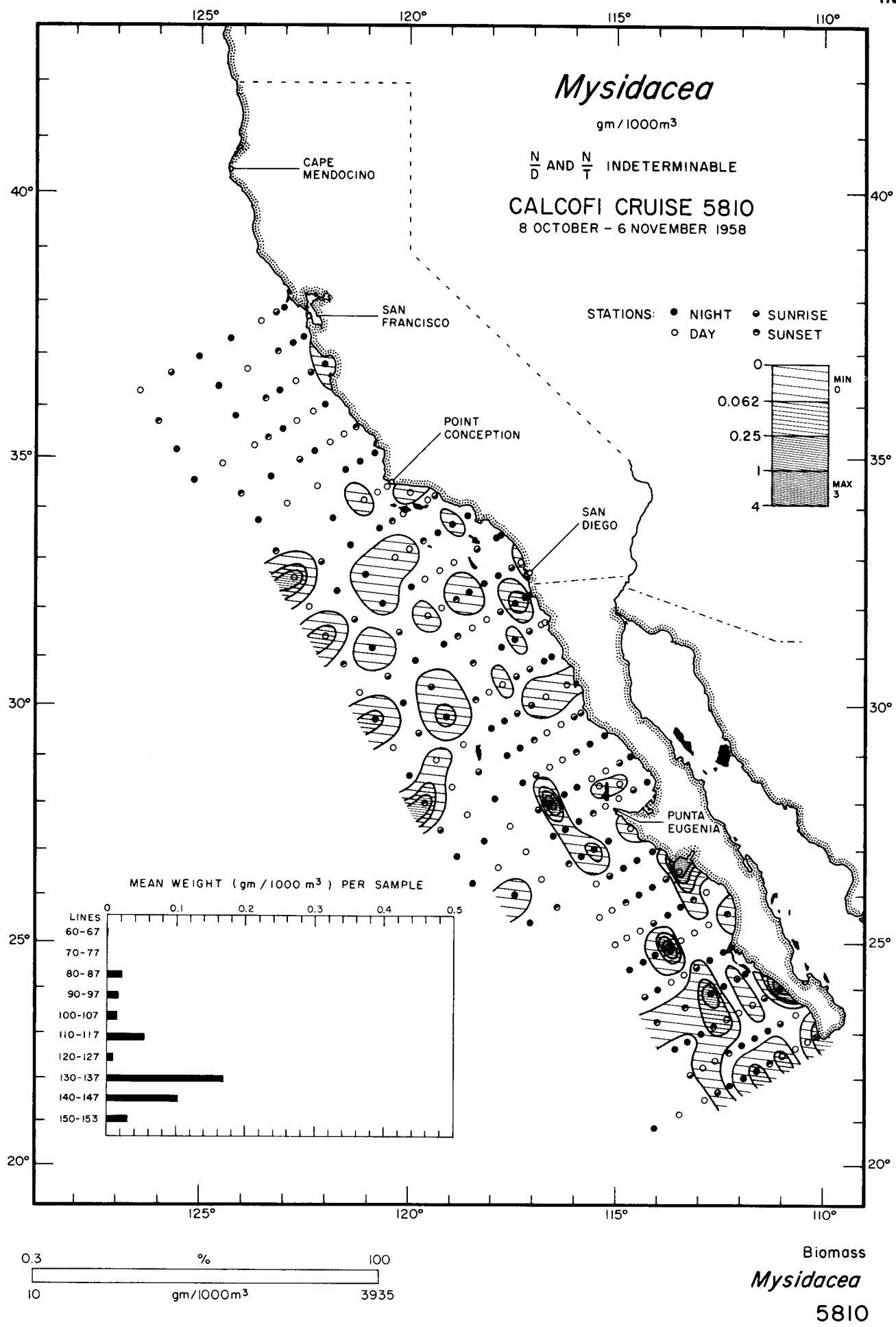


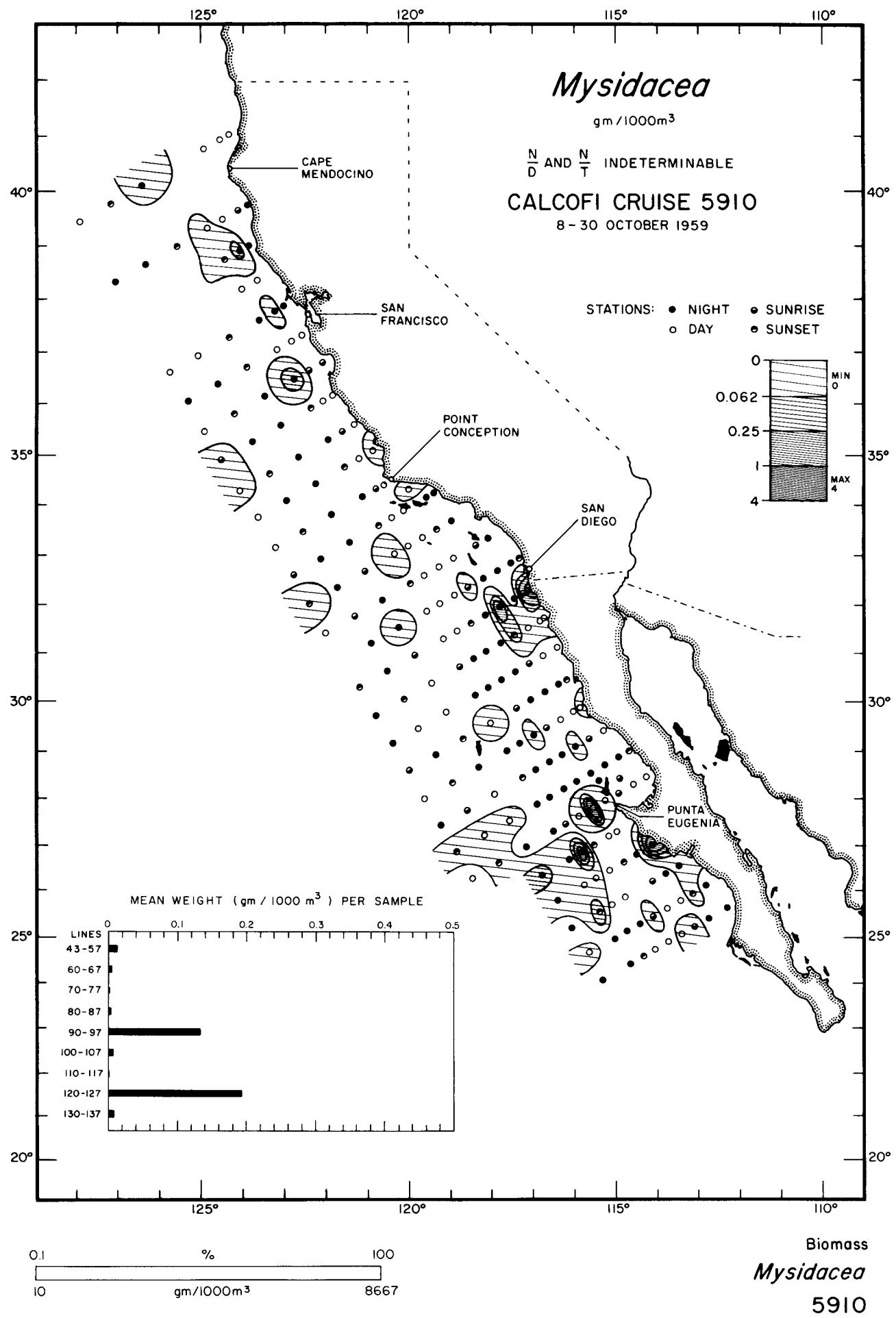


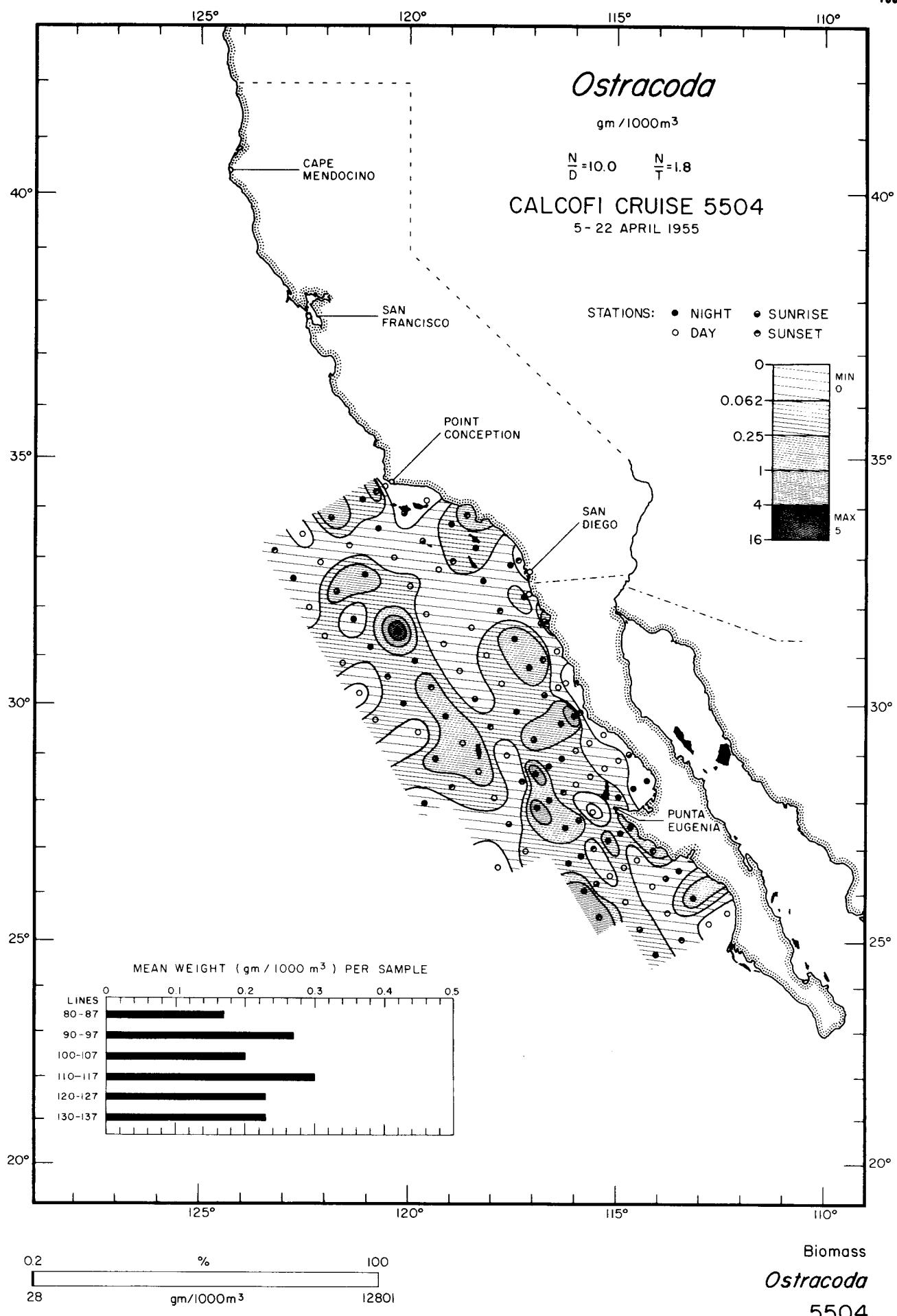


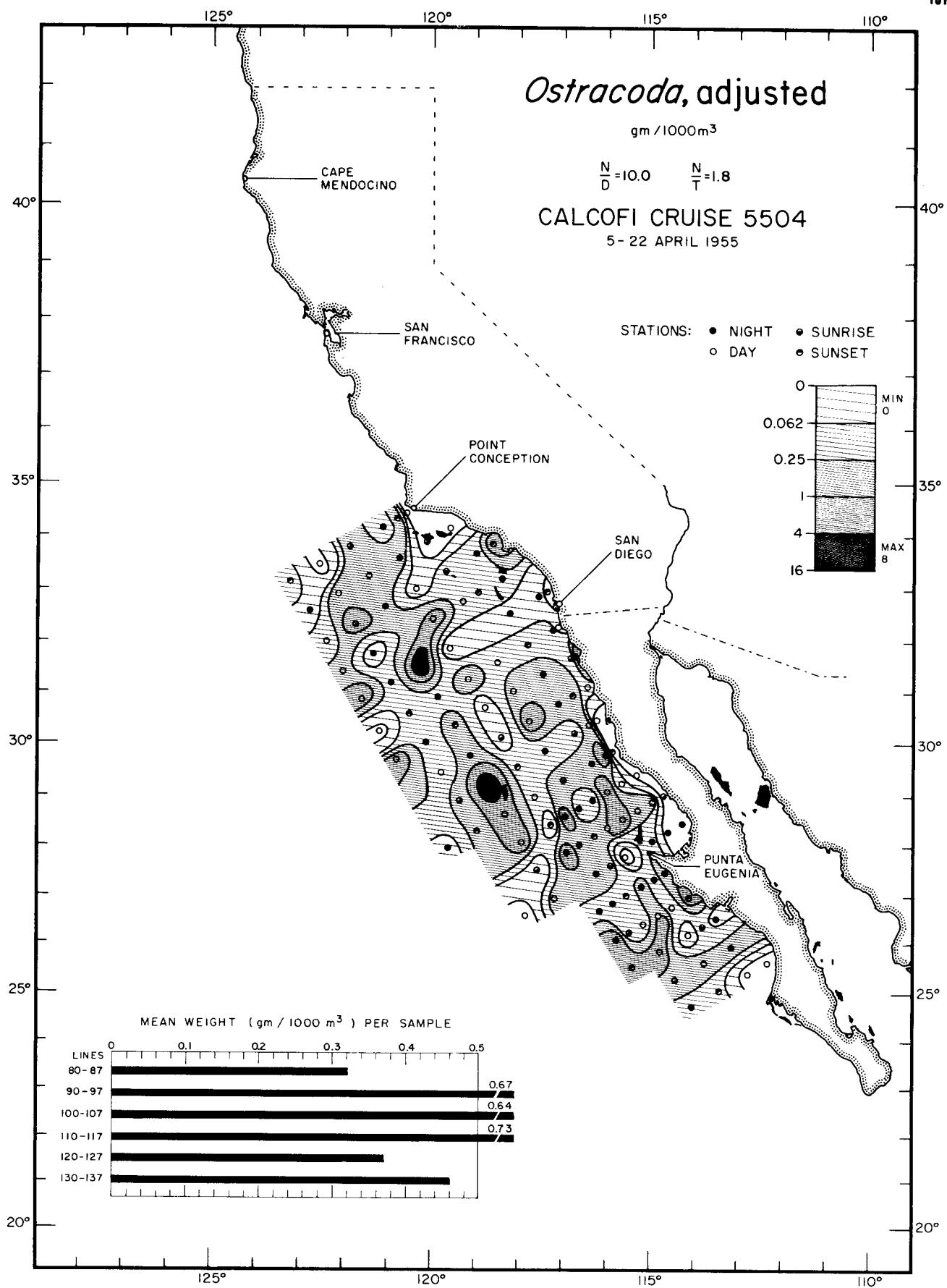








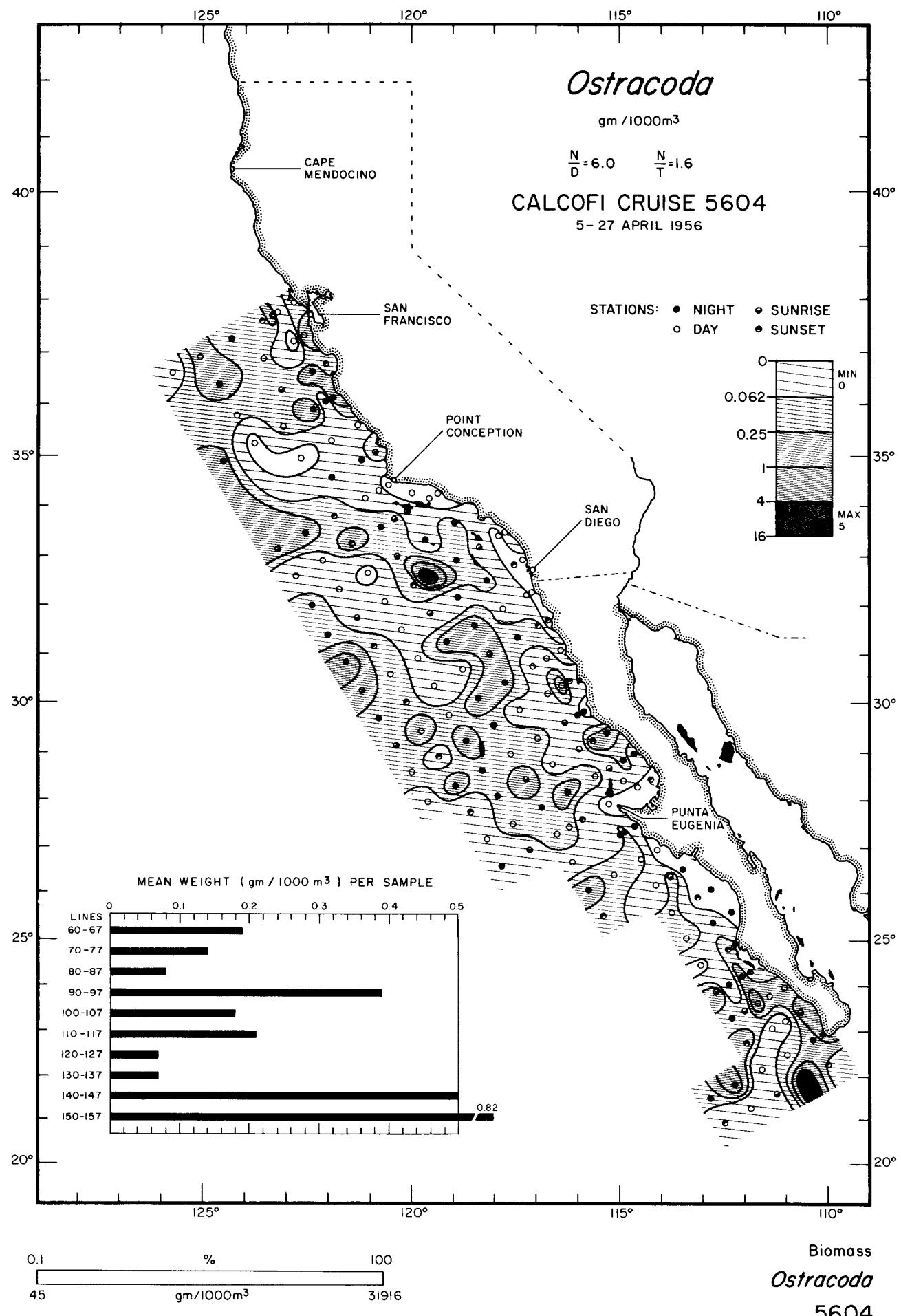


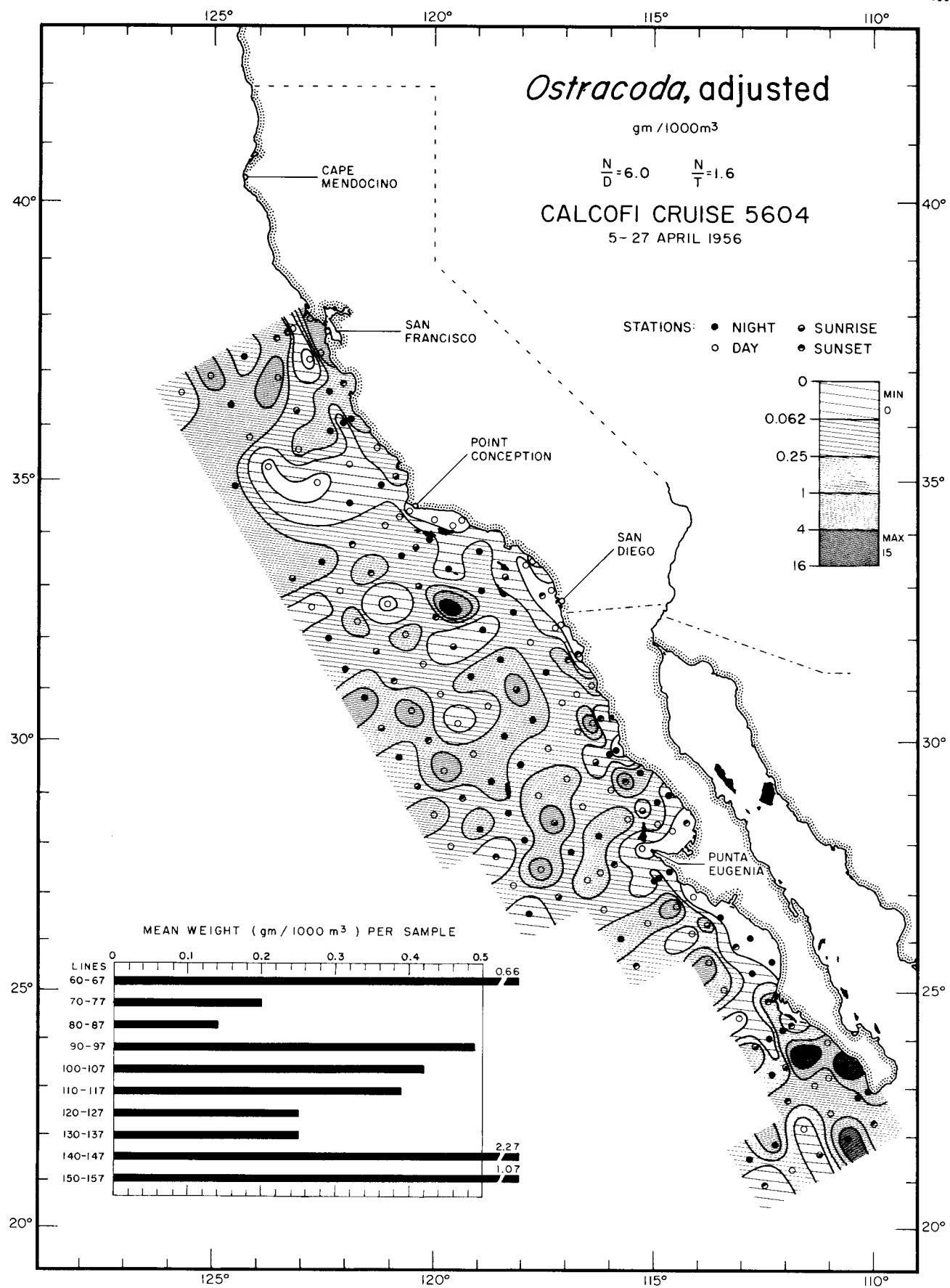


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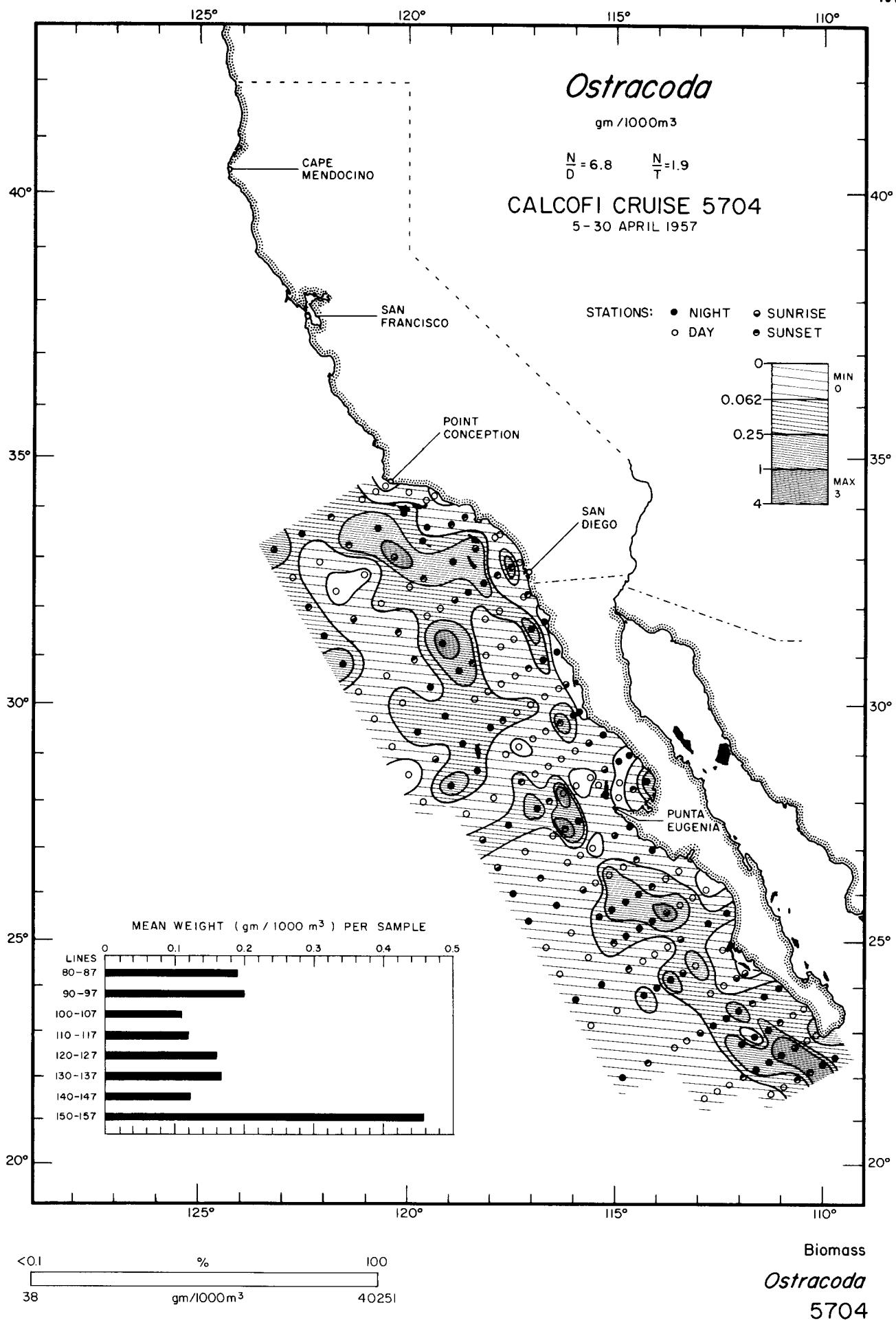
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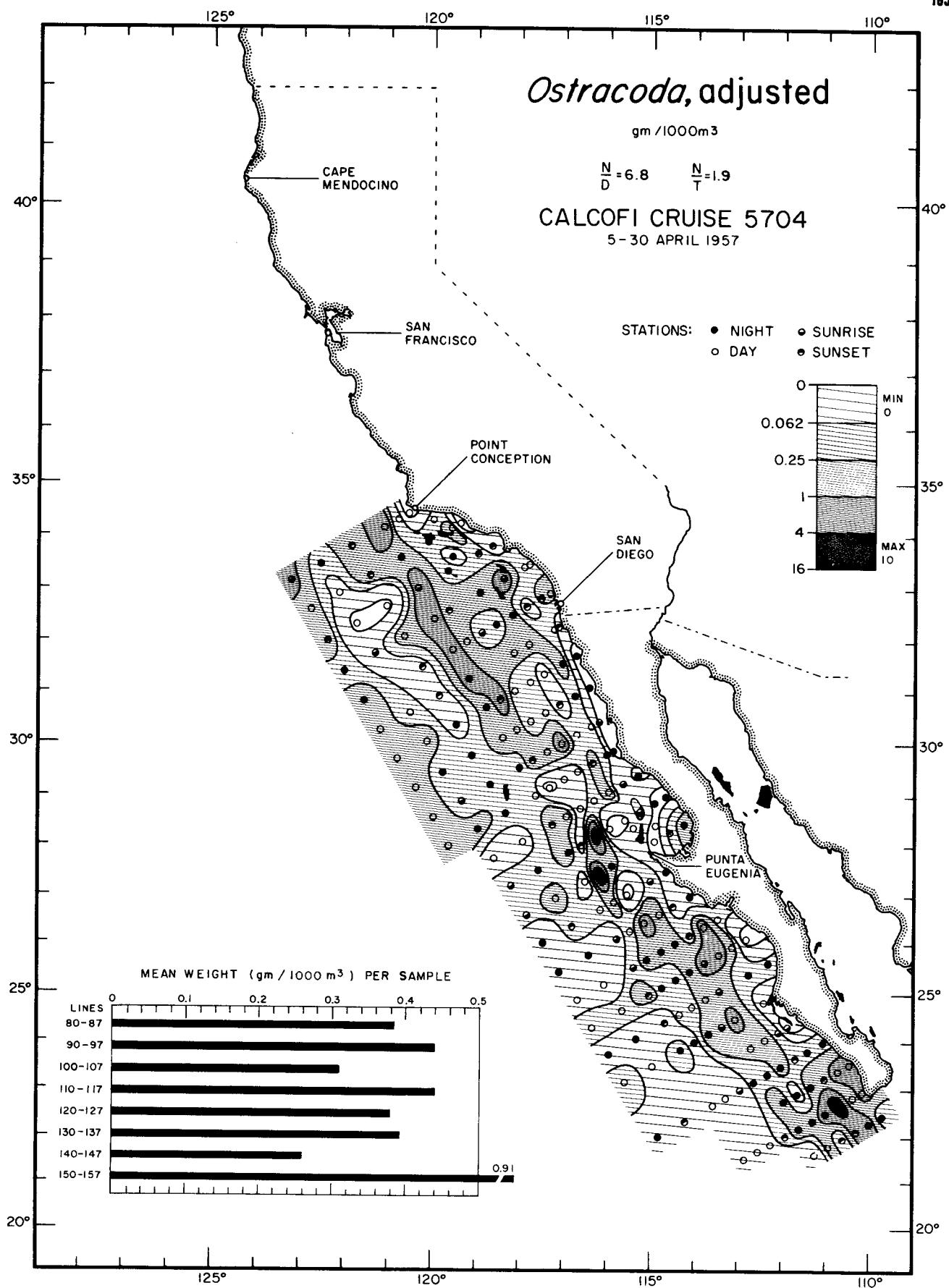
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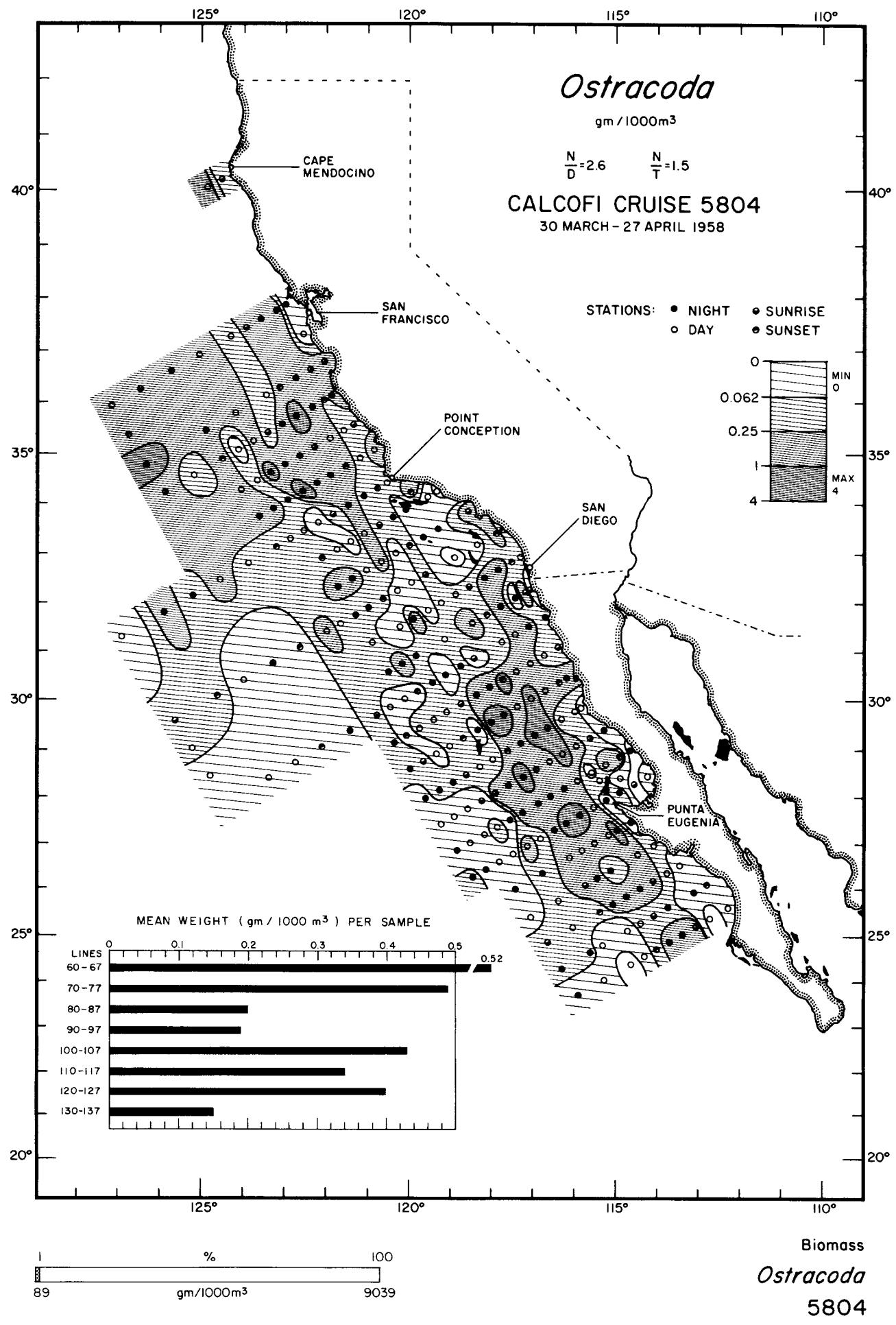


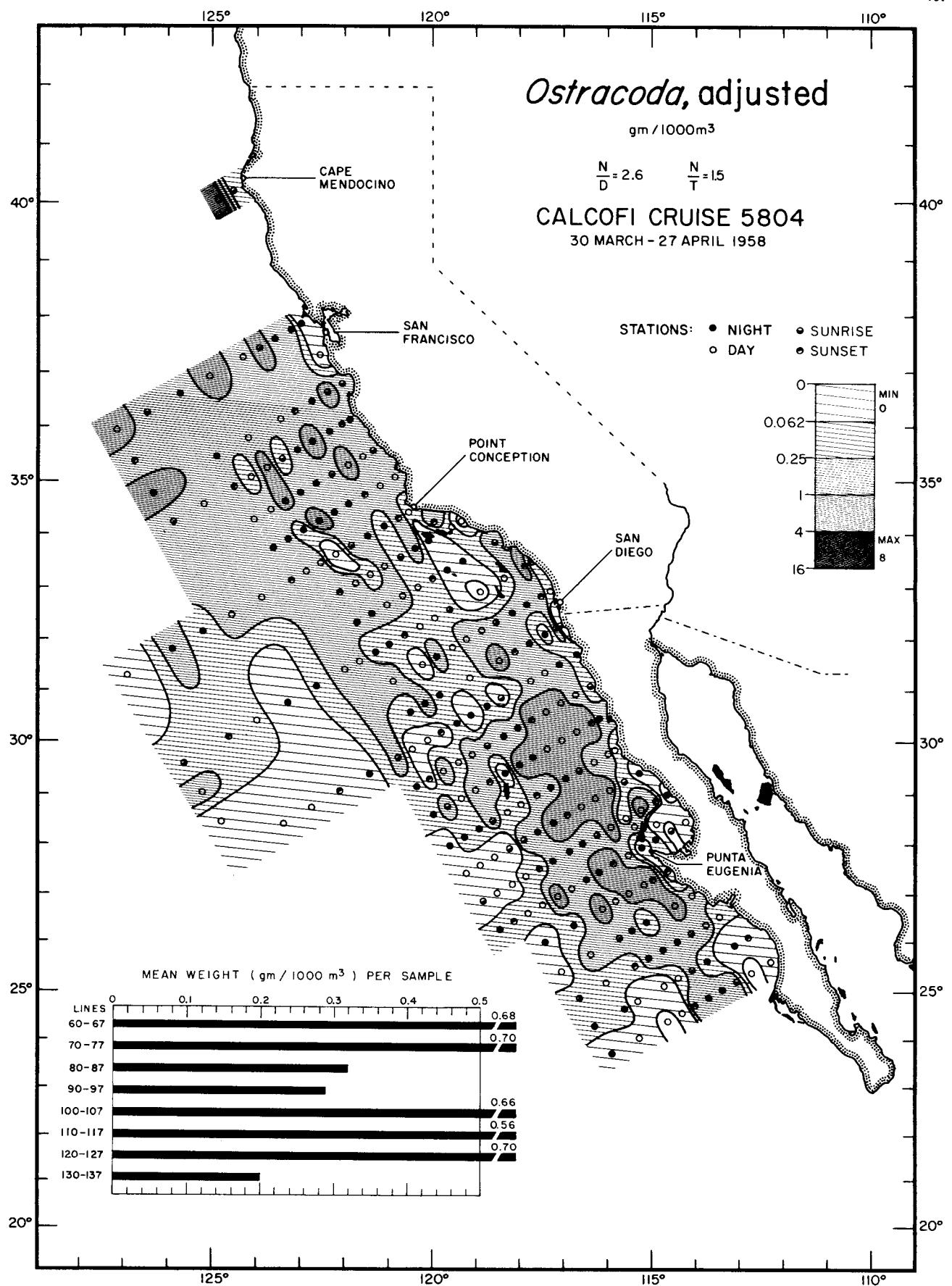


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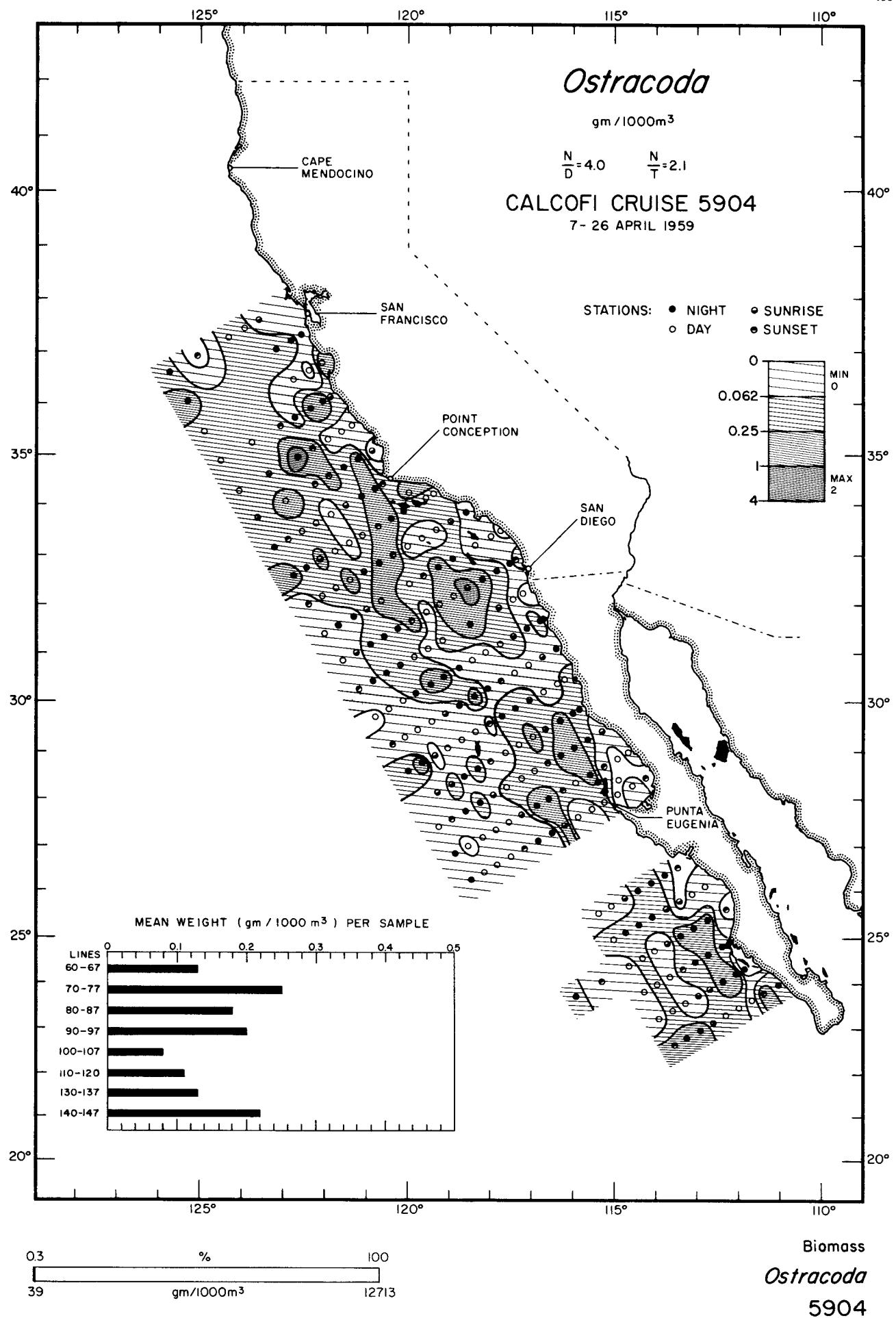
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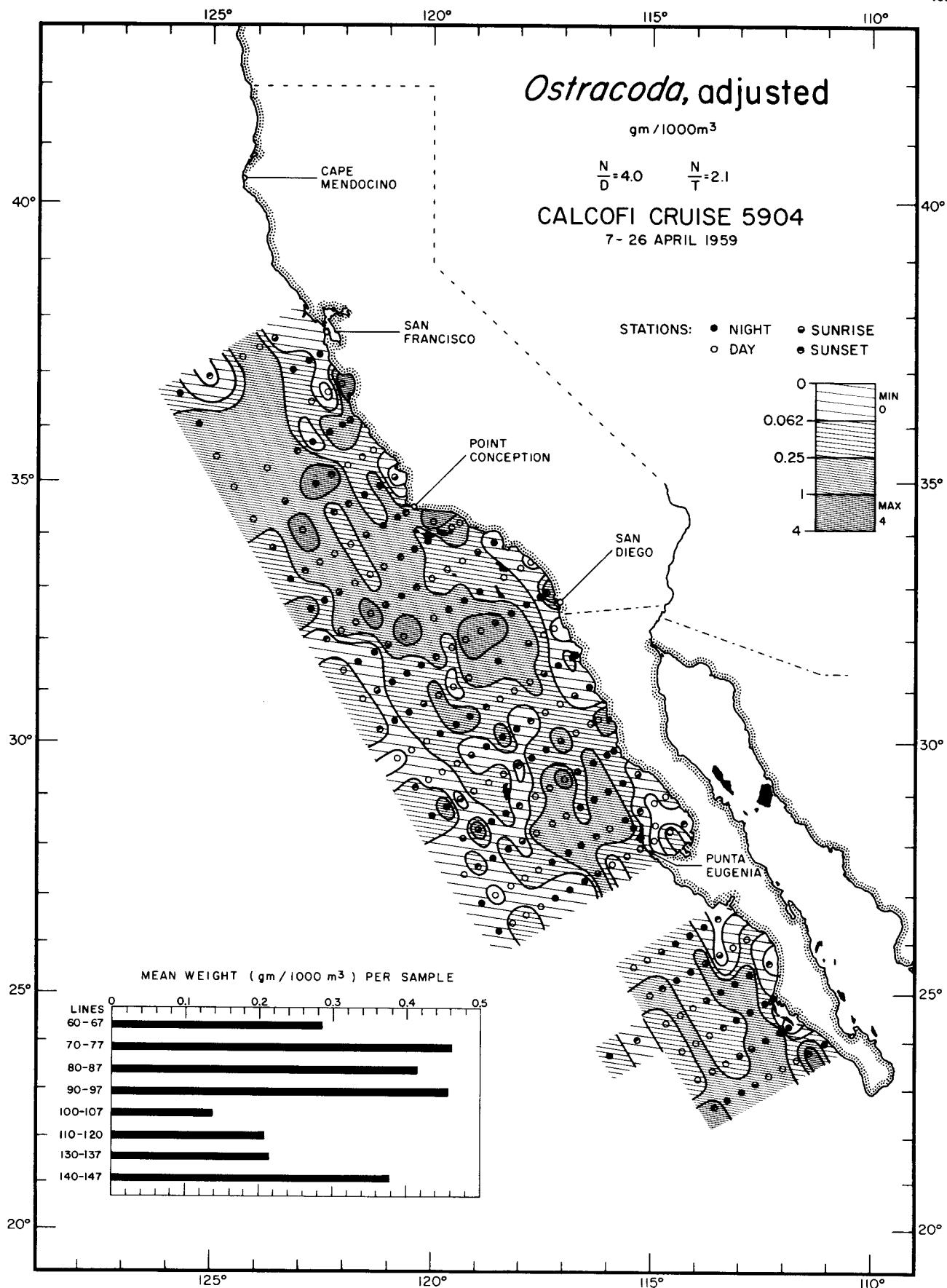
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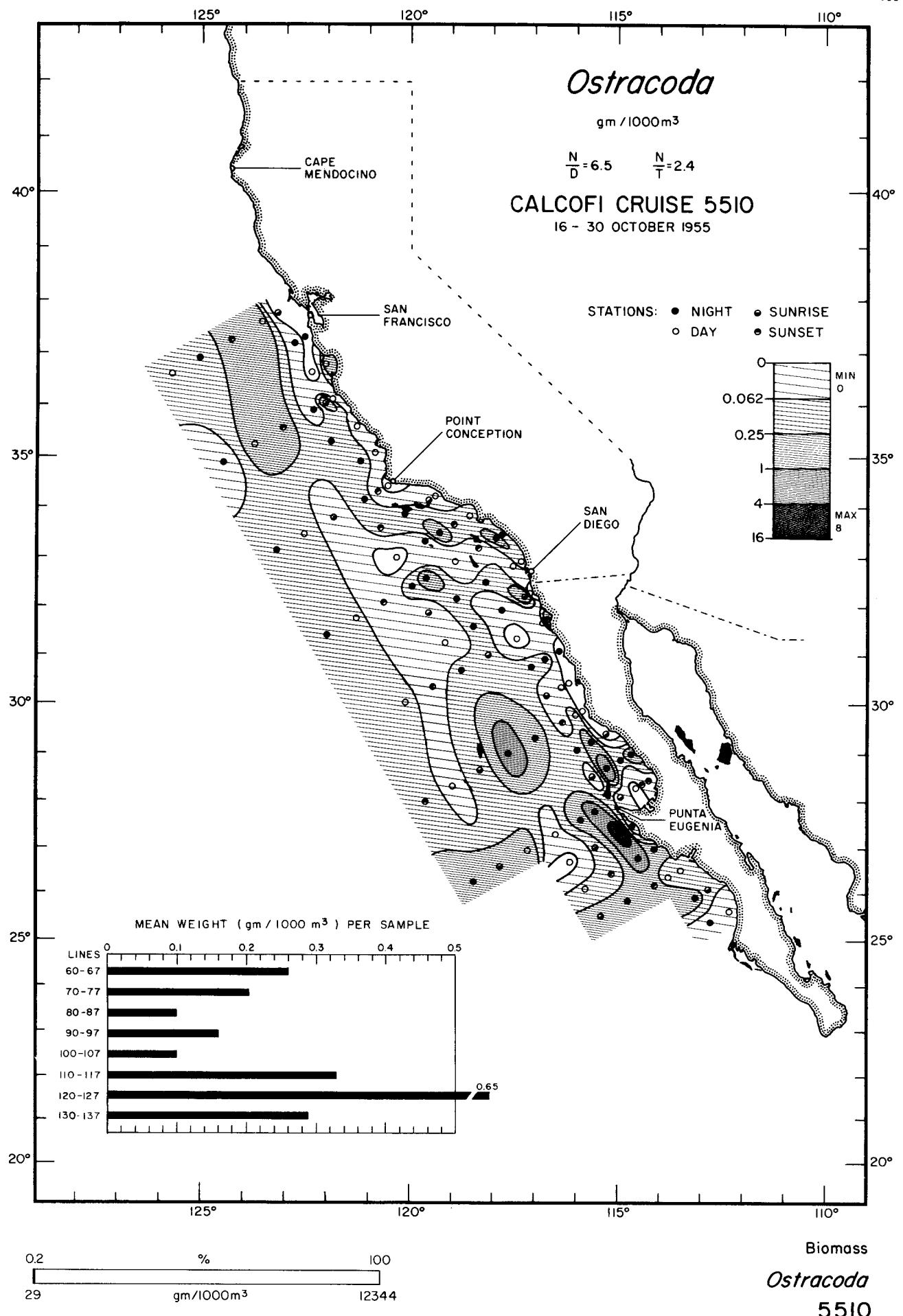


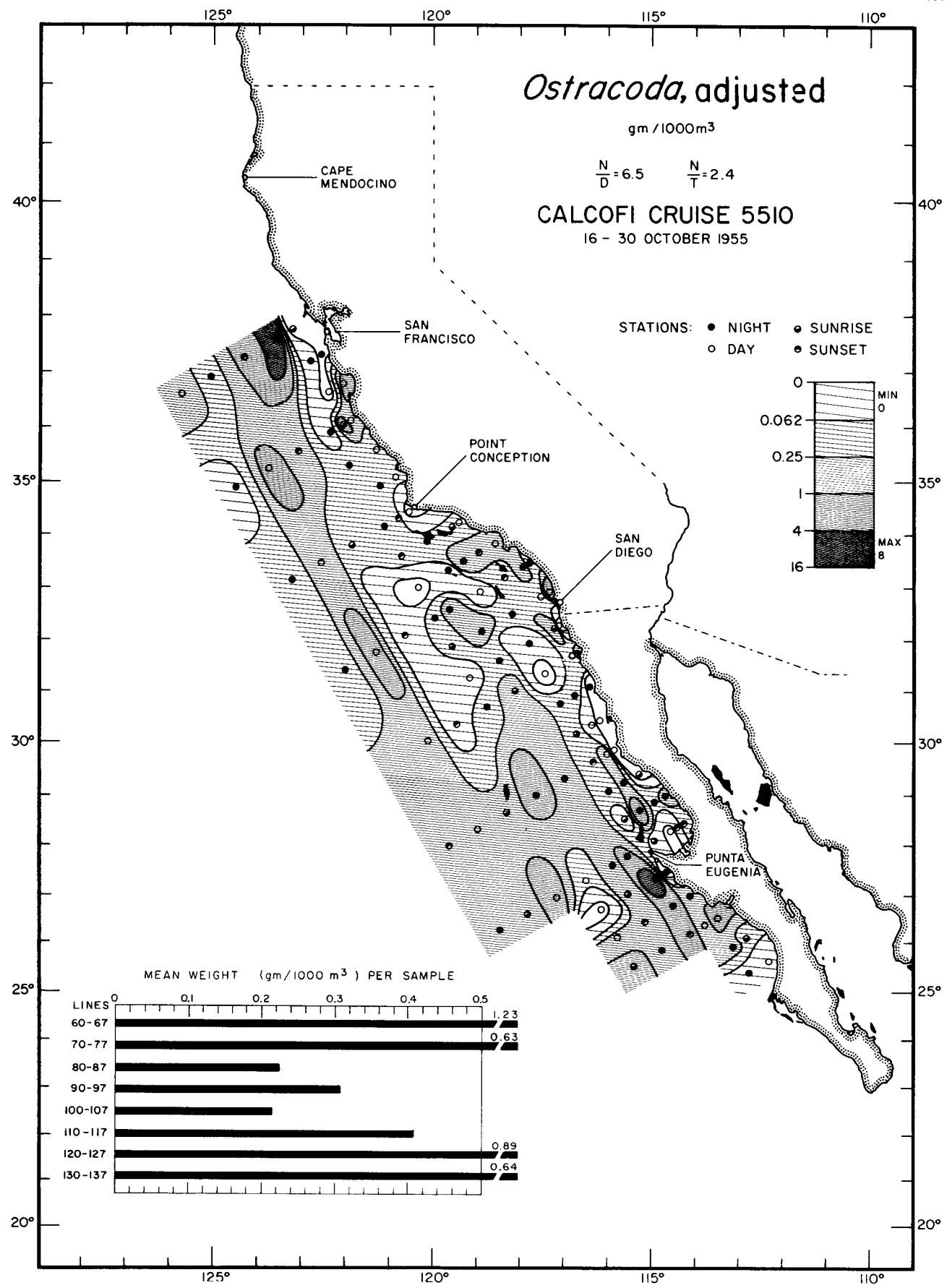
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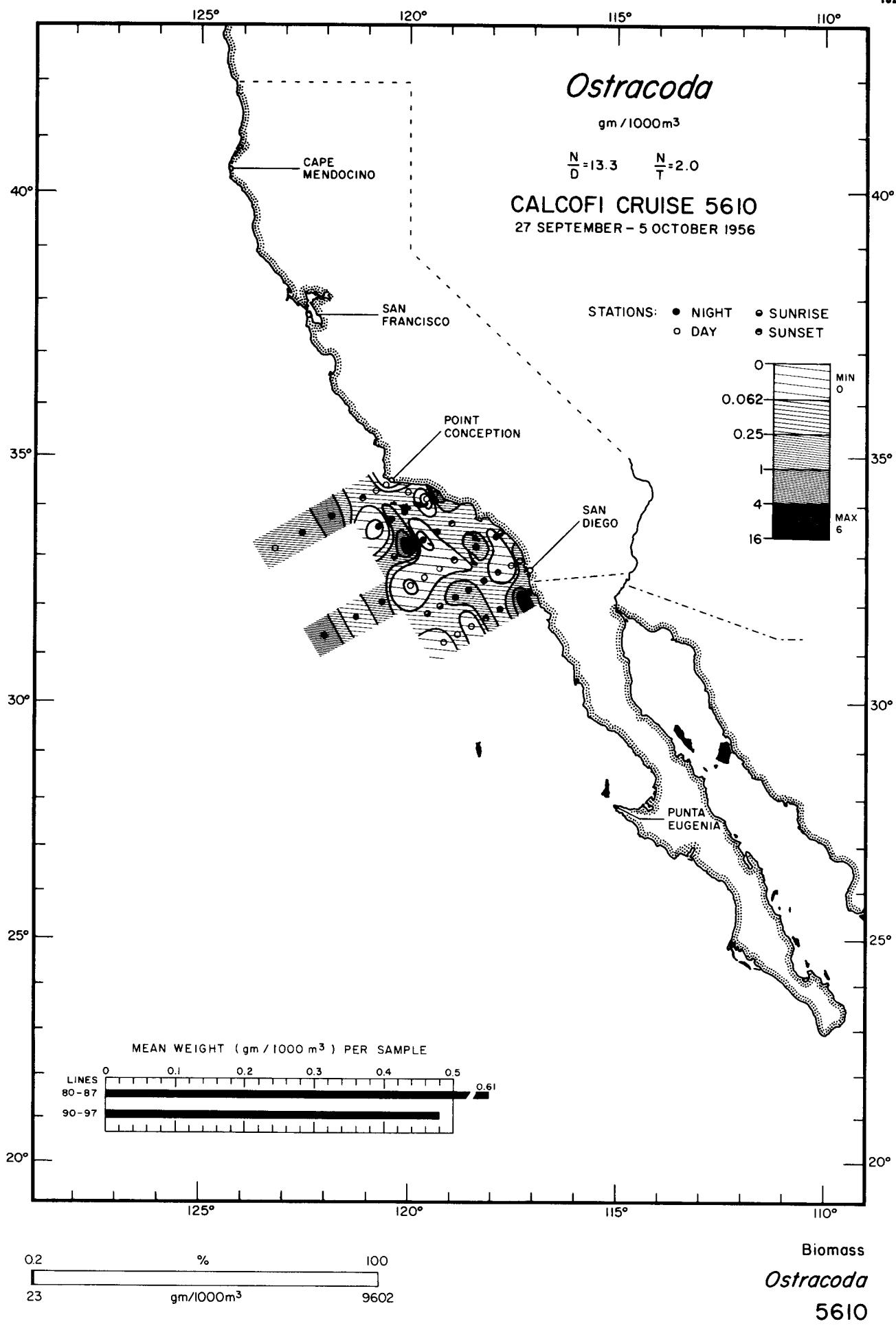


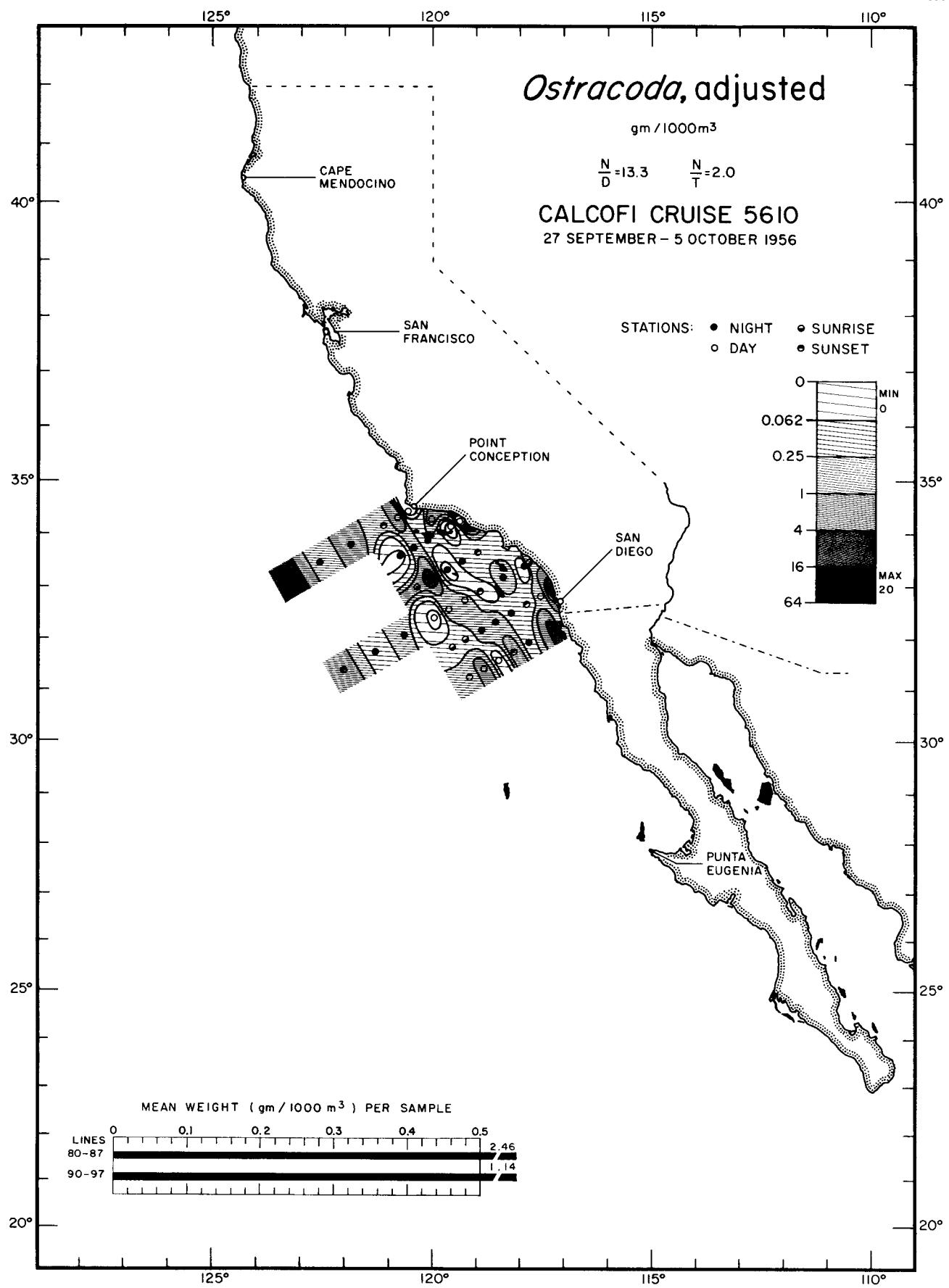


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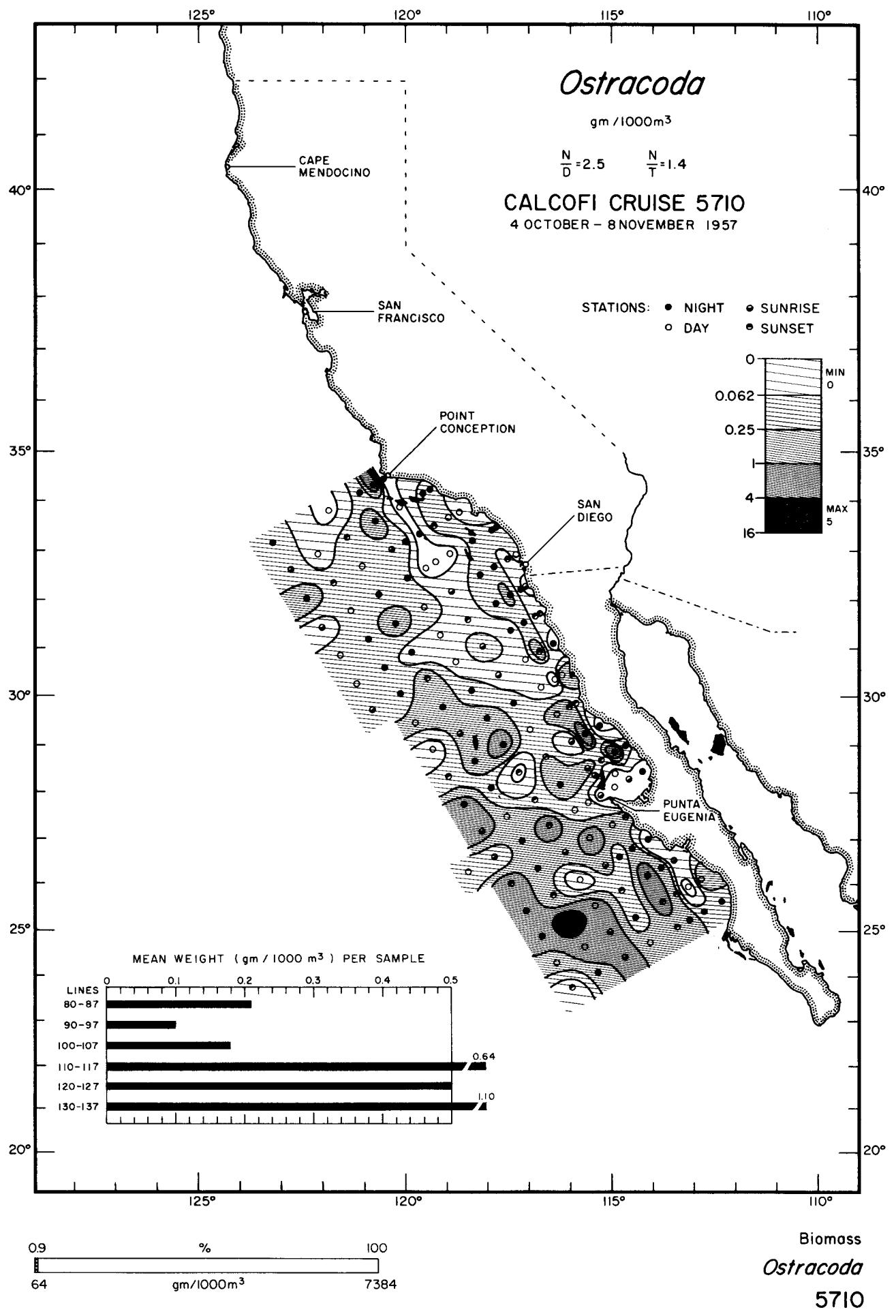


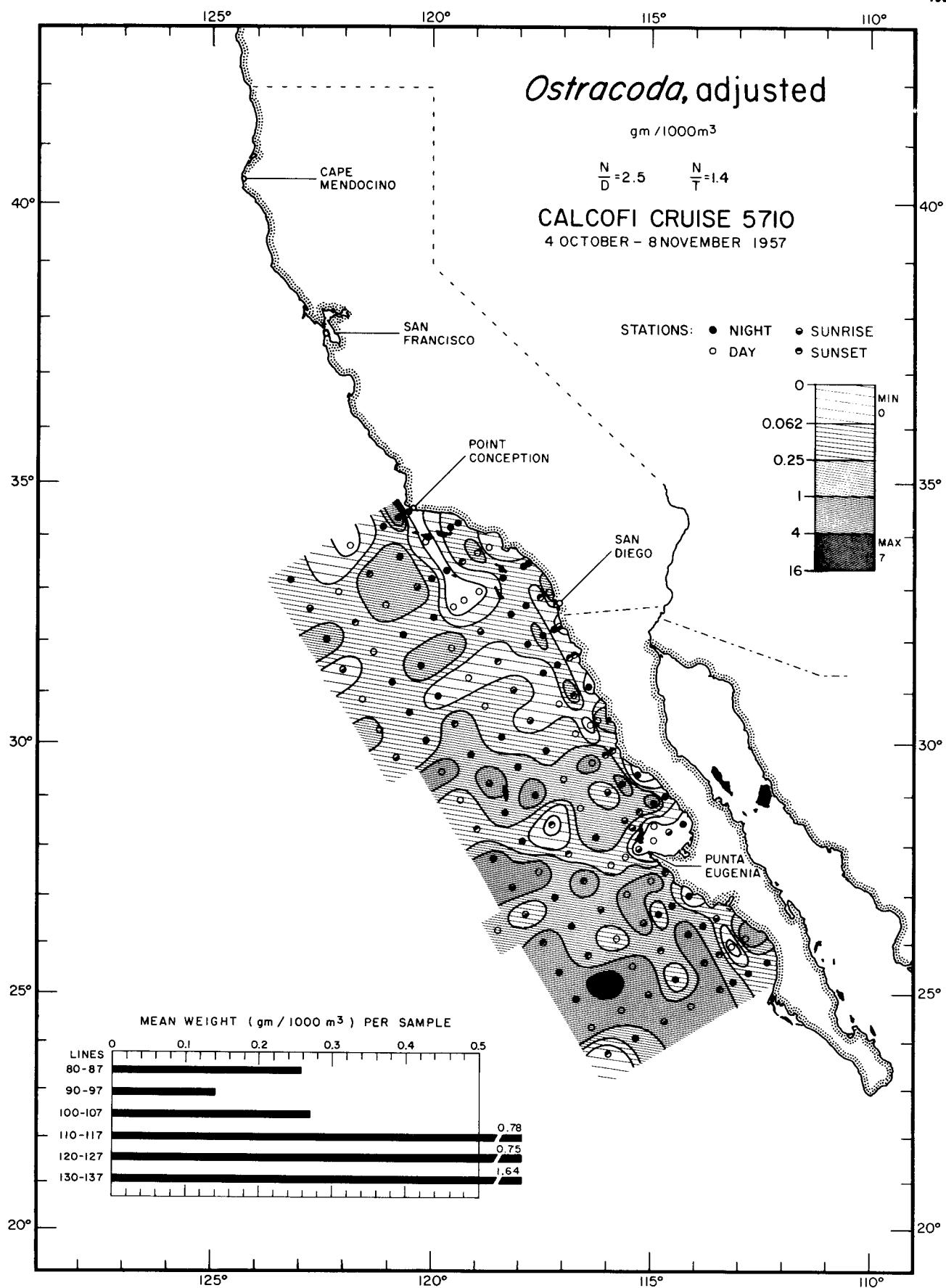


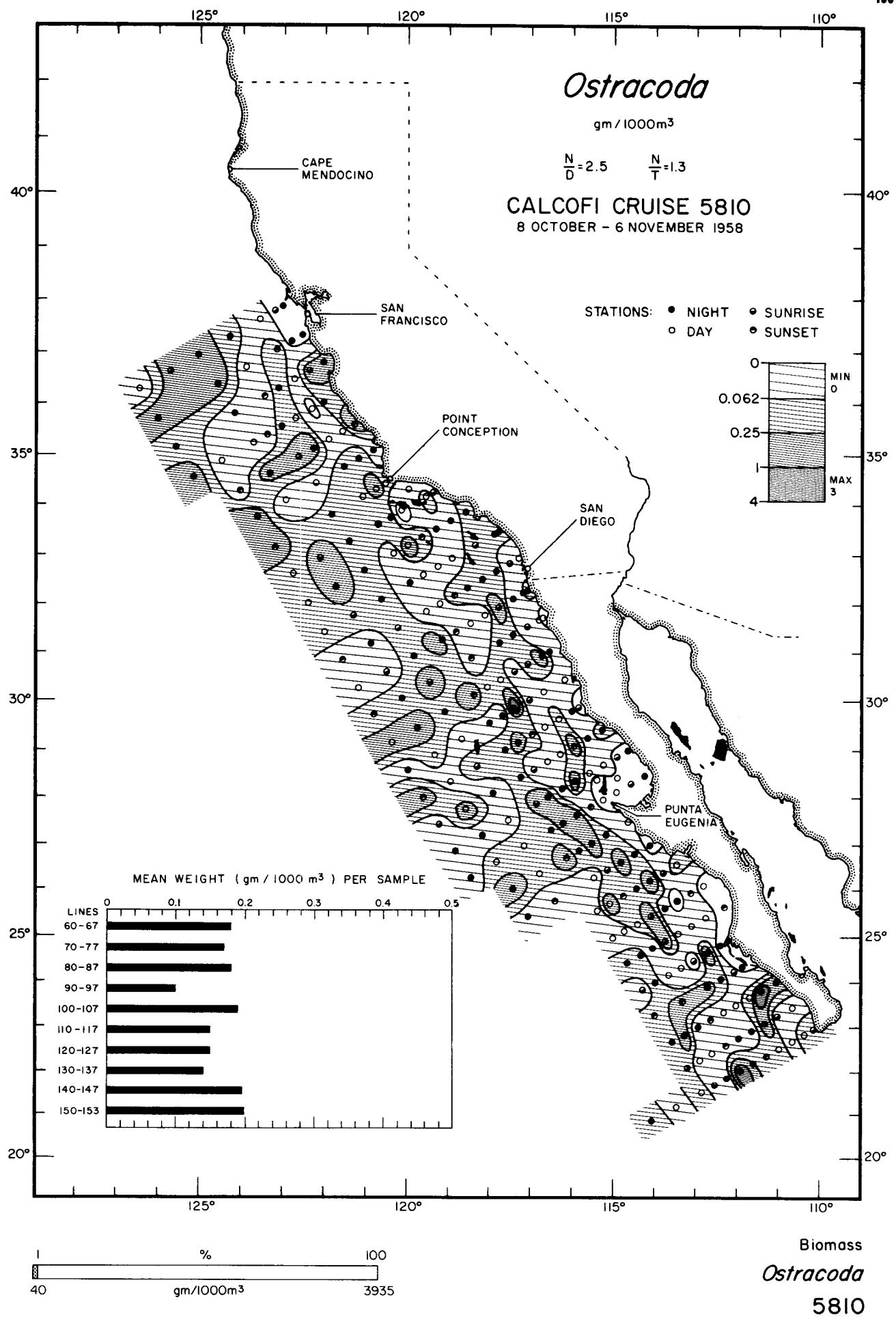


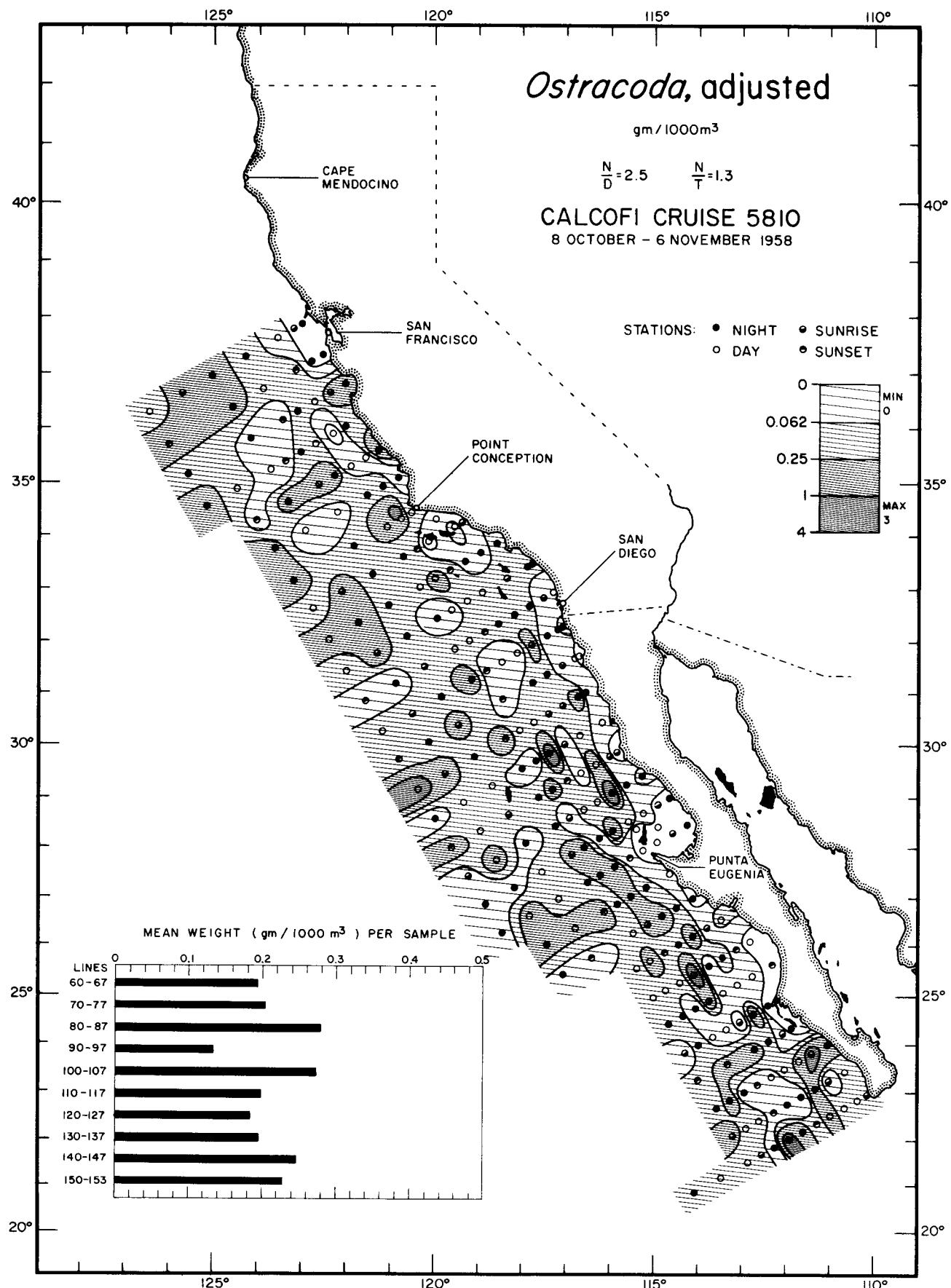


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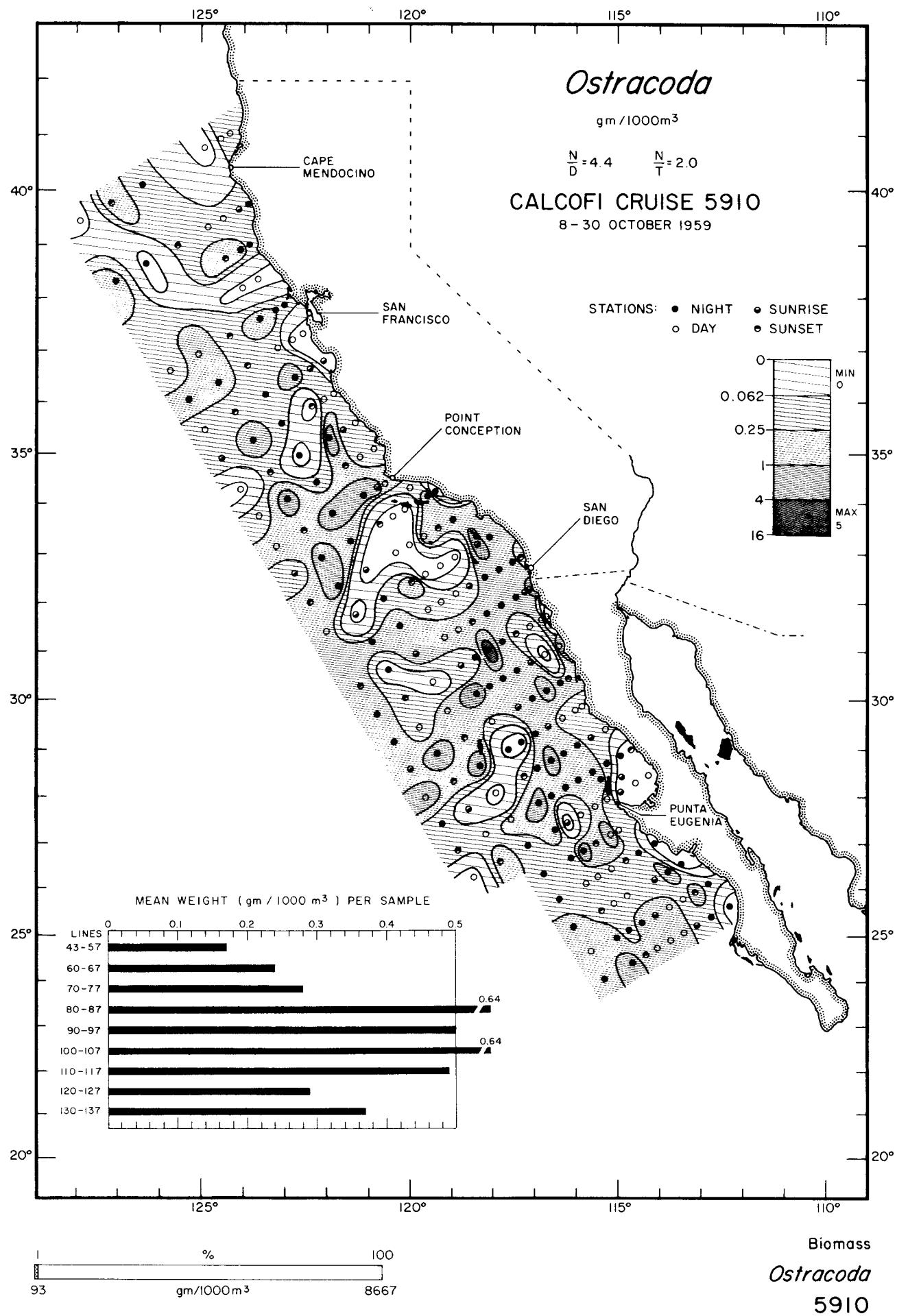


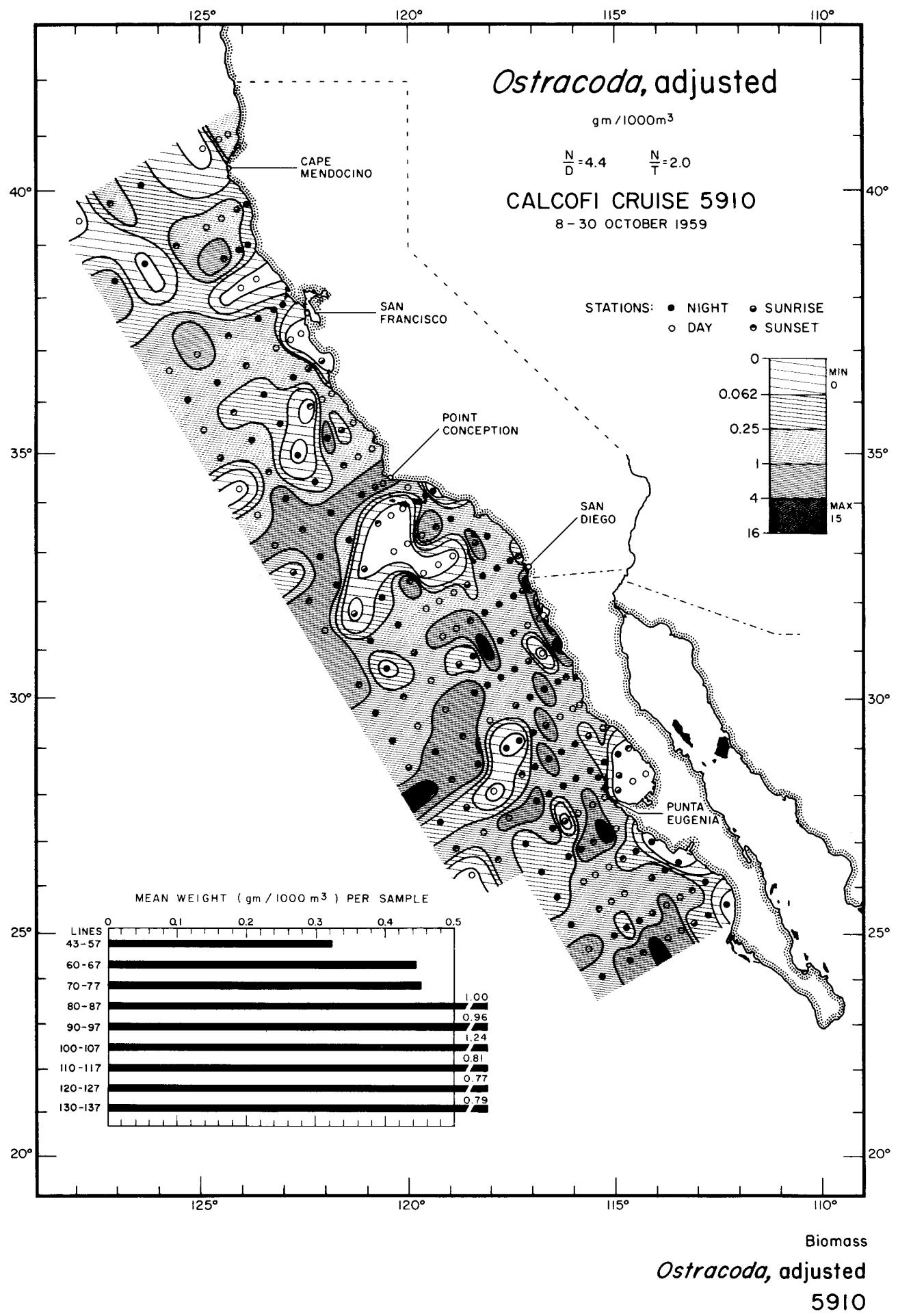


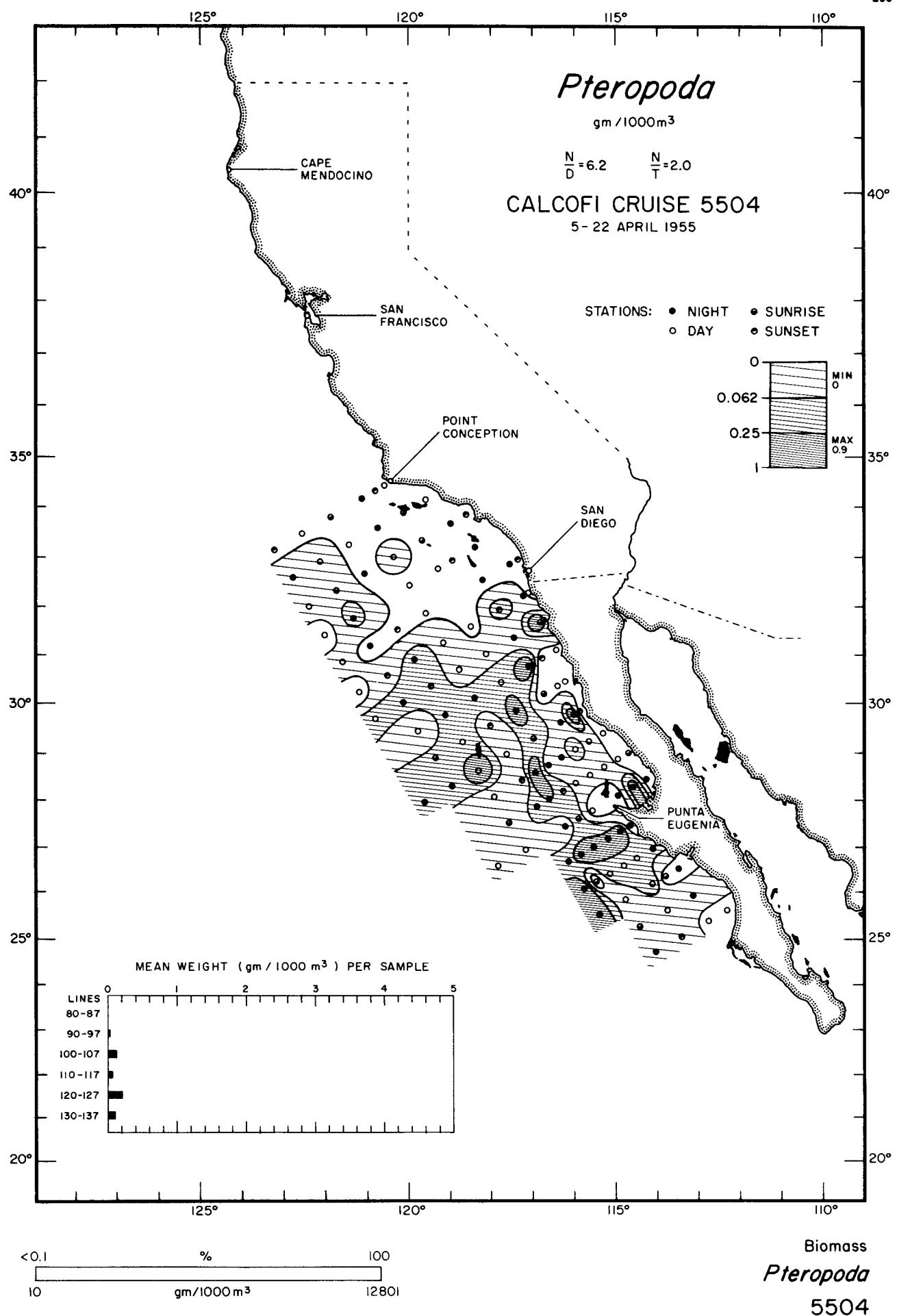
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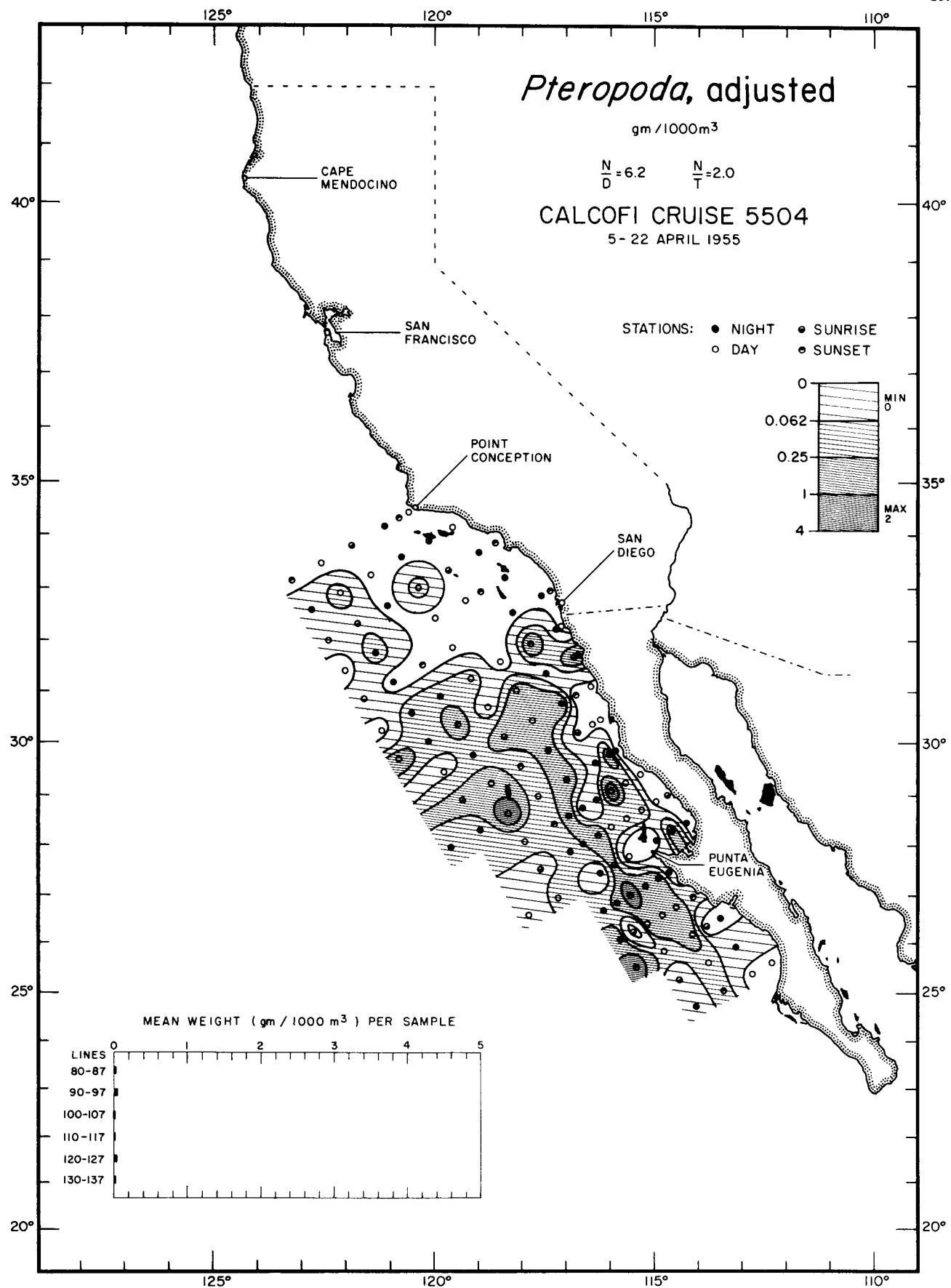
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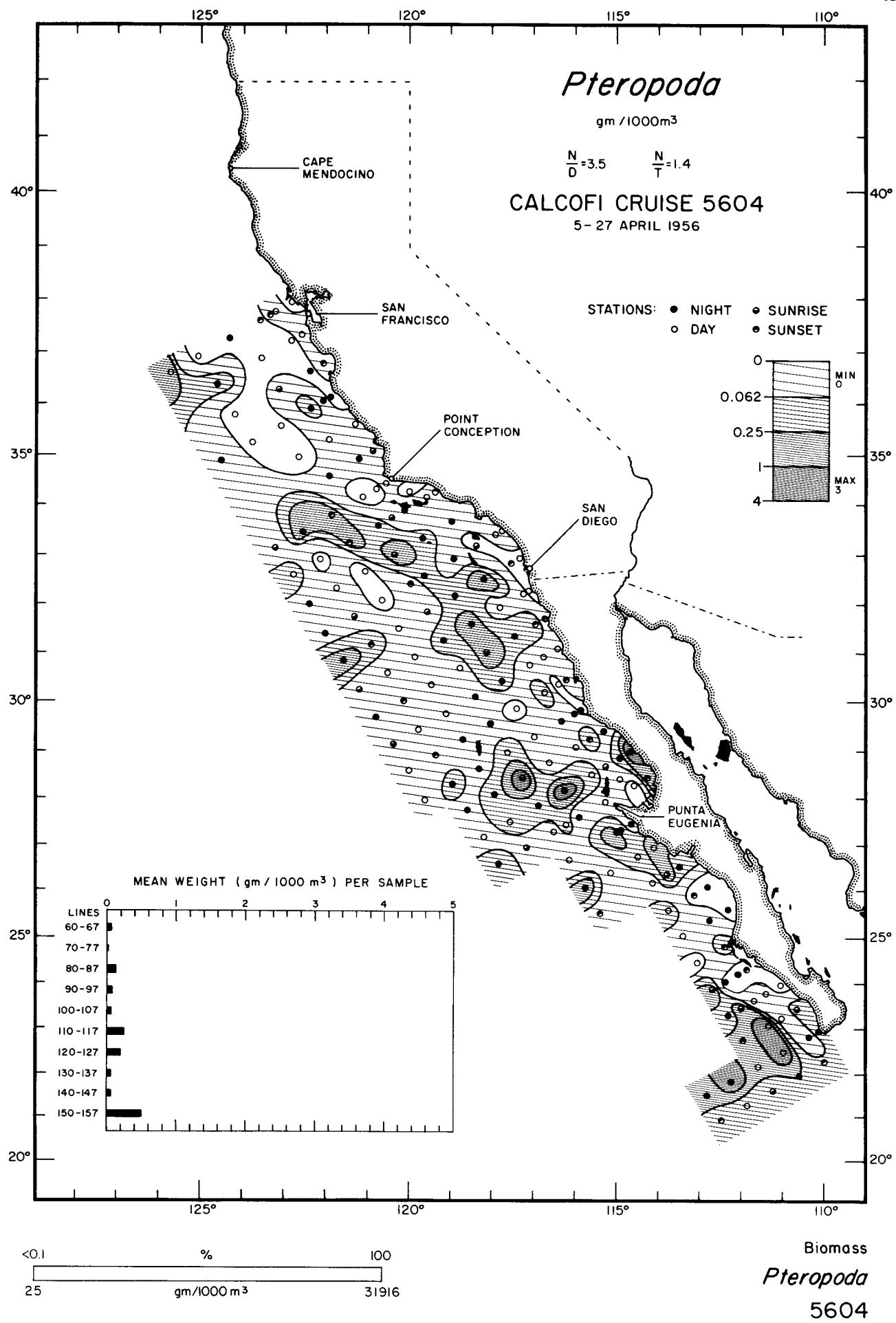


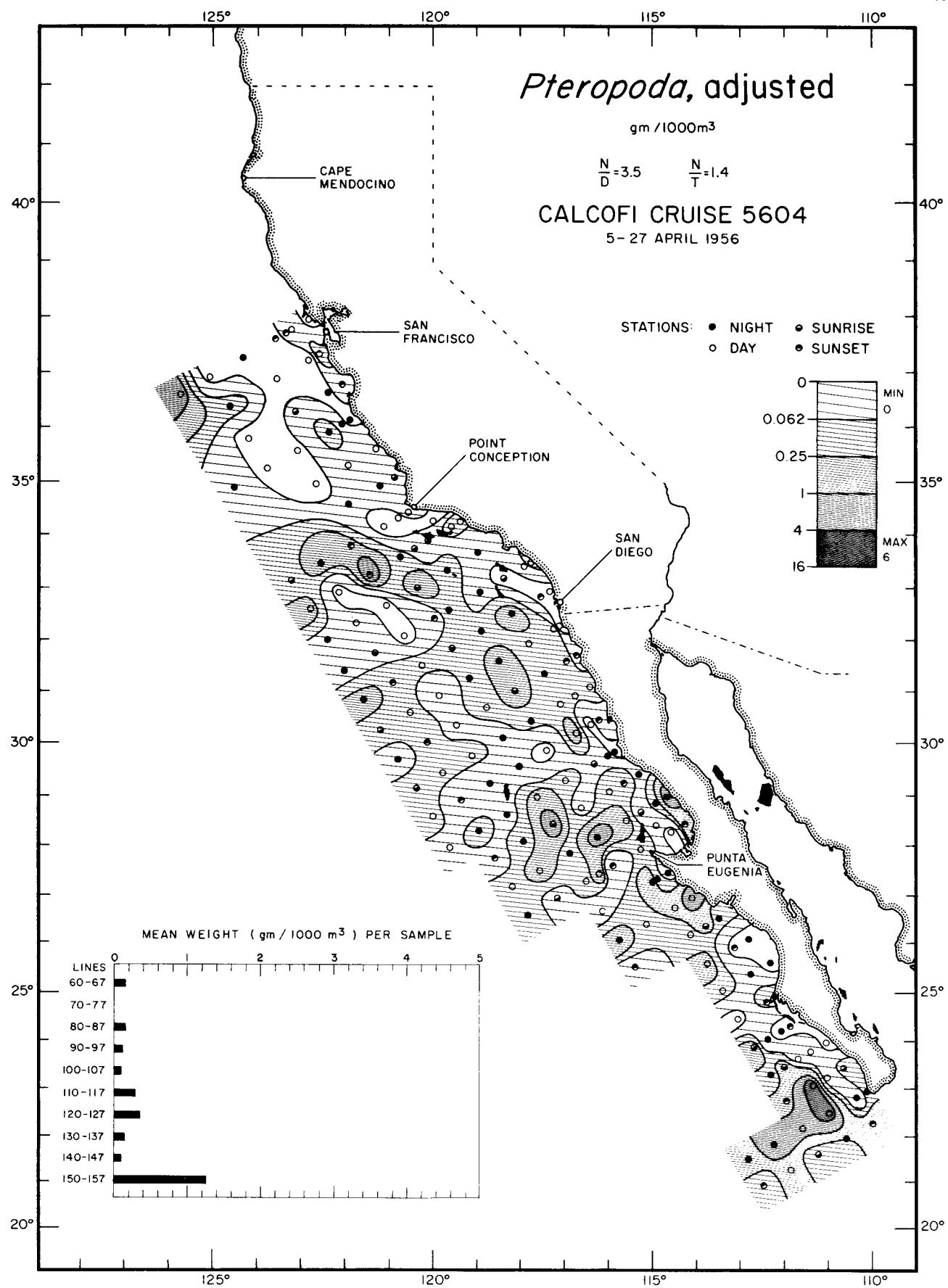


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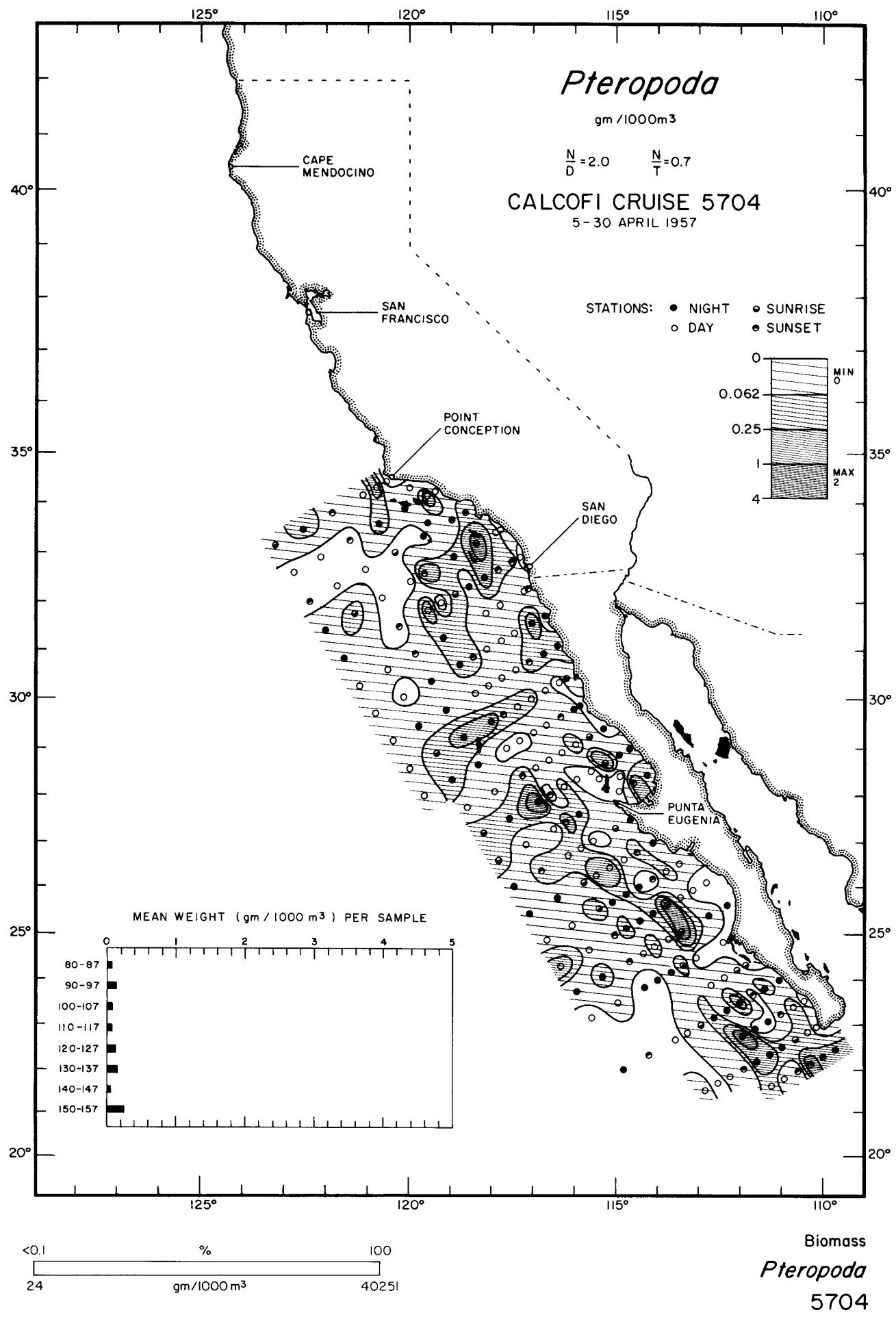
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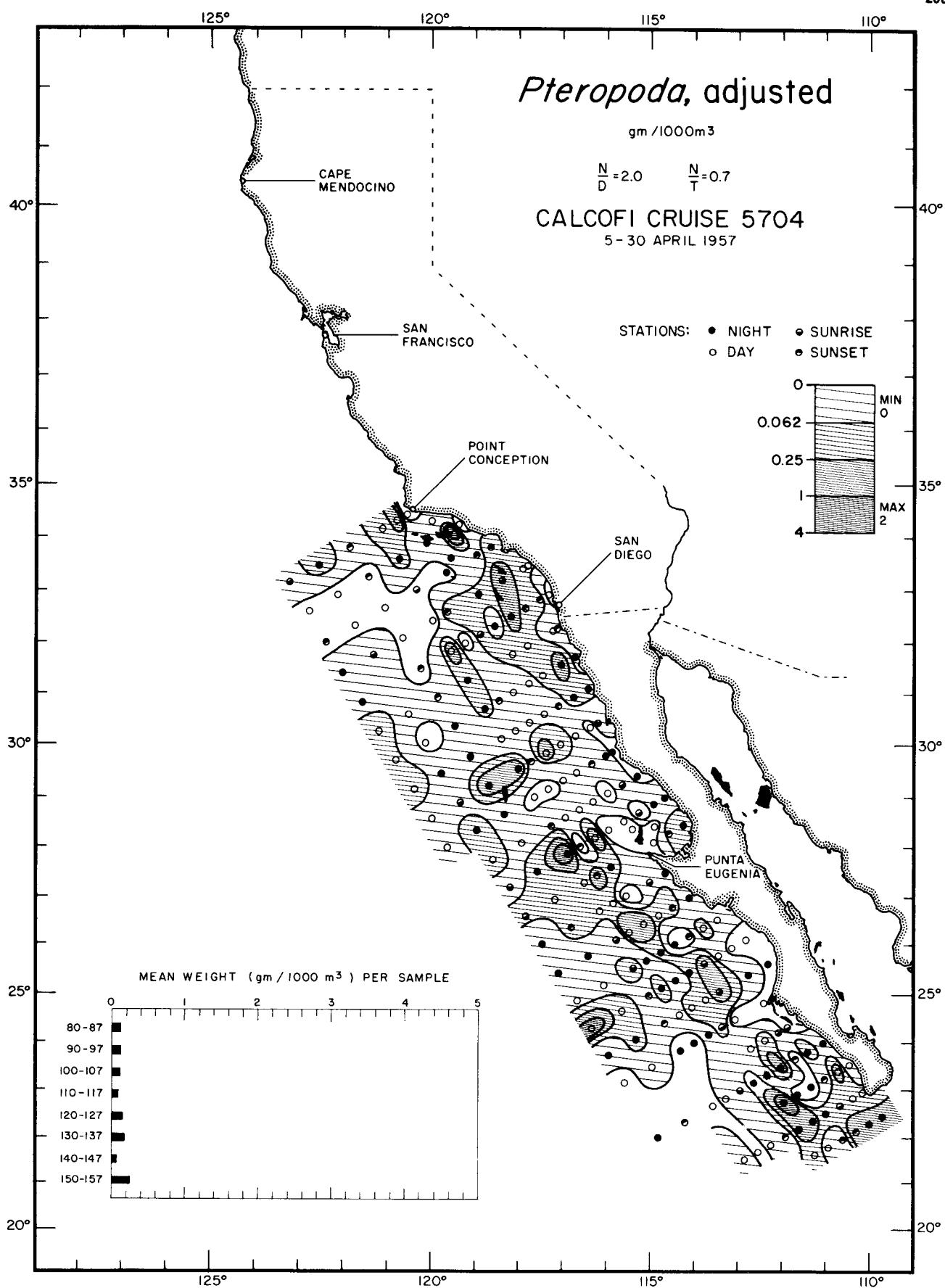




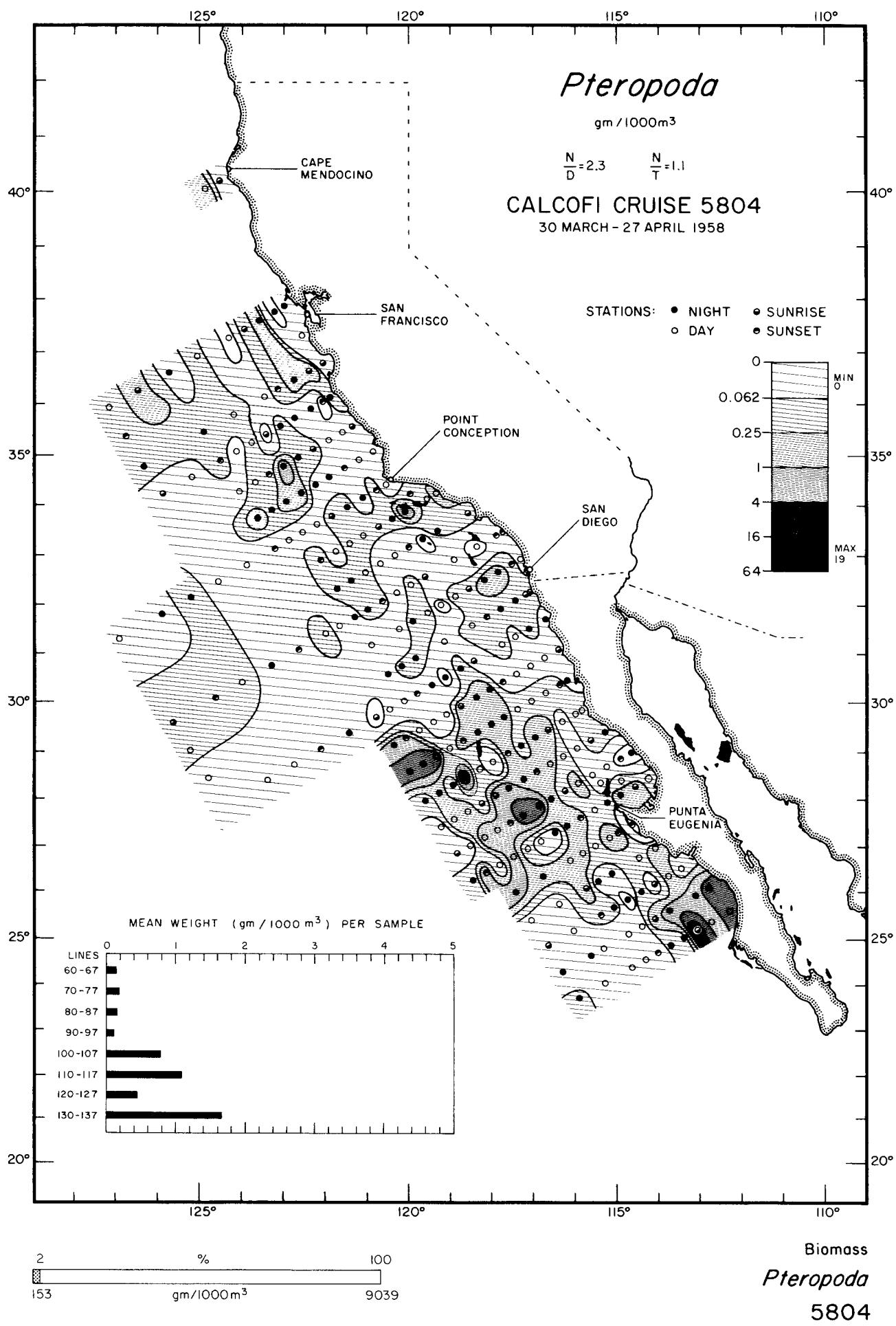
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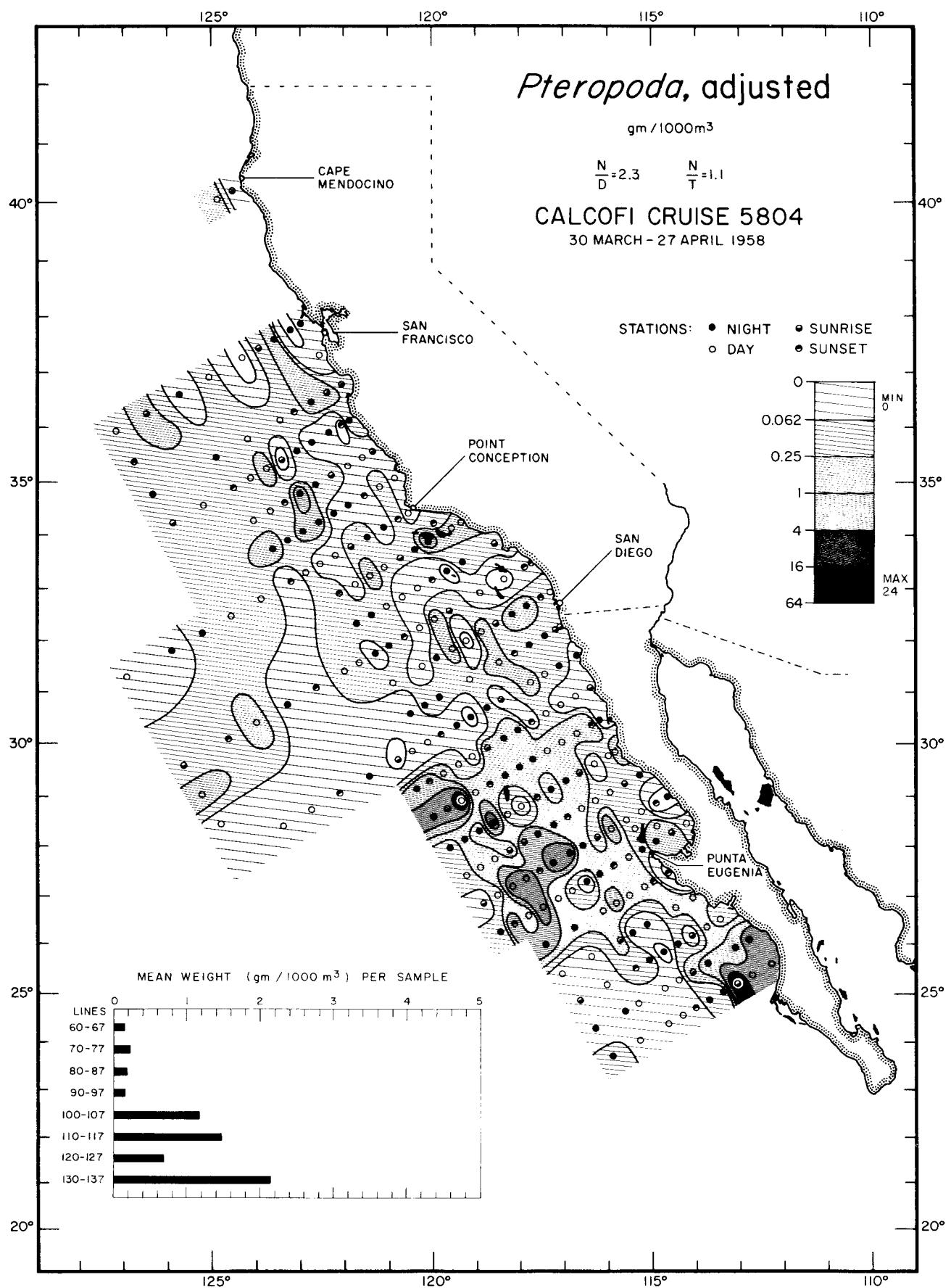
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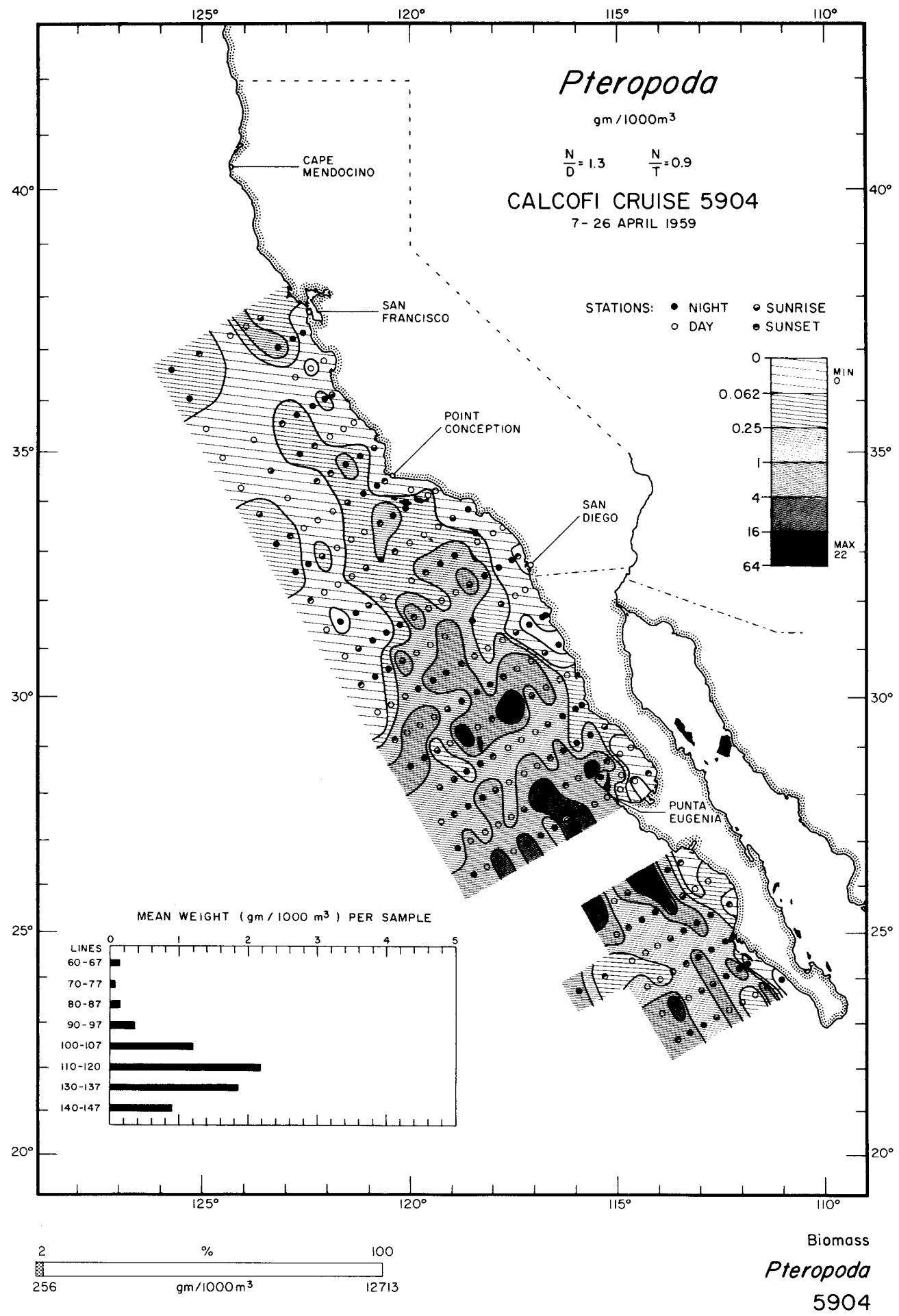


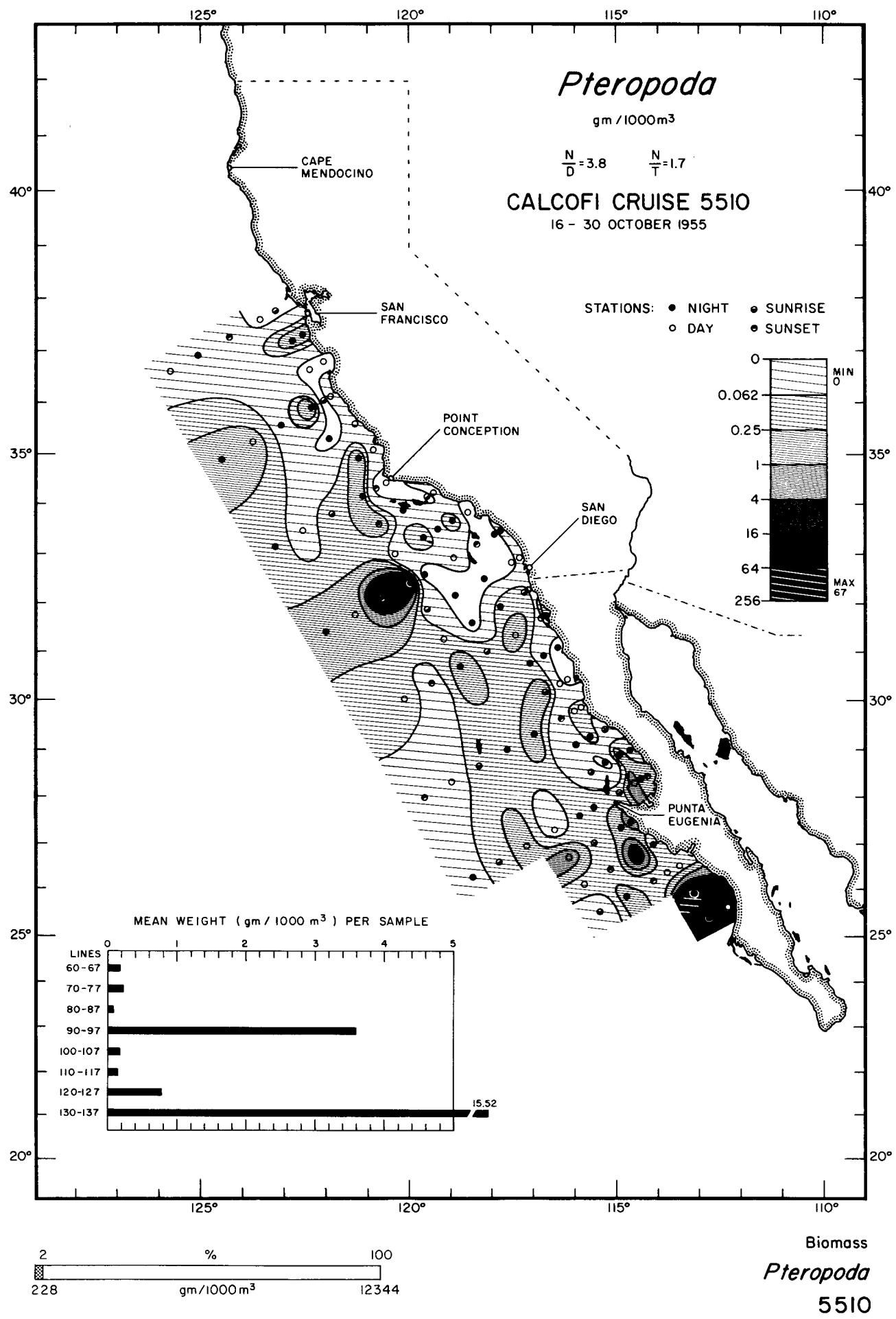
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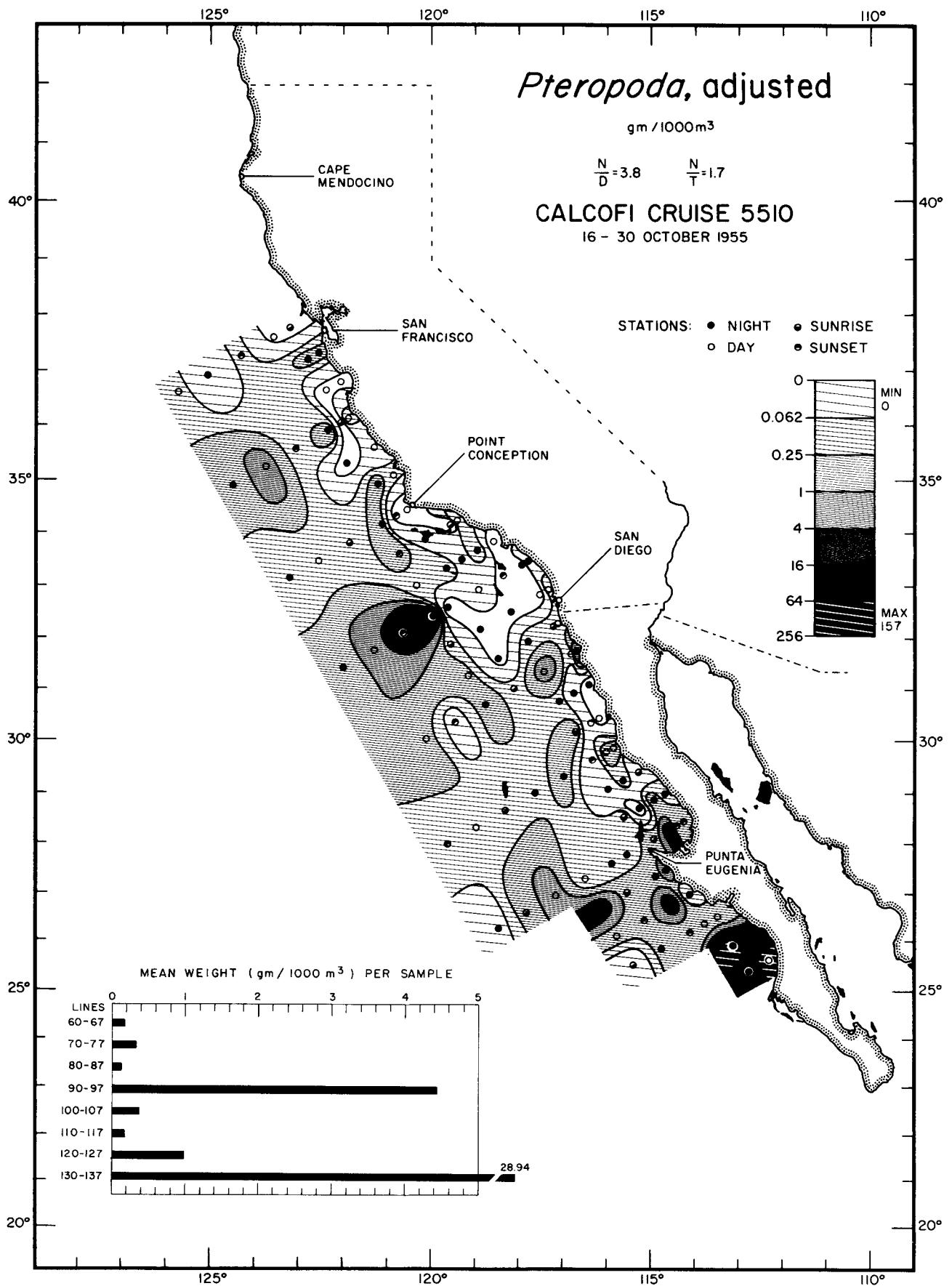




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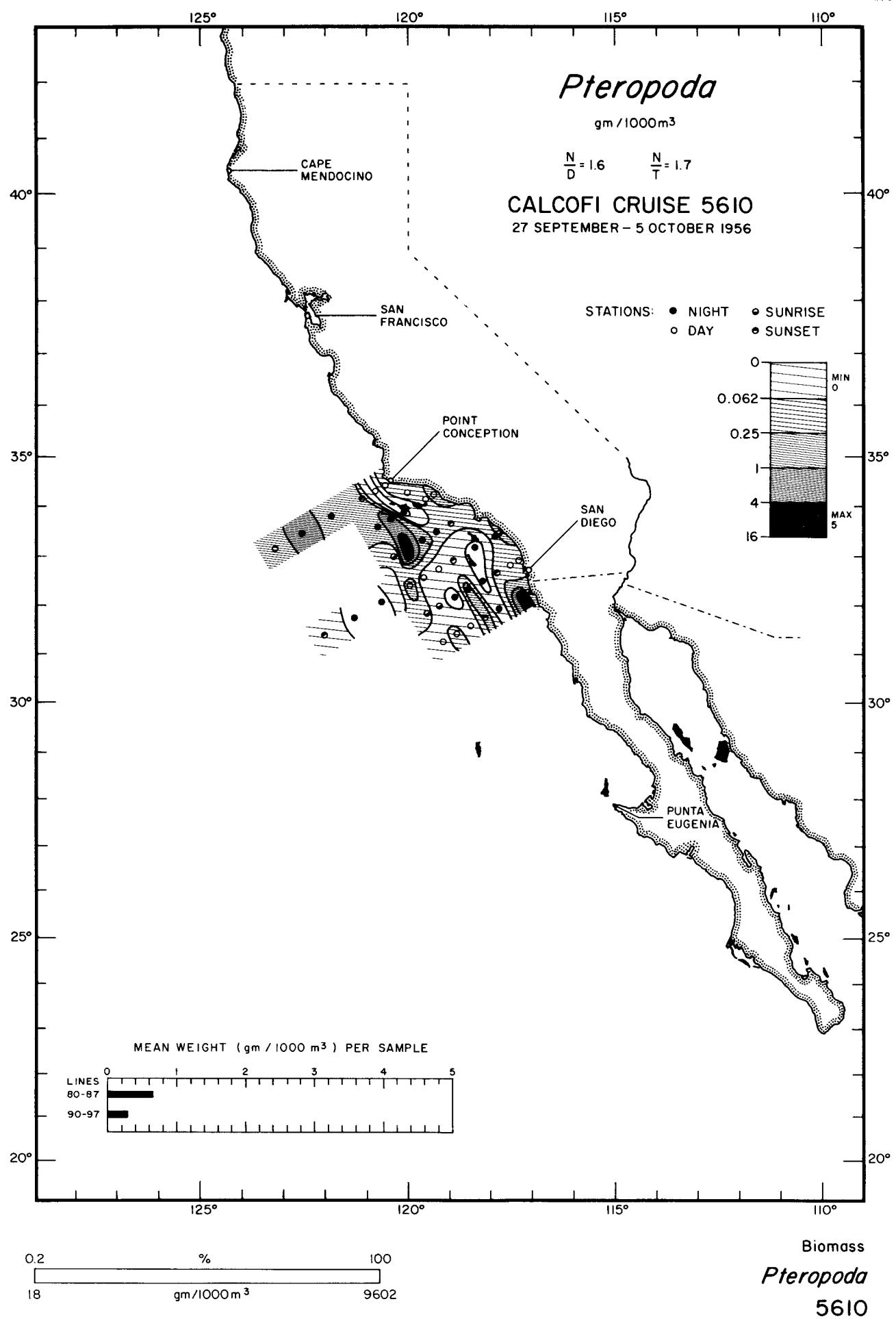


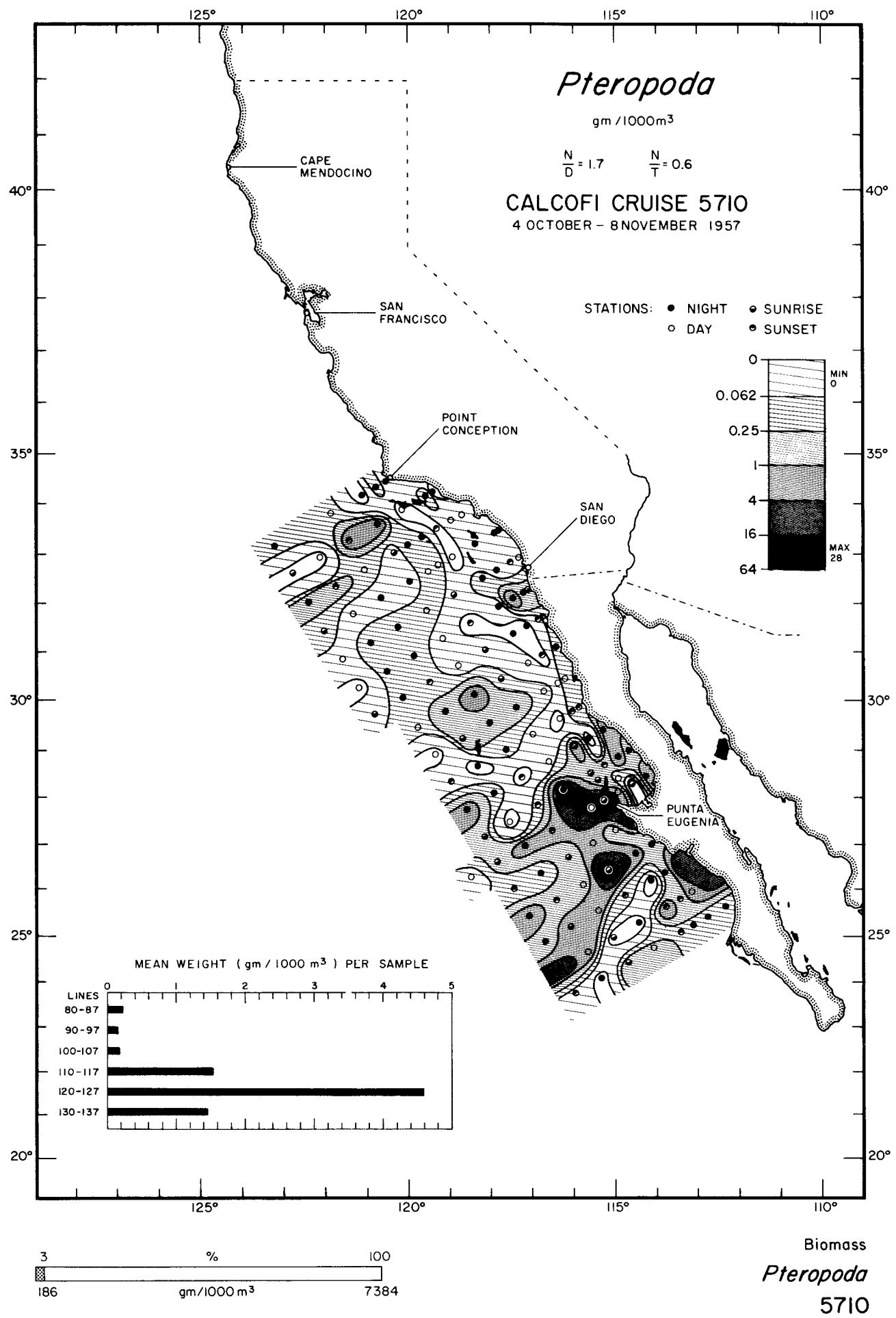


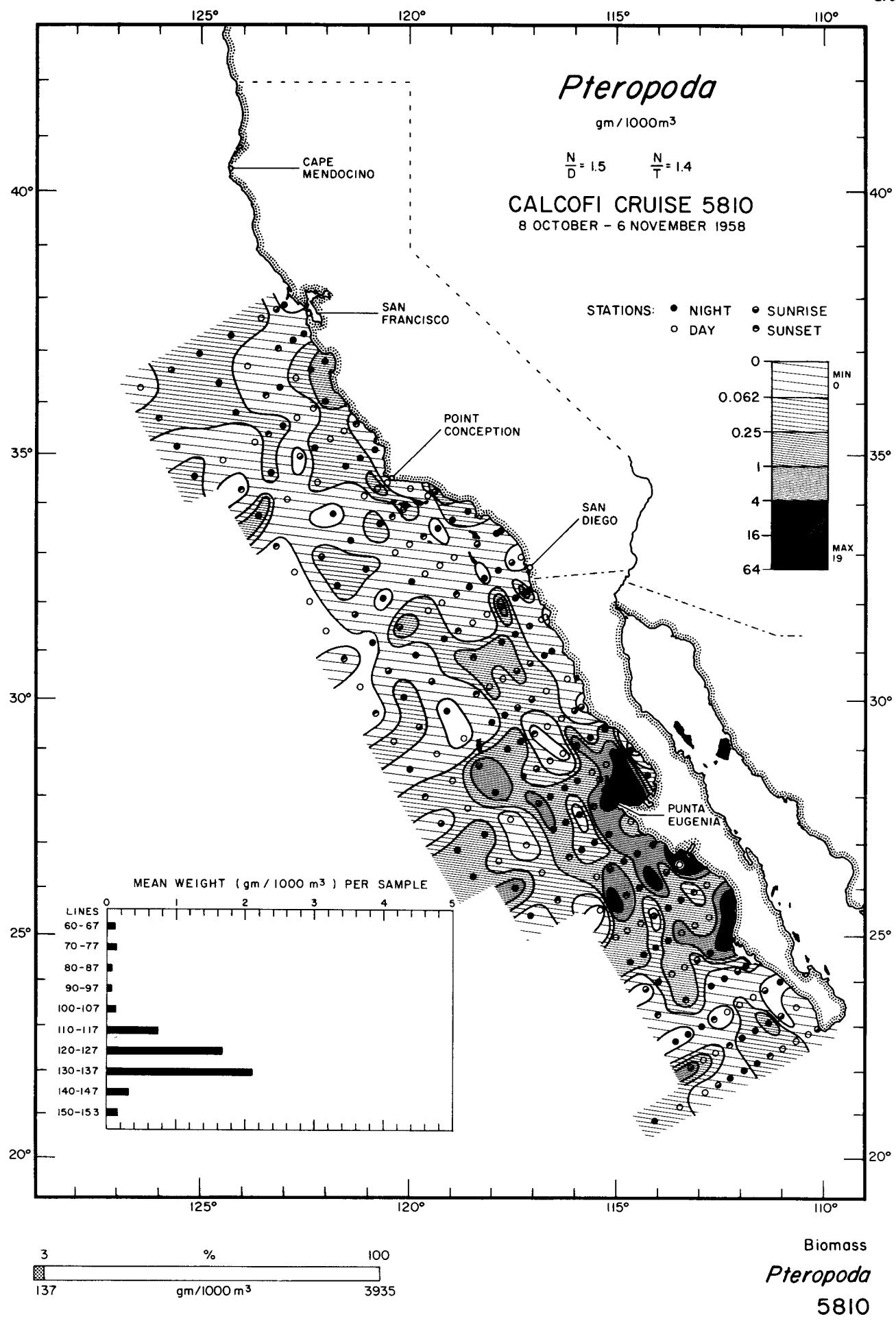
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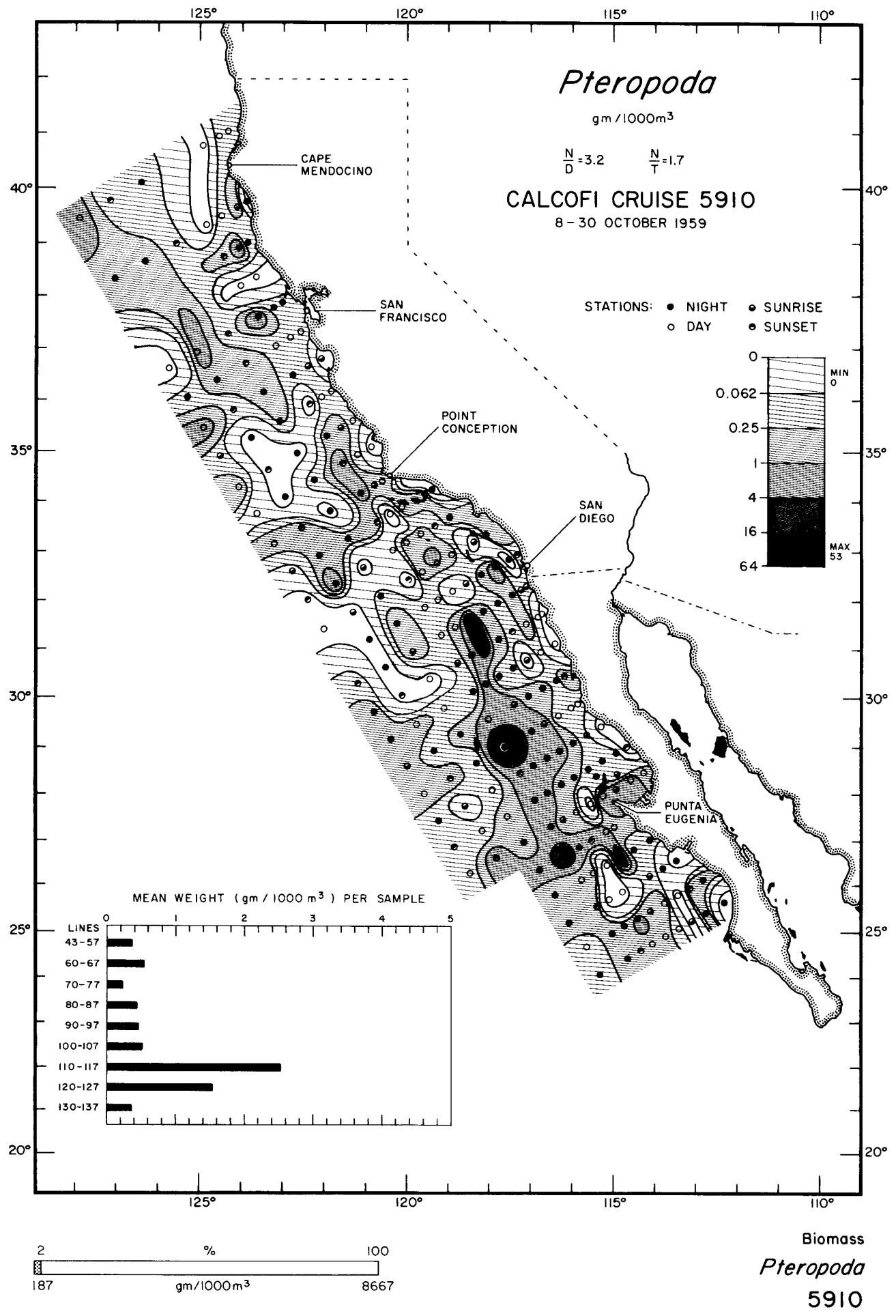
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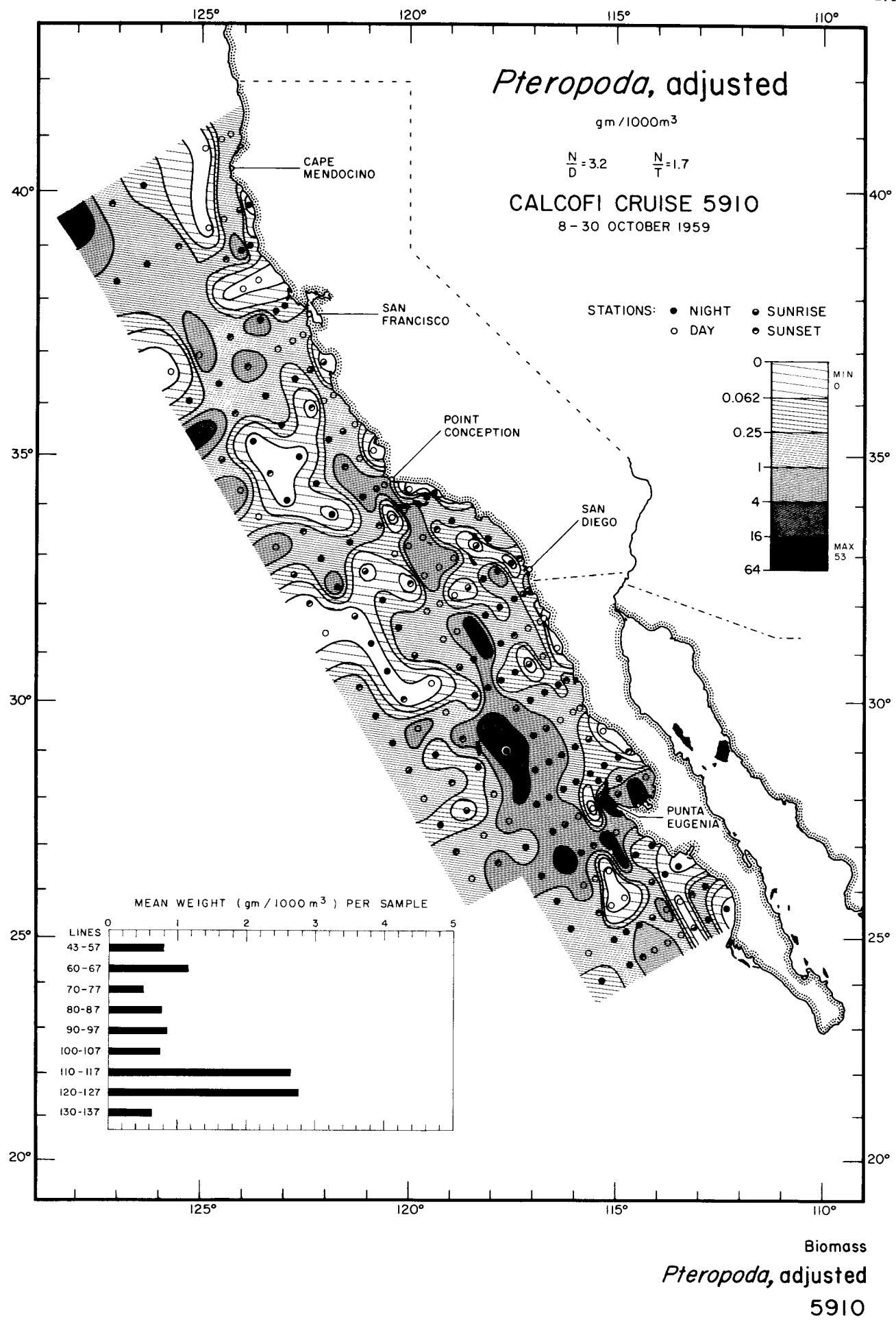
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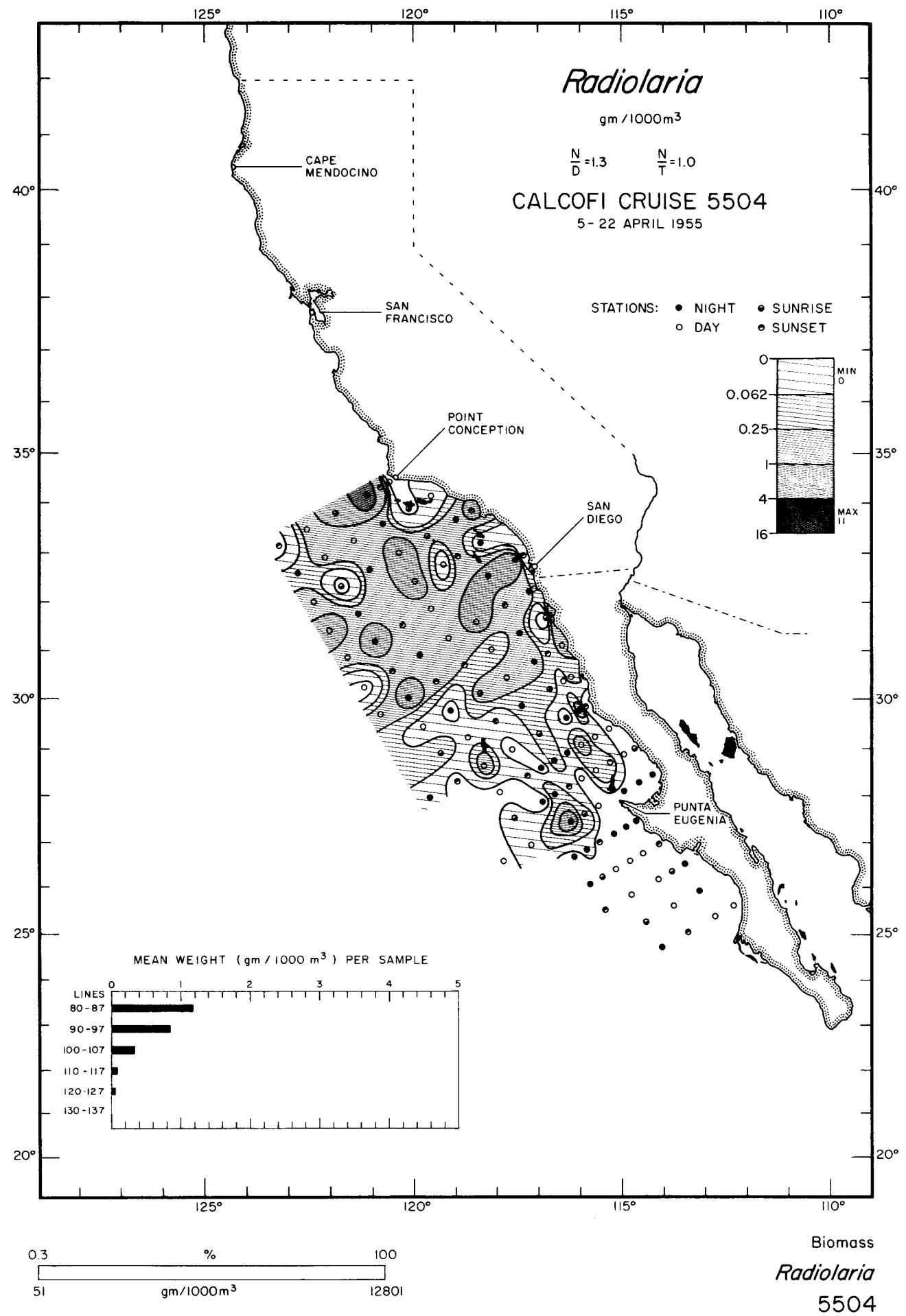


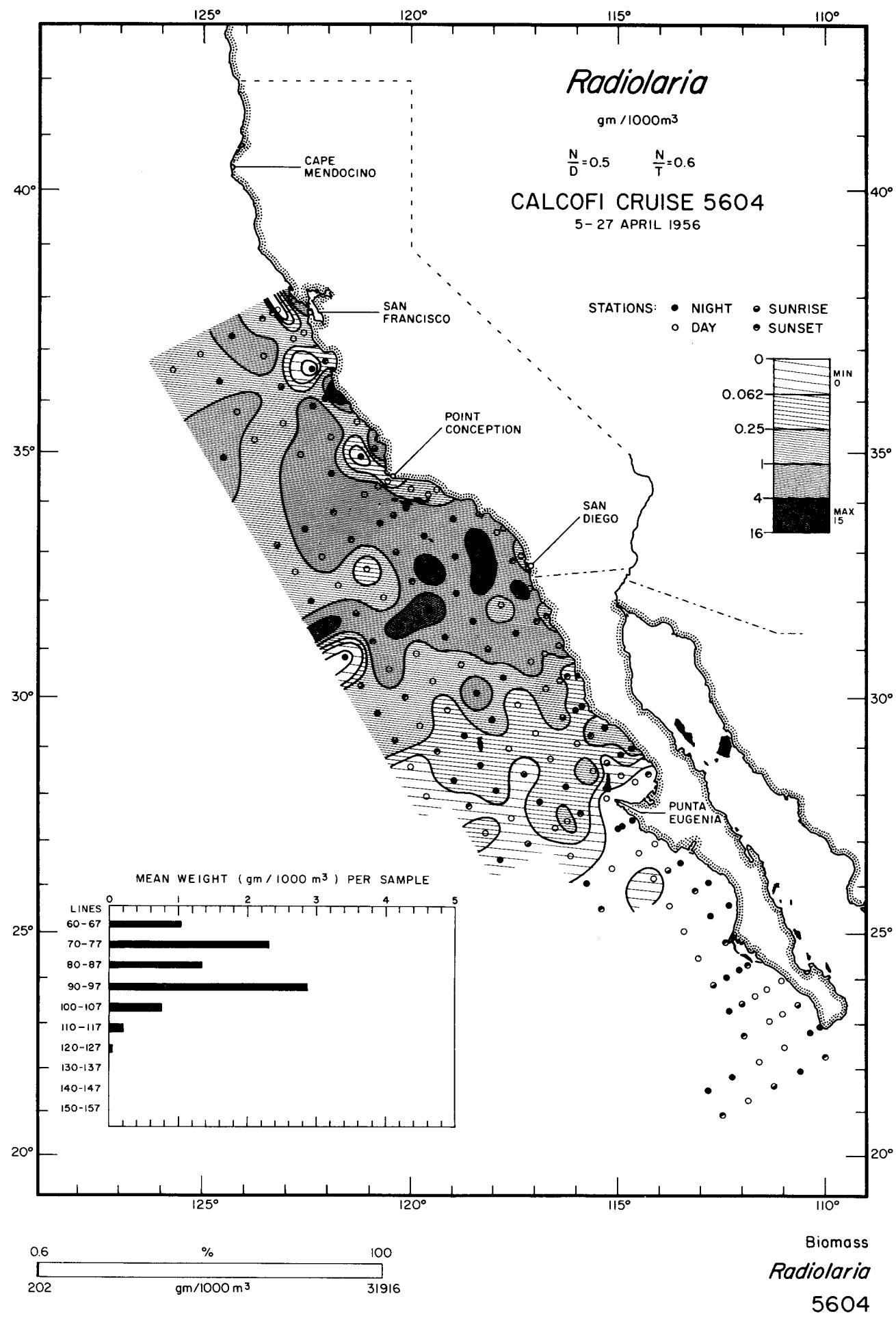


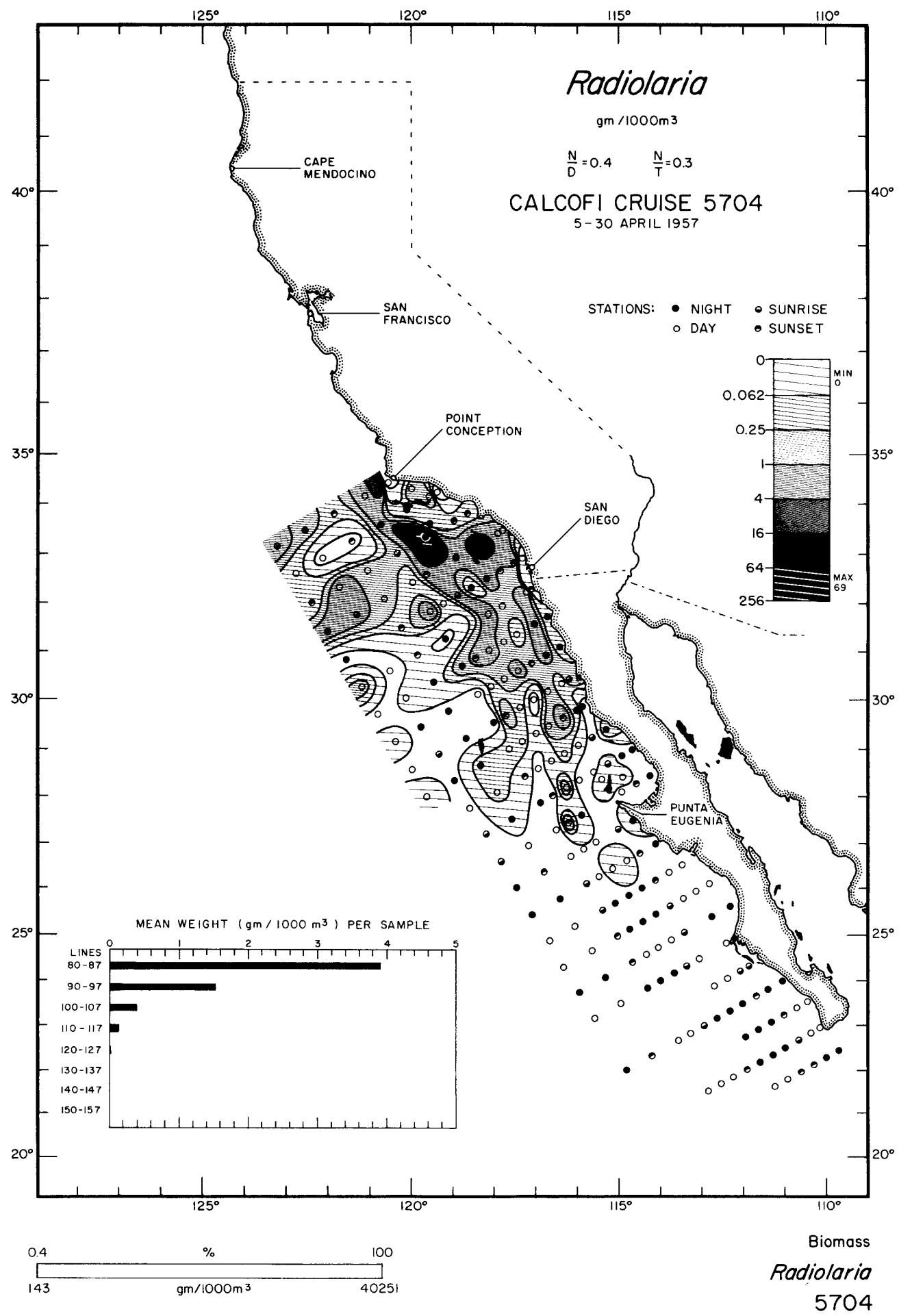


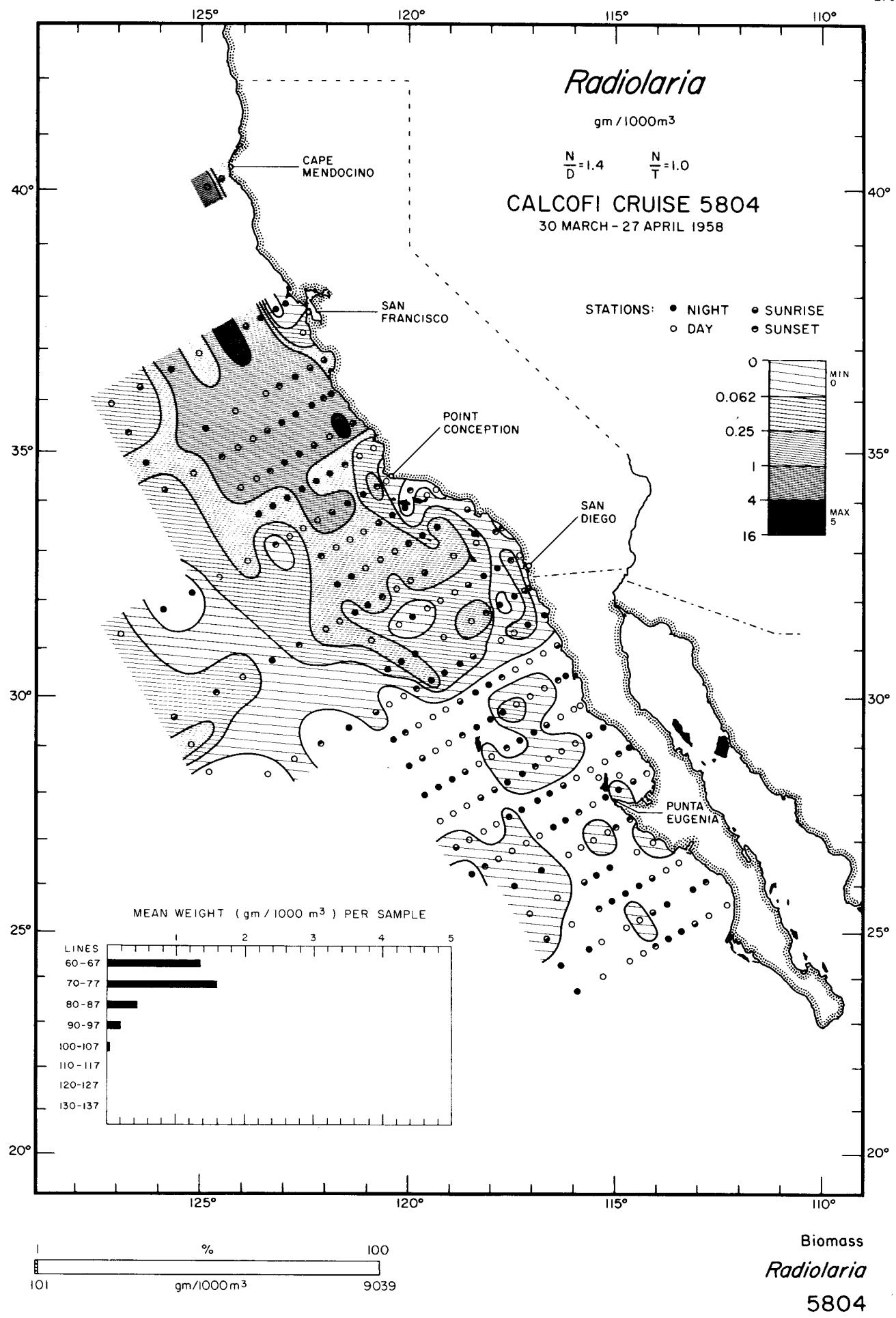


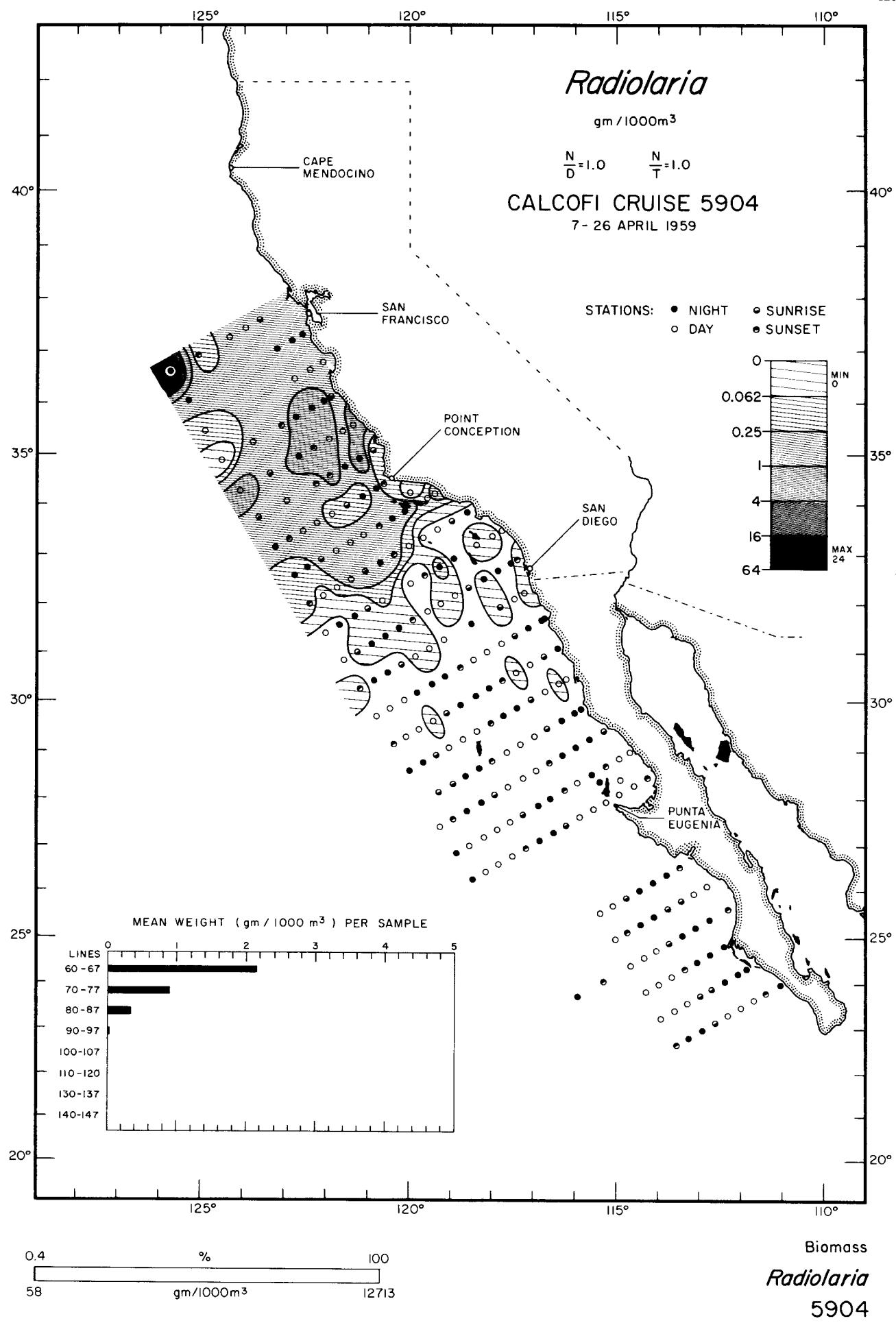


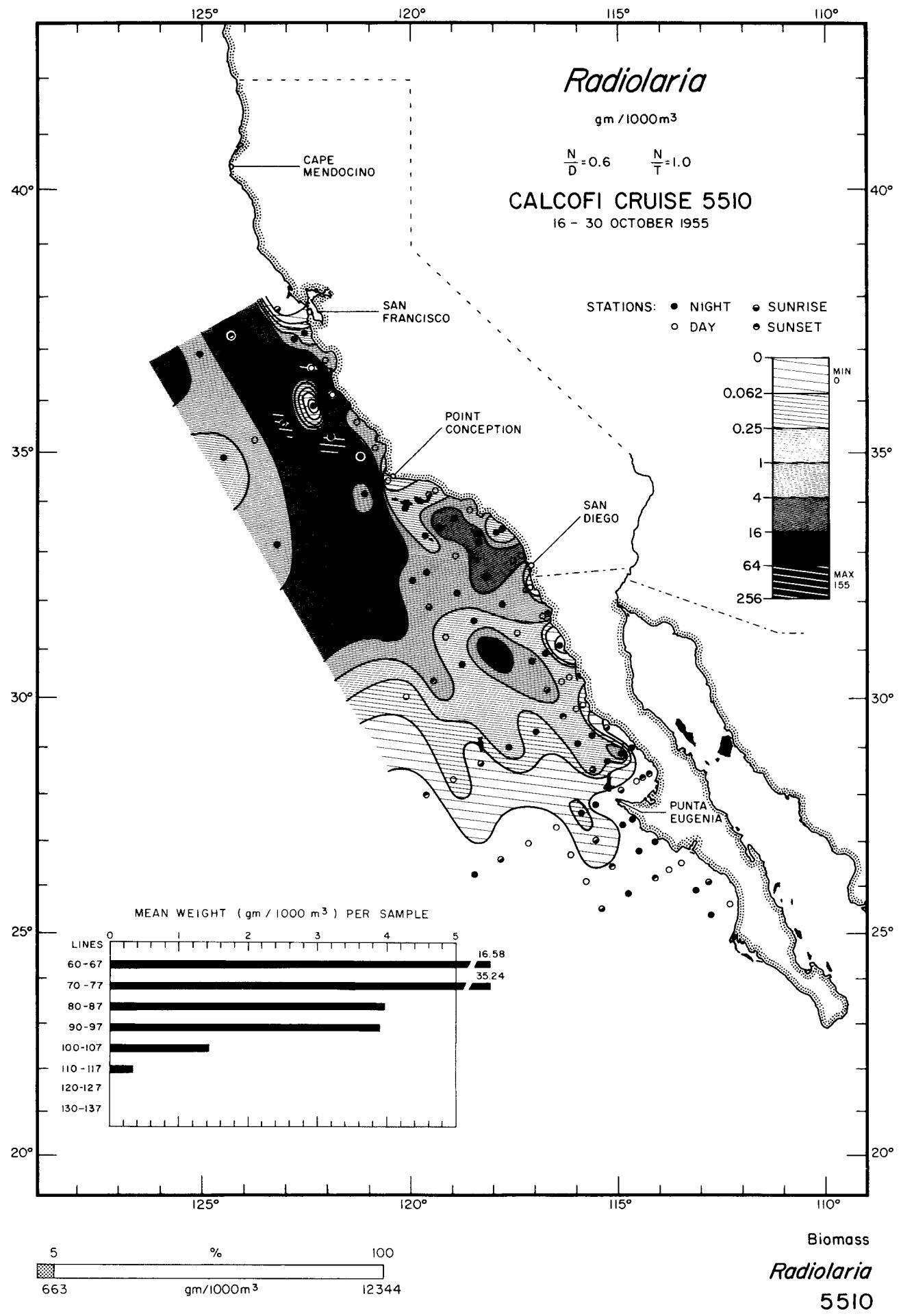


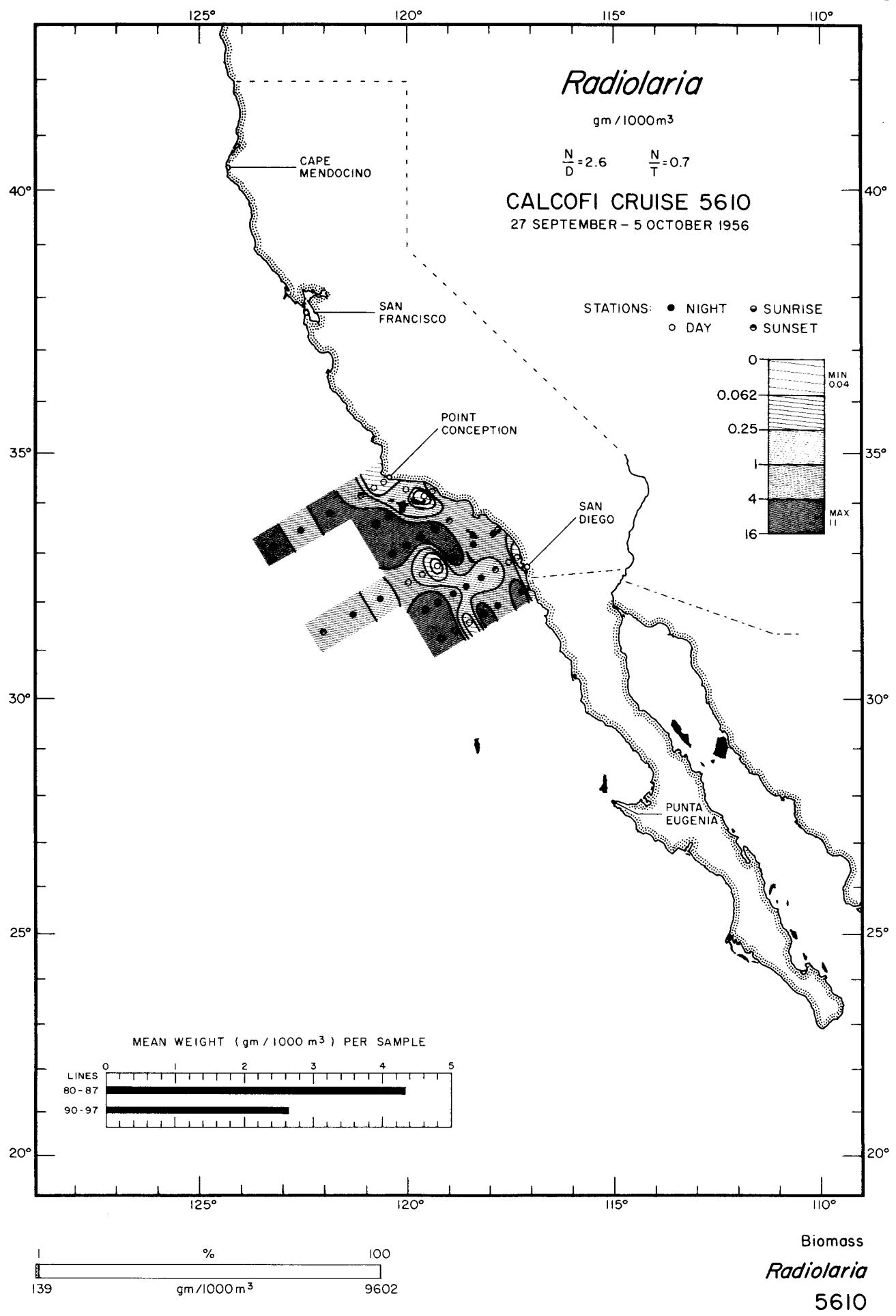


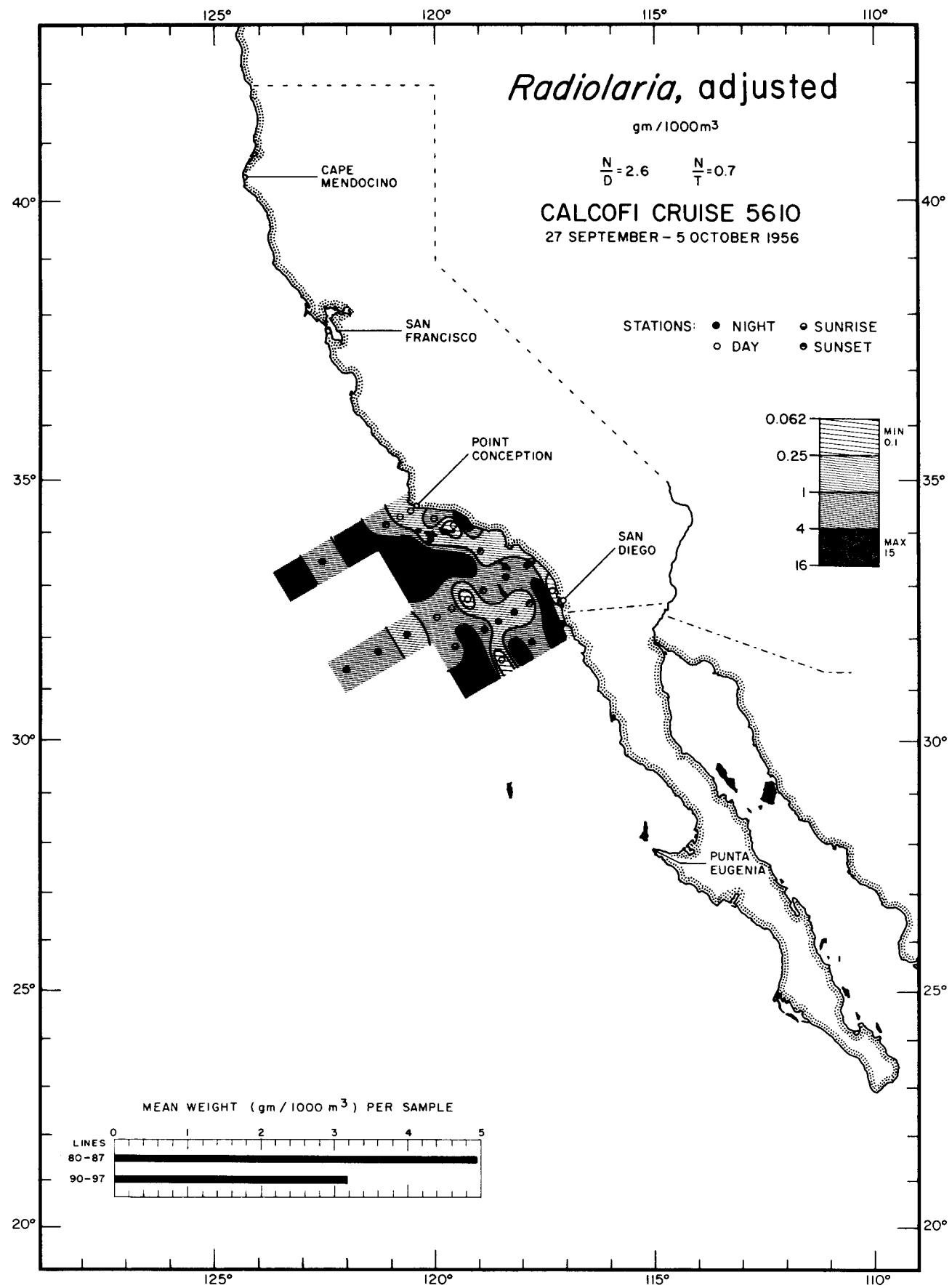








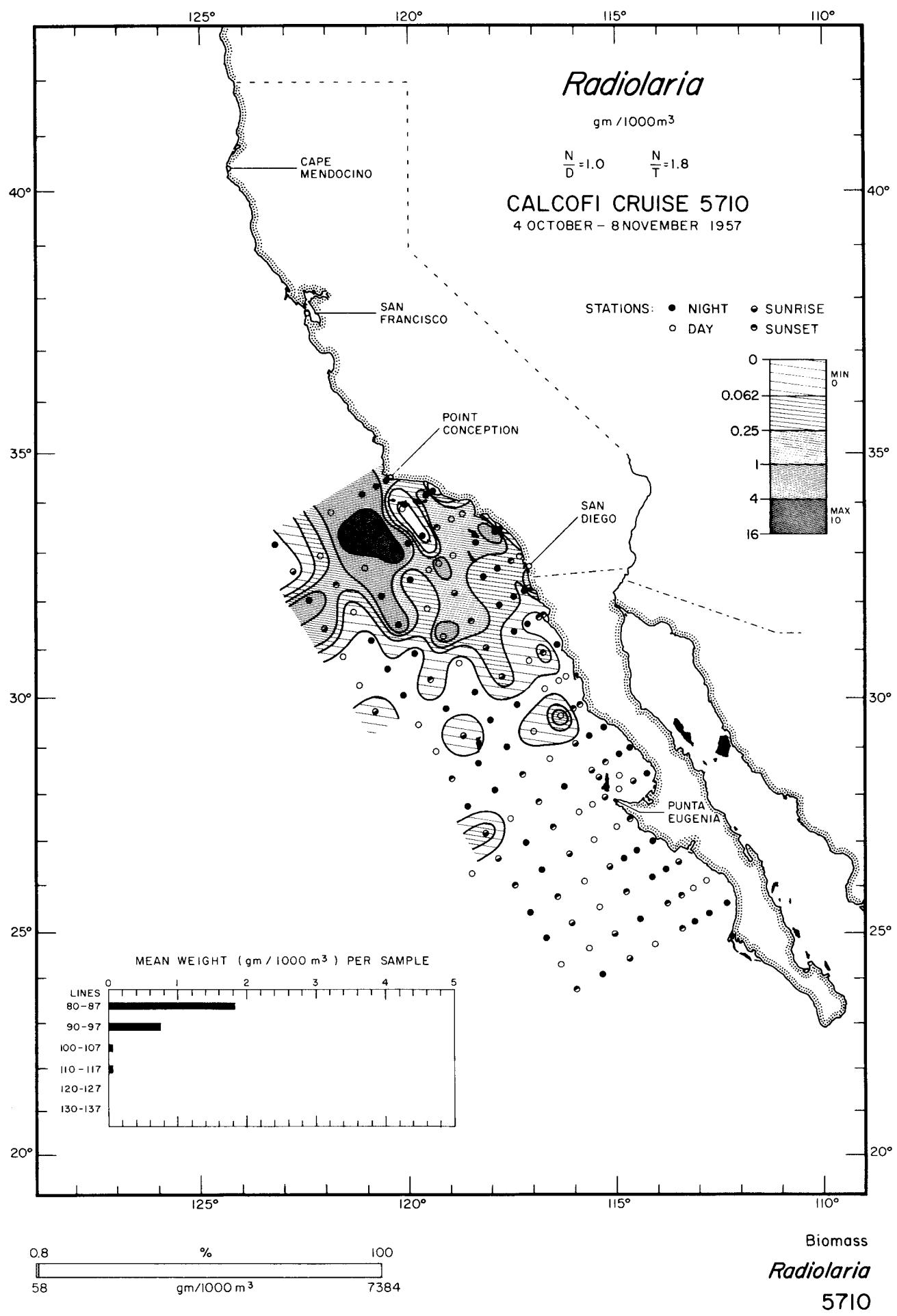


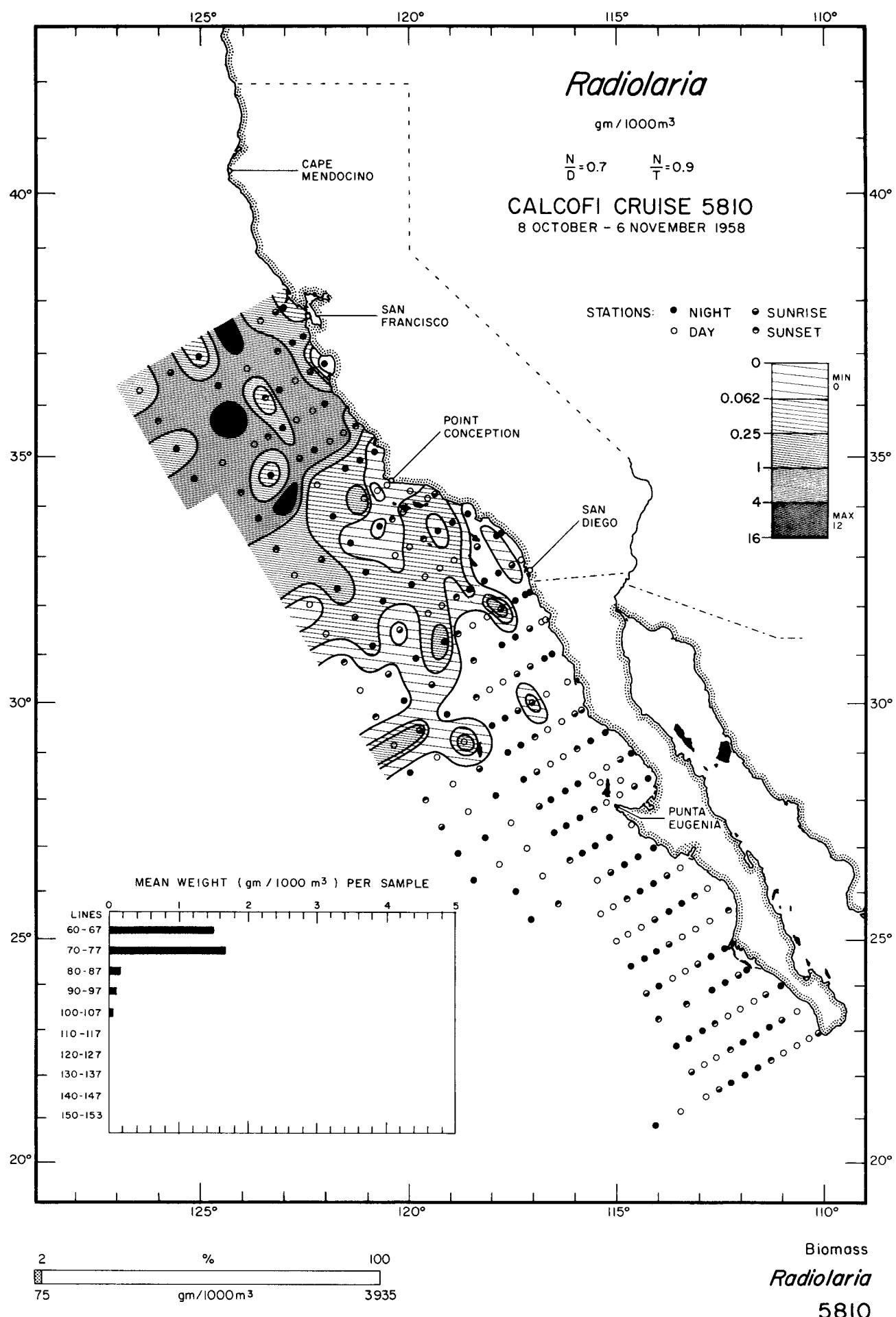


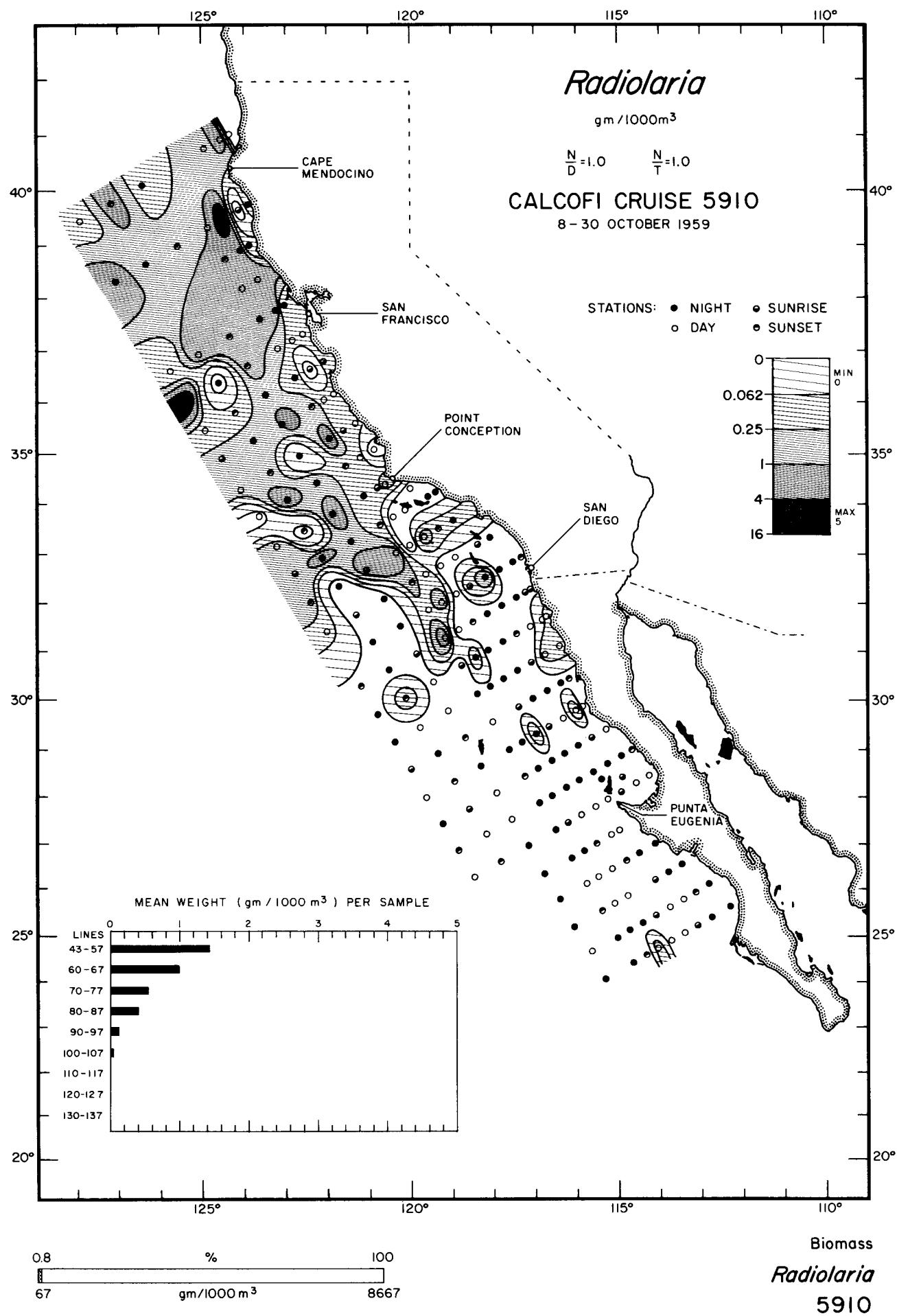
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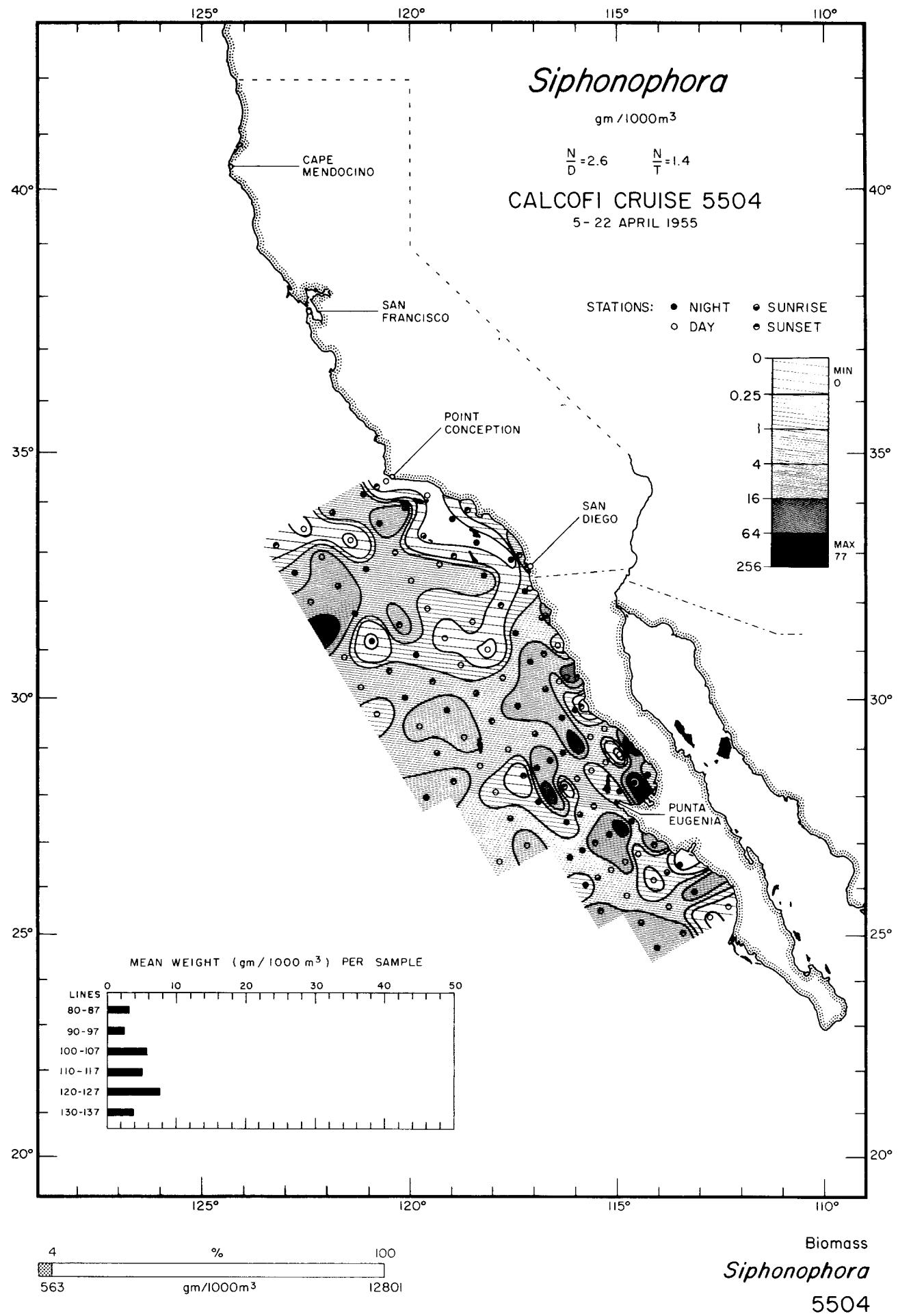
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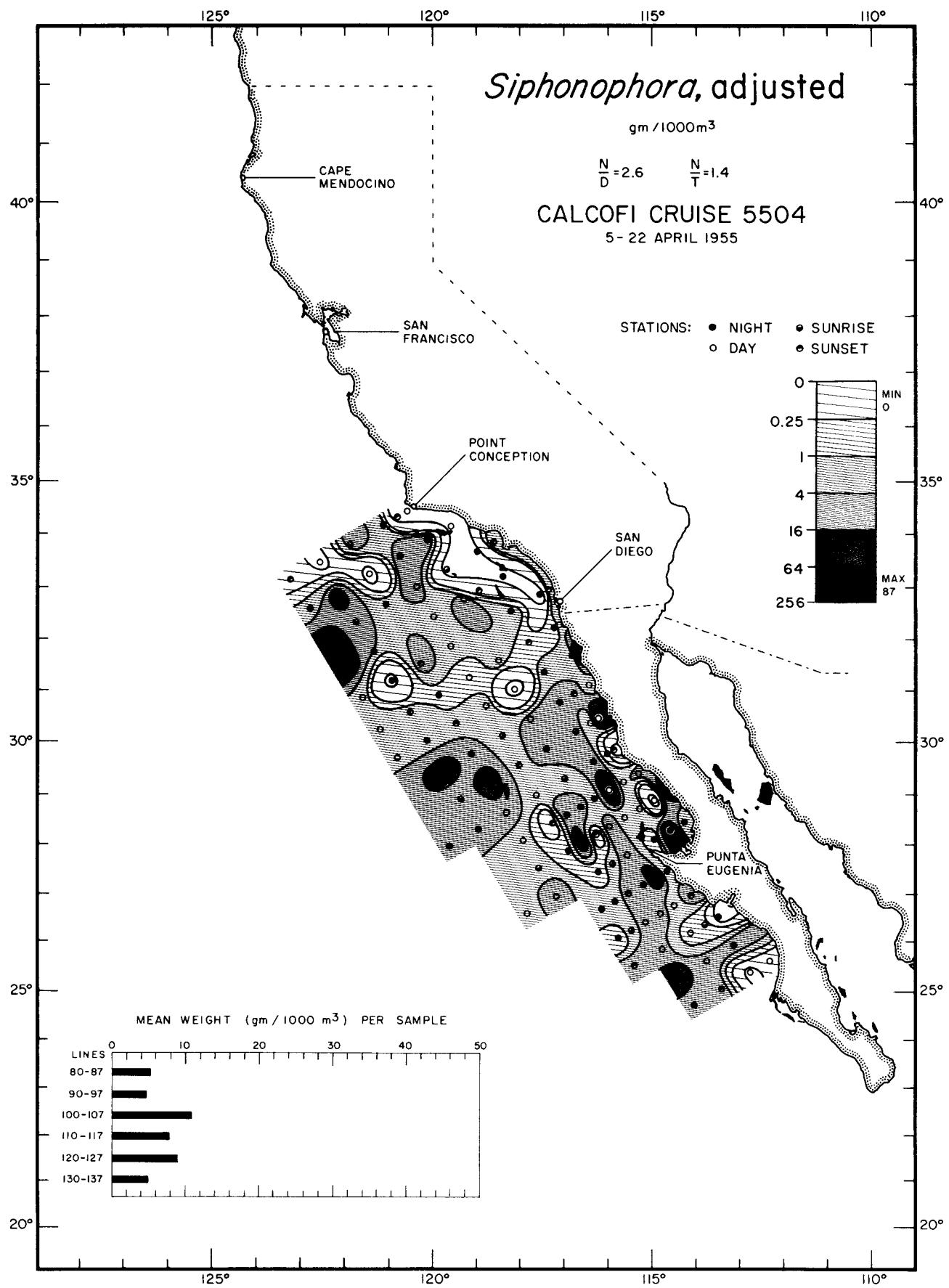
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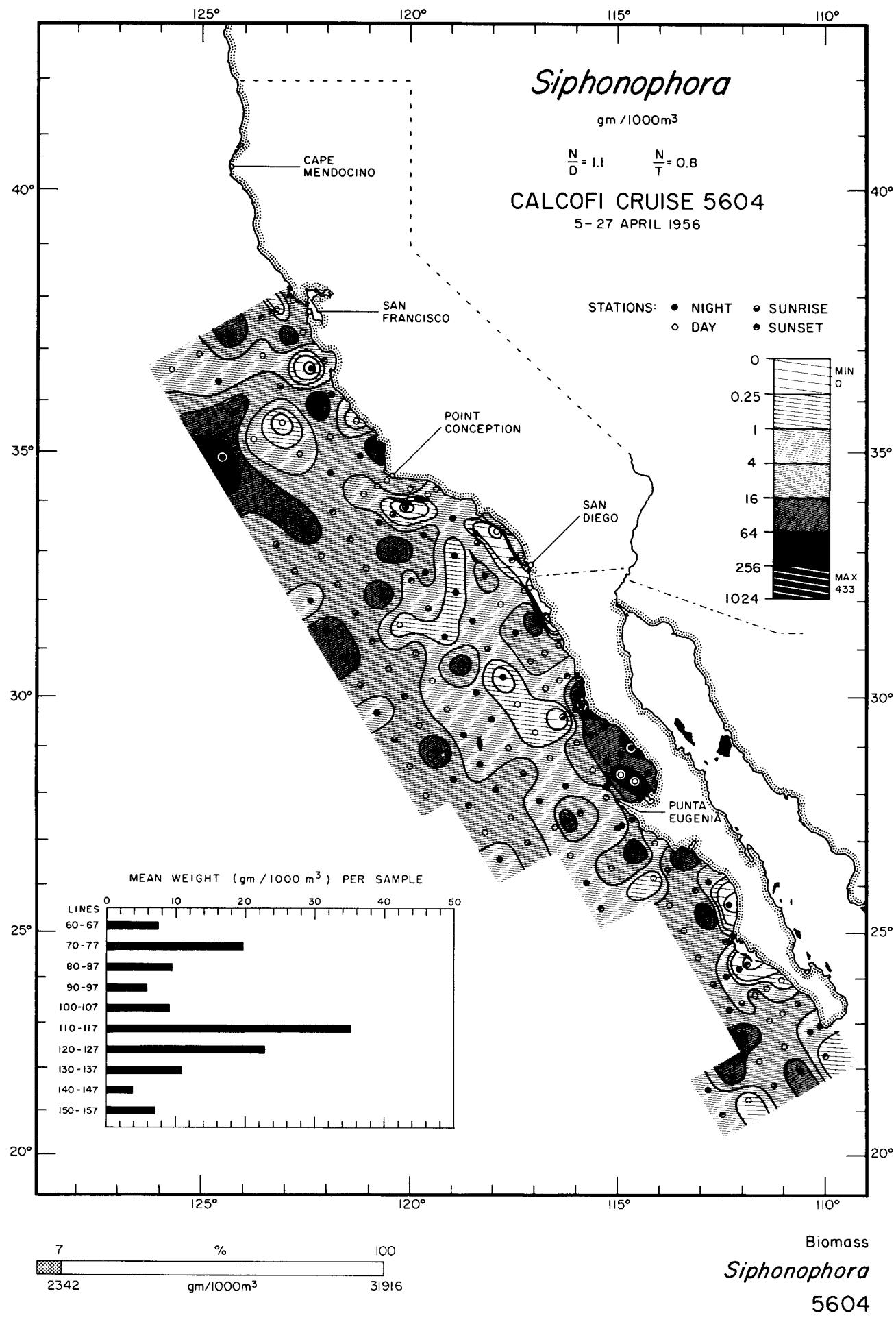


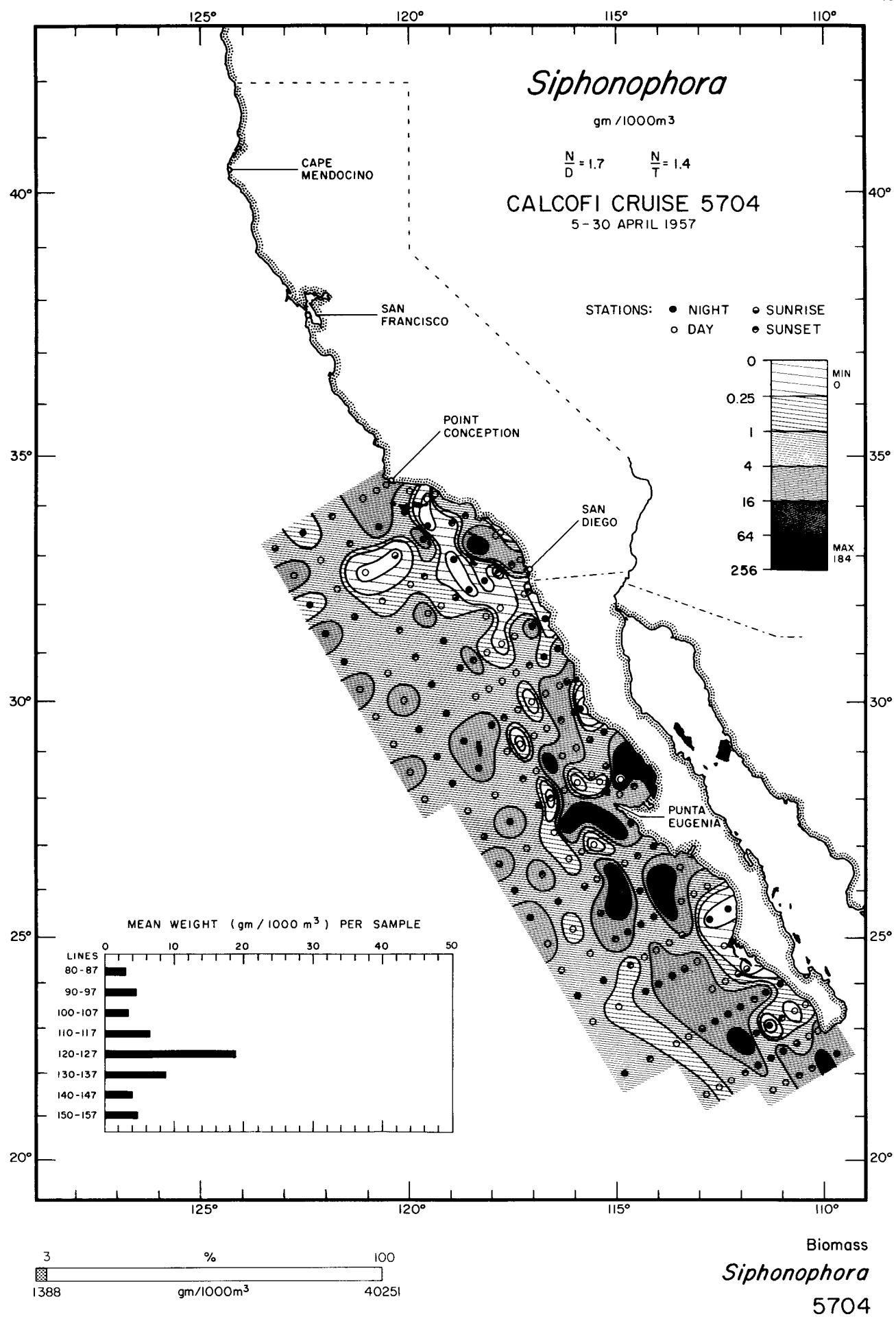


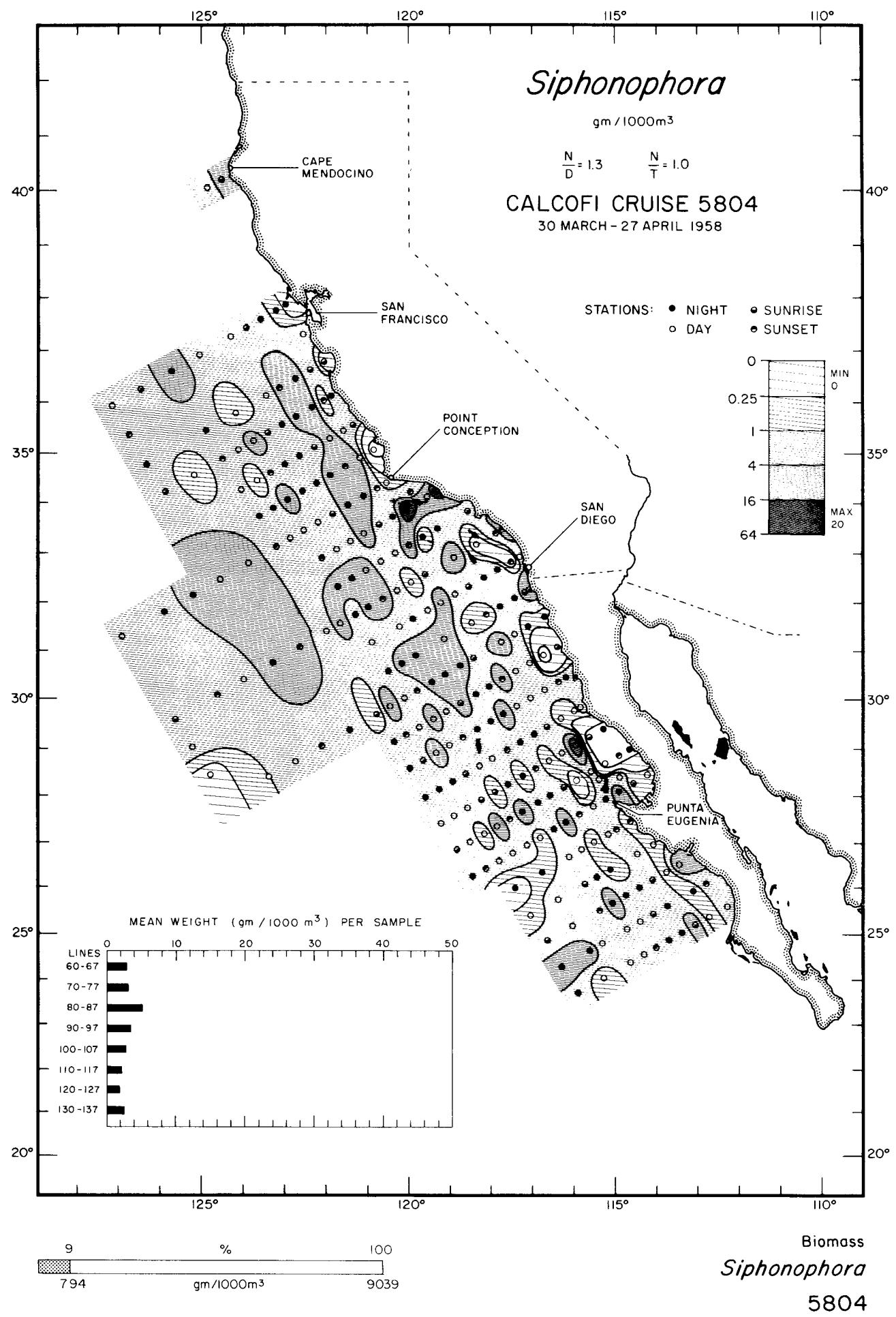


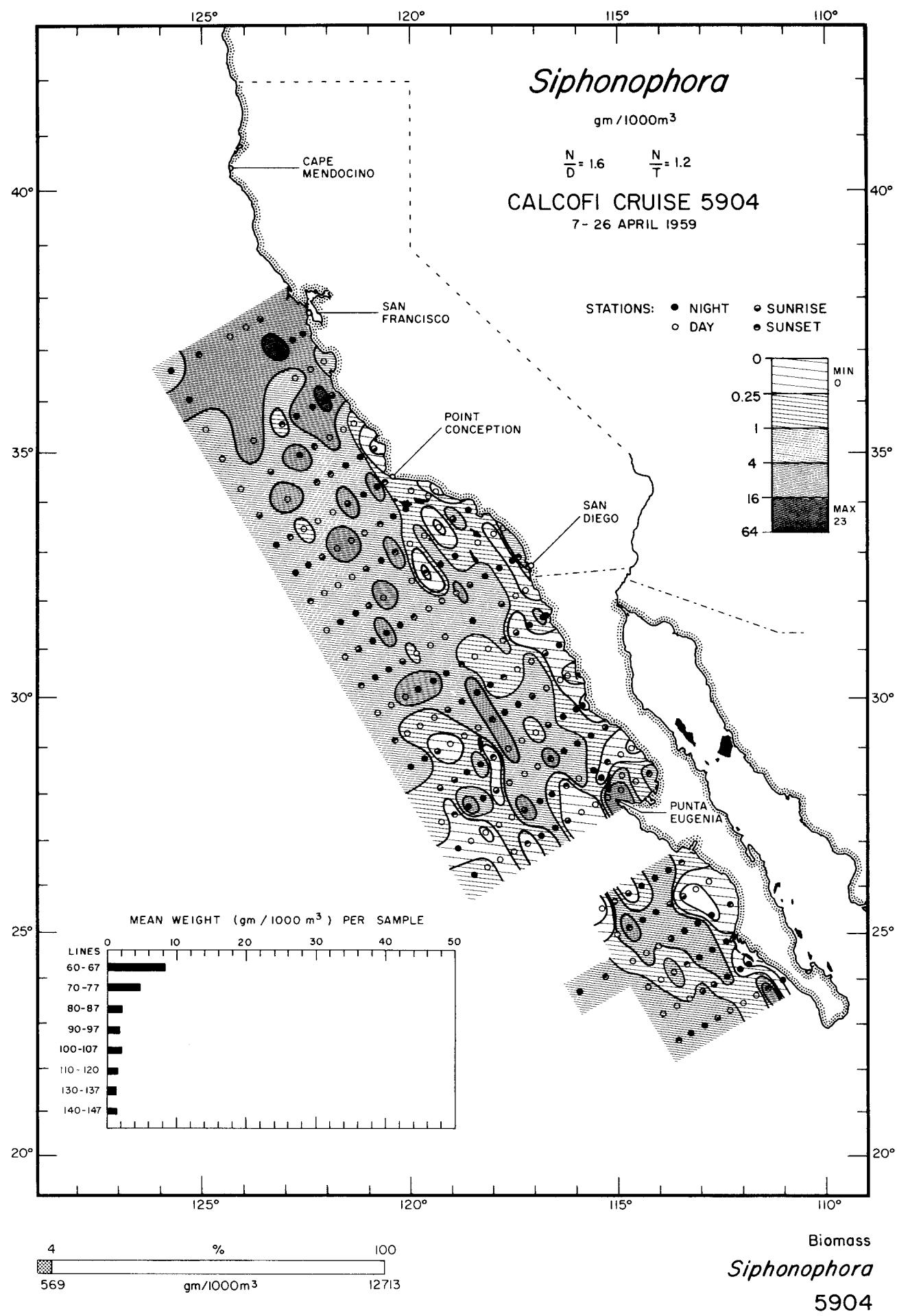


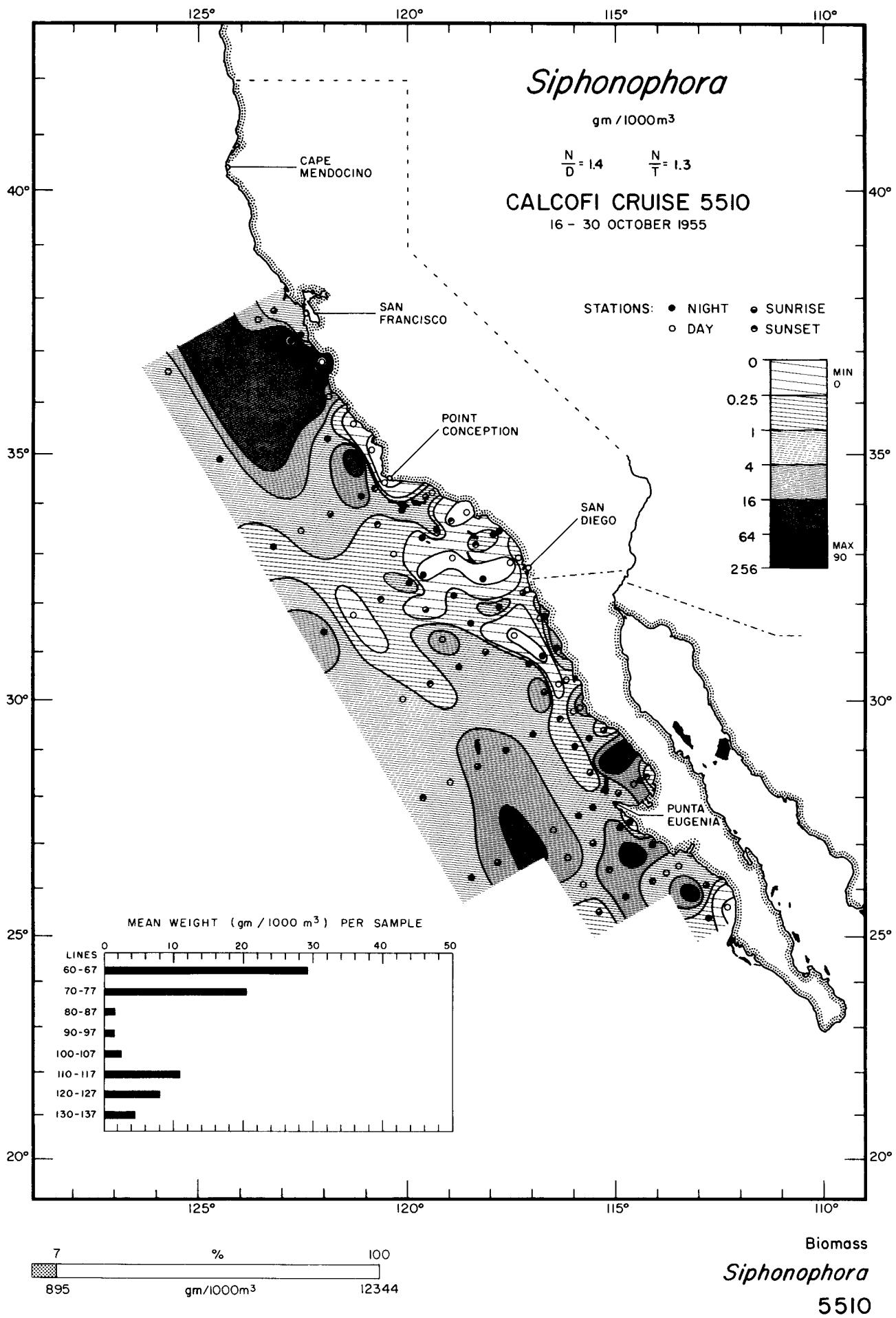
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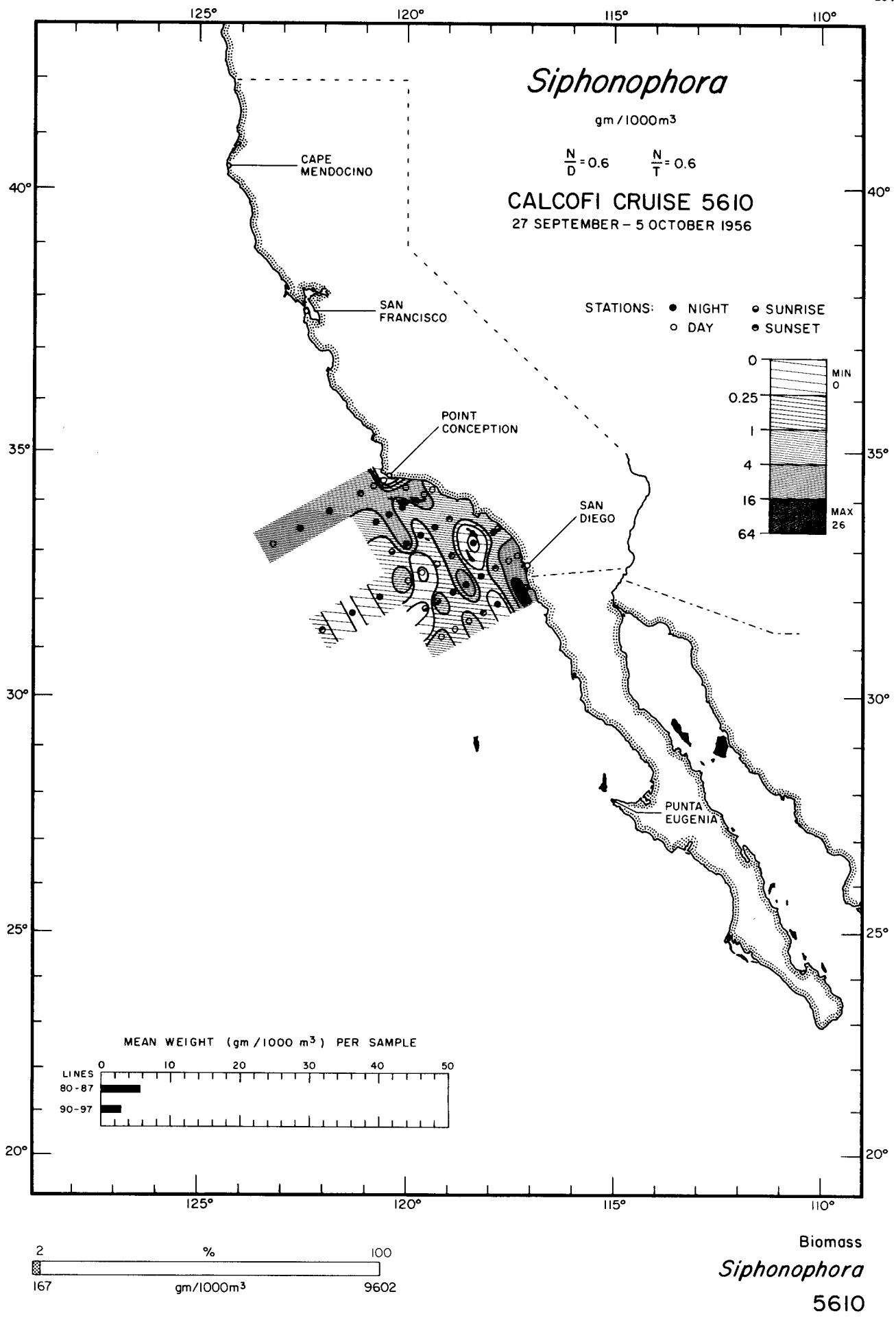


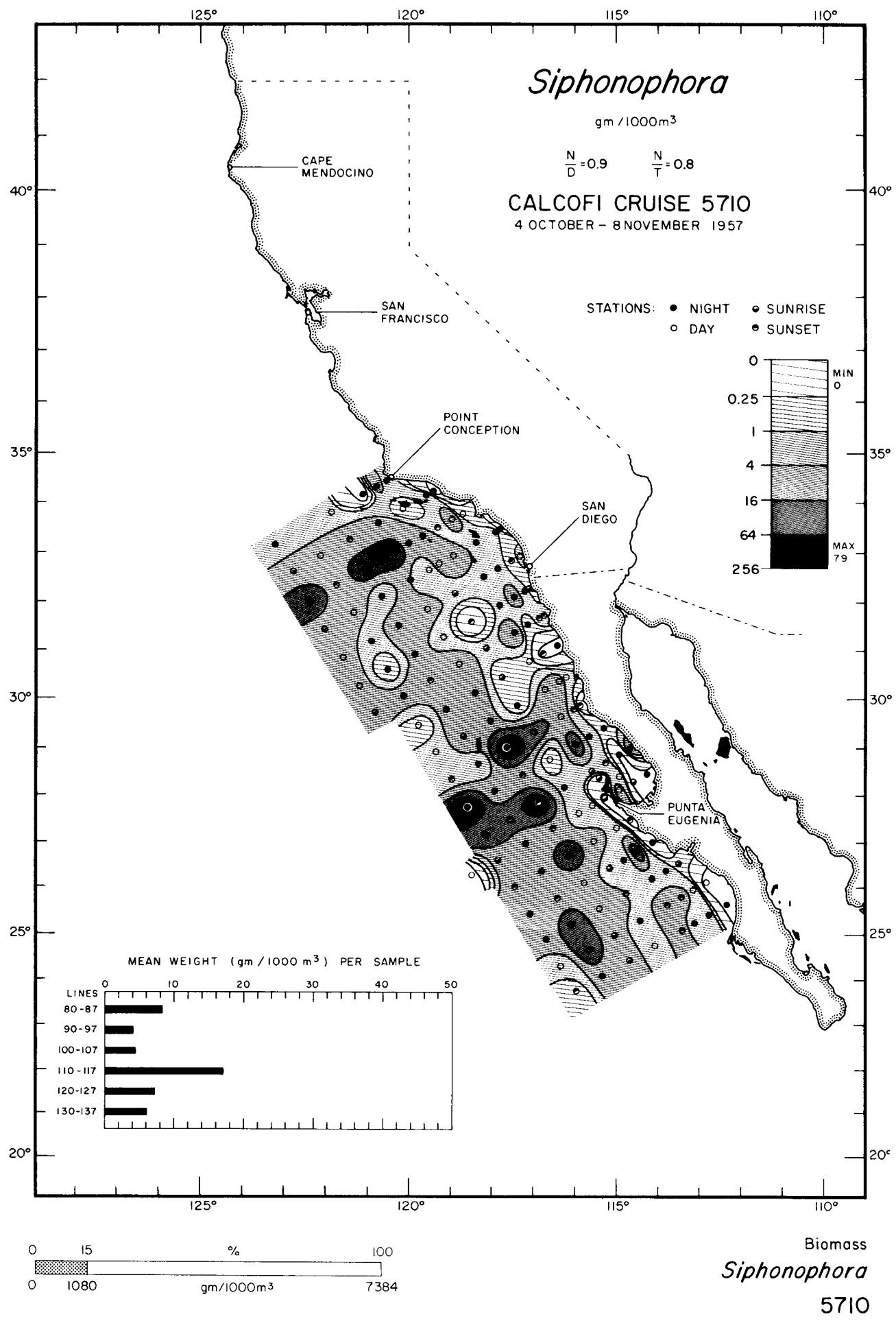


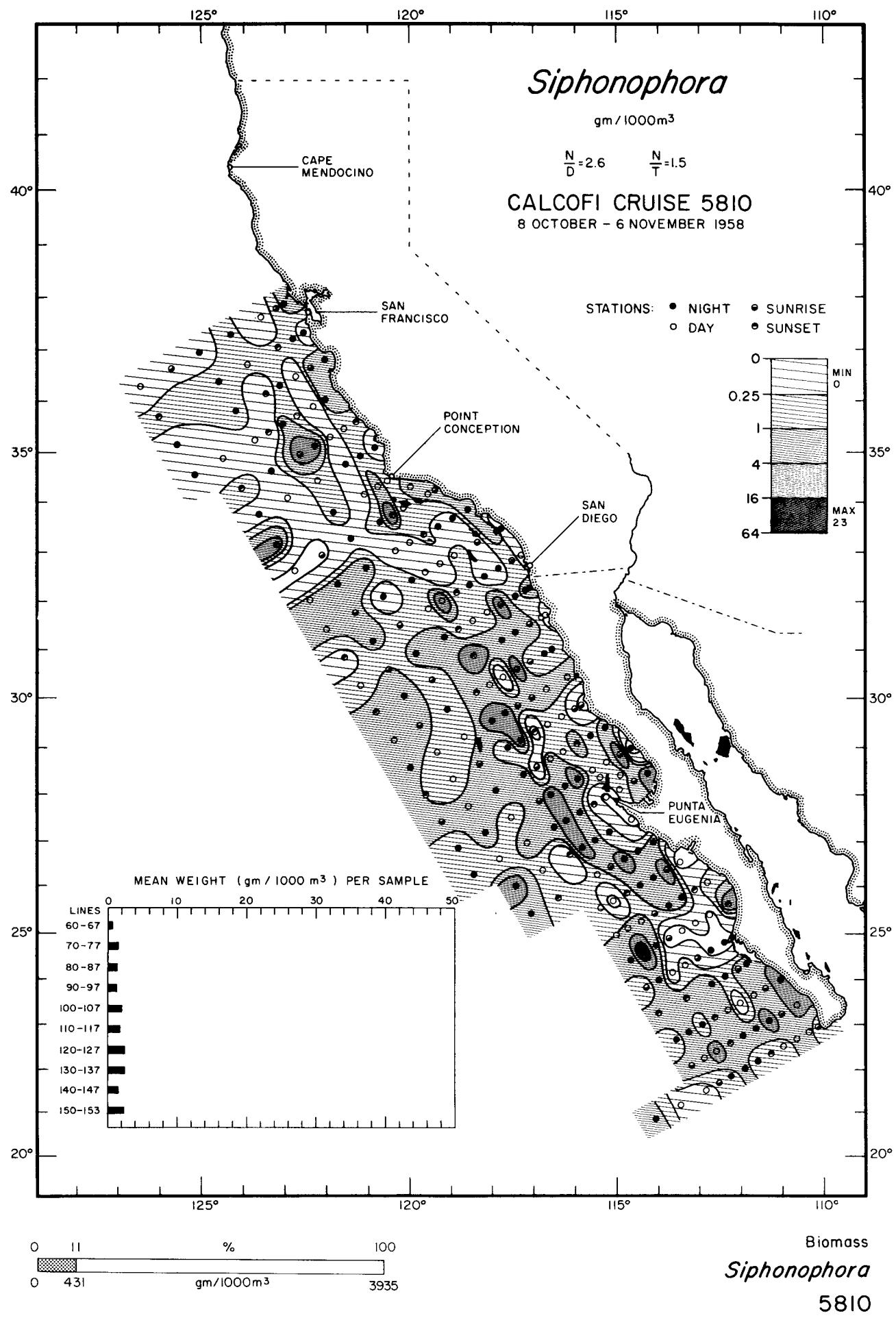


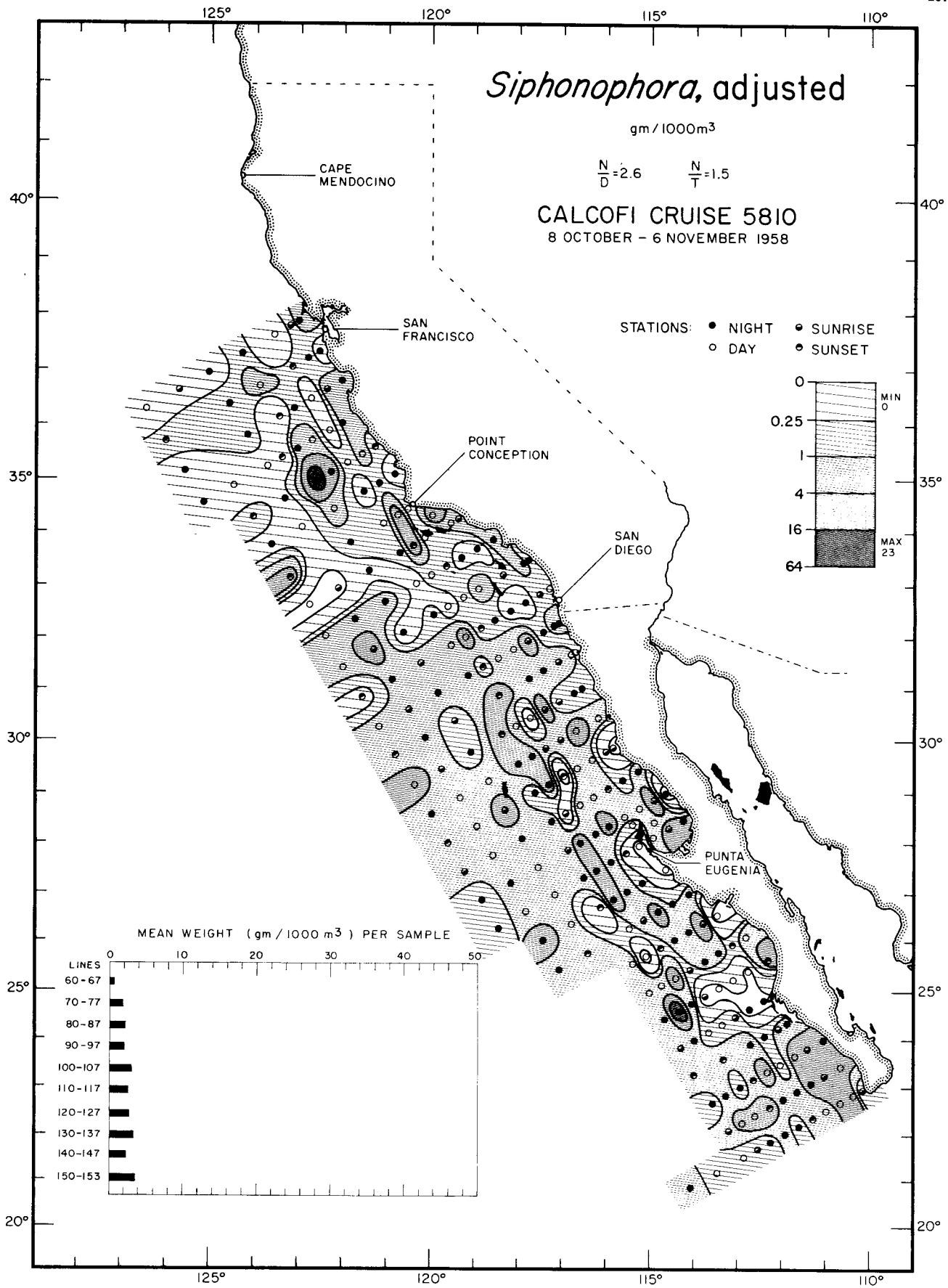




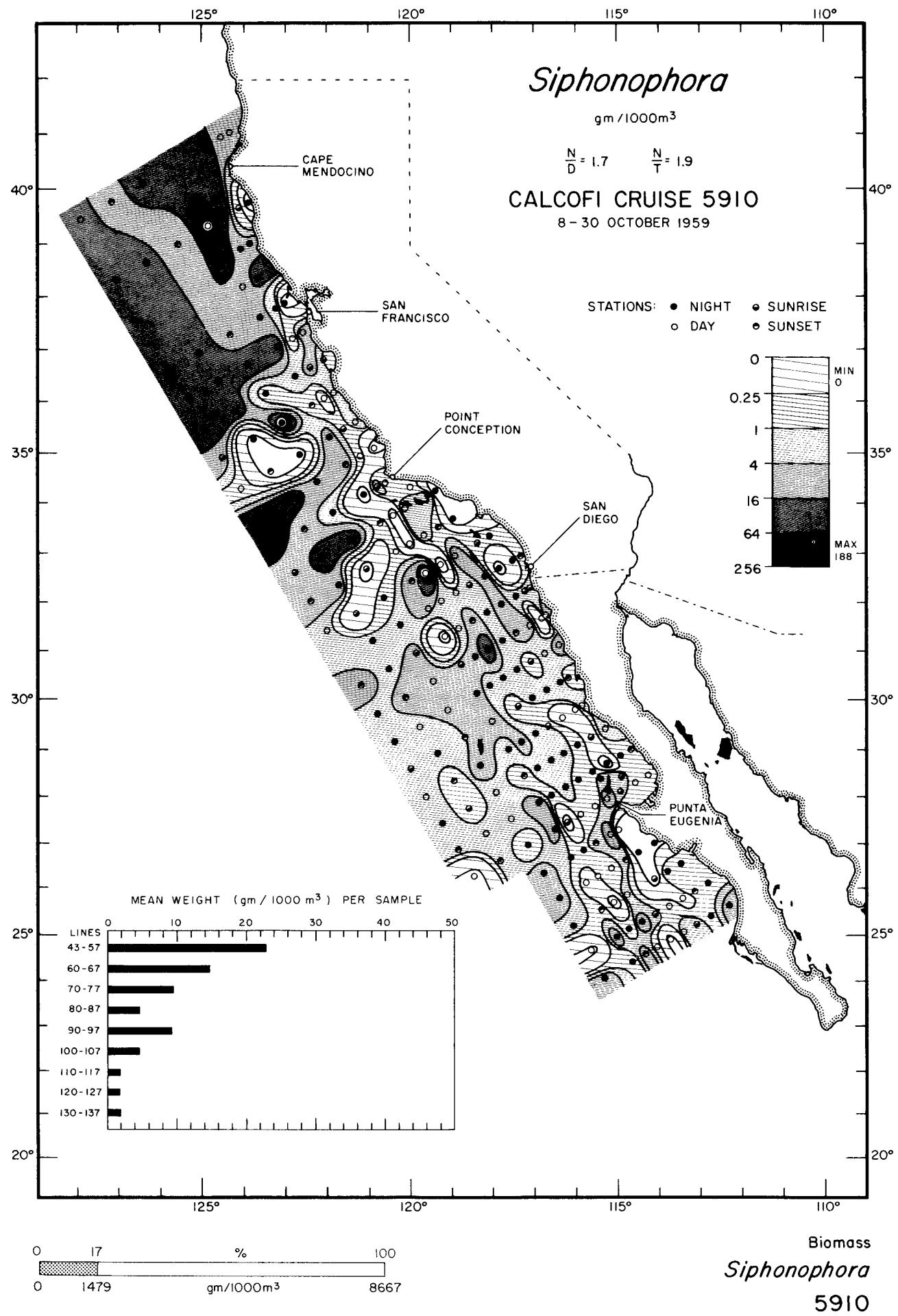


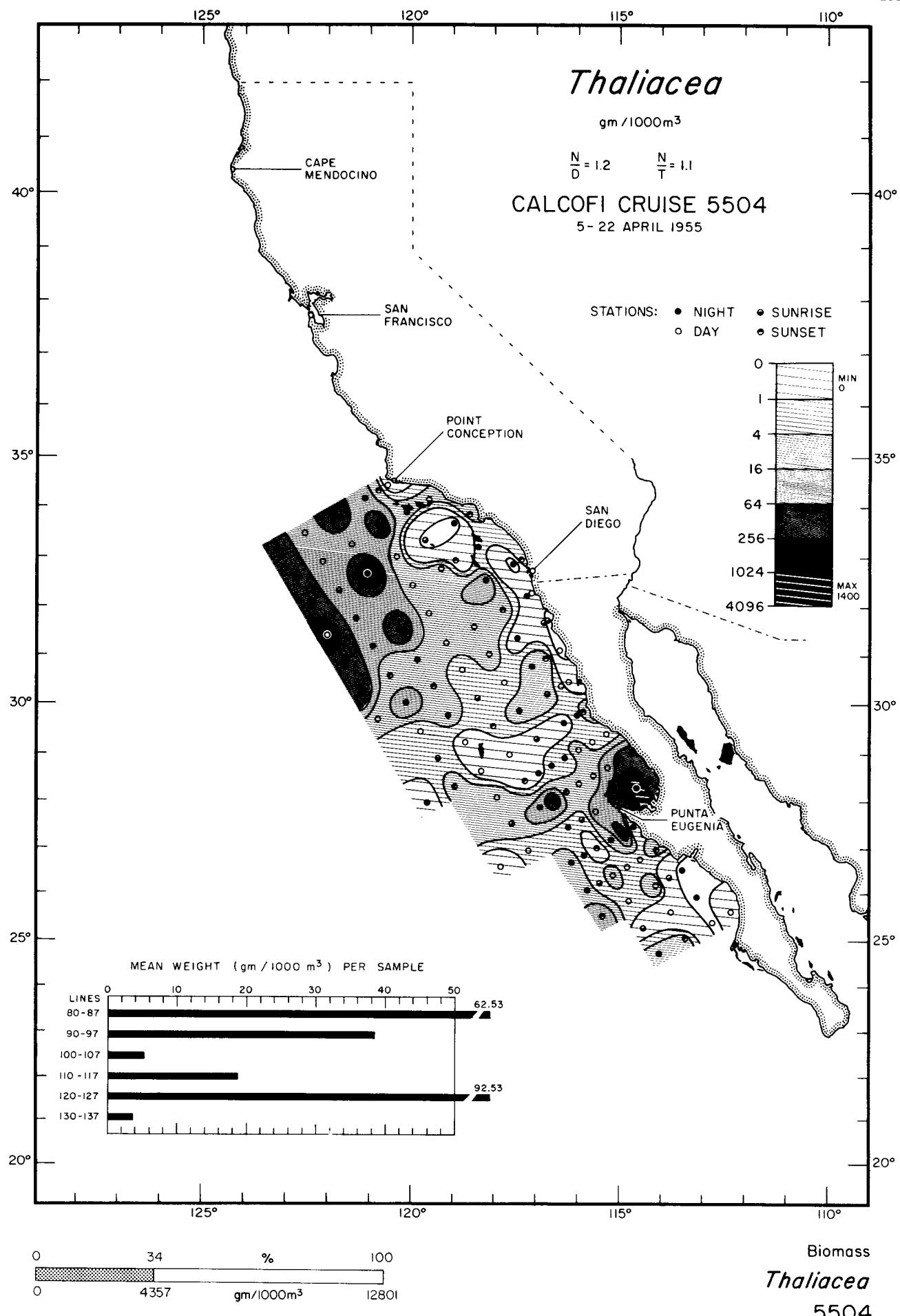


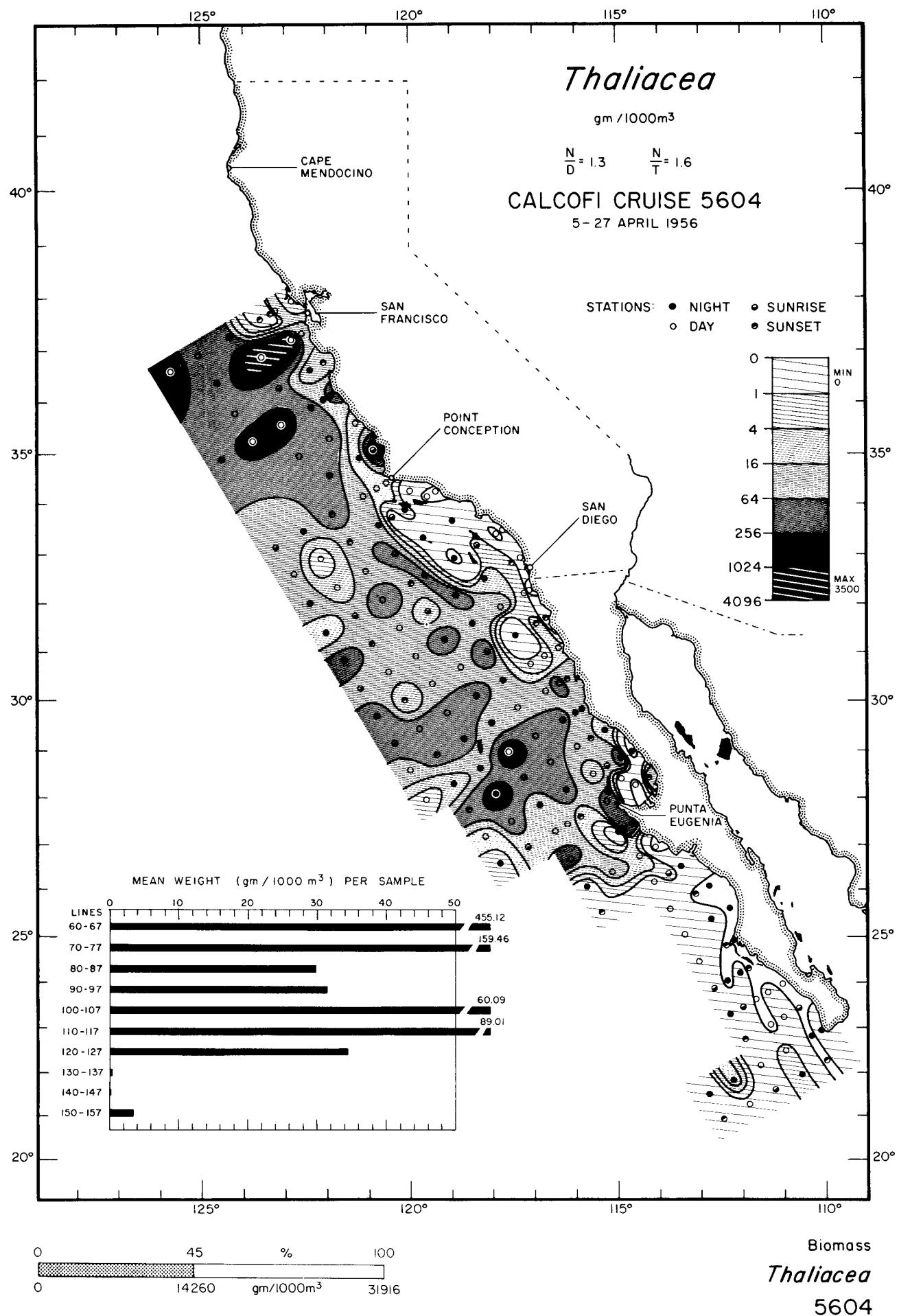


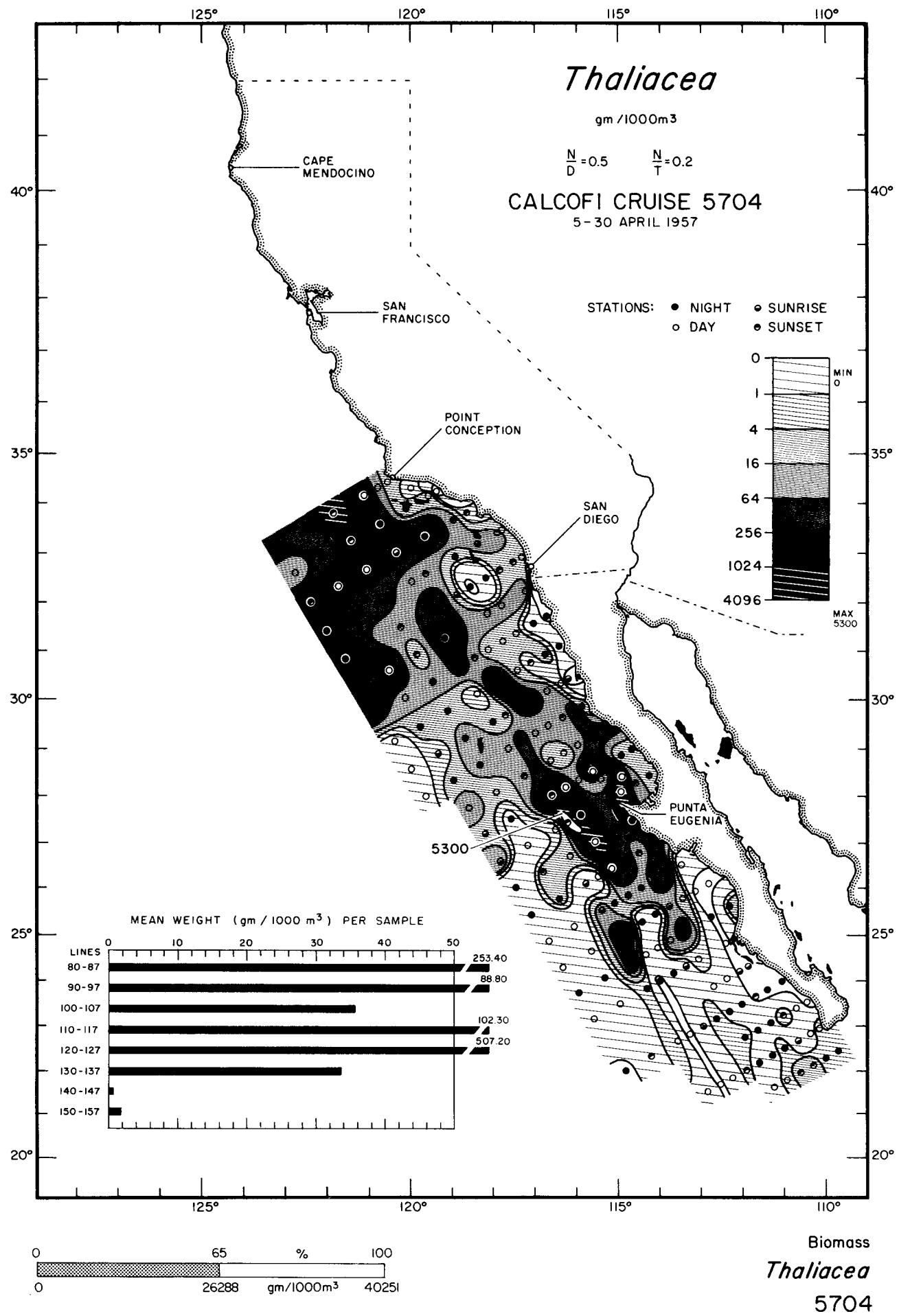


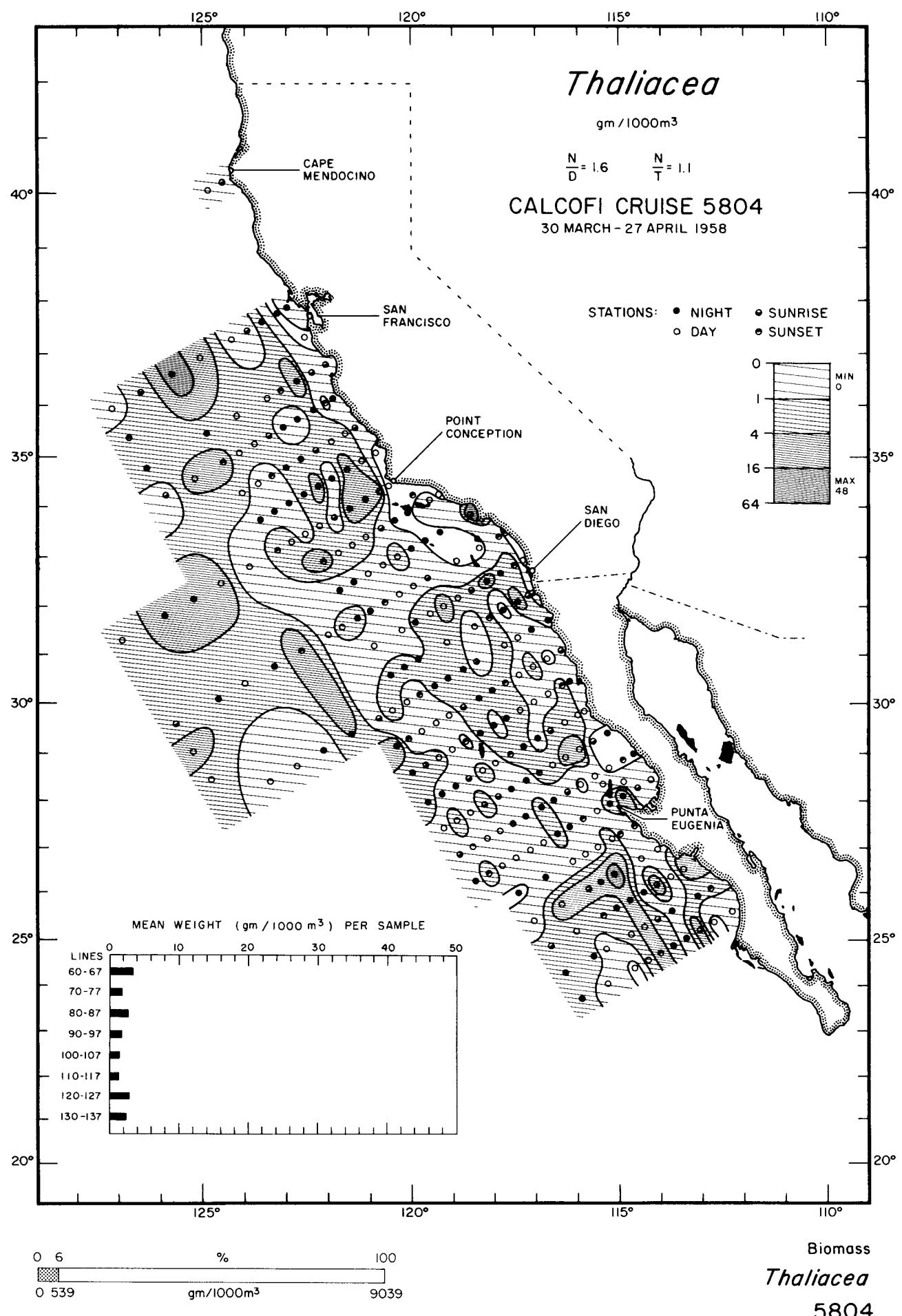
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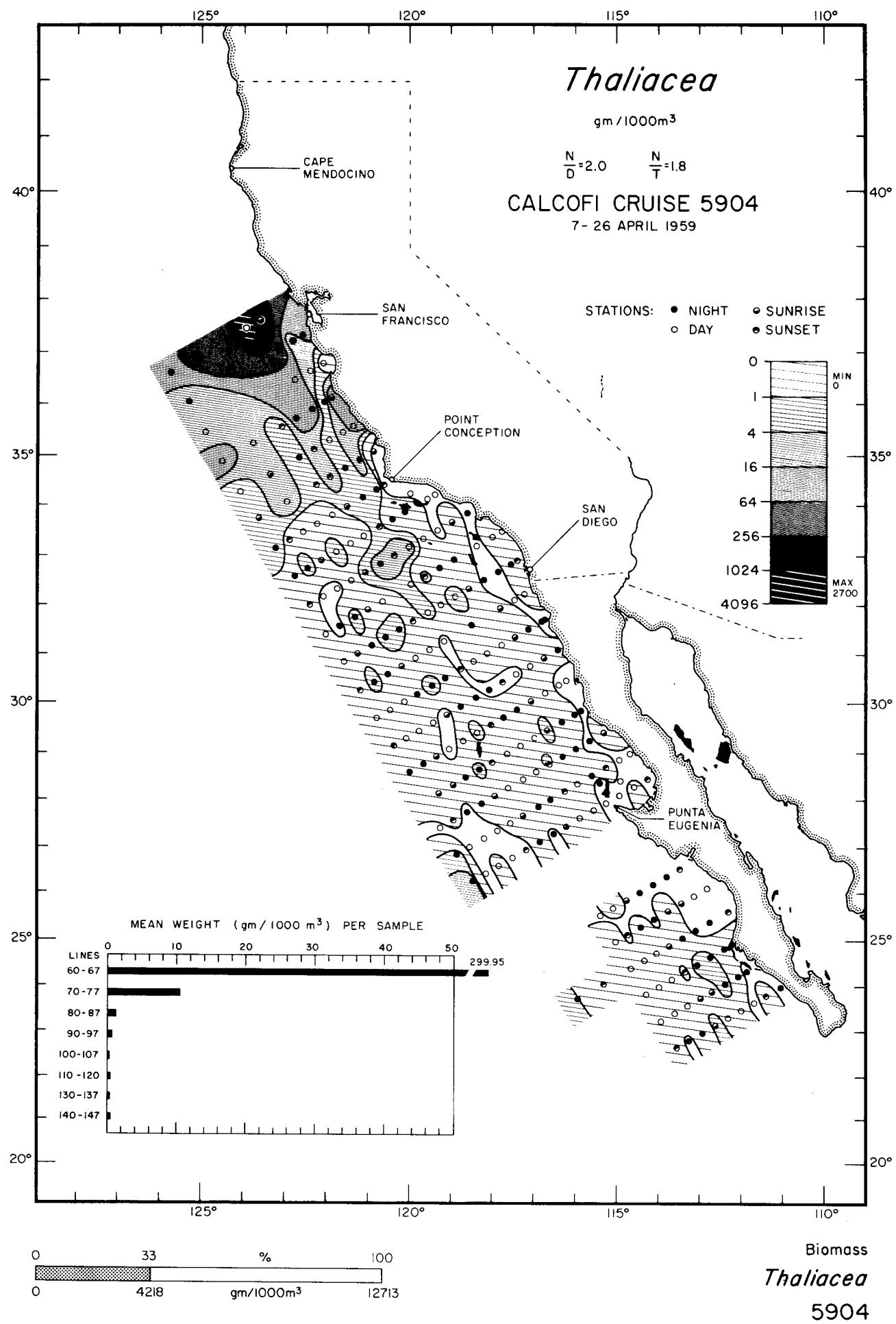


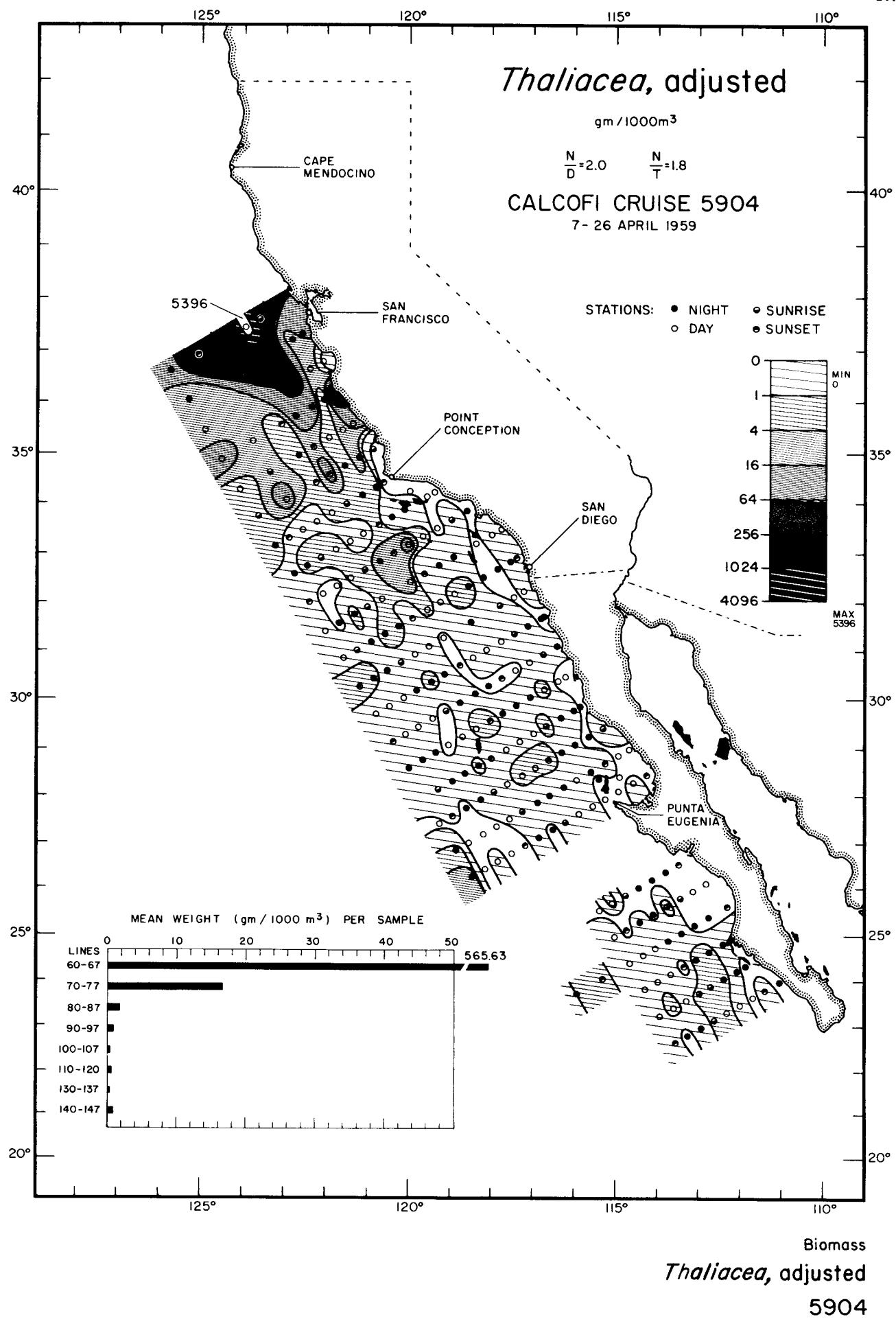


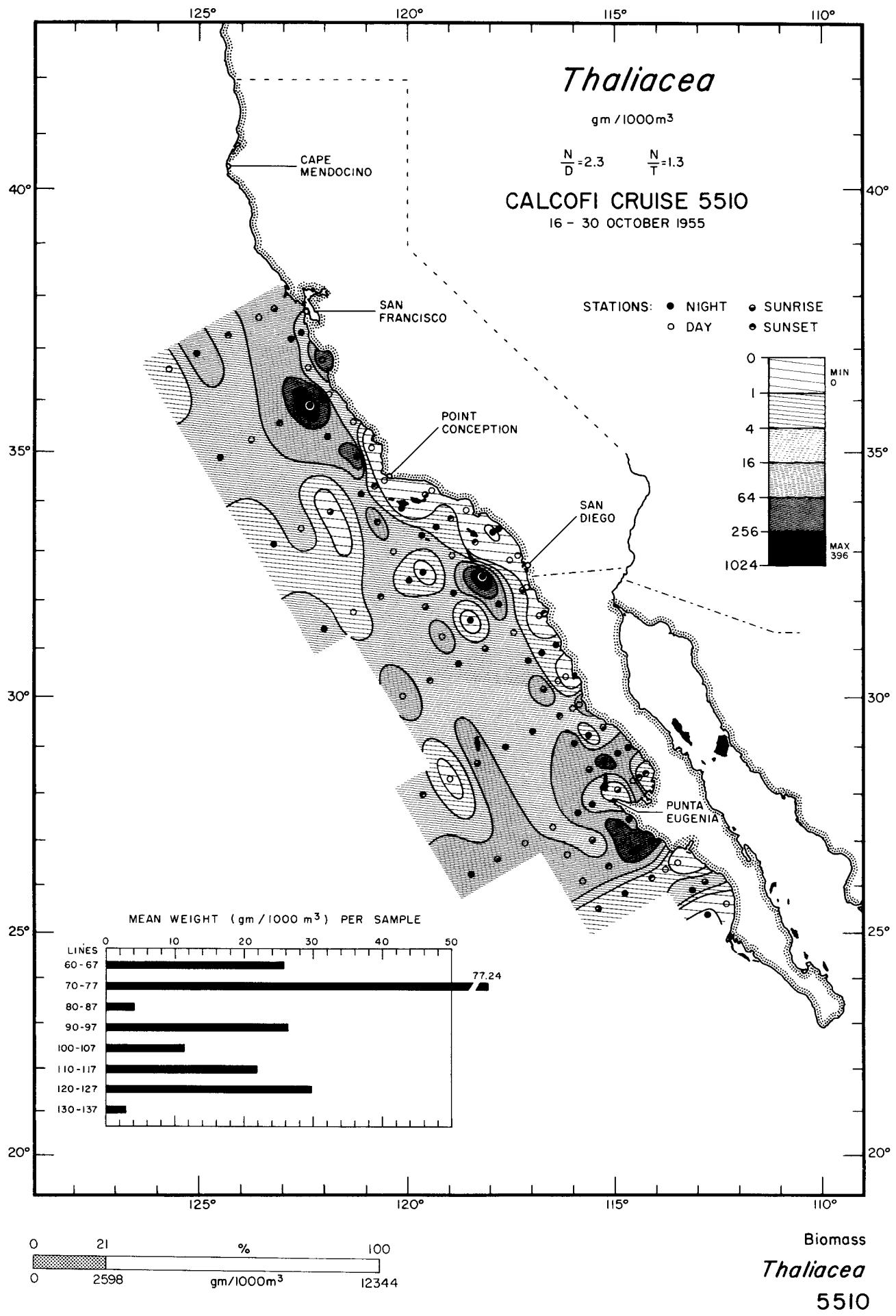


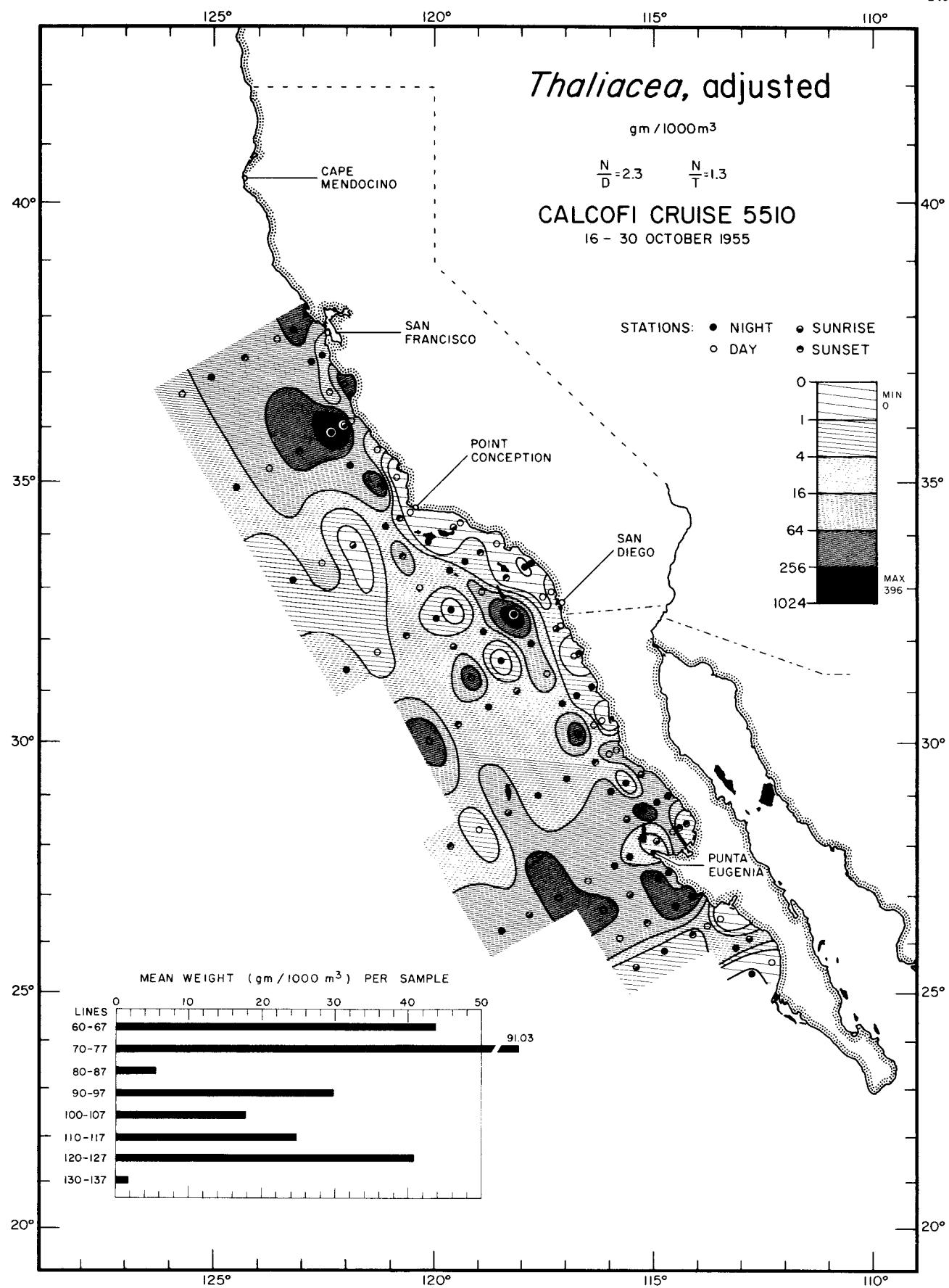








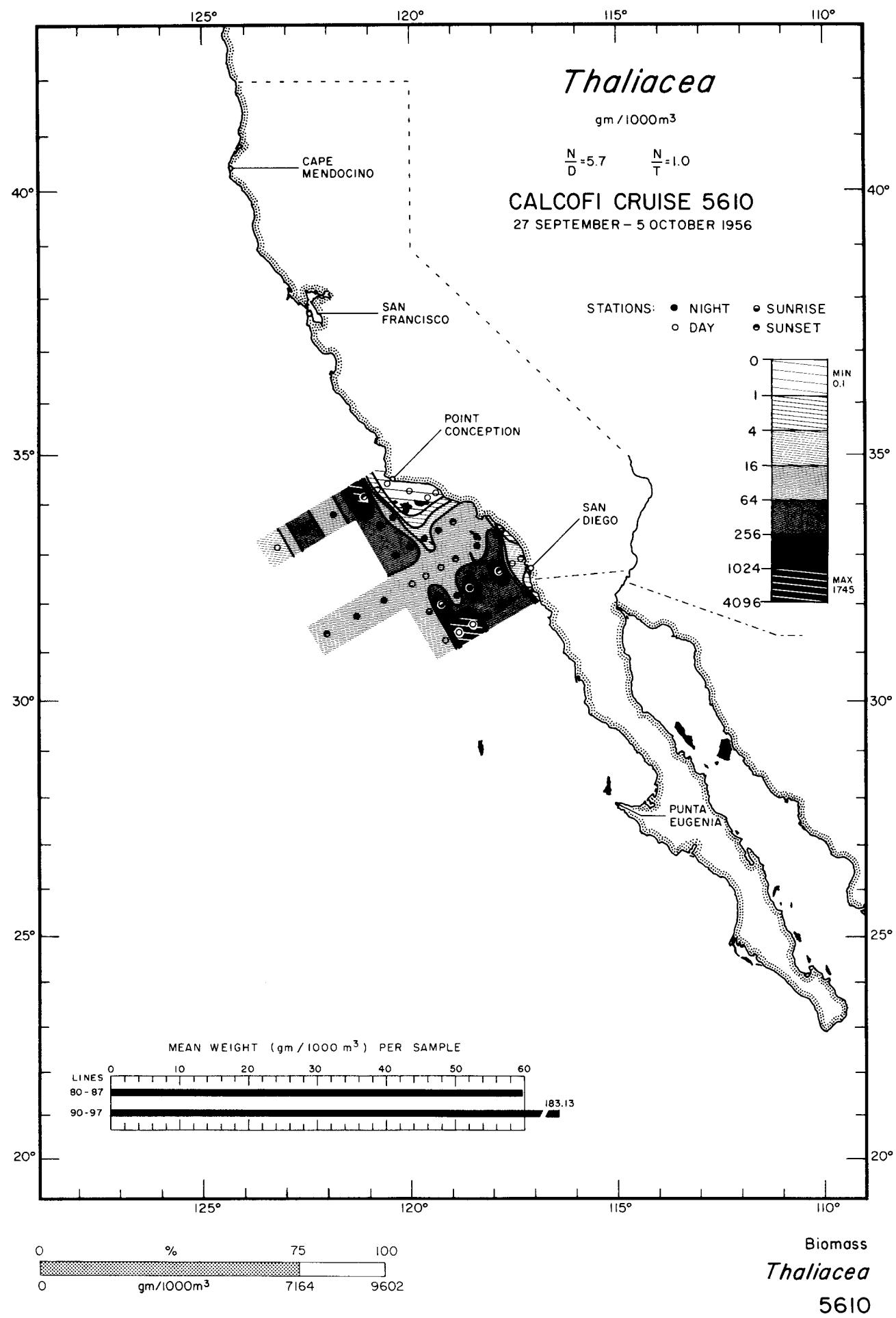


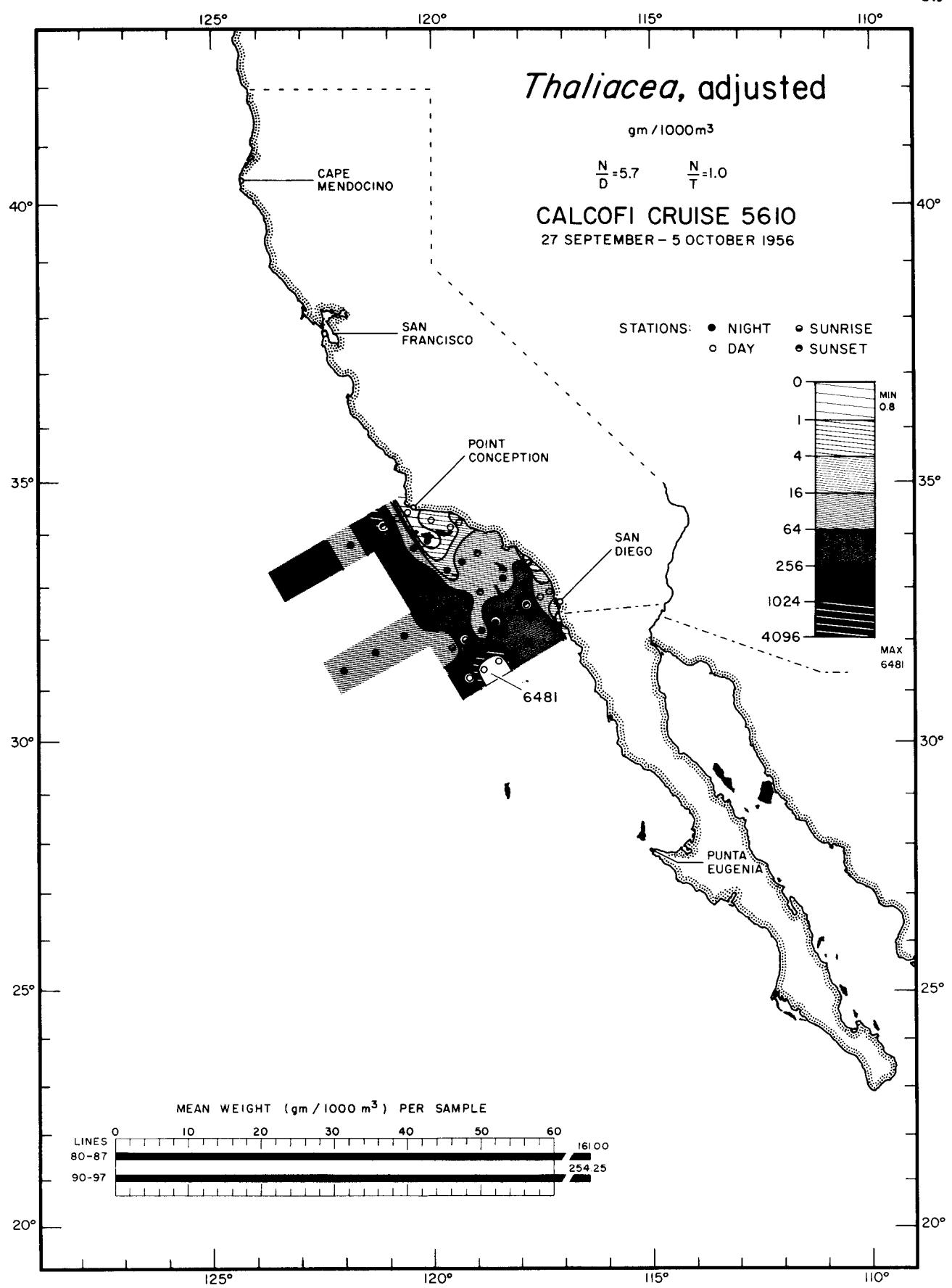


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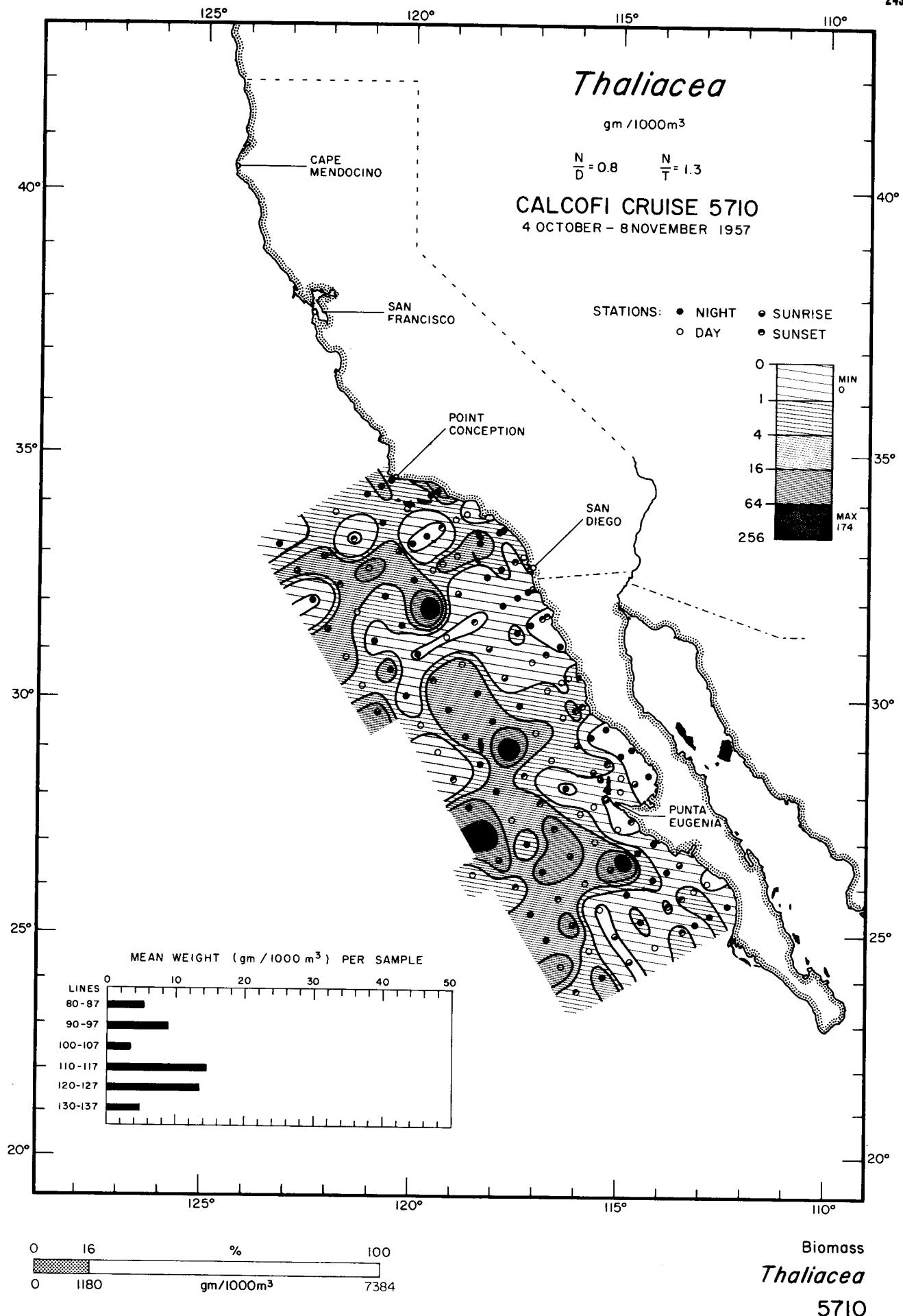
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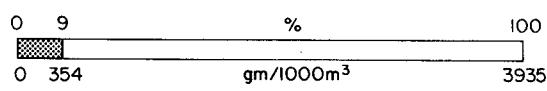
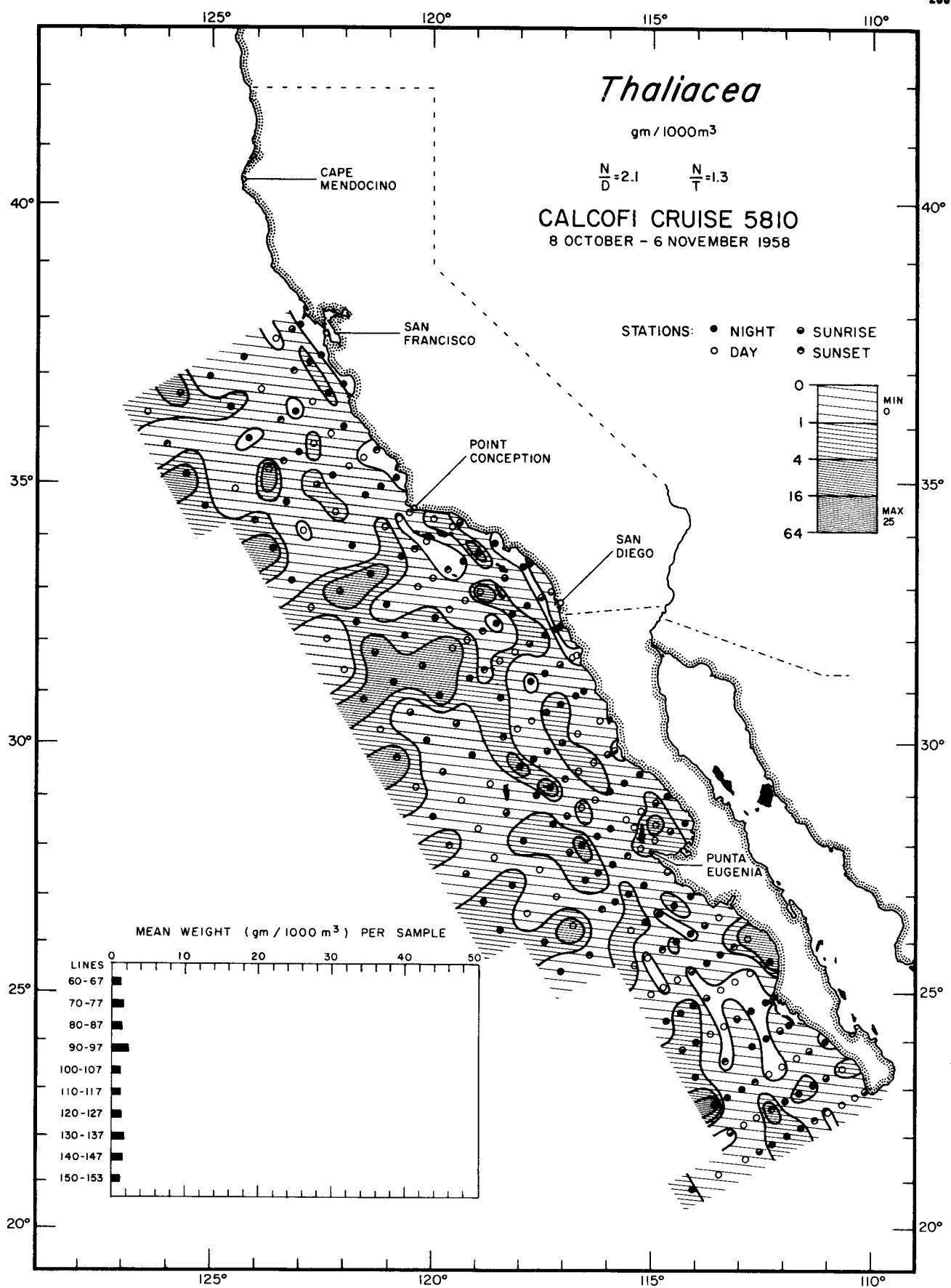
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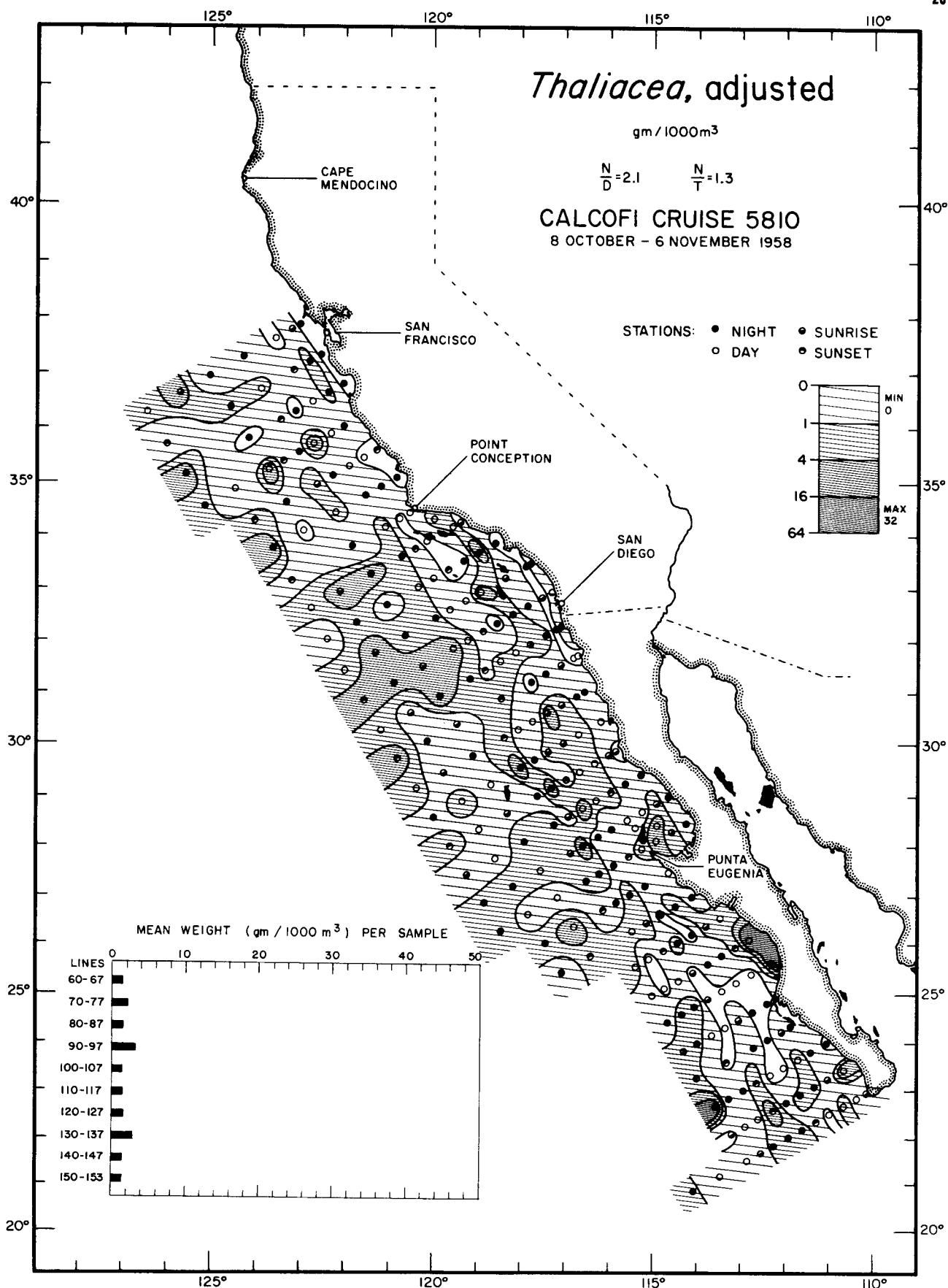


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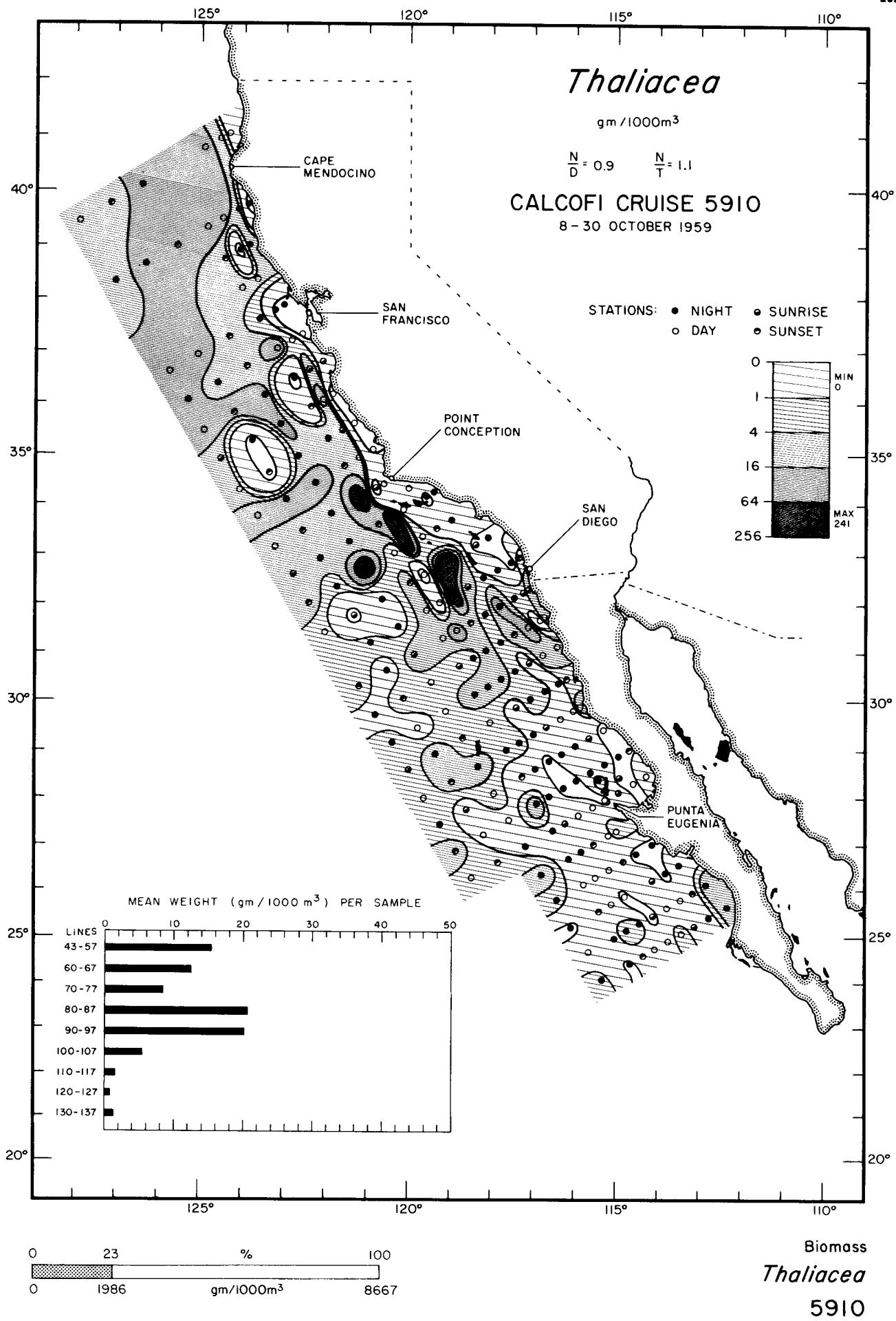


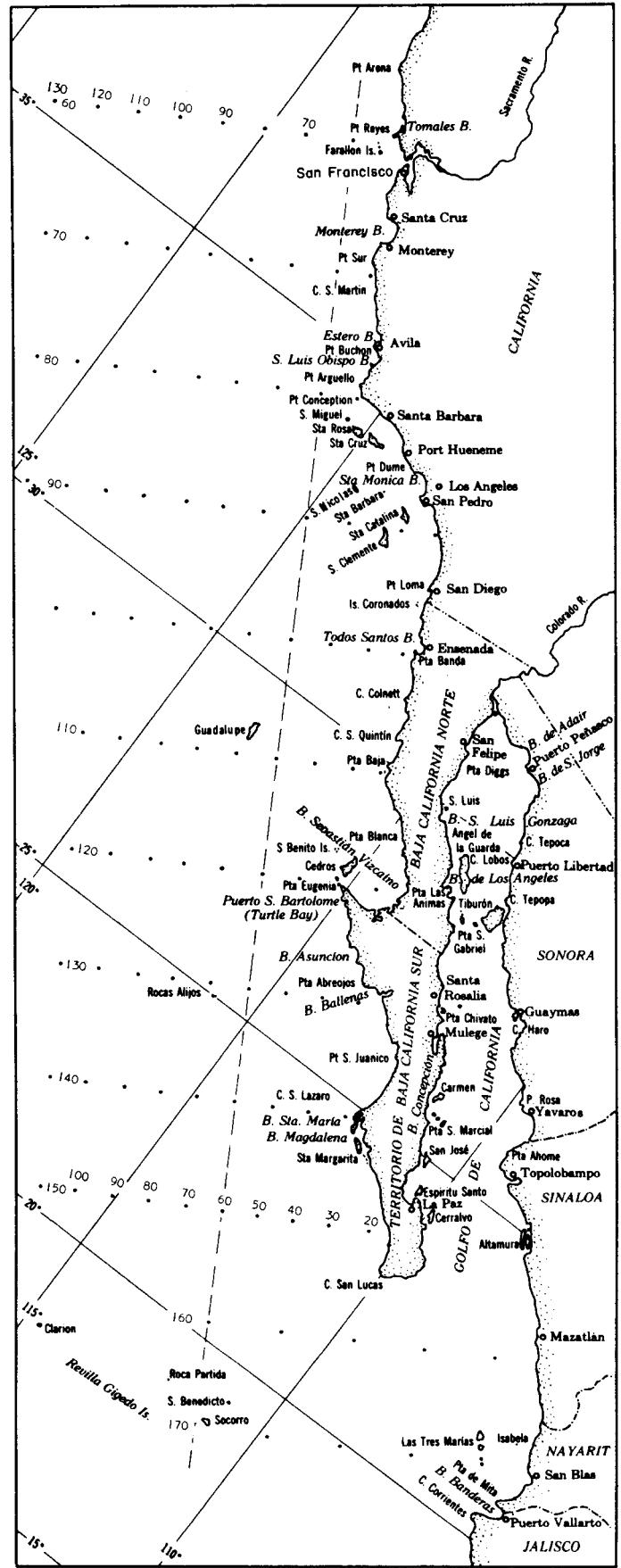
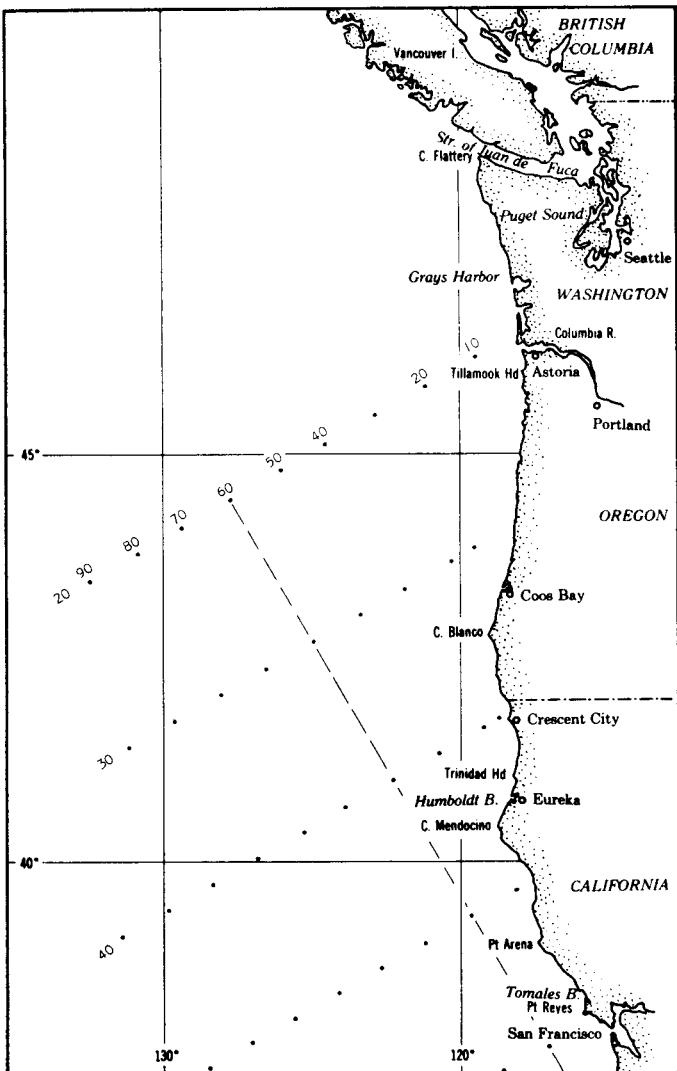


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