

Traditional Approaches for Estimating Zooplankton Production Rate in a Neritic Area of the North Pacific

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Introduction

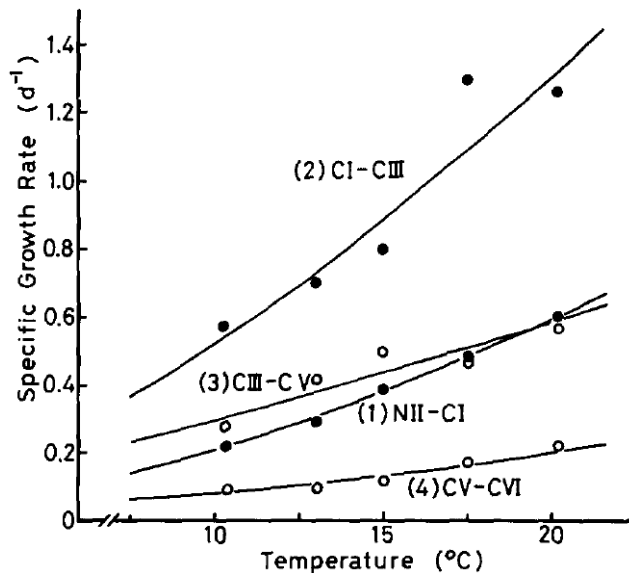
- Historically, the measurement of 2ndary production has been a primary goal for zooplankton research since the 1950s.
- Daily 2ndary production rate (**PR**) can be calculated as:

$$PR = \sum (Gi \times Bi) + Gf \times Bf$$

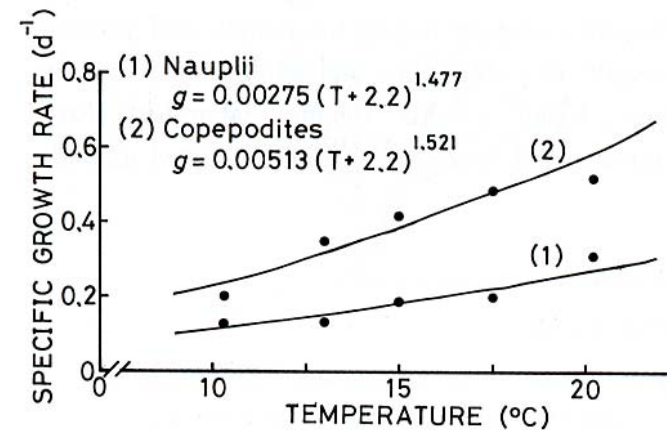
For mesozooplankton (0.2–20 mm), egg production rate and production rates of small juvenile stages (<20 mm) are not included.

where **Gi**: the weight-specific growth rate (d^{-1}) of stage *i*; **Bi**: biomass of stage *i* ($Bi = Ai \times Wi$, where **A**: abundance; **W**: individual weight); **Gf**: egg production rate; **Bf**: biomass of adult female.

- The weight-specific growth rate (**G**, d^{-1}) should be determined by incubation.



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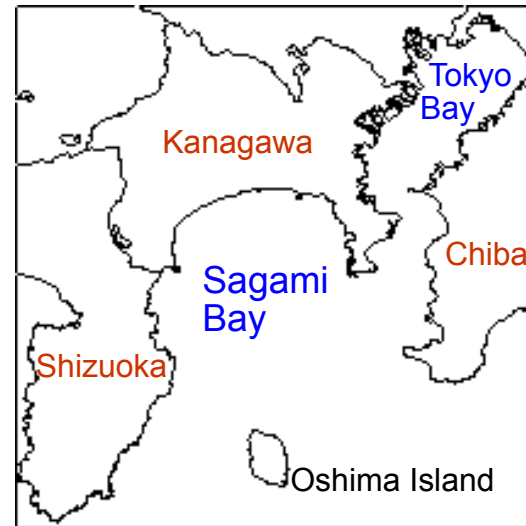
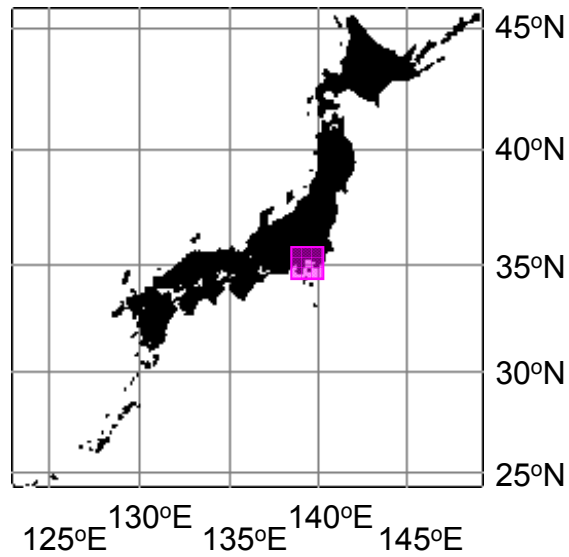


Uye (1991) *Paracalanus* sp.

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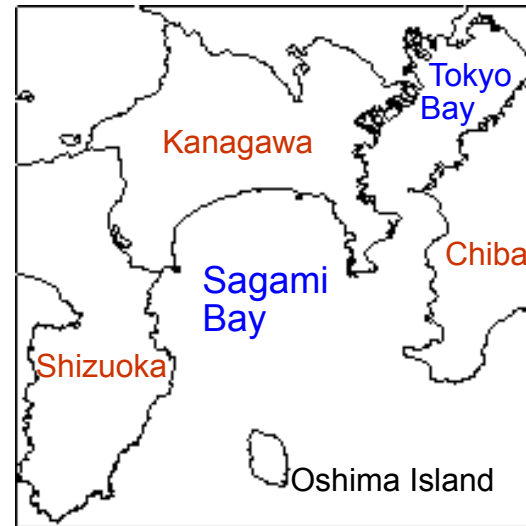
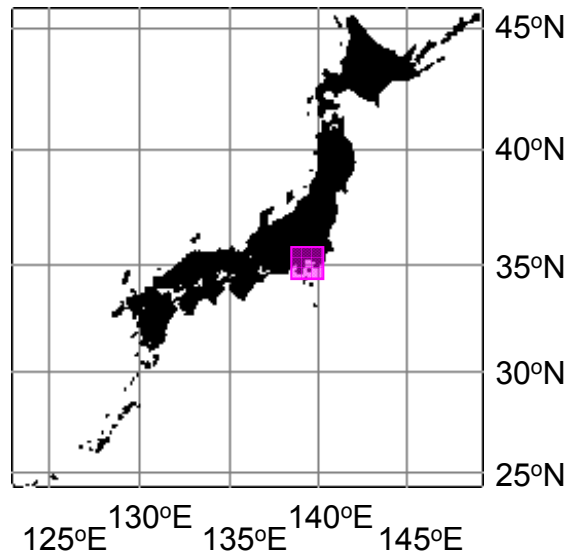
- Here, two questions arise:
 - (1) Which empirical growth models are more applicable?
 - (2) Are daily production rates estimated using empirical growth models reasonable?

- The aim of this study:
 - (1) to compare and verify several [empirical growth models for mesozooplankton \(MZ\)](#), and
 - (2) to assess carbon flow based on [production rate](#) and [food requirement](#) in the neritic area of [Sagami Bay](#), Japan.



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Project “*SHONAM*” (*Sagami Bay – Hydroecology of Neritic Ambient*) in order to investigate physicochemical properties and plankton ecosystem in the neritic area of Sagami Bay.

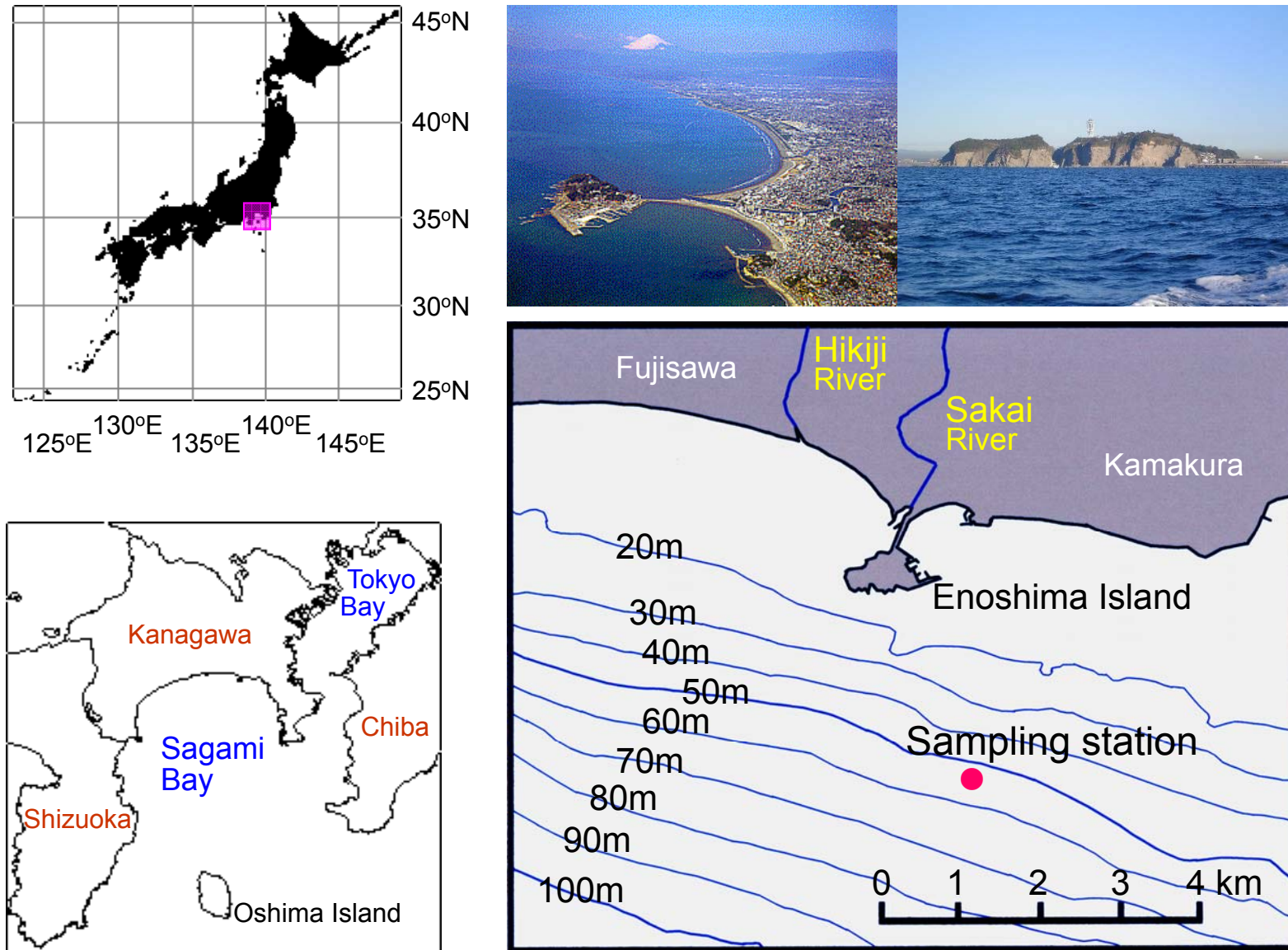


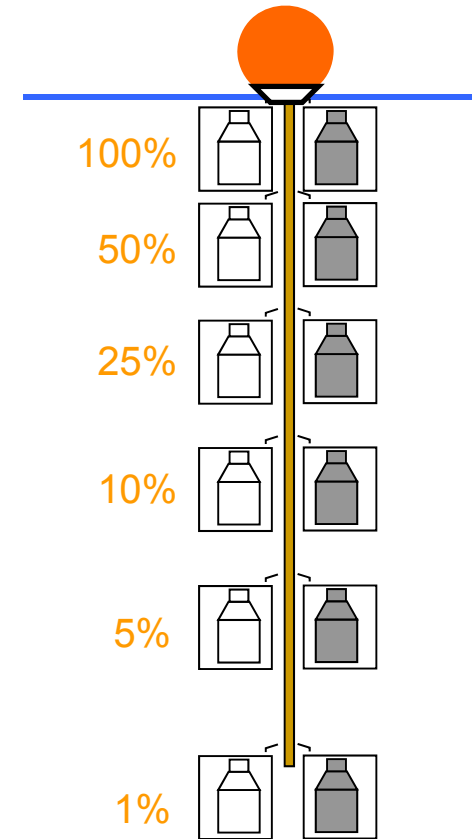
Figure 1 Map showing the study area in Sagami Bay.

Materials and methods

Sampling period and frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mostly every 2 weeks on 289 occasions• From January 2006 to December 2017
Water temperature and salinity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Memory STD (Alec Electronics, AST1000-PK)• Every 1 m from the surface to the bottom
Primary production	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>In situ</i> ¹³C incubation for 24 hrs (Hama <i>et al.</i> 1983)
Mesozooplankton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plankton net (mouth diameter: 45 cm, mesh opening size: 200 μm) equipped with a flowmeter (Rigosha)• Vertical tows from the bottom to the surface• Immediately preserved in 5–10% (final concentration) buffered formalin seawater solution• Identification<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Copepods: species, stage (CI–CVI) and sex• Other non-copepods: taxonomic group• Count (>500 individuals) and measurement of body length

Primary production: *in situ* ^{13}C method

1. **Water samples:** from six depths (100, 50, 25, 10, 5 and 1% photon fluxes just above the sea surface), using a Niskin bottle.
2. **Large zooplankton:** removed by sieving through a 200 μm mesh.
Seawater samples: into polycarbonate bottles (two light bottles and one dark bottle at each depth).
3. **Add $\text{NaH}^{13}\text{CO}_3$** (ca. 10% of total inorganic carbon in ambient water).
Bottles: placed at the same depths at which water samples were taken, and incubated *in situ* for 24 h.
4. **Samples:** filtered through pre-combusted (at 450°C for 4 h) filters.
Filters: dried at 60°C for 1–2 h, fumed with HCl for 3 h, dried at 60°C, and stored in a desiccator.
5. **$^{13}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C}$:** determined using a quadruple mass-spectrometer (Europe Scientific ANCA-SL or SerCon INTEGRA-2).
6. **Primary productivity:** calculated according to Hama *et al.* (1983).
7. **Depth-integrated primary production:** as integral of primary productivities in the photic zone.



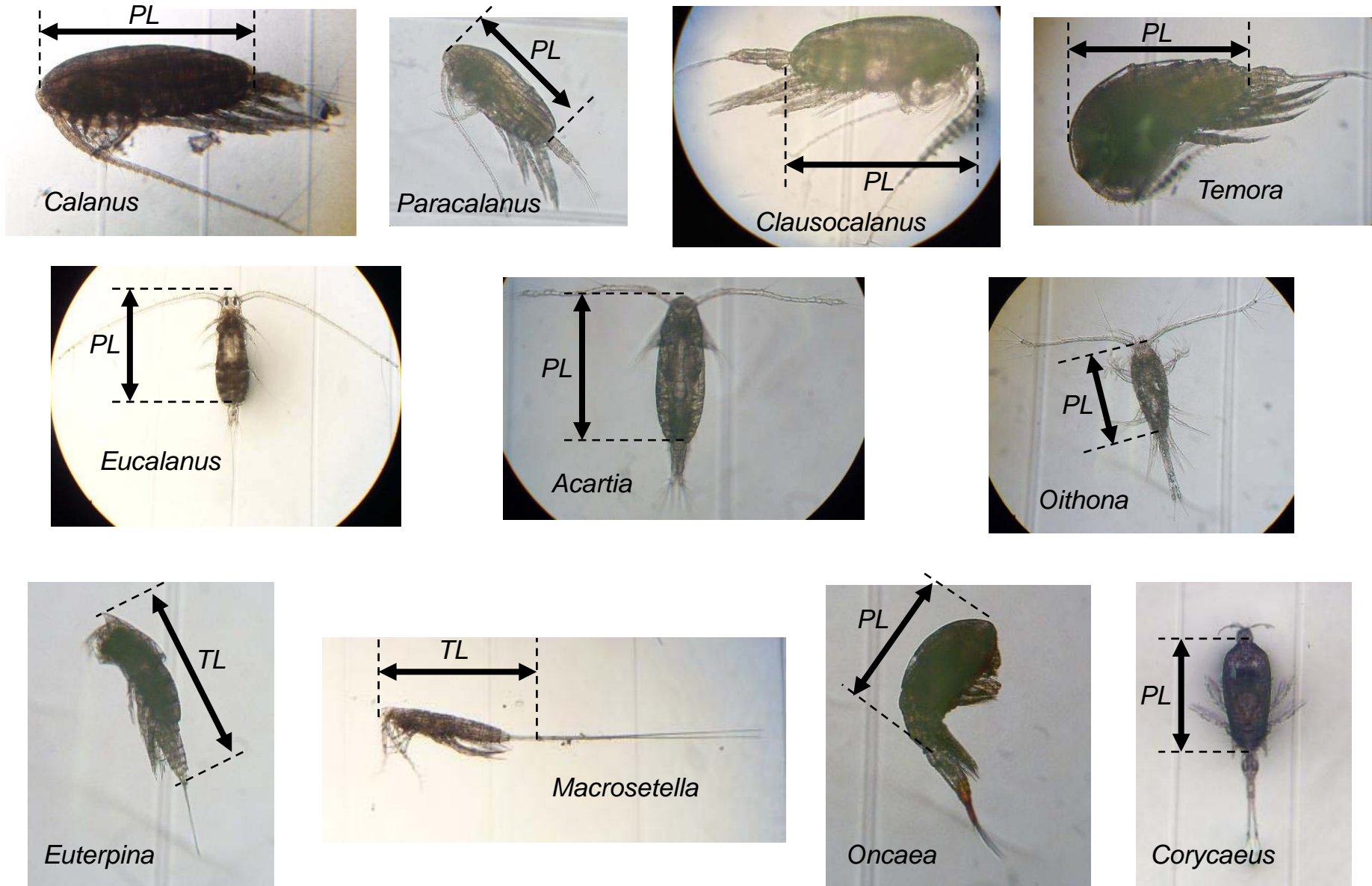


Figure 2 Measurements of body lengths for copepods (C1–C6). *PL*: prosome length; *TL*: total body length.

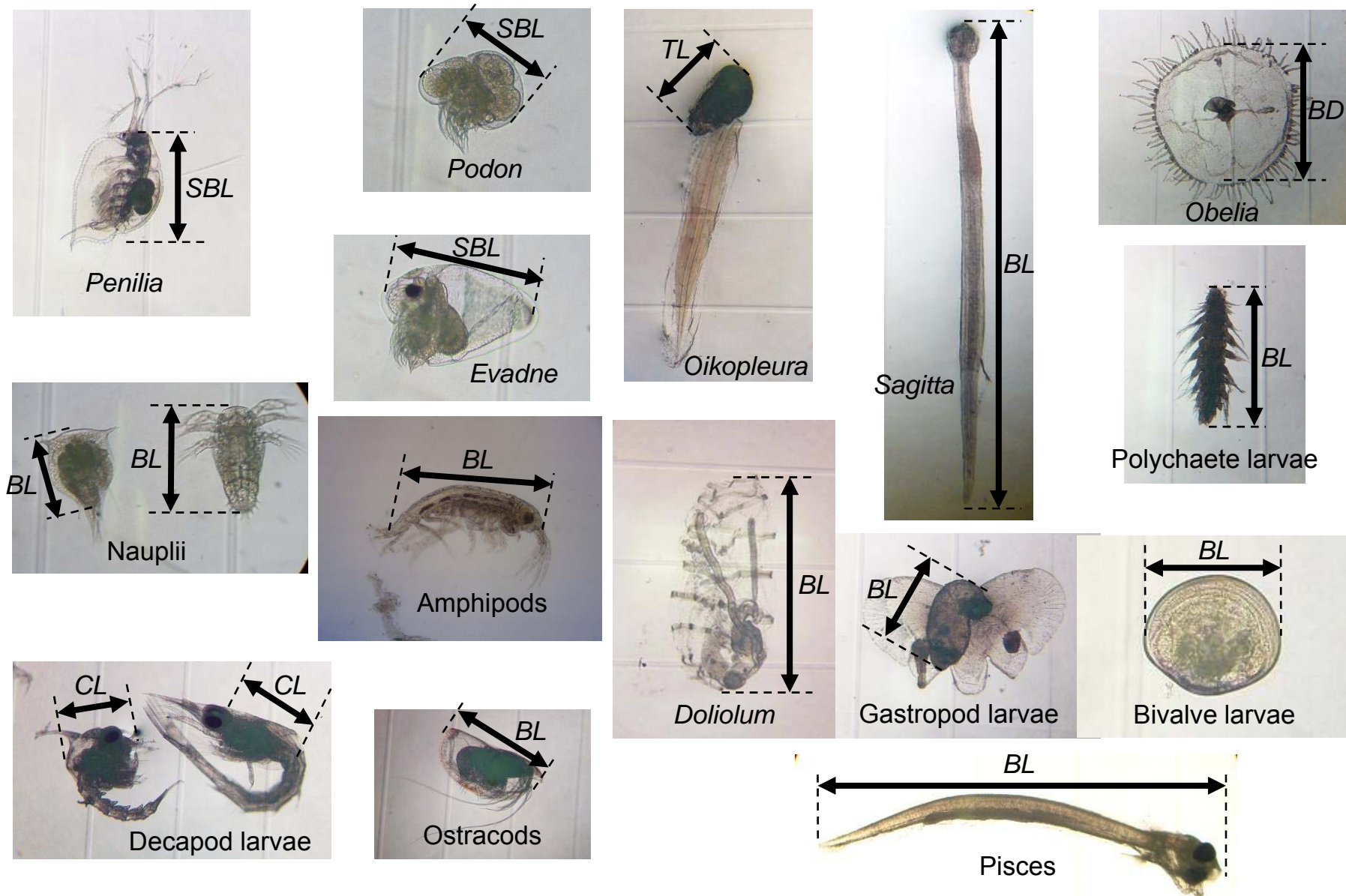
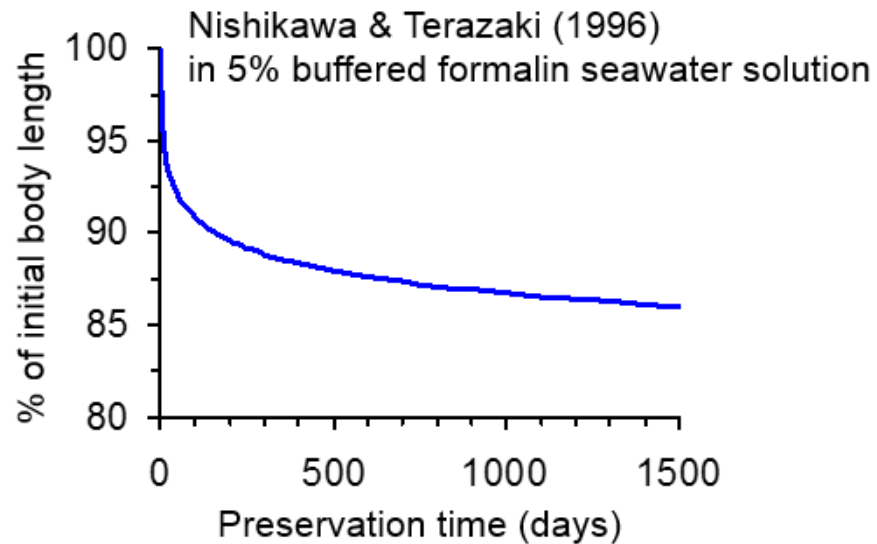


Figure 3 Measurements of body lengths for non-copepods. *BL*: body length; *SBL*: standard body length; *CL*: carapace length; *TL*: trunk length; *BD*: bell diameter.

Table 1 Shrinkage of body length due to preservation in formalin seawater solution.

Taxonomic group	Shrinkage rate or equation	Reference
Appendicularians	10%	Deibel (1988), Landry <i>et al.</i> (1994), Hopcroft & Robinson (1999)
Thaliaceans <i>Doliolum</i>	$L = 0.569 + 0.232 \log_{10} t + 0.911 Pt$ <i>L</i> : body length of live specimen (mm), <i>Pt</i> : body length (mm) after preservation (day)	Nishikawa & Terazaki (1996)
Chaetognaths	5%	Murakami (1959)
Cnidarians	15%	Möller (1980)
Fish larvae	8%	Theilacker (1980), Kusakabe <i>et al.</i> (2007)



Calculations

- **Abundance** (A , ind. m^{-3})
- **Biomass** (B , mg C m^{-3}): $B = \sum A \times Wc$
where Wc : individual weight (μg C).
- **Daily production rate** (PR , mg C $m^{-3} d^{-1}$): $PR = \sum A \times Wc \times G$
where G : individual specific growth rate (d^{-1}).
- **Food requirement** (FR , mg C $m^{-3} d^{-1}$): $FR = Res / (As - Gr)$
where Res : respiration rate ($\mu L O_2$ ind. $^{-1} h^{-1}$); As (assimilation rate): 0.7 (Ikeda & Motoda 1978);
 Gr (gross growth efficiency): 0.3 (Ikeda & Motoda 1978); **respiratory quotient**: 0.97 (Gnaiger 1983).

Appendicularians (T : 15°C): $\log_{10} Res = -1.38 + 0.81 \log_{10} W$ (Gorsky *et al.* 1987)

Appendicularians (T : 20°C): $\log_{10} Res = -1.27 + 0.88 \log_{10} W$

Appendicularians (T : 24°C): $\log_{10} Res = -1.27 + 0.88 \log_{10} W$

where W : individual weight (μg DW); Q_{10} : 2.45 (15–20°C), 3.75 (20–24°C).

Copepods: $\ln Res = 0.124 + 0.78 \ln Wc + 0.073T$ (Ikeda *et al.* 2001)

Others: $\ln Res = 0.524 + 0.8354 \ln Wc + 0.0601T$ (Ikeda 1985)

where Wc : individual weight (mg C); T : ambient water temperature (°C).

Table 2 Length-weight regression equations employed to estimate carbon weight for mesozooplankton (to be continued).

Taxonomic group	Regression equation	Units	Reference
Copepods			
<i>Calanus</i>	$Wc = 3.84 \times 10^{-10} PL^{3.378}$	$\mu\text{g C, } \mu\text{m}$	Uye (1988)
<i>Paracalanus</i>	$Wc = 3.54 \times 10^{-9} PL^{3.128}$	$\mu\text{g C, } \mu\text{m}$	Uye (1991)
<i>Acartia</i>	$Wc = 3.09 \times 10^{-9} PL^{3.08}$	$\mu\text{g C, } \mu\text{m}$	Uye (1982)
<i>Centropages</i>	$Wc = 6.46 \times 10^{-9} PL^{2.97}$	$\mu\text{g C, } \mu\text{m}$	Uye (1982)
<i>Euchaeta</i>	$Wc = 5.62 \times 10^{-7} PL^{2.45}$	$\mu\text{g C, } \mu\text{m}$	Uye (1982)
<i>Oithona</i>	$Wc = 1.83 \times 10^{-6} PL^{2.05}$	$\mu\text{g C, } \mu\text{m}$	Uye & Sano (1998)
Other calanoids, cyclopods and poechilostmatoids	$Wc = 4.27 \times 10^{-9} PL^{3.07}$	$\mu\text{g C, } \mu\text{m}$	Uye (1982)
<i>Microsetella</i>	$Wc = 2.65 \times 10^{-6} TL^{1.95}$	$\mu\text{g C, } \mu\text{m}$	Uye <i>et al.</i> (2002)
Other harpacticoids	$Wc = 8.51 \times 10^{-10} TL^{3.26} \times 0.457$	$\mu\text{g C, } \mu\text{m}$	Hirota (1986)
Crustacean nauplii	$Wc = 1.51 \times 10^{-5} BL^{2.94}$	$\text{ng C, } \mu\text{m}$	Uye <i>et al.</i> (1996)
Cladocerans			
<i>Penilia</i>	$Wc = 1.82 \times 10^{-13} TCL^{4.51}$	$\mu\text{g C, } \mu\text{m}$	Uye (1982)
<i>Podon, Evadne</i>	$Wc = 7.08 \times 10^{-12} TCL^{4.15}$	$\mu\text{g C, } \mu\text{m}$	Uye (1982)
Ostracods	$Wc = 7.08 \times 10^{-12} TCL^{4.15}$	$\mu\text{g C, } \mu\text{m}$	Uye (1982)
Decapod larvae	$Wc = 9.12 \times 10^{-9} CL^{3.28} \times 0.416$	$\mu\text{g C, } \mu\text{m}$	Hirota (1986)
<i>Lucifer</i>	$Wc = 3.09 \times 10^2 PBL^{2.489} \times 0.1 \times 0.416$	$\mu\text{g C, mm}$	Vega-Pérez <i>et al.</i> (1996), Hirota (1986)
Mysids	$Wc = 6.81 \times 10^{-1} CL^{3.10}$	$\mu\text{g C, mm}$	Uye (1982)
Amphipods	$Wc = 4.85 \times 10^{-3} BL^{2.957} \times 0.3693$	mg C, mm	Ikeda (1990, 1991)

Table 2 Length-weight regression equations employed to estimate carbon weight for mesozooplankton (continued).

Taxonomic group	Regression equation	Units	Reference
Cirriped nauplii	$Wc = 2.88 \times 10^{-7} BL^{2.65} \times 0.434$	$\mu\text{g C, } \mu\text{m}$	Hirota (1986)
Appendicularians <i>Oikopleura</i>	$Wc = 2.62 \times 10^{-8} TRL^{2.83}$	$\mu\text{g C, } \mu\text{m}$	Sato <i>et al.</i> (2001)
Thaliaceans <i>Doliolum</i>	$Wc = 1.15 \times 10^{-7} BL^{2.54} \times 0.0782$	$\mu\text{g C, } \mu\text{m}$	Hirota (1986), Madin <i>et al.</i> (1981)
Chaetognaths	$Wc = 5.13 \times 10^{-2} BL^{3.16}$	$\mu\text{g C, mm}$	Uye (1982)
Bivalve larvae	$Wc = 2.00 \times 10^{-3} SL^{1.47} \times 0.177$	$\mu\text{g C, } \mu\text{m}$	Hirota (1986)
Gastropod larvae	$Wc = 7.94 \times 10^{-6} SL^{2.46} \times 0.177$	$\mu\text{g C, } \mu\text{m}$	Hirota (1986)
Polychaete larvae	$Wc = 2.09 \times 10^{-6} BL^{2.10} \times 0.512$	$\mu\text{g C, } \mu\text{m}$	Hirota (1986)
Cnidarians Hydrozoa <i>Obelia</i>	$Wc = 2.14 \times 10^{-8} BD^{2.75} \times 0.089$	$\mu\text{g C, } \mu\text{m}$	Hirota (1986), Larson (1986)
Siphonophora	$Wc = 20.47 \times BL^{0.834}$	$\mu\text{g C, mm}$	Lavaniegos & Ohman (2007)
Fish larvae	$Wc = 2.045 \times 10^{-4} BL^{3.385} \times 0.425$	mg C, mm	Shoji (2000), Uye (1982)

Table 3 Regression equations to estimate growth rate (G : d^{-1}) for copepods. T : temperature ($^{\circ}C$); Wc : individual carbon weight ($\mu g C$); $Chl-a$: chlorophyll a concentration ($\mu g L^{-1}$).

Taxonomic group	Species	Regression equation	Reference
Copepods (C1–C6)	All	$G = 0.0542 \times e^{0.11T}$	Huntley & Boyd (1984)
Copepods (C1–C6)	All	$G = 0.0445 \times e^{0.111T}$	Huntley & Lopez (1992)
Copepods (C1–C6)	<i>Acartia</i>	$G = 0.059 \times e^{0.084T}$	Uye (1982)
	<i>Calanus</i>	$G = 0.08 \times e^{0.085T}$	Uye (1988)
	<i>Centropages</i>	$G = 0.099 \times e^{0.078T}$	Liang <i>et al.</i> (1996)
	<i>Microsetella</i>	$G = 0.0062 \times e^{0.12T}$	Uye <i>et al.</i> (2002)
	<i>Oithona</i>	$G = 0.025 \times e^{0.11T}$	Uye & Sano (1998)
	<i>Paracalanus</i>	$G = 0.094 \times e^{0.067T}$	Uye (1991)
	Others (Total)	$G = 0.078 \times e^{0.062T}$	Uye & Shimazu (1997)
Copepods (C1–C6)	All	$\log_{10}G = 0.0246T - 0.2962 \log_{10}Wc - 1.1355$	Hirst & Sheader (1997)
Copepods (C1–C6)	All	$\log_{10}G = 0.0208T - 0.3221 \log_{10}Wc - 1.1408$	Hirst & Lampitt (1998)
Copepods (C1–C6)	All	$\log_{10}G = 0.0345T - 0.128 \log_{10}Wc - 1.529$	Hirst <i>et al.</i> (2003)
Copepods (C1–C6)	All	$\log_{10}G = 0.0186T - 0.288 \log_{10}Wc + 0.417 \log_{10}Chl-a - 1.209$	Hirst & Bunker (2003)

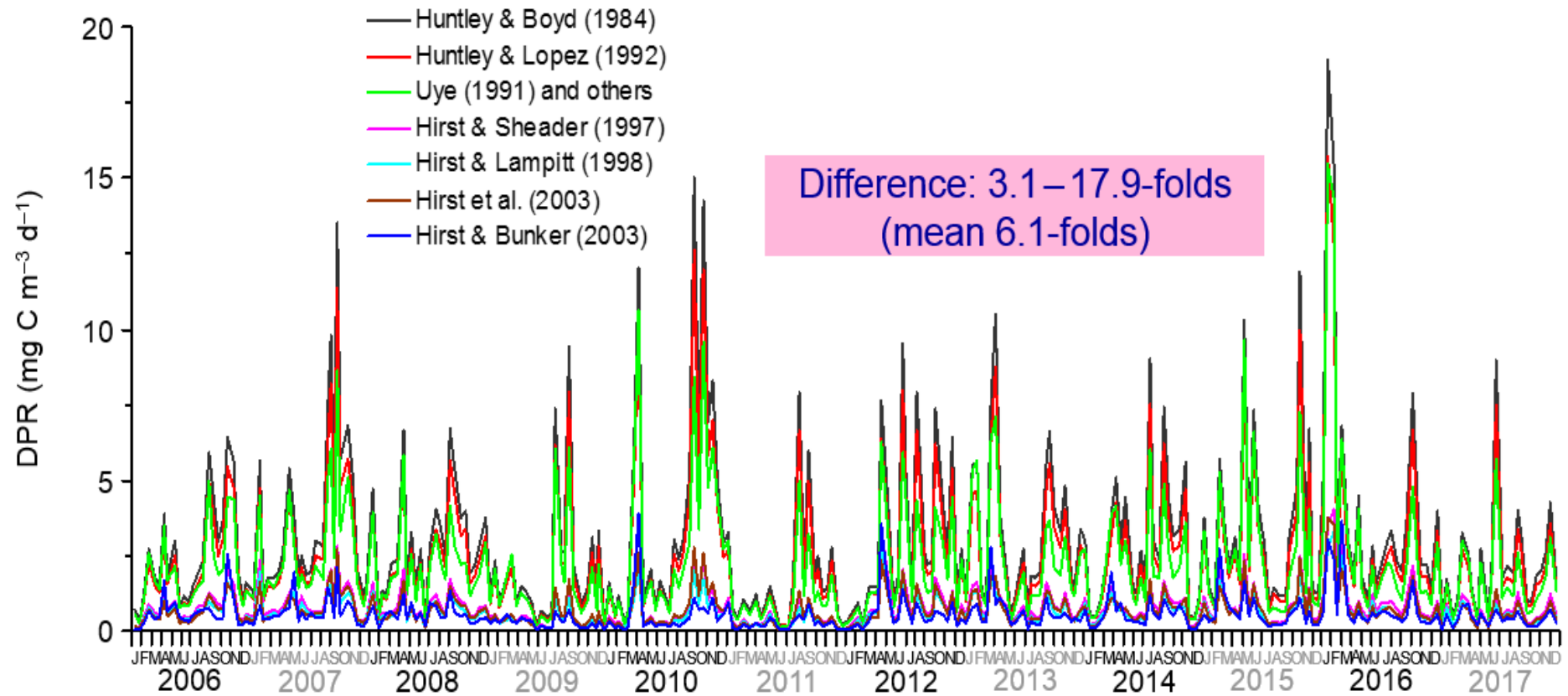


Figure 4 Temporal variations in **daily production rate (DPR)** of the **total copepods** in Sagami Bay, from January 2006 to December 2017.

- Which growth model is more reasonable and applicable?

Table 4 Regression equations to estimate growth rate (G : d^{-1}) for mesozooplankton. T : temperature ($^{\circ}C$); Wc : individual carbon weight (μg C).

Taxonomic group	Body size or stage	Regression equation	Reference
Other crustaceans (Non-copepods)	Wc : $\sim 10 \mu g$ C ind. $^{-1}$	$\log_{10} G = -1.232 + 0.0246 T$	Hirst <i>et al.</i> (2003)
	Wc : $10-100 \mu g$ C ind. $^{-1}$	$\log_{10} G = -1.405 + 0.0337 T$	
Appendicularians	All	$G = 0.21 \times e^{0.0815 T}$	López-Urrutia (2003)
Thaliaceans	All	$\log_{10} G = 0.0645 T + 0.138 \log_{10} Wc - 2.070$	Hirst <i>et al.</i> (2003)
Chaetognaths	All	$\log_{10} G = -1.851 + 0.0367 T$	Hirst <i>et al.</i> (2003)
Others*	Wc : $\sim 10 \mu g$ C ind. $^{-1}$	$\log_{10} G = -1.067 + 0.0206 T$	Hirst <i>et al.</i> (2003)
	Wc : $10-100 \mu g$ C ind. $^{-1}$	$\log_{10} G = -1.406 + 0.0326 T$	
	Wc : $>100 \mu g$ C ind. $^{-1}$	$\log_{10} G = -1.779 + 0.0364 T$	

Others*: molluscan (bivalve and gastropod) larvae, polychaete larvae, cnidarians and fish larvae.

- Are these empirical growth models reasonable and applicable?

- Ikeda & Motoda (1978) modified the **basic balanced equations** proposed by Winberg (1956), as follows:

$$FR = Res / (As - Gr) = Res / (0.7 - 0.3) = 2.5 Res$$

$$PR = Gr \times Res / (As - Gr) = 0.3 Res / (0.7 - 0.3) = 0.75 Res$$

where **FR** is food requirement, **PR** is daily production rate, **Res** is respiration rate, **As** is assimilation rate (**0.7**, Ikeda & Motoda 1978), **Gr** is gross growth efficiency (**0.3**, Ikeda & Motoda 1978).

- Thus, the following equation holds:

$$PR = 0.3 FR \quad \text{or} \quad PR / FR = 0.3$$

Table 6 The ratio of depth-integrated production rate to food requirement, *PR/FR* ratio (mean±SD), for copepods in Sagami Bay, from January 2006 to December 2017.

Taxonomic group	Species	Equation to estimate <i>G</i>	<i>PR/FR</i> (mean±SD)
Copepods (C1–C6)	All	Huntley & Boyd (1984)	1.11±0.24
Copepods (C1–C6)	All	Huntley & Lopez (1992)	0.93±0.20
Copepods (C1–C6)	<i>Acartia</i> <i>Calanus</i> <i>Centropages</i> <i>Microsetella</i> <i>Oithona</i> <i>Paracalanus</i> Others (Total)	Uye (1982) Uye (1988) Liang et al. (1996) Uye et al. (2002) Uye & Sano (1998) Uye (1991) Uye & Shimazu (1997)	0.82±0.17
Copepods (C1–C6)	All	Hirst & Sheader (1997)	0.29±0.02
Copepods (C1–C6)	All	Hirst & Lampitt (1998)	0.23±0.03
Copepods (C1–C6)	All	Hirst et al. (2003)	0.25±0.02
Copepods (C1–C6)	All	Hirst & Bunker (2003)	0.20±0.07

- The *PR/FR* ratio estimated using the [Hirst & Sheader model](#) is closer to 0.3.

Table 7 The ratio of depth-integrated production rate to food requirement, *PR/FR* ratio (mean±SD), for mesozooplankton in Sagami Bay, from January 2006 to December 2017.

Taxonomic group	Species	Equation to estimate <i>G</i>	<i>PR/FR</i> (mean±SD)
Copepods (C1–C6)	All	Hirst & Sheader (1997)	0.29±0.02
Crustacean nauplii	All	Hirst <i>et al.</i> (2003)	0.35±0.04
Cladocerans	All	Hirst <i>et al.</i> (2003)	0.37±0.06
Ostracods	All	Hirst <i>et al.</i> (2003)	0.40±0.05
Malacostracans	All	Hirst <i>et al.</i> (2003)	0.35±0.06
Appendicularians	All	López-Urrutia (2003)	0.33±0.05
Thaliaceans	All	Hirst <i>et al.</i> (2003)	0.40±0.17
Polychaet larvae	All	Hirst <i>et al.</i> (2003)	0.49±0.06
Molluscan larvae	All	Hirst <i>et al.</i> (2003)	0.48±0.05
Chaetognaths	All	Hirst <i>et al.</i> (2003)	0.27±0.04
Cnidarians	All	Hirst <i>et al.</i> (2003)	0.47±0.04
Fish larvae	All	Hirst <i>et al.</i> (2003)	0.51±0.06
Others	All	Hirst <i>et al.</i> (2003)	0.34±0.06
Total mesozooplankton	All	Hirst & Sheader (1997) Hirst <i>et al.</i> (2003) López-Urrutia (2003)	0.33±0.03

- The *PR/FR* ratios for each taxonomic group and total mesozooplankton are close to 0.3.

Table 5 Feeding habits of mesozooplankton.

Feeding habit	Copepods	Non-copepods
Herbivorous (HER)	<i>Calanus, Acrocalanus, Calocalanus, Canthocalanus, Clausocalanus, Ctenocalanus, Eucalanus, Microcalanus, Nannocalanus, Rhincalanus, Paracalanus, Pseudocalanus, Calanoides, Pseudodiaptomus, Undinula, Clytemnestra, Euterpina, Macrosetealla, Microsetella</i>	Appendicularians, Cladocerans, Crustacean (non-copepod) nauplii, Molluscan (Bivalve and Gastropod) larvae, Polychaet larvae, Thaliaceans
Omnivorous (OMN)	<i>Acartia, Aetideus, Bradyidius, Centropages, Chiridius, Gaidius, Lucicutia, Metridia, Oithona, Oncaea, Pleuromamma, Scolecithricella, Scolecithrix, Scottocalanus, Temora</i>	Malacostracans (Decapod larvae, Mysids, Amphipods), Ostracods
Carnivorous (CAR)	<i>Calanopia, Candacia, Corycaeus, Copilia, Euchaeta, Paraeuchaeta, Heterorhabdus, Labidocera, Pontellina, Phaenna, Farranula, Sapphirina</i>	Decapod <i>Lucifer</i> , Chaetognaths, Cnidarians, Fish larvae

Daily production rate (PR , mg C m⁻³ d⁻¹)

- 2ndary production (PR_{2P}): $PR_{2P} = PR_{HER} + 0.5 \times PR_{OMN}$
- 3tiary production (PR_{3P}): $PR_{3P} = PR_{CAR} + 0.5 \times PR_{OMN}$

Food requirement (FR , mg C m⁻³ d⁻¹)

- 2ndary producers (FR_{2P}): $FR_{2P} = FR_{HER} + 0.5 \times FR_{OMN}$
- 3tiary producers (FR_{3P}): $FR_{3P} = FR_{CAR} + 0.5 \times FR_{OMN}$

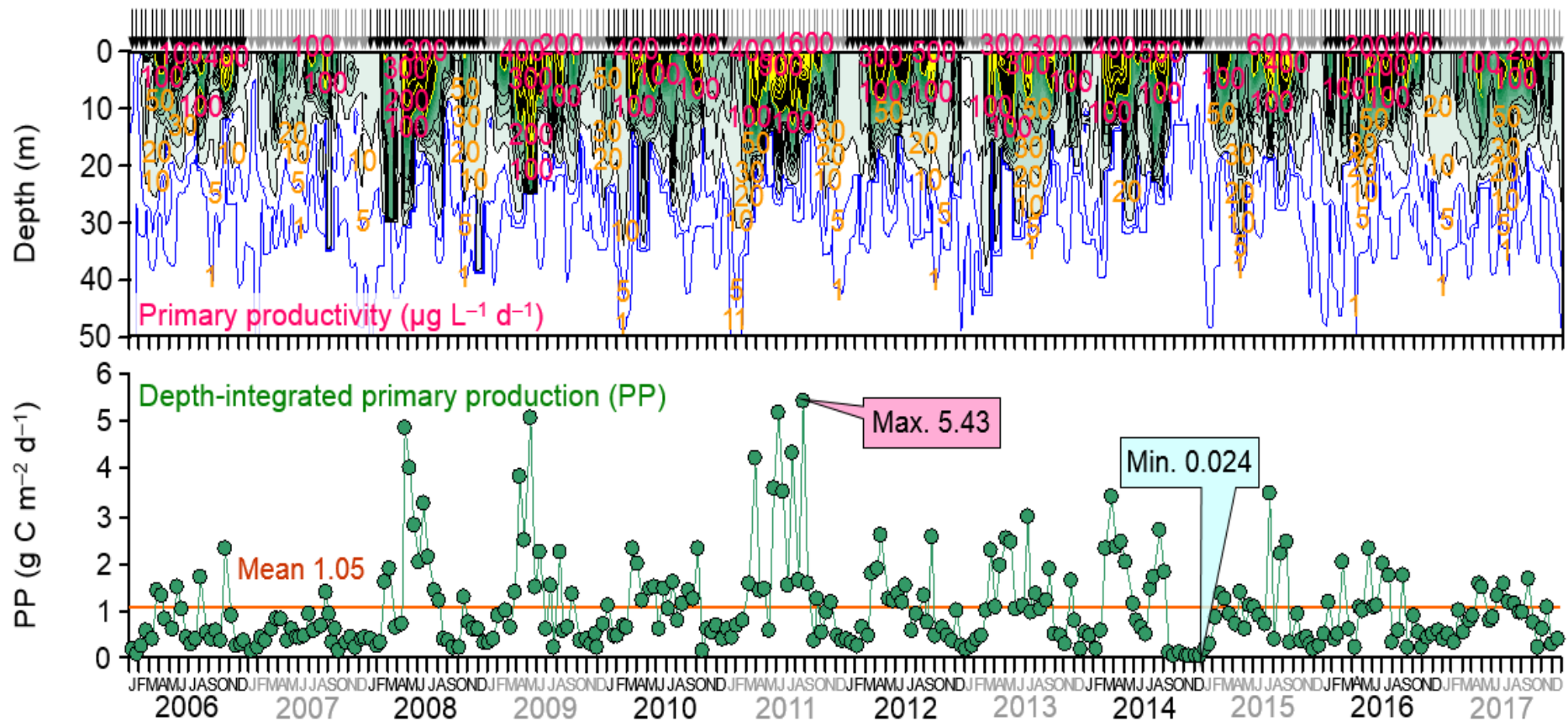


Figure 5 Temporal variations in vertical profiles of **phytoplankton primary productivity** (upper) and in **depth-integrated primary production (PP)** in the euphotic zone (lower) in Sagami Bay, from January 2006 to December 2017. Arrows denote sampling dates.

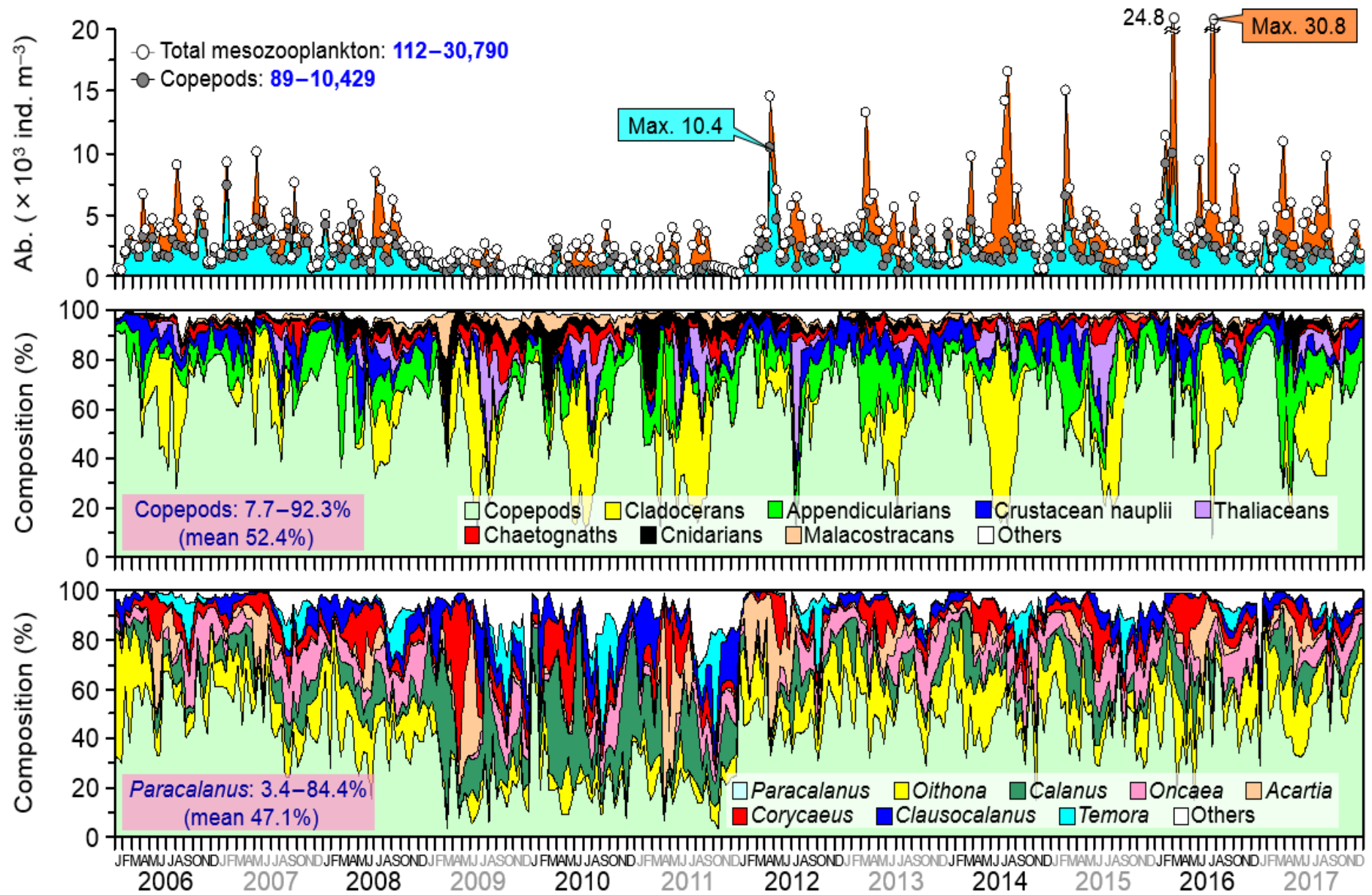


Figure 6 Temporal variations in abundance (Ab.) of the total mesozooplankton and copepods (upper) and in composition (middle and lower) in Sagami Bay, from January 2006 to December 2017.

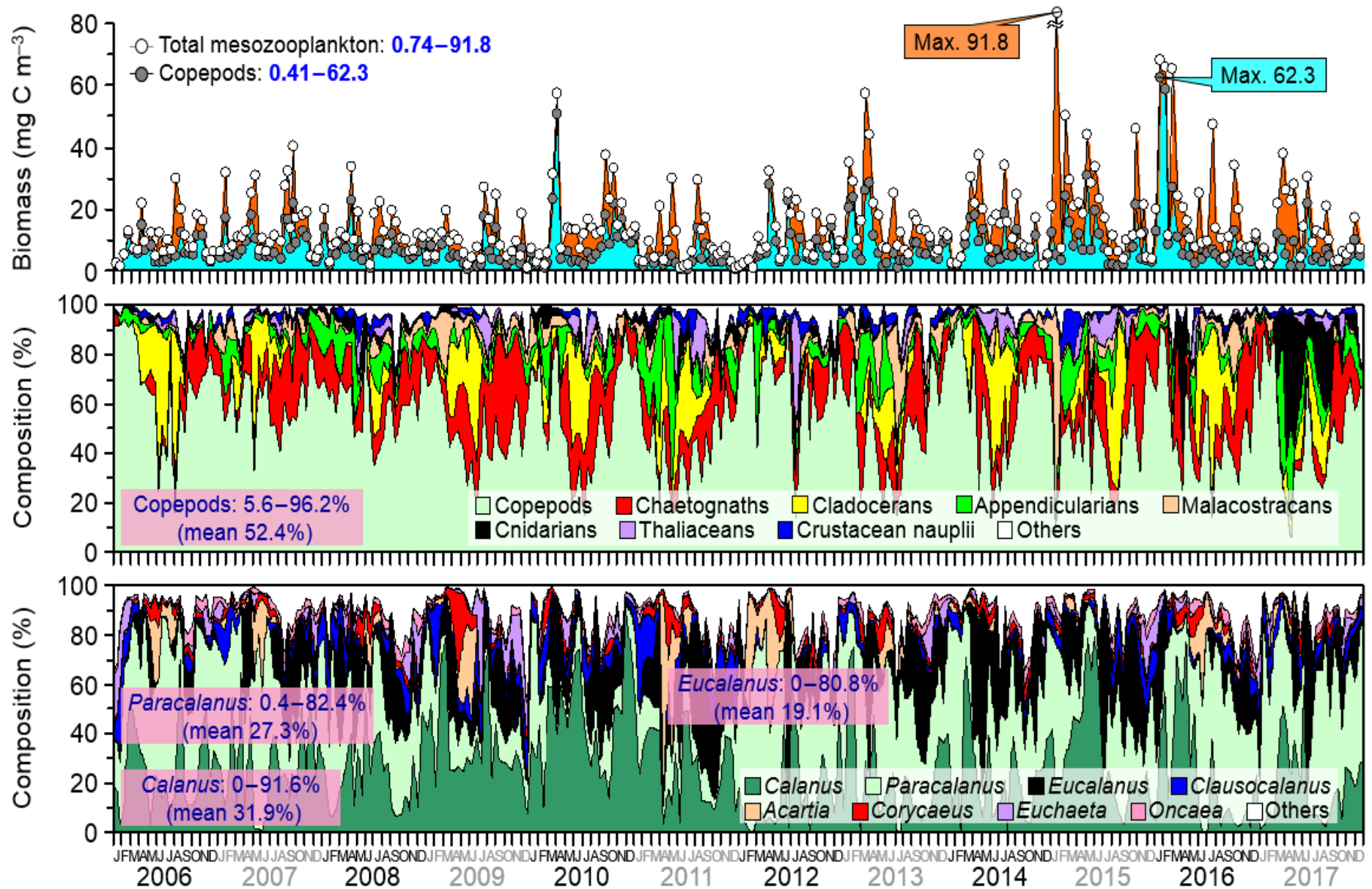


Figure 7 Temporal variations in **biomass** of the total mesozooplankton and copepods (upper) and in **composition** (middle and lower) in Sagami Bay, from January 2006 to December 2017.

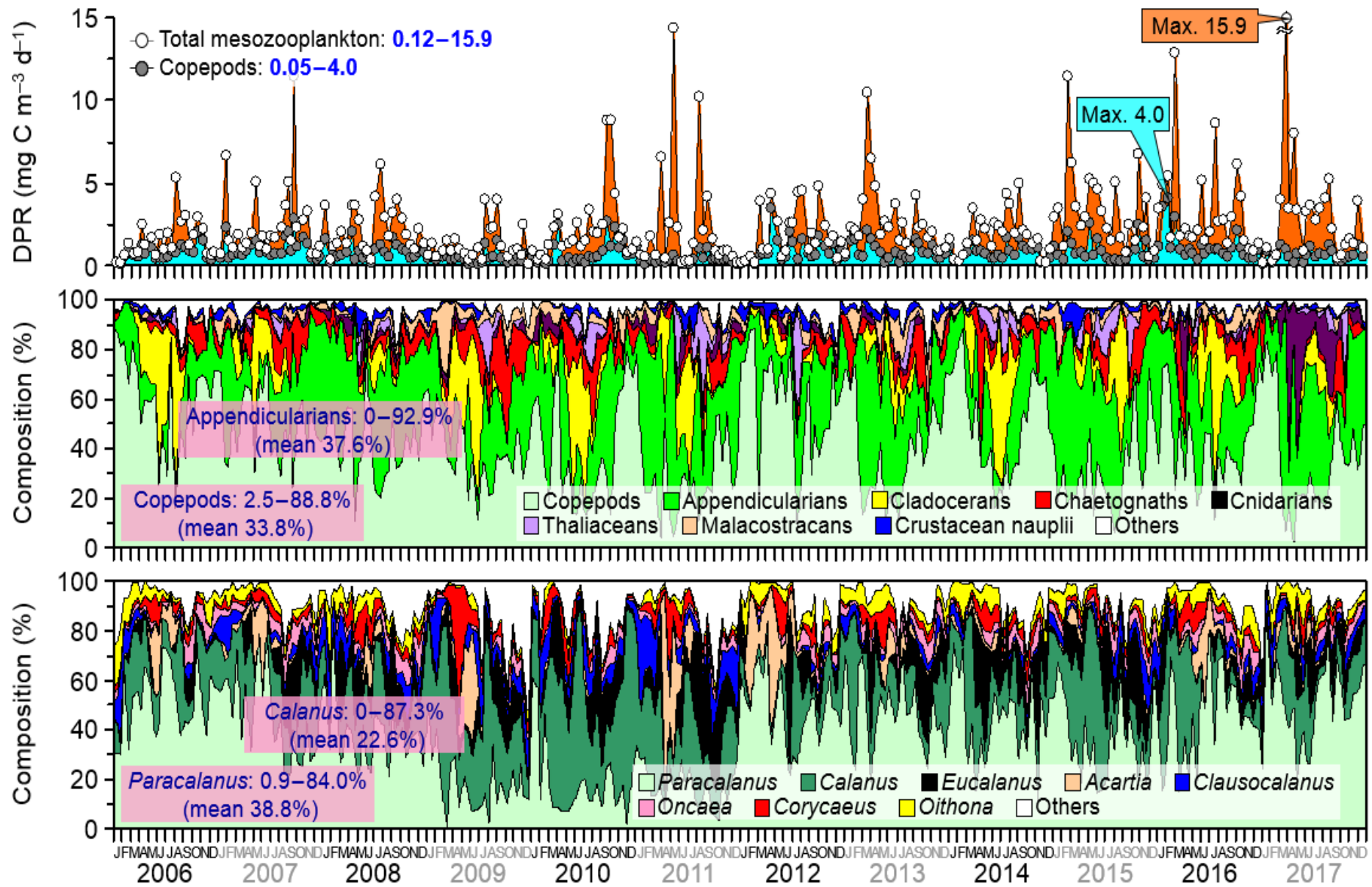


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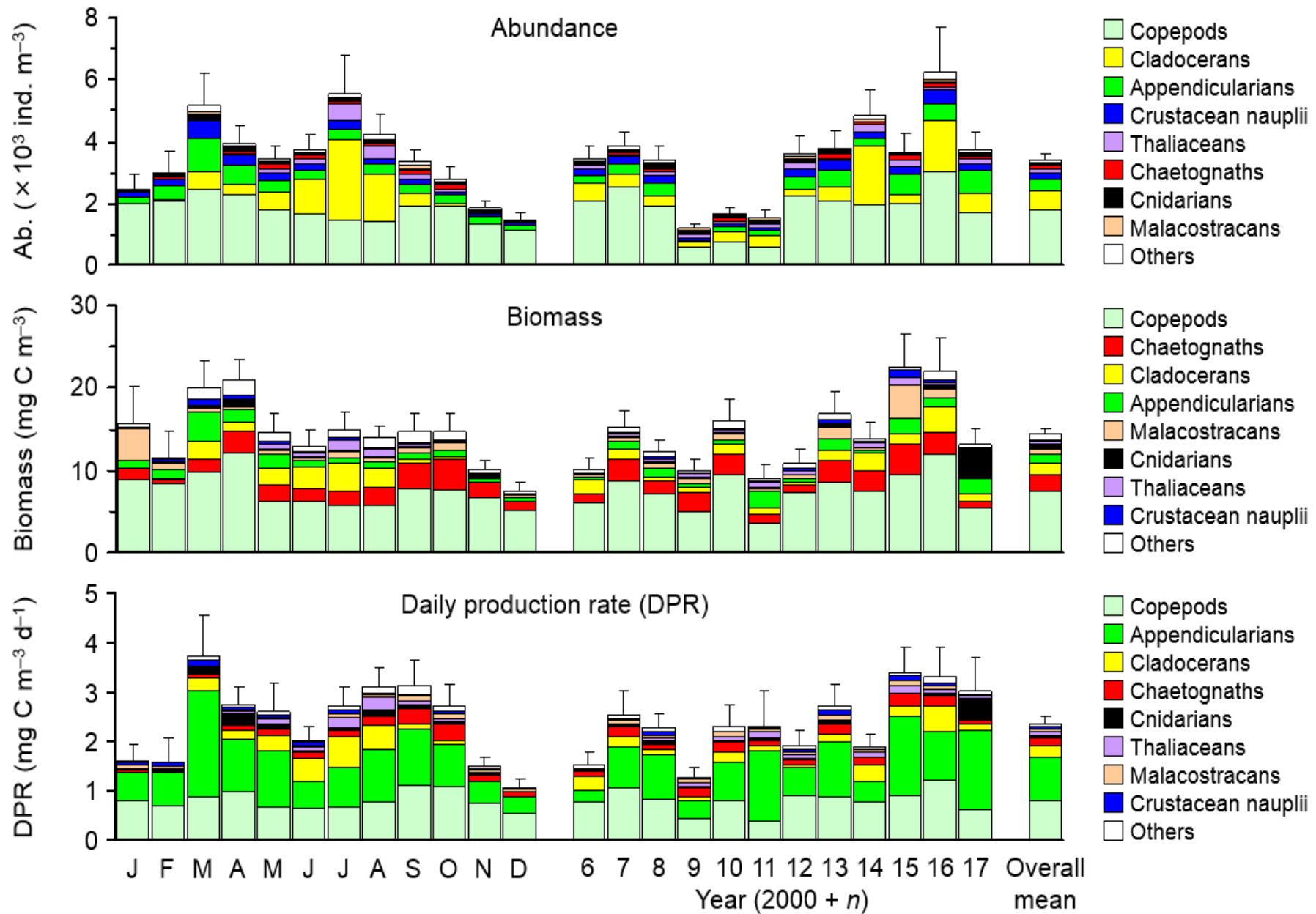


Figure 9 Mean MZ **abundance, biomass and daily production rate (DPR)** in Sagami Bay, from January 2006 to December 2017. Error bars indicates standard error (SE).

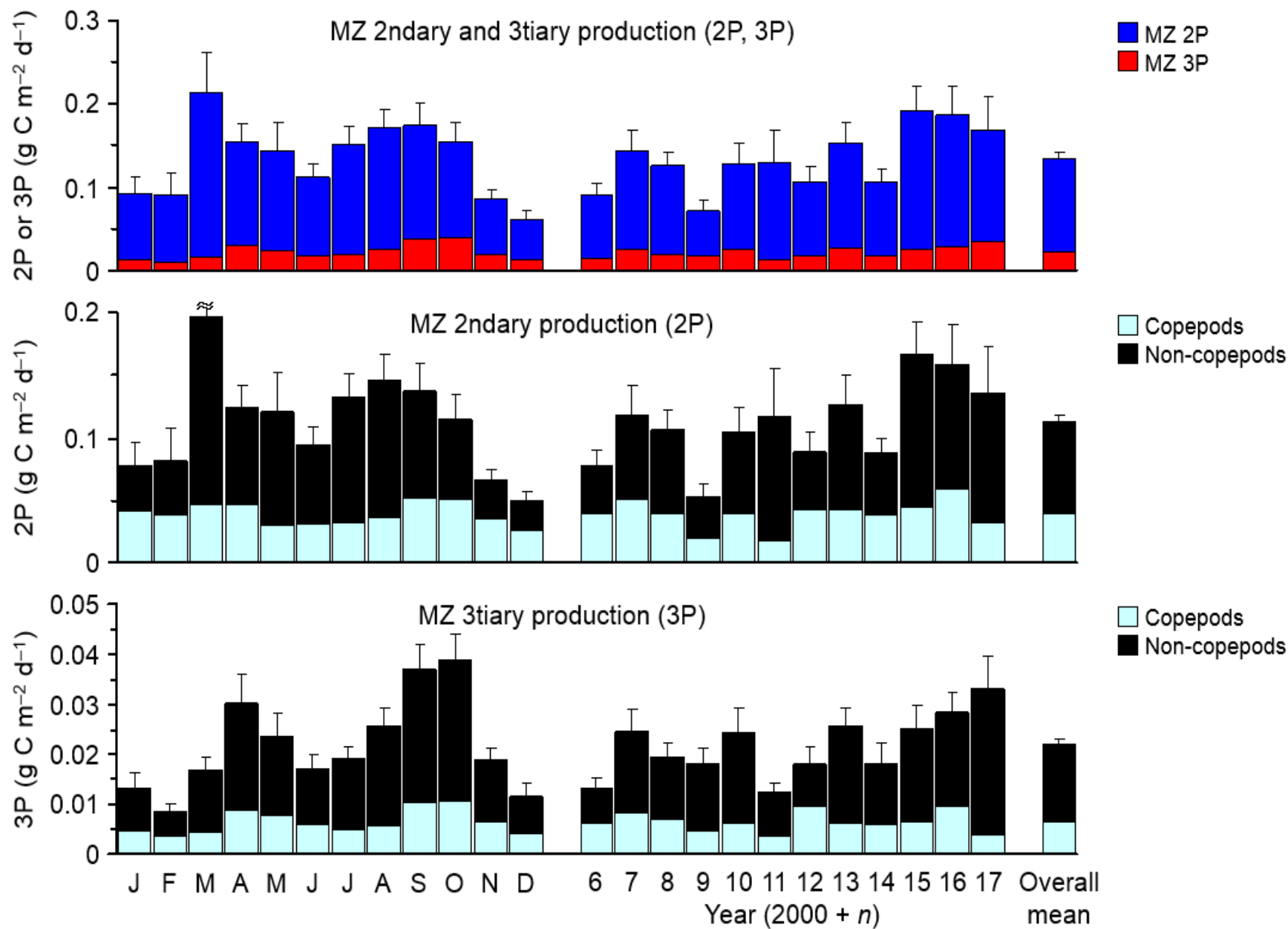


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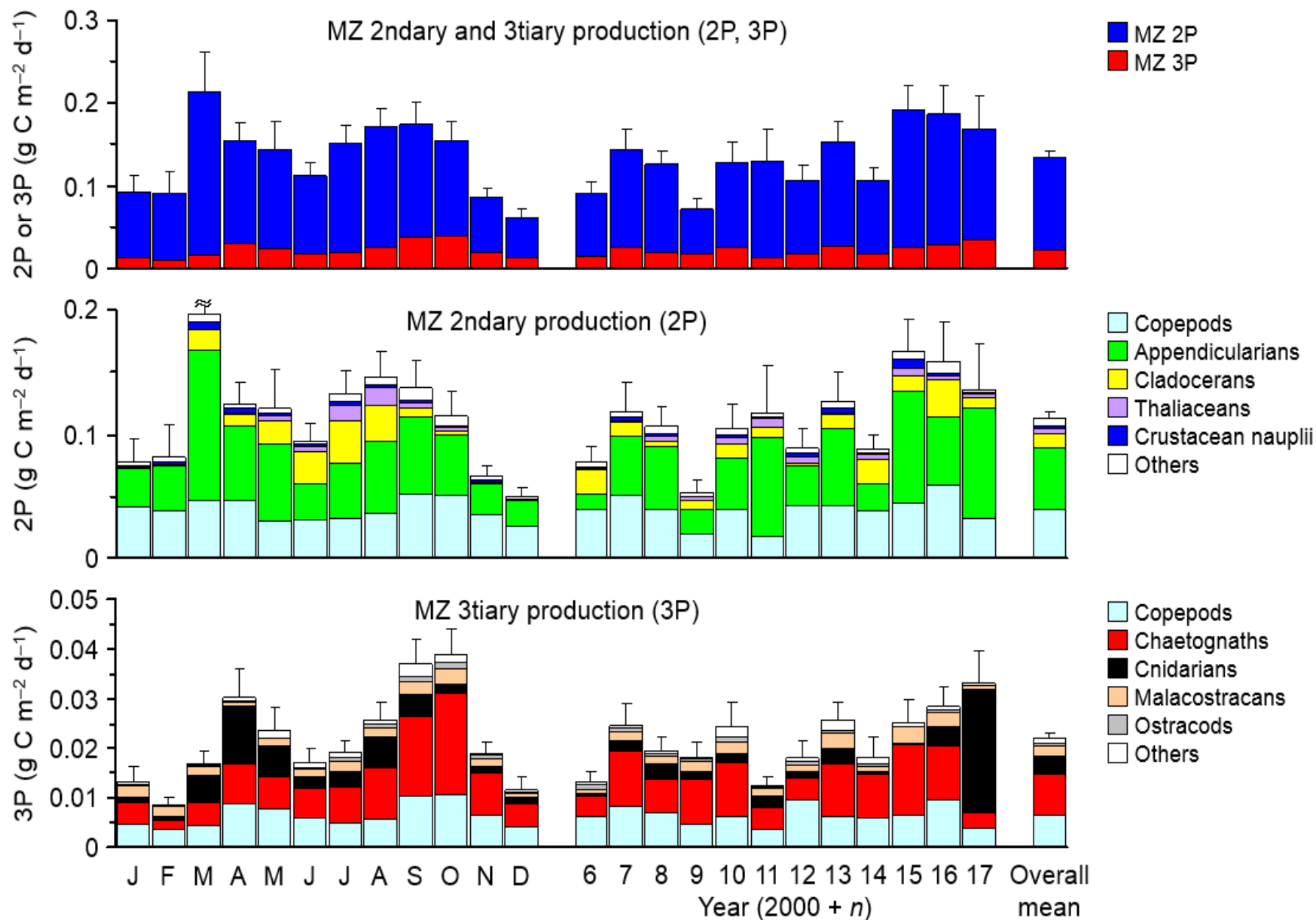


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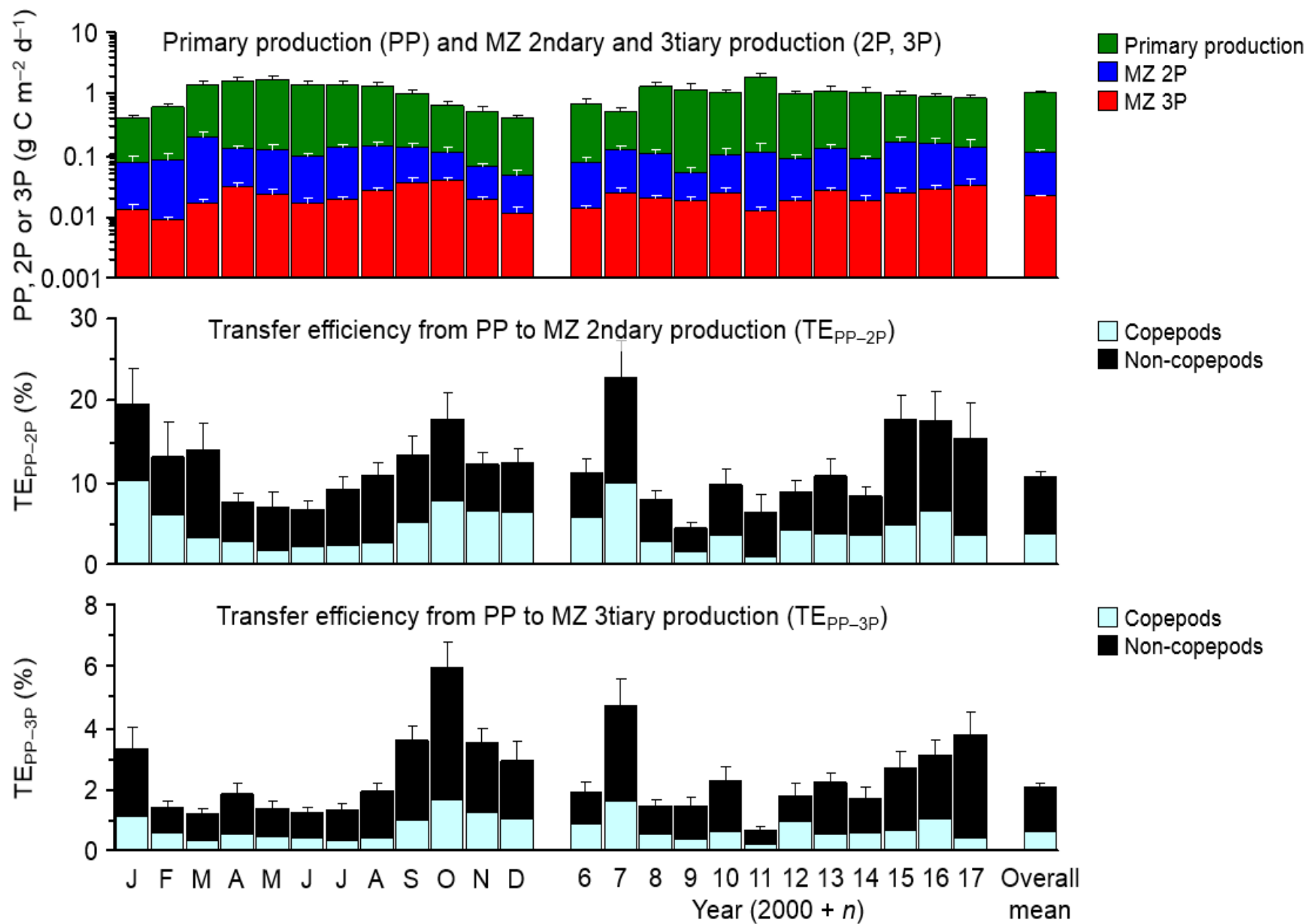


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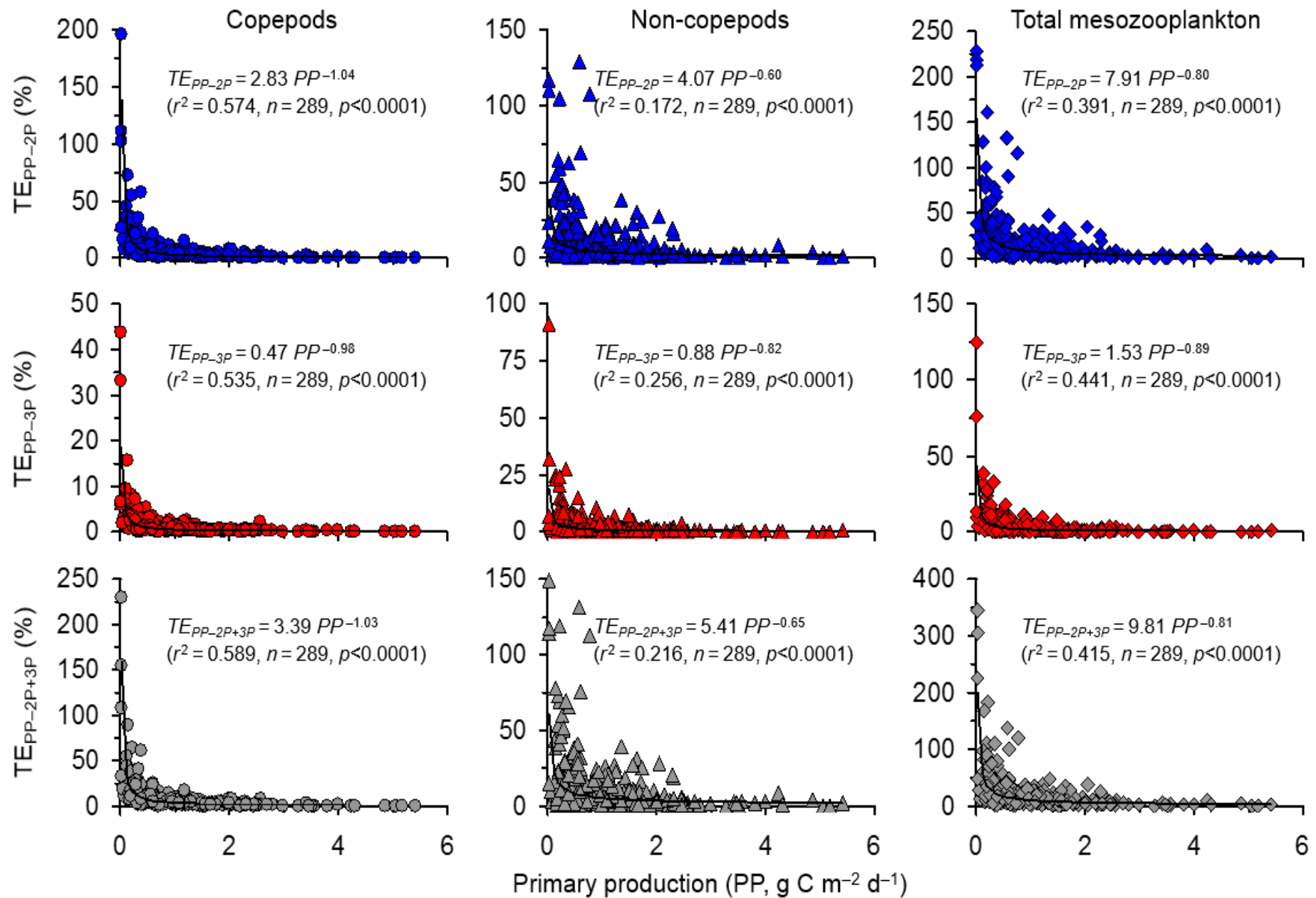


Figure 12 Relationships between primary production (PP) and transfer efficiency from PP to MZ 2ndary, 3tiary and total production (TE_{PP-2P} , TE_{PP-3P} , $TE_{PP-2P+3P}$) for copepods, non-copepods and total mesozooplankton in Sagami Bay, from January 2006 to December 2017.

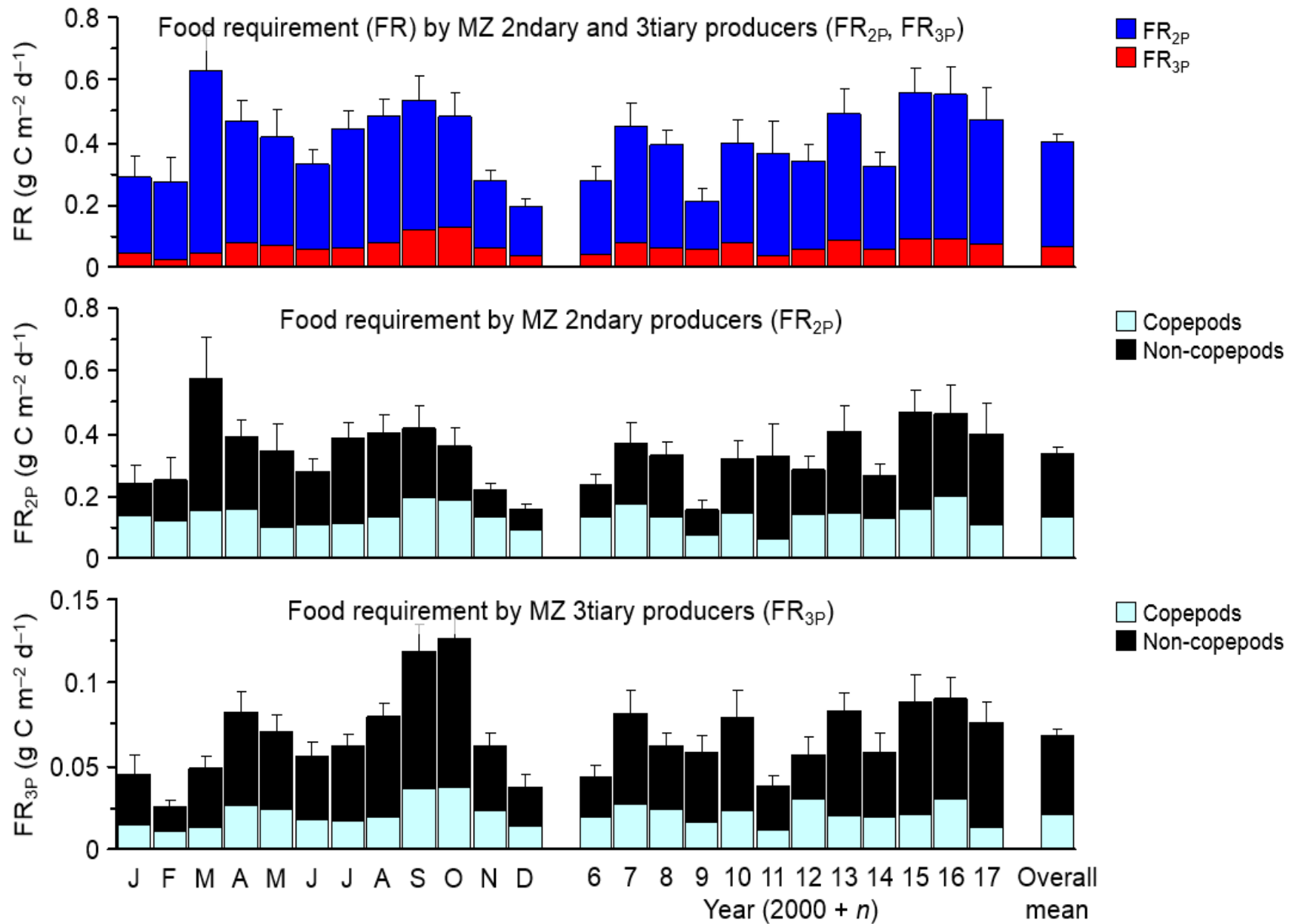


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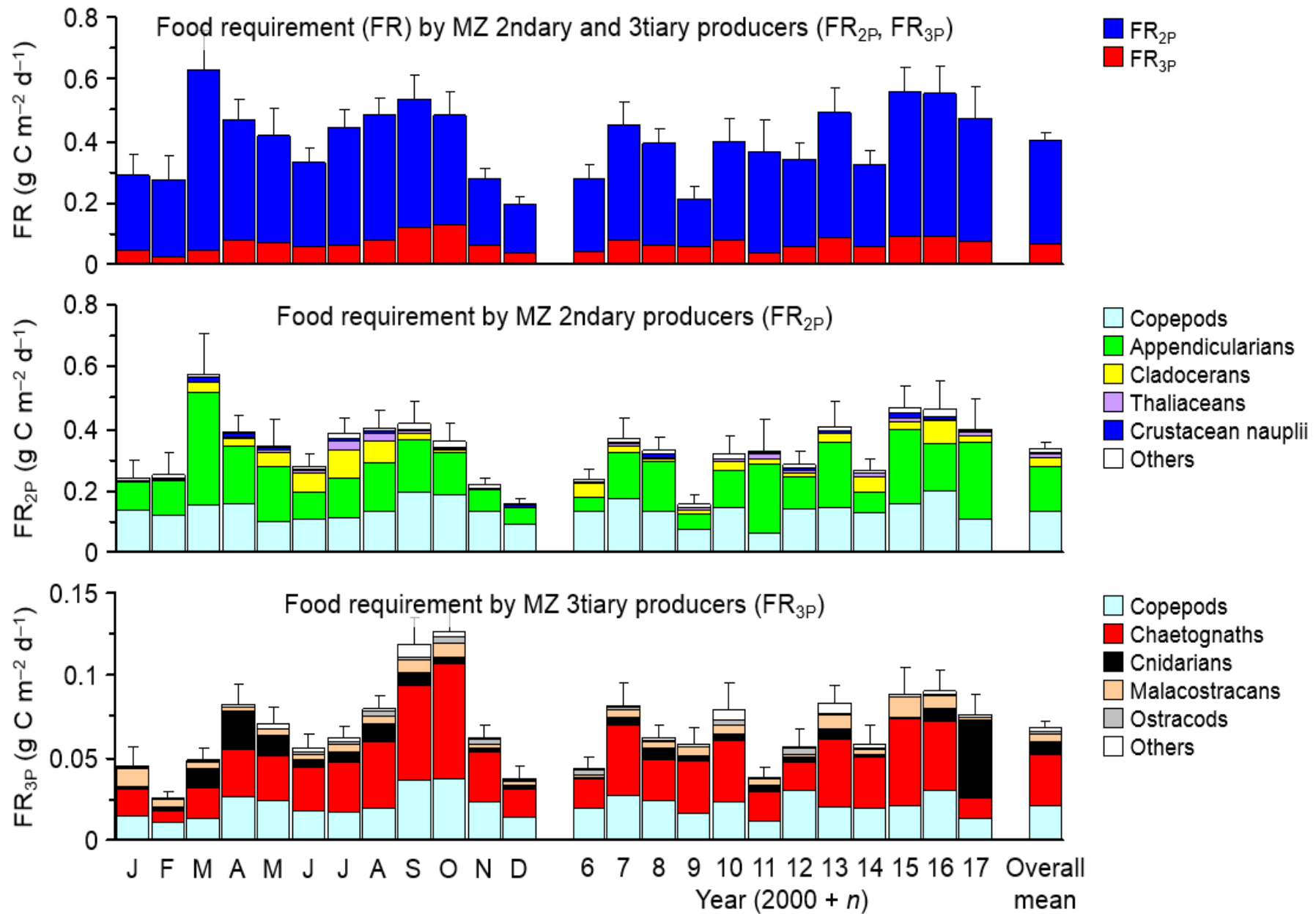


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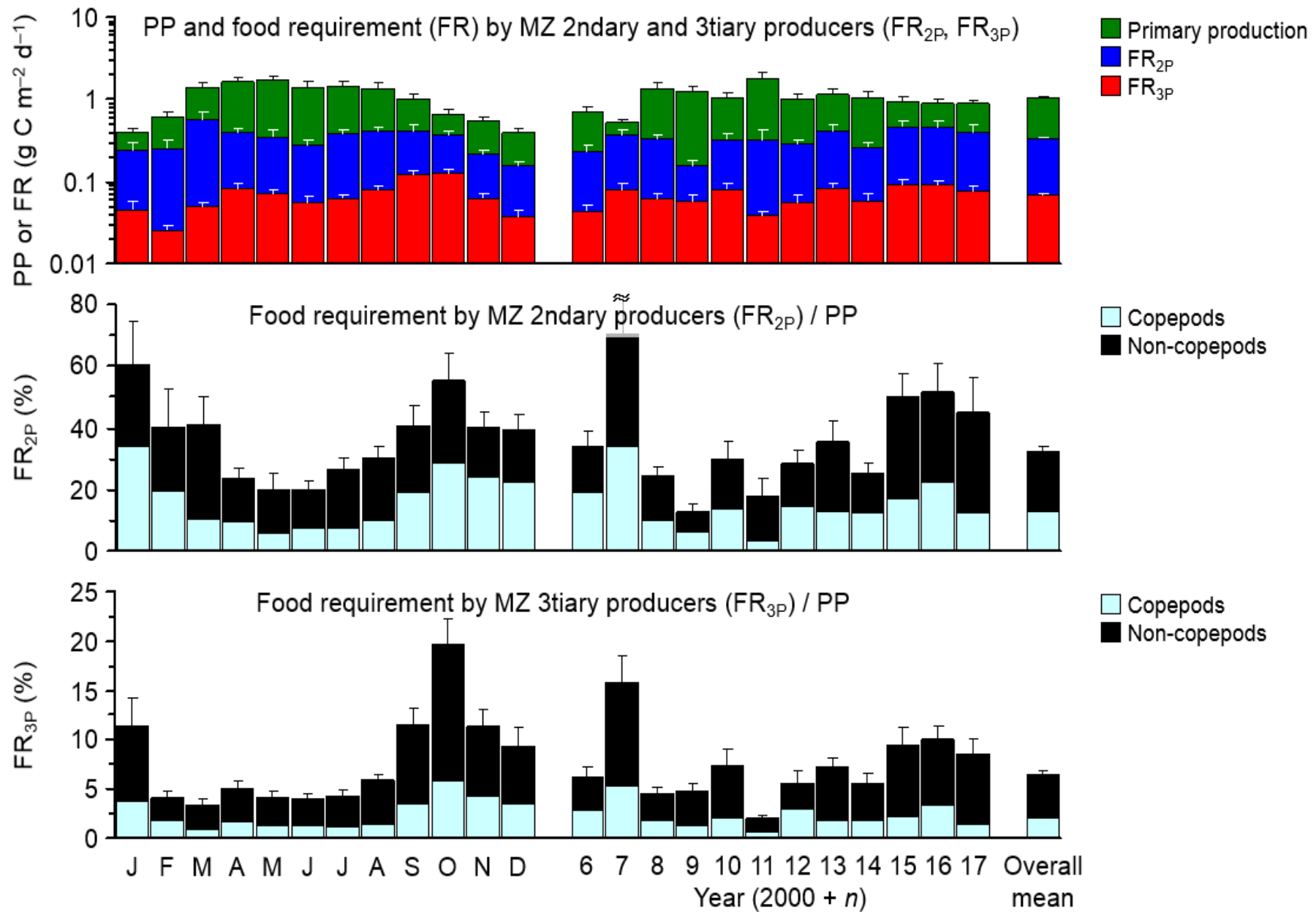


Figure 14 Mean depth-integrated primary production (PP) and food requirement (FR) by MZ 2ndary and 3tiary producers (FR_{2P} , FR_{3P}), and the ratio of FR_{2P} and FR_{3P} to PP in Sagami Bay, from January 2006 to December 2017.

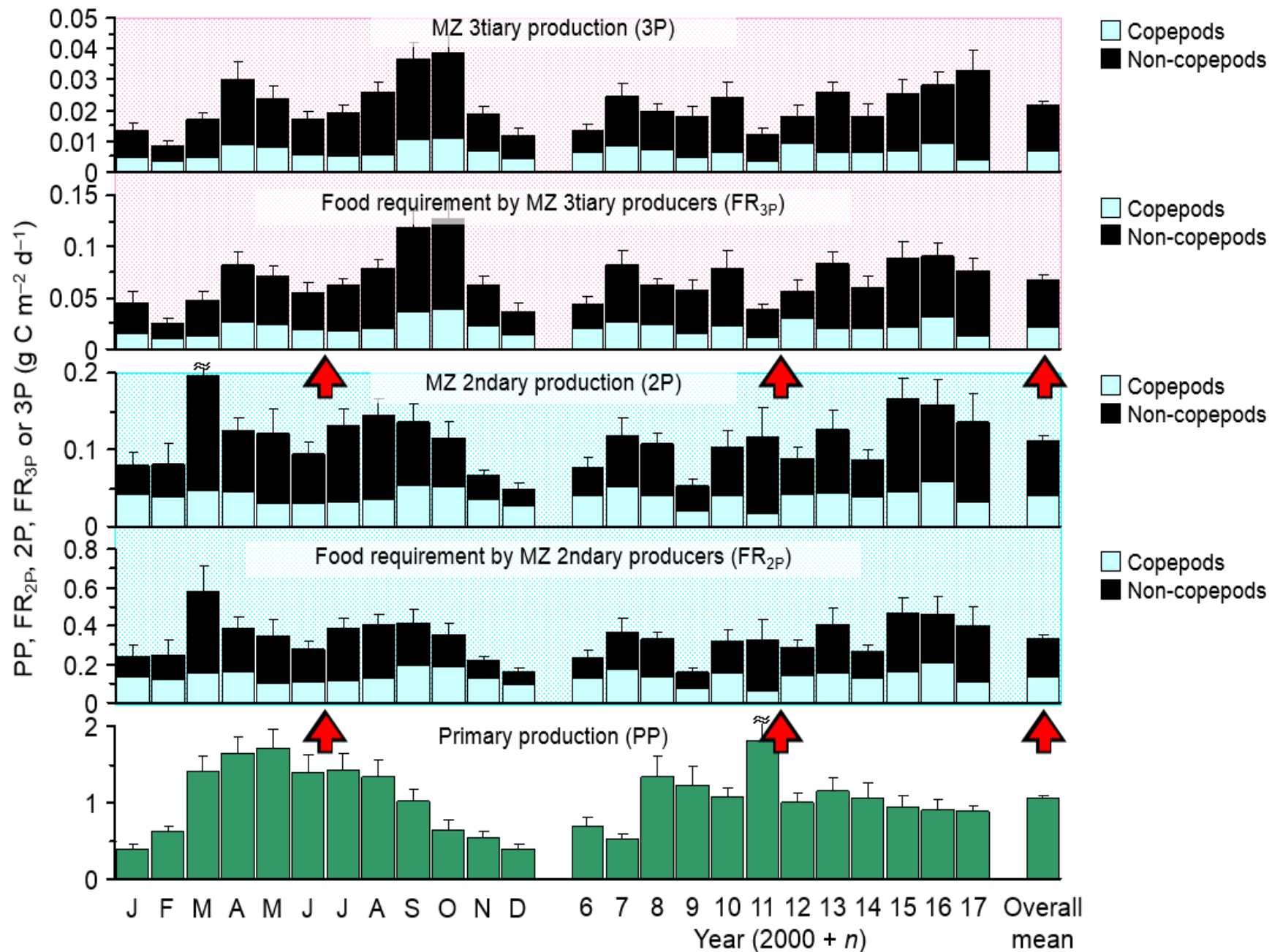


Figure 15 Trophodynamics in terms of carbon flow based on the depth-integrated production rate (PR) and food requirement (FR) from primary production (PP) to MZ 2ndary and 3tiary production (2P, 3P) in Sagami Bay.

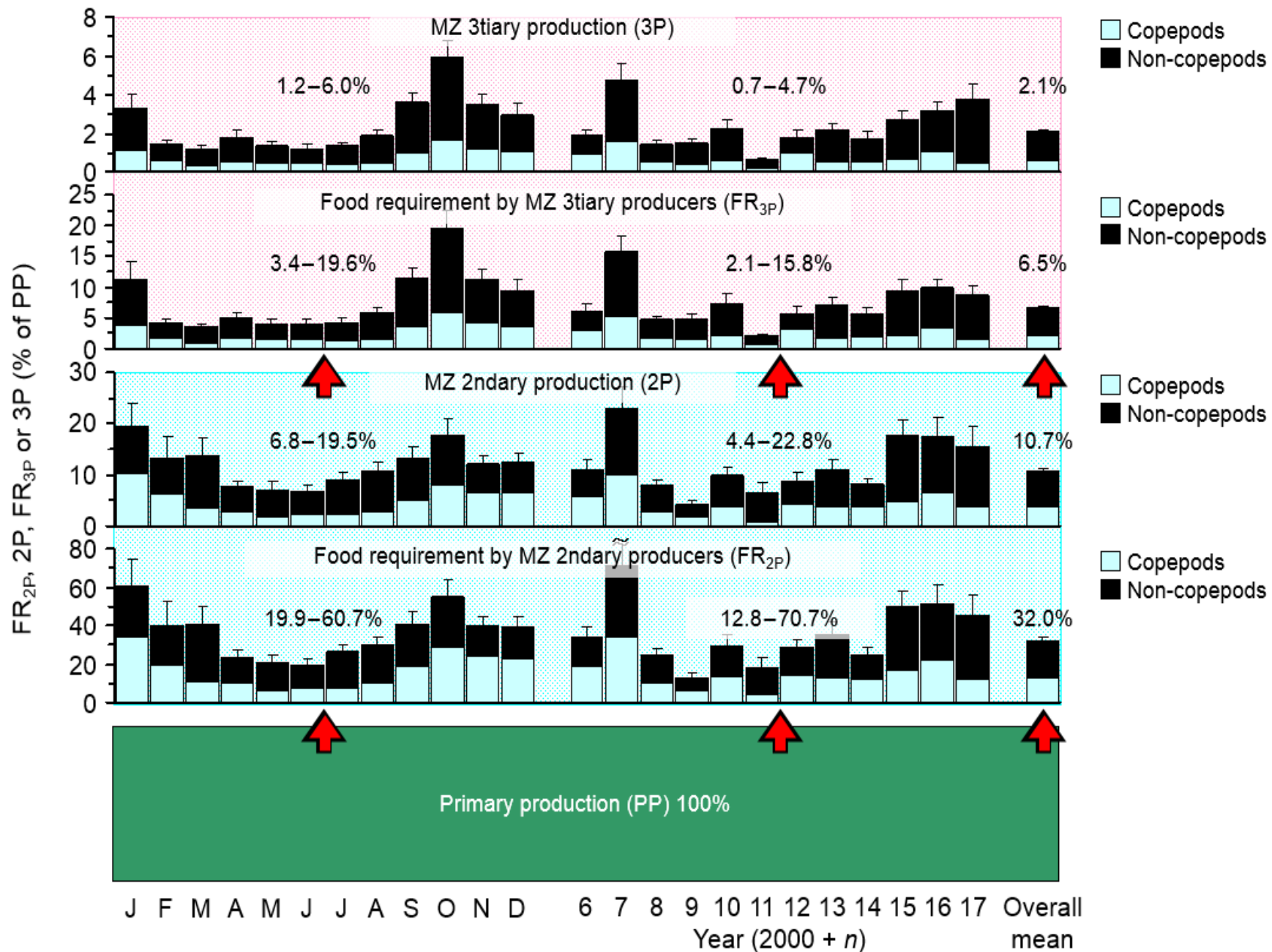


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