



A literature review of studies relating environmental conditions to Japanese Sardine (*Sardinops melanosticta*) in the North Pacific Ocean

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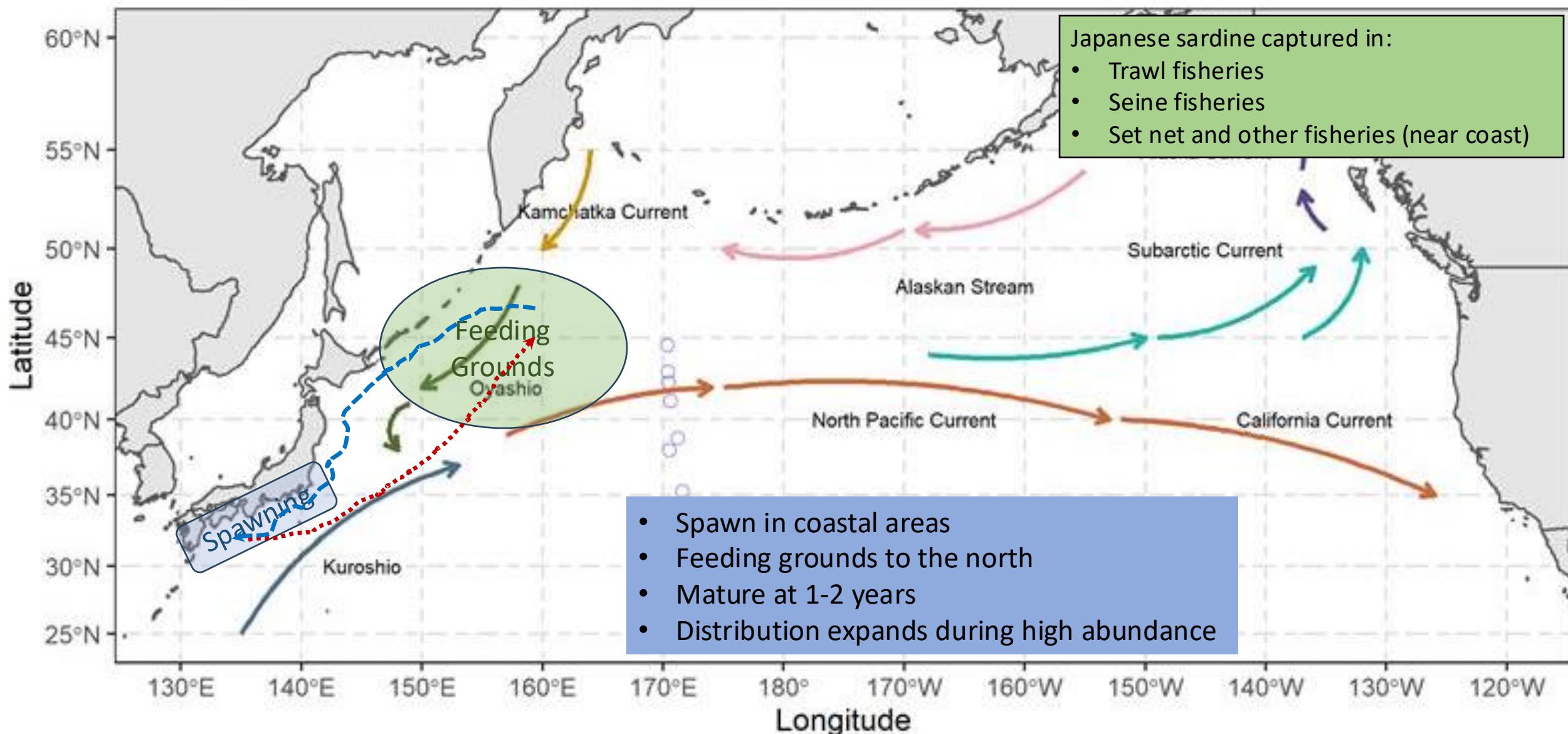
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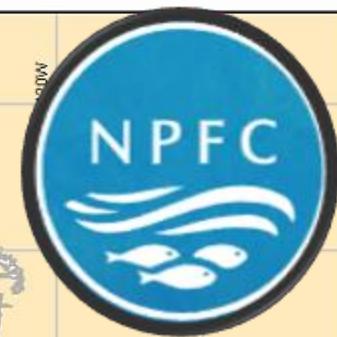
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Distribution, migration and life history

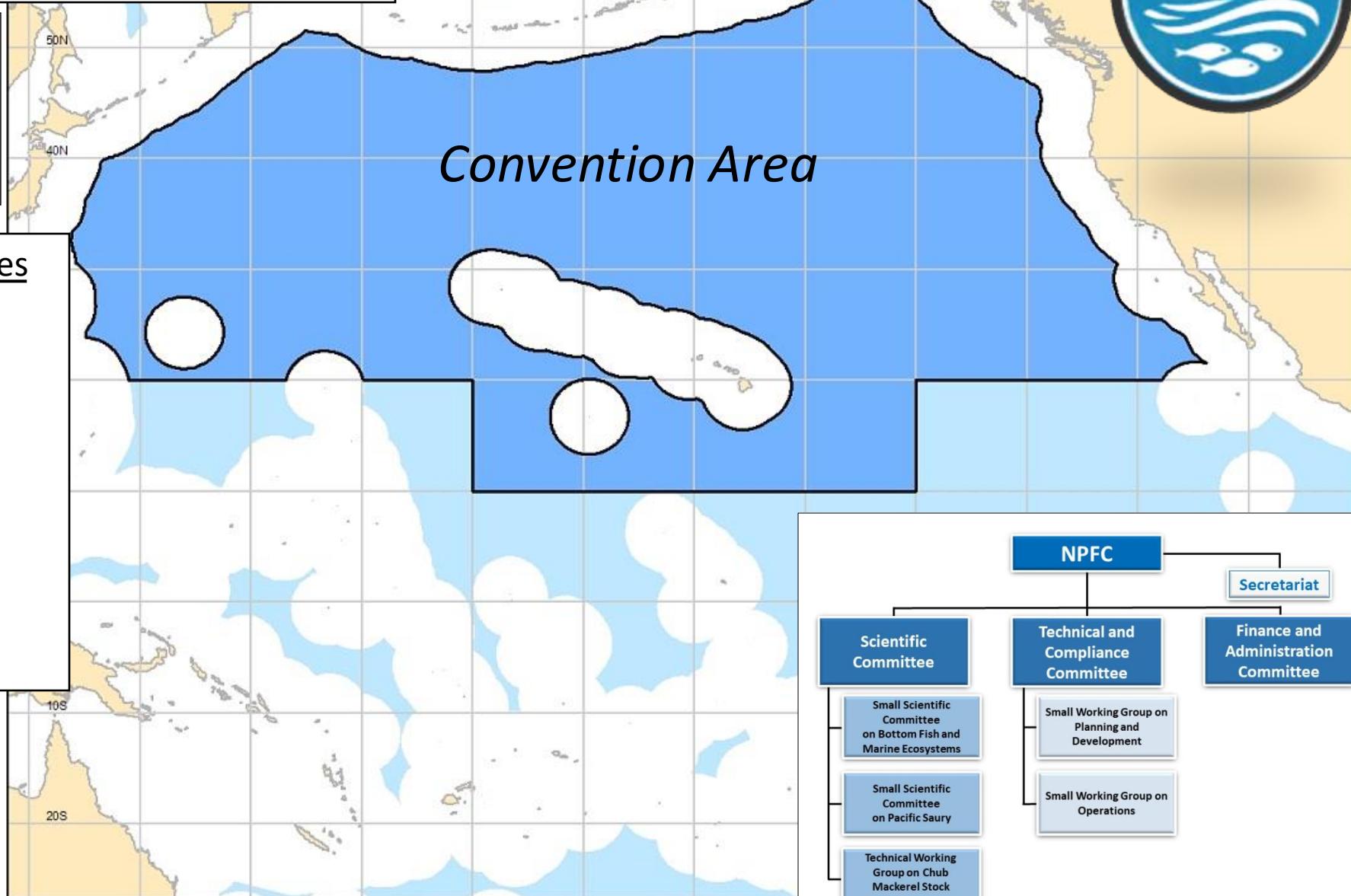


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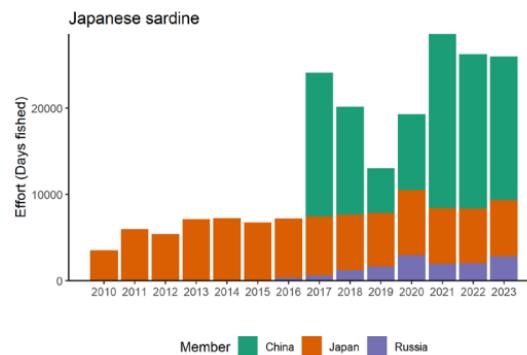
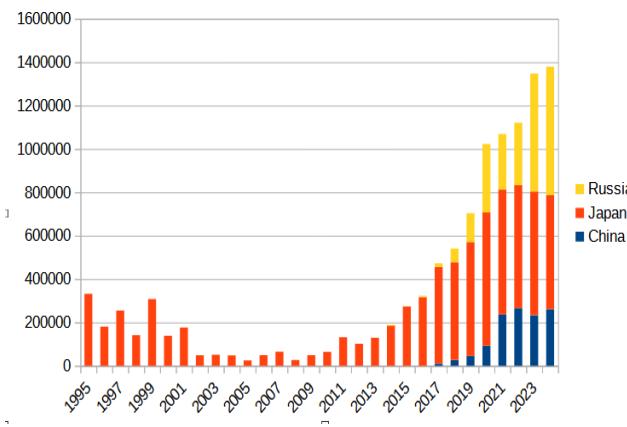
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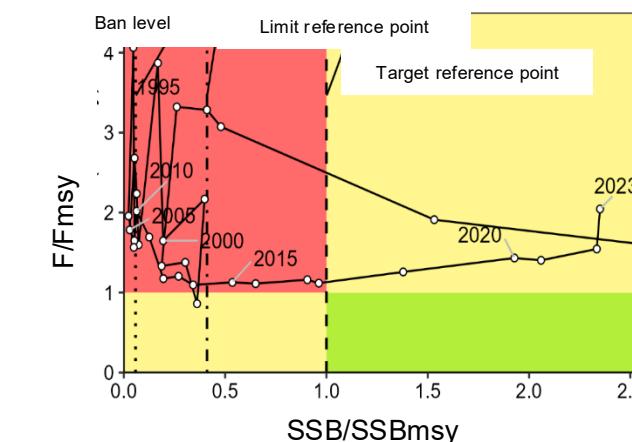
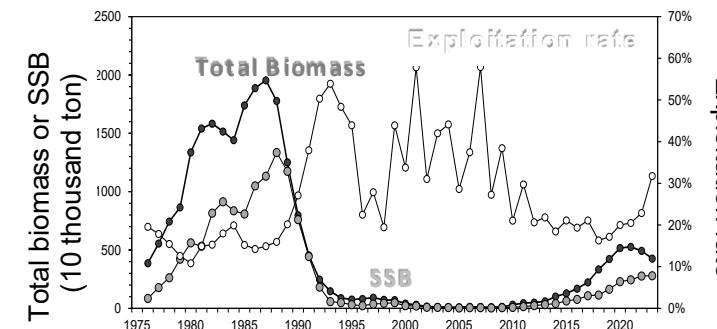


Japanese sardine

Catch and Effort



Stock Assessment-Japan



Comments

- SSB above SSB_{msy} (Japan stock assessment)
- Fishing mortality is above F_{msy} (Japan stock assessment)
- Japanese catch and majority of Russian catch are from their national waters
- Chinese catch and some portion of Russian catch is from Convention Area
- NPFC is developing its own stock assessment
- Currently no catch limits in place in the Convention Area

Motivation for this review

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The North Pacific Fisheries Commission,

Noting that several regional fisheries management organizations have taken recent steps to recognize the importance of preparing for the emerging impacts of climate change on the fisheries under their jurisdiction, including International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, Indian Ocean Tuna Commission, Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources, and South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization;

Noting also that the UN General Assembly's Sustainable Fisheries Resolution (A/RES/77/118) calls upon States and regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements, as appropriate, to assess the risks and potential adverse impacts of climate change with respect to fish stocks and consider them when establishing conservation and management measures and identifying options to reduce risks and adverse impacts with respect to fisheries management and the health and resilience of marine ecosystems;

Emphasizing that climate change is leading to potential shifts in the distribution and abundance of global fisheries, altering ecosystems, and affecting livelihoods and food systems worldwide;

Acknowledging that the North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC) does not currently have provisions to analyze and address the potential impacts from climate change on the fisheries

Task the Scientific Committee to:

- 1) identify relevant data availability and needs
- 2) integrate analyses of climate change relevant to NPFC fisheries into its work plan
- 3) consider to the extent possible key **vulnerabilities and management implications of climate change on NPFC fisheries**
- 4) discuss how best to incorporate existing climate change data and analyses in its work

How will climate changes impact Japanese Sardine and what should we be monitoring to anticipate those changes?

Impacts of climate change and environment on JS

INITIAL SEARCH (310 records):

- (japan* sardine OR *Sardinops melanosticta* OR *Sardinops melanostictus*) AND (oceanography OR environment OR temperature)

FILTERS (238 records):

- NOT (processing fishery products AND minced products AND storage effects AND food technology) NOT (PICES 13th Annual Meeting Book of Abstracts AND PICES 14th Annual Meeting Book of Abstracts AND Pittsburgh Post - Gazette AND Sunday Herald - Sun AND The Independent AND The Kingston Heritage EMC AND The Standard AND Times - Colonist AND Weekend Australian) NOT (INE, USA, California AND INE, Pacific, California Current AND ISE, Peru AND *Seriola quinqueradiata* AND ANW, Canada AND ASE, South Atlantic, Benguela Current AND California AND IN, Bering Sea AND ISE, Chile AND ISE, Pacific, Humboldt Current AND PN, Arctic AND United States--US AND A, Atlantic AND ANW, Canada, Nova Scotia, Halifax AND Arctic region AND ASW, Panama AND Gulf of Sakhalin AND *Illex argentinus* AND INE, Canada, British Columbia AND INE, USA, Alaska AND INE, USA, Alaska, Alaska Gulf, Alaskan Gyre AND INE, USA, Oregon AND INE, USA, Washington AND ISE, Mexico, Baja California Sur, Magdalena Bay AND ISEW, Southeast Asia)
- Manual examination (112 records):
 - remove records that did not include information on Japanese Sardine,
 - records that did not concern the species in the NW Pacific and
 - confirm records that examined impacts of the environment on Japanese Sardine
- Removal of duplicate records = **106 records**

The method

- Distribute excel worksheet to co-authors
- Each person read a set of papers and fills out standardized worksheet
- Analysis and summary of results/trends
- Written report for Scientific Committee

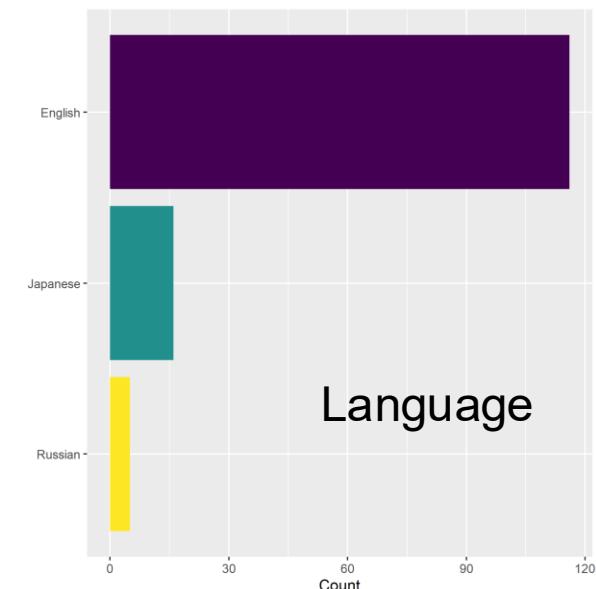
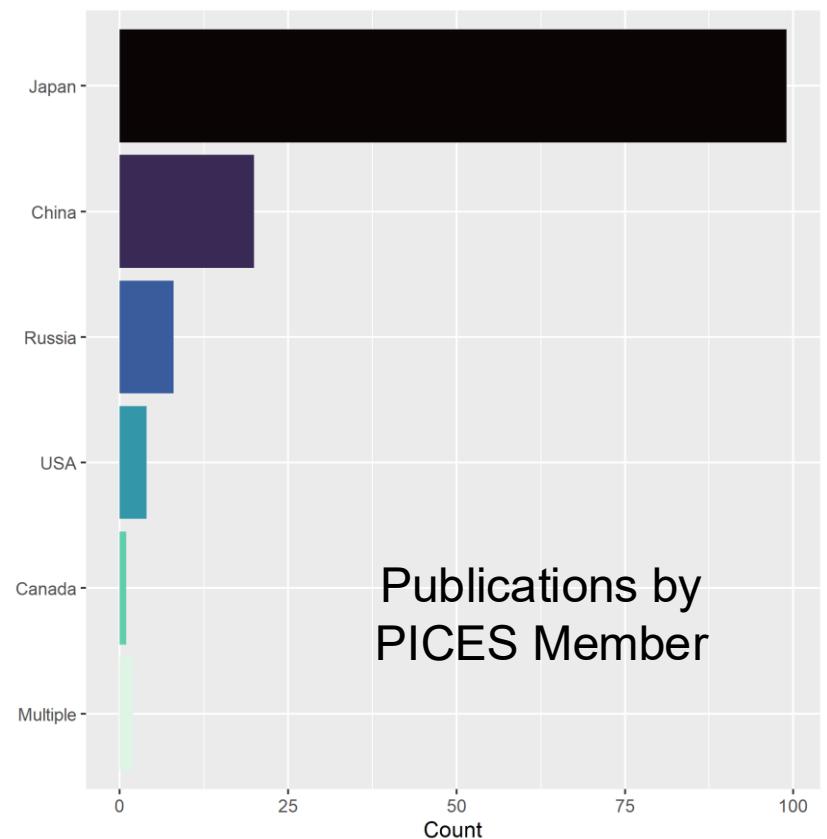
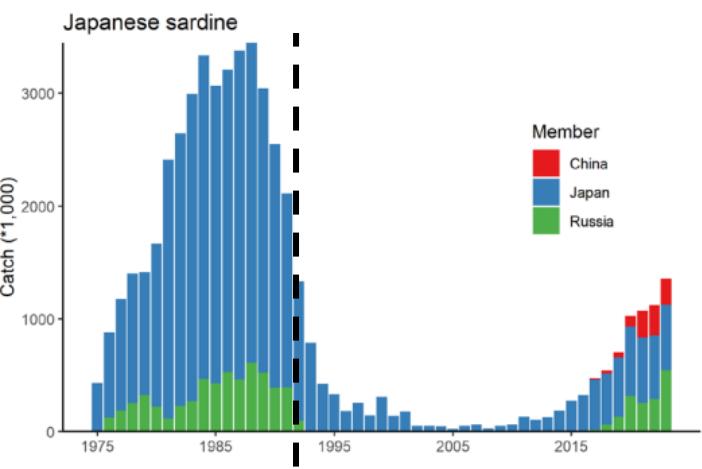
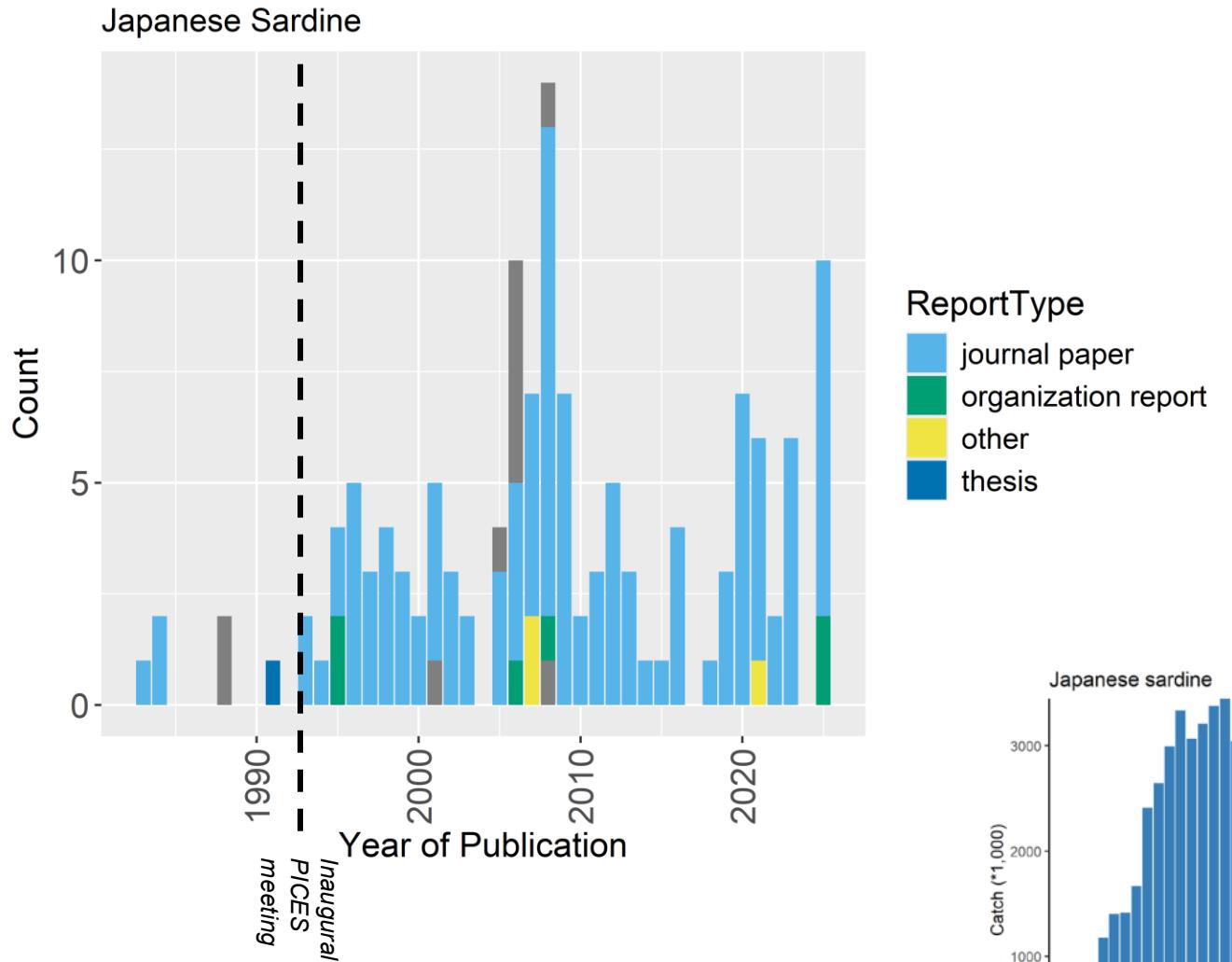
Canada's forage fish: an important but poorly understood component of marine ecosystems

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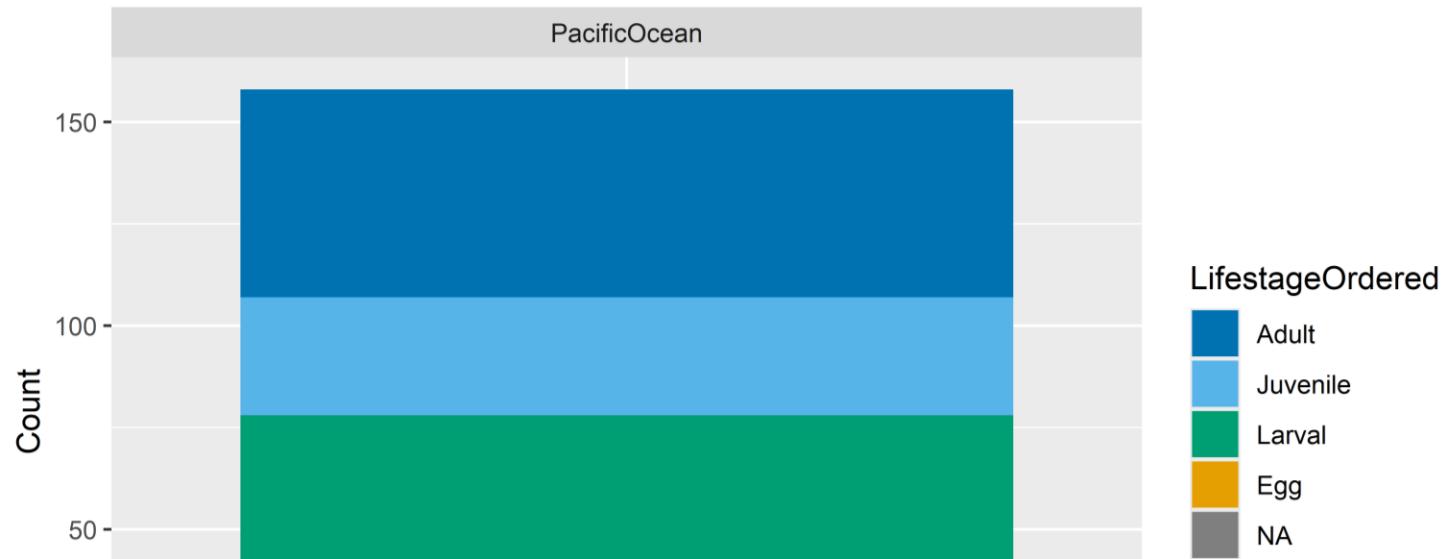
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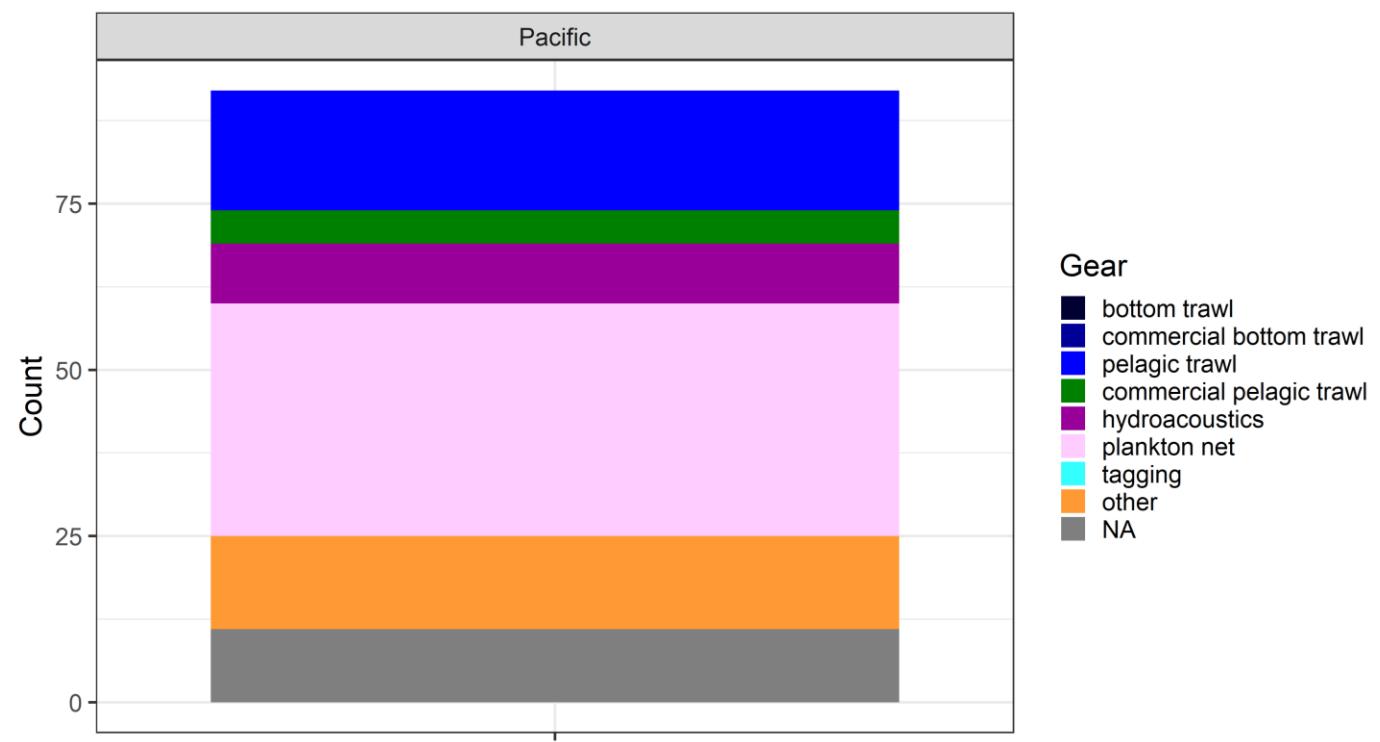
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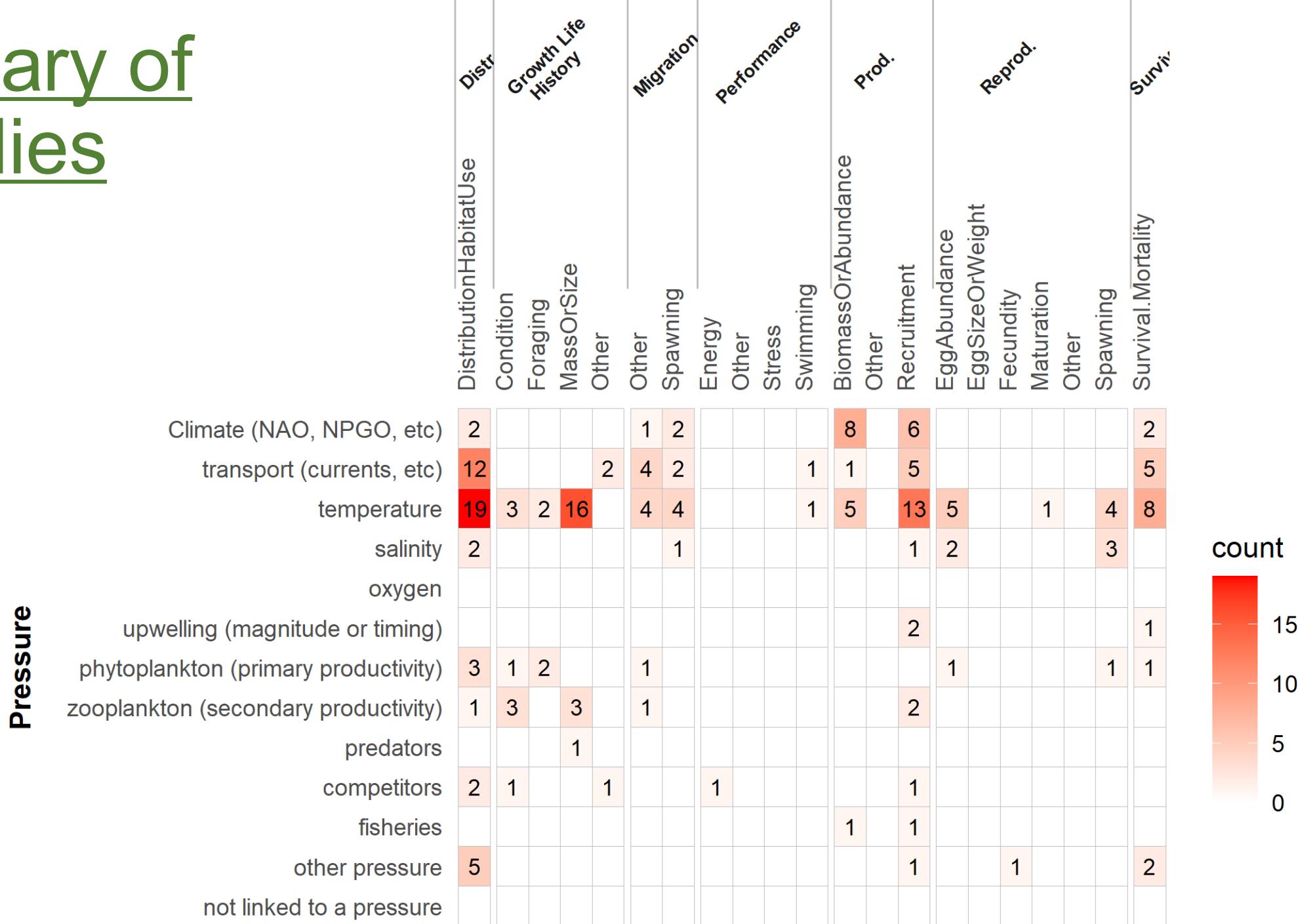
By life history stage



By gear type

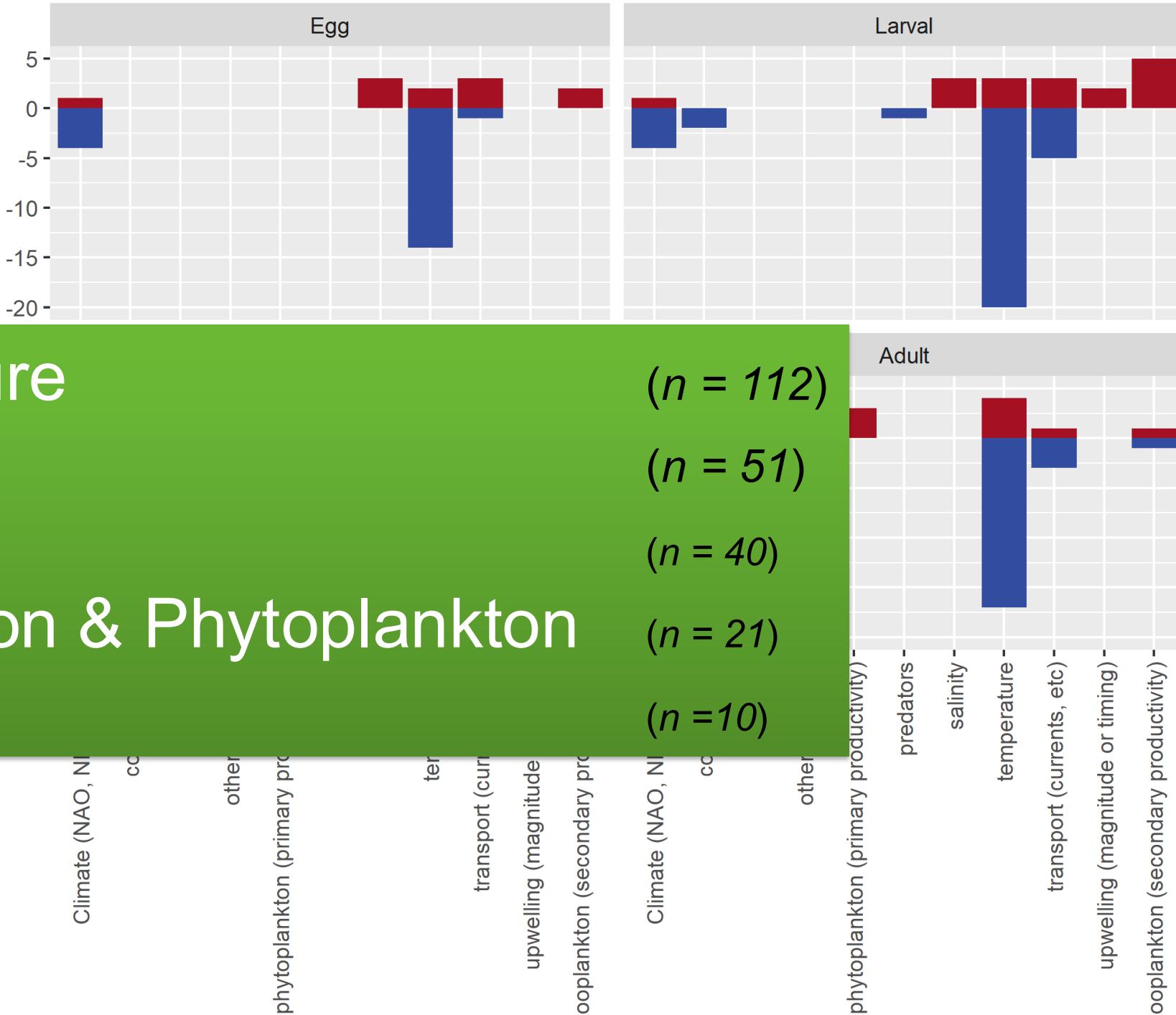


Summary of studies



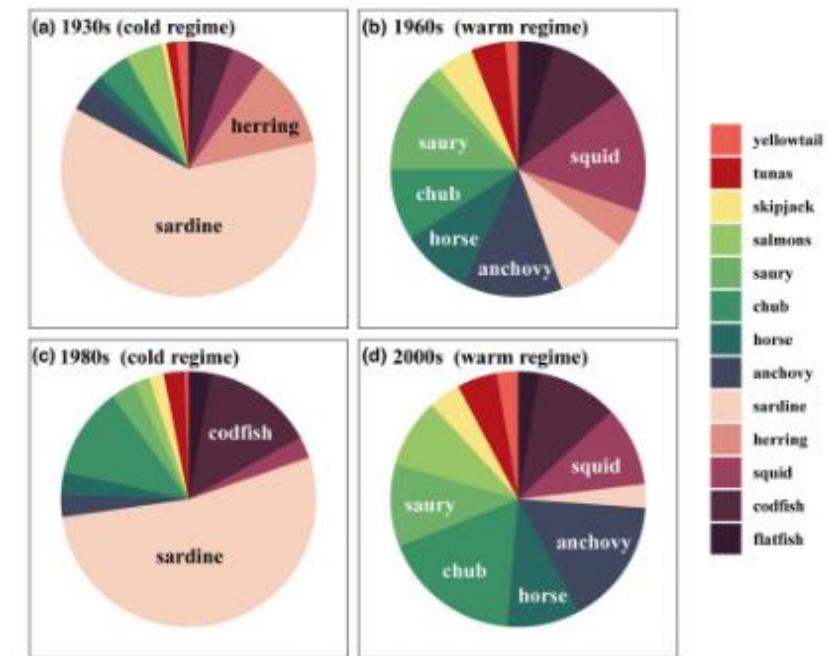
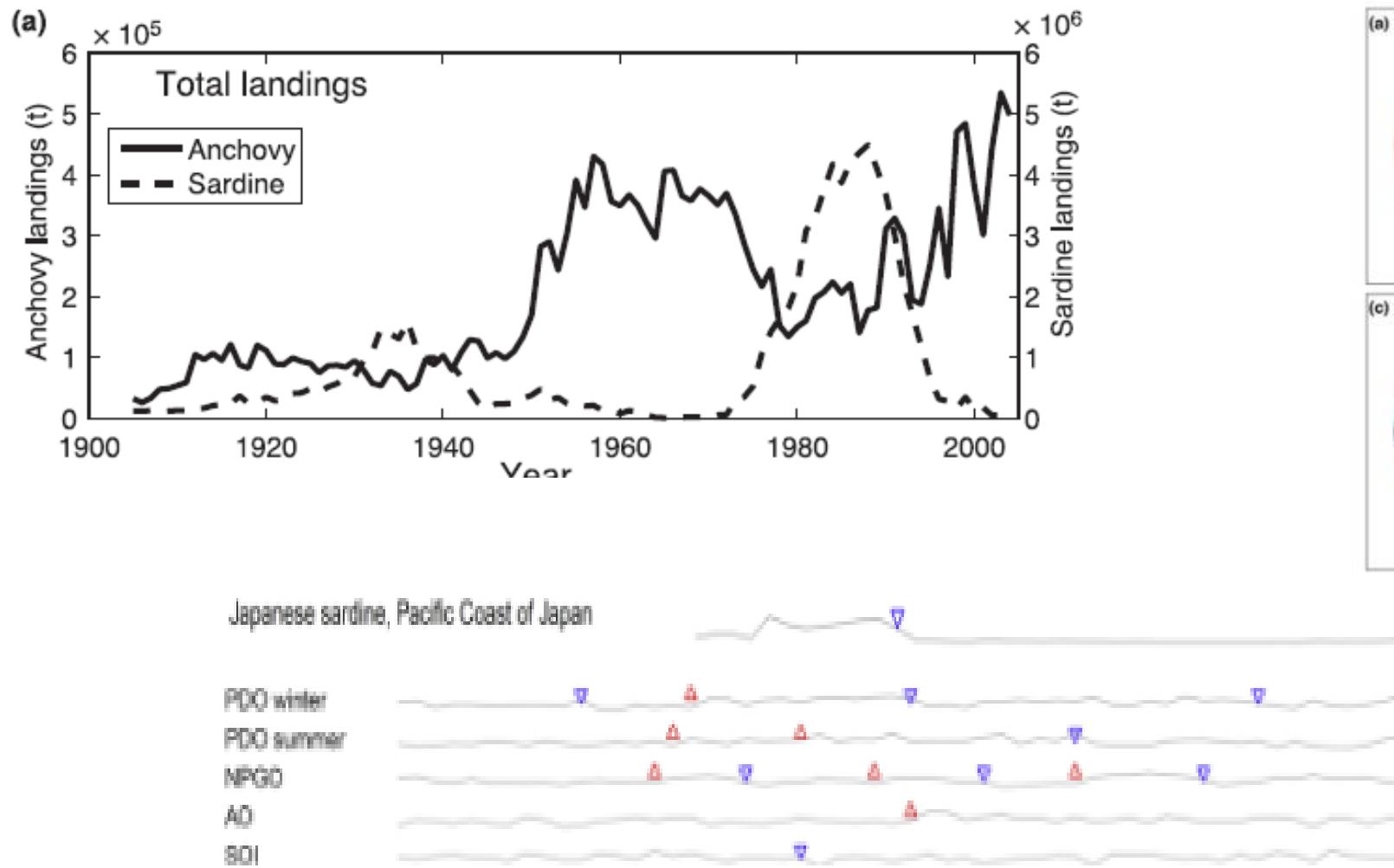
Key Findings

Temperature
Climate
Transport
Zooplankton & Phytoplankton
Salinity



Climate Regime shifts

- From Itoh et al. (2009), Kuroda et al. (2020) and Tian et al. (2023)



Optimal growth hypothesis

- Takasuka et al. (2007)

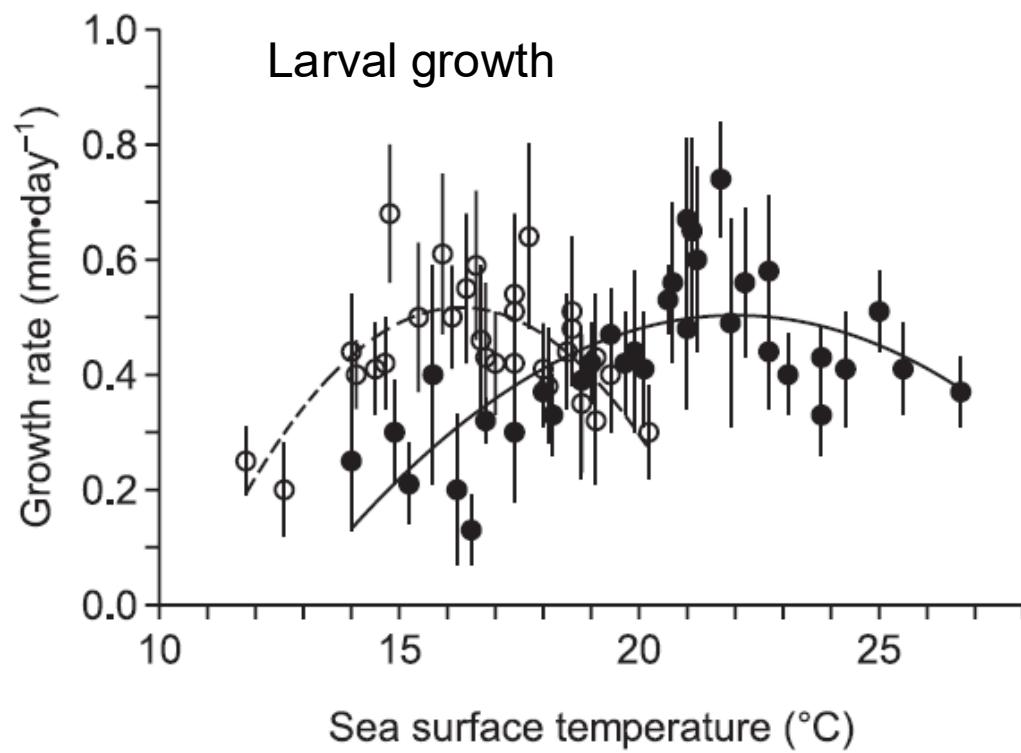
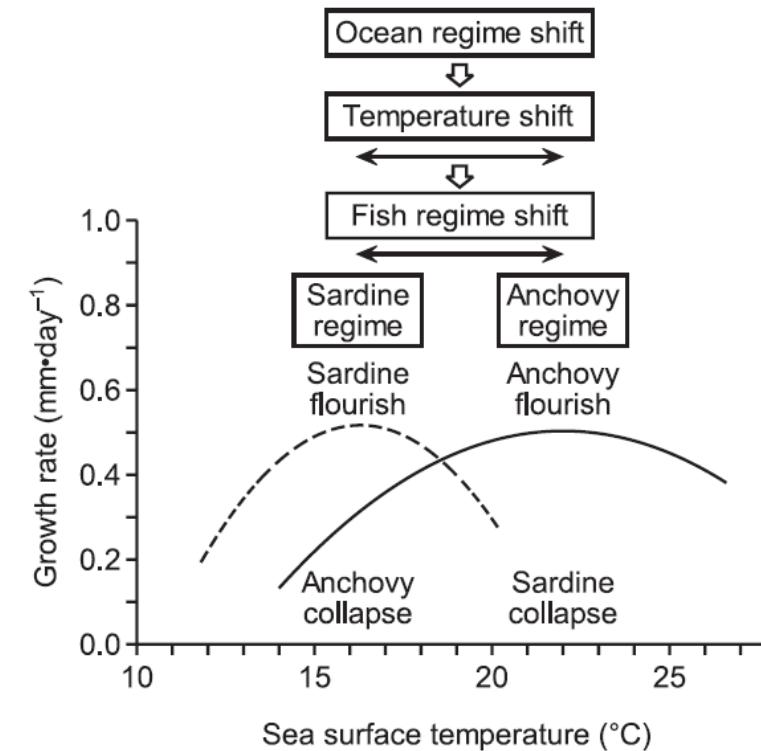
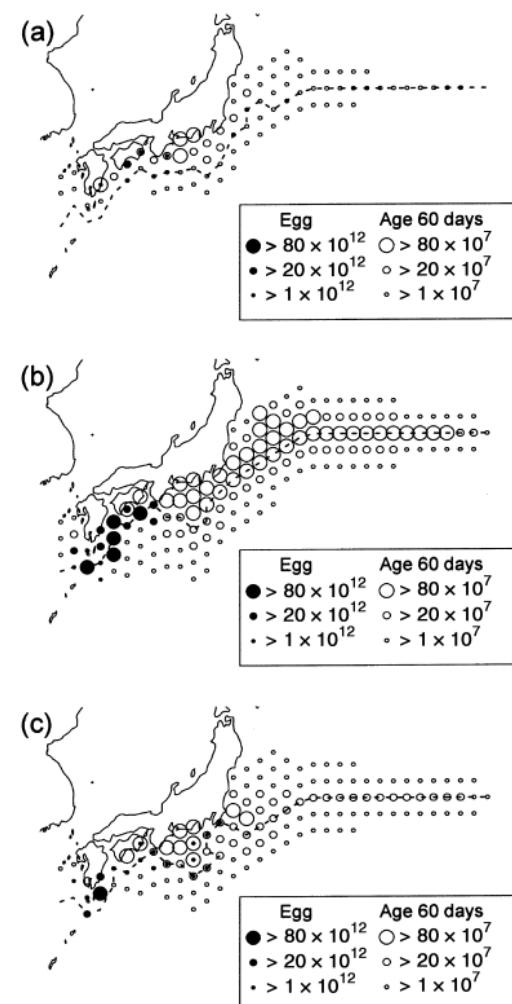
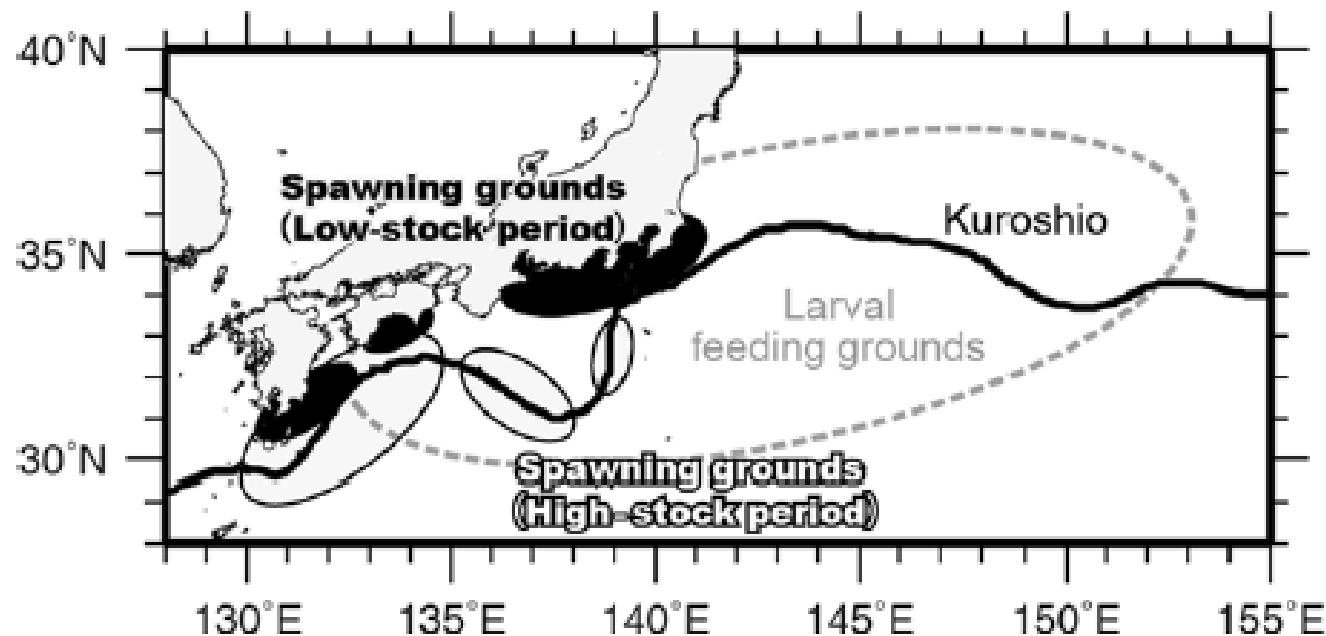


Fig. 6. Conceptual framework of the optimal growth temperature hypothesis: a potential biological mechanism for the anchovy and sardine regime shifts under the assumption that both types of larvae experience similar temperatures during the same period. Quadratic functions for Japanese anchovy (*Engraulis japonicus*, solid curve) and Japanese sardine (*Sardinops melanostictus*, broken curve) were derived from Fig. 4.



Transport to larval feeding grounds

- Suda and Kishida (2003) and Nishikawa (2018)



Shifts in distribution of spawning/feeding grounds

- Yatsu et al. (2008) and Okunishi et al. (2012)

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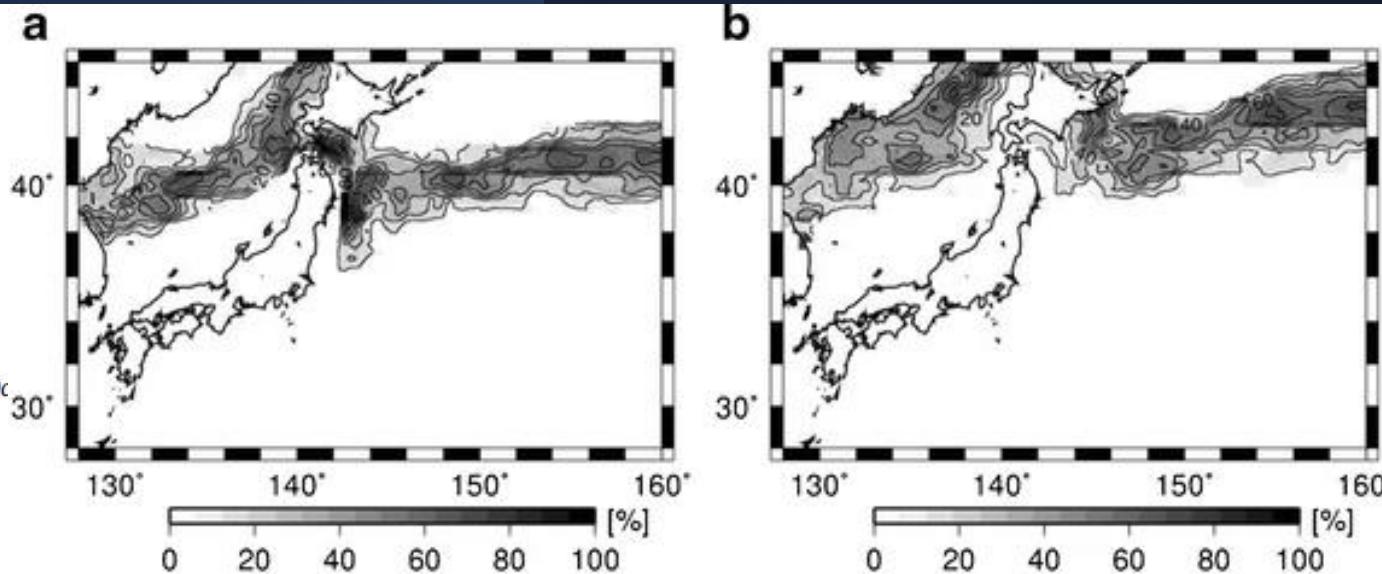
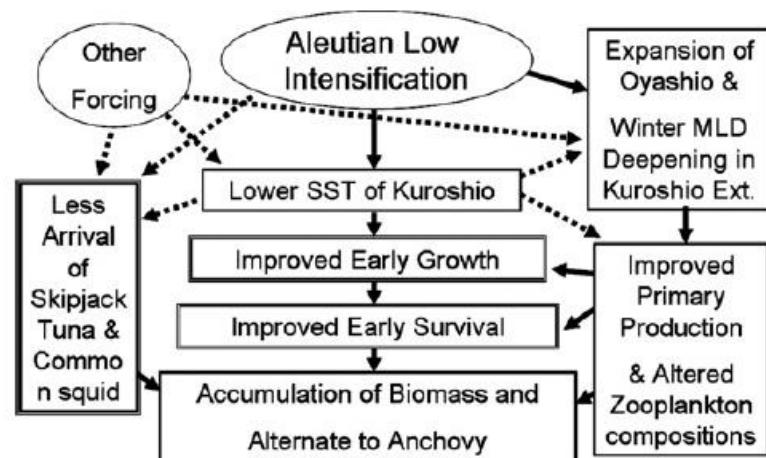
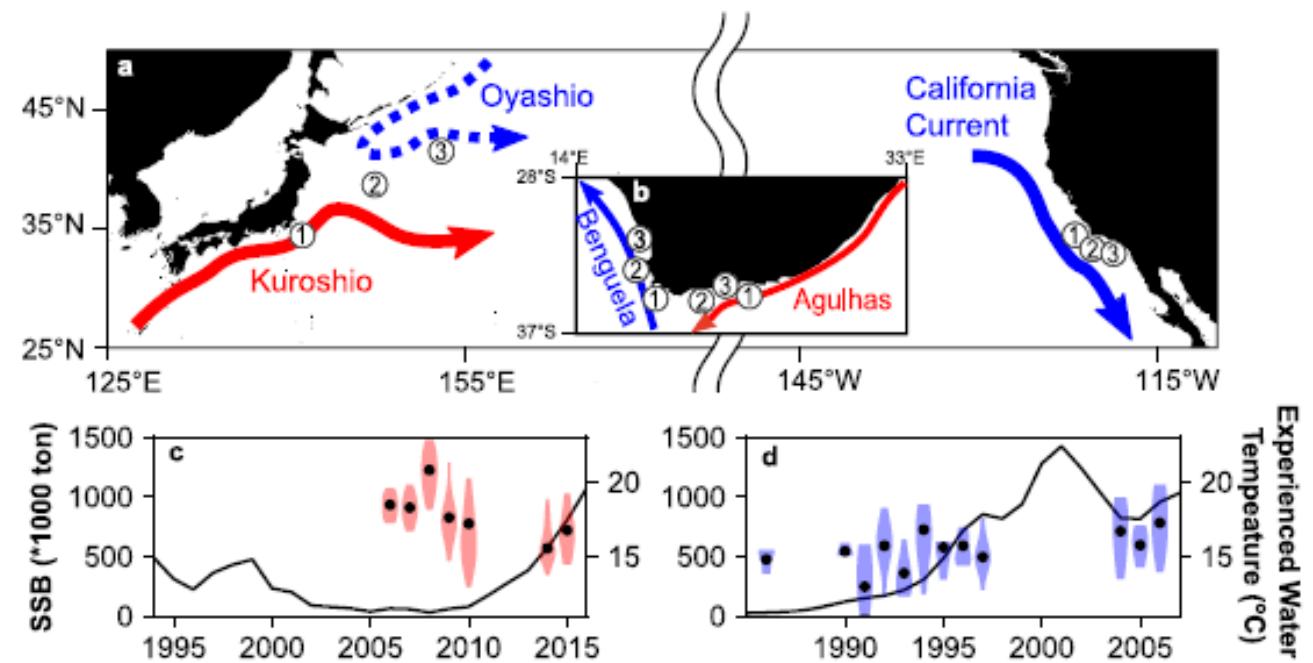
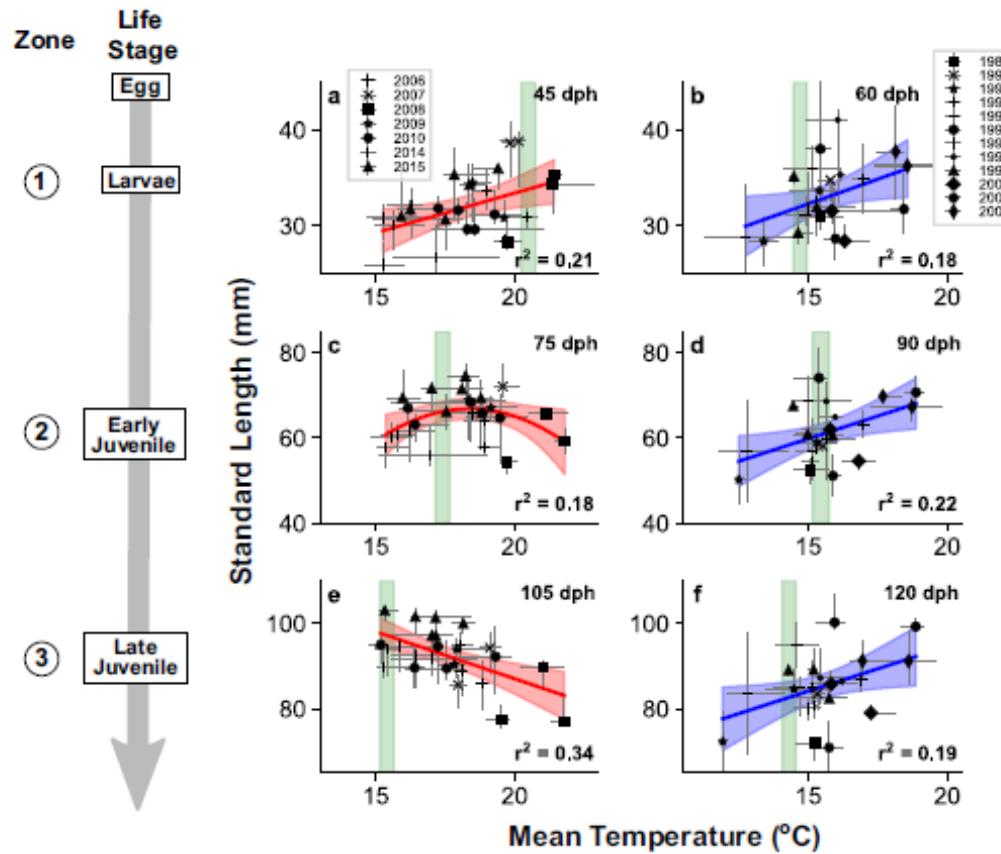


Fig. 6. Conceptual model of stock fluctuation of the Pacific stock of Japanese sardine. Solid arrows: statistically or mechanistically significant relations; Dashed arrows: unproven but plausible relations.

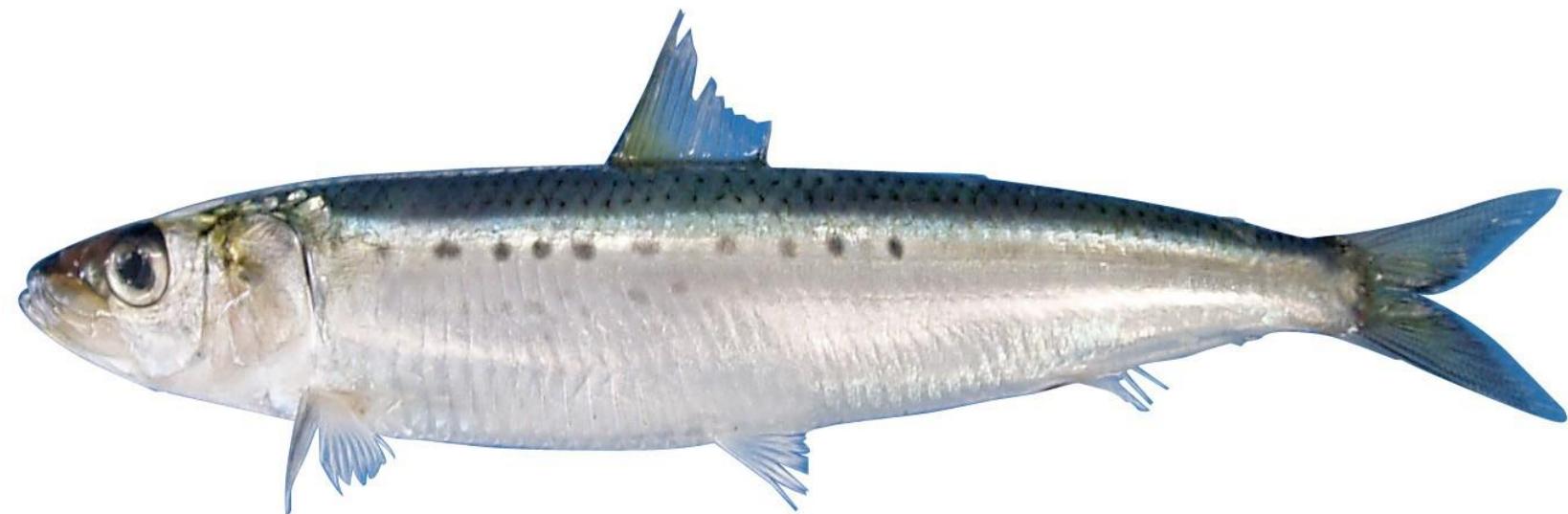
Combinations of temperature/feeding/space

- Sakamoto et al. (2022)



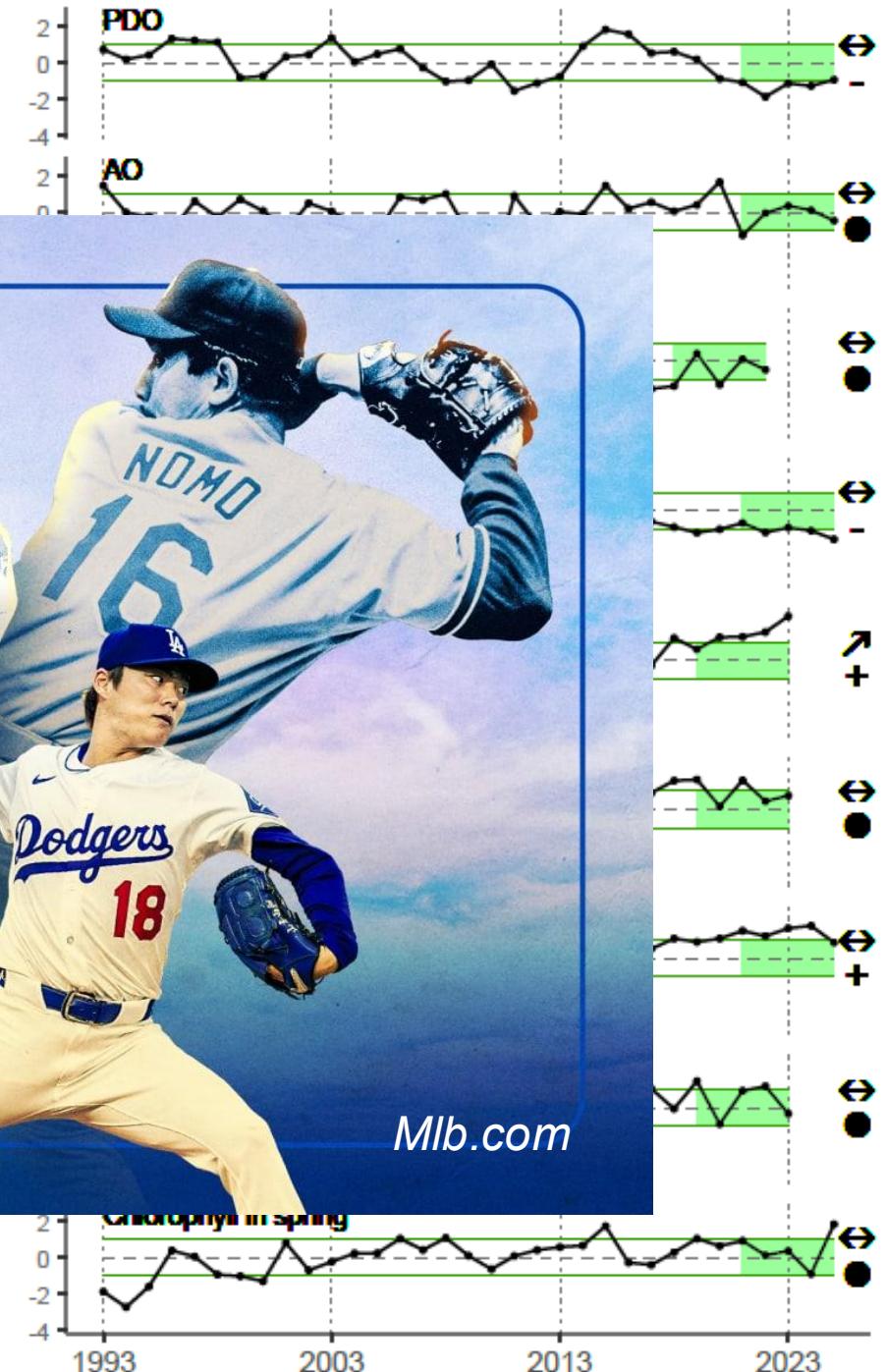
Potential environmental indicators for NPFC to monitor

- 1. Sea surface temperature in the Kuroshio transition zone (larval growth)
- 1. PDO and other climate indicators (linked to overall abundance/productivity)
- 1. Currents (successful transport to the larval feeding areas)
- 1. Winter mixed layer depth (zooplankton production/composition)
- 1. Spring primary production (larval growth survival)
 - 1. Chlorophyll
 - 2. Zooplankton biomass
- 1. Sea surface salinity



Indicator trends –

- SST, KE
- Chloroph
- Unfortuna





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Future work

- Identify more/better/relevant ecosystem indicators
- Incorporate indicators into stock assessments or MSE process
- Identify data gaps and research that is needed
- Explore areas for “actionable” collaboration with PICES community
- Eight more priority species



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Key Findings

