



S8: FUTURE/S-CCME/AP-ECOP Topic Session:

How Can Ecosystem-Scale Information be Used to Improve Our Understanding of Climate Change Impacts, and Support Management and Conservation in the North Pacific?

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Investigating the impacts of climate and fishing on fish populations and ecosystems in China's shelf seas using multiple models

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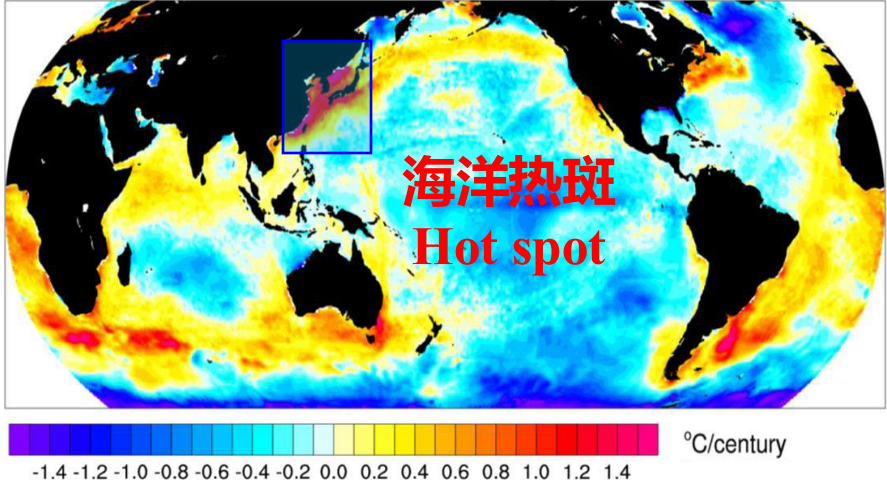
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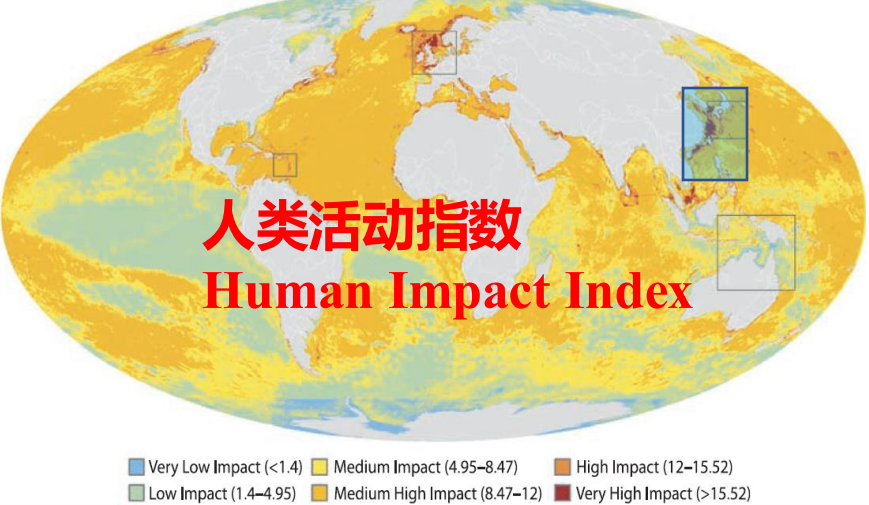
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- 1. Current status of Chinese marine fisheries**
- 2. Modeling the response of marine fishery resources to climate change and fishing**
- 3. Summary & outlook: Management responses to climate change**

Northwest Pacific under multiple pressures



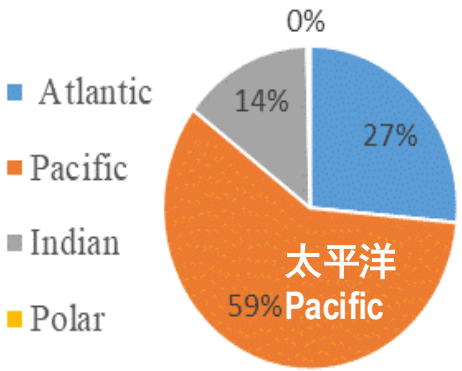
The impact of global change is most pronounced in the Northwest Pacific



High Production

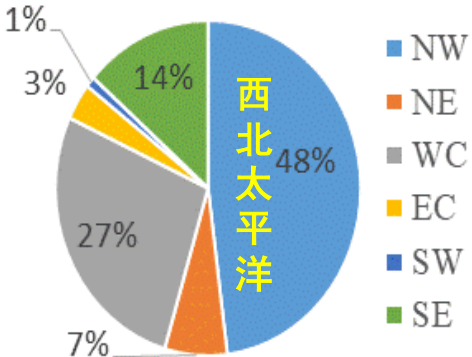
Northwest Pacific contributes to 30% of the total world fishery production (FAO, 2020)

World fishery production



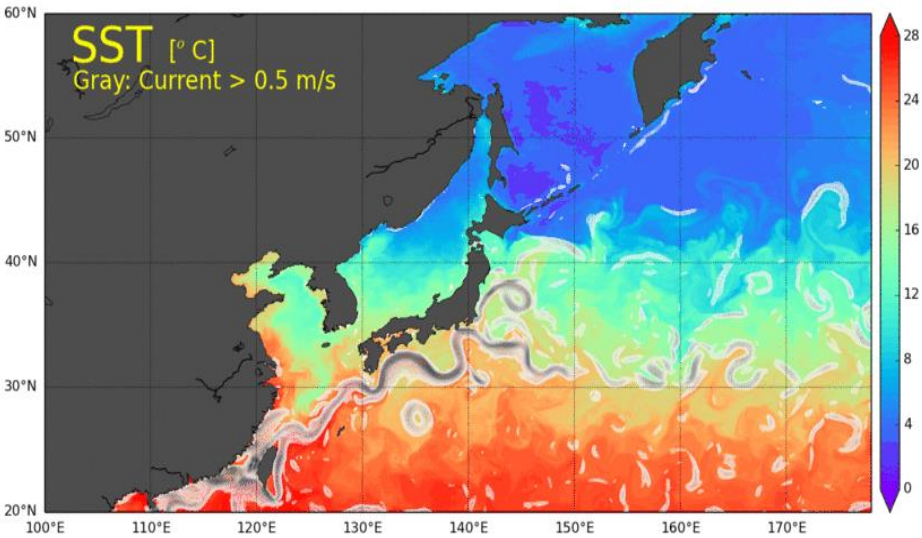
Pacific: 60%

Pacific Ocean



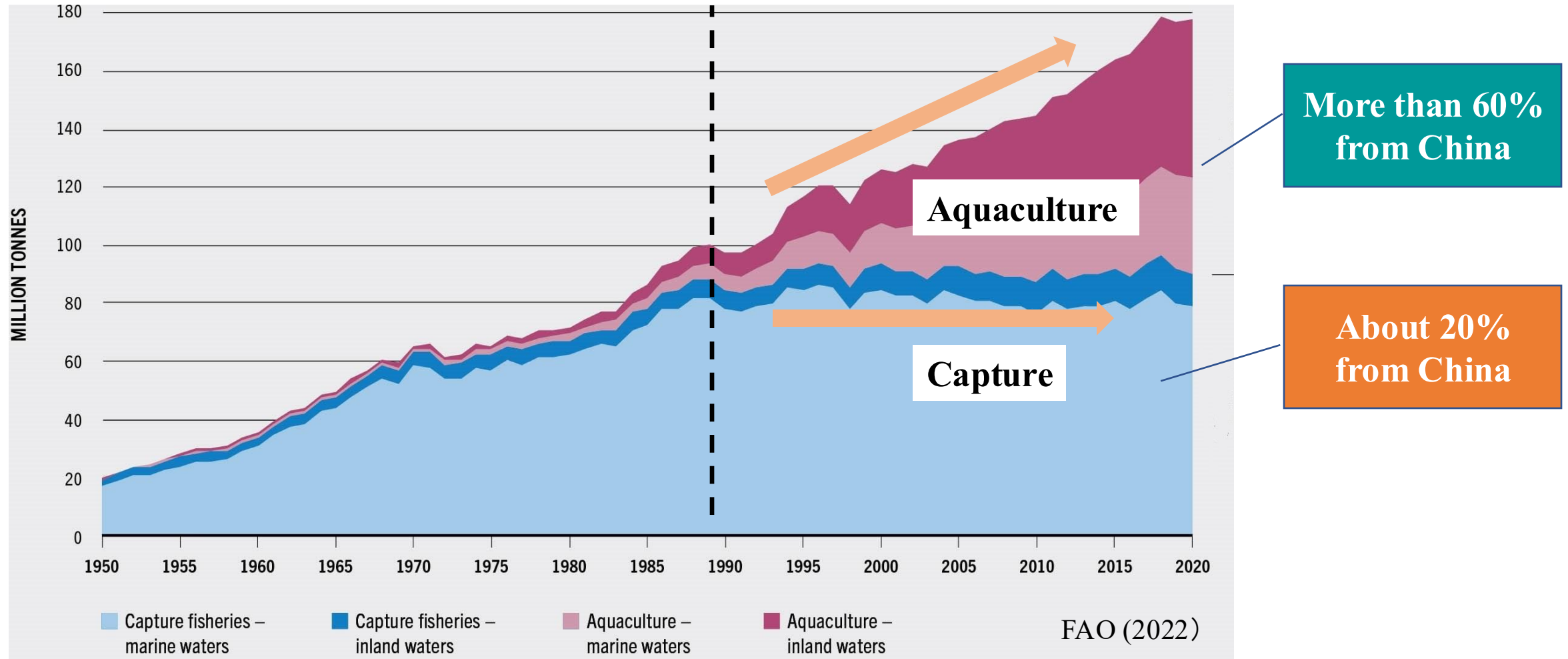
NWP: 30%

Multi-scale, dynamic oceanic systems with linkage to basin-scale climate variability such as PDO, ENSO and AMO.



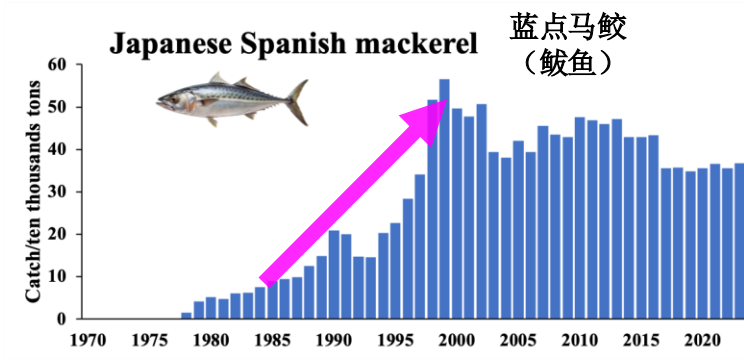
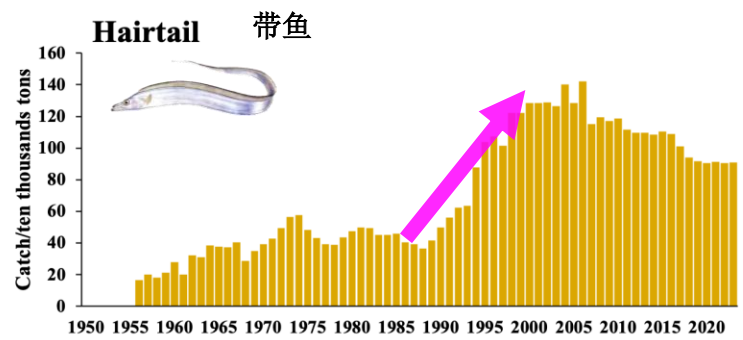
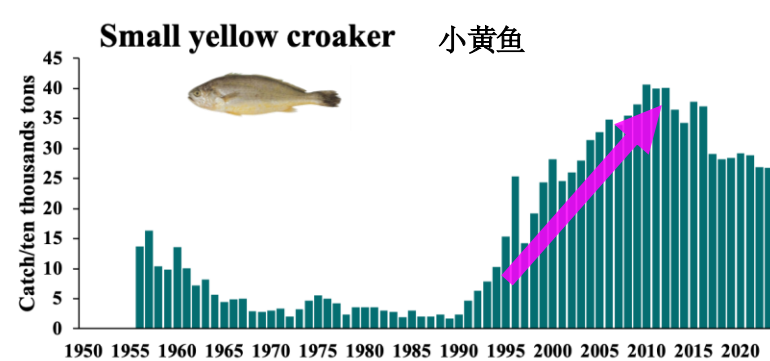
Chen et al. 2018

Global fisheries production

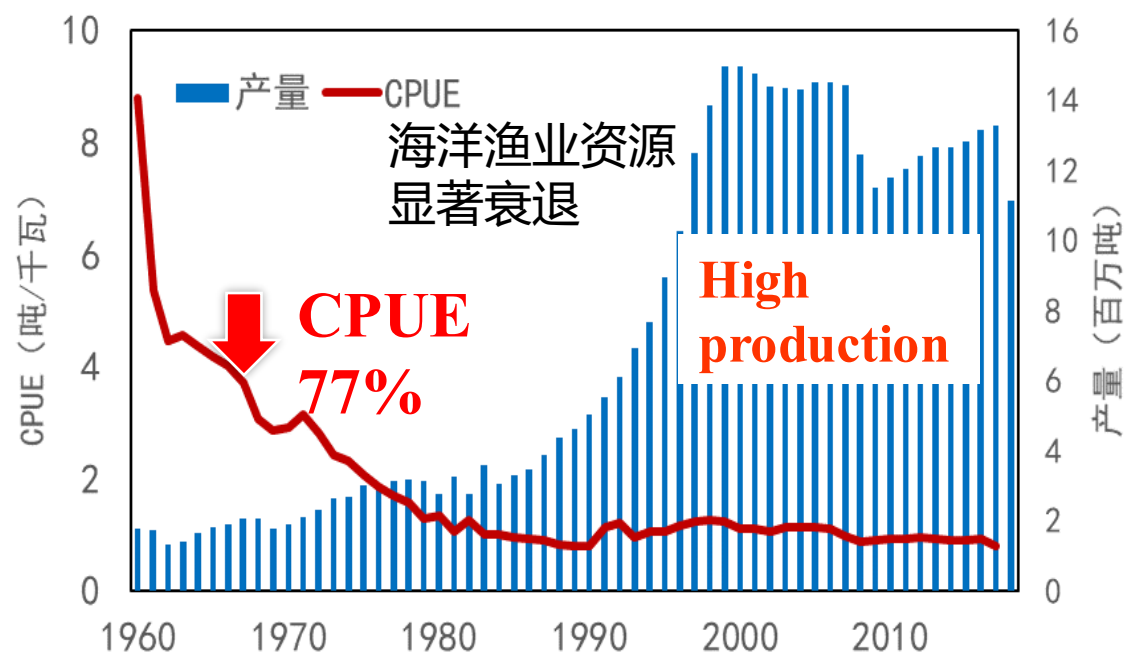


After the 1990s, global capture fisheries were at a plateau relative to the rapid increase in aquaculture production. China contributes more than 60% of aquaculture production.

China's marine fisheries face a crisis under over-exploitation

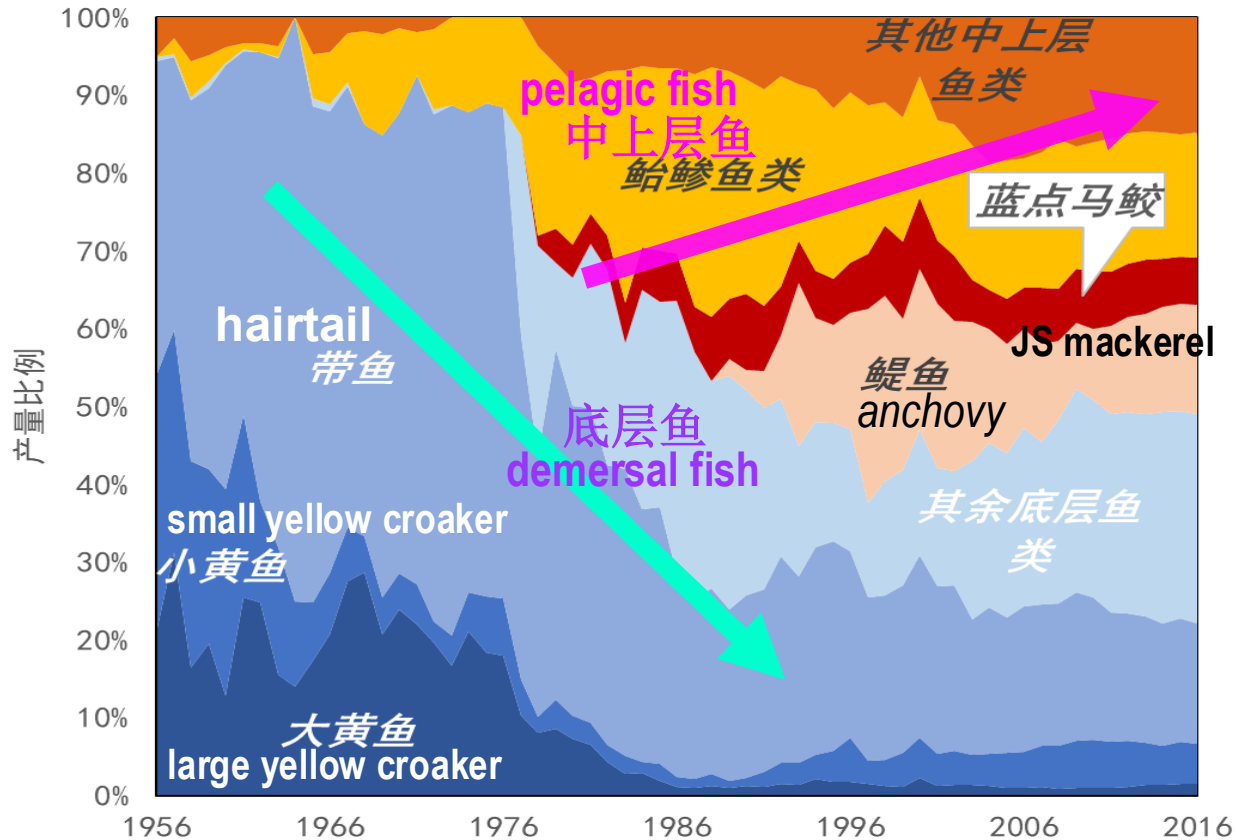


Overexploitation of major fish stocks



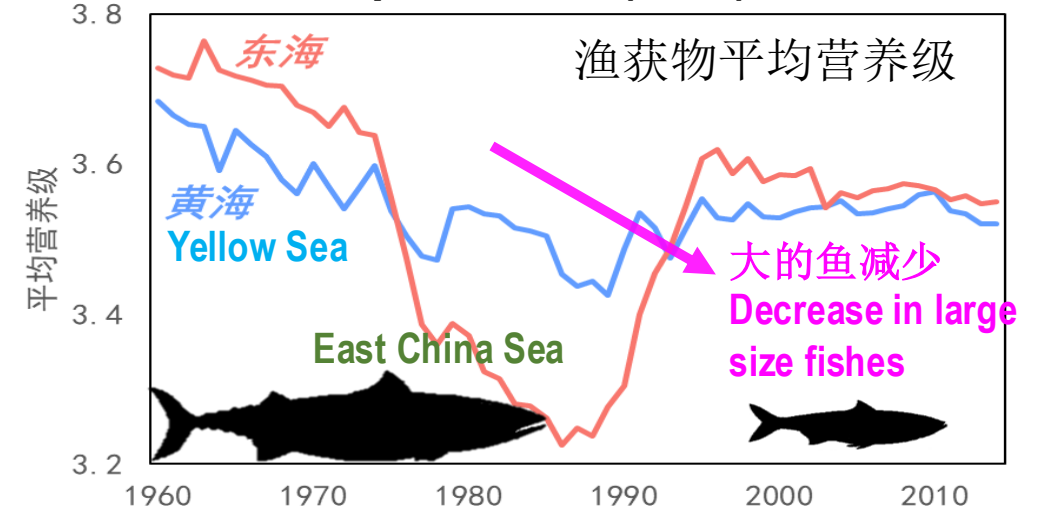
Climate change effect on the ecosystem structure

主要鱼种组成比变化 Species Composition

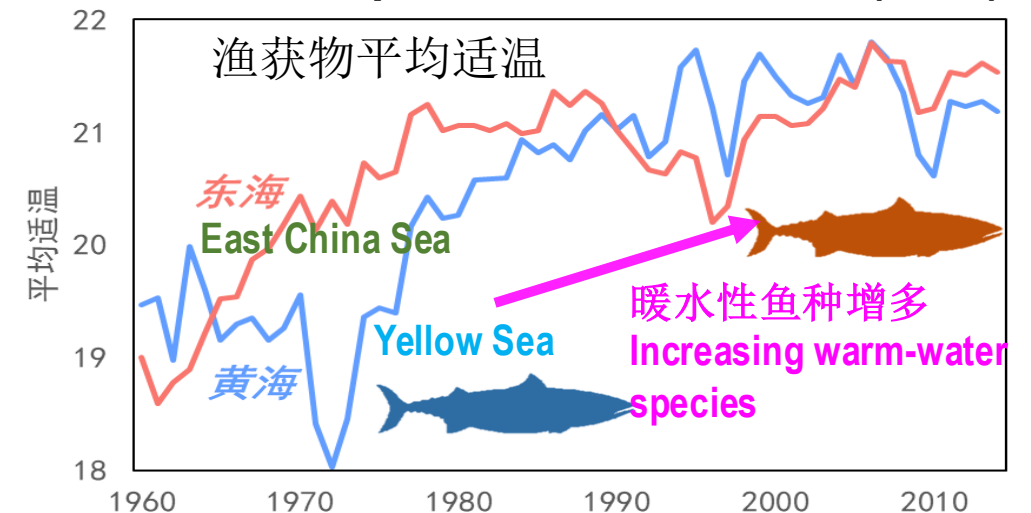


Increases in both pelagic fish such as anchovy and MTC indicate that climate change is having a significant impact on the fish community in China Seas under over-exploitation.

Mean Trophic Level (MTL) of Catch

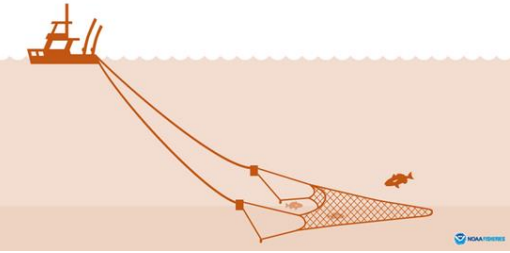


Mean Temperature of the Catch (MTC)

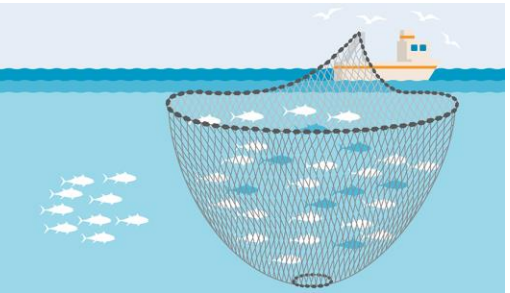


Primary fishing gear in China's marine fisheries

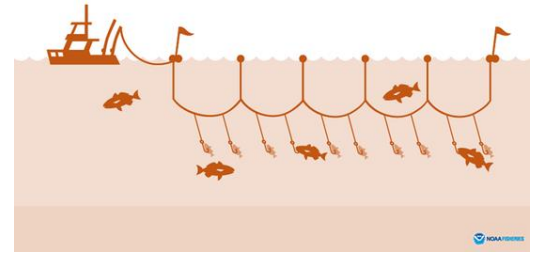
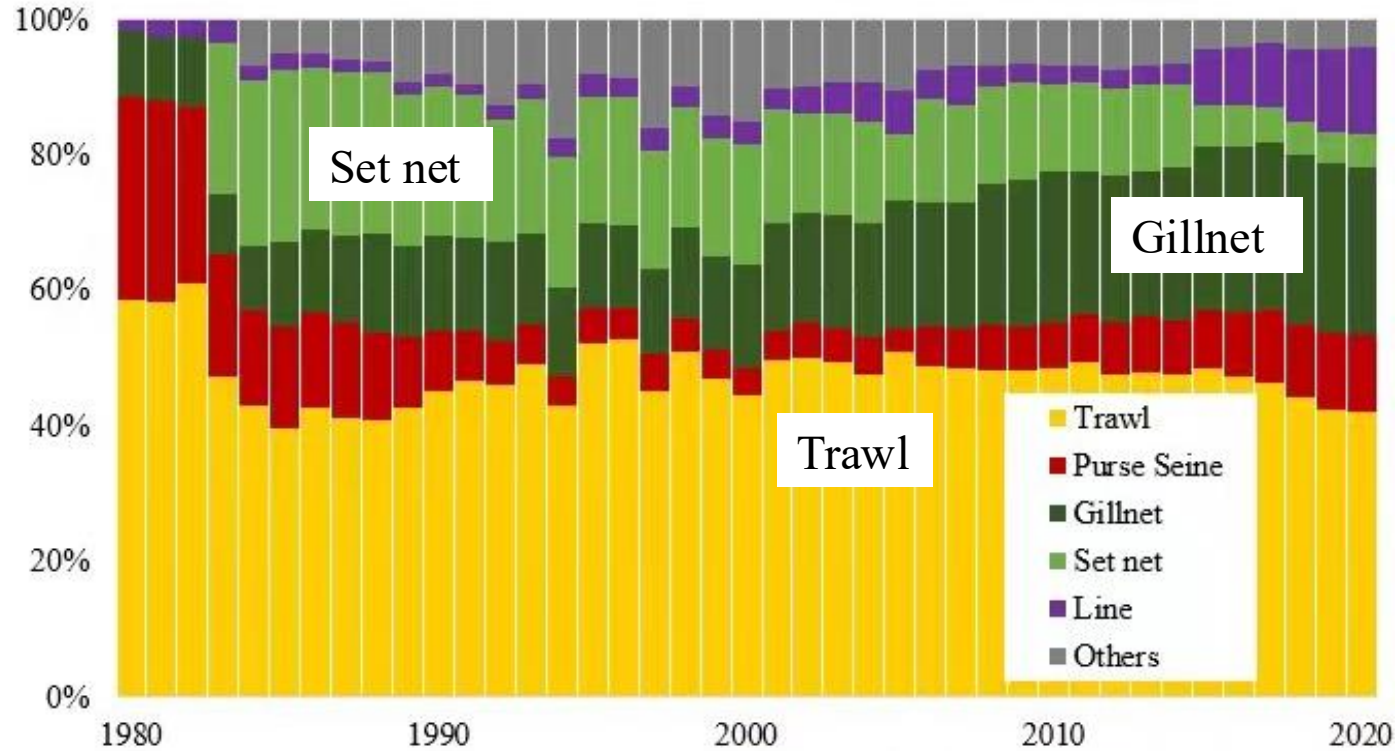
Trawl gillnet and set net are major fishing methods in China Seas



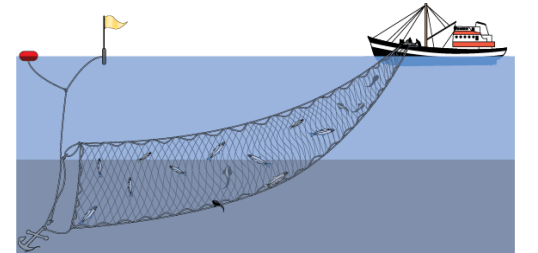
Trawl 拖网



Purse Seine 围网

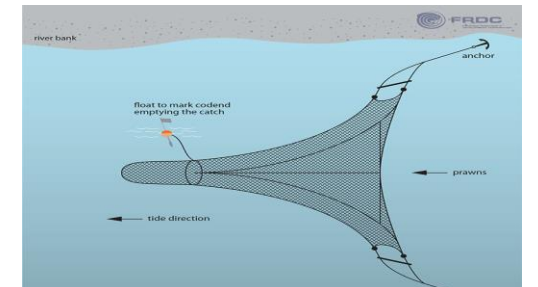


Longline 延绳钓



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Gillnet 刺网




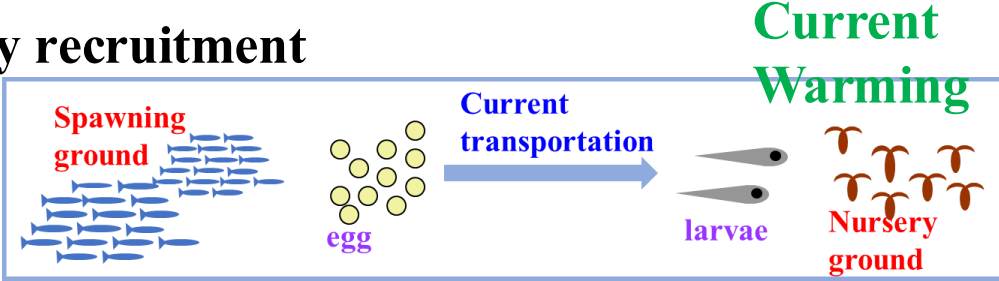
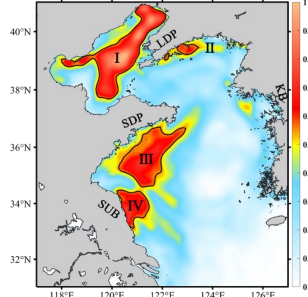

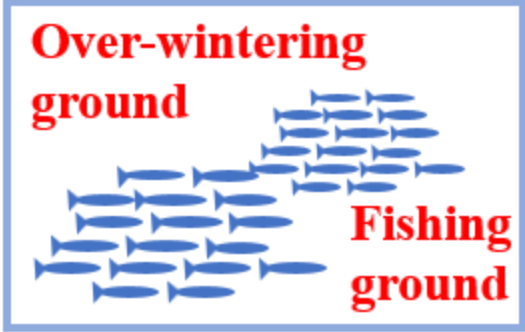
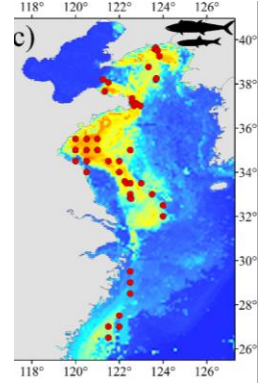

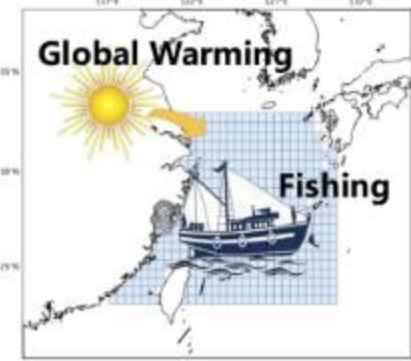
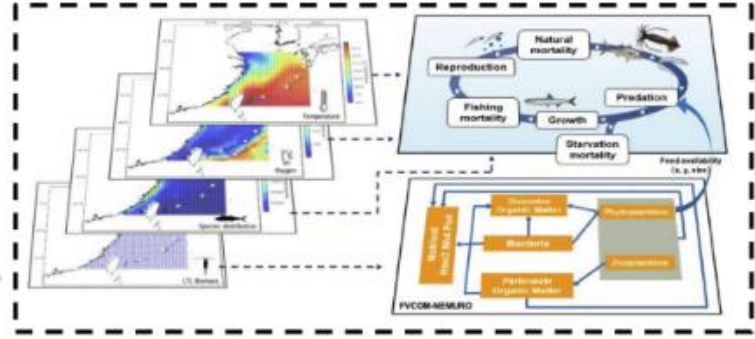
Set net 定置网

The fisheries management in China Sea is complicated by multi-fishery types and multiple target species.

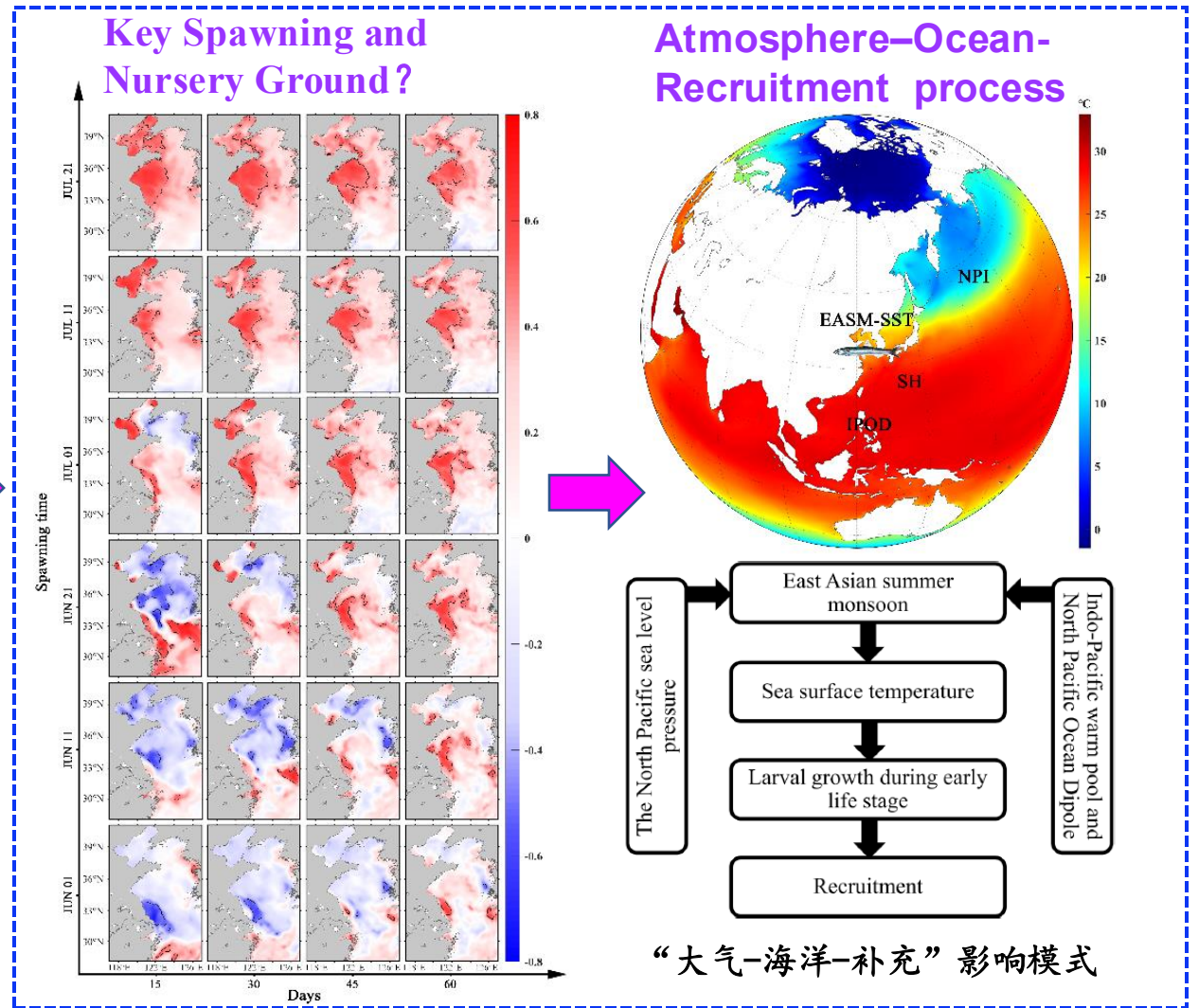
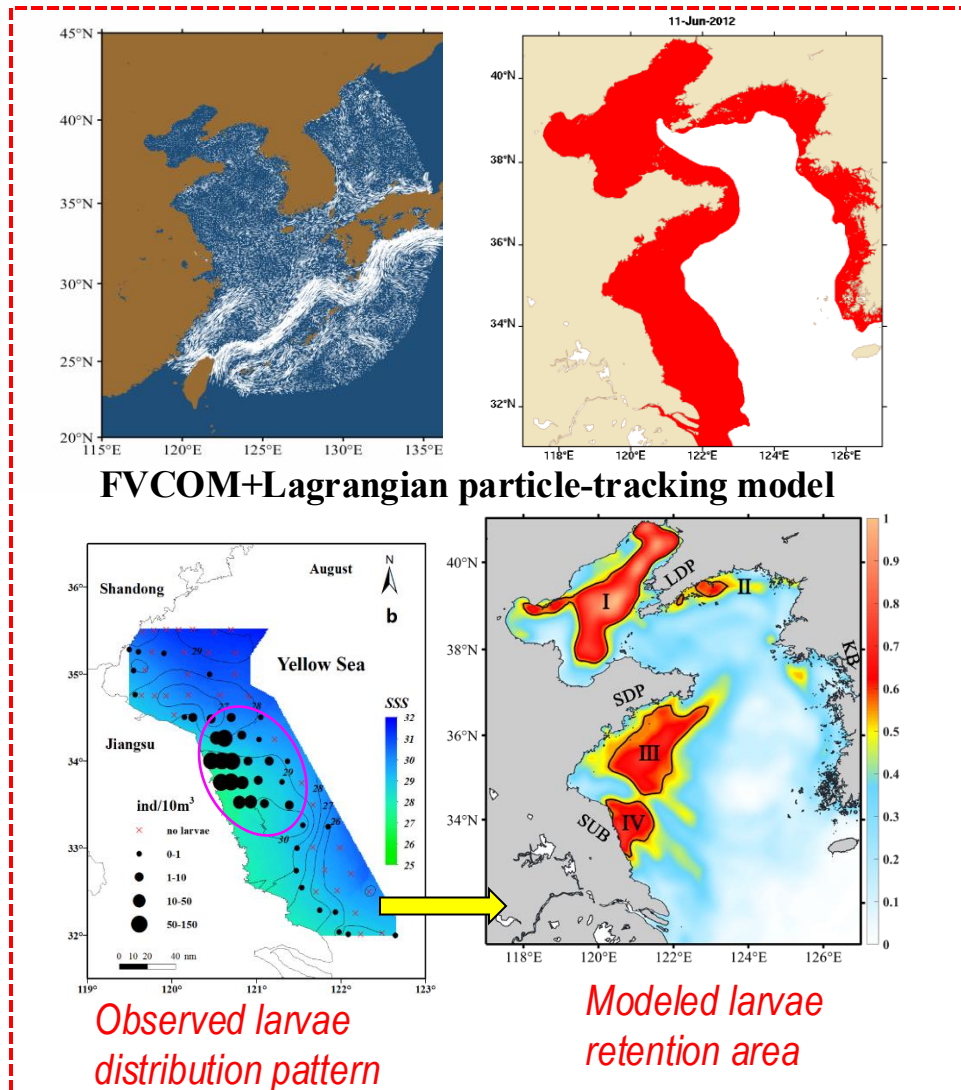
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Different process, different scale, different driver, different approach

	Process & drivers	Approach
Life history 	Early recruitment 	Larvae transportation model 
Species 	Distribution Migration Abundance 	SDM: Species Distribution Model 
Ecosystem 	Ecosystem structure Population Production 	OSMOSE 

Larvae transport model: Climate variability determines anchovy recruitment



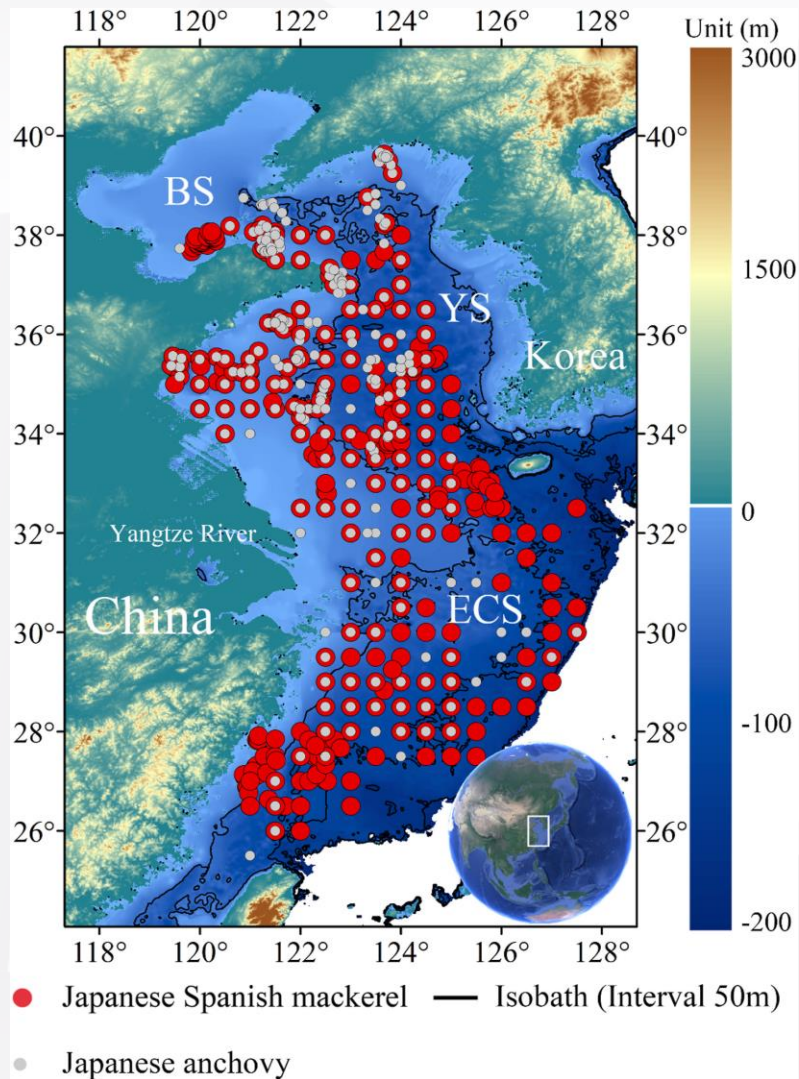
Egg transport model reveal the early recruitment process

Xing et al. 2020, 2021 Eco.Ind.

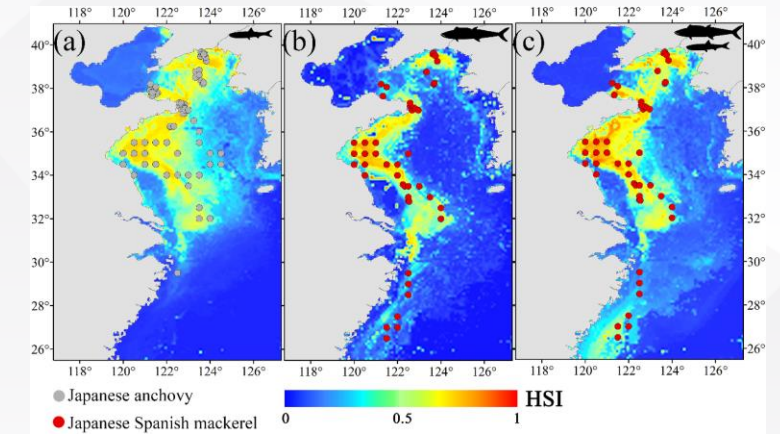
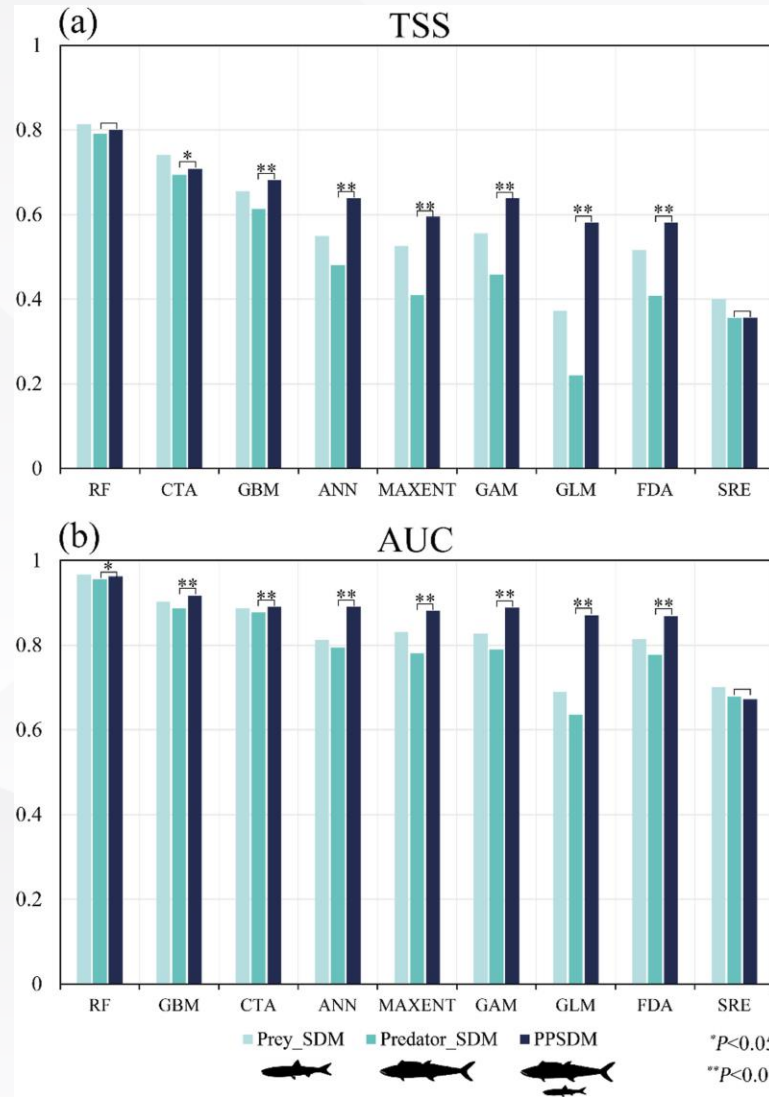
Yu et al. 2020 JMS

A larval growth index model found that anchovy recruitment is linked to basin-scale climate variability

Prey-Predator SDM model for JS-mackerel

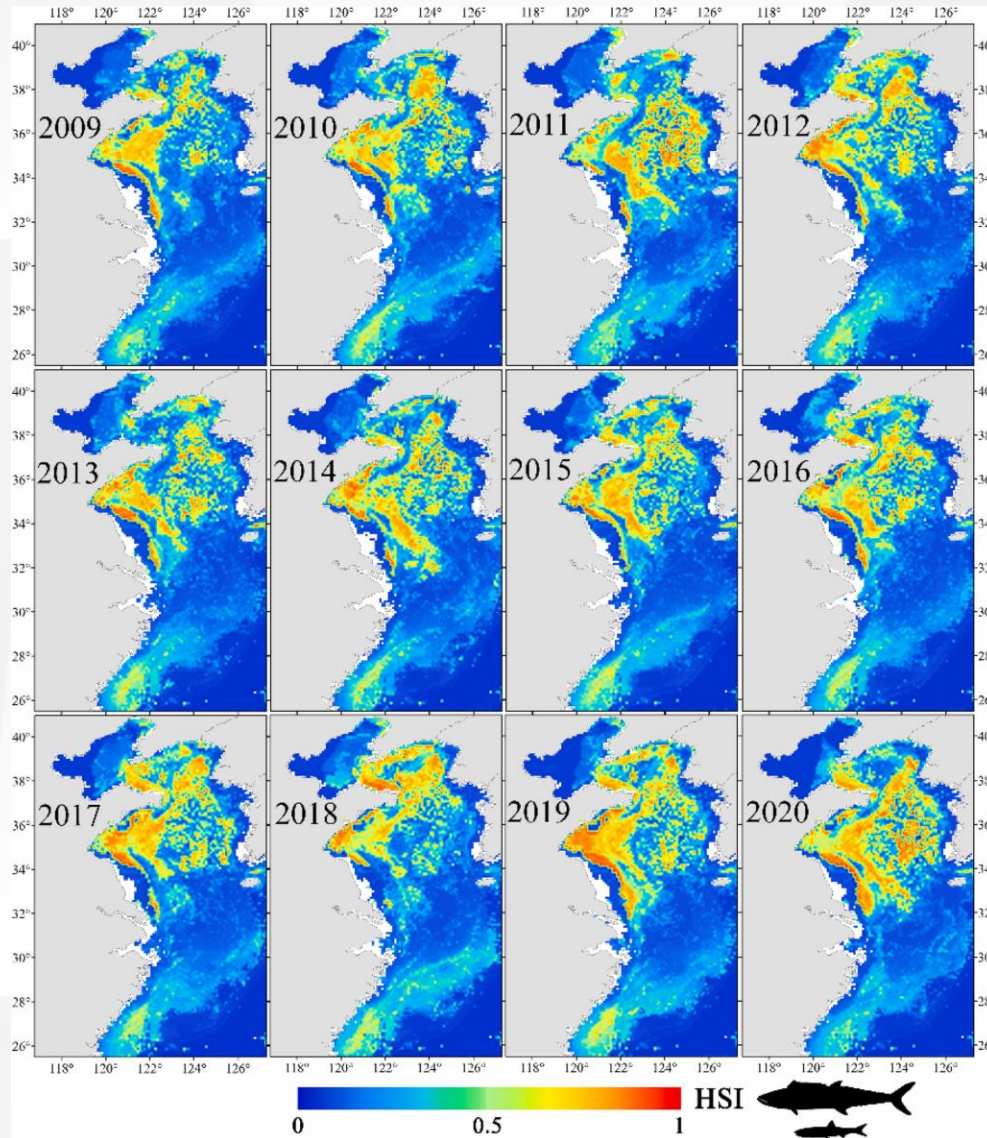


High performance of PPSDM



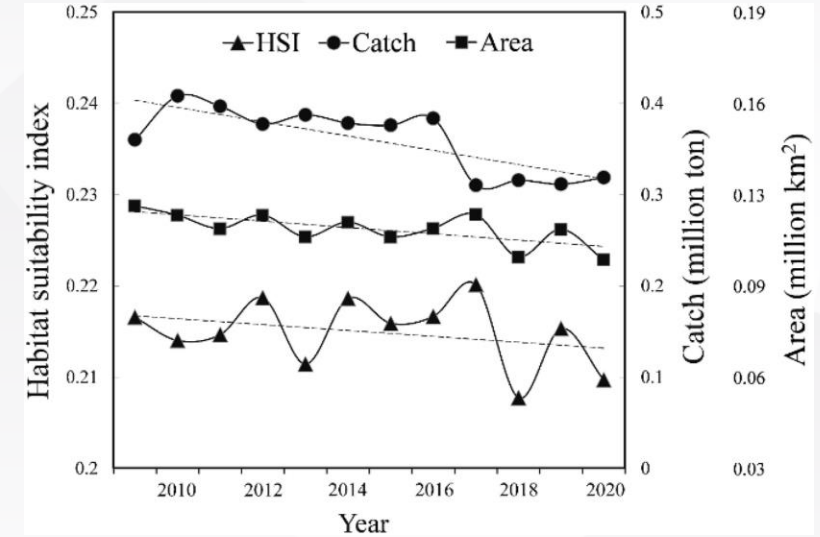
The PPSDM results, which take into account the effect of prey species, well reflected the ontogenetic migration of Japanese Spanish mackerel.

Prediction of warming effect by PPSDM

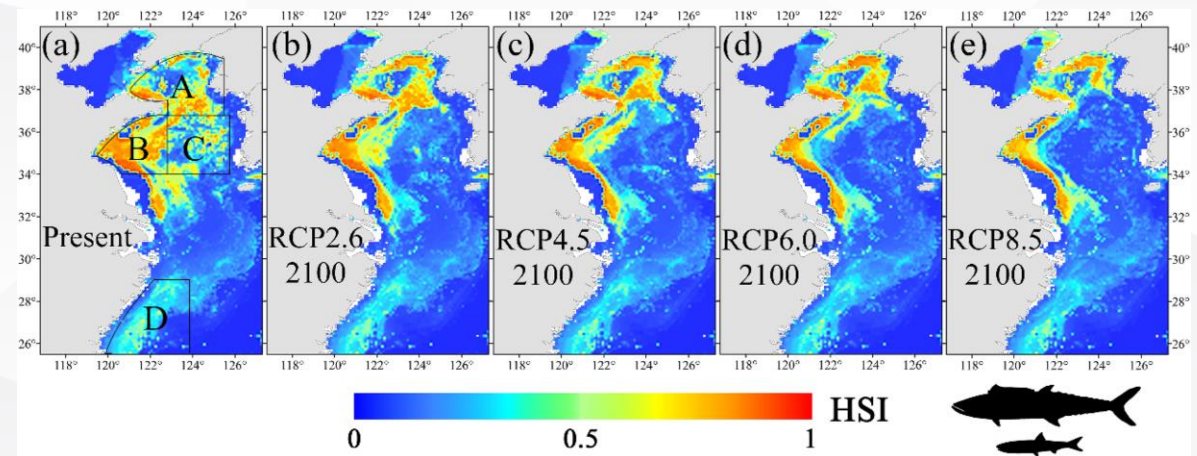


Historical change

The suitable habitat area and HSI showed a decreasing tendency during 2009–2020, is similar to the trend in the catch.

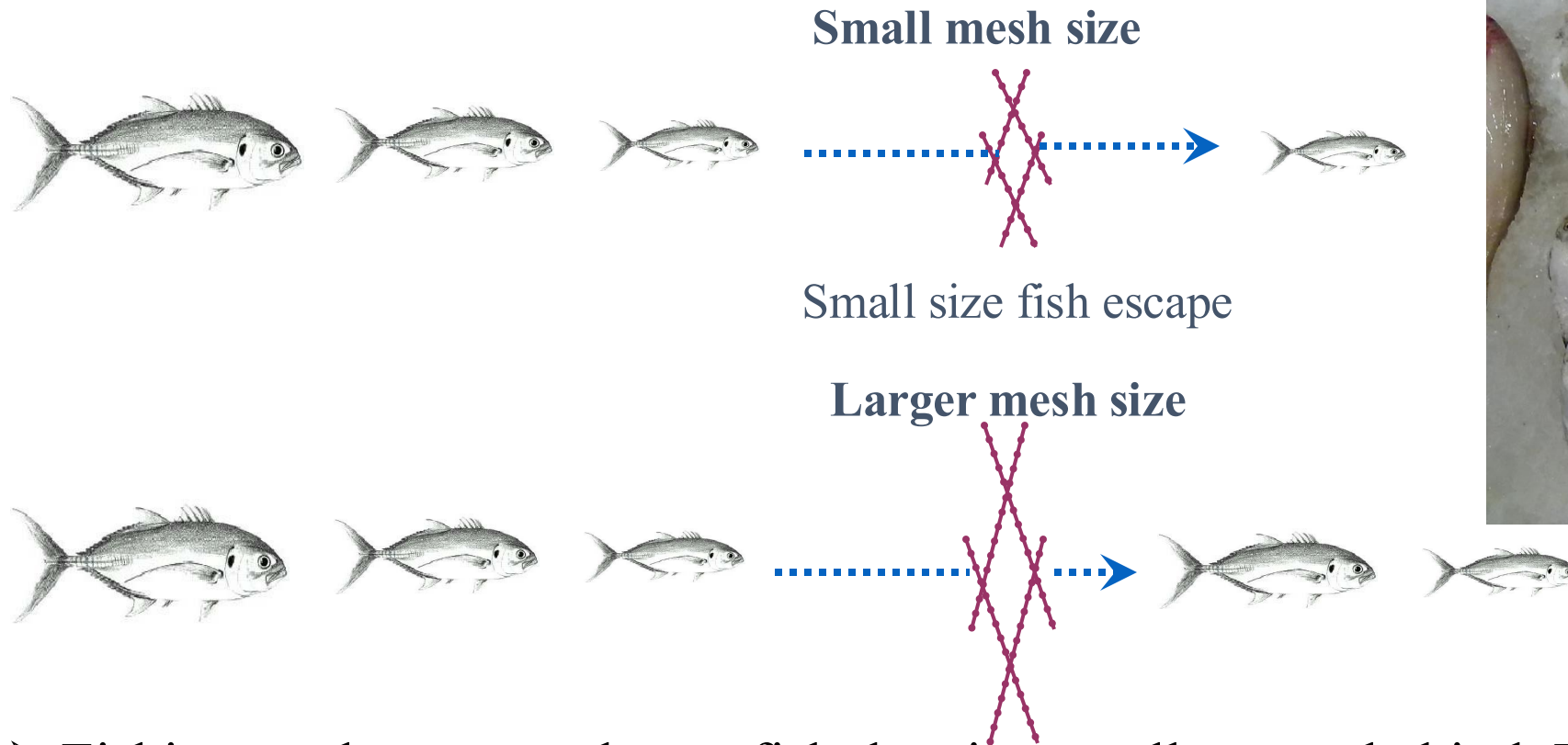


Future warming



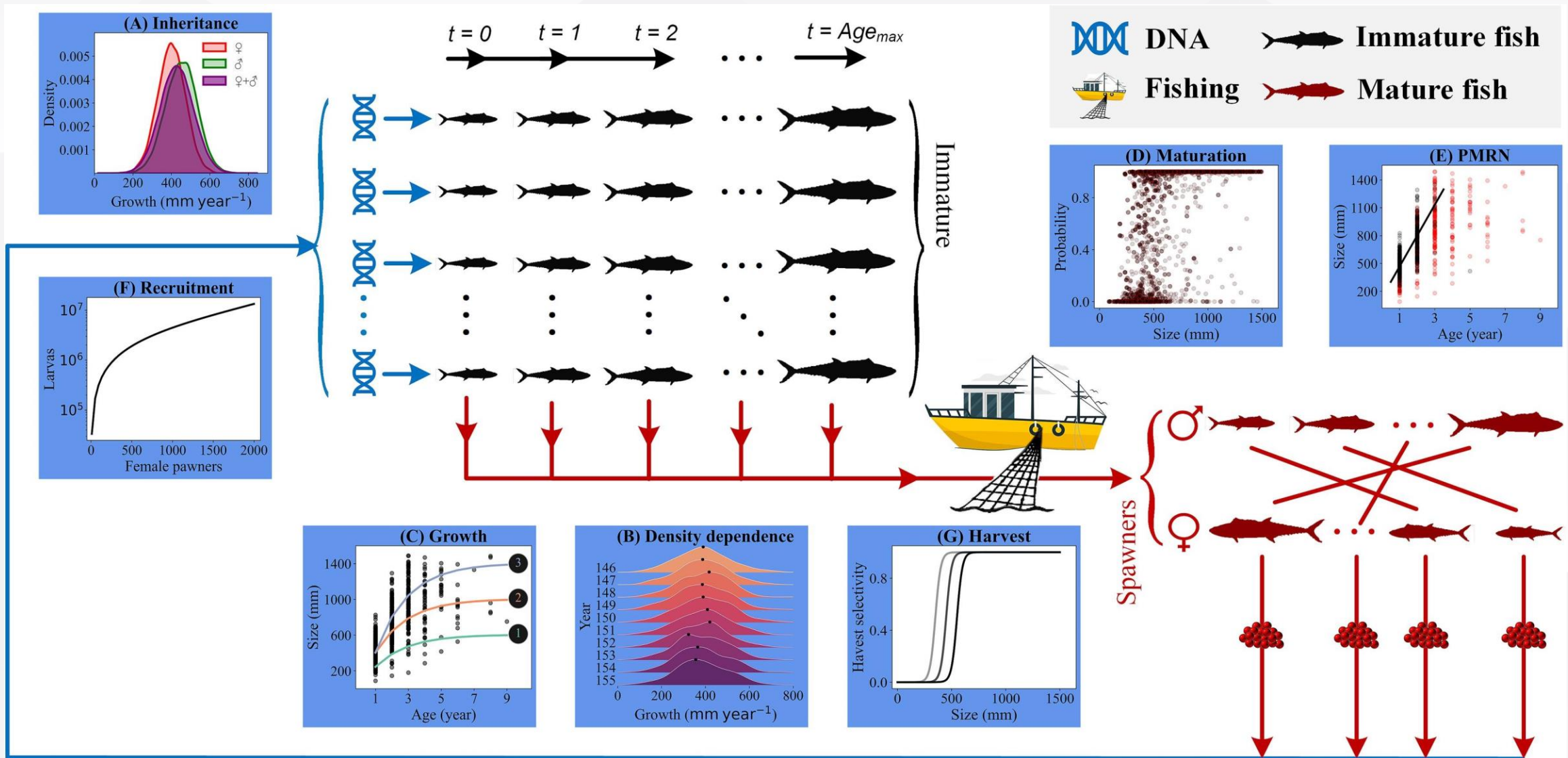
In the future, the suitable habitat of Japanese Spanish mackerel is projected to decrease by 21%, 28%, 36%, and 42%

FIE (Fishing-Induced Evolution): Long-term fishing effect



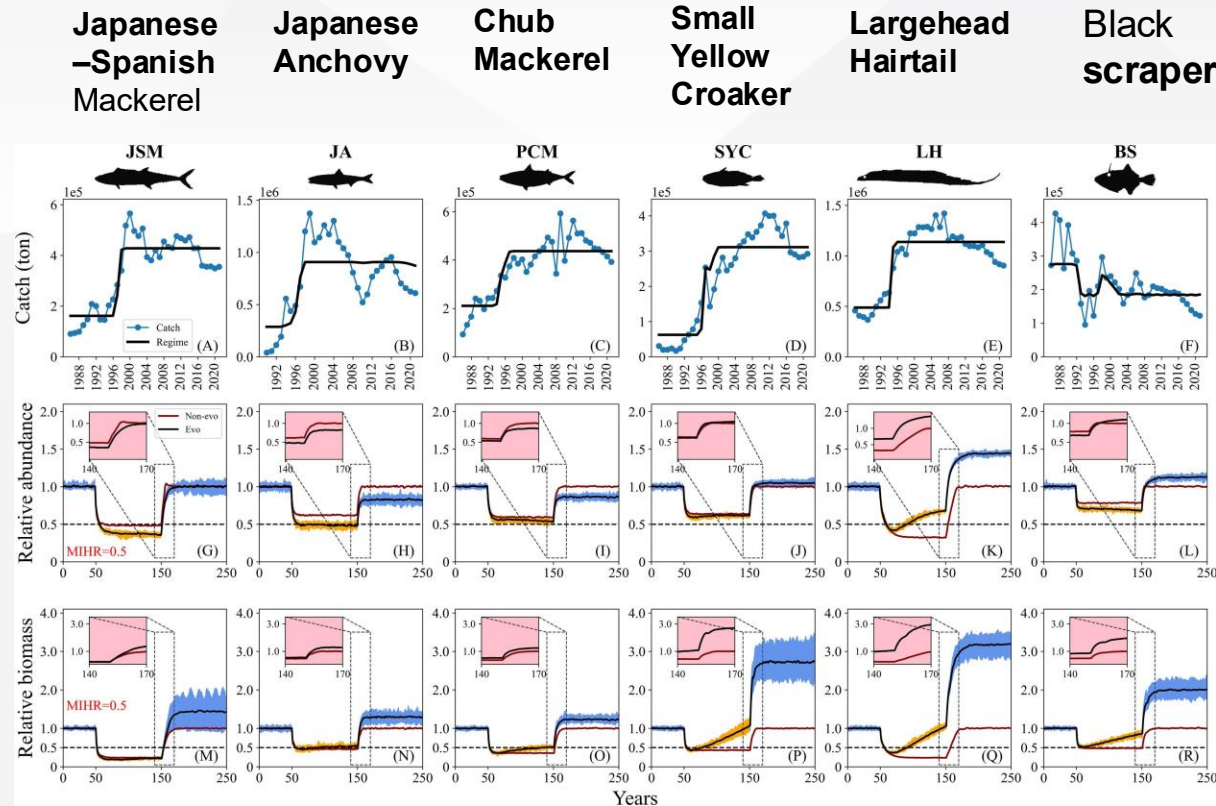
- Fishing tends to target larger fish, leaving smaller ones behind. Long-term selective fishing can lead to changes in fish populations, such as reduced size and earlier maturation. If these alterations become irreversible, it is termed **fishing-induced evolution—FIE**, which has a significant impact on both population dynamics and ecosystem structure.

FIE: An individual-based eco-genetic modeling approach



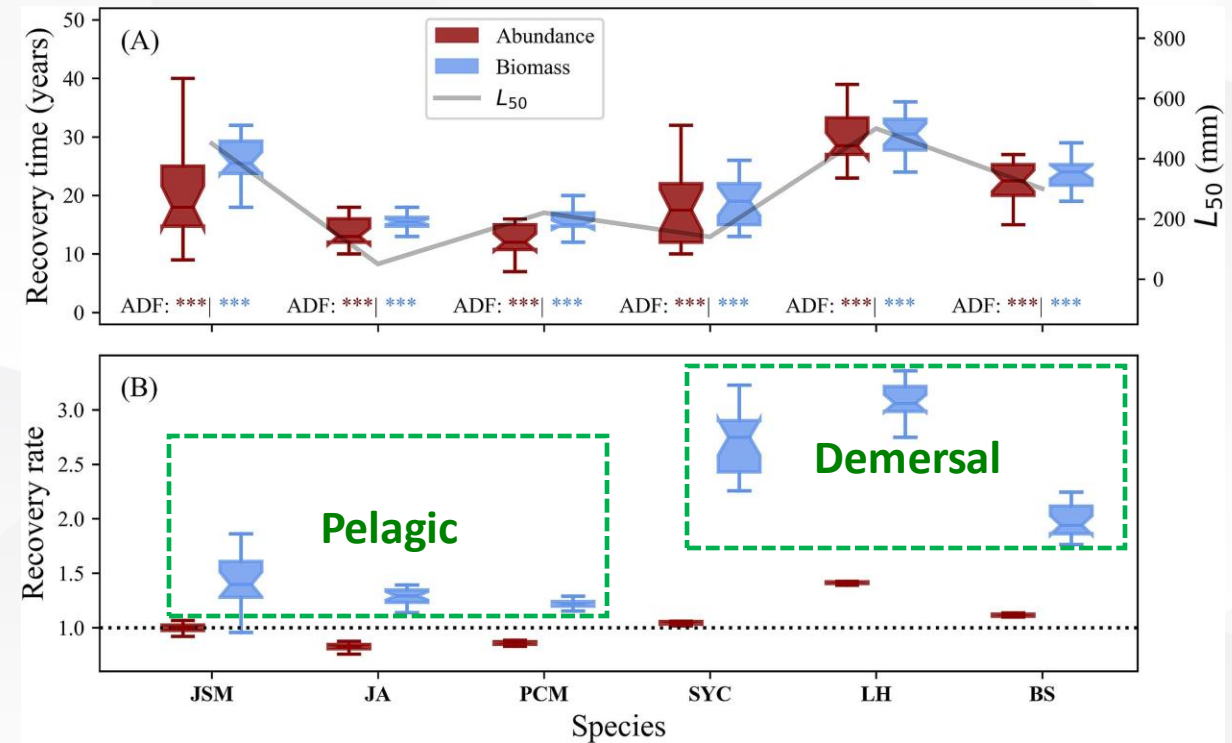
Simulation model functions and dynamics

FIE : an individual-based eco-genetic modeling approach



Phase shift processes of six commercial fish species in the China Seas. The impact of FIE on abundance (difference between the black and red curves) varies across both phases and species.

Population structure rebuilding efficiency in evolutionary models for six commercial important but rebuilding depleted stocks.



Recovery rate was significantly different between in pelagic and demersal species, with reduced fishing pressure being more conducive to the recovery of demersal fishes.

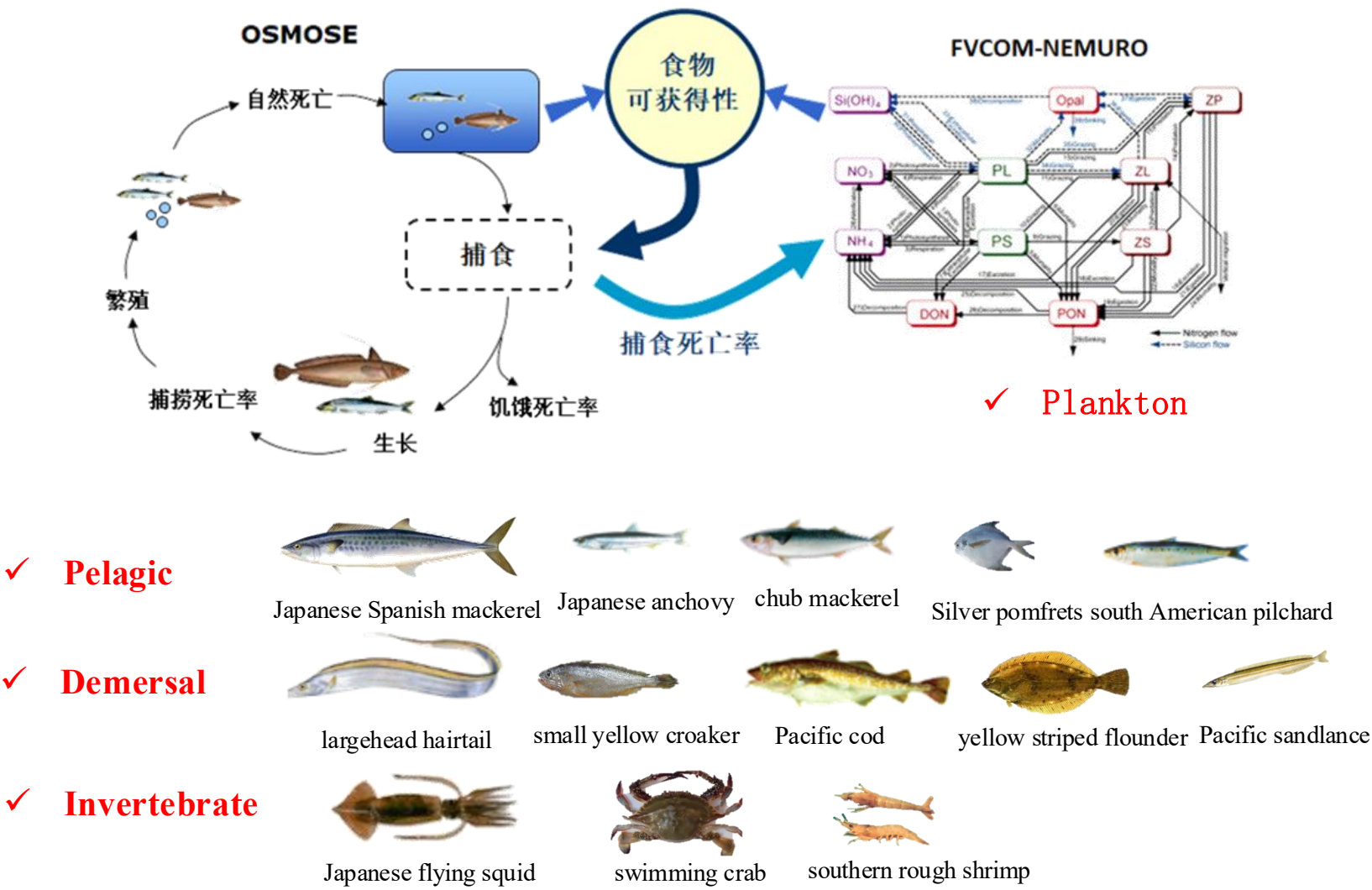
OSMOSE-YS: OSMOSE (Object-oriented Simulator of Marine Ecosystems)

Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem



Study area of OSMOSE-YS

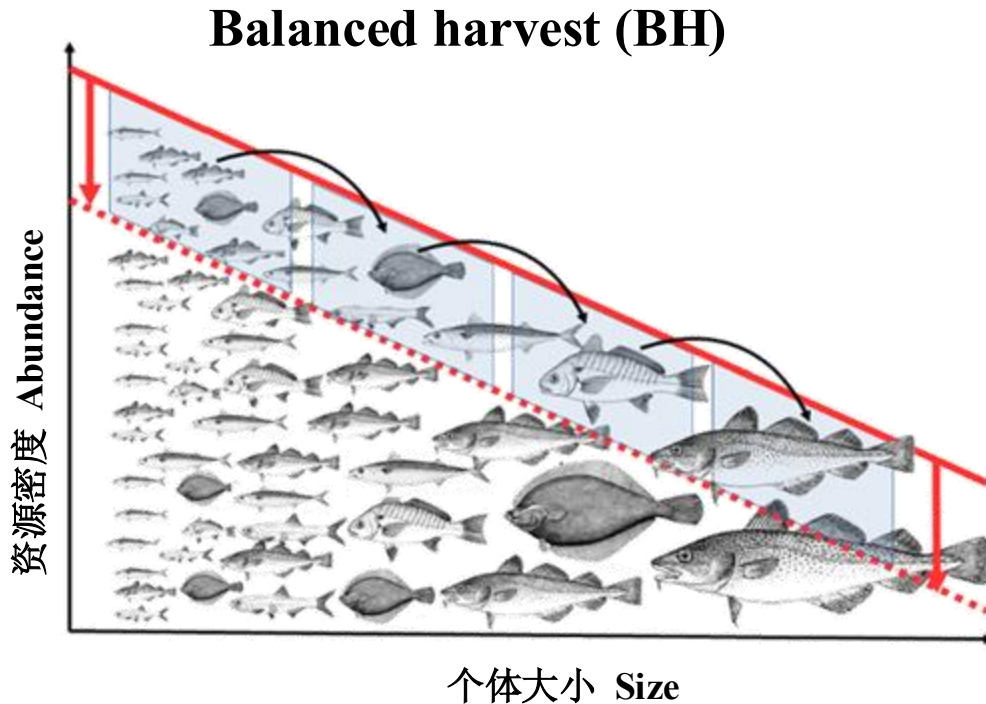
黄海渔业生态系统 (OSMOSE-YS)



To simulate effect of different fishing strategy

Fisheries management——Balance Harvest (BH) Strategy

平衡捕捞策略 BH



- 物种水平 species-level (***sBH***)
- 物种个体大小水平 species- and size-level (***ssBH***)



平衡捕捞概念图

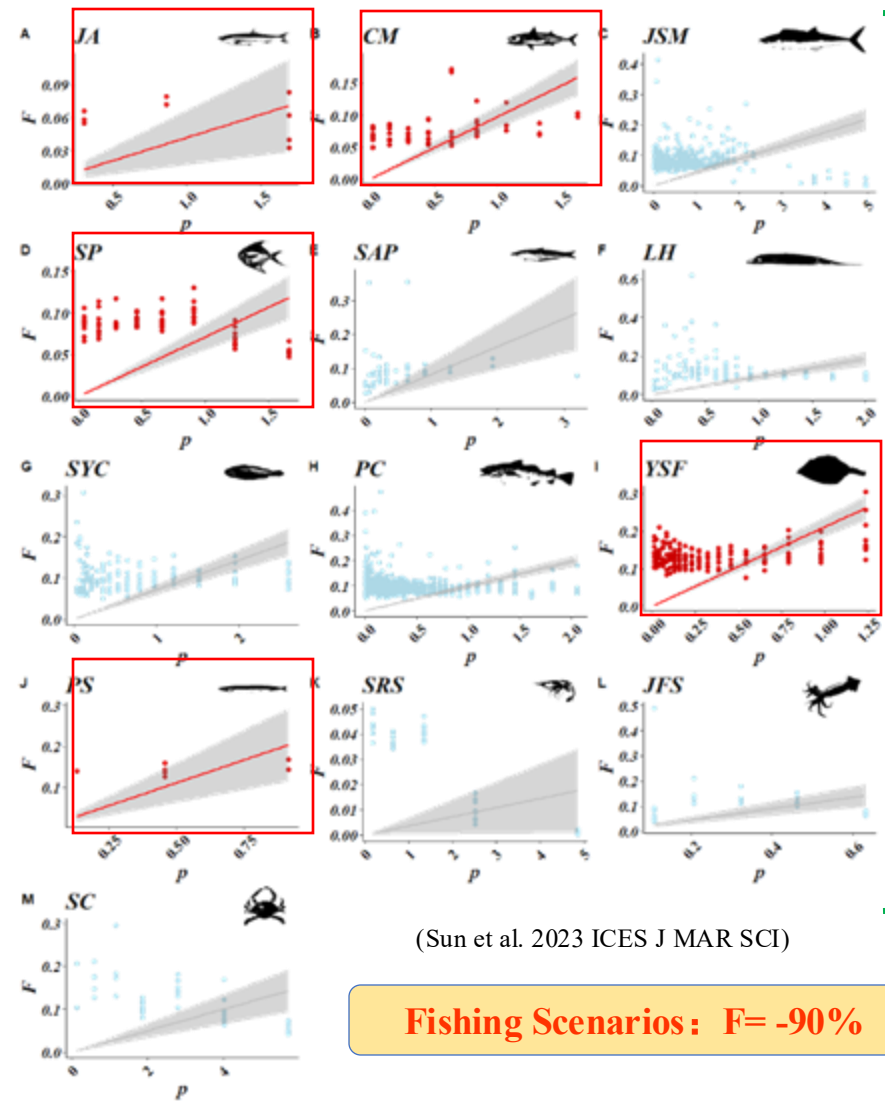
(Zhou et al., 2019 PNAS)

Objectives of Balance Harvest

Minimize the impact of fishing operations on marine ecosystem structure
Achieve sustainable high productivity

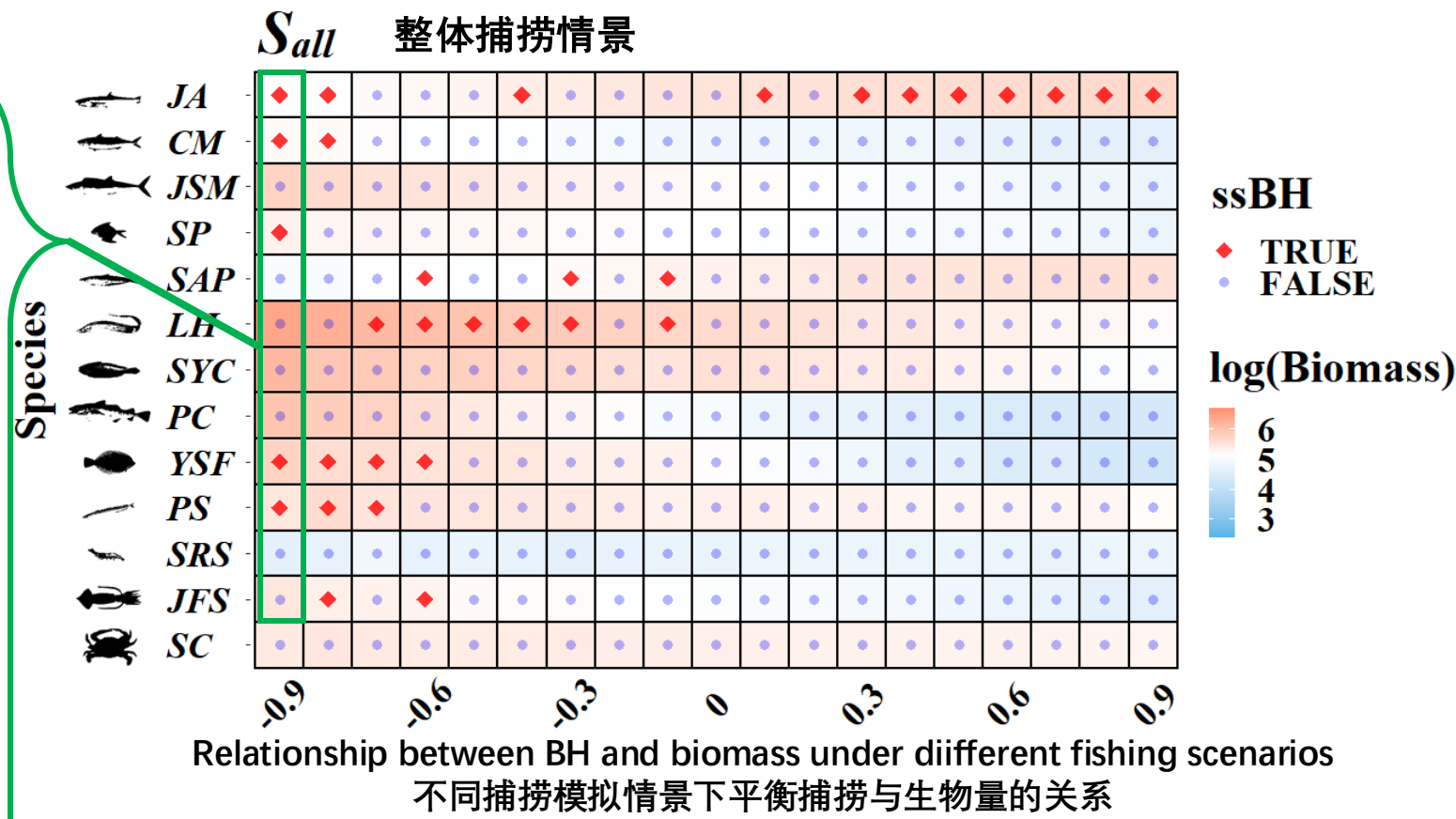
Balanced harvest (BH) proposes moderate fishing mortality rates across all species or sizes in proportion to productivity, serving as a possible strategy for ecosystem-based fisheries management.

How to achieve balance harvest (BH) ?



Fishing Scenarios: F= -90%

(Sun et al. 2023 ICES J MAR SCI)



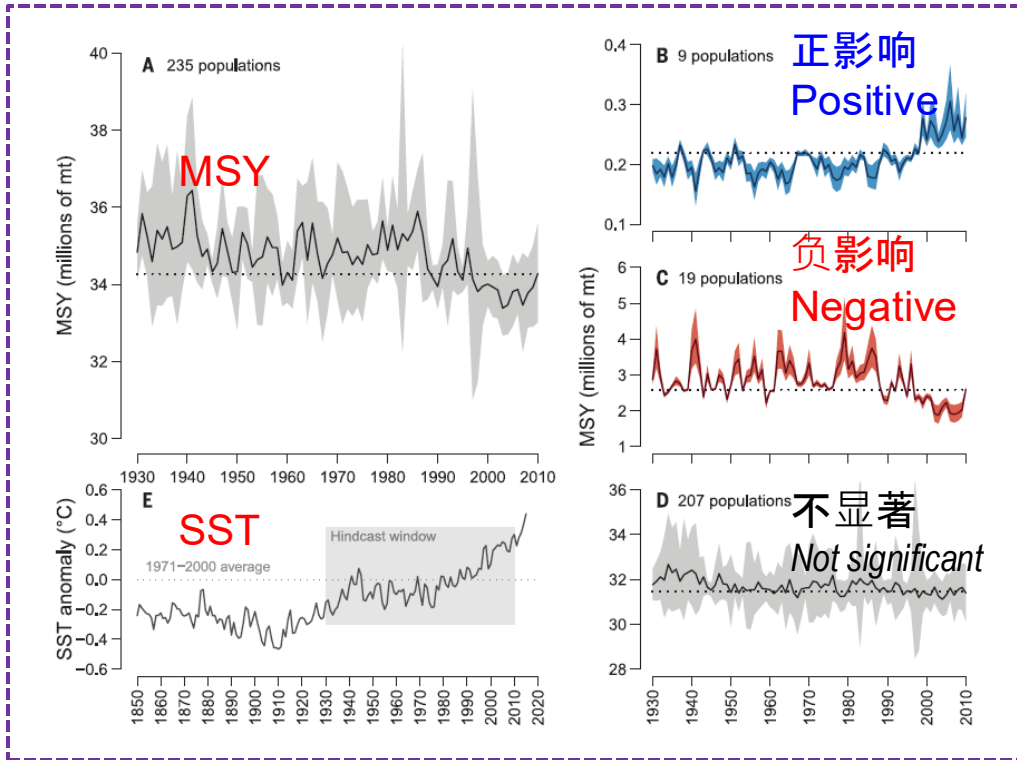
The occurrences of BH depended on fishing pressure and targeted functional groups; the benefits of BH could be potentially achieved by adjusting fishing pressure for certain functional groups based on the existing fishing pattern in over-exploited ecosystems.

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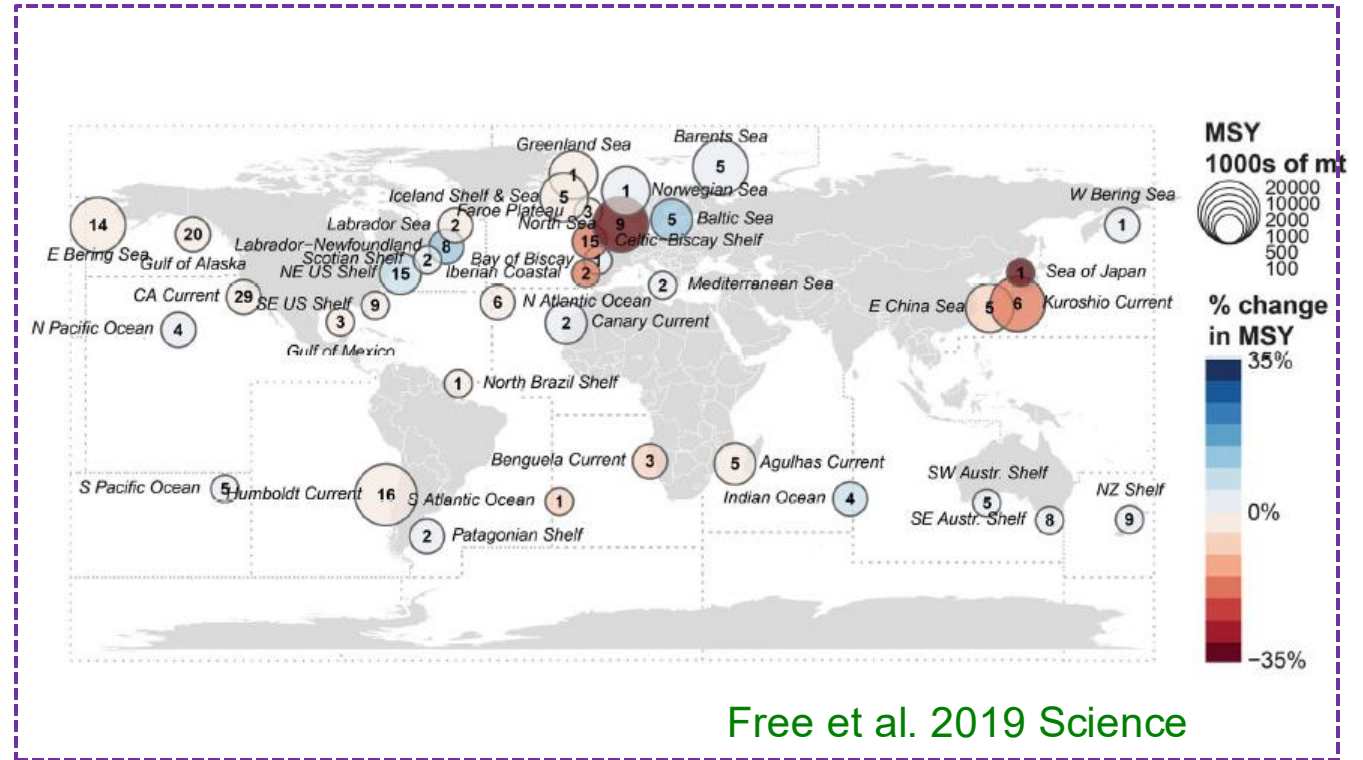
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Impacts of historical warming on marine fisheries production

Historical changes of temperature-dependent MSY for 235 populations



Percent change in mean MSY between the period of 1930s and 2000s by ecoregion

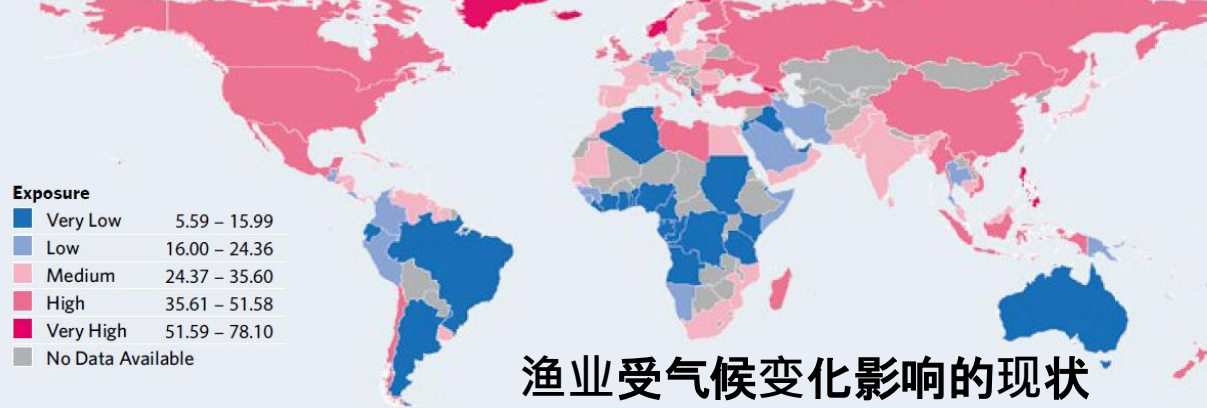


Free et al. 2019 Science

The impact of historical SST warming on MSY of 235 fish populations varies. Changes in MSY in the 2010s compared to the 1930s varied considerably between ecoregions. **Significant reductions in MSY were observed in both the Northwest Pacific and Northeast Atlantic ecoregions (effects of increasing SST and fishing?)**

Global fisheries risk assessments

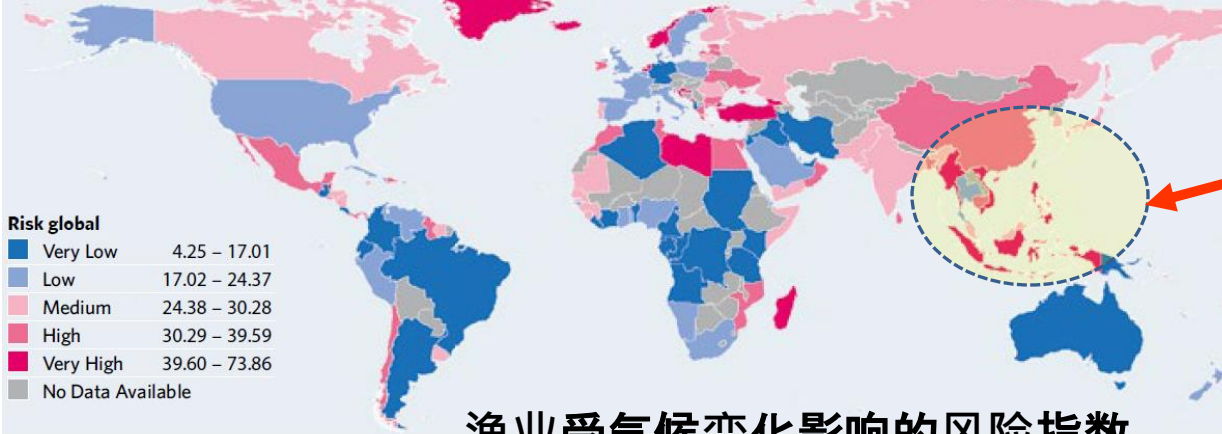
Current exposure of fisheries to climate-related impacts



渔业受气候变化影响的现状

Figure 8: Current exposure of fisheries to climate-related impacts

Fisheries Climate Risk Index

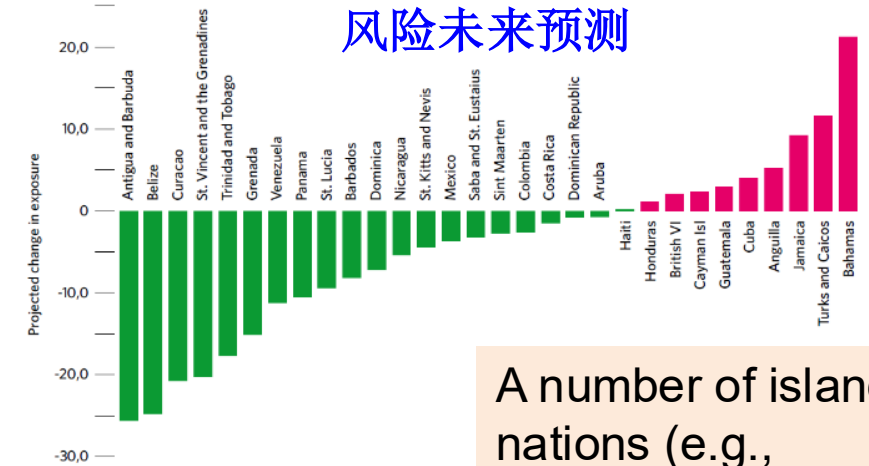


渔业受气候变化影响的风险指数

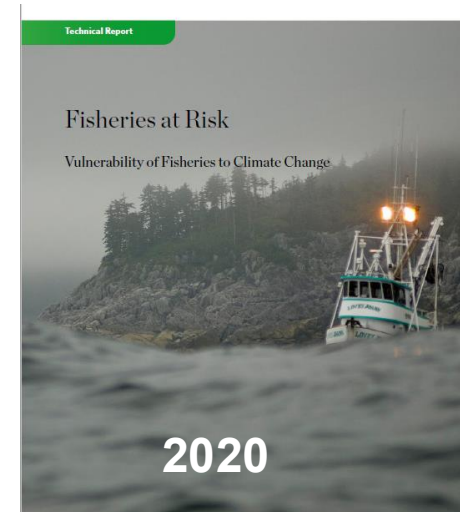
Figure 14: The Fisheries@Risk Index, which indicates overall risk of coastal nations due to climate effects on fisheries

Future Projection of Climate Risk

风险未来预测



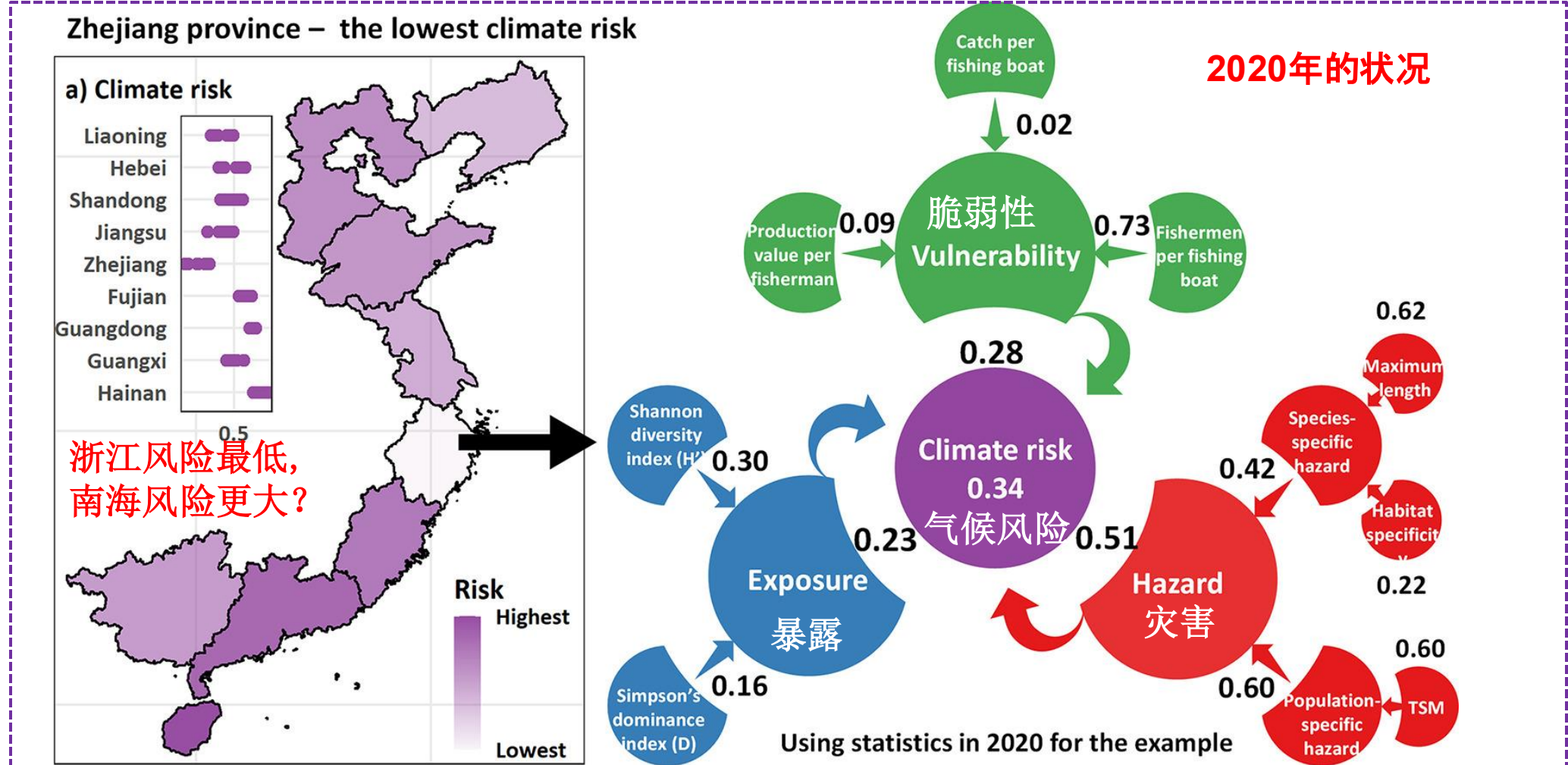
A number of island nations (e.g., Bahamas, Jamaica, Anguilla, Cuba) as well as multiple countries on the mainland (e.g., Guatemala, Honduras) are likely to see an increase in exposure



Overall risk of coastal nations due to climate effects on fisheries

Climate risks to fishing species and fisheries in the China Seas

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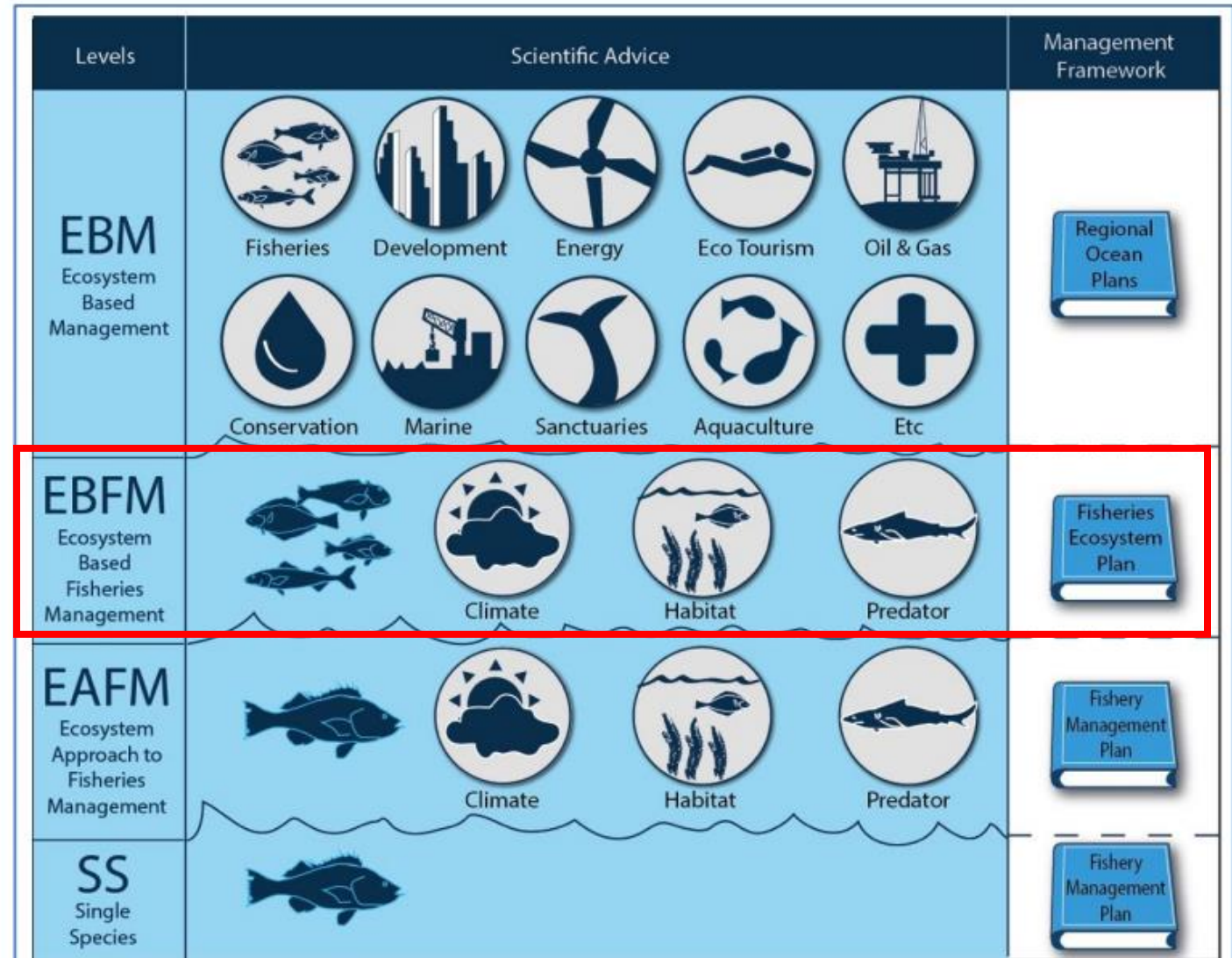


A climate risk assessment framework is used to assess risks to species and fisheries. Future warming would degrade the habitats of most fishing species in China. Risks on fisheries are heterogeneous considering hazard, exposure and vulnerability. Climate adaptation strategies need to be tailored considering provincial realities.

Toward EBFM: considering the FIE and climate impacts

Fisheries management: from Single Species to Ecosystem Based

- Ecosystem-based fishery management (**EBFM**) aims to sustainably manage the marine fisheries.
- It complements and builds off-of traditional single species fishery management. This approach considers **social**, **economic**, and **ecological trade-offs** across multiple fisheries and habitats.
- Making decisions depends on access to reliable, accurate, and actionable ecological, social, and economic information, tools, approaches, and models.

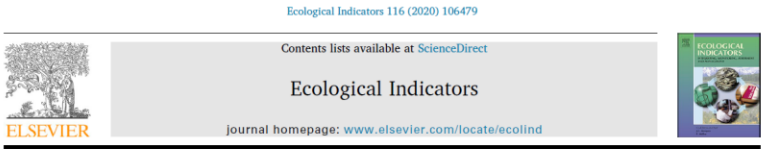


Source: <http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/ecosystems/ebfm/ebfm-myths#>

Summary

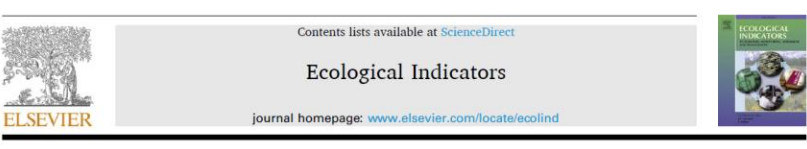
- *Changes in the characteristics of fish stocks in the China Seas demonstrate the effects of overfishing and FIE, while the impact of climate change on the structure of fish communities is also significant.*
- *Modelling approaches are useful for investigating the response to fishing (FIE) and climate change at levels ranging from the early stages of life history and species distribution to the ecosystem level.*
- *Climate warming benefits pelagic fish. The recovery rate differs significantly between pelagic and demersal species, with reduced fishing pressure being more conducive to the recovery of demersal fish.*
- *The responses of individual species, fish communities and ecosystems in the China Seas to climate change and fishing are non-linear and species-specific, posing a challenge to fisheries management.*
- *Stock assessment and ecosystem-based fisheries management (EBFM) must consider the impact of climate change; fisheries in coastal nations are particularly vulnerable to future climate change.*

Anchovy
Larvae
Transport
Mode



A comprehensive model-based index for identification of larval retention areas: A case study for Japanese anchovy *Engraulis japonicus* in the Yellow Sea

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Using a larval growth index to detect the environment-recruitment relationships and its linkage with basin-scale climate variability: A case study for Japanese anchovy (*Engraulis japonicus*) in the Yellow Sea

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JS-Mackerel
SDM
PPSDM



Development of a prey-predator species distribution model for a large piscivorous fish: A case study for Japanese Spanish mackerel *Scomberomorus niphonius* and Japanese anchovy *Engraulis japonicus*

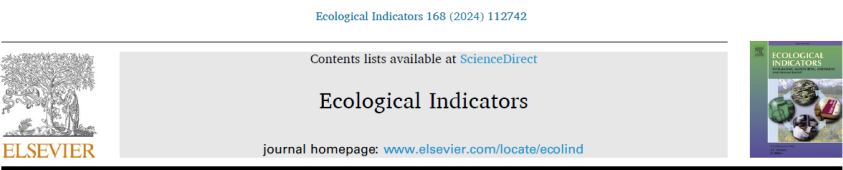
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Climate change drives fish communities: Changing multiple facets of fish biodiversity in the Northwest Pacific Ocean

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FIE
Model



Pelagic and demersal fish population rebuilding in response to fisheries-induced evolution in exploited China Seas

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The Effects of Selective Harvest on Japanese Spanish Mackerel (*Scomberomorus niphonius*) Phenotypic Evolution

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Yellow Sea
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Exploring balanced harvest as a potential strategy for highly exploited multispecies fisheries

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Exploring fishing impacts on the structure and functioning of the Yellow Sea ecosystem using an individual-based modeling approach

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