

# Fish killing *Heterosigma akashiwo* blooms in Chinese coastal waters

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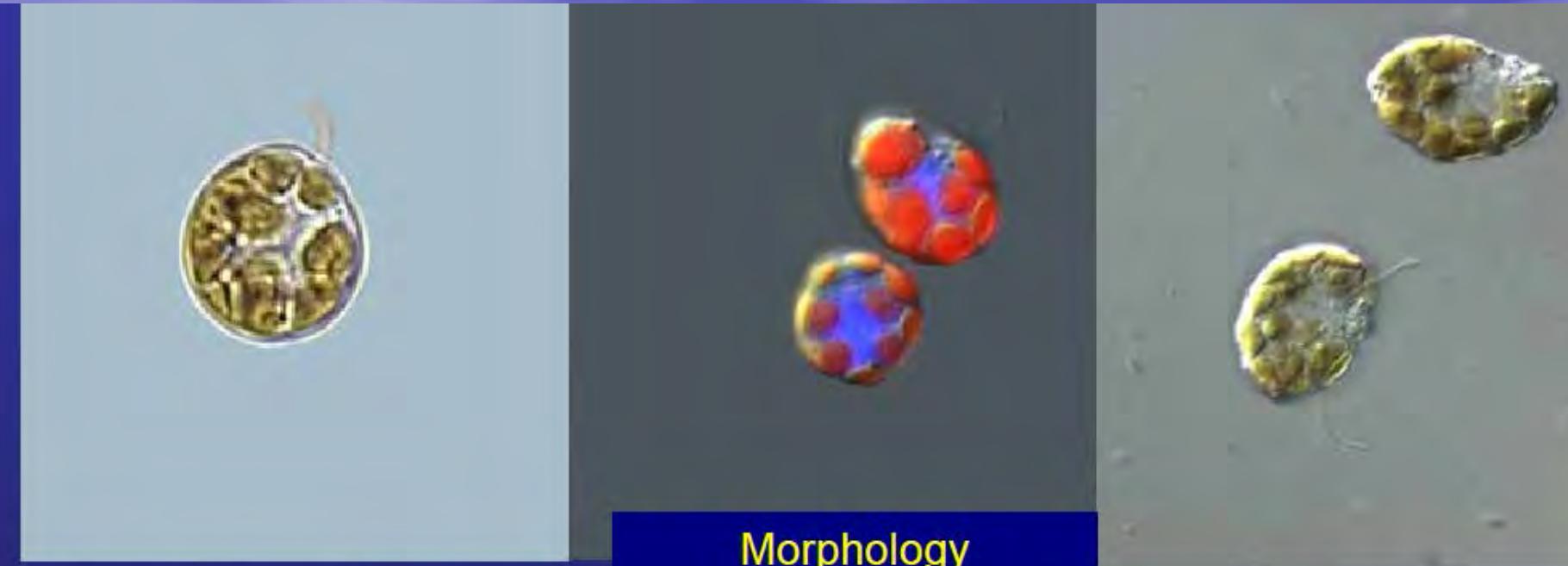
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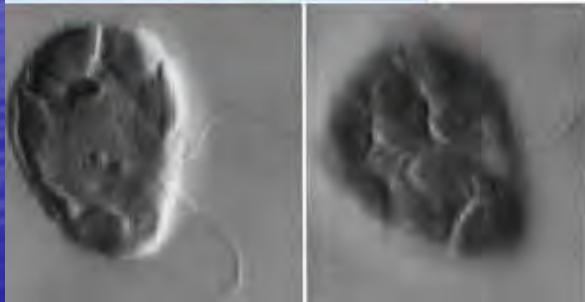
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- **Brief introduction of causative species**
- **Bloom distribution and decadal change**
- **Harmful effects**
- **Summary**

| Causative species |   | Bloom information and impacts              |
|-------------------|---|--|
| Raphidophytes     | <i>Chattonella marina</i> Hara et Chihara                   | fish kill, bloom in BS, YS and SCS         |
|                   | <b><i>Heterosigma akashiwo</i> Hada</b>                     | fish kill, bloom in BS, ECS and SCS        |
| Prymnesiophytes   | <i>Phaeocystis globosa</i> Scherffel                        | hemolytic toxins, bloom in BS, ECS and SCS |
| Diatom            | <i>Pseudo-nitzschia pseudodelicatissima</i> (Hasle) Hasle   | ASP, bloom in ECS and SCS                  |
|                   | <i>Pseudo-nitzschia pungens</i> (Grunow ex P.T.Cleve) Hasle | bloom in YS, ECS and SCS                   |
|                   | <i>Pseudo-nitzschia seriata</i> (Cleve) H. Peragallo        | bloom in ECS and SCS                       |
|                   | <i>Microcystis aeruginosa</i> Kützing                       | bloom in SCS                               |
| Cyanobacteria     | <i>Trichodesmium erythraeum</i> Ehrenberg et Gomont         | bloom in SCS, ECS                          |
|                   | <i>Trichodesmium thiebautii</i> Gomont                      | bloom in ECS                               |
|                   | <i>Trichodesmium hildebrandtii</i> Gomont                   | bloom in SCS, ECS                          |
|                   | <i>Aureococcus anophagefferens</i> Hargraves et Sieburth    | bloom in BS                                |



*Heterosigma akashiwo*  
(Hada) Hada



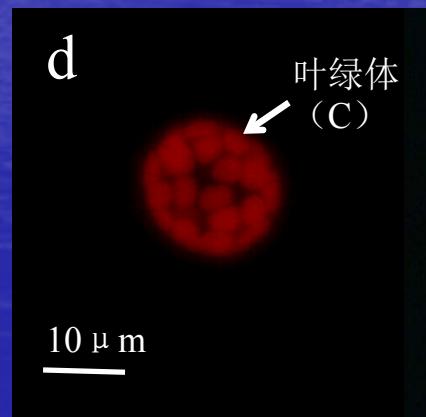
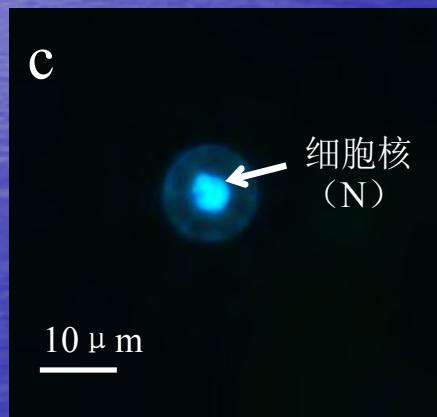
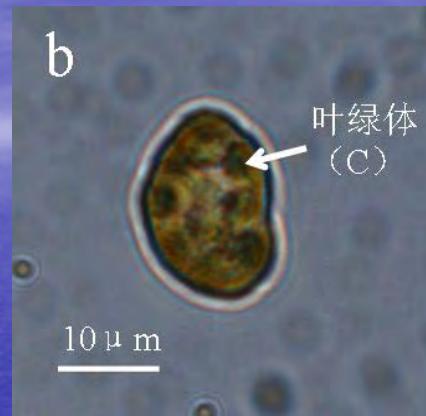
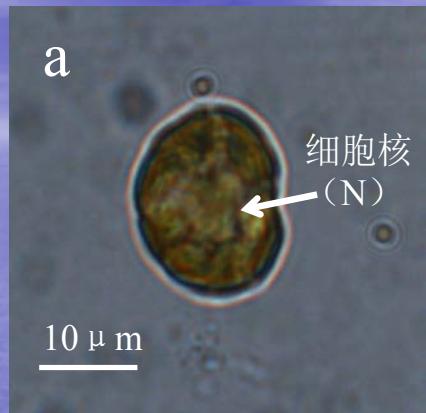
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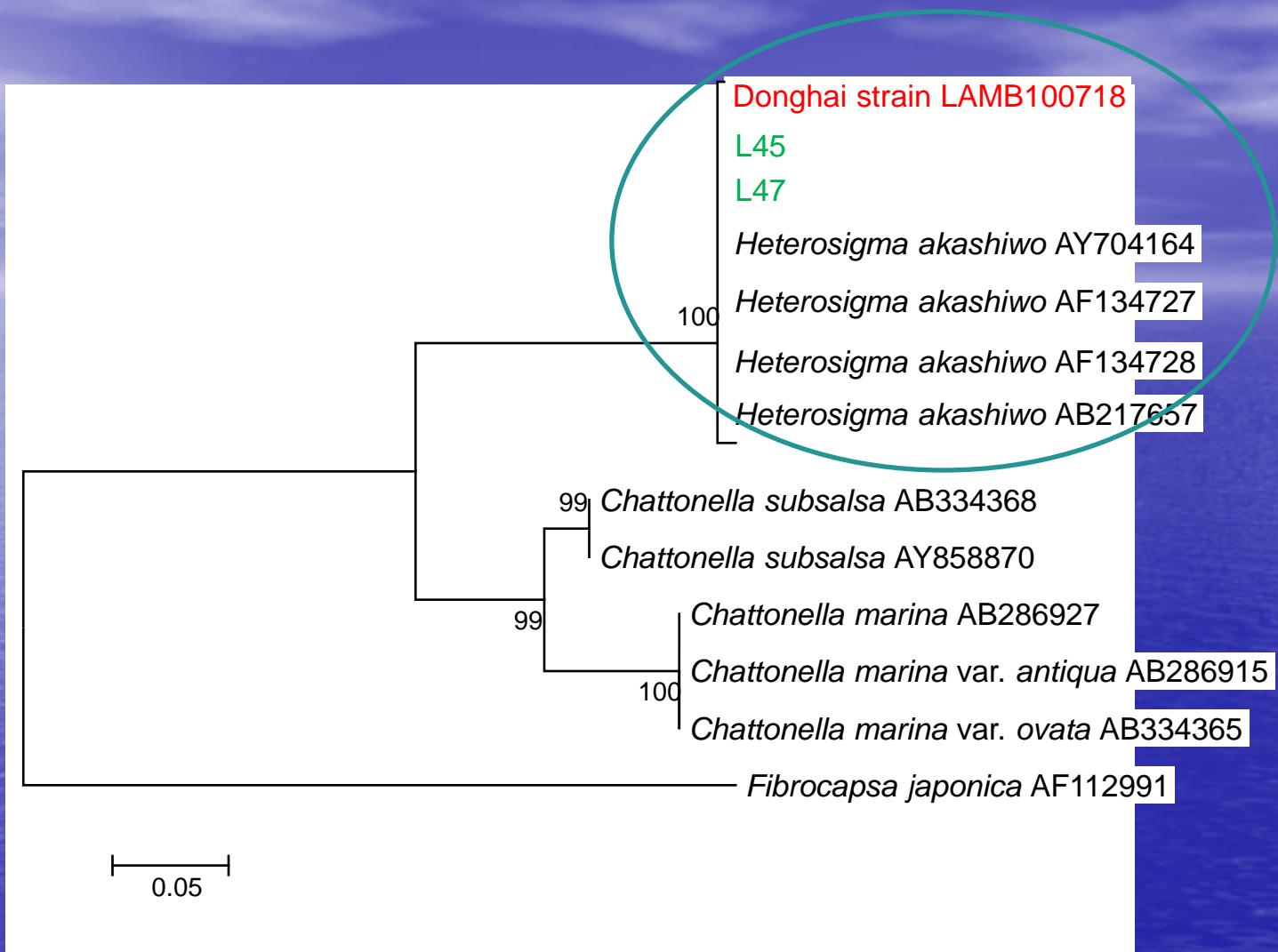
Tomas 2007



# Morphological measurement of LAMB100718 and other strains of *Heterosigma akashiwo* as well as *Olisthodiscus*

| Species                     | Strain no.        | size         |             | Chloroplast |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
|                             |                   | L/ $\mu$ m   | W/ $\mu$ m  |             |
| <b>ECS strain</b>           | <b>LAMB100718</b> | <b>12~20</b> | <b>7~13</b> | <b>9~22</b> |
| <i>Heterosigma akashiwo</i> | BGN 666           | 11~20        | 9~12        | 10~19       |
|                             | Kesen-numa        | 12~18        | 8~12        | 6~19        |
|                             | GKB 666           | 11~22        | 10~13       | 9~22        |
|                             | Ondo              | 10~19        | 10~15       | 11~25       |
| <i>Olisthodiscus luteus</i> | CCAP 934/1        | 11~24        | 10~14       | 8~20        |
|                             | UTEX 200          | 12~22        | 10~15       | 10~20       |
|                             | —                 | 12~20        | 8~14        | 7~25        |
|                             | Tanigawa          | 13~18        | 10~14       | 7~16        |

(Hara et al. 1987; He et al. 2011)



Phylogenetic trees based on the ITS–rDNA sequences.

# Pairwise distance matrix of Jukes-Cantor based on rDNA-ITS

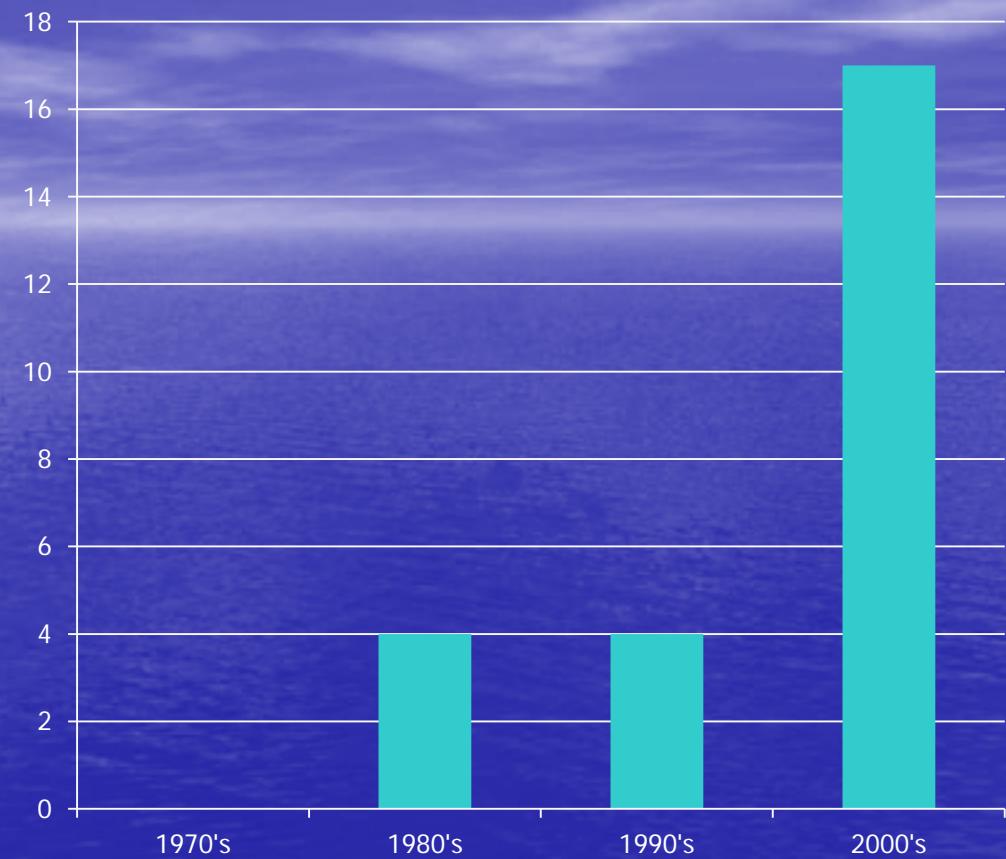
| 种类名称                                | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     | 7     | 8     | 9     | 10    | 11    |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| ECS (LAMB100718) (L45, L47)         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 赤潮异弯藻 <i>H.akashiwo</i> (AB217657)  | 0.002 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| <i>H.Akashiwo</i> (AF134727)        | 0.002 | 0.000 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| <i>H.Akashiwo</i> (AF134728)        | 0.002 | 0.000 | 0.000 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| <i>H.Akashiwo</i> (AY704164)        | 0.004 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 盐生卡盾藻 <i>C. subsalsa</i> (AB334368) | 0.206 | 0.203 | 0.203 | 0.203 | 0.205 |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| <i>C. subsalsa</i> (AY858870)       | 0.208 | 0.201 | 0.201 | 0.201 | 0.208 | 0.000 |       |       |       |       |       |
| 海洋卡盾藻 <i>C. marina</i> (AB286927)   | 0.227 | 0.208 | 0.208 | 0.208 | 0.228 | 0.087 | 0.086 |       |       |       |       |
| 古老卡盾藻 <i>C. antiqua</i> (AB286915)  | 0.227 | 0.208 | 0.208 | 0.208 | 0.228 | 0.087 | 0.086 | 0.000 |       |       |       |
| 卵状卡盾藻 <i>C. ovata</i> (AB334365)    | 0.237 | 0.231 | 0.231 | 0.231 | 0.234 | 0.087 | 0.089 | 0.000 | 0.000 |       |       |
| <i>F. japonica</i> (AF112991)       | 0.681 | 0.742 | 0.742 | 0.742 | 0.693 | 0.675 | 0.687 | 0.745 | 0.745 | 0.643 |       |
| <i>F. japonica</i> (AF152603)       | 0.681 | 0.742 | 0.742 | 0.742 | 0.693 | 0.675 | 0.687 | 0.745 | 0.745 | 0.643 | 0.002 |

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- *H. akashiwo* bloom was first recorded in Dalian Bay of China in 1985. Since then, fourty bloom events of *Heterosigma akashiwo* have been registered and expanded to other China coastal waters.



Decadal pattern of *Heterosigma akashiwo* bloom events in China coastal waters.

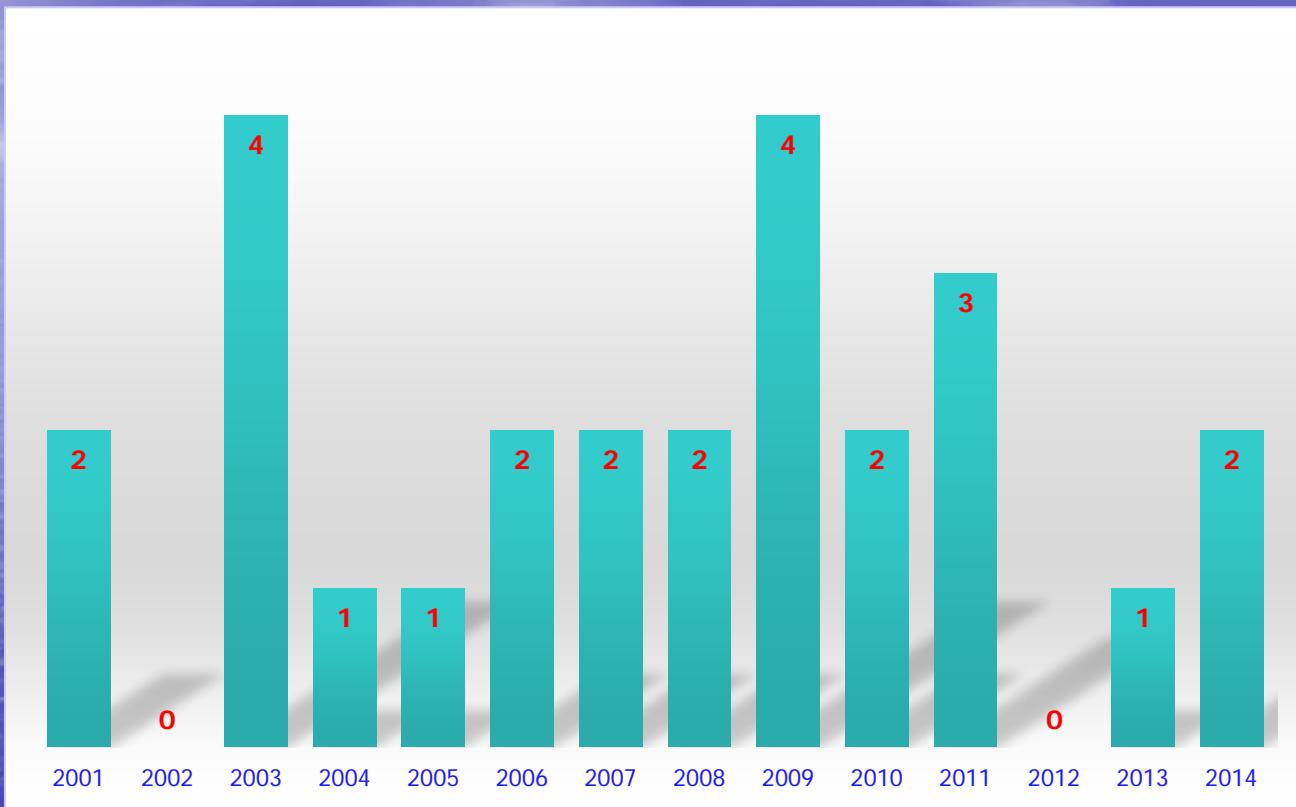


**Seasonal pattern of Heterosigma  
blooms in different sea area:**

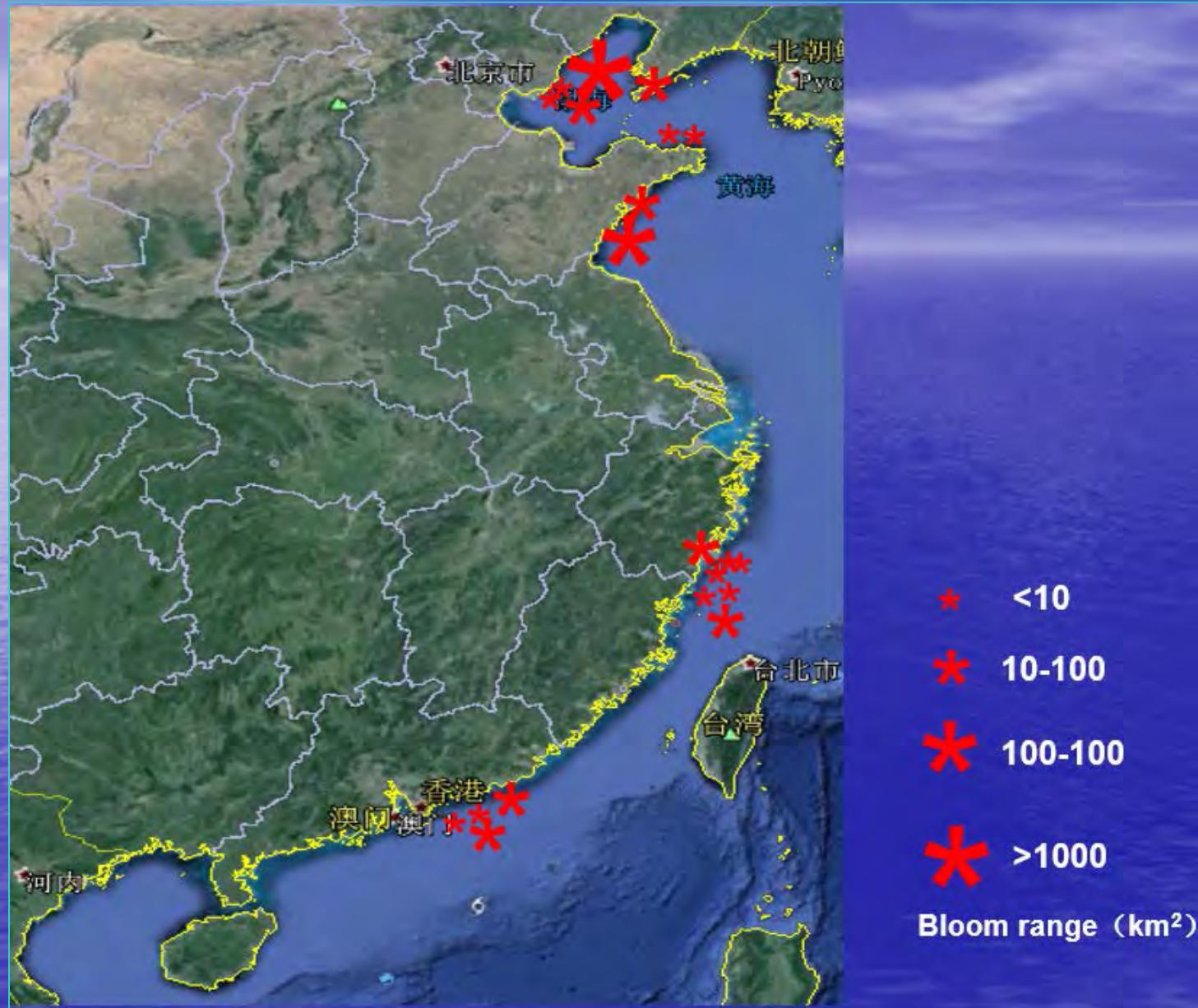
**South China Sea: Feb. Mar. Apr.  
Sept.**

**East China Sea: May, June**

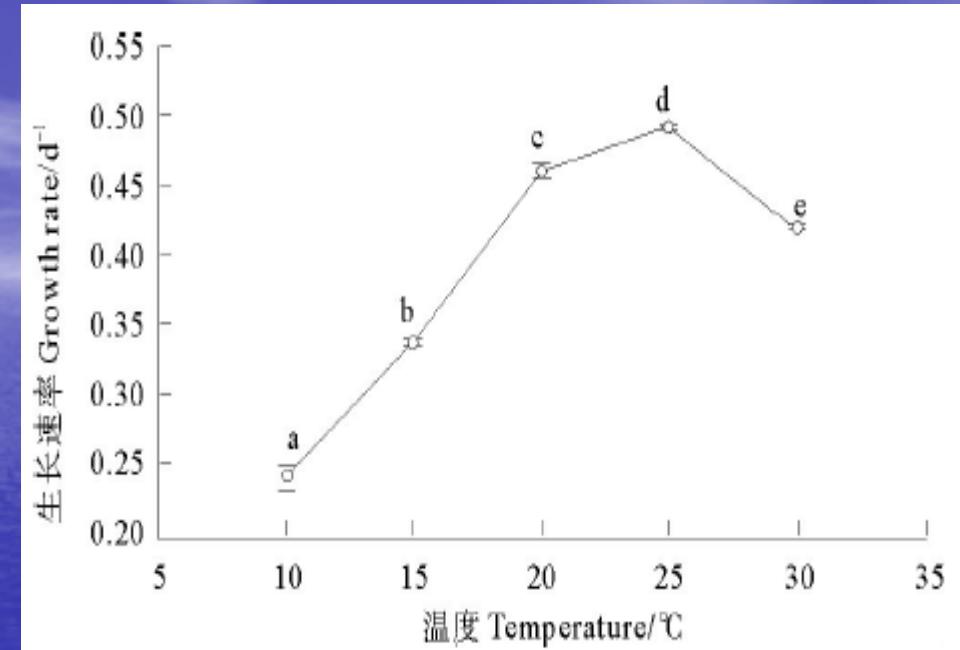
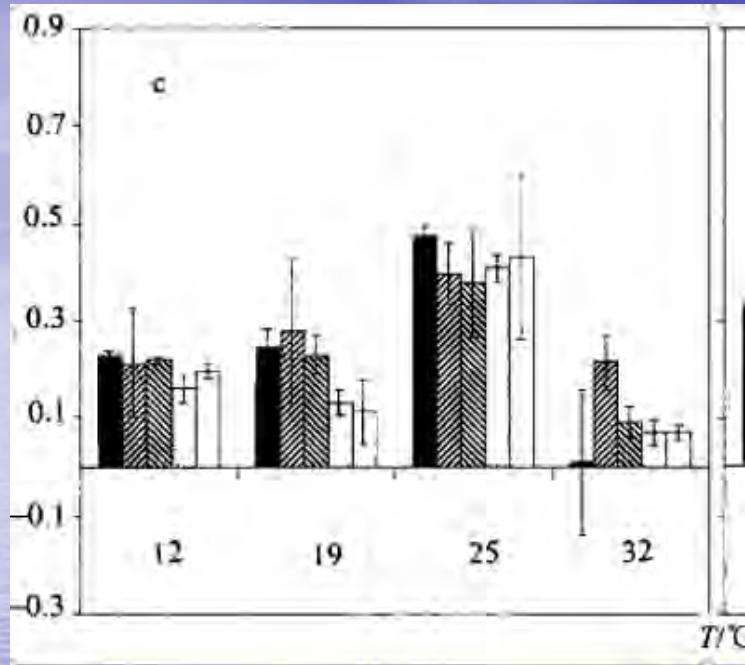
**Bohai Sea and Yellow Sea: May-  
August**



Bloom frequency of *Hetersigma akashiwo* from 2001 to 2014

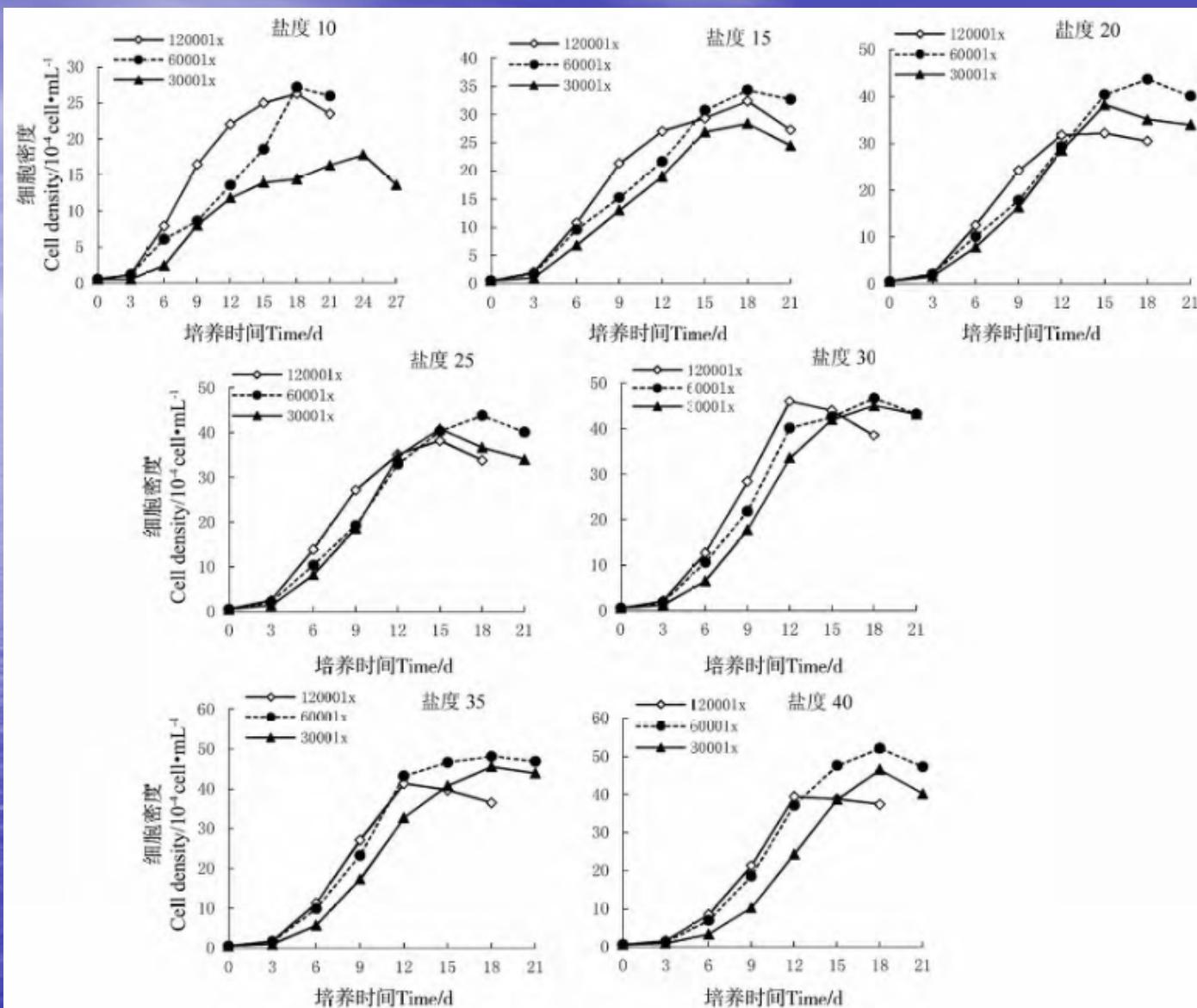


Bloom range of *Heterosigma akashiwo* since 2001



Temperatures ranging from 10°C to 30°C was suitable for the normal growth of *Heterosigma akashiwo* (Jiaozhou Bay Strain). The highest growth rate was observed at 25°C, which was considered as the optimum for the growth of *H. akashiwo*

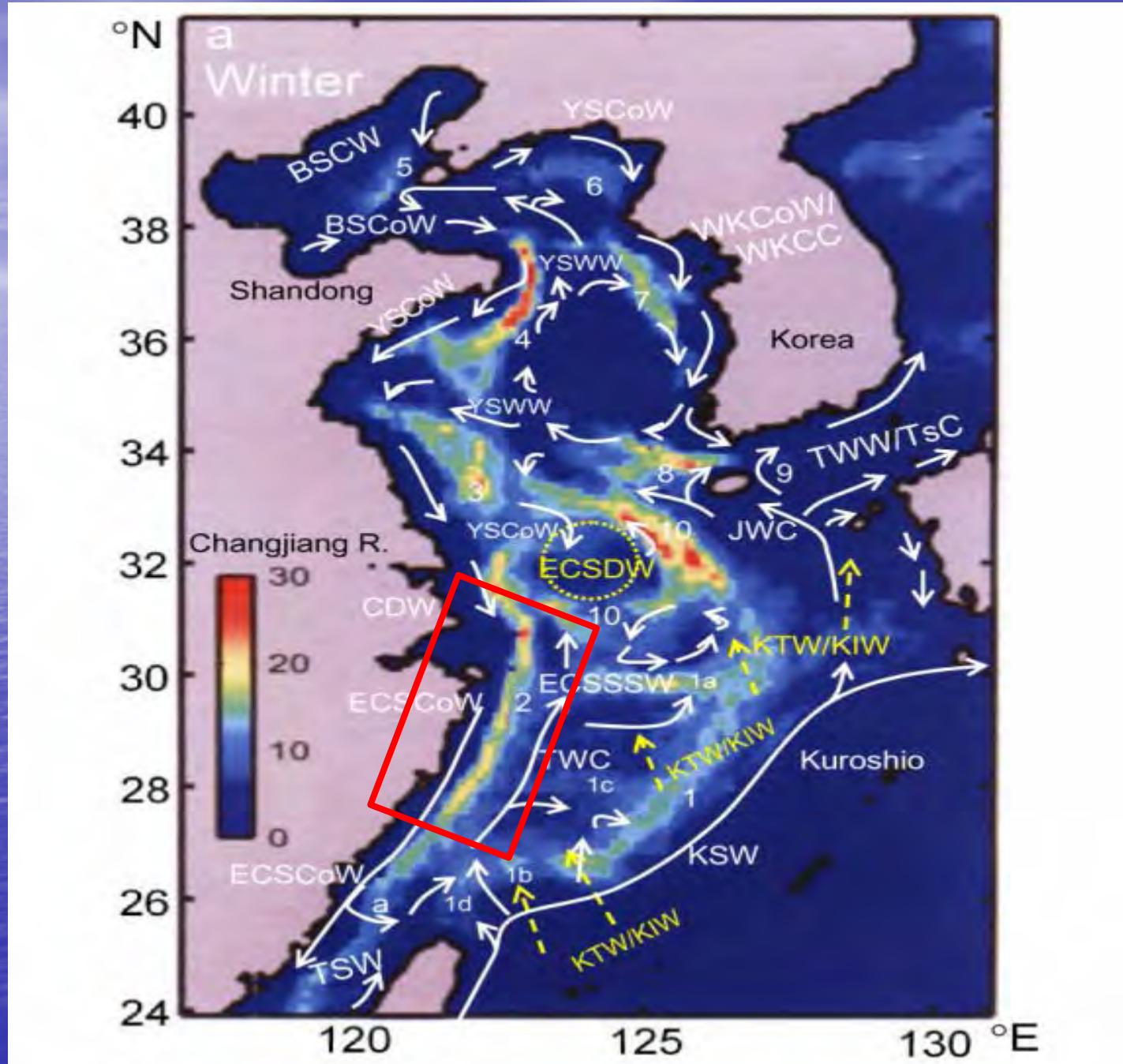
Yan et al., 2002; Wang et al., 2015

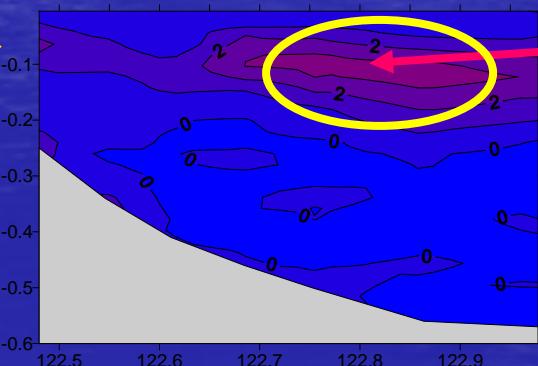
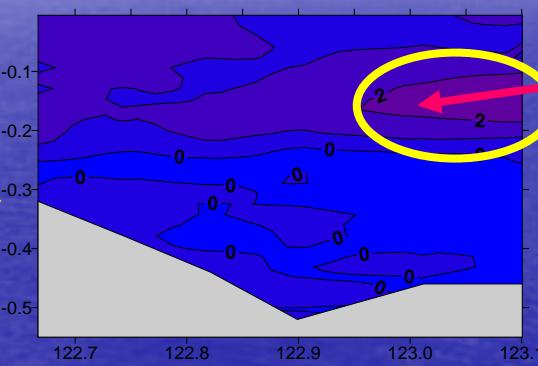
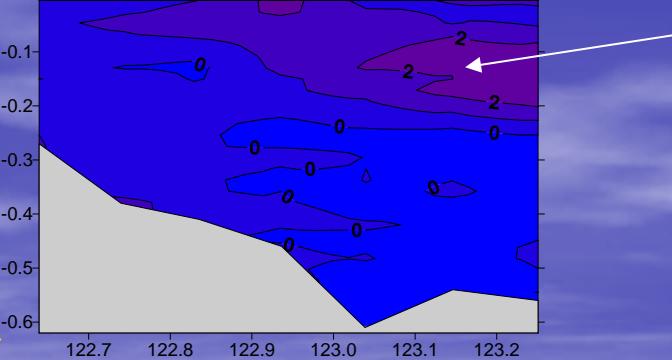
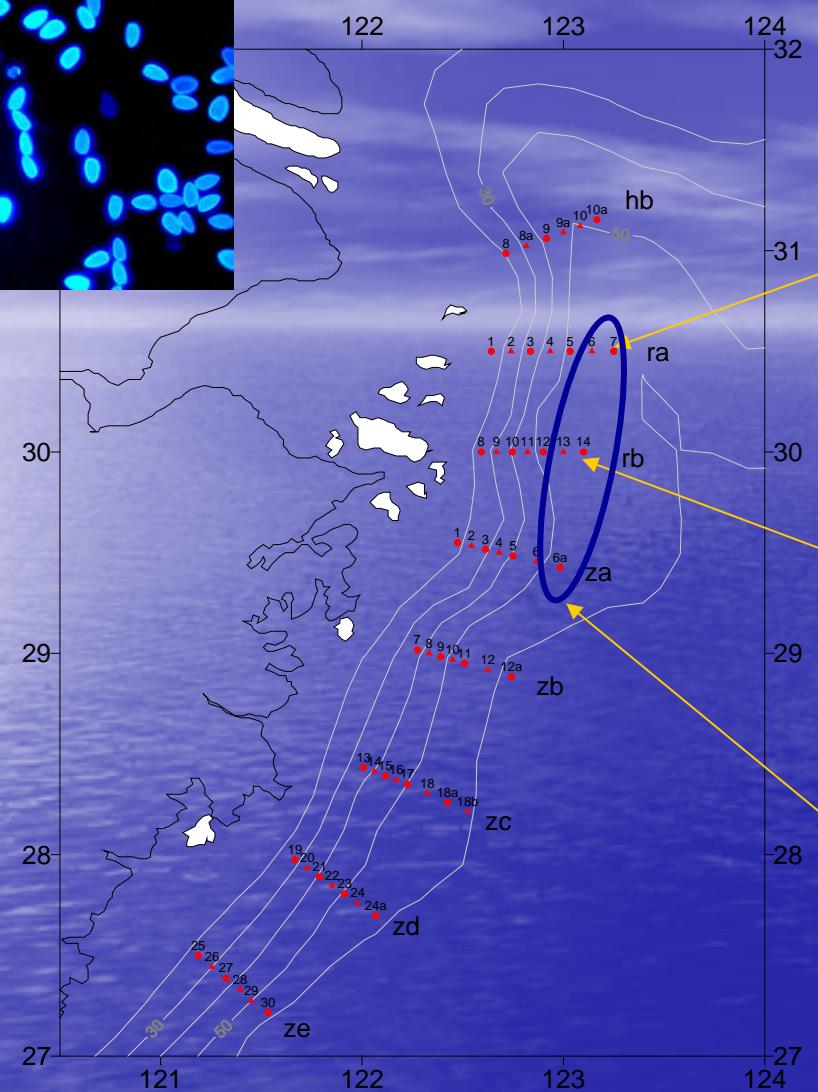
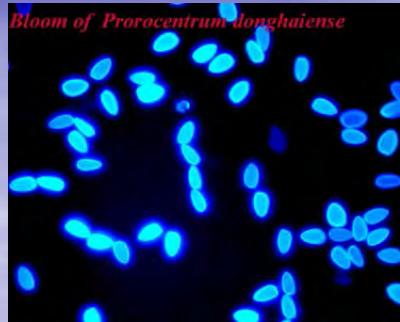


*H. akashiwo* is adapted to wide salinity, it can grow in the salinity ranging from 10 to 40 psu, low salinity is better for its growth

Liu et al., 2015

# Transect profiles of *Heterosigama* *akashiwō* in the ECS





These zones are considered as incubators for subsequent massive blooms  
**“Pelagic seed banks”**

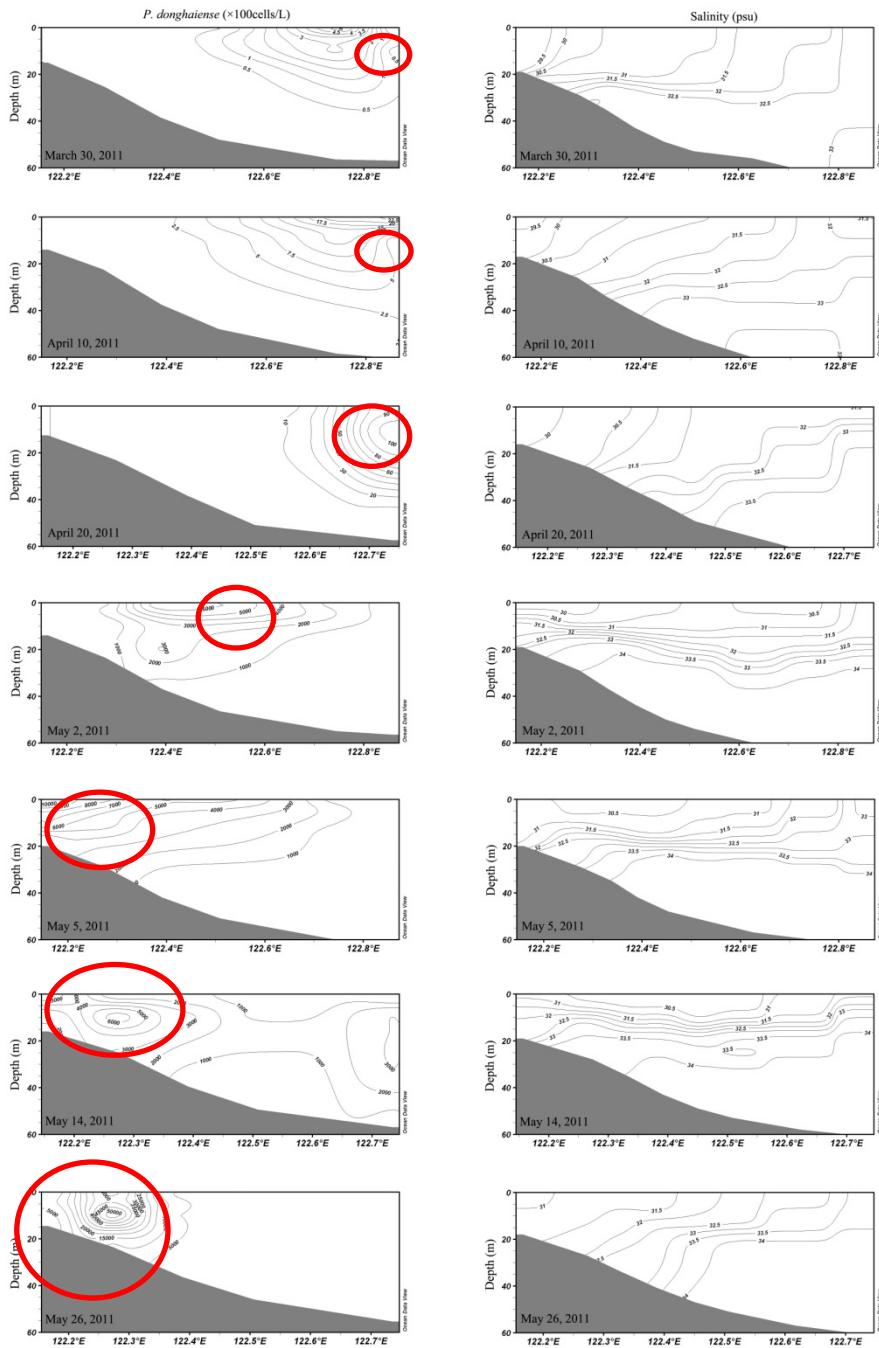
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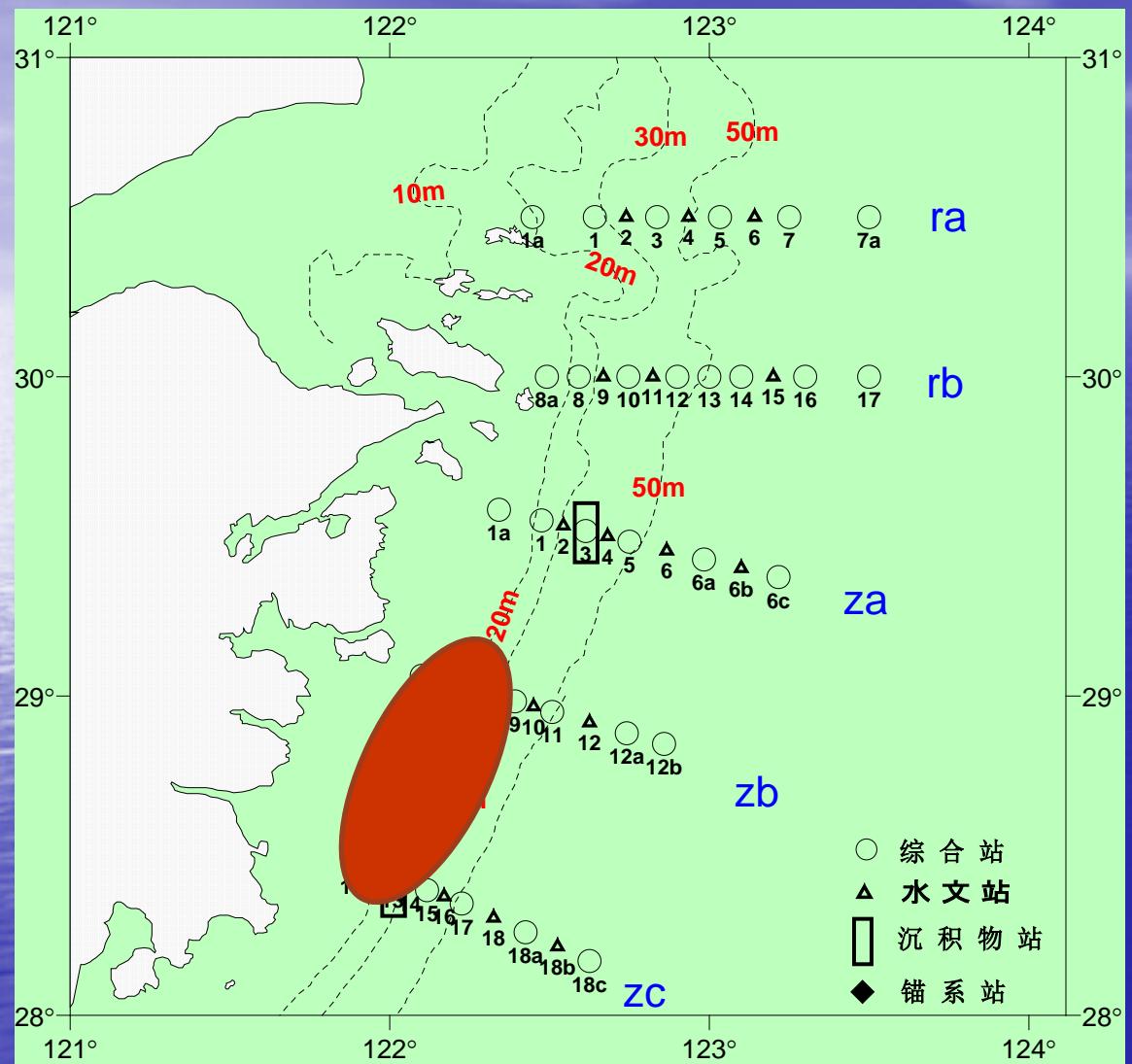
The Correlation between *Prorocentrum donghaiense* Blooms and the Taiwan Warm Current in the East China Sea - Evidence for the “Pelagic Seed Bank” Hypothesis

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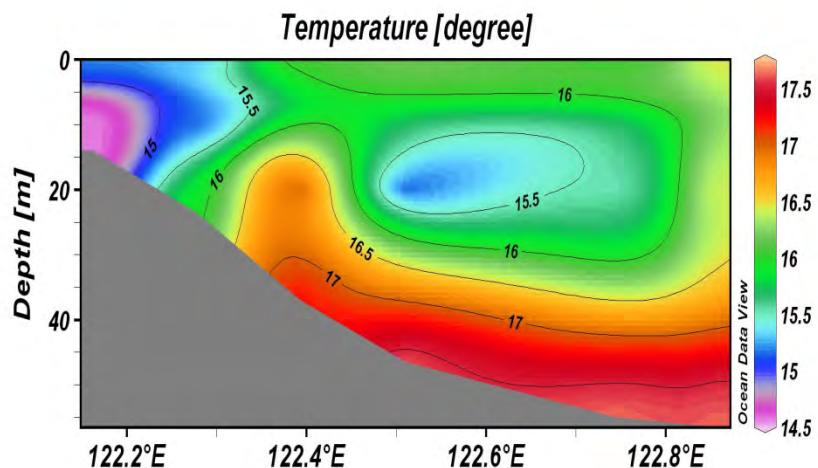
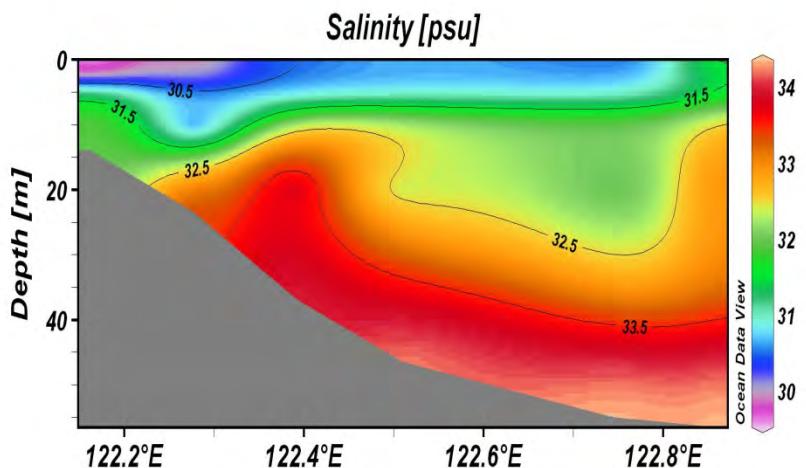
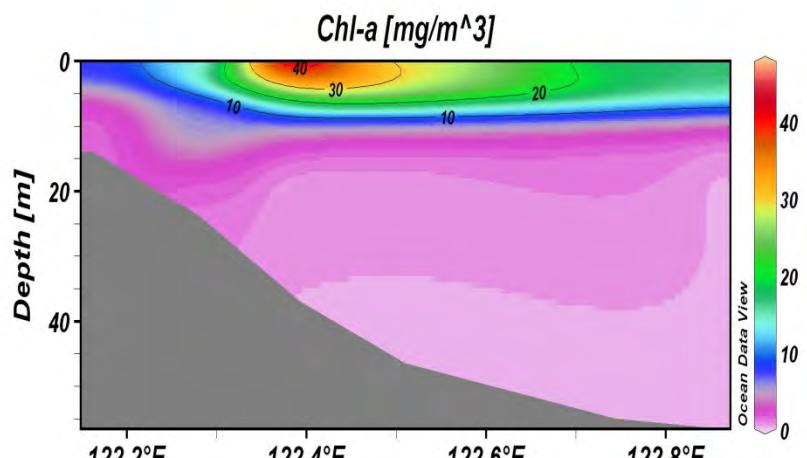
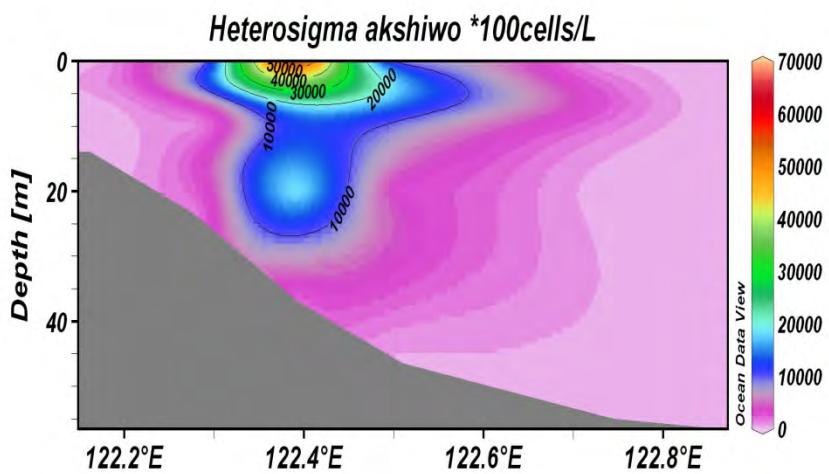


Vertical profiles of *P. donghaiense* abundance (left panels) and salinity (right panels) on the transect zb at time series in 2011

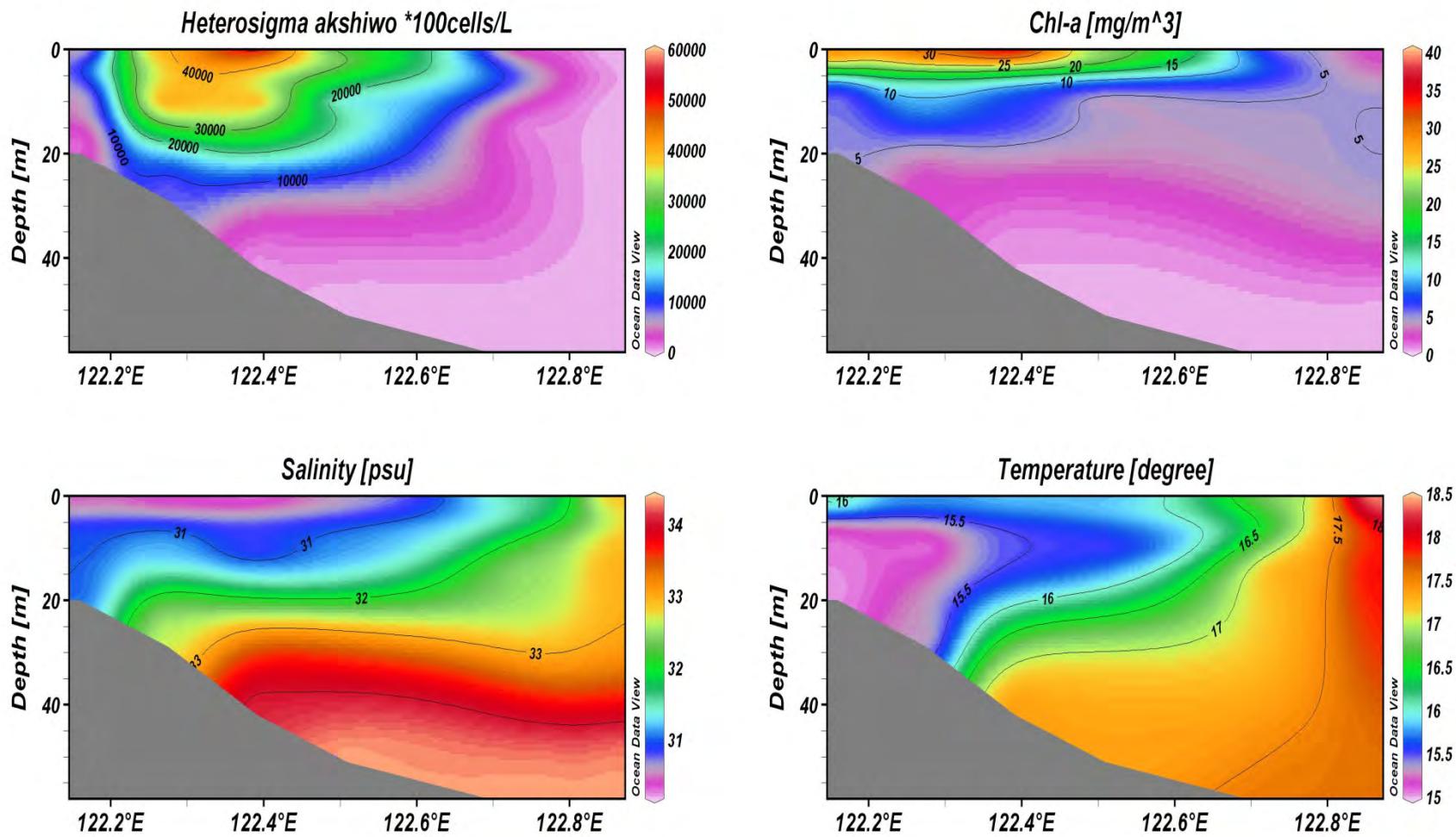


(In May 2011)

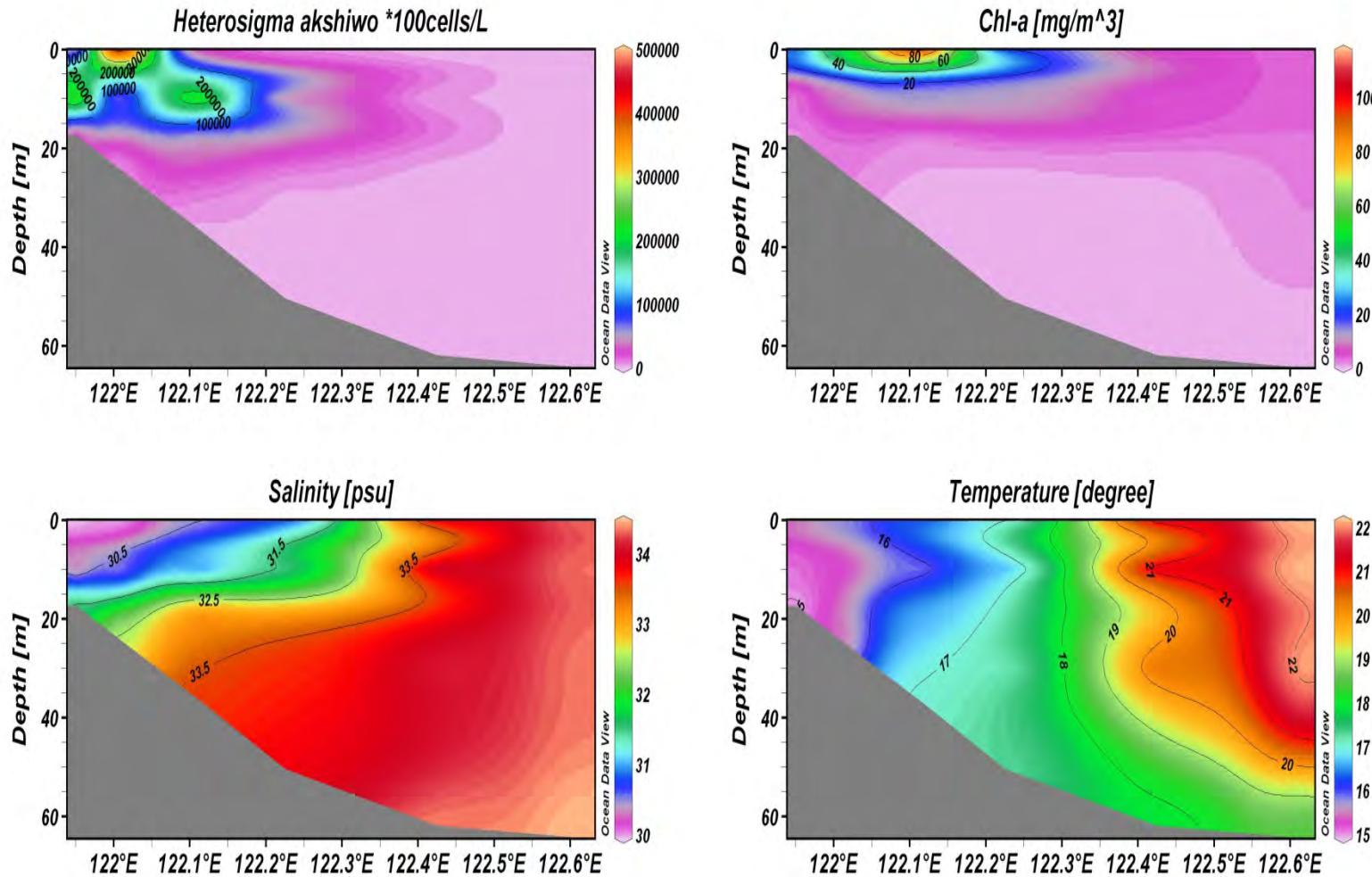




Transect ZB on May 2



Transect ZB on May 7

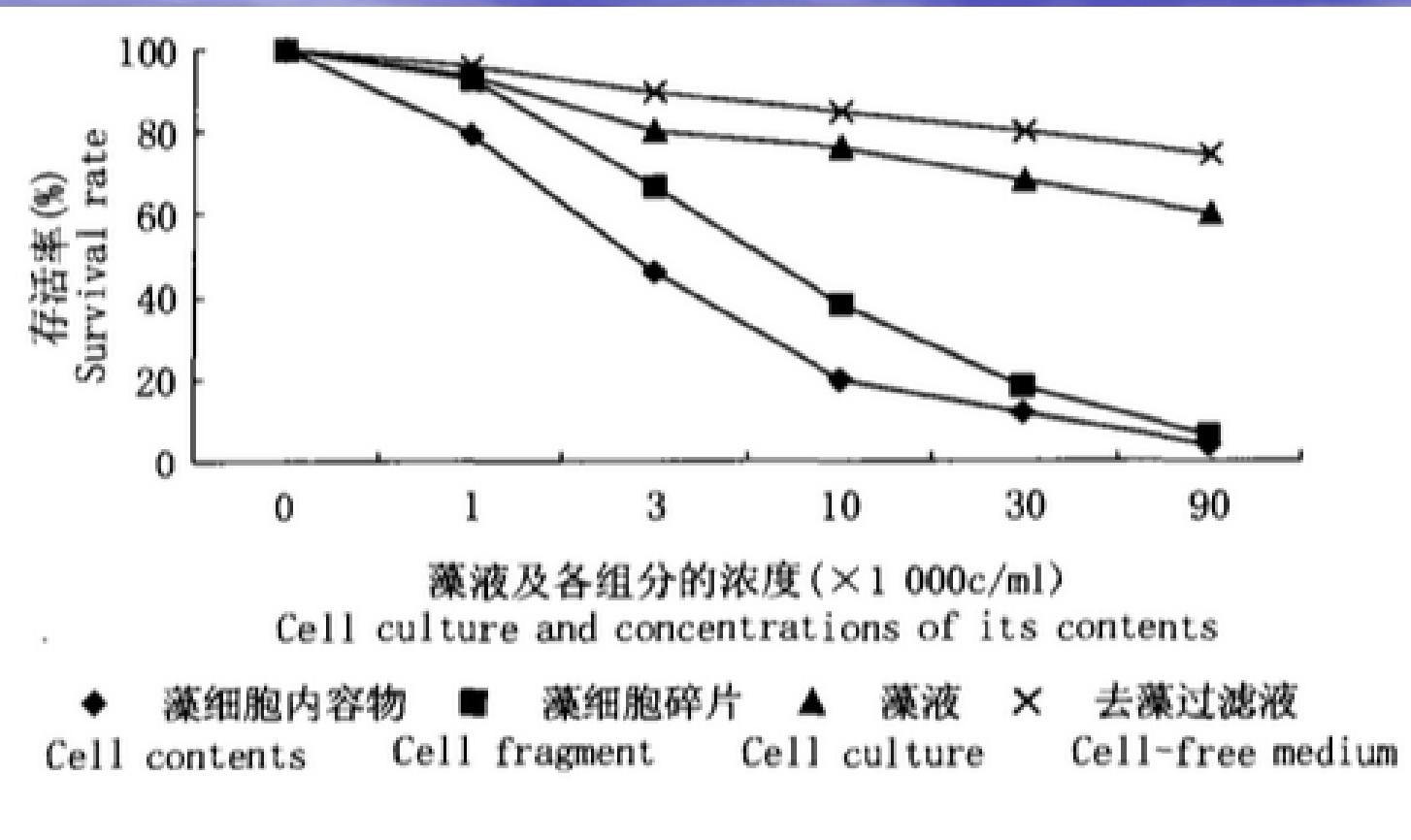


Transect Zc on May 6

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Survival rate of juvenile *Engraulis japonicus* of during exposure to different fractions of the *Heterosiphma akashiwo* for 96h

(LIANG Zhongxiu et al., 2004)

The toxicity of *H. akashiwo* to *Sparus macrocephalus* juveniles was positively correlated to the cell density. The median lethal concentration ( $LC_{50}$ ) was  $2.3 \times 10^5$  cells/ml after 12h exposure (Table1).

Tab. 1 mortality of *S. macrocephalus* juvenile during 0-24h

| Cell density<br>( $\times 10^4$ cells/ml) | Average mortality of <i>S. macrocephalus</i> juveniles/ (%) |    |     |     |
|---|---|----|-----|-----|
|   | 0h  | 6h | 12h | 24h |
| 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   |
| 7   | 0   | 0  | 20  | 90  |
| 14  | 0   | 0  | 30  | 95  |
| 20  | 0   | 0  | 35  | 95  |
| 27  | 0   | 30 | 45  | 100 |

From ZHOU Chengxu et al., 2008

## Summary :

- Fourty bloom events of *Heterosigma akashiwo* have been registered and bloom frequency has increased along China coastal waters. This species has mainly formed blooms in the Bohai Sea and the Yellow Sea and recently expanded to other China coastal waters.
- Seasonal pattern in different sea area:
  - South China Sea: Feb. Mar. Apr. Sept.**
  - East China Sea: May, June**
  - Bohai Sea and Yellow Sea: May-August**
- The bloom patterns in ECS were much related with stratified water system in the East China Sea in the spring. The process of H.A bloom seems different from massive *Prorocentrum* blooms.
- Decadal pattern suggest that there might be more *H. akashiwo* blooms in coming years in the ECS.



The background of the image is a photograph of a vast ocean under a clear blue sky. The water is a deep, vibrant blue, with small, gentle ripples across its surface. Above the horizon, the sky is a lighter shade of blue, dotted with wispy, white, cirrus-like clouds that are more concentrated towards the top right of the frame.

Thank you