

**Spatial distributions and catch rates variability of
Bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*) cohorts related to
oceanographic and climatic indices in the Pacific
Ocean**

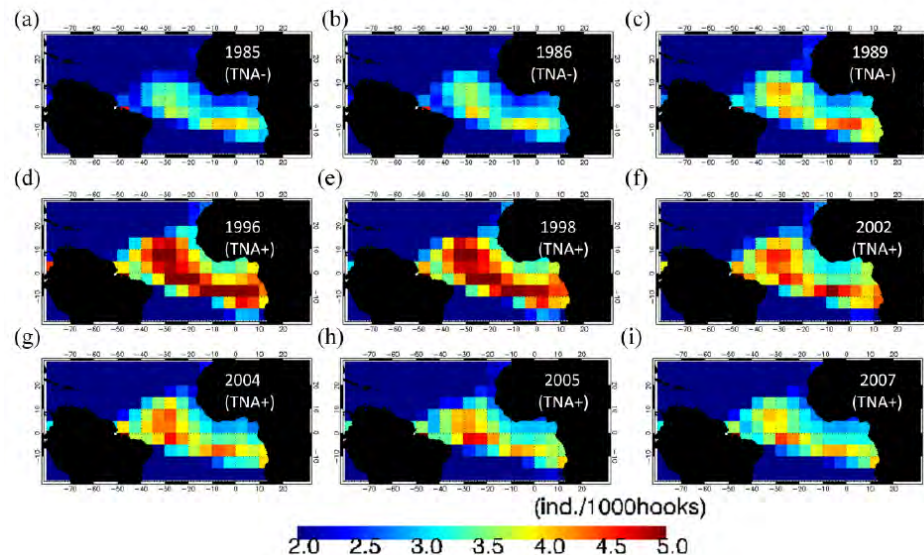


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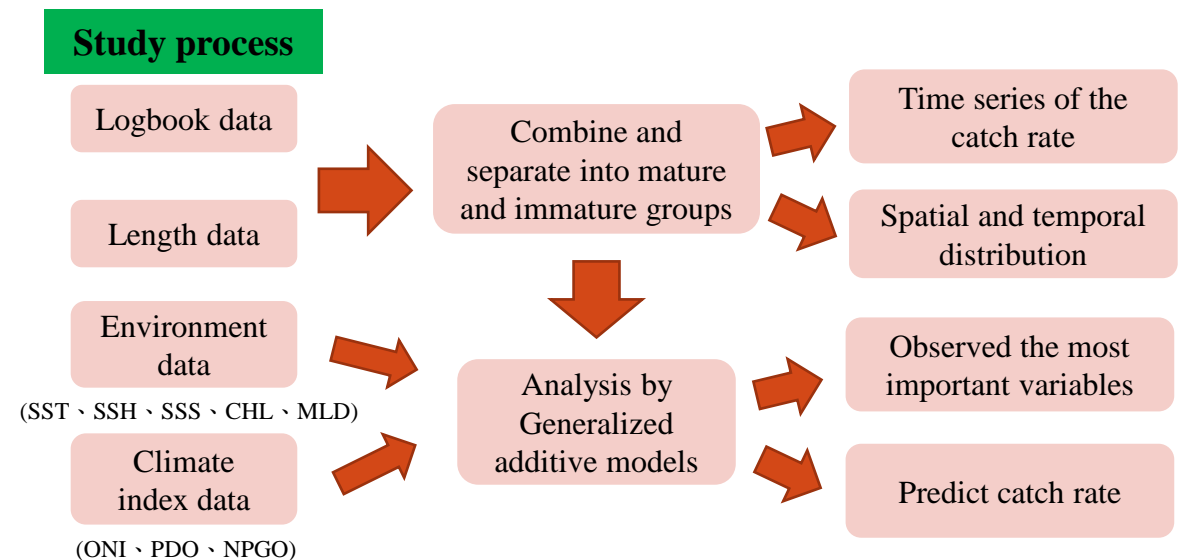


Research motivation and the purpose of present study

- Pelagic tuna species likely track suitable habitats for feeding and spawning migrations. However, Climatic oscillations, anomalies, and changes clearly influence oceanographic variability and affect fishing grounds and catch rates of BET further.
- According to previous research indicated that the bigeye tuna catch rate and distributions of BET would be affected by environment variables. However, the spatial and temporal distribution of catch rates on different life stages of BET are unexplored.
- This research more focus on the analysis of oceanographic variability related to immature and mature groups.



The spatial distribution catch rate prediction of bigeye tuna during negative (Fig. a,b,c) and positive (Fig. d-i) Tropical Northern Atlantic (TNA) (source : Chou et al., 2015)



Materials and Methods

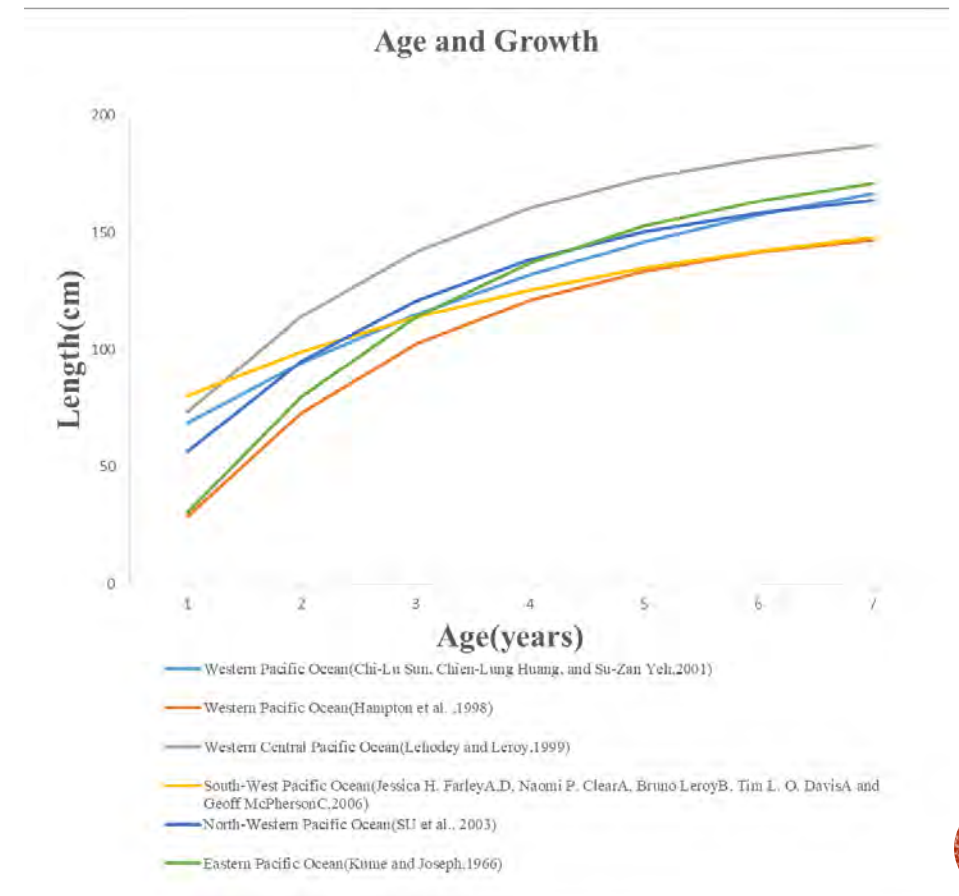
| Name | Fishery data | | | |
|-----------|--|--|--|--|
| Including | Latitude · Longitude Catch · Length(cm) | | | |

Using Von Bertalanffy Growth Equation(VBGE) formula to estimate average length of BET.

| Age cohorts | Length |
|-------------|-----------|
| Age<1 | <56cm |
| Age1 | 56-92cm |
| Age2 | 92-117cm |
| Age3 | 117-135cm |
| Age4 | 135-148cm |
| age≥5 | >148cm |

Base on Calkins research in 1980, we divided age cohorts into mature and immature group.

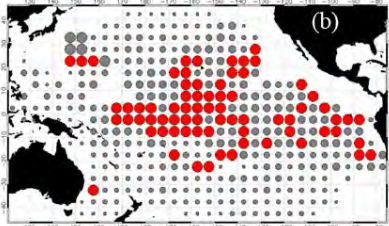
| Immature groups | Mature groups |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Age<1~Age<3 | Age3~Age≥5 |



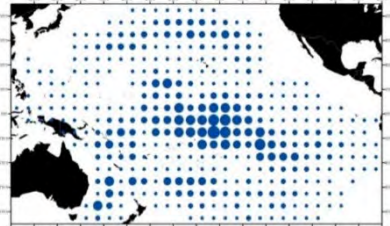
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| Name | | Length data | |
|-----------|--|---|--|
| Including | | Latitude · Longitude NHB · Hooks Fish species and numbers | |

Fishery Data

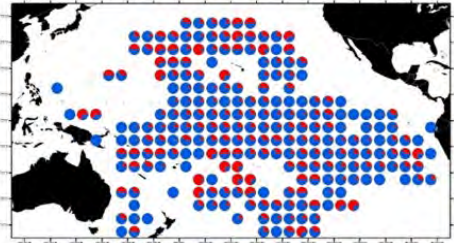


The spatial distribution catch rates



The spatial distribution Taiwanese tuna longline efforts

Length Data



The spatial distribution catch percentage

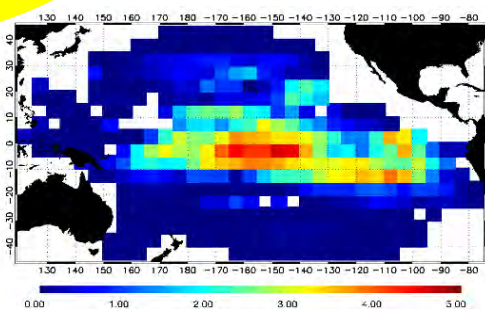
■ Mature
■ Immature

The catch rate formula of BET

$$C_j = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n N_{ij}}{\sum_{i=1}^n E_{ij}}$$

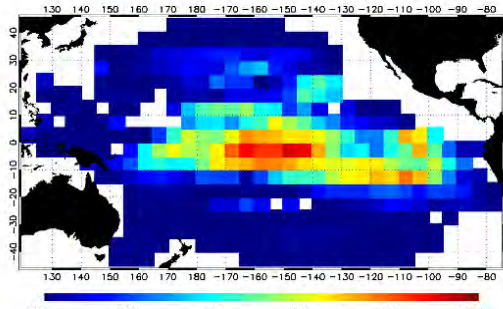
catch percentage of mature and immature group.

Immature cohort



The spatial distribution the catch rate of immature cohort

Mature cohort



The spatial distribution the catch rate of mature cohort

- C_{ij} : Monthly average catch rate of BET.
- N_{ij} : Monthly average catch unnumber of BET.
- E_{ij} : Monthly average effort.
- i, j : The location of fishman.

Materials and Methods

| Name | | | Oceanographic environmental data | climate index data |
|-----------|--|--|---|---|
| Including | | | Sea surface temperature (SST) Chlorophyll-a concentration (CHL) Sea surface salinity (SSS) Sea surface height (SSH) Mixed layer depth (MLD) | Oceanic Nino Index(ONI) Pacific Decadal Oscillation(PDO) North Pacific Gyre Oscillation(NPGO) |

Oceanographic environmental data

Climate index data

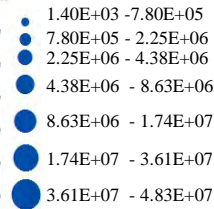
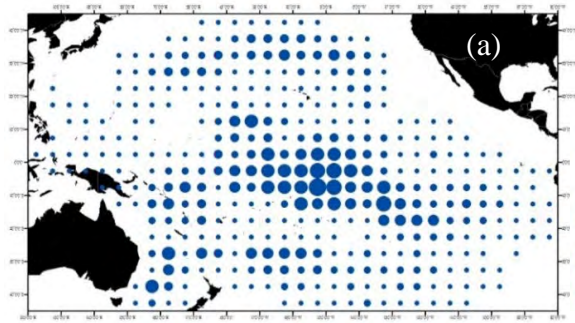
| Environmental Data | Time | Resolution | Source |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------------------|
| Sea surface temperature (SST) | 2002~2014 Monthly data | 1° | HadISST |
| Chlorophyll-a concentration (CHL) | 2002~2014 Monthly data | 0.05° | MODIS aqua ocean color |
| Sea surface salinity (SSS) | 2002~2014 Monthly data | 1° | NECP GODAS |
| Sea surface height (SSH) | 2002~2014 Monthly data | 1° | NECP GODAS |
| Mixed layer depth (MLD) | 2002~2014 Monthly data | 1° | NECP GODAS |

| Climate index | Time | Source |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Oceanic Nino Index(ONI) | 2002~2014 Monthly data | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration,NOAA |
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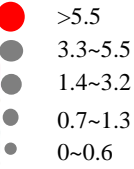
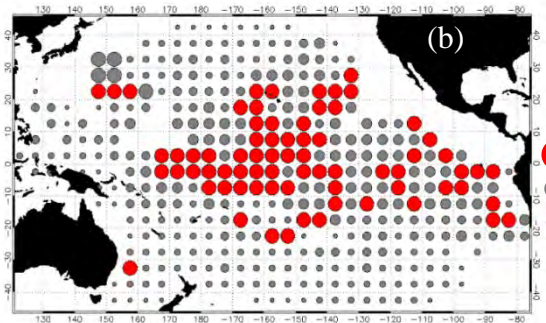
The spatial distribution of fishery and length data

Fishery data

The distribution of Taiwan longline effort



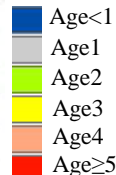
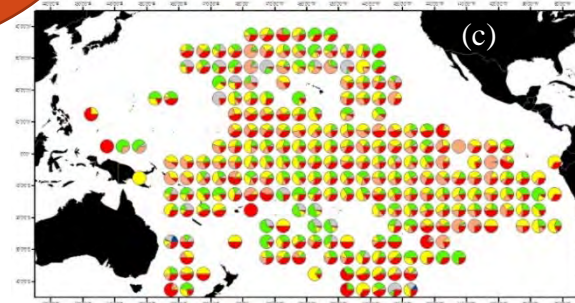
The distribution of BET catch rate



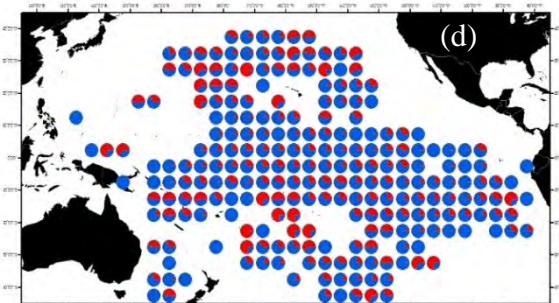
- Effort concentrated in Central Pacific, and high catch rate appeared in Equator and Eastern Pacific.

Distribution

The distribution proportion of each age cohorts



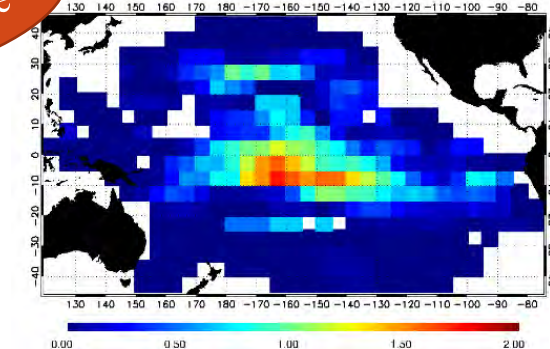
The distribution proportion of immature and mature groups



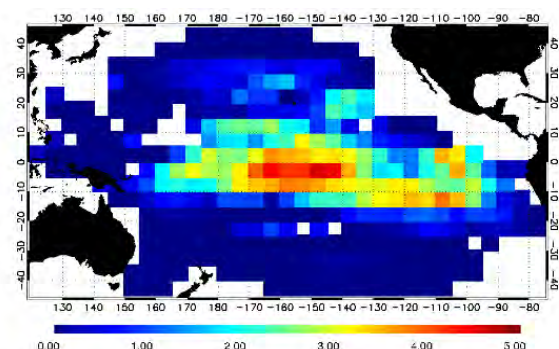
- Immature groups show high distribution in mid-high latitude, and mature groups were more concentrated in Central and Eastern Pacific Ocean.

Catch rate

The spatial distribution of the catch rate of immature groups



The spatial distribution of the catch rate of mature groups



- The distribution of catch rate of immature groups were distributed in Central and North Pacific Ocean, and mature groups were more concentrated in Central and Eastern Pacific Ocean.

GAM result of the immature groups

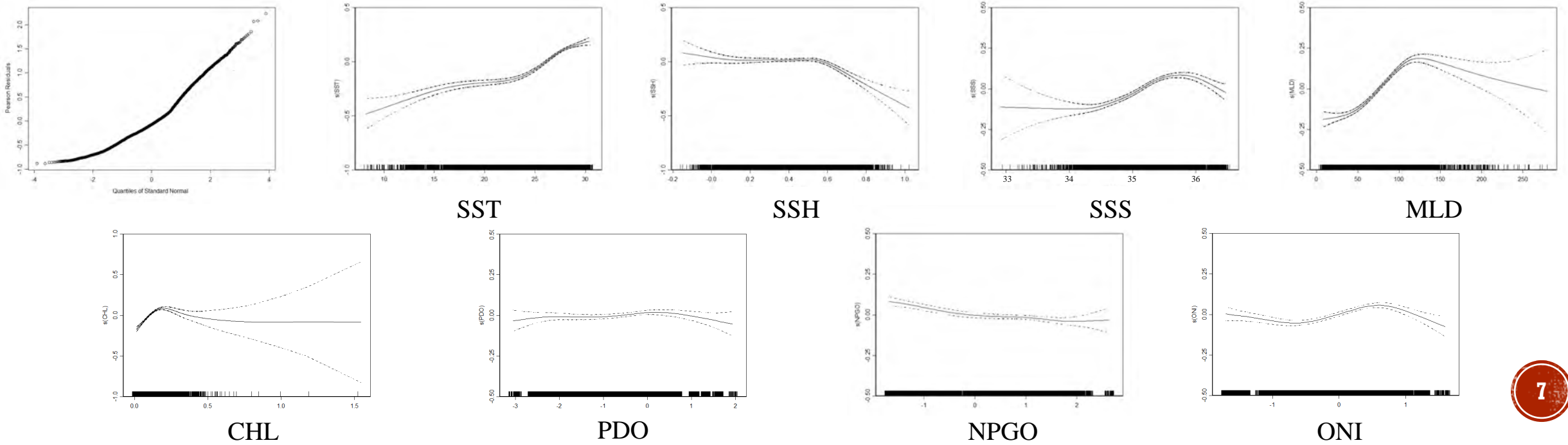
- The optimal interval for immature group of SST in the range 26-28°C, 0.4-0.5 m of SSH, 34.5-35.5 psu of SSS, 60-90 m of MLD and 0.1-0.2 mg/m³ of CHL.
- The stepwise GAM procedure was used to select the best predictors. All variables in the GAM model for the catch rate of 5 degree were significant. The most important factor of influence were MLD(16.2%) and SST(14.2%) for immature groups.
- The catch rate of immature groups has significant influence on PDO and ONI.

Deviance explained, and AIC of immature group catch rate explain in a GAM with sequentially added variables.

| Variable | R.eq. | Deviance explained | AIC |
|--|-------|--------------------|----------|
| log(CPUE+c)~s(SST) | 0.141 | 14.20% | 35380.53 |
| log(CPUE+c)~s(SST)+s(SSH) | 0.163 | 16.40% | 35126.98 |
| log(CPUE+c)~s(SST)+s(SSH)+s(SSS) | 0.209 | 21.10% | 34561.56 |
| log(CPUE+c)~s(SST)+s(SSH)+s(SSS)+s(MLD) | 0.262 | 26.40% | 33867.97 |
| log(CPUE+c)~s(SST)+s(SSH)+s(SSS)+s(MLD)+s(CHL) | 0.272 | 27.50% | 33733.44 |
| log(CPUE+c)~s(SST)+s(SSH)+s(SSS)+s(MLD)+s(CHL)+s(PDO) | 0.276 | 27.90% | 33683.11 |
| log(CPUE+c)~s(SST)+s(SSH)+s(SSS)+s(MLD)+s(CHL)+s(PDO)+s(NPGO) | 0.28 | 28.30% | 33627.4 |
| log(CPUE+c)~s(SST)+s(SSH)+s(SSS)+s(MLD)+s(CHL)+s(PDO)+s(NPGO)+s(ONI) | 0.287 | 29.10% | 33541.65 |

Deviance explained, and AIC of immature group catch rate explain in a GAM with each added variables

| Variable | edf | Ref.df | F | P | Deviance explained |
|----------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| s(SST) | 8.364 | 8.889 | 186.2 | <0.001 | 14.20% |
| s(SSH) | 8.349 | 8.887 | 112.1 | <0.001 | 9.05% |
| s(SSS) | 8.61 | 8.955 | 81.27 | <0.001 | 6.78% |
| s(MLD) | 8.663 | 8.967 | 246.7 | <0.001 | 16.20% |
| s(CHL) | 8.604 | 8.954 | 151.8 | <0.001 | 11.90% |
| s(PDO) | 8.28 | 8.861 | 7.46 | <0.001 | 0.69% |
| s(NPGO) | 1 | 1 | 6.076 | <0.05 | 0.06% |
| s(ONI) | 8.429 | 8.906 | 14.8 | <0.001 | 1.32% |



GAM result of the mature groups

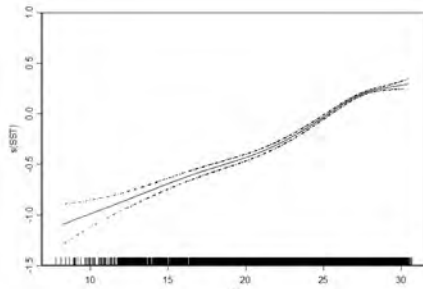
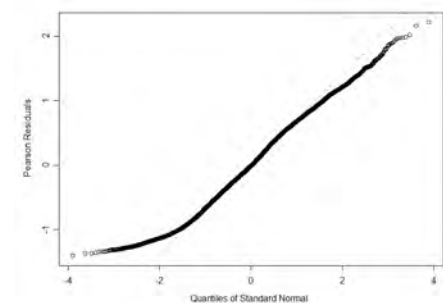
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Deviance explained, and AIC of immature group catch rate explain in a GAM with sequentially added variables.

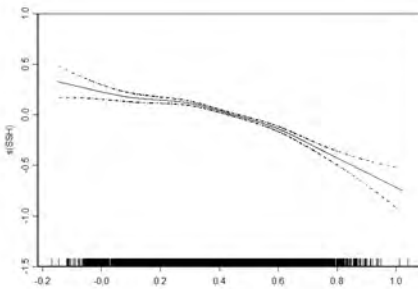
| Variable | R.eq. | Deviance explained | AIC |
|--|-------|--------------------|----------|
| log(CPUE+c)~s(SST) | 0.168 | 16.90% | 35417.49 |
| log(CPUE+c)~s(SST)+s(SSH) | 0.193 | 19.40% | 35119.85 |
| log(CPUE+c)~s(SST)+s(SSH)+s(SSS) | 0.233 | 23.50% | 34616.87 |
| log(CPUE+c)~s(SST)+s(SSH)+s(SSS)+s(MLD) | 0.294 | 29.60% | 33785.36 |
| log(CPUE+c)~s(SST)+s(SSH)+s(SSS)+s(MLD)+s(CHL) | 0.314 | 31.70% | 33499.74 |
| log(CPUE+c)~s(SST)+s(SSH)+s(SSS)+s(MLD)+s(CHL)+s(PDO) | 0.321 | 32.40% | 33319.1 |
| log(CPUE+c)~s(SST)+s(SSH)+s(SSS)+s(MLD)+s(CHL)+s(PDO)+s(NPGO) | 0.323 | 32.70% | 33374.15 |
| log(CPUE+c)~s(SST)+s(SSH)+s(SSS)+s(MLD)+s(CHL)+s(PDO)+s(NPGO)+s(ONI) | 0.336 | 34.00% | 33196.42 |

Deviance explained, and AIC of immature group catch rate explain in a GAM with each added variables

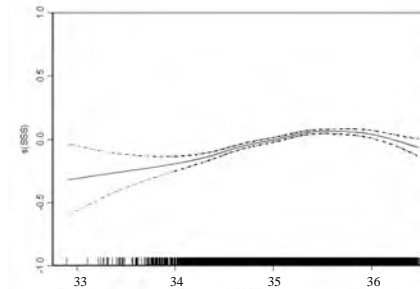
| Variable | edf | Ref.df | F | P | Deviance explained |
|----------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| s(SST) | 8.125 | 8.797 | 231.6 | <0.001 | 16.90% |
| s(SSH) | 8.271 | 8.859 | 91.95 | <0.001 | 7.53% |
| s(SSS) | 8.785 | 8.986 | 77.11 | <0.001 | 6.47% |
| s(MLD) | 8.47 | 8.921 | 213 | <0.001 | 15.90% |
| s(CHL) | 8.607 | 8.954 | 230.5 | <0.001 | 17.00% |
| s(PDO) | 8.59 | 8.953 | 14.54 | <0.001 | 1.31% |
| s(NPGO) | 3.33 | 4.164 | 2.843 | <0.05 | 0.14% |
| s(ONI) | 8.604 | 8.954 | 18.37 | <0.001 | 1.63% |



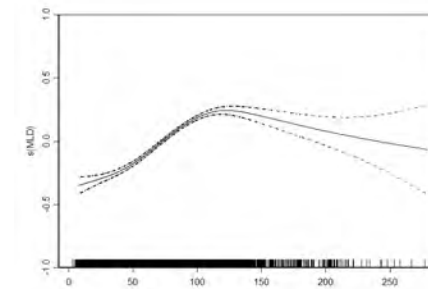
SST



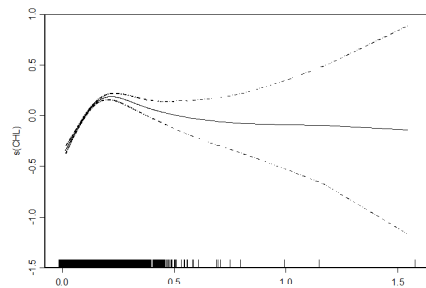
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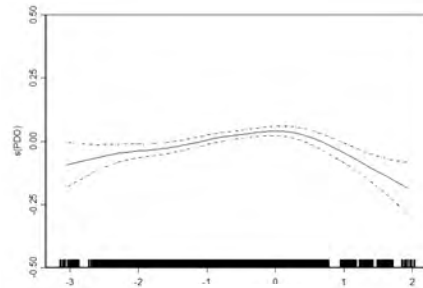
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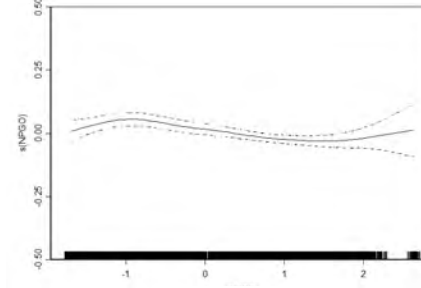
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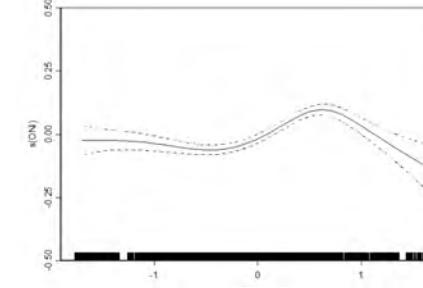
CHL



PDO



NPGO



ONI

The prediction of BET during El Niño and La Niña

Season1
(Jan-Mar)

Season2
(Apr-Jun)

Season3
(Jul-Sep)

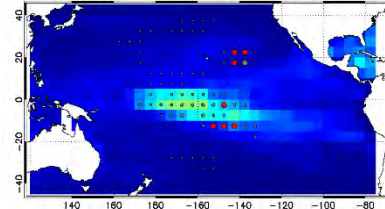
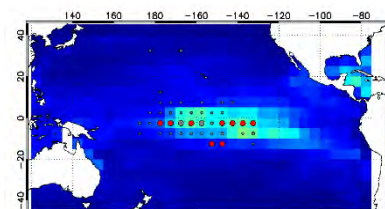
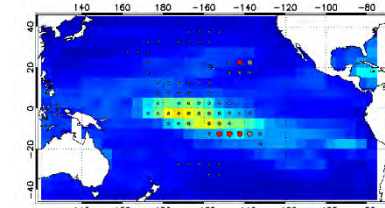
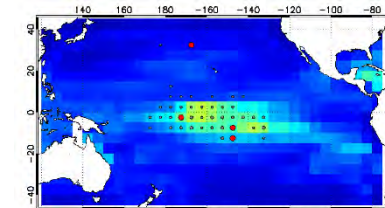
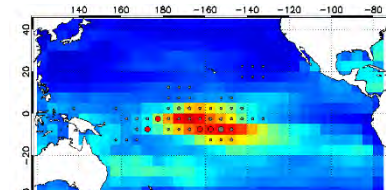
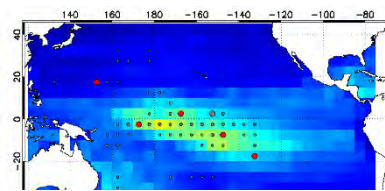
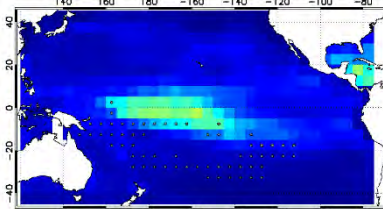
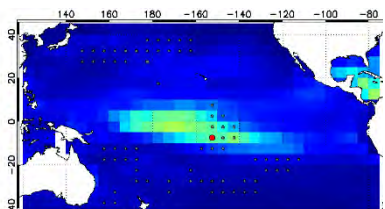
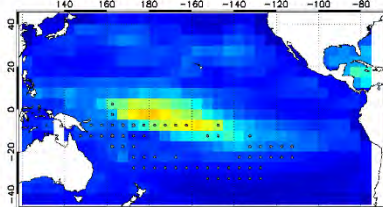
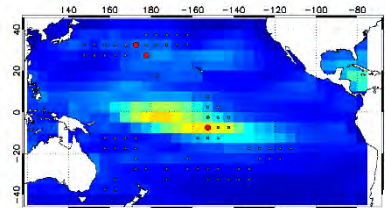
Season4
(Oct-Dec)

El Niño
Immature

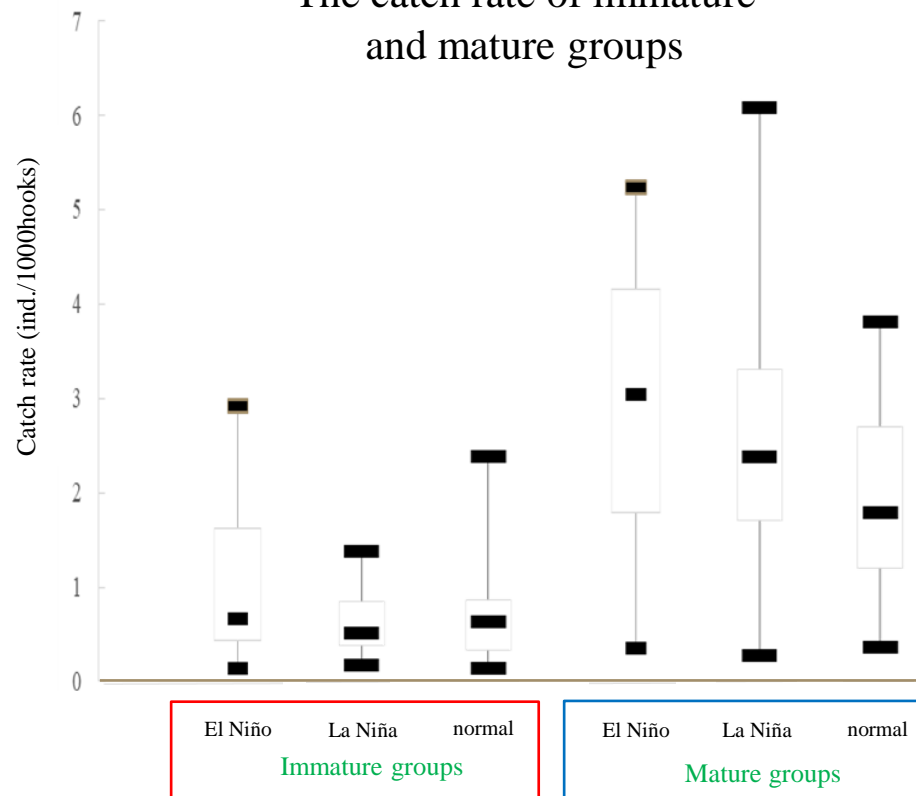
La Niña
Immature

El Niño
Mature

La Niña
Mature



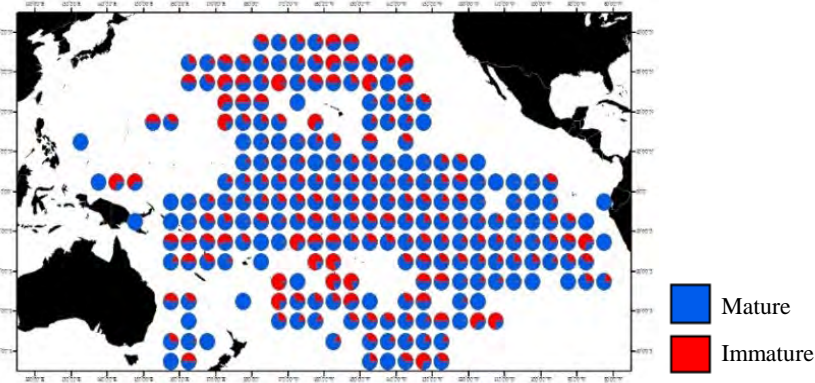
The catch rate of immature and mature groups



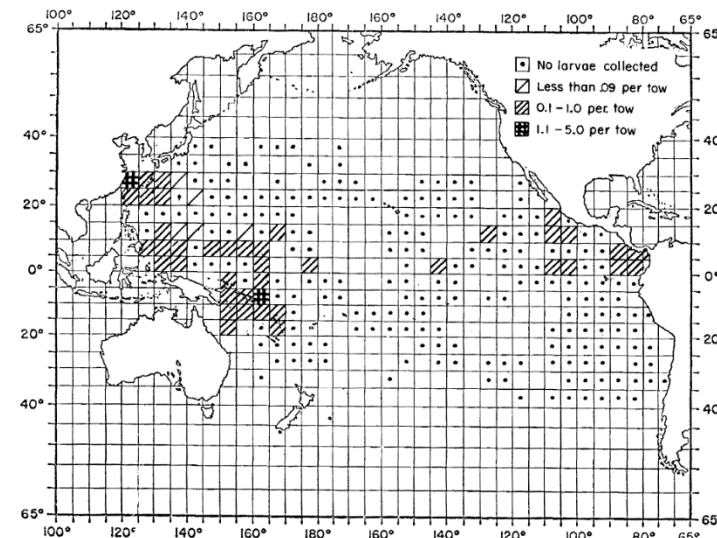
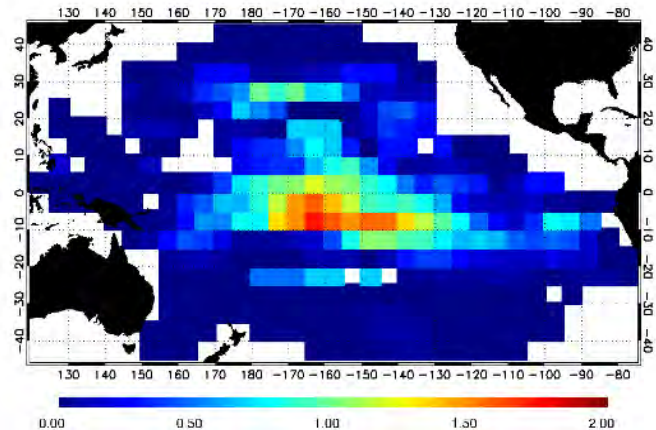
The Spatial distribution of immature and mature groups

- The immature group accounted for a large proportion in the mid and high latitude, but the high catch rate occurred in the low latitude.

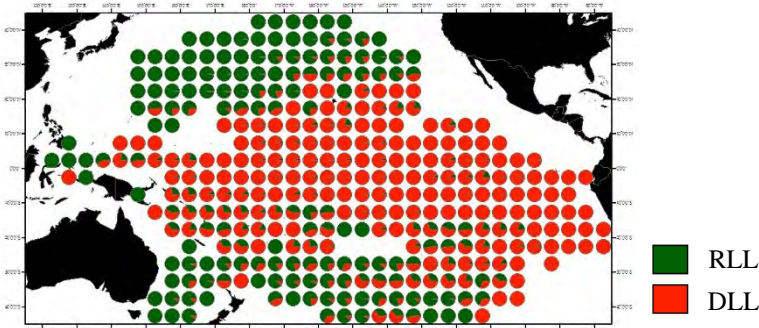
The distribution proportion of immature and mature groups



The spatial distribution of the catch rate of immature groups

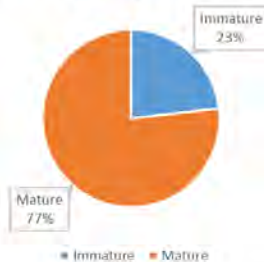


Distribution of bigeye larvae in the Pacific Ocean (source : Nishikawa et al., 1978)

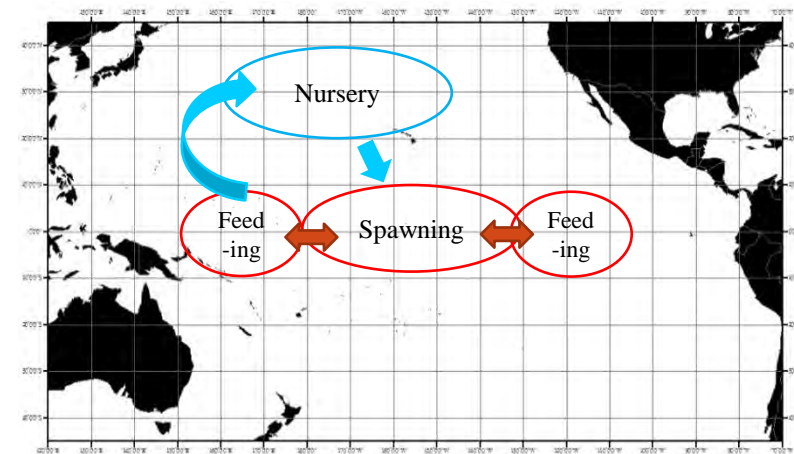


The proportion of fishery gear in Pacific Ocean

The percentage of mature and immature group of DLL group



The percentage of mature and immature group of RLL group



Immature migration route
Mature migration route

Conclusion

- The spatial distribution of the immature group accounted for a large proportion in the north and south Pacific Ocean , and the mature group more concentrated in the central and east Pacific Ocean.
- A similar pattern of the immature and mature group revealed positive correlations for the catch rates, and the MLD (16.2%) explained the greatest amount of deviance for the immature group, but the greatest amount of deviance was CHL (17%) for the mature group. The climatic indices wss more significantly related to ONI and PDO.
- When El Niño happened , the catch rate of immature and mature groups would increase. In contrast, When La Niña happened , the catch rate of immature and mature groups would decrease.
- Previous studies indicated that it has significant influence on PDO phase change , so the further study purpose is exploring the relationship between PDO and BET variability.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENTION!!

