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Asynchronous responses of fish assemblages to climate-driven ocean regime shifts between the upper and deep layer in the Ulleung Basin of the East Sea from 1986 to 2010

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#### Study area



## Background

- Past studies suggested that the basinwide regime shift occurred in 1988-1989, impacting marine ecosystem and fish assemblages in the western North Pacific.
- However, the detailed mechanisms are still yet unclear.
- Most of past studies have focused on oceanographic conditions in the surface layer.

# Annual catch of Pacific cod (*Gadus macrocephalus*) in Korean waters from 1971 to 2012



Catch (thousand tons)



Year

# Composition in wet weight of fisheries catch



# Composition in wet weight of fisheries catch by fishing type



# Fisheries in the Ulleung basin

- Dramatic shift observed in the early 1990s
  - Filefish and sardine dominated the commercial fish catches in 1986-1992
  - Common squid comprised >60% of the total catch in 1993-2010.
  - Increased catch of anchovy, chub mackerel, herring and cod

# Objective

- To illuminate the mechanisms for this dramatic shift in dominant fisheries species in the Ulleung basin
- Focus on oceanographic conditions in the deep water < 100 m rather than the shallow, mixed layer

### Data and Methods

- Depth-specific oceanographic conditions from 0 to 500 m (1968-2010)
  - temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen and water density
- Volume transport (1968-2010)
  - Tsushima warm current
  - Korea Strait bottom cold water
- Fish

– NFRDI fisheries data (1986-2010)

#### **Corresponding Analysis**



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# Correlation coefficient between water density and Dim 1

Depth (m)	Feb.	Apr.	Jun.	Aug.	Oct.	Dec.
0	0.19	0.19	0.29	0.01	0.33	0.32
10	0.30	0.29	<u>0.41</u>	0.22	0.32	0.31
20	0.30	0.38	0.26	0.24	0.30	0.32
30	0.31	<u>0.44</u>	0.20	0.14	0.18	0.36
50	0.32	<u>0.45</u>	0.05	-0.06	-0.17	0.39
75	0.29	0.31	0.02	-0.16	-0.30	0.23
100	0.23	0.18	-0.20	-0.23	<u>-0.45</u>	-0.10
150	-0.16	-0.14	<u>-0.40</u>	<u>-0.40</u>	<u>-0.44</u>	-0.69
200	<u>-0.42</u>	<u>-0.45</u>	-0.53	-0.59	-0.60	-0.75
300	0.20	0.53	<u>0.48</u>	0.61	0.39	-0.09
400	-0.37	-0.61	-0.52	<u>-0.40</u>	-0.67	-0.78
500	-0.68	-0.65	-0.68	-0.54	-0.84	-0.75

# Correlation coefficient between water temperature and Dim 1

Depth (m)	Feb.	Apr.	Jun.	Aug.	Oct.	Dec.	
	0	-0.04	-0.13	-0.25	0.08	-0.05	-0.20
	10	-0.24	-0.26	-0.39	-0.13	-0.08	-0.21
	20	-0.26	-0.36	-0.13	-0.16	-0.05	-0.21
	30	-0.28	<u>-0.46</u>	-0.01	-0.05	0.09	-0.26
	50	-0.27	<u>-0.41</u>	0.10	0.18	0.28	-0.29
	75	-0.17	-0.20	0.16	0.27	0.34	-0.11
1	L00	-0.08	-0.04	0.33	0.35	<u>0.44</u>	0.21
1	150	0.23	0.19	<u>0.42</u>	0.51	0.52	0.67
2	200	<u>0.44</u>	<u>0.43</u>	<u>0.50</u>	0.65	0.63	0.70
3	300	0.25	0.02	0.10	0.29	0.14	0.54
Z	400	0.17	0.15	0.08	0.07	0.10	<u>0.51</u>
[	500	-0.03	-0.23	-0.11	-0.13	-0.08	<u>-0.44</u>





























#### **KODC** Stations



KODC Line 102 (36°13' N) Density Annual mean (1986-1991)



#### KODC NS Line 130.9 E Density Annual mean (1989-1994)



Latitude (N)

#### Shift detection

Factor	Depth (m)	Feb.	Apr.	Jun.	Aug.	Oct.	Dec.
Temperature							
	0-30						
	50		1988↑				
	75		1988↑	1987↑			
	100	1989↑1994↓	1987↑	1987↑	1987↑	1987↑1993↓	
	150	1994↓	1987↑	1987↑1995↓	1987↑1992↓	1987↑1993↓	1993↓
	200	1994↓	1987↑1994↓	1996↓	1987↑1992↓	1993↓	1993↓
	300	1991↑1994↓	1991↑1994↓	1995↓	1990↑1992↓	1991↑1993↓	1990↑
	400	1991↑1994↓	1991↑1994↓			1991↑1993↓	
	500	1991↑1994↓	1991↑1994↓			1991↑1993↓	
Density	7						
	0-75						
	100	1989↓1994↑					
	150			1995↑		1993↑	1993↑
	200	1991↓1994↑		1995↑	1992↑	1993↑	1993↑
	300	1991↓1994↑	1989↓	1991↓1995↑	1990↓	1991↓1993↑	1990↑
	400		1988↓1993↑			1993↑	
	500	1992↑	1990↑	1992↑	1991↑	1990↑	

#### KSBCW volume transport (Provided by Dr. Hanna Na)



Fig. 8-b



### Conclusions 1

- Upper layer (50-100 m)
  - water temperature suddenly increased in 1987-1989
  - warm-water epi-pelagic species (anchovy, chub mackerel, and common squid) became dominant
  - Cold-water epi-pelagic species (sardine) nearly disappeared.

### Conclusions 2

- Deep layer (100-500 m)
  - Korea Strait Bottom Cold Water displayed a sudden intensification in 1992-1993 and water temperatures decreased
  - Replacement of dominant bentho-pelagic species from filefish, warm-water species, to herring and cod, cold-water species.

# Scheme of change in fish assemblage structure



#### Future works

• The time lag between the shifts in the upper and deep layer was 5-6 years.

 Possible time-lagged interactions between the upper and deep water oceanic shift observed in the UB, and also between the TWC and KSBCW



### Physical Oceanography



#### Tsushima Warm Current (TWC) vs. Korea Strait Bottom Cold Water (KSBW)



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Abstract – Past studies suggested that a basin-wide regime shift occurred in 1988-1989, impacting marine ecosystem and fish assemblages in the western North Pacific. However, the detailed

south of Ulleung-do and Dok-do, in the eastern end of the South Korean Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), surrounded by two distinct basing (Japan and Varnata), and by shallow 울릉부지 상하층부 바다의 해수 온도와 어종 변화

표



#### 울릉분지 100m이하 해수온도 3~4도 떨어졌다 (1990년대 초반)

#### 정석근 제주대 교수 분석

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지구온난화는 기온 상승뿐만 아니라 바다 온 도에도 영향을 미친다. 실제로 한반도 인근 해 수면 온도는 20세기 후반 약 40년 동안 1.31도 나 올랐다. 그런데 해수면이 데워지면 대류현 상으로 바다 저체 온도도 올라갈 것이라는 일

이다

해수온도의 급격한 변화는 이 지역의 주요 수산물 종류도 바꿔 놓았다.

우선 수심 100~200m 지점의 경우 1990년 이전에는 해수온도 12도 안팎에서 서식하는 말 쥐치가 우세했지만 해수온도가 내려가면서 2~10도 해수에서 서식하는 청어나 대구가 많 



#### 울릉분지

울릉분지는 독도와 울릉도 남부에서 대한해협 북부, 그리고 동쪽의 일본

분지와 아마토분지에 접해 있는 깊이 2300m의 해저 분지다. 울릉분지 상충부 바다에는 따뜻 한 쓰시마 난류의 한 흐름인 '동한난류'가 대 한해협을 지나 북쪽으로 흐르고, 하층부 바다 에서느 바대로 부쪽에서 흘러온 찬 해수가 울

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