



Effects of atmospheric and oceanographic variability on the common squid in Korean and Japanese waters

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#### Distribution of common squid, *Todarodes pacificus*



# Annual fluctuation in *Todarodes pacificus* catches of Korea and Japan during the last three decades



#### Annual cohorts: autumn, winter and summer

Winter

#### **Autumn**



#### Monthly catch of common squid by Korean fishery



#### Schematic diagram of EHL common squid



#### Topography





Bathymetry data from MIRINE GIS (ESL)

We assumed that appropriate depth of spawning is 100-500m (from Sakurai *et al.*, 2000).



Example of inferred winter spawning areas of *Todarodes pacificus* around the Korean Peninsula based on mean water temperature (15-23℃) over the continental shelf and slope ranging 100-500 m (Sakurai, 2000).

#### **Currents in the East China Sea**

Horizontal circulation patterns after Kondo (1985), Ichikawa and Beardsley (2002), and Lie and Cho (2002).



#### **Temperature & salinity at high larval stations**









What factors control the recruitment of common squid?

1. Global-scale climate change

2. Seawater properties as well as physical characteristics in spawning area

3. Wind and current pattern during the drift period

4. Plankton productivity in nursery area

### **Objectives and implication**

This research aims to identify the most influential controlling factors for squid recruitment.

The output of this research will be used to

1) understand the mechanism and effects of atmospheric and oceanographic variability on the common squid, and

2) make the basis for the proper management in conjunction with climate/ecosystem variability.

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- 1) Environmental data: observed (KODC, JODC, Hadley) and assimilated data (SODA data)
- 2) Biological information: satellite, net sampling
- 3) Fisheries information: FAO data bank, and domestic statistic book





Larval length at each layer was shown

#### SODA temperature at surface and 46 m



Data source: Simple Ocean Data Assimilation (SODA)

## **Question 1**

Do the large- and meso-scale changes in climate and ocean effect on the fluctuation of squid populations in the northwestern Pacific?



#### Trend of squid catch in Korea



#### Correlation between climate indices and squid catch

	PDO	AOI	NPI	ALPI	AFI	SOI
Korea	.061	.116	159	.177	.112	121
Japan	528**	.089	.195	258	467**	.291
Total	294	.126	.026	55	225	.110

### **EOF** analysis with SST



Leading EOF

#### - HadSST

- 117-134.5°E, 23-43°N
- 1971-2006 (DJF)



#### Comparison of observed and assimilated SODA Temperatures at 50 m in R3





— observed

— assimilated

#### **EOF** analysis with SODA temperatures



Leading EOF

- SODA, SST
- 117-134.5°E, 23-43°N
- 1971-2004 (DJF)



- Leading EOF
- SODA, 50 m
- 117-134.5°E, 23-43°N
- 1971-2004 (DJF)

#### Leading EOF with SODA monthly temperature at 46.6 m in R3



- R3 (127-130°E, 29.5-32°N)

- 1971-2008 (DJF)

## **Question 2**

Does the recruitment of common squid have a significantly negative correlation with wind velocity and Mixed Layer Depth (MLD) in spawning ground?



#### Monthly winter wind at 1000 hPa during 1971-2008



#### **Relationship between wind strength and MLD**



#### Variations in wind strength and MLD



#### Linear trend of MLD



Linear trend of MLD DJF 1971-2003 Unit: m/yr

## **Question 3**

Does the recruitment of common squid be influenced by current strength and transport in nursery ground during larval drifting period?





# Simulated winter (DJF) current at 50 m of R3 during 1971-2004



#### Flow at 46m (R3 northern & southern boundary)

northern



0.6

0.2



2000 - 0.55 1990 - 0.5 1990 - 0.45 1980 - 0.4 1980 - 0.3 1970

Mean = 0.03 m/sec Strong in fall

Mean = 0.35 m/sec Strong in summer and weak in winter

6.0

8.0

10.0

12.0

2.0

u3, v3→> 0.500

0,0

4.0

#### East Sea Throughflow Transport (Sv) in Korea Strait (R1)



#### Correlation between current/transport and squid catch

	Northern R3	Southern R3	Transport R1
Korea	0	0.37	0.51
Japan	-0.26	0.30	0.19
Total	-0.17	0.42	0.43

## **Question 4**

Does the zooplankton biomass in nursery grounds effect on the recruitment of common squid population?



#### Timing of Max CHL-a







Month

#### Autumn-winter-spring average CHL-a (Oct-Apr)



# Long-term changes in annual mean biomass of the zooplankton in the Japan/East Sea, 1978-2007



# Percent composition of major four zooplankton groups in the Japan/East Sea



# Correlation coefficients between squid catches in year n and zooplankton biomass

Variable of zooplankton biomass	
Sum of October and December (n-1 years)	0.927**
Sum of December (n-1 years) and February (n year)	0.693**
Sum of February and April (n year)	0.670**
Sum of April and June (n year)	0.735**
Sum of June and August (n year)	0.653**

#### Correlation coefficients between squid catches in year n and abundance of major four Zooplankton assemblages

	Copepoda	Amphipoda	Chaetognata	Euphausiid	
OctDec. (n-1 years)	0.49*	0.48*	0.38	0.36	
Dec.(n-1)- Feb.(n year)	0.48*	0.39	0.43*	0.42*	
FebApr. (n year)	0.42*	0.41*	0.38	0.63**	
Apr Jun. (n year)	0.44*	0.72**	0.39	0.48*	
June-Aug. (n year)	0.47*	0.59**	0.44*	0.35	
* P<0.05, ** P<0.01					





- Large-scale climate indices do not provide significant correlation with squid catch in the northwestern Pacific.
- Wind is significantly correlated with MLD. Low catch in 1970~1990 matched with higher MLD and stronger wind speed in spawning area during winter spawning period.
- We could not find strong evidence that larval drift in nursery area is crucial to the recruitment. High catch in Korean waters, however, seems to be correlated by high winter transport through the Korea Strait.
- Squid spawning seems to adjust with phytoplankton production, and recruitment of squid has a significant correlation with zooplankton biomass in nursery areas.



- Develop modeling work on larval distribution and transport processes that determine the size of regional populations
- Seek for ocean processes on growth and survival of squid larvae, and the range of seawater properties for high larval survival
- Examine the effects of Three Gorge Dam on East China Sea ecosystem
- Develop the refined estimation of inferred spawning areas to predict catch
- Forecast the prediction of common squid populations under changing climate