Decadal scale variation of copepod community structure in the Oyashio based on the Odate Collection

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Advantage of Detailed Zooplankton Analysis for Climate-Ecosystem Change Studies



Their community structure and biological states preserve a state of past events





 There are some historical zooplankton collections waiting to be analyzed

Odate Collection

25°N

20°N

125°E



Kuroshio

(total # > 20,000)

135°E

130°E

Odate collection station map

140°E

145°E

150°E

Zooplankton samples taken in water adjacent to

Wet weight data were analyzed by Odate (1994) and archived by Tohoku Fisheries Research Institute.

155°E

1950's

160°E

1960

165°E

170°E

175ºE

25⁰N

20°N

180°E

To elucidate mechanisms of basin scale, multi-decadal change in marine ecosystems

> Process study on long-term variation of lower trophic level ecosystem in the western North Pacific

The ODATE project 2003-2005 (6?) FY

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Components of the Odate Project



- 1. Copepods community analysis
- 2. Quantitative and phenological changes of Target species
- 3. $\delta^{15}N$ analysis of target species for basin scale comparison



 @ Criteria for Oyashio T< 5C at 100m depth
 @ Extensive spring bloom
 @ Efficient BCP function



 (ΔpCO_2) bio = $(pCO_2 \text{ at } T \text{ mean}) \text{ max} - (pCO_2 \text{ at } T \text{ mean}) \text{ min}$ (Takahashi et al. 2002, DSR II, 49)

Selection of Data



- Target area
 37-43N, 142-147E
 Bottom depth > 500 m
- Year/Season 1972-2001 March – August (of Feb-Dec from 1960s)
- Number of samples analyzed: 578 (of >1300)
- Number of copepod species observed: 120
- Monthly mean abundance for each year for each species



Time series of total copepods abundance [log (inds.m⁻³ + 1)] March-August, 1972-2001

Time series of abundance of dominant copepod species [inds. 1000 m⁻³)]



Dominant species list

> 1% abundance at any month

species

Clausocalanus parapergens

Acartia omorii

Corycaeus affinis

Eucalanus bungii

Ctenocalanus vanus

Neocalanus cristatus

Neocalanus flemingeri

Neocalanus plumchrus

Oithona atlantica Oithona similis

Paracalanus parvus Pseudocalanus minutus

Pseudocalanus newmani Scolecithricella minor

Mesocalanus tenuicornis Metridia okhotensis Metridia pacifica

Calanus pacificus s.l.

Species Monthly average Raw abundance1972-2001 Data inds.1000 m⁻³ of each dominant species Time series Species Transformed $(\log(x+1))$ **R-mode Analysis** Time series Species Mar-Aug Monthly mean = 0, SD = 1Normalized for each year, each species Dissimilarity matrix Euclidean Ordination Classify species based on \cdot timing of seasonal peak Abundance correction for Cluster abundance DVM influence was made NMDS UPGMA

Community classification

Time series



Cluster Dendrogram





NMDS ordination plot of copepods cluster groups.

Group A

Pm	Pseudocalanus minutus
Nc	Neocalanus cristatus
Nf	Neocalanus flemingeri
Os	Oithona similis
03	Ounona similis

Group B

Eb	Eucalanus bungii
Mo	Metridia okhotensis
Мр	Metridia pacifica
Pn	Pseudocalanus newmani
Np	Neocalanus plumchrus

Group C

Ср	Calanus pacificus s.l.
Mt	Mesocalanus tenuicornis
Oa	Oithona atlantica
Рр	Paracalanus parvus
ClPa	Clausocalanus parapergens
Ca	Corycaeus affinis
Cv	Ctenocalanus vanus
Ao	Acartia omorii

Outlier

Sm Scolecithricella minor

Species list for each cluster group Subarctic species

Temperate species widely distributed species by Chihara & Murano (1994)



Time series of normalized anomaly of average copepods abundance $[log(inds m^{-3})]$ for each cluster group (average = 0, SD = 1)

Timing of peak abundance

Mean monthly abundance of community groups



Mean monthly abundance of community groups

Community Analysis: Results





Copepods community in the Oyashio varied in decadal scale, both in abundance and phonology. Regime shifts related?

But..community structure differed between the early 1970s and 1990s.

- Variation was "one-way" (not oscillation)

Decadal scale variation pattern differed among the 3 seasonal communities.

- Changes in the late 1970s were obvious only in the Spring Community and Early Summer Community: delayed and short productive season.

- Changes in the late 1980s - early 1990s) were obvious only in the Early Summer Community and Summer Community: low spring production, sporadic abundance increase in summer

Environmental variation

from Winter to Spring was responsible for the changes in the late 1970s Spring to Summer the late 1980s



Different mechanisms work for decadal scale variation of the lower trophic levels in Winter and Summer





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補足資料

冬の十年スケール変動と夏の十年スケール変動をもたらす気候変化 とそれに伴うメカニズムは異なるものである



Fig. 2. February (top) and August (bottom) SST differences between 1977–86 and 1966–75. Large positive changes (warmer water in more recent regime are red; cooler water is blue) are widespread along the west coast during winter and summer, with largest differences during winter. (Figure courtesy of Franklin Schwing.)

(Batcheder & Powell, 2000, Prog. Oceanog. 53: 105-114)



Time series of abundance of dominant copepod species [inds. 1000 m⁻³)]



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Variation in timing of peak abundance for each cluster group



Fig. 10 各カイアシ類群集の月毎に正規化したLog平均密度,年ごとに3-8月の 平均=0標準偏差が1とした)の時系列(オレンジが正偏差、緑が負偏差)

注)30年間の生物量のピーク時期のずれのみを示している。