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Japanese longline fishery fishing ground - expansion and shrinkage -Keisuke Satoh (National Research Institutes of Far Seas Fisheries)

Outline

- 1. Define fishing ground
- 2. Describe history of this fishery development and shrinkage
- 3. Assess effect of EEZ for CPUE standardization process
- 4. Future work

1. Define fishing ground

Purpose

Some longline vessels move from Ocean to Ocean. For the convenience to describe vessel strategy, fishing ground is defined using a cluster analysis. Simultaneously, the fishing ground may include information about target species in this area.

Method

- Cluster analysis (K-means) was applied the dataset including location (latitude, longitude), number of active years (years for utilized as fishing ground) and 10 + one combined species catch number (bluefin, southern bluefin, bigeye, yellowfin, albacore, swordfish, striped marlin, black marlin, blue marlin and one combined species (shortbill spearfish + sailfish).
- To avoid missing value for these species catch, the period of analysis is from 1965 to 2018.
- Three different seeds were tested to confirm robustness of the clustering results.
- The number of cluster was referred the results by elbow method and average silhouette method. However it is determined after try and error process looking at species composition, number of catch, geographical distribution and more for each cluster.
- EEZ location is obtained from http://www.marineregions.org/eezsearch.php





Figure. Number of active years for each 1 x 1 grid cell from 1952 to 2018.

- If Japanese longline fishery was active at a grid cell in a year, the cell obtain one active year. The cumulative number of year since 1952 was presented as the number of active years on this map.
- Frequent utilized area by Japanese longline fishery, is surrounded by less utilized fishing area.
- Also, their fishing grounds were strongly affected by implementation of economic exclusive zone and/or two hundred miles fishing zone (e.g., USA 200NM zone in the Pacific Ocean and the Atlantic Ocean, Maldives in the Indian Ocean, Azores (Portugal) in the Atlantic Ocean etc.).





Figure 31. Cluster analysis for detection of fishing ground in the Pacific Ocean using 11 species and number of active year.

- ✓ 17 clusters.
- Red; bigeye dominated, Yellow; yellowfin, Green; southern bluefin and/or albacore, Black; Swordfish, Grey; Low effort



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Figure. Fishing ground assignment.

✓ Total of 64 fishing grounds were detected, which is similar to stake holder's perception.





Figure 35. Species proportion in number, total catch number and effort by fishing ground.

The fishing ground ground id of 18(off Ecuador) presented highest bigeye proportion, more than 75%, which can consider the vessel selected this fishing ground mainly target on bigeye, while the vessel selected fishing ground id 40 (Mozambique channel west) targeted on yellowfin. fishing ground id 18(off Ecuador)



fishing ground id 40 (Mozambique channel west)





Figure 35. Other species results.

fishing ground id 17 (off Mexico, Pacific side)



2. Describe history of this fishery development and shrinkage

Purpose

During the fishing ground development, it is recognized that their fishing grounds were strongly affected by implementation of economic exclusive zone and/or two hundred miles fishing zone. The description of history of EEZ implementation is useful to consider sub area definition for CPUE standardization process.

year	event	EI	Ni?o	/LaNi?a*1
	Start implementation of logbook data			
1952	collecting system, and first record in			
	IO			
1953		El	Ni?o	
1954	First record in EPO	La	Ni?a	
1055	Reach African continental east coastal			
1900	area in IO			
1956				
1957		EI	Ni?o	
1958	First record in ATL			
	Panid expansion in ATL reach American			
1959	continental west and east coastal areas			
1960				
1961				
1962				
1963		EI	Ni?o	
1964		La	Ni?a	
	Reach historical highest level of			
	geographical coverage for fishing effort			
	in terms of number of 1 x 1 degree in			
	1965 and showed higher level until 1972,			
	which reflected fishing vessel's			
	searching activity to seek good fishing			
	ground in the state of insufficient			
1965	information on distribution of tuna			
	species. The "Convention on Fishing and			
	Conservation of the Living Resources of			
	the High Seas" was entered into force at			
	20 March 1966. which could restrict	El	Ni?o	
	further expansion of this expansion of			
	#### In addition, in this era main			
	target species was albacore and/or			
	yellowfin. However knowledge for			
	distribution of other tuna and tuna			
	related species were fully gathered			
	untik early 1970. Even though it is			
	limited the upper layer of ocean because			
	of their fishing gear were mainly			
	shallow set.			

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year		event
1	1996	Small and occasinal effort in French
		Polynesia after 1996 (WOPO and EPO)
19		Small and occasional effort in New
	1997	Caledonia (France) 200NM (WCPO) after
		1997
	1998	No effort in Australia 200 NM after 1998
	1999	Domestic measure for reduction of JPN LL
		vessel by about 20%
		No effort in Equador (Galapagos) 200 NM
		after 2000

1996

1996. Small and occasinal effort in French Polynesia after 1996 (WCPO and EPO)

1999. No effort in Galapagos (Ecuador) 200 NM after 1999 (EPO)

1999





Figure . Catch of bigeye in number in the Galapagos and French Polynesia EEZ.



Figure . Catch of yellowfin in number in the Galapagos and French Polynesia EEZ.

Assess effect of EEZ for CPUE standardization process (case study off Galapagos)

Period; 1975 – 1995, Area; 100E – 70E, 10S-10N (include and exclude Galapagos EEZ)





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- 4. Future work
- 1. To describe characteristics of each fishing ground and then find vessel strategy
- 2. To find more general characteristic for effect of EEZ on CPUE standardization process
 - ✓ Test other variables including Oceanographic conditions
 - Test other model including VAST and more (which model does have good performance)
 - ✓ Test other EEZ including USA, French Polynesia and more