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Japanese anchovy *Engraulis japonicus*

- ➤ Important for both fisheries and ecosystems
- ➤ Population dynamics relate to regime shift
- ➤ High demand for larval anchovy in Japan

Catch statistics in Japan

Year	Adults and juveniles	Larvae
2018	111.2 thousand tons	50.5 thousand tons
2019	130.1 thousand tons	59.9 thousand tons

➤ Adults and juveniles are used for dried products (22 thousand tons in 2018)





Used for soup of Japanese noodle ("udon")





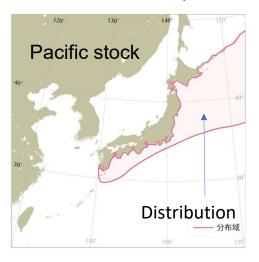


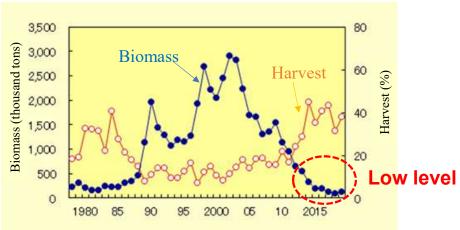


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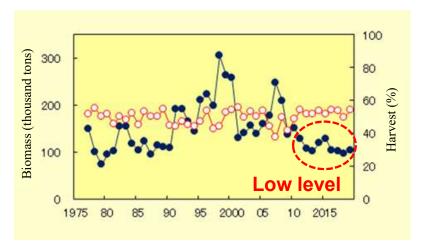
Stock assessment in Japan (2020)

→ 3 stocks for Japanese anchovy





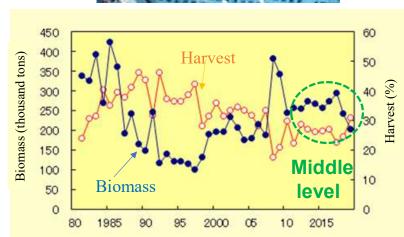




Seto Inland Sea stock







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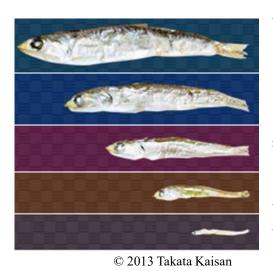
Large >8 cm

Middle 6-8 cm

Small 4-6 cm

Juvenile 3-4 cm

Larva 1-3 cm

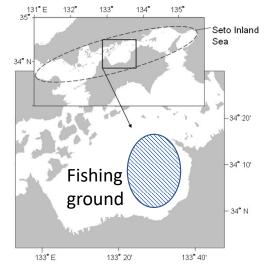




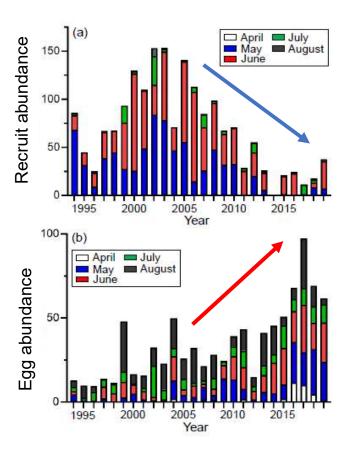
Snacks (almond and fish)



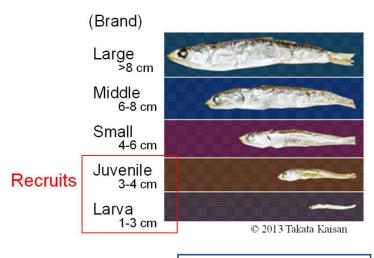




Decrease of recruits

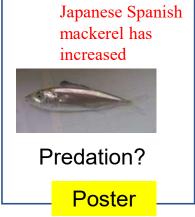


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Competition for food?



Reduced prey availability for anchovy

- → Low egg quality
- → High quality of dried anchovy!

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