# Seasonal Variations in Abundance and Species Composition of Fishes in an Eelgrass Bed in Myoungjuri of Jindong Bay 

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#### Abstract

A total of 33 fish species were collected by a small beam trawl from an eelgrass bed in Myoungjuri of J indong Bay, Korea. The dominant fish species were Hexagrammos otakii, Pholis fangi, Repomucenus valenciennei, Pseudoblennus cottoides, Pholis nebulosa, Rudarius ercodes, Syngnathus schlegeli, and Sebastes schlegeli. These 8 fish species accounted for $\mathbf{7 9 . 5 \%}$ of the total number of individuals collected. The fishes collected in the study area were primarily small fish species or juveniles of large fish species. Seasonal variations in both species composition and abundance were large; higher numbers of fish occurred from April to J une 2002, while biomass was the highest in September 2001 and 2002. Seasonal changes in fish abundance corresponded with eelgrass biomass and abundance of food organisms.


Key words: Fish, seasonal variation, species composition, eelgrass bed, eelgrass biomass

## Introduction

Zostera marina (eelgrass) is the most common seagrass species in temperate coastal areas and increases habitat complexity and provides living space and shelter for marine animals (Klumpp et al., 1989; Rozas and Minello, 1998). Many fish species including many economically important fishes use eelgrass meadows as feeding and nursery grounds (Edgar and Shaw, 1995; Huh and Kwak, 1997; Guidetti and Bussotti, 2000). Recent studies on eelgrass beds in Korea have reported seasonal variations in species compostition and abundance of fishes in Kwangyang Bay, Hamduck around Cheju Island and Angol Bay (Huh and Kwak 1997; Go and Cho 1997; Lee et al., 2000) and feeding habits of some fish species (Acanthogobius flavimanus, Platycephalus indicus, Liparis tanakai and Limanda yokohamae) in the southern sea, K orea (Huh and

[^0]Kwak, 1999; Kwak and Huh, 2002, 2003a,b)
In Myoungjuri of J indong Bay, eelgrass meadows provide a habitat for a variety of invertebrates and small fish, which in turn are the potential food of large fishes. However, environmental disturbances such as red tide and jellyfish blooms have occurred in these eelgrass beds every year due to industrial complex around coastal areas since 1980's (Kang et al., 1996; Kim et al., 2001). To date the study on the eelgrass bed in J indong Bay has been confined to the fish community itself ( $1 \mathrm{~m}, 2004$ ) and feeding habits of common fish species (Stephanolepis cirrhifer, Rudarius ercodes and Sillago japonicus) (K wak et al., 2003; Kwak and Huh, 2004; Kwak et al., 2004) in Daguri close to Myoungjuri of J indong Bay, but the fish community of these eelgrass beds has not been studied relating to the environmental variations.
The objective of this study was to examine the seasonal variation in species composition and abundance of fishes inhabiting in an eelgrass bed
in Myoungjuri of Jindong Bay and to determine the relationships between environmental factors and fish abundance.

## Materials and Methods

The study area was located in Myoungjuri of $J$ indong Bay (Fig. 1). The area supports a luxuriant eelgrass, Zostera marina, bed which is forming subtidal bands ( $500 \sim 700 \mathrm{~m}$ wide) in the shallow waters ( $<3 \mathrm{~m}$ ). The eelgrass bed extended in patches for about 4 km along the shore.
Fish samples were collected monthly by a $5-\mathrm{m}$ beam trawl ( $1.9-\mathrm{cm}$ mesh wing and body, $0.6-\mathrm{cm}$ mesh liner). Four 6-minute tows in each sampling time were carried out during the day in the eelgrass bed from August 2001 to J uly 2003. Specimens were preserved immediately in 10\% formalin after capture and later transferred to $70 \%$ isopropanol. These samples were identified according to Masuda et al. (1984) and Yoon (2002), and weighed to the nearest gram in wet weight and their standard length measured to the nearest millimeter in the laboratory.
Water temperature and salinity were measured at each sampling location. Eelgrass biomass was estimated by removal of all plant matter in a $0.01 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ within each station. The plants were separated into the above-and below-ground parts, dried at $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 24 h then weighed to the nearest gram.
The fish data were analysed to obtain the following community variables. Diversity H' (Shannon and Weaver 1949) was calculated as:

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\mathrm{H}^{\prime}=-\sum(\mathrm{ni} / \mathrm{N}) \log (\mathrm{ni} / \mathrm{N}),
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where n is the number of individuals of each i species in a sample and N is the total number of individuals. Similarity between fish species, Pianka's index, Aij (Pianka, 1973) was calculated as:

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\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{ij}}=\left[\Sigma \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{ih}} \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{jh}}\right] /\left[\Sigma \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{ih}}^{2} \Sigma \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{jh}}^{2}\right]
$$

where $\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{ij}}$ is the similarity of species j on species $i ; p_{\mathrm{in}}$ is the proportion of individuals of a fish species $i$ in a particular month $h ; p_{j h}$ is the proportion of individuals of a fish species j in a particular month h . Values for the similarity index may vary between 0 , if no similarity occurs, and 1 for complete similarity. The Pianka's index was subjected to an average linkage cluster analysis.

A one-way ANOVA with orthogonal design was used to analyse variations in fish abundance and environmental factors with season and year. Log transformed data were used to satisfy the equal variance assumption of the model. The


Fig. 1. Location of the study area (The black area is an eelgrass bed).


Fig. 2. Monthly variations of temperature, salinity and eelgrass biomass in an eelgrass bed in Myoungjuri of J indong Bay.
relationships between fish abundance and eelgrass biomass were analysed using Pearson's correlation coefficient

## Results

## Temperature, salinity, eelgrass biomass

Temperature at the study site ranged from 6.7 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $27.7^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and varied significantly with season (ANOVA, $\mathrm{p}<0.05$ ), but no marked annual variation was observed. The peak of temperature occurred around J uly 2002, a decline to minimum in February 2003 (Fig. 2). Salinity ranged from $19.5 \%$ oto $34.2 \%$ and did not vary signifi-
cantly between years (ANOVA, p>0.05) with display a similar pattern except in J uly, August and September when it dropped markedly (about 20\%d (Fig. 2). This decline occurred soon after heavy rain, which affected the region during summer. The average eelgrass biomass ranged from $21.8 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{DW} / \mathrm{m}^{2}$ to $378.7 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{DW} / \mathrm{m}^{2}$ and varied significantly with season and year (ANOVA, p< $0.05)$. The peak of eelgrass occurred around May 2002, and a sharp decline from J une 2002 to J anuary 2003, and then increased to May 2003 gradually (Fig. 2).

## Species Composition

A total of 3,570 fish belonging to 33 species

Table 1. Total number of individuals and biomass of fishes collected in an eelgrass bed in Myoungjuri of J indong Bay

| Scientific name | Total |  |  |  | Standard length range(cm) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | N | \% | W | \% |  |
| Hexagrammos otakii | 632 | 17.7 | 12,518.3 | 61.3 | $4.5 \sim 16.3$ |
| Phol is fangi | 543 | 15.2 | 1,694.8 | 8.3 | $3.7 \sim 15.8$ |
| Repomucenus valencienne | 496 | 13.9 | 855.6 | 4.2 | 2.6~9.8 |
| Pseudoblennius cottoides | 406 | 11.4 | 489.8 | 2.4 | $2.3 \sim 7.2$ |
| Phol is nebulosa | 295 | 8.3 | 1,948.6 | 9.5 | $4.1 \sim 18.6$ |
| Rudaris ercodes | 168 | 4.7 | 246.6 | 1.2 | $2.2 \sim 5.3$ |
| Syngnathus schlegeli | 164 | 4.6 | 214.1 | 1.0 | $9.5 \sim 21.3$ |
| Sebastes schlegeli | 134 | 3.8 | 72.9 | 0.4 | $1.5 \sim 5.6$ |
| Hippocampus japonica | 118 | 3.3 | 61.0 | 0.3 | $1.2 \sim 7.6$ |
| Pseudoblennius percoides | 112 | 3.1 | 194.6 | 1.0 | $3.6 \sim 7.1$ |
| Sebastes longispinis | 99 | 2.8 | 245.5 | 1.2 | $1.5 \sim 4.5$ |
| Acanthogobius flavimanus | 91 | 2.5 | 350.2 | 1.7 | $4.2 \sim 13.1$ |
| Leiognathus nuchalis | 66 | 1.8 | 315.1 | 1.5 | $2.5 \sim 6.9$ |
| Acentrogobius pflaumi | 59 | 1.7 | 105.0 | 0.5 | $2.2 \sim 5.9$ |
| Sebastes inermis | 43 | 1.2 | 201.0 | 1.0 | $1.6 \sim 4.9$ |
| Takifugu niphobles | 28 | 0.8 | 141.1 | 0.7 | $6.2 \sim 10.3$ |
| Hypodytes rubrippinis | 24 | 0.7 | 41.5 | 0.2 | $2.3 \sim 4.2$ |
| Acanthopagrus schlegeli | 23 | 0.6 | 127.7 | 0.6 | $2.9 \sim 10.2$ |
| Upeneus japonicus | 11 | 0.3 | 40.0 | 0.2 | 4.6~7.2 |
| Lateol abrax japonicus | 9 | 0.3 | 147.4 | 0.7 | 2.1~11.1 |
| Chaenogobius heptacanthus | 9 | 0.3 | 20.7 | 0.1 | $3.1 \sim 5.7$ |
| Sillago japonicus | 9 | 0.3 | 58.9 | 0.3 | $3.7 \sim 10.6$ |
| Phol is crassispina | 7 | 0.2 | 31.9 | 0.2 | $6.9 \sim 13.5$ |
| Trachurus japonicus | 6 | 0.2 | 28.6 | 0.1 | $4.8 \sim 6.3$ |
| Limanda yokohamae | 5 | 0.1 | 17.4 | 0.1 | 6.8~9.7 |
| Conger myriaster | 5 | 0.1 | 71.0 | 0.3 | $15.3 \sim 21.7$ |
| Siganus fuscescens | 2 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 0.0 | $5.9 \sim 6.7$ |
| Muraenesox cienrerus | 1 | 0.0 | 57.9 | 0.3 | 23.1 |
| Tridentiger trigonocephalus | 1 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 4.3 |
| Ditrema temmincki | 1 | 0.0 | 31.2 | 0.2 | 8.6 |
| Ernogrammus hexagrammus | 1 | 0.0 | 7.5 | 0.0 | 6.3 |
| Mugil cephalus | 1 | 0.0 | 77.5 | 0.4 | 21.3 |
| Pterogobius elapoides | 1 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 3.8 |
| Total | 3,570 | 100 | 20,416.4 | 100 |  |

[^1]were collected from the eelgrass bed in Myoungjuri of J indong Bay (Table 1). Numerically dominant fish were Hexagrammos otakii (17.7\%), Pholis fangi ( $15.2 \%$ ), Repomucenus valencienne (13.9\%), Pseudoblennius cottoides (11.4\%), Phol is nebul osa (8.3\%), Rudarius ercodes (4.7\%), Synganthus schlegel ( $4.6 \%$ ) and Sebastes schlegel $(3.8 \%)$. These 8 fish species accounted for $79.5 \%$ of total number of indivals individuals collected during the study period. The numerically dominant fish species made up $88.4 \%$ of biomass because of the presence of large H. otakii ( $61.3 \%$ of biomass) which were high in biomass. These were primarily small fish species or early juveniles of large fish species. Only about $10 \%$ exceeded 8 cm standard length.

## Seasonal Variation in Fish Abundance

The number of fish species ( $7 \sim 17$ species) vari-


Fig. 3. Monthly variations in (A) number of species, (B) number of individuals, (C) biomass, and (D) diversity index of fish species in an eelgrass bed in Myoungjuri of J indong Bay.
ed with season (ANOVA, $p<0.05$ ), but there was no marked annual variation (Fig. 3-a). High number of fish species occurred in September 2001 and 2002. Number of individuals varied significantly with both season and year (ANOVA, p< 0.05 , Fig. 3-b). Higher number of fish individuals occurred from April to J une 2002 which were dominated P. fangi, Sebastes schlegeli, P. nebulosa. P. ercoides, and P. cottoides, and lowest numbers occurred in J anuary 2003 (Appendix). The fish biomass differed substantially between different seasons and years (ANOVA, p<0.05, Fig. 3-c). Highest biomass occurred September 2001 and 2002 when a few relatively large H. otakii, P. cottoides, R. valencienne, Lateol abrax japonicus were present (Appendix). Significant seasonal difference was observed for the diversity index (ANOVA, p<0.05, Fig. 3-d), but annual difference was not significant. The range of index were $0.86 \sim 3.62$, and higher value occurred in September 2001, and from May to J uly 2002. The similar values of diversity, in general, suggesting that the number and relative abundances of fishes were similar over the study period.
The dendrogram shows four clusters which identify the fish species groups regardless of year


Fig. 4. Dendrogram illustrating the species associations of common fishes in an eelgrass bed in Myoungjuri of J indong Bay.


Fig. 5. Relationships between number of individuals of fishes and eelgrass biomass in an eelgrass bed in Myoungjuri of J indong Bay.
(Fig. 4). The first group was composed of H. otakii, P. fangi, R. valenciennei, P. cottoides, and P. nebulosa with occurring predominantly over study periods. This group can be further divided into two sub-groups: subgroup A contains P. fangi and $P$. nebulosa with high occurrence from March to May when high eelgrass biomass was shown in the study area, while subgroup B was composed of H. otakii, R. valenciennei, and P. cottoides with peak numbers from J une to August. The second group was composed of $S$. schlegeli, Sebastes schlegeli, P. percodes, S. longispinis, and S. inermis. This group showed high numbers from May to J uly, however, few individuals in other periods. The third group was composed of R. ercode, H. japonicus, A. flavimanus, L. nuchalis, A. schlegeli, and U. bensasi which showed peak numbers from September to N ovember. This periods coincide with low eelgrass biomass. The fourth group was consisted of T. niphobles, H. rubripinnis, and A. pflaumi with high numbers from December to F ebruary.

Eelgrass biomass variation corresponded closely with seasonal variation of the abundance of fishes over the study period (Fig. 5). Numbers of individuals of fish species ( $r^{2}=0.68, p<0.05$ ) were strongly correlated with eelgrass biomass.

## Discussion

A total of 33 fish species were collected from an eelgrass bed in Myoungjuri of J indong Bay, and among these $H$. otakii, P. fangi, R. valenciennei, P.
cottoides, P. nebulosa, R. erodes, Syngnathus schlegeli and Sebastes schlegeli were numerically dominant. H. otakii, Pholis nebulosa and Sebastes schlegeli were the commercially important fishes in Korean waters (Kim and Kang, 1993; Yoon, 2002). Broad scale surveys of fish communities in the eelgrass beds from other regions of Korea suggest a similar community structure. H. otakii, P. fangi, P. cottoides, Syngnathus schlgeli and P. nebulosa also dominated the fish community from Daguri of J indong Bay (Im, 2004) and Kwangyang Bay (Huh and Kwak, 1997), Syngnathus schlgeli, P. nebulosa in Angol Bay (Lee et al., 2000), and R. ercodes, Syngnathus schlegeli, P. nebulosa in Hamduck around Cheju Island (Go and Cho, 1997). On the other hand, the genera Pseudoblennius, Rudarius, Syngnathus were important groups in the J apanese eelgrass beds (Kikuchi, 1966, 1974; H orinouchi et al., 1998).

Although species composition of fish species in the eelgrass bed in Myoungjuri of J indong Bay did not varied with year, abundance of L. nuchalis increased with year was remarkable characteristics. Recent studies have demonstrated that the number of individuals of small sized L. nuchalis has been increased in southern coastal areas such as K wangyang, Namhae Island and Nakdong River Estuary (Huh and Kwak, 1998; Huh and An, 2000; K wak and Huh, 2003c) Lee et al. (1997) reported that the variation in abundance of L. nuchalis was due to occurrence of environmental disturbances in Chonsu Bay.
Fish collected from the eelgrass bed in the study area appeared to be dominated by small fish species and juveniles of most species. This indicated that the eelgrass bed in Myoungjuri of J indong Bay functions as nursery areas. Such conclusions are in general agreement with other studies of eelgrass beds (Huh and Kwak, 1997; Rozas and Minello, 1998; Lee et al., 2000; Im, 2004; Kwak and Klumpp, 2004). A significantly greater abundance of fish juveniles than that of adults in this study site in Myoungjuri of Jindong Bay confirmed that these species were likely to be dependent on eelagrass beds for shelter and survival during the early life cycle stages (Brook, 1977; Bell et al., 1989; Edgar and Shaw, 1995).

Fish abundance in seagrass meadows are often correlated with eelgrass biomass (Klumpp et al., 1989). The temporal pattern of fish abundance in the eelgrass bed at Myoungjuri of J indong Bay correlated with temporal variations in eelgrass
biomass. From the data available it is not possible to determine whether variation in eelgrass biomass, directly or indirectly, determined these changes in fish abundance in the study area or whether faunal activities had an affect on the eelgrass biomass. However, there is evidence for both types of interaction occurring in the seagrass beds (Adams, 1976; Baelde, 1990; Blaber et al., 1992; Williams and Heck, 2001; K wak and Klumpp, 2004).

Eelgrass biomass in J indong Bay reached a peak in May 2002 when light and water temperature are increasing, and then decreased rapidly to a minimum in the period from November 2002 to J anuary 2003. This decrease in eelgrass biomass was assumed by the complex functions such as annual variation, the occurrence of red tide and high jellyfish abundance due to environmental disturbance (K wak, personal observation). The interactions between these factors and eelgrass biomass were no examined in this study and need further examination. Numbers of fishes, in particular small sized individuals, in Myoungjuri of J indong Bay, were high during periods when eelgrass biomass was high. The high shoot density and length produced by Zostera marina in Myoungjuri of J indong Bay would seem to provide fishes with an effective refuge from predators. Indeed, a positive correlation between fish richness and abundance and the aboveground biomass of seagrass beds has been suggested (Bell and Pollard, 1989; Connolly et al., 1999; Guidetti and Bussotti, 2000). Other studies have shown similar patterns of variable faunal abundance in fish communities of eelgrass beds, Korea. For example, the fish abundance increased with increasing eelgrass biomass and temperature in Angol Bay (Lee et al., 2000), and simiIarly in Hamduck off J eju Island (Go and Cho, 1997). Huh (1986) have demonstrated that seasonal variation of fish abundance in Hansilpo, Chungmu was correlated positively with temperature.
While eelgrass biomass in J indong Bay seems to be an important factor influencing abundance of the fish community, prey availability may also directly or indirectly control fish abundance. High eelgrass biomass provides good shelters and food resources for small organisms such as epiphytic fauna (amphipods, isopods, tanaids etc.). Small fishes such as dominant fish species in J indong Bay fed mainly on small amphipods and isopods. The temporal abundance of epiphyt-
ic fauna coincided with these groups of dominant fishes during the study period. These common fish species changed diets from gammarid amphipods and copepods to decapods such as caridean shrimps and crabs as they increased in size (Kwak et al., 2003; Kwak and Huh, 2004; Kwak et al., 2004). Huh and Kwak (1997) demonstrated that the abundance of dominant fishes in an eelgrass bed of Kwangyang Bay was positively correlated with seagrass biomass and prey availability. Hence we suggest that the high abundance of epiphytic fauna were responsible for the maintenance of fish abundance through predator-prey interactions in these eelgrass bed.

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진동만 명주리 잘피밭에 서식하는 어류의 종조성 및 계절변동을 조사하기 위해서 2001년 8월 부터 2003년 7월까지 소형 비임트롤을 이용하여 어류를 매월 채집하였다. 조사기간 동안 어류는 총 33 종이 채집되었다. 쥐노래미, 흰베도라치, 실양태, 가시망둑, 베도라치, 그물코쥐치, 실고기, 그 리고 조피볼락이 많이 채집되었는데, 이들은 채집된 총 개체수의 $79.5 \%$ 를 차지하였다. 본 조사해 역에서 채집된 어류는 대부분이 평균 15 cm 이하의 소형 어종이거나 대형 어종의 유어들로 구성 되어 있었다. 잘피밭 어류군집은 뚜렷한 계절변동을 보였는데, 채집 개체수는 2002년 4월에서 6 월사이에 아주 높았으나, 생체량은 2001년과 2002년 9월에 각각 가장 높은 수치를 나타내었다. 대체적으로 겨울철에서는 채집 개체수 및 생체량이 모두 낮았다. 어류 군집의 계절변동은 잘피의 현존량 및 먹이생물의 양적변동과 관계가 있었다.
Appendix. Monthly variation in number of individuals and biomass of fishes collected in an eelgrass bed in Myoungjuri of J indong Bay from August 2001 toJ uly 2003

| Species | Aug. (2001) |  | Sep. |  | Oct. |  | Nov. |  | Dec. |  | J an. (2002) |  | Feb. |  | Mar. |  |
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|  | N | W | N | W | N | W | N | W | N | W | N | W | N | W | N | W |
| Hexagrammos otakii | 37 | 906.5 | 39 | 1,072.5 | 31 | 883.5 | 26 | 741.1 | 35 | 997.5 | 28 | 434.1 | 5 | 22.5 | 15 | 112.5 |
| Phol is fangi |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6 | 7.9 | 25 | 21.5 | 12 | 13.9 | 24 | 41.1 | 56 | 391.4 |
| Repomucenus valenciennei | 136 | 267.9 | 15 | 113.4 |  |  | 8 | 19.6 | 24 | 53.5 | 4 | 0.7 | 4 | 0.6 | 9 | 22.7 |
| Pseudoblennius cottoides | 22 | 62.5 | 24 | 145.2 | 7 | 38.6 | 7 | 1.4 | 6 | 12.9 |  |  | 3 | 0.1 | 9 | 3.3 |
| Phol is nebul osa |  |  |  |  |  |  | 29 | 218.1 | 11 | 74.5 | 7 | 48.4 | 11 | 78.3 | 21 | 170.9 |
| Rudaris ercodes | 5 | 4.9 | 31 | 4.7 | 45 | 140.9 | 44 | 44.9 | 6 | 6.9 | 4 | 6.3 |  |  |  |  |
| Syngnathus schlegel i | 3 | 3.2 | 11 | 12.2 | 26 | 15.1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sebastes schlegeli |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hippocampus japonica |  |  | 22 | 2.2 | 21 | 2.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4 | 1.7 |
| Pseudoblennius percoides |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sebastes longispinis |  |  | 1 | 1.0 | 21 | 11.9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 8 | 21.1 |
| Acanthogobius flavimanus | 7 | 47.5 | 26 | 8.1 |  |  | 16 | 96.8 | 11 | 62.9 | 4 | 24.9 |  |  |  |  |
| Leiognathus nuchalis | 2 | 8.2 | 5 | 12.8 | 5 | 0.6 | 7 | 5.8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Acentrogobius pflaumi | 6 | 6.9 | 2 | 14.9 |  |  | 9 | 4.8 | 5 | 2.6 | 3 | 0.7 |  |  | 9 | 5.1 |
| Sebastes inermis |  |  | 17 | 28.7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Takifugu niphobles |  |  |  |  | 9 | 50.4 | 1 | 10.8 | 12 | 40.1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hypodytes rubrippinis |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1.4 |  |  | 7 | 11.6 | 4 | 7.1 | 4 | 5.7 |
| Acanthopagrus schlegel i |  |  | 8 | 39.8 | 1 | 8.9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Upeneus japonicus |  |  | 6 | 23.1 | 2 | 7.7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lateolabrax japonicus |  |  | 4 | 89.6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chaenogobius heptacanthus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 | 0.4 | 1 | 1.1 |  |  | 1 | 5.3 |
| Sillago japonicus |  |  | 2 | 0.9 | 4 | 1.7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pholis crassispina |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trachurus japonicus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Limanda yokohamae | 1 | 3.1 | 2 | 2.9 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 2.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conger myriaster |  |  | 3 | 40.2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 30.8 |  |  |
| Siganus fuscescens | 2 | 1.1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Muraenesox cienrerus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tridentiger trigonocephalus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ditrema temmincki |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ernogrammus hexagrammus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 7.5 |  |  |  |  |
| Mugil cephalus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pterogobius el apoides |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

[^2]Appendix. Continued

| Species | Apr. |  | May |  | J un. |  | Jul. |  | Aug. |  | Sep. |  | Oct. |  | Nov. |  |
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|  | N | W | N | W | N | W | N | W | N | W | N | W | N | W | N | W |
| Hexagrammos otakii | 26 | 247.1 | 42 | 609.1 | 11 | 181.5 | 52 | 1,014.1 | 35 | 1,088.6 | 37 | 851.9 | 21 | 556.5 | 24 | 660.1 |
| Phol is fangi | 119 | 486.7 | 22 | 66.9 | 18 | 58.6 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 31 | 27.6 | 16 | 20.8 |
| Repomucenus valenciennei | 2 | 16.8 | 2 | 3.1 | 4 | 14.2 | 47 | 14.1 | 100 | 86.9 | 53 | 115.7 | 27 | 20.8 | 12 | 11.4 |
| Pseudoblennius cottoides | 22 | 6.8 | 49 | 31.9 | 71 | 32.1 | 28 | 7.1 | 22 | 4.4 | 16 | 69.3 | 3 | 16.5 | 2 | 1.1 |
| Pholis nebulosa | 46 | 434.7 | 32 | 220.2 | 28 | 161.6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 8 | 14.2 |
| Rudaris ercodes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6 | 4.8 | 9 | 14.8 | 2 | 7.1 | 12 | 2.2 |
| Syngnathus schlegeli | 9 | 14.5 | 32 | 37.7 | 7 | 74.0 | 22 | 23.3 | 3 | 4.6 |  |  | 5 | 5.8 |  |  |
| Sebastes schlegeli |  |  | 11 | 4.5 | 71 | 32.1 | 11 | 11.6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hippocampus japonica | 8 | 6.1 | 11 | 5.1 | 21 | 25.8 | 9 | 10.1 |  |  | 1 | 1.4 | 2 | 0.2 |  |  |
| Pseudoblennius percoides |  |  | 42 | 67.2 | 15 | 25.1 | 22 | 38.1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sebastes longispinis | 2 | 5.2 | 3 | 9.4 | 18 | 59.4 | 21 | 71.6 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 0.5 |  |  |
| Acanthogobius flavimanus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 5 | 19.5 | 14 | 49.1 | 1 | 2.5 | 4 | 24.4 |
| Leiognathus nuchalis |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6 | 46.7 | 4 | 32.4 | 20 | 165.4 | 4 | 30.9 | 1 | 0.8 |
| Acentrogobius pflaumi | 2 | 0.4 | 1 | 0.4 | 2 | 0.9 | 2 | 0.9 | 3 | 1.3 | 2 | 58.8 |  |  | 2 | 1.6 |
| Sebastes inermis | 4 | 77.5 | 7 | 2.2 | 4 | 13.5 | 2 | 7.6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Takifugu niphobles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 11.6 | 1 | 8.8 |
| Hypodytes rubrippinis | 1 | 2.4 |  |  | 1 | 2.3 | 1 | 3.1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Acanthopagrus schlegeli |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1.1 | 3 | 4.3 | 9 | 72.5 |  |  |  |  |
| Upeneus japonicus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 5.7 | 1 | 3.5 |  |  |
| Lateolabrax japonicus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 | 33.7 | 2 | 24.1 |  |  |  |  |
| Chaenogobius heptacanthus | 1 | 5.3 |  |  | 1 | 4.6 | 1 | 3.9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sillago japonicus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 54.0 | 1 | 2.3 |  |  |
| Pholis crassispina |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trachurus japonicus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Limanda yokohamae |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 8.9 |  |  |  |  |
| Conger myriaster |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Siganus fuscescens |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Muraenesox cienrerus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 57.9 |  |  |  |  |
| Tridentiger trigonocephalus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ditrema temmincki |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 31.2 |  |  |  |  |
| Ernogrammus hexagrammus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mugil cephalus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pterogobius el apoides |  |  | 1 | 1.2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Species | Dec. |  | J an. (2003) |  | Feb. |  | Mar. |  | Apr. |  | May |  | $J$ un. |  | J ul. |  |
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|  | N | W | N | W | N | W | N | W | N | W | N | W | N | W | N | W |
| Hexagrammos otakii | 15 | 397.5 | 13 | 175.5 | 7 | 24.5 | 22 | 121.1 | 19 | 123.5 | 34 | 391.1 | 17 | 229.5 | 41 | 676.5 |
| Phol is fangi | 10 | 32.7 | 9 | 15.6 | 18 | 4.7 | 52 | 208.5 | 71 | 229.3 | 38 | 12.9 | 16 | 54.7 |  |  |
| Repomucenus valenciennei | 8 | 50.7 | 5 | 0.9 | 3 | 0.5 | 6 | 12.7 | 3 | 18.4 | 2 | 4.2 |  |  | 22 | 6.8 |
| Pseudoblennius cottoides | 2 | 5.1 |  |  | 3 | 0.1 | 6 | 2.2 | 23 | 6.1 | 37 | 15.2 | 41 | 27.1 | 3 | 0.8 |
| Phol is nebul osa | 5 | 19.2 | 1 | 1.8 | 9 | 16.1 | 11 | 30.3 | 26 | 171.1 | 28 | 234.6 | 22 | 54.6 |  |  |
| Rudaris ercodes | 3 | 7.6 | 1 | 1.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Syngnathus schlegeli |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 | 4.6 | 26 | 13.1 | 6 | 3.8 | 11 | 2.2 |
| Sebastes schlegeli |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 9 | 10.1 | 25 | 13.1 | 7 | 1.5 |
| Hippocampus japonica |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 1.6 | 2 | 1.1 | 8 | 1.4 | 4 | 0.9 | 3 | 0.9 |
| Pseudoblennius percoides |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 12 | 18.1 | 12 | 30.7 | 9 | 15.4 |
| Sebastes longispinis |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4 | 10.1 | 1 | 2.4 | 1 | 2.7 | 9 | 26.6 | 9 | 23.6 |
| Acanthogobius flavimanus | 1 | 5.5 | 1 | 4.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 4.5 |  |  |
| Leiognathus nuchal is |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 9 | 8.1 | 3 | 3.4 |
| Acentrogobius pflaumi | 2 | 1.1 | 1 | 0.4 |  |  | 3 | 1.6 | 1 | 0.6 | 1 | 0.4 | 2 | 1.2 | 1 | 0.4 |
| Sebastes inermis |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 | 29.3 | 3 | 23.3 | 2 | 13.6 | 1 | 5.3 |
| Takifugu niphobles | 2 | 13.6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 5.8 |
| Hypodytes rubrippinis |  |  |  |  | 2 | 3.6 | 3 | 4.3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Acanthopagrus schlegeli |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1.1 |
| Upeneus japonicus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lateolabrax japonicus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chaenogobius heptacanthus |  |  | 1 | 0.1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sillago japonicus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pholis crassispina |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4 | 16.5 | 3 | 15.4 |  |  |  |  |
| Trachurus japonicus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6 | 28.6 |  |  |
| Limanda yokohamae |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conger myriaster |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Siganus fuscescens |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Muraenesox cienrerus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tridentiger trigonocephalus |  |  |  |  | 1 | 0.7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ditrema temmincki |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ernogrammus hexagrammus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mugil cephalus |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 77.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pterogobius elapoides |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Total | 48 | 533.0 | 32 | 200.3 | 43 | 50.2 | 110 | 469.9 | 156 | 602.9 | 202 | 742.5 | 172 | 497.0 | 112 | 743.7 |
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[^1]:    N: Number of individuals, W: Biomass (g).

[^2]:    N : number of individuals, $\mathrm{B}:$ biomass in grams

