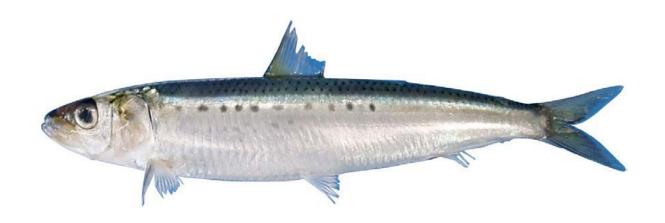
Japanese Sardine



Main items

- Catch of JS in the Convention Area
 - occurs mostly in years of high abundance when, the distribution of JS expands to the CA
 - in years of low abundance the JS catch is mostly found in Japanese domestic waters
- Japan presented a summary of their annual domestic assessment of JS
 - Japans domestic assessment includes catch data from Japan, China and Russia
 - Other members catch at size and catch at age data could improve the assessments
 - Japan and China shared length frequency data and length-weight relationship data
- An updated JS Species Summary document prepared
 - This summary contains outputs from Japan's domestic JS stock assessment

Other notes

- Nominal CPUE was calculated by Members using shared data
 - the value of this data was discussed
 - Difficulties in standardizing catch per unit effort given the particularities of fishing practice
 - (e.g. the changes in seine fishing where the catch is not actually landed, but is instead is pumped out of the fishing net onto the catcher vessel)
- Sharing code for the JS domestic stock assessment with SWG participants was also discussed,
 - Transparency for providing advice from SC to COM
 - Japan was to discuss internally and report to SC08 in December

Potential discussion items

- 1. potential for providing data from Members to support Japan's domestic JS assessment, what are further needs?
- 2. Objectives and needs for linking footprint and effort data using GIS tools?
- 3. Sharing of code for the JS stock assessment?
- 4. Any other matters related to JS?
- 5. Low priority for assessment?