

Pacific saury fishing condition in Japan in 2024

(Up to the end of November)

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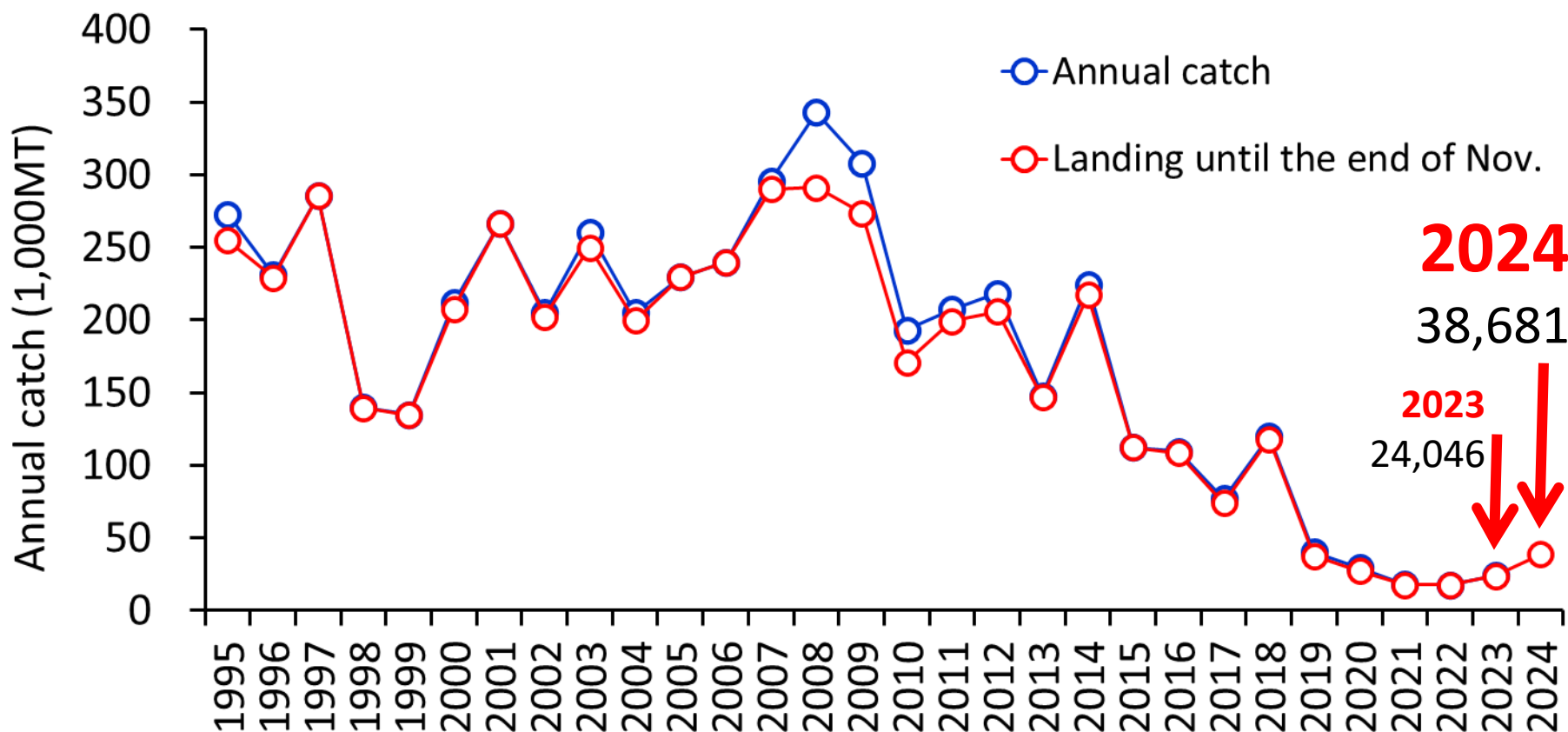
Bycatch information from the Japanese fisheries



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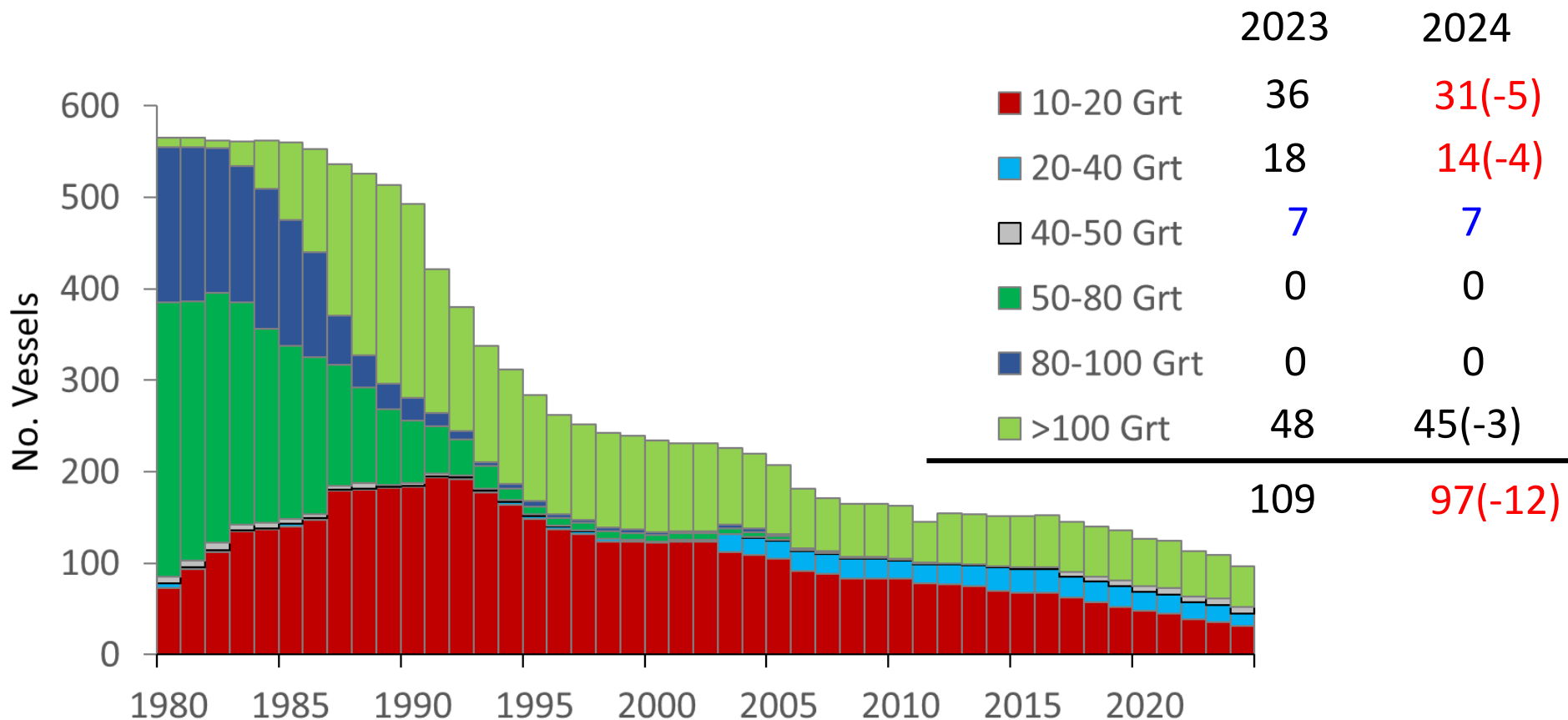


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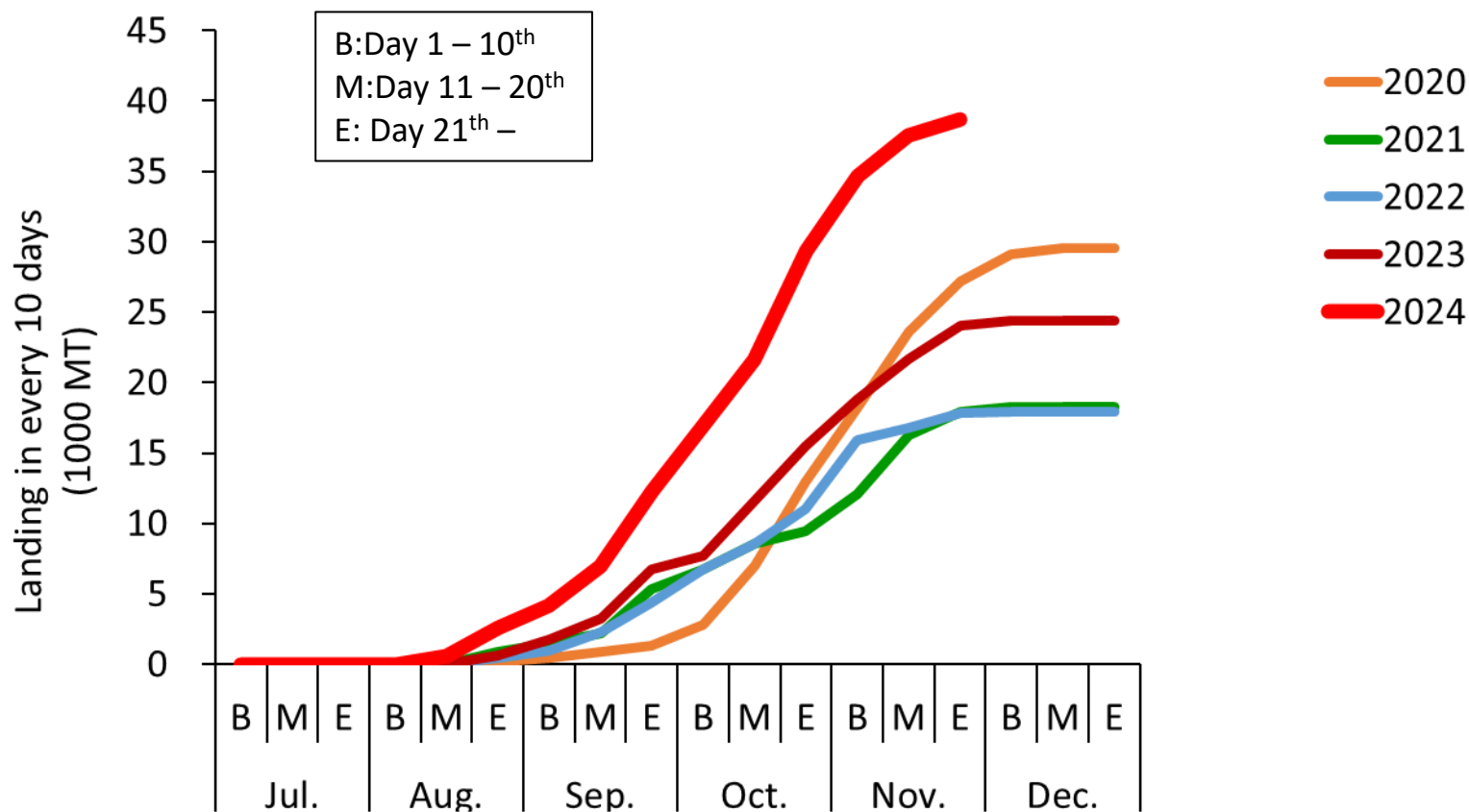
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■ 109 fishing vessels were registered in 2023, but 6 vessels had no catch.

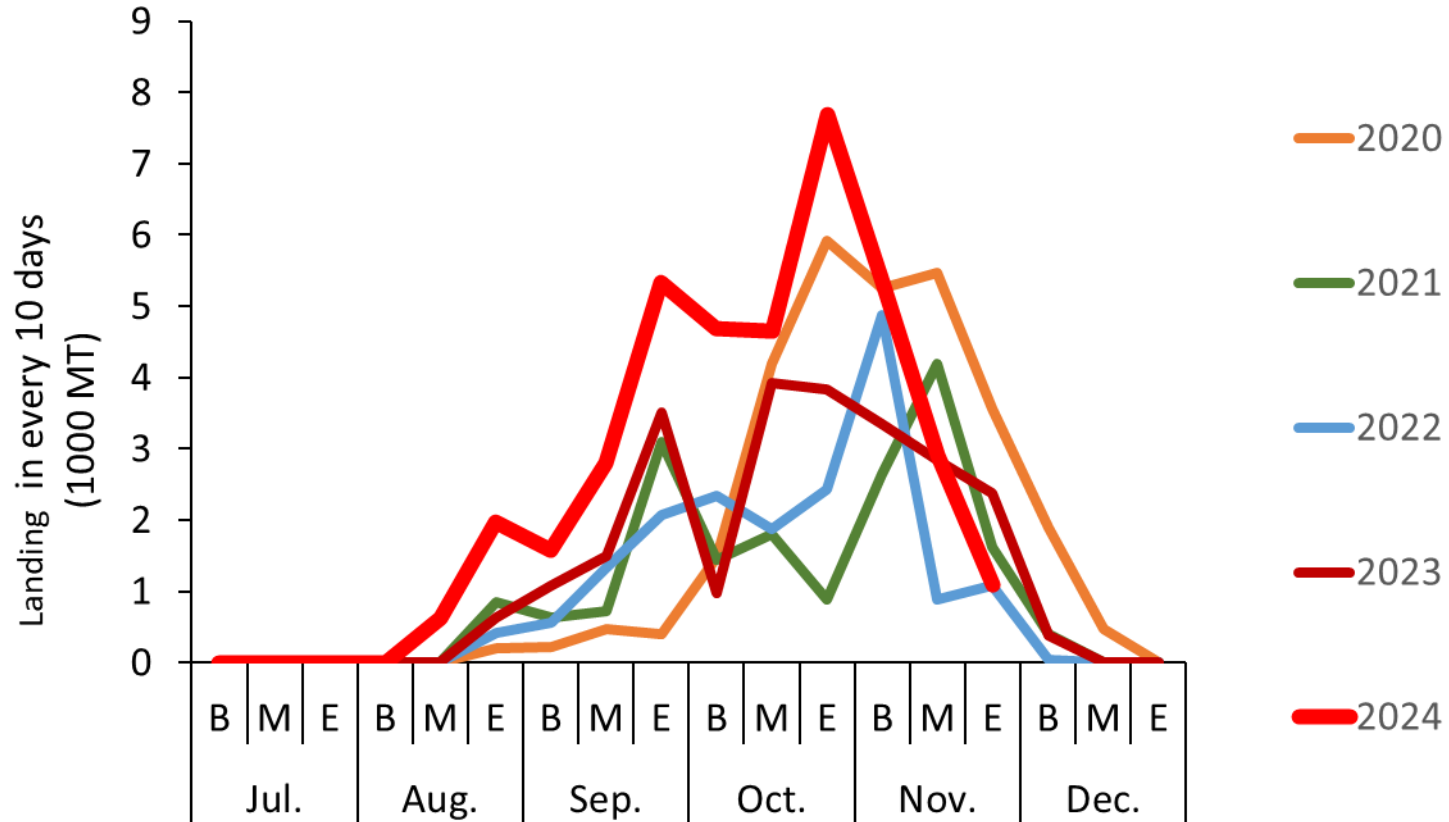
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Accumulated catch in 2024



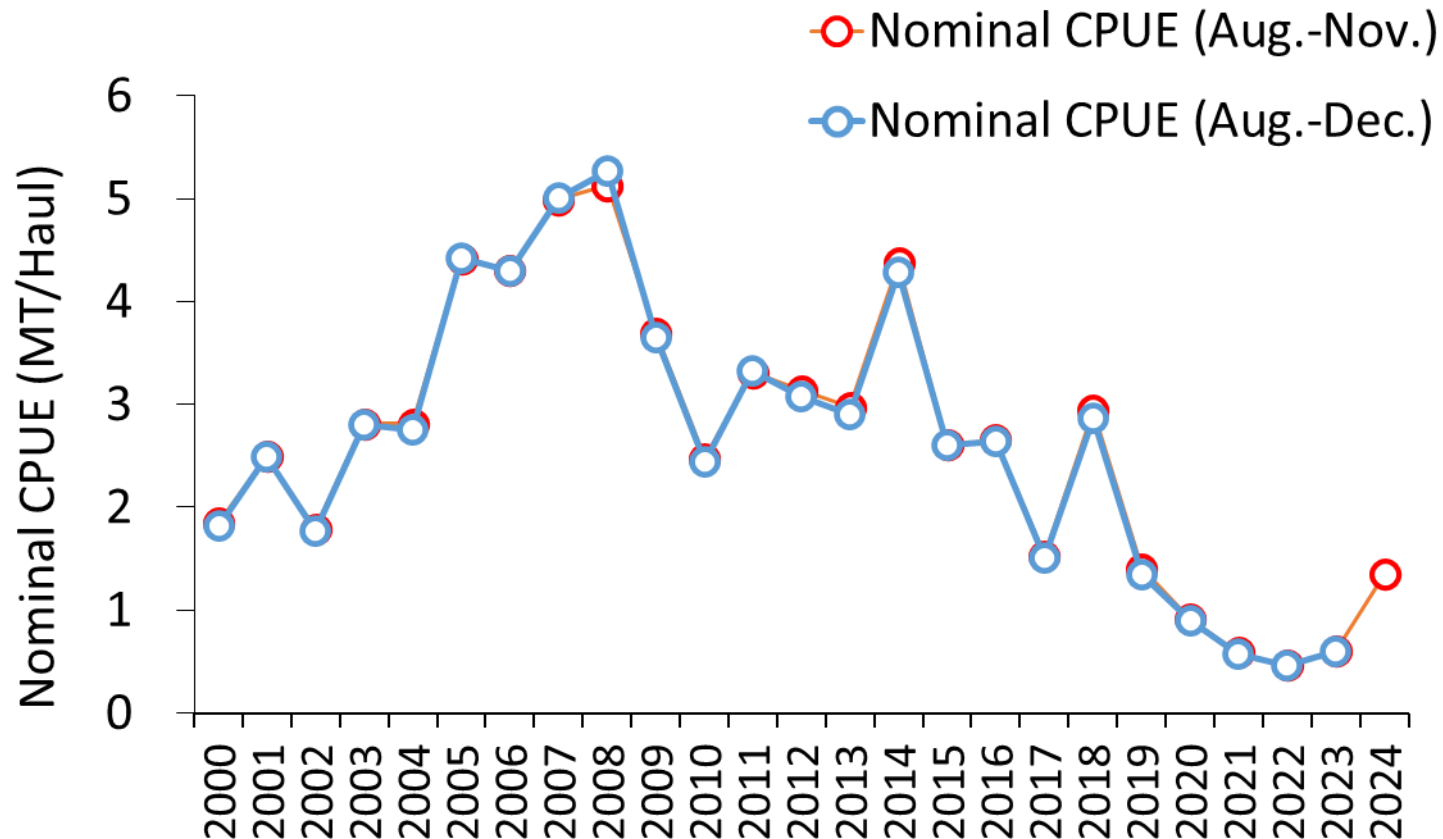
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Seasonal catch (2020-2024)



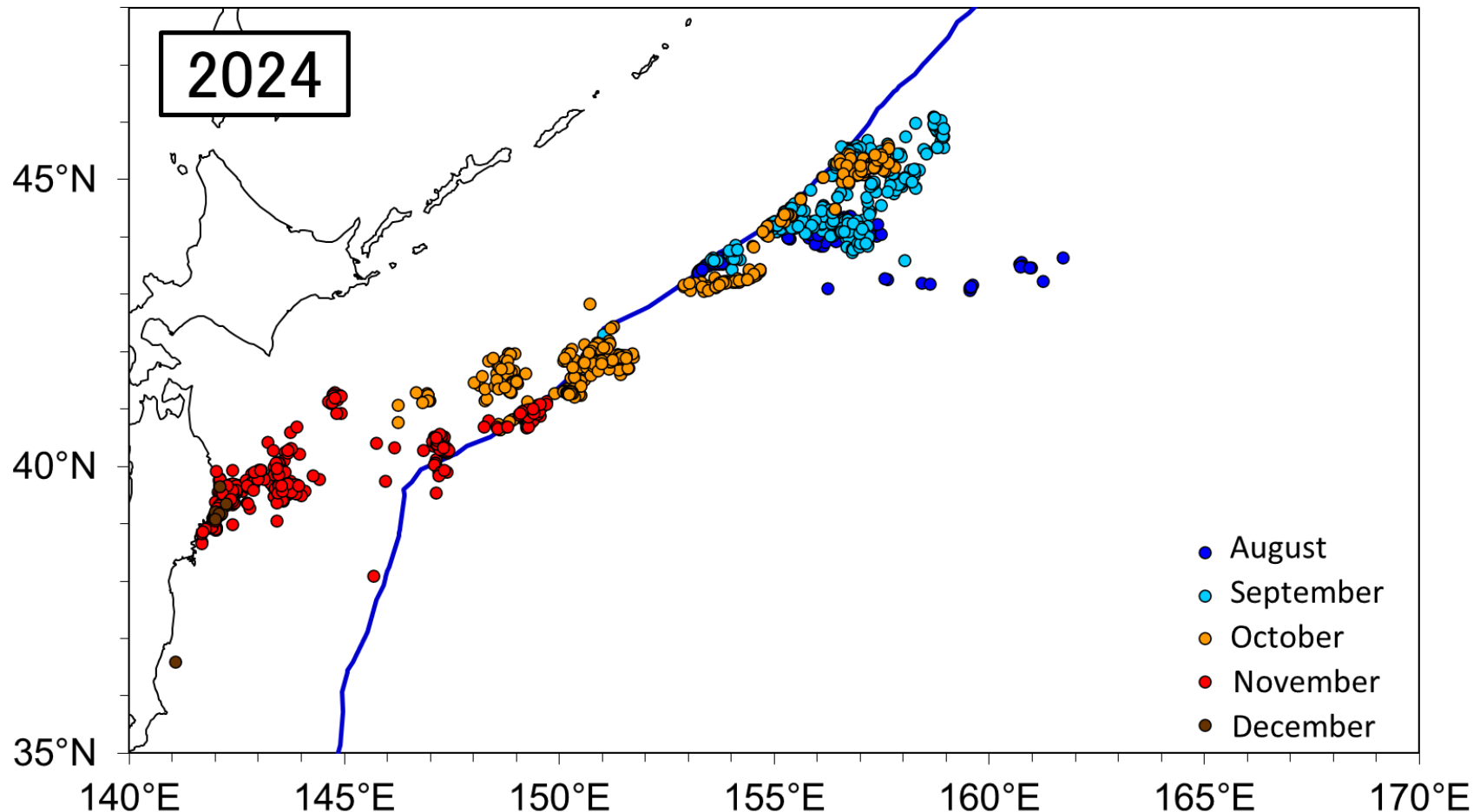
■ The highest catch was at the end of October

Nominal CPUE



- **Nominal CPUE until the end of November was 1.34 and highest in last 5 years, but the value still low compared to the 2000s.**

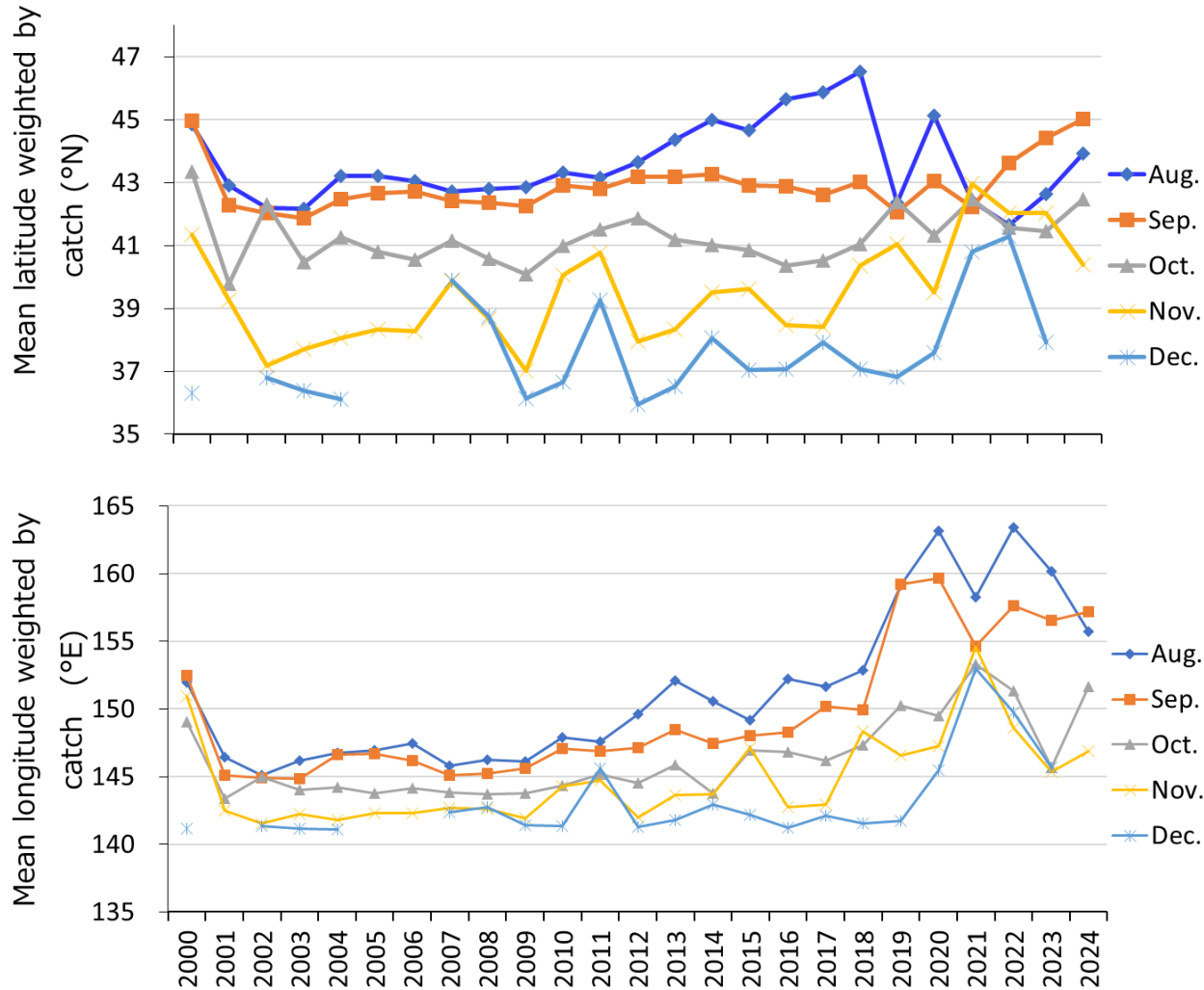
Fishing grounds in 2024



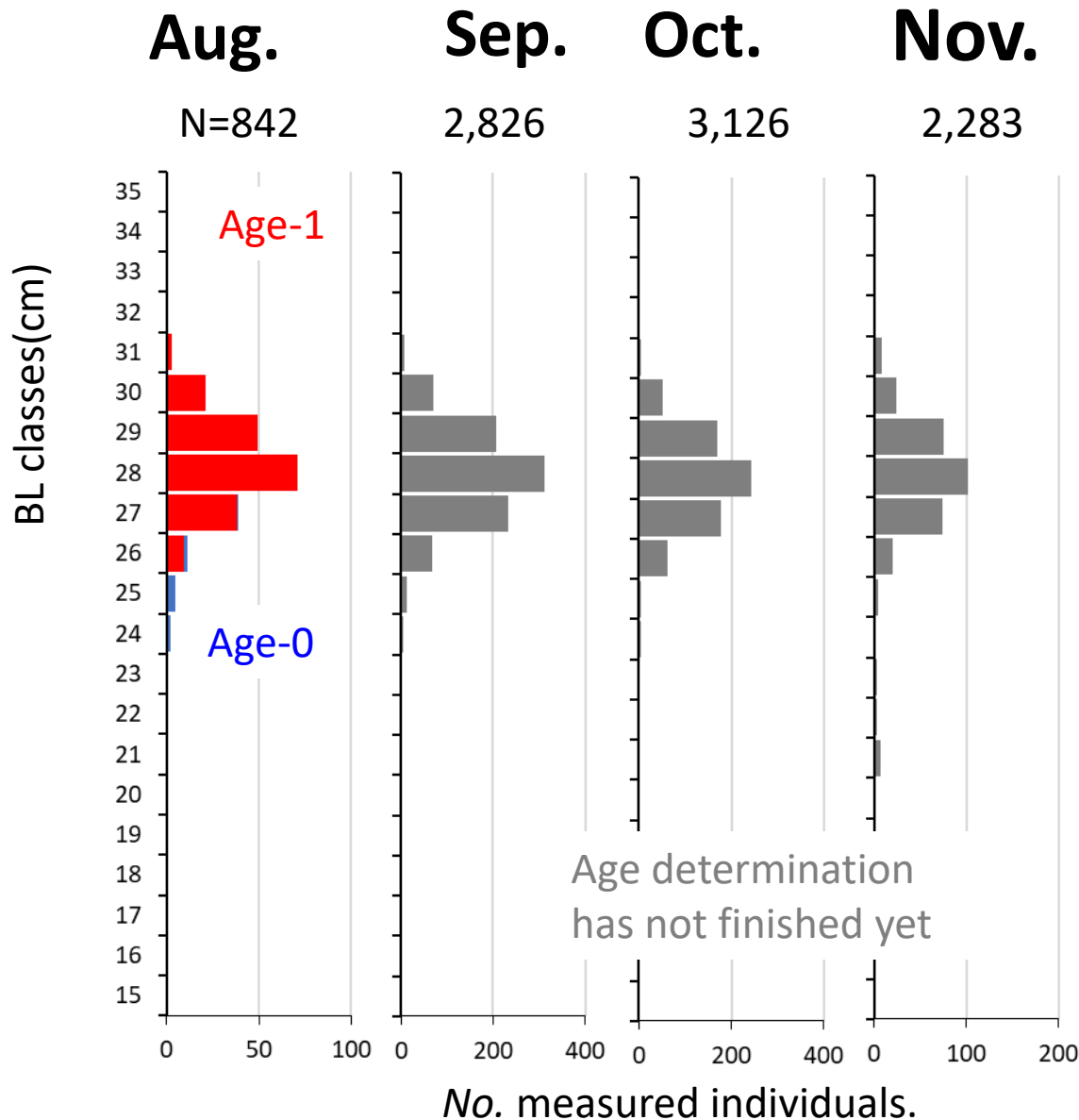
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Annual change of fishing ground



Size and age compositions



- In August, over 95% of the fish were age-1 fish.
- From the partial age determination results, the proportion of age-1 fish is likely to remain high until November.

Summary

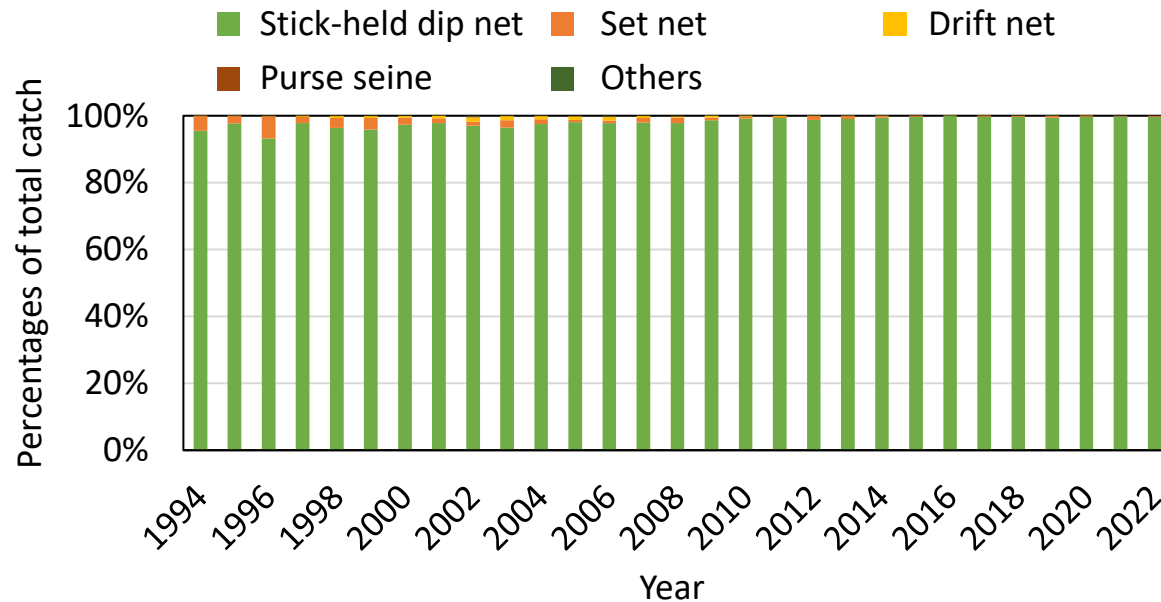
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(NPFC-2024-SSC PS14-WP04)

1. Pacific saury catch from the fisheries other than the stick-held dip net fishery
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1. Pacific saury catch from the other fisheries



✓ Pacific saury has been historically caught mainly by the stick-held dip nets and the catch is quite small in other fishing activities.

✓ The catch amount from the other fisheries is shared in the Annual Report from Japan.

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Total	Stick-held dip net	Others	
	CA	NW	NW
24,569	10,460	14,071	38

(NPFC-2024-AR-Annual Summary Footprint - Pacific saury)

2. Bycatch in the stick-held dip net fisheries

	2021	2022	2023
Pacific saury	99.7%	99.9%	99.9%
Mackerel (chub mackerel and blue mackerel)	0.1	0.08	0.06
Japanese sardine	0.2	0.02	0.01
Japanese anchovy	0.02	0.007	0.003
Japanese flying squid	0.004	0.003	0.002

✓ In the Japanese stick-held dip net fisheries targeting PS, several kinds of pelagic fish have been bycaught, although the historical bycatch statistics are not available.

✓ The **bycatch is very rare** in this fishery.