

Pacific saury fishing condition in Japan in 2024 and 2025



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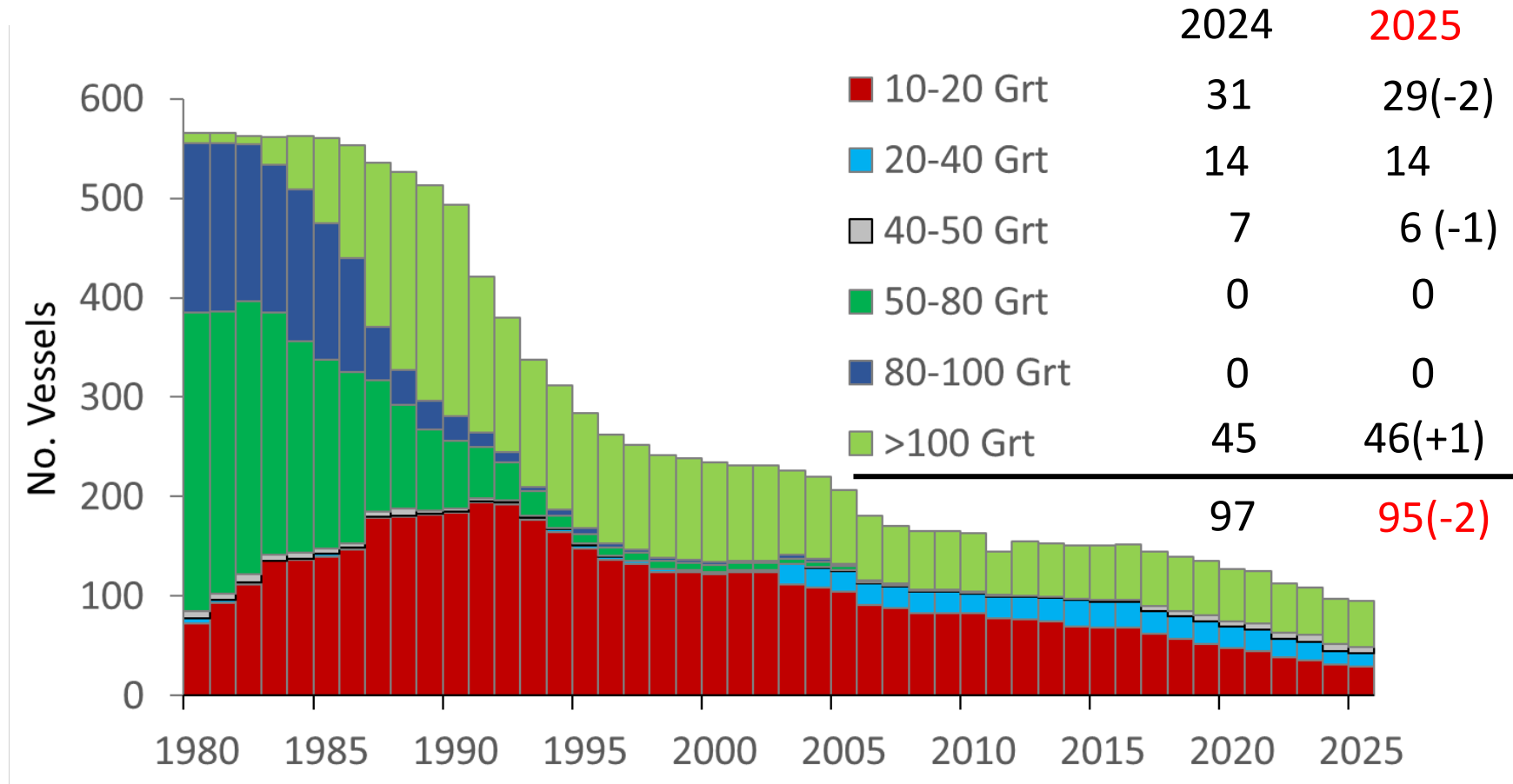
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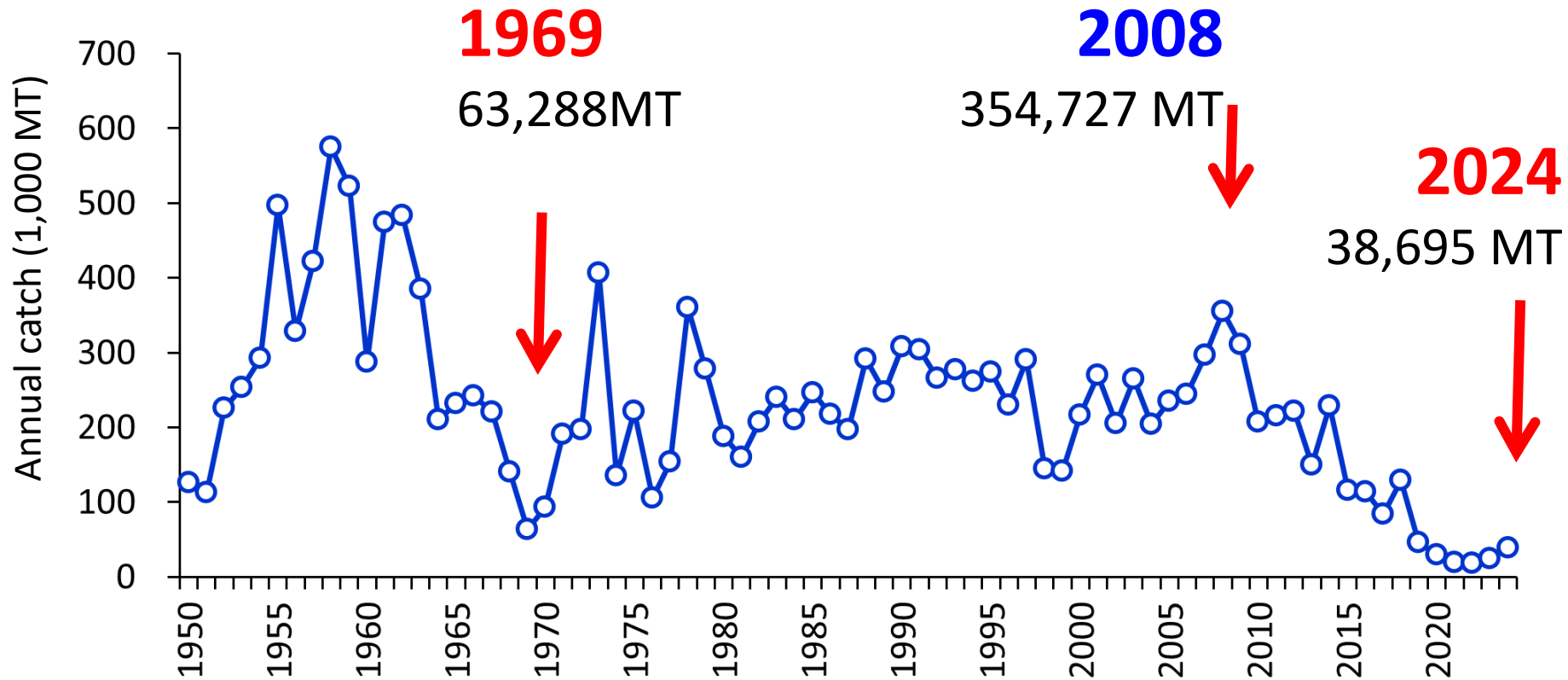
Number of vessels until 2025

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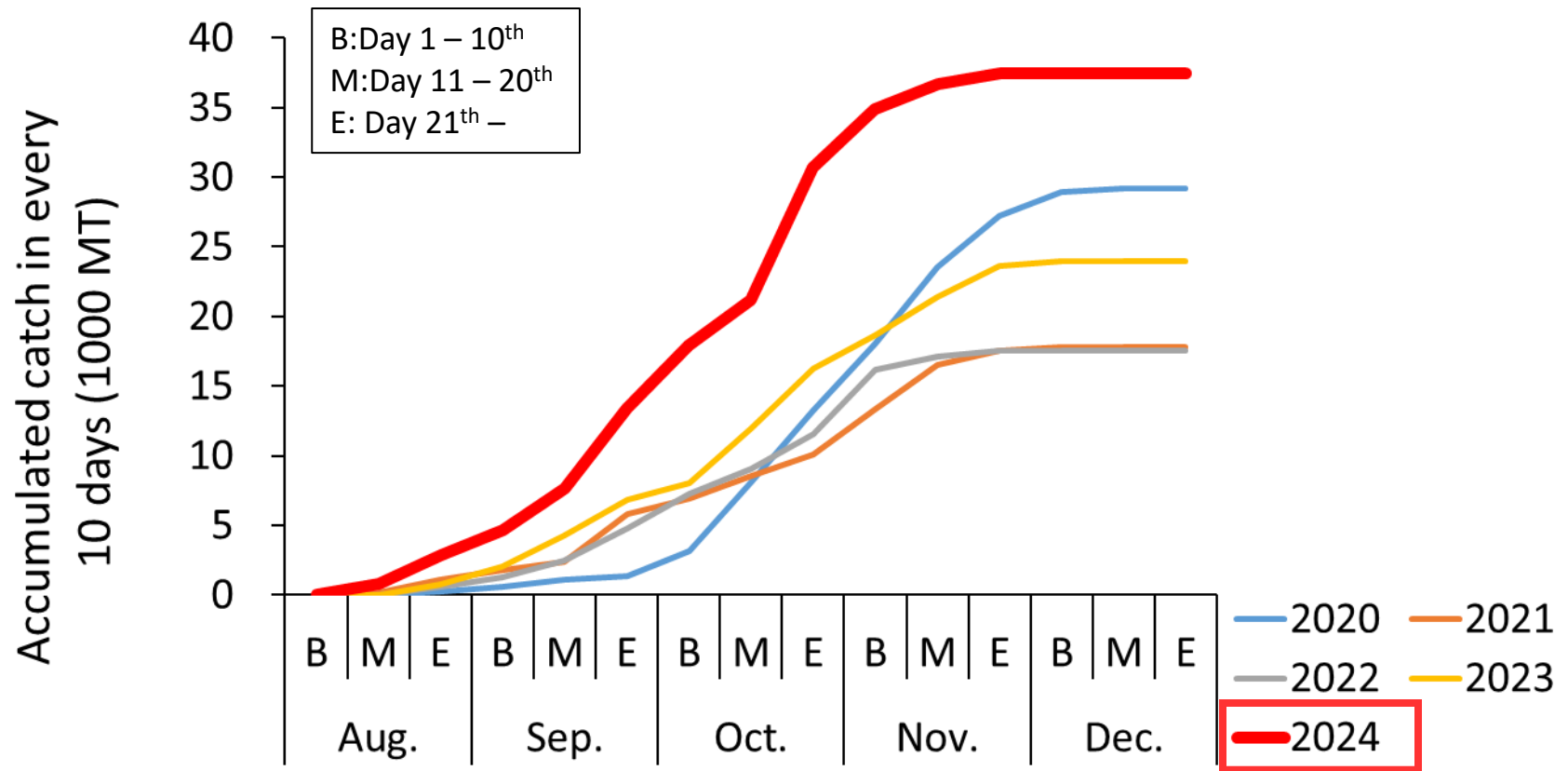
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Annual catch



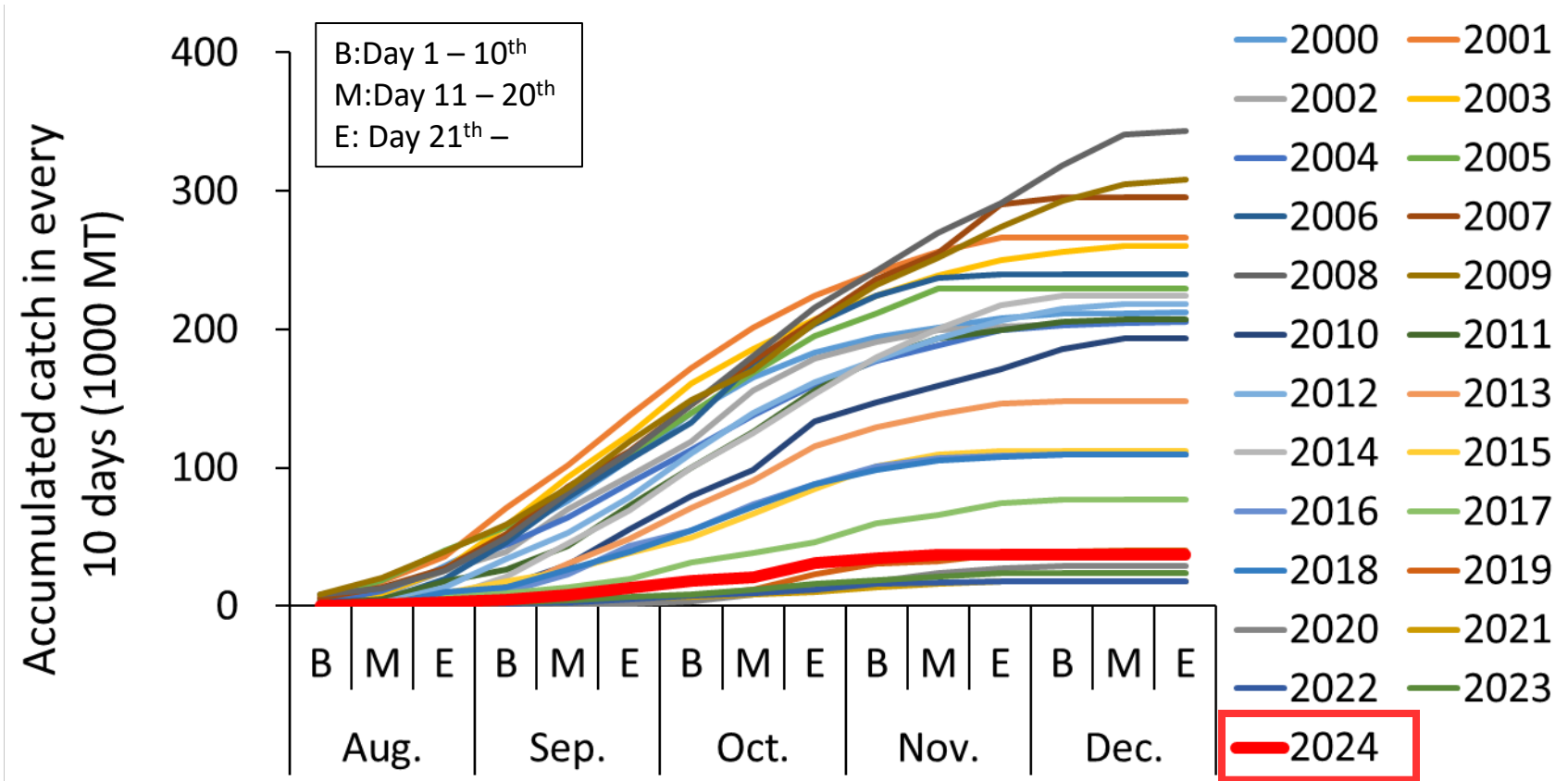
■ The total catch in 2024 was 38,695 MT (24,465 MT in 2023).

Accumulated catch in 2024



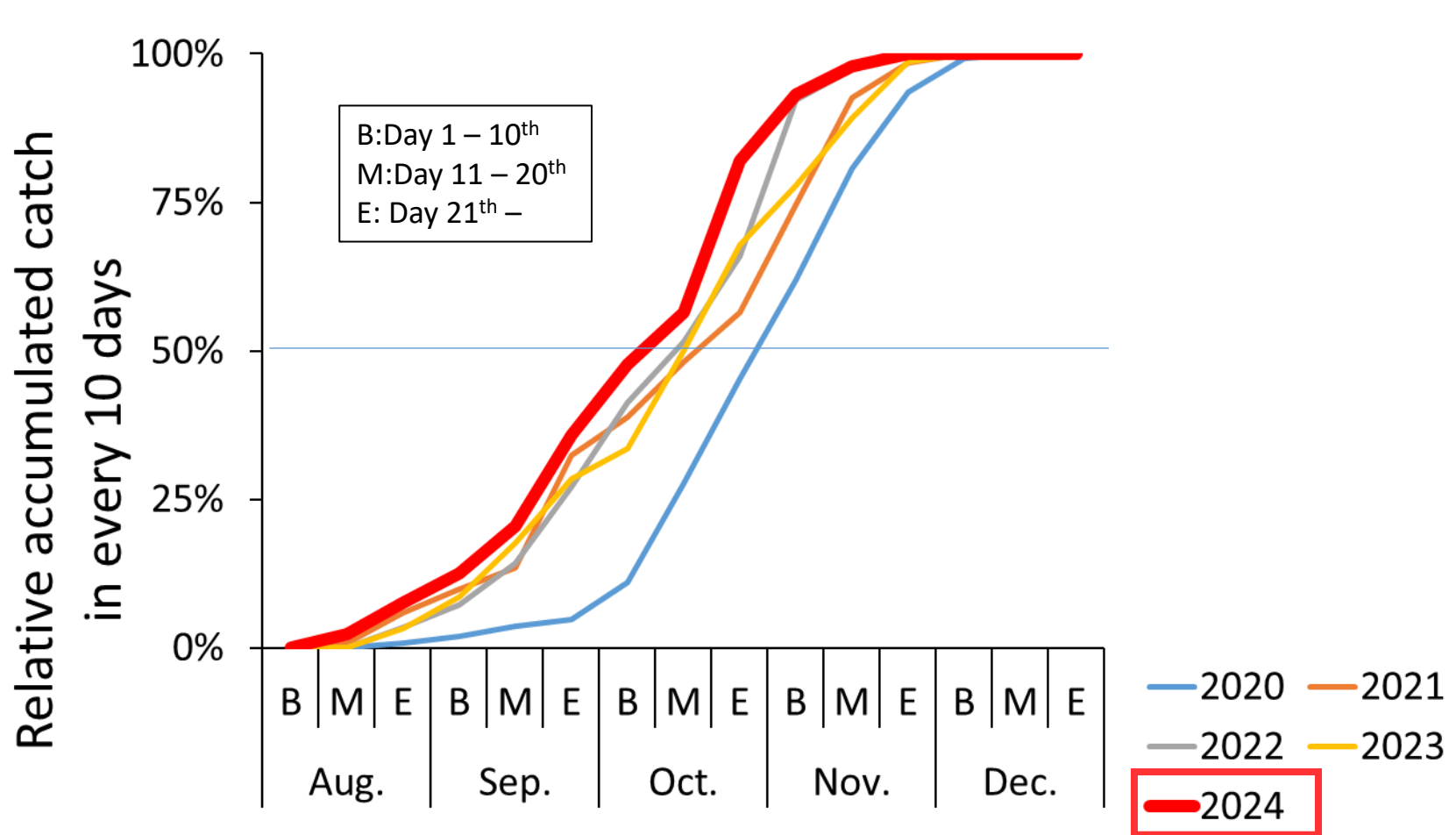
■ The catch in 2024 was 38,695 MT and highest catch in the last five years.

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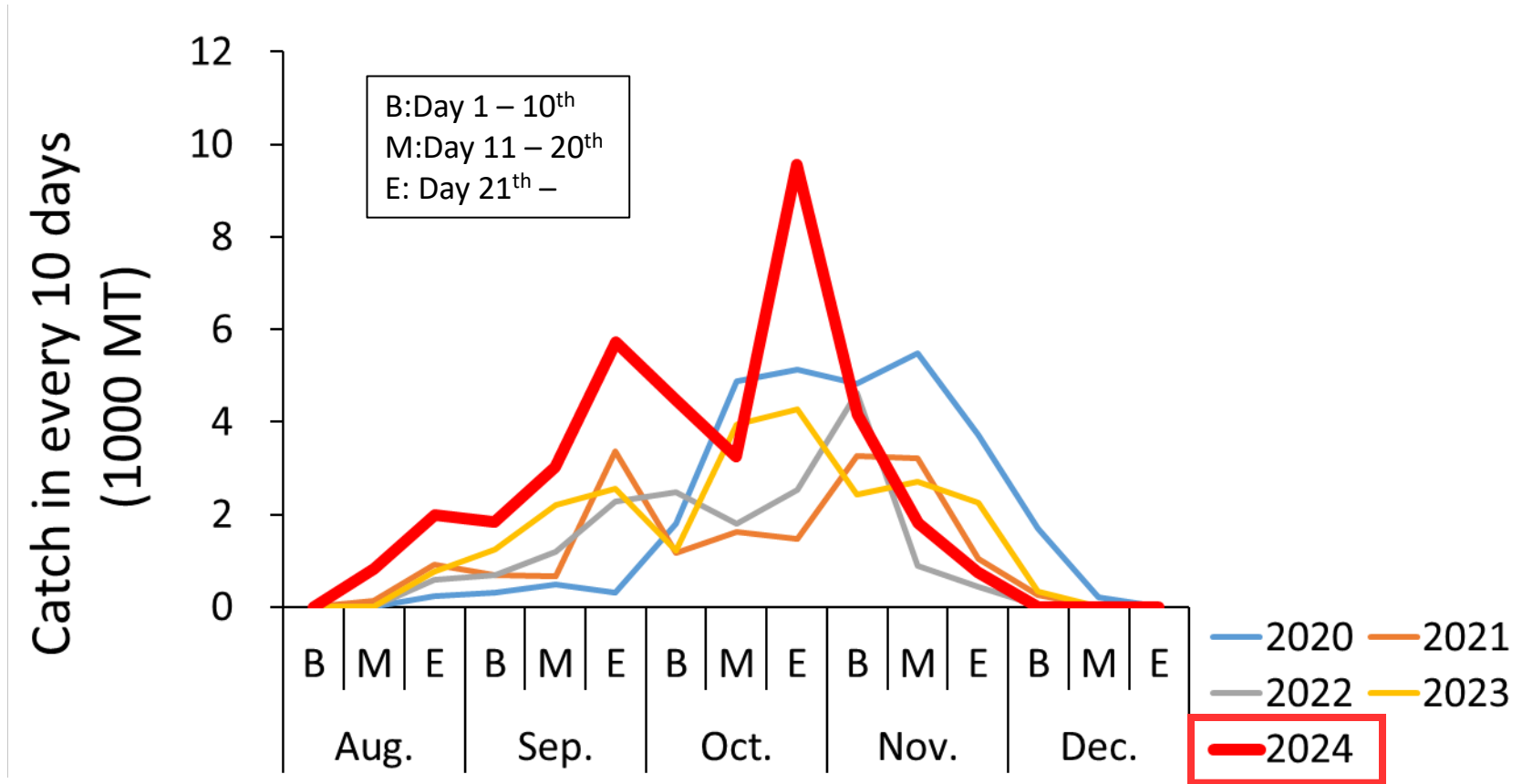
■ The total catch of 38,695 MT is the 5th lowest since 2000.

Relative accumulated catch



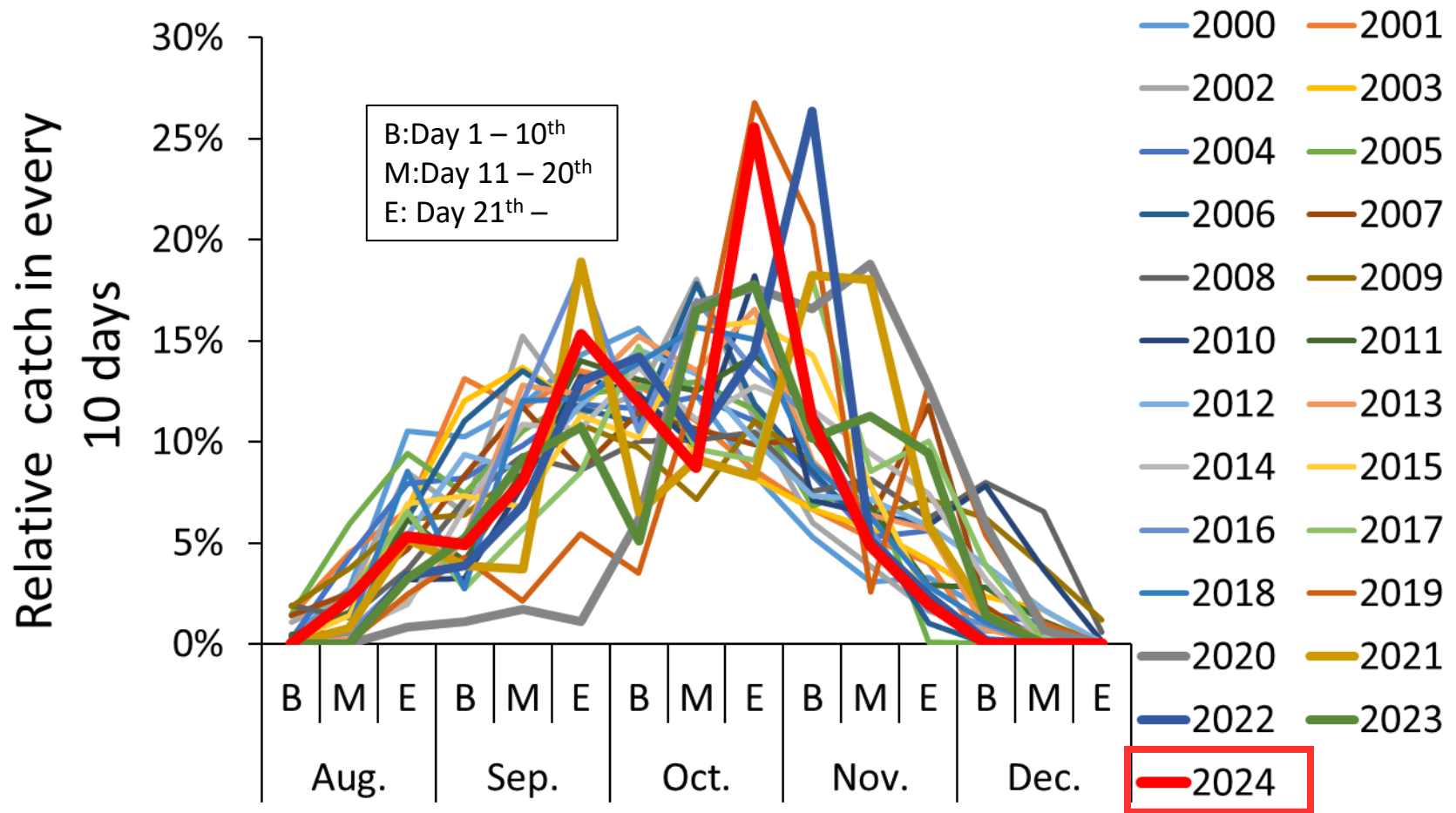
- This graph shows relative accumulated catch last 5 years.
- It attained 50 % in mid-October.
- It reached 98% by mid-November.

Seasonal catch



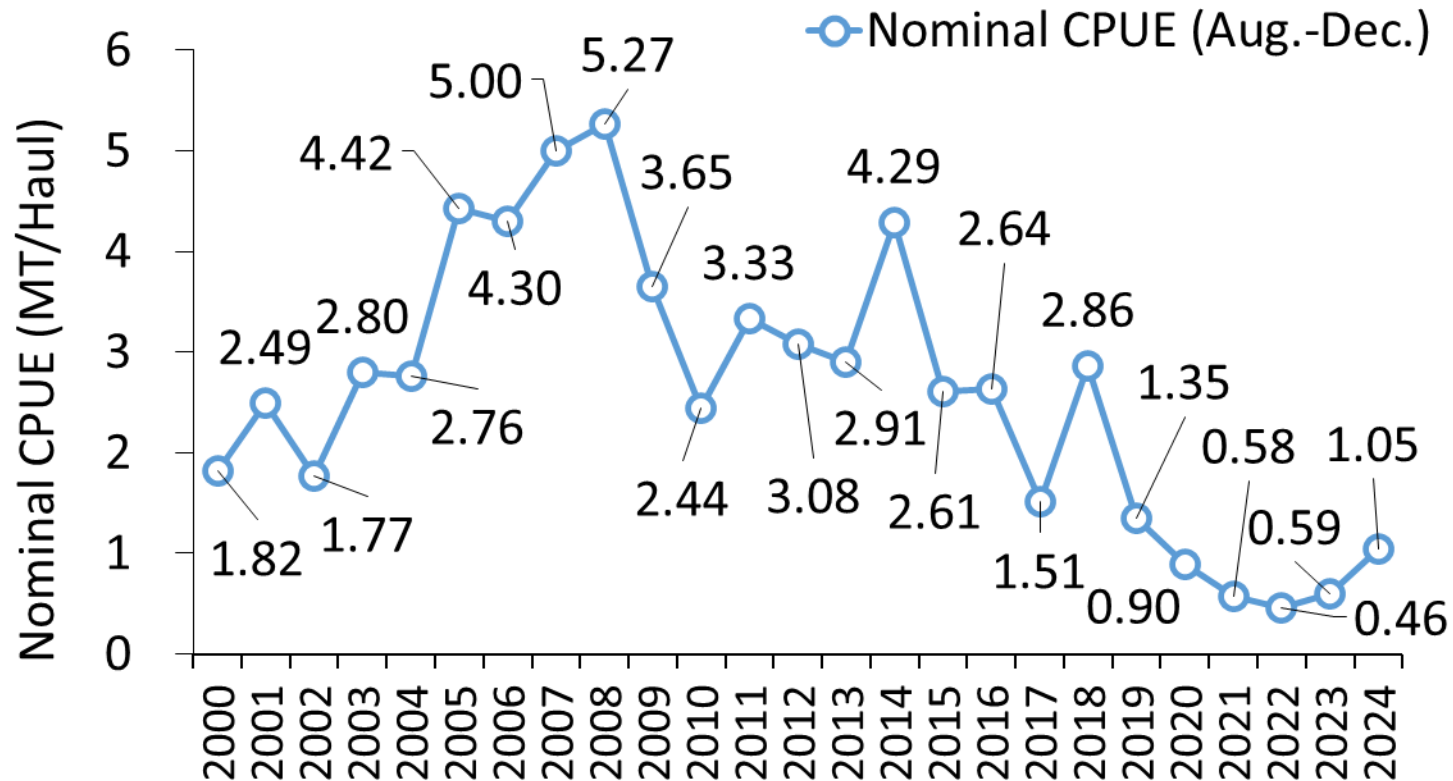
■ The highest catch was at the end of October, at 7,684 MT.

Relative seasonal catch



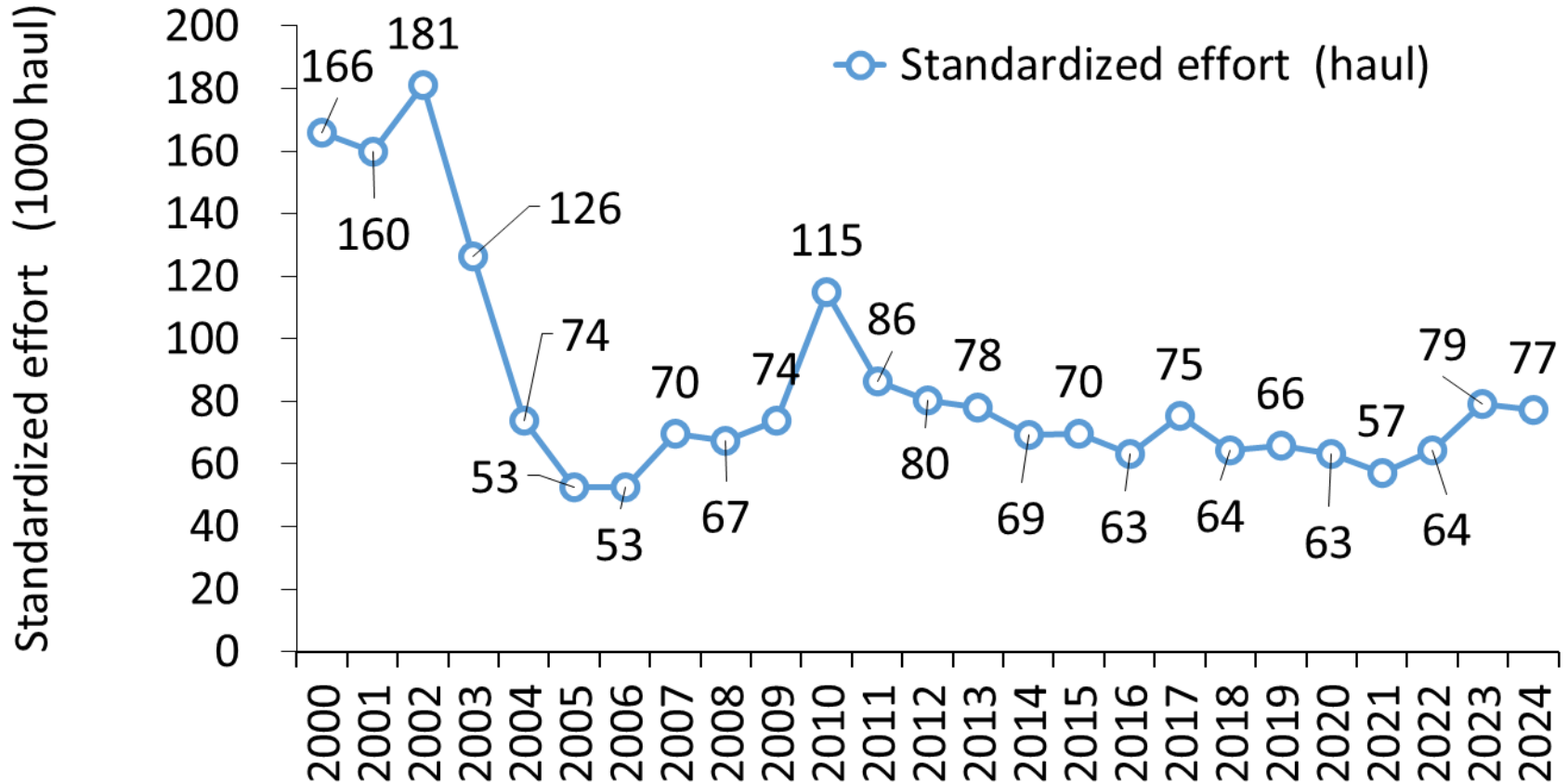
■ The catch at the end of October reached 26% of the total catch. Catch in October was the largest at 46 %.

Nominal CPUE



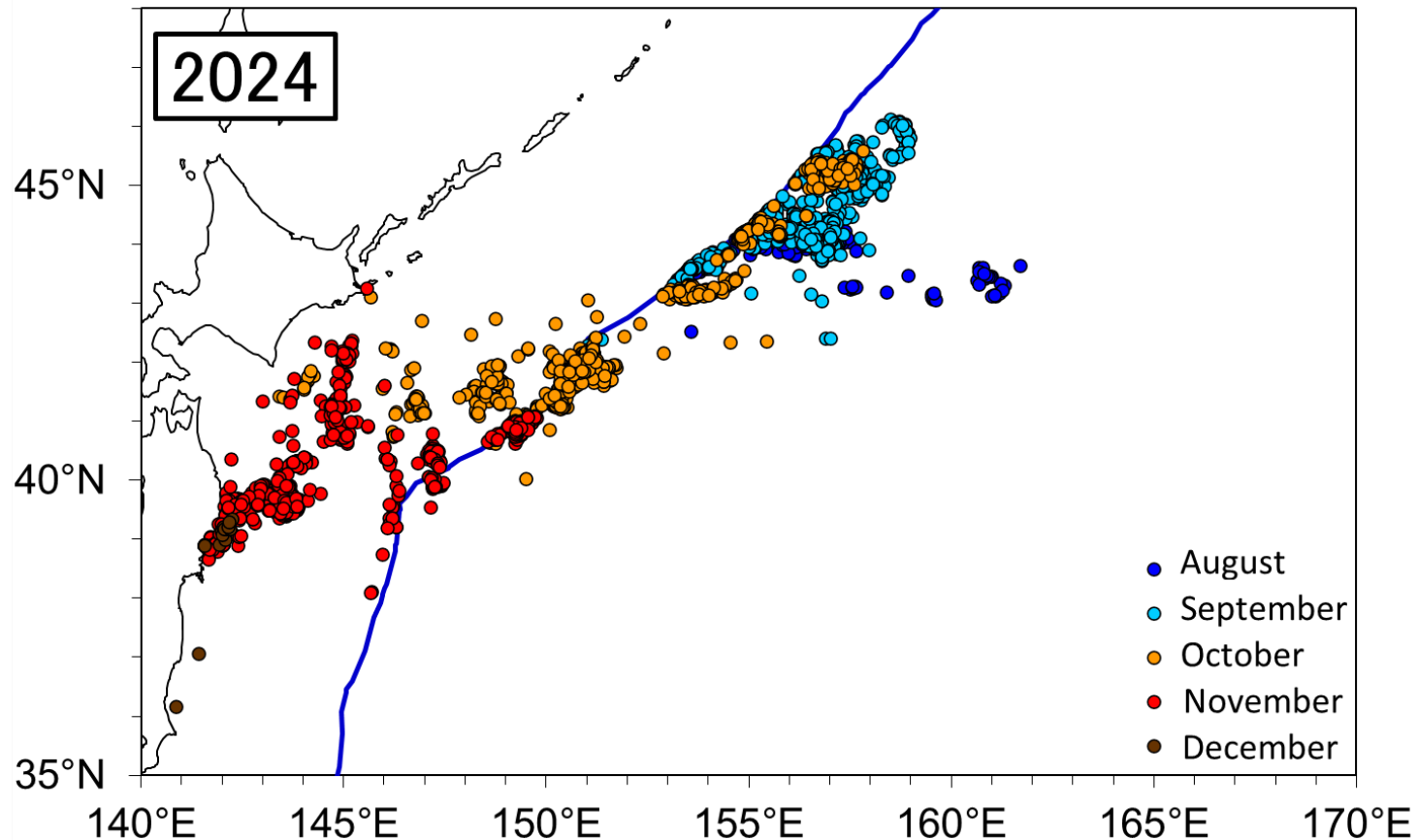
■ **Nominal CPUE was 1.05. It increased for three consecutive years**

Standardized effort (Catch/std CPUE)



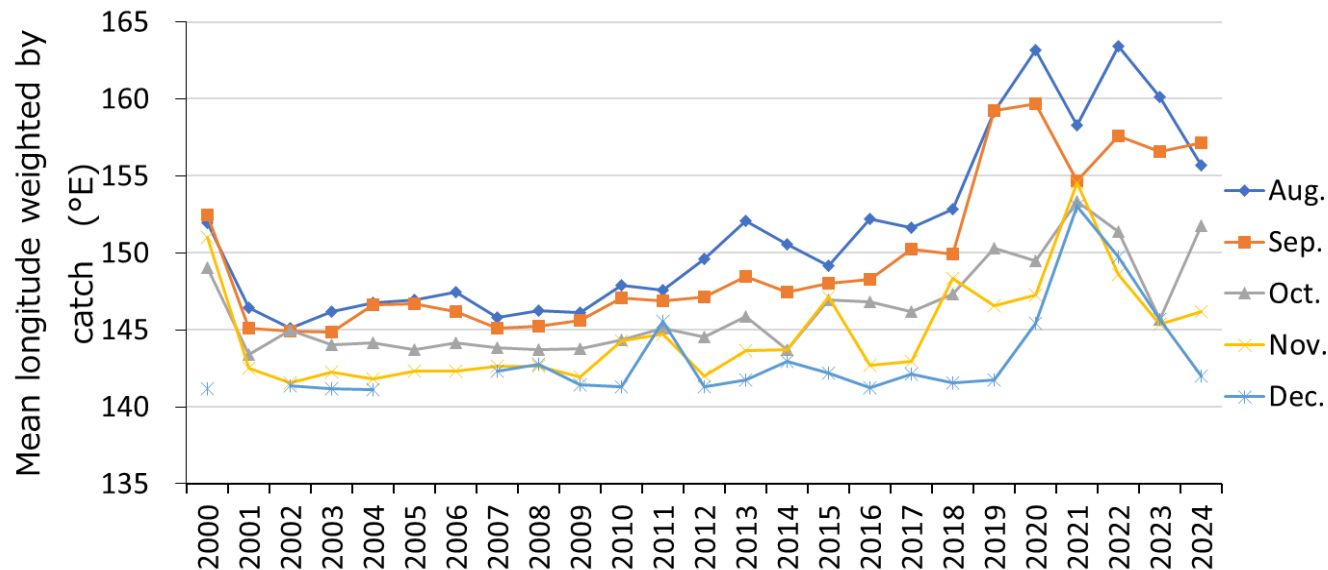
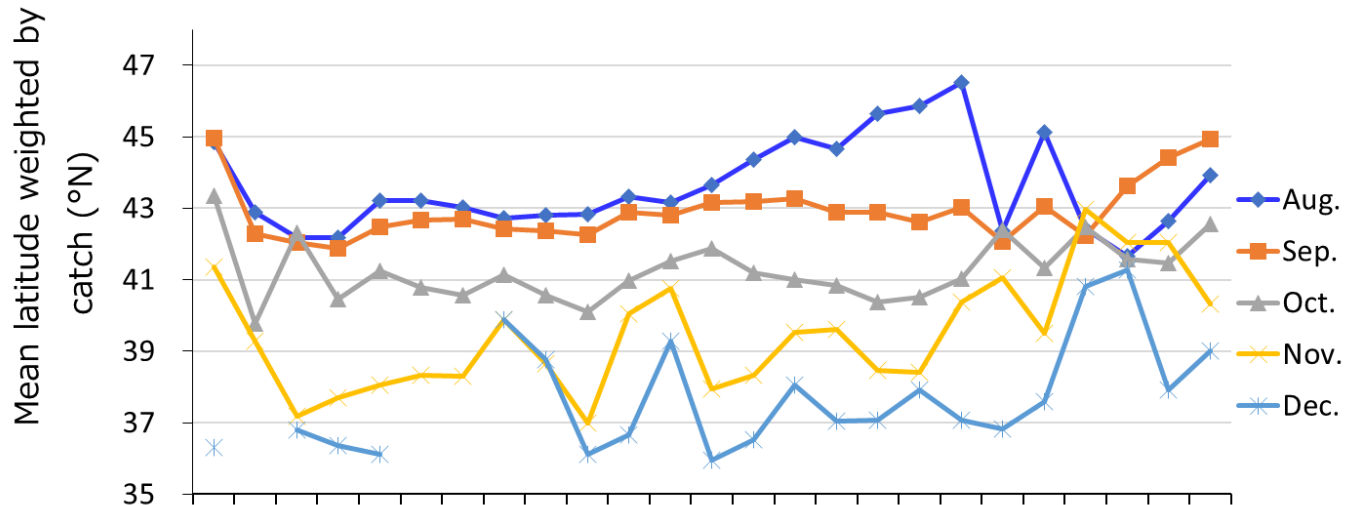
- Standardized effort was 77,365 hauls in 2024.
- Second highest for the last 5 years.

Fishing grounds in 2024

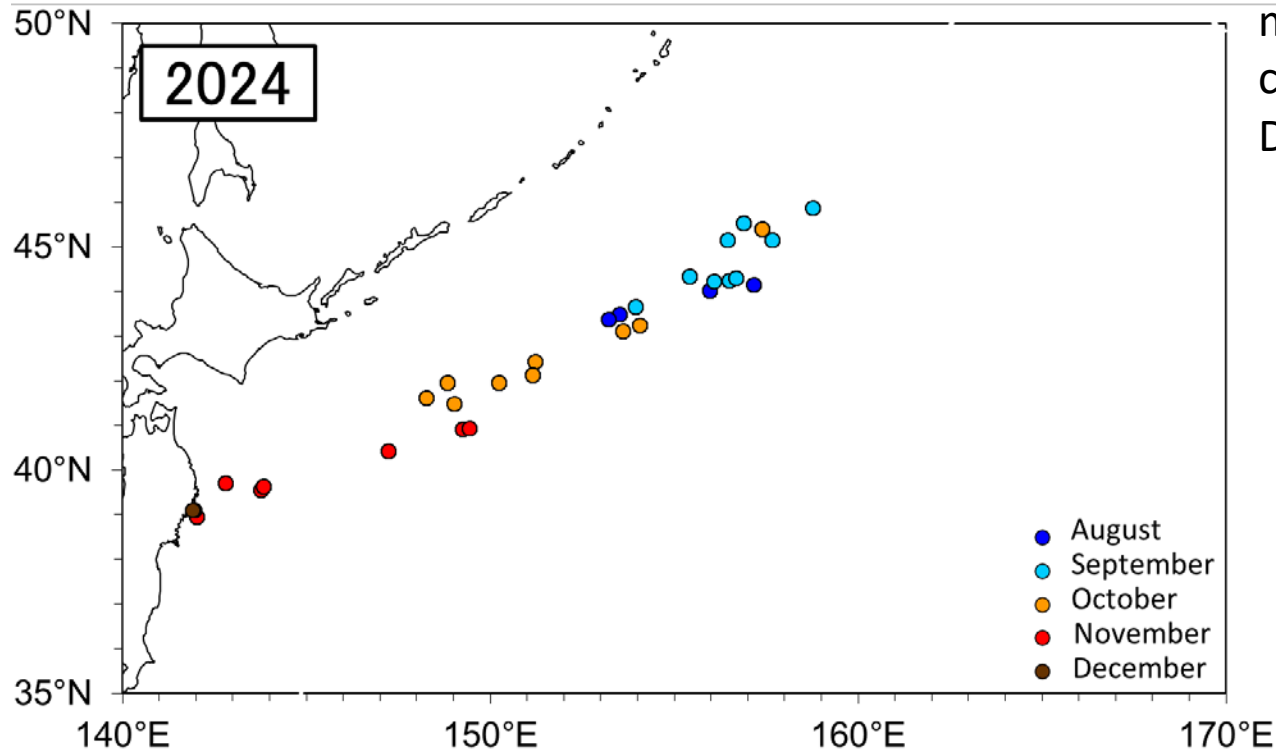


- In August and September, the main fishing ground formed high sea.
- In October, the main fishing ground moved to the EEZ, and that became the main fishing ground in November.

Annual change of fishing ground



Age-length key (Aug.-Dec. in 2024)

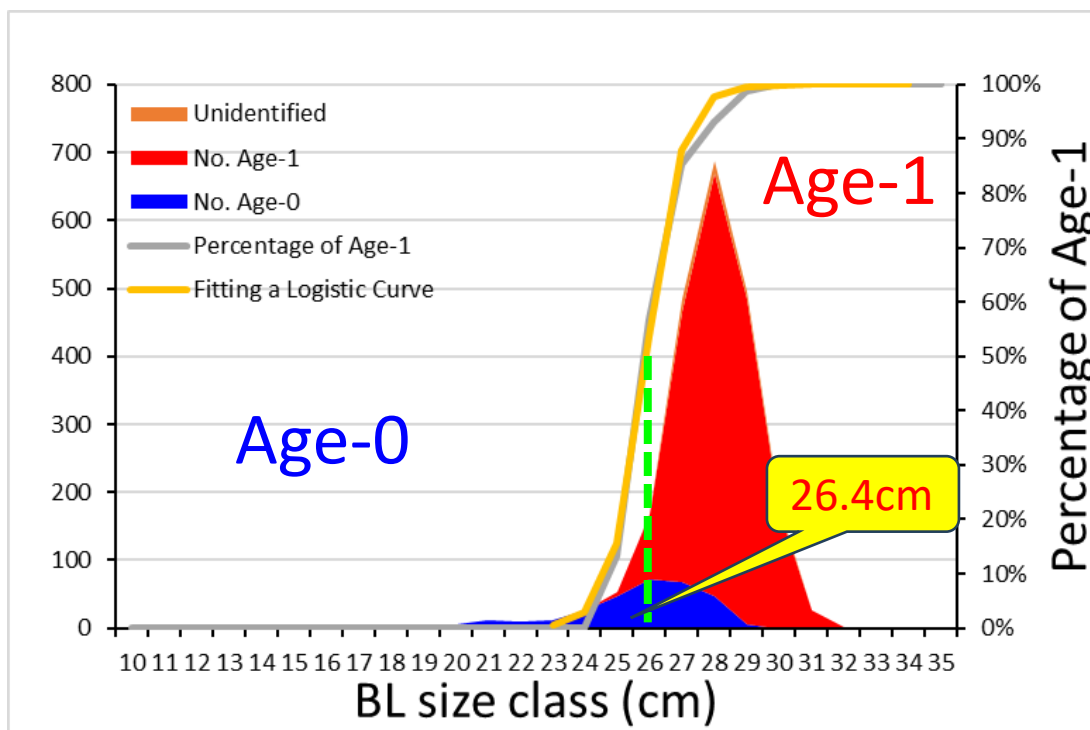


Number of individuals in each month for age determination collected from August to December in 2024

	2024
Aug	271
Sep	638
Oct	587
Nov	511
Dec	160
Total	2,167

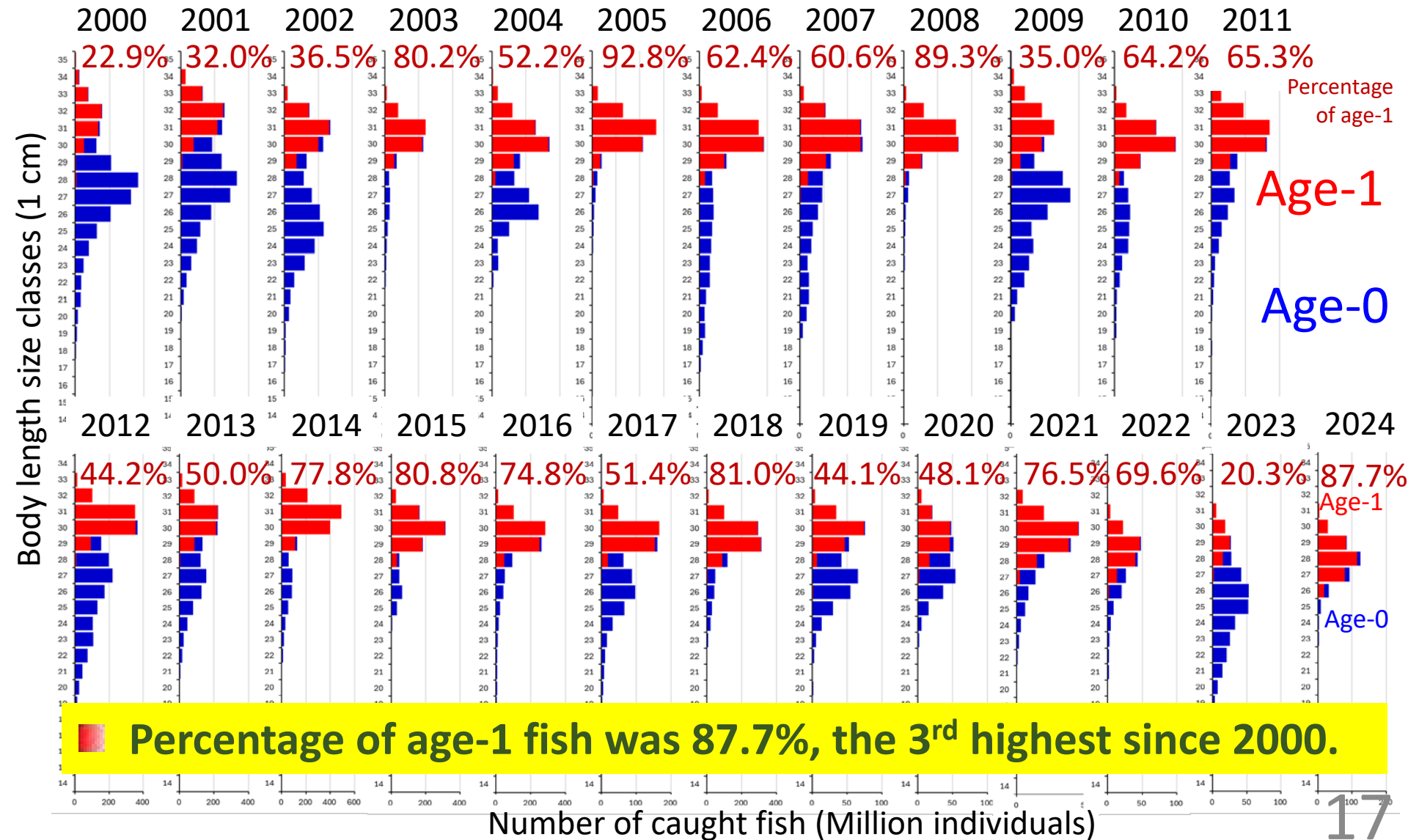
■ A total of 2,167 Pacific saury were collected from 30 sampling stations for age determination from August to December in 2024.

Age and size compositions

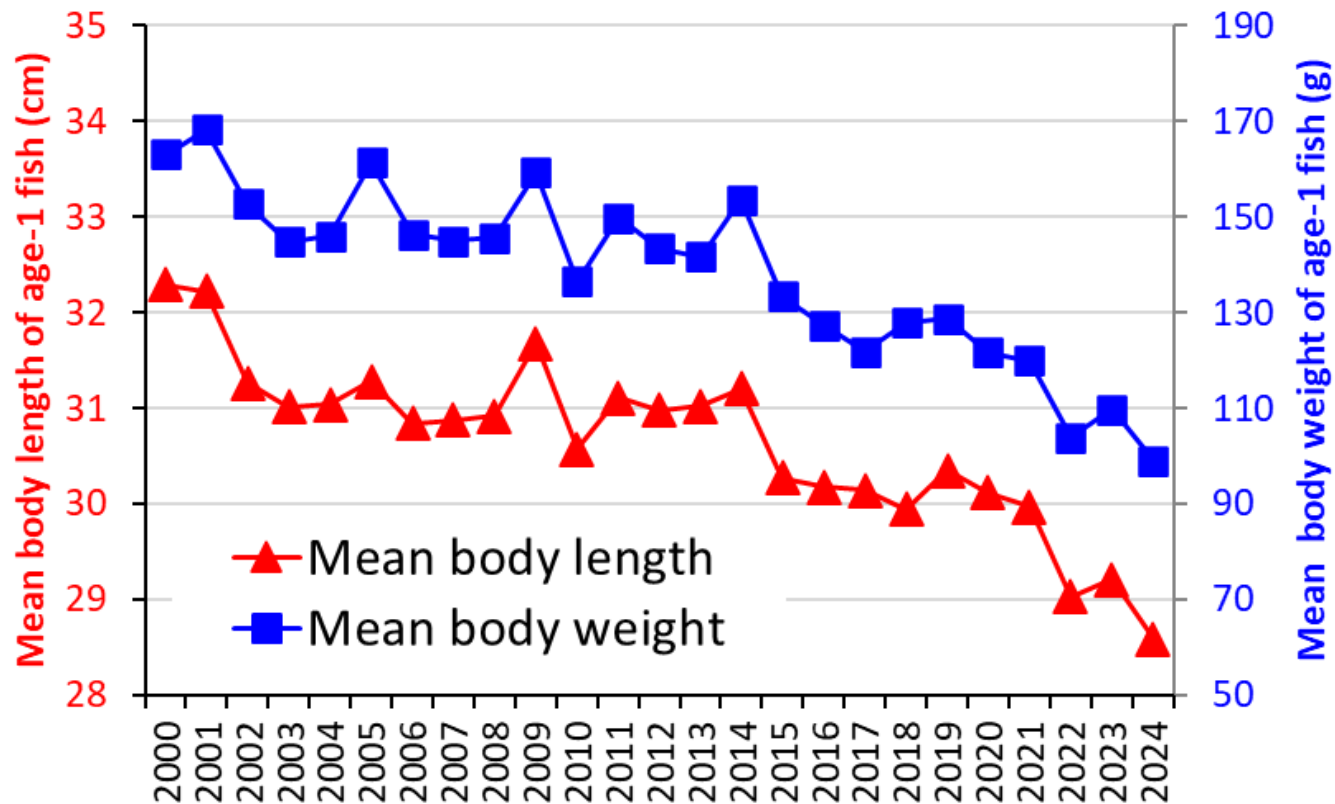


- 311 (14.7%) and 1,803 (85.3%) individuals were determined to be age-0 and age-1 fish, respectively.
- 53 individuals could not be age-determined.
- The body length, of which 50% were age-1 fish, was estimated to be 26.4 cm.

Annual change of body length compositions (August to December)



Annual change in mean body length and weight of age-1 fish



- The mean body length of age-1 fish has been gradually decreasing since 2000.

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