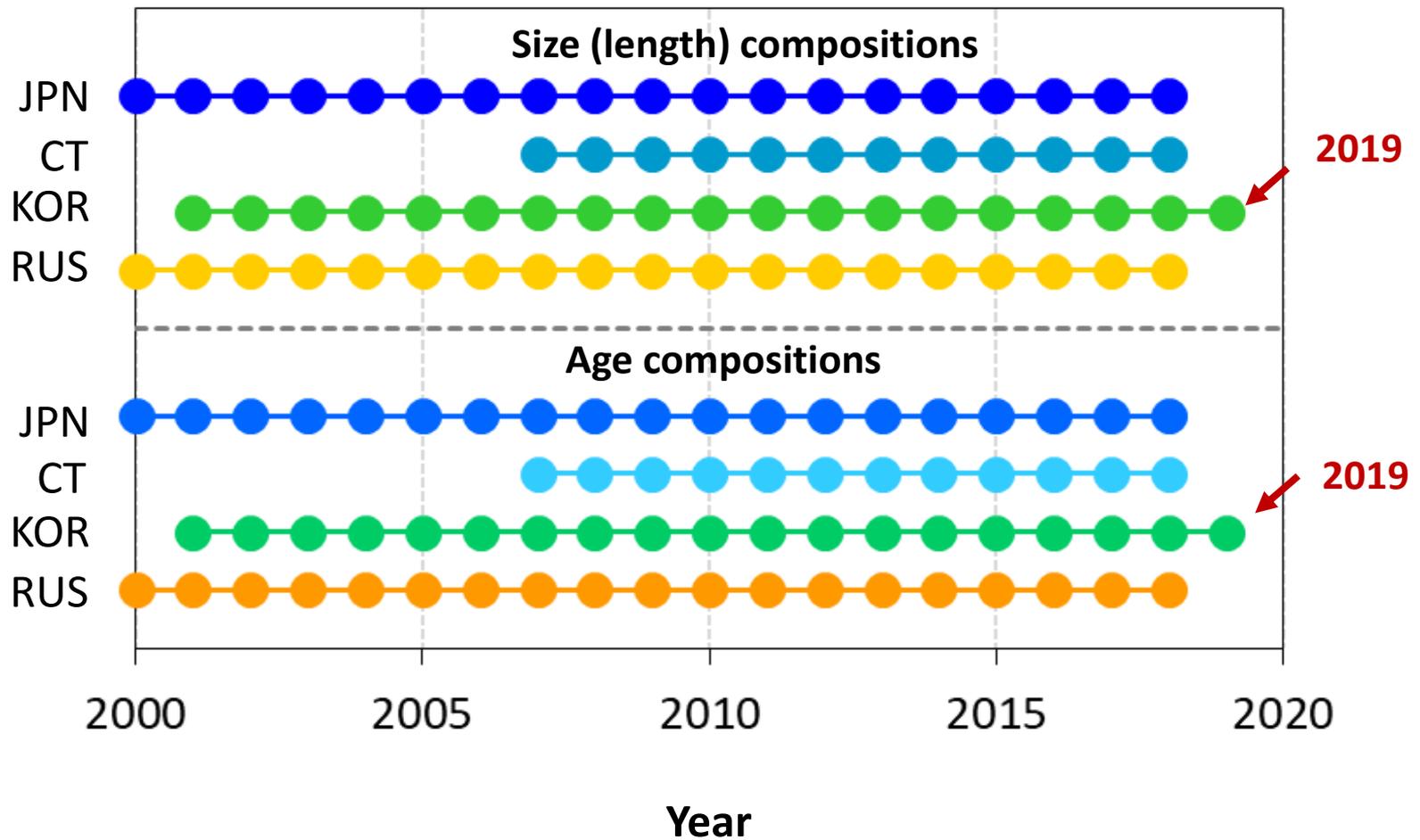


Preliminary information on size and age composition data of Pacific saury for the development of age-structured model using Stock Synthesis



Temporal coverage of size & age compositions data

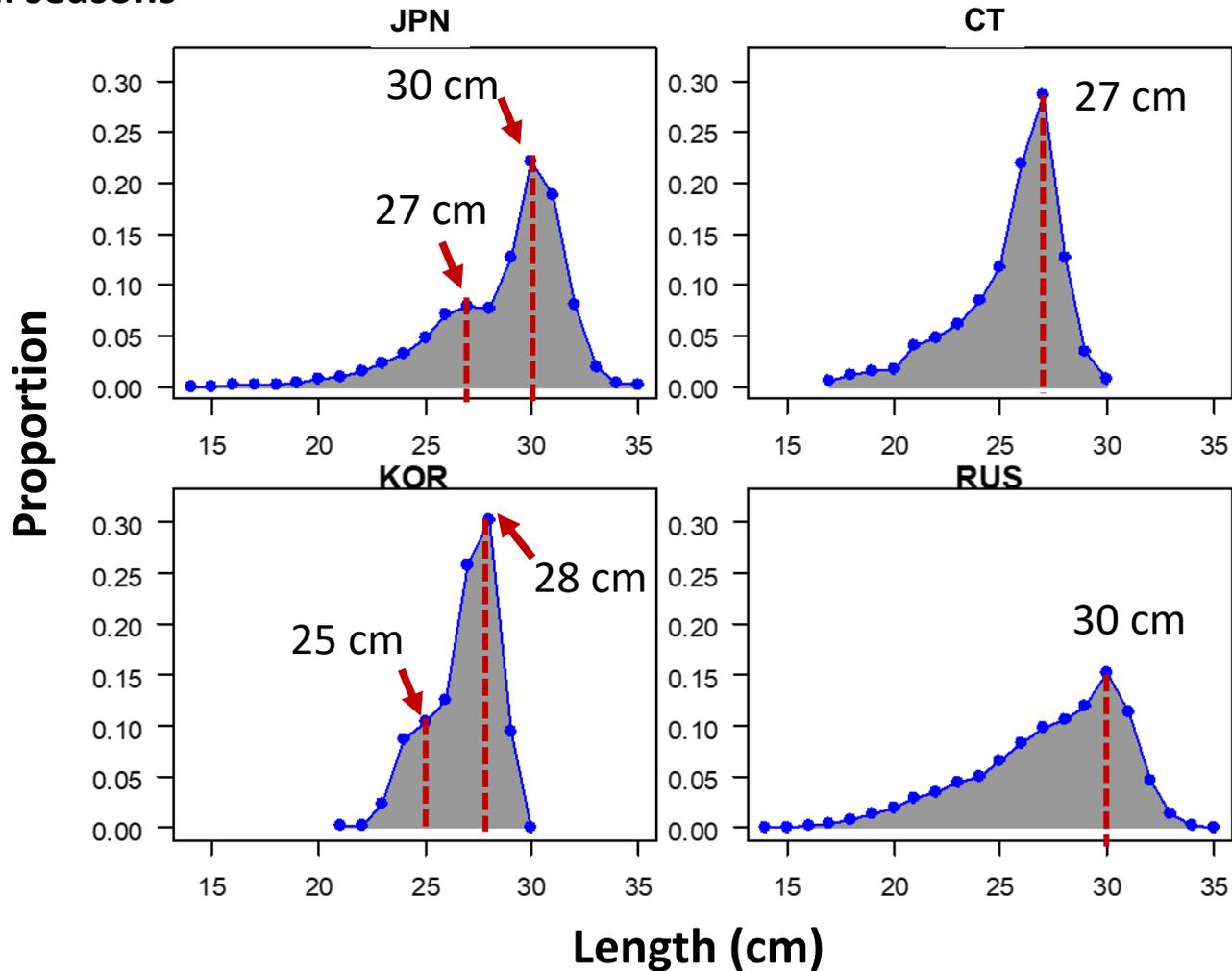
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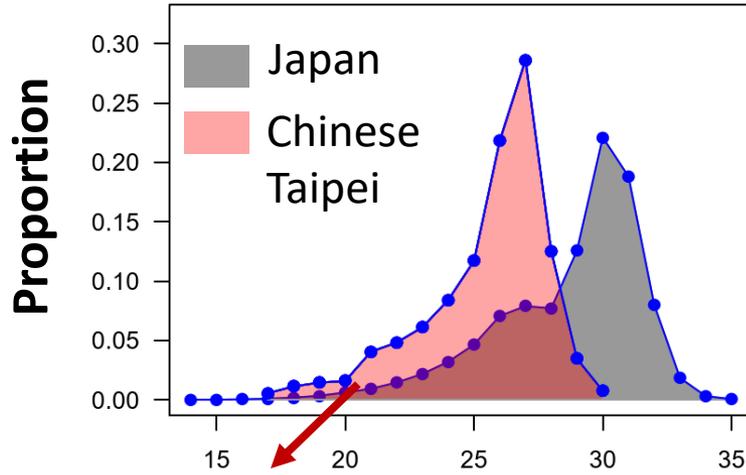
Aggregated size compositions by fleets

Combined all seasons



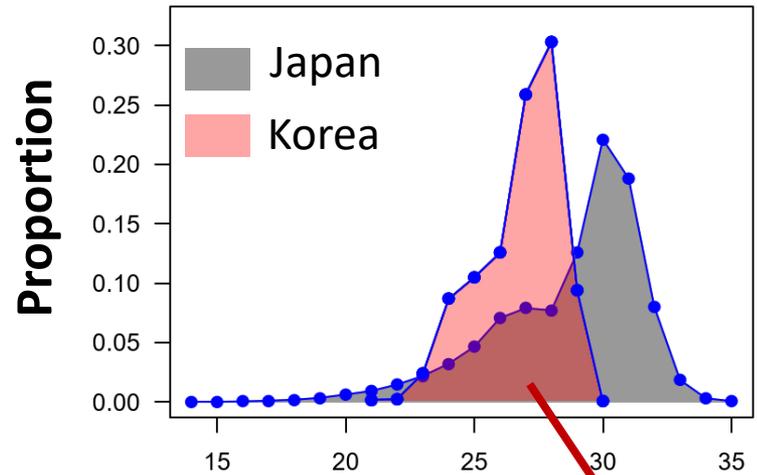
Pairwise comparison of size compositions

JPN vs. CT



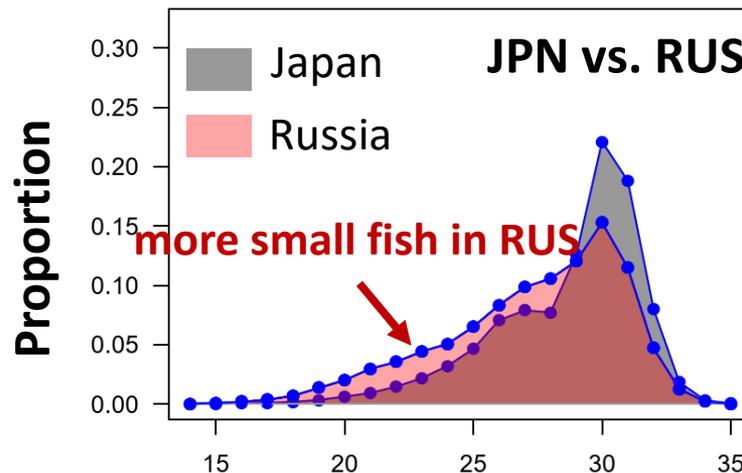
more small fish in CT

JPN vs. KOR



KOR covered a small range in size

JPN vs. RUS

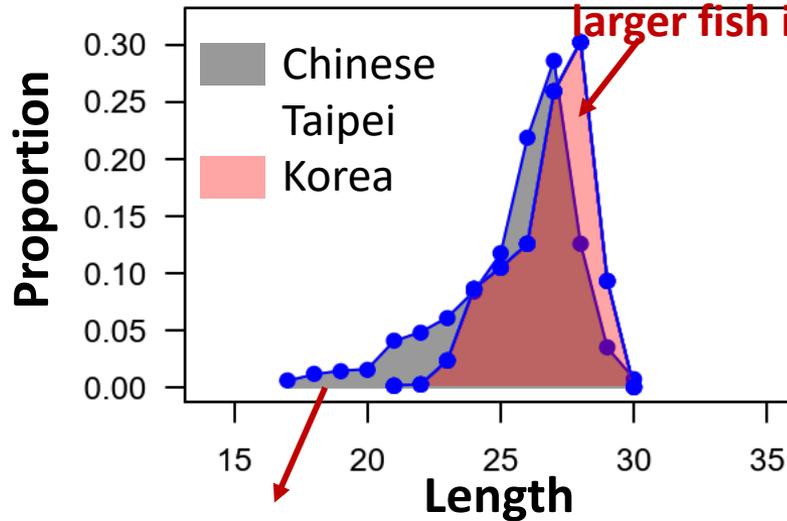


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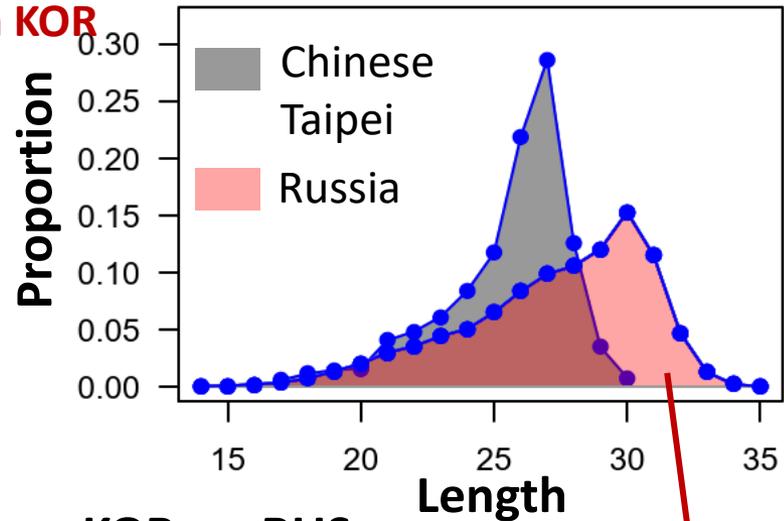
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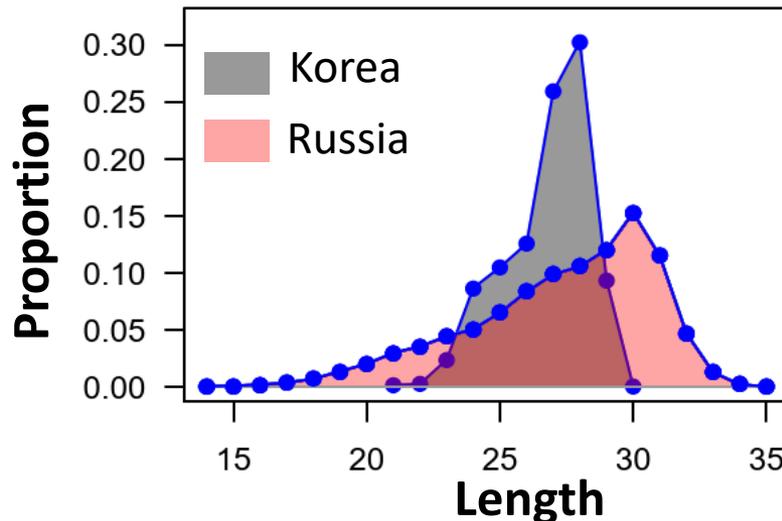


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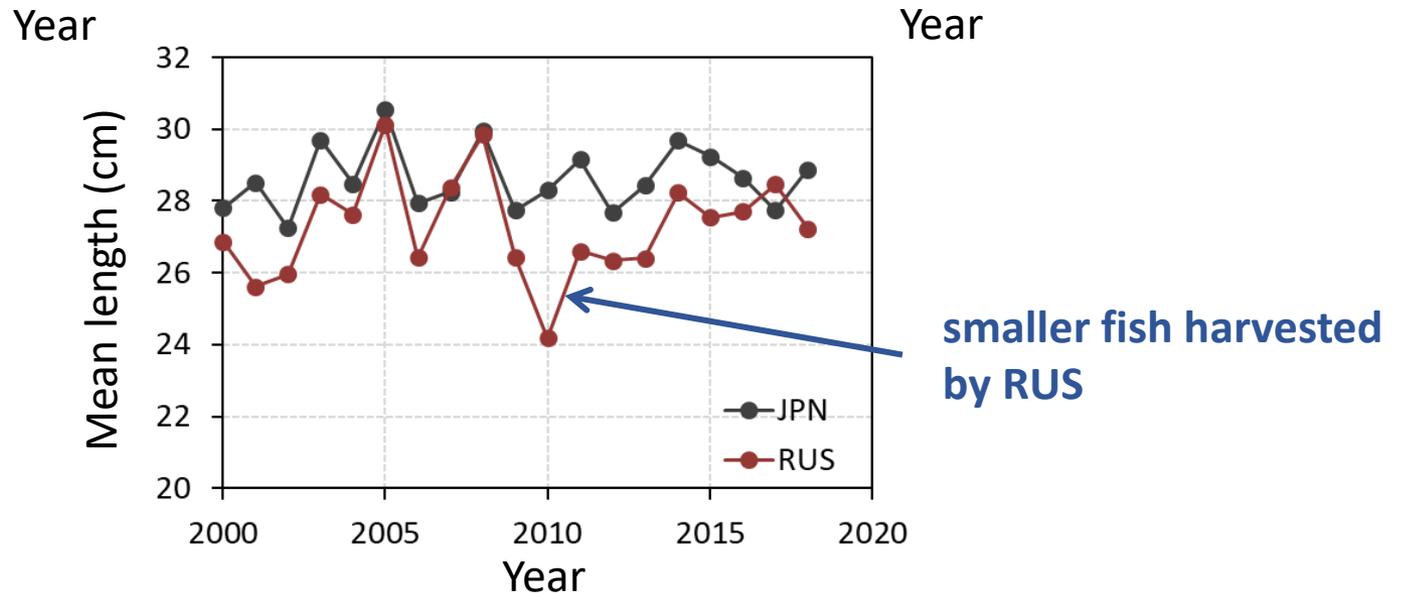
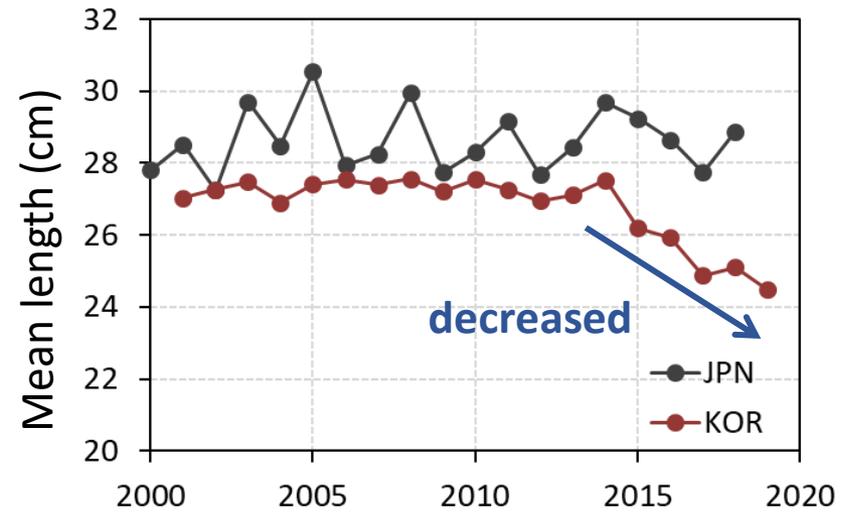
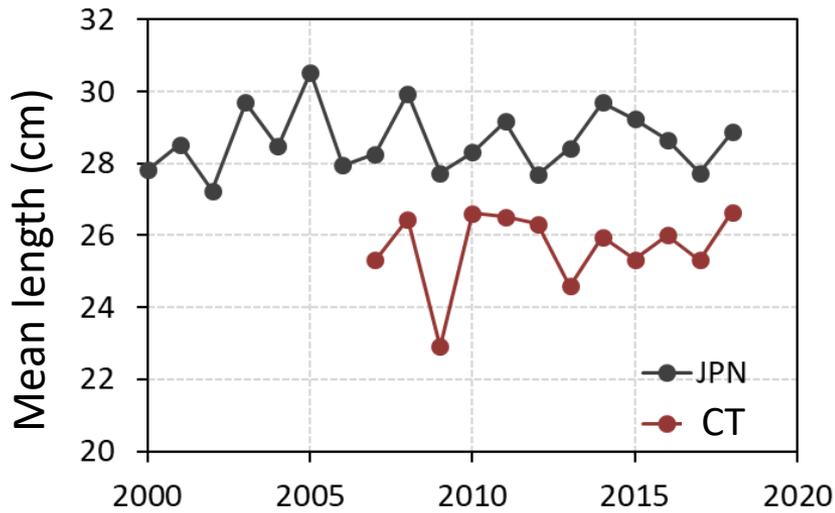
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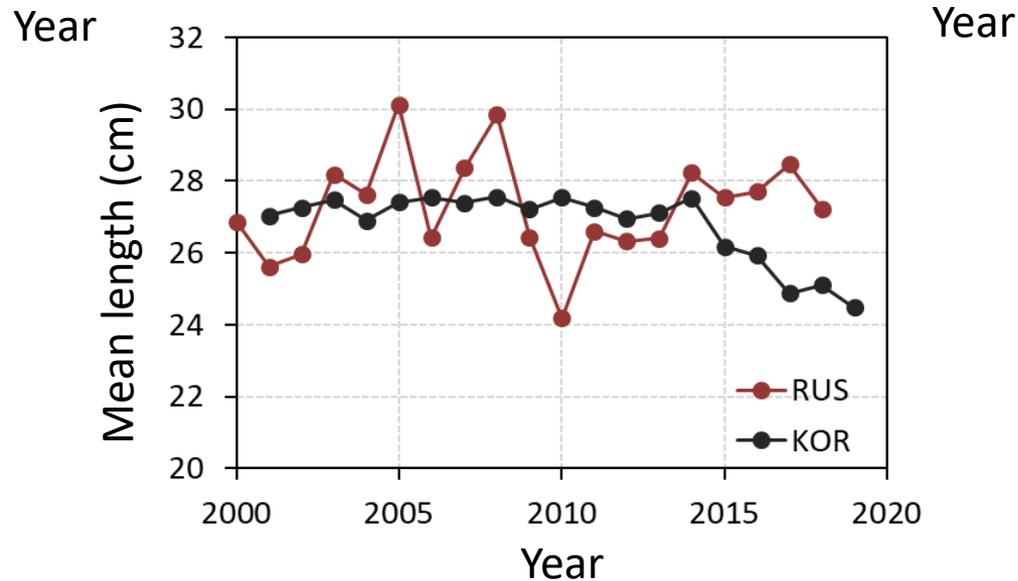
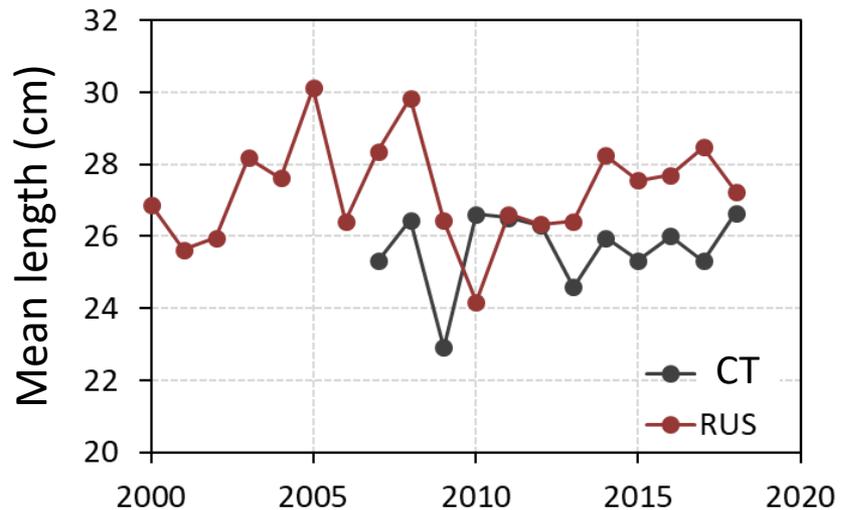
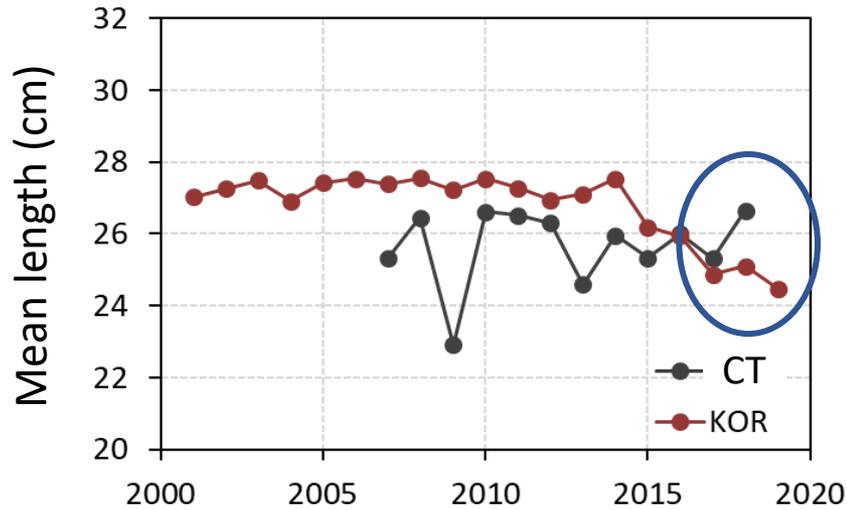


RUS covered the large range of size data

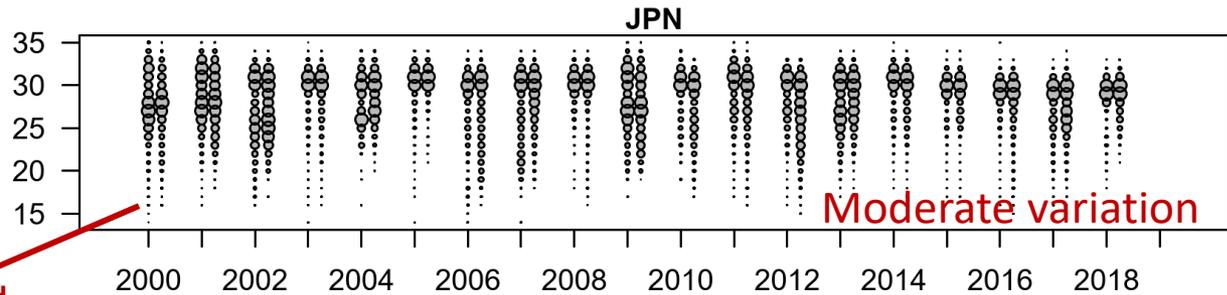
Pairwise comparison of yearly mean body length



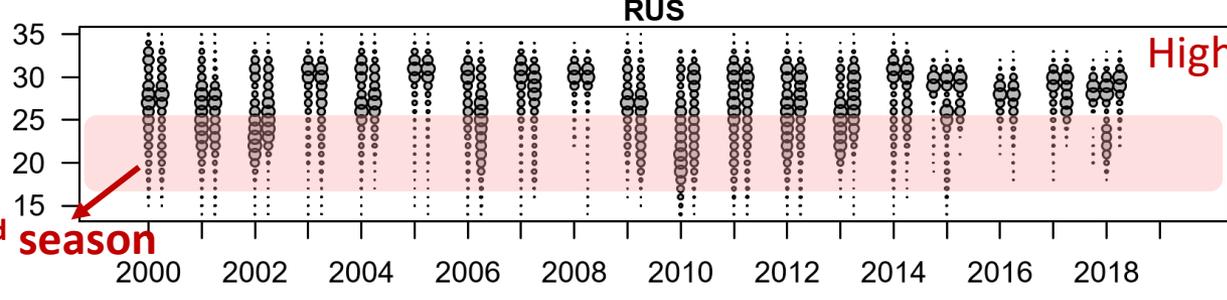
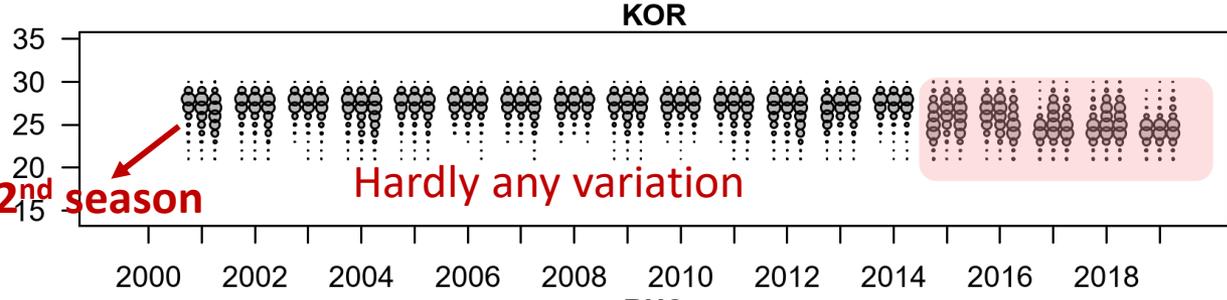
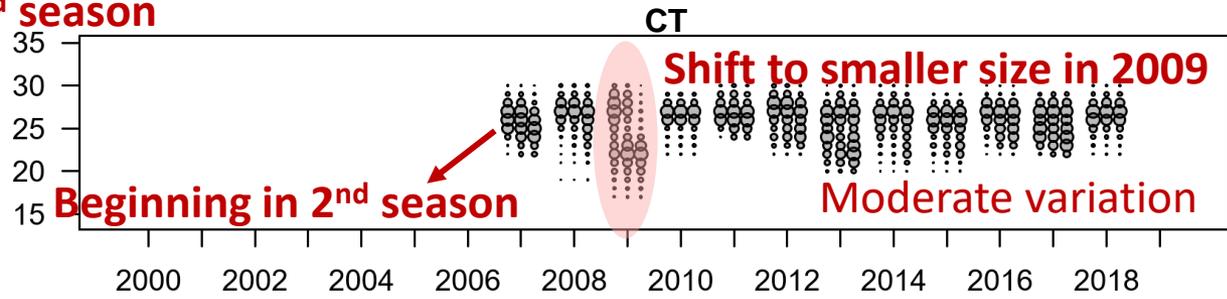
Pairwise comparison of yearly mean body length



Seasonal changes of size compositions by fleets



1st season: Jan – Mar
2nd season: Apr – Jun
3rd season: Jul – Sep
4th season: Oct – Dec



Data format of age-length key matrix

2 age-length key matrices from 2 seasons

1		Size(cm)>=	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
2		Size(cm)<	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	
3	May-Jul.-2000 ~ (Aggregate	Percentage of Age-1	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	20%	68%	96%	99%	100%	100%
4	Aug.-Dec.-2000 ~ (Aggregate	Percentage of Age-1	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	19%	75%	95%	99%	
5	May-Jul.-2000	Percentage of Age-1	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	8%	86%	97%	98%	
6	Aug.-Dec.-2000	Percentage of Age-1	0	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	2%	2%	42%	93%
7	May-Jul.-2001	Percentage of Age-1	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	57%	95%	100%	100%	
8	Aug.-Dec.-2001	Percentage of Age-1	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	4%	41%	88%	
9	May-Jul.-2002	Percentage of Age-1	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	7%	25%	74%	95%	98%	100%
10	Aug.-Dec.-2002	Percentage of Age-1	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%	56%	88%	98%
11	May-Jul.-2003	Percentage of Age-1	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	44%	98%	100%	100%	100%	
12	Aug.-Dec.-2003	Percentage of Age-1	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	17%	80%	98%	100%	
13	May-Jul.-2004	Percentage of Age-1	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	14%	53%	90%	98%	99%	99%	
14	Aug.-Dec.-2004	Percentage of Age-1	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%	15%	78%	98%	100%
15	May-Jul.-2005	Percentage of Age-1	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	59%	98%	100%	100%	100%	
16	Aug.-Dec.-2005	Percentage of Age-1	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	0%	25%	88%	99%	100%	
17	May-Jul.-2006	Percentage of Age-1	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	11%	71%	96%	99%	100%	100%	
18	Aug.-Dec.-2006	Percentage of Age-1	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	43%	93%	99%	100%	
19	May-Jul.-2007	Percentage of Age-1	0	0%	0%	0%	10%	23%	54%	88%	96%	100%	100%	100%	
20	Aug.-Dec.-2007	Percentage of Age-1	0	0%	0%	3%	0%	1%	0%	5%	35%	86%	97%	99%	
21	May-Jul.-2008	Percentage of Age-1	0	0%	0%	0%	3%	2%	67%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
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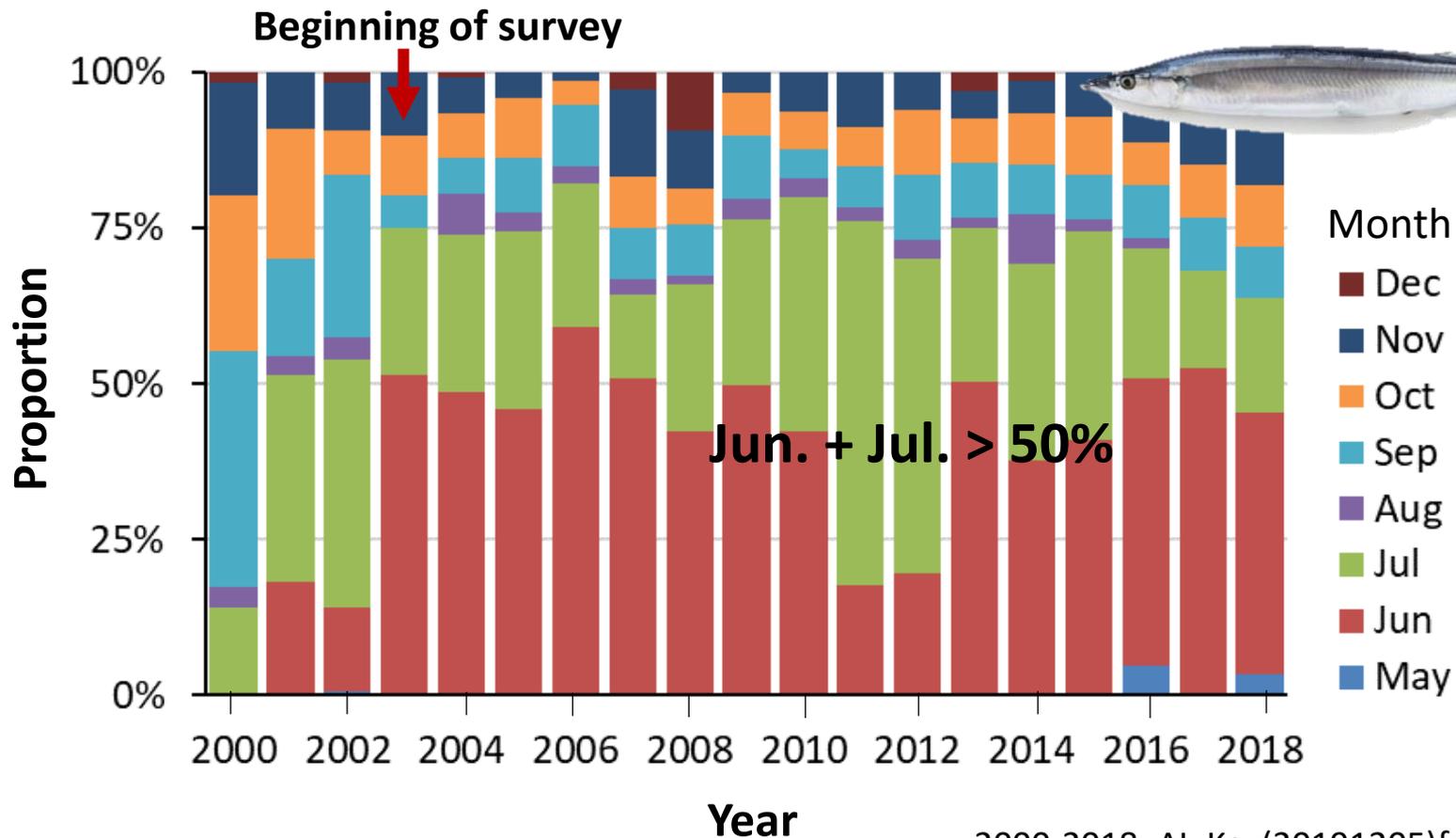
Changed by year

Annual and monthly variation of otolith samples of Japan

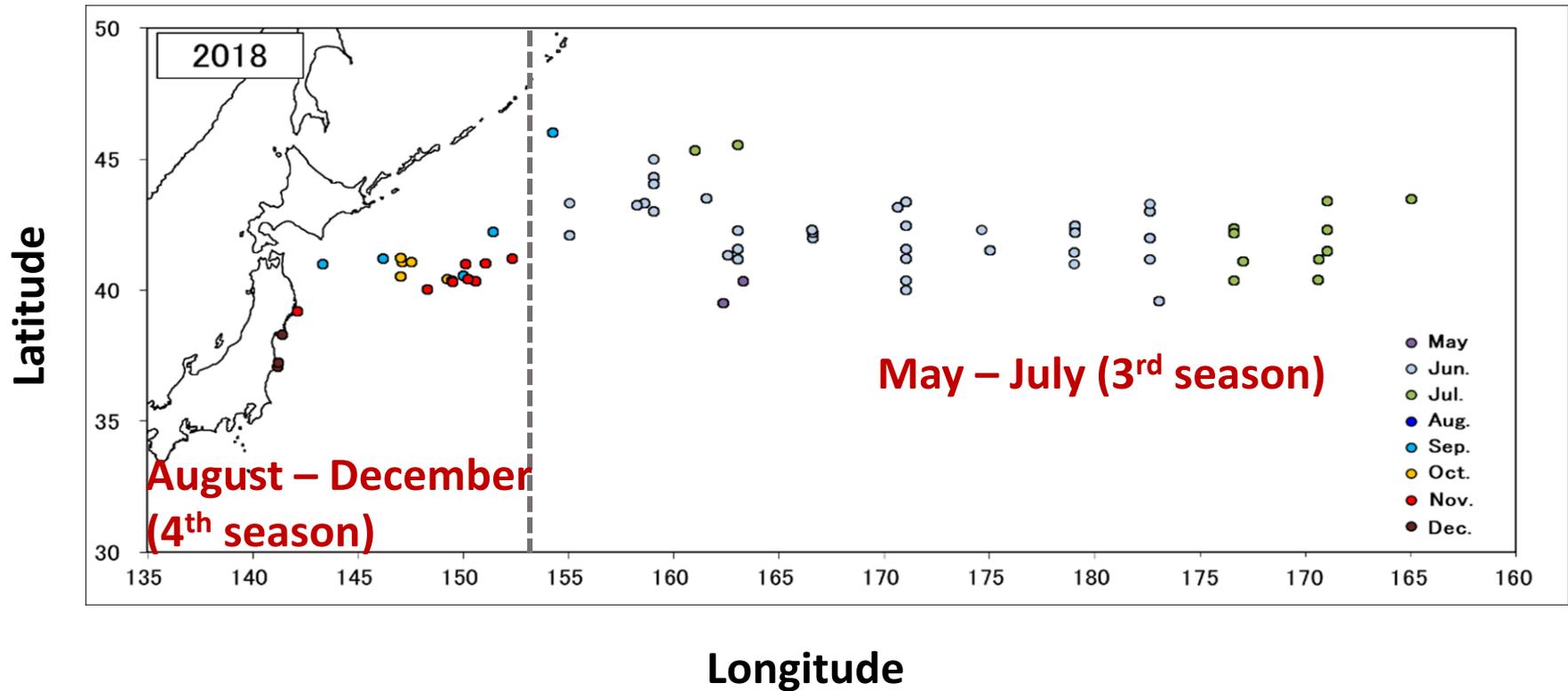
Otolith samples:

Average: 5364 otoliths

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
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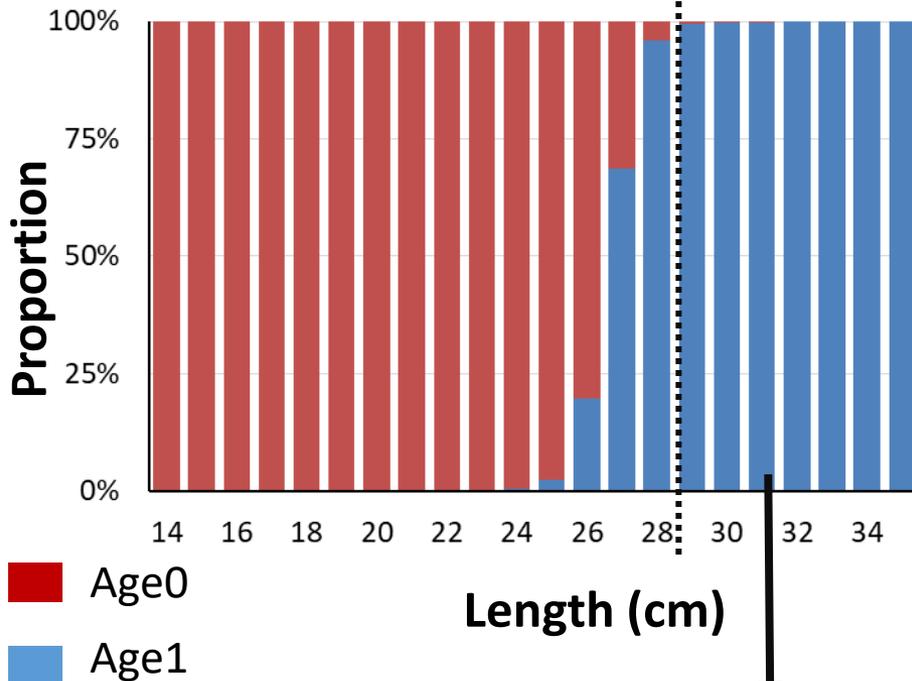
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Aggregated seasonal age-length keys

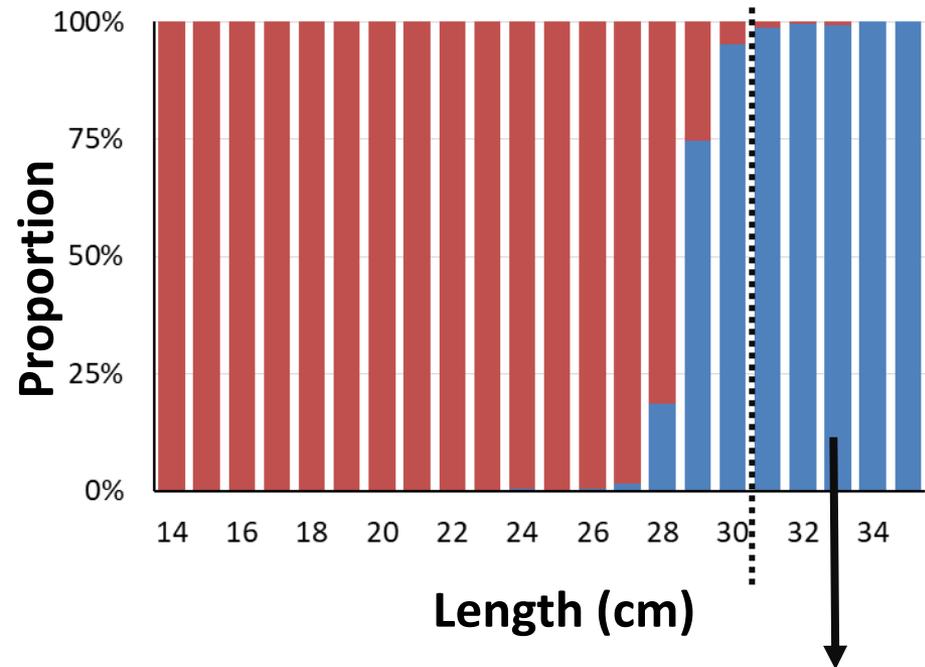
2000 - 2018

May – July (3rd season)



- Fish size is larger than **28** cm, the proportion of age 1 fish is almost 100%;

August – December (4th season)



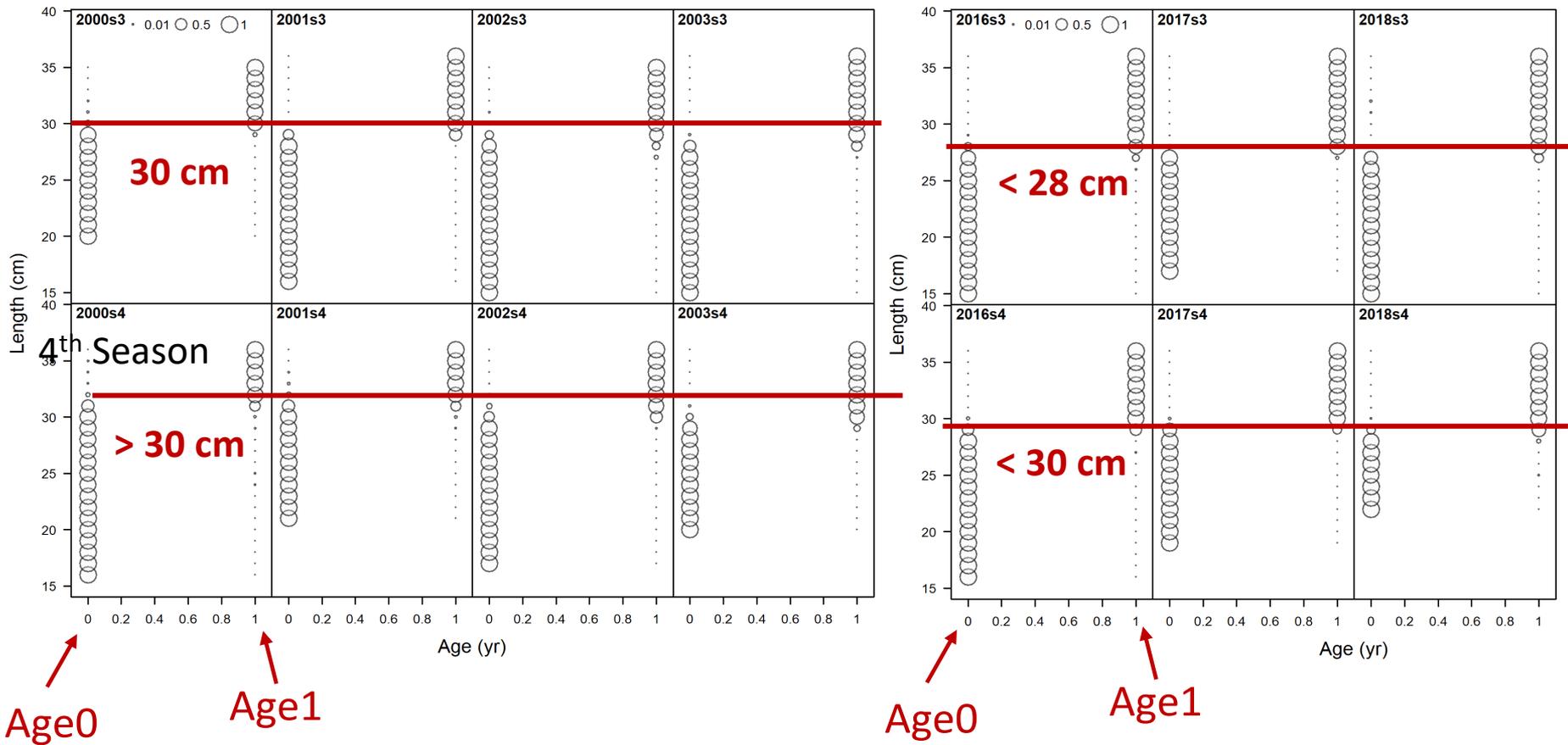
- Fish size is larger than **30** cm, the proportion of age 1 fish is almost 100%;

Conditional age-at-length data for SS3

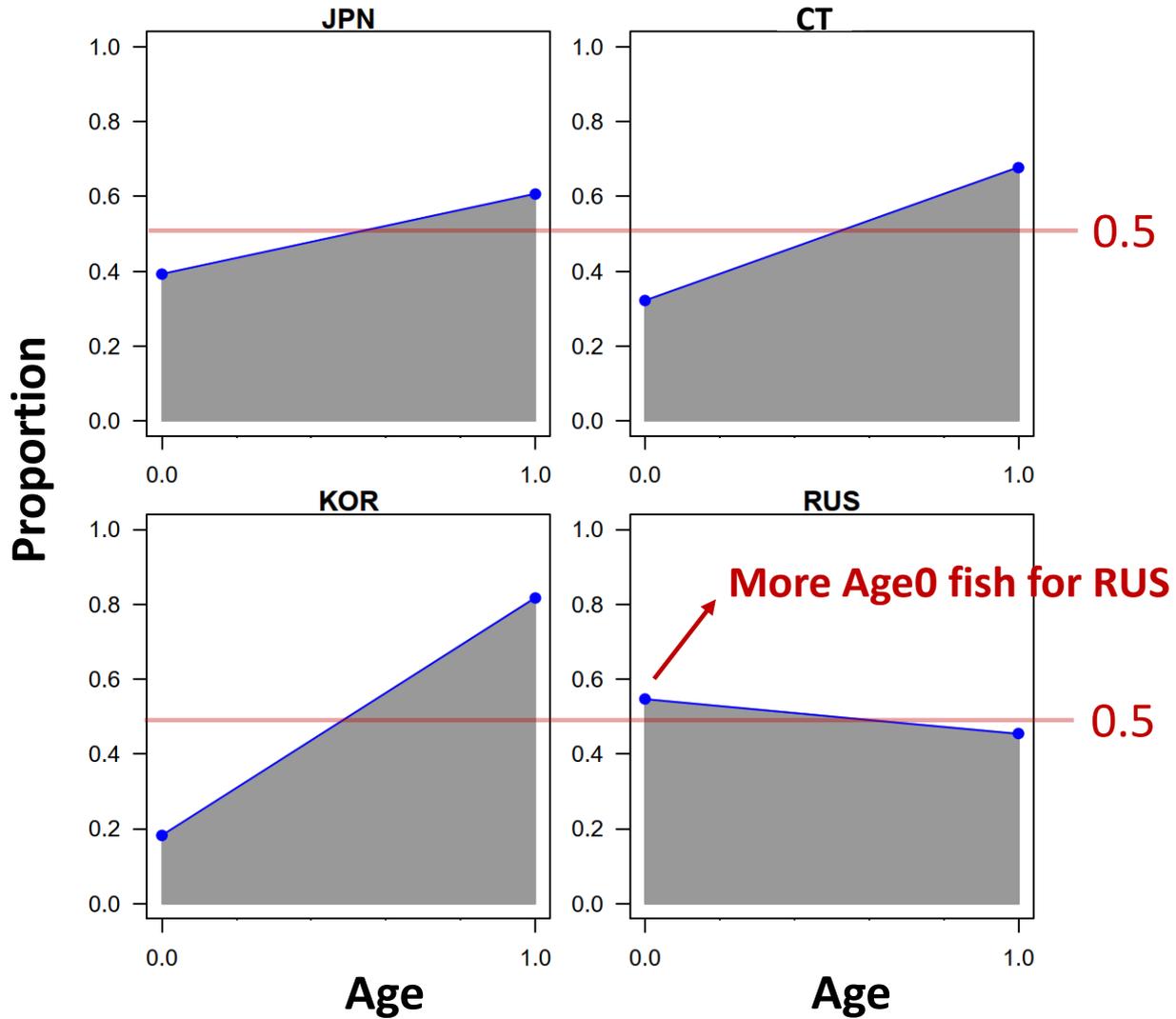
3rd Season

Early period

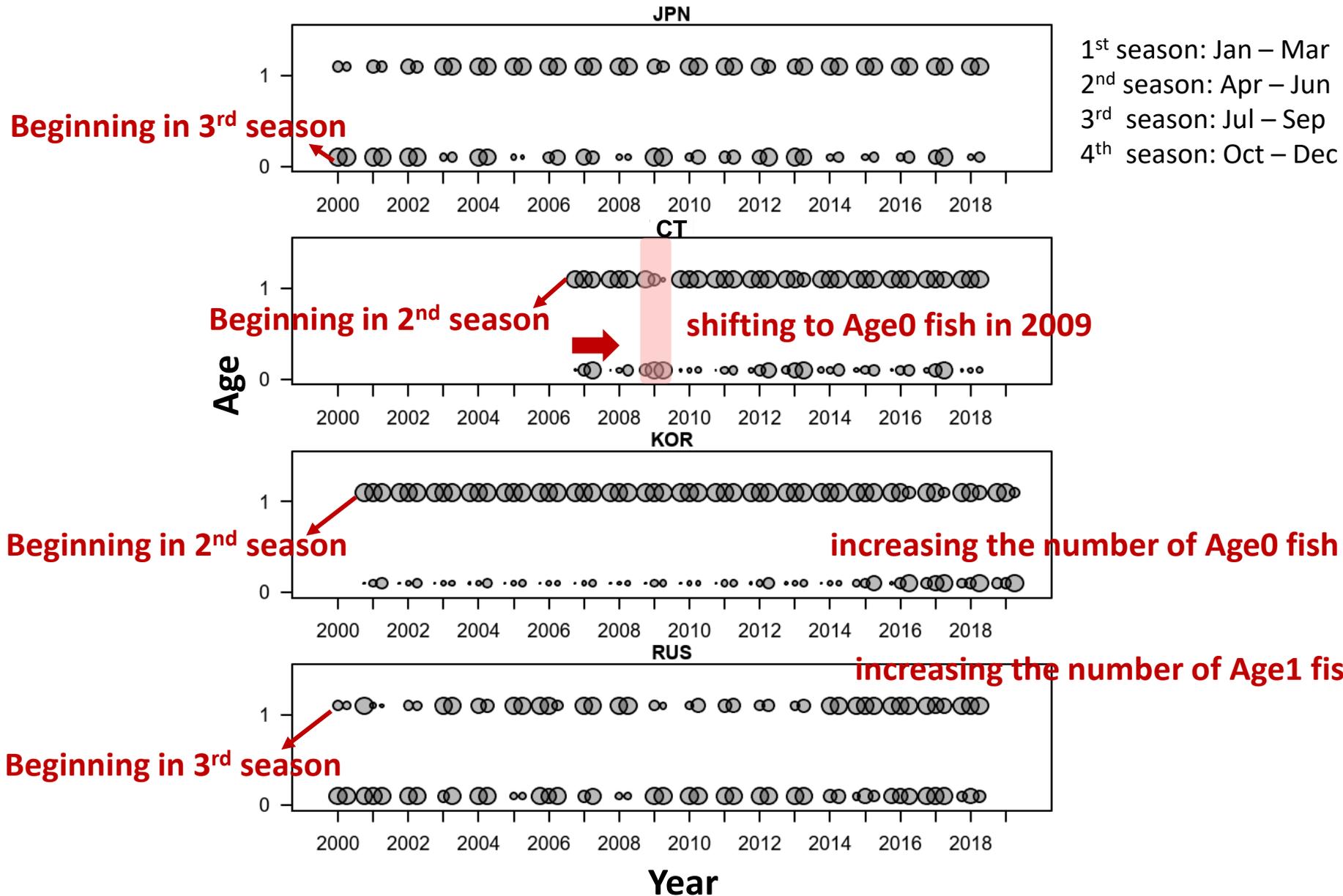
Late period



Aggregated age compositions by fleets



Seasonal variation of age compositions by fleets



Summary

Member	Fishing ground	Fishing season	Size	Age
Japan, Russia	Costal area	3 – 4 seasons (Jul. – Dec.)	1. large range in size (15 – 35 cm) 2. large size (peak in 30 cm)	JPN: Age1 RUS: Age0
Chinese Taipei, Korea	High sea	2 – 4 seasons (May – Dec.)	1. small range in size (18 – 30 cm) 2. small size (peak in 25 – 28 cm)	CT: Age1 KOR: Age1

Discussions

1. Unit of the sample measurement, FL v.s. KnL;
2. Noted inconsistency of size compositions for each fleet;
 - Variability: moderate in JPN and CT; substantial in RUS; hardly any in KOR;
 - Pattern: shift to smaller fish in 2009 (CT); consistently shift to smaller fish after 2015 (KOR);
3. Noted substantial variation of age composition among fleets;
 - consistent pattern in Age1, varied in Age0 for JPN and CT;
 - shifting to Age1 for RUS, and to Age0 for KOR after 2015;
4. Potential treatments in SS3: time-varying selectivity or time-varying mortality or time-varying growth;
5. Availability of size and age compositions and age-length keys (conditional age-at-length) from other members;
6. Area stratifications of size and age compositions (areas-as-fleets approach: coastal fleets v.s. high sea fleets);