

Preparatory Workshop on Data and Modeling for a Stock Assessment of Silky Shark, *Carcharhinus falciformis*, in the Eastern Pacific Ocean

Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)



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Workshop goals

- Identify and review of available data sources
- Build a preliminary *Stock Synthesis* model
- Identify future needs (data/modeling)



Topics

- Background
 - Silky shark issues in the EPO
 - Stock assessment modeling
- Review of data sources and assumptions
 - By gear/country/region
 - Catch/effort, CPUE, age/size composition, biology
 - Make some expert assumptions for missing information
- Modeling discussion
 - Data/model improvements



Background

- Silky shark issues in the EPO
(C. Lennert-Cody's talk)



Background (cont.)

- Stock assessment modeling
(Mark Maunder's talk)



Silky shark fisheries in the EPO



- Bycatch of tuna purse seine fishery

- Large vessels (class 6, >363 tons)
 - Medium-size vessels (class 1-5, ≤ 363 tons)



- Bycatch of tuna longline fisheries

- High seas longline fleets



- Artisanal fisheries

- Bycatch/target
 - EPO coastal nations





Fishery data

- Catch
- Fishing effort (total or index)
- Indices of abundance (CPUE)
- Composition (age, length, weight, stage/sex)

Tuna purse seine fishery – set types

Floating object sets



Dolphin sets



School (unassociated) sets

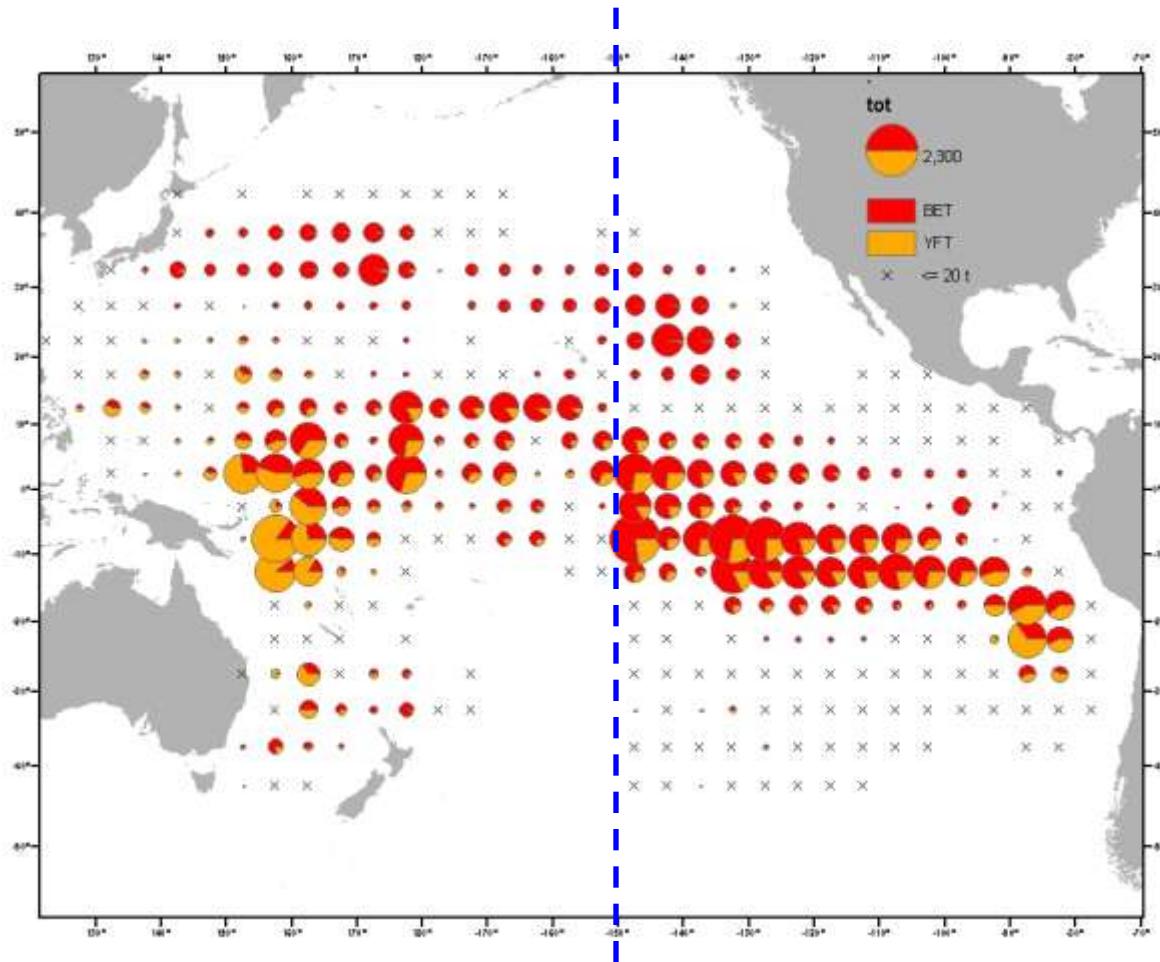


Presentation on PS

- (C. Lennert-Cody's talk)

Discussion on PS

Tuna longline fishery: (Cleridy talk)



Average annual tuna catch, 2003-2007

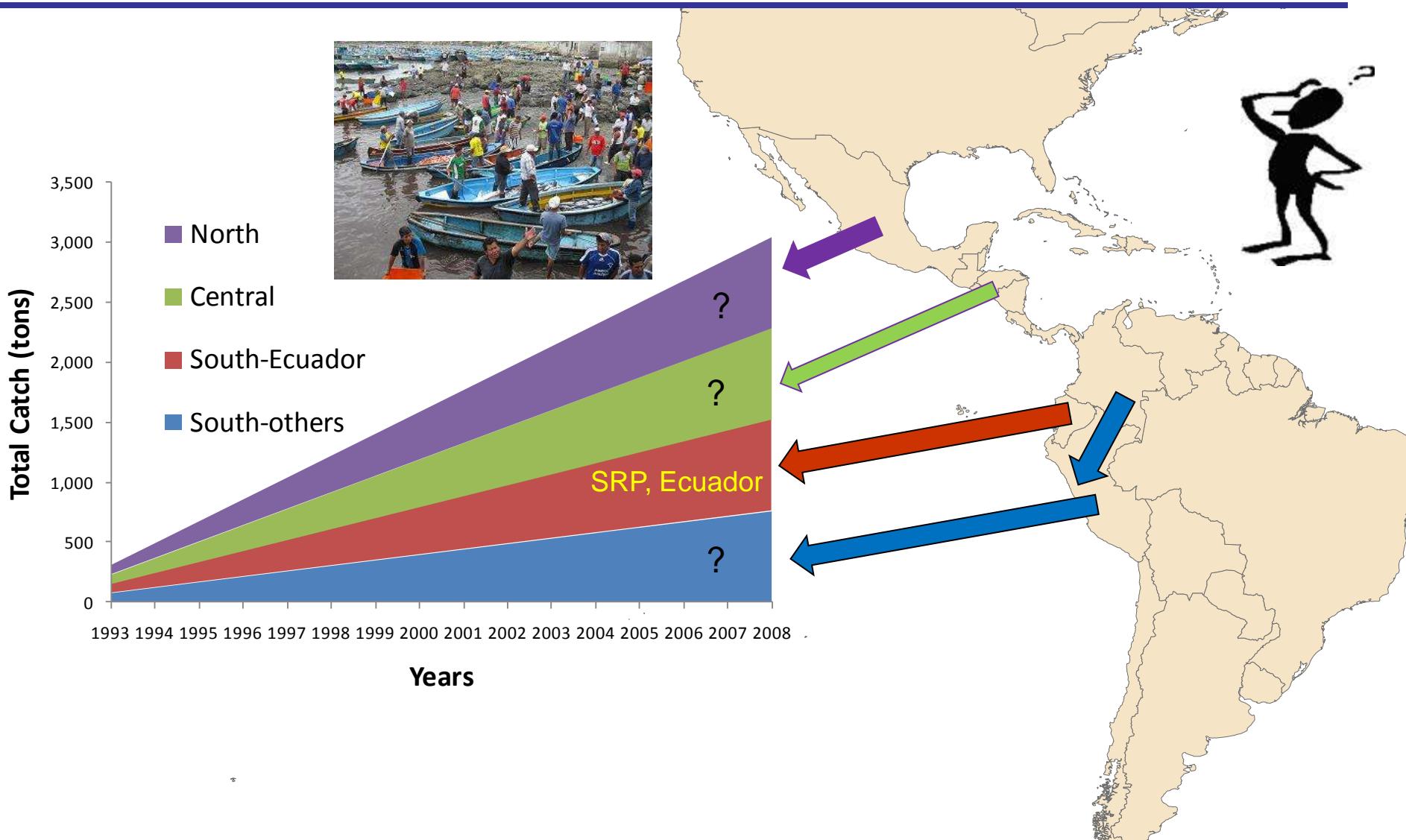


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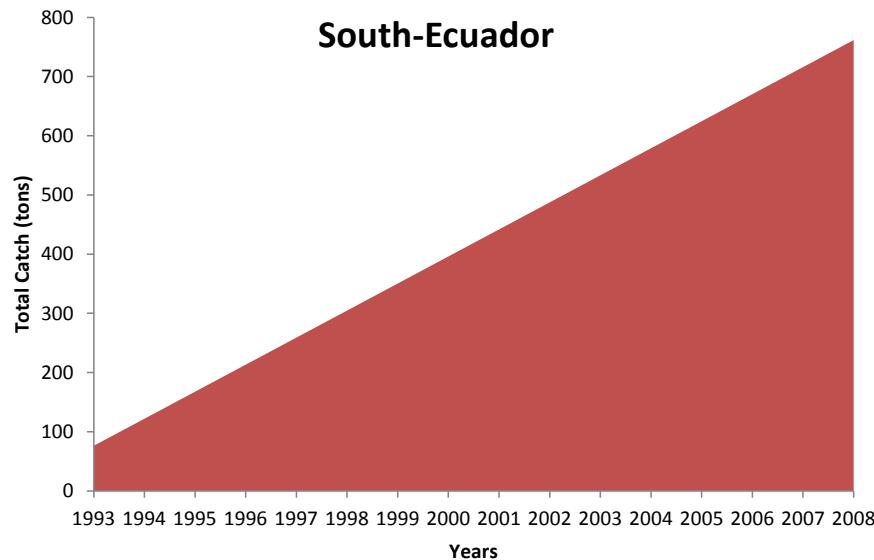
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Discussion on LL

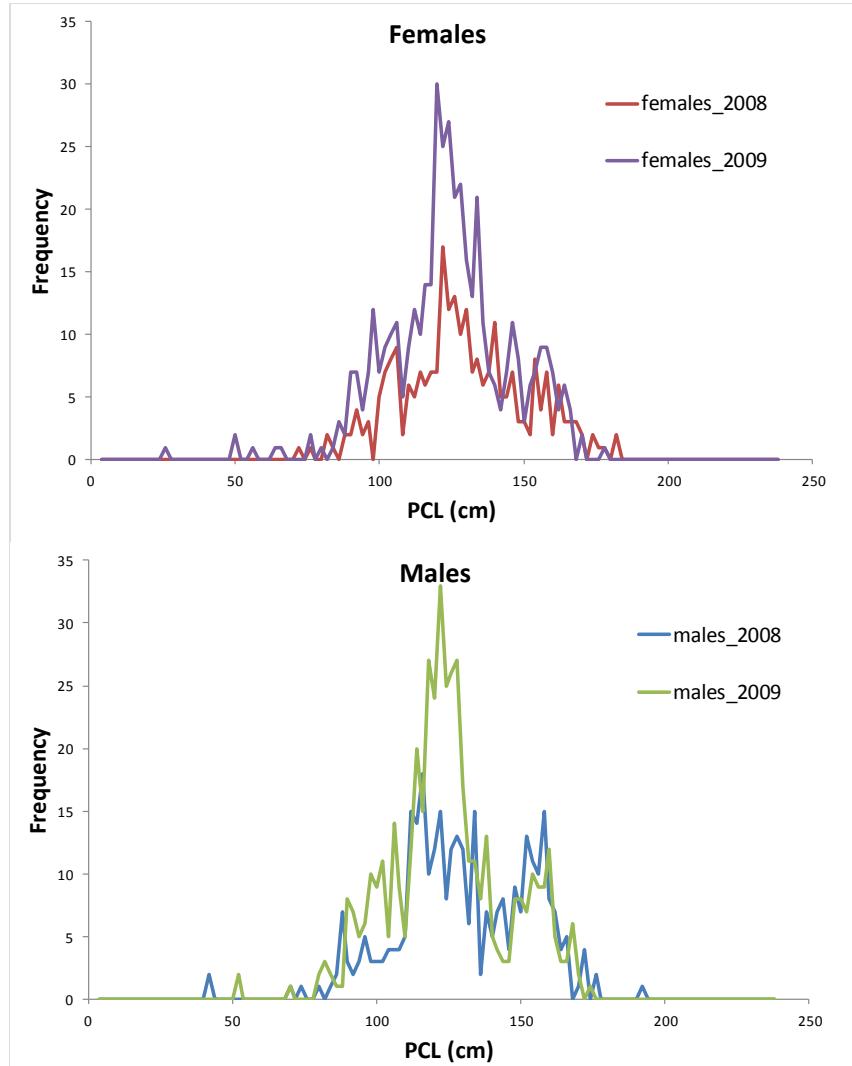
Artisanal fisheries: catch assumptions



Catches - Ecuador



Size compositions - Ecuador



SRP-Ecuador, Jimmy Martinez



Discussion on Ecuador

Catches - México



Tiburón del Golfo de Tehuantepec

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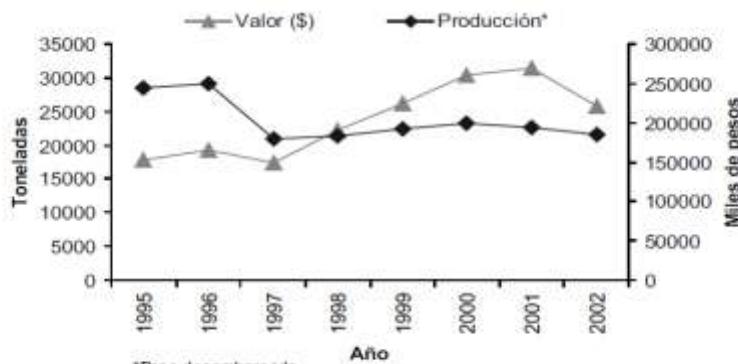
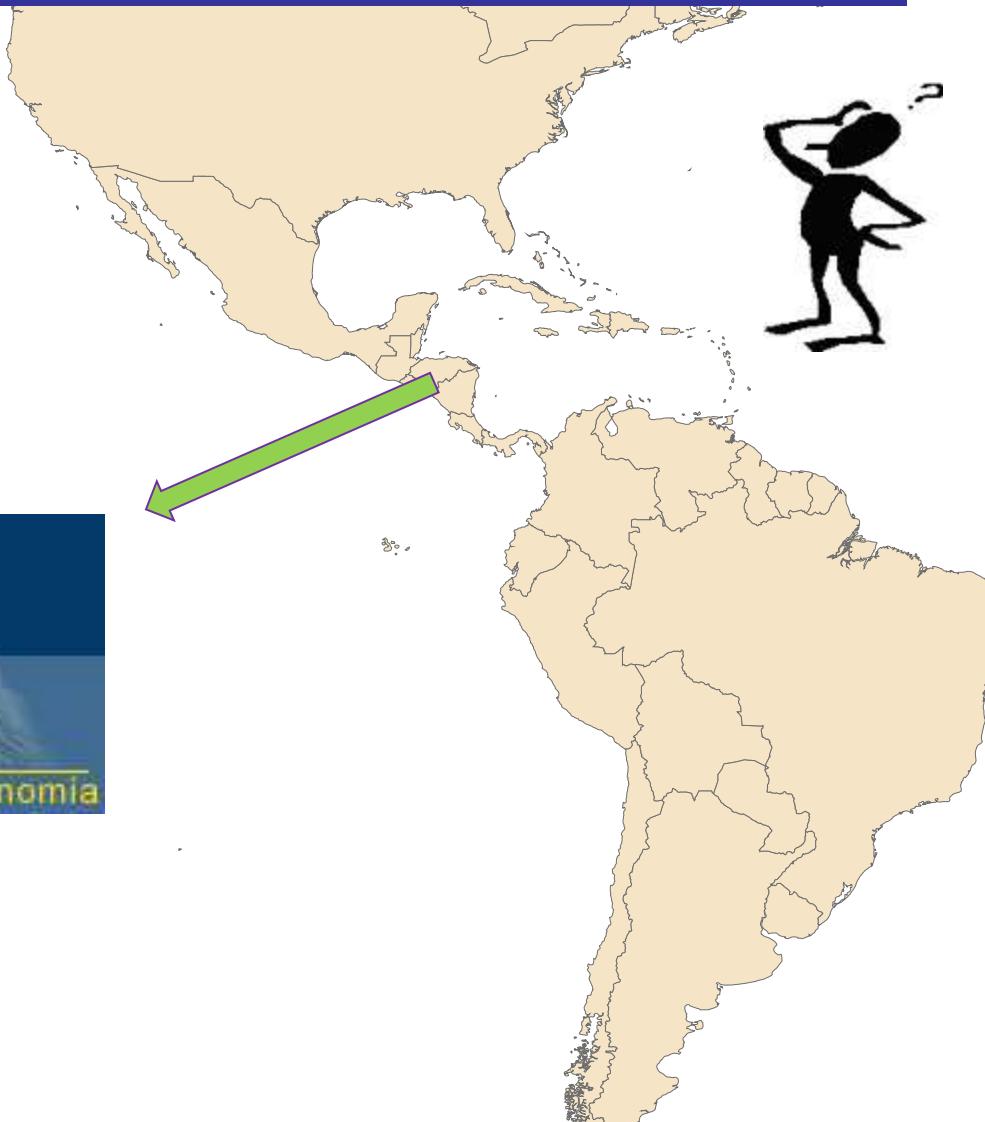


Figura 1. Producción en peso desembarcado y valor nacional de tiburón y cazón.

Discussion on México

Central America



Discussion on CA

Discussion on South America





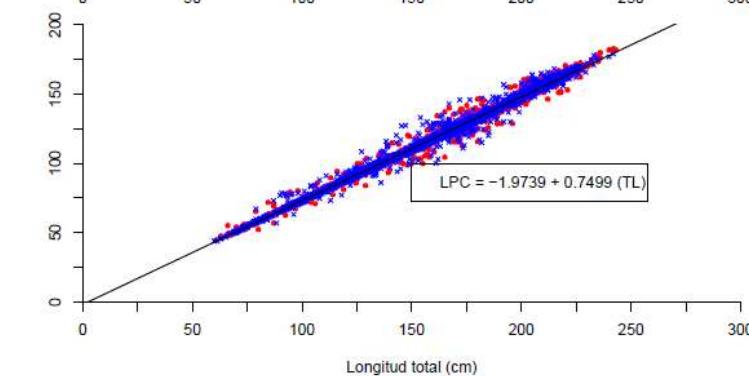
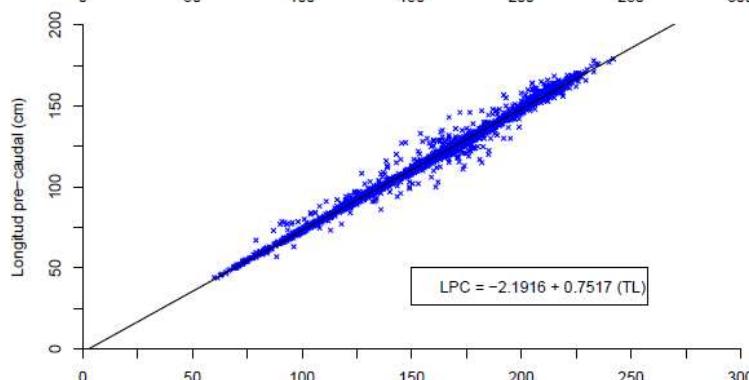
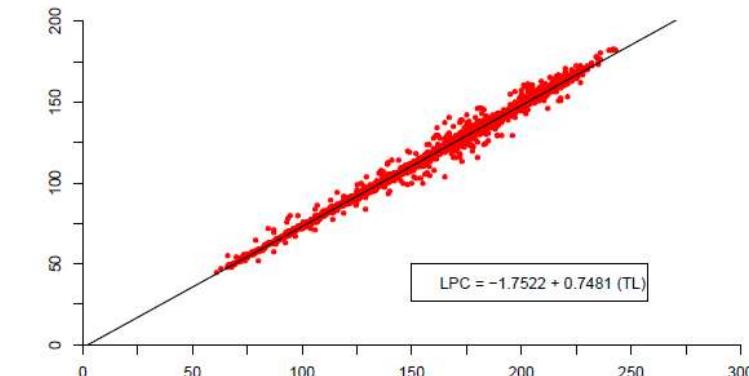
Biology

- Length-weight
- Growth
- Natural mortality
- Reproduction (maturity, fecundity, frequency)
- Stock structure
- Tagging

Length conversion relationship



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Length-weight relationship



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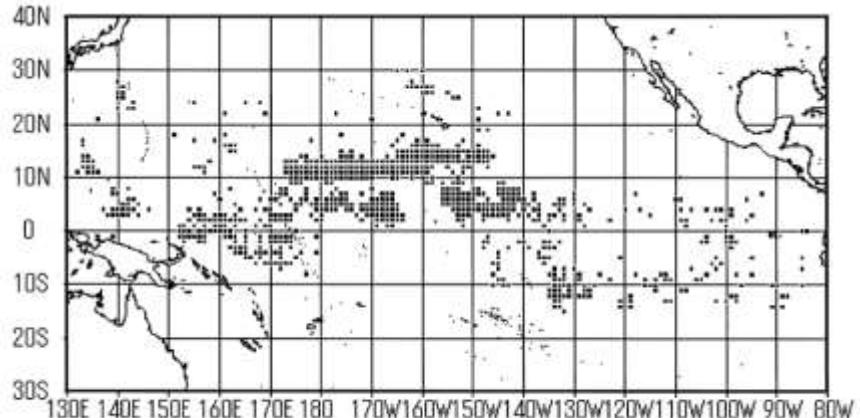
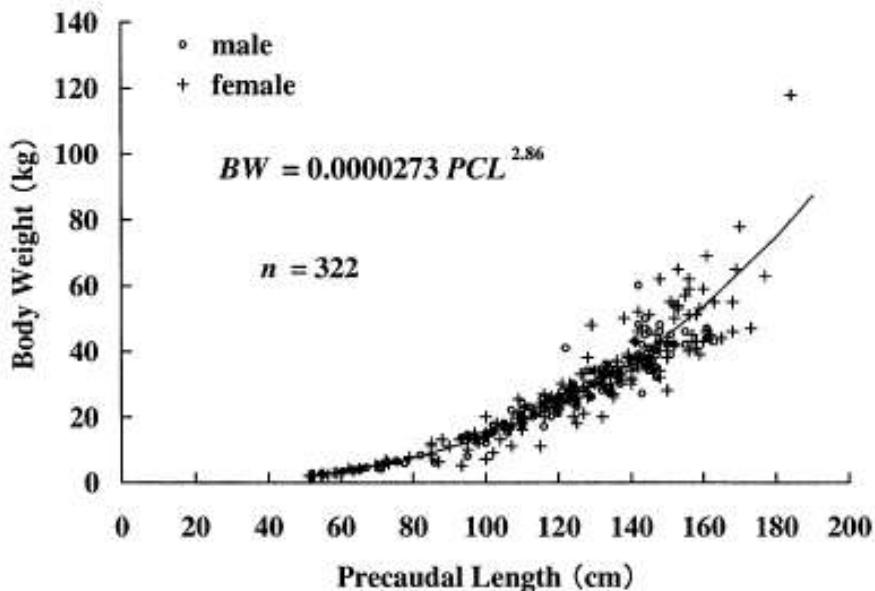


Fig. 1 Locations of sampling during the research cruise.



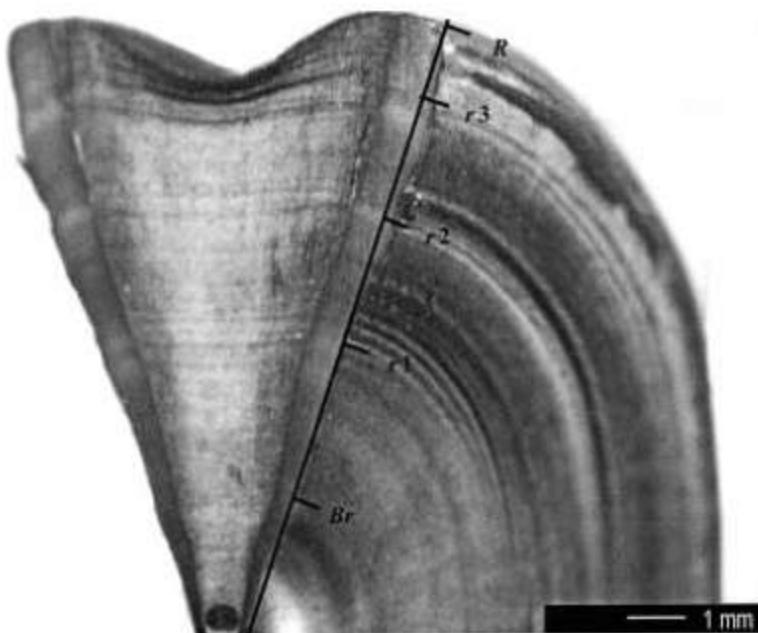
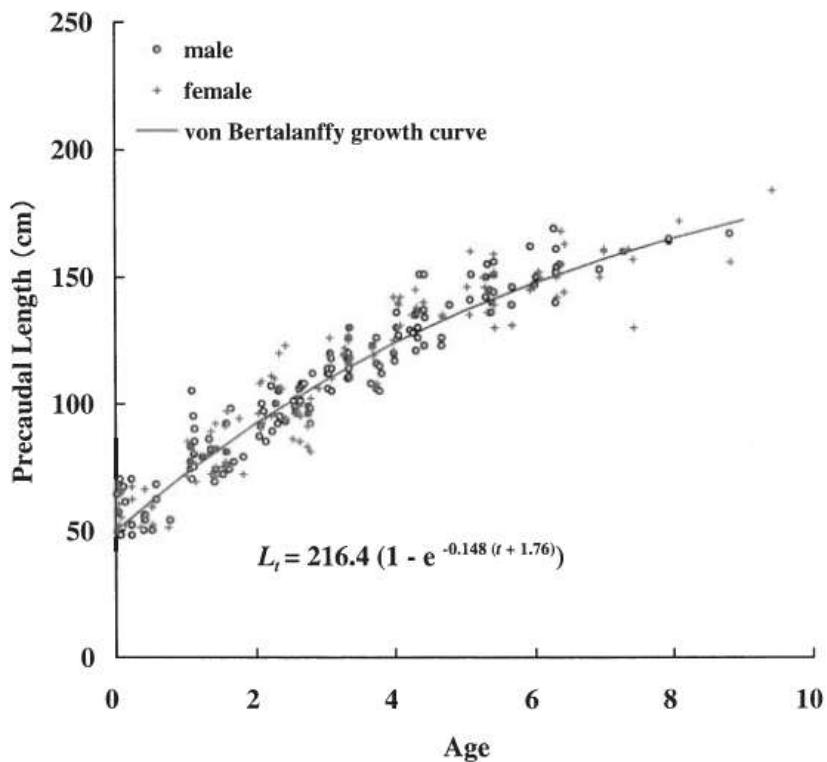
Age and growth



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Age and growth (cont.)



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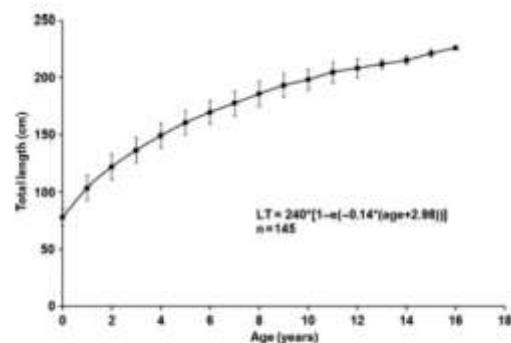


Fig. 6. Von Bertalanffy growth curve constructed with back-calculated data for *Carcharhinus falciformis*, sexes combined. Dots, mean length at age; vertical lines, standard deviations; n, number of total sample size.

Variability of length-at-age

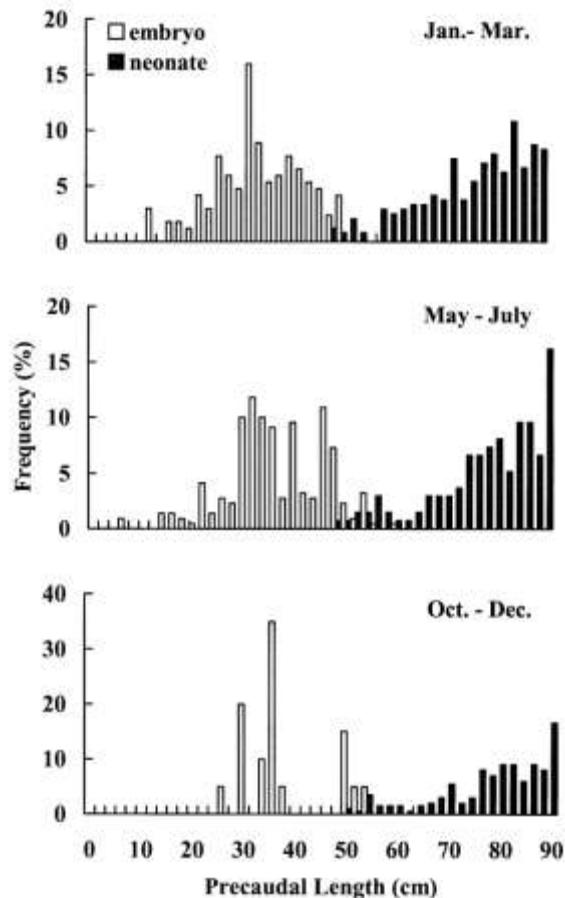
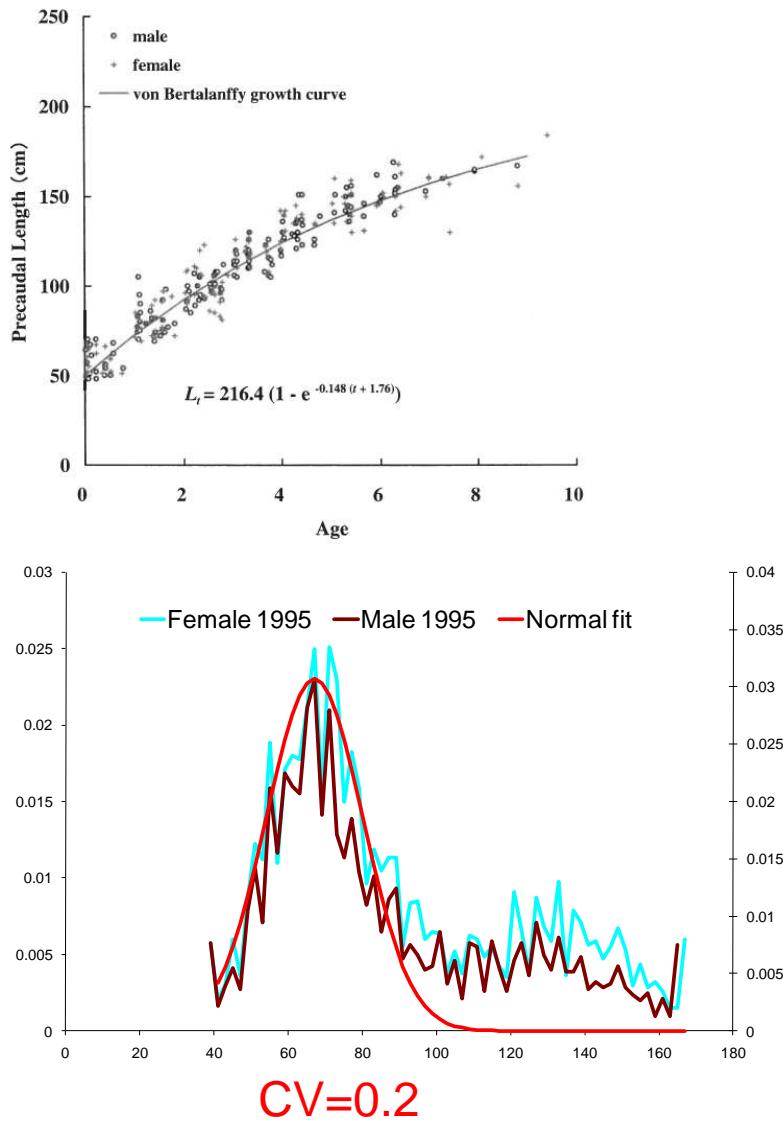


Fig. 6 Seasonal length-frequency distributions of embryos and neonates.

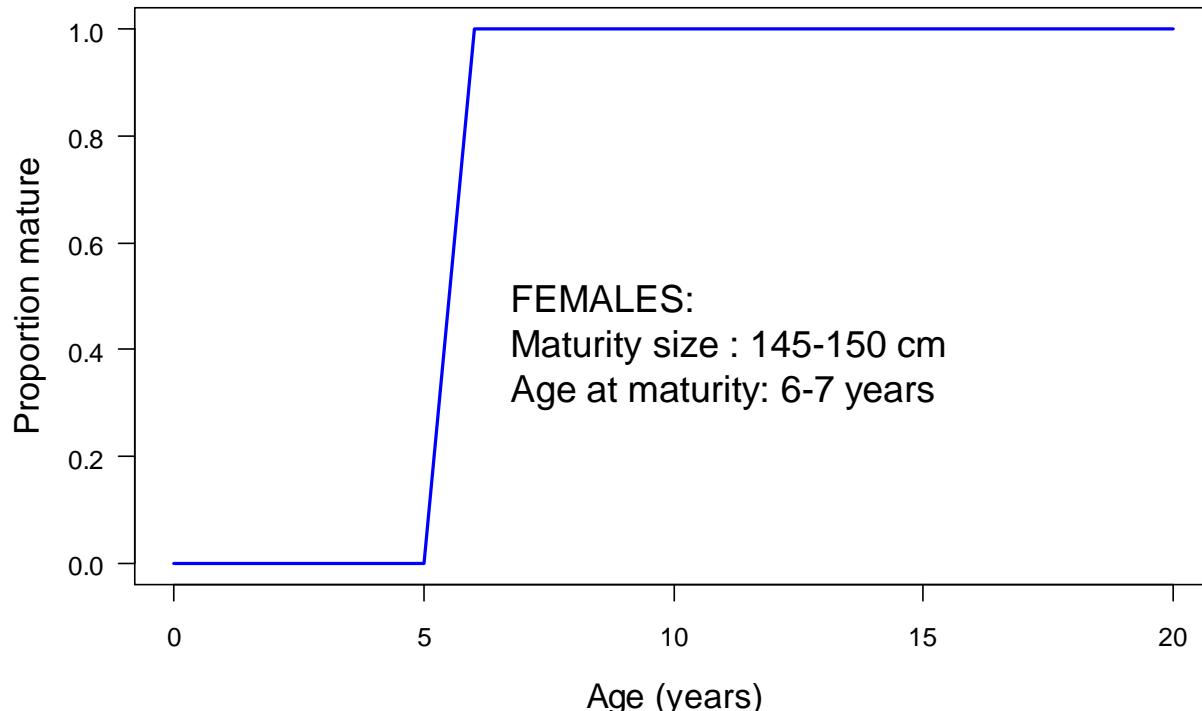
Reproductive biology



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TESIS

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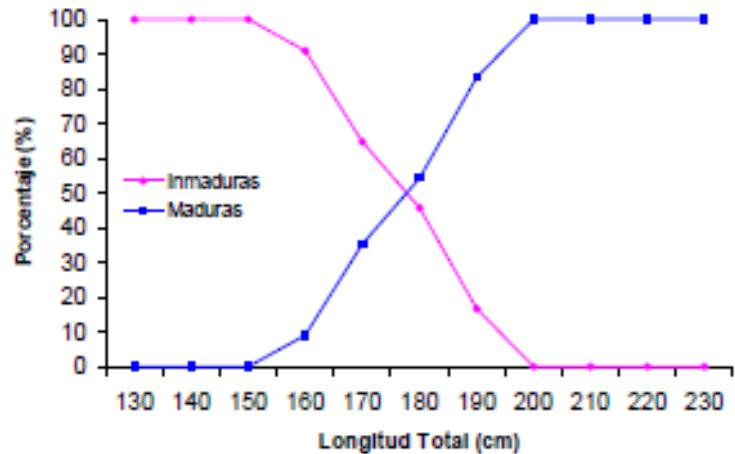
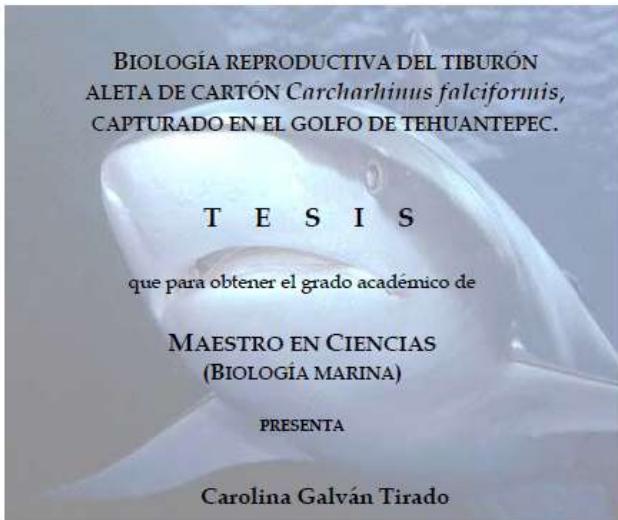


Figura 7. Talla a la cual el 50% de las hembras en la frecuencia de clase están maduras (Pratt & Otake, 1990).

Reproductive biology (cont.)



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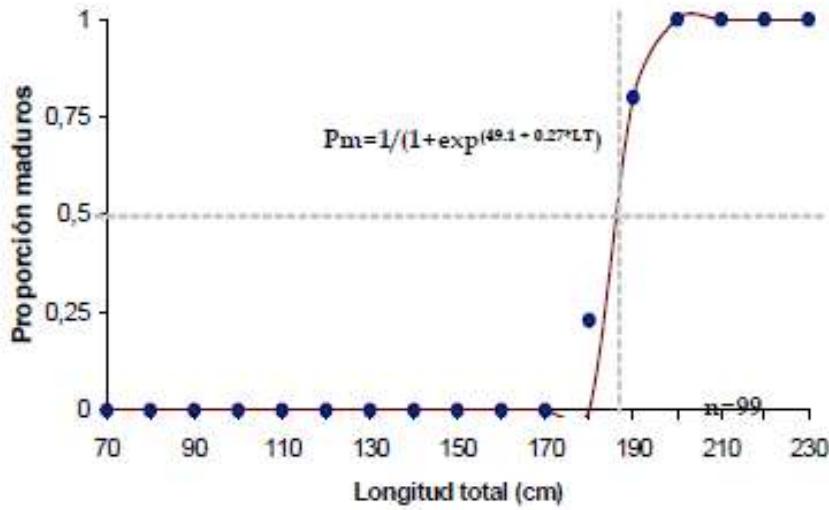
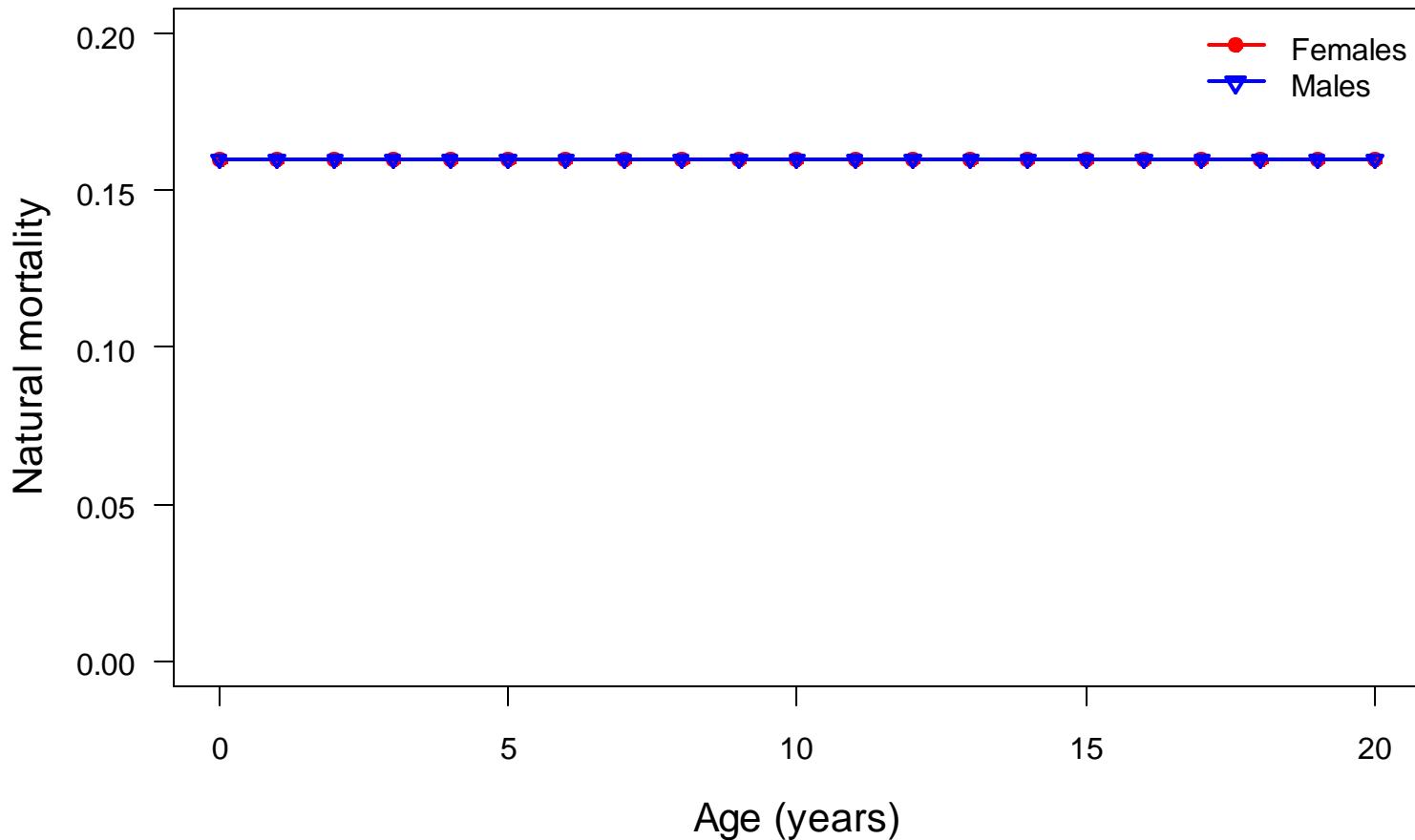


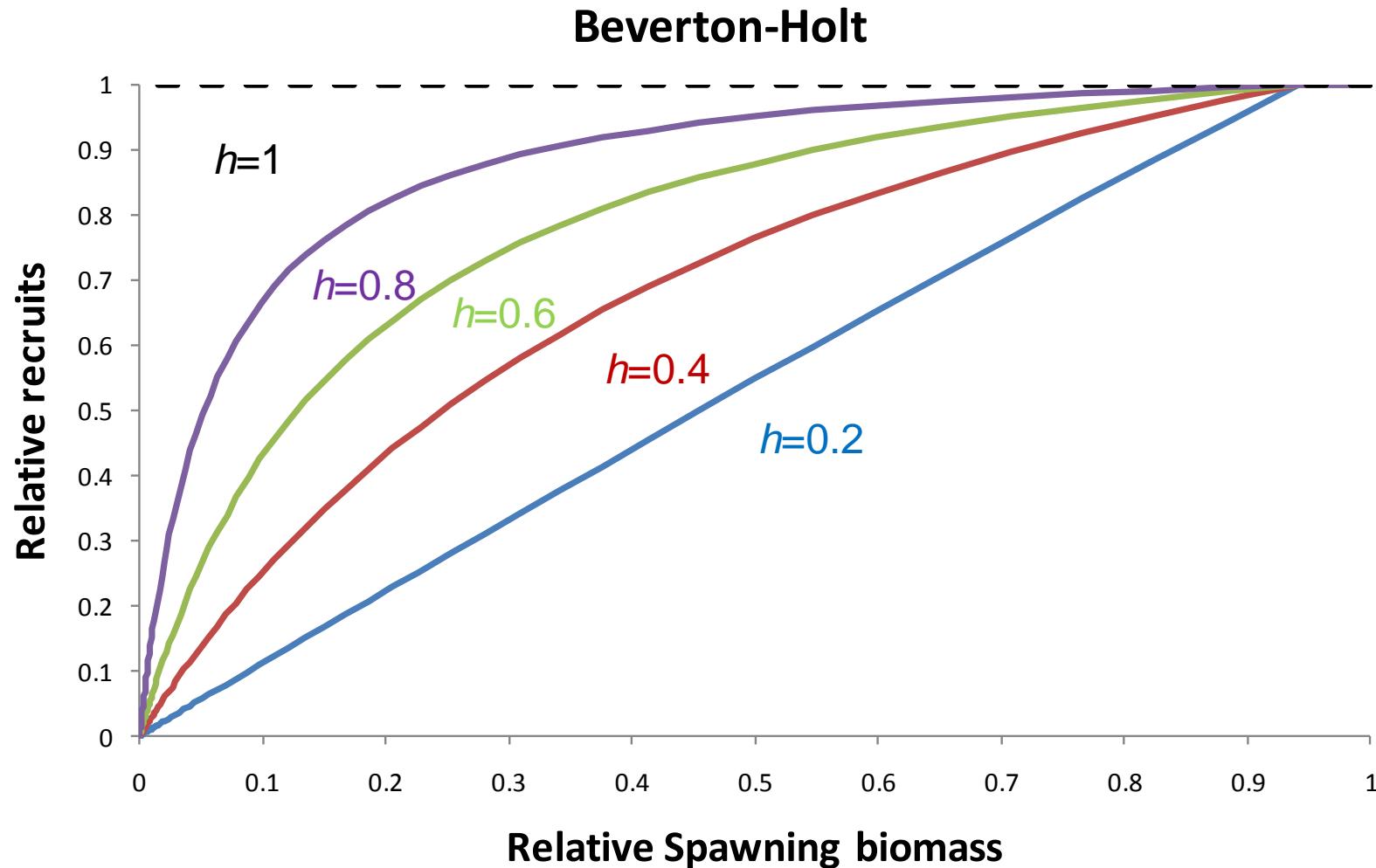
Figura 10. Talla de primera madurez sexual de hembras (* = datos observados, — = datos calculados, $r=0.85$ $r^2=0.72$)

Natural mortality



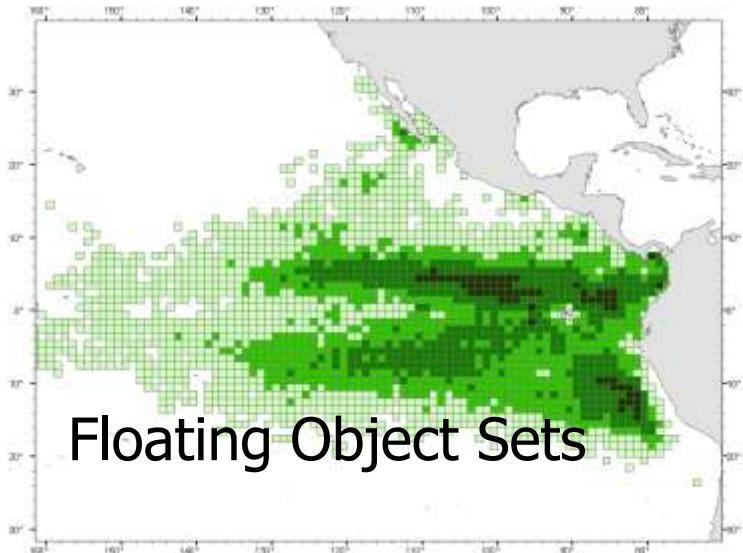
Based on indirect methods: Jensen

Stock-recruitment

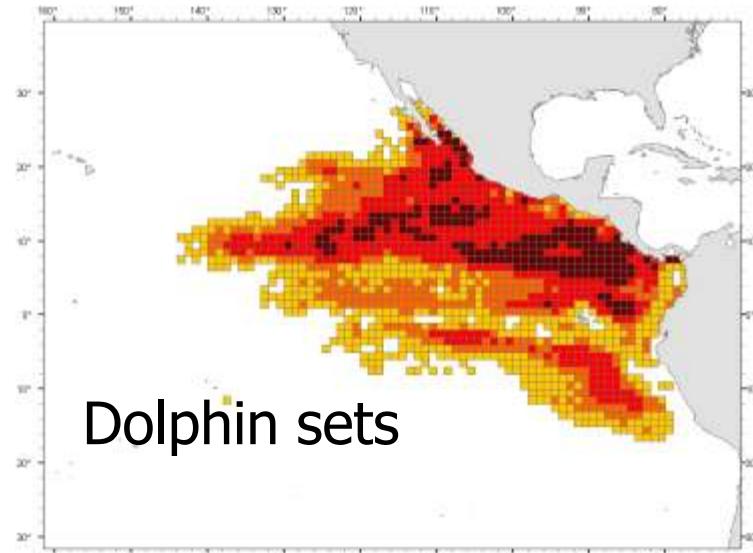


EXTRAS

Tuna purse seine fishery: spatial distribution of fishing effort



Floating Object Sets

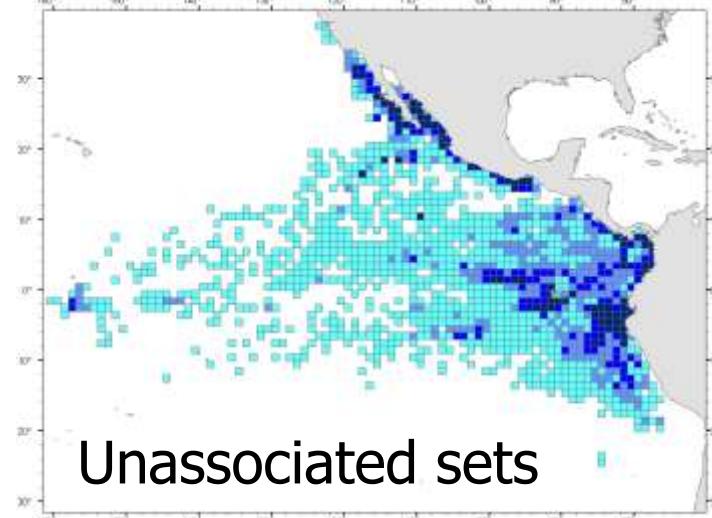


Dolphin sets

1993 - 2003

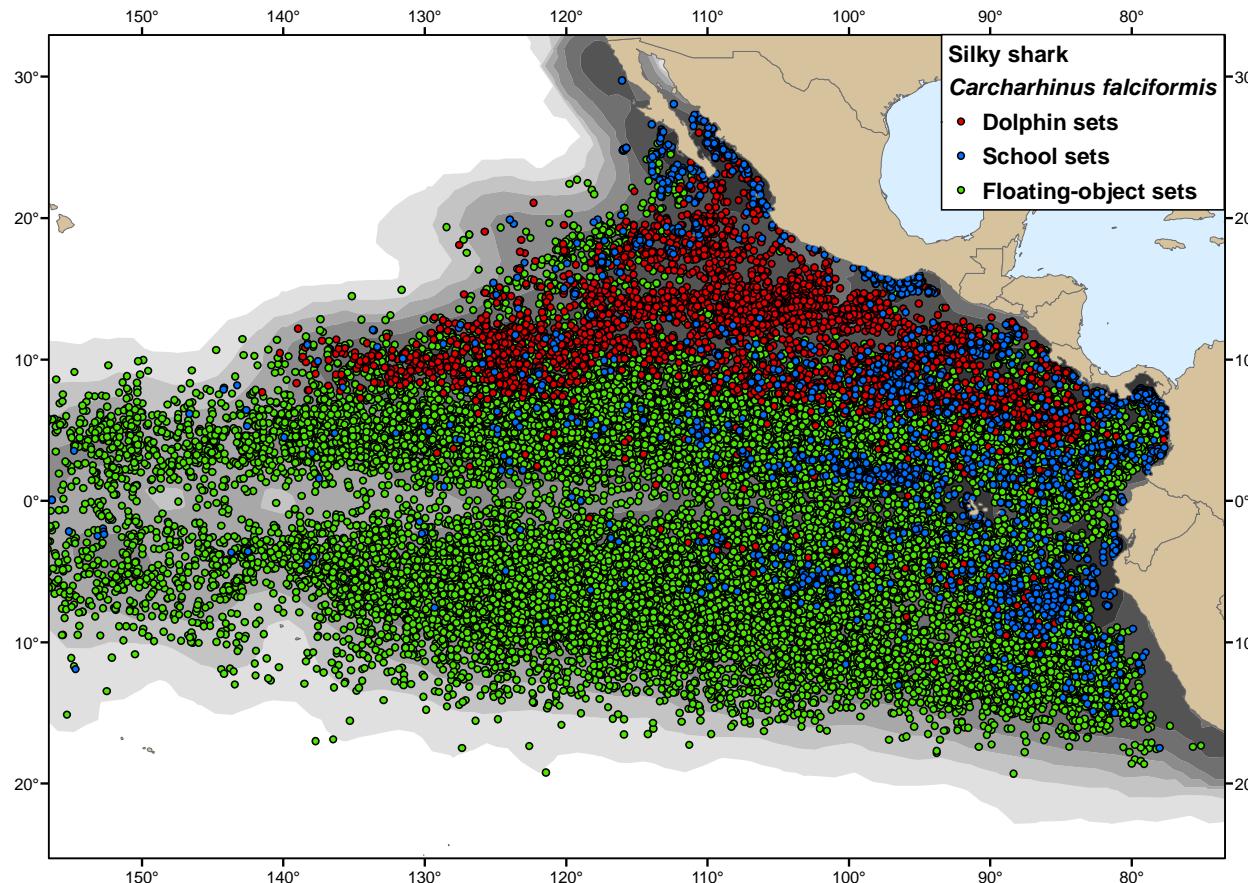
No. Sets

Yellow	Cyan	Light Green
Orange	Light Blue	Medium Green
Red	Dark Blue	Darker Green
Black	Very Dark Blue	Very Dark Green



Unassociated sets

Tuna purse seine fishery: spatial distribution of silky shark bycatch



1993-present



Tuna longline fishery: information available



- Silky shark size selectivity information available from WCPO

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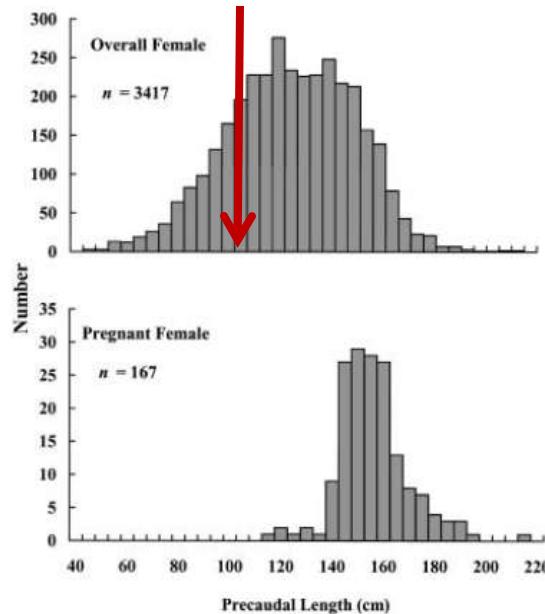
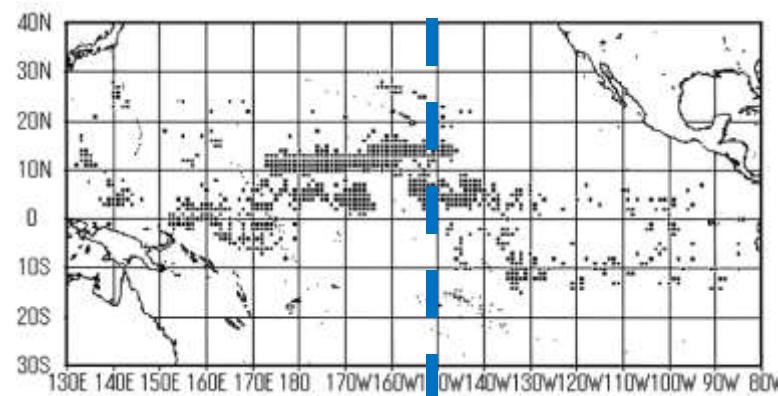


Fig. 5 The length-frequency distribution of females overall and pregnant females specifically.

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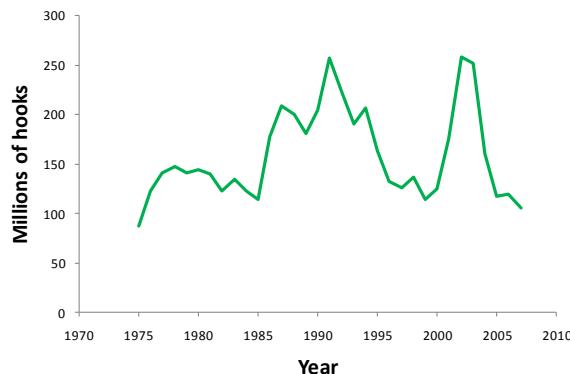


Tuna longline fishery: dealing with unknown bycatch

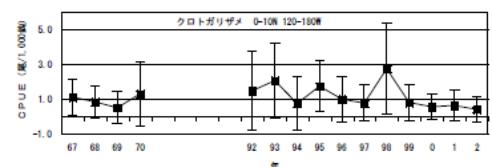


- Longline silky shark bycatch in EPO is **unknown**
- But estimates for total longline effort are **known**

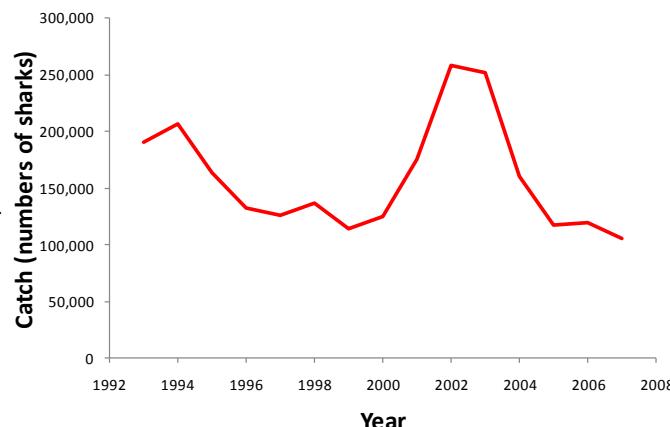
Fishing effort for EPO



Silky shark CPUE in vicinity area of WCPO



Estimated silky bycatch



Tuna longline fishery: dealing with unknown bycatch



- Fitting to catch
- Fitting to effort

$$\hat{C}_y = \sum_a \frac{F_{a,y}}{M + F_{a,y}} N_{a,y} \cdot 1 - e^{-(M + F_{a,y})}$$

$$-\ln L = \frac{\ln C - \ln [\hat{C}]^2}{2cv^2}$$

CV=0.2

$$E_y = \frac{F_y}{\hat{q}}$$

$$-\ln L = \frac{\ln E - \ln [\hat{E}]^2}{2cv_E^2}$$

CV=0.05