Evaluation of daily and annual increment counts from pairs of yellowfin otoliths from the WCPO

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Comparison of daily- and annual- increment counts in otoliths of bigeye (*Thunnus obesus*), yellowfin (*T. albacares*), southern bluefin (*T. maccoyii*) and albacore (*T. alalunga*) tuna

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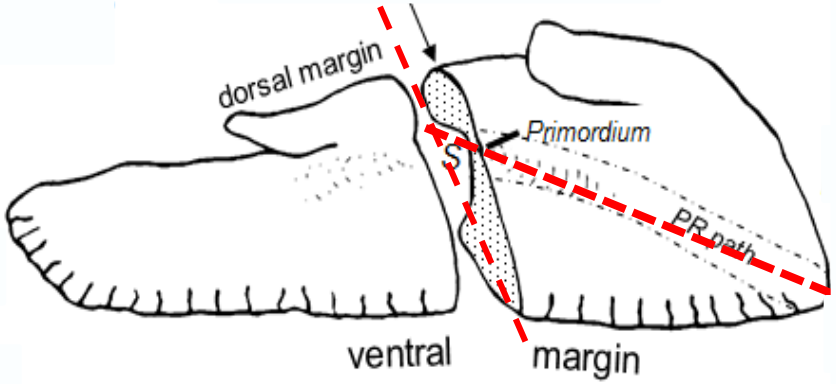
Sectioning planes



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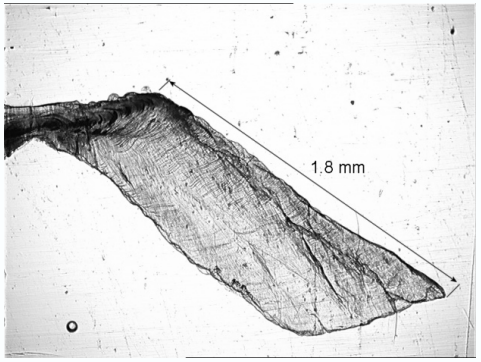
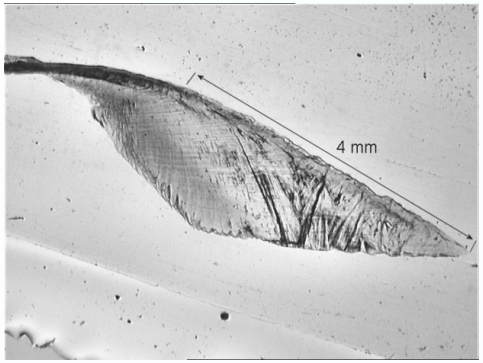


Daily age
Annual age

Frontal (longitudinal) section



Daily age

Otolith images from Williams et al. (2013).

Size range analysed

Table 1. Number of otoliths selected from four tuna species by length class.

	Species			
Fork length (cm)	**Albacore**	**Bigeye**	**Southern bluefin**	**Yellowfin**
40 – 49	3		2	3
50 – 59	4	3	2	3
60 – 69	4	3		3
70 – 79	4	3	3	3
80 – 89	4	3	2	3
90 – 99	4	4	3	3
100 – 109	4	3	3	3
110 – 119	3	5	3	3
120 – 129		5	3	3
130 – 139		3		3
140 – 149		1		
150 – 159		1	2	
160 – 169			2	
170 – 179		1	2	
180 – 189			2	
190 – 199			1	
Total	30	35	30	30

Age bias plots