

Seek *simplicity*, but **distrust** it

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Difficulties & hopelessness in ecosystem modeling

- We need

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Species Replacement of Pelagic Fishes

Catch in Japan (1000 mt)

Anchovy
Horse mackerels
Pacific saury
Chub mackerel
Sardine

Target switching of multispecies fisheries

(Katsukawa & Matsuda, Fish.Res. 2002)

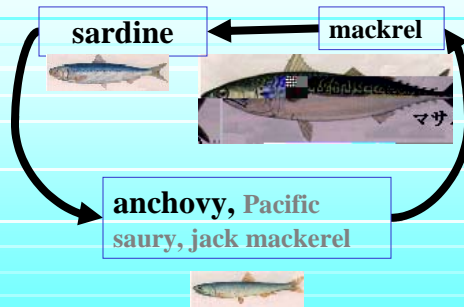
Policy 1 (no switching; NSF)

Fishing effort $E_i = e_i/3$ (constant)

Or $E_i = E_i(x_i)$

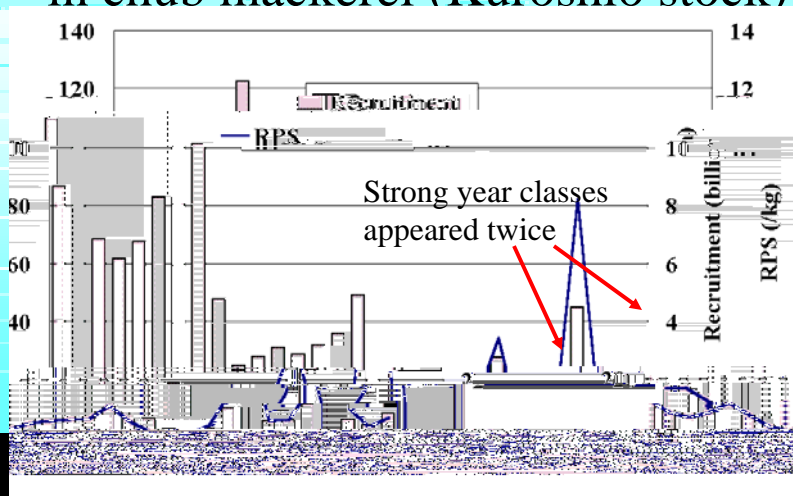
Cyclic Advantage Hypothesis based on ecosystem approach (species interaction)

The next dominant to sardine is anchovy –
 Yes! As I predicted
 The second next is chub mackerel
 Many people agree now



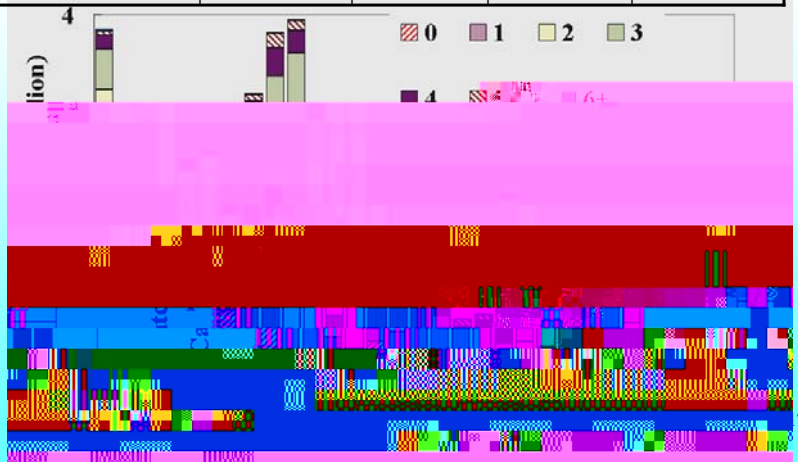
Matsuda et al. (1992) Res. Pop.

Large fluctuation of recruitment in chub mackerel (Kuroshio stock)



Immatures were heavily caught before
the age at maturity

	1970s	1980s	1990s	1993-
%immatures	65.0%	60.0%	87.0%	90.6%



Future of Pelagic Fish Populations in the north-western Pacific:

- If overfishing of immatures continues,
 - chub mackerel will not recover forever.
 - Fishers did not agree to my recommendation.
- If cyclic replacement hypothesis is true,
 - sardine will not recover forever either.
- Do not catch immatures too much!
 - The overfishing is an **experiment** for my hypothesis. (adaptive **mismanagement**)
 - In 2003, fishers agreed to stock recovery plan!

<http://risk.kan.ynu.ac.jp/matsuda/2006/060612UN.ppt>

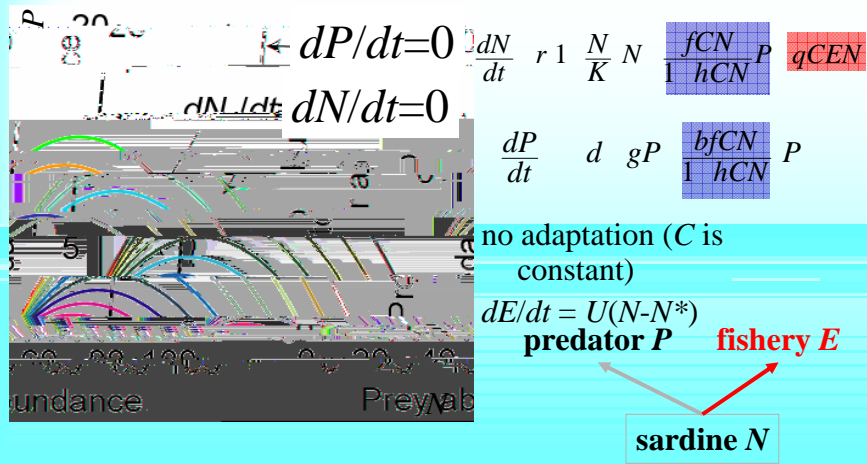
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If prey is exploited and fishing effort is feedback control, ...(Matsuda & Abrams in prep.)



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Fishing effort must be controlled by the predator density P

- $dE/dt = U(P - \text{Target predator density})$
- $E = E(N, P), E/$

