

Evaluation of the Impacts of Seedlings on Abalone Reproduction by Genetic Approach



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Commercial species in Japan



Large

Haliotis discus hannai



H. discus discus



Large

H. gigantea



Large

H. madaka



H. diversicolor aquatilis

Small



H. diversicolor diversicolor

Habitat distribution of large abalone in Japan



H. madaka



H. gigantea



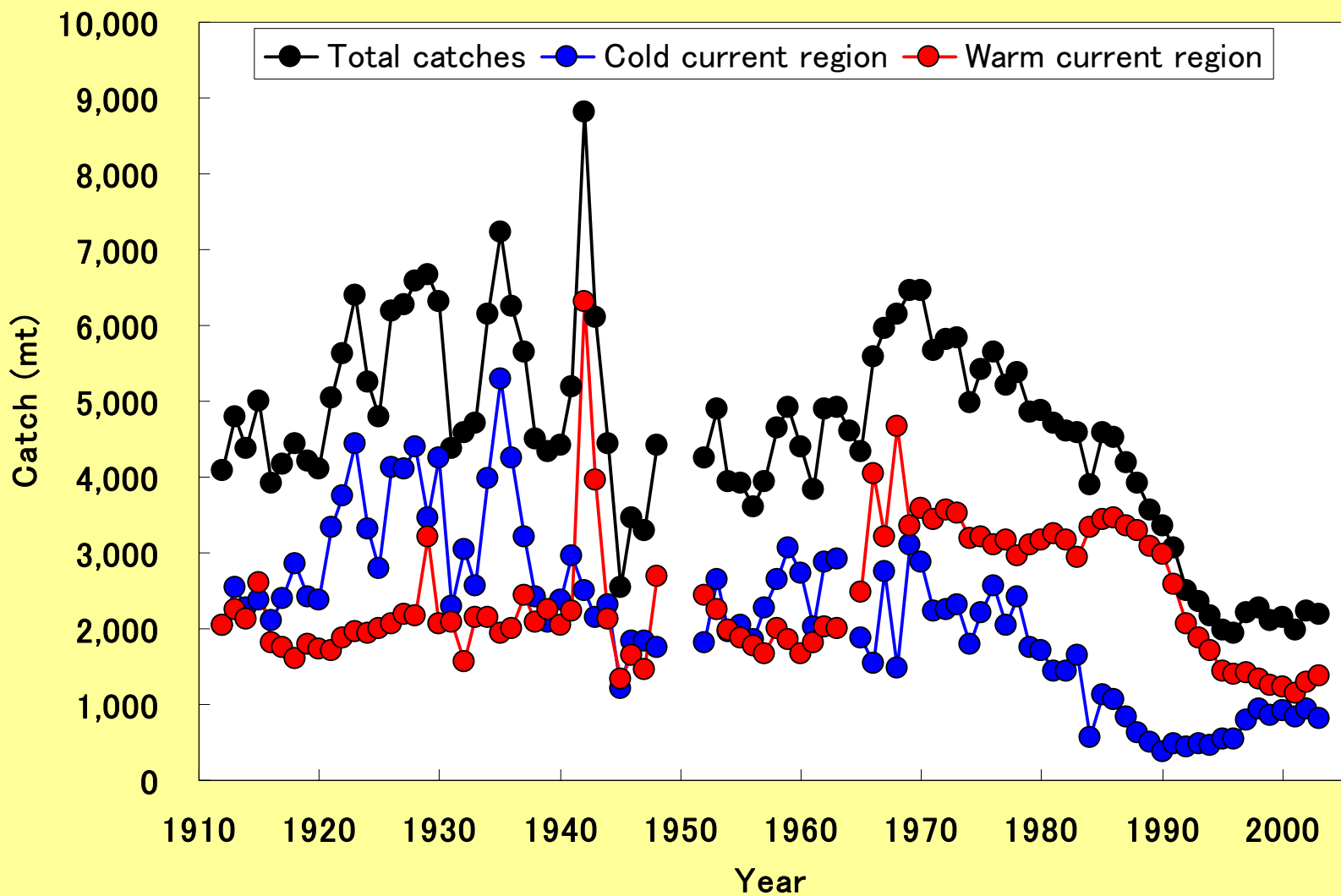
H. d. hannai



H. discus discus



Haliotis discus hannai in the cold current region, and three species of *H.d.discus*, *H.gigantea* and *H.madaka* in the warm region.



Trends of abalone catches in Japan

The catches in cold current region was stable from 1910 to 1970, and declined rapidly afterwards. On the other hands, that in warm current region declined since 90s.

Fishery Management System on Abalone in Japan

Fishery rights on coastal and sedentary resources
(abalone, clam, sea urchin, kelp etc.)

5,000 areas around the coast of Japan

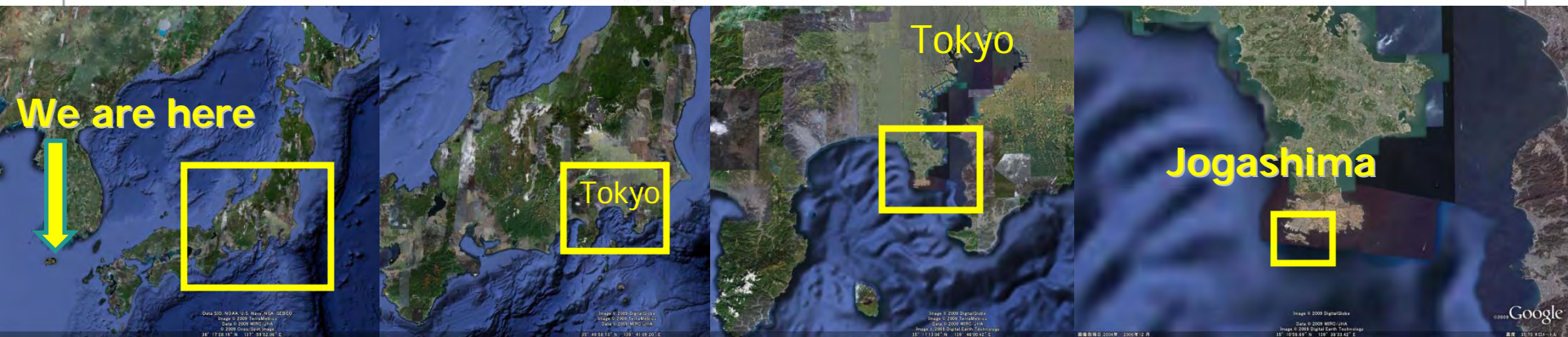
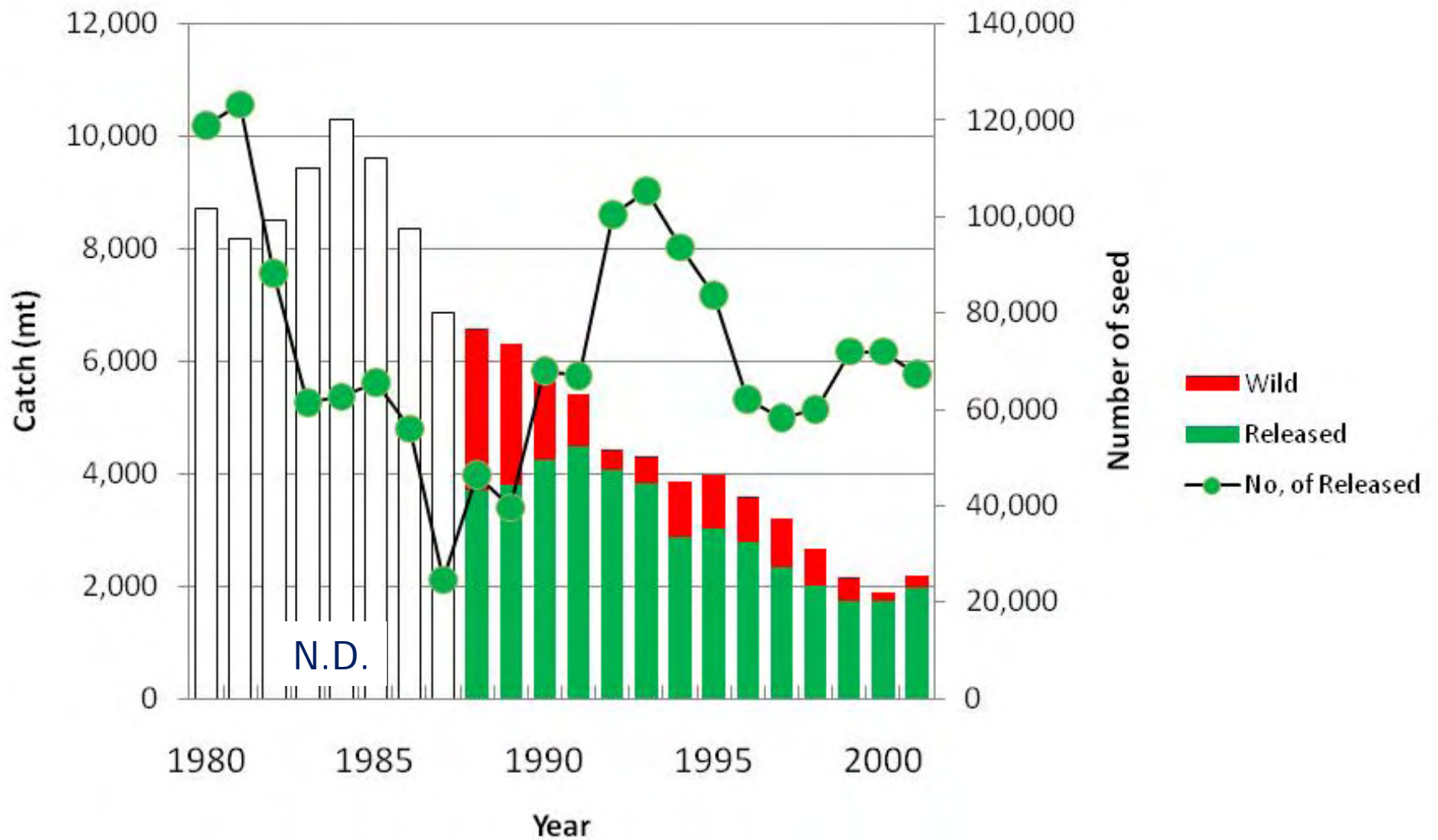
- Law of Fisheries (Basic Law)
established by government
- Rule of fisheries regulation
by local government (prefecture)
- Rule of exercising fisheries right
by fisheries cooperative association

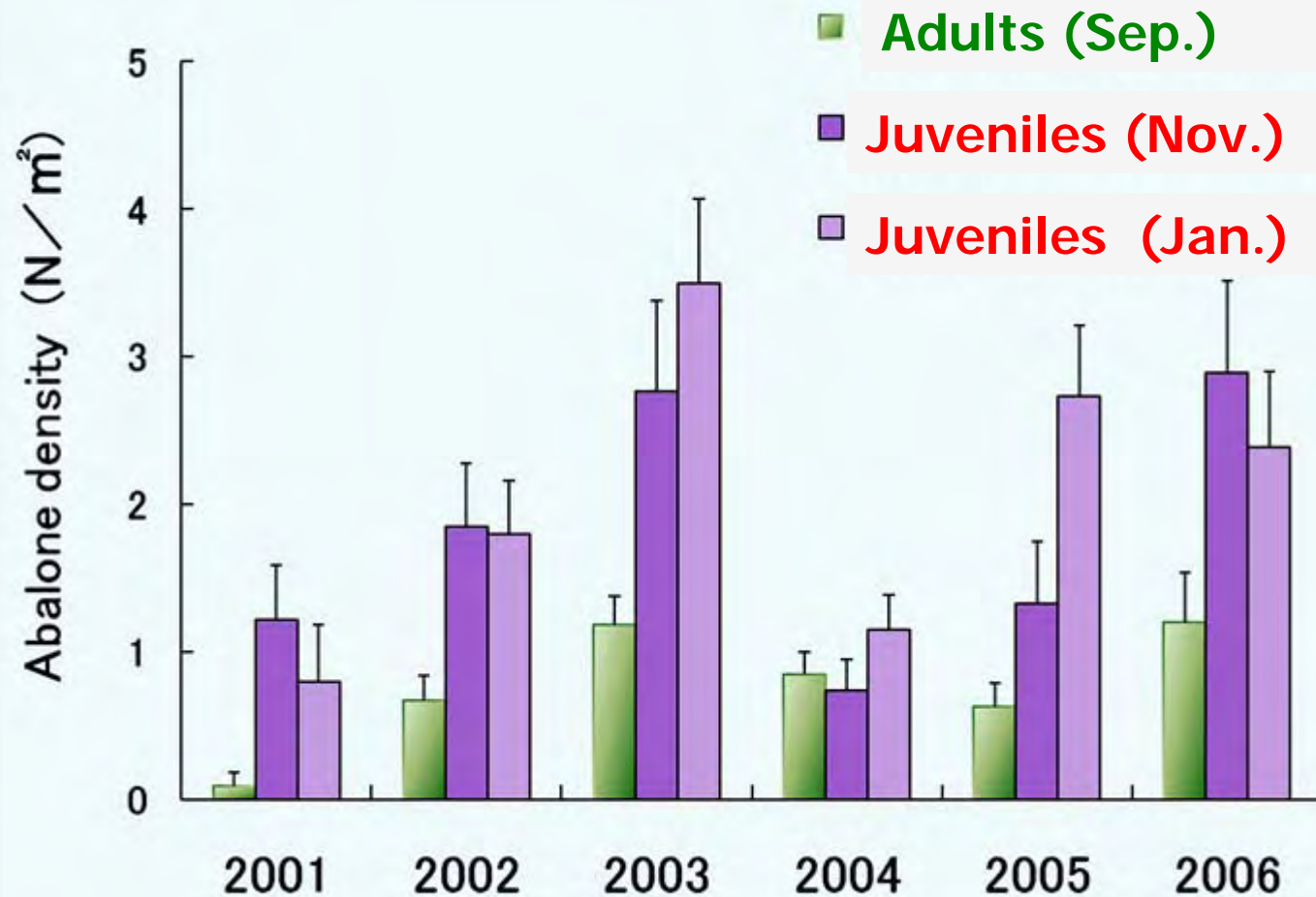
Why has the abalone population been declined?

- **Over-fishing & poaching**
- **Climate change**

Why has the abalone population been declined in spite of seedlings?

- **Too short number of seeds?**
- **Low survive of seeds?**
- **Low re-productivity of seeds?**



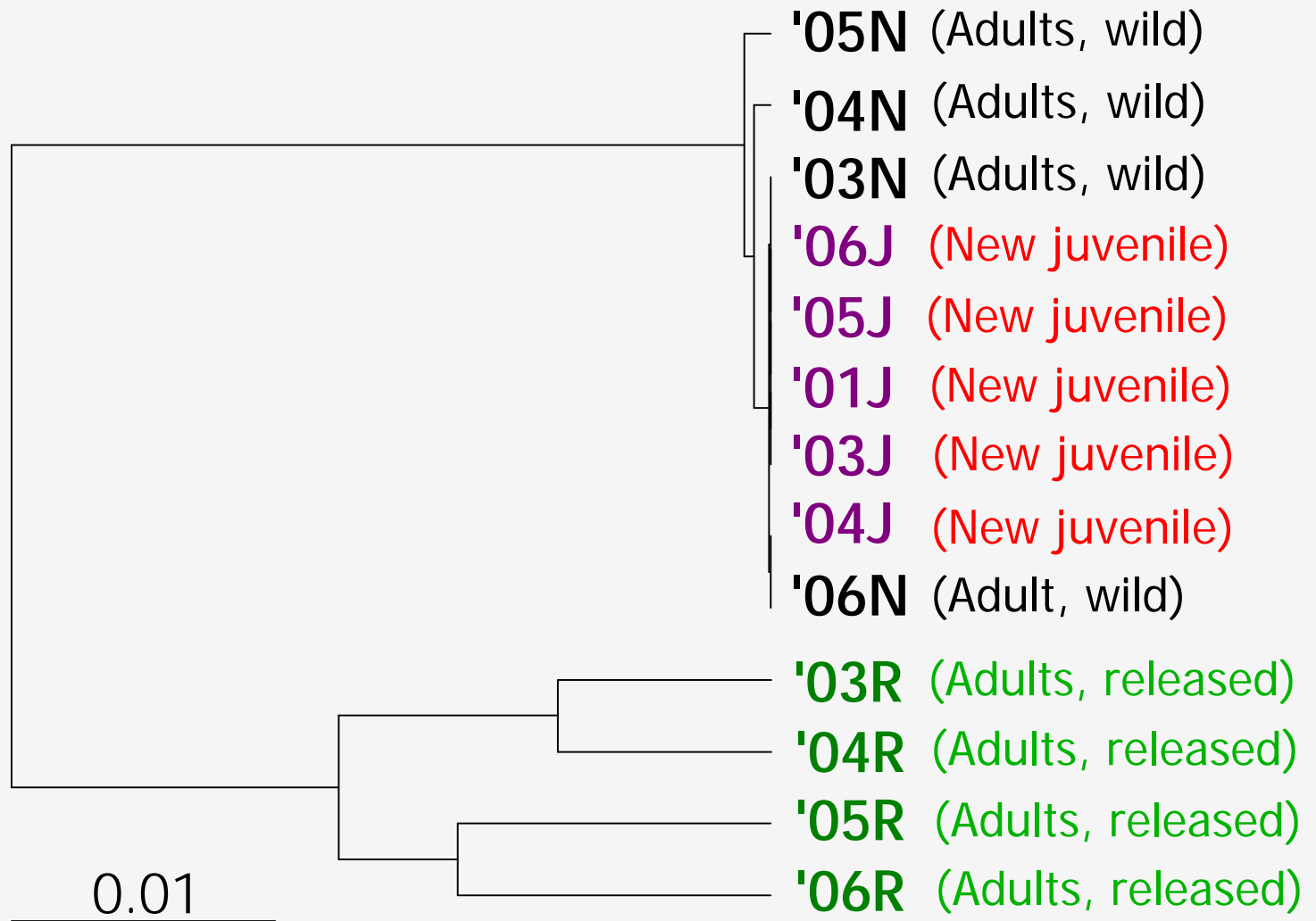


Changes of the density of adults and new juveniles around the release site (2001 – 2006)

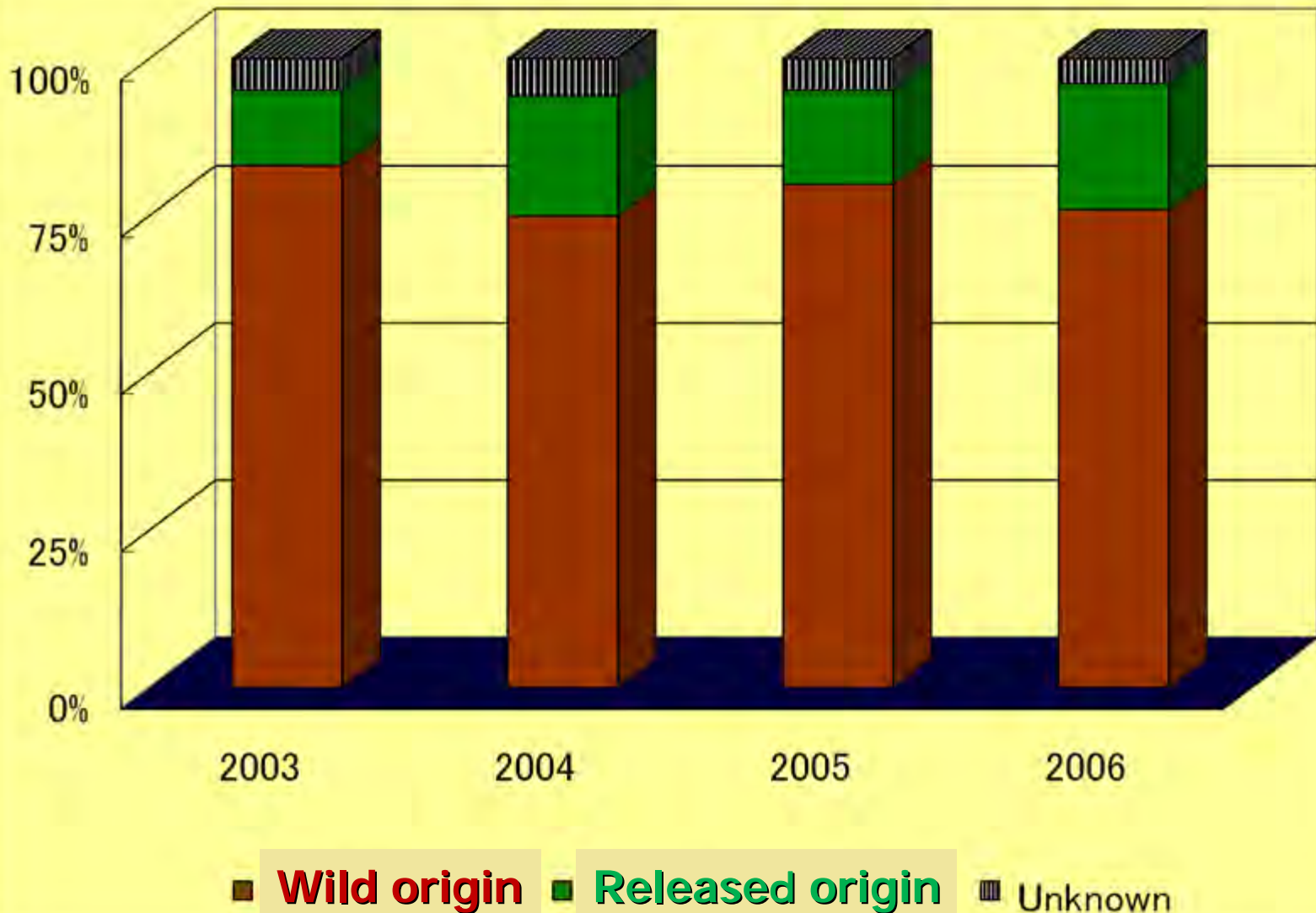
Over 90% of the adults were released animals in each years

Genetic diversity in each population from 2003 to 2006

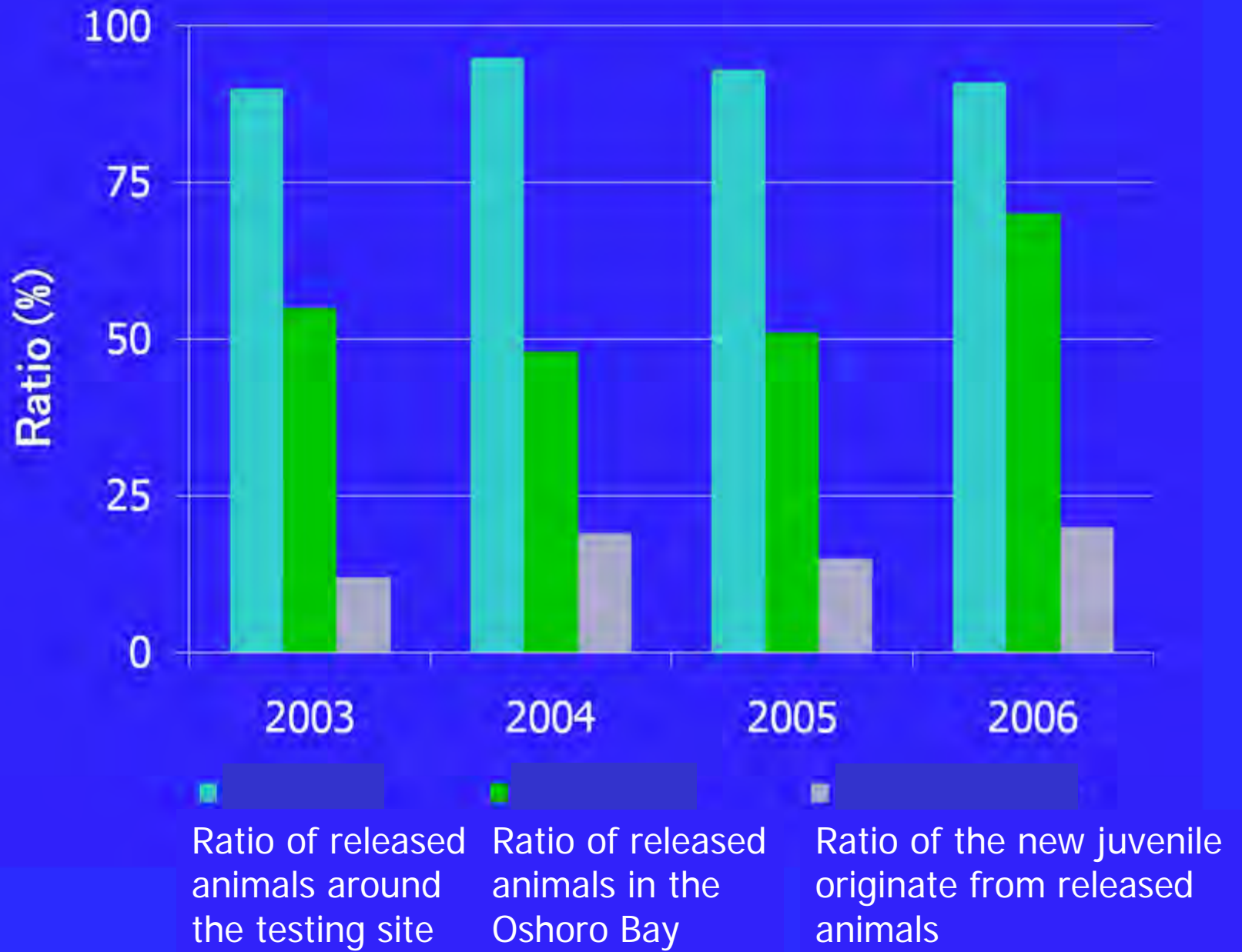
Population	No of year class	Allelic richness	Expected heterozygosity
Wild	4	8.1~8.6	0.592~0.615
Released	4	4.4~7.0	0.515~0.562
New juvenile	4	8.2~8.6	0.603~0.625



Genetic relationship among samples generated from pairwise F_{ST} values using UPGMA method



Result of assignment test of new juveniles at individual level in 2003 to 2006

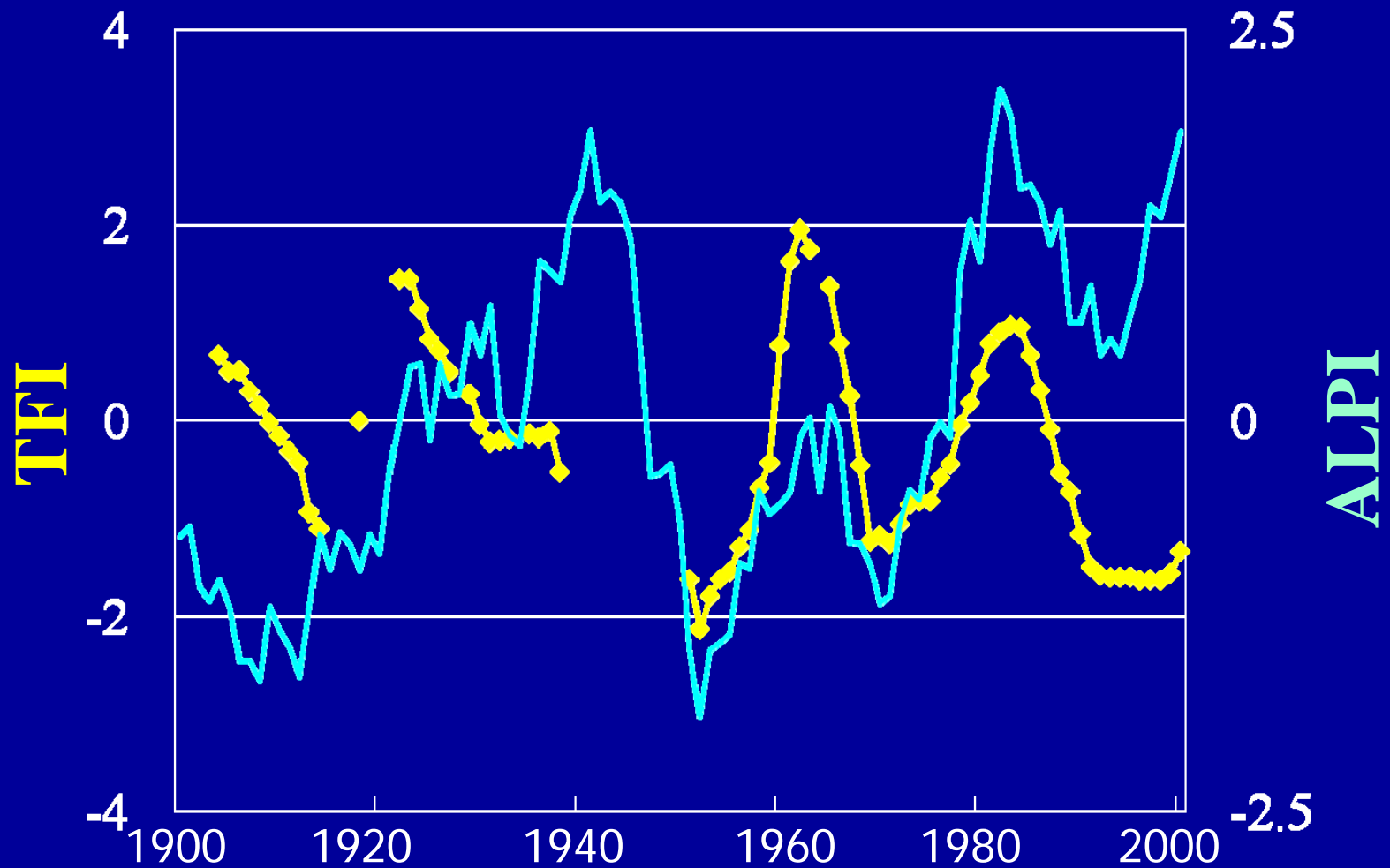


Summary

- We could make the **broodstock density** of testing site **higher with seedling**. **90% of broodstock were released animals.**
- But, over 80% of new juvenile occurred around the testing site were **originate from wild broodstock.**
- Impact of seedling on reproduction could not be detected.

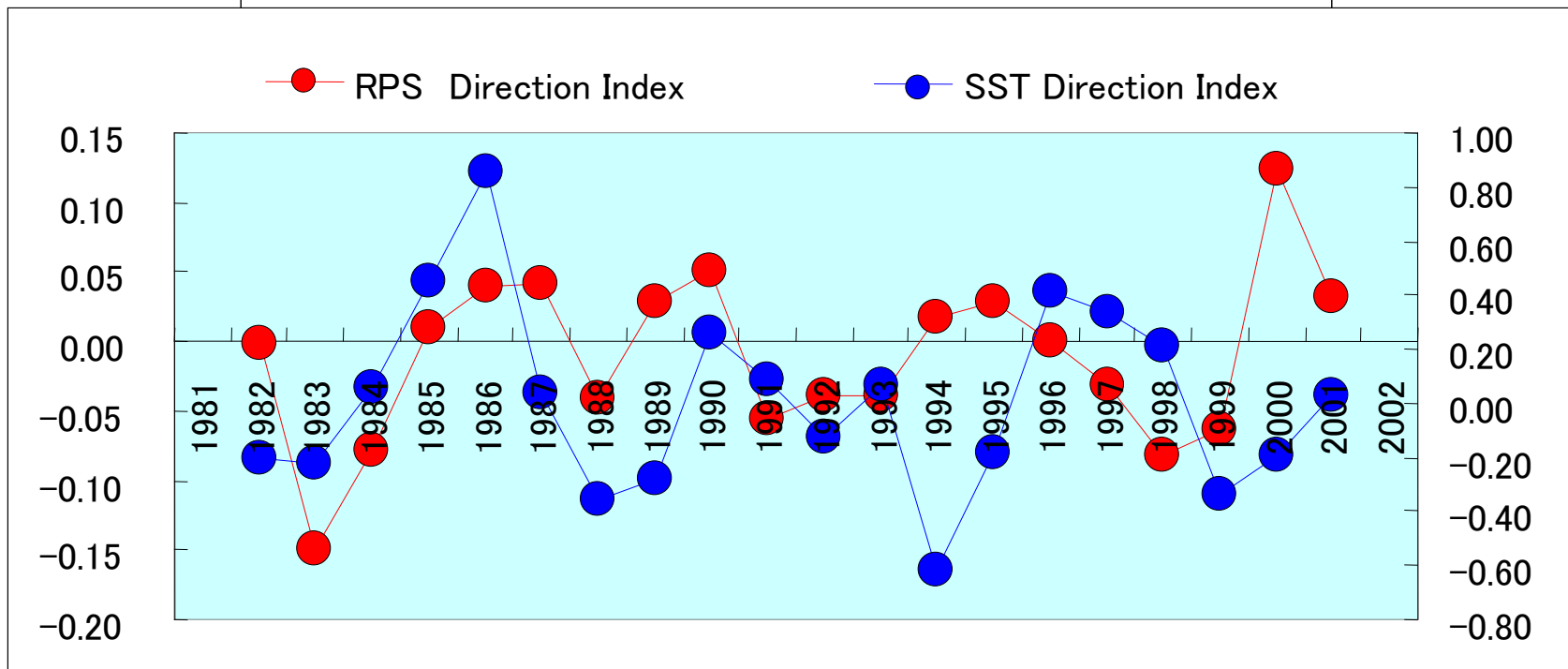
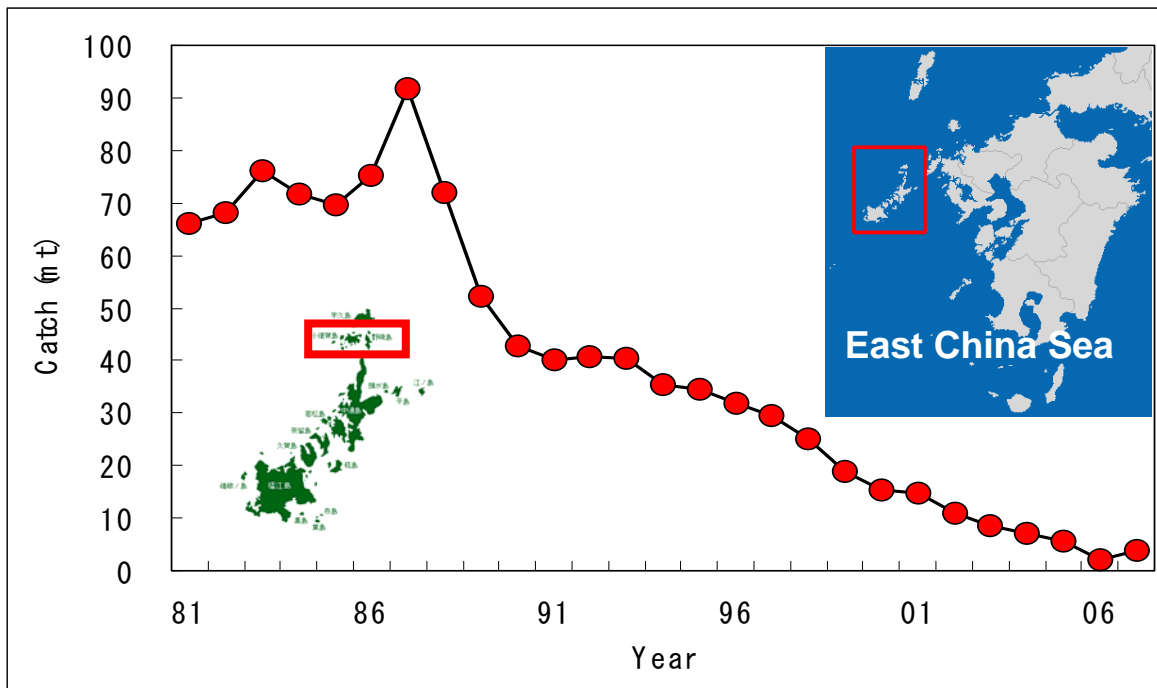
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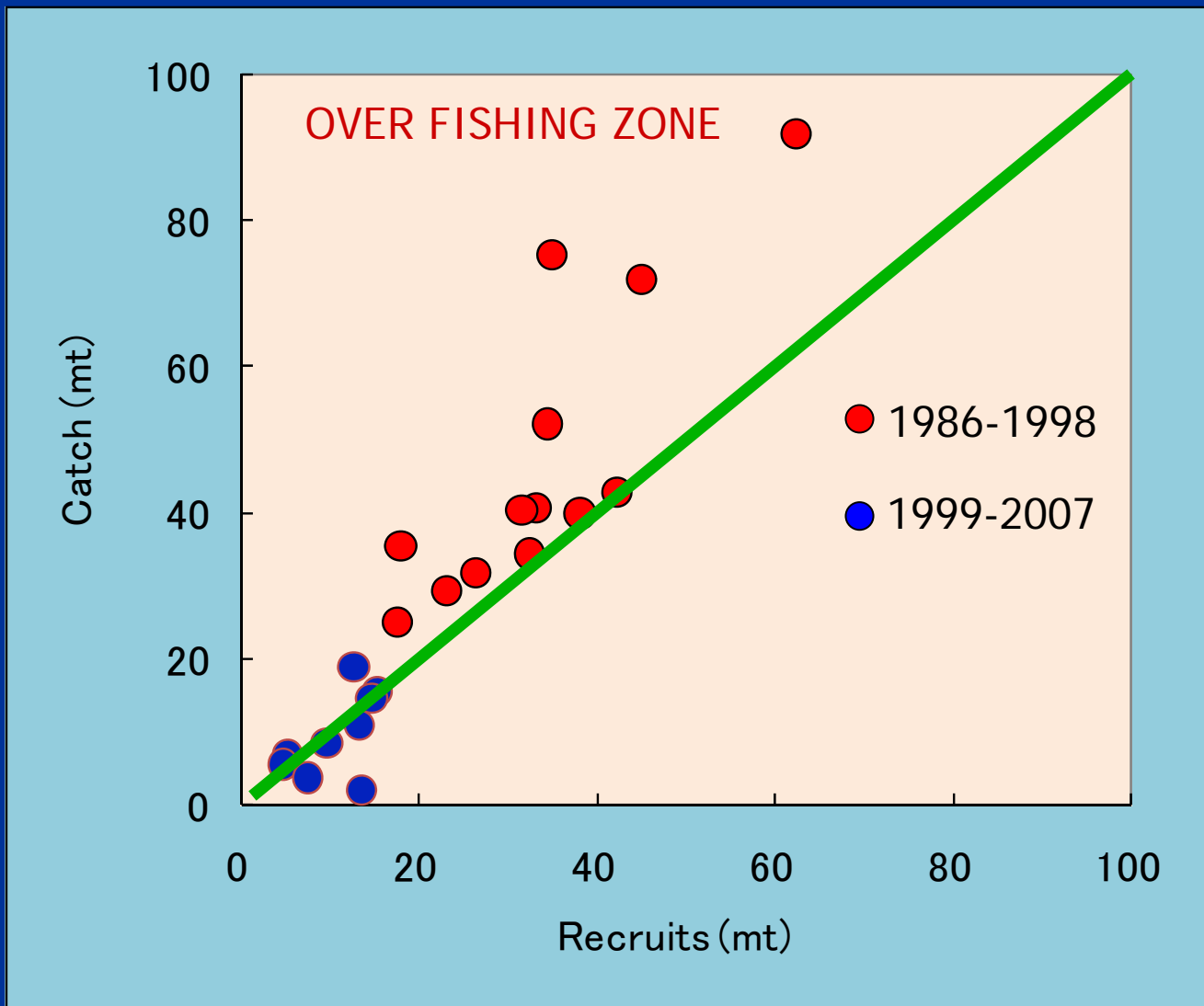
- Disperse and transportation of free-swimming larvae
- Suitable condition for brood stock
geographical, biological, ecological...
- Reproductive ability of artificial produced animals



**Tendency of abalone catches Fluctuation Index (TFI)
and Aleutian Low Pressure Index (ALPI)**

(Hayakawa *et.al.* 2007)





Relationships between yearly recruits and catches in 1986-2007.

Abalone population management

- RPS (recruits per spawning stock biomass) and stock abundance are affected by sea water temperature condition in the short term.
- Over-fishing (including poaching) on brood stock cause depletion in the long term.
- Currently, seedling could not enhance recruits in many areas.
- Appropriate fishery management is indispensable for recovering abalone population independently of seedlings.

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