

# **Possible change in distribution of seaweed, *Sargassum horneri*, in East Asia under A2 scenario of global warming and its impact on fishes**

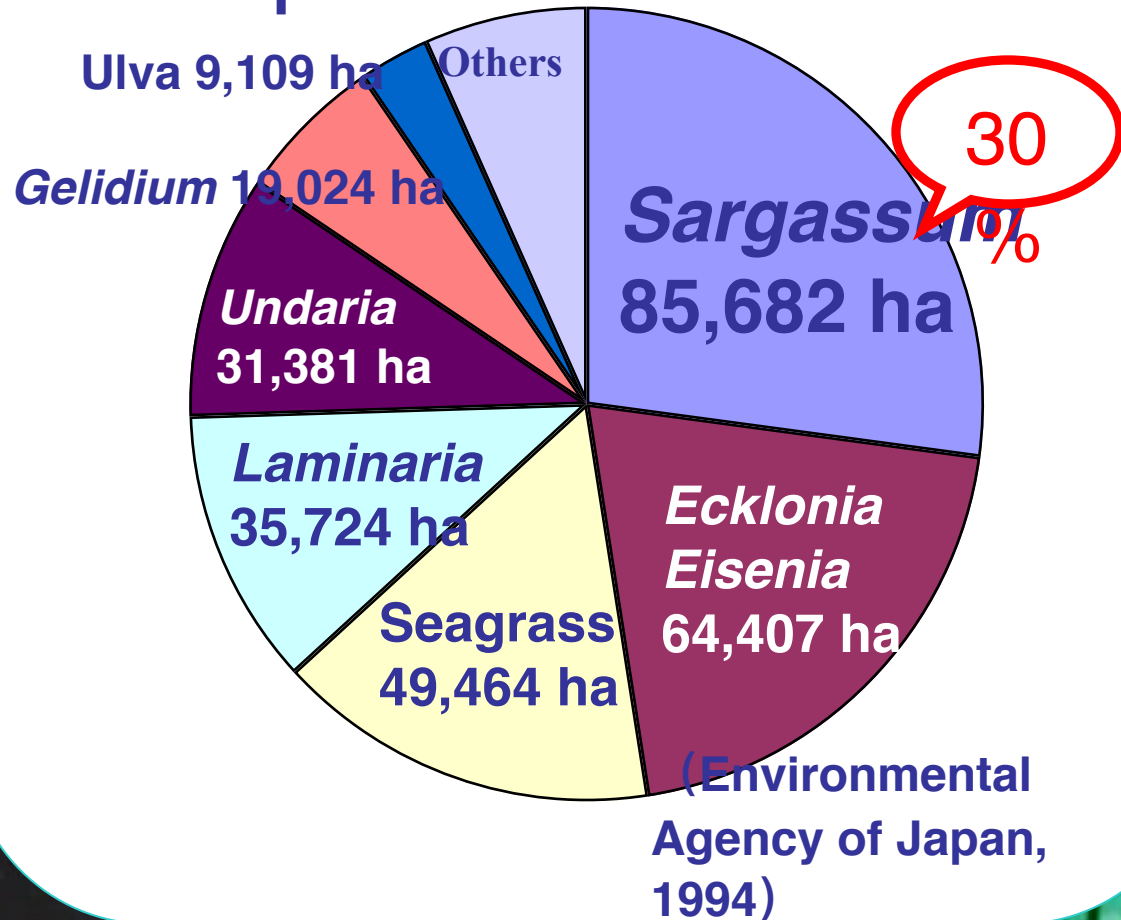


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## Seagrass and seaweed beds in Japan



Seagrass

Sea

*Laminaria*

*Ecklonia and Eisenia*



*Sargassum*  
forest



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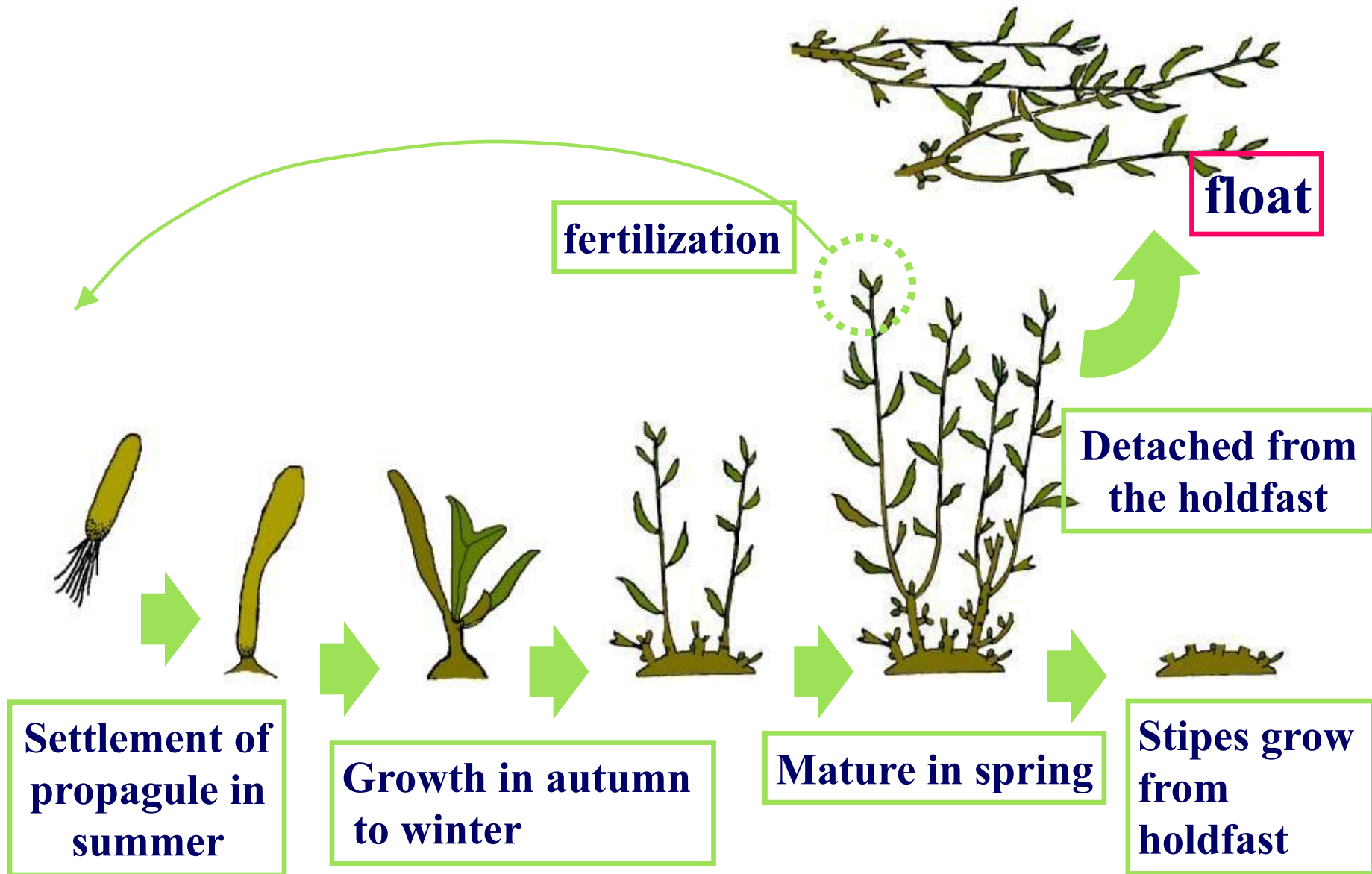
気胞

Vesicle



Luxuriant growth season from February to May

# Life history of perennial *Sargassum* species





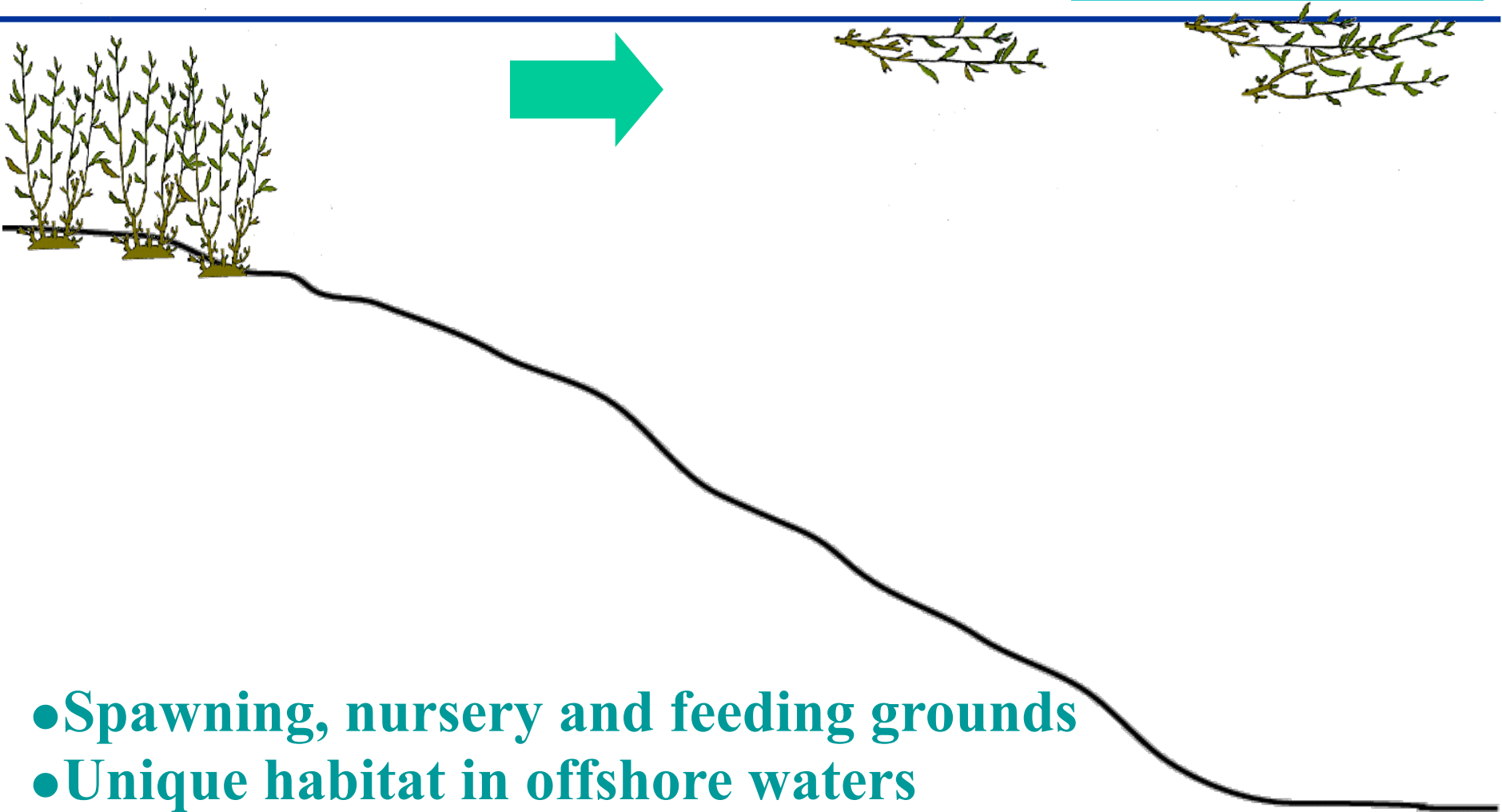


# **Floating seaweeds: their ecological roles and distributions in East China Sea**

# Ecological roles of floating seaweed rafts

coast

Offshore  
waters





# Drifting seaweeds in East China Sea





# Important fish species using floating seaweeds

Use as a spawning ground

Pacific saury, flying fish, Japanese halfbeak

Use as a nursery



Yellowtail, Japanese jack mackerel,  
rockfish



(Sebastes)

Temporally use of adult fish

Dolphinfish, Skipjack tuna





Eggs spawned on floating *Sargassum* by Japanese saury (left) and Japanese halfbeak (right)

Source [http://www.volvox.co.jp/umi/23\\_seri/seri0504.html](http://www.volvox.co.jp/umi/23_seri/seri0504.html)



# Yellowtail juveniles

- Nursery ground for juveniles of yellow tail, jack mackerel and *Sebastes*



# Objective of the study

- Distribution and species composition of drifting seaweeds in East China Sea
- Abundance and standing crop of drifting seaweeds in East China Sea
- Origin of drifting seaweeds
- Fate of drifting seaweeds: where they go?



**R/V Hakuho Maru 白鳳丸**



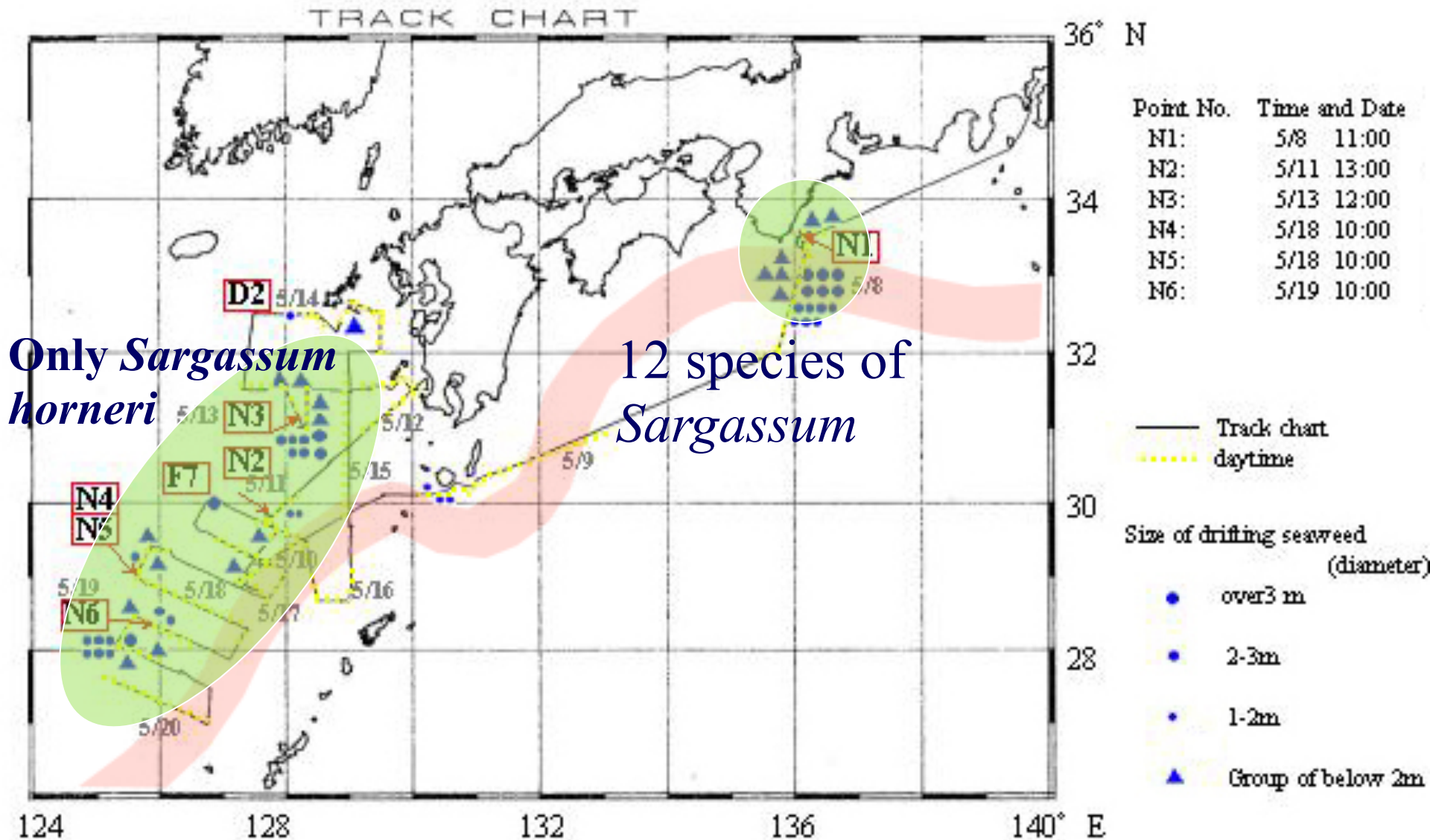
# Sampling of drifting seaweeds





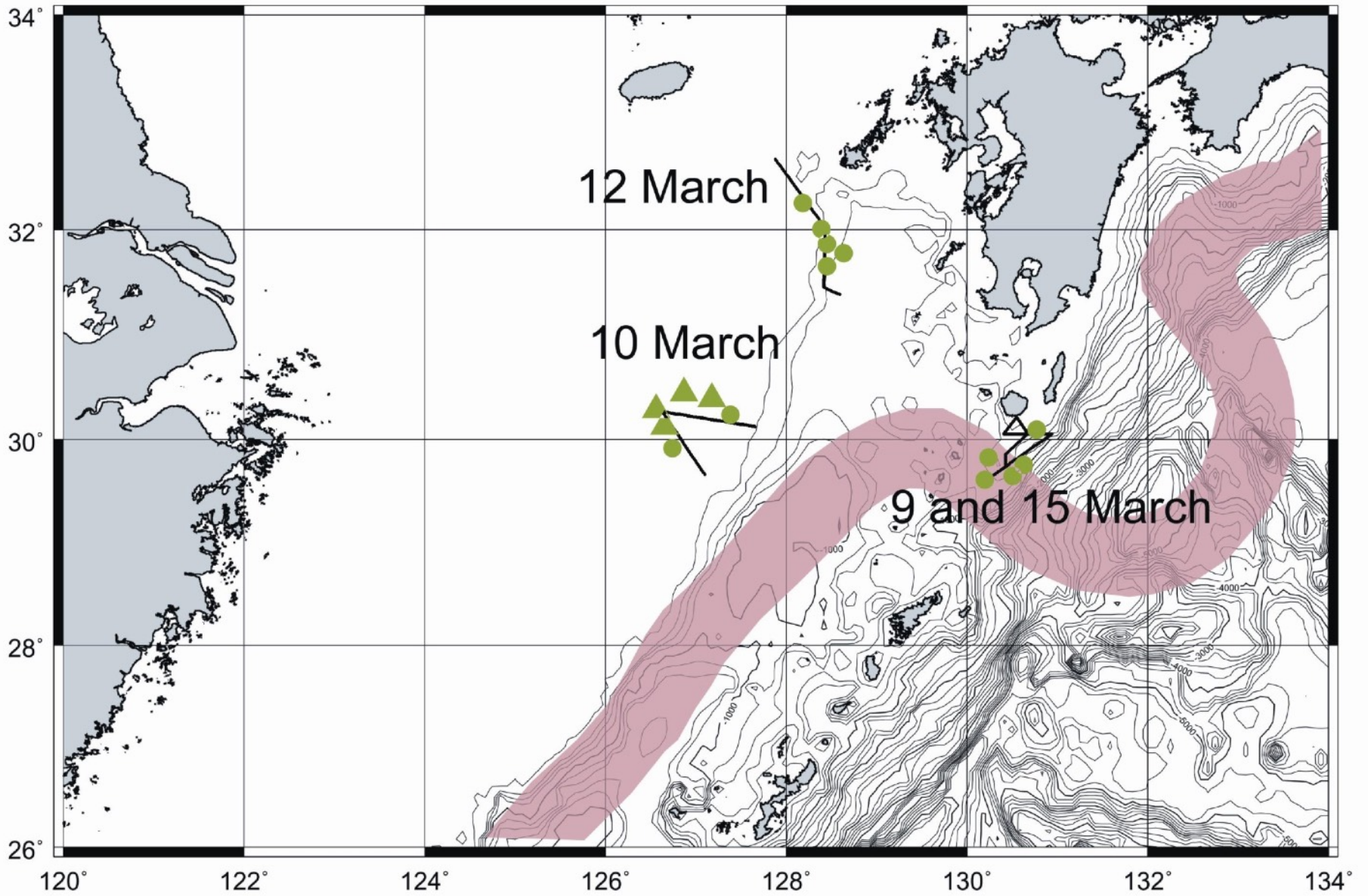
Identifying species  
Measuring the  
maximum stipe length



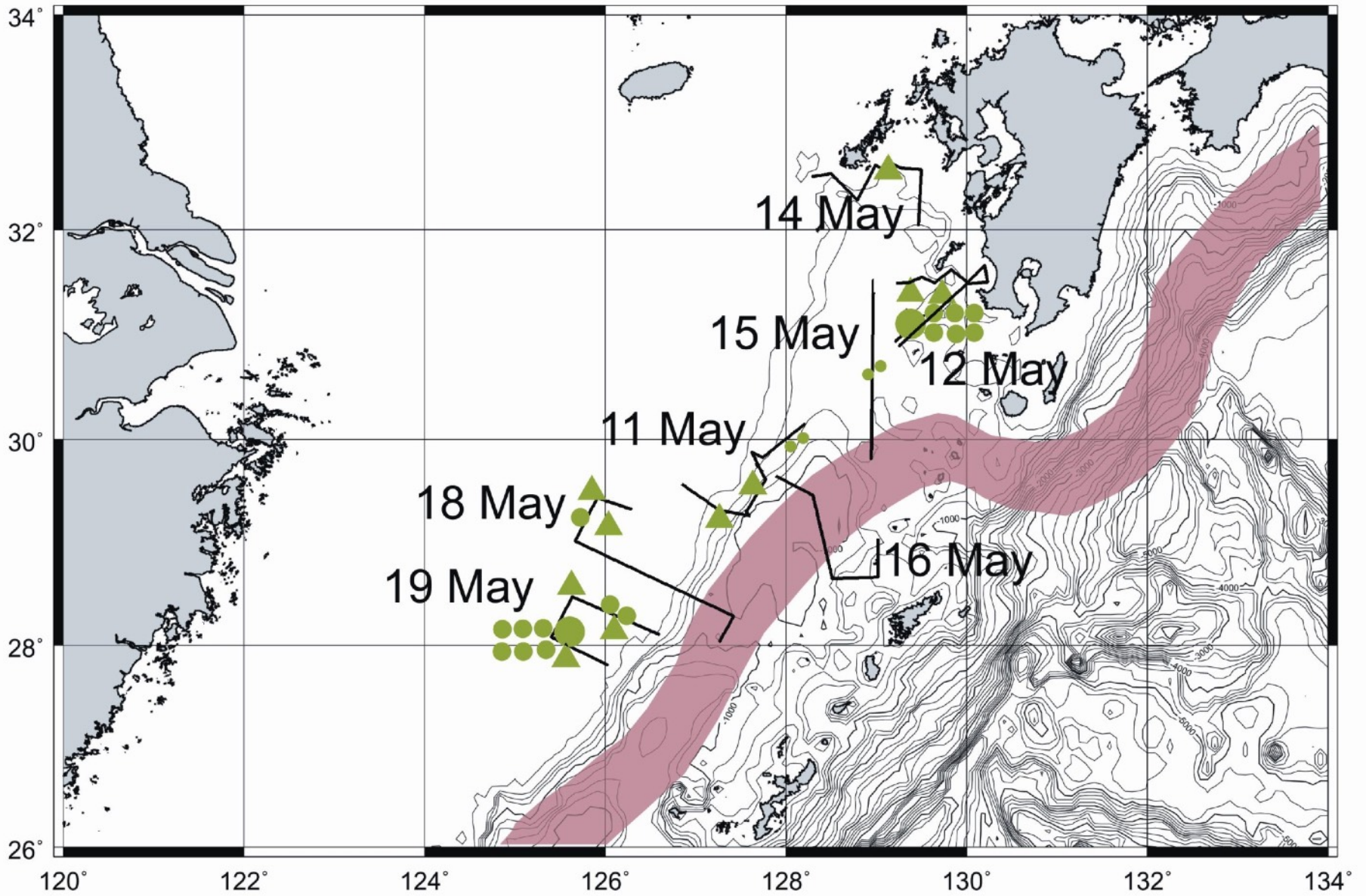


Drifting seaweeds found during May 2002



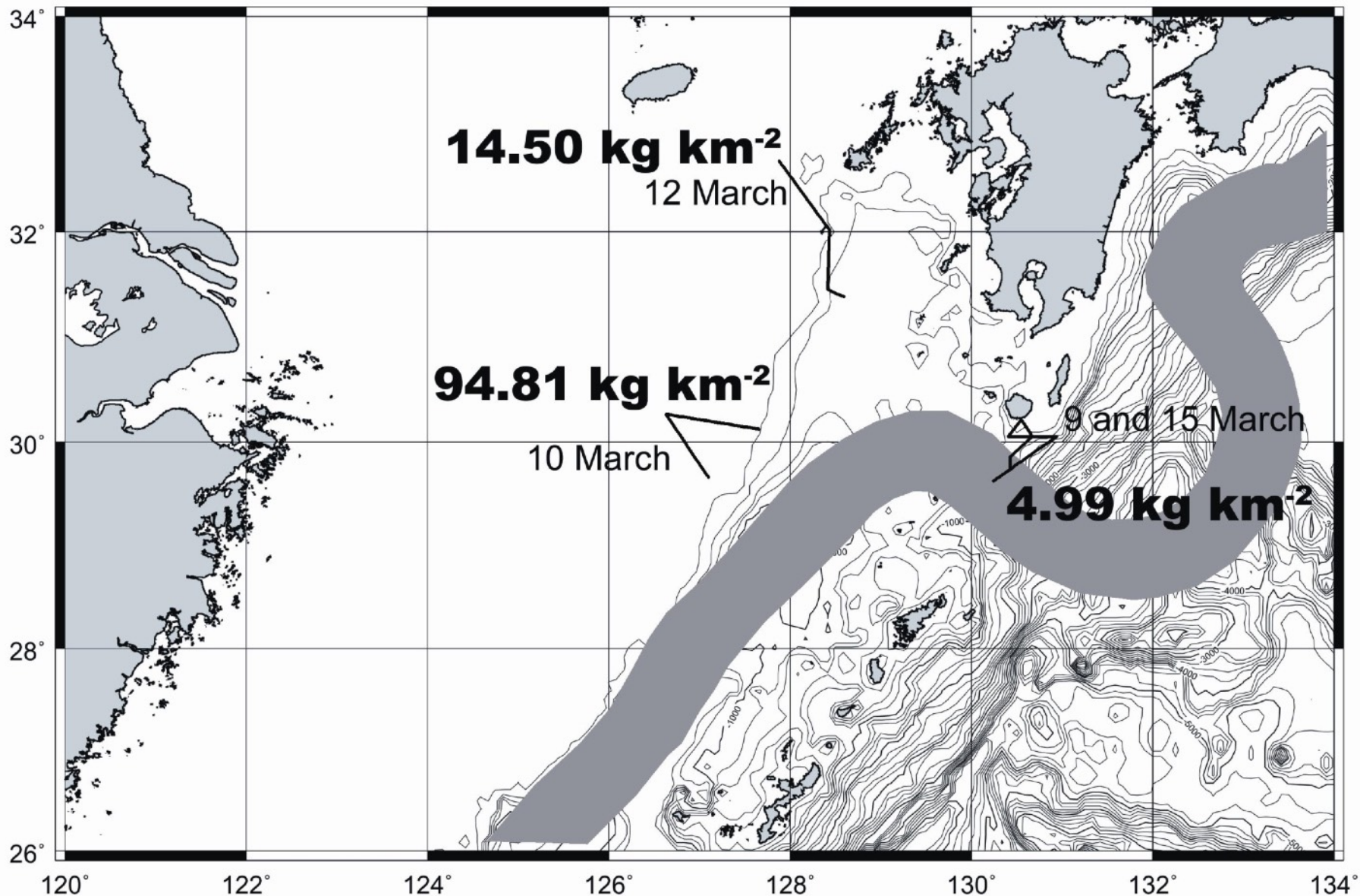


Distribution of drifting seaweeds in East China Sea in March 2004



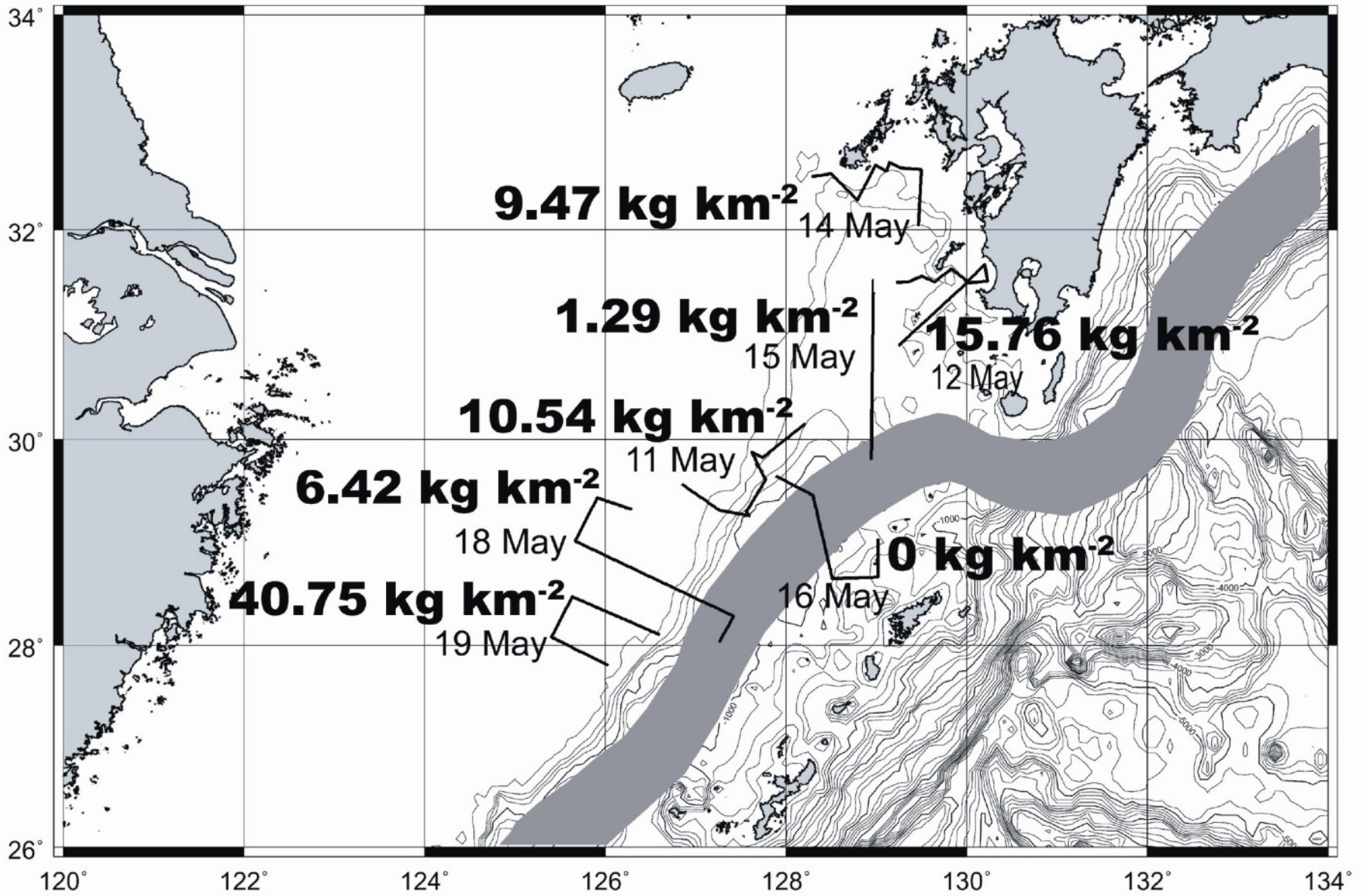
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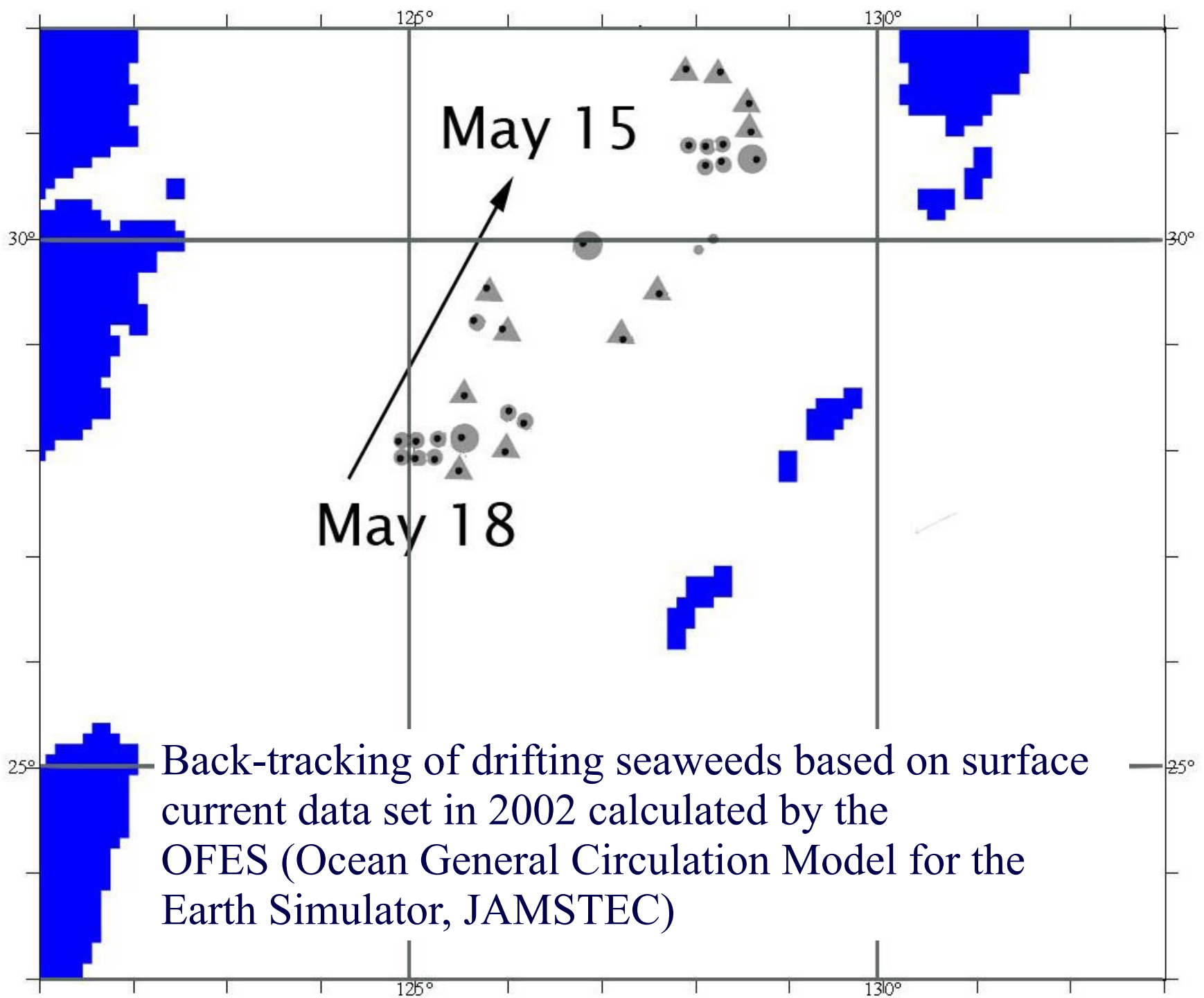


Standing crop of drifting seaweeds in East China Sea in March 2004



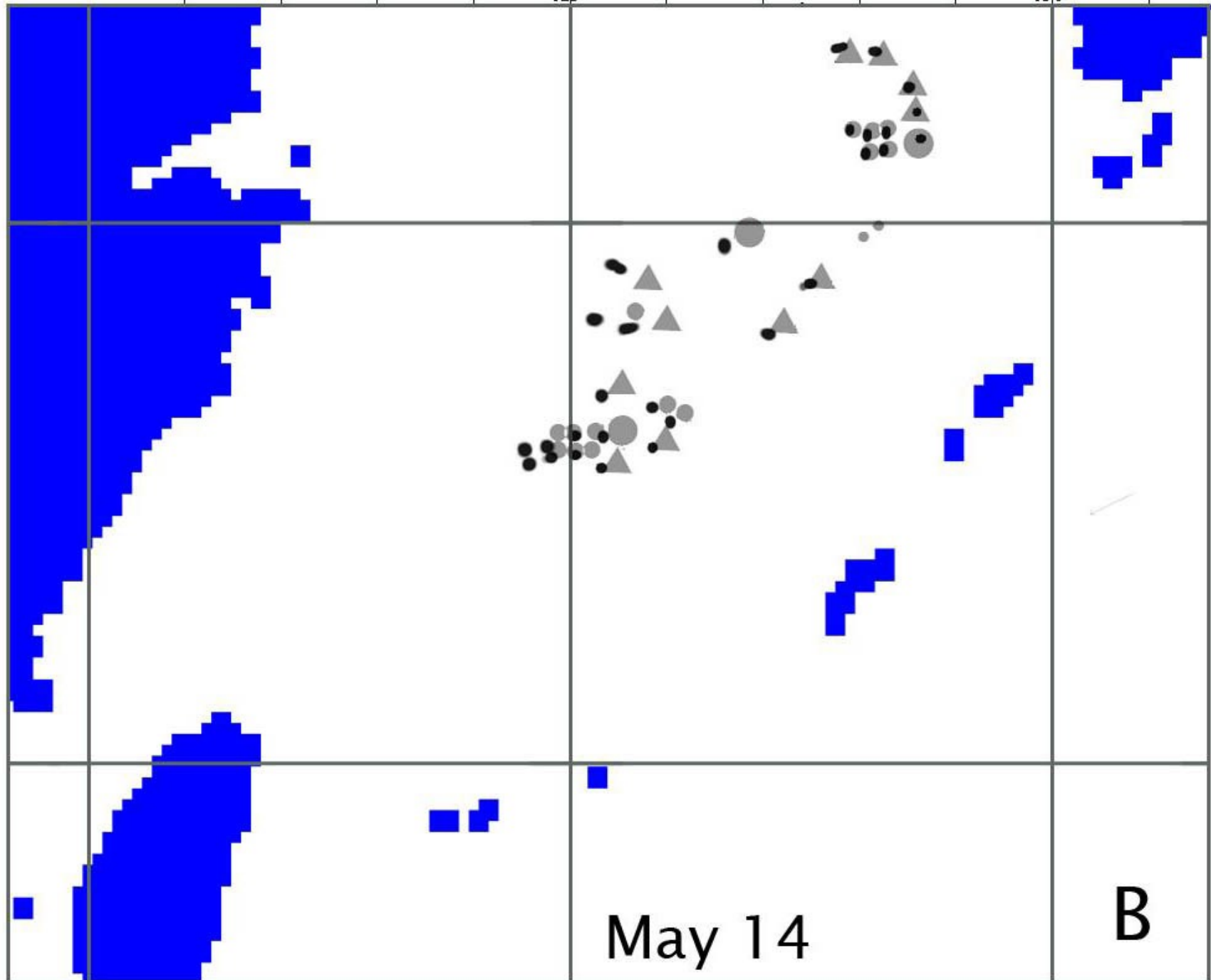


Standing crop of drifting seaweeds in East China Sea in May 2002



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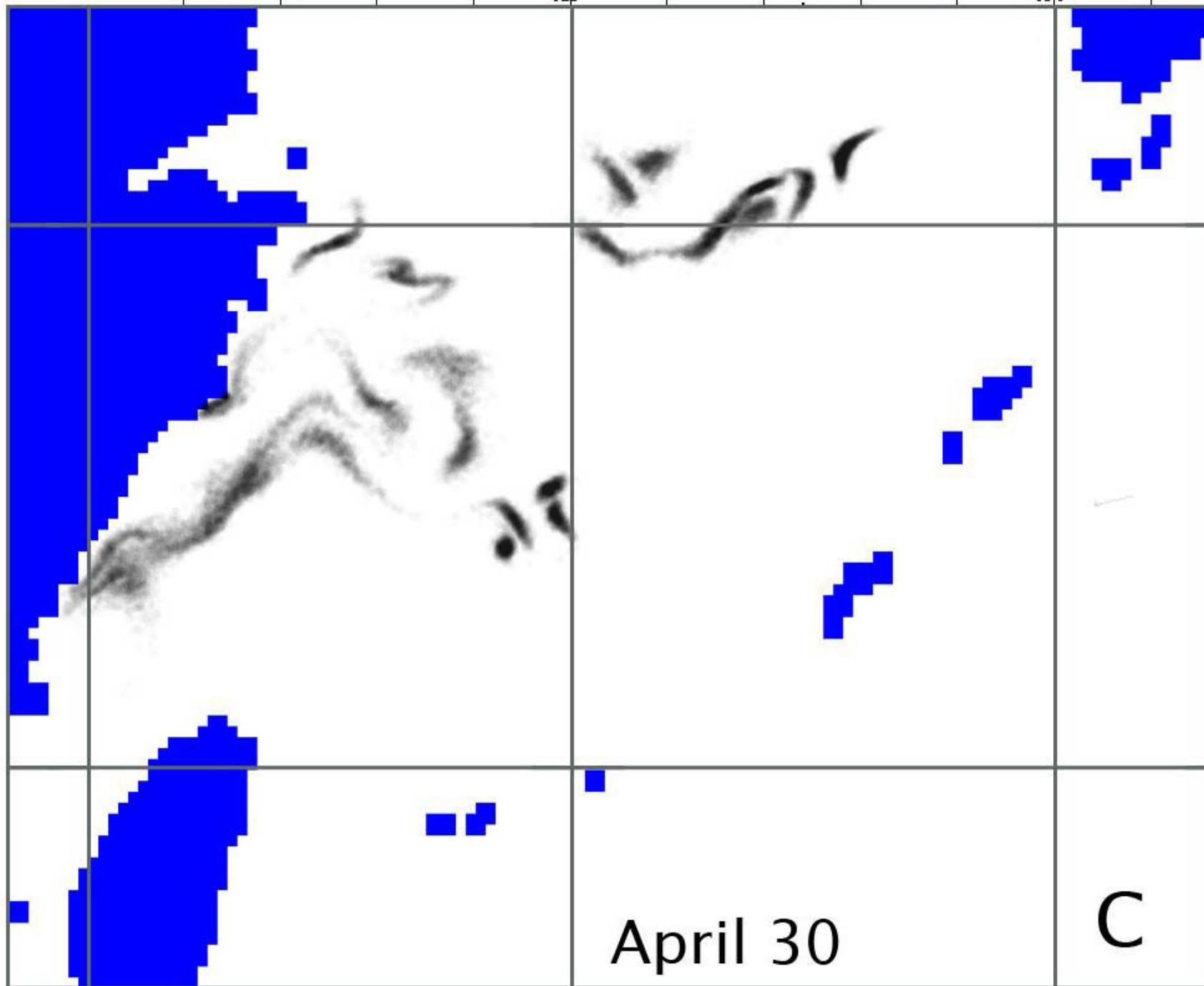
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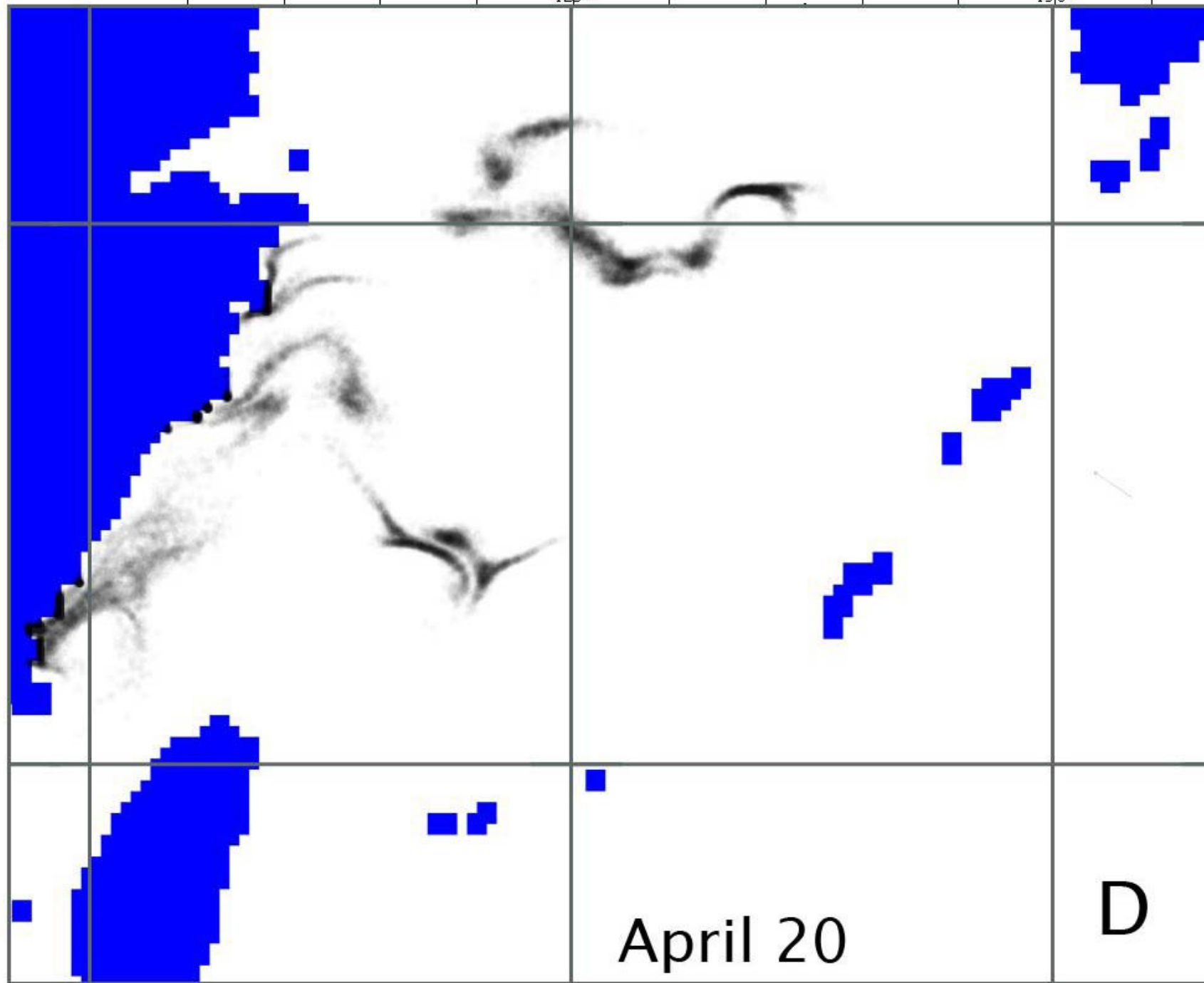
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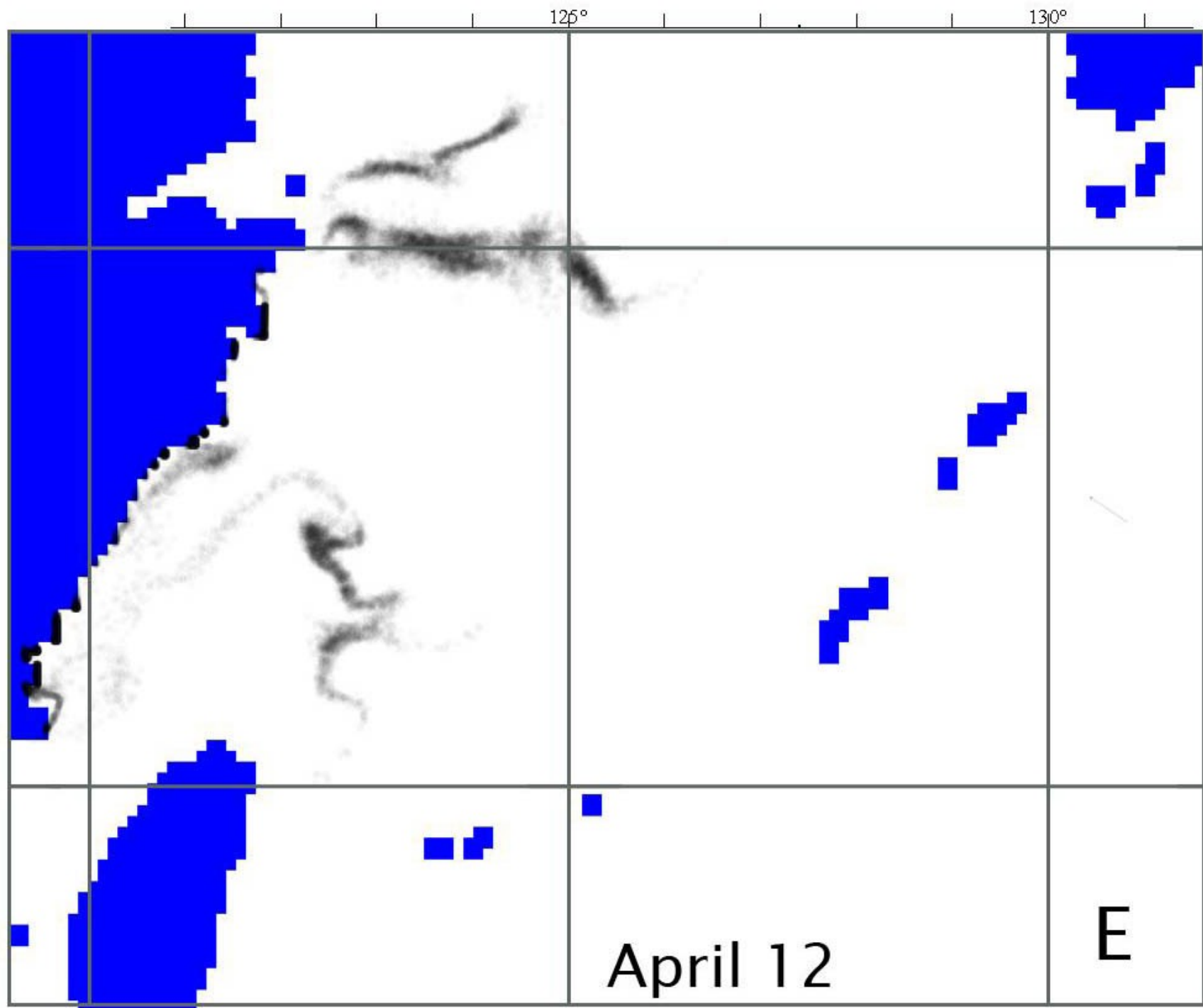
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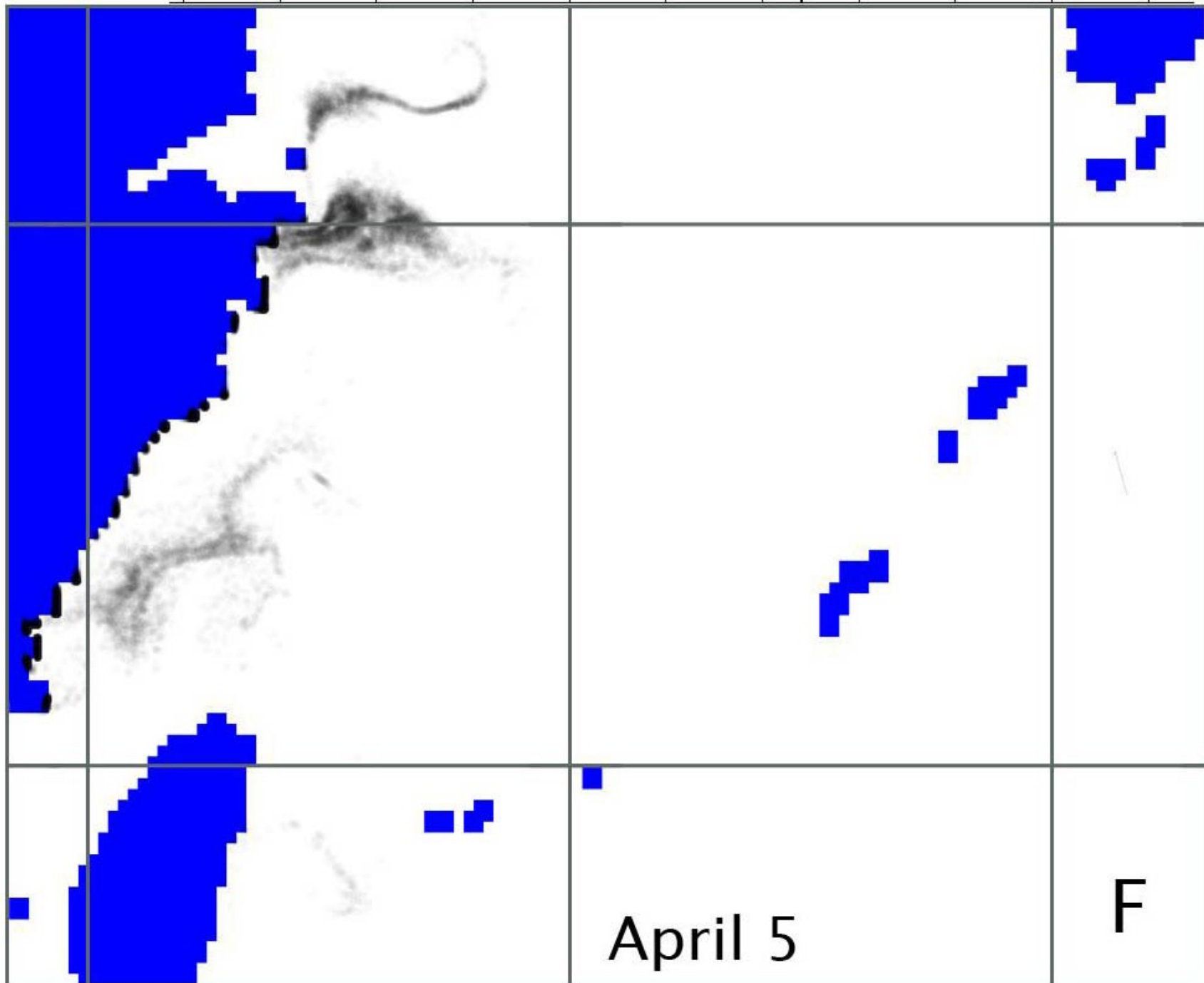






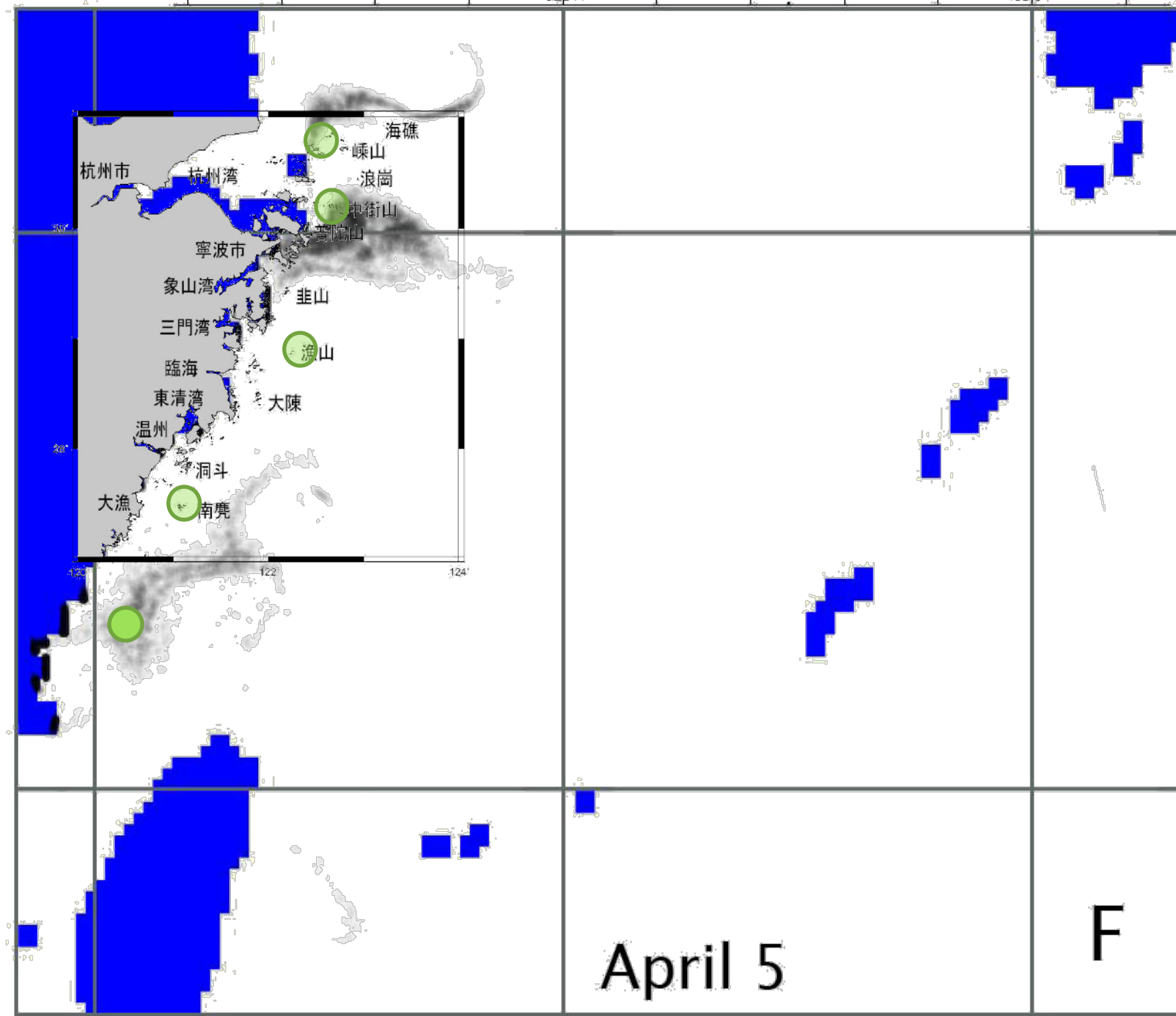
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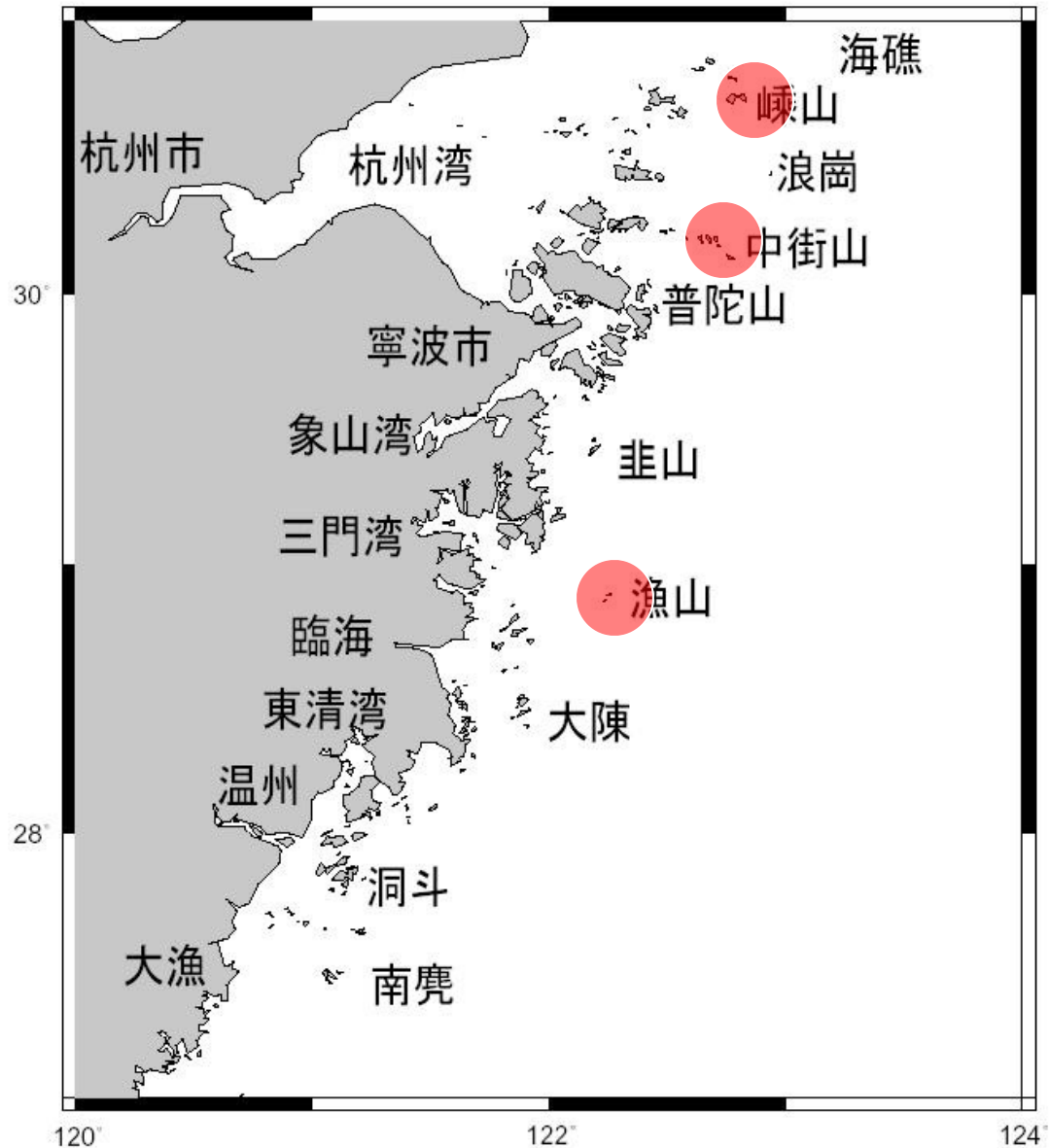
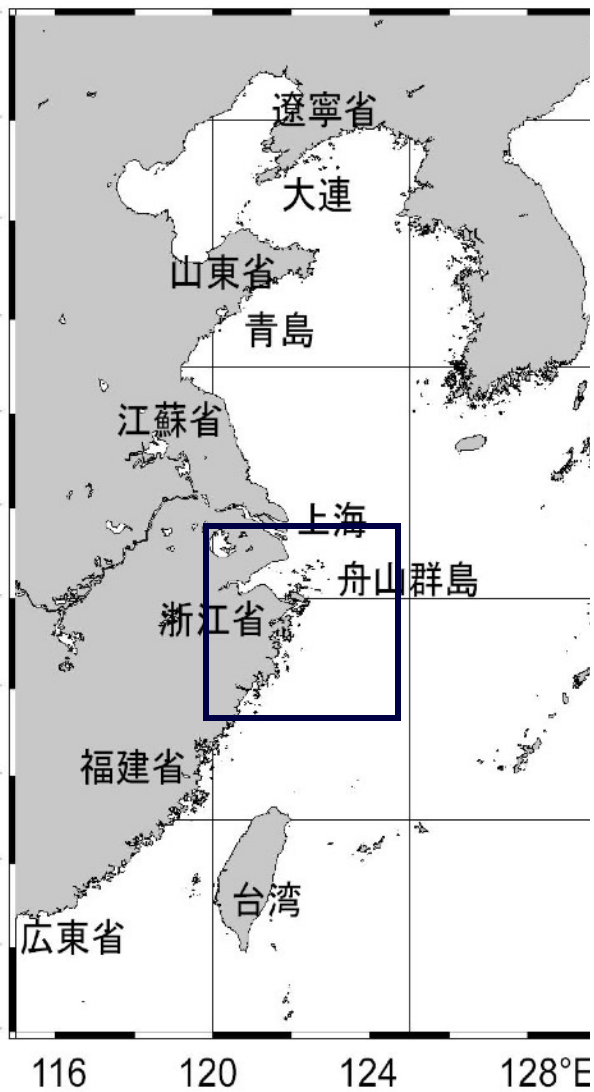
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Japan-China Joint survey





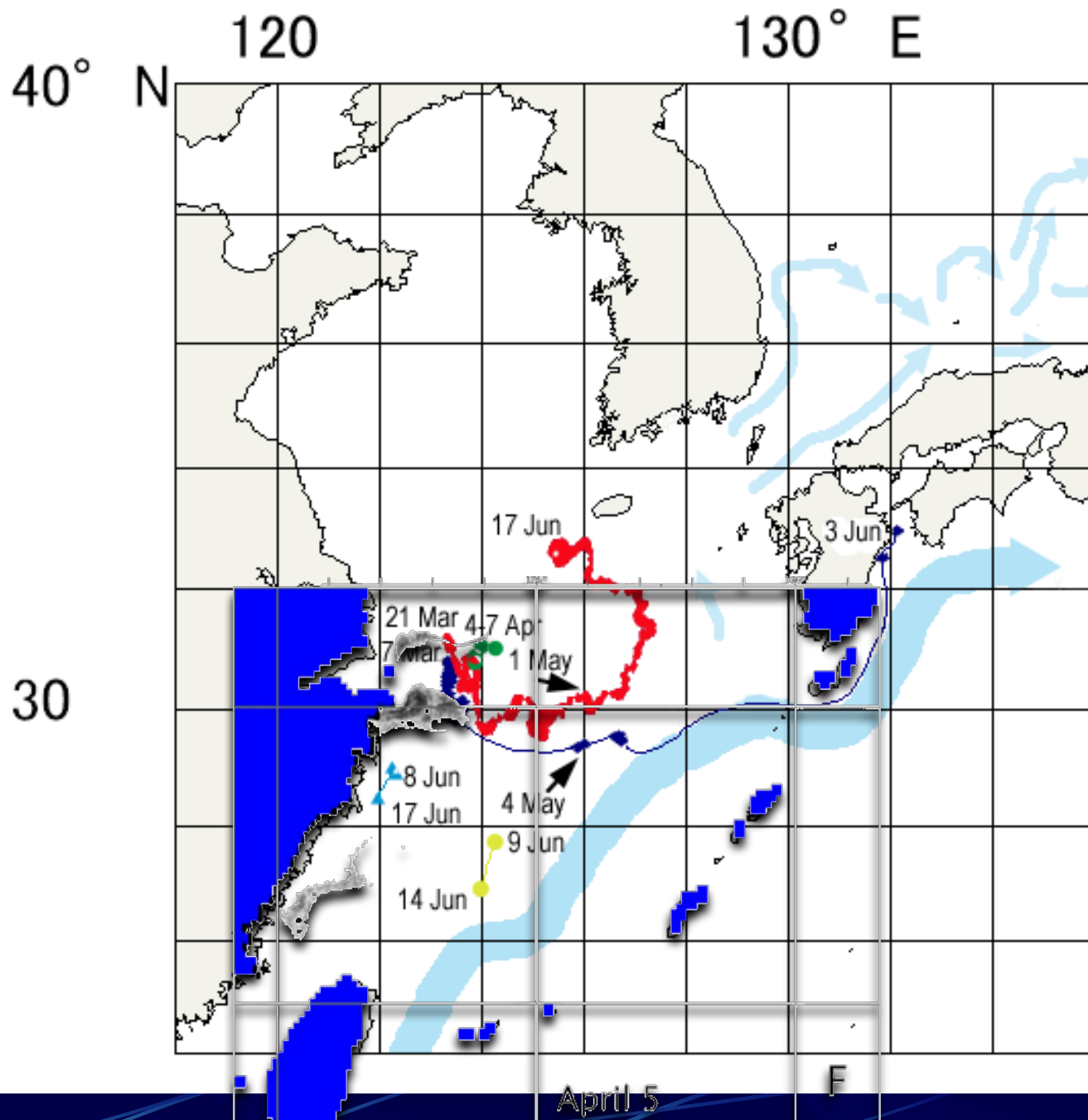








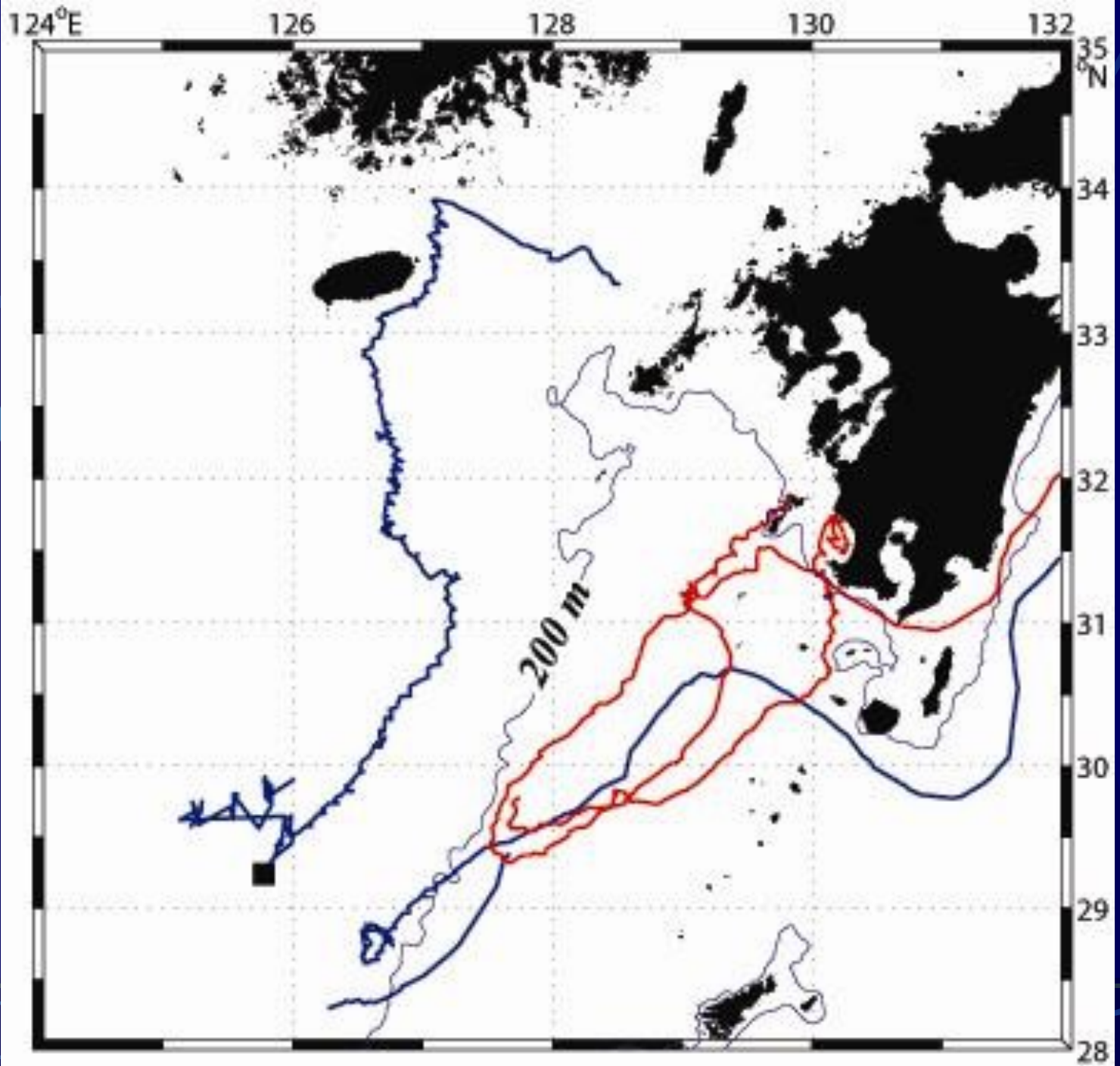




Traces of buoys released from Chinese coast in March-June 2006



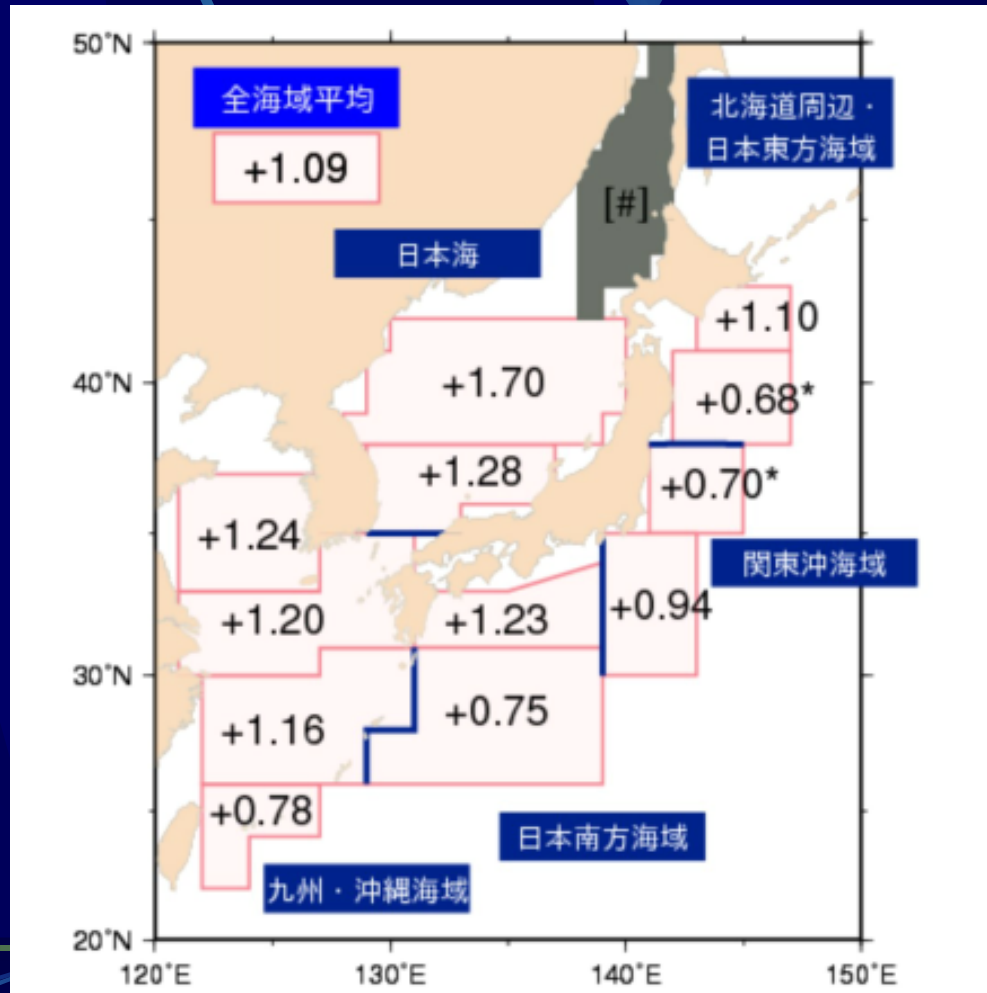
Buoys released from R/V Hakuho Maru in May 2002





# **Impact of global warming on seaweeds around Japan at present**

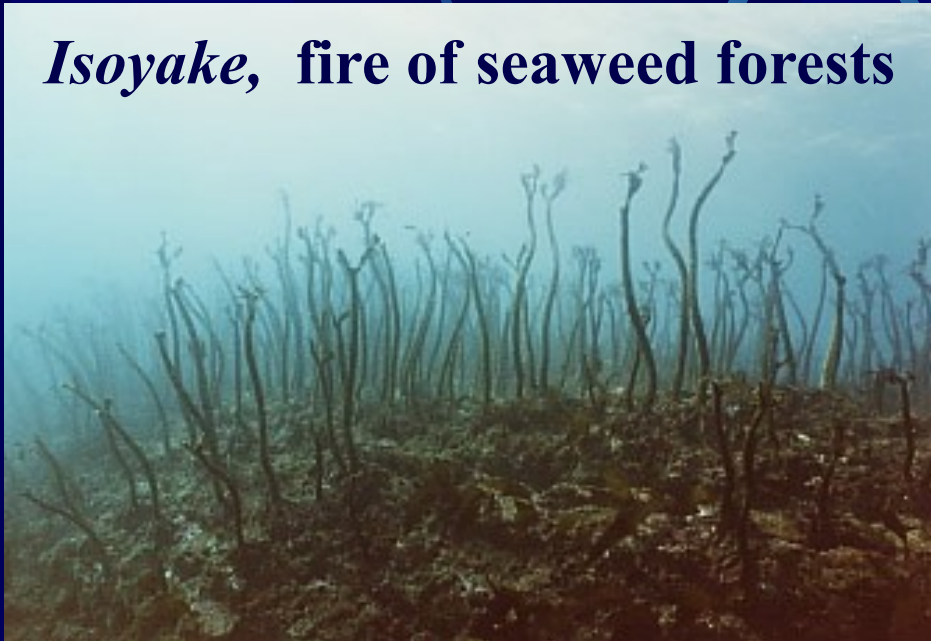
# Increase in surface water temperature around Japan



# Impacts of global warming on seaweed beds

- Impacts are greater on seaweeds and sessile animals fixing on the sea bottom

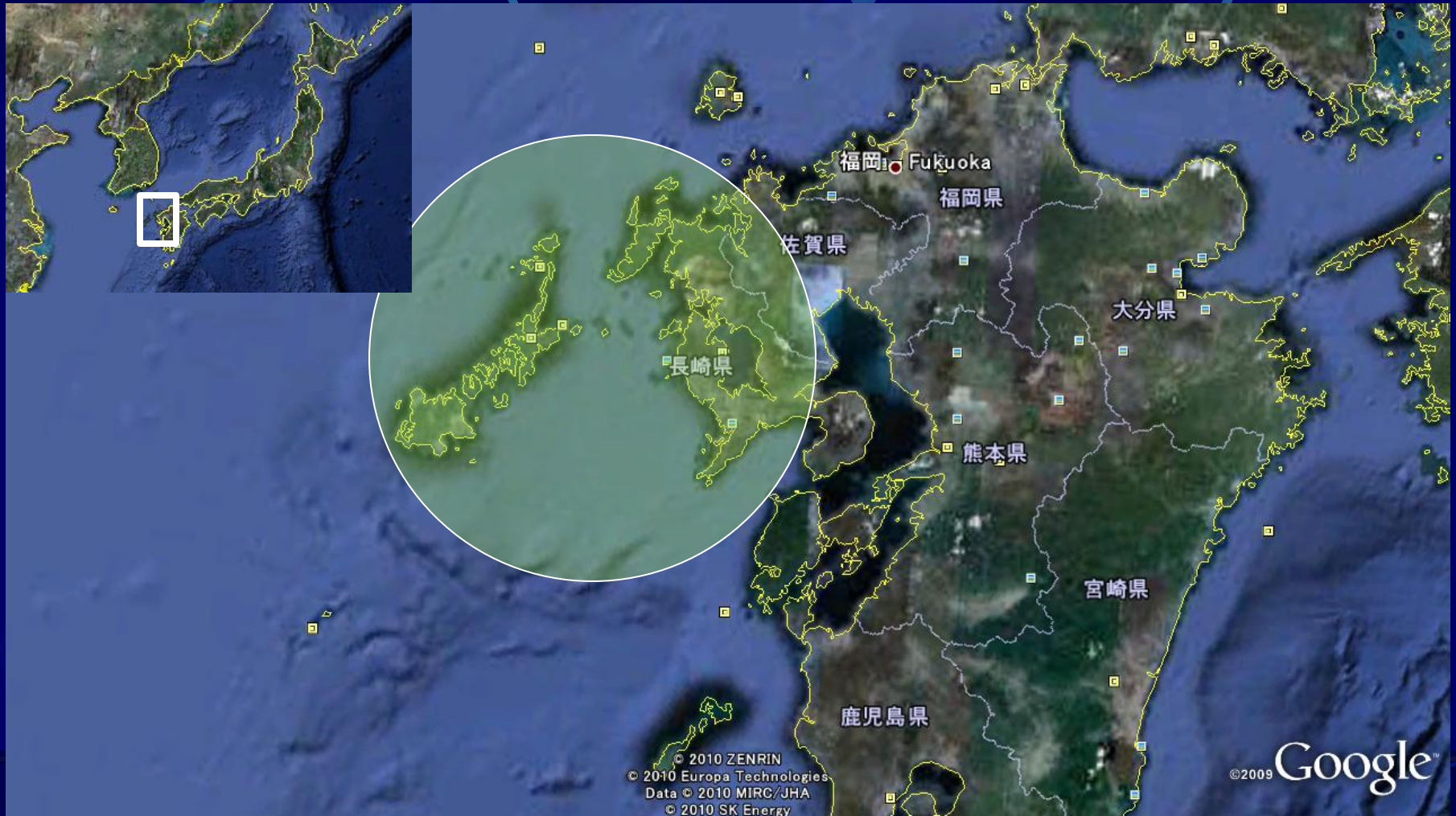
*Isoyake*, fire of seaweed forests



*Ecklonia cava*, laminaria species, forest died due to high water temperature by warm Kuroshio water intrusion into the Izu Peninsula coast south of Tokyo, Honshu Island



# Increase in subtropical *Sargassum* species in Nagasaki Prefecture, Kyushu Island, west Japan



# Increase in subtropical *Sargassum* species

Species	Site numbers	
	Nov.1981	Feb. 2004
<i>Sargassum horneri</i>	44	44
<i>Sargassum hemiphyllum</i>	33	67
<i>Sargassum thunbergii</i>	22	33
<i>Sargassum ringgoldianum</i>	33	
<i>Myagropsis myagroides</i>	11	
<i>Sargassum micracanthum</i>	22	
<i>Sargassum macrocarpum</i>	33	
<i>Sargassum fusiforme</i>	56	78
<i>Sargassum fulvellum</i>	56	
<i>Sargassum piluliferum</i>	56	33
<i>Sargassum patens</i>	56	
<i>Sargassum siliquastrum</i>	67	
<b>Subtropical <i>Sargassum</i> species</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>
Total number of temperate species	12	5

● Increase in predation damage of seaweed forests by some warm water migrating fishes staying longer than in 1990s

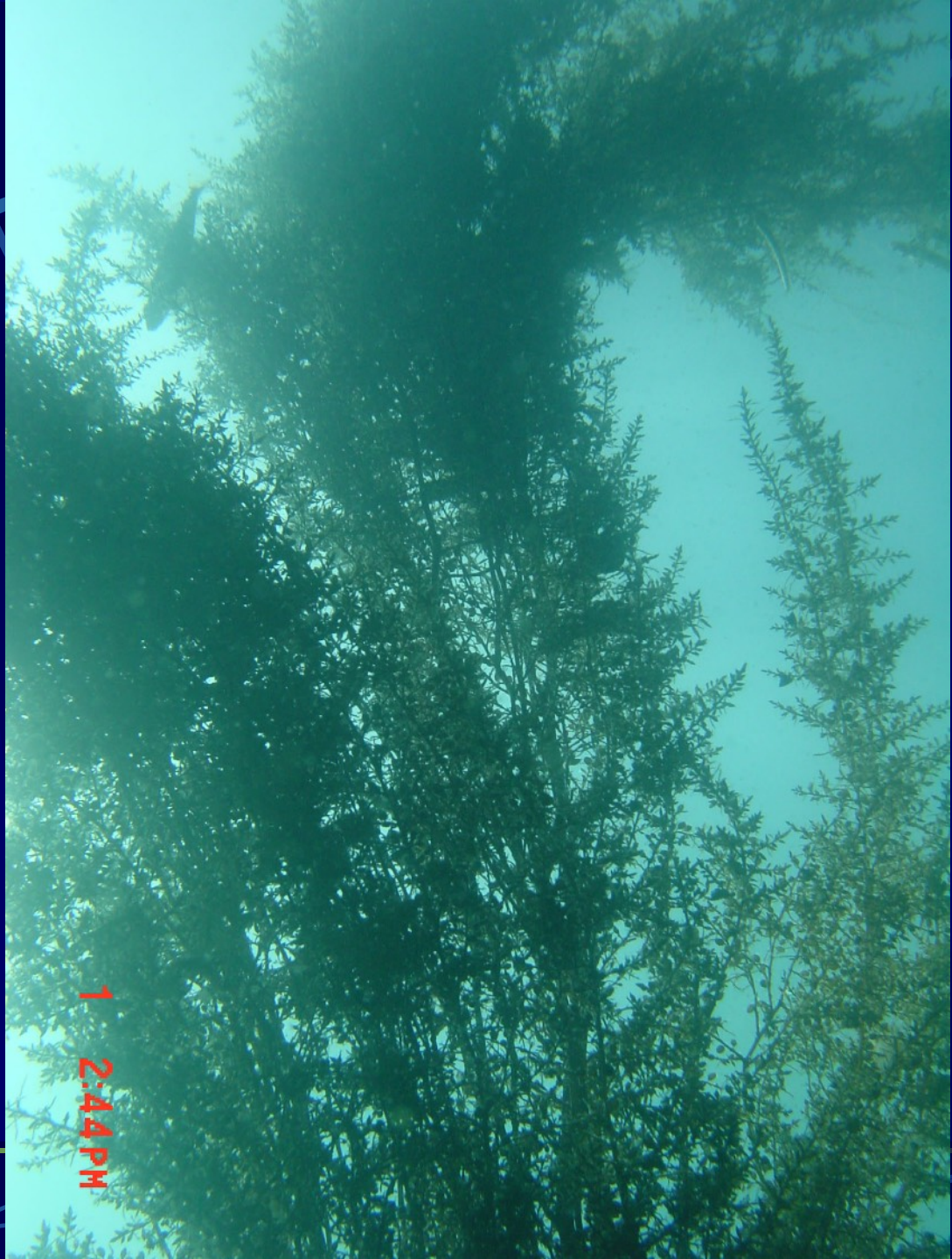


**Background of the study**

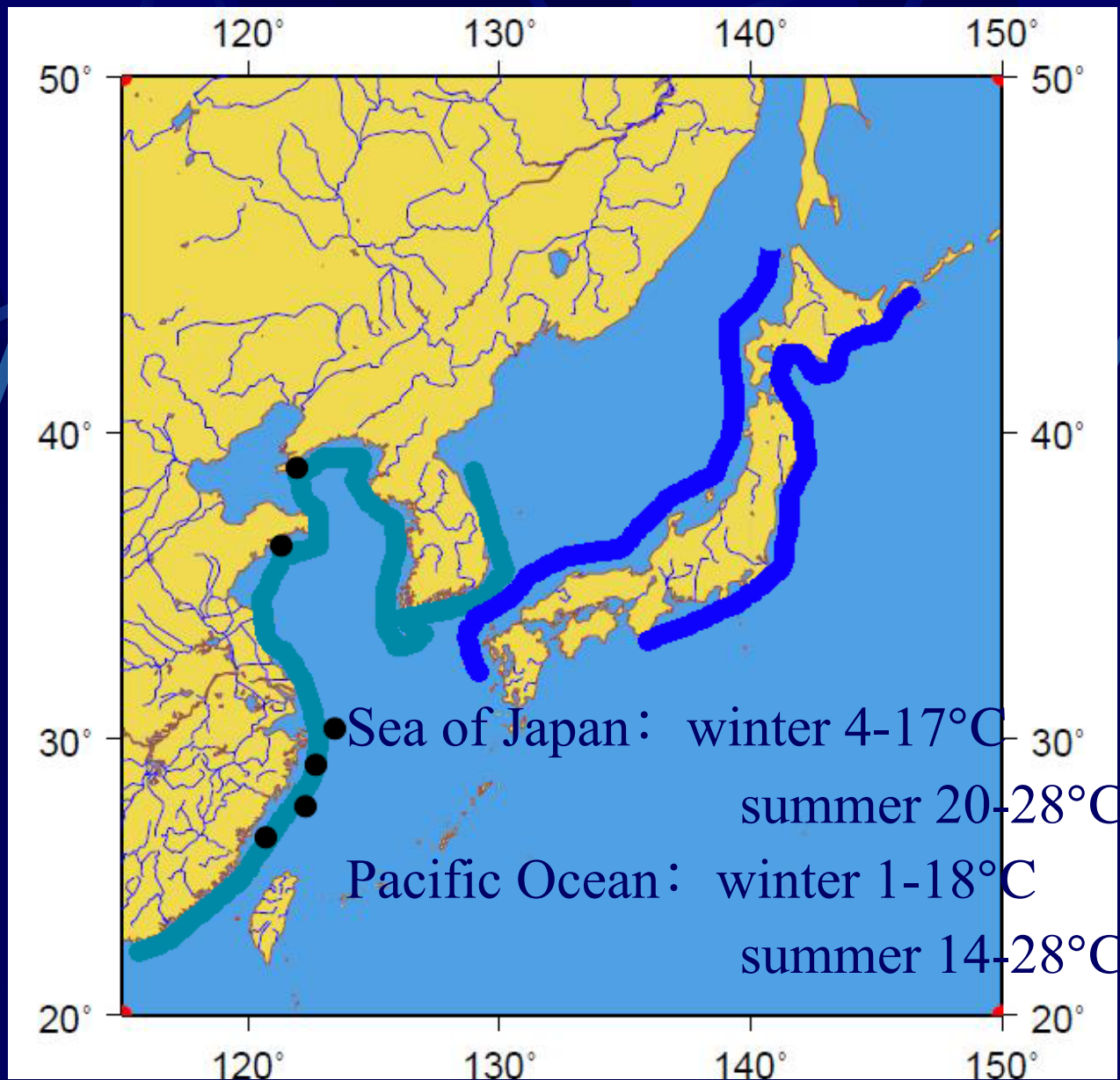


# Influence of global warming on *Sargassum horneri* in future

*Sargassum horneri*  
forest



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Distribution of *Sargassum horneri* and its growing temperature range based on Umezaki (1984) and other references



# Objectives of the study

- Prediction of changes in *Sargassum horneri* distributions due to global warming
- Influences of their changes on fish

## Methods

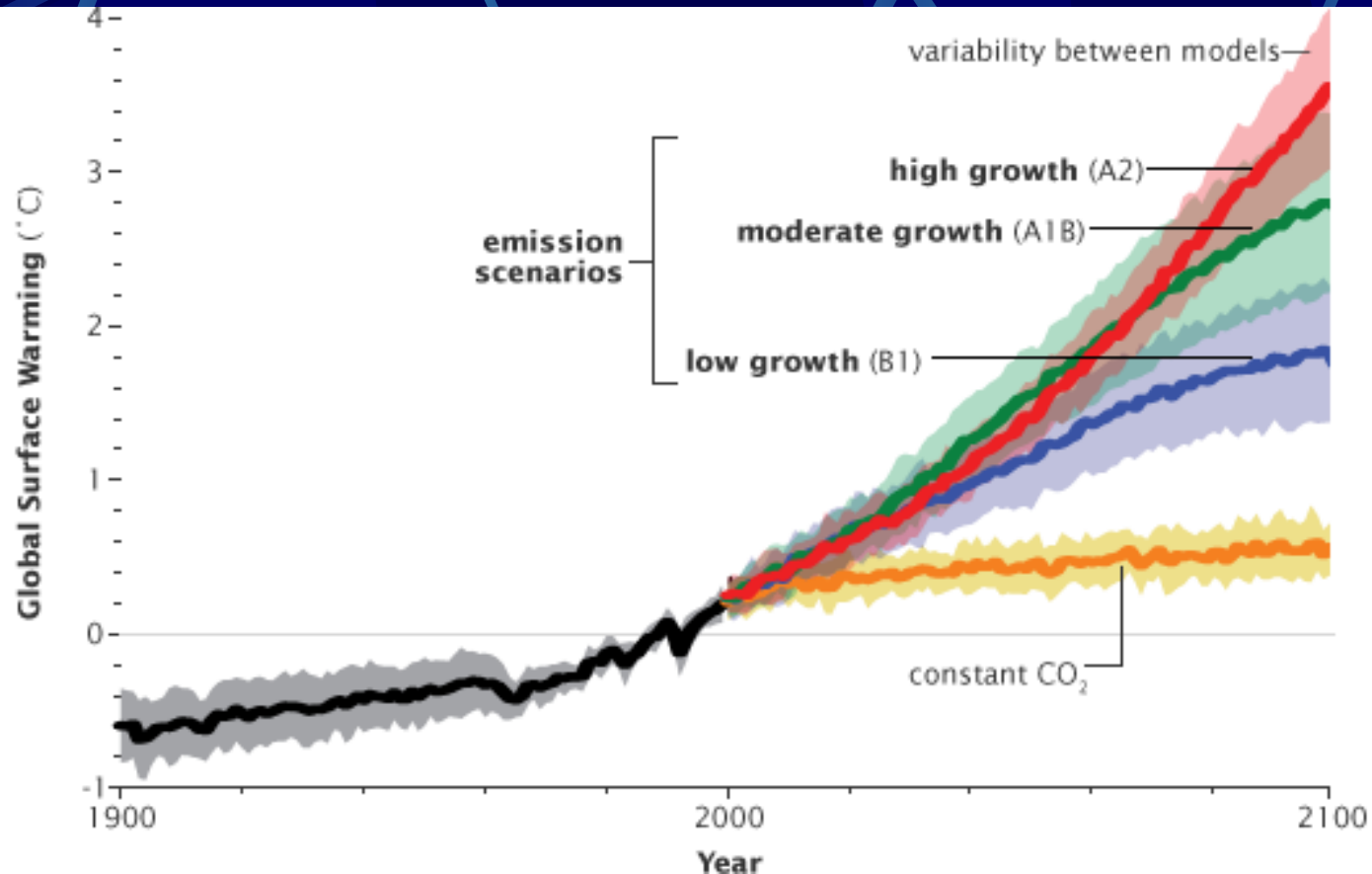
- Collection of data about temperature ranges of dominant *Sargassum* species, *Sargassum horneri*
- Estimation of spatial distribution of *Sargassum horneri* based on water temperature distribution predicted with the A2 model
- Estimation of spatial distribution of *Sargassum horneri* based on spatial distribution of averaged water temperatures predicted with the A2 models (A2 Mean)

The A2 world has less international cooperation than the A1 or B1 worlds. People, ideas, and capital are less mobile so that technology diffuses more slowly than in the other scenario families.

Originating Group(s)	Country	CMIP3 I.D.
Bjerknes Centre for Climate Research	Norway	BCCR-BCM2.0
Canadian Centre for Climate Modelling & Analysis	Canada	CGCM3.1(T47)
Météo-France / Centre National de Recherches Météorologiques	France	CNRM-CM3
CSIRO Atmospheric Research	Australia	CSIRO-Mk3.0
Max Planck Institute for Meteorology	Germany	ECHAM5/MPI-OM
US Dept. of Commerce / NOAA / Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory	USA	GFDL-CM2.0
Institute for Numerical Mathematics	Russia	INM-CM3.0
Institut Pierre Simon Laplace	France	IPSL-CM4
Center for Climate System Research (The University of Tokyo), National Institute for Environmental Studies, and Frontier Research Center for Global Change (JAMSTEC)	Japan	MIROC3.2(hires)
Meteorological Research Institute	Japan	MRI-CGCM2.3.2
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# Global surface warming by scenarios



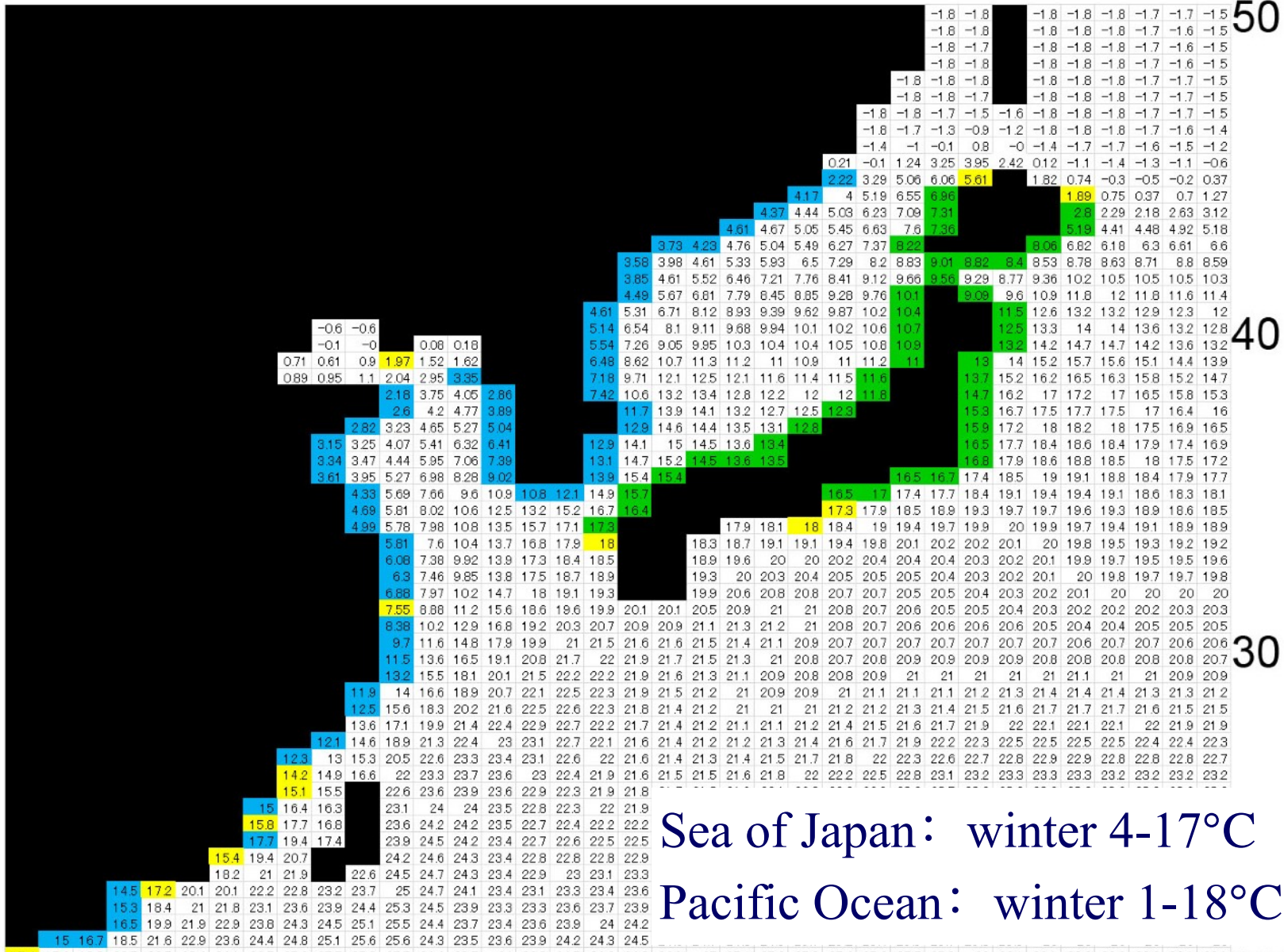
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Potential growing area of *Sargassum horneri* based on surface water temperature in February 2000

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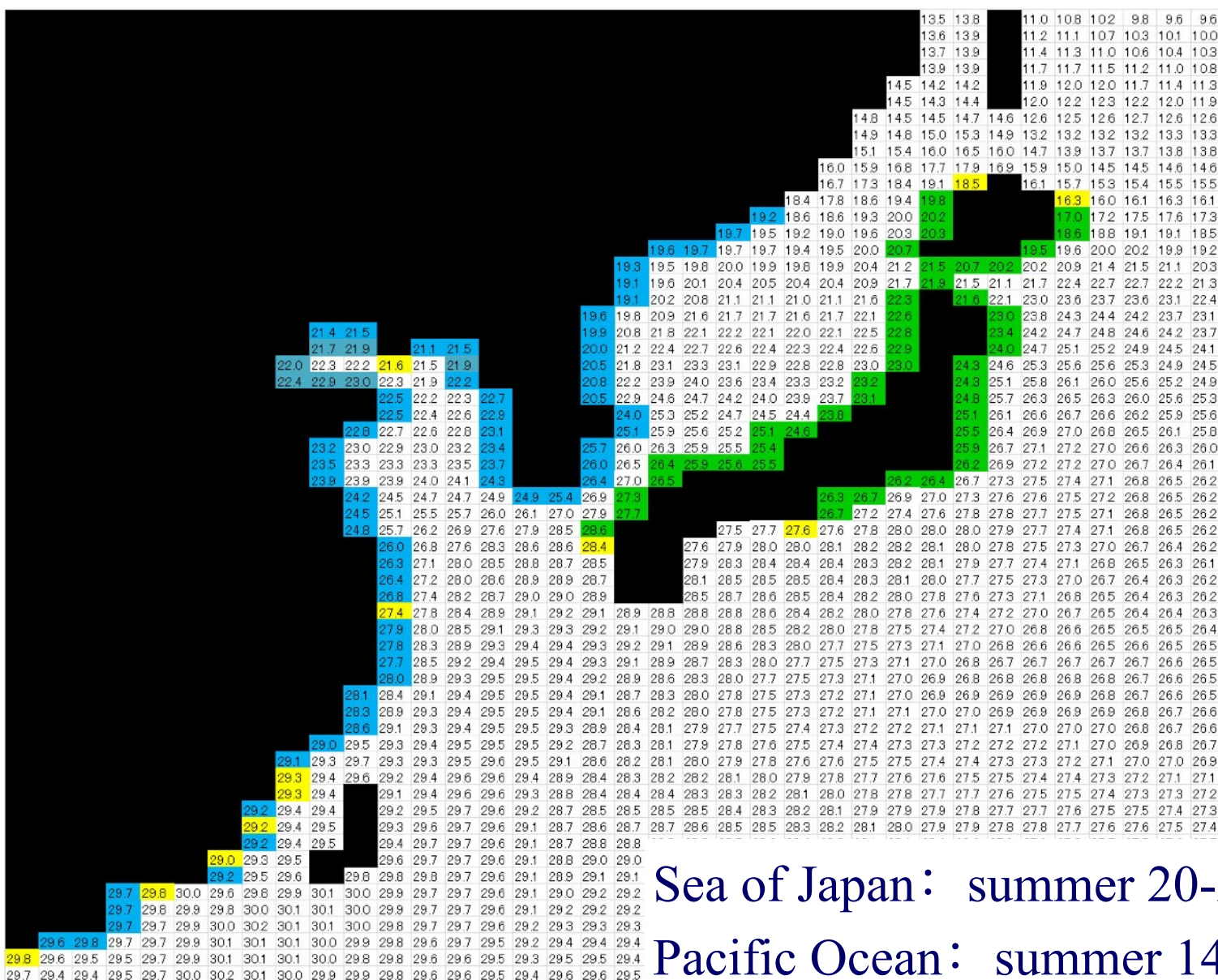
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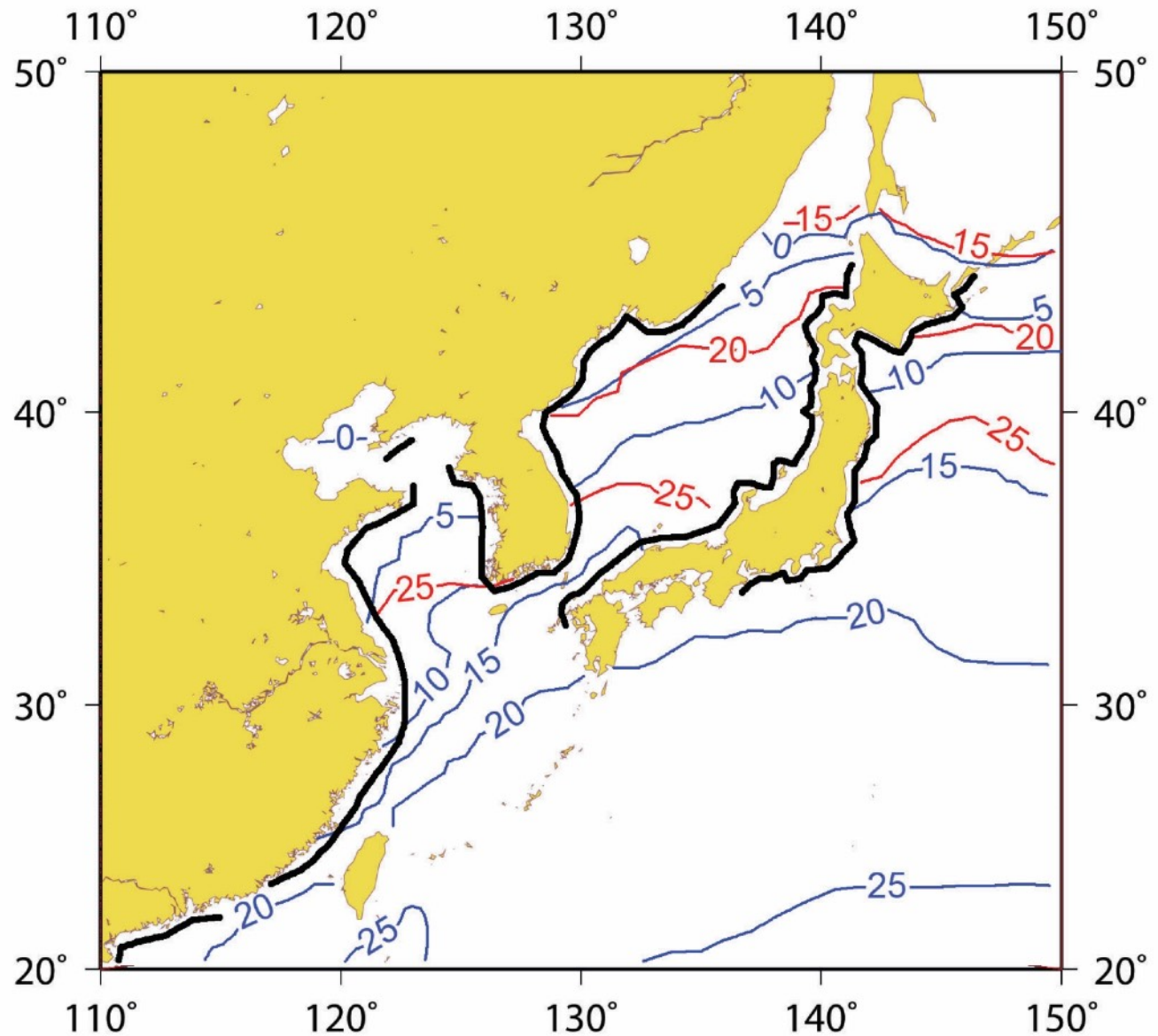


Sea of Japan: summer 20-28°C

Pacific Ocean: summer 14-28°C

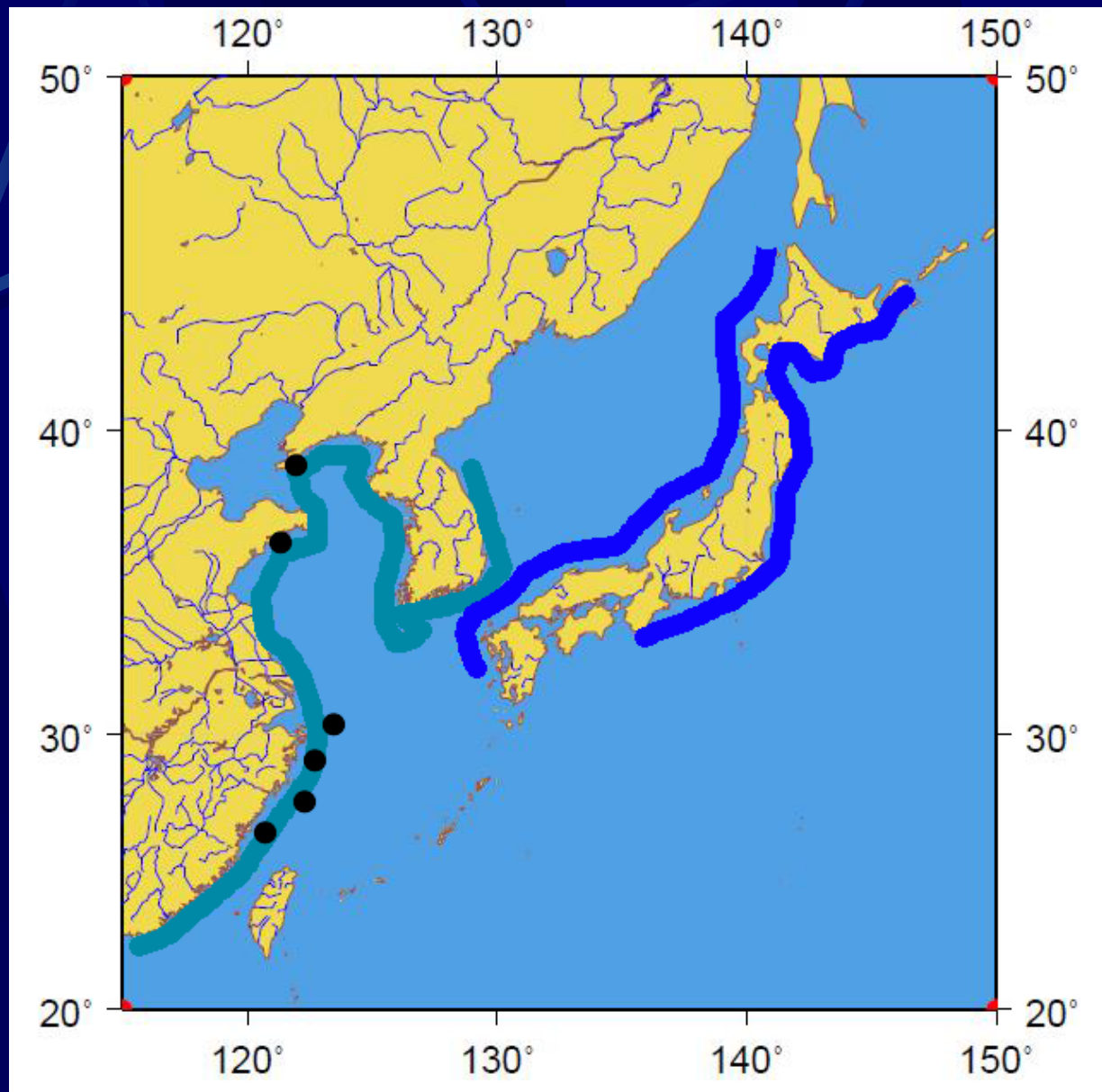
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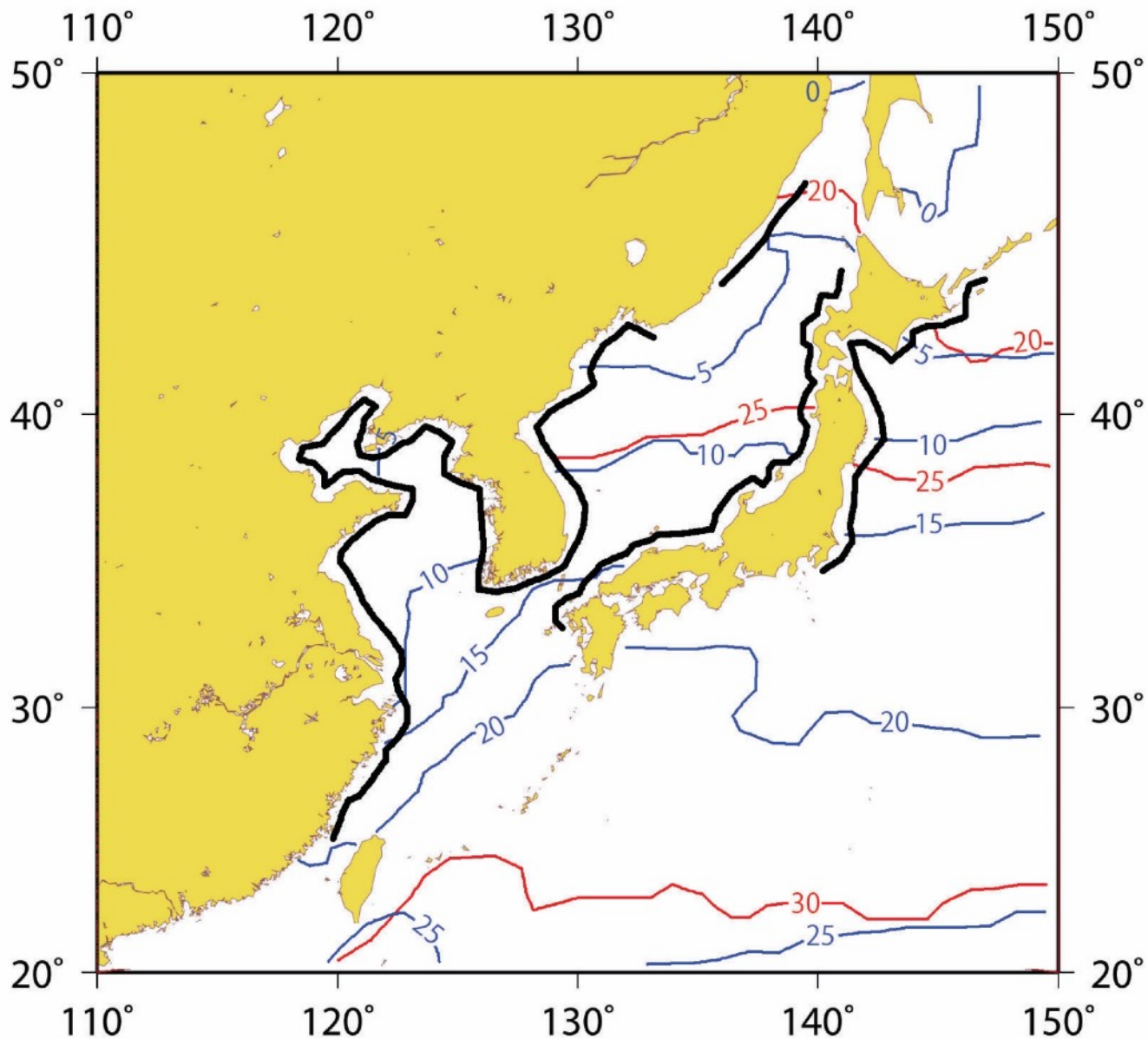


Distribution of *Sargassum horneri* in 2000

**Potential growing area of *Sargassum horneri* based on surface water temperature in February and August 2000**

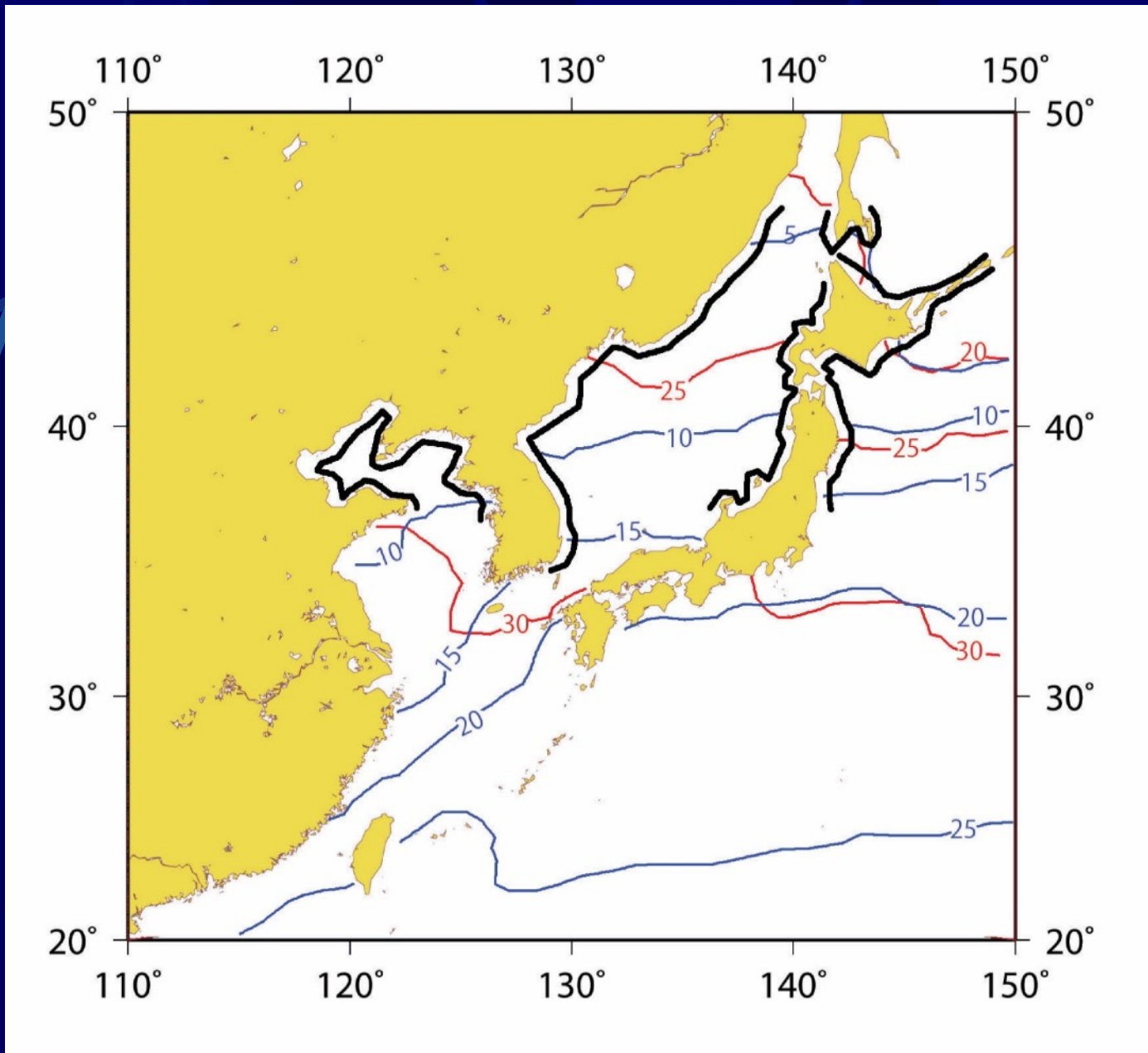


Spatial distribution of *Sargassum horneri* based on the literatures



Potential growing area of *Sargassum horneri* based on surface water temperature in February and August 2050





Potential growing area of *Sargassum horneri* based on surface water temperature in February and August 2100







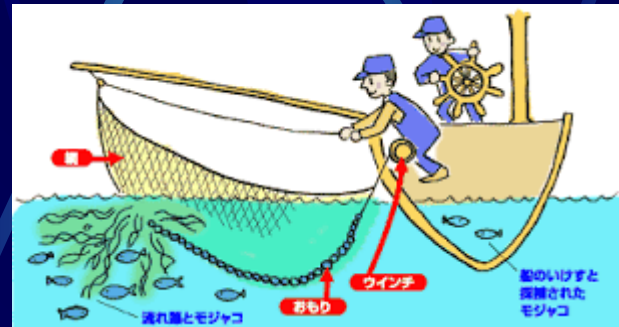
Juveniles of yellow tail collected with drifting seaweeds

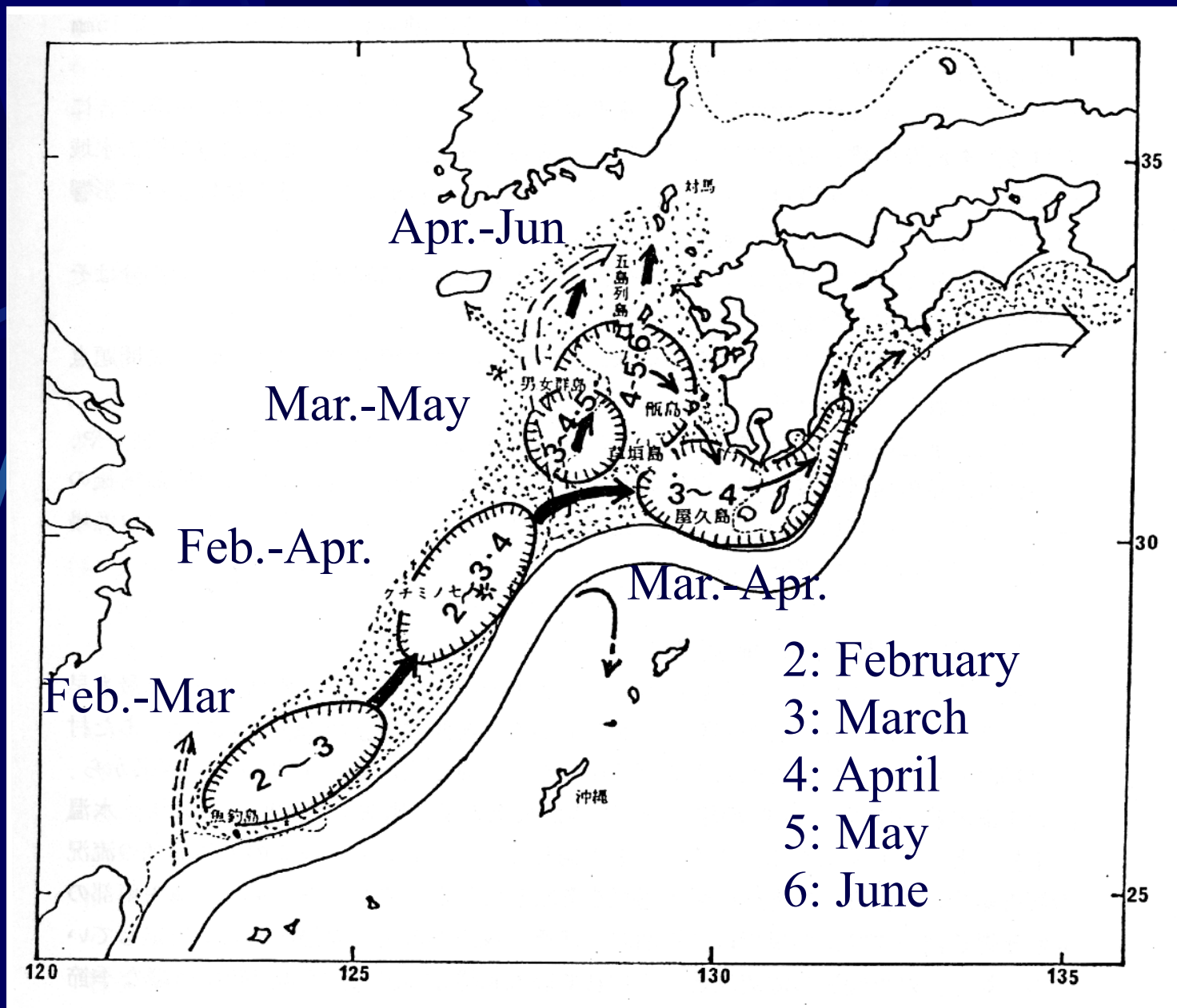


# Aquaculture of yellowtail



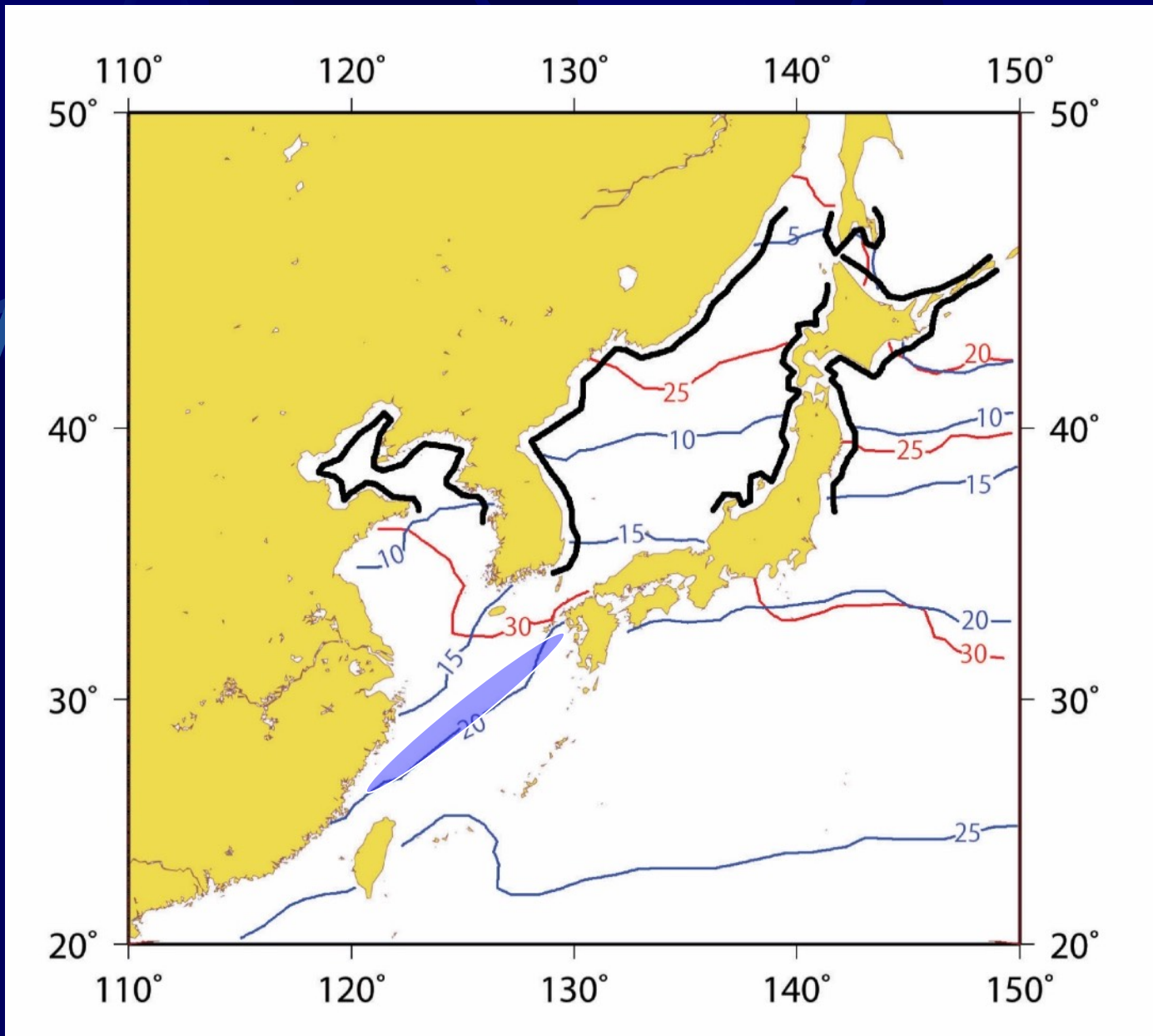
# Aquaculture of yellow tail



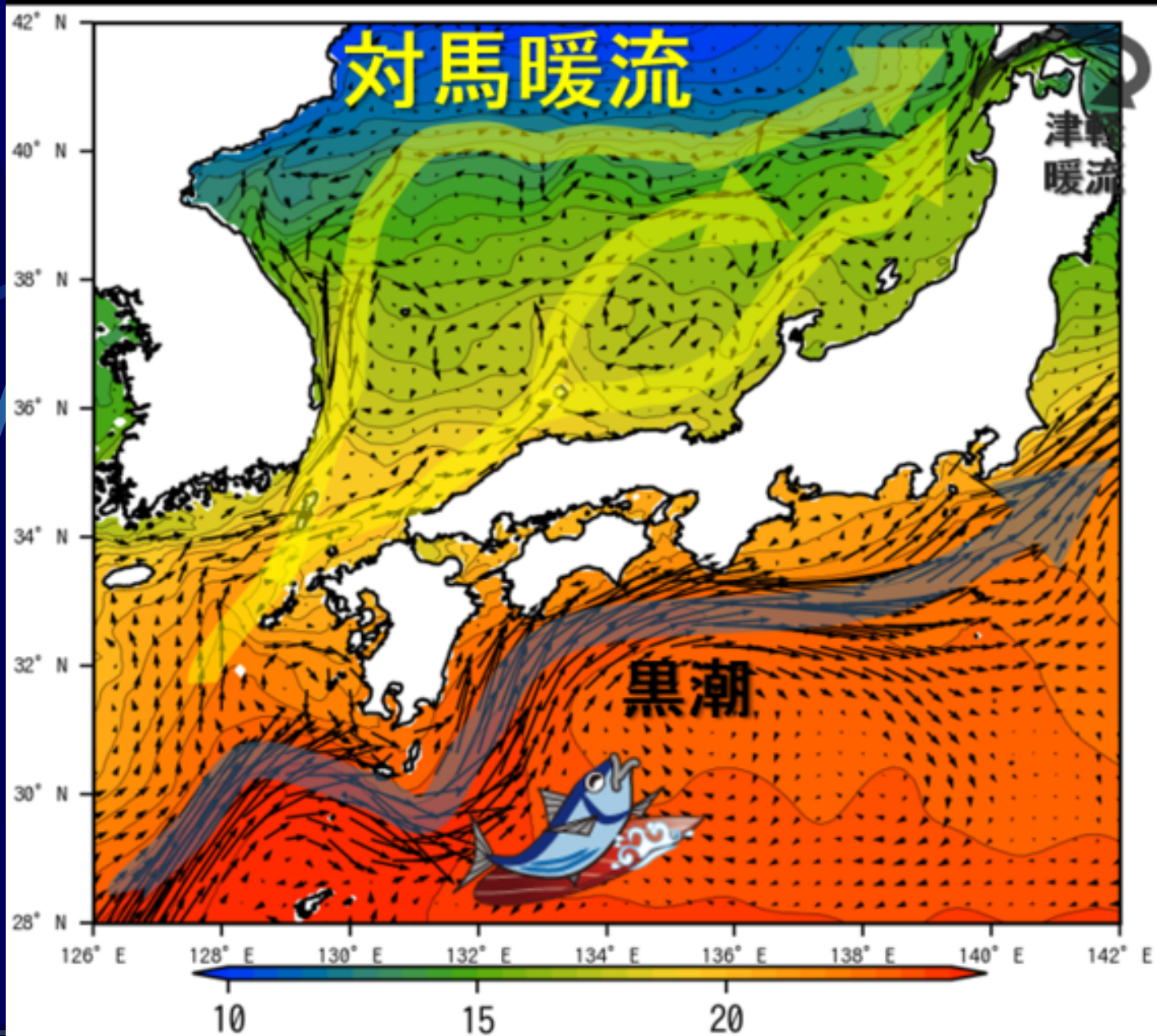


Spawning grounds of yellowtail in East China Sea

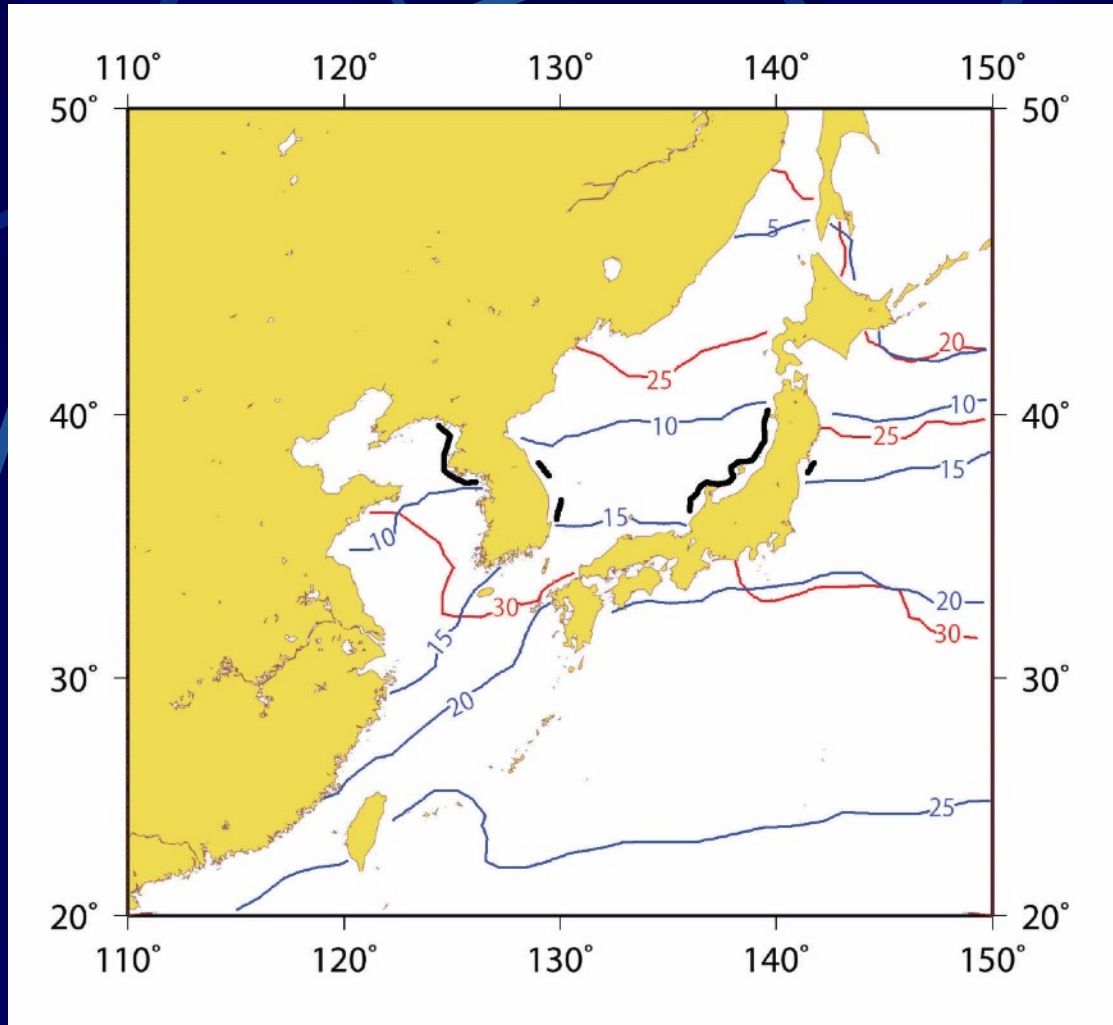




Potential distribution area of *Sargassum horneri* and spawning ground of yellow tail in 2009 based on the surface water temperature



## Subtropical *Sargassum* species may not be source of drifting seaweeds in 2100



<http://snf.fra.affrc.go.jp/sargasso/usubamoku/usubamoku.html>

Spatial distribution of subtropical *Sargassum* species, *Sargassum tenuifolium*, in 2100 predicted with A2 scenario mean



## Summary

- Similar tendency of decrease in spatial distribution of *Sargassum horneri* forests due to global warming predicted with A2 Mean was obtained.
- Southern limit of *Sargassum horneri* growing in wide temperature range was clearly moved northward.
- Source of drifting seaweeds will be disappeared around East China Sea, south Sea of Japan and Pacific coast of south Honshu Island
- Negative influence of fish spawning on *Sargassum* species will occur
- Survival rates of fish larvae accompanying drifting seaweeds are decreased due to decrease in drifting seaweeds



Merci beaucoup de votre attention!



Typical Japanese cooking of yellowtail: buri no teri-yaki