



Pacific saury fishing condition in Japan

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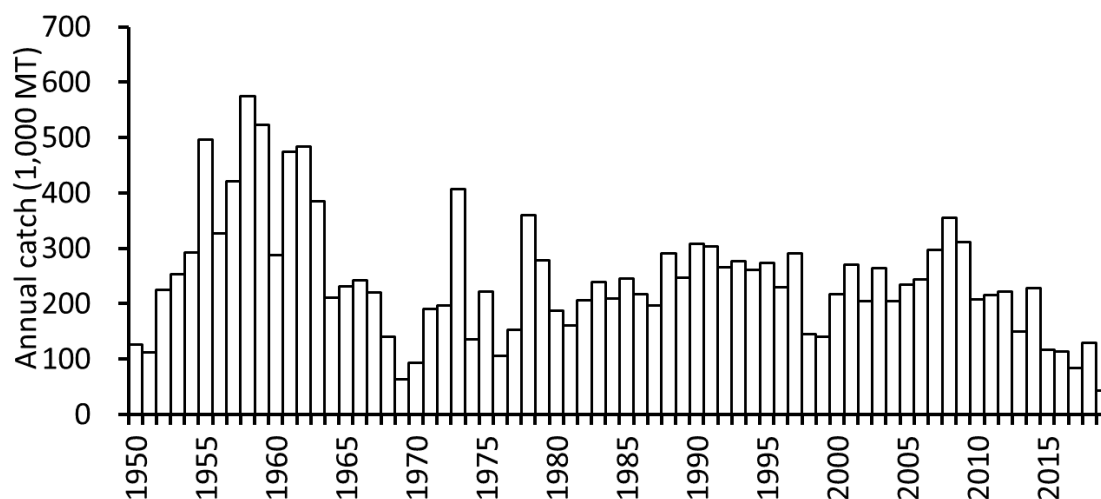
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Summary

The annual catch of Pacific saury, *Cololabis saira*, by the Japanese fishery in 2019 was the lowest since 1950, but the fishing condition in 2020 has gotten even worse so far. Accumulated catch by October 10 was 2,789 metric tons (MT), which was much lower than that of the same period last year (7,110 MT). The nominal CPUE was 0.40 tons per haul (1.32 in 2019) in 2020, which was the historically lowest. The fishing grounds in late August and September 2020 were formed between 156- and 165-degrees east longitude, getting farther from Japan than ones in last year.

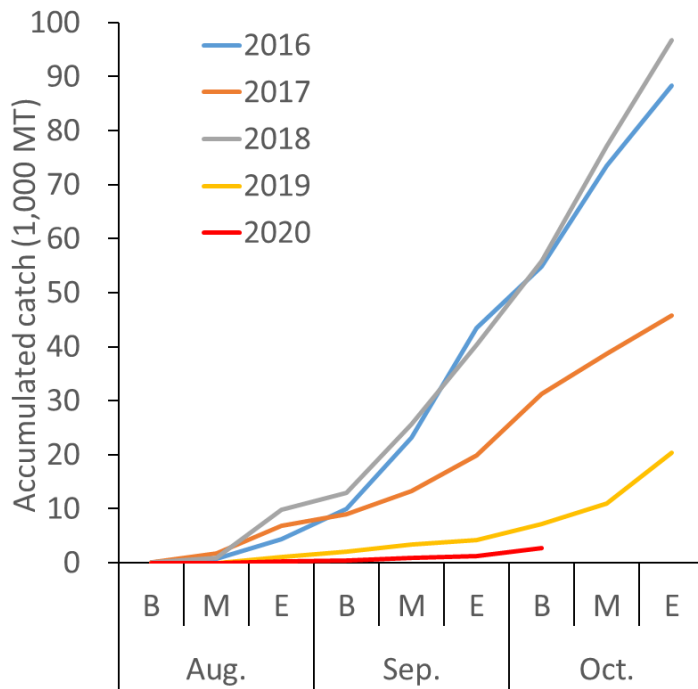
1. Annual catch (1950-2019)

In general, the annual catch showed a decreasing trend after 2008. The annual catch in 2019 was 42.8 thousand metric tons (MT), the lowest since 1950.



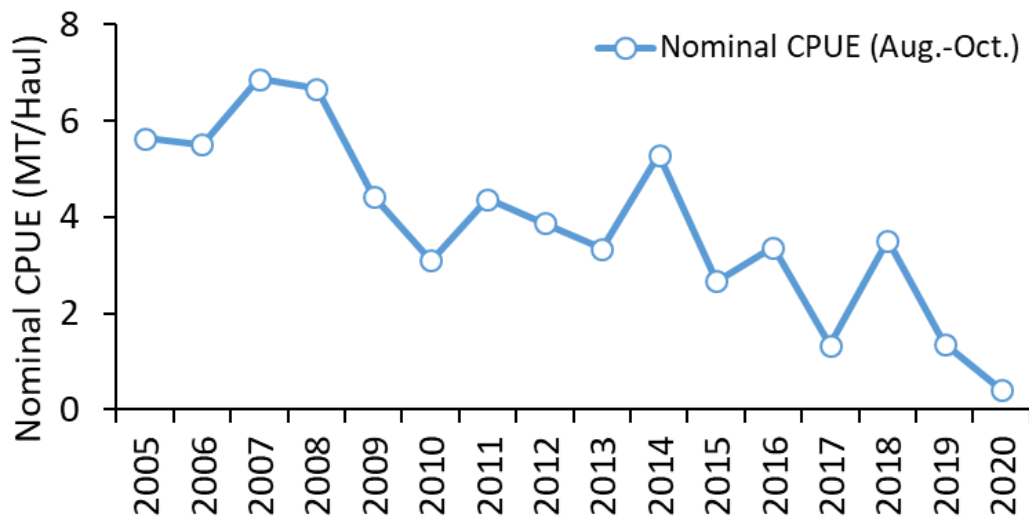
2. Accumulated catch

In 2019, the accumulated catches for each ten-days of the month were consistently much lower than those for 2016 to 2018. Before middle October in 2020, the accumulated catch reached 2,789 metric tons (MT), which was much lower than that of the same period last year (7,110 MT).



3. Nominal CPUE

The nominal CPUE in 2020 was 0.40 tons / haul (1.32 in 2019), which was the historically lowest.



4. Fishing ground

The fishing grounds in late August and September mainly formed between 156- and 165- degrees east longitude, getting farther than ones in last year.

