

Supplementary material

Population demographics of golden perch (*Macquaria ambigua*) in the Darling River prior to a major fish kill: a guide for rehabilitation

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Summary of fish collection locations in the lower and mid-Darling River

Table S1. Details of boat electrofishing sites in the lower and mid-Darling River in 2014 and 2017–18 and the number of fish retained for ageing and otolith chemistry analysis

LD, Lower Darling; MD, Mid Darling

| Region | Site | Year sampled | Number of fish retained for ageing | Latitude (°S) | Longitude (°E) |
|--------|----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| LD | Pomona | 2014 | 12 | 34.00913 | 141.9037 |
| LD | Lethro | 2014 | 15 | 33.59618 | 142.4388 |
| LD | Pooncarie (downstream) | 2014 | 14 | 33.37666 | 142.5618 |
| LD | Pooncarie (upstream) | 2014 | 13 | 33.37972 | 142.5555 |
| LD | Bono station | 2018 | 14 | 32.57111 | 142.3968 |
| LD | Karoola station | 2018 | 17 | 32.90602 | 142.3723 |
| LD | Lethero station | 2018 | 12 | 33.59230 | 142.4417 |
| LD | Pooncarie | 2018 | 11 | 33.38473 | 142.5616 |
| LD | Pomona | 2018 | 11 | 34.02785 | 141.9058 |
| MD | Downstream Jandra Weir 19a | 2017 | 29 | 30.23450 | 145.6869 |
| MD | Upstream Jandra Weir 19a | 2017 | 1 | 30.22817 | 145.7156 |
| MD | Weelong downstream Louth | 2017 | 3 | 30.56047 | 145.0887 |
| MD | Talowla | 2017 | 3 | 30.45698 | 145.1921 |
| MD | Upstream Talowla | 2017 | 4 | 30.46802 | 145.2190 |
| MD | Toorale National Park (NP) | 2017 | 6 | 30.40579 | 145.4478 |
| MD | Louth weir 21a | 2017 | 6 | 30.64106 | 145.0074 |
| MD | Kallara | 2017 | 2 | 30.89030 | 144.5189 |
| MD | Wilga (Paroo-Darling NP) | 2017 | 1 | 31.42700 | 143.9255 |
| MD | Upstream Wilcannia Weir | 2017 | 5 | 31.55207 | 143.4016 |

Individual $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ profiles

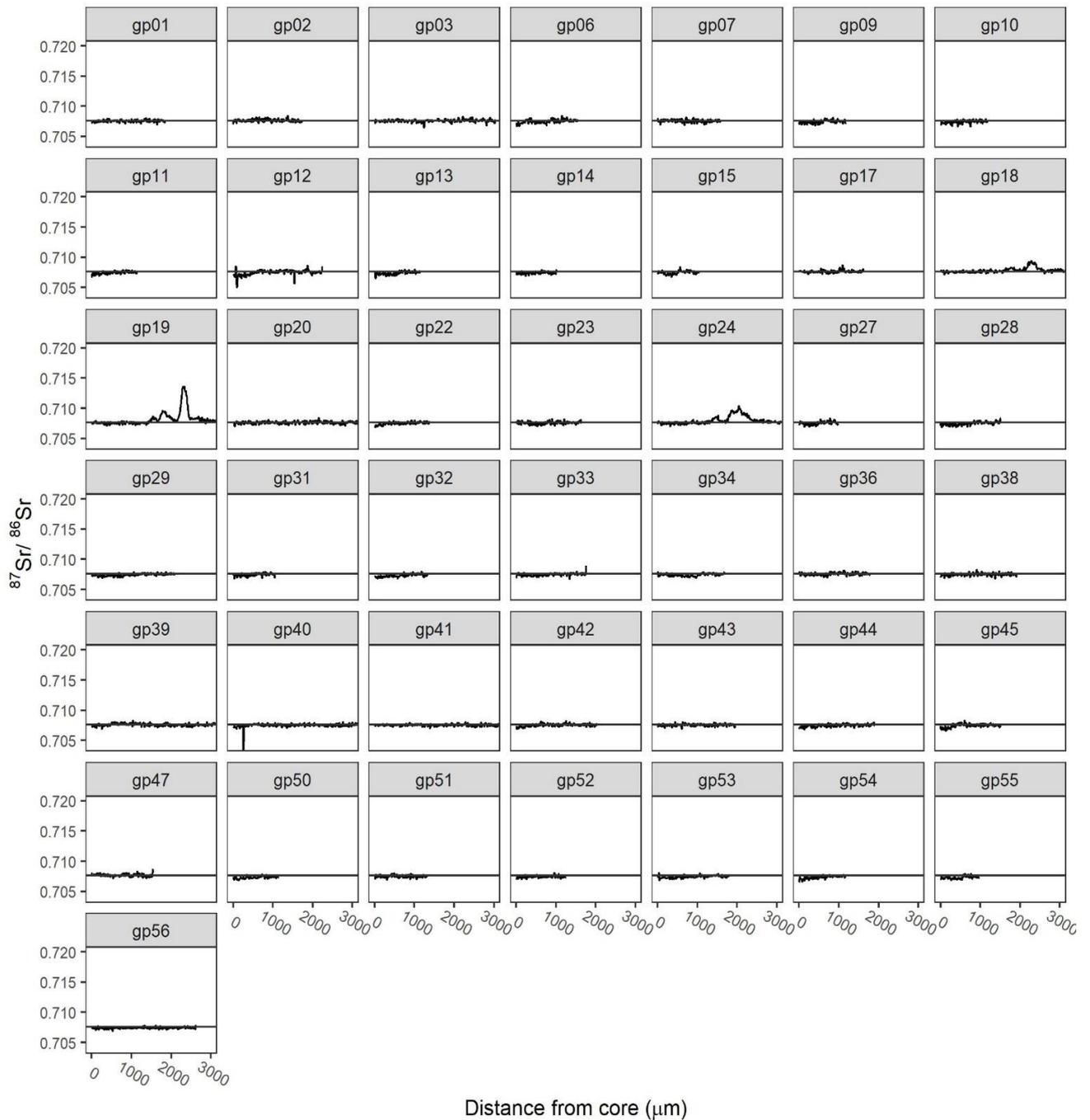


Fig. S1. Individual $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ profiles for golden perch collected from the lower Darling River in 2014. Horizontal black lines indicate the $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ of the Darling River (0.7077).

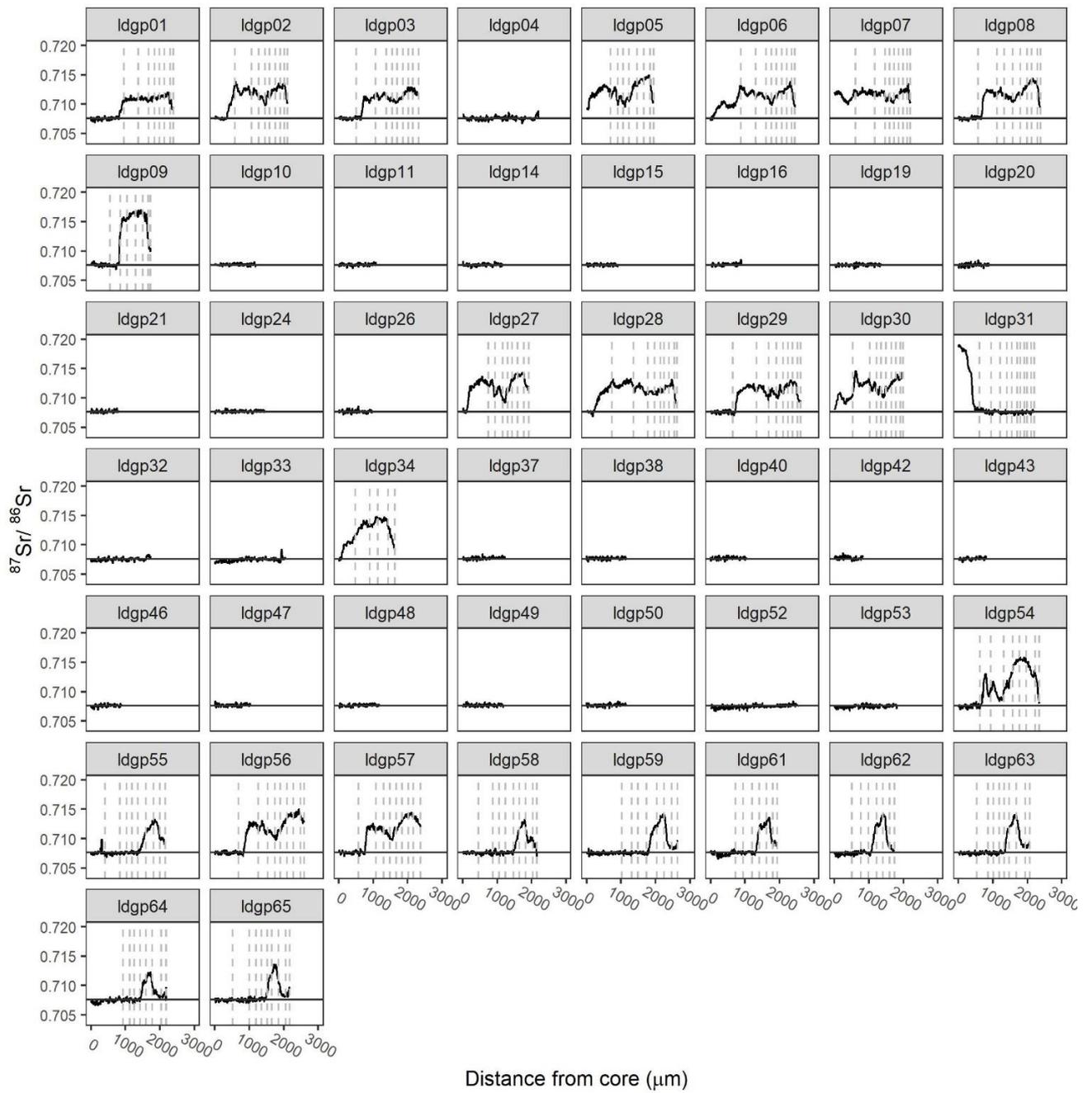


Fig. S2. Individual $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ profiles for golden perch collected from the lower Darling River in 2018. Vertical grey dashed lines indicate location of annual otolith growth increments. Horizontal black lines indicate the $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ of the Darling River (0.7077).

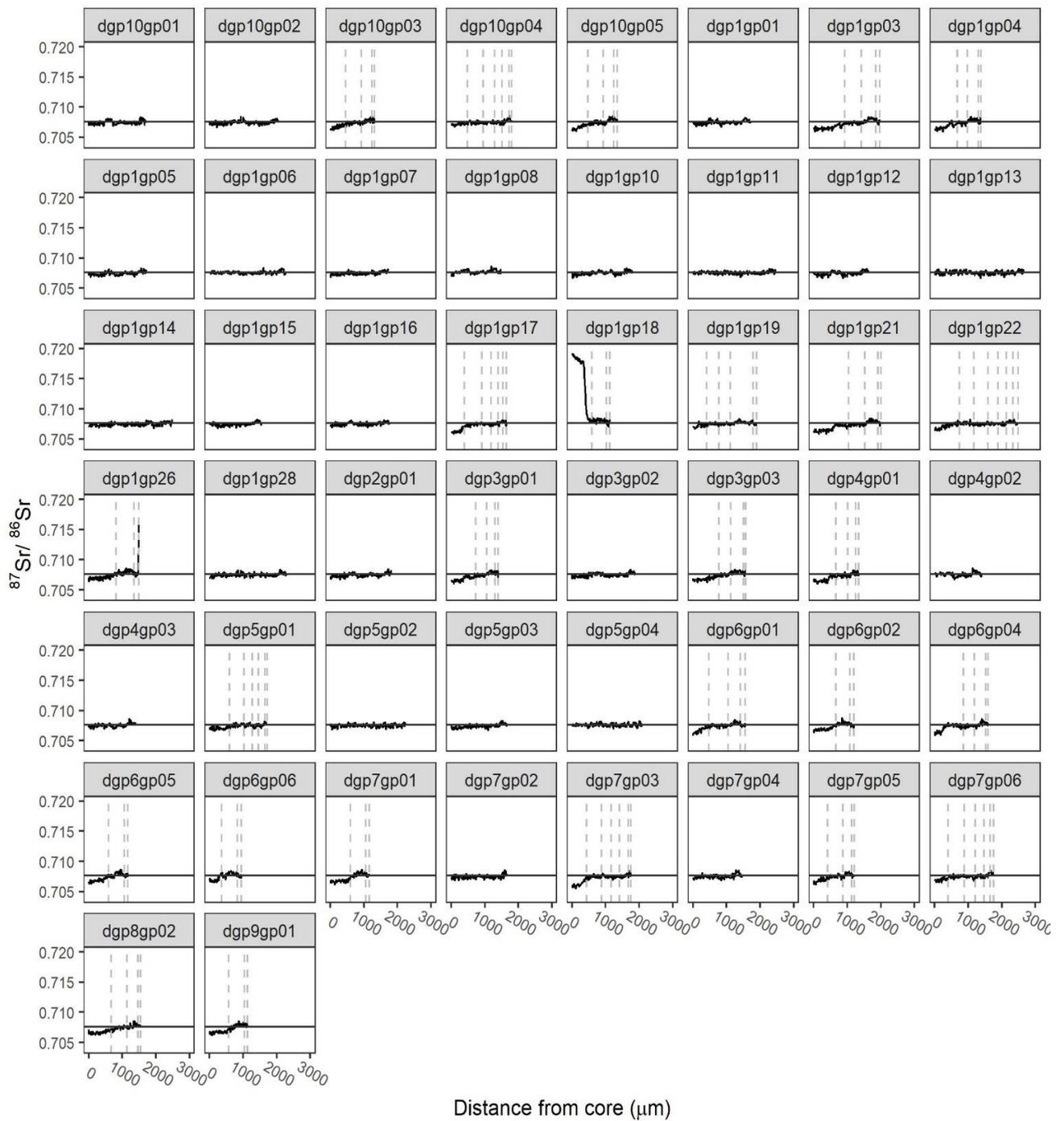


Fig. S3. Individual $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ profiles for golden perch collected from the mid-Darling River in 2017. Vertical grey dashed lines indicate location of annual otolith growth increments. Horizontal black lines indicate the $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ of the Darling River (0.7077).