

Supplementary Material

Effects of spatial–temporal conditions and fishing-vessel capacity on the capture of swimming crabs by using different fishing gear around the waters of Taiwan

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Table S1 The description of data attributions used in the GLMMs.

	Group	Variables	Descriptions
Spatial-temporal	Fishing location	Outside north Taiwan Strait (ONTS)	>24.0°N, exclude NTS
		North Taiwan Strait (NTS)	24.0–26.0°N, 119.0–122.0°E
		South Taiwan Strait (STS)	22.0–24.0°N, 119.0–121.0°E
		Outside south Taiwan Strait (OSTS)	<24.0°N, exclude STS
	Climate events	Normal years	2012, 2013, 2019
		La Niña years	2011, 2016, 2017
		El Niño years	2014, 2015, 2018
	Seasons	Winter	December, January and February
		Spring	March, April and May
		Summer	June, July and August
Autumn		September, October, and November	
Vessels capacity	Work hours	Short work hour	<24 h
		Medium work hour	>24 h
		Long work hour	>48 h
	Vessel sizes	CT0	<5 Mg
		CT1	5–<10 Mg
		CT2	10–<20 Mg
		CT3	20–<50 Mg
		CT4	50–<100 Mg
CT5	100 Mg		

Table S2 Technical and total catch weight (kg) variables of VDRs and logbooks data from 2011 to 2019 for trawls, gill-nets and traps in the Taiwan Strait.

Variables	Trawls	Gill-nets	Traps
Technical			
Number of vessels	838	395	221
Mean work hours (h trip ⁻¹)	3.04	2.90	5.54
CT (number of vessels)	CT0 (111)	CT0 (160)	CT0 (21)
	CT1 (23)	CT1 (20)	CT1 (13)
	CT2 (83)	CT2 (94)	CT2 (31)
	CT3 (370)	CT3 (106)	CT3 (72)
	CT4 (204)	CT4 (15)	CT4 (73)
	CT5 (47)	CT5 (0)	CT5 (11)
Catch weight (tons)			
Crustaceans (%)	23612.88 (29.68)	138.27 (1.07)	3763.72 (70.44)
Demersal fish (%)	20203.51 (25.40)	3028.58 (23.48)	1198.89 (22.44)
Miscellaneous fish (%)	20314.21 (25.54)	301.91 (2.34)	10.77 (0.20)
Mollusk (%)	5674.46 (7.13)	232.58 (1.80)	349.28 (6.54)
Pelagic fish (%)	9743.00 (12.25)	9197.74 (71.31)	20.43 (0.38)
Total catch weight (kg)	79548.07	12899.10	5343.12

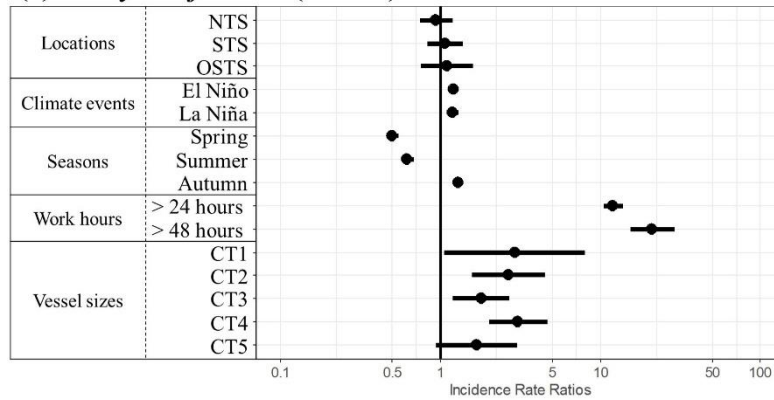
Table S3 Catch composition of crustacean species caught by trawls, gill-nets and traps from 2011 to 2019 in the Taiwan Strait.

Crustacean species	Trawls		Gillnets		Traps	
	Catchweight (kg)	%	Catchweight (kg)	%	Catchweight (kg)	%
<i>Acetes intermedius</i>	3874092	16.41	0	0.00	0	0.00
<i>Calappidae</i>	2328	0.01	83	0.06	2473	0.07
<i>Carcinoplax longimana</i>	332	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.00
<i>Charybdis acutifrons</i>	0	0.00	3	0.00	0	0.00
<i>Charybdis anisodon</i>	7	0.00	0	0.00	609	0.02
<i>Charybdis annulata</i>	229	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
<i>Charybdis feriatus</i>	43164	0.18	4062	2.94	995827	26.46
<i>Charybdis granulata</i>	21	0.00	14	0.01	737	0.02
<i>Charybdis japonica</i>	1	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
<i>Charybdis lucifera</i>	61	0.00	166	0.12	758	0.02
<i>Charybdis miles</i>	61	0.00	4	0.00	0	0.00
<i>Charybdis natator</i>	2837	0.01	393	0.28	108623	2.89
<i>Charybdis riversandersoni</i>	281	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Other Crustaceans	27440	0.12	131	0.09	0	0.00
<i>Ibacus novemdentatus</i>	41517	0.18	596	0.43	132	0.00
<i>Litopenaeus vannamei</i>	311480	1.32	2484	1.80	0	0.00
Mantis shrimp	9132	0.04	18	0.01	14	0.00
<i>Metanephrops thomsoni</i>	1270041	5.38	58	0.04	0	0.00
<i>Metapenaeopsis barbata</i>	730577	3.09	7861	5.69	0	0.00
<i>Metapenaeopsis provocatoria longirostris</i>	495892	2.10	21	0.02	0	0.00
<i>Metapenaeus ensis</i>	218478	0.93	74	0.05	0	0.00
Other crabs	569779	2.41	18797	13.59	427712	11.36
Other shrimps	9140360	38.71	2935	2.12	53	0.00
<i>Ovalipes punctatus</i>	50867	0.22	26	0.02	492	0.01
<i>Palinuridae</i>	1943	0.01	8816	6.38	3826	0.10
<i>Panulirus homarus</i>	101703	0.43	1035	0.75	22	0.00
<i>Panulirus ornatus</i>	23353	0.10	240	0.17	27	0.00
<i>Panulirus peniciliatus</i>	0	0.00	216	0.16	0	0.00
<i>Panulirus versicolor</i>	1	0.00	5	0.00	0	0.00
<i>Parapenaeus</i> spp.	900526	3.81	1576	1.14	59	0.00
<i>Penaeus japonicus</i>	317388	1.34	3047	2.20	85	0.00
<i>Penaeus marginatus</i>	102285	0.43	20	0.01	15	0.00
<i>Penaeus monodon</i>	24431	0.10	498	0.36	4	0.00
<i>Penaeus penicillatus</i>	176749	0.75	40004	28.93	0	0.00
<i>Penulirus japonicus</i>	13	0.00	1660	1.20	2120	0.06
<i>Portunus pelagicus</i>	307206	1.30	15397	11.14	223019	5.93
<i>Portunus sanguinolentus</i>	292530	1.24	19972	14.44	1813056	48.17
<i>Ranina ranina</i>	29638	0.13	5890	4.26	182500	4.85

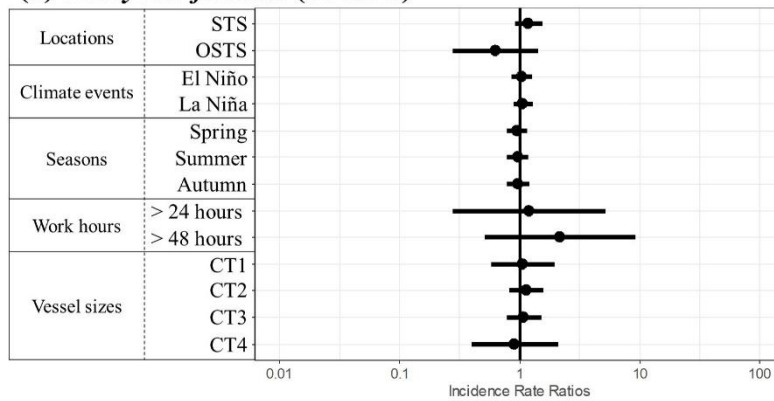
<i>Scylla serrata</i>	5793	0.02	1109	0.80	1561	0.04
<i>Sergestes lucens</i>	4279079	18.12	0	0.00	0	0.00
<i>Solenocera alticarinata</i>	261270	1.11	1061	0.77	0	0.00
Total catch weight (kg)	23612883		138273		3763725	

Bold formatting shows the top 3 species' catch percentages for each fishing gear.

(a) *Charybdis feriatus* (Trawls)



(b) *Charybdis feriatus* (Gillnets)



(c) *Charybdis feriatus* (Traps)

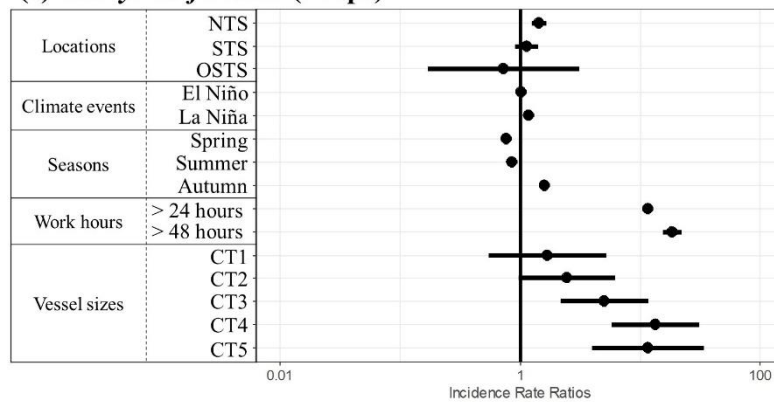
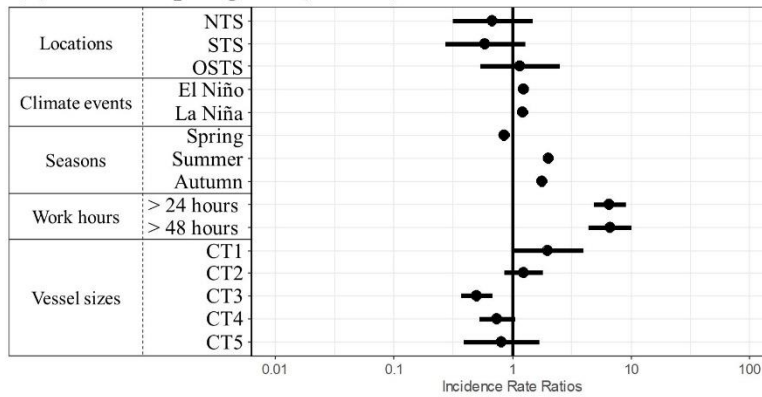
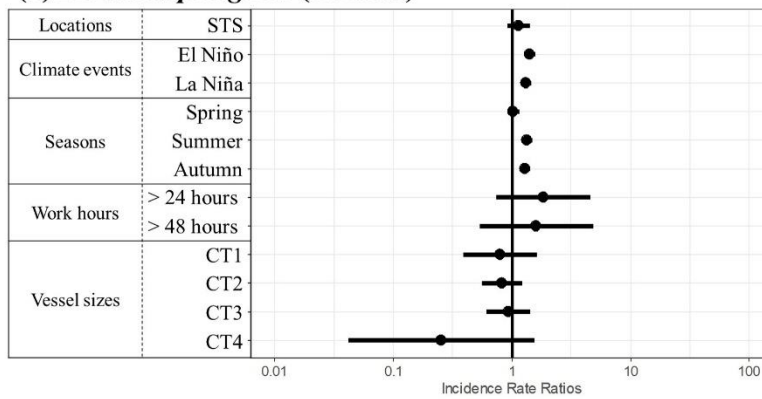


Figure S1. Visualisation of GLMM-derived estimates of catch weight for *Charybdis feriatus* caught using (a) trawls, (b) gill-nets and (c) traps v. fishing locations, climate events, seasons, work hours and vessel sizes. The comparisons are relative to the catch weight of *Charybdis feriatus* (the vertical solid black bar, which we treated as “control”) with ONTS, normal years, winter, <24 h and CT0. The solid vertical bar indicates no statistically significant effect of the relevant covariate on the response variable.

(a) *Portunus pelagicus* (Trawls)



(b) *Portunus pelagicus* (Gillnets)



(c) *Portunus pelagicus* (Traps)

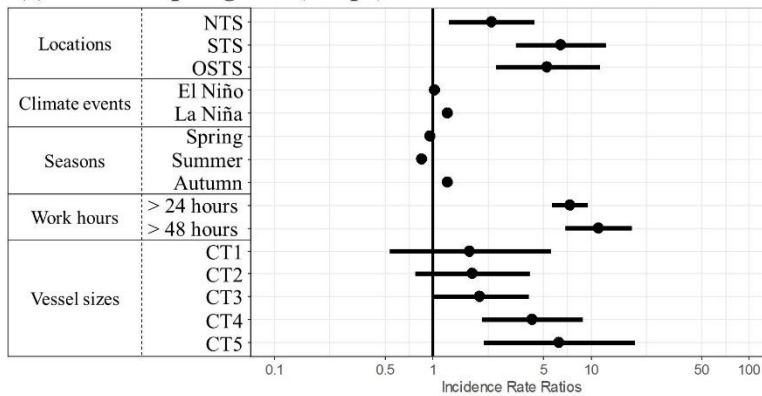
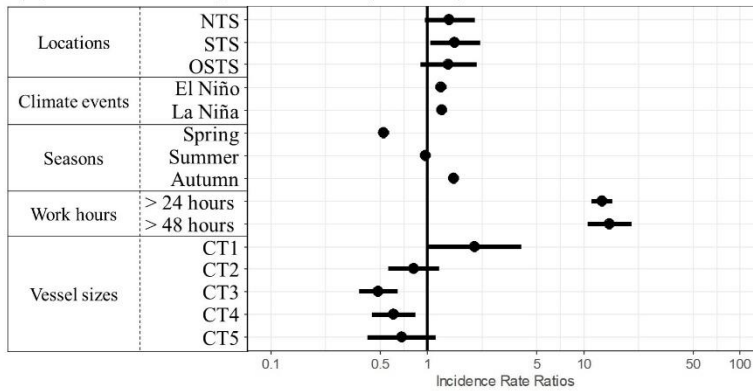
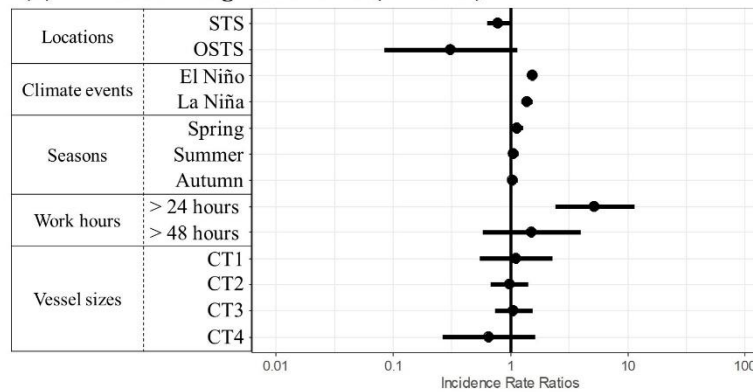


Figure S2. Visualisation of GLMM-derived estimates of catch weight for *Portunus pelagicus* caught using (a) trawls, (b) gill-nets and (c) traps versus fishing locations, climate events, seasons, work hours and vessel sizes. The comparisons are relative to the catch weight of *Portunus pelagicus* (the vertical solid black bar, which we treated as “control”) with ONTS, normal years, winter, <24 h and CT0. The solid vertical bar indicates no statistically significant effect of the relevant covariate on the response variable.

(a) *Portunus sanguinolentus* (Trawls)



(b) *Portunus sanguinolentus* (Gillnets)



(c) *Portunus sanguinolentus* (Traps)

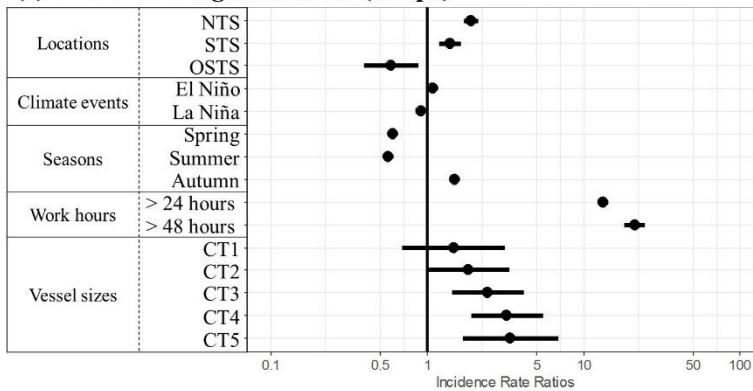


Figure S3. Visualisation of GLMM-derived estimates of catch weight for *Portunus sanguinolentus* caught using (a) trawls, (b) gill-nets and (c) traps versus fishing locations, climate events, seasons, work hours and vessel sizes. The comparisons are relative to the catch weight of *Portunus sanguinolentus* (the vertical solid black bar, which we treated as “control”) with ONTS, normal years, winter, <24 h and CT0. The solid vertical bar indicates no statistically significant effect of the relevant covariate on the response variable.

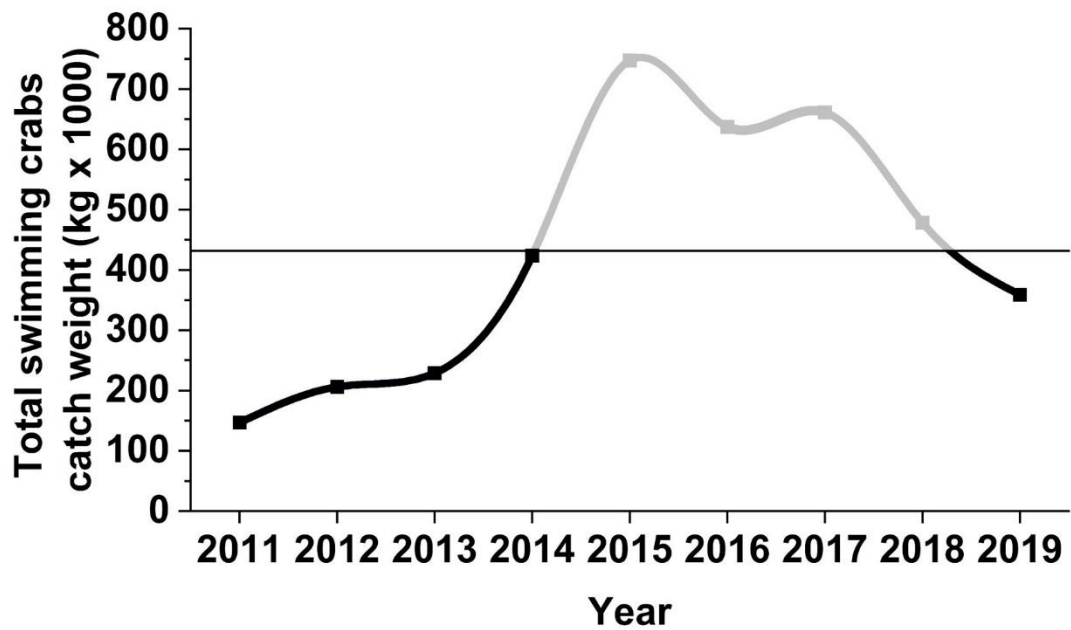


Figure S4. The annual swimming crab's total catch weight (kg) from 2011 to 2019 VDRs and logbook data in the Taiwan Strait. The horizontal line indicated the mean catch weight of swimming crabs from 2011 to 2019. The grey line is the catch weight higher than the mean catch weight; the black line is the catch weight lower than the mean catch weight.

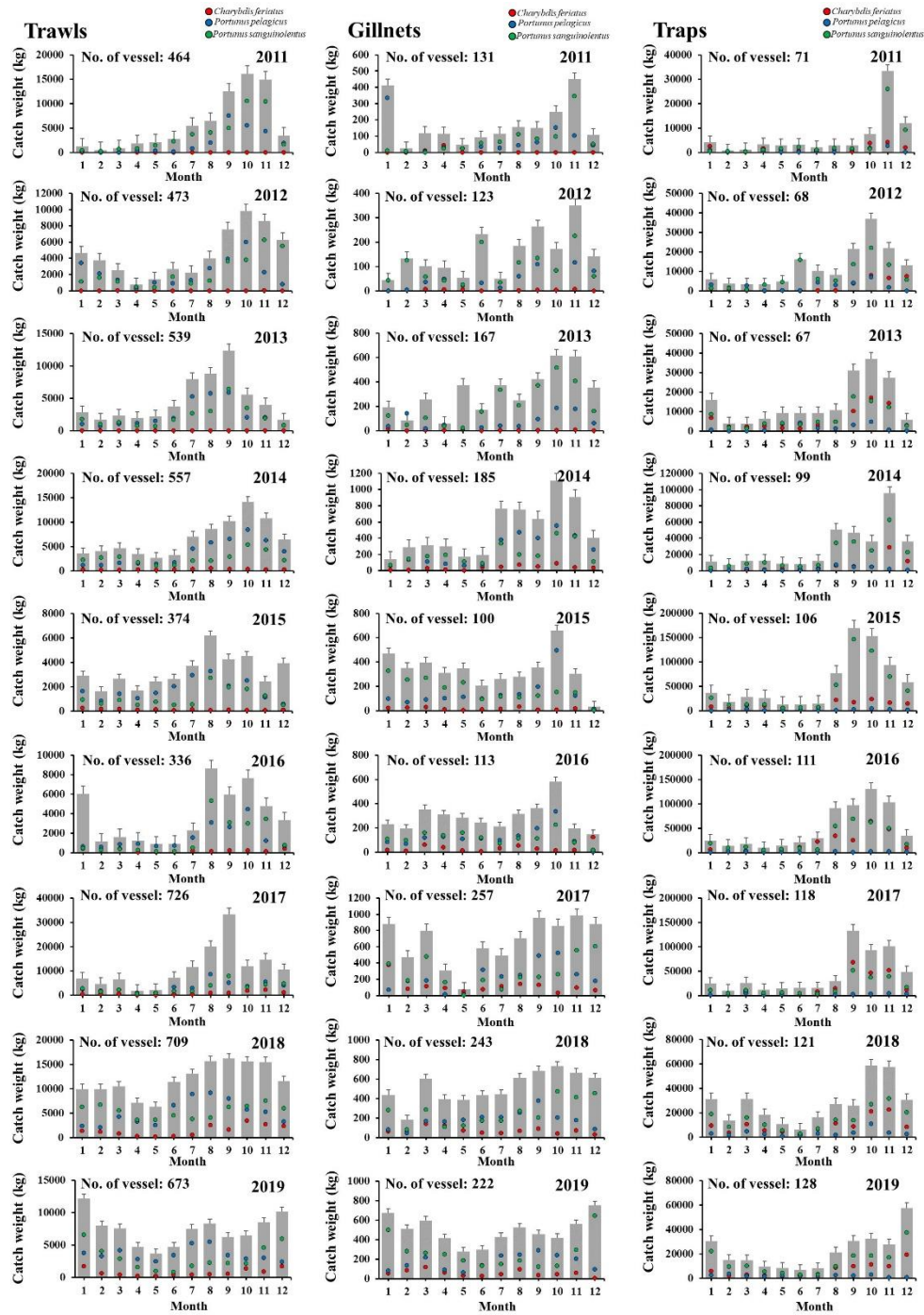


Figure S5. The monthly total swimming crabs (all swimming crab species) for each year from 2011 to 2019 using trawls, gill-nets and traps in the Taiwan Strait. The circle in the grey bar is the monthly total catch weight of *Charybdis feriatius* (red), *Portunus pelagicus* (blue) and *Portunus sanguinolentus* (green) for each year from 2011 to 2019 using trawls, gill-nets and traps.

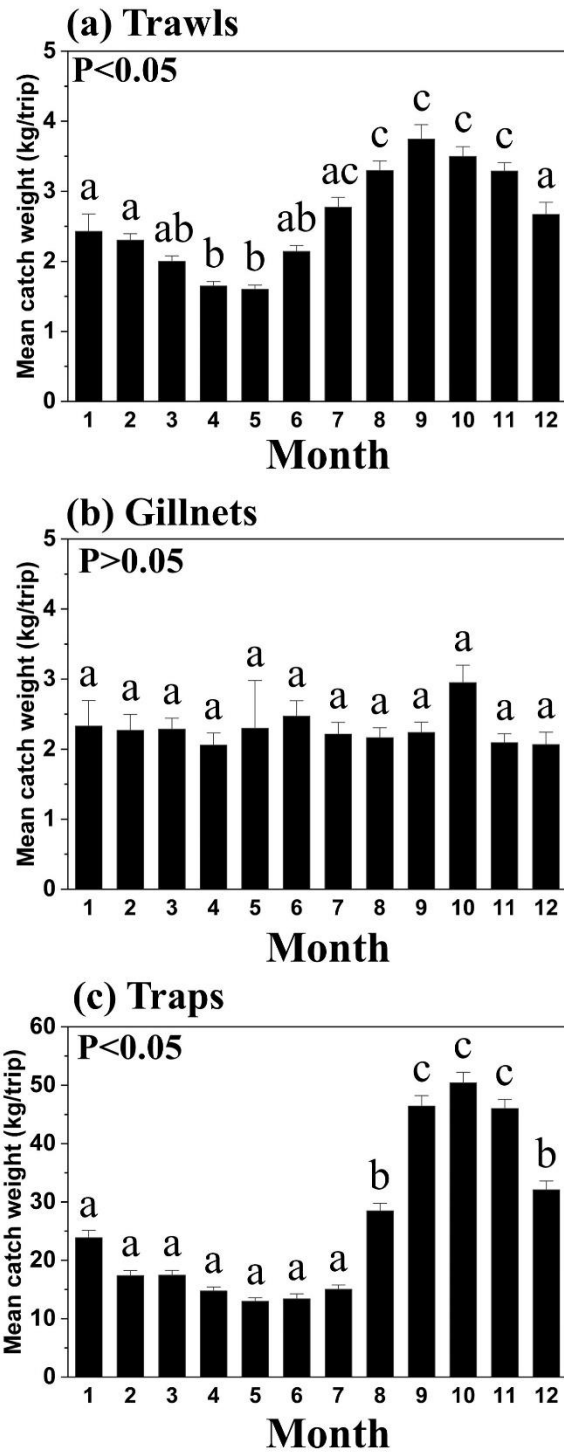
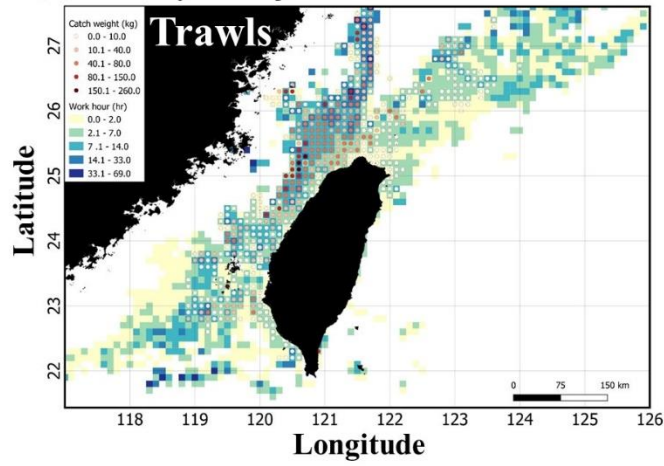
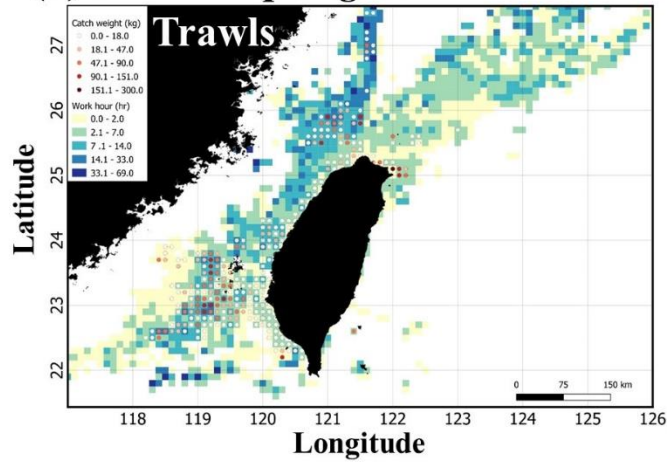


Figure S6. Mean monthly catch (kg month^{-1}) of swimming crabs (all species) from 2011 to 2019 using (a) trawls, (b) gill-nets and (c) traps in the Taiwan Strait. Differences in alpha characters above bars (0.95% CI) denote significant differences ($P < 0.05$).

(a) *Charybdis feriatus*



(b) *Portunus pelagicus*



(c) *Portunus sanguinolentus*

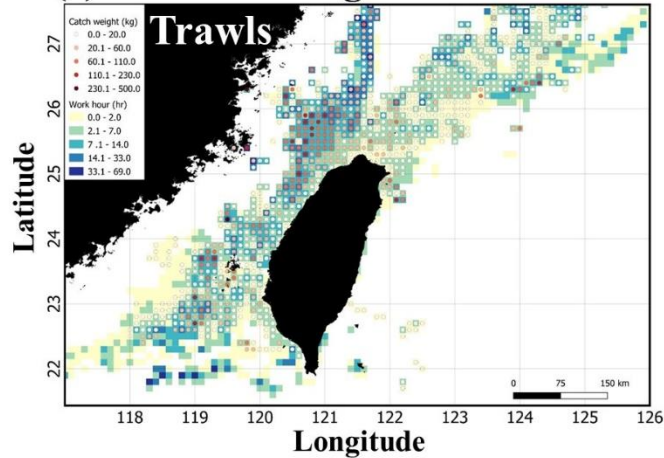
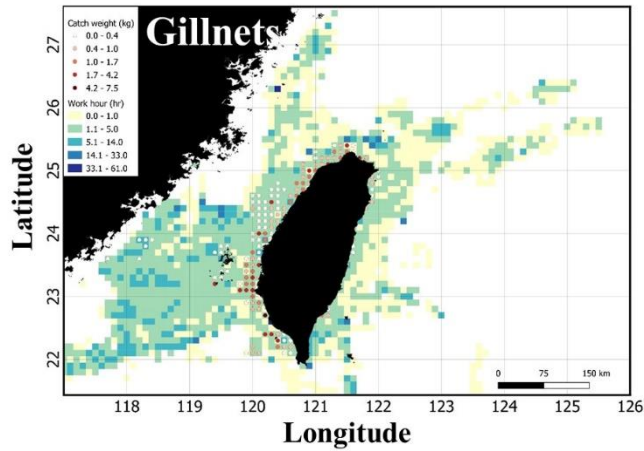
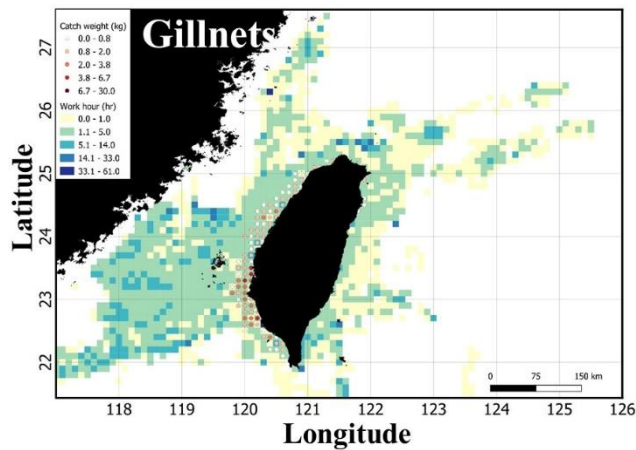


Figure S7. The mean of work hours (h trip^{-1}) overlaid with the mean of catch weight (kg trip^{-1}) using trawls from 2011 to 2019 in the Taiwan Strait for (a) *Charybdis feriatus*, (b) *Portunus pelagicus* and (c) *Portunus sanguinolentus*.

(a) *Charybdis feriatus*



(b) *Portunus pelagicus*



(c) *Portunus sanguinolentus*

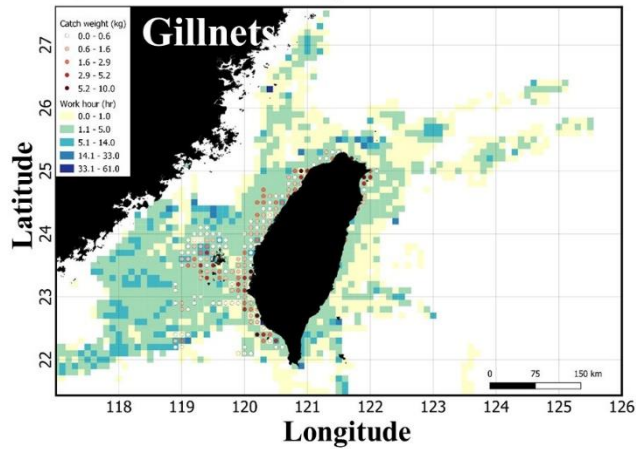
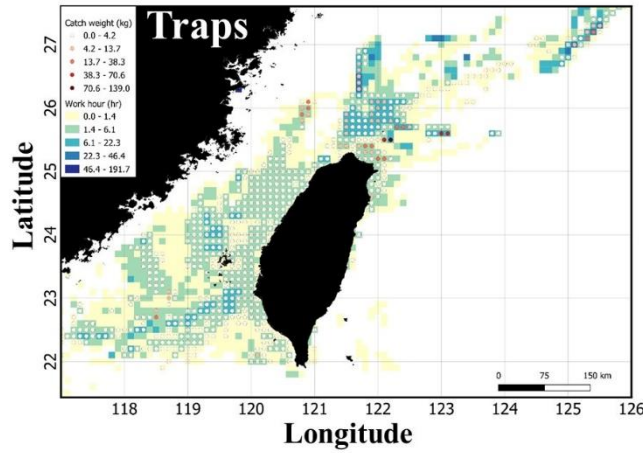
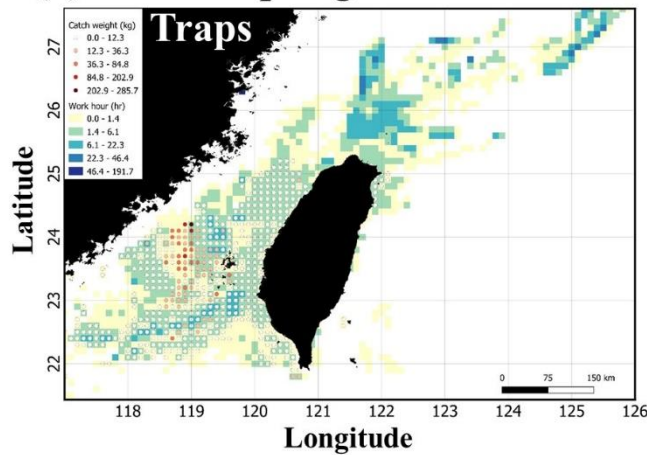


Figure S8. The mean of work hours (h trip⁻¹) overlaid with the mean of catch weight (kg trip⁻¹) using gill-nets from 2011 to 2019 in the Taiwan Strait for (a) *Charybdis feriatus*, (b) *Portunus pelagicus* and (c) *Portunus sanguinolentus*.

(a) *Charybdis feriatus*



(b) *Portunus pelagicus*



(c) *Portunus sanguinolentus*

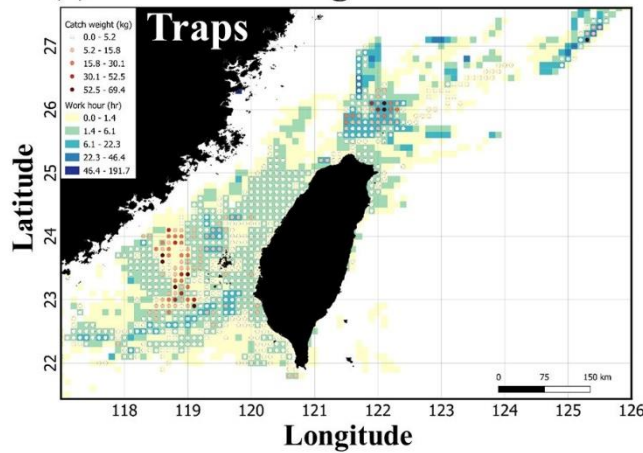


Figure S9. The mean of work hours (h trip⁻¹) overlaid with the mean of catch weight (kg trip⁻¹) using traps from 2011 to 2019 in the Taiwan Strait for (a) *Charybdis feriatus*, (b) *Portunus pelagicus* and (c) *Portunus sanguinolentus*.

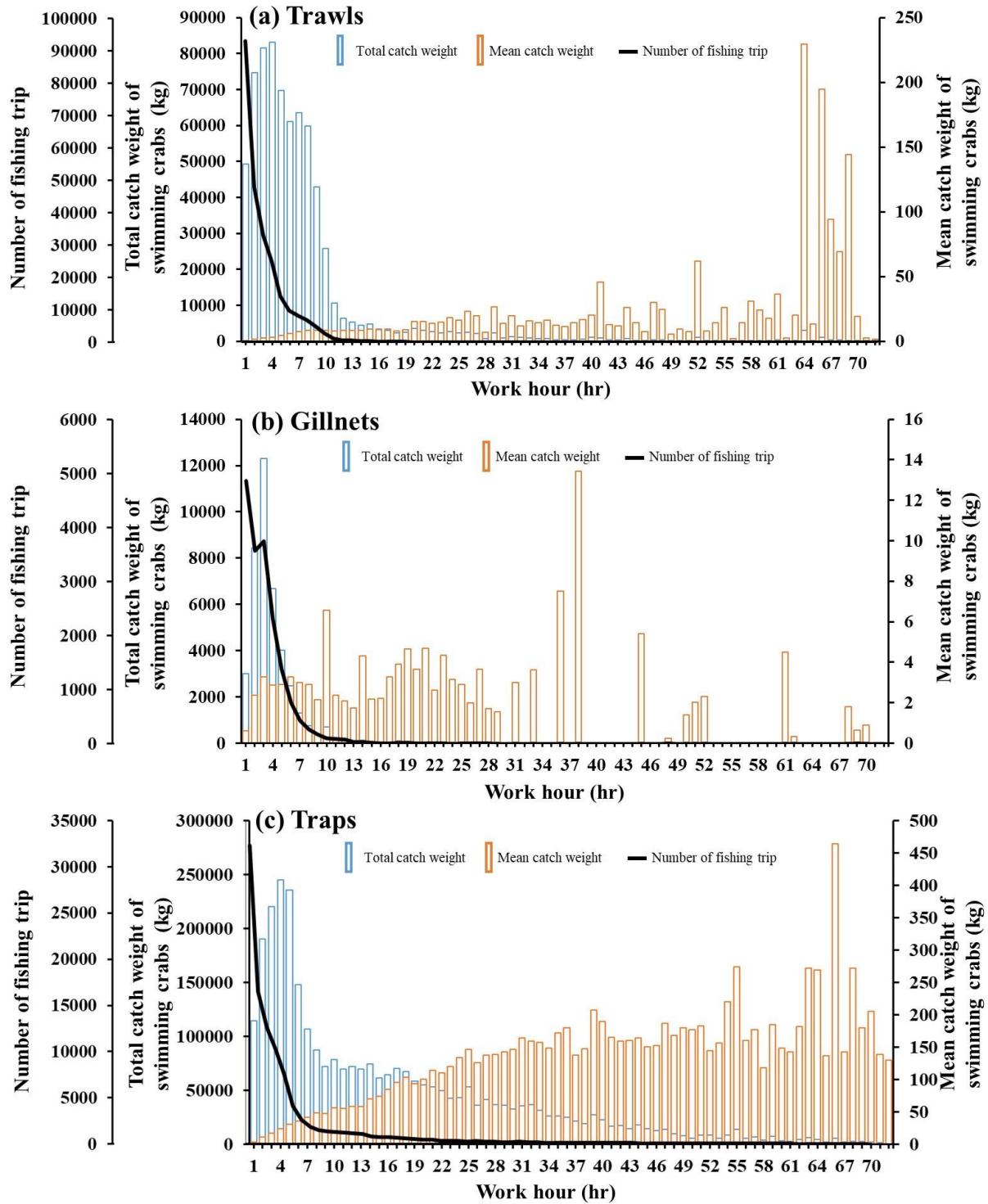


Figure S10. Total and mean catch weight of swimming crabs and the number of fishing trips when using (a) trawls, (b) gill-nets and (c) traps with different work hour in the Taiwan Strait.