

Supplementary material

Effect of stingray (*Hemirhynchus akajei*) foraging on a ghost shrimp population (*Nihonotrypaea harmandi*) on an intertidal sandflat, western Kyushu, Japan

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Account of the steady state of the ghost shrimp population with no stingray predation on the Tomioka sandflat

The mean densities of adult shrimp of *Nihonotrypaea harmandi* at Stations 260, 160, and 60 at the start of Period 1 in any 1 year (e.g. Year 1) can be assumed to be stable with fixed decreasing ratios (Tamaki *et al.* 1997, fig. 14), 1: k_{160} : k_{60} ($0 < k_{160}, k_{60} < 1$). The survival rates of adult shrimp through Period 1 are expressed as s_1 (Station X; X = 260, 160, 60). At the start of Period 2, the density of newly recruited shrimp at each station derived from all adults from the three stations is regarded as proportional to $(1 + k_{160} + k_{60})$, with the coefficient of proportion expressed as k'_X (260, 160, 60). Here, two processes are assumed to be involved: (i) self-recruitment to the Tomioka sandflat population due to a 70% dominance by the Tomioka sandflat population of the regional shrimp metapopulation (Tamaki and Harada 2005) and (ii) higher newly recruited shrimp densities in the more seaward zones of the Tomioka sandflat (Tamaki and Ingole 1993). Regarding the above item (ii), it is assumed that k'_{260} : k'_{160} : $k'_{60} = a$: ak_{160} : ak_{60} , where 'a' is a constant (Tamaki *et al.* 1997, fig. 14). Thus, the relative mean shrimp densities at Stations 260, 160, and 60 at the start of Period 2 are given as $[1 \times s_1(\text{Station 260}) + ak_{260}(1 + k_{160} + k_{60})]$, $[k_{160} \times s_1(\text{Station 160}) + ak_{160}(1 + k_{160} + k_{60})]$, and $[k_{60} \times s_1(\text{Station 60}) + ak_{60}(1 + k_{160} + k_{60})]$ respectively. The survival rates of all shrimp through Period 2 and through Period 3 at each station are expressed as $s_2(\text{Station X})$ and $s_3(\text{Station X})$ respectively. Overall, the mean relative densities of adult shrimp at Stations 260, 160, and 60 at the start of Period 1 in Year 2 are given as $\{[1 \times s_1(\text{Station 260}) + ak_{260}(1 + k_{160} + k_{60})] \times s_2(\text{Station 260}) \times s_3(\text{Station 260})\}$, $\{[k_{160} \times s_1(\text{Station 160}) + ak_{160}(1 + k_{160} + k_{60})] \times s_2(\text{Station 160}) \times s_3(\text{Station 160})\}$, and $\{[k_{60} \times s_1(\text{Station 60}) + ak_{60}(1 + k_{160} + k_{60})] \times s_2(\text{Station 60}) \times s_3(\text{Station 60})\}$ respectively. At the steady state occurring between years, these three terms ought to be equal to 1, k_{160} , and k_{60} respectively.

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