

# Japanese Sardine



# Main items

- Catch of JS in the Convention Area
  - occurs mostly in years of high abundance when, the distribution of JS expands to the CA
  - in years of low abundance the JS catch is mostly found in Japanese domestic waters
- Japan presented a summary of their annual domestic assessment of JS
  - Japans domestic assessment includes catch data from Japan, China and Russia
  - Other members catch at size and catch at age data could improve the assessments
  - Japan and China shared length frequency data and length-weight relationship data
- An updated JS Species Summary document prepared
  - This summary contains outputs from Japan's domestic JS stock assessment

# Other notes

- Nominal CPUE was calculated by Members using shared data
  - the value of this data was discussed
  - Difficulties in standardizing catch per unit effort given the particularities of fishing practice
  - (e.g. the changes in seine fishing where the catch is not actually landed, but is instead is pumped out of the fishing net onto the catcher vessel)
- Sharing code for the JS domestic stock assessment with SWG participants was also discussed,
  - Transparency for providing advice from SC to COM
  - Japan was to discuss internally and report to SC08 in December

# Potential discussion items

1. potential for providing data from Members to support Japan's domestic JS assessment, what are further needs?
2. Objectives and needs for linking footprint and effort data using GIS tools?
3. Sharing of code for the JS stock assessment?
4. Any other matters related to JS?
5. Low priority for assessment?