Spatial Stock Assessment Methods: International Approaches and Advancements

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1. Overview

The SPM operating model applies catches, growth and movement within and across each grid cell ($\sim 5x5^{\circ}$ bin) and time period (pseudo-years=quarters). For each fully spatial SPM simulation (1-100), we have provided the simulated:

- Catches by fishery (not flag specific),
- CPUE (from a pelagic longline fishery),
- Length frequencies (from the purse seine fishery),
- Tag releases and recaptures (reported from the purse seine fishery only).

These spatially explicit data output from SPM, were then **aggregated by regional scale (4 area or 1 area)** by summing catch, length frequencies, and tag release/recaptures by region. CPUE was standardized by cell and year with regional scaling applied (abundance-based weightings) following Hoyle & Langley (2020).

Fisheries/fleets include: Purse seine (ps), baitboat (bb), longline (ll), troll (trol), gillnet (gi), handline (hand), other (other) Please refer to YFT OM description for more OM specific information.

2. Datasets provided to analysts

We provide 100 iterations of the spatially aggregated data (1 area), and 100 iterations of the spatially stratified data (4 areas) on the GitHub repository (as well as the fully spatially disaggregated by grid cell datasets).

| Dataset name | Description | Github location |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| YFT_1area_observations_1- | Single area | here |
| 100.RData | (panmictic | |
| | population) YFT | |
| | data | |
| YFT_4area_observations_1- | Four area (four | here |
| 100.RData | area aggregation) | |
| | YFT data | |
| $YFT_221cell_observations_1-$ | Fully spatial | here |
| $100.\mathrm{RData}$ | (5x5 binned) | |
| | YFT data | |

3. Data structure

Dataset: YFT_221cell_observations_1-100.Rdata

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Sim_X (X: sim \# 1-100)
     Length frequencies
     CPUE
     Tag release data
     Tag recapture data
     Layers
          Base
          Cell
          Latitude
          Longitude
          Regions
          Catch (spatial catch by fishery)
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Dataset: YFT_4area_observations_1-100.Rdata

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dat_4A_X (X: sim # 1-100)
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For all platforms:

lencomp: (list) 4 area dataframe of aggregated length frequencies by age bin (purse seine only):

catch: (list) 4 area dataframe of catch by fishery, including pseudo-year, and season (=1).

CPUE/cpu: (list) 4 area cpue (longline only)

tag releases: 4 area tag release data tag_recaps: 4 area tag recapture data

Biol_dat: Biological data from Fu et al. (2018)

M: Age varying natural mortality

Linf: Length infinity (cm)
Lmin: Length minimum (cm)

Maturity: maturity ogive (pseudo-years)

K: age varying growth coefficients

a: scaling coefficientb: shape parameter

age: first age to last age (pseudo-years)

L: Length (cms)
W: Weight (kgs)

Stock Synthesis: (Arguments to create 4 area Stock Synthesis data file (in SS3.24Z) (sourcefile, type, SSversion, styr,endyr, nseas, months per seas, spawn seas, Nfleet, Nsurveys, N_areas, fleetnames, surveytiming, areas, fleetinfo1, units_of_catch, se_log_catch, fleetinfo2, Ngenders, Nsexes, Nages, init_equil, N_catch, catch, N cpue. CPUEinfo, CPUE, N discard fleets, N discard, N meanbodywt, DF for meanbodywt, lbin method, binwidth, minimum size. maximum size, N_lbinspop, lbin_vector_pop, comp_tail_compression, add_to_comp, max_combined_lbin, N_lbins, lbin_vector, N_lencomp, lencomp, N_agebins, N_ageerror_definitions, Lbin method, max combined age, N MeanSize at Age obs, N agecomp, N environ variables, N environ obs, envdat, N sizefreq methods, do tags, N_{tag} groups, N_{recap} events, mixing_latency_period, max_periods, tag_releases, tag recaps, morphcomp data, fleetinfo, NCPUEObs)

Dataset: YFT_1area_observations_1-100.Rdata

 $dat_1A_X (X: sim \# 1-100)$

For all platforms:

lencomp: (list) 1 area dataframe of aggregated length frequencies by age bin (purse seine only):

catch: (list) 1 area dataframe of catch by fishery, including pseudo-year, and season (=1).

CPUE/cpu: (list) 1 area cpue (longline only)

tag_releases: 1 area tag release datatag_recaps: 1 area tag recapture data

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