

This figure is a map of the Pacific Ocean region off the coast of Japan, showing the locations of sampling stations for the 2009-2010 cruise. The map includes the coastline of Japan and the surrounding waters. The x-axis is labeled 'Longitude' and ranges from 140 to 150. The y-axis represents latitude, though it is not explicitly labeled. The map is overlaid with a grid. Sampling stations are marked with various colored symbols, including triangles, squares, circles, crosses, and asterisks, indicating different data types or depths. The symbols are distributed across the map, with a high density of stations in the central and eastern parts of the region.

