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Session 3

Population traits in Small pelagic fish model

Emergence from interactions between turbulent environment and individual behaviors in Upwelling Systems

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Plan

I - Introduction

- Basic principles of the Evol-DEB model
- Emergeant population traits for round sardinella in North-West Africa

2 - Processes responsible for the population traits emerging from the model

- Parameters tested in sensitivity analysis
- Processes identified

3 - Implications for Climate change impacts

- IPCC AR5: Suggested Climate Change in Canary Current
- Potential effects on round sardinella distribution

Basic principles of the Evol-DEB model

The biophysical model



6 km, 32 vertical levels, daily archived simulation (1980-2009) Auger et al. (2015) (AGRIF-2 ways) ~1000 individuals Time step = 1 h

Basic principles of the Evol-DEB model

Submodel : Early-life stage



Hot spots for reproduction success

Basic principles of the Evol-DEB model

Submodel : Bioenergetic



Each individual grow and mature according to environnemental conditions

Basic principles of the Evol-DEB model

Submodel : Horizontal movement

Advection + Swimming

- Swimming algorithm: « Kinesis »:
 (~ random walk within the « habitat »)
- Habitat quality index: Trade-off between local mortality and growth index)

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$$\begin{cases} X_{(t+1)} = U_{(x,y,z,t)} \cdot dt + V_{swim_1(t)} \cdot dt \\ Y_{(t+1)} = V_{(x,y,z,t)} \cdot dt + V_{swim_2(t)} \cdot dt \\ \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{cases} V_X(t) = f_X + g_X \\ f_X = V_X(t-1) \cdot H_1 \cdot e^{-0.5(\Delta Q/\sigma Q)^2} \\ g_X = \varepsilon_X \cdot (1 - H_2 \cdot e^{-0.5(\Delta Q/\sigma Q)^2}) \end{cases}$$

$$Q = \delta + (1-\delta)G - \delta M$$

G = growth index
M = mortality index

• Growth index: Food x Temperature preference

$$f = \frac{X}{X + X_L}$$

$$Target$$

$$I_T = e^{-\frac{(T - T_{nat})}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Latitudinal population structure



Consistent with the fish landings in Senegal and Mauritania





Seasonal variability: contribution of each area (Model)



Inter annual variability: Model Vs Data





Inter annual variability: contribution of each area (Model)

Larval retention patterns

3 main nursery area:



Coastal Current Advection

Canary current (Upwelling jet)—> shift population southward Mauritanian current—> shift population northward

Sensitivity test 1:

Removing the advection component on individual movement

----> shift the focal area



Without advection (IFD)

Coastal Current Advection Vs Swimming Behavior

Sensitivity test 2:

No Advection -Neutral swimming behavior

(Habitat = continental shelf, whatever temperature and food)

—> No migration
—> Variability = Recruitment



Coastal Current Advection Vs Swimming Behavior

Sensitivity test 3:

Neutral swimming behavior + Current advection

(Habitat = continental shelf, whatever temperature and food)

—> Transport Mauritania to Senegal month 4-7, opposite 9-11

—> Sardinella expelled from Sahara Bank

—> Variability = Recruitment+transport



Coastal Current Advection Vs Swimming Behavior

Sensitivity test 4:

(Habitat = continental shelf with food)

Seek for high food plankton concentrations

- —> upstream movement
- —> Seek for food = increased presence in Sahara Banc



Coastal Current Advection Vs Swimming Behavior

Sensitivity test 4:

Active swimming behavior + Current advection

Seek for natal temperature ranges

---> Spawning on Sahara Bank



Coastal Current Advection Vs Swimming Behavior

Sensitivity test 4:

—> inter-annual variability due to variable size of the « home population » of the Sahara Banc



Coastal Current Advection Vs Swimming Behavior



—> Weakening of the southward upwelling jet in 1994
 —> Increasing reproduction on the Sahara Banc

Sahara Banc: good habitat but difficult to reach because of current





Larger individuals perform better in reaching preferred habitat

Coastal Current Advection Vs Swimming Behavior



—> Bigger fish are better swimmer, thus more present in the north

Summary 3 main processes in interaction:



Effect of Climate change on Sardinella in the Canary Current

Current Model

Focal area ~ 17-21°N (Permanent upwelling area)

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- Summer: —> 27°N (except if upwelling too strong)
- Winter —> $10^{\circ}S$



Effect of Climate change on Sardinella in the Canary Current

IPCC AR5:

- Intensification of upwelling winds in the poleward portion of the CUS in summer
- Intensification of subtropical anticyclone

—> Northward shift of the permanent upwelling area?

If the northward shift of permanent upwelling area exceed ~4°, the focal area off Mauritania might disappear









African humid periods triggered the reactivation of a large river system in Western Sahara Skonieczny et al., 2015 15 °W $5 \,^{\circ}W$ 5°E 15 °E 25 °E 35 °E 45 °E 35 °N Atlas ODP-967 Hoggar 25 °N Fig.4 Tamanrasett **ODP-658C** GeoB7220 Senegal Nile 15 °N Niger Sanaga 5 °N **Bathymetry Topography** Congo (mbsl) (m)5 °S Jar 6,000 4,800





Average direction of fish movement (Model)

Looking at others EBUS small pelagic fish





Looking at others EBUS small pelagic fish

Southern Benguela



Roy et al., 2007