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Species Composition and Biological Data Collection and Analysis

1. Objectives of Data Collection

Data are needed to make rational decisions, evaluate the fisheries performance in relation to management objectives and fulfils regional requirements. The extent to which objectives are achieved is assessed using indicators, which are generated from data. There is no standard set of indicators, but all must be tailored to each fishery dependent on which social, economic or environmental concerns are important. Appropriate indicators can be developed which measure the state of the resource, the performance of fishing controls, economic efficiency, socio-economic performance and social continuity. A fishery authority may also be respect to straddling or highly migratory stocks

2. Species Composition

Species composition refers to the contribution of each fish species in particular fishing area or fishing vessels. Species composition is generally expressed as a percent, so that all species components add up to 100%. Species composition can be expressed on either an individual species basis, or by species groups that are defined according to the objectives of the inventory or monitoring program. Species composition is an important indicator of ecological and management processes at a site.

Species composition provides the essential description of the character of the fisheries at particular study area. The relative contribution of a species also signifies its dominance in the vegetation and its ability to capture resources. Slight different inferences of competitive ability are suggested if species composition is expressed on the basis of cover, density, or biomass measurements. Species composition is used to determine range condition and range trend, which are valuable tools to judge the impact of previous management and guide future decisions.

3. Biological Data Collection

The compilation of biological data constitute an important component of fishery resources management. The responsibility to collect biological data relevant to the management of the marine fishery resources. The biological data on commercial species are available from references are as

- follow:
 - Length frequency distribution
 - Length and weight relationship
 - Age and growth
 - Sex ratio
 - Maturity
 - Stomach fullness and food composition
 - Morphometric measurement
 - Tissue samples for DNA study.
 - Scales or otolith for age determination

4. Expected outcomes

The purpose of collecting fisheries data is to provide information on fishing operation and some important biological information of selected fishes. This is vital for stock assessment of targeted species. Some of the outcomes to be obtained from the analyses of these data are as follows:

- (i) Status of fishing operation and fishing area
- (ii) Species composition of the selected fishing gear deployed to catch target species
- (iii) Total catch and catch per unit effort (CPUE) of selected fishing gear
- (iv) Length composition of fish
- (v) Growth parameters:
 - a) K growth coefficient (growth rate constant)
 - b) $L\infty$ Length at infinity (asymptotic length)
- iv) Mortality parameters:
 - a) Z Total mortality coefficient, instantaneous rate of total mortality or total mortality rate (per time unit), Z = M + F
 - b) M natural mortality coefficient, instantaneous rate of natural mortality or natural mortality rate (per time unit)
 - c) F fishing mortality coefficient or instantaneous rate of fishing mortality (per time unit)
- v) Catch curve analysis is used to estimate L50% (length at which 50% of the fish is retained by the gear and 50% escape) and convert it to age, t50% (age at which 50% of the fish is retained in the gear).
- vi) Determination of Exploitation rate, E(E = F/Z) using mortality parameters
- vii) Determination of yield per recruit (Y/R) pattern.
- viii) Length-weight relationship (W = a L b)
- ix) Length at first maturity (Udupa, 1986, *Fishbyte* Vol. 4 (2))
- x) Sex ratios
- xi) Spawning season determination from Gonad somatic index
- xii) Stock unit/population structure using morphological and DNA methods

Example on Biological Parameters Necessary for The Study of Shared Stock

| Parameters | Necessary data | Collecting merhods |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| Length-weight relationship | Pairs data of length-weight | Measure fish body |
| Growth curve | Pairs data of age-length | Analysis age and measure fish body |
| Natural mortality coefficient | Longevity growth equation tagging data Data of virgin stock | Analysis age etc, analysis age, fish body analysis recapture data survey in unexploited area |
| Fishing mortality coefficient | Age composition catch and effort tagging data | Analysis age operation records analysis recapture data. |
| Longevity | Growth, sex ration, survival, rate, etc | Analysis age, sex, etc. |
| Availability | Catch composition | Fish market census |
| Reproductive mechanism | Recruit-parent relationship | Analysis age composition over many years. |
| Sex ratio | Frequency distribution of each sex | Analysis gonad |
| Maturity rate | Frequency distribution of gonad index | Analysis gonad |
| Number of spawned eggs | Number of incubation and spawning, etc | Analysis ovary, etc |
| Age composition | Frequency distribution of are | Analysis age |
| Population index | Density of each area | Experimental survey, etc |
| Effective over-roll fishing intensity | Density of each area | Experimental survey |
| Catch ability coefficient | Selectivity and escape rate | Experimental survey |
| selectivity | Mesh experiment | Experiment survey |
| Escape rate | Experimental data | Hypothetical experiment |
| Density of are | Experimental data | Experimental survey |
| Catch pre year | Statistics | All related country |

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5. Data collection and analysis

5.1 Fishing operation and catches data collection and analysis

Information on operation and catch are collected according to the standard format i.e. **Fishing Operation and Catches Data Sheet**.

- a. Interview the skipper/owner of the boat every day in order to get information on Fishing Operation i.e. no. of haul/trip, no. of day/trip (fishing duration), no. of trip/month and total catch/trip.
- b. Obtain fish species and group composition by weight.
- c. Borrow or rent about 20-30 kg of fish and sort into species.
- d. Fish sample for species and group composition studies could be further use for biological studies (length frequency and gonad maturity). See the **flow diagram of sampling method in annex 1**
- e. Record the weight of each target species e.g. mackerels and round scads.
- f. All data must be compiled in a proper format e.g. *Microsoft Excel*.

Catch Composition Sheet From Trawl Survey Vessel

Date: _____ Station No: ____ Tag No: ____

| Total Weight: | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|--|
| Location / Area | Group / Species | Weight (kg) | Number of individual | |
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Fishing Operation and Catches Data Sheet From Purse Seine Vessel

| Intervi | Interviewer Date | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|-------------|------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|-------|
| | | | Fis | heries I | nformat | ion | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Section 1: Fishin | g Vesse | el | | | | | | | |
| Vessel Name: | Vessel Name: Flag State: | | | | | | | | |
| Engine type: O I | nboard | O Ou | itboard | Vesse | l speed: | nm/h | Engine po | ower: | hp |
| Vessel size: | | GRT | Length: | | | meters | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Section 2: Fishin | g Gear | | | | | | | | |
| Type of gear: | | | | | Mesh s | ize: | | cm | |
| Net length: | | | m. | | Net wid | lth: | | m. | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Section 3: Fishii | ng Ope | eratio | n | | | | | | |
| Fishing method: | O Purs O Oth | | е О | Luring | | O | FADs | | |
| Fishing Ground: . | • | | (re | fer to M | Depth fished: meto | | | | meter |
| Far from shore | | | Na | autical r | niles | Fishing time | : O Day | O Night | |
| Frequency of fishi | ng oper | ation? | N | lo. of H | f Haul per Trip. | | | | |
| | | | | | ion of tripdays | | | | |
| Estimated Total C | otch (K | (a/trin) | , | | | | | | |
| Estimated Total C | attii (IX | g/trip) | , | | | | | | |
| Section 4: Catch d | ata (Si | ub San | nple) | | | | | | |
| | tch Det | | • / | T | W | /eight (kg) | Sp. | Composit | ion % |
| Short Mackerel (Rastre | elliger bra | ıchvsomi | a) | | | - | | • | |
| Indian Mackerel (Rastr | | | | | | | | | |
| Shortfin Scad (Decapte | | | , | | | | | | |
| Amberstripe Scad (Dec | apterus n | ıaruadsi | <i>i</i>) | | | | | | |
| Indian Scad (Decapter) | ıs russelli | <u>;</u>) | | | | | | | |
| Other fish group | | | | | | | | | |
| | Total w | veight (| of sub-san | nple | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |

| O Mackerel (Target Group) | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|-----------------|----------------|--|--|--|
| O Scads (Target Group) | | | | | | | |
| O Other mackerel | | | | | | | |
| O Other scads | | | | | | | |
| O Trevally | | | | | | | |
| O Promfret | | | | | | | |
| O Sardine | | | | | | | |
| O Small tuna | | | | | | | |
| O | | | | | | | |
| O | | | | | | | |
| Total Catch By Weight Per Trip | | | | | | | |
| Section 5: Market data | | | | | | | |
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| 5 Target species | | | | | | | |
| 5 Target species Short Mackerel (R brachysoma) | | | | | | | |
| 5 Target species Short Mackerel (R brachysoma) Indian Mackerel (R kanagurta) | | | | | | | |
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Total Catch data (Group Composition by weight)

5.2 Growth and Mortality of fish

Growth

The growth study of fish is the determination of the body size as a function of age. Therefore, age composition data is important. In temperate waters, such data can be obtained through the counting of year rings on hard parts such as scales and otoliths. These rings are formed due to strong fluctuations in environmental conditions from summer to winter and vice-versa. In tropical areas there is no occurrence of drastic changes, so impossible to use this kind of seasonal rings for age determination. However, length-frequency data are converted using several numerical methods to determine the age composition of fish.

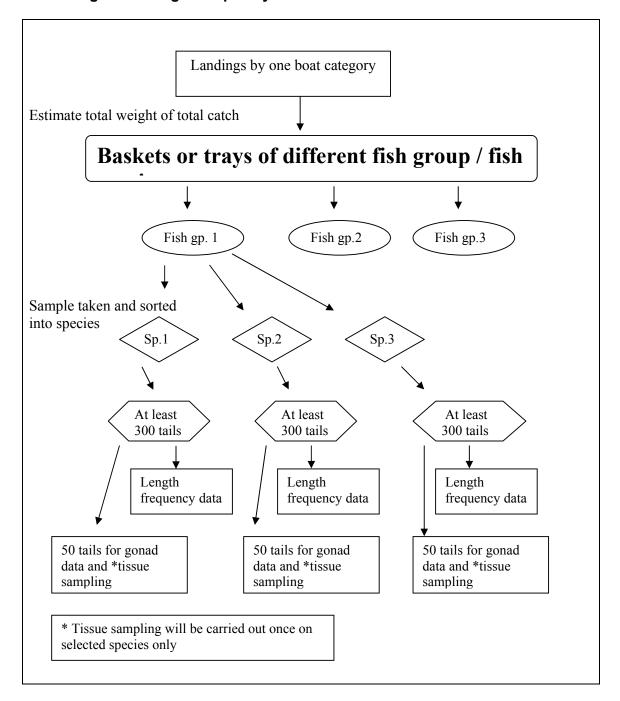
Mortality

The negative aspect in the dynamic of a fish stock is the death process or mortality. The mortality of fish can be described by using models and a number of parameters. Mortality caused by fishing is considered as **fishing mortality**. Mortality due to other causes such as predation, disease and deaths due to old age is called **natural mortality**. The total number of deaths (**total mortality**) is the number of dying due to fishing and dying due to natural causes. The formula are given as: Z = F + M where Z is called the "total mortality rate", F is called the "fishing mortality coefficient" and F is called the "natural mortality coefficient". The fraction of deaths caused by fishing, F is called the "exploitation rate", F is

Procedures for length-frequency data collection for growth and mortality studies of fish

- a. Equipments: measuring board, spring weighing balance, data sheet, etc.
- b. Fish sampling is carried out at landing sites on a monthly basis. See the **flow diagram** of sampling method.
- c. Sampling should focus on target species e.g. mackerels and round scads.
- d. Measure Total Length (TL) of at least 300 tails each species per port using measuring board/punch sheet and record the length on a standard format i.e. **Length Frequency Data Sheet**.
- e. Borrow or rent fish samples used for measurement of length-frequency from fishermen in order to reduce sampling cost.
- f. Sampling for biological data collection only concentrate on major category of sampling gear of that particular sampling port.
- g. Record the samples weight of all fish measured from all boat.
- h. If the species has been sorted out into different size category, take sample of at least 3 kilograms for each sizes category and then measure and record the TL.
- i. Prepare length frequency data set for analysis.
- j. The length frequency data will be analyzed using a program package for length-based fish stock assessment called **FiSAT II** version 1.0.0 (FAO-ICLARM Stock Assessment Tools). [ICLARM = International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management]

Flow diagram of length-frequency data collection



| Length F | requency | Data Sheet | |
|----------------|-------------|---|-------|
| Country: | | Malaysia | |
| Province: | | Kelantan | |
| Fishing Area | : | off Kelantan waters | |
| Name of sam | | Tok Bali | |
| Date: | | 02-Nov-02 | |
| Time: | | 600 | |
| Type of fishir | ng boat: | PS | |
| Total catch o | f the boat: | 12000kg | |
| Sample Weig | ght: | 80kg | |
| Name of Enu | ımerators | N. Rahman | |
| Lower limit | Upper limit | Frequency | Total |
| 100 | 105 | | 7.0 |
| 105 | 110 | 1 | 1 |
| 110 | 115 | | 3 |
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| 120 | 125 | шти | 10 |
| 125 | 130 | JUL HIH HIH III | 23 |
| 130 | 135 | | 46 |
| 135 | 140 | | 30 |
| 140 | 145 | | 26 |
| 145 | 150 | HT HILMT IIII | 19 |
| 150 | 155 | HIT JUT 11 | 12 |
| 155 | 160 | | 6 |
| 160 | 165 | 1111 | 4 |
| 165 | 170 | 1 | 1 |
| 170 | 175 | 1111 | 4 |
| 175 | 180 | Ж І ІІ | 7 |
| 180 | 185 | 1111 1111 | 9 |
| 185 | 190 | JJH . | 5 |
| 190 | 195 | _1111 11 | 7 |
| 195 | 200 | | 12 |
| 200 | 205 | | 24 |
| 205 | 210 | | 19 |
| 210 | 215 | <u> </u> | 13 |
| 215 | 220 | ши | 8 |
| 220 | 225 | | 7 |
| 225 | 230 | IIII | 4 |
| 230 | 235 | II | 2 |
| Total | | | 309 |

5.3 Length-weight relationships

Data on the length and weight of fish have commonly been analyzed to yield biological information. The analysis has, in fact, become one of the standard methods employed in fishery biology.

The length-weight relationship formula: a) provides a means for calculating weight from length, b) is a direct way of converting logarithmic growth rates for weight, and c) gives indications of taxonomic differences and events of the life history such as metamorphosis and the stages of maturity.

It has been found that the length-weight relationship of most fish can be described by a formula of the type:

W = $a \, L^b$, where W = weight, L = length, a is a constant and b an exponent usually lying between 2.5 and 4.0. For an ideal fish which maintains the same shape (i.e. symmetrical growth or isometric), b=3. If b>3, the fish is fatter and if b<3, the fish is considered thinner.

Individual fish are measured for TL, BL, SL etc. in millimeter and record weight in grams. A set of data should be obtained from each sampling port.

5.4 Determination of sex and gonads maturity stages

Sex

Fish gonads are inspected to determine the sex of a fish. In adults female eggs are readily discernible in the ovaries. In adult male the testes are typically smooth, whitish and non-granular in appearance. In adult fish the sex is readily determined by gross inspection through a slit made on the right side of the body.

Gonad

The state of gonad maturity of the fish is examined in order to determine whether each fish is sexually immature, mature, ripe or spent. Immature means that there are no easily visible eggs or milt. Ripe means that the gonads contain obvious eggs or sperms, and spent that the fish has spawned.

Procedures of gonad maturity data collection for reproductive biology studies of fish.

- b. Equipment Measuring board, spring weighing balance, digital weighing balances, scissors, forceps and etc.
- a. Fish sampling is carried out at landing sites on a monthly basis. See the **flow diagram of sampling method**.
- b. Sampling should focus on targeted species.
- c. Purchase fish samples of at least 50 tails each species per port.
- d. Measure and record TL, BL, SL, BW and gonad weight to the nearest millimeter and gram.
- e. Identify sex and gonad stage of fish through visual senses. As for the characteristic of gonad stages, refer to the standard maturity scale as attached (Five-Point Maturity Scale For Partial Spawners).
- f. Record the data onto a standard format i.e Gonad Maturity Data Sheet.
- g. The gonad maturity data will be analyzed in order to obtain:
 - i. Length-weight relationships,
 - ii. Sex ratio.
 - iii. Spawning season through GSI,
 - iv. Length at first maturity using *Udupa*, 1986.

Gonad Maturity Data Sheet

Country: Malaysia
Province: Kelantan

Fishing Area: off Kelantan waters

Name of sampling port: Tok Bali
Date: 02-Nov-02
Time: 600

Type of fishing boat (PS/Ring net/Trawl/Gill net): PS

Total catch of the boat: 12000kg
Sample Weight: 80kg
Name of Enumerators N. Rahman

Species name: Rastrelliger kanagurta

| Sample no. | TL (mm) | BL (mm) | FL (mm) | SL (mm) | BW (g) | Sex & Stages | GW (g) | GSI |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------------|--------|------|
| 1 | 205 | 167 | 184 | | 112 | F1 | 0.3 | 0.27 |
| 2 | 210 | 173 | 187 | | 114.9 | F1 | 0.2 | 0.17 |
| 3 | 228 | 209 | 227 | | 211.7 | F3 | 8.3 | 3.92 |
| 4 | 244 | 193 | 213 | | 163.2 | F3 | 3.4 | 2.08 |
| 5 | 252 | 280 | 220 | | 193.1 | F3 | 7.8 | 4.04 |
| 6 | 248 | 193 | 212 | | 176.2 | F3 | 5.8 | 3.29 |
| 7 | 215 | 176 | 195 | | 137.3 | F3 | 3.1 | 2.26 |
| 8 | 216 | 179 | 195 | | 125.6 | F3 | 3.3 | 2.63 |
| 9 | 258 | 217 | 225 | | 218.7 | F4 | 8.5 | 3.89 |
| 10 | 222 | 181 | 196 | | 145.4 | F4 | 7.2 | 4.95 |
| 11 | 265 | 212 | 232 | | 226.6 | F5 | 6.6 | 2.91 |
| 12 | 255 | 211 | 225 | | 185.6 | M3 | 7 | 3.77 |
| 13 | 242 | 295 | 213 | | 176.1 | M3 | 10.2 | 5.79 |
| 14 | 252 | 214 | 223 | | 193.2 | M3 | 8.9 | 4.61 |

Total GSI Males 41.00
Average GSI Males 3.15
Total GSI Females 30.41
Average GSI Females 0.29

Notes: GSI=GW/BW*100

Average GSI Males=SumGSI/number of males Average GSI Females=SumGSI/number of females

Five-point maturity scale for partial spawners

| Stage | State | Description | |
|-------|----------|---|--|
| I | Immature | Ovary and testis about 1/3 length of body cavity. Ovaries pinkish, translucent; testis whitish. Ova not visible to naked eye. | |

| II | Maturing | Ovary and testis about ½ length of body cavity. Ovary pinkish, translucent; testis whitish, more or less symmetrical. Ova not visible to naked eye. | |
|-----|----------|---|---------------------|
| III | Ripening | Ovary and testis is about 2/3 length of body cavity. Ovary pinkish-yellow colour with granular appearance, testis whitish to creamy. No transparent or translucent ova visible. | 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 |
| IV | Ripe | Ovary and testis from 2/3 to full length of body cavity. Ovary orangepink in colour with conspicuous superficial blood vessels. Large transparent, ripe ova visible. Testis whitish-creamy soft. | 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 |
| V | Spent | Ovary and testis shrunken to about ½ length of body cavity. Walls loose. Ovary may contain remnants of disintegrating opaque and ripe ova, darkened or translucent. Testis blood shot and flabby. | |

5.5 Statistical method of estimating the size at first maturity (Udupa, Fishbyte, August 1986)

This method corresponds to 50% maturity.

- a. $\log_{10} \text{ m=X}_k + \text{X/2} (\text{X } \Sigma \text{p}_i) \dots (1)$
- b. where X_k = last log size at which 100% of fish are fully matured
- c. $X = log size increment = X_{i+1} X_1$,
- d. Xo = last log size at which no fishes are fully mature
- e. r_i= number of fully mature fish in the ith size group
- f. p = proportion of fully mature fish in the ith size group=r_i/n_i
- g. The mean size at first maturity M=antilog (m)(2)
- h. $m \pm Z(\alpha/2) \sqrt{(var (m))}$ (3)
- i. $Z(\alpha/2)$ = Confidence coefficient at α level of risk.
- j. If α = 0.05, then 95% confidence limits are given by antilog [m \pm 1.96 $\sqrt{(X2 \Sigma(pi^*qi)/(ni-1))}]$ (4)

Example of data arrangement for estimating the size at first maturity

Estimated the Size at First Maturity in Fishes

| Length group (cm) | length (cm) | length | | Numbo maturi | | es | fully matured fish (ri) | Proportion of fully matures fish pi=ri/ni | Xi+1-Xi=X | qi=1-pi | pi*qi/(ni-1) |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------|----|-----------------|-------|-------|-------------------------------|---|-----------|---------|--------------|
| | | | | Stage I | Stage | Stage | | pi ii/iii | | | |
| 13-15 | | | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | | | | | |
| 15-17 | | | 12 | 2 | 10 | 0 | | | | | |
| 17-19 | 18 | 1.2553 | 15 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.046 | 1.00 | 0.0000 |
| 19-21 | 20 | 1.3010 | 25 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 0.36 | 0.041 | 0.64 | 0.0096 |
| 21-23 | 22 | 1.3424 | 43 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 34 | 0.79 | 0.038 | 0.21 | 0.0039 |
| 23-25 | 24 | 1.3802 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 0.88 | 0.035 | 0.13 | 0.0073 |
| 25-27 | 26 | 1.4150 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1.00 | | 0.00 | 0.0000 |
| Total | | ı | ı | | | | | 3.03 | | I | 0.0208 |

From equation (1)

$$m = 1.415 + (0.04/2) - (0.04*3.03)$$

$$m = 1.3138$$

From equation (2)

$$M = antilog (1.3138)$$

$$= 20.59cm$$

From Equation (4), the 95% confidence limits are given by;

antilog [1.3138
$$\pm$$
 1.96 $\sqrt{((0.04)^2 (0.0208))}$]

$$m = 1.3138 \pm 0.01131$$

$$M_U$$
 = antilog (1.3138 + 0.01131) = 21.14 cm

$$M_L = antilog (1.3138 - 0.01131) = 20.07cm$$

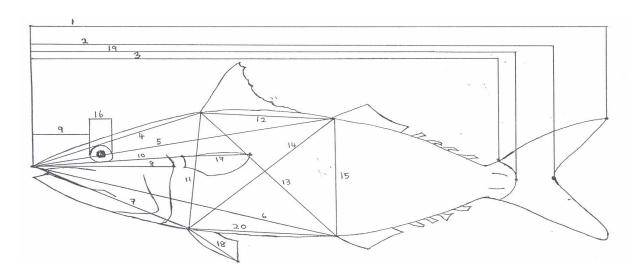
5.6 Stock identification

There are two methods had been practiced by the scientist for identifying the stock unit / population of marine fishes. These methods are: i. Morphological variation (morphometric measurement) and ii. Molecular biological (DNA study).

5.6.1 Morphometric measurement

Twenty (20) morphological characteristics (Figure 1) need to be measured on each individual of the targeted species which covered the various sizes of fish. A total of 100 individuals from each species will be measured and weighted to the nearest millimeter (mm) and gram (g) respectively using the digital or dial caliper. The morphological characteristics which need to measure are described below:

ACRONYM AND FEATURE OF MORPHOMETRIC CHARACTER



| ACRONYM | | MORPHOMETRIC CHARACTER |
|---------|-------|---|
| 1 | TL | Total length |
| 2 | FL | Fork length |
| 3 | BL | Snout to insertion of caudal fin |
| 4 | SFDF | Snout to insertion of first dorsal fin |
| 5 | SSDF | Snout to insertion of second dorsal fin |
| 6 | SAF | Snout to insertion of anal fin |
| 7 | SPF | Snout to insertion of pelvic fin |
| 8 | HL | Head length |
| 9 | STL | Tip of snout to eye |
| 10 | SPCF | Snout to insertion of pectoral fin |
| 11 | HT | Insertion of first dorsal fin to insertion of pelvic fin |
| 12 | FDSD | Insertion of first dorsal fin to insertion of second dorsal fin |
| 13 | FDAF | Insertion of first dorsal fin to insertion of anal fin |
| 14 | PFSDF | Insertion of second dorsal fin to insertion of pelvic fin |
| 15 | SDAF | Insertion of second dorsal fin to insertion of anal fin |
| 16 | ED | Eye diameter |
| 17 | PCL | Pectoral fin length |
| 18 | PFL | Pelvic fin length |
| 19 | SL | Standard length |
| 20 | PAF | Insertion of pelvic fin to insertion of anal fin |

5.6.2 Data analysis

The morphometric measurements were first transformed to common logarithms. These data were then analyzed through ANOVA and ANCOVA to obtain the canonical discriminate using several specific statistical software such as Statistical Analysis Software (SAS), MINITAB and JMP.

Sample sheet on morphometric data measurement of *Rastrelliger kanagurta*Date: Sampling port:

| Spec | ies: | | | Loc | cation: (| Latitud | e | | ngitude | |) | |
|------|------------|-------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| No | TL (mm) | BL (mm) | FL (mm) | SL (mm) | Bw (g) | Sex | Stage | OW (g) | SFDF (mm) | SSDF (mm) | SAF (mm) | SPF (mm) |
| 1 | 232 | 185 | 203 | 195 | 140.50 | F | 3 | 2.5 | 71.33 | 121.93 | 122.86 | 66.04 |
| 2 | 225 | 186 | 202 | 197 | 118.20 | F | 3 | 2.0 | 69.66 | 119.13 | 126.27 | 64.79 |
| 3 | 217 | 180 | 195 | 190 | 98.30 | М | 2 | 0.5 | 65.53 | 116.93 | 120.45 | 59.82 |
| 4 | 248 | 197 | 218 | 212 | 158.30 | F | 4 | 5.5 | 76.43 | 130.45 | 131.87 | 72.23 |
| 5 | 213 | 197 | 203 | 198 | 132.10 | М | 3 | 1.8 | 71.62 | 120.57 | 123.47 | 65.80 |
| 6 | 234 | 195 | 213 | 208 | 171.20 | F | 3 | 1.4 | 74.36 | 128.06 | 129.58 | 68.69 |
| 7 | 233 | 188 | 205 | 198 | 134.90 | М | 3 | 3.0 | 72.90 | 121.74 | 123.42 | 66.67 |
| No | HL (mm) | STL (mm) | SPCF (mm) | HT (mm) | FDSD (mm) | FDAF (mm) | PFSDF (mm) | SDAF (mm) | ED (mm) | PCL (mm) | PFL (mm) | PAF (mm) |
| 1 | 52.99 | 13.94 | 56.22 | 47.53 | 51.63 | 73.09 | 75.54 | 46.88 | 12.79 | 26.48 | 19.90 | 59.10 |
| 2 | 49.17 | 12.18 | 53.47 | 43.06 | 50.36 | 71.38 | 73.26 | 45.39 | 11.63 | 22.96 | 18.22 | 63.60 |
| 3 | 45.90 | 12.28 | 49.30 | 41.72 | 49.35 | 69.19 | 72.78 | 41.47 | 12.49 | 24.33 | 20.24 | 64.46 |
| 4 | 54.32 | 15.83 | 59.27 | 54.20 | 55.42 | 79.15 | 81.80 | 53.50 | 14.32 | 29.16 | 23.78 | 65.00 |
| 5 | 50.44 | 14.75 | 55.73 | 48.66 | 50.36 | 72.54 | 75.65 | 47.35 | 12.70 | 23.96 | 21.64 | 59.90 |
| 6 | 53.39 | 14.78 | 58.74 | 51.67 | 56.20 | 77.29 | 81.19 | 50.14 | 13.01 | 25.61 | 22.06 | 65.83 |
| 7 | 50.19 | 12.91 | 54.08 | 50.62 | 52.63 | 74.53 | 78.59 | 51.77 | 12.64 | 25.02 | 19.68 | 59.23 |

5.6.3. Molecular biological technique (DNA study)

At least 30 individual of fish sample for gonad study are required for adequate sample for population study. The freshness of fish sample is important to genetic study. Always kept the fish samples with ice and propel labeling. The tools that required extracting the tissue sample in laboratory are. The tools that required extracting the tissue sample in laboratory are; measuring board, digital weighing balance, a couple of dissection scissors, tweezers and scalpels, two beaker filled ethanol, burner or alcohol lamp, tray, data sheet and fine paper / issues paper. For the DNA study several biological needs to be to collected such as total length (TL), fork length (FL), standard length (SL) and body weight (WT) of the fish sample. There are several meyhods for analyzing the tissue samples for identifying the stock unit / population which based on DNA fingerprint. These methods are; i. multilocus allozyme electrophoresis (MAE), ii. mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA), iii. microsatelite DNA (msDNA) and iv. single-Strand CP analysis (SSCP).

Example sheet on biological data for tissues samples. Date: Sampling port: Location: Lat Species: Lon TL(mm) BL(mm) FL(mm) SL(mm) BW (q) Sex Stage OW (g) No 197 166 180 85.4 1 J 224 206 F 2 188 134.0 1 3 193 167 180 88.6 J 4 208 174 190 110.7 F 0.1 1 5 218 180 197 116.7 J 6 229 196 212 M 3 1 164.1 7 220 2 1.4 244 204 181.2 F 8 F 229 192 210 154.6 1 0.3 9 223 196 212 F 1 0.6 155.4 10 229 194 0.3 211 150.2 M 1 11 225 187 205 142.2 1 M 12 226 190 206 149.5 М 1 272 225 246 2 13 248.4 М 0.6 1 238 197 215 14 156.8 M 15 219 203 F 1 187 128.6 16 239 201 219 171.9 Broken

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