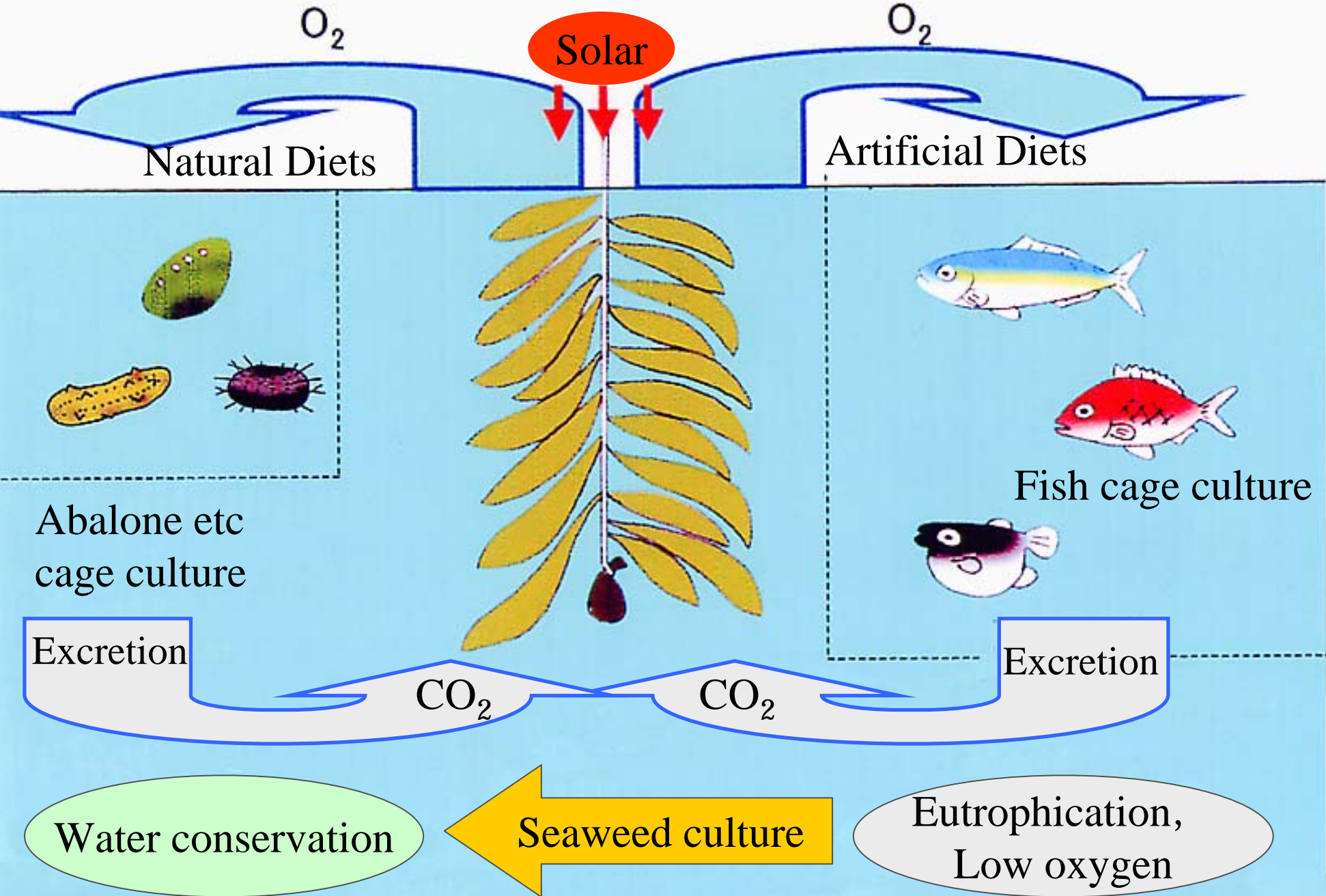




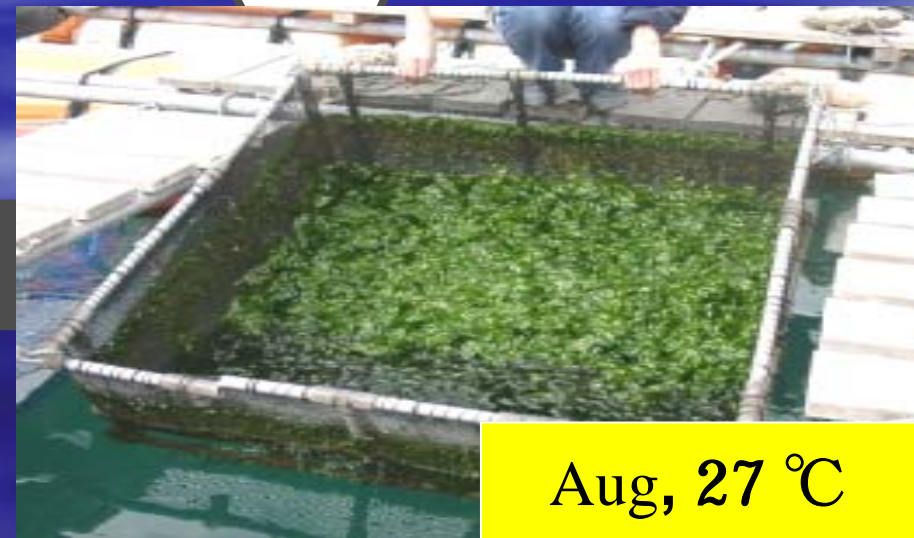
**The growth, N, P uptake rates and photosynthetic rate of seaweeds cultured in coastal fish farms**

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# Environmental conservation by polyculture with fish, seaweed and shellfish in coastal fish farm



# Whole year seaweed culture in coastal fish farms for water purification in the Yatushiro sea



# Maximum growth and daily growth rate of *U.pinnatifida*, *L. japonica* and *U. pertusa*.

|  | <i>U.pinnatifida</i> | <i>L.japonica</i> | <i>U. pertusa</i> |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Cultured layer<br>(m)                  | 2                    | 2                 | 0.5               |
| Blade length<br>(cm)                   | 182                  | 250               | —                 |
| Thallus area<br>(cm <sup>2</sup> )     | —                    | —                 | 640               |
| Growth of BL<br>(cm/day)               | 4.2                  | 3.0               | —                 |
| Growth of TA<br>(cm <sup>2</sup> /day) | —                    | —                 | 41                |

Maximum O<sub>2</sub> production and O<sub>2</sub> consumption rates of *U.pinnatifida*, *L. japonica* and *U. pertusa*.

|  | <i>U.pinnatifida</i> | <i>L.japonica</i> | <i>U. pertusa</i> |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|  | 12~20 °C             | 16~23 °C          | 18~28 °C          |
| Maximum O <sub>2</sub> production<br>(mg O <sub>2</sub> /mg chl.a/h)           | 2.7                  | 2.6               | 2.8               |
| O <sub>2</sub> consumption<br>(mg O <sub>2</sub> /mg chl.a/h)                  | 0.24                 | 0.29              | 0.35              |
| $\frac{\text{Maximum O}_2 \text{ production}}{\text{O}_2 \text{ consumption}}$ | 11.2                 | 8.9               | 8.0               |

## Observed N, P uptake rates of seaweed

$$P_{ob} = (C_t - C_0) \cdot \alpha / t$$

$P_{ob}$  : N, P uptake rates of seaweed area ( mg / m<sub>S</sub><sup>2</sup> / day )

$C_0$  : N, P contents on the beginning day ( mg / g dry )

$C_t$  : N, P contents after t days ( mg / g dry )

$\alpha$  : dry weight per area of seaweed ( g dry / m<sub>S</sub><sup>2</sup> )

$t$  : cultured periods ( days )

# Calculated N, P uptake rates of seaweed

① Nutrient (  $S$ ,  $\mu\text{g} / \text{l}$  ) : Michaelis-Menten

$$P_{cal} = P_m \cdot S / (K + S)$$

② Irradiance (  $I$ ,  $\mu\text{mol} / \text{m}^2 / \text{sec}$  ) : Steel Model

$$P_{cal} = P_m \cdot (I / I_m) \cdot \exp(1 - I / I_m)$$

③ Water Temperature (  $\theta$ ,  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  ) : Allometry

$$P_{cal} = P_T \cdot Q_{01}^{(\theta - T)}$$

$P_{cal}$  : calculated N, P uptake rates of seaweed (  $\text{mg} / \text{m}_s^2 / \text{day}$  )

$K$  : Michaelis-Menten constant (  $\mu\text{g} / \text{l}$  )

$Q_{01}$  : Water temperature coefficient

$T$  : *U.pinnatifida* 16  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , *L.japonica* 20  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , *U.pinnatifida* 25  $^{\circ}\text{C}$

Calculated coefficient at N, P uptake rates of  
*U.pinnatifida*, *L. japonica* and *U. pertusa*.

|  | <i>U.pinnatifida</i> |       | <i>L.japonica</i> |       | <i>U. pertusa</i> |       |
|--|----------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
|  | 12~19 °C             |       | 12~ 23 °C         |       | 17~28 °C          |       |
|  | $P_N$                | $P_P$ | $P_N$             | $P_P$ | $P_N$             | $P_P$ |
| $P_m$<br>mg/m <sub>s</sub> <sup>2</sup> /day | 3.1                  | 0.53  | 2.9               | 0.43  | 3.6               | 0.19  |
| $I_m$<br>μ mol/m <sup>2</sup> /s             | 670                  |       | 720               |       | 730               |       |
| $\bar{K}$<br>μ g / l                         | 17                   | 6.1   | 29                | 8.7   | 26                | 8.6   |
| $Q_{01}$                                     | 1.090                | 1.081 | 1.071             | 1.062 | 1.076             | 1.084 |



Length of *L.japonica* and *U.pinnatifida* seeding yarn for nitrogen load by *S.quinqueradiata* per cultured area

$$Z = N / (P_N \cdot s \cdot n)$$

**Z** : Length of seeding yarn for N load ( m )

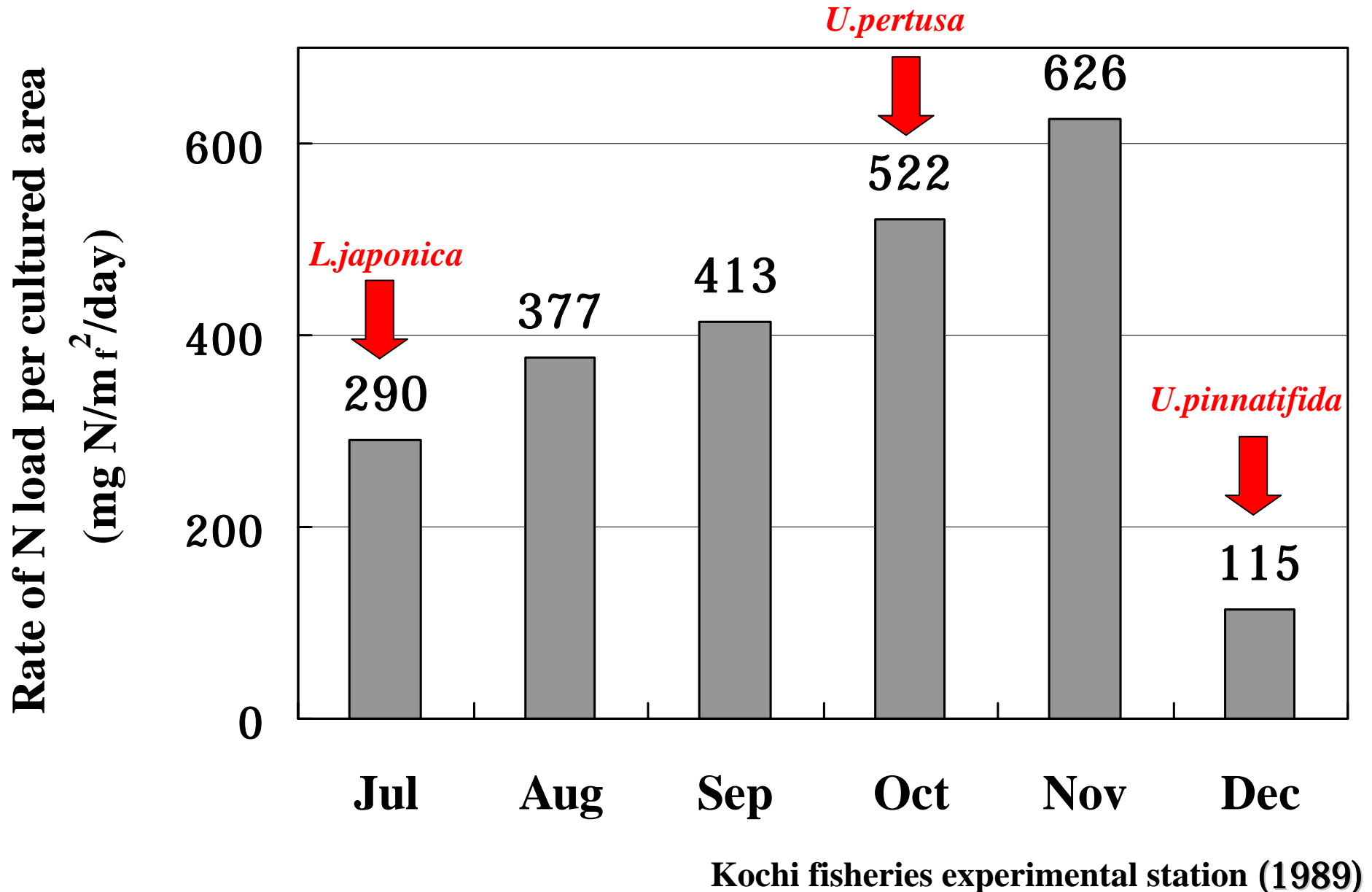
**N** : Rate of N load by yellowtail per cultured area( mg N / m<sub>f</sub><sup>2</sup> / day)

**P<sub>N</sub>** : Rate of N uptake by seaweed per blade area ( mg N / m<sub>s</sub><sup>2</sup> / day )

**s** : Blade area of seaweed per an individual ( m<sub>s</sub><sup>2</sup> / indiv.)

**n** : Adnated number per one meter seeding yarn ( indiv. / m )

# Rate of nitrogen load by *S.quinqueradiata* per cultured area



# Cultured density and length of *U.pinnatifida* seeding yarn for N load by *S.quinqueradiata* per cultured area

Rate of N load by yellowtail : **115** mg N / m<sub>f</sub><sup>2</sup> / day \*

1



Rate of N uptake by *U.pinnatifida* : **2.0** mg N / m<sub>s</sub><sup>2</sup> / day \*2

Blade area : **0.260** m<sub>s</sub><sup>2</sup> / indiv.

Number of adnation : **87** indiv. / m

Weight of Blade : **192** g wet / indiv.



Length of seeding yarn for N load : **2.5** m/m<sub>f</sub><sup>2</sup>

Cultured density for N load :  $2.5 \times 87 \times 0.192 =$  **41** kg wet/m<sub>f</sub><sup>2</sup>

# Cultured density and length of *L.japonica* seeding yarn for N load by *S.quinqueradiata* per cultured area

Rate of N load by yellowtail : **290** mg N / m<sub>f</sub><sup>2</sup> / day\*

1



Rate of N uptake by *L.japonica* : **2.9** mg N / m<sub>s</sub><sup>2</sup> / day\*

2

Blade area : **0.110** m<sub>s</sub><sup>2</sup> / indiv

Number of adnation : **160** indiv. / m

Weight of Blade : **116** g wet / indiv.



Length of seeding yarn for N load : **5.6** m/m<sub>f</sub><sup>2</sup>

Cultured density for N load :  $5.6 \times 160 \times 0.116 =$  **103** kg wet/m<sub>f</sub><sup>2</sup>

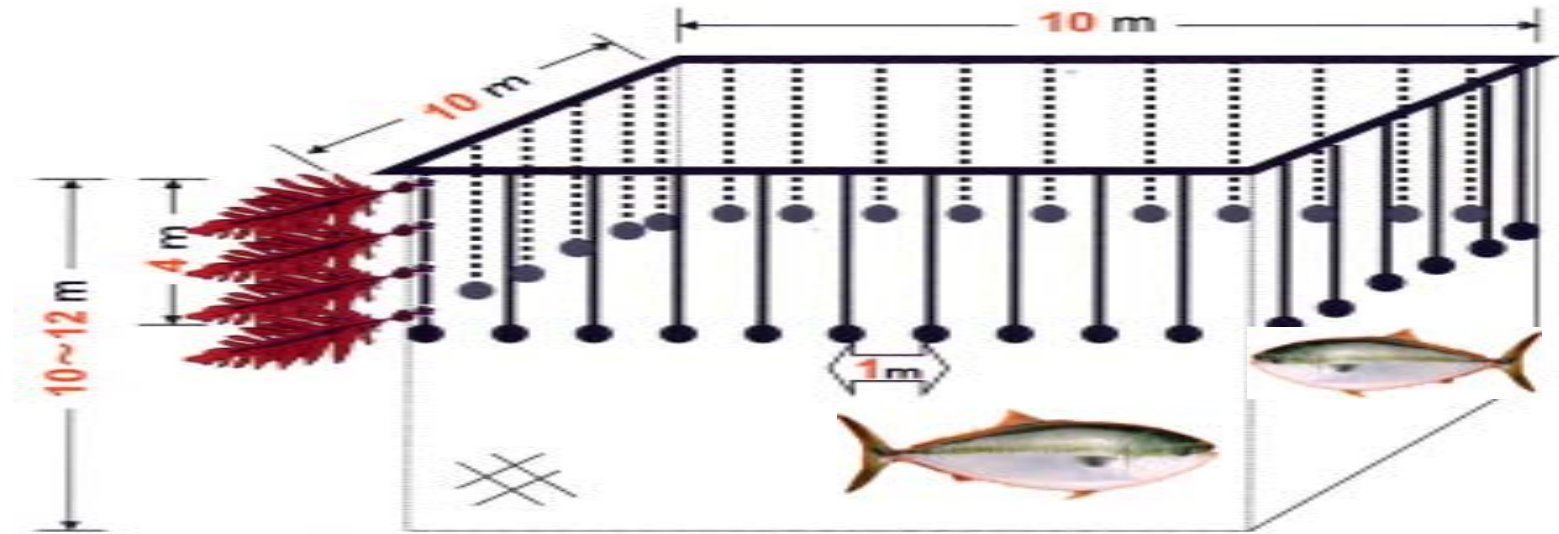
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# Production of *U.pinnatifida* and *L.japonica* around the fish cage

● Length of seeding yarn : **160** m = 4 m × 10 yarns × 4 sides

● Production of *U.pinnatifida* : **2600** kg = 160 m × ( **41** kg / **2.5** m )

● Production of *L.japonica* : **2900** kg = 160 m × ( **103** kg / **5.6** m )



## N uptake ratio to load

*U.pinnatifida* : **63** % = 100 × **2600** kg / ( **41** kg/m<sub>f</sub><sup>2</sup> × 100 m<sub>f</sub><sup>2</sup> )

*L.japonica* : **28** % = 100 × **2900** kg / ( **103** kg/m<sub>f</sub><sup>2</sup> × 100 m<sub>f</sub><sup>2</sup> )

# Density of cultured *U.pertusa* for nitrogen load by *S.quinqueradiata* per cultured area

$$Z = N / (P_N \cdot s)$$

**Z** : Density of cultured seaweed for N load ( kg wet / m<sub>f</sub><sup>2</sup> )

**N** : Rate of N load by yellowtail per cultured area ( mg N / m<sub>f</sub><sup>2</sup> / day )

**P<sub>N</sub>** : Rate of N uptake by seaweed per thallus area ( mg N / m<sub>s</sub><sup>2</sup> / day )

**s** : Thallus area of seaweed per one kg ( m<sub>s</sub><sup>2</sup> / kg wet )

# Cultured density of *U.pertusa* for N load by *S.quinqueradiata* per cultured area

Rate of N load by yellowtail : **520** mg N / m<sub>f</sub><sup>2</sup> / day\*1



Rate of N uptake by *U.pertusa* : **3.6** mg N / m<sub>s</sub><sup>2</sup> / day \*2

Thallus area per weight : **116** m<sub>s</sub><sup>2</sup> / kg wet



Cultured density for N load : **7.6** kg wet/m<sub>f</sub><sup>2</sup>

# Area ratio of cultured *U.pertusa* to fish and N uptake ratio to load

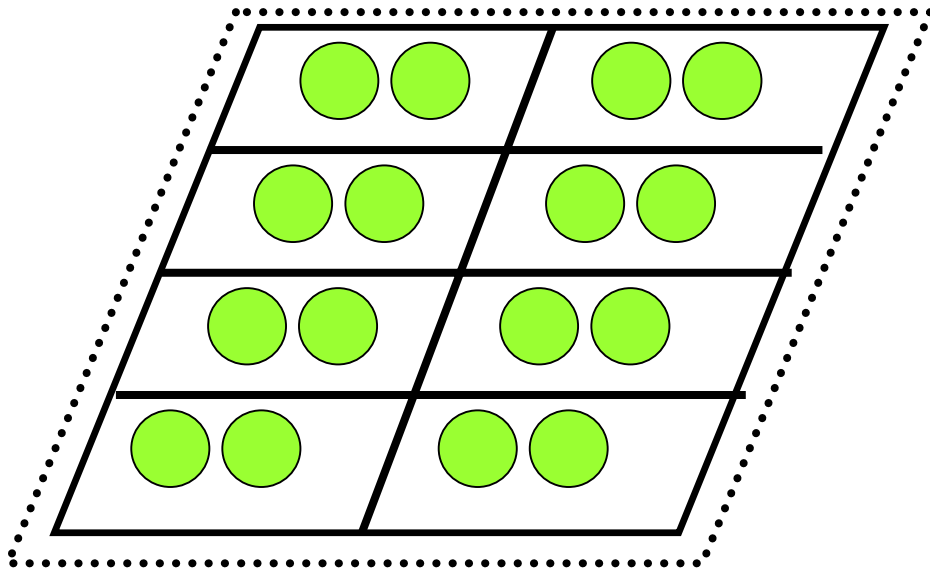
## ● Calculated density of *Ulva*

7.6 kg wet/m<sub>f</sub><sup>2</sup>

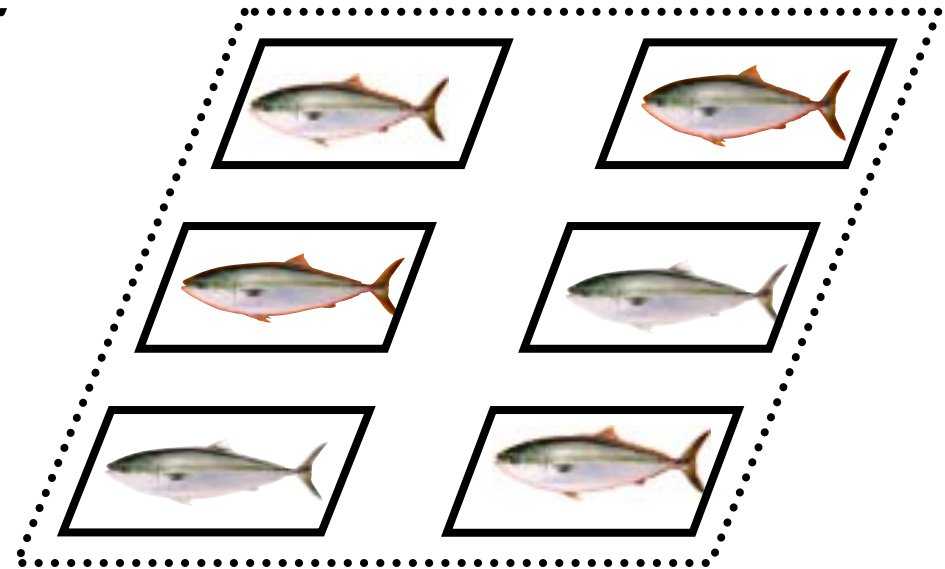
## ● Efficient density of *Ulva*

3.0 kg wet/m<sub>f</sub><sup>2</sup>

| <b>S / F</b> |                 | <b>N uptake ratio to load (%)</b> |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>1.0</b>   | 1.0 × 3.0 / 7.6 | <b>40</b>                         |
| <b>2.5</b>   | 2.5 × 3.0 / 7.6 | <b>100</b>                        |



**Area** of *U.pertusa* : **S**



**Area** of *S. quinqueradiata* : **F**



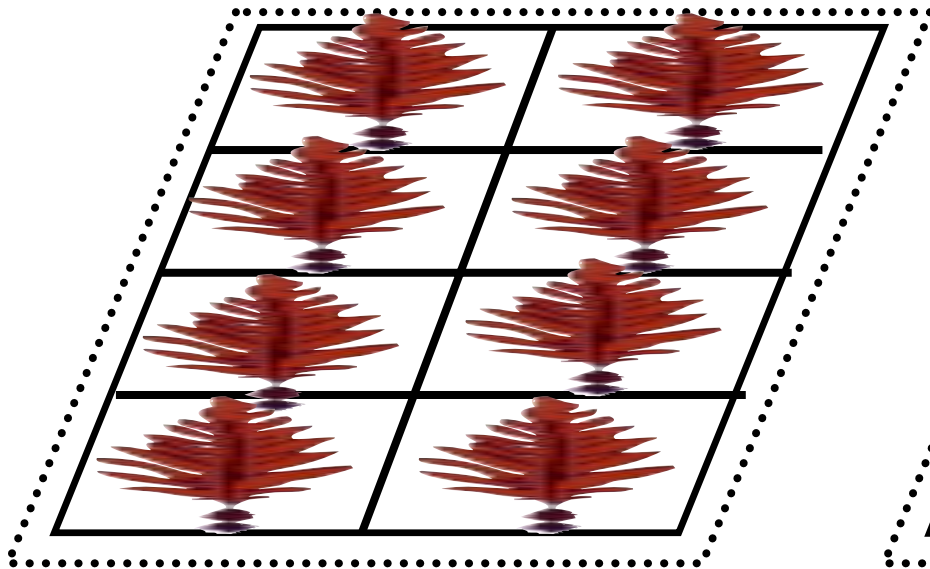
# Area ratio of cultured *U.pinnatifida* to fish and N uptake ratio to load

● Calculated density of *Undaria*

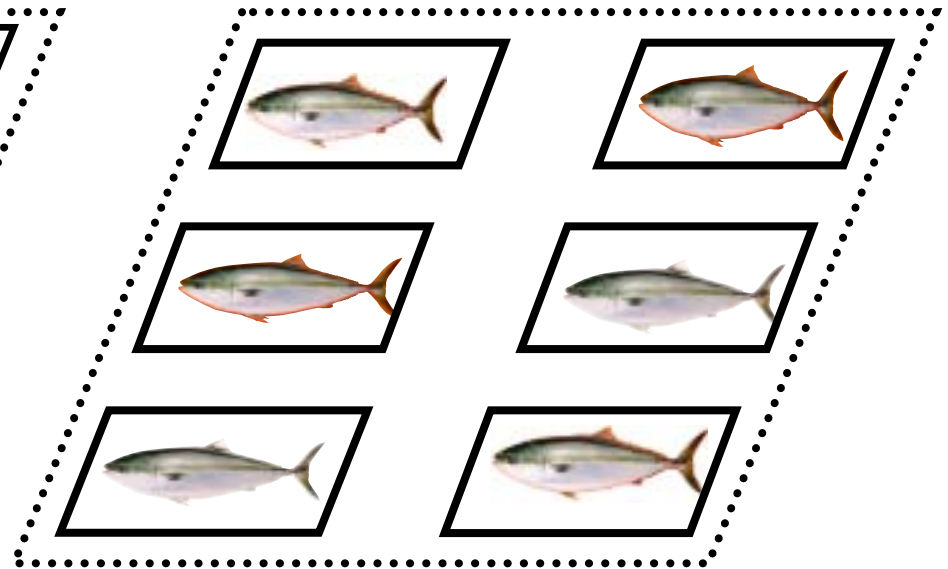
**41** kg wet/m<sub>f</sub><sup>2</sup>

● Efficient density of *Undaria*

**65** kg wet/m<sub>f</sub><sup>2</sup>



**Area** of *U.pinnatifida* : **S**



**Area** of *S.quinquerediata* : **F**

**S / F**

**N uptake ratio  
to load (%)**

**0.6**

$0.6 \times 65 / 41$

**100**

**1.0**

$1.0 \times 65 / 41$

**160**

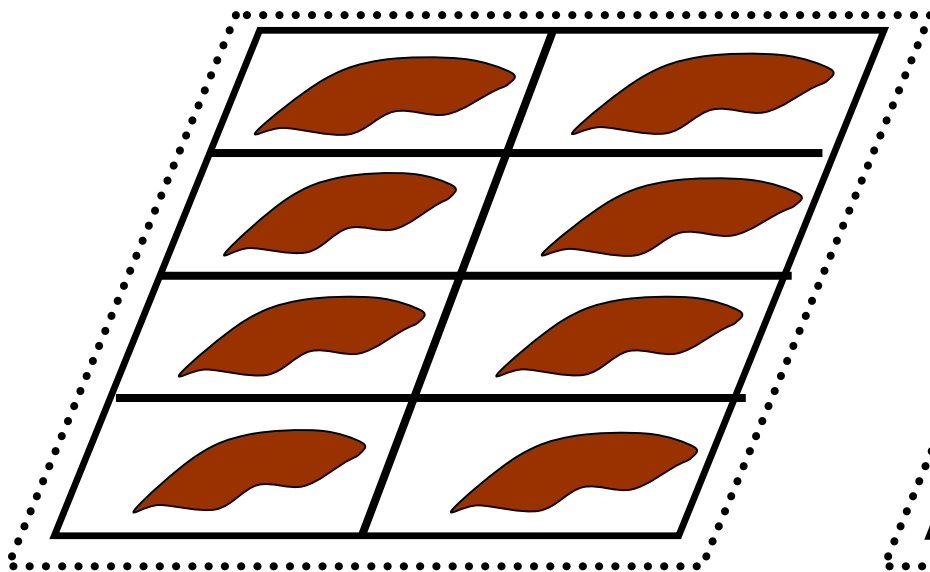
# Area ratio of cultured *L.japonica* to fish and N uptake ratio to load

● Calculated density of *Laminaria*

**103** kg wet/m<sub>f</sub><sup>2</sup>

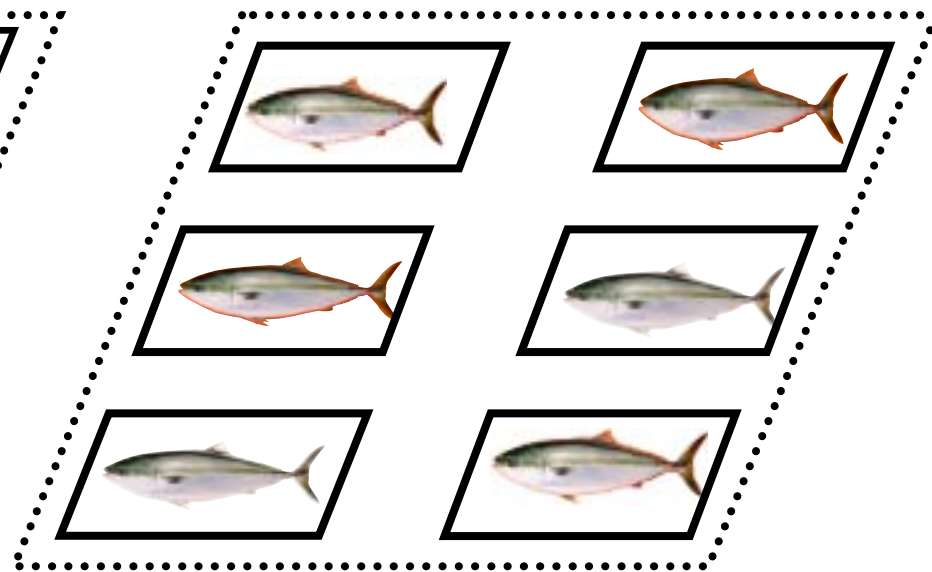
● Efficient density of *Laminaria*

**73** kg wet/m<sub>f</sub><sup>2</sup>



**Area** of *L.japonica* : **S**

| <b>S / F</b> |                       | <b>N uptake ratio to load (%)</b> |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>1.0</b>   | $1.0 \times 73 / 103$ | <b>70</b>                         |
| <b>1.4</b>   | $1.4 \times 73 / 103$ | <b>100</b>                        |

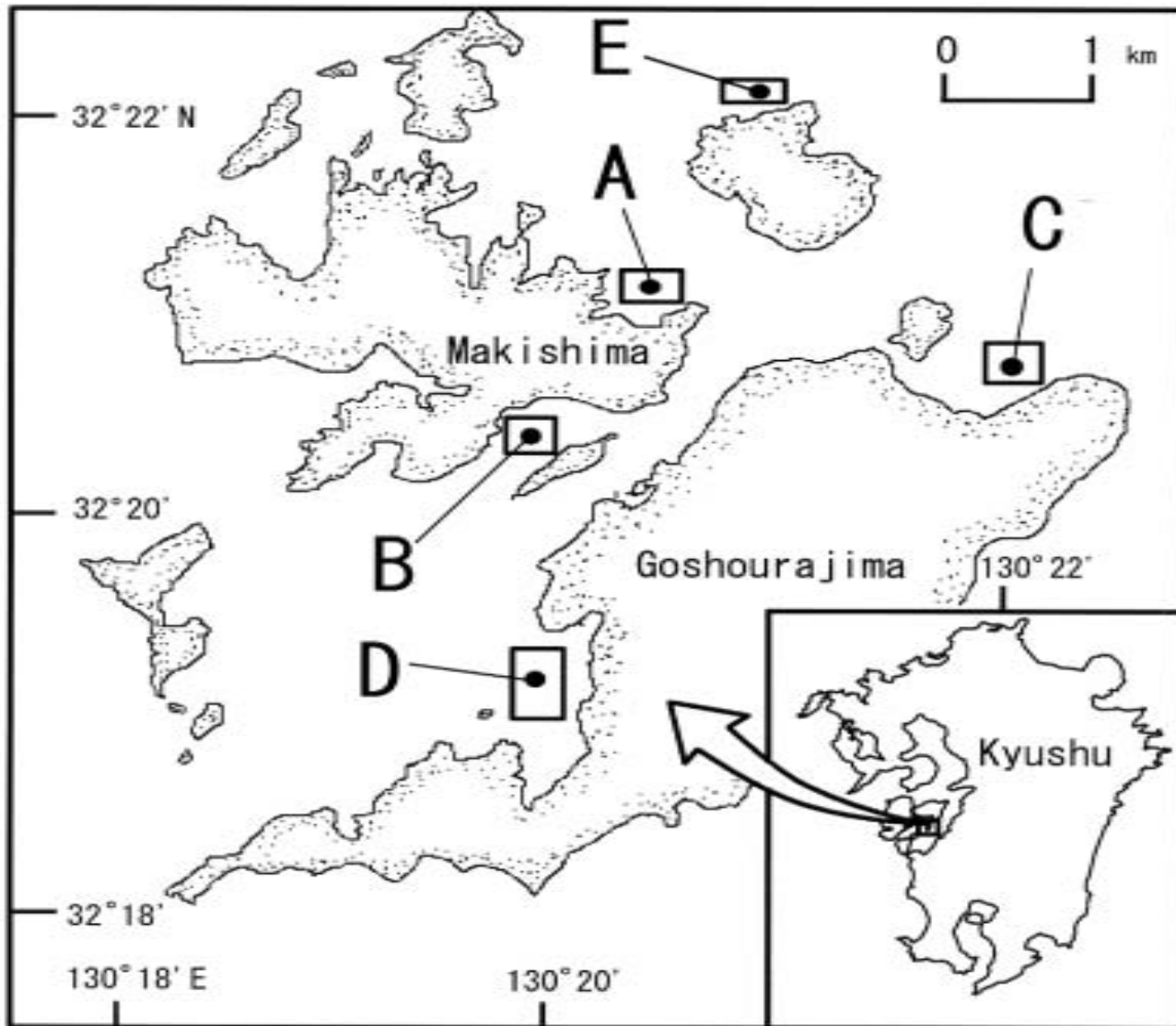


**Area** of *S. quinqueradiata* : **F**

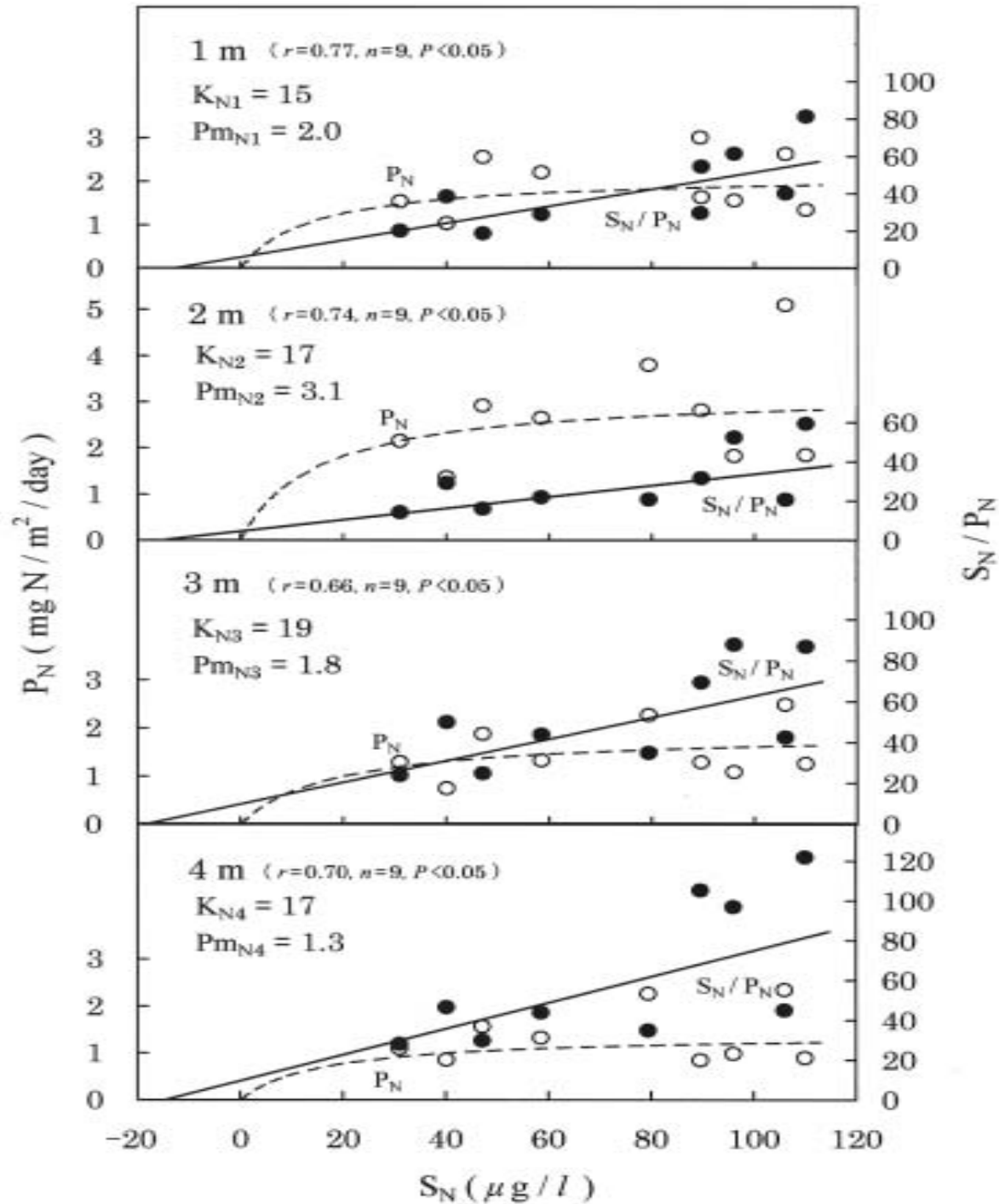
**Table 8.** Comparison between *L.japonica*, *U.pertusa* and *U.pinnatifida* to DO consumption rate of *S.quinqueradiata*, DO production rate of seaweed, body weight and density of *S.quinqueradiata*, amount of seaweed to a fish and density of seaweed in fish farm

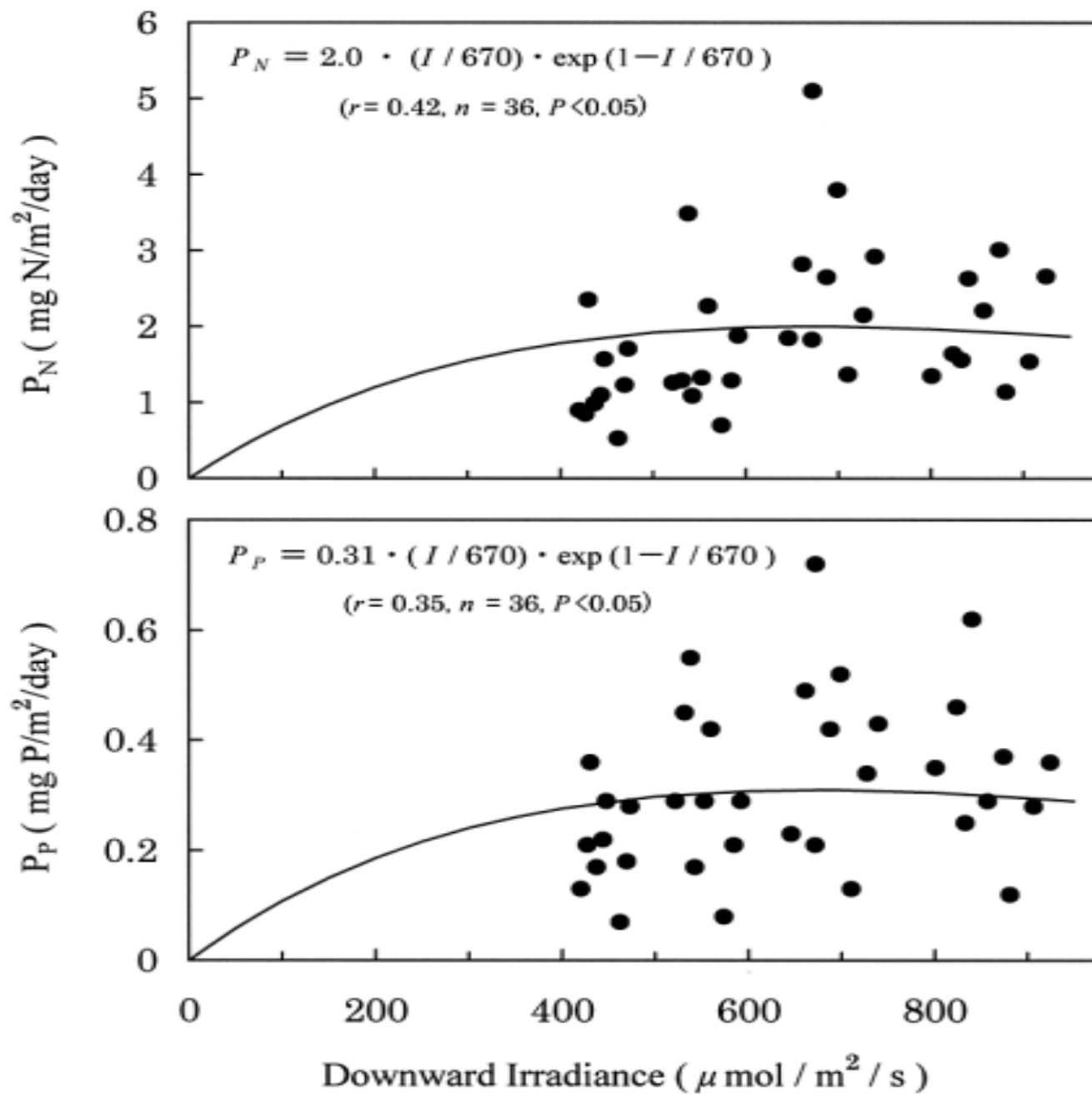
| Items  | Unit                           | <i>L.japonica</i> | <i>U.pertusa</i> | <i>U.pinnatifida</i> |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Water Temperature                              | °C                             | 16 ~ 23           | 18 ~ 28          | 12 ~ 20              |
| Body weight of <i>S.quinqueradiata</i>         | kg                             | 1.6 ~ 2.0         | 2.6 ~ 4.0        | 1.5 ~ 1.8            |
| Density of <i>S.quinqueradiata</i>             | kg / m <sup>3</sup>            | 4.8 ± 0.05        | 4.1 ± 0.15       | 7.2 ± 2.3            |
| DO consumption rate of <i>S.quinqueradiata</i> | mg O <sub>2</sub> / a fish / h | 700 ± 130         | 1380 ± 130       | 540 ± 100            |
| DO production rate of seaweed                  | mg O <sub>2</sub> / g wet / h  | 0.61 ± 0.11       | 4.4 ± 1.3        | 0.66 ± 0.14          |
| Amount of seaweed to a fish                    | g wet / a fish                 | 1140 ± 26         | 340 ± 99         | 830 ± 57             |
| Density of seaweed in fish farm                | kg wet / m <sup>3</sup>        | 5.4 ± 0.18        | 1.3 ± 0.34       | 5.9 ± 2.2            |

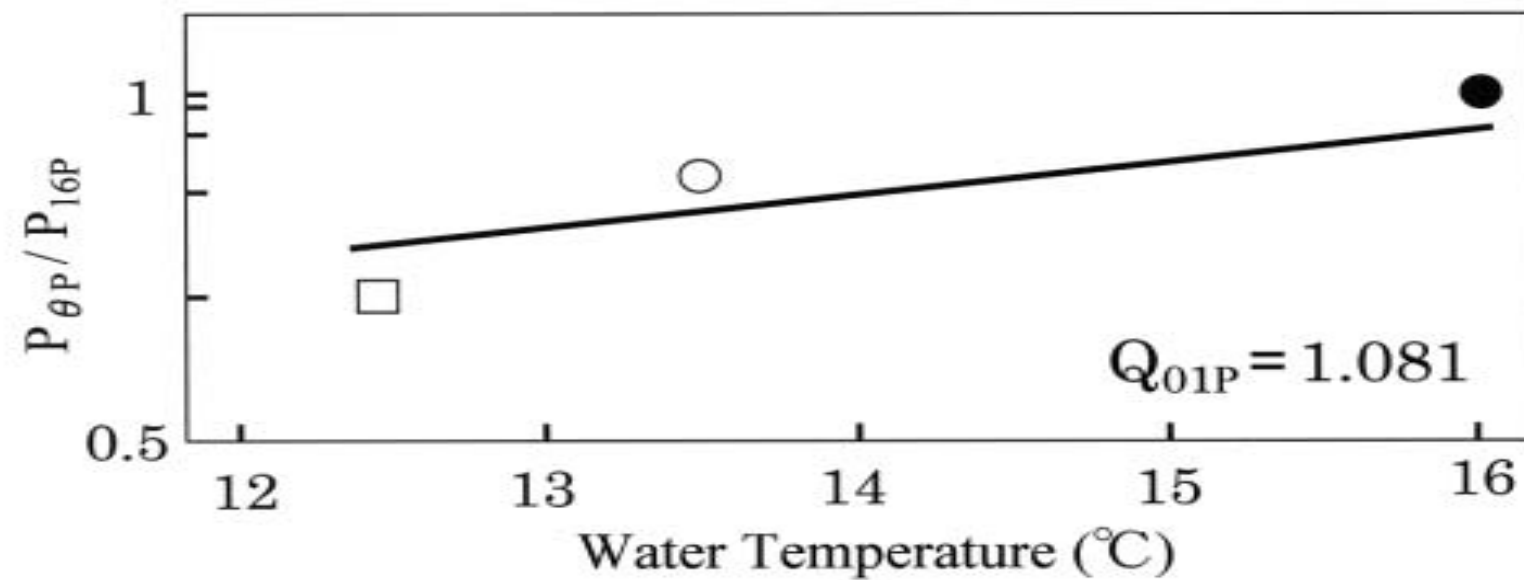
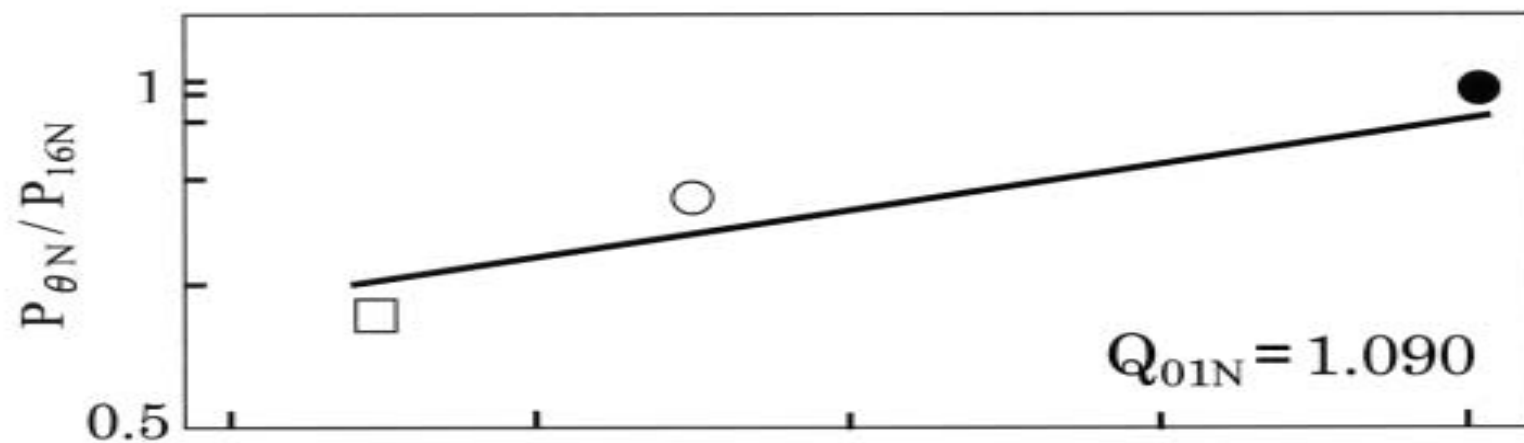




**Fig.1. Map showing the test stations (A~E) at Goshoura coastal fish farms in the Yatushiro Sea.**









# Calendar of seaweed cultivation

◄•► : Growth period    ◄↔► : Harvest period

Jan   Feb   Mar   Apr   May   Jun   Jul   Aug   Sep   Oct   Nov

*L.japonica*



*U.pertusa*



*U.pinnatifida*



*G.gigas*



*E.kurome*



*S.fusiforme*



# Cultivation method of *U.pertusa* by square cage



Aug, 27 °C

## DO production and consumption rate per chl.a of seaweed

① DO production rate (  $P'_c$  , mg O<sub>2</sub> / mg chl.a / h )

$$P'_c = P' / \text{chl.a}$$

② DO consumption rate (  $R'_c$  , mg O<sub>2</sub> / mg chl.a / h )

$$R'_c = R' / \text{chl.a}$$

③ Nutrient : Michaelis-Menten (  $S$  ,  $\mu\text{g} / \text{l}$  )

$$P'_c = P'_{cm} \cdot S / (K + S)$$

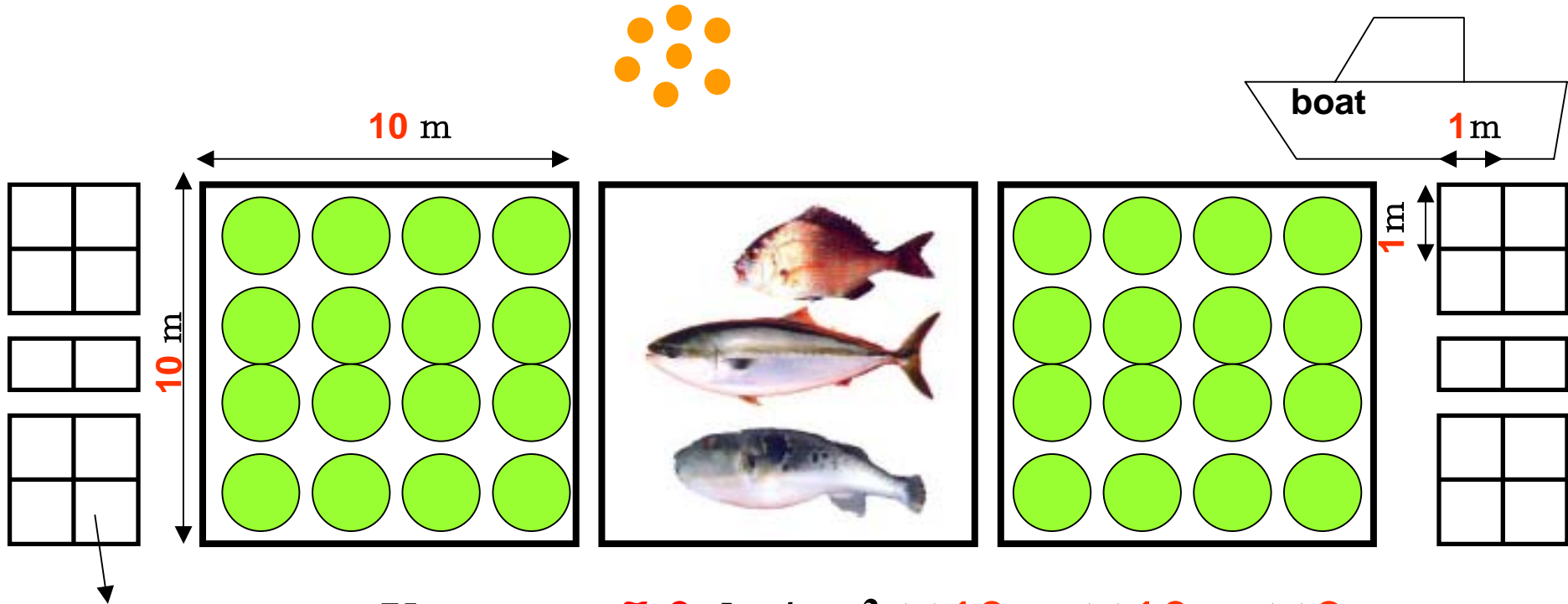
$P'$  : DO production rate (mg O<sub>2</sub> / l / h )

$R'$  : DO consumption rate (mg O<sub>2</sub> / l / h )

chl.a : Amount of chl.a of seaweed ( mg chl.a / l )

$K$  : Michaelis-Menten constant (  $\mu\text{g} / \text{l}$  )

# Eco<sup>3</sup>-polyculture of fish, seaweed and abalone



$$U.pertusa \quad 7.6 \text{ kg/ m}_f^2 \times 10 \text{ m}_f \times 10 \text{ m}_f \times 2$$


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cage

= 95 kg

conversion factor of abalone 16

$$95 \text{ kg abalone} \div 0.07 \text{ kg/individ.} = 1350 \text{ indiv.}$$

