



Lineage – Scientific methodology

Annual distribution of spawning anchovy lineage

1. Electronic databases were not used to generate initial maps of species distribution. Neither the **obs_ifs**, **trawl**, or **I_line** databases contain any records of spawning anchovy at this time.

2009 update: An examination of the research (**trawl**) and observer (**cod**) databases was repeated for the period 31 Mar 2005 to 1 May 2009, and again no records of spawning anchovy were found.

2. Literature sources were searched for distributional information that added to the distributional ranges determined from databases.
 - a. Unpublished electronic bibliography of New Zealand fishes compiled by L. J. Paul and held on a NIWA computer.
 - b. Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts.
 - c. *New Zealand Professional Fisherman* and *Seafood New Zealand* for 1986–2005.
 - d. *New Zealand Fishing News* for 1998–2005.
 - e. Scientific papers, unpublished reports and university theses available to the expert who prepared the distributional layers.

2009 update: Searches of ASFA and Google Scholar on 15 May 2009 returned no additional useful material dealing with spawning anchovy in New Zealand waters.

3. Other sources.
 - a. Nil.

4. Summary
 - a. Maps generated from the electronic databases were provided to an expert scientist who integrated this information with other information from the literature, and expert opinion, and produced hand-drawn distributional zones on a template map containing depth contours at 250 m, 500 m, and 1000 m. These maps were then digitised and imported into a GIS software package as layers. The areas of the zones were calculated, and the layers were linked to attribute and metadata files.
 - b. The primary sources of distributional data for spawning anchovy were published records in the scientific literature.
 - c. Anchovy occur around most of mainland New Zealand, but are largely – perhaps completely – absent from the South Canterbury,

Otago, and Southland coasts (Whitehead et al. 1988, Paul 2000). They are also present around the southern two-thirds of Australia (McNee 1993), and occur at some mid-Tasman Islands (Francis 1993). There are no records from the Chatham Islands. Anchovy are a coastal pelagic species; they usually occur at the surface or in midwater where the water is less than 100 m deep, but are not constrained by seafloor depth.

- d. Anchovy appear to spawn throughout sheltered bays and sounds in their range around the New Zealand coast. There appear to be particular hotspots in and around the Southern Fiords (Fiordland), Tasman and Golden Bays, Hauraki Gulf, and the Bay of Plenty. More precise data on the distribution of spawning anchovy are unavailable at this time.

5. References

The following sources provided useful information on the distribution of this species. This is not an exhaustive list of all references to the species.

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