

previous borrow pit within eelgrass bed by filling up with natural sediment. We monitored sand movement, underwater irradiance and eelgrass shoot density at the constructed and natural habitats. Sand movement at the constructed habitat was from -8 cm to 9 cm showing little difference from that of natural habitats. The daily averaged underwater irradiance at the constructed habitat was more than 3 mol photons $\text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{day}^{-1}$ necessary for eelgrass. Eelgrass disappeared after typhoon attacks in 2004-2006, whereas seedlings of eelgrass appeared both at the constructed and natural habitats every winter. These results suggest that restoration of eelgrass habitat by filling up borrow pit is a useful technique for eelgrass bed restoration

Possible bottom-up control of fisheries production in the Seto Inland Sea, Japan

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In recent decades, anthropogenic nutrient discharges into the Seto Inland Sea of Japan have reduced as a result of a set of measures for environmental conservation. On the other hand, several fish catches and/or stocks have collapsed in this area. Shifts in seawater quality and fisheries landings were accompanied by modifications in structure of marine communities. Alteration of resource availability represents a "bottom-up" effect on marine ecosystems, whereas removal of consumer biomass through fishing represents a "top-down" effect. Therefore, an understanding of how bottom-up and top-down processes influence the structure and dynamics of marine communities is necessary for effective management of fisheries production and marine ecosystems in the face of environmental variability and human impacts. In this study, we addressed the question of bottom-up versus top-down control of marine ecosystem trophic interactions by using long-term nutrients and phytoplankton biomass data and annual fish catch data (1973 - 2005) in Harima-Nada, located in the eastern part of the Seto Inland Sea of Japan.

Linear regression model showed a significant relationship between dissolved inorganic nitrogen concentration and phytoplankton biomass (chlorophyll a concentration) for the period 1991 to 2005. A positive relationship was also found between mean annual phytoplankton biomass and annual yield of pelagic plankton feeders for the same period. These results demonstrate close linkages between nutrients (especially dissolved inorganic nitrogen), phytoplankton, and pelagic plankton-feeding fishes, suggesting that bottom-up control regulates fisheries production in Harima-Nada during recent decades. Our findings have also an important bearing for ecosystem approaches to fisheries, particularly for the estimation of the carrying capacity with regard to sustainable exploitation.

Evaluation on Pb contamination in algae in Osaka Bay, Japan

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Heavy metal concentrations of the brown alga *Undaria pinnatifida* and the green alga *Ulva* sp. collected at 15 and 6 locations, respectively, from Osaka Bay are measured with inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS). The data are compared in order to evaluate the usefulness of a biomonitoring system for assessing the geographic distribution of heavy metals in coastal seawaters.

The ports of Osaka Bay are located on the N side coast (e.g., Kobe Port, Osaka Port) and the SE side coast (fishing ports). In contrast, Awaji Island, on the SW side of the bay has a natural coast. We believe the port areas receive contamination from anthropogenic sources such as shipping activities. *Undaria* from Kobe Port, a major industrial port, show extremely high Pb concentrations (3.5 ± 0.27 ppm, dry weight) and those from the SE area are relatively high (0.43—1.4 ppm, dry weight), while those from the SW area are low (0.14—0.36 ppm, dry weight).