

# FINAL REPORT

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## 1 AWARD INFORMATION

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Life History Information for Key Hawaii Coral Reef Fish Species

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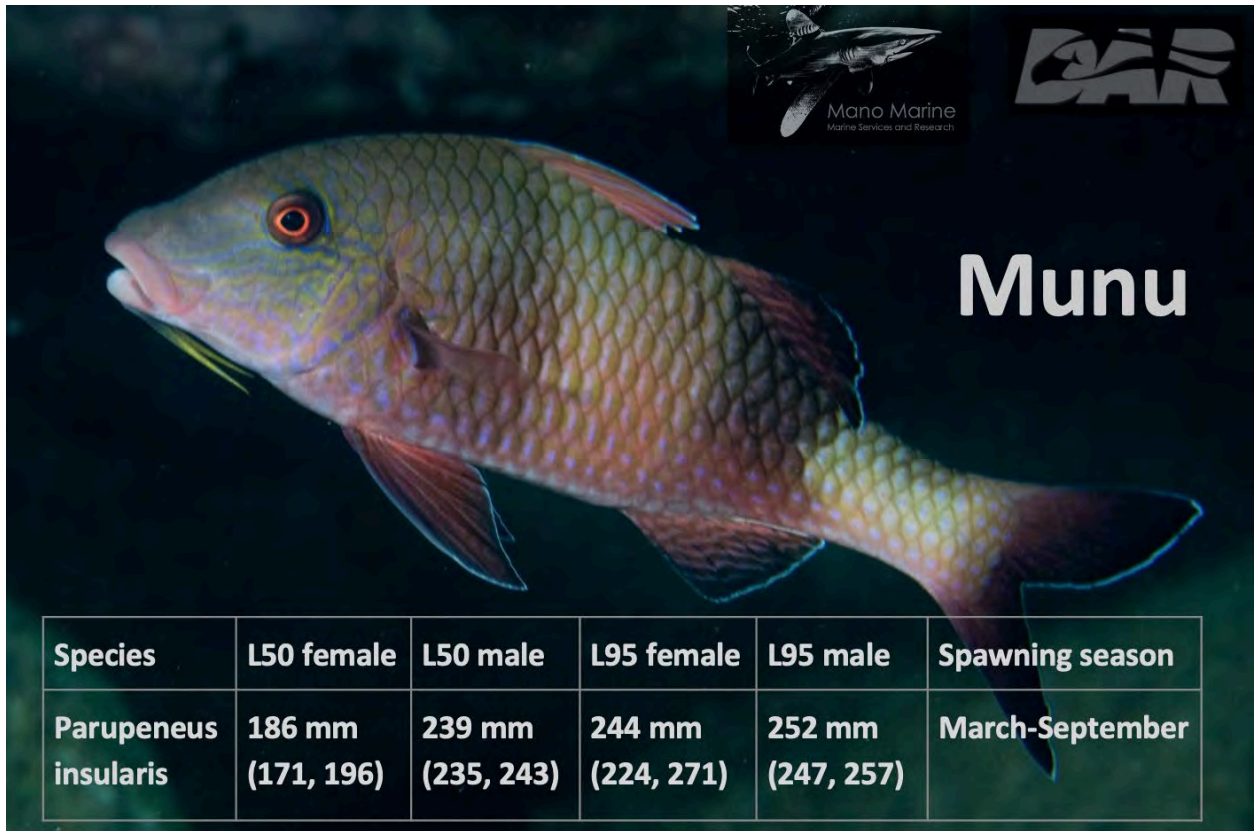
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## 2 PROJECT SUMMARY

Size at maturity and spawning season were estimated for several species two *Parupeneus* goatfish species and five *Kyphosid* chub species, and the wet mount technique was compared to histology for microscopic assignment of maturity and oocyte stage. Fishes were collected from O‘ahu waters using spearfishing between 2020 and 2023, with a smaller number of samples coming from markets. Both freediving and closed circuit rebreather diving were used for sample collection. Macroscopic and microscopic methods of assigning maturity and reproductive stage were used for females, while a statistical assignment was used for males. L50 and L95 were successfully calculated for all species. Three of the *kyphosid* species can be distinguished only using x-rays so these three species were combined into a group for analysis. Wet mount maturity assignments were as accurate as histology when assigning maturity in female fish.

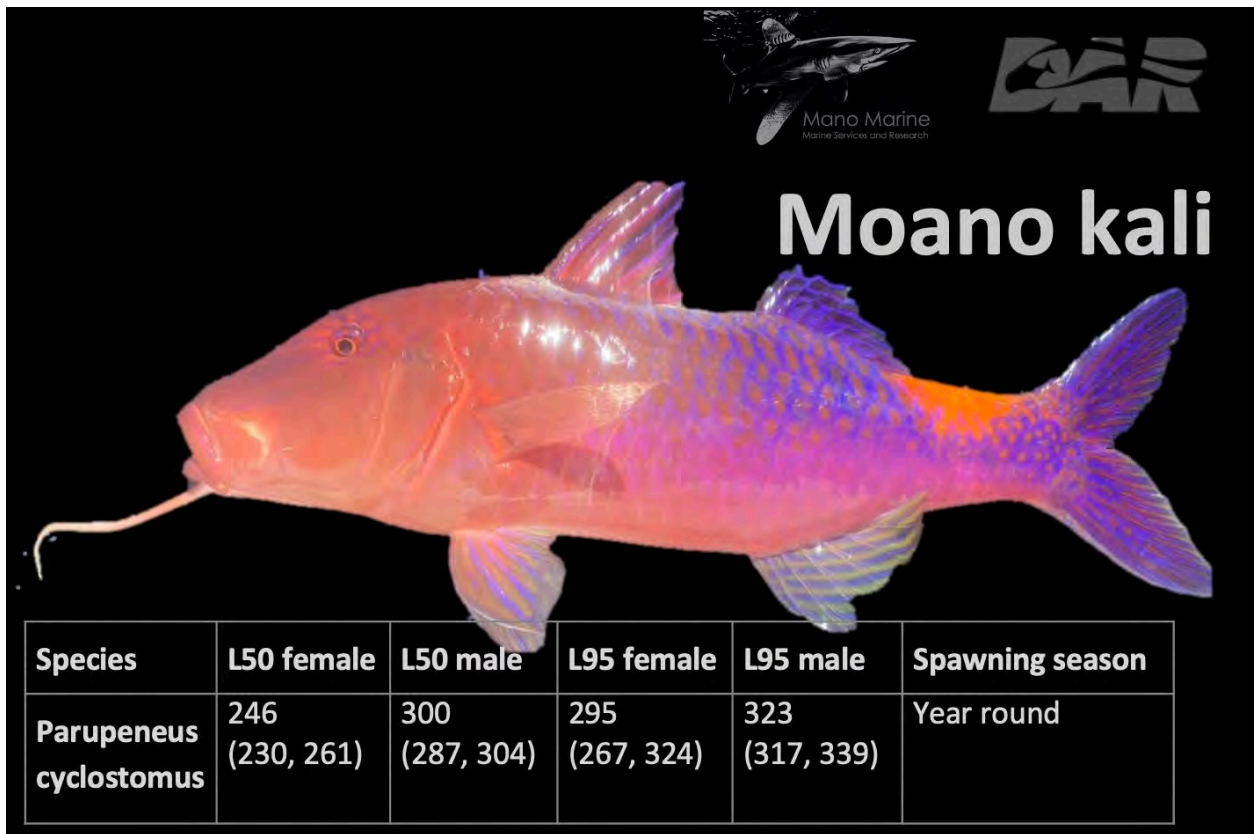
Key findings are as follows, all lengths are fork length:

Species	L50 female	L50 male	L95 female	L95 male	Spawning season
<i>Parupeneus insularis</i> <b>Munu</b>	186 mm (171, 196)	239 mm (235, 243)	244 mm (224, 271)	252 mm (247, 257)	March-September
<i>Parupeneus cyclostomus</i> <b>Moano kea</b>	246 mm (230, 261)	300 mm (287, 304)	295 mm (267, 324)	323 mm (317, 339)	Year round
<i>Kyphosus vaigiensis</i> <b>Nenu (lowfin)</b>	376 mm (364, 391)	345 mm (324, 357)	408 mm (388, 436)	379 mm (348, 396)	Year round
<i>Kyphosus cinerascens</i> <b>Nenu (highfin)</b>	346 mm (314, 373)	340 mm (325, 353)	431 mm (378, 481)	384 mm (360, 408)	Year round
<i>Kyphosus</i> group	302 mm (284, 327)	332 mm (323, 343)	386 mm (327, 452)	380 mm (359, 406)	January-May



# Munu

Species	L50 female	L50 male	L95 female	L95 male	Spawning season
<b>Parupeneus insularis</b>	<b>186 mm</b> <b>(171, 196)</b>	<b>239 mm</b> <b>(235, 243)</b>	<b>244 mm</b> <b>(224, 271)</b>	<b>252 mm</b> <b>(247, 257)</b>	<b>March-September</b>

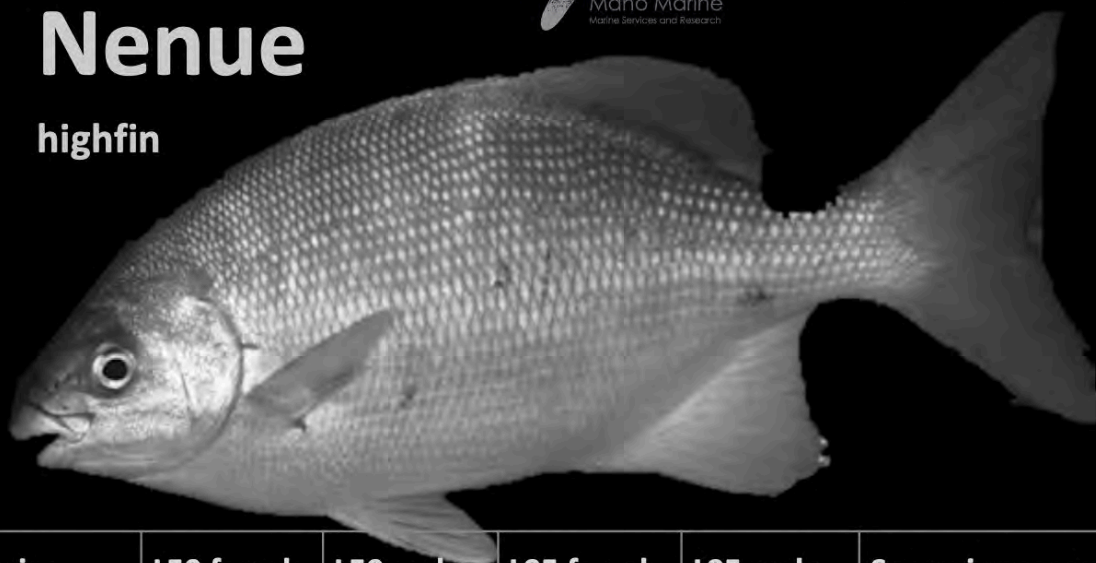


# Moano kali

Species	L50 female	L50 male	L95 female	L95 male	Spawning season
<b>Parupeneus cyclostomus</b>	<b>246</b> <b>(230, 261)</b>	<b>300</b> <b>(287, 304)</b>	<b>295</b> <b>(267, 324)</b>	<b>323</b> <b>(317, 339)</b>	<b>Year round</b>

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highfin



Species	L50 female	L50 male	L95 female	L95 male	Spawning season
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### 3 ACTIVITIES PLANNED

Task / Objective	Year 1		Year 2												No-Cost Extension																			
	2020	2021	2022												2023																			
Month from start	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
Target month	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A
Procurement of supplies, preparation of equipment	[Gantt chart bar]																																	
Outreach to fishing community regarding samples	[Gantt chart bar]																																	
Year 1 Fieldwork - sample collections	[Gantt chart bar]																																	
Year 1 Labwork - sample analysis and preservation	[Gantt chart bar]																																	
Interim review/planning meeting with DAR/NOAA	[Gantt chart bar]																																	
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Year 1 raw data to DAR/NOAA	[Gantt chart bar]																																	
Year 1 presentations to fishing clubs	[Gantt chart bar]																																	
Meeting with DAR/NOAA to review year 1 and plan year 2	[Gantt chart bar]																																	
Year 2 Fieldwork - sample collections	[Gantt chart bar]																																	
Year 2 Labwork - sample analysis and preservation	[Gantt chart bar]																																	
Analysis and writing	[Gantt chart bar]																																	
Interim review/planning meeting with DAR/NOAA	[Gantt chart bar]																																	
Review of materials for public dissemination with DAR/NOAA	[Gantt chart bar]																																	
Presentations to fishing clubs	[Gantt chart bar]																																	
Popular articles offered to Lawai'a and Hawai'i Fishing News	[Gantt chart bar]																																	
Review of scientific manuscripts with DAR/NOAA	[Gantt chart bar]																																	
Manuscripts submitted for peer-reviewed publication	[Gantt chart bar]																																	
Final report to DAR/NOAA	[Gantt chart bar]																																	
Final presentation to DAR/NOAA	[Gantt chart bar]																																	
Year 2 raw data to DAR/NOAA	[Gantt chart bar]																																	

## 4 PROGRESS AND OUTCOMES

Task / Objective	Status
Procurement of supplies, preparation of equipment	Complete
Outreach to fishing community regarding samples	Complete
Year 1 Fieldwork - sample collections	Complete
Year 1 Labwork - sample analysis and preservation	Complete
Interim review/planning meeting with DAR/NOAA	Complete
Preliminary report to DAR/NOAA	Complete
Preliminary presentation to DAR/NOAA	Complete
Year 1 raw data to DAR/NOAA	Given to DAR on USB storage drive. Archived on google drive, sharable with DAR/NOAA
Year 1 presentations to fishing clubs	We attended fishing tournaments and put up posters to share our work
Meeting with DAR/NOAA to review year 1 and plan year 2	Complete
Year 2 Fieldwork - sample collections	Complete
Year 2 Labwork - sample analysis and preservation	Complete
Analysis and writing	Complete
Interim review/planning meeting with DAR/NOAA	Complete
Review of materials for public dissemination with DAR/NOAA	Pending responses from magazine publishers
Presentations to fishing clubs	We attended fishing tournaments and put up posters to share our work
Popular articles offered to Lawai'a and Hawai'i Fishing News	Lawai'a has agreed to publish an article. Articles also offered to Hawai'i Fishing News, Hawai'i Skin Diver, Hawaiian Airlines Magazine.
Review of scientific manuscripts with DAR/NOAA	Manuscripts in preparation
Manuscripts submitted for peer-reviewed publication	Manuscripts in preparation
Final report to DAR/NOAA	Final report submitted
Final presentation to DAR/NOAA	Final presentation conducted on 22 August 2023
Year 2 raw data to DAR/NOAA	Given to DAR on USB storage drive. Archived on google drive, sharable with DAR/NOAA

### 4.1 Management of small scale fisheries

Fisheries management in tropical/subtropical reef zones occurs in biodiverse systems where management budgets are spread across many species (Costello et al. 2012). Data-driven management of the style that occurs for large-volume temperate fisheries is not appropriate in such systems. Instead, management based on life history data can be used to set size limits, e.g., based on the L50 (Nadon et al., 2015). If life history data are lacking for a species, then science-based size limits cannot be established. Some of the highly targeted goatfish species are in this category and as such were selected for this research project.

In Hawai'i reef fishes are harvested in subsistence, recreational and commercial fisheries that use a variety of methods and gear types. Data on these fisheries is incomplete but has been estimated at 1.2 million kg/year (McCoy et al., 2018). Reef fishes are harvested using a variety of gear including monofilament gillnets, surround net, pole and line, and spear, including SCUBA spearing and night SCUBA spearing.

To ensure that a fishery remains sustainable and productive, fisheries managers can regulate the number, size, and time of year of harvest for fish populations. These decisions require knowing the fish's life cycle and developmental trends, as well as trends in the fishery and harvest. In a data-rich fishery, regulations are established by modeling the growth and changes in the population (Prince and Hordyk, 2019). These models use predictions of annual recruitment, the number of fish that will be added to the population in a year, as well as the size and structure of the population to adjust the regulations as needed. Data limited fisheries cannot use such models (Costello et al. 2012) and instead rely on knowledge of life history, particularly seasonality and size at maturity data, to set two major types of regulations - fishing seasons and size limits. Size limits set a minimum or maximum allowable size for a catch (Hilborn et al., 2020). Minimum size limits ensure that fish are not harvested before they have reached maturity and contribute to the population, while maximum size limits are used to protect the most fecund females (Hixon et al., 2014). These limits may vary by sex and are generally driven by the fish species' reproductive strategy. Seasonal limits are generally used to protect a population during peak spawning periods, and managers can adjust the opening and closing date of a fishery to compensate for trends in the fishery (Sass et al., 2014).

Life history is the set of traits that govern growth and reproduction for a species based on their strategy for surviving in their habitat. Every species employs a different life history strategy to adapt to their environment and maximize their fitness. The variation in traits that influence life history is often described in terms of time functions - common traits include growth rate, time until maturity, and lifespan (Gaillard et al., 2016). These traits are highly variable in fish species; species with slow growth rates and long times until maturity are impacted more by commercial harvest, whereas those with rapid growth rates and short times until maturity can be fished more sustainably (Law, 2000). Understanding life history is therefore essential for management. For a fishery, crucial traits include the growth rate, reproductive output, and the time between hatching and reproductive maturity. This information is sufficient to set basic regulations and improve the health of a fish population. However, smaller fisheries may not have the resources needed to obtain this information for all species, especially as these life history traits can vary widely in tropical regions (Winemiller, 2005). This has led to a paucity of information for species in smaller tropical fisheries with high biodiversity and more complex reproductive schemes; the term data-poor fishery management is used to describe the basic elements of their fishery models.

## **4.2 Determination of maturity**

To determine the size at maturity and the seasonality of an organism, researchers examine the reproductive characteristics of the population throughout the year. Size at maturity is usually described with the length at which 50 and 95 percent of fish are expected to be mature (L50 and L95). This is shown on a growth curve ogive, which describes the estimated proportion of mature fish at each length. Fish with greater length are more likely to be engaged in reproduction during their spawning period.

Fish currently engaged in reproduction will have enlarged gonads with larger, more developed reproductive tissues, leading to a higher ratio of gonad mass to somatic tissue mass. The gonadosomatic index, or GSI, is the preferred measure of reproductive investment. GSI is the percentage of gonad mass in relation to total mass in an individual. A high average GSI indicates a spawning period for a population, often linked to a date range or season, or other

environmental factors, such as water temperature and the phase of the moon. While GSI is easily measured, and sometimes used as a metric of maturity, it is not always an accurate measure of maturity (Flores et al., 2019; Winemiller, 2005). High GSI is indicative of a mature fish, but low GSI is not indicative of an immature fish, especially when considering seasonality. A mature fish with a large enough body mass will have a smaller relative change in gonad mass, vs a smaller fish that will have greater fluctuations in GSI. The magnitude of changes in GSI are also dependent on sex and individual health. Since both body mass and gonad mass are highly variable, GSI-based methodologies have lower signal - noise-ratio, especially at the beginning and end of a spawning season. Managers may use GSI as a faster and cheaper method in fisheries, but this requires larger sample sizes due to the lower signal-to-noise ratio from GSI. Direct measurement of reproductive stages continues to be the gold standard for resource managers (Brown-Peterson et al., 2011).

Reproductive stages can be identified using a variety of techniques, either with microscopy or macroscopic analysis. Maturity can be assigned using macroscopic and microscopic morphological traits consistent with ontogenetic development. Depending on their sex and reproductive status, fish can have visibly different appearances, proportions, and reproductive or somatic organs, which researchers can use to assign maturity macroscopically. A juvenile fish can be visually distinct from a mature and reproducing fish based on the appearance of its gonads alone. In many species, researchers are able to assign maturity with visual cues during initial processing in the field or lab (Flores et al., 2019; Vitale et al., 2006). However, macroscopic maturity assessment is less effective than microscopic methods at assigning maturity, as it cannot identify specific spawning stages. Without specific information on oocyte stages, a developing fish may appear identical to a regenerating fish in an asynchronous spawning population. In addition, visual signs of maturity are species-specific and may require more training. As such, macroscopic assignment is usually less accurate than microscopic methods (Vitale et al., 2006).

Due to the difference in concentration, size, and opacity of egg stages, the undeveloped oocytes in an ovary are visually distinct from mature oocytes in a standard compound microscope. This allows for rapid, simple assessment of maturity without fixatives or stains, and is accurate enough to identify maturity stages in ovaries. Wet mount is a quick, inexpensive alternative to histology that provides detailed images of tissue structures such as eggs, simply by placing a small amount of tissue on a microscope slide and viewing it immediately (without chemical processing, slicing and other steps that are used for histology). While wet mounts are effective at assigning maturity and reproductive stage for females, they cannot assess prior history of spawning via post ovulatory follicles, and they cannot identify reproductive stages for testes. As a result, the most common method of assignment is histology (Brown-Peterson et al., 2011).

Histology is the most labor and resource-intensive method, but offers more depth of information than wet mounts or macroscopic assignment. Histologists can identify not only maturity and stage but also evidence of prior spawning and specialized tissue characteristics. This provides the most information per sample and maximizes both precision and accuracy (Brown-Peterson et al., 2011). Histology is generally selected for studies with adequate funding, whereas GSI is typically used for large sample sizes and studies without the resources to pay for histological processing. Wet mounts are less represented in the literature, but do provide a less resource intensive alternative for assigning maturity. Wet mount requires only a microscope, whereas histology requires specialized lab facilities and uses toxic chemicals. Wet mount can provide oocyte stage data for maturity assignment and other life history questions at very low cost.

### 4.3 Spawning season

Fish in temperate or arctic environments generally have well-described seasonal reproductive patterns, with annual changes in physiology and behavior at certain times of year. Due to the more consistent climate, tropical and subtropical fishes often use alternative reproductive schemes. Many species in tropical environments have partially or completely asynchronous spawning occurring with various degrees of seasonal specificity (Brown-Peterson et al., 2011). In a temperate species, a mature fish out of season will have undeveloped gonads and immature germ cells that resemble an immature fish. However, in a tropical species without synchronous spawning, reproduction can occur throughout the year, so a mature fish could be spawning capable or in non-capable stages during any particular month.

Life history analysis must determine the seasonal patterns for a species and account for seasonal differences during sampling, or else the data collected may be inaccurate. In the spawning season, the gonads of mature fish should be significantly larger and demonstrate clear differences in gonad morphology (Winemiller, 2005). Life history analysis must sample year round to determine if and when a species' spawning season occurs. In a temperate environment, life history analysis will usually find a consistent spawning season in a specific date range. That season can be used to set catch seasons and determine sampling dates. However, tropical species may or may not be seasonal.

### 4.4 Species studied

Latin	Hawaiian	Common	NOAA
<i>Parupeneus insularis</i>	Munu	Doublebar goatfish	PAIN
<i>Parupeneus cyclostomus</i>	Moano kea, moano kali	Blue goatfish, Yellowsaddle goatfish	PACY
<i>Kyphosus vaigiensis</i>	Nenu, Enenu	Lowfin chub	KYVA
<i>Kyphosus cinerascens</i>	Nenu, Enenu	Highfin chub	KYCI
<i>Kyphosus hawaiiensis</i>	Nenu, Enenu	Hawaiian chub (endemic)	KYHA
<i>Kyphosus elegans</i>	Nenu, Enenu	Pacific chub	KYEL
<i>Kyphosus sectatrix</i>	Nenu, Enenu	Bermuda chub	KYSE

The number of Kyphosids occurring in Hawai'i is generally considered to be four species (*Kyphosus vaigiensis*, *Kyphosus cinerascens*, *Kyphosus hawaiiensis*, *Kyphosus elegans*). *K. cinerascens* is easily identified by the square fins, while *K. vaigiensis* has distinct stripes and coloration. The other species are difficult to distinguish. During the course of the project we communicated with the authors of a taxonomic reorganization of the Kyphosidae, and they advised us that *Kyphosus sectatrix* also occurs here. We sought advice on species identification and were advised that it was necessary to x-ray each specimen to get accurate counts of skeletal structures. Since this was beyond the scope of this project we discussed the issue with DAR and



agreed that *Kyphosus hawaiiensis*, *Kyphosus elegans* and *Kyphosus sectatrix* would be combined into a group. Since these species are difficult to distinguish, it is not possible to use separately regulations, and as such they will be managed as a single 'species'.

#### **4.5 Parupeneus goatfishes**

Goatfish are a diverse clade found around the world in tropical and subtropical reefs, and a significant subsistence and recreational fishery in the Hawaiian islands (Echreshavi et al., 2022). They are benthopelagic carnivores that forage on sand flats and corals using a specialized set of barbels to sense prey (Gosline, 1984). The *Parupeneus* genus is endemic to the Indo-Pacific and contains 27 species, including several unique to the reefs of Hawai'i. Several species of goatfish in Hawai'i are considered understudied, making regulation of the fishery challenging, since data is needed for each species.

Prior studies of the *Parupeneus* genus show the species are normally smaller and faster growing. Most species reach a maximum size in the 20 - 30 centimeter range, live for five or more years, reach maturity within a year of hatching, and do not show strong seasonal trends in reproduction (Reed and Taylor, 2020). These studies can be helpful for predicting traits in other species in the genus, but reef fish ontogenetics are extremely variable. The *Parupeneus* genus exhibits gonochoristic reproduction (two sexes determined during embryonic stages) with only one species known to exhibit hermaphroditism. Two species, *P. multifasciatus* and *P. porphyreus* are regulated statewide at 7 and 10 inches total length respectively, and a size limit has been set for all goatfish on the island of Maui at 8 inches total length (20 cm). *P. insularis* does not have an L50-based size limit due to the lack of life history data for the species.

The potential for sexual dimorphism was of interest since this may be important from a management perspective. If fishers target larger individuals, the catch may be skewed to one sex or another.

*Parupeneus insularis*, called the Two Saddle Goatfish or the Munu, is a small species of goatfish that occurs in the Eastern Central Pacific from Hawaii, French Polynesia, and Pitcairn Islands to the Marshall, Mariana, Phoenix, and Samoa islands (Randall and Myers, 2002). No life history analysis has been conducted for the species (Echreshavi et al., 2022), and no seasonal or size limits have been set at this time. It is generally dark red, with a white band on the tail, and found as deep as 80 meters. It reaches a maximum of around 30 cm and a maximum weight of around 1.4 kilograms (Randall and Myers, 2002).

*Parupeneus cyclostomus* is an Indo-Pacific species occurring from the Red Sea and east coast of Africa south to Durban, South Africa, east to the Hawaiian Islands, islands of French Polynesia and the Pitcairn Islands, north to the Ryukyu Islands and Ogasawara Islands, Japan south to Australia (Farrag et al., 2018).

#### **4.6 Kyphosids (chubs, rudderfishes)**

The Kyphosids are a tropical to temperate group of herbivorous fishes living in shallow waters, associated with rocky reefs or floating objects at sea (Knudsen and Clements, 2016). Due to high morphological similarity between species the taxonomy of the group has only recently been established (Knudsen and Clements, 2013). Kyphosids may represent a significant portion of the

total fish biomass in some area and are major consumers of macroalgae (Knudsen and Clements, 2016), so they are of interest in the management of coral-algal competition and benthic/ecosystem health. A study in Japan found that spawning season extends from June to October for *Kyphosus bigibbus*, and that L50 was 284 mm for males and 360 mm for females (Yamaguchi et al., 2011).

## 5 METHODS

### 5.1 Sample collection

Sampling for fish biology projects frequently occurs by visiting fish markets and purchasing the species of interest. However, this method frequently results in strong size bias since very small individuals often do not occur in fish markets. Furthermore, for species that are rarely captured and sold, fish markets may yield a very small sample size. Therefore we elected to collect samples via spearfishing (Figure 2). Fish were collected between 2020 and 2023 from a number of reef sites around O‘ahu, Hawai‘i. Although the majority of fishing was done via freediving, some samples were collected using SCUBA or closed-circuit rebreather to increase the efficiency and depth of sampling. Local fishermen allowed us to sample gonads from the fish they caught.



Figure 1. *P. insularis* sampled on 11 January 2021

## 5.2 Sampling and measurement

Total length (TL) and fork length (FL) were measured to the nearest millimeter, the total mass was recorded to the nearest gram, and specimens were photographed. Length will refer to fork length unless otherwise noted. The gonads were removed and weighed to the nearest milligram, photographed and a cross sectional sample taken for histology. For future analysis, various samples were collected but not analyzed: The sagittal otoliths for estimating age, a pectoral fin clip for genetic / genomic analysis, and the digestive tract for diet. Gonadosomatic index (GSI) was calculated as

$$\left(\frac{\text{Gonad Mass}}{\text{Total Mass}} * 100\right).$$

## 5.3 Macroscopic maturity assignment

Maturity was estimated using macroscopic characteristics of the fish and gonads. General assignment of maturity was performed according to the ICES Report on the Workshop on Sexual Maturity Sampling (ICES, 2007).

Oocytes were usually visible inside a mature gonad beyond the early developing stage. If gonads were small, difficult to locate, dense and rubbery, or dark red, they were considered reproductively immature. When ovaries in this state were located and wet mounted or examined histologically, these fish only had primary growth oocytes. These gonads could be described as “threadlike” or “stringy”, and could have a very small cross-section diameter. Smaller fish with particularly small gonads were considered immature, while larger fish with larger inactive gonads were considered mature but inactive.

Goatfish testes have a triangular cross-section, while female ovaries have a circular or oval cross-section. Mature ovaries generally have an opaque yellowish color with a distinct texture and are always larger than immature gonads. However, a mature fish not currently spawning could have gonads similar to an immature fish. A fish was classified as mature macroscopically if the gonads were enlarged, visibly similar to other mature gonads, or if eggs or semen were visible during processing.

In the event that a very small fish did not have gonads, it was classified as immature.

## 5.4 Wet mount assignment of reproductive stage

Wet mount slides were prepared by removing a small section of eggs from the center of an ovary with a scalpel and placing it onto a microscope slide, diluted with saline, and covered with a cover slip. Photographs of wet mounts were taken using a Canon camera mounted onto a Meiji compound microscope at 4X and 10x magnifications.

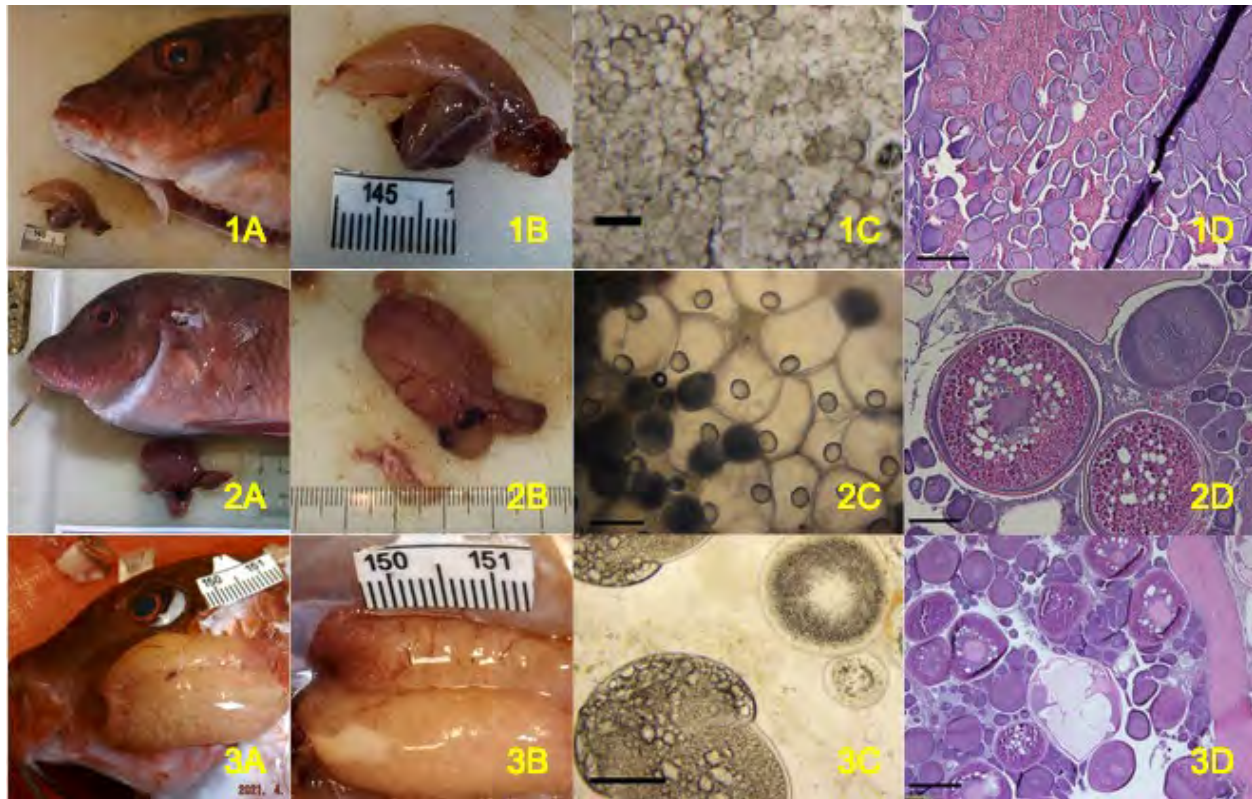
Wet mount slides were prepared and reviewed without reviewing assigned macroscopic maturity. Slides or images of slides were assigned maturity using a modified version of the Brown - Peterson series (Brown-Peterson et al., 2011). The presence or absence of large hydrated eggs, the size of the eggs, and the opacity of the eggs were all used as visual cues for the stage of oogenesis. Primary growth eggs would be dense, clear, and extremely small in a wet mount slide, whereas vitellogenic stage eggs appear larger and grainy. Since wet mount views the entire sphere of the egg, the granulation of vitellogenic eggs blocks most of the transmitted light,

causing them to appear dark. Fully hydrated eggs were clear, round, and had distinct oil-drop yolks.

Without stains or fixative, wet mounts could not reliably identify atresia, post-ovulatory follicles, cortical alveolar eggs, or tissue structures. In addition, hydrated or late stage vitellogenic eggs could lyse during the mounting process due to mechanical damage by the scalpel or the application of the cover slip; However, the wet mount method could reliably differentiate between primary growth, different vitellogenic stage eggs, and hydrated eggs, which was sufficient to assign maturity. Although post-ovulatory follicles and hydrated eggs can be confused during wet mount analysis, both provide evidence of maturity. Slides were not preserved or fixed, but images were taken of all wet mount slides, and verified between different researchers. Although the macroscopic and microscopic analysis was conducted separately, comparisons of immature and mature fish using both microscopic and macroscopic images were used to train researchers.

## **5.5 Histology**

While histological analysis was not included in the DAR project, we obtained additional funding and included this analysis in the project. Cross sectional gonad samples were placed in histology cassettes and fixed in 10% neutral buffered formalin. Gonads were mounted and stained using H&E stain by the Histology Core at the John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawai'i (NIH U54MD007601). Histology slides were analyzed and staged at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science using the protocols described by Brown-Peterson et al (2011) and a staging guide developed for this project.



Reproductive stages of *P. insularis*. Examples of macroscopic ovary images, wet mounts, and histology images for assigning maturity. All samples are *P. insularis*, scale bars represent 100 microns. Each row is a single individual fish. Column A shows the fish with whole gonad, column B shows the whole gonad for macroscopic assignment, column C shows wet mount microscope image, and column D shows histology image. Row 1 is an immature fish of 224 mm fork length and 229 grams, with a GSI of 0.55. Row 2 is a mature fish of 241 mm fork length, 344 grams, with a GSI of 1.44. Row 3 is a mature fish of 196 mm fork length, 179 grams, with a GSI of 1.96. Columns A and B show macroscopic staging information. 1A and 1B shows small red gonads are visibly underdeveloped, with no eggs visible inside. 2A and 2B shows gonads with more visible texture - the pebbly or cloudy texture inside indicates eggs. 3A and 3B, the yellow color, engorged size, pillowy shape, and cloudy opacity indicate hydrated eggs. Column C shows wet mount slide images: 1C shows tiny eggs that are densely packed, while 2C shows large eggs with visible yolks, and 3C shows several large, dense eggs with oil droplets forming. These are tertiary stage vitellogenic eggs. Column D shows histology for the same gonads. 1D is densely packed with small eggs, these are cortical alveolar or primary growth eggs, indicative of an immature fish. 2D shows two large vitellogenic eggs, which are late-stage eggs preparing to hydrate and be released. 3D shows a mixture of late-stage eggs at various stages of development. Organisms with patterns similar to 2 or 3 in columns B, C, and D are clearly mature; however, while 3A is visibly mature, 2A is not.

Slides were selected randomly and assessed without knowing the size of the fish or prior estimations of maturity; this helped blind the observer to potential bias but was not a fully blinded process. Mature fish were fish for which there were multiple vitellogenic or higher-stage eggs or histological evidence of prior reproduction (i.e., Stage 2 of the Brown - Peterson scale).

The size at maturity was calculated using the L50, the proportion of mature fish for a given size class. L50 and L95 analysis was performed using the Aquatic Life History package (version 1.0.4) by Jonathan Smart (Smart et al, 2016). This uses a GLM to predict the likelihood of a fish being mature at a given size using histology and wet mount data and graphed against fork length in a logistic regression. Similar calculations were performed to establish a mass at 50% maturity. The maturity of the fish was established using macroscopic and microscopic staging. When available, histology was used to assign maturity, and otherwise, wet mounts were used. If no microscopic assignment was available, maturity was assessed using macroscopic and GSI methods. Stages were used to assign mature or immature based on stage 2 in the Brown-Peterson Scale (Brown-Peterson et al., 2011).

Wet mount and GSI / macroscopic maturity assignment methods were compared to histology to assess the effectiveness of different methods. All statistical analysis was conducted in R (version 1.3.959).

## 5.6 Spawning season

Analysis of seasonality, the annual timing of reproduction in the population, was performed using GSI, the ratio of gonad mass to total mass for an individual versus month.

## 6 RESULTS

The sample dataset was as follows:

Total Collections	Abbreviation	Female	Male	Unknown	Total
Parupeneus cyclostomus	PACY	43	65	7	115
Parupeneus insularis	PAIN	117	128	9	254
Kyphosids pooled	KYSP	88	162	6	256
Kyphosus vaigiensis	KYVA	46	50	4	100
Kyphosus cinerascens	KYCI	33	44	3	80
					805
Kyphosus hawaiiensis	KYHA	41	80	3	124
Kyphosus elegans	KYEL	6	4	0	10
Kyphosus sectatrix	KYSE	37	70	2	109
	KYSP	4	8	1	13
		88	162	6	256

### 6.1 Performance of wet mount vs histology

Histology slides were assessed for 51 female *P. insularis* samples and a wet mount maturity assessment was conducted for 117 female or indeterminate samples. Of the female samples analyzed using the wet mount method, 56 were immature, and 70 were immature. Of the 51

ovary cross-sections were analyzed histologically, 30 specimens were mature and 21 were immature. Histology is considered the most reliable method for maturity assignment, and there was 100% agreement between histology and wet mount methods.

Agreement between histology and wet mount methods for maturity assignment. Left column is the 'true' condition determined by histology. Middle and right columns show number of instances in which wet mount made correct or wrong assignments.

Histology Stage	Immature (Wet Mount)	Mature (Wet Mount)
1 or 2 (Immature)	39 (correct)	0 (wrong)
3, 4, or 5 (Mature)	0 (wrong)	55 (correct)

## 6.2 Munu, Doublebar Goatfish, *Parupeneus insularis*



*P. insularis* photographed in waters off the fire station at Pupukea, O'ahu. Photo: K Weng.

The *P. insularis* sample pool used 235 samples collected between November 2020 and March 2023. Of these fish, 118 were identified macroscopically as males (50.8%, Figure 4) and 117 as females (49.2%, Figure 5), nine fish at the smallest end of the size range were indeterminate as gonads could not be recovered. These fish were too small to be reproductively mature, and are included as immature for analysis.



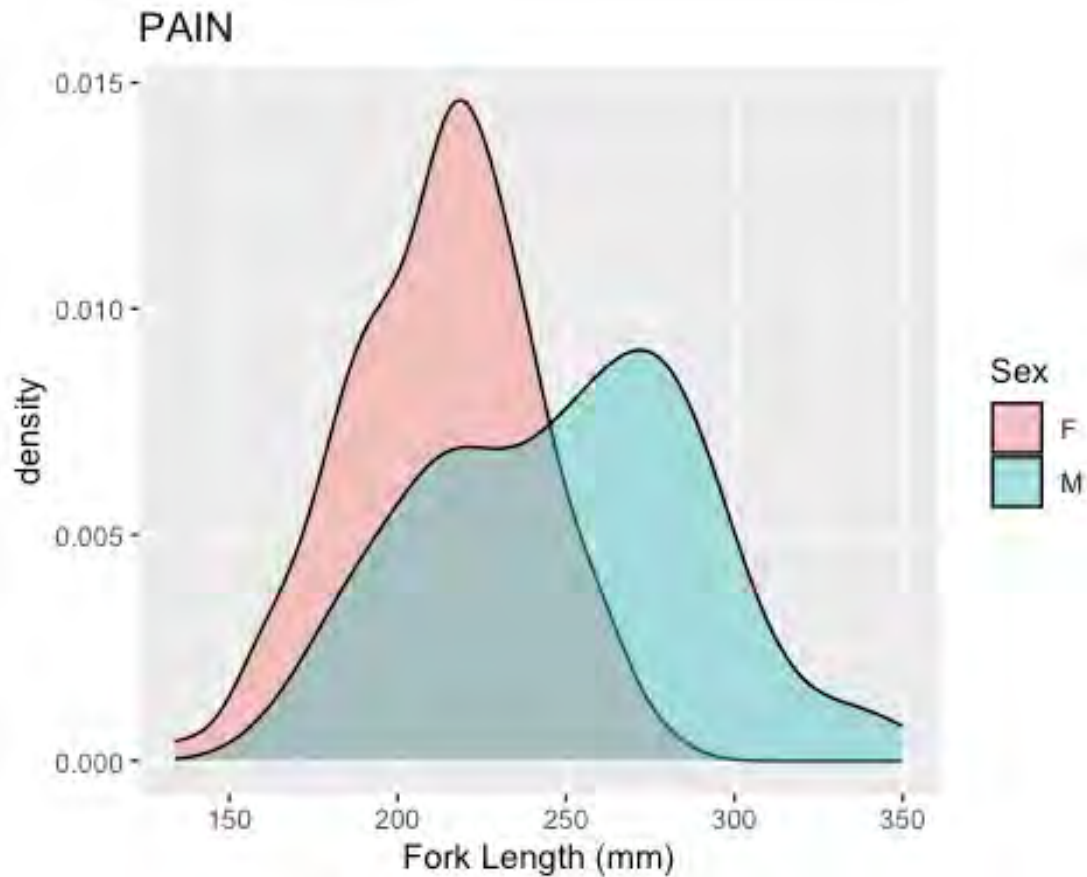
Figure 2. A male *P. insularis*, PAIN20230305\_01. Upper pane shows forehead bump and mostly black barbels characteristic of males. Lower right shows testes in anatomical position within the body cavity. Lower right shows a wet mount microscope image of a small piece of testis tissue, in which the elongate structure of spermatophores can be seen. For smaller individuals, it was not possible to assign sex macroscopically, but wet mount microscopic inspection could clearly distinguish male and female gonads tissue.





Figure 3. A female *P. insularis*, PAIN20220806\_03. Upper pane shows smooth forehead characteristic of females. Lower left shows ovaries in anatomical position within body cavity. Lower right shows wet mount image containing larger vitellogenic eggs nearing hydration along with smaller early vitellogenic and primary oocytes.

The size distribution for females and males was as follows:



### 6.2.1 PAIN Females

In the table below, Length = Fork Length, Total = Total Length. Maturity was assigned based on oocyte stages (microscopic assignment) and appearance of ovaries (macroscopic assignment). 1 = mature, 0 = immature. Scatterplots are shown for the change in GSI with length, and the change in GSI with season of year.

	Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI	Maturity
1	8	Rabbit Island	PAIN	134	155.0000	F	53	0.0680	0.1300	0
2	9	Makapuu	PAIN	155	176.0000	F	81	0.0780	0.1000	0
5	4	Waikiki	PAIN	161	194.0000	F	125	0.2630	0.2100	0
7	5	Moku Manu	PAIN	166	183.0000	F	100	2.1150	2.1200	1
8	2	Alan Davis	PAIN	168	194.0000	F	101	0.1960	0.1900	0
9	5	Mokuleia	PAIN	170	194.0000	F	120	0.2740	0.2300	0
10	2	Alan Davis	PAIN	173	200.0000	F	115	0.3370	0.2900	0
11	3	Rabbit	PAIN	176	203.0000	F	122	0.2660	0.2200	0
12	6	Moku Manu	PAIN	178	229.0000	F	182	6.2580	3.4400	1
13	3	Rabbit	PAIN	179	206.0000	F	125	0.4540	0.3600	0

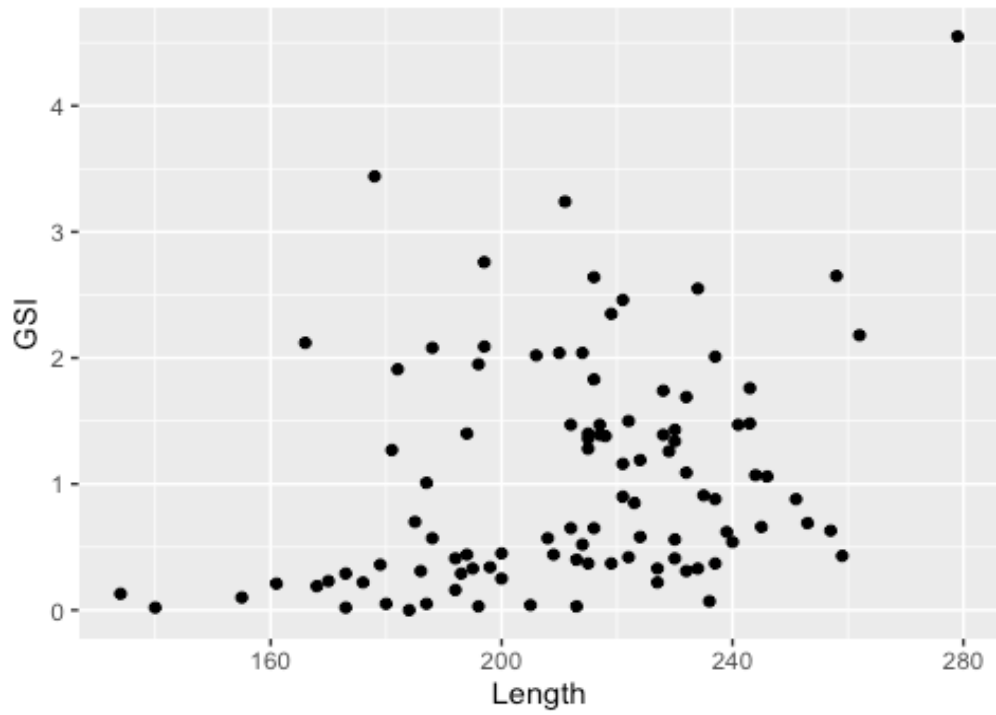
	Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI	Maturity
14	7	K Bay	PAIN	180	211.0000	F	128	0.0650	0.0500	0
15	7	Market	PAIN	181	210.0000	F	145	1.8460	1.2700	1
17	5	Moku Manu	PAIN	182	217.0000	F	161	3.0730	1.9100	1
19	8	Moku Manu	PAIN	185	214.0000	F	172	1.2110	0.7000	1
20	11	LANAI LOOKOUT	PAIN	186	227.0000	F	171	0.5380	0.3100	1
21	3	Rabbit Island	PAIN	187	219.0000	F	187	0.1020	0.0500	0
22	5	Moku Manu	PAIN	187	216.0000	F	164	1.6610	1.0100	1
23	5	Moku Manu	PAIN	188	219.0000	F	151	0.8540	0.5700	0
24	5	Moku Manu	PAIN	188	218.0000	F	164	3.4170	2.0800	1
26	11	BARBERS	PAIN	192	220.0000	F	155	0.2500	0.1600	0
28	7	Kaena W	PAIN	192	222.0000	F	164	0.6790	0.4100	1
29	2	Alan Davis	PAIN	193	222.0000	F	172	0.4970	0.2900	1
30	2	Alan Davis	PAIN	194	221.0000	F	159	0.7030	0.4400	1
31	4	Waikiki	PAIN	194	223.0000	F	157	2.1980	1.4000	1
32	1	Hanauma Point S	PAIN	195	220.0000	F	154	0.5020	0.3300	1
33	5	Moku Manu	PAIN	196	225.0000	F	181	0.0510	0.0300	0
34	4	Rabbit	PAIN	196	229.0000	F	179	3.4890	1.9500	1
35	5	Makapuu	PAIN	197	231.0000	F	205	5.6640	2.7600	1
36	5	Moku Manu	PAIN	197	230.0000	F	191	4.0000	2.0900	1
37	12	Kahala Barge	PAIN	198	228.3614	F	167	0.5750	0.3400	0
38	12	Outside K- Bay	PAIN	200	230.6418	F	171	0.4220	0.2500	0
39	8	Moku Manu	PAIN	200	231.0000	F	192	0.8670	0.4500	1
43	10	Moku Manu	PAIN	205	234.0000	F	145	0.0550	0.0400	0
44	3	Rabbit Island	PAIN	206	233.0000	F	235	4.7530	2.0200	1
46	11	LANAI LOOKOUT	PAIN	208	245.0000	F	243	1.3890	0.5700	1
47	1	Alan Davis	PAIN	209	239.0000	F	220	0.9620	0.4400	0
48	6	Moku Manu	PAIN	210	239.0000	F	206	4.1960	2.0400	1

	Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI	Maturity
49	3	Rabbit Island	PAIN	211	242.0000	F	234	7.5820	3.2400	1
50	3	Rabbit	PAIN	212	249.0000	F	241	3.5520	1.4700	1
51	11	LANAI LOOKOUT	PAIN	212	242.0000	F	209	1.3650	0.6500	1
53	4	Waikiki	PAIN	213	245.0000	F	221	0.0650	0.0300	0
54	10	Moku Manu	PAIN	213	244.0000	F	214	0.8580	0.4000	1
55	6	Moku Manu	PAIN	214	247.0000	F	212	1.0920	0.5200	0
56	8	Moku Manu	PAIN	214	247.0000	F	252	5.1390	2.0400	1
57	8	Moku Manu	PAIN	215	247.0000	F	204	0.7450	0.3700	1
58	8	Rabbit Island	PAIN	215	246.0000	F	233	2.9790	1.2800	1
59	5	Moku Manu	PAIN	215	247.0000	F	218	2.9710	1.3600	1
60	6	Moku Manu	PAIN	215	243.0000	F	217	3.0320	1.4000	1
62	4	Moku Manu	PAIN	216	247.0000	F	237	1.5320	0.6500	1
63	5	Moku Manu	PAIN	216	248.0000	F	204	3.7400	1.8300	1
64	6	Moku Manu	PAIN	216	243.0000	F	240	6.3240	2.6400	1
65	4	Waikiki	PAIN	217	249.0000	F	235	3.4470	1.4700	1
66	4	Lanai Lookout	PAIN	217	248.0000	F	228	3.1580	1.3900	1
67	5	Moku Manu	PAIN	218	245.0000	F	215	2.9750	1.3800	1
68	1	Hanauma Point S	PAIN	219	252.0000	F	222	0.8250	0.3700	0
69	5	Mokuleia	PAIN	219	250.0000	F	264	6.1940	2.3500	1
70	1	Waimanalo	PAIN	221	257.0000	F	274	3.1770	1.1600	1
71	3	Moku Manu	PAIN	221	252.0000	F	247	2.2220	0.9000	1
72	6	Moku Manu	PAIN	221	260.0000	F	275	6.7580	2.4600	1
74	1	Moku Manu	PAIN	222	252.0000	F	264	3.9650	1.5000	1
75	8	North Shore	PAIN	222	259.0000	F	292	1.2220	0.4200	1
76	4	Rabbit	PAIN	223	256.0000	F	269	2.2930	0.8500	1
77	1	Waimanalo	PAIN	224	256.0000	F	254	3.0220	1.1900	1

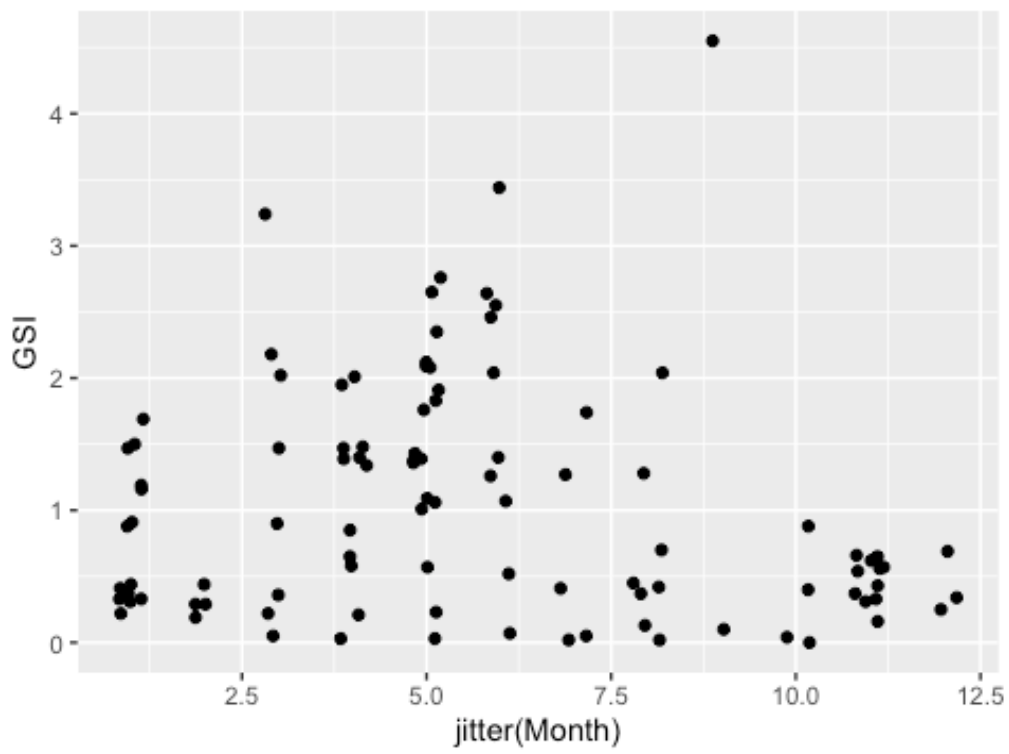
	Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI	Maturity
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79	1	Hanauma Point S	PAIN	227	258.0000	F	243	0.5420	0.2200	0
80	11	MOKU MANU	PAIN	227	261.0000	F	284	0.9250	0.3300	1
81	7	Market	PAIN	228	267.0000	F	299	5.1940	1.7400	1
82	5	Moku Manu	PAIN	228	258.0000	F	262	3.6370	1.3900	1
83	6	Moku Manu	PAIN	229	262.0000	F	257	3.2320	1.2600	1
84	1	Hanauma Point S	PAIN	230	265.0000	F	283	1.1740	0.4100	0
85	4	Lanai Lookout	PAIN	230	272.0000	F	295	3.9460	1.3400	1
86	11	LANAI LOOKOUT	PAIN	230	264.0000	F	267	1.4990	0.5600	1
88	5	Moku Manu	PAIN	230	260.0000	F	271	3.8800	1.4300	1
89	1	Waimanalo	PAIN	232	270.0000	F	326	5.5090	1.6900	1
90	1	Makapuu Wall	PAIN	232	269.0000	F	266	0.8120	0.3100	1
91	5	Moku Manu	PAIN	232	267.0000	F	297	3.2450	1.0900	1
92	1	Hanauma Point S	PAIN	234	268.0000	F	301	0.9890	0.3300	0
93	6	Kaaawa	PAIN	234	267.0000	F	288	7.3570	2.5500	1
94	1	Waimanalo	PAIN	235	265.0000	F	300	2.7440	0.9100	1
95	1	Waimanalo	PAIN	237	270.0000	F	323	2.8470	0.8800	1
96	4	Lanai Lookout	PAIN	237	270.0000	F	285	5.7410	2.0100	1
97	11	LANAI LOOKOUT	PAIN	237	271.0000	F	284	1.0480	0.3700	1
98	11	BARBERS	PAIN	239	274.0000	F	314	1.9510	0.6200	1
99	11	Reef Runway	PAIN	240	276.2498	F	308	1.6610	0.5400	1
100	1	Waimanalo	PAIN	241	280.0000	F	344	5.0480	1.4700	1
101	4	Lanai Lookout	PAIN	243	282.0000	F	302	4.4670	1.4800	1
102	5	Turtle Bay	PAIN	243	280.0000	F	348	6.1340	1.7600	1
104	6	Kaaawa	PAIN	244	275.0000	F	318	3.4100	1.0700	1
105	11	Reef Runway	PAIN	245	281.9508	F	302	1.9910	0.6600	1
106	5	Moku Manu	PAIN	246	279.0000	F	313	3.3140	1.0600	1

	Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI	Maturity
108	10	Rabbit	PAIN	251	283.0000	F	344	3.0310	0.8800	1
109	12	Moku Manu	PAIN	253	305.0000	F	463	3.1920	0.6900	1
110	11	MOLOKAI	PAIN	257	296.0000	F	408	2.5810	0.6300	1
111	5	Kahala	PAIN	258	295.0000	F	414	10.9590	2.6500	1
113	11	MOKU MANU	PAIN	259	291.0000	F	394	1.6880	0.4300	1
114	3	Hauula	PAIN	262	296.0000	F	360	7.8390	2.1800	1
117	9	Kaaawa	PAIN	279	315.0000	F	550	25.0000	4.5500	1
118	8	Rabbit Island	PAIN	140	162.0000	U	57	0.0140	0.0200	0
121	7	Rabbit Island	PAIN	173	201.0000	U	124	0.0230	0.0200	0
124	10	Moku Manu	PAIN	184	212.0000	U	149	0.0001	0.0001	0
126	6	Kaaawa	PAIN	236	268.0000	U	340	0.2270	0.0700	0

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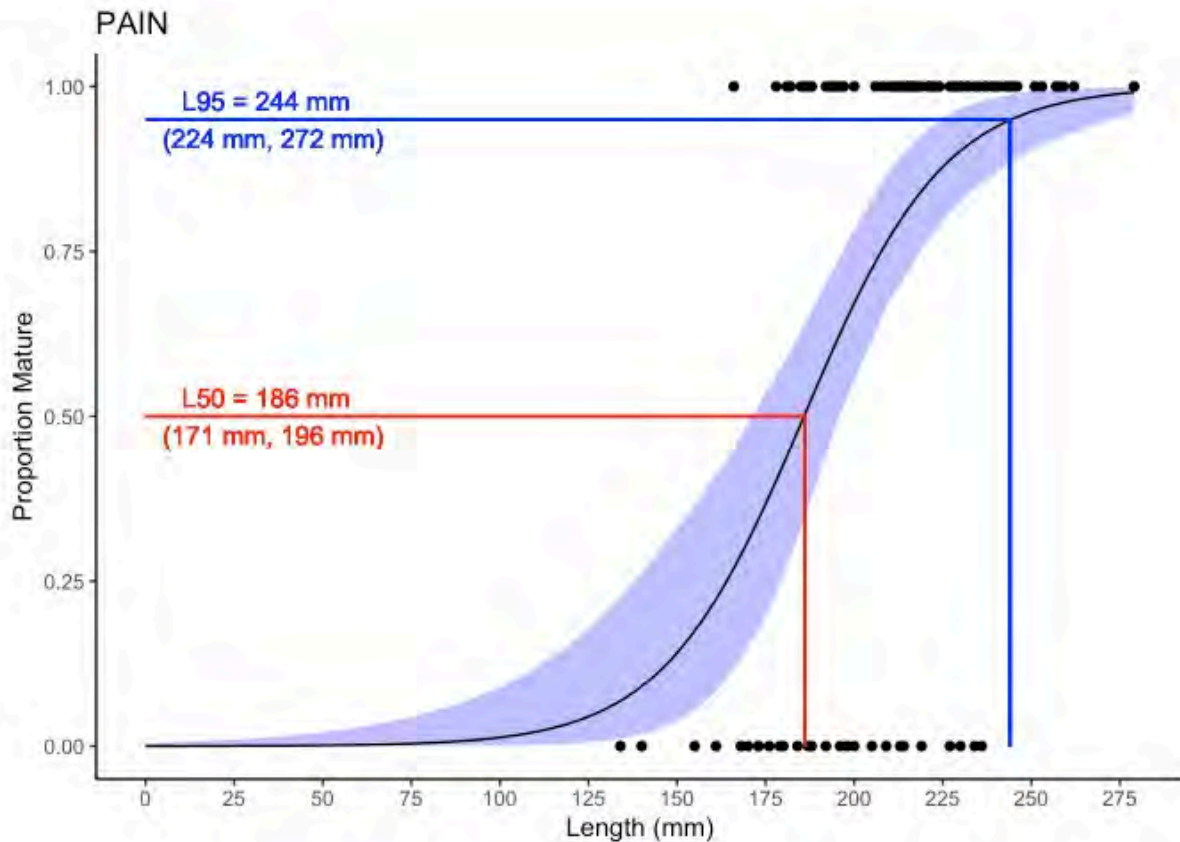
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Once the maturity assignment is made for each individual, a logistic function is used to estimate size at maturity. The dataset is run through a general linear model with binomial error structure, using Length as the explanatory variable, and GSI as the response variable (R package: AquaticLifeHistory, Jonathan Smart).

Smart J, Chin A, Tobin A, Simpfendorfer C (2016). “Multimodel approaches in shark and ray growth studies: strengths, weaknesses and the future.” *Fish and Fisheries*, 17, 955–971.

The maturity ogive for all females is shown below. Black line is the logistic estimate of the proportion of the population that has reached maturity at each fork length. Purple shading shows the 95% confidence envelope. Red line shows the length where 50% of the population is mature (L50), with the 95% confidence range of values given in parentheses. Blue line shows the same information for the L95. Black dots show each individual fish used for the input dataset.

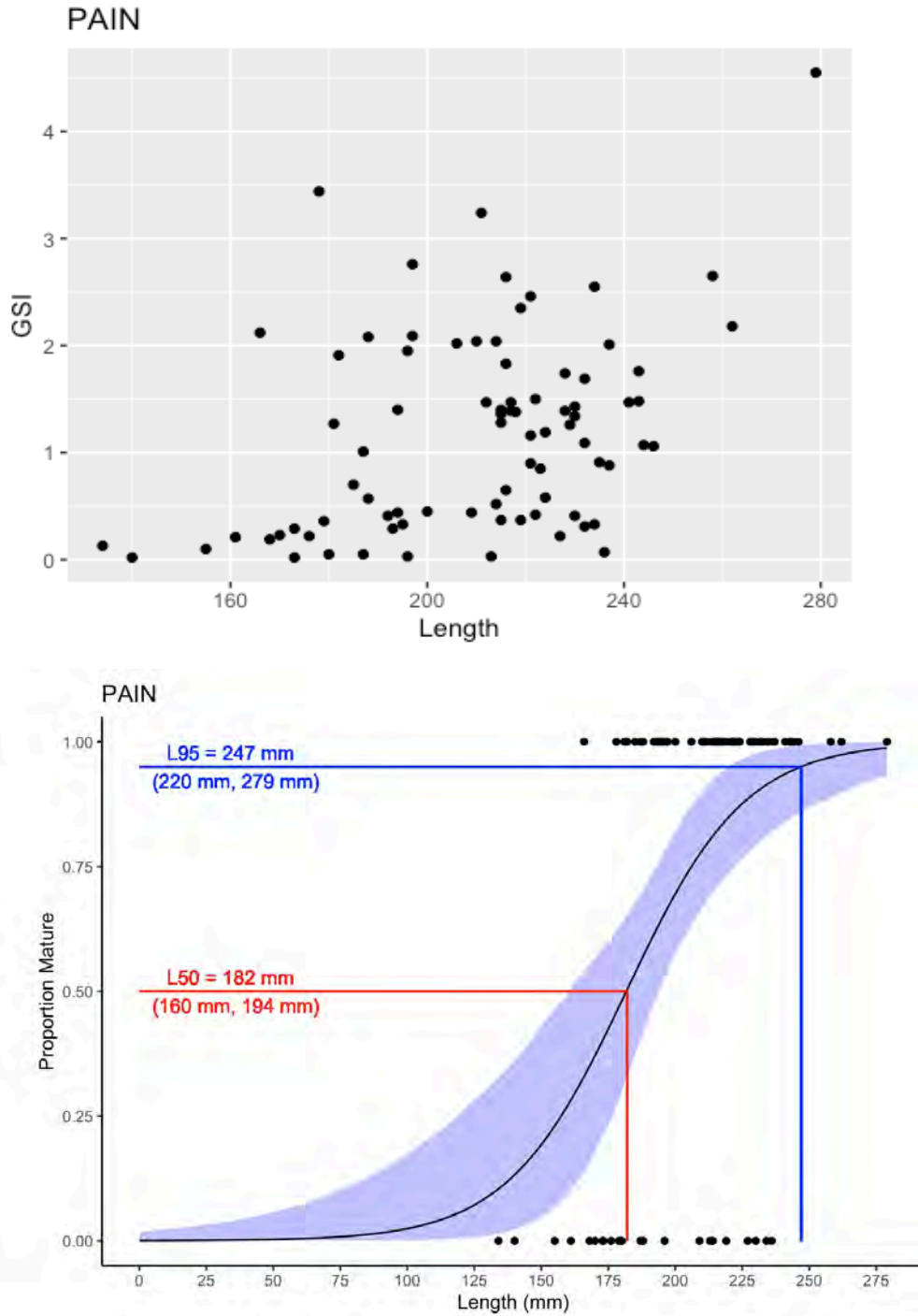


In temperate zones, fish typically have a short spawning season. This means that during the off season, large mature fish have small gonads and may not have developing and advanced stage oocytes. Therefore, estimates of size at maturity are generally conducted after excluding individuals collected during the off season. This means that any fish included in the analysis was collected during a month when investment in gonads and oocyte development was expected. In tropical and subtropical zones there may be less of a season effect on fish reproduction. In order to determine if there is a strong effect of season, we can look at a plot of GSI vs month. Those



months with high GSI would be considered the spawning season, while low GSI months would be considered the off season. Off season months can be excluded, being months before 1 and after 9.

The maturity ogive for females from spawning months is:



## 6.2.2 PAIN Males

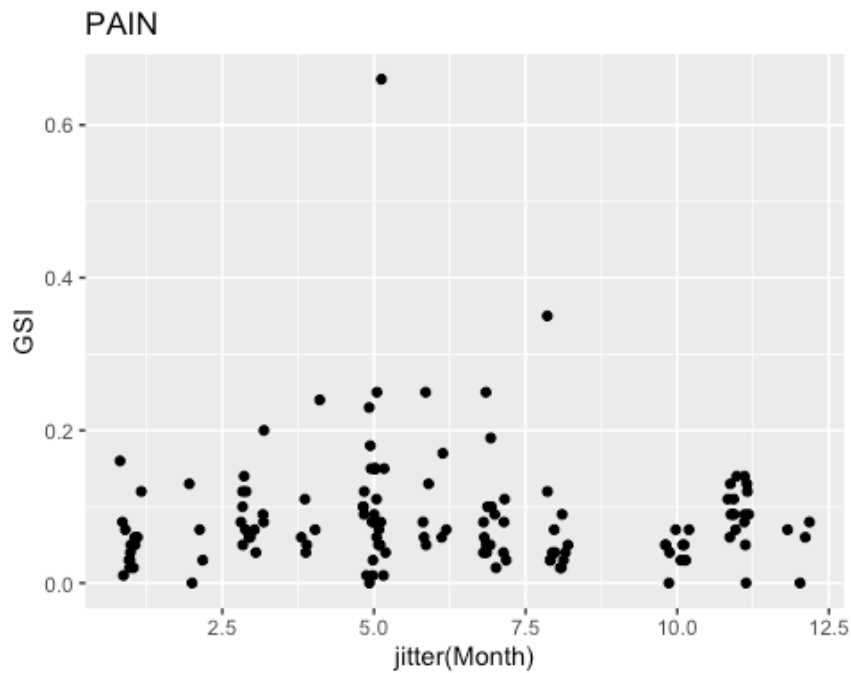
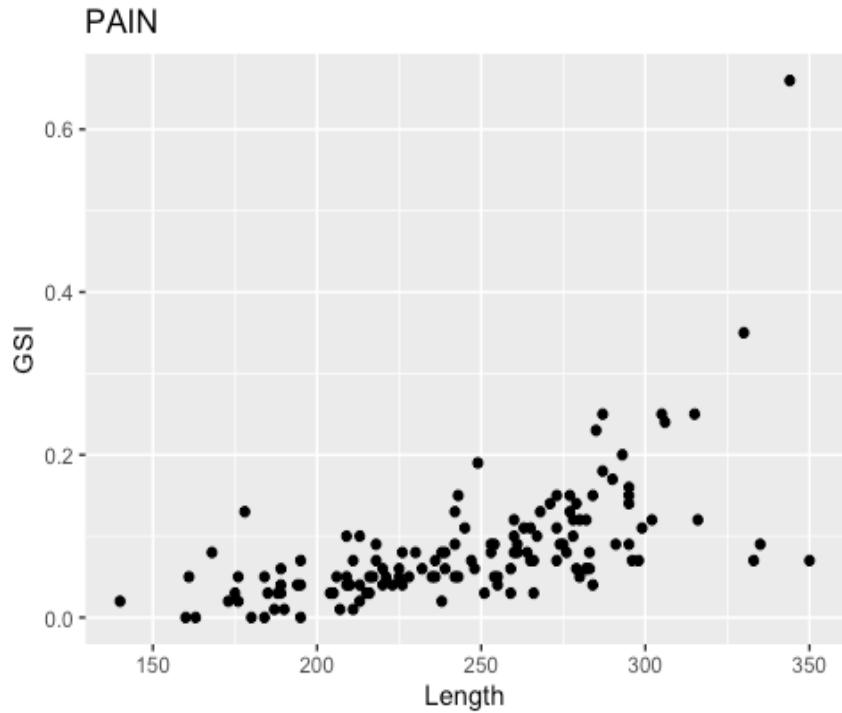
In the table below, Length = Fork Length, Total = Total Length. For males it was not possible to conduct micro and macroscopic maturity assignment; histology would be necessary for this purpose. Therefore, maturity is assigned using a statistical approach, described below. Scatterplots are shown for the change in GSI with length, and the change in GSI with season of year.

Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI
2	Alan Davis	PAIN	163	187.0000	M	89	0.0001	0.0001
3	Waimanalo	PAIN	168	191.0000	M	158	0.1330	0.0800
4	Waikiki	PAIN	176	209.0000	M	131	0.0670	0.0500
8	Rabbit Island	PAIN	176	204.0000	M	115	0.0210	0.0200
2	Alan Davis	PAIN	178	208.0000	M	137	0.1820	0.1300
7	Kaiena Pt.	PAIN	184	210.0000	M	161	0.0790	0.0500
8	Moku Manu	PAIN	185	216.0000	M	135	0.0380	0.0300
5	Moku Manu	PAIN	187	218.0000	M	155	0.0230	0.0100
10	Moku Manu	PAIN	188	214.0000	M	141	0.0470	0.0300
1	Waimanalo	PAIN	189	219.0000	M	147	0.0460	0.0300
3	Rabbit	PAIN	189	219.0000	M	146	0.0610	0.0400
3	Rabbit Island	PAIN	189	221.0000	M	155	0.0950	0.0600
5	Mokuleia	PAIN	190	217.0000	M	172	0.0150	0.0100
5	Makapuu	PAIN	194	225.0000	M	156	0.0640	0.0400
5	Kahala	PAIN	195	220.0000	M	164	0.0001	0.0001
2	Alan Davis	PAIN	195	227.0000	M	162	0.1140	0.0700
8	Moku Manu	PAIN	195	223.0000	M	161	0.0590	0.0400
5	Mokuleia	PAIN	204	231.0000	M	209	0.0600	0.0300
8	K Bay	PAIN	205	229.0000	M	207	0.0580	0.0300
5	K Bay	PAIN	206	237.0000	M	224	0.1230	0.0500
5	Mokuleia	PAIN	207	236.0000	M	196	0.0190	0.0100
4	Moku Manu	PAIN	209	245.0000	M	230	0.0960	0.0400
10	RABBIT	PAIN	209	250.0000	M	252	0.1370	0.0500
5	Moku Manu	PAIN	209	241.0000	M	232	0.2290	0.1000
8	Moku Manu	PAIN	210	244.0000	M	211	0.0900	0.0400
1	Alan Davis	PAIN	211	241.0000	M	207	0.0180	0.0100
3	Moku Manu	PAIN	211	230.0000	M	174	0.1240	0.0700
1	Waimanalo	PAIN	213	242.0000	M	216	0.0330	0.0200
7	Kaena W	PAIN	213	254.0000	M	239	0.2280	0.1000
8	NA	PAIN	213	246.0000	M	224	0.0960	0.0400
8	Moku Manu	PAIN	215	249.0000	M	240	0.0700	0.0300
2	Alan Davis	PAIN	216	245.0000	M	210	0.0560	0.0300

Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI
1	Hanauma Point S	PAIN	216	250.0000	M	227	0.1200	0.0500
10	Kaaawa	PAIN	217	NA	M	245	0.1220	0.0500
5	Kahala	PAIN	218	250.0000	M	246	0.2270	0.0900
5	Moku Manu	PAIN	218	250.0000	M	226	0.1570	0.0700
7	Market	PAIN	220	260.0000	M	259	0.0960	0.0400
1	Moku Manu	PAIN	221	255.0000	M	223	0.1140	0.0500
7	Rabbit	PAIN	223	259.0000	M	268	0.0960	0.0400
1	NA	PAIN	225	258.0000	M	255	0.1450	0.0600
8	North Shore	PAIN	225	259.0000	M	254	0.1330	0.0500
11	Makaha	PAIN	226	262.7498	M	248	0.2010	0.0800
1	Moku Manu	PAIN	226	267.0000	M	275	0.1100	0.0400
3	Rabbit Island	PAIN	228	263.0000	M	299	0.1560	0.0500
12	Kahala Barge	PAIN	230	267.0930	M	288	0.2360	0.0800
1	Waimanalo	PAIN	232	342.0000	M	690	0.4330	0.0600
1	Hanauma Point S	PAIN	235	272.0000	M	294	0.1400	0.0500
10	NA	PAIN	236	271.0000	M	274	0.1430	0.0500
1	Waimanalo	PAIN	238	280.0000	M	332	0.0730	0.0200
5	Mokuleia	PAIN	238	276.0000	M	327	0.2580	0.0800
6	Moku Manu	PAIN	239	274.0000	M	304	0.1840	0.0600
6	Moku Manu	PAIN	239	274.0000	M	345	0.2900	0.0800
11	LANAI LOOKOUT	PAIN	242	273.0000	M	297	0.3870	0.1300
5	Mokuleia	PAIN	242	273.0000	M	323	0.1480	0.0500
5	Moku Manu	PAIN	242	280.0000	M	341	0.3000	0.0900
5	Makapuu	PAIN	243	287.0000	M	359	0.5220	0.1500
6	Moku Manu	PAIN	243	279.0000	M	367	0.2010	0.0500
11	LANAI LOOKOUT	PAIN	245	280.0000	M	344	0.3720	0.1100
4	Rabbit	PAIN	247	278.0000	M	327	0.2140	0.0700
4	Rabbit	PAIN	248	288.0000	M	438	0.2660	0.0600
7	Kaena W	PAIN	249	297.0000	M	390	0.7500	0.1900
10	Alan Davis	PAIN	251	285.0000	M	335	0.0930	0.0300
7	Kaiena Pt.	PAIN	253	300.0000	M	421	0.3850	0.0900
7	Market	PAIN	253	299.0000	M	418	0.3460	0.0800
10	NA	PAIN	254	289.0000	M	349	0.1760	0.0500
11	LANAI LOOKOUT	PAIN	254	287.0000	M	374	0.3520	0.0900
11	KANEOHE	PAIN	255	288.0000	M	404	0.2030	0.0500

Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI
7	Market	PAIN	255	295.0000	M	389	0.1620	0.0400
1	Waimanalo	PAIN	259	290.0000	M	390	0.1240	0.0300
5	Moku Manu	PAIN	259	292.0000	M	363	0.2200	0.0600
5	K Bay	PAIN	260	298.0000	M	438	0.5350	0.1200
3	Rabbit Island	PAIN	260	297.0000	M	470	0.4640	0.1000
7	NA	PAIN	260	295.0000	M	388	0.3100	0.0800
5	K Bay	PAIN	261	304.0000	M	425	0.3420	0.0800
11	KAENA	PAIN	261	296.0000	M	416	0.3870	0.0900
7	K Bay	PAIN	263	310.0000	M	493	0.5240	0.1100
5	Moku Manu	PAIN	264	299.0000	M	425	0.3460	0.0800
3	Moku Manu	PAIN	265	317.0000	M	495	0.3350	0.0700
11	LANAI LOOKOUT	PAIN	265	305.0000	M	421	0.4500	0.1100
10	Moku Manu	PAIN	266	303.0000	M	398	0.1220	0.0300
11	MOKU MANU	PAIN	266	313.0000	M	487	0.3470	0.0700
7	NA	PAIN	267	296.0000	M	366	0.3510	0.1000
11	LANAI LOOKOUT	PAIN	268	303.0000	M	445	0.5620	0.1300
11	LANAI LOOKOUT	PAIN	271	306.0000	M	454	0.6460	0.1400
5	K Bay - Red Can	PAIN	273	314.0000	M	528	0.7820	0.1500
8	K Bay	PAIN	273	317.0000	M	503	0.3610	0.0700
5	Turtle Bay	PAIN	273	308.0000	M	443	0.4820	0.1100
11	LANAI LOOKOUT	PAIN	274	309.0000	M	395	0.3590	0.0900
11	MOKU MANU	PAIN	275	312.0000	M	474	0.4200	0.0900
1	Makapuu	PAIN	276	311.0000	M	528	0.4320	0.0800
5	Kaneohe	PAIN	277	311.0000	M	526	0.7950	0.1500
6	Moku Manu	PAIN	277	305.0000	M	456	0.5850	0.1300
1	Alan Davis	PAIN	278	318.0000	M	511	0.6180	0.1200
5	Moku Manu	PAIN	278	315.0000	M	463	0.4410	0.1000
11	Reef Runway	PAIN	279	320.2972	M	531	0.3410	0.0600
3	Rabbit Island	PAIN	279	314.0000	M	531	0.7320	0.1400
1	Waimanalo	PAIN	280	314.0000	M	454	0.2260	0.0500
8	Ka'awa	PAIN	280	310.0000	M	615	0.7300	0.1200
12	Outside K- Bay	PAIN	282	323.5546	M	518	0.3160	0.0600
3	Rabbit	PAIN	282	316.0000	M	523	0.6200	0.1200
6	Moku Manu	PAIN	282	324.0000	M	549	0.3100	0.0600
3	Moku Manu	PAIN	283	320.0000	M	486	0.3710	0.0800

Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI
3	NA	PAIN	283	320.0000	M	474	0.2620	0.0600
10	Moku Manu	PAIN	284	326.0000	M	554	0.2140	0.0400
5	Kaaawa	PAIN	284	320.0000	M	583	0.8660	0.1500
5	Moku Manu	PAIN	285	325.0000	M	595	1.3800	0.2300
5	Moku Manu	PAIN	287	330.0000	M	586	1.0510	0.1800
6	Moku Manu	PAIN	287	423.0000	M	596	1.4820	0.2500
6	Kaaawa	PAIN	290	325.0000	M	566	0.9520	0.1700
11	MOKU MANU	PAIN	291	327.0000	M	512	0.4560	0.0900
3	Moku Manu	PAIN	293	322.0000	M	554	1.0970	0.2000
1	Waimanalo	PAIN	295	337.0000	M	639	0.9950	0.1600
11	LANAI LOOKOUT	PAIN	295	331.0000	M	501	0.7250	0.1400
5	Kaaawa	PAIN	295	333.0000	M	669	1.0130	0.1500
3	NA	PAIN	295	336.0000	M	571	0.4950	0.0900
10	Lanikai	PAIN	296	331.0000	M	590	0.4220	0.0700
1	Waimanalo	PAIN	298	337.0000	M	637	0.4180	0.0700
4	K Bay	PAIN	299	331.0000	M	608	0.6660	0.1100
3	NA	PAIN	302	334.0000	M	656	0.7970	0.1200
7	Sunset	PAIN	305	338.0000	M	646	1.6100	0.2500
4	K Bay	PAIN	306	353.0000	M	745	1.8250	0.2400
5	Moku Manu	PAIN	315	350.0000	M	705	1.7970	0.2500
11	Reef Runway	PAIN	316	360.4718	M	630	0.7390	0.1200
8	Mokuleia	PAIN	330	370.0000	M	915	3.1630	0.3500
10	waikiki	PAIN	333	379.0000	M	912	0.6160	0.0700
8	NA	PAIN	335	381.1020	M	760	0.7000	0.0900
5	Turtle Bay	PAIN	344	380.0000	M	1018	6.6870	0.6600
12	Magic Island	PAIN	350	397.3890	M	840	0.5600	0.0700
8	Rabbit Island	PAIN	140	162.0000	U	57	0.0140	0.0200
11	Black Island	PAIN	160	NA	U	89	0.0001	0.0001
7	NA	PAIN	161	188.0000	U	93	0.0490	0.0500
7	Rabbit Island	PAIN	173	201.0000	U	124	0.0230	0.0200
7	NA	PAIN	175	200.0000	U	109	0.0270	0.0300
12	Kahala Barge	PAIN	180	NA	U	121	0.0001	0.0001
10	Moku Manu	PAIN	184	212.0000	U	149	0.0001	0.0001
7	NA	PAIN	220	252.0000	U	238	0.1490	0.0600
6	Kaaawa	PAIN	236	268.0000	U	340	0.2270	0.0700



A Principal Component analysis is conducted on body mass and gonad mass (which together are the GSI), using R package sizeMat (Josymar Torrejon-Magallanes). This separates the population into two groups with different slopes of gonad mass vs. body mass, where the mature individuals have a steeper slope. This occurs because prior to the onset of maturity an individual is allocating energy to somatic growth, whereas after onset of maturity it allocates a portion to reproductive development/output.

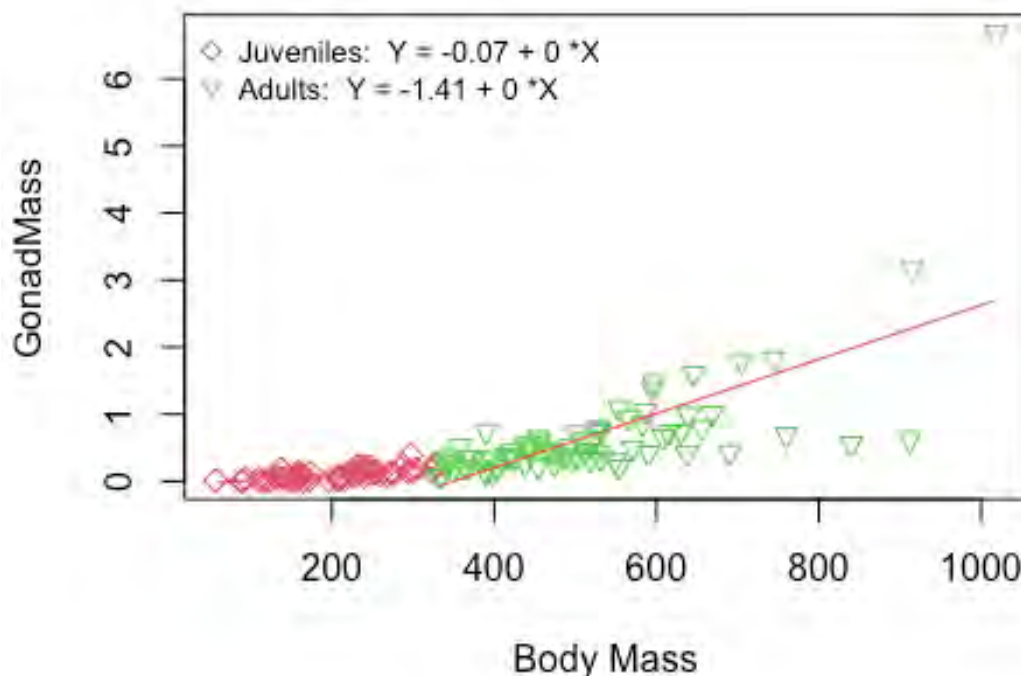
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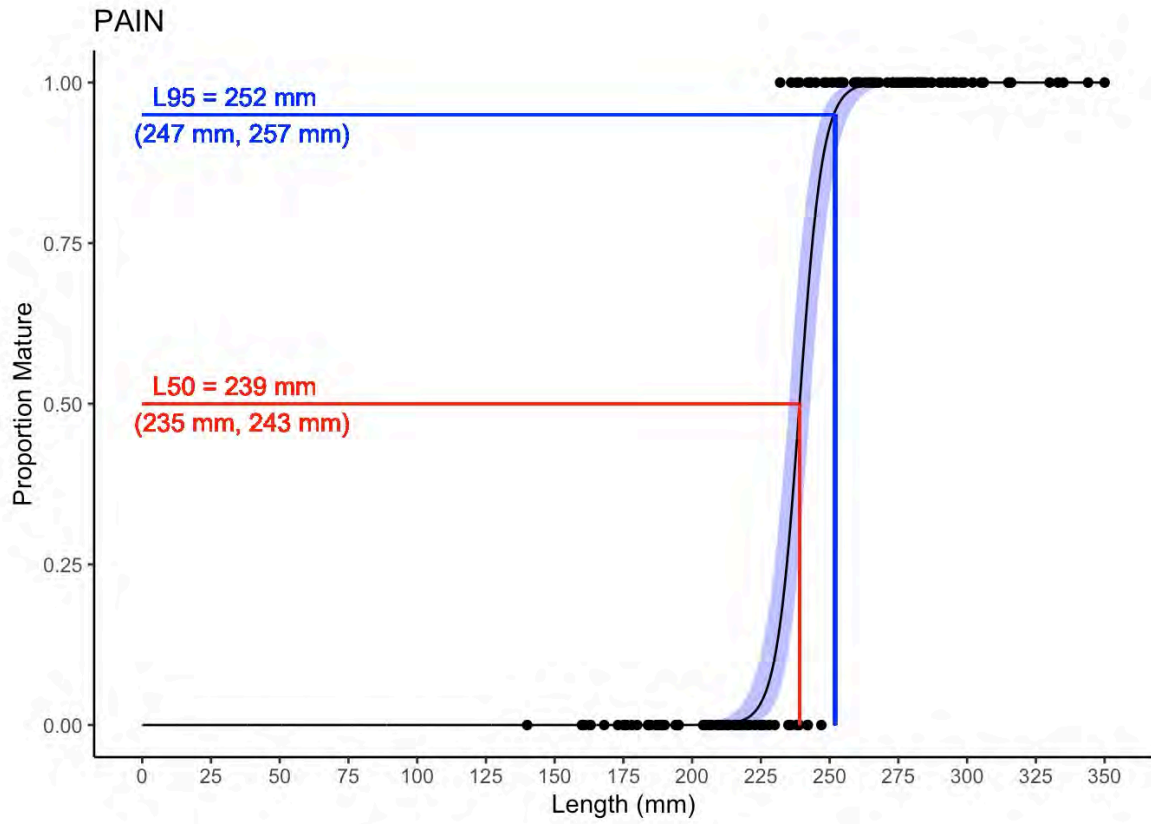
Caill-Milly, N., Sanchez, F., Benito, D., Ruiz, P., Izagirre, U., and Briaudeau, T., 2023, Assessment of size at first maturity for *Ruditapes philippinarum* from Arcachon Bay (French Atlantic coast): New insights for fishery management: *Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science*, v. 285, p. 108321.

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## all individuals were used in the analysis
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The plot below shows the results of the assignment with principal component analysis. The Red diamonds show individuals assigned as immature, while the green triangles show individuals assigned as mature. Body mass and gonad mass are both in grams.



The maturity ogive for males is shown below. Black line is the logistic estimate of the proportion of the population that has reached maturity at each fork length. Purple shading shows the 95% confidence envelope. Red line shows the length where 50% of the population is mature (L50), with the 95% confidence range of values given in parentheses. Blue line shows the same information for the L95. Black dots show each individual fish used for the input dataset.



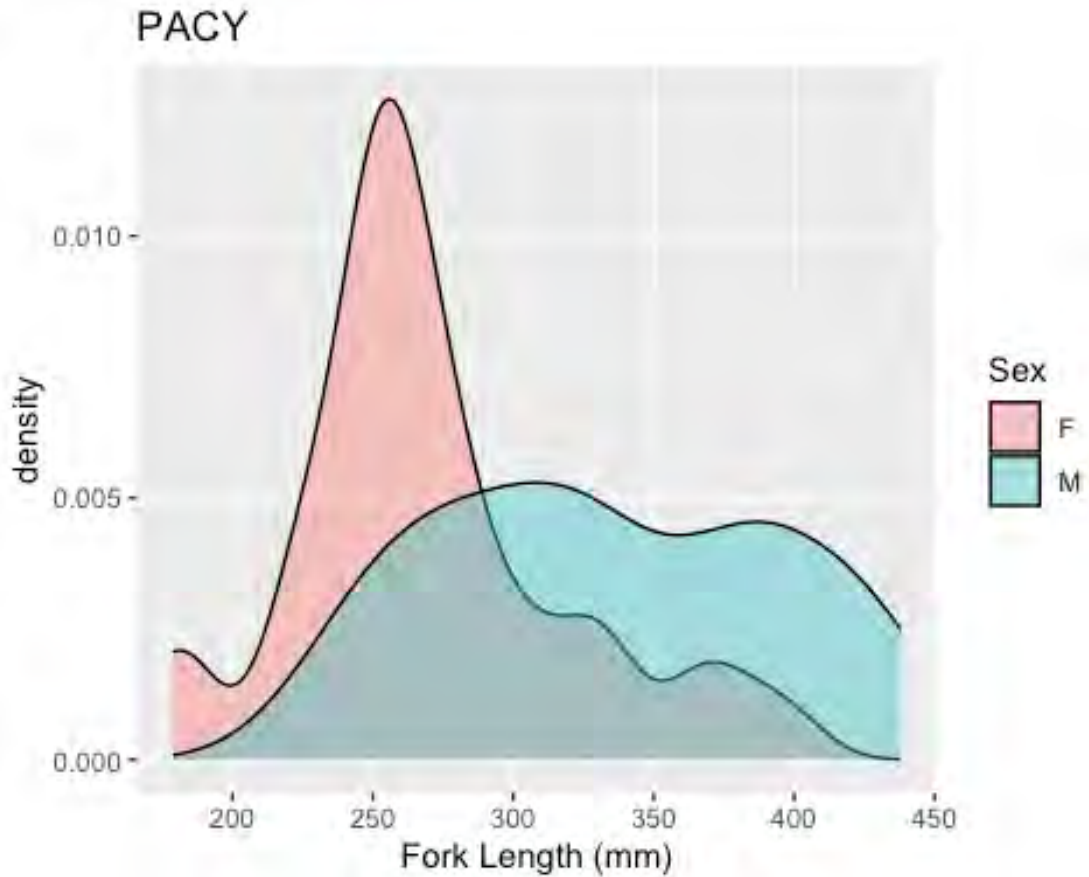
**6.3 Moano kea, moano kali, blue goatfish, yellowsaddle goatfish, *Parupeneus cyclostomus***





A live *P. cyclostomus* captured off Alan Davis with a sabiki, showing the colors of a living specimen. Photo: K Weng.

The size distribution for females and males was as follows:

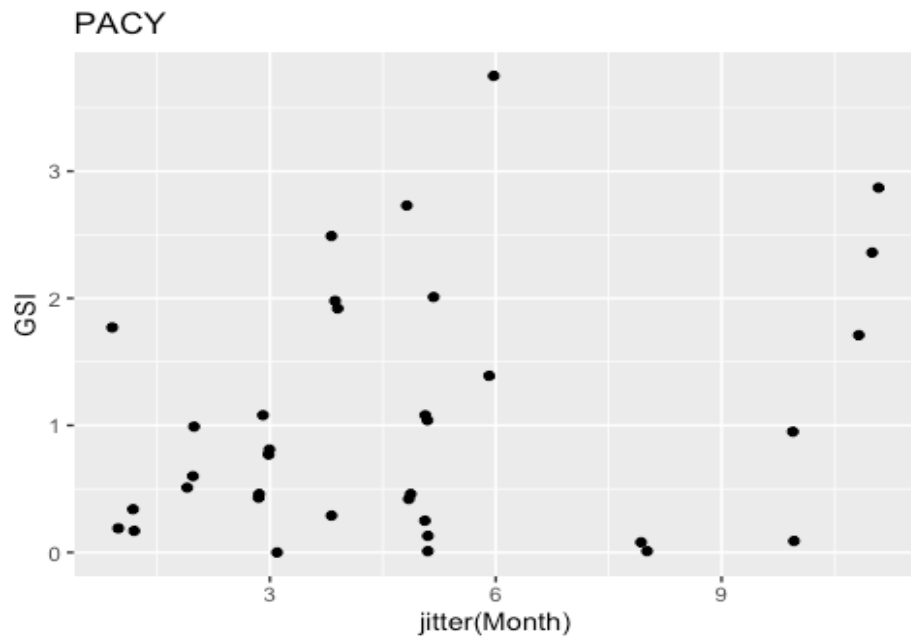
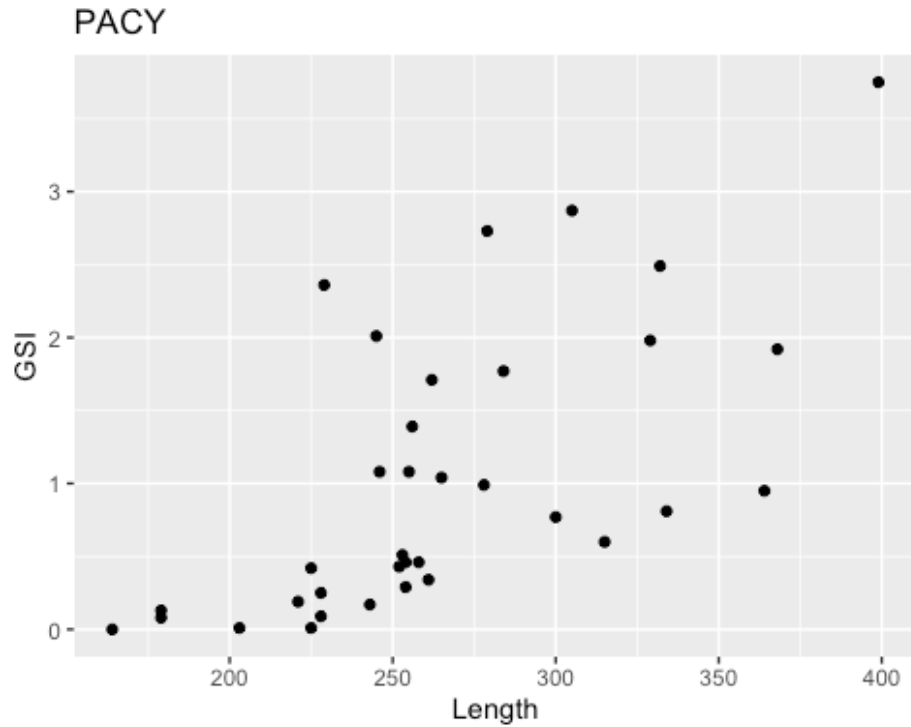


### 6.3.1 PACY Females

In the table below, Length = Fork Length, Total = Total Length. Maturity was assigned based on oocyte stages (microscopic assignment) and appearance of ovaries (macroscopic assignment). 1 = mature, 0 = immature. Scatterplots are shown for the change in GSI with length, and the change in GSI with season of year.

	Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI	Maturity
1	5	Alan Davis	PACY	179	205	F	114	0.1500	0.1300	0
2	8	Uppers, North Shore	PACY	179	204	F	108	0.0890	0.0800	0
4	1	Waimanalo	PACY	221	253	F	213	0.4090	0.1900	0
6	5	Moku manu	PACY	225	260	F	228	0.9580	0.4200	1
7	5	Mokuleia	PACY	228	259	F	266	0.6760	0.2500	0
8	11	Moku manu	PACY	229	265	F	295	6.9670	2.3600	1

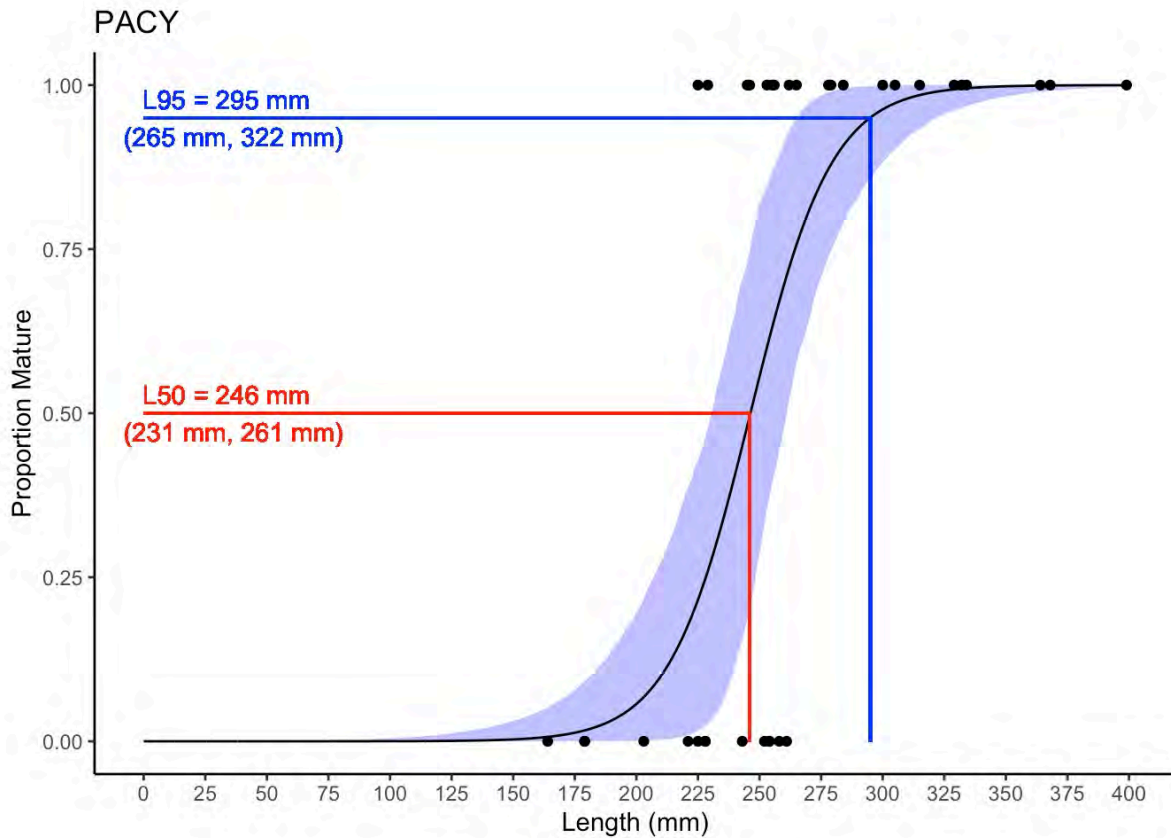
	Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI	Maturity
9	1	Hanauma Point S	PACY	243	279	F	278	0.4790	0.1700	0
11	5	Kaaawa	PACY	245	279	F	302	6.0560	2.0100	1
13	5	Moku manu	PACY	246	282	F	285	3.0660	1.0800	1
15	3	rabbit	PACY	252	292	F	333	1.4170	0.4300	0
16	2	Alan Davis	PACY	253	288	F	348	1.7710	0.5100	1
17	3	Makapuu	PACY	254	293	F	360	1.6570	0.4600	0
18	4	Rabbit	PACY	254	289	F	298	0.8780	0.2900	0
19	3	Makapuu	PACY	255	297	F	322	3.4890	1.0800	1
20	6	Kaaawa	PACY	256	290	F	340	4.7420	1.3900	1
21	5	Turtule Bay	PACY	258	299	F	373	1.7080	0.4600	0
22	1	Alan Davis	PACY	261	290	F	327	1.1220	0.3400	0
25	11	Moku manu	PACY	262	297	F	373	6.3640	1.7100	1
26	5	Moku Manu	PACY	265	302	F	370	3.8470	1.0400	1
30	2	Alan Davis	PACY	278	315	F	446	4.4160	0.9900	1
31	5	K Bay	PACY	279	329	F	503	13.7290	2.7300	1
32	1	moku manu	PACY	284	326	F	472	8.3500	1.7700	1
34	3	Rabbit	PACY	300	348	F	524	4.0520	0.7700	1
35	11	WAIMANALO	PACY	305	350	F	577	16.5830	2.8700	1
36	2	Alan Davis	PACY	315	360	F	592	3.5380	0.6000	1
37	4	Koolina	PACY	329	369	F	605	11.9680	1.9800	1
38	4	MARKET	PACY	332	377	F	818	20.3360	2.4900	1
39	3	Makapuu	PACY	334	393	F	822	6.6540	0.8100	1
40	10	Kualoa	PACY	364	400	F	901	8.5620	0.9500	1
41	4	koolina	PACY	368	420	F	1080	20.7460	1.9200	1
43	6	Moku Manu	PACY	399	353	F	530	19.8540	3.7500	1
45	3	rabbit	PACY	164	191	U	88	0.0001	0.0001	0
48	8	Rabbit Island	PACY	203	233	U	176	0.0210	0.0100	0
49	5	Mokuleia	PACY	225	260	U	242	0.0220	0.0100	0
50	10	Moku Manu	PACY	228	260	U	200	0.1700	0.0900	0



Once the maturity assignment is made for each individual, a logistic function is used to estimate size at maturity. The dataset is run through a general linear model with binomial error structure, using Length as the explanatory variable, and GSI as the response variable (R package: AquaticLifeHistory, Jonathan Smart).

Smart J, Chin A, Tobin A, Simpfendorfer C (2016). "Multimodel approaches in shark and ray growth studies: strengths, weaknesses and the future." *Fish and Fisheries*, 17, 955–971.

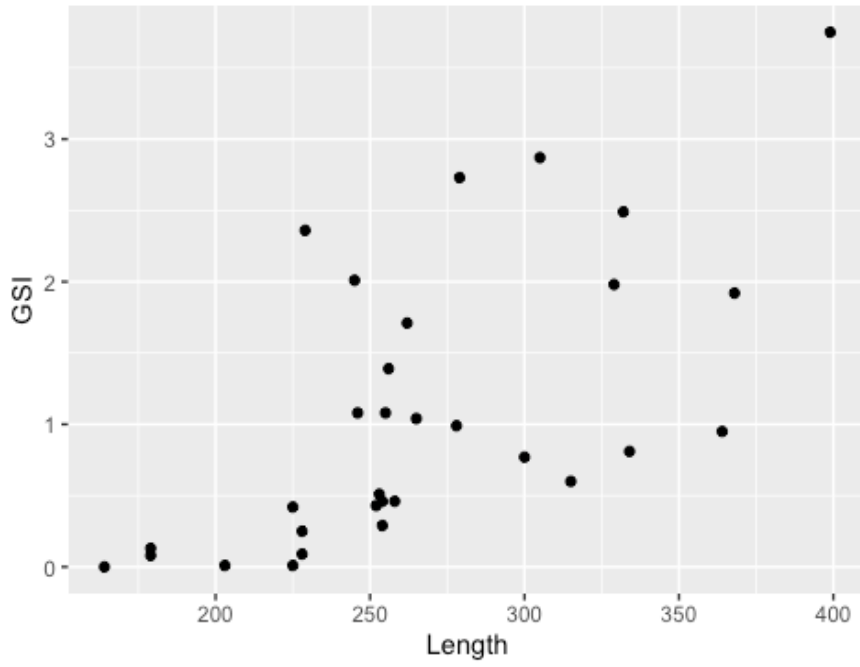
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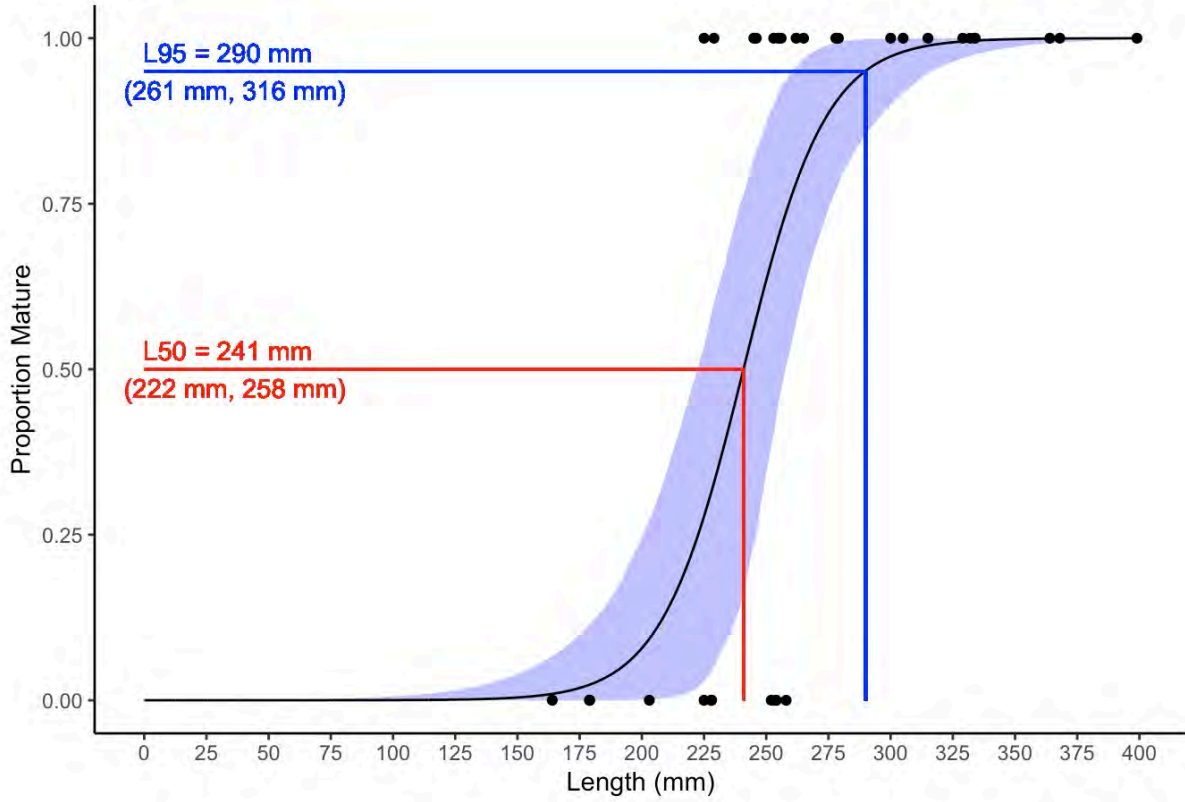
In temperate zones, fish typically have a short spawning season. This means that during the off season, large mature fish have small gonads and may not have developing and advanced stage oocytes. Therefore, estimates of size at maturity are generally conducted after excluding individuals collected during the off season. This means that any fish included in the analysis was collected during a month when investment in gonads and oocyte development was expected. In tropical and subtropical zones there may be less of a season effect on fish reproduction. In order to determine if there is a strong effect of season, we can look at a plot of GSI vs month. Those months with high GSI would be considered the spawning season, while low GSI months would be considered the off season. Off season months can be excluded, being months before 2 and after 11.

The maturity ogive for females from spawning months is:

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PACY

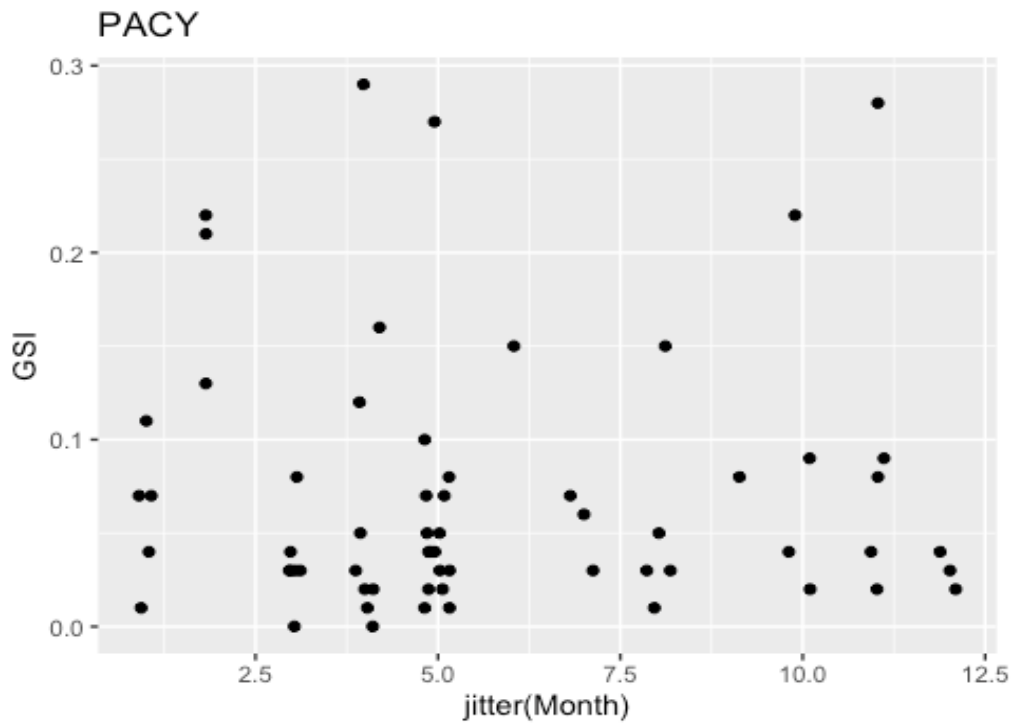
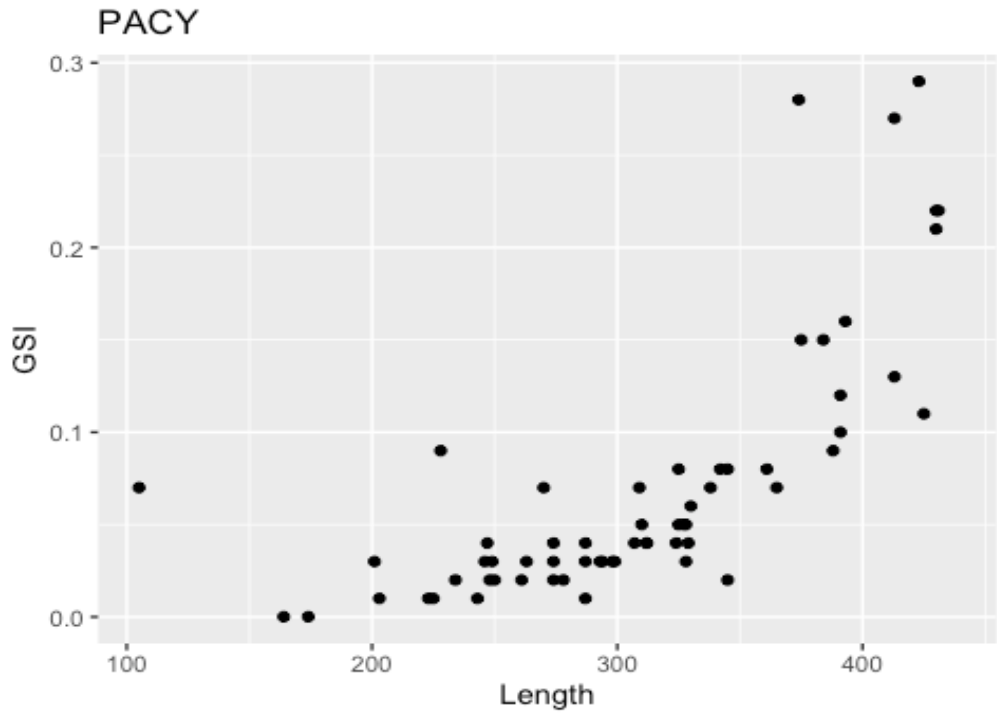


### 6.3.2 PACY Males

In the table below, Length = Fork Length, Total = Total Length. For males it was not possible to conduct micro and macroscopic maturity assignment; histology would be necessary for this purpose. Therefore, maturity is assigned using a statistical approach, described below. Scatterplots are shown for the change in GSI with length, and the change in GSI with season of year.

Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI
5	Mokuleia	PACY	223	251	M	221	0.0200	0.0100
4	Rabbit	PACY	234	275	M	284	0.0520	0.0200
4	Sunset Beach	PACY	243	278	M	296	0.0150	0.0100
5	Moku Manu	PACY	246	286	M	324	0.0810	0.0300
11	LANAI LOOKOUT	PACY	247	293	M	342	0.1240	0.0400
4	Sunset Beach	PACY	248	281	M	323	0.0740	0.0200
7	Uppers	PACY	249	284	M	352	0.0890	0.0300
5	Moku Manu	PACY	250	289	M	286	0.0490	0.0200
11	WAIMANALO	PACY	261	301	M	350	0.0640	0.0200
10	Moku Manu	PACY	263	295	M	352	0.8000	NA
12	NA	PACY	263	301	M	352	0.0920	0.0300
5	Turtle Bay	PACY	270	293	M	255	0.1660	0.0700
10	Kaaawa	PACY	274	NA	M	399	0.1450	0.0400
12	NA	PACY	274	312	M	426	0.0810	0.0200
3	rabbit	PACY	274	312	M	404	0.1010	0.0300
5	Mokuleia	PACY	278	313	M	425	0.0790	0.0200
3	Makapuu	PACY	287	329	M	450	0.1530	0.0300
1	waimanalo	PACY	287	325	M	530	0.0440	0.0100
5	Moku Manu	PACY	287	327	M	454	0.1820	0.0400
3	Makapuu	PACY	293	336	M	476	0.1650	0.0300
8	Oahu	PACY	294	338	M	455	0.1200	0.0300
5	Moku Manu	PACY	298	343	M	526	0.1650	0.0300
3	Rabbit	PACY	299	345	M	548	0.1680	0.0300
5	NA	PACY	307	344	M	626	0.2640	0.0400
5	Moku Manu	PACY	309	353	M	600	0.4220	0.0700
8	NA	PACY	310	356	M	909	0.4600	0.0500
1	Alan Davis	PACY	312	357	M	657	0.2640	0.0400
5	China Walls	PACY	312	356	M	684	0.2660	0.0400
3	rabbit	PACY	324	373	M	698	0.2530	0.0400
5	Waimanalo	PACY	325	372	M	746	0.6020	0.0800
4	MARKET	PACY	325	375	M	818	0.3770	0.0500
5	Kaaawa	PACY	327	371	M	758	0.4040	0.0500
5	Kaaawa	PACY	328	375	M	770	0.3900	0.0500
8	NA	PACY	328	345	M	687	0.2400	0.0300

Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI
12	NA	PACY	329	378	M	637	0.2250	0.0400
7	Rabbit	PACY	330	373	M	773	0.4410	0.0600
1	Alan Davis	PACY	338	390	M	854	0.6310	0.0700
11	MOKU MANU	PACY	342	389	M	816	0.6490	0.0800
3	makapuu	PACY	345	403	M	815	0.6550	0.0800
10	Kaaawa	PACY	345	NA	M	745	0.1210	0.0200
9	Kaaawa	PACY	361	412	M	958	0.7830	0.0800
1	Alan Davis	PACY	365	419	M	999	0.7210	0.0700
11	Moku manu	PACY	374	430	M	1080	3.0390	0.2800
6	Kaaawa	PACY	375	420	M	1003	1.5030	0.1500
1	Alan Davis	PACY	376	422	M	956	0.5570	NA
1	alan davis	PACY	378	430	M	1127	0.7500	NA
8	NA	PACY	380	431	M	1121	0.4870	NA
8	NA	PACY	384	436	M	1163	1.6950	0.1500
3	Rabbit	PACY	387	445	M	1144	0.1580	NA
11	Moku manu	PACY	388	441	M	1055	0.9140	0.0900
1	Alan Davis	PACY	388	441	M	1100	0.6140	NA
5	Waimanalo	PACY	391	447	M	1304	1.2710	0.1000
4	MARKET	PACY	391	448	M	1457	1.7600	0.1200
4	Koolina	PACY	393	448	M	1234	1.9980	0.1600
1	Alan Davis	PACY	401	453	M	1300	1.1870	NA
5	Waimanalo	PACY	413	466	M	1322	3.5530	0.2700
2	market	PACY	413	459	M	1537	2.0340	0.1300
8	Maui	PACY	420	474	M	1320	0.7000	NA
4	MARKET	PACY	423	480	M	1722	5.0660	0.2900
1	Alan Davis	PACY	425	488	M	1615	1.8020	0.1100
10	Kaaawa	PACY	426	NA	M	1415	1.0790	NA
2	market	PACY	430	485	M	1826	3.8500	0.2100
2	market	PACY	430	477	M	1805	3.9450	0.2200
10	Maui	PACY	431	NA	M	1620	3.6300	0.2200
10	Makapuu Wall	PACY	438	483	M	1499	NA	NA
7	NA	PACY	105	120	U	24	0.0160	0.0700
3	rabbit	PACY	164	191	U	88	0.0001	0.0001
4	Waikiki	PACY	174	204	U	103	NA	0.0001
4	NA	PACY	201	227	U	151	0.0460	0.0300
8	Rabbit Island	PACY	203	233	U	176	0.0210	0.0100
5	Mokuleia	PACY	225	260	U	242	0.0220	0.0100
10	Moku Manu	PACY	228	260	U	200	0.1700	0.0900



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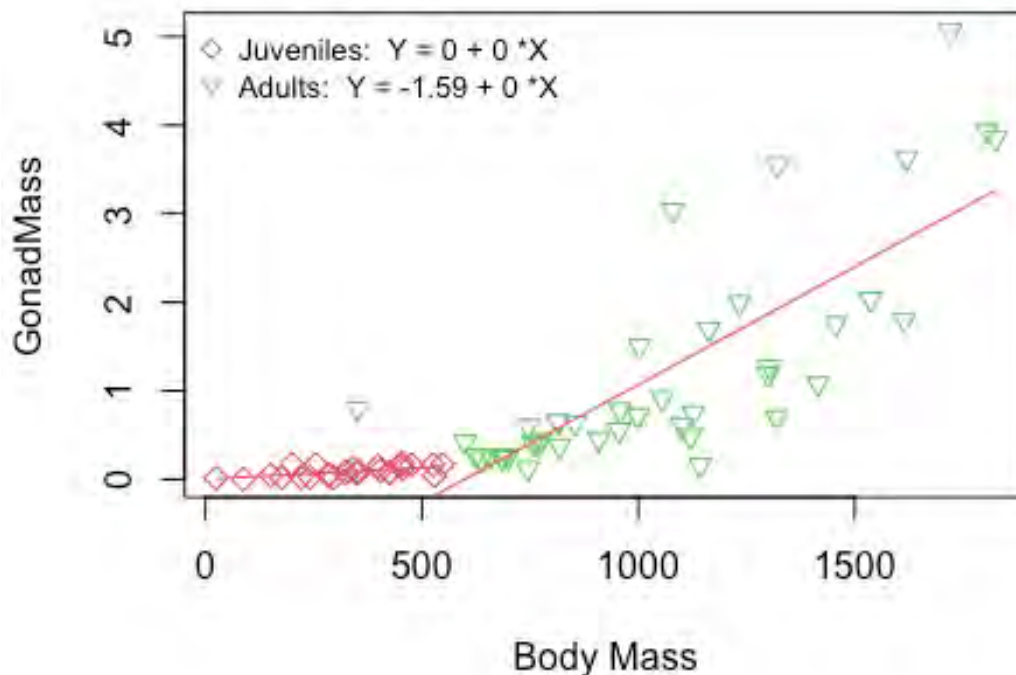
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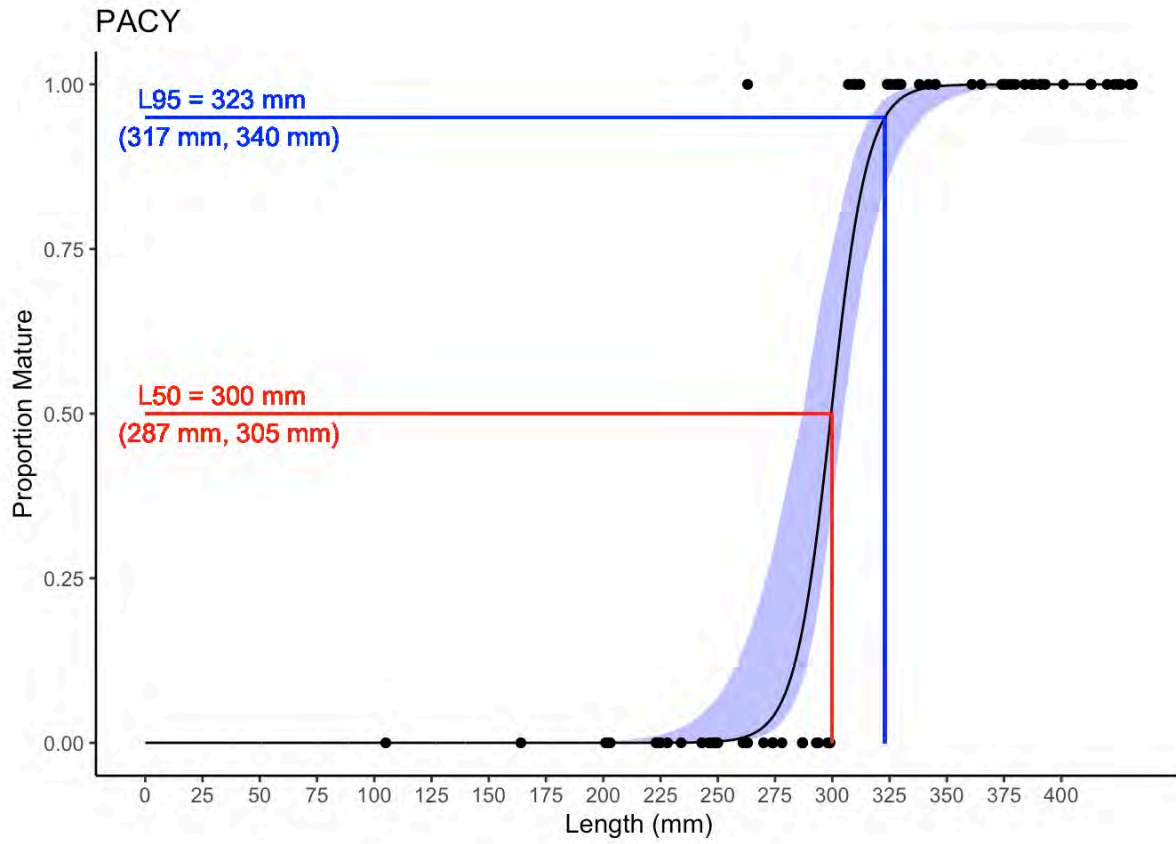
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The plot below shows the results of the assignment with principal component analysis. The Red diamonds show individuals assigned as immature, while the green triangles show individuals assigned as mature. Body mass and gonad mass are both in grams.



The maturity ogive for males is shown below. Black line is the logistic estimate of the proportion of the population that has reached maturity at each fork length. Purple shading shows the 95% confidence envelope. Red line shows the length where 50% of the population is mature (L50), with

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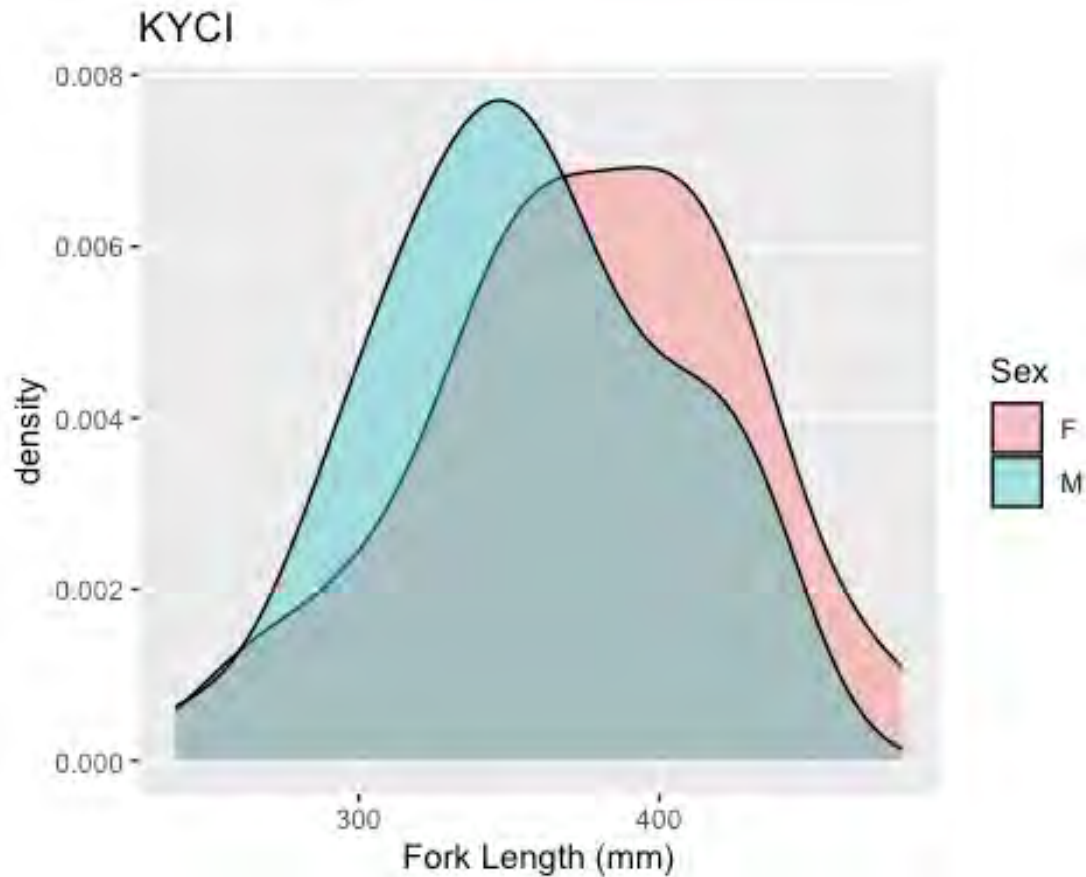


#### 6.4 *Kyphosus cinerascens*



*K. cinerascens* photographed in waters off the fire station at Pupukea, O'ahu. Photo: K Weng.

The size distribution for females and males was as follows:

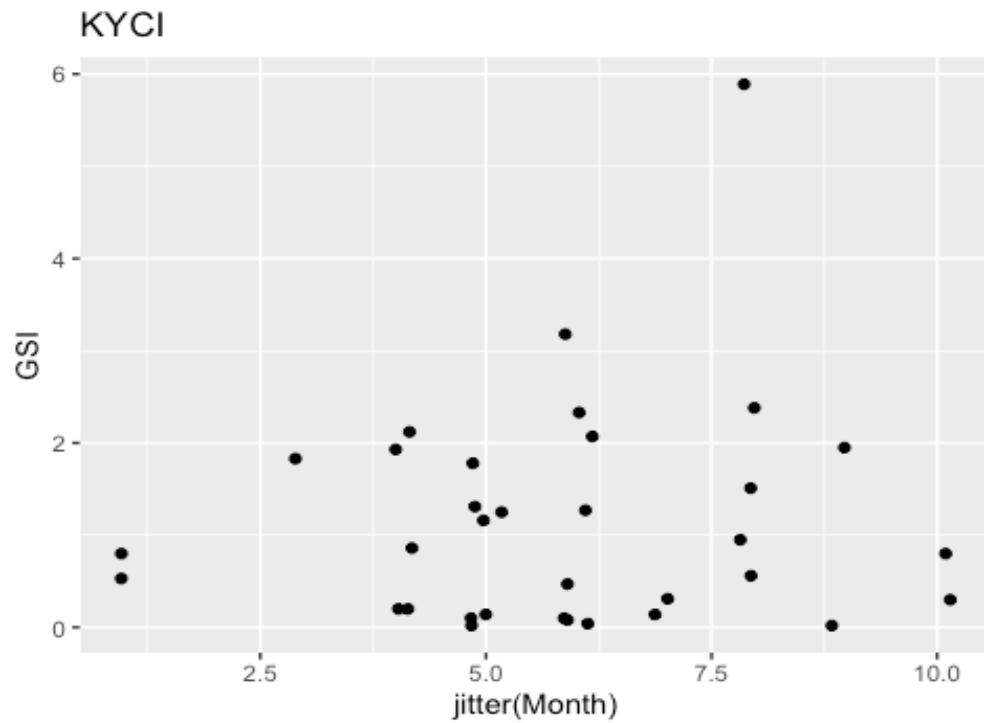
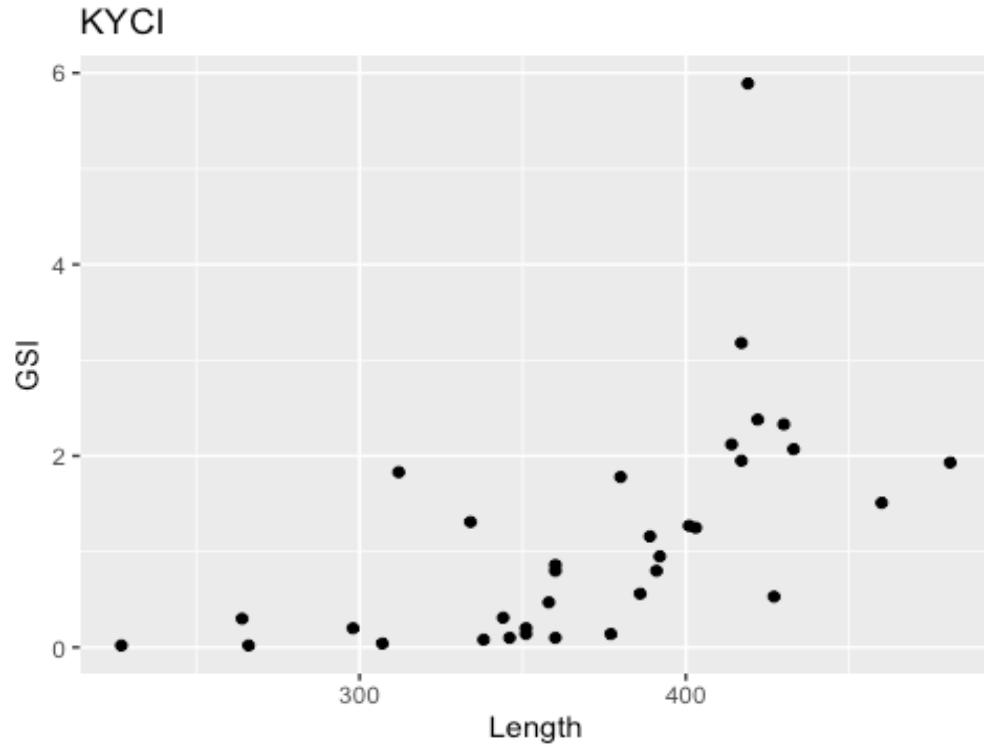


#### 6.4.1 KYCI Females

In the table below, Length = Fork Length, Total = Total Length. Maturity was assigned based on oocyte stages (microscopic assignment) and appearance of ovaries (macroscopic assignment). 1 = mature, 0 = immature. Scatterplots are shown for the change in GSI with length, and the change in GSI with season of year.

Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI	Maturity
10	Market	KYCI	264	301	F	481	1.436	0.30	0
9	Market	KYCI	266	305	F	489	0.110	0.02	0
4	Market	KYCI	298	339	F	712	1.424	0.20	0
6	Moku manu	KYCI	307	351	F	702	0.264	0.04	0
3	Moku Manu	KYCI	312	351	F	797	14.562	1.83	1
5	Makapuu	KYCI	334	377	F	911	11.920	1.31	1
6	Moku manu	KYCI	338	377	F	951	0.780	0.08	0
7	Kaena w	KYCI	344	398	F	1028	3.164	0.31	1

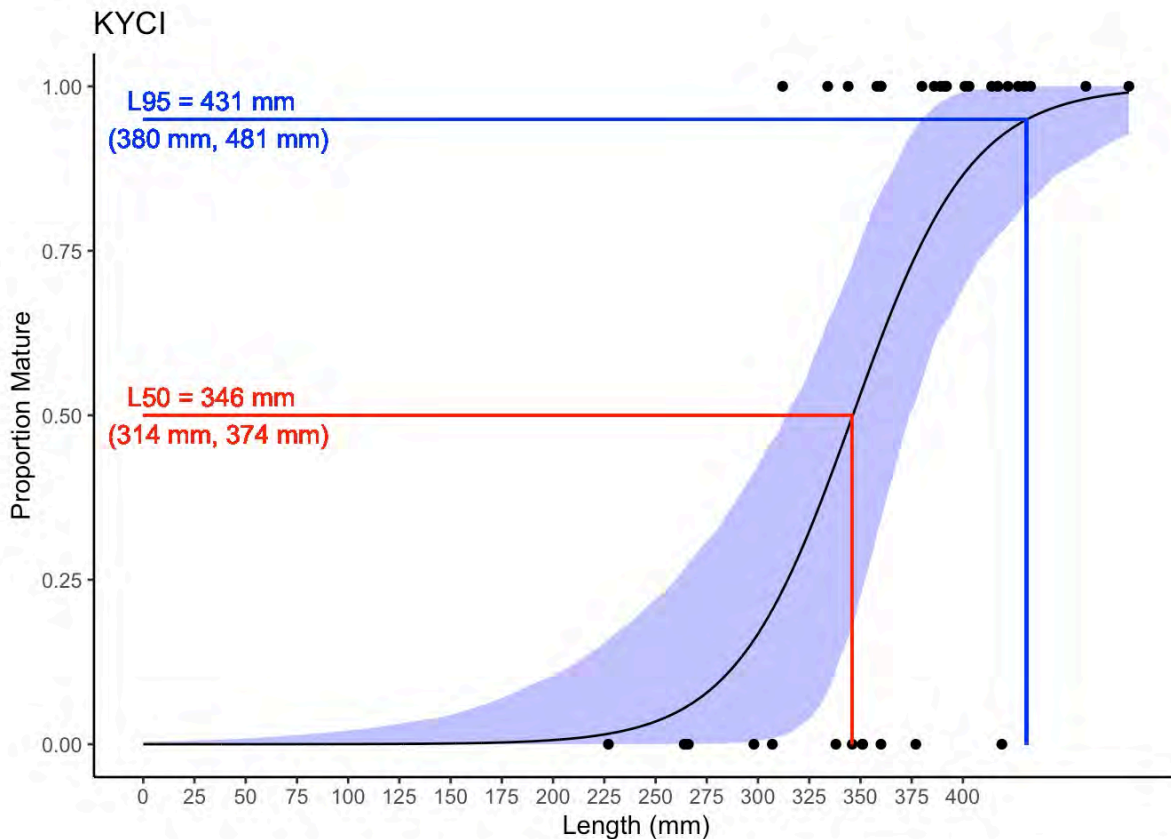
Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI	Maturity
5	K Bay	KYCI	346	392	F	1100	1.111	0.10	0
7	K Bay	KYCI	351	401	F	1319	1.823	0.14	0
4	Market	KYCI	351	400	F	1187	2.380	0.20	0
6	Market	KYCI	358	402	F	1206	5.705	0.47	1
6	Market	KYCI	360	402	F	1123	1.163	0.10	0
10	Moku Manu	KYCI	360	410	F	1198	9.568	0.80	1
4	Market	KYCI	360	404	F	1287	11.060	0.86	1
5	K Bay	KYCI	377	429	F	1576	2.281	0.14	0
5	Moku Manu	KYCI	380	417	F	1458	26.000	1.78	1
8	Moku Manu	KYCI	386	431	F	1421	7.955	0.56	1
5	Mokuleia	KYCI	389	440	F	1421	16.540	1.16	1
1	Moku Manu	KYCI	391	442	F	1470	11.762	0.80	1
8	Moku Manu	KYCI	392	443	F	1635	15.521	0.95	1
6	Market	KYCI	401	457	F	1771	22.558	1.27	1
5	Mokuleia	KYCI	403	448	F	1589	19.935	1.25	1
4	NS	KYCI	414	464	F	1609	34.128	2.12	1
6	Market	KYCI	417	475	F	2044	65.000	3.18	1
9	Market	KYCI	417	474	F	1874	36.616	1.95	1
8	Moku Manu	KYCI	419	471	F	1799	106.000	5.89	0
8	Moku Manu	KYCI	422	474	F	1849	44.000	2.38	1
1	Moku Manu	KYCI	427	488	F	2141	11.400	0.53	1
6	Market	KYCI	430	485	F	2319	54.000	2.33	1
6	Market	KYCI	433	490	F	1980	41.000	2.07	1
8	Makua	KYCI	460	508	F	2907	44.000	1.51	1
4	Market	KYCI	481	547	F	3159	61.000	1.93	1
5	Moku Manu	KYCI	227	261	U	302	0.049	0.02	0



Once the maturity assignment is made for each individual, a logistic function is used to estimate size at maturity. The dataset is run through a general linear model with binomial error structure, using Length as the explanatory variable, and GSI as the response variable (R package: AquaticLifeHistory, Jonathan Smart).

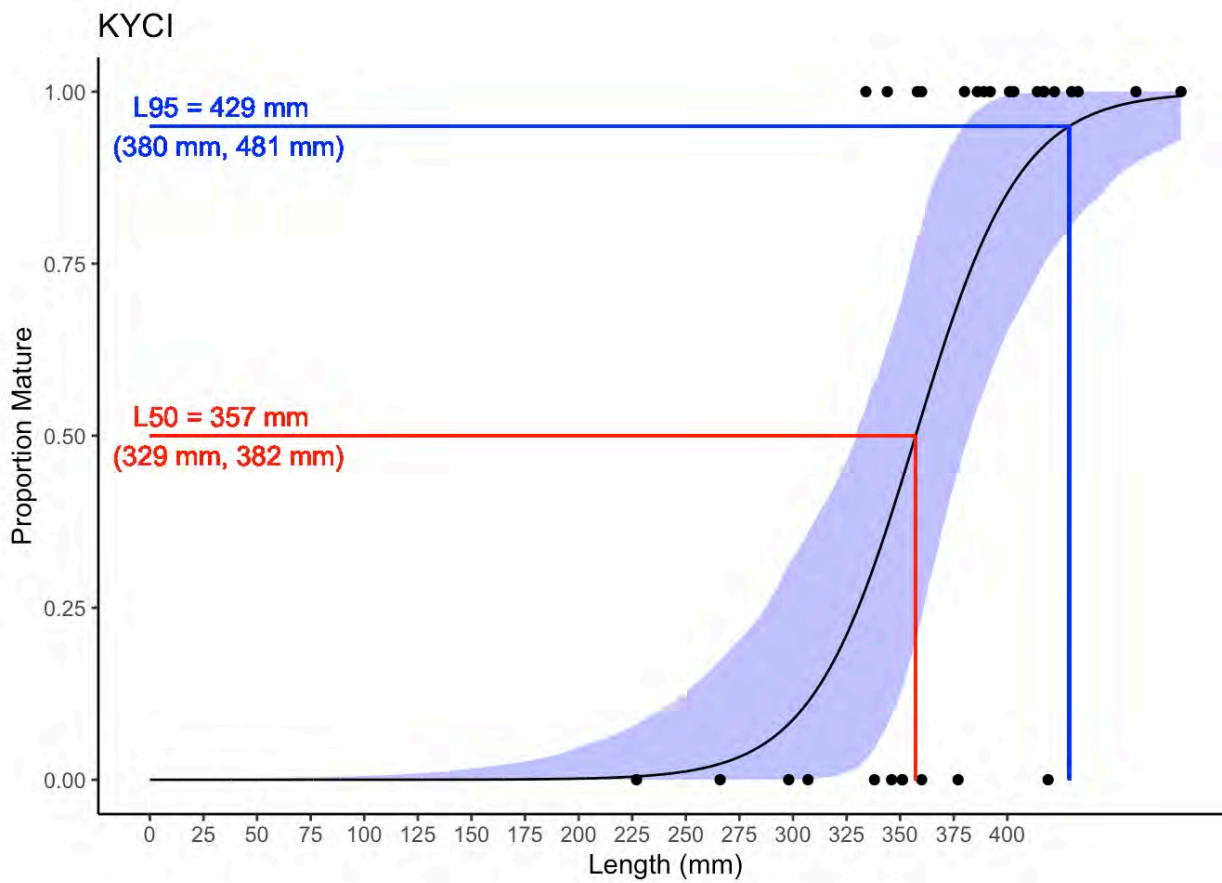
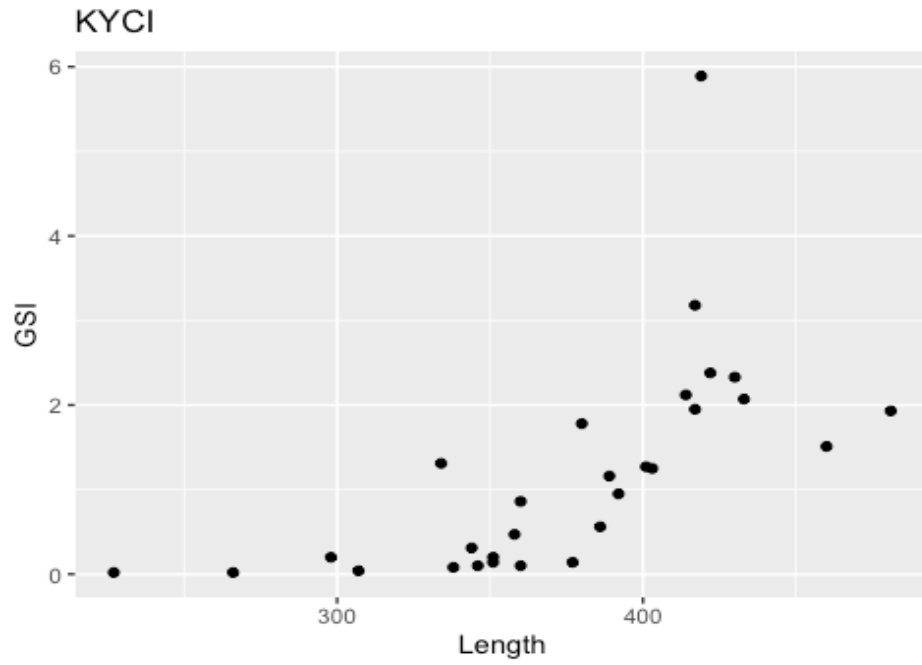
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In temperate zones, fish typically have a short spawning season. This means that during the off season, large mature fish have small gonads and may not have developing and advanced stage oocytes. Therefore, estimates of size at maturity are generally conducted after excluding individuals collected during the off season. This means that any fish included in the analysis was collected during a month when investment in gonads and oocyte development was expected. In tropical and subtropical zones there may be less of a season effect on fish reproduction. In order to determine if there is a strong effect of season, we can look at a plot of GSI vs month. Those months with high GSI would be considered the spawning season, while low GSI months would be considered the off season. Off season months can be excluded, being months before 4 and after 9.

The maturity ogive for females from spawning months is:



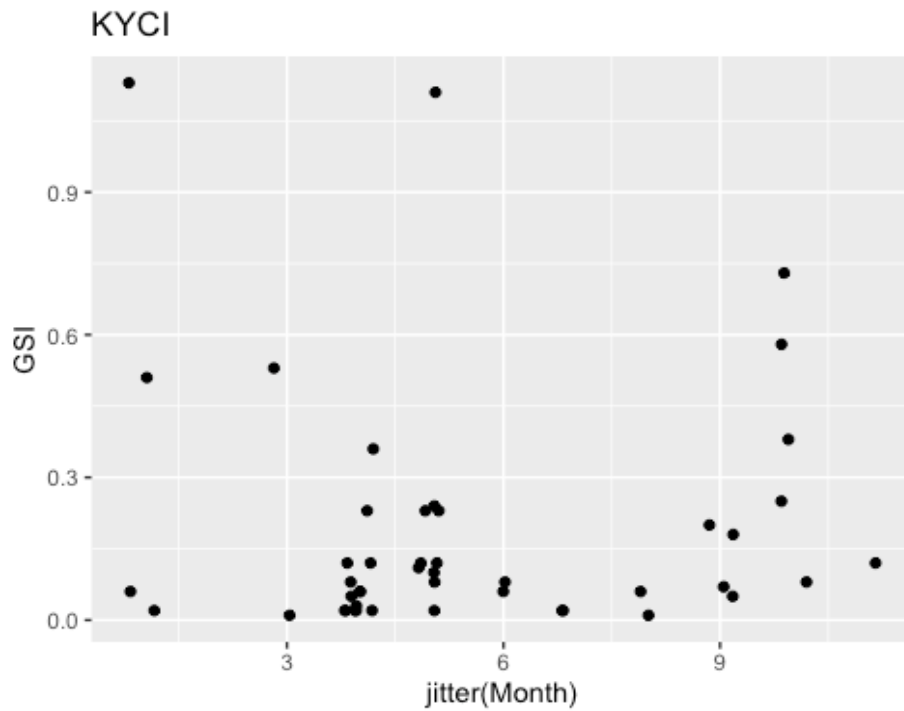
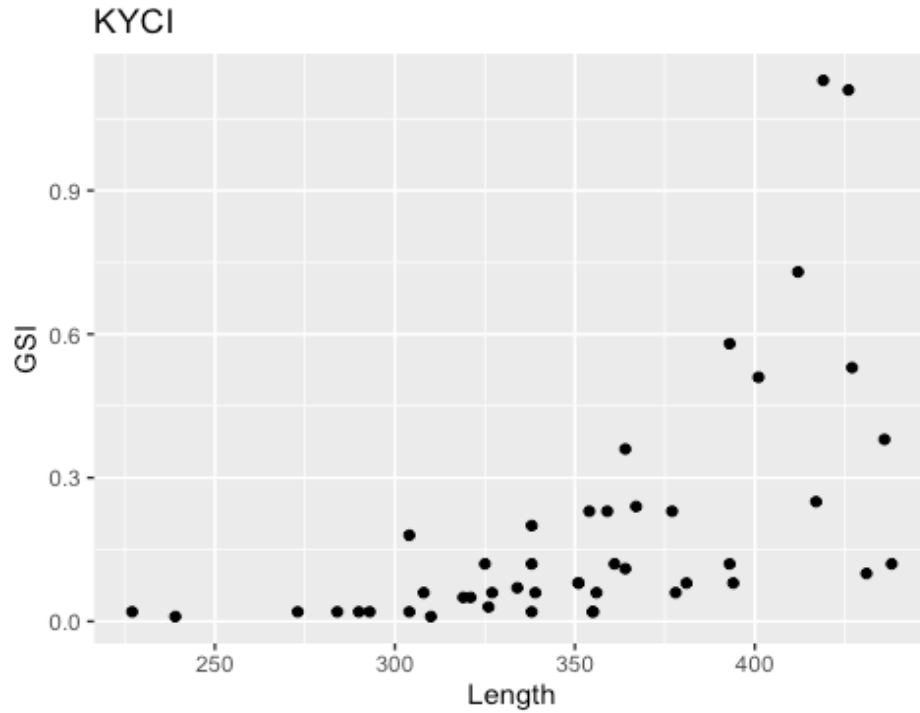


## 6.4.2 KYCI Males

In the table below, Length = Fork Length, Total = Total Length. For males it was not possible to conduct micro and macroscopic maturity assignment; histology would be necessary for this purpose. Therefore, maturity is assigned using a statistical approach, described below. Scatterplots are shown for the change in GSI with length, and the change in GSI with season of year.

Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI
8	Market	KYCI	239	269	M	326	0.040	0.01
7	Market	KYCI	273	316	M	511	0.081	0.02
4	UPPERS	KYCI	284	315	M	498	0.080	0.02
4	Market	KYCI	290	330	M	624	0.110	0.02
4	Market	KYCI	293	334	M	651	0.120	0.02
9	Market	KYCI	304	344	M	756	1.348	0.18
1	Makapuu	KYCI	304	353	M	722	0.177	0.02
6	Moku manu	KYCI	308	355	M	826	0.485	0.06
3	Rabbit	KYCI	310	354	M	756	0.067	0.01
4	Market	KYCI	319	365	M	861	0.454	0.05
9	Market	KYCI	321	368	M	879	0.411	0.05
11	Black Island	KYCI	325	369	M	940	1.150	0.12
4	Market	KYCI	326	373	M	953	0.274	0.03
4	Market	KYCI	327	374	M	939	0.591	0.06
9	Market	KYCI	334	374	M	974	0.705	0.07
4	Market	KYCI	338	385	M	1050	0.198	0.02
5	Moku Manu	KYCI	338	374	M	952	1.149	0.12
9	Market	KYCI	338	384	M	985	2.000	0.20
8	Moku Manu	KYCI	339	382	M	1033	0.661	0.06
10	Moku Manu	KYCI	351	394	M	1022	0.769	0.08
5	Mokuleia	KYCI	351	398	M	1168	0.984	0.08
5	Mokuleia	KYCI	354	402	M	1127	2.549	0.23
7	K Bay	KYCI	355	400	M	1285	0.282	0.02
4	Market	KYCI	355	400	M	1214	0.230	0.02
5	Market	KYCI	359	400	M	1146	2.670	0.23
4	Market	KYCI	361	404	M	1208	1.470	0.12
5	Moku Manu	KYCI	364	414	M	1293	1.397	0.11
4	Sunset Beach	KYCI	364	410	M	1358	4.929	0.36
5	Moku Manu	KYCI	367	420	M	1253	2.965	0.24
4	MARKET	KYCI	377	427	M	1390	3.256	0.23
4	Waimanalo	KYCI	378	428	M	1451	0.853	0.06
4	Waimanalo	KYCI	381	430	M	1363	1.104	0.08
10	Moku Manu	KYCI	393	442	M	1369	7.938	0.58

Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI
5	Moku Manu	KYCI	393	428	M	1426	1.641	0.12
6	Moku manu	KYCI	394	442	M	1540	1.207	0.08
1	Hanauma Point S	KYCI	401	450	M	1607	8.176	0.51
10	Moku Manu	KYCI	412	463	M	1680	12.193	0.73
10	Moku Manu	KYCI	417	471	M	1770	4.442	0.25
1	Hanauma Point S	KYCI	419	473	M	2063	23.360	1.13
5	Moku Manu	KYCI	426	466	M	2047	22.770	1.11
3	Moku Manu	KYCI	427	482	M	2200	11.611	0.53
5	Makapuu	KYCI	431	484	M	1986	2.070	0.10
10	Moku Manu	KYCI	436	490	M	2034	7.693	0.38
4	Sunset Beach	KYCI	438	487	M	1953	2.407	0.12
5	Moku Manu	KYCI	227	261	U	302	0.049	0.02
1	Makapuu	KYCI	356	401	U	1105	0.662	0.06



A Principal Component analysis is conducted on body mass and gonad mass (which together are the GSI), using R package sizeMat (Josymar Torrejon-Magallanes). This separates the population into two groups with different slopes of gonad mass vs. body mass, where the mature individuals have a steeper slope. This occurs because prior to the onset of maturity an individual is allocating energy to somatic growth, whereas after onset of maturity it allocates a portion to reproductive development/output.

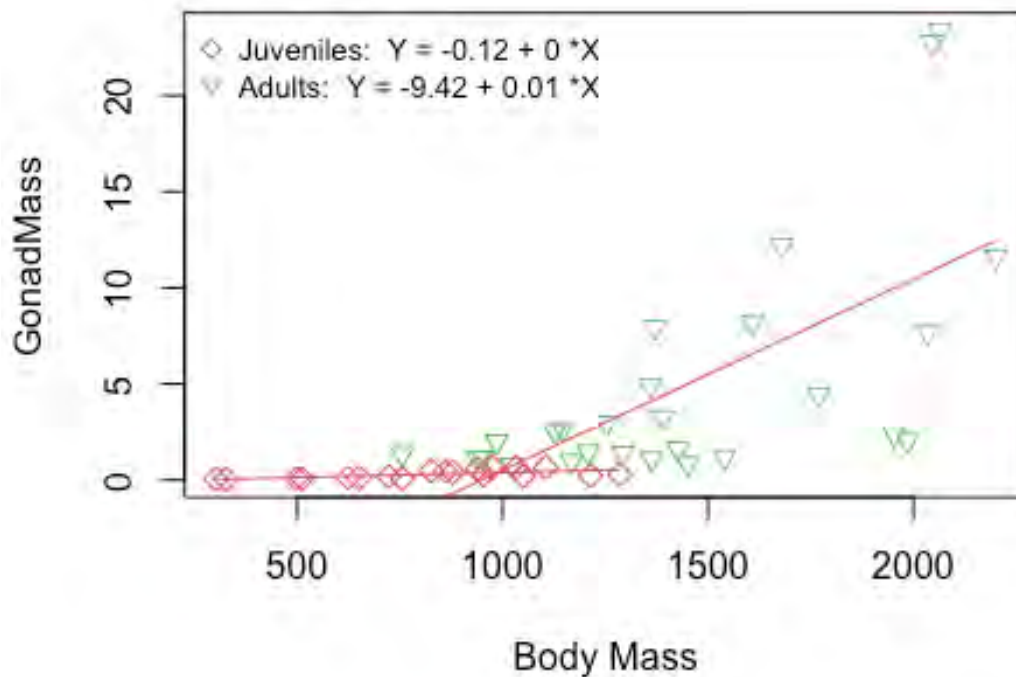
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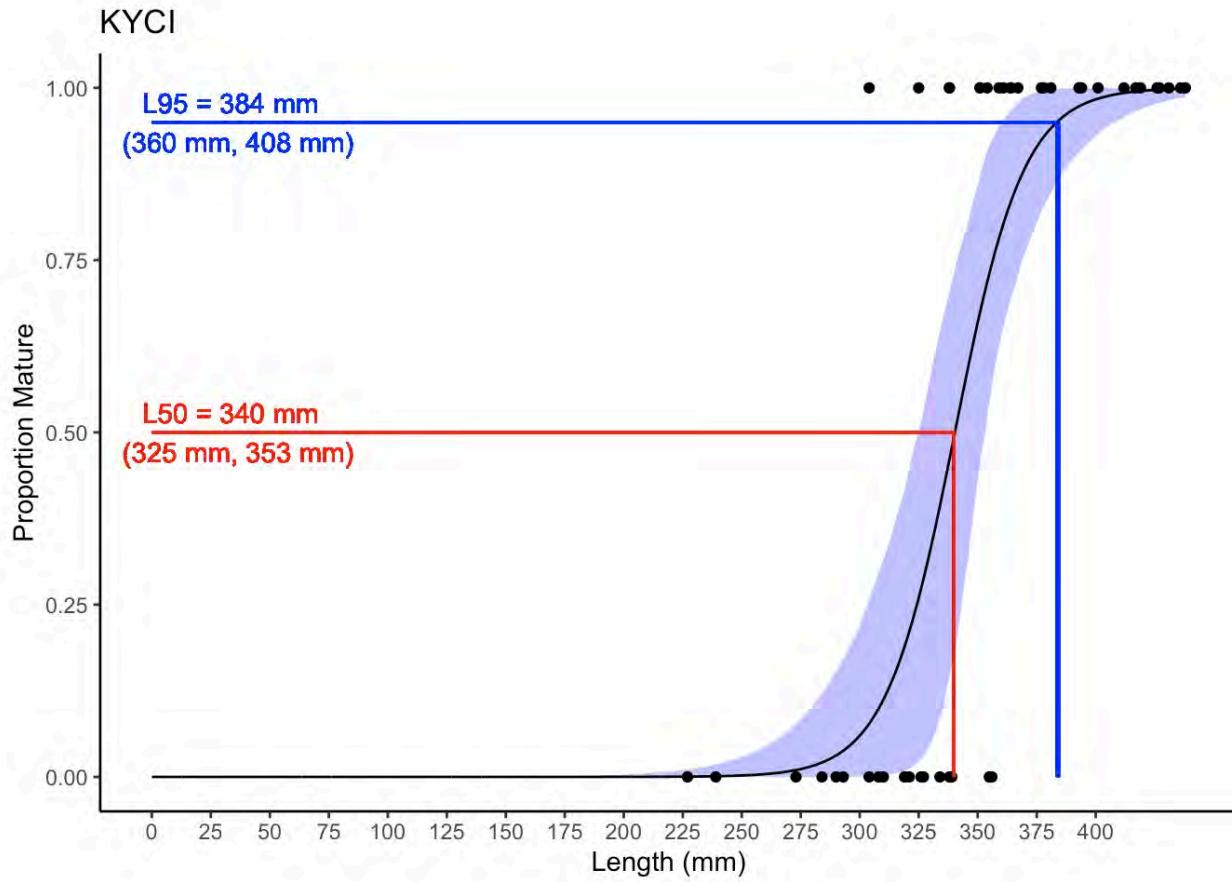
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## all individuals were used in the analysis

The plot below shows the results of the assignment with principal component analysis. The Red diamonds show individuals assigned as immature, while the green triangles show individuals assigned as mature. Body mass and gonad mass are both in grams.



The maturity ogive for males is shown below. Black line is the logistic estimate of the proportion of the population that has reached maturity at each fork length. Purple shading shows the 95% confidence envelope. Red line shows the length where 50% of the population is mature (L50), with the 95% confidence range of values given in parentheses. Blue line shows the same information for the L95. Black dots show each individual fish used for the input dataset.

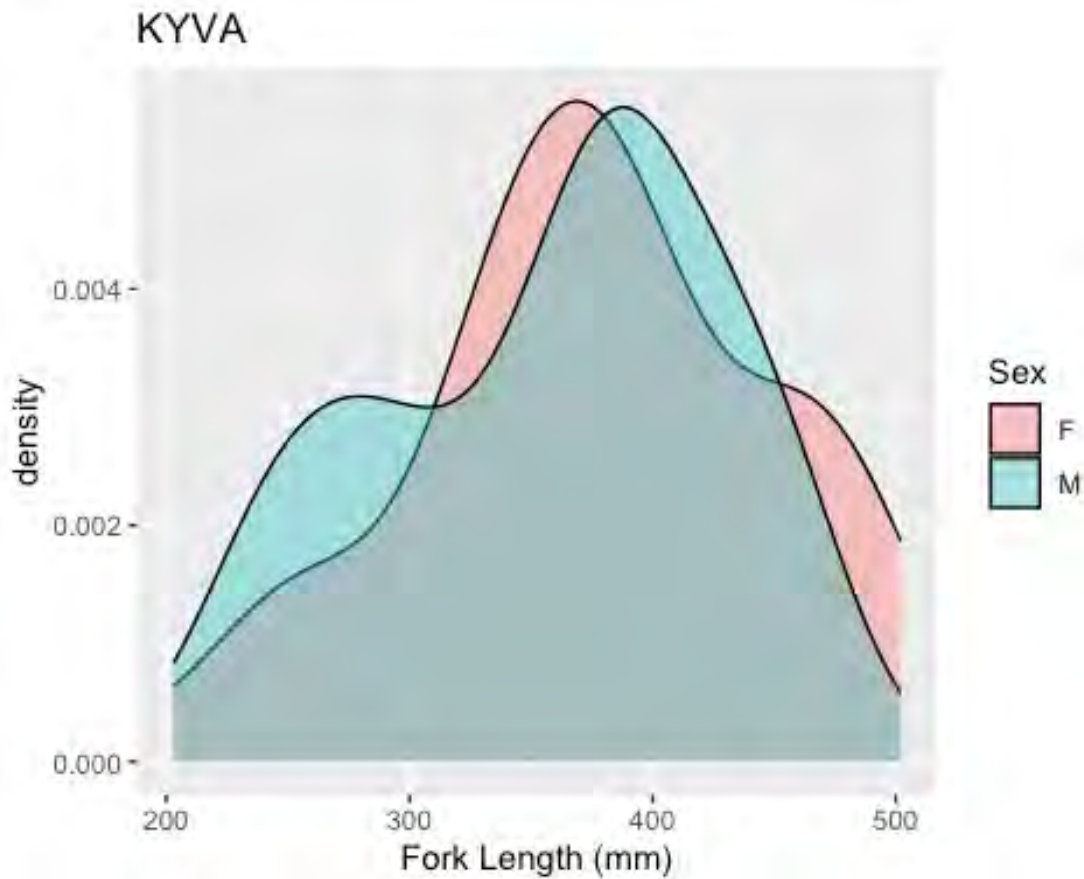


### 6.5 *Kyphosus vaigiensis*, lowfin chub



*K. vaigiensis* captured in O'ahu waters being measured and dissected.

The size distribution for females and males was as follows:

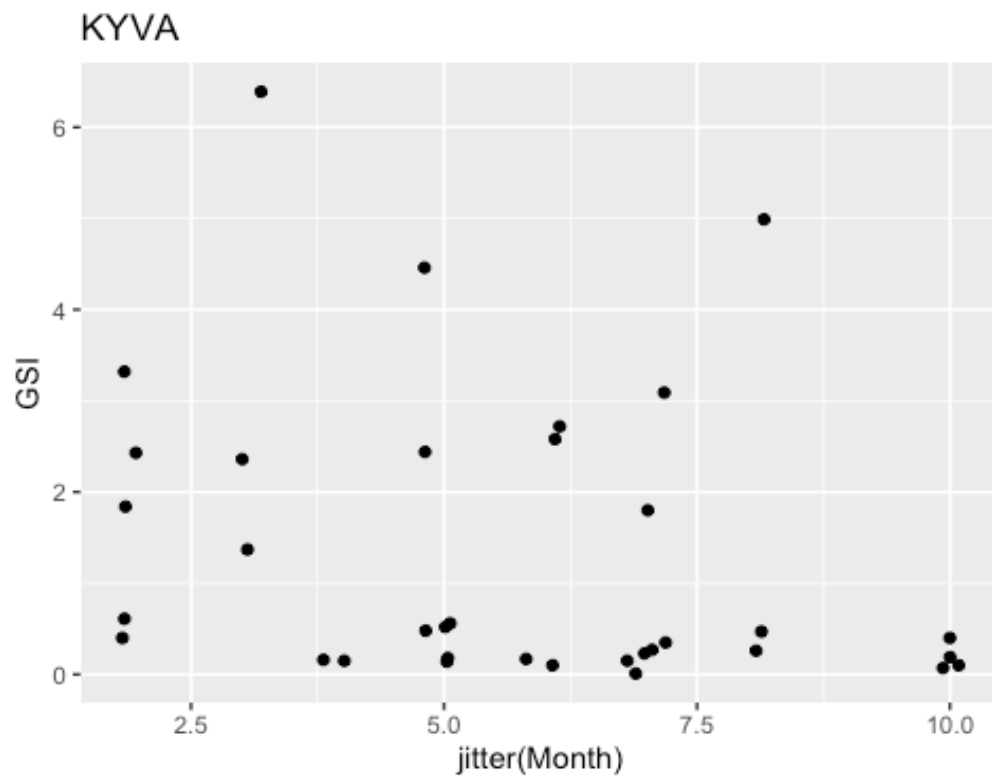
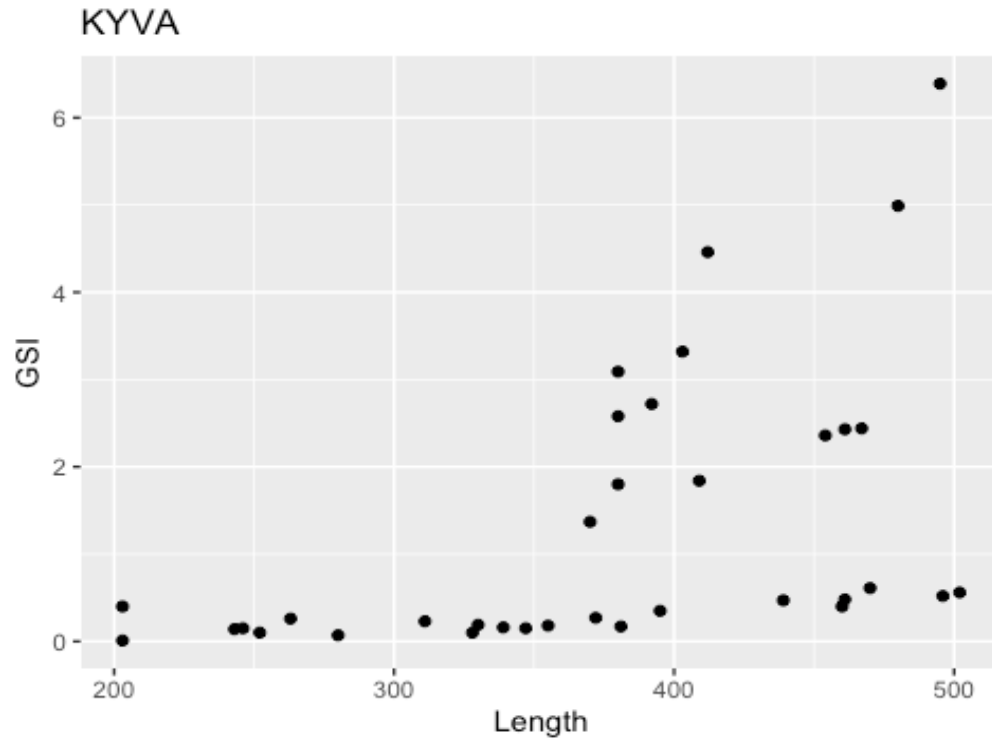


### 6.5.1 KYVA Females

In the table below, Length = Fork Length, Total = Total Length. Maturity was assigned based on oocyte stages (microscopic assignment) and appearance of ovaries (macroscopic assignment). 1 = mature, 0 = immature. Scatterplots are shown for the change in GSI with length, and the change in GSI with season of year.

	Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI	Maturity
1	10	Market	KYVA	203	230	F	200	0.799	0.40	0
2	5	Mokuleia	KYVA	243	282	F	338	0.466	0.14	0
3	4	Moku Manu	KYVA	246	276	F	396	0.595	0.15	0
4	10	Moku Manu	KYVA	252	290	F	353	0.349	0.10	0
5	8	Moku manu	KYVA	263	306	F	423	1.087	0.26	0
6	10	Kaaawa	KYVA	280	323	F	517	0.375	0.07	0
8	7	Market	KYVA	311	355	F	726	1.690	0.23	0
9	6	Market	KYVA	328	377	F	986	0.987	0.10	0
10	10	Kaaawa	KYVA	330	383	F	907	1.739	0.19	0

	Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI	Maturity
13	4	Rabbit	KYVA	339	384	F	976	1.607	0.16	0
16	7	K Bay	KYVA	347	369	F	1040	1.587	0.15	0
18	5	Market	KYVA	355	408	F	1091	1.920	0.18	0
21	3	Rabbit	KYVA	370	422	F	1187	16.260	1.37	1
22	7	K Bay	KYVA	372	427	F	1151	3.164	0.27	0
24	7	Market	KYVA	380	435	F	1267	39.112	3.09	1
25	6	Kaaawa	KYVA	380	424	F	1198	30.952	2.58	1
26	7	uppers?	KYVA	380	440	F	1261	22.717	1.80	1
27	6	Kaaawa	KYVA	381	427	F	1233	2.113	0.17	0
28	6	Market	KYVA	392	453	F	1453	39.485	2.72	1
29	7	K Bay	KYVA	395	450	F	1470	5.160	0.35	0
32	2	Market	KYVA	403	462	F	1719	57.000	3.32	1
33	2	Market	KYVA	409	470	F	1783	32.788	1.84	1
34	5	Mokuleia	KYVA	412	475	F	1635	73.000	4.46	1
36	8	Market	KYVA	439	503	F	2185	10.202	0.47	1
37	3	Rabbit	KYVA	454	512	F	2466	58.320	2.36	1
38	2	Market	KYVA	460	518	F	2516	9.939	0.40	1
39	2	Market	KYVA	461	510	F	2634	64.000	2.43	1
40	5	Market	KYVA	461	521	F	2167	10.401	0.48	1
41	5	Market	KYVA	467	527	F	2171	53.000	2.44	1
42	2	Market	KYVA	470	532	F	2540	15.535	0.61	1
43	8	Ala Moana	KYVA	480	543	F	2927	146.000	4.99	1
44	3	Market	KYVA	495	560	F	2897	185.000	6.39	1
45	5	Market	KYVA	496	568	F	2931	15.277	0.52	1
46	5	Market	KYVA	502	568	F	2733	15.177	0.56	1
47	7	Wainae	KYVA	203	229	U	243	0.026	0.01	0

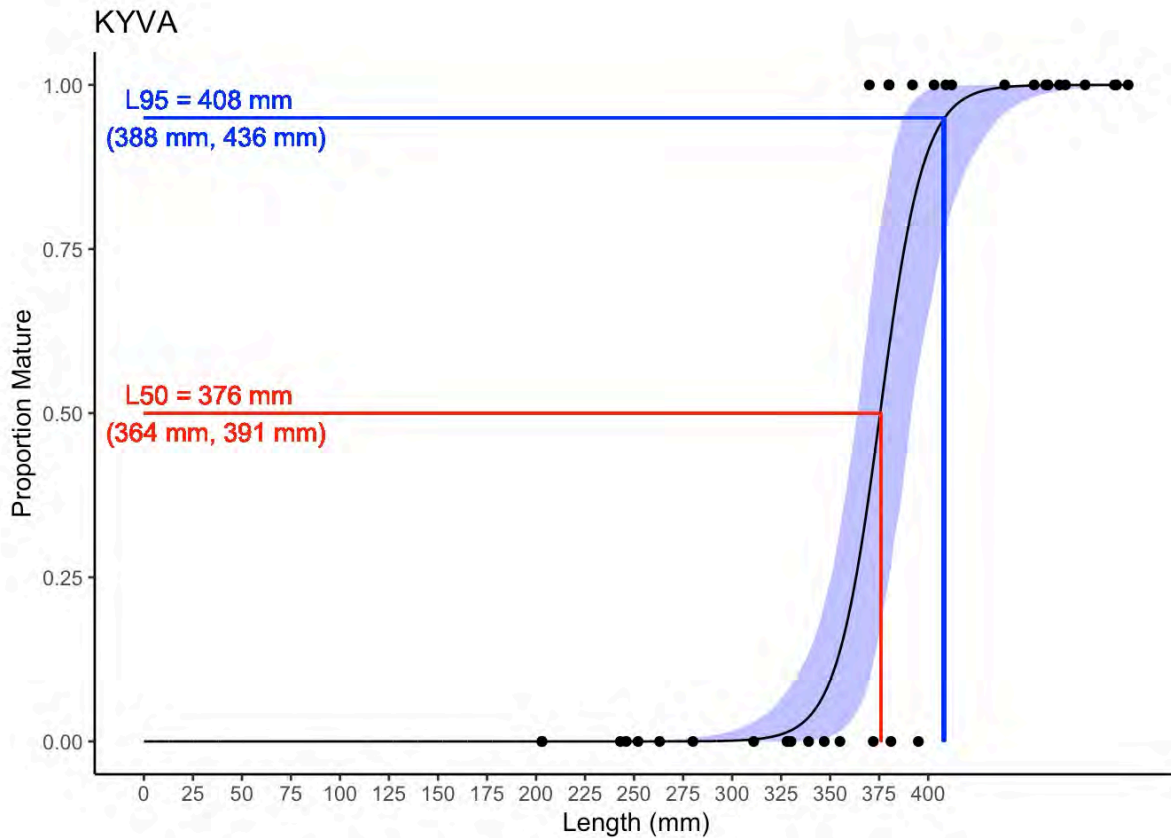


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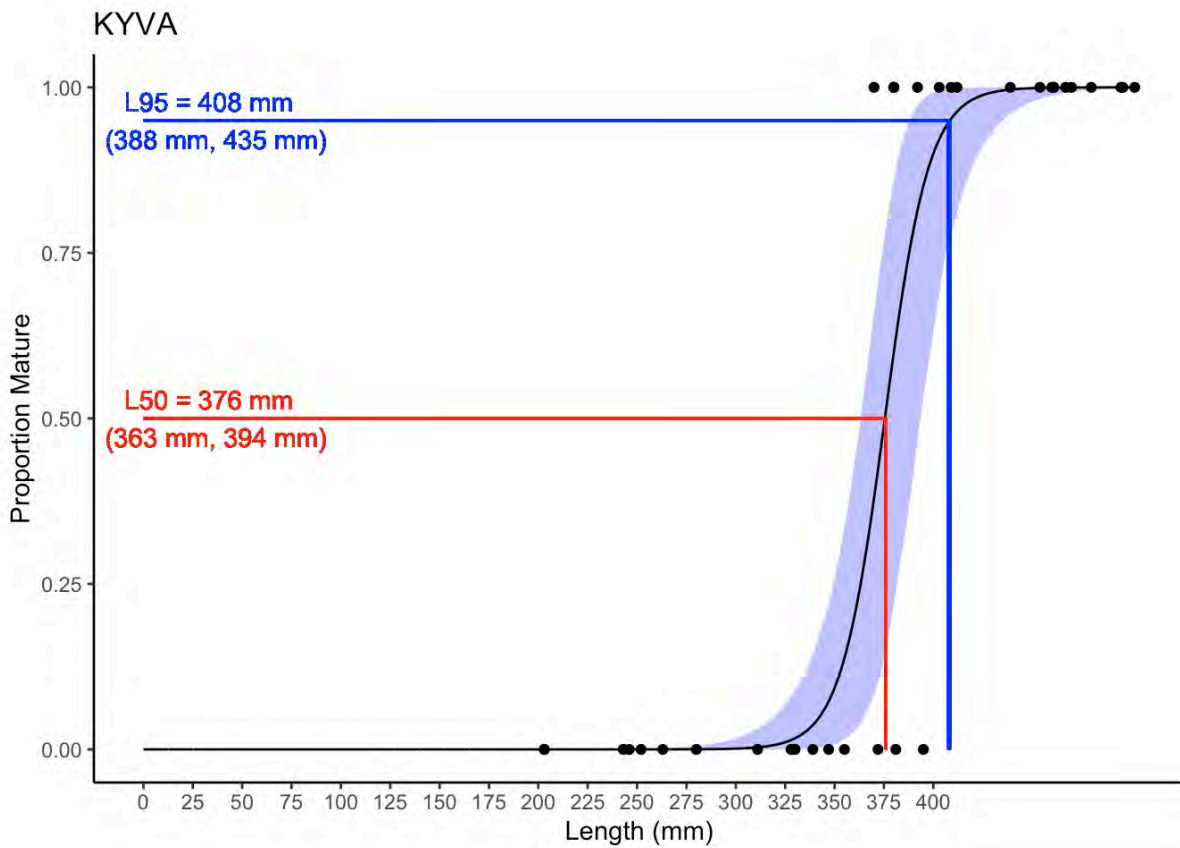
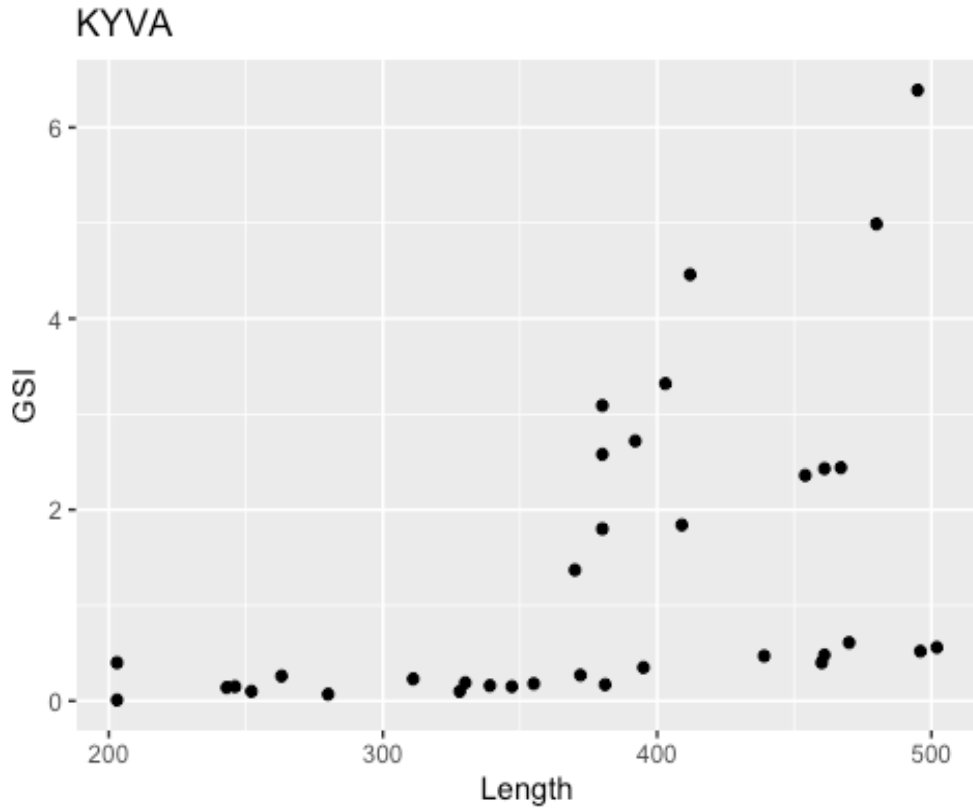
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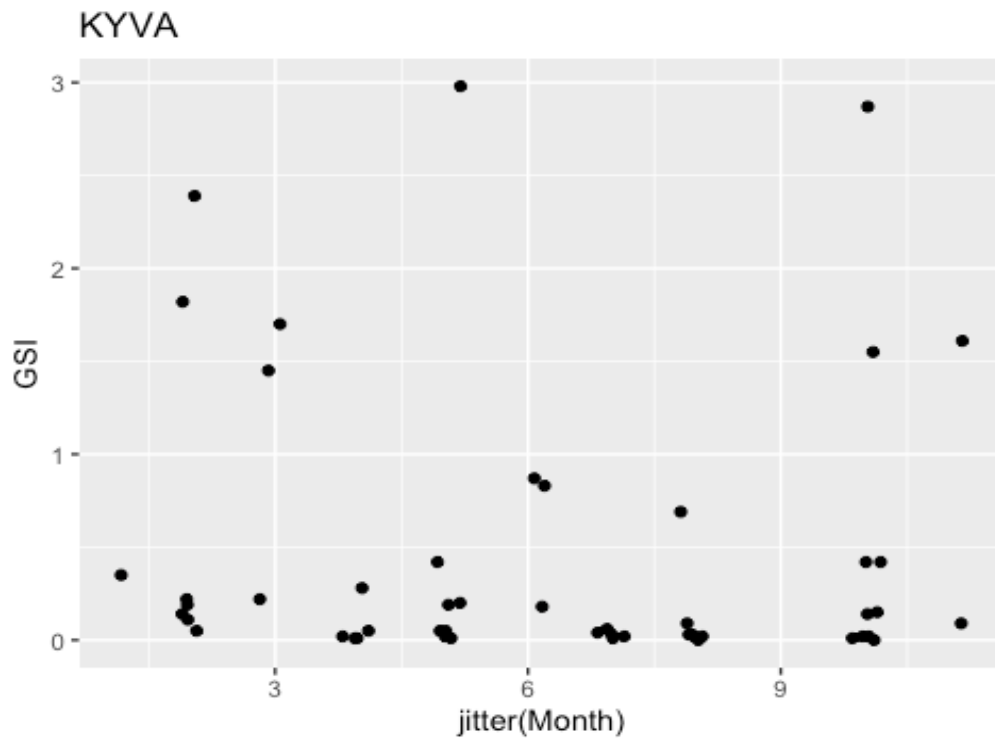
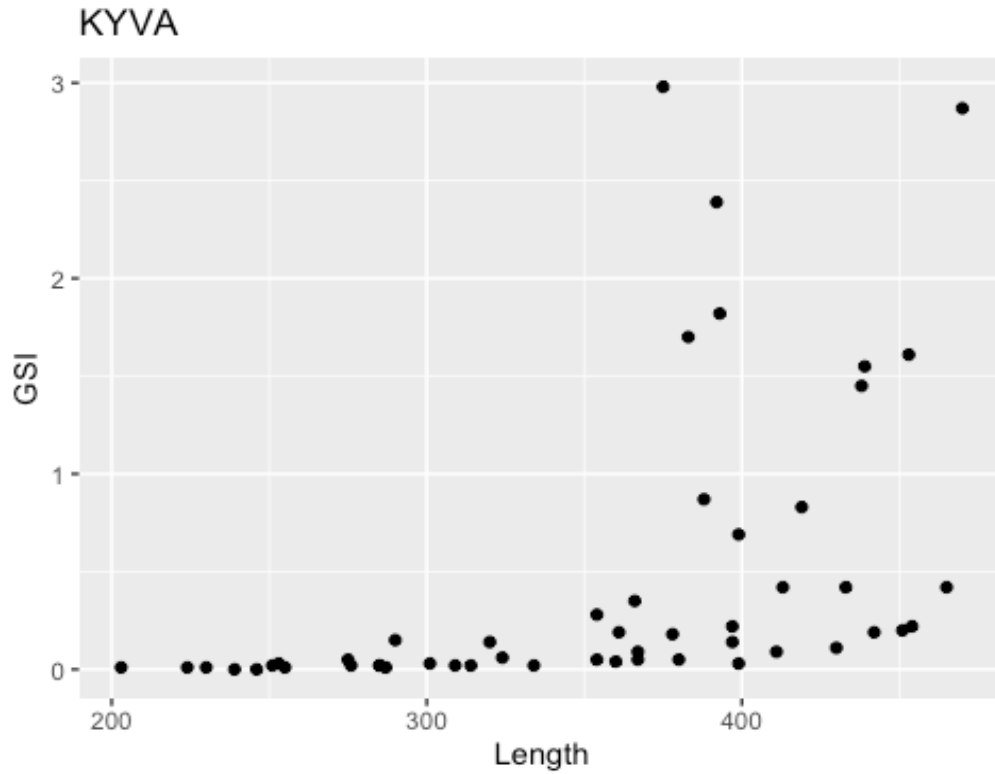


## 6.5.2 KYVA Males

In the table below, Length = Fork Length, Total = Total Length. For males it was not possible to conduct micro and macroscopic maturity assignment; histology would be necessary for this purpose. Therefore, maturity is assigned using a statistical approach, described below. Scatterplots are shown for the change in GSI with length, and the change in GSI with season of year.

Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI
5	Moku Manu	KYVA	224	258	M	272	0.0190	0.0100
4	Waimanalo	KYVA	230	270	M	229	0.0120	0.0100
10	Rabbit	KYVA	239	267	M	307	0.0150	0.0001
8	Market	KYVA	246	287	M	359	0.0001	0.0001
4	Moku Manu	KYVA	251	294	M	377	0.0770	0.0200
8	Moku Manu	KYVA	253	295	M	368	0.1190	0.0300
4	Moku Manu	KYVA	255	291	M	428	0.0590	0.0100
5	Moku Manu	KYVA	275	318	M	505	0.2410	0.0500
8	Market	KYVA	276	319	M	472	0.0780	0.0200
7	Kaena Point	KYVA	285	328	M	548	0.1120	0.0200
5	Mokuleia	KYVA	285	328	M	542	0.1340	0.0200
10	Kaaawa	KYVA	287	328	M	550	0.0770	0.0100
10	Market	KYVA	290	335	M	584	0.8610	0.1500
10	Moku Manu	KYVA	309	359	M	607	0.1090	0.0200
8	Market	KYVA	314	361	M	831	0.1970	0.0200
10	Kaaawa	KYVA	320	365	M	823	1.1660	0.1400
7	Market	KYVA	324	367	M	778	0.4410	0.0600
10	Kaaawa	KYVA	334	386	M	1032	0.1960	0.0200
4	Unknown (market)	KYVA	354	404	M	1144	0.6190	0.0500
4	NS	KYVA	354	396	M	921	2.6000	0.2800
7	K Bay	KYVA	360	410	M	1174	0.5120	0.0400
5	Kaaawa	KYVA	361	411	M	1206	2.2420	0.1900
1	Makapuu Wall	KYVA	366	415	M	1046	3.6520	0.3500
5	Market	KYVA	367	414	M	1318	0.6370	0.0500
11	Barbers Point	KYVA	367	418	M	1229	1.1390	0.0900
5	Moku Manu	KYVA	375	432	M	1208	36.0000	2.9800
6	Kaaawa	KYVA	378	423	M	1207	2.2260	0.1800
2	Red Can K-Bay	KYVA	380	436	M	1303	0.6660	0.0500
3	Moku Manu	KYVA	383	442	M	1283	21.7830	1.7000
6	Market	KYVA	387	444	M	1578	NA	NA
6	Market	KYVA	388	442	M	1448	12.6340	0.8700
2	Market	KYVA	392	445	M	1675	40.0000	2.3900

Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI
2	Market	KYVA	393	450	M	1445	26.3420	1.8200
2	Red Can K-Bay	KYVA	397	449	M	1357	3.0430	0.2200
2	Market	KYVA	397	455	M	1629	2.3090	0.1400
8	Market	KYVA	399	457	M	1530	10.5260	0.6900
8	Market	KYVA	399	452	M	1546	0.4960	0.0300
8	Market	KYVA	411	469	M	1606	1.4290	0.0900
10	Moku Manu	KYVA	413	468	M	1787	7.5420	0.4200
6	Kaaawa	KYVA	419	466	M	1560	12.8750	0.8300
2	Market	KYVA	430	492	M	2012	2.1140	0.1100
10	Market	KYVA	433	493	M	2002	8.3570	0.4200
3	Market	KYVA	438	501	M	2001	28.9700	1.4500
10	Market	KYVA	439	503	M	1876	29.0000	1.5500
2	Market	KYVA	442	507	M	2199	4.1110	0.1900
5	Moku Manu	KYVA	451	510	M	1941	3.9310	0.2000
11	MOKU MANU	KYVA	453	556	M	1957	31.5730	1.6100
3	Market	KYVA	454	519	M	2214	4.8640	0.2200
5	Turtle Bay	KYVA	465	531	M	1925	8.1400	0.4200
10	Market	KYVA	470	538	M	2333	67.0000	2.8700
7	Wainae	KYVA	203	229	U	243	0.0260	0.0100
7	K Bay	KYVA	301	345	U	610	0.1800	0.0300
7	K Bay	KYVA	362	412	U	1254	NA	NA
3	Rabbit	KYVA	395	452	U	1466	2.6970	NA



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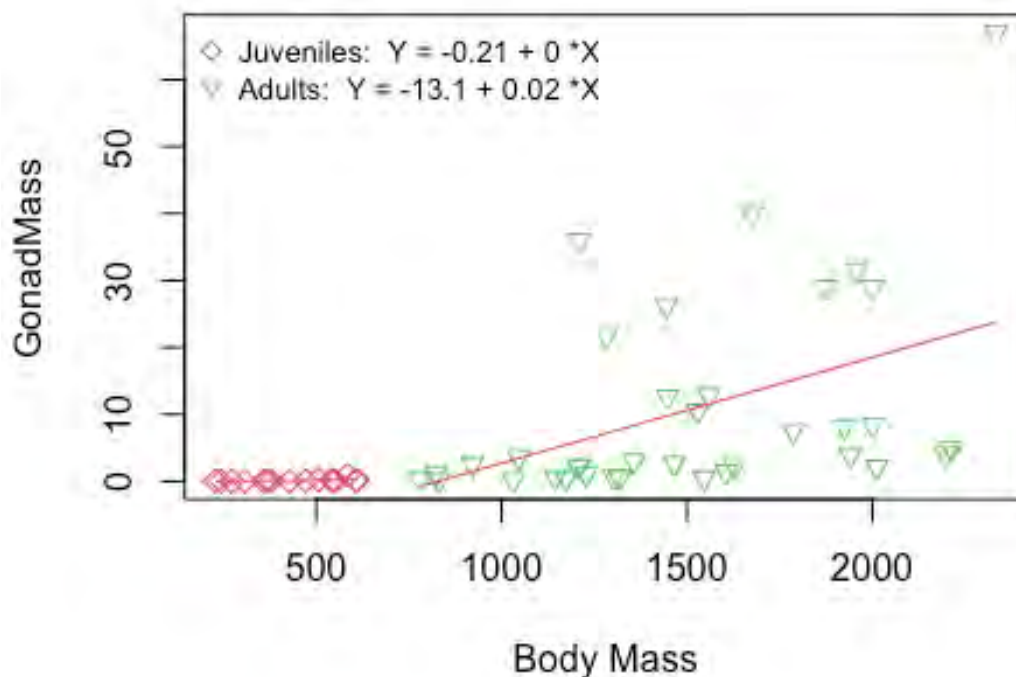
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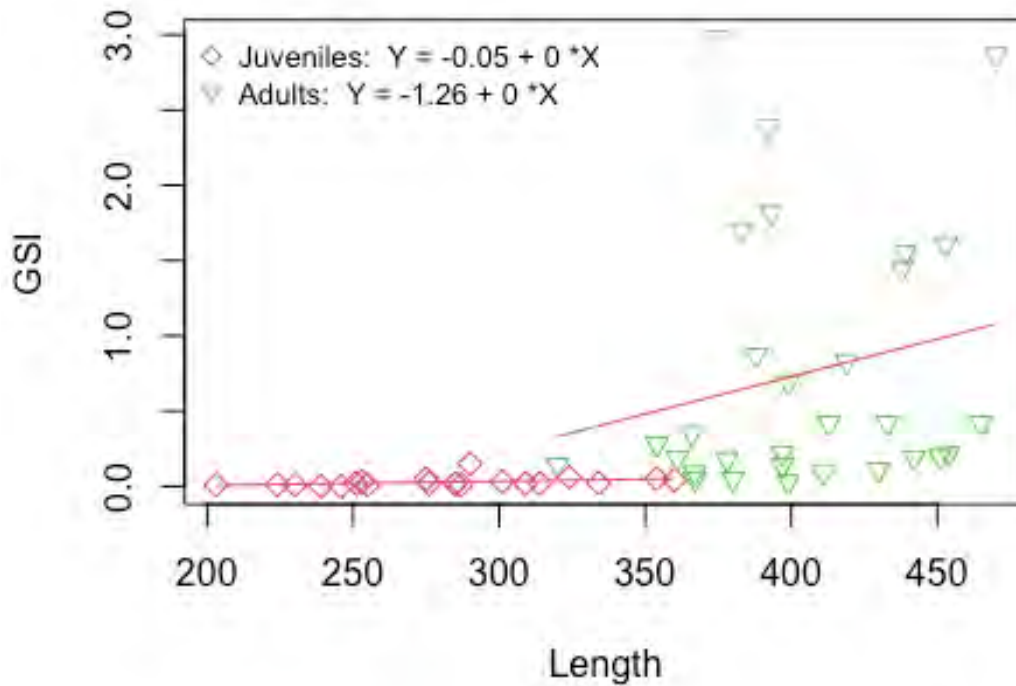
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The plot below shows the results of the assignment with principal component analysis. The Red diamonds show individuals assigned as immature, while the green triangles show individuals assigned as mature. Body mass and gonad mass are both in grams.

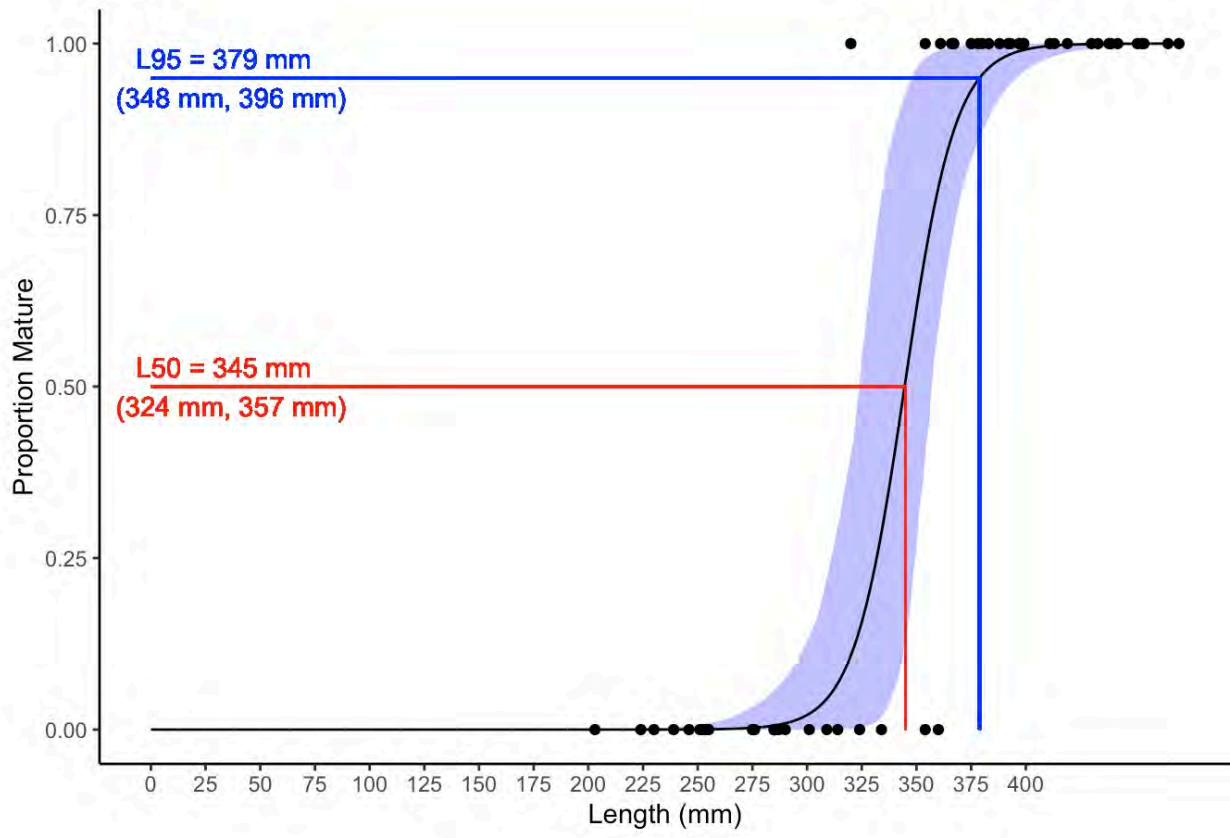


For *K. vaigiensis* the principal component method using body mass and gonad mass did not allow the logistic model to estimate the 95% confidence interval. Therefore we conducted the principal component analysis using length and GSI, which resulted in the following assignment.



The maturity ogive for males is shown below. Black line is the logistic estimate of the proportion of the population that has reached maturity at each fork length. Purple shading shows the 95% confidence envelope. Red line shows the length where 50% of the population is mature (L50), with the 95% confidence range of values given in parentheses. Blue line shows the same information for the L95. Black dots show each individual fish used for the input dataset.

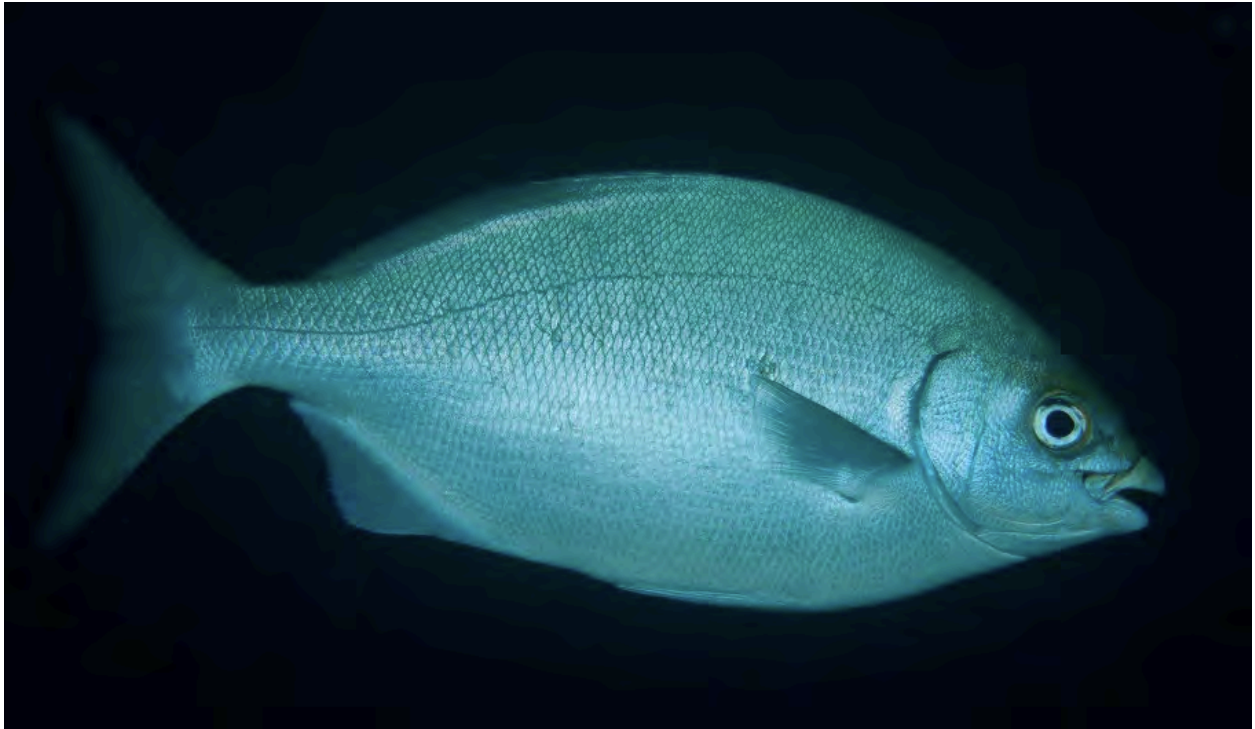
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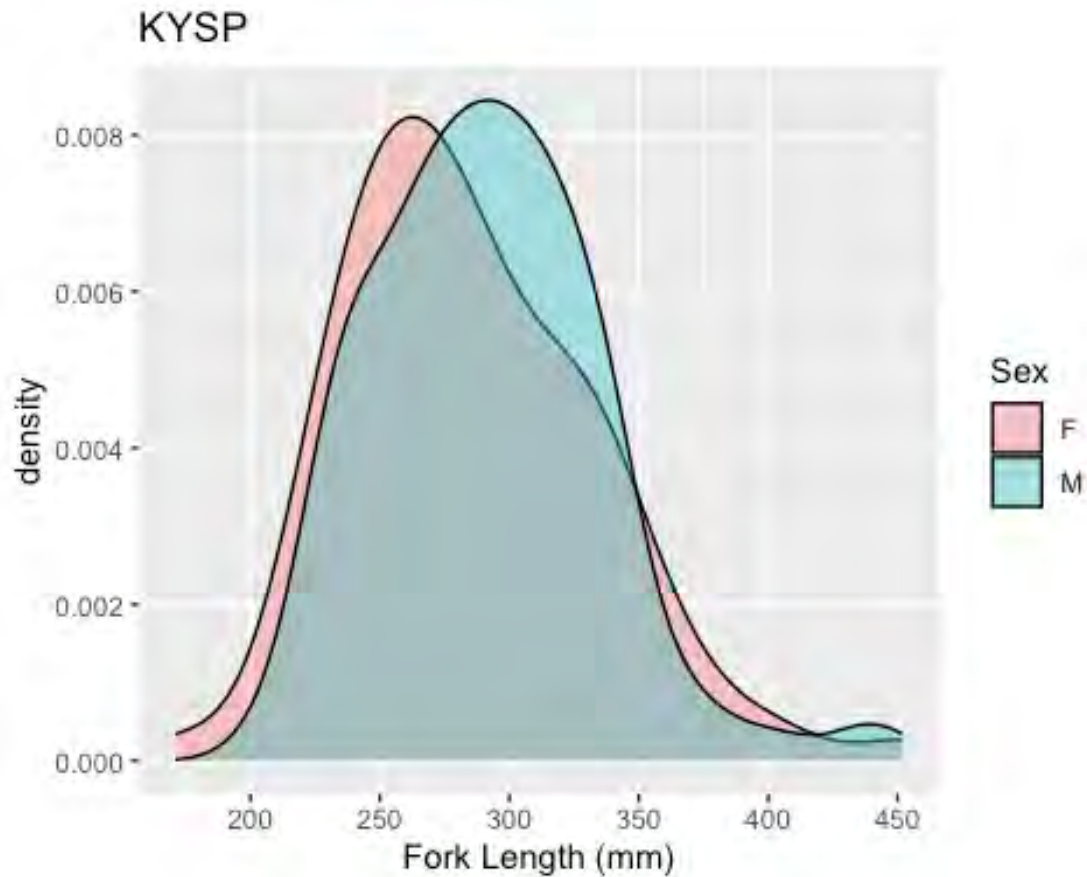
## 6.6 Group: *Kyphosus hawaiiensis*, *Kyphosus elegans* and *Kyphosus sectatrix*

Three Kyphosid species were grouped because species identification requires x-raying each individual and making counts of fin rays and other hard structures, which was not feasible.



*Kyphosus* spp. photographed in waters off the fire station at Pupukea, O'ahu. Photo: K Weng.

The size distribution for females and males was as follows:



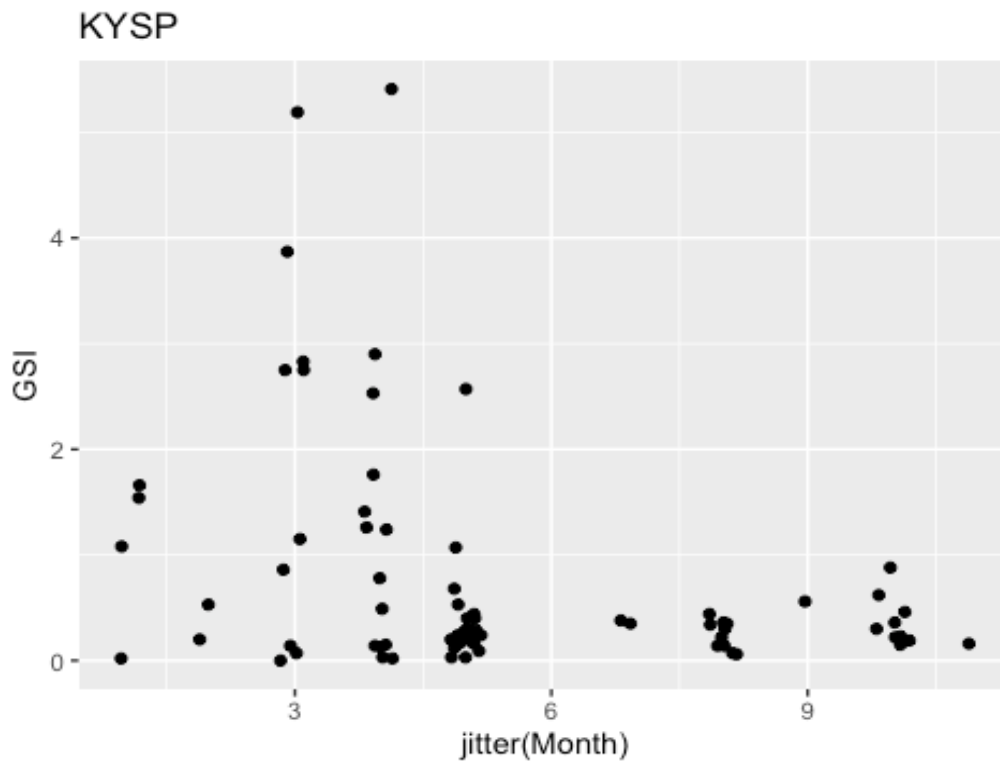
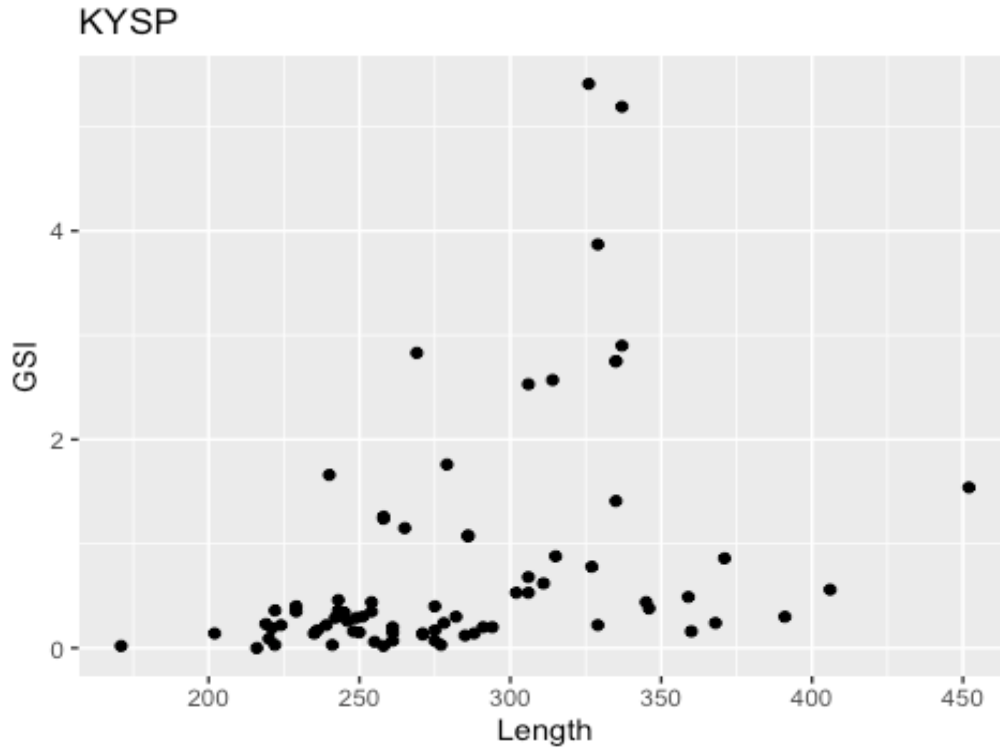
### 6.6.1 KYSP Females

In the table below, Length = Fork Length, Total = Total Length. Maturity was assigned based on oocyte stages (microscopic assignment) and appearance of ovaries (macroscopic assignment). 1 = mature, 0 = immature. Scatterplots are shown for the change in GSI with length, and the change in GSI with season of year.

	Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI	Maturity
1	1	Market	KYSP	171	200	F	129	0.032	0.0200	0
2	4	Moku Manu	KYSP	222	250	F	241	0.062	0.0300	0
3	5	Turtle Bay	KYSP	275	315	F	403	0.680	0.1700	0
4	5	Mokuleia	KYSP	275	317	F	627	2.477	0.4000	1
5	5	Turtle Bay	KYSP	291	334	F	420	0.853	0.2000	0
6	3	Moku Manu	KYSP	335	372	F	887	24.397	2.7500	1
7	4	Moku Manu	KYSP	202	234	F	221	0.302	0.1400	0
8	5	Moku Manu	KYSP	220	247	F	255	0.233	0.0900	0
9	10	Moku Manu	KYSP	250	282	F	334	0.505	0.1500	0
10	4	Rabbit	KYSP	258	301	F	428	5.387	1.2600	0
11	4	uppers	KYSP	258	290	F	358	0.075	0.0200	0

	Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI	Maturity
12	4	Moku Manu	KYSP	258	302	F	457	5.687	1.2400	1
14	4	Moku Manu	KYSP	261	294	F	527	0.779	0.1500	0
15	8	Moku Manu	KYSP	261	292	F	424	0.309	0.0700	0
16	5	Moku Manu	KYSP	261	289	F	518	1.015	0.2000	0
17	3	Rabbit	KYSP	265	308	F	429	4.918	1.1500	0
19	3	Moku Manu	KYSP	269	311	F	453	12.840	2.8300	1
20	4	Rabbit	KYSP	271	314	F	419	0.525	0.1300	0
22	5	Moku Manu	KYSP	278	312	F	535	1.275	0.2400	0
23	4	Moku Manu	KYSP	279	326	F	541	9.528	1.7600	1
24	3	Moku Manu	KYSP	288	320	F	542	0.735	0.1400	0
27	2	Red Can K-Bay	KYSP	294	329	F	699	1.368	0.2000	0
29	2	Red Can K-Bay	KYSP	302	345	F	686	3.640	0.5300	1
30	4	Rabbit	KYSP	306	345	F	746	18.903	2.5300	1
31	5	Moku Manu	KYSP	306	343	F	756	5.123	0.6800	1
32	5	Moku Manu	KYSP	306	346	F	787	4.164	0.5300	1
33	10	Moku Manu	KYSP	311	347	F	849	5.263	0.6200	1
35	5	Turtle Bay	KYSP	314	360	F	721	18.505	2.5700	1
36	4	K Bay	KYSP	326	352	F	686	37.105	5.4100	1
37	4	Moku Manu	KYSP	327	360	F	1061	8.268	0.7800	1
38	5	Moku Manu	KYSP	329	356	F	772	1.715	0.2200	0
40	3	Moku Manu	KYSP	335	372	F	887	24.397	2.7500	1
41	4	Moku Manu	KYSP	335	371	F	1057	14.864	1.4100	1
42	5	Mokuleia	KYSP	345	385	F	1037	4.550	0.4400	1
44	4	Moku Manu	KYSP	359	395	F	1214	5.988	0.4900	1
45	5	Kaaawa	KYSP	368	406	F	1384	3.273	0.2400	0
46	3	Moku Manu	KYSP	371	408	F	1387	11.920	0.8600	1
47	5	Mokuleia	KYSP	391	437	F	1489	4.526	0.3000	0
48	3	Rabbit	KYSP	216	246	U	225	0.001	0.0001	0
49	8	Moku Manu	KYSP	255	295	U	399	0.230	0.0600	0
50	5	Kahala	KYSP	360	410	U	986	1.610	0.1600	0
52	10	Moku Manu	KYSP	219	252	F	260	0.603	0.2300	0
53	10	Market	KYSP	221	259	F	273	0.525	0.1900	0
54	8	Moku Manu	KYSP	222	256	F	242	0.867	0.3600	0
55	8	Moku Manu	KYSP	224	257	F	253	0.554	0.2200	0
56	5	Moku Manu	KYSP	229	267	F	272	1.080	0.4000	0
57	7	K Bay	KYSP	229	263	F	261	0.912	0.3500	0
58	8	Market	KYSP	235	276	F	311	0.444	0.1400	0
59	5	Moku Manu	KYSP	236	276	F	316	0.550	0.1700	0

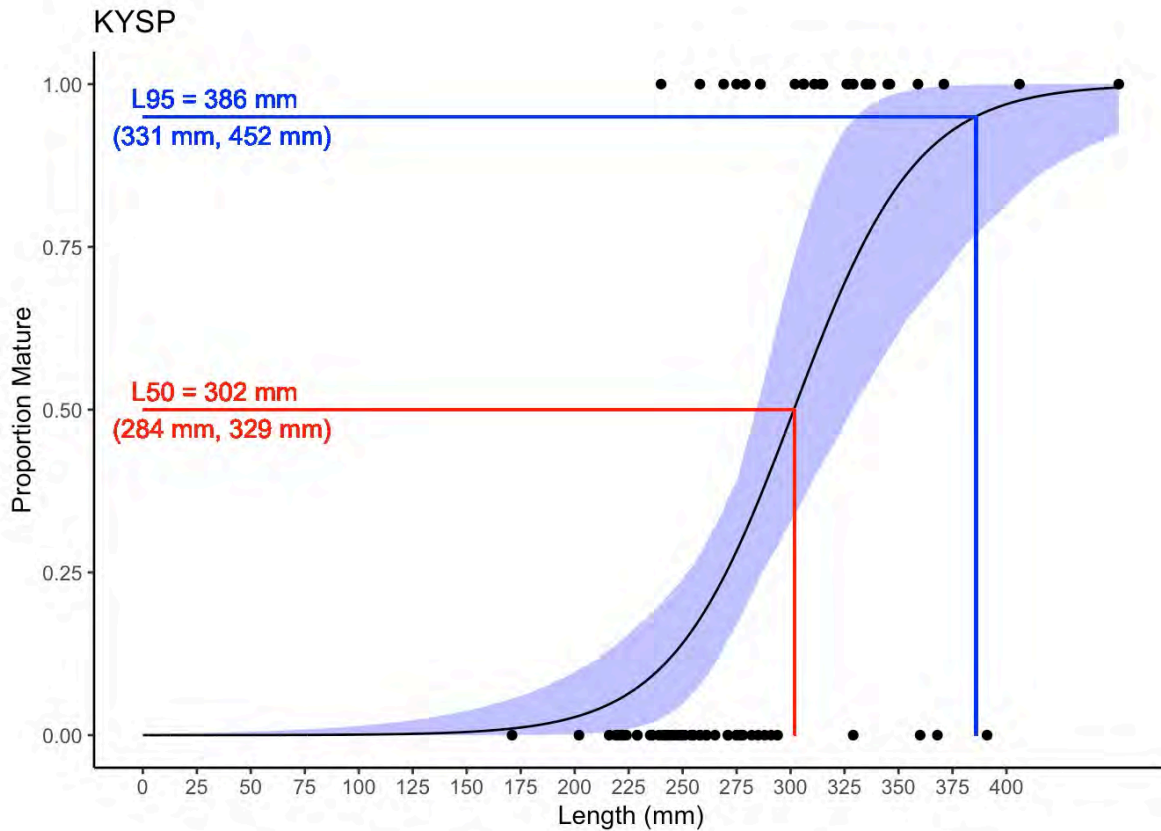
	Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI	Maturity
61	10	Market	KYSP	239	270	F	338	0.748	0.2200	0
62	1	Moku Manu	KYSP	240	279	F	325	5.391	1.6600	1
63	5	Moku Manu	KYSP	241	280	F	332	0.106	0.0300	0
64	5	Moku Manu	KYSP	242	280	F	264	0.760	0.2900	0
65	10	Moku Manu	KYSP	243	280	F	343	1.586	0.4600	0
66	10	Moku Manu	KYSP	243	280	F	330	1.181	0.3600	0
67	5	Moku Manu	KYSP	246	286	F	319	0.845	0.2600	0
68	11	Black Island	KYSP	248	288	F	345	0.567	0.1600	0
69	5	Moku Manu	KYSP	249	290	F	347	0.995	0.2900	0
70	10	Market	KYSP	251	242	F	420	1.241	0.3000	0
72	8	?	KYSP	254	292	F	331	1.457	0.4400	0
73	8	Moku Manu	KYSP	254	292	F	374	1.307	0.3500	0
74	8	Market	KYSP	271	309	F	426	0.579	0.1400	0
75	3	Moku Manu	KYSP	275	314	F	480	0.337	0.0700	0
76	5	Mokuleia	KYSP	277	323	F	533	0.153	0.0300	0
78	8	Moku Manu	KYSP	282	323	F	474	1.416	0.3000	0
79	5	Mokuleia	KYSP	285	382	F	540	0.641	0.1200	0
80	1	Makapuu	KYSP	286	327	F	496	5.381	1.0800	1
81	5	Moku Manu	KYSP	286	338	F	586	6.261	1.0700	1
84	3	Moku Manu	KYSP	329	376	F	852	32.950	3.8700	1
86	3	Rabbit	KYSP	337	395	F	990	51.425	5.1900	1
87	7	Malaekahana	KYSP	346	398	F	1135	4.280	0.3800	1
88	9	Market	KYSP	406	478	F	1651	9.238	0.5600	1
89	8	Moku Manu	KYSP	245	286	U	311	1.045	0.3400	0
91	10	Moku Manu	KYSP	315	347	F	853	7.472	0.8800	1
92	4	NS	KYSP	337	382	F	961	27.872	2.9000	1
94	1	Makapuu	KYSP	452	493	F	1981	30.517	1.5400	1



Once the maturity assignment is made for each individual, a logistic function is used to estimate size at maturity. The dataset is run through a general linear model with binomial error structure, using Length as the explanatory variable, and GSI as the response variable (R package: AquaticLifeHistory, Jonathan Smart).

Smart J, Chin A, Tobin A, Simpfendorfer C (2016). “Multimodel approaches in shark and ray growth studies: strengths, weaknesses and the future.” *Fish and Fisheries*, 17, 955–971.

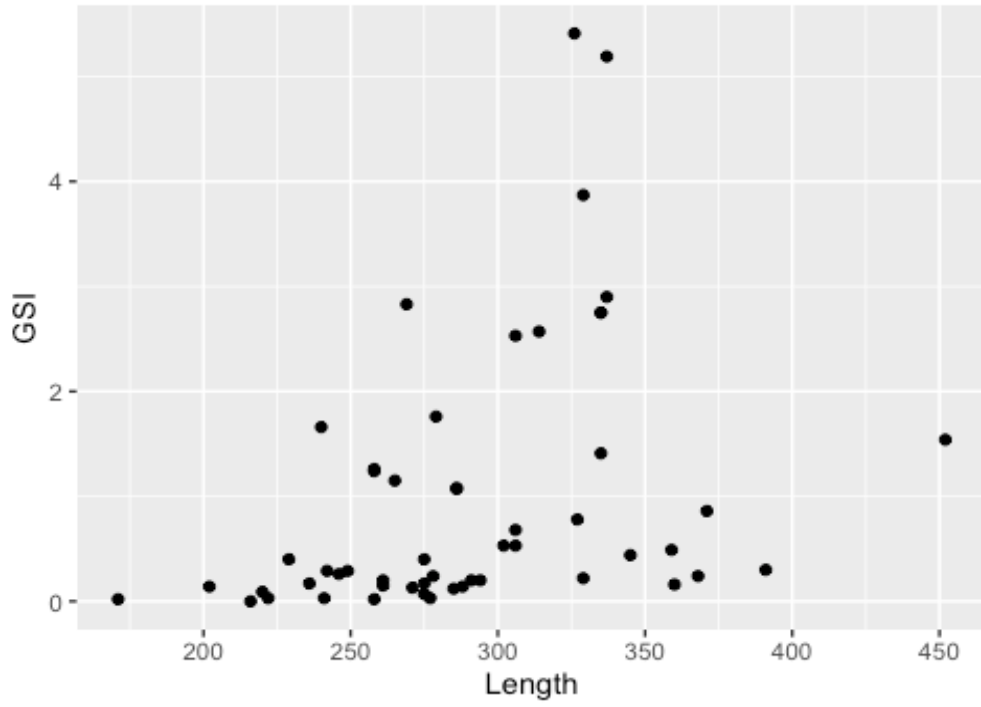
The maturity ogive for all females is shown below. Black line is the logistic estimate of the proportion of the population that has reached maturity at each fork length. Purple shading shows the 95% confidence envelope. Red line shows the length where 50% of the population is mature (L50), with the 95% confidence range of values given in parentheses. Blue line shows the same information for the L95. Black dots show each individual fish used for the input dataset.



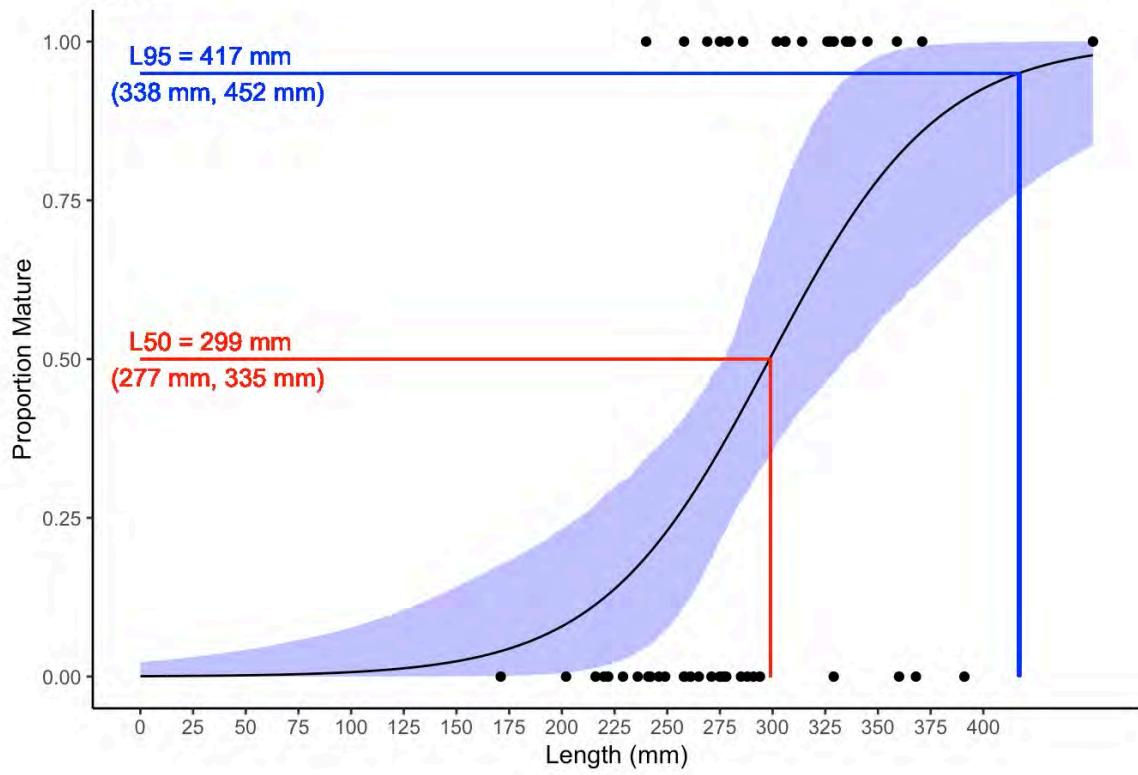
In temperate zones, fish typically have a short spawning season. This means that during the off season, large mature fish have small gonads and may not have developing and advanced stage oocytes. Therefore, estimates of size at maturity are generally conducted after excluding individuals collected during the off season. This means that any fish included in the analysis was collected during a month when investment in gonads and oocyte development was expected. In tropical and subtropical zones there may be less of a season effect on fish reproduction. In order to determine if there is a strong effect of season, we can look at a plot of GSI vs month. Those months with high GSI would be considered the spawning season, while low GSI months would be considered the off season. Off season months can be excluded, being months before 1 and after 5.

The maturity ogive for females from spawning months is:

KYSP



KYSP



### 6.6.2 KYSP Males

In the table below, Length = Fork Length, Total = Total Length. For males it was not possible to conduct micro and macroscopic maturity assignment; histology would be necessary for this purpose. Therefore, maturity is assigned using a statistical approach, described below. Scatterplots are shown for the change in GSI with length, and the change in GSI with season of year.

Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI
4	Market	KYSP	254	303	M	452	0.148	0.0300
3	Moku Manu	KYSP	297	349	M	583	0.673	0.1200
1	Makapuu	KYSP	310	360	M	840	3.088	0.3700
9	Market	KYSP	372	422	M	1469	5.627	0.3800
6	Moku Manu	KYSP	220	251	M	267	0.137	0.0500
4	Moku Manu	KYSP	229	262	M	381	0.175	0.0500
6	Moku Manu	KYSP	235	263	M	378	0.102	0.0300
6	Moku Manu	KYSP	237	271	M	415	0.335	0.0800
10	Moku Manu	KYSP	240	282	M	276	0.086	0.0300
4	Rabbit	KYSP	242	281	M	338	0.398	0.1200
8	Moku Manu	KYSP	242	274	M	353	0.141	0.0400
12	Outside K-Bay	KYSP	250	NA	M	702	0.454	0.0600
2	Red Can K-Bay	KYSP	250	288	M	391	0.222	0.0600
10	Moku Manu	KYSP	258	294	M	366	0.096	0.0300
3	Rabbit	KYSP	261	303	M	380	NA	NA
11	Kaena Point	KYSP	262	NA	M	414	0.316	0.0800
4	Moku Manu	KYSP	263	302	M	419	0.549	0.1300
5	Moku Manu	KYSP	264	296	M	468	0.379	0.0800
8	Market	KYSP	267	300	M	438	0.097	0.0200
3	Rabbit	KYSP	272	316	M	492	0.802	0.1600
12	Rabbit Island	KYSP	275	NA	M	467	0.189	0.0400
10	Moku Manu	KYSP	277	306	M	588	0.311	0.0500
1	Makapuu Wall	KYSP	279	323	M	487	0.293	0.0600
4	Rabbit	KYSP	280	311	M	613	0.717	0.1200
12	Rabbit Island	KYSP	282	NA	M	532	0.513	0.1000
8	Moku Manu	KYSP	282	315	M	552	0.350	0.0600
4	Uppers	KYSP	282	335	M	522	0.666	0.1300
2	Red Can K-Bay	KYSP	284	328	M	549	1.486	0.2700
4	Rabbit	KYSP	289	334	M	552	0.438	0.0800
6	Kaaawa	KYSP	290	326	M	509	0.394	0.0800
8	Moku Manu	KYSP	292	322	M	633	0.386	0.0600
10	Moku Manu	KYSP	294	335	M	515	0.263	0.0500
2	Red Can K-Bay	KYSP	295	338	M	572	0.830	0.1500

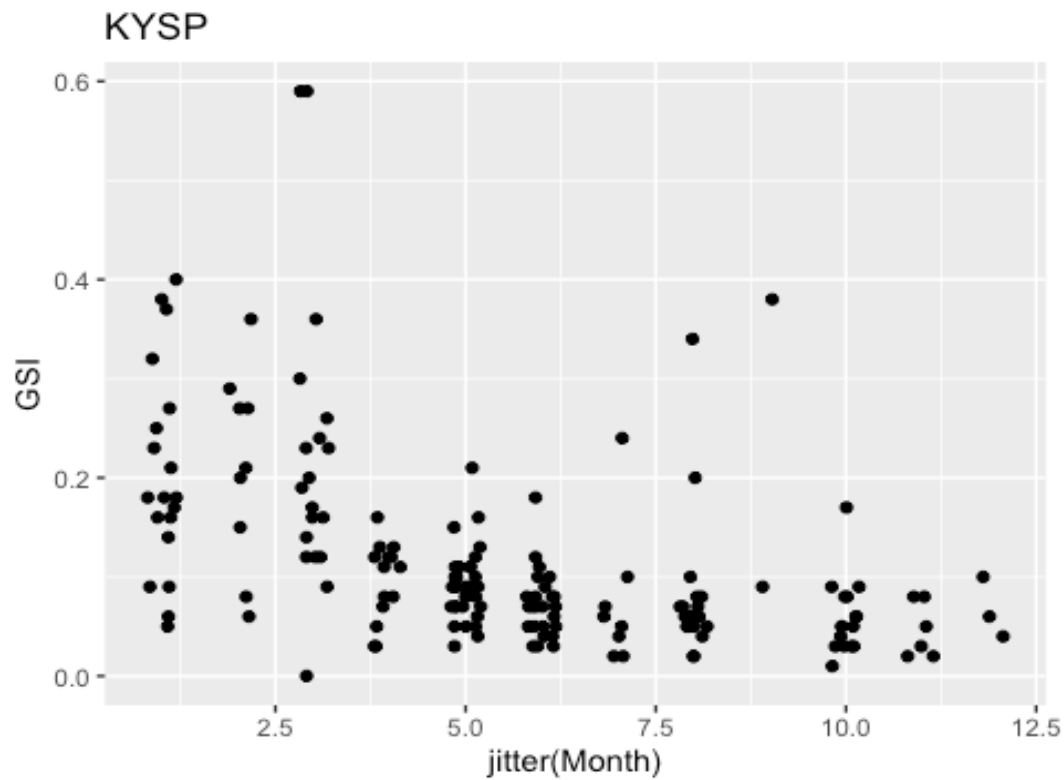
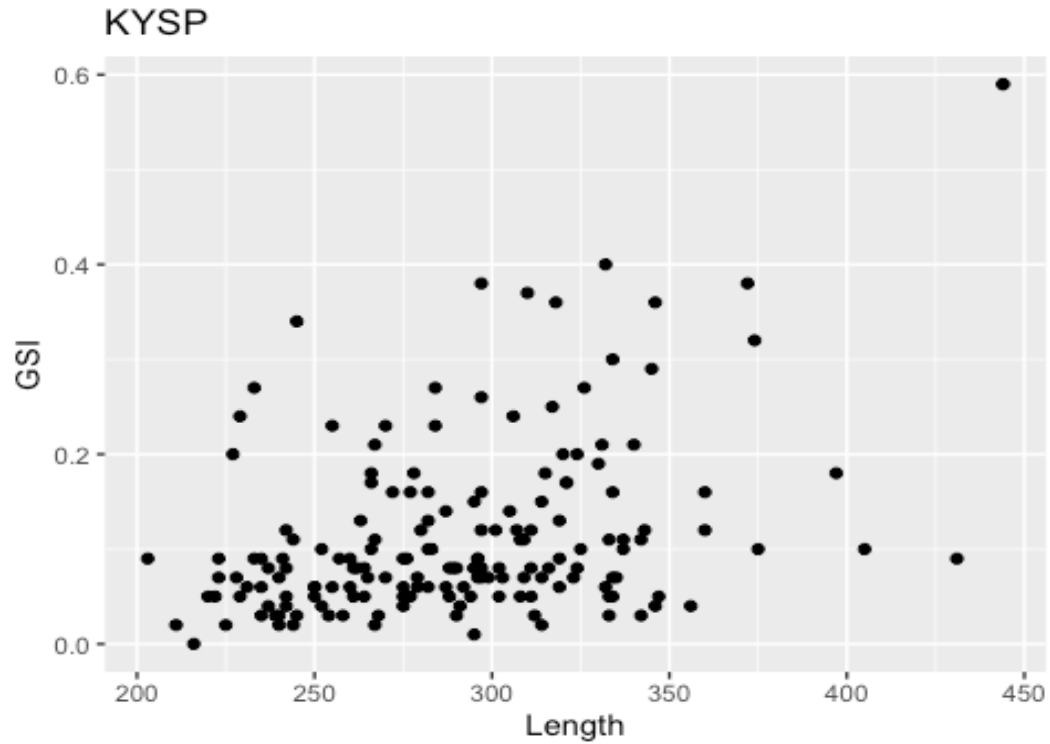


Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI
5	Moku Manu	KYSP	295	336	M	760	0.617	0.0800
6	Moku Manu	KYSP	295	325	M	624	0.485	0.0800
10	Moku Manu	KYSP	296	332	M	748	0.702	0.0900
10	Moku Manu	KYSP	296	327	M	726	0.683	0.0900
4	Rabbit	KYSP	297	345	M	568	0.905	0.1600
4	Moku Manu	KYSP	297	334	M	685	0.564	0.0800
6	Kaaawa	KYSP	299	343	M	566	0.372	0.0700
3	Moku Manu	KYSP	301	353	M	559	0.645	0.1200
2	Red Can K-Bay	KYSP	302	341	M	625	0.525	0.0800
4	Rabbit	KYSP	309	357	M	624	0.697	0.1100
8	Moku Manu	KYSP	309	346	M	666	0.464	0.0700
8	Moku Manu	KYSP	311	357	M	683	0.333	0.0500
3	Moku Manu	KYSP	311	343	M	796	0.924	0.1200
5	Turtle Bay	KYSP	314	363	M	705	NA	NA
5	Moku Manu	KYSP	314	352	M	840	1.276	0.1500
10	Moku Manu	KYSP	316	353	M	861	0.713	0.0800
3	Moku Manu	KYSP	318	361	M	733	2.603	0.3600
5	Moku Manu	KYSP	319	373	M	766	0.469	0.0600
5	Moku Manu	KYSP	319	353	M	828	1.052	0.1300
2	Red Can K-Bay	KYSP	320	365	M	771	1.575	0.2000
10	Moku Manu	KYSP	321	366	M	943	1.594	0.1700
1	Makapu'u	KYSP	321	369	M	793	1.317	0.1700
6	Moku Manu	KYSP	323	363	M	824	0.591	0.0700
3	Moku Manu	KYSP	324	365	M	821	1.648	0.2000
6	Moku Manu	KYSP	324	357	M	872	0.691	0.0800
2	Red Can K-Bay	KYSP	326	380	M	795	2.137	0.2700
2	Red Can K-Bay	KYSP	331	381	M	792	1.627	0.2100
8	Moku Manu	KYSP	332	367	M	877	0.562	0.0600
5	Makapuu	KYSP	333	372	M	908	1.027	0.1100
6	Kaaawa	KYSP	333	367	M	1047	0.335	0.0300
6	Kaaawa	KYSP	333	380	M	745	0.366	0.0500
3	Moku Manu	KYSP	334	384	M	697	2.058	0.3000
3	Moku Manu	KYSP	334	371	M	897	1.398	0.1600
6	Kaaawa	KYSP	334	376	M	775	0.395	0.0500
6	Moku Manu	KYSP	337	382	M	1011	1.073	0.1100
5	Moku Manu	KYSP	340	376	M	1141	2.355	0.2100
5	Moku Manu	KYSP	342	377	M	1052	1.114	0.1100
6	Moku Manu	KYSP	342	379	M	1185	0.316	0.0300
4	Rabbit	KYSP	343	381	M	969	1.143	0.1200

Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI
2	Red Can K-Bay	KYSP	345	394	M	914	2.638	0.2900
2	Red Can K-Bay	KYSP	346	394	M	878	3.194	0.3600
7	K Bay	KYSP	346	384	M	1142	0.419	0.0400
5	Turtle Bay	KYSP	350	410	M	931	NA	NA
5	Mokuleia	KYSP	356	391	M	1089	0.386	0.0400
6	Moku Manu	KYSP	360	401	M	1212	1.405	0.1200
1	Makapu'u	KYSP	374	411	M	1370	4.375	0.3200
6	Moku Manu	KYSP	375	421	M	1388	1.415	0.1000
6	Moku Manu	KYSP	397	434	M	1711	3.008	0.1800
9	China Walls	KYSP	431	482	M	2045	1.768	0.0900
3	Moku Manu	KYSP	444	493	M	1887	11.196	0.5900
3	Moku Manu	KYSP	444	493	M	1887	11.196	0.5900
3	Rabbit	KYSP	216	246	U	225	0.001	0.0001
8	Moku Manu	KYSP	255	295	U	399	0.230	0.0600
5	Kahala	KYSP	360	410	U	986	1.610	0.1600
6	Moku Manu	KYSP	297	350	?	652	0.447	0.0700
6	Moku Manu	KYSP	203	234	M	197	0.183	0.0900
7	K Bay	KYSP	211	244	M	221	0.047	0.0200
5	Moku Manu	KYSP	222	255	M	260	0.137	0.0500
8	Moku Manu	KYSP	223	263	M	337	0.230	0.0700
1	Moku Manu	KYSP	223	260	M	272	0.248	0.0900
8	Moku Manu	KYSP	225	261	M	244	0.053	0.0200
8	Rabbit Island	KYSP	227	258	M	248	0.500	0.2000
8	Moku Manu	KYSP	228	267	M	262	0.188	0.0700
7	K Bay	KYSP	229	264	M	277	0.670	0.2400
8	Moku Manu	KYSP	231	265	M	278	0.178	0.0600
5	Moku Manu	KYSP	233	268	M	285	0.251	0.0900
1	Moku Manu	KYSP	233	270	M	315	0.847	0.2700
3	Moku Manu	KYSP	235	279	M	288	0.256	0.0900
6	Moku Manu	KYSP	237	269	M	343	0.145	0.0400
5	Moku Manu	KYSP	240	278	M	309	0.226	0.0700
7	Rabbit	KYSP	240	277	M	271	0.052	0.0200
5	Moku Manu	KYSP	241	281	M	325	0.297	0.0900
8	Moku Manu	KYSP	242	279	M	380	0.285	0.0800
8	Moku Manu	KYSP	242	278	M	329	0.169	0.0500
11	Black Island	KYSP	244	288	M	334	0.068	0.0200
5	Moku Manu	KYSP	244	284	M	441	0.491	0.1100
5	Moku Manu	KYSP	245	283	M	342	0.102	0.0300
8	Moku Manu	KYSP	250	290	M	351	0.175	0.0500

Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI
5	Moku Manu	KYSP	252	289	M	378	0.362	0.1000
6	Moku Manu	KYSP	252	290	M	387	0.174	0.0400
3	Moku Manu	KYSP	255	293	M	420	0.960	0.2300
5	Moku Manu	KYSP	257	294	M	348	0.316	0.0900
7	K Bay	KYSP	260	300	M	455	0.287	0.0600
1	Makapuu	KYSP	260	301	M	378	0.339	0.0900
10	Moku Manu	KYSP	261	304	M	385	0.302	0.0800
1	Moku Manu	KYSP	261	304	M	425	0.218	0.0500
8	Moku Manu	KYSP	264	306	M	357	0.176	0.0500
5	Moku Manu	KYSP	265	308	M	428	0.289	0.0700
1	Makapuu	KYSP	266	309	M	488	0.860	0.1800
3	Moku Manu	KYSP	266	312	M	432	0.720	0.1700
5	Moku Manu	KYSP	266	307	M	409	0.423	0.1000
5	Moku Manu	KYSP	267	308	M	419	0.450	0.1100
1	Moku Manu	KYSP	267	337	M	753	1.596	0.2100
1	Makapuu	KYSP	270	315	M	435	0.983	0.2300
5	Moku Manu	KYSP	270	313	M	445	0.292	0.0700
10	Moku Manu	KYSP	275	317	M	509	0.310	0.0600
5	Moku Manu	KYSP	275	322	M	456	0.416	0.0900
6	Moku Manu	KYSP	275	315	M	514	0.268	0.0500
5	Moku Manu	KYSP	276	316	M	507	0.480	0.0900
5	Kaaawa	KYSP	276	324	M	501	0.271	0.0500
1	Makapuu	KYSP	277	316	M	473	0.745	0.1600
1	Makapuu	KYSP	278	319	M	459	0.841	0.1800
6	Moku Manu	KYSP	279	318	M	500	0.343	0.0700
1	Makapuu	KYSP	282	322	M	575	0.910	0.1600
8	Moku Manu	KYSP	283	326	M	585	0.559	0.1000
3	Moku Manu	KYSP	284	322	M	490	1.109	0.2300
1	Makapuu	KYSP	287	335	M	554	0.778	0.1400
6	Moku Manu	KYSP	287	333	M	572	0.353	0.0600
5	Mokuleia	KYSP	288	332	M	528	0.257	0.0500
4	Uppers	KYSP	290	335	M	494	0.160	0.0300
10	Moku Manu	KYSP	291	333	M	577	0.240	0.0400
5	Kaaawa	KYSP	296	339	M	641	0.480	0.0700
1	Makapuu	KYSP	297	343	M	584	2.210	0.3800
3	Moku Manu	KYSP	297	343	M	678	1.774	0.2600
7	Kaena Pt	KYSP	303	351	M	650	0.468	0.0700
3	Moku Manu	KYSP	305	349	M	572	0.773	0.1400
3	Moku Manu	KYSP	306	353	M	685	1.677	0.2400

Month	Location	Species	Length	Total	Sex	Mass	GonadMass	GSI
5	Moku Manu	KYSP	307	356	M	635	0.744	0.1200
7	Market	KYSP	308	355	M	690	0.326	0.0500
4	Sunset Beach	KYSP	308	335	M	653	0.688	0.1100
8	Moku Manu	KYSP	311	354	M	641	0.531	0.0800
5	Moku Manu	KYSP	314	362	M	654	0.489	0.0700
1	Makapuu	KYSP	315	363	M	722	1.280	0.1800
1	Moku Manu	KYSP	317	348	M	744	1.890	0.2500
5	Moku Manu	KYSP	319	370	M	655	0.611	0.0900
7	Market	KYSP	325	383	M	778	0.741	0.1000
3	Moku Manu	KYSP	330	381	M	855	1.667	0.1900
1	Makapuu	KYSP	332	385	M	911	3.606	0.4000
6	Moku Manu	KYSP	334	368	M	939	0.687	0.0700
4	Sunset Beach	KYSP	335	386	M	930	0.673	0.0700
5	Moku Manu	KYSP	337	394	M	899	0.889	0.1000
10	Moku Manu	KYSP	347	397	M	776	0.403	0.0500
6	Markets	KYSP	405	467	M	1730	1.786	0.1000
8	Moku Manu	KYSP	245	286	U	311	1.045	0.3400
8	Moku Manu	KYSP	284	333	U	559	NA	NA
10	Moku Manu	KYSP	235	266	M	323	0.182	0.0600
10	Moku Manu	KYSP	239	274	M	311	0.093	0.0300
10	Moku Manu	KYSP	268	299	M	536	0.157	0.0300
11	MOKU MANU	KYSP	288	326	M	493	0.393	0.0800
10	Moku Manu	KYSP	295	333	M	633	0.085	0.0100
11	MOKU MANU	KYSP	302	346	M	622	0.295	0.0500
11	MOKU MANU	KYSP	312	351	M	783	0.227	0.0300
11	MOKU MANU	KYSP	314	371	M	824	0.184	0.0200
11	MOKU MANU	KYSP	306	347	U	688	NA	NA



A Principal Component analysis is conducted on body mass and gonad mass (which together are the GSI), using R package sizeMat (Josymar Torrejon-Magallanes). This separates the population into two groups with different slopes of gonad mass vs. body mass, where the mature individuals have a steeper slope. This occurs because prior to the onset of maturity an individual is allocating

energy to somatic growth, whereas after onset of maturity it allocates a portion to reproductive development/output.

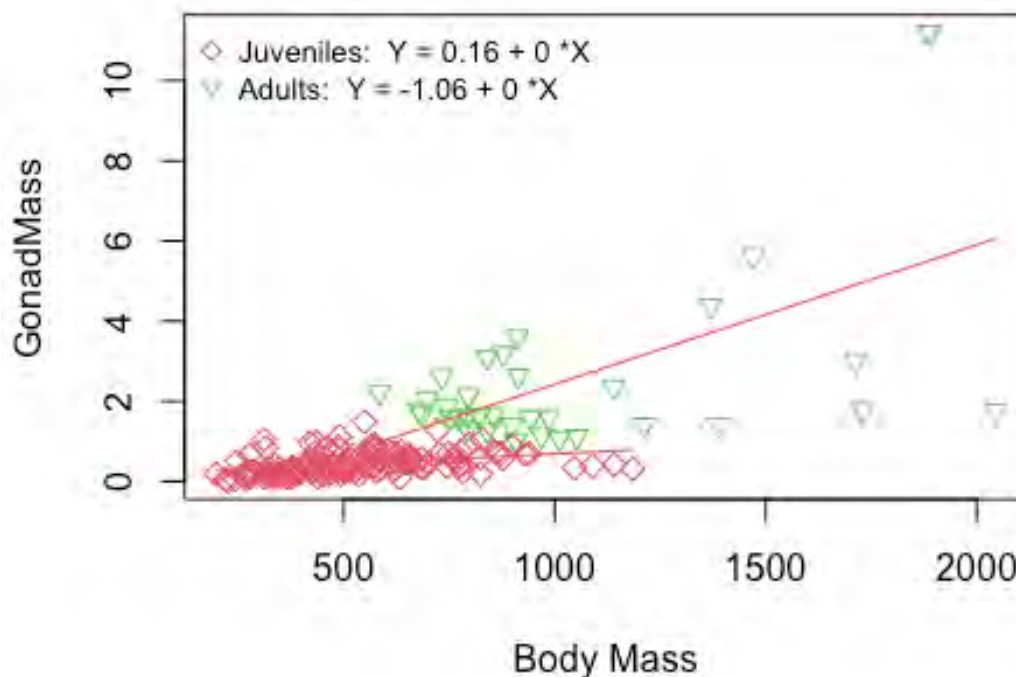
The method is used in other studies, e.g.,

Parvizi, E., Naderloo, R., Keikhosravi, A., and Schubart, C. D., 2017, Life history traits and patterns of sexual dimorphism in the freshwater crab *Potamon ibericum* (Bieberstein, 1809) (Decapoda: Brachyura: Potamidae) from the western Alborz Mountains, Iran: *Journal of Crustacean Biology*, v. 37, no. 3, p. 323-331.

Caill-Milly, N., Sanchez, F., Benito, D., Ruiz, P., Izagirre, U., and Briaudeau, T., 2023, Assessment of size at first maturity for *Ruditapes philippinarum* from Arcachon Bay (French Atlantic coast): New insights for fishery management: *Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science*, v. 285, p. 108321.

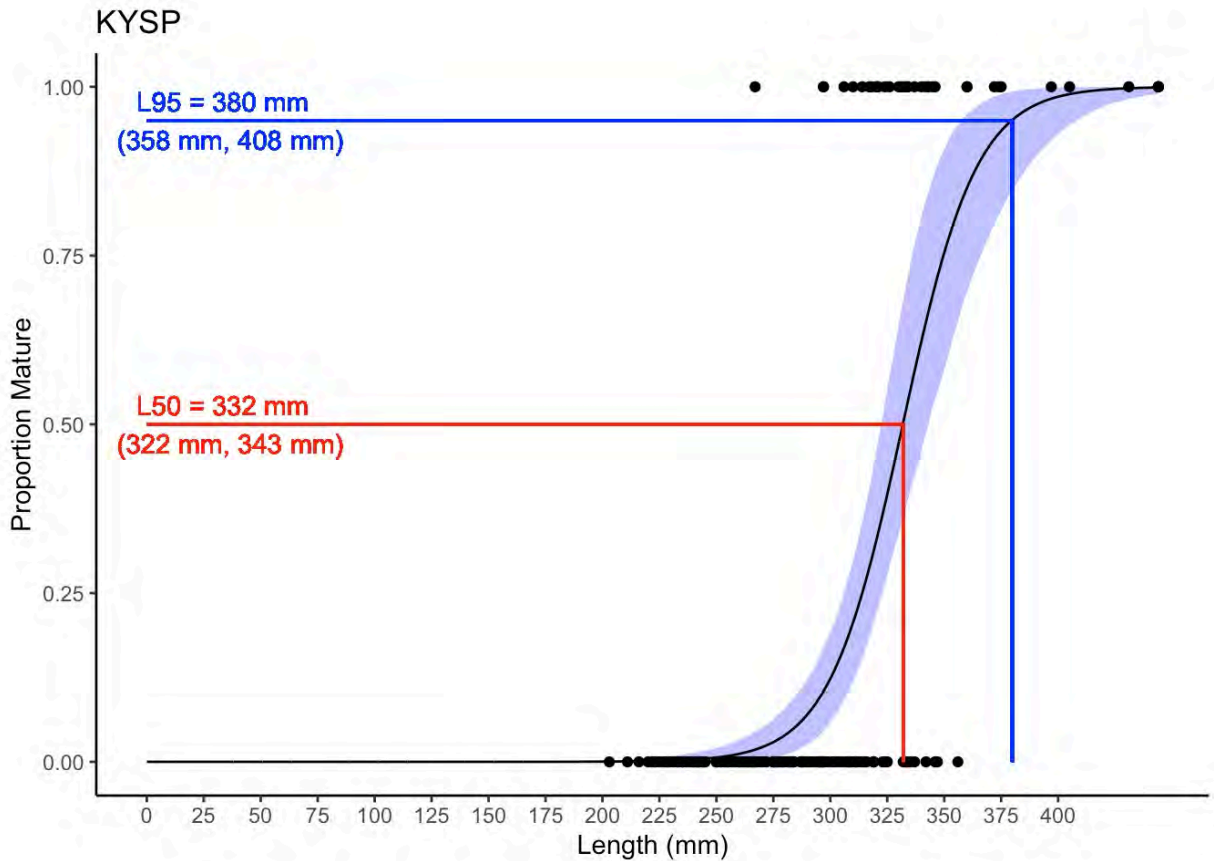
## all individuals were used in the analysis

The plot below shows the results of the assignment with principal component analysis. The Red diamonds show individuals assigned as immature, while the green triangles show individuals assigned as mature. Body mass and gonad mass are both in grams.



The maturity ogive for males is shown below. Black line is the logistic estimate of the proportion of the population that has reached maturity at each fork length. Purple shading shows the 95% confidence envelope. Red line shows the length where 50% of the population is mature (L50), with

the 95% confidence range of values given in parentheses. Blue line shows the same information for the L95. Black dots show each individual fish used for the input dataset.



## 7 DISCUSSION

This study has established life-history information for goatfish and chub species in Hawai'i based on sampled collected on O'ahu. Future research should include an analysis of age-length relationships using otoliths (Longenecker and Langston, 2008). In addition, analysis of diet from preserved digestive tracts may be helpful for understanding ecology.

### 7.1 Sexual dimorphism and L50 vs L95

The sexual dimorphism in *Parupeneus* goatfishes (males larger) means that the harvest is likely skewed towards males. In an effort to develop a size limit that is effective for the species, it may be most sensible to use the L95 for females or the L50 for males, which are similar. This would result in a size limit that prohibits take of nearly all females, which should be beneficial to reproductive output of the population.

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