

# Estimates of abundance and abundance trend of the sperm, southern bottlenose and killer whales in Areas IIIE-VIW, south of 60°S, based on JARPA and JARPAII sighting data (1989/90-2008/09)

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## ABSTRACT

This paper estimated abundance and annual abundance trends of sperm (*Physeter macrocephalus*), southern bottlenose (*Hyperoodon planifrons*) and killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) south of 60°S based on sighting data collected by JARPA and JARPA II (1989/90 - 2008/09). The estimates are calculated by standard line transect analysis methods using the program DISTANCE under the assumption that  $g(0)=1$ . Abundance and abundance trends of the species in the survey area was provided.

Species	Area	Minimum		Maximum		Abundance trend		
		Estimate	CV	Estimate	CV	Estimate	95%CIUL	95%CIUL
Sperm	III E	1,181	0.197	2,309	0.199	0.021	-0.041	0.082
	IV	1,358	0.192	4,106	0.255	-0.024	-0.062	0.013
	V	597	0.509	2,185	0.254	-0.039	-0.082	0.005
	VI W	101	1.008	736	0.214	0.066	-0.090	0.223
S.bottle - nose	III E	866	0.569	7,364	0.383	-0.018	-0.225	0.190
	IV	1,082	0.266	11,828	0.266	0.104	0.030	0.179
	V	893	0.447	6,729	0.269	0.077	0.013	0.142
	VI W	908	0.396	2,681	0.233	0.009	-0.099	0.117
Killer	III E	524	1.036	6,300	1.157	0.084	-0.096	0.264
	IV	2,268	0.489	14,374	0.185	-0.021	-0.087	0.044
	V	7,185	0.356	18,867	0.277	-0.011	-0.048	0.026
	VI W	943	0.593	4,066	0.350	0.043	-0.120	0.206

This paper provides, for the first time, abundance trend for these three toothed whale species in a large sector of the Antarctic.

**KEYWORDS:** ABUNDANCE ESTIMATE, ANTARTIC, SPERM WHALE, SOUTHERN BOTTLENOSE WHALE, KILLER WHALE, SURVEY-VESSEL, TRENDS

## INTRODUCTION

Since the start of modern commercial whaling in the Antarctic in 1904, substantial information has been gathered on the commercially valuable large baleen whales (Mackintosh, 1965), but the abundance and distribution of Antarctic Odontocetes other than the sperm whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*) have remained largely unassessed (Klinowska, 1991). The only toothed whale taken regularly was the sperm whale, and southern bottlenose (*Hyperoodon planifrons*) and killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) were pursued irregularly and in small numbers only (Mitchell, 1975; Kock and Shimadzu, 1994). Whaling of sperm whales in the Antarctic was banned in the 1979/80 season.

Kasamatsu and Joyce (1995) investigated the distribution pattern, abundance and  $g(0)$  estimates of Odontocetes in Antarctic waters using data gathered during Japanese sighting surveys and during the International Decade of Cetacean Research (IDCR) organised by the International Whaling Commission

Scientific Committee (IWC SC) (Matsuoka *et al.*, 2003). Data used by Kasamatsu and Joyce (1995) were from surveys conducted from 1976/77 to 1987/88.

IDCR and Southern Ocean Whale and Ecosystem Research (SOWER) surveys organised by the IWC SC had been conducted from 1978/79 to 2009/10 (Matsuoka *et al.*, 2003). Based on sighting data collected during these surveys, the abundance for sperm, southern bottlenose, and killer whales was estimated in the first circumpolar (CPI) (1978/79-1983/84), second (CPII) (1985/86-1990/91) and uncompleted third (CPIII) (1992/93-1998/99) series in the area south of 60°S (Branch and Butterworth, 2001b).

Another source of sighting information comes from surveys conducted by the Japanese Whale Research Program under Special Program in the Antarctic (JARPA and JARPAII). Abundance estimates of sperm whales and beaked whales based on JARPA data were presented by Matsuoka *et al.* (1998; 2005). Distribution pattern of beaked whales were examined using 1987/88-92/93 JARPA sighting data (Ohsumi *et al.*, 1994).

Information on the current status of toothed whales is important because they are placed in the highest trophic level in the Antarctic marine ecosystem (Kasamatsu and Joyce, 1995). This paper examined abundance and abundance trends of sperm, southern bottlenose, and killer whales based on JARPA and JARPAII sighting obtained in the period data for 1989/90-2008/09.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Sighting survey procedure during JARPA II

#### *Survey area and geographical stratification*

The main region for full scale research was Antarctic Areas IIIE, IV and V (35°E - 175°E) and Area V and VIW (130°E - 145°W) south of 60°S; each of these Areas was divided into smaller strata. Distributions of primary sightings of minke whales and of efforts in Areas IIIE, IV, V and VIW for each year are shown in Figures 1a-1d.

#### *Monthly coverage*

JARPA II research period ranged from the end of December to March in each year; regular research in Areas IV and V was concentrated in January and February in most years, which coincided with the peak period for migration of minke whales to their Antarctic feeding grounds (Kasamatsu *et al.*, 1996).

#### *Trackline design*

The trackline was designed to cover the whole research area and was followed consistently throughout the JARPA surveys (Figures 1a-1d). The starting points of the trackline were selected at random from 1 n.mile intervals on lines of longitude. Trackline way points (where the trackline changes direction) were systematically allocated on the ice edge and on the locus of points 45 n.miles from that edge in southern strata, and on this locus and the 60°S latitude line in the northern strata. There were two modifications in trackline design in JARPA II surveys considering the recommendations at the JARPA review meeting (IWC, 2008) to improve abundance estimation. One was that the saw-tooth type trackline for the southern strata was chosen to allow for wide area coverage in JARPA but was not chosen in JARPA II. Another is that northern and southern strata were surveyed in the same period (Nishiwaki *et al.*, 2014) to avoid temporal gaps that occurred in the survey period of southern and northern strata during JARPA II period.

#### *Sampling and Sighting Vessels (SSVs) and Sighting Vessels (SVs)*

JARPA and JARPA II were comprised of a combination of sighting and sampling surveys. Researchers searched for schools until a school was detected, and then proceeded to confirm its species and school size. The procedure they use is identical to that of a SV in closing mode (Nishiwaki *et al.*, 2006), except that once this confirmation has been achieved SSVs attempt to catch minke whales targeted within the school in terms of specified procedures (Nishiwaki *et al.*, 2006). In the JARPAII period, SSVs covered south of 62°S whereas SVs covered south of 60°S. Therefore sighting data obtained by SSVs was not used for abundance estimation in the period of JARPA II.

#### *Closing and passing mode*

Fundamentally, the survey protocols of JARPA and JARPA II follow those of IDCR (Nishiwaki *et al.*,

2006, 2014). A SV surveyed in passing mode (SVP) for the first 8 hours of the day and in closing mode (SVC) during the rest of the day. Therefore, the allocation of effort between passing mode and closing mode was systematic. In this analysis, the sighting data for SSV, SVC and SVP was grouped since it had a smaller number of sightings available for the species examined than Antarctic minke whales.

#### *Sighting surveys in 2009/10 and 2010/11*

Due to violent action by an anti-whaling non governmental organisation in the research area, the SVs and SSVs could not carry out the research on the planned track line in Area III East (35°E - 70°E), a part of Area IV (90°E - 130°E) and a part of Area V West (130°E - 132°E) in 2009/10 (Nishiwaki *et al.*, 2010). Due to violent action by an anti-whaling non governmental organisation in the research area, a sighting survey by SV was not conducted in 2010/11 (IWC, 2012). Therefore, abundance estimates in those years could not be estimated.

### **Analytical procedure**

#### *Correction of the estimated angle and distance*

To be able to correct for biases in angle and distance observations, experiments using a radar reflecting buoy were conducted by each vessel during each cruise (the experimental methodology is described in Nishiwaki *et al.*, 2006). Based on the data obtained, biases were estimated for each platform for each cruise. Linear regression models were used to examine possible differences between observed and true (obtained from radar) distances. In order to correct for such biases, the estimated distance was divided by the estimated slope of a regression through the origin if this slope differed significantly from 1 at the 5% level. The estimated factors in 1989/90 -2008/09 seasons are shown in Table 1. A similar approach was used for angles. More details of the methodology may be found in Branch and Butterworth (2001a).

#### *Truncation distance*

The conventional truncation distance for perpendicular distances of sightings that is used for Antarctic minke whales is 1.5 n.miles (Branch and Butterworth, 2001a; Hakamada *et al.*, in press). However, because of their larger bodies and blow sizes, sperm whales can be seen much further from vessels than Antarctic minke whales. The rule of thumb advocated in Buckland *et al.* (2001), of truncating to exclude about 5% of the data, is therefore applied as in Branch and Butterworth (2001b). Accordingly the perpendicular distance distributions were truncated at 3.0 n. miles for sperm whales, and 2.0 n. miles for southern bottlenose and killer whales.

#### *Smearing parameters*

Smearing parameters were calculated for each cruise to make allowance for errors in estimates of distances and angles. The method used is the same in Branch and Butterworth (2001b). The sightings data is smeared before their truncation to give  $n$ , and then used in the estimation of the effective search half-width ( $esw$ ) and the mean school size ( $E(s)$ ) for input into equation (1). Radial distance and angle data were smeared in the conventional manner by using Method II of Buckland and Anganuzzi (1988) and then grouped into intervals of 0.3 n. miles (sperm whale) and 0.2 n. miles (southern bottlenose and killer whales) for estimating  $esw$  values. For Antarctic minke whales, smearing parameters are conventionally estimated separately for each stratum from the data. (Branch and Butterworth 2001a; Hakamada *et al.*, in press) However, due to the lower number of sightings of these whales, pooling was necessary here to obtain robust estimates from the Buckland and Anganuzzi method. The smearing parameter values reported in Table 2 were thus obtained for each species during JARPA and JARPA II cruises.

#### *Abundance estimation*

The methodology for abundance estimation used in this study is described by Branch and Butterworth (2001a, 2001b), and has been termed the “standard methodology” in the IWC-SC. The program DISTANCE ver6.0 (Thomas *et al.*, 2010) was used to provide abundance estimates. The following equation was used for abundance estimation in each stratum:

$$P = \frac{AE(s)n}{2wL}, \quad (1)$$

where

$P$  is the abundance in numbers as estimated,

$A$  is the open ocean area of the stratum,

$E(s)$  is the estimated mean school size,

$n$  is the number of primary sightings of schools,

$w$  is the effective search half-width (esw) for schools and

$L$  is the primary search effort.

In order to estimate esw for each species, hazard-rate model was used. Only primary sightings made during closing mode for schools with a confirmed size are used to estimate mean school size for each species. Regression method in Buckland *et al* (1993; 2001) was applied to estimate mean school size.

#### *Abundance trend estimation*

Regression model was applied to estimate abundance trend as follows;

$$\log(P_y) = a + by \quad (2)$$

where

$P_y$  is the abundance estimate in year  $y$ .

$a$  is intercept,

$b$  is abundance trend estimate.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

### **Primary search distance and**

Search effort for each stratum, size of survey area and the numbers of primary sightings (after truncation and smearing) for sperm, southern bottlenose and killer whales were shown in Table 3. These statistics were used for abundance estimates for each Management Area.

### **Effective half search width and mean school size**

Table 4 shows esw and mean school size estimate. Figure 2 shows the detection probability functions in relation to perpendicular distance from the trackline in nautical miles that were used for the analyses for each species. The figure suggests the model seemed fit the data. School size of sperm whales is nearly 1 whereas that of killer whales and its CV is larger than other whales examined in this paper. Most sperm whales detected were solitary schools during JARPA and JARPA II surveys.

### **Abundance estimate**

#### *Sperm whale*

Table 5 shows abundance estimates for sperm whale in each Area. Abundance estimates for Area III range from 1,181 (CV=0.197) in 1995/96 to 2,309 (CV=0.199) in 2001/02. Those for Area IV range from 1,358 (CV=0.192) in 2003/04 to 4,106 (CV = 0.255) in 1989/90. Those for Area V range from 597 (CV=0.509) in 2006/07 to 2,185 (CV=0.254) in 1990/91. Those for Area VI range from 101 (CV=1.008) in 1998/99 to 737 (CV=0.214) in 2004/05. Given the diving behavior of sperm whales,  $g(0)$  is considered to be much smaller than 1 for this species. Therefore the assumption of  $g(0)=1$  would cause an underestimate of the abundance estimates. Kasamatsu and Joyce (1995) estimated  $g(0)$  for sperm whales, as 0.32 (CV=0.11). Correcting abundance estimates in Table 5 by this  $g(0)$  estimates are shown in Table 6. Further investigation of  $g(0)$  for this species would improve the abundance estimate.

#### *Southern bottlenose whale*

Table 5 shows abundance estimates for southern bottlenose whales in each Area. Abundance estimates for Area III range from 866 (CV= 0.569) in 2005/06 to 7,364 (CV=0.383) in 1999/00. Those for Area IV

range from 1,082 (CV=0.266) in 1991/92 to 11,828 (CV = 0.266) in 2005/06. Those for Area V range from 893 (CV= 0.447) in 1992/93 to 6,729 (CV=0.269) in 2002/03. Those for Area VIW range from 908 (CV=0.396) in 2000/01 to 2,681 (CV=0.233) in 2002/03. Given the diving behavior of southern bottlenose whales,  $g(0)$  is considered to be much smaller than 1 for this species. Therefore the assumption of  $g(0)=1$  would cause an underestimate of the abundance estimates. Kasamatsu and Joyce (1995) estimated  $g(0)$  for beaked whales as 0.27 (CV=0.04). Correcting abundance estimates in Table 5 by this  $g(0)$  estimates are shown in Table 6. Further investigation of  $g(0)$  estimate would improve the abundance estimate.

#### ***Killer whale***

Table 5 shows abundance estimates for killer whales in each Area. Abundance estimates for Area IIIE range from 524 (CV=1.036) in 2001/02 to 6,300 (CV=1.157) in 2005/06. Those for Area IV range from 2,268 (CV=0.489) in 2007/08 to 14,374 (CV = 0.185) in 2003/04. Those for Area V range from 7,185 (CV= 0.356) in 2006/07 to 18,867 (CV=0.277) in 2004/05. Those for Area VIW range from 943 (CV=0.593) in 1996/97 to 4,066 (CV=0.350) in 2002/03. Abundance estimates fluctuated among the years in each Area during the JARPA and JARPA II period more than those for other species examined (Table 5). One possible reason for this is the possible occurrence of different stocks which distribute and mix with each other in different proportions in different years (Kasamatsu, 1993; Kasamatsu and Joyce, 1995). Given the mean school size estimate is large for this species (Table 4), it can be considered that extent of bias in abundance estimate due to the assumption that  $g(0)=1$  is small.

#### **Abundance trend estimate**

##### ***Sperm whale***

Abundance trend estimate and their 95% confidence interval (95% CI) are shown in Table 7. The estimate for sperm whales are 2.1% (95% CI = -4.1- 8.2%), -2.4% (95% CI = -6.2 - 1.3%), -3.9% (95% CI = -8.2%-0.5%) and 6.6% (95% CI = -9.0 - 22.3%), in Areas IIIE, IV, V and VI, respectively. They were not statistically significant. Most of the sighting of this species during JARPA and JARPA II were solitary large male animals. This is the case for IDCR-SOWER (Branch and Butterworth, 2001b). This is because sperm whales are latitudinally segregated by size and sex, with females rarely found south of 40°S, and male school size decreasing southwards (Best, 1979). Therefore, abundance estimates and trend estimates in this study should not necessary be considered as estimates for the whole population.

##### ***Southern bottlenose whale***

The estimate for southern bottlenose whales are -1.8% (95% CI = -22.5 -19.0%), 10.4% (95% CI =3.0 -17.9%), 7.7% (95% CI = 1.3 -14.2%) and 0.9% (95% CI = -9.7-11.7%) in Areas IIIE, IV, V and VI, respectively (Table 7). The increasing trend in Areas IV and V were statistically significant. Given that the number of historical catches of southern bottle nose whales was small, the population of this species could be near to carrying capacity assuming that carrying capacity is constant. If so, abundance would not be increasing substantially. Based on the composition of confirmed species identification, the majority (93%) of the *Ziphiidae* observed in Antarctic waters was southern bottlenose whales (Kasamatsu *et al.* 1988). Distribution pattern of southern bottlenose whales was consistent with that of unidentified beaked whales (Matsuoka *et al.*, 1998). One possible reason for this is because proportion of southern bottlenose whales which were identified as *Ziphiidae* could be decreasing. Abundance estimation using sighting data for beaked whale and southern bottle nose whales combined can address this.

##### ***Killer whale***

The estimate for killer whales are 8.4% (95% CI = -9.6-26.4%), -2.1% (95% CI = -8.7-4.4%), -1.1% (95% CI = -4.8%-2.6%) and 4.3% (95% CI = -12.0%-20.6%) in Areas IIIE, IV, V and VI, respectively (Table 7). These estimates were not statistically significant. If further sighting data for this species become available, precision of abundance estimate in Areas IIIE and VIW would be improved.

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Table 1. Estimated observer bias (expressed as multiplicative correction factors) in distance and angle estimation for JARPA surveys from 1989/90 to 2008/09. ‘n.s.’ indicates no significant at 5% level.

Year	Vessel	Platform				Year	Vessel	Platform			
		Barrel		Upper bridge				Barrel		Upper bridge	
		Distance	Angle	Distance	Angle			Distance	Angle	Distance	Angle
1989/90	K01	n.s.	0.930	n.s.	0.872	1999/2000	K01	n.s.	n.s.	1.050	n.s.
	T18	n.s.	1.047	n.s.	n.s.		T25	n.s.	1.081	n.s.	n.s.
	T25	1.099	n.s.	1.075	n.s.		YS1	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
1990/91	K01	n.s.	1.051	0.953	1.064	2000/2001	KS2	n.s.	0.930	n.s.	n.s.
	T18	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.		K01	n.s.	1.051	n.s.	n.s.
	T25	0.882	n.s.	0.961	n.s.		T25	n.s.	n.s.	1.062	n.s.
1991/92	K01	0.930	n.s.	n.s.	0.950	2001/2002	YS1	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
	T18	n.s.	n.s.	0.960	n.s.		KS2	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	0.861
	T25	n.s.	n.s.	1.070	n.s.		K01	0.957	0.921	0.957	n.s.
1992/93	K01	n.s.	0.942	1.083	0.941	2002/2003	T25	0.951	n.s.	0.960	n.s.
	T18	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.		YS1	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
	T25	n.s.	1.056	n.s.	1.082		KS2	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
1993/94	K01	0.863	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	2003/2004	K01	1.073	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
	T18	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.		YS1	1.051	1.037	1.058	0.938
	T25	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	1.057		YS2	1.050	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
1994/95	K01	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	0.933	2004/2005	KS2	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	1.088
	T18	n.s.	n.s.	0.934	n.s.		K01	0.957	0.921	0.957	n.s.
	T25	0.940	n.s.	0.902	n.s.		YS1	0.951	n.s.	0.960	n.s.
1995/96	K01	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	2005/06	YS2	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
	T18	n.s.	n.s.	1.110	0.956		KS2	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
	T25	0.889	n.s.	0.905	1.040		K01	1.113	1.096	1.044	n.s.
	KS2	n.s.	0.905	n.s.	0.898		YS1	1.029	0.939	1.024	0.919
1996/97	K01	0.822	n.s.	0.844	n.s.	2006/07	YS2	1.102	1.061	n.s.	n.s.
	T18	0.711	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.		KS2	1.084	0.966	1.064	n.s.
	T25	0.799	n.s.	0.773	1.036		KS2	1.043	0.914	n.s.	n.s.
	KS2	0.789	0.951	0.662	1.050		KK1	1.049	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
1997/98	K01	0.842	n.s.	0.746	n.s.	2007/08	KS2	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
	T18	0.902	n.s.	0.788	n.s.		KK1	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
	T25	0.729	n.s.	0.914	n.s.	KS2	n.s.	0.961	n.s.	0.950	
	KS2	0.876	n.s.	0.788	n.s.	KK1	n.s.	n.s.	0.839	n.s.	
1998/99	K01	0.902	n.s.	0.956	1.057	2008/09	KS2	n.s.	0.918	n.s.	n.s.
	T25	n.s.	1.053	n.s.	1.065		KK1	1.055	0.963	n.s.	0.949
	YS1	0.923	n.s.	0.968	n.s.						
	KS2	0.928	0.950	n.s.	n.s.						

Table 2. Smearing parameters for each species. Units for angles are degrees, while for distances the values given are proportions.

Species	Angle	Distance
Sperm	9.461	0.216
S.bottlenose	11.330	0.201
Killer	10.280	0.248



Table 3. Statistics for strata for each Area during JARPA and JARPA II periods. The search effort ( $L$ ), size of research area ( $A$ ) and the number of primary sightings within the truncation distance after smearing for sperm, southern bottlenose and killer whales.

Area IV

Year	Stratum	A (n.miles <sup>2</sup> )	L (n.miles)	Number of sightings		
				Sperm	S.Bottle	Killer
1989/90	NW	222,563	1987.6	77.0	2.0	6.8
	NE	219,245	1964.4	19.0	2.0	-
	SW	35,878	2518.3	37.7	6.0	9.0
	SE	41,143	1325.5	8.0	6.0	9.9
	PB	36,488	831.9	1.0	1.0	5.6
1991/92	NW	219,713	2482.7	63.2	3.0	6.0
	NE	216,299	2173.9	11.5	-	2.0
	SW	37,191	2237.5	81.5	8.0	10.4
	SE	39,732	2281.7	50.3	18.0	30.0
	PB	36,569	583	5.0	-	6.0
1993/94	NW	233,289	4160.7	88.3	27.0	10.3
	NE	148,982	3175.1	20.1	-	6.1
	SW	39,755	2377.7	72.0	32.9	9.0
	SE	41,353	2258.9	82.0	32.3	3.3
	PB	34,506	1077	-	-	8.1
1995/96	NW	149,107	3530.5	49.6	12.0	14.0
	NE	230,473	2979.7	8.1	31.0	13.6
	SW	89,826	2851.2	126.4	45.0	20.6
	SE	33,980	2039.9	27.9	8.6	19.3
	PB	25,970	1298.2	5.0	1.0	11.5
1997/98	NW	217,645	3367.2	90.1	64.4	12.6
	NE	219,602	3622.7	2.0	37.0	12.0
	SW	31,615	3432.5	46.3	24.0	13.6
	SE	34,374	3195.9	16.6	25.0	17.5
	PB	4,407	489.9	-	1.0	6.0
1999/00	NW	229,368	2825.3	74.5	39.8	10.0
	NE	226,272	3550.8	15.0	25.0	9.0
	SW	44,862	2336.7	15.9	5.0	23.8
	SE	34,175	2704.3	32.4	23.0	26.9
	PB	21,288	1244.7	1.0	2.0	17.8
2001/02	NW	222,450	3043.6	52.8	30.0	8.0
	NE	244,921	3271.6	38.9	24.0	9.1
	SW	32,199	2321.8	66.5	8.0	18.6
	SE	35,955	2885.2	29.5	5.0	18.7
	PB	28,472	1033.7	-	-	9.7
2003/04	NW	243,850	3236.6	31.4	22.0	10.5
	NE	218,072	3738.5	13.1	31.0	11.9
	SW	38,976	2275.2	20.6	10.8	35.4
	SE	38,952	3633.2	32.0	32.0	31.4
	PB	37,537	508.5	-	-	11.9
2005/06	NW	228,919	1131.4	11.8	14.0	1.0
	NE	213,660	1450.3	12.8	30.0	2.4
	SW	47,117	859.42	21.2	1.0	4.9
	SE	37,228	865.48	7.0	11.0	6.4
	PB	31,689	381.06	1.0	-	8.2
2007/08	NW	213,311	958.89	37.0	12.0	-
	NE	216,236	1332.4	5.0	9.0	0.5
	SW	39,787	847.54	24.2	4.0	5.5
	SE	36,277	819.76	-	6.0	2.0

Area V

Year	Stratum	A (n.miles <sup>2</sup> )	L (n.miles)	Number of sightings		
				Sperm	S.Bottle	Killer
1990/91	NW	239,688	2726.8	4.9	5.0	2.0
	NE	348,822	2498.9	5.7	2.0	9.0
	SW	64,431	1635	33.1	3.0	2.0
	SE	188,136	1670	32.2	-	12.0
1992/93	NW	325,648	2294.2	4.0	2.0	1.0
	NE	348,822	1661.5	3.7	1.0	4.0
	SW	59,450	1907.4	14.1	3.0	23.9
	SE	210,194	2253.6	33.0	-	19.1
1994/95	NW	209,990	3229.4	4.8	14.0	6.0
	NE	348,822	2554.1	25.6	13.0	3.4
	SW	39,911	2469	58.1	26.0	6.8
	SE	173,180	1293	6.0	2.0	7.8
1996/97	NW	288,197	2784.6	7.0	12.0	7.0
	NE	337,779	3133.4	11.0	10.0	3.0
	SW	53,960	2995.3	62.4	19.0	14.8
	SE	187,983	2098.5	4.0	1.0	11.0
1998/99	NW	314,778	1830.6	21.0	5.0	3.0
	NE	327,490	1226.9	8.0	2.0	7.0
	SW	48,333	2206.5	11.0	5.0	19.8
	SE	25,709	1561	7.0	7.0	4.0
2000/01	NW	271,089	3595.5	9.0	23.0	4.8
	NE	348,535	3941.1	24.4	12.0	12.0
	SW	79,594	3152.9	7.0	17.0	19.8
	SE	148,828	2254.9	5.0	1.0	17.0
2002/03	NW	266,687	2735.7	1.9	18.0	7.0
	NE	345,003	5047	36.9	27.8	20.0
	SW	79,376	1458.3	8.0	11.0	10.4
	SE	69,872	1991.9	45.8	5.0	15.7
2004/05	NW	278,281	970	6.5	3.0	7.0
	NE	336,130	3230.8	23.7	20.0	5.7
	SW	51,373	856.7	-	1.0	14.3
	SE	212,181	8039.2	34.2	5.0	33.2
2006/07	NW	38,740	97.247	-	-	-
	NE	340,889	2107.7	9.6	18.5	3.0
	SW	9,260	136.24	1.0	-	1.0
	SE	139,575	2272.9	1.0	-	14.9
2008/09	NW	224,275	1144.7	-	6.0	1.0
	NE	324,889	1369.5	6.5	8.0	6.0
	SW	64,901	638.13	12.0	1.0	1.0
	SE	277,209	2757.8	6.0	1.0	2.6

Table 3 (Cont.).

Area IIIE

Year	Stratum	A (n.miles <sup>2</sup> )	L (n.miles)	Number of sightings		
				Sperm	S.bottle	Killer
1995/96	III E	253,343	3442.5	45.2	13.0	6.0
1997/98	III E	250,985	4340.6	72.7	46.0	4.8
1999/00	III E	356,702	1578.4	22.6	21.4	3.0
2001/02	III E	355,124	2886.9	52.9	36.0	1.0
2003/04	III E	324,032	4869.1	92.7	38.8	7.6
2005/06	III ES	51,635	675.0	27.8	1.0	-
	III EN	332,409	674.2	6.6	1.0	3.0
2007/08	III ES	50,431	1126.2	54.9	8.9	2.0
	III EN	228,382	931.4	5.9	8.0	2.0

Area VIW

Year	Stratum	A (n.miles <sup>2</sup> )	L (n.miles)	Number of sightings		
				Sperm	S.bottle	Killer
1996/97	VIW	205,835	3717.5	25.3	18.0	4.0
1998/99	VIW	316,727	1114.5	1.0	4.0	-
2000/01	VIW	290,908	4383.6	23.7	9.0	5.0
2002/03	VIW	319,627	5893.2	20.8	32.5	17.6
2004/05	VIW	292,218	3954.7	28.0	15.0	5.0
2006/07	III ES	31,008	721.2	13.5	-	1.9
	III EN	220,818	756.4	3.3	6.0	2.0
2008/09	III ES	76,255	990.1	3.5	-	1.0
	III EN	166,610	721.6	5.0	3.0	1.0

Table 4. Effective half-search width ( $esw$ ) and estimated mean school size ( $E(s)$ ) for each species.

Species	$esw$	CV	$E(s)$	CV
Sperm	1.460	0.013	1.037	0.006
S. bottlenose	0.553	0.025	1.681	0.026
Killer	1.018	0.021	8.674	0.090

Table 5. Abundance estimate and CV for sperm, southern bottlenose and killer whales in Areas IIIE, IV, V and VIW

Sperm whale

Year	Area IIIE		Area IV		year	Area V		Area VIW	
	<i>P</i>	<i>CV(P)</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>CV(P)</i>		<i>P</i>	<i>CV(P)</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>CV(P)</i>
1989/90	-	-	4,106	0.255	1990/91	2,185	0.254	-	-
1991/92	-	-	3,296	0.131	1992/93	1,726	0.208	-	-
1993/94	-	-	3,054	0.115	1994/95	1,969	0.173	-	-
1995/96	1,181	0.197	2,579	0.150	1996/97	1,204	0.163	497	0.215
1997/98	1,493	0.258	2,326	0.195	1998/99	2,166	0.315	101	1.008
1999/00	1,815	0.208	2,745	0.202	2000/01	1,184	0.212	559	0.286
2001/02	2,309	0.199	2,861	0.187	2002/03	1,687	0.196	401	0.249
2003/04	2,191	0.211	1,358	0.192	2004/05	1,856	0.214	736	0.214
2005/06	1,907	0.243	2,064	0.276	2006/07	597	0.509	553	0.369
2007/08	1,384	0.261	3,613	0.325	2008/09	1,192	0.216	504	0.344

Southern bottlenose whale

Year	Area IIIE		Area IV		Year	Area V		Area VIW	
	<i>P</i>	<i>CV(P)</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>CV(P)</i>		<i>P</i>	<i>CV(P)</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>CV(P)</i>
1989/90	-	-	1,159	0.340	1990/91	1,272	0.298	-	-
1991/92	-	-	1,082	0.266	1992/93	893	0.447	-	-
1993/94	-	-	4,035	0.147	1994/95	5,129	0.251	-	-
1995/96	1,454	0.273	6,818	0.118	1996/97	4,184	0.201	1,515	0.278
1997/98	4,044	0.150	10,497	0.188	1998/99	2,460	0.377	1,728	0.407
1999/00	7,364	0.383	7,974	0.186	2000/01	5,003	0.199	908	0.396
2001/02	6,732	0.238	6,328	0.151	2002/03	6,729	0.269	2,681	0.233
2003/04	3,928	0.219	6,072	0.185	2004/05	4,764	0.204	1,685	0.261
2005/06	866	0.569	11,828	0.266	2006/07	4,549	0.299	2,663	0.404
2007/08	3,591	0.263	6,967	0.208	2008/09	4,980	0.227	1,094	0.599

Killer whale

Year	Area IIIE		Area IV		Year	Area V		Area VIW	
	<i>P</i>	<i>CV(P)</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>CV(P)</i>		<i>P</i>	<i>CV(P)</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>CV(P)</i>
1989/90	-	-	7,432	0.263	1990/91	12,195	0.250	-	-
1991/92	-	-	7,717	0.219	1992/93	15,447	0.206	-	-
1993/94	-	-	7,132	0.181	1994/95	9,606	0.268	-	-
1995/96	1,881	0.360	11,786	0.248	1996/97	9,812	0.222	943	0.593
1997/98	1,232	0.413	10,161	0.205	1998/99	12,303	0.254	-	-
1999/00	1,239	0.501	10,678	0.219	2000/01	13,055	0.229	1,413	0.553
2001/02	524	1.036	9,009	0.206	2002/03	13,821	0.188	4,066	0.350
2003/04	2,268	0.415	14,374	0.185	2004/05	18,867	0.277	1,574	0.428
2005/06	6,300	1.157	8,737	0.362	2006/07	7,185	0.356	2,827	0.807
2007/08	2,470	0.872	2,268	0.489	2008/09	9,044	0.606	1,312	0.735

Table 6. Same as Table 5 but correcting abundance estimate  $g(0)$  estimate in Kasamatsu and Joyce (1995). CV estimates are taking CV of  $g(0)$  estimates into account.

Sperm whale

Year	Area IIIE		Area IV		year	Area V		Area VIW	
	<i>P</i>	CV( <i>P</i> )	<i>P</i>	CV( <i>P</i> )		<i>P</i>	CV( <i>P</i> )	<i>P</i>	CV( <i>P</i> )
1989/90	-	-	12,833	0.278	1990/91	6,829	0.277	-	-
1991/92	-	-	10,301	0.171	1992/93	5,393	0.235	-	-
1993/94	-	-	9,544	0.159	1994/95	6,154	0.205	-	-
1995/96	3,690	0.225	8,058	0.186	1996/97	3,761	0.196	1,553	0.241
1997/98	4,665	0.280	7,267	0.224	1998/99	6,770	0.333	315	1.014
1999/00	5,671	0.235	8,580	0.230	2000/01	3,700	0.239	1,747	0.307
2001/02	7,215	0.228	8,941	0.217	2002/03	5,273	0.225	1,254	0.272
2003/04	6,846	0.238	4,245	0.222	2004/05	5,799	0.241	2,299	0.241
2005/06	5,958	0.267	6,449	0.297	2006/07	1,865	0.521	1,728	0.385
2007/08	4,325	0.283	11,290	0.343	2008/09	3,725	0.243	1,576	0.362

Southern bottlenose whale

Year	Area IIIE		Area IV		Year	Area V		Area VIW	
	<i>P</i>	CV( <i>P</i> )	<i>P</i>	CV( <i>P</i> )		<i>P</i>	CV( <i>P</i> )	<i>P</i>	CV( <i>P</i> )
1989/90	-	-	4,291	0.342	1990/91	4,711	0.301	-	-
1991/92	-	-	4,009	0.268	1992/93	3,307	0.449	-	-
1993/94	-	-	14,946	0.152	1994/95	18,997	0.254	-	-
1995/96	5,387	0.275	25,252	0.124	1996/97	15,495	0.205	5,612	0.281
1997/98	14,977	0.155	38,879	0.192	1998/99	9,113	0.379	6,401	0.409
1999/00	27,274	0.385	29,535	0.190	2000/01	18,528	0.203	3,363	0.398
2001/02	24,935	0.242	23,438	0.157	2002/03	24,923	0.272	9,929	0.237
2003/04	14,547	0.223	22,490	0.190	2004/05	17,643	0.208	6,241	0.264
2005/06	3,207	0.570	43,808	0.269	2006/07	16,848	0.302	9,863	0.406
2007/08	13,300	0.266	25,802	0.211	2008/09	18,444	0.230	4,052	0.600

Killer whale

Year	Area IIIE		Area IV		Year	Area V		Area VIW	
	<i>P</i>	CV( <i>P</i> )	<i>P</i>	CV( <i>P</i> )		<i>P</i>	CV( <i>P</i> )	<i>P</i>	CV( <i>P</i> )
1989/90	-	-	7,742	0.272	1990/91	12,703	0.260	-	-
1991/92	-	-	8,038	0.230	1992/93	16,091	0.218	-	-
1993/94	-	-	7,429	0.194	1994/95	10,006	0.277	-	-
1995/96	1,959	0.367	12,277	0.258	1996/97	10,221	0.233	983	0.597
1997/98	1,283	0.419	10,584	0.217	1998/99	12,816	0.264	-	-
1999/00	1,290	0.506	11,123	0.230	2000/01	13,599	0.240	1,472	0.557
2001/02	546	1.038	9,385	0.218	2002/03	14,397	0.201	4,236	0.356
2003/04	2,362	0.421	14,972	0.198	2004/05	19,654	0.286	1,639	0.433
2005/06	6,563	1.159	9,101	0.369	2006/07	7,484	0.363	2,945	0.810
2007/08	2,573	0.875	2,363	0.494	2008/09	9,421	0.610	1,366	0.739

Table 7. Abundance trend estimate and their 95% CI of sperm, southern bottlenose and killer whales in Areas IIIE, IV, V and VIW.

Sperm whale

Area	Estimate	SE	95%CI LL	95%CI UL
III E	0.021	0.024	-0.041	0.082
IV	-0.024	0.016	-0.062	0.013
V	-0.039	0.019	-0.082	0.005
VIW	0.066	0.061	-0.090	0.223

Southern bottlenose whale

Area	Estimate	SE	95%CI LL	95%CI UL
III E	-0.018	0.081	-0.225	0.190
IV	0.104	0.032	0.030	0.179
V	0.077	0.028	0.013	0.142
VIW	0.009	0.042	-0.099	0.117

Killer whale

Area	Estimate	SE	95%CI LL	95%CI UL
III E	0.084	0.070	-0.096	0.264
IV	-0.021	0.028	-0.087	0.044
V	-0.011	0.016	-0.048	0.026
VIW	0.043	0.059	-0.120	0.206

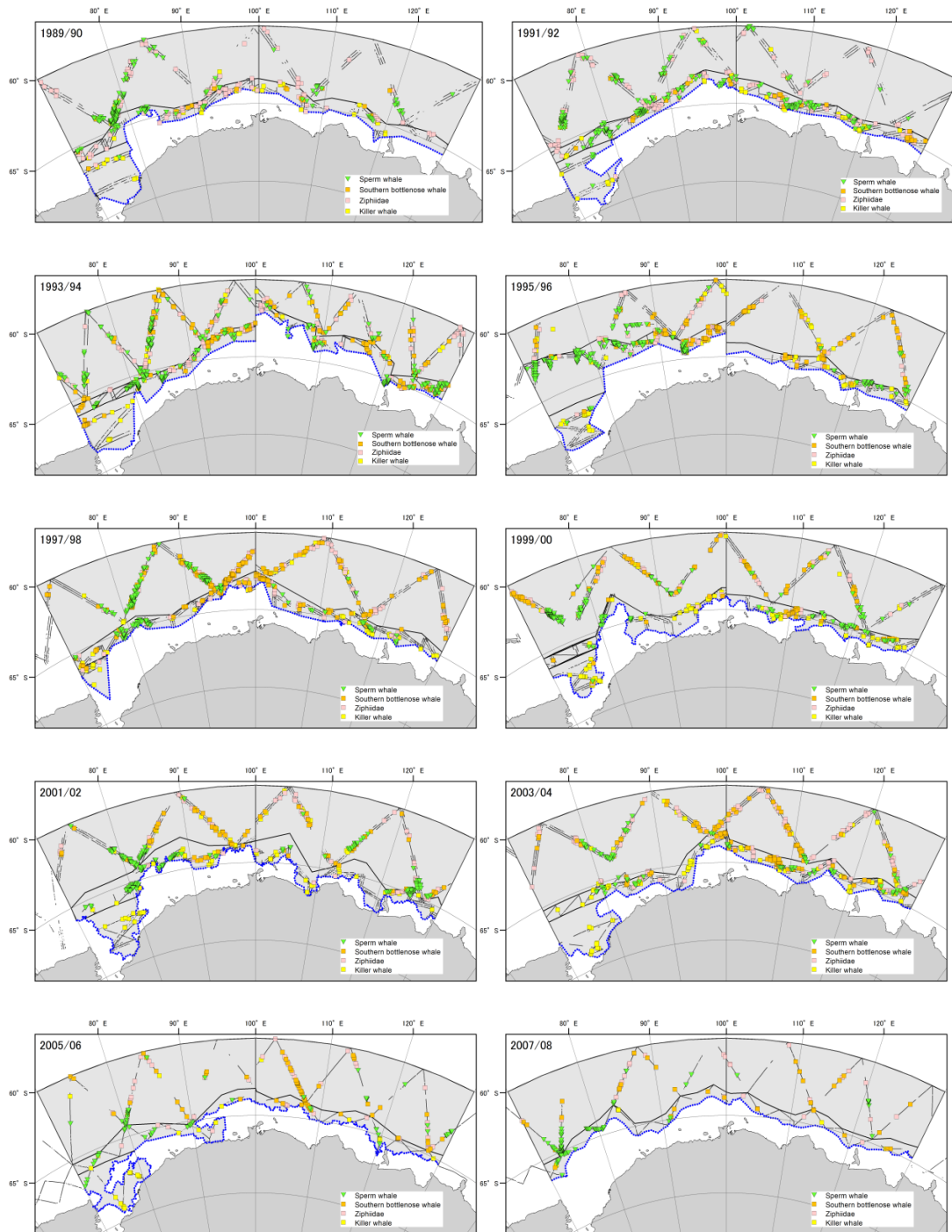


Figure 1a. Primary search effort (thin lines) and associated primary sightings of sperm (green triangle), southern bottlenose (orange square) and killer whales (yellow square) in Area IV (70°E-130°E) together with the ice edge (dotted blue line) from 1989/90 to 2007/08 JARPA and JARPA II surveys.

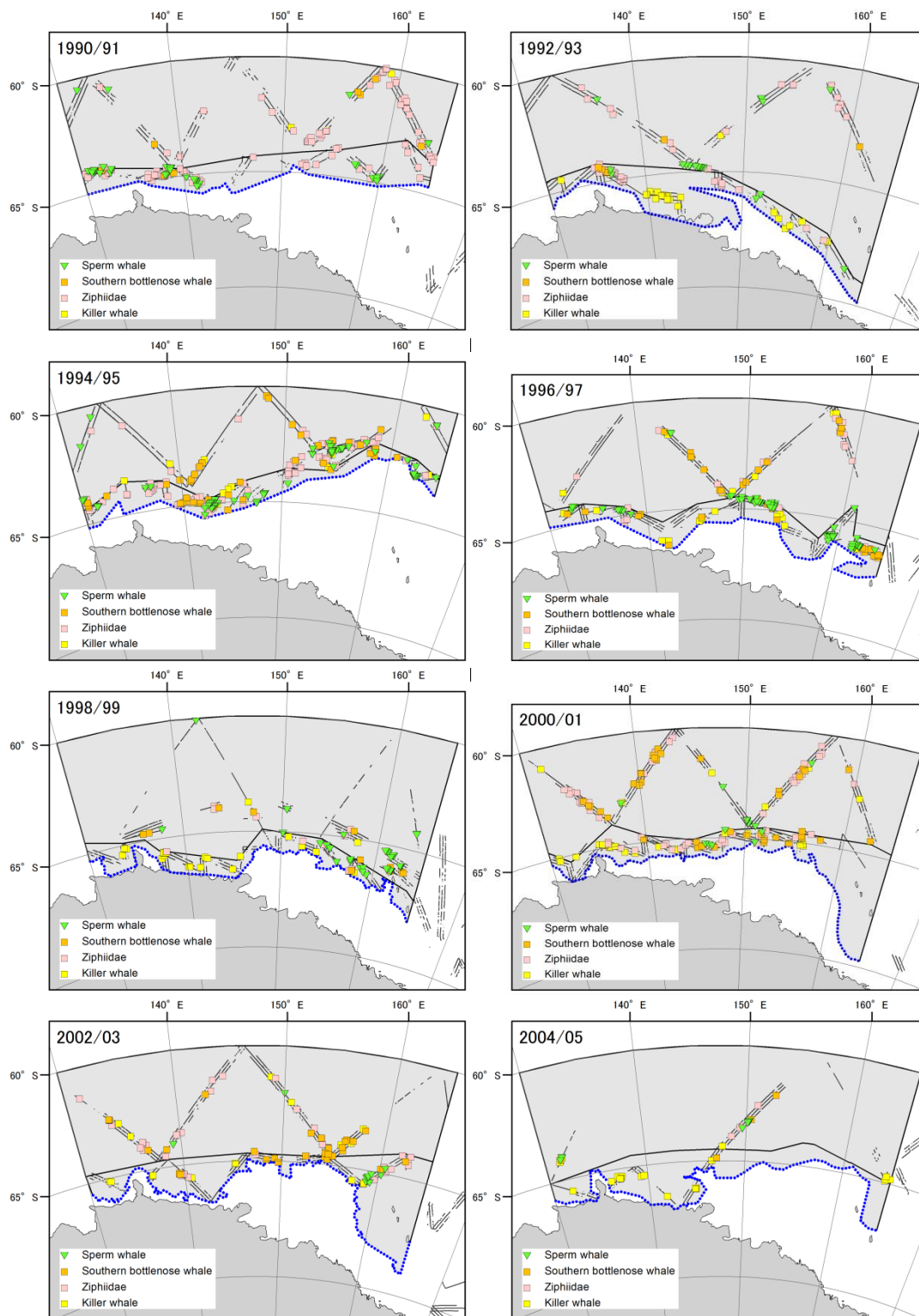


Figure 1b. Primary search effort (thin lines) and associated primary sightings of sperm (green triangle), southern bottlenose (orange square) and killer whales (yellow square) in Area VW (130°E-165°E) together with the ice edge (dotted blue line) from 1990/91 to 2008/09 JARPA surveys.

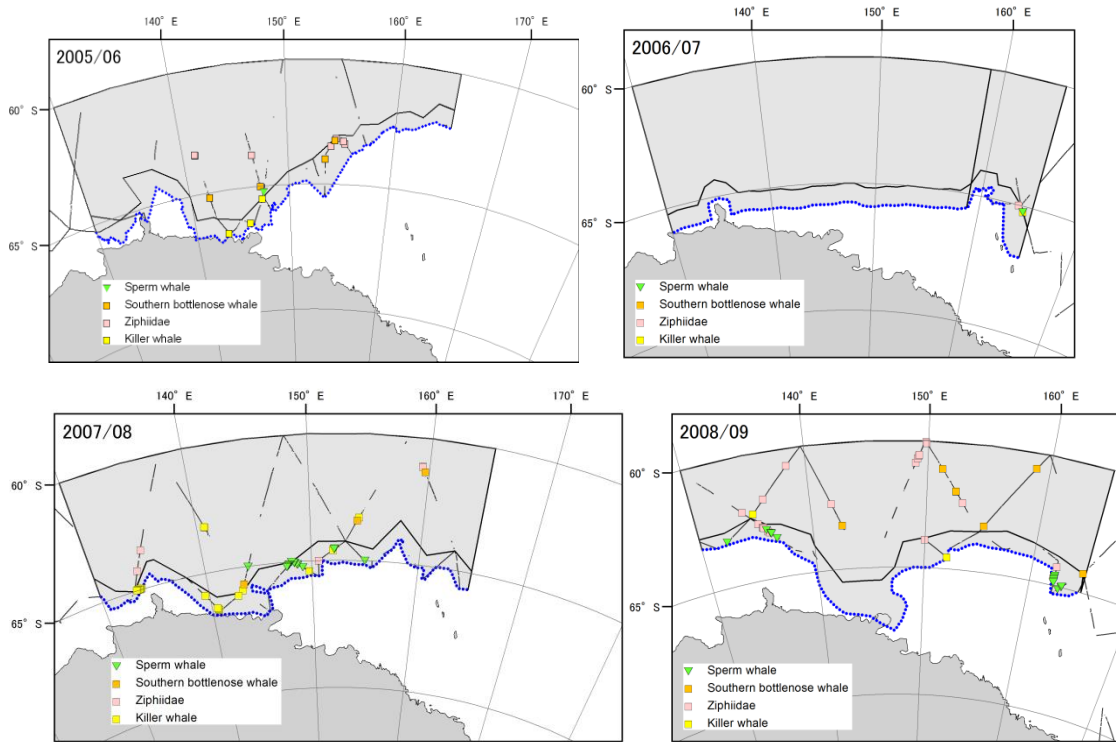


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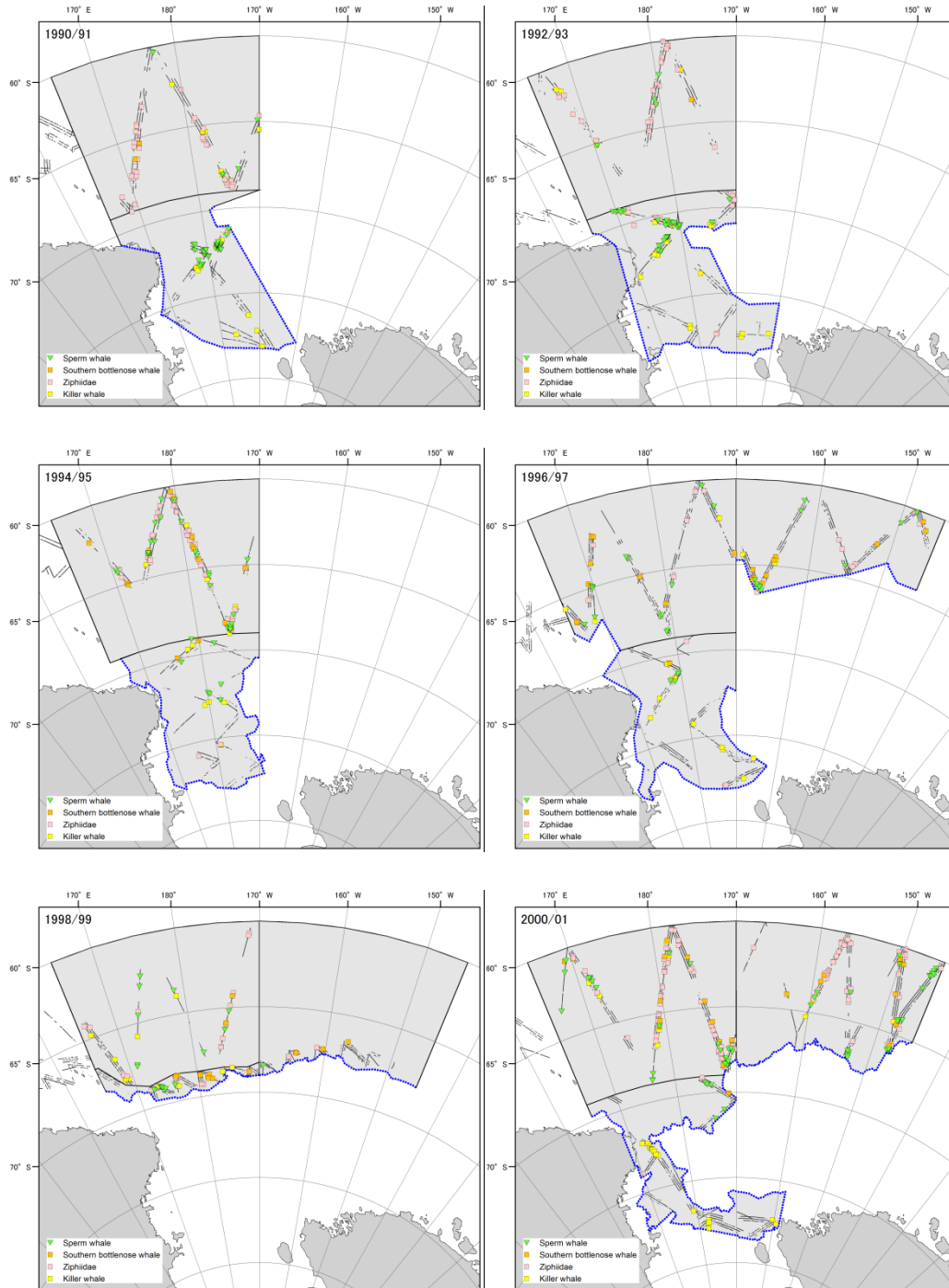


Figure 1c. Primary search effort (thin lines) and associated primary sightings of sperm (green triangle), southern bottlenose (orange square) and killer whales (yellow square) in Area VW (165°E-145°W) together with the ice edge (dotted blue line) from 1990/91 to 2008/09 JARPA and JARPA II surveys.



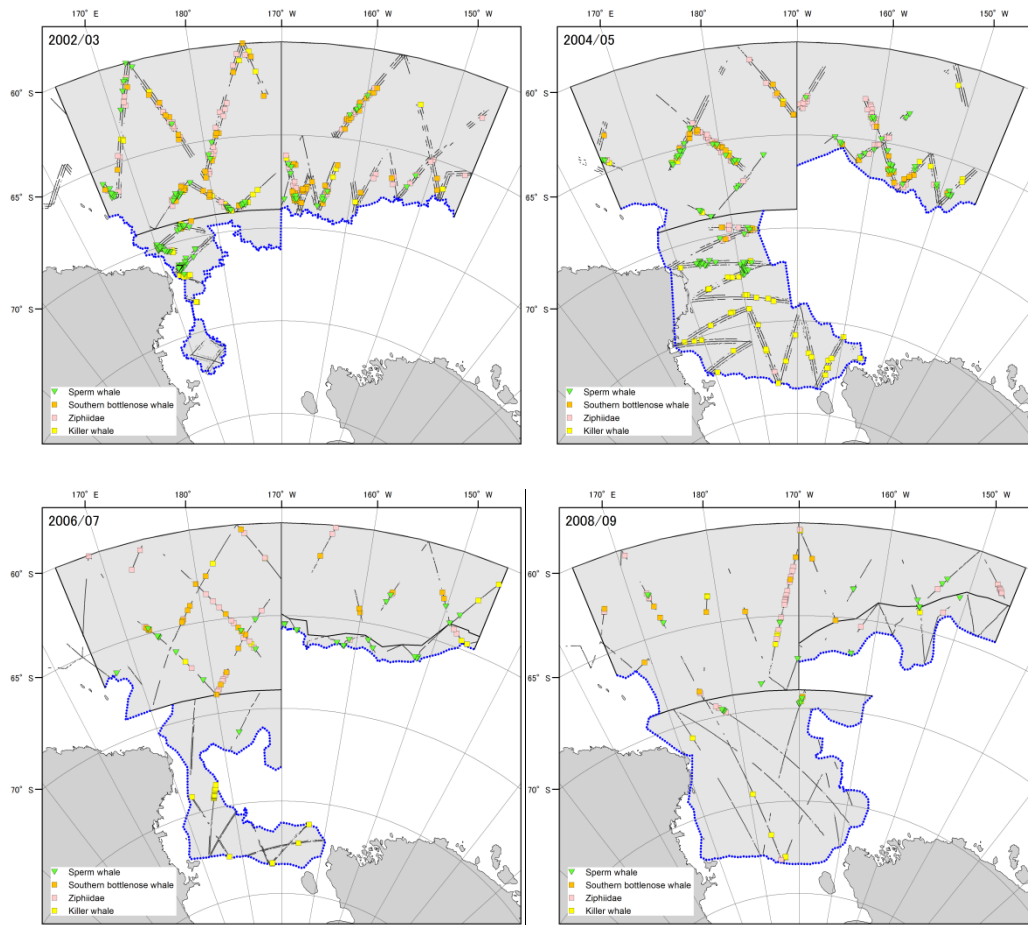


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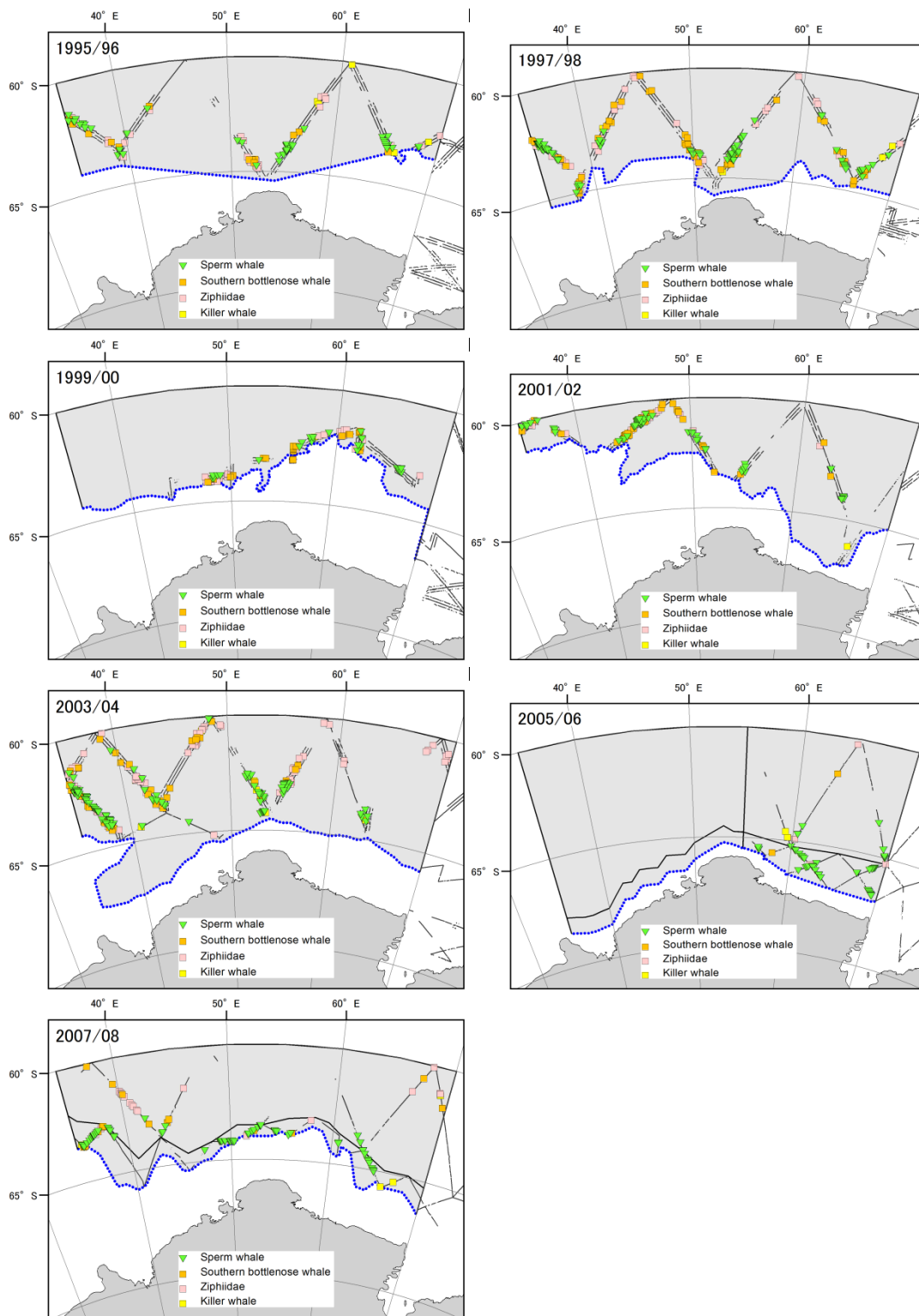


Figure 1d. Primary search effort (thin lines) and associated primary sightings of sperm (green triangle), southern bottlenose (orange square) and killer whales (yellow square) in Area VW (35°E-70°E) together with the ice edge (dotted blue line) from 1995/96 to 2007/08 JARPA and JARPA II surveys.

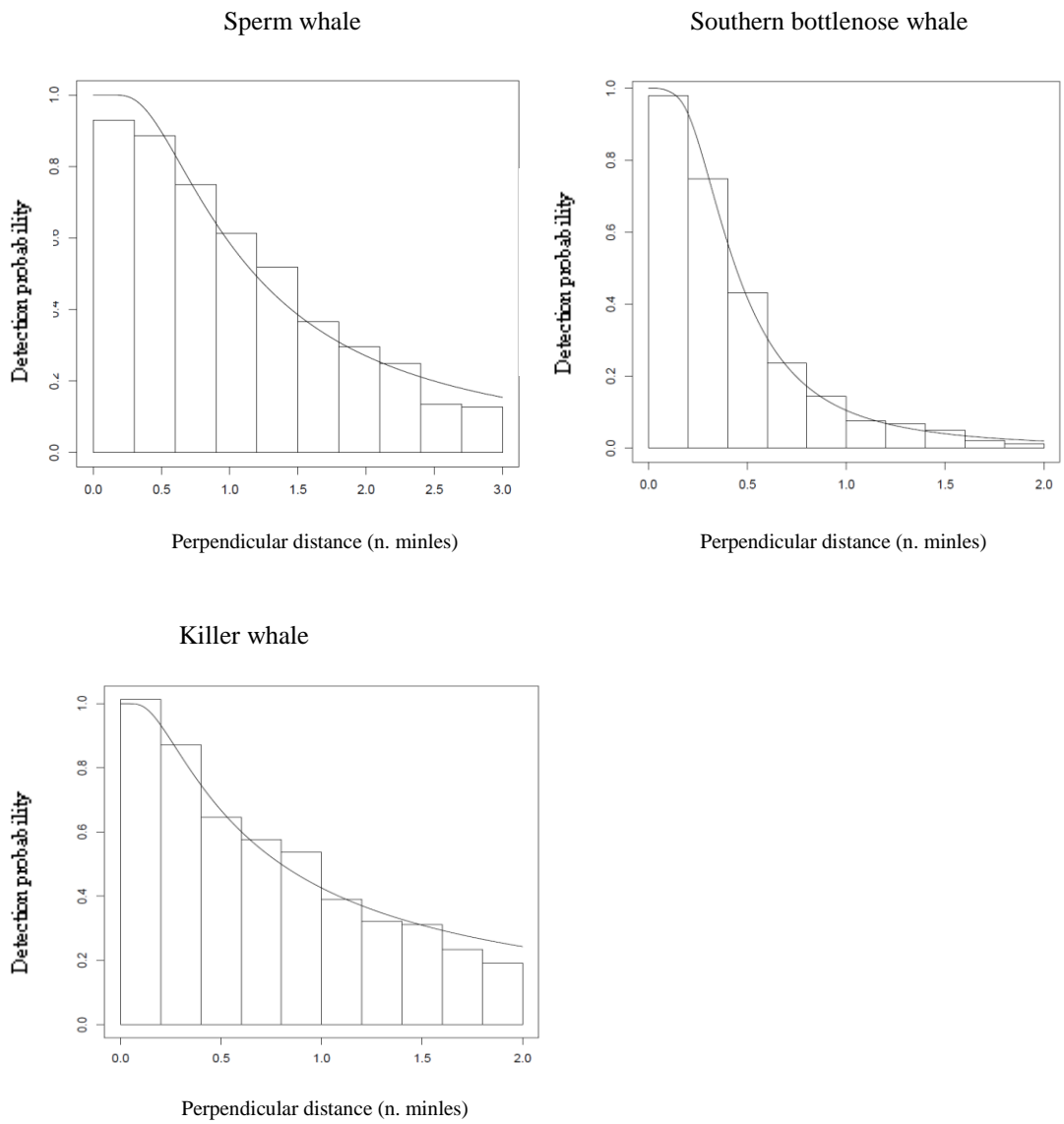


Figure 2. Estimated detection functions for sperm, southern bottlenose and killer whales for 1989/90-2008/09 JARPA and JARPA II data.