

Torres Strait Spanish mackerel sampling 2019–20 results

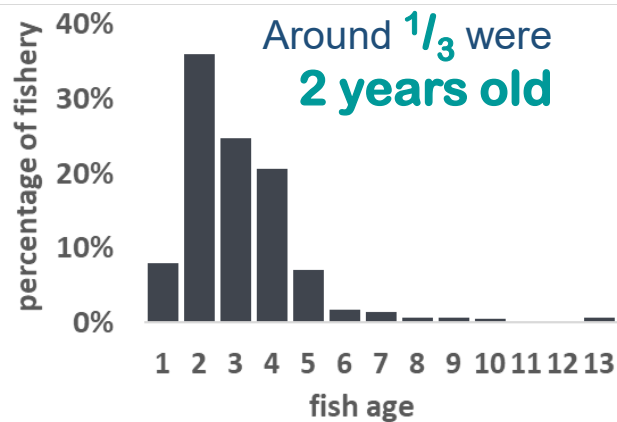
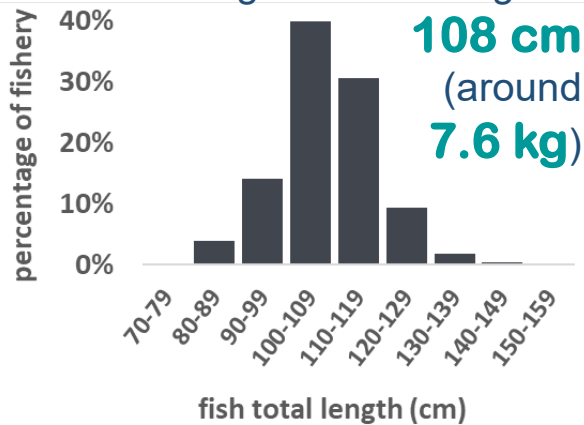
Commercial catch sampled in **Erub**, **Masig** and **Ugar** – and fishing grounds, including **Bramble Cay**



Mackerel are aged by counting growth rings of ear bones under a microscope – just like growth rings of a tree trunk!



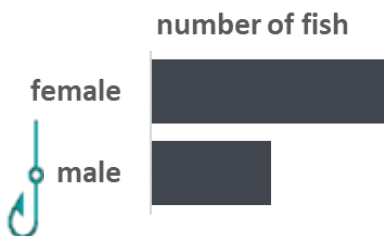
Most fish caught were between **100 cm** and **120 cm** total length – an average of



The oldest fish was **13 years old**



Around $\frac{2}{3}$ were **female**



Thanks to everyone who provided data to help communities understand their fisheries.

We need more volunteers in 2020–21.

If you'd like to help, call:

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