

Temporal and spatial variations in photosynthetic activity and the growth of *Anadara broughtonii* in Jinju Bay on the south coastal in Korea

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Environmental characteristics

In the early 2000s, most of the shellfish produced in Jinju Bay, on the south coast of the Korean peninsula, were *Anadara broughtonii*, but its production has decreased sharply in recent years. This study investigated the growth and development of *A. broughtonii* in the marine environment of Jinju Bay.

Table 1: Mean values of suspended particulate matter, particulate organic matter, POC/Chl. *a* in water in the Jinju Bay

	Inner	Middle	Outer	Inner (2014)	
	<200 μ m	<200 μ m	<200 μ m	<20 μ m	<200 μ m
SPM	12.6 \pm 7.3	11.8 \pm 6.2	10.7 \pm 3.6	10.4 \pm 3.9	12.0 \pm 5.2
POM	2.9 \pm 1.5	2.6 \pm 1.6	2.2 \pm 1.1	2.2 \pm 1.2	2.7 \pm 1.3
POC/Chl. <i>a</i>	534	526	519	3888	725

The ratio of particulate organic carbon to chlorophyll *a*, most of the particulate organic matter consisted of organic detritus particles. Assimilation number as indicator of phytoplankton activity, particles of <20 μ m accounted for 65% of the assimilation number.

Stable isotope ratio

The results of the SIAR mixing model revealed that CPOM was the primary food sources for species, comprising 88-89% of the total food source for *A. broughtonii*.

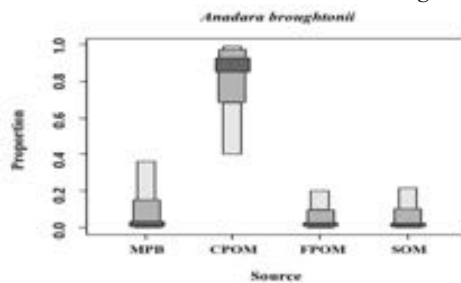


Figure 1: Map of relative contributions of potential food sources to the diet of in *Anadara broughtonii*.

The average monthly survival rate of *A. broughtonii* before harvest was 71.1%, but the survival rate at final harvest was 8.3% due to the rapidly changing marine environment at harvest time.