Age and Growth

Objective

Methods of studying age and growth

- Tagging
- Length frequency
- Otoliths
- Scales

Types of Scales

- Normal scales
- Bony plates
- Scutes

Scales group

- Placoid , Cycloid , Ctenoid
- Depend of structure
- Placoid or non plocoid
- Placoid called dermal denticles
- Vitrodentine, Dentine, Puple cavity Non placoid
- Cosmoid scales , Ganoid scales , Bonds ridges scales

Scales Structure

- Focus, Radii, Circuli
- Posterior field and anterior field

Criteria of Annuli

- The relation between length and number of annuli
- The observed length must be equal with calculated length
- There is a little variation between year classes in different period

Terms in age and growth

- Age group
- Year class
- Yearling
- Young of the year

Back calculation

Lees phenomenon

- The methods of back calculation is not correct
- Non selectivity to collected the sample
- Natural mortality
- Fishing mortality

Length-Weight Relationship

- Condition factors
- Von Bertalanffy method
- Longevity

The End