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シロウリガイとシマイシロウリガイの繁殖生態

Reproductive characteristics of deep-sea vesicomyid clams, Calyptogena soyoae and Calyptogena okutanii

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Two vesicomyid bivalve, Calyptogena soyoaeand C. okutaniiare inhabiting a methane seeps located at a depth 800 - 1200 m the Off Hatsushima Island site in Sagami Bay. Vesicomyid bivalves are consistently one of the dominant components of deep-sea chemosynthetic communities. Reproduction is a critical factor in the life history of all organisms. However, information regarding the reproduction of vesicomyids is rather limited. The previous studies indicated C. soyoaehad continuous reproductive patterns and sperm release was induced by a rise in water temperature (Fujiwara et al. 1998), egg release of C. soyoaeand C. okutaniicomplex was always preceded by male spawning and decreasing near-bottom current speeds (Fujikura et al. 20 07), and sexual maturated size of female and male were 68 mm and 57 mm in shell length, respectively (Kamiyama 2003). However, it is difficult to discriminate C. okutaniifrom C. soyoaeon the basis of only shell morphology (Kojima and Ohta 1997). These previous reproductive characteristics indicated <u>C. soyoae</u>and <u>C. okutanii</u>complex. Therefore, we have to understand reproductive characteristics of <u>C. soyoae</u>and <u>C. okutanii</u>on the basis of correct identification. The purpose of this study is to understand reproductive characteristics such as sexual maturated size and sex ratio of C. soyoaeand C. okutanii. Both species were identified based on the shell morphology and the nucleotide sequences of the mitochondrial gene for cytochrome c oxidase subunit I (CO I). As the results, both species had continuous reproductive patterns, sexual maturated female size was bigger than that of male, and sex ratio was almost even (C. soyoae: 52 % female, 48% male, C. okutanii: 48% female, 52% male).

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