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Growth Performance of Layang (Scad) Fish (*Decapterus russelli,* Ruppell 1830) Caught from Tomini Bay, Indonesia

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Abstract

Regarding an exploitation optimizing of fisheries resources management in Tomini Bay, Layang fish (*Decapterus ruselli*, Ruppell 1830) is one of the various small pelagic fishes inhabiting the bay that still has lacks biological fisheries information. Whereas the species becomes the main target commodity for local fishers as it is commonly consumed as a protein source in the human diet. The samples were collected once per month at Gorontalo City Fish Landing Spot from April to June 2020. Tomini Bay was confirmed as the fishing ground of all the landed fish. Mini purse seines with a minimum mesh size of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch are the gears used by the fishers for catching layang fish. Samples were collected randomly from the fishermen's catch during their unloading activity at the landing site. Abdomen dissection was performed to all samples for determining the fish sexuality. Additionally, the fish samples' total length and body weight were quantified using a ruler (nearest = 1 mm) and a scale (nearest = 0.01 gram) separately. The result analysis revealed that the length-weight equation of male was W = 0.000004 L $^{3.1972}$ (R 2 = 97.57%), and that of female was W = 0.0000007 L $^{3.0613}$ (R 2 = 98.99%). Male and female layang fish *D. russelli* in Tomini Bay based on the sampling during these three-monthly sampling periods implied a positive allometric growth pattern, excluding the female in April 2020.

Keywords: allometric growth; Gorontalo; scad; length-weight relationship; population dynamics; Tomini

Introduction

Tomini Bay forms as a semi-enclosed water area (Miller *et al.*, 2016) which is fertile (Kadim *et al.*, 2019) with high marine biodiversity supported by the availability of phytoplanktons (Kadim *et al.*, 2018) as primary food sources. The bay is also inhabited by diverse species of marine mammals (Mustika *et al.*, 2021), various pelagic fishes (Mardlijah and Patria, 2016; Pasisingi *et al.*, 2020; Pasisingi *et al.*, 2021; Pasisingi *et al.*, 2021), small amphidromous fishes (Olii *et al.*, 2017; Pasisingi *et al.*, 2021; Pasisingi *et al.*, 2019; Pasisingi *et al.*, 2021; Pasisingi *et al.*, 2020; Pasisingi *et al.*, 2020), as well as macrozoobenthos (Kadim *et al.*, 2022). Moreover, local wisdom supports the sustainable management of coastal and marine resources in Tomini Bay (Obie, 2018).

Scientific data of Tomini Bay pelagic fish population dynamics are still minimal, making the level and utilization of the fish resources uncontrollable. Therefore, efforts to optimize fish resources to maximize the community's welfare around the bay area are still not optimal. Layang fish (*Decapterus russelli*, Ruppell 1830) that has a common name Scad (Sunaryo *et al.*, 2019; Suwarso and Zamroni, 2015) or Indian Scad (Poojary *et al.*, 2010; Chiesa *et al.*, 2019) is one of the pelagic species of the Carangids group which is widely distributed including Tomini Bay as a part of Indo-Pacific region (Panda *et al.*, 2012), western Indian Ocean, and northern Arabian Sea

(Kalhoro *et al.*, 2017). Apart from having a substantial economic value (Khasanah *et al.*, 2020) and being in demand by the broader community due to its taste, the fish also contains protein (Cahyono and Mardani 2020; Fatma *et al.*, 2020) to be consumed as a source of food nutrition. Layang fish diversification and processing (Tondais *et al.*, 2020; Kurniawan *et al.*, 2020b; Kurniawan *et al.*, 2020a; Henra *et al.*, 2020; Paparang, 2013) were also being developed in order to meet market demand for the commodity.

Lack of scientific data on layang fish resources in Tomini Bay is a challenge in determining and formulating the proper management direction by considering layang fish *D. russelli* as the target fish caught by fishermen in Indonesian as in Tomini Bay (Lawadjo *et al.*, 2021), Malacca Strait (Alnanda *et al.*, 2020), Makassar Strait (Cahyono and Mardani, 2020), and Ternate (Tangke, 2020). Therefore, comprehensive, and up-to-date data on layang fish's condition in nature is needed to monitor these fish resources' availability and sustainability. This study aimed to determine length-weight relationships and the growth pattern of laying fish *D. russelli* in Tomini Bay. This study results can enrich the information on the resource conditions to support the sustainable management of layang fish in Tomini Bay.

Materials and Methods

Time, Location, and Sampling Technique

The sampling was conducted once per month at Gorontalo City Fish Landing Spot from April to June 2020. Mini purse seines with a minimum mesh size of ¾ inch were fishermen's gears for catching layang fish in Tomini Bay. The number of 896 layang fish samples were collected randomly from the fisher's landing their catch to the landing site (Figure 1). The total length and body-weight data of the fish samples were quantified using a ruler and a scale separately. Furthermore, abdomen dissection was performed to determine sample sexuality.

Data Analysis

The relationship between total length and body weight of data samples were calculated and determined through the following equations (De Robertis and Williams, 2008):

where: W = body weight (gram); L = total length (mm); a = constant value; b = growth parameter A natural logarithmic transformation was applied to make a relationship linear as follow:

 $\ln W = \ln a + b \ln L \dots (ii)$

Result and Discussion

The length ranges of sample fish found in this study were 77-290 mm and 87-286 mm for males and females, respectively. The length range of *D. russelli* in Trincomalee District, Sri Lanka, from October 2019 to January 2020 ranged 110 - 225 mm (Anushika *et al.*, 2020). The Indian scad's length caught by mini purse seine in the waters around Tasikagung Fishing Port of Rembang ranged from 102 to 185 mm (Khasanah *et al.*, 2020). The total number and distribution frequency of *D. russelli* found during the three months of sampling varied based on the size of the total length and body weight (Figure 2). Among the three-time samplings, *D. russelli* in Tomini Bay were mostly found in the total length range of 77 - 98 mm for males and 121 - 142 for females.

The fish length-weight analysis is essential to monitor the stocks and fish's biological conditions to ease the implementation of fish sustainability and biodiversity management (Agista et al., 2019). The relationship model of total length and weight of male and female *D. russelli* based on monthly and combined data is shown in Figure 3. Additionally, the length-weight relationship data of the layang fish in Tasikagung Fishing Port of Rembang collected twice a month from January to April 2019 obtained an equation of W = 0.0000546 TL^{2.73} (Khasanah *et al.*, 2020), in Probolinggo Regency, Indonesia during January to May 2017 was W = 0.0049 L^{3.2882} (Bintoro *et*

al., 2019). In Mayangan Probolinggo, Indonesia, from December 2017 to April 2018, W = 0.014 L^{2.8513} (Bintoro *et al.*, 2019).

The determination coefficient (R^2) that describes how well the model fits the data (Nakagawa et al. 2017) on the polynomial equation in this study is relatively high, above 95%. The R^2 value in this study is quite diverse when compared to several previous studies. In comparison, data of *D. russelli* caught by purse seine conducted from March to August 2014 in waters around Pemangkat Fisheries Port, West Kalimantan expressed by equation $W = 0.0093 L^{3.1309}$ with $R^2 = 87.19$ % for male and $W = 0.0094 L^{3.1359}$ with $R^2 = 85.76$ % for female (Faizah and Sadiyah, 2020). In addition, the laying fish in Malaka Strait taken from April to September 2016 expressed the relationship of $W = 0.0057 L^{3.2984}$ ($R^2 = 97.45$ %) for male and $W = 0.0079 L^{3.183}$ ($R^2 = 98.25$ %) for female (Faizah and Sadiyah, 2020). From a fisheries biology perspective, the length and weight relationship of finfish is one of the corresponding information that needs to provide regarding fisheries resources management, Particularly in determining the selectivity of fishing gear; therefore, the only fish caught are of a catch-fit size (Bernas, 2016).

Many studies use data on the relationship between length and body weight of fish to predict the growth patterns. Fish might attain either isometric, negative allometric, or positive allometric growths. An isometric pattern is associated with no alteration of body shape as individual growth. Furthermore, a negative allometric indicates the fish becomes more slender as it increases in weight, while positive allometric growth denotes relatively deeper bodies or stouter since it increases in length (Riedel *et al.*, 2007). All growth patterns of layang fish in this study performs positive allometric, unless for female in April 2020 (Table 1). It is related to reproductive conditions and the spawning season. Suppose the spawning season of *D. russelli* in this study is just the same as in the waters of the Malacca Strait which took place from April to October with a peak in October (Hariati et al., 2017).

The growth pattern of Indian scad for males and females in the south of China Sea (Faizah and Sadiyah, 2020), and in Paiton, Probolinggo Regency from January 2017 to May 2017 (*Bintoro et al.*, 2019) also revealed positive allometric. However, a negative allometric growth pattern was shown by layang fish *D. russelli* in Trincomalee District, Sri Lanka based on the data taken from October 2019 to January 2020 (Anushika *et al.*, 2020) and in Mayangan Probolinggo, Indonesia, from December 2017 to April 2018 (Bintoro *et al.*, 2019). The layang fish in Latuhalat waters, Ambon in June, July, and August 2016, showed that almost all the data had positive allometric growths except for males in August 2016, which showed an isometric growth pattern (Ongkers *et al.*, 2016).

The variation in growth patterns is might be caused by differences in species, gonad maturity, spawning factors, food, sex, and age (Randongkir *et al.*, 2018). Availability of supportive food and aquatic habitat characteristics might influence the variation of fish growth patterns (Nugroho *et al.*, 2018) due to the food taken will affect the growth, maturity of each individual, and the successful life of the fish (Effendie, 2002).

Conclusion

The polynomial equation for the length and weight of layang scad fish *Decapterus russelli* is $0.000004~L^{3.1972}~(R^2=97.57~\%)$ for male and $W=0.0000007~L^{3.0613}~(R^2=98.99~\%)$ for female. Based on sampling data during April, May, and June 2020, it can be presented that the growth of males and females in Tomini Bay has a positive allometric pattern, except the female pattern in April 2020.

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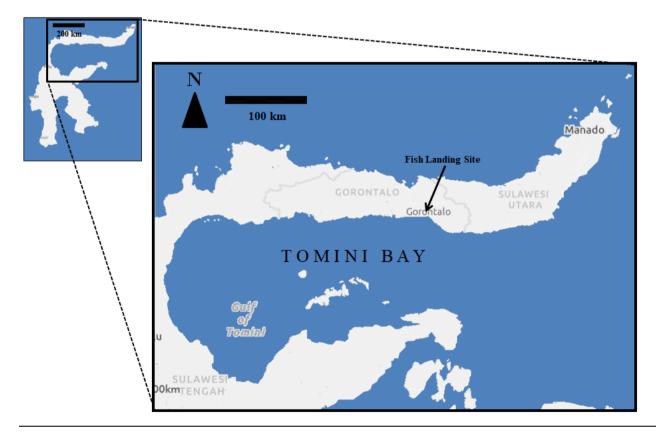


Figure 1. Fishing Area and Gorontalo Fish Landing Site of Layang Fish Decapterus russelli

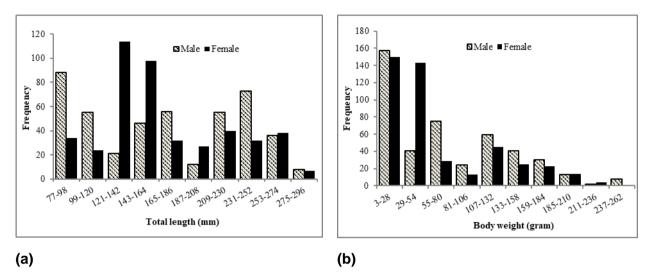
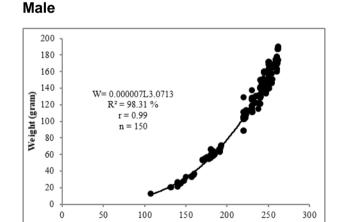
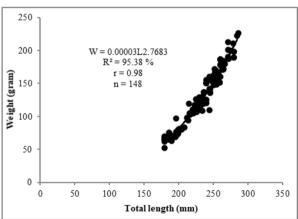


Figure 2. Frequency distribution of *Decapterus russelli* in Tomini Bay based on (a) total length and (b) body weight



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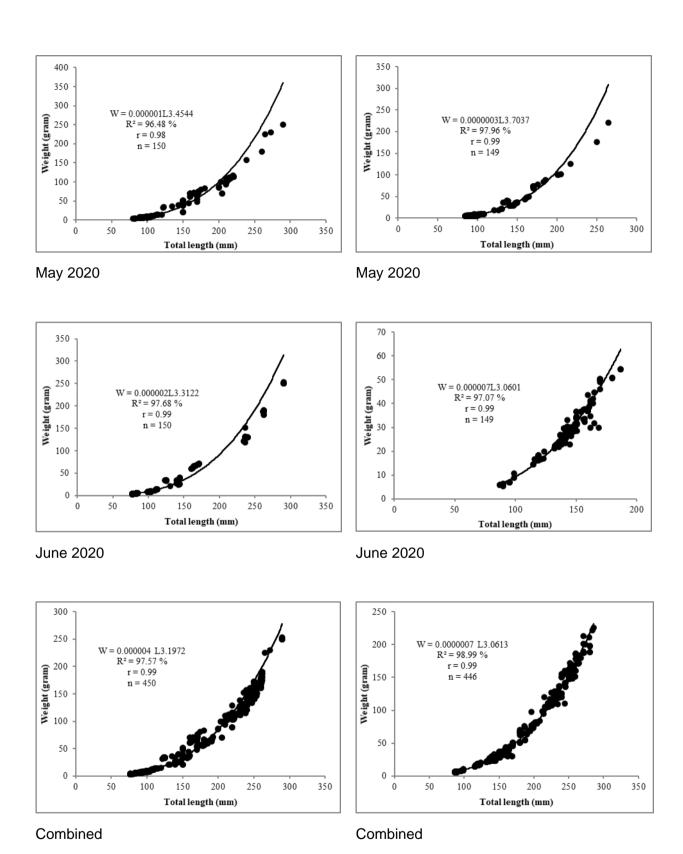
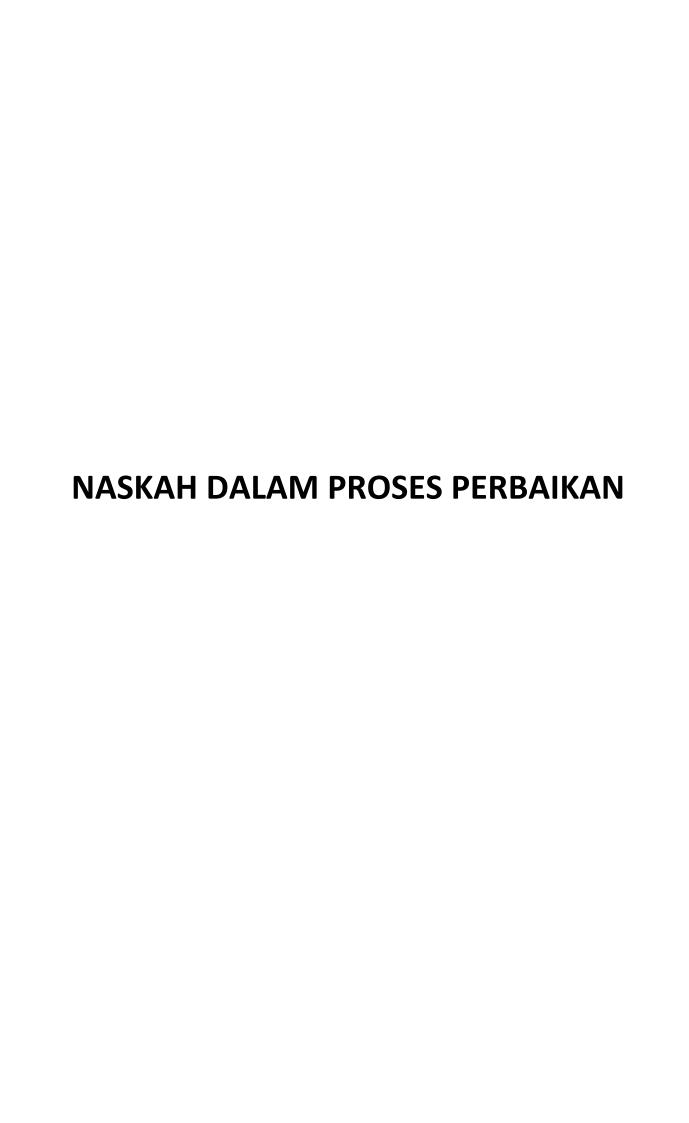


Figure 3. Length Weight Relations of *Decapterus russelli* in Tomini Bay

Table 1. Linear relation of length-weight data and growth patterns of D. russelli in Tomini Bay

Sampling	Male	Female

periods	Length-Weight linear relationships	Growth pattern	Length-Weight linear relationships	Growth pattern
		postive		negative
April 2020	In W = -11.9189 + 3.0713 In L	allometric	In W = -10.264 + 2.7683 In L	allomteric
		postive		postive
May 2020	In W = -13.6983 + 3.4544 In L	allometric	In W = -14.9327 + 3.7037 Ln L	allometric
		postive		postive
June 2020	In W = -13.0305 + 3.3122 In L	allometric	In W = -11.8668 - 3.0602 In L	allometric
		postive		postive
Total	In W = -12.5017 + 3.1972 In L	allometric	In W = -11.8687 + 3.0613 In L	allometric





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Abstract

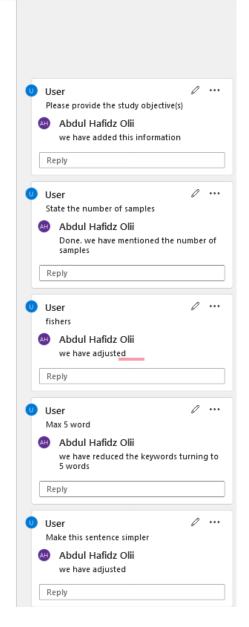
Regarding an exploitation optimizing of fisheries resources management in Tomini Bay, Layang fish (Decapterus ruselli, Ruppell 1830) is one of the various small pelagic fishes inhabiting the bay that still has lacks biological fisheries information. Whereas the species becomes the main target commodity for local fishers as it is commonly consumed as a protein source in the human diet. The samples were collected once per month at Gorontalo City Fish Landing Spot from April to June 2020. Tomini Bay was confirmed as the fishing ground of all the landed fish. Mini purse seines with a minimum mesh size of ¼ inch are the gears used by the fishers for catching layang fish. Samples were collected randomly from the lishemen's catch during their unloading activity at the landing site. Abdomen dissection was performed to—on all samples for determining the fish sexuality. Additionally—the fish samples' total length and body weight were quantified using a ruler (nearest = 1 mm) and a scale (nearest = 0.01 gram) separately. The result analysis revealed that the lengthweight equation of male was W = 0.000004 L³.1972 (R² = 97.57%), and that of female was W = 0.000007 L³.0613 (R² = 98.99%). Male and female layang fish D. russelli in Tomini Bay based on the sampling during these three-monthly sampling periods implied a positive allometric growth pattern, excluding the female in April 2020.

Keywords: allometric growth; Gorontalo; scad; length-weight relationship; population dynamics; Tomini

Introduction

Tomini Bay forms as a semi-enclosed water area (Miller et al., 2016) which is fertile (Kadim et al., 2019) with high marine biodiversity supported by the availability of phytoplanktons (Kadim et al., 2018) as primary food sources. [The bay is also inhabited by diverse species of marine mammals (Mustika et al., 2021), various pelagic fishes (Mardlijah and Patria, 2016; Pasisingi et al., 2020; Pasisingi et al., 2021; Pasisingi et al., 2021), small amphidromous fishes (Olii et al., 2017; Pasisingi and Abdullah, 2018; Olii et al., 2019; Pasisingi et al., 2021; Pasisingi et al., 2020; Pasisingi et al., 2020), as well as macrozoobenthos (Kadim et al., 2022). Moreover, local wisdom supports the sustainable management of coastal and marine resources in Tomini Bay (Obie, 2018).

Scientific data of Tomini Bay pelagic fish population dynamics are still minimal, making the level and utilization of the fish resources uncontrollable. Therefore, efforts to optimize fish resources to maximize the community's welfare around the bay area are still not optimal. Layang, fish (Decapterus russelli: Buppell 1830) that has a common name Scad (Sunaryo et al., 2019; Suwarso and Zamroni, 2015) or Indian Scad (Poojary et al., 2010; Chiesa et al., 2019) is one of the pelagic species of the Carangids group which is widely distributed including Tomini Bay as a part of Indo-Pacific region (Panda et al., 2012), western Indian Ocean, and northern Arabian Sea (Kalhoro et al., 2017). Apart from having a substantial economic value (Khasanah et al., 2020) and being in demand by the broader community due to its taste, the fish also contains protein (Cahyono and Mardani 2020; Fatma et al., 2020) to be consumed as a source of food nutrition. Layang fish diversification and processing (Tondais et al., 2020; Kurniawan et al., 2020b; Kurniawan et al., 2020a; Henra et al., 2020; Paparang, 2013) were also being developed in order to meet market demand for the commodity.



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Lack of scientific data on layang fish resources in Tomini Bay is a challenge in determining and formulating the proper management direction by considering layang fish *D. russelli* as the target fish caught by fishermen fishers in Indonesian as in Tomini Bay (Lawadjo et al., 2021), Malacca Strait (Alnanda et al., 2020), Makassar Strait (Cahyono and Mardani, 2020), and Ternate (Tangke, 2020). | Therefore, comprehensive, and up-to-date data on layang fish's condition in nature is needed to monitor these fish resources' availability and sustainability. This study aimed to determine length-weight relationships and the growth pattern of laying fish *D. russelli* in Tomini Bay. This study results can enrich the information on the resource conditions to support the sustainable management of layang fish in Tomini Bay.

Materials and Methods

Time, Location, and Sampling Technique

The sampling was conducted once per month at Gorontalo City Fish Landing Spot from April to June 2020. Mini purse seines with a minimum mesh size of % inch were fishermen's gears for catching layang fish in Jomini Bay. The number of 896 layang fish samples were collected randomly from the fisher's landing their catch to the landing site (Figure 1). The total length and body-weight data of the fish samples were quantified using a ruler and a scale separately. Furthermore, abdomen dissection was performed to determine sample sexuality.

Data Analysis

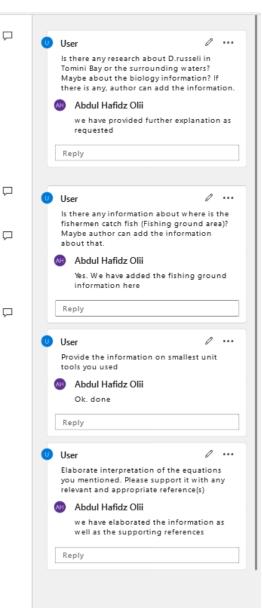
The relationship between total length and body weight of data samples were calculated and determined through the following equations (De Robertis and Williams, 2008):

Result and Discussion

The length ranges of sample fish found in this study were 77-290 mm and 87-286 mm for males and females, respectively. The length range of *D. russelli* in Trincomalee District, Sri Lanka, from October 2019 to January 2020 ranged 110 - 225 mm (Anushika *et al.*, 2020). The Indian scad's length caught by mini purse seine in the waters around Tasikagung Fishing Port of Rembang ranged from 102 to 185 mm (Khasanah *et al.*, 2020). The total number and distribution frequency of *D. ruselli* found during the three months of sampling varied based on the size of the total length and by weight (Figure 2). Among the three-time samplings, *D. russelli* in Tomini Bay were mostly mainly were found in the total length range of 77 - 98 mm for males and 121 - 142 for females.

The fish length-weight analysis is essential to monitor the stocks and fish's biological conditions to ease the implementation of fish sustainability and biodiversity management (Agista et al., 2019). The relationship model of total length and weight of male and female *D. cusselli,* based on monthly and combined data is shown in Figure 3. Additionally, the length-weight relationship data of the layang fish in Tasikagung Fishing Port of Rembang collected twice a month from January to April 2019 obtained an equation of W = 0.0000546 TL2.73 (Khasanah *et al.*, 2020), in Probolinggo Regency, Indonesia during January to May 2017 was W = 0.0049 L3.2882 (Bintoro *et al.*, 2019). In Mayangan Probolinggo, Indonesia, from December 2017 to April 2018, W = 0.014 L2.8513 (Bintoro *et al.*, 2019).

The determination coefficient (R²) that describes how well the model fits the data (Nakagawa et al. 2017) on the polynomial equation in this study is relatively high, above 95%. The R² value in this study is quite diverse when compared to several previous studies. In comparison, data of D. russelli caught by purse seine conducted from March to August 2014 in waters around Pemangkat



Fisheries Port, West Kalimantan expressed by equation W = $0.0093~L^{3.1309}$ with R² = 87.19~% for male and W= $0.0094~L^{3.1359}$ with R² = 85.76~% for female (Faizah and Sadiyah, 2020). In addition, the laying fish in Malaka Strait taken from April to September 2016 expressed the relationship of W = $0.0057~L^{3.2984}$ (R² = 97.45~%) for male and W = $0.0079~L^{3.183}$ (R² = 98.25~%) for female (Faizah and Sadiyah, 2020). From a fisheries biology perspective, the length and weight relationship of finfish is one of the corresponding information that needs to provide regarding fisheries resources management, Particularly in determining the selectivity of fishing gear; therefore, the only fish caught are of a catch-fit size (Bernas, 2016).

Many studies use data on the relationship between length and body weight of fish to predict the growth patterns. Fish might attain either isometric, negative allometric, or positive allometric growths. An isometric pattern is associated with no alteration of body shape as individual growth. Furthermore, a negative allometric indicates the fish becomes more slender as it increases in weight, while positive allometric growth denotes relatively deeper bodies or stouter since it increases in length (Riedel et al., 2007). All growth patterns of layang, fish in this study performs positive allometric, unless for female in April 2020 (Table 1). It is related to reproductive conditions and the spawning season. Suppose the spawning season of D. wsself in this study is just the same as in the waters of the Malacca Strait which took place from April to October with a peak in October (Hariati et al., 2017).

The growth pattern of Indian scad for males and females in the south of China Sea (Faizah and Sadiyah, 2020), and in <u>Paiton</u>, <u>Probolinggo</u> Regency from January 2017 to May 2017 (<u>Bintoro et al.</u>, 2019) also revealed positive allometric. However, a negative allometric growth pattern was shown by <u>Jayang</u> fish <u>D. cusselli</u> in Trincomalee District, Sri Lanka based on the data taken from October 2019 to January 2020 (Anushika et al., 2020) and in <u>Mayangan Probolinggo</u>, Indonesia, from December 2017 to April 2018 (Bintoro et al., 2019). The <u>Jayang</u> fish in <u>Latuhalat</u> waters, Ambon in June, July, and August 2016, showed that almost all the data had positive allometric growths except for males in August 2016, which showed an isometric growth pattern (Ongkers et al., 2016).

The variation in growth patterns is might be caused by differences in species, gonad maturity, spawning factors, food, sex, and age (Randongkir et al., 2018). Availability of supportive food and aquatic habitat characteristics might influence the variation of fish growth patterns (Nugroho et al., 2018) due to the food taken will affect the growth, maturity of each individual, and the successful life of the fish (Effendie, 2002).

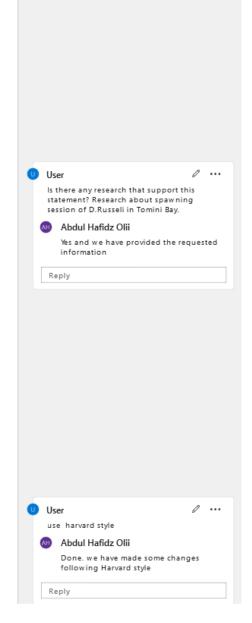
Conclusion

The polynomial equation for the length and weight of Javang scad fish Decapterus russelli is $0.000004 \, L^{3.1972}$ (R² = 97.57 %) for male and W = $0.0000007 \, L^{3.0913}$ (R² = 98.99 %) for female. Based on sampling data during April, May, and June 2020, it can be presented that the growth of males and females in Tomini Bay has a positive allometric pattern, except the female pattern in April 2020. Add implication of research

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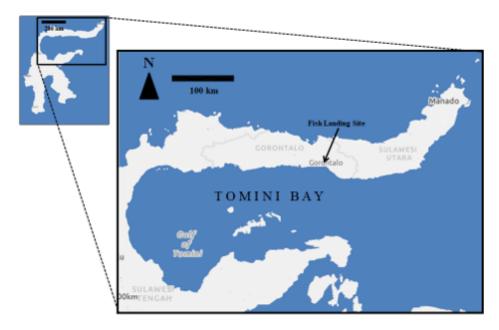


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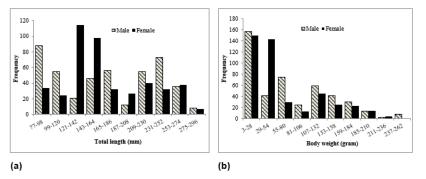
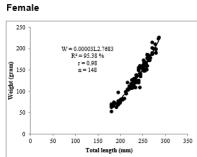


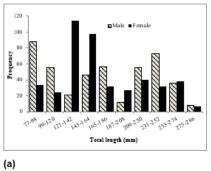
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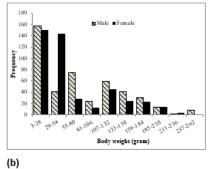


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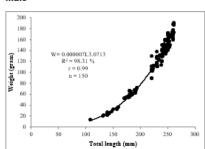
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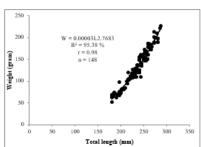
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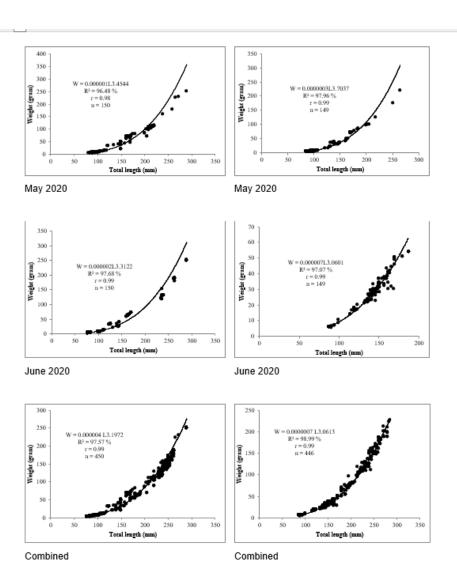
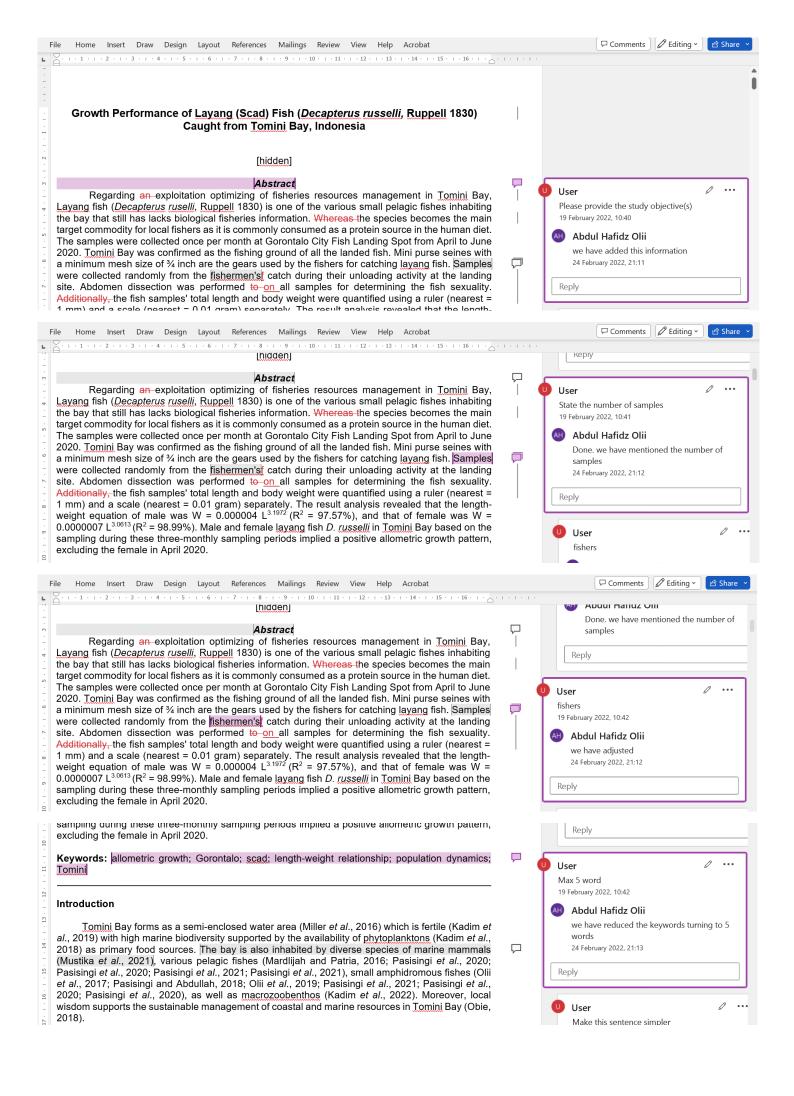


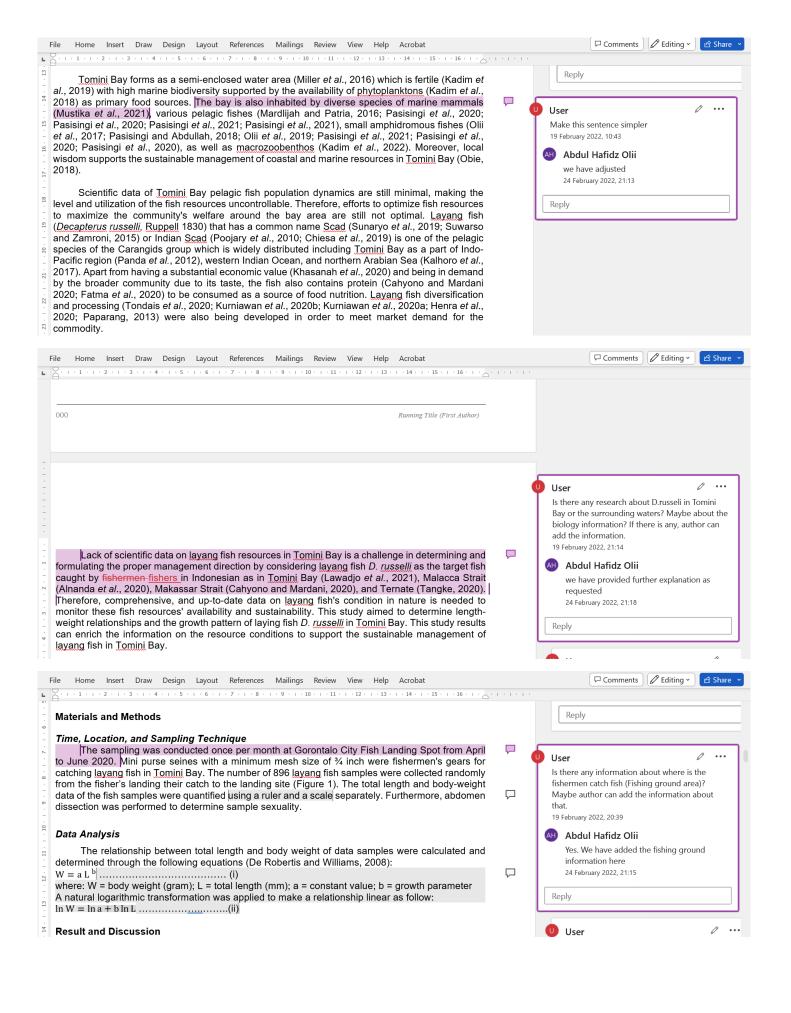
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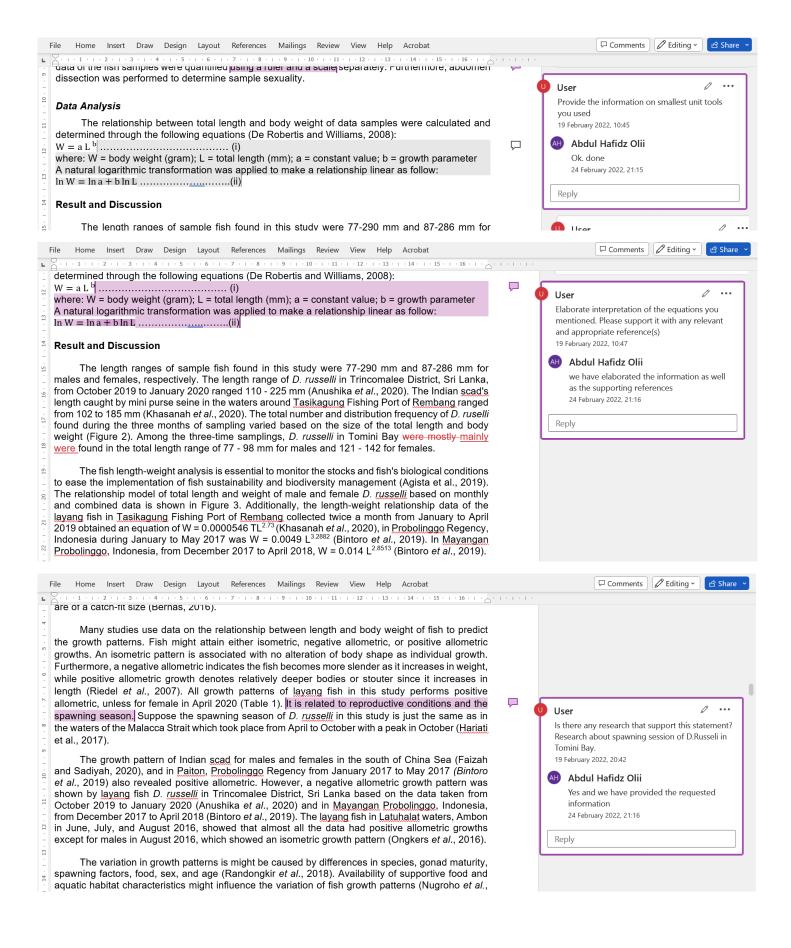
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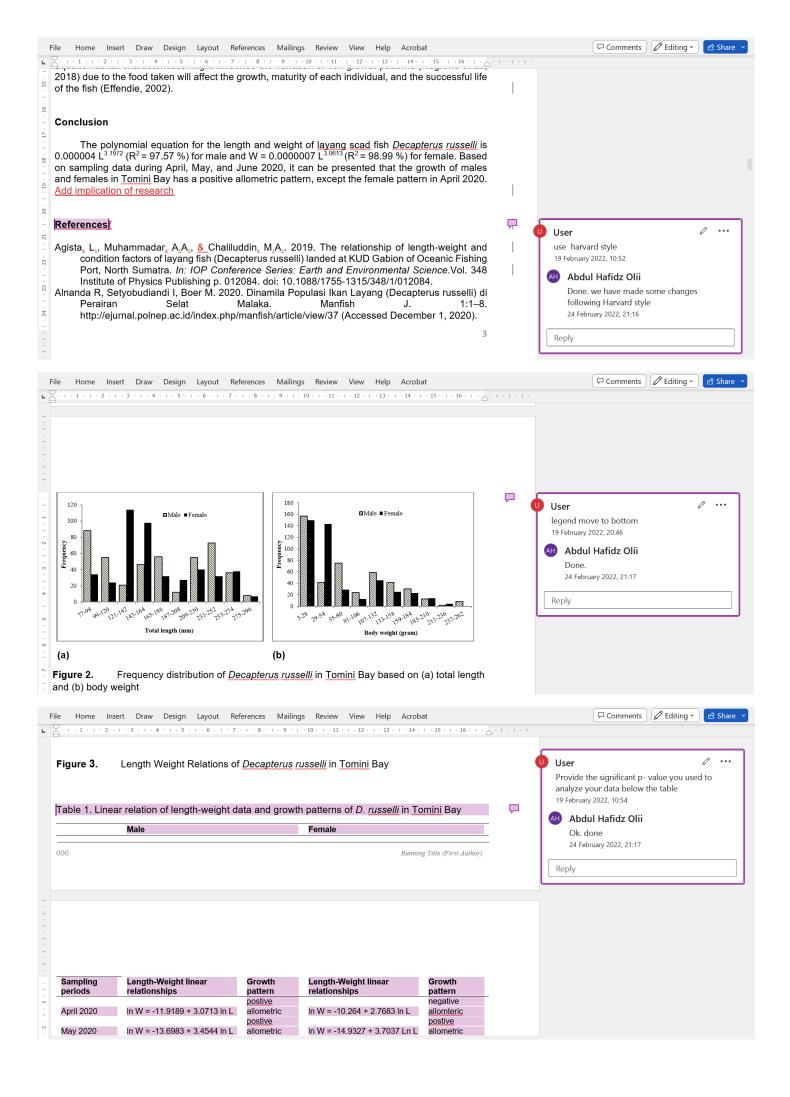
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Growth Performance of Layang (Scad) Fish (*Decapterus russelli,* Ruppell 1830) Caught from Tomini Bay, Indonesia

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Abstract

Regarding exploitation optimizing of fisheries resources management in Tomini Bay. Layang fish (Decapterus ruselli, Ruppell 1830) is one of the various small pelagic fishes inhabiting the bay that still has lacks biological fisheries information. The species becomes the main target commodity for local fishers as it is commonly consumed as a protein source in the human diet. This study aimed to determine length-weight relationships and the growth pattern of layang fish caught by fishers from Tomini Bay. The samples were collected once per month at Gorontalo City Fish Landing Spot from April to June 2020. Tomini Bay was confirmed as the fishing ground of all the landed fish. Mini purse seines with a minimum mesh size of 3/4 inch are the gears used by the fishers for catching layang fish. Total samples of 896 layang fish were collected randomly from the fishers's catch during their unloading activity at the landing site. Abdomen dissection was performed on all samples for determining the fish sexuality. The fish samples' total length and body weight were quantified using a ruler (nearest = 1 mm) and a scale (nearest = 0.01 gram) separately. The result analysis revealed that the length-weight equation of male was $W = 0.000004 L^{3.1972} (R^2 = 97.57\%)$, and that of female was W = $0.0000007 L^{3.0613}$ (R² = 98.99%). Male and female layang fish *D. russelli* in Tomini Bay based on the sampling during these three-monthly sampling periods implied a positive allometric growth pattern, excluding the female in April 2020.

Keywords: Gorontalo; scad; length-weight relationship

Introduction

Tomini Bay forms as a semi-enclosed water area (Miller *et al.*, 2016) which is fertile (Kadim *et al.*, 2019) with high marine biodiversity supported by the availability of phytoplanktons (Kadim *et al.*, 2018) as primary food sources. Diverse species of marine mammals also inhabit the bay (Mustika *et al.*, 2021), various pelagic fishes (Mardlijah and Patria, 2016; Pasisingi *et al.*, 2020; Pasisingi *et al.*, 2021; Pasisingi *et al.*, 2021; Pasisingi *et al.*, 2021; Pasisingi *et al.*, 2017; Pasisingi *and* Abdullah, 2018; Olii *et al.*, 2019; Pasisingi *et al.*, 2021; Pasisingi *et al.*, 2020; Pasisingi *et al.*, 2020), as well as macrozoobenthos (Kadim *et al.*, 2022). Moreover, local wisdom supports the sustainable management of coastal and marine resources in Tomini Bay (Obie, 2018).

Scientific data of Tomini Bay pelagic fish population dynamics are still minimal, making the level and utilization of the fish resources uncontrollable. Therefore, efforts to optimize fish resources to maximize the community's welfare around the bay area are still not optimal. Layang fish (*Decapterus russelli*, Ruppell 1830) that has a common name Scad (Sunaryo *et al.*, 2019; Suwarso and Zamroni, 2015) or Indian Scad (Poojary *et al.*, 2010; Chiesa *et al.*, 2019) is one of the pelagic species of the Carangids group which is widely distributed including Tomini Bay as a part of Indo-Pacific region (Panda *et al.*, 2012), western Indian Ocean, and northern Arabian Sea (Kalhoro *et al.*, 2017). Apart from having a substantial economic value (Khasanah *et al.*, 2020) and being in demand

by the broader community due to its taste, the fish also contains protein (Cahyono and Mardani 2020; Fatma *et al.*, 2020) to be consumed as a source of food nutrition. Layang fish diversification and processing (Tondais *et al.*, 2020; Kurniawan *et al.*, 2020b; Kurniawan *et al.*, 2020a; Henra *et al.*, 2020; Paparang, 2013) were also being developed in order to meet market demand for the commodity.

Lack of scientific data on layang fish resources in Tomini Bay is a challenge in determining and formulating the proper management direction by considering layang fish *D. russelli* as the target fish caught by fishers in Indonesian as in Tomini Bay (Lawadjo *et al.*, 2021), Malacca Strait (Alnanda *et al.*, 2020), Makassar Strait (Cahyono and Mardani, 2020), and Ternate (Tangke, 2020). *D. russelli* is one of four species commonly caught by fishers from Ambon Island waters (Pattikawa et al., 2018) and those sampled from Java Sea has a main food of Ochrophyta phylum with the number of IP more than 72% (Bintoro et al., 2019b). In Tomini Bay, such information has not been reported. Therefore, comprehensive and up-to-date data on layang fish's condition in nature is needed to monitor these fish resources' availability and sustainability. This study aimed to determine lengthweight relationships and the growth pattern of laying fish *D. russelli* in Tomini Bay. This study results can enrich the information on the resource conditions to support the sustainable management of layang fish in Tomini Bay.

Materials and Methods

Time, Location, and Sampling Technique

The sampling was conducted once per month at Gorontalo City Fish Landing Spot from April to June 2020. It was confirmed that the fishing ground was in Tomini Bay. Mini purse seines with a minimum mesh size of ¾ inch were fishermen's gears for catching layang fish in Tomini Bay. The number of 896 layang fish samples were collected randomly from the fisher's landing their catch to the landing site (Figure 1). The total length and body-weight data of the fish samples were quantified using a ruler (minimum accuracy = 1 mm) and a scale (minimum accuracy = 0.01 gram) separately. Furthermore, abdomen dissection was performed to determine sample sexuality.

Data Analysis

The a and b length-weight relationship parameters and the coefficient of determination (R^2) were obtained through the least-squares regression. The slope b value was performed the growth dimension of width, length, and depth. The fish growth pattern was figured out by testing the value b from the equation through the t-test at the 95% confidence level (Steel *et al.*, 1993). If b = 3, growth has an isometric pattern; if b < 3, it has a negative allometric pattern; if b > 3, it has a positive allometric pattern (De Guzman and Rosario, 2020).

Result and Discussion

The length ranges of sample fish found in this study were 77-290 mm and 87-286 mm for males and females, respectively. The length range of *D. russelli* in Trincomalee District, Sri Lanka, from October 2019 to January 2020 ranged 110 - 225 mm (Anushika *et al.*, 2020). The Indian scad's length caught by mini purse seine in the waters around Tasikagung Fishing Port of Rembang ranged from 102 to 185 mm (Khasanah *et al.*, 2020). The total number and distribution frequency of *D. ruselli*

found during the three months of sampling varied based on the size of the total length and body weight (Figure 2). Among the three-time samplings, *D. russelli* in Tomini Bay mainly were found in the total length range of 77 - 98 mm for males and 121 - 142 for females.

The fish length-weight analysis is essential to monitor the stocks and fish's biological conditions to ease the implementation of fish sustainability and biodiversity management (Agista et al., 2019). The relationship model of total length and weight of male and female *D. russelli* based on monthly and combined data is shown in Figure 3. Additionally, the length-weight relationship data of the layang fish in Tasikagung Fishing Port of Rembang collected twice a month from January to April 2019 obtained an equation of W = $0.0000546 \text{ TL}^{2.73}$ (Khasanah *et al.*, 2020), in Probolinggo Regency, Indonesia during January to May 2017 was W = $0.0049 \text{ L}^{3.2882}$ (Bintoro *et al.*, 2019). In Mayangan Probolinggo, Indonesia, from December 2017 to April 2018, W = $0.014 \text{ L}^{2.8513}$ (Bintoro *et al.*, 2019).

The determination coefficient (R^2) that describes how well the model fits the data (Nakagawa et al., 2017) on the polynomial equation in this study is relatively high, above 95%. The R^2 value in this study is quite diverse when compared to several previous studies. In comparison, data of *D. russelli* caught by purse seine conducted from March to August 2014 in waters around Pemangkat Fisheries Port, West Kalimantan expressed by equation $W = 0.0093 L^{3.1309}$ with $R^2 = 87.19$ % for male and $W = 0.0094 L^{3.1359}$ with $R^2 = 85.76$ % for female (Faizah and Sadiyah, 2020). In addition, the laying fish in Malaka Strait taken from April to September 2016 expressed the relationship of $W = 0.0057 L^{3.2984} (R^2 = 97.45$ %) for male and $W = 0.0079 L^{3.183} (R^2 = 98.25$ %) for female (Faizah and Sadiyah, 2020). From a fisheries biology perspective, the length and weight relationship of finfish is one of the corresponding information that needs to provide regarding fisheries resources management, Particularly in determining the selectivity of fishing gear; therefore, the only fish caught are of a catch-fit size (Bernas, 2016).

Many studies use data on the relationship between length and body weight of fish to predict the growth patterns. Fish might attain either isometric, negative allometric, or positive allometric growths. An isometric pattern is associated with no alteration of body shape as individual growth. Furthermore, a negative allometric indicates the fish becomes more slender as it increases in weight, while positive allometric growth denotes relatively deeper bodies or stouter since it increases in length (Riedel et al., 2007). All growth patterns of layang fish in this study performs positive allometric, unless for female in April 2020 (Table 1). A fish growth pattern is related to environmental conditions, linked to specific species morphological characteristic, and with no plausible explanation unless it might be related to stomach fullness (Jisr et al., 2018). In the present study, it is predicted that the gonadal development of *D. russelli* is in the spawning season. The spawning season of *D.* russelli in this study is just the same as in the waters of the Malacca Strait, which took place from April to October with a peak in October (Hariati et al., 2017). In that case, it is assumed that the female layang fish in Tomini Bay in April 2020 are still at the beginning of gonadic growth. Therefore, the body in April is relatively less plump than in the following months. The fish spawning season is influenced by environmental conditions (temperature, salinity, and climate) that benefit for fish spawning (Bintoro et al., 2019).

The growth pattern of Indian scad for males and females in the south of China Sea (Faizah and Sadiyah, 2020), and in Paiton, Probolinggo Regency from January 2017 to May 2017 (*Bintoro et al.*, 2019) also revealed positive allometric. However, a negative allometric growth pattern was shown by layang fish *D. russelli* in Trincomalee District, Sri Lanka based on the data taken from October 2019 to January 2020 (Anushika *et al.*, 2020) and in Mayangan Probolinggo, Indonesia, from December 2017 to April 2018 (Bintoro *et al.*, 2019). The layang fish in Latuhalat waters, Ambon in June, July, and August 2016, showed that almost all the data had positive allometric growths except for males in August 2016, which showed an isometric growth pattern (Ongkers *et al.*, 2016).

The variation in growth patterns is might be caused by differences in species, gonad maturity, spawning factors, food, sex, and age (Randongkir et al., 2018). Availability of supportive food and

aquatic habitat characteristics might influence the variation of fish growth patterns (Nugroho *et al.*, 2018) due to the food taken will affect the growth, maturity of each individual, and the successful life of the fish (Effendie, 2002).

Conclusion

The polynomial equation for the length and weight of layang scad fish *Decapterus russelli* is 0.000004 L^{3.1972} (R² = 97.57 %) for male and W = 0.0000007 L^{3.0613} (R² = 98.99 %) for female. Based on sampling data during April, May, and June 2020, it can be presented that the growth of males and females in Tomini Bay has a positive allometric pattern, except the female pattern in April 2020. These values exhibited the biological and environmental factors experienced by the species. Although it needs data from more qualified time series data, these results generally reflected that species are in good biological and dwelling in optimal environmental conditions. It needs to be maintained or even improved to optimize the utilization of *D. russelli* in Tomini Bay.

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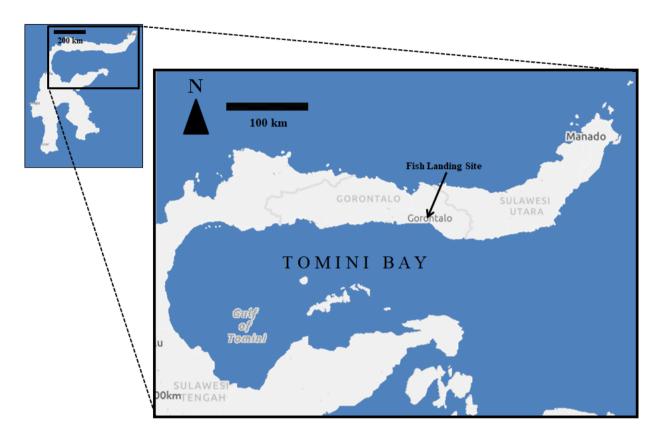


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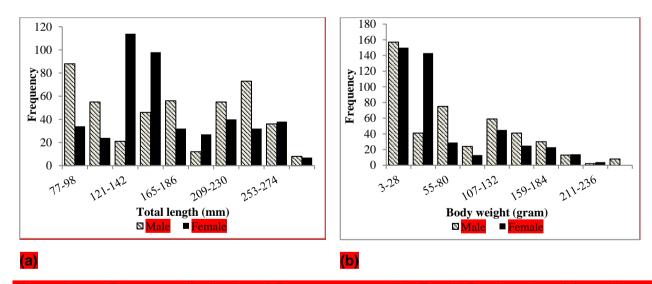
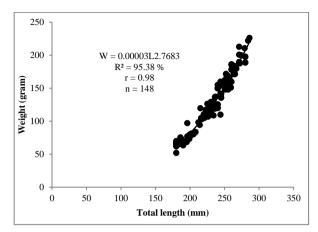


Figure 2. Frequency distribution of *Decapterus russelli* in Tomini Bay based on (a) total length and (b) body weight

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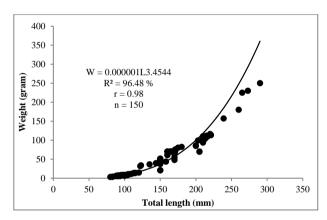
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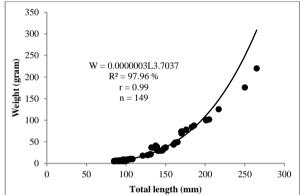
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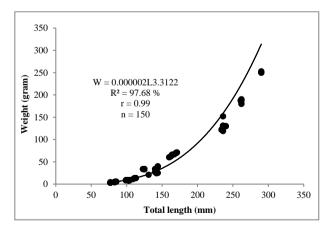
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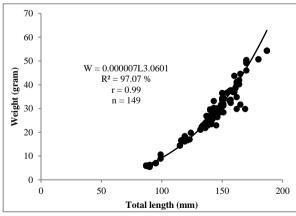




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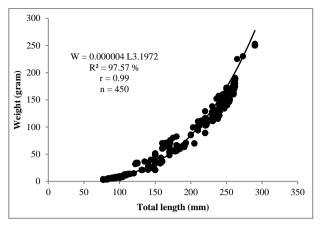


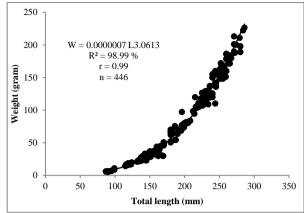


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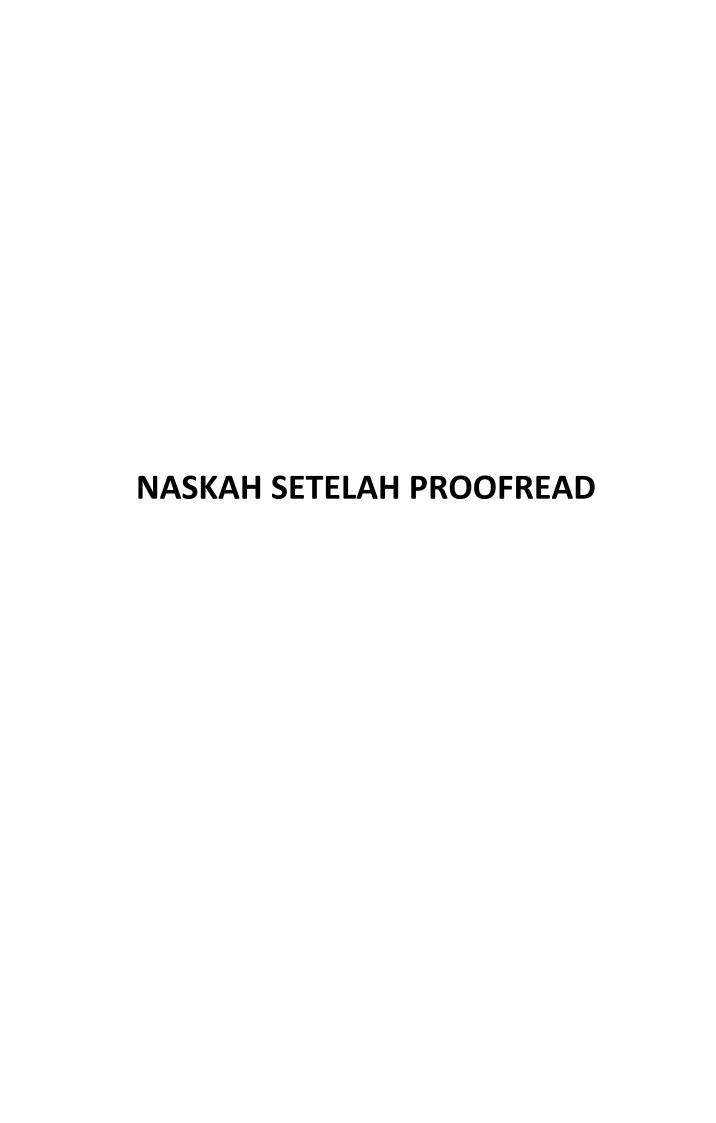
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Figure 3. Length Weight Relations of *Decapterus russelli* in Tomini Bay

Table 1. Linear relation of length-weight data and growth patterns of *D. russelli* in Tomini Bay

Sampling periods	Male		Female	
	Length-Weight linear relationships	Growth pattern	Length-Weight linear relationships	Growth pattern
		postive		negative
April 2020	In W = -11.9189 + 3.0713 In L	allometric postive	In W = -10.264 + 2.7683 In L	allomteric postive
May 2020	In W = -13.6983 + 3.4544 In L	allometric postive	In W = -14.9327 + 3.7037 Ln L	allometric postive
June 2020	In W = -13.0305 + 3.3122 In L	allometric postive	In W = -11.8668 - 3.0602 In L	allometric postive
Total	In W = -12.5017 + 3.1972 In L	allometric	In W = -11.8687 + 3.0613 In L	allometric

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Growth Performance of Layang (Scad) Fish (*Decapterus russelli,* Ruppell 1830) Caught from Tomini Bay, Indonesia

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Abstract

Regarding exploitation and optimizing fisheries resources management in Tomini Bay, the Layang \mathbf{r} -scad fish (Decapterus \mathbf{r} usselli, Ruppell 1830) is one of the small pelagic fishes inhabiting the bay that still has lacks biological information. The species becomes the main target commodity for local fishers as it is commonly consumed as a protein source for coastal community \mathbf{r} . This study aimed to determine the length-weight relationships and the growth pattern of Layang fish caught by fishers from Tomini Bay. The samples were collected once per month at Gorontalo City Fish Landing Spot from April to June 2020. Tomini Bay was confirmed as the fishing ground of all the landed fish. Layang is caught by Mini purse seines with a minimum mesh size of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. A Hotal samples of 896 samples of Layang fish were collected randomly from the fishers' catch during their unloading activity at the landing site. Abdomen dissection was performed on all samples for determining the fish's sexuality. The fish samples' total length and body weight were measured using a ruler (nearest = 1 mm) and a scale (nearest = 0.01 gram). The result revealed that the length-weight equation of male Layang was $W = 0.000004 \, \mathrm{L}^{3.1972}(R^2 = 97.57\%)$, and that of female was $W = 0.0000007 \, \mathrm{L}^{3.0613}(R^2 = 98.99\%)$. This result implied a positive allometric growth pattern, excluding the females in April 2020.

Keywords: Gorontalo; scad; length-weight relationship

Introduction

Tomini Bay forms a semi-enclosed water area (Miller et al., 2016) that is fertile (Kadim et al., 2019) with high marine biodiversity supported by the availability of phytoplankton (Kadim et al., 2018) as primary food source. Diverse species of marine mammals also inhabit the bay (Mustika et al., 2021), various pelagic fishes (Mardlijah and Patria, 2016; Pasisingi et al., 2020a; 2020b; 2021a; 2021b), small amphidromous fishes (Olii et al., 2017; Pasisingi and Abdullah, 2018; Olii et al., 2019; Pasisingi et al., 2021c; 2020b; 2020c), as well as macrozoobenthos (Kadim et al., 2022). Moreover, local wisdom supports the sustainable management of coastal and marine resources in Tomini Bay (Obie, 2018).

Scientific data of Tomini Bay pelagic fish population dynamics are still minimal, making the level and utilization of the fish resources uncontrollable. Therefore, efforts to optimize fish resources to maximize the community's welfare around the bay area are still not optimal. Layang fish (Decapterus russelli, Ruppell 1830) that has athe common name Scad (Sunaryo et al., 2019; Suwarso and Zamroni, 2015) or Indian Scad (Poojary et al., 2010; Chiesa et al., 2019) is one of the pelagic species of the Carangids group which is widely

distributed including Tomini Bay as a part of the Indo-Pacific region (Panda et al., 2012), western Indian Ocean, and northern Arabian Sea (Kalhoro et al., 2017). Apart from having a substantial economic value (Khasanah et al., 2020) and being in demand by the broader community due to its taste, the fish also contains protein (Cahyono and Mardani, 2020; Fatma et al., 2020) to be consumed as a source of food nutrition. —Diversification of Layang fish's diversification products and processing (Tondais et al., 2020; Kurniawan et al., 2020a; 2020b; Henra et al., 2020; Paparang, 2013) were also being developed in order to meet market demand for the commodity.

The lack of scientific data on Layang fish resources in Tomini Bay is a challenge in determining and formulating the proper management direction by considering Layang fish *D. russelli* as the target fish caught by fishers in Indonesia as in Tomini Bay (Lawadjo et al., 2021), Malacca Strait (Alnanda et al., 2020), Makassar Strait (Cahyono and Mardani, 2020), and Ternate (Tangke, 2020). *D. russelli* is also one of four species commonly caught by fishers from Ambon Island waters (Pattikawa et al., 2018). In Tomini Bay, such information has not been reported. Therefore, comprehensive and up-to-date data on Layang fish's condition in nature is needed to monitor

their availability and sustainability. This study aimed to determine length-weight relationships and the growth pattern of Layang fish *D. russelli* in Tomini Bay.

Materials and Methods

Time, location, and sampling technique

The sampling was conducted once a month at Gorontalo City Fish Landing from April to June 2020. It was confirmed that the fishing ground was in Tomini Bay. Mini purse seines with a minimum mesh size of ¾ inch were used to catch the Layang fish in Tomini Bay. 896 Layang fish samples were collected randomly from the fisher's catch at the landing site (Figure 1.). The total length and weight of the samples were measured using a ruler (minimum accuracy = 1 mm) and a scale (minimum accuracy = 0.01 g). The abdomen dissection was performed to determine sample sexuality.

Data analysis

The relationship between total length and body weight of the samples were was calculated and determined through the following equations (De Robertis and Williams, 2008):

where: W = body weight (gram); L = total length (mm); a = constant value; b = growth parameter

A natural logarithmic transformation was applied to make a relationship linear as follow:

The a and b length-weight relationship parameters and the coefficient of determination (R^2) were obtained through the least-squares regression. The slope b value was performed the growth dimension of width, length, and body depth. The fish growth pattern was figured out by testing the value b from the equation through the t-test at the 95% confidence level (Steel et al., 1993). If b = 3, growth has an isometric pattern; b < 3, it has a negative allometric pattern (De Guzman and Rosario, 2020).

Result and Discussion

The length ranges of samples found in this study were 77-290 mm and 87-286 mm for males and females fish, respectively. For comparison, the length range of *D. russelli* in Trincomalee District, Sri Lanka, from October 2019 to January 2020 ranged from 110—to 225 mm (Anushika *et al.*, 2020), while the Indian scad's length caught by mini purse seine in the waters around Tasikagung Fishing Port of Rembang ranged from 102 to 185 mm (Khasanah *et al.*, 2020). The total number and distribution frequency of the total length and body weight of *D. russelli* found during the three months of sampling varied (Figure 2.). Among the three-time samplings, the total length range of 77 - 98 mm for males and 121 - 142 mm for females were commonly found.

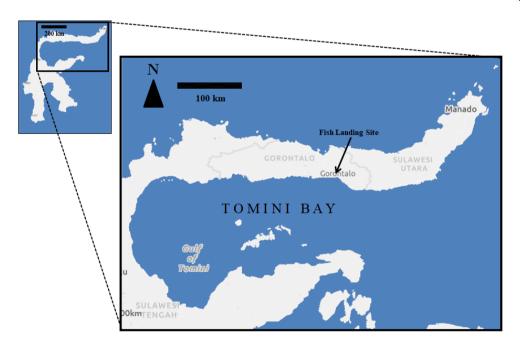


Figure 1. Fishing Area and Gorontalo Fish Landing Site of Layang Fish Decapterus russelli

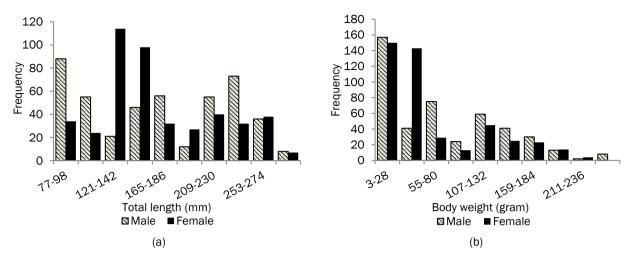


Figure 2. Frequency distribution of Decapterus russelli in Tomini Bay based on (a) total length and (b) body weight

The fish length-weight analysis is essential to monitor their stocks and biological conditions to ease the implementation of fish sustainability and biodiversity management (Agista *et al.*, 2019). The relationship of total length and weight of male and female *D. russelli* based on monthly and combined data are shown in Figure 3. Khasanah *et al.* (2020) found that the length-weight relationship of the Layang fish in Tasikagung Fishing Port of Rembang from January to April 2019 was W = 0.0000546 TL^{2.73}, while in Probolinggo Regency, Indonesia during January to May 2017 (1) was W = 0.0049 L^{3.2882} (Bintoro *et al.*, 2019). In Mayangan Probolinggo, Indonesia, from December 2017 to April 2018, W = 0.014 L^{2.8513} (Bintoro *et al.*, 2019).

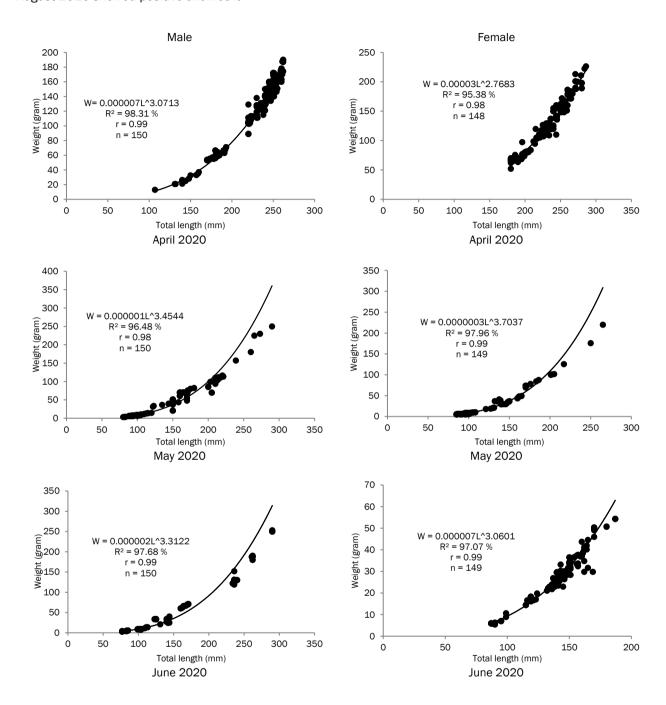
The determination coefficient (R2) that describes how well the model fits the data (Nakagawa et al., 2017) on the polynomial equation in this study is relatively high, above 95%. The R2 value in this study is quite diverse when compared to several previous studies. In comparison, the D. russelli caught by purse seine conducted from March to August 2014 in the waters around Pemangkat Fisheries Port, West Kalimantan was W = 0.0093 $L^{3.1309}$ with $R^2 = 87.19$ % for males and W=0.0094 $L^{3.1359}$ with $R^2 = 85.76$ % for females (Faizah and Sadiyah, 2020). In addition, the Layang fish in Malaka Strait taken from April to September 2016 had W = $0,0057 L^{3,2984}$ (R² = 97.45 %) for males and W = $0.0079 L^{3.183} (R^2 = 98.25 \%)$ for females (Faizah and Sadiyah, 2020). From the fisheries biology perspective, the length and weight relationship of the fish are important information that need to provide for fisheries resources management (Bernas, 2016).

Many studies use length and body weight relationship data to predict the growth patterns of fish. Fish might attain either isometric, negative allometric, or positive allometric growths. An

isometric pattern is associated with no alteration of body shape as individual growth. Furthermore, a negative allometric indicates the fish becomes more slender as it increases in weight, while positive allometric growth denotes relatively deeper bodies or stouter bodies since it increases in length (Riedel et al., 2007). All growth patterns of Layang fish in this study performs positive allometric, unless for females in April 2020 (Table 1.). The fish growth pattern is related to environmental conditions, linked to specific species morphological characteristics, and with no plausible explanation unless it might be related to stomach fullness (Jisr et al., 2018). In the present study, it is predicted that the gonadal development of D. russelli is in the spawning season. The spawning season of D. russelli in this study is the same as in the Malacca Strait waters in which happen from April to October with a peak in October (Hariati et al., 2017). In that case, it is assumed that the female Lavang fish in Tomini Bay in April 2020 are still at the beginning of gonadic growth. Therefore, the body in April is relatively less plump than in the following months. The fish spawning season is influenced by environmental conditions (temperature, salinity, and climate) that benefit for fish spawning (Bintoro et al., 2019).

The growth pattern of Indian scad for males and females in the south of China Sea (Faizah and Sadiyah, 2020), and in Paiton, Probolinggo Regency from January 2017 to May 2017 (Bintoro et al., 2019) and in Inengo, Gorontalo from February 2021 to March 2021 (Pasisingi et al., 2021d) also revealed positive allometric. However, a negative allometric growth pattern was shown by *D. russelli* in Trincomalee District, Sri Lanka during October 2019 to January 2020 (Anushika et al., 2020) and from December 2017 to April 2018 in Mayangan Probolinggo, Indonesia (Bintoro et al., 2019). The

Layang fish in Latuhalat waters, Ambon in June-August 2016 showed positive allometric



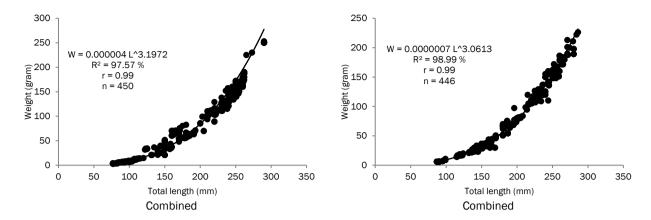


Figure 3. Length-Weight Relations of *Decapterus russelli* in Tomini Bay **Table 1.** Linear relation of length-weight data and growth patterns of *D. russelli* in Tomini Bay

Sampling	Male		Female		
periods	Length-Weight linear relationships	Growth pattern	Length-Weight linear relationships	Growth pattern	
				negative	
				allomtericallometri	
April 2020	In W = -11.9189 + 3.0713 In L	postive allometric	In W = -10.264 + 2.7683 In L	C	
May 2020	In W = -13.6983 + 3.4544 In L	postive allometric	In W = -14.9327 + 3.7037 Ln L	postive allometric	
June 2020	In W = -13.0305 + 3.3122 In L	postive allometric	In W = -11.8668 - 3.0602 In L	postive allometric	
Total	In W = -12.5017 + 3.1972 In L	postive allometric	In W = -11.8687 + 3.0613 In L	postive allometric	

(p value < 0.05)

growths except for males of August 2016, which showed an isometric growth pattern (Ongkers *et al.*, 2016).

The variation in growth patterns is—might be caused by differences in species, gonad maturity, spawning factors, food, sex, and age (Randongkir et al., 2018). Availability of supportive food and aquatic habitat characteristics might influence the variation of fish growth patterns (Nugroho et al., 2018) due to be to daken will affect the growth, maturity of each individual, and the successful life of the fish (Effendie, 2002).

Conclusion

The polynomial equation for the length and weight of Layang scad fish *Decapterus russelli* is $0.000004~L^{3.1972}~(R^2=97.57~\%)$ for male and W = $0.0000007~L^{3.0613}~(R^2=98.99~\%)$ for female. The growth of male and female Scad fish in Tomini Bay has a positive allometric pattern, except the female pattern in April 2020. These values exhibited the biological and environmental factors experienced by the species. Although it needs more qualified time series data, these results generally reflected that species are in good biological and optimal environmental conditions. It needs to be maintained or even improved to optimize the utilization of *D. russelli* in Tomini Bay.

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