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Behavioral Response of Purpleback Flying Squid *Sthenoteuthis oualaniensis* (Mollusk; Cephalopod) to the Flashlight Artificial Bait Colors

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ABSTRACT. This study aimed to the response of deep-sea squid *Sthenoteuthis oualaniensis* to the light colors of the artificial bait. This experiment used the commercial artificial flashlight baits commonly sold in the fishing shop. The bait has several different light color combinations. The light colors were modified into several light colors by inactivating certain colors and used as treatments. We applied red-green, green, blue, and commercial bait lights in this study. Each treatment has 3 replications. The effect was expressed as the amount of squid caught. Data were analyzed by One-Way ANOVA. Results showed a significant effect on the number of squid catches. There was significantly different squid catches among the treatments. It indicates that this artificial flashlight bait could be developed to maximize squid catches.

Keywords: commercial jig, modification, effect, catch.

Introduction

The exploitation of fisheries resources starts from a basic human need to obtain animal protein sources. Squid is one of the protein sources from the ocean, and nearly all body parts are edible. Since 1950, capture production of cephalopods has continued to grow (Hunsicker et al., 2010; Doubleday et al., 2016), with total commercial annual catches between 3.5 and 4.9 million tons in 2008–2017 (FAO, 2019), almost 4.6 times higher than that of the 1950s. Cephalopods on average support approximately 15 and 20% of marine fishery landings and landed values, respectively (Hunsicker et al., 2010; FAO, 2019). This group has unique life history characteristics, including rapid growth, short lifespan, and semelparous reproductive strategy, giving them both sensitivity and resilience to anthropogenic exploitation and oceanographic variability (Rodhouse et al., 2014). The species within the family Ommastrephidae support approximately 33.8% of the global cephalopod's landings (FAO, 2019). This group is recognized as voracious and adaptable predators of a broad range of prey including small crustaceans and fishes at early life stages and shift to micronekton, larger fishes, and cephalopods (including cannibalism) as they grow (Nigmatullin et al., 2001; Alegre et al., 2014). Despite its economic importance, the offshore oceanic squid resources' exploitation rate is relatively low (Worms, 1983). The flying squids (Ommastrephidae; Oegopsid) cover about 65% of the world's commercial cephalopods (Roper et al. 1984; Brunetti 1990) with a total of about 2.6 million in 1991 (FAO 1993). The flying squids *Sthenoteuthis oualaniensis* (Lesson) and *Ommastrephes bratamii* are the oceanic species of this family that are distributed from the Indo-Pacific to the

Indian Ocean. According to Voss (1973), the potential of the purpleback flying squids in the Central Eastern Pacific is at least 100,000 metric tons. This species is caught commercially in the eastern and southern East China Sea, Taiwan to Okinawa by hook and line with light at night (Yoshikawa 1978; Okutani 1980; Tung 1981.). The deep-sea squids caught by traditional fishermen of Manado Bay, North Sulawesi, in the Sulawesi Sea have been identified as a dwarf form of *Sthenoteuthis oualaniensis* (Pratasik et al., 2022). These species are highly migratory and undertake diel vertical migrations of several hundred meters and seasonal migrations between the shelf and open ocean (Gilly et al., 2006; Stewart et al., 2013) so that they can act as important linkages between both neritic and oceanic food webs (Arkhipkin, 2013).

There are numerous studies on bait types to find the highest catch, from fish and shrimp flesh, live bait, and artificial bait. Fish and squids were observed to be attracted to squid jigging vessels due to the phototaxis [Rao. 1996]. It is related to their behavior to avoid predators or to enhance feeding efficiency (Solomon and Ahmed, 2016), and their response depends upon species, ontogenic development, characteristics of the light source, intensity, color, and wavelength (Mallawa et al., 1991). Therefore, fishermen catch squid using light that illuminates in water as well as jigs to attract the squids to aggregate and bite the jigs (Asokan and Krishnan, 2021). It relies on the artificial bait of shrimp-like siliconized jig fishing (Altinagac, 2006; Ulas & Aydin, 2011; Paighambari et al., 2012; Reza et al., 2019; Aydin & Ilkyaz, 2021). Other studies on hand-line fishing are also done using different colors of shrimp-shaped jigs (Altinagac, 2006; Ulas & Aydin, 2011; Paighambari et al., 2012; Aydin & Ilkyaz, 2021). Squid fishing in North Sulawesi is done by traditional fishermen using 5 to 7 M-boat. The traditional fishermen of Manado Bay, North Sulawesi, catch the deep-sea squid *S. oualaniensis* using a mini-battery-supported flashlight artificial bait sold in the fishing stores. The flashlight artificial bait contains several different alternately blinking light colors to get the squid to bite. This study modifies the light colors to find the best modification of light color against the catches.

Method

This study was carried out from June to July 2020. Traditional fisheries catch deep-sea squids *S. oualaniensis* in the Sulawesi Sea, North Sulawesi, at night (Figure 1). The flashlight bait is facilitated with a mini-battery to be able to produce several different light colors to attract the squid.

This experiment modified the standard commercial flashlight bait sold in the fishing shop to produce different light colors: Red-Green, Blue, Green, and Red. These different light colors were used in 10 fishing trips. Twelve skillful fishermen were used in this experiment in which they were divided into 4 groups of 3 people to operate each light color. The common commercial flashlight bait was also used as a control treatment. Each line used only one jig and all jig fishing activities were carried out at the same time.

Figure 1. Sampling site.

The use of the red-colored bait was eventually terminated because it was always cut off and lost. The experiment utilized only commercial bait, red-green bait, blue bait, and green bait as treatment with 3 replications represented by 3 local skillful fishermen for each bait light color. Data collections were squid catches. The catch data were analyzed with ANOVA facilitated with statistical software for comparisons. The difference between treatments was then tested using Tukey's Honestly Significant Difference (HSD) procedure.

Results

This study caught a total of 30,687 squids *S. oualaniensis* during the fishing experiment in the Sulawesi Sea, North Sulawesi. Different light color applications highly significantly influenced the number of squid catches ($P < 0.001$). Analysis of Variance demonstrates that both trip and bait light color influence the squid catches (Table 1).

Table 1. ANOVA on the effect of artificial bait light colors on the number of catches.

Tukey's Honestly Significant Difference (HSD) test revealed that *S. oualaniensis* differently responded to the bait's light colors. All treatment applications gave a significantly different number of catches. Comparisons between treatments showed that all bait light color modifications gave a higher number of catches than the commercial one (Table 2).

Table 2. Multiple comparisons between treatment applications.

The significantly different squid catches are also indicated by the mean number of squid catches (Figure 1). The green-lighted jig yielded the highest mean squid catches, 377.37 (39.46%), followed by blue light color, 268.3 (28.06%), then red-green, 213.43 (22.32%), and the lowest catches in the commercial artificial bait, 97.13 (10.16%) (Figure 2 and Table 2). Multiple comparisons between treatment applications yielded 6 pairs of comparisons and indicated that all treatment flashlight jig colors yielded significantly different squid catches, in which single light colors also give the squid a higher response to taking the lure (Table 2).

Figure 2. Mean catch of squid *S. oualaniensis* during the study.

Discussion

Jigging is an essential fishing method to exploit squids selectively and avoid overexploiting to conserve resources and energy (Asokan & Krishnan, 2021). It helps to adjust operational depth according to the concentration depth of squids. They are attracted to lights and fast-moving bait or any bait-like object. A typical jig consists of a shrimp or stalk-like body made of flexible

plastic with one to three hooks or more sharp barbless steel hooks at the end. Other jigs are facilitated with the mini battery-supported light blinking.

Squids are known as color-blinded animals, but the degree of contrast is important for squid behavior to attack the jig (Flores et al., 1978). The use of a flashlight jig, in fact, gave a stronger degree of contrast in the water column at night fishing than the use of light above the water and could give a stronger stimulus to the squid to attack blinking light. The flashlight jig also has a higher degree of contrast than the shrimp-like siliconized jig so that the squid more sensitively responds to the flashlight jig color in the water column. The flashlight jig could stimulate the purpleback flying squid to get the bait. On the other hand, cephalopods (squid, cuttlefish, and octopus) are well known as voracious predators of many preys, such as fish and crustaceans, or even have cannibalism behavior, so the contrast moving object in the water column could indicate the presence of moving prey.

Furthermore, the present study revealed that the modified light colors of the artificial bait caught a higher number of deep-sea squid *S. oualaniensis* in the Sulawesi Sea than the common commercial artificial bait sold in the fishing store with a combination of several different colors. There was also a significantly different effect of all light color modifications on the squid catches with the highest catch in the green light. The low attacking preference of the purpleback flying squid to the multiple light colors could result from the squid's perception of the blinking multiple colors of the flashlight bait as the aposematic coloration of the prey, in which the animal shows the unpalatability or toxicity through warning coloration. This defense mechanism is widely discussed by Endler (1978), Mappes et al (2005), Mochida et al (2015), Stevens (2007), and Toledo & Haddad (2009). Aposematism is commonly found across the animal kingdom as a defense mechanism, and it could either be chemicals, such as toxins, harmful secretions, and venoms, or physical defense, such as spines, bites, and stings (Mappes *et al.*, 2005).

This finding is in agreement with Altinagac (2006) and Paighambari et al (2012) that the green bait color is more efficient in squid jig fishing even though it does not have a significantly different effect from the use of red color in Turkish waters (Altinagac 2006) and the blue color (Paighambari et al., 2012) on the catch rate of purpleback flying squids in Iranian waters of the Oman Sea. The sensitivity of fish and some of their food animals to blue and green colors is higher because of the long wavelengths that make them penetrate deeper into the water column (Solomon & Ahmed 2016). Nevertheless, Ulaş and Aydin (2012) found the red jig is the most efficient in squid *Loligo vulgaris* Lamarck (1798) fishing in the Middle Eastern Coast of Aegean Sea, Turkey. All those findings were obtained using the shrimp-like siliconized bait.

This fishing experiment reconfirms the previous finding concerning the most efficient bait color and shows that the use of single bait light color yielded higher catches than that of multiple colors ($P < 0.05$). The local fishermen of North Sulawesi commonly use the shrimp-like siliconized jig to fish shallow water squids *Sepioteuthis lessoniana*. This study did not use the red light color as a treatment, since the red-lighted bait was always taken and cut off. Therefore, we had to use a wireline to the bait to know what causes the loss and found that the red light color was taken by the cutlassfish *Trichiurus* sp. The difference in squid's preference for jig color could result from environmental conditions with locality, such as predator-prey interactions

that may alter the feeding behavior on-site, and species. The presence of a higher level of the predator, such as cutlassfish *Trichiurus* sp, particularly in Sulawesi waters which is also attracted to the red-light jig has diminished the chance of the deep-sea squids *S. oualaniensis* to take the red jig.

According to Asokan and Krishnan (2021), the efficiency of squid jigging is influenced by jig structure, jigging motion, light intensity, sea state, and sea surface temperature (Cabanellas-Reboredo et al., 2012; Roberts and Sauer, 1994; Yu et al., 2015), wind speed, moon phase, and atmospheric pressure (Cabanellas-Reboredo et al., 2012), sea surface height anomaly (Yu et al., 2015), turbidity (Roberts and Sauer, 1994), chlorophyll (Hurst et al., 2012), salinity (Yu et al., 2015), and large scale climate predictors, such as the Southern Oscillation Index (SOI) and the North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO) (Roberts and Sauer, 1994; Morales-Bojorquez et al. 2001; Pierce et al., 2006). etc. These factors will influence the catches, recruitment, migration (Koopman et al (2018), and distribution of the squids. During squid jigging with lights, the quality of light (e.g. wavelength), the quantity of light (e.g. power), and the arrangement of fishing lights affect the squid attraction. These factors create underwater irradiance levels and distribution influenced by the optical characteristics of seawater, and it influences squid behavior during fishing (Arakawa et al., 1998; Yamashita et al., 2012). This experiment focused only on the effect of different jig light colors on the squid bites since the fishing was conducted in a single lunar cycle with different tide conditions. The jiggers took advantage of wind or current direction to position their boats in certain areas to avoid being drifted too far out of the mainland due to the use of the small boat (approximately 5-7 M long).

These findings showed that all light color modifications of the multiple flashlight-squid baits have contributed to the artificial squid flashlight bait development concerning the squid fishing effectivity. Light colors also influenced the feeding behavior of *S. oualaniensis*, and the single color gave a higher response of the squid to getting the lure than the multiple colors. The highest squid catch was recorded in the green light color and the lowest in the commercial artificial bait. Therefore, the present study has contributed to the development of mini-battery-supported artificial bait for effective exploitation to maximize squid production. More studies on squid feeding behavior are needed for future squid population sustainability.

Competing Interests

This article has no competing interests.

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Table 1. ANOVA on the effect of artificial bait light colors on the number of catches.

<i>Source of Variance</i>	<i>Sum of Squares</i>	<i>Df</i>	<i>Mean Square</i>	<i>F-Ratio</i>	<i>P-Value</i>
Main Effects					
A: Trip	85653.0	9	9517.0	24.96	0.0000
B: Bait light color	1.22351*10 ⁻⁶	3	407836.	1069.59	0.0000
A-B interactions	16791.1	27	621.892	1.63	0.0488
RESIDUAL	30504.0	80	381.3		
TOTAL	1.35646*10 ⁻⁶	119			

Table 2. Multiple comparisons between treatment applications.

Bait light color comparisons	Difference	+/- Limits
BLUE – COM	171.167*	13.229
BLUE – GREEN	-109.067*	13.229
BLUE – RED-GREEN	54.8667*	13.229
COM – GREEN	-280.233*	13.229
COM – RED-GREEN	-116.3*	13.229
GREEN – RED-GREEN	163.933*	13.229

Note: * - significant difference

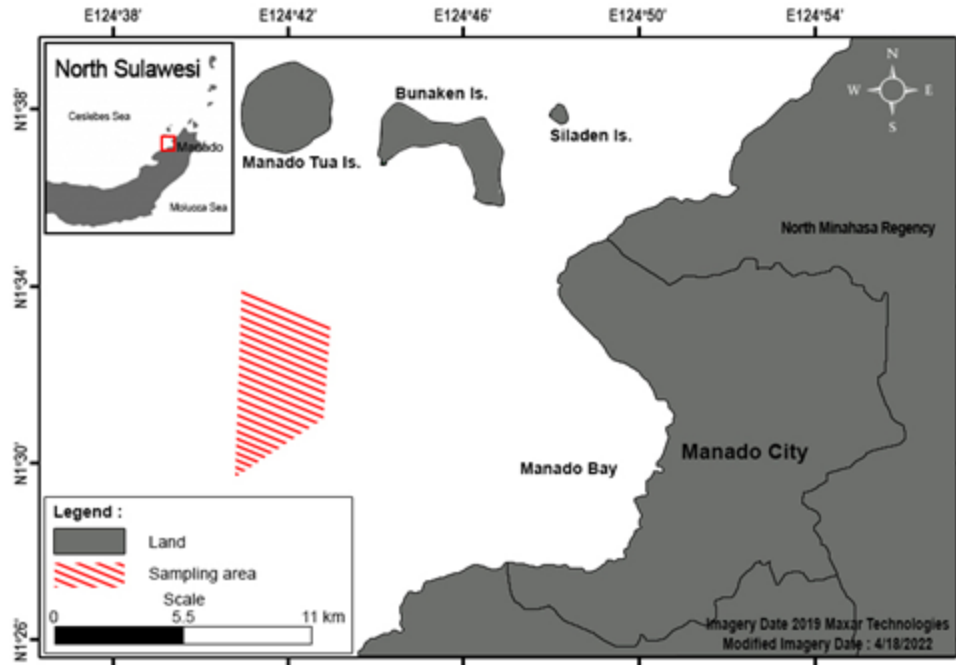


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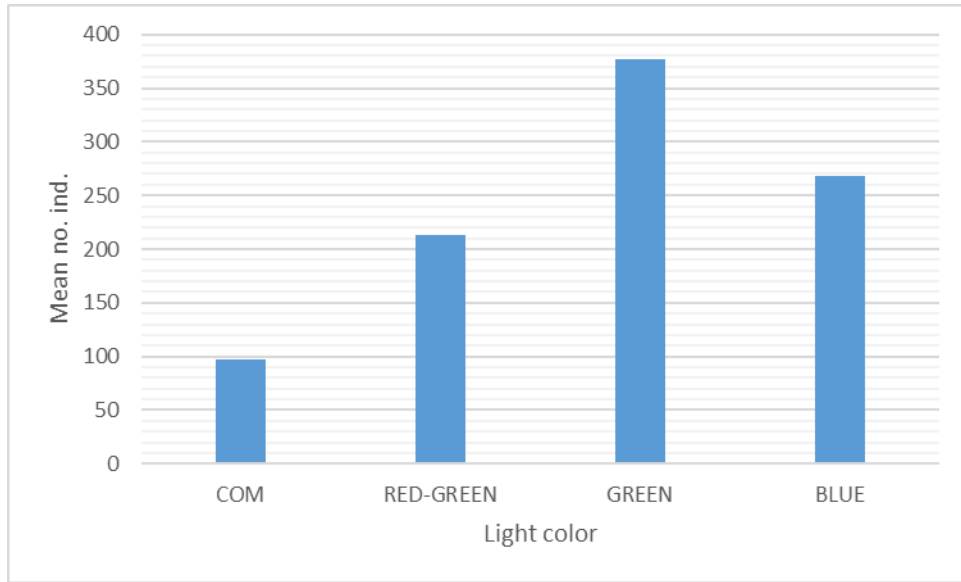


Figure 2. Mean catch of squid *S. oualaniensis* during the study.

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Behavioral Response of Purpleback Flying Squid *Sthenoteuthis oualaniensis* (Mollusk; Cephalopod) to the Flashlight Artificial Bait Colors

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ABSTRACT. This study aimed to know the response of deep-sea squid *Sthenoteuthis oualaniensis* to the light colors of the artificial bait. This experiment used the commercial artificial flashlight baits commonly sold in the fishing shop. The bait has several different light color combinations. The light colors were modified into several light colors by inactivating certain colors and used as treatments. We applied red-green, green, blue, and commercial bait lights in this study. Each treatment has 3 replications. The effect was expressed as the amount of squid caught. Data were analyzed by One-Way ANOVA. Results showed a significant effect on the number of squid catches. There was significantly different squid catches among the treatments. It indicates that this artificial flashlight bait could be developed to maximize squid catches.

Keywords: commercial jig, modification, effect, catch.

Introduction

The exploitation of fisheries resources starts from a basic human need to obtain animal protein sources. Squid is one of the protein sources from the ocean, and nearly all body parts are edible. Since 1950, capture production of cephalopods has continued to grow (Hunsicker et al., 2010; Doubleday et al., 2016), with total commercial annual catches between 3.5 and 4.9 million tons in 2008–2017 (FAO, 2019), almost 4.6 times higher than that of the 1950s. Cephalopods on average support approximately 15 and 20% of marine fishery landings and landed values, respectively (Hunsicker et al., 2010; FAO, 2019). This group has unique life history characteristics, including rapid growth, short lifespan, and semelparous reproductive strategy, giving them both sensitivity and resilience to anthropogenic exploitation and oceanographic variability (Rodhouse et al., 2014). The species within the family Ommastrephidae support approximately 33.8% of the global cephalopod's landings (FAO, 2019). This group is recognized as voracious and adaptable predators of a broad range of prey including small crustaceans and fishes at early life stages and shift to micronekton, larger fishes, and cephalopods (including cannibalism) as they grow (Nigmatullin et al., 2001; Alegre et al., 2014). Despite its economic importance, the offshore oceanic squid resources' exploitation rate is relatively low (Worms, 1983). The flying squids (Ommastrephidae; Oegopsid) cover about 65% of the world's commercial cephalopods (Roper et al. 1984; Brunetti 1990) with a total of about 2.6 million in 1991 (FAO 1993). The flying squids *Sthenoteuthis oualaniensis* (Lesson) and *Ommastrephes*

bratamii are the oceanic species of this family that are distributed from the Indo-Pacific to the Indian Ocean. According to Voss (1973), the potential of the purpleback flying squids in the Central Eastern Pacific is at least 100,000 metric tons. This species is caught commercially in the eastern and southern East China Sea, from Taiwan to Okinawa by hook and line with light at night (Yoshikawa 1978; Okutani 1980; Tung 1981,). The deep-sea squids caught by traditional fishermen of Manado Bay, North Sulawesi, in the Sulawesi Sea have been identified as a dwarf form of *Sthenoteuthis oualaniensis* (Pratasik et al., 2022). These species are highly migratory and undertake diel vertical migrations of several hundred meters and seasonal migrations between the shelf and open ocean (Gilly et al., 2006; Stewart et al., 2013) so that they can act as important linkages between both neritic and oceanic food webs (Arkhipkin, 2013).

There are numerous studies on bait types to find the highest catch, from fish and shrimp flesh, live bait, and artificial bait. Fish and squids were observed to be attracted to squid jigging vessels due to the phototaxis (Rao. 1996). It is related to their behavior to avoid predators or enhance feeding efficiency (Solomon and Ahmed, 2016), and their response depends upon species, ontogenic development, light source characteristics, intensity, color, and wavelength (Mallawa et al., 1991). Therefore, fishermen catch squid using light that illuminates in water as well as jigs to attract the squids to aggregate and bite the jigs (Asokan and Krishnan, 2021). It relies on the artificial bait of shrimp-like siliconized jig fishing (Altinagac, 2006; Ulas & Aydin, 2011; Paighambari et al., 2012; Reza et al., 2019; Aydin & Ilkyaz, 2021). Other studies on hand-line fishing are also done using different colors of shrimp-shaped jigs (Altinagac, 2006; Ulas & Aydin, 2011; Paighambari et al., 2012; Aydin & Ilkyaz, 2021). Squid fishing in North Sulawesi is done by traditional fishermen using 5 to 7 M-boat and **artificial bait either shrimp-like bait or other bait types (Figure 1)**.

Figure 1. Artificial bait. (a) shrimp-like bait and (b) flashlight jig: 1) flashlight; 2) one-meter line; 3) lead; 4) hook.

For deep-sea squid *S. oualaniensis* fishing, the fishermen use a mini-battery-supported flashlight artificial bait sold in the fishing stores. The flashlight artificial bait contains several different alternately blinking light colors to get the squid to bite. This study modifies the light colors to find the best modification of light color against the catches.

Method

This study was carried out from June to July 2020. Traditional fishermen catch deep-sea *squids S. oualaniensis* in the Sulawesi Sea, North Sulawesi, at night (Figure 2). The flashlight bait is facilitated with a mini-battery to be able to produce several different light colors to attract the squid. **The flashlight was connected by a one-meter line to the hook working also as a lead. In fishing operations, the lead was coated with fish flesh as bait.**

This experiment modified the standard commercial flashlight bait sold in the fishing shop to produce different light colors: Red-Green, Blue, Green, and Red. These different light colors were used in 10 fishing trips. Twelve skillful fishermen were used in this experiment in which

they were divided into 4 groups of 3 people in 4 separate traditional boats (7 m long) to operate each light color in the same fishing ground. The common commercial flashlight bait was also used as a control treatment. Each line used only one jig and all jig-fishing activities were carried out at the same time. The fishing line was lowered down to the depth range of 20-25 M in the deep sea of Sulawesi Sea waters and jigged. This fishing depth is consistent with the dispersal range peak of *S. oualaniensis* (Jerep and Ropper, 2010).

Figure 2. Sampling site.

The use of the red-colored bait was eventually terminated because it was always cut off and lost. The experiment utilized only commercial bait, red-green bait, blue bait, and green bait as treatment with 3 replications represented by 3 local skillful fishermen for each bait light color. Data collections were squid catches. The catch data were analyzed with one-way ANOVA facilitated by statistical software for comparisons. The difference between treatments was then tested using Tukey's Honestly Significant Difference (HSD) procedure.

Results

This study caught a total of 30,687 squids *S. oualaniensis* during the fishing experiment in the Sulawesi Sea, North Sulawesi. Different light color applications highly significantly influenced the number of squid catches ($P < 0.001$). Analysis of Variance demonstrates that both trip and bait light color influence the squid catches (Table 1).

Table 1. ANOVA on the effect of artificial bait light colors on the number of catches.

Tukey's Honestly Significant Difference (HSD) test revealed that *S. oualaniensis* differently responded to the bait's light colors. All treatment applications gave a significantly different number of catches. Comparisons between treatments showed that all bait light color modifications gave a higher number of catches than the commercial one (Table 2).

Table 2. Multiple comparisons between treatment applications.

The significantly different squid catches are also indicated by the mean number of squid catches (Figure 3). The green-lighted jig yielded the highest mean squid catches, 377.37 (39.46%), followed by blue light color, 268.3 (28.06%), then red-green, 213.43 (22.32%), and the lowest catches in the commercial artificial bait, 97.13 (10.16%) (Table 2 and Figure 3). Multiple comparisons between treatment applications yielded 6 pairs of comparisons and indicated that all treatment flashlight jig colors yielded significantly different squid catches, in which single light colors also give the squid a higher response to taking the lure (Table 2).

Figure 3. Mean catch of squid *S. oualaniensis* during the study.

Discussion

Jigging is an essential fishing method to exploit squids selectively and avoid overexploiting to conserve resources and energy (Asokan & Krishnan, 2021). It helps to adjust operational depth according to the concentration depth of squids. They are attracted to lights and fast-moving bait or any bait-like object. A typical jig consists of a shrimp or stalk-like body made of flexible plastic with one to three hooks or more sharp barbless steel hooks at the end. Other jigs are facilitated with the mini battery-supported light blinking.

Squids are known as color-blinded animals, but the degree of contrast is important for squid behavior to attack the jig (Flores et al., 1978). The use of a flashlight jig, in fact, gave a stronger degree of contrast in the water column at night fishing than the use of light above the water and could give a stronger stimulus to the squid to attack **the fish flesh bait** connected to blinking light. The flashlight jig also has a higher degree of contrast than the shrimp-like siliconized jig so that the squid more sensitively responds to the flashlight jig color in the water column. **The flashlight acts as a squid-aggregating device, while the squid feeds on the fish's flesh, then caught by the hook. The flashlight jig could help the purpleback flying squid get the bait. All squids were hooked on the arms, indicating that the squids are feeding on the fish's flesh coated on the lead.** On the other hand, cephalopods (squid, cuttlefish, and octopus) are well known as voracious predators of many preys, such as fish and crustaceans, or even have cannibalism behavior, so the contrast moving objects in the water column could indicate the presence of moving prey.

Furthermore, the present study revealed that the modified light colors of the artificial bait caught a higher number of deep-sea squid *S. oualaniensis* in the Sulawesi Sea than the common commercial artificial bait sold in the fishing store with a combination of several different colors. There was also a significantly different effect of all light color modifications on the squid catches with the highest catch in the green light. The low attacking preference of the purpleback flying squid to the multiple light colors could result from the squid's perception of the blinking multiple colors of the flashlight bait as the aposematic coloration of the prey, in which the animal shows the unpalatability or toxicity through warning coloration. This defense mechanism is widely discussed by Endler (1978), Mappes et al (2005), Mochida et al (2015), Stevens (2007), and Toledo & Haddad (2009). Aposematism is commonly found across the animal kingdom as a defense mechanism, and it could either be chemicals, such as toxins, harmful secretions, and venoms, or physical defense, such as spines, bites, and stings (Mappes *et al.*, 2005).

This finding is in agreement with Altinagac (2006) and Paighambari et al (2012) that the green bait color is more efficient in squid jig fishing even though it does not have a significantly different effect from the use of red color in Turkish waters (Altinagac 2006) and the blue color (Paighambari et al., 2012) on the catch rate of purpleback flying squids in Iranian waters of the Oman Sea. The sensitivity of fish and some of their food animals to blue and green colors is higher because of the long wavelengths that make them penetrate deeper into the water column

(Solomon & Ahmed 2016). The use of dark green jig color is also shown by the traditional fishermen, particularly in North Minahasa, North Sulawesi, as a potential bait color for demersal fish jig fishing (field obs.). Nevertheless, Ulaş and Aydin (2012) found that the red jig is the most efficient in squid *Loligo vulgaris* Lamarck (1798) fishing on the Middle Eastern Coast of Aegean Sea, Turkey. All those findings were obtained using the shrimp-like siliconized bait. The local fishermen of North Sulawesi commonly use the shrimp-like siliconized jig to fish shallow water squids *Sepioteuthis lessoniana*. A different finding is shown by Arnupapboon et al (2008) that the squid moves to white and blue more often than green, while the red color seemed not to attract the squids.

This fishing experiment reconfirms the previous finding concerning the most efficient bait color and shows that the use of single bait light color yielded higher catches than that of multiple colors ($P < 0.05$). This study did not use the red light color as a treatment, since the red-lighted bait was always taken and cut off. Therefore, we had to use a wireline to the bait to know what causes the loss and found that the red light color was taken by the cutlassfish *Trichiurus* sp. The difference in squid's preference for jig color could result from environmental conditions with locality, such as predator-prey interactions that may alter the feeding behavior on-site and species. The presence of a higher level of the predator, such as cutlassfish *Trichiurus* sp, particularly in Sulawesi waters which is also attracted to the red-light jig has diminished the chance of the deep-sea squids *S. oualaniensis* to take the red jig or the squid *S. oualaniensis* is vulnerable to predation risk for feeding on the red-light jig.

According to Asokan and Krishnan (2021), the efficiency of squid jigging is influenced by jig structure, jigging motion, light intensity, sea state, and sea surface temperature (Cabanellas-Reboredo et al., 2012; Roberts and Sauer, 1994; Yu et al., 2015), wind speed, moon phase, and atmospheric pressure (Cabanellas-Reboredo et al., 2012), sea surface height anomaly (Yu et al., 2015), turbidity (Roberts and Sauer, 1994), chlorophyll (Hurst et al., 2012), salinity (Yu et al., 2015), and large scales climate predictors, such as the Southern Oscillation Index (SOI) and the North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO) (Roberts and Sauer, 1994; Morales-Bojorquez et al. 2001; Pierce et al., 2006). etc. These factors will influence the catches, recruitment, migration (Koopman et al (2018), and distribution of the squids. During squid jigging with lights, the quality of light (e.g. wavelength), the quantity of light (e.g. power), and the arrangement of fishing lights affect the squid's attraction. These factors create underwater irradiance levels and distribution influenced by the optical characteristics of seawater, and it influences squid behavior during fishing (Arakawa et al., 1998; Yamashita et al., 2012). According to Cabanellas-Reboredo et al. (2012), environmental variables, such as sea surface temperature, atmospheric pressure, and moon cycle can also influence squid catches. This experiment focused only on the effect of different jig light colors on the squid bites since the fishing was conducted in a single lunar cycle with different tide conditions. The jiggers took advantage of wind or current direction to position their boats in certain areas to avoid being drifted too far out of the mainland due to the use of the small boat (approximately 5-7 M long).

These findings showed that all light color modifications of the multiple flashlight-squid baits have contributed to the artificial squid flashlight bait development concerning the squid fishing

effectivity. Light colors also influenced the feeding behavior of *S. oualaniensis*, and the single color gave a higher response of the squid to getting the lure than the multiple colors. The highest squid catch was recorded in the green light color and the lowest was in the commercial artificial bait. Therefore, the present study has contributed to the development of mini-battery-supported artificial bait for effective exploitation to maximize squid production and squid fisheries development offshore. This information is also useful for traditional fishermen to increase their personal income through deep-sea squid fishing. Nevertheless, more studies on squid feeding behavior and other influencing environmental factors are needed for future squid population sustainability.

Competing Interests

This article has no competing interests.

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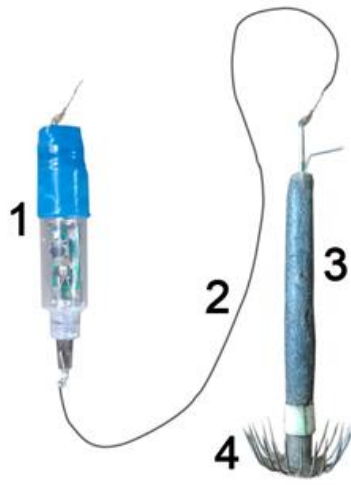
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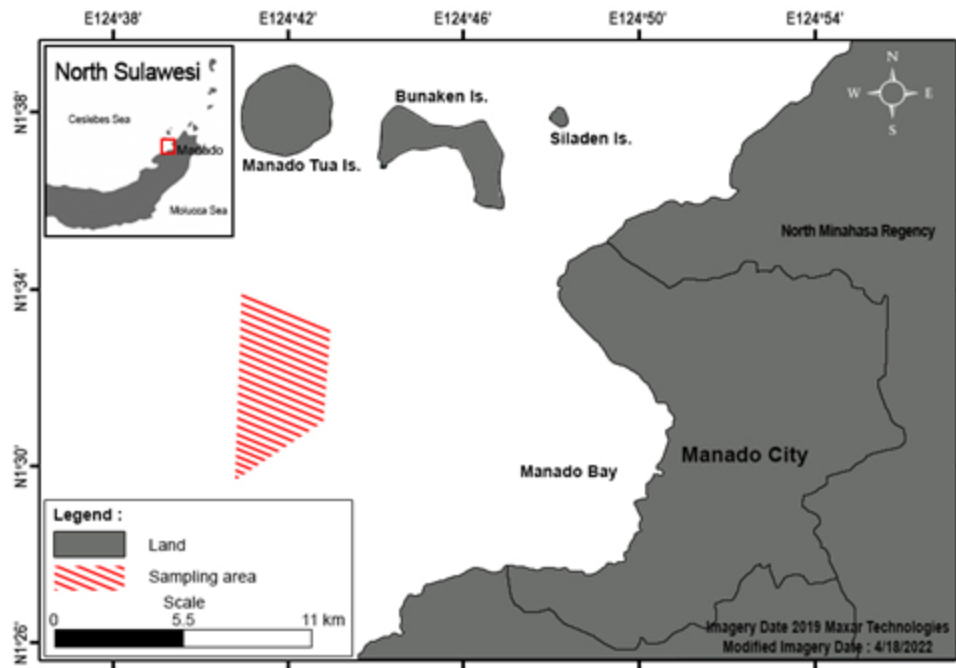


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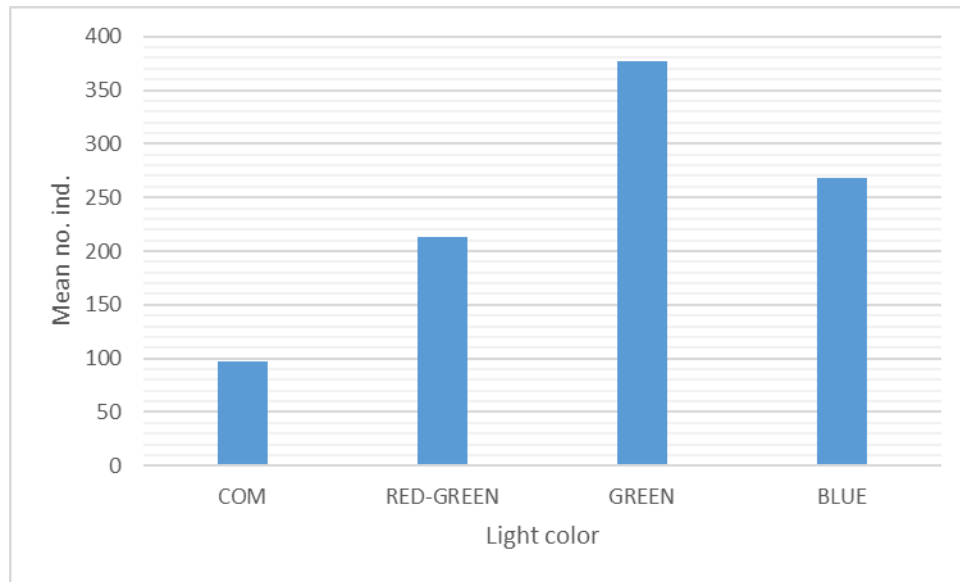


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A: Trip	85653.0	9	9517.0	24.96	0.0000
B: Bait light color	1.22351*10 ⁻⁶	3	407836.	1069.59	0.0000
A-B interactions	16791.1	27	621.892	1.63	0.0488
RESIDUAL	30504.0	80	381.3		
TOTAL	1.35646*10 ⁻⁶	119			

Table 2. Multiple comparisons between treatment applications.

Bait light color comparisons	Difference	+/- Limits
BLUE – COM	171.167*	13.229
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BLUE – RED-GREEN	54.8667*	13.229
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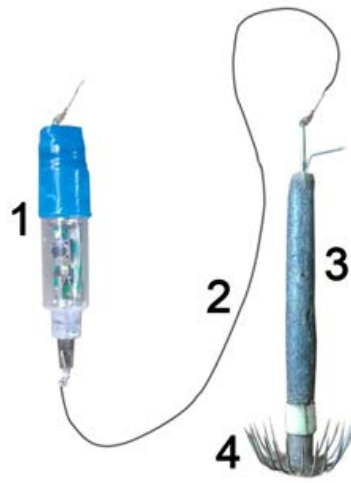
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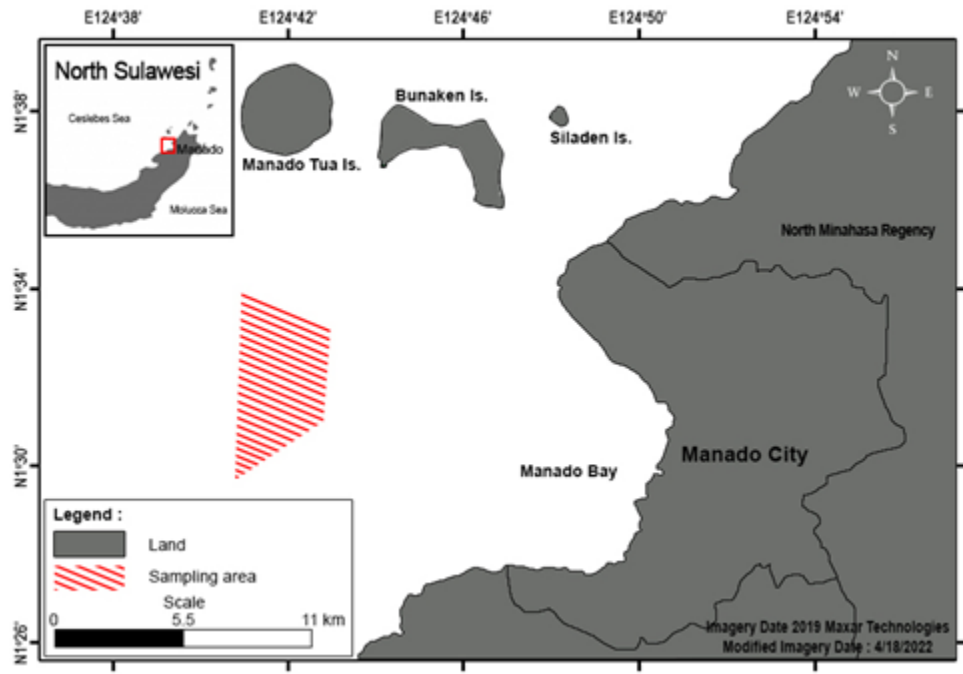


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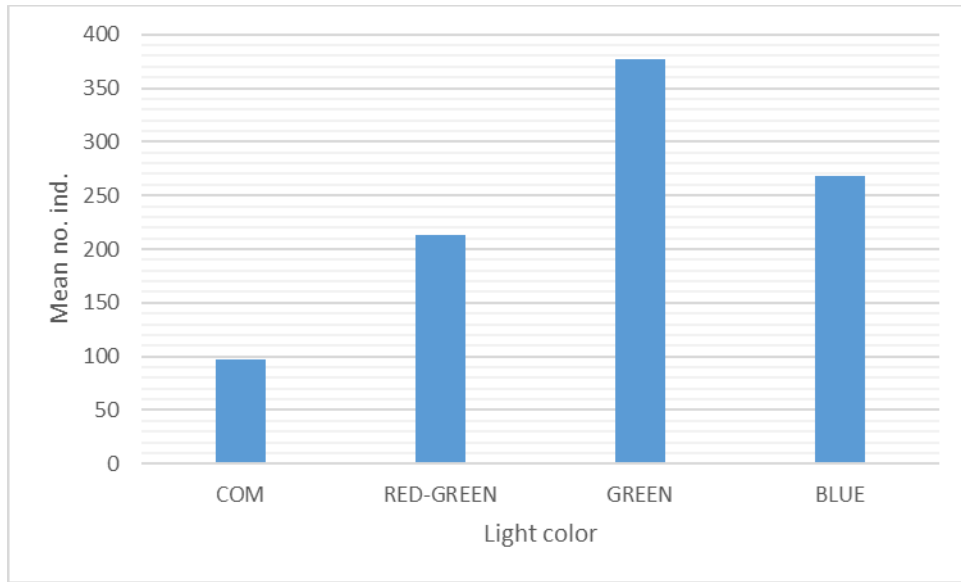


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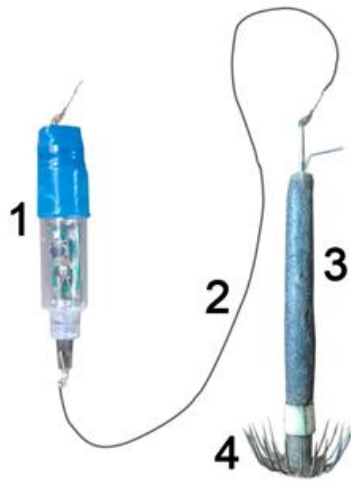
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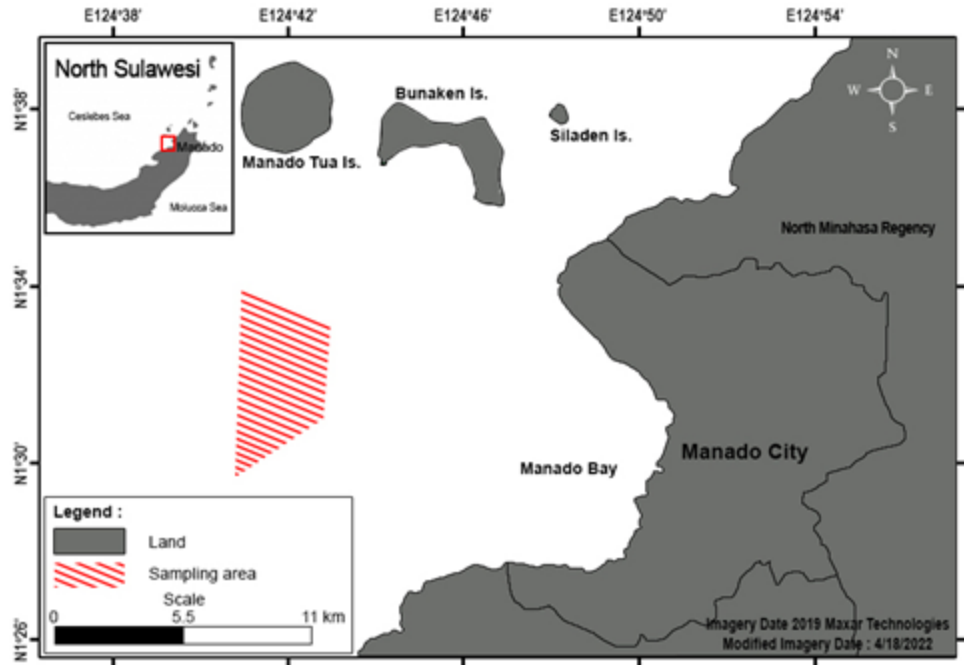


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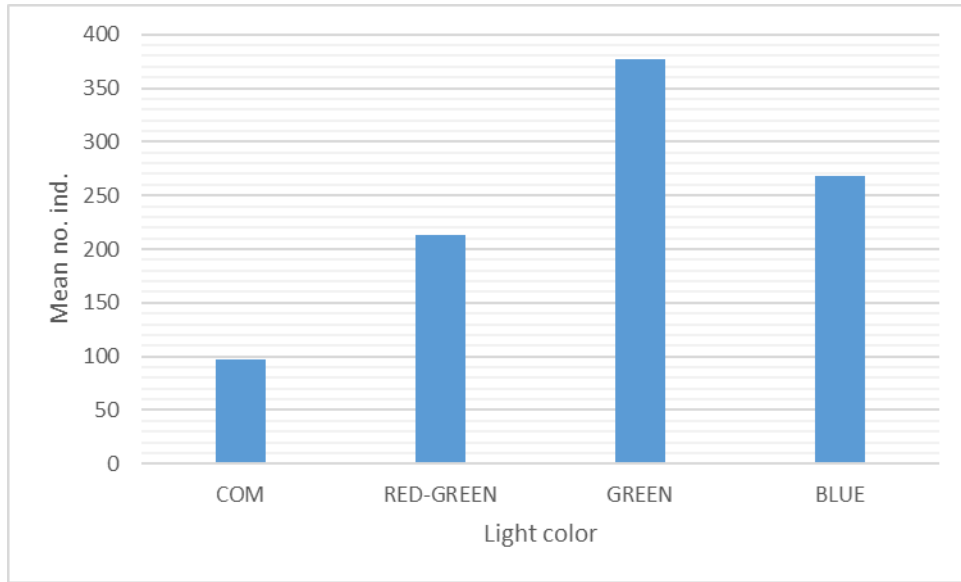


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Keywords: commercial jig, modification, effect, catch.

Introduction

The exploitation of fisheries resources starts from a basic human need to obtain animal protein sources. Squid is one of the protein sources from the ocean, and nearly all body parts are edible. Since 1950, capture production of cephalopods has continued to grow (Hunsicker et al., 2010; Doubleday et al., 2016), with total commercial annual catches between 3.5 and 4.9 million tons in 2008–2017 (FAO, 2019), almost 4.6 times higher than that of the 1950s. Cephalopods on average support approximately 15 and 20% of marine fishery landings and landed values, respectively (Hunsicker et al., 2010; FAO, 2019). This group has unique life history characteristics, including rapid growth, short lifespan, and semelparous reproductive strategy, giving them both sensitivity and resilience to anthropogenic exploitation and oceanographic variability (Rodhouse et al., 2014). The species within the family Ommastrephidae support approximately 33.8% of the global cephalopod's landings (FAO, 2019). This group is recognized as voracious and adaptable predators of a broad range of prey including small crustaceans and

fishes at early life stages and shift to micronekton, larger fishes, and cephalopods (including cannibalism) as they grow (Nigmatullin et al., 2001; Alegre et al., 2014). Despite its economic importance, the offshore oceanic squid resources' exploitation rate is relatively low (Worms, 1983). The flying squids (Ommastrephidae; Oegopsid) cover about 65% of the world's commercial cephalopods (Roper et al. 1984; Brunetti 1990) with a total of about 2.6 million in 1991 (FAO 1993). The flying squids *Sthenoteuthis oualaniensis* (Lesson) and *Ommastrephes bratamii* are the oceanic species of this family that are distributed from the Indo-Pacific to the Indian Ocean. According to Voss (1973), the potential of the purpleback flying squids in the Central Eastern Pacific is at least 100,000 metric tons. This species is caught commercially in the eastern and southern East China Sea, from Taiwan to Okinawa by hook and line with light at night (Yoshikawa 1978; Okutani 1980; Tung 1981,). The deep-sea squids caught by traditional fishermen of Manado Bay, North Sulawesi, in the Sulawesi Sea have been identified as a dwarf form of *Sthenoteuthis oualaniensis* (Pratasik et al., 2022). These species are highly migratory and undertake diel vertical migrations of several hundred meters and seasonal migrations between the shelf and open ocean (Gilly et al., 2006; Stewart et al., 2013) so that they can act as important linkages between both neritic and oceanic food webs (Arkhipkin, 2013).

There are numerous studies on bait types to find the highest catch, from fish and shrimp flesh, live bait, and artificial bait. Fish and squids were observed to be attracted to squid jigging vessels due to the phototaxis (Rao. 1996). It is related to their behavior to avoid predators or enhance feeding efficiency (Solomon and Ahmed, 2016), and their response depends upon species, ontogenic development, light source characteristics, intensity, color, and wavelength (Mallawa et al., 1991). Therefore, fishermen catch squid using light that illuminates in water as well as jigs to attract the squids to aggregate and bite the jigs (Asokan and Krishnan, 2021). It relies on the artificial bait of shrimp-like siliconized jig fishing (Altinagac, 2006; Ulas & Aydin, 2011; Paighambari et al., 2012; Reza et al., 2019; Aydin & Ilkyaz, 2021). Other studies on hand-line fishing are also done using different colors of shrimp-shaped jigs (Altinagac, 2006; Ulas & Aydin, 2011; Paighambari et al., 2012; Aydin & Ilkyaz, 2021). Squid fishing in North Sulawesi is done by traditional fishermen using 5 to 7 M-boat and artificial bait either shrimp-like bait or other bait types (Fig. 1).

Fig. 1. Artificial bait. (a) shrimp-like bait and (b) flashlight jig: 1) flashlight; 2) one-meter line; 3) lead; 4) hook.

For deep-sea squid *S. oualaniensis* fishing, the fishermen use a mini-battery-supported flashlight artificial bait sold in the fishing stores. The flashlight artificial bait contains several different alternately blinking light colors to get the squid to bite. This study modifies the light colors to find the best modification of light color against the catches.

Method

This study was carried out from June to July 2020. Traditional fishermen catch deep-sea squids *S. oualaniensis* in the Sulawesi Sea, North Sulawesi, at night (Fig. 2). The flashlight bait is

facilitated with a mini-battery to be able to produce several different light colors to attract the squid. The flashlight was connected by a one-meter line to the hook working also as a lead. In fishing operations, the lead was coated with fish flesh as bait.

This experiment modified the standard commercial flashlight bait sold in the fishing shop to produce different light colors: Red-Green, Blue, Green, and Red. These different light colors were used in 10 fishing trips. Twelve skillful fishermen were used in this experiment in which they were divided into 4 groups of 3 people in 4 separate traditional boats (7 m long) to operate each light color in the same fishing ground. The common commercial flashlight bait was also used as a control treatment. Each line used only one jig and all jig-fishing activities were carried out at the same time. The fishing line was lowered down to the depth range of 20-25 M in the deep sea of Sulawesi Sea waters and jigged. This fishing depth is consistent with the dispersal range peak of *S. oualaniensis* (Jerep and Ropper, 2010).

Fig. 2. Sampling site.

The use of the red-colored bait was eventually terminated because it was always cut off and lost. The experiment utilized only commercial bait, red-green bait, blue bait, and green bait as treatment with 3 replications represented by 3 local skillful fishermen for each bait light color. Data collections were squid catches. The catch data were analyzed with **one-way** ANOVA facilitated by statistical software for comparisons. The difference between treatments was then tested using Tukey's Honestly Significant Difference (HSD) procedure.

Results

This study caught a total of 30,687 squids *S. oualaniensis* during the fishing experiment in the Sulawesi Sea, North Sulawesi. Different light color applications highly significantly influenced the number of squid catches ($P < 0.001$). Analysis of Variance demonstrates that both trip and bait light color influence the squid catches (Table 1).

Table 1. ANOVA on the effect of artificial bait light colors on the number of catches.

Tukey's Honestly Significant Difference (HSD) test revealed that *S. oualaniensis* differently responded to the bait's light colors. All treatment applications gave a significantly different number of catches. Comparisons between treatments showed that all bait light color modifications gave a higher number of catches than the commercial one (Table 2).

Table 2. Multiple comparisons between treatment applications.

The significantly different squid catches are also indicated by the mean number of squid catches (**Fig. 3**). The green-lighted jig yielded the highest mean squid catches, 377.37 (39.46%), followed by blue light color, 268.3 (28.06%), then red-green, 213.43 (22.32%), and the lowest

catches in the commercial artificial bait, 97.13 (10.16%) (Table 2 and Fig. 3). Multiple comparisons between treatment applications yielded 6 pairs of comparisons and indicated that all treatment flashlight jig colors yielded significantly different squid catches, in which single light colors also give the squid a higher response to taking the lure (Table 2).

Fig. 3. Mean catch of squid *S. oualaniensis* during the study.

Discussion

Jigging is an essential fishing method to exploit squids selectively and avoid overexploiting to conserve resources and energy (Asokan & Krishnan, 2021). It helps to adjust operational depth according to the concentration depth of squids. They are attracted to lights and fast-moving bait or any bait-like object. A typical jig consists of a shrimp or stalk-like body made of flexible plastic with one to three hooks or more sharp barbless steel hooks at the end. Other jigs are facilitated with the mini battery-supported light blinking.

Squids are known as color-blinded animals, but the degree of contrast is important for squid behavior to attack the jig (Flores et al., 1978). The use of a flashlight jig, in fact, gave a stronger degree of contrast in the water column at night fishing than the use of light above the water and could give a stronger stimulus to the squid to attack the fish flesh bait connected to blinking light. The flashlight jig also has a higher degree of contrast than the shrimp-like siliconized jig so that the squid more sensitively responds to the flashlight jig color in the water column. The flashlight acts as a squid-aggregating device, while the squid feeds on the fish's flesh, then caught by the hook. The flashlight jig could help the purpleback flying squid get the bait. All squids were hooked on the arms, indicating that the squids are feeding on the fish's flesh coated on the lead. On the other hand, cephalopods (squid, cuttlefish, and octopus) are well known as voracious predators of many preys, such as fish and crustaceans, or even have cannibalism behavior, so the contrast moving objects in the water column could indicate the presence of moving prey.

Furthermore, the present study revealed that the modified light colors of the artificial bait caught a higher number of deep-sea squid *S. oualaniensis* in the Sulawesi Sea than the common commercial artificial bait sold in the fishing store with a combination of several different colors. There was also a significantly different effect of all light color modifications on the squid catches with the highest catch in the green light. The low attacking preference of the purpleback flying squid to the multiple light colors could result from the squid's perception of the blinking multiple colors of the flashlight bait as the aposematic coloration of the prey, in which the animal shows the unpalatability or toxicity through warning coloration. This defense mechanism is widely discussed by Endler (1978), Mappes et al (2005), Mochida et al (2015), Stevens (2007), and Toledo & Haddad (2009). Aposematism is commonly found across the animal kingdom as a

defense mechanism, and it could either be chemicals, such as toxins, harmful secretions, and venoms, or physical defense, such as spines, bites, and stings (Mappes *et al.*, 2005).

This finding is in agreement with Altinagac (2006) and Paighambari et al (2012) that the green bait color is more efficient in squid jig fishing even though it does not have a significantly different effect from the use of red color in Turkish waters (Altinagac 2006) and the blue color (Paighambari et al., 2012) on the catch rate of purpleback flying squids in Iranian waters of the Oman Sea. The sensitivity of fish and some of their food animals to blue and green colors is higher because of the long wavelengths that make them penetrate deeper into the water column (Solomon & Ahmed 2016). The use of dark green jig color is also shown by the traditional fishermen, particularly in North Minahasa, North Sulawesi, as a potential bait color for demersal fish jig fishing (field obs.). Nevertheless, Ulaş and Aydin (2012) found that the red jig is the most efficient in squid *Loligo vulgaris* Lamarck (1798) fishing on the Middle Eastern Coast of Aegean Sea, Turkey. All those findings were obtained using the shrimp-like siliconized bait. The local fishermen of North Sulawesi commonly use the shrimp-like siliconized jig to fish shallow water squids *Sepioteuthis lessoniana*. A different finding is shown by Arnupapboon et al (2008) that the squid moves to white and blue more often than green, while the red color seemed not to attract the squids.

This fishing experiment reconfirms the previous finding concerning the most efficient bait color and shows that the use of single bait light color yielded higher catches than that of multiple colors ($P < 0.05$). This study did not use the red light color as a treatment, since the red-lighted bait was always taken and cut off. Therefore, we had to use a wireline to the bait to know what causes the loss and found that the red light color was taken by the cutlassfish *Trichiurus* sp. The difference in squid's preference for jig color could result from environmental conditions with locality, such as predator-prey interactions that may alter the feeding behavior on-site and species. The presence of a higher level of the predator, such as cutlassfish *Trichiurus* sp, particularly in Sulawesi waters which is also attracted to the red-light jig has diminished the chance of the deep-sea squids *S. oualaniensis* to take the red jig or the squid *S. oualaniensis* is vulnerable to predation risk for feeding on the red-light jig.

According to Asokan and Krishnan (2021), the efficiency of squid jigging is influenced by jig structure, jigging motion, light intensity, sea state, and sea surface temperature (Cabanellas-Reboredo et al., 2012; Roberts and Sauer, 1994; Yu et al., 2015), wind speed, moon phase, and atmospheric pressure (Cabanellas-Reboredo et al., 2012), sea surface height anomaly (Yu et al., 2015), turbidity (Roberts and Sauer, 1994), chlorophyll (Hurst et al., 2012), salinity (Yu et al., 2015), and large scales climate predictors, such as the Southern Oscillation Index (SOI) and the North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO) (Roberts and Sauer, 1994; Morales-Bojorquez et al. 2001; Pierce et al., 2006). etc. These factors will influence the catches, recruitment, migration (Koopman et al (2018), and distribution of the squids. During squid jigging with lights, the quality of light (e.g. wavelength), the quantity of light (e.g. power), and the arrangement of fishing lights affect the squid's attraction. These factors create underwater irradiance levels and distribution influenced by the optical characteristics of seawater, and it influences squid behavior during fishing (Arakawa et al., 1998; Yamashita et al., 2012). According to Cabanellas-Reboredo

et al. (2012), environmental variables, such as sea surface temperature, atmospheric pressure, and moon cycle can also influence squid catches. This experiment focused only on the effect of different jig light colors on the squid bites since the fishing was conducted in a single lunar cycle with different tide conditions. The jiggers took advantage of wind or current direction to position their boats in certain areas to avoid being drifted too far out of the mainland due to the use of the small boat (approximately 5-7 M long).

These findings showed that all light color modifications of the multiple flashlight-squid baits have contributed to the artificial squid flashlight bait development concerning the squid fishing effectivity. Light colors also influenced the feeding behavior of *S. oualaniensis*, and the single color gave the squid a higher response to getting the lure than the multiple colors. The highest squid catch was recorded in the green light color and the lowest was in the commercial artificial bait. **Therefore, the present study has contributed to developing the mini-battery-supported artificial bait for effective exploitation to maximize offshore squid production and fisheries development so that the use of offshore squid resources could rise.** This information is also useful for traditional fishermen to increase their personal income through deep-sea squid fishing. Nevertheless, more studies on squid feeding behavior and other influencing environmental factors are needed for future squid population sustainability.

Competing Interests

This article has no competing interests.

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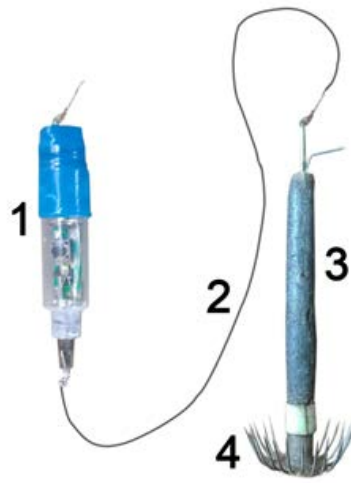
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Fig.1. Artificial bait. (a) shrimp-like bait and (b) flashlight jig.

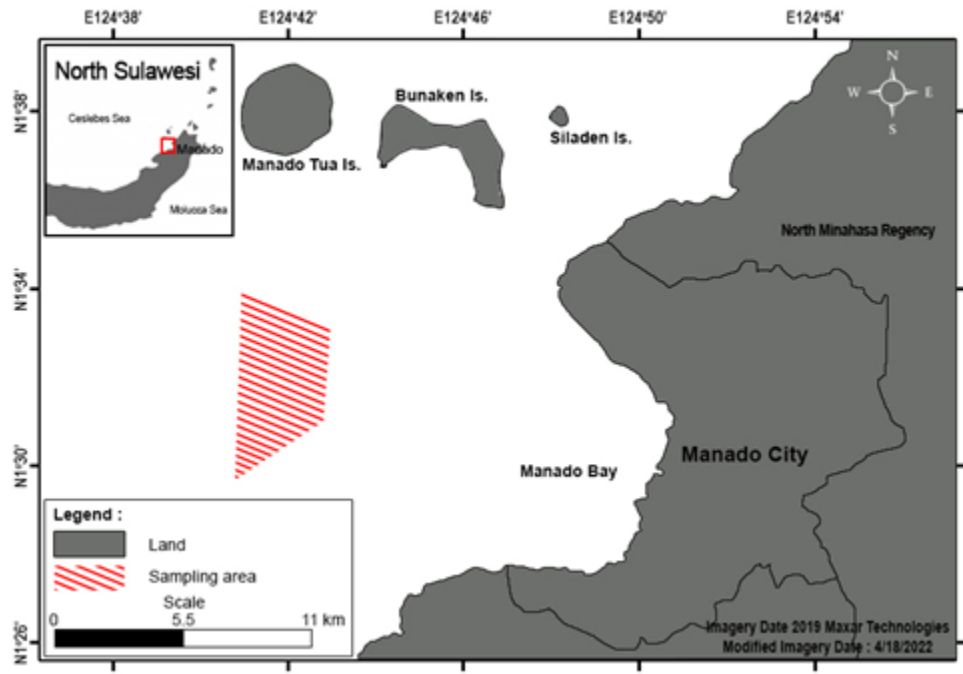


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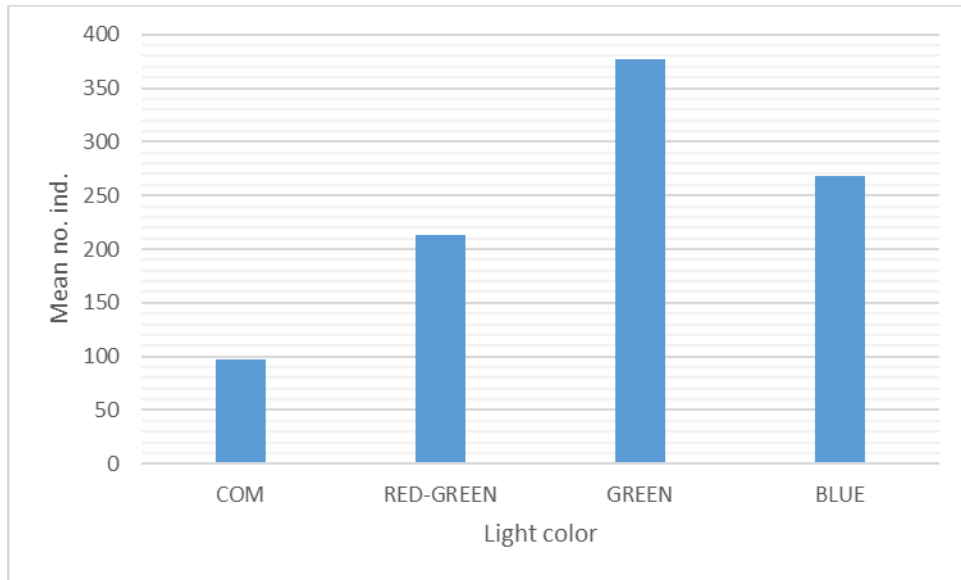


Fig.3. Mean catch of squid *S. oualaniensis* during the study.

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Table 1. ANOVA on the effect of artificial bait light colors on the number of catches.

<i>Source of Variance</i>	<i>Sum of Squares</i>	<i>Df</i>	<i>Mean Square</i>	<i>F-Ratio</i>	<i>P-Value</i>
Main Effects					
A: Trip	85653.0	9	9517.0	24.96	0.0000
B: Bait light color	1.22351*10 ⁻⁶	3	407836.	1069.59	0.0000
A-B interactions	16791.1	27	621.892	1.63	0.0488
RESIDUAL	30504.0	80	381.3		
TOTAL	1.35646*10 ⁻⁶	119			

Table 2. Multiple comparisons between treatment applications.

Bait light color comparisons	Difference	+/- Limits
BLUE – COM	171.167*	13.229
BLUE – GREEN	-109.067*	13.229
BLUE – RED-GREEN	54.8667*	13.229
COM – GREEN	-280.233*	13.229
COM – RED-GREEN	-116.3*	13.229
GREEN – RED-GREEN	163.933*	13.229

Note: * - significant difference

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17 **Abstract-**

18 This study aimed to know the response of deep-sea squid *Sthenoteuthis oualaniensis* to the light
19 colors of the artificial bait. This experiment used the commercial artificial flashlight baits
20 commonly sold in the fishing shop. The bait has several different light color combinations. The
21 light colors were modified into several light colors by inactivating certain colors and used as
22 treatments. The study is expected to be able to find flashlight bait's most effective color for squid
23 fishing. -We applied red-green, green, blue, and commercial bait lights in this study. Each
24 treatment has 3 replications. The effect was expressed as the amount of squid caught. Data were
25 analyzed by oOne-wWay analysis of varianceANOVA. Results showed a significant effect on

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26 the number of squid catches. –There was significantly different squid catches among the
27 treatments. It indicates that this artificial flashlight bait could be developed to maximize squid
28 catches. This finding can be used for the local fishermen’s income and the squid fisheries
29 development.

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31 **Keywords:** Commercial jig, Modification, Effect, Catch.

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33 Introduction

34 The exploitation of fisheries resources starts from a basic human need to obtain animal protein
35 sources. Squid is one of the protein sources from the ocean, and nearly all body parts are edible.
36 Since 1950, capture production of cephalopods has continued to grow (Doubleday et al., 2016;
37 Hunsicker et al., 2010; Doubleday et al., 2016), with total commercial annual catches between
38 3.5 and 4.9 million tons in 2008–2017 (FAO, 2019), almost 4.6 times higher than that of the
39 1950s. Cephalopods on average support approximately 15% and 20% of marine fishery landings
40 and landed values, respectively (Hunsicker et al., 2010; FAO, 2019; Hunsicker et al., 2010). This
41 group has unique life history characteristics, including rapid growth, short lifespan, and
42 semelparous reproductive strategy, giving them both sensitivity and resilience to anthropogenic
43 exploitation and oceanographic variability (Rodhouse et al., 2014). The species within the family
44 Ommastrephidae support approximately 33.8% of the global cephalopod’s landings (FAO, 2019).
45 This group is recognized as voracious and adaptable predators of a broad range of prey including
46 small crustaceans and fishes at early life stages and shift to micronekton, larger fishes, and
47 cephalopods (including cannibalism) as they grow (Alegre et al., 2014; Nigmatullin et al., 2001;
48 Alegre et al., 2014). Despite its economic importance, the offshore oceanic squid resources’
49 exploitation rate is relatively low (Worms, 1983). –The flying squids (Ommastrephidae;
50 Oegopsid) cover about 65% of the world’s commercial cephalopods (Brunetti, 1990; Roper et al.,
51 1984; Brunetti, 1990) with a total of about 2.6 million in 1991 (FAO, 1993). The flying squids
52 *Sthenoteuthis oualaniensis* (Lesson) and *Ommastrephes bratamii* are the oceanic species of this
53 family that are distributed from the Indo-Pacific to the Indian Ocean. According to Voss (1973),
54 the potential of the purpleback flying squids in the Central Eastern Pacific is at least 100,000

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55 metric tons. This species is caught commercially in the eastern and southern East China Sea,
56 from Taiwan to Okinawa by hook and line with light at night (Yoshikawa 1978; Okutani & Tung,
57 1978; Tung, 1981; Yoshikawa, 1978). The deep-sea squids caught by traditional fishermen of
58 Manado Bay, North Sulawesi, in the Sulawesi Sea have been identified as a dwarf form of
59 *S. ~~thenoteuthis~~ oualiansis* (Pratasik et al., 2022). These species are highly migratory and
60 undertake diel vertical migrations of several hundred meters and seasonal migrations between the
61 shelf and open ocean (Gilly et al., 2006; Stewart et al., 2013) so that they can act as important
62 linkages between both neritic and oceanic food webs (Arkhipkin, 2013).

63 There are numerous studies on bait types to find the highest catch, from fish and shrimp flesh,
64 live bait, and artificial bait. Fish and squids were observed to be attracted to squid jigging vessels
65 due to the phototaxis (Rao, 1996). It is related to their behavior to avoid predators or enhance
66 feeding efficiency (Solomon & Ahmed, 2016), and their response depends upon species,
67 ontogenic development, light source characteristics, intensity, color, and wavelength (Mallawa et
68 al., 1991). Therefore, fishermen catch squid using light that illuminates in water as well as jigs to
69 attract the squids to aggregate and bite the jigs (Asokan & Krishnan, 2021). It relies on the
70 artificial bait of shrimp-like siliconized jig fishing (Altinagac, 2006; Avdin & İlkyaz, 2021; Ulas
71 & Aydin, 2011; Paighambari et al., 2012; Reza et al., 2019; Ulas & Aydin, 2011; Aydin &
72 İlkyaz, 2021). Other studies on hand-line fishing are also done using different colors of shrimp-
73 shaped jigs (Altinagac, 2006; Avdin & İlkyaz, 2021; Ulas & Aydin, 2011; Paighambari et al.,
74 2012; Aydin & İlkyaz, 2021; Ulas & Aydin, 2011). Squid fishing in North Sulawesi is done by
75 traditional fishermen using 5 to 7 M-boat and artificial bait either shrimp-like bait or other bait
76 types (Fig. 1).

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78 ~~Fig. 1. Artificial bait. (a) shrimp like bait and (b) flashlight jig: 1) flashlight; 2) one meter line;~~
79 ~~3) lead; 4) hook.~~

80 For deep-sea squid *S. oualiansis* fishing, the fishermen use a mini-battery-supported flashlight
81 artificial bait sold in the fishing stores. The flashlight artificial bait contains several different
82 alternately blinking light colors to get the squid to bite. This study modifies the light colors to
83 find the best modification of light color against the catches.

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85 **Materials and Methods**

86 This study was carried out from June to July 2020. Traditional fishermen catch deep-sea squids *S.*
87 *oualaniensis* in the Sulawesi Sea, North Sulawesi, at night (Fig. 2). The flashlight bait is
88 facilitated with a mini-battery to be able to produce several different light colors to attract the
89 squid. The flashlight was connected by a one-meter line to the hook working also as a lead. In
90 fishing operations, the lead was coated with fish flesh as bait.

91 This experiment modified the standard commercial flashlight bait sold in the fishing shop to
92 produce different light colors: ~~r~~Red-~~g~~Green, ~~b~~Blue, ~~g~~Green, and ~~r~~Red. These different light
93 colors were used in 10 fishing trips. Twelve skillful fishermen were used in this experiment in
94 which they were divided into 4 groups of 3 people in 4 separate traditional boats (7 m long) to
95 operate each light color in the same fishing ground. The common commercial flashlight bait was
96 also used as a control treatment. Each line used only one jig and all jig-fishing activities were
97 carried out at the same time. The fishing line was lowered down to the depth range of 20–25 M
98 in the deep sea of Sulawesi Sea waters and jigged. This fishing depth is consistent with the
99 dispersal range peak of *S. oualaniensis* (Jerep ~~&~~ Ropper, 2010).

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Fig. 2. Sampling site.

102 The use of the red-colored bait was eventually terminated because it was always cut off and lost.
103 The experiment utilized only commercial bait, red-green bait, blue bait, and green bait as
104 treatment with 3 replications represented by 3 local skillful fishermen for each bait light color.
105 Data collections were squid catches. The catch data were analyzed with one-way analysis of
106 variance ANOVA facilitated by statistical software for comparisons. -The difference between
107 treatments was then tested using Tukey's ~~h~~Honestly ~~s~~Significant ~~d~~Difference (HSD) procedure.

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109 **Results**

110 This study caught a total of 30,687 squids *S. oualaniensis* during the fishing experiment in the
111 Sulawesi Sea, North Sulawesi. Different light color applications highly significantly influenced
112 the number of squid catches ($p < 0.001$). Analysis of ~~V~~ariance demonstrates that both trip and
113 bait light color influence the squid catches (Table 1).

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115 ~~Table 1. ANOVA on the effect of artificial bait light colors on the number of catches.~~

116 Tukey's ~~Honestly Significant Difference (HSD)~~ test revealed that *S. oualaniensis* differently
117 responded to the bait's light colors. All treatment applications gave a significantly different
118 number of catches. ~~—~~Comparisons between treatments showed that all bait light color
119 modifications gave a higher number of catches than the commercial one (Table 2).

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121 ~~Table 2. Multiple comparisons between treatment applications.~~

122 The significantly different squid catches are also indicated by the mean number of squid catches
123 (Fig. 3). The green-lighted jig yielded the highest mean squid catches, 377.37 (39.46%),
124 followed by blue light color, 268.3 (28.06%), then red-green, 213.43 (22.32%), and the lowest
125 catches in the commercial artificial bait, 97.13 (10.16%) (Table 2 and Fig. 3). Multiple
126 comparisons between treatment applications yielded 6 pairs of comparisons and indicated that all
127 treatment flashlight jig colors yielded significantly different squid catches, in which single light
128 colors also give the squid a higher response to taking the lure (Table 2).

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131 ~~Fig. 3. Mean catch of squid *S. oualaniensis* during the study.~~

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133 Discussion

134 Jigging is an essential fishing method to exploit squids selectively and avoid overexploiting to
135 conserve resources and energy (Asokan & Krishnan, 2021). It helps to adjust operational depth

136 according to the concentration depth of squids. They are attracted to lights and fast-moving bait
137 or any bait-like object. A typical jig consists of a shrimp or stalk-like body made of flexible
138 plastic with one to three hooks or more sharp barbless steel hooks at the end. Other jigs are
139 facilitated with the mini battery-supported light blinking.

140 Squids are known as color-blinded animals, but the degree of contrast is important for squid
141 behavior to attack the jig (Flores et al., 1978). The use of a flashlight jig, in fact, gave a stronger
142 degree of contrast in the water column at night fishing than the use of light above the water and
143 could give a stronger stimulus to the squid to attack the fish flesh bait connected to blinking light.
144 The flashlight jig also has a higher degree of contrast than the shrimp-like siliconized jig so that
145 the squid more sensitively responds to the flashlight jig color in the water column. The flashlight
146 acts as a squid-aggregating device, while the squid feeds on the fish's flesh, then caught by the
147 hook. The flashlight jig could help the purpleback flying squid get the bait. All squids were
148 hooked on the arms, indicating that the squids are feeding on the fish's flesh coated on the lead.
149 On the other hand, cephalopods (squid, cuttlefish, and octopus) are well known as voracious
150 predators of many preys, such as fish and crustaceans, or even have cannibalism behavior, so the
151 contrast moving objects in the water column could indicate the presence of moving prey.

152 Furthermore, the present study revealed that the modified light colors of the artificial bait caught
153 a higher number of deep-sea squid *S. oualaniensis* in the Sulawesi Sea than the common
154 commercial artificial bait sold in the fishing store with a combination of several different colors.
155 There was also a significantly different effect of all light color modifications on the squid catches
156 with the highest catch in the green light. The low attacking preference of the purpleback flying
157 squid to the multiple light colors could result from the squid's perception of the blinking multiple
158 colors of the flashlight bait as the aposematic coloration of the prey, in which the animal shows
159 the unpalatability or toxicity through warning coloration. This defense mechanism is widely
160 discussed by Endler (1978), Mappes et al. (2005), Mochida et al. (2015), Stevens (2007), and
161 Toledo & Haddad (2009). Aposematism is commonly found across the animal kingdom as a
162 defense mechanism, and it could either be chemicals, such as toxins, harmful secretions, and
163 venoms, or physical defense, such as spines, bites, and stings (Mappes et al., 2005).

164 This finding is in agreement with Altinagac (2006) and Paighambari et al. (2012) that the green
165 bait color is more efficient in squid jig fishing even though it does not have a significantly

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166 different effect from the use of red color in Turkish waters (Altinagac, 2006) and the blue color
167 (Paighambari et al., 2012) on the catch rate of purpleback flying squids in Iranian waters of the
168 Oman Sea. The sensitivity of fish and some of their food animals to blue and green colors is
169 higher because of the long wavelengths that make them penetrate deeper into the water column
170 (Solomon & Ahmed, 2016). The use of dark green jig color is also shown by the traditional
171 fishermen, particularly in North Minahasa, North Sulawesi, as a potential bait color for demersal
172 fish jig fishing (field obs.). Nevertheless, Ulaş & Aydın (2011) found that the red jig is the
173 most efficient in squid *Loligo vulgaris* Lamarck (1798) fishing on the Middle Eastern Coast of
174 Aegean Sea, Turkey. All those findings were obtained using the shrimp-like siliconized bait. The
175 local fishermen of North Sulawesi commonly use the shrimp-like siliconized jig to fish shallow
176 water squids *Sepioteuthis lessoniana*. A different finding is shown by Arnupapboon et al. (2008)
177 that the squid moves to white and blue more often than green, while the red color seemed not to
178 attract the squids.

179 This fishing experiment reconfirms the previous finding concerning the most efficient bait color
180 and shows that the use of single bait light color yielded higher catches than that of multiple
181 colors ($p < 0.05$). This study did not use the red light color as a treatment, since the red-lighted
182 bait was always taken and cut off. Therefore, we had to use a wireline to the bait to know what
183 causes the loss and found that the red light color was taken by the cutlassfish *Trichiurus* sp. The
184 difference in squid's preference for jig color could result from environmental conditions with
185 locality, such as predator-prey interactions that may alter the feeding behavior on-site and
186 species. The presence of a higher level of the predator, such as cutlassfish *Trichiurus* sp.,
187 particularly in Sulawesi waters which is also attracted to the red-light jig has diminished the
188 chance of the deep-sea squids *S. oualaniensis* to take the red jig or the squid *S. oualaniensis* is
189 vulnerable to predation risk for feeding on the red-light jig.

190 According to Asokan & Krishnan (2021), the efficiency of squid jigging is influenced by jig
191 structure, jigging motion, light intensity, sea state, and sea surface temperature (Cabanellas-
192 Reboredo et al., 2012; Roberts & Sauer, 1994; Yu et al., 2015), wind speed, moon phase, and
193 atmospheric pressure (Cabanellas-Reboredo et al., 2012), sea surface height anomaly (Yu et al.,
194 2015), turbidity (Roberts & Sauer, 1994), chlorophyll (Hurst et al., 2012), salinity (Yu et al.,
195 2015), and large scales climate predictors, such as the Southern Oscillation Index (SOI) and the

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196 North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO) (Roberts and Sauer, 1994; Morales-Bojórquez et al., 2001;
197 Pierce et al., 2006; Roberts & Sauer, 1994), etc. These factors will influence the catches,
198 recruitment, migration (Koopman et al., 2018), and distribution of the squids. During squid
199 jigging with lights, the quality of light (e.g., wavelength), the quantity of light (e.g., power), and
200 the arrangement of fishing lights affect the squid's attraction. These factors create underwater
201 irradiance levels and distribution influenced by the optical characteristics of seawater, and it
202 influences squid behavior during fishing (Arakawa et al., 1998; Yamashita et al., 2012).
203 According to Cabanellas-Reboredo et al. (2012), environmental variables, such as sea surface
204 temperature, atmospheric pressure, and moon cycle can also influence squid catches. This
205 experiment focused only on the effect of different jig light colors on the squid bites since the
206 fishing was conducted in a single lunar cycle with different tide conditions. The jiggers took
207 advantage of wind or current direction to position their boats in certain areas to avoid being
208 drifted too far out of the mainland due to the use of the small boat (approximately 5–7 M long).

209 These findings showed that all light color modifications of the multiple flashlight-squid baits
210 have contributed to the artificial squid flashlight bait development concerning the squid fishing
211 effectivity. Light colors also influenced the feeding behavior of *S. oualaniensis*, and the single
212 color gave the squid a higher response to getting the lure than the multiple colors. The highest
213 squid catch was recorded in the green light color and the lowest was in the commercial artificial
214 bait. Therefore, the present study has contributed to developing the mini-battery-supported
215 artificial bait for effective exploitation to maximize offshore squid production and fisheries
216 development so that the use of offshore squid resources could be increased. This information is
217 also useful for traditional fishermen to increase their personal income through deep-sea squid
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219 environmental factors are needed for future squid population sustainability.

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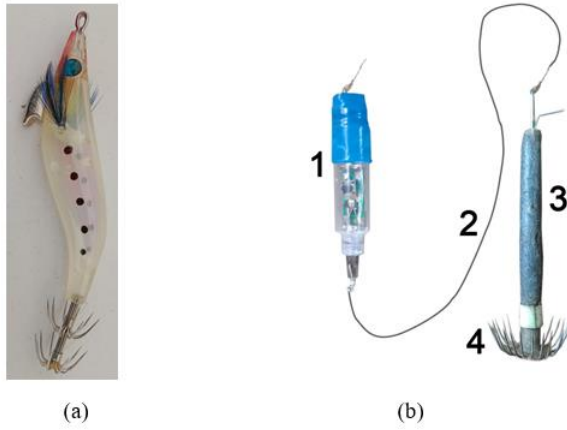
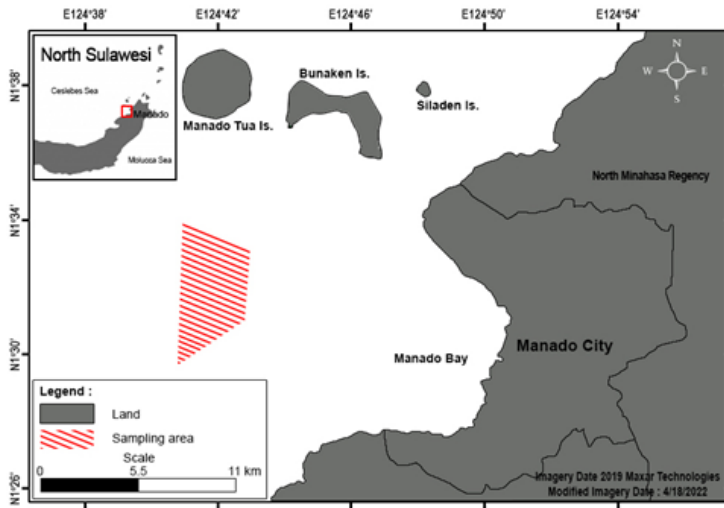


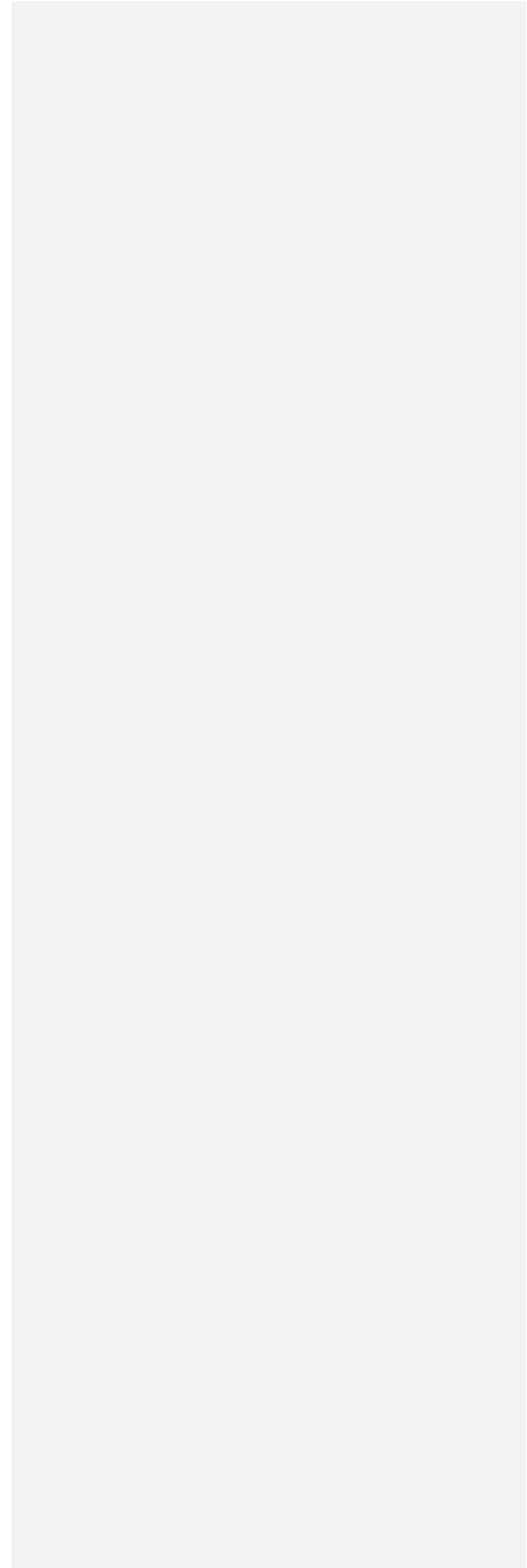
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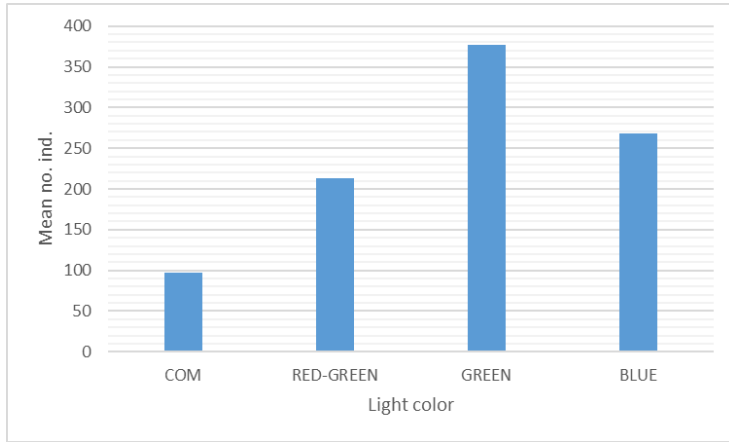
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Fig. 2. Sampling site.





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379 **Fig. 3. Mean catch of squid *Sthenoteuthis oualaniensis* during the study.**

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381 **Table 1. Analysis of variance (ANOVA) on the effect of artificial bait light colors on the**
382 **number of catches.**

Source of variance	Sum of squares	Df	Mean square	F-Ratio	P-value
Main Effects					
A: Trip	85,653.0	9	9,517.0	24.96	0.0000
B: Bait light color	1.22351 × 10 ⁻⁶	3	407,836	1,069.59	0.0000
A-B interactions	16,791.1	27	621.892	1.63	0.0488
Residual	30,504.0	80	381.3		
Total	1.35646 × 10 ⁻⁶	119			

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Table 2. Multiple comparisons between treatment applications.

Bait light color comparisons	Difference	+/- Limits
BLUE—COM	171.167*	13.229
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Behavioral response of purpleback flying squid *Sthenoteuthis oualaniensis* (Mollusk; Cephalopod) to the flashlight artificial bait colors

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Abstract

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Keywords: Commercial jig, Modification, Effect, Catch

Introduction

The exploitation of fisheries resources starts from a basic human need to obtain animal protein sources. Squid is one of the protein sources from the ocean, and nearly all body parts are edible. Since 1950, capture production of cephalopods has continued to grow (Doubleday et al., 2016; Hunsicker et al., 2010), with total commercial annual catches between 3.5 and 4.9 million tons in 2008–2017 (FAO, 2019), almost 4.6 times higher than that of the

1950s. Cephalopods on average support approximately 15% and 20% of marine fishery landings and landed values, respectively (FAO, 2019; Hunsicker et al., 2010). This group has unique life history characteristics, including rapid growth, short lifespan, and semelparous reproductive strategy, giving them both sensitivity and resilience to anthropogenic exploitation and oceanographic variability (Rodhouse et al., 2014). The species within the family Ommastrephidae support approximately 33.8% of the global cephalopod's landings (FAO, 2019). This group is recognized

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as voracious and adaptable predators of a broad range of prey including small crustaceans and fishes at early life stages and shift to micronekton, larger fishes, and cephalopods (including cannibalism) as they grow (Alegret et al., 2014; Nigmatullin et al., 2001). Despite its economic importance, the offshore oceanic squid resources' exploitation rate is relatively low (Worms, 1983). The flying squids (Ommastrephidae; Oegopsid) cover about 65% of the world's commercial cephalopods (Brunetti, 1990; Roper et al., 1984) with a total of about 2.6 million in 1991 (FAO, 1993). The flying squids *Sthenoteuthis oualaniensis* (Lesson) and *Ommastrephes bratamii* are the oceanic species of this family that are distributed from the Indo-Pacific to the Indian Ocean. According to Voss (1973), the potential of the purpleback flying squids in the Central Eastern Pacific is at least 100,000 metric tons. This species is caught commercially in the eastern and southern East China Sea, from Taiwan to Okinawa by hook and line with light at night (Okutani & Tung, 1978; Tung, 1981; Yoshikawa, 1978). The deep-sea squids caught by traditional fishermen of Manado Bay, North Sulawesi, in the Sulawesi Sea have been identified as a dwarf form of *S. oualaniensis* (Pratasik et al., 2022). These species are highly migratory and undertake diel vertical migrations of several hundred meters and seasonal

migrations between the shelf and open ocean (Gilly et al., 2006; Stewart et al., 2013) so that they can act as important linkages between both neritic and oceanic food webs (Arkhipkin, 2013).

There are numerous studies on bait types to find the highest catch, from fish and shrimp flesh, live bait, and artificial bait. Fish and squids were observed to be attracted to squid jigging vessels due to the phototaxis (Rao, 1996). It is related to their behavior to avoid predators to enhance feeding efficiency (Solomon & Ahmed, 2016), and their response depends upon species, ontogenic development, light source characteristics, intensity, color, and wavelength (Mallawa et al., 1991). Therefore, fishermen catch squid using light that illuminates in water as well as jigs to attract the squid to aggregate and bite the jigs (Asokan & Krishnan, 2021). It relies on the artificial bait of shrimp-like siliconized jig fishing (Altinagac, 2006; Aydin & Ilkyaz, 2021; Paighambari et al., 2012; Reza et al., 2019; Ulaş & Aydin, 2011). Other studies on hand-line fishing are also done using different colors of shrimp-shaped jigs (Altinagac, 2006; Aydin & Ilkyaz, 2021; Paighambari et al., 2012; Ulaş & Aydin, 2011). Squid fishing in North Sulawesi is done by traditional fishermen using 5 to 7 M-boat and artificial bait either shrimp-like bait or other Bait types (Fig. 1).

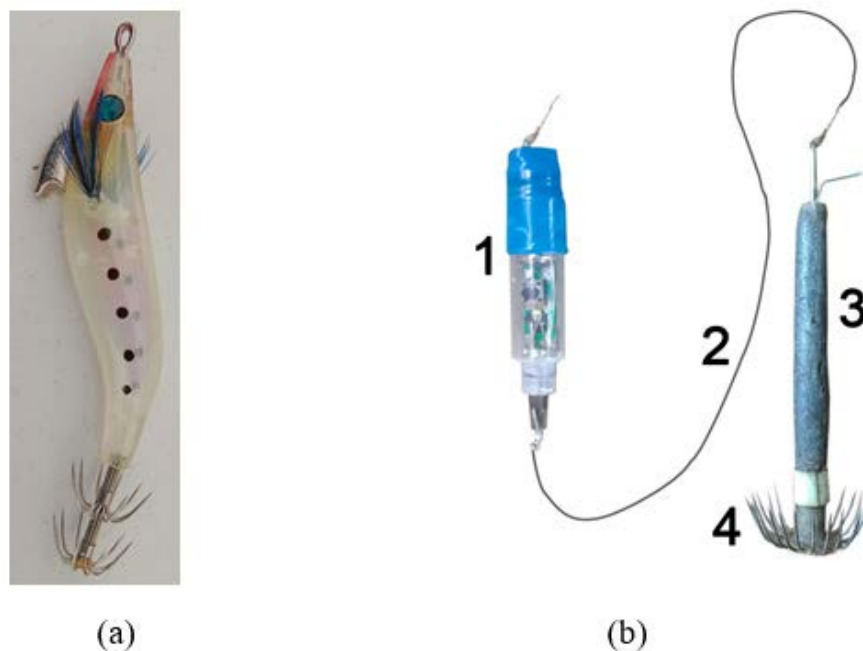


Fig. 1. Artificial bait. (a) Shrimp-like bait and (b) flashlight jig. 1) Flashlight; 2) one-meter line; 3) lead; 4) hook.

For deep-sea squid *S. oualaniensis* fishing, the fishermen use mini-battery-supported flashlight artificial baits sold in the fishing stores. The flashlight artificial bait contains several different alternately blinking light colors to get the squid to bite. This study modifies the light color to find the best modification of light color against the catches.

Materials and Methods

This study was carried out from June to July 2020. Traditional fishermen catch deep-sea squids *S. oualaniensis* in the Sulawesi Sea, North Sulawesi, at night (Fig. 2). The flashlight bait is facilitated with a mini-battery to be able to produce several different light colors to attract the squid. The flashlight was connected by a one-meter line to the hook working also as a lead. In fishing operations, the lead was coated with fish flesh as bait.

This experiment modified the standard commercial flashlight baits sold in the fishing shop to produce different light colors: red-green, blue, green, and red. These different light colors were used in 10 fishing trips. Twelve skillful fishermen were used in this experiment in which they were divided into 4 groups of 3 people in 4 separate traditional boats (7 m long) to operate each

light color in the same fishing ground. The common commercial flashlight bait was also used as a control treatment. Each line used only one jig and all jig-fishing activities were carried out at the same time. The fishing line was lowered down to the depth range of 20–25 m in the deep sea of Sulawesi Sea waters and jigged. This fishing depth is consistent with the dispersal range peak of *S. oualaniensis* (Jerep & Roper, 2010).

The use of the red-colored bait was eventually terminated because it was always cut off and lost. The experiment utilized only commercial bait, red-green bait, blue bait, and green bait as treatment with 3 replications represented by 3 local skillful fishermen for each bait light color. Data collections were squid catches. The catch data were analyzed with one-way analysis of variance facilitated by statistical software for comparisons. The difference between treatments was then tested using Tukey's honestly significant difference (HSD) procedure.

Results

This study caught a total of 30,687 squids *S. oualaniensis* during the fishing experiment in the Sulawesi Sea, North Sulawesi. Different light color applications highly significantly influenced

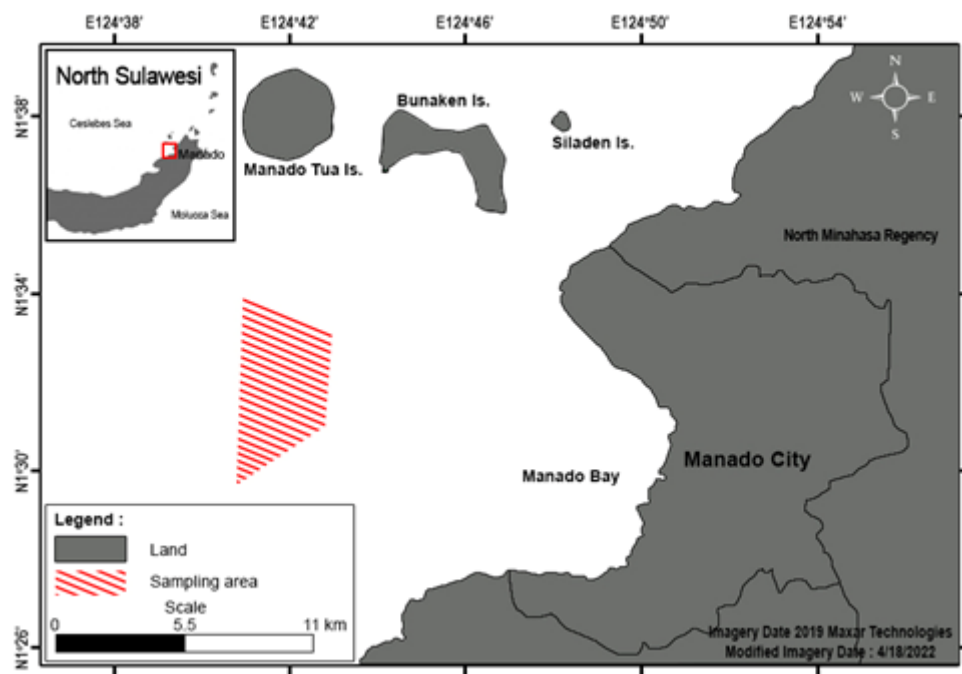


Fig. 2. Sampling site.

The number of squid catches ($p < 0.001$). Analysis of variance demonstrates that both trip and bait light color influence the squid catches (Table 1).

Tukey's HSD test revealed that *S. oualaniensis* differently responded to the bait's light colors. All treatment applications gave significantly different number of catches. Comparisons between treatments showed that all bait light color modifications gave a higher number of catches than the commercial one (Table 2).

This significantly different squid catches are also indicated by the mean number of squid catches (Fig. 3). The green-lighted jig yielded the highest mean squid catches, 377.37 (39.46%), followed by blue light color, 268.3 (28.06%), then red-green, 213.43 (22.32%), and the lowest catches in the commercial artificial bait, 97.13 (10.16%) (Table 2 and Fig. 3). Multiple comparisons between treatment applications yielded 6 pairs of comparisons and indicated that all treatment flash light jig colors yielded significantly different squid catches, in which single light color also gives the squid a higher response to taking the lure (Table 2).

Discussion

Jigging is an essential fishing method to exploit squids selectively and avoid over-exploitation to conserve resources

and energy (Asokan & Krishnan, 2021). It helps to adjust operational depth according to the concentration depth of squids. They are attracted to lights and fast-moving bait or any bait-like object. A typical jig consists of a shrimp or stalk-like body made of flexible plastic with one to three hooks or more sharp barbless steel hooks at the end. Other jigs are facilitated with the mini battery-supported light blinking.

Squids are known as color-blinded animals, but the degree of contrast is important for squid behavior to attack the jig (Flores et al., 1978). The use of a flash light jig, in fact, gave a stronger degree of contrast in the water column at night fishing than the use of light above the water and could give a stronger stimulus to the squid to attack the fish flesh bait connected to blinking light. The flash light jig also has a higher degree of contrast than the shrimp-like siliconized jig so that the squid more sensitively responds to the flash light jig color in the water column. The flash light acts as a squid-aggregating device, while the squid feeds on the fish's flesh, then caught by the hook. The flash light jig could help the purple back flying squid get the bait. All squids were hooked on the arms, indicating that the squids are feeding on the fish's flesh coated on the lead. On the other hand, cephalopods (squid, cuttlefish, and octopus) are well known as voracious predators of many preys, such as fish and crustaceans, or even have cannibalism behavior, so the contrast

Table 1. Analysis of variance on the effect of artificial bait light color on the number of catches

Source of variance	Sum of squares	Df	Mean square	F-ratio	p-value
Main effects					
A: Trip	85,653.00	9	9,517.00	24.96	0
B: Bait light color	1.22351 × 10 ⁻⁶	3	407.83	1,069.59	0
A-B interactions	16,791.10	27	621.89	1.63	0.0488
Residual	30,504.00	80	381		
Total	1.35646 × 10 ⁻⁶	119			

Table 2. Multiple comparisons between treatment applications

Bait light color comparisons	Difference	+/-Limits
BLUE-COM	171.167*	13.229
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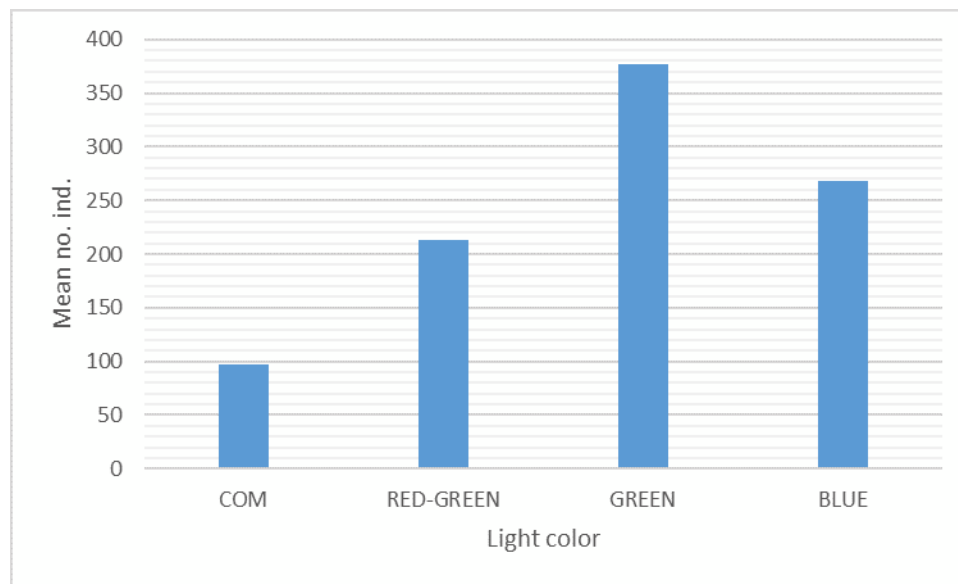


Fig.3. Meancatchof squid *Sthenoteuthis oualaniensis* during the study.

moving objects in the water column could indicate the presence of moving prey.

Furthermore, the present study revealed that the modified light colors of the artificial bait caught a higher number of deep-sea squid *S. oualaniensis* in the Sulawesi Sea than the common commercial artificial baits sold in the fishing store with a combination of several different colors. There was also a significantly different effect of all light color modifications on the squid catches with the highest catch in the green light. The low attacking preference of the purple back flying squid to the multiple light colors could result from the squid's perception of the blinking multiple colors of the flashlight bait as the aposematic coloration of the prey, in which the animal shows the unpalatability or toxicity through warning coloration. This defense mechanism is widely discussed by Endler (1978), Kang et al. (2015), Mappes et al. (2005), Mochida et al. (2015), and Toledo & Haddad (2009). Aposematism is commonly found across the animal kingdom as a defense mechanism, and it could either be chemicals, such as toxins, harmful secretions, and venoms, or physical defense, such as spines, bites, and stings (Mappes et al., 2005).

This finding is in agreement with Altinagac (2006) and Paighambari et al. (2012) that the green bait color is more efficient in squid jig fishing even though it does not have significantly different effect from the use of red color in Turkish

Waters (Altinagac, 2006) and the blue color (Paighambari et al., 2012) on the catch rate of purple back flying squids in Iranian waters of the Oman Sea. The sensitivity of fish and some of their food animals to blue and green colors is higher because of the long wavelengths that make them penetrate deeper into the water column (Solomon & Ahmed, 2016). The use of dark green jig color is also shown by the traditional fishermen, particularly in North Minahasa, North Sulawesi, as a potential bait color for demersal fish jig fishing (field obs.). Nevertheless, Ulaş & Aydin (2011) found that the red jig is the most efficient in squid *Loligo vulgaris* fishing on the Middle Eastern Coast of Aegean Sea, Turkey. All those findings were obtained using the shrimp-like siliconized bait. The local fishermen of North Sulawesi commonly use the shrimp-like siliconized jig to fish shallow water squids *Sepioteuthis lessoniana*. A different finding is shown by Arnupapboon et al. (2008) that the squid moves to white and blue more often than green, while the red color seemed not to attract the squids.

This fishing experiment reconfirms the previous finding concerning the most efficient bait color and shows that the use of single bait light color yielded higher catches than that of multiple colors ($p < 0.05$). This study did not use the red light color as a treatment, since the red-lighted bait was always taken and cut off. Therefore, we had to use a wire line to the bait to know what causes the loss and found that the red light color

was taken by the cutlass fish *Trichiurus* sp. The difference in squid's preference for jig color could result from environmental conditions with locality, such as predator-prey interactions that may alter the feeding behavior on-site and species. The presence of a higher level of the predator, such as cutlass fish *Trichiurus* sp., particularly in Sulawesi waters which is also attracted to the red-light jig has diminished the chance of the deep-sea squids *S. oualaniensis* to take the red jig or the squid *S. oualaniensis* is vulnerable to predation risk for feeding on the red-light jig.

According to Asokan & Krishnan (2021), the efficiency of squid jigging is influenced by jig structure, jigging motion, light intensity, sea state, and sea surface temperature (Cabanelas-Reboredo et al., 2012; Roberts & Sauer, 1994; Yu et al., 2015), wind speed, moon phase, and atmospheric pressure (Cabanelas-Reboredo et al., 2012), sea surface height anomaly (Yu et al., 2015), turbidity (Roberts & Sauer, 1994), chlorophyll (Hurst et al., 2012), salinity (Yu et al., 2015), and large scale climate predictors, such as the Southern Oscillation Index and the North Atlantic Oscillation (Morales-Bojórquez et al., 2001; Pierce et al., 2006; Roberts & Sauer, 1994), etc. These factors will influence the catches, recruitment, migration (Koopman et al., 2018), and distribution of the squids. During squid jigging with lights, the quality of light (e.g. wavelength), the quantity of light (e.g., power), and the arrangement of fishing lights affect the squid's attraction. These factors create underwater irradiance levels and distribution influenced by the optical characteristics of seawater, and it influences squid behavior during fishing (Arakawa et al., 1998; Yamashita et al., 2012). According to Cabanelas-Reboredo et al. (2012), environmental variables, such as sea surface temperature, atmospheric pressure, and moon cycle can also influence squid catches. This experiment focused only on the effect of different jig light color on the squid bite since the fishing was conducted in a single lunar cycle with different tide conditions. The jigger took advantage of wind or current direction to position their boats in certain areas to avoid being drifted too far out of the main land and due to the use of the small boat (approximately 5–7 M long).

These findings showed that all light color modifications of the multiple flash light-squid baits have contributed to the artificial squid flash light bait development concerning the squid fishing effectivity. Light colors also influenced the feeding behavior of *S. oualaniensis*, and the single color gave the squid a higher response to getting the lure than the multiple colors. The highest squid catch was recorded in the green light color and the lowest was in the commercial artificial bait. Therefore, the present

study has contributed to developing the mini-battery-supported artificial bait for effective exploitation to maximize offshore squid production and fisheries development so that the use of offshore squid resources could be increased. This information is also useful for traditional fishermen to increase their personal income through deep-sea squid fishing. Nevertheless, more studies on squid feeding behavior and other influencing environmental factors are needed for future squid population sustainability.

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Introduction

The exploitation of fisheries resources starts from a basic human need to obtain animal protein sources. Squid is one of the protein sources from the ocean, and nearly all body parts are edible. Since 1950, capture production of cephalopods has continued to grow (Doubleday et al., 2016; Hunsicker et al., 2010), with total commercial annual catches between 3.5 and 4.9 million tons in 2008–2017 (FAO, 2019), almost 4.6 times higher than that of the

1950s. Cephalopods on average support approximately 15% and 20% of marine fishery landings and landed values, respectively (FAO, 2019; Hunsicker et al., 2010). This group has unique life history characteristics, including rapid growth, short lifespan, and semelparous reproductive strategy, giving them both sensitivity and resilience to anthropogenic exploitation and oceanographic variability (Rodhouse et al., 2014). The species within the family Ommastrephidae support approximately 33.8% of the global cephalopod's landings (FAO, 2019). This group is recognized

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as voracious and adaptable predators of a broad range of prey including small crustaceans and fishes at early life stages and shift to micronekton, larger fishes, and cephalopods (including cannibalism) as they grow (Alegre et al., 2014; Nigmatullin et al., 2001). Despite its economic importance, the offshore oceanic squid resources' exploitation rate is relatively low (Worms, 1983). The flying squids (Ommastrephidae; Oegopsid) cover about 65% of the world's commercial cephalopods (Brunetti, 1990; Roper et al., 1984) with a total of about 2.6 million in 1991 (FAO, 1993). The flying squids *Sthenoteuthis oualaniensis* (Lesson) and *Ommastrephes bratamii* are the oceanic species of this family that are distributed from the Indo-Pacific to the Indian Ocean. According to Voss (1973), the potential of the purpleback flying squids in the Central Eastern Pacific is at least 100,000 metric tons. This species is caught commercially in the eastern and southern East China Sea, from Taiwan to Okinawa by hook and line with light at night (Okutani & Tung, 1978; Tung, 1981; Yoshikawa, 1978). The deep-sea squids caught by traditional fishermen of Manado Bay, North Sulawesi, in the Sulawesi Sea have been identified as a dwarf form of *S. oualaniensis* (Pratasik et al., 2022). These species are highly migratory and undertake diel vertical migrations of several hundred meters and seasonal

migrations between the shelf and open ocean (Gilly et al., 2006; Stewart et al., 2013) so that they can act as important linkages between both neritic and oceanic food webs (Arkhipkin, 2013).

There are numerous studies on bait types to find the highest catch, from fish and shrimp flesh, live bait, and artificial bait. Fish and squids were observed to be attracted to squid jigging vessels due to the phototaxis (Rao, 1996). It is related to their behavior to avoid predators or enhance feeding efficiency (Solomon & Ahmed, 2016), and their response depends upon species, ontogenic development, light source characteristics, intensity, color, and wavelength (Mallawa et al., 1991). Therefore, fishermen catch squid using light that illuminates in water as well as jigs to attract the squids to aggregate and bite the jigs (Asokan & Krishnan, 2021). It relies on the artificial bait of shrimp-like siliconized jig fishing (Altinagac, 2006; Aydin & İlkyaz, 2021; Paighambari et al., 2012; Reza et al., 2019; Ulaş & Aydin, 2011). Other studies on hand-line fishing are also done using different colors of shrimp-shaped jigs (Altinagac, 2006; Aydin & İlkyaz, 2021; Paighambari et al., 2012; Ulaş & Aydin, 2011). Squid fishing in North Sulawesi is done by traditional fishermen using 5 to 7 M-boat and artificial bait either shrimp-like bait or other bait types (Fig. 1).

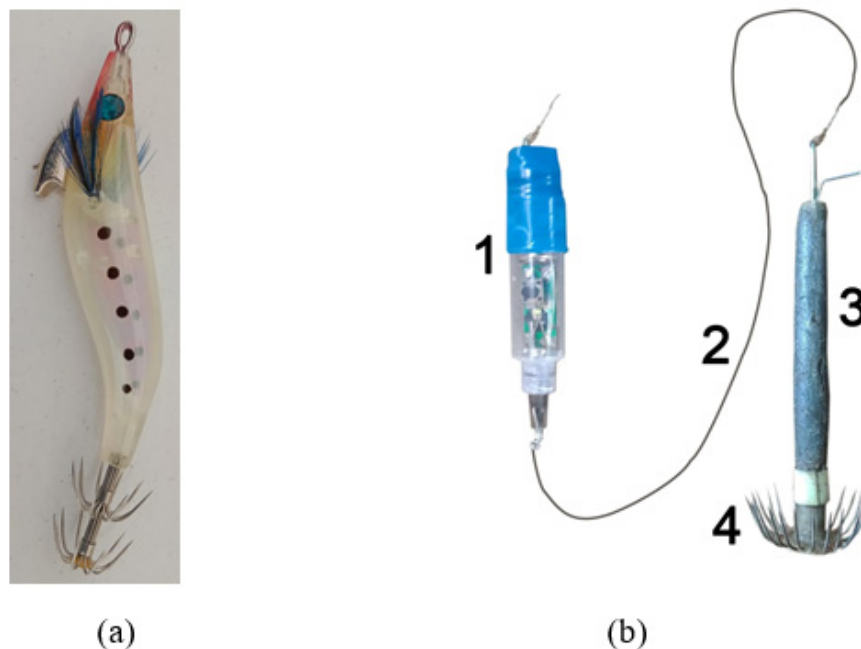


Fig. 1. Artificial bait. (a) Shrimp-like bait and (b) flashlight jig. 1) Flashlight; 2) one-meter line; 3) lead; 4) hook.

For deep-sea squid *S. oualaniensis* fishing, the fishermen use a mini-battery-supported flashlight artificial bait sold in the fishing stores. The flashlight artificial bait contains several different alternately blinking light colors to get the squid to bite. This study modifies the light colors to find the best modification of light color against the catches.

Materials and Methods

This study was carried out from June to July 2020. Traditional fishermen catch deep-sea squids *S. oualaniensis* in the Sulawesi Sea, North Sulawesi, at night (Fig. 2). The flashlight bait is facilitated with a mini-battery to be able to produce several different light colors to attract the squid. The flashlight was connected by a one-meter line to the hook working also as a lead. In fishing operations, the lead was coated with fish flesh as bait.

This experiment modified the standard commercial flashlight bait sold in the fishing shop to produce different light colors: red-green, blue, green, and red. These different light colors were used in 10 fishing trips. Twelve skillful fishermen were used in this experiment in which they were divided into 4 groups of 3 people in 4 separate traditional boats (7 m long) to operate each

light color in the same fishing ground. The common commercial flashlight bait was also used as a control treatment. Each line used only one jig and all jig-fishing activities were carried out at the same time. The fishing line was lowered down to the depth range of 20–25 M in the deep sea of Sulawesi Sea waters and jigged. This fishing depth is consistent with the dispersal range peak of *S. oualaniensis* (Jerep & Roper, 2010).

The use of the red-colored bait was eventually terminated because it was always cut off and lost. The experiment utilized only commercial bait, red-green bait, blue bait, and green bait as treatment with 3 replications represented by 3 local skillful fishermen for each bait light color. Data collections were squid catches. The catch data were analyzed with one-way analysis of variance facilitated by statistical software for comparisons. The difference between treatments was then tested using Tukey's honestly significant difference (HSD) procedure.

Results

This study caught a total of 30,687 squids *S. oualaniensis* during the fishing experiment in the Sulawesi Sea, North Sulawesi. Different light color applications highly significantly influenced

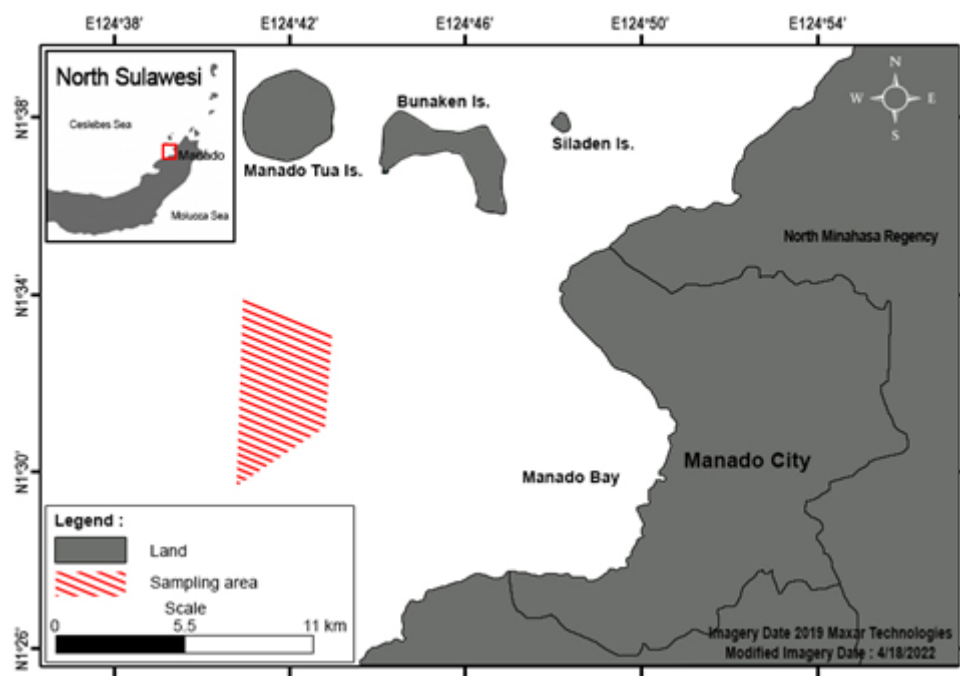


Fig. 2. Sampling site.

the number of squid catches ($p < 0.001$). Analysis of variance demonstrates that both trip and bait light color influence the squid catches (Table 1).

Tukey’s HSD test revealed that *S. oualaniensis* differently responded to the bait’s light colors. All treatment applications gave a significantly different number of catches. Comparisons between treatments showed that all bait light color modifications gave a higher number of catches than the commercial one (Table 2).

The significantly different squid catches are also indicated by the mean number of squid catches (Fig. 3). The green-lighted jig yielded the highest mean squid catches, 377.37 (39.46%), followed by blue light color, 268.3 (28.06%), then red-green, 213.43 (22.32%), and the lowest catches in the commercial artificial bait, 97.13 (10.16%) (Table 2 and Fig. 3). Multiple comparisons between treatment applications yielded 6 pairs of comparisons and indicated that all treatment flashlight jig colors yielded significantly different squid catches, in which single light colors also give the squid a higher response to taking the lure (Table 2).

Discussion

Jigging is an essential fishing method to exploit squids selectively and avoid overexploiting to conserve resources and energy

(Asokan & Krishnan, 2021). It helps to adjust operational depth according to the concentration depth of squids. They are attracted to lights and fast-moving bait or any bait-like object. A typical jig consists of a shrimp or stalk-like body made of flexible plastic with one to three hooks or more sharp barbless steel hooks at the end. Other jigs are facilitated with the mini battery-supported light blinking.

Squids are known as color-blinded animals, but the degree of contrast is important for squid behavior to attack the jig (Flores et al., 1978). The use of a flashlight jig, in fact, gave a stronger degree of contrast in the water column at night fishing than the use of light above the water and could give a stronger stimulus to the squid to attack the fish flesh bait connected to blinking light. The flashlight jig also has a higher degree of contrast than the shrimp-like siliconized jig so that the squid more sensitively responds to the flashlight jig color in the water column. The flashlight acts as a squid-aggregating device, while the squid feeds on the fish’s flesh, then caught by the hook. The flashlight jig could help the purpleback flying squid get the bait. All squids were hooked on the arms, indicating that the squids are feeding on the fish’s flesh coated on the lead. On the other hand, cephalopods (squid, cuttlefish, and octopus) are well known as voracious predators of many preys, such as fish and crustaceans, or even have cannibalism behavior, so the contrast

Table 1. Analysis of variance on the effect of artificial bait light colors on the number of catches

Source of variance	Sum of squares	Df	Mean square	F-ratio	p-value
Main effects					
A: Trip	85,653.0	9	9,517.0	24.96	0.0000
B: Bait light color	1.22351×10^{-6}	3	407,836	1,069.59	0.0000
A-B interactions	16,791.1	27	621.892	1.63	0.0488
Residual	30,504.0	80	381.3		
Total	1.35646×10^{-6}	119			

Table 2. Multiple comparisons between treatment applications

Bait light color comparisons	Difference	+/- Limits
BLUE-COM	171.167*	13.229
BLUE-GREEN	-109.067*	13.229
BLUE-RED-GREEN	54.8667*	13.229
COM-GREEN	-280.233*	13.229
COM-RED-GREEN	-116.3*	13.229
GREEN-RED-GREEN	163.933*	13.229

*Significant difference.

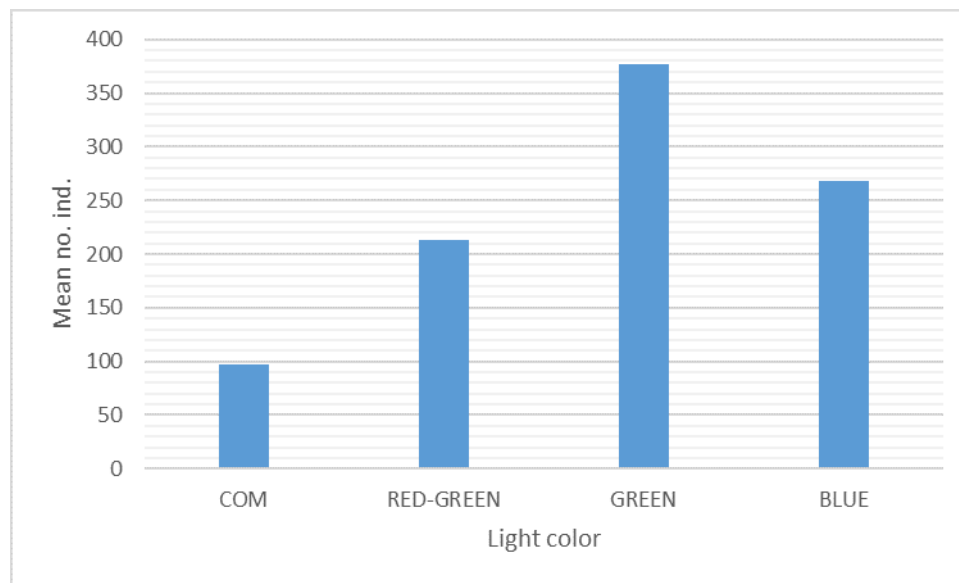


Fig. 3. Mean catch of squid *Sthenoteuthis oualaniensis* during the study.

moving objects in the water column could indicate the presence of moving prey.

Furthermore, the present study revealed that the modified light colors of the artificial bait caught a higher number of deep-sea squid *S. oualaniensis* in the Sulawesi Sea than the common commercial artificial bait sold in the fishing store with a combination of several different colors. There was also a significantly different effect of all light color modifications on the squid catches with the highest catch in the green light. The low attacking preference of the purpleback flying squid to the multiple light colors could result from the squid's perception of the blinking multiple colors of the flashlight bait as the aposematic coloration of the prey, in which the animal shows the unpalatability or toxicity through warning coloration. This defense mechanism is widely discussed by Endler (1978), Mappes et al. (2005), Mochida et al. (2015), Stevens (2007), and Toledo & Haddad (2009). Aposematism is commonly found across the animal kingdom as a defense mechanism, and it could either be chemicals, such as toxins, harmful secretions, and venoms, or physical defense, such as spines, bites, and stings (Mappes et al., 2005).

This finding is in agreement with Altinagac (2006) and Paighambari et al. (2012) that the green bait color is more efficient in squid jig fishing even though it does not have a significantly different effect from the use of red color in Turkish

waters (Altinagac, 2006) and the blue color (Paighambari et al., 2012) on the catch rate of purpleback flying squids in Iranian waters of the Oman Sea. The sensitivity of fish and some of their food animals to blue and green colors is higher because of the long wavelengths that make them penetrate deeper into the water column (Solomon & Ahmed, 2016). The use of dark green jig color is also shown by the traditional fishermen, particularly in North Minahasa, North Sulawesi, as a potential bait color for demersal fish jig fishing (field obs.). Nevertheless, Ulaş & Aydin (2011) found that the red jig is the most efficient in squid *Loligo vulgaris* Lamarck (1798) fishing on the Middle Eastern Coast of Aegean Sea, Turkey. All those findings were obtained using the shrimp-like siliconized bait. The local fishermen of North Sulawesi commonly use the shrimp-like siliconized jig to fish shallow water squids *Sepioteuthis lessoniana*. A different finding is shown by Arnupapboon et al. (2008) that the squid moves to white and blue more often than green, while the red color seemed not to attract the squids.

This fishing experiment reconfirms the previous finding concerning the most efficient bait color and shows that the use of single bait light color yielded higher catches than that of multiple colors ($p < 0.05$). This study did not use the red light color as a treatment, since the red-lighted bait was always taken and cut off. Therefore, we had to use a wireline to the bait to know what causes the loss and found that the red light color

was taken by the cutlassfish *Trichiurus* sp. The difference in squid's preference for jig color could result from environmental conditions with locality, such as predator-prey interactions that may alter the feeding behavior on-site and species. The presence of a higher level of the predator, such as cutlassfish *Trichiurus* sp., particularly in Sulawesi waters which is also attracted to the red-light jig has diminished the chance of the deep-sea squids *S. oualaniensis* to take the red jig or the squid *S. oualaniensis* is vulnerable to predation risk for feeding on the red-light jig.

According to Asokan & Krishnan (2021), the efficiency of squid jigging is influenced by jig structure, jigging motion, light intensity, sea state, and sea surface temperature (Cabanellas-Reboredo et al., 2012; Roberts & Sauer, 1994; Yu et al., 2015), wind speed, moon phase, and atmospheric pressure (Cabanellas-Reboredo et al., 2012), sea surface height anomaly (Yu et al., 2015), turbidity (Roberts & Sauer, 1994), chlorophyll (Hurst et al., 2012), salinity (Yu et al., 2015), and large scales climate predictors, such as the Southern Oscillation Index and the North Atlantic Oscillation (Morales-Bojórquez et al., 2001; Pierce et al., 2006; Roberts & Sauer, 1994), etc. These factors will influence the catches, recruitment, migration (Koopman et al., 2018), and distribution of the squids. During squid jigging with lights, the quality of light (e.g., wavelength), the quantity of light (e.g., power), and the arrangement of fishing lights affect the squid's attraction. These factors create underwater irradiance levels and distribution influenced by the optical characteristics of seawater, and it influences squid behavior during fishing (Arakawa et al., 1998; Yamashita et al., 2012). According to Cabanellas-Reboredo et al. (2012), environmental variables, such as sea surface temperature, atmospheric pressure, and moon cycle can also influence squid catches. This experiment focused only on the effect of different jig light colors on the squid bites since the fishing was conducted in a single lunar cycle with different tide conditions. The jiggers took advantage of wind or current direction to position their boats in certain areas to avoid being drifted too far out of the mainland due to the use of the small boat (approximately 5–7 M long).

These findings showed that all light color modifications of the multiple flashlight-squid baits have contributed to the artificial squid flashlight bait development concerning the squid fishing effectivity. Light colors also influenced the feeding behavior of *S. oualaniensis*, and the single color gave the squid a higher response to getting the lure than the multiple colors. The highest squid catch was recorded in the green light color and the lowest was in the commercial artificial bait. Therefore, the present

study has contributed to developing the mini-battery-supported artificial bait for effective exploitation to maximize offshore squid production and fisheries development so that the use of offshore squid resources could be increased. This information is also useful for traditional fishermen to increase their personal income through deep-sea squid fishing. Nevertheless, more studies on squid feeding behavior and other influencing environmental factors are needed for future squid population sustainability.

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