

### Supplementary Table 2

Length data of cutlassfish *Trichiurus japonicus* sampled at the ports of Kengfang and Tsukuan on the northeast and southwest coasts of Taiwan in 2013–2015, by year and for all years combined at each port. The data include sample size ( $n$ ), mean, standard deviation (SD), and 95% confidence intervals (CIs) of pre-anal lengths of samples.

Kengfang (NE)	Year	$n$	Mean pre-anal		
			length (mm)	SD (mm)	95% CI (mm)
	2013	311	202.1	51.6	(196.3, 207.9)
	2014	220	226.6	46.1	(220.5, 232.7)
	2015	43	261.8	120.9	(224.6, 299.0)
	3-year	574	216.0	60.3	(211.1, 220.9)
Tsukuan (SW)	Year	$n$	Mean pre-anal		
			length (mm)	SD (mm)	95% CI (mm)
	2013	34	173.7	16.0	(168.1, 179.3)
	2014	78	221.8	33.0	(214.4, 229.2)
	2015	132	194.1	39.8	(187.2, 201.0)
	3-year	244	200.3	38.8	(195.4, 205.2)