



## Çanakkale Bölgesi'nde Kullanılan Fanyalı Dip Ağlarında Sübye (*Sepia officinalis*, L. 1758) Seçiciliği

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**Özet:** Bu çalışma Aralık 2008 - Mayıs 2009 tarihleri arasında Gelibolu Yarımadası'nda 10 ile 60 m derinliklerde gerçekleştirilmiştir. Denemelerde Kuzey Ege Denizi'nde yaygın olarak kullanılan 36-42-46 mm göz genişliğine ve 160 mm fanya göz genişliğine sahip fanyalı uzatma ağları kullanılarak avcılığı yapılan sübyenin (*Sepia officinalis*, L. 1758) seçiciliğinin belirlenmesi amaçlanmıştır. Seçicilik parametrelerinin tespitinde, SELECT tahmin metodundan yararlanılmıştır. Beş farklı model kullanılarak (normal location, normal scale, gamma, log-normal, bi-modal) veriler analiz edilmiş ve eldeki verilere ait en uygun sonucu lognormal modeli vermiştir. 36-42-46 mm göz genişliğine sahip fanyalı ağlara yakalanan sübyenin optimum yakalama boyları sırasıyla 17.47 cm, 20.38 cm, 22.31 cm olarak hesaplanmıştır. Hesaplamalar sonucunda sübyeye ait seçicilik parametrelerinin, sübyenin ilk üreme boyundan büyük olduğu görülmüştür. Kullanılan ağların sübye avcılığı üzerinde bir av baskısı oluşturmadığı tespit edilmiştir.

**Anahtar Kelimeler:** Çanakkale, sübye (*Sepia officinalis*), marya ağı, seçicilik.

**Abstract:** This study was carried out between December 2008 and May 2009, in 10 to 60 m depth of Gallipoli Peninsula coasts. In order to estimate the selectivity parameters of cuttlefish (*Sepia officinalis*, L. 1758) three different mesh sizes as 36-42-46 mm nets have 160 mm mesh sized trammel have been used in trials. The SELECT method was used for the determination of the selectivity parameters. Data were analyzed by five different models (normal location, normal scale, gamma, log-normal, bi-modal) and the log-normal model has given the most appropriate result. Optimum catch lengths are were determined as 17.47-20.38-22.31 cm for 36-42-46 mm mesh sized nets, respectively. By the result of calculations, it is observed that the selectivity parameters are higher than first reproductive size of cuttlefish. It is determined that the nets used in study don't have catch pressure on cuttlefish fishing.

**Keywords:** Çanakkale, cuttlefish (*Sepia officinalis*), trammel net, selectivity.

### Introduction

Cuttlefish is demersal species which ranges in the East Atlantic coasts and Mediterranean (Roper et al., 1984; Mangold and Boletzky, 1987; Nesis, 1987). The living area of cuttlefish is usually 0-100 m depths, also ranges till 200m depth from seaside. Cuttlefish are intensive caught cephalopod species due to its high nutritional value and commercial importance (Türeli et al., 2010). To know the size selectivity of a fishing gear and make a limitation for mesh sizes by comparing with first reproductive length is one of the most important management policies. Selectivity studies in trammel nets is anecessity for determination of stocks and fisheries management. These studies are highly important for determination of total mortality rates (Sparre and Venema, 1992) and benefit level from fish population (Cook, 1995) when considered in terms of determination of stocks. It is stated that; mesh size, hanging ratio, fishing method, the elasticity of nets, visibility of nets, body type and behavior of fish are effects the selectivity of trammel nets

(Clark, 1960; Hamley, 1975). However; the most important factor which affects the selectivity is mesh size (Brandt, 1975). Therefore, selectivity studies are mostly focused on the effect of mesh size on the size selectivity (Van Densen, 1987; Karunasinghe et al., 1991; Reis and Pawson, 1992; Santos et al., 1995; Purbayanto et al., 2000; Park et al., 2004; Özekinci, 2005; Revill et al., 2007; Karakulak and Erk, 2008). It is known that trammel nets with the range of 25-70 mm mesh size are commonly used in Aegean Sea and Mediterranean Sea. Cuttlefish (*Sepia officinalis*), European lobster (*Homarus gammarus*) and Spiny lobster (*Panulirus vulgaris*) which have commercial importance are commonly being caught by between 36-42 mm mesh sized nets especially in winter season. Cuttlefish are located on the top steps of the list of commonly caught commercially important species in our seas. Due to general fishing amounts; total amount of cuttlefish caught from our seas is 1244.1 tons in 2013. The largest share of this amount (947.8 tons) is caught from Mediterranean Sea, and

then followed by Aegean Sea (267.5 tons) and the Sea of Marmara (1.8 tons) (TUIK, 2013). Selectivity of fishing gears may be different for all species in different areas and habitats. Therefore, it has been aimed to define selectivity of cuttlefish, which has been commonly caught with 36-42-46 mm mesh sized trammel nets in North Aegean Sea.

### Materials And Methods

This study has been conducted between December 2008 and May 2009 at 6 stations in the coasts of Gallipoli Peninsula in 10-60 m depths (Fig 1).

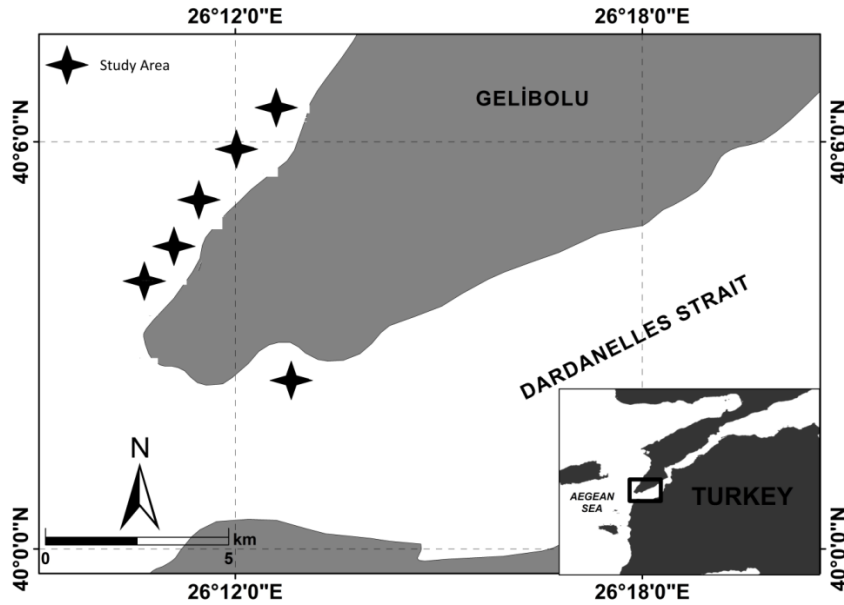


Figure 1. Study Area.

In trials, three different mesh sizes as 36-42-46 mm nets have 160 mm mesh sized trammel have been used. Number 2 plastic floats have been used on the float line and 50 gr sinkers have been used on the ground rope. The nets have 0.5 hanging ratio and have been used passively and leaved into sea as parallel to coast S shaped or according to bottom structure of fishing area. The nets have been collected from sea after waited a day and 40 repetitions have been conducted. Length and weight measurements of cuttlefish which caught were recorded by 1 mm sensitive milimetric measurement board and 1 gr sensitive digital scales. Length and weight measurements of cuttlefish which caught were recorded by 1 mm sensitive milimetric measurement board and 1 gr sensitive digital scales. The SELECT (Share Each Lengthclass Catch Total) method was used to determine selectivity (Millar, 1992; Millar and Fryer, 1999; Millar and Holst, 1997). This method assumes that the number  $n_{ij}$  and length  $l$  of cuttle fish that caught with a  $j$  mesh sized net have a Poisson distribution, and defined by the following equation:

$$n_{ij} \approx n_{ij} \approx \text{Pois} (p_j \lambda_l r_j(l))$$

In this equation;  $\lambda_l$  is abundance of  $l$  length cuttlefish that encountered with net,  $p_j(l)$  is density of relative cuttlefish (abundance of  $l$  length cuttlefish which can catch by  $j$  mesh size). The Poisson distribution of the number of  $l$  length cuttlefish that contacts with  $j$  mesh sized fishing gear is  $p_j(l)\lambda_l$ . And  $r_j(l)$  creates the selectivity curve for  $j$  mesh size. Log-likelihood of  $n_{ij}$  is as follows;

$$\sum_l \sum_j \{n_{ij} \log [p_j \lambda_l r_j(l)] - p_j \lambda_l r_j(l)\}$$

The data obtained from field study was analyzed with PASGEAR II version 2.5 (Kolding and Skalevik, 2011). The software calculates five selectivity model parameters (Normal location, normal scale, log-normal, gamma and bi-modal) in basis of the SELECT method (Millar, 1992; Millar and Fryer, 1999; Millar and Holst, 1997). By comparing the model deviances, the lowest one is chosen for the best model. The equations used in the SELECT models are given below;

$$\exp\left(-\frac{(L - k.m_j)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

Normal Scale ;

$$\exp\left(-\frac{(L-k_1.m_j)^2}{2k_2^2.m_j^2}\right)$$

Log-Normal ;

$$\frac{1}{L} \exp\left(\mu + \log\left(\frac{m_j}{m_1}\right) - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} - \frac{\left(\log(L) - \mu - \log\left(\frac{m_j}{m_1}\right)\right)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

Gamma ;

$$\left(\frac{L}{(\alpha-1).k.m_j}\right)^{\alpha-1} \exp\left(\alpha-1 - \frac{L}{k.m_j}\right)$$

Bi-modal ;

$$\exp\left(-\frac{(L-k_1.m_j)^2}{2k_2^2.m_j^2}\right) + c.\exp\left(-\frac{(L-k_3.m_j)^2}{2k_4^2.m_j^2}\right)$$

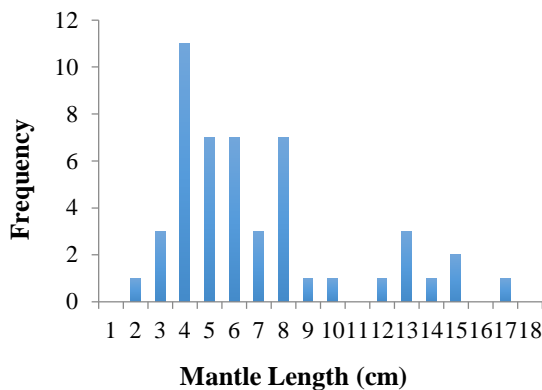
Two-way Kolmogorov-Smirnov test was performed to analyze if length frequency distribution of cuttlefish that caught by nets is significantly different from each other or not.

### Results

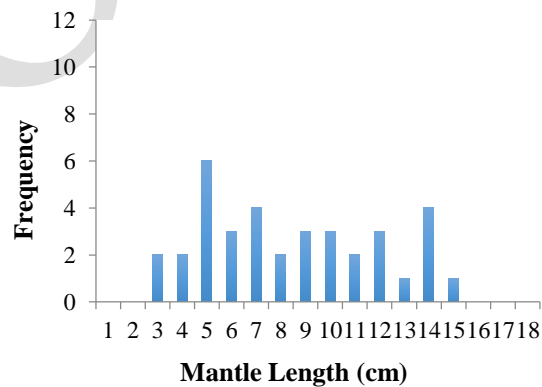
At the end of trials, 103 cuttlefish (54506 g) of which lengths ranges between 10-25 cm and weight ranges between 140 - 1900 g were caught. By the result; it is seen that 36 mm mesh sized net has the highest catch rate with 10-25 cm length range. 42 mm mesh sized net caught 10.8–22.5 cm length range and 46 mm mesh sized net caught 14.8 -23.5 cm length range. The length - frequency distribution of cuttlefish caught in trials is given table 1 and in figures 2, 3 and 4.

**Table 1.** The length - frequency parameters of cuttlefish (*Sepia officinalis*) caught in trials.

Mesh Size (m)	Total Length (cm)				Weight (g)		
	N	Min.	Max.	Ort .	Min.	Max.	Ort.
36 mm	49	10	25	14.5±0.5	140	1900	429.33±52.6
42 mm	36	10.8	22.5	16.1±0.6	180	1210	505.59±48.4
46 mm	18	14.8	23.5	19.4±0.7	300	1520	848.4±80.8



**Figure 2.** The mantle length – frequency parameters of cuttlefish caught with 36 mm mesh size



**Figure 3.** The mantle length – frequency parameters of cuttlefish caught with 42 mm mesh size.

Lognormal model has the lowest deviance due to calculations and the deviation of log-normal model is 21.046 (Table 2). Optimum catch lengths of cuttlefish are 17.47 - 20.38 - 22.31 cm for 36 - 42 - 46 mm mesh sized nets, respectively. And mantle

lengths and spreads are 4.1 - 4.78 - 5.23 cm (Table 3).

Selectivity curves according to log-normal model is given in Figure 5.

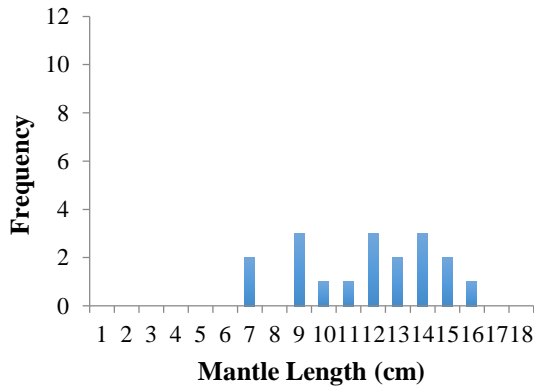


Figure 4. The mantle length – frequency parameters caught with 46 mm mesh size.

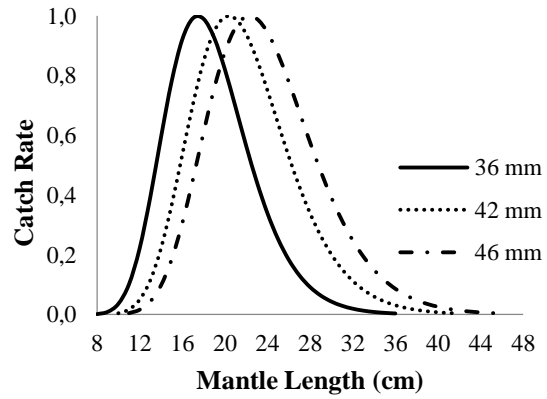


Figure 5. Selectivity curves of cuttlefish of cuttlefish (*Sepia officinalis*).

Table 2. Selectivity parameters of cuttlefish (*Sepia officinalis*).

Model	Parameter	Model Deviation	P Value	Degree Of Freedom (d.f)
Normal location	$(k;\sigma)=(2.457; 4.006)$	21.615	0.95084	34
Normal Skala	$(k_1;k_2)=(2.566; 0.471)$	23.973	0.89943	34
<b>Log Normal</b>	<b><math>(\mu_1;\sigma)=(2.907; 0.216)</math></b>	<b>21.046</b>	<b>0.95973</b>	<b>34</b>
Gamma	$(k;\alpha)=(0.104; 24.795)$	21.837	0.94700	34
Bimodal	$(k_1;k_2;k_3;k_4;w)=(2.566; 0.471; 18.645; 3.954; 0.013)$	23.973	0.81163	31

Table 3. Optimum length and spread of c according to log-normal model.

Mesh size	Optimum length (cm)	Spread (cm)
36 mm	17.47	4.1
42 mm	20.38	4.78
46 mm	22.31	5.23

In the study, Kolmogorov-Smirnov test was performed to analyze if length frequency distribution of cuttlefish that caught by nets is significantly different from each other or not. The test results indicated that distribution of length–

frequency difference is important for the cuttlefish caught with 36 mm and 46 mm mesh sized nets ( $P<0.05$ ). Other comparisons were found statistically unimportant ( $P>0.05$ ) (Table 4)

**Table 4.** Selectivity comparison according the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test.

NET 1		NET 2		Kolmogorov Smirnov Test		
Mesh size	N	Mesh size	N	D <sub>max</sub>	Critical value( $\alpha=0.05$ )	Decision
36 mm	49	42 mm	36	0.181406	0.298538	H <sub>0</sub> Accept
36 mm	49	46 mm	18	0.428571	0.374837	H <sub>0</sub> Reject
42 mm	36	46 mm	18	0.277778	0.392598	H <sub>0</sub> Accept

It is observed that length ranges between 10 - 25 cm and weight ranges between 140 - 1900 g when length - frequency distribution of cuttlefish was analyzed. Optimum catch sizes of cuttlefish which is one of the most economic species were found as 17.47 - 20.38 - 22.32 cm total length, caught with 36 - 42 - 46 mm nets have 160 mm mesh sized trammel that commonly used in Northern Aegean Sea. It is determined in a study that carried out in Portugal, first reproduction size is 8 cm, and 5.9 cm mantle length for the males. It is not found that any study carried out in the coast of Turkey about the selectivity of this species. The parameters calculated in this study are far above than the first reproduction parameters found in Portugal. Therefore; it is observed that the trammel net has not any catch pressure risk to cuttlefish stocks. There is not any size limitation for cuttlefish in legislation. There is mesh size limitation for only three species and trammel block for only one species in legislation. It is important to focus on selectivity and first reproduction size studies of species caught with trammel nets that commonly using in Turkey. These nets are being waited nearly one week in sea to catch some lobster species. In this period; nets are using for a controlled ghost fishing with caught fishes and cuttlefish in order to catch lobster species. Another fishing methods should be developed to catch lobster species, instead of this controlled ghost fishing method. Nets should not be left more than one day in the sea. It is quite important to use more specific and selective gill nets instead of trammel nets; especially in coastal and rocky areas where the abundance of fish is high.

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