

Distribution of small plastic fragments floating in the western Pacific Ocean from 2000 to 2001

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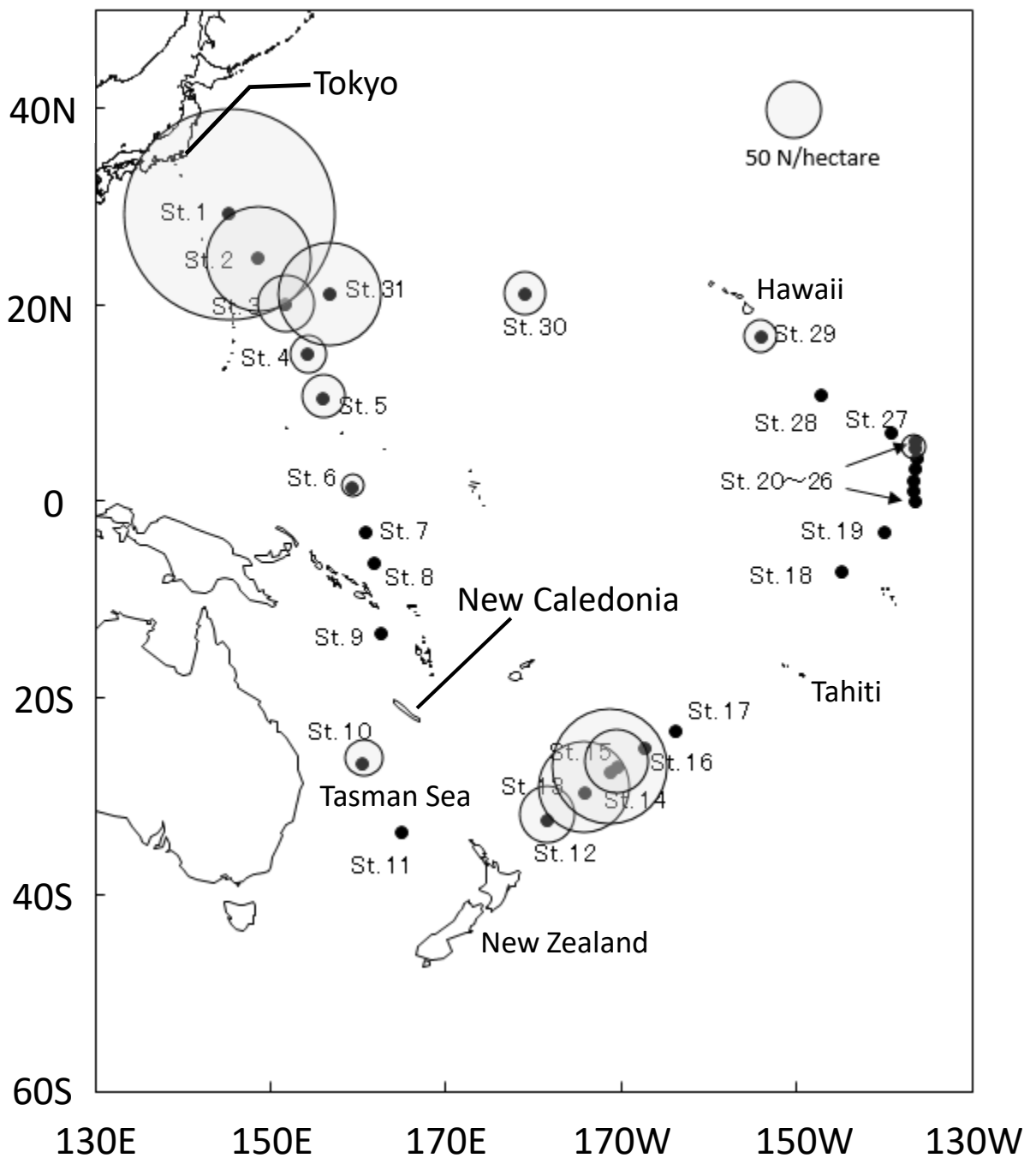


Fig. 1. Sampling locations and the distribution density (see the text for the definition) of small floating plastic fragments at each station (pieces/ha).

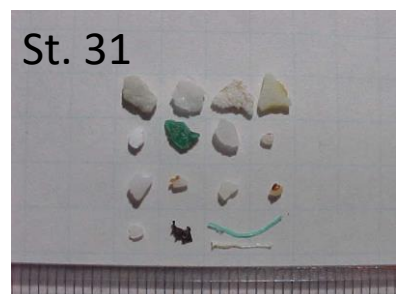
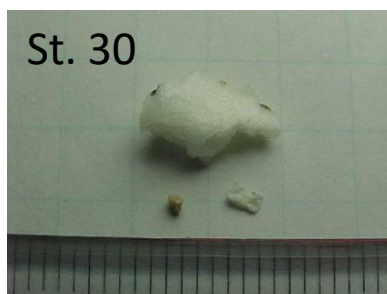
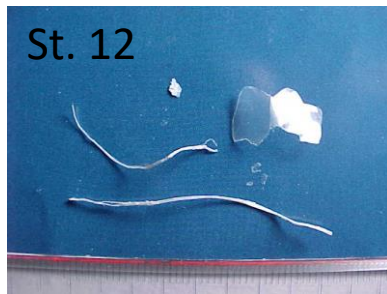
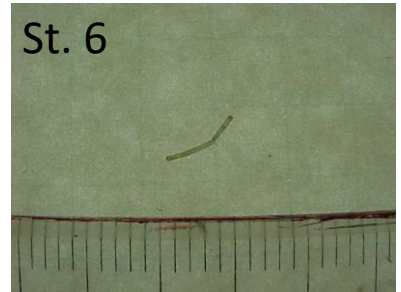
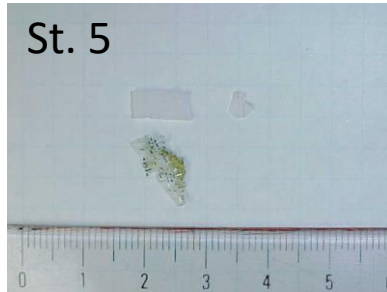
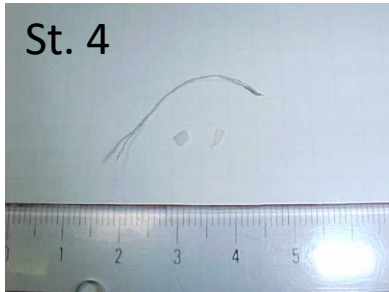
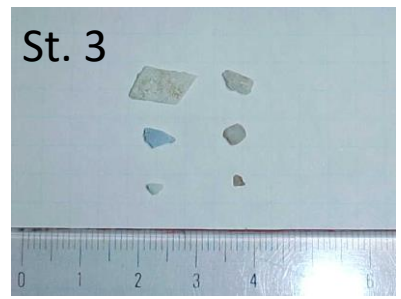
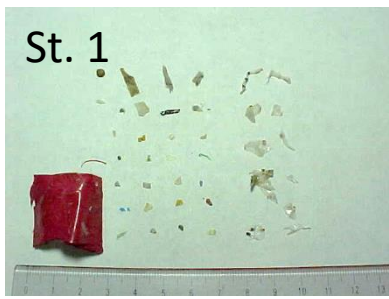


Fig. 2. Photographs of small floating plastic fragments collected at each station.

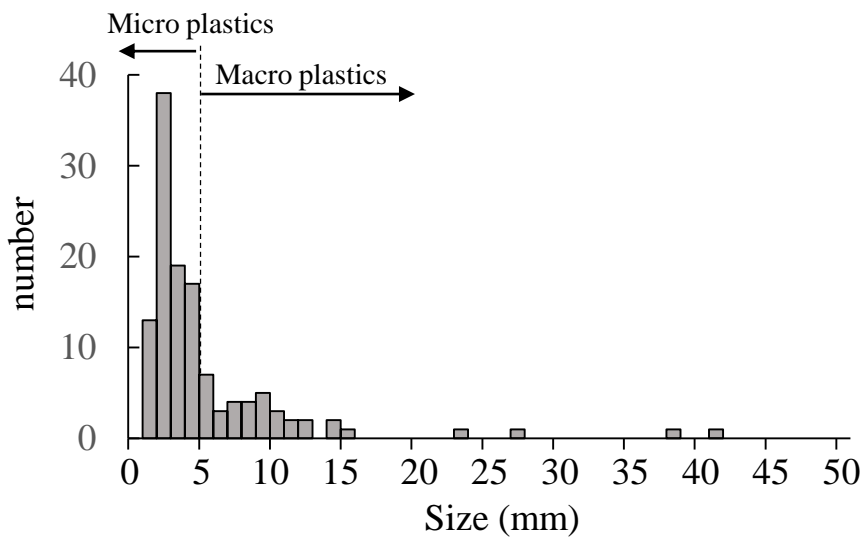


Fig. 3. Frequency distribution of the longest-axis length of plastic fragments collected by visual identification. Plastic fragments with a long axis <5 mm accounted for 70% of the collected samples.