Observations from monitoring export fruit: sea and airfreight (Serviced Supply Chain)

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## Introduction

- Types of loggers
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- Results temperature monitoring
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- Conclusions
- Next season





## **Temperature** loggers



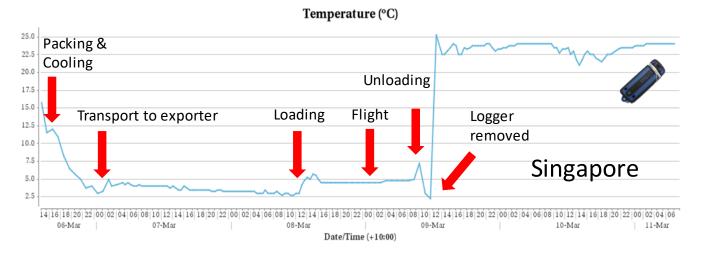
## Summary - temperature monitoring

Crop	Air freight	Sea-freight	Sea-freight out-turn assessments
Stone-fruit	16*	4#	2^

\*China (4), Singapore (5), Malaysia (7)
# China (2 x Guangzhou and 2 x Shanghai)
^ China (CAS: 1 x Guangzhou and AgVIC: 1 x Shanghai)

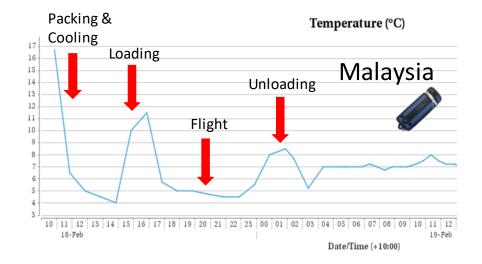


### Results for air-freight to Singapore and Malaysia



Summary:

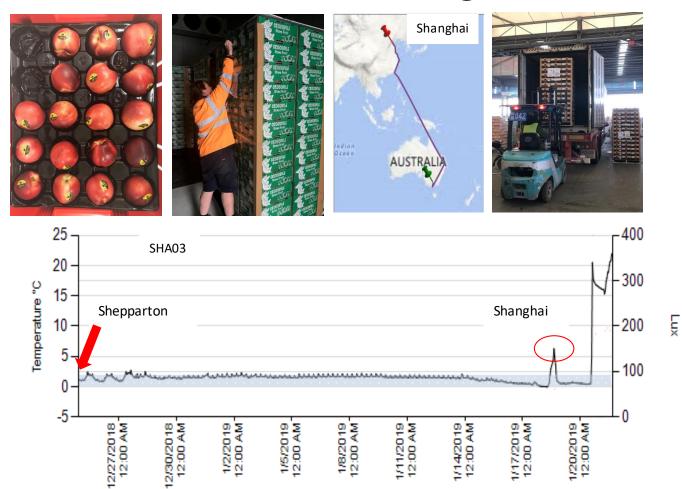
- Singapore (X5): 2.5 − 12.5 °C
- Malaysia (X7): 3.0 − 12.5 °C







### Results for sea-freight to China



China Standard Time

Temperature

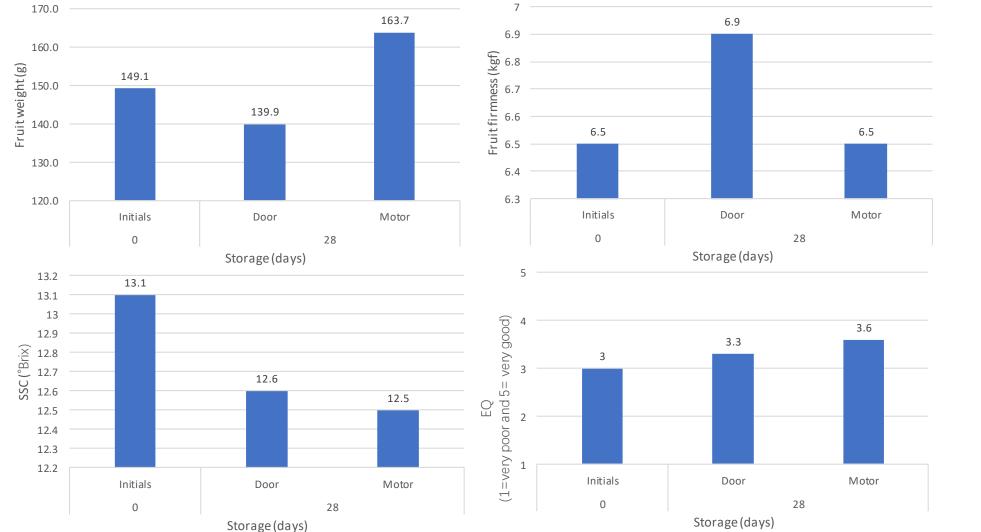
- Light

#### Summary:

- 4 consignments w 2 loggers in each (motor end and at door)
  - Shanghaix 2
  - GZ x 2
- Very good cool-chain
- Low transport temperature (1-2 °C)
- Odd spike to 6.5 °C
- 4 trips (27-29 days)



### Results for sea-freight to China (Shanghai) – Ag VIC.

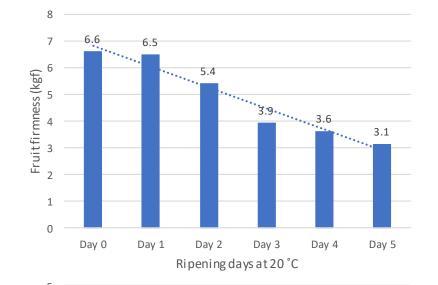


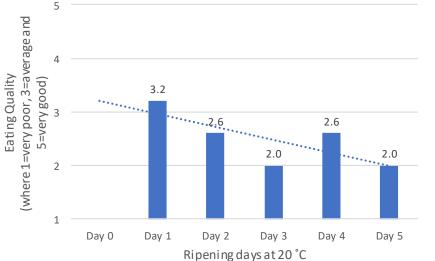
Summary: SHA03

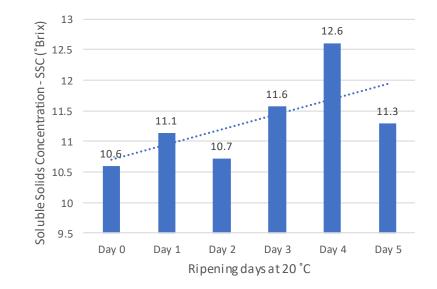
- Variable fruit weight (N=18-20)
- Fruit firmness maintained (cold)
- Reasonably crunchy, sweet and juicy



## Results for sea-freight to China (GZ) - CAS







#### Summary: SHA02

• SHA02 ~ SHA03

#### Ripening trial:

- Steady decrease in fruit firmness
- Variable SSC
- EQ decreased with ripening (34+ days)



## Conclusions:

- 1. Key findings
  - Sea-freight longer trip, lower and more constant temperatures.
    - Limited varieties that can last 5+ weeks
    - Fruit quality does not ripen "average" EQ
    - Harvest slightly more mature?
    - Need to shorten trip!
  - Air-freight shorter trip but higher and more variable temperatures.
    - Greater choice of varieties that can last 1+ week



# Looking forward...

- Decide on most appropriate logger(s) to use
- Monitor temperatures from field (harvest) and after importer (retail)

- Need daily/weekly contact and feedback
- Focus on the route (not temperature) for sea-freight
- Conduct more fruit quality out-turns (air)
  - Ag VIC.
  - Train importers, consultants, CAS and/or Trade Vic.

#### Questions/comments



