Studies of stock structure in Chinese waters are ongoing (Gao et al., 2013) but there are indications of separation of a stock in the East and South China Seas from another in the Yellow Sea (Lu et al., 2011). Nomenclature is unresolved but O. fangsiao (= Octopus ocellatus) referred to as shortarm octopus in Chinese literature, appears to be the same species (O. membraneceus) FAO names webfoot octopus (Roper et al., 1984). However, webfoot octopus is no longer accepted and is now considered the Amphioctopus membranaceus species (gold-spot octopus) (MolluscaBase 2019).