

Figure 1 is a map of the western North Pacific showing sea surface salinity. The map covers the area from 8.5°N to 10.5°N latitude and 13.5°E to 15.5°E longitude. The color bar on the right indicates salinity values in psu, ranging from 35.35 (dark blue) to 35.85 (yellow). The map shows a salinity gradient, with higher salinity (yellow/orange) in the west and lower salinity (blue) in the east. A star symbol is located near 14.5°E, 10.2°N, labeled 'CSA (ONHYM) PLE'. The map also shows the coastline of the Philippines and the South China Sea.

