



Long term data on the demersal faunal assemblages in the Central Mediterranean

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National and international projects on the assessment of the demersal resources of the Ionian Sea in the last 30 years



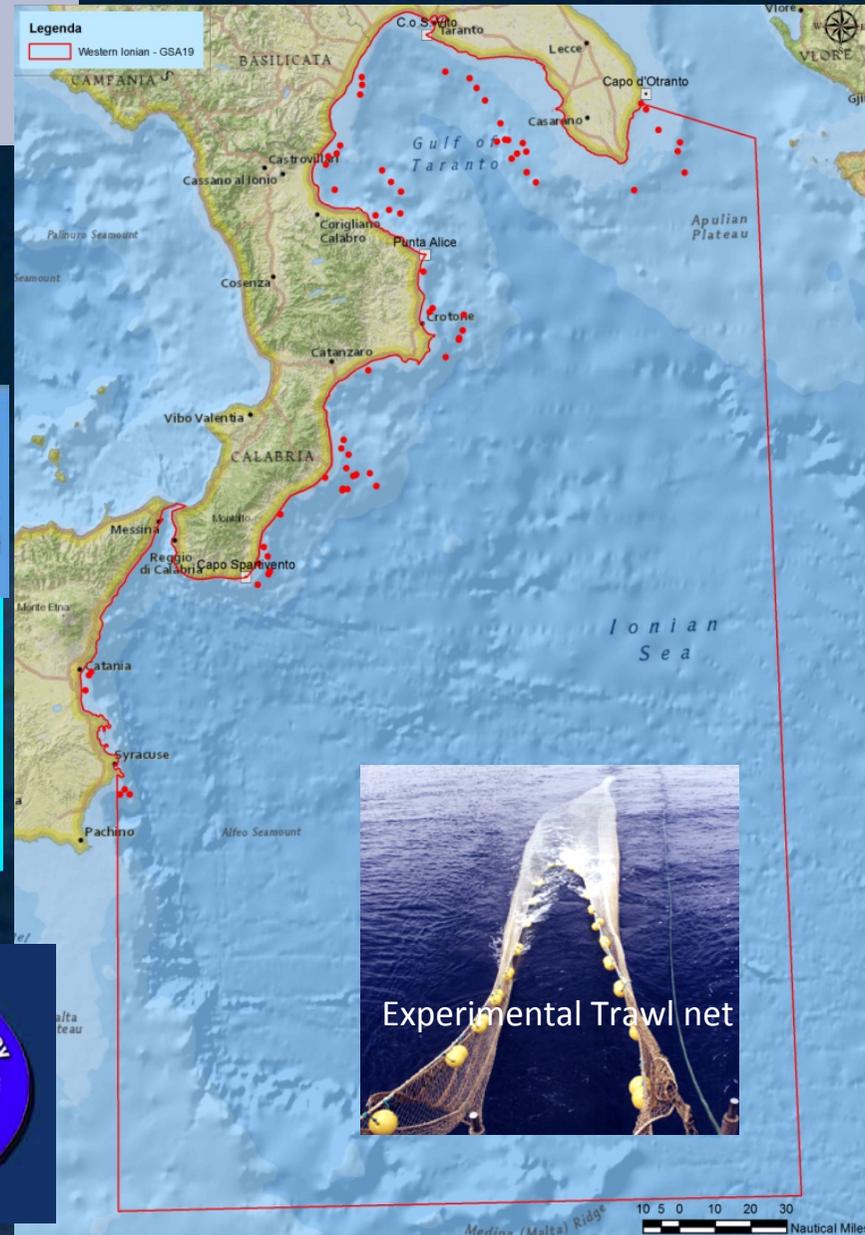
1985-2008
Assessment of Italian Demersal Resources

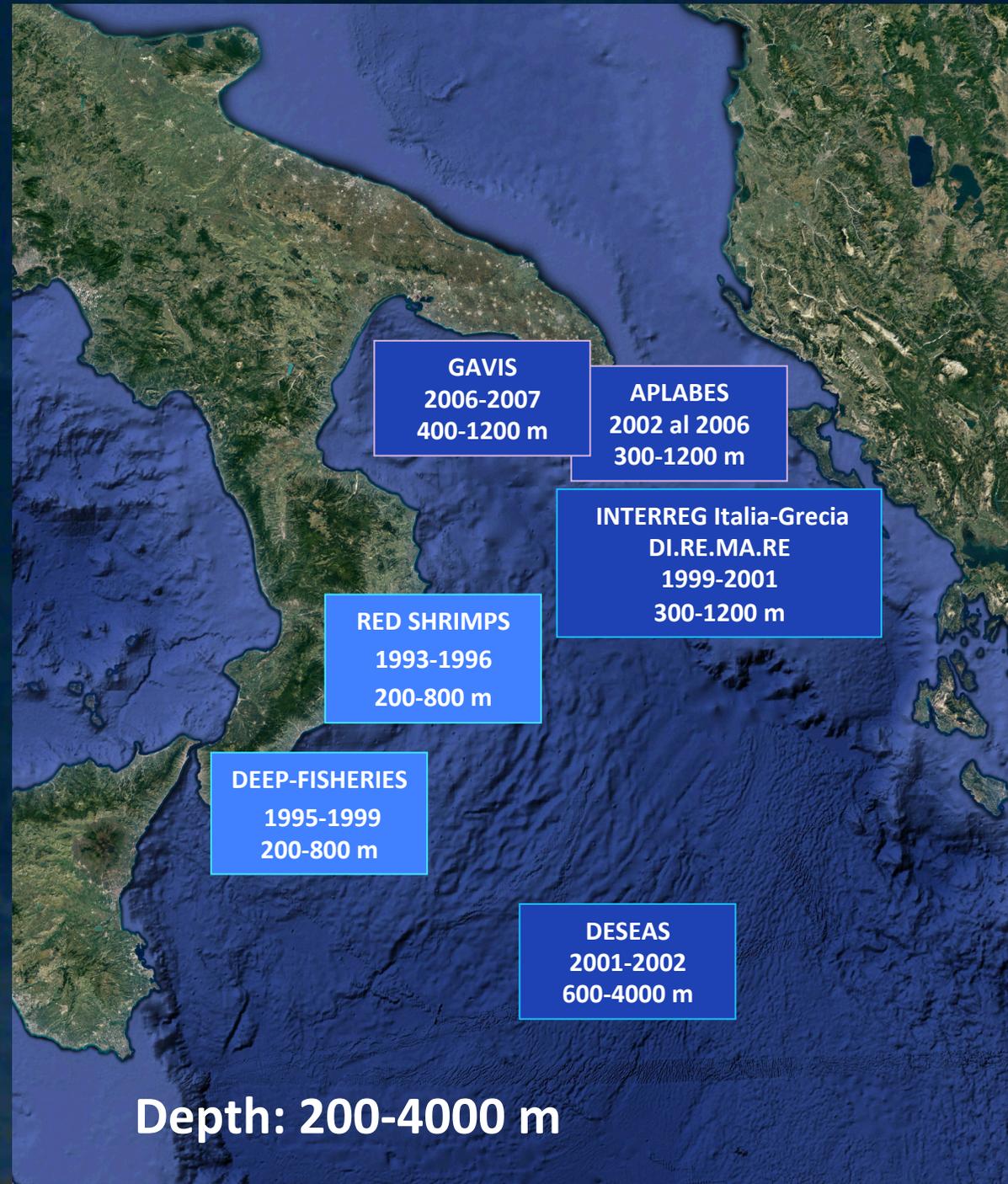


EU Data Collection Framework
Council Reg. (EC) 1543/2000 – Commission Reg. (EC) 1639/2001

Time series 1985-2017 (depth: 10-800 m)

From 1994
MEDiterranean International Bottom Trawl Surveys





Trawl nets



Long-line

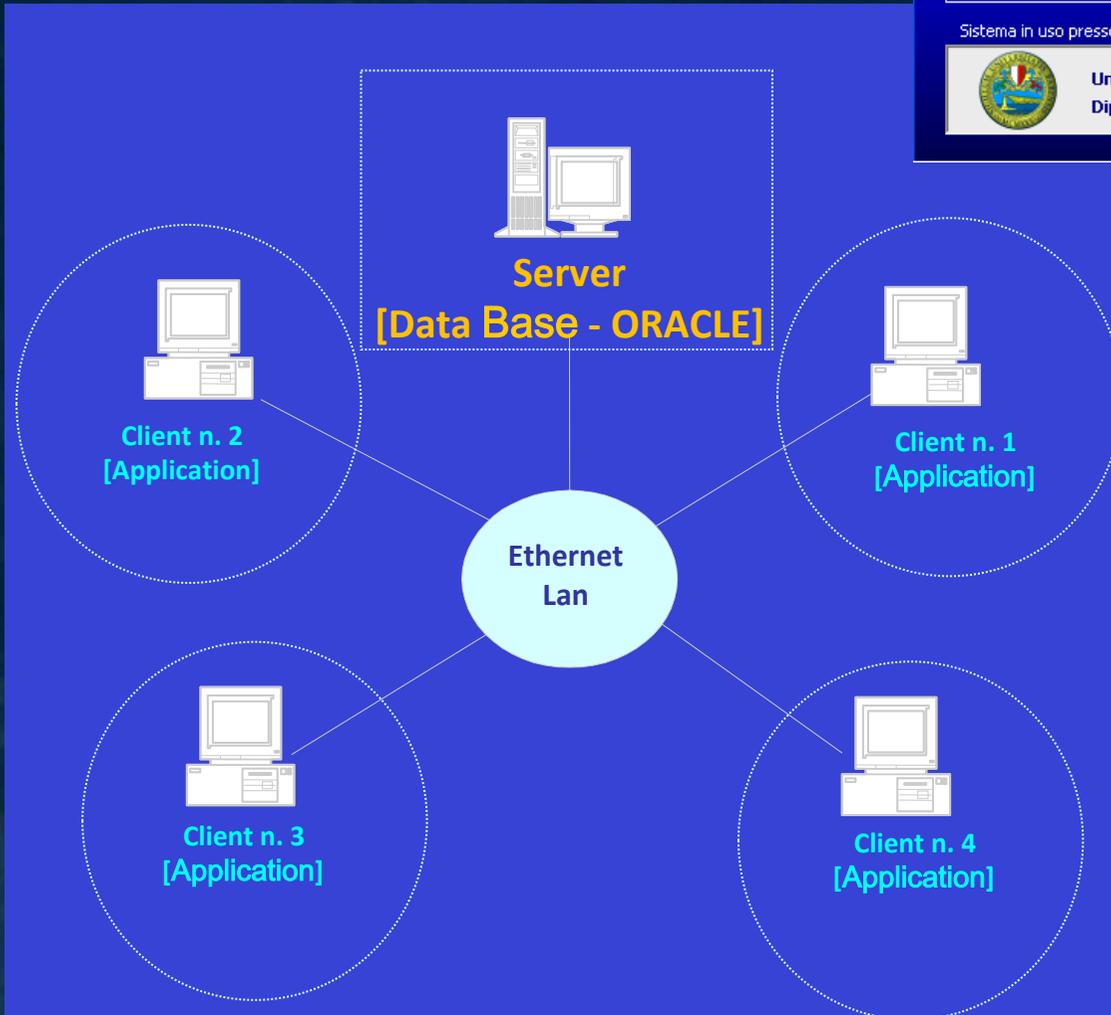


Traps



Data storage: structure

All data in a common data-base hosted in the Biology Department of University of Bari



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FishWare© Sistema per il monitoraggio delle Risorse Alieutiche

Engineering:

Analisi: CRDL, DSNM, LTAG, PSSG
Sviluppo: DSNM, LTAG
Release: 4.22 (build 1)
del: 30/07/2015
Ambiente: Oracle 9i - Windows2000 Server

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FISHWARE© System architecture
CLIENT – SERVER (INTRANET) Model

Data storage: Archives

- **Sampling stations** (position, environmental parameters)
- **Sampling gear** typologies (trawl net, longline, traps)
- **Total Catch data** (number and weight by species; number and weight of marine litter)
- **Individual data** (weight, lengths, sex, maturity stages, age, stomach contents)



Historical database (December 2016)					
	Project Records	Surveys Records	Stations Records	Catch Records	Individuals Records
Total number	22	139	5068	121487	1805729

Homogeneous DB data structure

Gestione Stazioni - Aggiornamento record

Gestione Catture - Aggiornamento record

Progetto: **MEDIT** Campagna: **20** Stazione: **17** Attrezzo: **1**

Elenca solo Specie Target Specie: **ARITANT** **Aristeus antennatus** Tipo Attrezzo: **RES**

Commerciale

Pescato		Campione Laboratorio		Rendimenti			
Quantità	Peso Kg	Quantità	Peso Kg	Kg / h	Kg / UM	N / h	N / UM
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Discard

Pescato		Campione Laboratorio		Rendimenti			
Quantità	Peso Kg	Quantità	Peso Kg	Kg / h	Kg / UM	N / h	N / UM
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Indistinto

Pescato		Campione Laboratorio		Rendimenti			
Quantità	Peso Kg	Quantità	Peso Kg	Kg / h	Kg / UM	N / h	N / UM
103	1,817	0	0	1,817	20,1029	103	1139,569

TOTALE

Pescato		Campione Laboratorio		Rendimenti			
Quantità	Peso Kg	Quantità	Peso Kg	Kg / h	Kg / UM	N / h	N / UM
103	1,817	0	0	1,817	20,1029	103	1139,569

Gestione Individui - Aggiornamento record

Progetto: **MEDIT** Campagna: **20** Individuo: **89** Stazione: **65** Attrezzo: **1** Tipo Attrezzo: **RES**

Specie: **ARITANT** Cat. Faun.: **CRO**

Fattore di moltiplica: **2** Commerciale: **I** Peso: **18,8**

Note Individuo:

Lung. carapace: **36** Età, mesi:
 Sesso: **F** Età, giorni:
 Scala maturità: **KAVAFAA**
 Stadio maturità: **4**
 Lung. rostro:
 Presenza uova: **N**
 Stadio maturità uova:
 Presenza spermatofore: **5**
 Peso gonade:
 Tipo petasma:
 In muta:
 Lunghezza totale:
 Larg. carapace:
 Numero uova:
 Peso uova:
 Peso stomaco:
 Otoliti prelevati: **N**
 Età, anni:

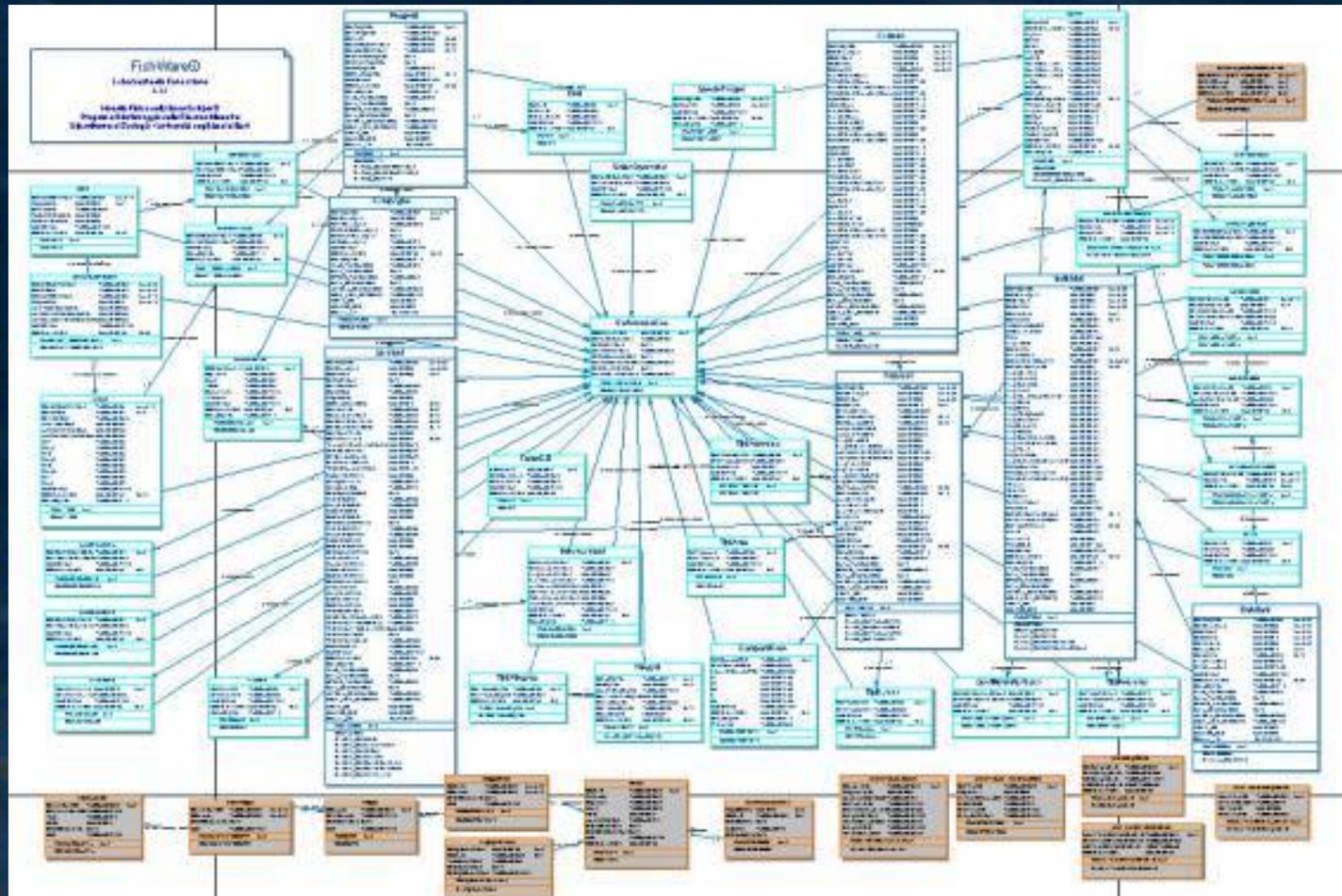
Elenco embrioni

Progetto	Campagna	Stazione	Attrezzo	Individuo	Embrione	Sesso	Lunghezza	Peso	Note

Aggiungi Modifica Cancella

Allegati Conferma Esci

RDBMS Oracle



Utilities

- Check in data-entry (validation procedures)
- Dynamic **QUERIES** (multifactorial tables also stored as metadata)
- Statistical analysis (also using R routine)
- Image upload
- Geo-referenced representations and maps (GIS)

Nome query: CrossStrato-SessoDe26
Descrizione: Analisi incrociata per specie tra strato di pesca e Sesso in De-26

Area di SELEZIONE PRIMARIA

Archivi	Campi Disponibili	Campi Selezionati		
Progetti	Individui.CODPROGETTO	Posizione	Campo	Step
Campagne	Individui.CODCAMPAGNA	Riga	Individui.CODSPECIE	
Stazioni	Individui.IDSTAZIONE	Riga	Stazioni.PROGRSTRATO	
Attrezzi	Individui.IDATTREZZO	Colonna	Individui.CODSESSO	
Individui	Individui.IDINDIVIDUO			
Catture	Individui.CODSPECIE			
Embrioni	Individui.FATTOREMOLTIPLICA			
Specie	Individui.SECOMMERCIALE			
Specie Target	Individui.PESO			
Scalematurita	Individui.LUNGTOTALE			
	Individui.CODSESSO			
	Individui.NUMEROUOVA			

Area di APPLICAZIONE FILTRI e CRITERI

- Individui.CODPROGETTO uguale a DE
- Individui.CODCAMPAGNA uguale a 26

Nome Query: CrossStrato-SessoDe26 Query PIVOT (Valori Assoluti) Data eseg: 18 mar 2007 22:04:39 Risultato Query - 2 tabelle - 9 campi - 233 records - 6,47

INDI_CODSPECIE	STAZ_PROGRSTRATO	EF	EM	F	I	M	N	Tutti
MERLMER	1	0	0	25	1	17	0	43
MERLMER	2	0	0	318	13	165	8	504
MERLMER	3	0	0	371	44	331	32	778
MERLMER	4	0	0	185	9	156	14	364
MERLMER	5	0	0	12	0	2	0	14
MICMPOU	3	0	0	27	2	32	6	67
MICMPOU	4	0	0	148	16	159	66	389
MICMPOU	5	0	0	6	0	0	0	6
MOLVIDYP	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
MORAMOR	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
MORAMOR	5	0	0	0	10	16	7	41

Archivio: Individui, Catture, Altro

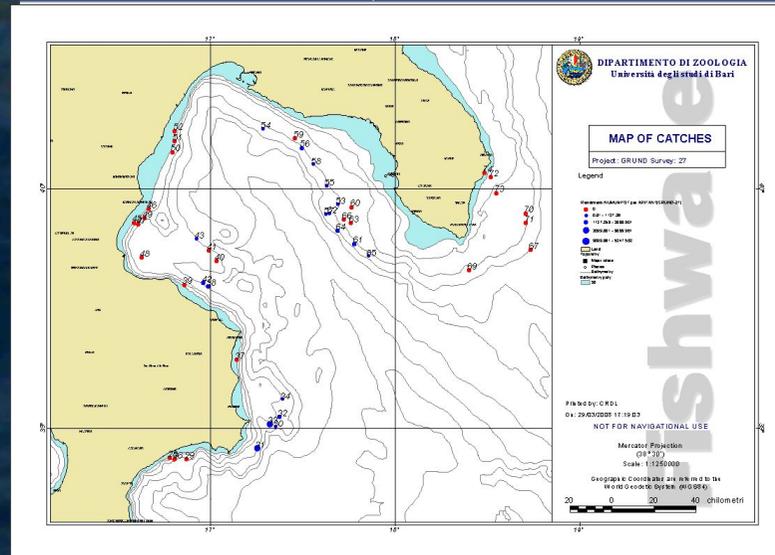
Specie: Tutte, Target: ARITANT, CRO

Specie: **Aristeus antennatus**

Variabili

- Variable indipendente (X): LUNGCARAPACE
- Variable dipendente (Y): PESO
- Variable Frequenza: FATTOREMOLTIPLICA

Modello di regressione: Lineare, Logarith, Potenza, Esponenz, Polinom



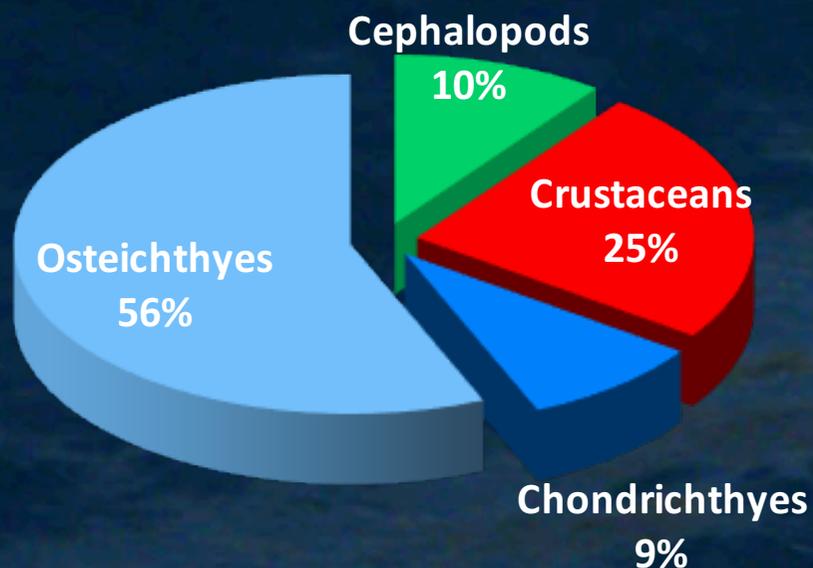
1985-2016, depth range 10-4000 m

NW Ionian Sea, soft bottoms

Species collected during national and international study projects

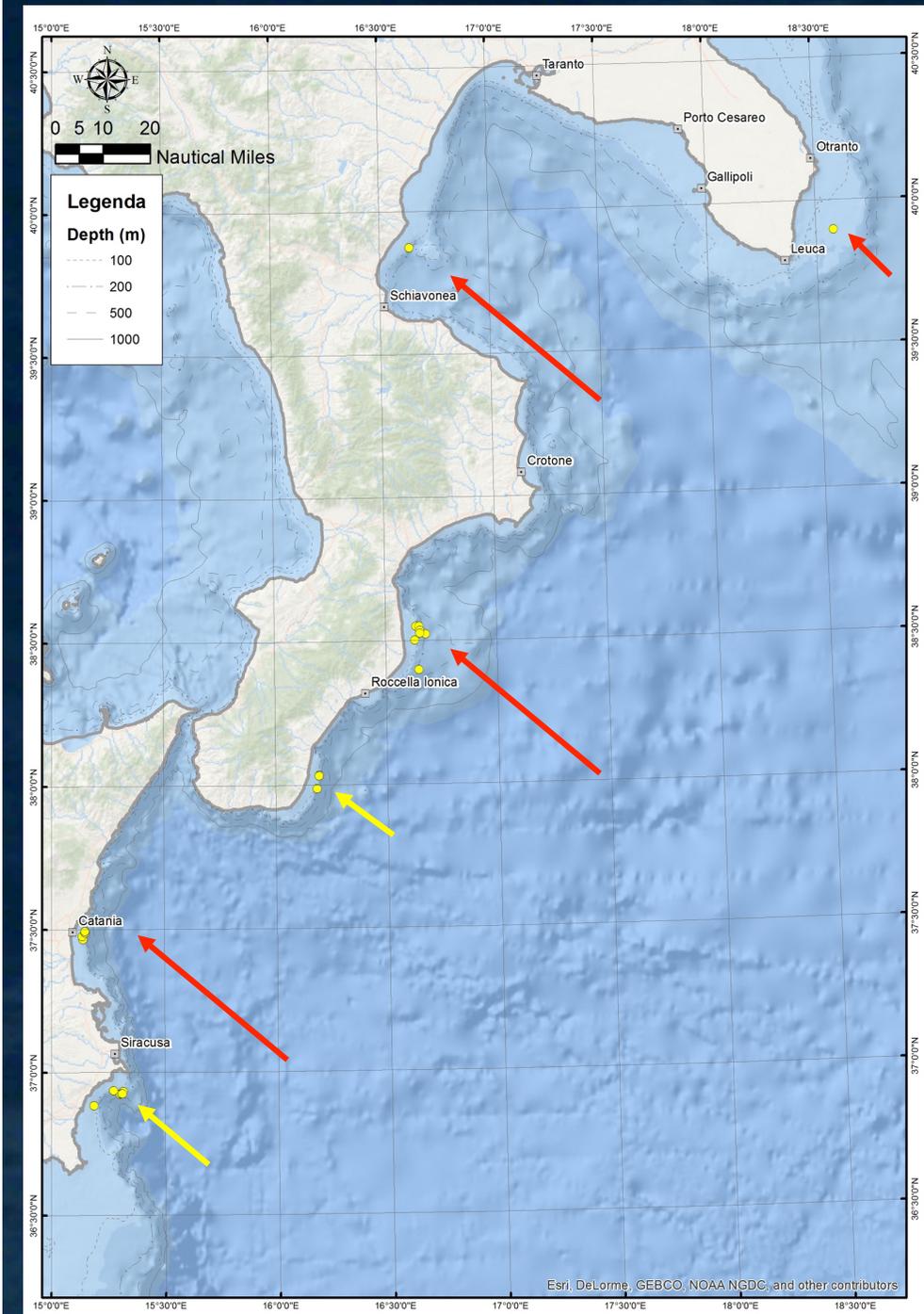
420 benthopelagic species in the main categories

95 in other faunistic categories



New species for the area, new depth records,
expected reduction or absence of some species

e.g. D'Onghia *et al.*, 2004a, 2004b, *Sci. Mar.*; Maiorano *et al.*, 2010, *Chem. Ecol.*



Occurrence of sub-tropical species

Sphoeroides pachygaster



1991 First record



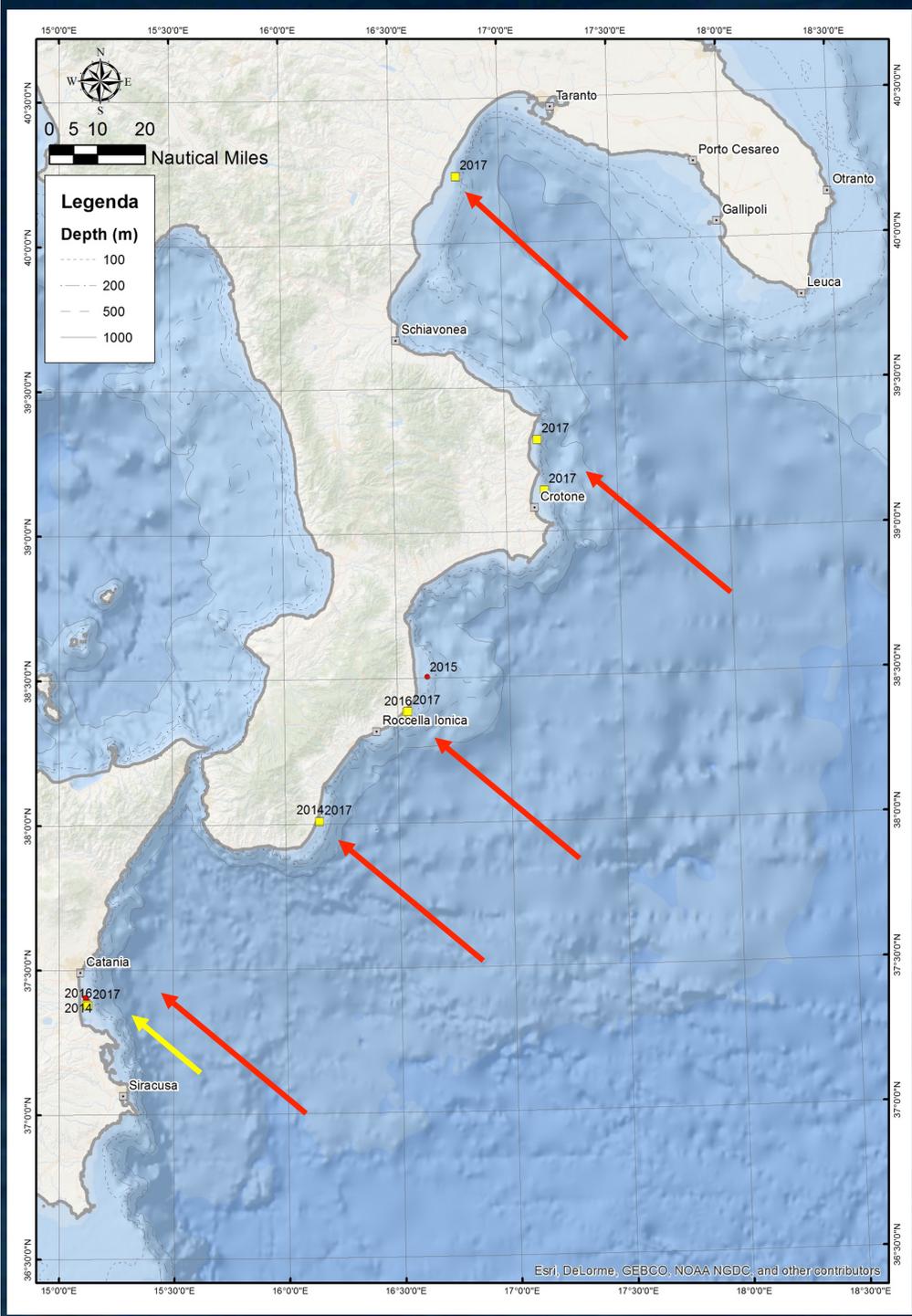
Tursi *et al.*, 1992 Maiorano *et al.*, 2010

Occurrence of sub-tropical species

Balistes capriscus

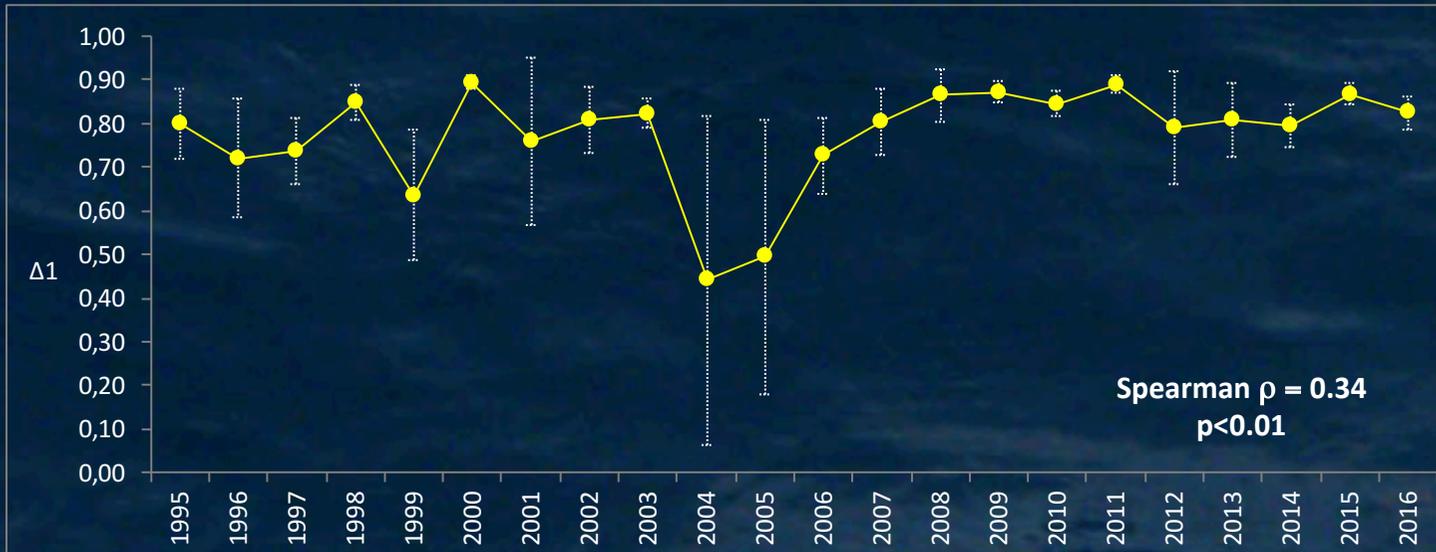


2006 1st record



Community Indicators - Historical trends (1995-2016)

Diversity index Δ_1 (Hurlbert, 1971) - Medits 1995-2016



R-SUFI routine
Rochet *et al.*, 2004

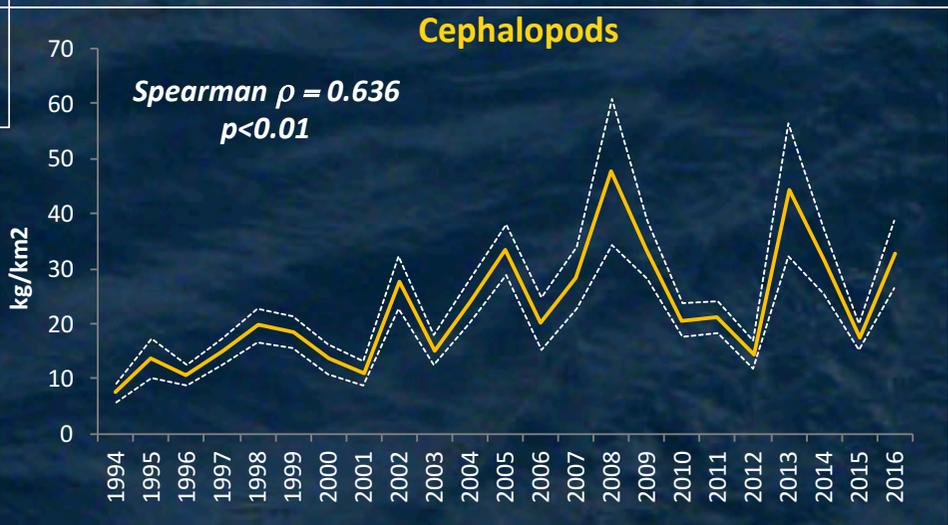
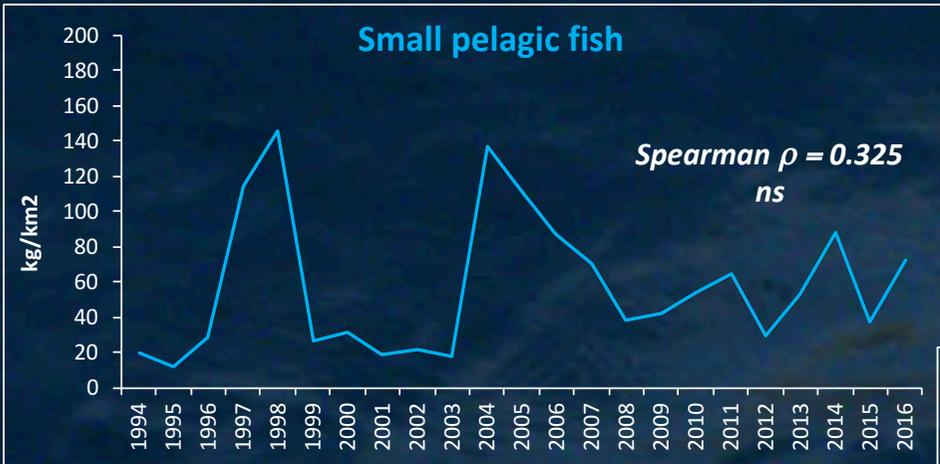
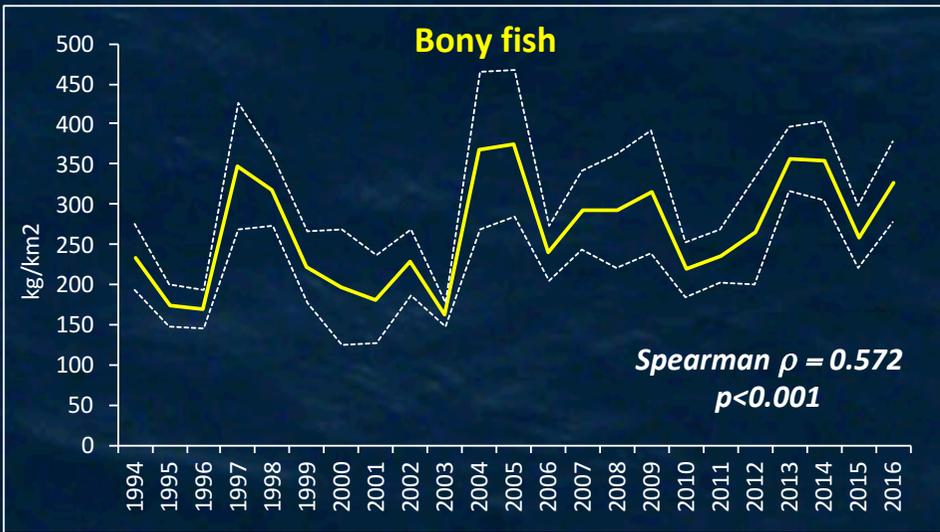
Mean maximum length of fishes ($L_{0.95}$) - Medits 1995-2016

Indicator for the life history composition of the fish community

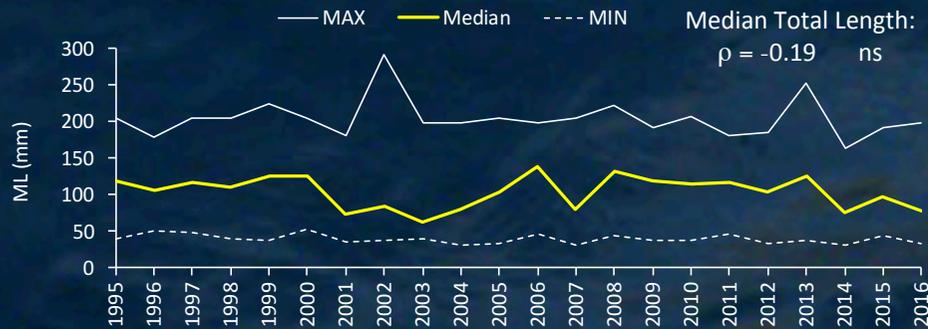
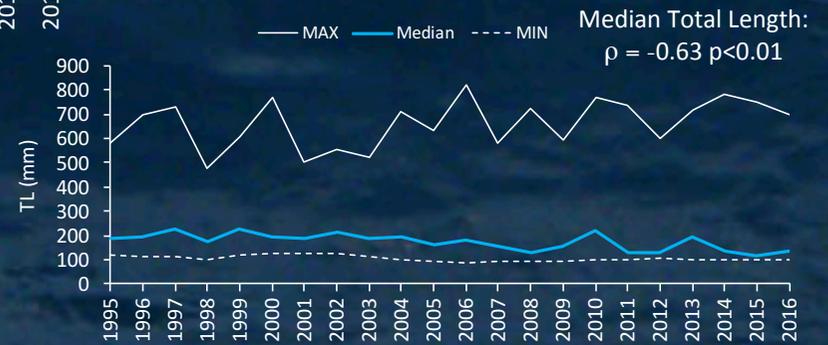
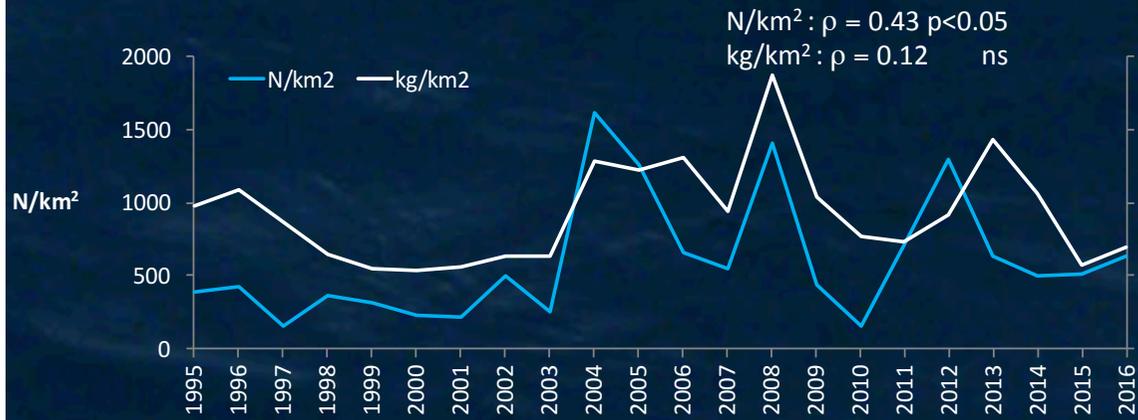


Community Indicators – Historical trends (1994-2016)

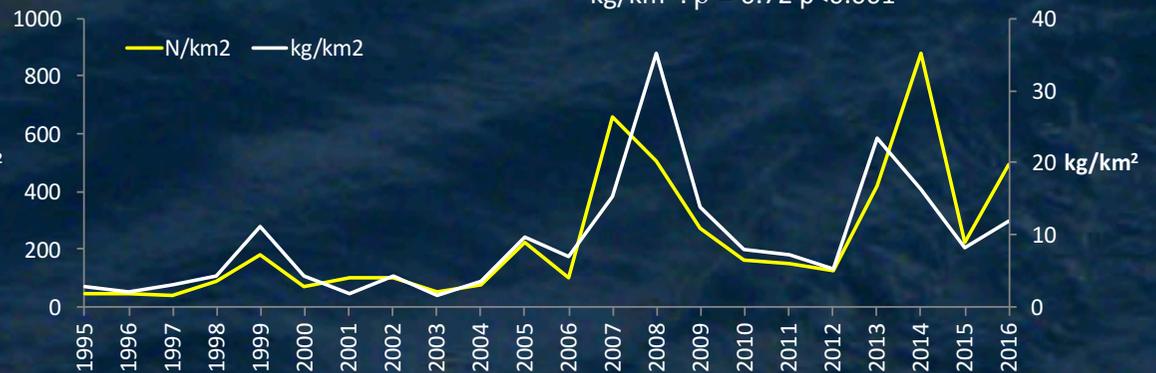
Faunal assemblages



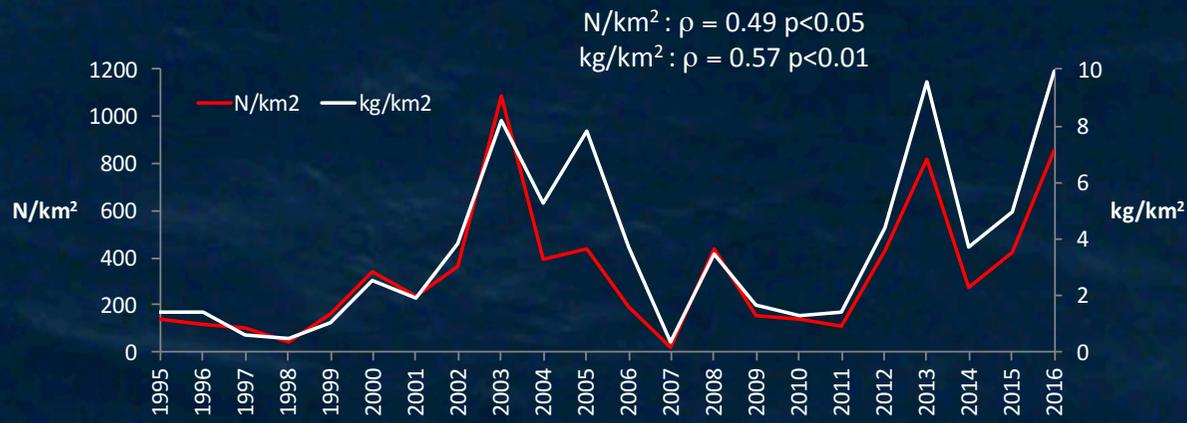
Population - Historical trends (1994-2016)



$N/km^2: \rho = 0.81 \text{ } p < 0.001$
 $kg/km^2: \rho = 0.72 \text{ } p < 0.001$

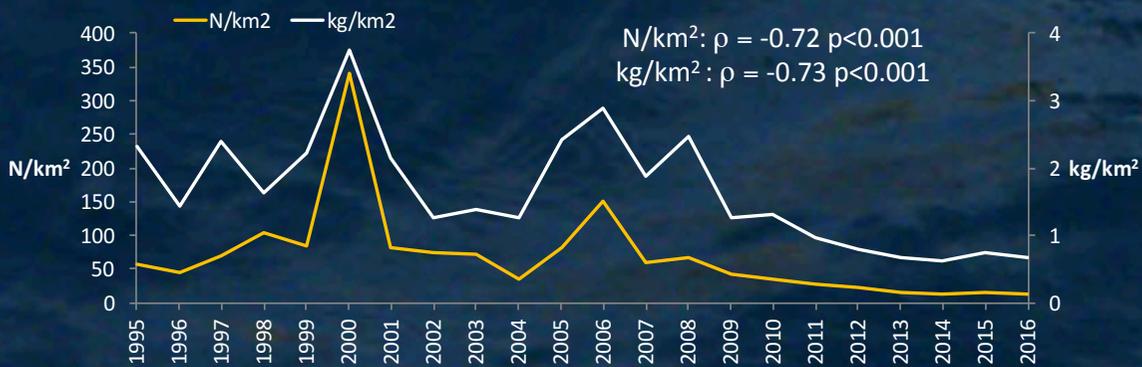
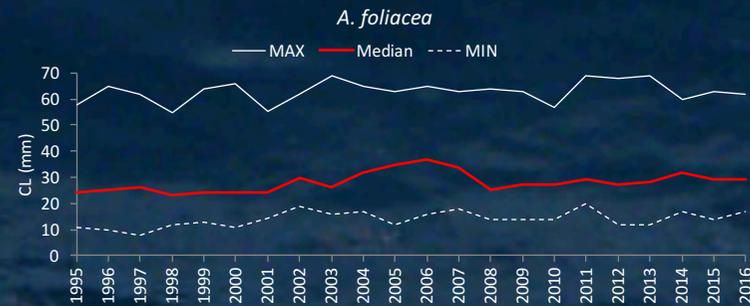


Population Historical trends (1994-2016)



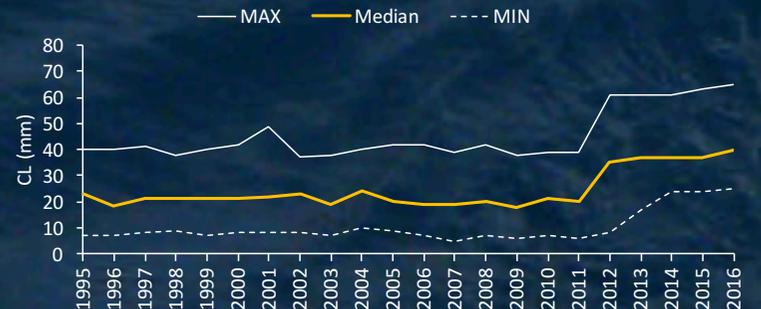
Aristaeomorpha foliacea

Median Carapace Length
 $\rho = 0.63$ $p < 0.01$



Nephrops norvegicus

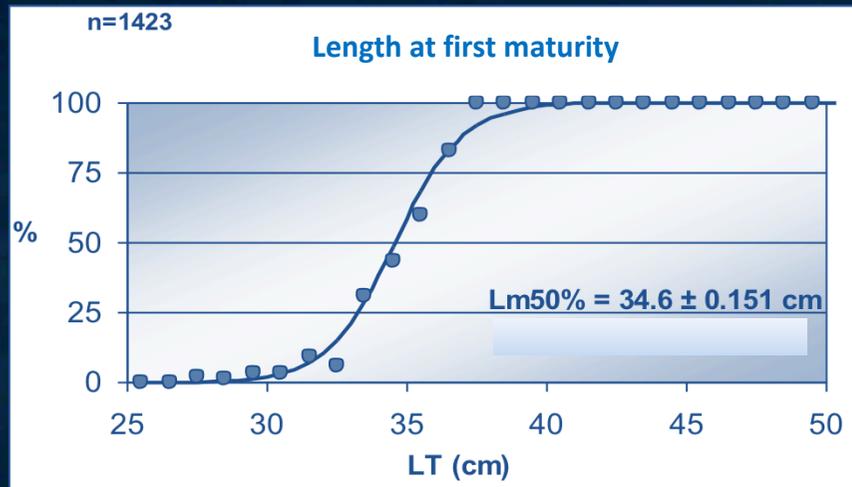
Median Carapace Length
 $\rho = 0.37$ ns



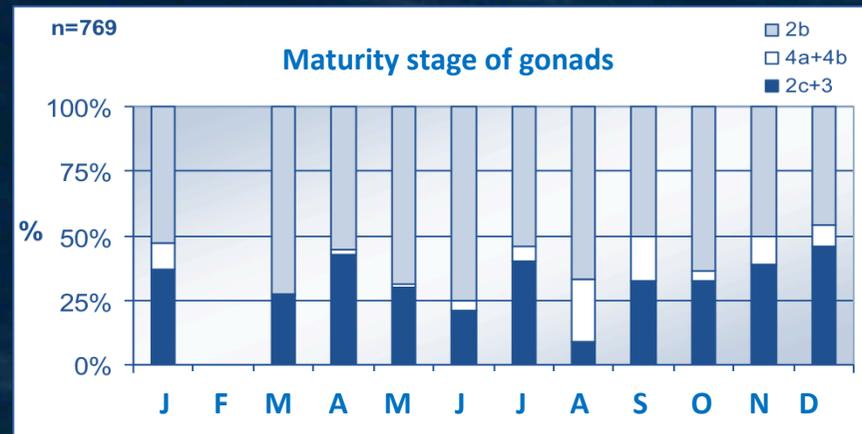
Life history traits: gonads maturity



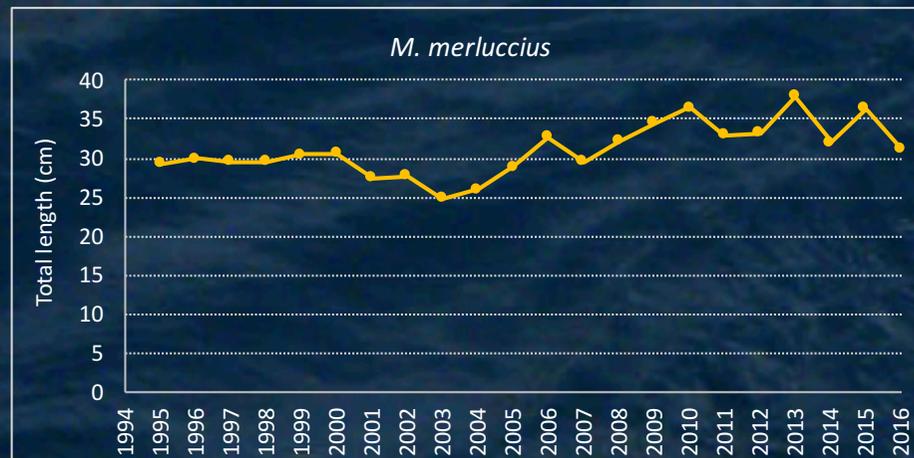
life stages were used to identify length at first maturity



Spearman $\rho = 0.68$
 $P < 0.01$



Trend of length at first maturity



Localization of nursery and spawning grounds of the target species



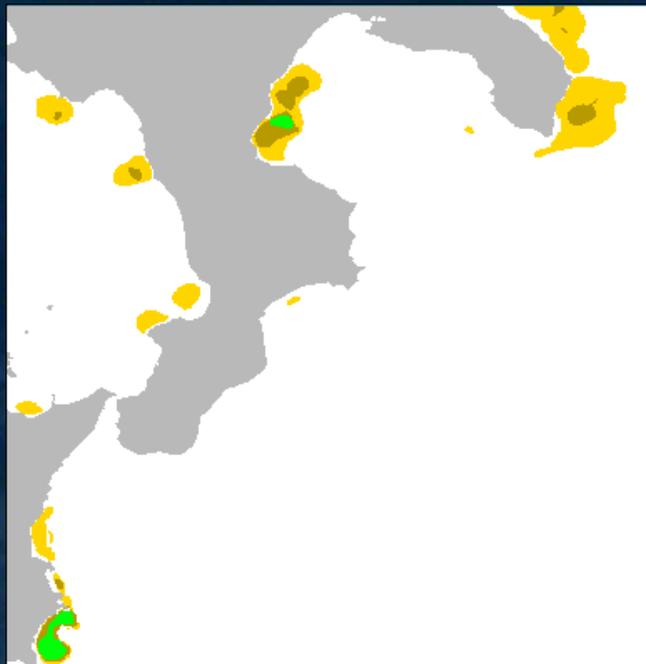
European project *MEDISEH (MEDiterranean Sensitive Habitats)*
from *MAREA Framework*



- length at first maturity
- N/km² per recruits/spawners.

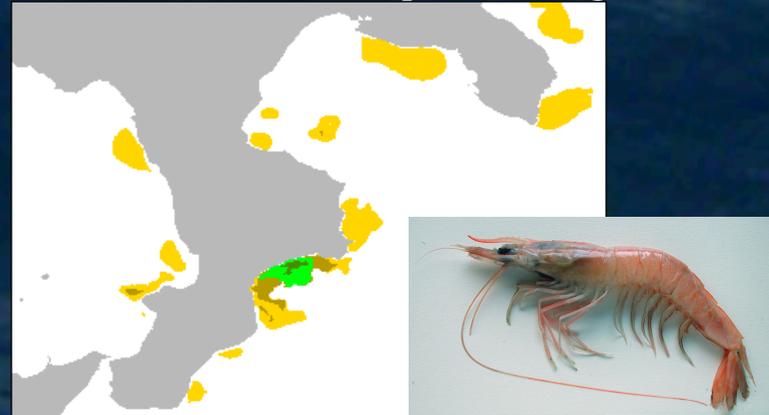
The more persistent
nursery areas

Merluccius merluccius

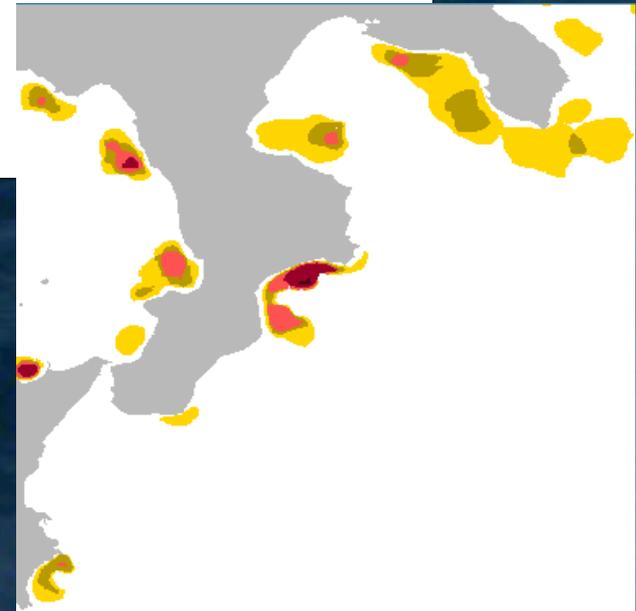


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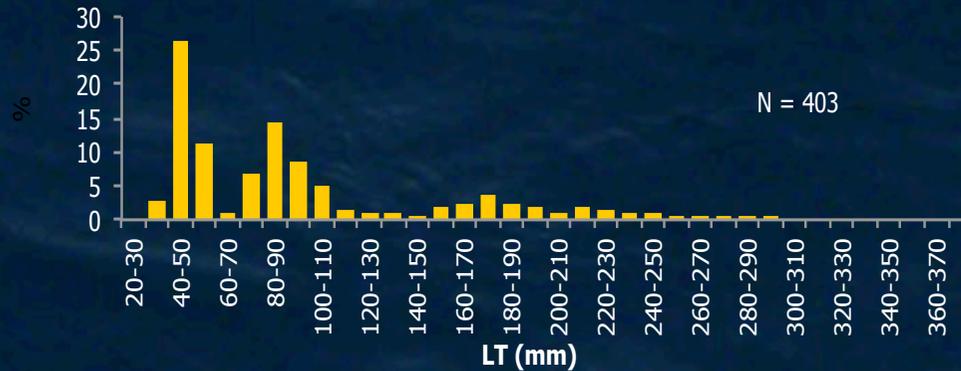
Parapenaeus longirostris



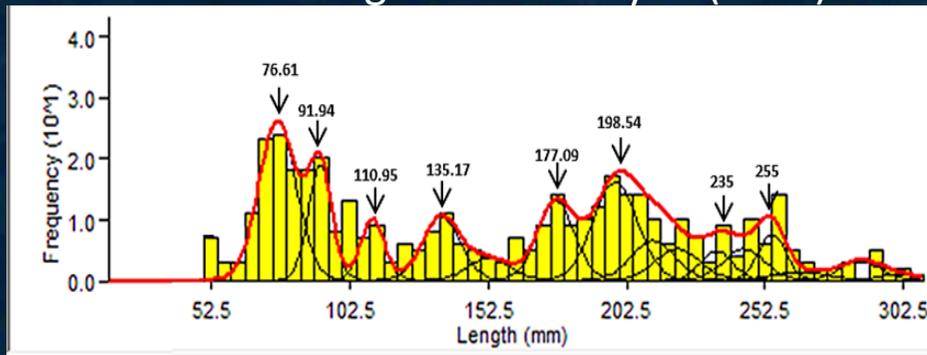
The highest levels of
persistency of the
spawning areas



Life history traits: age and growth

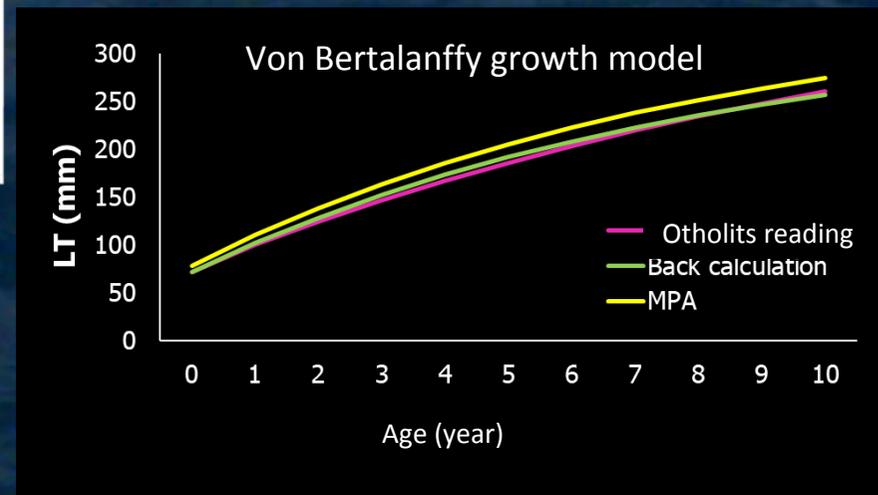


Modal Progression Analysis (MPA)



Growth parameters

L_{∞} k (anno⁻¹) t_0 (anno)

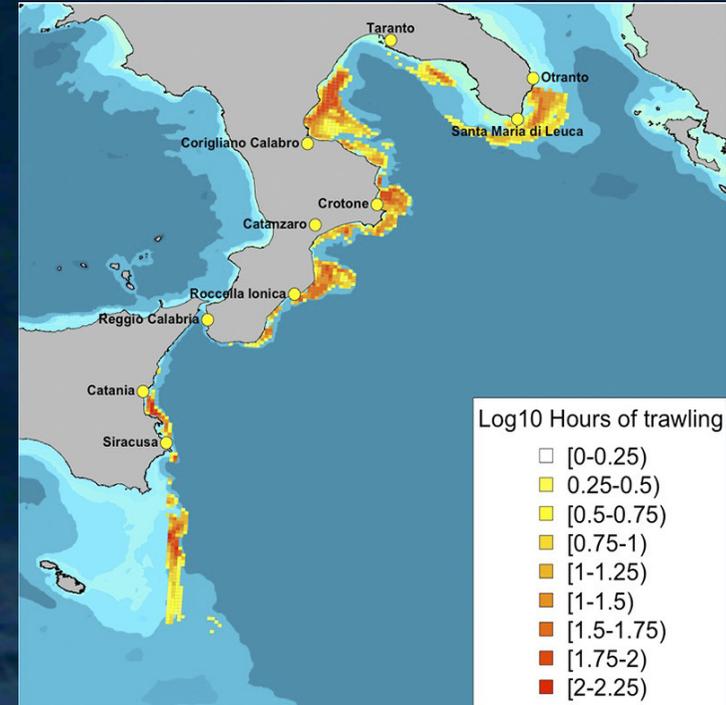




Assessment: The fisheries management set at the scale of Geographical Sub-Areas

Merluccius merluccius

Growth parameters (von Bertalanffy)	
L_{∞}	104 (cm, TL)
k	0.20
t_0	-0.01
L*W	
a	0.0036
b	3.2
Natural mortality	
M vector	Age0=1.16, Age1=0.53, Age2=0.40, Age3=0.35, Age4=0.32
Length at maturity (L50)	
L50	312 mm TL
Proportion of matures	
Age0	0.00
Age1	0.19
Age2	0.86
Age3	1.00
Age4	1.00



Yearly trawling effort (mean for 2008–2015) for vessel monitoring system (VMS)-equipped vessels (Russo et al., 2017)

Given the results of the present analysis, the stock is in overfishing, being exploited at level of F_{curr} .

Based on	Indicator	Analytic al reference point (name and value)	Current value from the analysis (name and value)	Empirical reference value (name and value)	Trend (time period)	Stock Status
Fishing mortality	Fishing mortality	$F_{0.1} = 0.18$	$F_c = 0.95$ (mean of the last three years)			
	Fishing effort					
	Catch					
Stock abundance	Biomass	$B_{curr} < B_{66th}$		O_1		
	SSB					
Recruitment						
Final Diagnosis		The current fishing mortality averaged on the last three years is higher than the agreed Reference Point ($F_{0.1}$).				

Remarks

- ✓ The storage in a **common database of checked and standardised data** coming from different research projects conducted over a **long-time period** allows the analysis of a large amount of information on the Ionian area.

- ✓ The availability of such historical data represents a powerful opportunity
 - to detect **potential changes** over time **in the Ionian faunal assemblages**
 - to analyse over a long-time period **the life-history traits** at populations level.

- ✓ This knowledge may be also useful to assess **the response of the demersal communities to natural and anthropogenic pressures** also acting in the recent years at both local Ionian and Mediterranean scale.



Thank you