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Abundance of Anchovy eggs by CUFES: Inter-annual fluctuations and spatial patterns

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Methodology

Continuous Underwater Fish Eggs Sampler

Survey	Year	N Station	N st. +
BOCADEVA_2004	2004	151	82
BOCADEVA_2005	2005	107	50
ECOCADIZ_2006	2006	134	93
ECOCADIZ_2007	2007	157	114
BOCADEVA_2008	2008	121	89
ECOCADIZ_2009	2009	104	86
ECOCADIZ_2010	2010	98	74
BOCADEVA_2011	2011	114	76
ECOCADIZ_2013	2013	107	68
BOCADEVA_2014	2014	153	90
ECOCADIZ_2015	2015	117	82
ECOCADIZ_2016	2016	136	116
		1499	1020

2004→2013: R/V Cornide de Saavedra 2014: R/V Ramón Margalef 2015-2016: R/V Miguel Oliver



CUFE\$ sampling

- ✓ 21 transects perpendicular to coastline (spaced 8 nm)
- ✓ samples collected every 3 nm
- ✓ 335 µm mesh size net
- $\checkmark\,$ navegation speed \approx 9-10 knots
- \checkmark depth sampling to 5 m from the surface
- ✓ 600 l/min flow approximately
- ✓ SST and SSS at 5 m (termosalinometer)
- ✓ plankton samples are preserved in buffered

formaldehyde at 4%

Surveyed area

























Date of the surveys



A = Acoustic survey

D = DEPM survey

ECOCADIZ always is carried out after MEDIAS. From 2010 the MEDIAS is delayed a month and takes place from end of June to end of July.

Spatial and temporal patterns of Anchovy eggs abundance

(Anchdens = density = egg/m3)



High variability between stations (very patched eggs distribution) \rightarrow spatial pattern



High inter-annual variability

Spatial variability





Spatial pattern of Anchovy eggs





What happened in 2016?



The mean temperature registered in 2016 in the stratum W (22.0 $^{\circ}$ C) was practically the same that the mean temperature registered from 2004 to 2015 in the stratum E (21.7 $^{\circ}$ C).

The mean salinity was the highest in 2016 in both strata.



SST vs egg densities. Seasonality of the GoC SST pattern

SPRING TO AUTUMN: GoC divided in 3 sectors: -Cape S. Vicente – Guadiana River mouth: Low relative SST; -Guadiana River mouth-West of Cape Trafalgar: High relative SST; -West of Cape Trafalgar: Low relative SST.













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23.5









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Centre of gravity of Anchovy eggs density







What happens with "adults" (NASC)?

centre of gravity



Is the displacement of the spawning towards the West in 2016 caused by advective transport (currents and/or winds) or by another causes?



Next stepe: to obtain an statistical model in order to explain how the different variables affect the abundance of eggs

 \checkmark Data frame non homogeneous \rightarrow Not available data of the analyzed variables in all cases. To complete these lacks from satellite data is necessary. To include data of wind.

✓ Possibles sources of bias:

-Dates of the survey \rightarrow the surveys were carried out in different months (June, July and August) \rightarrow the surveys with the highest egg abundances were carried out in July. Is this a coincidence? It is the peak spawining in July the lastest years? (Gonadosomatic index analysis)

-Time of sampling?→ 24 hrs in DEPM surveys (BOCADEVA series), during the day (from 6:00 to 20:00 hrs GMT) in Acoustic surveys (ECOCADIZ series)

-Depth of the station: the presence of canyons in the East of Cape Sta. Maria \rightarrow distance to the coast would be a better variable.





Thank you for your attention

