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## Comparative diets of sympatric batoid elasmobranchs in the Gulf of Oman

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**Table S1.** Date and number of individuals of *Gymnura poecilura*, *Brevitrygon walga*, *Maculabatis randalli*, *Pastinachus sephen*, *Rhinobatos punctifer* and *Torpedo sinuspersici* collected in collected in the Gulf of Oman

Date	<i>G. poecilura</i>	<i>B. walga</i>	<i>M. randalli</i>	<i>P. sephen</i>	<i>R. punctifer</i>	<i>T. sinuspersici</i>
27/06/2014					6	4
28/06/2014						1
29/06/2014					16	18
30/06/2014					10	18
06/08/2014					12	8
07/08/2014					10	17
09/08/2014					12	32
27/10/2014	4	9	10	4		1
28/10/2014	8	8	14	6		1
29/10/2014	4	5	5	3	2	2
30/10/2014	4	2	4	6	1	6
31/10/2014	3	10	10			
01/11/2014	7	9	7	3		
21/11/2014	3		3	5		
22/11/2014	8	4	5	2		
23/11/2014	7	11	12	2		
24/11/2014	5	9	7	5		
25/11/2014	5	5	3	3		

Table S2. Diet composition of six batoid species caught along the Iranian coast of the Gulf of Oman expressed in percentage by number (%N), weight (%W), frequency of occurrence (%FO), and percentage of the Index of Relative Importance of food (%IRI).

Food items	<i>Gymnura poecilura</i>				<i>Brevitrygon walga</i>				<i>Maculabatis randalli</i>				<i>Pastinachus sephen</i>				<i>Rhinobatos punctifer</i>				<i>Torpedo sinuspersici</i>			
	%N	%W	%FO	%IRI	%N	%W	%FO	%IRI	%N	%W	%FO	%IRI	%N	%W	%FO	%IRI	%N	%W	%FO	%IRI	%N	%W	%FO	%IRI
TELEOSTS																								
Acropomatidae									8.95	2.62	10.36	1.43	16.13	7.18	8.01	2.88	10.01	1.92	3.98	0.36	10.01	7.25	0.52	2.06
Ariidae																					4.01	2.89	4.41	0.77
Carangidae																					14.02	11.59	18.05	11.01
Clupeidae	16.66	16.12	8.71	9.27																				
Gerreidae																								
Platycephalidae																					4.03	2.89	3.69	0.69
<i>Grammolites suppositus</i>																								
Haemulidae	5.55	19.35	18.39	4.69					1.49	0.13	4.78	0.09									4.01	2.89	3.69	0.69
Leiognathidae									1.49	0.14	0.51	0.01	6.45	0.59	0.60	0.09								
Mullidae	11.11	9.67	6.53	4.03													1.67	0.16	0.48	0.01	10.02	10.14	5.24	4.08
Nemipteridae	5.55	3.22	39.81	5.356																	28.01	30.43	38.81	51.41
<i>Nemipterus japonicus</i>																								
Synodontidae	11.11	6.45	16.28	2.35																	10.10	7.24	13.92	5.61
<i>Saurida tumbil</i>																								
Unidentified	66.66	38.71	7.25	68.63					20.89	2.90	10.01	1.43	9.67	2.09	3.16	0.59					26.03	23.18	11.14	23.61
CRUSTACEANS																								
Amphipods					19.04	3.47	2.28	0.72	25.37	5.39	1.42	2.12	9.67	1.19	0.27	0.17	16.67	2.39	1.32	0.38				
Crabs					12.69	2.31	6.97	0.77	28.35	6.91	15.75	7.84	6.45	0.59	0.34	0.07	8.33	1.12	1.49	0.14				
Isopods					22.22	3.27	2.34	0.84	19.41	3.18	0.93	0.98	12.91	1.79	0.61	0.36	11.67	1.59	1.14	0.19				
Shrimps					92.06	79.53	77.98	94.97	70.15	45.08	23.33	58.98	41.93	7.18	2.43	4.73	90.01	85.94	88.09	97.43				
Squillids					1.58	0.19	0.26	0.01	7.46	1.24	1.06	0.21					3.33	0.32	0.17	0.01				
Unidentified					17.46	3.86	5.91	1.12	29.85	7.05	8.30	5.63	12.91	2.09	2.29	0.66	30.01	3.67	2.95	1.32				
POLYCHAETES					25.39	6.37	2.95	1.55	44.77	20.61	9.54	16.59	64.51	31.43	5.32	27.86	11.67	2.87	0.35	0.23				
BIVALVES									13.43	3.87	12.63	2.72	64.51	10.78	32.95	33.15								
GASTROPODS					1.58	0.77	1.34	0.02	2.98	0.41	0.24	0.02	19.35	2.09	1.54	0.83								
CEPHALOPODS									1.49	0.13	0.51	0.01									2.05	1.45	2.34	0.21
ECHINODERMS																								
Holothuroidea									1.49	0.13	0.72	0.01												
Ophiuridae									1.49	0.14	0.03	0.01	32.25	32.93	42.45	28.57								