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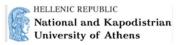






















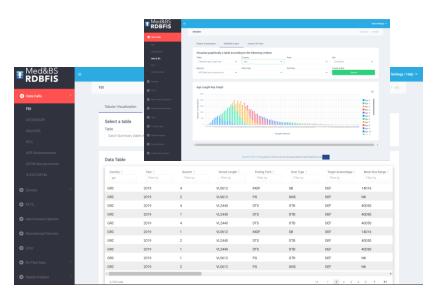


# RCG Med&BS technical meeting 26-30 August 2024

Developing a fisheries information system for the Med&BS

## RDBFIS: follow up project

**RDBFIS**: a web-based integrated fisheries information system for the Med&BS



FRAMEWORK CONTRACT – EASME/EMFF/2020/OP/0021 Duration: 24months, Project Start: April 1<sup>st</sup> 2023

#### Purpose of the project

The main aim of the study is to work on the hosting, maintenance, fine-tuning and further development of the end product of regional grant RDBFIS and to provide support to the users of the end product.

- Centralized database system hosting aggregated DCR/DCF data sets including MEDITS, MEDIAS & BS surveys as well as detailed biological data with a user-friendly interface that make it easier to interact with the system, even if the users do not have deep technical expertise;
- Common syntax and consistency procedures ensures the quality of data;
- The MS can visualize and manipulate their data;
- A "Processing" package support the creation of the datacalls;
- Other components are included in the system (spatial effort & landings for SSF, fleet analysis, data entry forms for stomach contents, alien species, ...)

## RDBFIS progress work

populate the system with data







# **AER**EU Fishing Fleet SocioFconomic data call

#### Aggregated data

- Med&BS
- FDI
- AER
- GFCM/DCRF

#### MEDITS TA, TB, TC

Detailed biological & landings data

MEDIAS acoustics, pelagic trawl, CTDs

#### MEDIAS database

- Acoustics
- Pelagic trawl
- CTDs

Validation scheme

#### **Processing**

Abundance Biomass Abundance-Biomass

Eggs & Larvae db

#### Updated versions

**RoME** 

**RoMEBS** 

BioIndex

**RDBQc** 

**RDBProcessing** 

#### AER database

- map\_capacity
- map\_fs
- map fsfao
- map\_fssub
- map\_ms
- map\_msfao
- map\_recatch
- map\_social

Validation scheme

Consistency checks (JRC, RDBFIS)

Processing

## RDBFIS progress work

FDI - A space-time tool to estimate spatial effort, weight and value of landings for SSF

FDI – SQL scripts to calculate the fishing effort from VMS data, landings by ERS rectangle

#### Fleet Analysis:

an open access dynamic tool has started to be developed to illustrate the evolution of the fleet dynamics in Europe; possible link with the landings, discards and value (FDI Table A); FDI - quality checks on FDI spatial data (Table H & Table I) Maurizio, ... Stomach contents Med&BS - ICES structures were adopted

#### .... in progress

Eggs&Larvae including daily eggs production

Recreational fisheries
PETS
Alien species
Diadromous species??

RDBFIS & MSFD

Common Estimation system

## RDBFIS synergies



**Synergies** between **QualiTrain** and RDBFIS have been established (any improvement made for RDBQc, RoME & RoMEBS R packages are incorporated into the RDBFIS);

Communication and cooperation with ICES has been established aiming to investigate compatibilities between RDBFIS and RDBES

The RDBFIS consortium is open to collaboration with RCG ECON and experts to improve the AER component. Suggestions are welcome.

## RDBFIS: synergies & compatibilities



Updated versions

**RDBQc** 

**RoME** 

**RoMEBS** 





RDBES

Compatibilities

**RCG LP** 

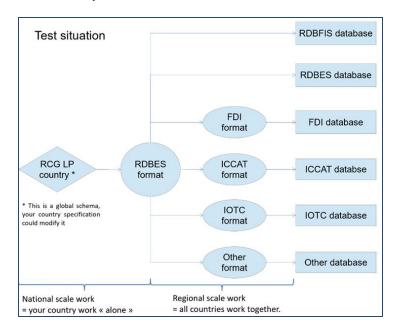
adopt H10

CL, CE

#### **RDBFIS & RDBES interactions**

Cooperation with the RDBES chair and experts aiming (a) to investigate possible compatibilities, (b) to avoid duplication work in case components already implemented in RDBES should be integrated into RDBFIS and (c) RDBFIS includes RDBES db structure for compatibility purposes (issues are open concerning the data validation as well as the elaboration routines);

RCG LP ISSG RDB: Proposal for next steps for the RCG LP regional database is to test the RDBES data format with integration of LP data



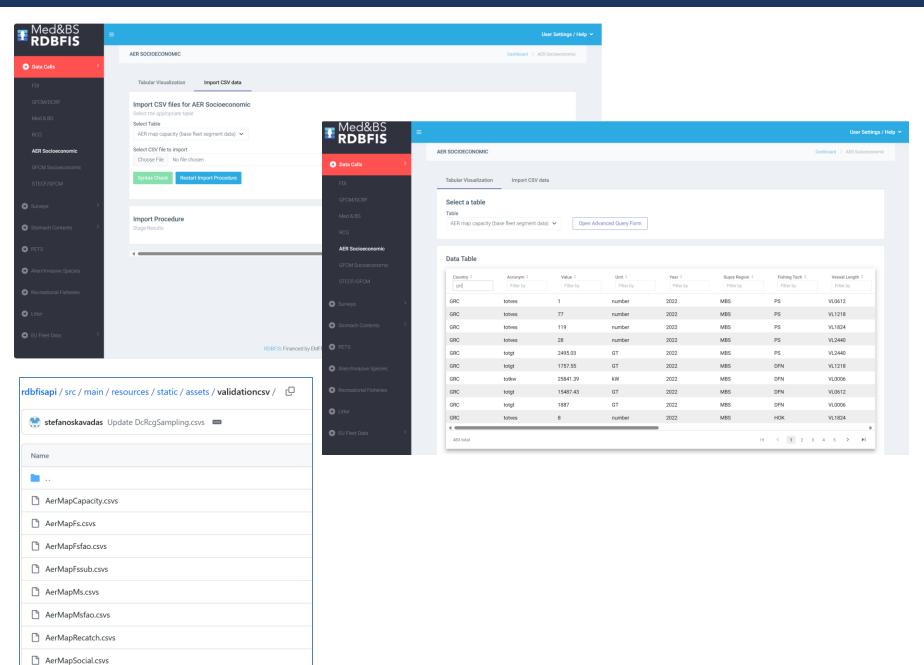
#### Populate the system with data: Bilateral Meetings

Marine and the	CYPRUS (18/12/23, 19/12/23, 5/3/2024) Participants: Ch. Charilaou, M. Ioannou, S. Kavadas, I. Dokos and M. Pantazi		CROATIA (08/01/24 & 09/01/24 & 28/02/24) Participants: I. Vukov, S. Visnic, V. Cikes, T. Jelanic, Igor,S. Kavadas and M. Pantazi
P. Control of the con	SPAIN (15/01/24) Participants: J. P. Rosa, M. Conzalez Aguilar, S. F. Naranjo, J. Santo, J. M. Serna Quintero, P. L. Torres Cutillas, V. Shievka, J. Ubeda, S. Kavadas and M. Pantazi	<b>*</b>	SLOVENIA (15 & 16/01/24, 15/02/2024) <u>Participants</u> : P. Pasvic, S. Kavadas and M. Pantazi
	ROMANIA (26/01/24) <u>Participants</u> : G. Tiganov, G. Alexandru, S. Kavadas and M. Pantazi		ITALY (22/01/24) Participants: P. Carrara, P. Didato, E. Arneri, A. Mannini, M. Zilioli, B. Marzocchi, L. Pappalardo, S. Kavadas and M. Pantazi
	MALTA (08/02/24) <u>Participants</u> : J. Mifsud, K. Camilleri, S. Kavadas and M. Pantazi	#=	GREECE (12/02/24)  Participants: K. Katsafaros, M. Chatziefstathiou, T. Papadopoulou, C. Raftoudi, S. Kavadas and M. Pantazi
	FRANCE (17/06/2024) Participants: A. Roussel, E. Tessier, M. Depetris, N. Billet, A. Chassanite, DGMARE, CINEA and S. Kavadas		BULGARIA (16/02/24) <u>Participants</u> : S. Nicheva, K. Zhelev, I. Bikarska, F. Tserkiva, V. Raykov, E. Petrova-Pavlova and S. Kavadas

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## RDBFIS progress work (data validation & uploading)



## RDBFIS: MEDIAS integration



- 1. MEDIAS database structure
- Acoustics, Pelagic trawl, CTDs
- 2. Integration with RDBFIS
- 3. Validation scheme (acoustics, pelagic trawl)
- 4. Consistency check (R)
- **5. Processing (SQL)** *Abundance, Biomass, Abundance-Biomass*
- 6. Eggs & Larvae database structure

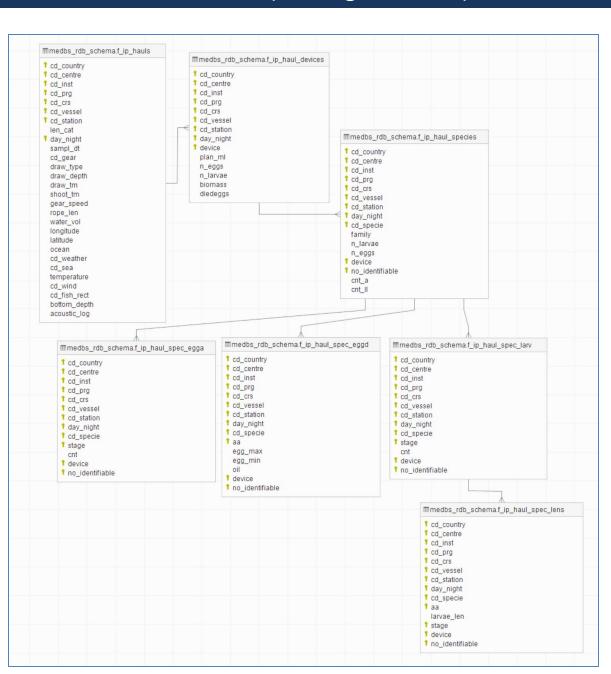
MEDIAS datacall and doodle for the workshop are running

## RDBFIS: Eggs & Larvae data base structure (existing in RDBFIS)

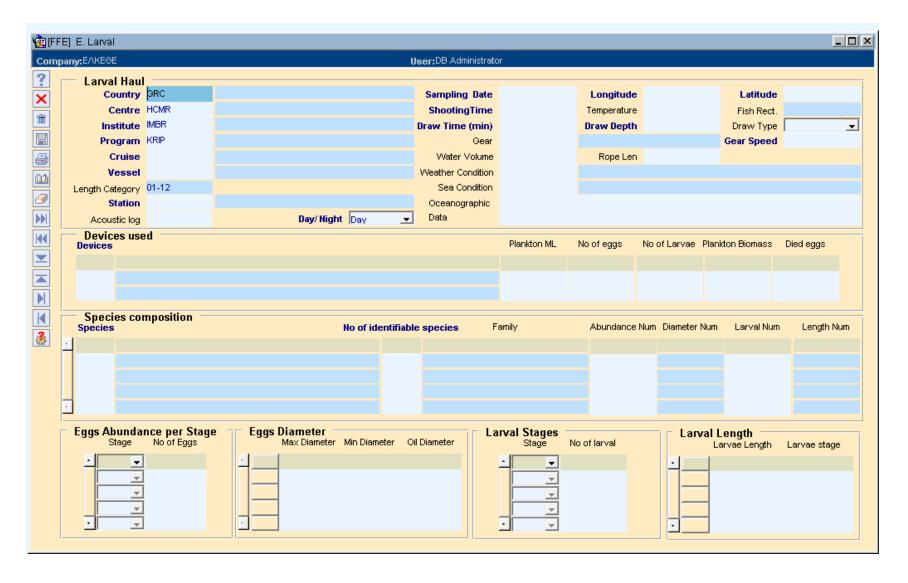
In the context of implementing the RDBFIS and particularly within Activity 3.2.5 (Data entry forms and data elaboration routines), the development of data entry forms for Eggs&Larvae, PETS, alien species and recreational fisheries commenced

#### **Eggs & Larvae database structure:**

A workshop with experts is scheduled to be organized, with the aim of adapting the structure to meet contemporary needs



## RDBFIS: Eggs & Larvae data entry form (an example from IMAS-Fish)

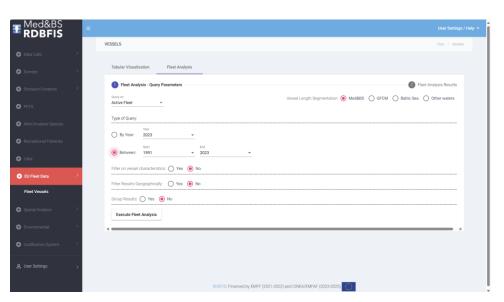


Eggs & Larvae data entry form: an example from IMAS-Fish

## RDBFIS progress work

Fleet analysis: an open access dynamic tool has started to be developed to illustrate the evolution of the fleet dynamics in Europe; possible link with the landings, discards and value (FDI Table A);

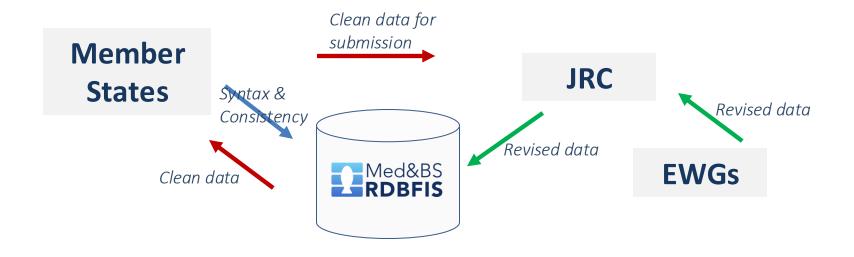
Data from the professional fishing fleet, spanning the period from 1991 to 2023, was downloaded from the official EU Fleet Register portal. GIS techniques were employed to spatially join the fishing ports with various geographical entities, including NUTS2 and NUTS3, FDI subregions, Geographical areas (GFCM, ICES). The fishing ports were match to LOCODE from the CIRCAMB Master Data Register. The accuracy of the fishing port locations was validated using information available from the IFREMER Sextant portal. The tool is accessible through the "EU Fleet Data/Fleet Vessels" component of the RDBFIS. Reports can be generated based on user-defined queries about active or decommissioned fishing vessels



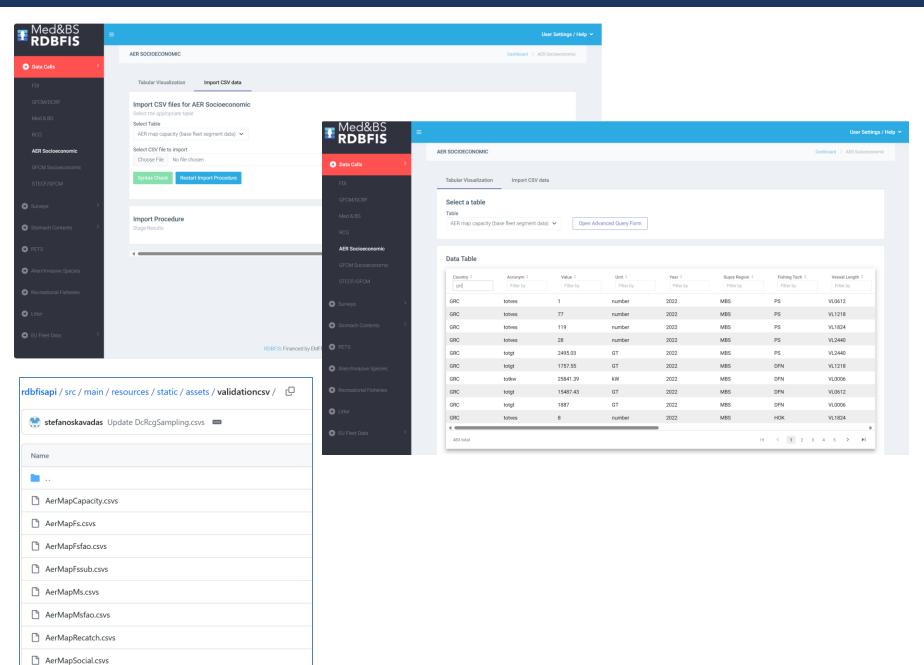
## RDBFIS progress work

# AER module has been integrated in the RDBFIS

- Perform syntax and consistency checks before submitting data to the JRC. The aim is to decrease discrepancies between the AER and FDI datacalls (cross checking between AER & FDI is a goal for the project)
- Calculate specific economic performance indicators for STECF EWG purposes



## RDBFIS progress work (data validation & uploading)



## RDBFIS progress work (AER validation scheme)

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## RDBFIS progress work

#### **AER** database

- map capacity
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- map\_recatch
- map\_social

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- > == p\_aer\_sub\_region
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#### **AER**

EU Fishing Fleet Socio-Economic data call

- The publicly available data was provided by the JRC
- Three variables are missing: achieved\_sample\_rate, coefficient\_of\_variation, response\_rate
- Differences between publicly available data and data hosted on JRC db have been reported

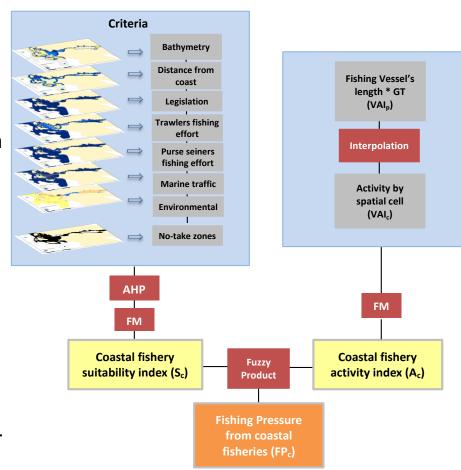
Validation scheme Consistency checks (JRC, RCGECON, experts) <u>Processing routines</u>

#### AER codification system

gear = NK where no value is available fishery = NK where no value is available activity = ?? where null Mapping spatial distribution of SSF in data limited cases: A space-time tool to estimate spatial effort, weight and value of landings

## Introduction: MCDA – Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis<sup>1</sup>

- Small-Scale Fishing (SSF) is highly important for the Mediterranean fisheries
- The spatial distribution of SSF (LOA <12 m) effort and landings is unknown since data on fishing vessels locations, e.g. VMS/AIS data, are not available
- Certain, SSF techniques (e.g. bottom longlines) might have impacts on maerl beds, coralligenous formations etc.
- An approach that combines geospatial data and experts' knowledge (GIS-MCDA) has been employed to estimate fishing pressure.



#### Recent advances of the MCDA method

#### The method has been expanded to include:

- 1. other fishing effort, landing weight and value estimations performed in coarser spatial scales (e.g. by Geographical Sub-Area GSA and country level as reported in STECF-FDI tables A and G)
- **4** criteria that drive spatiotemporal patterns of fishing pressure (e.g. weather/climate conditions)
  - species distribution (based on modeling e.g. GAMs, interpolation)

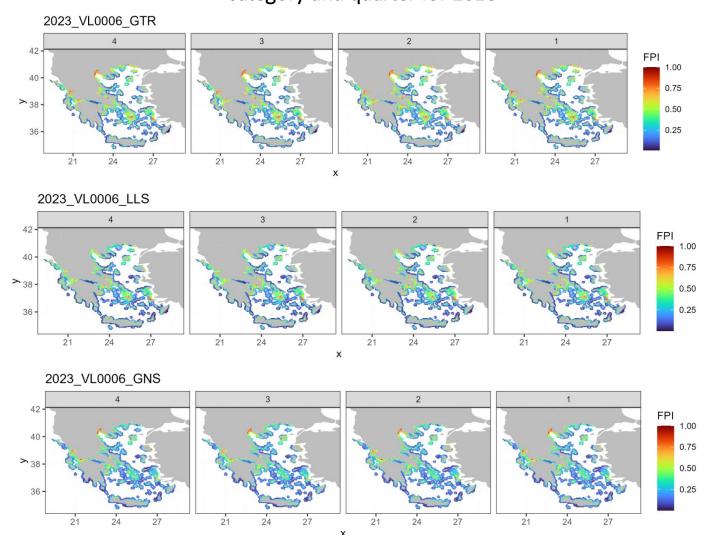
#### The merit of including the above information to the MCDA is that:

- Maps of fishing effort can be:
  - expressed in commonly used indicators (e.g. days at sea)
  - assessed in several **temporal** scales (e.g. year-quarter) and.
- Spatial landings and weight can be now delineated by species.
- In the framework of RDBS a development of an r-package is ongoing aiming to support and automate the following processes
- 1) Estimate fishing pressure index (FPI) from MCDA
- > 2) estimate spatial effort and landings in the format of table H and I

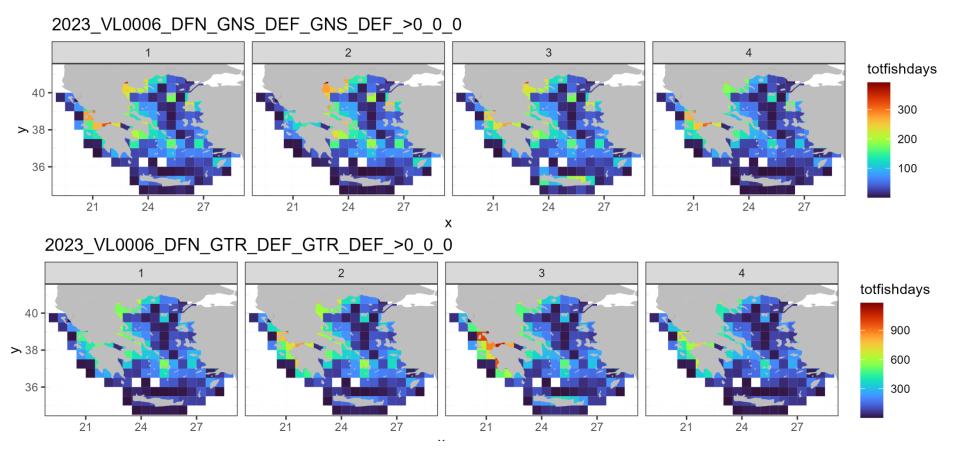
## In the framework of RDBS a development of an r-package is ongoing aiming to support and automate the procedure and includes the following

- 1) preparatory work on local machine
  - Estimation of fishing pressure index (FPI) from MCDA by gear, quarter, year/s and country
  - example procedures: grading of criteria, AHP, interpolation, other spatial analytical techniques and plotting
- 2) integrated within RDBFIS part
  - estimate spatial effort and landings in the format of table H and I
  - example procedures: use the proxy FPI produced by MCDA and combining with tables A and G based on Fisheries Dependent Information - FDI (in the format submitted in the data call <a href="https://stecf.jrc.ec.europa.eu/dd/fdi">https://stecf.jrc.ec.europa.eu/dd/fdi</a>), combine with species distribution (if available), estimate spatial effort, landings and value in fine resolution and plotting

## 1) Examples of fishing pressure index outcomes expressed by vessel length category and quarter for 2023



#### 2) Examples of spatial fishing effort expressed in the format of Table I \*



Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н	I	J	K	L	M	N	0	Р	Q	R	S	T	U	V
country	year /	quarter	vessel_lengtl	fishing_tech	gear_type	e target_assemblage	_mesh_siz/	emetier	metier_7	supra_regio	sub_region	eez_indicato	geo_indicator	specon_tech	deep	rectangle	latitude	longitude	c_square	totfishdays	confidential
GRC	2023	1	VL0006	DFN	GNS	DEF	NK	GNS_DEF_	NK	MBS	GSA23	NA	NK	NK	NA	05*05	34.75	23.75	NA	3.163038422	N
GRC	2023	2	VL0006	DFN	GNS	DEF	NK	GNS_DEF_	NK	MBS	GSA23	NA	NK	NK	NA	05*05	34.75	23.75	NA	1.681401098	N

## Development of an **r-package** to support and automate the process

Components	General description of the functions developed (ongoing work of RDBFIS project)
Spatial Fishing Pressure Index (FPI) by MCDA	Grading of a dataset (ranking procedure)  Normalization of a data object (fuzzyfication process)  Analytic Hierarchy Process (AHP)  Fishing gear interpolation for estimating Activity index based on Inverse Distance Weighted
Fishing effort estimation	Compare fishing effort in days at sea estimated using Fishing Pressure Index as a proxy with effort estimations by GSA/gear/quarter/year/country (based on table G ) Estimate fishing effort for Small Scale Fisheries (SSF) expressed in days at sea using Fishing Pressure Index as a proxy
Spatial landings by species	Estimate spatial landing weight or value using Fishing effort and landings per unit effort as a proxy  Compare catch expressed in landing weight, landing value, discard weight estimated using Fishing Pressure Index as a proxy with table A by GSA/gear/quarter/year/country
Spatio-temporal FPI by MCDA	Convert netcdf containing meteorological data from Copernicus products to a data.frame and store in a csv.  Create meteorological criterion  Convert netcdf containing meteorological data (other from Copernicus) to csv.
Supplementary functions	Dataframe to RasterLayer conversion  Combine Fishing Pressure Index (FPI- estimated by MCDA) with EEZ polygons to estimate the country Combine Fishing Pressure Index (FPI- estimated by MCDA) with GSA polygons to estimate the Geographical Sub-Area.  Extract values from Fishing Pressure Index RasterLayer in a data frame with longitude, latitude Shapefile to RasterLayer conversion  Plotting

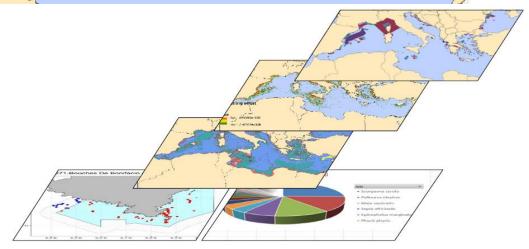




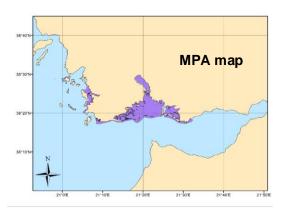
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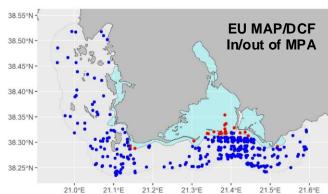


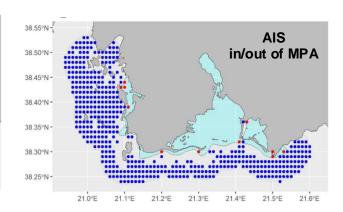
- Map visualization
- Per MPA, layers of:
  - Info sheet of MPA
  - Fishing footprint
  - Catch composition
  - Seabed habitats



## **Fishing footprint**





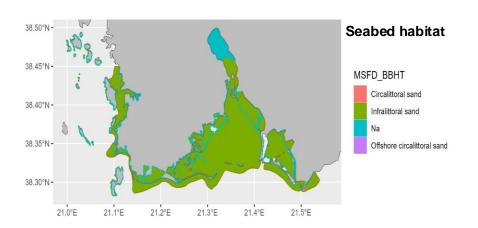


#### **Effort**

Effort (apparent fishing hours)										
Fishing gear category	Inside	Outside	<b>Grand Total</b>							
fishing		22	22							
other_purse_seines	204	12535	12739							
purse_seines	38	2410	2448							
set_gillnets		6	6							
trawlers	297	26141	26438							
Grand Total	539	41114	41653							

#### Landings

Landings (in kgr)	Fishing gear										
	GN5	GN5	GTR	GTR	LLS	LLS	NETS	ОТВ	PS		
species	Inside	Outside	Inside	Outside	Inside	Outside	Outside	Outside	Outside	Grand Total	
Sardina pilchardus		0.6		0.1				28.8	17947.0	17976.4	
Engraulis encrosicolus		0.5		0.0				21.1	6900.5	6922.2	
Sardinella aurita				0.2				1.9	6304.3	6306.3	
Merluccius merluccius	0.6	1613.4	4.7	30.3		5.2	50.2	1361.5	6.1	3072.0	
Booos booos	0.2	2.2	0.3	1.7	2.2	2.4		363.5	1809.3	2181.7	
Scomber colias		99.3	0.5	1.6		0.2		32.4	1086.1	1220.2	
Sparus aurata		6.2	7.5	99.8	45.7	303.1	8.1	379.2	93.4	942.9	
Pagellus erythrinus		26.9	5.3	81.8	4.0	201.4		431.6	0.6	751.5	
Mullus harbatus		29.9	15.5	75.6		0.3	0.9	508.4	0.7	631.3	
Paranenaeus Ionairostris		5.2		0.1			1.5	601.6	0.0	608.4	
Sepia officinalis		10.1	66.1	414.0			0.4	61.5	0.2	552.4	
Lophius budeanssa	0.4	294.0	11.5	109.5			8.4	75.4		499.1	
Loligo vulgaris		0.4	1.6	9.2			0.8	416.3	67.6	495.9	
Trachurus trachurus	0.2	187.0		11.1	0.1		2.6	83.7	120.5	405.1	





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