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# STATION of Reference and rEsearch on Change of local and global Anthropogenic Pressures on Mediterranean Ecosystems Drifts: The STARECAPMED project

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# STARECAPMED - Context



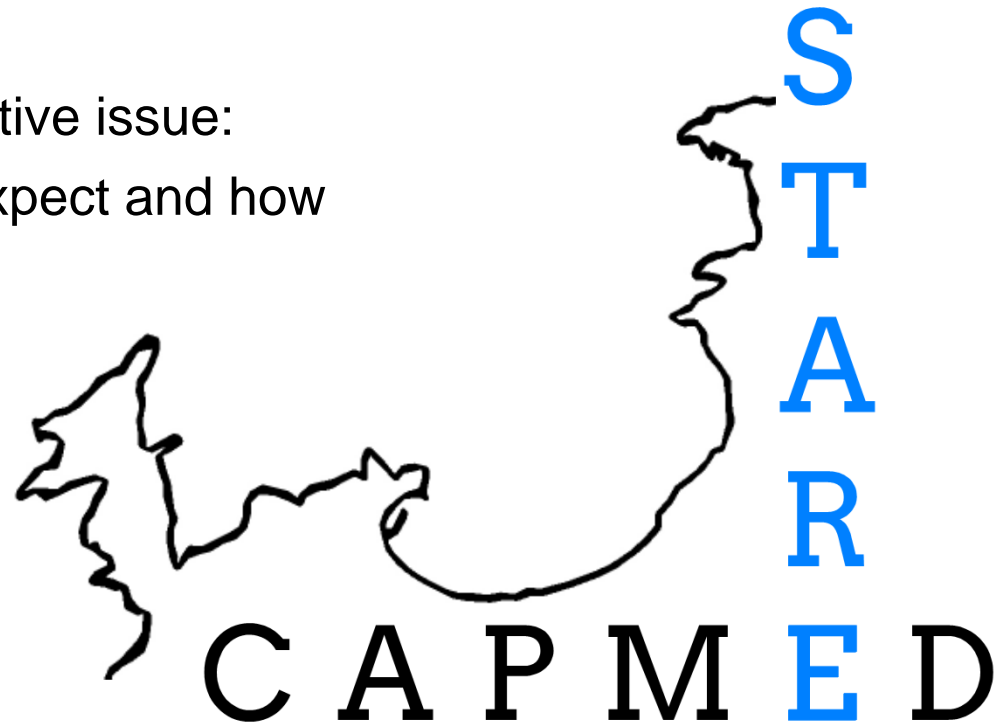
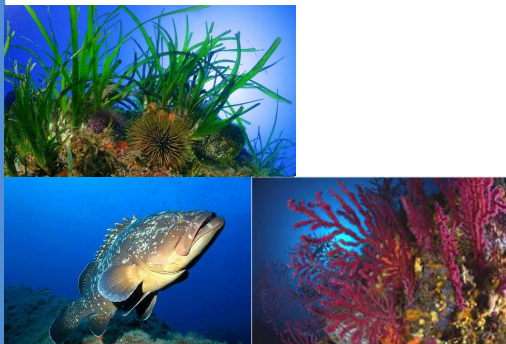
The scientific information on marine ecosystems must answer 3 objective issues:

- ( i ) what is the state ?
- ( ii ) what are the changes ?
- ( iii ) what are the mechanisms and processes involved ?

and a more prospective issue:

- ( iv ) what can we expect and how can we act ?

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# STARECAPMED - Objectives



**ST**ation of **R**eference and **rE**search on **C**hange of local and global **A**nthropogenic **P**ressures on **M**editerranean **E**cosystems **D**rifts

► To understand how human activities can interact with the fundamental processes that govern the functioning of the different coastal ecosystems of a Mediterranean bay.

The understanding of these interactions involves:

- (i) the identification of the anthropogenic pressures;
- (ii) the quantification of their impacts on the ecosystems;
- (iii) the prioritization of these impacts.

► To confirm the relevance of the use of the Calvi Bay as a reference in the study of local and global pressures and the changes they may cause on the structure and the functioning of Mediterranean coastal ecosystems.

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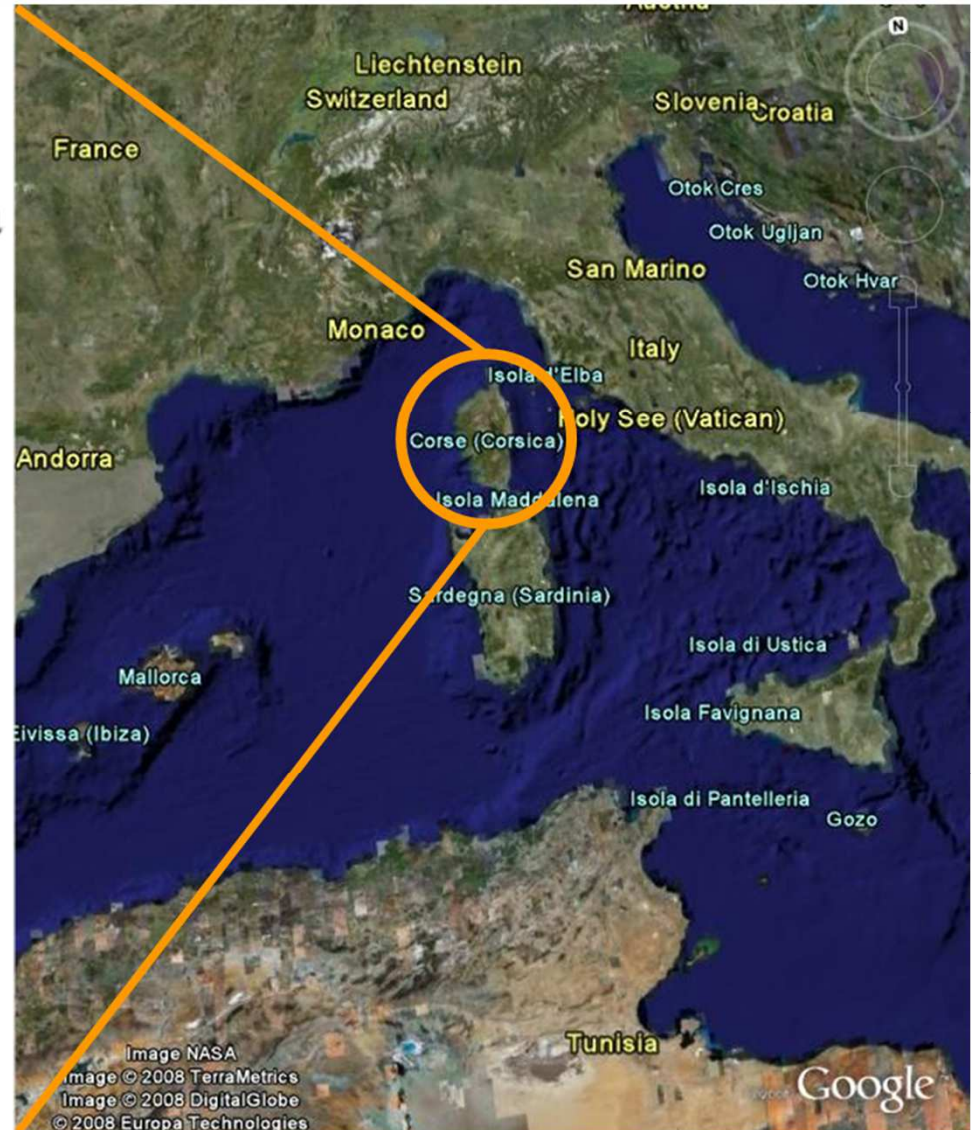




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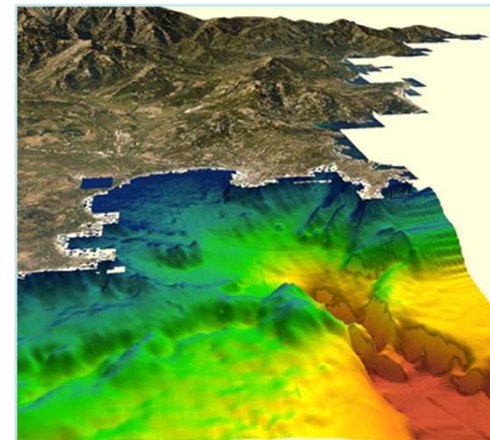
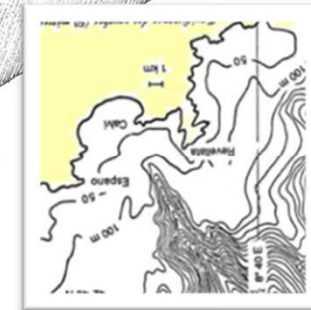
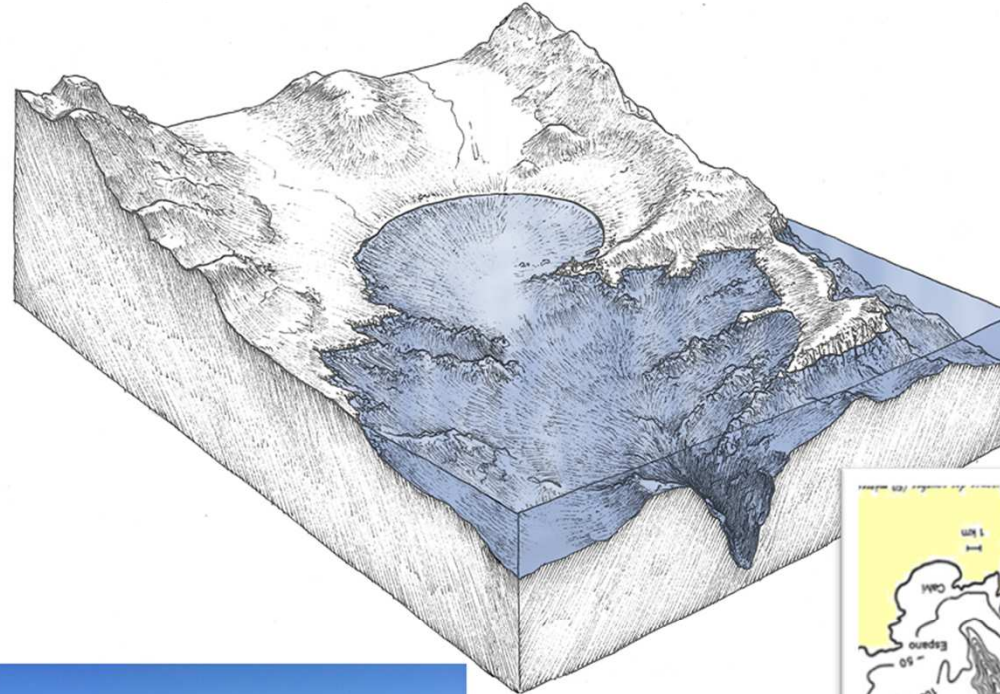


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# STARECAPMED - The bay of Calvi



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# STation of Reference - The bay of Calvi

France métropolitaine



Échelle : 1 : 25 665

0 798 m

Conditions d'utilisation

STARESO



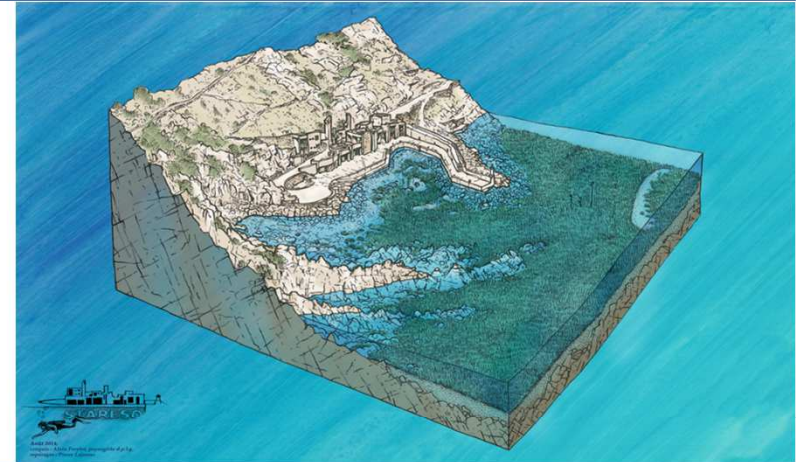




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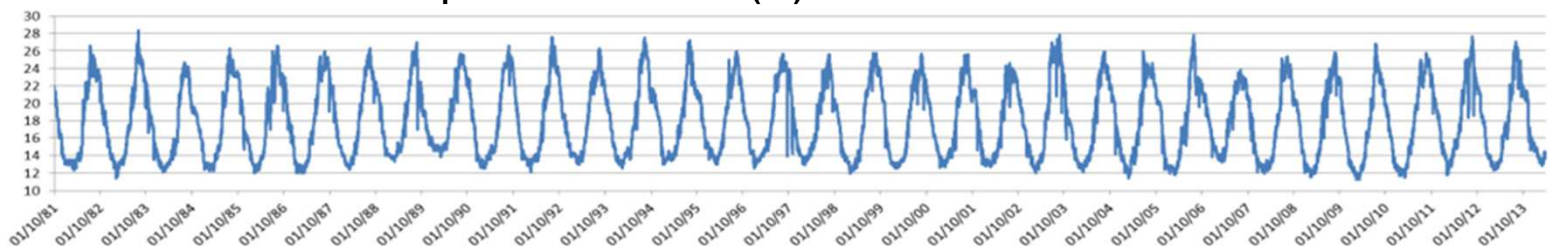


- ▶ The Station STARESO is a unique tool in a preserved natural site.
- ▶ The Station has archived environmental data for decades.



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Water temperature in STARESO (°C) from October 1981 to March 2014





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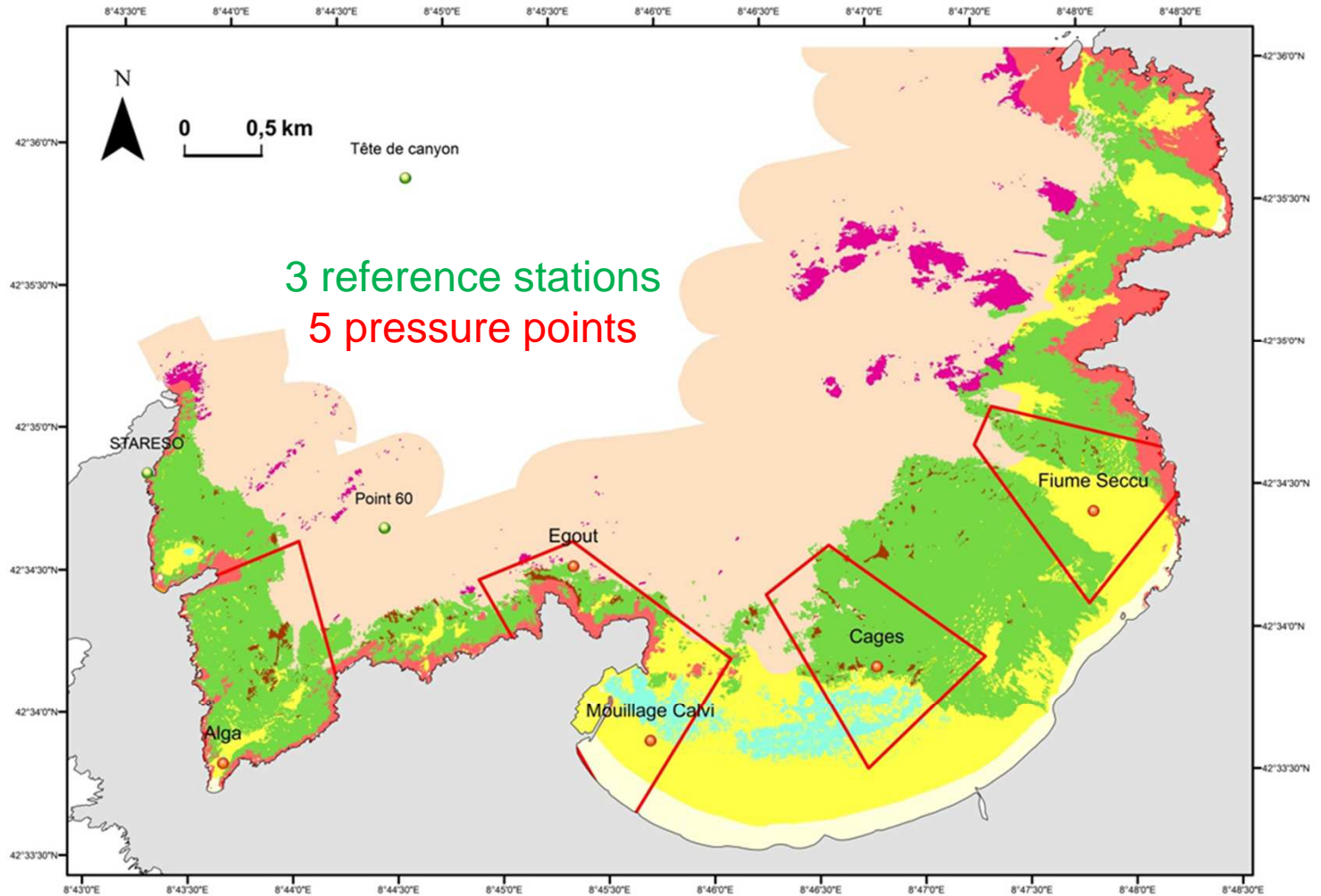
The bay of Calvi includes all the characteristic ecosystems of the Mediterranean littoral.





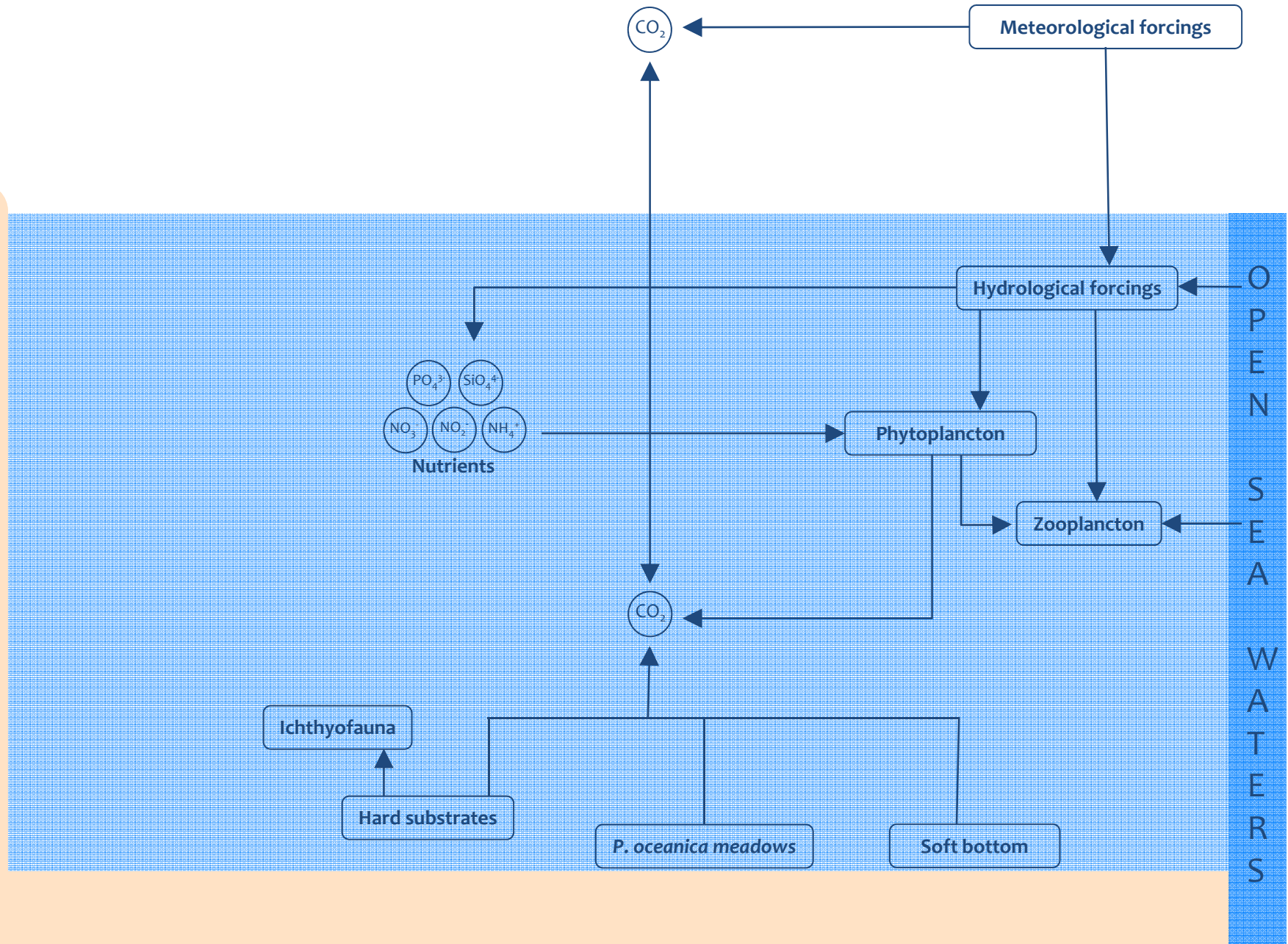
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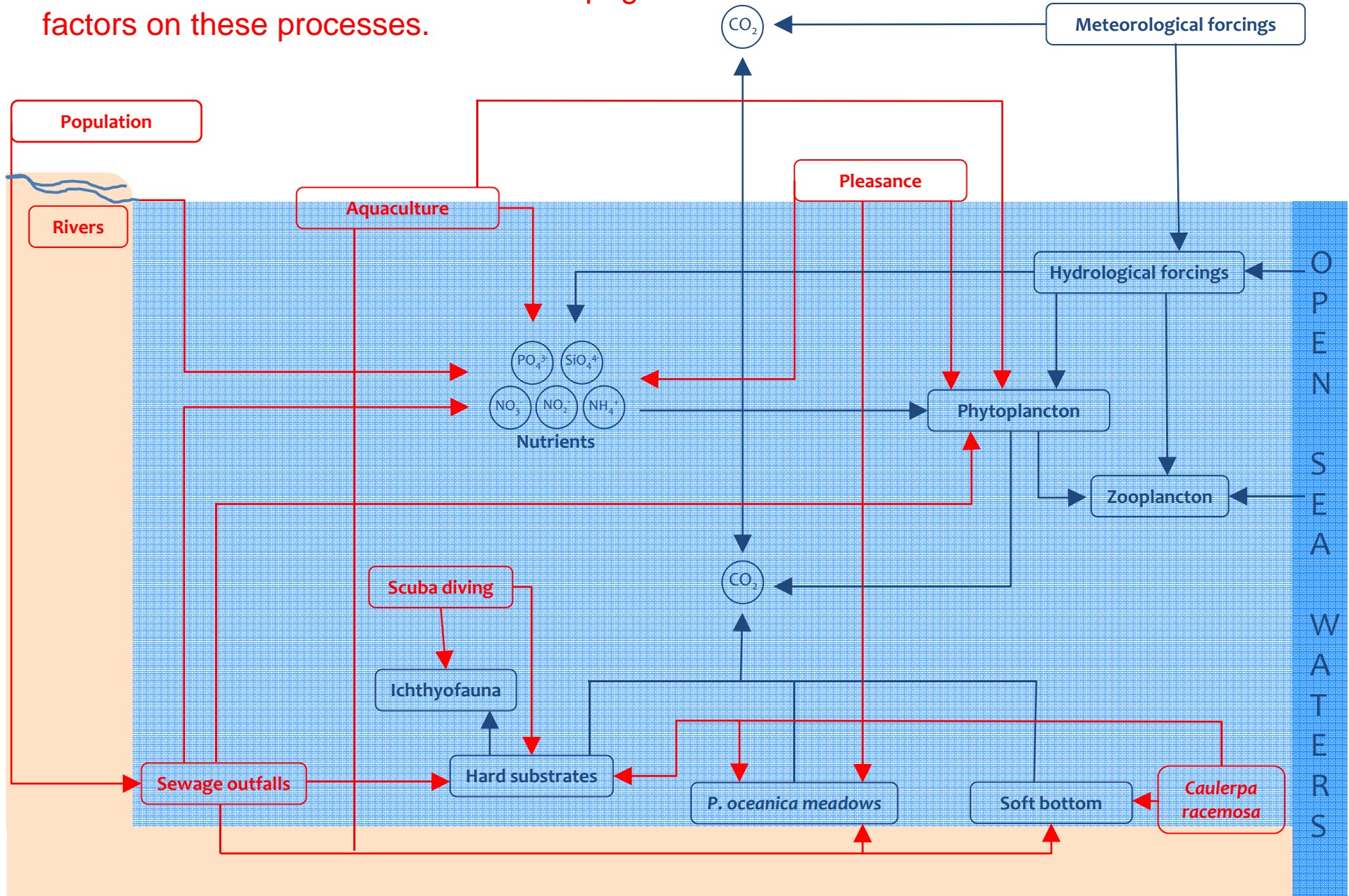
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| <span style="color: brown;">■</span> <i>Posidonia oceanica</i> dead matte | <span style="color: red;">■</span> Infralittoral rocks with photophile algae |
| <span style="color: cyan;">■</span> <i>Cymodocea nodosa</i> meadows       | <span style="color: magenta;">■</span> Coralligenous                         |
| <span style="color: yellow;">■</span> Sandy bottom                        | <span style="color: orange;">■</span> Soft muddy bottom                      |

- To study the fundamental processes operating in bay of Calvi.





- To study the fundamental processes operating in bay of Calvi.
- To understand the influence of anthropogenic factors on these processes.



# STARECAPMED - Examples



PHYTOPLANKTON

MACROBENTHOS OF  
SOFT BOTTOM

PROFESSIONAL FISHERIES

ZOOPLANKTON

BLUE CARBON WELL

*PALINURUS ELEPHAS*  
RECRUITMENT

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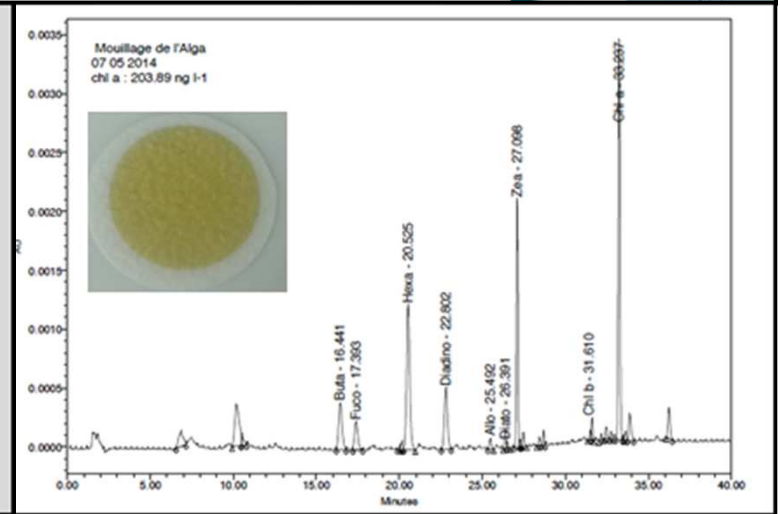
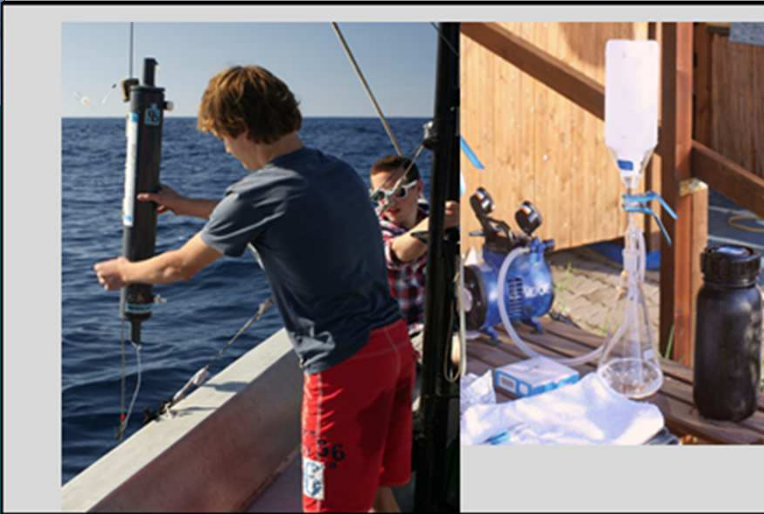
RESERVE EFFECT

MACROALGAE

ANCHORING

DATABASE RACE

# STARECAPMED - Phytoplankton



PHYTOPLANKTON

The Index  $I_{C\text{Medit}}$  uses the pigment signature of the phytoplankton measured by HPLC as quick determination method of the floristic composition.



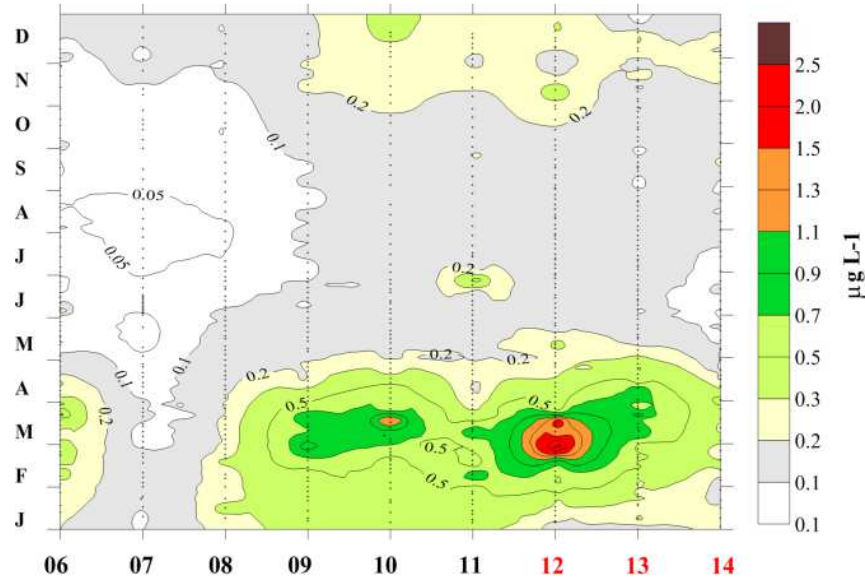


# STARECAPMED - Phytoplankton



## PHYTOPLANKTON

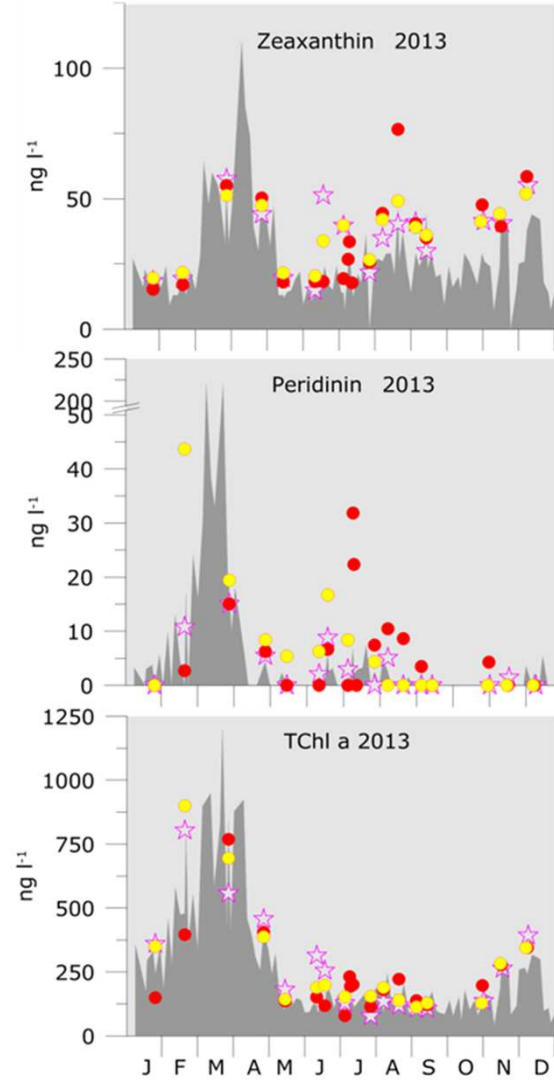
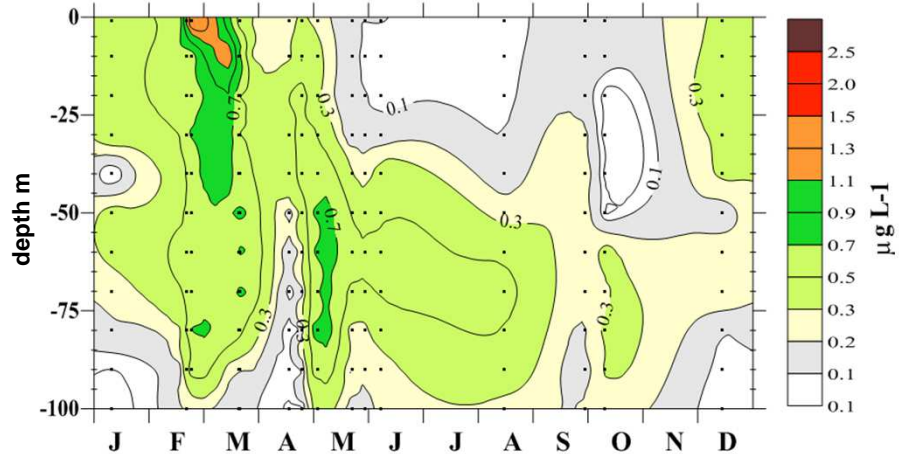
Calvi bay, TChl a, 2006-2014, surface



DCE and other projects

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Tête de canyon, 2012-2014

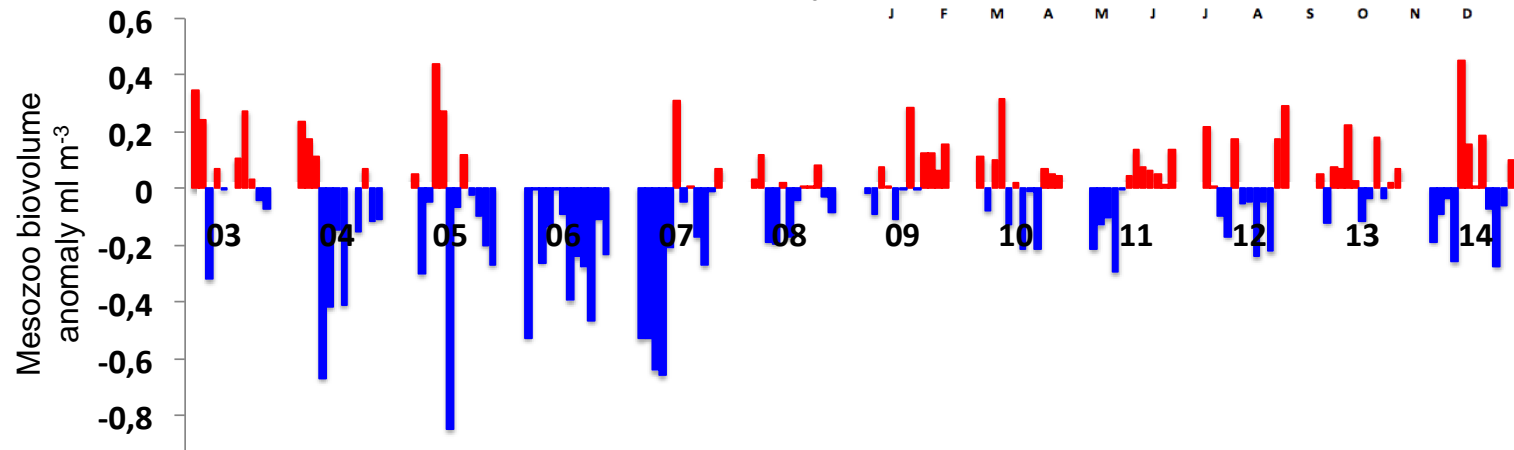
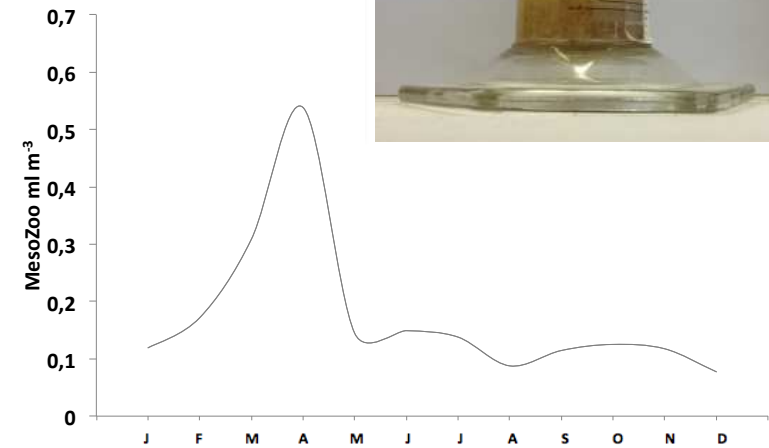
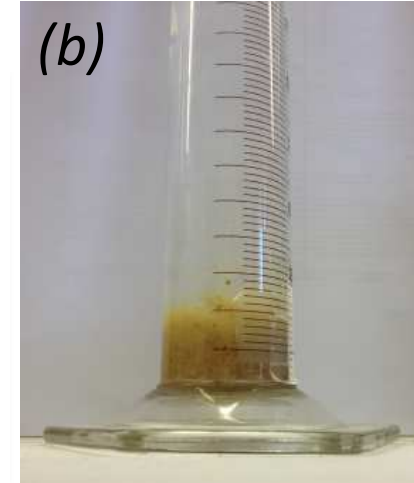
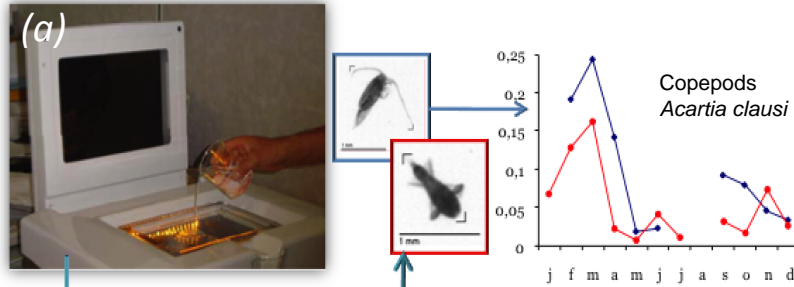


- STARESO – reference
- Alga organized mooring
- Calvi organized mooring
- ★ Aquaculture farm

# STARECAPMED - Zooplancton



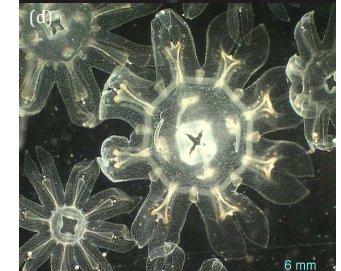
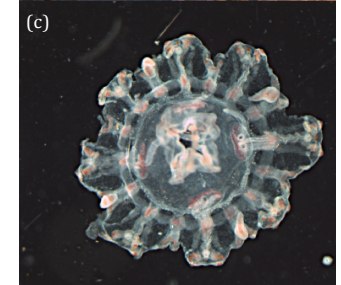
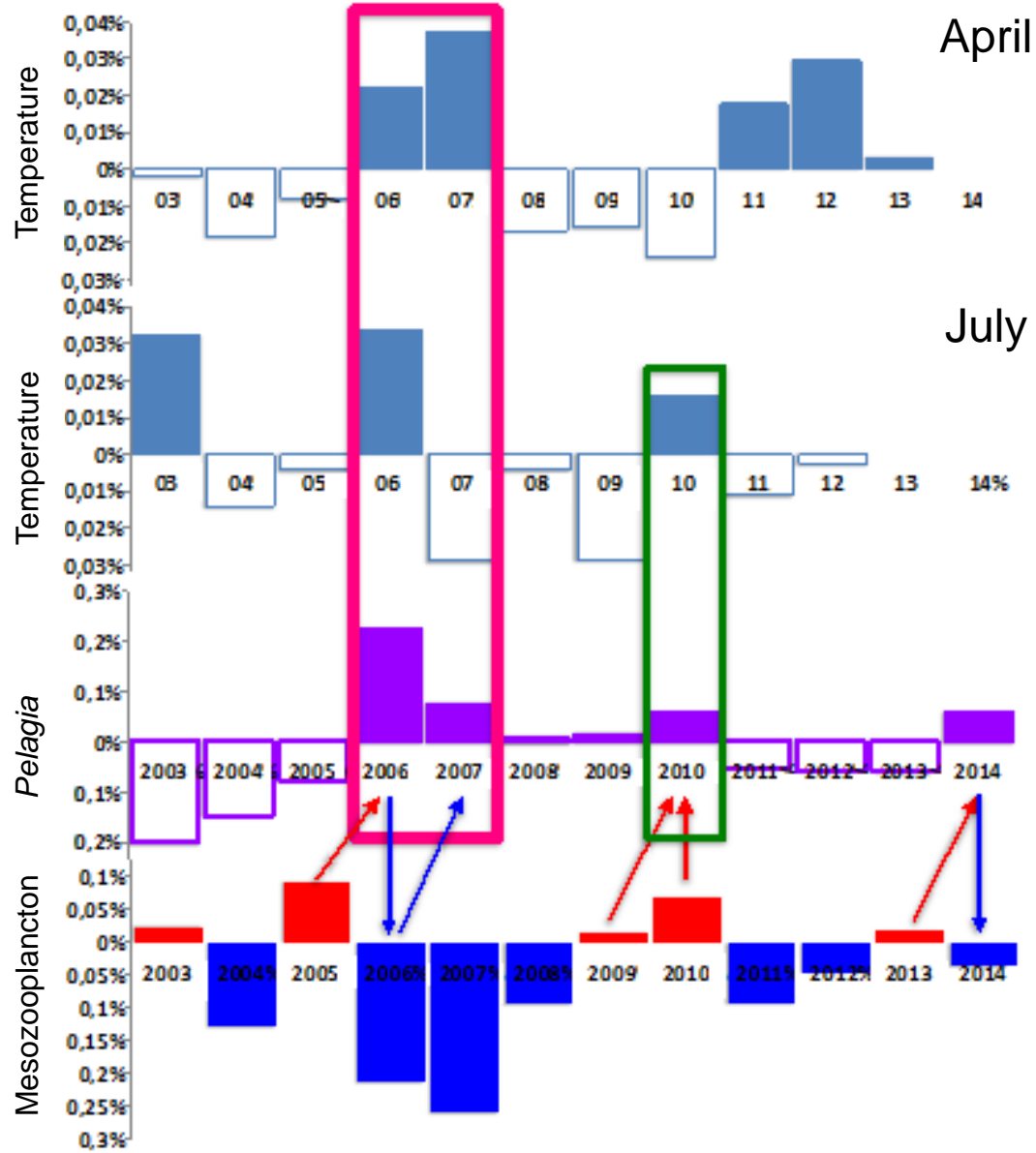
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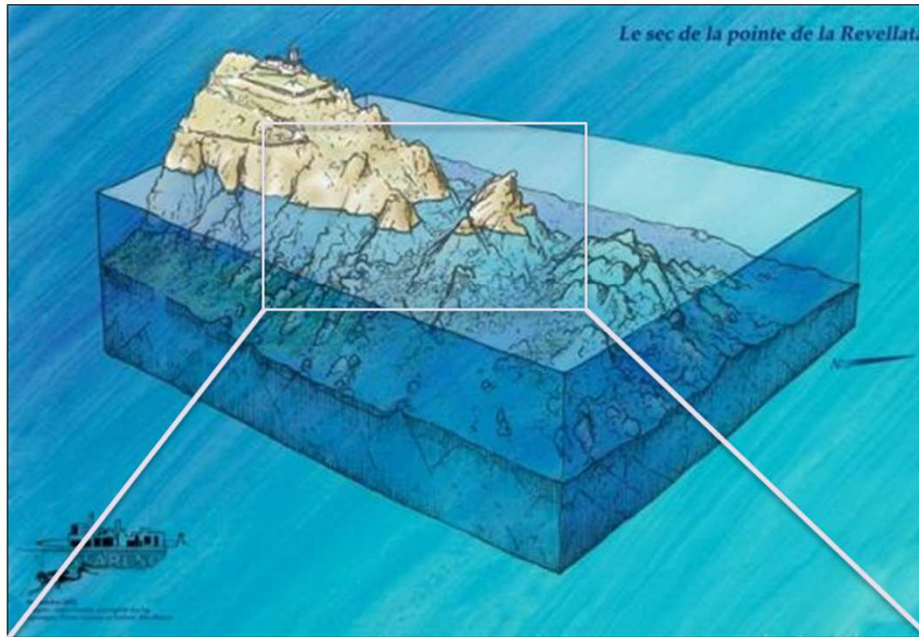
# ZOOPLANKTON

## STARECAPMED - *Pelagia noctiluca*

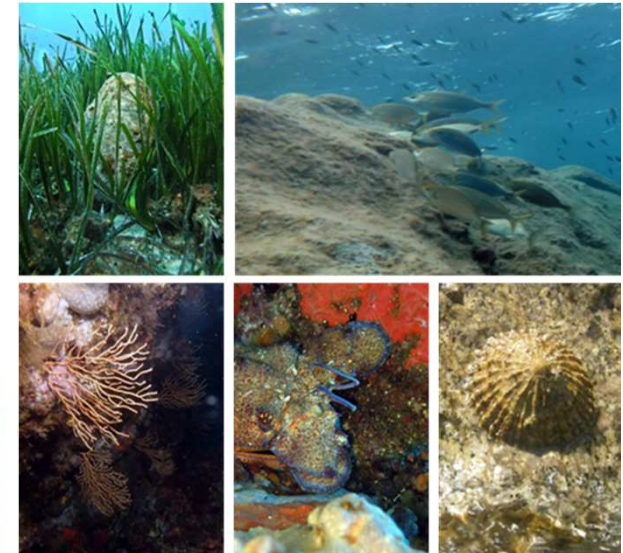
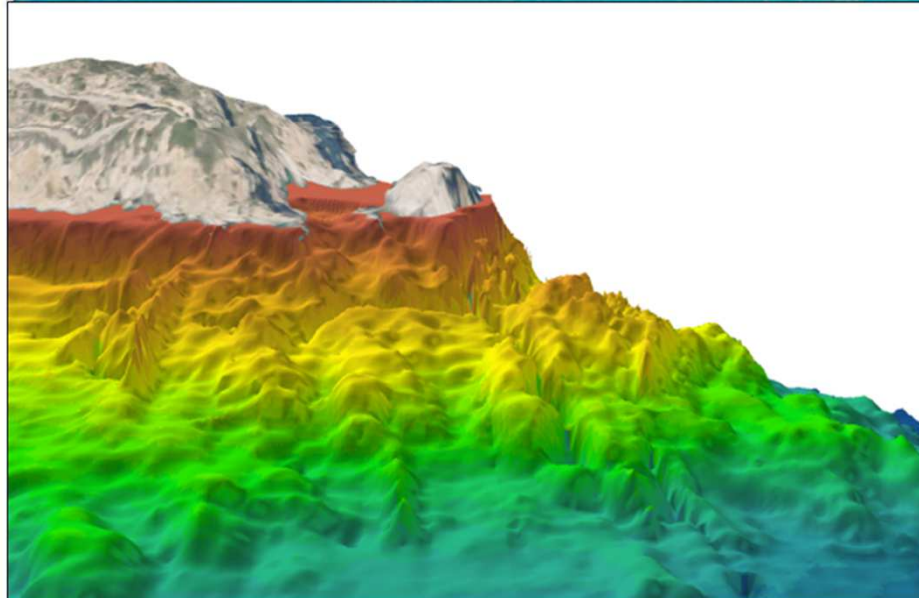
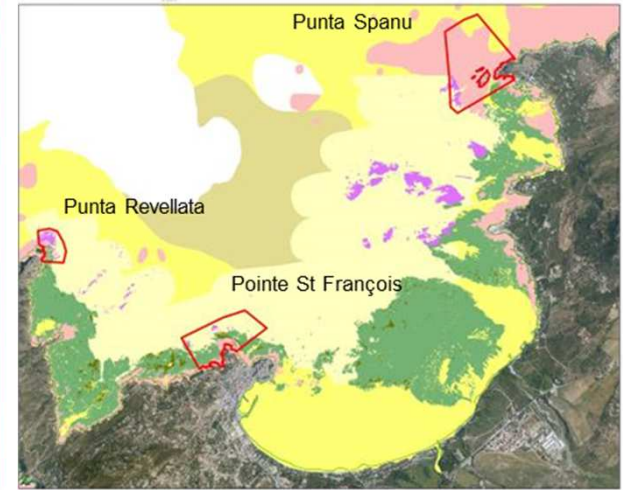




# STARECAPMED - Hard substrates



Indices: LIMA, FAST

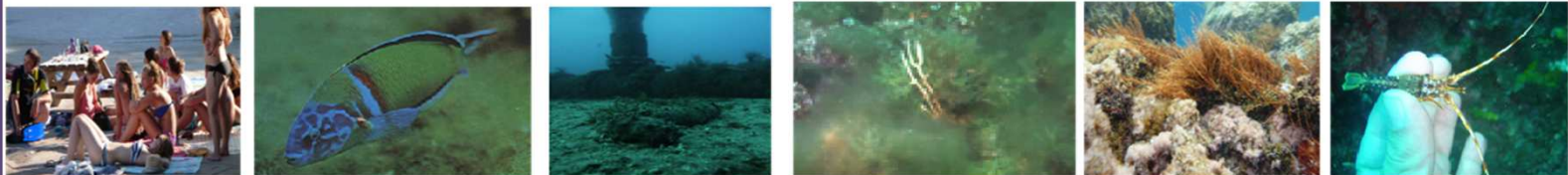
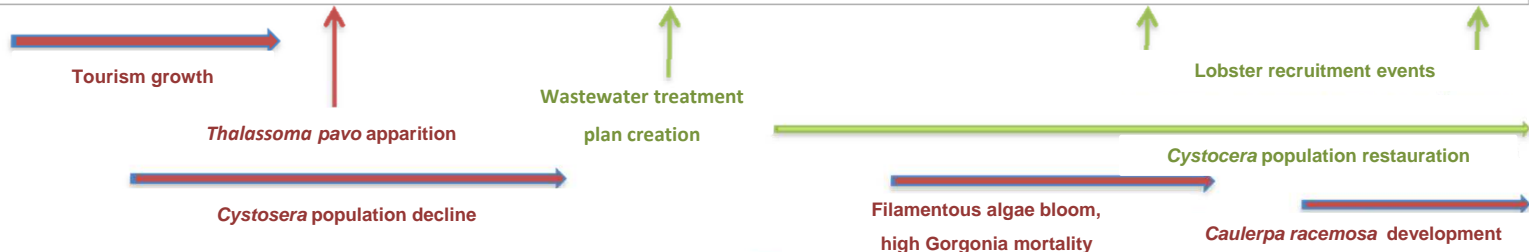
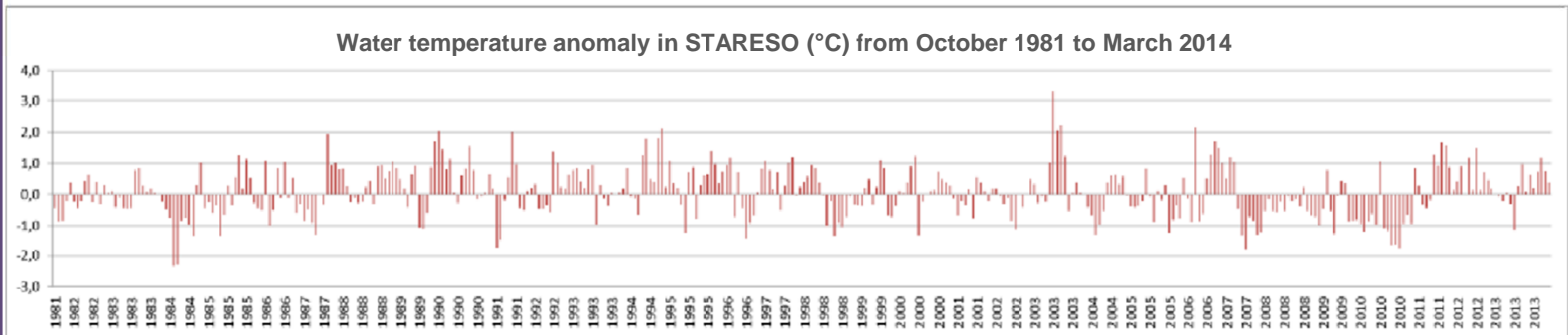
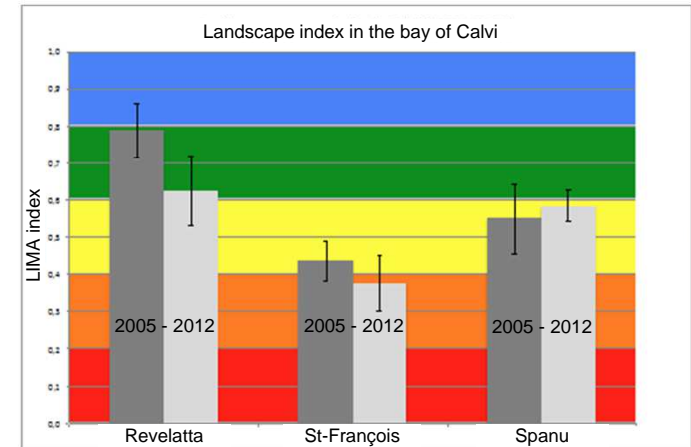


HARD SUBSTRATES

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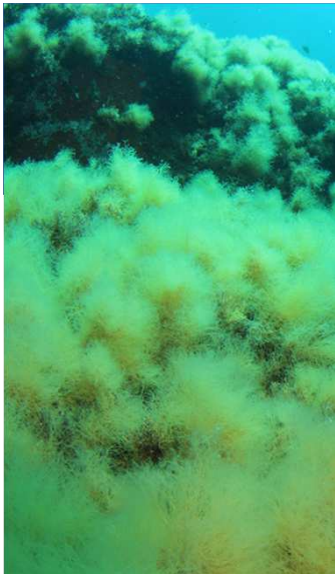
► The LIMA (Littoral Marin) index developed by STARESO is a rapid and easy method to evaluate the landscape attractiveness and the patrimonial richness of a Mediterranean marine site between 0 and 40m depth.



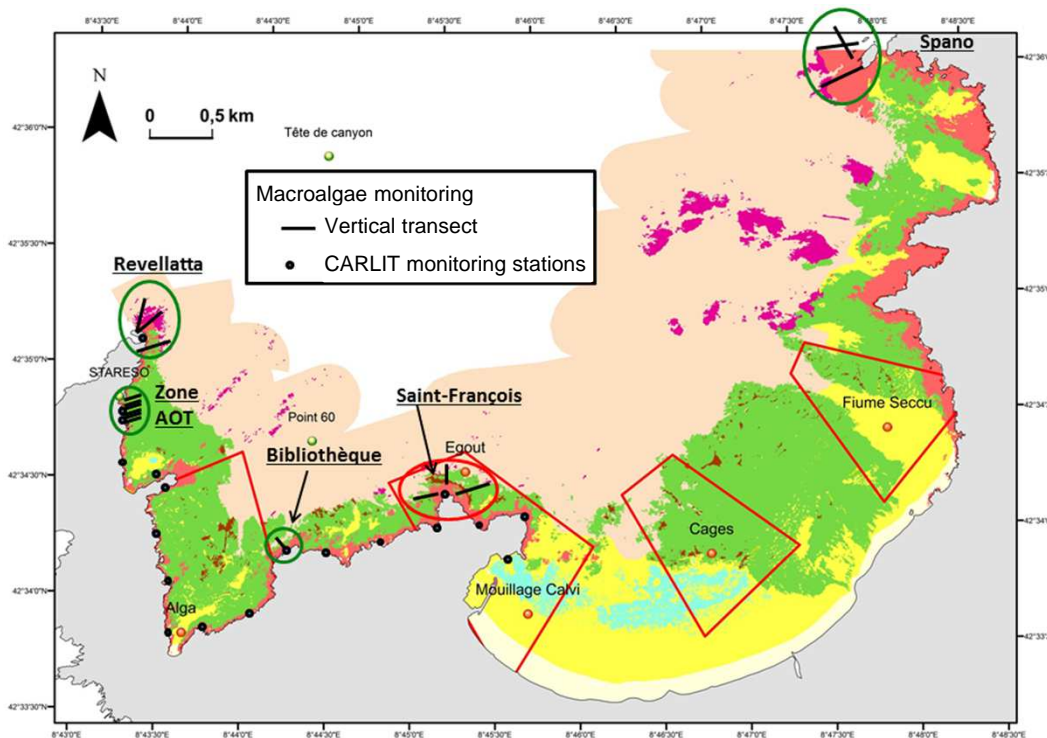
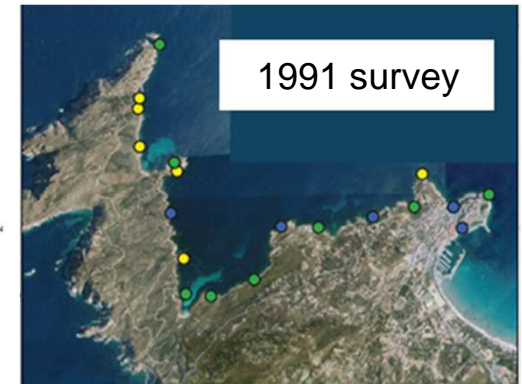
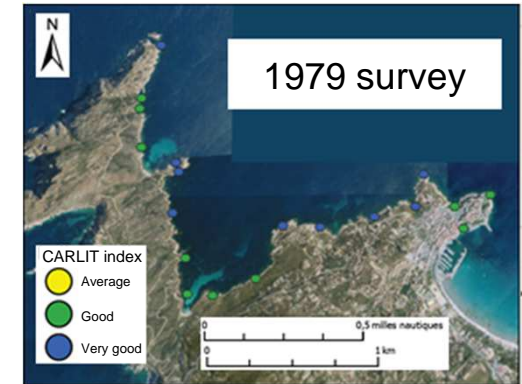
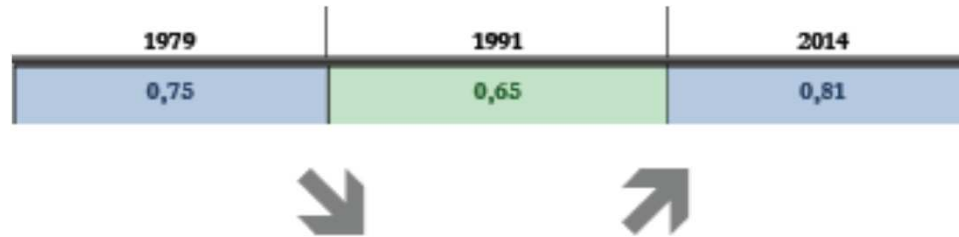
HARD SUBSTRATES



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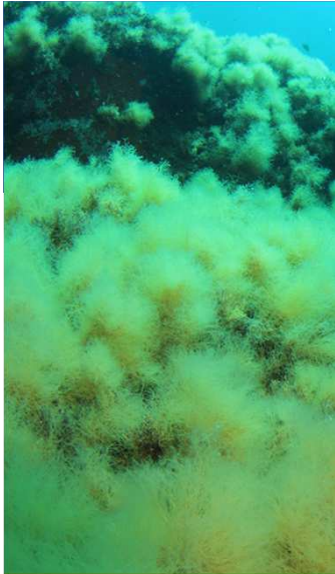


CARLIT index: CARTography of the LITtoral



MACROALGAE

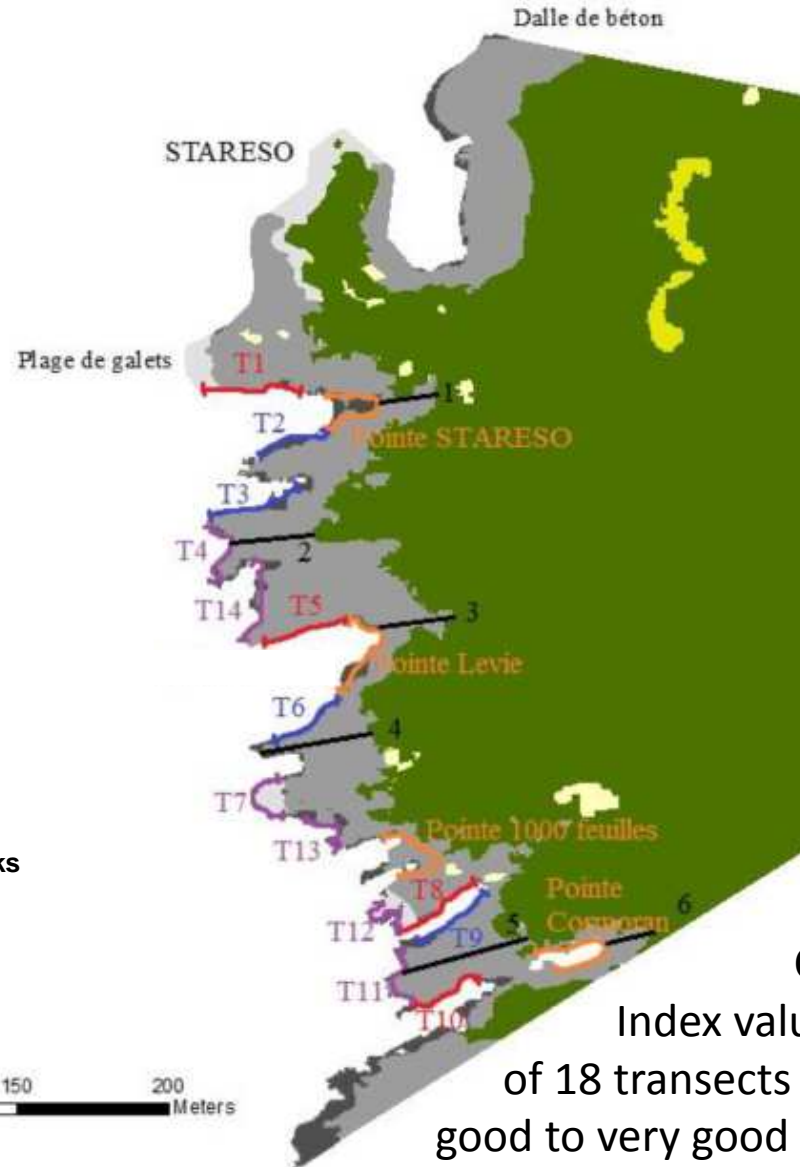
# STARECAPMED - Macroalgae



MACROALGAE

## Habitat

- Infralittoral pebbles
- Infralittoral rocks
- Supralittoral rocks
- Posidonia oceanica* meadow
- Calibrated fine sand
- Coarse sand and fine gravels
- Vertical transects
- North oriented horizontal transects
- South oriented horizontal transects
- Horizontal transects at the back of creeks
- Horizontal transects at points



CARLIT  
Index values: 15  
of 18 transects have a  
good to very good status.



# STARECAPMED - Macrobenthos

Development of a method of coloration-decoloration (eosin) for sample with seagrass fibers.

J'MAMBI: ponderation of the M-AMBI by the equitability value, the Pielou index ( $J'$ ), calculated for each assemblage



Canari asbestos mine (flickr.com)

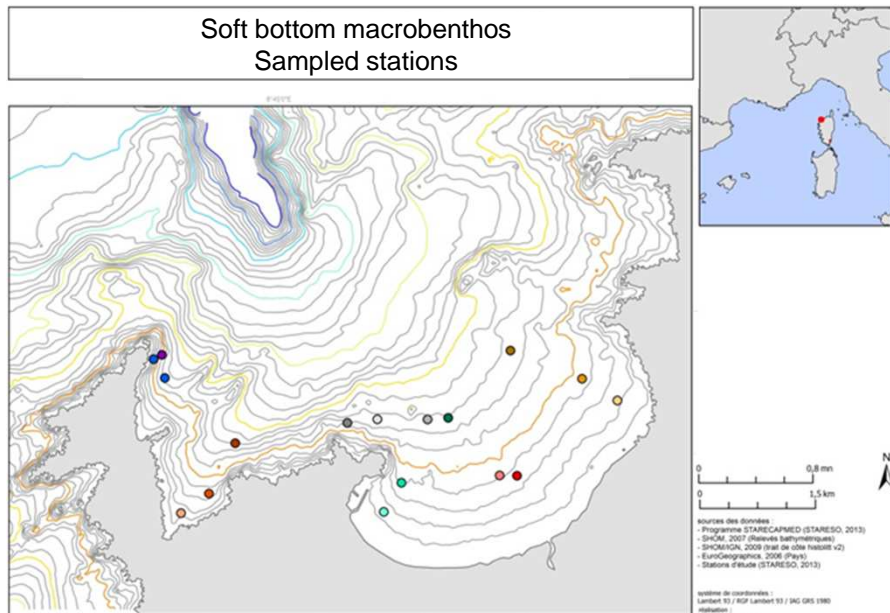


MACROBENTHOS OF  
SOFT BOTTOM

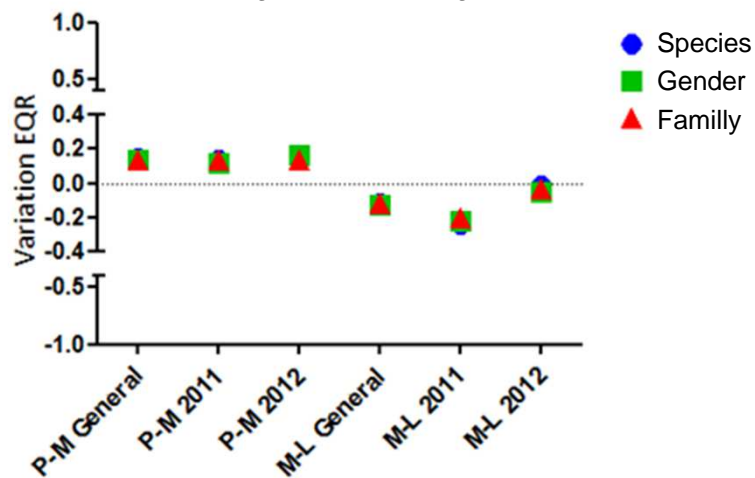
	Habitat	AMBI	Diversity	Richness	M-AMBI	Statut M-AMBI	Pielou ( $J'$ )	J'MAMBI	Statut J'MAMBI
Abestos mine	SF>=35m	1,467	4,35	75	0,73	Good	0,70	0,51	Medium
Calvi	SF>=35m	1,351	5,62	93	0,86	Good	0,86	0,74	Good

# MACROBENTHOS OF SOFT BOTTOM

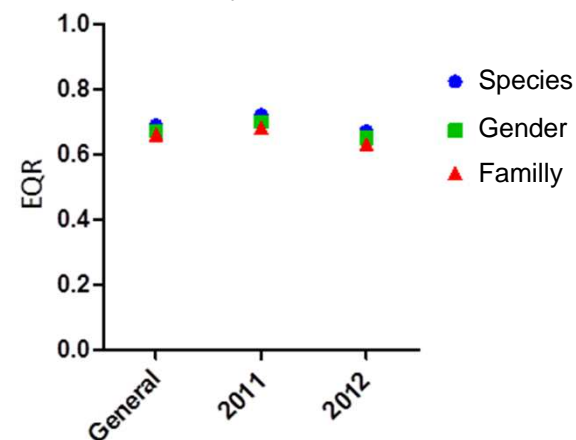
## STARECAPMED - Macrobenthos



Summer organized mooring site EQR



Calvi bay mean EQR



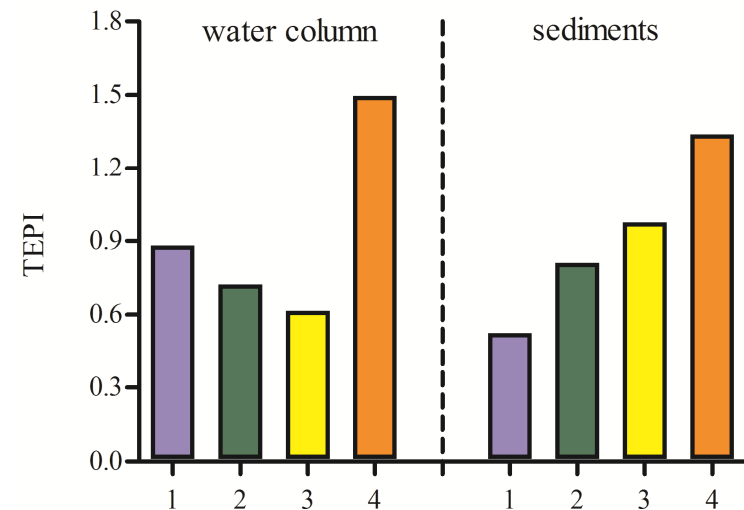
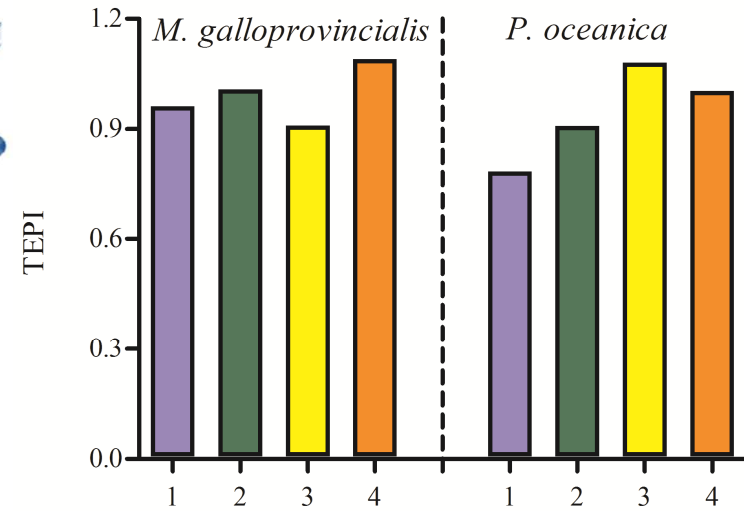
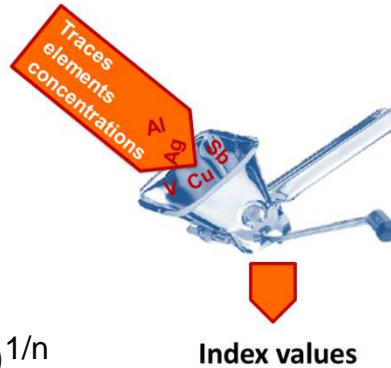


# STARECAPMED - Ecotoxicology



Trace Element  
Pollution Index:

$$TEPI = (Cf_1 * Cf_2 \dots Cf_n)^{1/n}$$

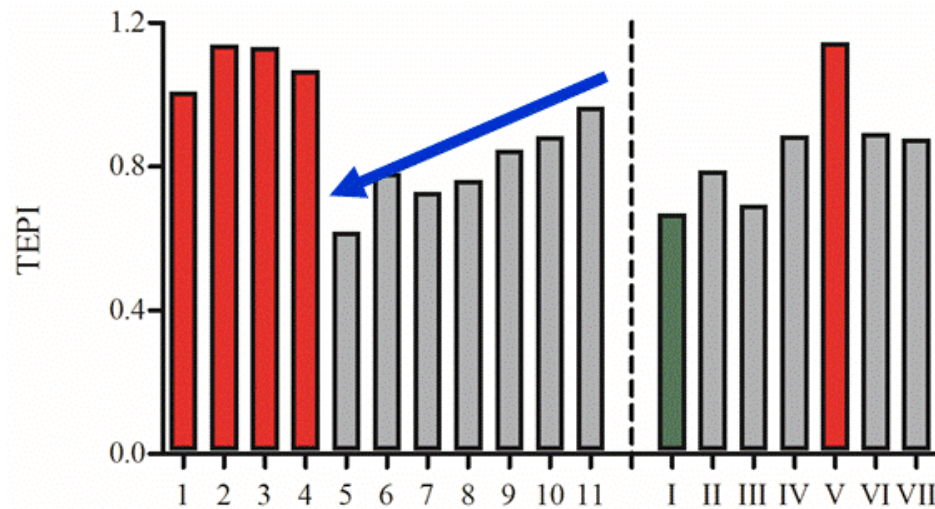
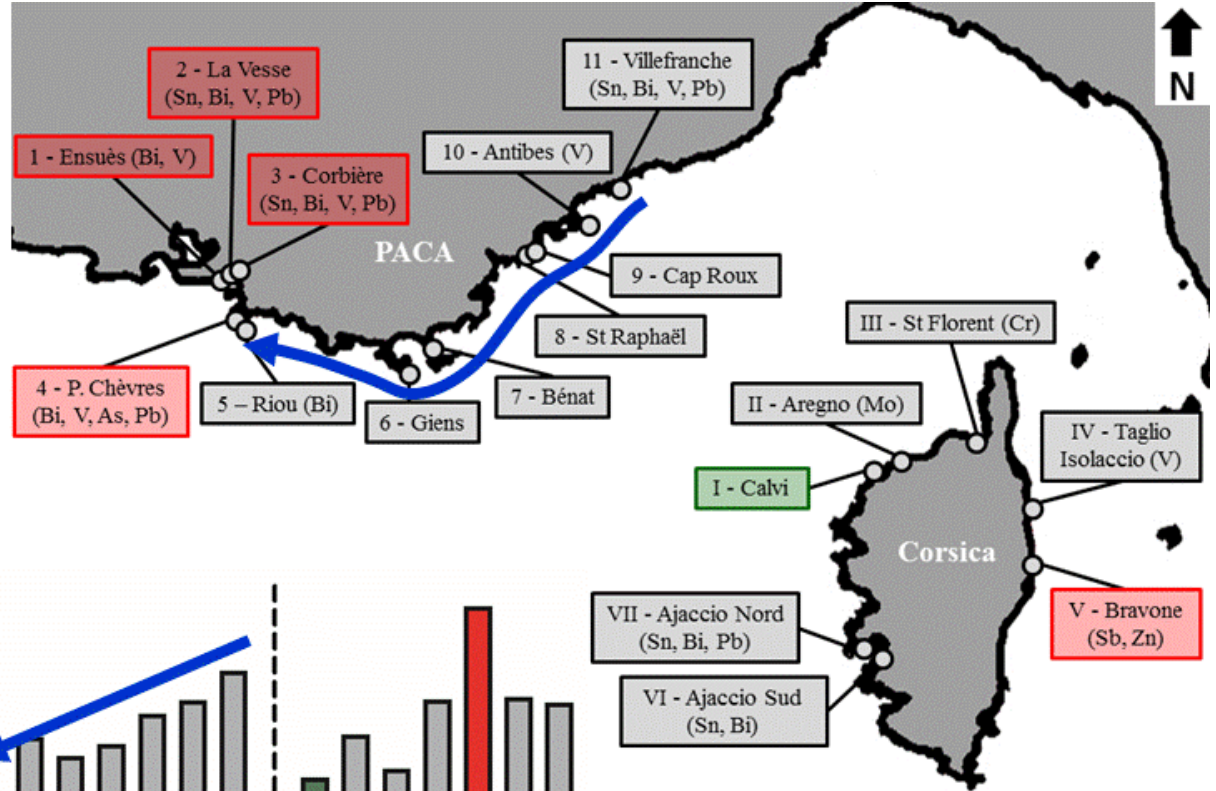


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*Posidonia oceanica*

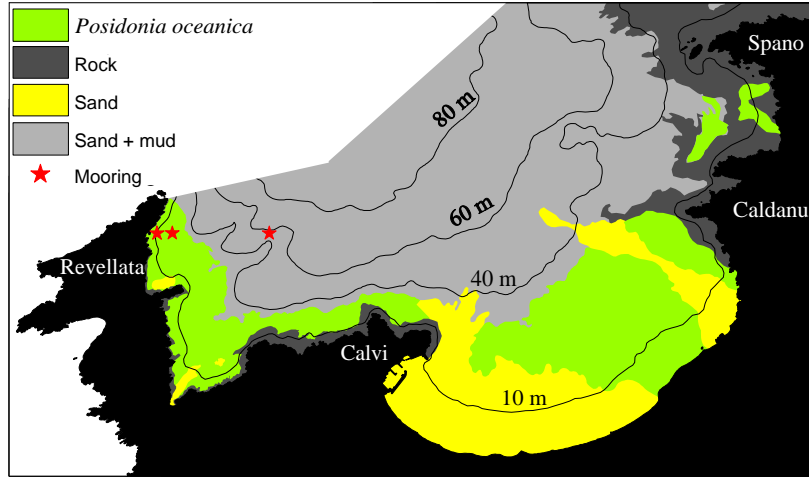


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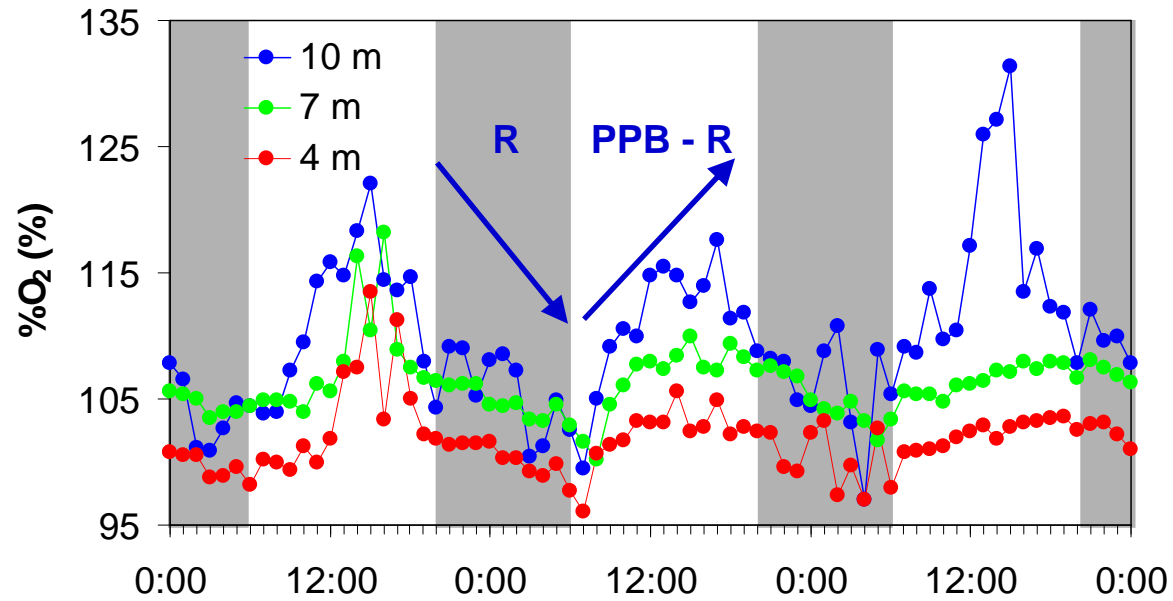




# STARECAPMED - Blue carbon well



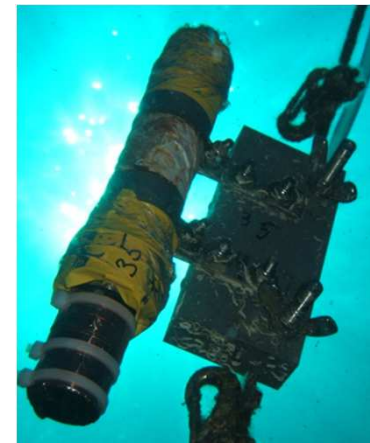
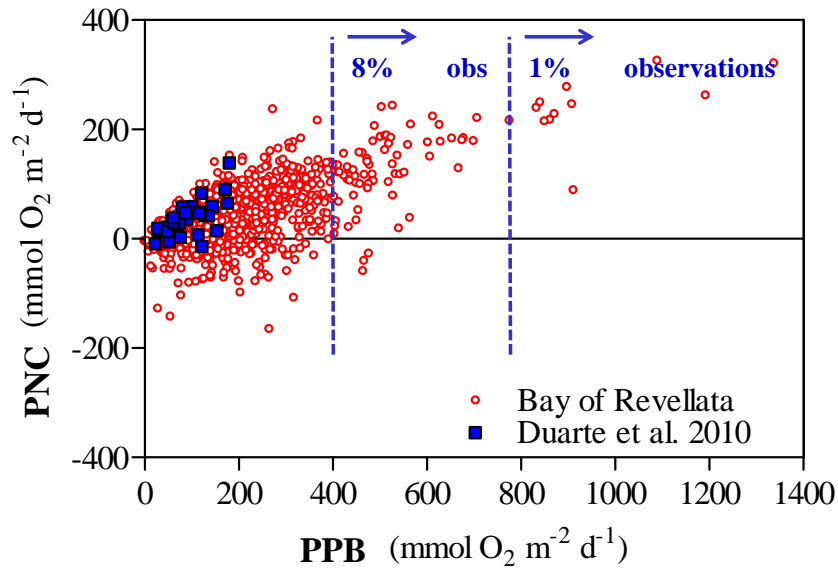
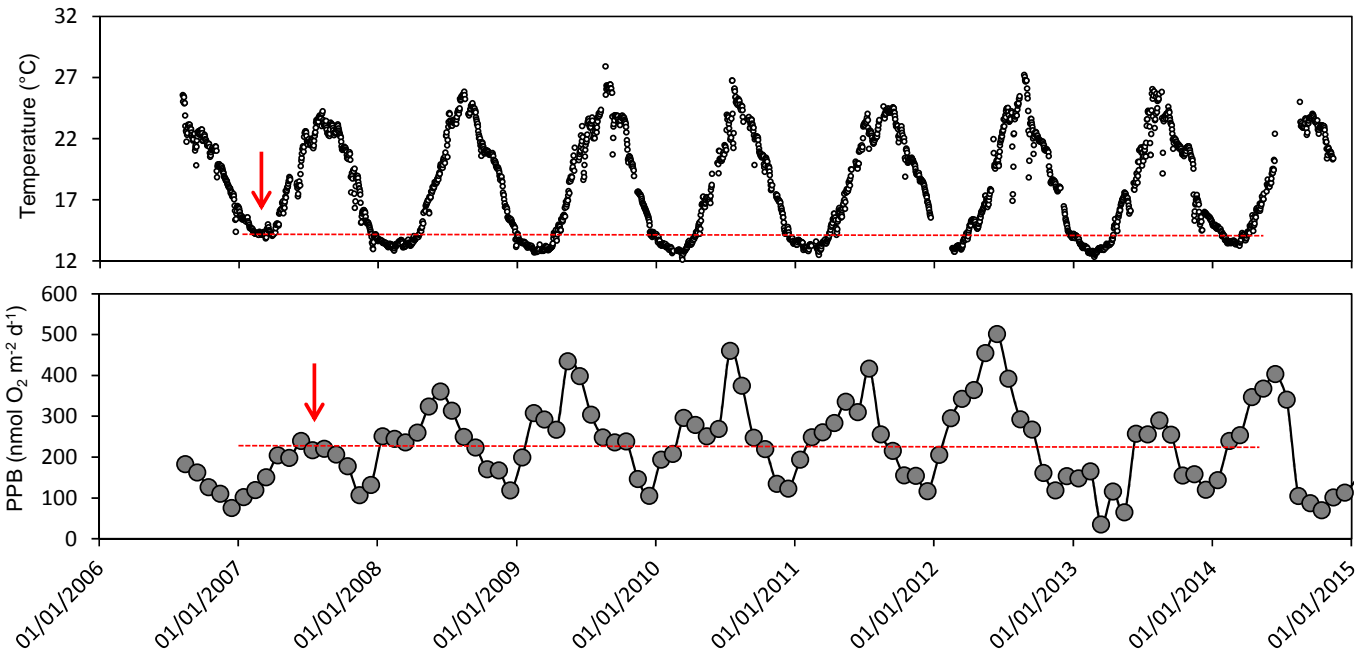
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# STARECAPMED - Blue carbon well





# STARECAPMED - Anchoring

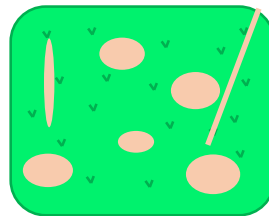


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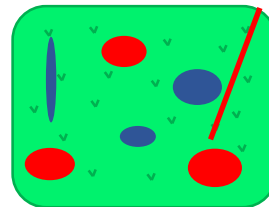
Continuous meadow (matrix)



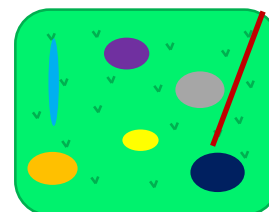
Heterogeneous meadow (patches)



Patches of different origins

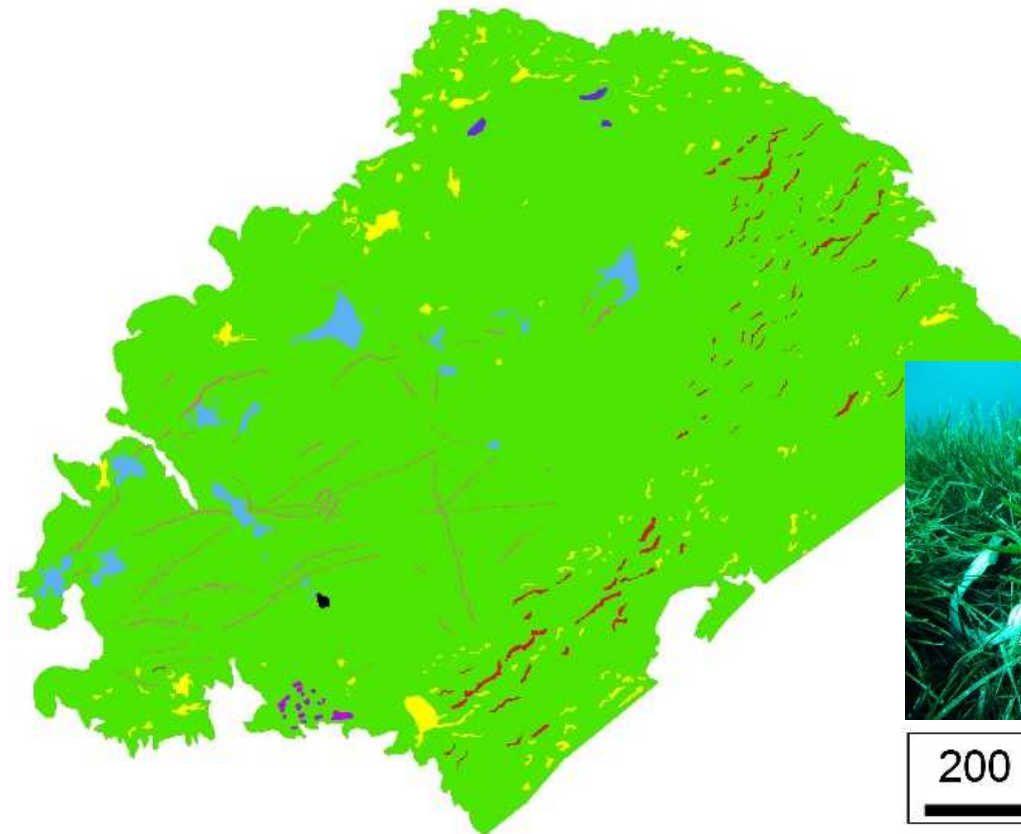


Patches of different types



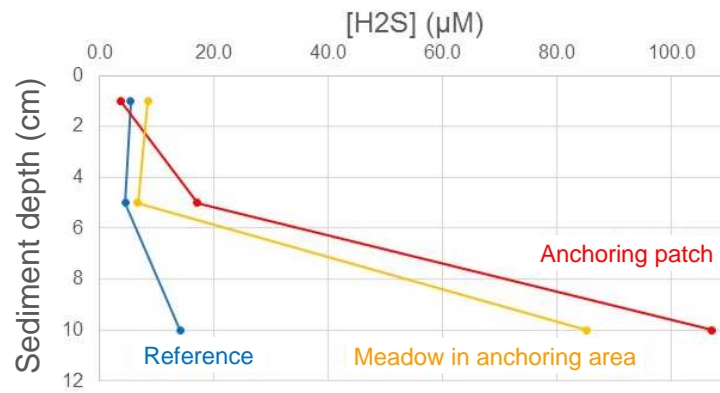
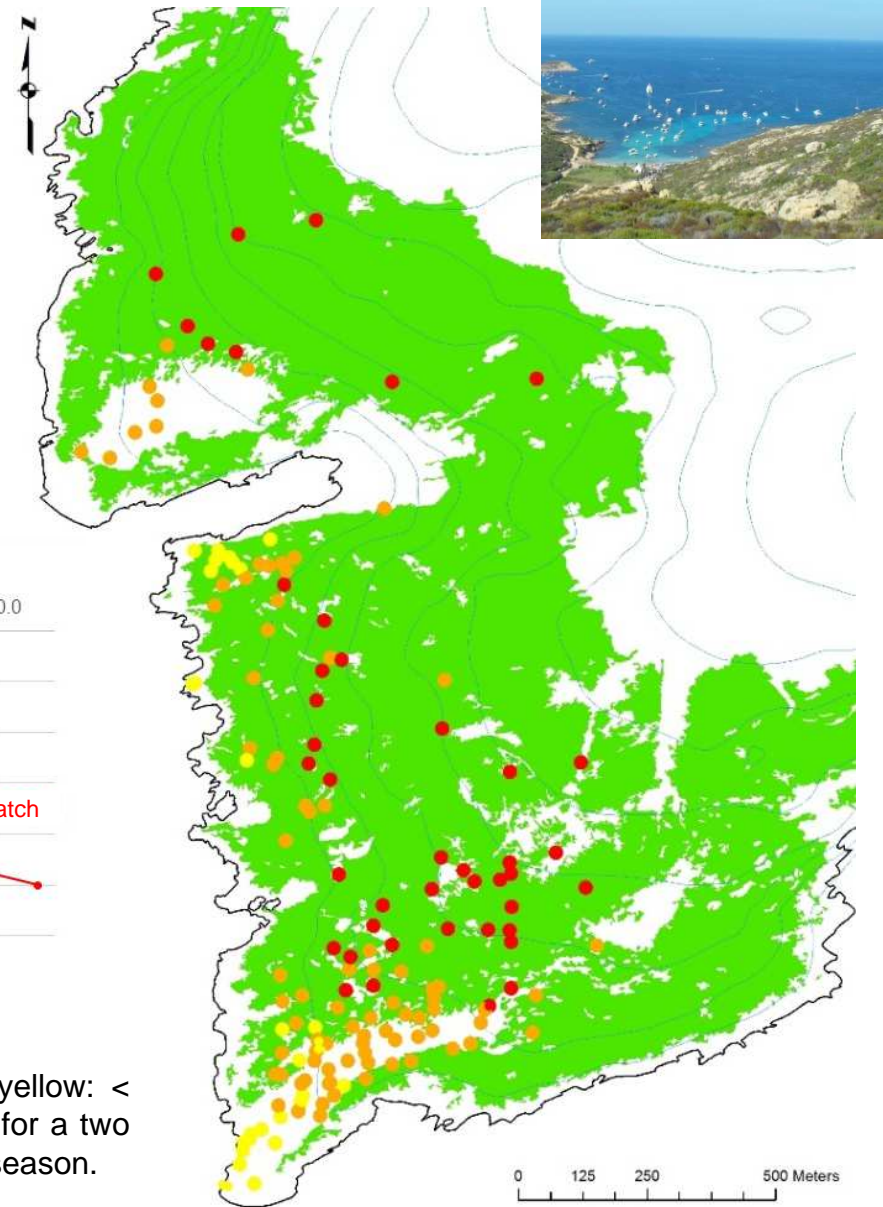
Patchiness Source Index (PaSI): to assess the origin (natural or induced by human activities) of the patches in *P. oceanica* meadows, identified with the use of side scan sonar and from the resulting mapping.

PaSI value	Color code
0.801 - 1	Blue
0.601 - 0.800	Green
0.401 - 0.600	Yellow
0.201 - 0.400	Orange
0 - 0.200	Red



200 m

# STARECAPMED - Anchoring



GPS localisation of boats in the Alga bay (yellow: < 10m; orange: 10-20m; red: > 20m). Data are for a two days frequentation period during the summer season.

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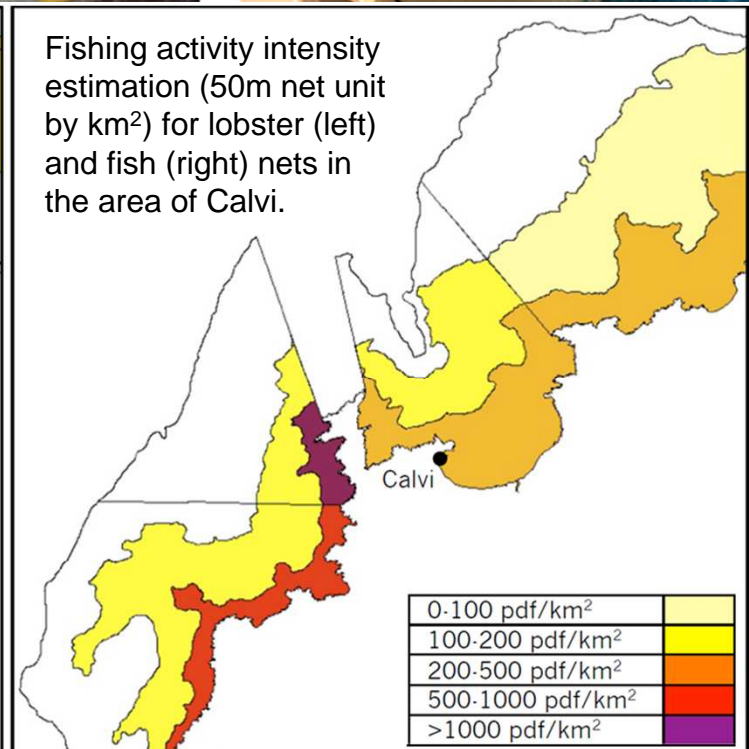
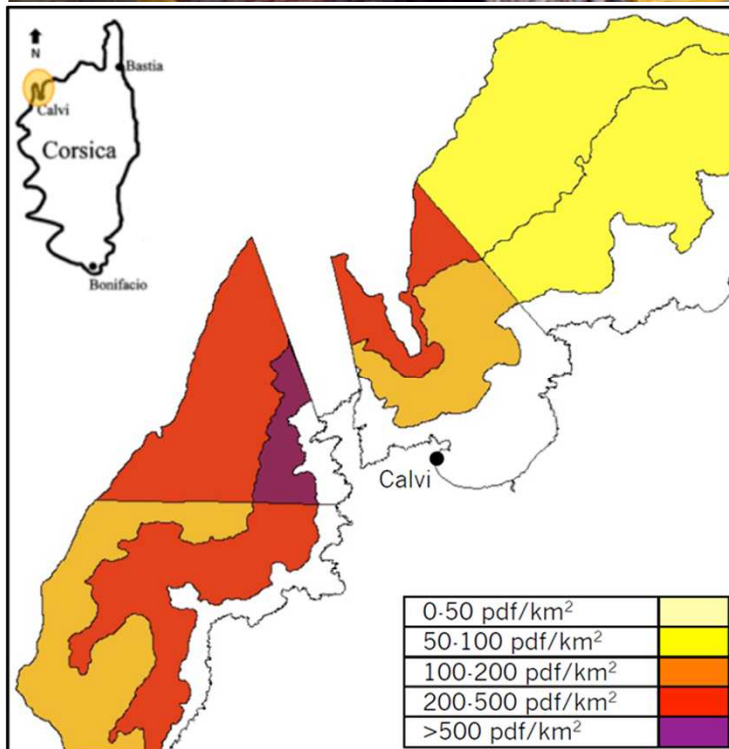




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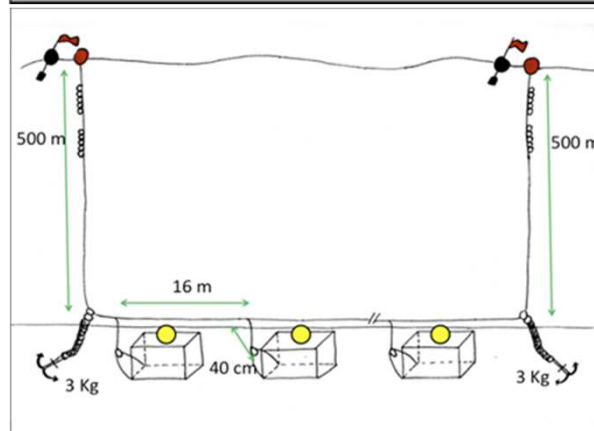
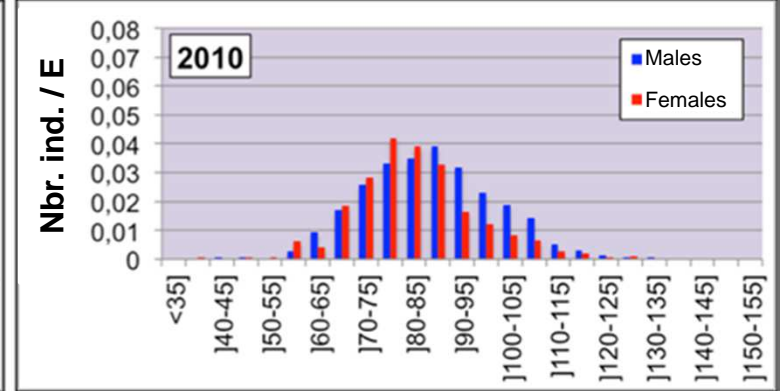
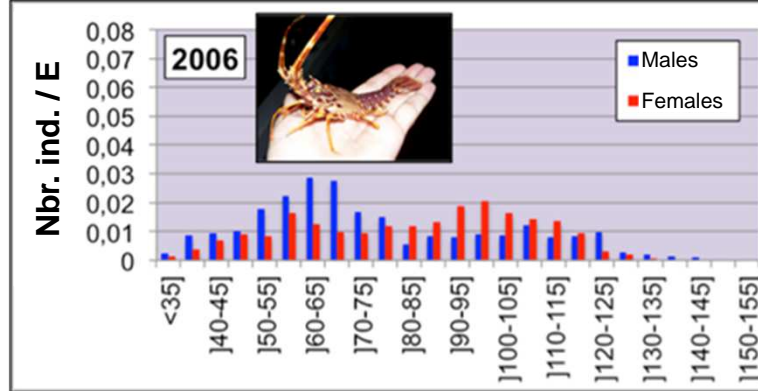
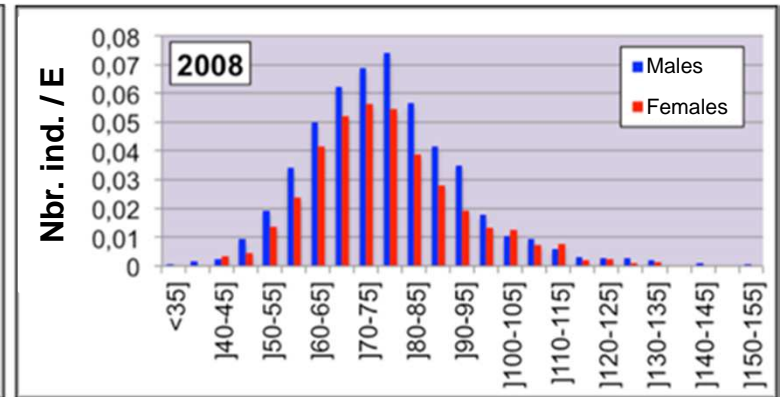
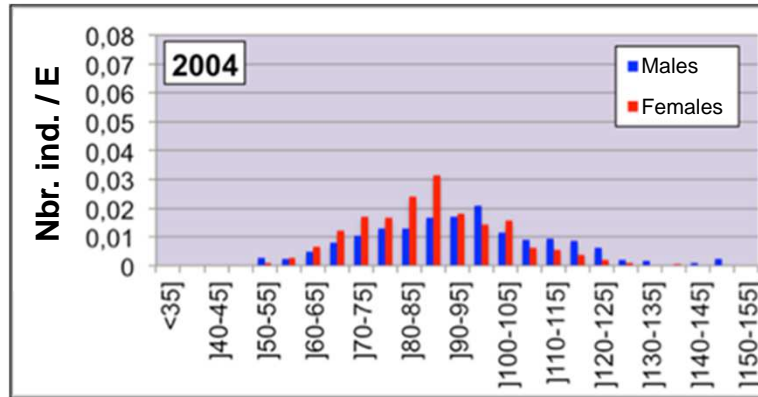
Fishing activity intensity estimation (50m net unit by km<sup>2</sup>) for lobster (left) and fish (right) nets in the area of Calvi.



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# STARECAPMED - Recruitment



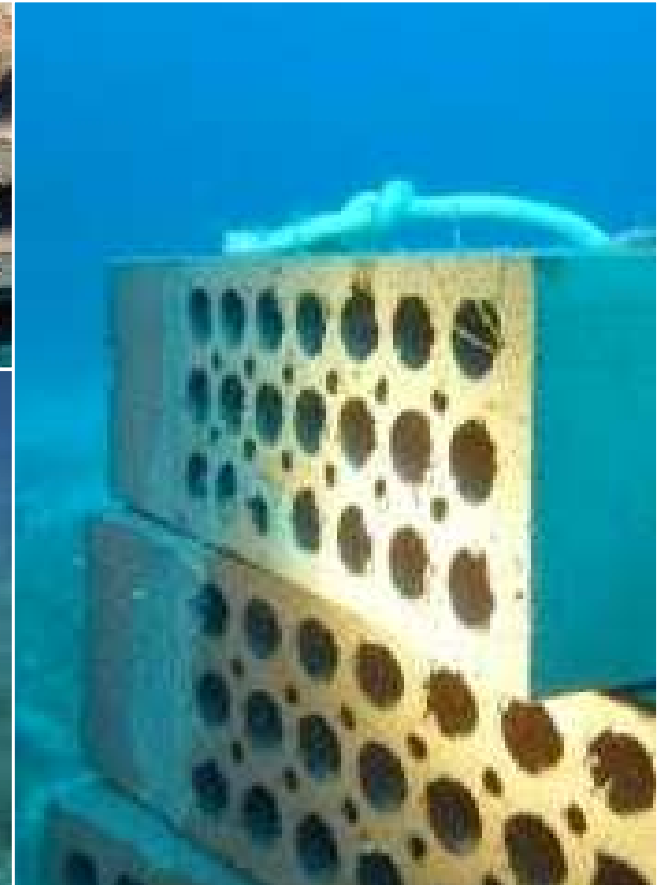
## PALINURUS ELEPHAS RECRUITMENT



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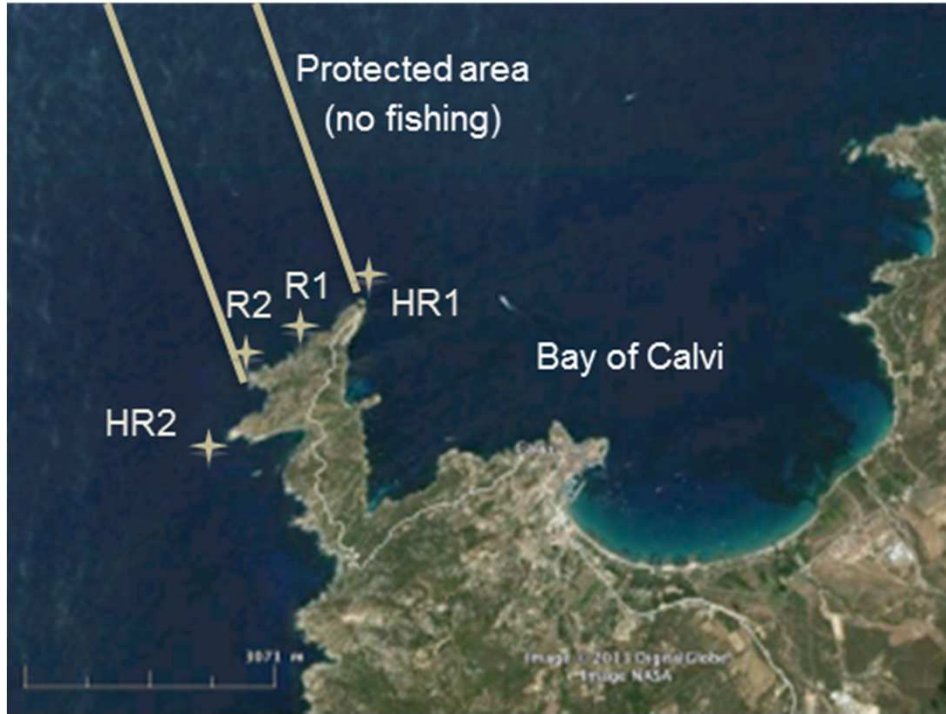


*PALINURUS ELEPHAS*  
RECRUITMENT



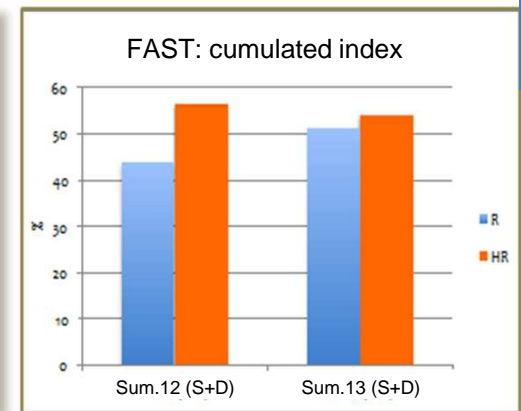
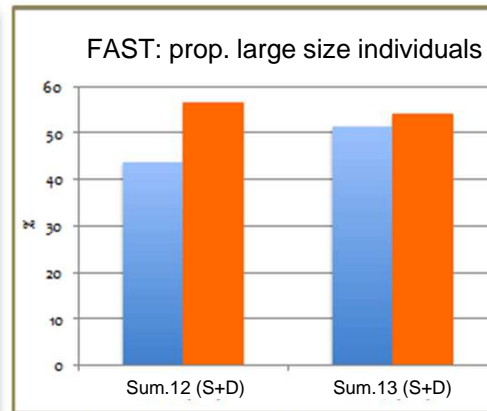
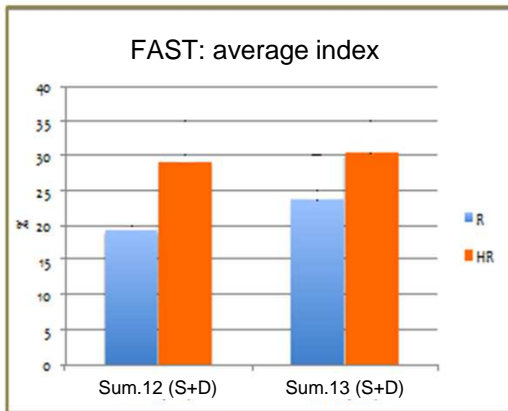


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Permanent transects vs. FAST index: modifications of the FAST index are under study to adapt it to situations with low reserve effect.

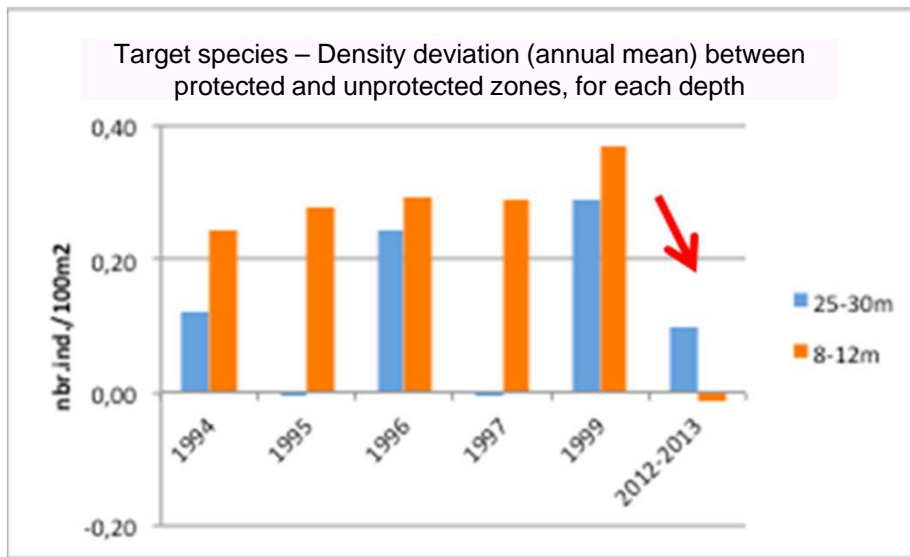
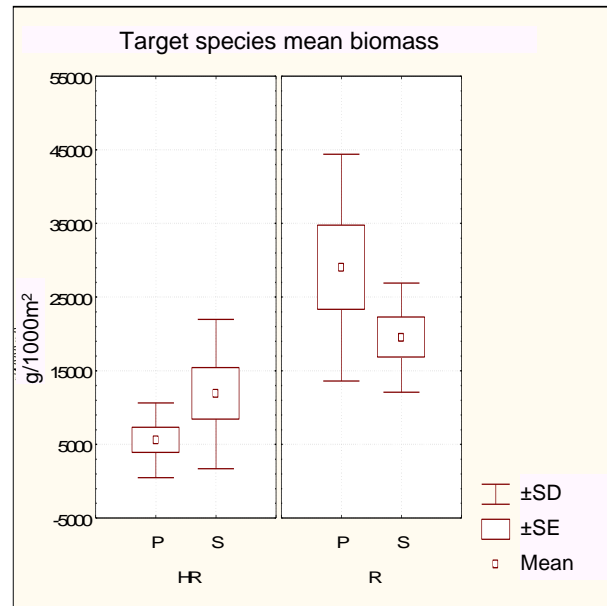
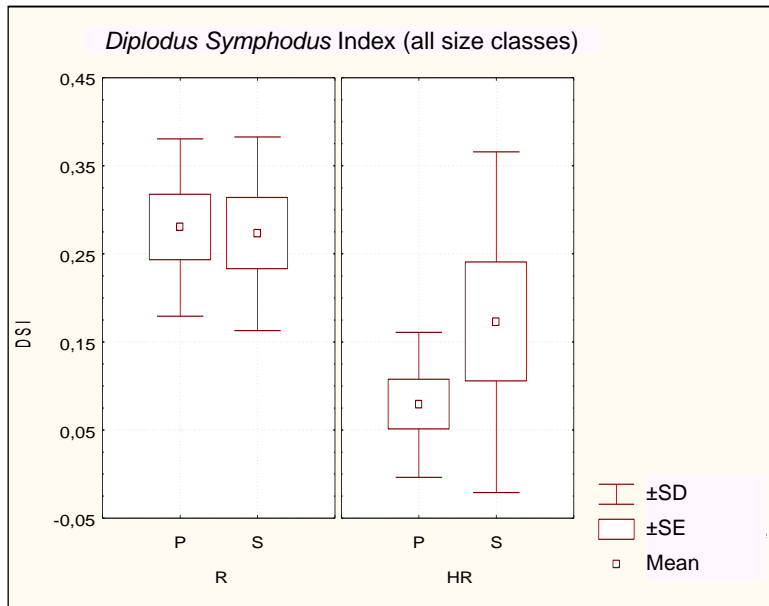
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# STARECAPMED - Examples



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MACROBENTHOS OF  
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PROFESSIONAL FISHERIES

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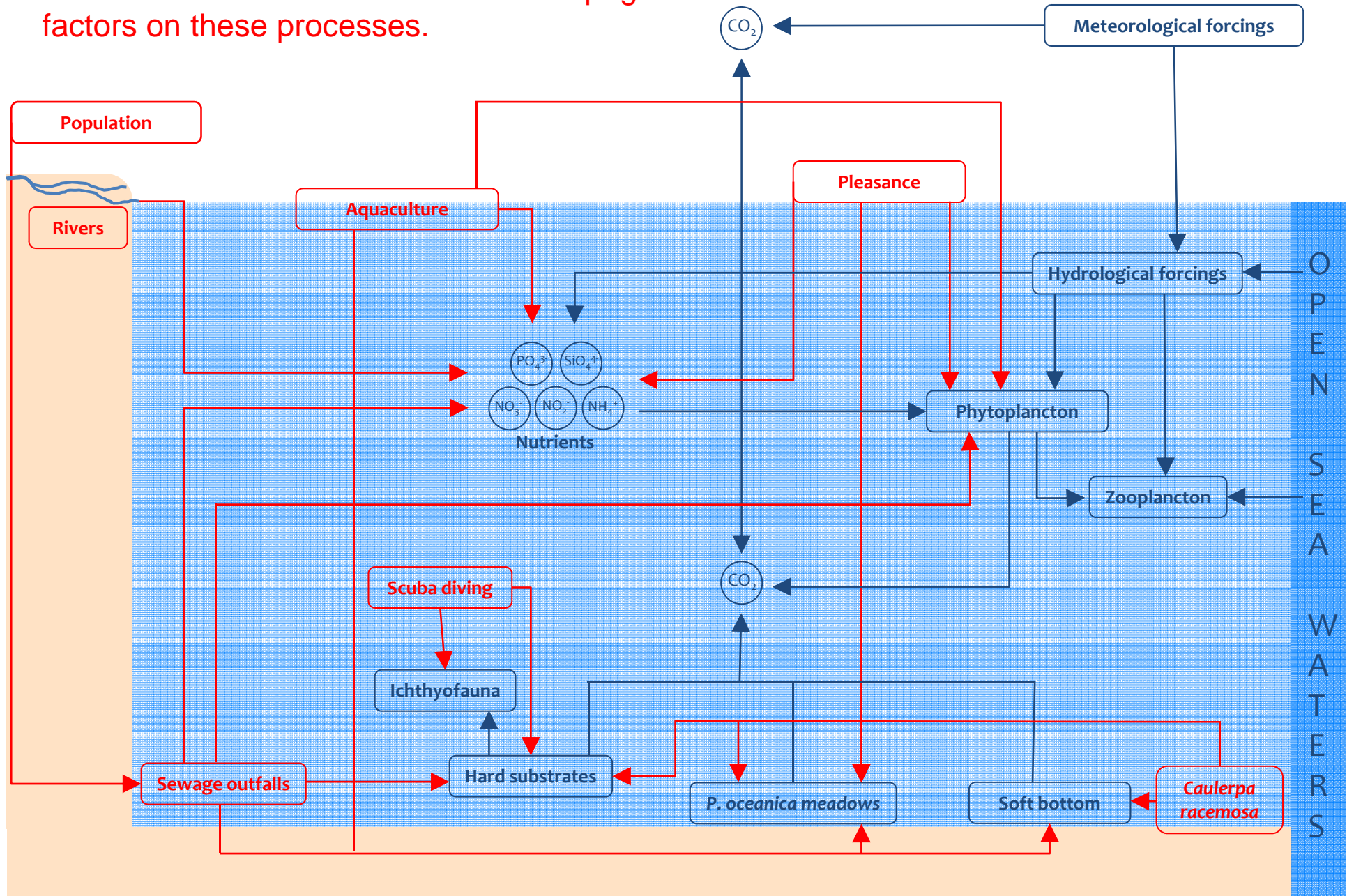
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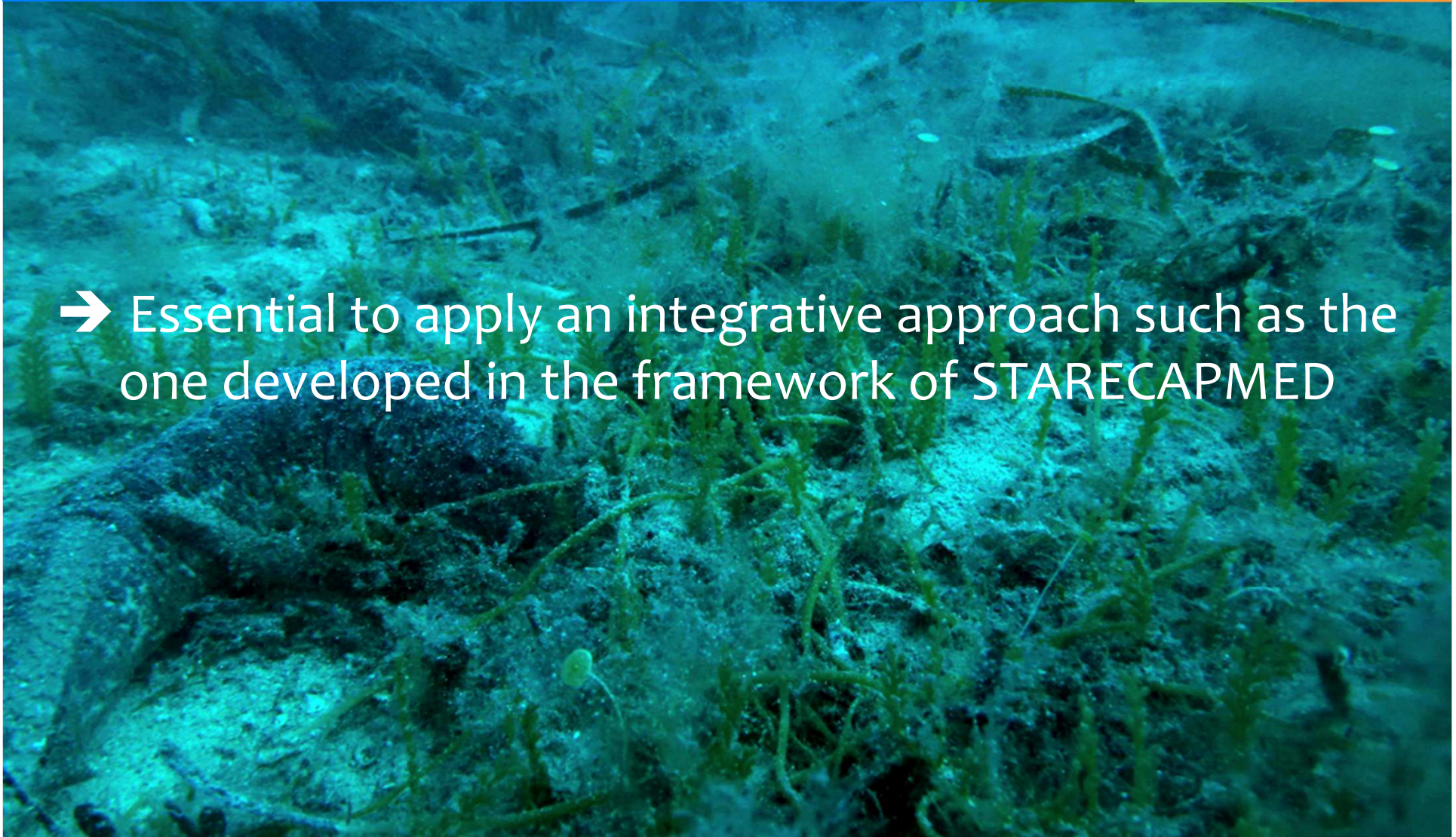
- To study the fundamental processes operating in bay of Calvi.
- To understand the influence of anthropogenic factors on these processes.



anchoring - *P. oceanica* - *C. racemosa* -  
landscape - fish recruitment and fisheries -  
macroalgae - macrobenthos - ecotoxicology -  
blue carbon well

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→ Essential to apply an integrative approach such as the one developed in the framework of STARECAPMED









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