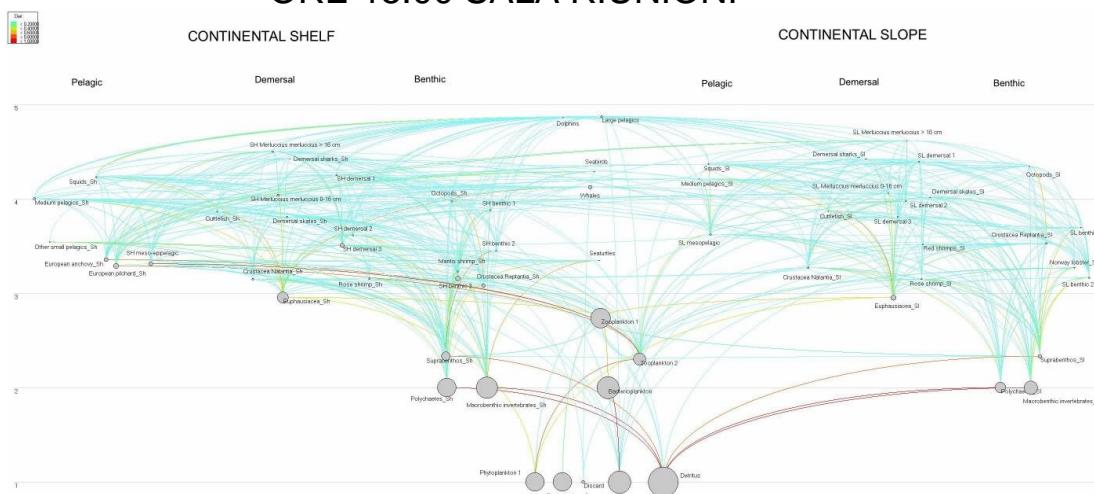




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“Potential ecosystem effects of the application of management targets derived from single species assessments: insights from a multispecies-multifleet model”

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Ecosystem approach to fishery requires the representation and analysis of effects of fisheries in a multifactor, multispecies and multifleet context. Nevertheless, fishery management advices are still achieved through the application of single species assessment methods, that might include some external factors but lack representation of interaction with other species. Here we used a food web model representing the central part of the Tyrrhenian Sea to test the potential effects of single species fisheries assessments on ecosystem context. The model describes the ecosystem by means of 62 functional groups (from picophytoplankton to marine mammals) and 4 main fishing fleets operating in the area (trawlers, longlines, purse-seiners and passive nets). This model is used to test the effects of single species assessments by performing scenarios in which fishing mortality for overexploited target species (e.g. hake, red mullet, deep-sea pink shrimp, anchovy) is imposed gradually to the Fmsy resulting from assessments. The results in terms of ecosystem changes (biomasses and indicators) are analysed. Application of MSY for one or more assessed species will be compared also with results obtained by optimizing portfolio of catches in a multispecies context. Results shed light to a complex trade-offs that emerge when performing ecosystem based analyses.

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