

Spatial fisheries management in the Adriatic Sea: DISPLACE model

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DISPLACE

A spatial model of fisheries to help maritime spatial planning

• A bi-directional model: it combines fishing activities and resource dynamics with very high resolution in time and space.

• An agent-based simulation model: aim to consider the socio-economic processes at the individual scale (e.g., fishing vessel or group of vessels).

With DISPLACE it is possible to simulate spatial restrictions for fisheries and to evaluate the bio-economic consequences of fishing effort displacement.







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Spatial planning for fisheries in the Northern Adriatic: working towards viable and sustainable fishing

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Data input (Italian fleet of GSA17):



- fishing areas (VMS for OTB and TBB, model of Stefanos Kavadas for GNS);
- fuel consumption by vessel type (fishing, navigation and neutral) and price;
- landings, CPUE, assessment and market prices for hake, red mullet, common sole and mantis shrimp;
- spatial distribution of the four target species by survey data (MEDITS and SOLEMON).



- 5-year simulation horizon
- 50 replicates (Monte-Carlo simulations)
- A single agent included 4 vessels («super-individuals»)

















Redistribution of common sole catches





Indicators for Bottom Otter Trawl





Indicators for Rapido Trawl





Indicators for Gillnets







NEW INPUT DATA

- n. vessels (Loa, GT, kW) using OTB, TBB and GNS per harbour in Italy GSA17 and Croatia;
- fishing areas (AIS data for OTB and TBB, model of S. Kavadas + participatory appproach for SSF);
- fuel consumption by vessel type (fishing, navigation and neutral) and price;
- landings, CPUE, assessment (except *N. norvegicus*) and market prices for hake, red mullet, common sole, mantis shrimp, Norway lobster and cuttlefish;
- spatial distribution of the six target species by survey data (MEDITS and SOLEMON).







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Possible alternative management measures will be evaluated by testing 6 scenarios:

- Coastal strip 4 mn (ban for trawlers)
- Coastal strip 6 mn (ban for trawlers)
- Pomo Pit (A, B and C zones FRA)
- New Sole sanctuary (ban for trawlers all year round + ban for gillnetters from 1st December to 28th February)
- Decrease of fishing effort by a 10% (fishing days)
- Sole selectivity: increase gillnet mesh size to 72mm and increase MLS to 25 cm TL





<u>Preliminary results</u> (after 5-years simulation horizon)

Simulated stress level categories (<-25%, -25 to 0%, 0 to 25%, >25%) at the fishing harbor communities' scale expressed as proportion of vessels with change in incomes from landings resulting from applying the scenarios



All Year 6nm ban





Preliminary results

Redistribution of fishing effort in all scenarios (in relative) compared to the baseline scenario (in absolute)





Thank you for your attentionany questions?

