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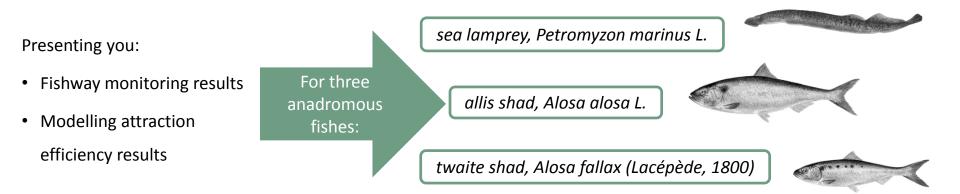








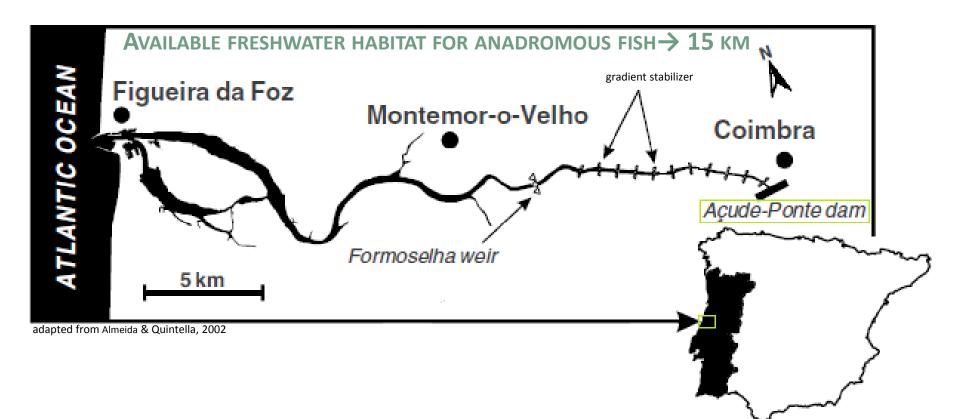
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RIVER MONDEGO AND ITS FRAGMENTATION

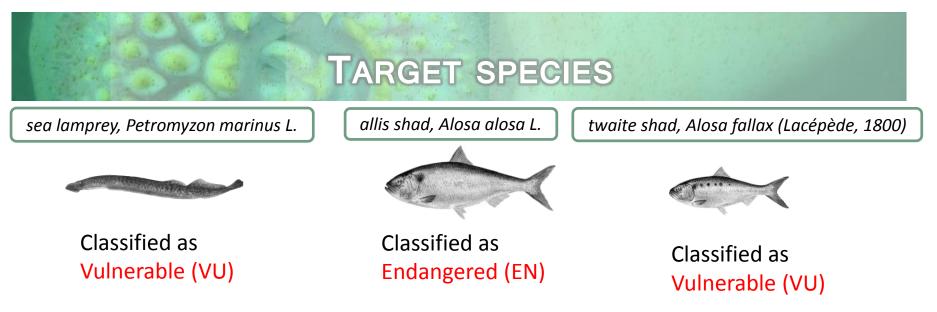
- Highly impounded;
- Açude-Ponte dam \rightarrow first insurmountable obstacle for migratory fish species.



ANADROMOUS SPECIES THAT OCCUR IN THE RIVER MONDEGO

- River Mondego represents an important stronghold for anadromous species.
 - Gastronomic delicacies;
 - Professional fisheries development;
 - Local and regional incomes.



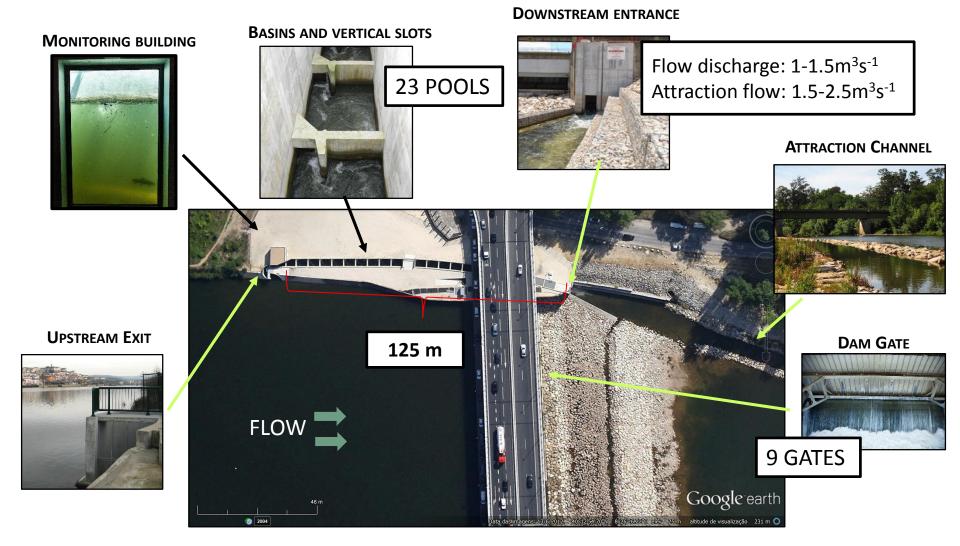


... in the Portuguese Red List of Threatened Species.

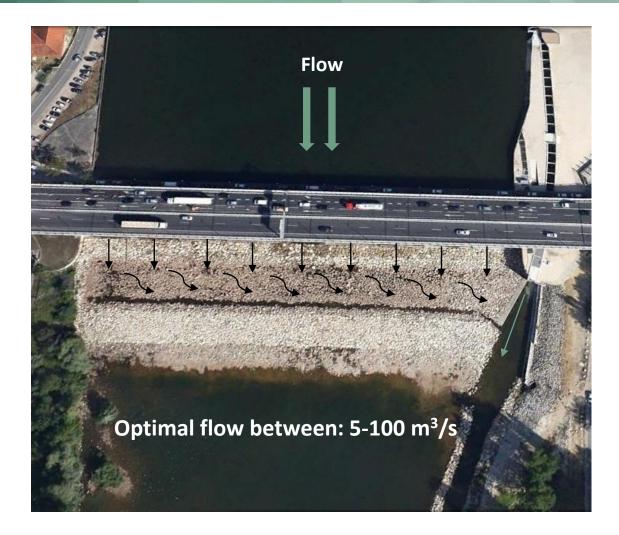
Threats:

- Loss of longitudinal connectivity;
- Overfishing and poaching;
- Water pollution;
- Destruction of ammocoetes beds through inert extraction.

AÇUDE-PONTE DAM AND A VERTICAL SLOT



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FISHWAY MONITORING

- Efficiency for the target species is being evaluated using several methodologies, namely:
 - visual counts;
 - Tagging (radio-telemetry and PIT Tags).



METHODOLOGIES APLLIED: VISUAL COUNTS

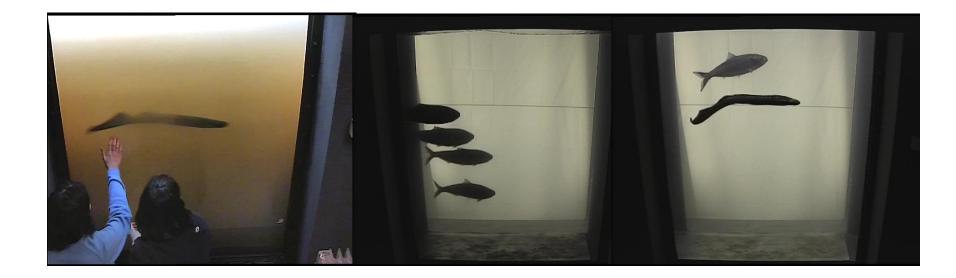
- a system to capture and record images;
- Counts made *a posteriori;*
- Continuous recording.



METHODOLOGIES APLLIED: VISUAL COUNTS

The objetive of this technique is to:

- Verify the effectiveness of the fishway;
- Identify specific behavior;
- Estimate the total biomass of fishes that transposed.



EXPLICATIVE-PREDITIVE MODELS → BOOSTED REGRESSION TREES (BRT)

DECISION TREES

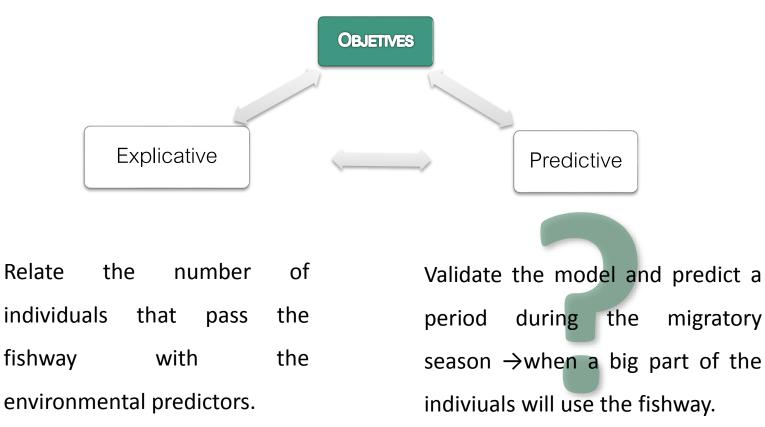
- Relate the number of counts of the studied species with environmental predictors;

- Works with binary splits.

BOOSTING

- Compose of simple model combinations;
 - Has a stochastic
 - component.

EXPLICATIVE-PREDICTIVE MODELS → BOOSTED REGRESSION TREES (BRT)



Predictors pre-selected to explain the movements of anadromous species:

- Temperature (°C)
- Specific Condutivity(µS/cm)
- Turbidity (FNU)
- *Salinity (psu)

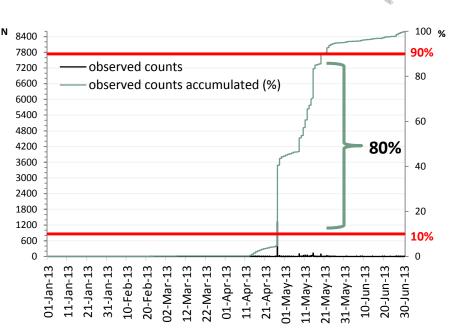
- Flow (m³/s)
- *Photoperiod
- Lunar Cycle
- Day Period

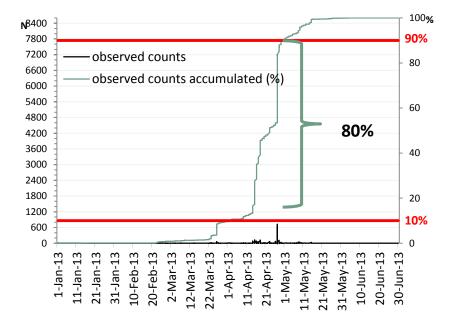
*Variables highly correlated (r > |0.8|) were excluded from the analysis.



set of data used



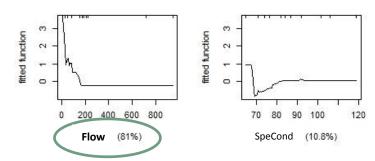


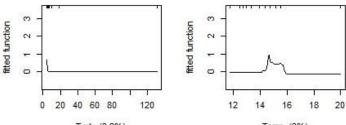


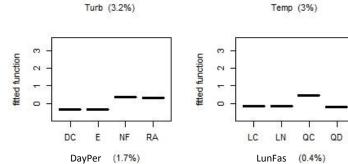
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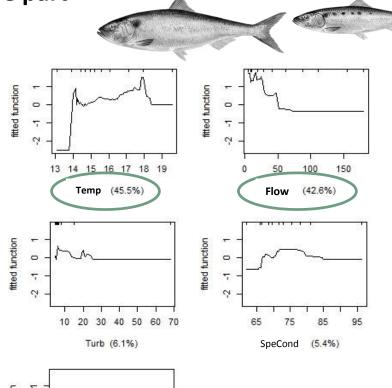
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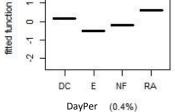






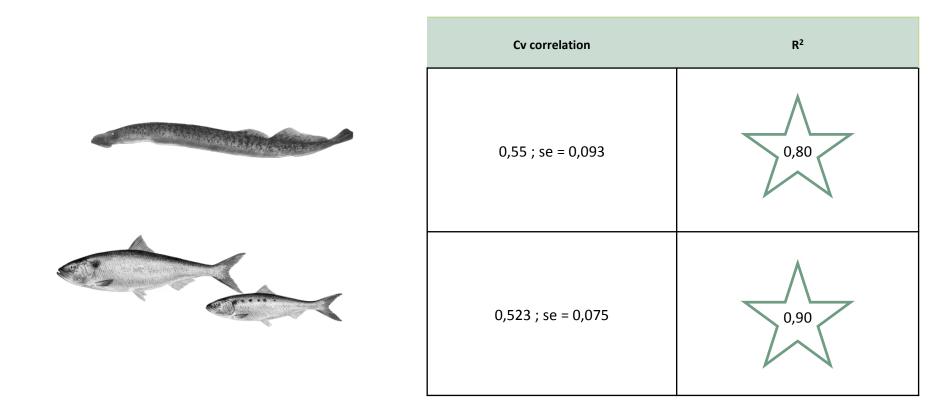






RESULTS: BRT MODEL

Performance of the models

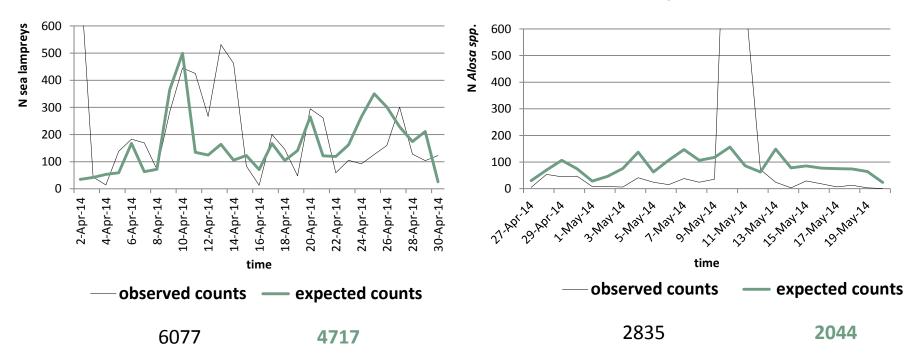


RESULTS: BRT MODEL

Predictive part

States - Land Charles - Land - The State



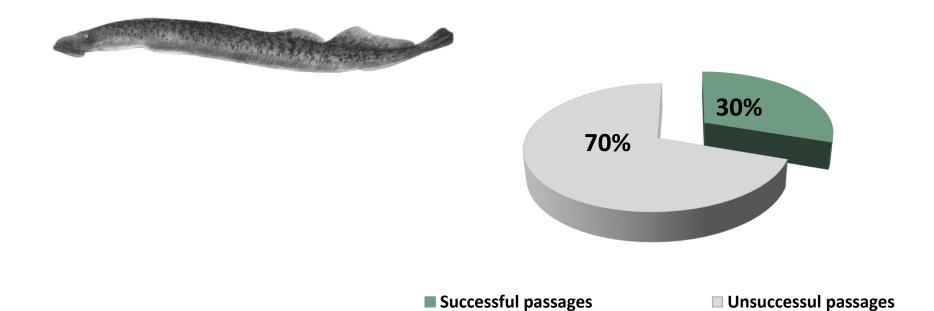


METHODOLOGIES APLLIED: PIT-TAGS

- In 2014;
- 225 sea lampreys were captured by a fyke net;
- Tagging with a Pit-tag;
- Antenna installed in the last basin;
- Allows to estimate the efficiency of the fishway for sea lamprey.



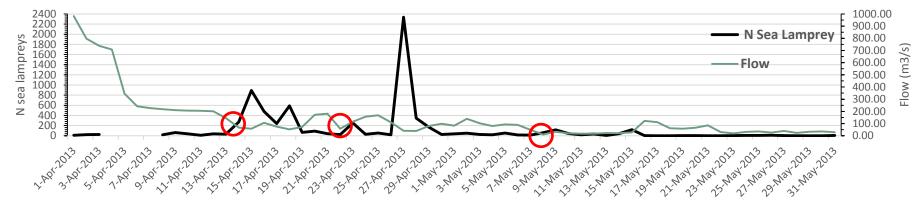
RESULTS: PIT-TAGS



88% of the passages ocorred at a lower flow ($<50 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$).

RESULTS: COUNTS X RELEVANT PREDICTORS

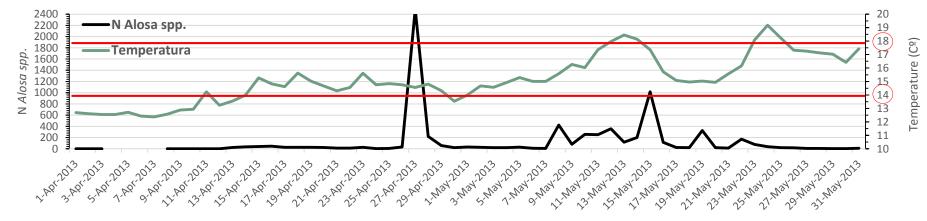




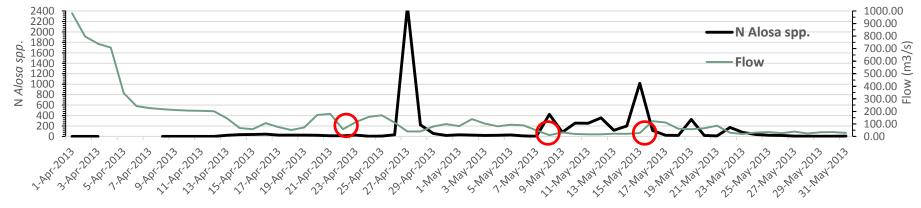
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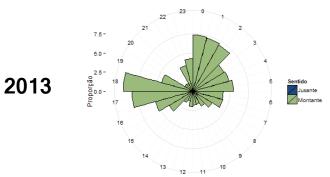
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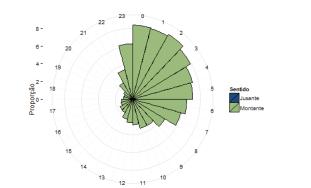
RESULTS: TRANSPOSITION PATTERNS





- Measurements made from the video recordings;
- Length-weight relationship : W = aL^b



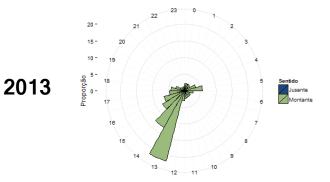


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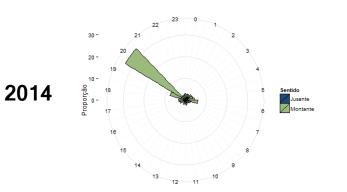


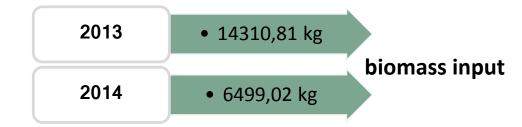
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SOME CONCLUSIONS...

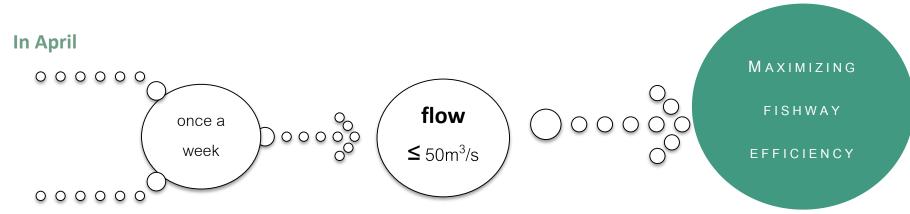
- BRT models show that:
 - Dam discharges significantly influence the migratory behavior of sea lamprey and *Alosa spp.*;
 - The efficiency was limited during high discharge periods;
 - To *Alosa spp*. the temperature was so importante as flow to the response variation;
 - The pit-tag technique and the relation between data counts and predictors emphasizes the results of the BRT models.



SOME CONCLUSIONS...

Proposal for a measure management





Between April and May



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