

## **Acoustic assessment and distribution of the main pelagic fish species in ICES Subdivision 9a South during the *ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10* Spanish survey (October 2020).**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The present working document summarises the main results obtained from the *ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10* Spanish (pelagic ecosystem-) acoustic-trawl survey conducted by IEO between 02<sup>nd</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 in the Portuguese and Spanish shelf waters (20-200 m isobaths) off the Gulf of Cadiz (GoC) onboard the R/V *Ramón Margalef*. The survey's main objective is the acoustic assessment of anchovy and sardine juveniles (age 0 fish) in the GoC recruitment areas. The 21 foreseen acoustic transects were sampled. A total of 22 valid fishing hauls were carried out for echo-trace ground-truthing purposes. Chub mackerel, anchovy, mackerel and sardine were the most frequent captured species in the fishing hauls, followed by bogue, horse mackerel, Mediterranean horse mackerel and blue jack mackerel. Boarfish, longspine snipefish and pearlside showed an incidental occurrence in the hauls performed in the surveyed area. Sardine, anchovy, chub mackerel and mackerel showed the highest yields. Total and regional estimates of total NASC allocated to the "pelagic fish species assemblage" in this survey become the historical records in their time-series. Such estimates are the result of the relatively high acoustic contributions of sardine (both in Portuguese and Spanish waters), anchovy (in Spanish waters), and chub mackerel (in Portuguese waters). GoC anchovy was widely distributed in the surveyed area, although higher densities were recorded between east of Cape Santa Maria and Bay of Cadiz. Anchovy acoustic estimates in autumn 2020, 36 070 t and 3197 million fish, showed a decrease in relation to the historical peak recorded the last year, but they were either close (abundance) or even higher (biomass) than the time-series average. The population was composed by fishes not older than 3 years. As usual, the bulk of the population, including juveniles, was located in Spanish waters. Age-0 anchovies accounted for 75% (2385 million) and 58% (21 060 t) of the total estimated abundance and biomass, respectively. Age-0 estimates experienced a similar decreasing trend than the one showed by the whole population in relation to the historical peak recorded the year before, but with values close to the time-series average. GoC sardine experienced a huge increase in autumn 2020, rising up to its time-series maximum and yielding 208 400 t and 5451 million fish, with similar regional contributions to the population and with the juveniles being located in the Spanish coastal waters. Age-6 group was the oldest age group in the population, although the occurrence of fishes older than 4 years was incidental. The population was mainly composed by fishes belonging to the age-0 to age-2 groups. Juvenile sardines (age-0 group) were the dominant group, accounting for 45% and 24% of the total abundance (2454 million) and biomass (49 259 t), respectively. This age-group also recorded its historical maximum in 2020. Chub mackerel estimates were of 22 918 t and 295 million fish, representing a slight decrease compared with the last year, but still above the time-series average. The population was composed by fishes not older than 3 years, with the age-1 group being the dominant one (73%, 216 million, and 75%, 17 082 t, of the total abundance and biomass). Age-0 fish was the second most important age group in the estimated population (17%, 51 million fish, and 12%, 2759 t, of the total abundance and biomass estimates). The bulk of the age-0 (73%) and age-1 groups (74%) was recorded in the Portuguese waters.

## INTRODUCTION

The first attempt by the IEO of acoustically assessing the abundance of anchovy and sardine juveniles in their main recruitment areas off the Gulf of Cadiz dates back to 2009 (*ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 1009* survey). However, that survey was unsuccessful as to the achievement of their objectives because of the succession of a series of unforeseen problems which led to drastically reduce the foreseen sampling area to only the 6 easternmost transects. The continuation of this survey series was not guaranteed for next years and, in fact, no survey of these characteristics was carried out in 2010 and 2011. In 2012, the *ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 1112* survey was financed by the Spanish Fisheries Secretariat and planned and conducted by the IEO with the aim of obtaining an autumn estimate of Gulf of Cadiz anchovy biomass and abundance. The survey was conducted with the R/V *Emma Bardán*. Although the survey was restricted to the Spanish waters only it has been considered as the first survey within its series (Ramos *et al.*, 2013). *ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2014-10* restarted the series and it was conducted with the R/V *Ramón Margalef*. The 2017 survey should be the fifth survey within its series. However, an unexpected a serious breakdown of the vessel's propulsion system led to an early termination of the survey, which restricted the surveyed area to the one comprised by the seven easternmost transects only.

The general objective of these surveys is the acoustic assessment by vertical echo-integration and mapping of the abundance and biomass of recruits of small pelagic species (especially anchovy and sardine), as well as the mapping of both the oceanographic and biological conditions featuring the recruitment areas of these species in the Division 9a. The long term objective of the surveys would be to be able to assess the strength of the incoming recruitment to the fishery of these species the next year.

The present Working Document reports the main results from the *ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10* survey (the sixth within its series), namely the acoustic estimates of abundance and biomass (age-structured for anchovy, sardine and chub mackerel) and the spatial distribution of the assessed species.

## MATERIAL AND METHODS

The *ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10* survey was conducted between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 onboard the Spanish R/V *Ramón Margalef* covering a survey area which comprised the waters of the Gulf of Cadiz, both Spanish and Portuguese, between the 20 m and 200 m isobaths. The survey design consisted in a systematic parallel grid with tracks equally spaced by 8 nm, normal to the shoreline (**Figure 1**).

Echo-integration was carried out with a recently installed *Simrad™ EK80* echo-sounder working in the multi-frequency fashion (18, 38, 70, 120, 200, 333 kHz) and in CW mode. Average survey speed was about 10 knots and the acoustic signals were integrated over 1-nm intervals (ESDU). Raw acoustic data were stored for further post-processing using *Myriax Software Echoview™* software package (by *Myriax Software Pty. Ltd.*, ex *SonarData Pty. Ltd.*). Acoustic equipment was calibrated between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> October in the Bay of Algeciras following the ICES standard procedures (Demer *et al.*, 2015; see also Foote *et al.*, 1987).

Survey execution and abundance estimation followed the methodologies firstly adopted by the ICES Planning Group for Acoustic Surveys in ICES Sub-Areas VIII and IX (ICES, 1998) and the recommendations given later by the *Working Group on Acoustic and Egg Surveys for Small Pelagic Fish in NE Atlantic* (WGACEGG; ICES, 2006a,b).

Fishing hauls for echo-trace ground-truthing were opportunistic, according to the echogram information, and they were carried out using a *Gloria HOD 352* pelagic trawl gear (ca. 10 m-mean vertical opening net) at an average speed of 4-4.5 knots. Gear performance and geometry during the effective fishing was monitored with *Simrad™ Mesotech FS20* trawl sonar, a *Marport™ Narrow Band Trawl Eye* and *Scanmar™*

trawl door sensors for inter-doors distance and depth. Trawl sonar data from each haul were recorded and stored for further analyses.

Ground-truthing haul samples provided biological data on species and they were also used to identify fish species and to allocate the back-scattering values into fish species according to the proportions found at the fishing stations (Nakken and Dommasnes, 1975).

Length frequency distributions (LFD) by 0.5-cm class were obtained for all the fish species in trawl samples (either from the total catch or from a representative random sample of 100-200 fish). Only those LFDs based on a minimum of 30 individuals and showing a normal distribution were considered for the purpose of the acoustic assessment.

Given a shortage of personnel due to COVID-19 protocols the individual biological sampling (length, weight, sex, maturity stage, stomach fullness, and mesenteric fat content) was performed in each haul for anchovy, sardine and chub mackerel only. Otoliths were extracted from these three species.

The following TS/length relationship table was used for acoustic estimation of assessed species (recent IEO standards after ICES, 1998; and recommendations by ICES, 2006a,b):

Species	$b_{20}$
Sardine ( <i>Sardina pilchardus</i> )	-72.6
Round sardinella ( <i>Sardinella aurita</i> )	-72.6
Anchovy ( <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i> )	-72.6
Chub mackerel ( <i>Scomber japonicus</i> )	-68.7
Mackerel ( <i>S. scombrus</i> )	-84.9
Horse mackerel ( <i>Trachurus trachurus</i> )	-68.7
Mediterranean horse-mackerel ( <i>T. mediterraneus</i> )	-68.7
Blue jack mackerel ( <i>T. picturatus</i> )	-68.7
Bogue ( <i>Boops boops</i> )	-67.0
Transparent goby ( <i>Aphia minuta</i> )	-67.5
Atlantic pomfret ( <i>Brama brama</i> )	-67.5
Blue whiting ( <i>Micromesistius poutassou</i> )	-67.5
Silvery lightfish/pearlside ( <i>Maurolicus muelleri</i> )	-72.2
Longspine snipefish ( <i>Macroramphosus scolopax</i> )	-80.0
Boarfish ( <i>Capros aper</i> )	-66.2* (-72.6)

\*Boarfish  $b_{20}$  estimate following to Fässler *et al.* (2013). Between parentheses the usual IEO value considered in previous surveys.

The PESMA software (J. Miquel, IEO, unpublished) has got implemented the needed procedures and routines for the acoustic assessment following the above approach and it has been the software package used for the acoustic estimation.

No continuous recording of SST, SSS and *in-vivo* fluorescence was possible to be carried out during the acoustic tracking because the thermosalinograph was under repair. Vertical profiles of hydrographical variables were also recorded by night from 178 CTDO<sub>2</sub> casts over 23 transects using a Sea-bird Electronics™ SBE 911+ SEACAT (with coupled Datasonics altimeter, SBE 43 oximeter, WetLabs ECO-FL-NTU fluorimeter and WetLabs C-Star 25 cm transmissometer sensors) profiler (Figure 2). VMADCP RDI 150 kHz records were also continuously recorded by night between CTD stations. Census of top predators was not recorded during the survey.

A detailed description of protocols and methods followed in this survey series is reported in Doray *et al.* (2021).

## RESULTS

### Acoustic sampling

The acoustic sampling was restricted to the period comprised between 8<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October. The complete grid (21 transects) was acoustically sampled (**Table 1; Figure 1**). The sampling scheme followed to accomplish this grid was conditioned by the conduction of Spanish Navy and Army exercises during the survey, which occupied all the Spanish shelf waters. The sampling experienced several “jumps” looking for space-time opportunity windows for the acoustic surveying trying to avoid such military exercises. Thus, the order and/or direction of the realization of the acoustic transects had to be modified on 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October. The acoustic sampling was partially interrupted on 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> October in order to satisfy the R/V's refueling and provisioning needs. The arrival of the tropical storm Barbara to the Gulf during the survey's last days (19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> October) caused a poor weather and rough sea, entailing losses of the acoustic signal which led to the repetition of the transect RA09 by changing the sailing direction over the transect. In order to perform the acoustic sampling with daylight, the acoustic sampling started at 06:40-06:45 UTC, although this time might vary depending on the duration of the works related with the hydrographic sampling the previous night.

### Groundtruthing hauls

A total of twenty two (22) fishing operations for echo-trace ground-truthing (all of them were valid according to a correct gear performance and resulting catches), were carried out during the survey (**Table 2, Figure 3**). Because of many echo-traces usually occurred close to the bottom, all the pelagic hauls but PE04 (a pelagic haul *sensu stricto*) were carried out like a bottom-trawl haul, with the ground rope working over or very close to the bottom. Five hauls were performed over a determined isobath instead of being conducted over the acoustic transect. According to the above, the sampled depth range in the valid hauls oscillated between 33 and 188 m.

During the survey were captured 2 Chondrichthyan, 35 Osteichthyes, 3 Cephalopod, 2 Echinoderm, and several Cnidarian species. The percentage of occurrence of the more frequent fish species (chondrichthyans excluded) in the hauls is shown in the enclosed Text Table below (see also **Figure 4**). The pelagic ichthyofauna was both the most frequently captured species set and the one composing the bulk of the overall yields of the catches. Within this pelagic fish species set chub mackerel (86% presence index), anchovy (73%), mackerel (68%) and sardine (64%) were the most frequent species in the valid hauls, followed by bogue (36%), horse mackerel (32%), Mediterranean horse mackerel (23%) and blue jack mackerel (18%). Boarfish, longspine snipefish and pearlside showed an incidental occurrence in the hauls performed in the surveyed area. Round sardinella and blue whiting were absent in the catches.

For the purposes of the acoustic assessment, anchovy, sardine, mackerel species, horse & jack mackerel species, bogue, boarfish, snipefish and pearlside were initially considered as the survey target species. All the invertebrates, skates, rays and benthic fish species were excluded from the computation of the total catches in weight and in number from those fishing stations where they occurred. Catches of the remaining non-target fish species were included in an operational category termed as “Others”.

According to the above premises, during the survey were captured a total of 19 866 kg and 458 thousand fish (**Table 3**). Fifty three per cent (53%) of this “total” fished biomass corresponded to sardine, 17% to chub mackerel, 12% to anchovy, 11% to mackerel, 4% to horse mackerel, and contributions lower than 1% for the remaining species. The most abundant species in ground-truthing trawl hauls was sardine (46%),

followed by anchovy (34%), chub mackerel and mackerel (9% and 8%, respectively), and horse mackerel (3%), with each of the remaining species accounting for equal to or less than 1%.

The species composition of these fishing hauls (as expressed in terms of percentages in number) is shown in **Figure 4**.

Species	OCCURRENCE (Number of valid hauls)	OCCURRENCE (% over Total valid hauls)	Total weight (Kg)	Total number
<i>Scomber colias</i>	19	86,36 %	3437,167	39632
<i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i>	16	72,73 %	2336,636	154483
<i>Scomber scombrus</i>	15	68,18 %	2148,937	38041
<i>Sardina pilchardus</i>	14	63,64 %	10605,051	209268
<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	13	59,09 %	8,143	58
<i>Boops boops</i>	8	36,36 %	37,454	397
<i>Trachurus trachurus</i>	7	31,82 %	765,933	12967
<i>Spondylisoma cantharus</i>	6	27,27 %	66,381	560
<i>Mola mola</i>	6	27,27 %	71,955	27
<i>Trachurus mediterraneus</i>	5	22,73 %	163,134	766
<i>Diplodus vulgaris</i>	5	22,73 %	94,929	648
<i>Trachurus picturatus</i>	4	18,18 %	56,546	706
<i>Pagellus bellottii bellottii</i>	4	18,18 %	2,565	25
<i>Pagellus erythrinus</i>	3	13,64 %	10,790	66
<i>Diplodus bellottii</i>	3	13,64 %	11,670	267
<i>Spicara flexuosa</i>	3	13,64 %	0,860	30
<i>Macroramphosus scolopax</i>	2	9,09 %	3,249	196
<i>Pagellus acarne</i>	2	9,09 %	2,417	12
<i>Sarda sarda</i>	2	9,09 %	3,110	2
<i>Stromateus fiatola</i>	2	9,09 %	1,720	4
<i>Maurolicus muelleri</i>	1	4,55 %	0,044	43
<i>Zeus faber</i>	1	4,55 %	1,520	1
<i>Capros aper</i>	1	4,55 %	0,030	5
<i>Liza aurata</i>	1	4,55 %	1,310	1
<i>Remora brachyptera</i>	1	4,55 %	0,010	1
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	1	4,55 %	0,295	1
<i>Caranx rhonchus</i>	1	4,55 %	16,830	34
<i>Trachinotus ovatus</i>	1	4,55 %	0,340	2
<i>Pomadasys incisus</i>	1	4,55 %	1,280	10
<i>Diplodus annularis</i>	1	4,55 %	0,075	2
<i>Dentex gibbosus</i>	1	4,55 %	2,770	1
<i>Sparus aurata</i>	1	4,55 %	0,430	1
<i>Spicara maena</i>	1	4,55 %	0,050	1
<i>Xiphias gladius</i>	1	4,55 %	8,715	1
<i>Aphia minuta</i>	1	4,55 %	0,001	3

## Back-scattering energy attributed to the “pelagic assemblage” and individual species

A total of 310 nmi (ESDU) from 21 transects has been acoustically sampled by echo-integration for assessment purposes. The enclosed text table below provides the nautical area-scattering coefficients attributed to each of the selected target species and for the whole “pelagic fish assemblage”.

$S_A$ ( $m^2$ nmi <sup>-2</sup> )	TOTAL	PIL	ANE	MAC	VMA	HOM	HMM	JAA	BOG	BOC	SNS	MAV
<b>TOTAL AREA</b>	229241	131553	45404	7453	32558	2395	1673	281	146	0	4	7774
<b>%</b>	100	57,4	19,8	3,3	14,2	1,0	0,7	0,1	0,1	0,0001	0,002	3,4
<b>Portugal</b>	99332	57999	2832	7428	22115	1419	0	240	50	0	4	7245
<b>%</b>	43,3	44,1	6,2	99,7	67,9	59,2	0	85,5	34,5	100	100	93,2
<b>Spain</b>	129909	73555	42572	25	10443	976	1673	41	95	0	0	529
<b>%</b>	56,7	55,9	93,8	0,3	32,1	40,8	100	14,5	65,5	0	0	6,8

For this “pelagic fish assemblage” has been estimated a total of 229 241 m<sup>2</sup> nmi<sup>-2</sup>, the maximum value recorded throughout the time-series. The highest NASC value (13 108 m<sup>2</sup> nmi<sup>-2</sup>) was recorded in the inner-shelf waters (40 m) in front of Quarteira (transect R16, **Figure 5**), although very close values were also recorded in the inner- and mid-shelf waters (32-69 m depth) of transects R08, R111, R13, R16 and R20. By species, sardine accounted for 57% of this total back-scattered energy, followed by anchovy (20%) and chub mackerel (14%), and the remaining species with relative contributions of acoustic energies lower than 4%.

According to the resulting values of integrated acoustic energy and the availability and representativeness of the length frequency distributions, the species acoustically assessed in the present survey finally were anchovy, sardine, mackerel, chub mackerel, blue jack mackerel, horse mackerel, Mediterranean horse mackerel, bogue, boarfish, snipefish and pearlside.

## Spatial distribution and abundance/biomass estimates

### **Anchovy**

Parameters of the survey’s length-weight relationship for anchovy are given in **Table 4**. Size composition and mean size in the fishing hauls are represented in the spatial context in **Figure 6**. The mapping of the backscattering energy (nautical area scattering coefficient, *NASC*, in m<sup>2</sup> nmi<sup>-2</sup>) attributed to the species and the coherent strata considered for the acoustic estimation are shown in **Figure 7**. The estimated abundance and biomass by size class are given in **Table 5** and **Figure 8**. **Figure 9** shows the acoustic estimates by age group. **Table 6** shows the time-series of estimates for the whole population and Age-0 fish.

Gulf of Cadiz anchovy (20% of the total *NASC* attributed to fish) was widely distributed in the surveyed area, although higher densities were recorded between east of Cape Santa Maria and Bay of Cadiz (**Figure 7**).

Eight (8) coherent post-strata have been differentiated according to the  $S_A$  value distribution and the size composition in the representative fishing hauls (**Figure 7**). Overall anchovy acoustic estimates in autumn 2020 were of 3197 million fish and 36 070 tones (**Table 5; Figure 8**), entailing 42% and 25% decreases in abundance and biomass, respectively, in relation to the last year’s estimates (5518 million, 48 398 t). Notwithstanding the above, the current overall estimates are either close (abundance) or above (biomass) the time-series average (i.e. 3270 million; 23 538 t), (see **Table 6** and **Figure 42**). By geographical strata, the

Spanish waters yielded 95% (3051 million) and 91% (32 780 t) of the total estimated abundance and biomass in the Gulf, confirming the importance of these waters in the species' distribution. The estimates for the Portuguese waters were 145 million and 3290 t (**Table 5; Figure 8**).

The size class range of the assessed anchovy population in autumn 2020 varied between the 7.5 and 17.5 cm size classes, with two modal classes, the main mode at 9.5 cm and a secondary mode at 13.5 cm. The size composition of anchovy throughout the surveyed area confirms the usual pattern exhibited by the species during the survey season, with the largest (and oldest) fish being distributed in the westernmost waters and the smallest (and youngest) ones concentrated in the surroundings of the Guadalquivir river mouth and adjacent shallow waters (**Figures 6 and 8**).

The population was composed by fishes not older than 3 years. Age 0 fish accounted for 75% (2385 million) and 58% (21 060 t) of the total estimated abundance and biomass, respectively (**Table 6; Figure 9**). Spanish waters concentrated the bulk (99%) of this juvenile fraction. The estimates of age-0 fish experienced a similar decreasing trend than the one showed by the whole population in relation to the historical peak recorded the year before, but with values close to the time-series average (**Table 6**). Age 1 fish represented 24% and 40% of the total abundance and biomass (**Figure 9**).

The 2020 autumn estimates of mean size and weight of the whole population (11.9 cm, 11.3 g) were somewhat higher than their respective time-series averages (11.2 cm, 9.2 g).

## Sardine

Parameters of the survey's size-weight relationship for sardine are shown in **Table 4**. Size composition and mean size in the fishing hauls are represented in the spatial context in **Figure 10**. The mapping of the backscattering energy (nautical area scattering coefficient, *NASC*, in  $\text{m}^2 \text{nmi}^{-2}$ ) attributed to the species and the coherent post-strata considered for the acoustic estimation are shown in **Figure 11**. Estimated abundance and biomass by size class are given in **Table 7** and **Figure 12**. **Figure 13** shows the acoustic estimates by age group. **Table 8** shows the time-series of estimates for the whole population and Age-0 fish. No age data are available for the 2020 survey.

GoC sardine recorded a relatively high acoustic echo-integration in autumn 2020 (57% of the total *NASC* attributed to pelagic fish species assemblage), as a consequence of the occurrence of dense mid-water schools in the coastal fringe of the Spanish central waters of the Gulf (30-63 m depth) and Algarve waters (32-86 m), (**Figure 11**). Sardine was widely distributed all over the surveyed area (avoiding both western- and easternmost waters) and, as a consequence of the abovementioned occurrence of dense schools in coastal waters, with very high densities in the inner-middle shelf waters.

Six (6) coherent post-strata have been differentiated according to the  $S_A$  value distribution and the size composition in the fishing hauls (**Figure 11**). GoC sardine abundance and biomass in autumn 2020 were estimated at 5451 million fish and 208 400 t, the historical record within its series, as a result of huge increases in abundance and biomass in relation to the last year's estimates (937 million and 36 465 t; **Table 7, Figure 12**). Spanish waters concentrated 63% and 49% of the total estimated abundance and biomass, respectively (3445 million and 102 607 t), values that lead to infer the occurrence of the smallest sardines in these waters. The estimates for the Portuguese waters were 2006 million and 105 783 t.

Sizes of the assessed sardine population in autumn 2020 ranged between 10.0 and 22.0 cm size classes. The length frequency distribution of the population was clearly bimodal, with one main mode at 18.0 cm size class and a secondary one at 11.0 cm (**Table 7; Figure 12**).

Age-6 group was the oldest age group occurring in the population, although the occurrence of fishes older than 4 years was incidental. The population was mainly composed by fishes belonging to the age-0 to age-2

groups. Juvenile sardines (age-0 group) were the dominant group, accounting for 45% and 24% of the total abundance (2454 million) and biomass (49 259 t), respectively. The bulk of the juvenile fraction (90% of the juvenile total abundance) was recorded in Spanish waters, especially in the relatively shallow waters along the coastal fringe comprised between Matalascañas and the Bay of Cadiz (**Table 8; Figures 10 and 13**).

The 2020 autumn estimates of mean length and weight of the whole population (15.9 cm, 38.2 g), are both at the same level that the last year's estimates and are very close to the time-series averages (i.e. 15.6 cm, 37.3 g).

## Mackerel

Parameters of the survey's length-weight relationship are shown in **Table 4**. Size composition and mean size in the fishing hauls are represented in the spatial context in **Figure 14**. The mapping of the backscattering energy (nautical area scattering coefficient, *NASC*, in  $m^2 nmi^{-2}$ ) attributed to the species and the coherent post-strata considered for the acoustic estimation are shown in **Figure 15**. Estimated abundance and biomass by size class are given in **Table 9** and **Figure 16**.

Atlantic mackerel (3% of the total *NASC*) showed a main density nucleus in the westernmost Algarve, showing an incidental occurrence in the central zone of the surveyed area (**Figure 15**).

The size range recorded in positive hauls was comprised between 18.5 and 34.5 cm size classes, with a dominant mode at 20.0 cm size class (mainly supported by fish from the Algarve waters) and a secondary mode at 27.5 cm (typical from the Spanish waters), (**Figure 14**).

Two (2) coherent post-strata have been differentiated according to the  $S_A$  value distribution and the size composition in the fishing stations (**Figure 15**). Mackerel abundance and biomass in autumn 2020 in the GoC shelf waters were estimated at 3469 million fish and 193 870 t (**Table 9; Figure 16**). Almost the whole estimated population (99.8% of the total abundance) was located in Portuguese waters (3464 million, 193 008 t). The estimates for the Spanish waters were 5 million and 863 t.

The size range of the estimated population in autumn 2020 varied between 18.5 and 34.5 cm size classes. The size composition was clearly bimodal: the main mode was placed at 20.5 cm size class and the secondary one at 27.5 cm size class (**Table 9; Figure 16**).

## Chub mackerel

Parameters of the survey's length-weight relationship are shown in **Table 4**. Size composition and mean size in the fishing hauls are represented in the spatial context in **Figure 17**. The mapping of the backscattering energy (nautical area scattering coefficient, *NASC*, in  $m^2 nmi^{-2}$ ) attributed to the species and the coherent post-strata considered for the acoustic estimation are shown in **Figure 18**. Estimated abundance and biomass by size class are given in **Table 10** and **Figure 19**. **Figure 20** shows the acoustic estimates by age group. **Table 11** shows the time-series of estimates for the whole population and Age-0 fish.

Chub mackerel (14% of the total *NASC*) was widely distributed in the surveyed area, but showing higher densities between Cape San Vicente and Mazagón (**Figure 18**). The species' positive hauls did not show a clear spatial pattern in (mean) size. However, the smallest fish were recorded in the inner-middle shelf waters between Matalascañas and the Bay of Cadiz (**Table 10; Figures 17 and 19**).

Seven (7) coherent post-strata have been differentiated according to the  $S_A$  value distribution and the size composition in the fishing stations (**Figure 18**). Chub mackerel abundance and biomass in the surveyed area were estimated in 295 million fish and 22 918 t (**Table 10, Figure 19**). Portuguese waters accounted for 73%



(216 million) and 72% (16 538 t) of the total abundance and biomass, respectively. Spanish waters yielded a population of 79 million and 6381 t.

The size range recorded for the estimated population was comprised between 17.5 and 36.5 cm size classes, with two equally represented modes at 20.0 and 22.0 cm size classes. A rather similar size composition is also recorded for the estimated biomass, although the mode at 22.0 cm dominates over the smaller mode (**Table 10, Figure 19**). Regional size compositions showed very similar shapes.

The population was composed by fishes not older than 3 years, with the age-1 group being the dominant one (73%, 216 million, and 75%, 17 082 t, of the total abundance and biomass estimated in the surveyed area, respectively; **Figure 20**). Age-0 fish was the second most important age group in the estimated population (17%, 51 million fish, and 12%, 2759 t, of the total abundance and biomass estimates). The bulk of the age-0 (73%) and age-1 groups (74%) was recorded in the Portuguese waters.

### Horse mackerel

The survey's length-weight relationship for this species is shown in **Table 4**. Size composition and mean size in the fishing hauls are represented in the spatial context in **Figure 21**. The mapping of the backscattering energy (nautical area scattering coefficient, *NASC*, in  $\text{m}^2 \text{nmi}^{-2}$ ) attributed to the species and the coherent post-strata considered for the acoustic estimation are shown in **Figure 22**. Estimated abundance and biomass by size class are given in **Table 12** and **Figure 23**.

Horse mackerel (1% of the total *NASC*) showed a very scattered distribution, with main density nuclei in both extremes of the surveyed area and around Cape Santa Maria (**Figure 22**).

The size range recorded in positive hauls was comprised between 7.5 and 28.5 cm size classes, with a dominant mode at 18.5 cm size class and a secondary mode at 23.0 cm. Smaller fish were recorded in the Spanish waters (**Figure 21**).

Four (4) coherent post-strata have been differentiated according to the  $S_A$  value distribution and the size composition in the fishing hauls (**Figure 22**). Horse mackerel abundance and biomass in the surveyed area were estimated in 29 million fish and 2061 t (**Table 12, Figure 23**). Portuguese waters accounted for 53% (15 million) and 63% (1307 t) of the total abundance and biomass, respectively. Spanish waters yielded a population of 13 million and 754 t.

The size range recorded for the estimated population was comprised between 14.5 and 28.5 cm size classes, with two distinct modes, the dominant one at 18.5 cm (almost exclusively recorded in Spanish waters) and a secondary mode at 23.0 cm size classes (mainly distributed in Portuguese waters; **Table 12, Figure 23**).

### Mediterranean horse-mackerel

The survey's length-weight relationship for this species is shown in **Table 4**. Size composition and mean size in the fishing hauls are represented in the spatial context in **Figure 24**. The mapping of the backscattering energy (nautical area scattering coefficient, *NASC*, in  $\text{m}^2 \text{nmi}^{-2}$ ) attributed to the species and the coherent post-strata considered for the acoustic estimation are shown in **Figure 25**. Estimated abundance and biomass by size class are given in **Table 13** and **Figure 26**.

Mediterranean horse mackerel (1% of the total *NASC*) was a typically Spanish species in autumn 2020. The species distributed over the Spanish eastern and central waters, not further west than the Tinto-Odiel river mouth, mainly over the inner-mid shelf waters (**Figure 25**). The species showed a wide range of sizes in the positive hauls (5.5-46.5 cm size classes; modes at 29.0, 27.0 and 23.0 size classes in decreasing order of

importance), with larger fish occurring in deeper hauls of the easternmost waters of the surveyed area (**Figure 24**).

Four (4) coherent post-strata have been differentiated according to the  $S_A$  value distribution and the size composition in the fishing hauls (**Figure 25**). Mediterranean horse mackerel abundance and biomass in the surveyed area were estimated in 7 million fish and 1859 t, with the whole population located in Spanish waters, as usual (**Table 13, Figure 26**).

The size range recorded for the estimated population was extremely wide and comprised between 5.5 and 46.5 cm size classes, with at least one clearly distinct mode at 33.0 cm size class, and other secondary modes at 40.0 and 44.5 cm size classes. Largest fish occurred in the easternmost waters of the Spanish shelf, as previously evidenced by the positive hauls raw data (**Table 13, Figure 26**).

### **Blue jack mackerel**

The survey's length-weight relationship for this species is shown in **Table 4**. Size composition and mean size in the fishing hauls are represented in the spatial context in **Figure 27**. The mapping of the backscattering energy (nautical area scattering coefficient, *NASC*, in  $m^2 nmi^{-2}$ ) attributed to the species and the coherent post-strata considered for the acoustic estimation are shown in **Figure 28**. Estimated abundance and biomass by size class are given in **Table 14** and **Figure 29**.

Blue jack mackerel (0.1% of the total *NASC*) showed very weak acoustic densities. It was restricted almost exclusively to eastern Algarve shelf waters, around Cape Santa Maria, and incidentally in the easternmost Spanish waters (**Figure 28**). The overall size class in positive hauls ranged between 18.5 and 33.5 cm (mode at 20.0 cm size class). Smaller fish were mainly recorded in the Algarve waters (**Figure 27**).

Three (3) coherent post-strata have been differentiated according to the  $S_A$  value distribution and the size composition in the fishing hauls (**Figure 28**). Blue Jack mackerel abundance and biomass in the surveyed area were estimated in 3 million fish and 233 t (**Table 14, Figure 29**). Portuguese waters accounted for 90% (2.6 million) and 82% (190 t) of the total abundance and biomass, respectively. Spanish waters yielded a population of 0.3 million and 43 t.

The size range recorded for the estimated population was comprised between 18.5 and 33.5 cm size classes, with two modes, the dominant one at 20.5 cm and a secondary mode at 25.0 cm size class. As evidenced by positive hauls, the smallest fish occurred in Portuguese waters (**Table 12, Figure 23**).

### **Bogue**

The survey's length-weight relationship for this species is shown in **Table 4**. Size composition and mean size in the fishing hauls are represented in the spatial context in **Figure 30**. The mapping of the backscattering energy (nautical area scattering coefficient, *NASC*, in  $m^2 nmi^{-2}$ ) attributed to the species and the coherent post-strata considered for the acoustic estimation are shown in **Figure 31**. Estimated abundance and biomass by size class are given in **Table 15** and **Figure 32**.

Bogue (0.1% of the total *NASC*) showed a scattered distribution, showing relatively low acoustic densities (**Figure 31**). Although smaller fish seems to occur in the easternmost waters, no clear spatial pattern in size was clearly detected in the surveyed area (**Figure 30**). The overall size range in positive hauls was comprised between 15.5 and 31.5 size classes (mode at 21.5 cm size class).

Five (5) coherent post-strata have been differentiated according to the  $S_A$  value distribution and the size composition in the representative fishing hauls (**Figure 31**). Bogue abundance and biomass in the surveyed area were estimated in about 1 million fish and 99 t (**Table 15, Figure 32**). Spanish waters accounted for

70% of both total abundance (0.6 million) and biomass (69 t), respectively. Portuguese waters yielded a population of 0.3 million and 30 t.

The size range recorded for the estimated population was comprised between 15.5 and 31.5 cm size classes, with two modes, the dominant one at 21.5 cm and a secondary mode at 23.0 cm size class (**Table 15, Figure 32**).

### **Boarfish**

The survey's length-weight relationship for this species is shown in **Table 4**. Size composition and mean size in the fishing hauls are represented in the spatial context in **Figure 33**. The mapping of the backscattering energy (nautical area scattering coefficient, *NASC*, in  $\text{m}^2 \text{nmi}^{-2}$ ) attributed to the species and the coherent post-strata considered for the acoustic estimation are shown in **Figure 34**. Estimated abundance and biomass by size class are given in **Table 16** and **Figure 35**.

The occurrence of boarfish (0.0001%) was incidental and restricted to the outer shelf waters around Cape Santa Maria, co-occurring with longspine snipefish (**Figure 34**). The size range recorded in the only positive haul was comprised between 6.0 and 7.0 cm size classes, without any differentiated mode (**Figure 33**).

One (1) coherent post-stratum has been differentiated according to the  $S_A$  value distribution and the size composition in the representative fishing hauls (**Figure 31**). Boarfish abundance and biomass in the surveyed area were estimated in 0.02 million fish and 0.1 t, with the whole population being restricted to the Portuguese waters (**Table 16, Figure 35**).

The size range recorded for the estimated population was comprised between 6.0 and 7.0 cm size classes, with a single, but not clearly distinguishable mode, either at 6.0 or 6.5 cm size classes (**Table 16, Figure 35**).

### **Longspine snipefish**

The survey's length-weight relationship for this species is shown in **Table 4**. Size composition and mean size in the fishing hauls are represented in the spatial context in **Figure 36**. The mapping of the backscattering energy (nautical area scattering coefficient, *NASC*, in  $\text{m}^2 \text{nmi}^{-2}$ ) attributed to the species and the coherent post-strata considered for the acoustic estimation are shown in **Figure 37**. Estimated abundance and biomass by size class are given in **Table 17** and **Figure 38**.

Longspine snipefish (0.002%) showed relatively low acoustic densities, which were restricted to the eastern Algarve waters (**Figure 37**). The species showed a concurrent distribution with boarfish. The size range recorded in the positive hauls was comprised between 11.0 and 17.0 cm size classes, with a mode at 14 cm size class (**Figure 36**).

One (1) coherent post-stratum has been differentiated according to the  $S_A$  value distribution and the size composition in the representative fishing hauls (**Figure 37**). Longspine snipefish abundance and biomass in the surveyed area were estimated in 1 million fish and 24 t, with the whole population being restricted to the Portuguese waters (**Table 17, Figure 38**).

The size range recorded for the estimated population was comprised between 11.5 and 17.0 cm size classes, with a single mode at 14.0 cm size class (**Table 17, Figure 38**).

### **Pearlside**

The survey's length-weight relationship for this species is shown in **Table 4**. Size composition and mean size in the fishing hauls are represented in the spatial context in **Figure 39**. The mapping of the

backscattering energy (nautical area scattering coefficient,  $NASC$ , in  $m^2 nmi^{-2}$ ) attributed to the species and the coherent post-strata considered for the acoustic estimation are shown in **Figure 40**. Estimated abundance and biomass by size class are given in **Table 18** and **Figure 41**.

Pearlside (3%) was relatively common over the shelf break, especially in the western Algarve waters (**Figure 40**). The size range in the positive haul varied between 3.0 and 6.0 cm size class (mode at 4.5 cm size class; **Figure 39**).

Four (4) coherent post-strata have been differentiated according to the  $S_A$  value distribution and the size composition in the representative fishing hauls (**Figure 40**). Pearlside abundance and biomass in the surveyed area were estimated in 3007 million fish and 3202 t. Portuguese waters accounted for 94% (2820 million, 3003 t) of both the total abundance and biomass, respectively. Spanish waters yielded a population of 187 million and 199 t. (**Table 16, Figure 35**).

The size range recorded for the estimated population was comprised between 3.0 and 6.0 cm size classes, with a dominant mode at 4.5 cm size class (**Table 18, Figure 41**).

## (SHORT) DISCUSSION

The time series of anchovy, sardine and chub mackerel estimates from this survey series are described in **Tables 6, 8** and **11** and **Figure 42**.

GoC anchovy population in autumn 2020 (3197 million fish, 36 070 t) experienced 42% and 25% decreases in abundance and biomass, respectively, in relation to the last year's autumn estimates (5518 million, 48 398 t; **Table 6; Figure 42**). Notwithstanding the above, the current overall estimates are still either close (abundance) or above (biomass) the time-series average (i.e. 3270 million; 23 538 t). Age-0 fish accounted for 75% (2385 million) and 58% (21 060 t) of the total estimated abundance and biomass, respectively. These juveniles were mainly concentrated in the Spanish waters as usual. The estimates of age-0 fish experienced a similar decreasing trend than the one showed by the whole population in relation to the historical peak recorded the year before, but with values close to the time-series average.

GoC sardine abundance (5451 million fish) and biomass (208 400 t) in autumn 2020 peaked at their historical maxima within its series, representing huge increases in abundance and biomass in relation to the last year's autumn estimates (937 million and 36 465 t; **Table 8; Figure 42**). Causes for such an increase should be investigated in detail. Interestingly, *PELAGO 20* estimated in spring 2020 6547 million fish and 155 017 t, whereas *ECOCADIZ 2020-07* estimated that summer only 1923 million fish (three times less than in *PELAGO*) and 50 721 t (five times less), suggesting changes in the availability of the species to the surveys or even possible movements between other northernmost sub-areas. Thus, *IBERAS 0920*, conducted one month before than *ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS*, detected and estimated relatively high densities of sardine in the southernmost waters from the 9a Central-South subarea, a distribution pattern which could be also extended to the westernmost Algarve waters indicating some connectivity. The GoC sardine population was mainly composed by fishes belonging to the age-0 to age-2 groups and in a lesser extent by age-3 fish (incidental occurrence of 4 to 6 year old fishes). Juvenile sardines (age-0 group) were the dominant group, accounting for 45% and 24% of the total abundance (2454 million) and biomass (49 259 t), respectively. This age-group also recorded its historical maximum in 2020. The bulk of the juvenile fraction (90% of the juvenile total abundance) was recorded in Spanish shallow waters.

Chub mackerel abundance (295 million fish) and biomass (22 918 t) in autumn 2020 experienced 20% and 13% decreases respectively in relation to the estimates recorded the last year, although they still are above their respective time-series averages (i.e. 197 million, 14 001 t) (**Table 11, Figure 42**).

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**Table 1.** *ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10* survey. Descriptive characteristics of the acoustic tracks.

Acoustic Track	Location	Date	Start				End			
			Latitude	Longitude	UTC time	Mean depth (m)	Latitude	Longitude	UTC time	Mean depth (m)
R01	Trafalgar	08/10/20	36° 12,890' N	6° 09,00' W	13:15	24	38° 02,0680' N	6° 28,9474' W	15:16	239
R02	Sancti-Petri	09/10/20	36° 19,330' N	6° 14,950' W	06:44	26	36° 08,907' N	6° 14,860' W	14:48	28
R03	Cádiz	13/10/20	36° 26,709' N	6° 19,021' W	13:52	24	36° 17,264' N	6° 36,390' W	15:37	187
R04	Rota	10/10/20	36° 34,735' N	6° 22,146' W	04:49	19	36° 27,739' N	6° 34,930' W	11:09	86
R05	Chipiona	10/10/20	36° 31,217' N	6° 46,299' W	13:45	196	36° 40,389' N	6° 29,462' W	17:36	21
R06	Doñana	11/10/20	36° 46,578' N	6° 35,806' W	06:41	21	36° 38,047' N	6° 51,507' W	09:52	195
R07	Matalascañas	11/10/20	36° 44,009' N	6° 58,357' W	10:47	200	36° 53,949' N	6° 39,976' W	14:30	19
R08	Mazagón	19/10/20	36° 49,401' N	7° 06,042' W	13:59	197	37° 01,111' N	6° 44,645' W	14:08	22
R09	Punta Umbría	19/10/20	36° 49,732' N	7° 06,459' W	08:29	192	37° 04,294' N	6° 56,138' W	10:16	22
R10	El Rompido	18/10/20	36° 50,087' N	7° 07,207' W	11:34	196	37° 07,993' N	7° 07,225' W	17:26	19
R11	Isla Cristina	18/10/20	37° 06,884' N	7° 17,218' W	06:48	21	36° 53,544' N	7° 17,105' W	09:58	188
R12	V.R. do Sto. Antonio	12/10/20	37° 06,457' N	7° 27,201' W	06:42	20	37° 56,277' N	7° 27,100' W	09:19	203
R13	Tavira	12/10/20	36° 57,094' N	7° 37,117' W	10:41	190	37° 05,207' N	7° 37,223' W	13:36	16
R14	Fuzeta	14/10/20	36° 59,133' N	7° 47,102' W	06:40	47	36° 55,4622' N	7° 47,020' W	7:03	197
R15	Cabo Sta. María	14/10/20	36° 55,879' N	7° 57,001' W	12:55	59	36° 52,142' N	7° 56,931' W	13:18	198
R16	Quarteira	15/10/20	37° 01,787' N	8° 06,961' W	06:45	18	36° 49,647' N	8° 06,811' W	11:10	231
R17	Albufeira	15/10/20	36° 49,451' N	8° 16,810' W	13:52	195	37° 01,820' N	8° 17,037' W	17:25	23
R18	Alfanzinha	16/10/20	37° 04,601' N	8° 27,000' W	06:41	19	36° 50,260' N	8° 26,742' W	09:29	200
R19	Portimao	16/10/20	36° 51,914' N	8° 36,743' W	10:52	150	37° 04,297' N	8° 37,0639' W	12:08	38
R20	Burgau	17/10/20	37° 02,564' N	8° 46,947' W	06:47	43	36° 51,954' N	8° 46,661' W	09:52	201
R21	Punta de Sagres	17/10/20	36° 59,601' N	8° 56,610' W	10:50	202	36° 59,166' N	8° 56,826' W	13:52	28

**Table 2. ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey.** Descriptive characteristics of the fishing hauls.

Fishing haul	Date	Start		End		UTC Time		Depth (m)		Duration (min)		Trawled Distance (nm)	Acoustic Transect	Zone (landmark)
		Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude	Start	End	Start	End	Effective Trawling	Total Manoeuvre			
1	09-10-2020	36° 15.6561 N	6° 21.6670 W	36° 16.8371 N	6° 19.5417 W	08:05	08:33	48,03	43,22	00:28	00:57	2,084	R02	Sancti-Petri
2	09-10-2020	36° 10.4557 N	6° 31.2778 W	36° 11.5843 N	6° 29.1892 W	11:44	12:12	116,31	104,48	00:28	01:13	2,032	R02	Sancti-Petri
3	10-10-2020	36° 30.6958 N	6° 29.6509 W	36° 32.0930 N	6° 27.1630 W	07:59	08:34	52,38	42,54	00:34	01:09	2,443	R04	Rota
4	10-10-2020	36° 28.7326 N	6° 32.8414 W	36° 27.2053 N	6° 35.8465 W	11:43	12:23	71,03	92,94	00:39	01:21	2,864	R04	Rota
5	10-10-2020	36° 34.1240 N	6° 40.6945 W	36° 32.5679 N	6° 43.5229 W	14:43	15:21	87,63	114,32	00:37	01:26	2,758	R05	Chipiona
6	11-10-2020	36° 42.3433 N	6° 43.4835 W	36° 43.7336 N	6° 41.2683 W	07:52	08:24	63,41	42,76	00:31	01:07	2,258	R06	Doñana
7	11-10-2020	36° 46.0157 N	6° 54.6393 W	36° 44.7045 N	6° 56.9161 W	11:40	12:10	107,62	128,05	00:30	01:16	2,250	R07	Matalascañas
8	11-10-2020	36° 52.1608 N	6° 43.6533 W	36° 50.7808 N	6° 46.1011 W	15:54	16:27	25,64	40,06	00:33	01:46	2,400	R07	Matalascañas
9	12-10-2020	37° 02.5066 N	7° 27.1986 W	37° 03.9725 N	7° 27.1390 W	07:39	07:59	79,3	54,21	00:20	01:01	1,465	R12	Vila R. do Sto Antonio
10	12-10-2020	37° 00.3793 N	7° 37.1516 W	36° 57.6279 N	7° 37.9578 W	11:28	12:09	94,21	156,81	00:41	01:30	2,823	R13	Tavira
11	14-10-2020	36° 56.8597 N	7° 47.6118 W	36° 57.4938 N	7° 45.6502 W	08:03	08:26	84,3	88,53	00:23	01:12	1,695	R14	Fuzeta
12	14-10-2020	36° 59.2888 N	7° 44.9026 W	36° 58.2829 N	7° 47.7953 W	11:08	11:42	72,11	68,23	00:34	01:20	2,526	R14	Fuzeta
13	15-10-2020	36° 58.0247 N	8° 08.4612 W	36° 56.7755 N	8° 06.0614 W	08:37	09:08	42,77	44,09	00:31	01:08	2,293	R16	Quarteira
14	15-10-2020	36° 52.3596 N	8° 06.7448 W	36° 54.7944 N	8° 06.9393 W	11:43	12:16	100,89	64,09	00:33	01:15	2,437	R16	Quarteira
15	15-10-2020	36° 50.1007 N	8° 16.9764 W	36° 49.7740 N	8° 19.0655 W	14:54	15:17	122,97	166,09	00:23	01:17	1,709	R17	Albufeira
16	16-10-2020	36° 54.1264 N	8° 26.7725 W	36° 56.6928 N	8° 26.7991 W	08:07	08:42	115,3	91,23	00:34	01:18	2,563	R18	Alfanzina
17	16-10-2020	37° 02.9482 N	8° 38.2395 W	37° 03.4007 N	8° 36.4118 W	14:04	14:24	41,9	41,57	00:20	00:58	1,531	R19	Portimao
18	17-10-2020	36° 54.0899 N	8° 46.5827 W	36° 56.6435 N	8° 46.7312 W	08:08	08:44	105,88	107,43	00:35	01:24	2,553	R20	Burgau
19	17-10-2020	36° 55.1512 N	8° 56.6046 W	36° 52.2794 N	8° 56.7159 W	11:49	12:29	109,74	131,71	00:40	01:29	2,869	R21	Ponta de Sagres
20	18-10-2020	37° 01.4012 N	7° 17.2076 W	37° 03.4647 N	7° 17.1726 W	07:50	08:20	49,24	35,13	00:30	01:12	2,061	R11	Isla Cristina
21	18-10-2020	36° 55.9432 N	7° 07.1252 W	36° 53.1814 N	7° 07.0994 W	12:36	13:29	96,22	115,65	00:53	01:27	2,758	R10	El Rompido
22	18-10-2020	37° 00.0879 N	7° 07.1781 W	36° 58.1016 N	7° 07.1189 W	15:25	15:52	61,7	80,91	00:27	01:07	1,984	R10	El Rompido

**Table 3.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Catches by species in number (upper panel) and weight (in kg, lower panel) from valid fishing stations.

Fishing haul	CATCH IN NUMBER												TOTAL
	<i>Anchovy</i>	<i>Sardine</i>	<i>Chub mack.</i>	<i>Mackerel</i>	<i>Blue Jack mack.</i>	<i>Horse-mack.</i>	<i>Medit. Horse-mack.</i>	<i>Bogue</i>	<i>Boarfish</i>	<i>Snipefish</i>	<i>Pearlside</i>	Other spp.	
01	0	166	967	0	0	9375	688	375	0	0	0	1153	12724
02	0	0	3	0	79	0	41	1	0	0	0	3	127
03	4397	1100	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	42	5572
04	7138	6467	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	13613
05	61240	5019	133	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	66425
06	1297	1196	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2500
07	7340	0	14697	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22099
08	10576	9084	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	331	19998
09	403	2211	9550	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12166
10	5184	5194	2359	23	66	0	0	2	0	168	0	7	13003
11	2935	1658	1050	414	560	3525	0	3	5	28	0	4	10182
12	166	52260	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	52428
13	3	57632	2315	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	60048
14	434	0	2411	4116	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	6971
15	0	0	5	184	1	0	0	0	0	0	43	12	245
16	16452	0	96	5695	0	44	0	3	0	0	0	10	22300
17	260	6181	5	0	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	39	6492
18	0	0	199	18076	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	18280
19	0	0	479	9296	0	5	0	4	0	0	0	3	9787
20	0	61097	2576	6	0	12	1	6	0	0	0	17	63715
21	35149	0	2760	124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	38035
22	1509	3	22	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1550
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>154483</b>	<b>209268</b>	<b>39632</b>	<b>38041</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>12967</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1756</b>	<b>458260</b>



**Table 3. ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Cont'd.**

Fishing haul	CATCH IN WEIGHT (kg)												
	Anchovy	Sardine	Chub mack.	Mackerel	Blue Jack mack.	Horse-mack.	Medit. Horse-mack.	Bogue	Boarfish	Snipefish	Pearlside	Other spp.	TOTAL
01	0	9,685	100,467	0	0	467,612	135,209	34,399	0	0	0	155,857	903,229
02	0	0	0,685	0	11,215	0	18,820	0,095	0	0	0	0,295	31,110
03	28,055	17,840	0	0	0	0	8,285	0	0	0	0	17,960	72,140
04	48,979	126,418	0,208	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,740	176,345
05	779,129	104,033	6,485	3,725	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,401	899,773
06	6,360	22,590	0	0,690	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,655	30,295
07	120,232	0	1503,686	9,741	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1633,659
08	55,701	141,060	0,120	0,490	0	0	0,560	0	0	0	0	21,335	219,266
09	6,447	103,388	661,298	0,552	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	771,685
10	96,591	281,462	180,902	1,380	5,580	0	0	0,285	0	2,875	0	3,590	572,665
11	53,423	83,807	87,201	23,468	39,649	291,841	0	0,450	0,030	0,374	0	2,495	582,738
12	2,759	2833,056	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,495	2836,310
13	0,052	3151,443	209,078	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,313	3375,886
14	11,415	0	163,252	214,402	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,370	390,439
15	0	0	0,378	10,820	0,102	0	0	0	0	0	0,044	20,530	31,874
16	448,198	0	8,110	334,519	0	4,735	0	0,395	0	0	0	9,685	805,642
17	5,370	346,770	0,390	0	0	0,335	0	0,220	0	0	0	38,100	391,185
18	0	0	17,790	999,115	0	0,245	0	0	0	0	0	0,595	1017,745
19	0	0	58,755	523,745	0	0,715	0	0,415	0	0	0	0,820	584,4500
20	0	3383,409	183,172	1,480	0	0,450	0,260	1,195	0	0	0	2,310	3572,276
21	659,000	0	253,690	22,220	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,825	937,735
22	14,925	0,090	1,500	2,590	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,440	29,545
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2336,636</b>	<b>10605,051</b>	<b>3437,167</b>	<b>2148,937</b>	<b>56,546</b>	<b>765,933</b>	<b>163,134</b>	<b>37,454</b>	<b>0,030</b>	<b>3,249</b>	<b>0,044</b>	<b>311,811</b>	<b>19865,992</b>

**Table 4.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Parameters of the size-weight relationships for the survey's target species susceptible of being assessed. FAO codes for the species: ANE: *Engraulis encrasicolus*; PIL: *Sardina pilchardus*; VAM: *Scomber colias*; MAC: *S. scombrus*; JAA: *Trachurus picturatus*; HOM: *T. trachurus*; HMM: *T. mediterraneus*; BOG: *Boops boops*; POA: *Brama brama*; BOC: *Capros aper*; SNS: *Macroramphosus scolopax*; MAV: *Maurolicus muelleri*.

Parameter	ANE	PIL	VAM	MAC	JAA	HOM	HMM	BOG	BOC	SNS	MAV
Size range (mm)	81-182	110-222	177-396	191-346	185-339	77-285	57-466	164-310	63-74	111-170	32-63
n	782	683	690	462	165	157	125	22	5	169	43
a	0.001748530	0.001951537	0.002745174	0.002565026	0.004480958	0.053022878	0.012904912	0.926958852	0.050078582	0.011618897	0.010776177
b	3.502940	3.526670	3.325389	3.305719	3.169282	2.381583	2.831593	1.563943	2.510806	2.722675	2.830778
r <sup>2</sup>	0.9862151	0.9744992	0.9496379	0.9842858	0.9803037	0.7692541	0.9949514	0.4102040	0.9887192	0.8505975	0.9080930

**Table 5. ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Anchovy (*E. encrasicolus*). Estimated abundance (absolute numbers and million fish) and biomass (t) by size class (in cm). Polygons (*i.e.*, coherent or homogeneous post-strata) numbered as in **Figure 7**.**

ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 . <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i> . ABUNDANCE (in numbers and million fish)														
Size class	POL01	POL02	POL03	POL04	POL05	POL06	POL07	POL08	<i>n</i>			Millions		
									PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7,5	0	0	0	0	0	4374875	0	0	0	4374875	4374875	0	4	4
8	0	0	0	0	0	30534570	0	2176528	0	32711098	32711098	0	33	33
8,5	0	0	0	0	0	87518833	0	6529583	0	94048416	94048416	0	94	94
9	0	0	0	0	711651	161435446	0	60781051	0	222928148	222928148	0	223	223
9,5	0	0	0	0	2134952	180011614	4203504	177595414	0	363945484	363945484	0	364	364
10	0	0	370198	2882530	4269904	101012283	0	201415294	370198	309580011	309950209	0	310	310
10,5	0	0	325621	2535431	9963109	37318628	4203504	179911204	325621	233931876	234257497	0	234	234
11	0	0	223097	1737133	37598875	8965084	4203504	107649723	223097	160154319	160377416	0	160	160
11,5	0	0	722978	5629435	41868779	13401802	33569647	77281979	722978	171751642	172474620	1	172	172
12	0	0	1226699	9551631	49696935	4436718	151063412	56670902	1226699	271419598	272646297	1	271	273
12,5	0	0	4128632	32147400	19214567	1458292	214013798	17748826	4128632	284582883	288711515	4	285	289
13	591522	620167	7699363	59950726	9251458	0	209810294	11811269	8911052	290823747	299734799	9	291	300
13,5	2535093	2112224	14364746	111850411	2846603	0	180444151	5937557	19012063	301078722	320090785	19	301	320
14	8619315	5380241	10124829	78836500	1423301	0	75531706	1979186	24124385	157770693	181895078	24	158	182
14,5	5999719	9601248	7992472	62233000	0	0	16784824	1979186	23593439	80997010	104590449	24	81	105
15	3126614	12588942	4423228	34441256	0	0	0	0	20138784	34441256	54580040	20	34	55
15,5	1014037	16175600	2645595	20599801	0	0	0	0	19835232	20599801	40435033	20	21	40
16	0	10583350	1119236	8714878	0	0	0	0	11702586	8714878	20417464	12	9	20
16,5	84503	7623372	527796	4109662	0	0	0	1979186	8235671	6088848	14324519	8	6	14
17	0	2129338	133236	1037437	0	0	0	0	2262574	1037437	3300011	2	1	3
17,5	0	473682	44136	343660	0	0	0	0	517818	343660	861478	1	0,3	1
18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL <i>n</i></b>	21970803	67288164	56071862	436600891	178980134	630468145	893828344	911446888	145330829	3051324402	3196655231	<b>145</b>	<b>3051</b>	<b>3197</b>
<b>Millions</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>911</b>						

Table 5. EOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Anchovy (*E. encrasicolus*). Cont'd.

EOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 . <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i> . BIOMASS (t)											
Size class	POL01	POL02	POL03	POL04	POL05	POL06	POL07	POL08	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7,5	0	0	0	0	0	9,973	0	0	0	9,973	9,973
8	0	0	0	0	0	86,646	0	6,176	0	92,822	92,822
8,5	0	0	0	0	0	305,191	0	22,77	0	327,961	327,961
9	0	0	0	0	3,015	683,925	0	257,5	0	944,440	944,440
9,5	0	0	0	0	10,876	917,059	21,415	904,75	0	1854,100	1854,100
10	0	0	2,247	17,497	25,918	613,129	0	1222,561	2,247	1879,105	1881,352
10,5	0	0	2,335	18,184	71,455	267,646	30,147	1290,307	2,335	1677,739	1680,074
11	0	0	1,876	14,609	316,207	75,397	35,352	905,337	1,876	1346,902	1348,778
11,5	0	0	7,081	55,134	410,055	131,255	328,775	756,885	7,081	1682,104	1689,185
12	0	0	13,902	108,25	563,220	50,282	1712,015	642,256	13,902	3076,023	3089,925
12,5	0	0	53,829	419,136	250,518	19,013	2790,298	231,408	53,829	3710,373	3764,202
13	8,825	9,252	114,864	894,38	138,019	0	3130,074	176,207	132,941	4338,680	4471,621
13,5	43,060	35,877	243,993	1899,838	48,351	0	3064,939	100,853	322,930	5113,981	5436,911
14	165,917	103,566	194,897	1517,555	27,398	0	1453,940	38,098	464,380	3036,991	3501,371
14,5	130,320	208,549	173,605	1351,767	0	0	364,584	42,99	512,474	1759,341	2271,815
15	76,326	307,316	107,978	840,766	0	0	0	0	491,620	840,766	1332,386
15,5	27,716	442,115	72,310	563,038	0	0	0	0	542,141	563,038	1105,179
16	0	322,733	34,130	265,755	0	0	0	0	356,863	265,755	622,618
16,5	2,865	258,506	17,897	139,357	0	0	0	67,114	279,268	206,471	485,739
17	0	80,042	5,008	38,997	0	0	0	0	85,050	38,997	124,047
17,5	0	19,68	1,834	14,278	0	0	0	0	21,514	14,278	35,792
18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>455,029</b>	<b>1787,636</b>	<b>1047,786</b>	<b>8158,541</b>	<b>1865,032</b>	<b>3159,516</b>	<b>12931,539</b>	<b>6665,212</b>	<b>3290,451</b>	<b>32779,840</b>	<b>36070,291</b>

**Table 6.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS surveys series. Anchovy (*E. encrasicolus*). Acoustic estimates of biomass (t) and abundance (million fish) for the whole Gulf of Cadiz anchovy population and for the juvenile fraction (*i.e.* age 0 fish, between parentheses). Note that the 2012 survey only surveyed the Spanish waters. The 2017 estimates correspond to an incomplete coverage (only the seven easternmost transects) of the standard surveyed area due to a research vessels' breakdown.

Estimate/Year	Total Population (Recruits at age 0)							
	2012	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Biomass (t)</b>	13680 (13354)	8113 (5131)	30827 (29219)	19861 (15969)	7642 (7290)	10493 (3834)	48357 (36405)	36070 (21060)
<b>Abundance (millions)</b>	2469 (2619)	986 (814)	5227 (5117)	3667 (3445)	1492 (1433)	953 (543)	5505 (4845)	3197 (2385)

**Table 7.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Sardine (*Sardina pilchardus*). Estimated abundance (absolute numbers and million fish) and biomass (t) by size class (in cm). Polygons (*i.e.*, coherent or homogeneous post-strata) numbered as in **Figure 11**.

ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10. <i>Sardina pilchardus</i> . ABUNDANCE (in numbers and million fish)												
Size class	POL01	POL02	POL03	POL04	POL05	POL06	n			Millions		
							PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	33871508	0	0	0	0	33871508	33871508	0	34	34
10,5	0	0	140398695	0	0	0	0	140398695	140398695	0	140	140
11	0	0	290493433	2511166	0	0	0	293004599	293004599	0	293	293
11,5	0	0	237229840	9534189	10606052	0	0	257370081	257370081	0	257	257
12	0	0	155007399	29139447	88111819	0	0	272258665	272258665	0	272	272
12,5	0	0	40464817	40468827	182342515	0	0	263276159	263276159	0	263	263
13	0	0	38137767	107216466	111771475	0	0	257125708	257125708	0	257	257
13,5	0	0	57142010	147478635	25699281	0	0	230319926	230319926	0	230	230
14	2381260	1493391	42404026	125878851	13053603	0	2381260	182829871	185211131	2	183	185
14,5	10017664	6282509	38654889	50183022	8566427	0	10017664	103686847	113704511	10	104	114
15	20216017	12678336	37879206	27478638	4487176	0	20216017	82523356	102739373	20	83	103
15,5	64182566	40251655	30510214	16787574	2039625	0	64182566	89589068	153771634	64	90	154
16	103212346	64728915	16030790	2670371	0	0	103212346	83430076	186642422	103	83	187
16,5	180265783	113052449	8403237	899799	2039625	4157	180265783	124399267	304665050	180	124	305
17	224806398	140985790	2585611	1797394	0	9699	224806398	145378494	370184892	225	145	370
17,5	397749424	249445822	1680647	897595	0	12471	397749424	252036535	649785959	398	252	650
18	433556757	271902145	1680647	74800	0	33255	433556757	273690847	707247604	434	274	707
18,5	277567598	174074614	904964	37400	0	34641	277567598	175051619	452619217	278	175	453
19	114653751	71904313	0	0	0	52654	114653751	71956967	186610718	115	72	187
19,5	85676860	53731654	0	37400	0	24941	85676860	53793995	139470855	86	54	139
20	51112618	32054928	0	37400	0	38798	51112618	32131126	83243744	51	32	83
20,5	29712232	18633822	0	0	0	9699	29712232	18643521	48355753	30	19	48
21	8284820	5195768	904964	0	0	5543	8284820	6106275	14391095	8	6	14
21,5	2040256	1279533	0	0	0	4157	2040256	1283690	3323946	2	1	3
22	834652	523446	0	0	0	0	834652	523446	1358098	1	1	1
22,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL n</b>	2006271002	1258219090	1174384664	563128974	448717598	230015	2006271002	3444680341	5450951343			
<b>Millions</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>1258</b>	<b>1174</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>3445</b>	<b>5451</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>3445</b>	<b>5451</b>

**Table 7. ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Sardine (*Sardina pilchardus*). Cont'd.**

ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 . <i>Sardina pilchardus</i> . BIOMASS (t)									
Size class	POL01	POL02	POL03	POL04	POL05	POL06	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	242,494	0	0	0	0	242,494	242,494
10,5	0	0	1188,987	0	0	0	0	1188,987	1188,987
11	0	0	2887,893	24,964	0	0	0	2912,857	2912,857
11,5	0	0	2749,264	110,492	122,914	0	0	2982,67	2982,670
12	0	0	2080,779	391,16	1182,79	0	0	3654,729	3654,729
12,5	0	0	625,495	625,557	2818,605	0	0	4069,657	4069,657
13	0	0	675,176	1898,118	1978,758	0	0	4552,052	4552,052
13,5	0	0	1152,79	2975,252	518,460	0	0	4646,502	4646,502
14	54,489	34,172	970,304	2880,406	298,697	0	54,489	4183,579	4238,068
14,5	258,873	162,350	998,906	1296,813	221,371	0	258,873	2679,440	2938,313
15	587,590	368,503	1100,981	798,682	130,422	0	587,590	2398,588	2986,178
15,5	2090,293	1310,913	993,654	546,736	66,426	0	2090,293	2917,729	5008,022
16	3753,086	2353,722	582,924	97,102	0	0	3753,086	3033,748	6786,834
16,5	7294,344	4574,598	340,032	36,410	82,532	0,168	7294,344	5033,740	12328,084
17	10090,956	6328,474	116,061	80,680	0	0,435	10090,956	6525,650	16616,606
17,5	19746,792	12384,065	83,438	44,562	0	0,619	19746,792	12512,684	32259,476
18	23739,988	14888,371	92,026	4,096	0	1,821	23739,988	14986,314	38726,302
18,5	16718,633	10484,976	54,508	2,253	0	2,087	16718,633	10543,824	27262,457
19	7577,540	4752,202	0	0	0	3,480	7577,540	4755,682	12333,222
19,5	6198,374	3887,268	0	2,706	0	1,804	6198,374	3891,778	10090,152
20	4038,636	2532,803	0	2,955	0	3,066	4038,636	2538,824	6577,460
20,5	2558,587	1604,600	0	0	0	0,835	2558,587	1605,435	4164,022
21	775,919	486,613	84,755	0	0	0,519	775,919	571,887	1347,806
21,5	207,414	130,079	0	0	0	0,423	207,414	130,502	337,916
22	91,933	57,655	0	0	0	0	91,933	57,655	149,588
22,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>105783,447</b>	<b>66341,364</b>	<b>17020,467</b>	<b>11818,944</b>	<b>7420,975</b>	<b>15,257</b>	<b>105783,447</b>	<b>102617,007</b>	<b>208400,454</b>

**Table 8.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS surveys series. Sardine (*Sardina pilchardus*). Acoustic estimates of biomass (t) and abundance (million fish) for the whole Gulf of Cadiz anchovy population and for the juvenile fraction (*i.e.* age 0 fish, between parentheses). Note that the 2012 survey only surveyed the Spanish waters. The 2017 estimates correspond to an incomplete coverage (only the seven easternmost transects) of the standard surveyed area due to a research vessels' breakdown.

Estimate/Year	Total Population (Recruits at age 0)							
	2012	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Biomass (t)</b>	22119 (9182)	36571 (705)	30992 (8645)	35173 (21899)	12119 (8778)	20679 (15224)	36465 (7858)	208400 (49259)
<b>Abundance (millions)</b>	603 (359)	507 (26)	861 (509)	2379 (1940)	591 (483)	1134 (1036)	937 (384)	5451 (2454)

**Table 9.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Atlantic mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*). Estimated abundance (absolute numbers and million fish) and biomass (t) by size class (in cm). Polygons (i.e., coherent or homogeneous post-strata) numbered as in **Figure 15**.

ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 . <i>Scomber scombrus</i> . ABUNDANCE (in numbers and million fish)								
Size class	POL01	POL02	n			Millions		
			PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18,5	5750117	0	5750117	0	5750117	6	0	6
19	102553533	0	102553533	0	102553533	103	0	103
19,5	611636280	0	611636280	0	611636280	612	0	612
20	989619379	0	989619379	0	989619379	990	0	990
20,5	1169782886	0	1169782886	0	1169782886	1170	0	1170
21	498827213	0	498827213	0	498827213	499	0	499
21,5	80465316	21016	80465316	21016	80486332	80	0,02	80
22	2842208	0	2842208	0	2842208	3	0	3
22,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	0	105082	0	105082	105082	0	0,1	0,1
26,5	0	252198	0	252198	252198	0	0,3	0,3
27	0	651511	0	651511	651511	0	1	1
27,5	101362	1134890	101362	1134890	1236252	0,1	1	1
28	0	945742	0	945742	945742	0	1	1
28,5	280493	693544	280493	693544	974037	0,3	1	1
29	0	420330	0	420330	420330	0	0,4	0,4
29,5	0	378297	0	378297	378297	0	0,4	0,4
30	0	252198	0	252198	252198	0	0,3	0,3
30,5	0	189148	0	189148	189148	0	0,2	0,2
31	0	126099	0	126099	126099	0	0,1	0,1
31,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32,5	140247	0	140247	0	140247	0,1	0	0,1
33	1534584	21016	1534584	21016	1555600	2	0,02	2
33,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34,5	0	21016	0	21016	21016	0	0,02	0,02
35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
37,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL n</b>	346353618	5212087	346353618	5212087	3468745705	<b>3464</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3469</b>
<b>Millions</b>	<b>3464</b>	<b>5</b>						



**Table 9.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Atlantic mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*). Cont'd.

ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 . <i>Scomber scombrus</i> . BIOMASS (t)					
Size class	POL01	POL02	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL
14	0	0	0	0	0
14,5	0	0	0	0	0
15	0	0	0	0	0
15,5	0	0	0	0	0
16	0	0	0	0	0
16,5	0	0	0	0	0
17	0	0	0	0	0
17,5	0	0	0	0	0
18	0	0	0	0	0
18,5	238,206	0	238,206	0	238,206
19	4634,572	0	4634,572	0	4634,572
19,5	30086,106	0	30086,106	0	30086,106
20	52873,030	0	52873,030	0	52873,030
20,5	67746,832	0	67746,832	0	67746,832
21	31254,875	0	31254,875	0	31254,875
21,5	5444,590	1,422	5444,59	1,422	5446,012
22	207,321	0	207,321	0	207,321
22,5	0	0	0	0	0
23	0	0	0	0	0
23,5	0	0	0	0	0
24	0	0	0	0	0
24,5	0	0	0	0	0
25	0	0	0	0	0
25,5	0	0	0	0	0
26	0	13,239	0	13,239	13,239
26,5	0	33,819	0	33,819	33,819
27	0	92,882	0	92,882	92,882
27,5	15,346	171,818	15,346	171,818	187,164
28	0	151,888	0	151,888	151,888
28,5	47,738	118,036	47,738	118,036	165,774
29	0	75,733	0	75,733	75,733
29,5	0	72,087	0	72,087	72,087
30	0	50,780	0	50,780	50,780
30,5	0	40,206	0	40,206	40,206
31	0	28,272	0	28,272	28,272
31,5	0	0	0	0	0
32	0	0	0	0	0
32,5	36,715	0	36,715	0	36,715
33	422,375	5,784	422,375	5,784	428,159
33,5	0	0	0	0	0
34	0	0	0	0	0
34,5	0	6,693	0	6,693	6,693
35	0	0	0	0	0
35,5	0	0	0	0	0
36	0	0	0	0	0
36,5	0	0	0	0	0
37	0	0	0	0	0
37,5	0	0	0	0	0
38	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>193007,706</b>	<b>862,659</b>	<b>193007,706</b>	<b>862,659</b>	<b>193870,365</b>



Table 10. ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Chub mackerel (*Scomber colias*). Cont'd.

ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 . <i>Scomber colias</i> . BIOMASS (t)										
Size class	POL01	POL02	POL03	POL04	POL05	POL06	POL07	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17,5	0	0	16,905	0	4,344	7,487	0	16,905	11,831	28,736
18	0	0	72,071	0	18,519	39,003	0	72,071	57,522	129,593
18,5	0	0	324,673	7,271	83,425	74,113	0,360	324,673	165,169	489,842
19	0	0	674,768	8,150	173,382	83,343	0,403	674,768	265,278	940,046
19,5	0	23,805	1147,66	12,066	294,892	72,075	0,597	1171,465	379,630	1551,095
20	0	104,499	1455,451	29,130	373,979	20,306	1,441	1559,95	424,856	1984,806
20,5	0	113,651	1163,208	52,867	298,887	9,438	2,615	1276,859	363,807	1640,666
21	0	281,161	921,994	113,917	236,907	10,216	5,634	1203,155	366,674	1569,829
21,5	0	729,958	818,333	197,355	210,271	7,358	9,760	1548,291	424,744	1973,035
22	0	1091,429	887,628	396,821	228,077	0	19,625	1979,057	644,523	2623,580
22,5	19,916	1359,685	713,783	497,303	183,407	4,272	24,594	2093,384	709,576	2802,96
23	13,522	894,166	752,067	597,948	193,244	0	29,572	1659,755	820,764	2480,519
23,5	54,423	302,448	713,014	387,293	183,21	0	19,154	1069,885	589,657	1659,542
24	73,882	270,722	315,882	333,937	81,166	0	16,515	660,486	431,618	1092,104
24,5	134,558	64,380	136,220	188,201	35,002	0	9,308	335,158	232,511	567,669
25	97,851	13,397	199,487	160,482	51,258	0	7,937	310,735	219,677	530,412
25,5	101,279	29,791	135,444	20,880	34,803	0	1,033	266,514	56,716	323,230
26	104,594	15,244	62,019	30,478	15,936	0	1,507	181,857	47,921	229,778
26,5	68,257	0	0	33,257	0	0	1,645	68,257	34,902	103,159
27	26,745	0	0	26,062	0	0	1,289	26,745	27,351	54,096
27,5	10,147	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,147	0	10,147
28	0	0	27,753	0	7,131	0	0	27,753	7,131	34,884
28,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	0	0	0	21,908	0	0	1,083	0	22,991	22,991
35,5	0	0	0	22,959	0	0	1,135	0	24,094	24,094
36	0	0	0	24,044	0	0	1,189	0	25,233	25,233
36,5	0	0	0	25,165	0	0	1,244	0	26,409	26,409
37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
37,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>705,174</b>	<b>5294,336</b>	<b>10538,360</b>	<b>3187,494</b>	<b>2707,840</b>	<b>327,611</b>	<b>157,640</b>	<b>16537,870</b>	<b>6380,585</b>	<b>22918,455</b>

**Table 11.** *ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS* surveys series. Chub mackerel (*Scomber colias*). Acoustic estimates of biomass (t) and abundance (million fish) for the whole Gulf of Cadiz anchovy population and for the juvenile fraction (*i.e.* age 0 fish, between parentheses). Note that the 2012 survey only surveyed the Spanish waters. The 2017 estimates correspond to an incomplete coverage (only the seven easternmost transects) of the standard surveyed area due to a research vessels' breakdown.

Estimate/Year	Total Population (Recruits at age 0)							
	2012	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Biomass (t)</b>	11155 (n.a.)	17471 (n.a.)	5683 (n.a.)	13689 (n.a.)	11726 (n.a.)	6950 (n.a.)	26212 (5265)	22918 (2759)
<b>Abundance (millions)</b>	157 (n.a.)	148 (n.a.)	65 (n.a.)	297 (n.a.)	86 (n.a.)	108 (n.a.)	367 (88)	295 (51)

**Table 12.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Horse mackerel (*Trachurus trachurus*). Estimated abundance (absolute numbers and million fish) and biomass (t) by size class (in cm). Polygons (i.e., coherent or homogeneous post-strata) numbered as in **Figure 22**.

ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 . <i>Trachurus trachurus</i> . ABUNDANCE (in numbers and million fish)										
Size class	POL01	POL02	POL03	POL04	n			Millions		
					PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14,5	0	0	565	64125	0	64690	64690	0	0,1	0,1
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	0	0	2811	319200	0	322011	322011	0	0,3	0,3
16,5	0	0	5069	575700	0	580769	580769	0	1	1
17	0	0	7316	830775	0	838091	838091	0	1	1
17,5	0	136768	18007	2044876	136768	2062883	2199651	0,1	2	2
18	0	68384	19136	2173126	68384	2192262	2260646	0,1	2	2
18,5	0	269513	29262	3323101	269513	3352363	3621876	0,3	3	4
19	0	543048	20265	2301376	543048	2321641	2864689	1	2	3
19,5	0	406280	6186	702525	406280	708711	1114991	0,4	1	1
20	0	611431	4505	511575	611431	516080	1127511	1	1	1
20,5	0	611431	1129	128250	611431	129379	740810	1	0,1	1
21	0	1560759	1694	192375	1560759	194069	1754828	2	0,2	2
21,5	24331	2103807	1129	128250	2128138	129379	2257517	2	0,1	2
22	97322	1898655	565	64125	1995977	64690	2060667	2	0,1	2
22,5	97322	1967039	0	0	2064361	0	2064361	2	0	2
23	218975	2441703	0	0	2660678	0	2660678	3	0	3
23,5	194645	880944	0	0	1075589	0	1075589	1	0	1
24	170314	406280	0	0	576594	0	576594	1	0	1
24,5	97322	136768	0	0	234090	0	234090	0,2	0	0,2
25	48661	136768	0	0	185429	0	185429	0,2	0	0,2
25,5	97322	0	0	0	97322	0	97322	0,1	0	0,1
26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28,5	24331	0	0	0	24331	0	24331	0,02	0	0,02
29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL n</b>	1070545	14179578	117639	13359379	15250123	13477018	28727141			
<b>Millions</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>13</b>				<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>29</b>

**Table 12.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Horse mackerel (*Trachurus trachurus*). Cont'd.

ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 . <i>Trachurus trachurus</i> . BIOMASS (t)							
Size class	POL01	POL02	POL03	POL04	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14,5	0	0	0,018	2,066	0	2,084	2,084
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	0	0	0,114	12,950	0	13,064	13,064
16,5	0	0	0,221	25,105	0	25,326	25,326
17	0	0	0,342	38,856	0	39,198	39,198
17,5	0	6,847	0,902	102,376	6,847	103,278	110,125
18	0	3,658	1,024	116,238	3,658	117,262	120,92
18,5	0	15,374	1,669	189,568	15,374	191,237	206,611
19	0	32,982	1,231	139,775	32,982	141,006	173,988
19,5	0	26,229	0,399	45,355	26,229	45,754	71,983
20	0	41,896	0,309	35,054	41,896	35,363	77,259
20,5	0	44,402	0,082	9,313	44,402	9,395	53,797
21	0	119,954	0,130	14,785	119,954	14,915	134,869
21,5	1,976	170,899	0,092	10,418	172,875	10,510	183,385
22	8,345	162,812	0,048	5,499	171,157	5,547	176,704
22,5	8,799	177,844	0	0	186,643	0	186,643
23	20,850	232,490	0	0	253,340	0	253,340
23,5	19,497	88,241	0	0	107,738	0	107,738
24	17,927	42,766	0	0	60,693	0	60,693
24,5	10,754	15,113	0	0	25,867	0	25,867
25	5,640	15,851	0	0	21,491	0	21,491
25,5	11,818	0	0	0	11,818	0	11,818
26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28,5	3,841	0	0	0	3,841	0	3,841
29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>109,447</b>	<b>1197,358</b>	<b>6,581</b>	<b>747,358</b>	<b>1306,805</b>	<b>753,939</b>	<b>2060,744</b>

**Table 13.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Mediterranean horse mackerel (*Trachurus mediterraneus*). Estimated abundance (absolute numbers and million fish) and biomass (t) by size class (in cm). Polygons (*i.e.*, coherent or homogeneous post-strata) numbered as in **Figure 25**.

ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10. <i>Trachurus mediterraneus</i> . ABUNDANCE (in numbers and million fish)											
Size class	POL01	POL02	POL03	POL04	n			Millions			
					PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL	
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
5,5	0	0	0	11970	0	11970	11970	0	0,01	0,01	
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
6,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
7,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
8,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
9,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
10,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
11,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
12,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
13,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
14,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
15,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
16,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
17,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
18,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
19	0	0	0	5985	0	5985	5985	0	0,01	0,01	
19,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
20,5	0	0	0	5985	0	5985	5985	0	0,01	0,01	
21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
21,5	0	0	0	5985	0	5985	5985	0	0,01	0,01	
22	0	0	0	5985	0	5985	5985	0	0,01	0,01	
22,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
23	0	0	0	53865	0	53865	53865	0	0,1	0,1	
23,5	0	0	0	17955	0	17955	17955	0	0,02	0,02	
24	0	0	0	41895	0	41895	41895	0	0,04	0,04	
24,5	0	0	0	5985	0	5985	5985	0	0,01	0,01	
25	0	0	0	17955	0	17955	17955	0	0,02	0,02	
25,5	0	0	0	23940	0	23940	23940	0	0,02	0,02	
26	0	0	0	53865	0	53865	53865	0	0,1	0,1	
26,5	0	0	0	17955	0	17955	17955	0	0,02	0,02	
27	0	0	0	83790	0	83790	83790	0	0,1	0,1	
27,5	0	0	0	35910	0	35910	35910	0	0,04	0,04	
28	0	0	0	35910	0	35910	35910	0	0,04	0,04	
28,5	0	0	0	65835	0	65835	65835	0	0,1	0,1	
29	0	0	0	137655	0	137655	137655	0	0,1	0,1	
29,5	3411	187604	0	107730	0	298745	298745	0	0,3	0,3	
30	3411	187604	0	89775	0	280790	280790	0	0,3	0,3	
30,5	13645	750417	0	83790	0	847852	847852	0	1	1	
31	13645	750417	0	59850	0	823912	823912	0	1	1	
31,5	13645	750417	0	47880	0	811942	811942	0	1	1	
32	17056	938022	0	5985	0	961063	961063	0	1	1	
32,5	17056	938022	0	5985	0	961063	961063	0	1	1	
33	17056	938022	0	0	0	955078	955078	0	1	1	
33,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
34,5	6823	375209	0	0	0	382032	382032	0	0,4	0,4	
35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
35,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
36,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
37	0	0	6972	0	0	6972	6972	0	0,01	0,01	
37,5	0	0	10458	0	0	10458	10458	0	0,01	0,01	
38	0	0	17430	0	0	17430	17430	0	0,02	0,02	
38,5	0	0	10458	0	0	10458	10458	0	0,01	0,01	
39	0	0	13944	0	0	13944	13944	0	0,01	0,01	
39,5	0	0	10458	0	0	10458	10458	0	0,01	0,01	
40	3411	187604	17430	0	0	208445	208445	0	0,2	0,2	
40,5	0	0	10458	0	0	10458	10458	0	0,01	0,01	
41	0	0	3486	0	0	3486	3486	0	0,003	0,003	
41,5	0	0	10458	0	0	10458	10458	0	0,01	0,01	
42	0	0	6972	0	0	6972	6972	0	0,01	0,01	
42,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
43	0	0	6972	0	0	6972	6972	0	0,01	0,01	
43,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
44	0	0	3486	0	0	3486	3486	0	0,003	0,003	
44,5	3411	187604	6972	0	0	197987	197987	0	0,2	0,2	
45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
45,5	0	0	3486	0	0	3486	3486	0	0,003	0,003	
46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
46,5	0	0	3486	0	0	3486	3486	0	0,003	0,003	
47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
47,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
48,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
49,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL n	112570	6190942	142926	1029420	0	7475858	7475858	0	7	7	
Millions	0,1	6	0,1	1							

**Table 132.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Mediterranean horse mackerel (*Trachurus mediterraneus*). Cont'd.

ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10. <i>Trachurus mediterraneus</i> . BIOMASS (t)							
Size class	POL01	POL02	POL03	POL04	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5,5	0	0	0	0,022	0	0,022	0,022
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	0	0	0	0,335	0	0,335	0,335
19,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20,5	0	0	0	0,414	0	0,414	0,414
21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21,5	0	0	0	0,473	0	0,473	0,473
22	0	0	0	0,505	0	0,505	0,505
22,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	0	0	0	5,143	0	5,143	5,143
23,5	0	0	0	1,821	0	1,821	1,821
24	0	0	0	4,507	0	4,507	4,507
24,5	0	0	0	0,682	0	0,682	0,682
25	0	0	0	2,166	0	2,166	2,166
25,5	0	0	0	3,052	0	3,052	3,052
26	0	0	0	7,252	0	7,252	7,252
26,5	0	0	0	2,550	0	2,550	2,550
27	0	0	0	12,541	0	12,541	12,541
27,5	0	0	0	5,659	0	5,659	5,659
28	0	0	0	5,952	0	5,952	5,952
28,5	0	0	0	11,468	0	11,468	11,468
29	0	0	0	25,178	0	25,178	25,178
29,5	0,655	36,001	0	20,673	0	57,329	57,329
30	0,686	37,741	0	18,060	0	56,487	56,487
30,5	2,875	158,136	0	17,657	0	178,668	178,668
31	3,010	165,525	0	13,202	0	181,737	181,737
31,5	3,148	173,135	0	11,047	0	187,330	187,330
32	4,113	226,209	0	1,443	0	231,765	231,765
32,5	4,296	236,281	0	1,508	0	242,085	242,085
33	4,485	246,639	0	0	0	251,124	251,124
33,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34,5	2,033	111,785	0	0	0	113,818	113,818
35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
37	0	0	2,529	0	0	2,529	2,529
37,5	0	0	3,939	0	0	3,939	3,939
38	0	0	6,814	0	0	6,814	6,814
38,5	0	0	4,242	0	0	4,242	4,242
39	0	0	5,865	0	0	5,865	5,865
39,5	0	0	4,559	0	0	4,559	4,559
40	1,541	84,731	7,872	0	0	94,144	94,144
40,5	0	0	4,891	0	0	4,891	4,891
41	0	0	1,688	0	0	1,688	1,688
41,5	0	0	5,239	0	0	5,239	5,239
42	0	0	3,612	0	0	3,612	3,612
42,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
43	0	0	3,860	0	0	3,860	3,860
43,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
44	0	0	2,059	0	0	2,059	2,059
44,5	2,080	114,386	4,251	0	0	120,717	120,717
45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45,5	0	0	2,263	0	0	2,263	2,263
46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
46,5	0	0	2,406	0	0	2,406	2,406
47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
47,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
48,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
49,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28,922</b>	<b>1590,569</b>	<b>66,089</b>	<b>173,310</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1858,890</b>	<b>1858,890</b>



**Table 14.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Blue Jack mackerel (*Trachurus picturatus*). Estimated abundance (absolute numbers and million fish) and biomass (t) by size class (in cm). Polygons (i.e., coherent or homogeneous post-strata) numbered as in **Figure 28**.

ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 . <i>Trachurus picturatus</i> . ABUNDANCE (in numbers and million fish)									
Size class	POL01	POL02	POL03	n			Millions		
				PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18,5	11256	0	0	11256	0	11256	0,01	0	0,01
19	93800	0	0	93800	0	93800	0,1	0	0,1
19,5	262640	0	0	262640	0	262640	0,3	0	0,3
20	453992	0	0	453992	0	453992	0,5	0	0,5
20,5	412720	44133	0	456853	0	456853	0,5	0	0,5
21	180096	80911	0	261007	0	261007	0,3	0	0,3
21,5	146328	139756	7361	286084	7361	293445	0,3	0,01	0,3
22	285152	80911	0	366063	0	366063	0,4	0	0,4
22,5	116312	29422	0	145734	0	145734	0,1	0	0,1
23	75040	22067	7361	97107	7361	104468	0,1	0,01	0,1
23,5	52528	29422	22083	81950	22083	104033	0,1	0,02	0,1
24	11256	22067	22083	33323	22083	55406	0,03	0,02	0,1
24,5	0	7356	33125	7356	33125	40481	0,01	0,03	0,04
25	0	22067	40486	22067	40486	62553	0,02	0,04	0,1
25,5	0	7356	29444	7356	29444	36800	0,01	0,03	0,04
26	0	0	18403	0	18403	18403	0	0,02	0,02
26,5	0	0	18403	0	18403	18403	0	0,02	0,02
27	0	0	11042	0	11042	11042	0	0,01	0,01
27,5	0	0	33125	0	33125	33125	0	0,03	0,03
28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	0	0	7361	0	7361	7361	0	0,01	0,01
29,5	0	0	7361	0	7361	7361	0	0,01	0,01
30	0	0	7361	0	7361	7361	0	0,01	0,01
30,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	0	0	18403	0	18403	18403	0	0,02	0,02
31,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33,5	0	0	7361	0	7361	7361	0	0,01	0,01
34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
37,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL n</b>	2101120	485468	290763	2586588	290763	2877351			
<b>Millions</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>0,3</b>				<b>3</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>3</b>

**Table 14.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Blue Jack mackerel (*Trachurus picturatus*). Cont'd.

ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10. <i>Trachurus picturatus</i> . BIOMASS (t)						
Size class	POL01	POL02	POL03	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL
14	0	0	0	0	0	0
14,5	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	0	0	0	0	0	0
15,5	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	0	0	0	0	0	0
16,5	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	0	0	0	0	0	0
17,5	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	0	0	0	0	0	0
18,5	0,546	0	0	0,546	0	0,546
19	4,946	0	0	4,946	0	4,946
19,5	15,023	0	0	15,023	0	15,023
20	28,109	0	0	28,109	0	28,109
20,5	27,608	2,952	0	30,560	0	30,560
21	12,991	5,837	0	18,828	0	18,828
21,5	11,363	10,852	0,572	22,215	0,572	22,787
22	23,797	6,752	0	30,549	0	30,549
22,5	10,415	2,635	0	13,050	0	13,050
23	7,199	2,117	0,706	9,316	0,706	10,022
23,5	5,390	3,019	2,266	8,409	2,266	10,675
24	1,234	2,419	2,421	3,653	2,421	6,074
24,5	0	0,860	3,874	0,860	3,874	4,734
25	0	2,750	5,045	2,750	5,045	7,795
25,5	0	0,975	3,904	0,975	3,904	4,879
26	0	0	2,593	0	2,593	2,593
26,5	0	0	2,753	0	2,753	2,753
27	0	0	1,752	0	1,752	1,752
27,5	0	0	5,567	0	5,567	5,567
28	0	0	0	0	0	0
28,5	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	0	0	1,462	0	1,462	1,462
29,5	0	0	1,542	0	1,542	1,542
30	0	0	1,626	0	1,626	1,626
30,5	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	0	0	4,507	0	4,507	4,507
31,5	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	0	0	0	0	0	0
32,5	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	0	0	0	0	0	0
33,5	0	0	2,301	0	2,301	2,301
34	0	0	0	0	0	0
34,5	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	0	0	0	0	0	0
35,5	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	0	0	0	0	0	0
36,5	0	0	0	0	0	0
37	0	0	0	0	0	0
37,5	0	0	0	0	0	0
38	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>148,621</b>	<b>41,168</b>	<b>42,891</b>	<b>189,789</b>	<b>42,891</b>	<b>232,680</b>

**Table 15.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Bogue (*Boops boops*). Estimated abundance (absolute numbers and million fish) and biomass (t) by size class (in cm). Polygons (*i.e.*, coherent or homogeneous post-strata) numbered as in **Figure 31**.

ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 . <i>Boops boops</i> . ABUNDANCE (in numbers and million fish)											
Size class	POL01	POL02	POL03	POL04	POL05	<i>n</i>			Millions		
						PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15,5	285	977	198	576	2810	1460	3386	4846	0,001	0,003	0,005
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16,5	1138	3908	791	2304	11238	5837	13542	19379	0,01	0,01	0,02
17	285	977	198	576	2810	1460	3386	4846	0,001	0,003	0,005
17,5	1423	4884	989	2879	14048	7296	16927	24223	0,01	0,02	0,02
18	1707	5861	1187	3455	16857	8755	20312	29067	0,01	0,02	0,03
18,5	1138	3908	791	2304	11238	5837	13542	19379	0,01	0,01	0,02
19	4126	14165	2868	8350	40738	21159	49088	70247	0,02	0,05	0,1
19,5	5264	18072	3659	10654	51976	26995	62630	89625	0,03	0,1	0,1
20	5264	18072	3659	10654	51976	26995	62630	89625	0,03	0,1	0,1
20,5	6402	21980	4450	12957	63214	32832	76171	109003	0,03	0,1	0,1
21	6402	21980	4450	12957	63214	32832	76171	109003	0,03	0,1	0,1
21,5	6971	23933	4846	14109	68833	35750	82942	118692	0,04	0,1	0,1
22	4410	15142	3066	8926	43547	22618	52473	75091	0,02	0,1	0,1
22,5	1423	4884	989	2879	14048	7296	16927	24223	0,01	0,02	0,02
23	2845	9769	1978	5759	28095	14592	33854	48446	0,01	0,03	0,05
23,5	1707	5861	1187	3455	16857	8755	20312	29067	0,01	0,02	0,03
24	854	2931	593	1728	8429	4378	10157	14535	0,004	0,01	0,01
24,5	569	1954	396	1152	5619	2919	6771	9690	0,003	0,01	0,01
25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25,5	285	977	198	576	2810	1460	3386	4846	0,001	0,003	0,005
26	285	977	198	576	2810	1460	3386	4846	0,001	0,003	0,005
26,5	285	977	198	576	2810	1460	3386	4846	0,001	0,003	0,005
27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31,5	285	977	198	576	2810	1460	3386	4846	0,001	0,003	0,005
32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL <i>n</i></b>	<b>53353</b>	<b>183166</b>	<b>37087</b>	<b>107978</b>	<b>526787</b>	<b>273606</b>	<b>634765</b>	<b>908371</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Millions</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>0,04</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>1</b>						

Table 15. ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Bogue (*Boops boops*). Cont'd.

ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 . <i>Boops boops</i> . BIOMASS (t)								
Size class	POL01	POL02	POL03	POL04	POL05	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15,5	0,020	0,068	0,014	0,040	0,194	0,102	0,234	0,336
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16,5	0,087	0,297	0,060	0,175	0,855	0,444	1,030	1,474
17	0,023	0,078	0,016	0,046	0,224	0,117	0,270	0,387
17,5	0,119	0,407	0,082	0,240	1,170	0,608	1,410	2,018
18	0,149	0,510	0,103	0,301	1,467	0,762	1,768	2,530
18,5	0,103	0,355	0,072	0,209	1,020	0,530	1,229	1,759
19	0,390	1,340	0,271	0,790	3,853	2,001	4,643	6,644
19,5	0,518	1,779	0,360	1,049	5,117	2,657	6,166	8,823
20	0,539	1,850	0,375	1,091	5,322	2,764	6,413	9,177
20,5	0,681	2,338	0,473	1,378	6,724	3,492	8,102	11,594
21	0,707	2,427	0,491	1,430	6,979	3,625	8,409	12,034
21,5	0,798	2,740	0,555	1,615	7,881	4,093	9,496	13,589
22	0,523	1,796	0,364	1,059	5,166	2,683	6,225	8,908
22,5	0,175	0,600	0,121	0,354	1,726	0,896	2,080	2,976
23	0,362	1,241	0,251	0,732	3,570	1,854	4,302	6,156
23,5	0,224	0,770	0,156	0,454	2,215	1,150	2,669	3,819
24	0,116	0,398	0,080	0,235	1,144	0,594	1,379	1,973
24,5	0,080	0,274	0,055	0,161	0,787	0,409	0,948	1,357
25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25,5	0,042	0,146	0,030	0,086	0,419	0,218	0,505	0,723
26	0,044	0,150	0,030	0,088	0,432	0,224	0,520	0,744
26,5	0,045	0,155	0,031	0,091	0,445	0,231	0,536	0,767
27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31,5	0,059	0,202	0,041	0,119	0,581	0,302	0,70	1,002
32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	5,804	19,921	4,031	11,743	57,291	29,756	69,034	98,790

**Table 16.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Boarfish (*Capros aper*). Estimated abundance (absolute numbers and million fish) and biomass (t) by size class (in cm). Polygons (*i.e.*, coherent or homogeneous post-strata) numbered as in **Figure 34**.

ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 . <i>Capros aper</i> . ABUNDANCE (in numbers and million fish)							
Size class	POL01	n			Millions		
		PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	6042	6042	0	6042	0,006042	0	0,006042
6,5	6042	6042	0	6042	0,006042	0	0,006042
7	3021	3021	0	3021	0,003021	0	0,003021
7,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL n</b>	15105	15105	0	15105	<b>0,02</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0,02</b>
<b>Millions</b>	<b>0,02</b>						

ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 . <i>Capros aper</i> . BIOMASS (t)				
Size class	POL01	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL
4	0	0	0	0
4,5	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0
5,5	0	0	0	0
6	0,030	0,030	0	0,030
6,5	0,037	0,037	0	0,037
7	0,022	0,022	0	0,022
7,5	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0
8,5	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0
9,5	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0,089</b>	<b>0,089</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0,089</b>

**Table 17.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Longspine snipefish (*Macroramphosus scolopax*). Estimated abundance (absolute numbers and million fish) and biomass (t) by size class (in cm). Polygons (*i.e.*, coherent or homogeneous post-strata) numbered as in **Figure 37**.

ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 . <i>Macroramphosus scolopax</i> . ABUNDANCE (in numbers and million fish)							
Size class	POL01	n			Millions		
		PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11,5	24959	24959	0	24959	0,02	0	0,02
12	24959	24959	0	24959	0,02	0	0,02
12,5	8320	8320	0	8320	0,01	0	0,01
13	66557	66557	0	66557	0,1	0	0,1
13,5	232949	232949	0	232949	0,2	0	0,2
14	407661	407661	0	407661	0,4	0	0,4
14,5	266227	266227	0	266227	0,3	0	0,3
15	166392	166392	0	166392	0,2	0	0,2
15,5	83196	83196	0	83196	0,1	0	0,1
16	66557	66557	0	66557	0,1	0	0,1
16,5	41598	41598	0	41598	0,04	0	0,04
17	8320	8320	0	8320	0,01	0	0,01
17,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL n</b>	<b>1397695</b>	<b>1397695</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1397695</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Millions</b>	<b>1</b>						

**Table 17.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Longspine snipefish (*Macroramphosus scolopax*).  
Cont'd.

ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 . <i>M. scolopax</i> . BIOMASS (t)				
Size class	POL01	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL
5	0	0	0	0
5,5	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0
6,5	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0
7,5	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0
8,5	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0
9,5	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0
10,5	0	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0
11,5	0,238	0,238	0	0,238
12	0,266	0,266	0	0,266
12,5	0,099	0,099	0	0,099
13	0,879	0,879	0	0,879
13,5	3,401	3,401	0	3,401
14	6,560	6,560	0	6,560
14,5	4,706	4,706	0	4,706
15	3,221	3,221	0	3,221
15,5	1,758	1,758	0	1,758
16	1,532	1,532	0	1,532
16,5	1,040	1,040	0	1,040
17	0,225	0,225	0	0,225
17,5	0	0	0	0
18	0	0	0	0
18,5	0	0	0	0
19	0	0	0	0
19,5	0	0	0	0
20	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,925</b>	<b>23,925</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23,925</b>

**Table 17.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Pearlside (*Maurolicus muelleri*). Estimated abundance (absolute numbers and million fish) and biomass (t) by size class (in cm). Polygons (*i.e.*, coherent or homogeneous post-strata) numbered as in **Figure 40**.

ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 . <i>Maurolicus muelleri</i> . ABUNDANCE (in numbers and million fish)										
Size class	POL01	POL02	POL03	POL04	n			Millions		
					PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	131174033	1874742	1511496	5312044	131174033	8698282	139872315	131	9	140
3,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	524696130	7498966	6045983	21248175	524696130	34793124	559489254	525	35	559
4,5	1049392260	14997933	12091967	42496350	1049392260	69586250	1118978510	1049	70	1119
5	327935081	4686854	3778740	13280109	327935081	21745703	349680784	328	22	350
5,5	524696130	7498966	6045983	21248175	524696130	34793124	559489254	525	35	559
6	262348065	3749483	3022992	10624087	262348065	17396562	279744627	262	17	280
6,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL n</b>	<b>2820241699</b>	<b>40306944</b>	<b>32497161</b>	<b>114208940</b>	<b>2820241699</b>	<b>187013045</b>	<b>3007254744</b>	<b>2820</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>3007</b>
<b>Millions</b>	<b>2820</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>114</b>						

ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 . <i>Maurolicus muelleri</i> . BIOMASS (t)							
Size class	POL01	POL02	POL03	POL04	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	TOTAL
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	39,750	0,568	0,458	1,610	39,750	2,636	42,386
3,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	339,783	4,856	3,915	13,760	339,783	22,531	362,314
4,5	931,047	13,307	10,728	37,704	931,047	61,739	992,786
5	386,246	5,520	4,451	15,641	386,246	25,612	411,858
5,5	799,509	11,427	9,213	32,377	799,509	53,017	852,526
6	506,177	7,234	5,833	20,498	506,177	33,565	539,742
6,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3002,512</b>	<b>42,912</b>	<b>34,598</b>	<b>121,590</b>	<b>3002,512</b>	<b>199,100</b>	<b>3201,612</b>



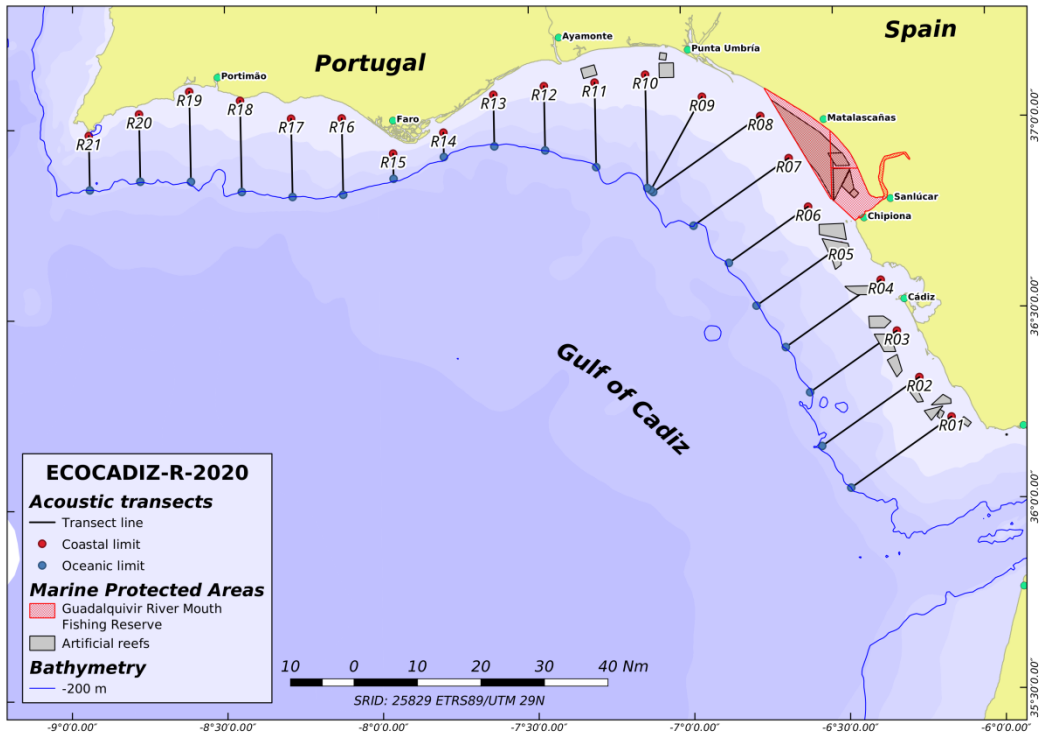


Figure 1. ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Location of the acoustic transects sampled during the survey. The different protected areas inside the Guadalquivir river mouth Fishing Reserve and artificial reef polygons are also shown.

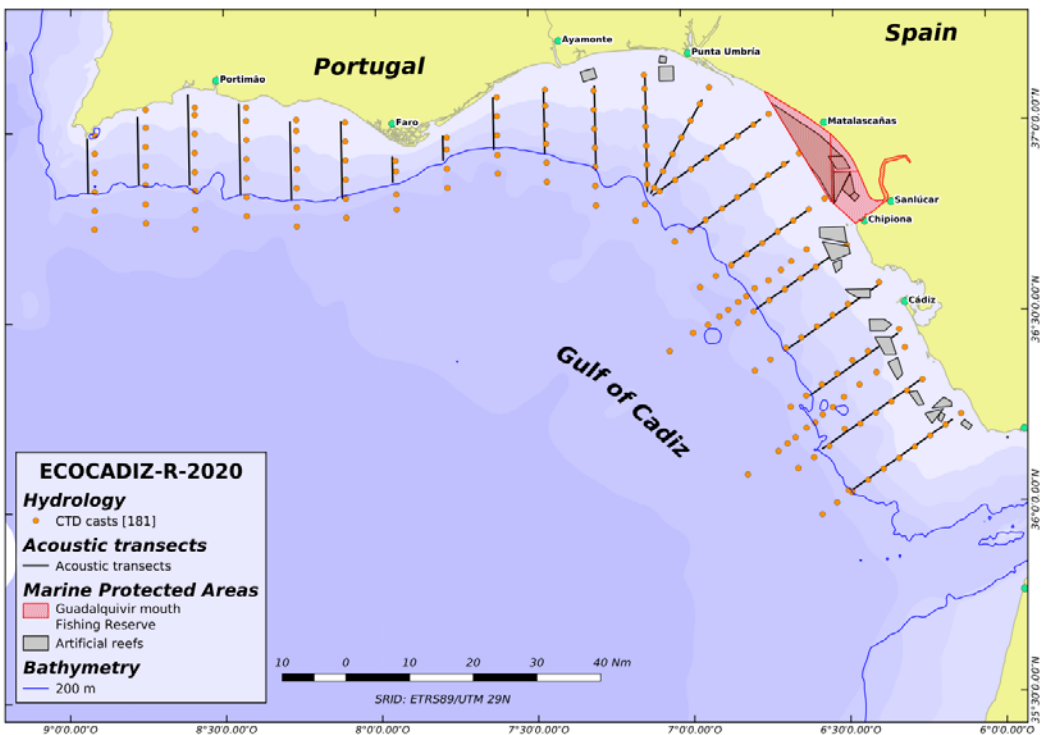


Figure 2. ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Location of CTD stations.

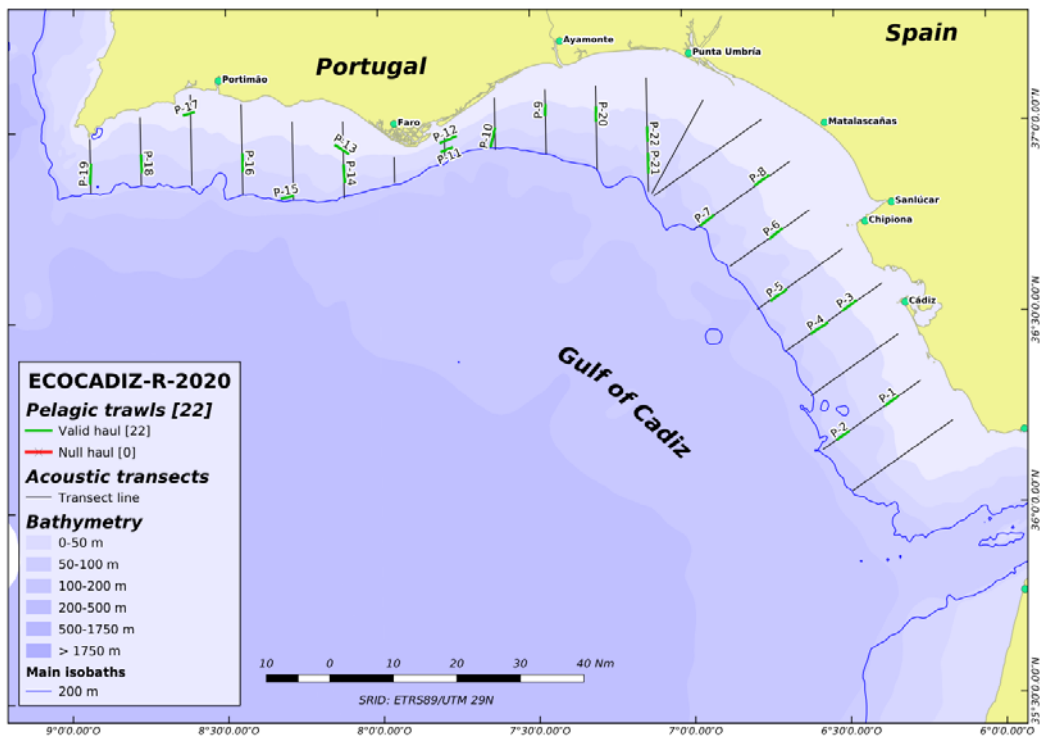


Figure 3. ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Location of ground-truthing fishing hauls.

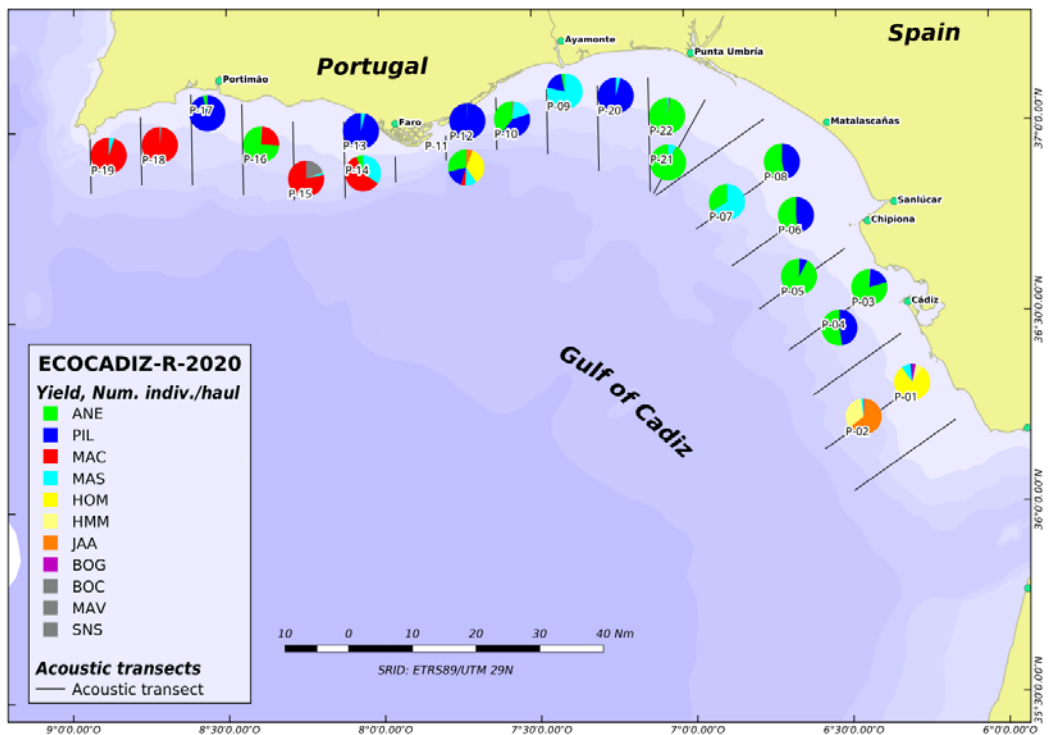
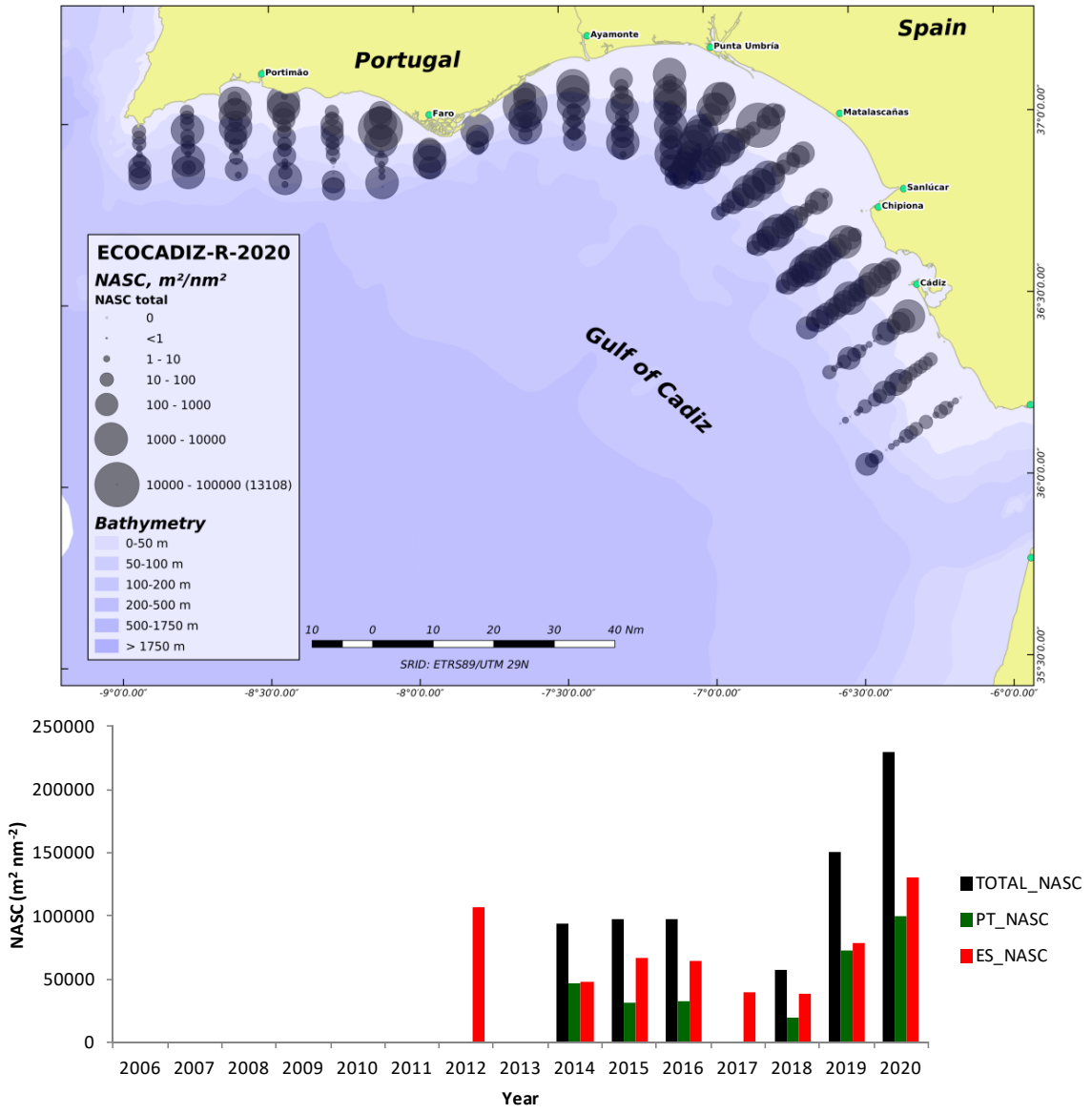


Figure 4. ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Species composition (percentages in number) in valid fishing hauls.



**Figure 5.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Distribution of the total backscattering energy (Nautical area scattering coefficient,  $NASC$ , in  $m^2 nm^{-2}$ ) attributed to the pelagic fish species assemblage.

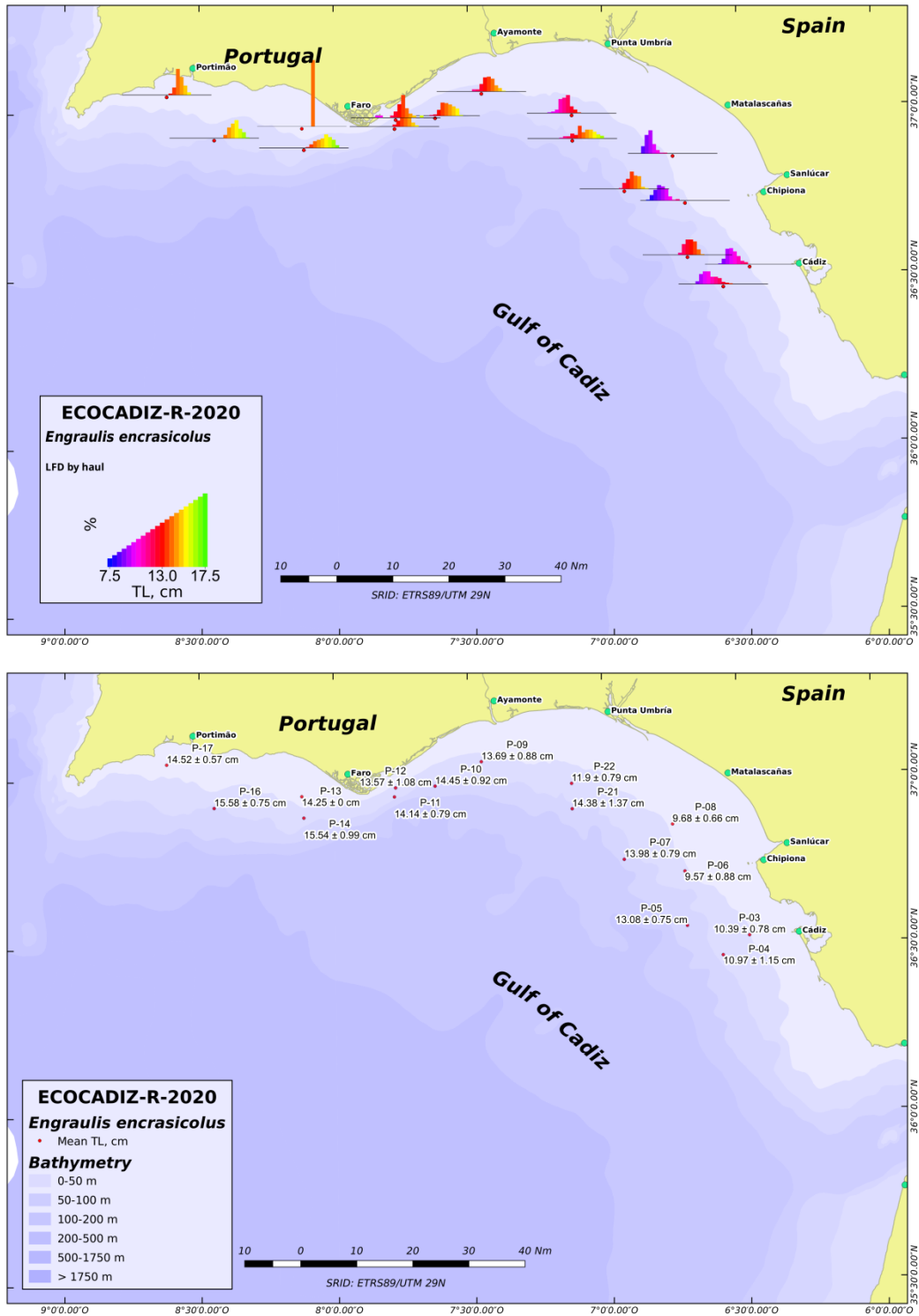
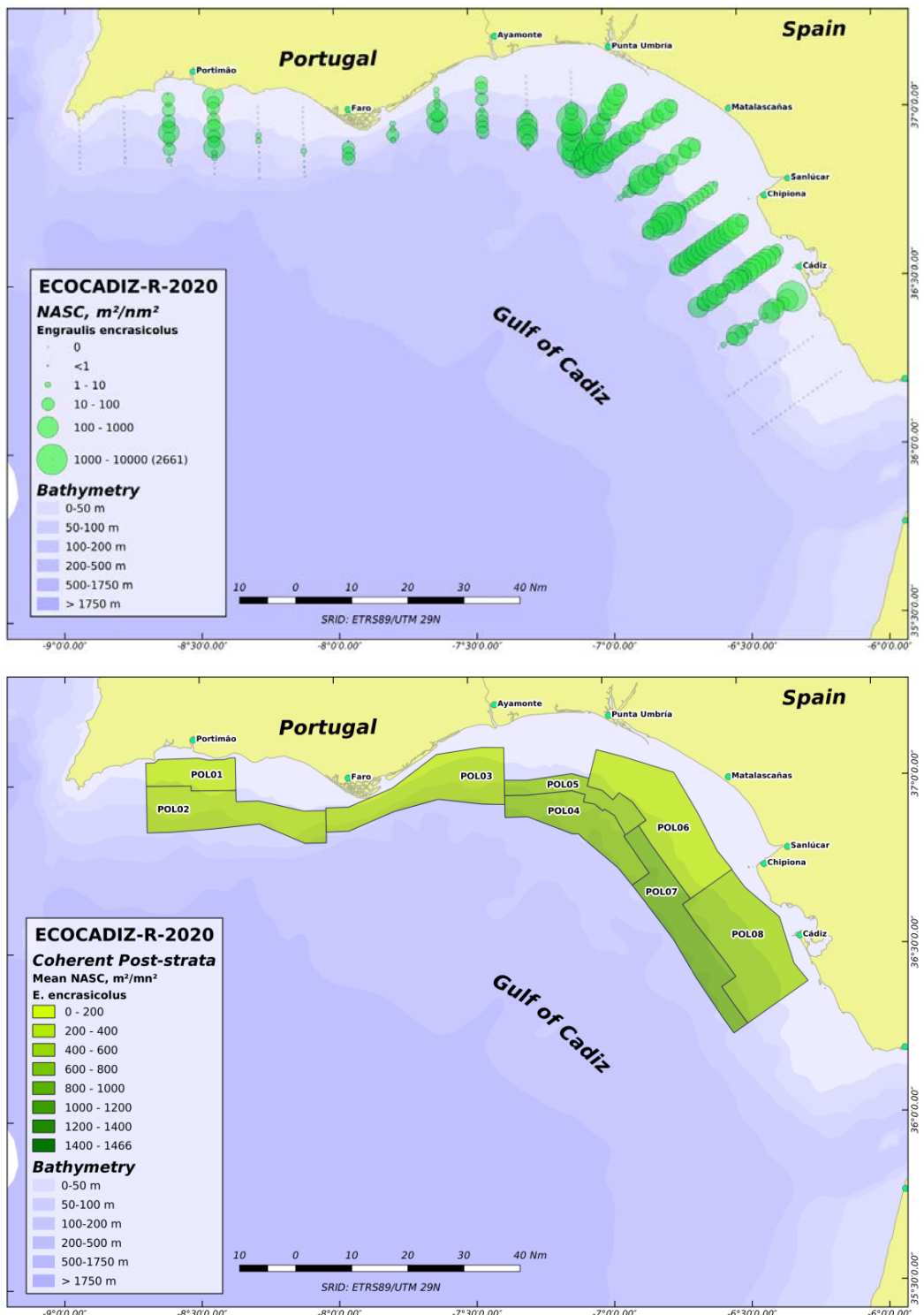
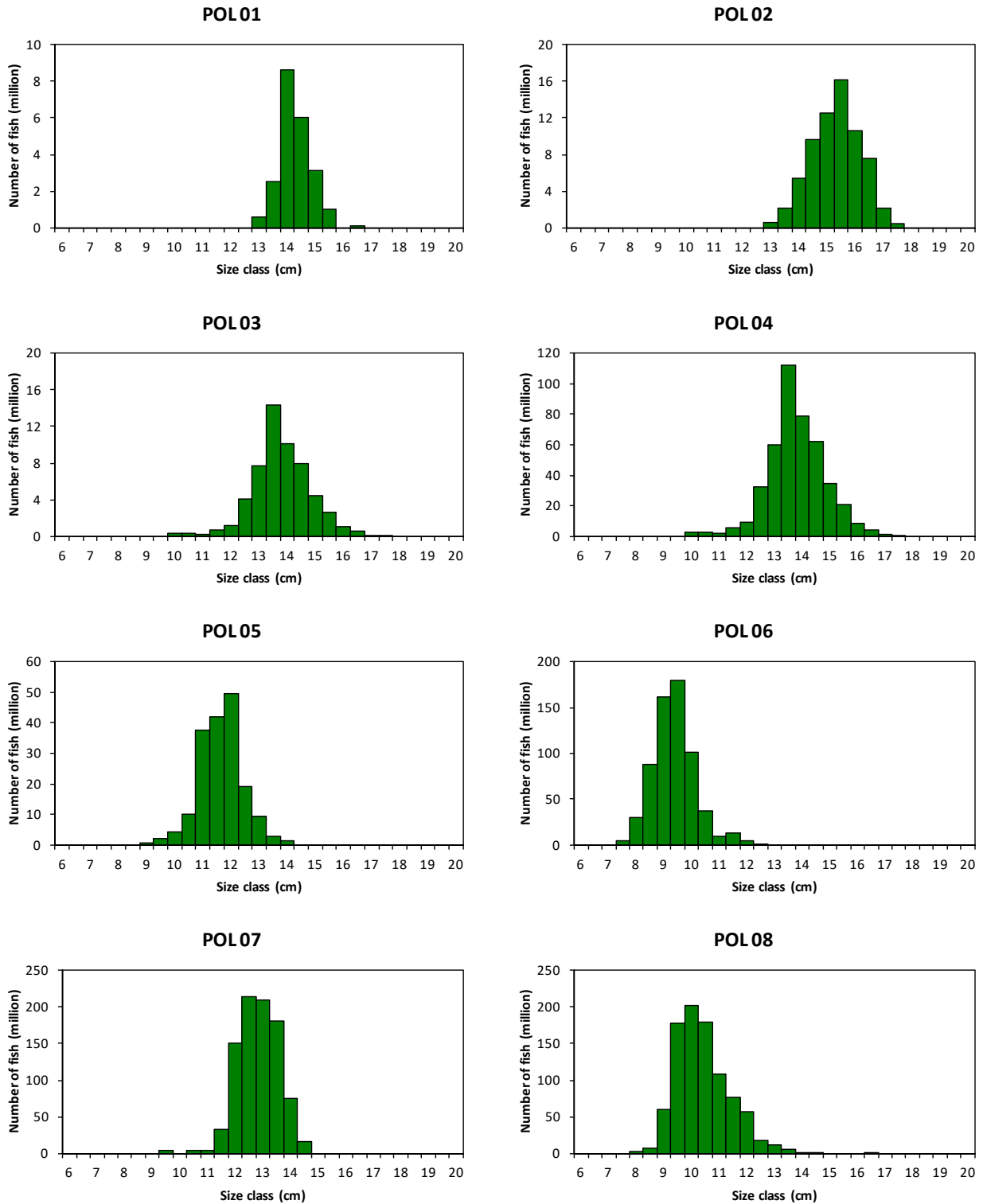


Figure 6. ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Anchovy (*Engraulis encrasicolus*). Top: length frequency distributions in fishing hauls. Bottom: mean  $\pm$  sd length by haul.



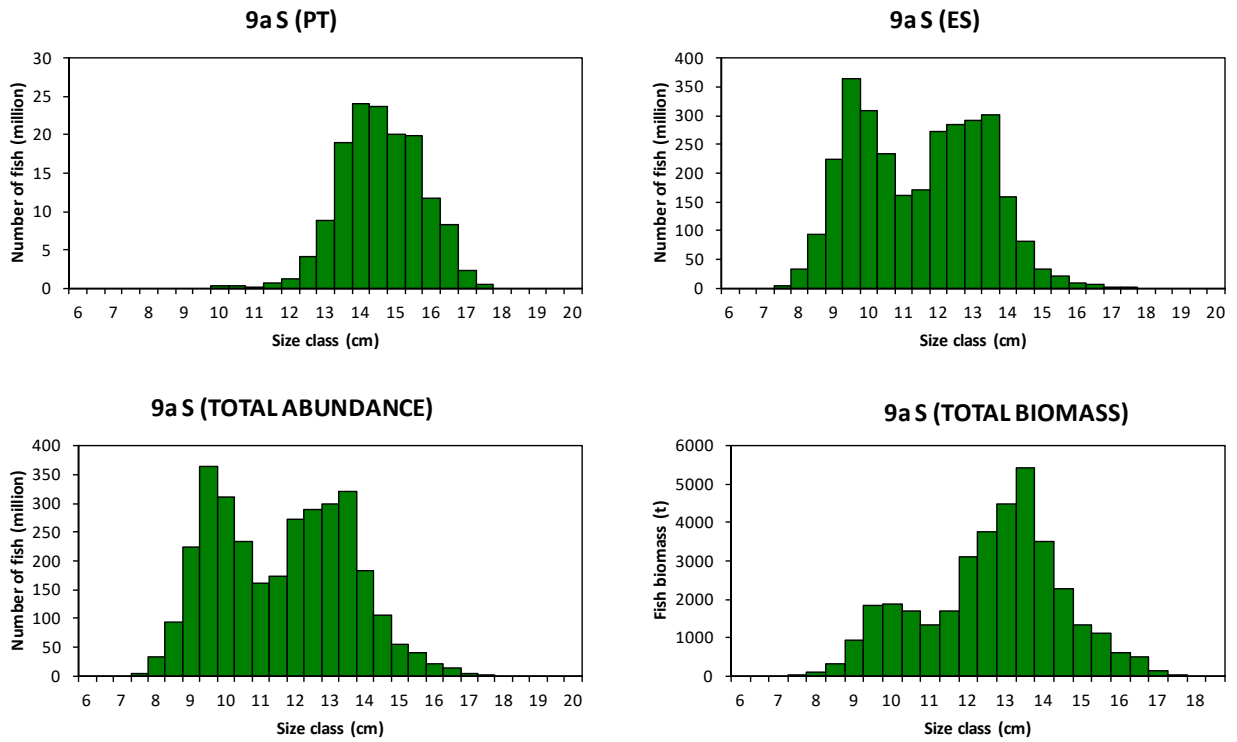
**Figure 7.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Anchovy (*Engraulis encrasicolus*). Top: distribution of the total backscattering energy (Nautical area scattering coefficient, NASC, in m<sup>2</sup> nm<sup>-2</sup>) attributed to the species. Bottom: distribution of homogeneous size-based post-strata used in the biomass/abundance estimates. Colour scale according to the mean value of the backscattering energy attributed to the species in each stratum.

**ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10: Anchovy (*E. encrasicolus*)**



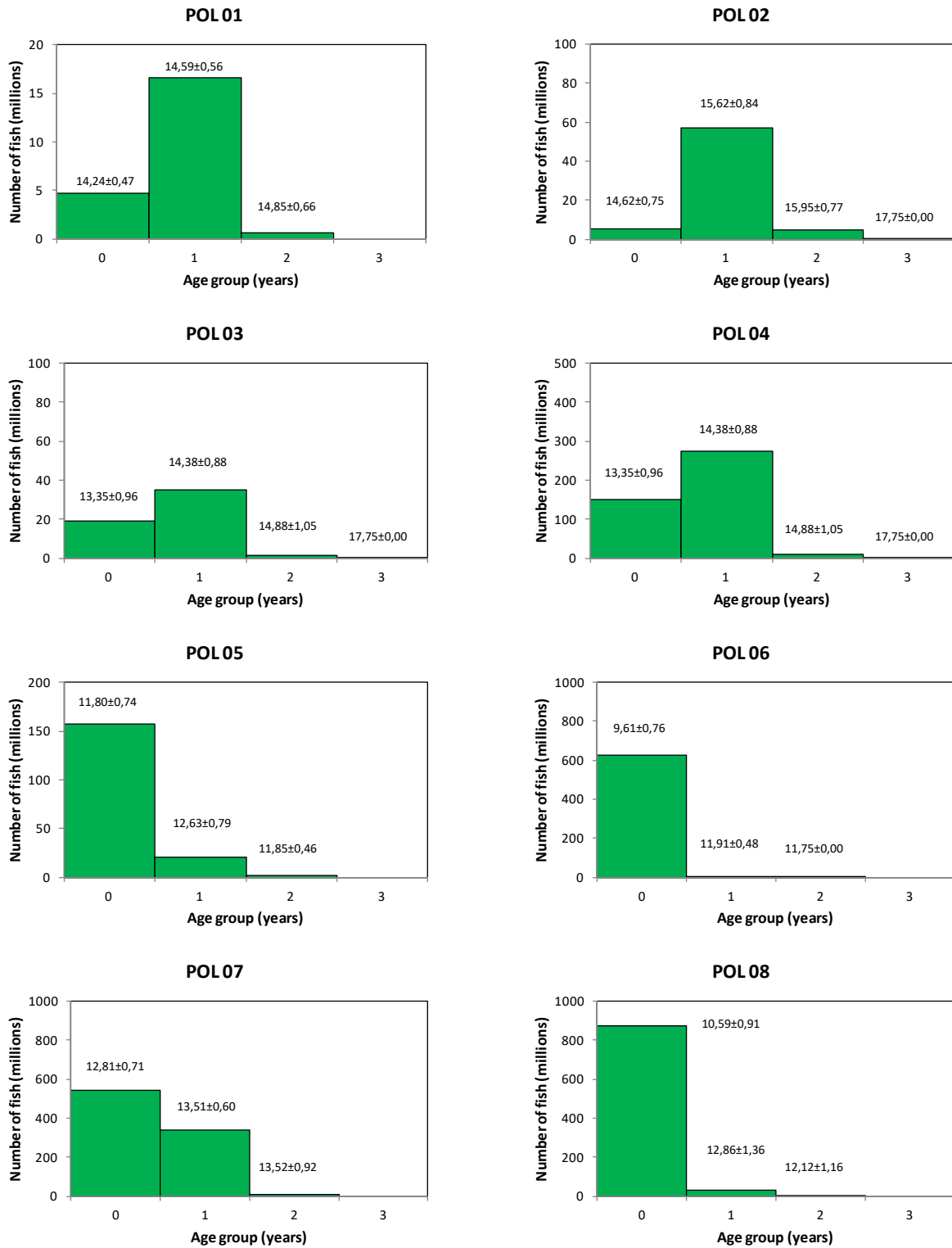
**Figure 8.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Anchovy (*Engraulis encrasicolus*). Estimated abundances (number of fish in millions) by length class (cm) by homogeneous post-stratum (POL01-POLn, numeration as in **Figure 7**) and total sampled area. Post-strata ordered in the W-E direction. The estimated biomass (t) by size class for the whole sampled area is also shown for comparison. Note the different scales in the y axis.

**ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10: Anchovy (*E. encrasicolus*)**



**Figure 8.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Anchovy (*Engraulis encrasicolus*). Cont'd.

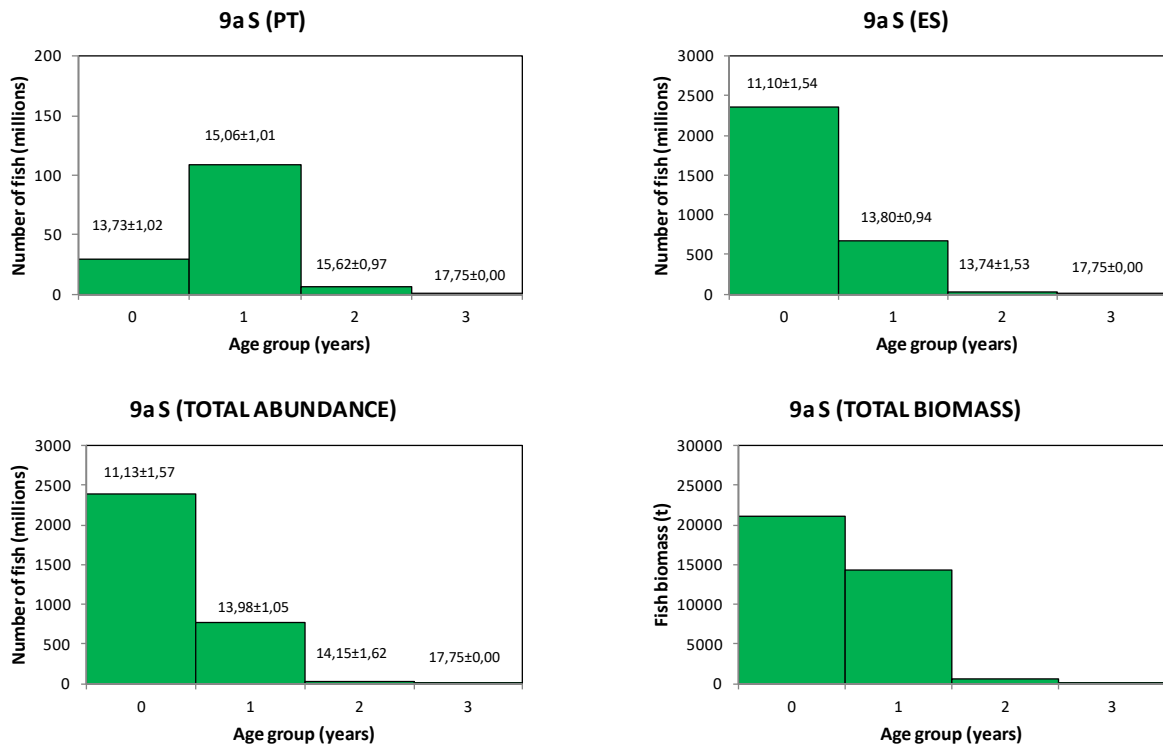
**ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10: Anchovy (*E. encrasicolus*)**



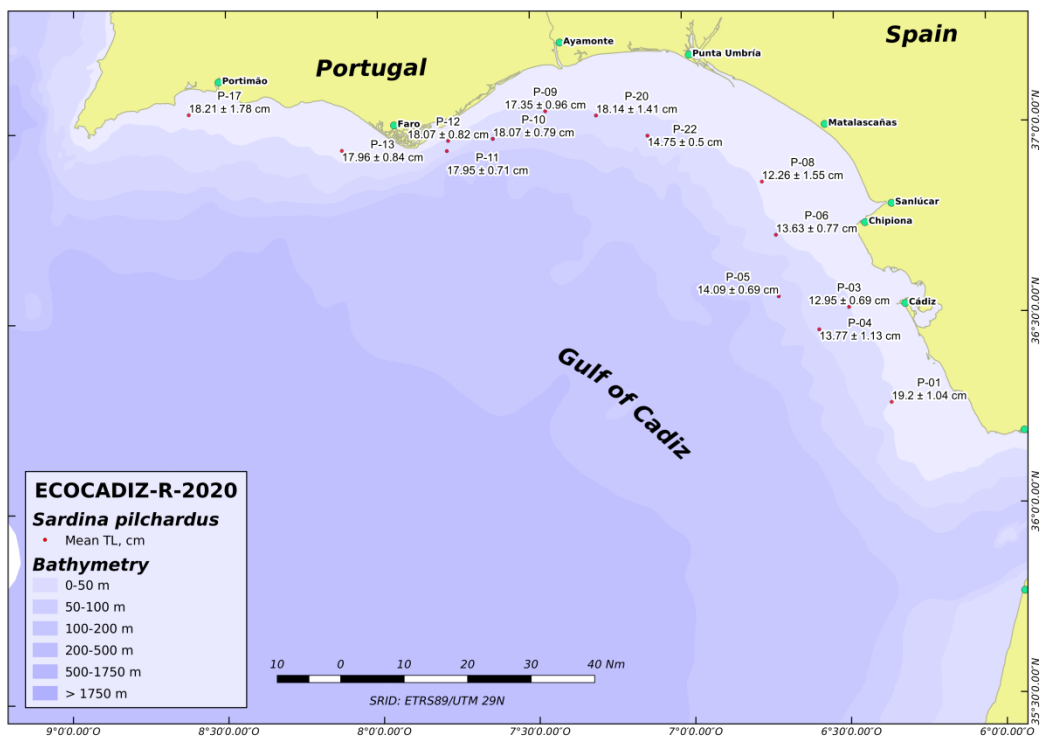
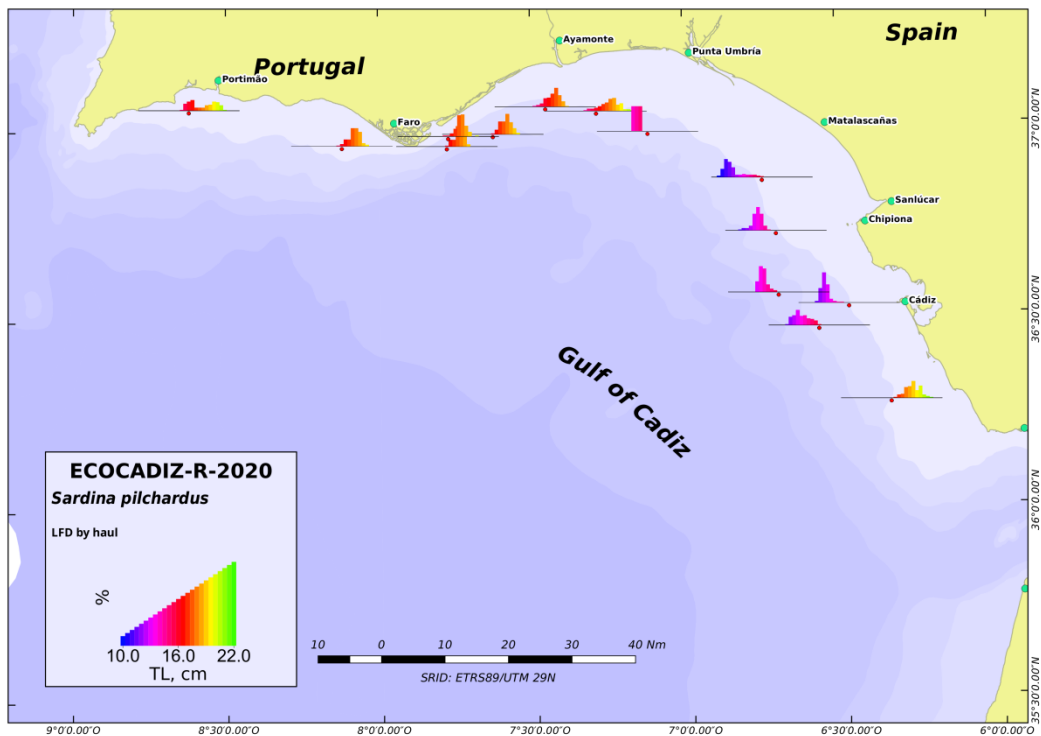
**Figure 9.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Anchovy (*Engraulis encrasicolus*). Estimated abundances (number of fish in millions) by age group (years) by homogeneous post-stratum (POL01-POLn, numeration as in **Figure 7**) and total sampled area. Post-strata ordered in the W-E direction. Mean (±SD) sizes of age groups are also shown. The estimated biomass (t) by age group for the whole sampled area is also shown for comparison. Note the different scales in the y axis.



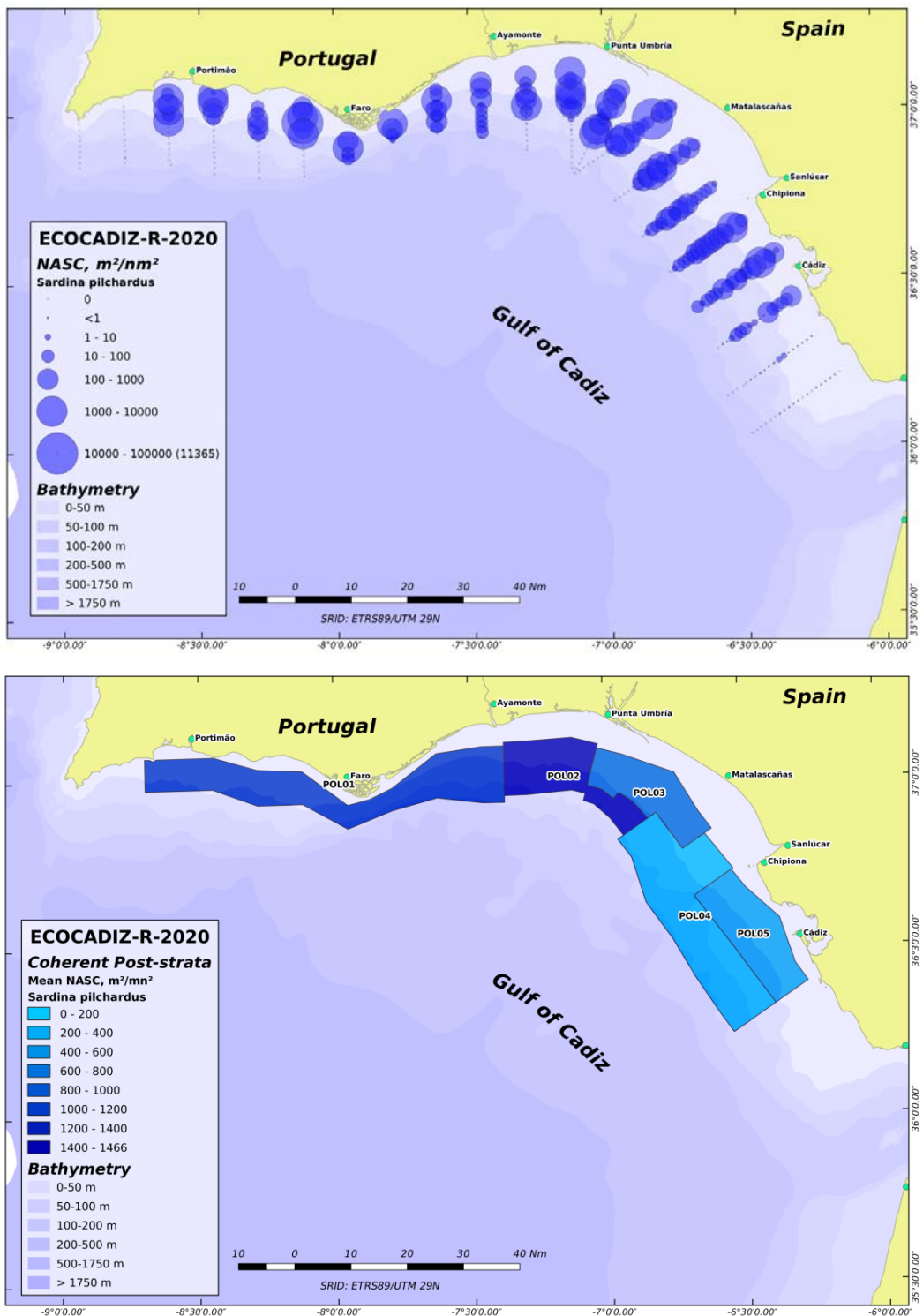
**ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10: Anchovy (*E. encrasicolus*)**



**Figure 9.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Anchovy (*Engraulis encrasicolus*). Cont'd.

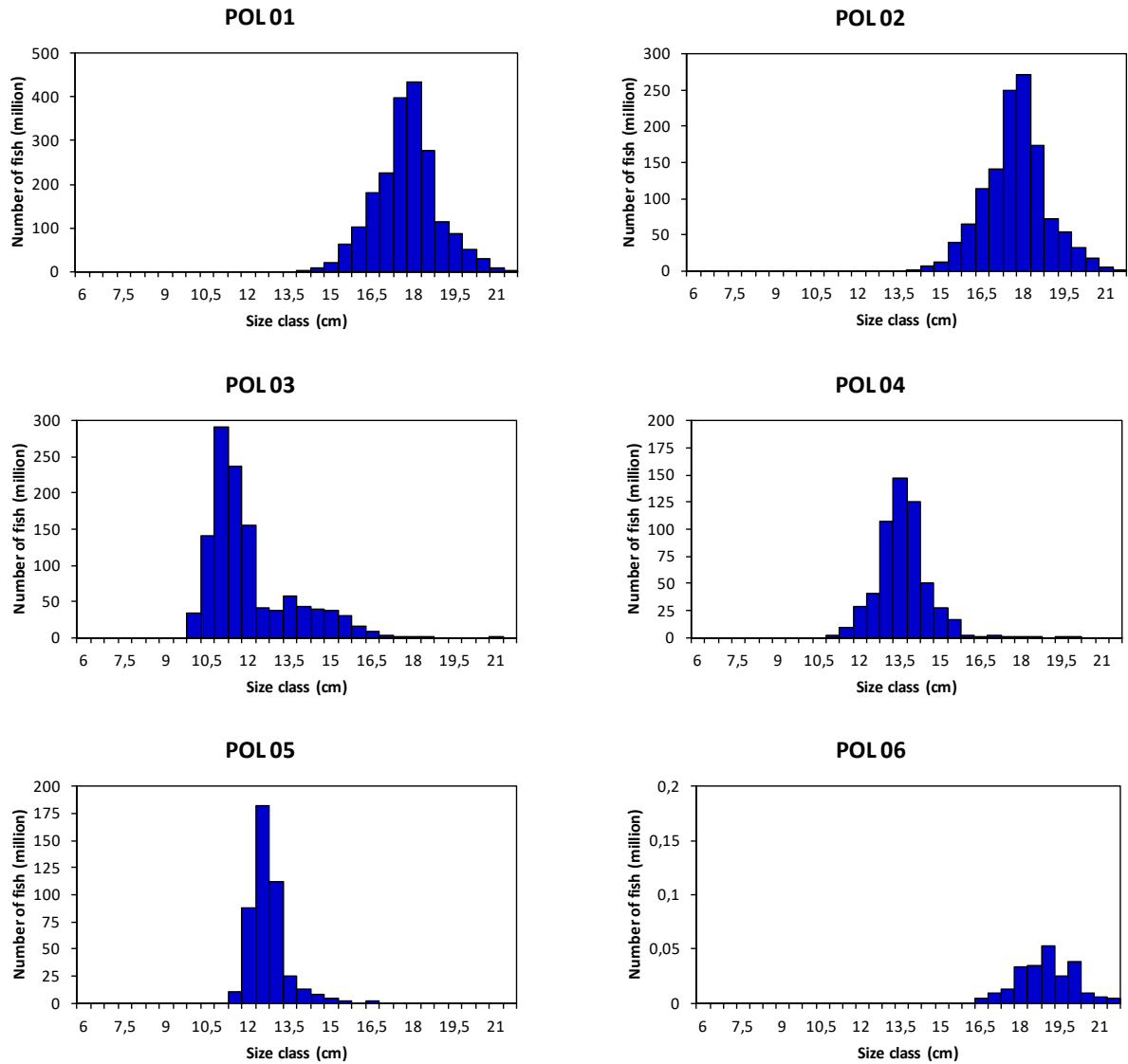


**Figure 10.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Sardine (*Sardina pilchardus*). Top: length frequency distributions in fishing hauls. Bottom: mean  $\pm$  sd length by haul.



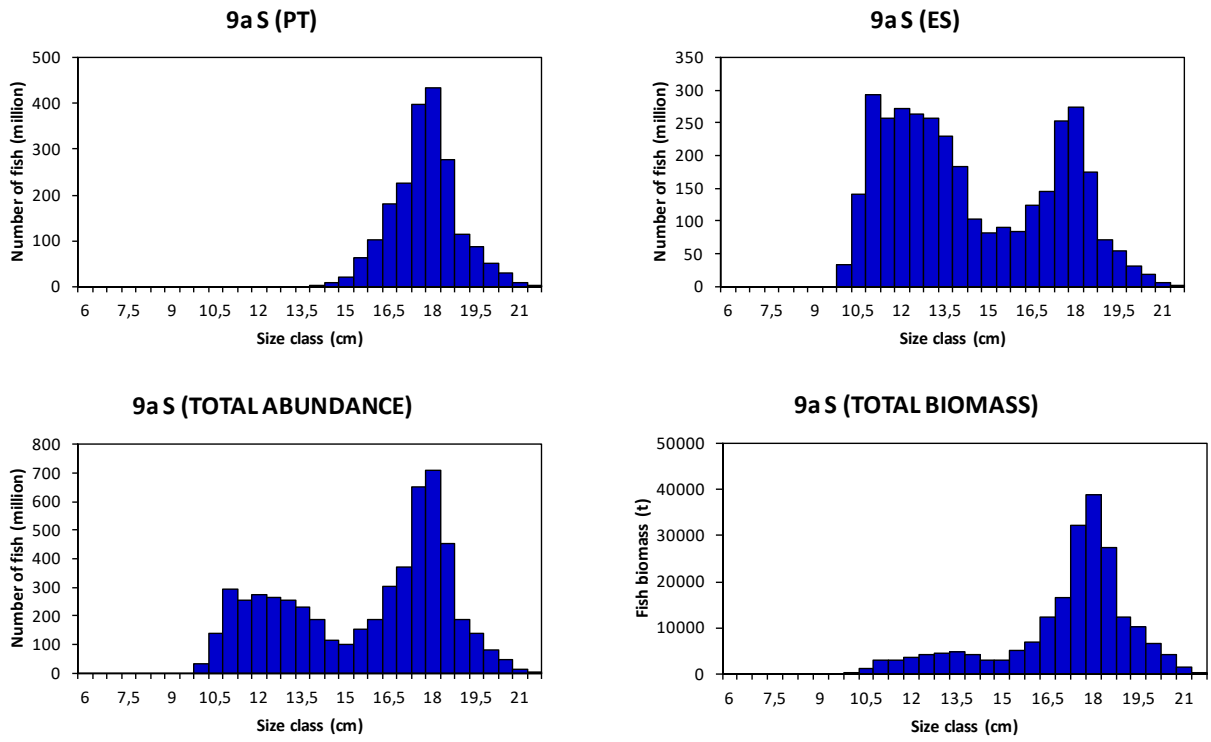
**Figure 11.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Sardine (*Sardina pilchardus*). Top: distribution of the total backscattering energy (Nautical area scattering coefficient, NASC, in  $m^2 nm^{-2}$ ) attributed to the species. Bottom: distribution of homogeneous size-based post-strata used in the biomass/abundance estimates. Colour scale according to the mean value of the backscattering energy attributed to the species in each stratum.

**ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10: Sardine (*S. pilchardus*)**



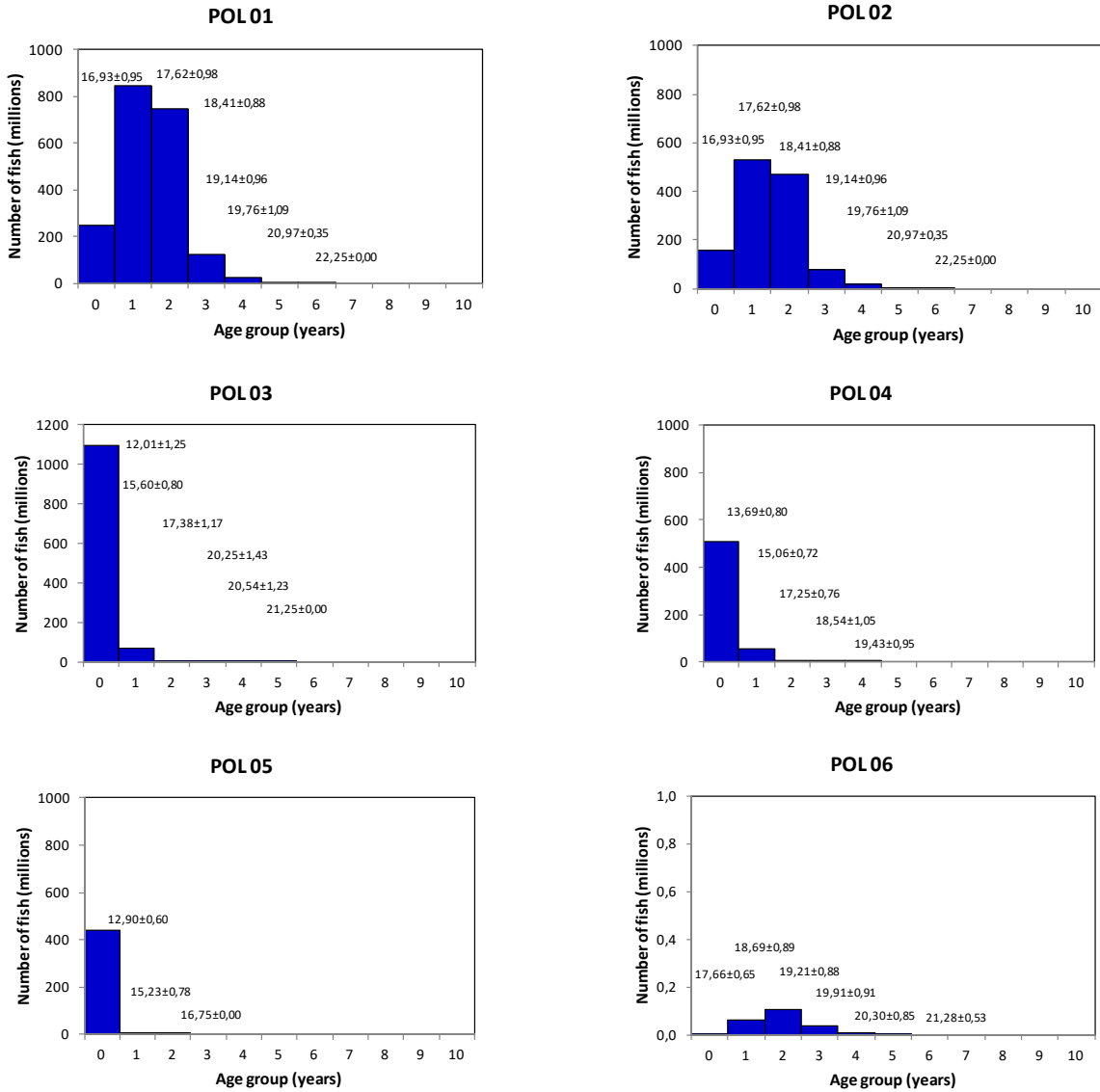
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**ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10: Sardine (*S. pilchardus*)**



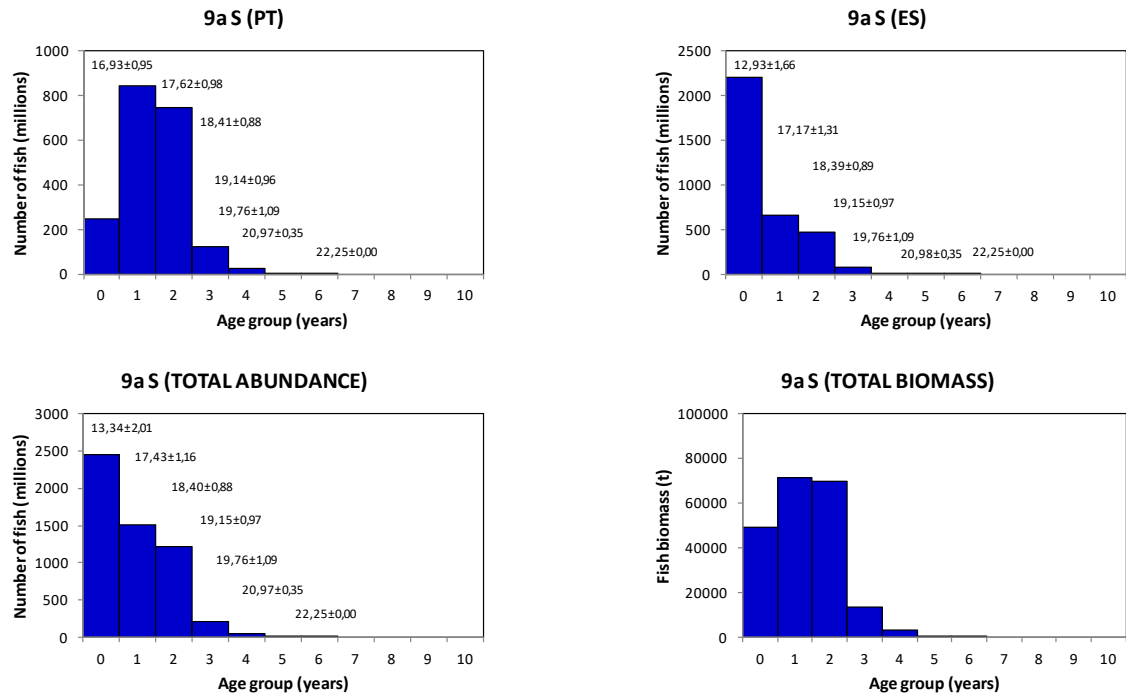
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**ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10: Sardine (*S. pilchardus*)**



**Figure 13.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Sardine (*Sardina pilchardus*). Estimated abundances (number of fish in millions) by age group (years) by homogeneous post-stratum (POL01-POLn, numeration as in **Figure 11**) and total sampled area. Post-strata ordered in the W-E direction. Mean (±SD) sizes of age groups are also shown. The estimated biomass (t) by age group for the whole sampled area is also shown for comparison. Note the different scales in the y axis.

**ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10: Sardine (*S. pilchardus*)**



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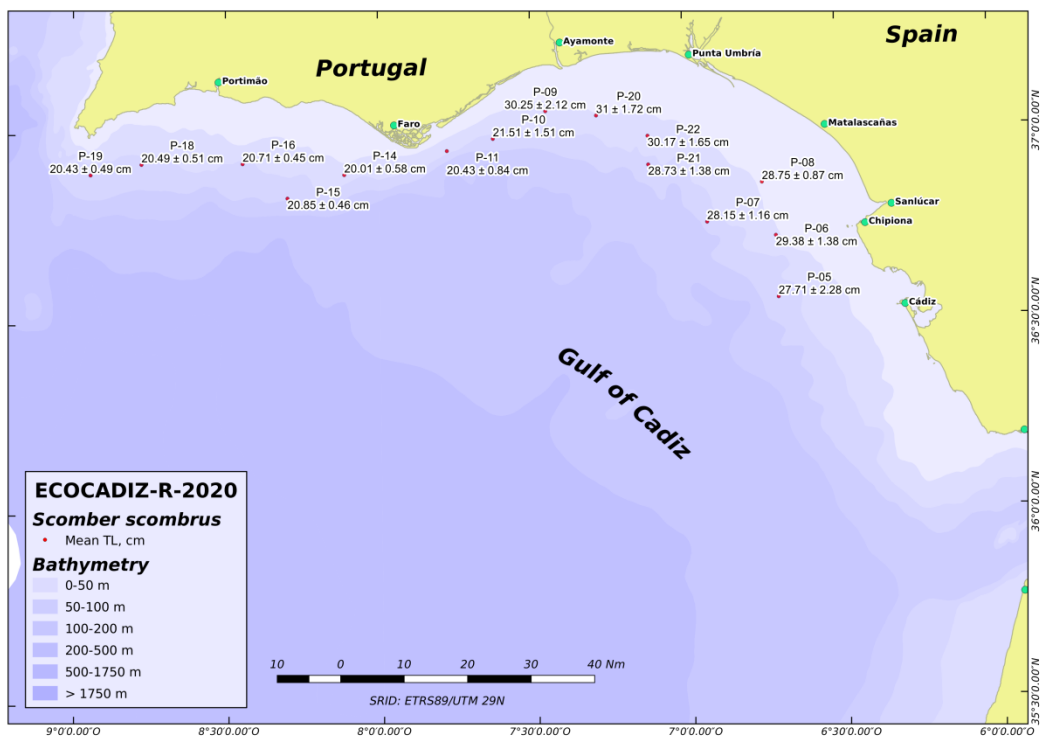
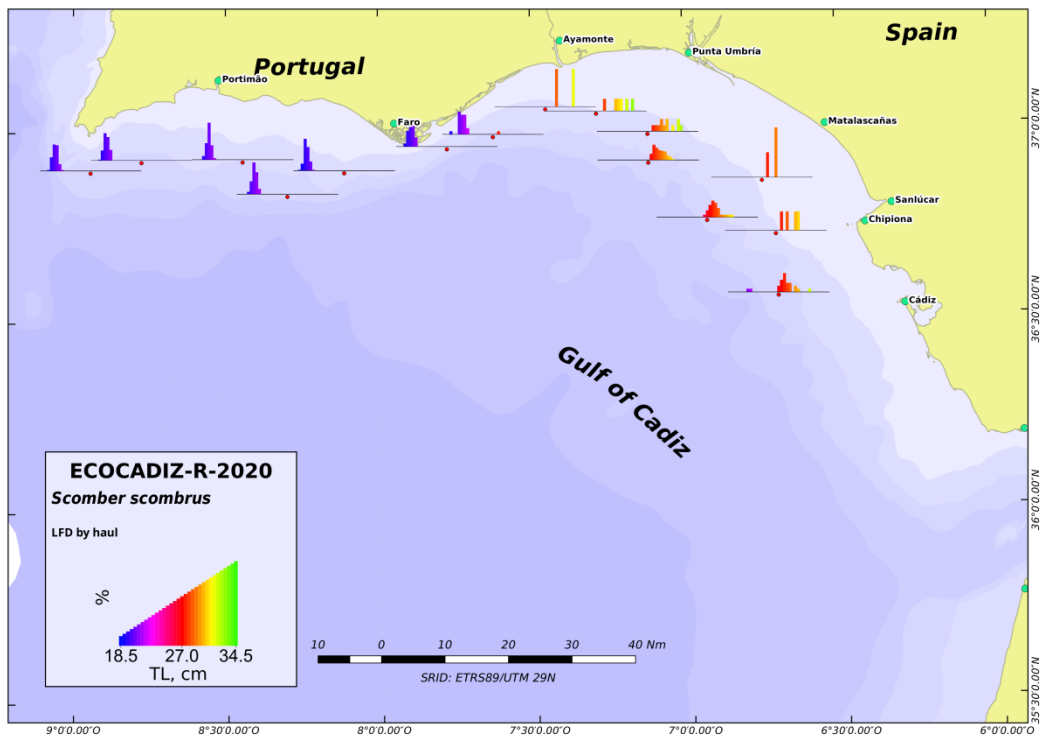
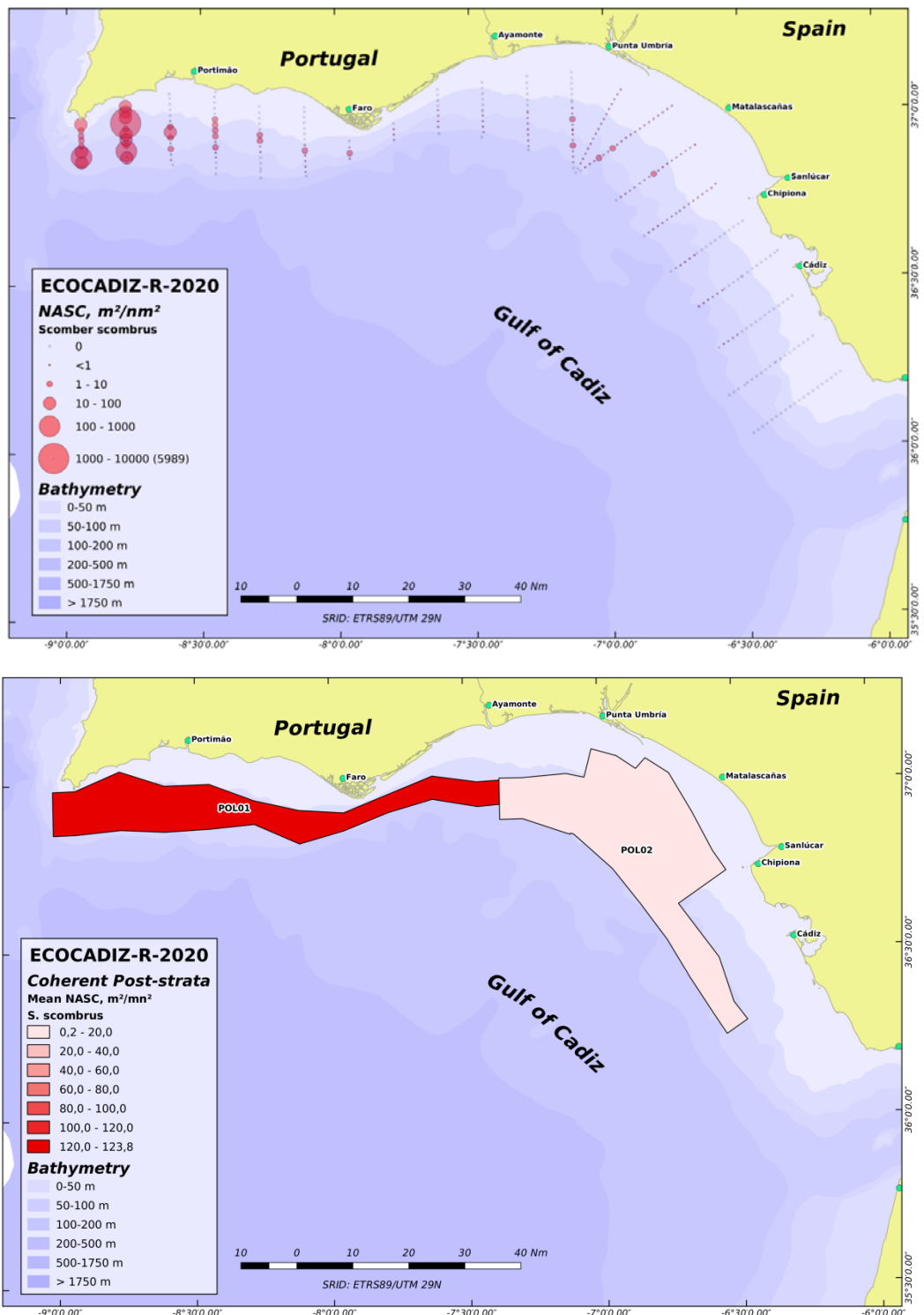


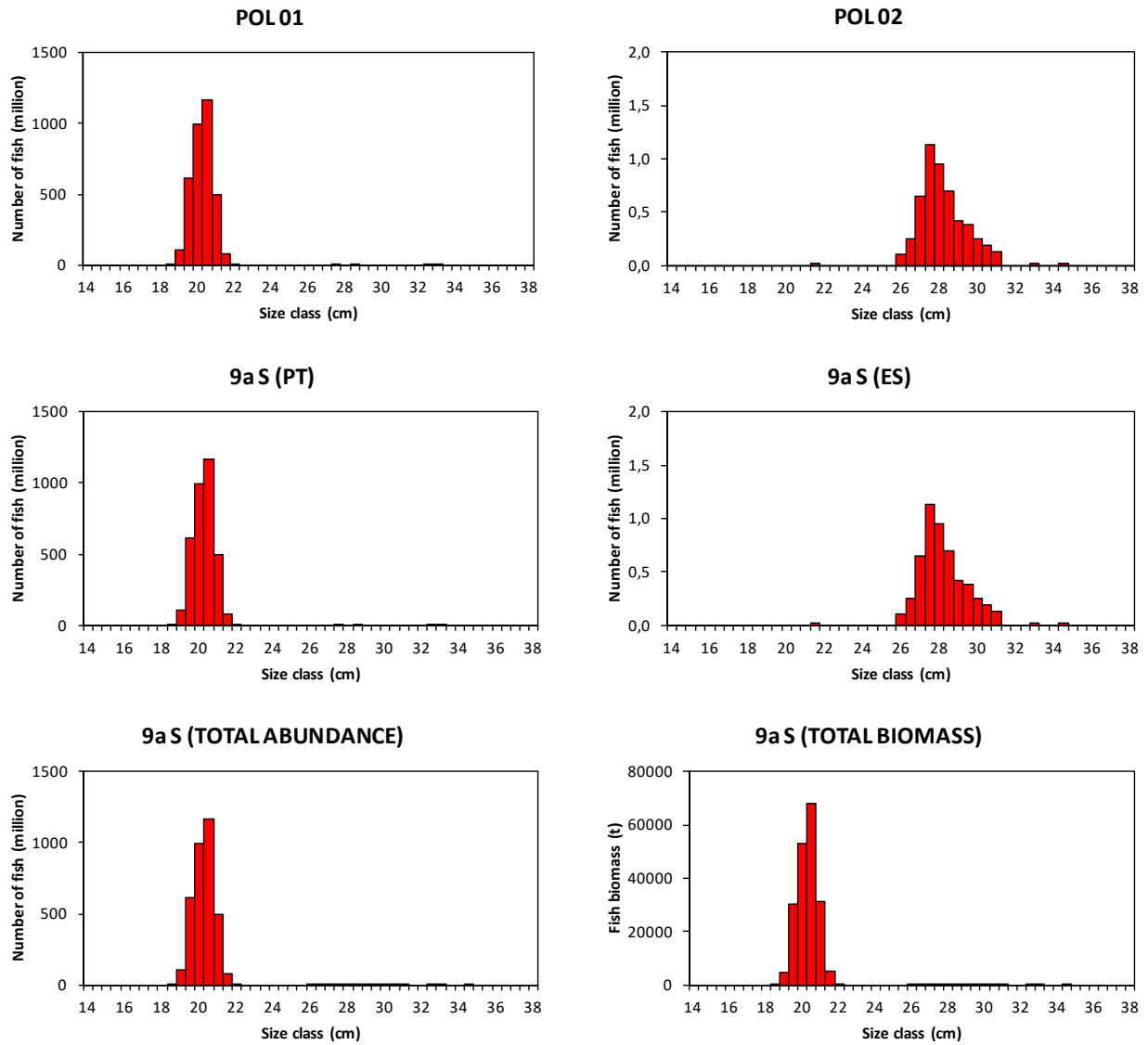
Figure 14. ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Atlantic mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*). Top: length frequency distributions in fishing hauls. Bottom: mean  $\pm$  sd length by haul.





**Figure 15.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Atlantic mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*). Top: distribution of the total backscattering energy (Nautical area scattering coefficient,  $NASC$ , in  $m^2 nmi^{-2}$ ) attributed to the species. Bottom: distribution of homogeneous size-based post-strata used in the biomass/abundance estimates. Colour scale according to the mean value of the backscattering energy attributed to the species in each stratum.

**ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10: Atlantic mackerel (*S. scombrus*)**



**Figure 16.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Atlantic mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*). Estimated abundances (number of fish in millions) by length class (cm) by homogeneous post-stratum (POL01-POLn, numeration as in **Figure 15**) and total sampled area. Post-strata ordered in the W-E direction. The estimated biomass (t) by size class for the whole sampled area is also shown for comparison. Note the different scales in the y axis.

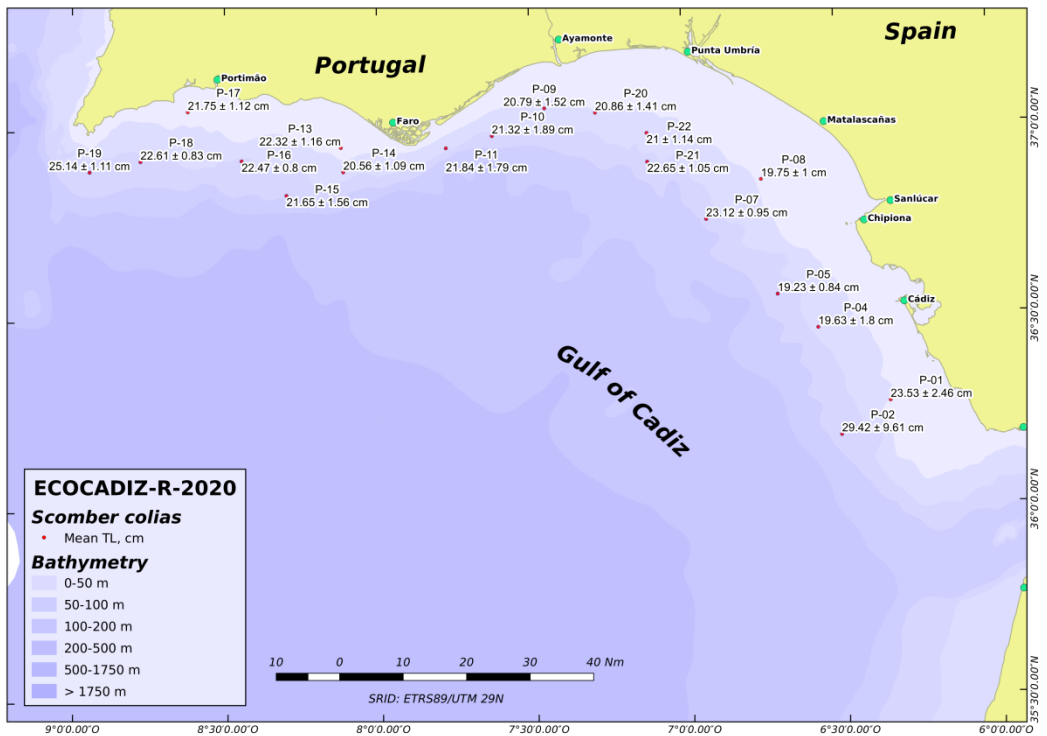
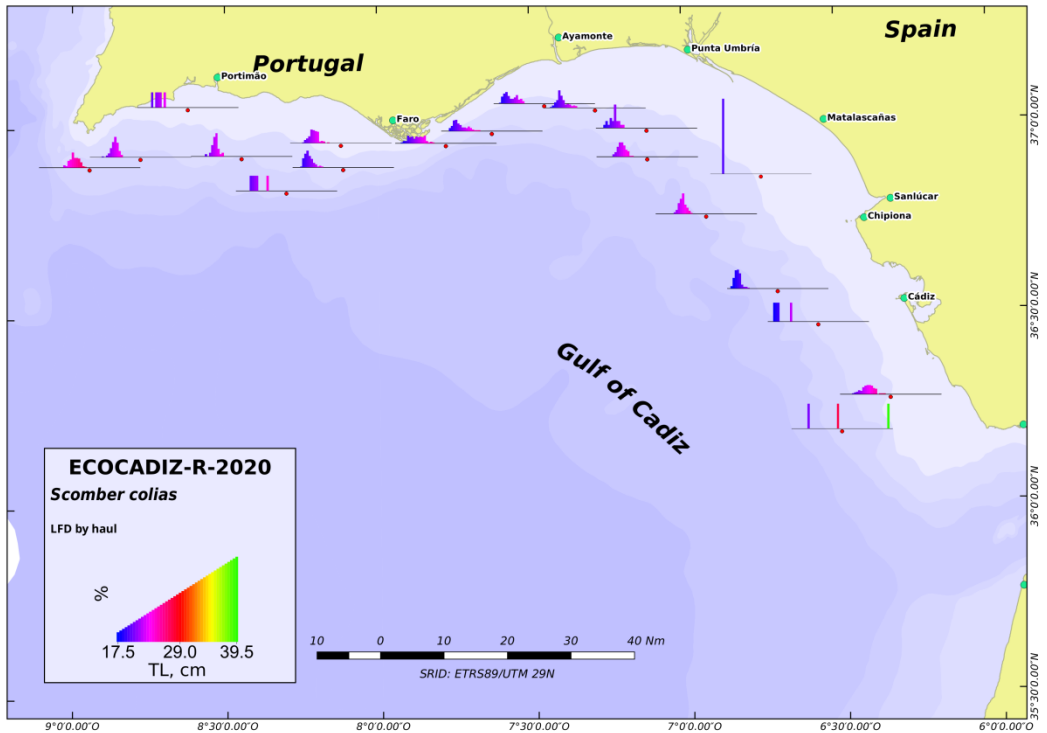
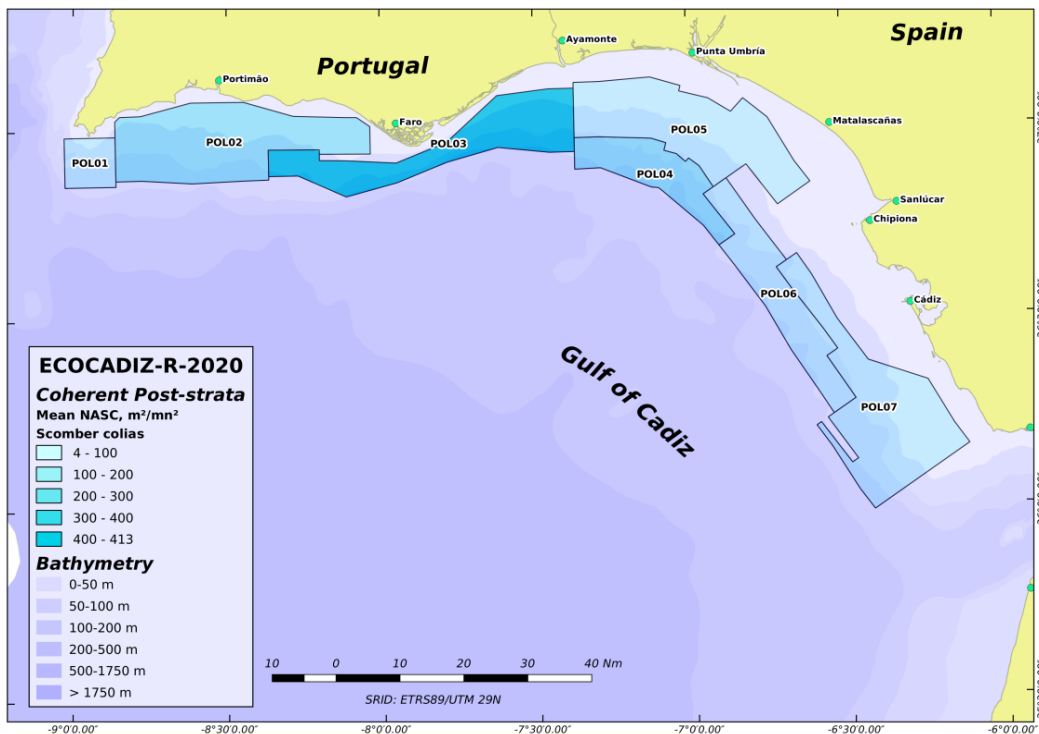
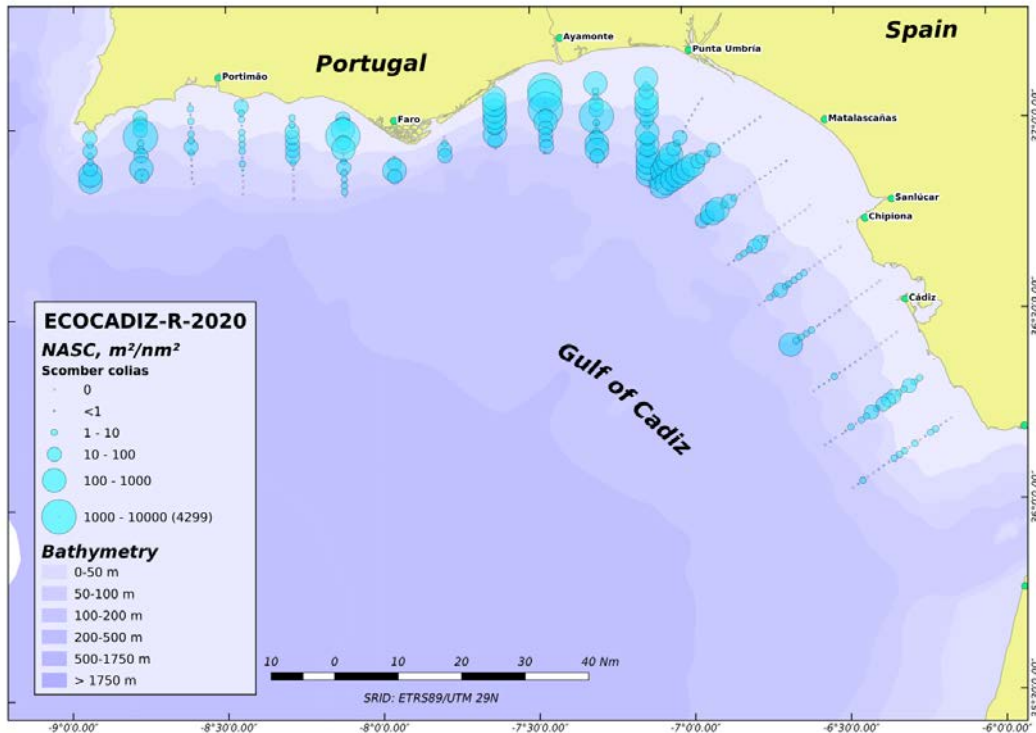
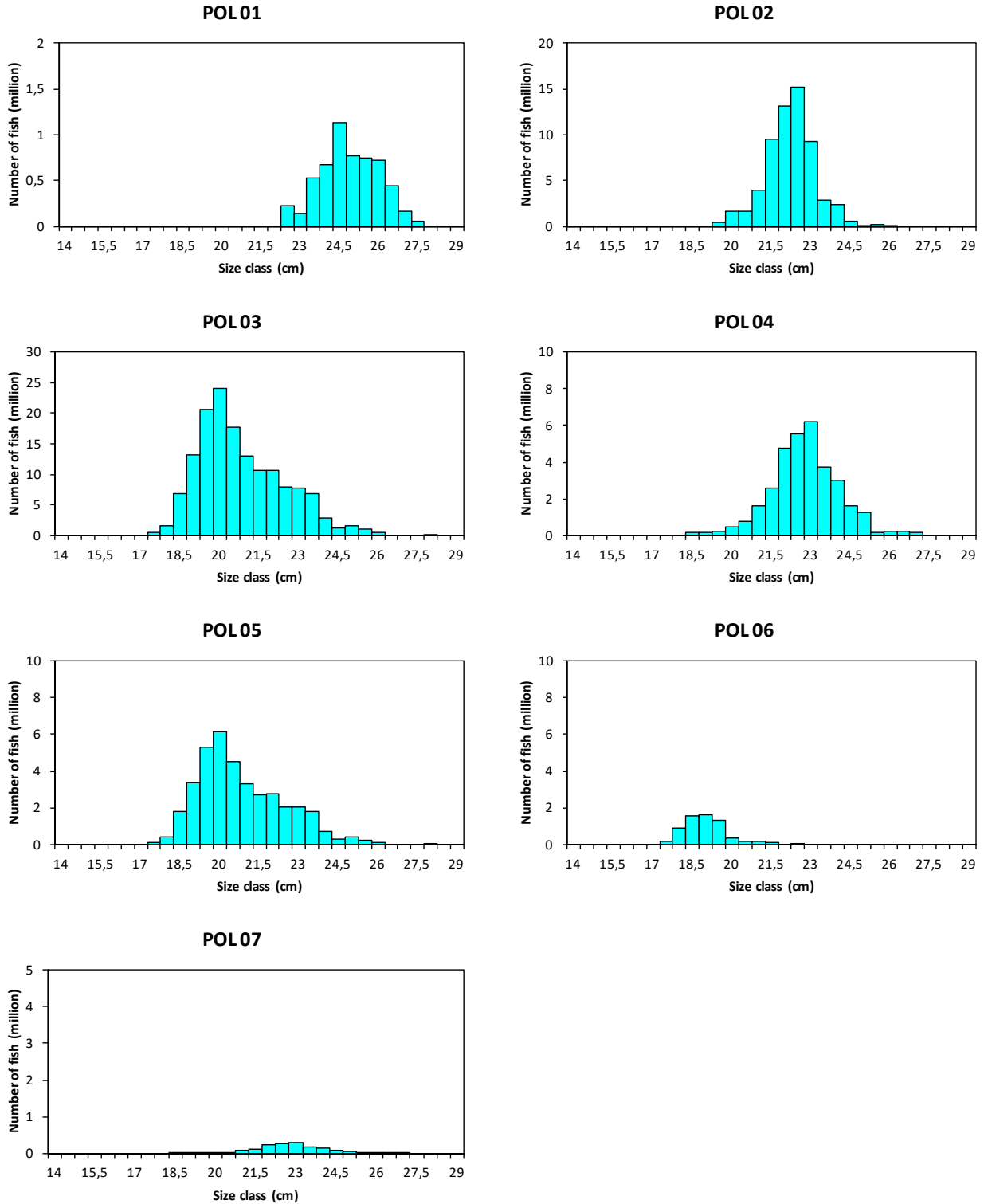


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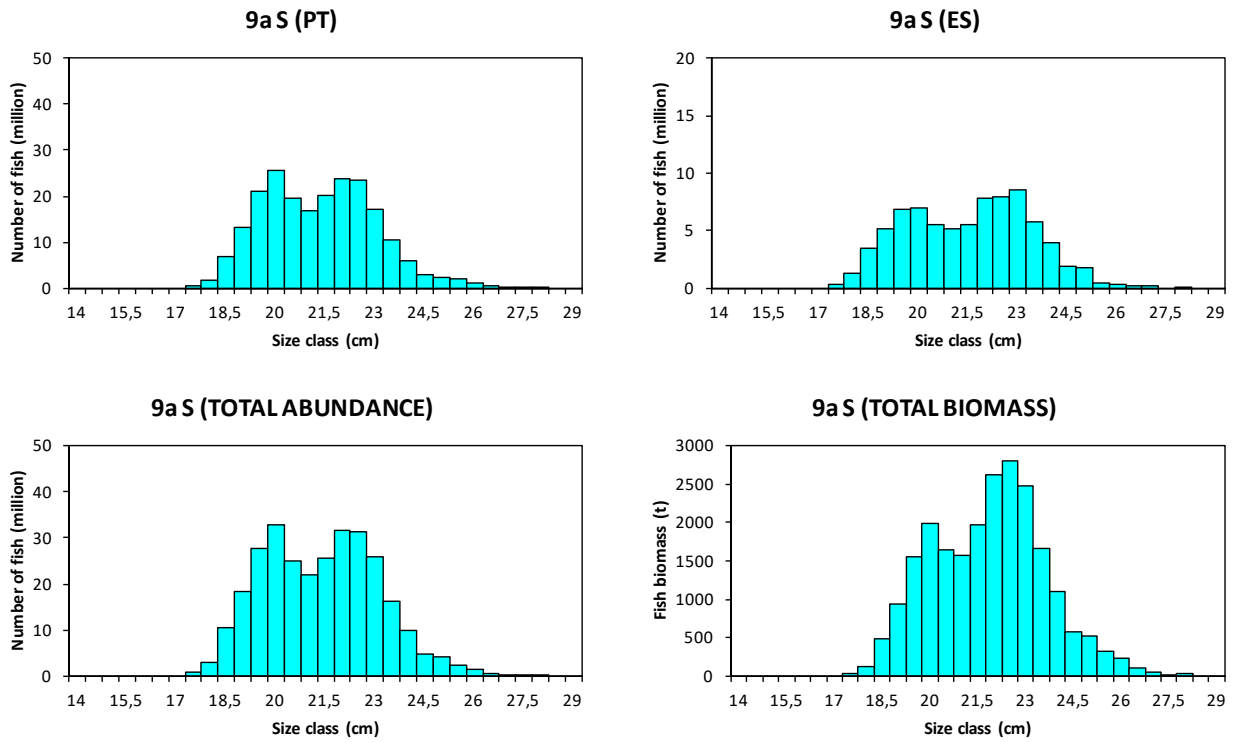
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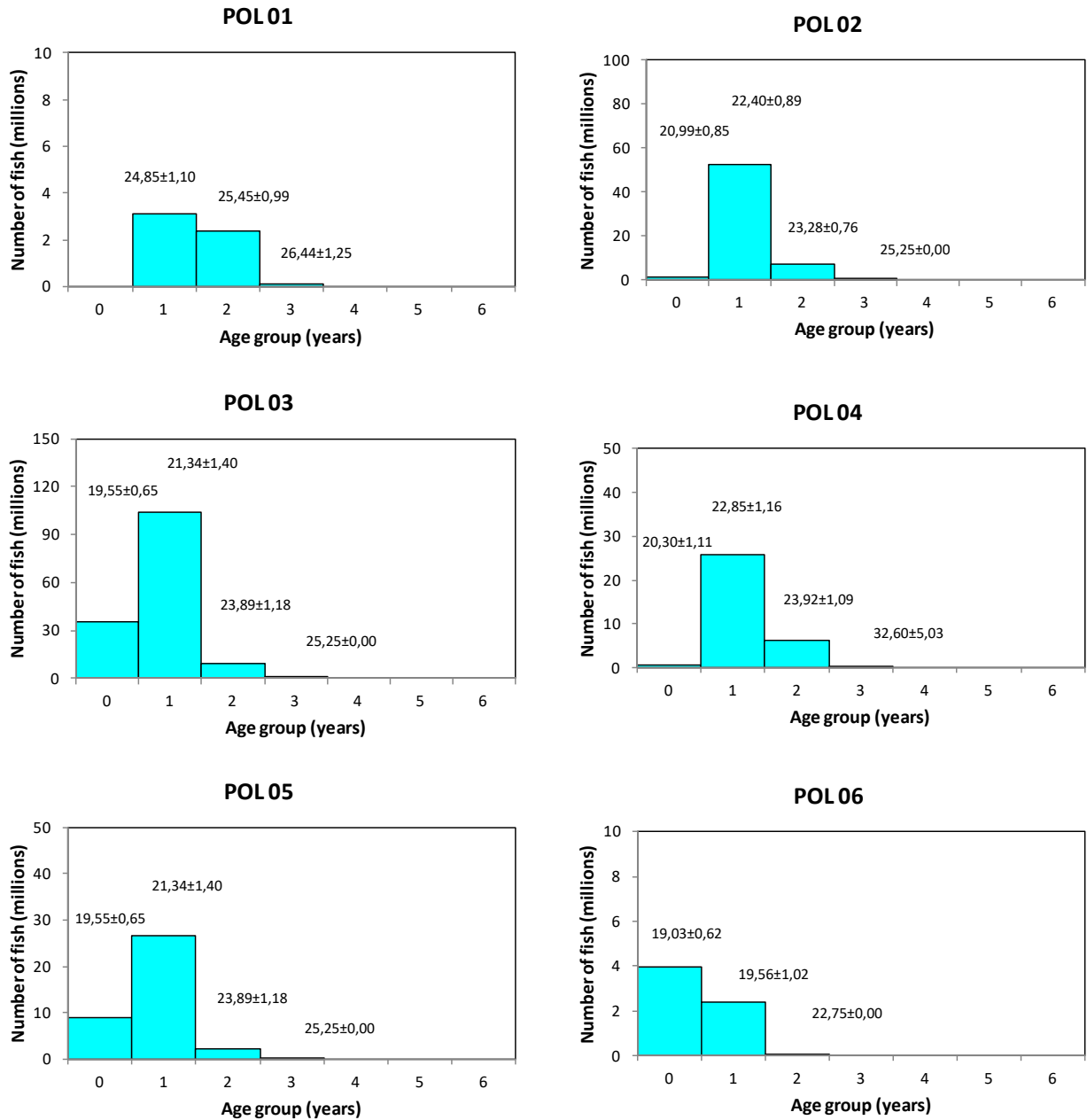
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**ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10: Chub mackerel (*S. colias*)**



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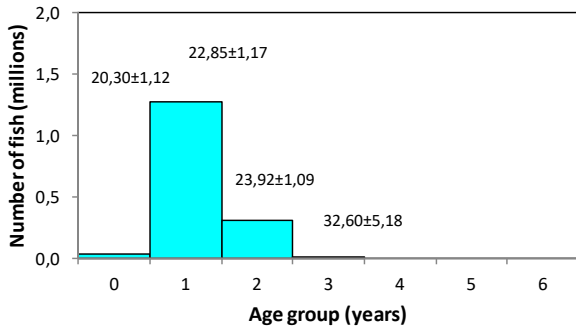
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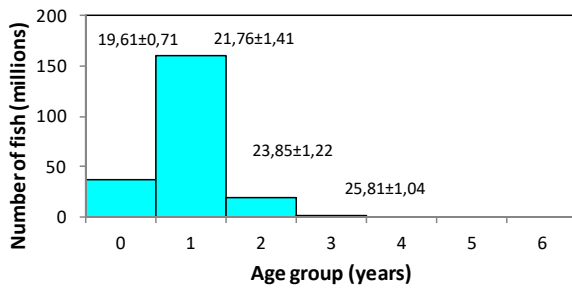
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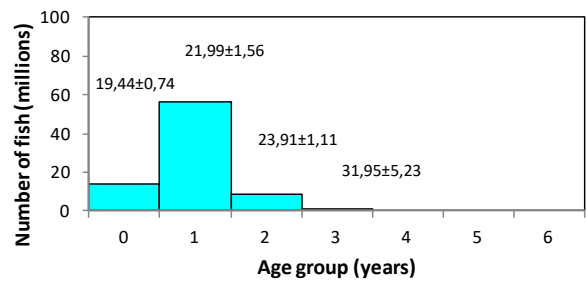
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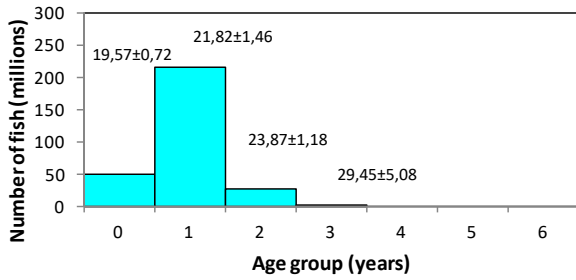
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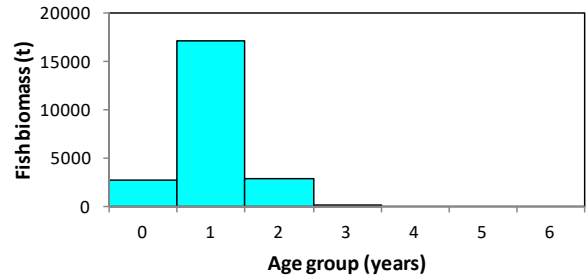
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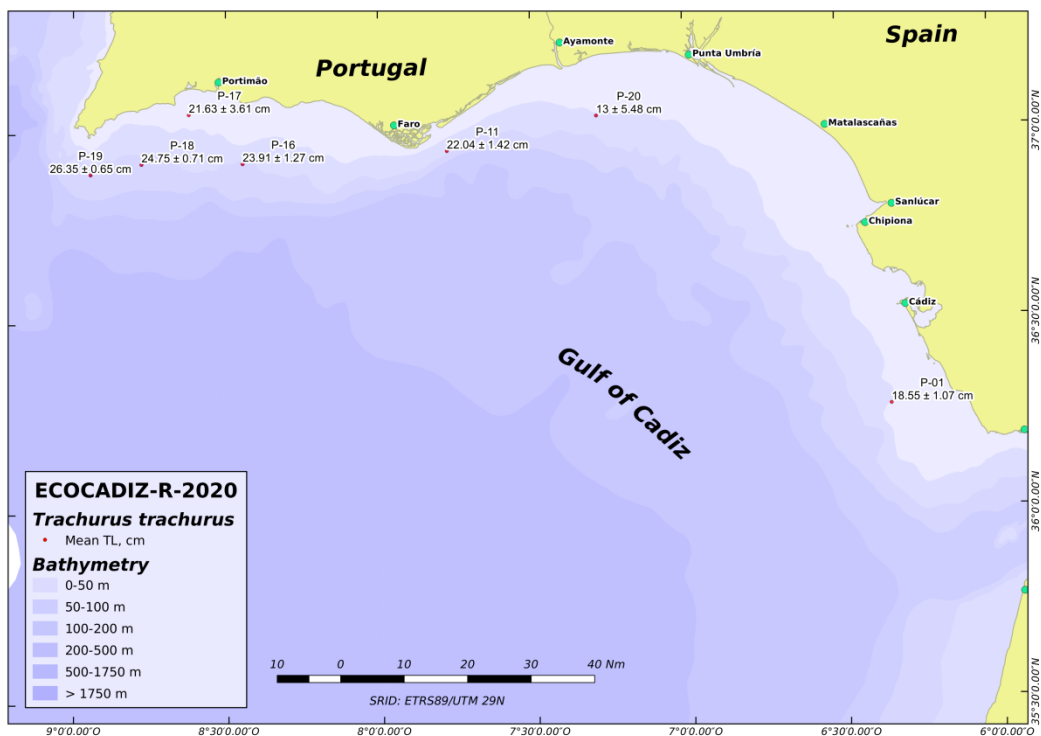
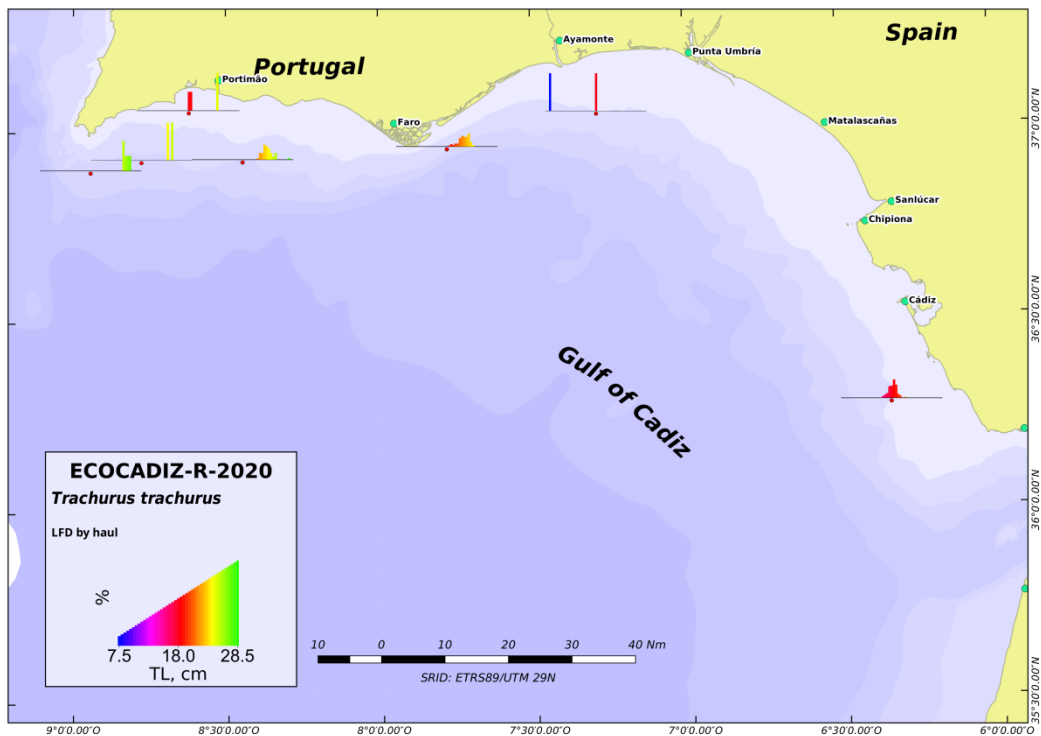
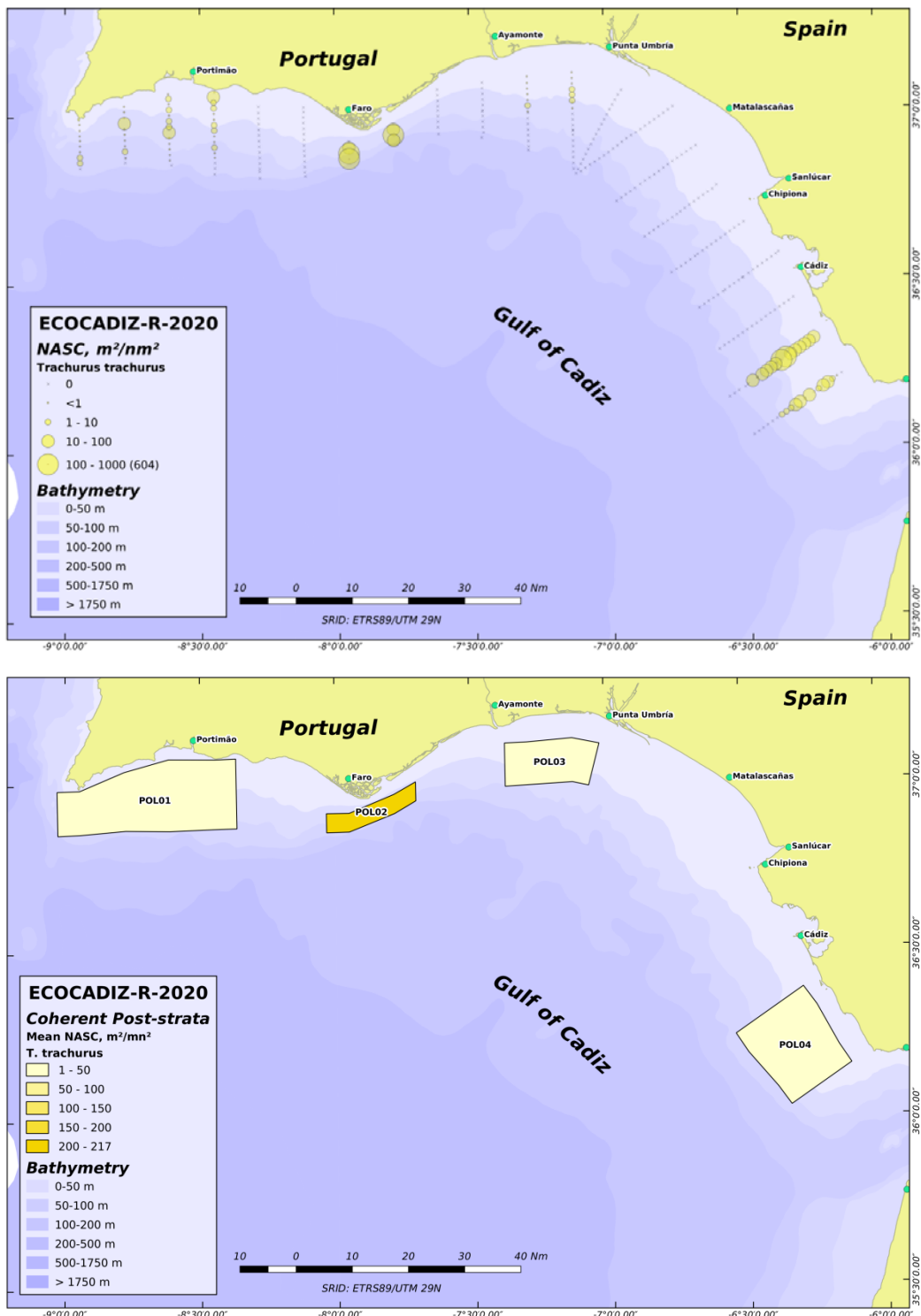
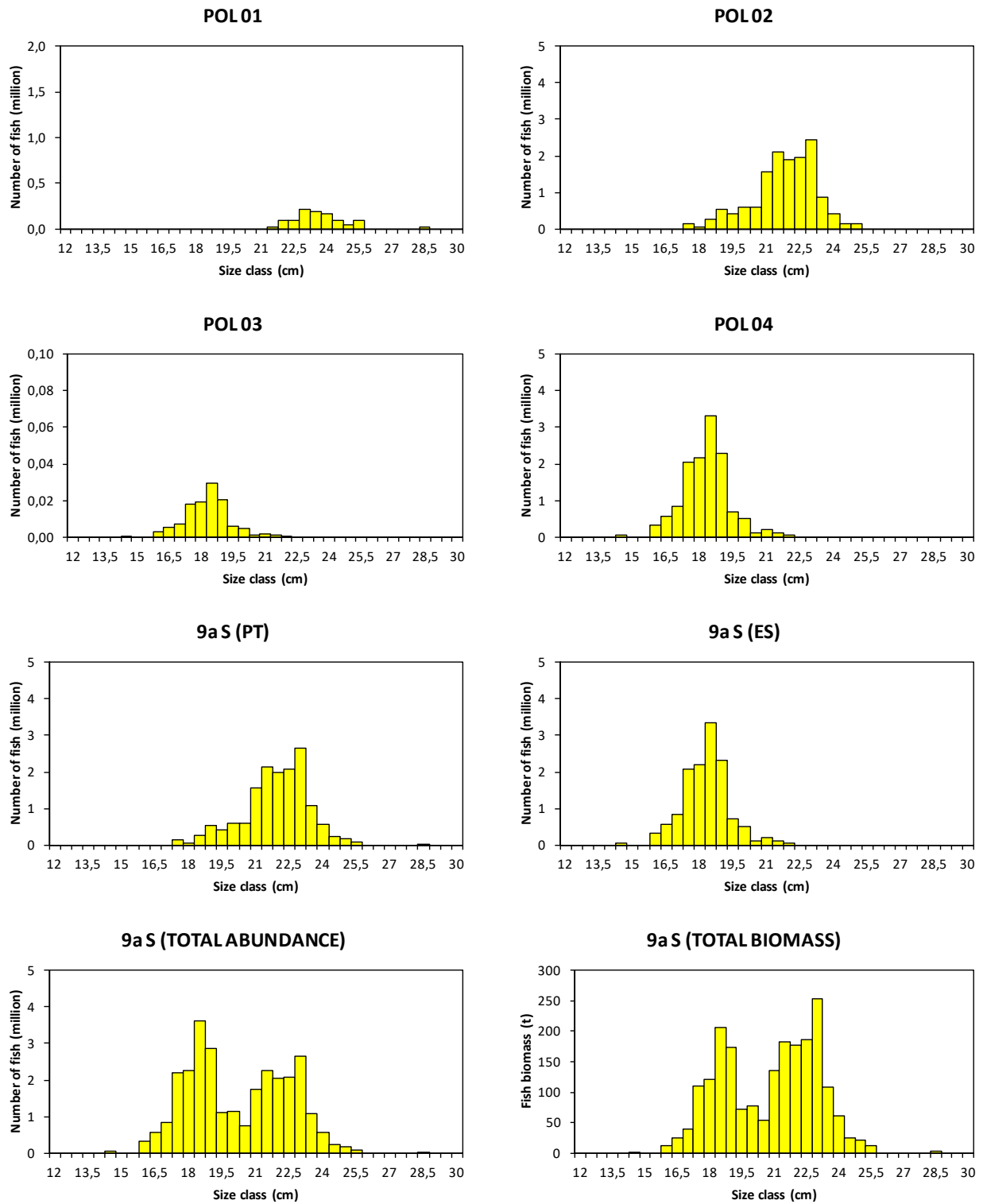


Figure 21. ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Horse mackerel (*Trachurus trachurus*). Top: length frequency distributions in fishing hauls. Bottom: mean  $\pm$  sd length by haul.



**Figure 22.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Horse mackerel (*Trachurus trachurus*). Top: distribution of the total backscattering energy (Nautical area scattering coefficient, NASC, in m<sup>2</sup> nmi<sup>-2</sup>) attributed to the species. Bottom: distribution of homogeneous size-based post-strata used in the biomass/abundance estimates. Colour scale according to the mean value of the backscattering energy attributed to the species in each stratum.

**ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10: Horse mackerel (*T. trachurus*)**



**Figure 23.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Horse mackerel (*Trachurus trachurus*). Estimated abundances (number of fish in millions) by length class (cm) by homogeneous post-stratum (POL01-POLn, numeration as in Figure 22) and total sampled area. Post-strata ordered in the W-E direction. The estimated biomass (t) by size class for the whole sampled area is also shown for comparison. Note the different scales in the y axis.

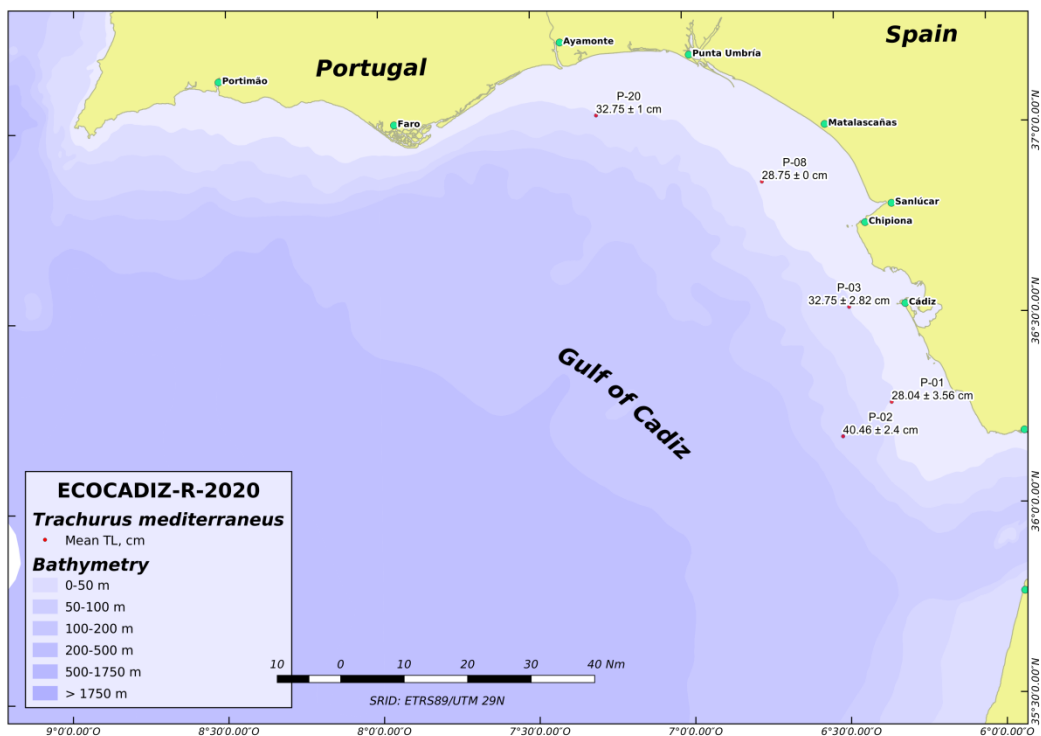
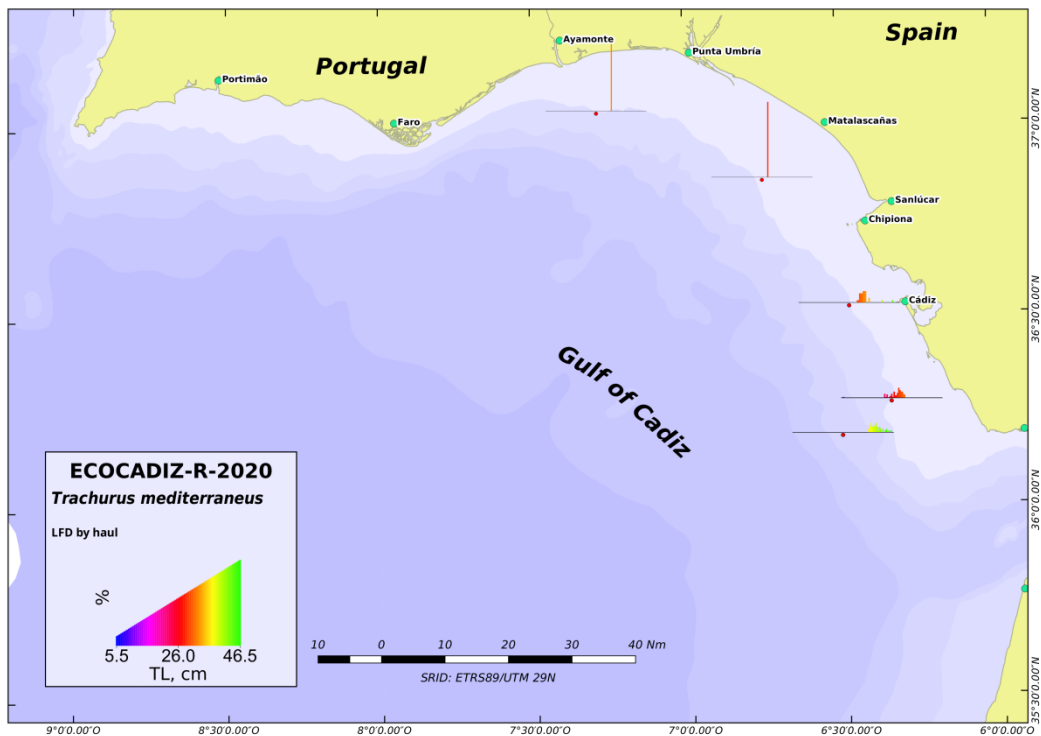
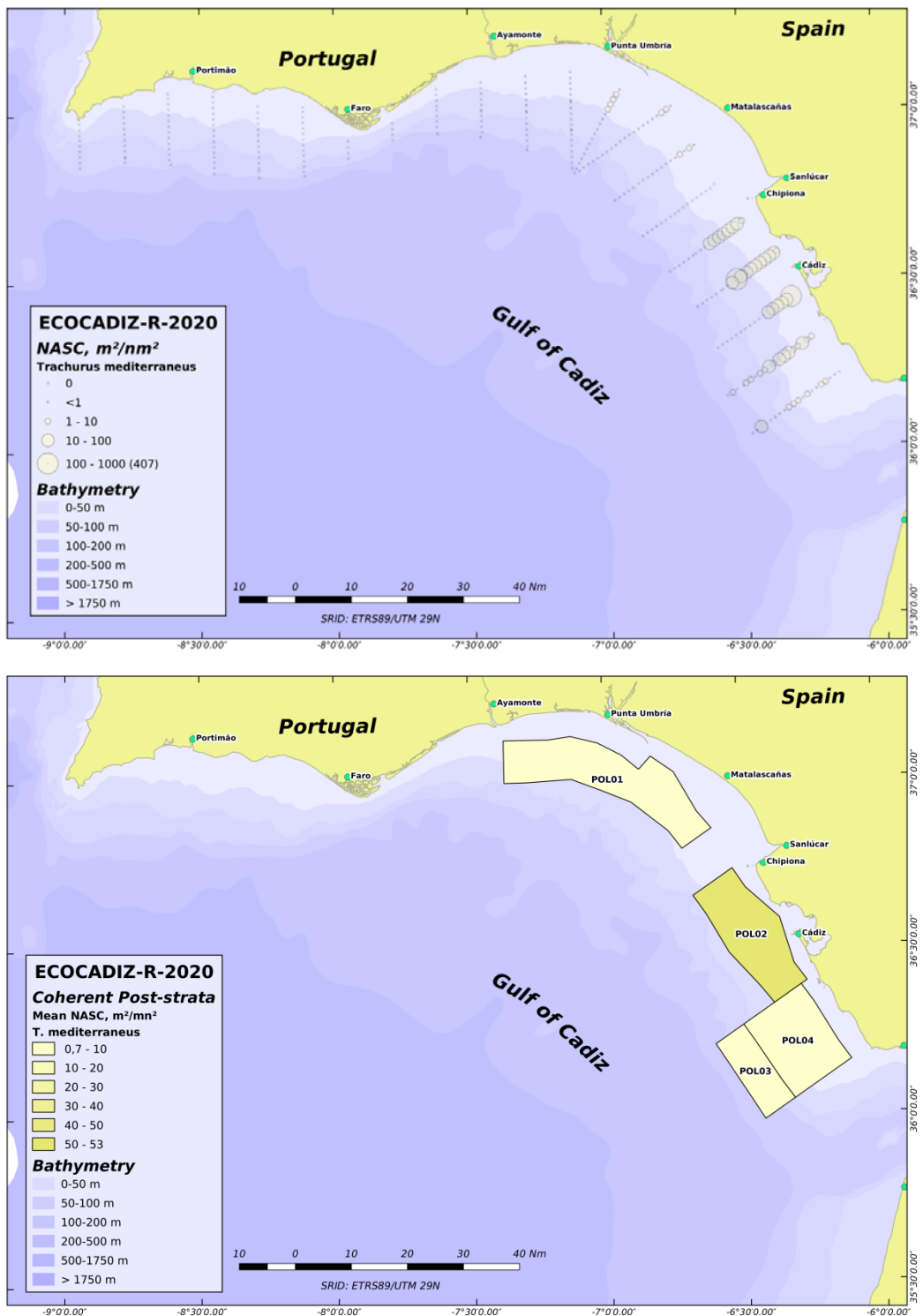
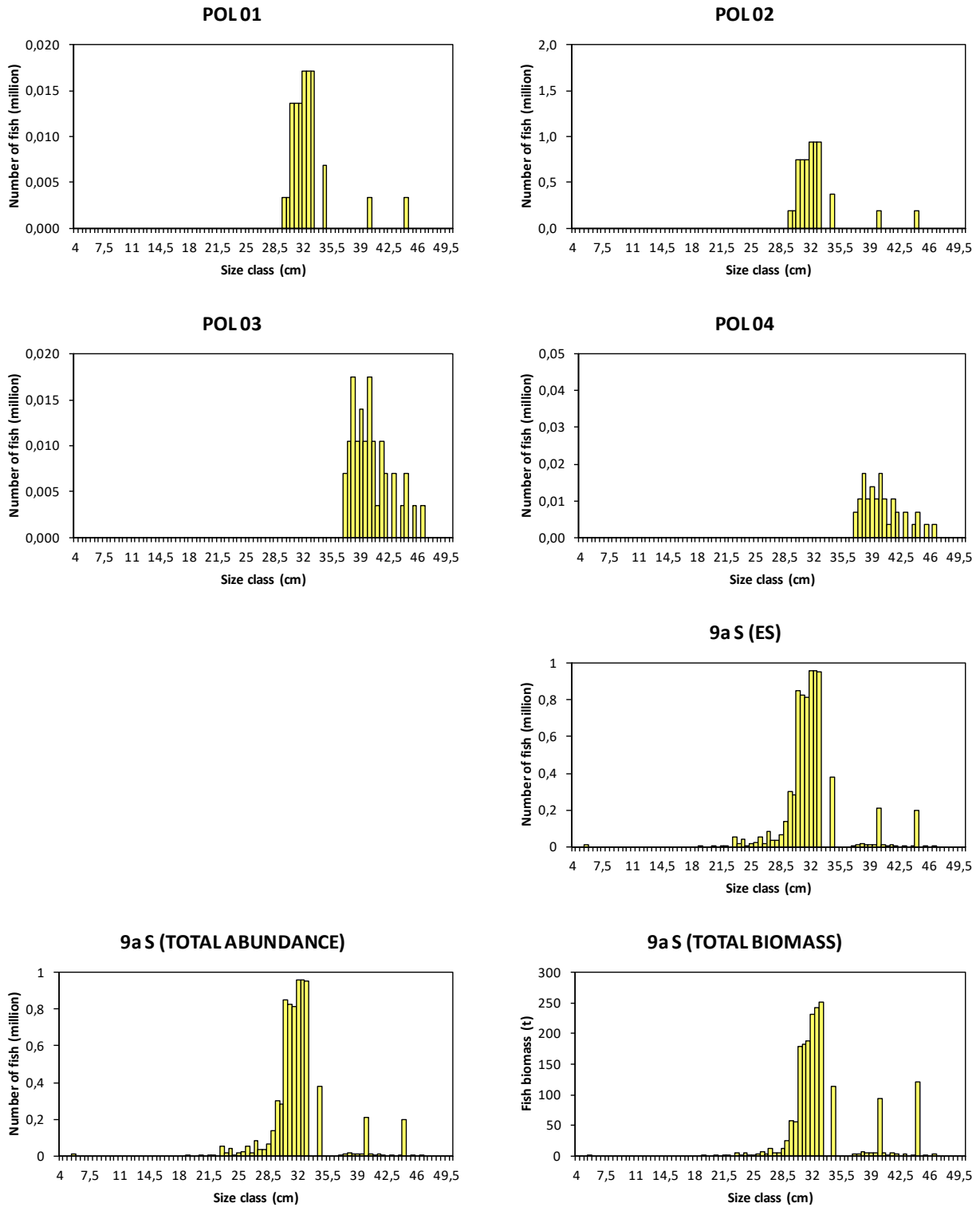


Figure 24. ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Mediterranean horse mackerel (*Trachurus mediterraneus*). Top: length frequency distributions in fishing hauls. Bottom: mean  $\pm$  sd length by haul.



**Figure 25.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Mediterranean horse mackerel (*Trachurus mediterraneus*). Top: distribution of the total backscattering energy (Nautical area scattering coefficient, NASC, in  $m^2 nmi^{-2}$ ) attributed to the species. Bottom: distribution of homogeneous size-based post-strata used in the biomass/abundance estimates. Colour scale according to the mean value of the backscattering energy attributed to the species in each stratum.

**ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10: Mediterranean horse mackerel (*T. mediterraneus*)**



**Figure 26.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Mediterranean horse mackerel (*Trachurus mediterraneus*). Estimated abundances (number of fish in millions) by length class (cm) by homogeneous post-stratum (POL01-POL0n, numeration as in **Figure 25**) and total sampled area. Post-strata ordered in the W-E direction. The estimated biomass (t) by size class for the whole sampled area is also shown for comparison. Note the different scales in the y axis.

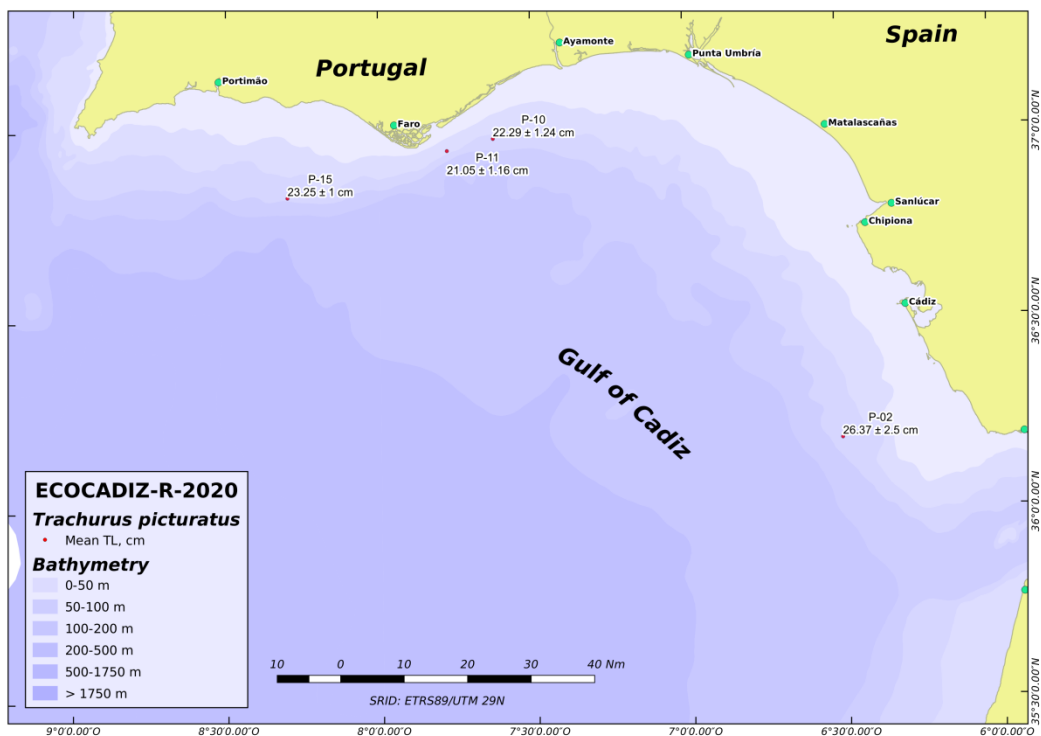
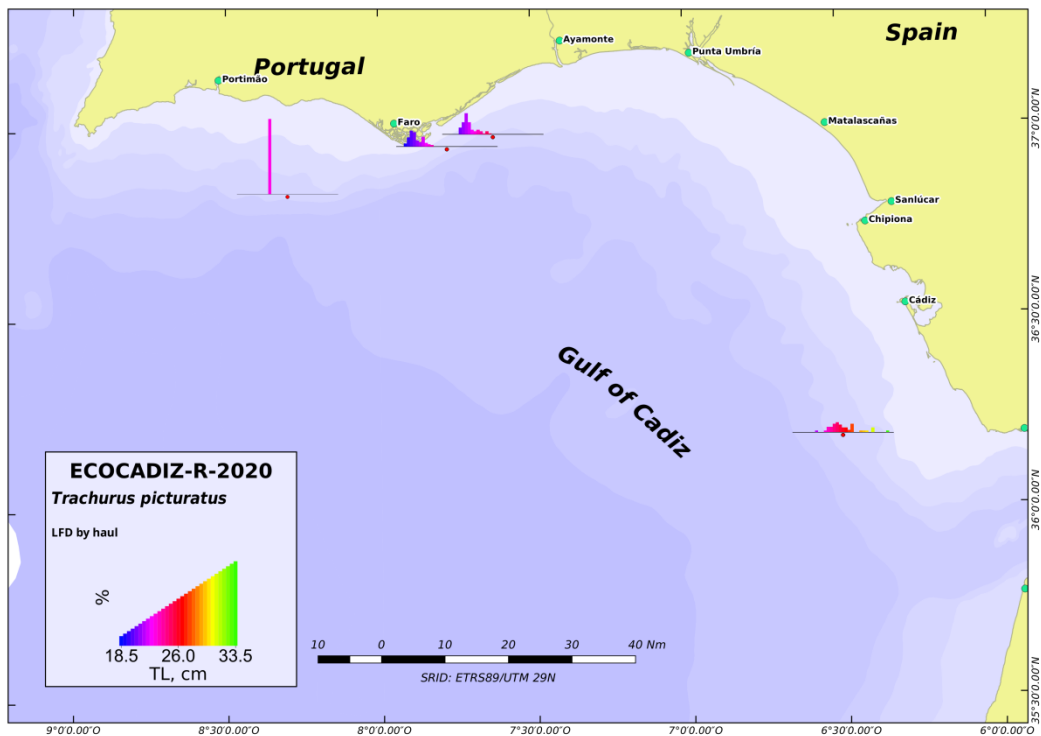
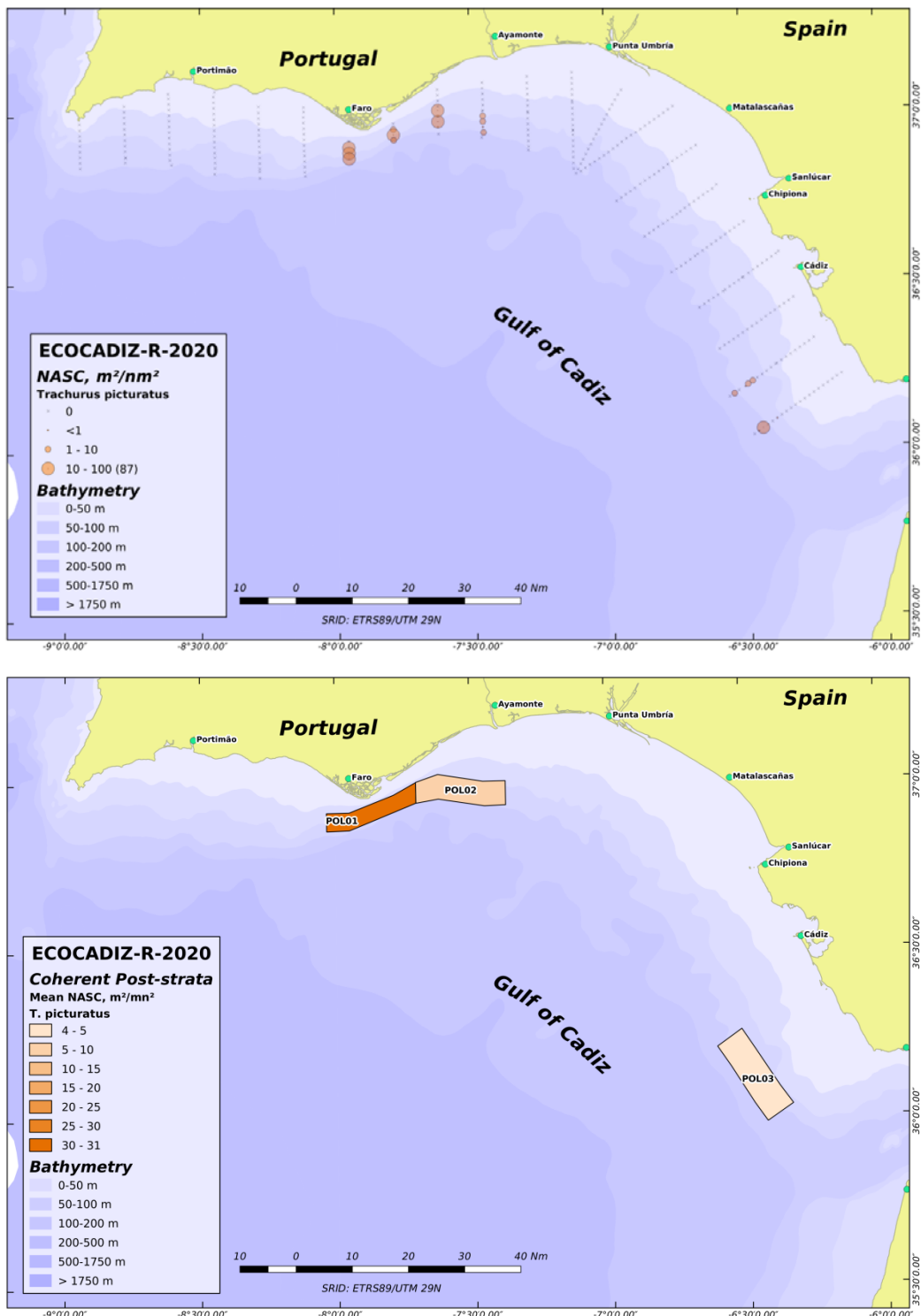


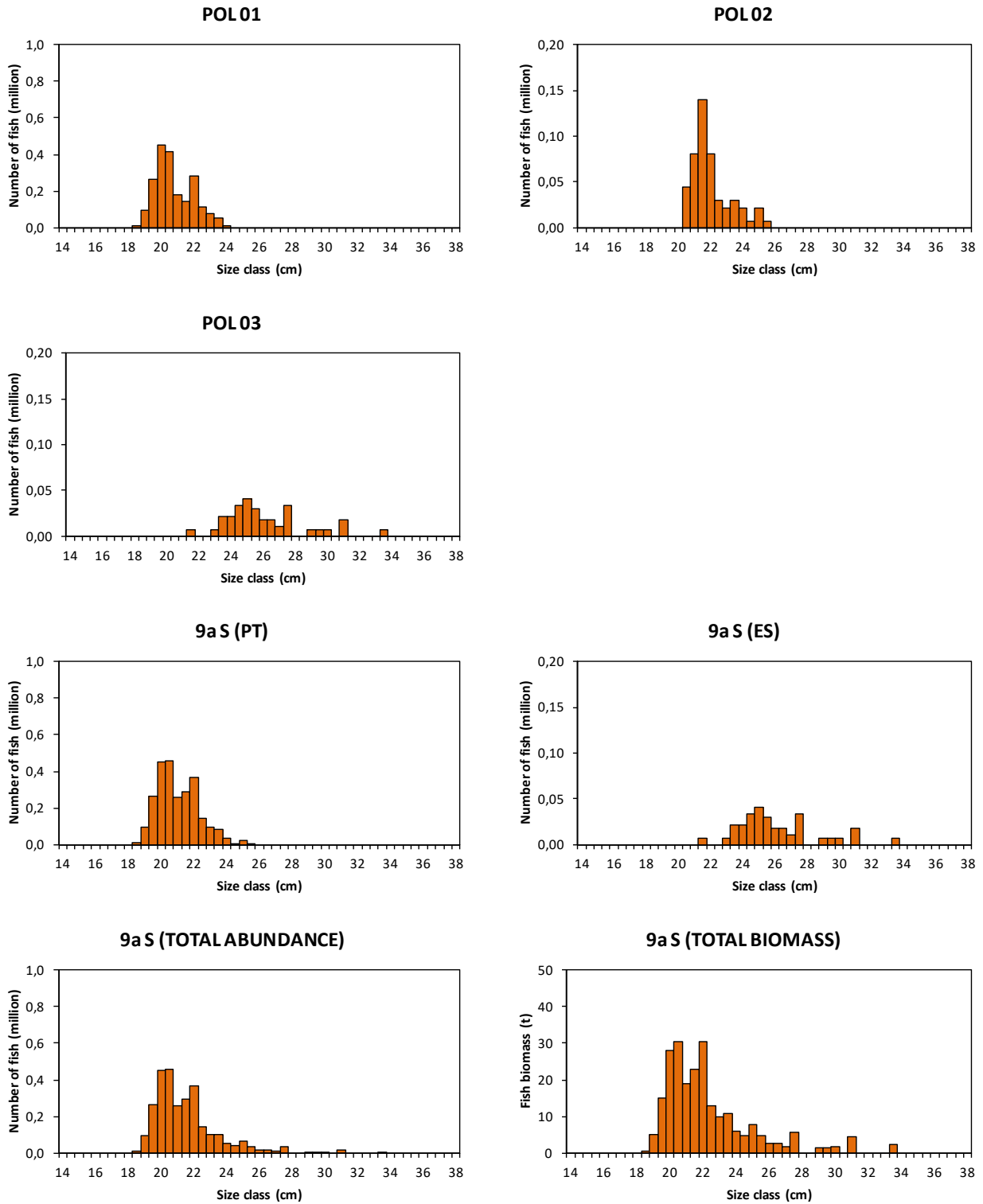
Figure 27. ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Blue jack mackerel (*Trachurus picturatus*). Top: length frequency distributions in fishing hauls. Bottom: mean  $\pm$  sd length by haul.



**Figure 28.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Blue jack mackerel (*Trachurus picturatus*). Top: distribution of the total backscattering energy (Nautical area scattering coefficient,  $NASC$ , in  $m^2 nmi^{-2}$ ) attributed to the species. Bottom: distribution of homogeneous size-based post-strata used in the biomass/abundance estimates. Colour scale according to the mean value of the backscattering energy attributed to the species in each stratum.



**ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10: Blue Jack mackerel (*T. picturatus*)**



**Figure 29.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Blue jack mackerel (*Trachurus picturatus*). Estimated abundances (number of fish in millions) by length class (cm) by homogeneous post-stratum (POL01-POLn, numeration as in **Figure 28**) and total sampled area. Post-strata ordered in the W-E direction. The estimated biomass (t) by size class for the whole sampled area is also shown for comparison. Note the different scales in the y axis.

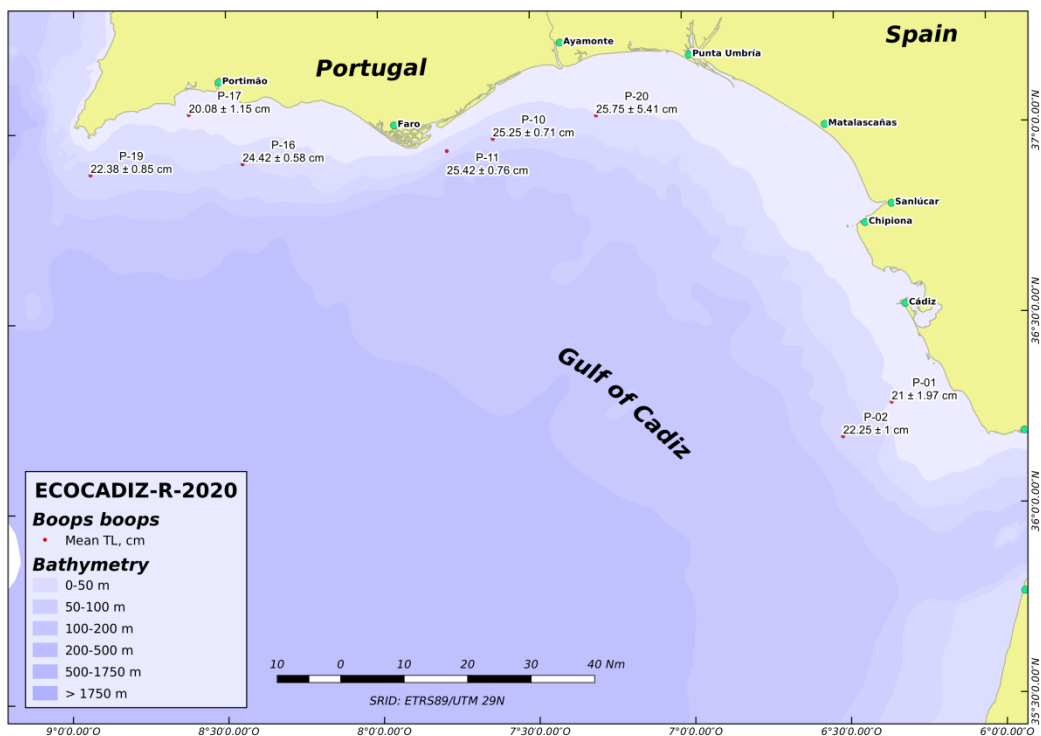
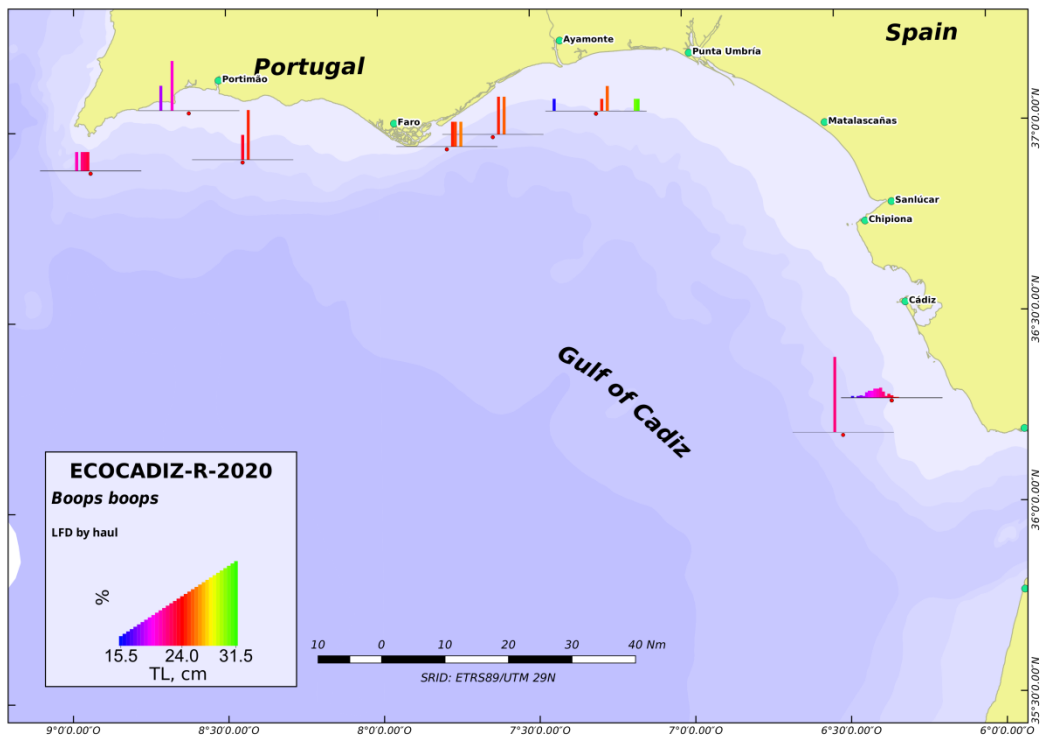
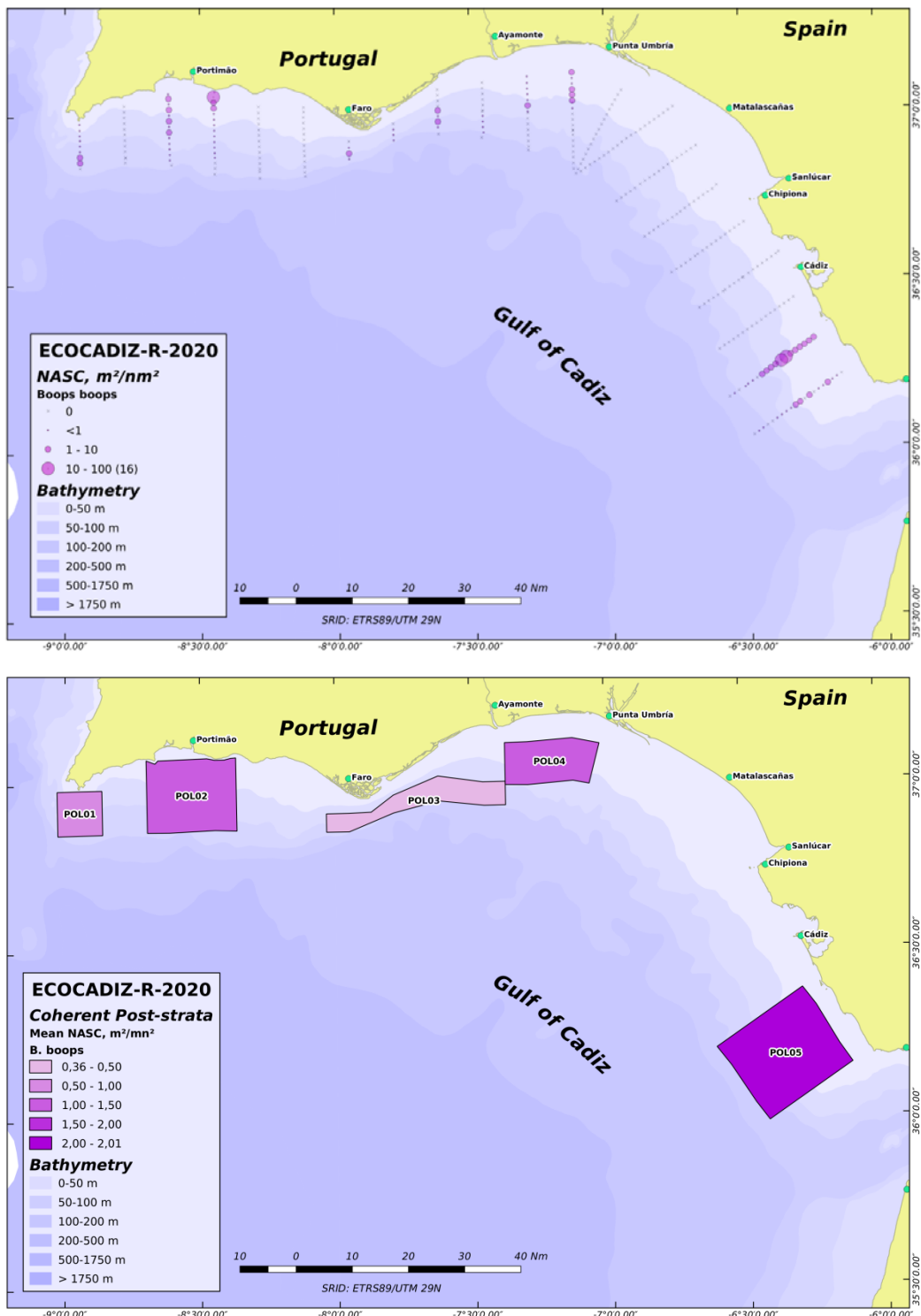
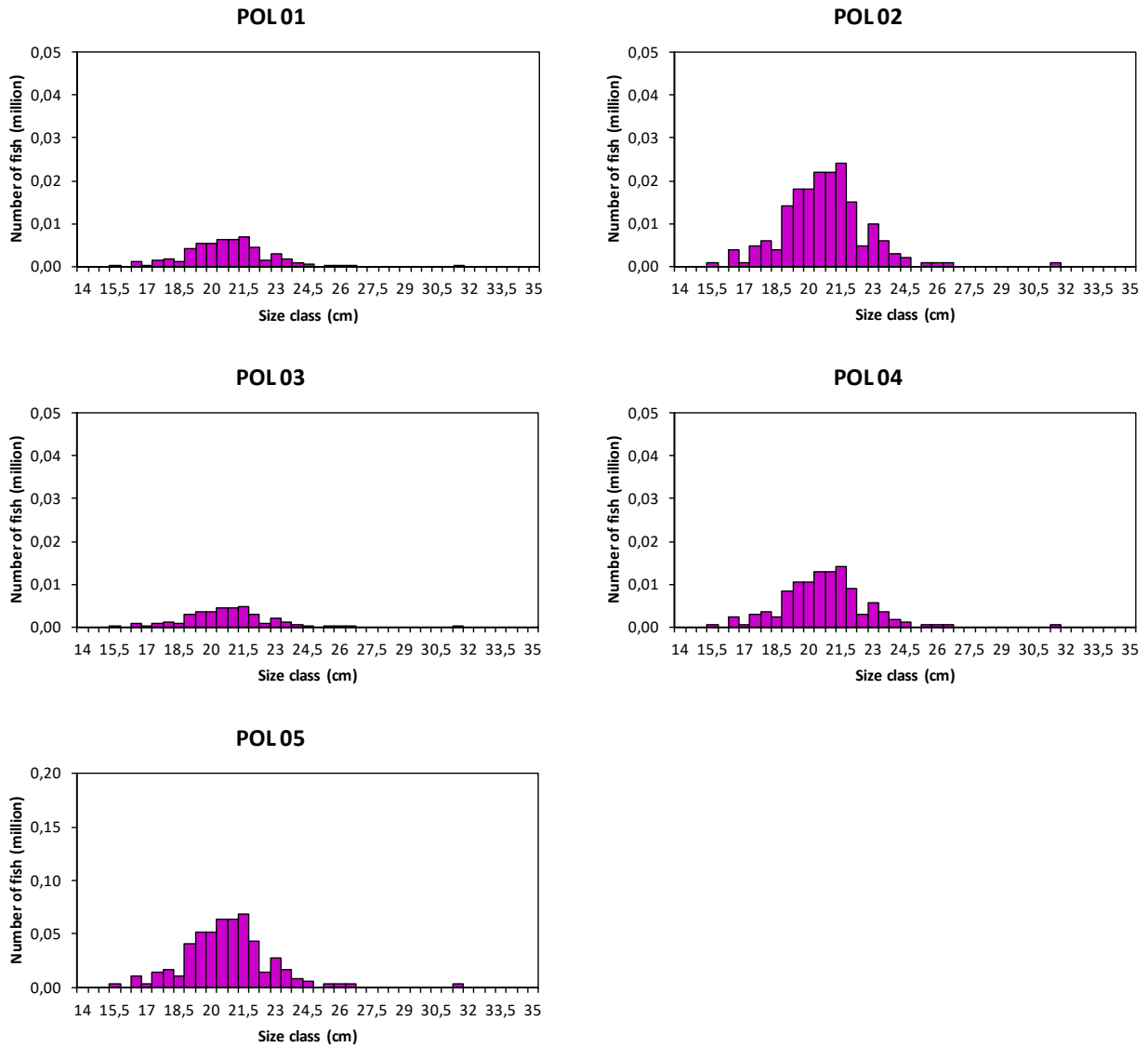


Figure 30. ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Bogue (*Boops boops*). Top: length frequency distributions in fishing hauls. Bottom: mean  $\pm$  sd length by haul.



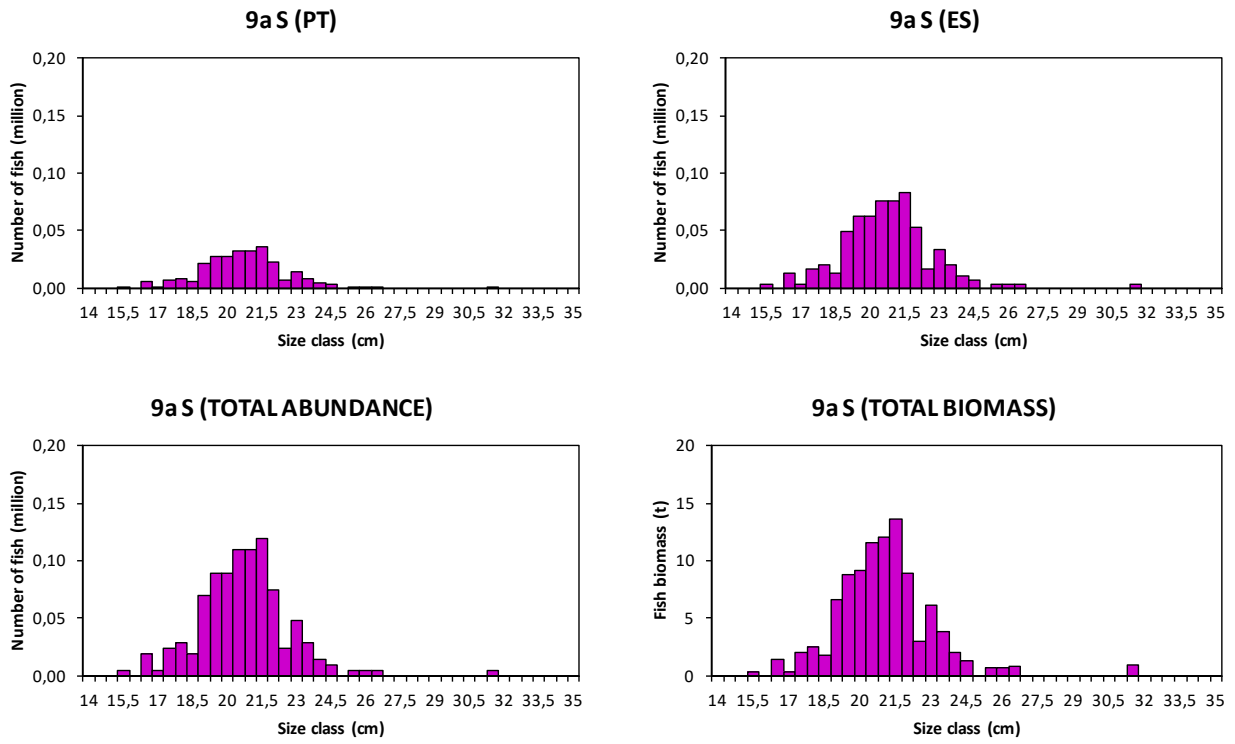
**Figure 31.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Bogue (*Boops boops*). Top: distribution of the total backscattering energy (Nautical area scattering coefficient, NASC, in  $m^2 nmi^{-2}$ ) attributed to the species. Bottom: distribution of homogeneous size-based post-strata used in the biomass/abundance estimates. Colour scale according to the mean value of the backscattering energy attributed to the species in each stratum.

**ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10: Bogue (*B. boops*)**



**Figure 32.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Bogue (*Boops boops*). Estimated abundances (number of fish in millions) by length class (cm) by homogeneous post-stratum (POL01-POLn, numeration as in **Figure 31**) and total sampled area. Post-strata ordered in the W-E direction. The estimated biomass (t) by size class for the whole sampled area is also shown for comparison. Note the different scales in the y axis.

**ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10: Bogue (*B. boops*)**



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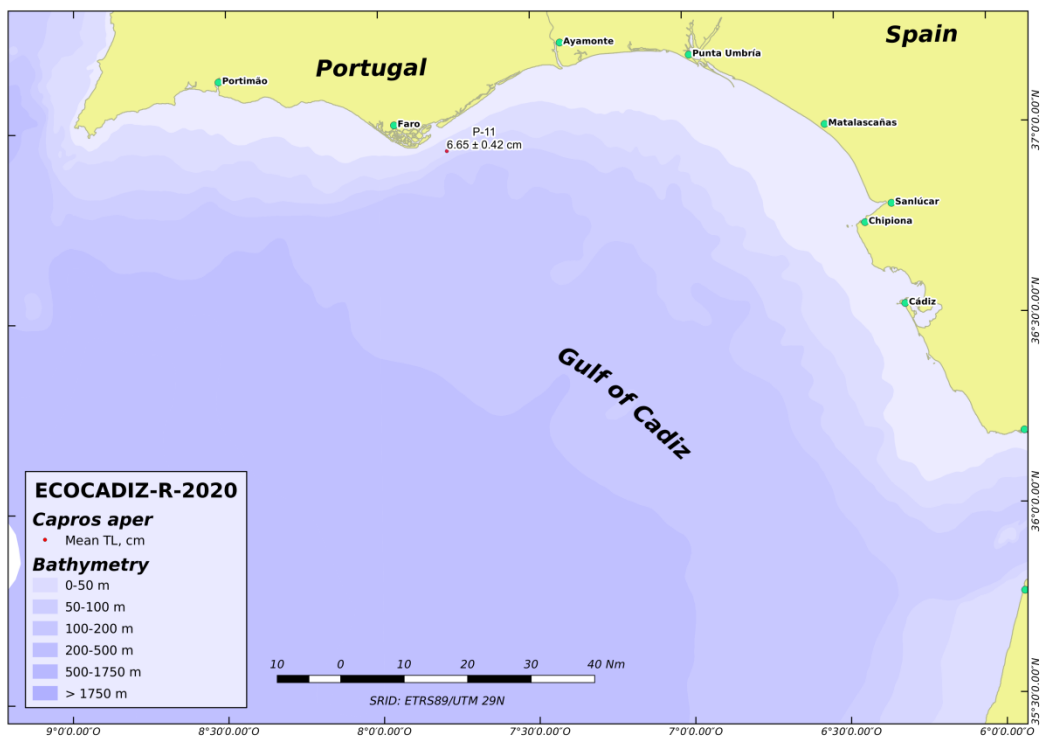
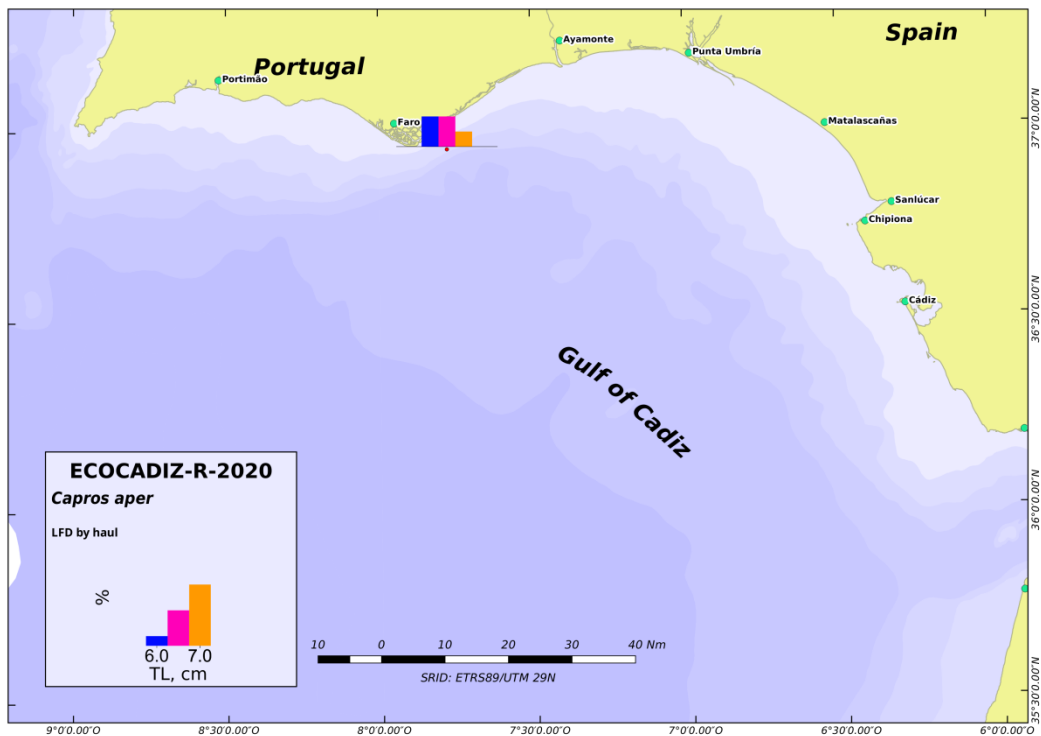
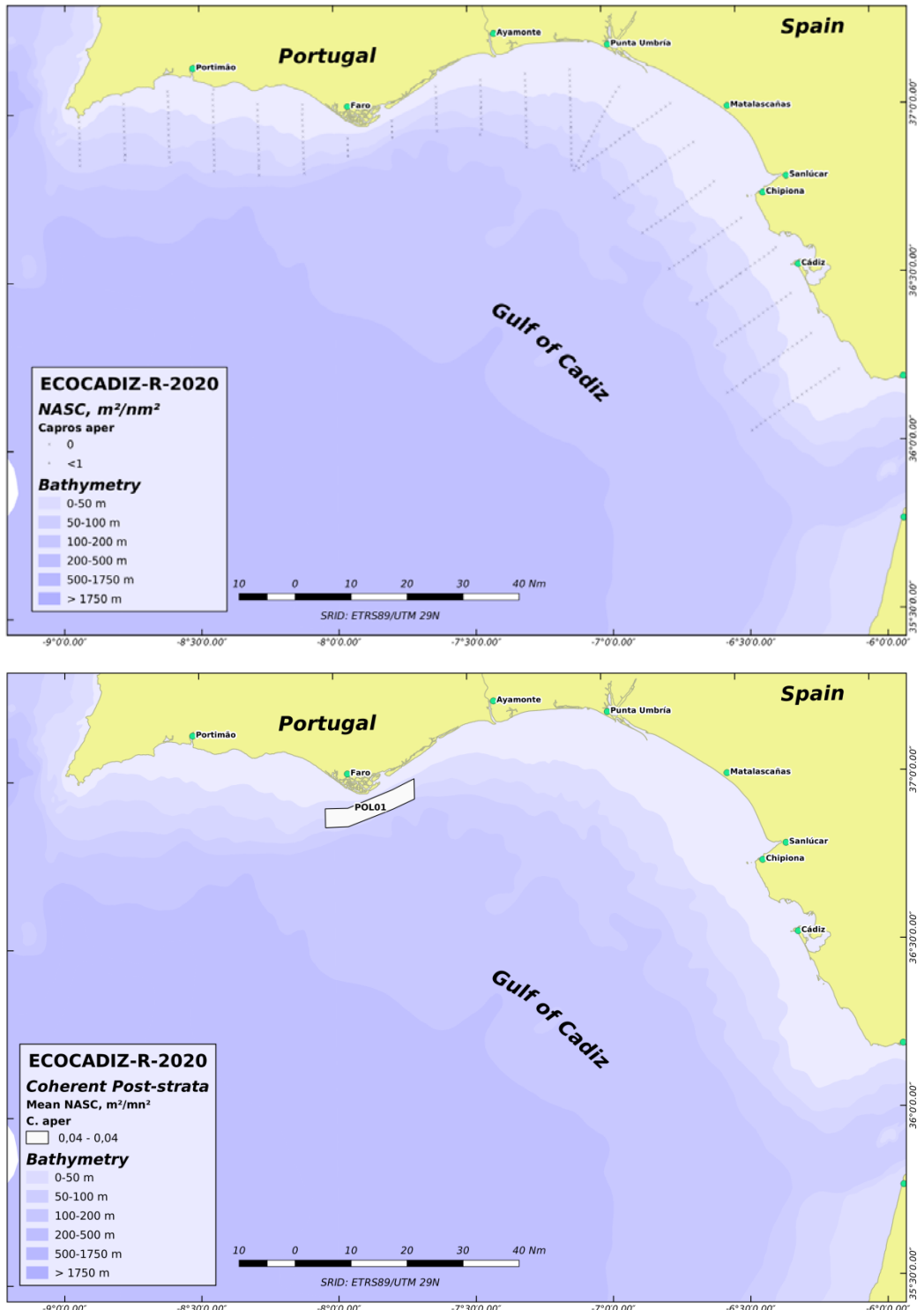
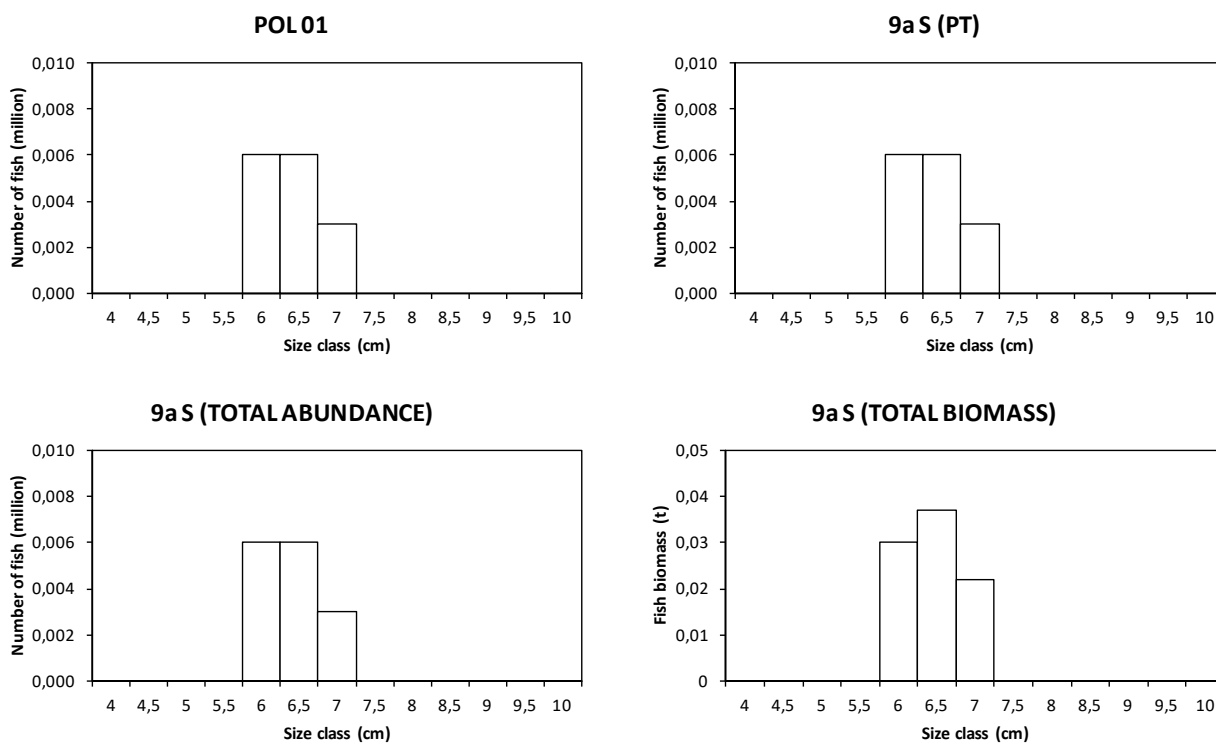


Figure 33. ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Boarfish (*Capros aper*). Top: length frequency distributions in fishing hauls. Bottom: mean  $\pm$  sd length by haul.



**Figure 34.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Boarfish (*Capros aper*). Top: distribution of the total backscattering energy (Nautical area scattering coefficient, NASC, in  $m^2 nmi^{-2}$ ) attributed to the species. Bottom: distribution of homogeneous size-based post-strata used in the biomass/abundance estimates. Colour scale according to the mean value of the backscattering energy attributed to the species in each stratum.

**ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10: Boarfish (*C. aper*)**



**Figure 35.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Boarfish (*Capros aper*). Estimated abundances (number of fish in millions) by length class (cm) by homogeneous post-stratum (POL01-POLn, numeration as in **Figure 34**) and total sampled area. Post-strata ordered in the W-E direction. The estimated biomass (t) by size class for the whole sampled area is also shown for comparison. Note the different scales in the y axis.



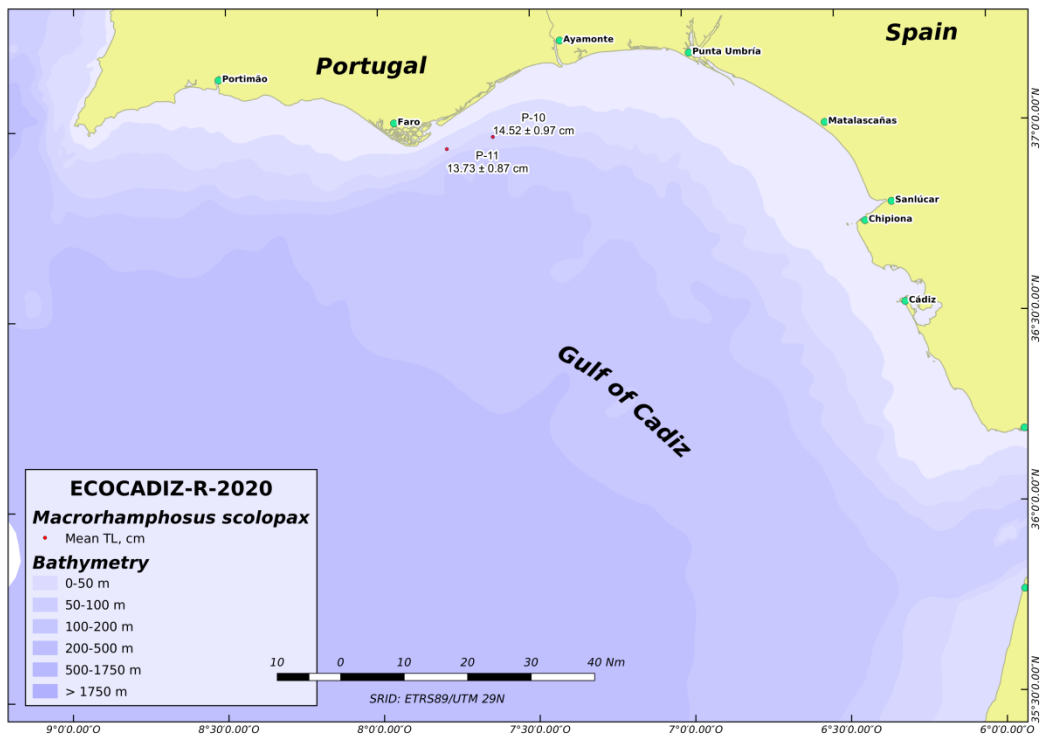
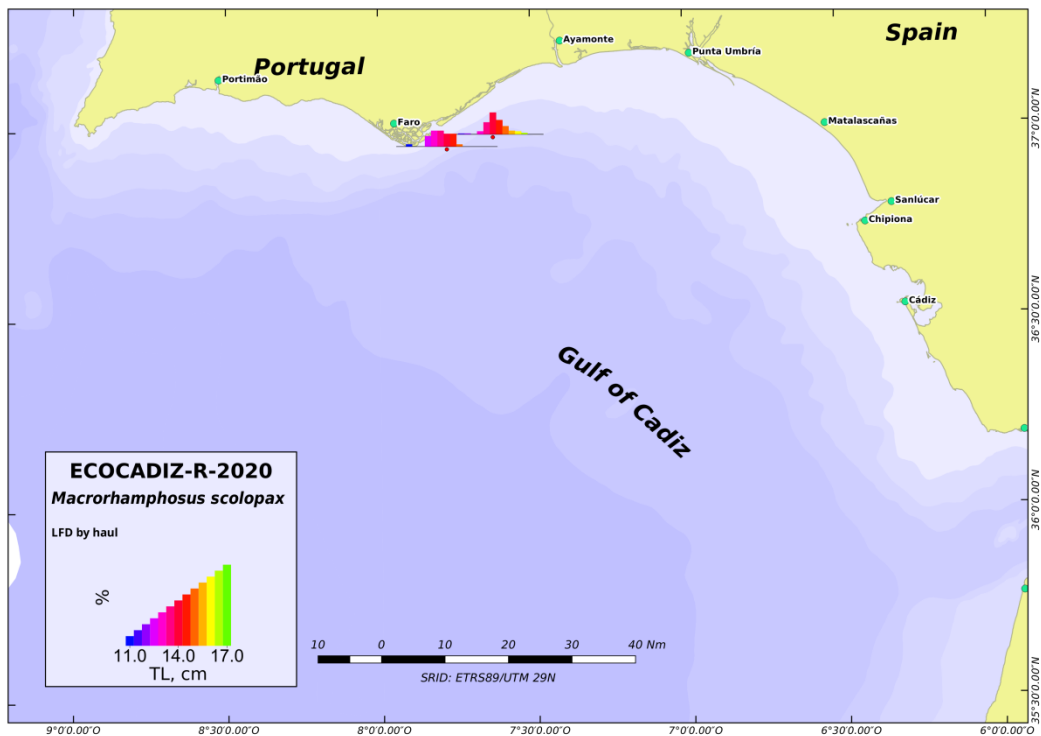
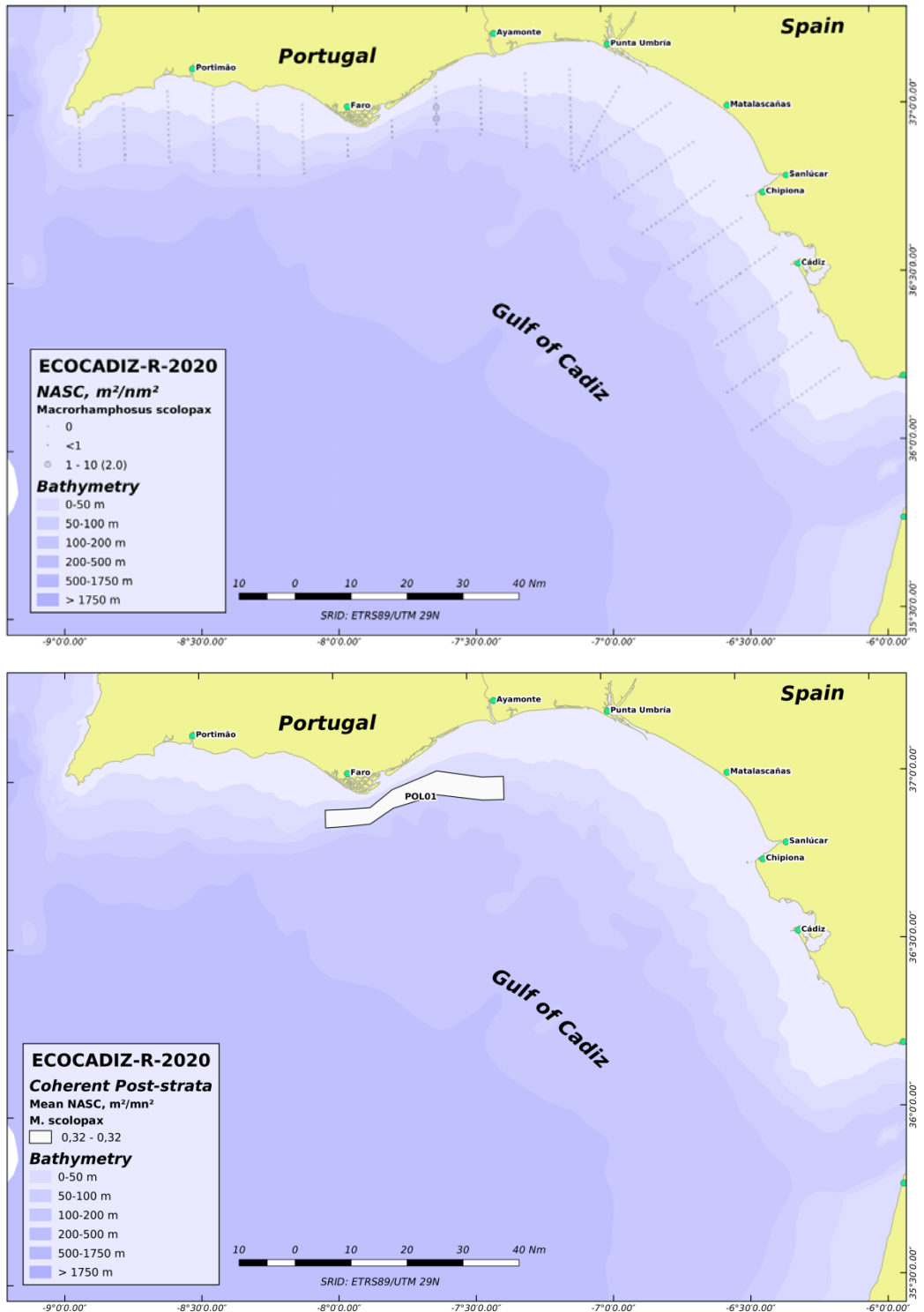
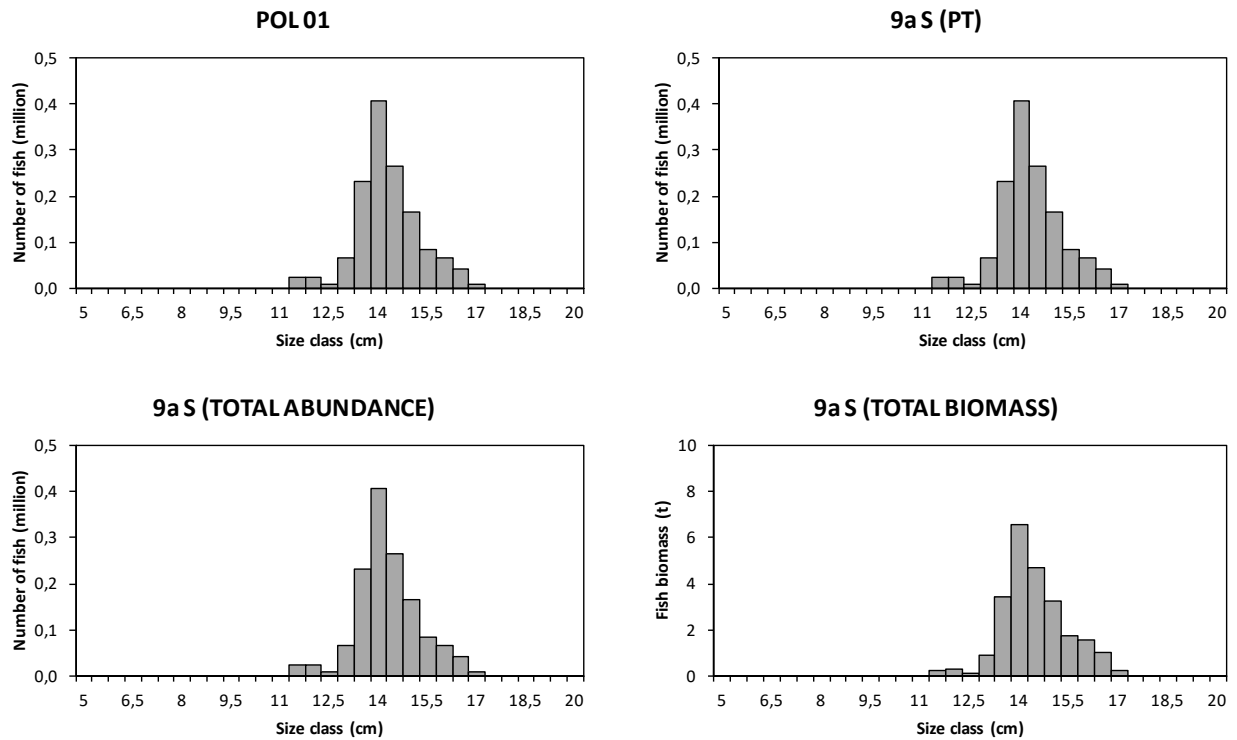


Figure 36. ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Longspine snipefish (*Macroramphosus scolopax*). Top: length frequency distributions in fishing hauls. Bottom: mean  $\pm$  sd length by haul.



**Figure 37.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Longspine snipefish (*Macroramphosus scolopax*). Top: distribution of the total backscattering energy (Nautical area scattering coefficient,  $NASC$ , in  $m^2 nmi^{-2}$ ) attributed to the species. Bottom: distribution of homogeneous size-based post-strata used in the biomass/abundance estimates. Colour scale according to the mean value of the backscattering energy attributed to the species in each stratum.

**ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10: Longspine snipefish (*M. scolopax*)**



**Figure 38.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Longspine snipefish (*Macroramphosus scolopax*). Estimated abundances (number of fish in millions) by length class (cm) by homogeneous post-stratum (POL01-POLn, numeration as in **Figure 37**) and total sampled area. Post-strata ordered in the W-E direction. The estimated biomass (t) by size class for the whole sampled area is also shown for comparison. Note the different scales in the y axis.

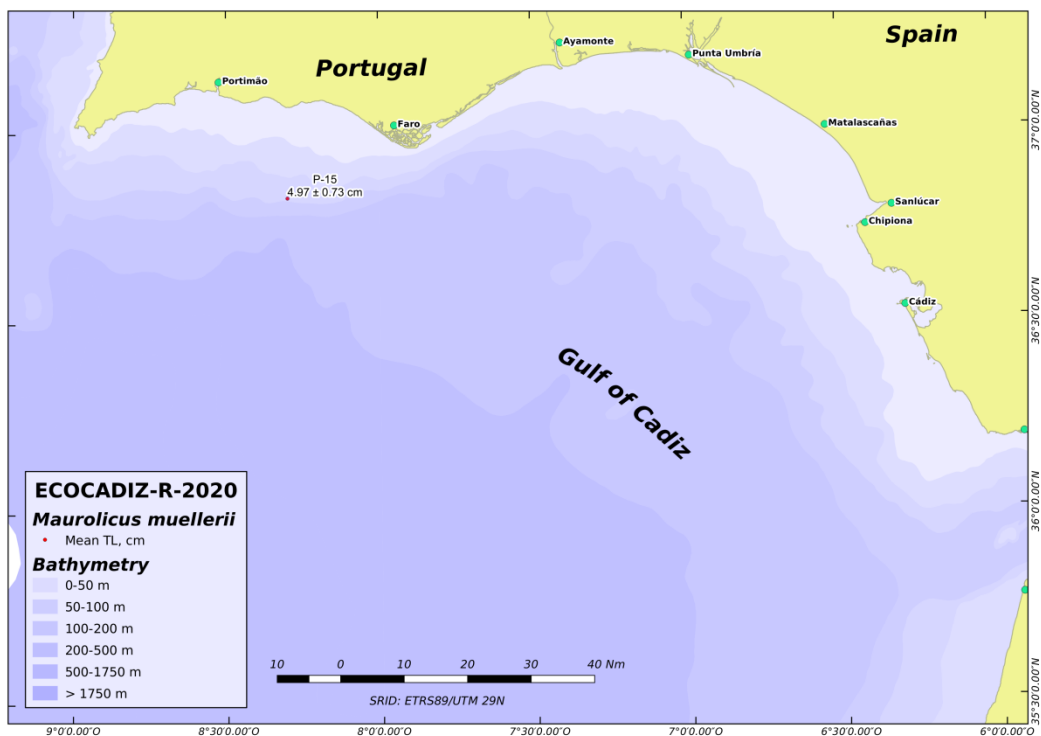
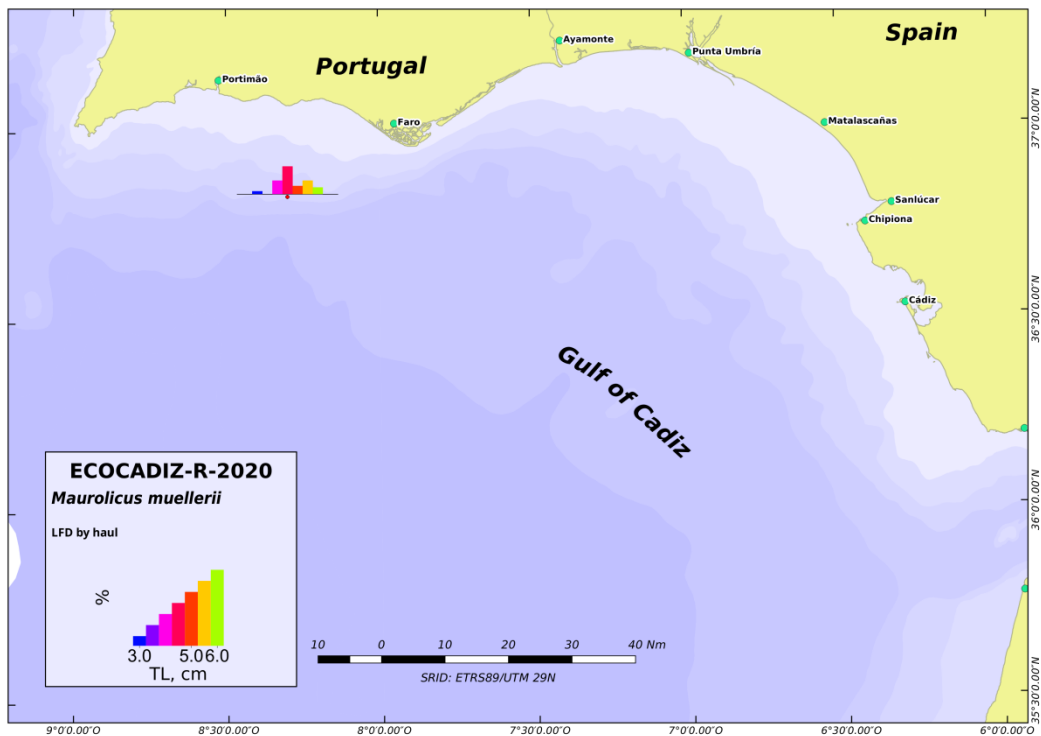
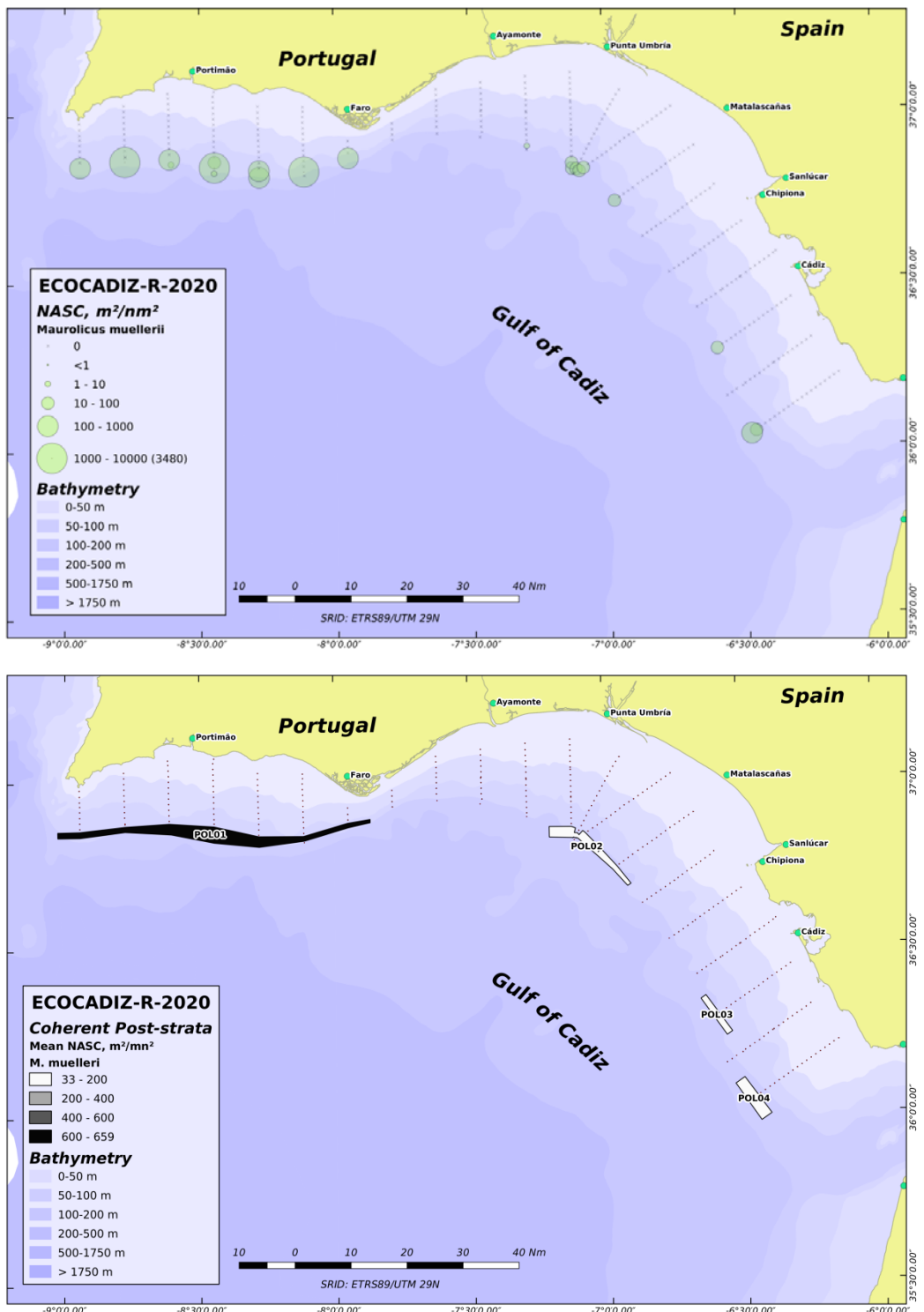
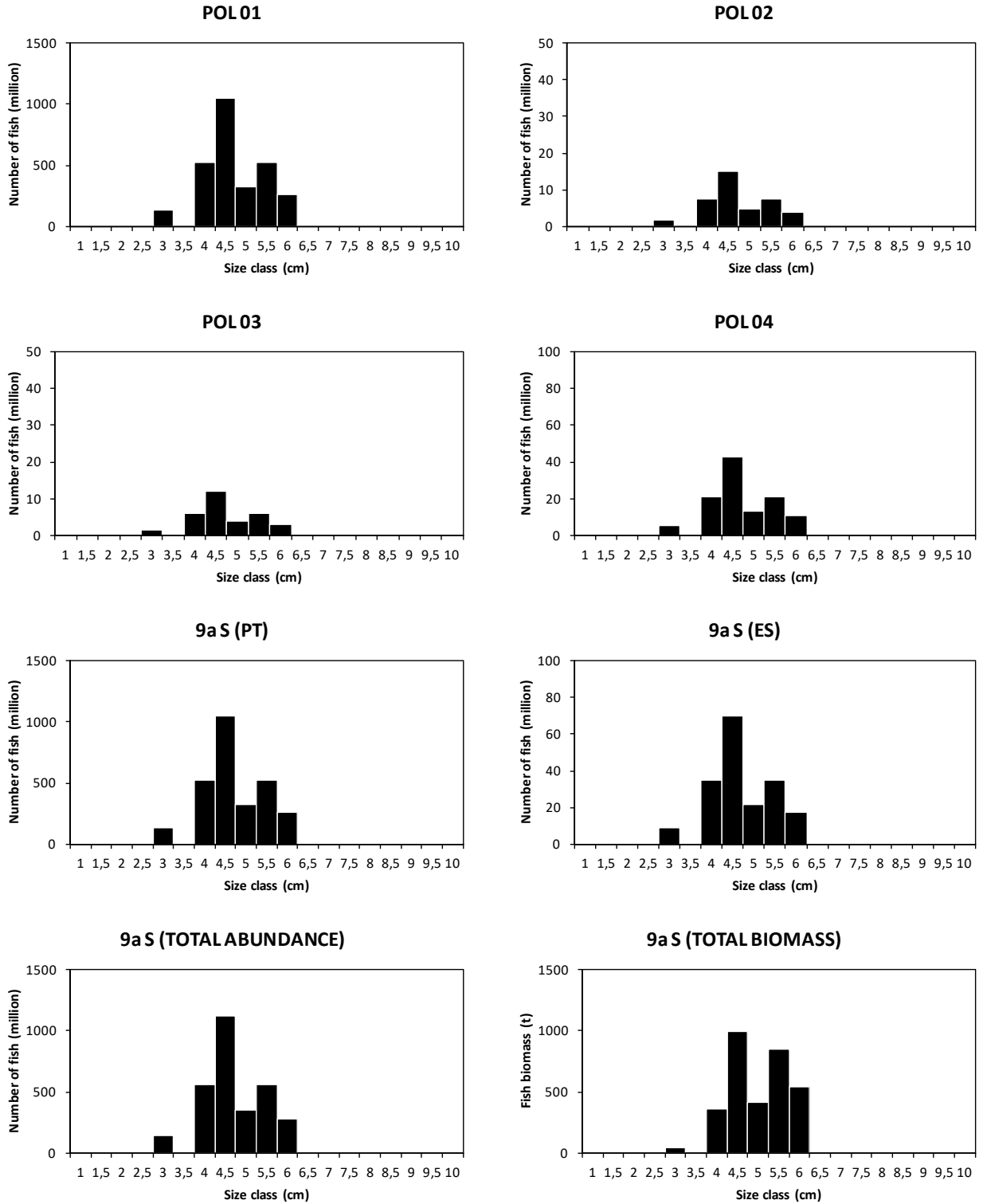


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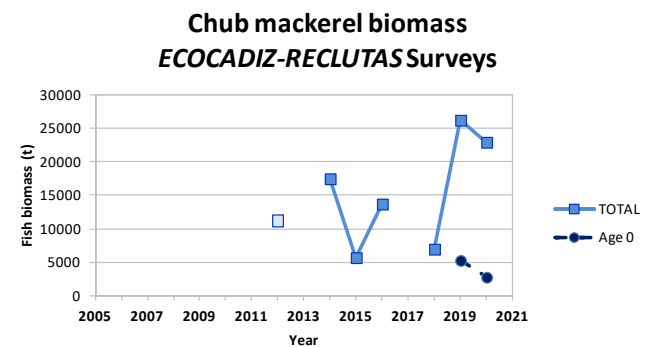
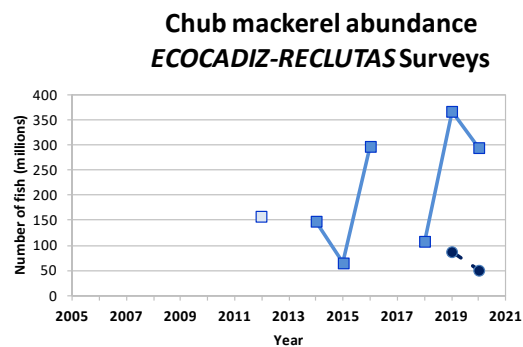
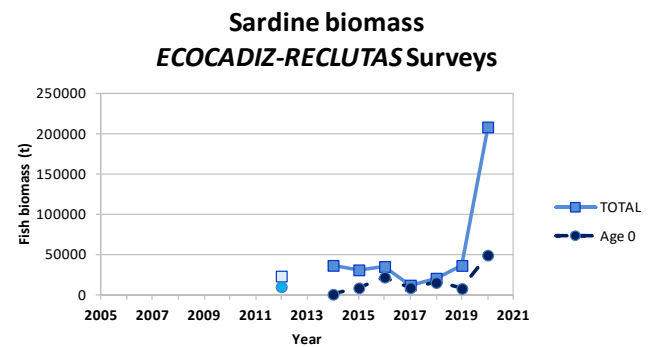
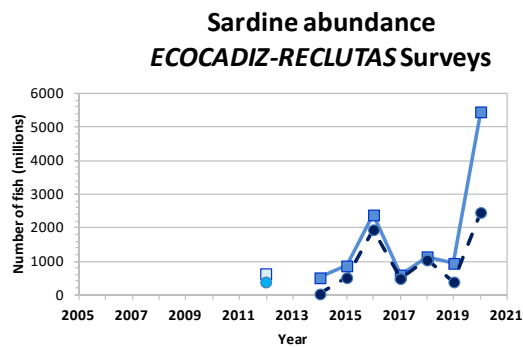
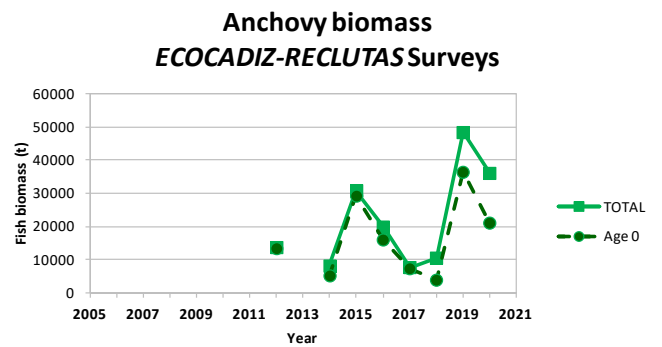
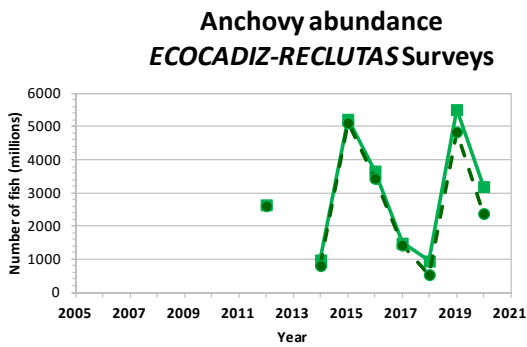


**Figure 40.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Pearlside (*Maurolicus muelleri*). Top: distribution of the total backscattering energy (Nautical area scattering coefficient, NASC, in m<sup>2</sup> nm<sup>-2</sup>) attributed to the species. Bottom: distribution of homogeneous size-based post-strata used in the biomass/abundance estimates. Colour scale according to the mean value of the backscattering energy attributed to the species in each stratum.

**ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10: Pearlside (*M. muelleri*)**



**Figure 41.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS 2020-10 survey. Pearlside (*Maurolicus muelleri*). Estimated abundances (number of fish in millions) by length class (cm) by homogeneous post-stratum (POL01-POLn, numeration as in **Figure 40**) and total sampled area. Post-strata ordered in the W-E direction. The estimated biomass (t) by size class for the whole sampled area is also shown for comparison. Note the different scales in the y axis.



**Figure 42.** ECOCADIZ-RECLUTAS surveys series. Historical series of autumn acoustic estimates of anchovy, sardine and chub mackerel abundance (million) and biomass (t) in Sub-division 9.a South. The estimates correspond to the total population and age 0 fish. The 2012 survey only surveyed the Spanish waters. No survey was conducted in 2013. Although a survey was conducted in 2017, the survey was interrupted for a serious breakdown of the vessel's propulsion system and no estimates were computed. The 2018 estimates should be considered with caution because a possible under-estimation. Age data for chub mackerel started to be available since 2019 on.

