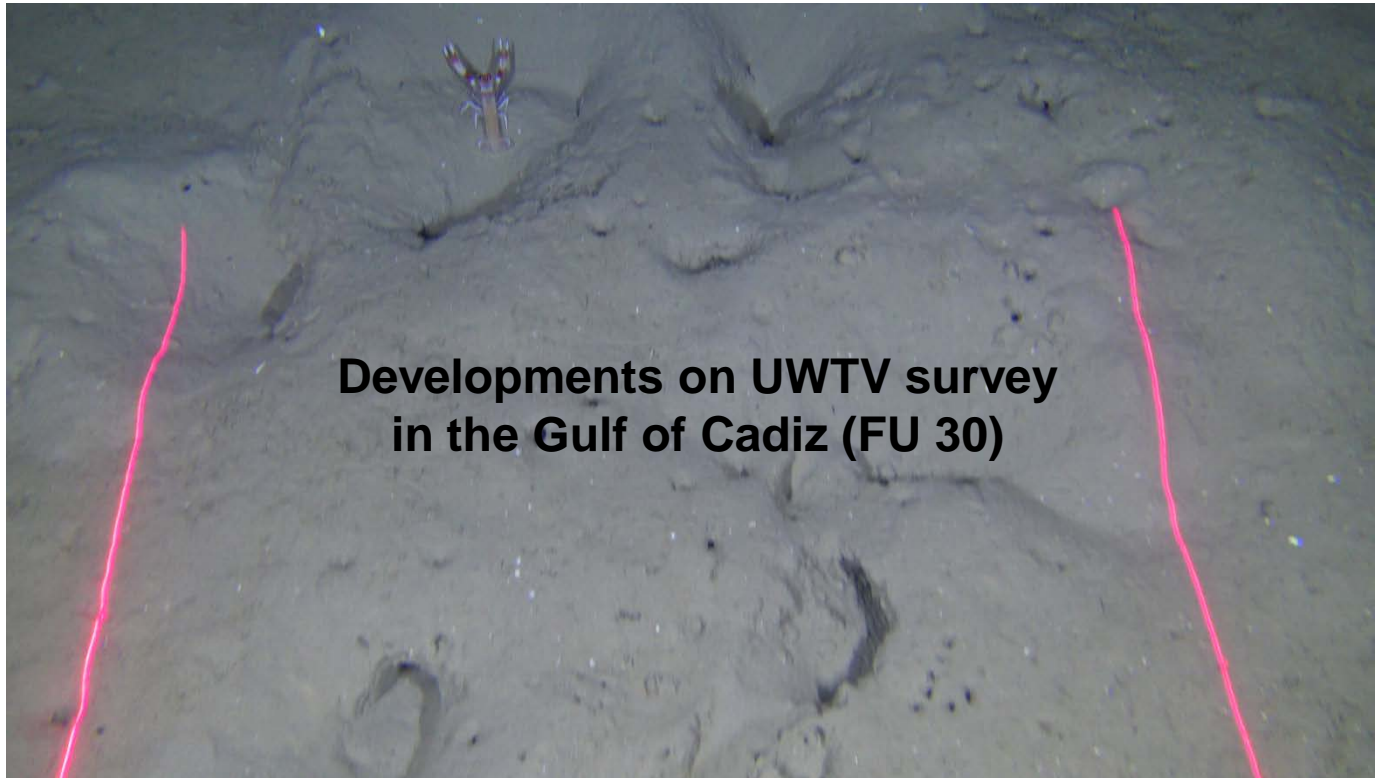




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## SURVEY SUMMARY

DATE	<del>2-24 June</del> →
RV	Ángeles Alvariño
SURVEY DESING	Randomised isometric 4 nm grid
Nº PLANNED STATIONS	65
Nº STATIONS RE-DO	5
Nº STATIONS NULL	6
Nº STATIONS USED IN GEOSTATISTICAL ANALYSIS	59
DISTANCE OVER GROUND-SOURCE	Sledge position by HiPAP
OTHER ACTIVITIES	CTD on the sledge (valid 46) Dredges (29)

Survey 1 month later (7-19 July)

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Staff availability reduced

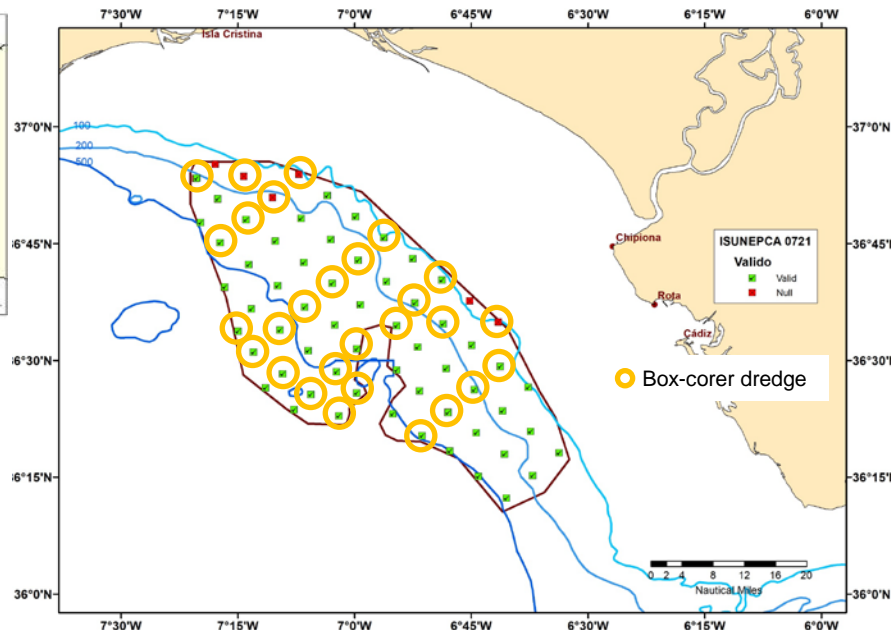
(3 people)

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Reduction of activities

\* To collect Ultra HD 4K videos  
(Photogrametric sledge)

\* To collect oceanographic data  
(CTD in Sledge)

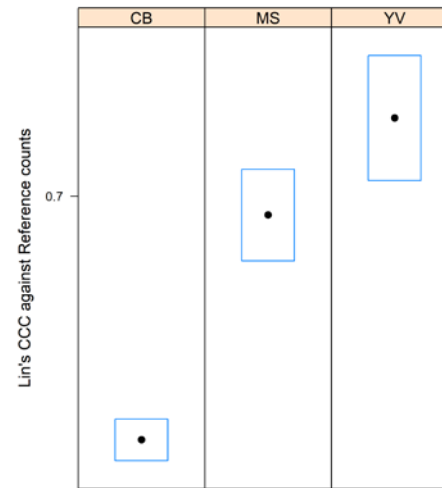
\* To collect sediment samples  
(Box-corer dredge)





- 11 mm diameter coaxial cable used
- Speed of sledge during the tow ranged between 0.6-0.7 knots
- Vessel position (DGPS) and sledge position (HiPAP transponder on the sledge) were recorded.
- The distance over ground (DOG) was calculated using the sledge position
- 10 good minutes were recorded and counted

- Training: FU 30 reference footages (WKNEPS 2018)

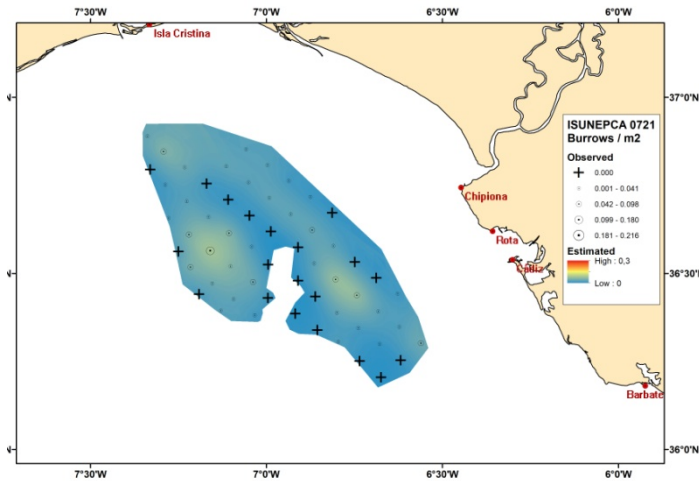
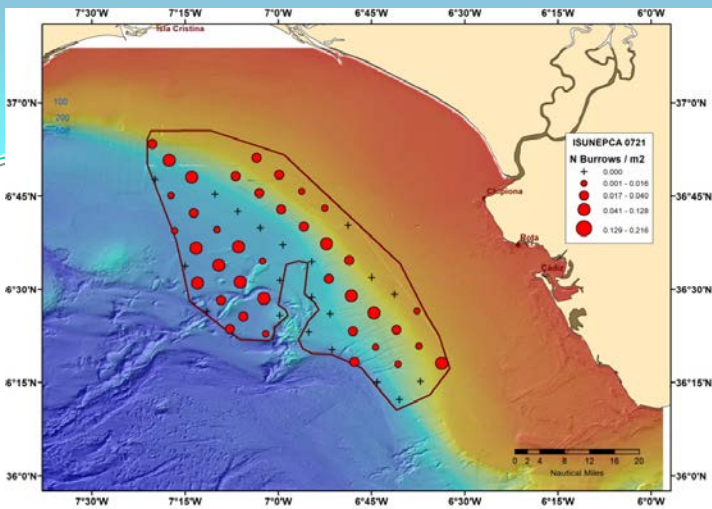


All counters  
Lin's CCC > 0.6

- First minute counted twice, as warm-up and as valid count
- All 2021 videos were reviewed by 3 counters independently
- Counts in the lab
- Lin's CCC R code only provided results for 30% of analysed videos
- Very low counts by minute in 2021

- Counts with Lin's CCC < 0.5 and NA were reviewed again by consensus (98% total counts; 49 stations)

# RESULTS



Year	N <sup>a</sup> stations	Mean density adjusted	Area Surveyed	Domine area	Geoestatistical Abundance estimate adjusted	CV on burrow estimate
		Burrow/m <sup>2</sup>	Km <sup>2</sup>	Km <sup>2</sup>	Millions burrows	
2015	58	0.0905	3000	3000	298	7.6
2016	58	0.0776	3000	3000	233	7.3
2017	62	0.1336	3000	3000	371	8.7
2018	60	0.1197	3000	3000	329	6.0
2019	65	0.0377	3000	3000	113	9.7
2020*	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021	59	0.0238	3000	3000	73	11.5

\* UWTV Survey in 2020 was not carried out due the COVID-19 disruption.

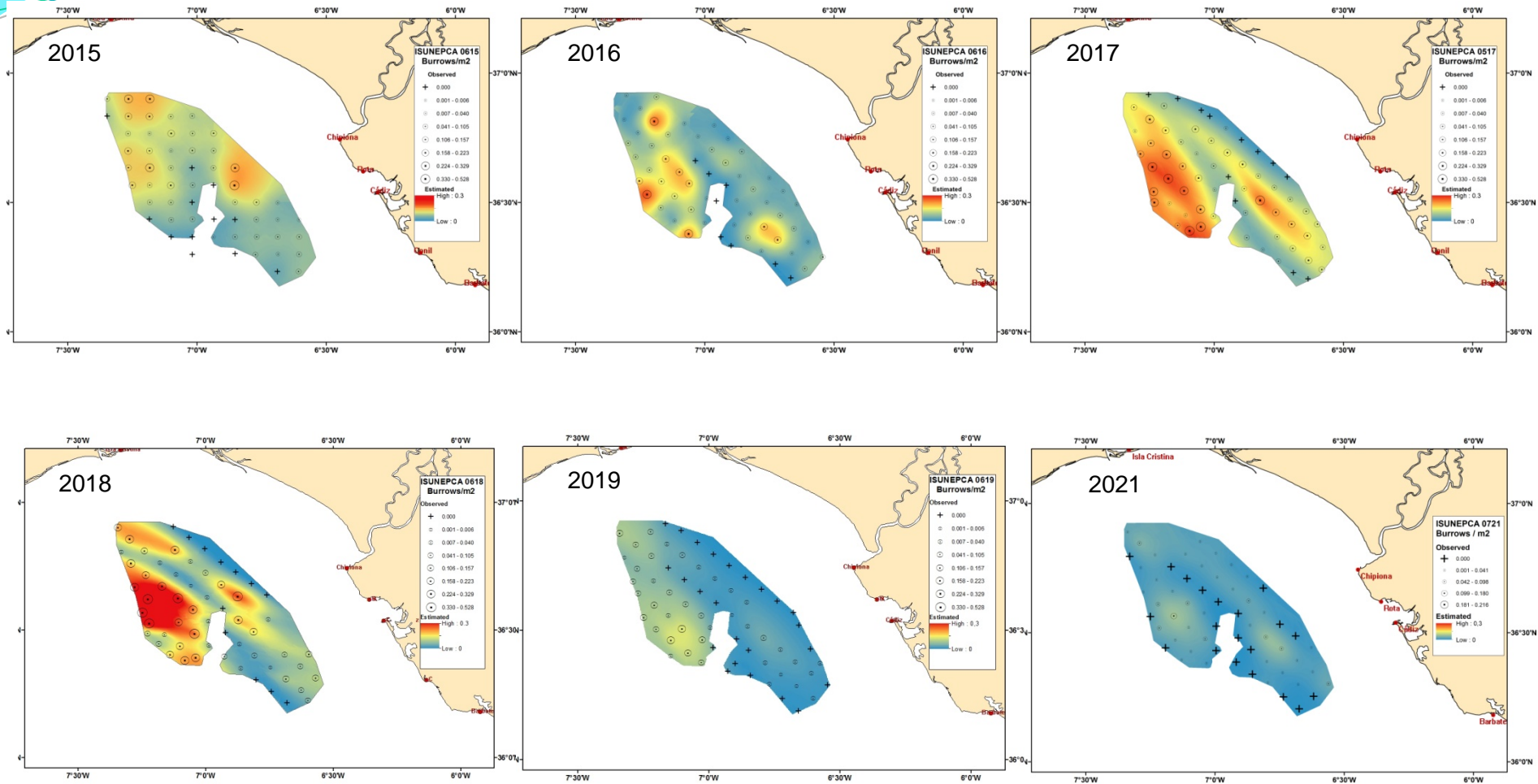
- *Nephrops* density and geo-statistical abundance estimates in 2021 lower than in 2019
- CV increased in 2021.



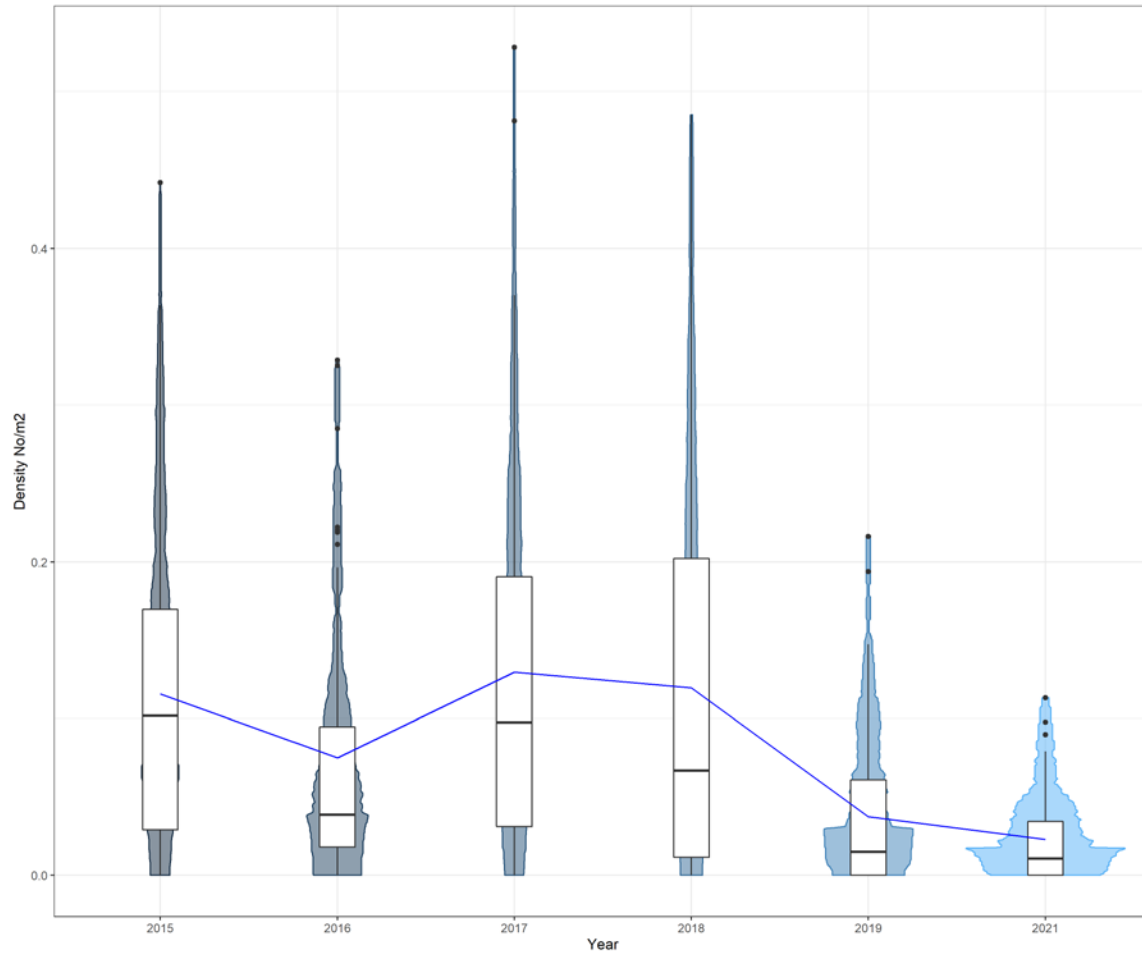
- *Nephrops* fishing effort in July higher than in June

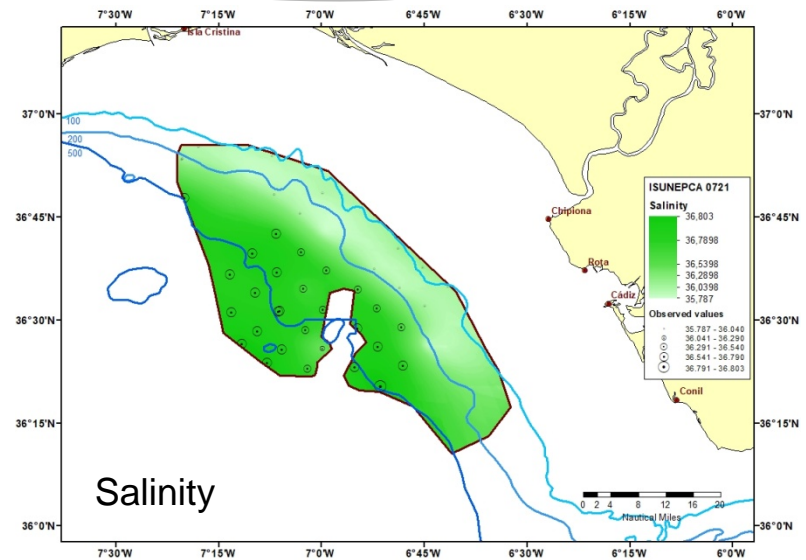
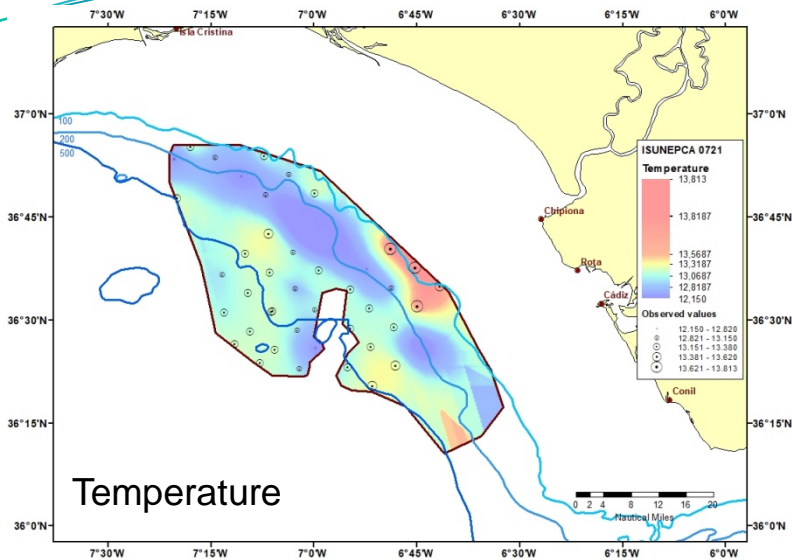
- Collapsed *Nephrops* burrows and trawl mark observed in 2021 was high

# RESULTS



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- Identification and quantification of macro-benthic fauna from footages
- Sediment analysis



To be complete

***Nephrops* FU30 advice**

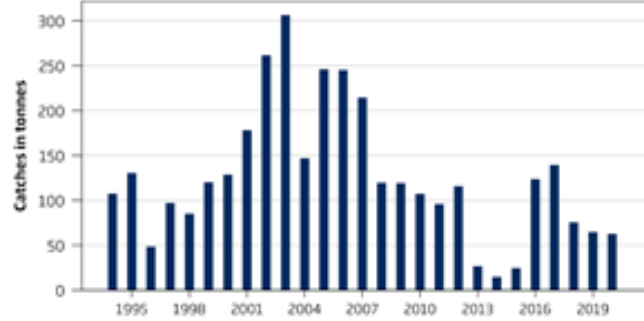




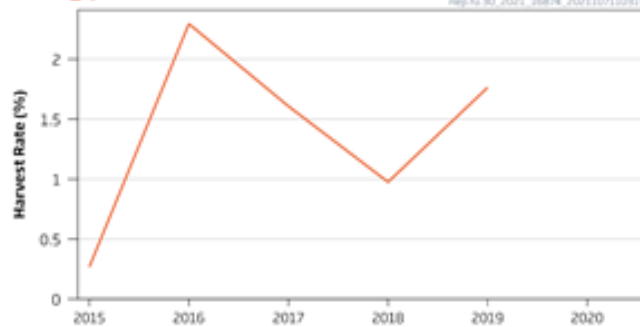
## Stock Category 3.2.1

- Benchmarked in 2016 (WKNEPH 2016)
- No reference points
- Upgraded from category 4 to 3 in 2019
- Underwater television (UWTV) survey trends-based assessment \_ Rule 2 over 3

Catches



Fishing pressure



Stock size



## Stock development and assessment

- Landings and stock abundance decreased from 2017 to 2019
- No information on stock size in 2020 because the survey was not conducted due to COVID-19 disruption
- Discards negligible
- HR increased in 2019 and is not available in 2020
- Survey in 2021 was delayed 1 month. Very low abundance

## Advice

- The index ratio is lower than 0.8 so uncertainty cap is applied
- The 20% change in advice is caused by the decrease in the abundance estimate
- Precautionary buffer applied in 2019 so it not been considered again

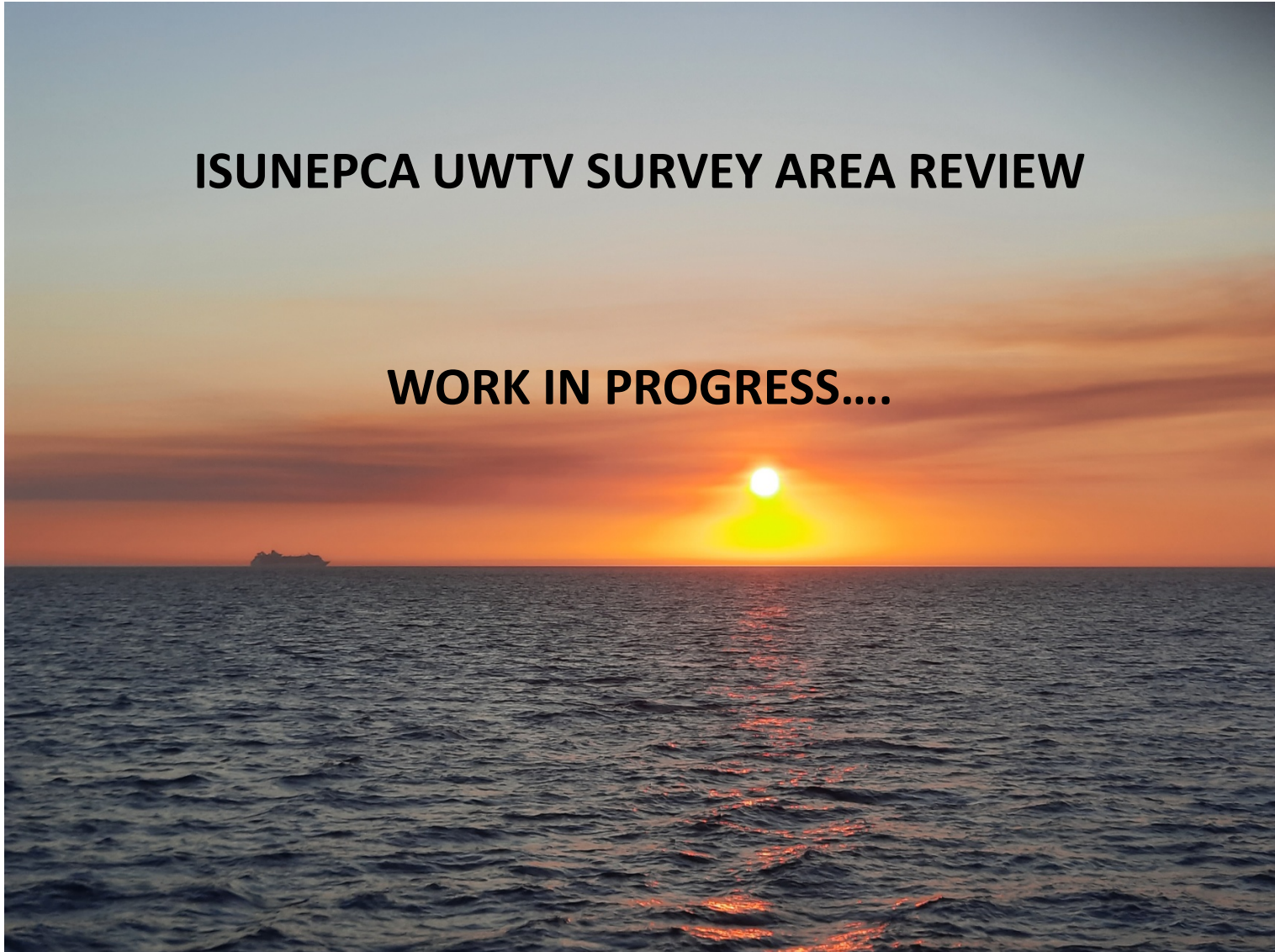
Index A (2020-2021; 2020 not available)	73 million individuals	
Index B (2017–2019)	271 million individuals	
Index ratio (A/B)	0.27	
Uncertainty cap	Applied	0.8
Advised catch for 2021	62 tonnes	
Discard rate	Negligible	
Precautionary buffer	Not applied	-
Catch advice**	50 tonnes	
% advice change^	-20%	

## Quality of assessment

- Although COVID-19 restrictions in 2020 affected the data collection from commercial fleet, it did not impact the assessment.
- The delay in the survey in 2021 may have affected the abundance estimate because the fishing effort to *Nephrops* in July is higher than in June.

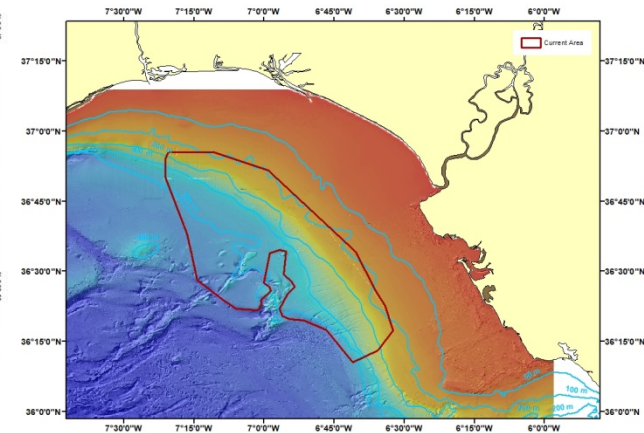
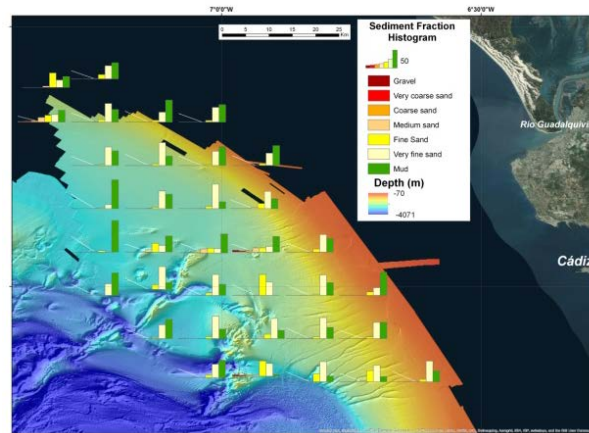
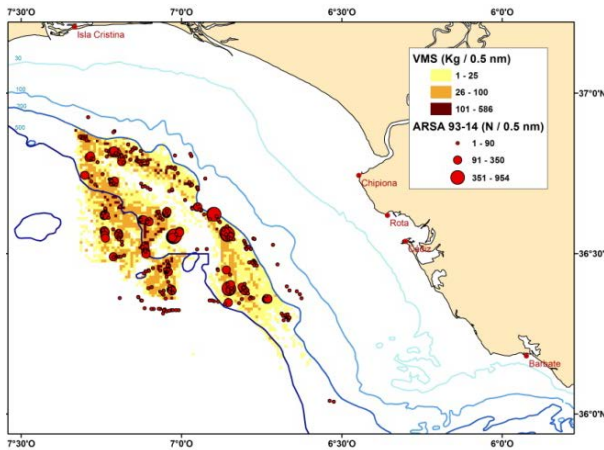
# **ISUNEPCA UWTV SURVEY AREA REVIEW**

**WORK IN PROGRESS....**



# BACKGROUND

- Survey area established in Benchmark WKNEP 2016
- Based on
  - VMS and logbooks (2011-2012)
  - International Bottom Trawl survey (IBTS)\_ARSA series (1994-2014)
  - Sediment samples (2014)



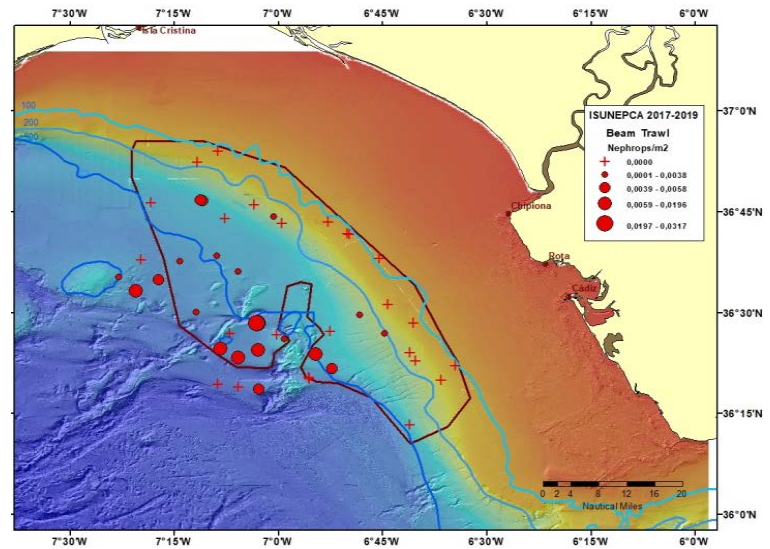
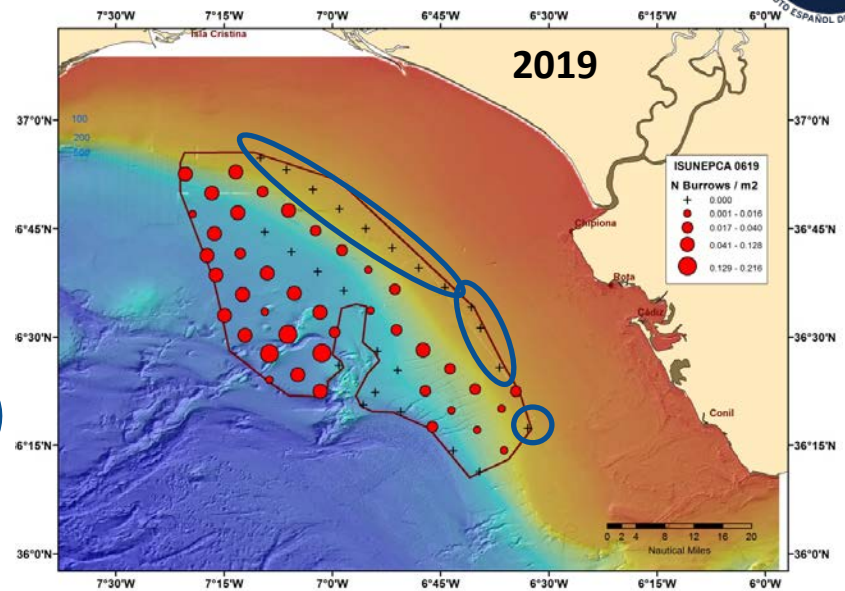
# THE SHALLOWEST AREA

- ✓ Very poor/Null visibility
- ✓ Many other burrowing species
- ✓ Very low *Nephrops* density

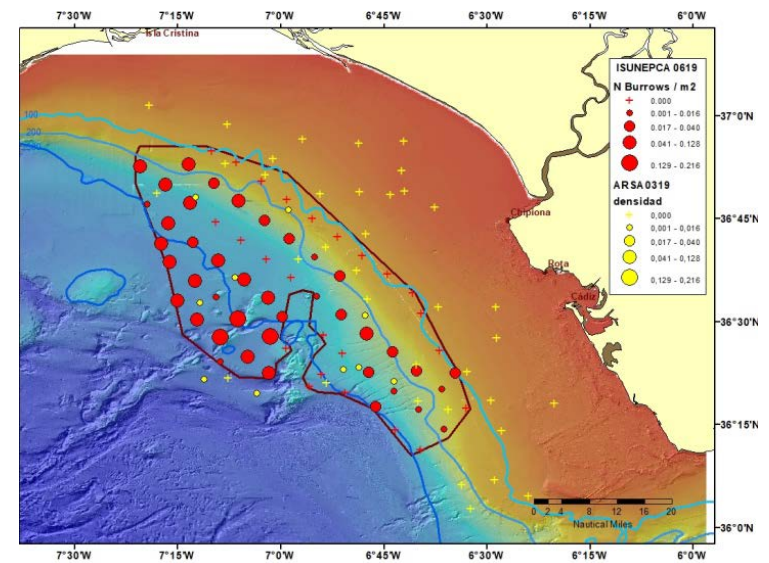


High uncertainty in *Nephrops* burrows identification

Zero *Nephrops* density assumed in 2017, 2018 and 2019 UWTV surveys



Beam trawl series (2017-2019)



UWTV Stations & IBTS hauls (2019)

## NEW & UPDATED INFORMATION

Andalucian Vessel Monitoring System  
(SLSEPA) based on GPRS/GSM (Global  
System for Mobile Communications)  
(2019)



The Andalucian Regional Government has installed its own vessel monitoring system on fleets using GPRS/GSM cellular network technology that send data on vessel positions and speed every 3 minutes.

Updated Bottom trawl surveys information (1993-2020)

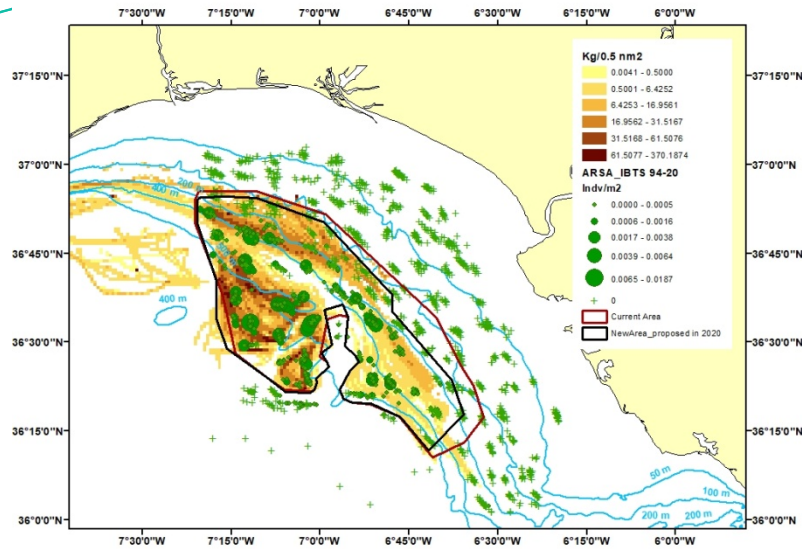
Beam Trawl information from ISUNEPCA UWTV surveys (2017-2019)

ISUNEPCA UWTV surveys information (2014-2019 & 2021)

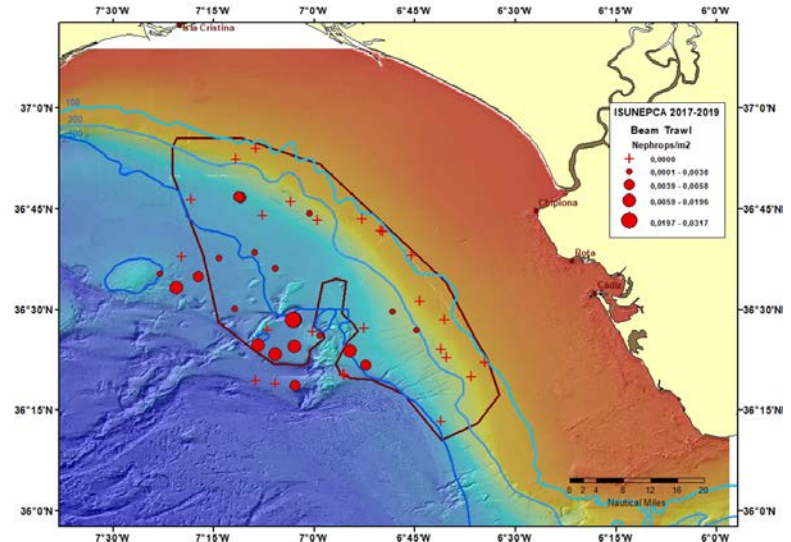
Sediment and habitat information

Sea bed morphology

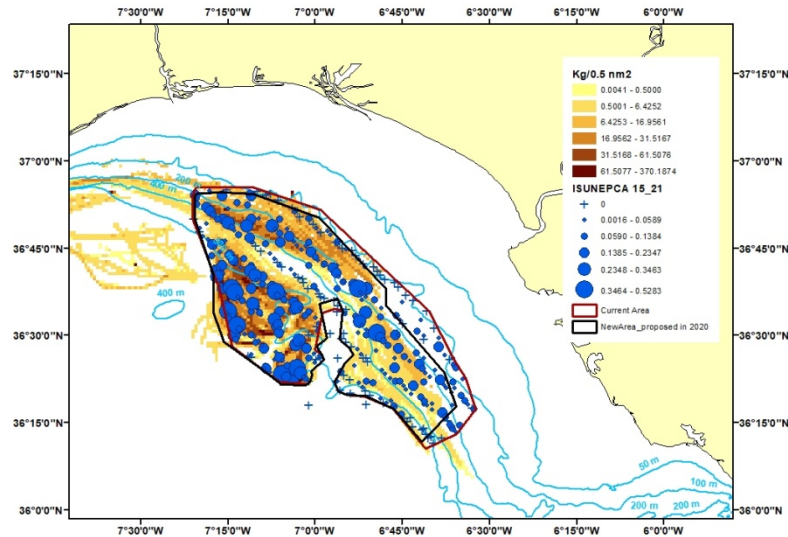
# LAST WGNEPS 2020



SLSEPA and IBTS surveys



Beam trawl ISUNEPCA UWTV surveys

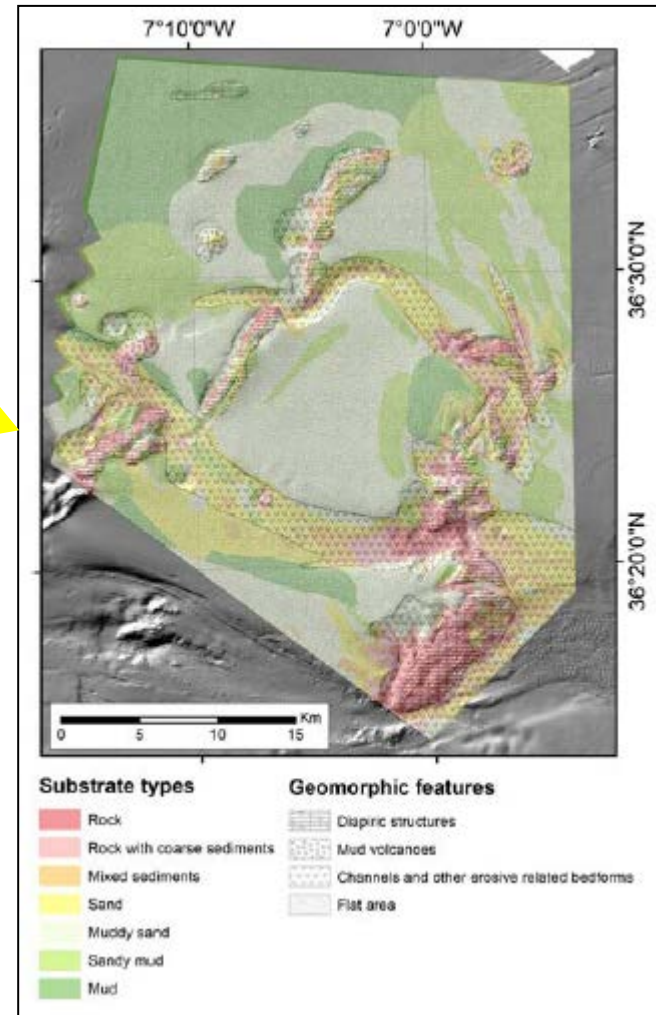
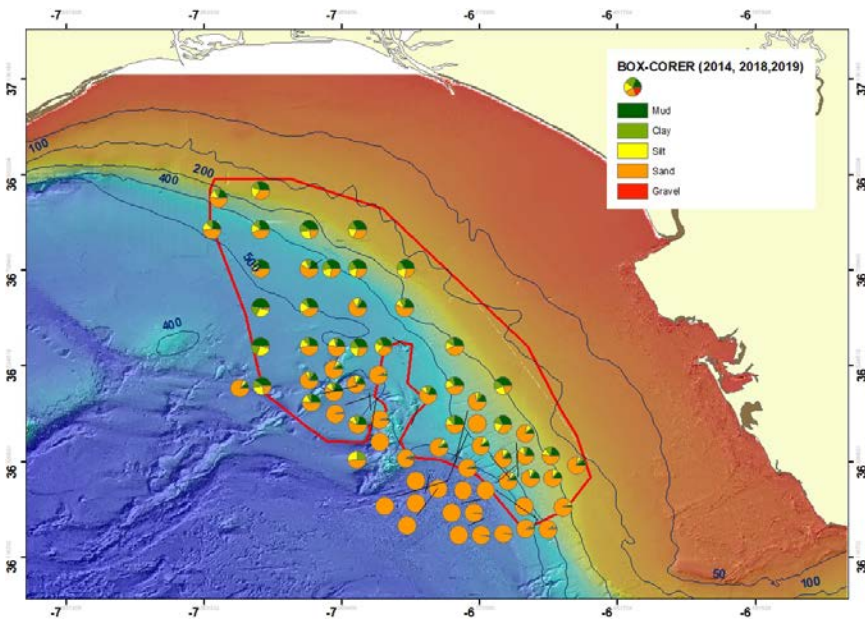
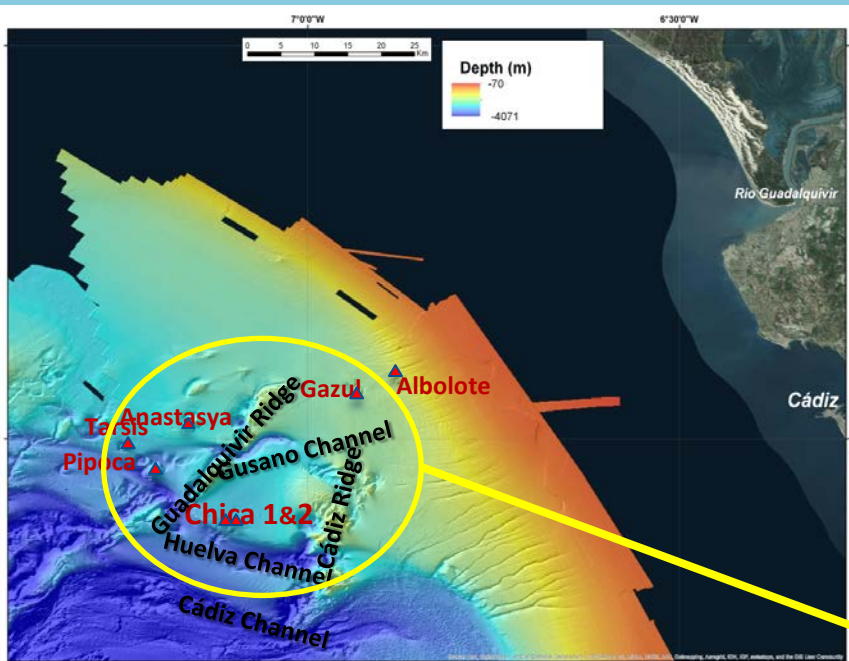


ISUNEPCA UWTV surveys

- ✓ SLSEPA: > 5Kg in 100-200 m stratum
- ✓ Bottom trawl surveys (1994-2020)
- ✓ Beam trawl ISUNEPCA (2017-2019)
- ✓ ISUNEPCA UWTV surveys (2015-2019)

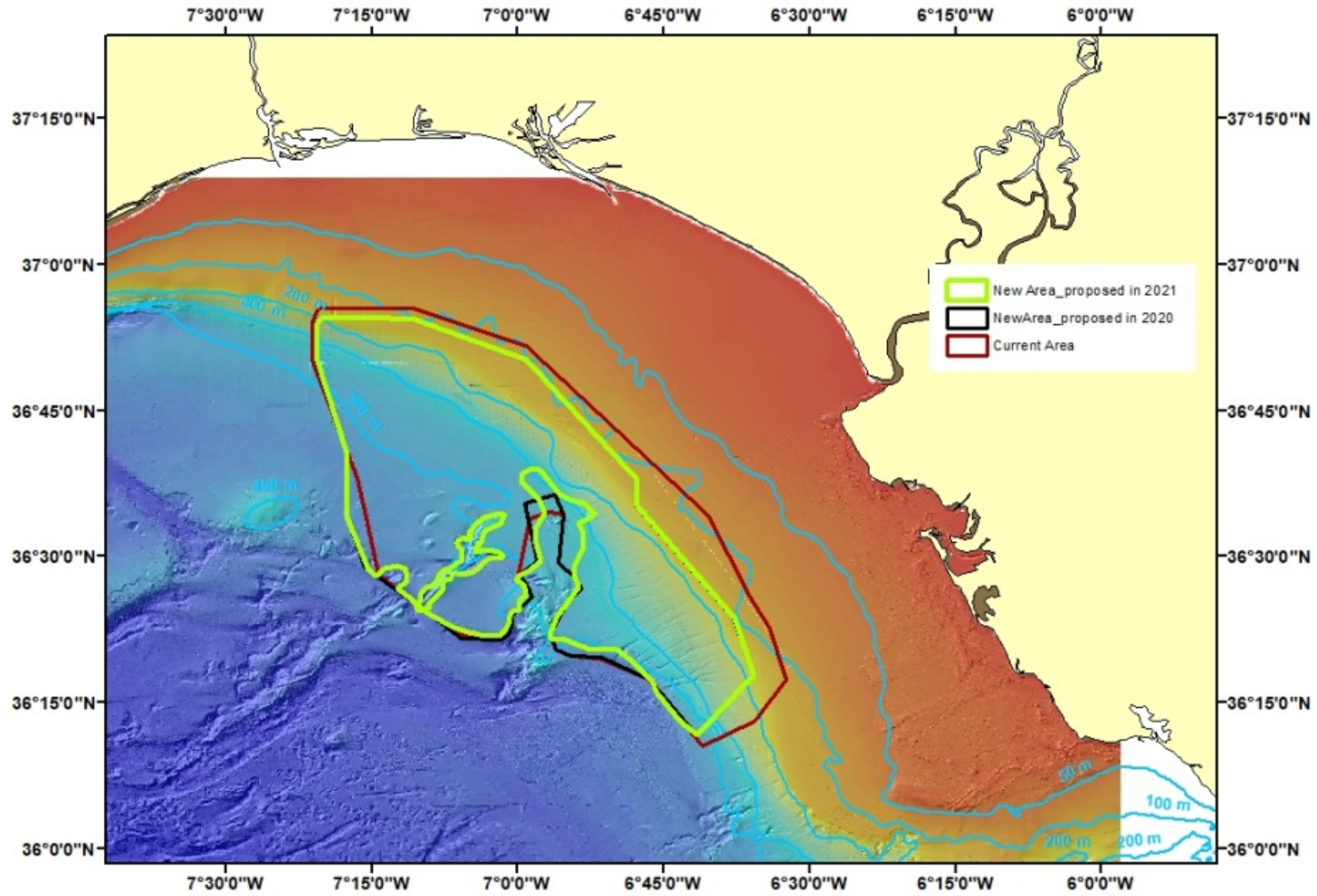
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## Sea bed morphology & sustrate types

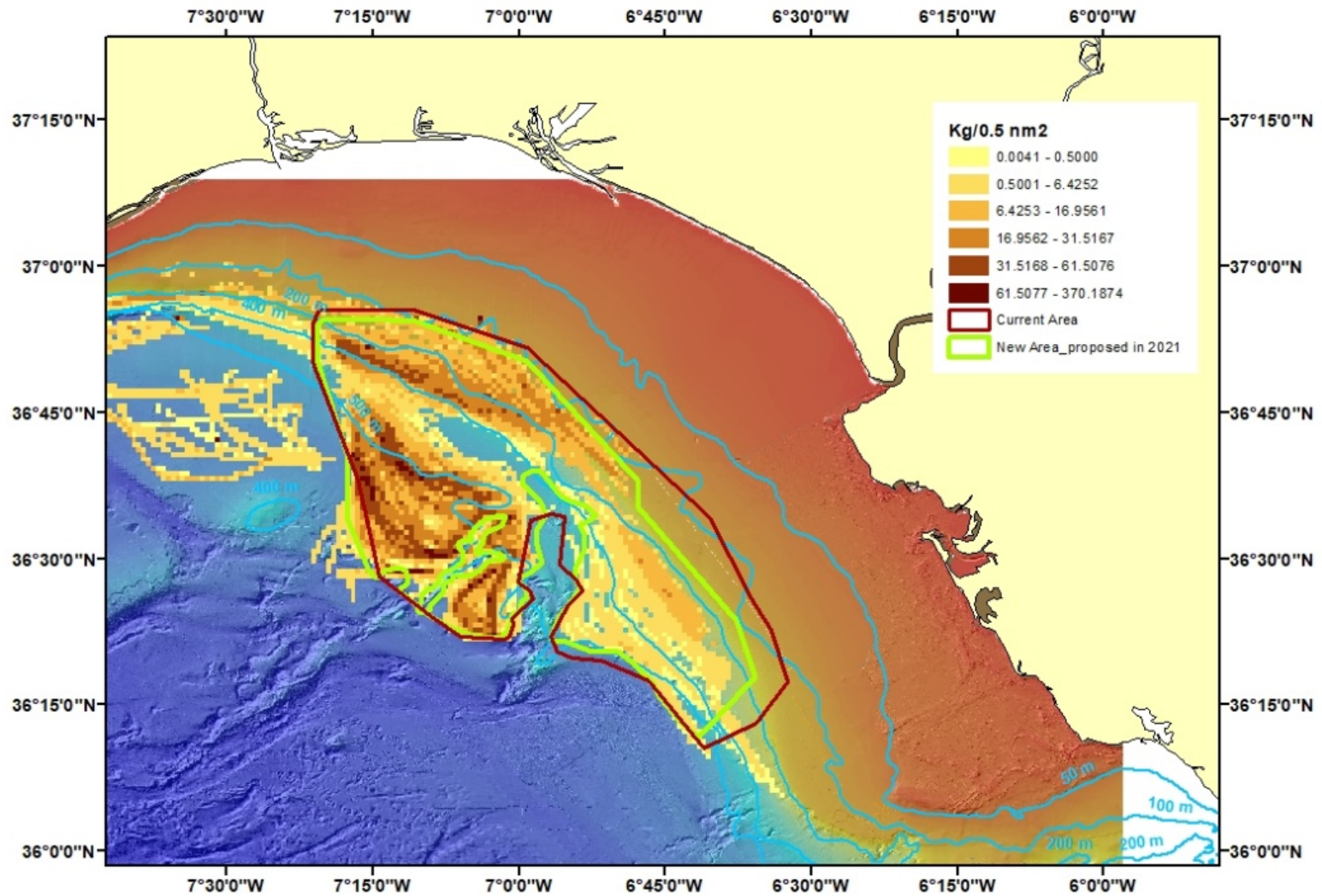




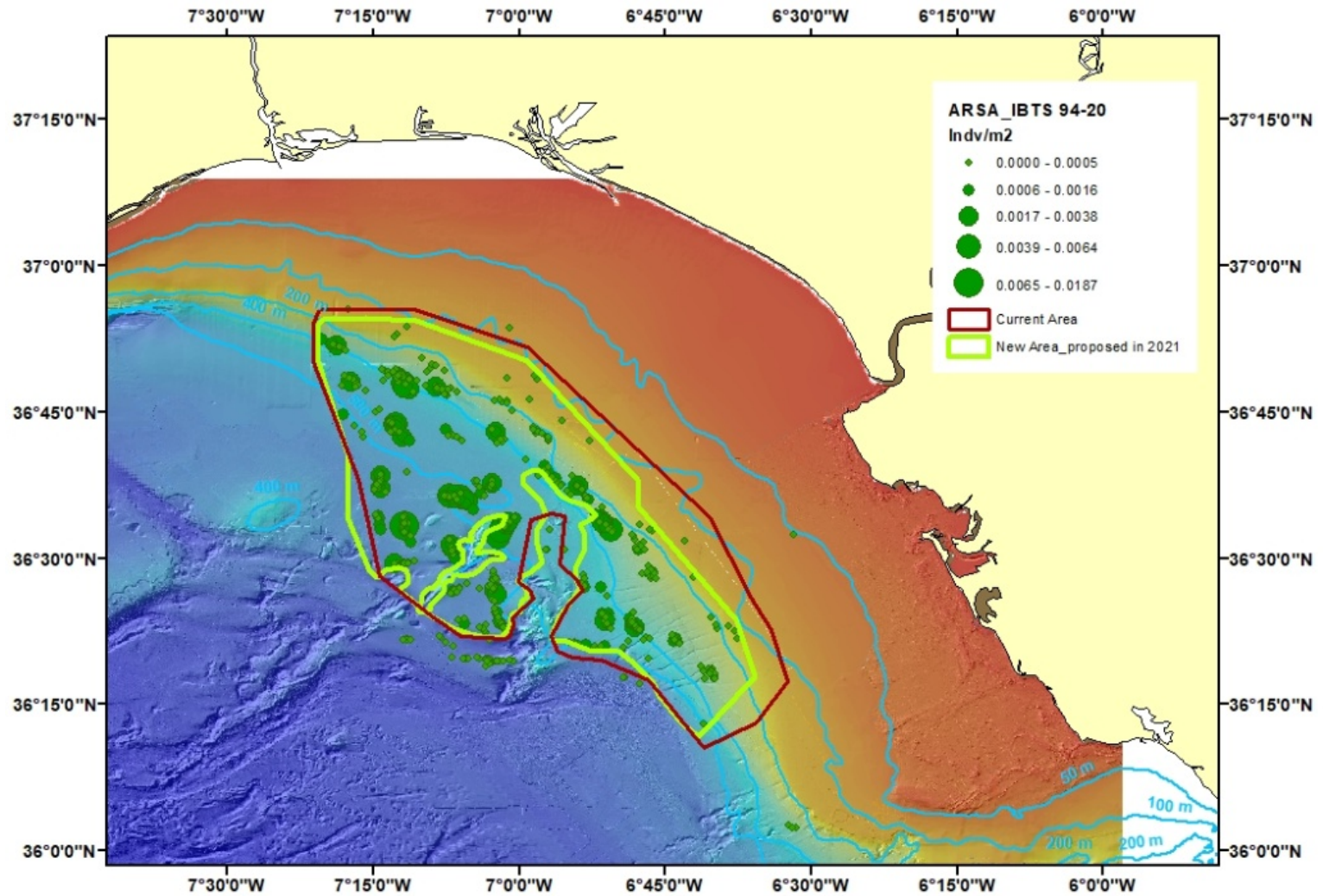
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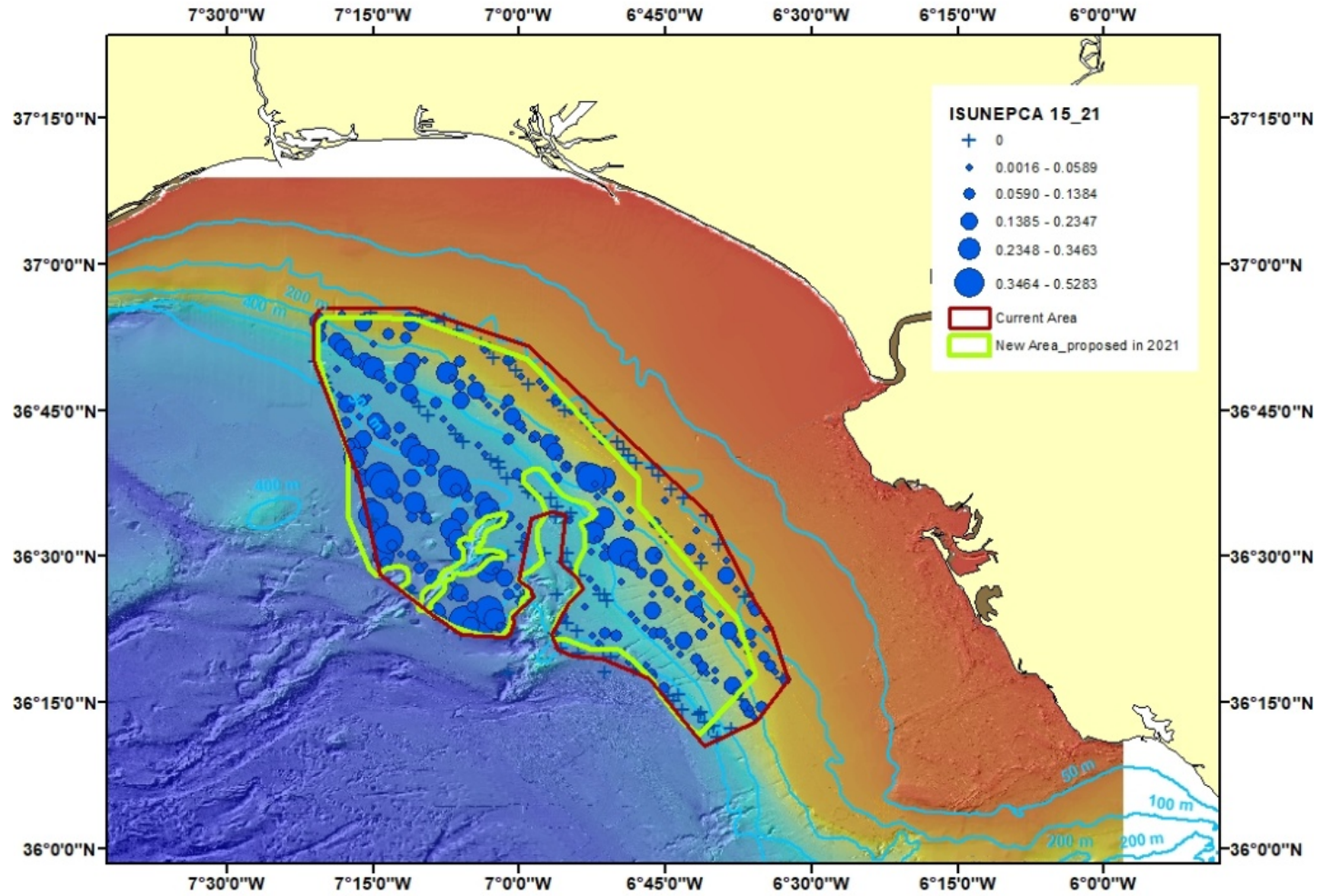
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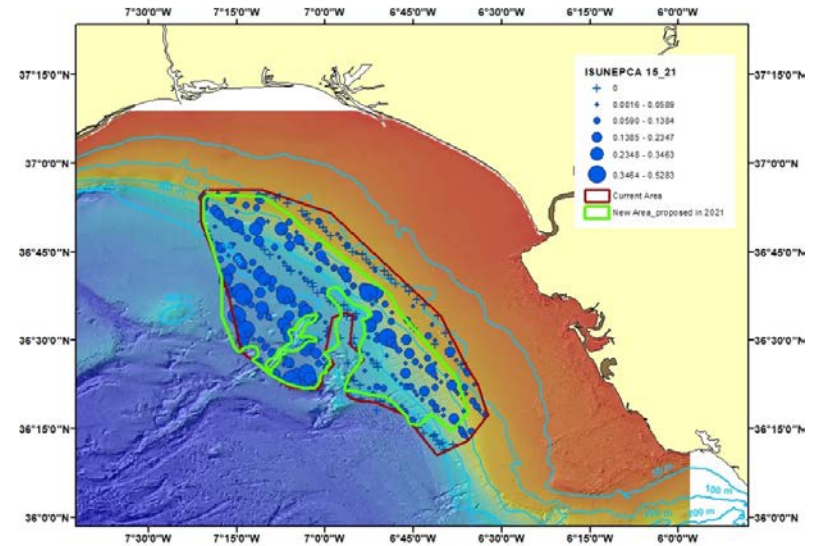
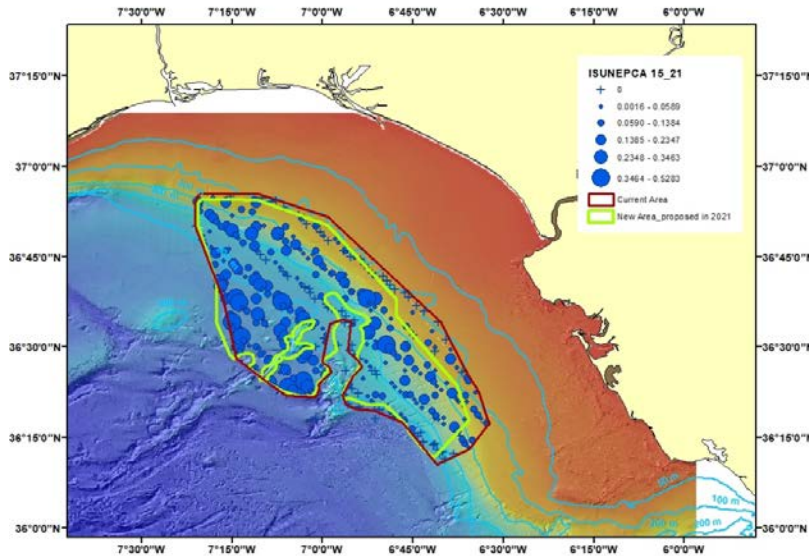


## Next Actions

1. Stations in the shallower bottom



**KEEP OR REMOVE**  
this part of the area from the survey area?




2. Review stations out of the new area proposed

3. Geo-statistical re-estimation of abundance time series

4. Present results in the next WGBIE 2022

5. Reduce the grid size for next survey in 2022 (more stations, less distance between them)???

**ANY COMMENTS ABOUT THESE ACTIONS?????**



**THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION**