

THE IEO-OS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA: CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE RADMED MONITORING PROGRAM TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SYSTEM.

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An Observing System (OS) can be seen as a factory operating continuously. The products and results obtained from the OS allow its own re-design and update improving its functioning. One of the main objectives of these monitoring systems is to provide statistics (mean values, variability ranges, etc.) that can be used for the description of environmental status, scientific works, detect alterations (human induced or not), initialize numerical models, etc.

The Spanish Mediterranean Observing System (RADMED) in its actual design was initiated in 2007, unifying and extending previous programs: ECOMÁLAGA, initiated in 1992 in the area of the Málaga Bay, ECOBALEARES, initiated in 1994 to the south of Mallorca Island, and ECOMURCIA and CIRBAL to the south of Cape Palos and in the Balearic Channels respectively, initiated in 1996.

- Based on scientific knowledge
- Technical requirements
- Sustainable funding
- Multidisciplinary: bio-physical-chemical sampling
- Laboratory analysis requirements must be considered
- Only is effective if data are obtained and analyzed in a reasonable period of time
- Results dissemination
- Data bases
- Coordination

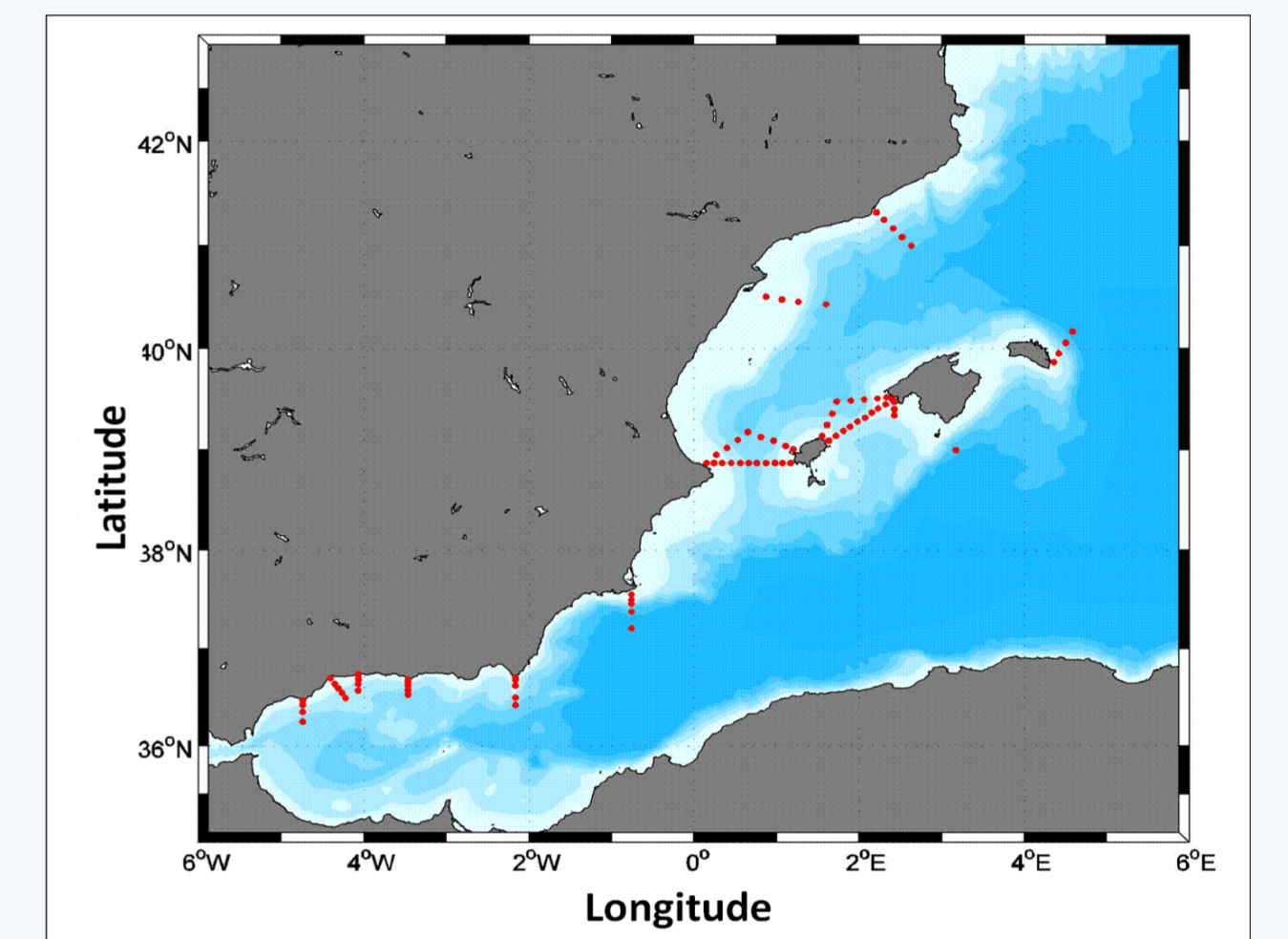


OS design



RADMED Observing System

- Four surveys per year, one per season
- Funded by Instituto Español de Oceanografía (IEO)
- Multidisciplinary: temperature, salinity, oxygen, inorganic nutrients, chlorophyll, phytoplankton (micro and pico), zooplankton, CO₂, ...
- Data bases: EMODNET, Centro de Datos Oceanográficos del IEO, ...
- Coordination: IEO-OS, MONGOOS, EUROGOOS



OS at work

- Feedback and improvement
- Permanent revision of the system
- Inclusion of new variables
- Generation of scientific knowledge



Revision and update

Products *

Environmental status and trends

ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE
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IBAMAR DATABASE: FOUR DECADES OF SAMPLING ON THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN SEA
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Relation of environmental factors with fisheries
Short comment about the octopus life cycle in the northern Alboran Sea (western Mediterranean Sea)
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Spatial distribution of ichthyofauna in the northern Alboran Sea (western Mediterranean)
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Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP)
Oceanographic and Bathymetric Features as the Target for Pelagic MPA Design: A Case Study on the Cape of Gata
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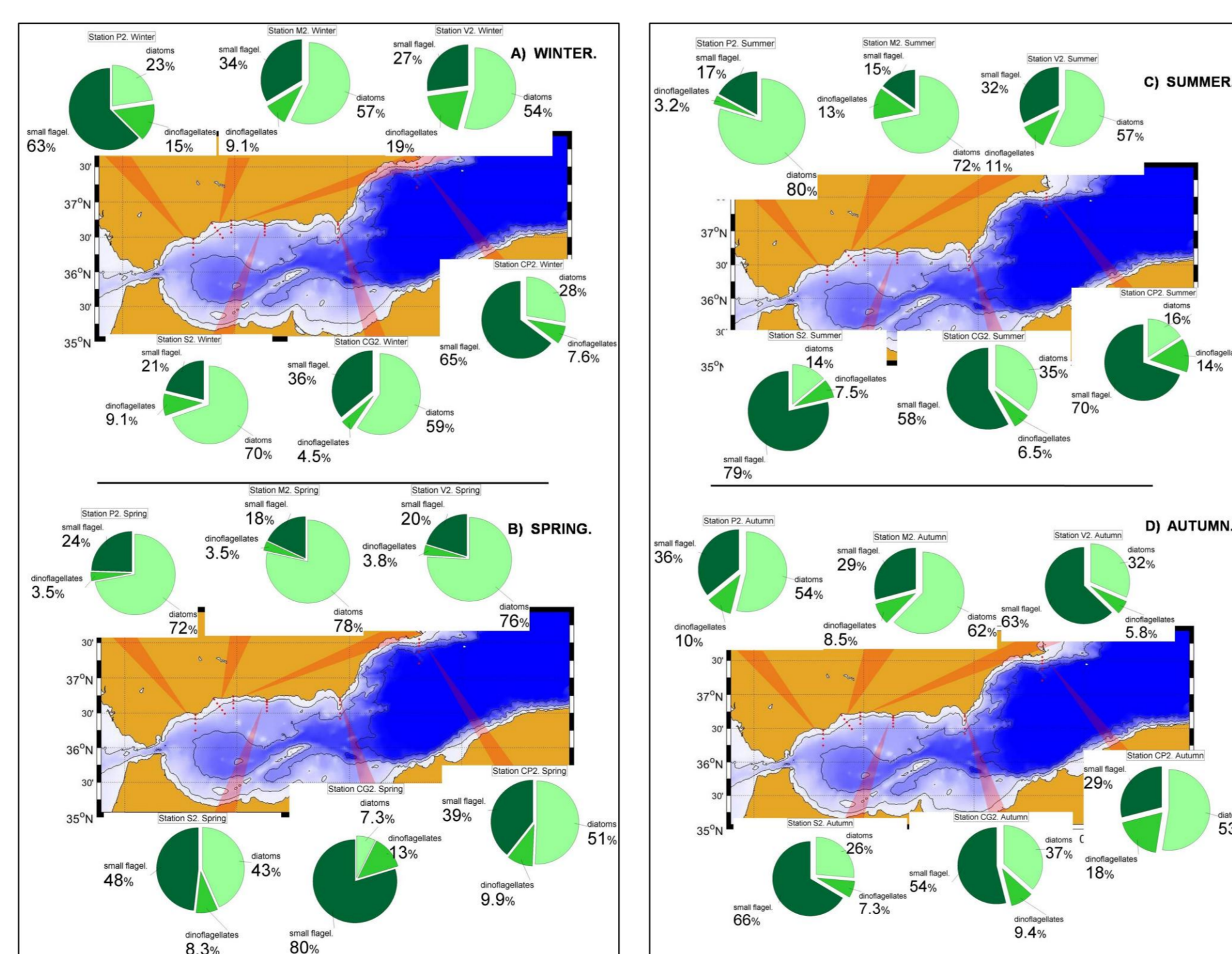
* Climatologies

P2 station, Chlorophyll-a (mg/m ³) standard deviation number of data												
m	Winter			Spring			Summer			Autumn		
0	1.13	0.97	18	1.13	0.93	20	0.51	0.33	16	1.11	1.50	20
10	1.02	0.71	18	1.42	1.02	21	0.90	0.66	18	0.86	0.81	19
20	0.85	0.57	18	1.24	0.86	21	0.98	0.68	18	0.64	0.35	18
50	0.36	0.30	17	0.41	0.24	20	0.53	0.30	18	0.38	0.29	20
75	0.31	0.26	16	0.30	0.16	19	0.39	0.24	17	0.26	0.21	18
100	0.37	0.41	16	0.30	0.26	20	0.35	0.36	17	0.27	0.30	18

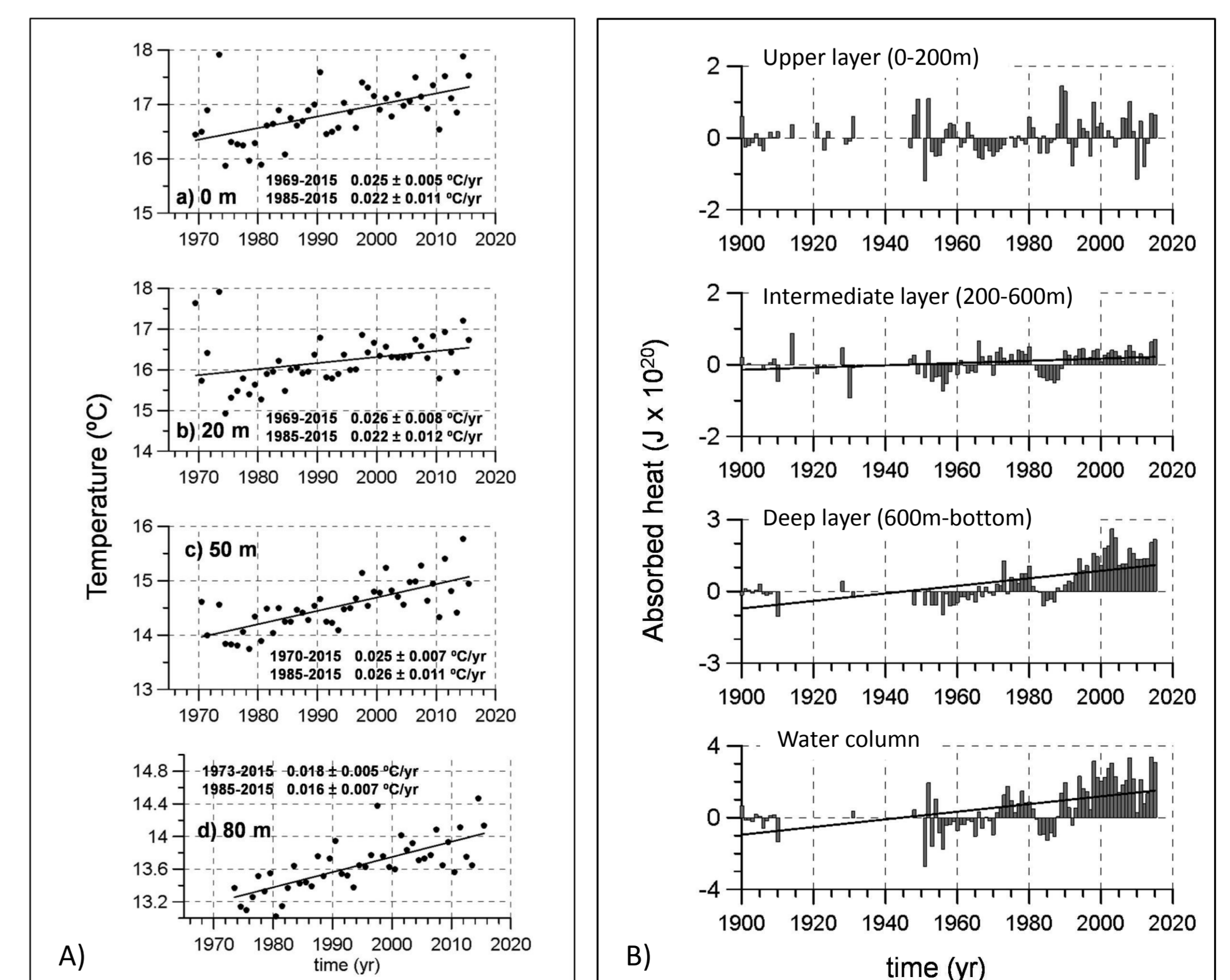
P2 station, Dissolved Oxygen (ml/L) standard deviation number of data												
m	Winter			Spring			Summer			Autumn		
0	5.41	0.42	17	5.41	0.44	16	5.59	0.58	14	5.34	0.42	19
10	5.36	0.51	17	5.25	0.49	16	5.51	0.69	14	5.27	0.46	19
20	5.15	0.47	17	4.97	0.64	16	5.15	0.62	15	5.00	0.56	19
50	4.85	0.45	17	4.55	0.44	16	4.36	0.39	15	4.66	0.51	19
75	4.81	0.50	16	4.60	0.52	16	4.50	0.55	15	4.67	0.32	19
100	4.89	0.61	14	4.83	0.72	16	4.66	0.68	15	4.76	0.52	19
130	4.46	0.28	4	4.47	0.58	4	4.43	0.47	7	4.50	0.31	9

P2 station, Nitrate (µM) standard deviation number of data												
m	Winter			Spring			Summer			Autumn		
0	0.86	0.71	15	0.87	0.98	15	0.20	0.26	17	0.53	0.75	16
10	0.97	0.71	14	1.39	1.26	15	0.33	0.60	16	1.09	1.50	16
20	1.88	1.79	15	2.33	1.60	15	1.08	1.65	17	1.69	1.73	16
50	3.46	1.71	15	4.43	1.80	16	4.40	2.45	17	4.51	2.55	16
75	4.17	1.70	15	5.31	1.82	16	4.94	2.22	17	5.56	1.89	16
100	4.78	1.74	15	5.76	1.87	16	5.80	1.93	17	6.33	1.63	16
130	4.86	2.20	9	6.87	1.33	6	6.67	1.72	9	7.27	1.77	9

P2 station, Phosphate (µM) standard deviation number of data												
m	Winter			Spring			Summer			Autumn		
0	0.11	0.05	15	0.11	0.06	16	0.08	0.04	17	0.10	0.10	16
10	0.11	0.04	14	0.16	0.13	16	0.09	0.06	17	0.11	0.08	16
20	0.14	0.05	14	0.17	0.09	16	0.12	0.07	17	0.15	0.12	16
50	0.20	0.09	15	0.27	0.11	16	0.25	0.11	17	0.30	0.17	16
75	0.23	0.10	15	0.29	0.11	16	0.26	0.11	17	0.31	0.10	15
100	0.25	0.10	15	0.30	0.12	16	0.28	0.10	17	0.31	0.06	15
130	0.22	0.11	9	0.32	0.12	6	0.32	0.09	9	0.31	0.07	9



* Trends



Seasonal mean chlorophyll-a, dissolved oxygen, nitrate and phosphate, including standard deviation and the number of data used for each calculation, for the westernmost station of Alboran Sea. These tables have been constructed for all the area covered by RADMED sampling and are available at: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0078323418300939#sec0055>
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A) Temperature time series at 0, 20, 50 and 80 m depth for the Northern sector of Western Mediterranean.
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