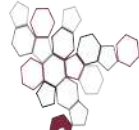




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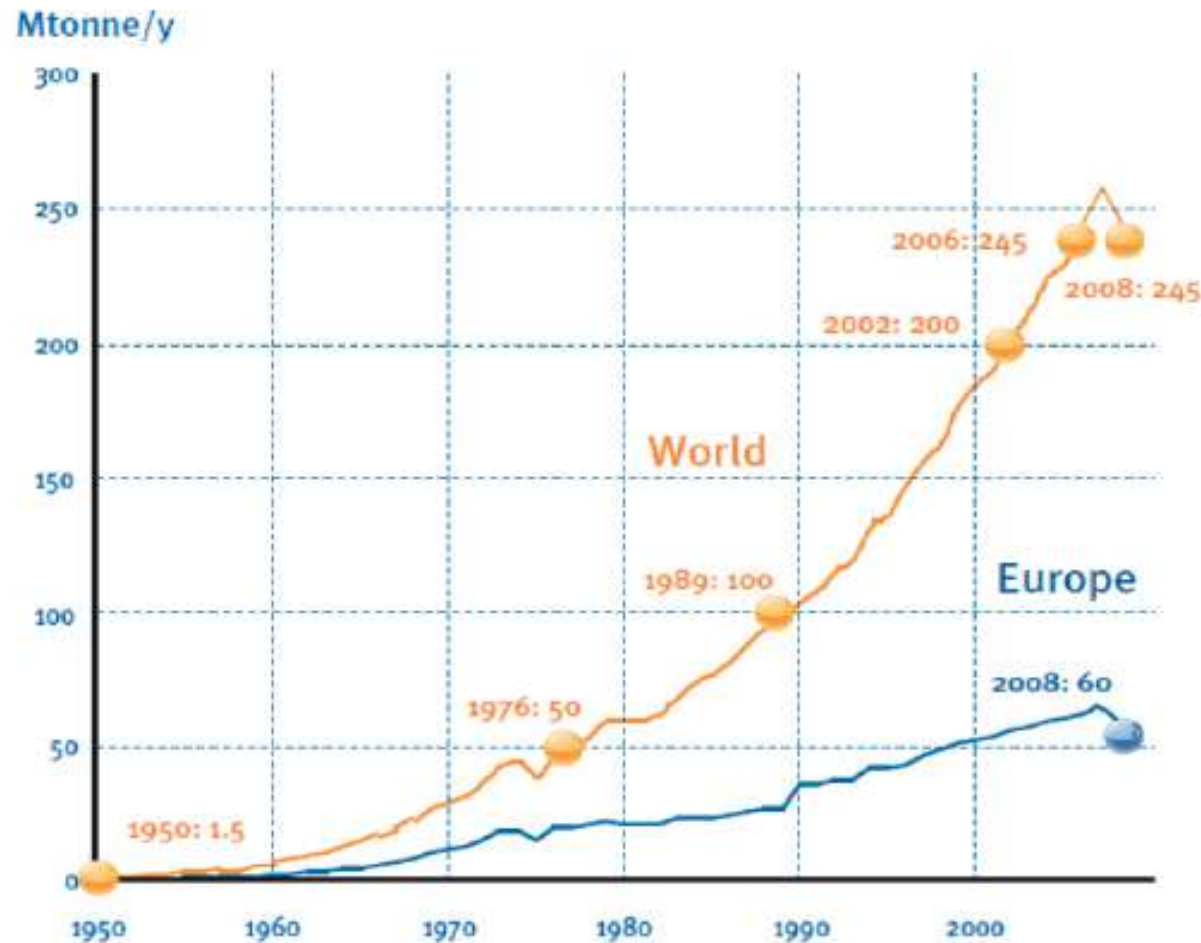
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MARINE LITTER:

any persistent, manufactured or processed solid material discarded, disposed of or abandoned in the marine and coastal environment



Produzione di plastica



Includes Thermoplastics, Polyurethanes, Thermosets, Elastomers, Adhesives, Coatings and Sealants and PP-Fibers. Not included PET-, PA- and Polyacryl-Fibers

1953

- **Ziegler** sintetizza il **polietilene (PE)**

1954

- **Natta** sintetizza il **polipropilene (PP) isotattico**

1963

- Ziegler & Natta vincono il **Nobel per la chimica**

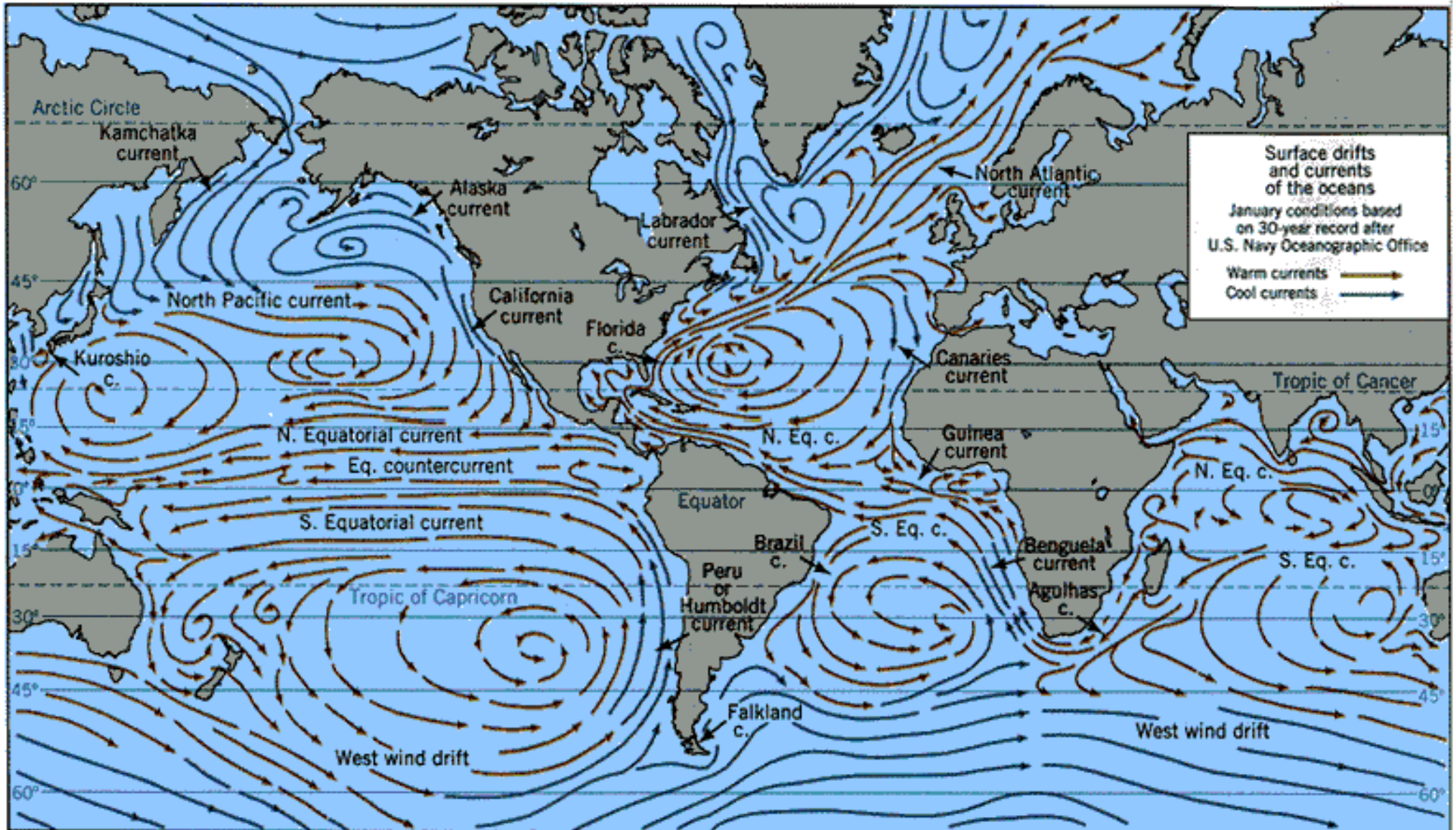
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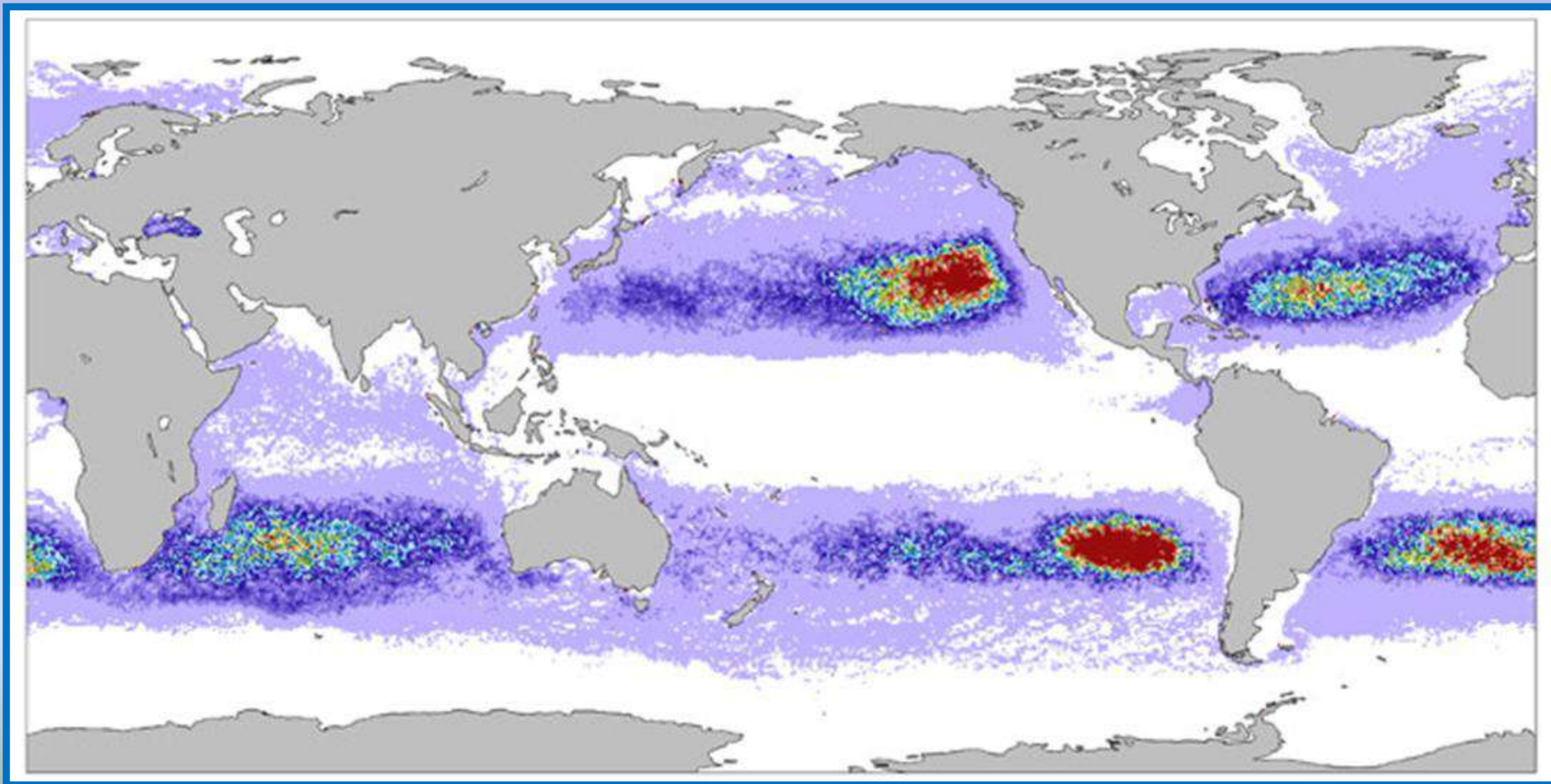
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Correnti marine



Il Marine Litter può accumularsi nelle aree di convergenza delle correnti marine causando la formazione delle cosiddette “isole di rifiuti” (note anche con il termine inglese di “**Garbage Patch**” oppure di “**Trash Islands**”). In queste zone è possibile rilevare una concentrazione di rifiuti pari a 25.000 – 100.000 oggetti/Km²



Aree oceaniche di maggior accumulo di rifiuti solidi galleggianti (www.MarineDebris.noaa.gov)

COMMISSION DECISION
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- 10.1. Characteristics of litter in the marine and coastal environment
 - — Trends in the amount of litter washed ashore and/or deposited on coastlines, including analysis of its composition, spatial distribution and, where possible, source (10.1.1)
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 - — Trends in the amount, distribution and, **where possible, composition of micro-particles (in particular micro-plastics) (10.1.3)**
- 10.2. Impacts of litter on marine life
 - Trends in the amount and composition of litter ingested by marine animals (e.g. stomach analysis) (10.2.1).



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of 17 May 2017

laying down criteria and methodological standards on good environmental status of marine waters and specifications and standardised methods for monitoring and assessment, and repealing Decision 2010/477/EU

The amount of litter and micro-litter ingested by marine animals is at a level that does not adversely affect the health of the species concerned.

MSFD TG-ML: basic requirements for target species



“Marine feeding habits: stomach contents should only reflect the marine environment.”

“Regular plastic consumption: Frequency of occurrence and amounts of plastic found in stomachs should be high enough to allow detection of trends over time and geographical patterns.”

“Sample availability: Samples of a monitoring species should be available with adequate numbers of individuals over a wider span of time and space.”



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Microplastics are different

- Thomson et al., 2004: *Fragments of plastic around 20 μm in diameter*
- Arthur et al., 2009: *Plastic particles smaller than 5 mm*
- GESAMP 2016: *plastic particles < 5 mm in diameter, which include particles in the nano-size range (1 nm)*
- Galgani et al., 2019: *particles that pass through a 5 mm mesh screen but are retained by a lower one, according to the chosen size class*
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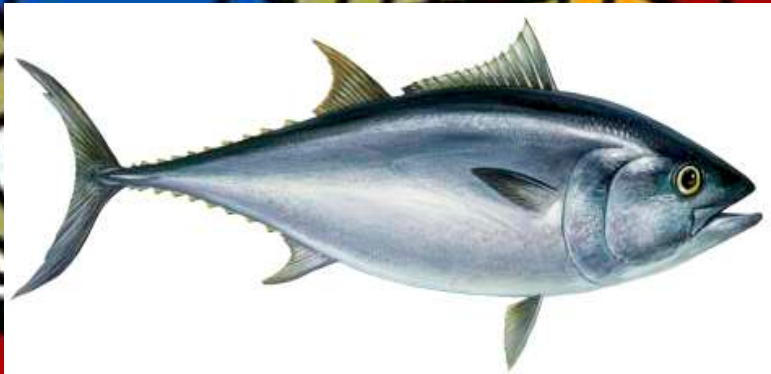


Microplastics are different



Figure 4: Common shapes of microplastics. (1: fibers, 2-3: filaments, 4-7: films, 8-11: fragments, 12-14: foams, 15: pellet, 16-17: granule) (Photo: © Ülgen Aytan, Turkey).

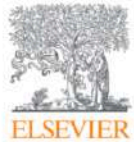
Fish are different



Thunnus thynnus: 3 m 750 KG



Engraulis encrasicolus 18-20 cm 8/10 g



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Table 2
List of 49 fish species known to ingest plastics scored per index criteria. Asterisk (*) indicates where scale is defined by expert knowledge when published data was unavailable. Home range: MS – Migratory/deep sea, OC – Oceanic, RE – Residuum, LR – Limited range. Figures rounded to nearest integer or 2 significant figures.

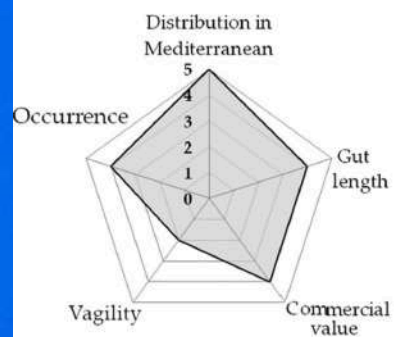
	Distribution		Gut length		Commercial value		Vagility		Plastic occurrence	
	% of Med.	Scale	cm	Scale	Euros/2015	Scale	Range	Scale	%	Scale
<i>Argyrosomus regius</i> (Asso, 1801)	69	4	—	2*	1.1E+6	4	OC	2	33	3
<i>Bonpa bonpa</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	71	5	17	4	1.9E+6	4	OC	2	58	4
<i>Caranx cyprus</i> (Mitchell, 1815)	63	4	25	3	3.1E+3	1	OC	2	100	5
<i>Chelidonichthys kersoni</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	69	4	5	5	1.0E+4	2	RE	4	67	5
<i>Citharus linguatula</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	68	4	4	5	1.0E+6	4	LR	3	2	1
<i>Coryphæna hippurata</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	94	5	—	2*	2.8E+5	3	OC	2	7	1
<i>Oreos gilvatus</i> (Rafinesque, 1810)	56	3	18	4	9.1E+5	3	OC	2	14	2
<i>Diplodus sargus</i> (Cocco, 1826)	61	4	—	5*	0	1	MD	1	1	1
<i>Diplodus sargus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	69	4	9	5	3.9E+5	3	LR	3	42	4
<i>Electra nana</i> (Cocco, 1826)	94	5	—	5*	0	1	MD	1	6	1
<i>Engraulis encrinetulus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	64	4	8	5	1.1E+8	5	OC	2	57	4
<i>Heterostichus rostratus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	68	4	—	5	2.2E+6	3	OC	2	1	1
<i>Hyphessopus temminckii</i> (Cocco, 1838)	100	5	—	5*	0	1	MD	1	7	1
<i>Lithognathus mionectes</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	69	4	—	3*	6.2E+6	4	RE	3	20	2
<i>Chelidonichthys kersoni</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	69	4	111	1	4.2E+4	2	LR	3	36	3
<i>Morone moro</i> (Risso, 1810)	9	1	7	5	3.8E+6	5	MD	1	58	4
<i>Morone moro</i> (Risso, 1810)	73	5	—	2*	1.1E+4	2	MD	1	9	1
<i>Mullus barbatus barbatus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	76	5	11	4	4.1E+5	4	RE	4	32	3
<i>Mullus barbatus barbatus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	76	5	11	4	2.6E+7	3	RE	4	31	3
<i>Myoxiphanis punctatum</i> (Rafinesque, 1810)	100	5	—	5*	0	1	MD	1	4	1
<i>Nezumia aequalis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	20	2	—	2*	2.1E+5	3	LR	3	18	2
<i>Nemasteria mediterranea</i> (Rafinesque, 1810)	—	1*	—	4*	0	1	LR	3	28	2
<i>Nemasteria mediterranea</i> (Rafinesque, 1810)	76	5	28	3	0	1	MD	1	9	1
<i>Pagrus auratus</i> (Risso, 1810)	69	4	8	5	2.1E+5	3	OC	2	48	4
<i>Pagrus auratus</i> (Rafinesque, 1758)	53	3	8	5	2.7E+5	3	OC	2	2	1
<i>Pagrus auratus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	69	4	8	5	1.5E+6	4	LR	3	32	3
<i>Pagrus auratus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	69	4	9	4	7.7E+4	2	OC	2	22	2
<i>Polydora americana</i> (Bach & Schneider, 1801)	—	1*	—	11	4	0	1	RE	4	2
<i>Polydora americana</i> (Bach & Schneider, 1801)	75	2	96	2	3.7E+5	3	OC	2	55	4
<i>Pomadasys incisus</i> (Bleeker, 1822)	31	3	17	4	3.2E+3	1	OC	2	31	3
<i>Sardinops sagax</i> (Walbaum, 1792)	22	4*	10	4	8.9E+6	4	OC	2	32	3
<i>Sardinops sagax</i> (Richardson, 1848)	—	1*	—	2	0	1	LR	3	36	3
<i>Schizothorax mediterraneus</i> (Carter, 1833)	89	5	—	2*	5.3E+4	2	MD	1	50	4
<i>Scomber scomber</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	53	3	8	5	5.0E+5	3	LR	3	100	5
<i>Scomber japonicus</i> (Houttuyn, 1782)	0	1	11	4	6.9E+6	4	OC	2	50	4
<i>Seriola lalandi</i> (Risso, 1810)	74	5	87	2	1.1E+7	4	OC	2	2	1
<i>Seriola lalandi</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	66	4	10	5	6.9E+4	2	RE	4	33	3
<i>Siganus luridus</i> (Bleeker, 1825)	—	1*	—	3*	5.2E+4	2	LR	3	60	4
<i>Solea solea</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	76	5	59	2	3.7E+7	5	LR	3	3	1
<i>Solea solea</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	68	4	106	1	1.8E+6	4	LR	3	27	2
<i>Thunnus albacares</i> (Bonaparte, 1788)	43	3	128	1	2.9E+6	4	OC	2	13	2
<i>Thunnus albacares</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	100	5	128	1	6.1E+6	5	OC	2	19	2
<i>Trochurus trachurus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	99	5	28	3	2.1E+6	4	OC	2	24	2
<i>Trochurus trachurus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	100	5	7	5	6.8E+6	4	OC	2	24	2
<i>Trochurus trachurus</i> (Steindachner, 1868)	100	5	16	4	8.0E+5	4	OC	2	18	2
<i>Trochurus trachurus</i> (Rafinesque, 1810)	25	2	20	4	8.5E+3	1	LR	3	33	3
<i>Upeneichthys lineatus</i> (Bleeker, 1858)	—	1*	—	4*	2.1E+5	3	RE	4	33	3
<i>Upeneichthys lineatus</i> (Bleeker, 1858)	—	1*	—	4*	2.1E+5	3	RE	4	29	2
<i>Upeneichthys lineatus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	100	5	305	1	1.5E+11	5	OC	2	13	2



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Bioindicator Index



Engraulis encrasicolus

Myctophidae sp.

Boops boops

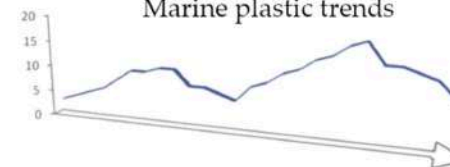
Mullus barbatus barbatus

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Food preference determines the best suitable digestion protocol for analysing microplastic ingestion by fish



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ABSTRACT

Microplastic presence in the marine environment has generated considerable concern. Many procedures for microplastics detection in fish gastrointestinal tract have been recently developed. In this study, we compared efficiencies of two common procedures applied for the digestion of organic matter (10% KOH; 15% H₂O₂) with a new proposal (mixture of 5% HNO₃ and 15% H₂O₂). We considered ecological diversity among species and differences in their diet compositions as factors that could affect the efficiency and feasibility of analytical approaches. Our aim was to understand whether either one of the three protocols might be suitable for all species or it might be more advisable to select a method according to the gut content determined by different food preferences. The results showed that the trophic level and feeding habits should be considered for protocol selection. Finally, we applied the best protocols on samples from the Tyrrhenian sea.



Table 1 Optimised protocols for digesting biota or biogenic material to isolate microplastics. Assumptions: 'overnight' given as 12 h; 'room temperature' given as 20 °C

Treatment	Exposure	Organism	Author
HNO ₃ (22.5 M)	20 °C (12 h) + 100 °C (2 h)	Blue mussels	Claessens <i>et al.</i> (2013) ⁵¹
HNO ₃ (22.5 M)	20 °C (12 h) + 100 °C (2 h)	Blue mussels oysters	Van Cauwenberghe & Jansen (2014) ⁵⁴
HNO ₃ (22.5 M)	20 °C (12 h) + 100 °C (2 h)	Blue mussels lugworms	Van Cauwenberghe <i>et al.</i> (2013) ²³
HNO ₃ (100%)	20 °C (30 min)	Euphausiids copepods	Desforges <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁶
HNO ₃ (69–71%)	90 °C (4 h)	Manilla clams	Davidson & Dudas (2016) ⁶¹
HNO ₃ (70%)	2 h	Zebrafish	Lu <i>et al.</i> (2016) ¹⁰⁵
HNO ₃ (22.5 M)	20 °C (12 h) + 100 °C (15 min)	Brown mussels	Santana <i>et al.</i> (2016) ⁶³
HNO ₃ (65%) HClO ₄ (68%) (4 : 1)	20 °C (12 h) + 100 °C (10 min)	Blue mussels	De Witte <i>et al.</i> (2014) ⁵²
HNO ₃ (65%) HClO ₄ (68%) (4 : 1)	20 °C (12 h) + 100 °C (10 min)	Brown shrimp	Devriese <i>et al.</i> (2015) ³⁸
CH ₂ O ₂ (3%)	72 h	Corals	Hall <i>et al.</i> (2015) ³²
KOH (10%)	2–3 weeks	Fish	Foekema <i>et al.</i> (2013) ⁷³
KOH (10%)	60 °C (12 h)	Fish	Rochman <i>et al.</i> (2015) ⁵⁸
KOH (10%)	2–3 weeks	Fish	Lusher <i>et al.</i> (2016) ⁸⁹
H ₂ O ₂ (30%)	60 °C	Blue mussels	Mathalon & Hill (2014) ⁵³
H ₂ O ₂ (30%)	20 °C (7 d)	Biogenic matter	Nuelle <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹³⁷
H ₂ O ₂ (15%)	55 °C (3 d)	Fish	Avio <i>et al.</i> (2015) ⁸¹
H ₂ O ₂ (30%)	65 °C (24 h) + 20 °C (<48 h)	Bivalves	Li <i>et al.</i> (2015) ⁵⁷
NaClO (3%) NaClO ₃ (10 : 1)	20 °C (12 h) 20 °C (5 min)	Fish	Collard <i>et al.</i> (2015) ⁸²



Different chemicals should be more or less incisive depending on the composition of the gut content.

To exemplify this, we chose three fish species according to samples availability, commercial and ecological importance, habitat use, and feeding habits

Merluccius merluccius,
Linnaeus, 1758



Demersal species of high commercial importance worldwide

Scomber colias
Gmelin, 1789



Pelagic species (Eastern Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea)

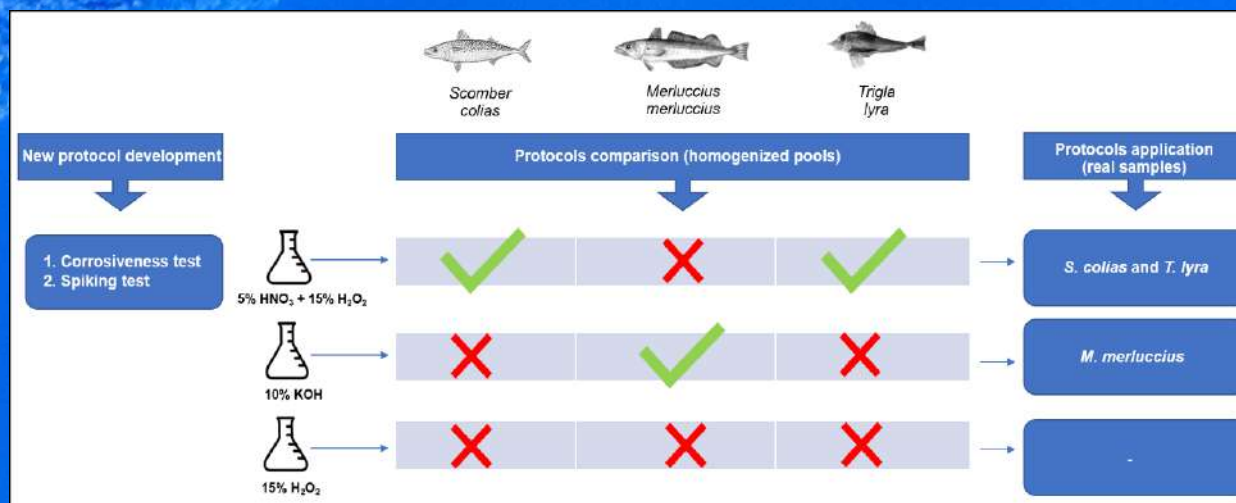
Trigla lyra
Linnaeus, 1758



Benthic species that lives on the continental shelf.



Our study demonstrates that protocols efficiency changes according to the gut contents composition. Ecological diversity among species and differences in their diets are factors that affect the efficiency of different digestive solutions. Trophic levels and food preferences should be considered into protocol selection





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ABSTRACT

Recently, many studies focus on the ingestion of microplastics by marine biota. Fish exploit almost every kind of marine environment, occupy many ecological niches and are an important food source for human populations worldwide. For these reasons, they seem to represent very appropriate biological indicators of microplastic ingestion. UNEP/MAP SPA/RAC (2018) identified the bogue, *Boops boops* (Linnaeus, 1758), as a possible target species for monitoring microplastic ingestion in fish populations. This study provides the first report of microplastic ingestion by *B. boops* from the Tyrrhenian and the Ligurian Seas (Western Mediterranean Sea). Generalized Linear Mixed Models were used to analyse the relationship among biological parameters and environmental factors. A total of 379 bogues were collected in three Italian regions, subject to different anthropogenic pressures (river input, human population, shipping lanes and distance from the coast). Microplastics were detected in the gastrointestinal tract of most individuals (56%) with a mean of 1.8 (± 0.2) microplastics per individual. Our study further confirms that this species is able to highlight differences in the ingestion of microplastics according to local anthropization, resulting Latium region to be the most polluted. Fish with lower physical condition are more likely to ingest microplastics, suggesting a relationship with the level of local environmental contamination. Finally, the ingestion of microplastics might be influenced by behavioural differences between sexes. According to our results, males ingest significantly more microplastics than females ($p < 0.05$). Our research confirms that an extensive knowledge on the biology of a bioindicator species is a priority for developing a valid monitoring strategy, such as the Marine Strategy Framework Directive for European waters.

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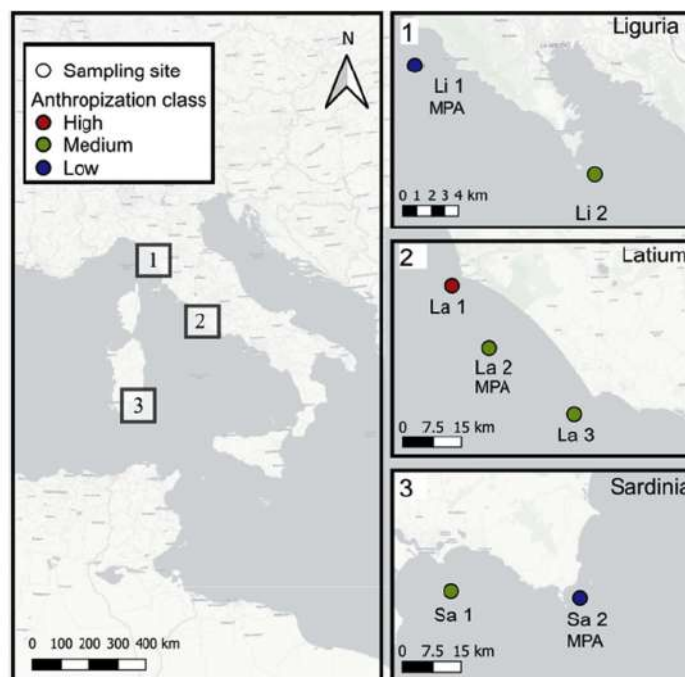
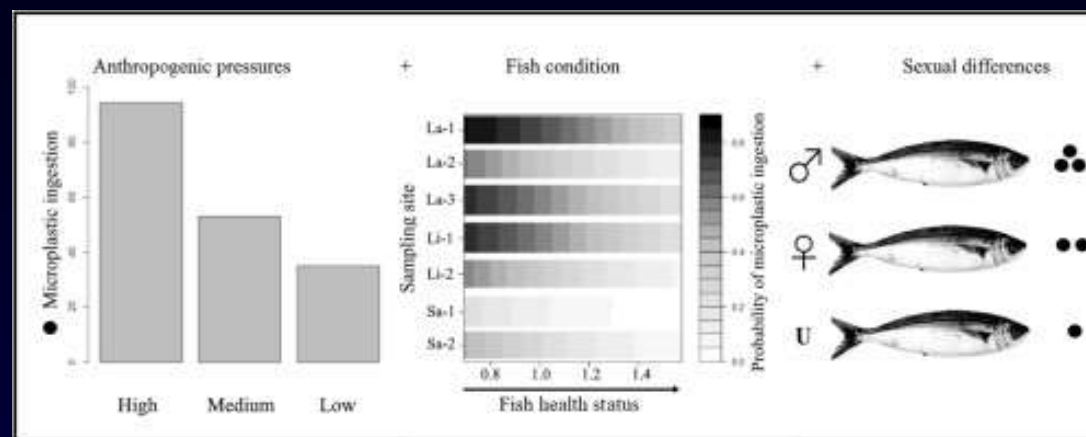


Fig. 1. Sampling sites of *B. boops* in three Italian regions (Liguria, Latium, and Sardinia) with relative anthropization class (High, Medium, Low), ranked according to different coastal pressures.



The results confirm that *B. boops* seems a suitable target species for the Mediterranean coastal zone.

- differences in the ingestion of microplastics according to local anthropogenic pressures
- individual *condition factor* is significantly related to the frequency of microplastic ingestion
- differences in microplastic ingestion between sexes are a new interesting topic for further research on both this and other fish species





Using *Boops boops* (osteichthyes) to assess microplastic ingestion in the Mediterranean Sea



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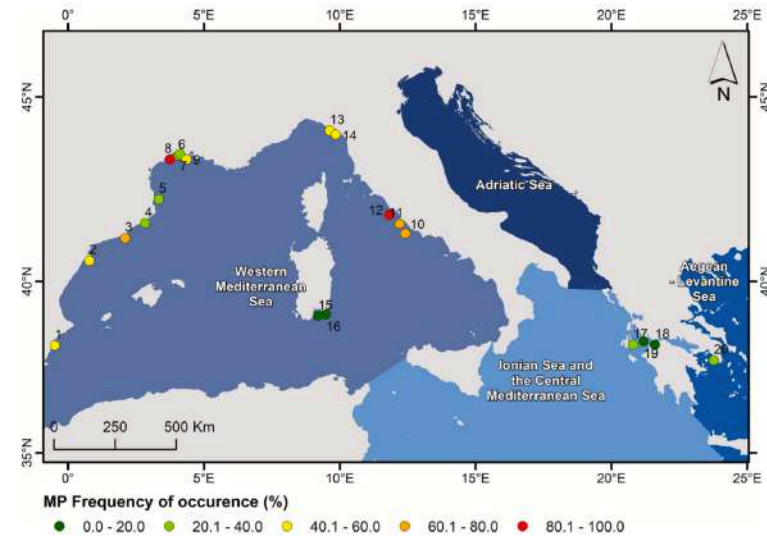
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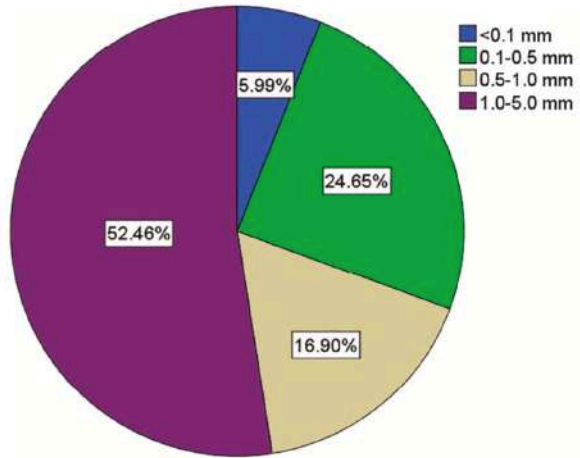
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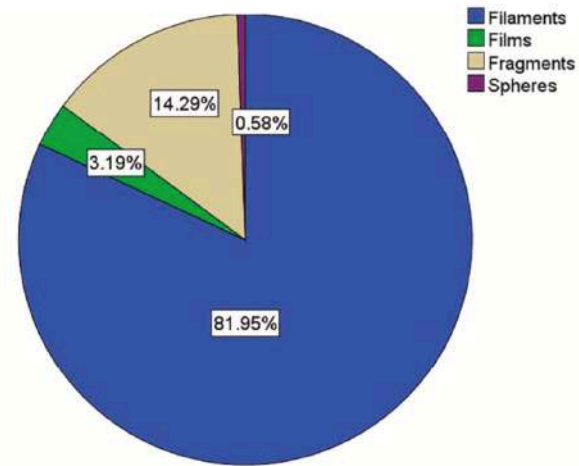
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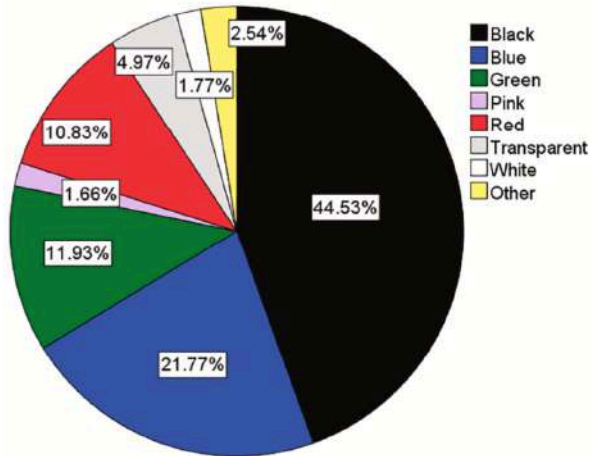




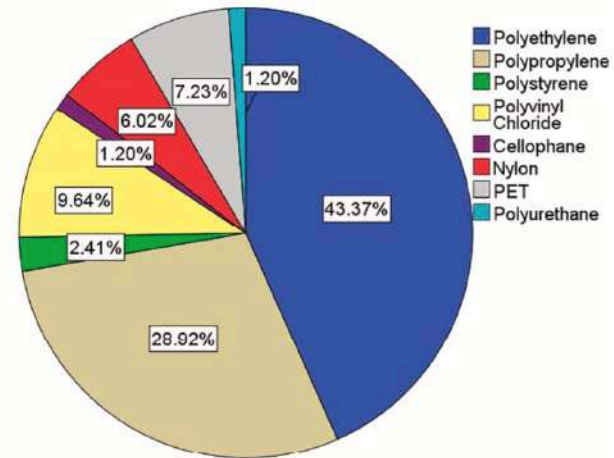
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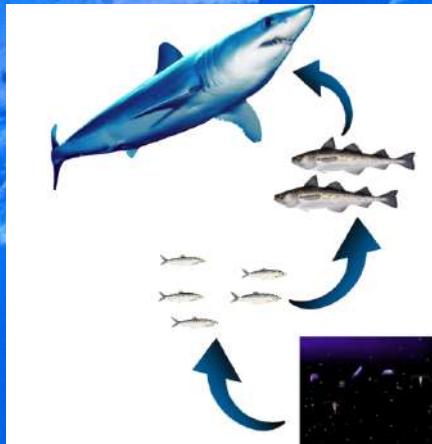


Exploring microplastic ingestion by three deep-water elasmobranch species: A case study from the Tyrrhenian Sea[☆]



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Elasmobranchs are **top predator** that play an important role in marine food webs

Few studies have investigated their interactions with marine litter



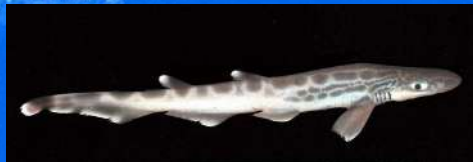
Etmopterus spinax
(Linnaeus, 1758)

Mostly pelagic and feed on cephalopods and pelagic fish



Scyliorhinus canicula
(Linnaeus, 1758)

Benthopelagic and feed on benthic crustaceans and small pelagic fish



Galeus melastomus
(Rafinesque, 1810)

Mainly benthic feeders and feed on crusteans and epibenthic fish



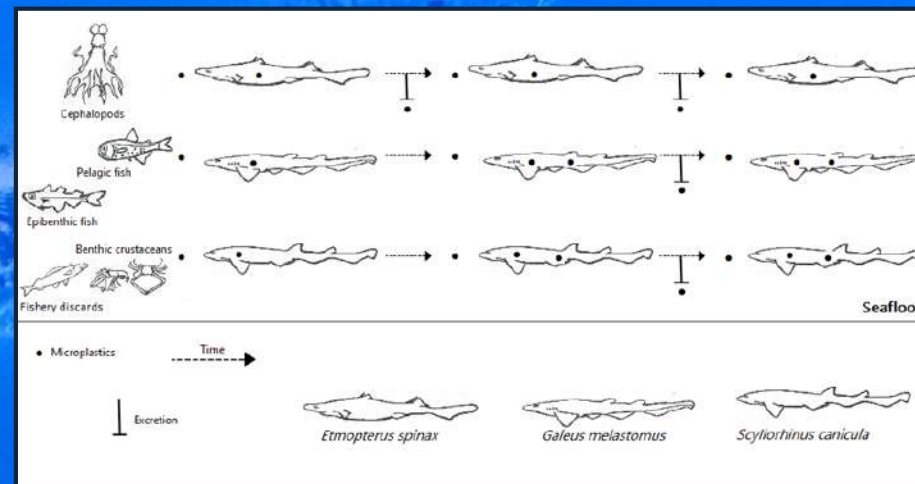
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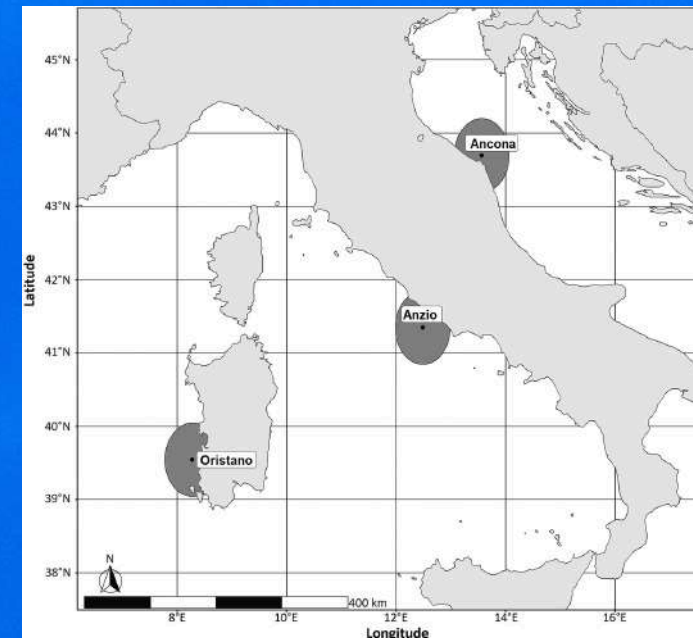
The results of the study suggest that the three species show a **similar probability to ingest plastic items**, but they have a **different ability in excreting ingested microplastics**.

The discrimination between stomach and intestinal contents highlights a possible origin for the differences recorded in the three species, giving information about the **retention time** of microplastics in the GI





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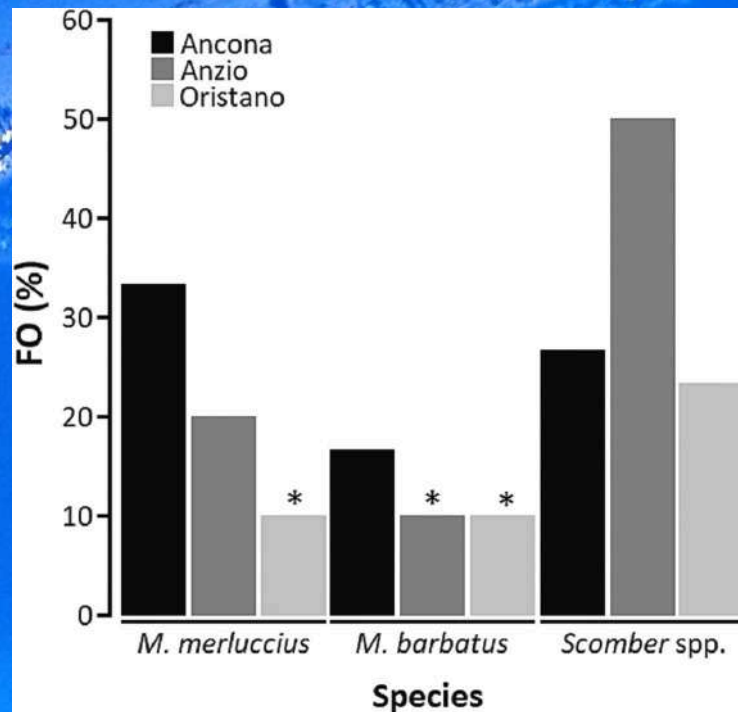
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Shape	<i>M. merluccius</i>			<i>M. barbatus</i>			<i>Scomber spp.</i>		
	Ancona	Anzio	Oristano	Ancona	Anzio	Oristano	Ancona	Anzio	Oristano
Filament									
Fragment									
Film									
Other									
Size									
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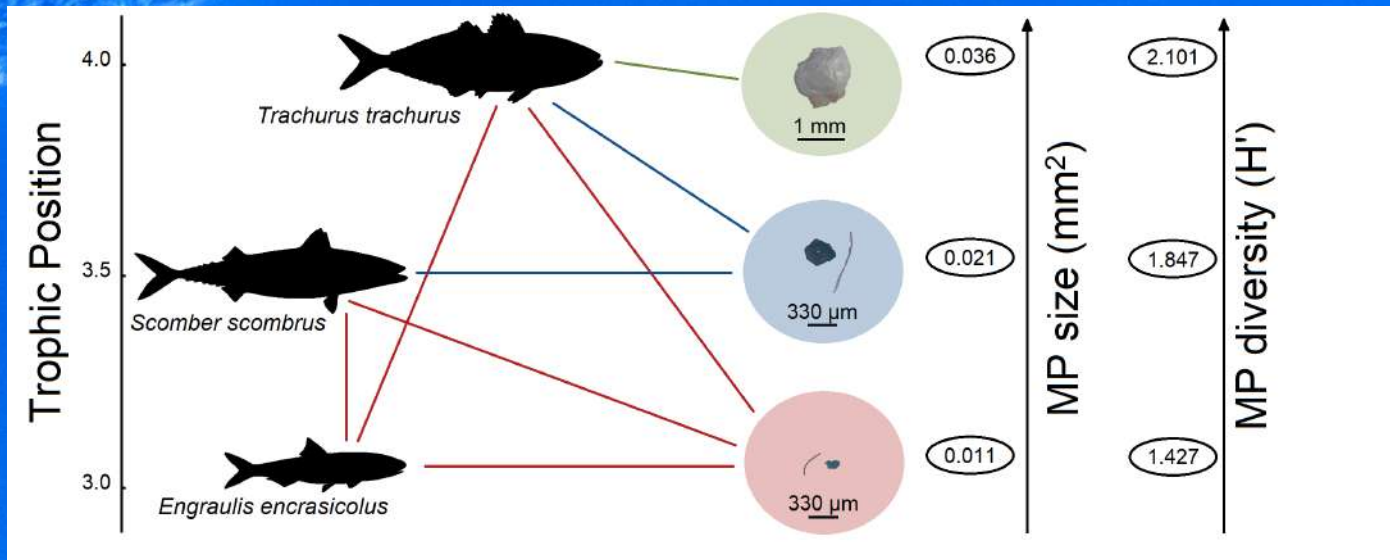
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No. of microplastics



Short Communication

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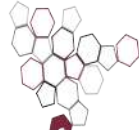


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