

# Seabed habitats and EU trawlers fishing intensity analysis



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## Outline

Data & Method

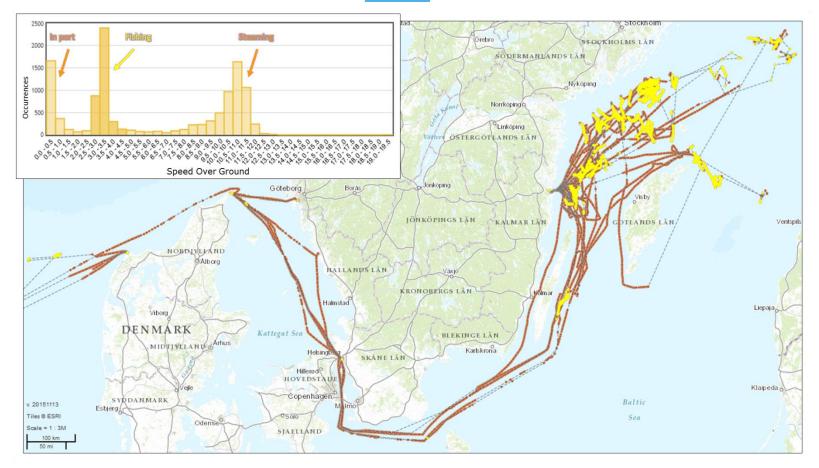
- Fishing intensity
- Data quality / coverage

**Preliminary Results** 

Conclusions



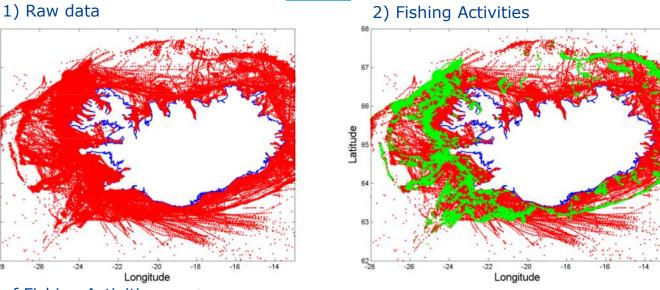




Track and speed profile of a trawler showing three clusters of velocities corresponding to in port, fishing (position highlighted in yellow) and steaming behaviours.



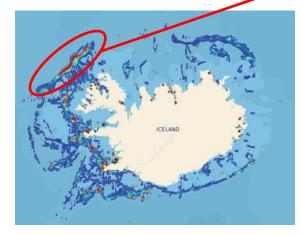


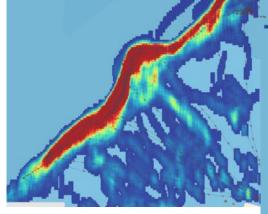


3) Density of Fishing Activities

Latitude

64





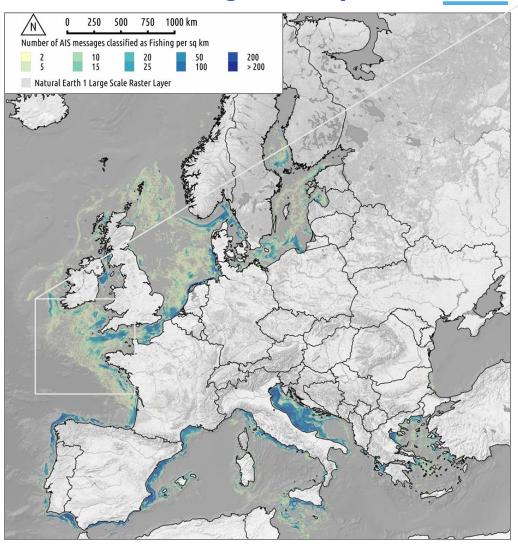






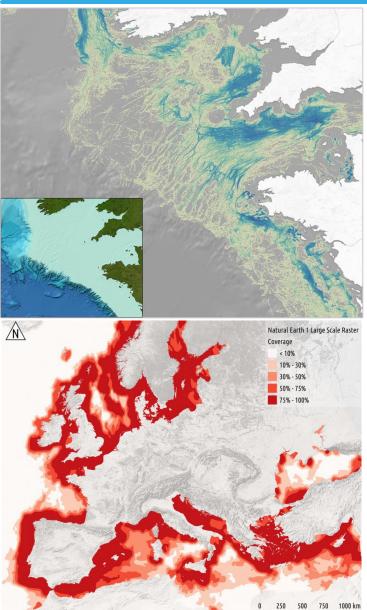
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#### **EU trawlers Fishing intensity**

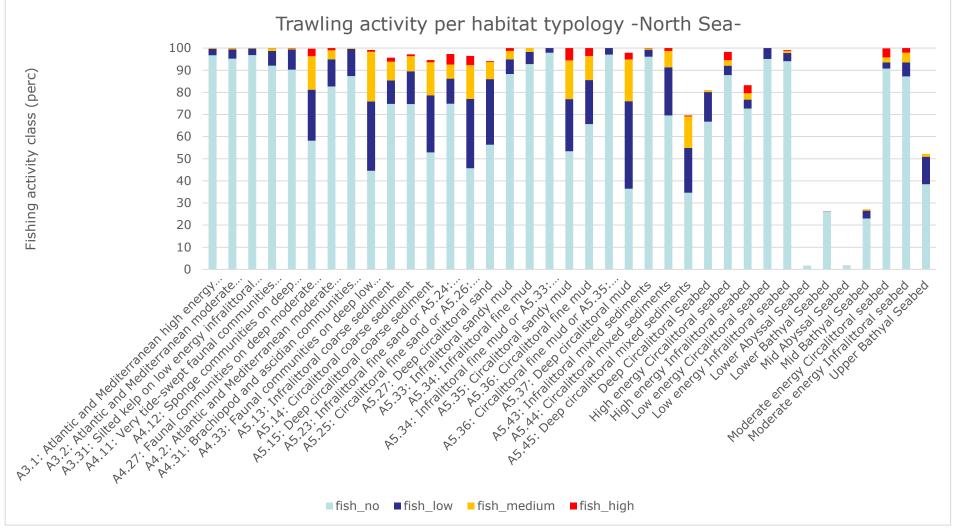


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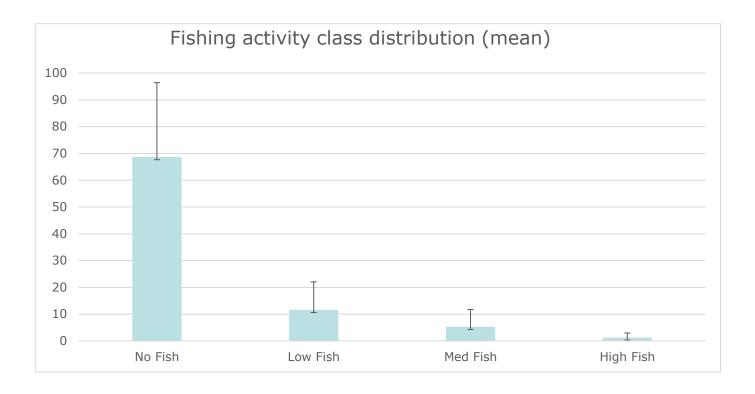












For the 32.4% of the habitats the fish\_no class is more the 90% of the data. The highest value of fish high was 5.6 and it is related to the Circalittoral sandy mud habitat type.





## Conclusions

- Need for seasonal/temporal analysis of fishing intensity layer currently showing results aggregated over one year
- Better definition of "low", "medium" and "high" fishing activity, currently based on empirical considerations
- Add the spatial extent of seabed habitats to their fishing intensity analysis





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