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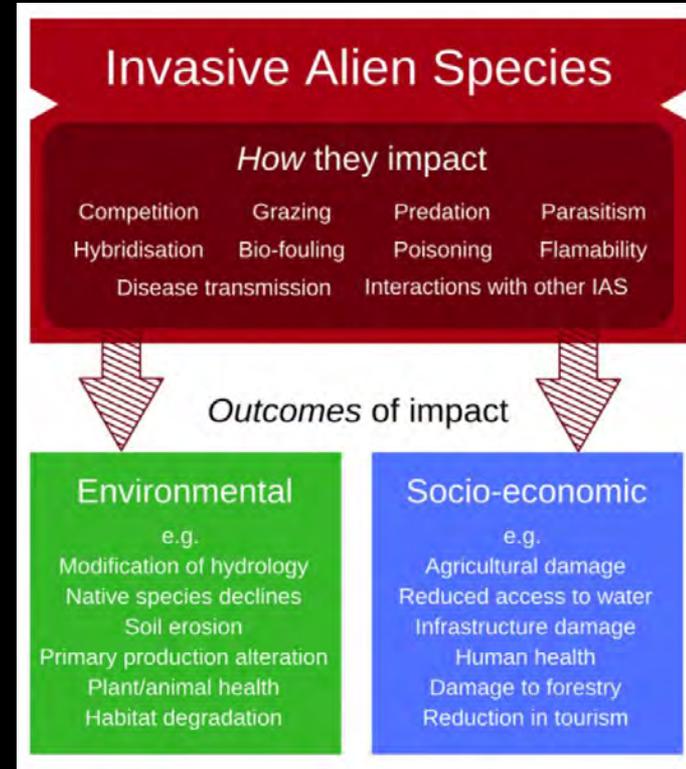
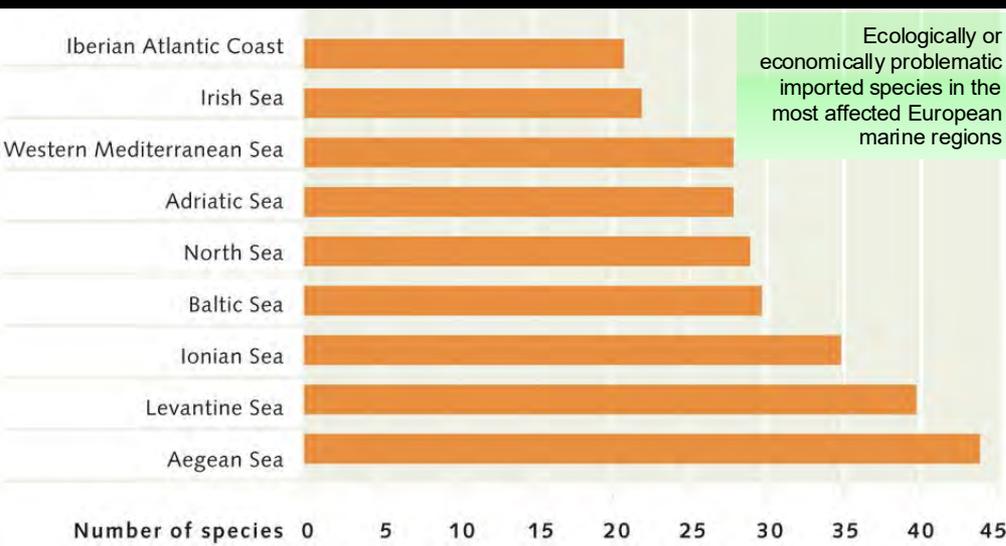
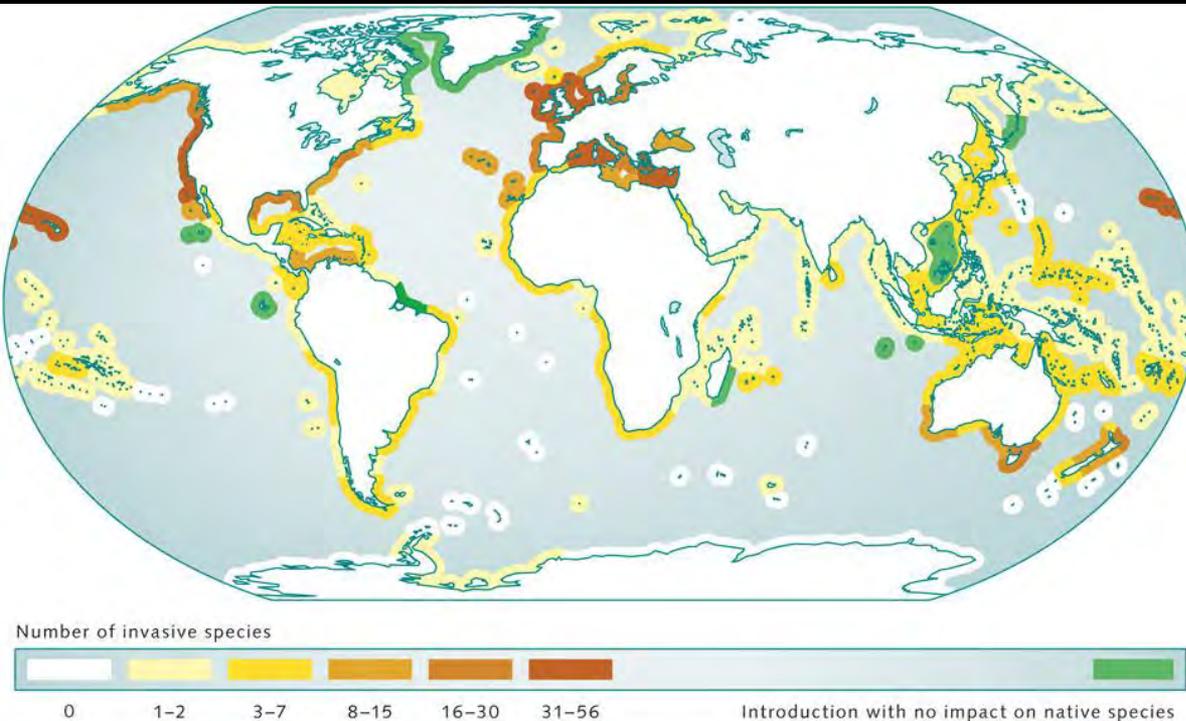
LAUREA MAGISTRALE IN SCIENZE PER L'AMBIENTE MARINO E COSTIERO

Biologia ed Ecologia della Pesca

Invasive marine species effects on Biodiversity and ecosystem function

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Invasive Species (IAS): the problem



Direct impacts of IS and their management **cost the global economy billions of US\$ annually.**

IAS cost the EU at least **€12.5 billion/year**



Introduction of Aliens

Alien species (**allochthonous**, **foreign**, **exotic**, **introduced**, **non-indigenous**, **non-native**) are species, subspecies, or lower taxon, introduced outside its normal past or present distribution and outside of their natural dispersal potential; includes any part, gametes, seeds, eggs, or propagules of such species that might survive and subsequently reproduce.



Autochthonous species (synonyms **indigenous**, **native**) are species, subspecies, or lower taxon living within its natural range (past or present), including the area that it can reach and occupy using **its own legs, wings, wind/waterborne or other dispersal systems**, and therefore without human intervention, even if it seldom found there.

Para-autochthonous species

In Italy, this term refers to a species of plant or animal, non-native to a certain environment, which was introduced and naturalised before 1500 (Genovesi, 2007). According to the Decree of the President of the Italian Republic, no. 120/03, these species may be considered autochthonous.



Opuntia ficus-indica (Fico d'India)



Ameiurus melas
(Pesce gatto)



Introductions

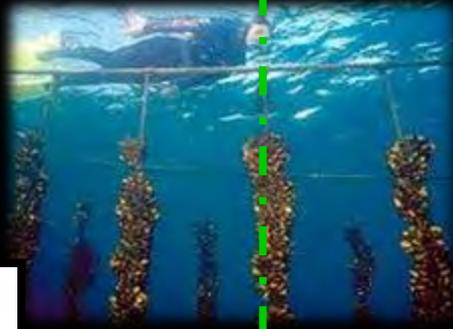
Accidental

Intentional



Fouling

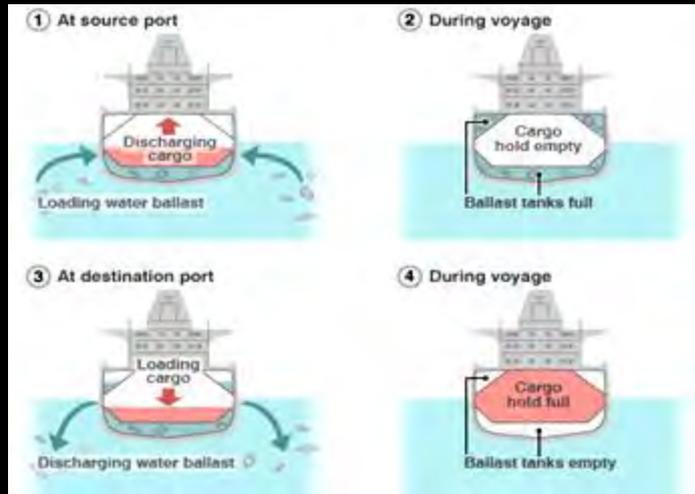
Aquaculture



Hunting

Fishing

Reforestation



Ballast water



Aquariology

BIBBIANO / Pescatore libera un siluro, ma così viola le norme regionali

Non uccide, multato

di Nina Beverberl
BARCO (Bibbiano). Uccidere un pesce è normale, ma liberare può costare caro. Lo ha scoperto Yuri Grisendi, attivista di Barco e portavoce del distributore di metano a Cavriago, presidente del Gruppo Siluro Italia. Circa 300 appassionati che seguono la regola del "catch & release", che significa "cattura e rilascio". Anche in padella. I pesci sono rigettati vivi in acqua.
Il 14 agosto, sul piazzetto. Grande cultura con Andrea Pomati, Andrea Piracchi e Alberto Magagnoli (tre soci del Gruppo) un siluro record: 101 chili per 2 metri e 42 centimetri di lunghezza (il mondiale analogo è di 94 chili). Ma Grisendi rinfaccia il record e ribatte il siluro in acqua, dopo averlo fotografato e massaggiato (per sentirlo a sapere lo stress di cattura).
La foto finisce su un giornale di Fiacenza, e questo provoca l'intervento di alcune guardie ittiche - venatorie, che avvertono il comando di Polizia provinciale. Grisendi ha violato la legge regionale 11/93 che proibisce il rit

tratti a specie alloctone. Una volta pescati, questi animali che non sono tipici della nostra zona e che sono considerati una minaccia, come produttori, delle specie autoctone, non possono essere rigettati vivi in acqua.
Ma Grisendi (che pubblica anche articoli e foto su rivista specializzata) si ribella e assicura che non pagherà l'ammenda di 102 euro, mentre il ha stesso a scrivere un'autodifesa e a presentarla alla Polizia provinciale. «La mia coscienza mi proibisce di accedere un animale»
Castelnovo Monti Servizi veterinari, interpellanza di Ferrari sul riassetto Ausl
CASTELNOVO MONTI - Il capogruppo consiliare della "Voce della montagna", Vincenzo Ferrari, ha inviato un'interpellanza al sindaco Luca Pignatelli in cui chiede se è a conoscenza del "fate il riassetto dei servizi veterinari compiti ordinari ed emergenza (tipo "macca pazza" e "lingua blu") fatto da meritate gli apprezzamenti della Comunità montana.

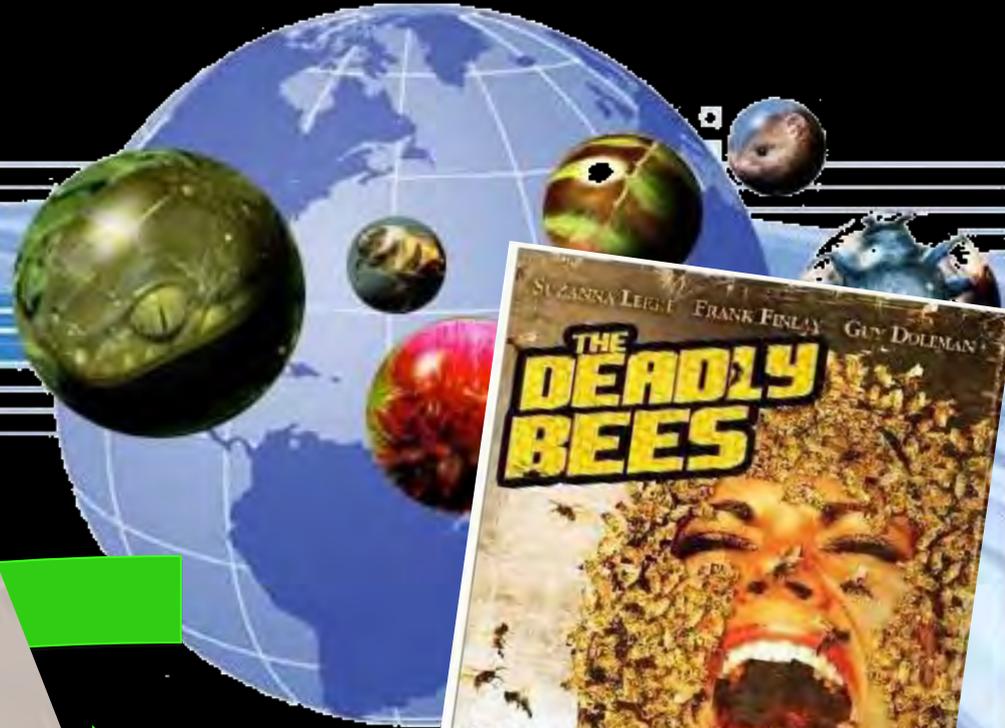


Yuri Grisendi e Andrea Pomati con il siluro da record
dice - e non sarà una legge che mi costringerà a farlo. A uccidere le specie autoctone è stato ben più l'ingranaggio che non gli smonak predatori». La pesca sportiva, dice Grisendi, diventerebbe impossibile applicando la legge regionale: «Ma non ormai 50 per cento dei pesci non sono autoctoni.
La difesa del pescatore sportivo Grisendi potrebbe sfruttare un'indicazione prevista dalla stessa legge regionale. Che prevede di portare le specie alloctone catturate in bacini di accoglienza, future oasi ecologiche. «Ma questi centri non esistono e non li faremo mai, perché costerebbe troppo», dice Grisendi.
L'unica soluzione, se non volete mangiarlo, era di liberarlo in acqua. E poi il suo siluro era di 103 chili. «Diventa comunque difficile per un privato poter trasportare una simile bestia», conclude Grisendi.

Impact of Invasive Alien Species

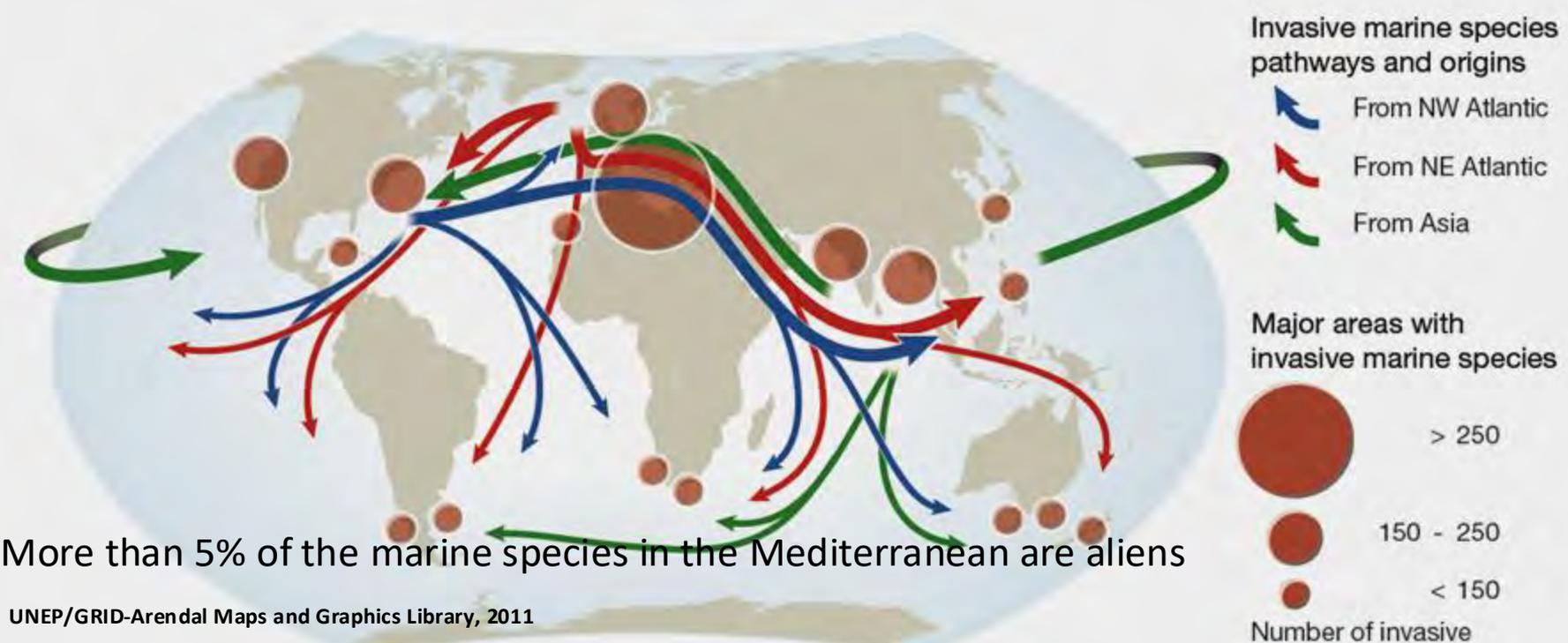


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P In 2008, the cost of controlling invasive species and repairing the damage they cause across the EU reached an estimated €9.6 – €12.7 billion. LIFE programme funds are also being invested in schemes to deal with invasive species. Since 1992, the EU has spent over **€38 million** on 180 projects, both within and outside the Natura 2000 network of conservation areas. By comparison, the US estimates that it spends some **€80 billion** a year fighting biological invaders.

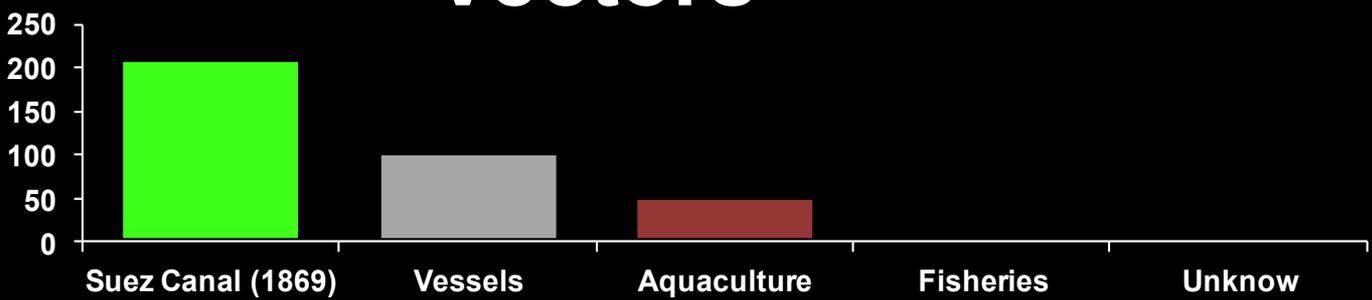
Mediterranean Sea: a hot-spot for introduced species



More than 5% of the marine species in the Mediterranean are aliens

UNEP/GRID-Arendal Maps and Graphics Library, 2011

Vectors



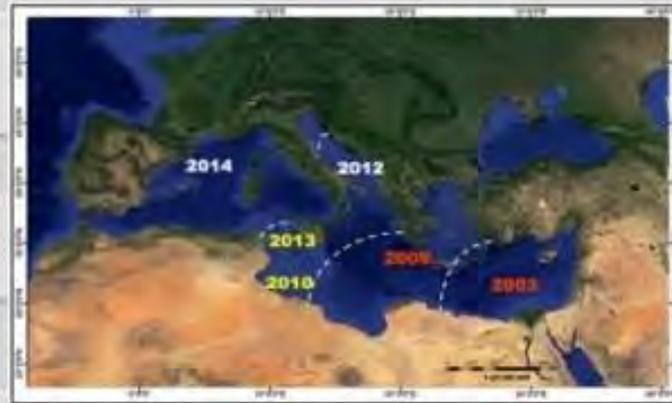
Il caso del pesce palla maculato



ISPRA Istituto Superiore per la Ricerca e Protezione Ambientale

ATTENZIONE al pesce palla maculato è tossico e non va mangiato !

Il pesce palla maculato, *Lagocephalus sceleratus* è entrato in Mediterraneo nel 2003 attraverso il Canale di Suez. E' una specie tropicale tra le più invasive dei nostri mari, ha colonizzato buona parte del bacino orientale ed è attualmente in espansione geografica. La sua presenza in acque italiane è stata registrata per la prima volta nel 2013, nell'isola di Lampedusa. Da allora, altri esemplari sono stati catturati nel canale di Sicilia, nel mar Adriatico ed in Spagna. Si distingue facilmente da altri pesci palla per la presenza di macchie scure sul dorso.



○ Molto rara ● Occasionale ● Comune

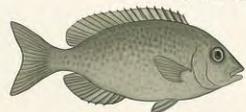


Pesce palla maculato - *Lagocephalus sceleratus*
MOLTO TOSSICO al consumo - potenzialmente mortale

La tossina mantiene le sue proprietà anche dopo la cottura

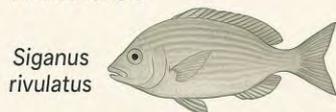
L'ISPRA si è interessata del caso di questa specie in quanto invasiva e soprattutto tossica per l'uomo nell'ambito della sicurezza alimentare

IMPACT OF *SIGANUS LURIDUS* AND *SIGANUS RIVULATUS* ON MEDITERRANEAN BENTHOS



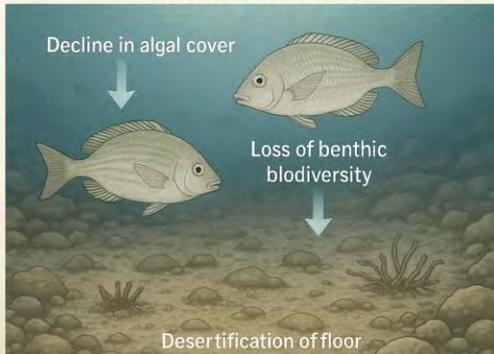
Siganus luridus

BEFORE INVASION



Siganus rivulatus

AFTER INVASION



Parassiti di specie introdotte

Nematode endemico del continente asiatico parassita dell'anguilla giapponese (*Anguilla japonica*). Introdotto in Europa accidentalmente nei primi anni 80 probabilmente con l'importazione di anguille asiatiche infette è stato trasferito alla specie nativa. Ora è presente in 4 continenti (Asia, Europa, Africa e America).

Danneggia la funzionalità della vescica natatoria causando mortalità sia nelle specie allevate che in quelle selvatiche. Minaccia la sopravvivenza della specie nativa europea in quanto impedisce alle popolazioni di completare la migrazione durante il periodo riproduttivo.

Anguillicola crassus



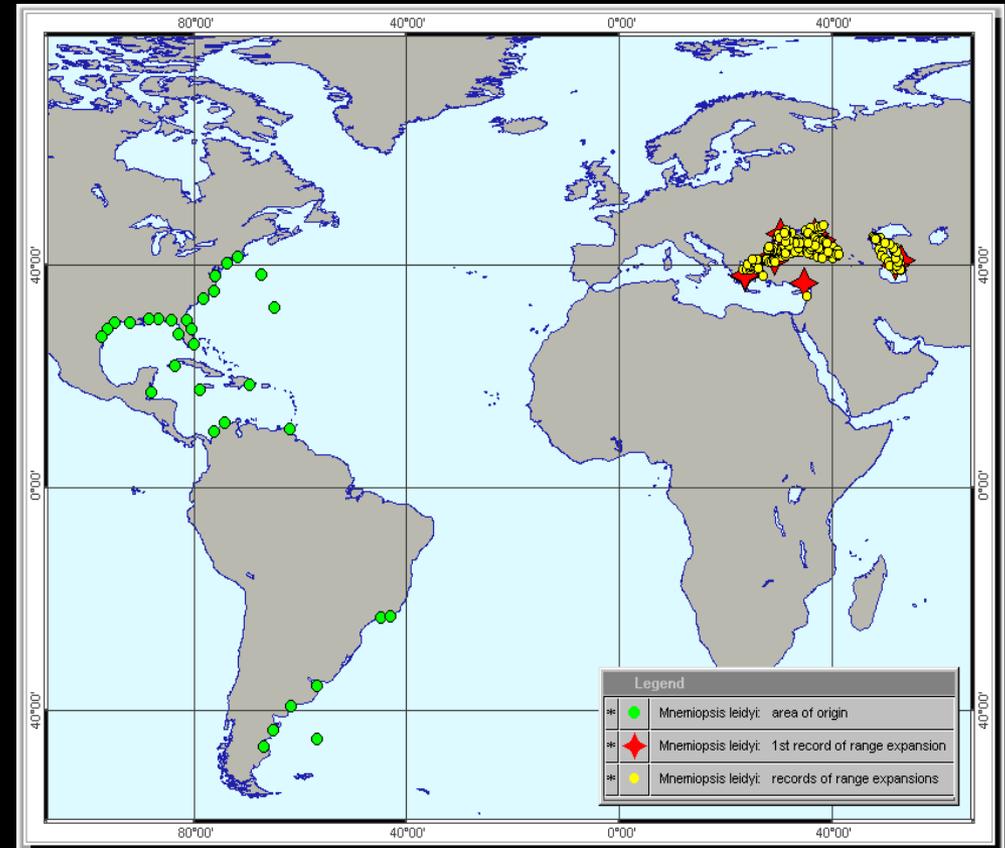
Anguilla europea (Anguilla anguilla)



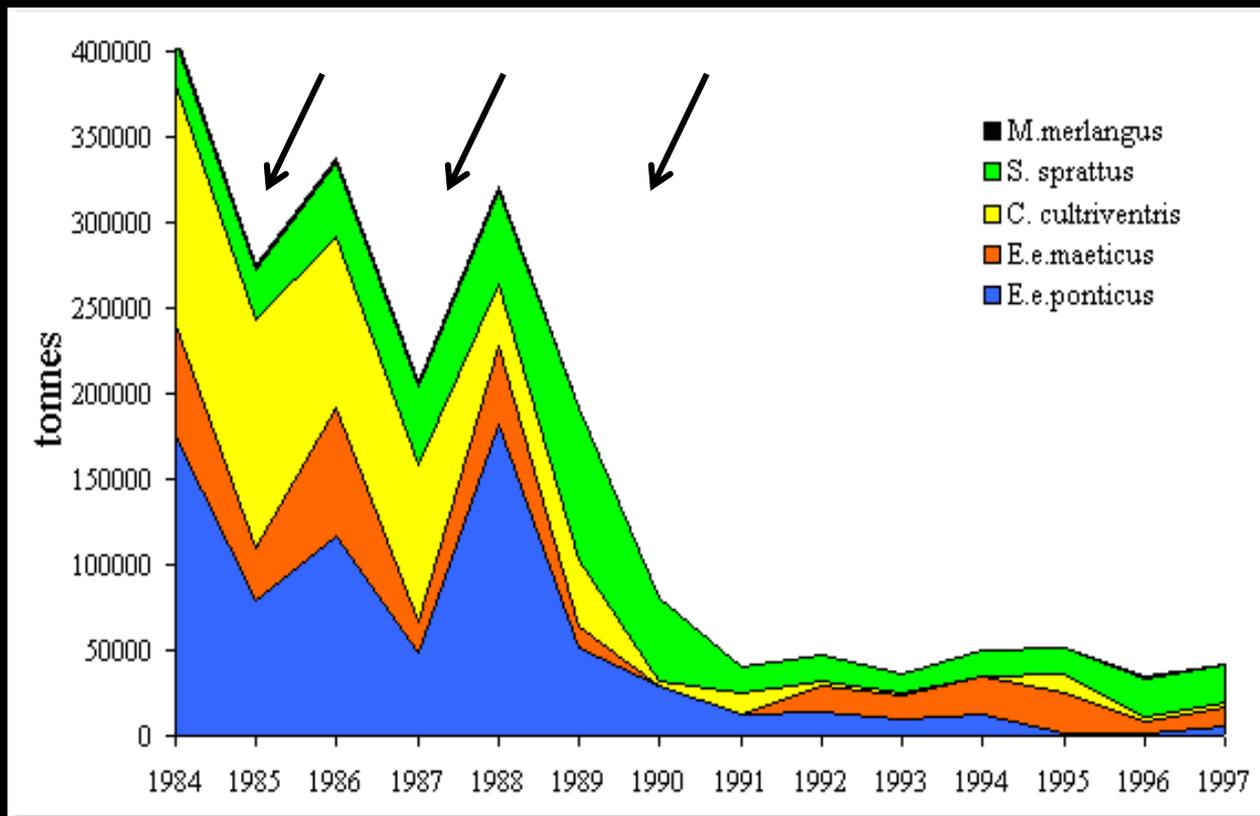


Il caso di *Mnemiopsis leidyi* (ctenoforo). Introdotto casualmente in Mar Nero con le acque di zavorra nel 1980. Nel 1988 viene catturato in 7600 individui per m³, pari a circa 5 kg•m⁻³ di biomassa umida.

La specie presenta fluttuazioni numeriche e di biomassa con cicli pluriennali. Il problema è che, come tutto lo zooplancton gelatinoso, la specie si nutre di uova e larve di pesci che flottano in superficie.

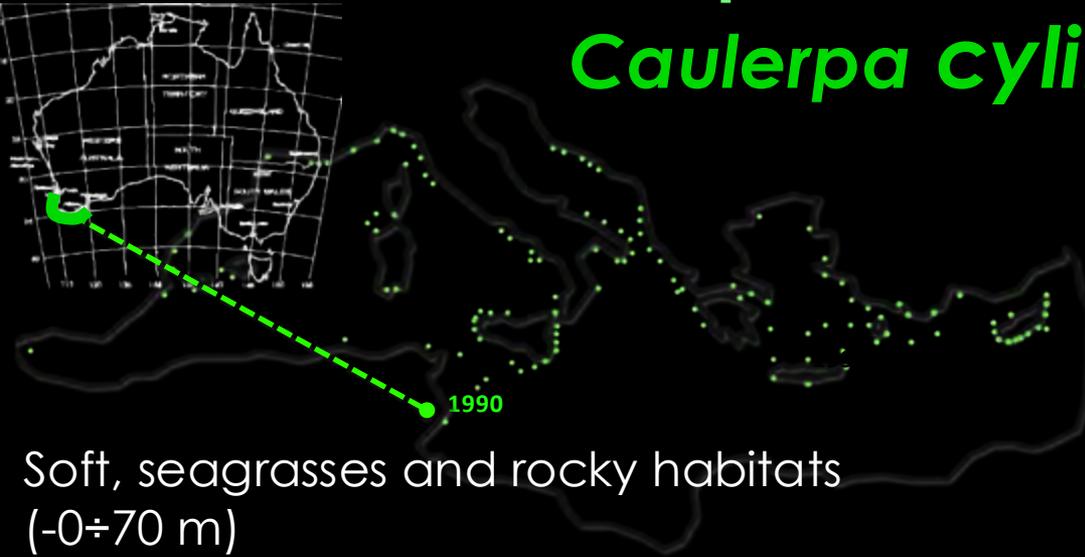


La biomassa ittica pescata in Mar Nero precipita dopo ogni *bloom* di *Mnemiopsis*.
Alcune specie sono in via di estinzione e l'economia di molti paesi rivieraschi è seriamente minacciata.



Subtle Impact of IAS: an examples

Caulerpa cylindracea



Soft, seagrasses and rocky habitats
(-0÷70 m)

Soft, seagrasses and rocky habitats (- 0÷70 m)



Effects on benthic assemblages

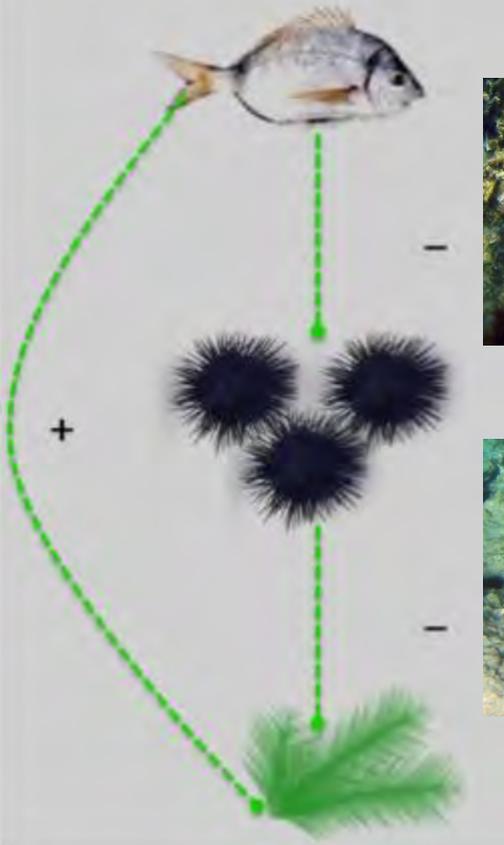
Mechanical barrier to the
invertebrate feeders



Are There Harmful Effects on Non-Adapted Fish Populations?



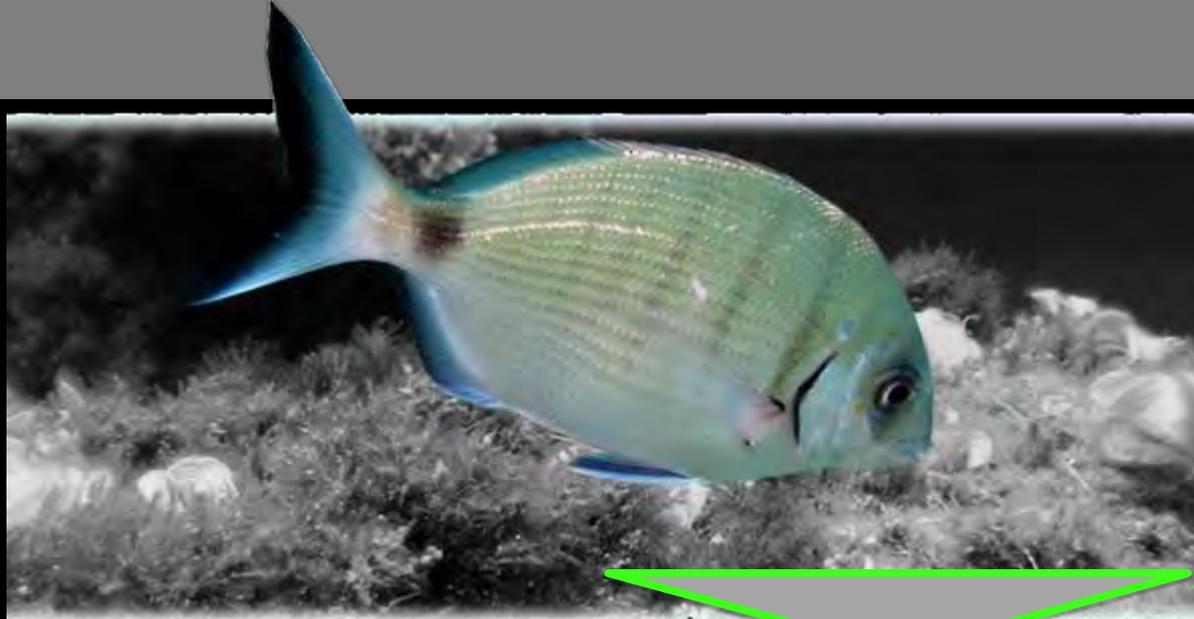
Ecologic value



Aim of the study

- 1) Are there **changes in feeding strategies** consequent to colonisation of *D. sargus* habitat by *C. cylindracea*?
- 2) To investigate **potential effects** of the *Caulerpa*-based diet on *D. sargus* general health status.

1. Preliminary Study



45 specimens

Weight range: 373 ± 4 g

Length range: 25 ± 0.6 cm

CHEMICAL INVESTIGATIONS

BIOMARKER ANALYSES

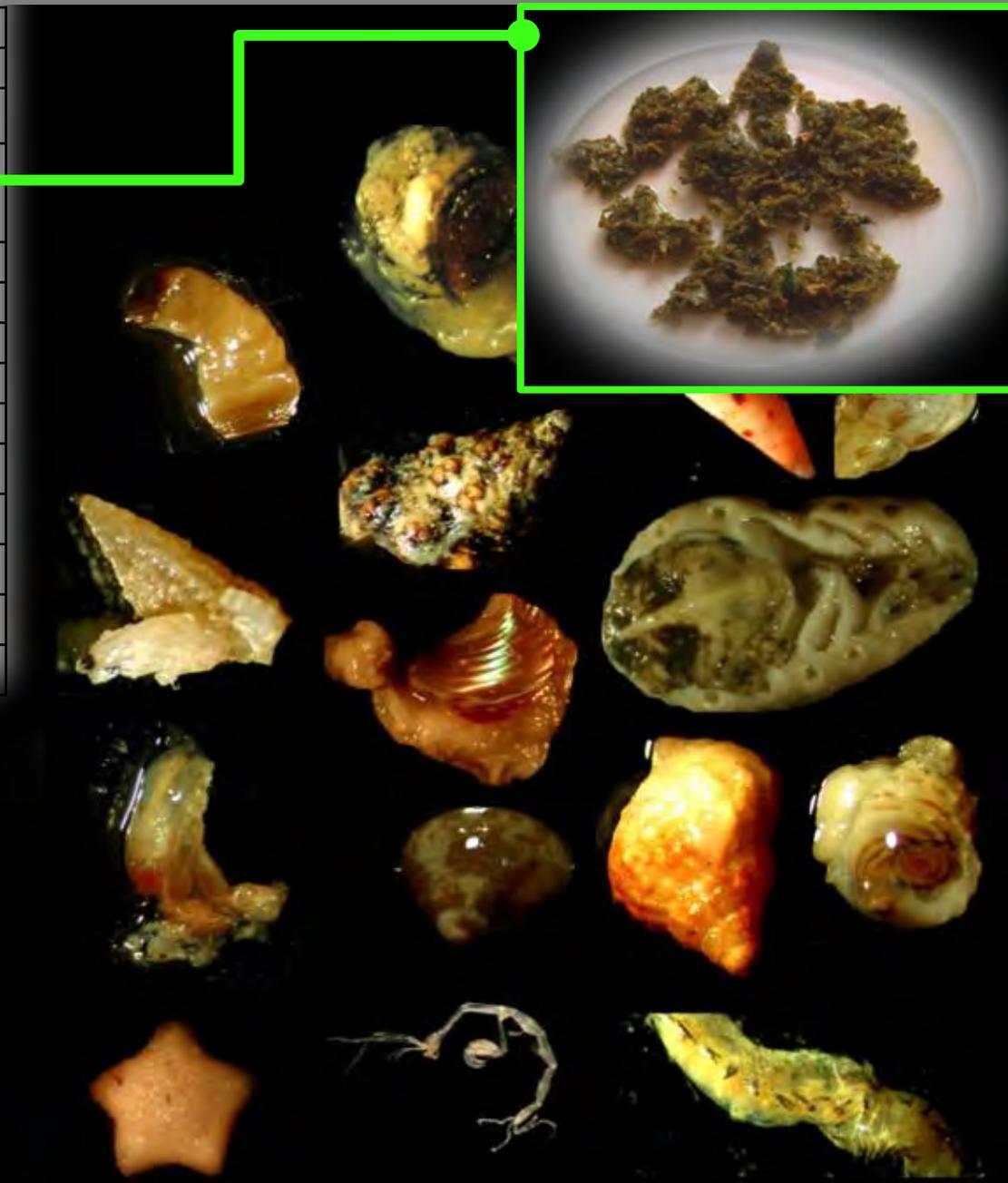
DIET ANALYSIS

- Stomachs
- White muscle
- Red muscle
- Skin
- Liver



2. Results - Stomach contents

	AC = 53.4		AC = 73.4		AC = 82.4	
	PC		TG		BR	
Food Items	IRI%	O%	IRI%	O%	IRI%	O%
<i>C. cylindrica</i>	0	0	64.5	72.7	51.3	65.2
Art. corallines	23.3	50	2.5	45.5	0.15	14.3
Bivalves	0	0	1.47	27.3	1.4	28.6
Chitonids	0	0	1.43	18.2	0.05	7.14
Gastropods	1.6	25	5.02	36.4	0.8	35.7
Sponges	3.2	12.5	12.3	27.3	1.9	21.4
Bryozoans	11	37.5	0	0	0.6	43
Polychaetes	49.7	37.5	0.05	9.1	7.2	21.4
Decapods	3.54	12.5	0.7	36.4	1.6	28.6
Ascidians	1.83	25	0	0	7.6	43
Amphipods	0.11	12.5	0	0	0.01	7.14
Unidentified	2.05	12.5	1.3	3	0.01	7.14

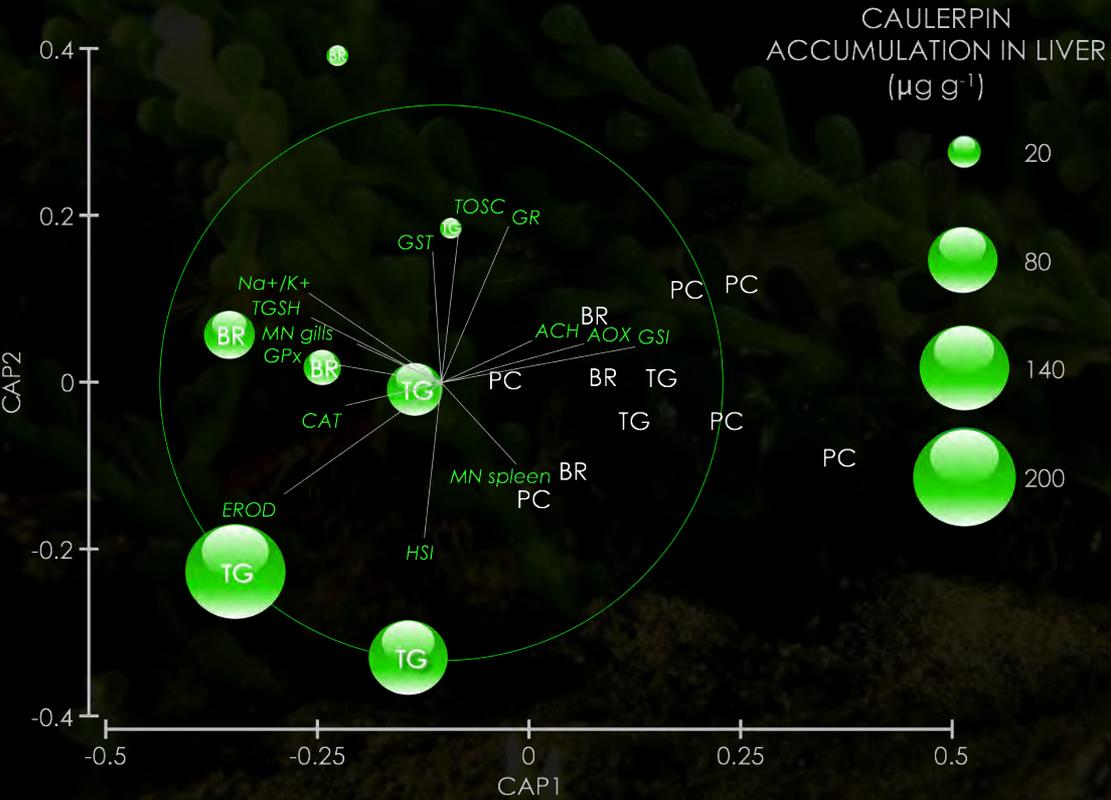
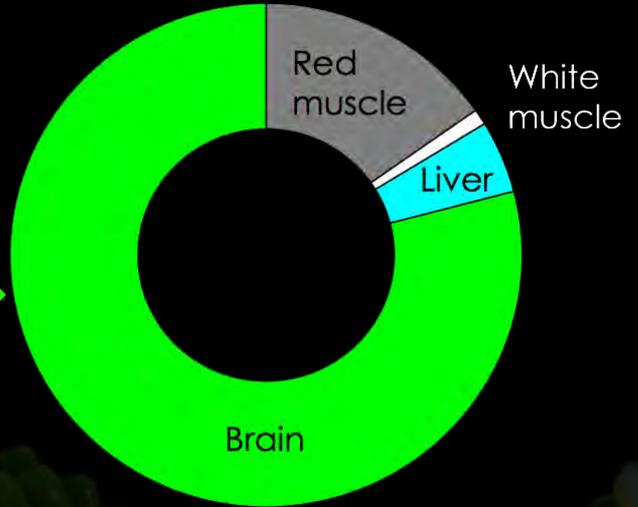


Caulerpin accumulation in fish tissues and cellular responses



% fish with caulerpin
 TG 54% BR 65% PC 0

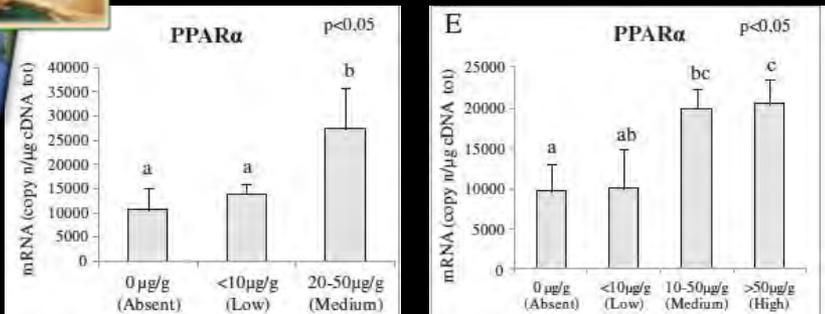
% distribution of caulerpin accumulation in fish tissues



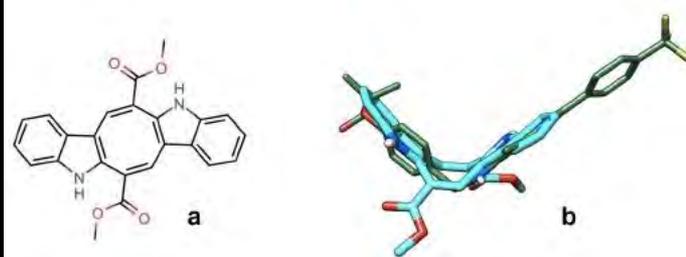
- Activation of biotrasformation pathway mediated by CYP 450 (**EROD**)
- Activation antioxidant systems (**CAT, GPx, TGSH, GR, TOSC**)
- Genotoxic alterations (**MN**)
- Inhibition of **AChE**: potential impairment of nervous system
- Effects on gross gonadal morphology (**GSI**)
- Liver hypertrophy (**HSI**)
- **Alteration on peroxisomal proliferation (AOX)**

Molecular Interactions: caulerpin as causal factor of the metabolic disorders in *D. sargus*

Gorbi et al. Mar Env Res 2014

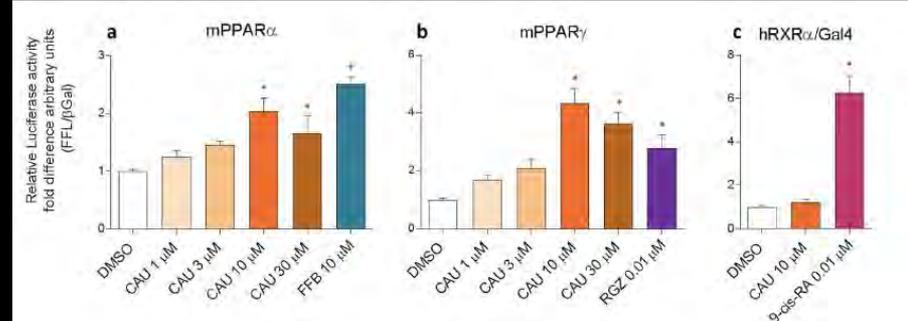


1) Computational Studies

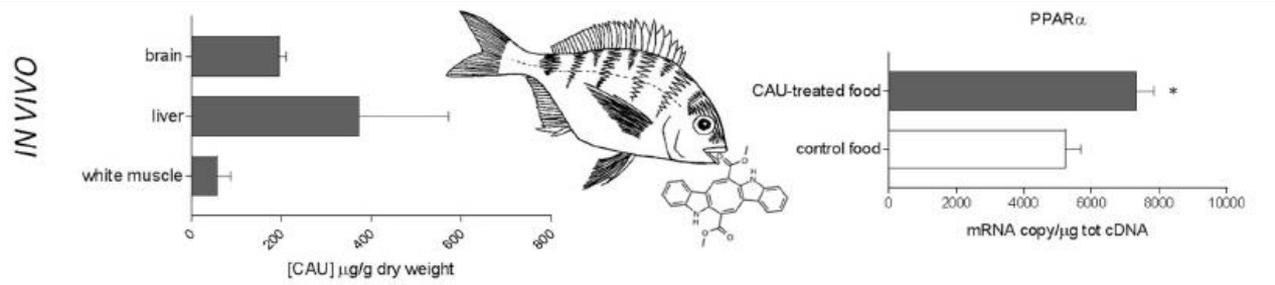


Vitale et al. Marine Drugs 2018

2) Luciferase reporter assays



3) In vivo studies



marine drugs

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FISHING FOR TARGETS OF ALIEN METABOLITES

A Novel Peroxisome Proliferator-Activated Receptor (PPAR) Agonist from a Marine Pest

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Caulerpin as potential modulator of food intake in *D. sargus*: endocannabinoid receptors

Concentrations of CB₁ receptors

- Basal Ganglia¹**: Movement
- Cerebral Cortex¹**: Higher cognitive function
- Cerebellum¹**: Movement
- Hypothalamus²**: Appetite
- Hippocampus¹**: Learning, memory, stress
- Spinal Cord¹**: Peripheral sensation including pain
- Medulla^{3,4}**: Nausea/vomiting, chemoreceptor trigger zone (CTZ)

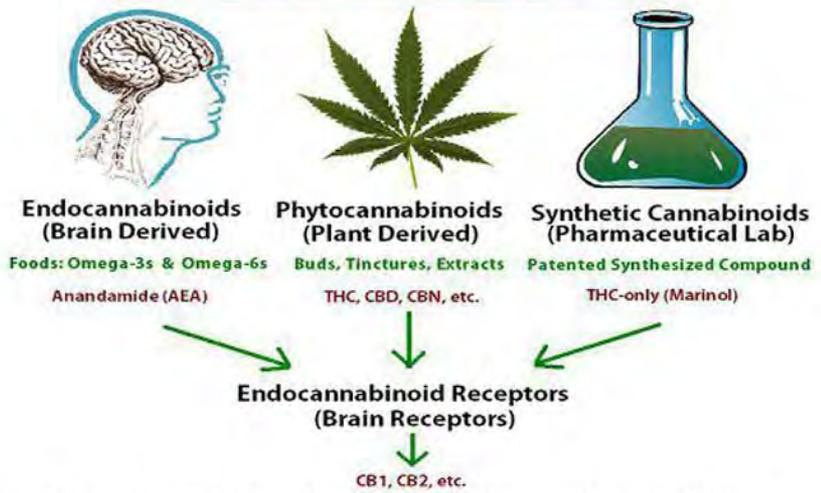
Chemical Structures:

- Δ⁹-Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)**
- Cannabidiol (CBD)**
- Cannabinol (CBN)**
- Cannabigerol (CBG)**
- Cannabichromene (CBC)**

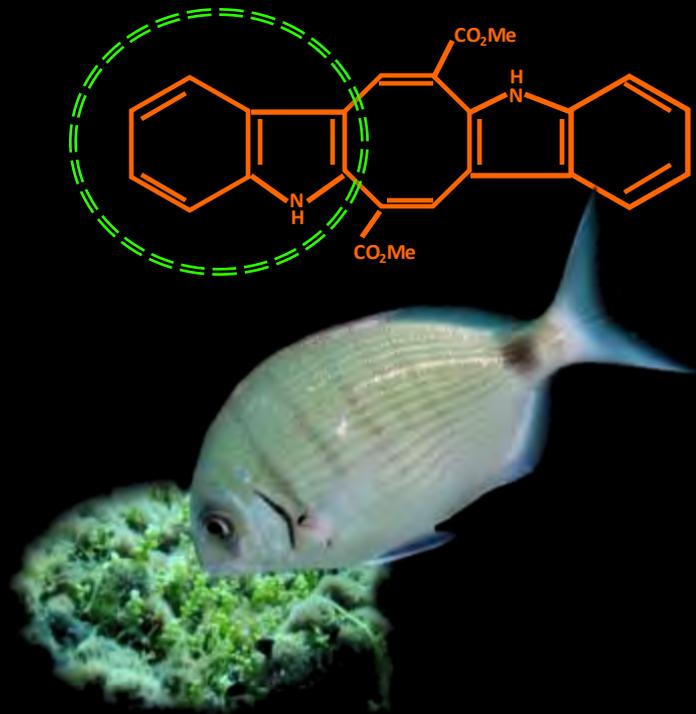
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How Cannabis Works



The endocannabinoid system (ECS) is involved in regulating a variety of physiological processes including appetite, pain and pleasure sensation, immune system, mood, and memory.

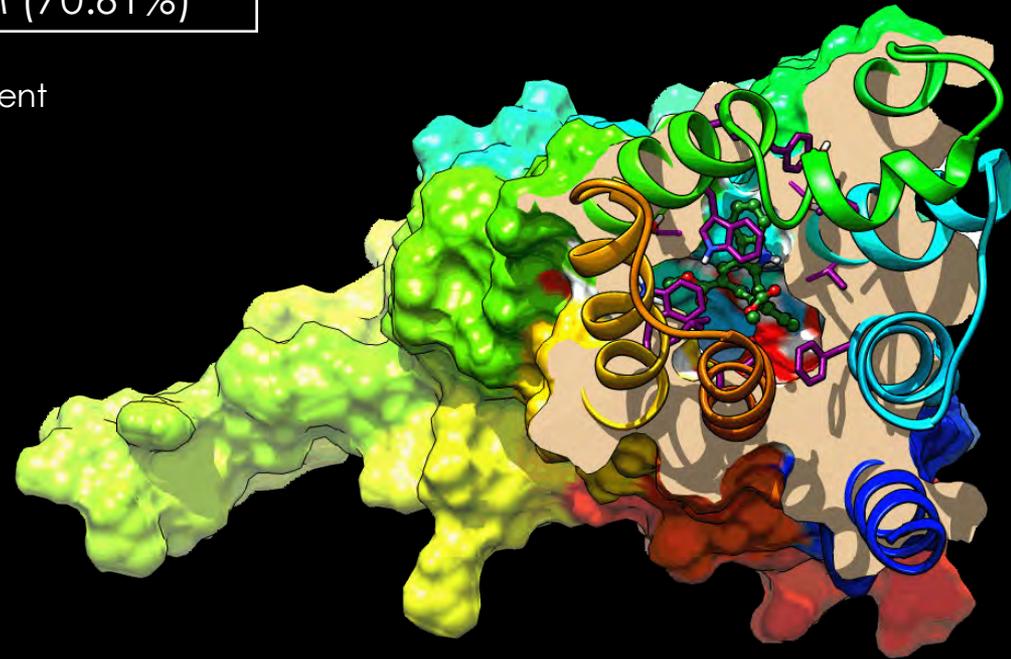
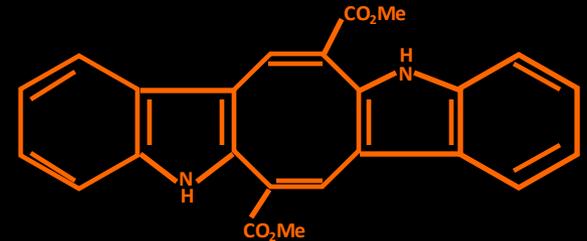


Caulerpin as potential modulator of food intake in *D. sargus*: endocannabinoid receptors

Binding assay on CB1 and CB2 receptors

	IC50	Ki	MCT (% displacement)
CB1	2.80 μM	1.13 μM	10 μM (80.5%)
CB2	5.07 μM	1.29 μM	10 μM (70.61%)

IC50 = concentration exerting the 50% of displacement
Ki = equilibrium dissociation constant
MCT = Maximum concentration tested



Model of CB1-caulerpin complex
(Amodeo P. & Vitale R.M., ICB-CNR, Pozzuoli, NA)



Pest metabolites in Mediterranean:

threat or opportunity?



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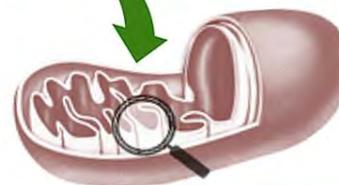
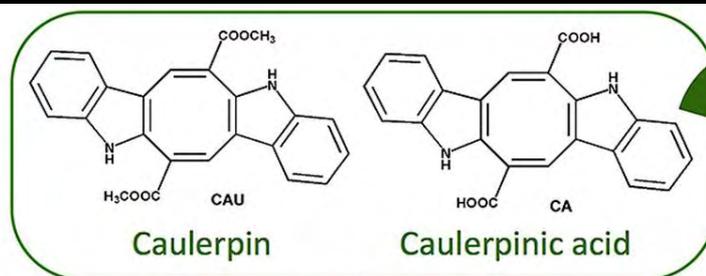
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Metabolites from invasive pests inhibit mitochondrial complex II: A potential strategy for the treatment of human ovarian carcinoma?

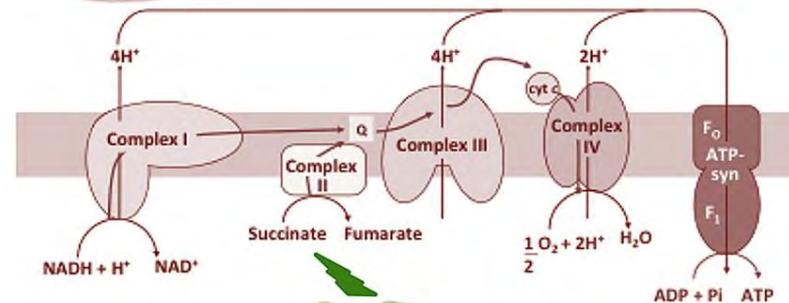
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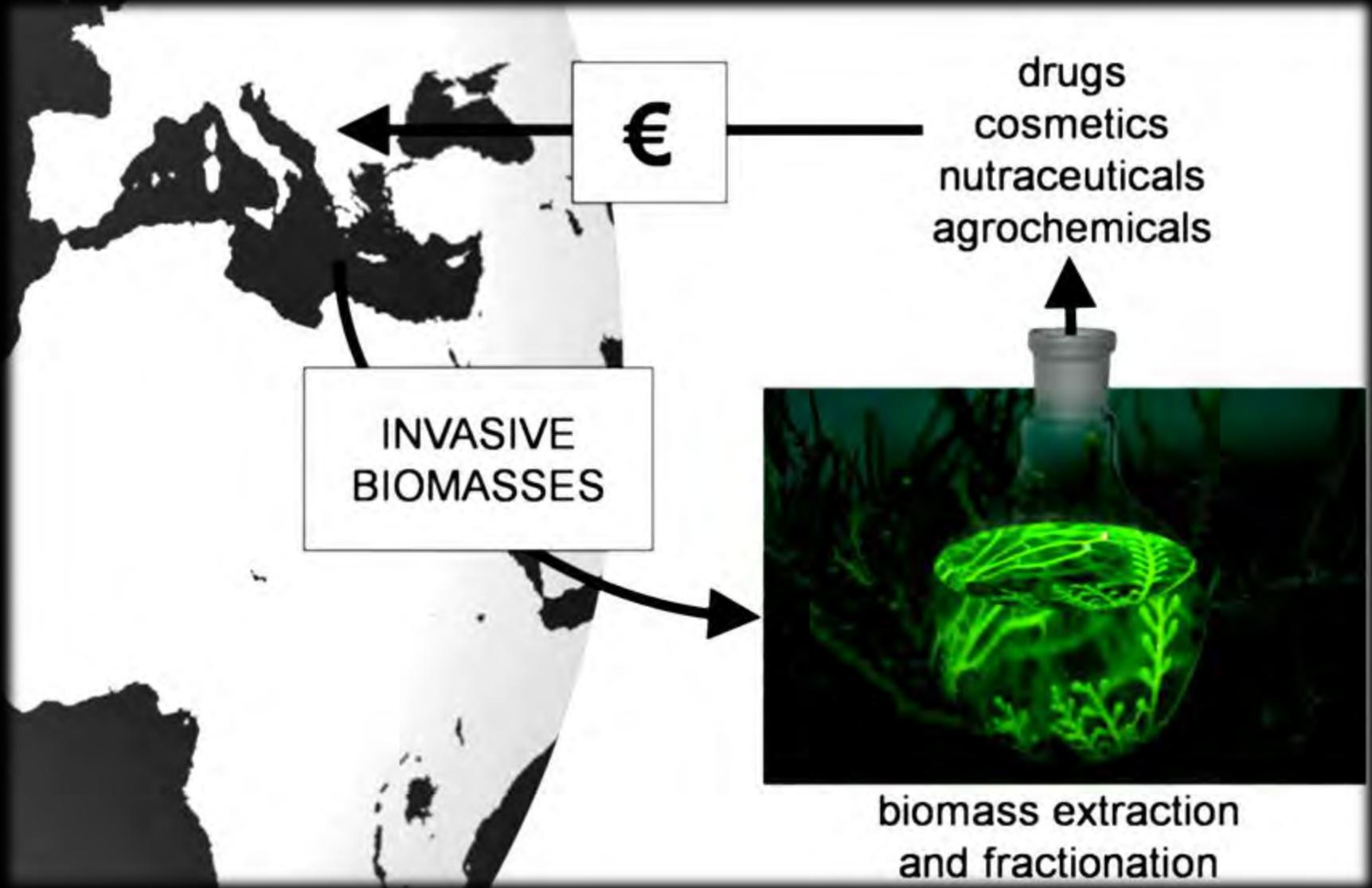
Both caulerpin and caulerpic acid could be used as antitumor agents in ovarian cancer cisplatin-resistant cells.



Biomass extraction and isolation of bioactive molecules from invasive species



Pest metabolites in Mediterranean: threat or opportunity?



Conclusions

Ecology

First description of ***C. cylindracea*** as food item of ***D. sargus*** and accumulation of its metabolite in fish tissues

New mechanism through which ***C. cylindracea*** invasion affects biodiversity:
Entry in trophic chain of pest metabolites

The poor information on the biological responses of fish to the exposure to secondary metabolites of invasive species is a paradigmatic example of how **inadequate** is our **knowledge of indirect effects** of biological invasions on marine biodiversity

Toxicology

Chemistry

Invasive alien species can compromise the value of habitat conservation programs limiting the developments of new strategies for correct management and protection of natural resources

Future challenges

- Unlocking the potential of marine benthic resources;
- Encourages the exploitation of IS to obtain valuable materials of interest in biotechnology;
- Developing tools, technologies and practices to reduce the pressure of IAS on the marine environment;
- Producing innovative industrial, health related and environmental applications;
- Stimulating fast growing enterprises which are crucial for the development of emerging industries and for the acceleration of the structural changes that Europe needs to become a knowledge based economy with sustained growth and high quality jobs.

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