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28 **Historical changes of Blackspot seabream (*Pagellus bogaraveo*) landing patterns in the**
29 **Strait of Gibraltar from 1983 to 2016: environmental and legislation effects**

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34 **Running Head:** Historical changes of Blackspot seabream landing

35 **Abstract**

36 The Blackspot seabream (*Pagellus bogaraveo*) is one of the most important fishery resources in
37 the region of the Strait of Gibraltar. The fishery of this demersal species, carried out by the
38 Spanish and Moroccan artisanal fleets, is highly vulnerable to overexploitation whose effects
39 can be enhanced by environmental and regulatory changes. This study evaluates from a
40 univariate perspective the variation patterns of Blackspot seabream landings (from 1983 to
41 2016) in the Strait of Gibraltar and investigates the effects environmental factors (sea
42 temperature anomaly and NAO index) and regulatory changes on the landings. For this purpose,
43 we used a wide set of univariate seasonal and non-seasonal approaches like Holt-Winters,
44 autoregressive integrated moving average (ARIMA) models and generalized autoregressive
45 conditional heteroscedasticity (GARCH) models and submodels. The Holt-Winters,
46 autoregressive and ARIMA models were able to detect a strong linear dependence between
47 current landings and previous landings as well as seasonal effects, while the GARCH models
48 indicated the presence of intense uncertainty or volatility around two periods (1993-1998 and
49 2007-2011), associated to possible effects of underlying biological, environmental-climatic and
50 regulatory factors. Therefore, the use of a combination of univariate modelling techniques has
51 enabled us to establish potential factors associated with the variability in the landings, which
52 could significantly help move the management of this fishery towards an ecosystem-based
53 approach.

54 **Keywords:** uncertainty analysis, artisanal fishery, deep-sea, fishing pressure, fishery politics,
55 fish population, long-term series.

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59 Introduction

60 The thorough understanding of the patterns of variation of fish catches and the possible
61 exogenous causes of these variations are essential requirements for the adoption of ecosystem-
62 based management (Respondek et al., 2014). The acquisition of this knowledge is particularly
63 important for artisanal fisheries associated with local coastal communities because this type of
64 fisheries are less resilient to regulatory changes as well as to the biological changes introduced
65 by environmental variations (Wakefield, 2012; De Boni et al., 2018).

66 A good example of this is the Blackspot seabream fishery [*Pagellus bogaraveo* (Brünnich,
67 1768)] in the Strait of Gibraltar. Targeted by two different small fleets belonging to Spain and
68 Morocco, this species is from biomass landed and economic point of view the most important
69 fishery in this area (Gil, 2006; Czerwinski et al., 2010; Burgos et al., 2013; Palma-Pedraza,
70 2017; Gil, 2019). From an operational point of view, the Spanish fleet is composed by 60
71 artisanal vessels in Spain and around 102 boats in Morocco (73 longliners and 45 artisanal
72 vessels) with fishing procedures, length-gross ton register and nominal power different
73 (CopeMedII, 2018), but deploying their gears in overlapping operational areas very close to the
74 base ports of Tarifa, Algeciras, Conil and Ceuta for the Spanish fleet and Tangier for the
75 Moroccan boats (Gil, 2019).

76 For both fleets, the fishing gear used in the fishery is the 'voracera', although there are
77 important technical differences between both countries. The Spanish 'voracera' is a longline
78 attached to the boat composed of 2000 meters main line wrapped around a trawler which is
79 attached to 90 fishing lines of 1 metre in length, separated from each other by 1.10 meters. Each
80 vessel can use a maximum of 30 lines/day with 100 hooks baited with sardine. From 2006 the
81 legal dimensions of the hooks used are 3.95 ± 0.39 cm long and 1.4 ± 0.14 cm wide (hooks
82 numbers 10, 9.5 and 9) (Order APA/8/2006). On the other hand, the Moroccan 'voracera' is
83 attached to a buoy, keeping the gear afloat. In the longliner, the main line is between 150-200 m
84 long with a maximum of 50 hooks (numbers 11 to 8) per line, baited with sardine and artificial
85 bait, arranged 1 per 3-4 metres. Each vessel can use a maximum of 20 lines/day. Instead, in the
86 artisanal fleet each vessel can use a maximum of 25 lines/day with 150-200 hooks (numbers
87 12, 11 or 9) spaced 1 meter baited with sardine (Gil, 2019; Gil-Herrera et al., 2020).

88 The catches are carried out in the Strait of Gibraltar which can be considered a small-scale
89 complex ecosystem. The dynamic of this narrow (14 km of sea at the Strait's narrowest point)
90 and deep (depth range between 300 and 900 m) strait that connects the Mediterranean Sea to the
91 Atlantic Ocean is strongly conditioned by the interchange of water masses. Due to physical and
92 chemical differences, the Atlantic water body flows at the surface going into the Mediterranean
93 Sea, while the Mediterranean water body flows at depth going into the Atlantic basin to a

94 greater or lesser extent. The Atlantic flow enters into the Strait of Gibraltar in the form of two
95 water bodies, North Atlantic Central Water (100-700 m) (NACW) and Surface Atlantic Water
96 (depth less than 100 m) (SAW), both characterized by seasonal variations in temperature and
97 salinity. Likewise, the Mediterranean flow is also formed by two water bodies, Levantine
98 Intermediate Water (LIW) and Western Mediterranean Deep Water (WMDW), that as the same
99 as the NACW and SAW show important seasonal changes in temperature and salinity (Sverdrup
100 et al., 1942; Parrilla et al., 1986; García-Lafuente et al., 2000; García-Lafuente et al., 2020). In
101 turn, these oceanographic characteristics are also strongly associated to the particular climatic
102 conditions of this area which are forced by the geomorphological configuration of their coasts.
103 Likewise, its geographical location makes it sensitive to atmospheric variations with ocean-
104 scale teleconnections. For example, different studies show how the North Atlantic Oscillation
105 index (NAO) may have an effect on the Blackspot seabream abundance in the Strait of Gibraltar
106 (Báez et al., 2014; Gutiérrez-Estrada et al., 2017; Sanz-Fernández et al., 2019; Gutiérrez-Estrada
107 et al., 2020).

108 On the other hand, from a biological point of view, the Blackspot seabream has several
109 biological characteristics that hinder its management. It is protandric hermaphrodite with low
110 productivity, reaching sexual maturity at 4 or 6 years of age (approximately between 30-35 cm)
111 (Buxton & Garratt, 1990). During this phase, sexual inversion occurs. The sexual inversion is
112 from males to females when they reach a length of 32.5 cm, although it is also possible to find
113 individuals that do not follow this pattern (Sobrino & Gil, 2002; Gil, 2019). The process of
114 sexual inversion is conditioned by the abundance of females per class/size and their state of
115 maturity in the population. Therefore at low densities of females in the population the sexual
116 inversion towards them will be greater (Krug, 1998). Additionally, the size at first maturity and
117 the gametogenic development are different depending on whether they are functional male or
118 female (males around 30 cm and females between 35 and 36 cm) and its maximum size around
119 54 cm at 10 years, which makes the Blackspot seabream is considered a long-lived species, with
120 slow growth rate (Buxton & Garratt, 1990; Sobrino & Gil, 2002; Gil, 2006; Gil et al., 2019).

121 These bio-ecological and environmental characteristics strongly condition the amount of
122 biomass extracted, the minimum catch length and gear size used which has led to pass different
123 normatives subjected to continuous modifications to limit catches and landings. This way, the
124 first regulation of the Blackspot seabream fishery was passed in 1995 (Royal Decree 560/1995)
125 which established the minimum catch size at only 25 cm. Three years later the Order of 17 June
126 1998 established a specific plan for fishing with the '*voracera*' in the area of the Strait of
127 Gibraltar, which established a minimum landing size and different aspects related with the
128 boundaries of the fishing grounds, technical characteristics of the gear and number of vessels
129 authorized. From 1998 to 2012, there was a policy transition where the above aspects have been

130 modified (Orders: 17 June 1998; APA/3323/2002; APA/8/2006; APA/274/2007;
131 APA/445/2008; ARM/521/2009 and ARM/3536/2009). The Order (AAA/1589/2012)
132 established a management plan similar to the determined in 1998, although the maximum
133 number of hooks allowed is increased to 2400, the number of authorized vessels is reduced to
134 88, the prohibition of simultaneous use of gear is continued and the fishing effort remains at 5
135 days per week and a minimum size of 33 cm, which is the current minimum landing size
136 (Regulations EU; 1225/2010 and 2017/787). Also the fishing ban and annual total catch (TAC)
137 have been regulated (AAA/1589/2012; Regulation (EU) No 1367/2014).

138 On the other hand, the regulation of the activity of the Moroccan fleet has been in force since
139 1992. It only sets out the scope of operation (Tangier and Al Hoceima and below 3 miles in the
140 area between Al Hoceima and Saidia), the minimum landing size is 25 cm and the technical
141 characteristics of the gear that will be used (CopeMed II, 2011).

142 All these bio-ecological, environmental and regulatory factors interact with each other by means
143 unknown mechanisms which has been recongnized by others authors as the main sources of
144 uncertainty that hinder an adecuate fisheries resources management (Hilborn et al., 2001;
145 Agnew et al., 2009; Fulton et al., 2011; Leitão et al., 2014; Hart & Fay, 2020; Van Beveren et
146 al., 2020). This is because the interactions of these factors lead to misunderstood changes in fish
147 dynamics reflected as variations in the frequency and intensity of fish abundance (Hsieh et al.,
148 2006; Anderson et al., 2008). To understand the source of variability or volatility in fish stocks
149 is a key question because it affects to several decision making by the managers as for example
150 the biological reference points or the capacity to determine the extinction risk for a population
151 (Pimm, 1991; Hilborn et al., 2001). Therefore, for a fishery with the characteristics like
152 Blackspot seabream in the Strait of Gibraltar the analysis and characterization of the catches and
153 the evolution of historical landings as well as the identification of the periods and possible
154 causes that determine the fluctuation of the volatility associated to the fishery are very important
155 aspects that condition its adequate management.

156 The study of the dynamics of catches, landings and abundance indexes derived from them
157 (catch per unit of effort -CPUE- or landings per unit of effort -LPUE-) is a topic that has been
158 widely investigated in fisheries science (Stergiou et al., 1989; 1991; Potter et al., 2004;
159 Czerwinski et al., 2007). Stergiou et al. (1997) established three basic analysis techniques for
160 detecting patterns of variation in fisheries time series: i) models based on a deterministic
161 approach with linear regressions able to explain changes in the fishing variables in terms of
162 changes in biotic and abiotic variables (multivariate approach); ii) techniques based on
163 univariate time series analysis that rely on the assumption of continuity, that is, that assume that
164 past changes will continue to be reflected in the present and the future as their patterns will

165 continue into the future (univariate approach); and, iii) approaches based on combinations of the
166 aforementioned methodologies.

167 In the cases of univariate approaches, numerous classical methodologies as such Holt-Winters
168 and the Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) models have been proposed for
169 the analysis of abundances, catches and landings (Lloret et al., 2000; Tsitsika et al., 2007; Kim
170 et al., 2015). These methods have a fundamental advantage on multivariate approaches which
171 is that they can obtain estimations only from the variable analysed. In this way, it is assumed
172 that each observation can be explained as a linear/non-linear function of their past values. This
173 implies that the variance of data series is equivalent to the co-variances of any external variable
174 sets and therefore a univariate model that explain shifts of historical data has the capacity to
175 detect the external variables influence implicit in the variance of time series (Gutiérrez-Estrada
176 et al., 2007). Obviously a common drawback of these univariate approaches is that the
177 structures of these models don't allow the inclusion of terms such as external factors or
178 variables which hinders to interpretate the effects of those variables that could have an impact
179 on the target variable and which are ultimately the causes of the variability lagged in time or
180 volatility of the variable analysed.

181 To mitigate this problem Bollerslev, (1986) developed a family of models known as generalized
182 autoregressive conditional heteroscedasticity (GARCH) models which can quantify the
183 volatility associated with a time series without the need for include external variables. These
184 models incorporate in their origins, the assumption that the time series are composed by several
185 volatility clusters. In other words, a strong unexpected fluctuation in a time series tend to be
186 followed by periods of similar characteristics, while periods in which the time series are stable
187 are also followed by stability. This way, these kinds of models can collect the inertial behaviour
188 as well as the dynamic behaviour typically detected in the time series. For this reason their use
189 is relatively widespread in the field of finance and economy (Mohammadi & Su 2010; Liu &
190 Shi 2013; Girish, 2016; Ortiz-Arango, 2017). In contrast, their potential application to the
191 analysis of fisheries time series has been overlooked to date.

192 The main objective of the study is to carry out an evaluation from a univariate perspective of the
193 patterns of variation of Blackspot seabream landings (*Pagellus bogaraveo*) between 1983 and
194 2016 in the Strait of Gibraltar. For this purpose, we have used different univariate approaches as
195 Holt-Winters models, ARIMA models and GARCH Models. For each technique, we have
196 developed their corresponding sub-variants. Particularly for GARCH models, we explore their
197 applicability to fisheries time series and investigate their capacity to detect the effect of some
198 bioecological and environmental factors (water temperature anomaly and NAO index) and
199 regulatory factors on the increasing/decreasing volatility.

200 **Material and Methods**

201 *Study area and databases*

202 This study was based on the landing time series of Blackspot seabream (*Pagellus bogaraveo*) in
203 the Strait of Gibraltar. The fish catching area of interest is the operational fishing area of the
204 Blackspot seabream fleet in the sector between 6°25'W to 5°15'W and 35°45'N to 36°15'N,
205 corresponding to the extreme southeast of International Council for the Exploration of the Sea
206 (ICES) Division IXa (Burgos et al., 2013) (Figure 1). The monthly landings time series for this
207 species correspond to the landings carried out by the fleets from the Spanish ports of Tarifa,
208 Algeciras, Conil and Ceuta and Moroccan port of Tangiers between 1983 and 2016. The main
209 reason why the fleets have their fishing grounds near their base ports, lies in the migration
210 patterns of the species. Different studies, that are carried out on this aspect, indicate that
211 juveniles move from their breeding area to the fishing grounds of the Strait of Gibraltar while
212 adult specimens only show movements within the fishing grounds where the fleet operates.
213 Therefore, all the catches made by both fleets, the Spanish and the Moroccan, come from the
214 waters of the Strait of Gibraltar (Gil et al., 2001; Sobrino & Gil, 2001; Burgos et al., 2013; Gil,
215 2019).

216 The trend, seasonality, and random component of the historical series of sets were obtained by
217 applying a classical seasonal breakdown by moving averages. The model chosen for the
218 decomposition was multiplicative ($CV = 1.65$) because it had a lower coefficient of variation
219 (additive $CV = 5,52$).

220 Water temperature anomaly (°C) and NAO climate index were used as explanatory proxy
221 variables of the results produced by volatility (Báez et al., 2014; Gutiérrez-Estrada et al., 2017;
222 Sanz-Fernández et al., 2019). The data on temperature (°C) were obtained for a monthly period
223 of 33 years 1983-2015 from the Simple Ocean Data Assimilation (SODA) v 3.3.1
224 (<http://www.atmos.umd.edu/~ocean>). SODA provides monthly values of different parameters
225 such as sea temperature in a resolution of $1/4^\circ \times 1/4^\circ$ for 50 depth levels. As Blackspot seabream
226 is a demersal species, the SODA data were filtered to obtain the first 24 depth layers (from 5 to
227 525 meters). For each layer, the monthly mean water temperature was calculated and therefore,
228 24 time series of water temperature monthly scaled were obtained.

229 The historical time series of the monthly NAO index spanning 1983 to 2016 were obtained from
230 the US National Center for Atmospheric Research ([https://climatedataguide.ucar.edu/climate-
231 data/hurrell-northatlantic-oscillation-nao-index-station-based](https://climatedataguide.ucar.edu/climate-data/hurrell-northatlantic-oscillation-nao-index-station-based)). This link provides a NAO time
232 series in a monthly time scale (Hurrell & National Center for Atmospheric Research Staff,
233 2020).

234 The significant correlations between the landings time series and environmental and climate
235 time series (water temperature anomaly and NAO climate index) was annual calculated with
236 lags of 0, 1, 2 and 3 years, with the objective of evaluating possible present and past climate and
237 environmental effects.

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239 *Exponential smoothing (Holt-Winters), Autoregressive (AR) and Autoregressive integrated*
240 *moving average (ARIMA) models*

241 A common characteristic of these methods is that in all cases their estimations are dependents of
242 the values of the variables to estimate lagged in time. In the case of Holt-Winters models their
243 predictions are means of past values exponentially weighted such that more recent observations
244 have greater weight or importance than those from further into the past (Holt, 1957; Winters,
245 1960). Instead, in the autoregressive family models (AR and ARIMA), the pattern of change in
246 a variable in period t is explained by its behaviour in the past plus a white noise term (Box &
247 Jenkins, 1976).

248 All these models have been widely used with notable results in fishery science (Stergiou et al.,
249 1997; Lloret et al., 2000; Gutiérrez-Estrada et al., 2007) particularly the ARIMA models.

250 Univariate ARIMA models (p,d,q) explain the behaviour of a variable over time based on their
251 own past observations and forecasting errors. In this expression, p is the number of
252 autoregressive parameters, d is the number of differentiations required for the time series to
253 become stationary and q is the order of moving average parameters. The Box-Jenkins model is
254 expressed by the following equation:

$$Y_t = \phi_0 + \phi_1 y_{t-1} + L + \phi_p y_{t-p} + a_t - \theta_1 a_{t-1} - L - \theta_q a_{t-q}$$

255 The coefficients of parameters ϕ and θ are determined by the data (y), through consistent
256 statistics. ARIMA models also enable us to fit seasonal components in the data, and in this case,
257 the model is expressed as ARIMA $(p,d,q) (P,D,Q)^S$, where P is the number of autoregressive
258 parameters in the seasonal component, D is the number of differences required for the time
259 series to become stationary, in the seasonal component, and Q is the order of the moving
260 average in the seasonal component, while S is the series periodicity.

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264 *Autoregressive conditional heteroscedasticity (ARCH and GARCH) models*

265 Autoregressive conditional heteroscedasticity (ARCH) models proposed by Engle (1982) were
266 developed to study volatility in inflation in the United Kingdom. In this approach, a model is
267 created to fit the changing variance of a time series, in this case, related to finances. The goal of
268 the author was to indicate the performance of a financial asset that was not autocorrelated but
269 was not independent. In this case, the variance may be described as follows:

$$\sigma_t^2 = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 y_{t-1}^2 + \dots + \alpha_t y_{t-m}^2$$

270 They assume that the positive and negative shocks have a similar effect on the volatility of the
271 variable, which is not true, negative shocks being known to have a more pronounced impact on
272 volatility (Black, 1976; Christie, 1982).

273 In order to address the problems inherent to ARCH models, Bollerslev, (1986) developed the
274 generalized autoregressive conditional heteroscedasticity (GARCH) models. In these models,
275 the conditional variance structure depends not only on the square of the lags periods time series
276 p , as in the ARCH model, but also on the lags conditional variances q periods. A characteristic
277 of GARCH models is that the residuals follow an ARIMA model.

278 The GARCH model can be expressed as follows:

$$y_t^2 = \alpha_0 + \sum_{i=0}^{\tau} (\alpha_i + \beta_j) y_{t-i}^2 - \sum_{i=0}^{\tau} \beta_j (y_{t-j}^2 - \sigma_{t-j}^2) + v_t$$

279 where $v_t = y_t^2 - \sigma_t^2$ and $\tau = \max(p, q)$.

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281 *GARCH family of models*

282 Since the basic equation proposed by Bollerslev, (1986), numerous variations of the model have
283 been developed to adapt to different conditions of the data series. Among them, given their
284 applicability, we should highlight the exponential weighted moving average (EWMA) models
285 (Best, 1999), the asymmetric power ARCH models (APARCH) (Zing et al., 1993), the
286 integrated generalized autoregressive conditional heteroskedastic (IGARCH) models (Engle,
287 1982; Bollerslev, 1986), the standard GARCH (sGARCH) models (Bollerslev, 1986), the
288 component sGARCH (csGARCH) models (Lee & Engle, 1999), the fractionally integrated
289 GARCH (FIGARCH) models (Baillie et al., 1996) and the GARCH family (fGARCH) models
290 (Hentschel, 1995). Within the fGARCH models, there are eight notable submodels: full
291 FIGARCH (ALLGARCH) (Hentschel, 1995), asymmetric power ARCH (APARCH) (Ding et
292 al., 1993), absolute value GARCH (AVGARCH) (Taylor, 1986), GARCH (Bollerslev, 1986),

293 GJRARCH (GJR-GARCH) (Glosten et al., 1993), nonlinear asymmetric GARCH
294 (NAGARCH) (Engle & Ng, 1993), nonlinear ARCH (NGARCH) (Higgins & Bera, 1992) and
295 threshold GARCH (TGARCH) (Zakoian, 1994).

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297 *Goodness-of-fit measures*

298 For this study, a total of 10 types of accuracy measurements were considered. The total variance
299 in the data that can be explained by a model was analysed using four estimators: the coefficient
300 of determination (r^2), the standard error of prediction (%SEP) (Ventura et al., 1995), the
301 coefficient of efficiency (E_2) (Nash & Sutcliffe, 1970; Kitanidis & Bras, 1980; Legates &
302 McCabe, 1999) and the mean relative variance (ARV) (Griñó, 1992). The error of the model in
303 terms of estimating the study variable (landings) was assessed using the root mean square error
304 (RMSE) and the mean absolute error (MAE). The lag time accumulated by the model during the
305 estimation was assessed with the persistence index (PI) (Kitanidis & Bras, 1980; Anctil & Rat,
306 2005). Finally, the quantity of information lost by the model during the validation phase was
307 analysed using three different criteria: the Akaike information criterion (AIC) (Akaike, 1974), a
308 bias-corrected version of the AIC (AICc) (Hurvich & Tsai, 1989) and the Bayesian information
309 criterion (BIC) (Qi & Zhang, 2001). Also we calculated the threshold for the maximum error
310 allowed by means the basic naïve model (NF).

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312 *Calibration process*

313 The various different models were implemented in Rstudio 1.1.456, an integrated development
314 environment based on the R programming language (R Core Team, 2020). The HoltWinters and
315 AR functions, both from the stats package in R (R Core Team & contributors worldwide, 2018),
316 were used for estimating the exponential smoothing models and the autoregressive models
317 respectively. Lastly, the auto.arima () function (Hyndman & Khandakar, 2008) was used to
318 obtain the best ARIMA model, according to AIC, AICc or BIC, within the order constraints
319 provided. The range of variation of the parameters (p, q, d) (P, Q, D)^s of the ARIMA models
320 was [0-6]. This range (more extensive than usual) ensures that the selection of p and q
321 parameters is optimal.

322 For building the GARCH models, first, the variance of the time series was modelled
323 individually, varying the parameters (p, q) of the models in the range [1-9]. For this, a function
324 was developed that executed all the possible combinations and selected the best model as
325 indicated by the lowest AIC. Having modelled the variance, an autoregressive moving average

326 model, ARMA (p,q), was incorporated into the best GARCH, in order to consider the effects of
327 the mean, yielding an ARMA (p,q) + GARCH (p,q) model. Depending on the GARCH model,
328 various different probability distributions were explored: normal (*norm*), skew normal (*snorm*),
329 generalized error (*ged*), skew generalized error (*sged*), Student's t (*std*), skew Student's t (*sstd*),
330 normal inverse Gaussian (*nig*), generalized hyperbolic (*ghyp*), Johnson's reparametrized SU
331 (*jsu*) and quasi-maximum likelihood estimation (*qml*). All of the development of the models
332 was performed using the `garchFit()` and `ugarchfit()` functions from the `fGarch` (Wuertz et al.,
333 2019) and `rugarch` (Ghalanos, 2017) packages respectively. The best model was identified based
334 on the error measures described above goodness-of-fit measures. Once the best model was
335 selected, the volatility (σ_t -standard deviation) without the effect of the average was presented.

336 Finally, a multiple change point analysis was applied to the volatility series estimated by the
337 best ARMA (p,q) + GARCH (p,q) model, with the objective of detecting abrupt variations in
338 the mean of the series that allow to identify transitions between different periods. This was done
339 by using the function `cpt.mean()` from the R `changePoint` package, version 2.2.2 (Killick &
340 Eckley, 2014; Killick et al., 2016). The exact algorithm used was segment neighborhood
341 algorithm (Auger & Lawrence, 1989; Bai & Perron, 1998) because our series presented a non-
342 normal distribution (Shapiro-Wilk normality test, p-value < 0.05), therefore the statistical test of
343 distribution of the data was the non parametric cumulative sum (CUSUM) (Page, 1954). No
344 traditional penalty was applied to the algorithm as they are not appropriate for the cusum test
345 statistic (Killick et al., 2016). The maximum number of segment/regime (number of
346 changepoints + 1) to search was 5, thus selecting 4 change points.

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348 **Results**

349 *Analysis of the landings time series for Blackspot seabream*

350 The Blackspot seabream fishery started in 1983 with two peaks, both of them in June 1997 and
351 2009 with a total of 283.5 tonnes (Figure 2a, 2b). In March 1999 and 2000, the lowest landings
352 were recorded totalling 2.02 tonnes. The mean landing during the entire period was 34.82 ± 1.27
353 (standard error) tonnes /month. The landing time series of Blackspot seabream was
354 characterised by a marked seasonal component (Figure 2c, 2d).

355 The port with the largest historical volume captured was Tarifa, with 10308.2 tonnes, followed
356 by Algeciras and Tangier with 1924.3 and 1438.1 tonnes respectively. Algeciras, Conil and
357 Tarifa showed a downward trend in captured volume throughout the historical record. A clear
358 upward trend is detected for Tangier (Figure 3). Regarding the annual contribution to the
359 landings by port, Tarifa was the most important fishing port between 1983 and 2009 (78.92% of

360 the total landings). After 2009, there is a change in the trend, towards a more balanced
361 contribution to the landings across the ports. Tangier has caught up with Tarifa in terms of
362 volume landed ($Tarifa_{2010\text{-to-date}}=37.71\%$; $Tangier_{2010\text{-to-date}}=44.71\%$).

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364 *Exponential smoothing, autoregressive and ARIMA models*

365 Three exponential smoothing additive models and three exponential smoothing multiplicative
366 models were calibrated: simple exponential smoothing ($\beta = \gamma = 0$), Holt's linear trend ($\gamma = 0$) and
367 Winter's seasonal ($\beta \neq \gamma \neq 0$). Given the error statistics obtained, we can clearly state that the
368 most appropriate modelling technique for the series was Winter's seasonal, which provided the
369 most acceptable level of error both additive and multiplicative method (Table 1).

370 In the case of the autoregressive approach, the lag time and variance explained by all the models
371 were statistically acceptable with similar levels of error but the best fit was obtained using the
372 Burg and Yule-Walker method (Table 1). Finally, we built 93 ARIMA models, resulting from
373 different combinations of the parameters. Table 1 and Figure 4 shows the results of the best
374 ARIMA model (103) (011)¹².

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376 *GARCH family of models*

377 A total of 123 GARCH models were calibrated. To estimate the landings using the GARCH
378 family of models, an ARMA model (1,3) was incorporated in the models in order to take into
379 account the effects of the mean. The ARMA model (1,3) was selected as the ARIMA model
380 (103) (011)¹² provided the best results.

381 Comparing the GARCH modelling techniques, the mean values of the error statistics obtained
382 for the best models during the validation period were: RMSE= 18.75 (t), MAE = 13.41 (t),
383 %SEP= 53.85, $E_2 = 0.46$, ARV = 0.53, PI = 0.26, AIC = 2.55, AICc = 2.62, BIC = 2.55 and $r^2 =$
384 0.47. In this case, the probability distributions with the best results were *sstd*, *nig* and *jsu*, with
385 absolute frequencies of 4, 3 and 3 respectively.

386 Analysis of the good of fit measurements indicates that the models with the shortest lag time in
387 the fit and that explained the highest percentages of variance during the validation period was
388 the APARCH model with the *sstd* distribution (Table 1; Figure 5).

389 The estimated volatility for the best ARMA (1,3) and GARCH (p,q) model (APARCH-SSTD-)
390 is shown in the Figure 6. We found a variation of between 16.26 and 59.41 tonnes between

391 1983 and 2016. The maximum values were found in the summer. In contrast, the minimum
392 value was observed in the spring, specifically in May 2005. Finally, the model indicated that
393 volatility did not have a trend and again indicated two clearly marked cycles, the first one
394 approximately from 1993 to 1999 and the second from 2007 to 2011.

395 The application of multiple change point analysis revealed the existence of 4 change points and
396 5 different periods. The change points detected were November 1992, July 1998, March 2007
397 and January 2011, therefore the periods were: January 1983 - November 1992, December 1992 -
398 July 1998, August 1998 - March 2007, April 2007 - January 2011 and finally February 2011 -
399 December 2016 (Figure 6). The average volatility of each period was: 21.47 (tonnes), 33.46
400 (tonnes), 21.48 (tonnes), 27.13 (tonnes) and 21.12 (tonnes), respectively. Therefore, the periods
401 with the highest average volatility were December 1992 - July 1998 and April 2007 - January
402 2011, which coincide with the cycles clearly marked and detected by the model.

403 After grouping and analysing the accuracy measurements, the best univariate models with
404 various different approaches for characterising changes over time in Blackspot seabream
405 landings between 1983 and 2016 explained a mean of 57% of the variability associated with the
406 time series and acceptable mean PI of 0.41. The autoregressive and ARIMA models provided
407 the best results. These models showed the shortest time lag and the highest coefficients of
408 persistence, lost the least information (24%) and explained the greatest variance (61%).

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410 *Correlations of landings with water temperature anomaly and NAO index*

411 Table 2 shows the number of total significant correlations of water temperature anomaly (°C)
412 and Blackspot seabream landings. The highest number of significant correlations was obtained
413 with a lag of 1 year (C=137) followed by a lag of 2 years (C=127). In the lag = 1 year the
414 predominant correlations were positive, while in the lag = 2 year were negative. Analyzing the
415 years, it could be observed that the greatest number of correlations was concentrated within two
416 time periods: 1985-1993 and 1998-2011. The depth range with the highest number of
417 correlations was [125-185] m.

418 On the other hand, Table 3 shows the significant correlations between landings and the NAO
419 index. This index showed correlations without a lag = 0 year and with a lag =1, 2 and 3 years.
420 Significant correlations negative were obtained in 1991, 1997, 1998, 2000 and 2009.

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423 **Discussion**

424 There is no ideal form universally applicable of fisheries management. Neither is there a strict
425 rule as to how a set of data should be meta-analysed, especially in a field such as fisheries
426 analysis where the sources of information are subject to strong uncertainties. But what is clear is
427 that it is fundamental detect the periods of high variability of fish stocks to acquire a better
428 understanding of the relationships between bio-ecological, environmental and regulatory
429 factors and fish resources which allow detecting and identifying the sustainable exploitation
430 alternatives, opening the way to an ecosystem based management. Thus, this paper present a
431 study aimed at analyse the variation patterns of Blackspot seabream landings in the Strait of
432 Gibraltar in order to detect analogies as a consequence of regulatory changes and some bio-
433 ecological and two environmental factors as water temperature anomaly and NAO index.

434 In this sense, a significant step is the approach type to apply to analyse the time series
435 (univariate, multivariate or a mixed approach). Each one of these approaches has their
436 advantages and disadvantages and their use can be force by the specific time series feature to
437 analyse. For example, Stergiou (1989, 1991), Stergiou et al. (1997), Czerwinski et al. (2007) or
438 Gutiérrez-Estrada et al. (2007) among others, indicate that the univariate approaches assume
439 that the co-variance due to all possible external factors involved in the time series is contained
440 in the time series itself. This *a priori* allows reduce the theoretical ecological framework that
441 supports the time series variability in relation to the possible external factors, which facilities fit
442 a model to the time series. However, this will hinder the achievement of functional relationships
443 between the time series analyse and external factors. On the other hand, if a particular time
444 series as the change of variability patters lagged in time or volatility wants be analysed (as in
445 this study), then a specific approach that allow carry out this analysis must be select. This
446 explains the selection of a univariate approach and particularly the selection of GARCH models
447 in this study.

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449 *Exponential smoothing (Holt-Winters), AR and ARIMA models*

450 The original equation of the Holt-Winters model was developed to analyse time series
451 characterised by the presence of linear trends and influenced by a seasonal factor. Gutiérrez-
452 Estrada et al. (2004) indicated that Holt-Winters models are very sensitive to autocorrelation
453 effects. Due to this, the best PI values did not exceed 0.4, which clearly indicates the
454 autoregressive nature of the time series and the difficulty of differentiating it from a simplistic
455 model. This situation has previously been noted by other authors (Mini et al., 2015). Winter's
456 seasonal multiplicative model was slightly better than its additive analogue, possible due to

457 multiplicative method is able to capture the effect of exogenous factors that cause an increase in
458 the time series as a consequence of the action of these factors on the interaction between
459 seasonality and trend.

460 In our study, the AR models explained a relatively high percentage of the variance (59-62%).
461 This good fit indicates the existence of linear dependence between the current and past landings,
462 highlighting the highly autoregressive nature of the time series. That is, the current pattern of
463 landings is constrained by the history of these landings. This would explain the good results
464 obtained with ARIMA models. The structure of the ARIMA model with the best fit has a clearly
465 autoregressive ($p = 1$) and seasonal nature ($S=12$), but also a strong moving average component
466 ($q=3$). This may be interpreted as the landings being partially independent of the population
467 density which, in turn, can be attributed to changes in the particular conditions of each annual
468 class or to variations in catches and fishery activity (Becerra-Muñoz et al., 2003; González &
469 Lorenzo, 1995; Manjarrés-Martínez et al., 2010). On the other hand, the values $P=0$ and $Q=1$
470 suggest a partial linear relationship between the seasonally differenced rates of change and the
471 prior error term, which also could be interpreted as density-independent effect and a dependence
472 of external factors at least in over a period of time. For example, the existence of the seasonal
473 parameter could be related to the success of recruitment of the species. In other fisheries such as
474 the Japanese anchovies, *Engraulis japonicus*, in the South Korean Sea, the seasonal variability
475 in their catches per unit of effort, taken by the ARIMA seasonal model, is interpreted as a
476 consequence of the strength of recruitment and the growth of individuals recruited from
477 previous months (Kim et al., 2015).

478 These external factors affect to the species accessibility and vulnerability which finally will be
479 reflected on fishery activity and landing. In turn, this helps to explain why the ARIMA models
480 generally performed better than the Holt-Winters models, as has also been indicated by other
481 authors. For example, Becerra-Muñoz et al. (2003) analysed the spatial patterns of *Chirostoma*
482 *sp* and *Chapalichthys encaustus* in Lake Chapala (Mexico) using ARIMA models. They found
483 that human pressure, in this case due to domestic pollution, strongly determined the structure of
484 the ARIMA models. Similarly, Manjarrés-Martínez et al. (2010) detected that the structure of
485 the ARIMA models significantly depended on the lack of a regular component in the catch per
486 unit effort of *Scomberomorus cavalla*, determined by the effect of wind on abundance in the
487 Colombian Caribbean Sea.

488 Successful application of the Holt-Winters, AR and ARIMA models to the catch time series
489 supports the view that current catches are determined by catches in the past. This helps to
490 understand the changes over time and biological determinants of commercially-exploited fish
491 populations. Taboada & Anadón (2016) used the "ghost of overexploitation past" hypothesis

492 proposed by Connell, (1980), with the intention of explaining the decrease in anchovy catches
493 in the Bay of Biscay as the consequence of past fishing. Kim et al., 2015 also indicated through
494 the application of ARIMA models, that the incremental changes in the catch per unit effort of
495 *Engraulis japonicus* in the South Korean Sea, depends on their variations in previous years.

496 In the case of the Blackspot seabream, the fact that past landings are twice as high as recent
497 landings, may suggest that past high fishing pressure exerted on the fraction of the adult and
498 mature population has prevented the stock from recovering, resulting in fewer current landings
499 and increasing the likelihood of sudden collapse in the event of recruitment failure. This
500 hypothesis seems reasonable given that this species is highly sensitive to the effects of
501 overexploitation (Lorance et al., 2011). In fact, nowadays this species is classified as a near
502 threatened by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Red List of
503 Threatened Species (Carpenter & Russell, 2014). The pattern of dependence of landings may
504 also be applied to the biomass, and this would be in agreement with the results of Gutiérrez-
505 Estrada et al. (2017) who obtained a realistic simulated time series showing changes over time
506 in total biomass with a discrete biomass model and high levels of correlation between past and
507 present biomass with autoregressive modelling.

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509 *Volatility and the GARCH family of models*

510 In general, the GARCH family provided acceptable percentage of explained variances.
511 Regarding the probability functions, the APARCH, FGARCH/ALLGARCH,
512 FGARCH/APARCH and FGARCH/TGARCH models worked well with the following
513 distributions: *sstd*, *jsu*, *sstd*, *ghyp/jsu* and *nig*, respectively, yielding results notably close to
514 those of the Holt-Winters and ARIMA models. Nzombe, (2017) compared the results of the
515 symmetric models GARCH (1,1) and GARCH-M with asymmetric models EGARCH,
516 APARCH and TGARCH (or GJR) to model the volatility of fish populations of fishing
517 companies in West Cape listed in the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. For this, they used various
518 different probability distributions (as *norm* and *sstd*) and combinations of model parameters. On
519 the other hand, Lai et al. (2005) used GARCH models to explain the white noise generated after
520 the application of ARIMA models, used to demonstrate the presence of seasonality in the
521 catches in the fisheries of Western Australia. These authors concluded that the combined use of
522 ARIMA-GARCH models is a good tool for describing catch data and making estimations in
523 some cases.

524 The relatively good fit of the APARCH models for estimating Blackspot seabream landings is
525 not surprising, as these models are really a version of the ARCH models that also include an

526 asymmetric term which is able to respond to the positive and negative volatility of the variable
527 (Black, 1976; Engle & Ng, 1993). In this way, APARCH models are able to capture the positive
528 and negative effects of external factors on increases or decreases in landings. This could
529 indicate that the fluctuations in landings attributable to external factors are only important in
530 some periods. In the current study, we have detected how Blackspot seabream landings are
531 significantly correlated with environmental factors in periods where volatility is the most
532 important. This also support the results reported by Gutiérrez-Estrada et al. (2020). In this study
533 the authors developed two new indexes (the significant effect of the environmental parameter –
534 EF- and the relative weight index –RW-) that allow improve the interpretability of the
535 environmental effects on abundance of fish stocks applied to the same data set. In this case the
536 EF index showed that the significant effect of temperature was centred on the two periods in
537 which the volatility was highly variable (1993-1998 and 2007-2011). On the other hand, this
538 would support the hypothesis that landing time series could reflect, at least a part of the
539 underlying population dynamics. Similar conclusions were obtained by Rouyer et al. (2008).
540 These authors indicated that general trends of catch or CPUE indices cannot be used alone to
541 document any potential change in biomass or depletion fish population when tried to explain the
542 interplays among the population dynamics of large pelagic fisheries and environmental factors.
543 Likewise, Rouyer et al. (2008) reported that the identification of the fluctuation periods is a key
544 issue because the bias in catches and CPUEs strongly affect biomass and fish mortality from
545 classical stock assessment models.

546 Báez et al. (2014) analysed the potential effect of previous three years of SST and NAO EOF
547 index on the variation in relative abundance of Blackspot seabream in the Strait of Gibraltar and
548 found an overall significant statistical correlations between these variables. Also, Borges et al.
549 (2003) highlighted NAO index influences the Iberian coastal upwelling by modulating the
550 intensity and latitudinal position of the trade winds belt, which may affect the recruitment
551 dynamics of the fishing populations. In this sense, negative NAO are usually associated with
552 weak recruitment events of pelagic species which implies that negative NAO years, catches are
553 expected to decrease as there are fewer individuals in the population (Santos et al., 2012). On
554 the other hand, in positive phases, coinciding with periods of drought, there is a strengthening of
555 recruitment and catches may increase in coming years, which could mitigate the decline in
556 biomass as a result of overfishing (Gutiérrez-Estrada et al., 2017). However these findings
557 contrast with the results of our study which indicate that the effects of NAO on landings would
558 only be concentrated in some particular years. These years coincide with the most volatile years
559 in terms of landings (between 1993-1998 and 2007-2011, approximately), which would support
560 the results of Gutiérrez-Estrada et al. (2017) and Sanz-Fernández et al. (2019). These authors
561 reported that the Blackspot seabream abundance has low resilience to climatic-oceanic

562 variability when the potential biomass is at low levels. Under these conditions, small
563 environmental changes can hinder the population recovery, which will be reflected in the
564 volatility of landings. Again, these periods coincide with those in which the EF and RW indexes
565 for SST and NAO are significant in Gutiérrez-Estrada et al., (2020) which reinforce the idea that
566 it is very difficult to establish causal relations between atmospheric indexes as NAO and
567 parameters of the dynamic of commercially exploited fish population.

568 On the other hand, the NAO index has been also related with the abundance variability of
569 zooplankton (Heat et al., 1999; Pershing et al., 2005), which could determine the strength of
570 recruitment of the Blackspot seabream in the Strait of Gibraltar. If spawning occurs at the same
571 time as the maximum abundance of zooplankton, the survival of the larvae would increase
572 leading to strong recruitment. By contrast, if there is a mismatch between the two moments then
573 recruitment would be weakened (match-mismatch hypothesis) (Cushing, 1990). This has been
574 put forward as an explanation for the variability of fish recruitment, as in the case of North Sea
575 cod (*Gadus morhua*), between the years 1960-1980, in which the NAO index was
576 predominantly negative and the abundance of phytoplankton and zooplankton decreased
577 (Colebrook, 1986).

578 In the case of this species, the effect of low biomass levels on volatility can be increased by its
579 biological nature. The Blackspot seabream is protandric hermaphrodite species with slow growth
580 rate, larger size at sexual maturity, high age at first sexual maturity and high fecundity. This
581 life-history traits are associated with vulnerability to fishing (Anderson et al., 2008). A recent
582 stock report indicates that a large part of the landings are immature fish with a size significantly
583 below the minimum landing size (CopeMed II, 2012). During the first block of greater volatility
584 (1993-1998) the minimum landing size was 25 cm while in the second period (2007-2011), the
585 length varied from 25, 30 to 35 cm in EU and international waters of VI, VII, VIII and IX
586 (Council Regulation (EU) No 3094/86; Council Regulation (EU) No 1359/2008; Council
587 Regulation (EU) No 1225/2010). The current minimum landing size is 33 cm in EU and
588 international waters of VI, VII, VIII and IX (Council Regulation (EU) No 2017/787), which is
589 below the size of the age class with the highest reproductive effort. This causes a truncation of
590 the age structure, which reduces the capacity of population to buffer environmental events
591 (Hutchings and Reynolds, 2004; Perreti et al., 2017). The age-truncation (AT) effect hypothesis
592 suggests that when new recruits composed most of the stock, the juvenescent population is more
593 likely to track variable environmental processes directly (Murphy, 1967; Anderson et al., 2008).
594 This implies that younger and smaller fish are more susceptible to changes in the environment
595 and therefore it is expected that periods with a high volatility will be associated to lower catch
596 size. The AT effect will be reinforced in those species like Blackspot seabream in which the
597 impact of fishing effort is focused mainly on females and individuals bigger than 35 cm. This

598 can lead to unstable population dynamics which could explain much of the volatility detected in
599 the Blackspot seabream time series. This way, Gutiérrez-Estrada et al., (2017) and Gil (2019)
600 reported two periods in which the mean size of total length of landings dropped significantly.
601 The first one period between 1994 and 1998 and second one between 2010 and 2011. Again
602 both time periods were characterized by high volatilities detected by GARCH models.

603 Furthermore, the Blackspot seabream fishery has been affected by changes in fishing pressure,
604 through greater operational efficiency of the fleet, with initially fairly permissive legislation
605 moving towards clearly more restrictive regulations on the Spanish government, seeking to
606 reduce the intensity of fishing and catches detected in the fisheries time series. The first
607 restrictive measure was put in place in 1998, at the time of the highest landings until then, and
608 this could explain the notable landing volatility between 1993 and 1998. Nonetheless, the 1998
609 regulations were not tightly enforced and landings significantly increased between 2008 and
610 2010 (Orders: 17 June 1998, APA/3323/2002, APA/8/2006, APA/274/2007, APA/445/2008,
611 ARM/521/2009, ARM/2687/2009, ARM/3536/2009). Therefore, regulatory transitions also
612 coincide with the periods in which they occur an increase in landing volatility periods and
613 continues until the implementation of new, much more restrictive, regulations at the beginning
614 of 2012 (Order AAA/1589/2012). The increase in volatility starting mainly from 2008 coincides
615 with the change in the relative importance of the ports in terms of biomass landed, from the base
616 of the Spanish fleet (Tarifa) to a Moroccan port (Tangier). This could have a strong impact on
617 the volatility of the time series because the Moroccan legislation is considerably more lax
618 concerning landings of this species in the Strait of Gibraltar. Therefore, from a political
619 perspective, the Spanish and Moroccan government should evaluate the regulatory framework
620 (effective number of vessels, gears, fishing effort, etc.) and landings very cautiously and
621 simultaneously to avoid large fluctuations in landings.

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623 **Conclusions**

624 A broad management approach is required for managing a commercially-exploited species in a
625 context of marked socioeconomic, climatic and ocean variability and, as is the case of the
626 Blackspot seabream, complex biology. Undoubtedly, the success of ecosystem based
627 management approach relies on fishery managers having accurate information concerning
628 potential changes in fish catches over time. For this reason, in this study, we have assessed the
629 suitability of three different univariate modelling methods (exponential smoothing, ARIMA and
630 the GARCH family of models) to characterise and analyse the monthly Blackspot seabream
631 landings in the Strait of Gibraltar between 1983 and 2016.

632 This analysis can be of direct use in fisheries management and planning of this shared marine
633 resource (for example, detecting short-term variations in volatility could be integrated into a
634 protocol that indicates managers that some factor is unbalancing catches). In this sense the
635 univariate techniques have been able to quantify and detect the trend, seasonality and volatility
636 behaviours of landings time series. In relation to this last aspect, to our knowledge this is the
637 first time that a volatility analysis is carried out directly on time series of catches or landings.
638 With this approach to study the time series of the landings of Blackspot seabream (*Pagellus*
639 *bogaraveo*) between 1983 and 2016 in the Strait of Gibraltar, decisions on their management
640 could be taken taking into account the uncertainty associated to landings behaviour, which
641 would undoubtedly allow the application of the sustainable management and planning principles
642 to short and longer term.

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945 **Figure Captions**

946 Figure 1. Operational ground in the Strait of Gibraltar of the Spanish (blue) and Moroccan (red)
947 “voracera” fleet. This figure is a modification of maps 9 to 17 included in “Empresa Pública
948 para el Desarrollo Agrario y Pesquero de Andalucía, S.A. 2010. Análisis de la pesquería de
949 voraz y especies asociadas en el Estrecho de Gibraltar”.

950 Figure 2. Classical seasonal decomposition by moving averages time series (1983-2016) of
951 Blackspot seabream monthly landings (tonnes). a) Time series data, b) trend, c) seasonal and d)
952 random.

953 Figure 3. Time series (1983-2016) of Blackspot seabream monthly landings (tonnes) by main
954 ports. Algeciras, Ceuta, Conil, Tarifa and Tangier.

955 Figure 4. a) Time series of Blackspot seabream monthly landings (tonnes) during 1983-2016
956 with the fit provided by the best ARIMA model (103) (011)¹², landings observed are represented
957 in green and landings estimated by the model in red. b) Landings observed and estimated
958 variation and linear regression of the best ARIMA model (103) (011)¹².

959 Figure 5. Time series of Blackspot seabream monthly landings (tonnes) during 1983-2016 with
960 the fit provided by the best ARMA (1,3) + GARCH family models. a) Fitting of the APARCH
961 model (1,6) (“Asymmetric Power Arch Model”) with probability Skew Student-t Distribution
962 (SSTD), landings observed are represented in green and landings estimated by the model in red.
963 b) Landings observed and estimated variation and linear regression of the best ARMA (1,3) +
964 APARCH model (1,6) with probability Skew Student-t Distribution (SSTD).

965 Figure 6. Time series of landings volatility estimated (tonnes) by the best model of the ARMA
966 (1,3) + GARCH family. APARCH model (1,6) (“Asymmetric Power Arch Model”) with
967 probability Skew Student-t Distribution (SSTD). Red lines are the periods detected by means
968 the multiple change point analysis.

969 Table 1. Best models obtained according to the different approximations depending on the goodness-of-fit measures. Probability distributions: *sstd* = Skew
 970 Student-t.

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Model	RMSE (t)	MAE (t)	%SEP	E_2	ARV	PI	AIC	AIC _C	BIC	r^2	Parameters estimation method	Probability distribution
Naïve	21.800	15.450	62.590	0.278	0.721	0.000	2.677	2.682	2.677	0.407	-	-
AR	15.865	11.561	43.545	0.618	0.381	0.498	2.408	2.547	2.410	0.610	Burg	-
^m Winter's seasonal	16.960	12.152	47.610	0.562	0.438	0.411	2.465	2.532	2.466	0.579	-	-
ARIMA (103)(011) ¹²	16.096	11.568	46.220	0.606	0.393	0.454	2.417	2.438	2.418	0.610	-	-
ARMA (1,3) + APARCH (1,6)	18.626	13.522	53.484	0.473	0.527	0.269	2.546	2.627	2.548	0.474	-	<i>sstd</i>

972 m = multiplicative.

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974 Table 2. Number of significant annual correlations (C) between the time series of Blackspot
 975 seabream monthly landing (tonnes) (1983-2016) and water temperature anomaly (°C) by depth
 976 range (5-525) m. No lagged and lagged 1, 2 and 3 years. Signification limit of C (N = 12 and
 977 P level of 0.05) = 0.576.

Year	Temperature anomaly (t-0 year)		Temperature anomaly (t-1 year)		Temperature anomaly (t-2 years)		Temperature anomaly (t-3 years)	
	C > 0.576	C < -0.576	C > 0.576	C < -0.576	C > 0.576	C < -0.576	C > 0.576	C < -0.576
1983	0	0						
1984	0	0	4	0				
1985	0	0	11	0	0	0		
1986	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1987	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0
1988	0	1	2	0	0	7	0	0
1989	9	0	0	2	0	0	0	4
1990	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1991	0	3	0	2	3	2	2	0
1992	0	3	0	0	0	0	5	0
1993	0	0	0	4	0	0	9	0
1994	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0
1995	0	5	0	0	2	0	4	3
1996	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	1
1997	2	0	4	0	0	5	0	0
1998	0	14	2	0	2	0	0	0
1999	0	0	0	7	1	0	0	0
2000	5	2	0	0	0	20	2	0
2001	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	6
2002	0	0	4	3	0	3	0	0
2003	3	0	0	5	2	0	9	3
2004	0	16	12	0	0	5	1	0
2005	16	0	0	17	14	0	0	4
2006	4	0	6	0	0	0	5	0
2007	0	0	24	0	1	0	0	8
2008	0	2	0	0	8	0	6	0
2009	6	0	0	0	1	14	9	0
2010	0	0	12	0	0	9	0	0
2011	0	10	0	7	5	0	0	10
2012	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
2013	0	0	1	1	0	6	0	3
2014	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	9
2015	3	1	0	0	1	2	2	2
2016			10	2	0	0	3	6
Total	53	69	85	52	49	78	59	59

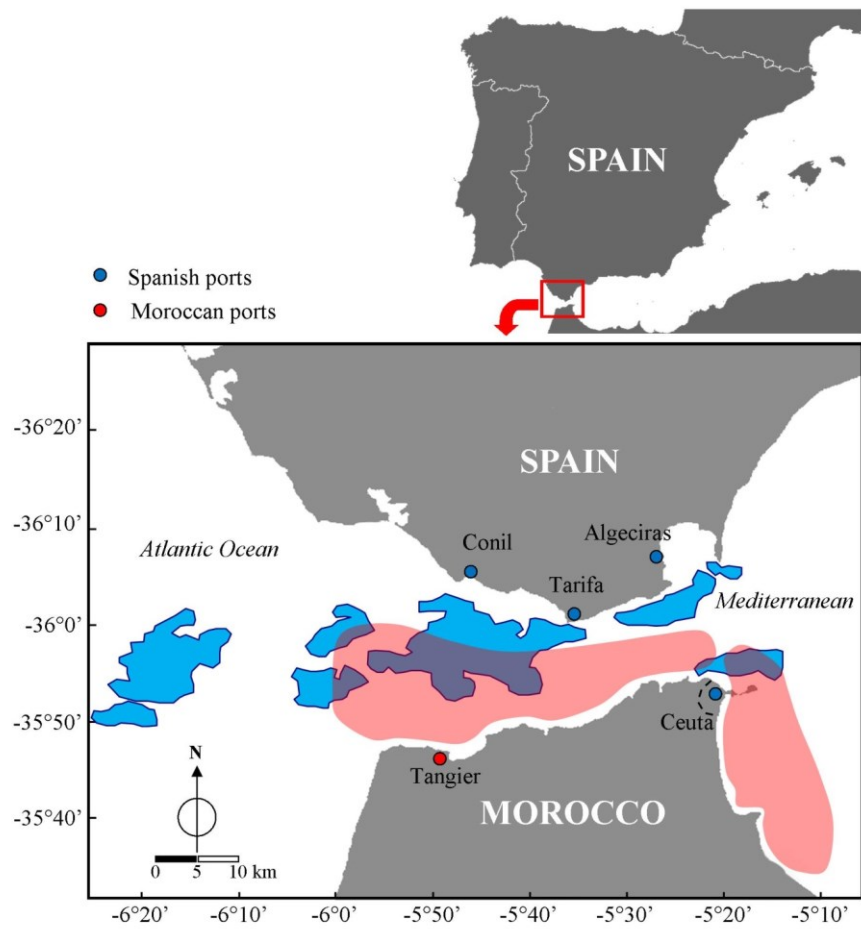
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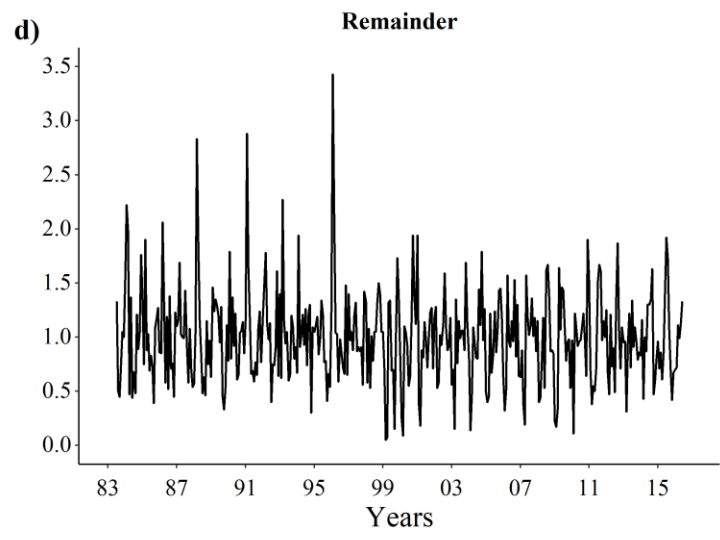
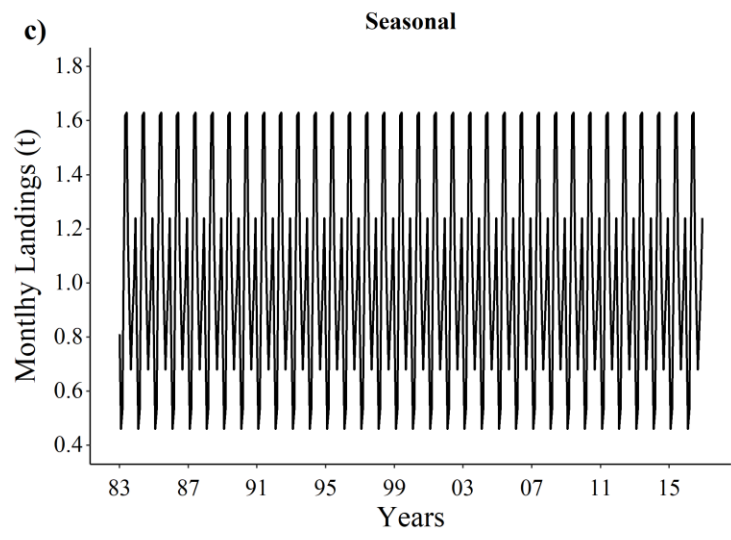
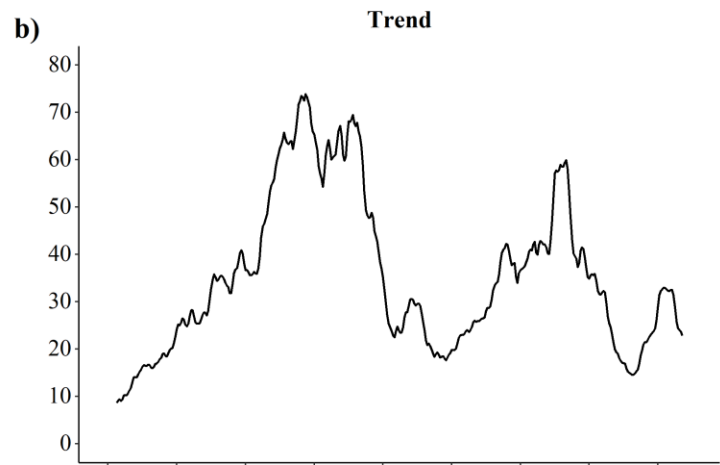
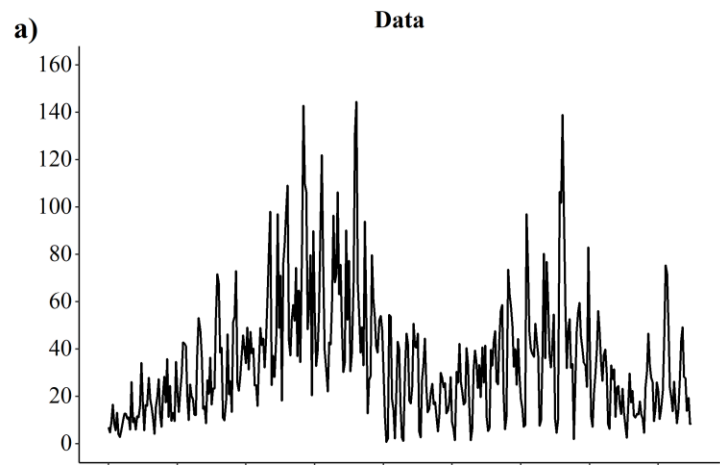
981 Table 3. Significant annual correlations between the time series of Blackspot seabream monthly
 982 landing (tonnes) (1983-2016) with the monthly NAO index. No lagged and lagged 1, 2 and 3
 983 years. Signification limit of correlation (N = 12 and P level of 0.05) = 0.576. Significant
 984 correlations in bold.

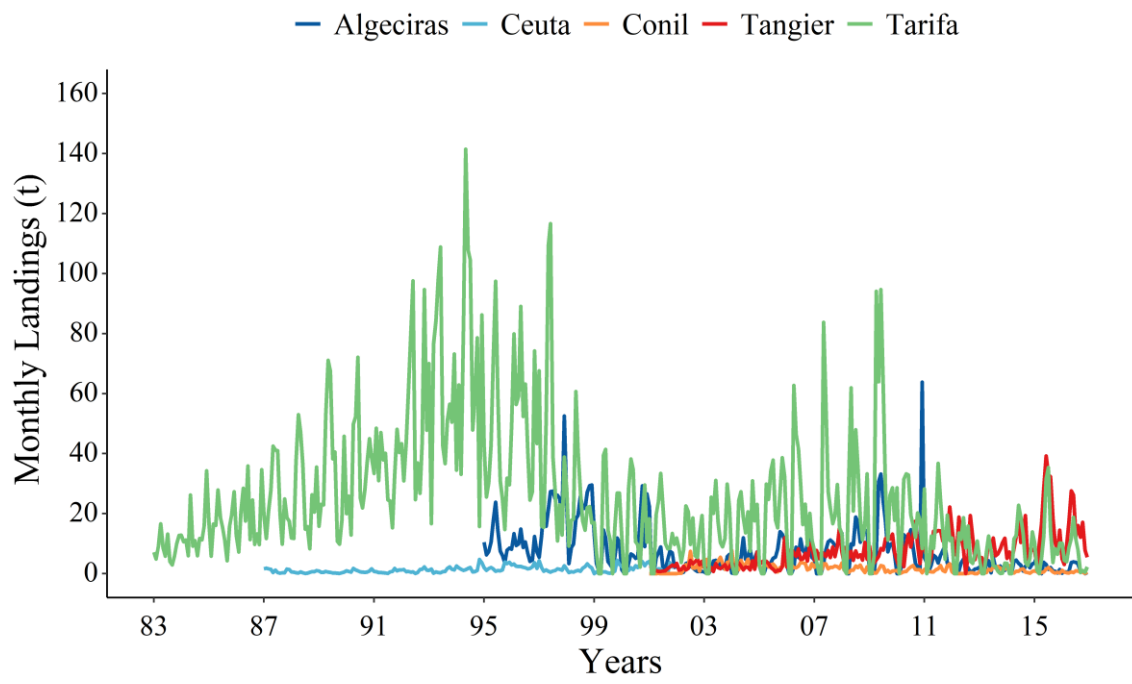
Year	NAO (t-0 year)	NAO (t-1 year)	NAO (t-2 years)	NAO (t-3 years)
1983	-0.195			
1984	0.364	-0.087		
1985	-0.114	0.150	0.122	
1986	0.052	0.225	-0.143	0.272
1987	0.089	0.335	0.173	-0.251
1988	-0.460	0.207	0.439	0.255
1989	-0.310	-0.022	-0.215	-0.024
1990	-0.295	-0.571	-0.531	0.168
1991	0.426	0.292	-0.097	-0.599
1992	0.114	0.287	-0.315	-0.390
1993	-0.092	-0.263	-0.105	-0.110
1994	-0.200	-0.561	-0.352	-0.365
1995	-0.314	0.234	-0.251	-0.245
1996	-0.001	0.000	0.025	0.007
1997	-0.614	-0.253	-0.412	0.145
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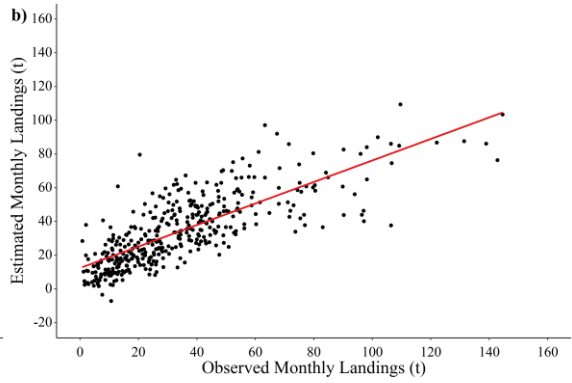
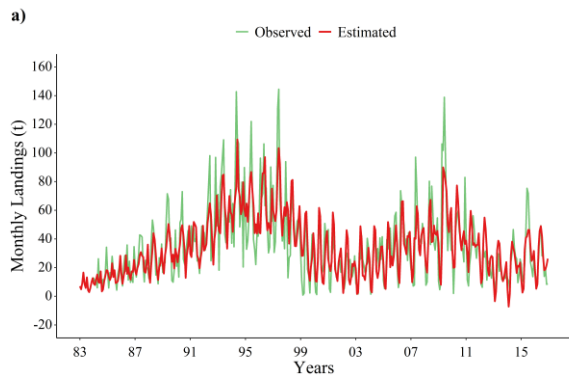
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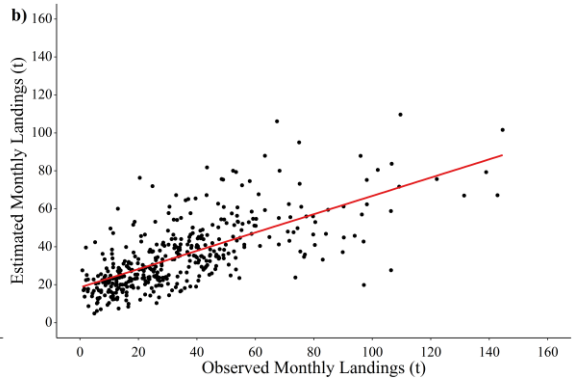
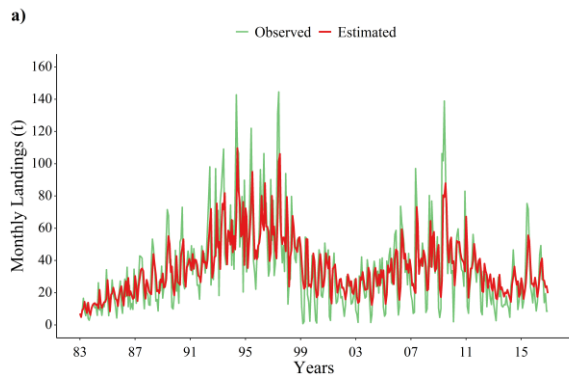
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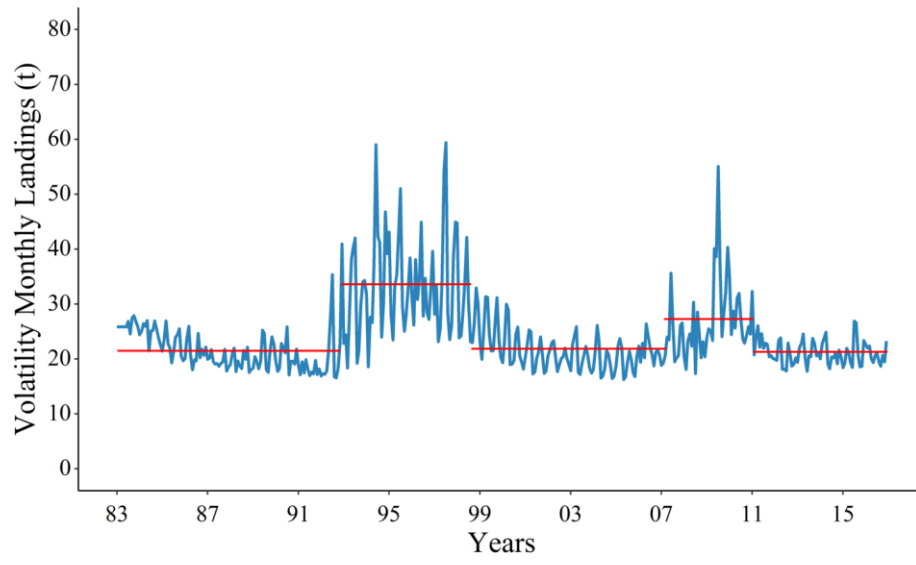
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