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# Spatio-temporal distribution pattern of juvenile swordfish in the eastern Mediterranean

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## Abstract

A time-series of observers data on board fishing vessels targeting swordfish in the eastern Mediterranean by means of surface long-lines has been analyzed to identify areas/seasons with relatively higher catch/rates of juvenile fish. Analysis revealed high intra-annual variability and identified juvenile "hot spot" areas in certain months.

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