Supplementary Material

First large-scale Eastern Mediterranean and Black Seas stock assessment reveals total collapse of marine fisheries

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Here we present, all outputs of CMSY stock assessment analysis for 54 stocks from Black, Marmara and Levantine Seas. Each stocks represented with graphs in two pages.

In the first page: Assessments for respective stock (top left) in the respective sea (bottom left). Panel A shows in black the time series of catches and in blue the three-years moving average with indication of highest and lowest catch, as used in the estimation of prior biomass by the default rules. Panel B shows the explored r-k log space and in dark grey the r-k pairs which were found by the CMSY model to be compatible with the catches and the prior information. Panel C shows the most probable r-k pair and its approximate 95% confidence limits in blue. The black dots are possible r-k pairs found by the BSM model, with a red cross indicating the most probable r-k pair and its 95% confidence limits. Panel D shows in blue the biomass trajectory estimated by CMSY, scaled to the BSM estimate of Bmsy = 0.5 k, and. Dotted lines indicate the 2.5th and 97.5th percentiles. Vertical blue lines indicate the prior biomass ranges. Panel E shows in blue the corresponding harvest rate from CMSY, scaled to the r/2 estimate of BSM, and. Panel F shows the Schaefer equilibrium curve of catch/MSY relative to B/k, here indented at B/k < 0.25 to account for reduced recruitment at low stock sizes, the curve shows predictions by CMSY, from first year (square) to last years (triangle).

In the second page: Tthe graphs meant to inform management. The upper left panel shows catches relative to the BSM estimate of MSY, with indication of 95% confidence limits in grey. The upper right panel shows the development of relative total biomass (B/B_{msy}), with the grey area indicating uncertainty. The lower left graph shows relative exploitation (F/F_{msy}), with F_{msy} corrected for reduced recruitment below 0.5 B_{msy} . The lower-right panel shows the trajectory of relative stock size (B/B_{msy}) over relative exploitation (F/F_{msy}).























































































































































































































