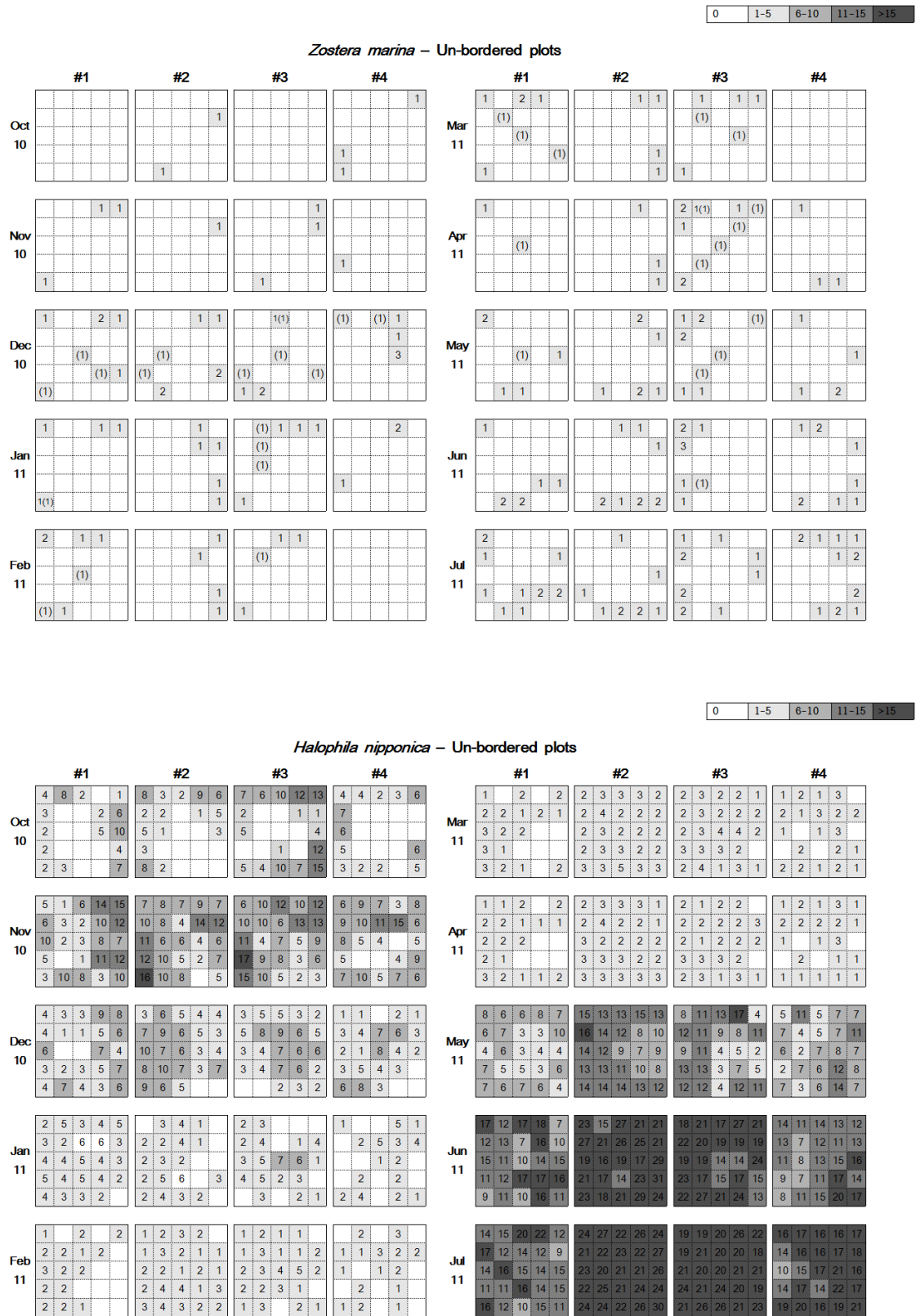


**Supplementary Figure 1.** Recolonization of *Halophila nipponica* and *Zostera marina* in the bordered gaps. Values are the numbers of vegetative shoots, and values in parentheses are the numbers of seedlings. Shading in subquadrats corresponds to shoot density in each cell.



**Supplementary Figure 2.** Recolonization of *Halophila nipponica* and *Zostera marina* in the un-bordered gaps. Values are the numbers of vegetative shoots, and values in parentheses are the numbers of seedlings. Shading in subquadrats corresponds to shoot density in each cell.