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#### 31 Abstract

Biological invasions are occurring at increasing rates since the onset of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. While ports 32 33 and marinas have been identified as a major point-of-entry for the spread of marine non-indigenous 34 species (NIS), their relationships with wild habitats however needs further scrutiny. We had the rare 35 opportunity to monitor the real-time colonization dynamics of a newly-built marina by the notorious invasive kelp Undaria pinnatifida in the Bay-of-Morlaix, Brittany (France). Field surveys (>20 000 36 37 individuals geo-localized) were combined with genetic analyses (10 microsatellite loci, N=890 38 individuals) over three years (i.e., 6 generations in the study area). Regarding the colonization dynamics, 39 a dramatic snow-ball effect was documented over time, with local density reaching up to 50 individuals 40 per m after two years. Assignment tests showed that the primary colonizers came from neighboring 41 populations established in natural rocky reefs. A shift towards a self-sustaining population was however observed the following year, with 44% of self-assignment. These processes are best explained by i) life 42 history traits, notably rapid growth and selfing, and ii) natural dispersal within the marina combined 43 44 with human-mediated dispersal – through leisure boating- over longer distances. Spill-over effects have 45 been previously documented, and here also reported, to explain the expansion of U. pinnatifida from 46 marinas to the wild. We showed that the on-going ocean sprawl also offers a perfect arena for spill-back 47 events (i.e., spread from natural habitats to artificial structures), highlighting the need for careful 48 surveillance of newly built infrastructures.

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#### 53 Introduction

54 The ocean sprawl (i.e., the increase in artificial structures along the coasts; Duarte et al. (2013)) is a major 55 process affecting marine coastal environments, notably by favoring the introduction and establishment of 56 non-indigenous species (NIS) (Firth et al. 2016). In marinas, NIS represent a major component of the flora 57 and fauna (Airoldi et al. 2015; Bishop et al. 2015; Glasby et al. 2007). These marine urban habitats are 58 considered as invasion hubs promoting the spread of NIS towards natural habitats (i.e., spill-over effects, 59 Airoldi et al. 2015; Bulleri, Chapman 2010). Recreational vessels, neglected for a long time, are indeed 60 increasingly recognized as vectors transporting introduced species over a large range of distances (Clarke Murray et al. 2011, Mineur et al. 2008, Ulman et al. 2019). Once marine NIS are established, eradicating 61 62 them proves to be difficult and cost-inefficient in most cases (Ojaveer et al. 2015; Simberloff et al. 2013). 63 Management of invasive species has been found to be more likely to succeed and less economically 64 damaging when efforts are focused on curtailing the vectors and pathways (Lodge et al. 2016; Pyšek, 65 Richardson 2010). Understanding the interactions between wild and marina populations is critical, notably 66 to define management strategies and prioritize targets in surveillance programs.

67 Field surveys, combined to DNA-based studies, can help uncover the connectivity patterns between 68 populations occupying artificial and natural habitats (Rius et al. 2015). We carried out this approach, using 69 the seaweed Undaria pinnatifida Harvey (Suringar, 1873) (Laminariales, Alariaceae) as a case study. This 70 brown alga is an iconic invader: it became established worldwide in less than 30 years, through global 71 shipping and aquaculture (Epstein, Smale 2017; South, Thomsen 2016). In Europe, it was first introduced 72 accidentally in the Mediterranean Sea, presumably by aquaculture imports of the Pacific oyster from Asia, 73 then deliberately transported on the NW coasts of France (Brittany) to be cultivated. In Brittany, 74 colonization of surrounding natural and artificial habitats was rapidly observed nearby these farmed 75 populations (Floc'h et al. 1996), indicating that the cultures were the primary source of new populations in 76 the wild in Brittany. This hypothesis was later confirmed with genetic studies (Voisin et al. 2005). However, 77 in its non-native range, U. pinnatifida shows preference for artificial structures (Epstein, Smale 2017; 78 Epstein, Smale 2018a; Epstein, Smale 2018b; Guzinski et al. 2018; South, Thomsen 2016). A recent 79 population genomics study, carried out in Brittany, showed that populations in natural rocky reefs are 80 genetically similar to marinas rather than farms, suggesting on-going spill-over processes from marinas to 81 the wild, rather than from farms to the wild (Guzinski et al. 2018). These DNA-based results are congruent 82 with results obtained from field surveys, documenting spill-over events in areas where no farms exist so far 83 (Epstein, Smale 2018b).

*U. pinnatifida* is a short-lived, selfing species (e.g., 2 generations per year in the English Channel),
 with an annual heteromorphic life cycle of alternating macroscopic diploid sporophytes and microscopic

haploid gametophytes. Its opportunistic nature may provide advantages to colonize artificial structures such 86 87 as marinas, seawalls, buoys etc. (Sliwa et al. 2006). Dispersal of Undaria by leisure boating or larger vessels 88 has been documented (South et al. 2017). In addition, spores can survive in bilge water, and gametophytes 89 germinating from spores are able to grow on hulls, anchoring systems, and ropes (Bollen et al. 2017). 90 However, the relative contribution of natural and human-based dispersal needs further scrutiny. Natural 91 dispersal by spores and gametes is indeed expected to occur at very short distances (<10-100m, Forrest et 92 al. 2000), even though spores can survive 1-2 days and be washed away by the tidal currents (Saito 1975b). 93 Drifting mature sporophytes might also be responsible of dispersal over larger distances (1-10km, Sliwa et 94 al. 2006). As pointed out by Guzinski et al. (2018), these natural means of dispersal are nevertheless unlikely 95 to explain the chaotic genetic structure observed at a regional scale, suggesting that dispersal by recreational 96 vessels play a predominant role in connecting distant (> 10 km) sites. Yet, in a context of increasing ocean 97 sprawl, it is unclear to which extent and at which rates novel substrates can be colonized, and through which 98 dispersal means (South et al. 2017).

99 Previous studies (e.g., Epstein, Smale 2018b; Grulois et al. 2011; Guzinski et al. 2018) focused 100 mostly on spatial patterns. Information on the temporal colonization dynamics is, however, important to 101 understand the capacity of U. pinnatifida to establish new populations. This study aimed at characterizing 102 the establishment dynamics of U. pinnatifida within a newly available artificial site, here a marina, and 103 examining the connectivity between three different population categories (cultivated, established in natural 104 rocky reefs and in marinas), within a bay. Considering the life cycle characteristics and life-history traits of 105 U. pinnatifida (Nyberg, Wallentinius 2005), as well as predictions from a model of the population growth 106 dynamics (Murphy et al. 2016a; Murphy et al. 2017), we hypothesized that the colonization dynamics of 107 the marina should be rapid (i.e., within 1-2 years). Given the limited natural dispersal abilities of U. 108 *pinnatifida* and the role of leisure boating as a dispersal vector at a regional scale (Guzinski et al. 2018), we 109 also hypothesized that the colonization would rely on diverse sources from nearby populations, inside the 110 study bay, as well as from outside the bay.

111 We chose to test these hypotheses in the bay of Morlaix (Brittany, France), which provides an 112 excellent case study: a farm has been cultivating U. pinnatifida since the end of the 1990's, and natural sites of the bay that were considered as suitable habitats for the establishment of U. pinnatifida were surveyed 113 114 starting the early 2000s to detect potential spillovers from the seaweed farm. The first population recorded 115 in natural rocky reefs appeared in 2006 (ca. 10 years after the beginning of the farming activities), at a site 116 located nearby the farm (50m). Until 2013, only three other stable populations were reported in rocky reefs. 117 The building of a marina in 2011-2012 in this bay, close to the farm and known rocky reefs populations, 118 gave us the rare opportunity to conduct a real-time monitoring of the colonization in a relatively well-known 119 historical context of the establishment of this introduced seaweed. We combined field-surveys and a genetic

120 dataset obtained jointly over three years, which correspond to six generations of *U. pinnatifida* in the study

121 area (i.e, two generations per year). Spatio-temporal census data (> 20 000 individuals geo-localized) as

122 well as spatialized genetic data (10 microsatellites loci; N=398 individuals) in the marina allowed us to

123 characterize the colonization patterns (origin of the colonizers, dispersal modes etc.). Temporal genetic data

- 124 from individuals sampled in the marina and the bay (N = 816) were used to compare the three population
- 125 categories and their changes over time.

#### 126 Methods

#### 127 Study sites, monitoring and sampling

128 The study sites are located in the Bay-of Morlaix (48°41'46"N, 3°54'18"W) in Brittany, France (Fig. 1). The 129 building of the marina started in 2011. No Undaria pinnatifida individuals had ever been observed on pilings 130 or breakwater jetties prior to the work, despite intensive survey to record NIS in the context of other research 131 projects (Bouchemousse 2015; FV & LL, unpublished data). The marina structures include 9 floating pontoons (60-205m long) linked by a gateway (25 sections of 12m), and a floating breakwater of 225 m (9 132 133 sections of 25m) protecting the marina at the south (Fig. 1A). Presence of U. pinnatifida on the floating 134 pontoons was checked after their set-up starting in 2012 and detailed monitoring was conducted from 2014 135 onward following the initial observations. Biannual field surveys (December and March, with an additional 136 survey in February 2014) were used to target separate generations ("Winter" and "Spring") as documented 137 in the study region (Grulois 2010; Murphy et al. 2017; Murphy et al. 2016b; Voisin 2007). The number of 138 individuals per 3m long stretches on every artificial structure was recorded, combining diving (for the 139 floating breakwater) and observation from the surface (for the pontoons). Sampling for genetic analyses was 140 carried out during spring surveys: a small piece of tissue (2x2 cm approximatively) was detached from the 141 thalli and stored in silica gel. Until February 2014, all the individuals found in the marina were sampled. 142 After February 2014, because too many individuals were observed, a sub-sampling was done (representative 143 of the spatial distribution and density of the individuals). Each sampled individual was geo-localized, and 144 data integrated in a Geographic Information System (ArcGis). In addition, five nearby natural rocky reefs 145 were surveyed and sampled annually between 2013 and 2015, as well as the farm. The rocky reef 146 populations (Men Guen: MG; Guerhéon: GU; Rannic: RA; Roc'h Velen: RV and Enez Touell: ET; Fig. 1) were sampled (23-36 individuals per site) at low tide or by diving. U. pinnatifida was not found in RA and 147 148 GU in 2014, and populations at two localities were newly recorded during the survey (RV in 2014 and ET 149 in 2015). It is important to note that these observations could be due to survey biases (e.g., timing of the 150 survey of this short lived species, unnoticed individuals at the start of the colonization) rather than true 151 absence or colonization of new sites. Cultivated individuals were sampled on the ropes (N=32-36) by diving.

#### 152 Spatial analyses

The spatial distribution of individuals in the marina and correlation between abundances of two successive generations were characterized by recording the number of individuals per 3m-long section (defined by one set of coordinates), then analyzed with bivariate mark correlation functions (second-order statistics, Illian et al. (2008)), using the software Programita (Wiegand, Moloney 2014). To look if pairs of abundances between two successive generations and separated by a distance *r* were smaller or larger than pairs selected at random, the data were first analyzed with the normalized mark correlation function  $km_im_i(r)$ :

$$kmimj(r) = \frac{mi * mj}{\mu^2}$$

which is the mean of the products of abundance values (counts)  $m_i$  and  $m_j$  separated by a distance r divided by the normalization constant  $\mu^2$ ,  $\mu$  being the average value over all pairs, *i* and *j* being indexes for sets of coordinates belonging to distinct successive generations. The correlation between abundances of successive generations was also investigated using the Schlater's correlation function  $Im_im_j(r)$ , which is a Moran's *I* like summary statistic and a spatial analogous of the Pearson correlation coefficient (Schlather et al. 2004):

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$$Imimj(r) = \frac{[mi - \mu i(r)] * [mj - \mu j(r)]}{\sigma i \sigma j}$$

166 with  $\mu_i(r)$  and  $\mu_i(r)$  the average of the counts separated by distance r in each successive generation separately 167 and  $\sigma_i \sigma_i$ , the normalization constant with  $\sigma_i^2$  and  $\sigma_j^2$  the variances of the counts in each generation. The observed correlation functions were then compared to global envelopes obtained from 199 Monte-Carlo 168 simulations of the null-model (5<sup>th</sup> lowest and 5<sup>th</sup> highest values of the estimator, significance level  $\alpha = 0.05$ ), 169 170 which consists in randomly shuffling the counts of the second (new) generation but preserving the counts 171 of the first generation as well as the x and y coordinates in each generation. To account for the spatial 172 heterogeneity of the distribution of abundances (e.g., east-west gradient), the counts were shuffled locally 173 within a maximal distance r, which preserved the overall heterogeneity (r = 25 m from March 2014 to March 174 2015, and r = 50m for December 2015 and March 2016). A bandwidth of 6 m was used when estimating 175 the correlation functions.

#### 176 DNA extraction and microsatellites genotyping

DNA was extracted with the Nucleospin® 96 plant kit (Macherey-Nagel, Düren, Germany), from 3-38 mg of dried tissue, following manufacturer's instructions, but with a modified lysis step at room temperature for one hour instead of 65°C for 20 min. Extracted DNA was diluted to 1:100. We chose to use microsatellite markers as a cost-effective technique to examine a large number of individuals. These markers have been shown to provide similar results to ddRad-Sequencing for diversity and connectivity analyses of *U*. 182 *pinnatifida* in the study regions (Guzinski et al. 2018). As compared to ddRad-Sequencing, the use of

183 microsatellites makes also easier the comparison with our previous dataset (Guzinski et al. 2018, Grulois et

al. 2011). A total of 816 individuals were genotyped with 10 microsatellite loci, Up-AC-1B2, Up-AC-1B5,

Up-AC-1C1, Up-AC-1G2, Up-AC-1H5, Up-AC-2C1, Up-AC-2E8, Up-AC-4G2, Up-AC-4C12, Up-AC4E9 (Daguin et al. 2005) using multiplex PCRs, as described in Grulois et al. (2011). PCR products were

187 run with a capillary sequencer AB3130XL (Applied Biosystem). Genotypes were scored with GeneMapper

188 4.0 (Applied Biosystem). Missing data represented 2.8% of all data and were distributed across loci and

189 samples.

#### 190 Genetic data analyses

#### 191 <u>Population genetic diversity</u>

192 Genetic diversity indices were estimated for each natural sites and farm samples (detailed in Table S1). For 193 the marina, in 2013 and 2014, all the individuals (N=11 and 91, respectively) were used as a single sampling 194 unit. For the year 2015, indices were calculated for the individuals sampled over the whole marina (N =195 296), as well as over a subsample of 140 individuals, with 30-40 individuals selected from sections S1 and 196 S8 of the breakwater and on pontoons B and I, which were the locations where the highest densities of U. 197 *pinnatifida* were observed in 2014 and thus considered as founding populations. For each sampling unit, we 198 estimated the mean number of alleles per locus ( $N_a$ ), the allelic richness ( $A_r$ ), the observed ( $H_o$ ) and expected 199 heterozygosity under Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium (He) as well as the F<sub>IS</sub> fixation index, using Genepop v. 200 4.3 (Rousset 2008) and Fstat v 2.9.3 (for Ar; Goudet 1995). The null hypothesis of HW equilibrium was 201 tested for each population unit with an exact G-test using Genepop (100 batches of 5000 iterations).

#### 202 <u>Selfing rates and relatedness analyses</u>

203 Undaria pinnatifida being a selfing species (Grulois et al. 2011; Guzinski et al. 2018), selfing rates, s, were 204 estimated from the coefficient g2, computed with the software RMES, and using the equation 9 from (David 205 et al. 2007). The null hypothesis « g2=s=0 » was tested with 1000 random resampling of single-locus 206 heterozygosity between individuals. Because aggregation patterns were observed in the marina (see 207 Results), we hypothesized that related individuals might be found close to each other. A parentage analysis was thus conducted with COLONY 2.0.6.2 (Jones, Wang 2009) on the individuals sampled in 2015. We 208 209 used the full-likelihood method shown to be the most accurate method (Wang 2012). Other parameters were: 210 presence of inbreeding, no parent-candidates, polygamous mating, medium length run and precision. Each analysis was averaged over 5 runs and conducted twice to evaluate the convergence of the results. Sibship 211 212 category and selfing were considered as true when the probability was > 0.9 over the two independent analyses. We used a one-way ANOVA to test the effect of the Euclidean spatial distances between pairs of

214 individuals on sibship category (full-sib, half-sib and non-related), and differences between categories were

- assessed with a Tukey HSD test. We finally used the slope b of the regression of the pairwise genetic
- 216 distance  $\hat{a}_r$  and the geographical distance to estimate the axial mean square parent-offspring distance ( $\sigma^2$ )
- 217 (Rousset 2000). The density value used to estimate  $\sigma^2$  was 0.06 ind.m<sup>-2</sup> (4607 individuals counted in Spring
- 218 2015 over an area of ca.  $7.5 \times 10^4$  m<sup>2</sup>). The confidence interval at 0.95 was obtained for the slope of the
- 219 regression with the ABC bootstrap method implemented in Genepop.

#### 220 Assignment analyses at the bay scale

221 In order to assess if the sampling sites are connected by recent migration events and determine the most 222 likely origin of the individuals recorded in the marina, we used an assignment procedure, based on the 223 Bayesian method of Rannala and Mountain (1997) implemented in Geneclass v. 2.0 (Piry et al. 2004). 224 Putative sources considered for origin of individuals sampled in 2014 were the populations sampled in 2013. 225 For those sampled in 2015, to account for multi-generational effects, sources were populations sampled in 226 2013 and 2014 (i.e., merged genotypic dataset over the two years). The probability of an individual 227 originating from a given putative source was calculated with the method of Paetkau (2004), from 10000 228 Monte-Carlo simulations of individual genotypes and a type I error rate of 0.01. This probability was used 229 as a threshold to reject (p < 0.01) a putative source and thus take into account non-sampled sources in the 230 analysis (i.e., exclusion of all the studied putative sources).

#### 231 Genetic structure at the bay and marina scale

- Genetic differences were examined by computing the estimator  $\theta$  of F<sub>ST</sub> (Weir, Cockerham 1984). The null 232 233 hypothesis that alleles are drawn from the same distribution in all populations was tested with a G-test in 234 Genepop. We used the Bayesian clustering method implemented in InStruct v. 1. 0 to account for selfing 235 (Gao et al. 2007). In this approach, the most likely number K of clusters is assessed with a model that does 236 not assume Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium within cluster: the cluster of origin of individuals (with potential 237 admixture) and the individual's inbreeding coefficients are jointly estimated. The number of MCMC 238 iterations was set at 250000, with a burn-in of 50000 and a thinning of 10 (i.e., 2000 saved iterations). We 239 ran the program for 10 independent chains with values of K between 1 and 20. The Deviance Information
- 240 Criterion (DIC) was plotted against K to select the best  $K_{max}$  (Gao et al. 2011).
- 241 To characterize the spatial distribution of discrete genetic groups in the population established over the
- 242 marina in 2015, we combined the Bayesian clustering methods implemented in Instruct and in the R library
- 243 Geneland v.4.0.5 (Guillot et al. 2005a; Guillot et al. 2005b). We first determined the best number of clusters

explaining the overall genetic distribution using Instruct v. 1. 0, with values of K between 1 and 16. We

245 then ran Geneland, with the best K estimated from Instruct, to assess the spatial distribution of the K genetic

clusters, using a model with correlated allele frequencies, an uncertainty of the coordinate of 0.5 (accounting

for the presence of individuals with identical coordinates) and potential null alleles. The number of MCMC

iterations was set at 250000, with a thinning of 100. For the post-processing of the output, the spatial domain was defined with X = 100 et Y = 150 and the burn-in was 500. The results of 5 independent runs were

250 compared to assess the correspondence of the spatial clusters.

251 **Results** 

#### 252 Colonization dynamics of the marina

253 The survey started in 2012 but Undaria pinnatifida did not appear in the marina until February 2013, when 254 a first group of individuals (N = 11, all mature) were found on the hull of a leisure boat located at the east 255 end of the pontoon I (Fig. 1, Fig. 2). The colonization started the year after mainly on the floating breakwater 256 (Fig. 2, February 2014), though three individuals were also observed on pontoons F and I. Over time, empty 257 spots on the breakwater were gradually colonized (Fig. 2, March 2014-March 2016). For pontoons, the 258 colonization really started with the next winter generation (December 2014; Fig. 2), moving from the eastern 259 side (extremity) towards the western side (inside) of each pontoon. In 2016, the marina was fully colonized 260 (Fig. 2, March 2016).

261 Concomitantly to the spatial expansion, the densities increased over successive generations between March 2014 and March 2016 (Fig. 2, Supplementary Material Fig. S1). In March 2016, densities reached 1 262 ind.m<sup>-1</sup> at the whole marina scale (8117 m of available substrate, with > 9200 individuals counted overall). 263 Locally, the density reached much higher values: 12, 18 and 50 ind.m<sup>-1</sup> found on the gateway, floating 264 pontoons and breakwater respectively (Fig. 2). Population growth followed different trends according to the 265 location within the marina (Fig. S1): on the gateway and along the pontoons the best fit was with an 266 exponential growth curve (Fig. S1C-D) whereas it follows a logarithmic growth curve on the breakwater 267 268 (Fig. S1B).

The mark-correlation functions analyses revealed a clustering pattern of the number of individuals between two consecutive surveys, with the size of the clusters increasing with time. Abundances of individuals observed nearby groups of the previous generation were significantly larger than for pairs of groups selected at random (Fig. 3 B-D-F-H). The spatial extent of this relationship increased over time (0-2 m for March-December 2014 to 0-22m for December 2015-March 2016). Moderate to high positive correlations were found for pairs of groups from two consecutive generations located below 24 m (Fig. 3A- C-E-G). On the contrary, at greater distances, pairs of abundances from groups of two successivegenerations tend to be smaller or equal to pairs chosen randomly, and negatively or not correlated.

#### 277 Genetic diversity in the study samples

278 Regardless of the year and the population category (i.e., marina, farm, rocky reefs), all the study populations 279 were found to be polymorphic, including the set of 11 individuals collected on the ship hull in 2013, which, 280 despite its small census size, show the highest allelic richness (2.7; Table 1). The lowest allelic richness 281 estimates were observed in the cultivated population (1.5 in 2014 and 2015) and in one rocky reef (MG; 1.3 282 to 1.7 across years; Supplementary Material Table S1). Similar results were found for the expected genetic 283 diversity (H<sub>e</sub>; Table 1, Table S1). Altogether, the marina population showed equal or higher genetic diversity 284 than populations sampled in natural rocky reefs, the latter being (with the exception of MG) more genetically 285 diverse than the farm. Ten out of the 19 study populations display significant deviations from expectations 286 under the Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium, all from the marina or wild sites (Table 1, Table S1). These 287 heterozygote deficiencies are likely due to selfing, which is were clearly evidenced in 7 out of these 10 288 populations based on the g2 statistics. Selfing rates varied over time in the marina, null in the colonizing 289 population (2014) but reaching 36% in 2015.

#### 290 Genetic structure at the bay scale and origin of the colonizers in the marina

291 High and significant genetic structure was observed at the bay scale, with  $F_{ST}$  values of 0.33 (p < 10<sup>-5</sup>), 0.30 292  $(p < 10^{-5})$  and 0.16  $(p < 10^{-5})$  in 2013, 2014 and 2015, respectively. Bayesian clustering analyses (InStruct) 293 showed that the overall genetic variation found in the bay (19 sampling units sampled between 2013 and 294 2015, N= 658 individuals) was best explained by four genetic clusters (K=4; Fig. 4). Individuals collected 295 on pontoons and breakwater showed higher membership to two clusters, pictured in yellow and orange in 296 Fig. 4. Many individuals of pontoon B and breakwater section S1 showed membership to the yellow cluster 297 also characteristic of the individuals from the natural sites RV, ET and RA. Conversely, pontoon I and 298 breakwater section S8, showed high membership to the orange cluster mostly found in rocky reef-GU in 299 2013 (but not in 2015). One rocky reef, MG, displayed a very distinctive genetic background pictured by 300 the purple color in Fig. 4. The farm was also clearly differentiated in 2014 and 2015 (blue color, Fig. 4) but 301 shared membership with the marina and rocky reef-GU in 2013 (orange cluster). The two well established 302 rocky reef populations MG and RA showed a stable genetic background throughout the sampling period. 303 Inspecting results for lower and higher K-values (K=3, K=5) confirmed the main patterns, with MG and the 304 farm (in 2014 and 2015) well differentiated from all the other samples (Supplementary Material, Fig. S2).

305 InStruct results were confirmed with the assignment analyses carried at the bay scale (Fig. 5). In 306 the marina, the first wave of settlers (February 2014, N = 91) were assigned to different sources, with diverse 307 contributions (Fig. 5A). Almost half of the individuals (48%) were assigned to the rocky reef GU, the 308 geographically closest natural population, whereas 12% seem to originate from the reproduction of the 309 mature sporophytes observed in 2013 on the hull of a boat. A small proportion (9%) could not be assigned 310 to any of the sampled populations, pointing to unknown sources. In 2015, an important change was observed, as most of the individuals (44%) were assigned to the marina population samples of 2013-2014 311 312 (Fig. 5B). For the rocky reef MG, almost all the individuals were assigned to the same locality sampled in 313 the previous years (97% for 2014 and 100% for 2015; Fig. 5A-B). For the two sites where putative 314 extinction-recolonization occurred (rocky reefs RA and GU), different patterns were observed (Fig. 5B): 315 diverse sources contributed to GU in 2015, whereas RA individuals were mostly assigned to the population 316 found at the same site in 2013. For GU, most of the individuals (68%) were assigned to the nearby located 317 farm. For the putatively new rocky reef populations, RV and ET, the first individuals were assigned to 318 diverse sources. In RV, the largest proportion (32%) of the individuals sampled in 2014 could not be 319 assigned to any of the putative sources sampled in 2013, but the year after, most individuals of RV were 320 assigned to the same site (75% of R15-RV individuals assigned to R14-RV). For ET, newly reported in 321 2015, 26% of the individuals were assigned to the marina.

#### 322 Spatial and kin aggregation in the marina

323 Five genetic clusters best explained the genetic variation of the 296 individuals sampled in the marina in 324 2015. Each of these five clusters display a clear spatial aggregation pattern (Fig. 6): individuals belonging 325 to the same genetic group are clumped into relatively high density "nuclei" spread over a small area (mean 326 distance between individuals forming a nucleus:  $17.5 \pm 14.9$  m). The most extreme situation was found with 327 the fifth genetic cluster (Fig. 6F), composed of only 7 individuals, all grouped very closely at the eastern 328 extremity of pontoons F and H. Six of them are full-sibs (see below) and were among the individuals 329 excluded from all the putative sampled sources. For the four other clusters, 8% of the individuals were 330 located farther away from their nuclei in the marina suggesting longer-distance dispersal events (~80-320m).

Analyses with COLONY revealed 13 lineages of full-sibs, representing 12% of the 296 sampled individuals. Five lineages were pairs of individuals produced by outcrossing and the other eight (5 pairs and 3 groups of 4-6 individuals) were produced by independent selfing events. In addition, a complex half-sib structure was found, with 26 individuals related to one or more individuals. This kinship structure was aggregated in space (Supplementary Material, Fig. S3). Interestingly, the mean Euclidian distances between pairs of individuals decreased inversely to the level of kinship, from unrelated (131.6  $\pm$  77.9 m) to half-sibs  $(60.1 \pm 63.7 \text{ m})$  down to full-sibs  $(16.6 \pm 34.4 \text{ m})$  (Fig. S4). This is congruent with the axial mean parentoffspring distance ( $\sigma^2$ ) estimated to 6.8 m (with a population density *D* of 0.06 ind.m<sup>-2</sup>).

#### 339 Discussion

340 Temporal studies of marine invasive species have long been recognized of paramount importance to understand invasion processes (Strayer et al. 2006), as exemplified in the few available temporal genetic 341 342 studies of marine invaders (e.g., Goldstien et al. (2013) and references therein). Temporal demo-genetic surveys can reveal new introductions, clarify the processes by which introduced species establish 343 344 sustainably (i.e., immigration vs. local reproduction) and identify sources for the colonization of new 345 habitats. This study illustrates such outcomes in the invasive seaweed Undaria pinnatifida. We showed that 346 1) the colonization of the newly-built marina was fast, 2) the initial sources were multiple, including leisure 347 boats, rocky reefs, and cultivated populations; 3) the origin of the successive generations shifted over time 348 in the marina, with populations becoming self-sustaining; a process also observed in putatively newly 349 colonized natural rocky reefs.

#### 350 A snow-ball colonization dynamics

351 The first report of the presence of U. pinnatifida in the newly built marina were mature sporophytes on the 352 hull of a boat in February 2013, but no individuals were recorded on the floating pontoons and breakwater 353 before February 2014. There was thus a time lag of at least one year and a half between the setting-up of 354 the floating pontoons (June 2012) and the presence of the first sporophytes on these artificial structures, 355 even though farmed populations and rocky reefs populations (RA, GU and MG) were present in the vicinity 356 in 2011 and 2012. This lag could be explained by the requirement of a minimal density of spore settlement 357 and gametophytes, which is needed for the successful fertilization and production of sporophytes (Reed 358 1990). Increased propagule pressure and/or germination of dormant gametophytes (Hoffmann, Santelices 359 1991; Saito 1975a) could explain the sudden establishment observed in February 2014. U. pinnatifida then quickly colonized the available structures resulting in very high abundances (> 9000 individuals) after only 360 361 two years (5 generations). The growth curves (Fig. S1) illustrate this snowball effect. The densities observed 362 in the marina of Bloscon at the end of this study are similar to what have been observed in other marinas in 363 the English Channel (Epstein, Smale 2018a; Epstein, Smale 2018b; Murphy et al. 2016b).

A series of life-history traits, including a short life cycle, high fecundity, ability to self, are likely major factors enabling *U. pinnatifida* to quickly colonize available space (Nyberg, Wallentinius 2005). In addition, this kelp also probably benefits from reduced competitive abilities and niche dissimilarities in marinas, notably with native kelps (Bulleri, Chapman 2010; De Leij et al. 2017; Epstein et al. 2019; Farrell et al. 2006). The gametophytes of *U. pinnatifida* have the ability to stay dormant during several months (Hoffmann, Santelices 1991; Saito 1975a) and to emerge as soon as the environmental conditions are
favorable. This "seed bank", combined with the rapid growth of *U. pinnatifida*, could result in a priority
effect compared to species which emerge later in the season or have a slower growth (Collinge, Ray 2009;
Dickson et al. 2012). The rapid increase of abundance and quick spread over the marina within a two-year
period confirm the status of *U. pinnatifida* as a pioneer species (Nyberg, Wallentinius 2005), particularly in
anthropogenic habitats.

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### 376 Local spread results from a combination of gradual and jump dispersal likely modulated by 377 environmental filters

378 The colonization of the marina presumably results from a mixed-mode of spread, in which primary 379 long-distance saltatory events are followed by gradual dispersal over short distances, producing clumps of 380 individuals. A few long-distance dispersal events (> 100m; i.e., jump dispersal) were evidenced by both the 381 landscape genetic (Geneland, Fig. 6) and the mark-correlation analyses (Fig. 3). Such saltatory dispersal 382 could be due to drifting thalli detached from their substrate, for example during the cleaning of the marina 383 infrastructures (Guzinski et al. 2018; Sliwa et al. 2006; South et al. 2017). In contrast, the gradual dispersal 384 at short distance is most likely explained by spore and gamete dispersal. The field surveys (Fig. 2) and the 385 mark-correlation analysis (Fig.3) indicate an increase in density where individuals of the previous 386 generation were observed. Interestingly, the population established in 2015 displayed substantial selfing 387 rates as compared to the previous year. Together with the clustering of genetically similar individuals over 388 short distance (typically below 25m), this suggests that selfing sustains the gradual colonization and 389 establishment in this habitat.

390 The mixed-mode of dispersal likely explains the erratic spatial pattern of colonization observed over 391 time at the marina scale. However, locally (along pontoons or breakwater), directional spread was observed, 392 and might be due to other factors, notably environmental factors. The first individuals found in March 2014 393 appeared on the breakwater, with 90 % of them located on the southern side of the breakwater (i.e., external 394 side of the marina). The southern side is more exposed to currents and wave motion, but also to a stronger 395 propagule pressure (released from other sites within the bay) which increases the chance of spore settlement. 396 In addition, the southern site is more exposed to incident light, a major environmental factor controlling 397 population growth of U. pinnatifida (see Murphy et al. (2017) and references therein). Similarly, inside the 398 marina, a density gradient differentiates the eastern from the western sides of the pontoons. A potential 399 explanatory factor is water motion known to benefit to this seaweed (Peteiro et al. 2016). Current velocities 400 have not been measured, but are known to be higher in the eastern ("outer") than in the western ("inner") 401 part of the marina due to its configuration, widely opened to tidal currents (Fig. 1). Reduced mixing of the 402 water occurring in the western side of the marina could also result in lower abundance of nutrients, which 403 can affect negatively the growth of *U. pinnatifida* (Morelissen et al. 2013). Environmental factors 404 determining the heterogeneous pattern of colonization in the marina of Bloscon will require further 405 dedicated experimental studies. However, it is noteworthy that the population dynamics observed in Bloscon 406 was overall qualitatively similar to the outcomes of an agent-based modelling study of the population growth 407 of *U. pinnatifida*, which highlighted the importance of abiotic factors, notably light availability (Murphy et 408 al. 2016a; Murphy et al. 2017).

#### 409 Spill-back effects are followed by a shift towards a self-sustaining population

Genetic assignment showed that the first colonizers of the breakwater and floating pontoons in 2014 originated from multiple sources, and mainly from rocky reefs populations located at least 1 km away. The role of the rocky reef populations as a primary source of colonizers in a new anthropogenic habitat was somewhat unexpected. Marinas and farms have been targeted as sources of new populations in the wild (i.e., spillover events, (Epstein, Smale 2018b; Guzinski et al. 2018; James, Shears 2016). The present study shows that, reciprocally, natural populations can act as sources toward newly built artificial sites (i.e., spillback event).

417 Immigration, from farms or rocky reefs, could result from the transport of spores by water currents, 418 from drifting thalli detached from their substrate by storms or human activities (Sliwa et al. 2006), or by 419 recreational vessels (South et al. 2017, Ulman et al. 2019). Although spores only remain viable for a short 420 period of time (1-2 days, Saito (1975a)), the high speed tidal currents in the bay of Morlaix, particularly 421 during spring tides (up to 0.75 m/s in the vicinity of the marina), could carry spores and drifting thalli from 422 nearby rocky reefs to the marina. The role of recreational boating should however not be neglected: it has 423 been proposed to explain the colonization of marinas in England by U. pinnatifida (Fletcher, Farrell 1999), 424 and regional chaotic genetic structure reported in the study region Brittany (Guzinski et al. 2018). Mature 425 sporophytes and most likely gametophytes can indeed attach to the hull of leisure boats, ropes and buoys 426 (Bollen et al. 2017; South et al. 2017). In addition, mature sporophytes were observed on the hull of several 427 leisure boats in the marina during the survey (pers. observation). In this context, it is noteworthy that 12% 428 of the colonizers of the marina in 2014 were assigned to the mature sporophytes collected on the hull of a 429 boat the previous year. We can hypothesize that the individuals excluded from all sampled populations in 430 assignment tests might originate from other bays, after their transport by leisure boats infested by the 431 seaweed and moored (but not sampled) in the study marina. This pathway could notably explain the 432 assignment of the group of 6 individuals from 2015 to unknown sources and isolated in a distinct genetic 433 cluster (Fig. 6) and identified as full-sibs (Fig. S3).

434 An important outcome of our temporal genetic survey is to document a major change of the parental 435 (source) population over time. Indeed, conversely to the previous year, in 2015, almost half the individuals 436 were assigned to the population sampled in the marina in 2013-2014, showing that the population shifted 437 toward self-sustaining (Fig. 5B). This could be explained by a priority effect (Fraser et al. 2015) at the intra-438 specific level, whereby the early growth of locally produced sporophytes at high density could prevent the 439 recruitment of new Undaria immigrants arriving later in the season. In addition, selfing, which is reaching 440 36% in this established population (Table 1) can accentuate this effect through rapid space monopolization, as shown by the short dispersal distance between full-sibs (<20m). This local recruitment could have 441 442 occurred from the presence of dormant gametophytes and/or reproduction of overwintering mature 443 sporophytes (Epstein, Smale 2018a). Dormancy in gametophytes of kelps usually do not exceed a few 444 months (Hoffmann, Santelices 1991), but data on the maximum extent of dormancy in Undaria 445 gametophytes is lacking.

#### 446 From spill-back to spill-over events at the bay scale

447 Two populations were recorded for the first time at new rocky reefs sites during this study (RV and 448 ET). It cannot be ascertained with confidence if they were truly absent in the previous years or were simply 449 unnoticed because of the complexity of the rocky shore landscape, especially if the founding population 450 was small. However, the genetic data support the first scenario (i.e., new colonization), in comparison to 451 what have been observed in the marina. The rocky reef populations RV and ET indeed displayed assignment 452 to multiple sources the first year of report. In addition, the source of new recruits quickly shifted to within-453 site reproduction in RV over the two years of survey (Fig. 5A-B), as also observed in the marina. In contrast, 454 well-established rocky reef populations, such as MG or RA, reported for a long time, showed a high stability 455 in the genetic time series, with self-recruitment being the dominant source of individuals at these sites. Note 456 that this pattern actually makes the presumed absence of RA in 2014 highly doubtful, rather suggesting that 457 this population was present the year before, although not observed (and thus not sampled). The temporal 458 stability of the genetic background documented here is congruent with results from other studies (e.g., over 459 ten years in St-Malo Bay, Guzinski et al. (2018)). It suggests that priority effects are present both in artificial 460 and natural habitats. To which extent self-sustaining populations may evolve local adaptation is unknown. However, for the rocky reef population MG, a genome scan analysis found loci putatively under selection 461 462 or linked with markers under selection in the population sampled in 2015 (Guzinski et al. 2018).

It is noteworthy that the marina contributed substantially to the colonization of both rocky reef populations RV and ET, showing spill-over events from marinas to the wild, as hypothesized in previous studies (Epstein, Smale 2018b; Guzinski et al. 2018). More generally, except MG, all the rocky reef populations studied in 2015 show some assignment to the marina. The capacity of *U. pinnatifida* to build

467 up very high densities in artificial habitats makes the marina a potential important source of propagules to 468 natural rocky reefs of the bay, after only two years since the first colonization. This observation is 469 particularly interesting considering that the colonization of wild habitats by U. pinnatifida has been slow in 470 the bay of Morlaix, with the first wild population recorded in GU in 2006 (ca. 10 years after the beginning 471 of the culture of this kelp) even though GU and the farm are separated by only 50m. In comparison, the Bay 472 of St. Malo in Brittany was already heavily colonized 10 years after the set-up of a farm (Castric-Fey et al. 473 1993; Girard-Descatoire et al. 1997). Besides competition with native seaweeds, particularly perennial 474 kelps, which may decrease the establishment success of U. pinnatifida in the study region (Epstein et al. 475 2019; Epstein, Smale 2018b), the lag time observed in the Bay of Morlaix could be explained by an initial 476 low propagule pressure, in the absence of a marina where particularly high density of U. pinnatifida are 477 reported (this study; Epstein, Smale 2018a).

478 With the presence of U. pinnatifida at high density in the newly built marina, one could hypothesize 479 a rapid spread at the bay level, which was actually evidenced by a survey carried out in April 2019 by two 480 of us (FV, LL). As compared to the situation examined in this study, novel populations were reported in the 481 wild, together with an expansion in the port area (i.e., beyond the marina, including concrete substrates such 482 as the ferry jetty). An almost continuous presence of U. pinnatifida on all favorable rocky substrates, located 483 in the south of the marina, is now observed. This Pacific kelp is now present (and expands) in the south, the 484 north and the west of the study bay (Supplementary material, Fig. S5). Abundances of U. pinnatifida in 485 these natural sites are usually ca. two orders of magnitude lower than in the marina. However, in some sites, 486 the densities are comparable to those of native kelp species, notably in the putatively recently established 487 populations RV and ET, allowing for commercial harvesting of the thalli of this edible alga by local people 488 (as suggested by dozens of specimens cut above the sporophylles observed during the 2019 survey). The 489 combination of the increased propagule pressure and spill-over from the marina with the ability to U. 490 pinnatifida populations to be rapidly self-sustaining are responsible for the (likely) sustainable establishment 491 of the species at the bay scale.

492 This study is a new evidence supporting the need for careful management of marinas to prevent 493 spread of non-native species into the wild. The evaluation of these risks should be better integrated into 494 Environmental Impacts Assessments (EIA) prior to building new infrastructures. In particular, the NIS 495 already reported in nearby natural rocky habitats should be listed and particularly scrutinized, as they are at 496 risk of colonizing the newly built infrastructure, as exemplified here with U. pinnatifida. Areas at high risk 497 of introduction of the kelp from recreational vessels also need to be identified using risk assessment methods 498 (e.g., according to shipping intensity; Shucksmith and Shelmerdine 2015). As advocated in other studies 499 (e.g., Ulman et al. 2019; Epstein, Smale 2017; Peters et al. 2019), our results and surveys call for

500 standardized monitoring and surveillance protocol of NIS in marinas, including the hull of recreational vessels, neglected for a long time. Importantly, for those species, such as U. pinnatifida, characterized by 501 502 rapid population growth, strong monitoring efforts and early response are certainly critical. We indeed 503 showed a snow-ball colonization dynamics and high abundance after only 2 years, that may complicate or 504 even prevent its control and eradication. For instance, Forrest & Hopkins (2013) showed that sustained 505 control (i.e., monthly hand removal on any visible substrates and hulls) is needed to substantially decreased 506 the number of boats infested by U. pinnatifida while partial control (i.e., removal targeted over a short time 507 period) resulted in a number of infested boats similar to non-managed marinas. However, even if the species 508 has colonized the marina, one should not neglect management options aiming at decreasing the propagule 509 pressure, by reducing the density and abundance on both the marina infrastructures and leisure boats: 510 reducing the propagule pressure may help in limiting the rapid colonization in nearby sites, particularly in 511 rocky reefs where native species can slow-down the establishment of the NIS through competitive 512 interactions (Epstein and Smale 2018b). Another facet of the present work was to show that many Undaria 513 populations are inconspicuous. Considerable monitoring efforts were needed to localize the populations 514 established in rocky reefs because of the complexity of the landscape and location of suitable habitats, which 515 are not easily accessible at low tide and require diving. Nonetheless, a reliable and accurate spatio-temporal 516 mapping is needed to determine high-risks areas. Recently, Jeunen et al. (2019) showed that U. pinnatifida 517 presence could be recovered by COI metabarcoding. Such an approach based on environmental DNA is 518 promising to detect this Pacific kelp as well as other hidden NIS.

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#### 687 Figure Legends

#### 688 Fig. 1. Sampling sites in A) Bloscon Marina and B) and Bay of Morlaix (Brittany, France)

689 A satellite view (Google Earth) is provided for the marina with names of the pontoons (A to I) and sea-wall 690 sections (0 to 8) surveyed. The marina (BL: 48°42'53.932"N, 3°57'52.258"W), farm (FB: 48°42'41.148"N, 3°57'7.919"W) and natural habitats (GU: 48°42'43.704"N, 3°57'8.748"W; RV: 48°42'5.364"N, 691 3°57'43.542"W; ET: 48°42'0.468"N, 3°57'0.936"W; MG: 48°43'46.344"N, 3°58'3.342"W, RA: 692 693 48°43'40.908"N, 3°58'19.883"W; full name and abbreviations in Suppl. Material Table S1) studied are 694 pictured with triangle, star, and squares, respectively. Other sites were surveyed at the bay scale between 695 2002 and 2016: Black and white circles indicate presence (at least observed once during the survey period) 696 and absence of U. pinnatifida in these sites, respectively.

#### 697 Fig. 2. Colonization dynamics of the marina by U. pinnatifida

Location and number of individuals recorded on the gateway, pontoons and breakwaters over time (F14:
February 2014. M14: March 2014. D14: December 2014. M15: March 2015. D15: December 2015. M16:
March 2016). The grey dot in the map F14 indicates the location of 11 individuals observed on the hull of
a boat in 2013.

# 702 Fig. 3. Mark-correlation analysis of the densities recorded between two consecutive surveys (i.e.,

#### 703 distinct generations) in the marina.

A-C-E-G: Bivariate correlation function  $km_1m_2$  (product of the densities), B-D-F-H: Bivariate Moran's *I* like correlation function (correlation coefficient). From top to bottom: (A-B) March 2014-December 2014, (C-D) December 2014-March 2015, (E-F) March 2015-December 2015, (G-H) December 2015-March 2016. Black dots: observed values. Red line: mean value expected under the local random marking null model ( $r_{max} = 25m$  for A-D and  $r_{max} = 50 m$  for E-H). Grey area: global simulation envelope (199 simulations of the null model, 5<sup>th</sup> lowest and 5<sup>th</sup> highest values).

#### 710 Fig. 4. Bayesian clustering analysis (InStruct software) carried out at the bay scale.

- 711 Individuals are ordered and grouped according to their habitat, sampling year and locality. Sample codes
- start with a label for the habitat (F, M and R stands for farm, marina and rocky reef, respectively) and the
- 713 year of sampling. Each individual is represented by a vertical line divided into coloured segments, the
- 714 length of which indicates the individual's membership fraction to each of K clusters. Results are shown
- for K = 4 (best likelihood). Note that for the marina in 2014, most of the individuals (>60) were found on
- the breakwater on section S1 and S8 (B1 and B8), and thus included in the analysis, while less than 20

- 717 were found on other sections and less than 10 individuals on pontoons. For the year 2015, the same
- sections and two pontoons where most of the individuals were found have been included.

#### 719 Fig. 5. Assignment analysis (GeneClass software) carried out at the bay scale.

- 720 Percentage of individuals collected in 2014 (A) and 2015 (B) assigned to sampled putative sources, in the
- marina (black, BL), the farm (grey, FB) and natural rocky reefs (white, GU, MG, RV, RA) sampled the
- previous years (2013 and 2014). Red bubbles (Excl.) are individuals that were excluded from all sampled
- sources (rejected at the 1% level).

# Fig. 6. Spatial clustering analysis of the population established in 2015 in the marina (Genelandanalysis).

- A) Location of all the 291 individuals sampled in 2015. B) to F) distribution of the isoclines of the
- membership probabilities of individuals to belong to one of the five genetic clusters identified by
- 728 INSTRUCT (see text). Maximum probability is in white (p>0.9).

#### 729 Table 1: Genetic diversity per population categories, for each sampling year (distinct generations).

- 730 N: number of individuals; Nall: mean number of alleles per loci; Ar : Allelic richness; Hobs: Observed
- 731 heterozygosity; He: Expected heterozygosity under Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium; F<sub>IS</sub> : fixation index
- $732 \qquad (inbreeding \ coefficient); \ P_{HW}: \ probability \ of \ the \ exact \ test \ for \ Hardy-Weinberg \ equilibrium; \ s_{g2}:$

population selfing rate;  $P_s$ : P-value of the test ' $s_{g2} = 0$ '. For natural rocky reefs, mean values over sites are

indicated, with details per localities provided in Table S1.

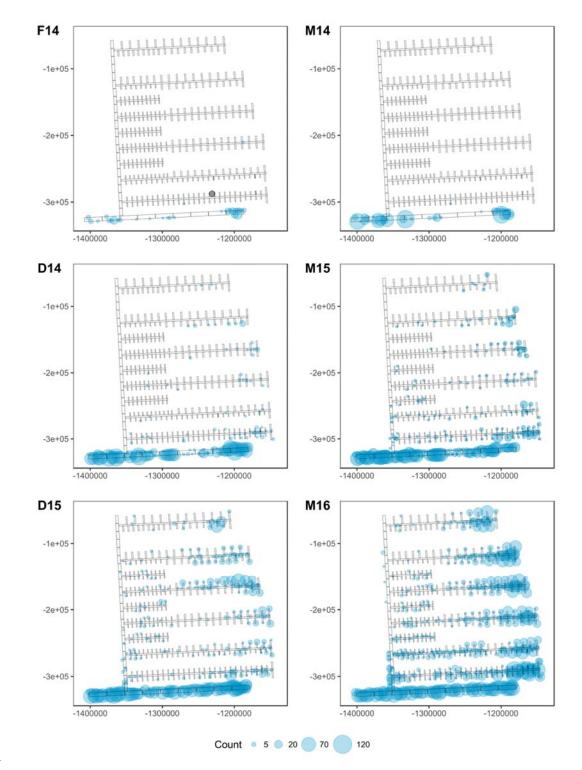
Site	Year	Ν	Nall	Ar	Hobs	He	F <sub>IS</sub>	P <sub>HW</sub>	Sg2	Ps
Marina	2013	11	2.9	2.7	0.35	0.33	-0.07	0.86	0.00	0.67
	2014	91	2.9	2.4	0.29	0.40	0.27	< 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.00	0.52
	2015	296	3.2	2.5	0.32	0.45	0.29	< 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.36	<10 <sup>-3</sup>
Farm	2013	36	2.5	2.3	0.32	0.36	0.09	0.44	0.18	0.11
	2014	32	1.5	1.5	0.26	0.24	-0.07	0.30	0.14	0.19
	2015	32	1.5	1.5	0.26	0.25	-0.06	0.11	0.06	0.32
Rocky reefs	2013	108	2.1	1.8	0.15	0.24	0.28	n.a.	0.39	n.a.
(average)	2014	63	2.2	2.0	0.23	0.26	0.10	n.a.	0.56	n.a.
	2015	145	2.2	2.0	0.24	0.30	0.20	n.a.	0.20	n.a.

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## **Figure 1.**



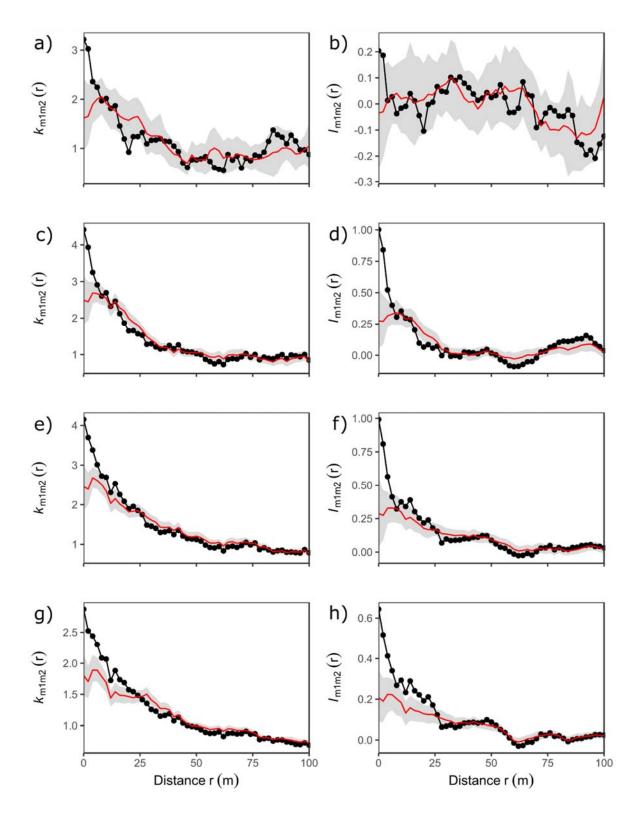
#### 740 Figure 2











**Figure 4** 

