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2 anthropogenic seafloor disturbance (effluents).

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17 **Abstract**

18 To support ecosystem-based management and achieve the Good Environmental Status
19 (GES) of marine waters it is important to better comprehend the relationships between
20 biodiversity and environmental disturbance (anthropogenic and natural). Biotic indices are
21 widely used in studies to help understanding these relationships and to assess the
22 environmental status of waters. In recent years, trait-based indices rapidly emerged as an
23 alternative 'functional' approach to serve this purpose. In this study, we analysed how two
24 indices based upon the mean (community-weighted mean trait value - CWM) and the
25 diversity of multiple traits (Rao's quadratic entropy - Rao) in a macroinvertebrate community
26 respond to natural- and anthropogenic seafloor disturbance (effluents) and we compared
27 their performance with the widely used AMBI and M-AMBI. Our results demonstrate that
28 CWM and Rao were not effective in indicating anthropogenic disturbance in the Basque
29 coast, Bay of Biscay. The main reason was probably that many traits did not have a strong
30 link with this type of disturbance. Besides, the mechanistic links between certain traits and
31 their response to anthropogenic seafloor disturbance in marine environments is currently not
32 well understood. From a management perspective: the CWM does not provide a single value
33 indicating a quality status, which makes it a difficult tool to use and interpret. This index is
34 probably more useful for scientists who want to explore and understand different aspects of
35 community functioning. On the other hand, Rao and other indices expressing trait diversity
36 do provide a single value of functioning; therefore they could potentially be effectively used
37 for management purposes. However, to improve its performance, detailed and accurate trait
38 data is required, which is currently lacking for many marine species.

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44 **1 Introduction**

45 Understanding how biodiversity relates to environmental disturbance has been one of the hot
46 topics of aquatic environmental research over the past 40 years (e.g. Pearson and
47 Rosenberg, 1978; Warwick, 1986). A better understanding of this relationship can ultimately
48 help us to preserve and improve the quality of marine ecosystems. During this period, indices
49 based on species traits emerged as an alternative approach to study this relationship (e.g.
50 Bremner et al., 2006; Bremner, 2008), as opposed to the use of mostly structural approaches
51 (e.g. taxonomic-based indices, see Borja et al., 2015). Indeed, increasing evidence suggests
52 that a species ability to deal with environmental disturbance is at least partly driven by its
53 traits (Pearson and Rosenberg, 1978; Bremner et al., 2003; Culhane et al., 2014). As such,
54 trait-based indices have the potential to determine the cause of change in systems by
55 investigating the type of traits affected (Dolédec et al., 1999).

56 In 2008, the European Union (EU) approved the Marine Strategy Framework Directive
57 (MSFD: European Commission, 2008). The main goal of the MSFD is to protect efficiently
58 the marine environment across European seas; in particular, it aims to achieve Good
59 Environmental Status (GES) of the EU's marine waters by 2020. To assess the current
60 environmental status, the European Commission (2010) has indicated different indicators.
61 Among these are the indices to assess benthic community condition and functionality, in
62 relation to seafloor integrity (see van Hoey et al., 2010; Rice et al., 2012). As the MSFD
63 follows an ecosystem-based approach, the selected indices should be oriented not only to
64 determine structural changes in species assemblages, but also functional (Borja et al., 2013).
65 The inclusion of trait-based indices could help to study these functional changes and, by
66 doing so, they potentially allow to better assess the response of species communities to
67 disturbance (Vandewalle et al., 2010).

68 Nowadays, one of the most used and established disturbance indices, on benthic
69 invertebrate communities in marine environments (Borja et al., 2015), is the AZTI's Marine
70 Biotic Index (AMBI: Borja, 2000) and its multivariate version: M-AMBI (Muxika et al., 2007).

71 Since their introduction, both indices have been successfully used to indicate various types
72 of disturbances in different environments and biogeographical regions worldwide (Borja et
73 al., 2015), and are officially incorporated into the regulations of several European countries in
74 the context of aquatic directives (Borja et al., 2009). AMBI is based on the sensitivity
75 (response) of benthic invertebrate species to anthropogenic pressures, and species are
76 allocated to five sensitivity (ecological) groups ranging from sensitive to opportunistic (Borja,
77 2000). M-AMBI incorporates AMBI with species richness and Shannon diversity (Muxika et
78 al., 2007). This index is based on the observation that benthic communities respond to an
79 improvement in environmental quality in three stages. Firstly, species abundance increases,
80 subsequently species diversity rises, and finally the opportunistic species become dominant
81 with the subsequent reduction in species abundance and diversity (Pearson and Rosenberg,
82 1978; Paganelli et al., 2011).

83 Both indices can essentially be classified as trait-based indices, because the AMBI
84 ecological groups (EG's) are mostly determined by the response of multiple species traits
85 (e.g. feeding strategy, size, life span, larval development) to anthropogenic disturbance (e.g.
86 Marchini et al., 2008; Culhane et al., 2014). However, these traits are 'fixed' within these
87 EG's, meaning that these indicators cannot be used to analyse each of these 'individual'
88 traits separately. Yet, a number of studies demonstrated that analysing each of these
89 individual traits separately, might also be useful for detecting anthropogenic disturbance (e.g.
90 Reise, 2002; Bremner et al., 2003; Cooper et al., 2008; Paganelli et al., 2012; van der Linden
91 et al., 2012; van Son et al., 2013; Törnroos et al., 2015; Weigel et al., 2016).

92 Two trait-based indices in particular have been increasingly used to assess the response of
93 species communities to disturbance that can handle 'multiple' different types of traits
94 (Vandewalle et al., 2010; Ricotta and Moretti, 2011). These are the 'community-weighted
95 mean trait value' – CWM (Garnier et al., 2004) and 'Rao's quadratic entropy' – Rao (Botta-
96 Dukát, 2005). CWM can be adequately used to analyse shifts in mean trait values within
97 communities due to environmental selection for certain traits. While, Rao can be effectively

98 used to analyse patterns of trait (functional) diversity, i.e. a decrease or increase in trait
99 diversity compared to a random expectation (Vandewalle et al., 2010; Ricotta and Moretti,
100 2011). The employment of these indices to assess disturbance is based upon the 'habitat
101 templet concept' of Southwood (1977), which states that the habitat provides the template
102 upon which evolution forges species traits. When disturbance increases, only species with
103 specific combinations of traits suitable for survival pass through the environmental filter.
104 Ricotta and Moretti (2011) showed that these two indices may be used to describe two
105 complementary aspects of community structure, such as the mean and the diversity of traits
106 within a given species assemblage, and that using them simultaneously can provide an
107 effective framework to assess the effects of environmental disturbance on species
108 communities. Despite the potential utility of these two trait-based indices, surprisingly few
109 studies used them simultaneously (as a framework) to assess disturbance on benthic
110 communities in marine environments (e.g. Paganelli et al., 2012; Culhane et al., 2014; de
111 Juan et al., 2015; Barnes and Hendy, 2015; Weigel et al., 2016).

112 Taking this into consideration, the main purpose of this study was to assess how the
113 community-weighted mean trait value (CWM) and trait diversity (expressed by Rao)
114 responded to seafloor disturbance relative to the performance of AMBI and M-AMBI. We only
115 analysed disturbance caused by anthropogenic effluents and wave impact, although many
116 other factors may contribute to its disturbance, namely fisheries, dredging and sediment
117 deposit, among others. Based on the obtained results, we could give a recommendation on
118 whether CWM and Rao might be implemented as useful seafloor disturbance indices for the
119 MSFD.

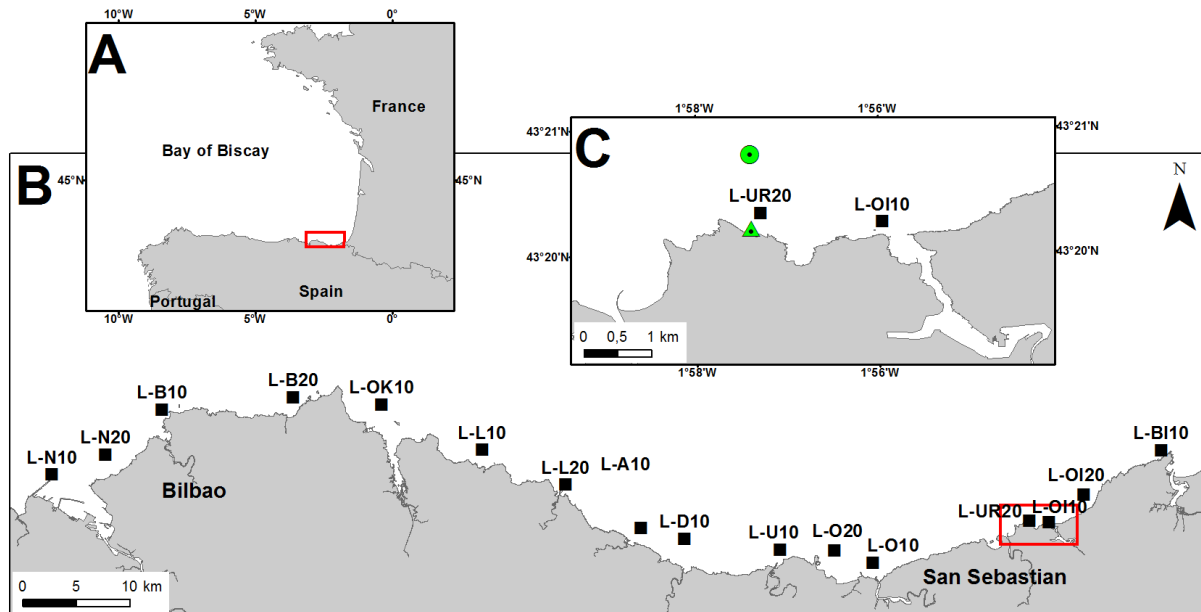
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122 **2 Materials and Methods**

123 *2.1 Study area, anthropogenic- and natural seafloor disturbance*

124 Environmental and benthic community data were collected annually in winter, between 1995
125 and 2012, from sixteen marine off-shore sampling stations along the Basque coast, in
126 northern Spain, Bay of Biscay (Fig. 1A, B). All stations are located at sedimentary areas and
127 situated at a depth of around 30 m, ranging from muddy to sandy. In general, there are not
128 important sources of anthropogenic disturbance in the area. However, there is one particular
129 station (identified as L_UR20) that is located in an area where urban and industrial
130 wastewaters are discharged (driving to increases in organic matter content in sediment and
131 consumption of oxygen) (Borja et al., 2009). This station is regarded as the most disturbed of
132 the study area, especially between 1995 and 2001, when untreated wastewaters were
133 directly discharged in the close vicinity of this station (Fig. 1C), affecting the benthic
134 communities due to poor quality of the sediment. In 2001, a submarine outfall was
135 constructed which, to date, transports the already biologically treated wastewater (since
136 2006) to a location approximately 1.2 km offshore. Since then, sediment quality steadily
137 improved (Borja et al., 2009). Other stations that are subjected to an above average level of
138 anthropogenic disturbance are L_N20 and L_OI20. Station L_N20 is situated close to the
139 Nervion estuary, which was historically disturbed, but in recuperation since 1989 (Borja et al.,
140 2006). In addition, this station is close to a historical disposal site, which can, to some extent,
141 affect the condition of the benthic assemblages of this area (Borja et al. 2008). On the other
142 hand, station L_OI20 is situated in the vicinity of the other disturbed estuary (Oiartzun). In
143 addition, close to this station there are some disposal sites of dredged sediments (see
144 Galparsoro et al., 2010). For the whole area, all stations are more or less affected by natural
145 disturbance (e.g. wave activity that can affect the sediment dynamics - Galparsoro et al.,
146 2013).



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148 Figure 1. Study area within the Bay of Biscay (A) and the position of the 16 off-shore sampling stations along the
 149 Basque coast (Spain) (B). Diagram C shows the urban wastewater discharge locations (the green triangle points
 150 out the discharge location prior to 2001, and the green circle points out the current location, which became
 151 operational in 2001).

152 *2.2 Data collection*

153 At each station, three benthic samples (replicates) were taken with a van Veen grab (0.1 m²)
 154 and sieved in situ through a 1 mm mesh. Subsequently, the benthic invertebrates were
 155 sorted and identified to the lowest possible taxonomic level. Biomass was initially estimated
 156 as dry weight (g m⁻²), but subsequently converted to ash-free dry weight by using the
 157 conversion factors as in Ricciardi and Bourget (1998). This benthic community data was then
 158 compiled into a 'taxa-biomass-by-sample' matrix.

159 An additional sediment sample was taken at each station to analyse the variables: mud-
 160 content (%), organic-matter-content (%) and redox-potential values (mV). The
 161 correspondent limit for organic-matter-content is usually considered to be 5% (Holmer et al.,
 162 2005). Redox-potential values indicate the oxidation-reduction status of the sediments, with
 163 high values (>300) indicating aerobic sediments, and negative values indicating anaerobic
 164 sediments (Pearson and Stanley, 1979). We also measured 'wave-flux' as an environmental

165 variable producing natural induced disturbance. Wave-flux (kW/m) is a measure of energy
166 per meter of wave front (for further details, see Galparsoso et al., 2013). The above
167 mentioned environmental variables were used to explain possible spatial and temporal
168 variation in species assemblages. Organic-matter content and redox-potential served as a
169 proxy to indicate anthropogenic disturbance. We considered mud-content as a proxy to
170 indicate the potential natural characteristics of the study area, and wave-flux to indicate
171 natural induced disturbance. These environmental variables were compiled into an
172 'environmental-variables-by-sample' matrix.

173 *2.3 Species traits*

174 Species traits were gathered from a variety of published sources (e.g. species identification
175 guides, scientific papers and established online databases such as MarLIN (2006) and
176 WoRMS Editorial Board (2014)). A total of six traits containing 28 trait categories were
177 chosen for their potential ability to reflect anthropogenic- and natural induced environmental
178 disturbance conditions (see Table 1 for details). The lack of available traits information in the
179 literature, prevented our assignment of the trait categories for many taxa at the 'species'
180 level. Instead, the trait categories were adjusted at the 'genus' level and data was coded
181 using a 'fuzzy coding' approach (Chevenet et al., 1994). Records of taxa not identified to at
182 least 'genus' level (6.9% of records) were excluded. The trait categories were given an
183 affinity score between '0' and '3', with '0' indicating no affinity of a species to a trait category,
184 and '3' indicating a high affinity to the trait category. The fuzzy coding procedure allows to
185 capture variation in the affinity of a given taxa to the different categories of a given trait,
186 thereby addressing spatial or temporal variation in the traits of a given taxa (Statzner and
187 Bêche, 2010). These scores were then compiled into the 'taxa-by-trait' matrix (336 genus
188 and 28 trait categories). To give the same weight to each taxa and each trait in further
189 analysis, the scores were standardised so that their sum for a given taxa and a given trait
190 equalled 1 (or 100%).

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192 Table 1. Species traits (categories), labels and their *a-priori* expected response after disturbance.

Trait	Category	Labels	Expected response after disturbance
Feeding-strategy	Suspension	F_SUS	The proportion of suspension feeders in a community is expected to decrease after disturbance caused by organic pollution ²
	Deposit	F_DEP	The proportion of deposit-feeders and grazers in a community are expected to increase after disturbance caused by organic pollution ^{2,4}
	Grazer	F_GRA	
	Scavenger	F_SCA	No particular response expected for scavengers and predators after disturbance
	Predator	F_PRE	The proportion of omnivores in a community is expected to increase after disturbance caused by organic pollution (i.e. better resilience capacity) ²
	Omnivore	F_OMN	
	Parasite	F_PAR	No particular response expected after disturbance
Maximum size	Very small (< 1 cm)	S_1	The proportion of smaller sized taxa in a community is expected to increase after disturbance (i.e. better resilience capacity) ^{1,4}
	Small (1-3 cm)	S1_3	
	Medium (3-10 cm)	S3_10	No particular response expected after disturbance
	Medium-Large (10-20 cm)	S10_20	
	Large (> 20 cm)	S_20	
Life-span	Very short (< 1 year)	L_1	The proportion of short-lived taxa in a community is expected to increase after disturbance (i.e. better resilience capacity) ^{2,4}
	Short (1-3 years)	L1_3	
	Medium (3-10 years)	L3_10	No particular response expected after disturbance
	Long (> 10 years)	L_10	The proportion of longer-lived taxa in a community is expected to decrease after disturbance (e.g. fine sediment deposits) ^{2,4}
Living-position	Tube dwelling	LH_TD	The proportion of tube dwellers and burrow dwellers in a community are expected to increase after disturbance (e.g. anoxic conditions, organic pollution and fine sediment deposits), as opposed to free living species and species that are attached to the substratum, because they can hide in their fixed tubes or burrows ^{3,4}
	Burrow dwelling	LH_BD	
	Free living	LH_FL	
	Attached	LH_ATT	
Larval-development	Planktotrophic (feeding at least in part on materials captured from the plankton)	DT_PLAN	The proportion of taxa with a planktotrophic larval development (high dispersal potential) are expected to increase after disturbance, because the extinction risk of taxa with a lecithotrophic (medium dispersal potential) and direct larval development (no dispersal potential) is higher ⁵
	Lecithotrophic (development at the expense of internal resources, i.e. yolk)	DT_LEC	
	Direct (development without larval stage)	DT_DIR	
AMBI ecological (sensitivity) groups (EG's)	(I) very sensitive species (II) indifferent (III) tolerant (IV) 2 nd order opportunists (V) 1 st order opportunists	EG_I EG_II EG_III EG_IV EG_V	The proportion of taxa belonging to EG III, IV and V in a community are expected to increase after disturbance, while EG I is expected to decrease ⁶

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194 ¹ Townsend and Hildrew, 1994

195 ² Pearson and Rosenberg, 1978

196 ³ Reise, 2002

197 ⁴ Statzner and Bêche, 2010

198 ⁵ McHugh and Fong, 2002

199 ⁶ Borja, 2000

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202 *2.4 Data analysis*

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204 For the data analysis and the computation of the indices, three matrices were used: 1) 'taxa-
205 biomass-by-sample' matrix; 2) the 'environmental-variables-by-sample' matrix; and 3) the
206 'taxa-by-trait' matrix. Data in the 'taxa-biomass-by-station' matrix were explored by means of
207 Correspondence Analysis (CA), after log-transforming ($\log 1 + x$) the biomass values, using
208 R-package 'ade4' (Chessel et al., 2004). The standard affinity scores for each taxa in the
209 'taxa-by-trait' matrix were multiplied by the taxa biomass in each sample (taxa-biomass-by-
210 sample matrix), which resulted in the 'trait-by-sample' matrix.

211 *2.5 Calculation of the indices*

212 The main purpose of this study was to assess how CWM and Rao responded to natural- and
213 anthropogenic seafloor disturbance relative to the response of AMBI and M-AMBI. Therefore,
214 we assessed their response at the spatial scale (between all stations) and temporal scale
215 (using station L_UR20 as a test case). To better interpret the response of M-AMBI, the
216 responses of its individual components were also assessed. These are: genus richness (the
217 standard procedure is to use species richness in the M-AMBI calculation), the Shannon index
218 and AMBI. To better interpret the response of Rao, the Simpson index was included because
219 Rao is a generalised form of the Simpson index (Botta-Dukát, 2005). This allowed
220 understanding the relationship between species diversity and functional diversity (Stuart-
221 Smith et al., 2013). Genus richness and the Shannon index ($\log x$) were calculated using R-
222 package 'ade4' (Chessel et al., 2004)

223 *2.5.1 AMBI and M-AMBI calculation*

224 Usually, AMBI and M-AMBI are calculated with species density, however, in order to make a
225 viable comparison between all indices, AMBI and M-AMBI had to be calculated using genus
226 biomass. Warwick et al. (2010) and Muxika et al. (2012) already tested the usefulness of
227 AMBI using species biomass instead of species density. Moreover, two studies by Cai et al.
228 (2014, 2015) also aimed to assess environmental disturbance by using both species density

229 and species biomass in the calculation of AMBI and M-AMBI. These authors found a
230 significant correlation between both methods in regards to environmental disturbance.
231 However, we are not aware of studies that tested the correlation between M-AMBI calculated
232 with species density and genus biomass. Therefore, we tested this correlation using an
233 Spearman's rank correlation analysis. Moreover, we tested how both calculation methods
234 responded to the temporal variation in disturbance conditions at station L_UR20. The non-
235 parametric Wilcoxon signed-rank test was used for this purpose. These outcomes are
236 excluded from the results section of this paper as it was not the main purpose of this study.
237 Instead, they are presented as supplementary material in Fig. A.1 and Fig. A.2. These
238 outcomes indicated a significant correlation between both calculation methods in their
239 response to disturbance. Taking this into account, we were confident enough to use AMBI
240 and M-AMBI, calculated with genus biomass, for the purpose of this study. These indices
241 were calculated using AMBI 5.0 software (freely available at <http://ambi.azti.es>) and the
242 November 2014 species list. Since the reference conditions for the area are based on
243 species, the reference conditions for the M-AMBI calculation based on genus were set as
244 following: genus richness was set as the 0.95 percentile of its maximum observed value in
245 the dataset, the Shannon index was set at the 0.95 percentile of its maximum observed value
246 in the dataset and AMBI was set as lowest observed value in the dataset. As for the 'bad'
247 status, the reference values used were 0 for diversity and richness, and 6 for AMBI.

248 *2.5.2 CWM and Rao calculation*

249 The CWM was calculated for each of the 28 trait categories. The trait values were weighted
250 by genus biomass (e.g. the biomass of filter-feeding taxa identified at genus level) (Garnier et
251 al., 2004; Ricotta and Moretti, 2011). This index can be adequately used to summarize shifts
252 in mean trait category values within communities due to environmental selection for certain
253 traits (Ricotta and Moretti, 2011). As such, the calculation of this index allowed us to test how
254 each trait category responded to the environmental variables. This index was calculated,
255 using R-package 'ade4' (Chessel et al., 2004)

256 As mentioned before, Rao is a generalised form of the Simpson index, which measures the
257 amount of trait diversity between two random individuals in the community (Botta-Dukát,
258 2005; Lepš et al., 2006). In fact, if diversity between all species pairs is maximum, then Rao
259 is identical to the Simpson index (Botta-Dukát, 2005). The Simpson index, as a result,
260 represents the maximum potential value Rao can reach in a given community where the
261 species completely differ in their trait categories. This index can be effectively used to
262 analyse patterns of trait (functional) diversity, i.e. a decrease or increase in trait diversity
263 compared to a random expectation (Vandewalle et al., 2010; Ricotta and Moretti 2011). An
264 Excel macro file (available from <http://botanika.bf.jcu.cz/suspa/FunctDiv.php>; Lepš et al.,
265 2006) was used to calculate the Simpson and Rao index. Rao provided the mean
266 dissimilarity values for each of the six traits (feeding-strategy, size, life-span, living-position,
267 larval-development, and the AMBI ecological groups - EG's) for each station and
268 subsequently a mean of the index values calculated across all these six traits.

269 *2.6 Statistical treatment*

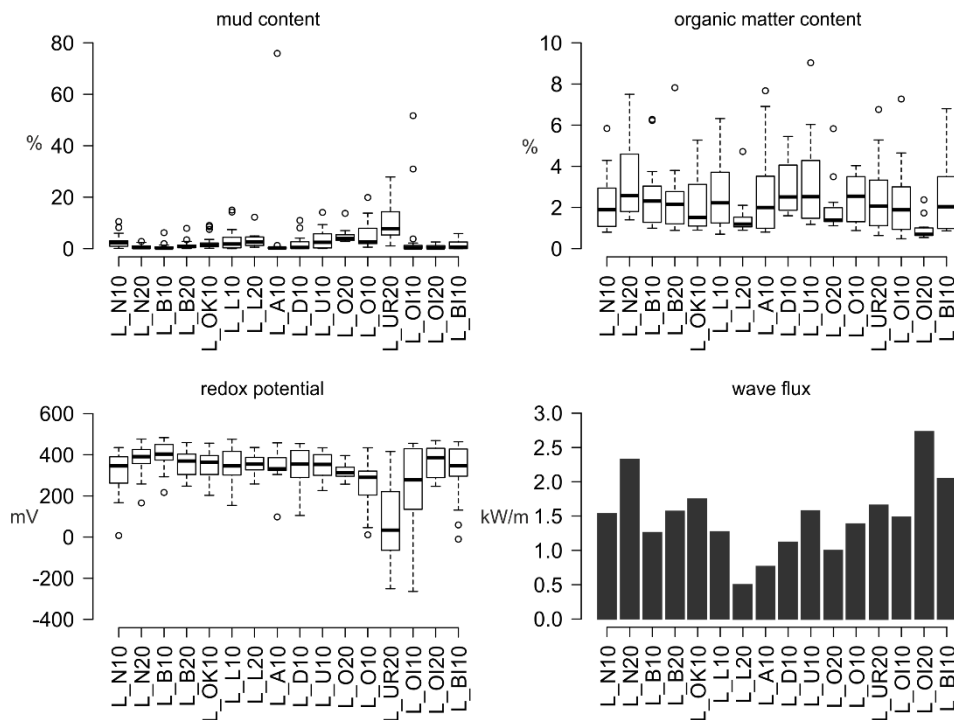
270 Non-parametric Kruskal-Wallis tests were performed in order to test whether the median
271 values for environmental variables and indices showed significant differences between the
272 stations and between the periods 1995-2001 (non-diverted and untreated discharges) and
273 2002-2012 (diverted, and since 2006, treated discharges) at station L_UR20 (α : 0.05).
274 Correlations among indices and between the indices and the environmental variables were
275 tested with a Pearson correlation test. When testing for correlation between the indices and
276 the environmental variables, the reported pairwise p-values (α : 0.05) were adjusted using the
277 'false discovery rate' (Benjamini and Hochberg, 1995).

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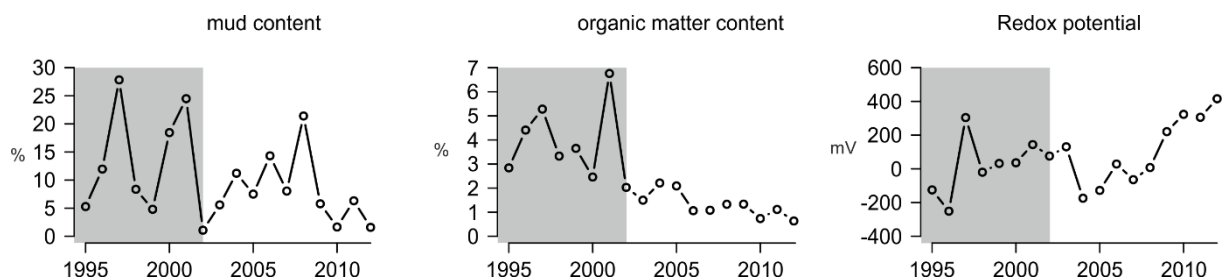
279 **3 Results**

280 *3.1 Environmental conditions*

281 The sediment conditions within most stations were relatively similar, despite mud-content,
 282 organic-matter content and redox-potential displaying significant differences between
 283 stations (Kruskal-Wallis, p-value: < 0.01). Nevertheless, station L_UR20 stood out from the
 284 rest because of higher mud content and lower redox potential values (Fig. 2). Wave-flux
 285 values were also significantly different between stations (Kruskal-Wallis, p-value: < 0.01),
 286 with the highest values at stations L_N20, L_OI20, L_BI10 and the lowest values at stations
 287 L_L20, L_A10 and L_O20 (Fig. 2). Regarding the temporal variation of the sediment
 288 conditions at station L_UR20, only organic-matter content showed a significant difference
 289 (Kruskal-Wallis, p-value: 0.0005) between the two periods, with higher values in the period
 290 with the non-diverted and untreated discharges (1995-2001) (Fig. 3).



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 292 Figure 2. Spatial variation of environmental variables.



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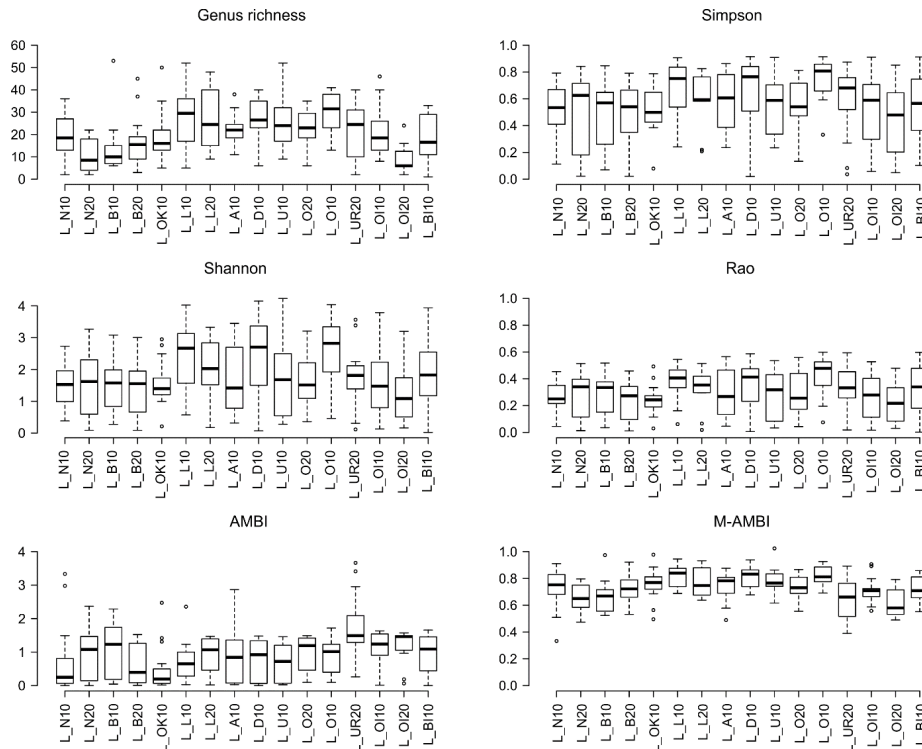
294 Figure 3. Temporal variation of environmental variables measured in the surficial sediment at station L_UR20.
295 The period with the non-diverted and untreated discharges (1995-2001) is highlighted in grey.

296 *3.2 Indices*

297 The list of taxa (genus level) identified in this study, together with the associated traits can be
298 consulted in Table A.1, in Supplementary Material.

299 *3.2.1 Spatial variation*

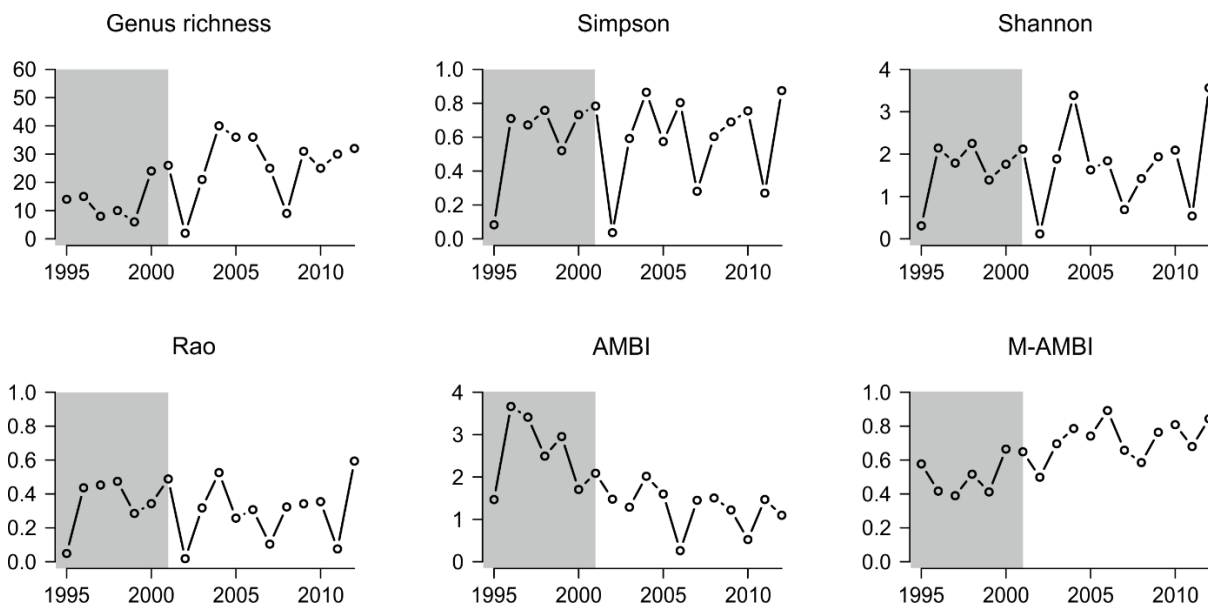
300 Almost all indices (except for CWM) displayed significant differences in their median values
301 between stations (Kruskal-Wallis, p-value: < 0.01). Besides, many of these indices showed a
302 very similar spatial variation pattern (Fig. 4). They were all significantly correlated with each
303 other. These correlations were mostly positive, with the exception of genus richness versus
304 AMBI, and AMBI versus M-AMBI, which were negatively correlated, since the scale of AMBI
305 is opposite to the others (lower values indicate better status, whilst for the others this is
306 indicated by higher values). Noticeable are the bell-shaped patterns in the spatial variation of
307 most indices median values (except for AMBI), i.e. generally lower median values at the
308 outer stations, and higher median values at the inner stations. This shape is especially clear
309 for genus richness. The CWM showed considerable variation in their values for most of the
310 trait categories (see Figure A.3, at Supplementary Material).



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 312 Figure 4. Spatial variation in the indicator values (for the results of the CWM index, see Figure A.3 at
 313 Supplementary Material).

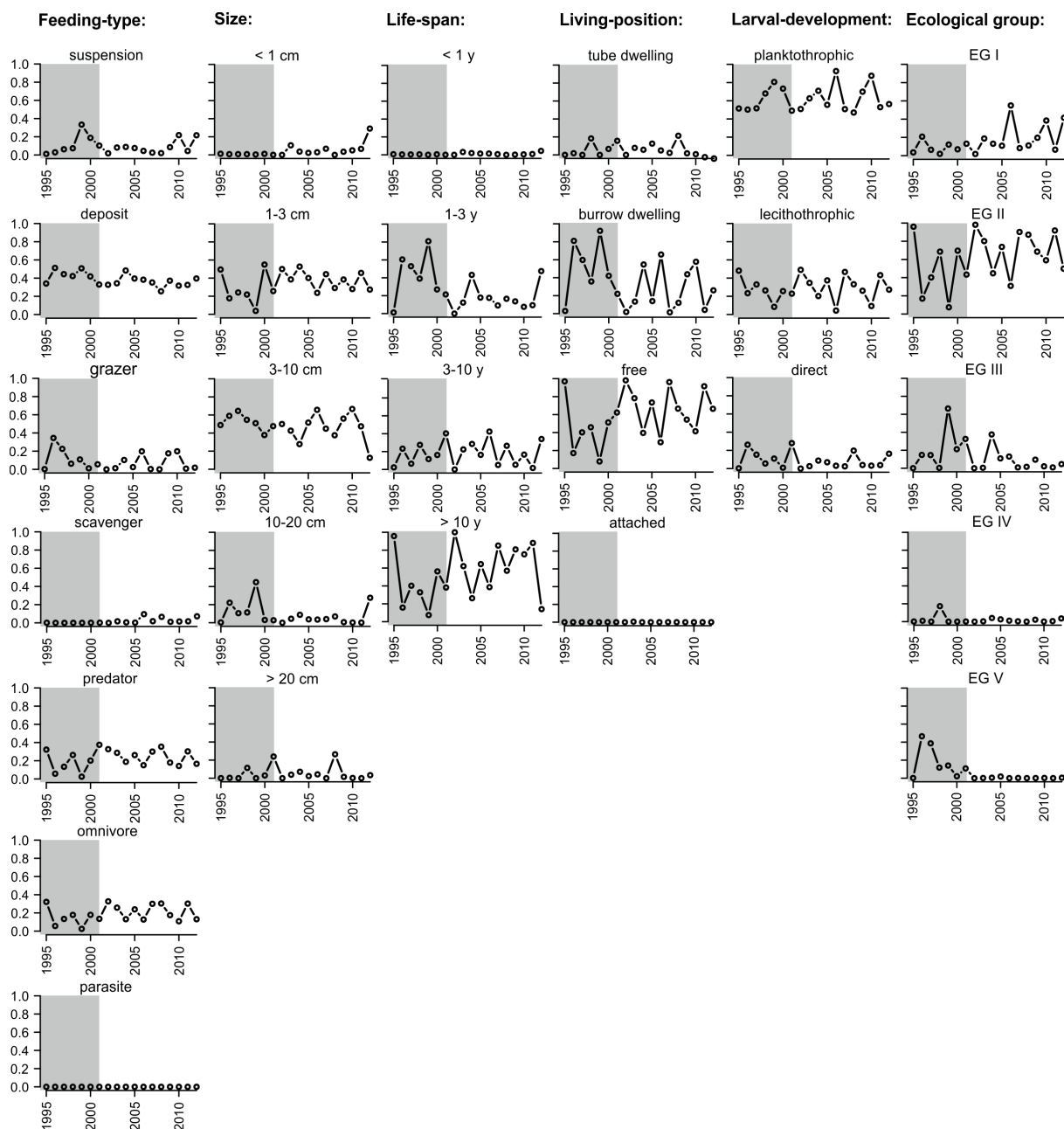
314 **3.2.2 Temporal variation**

315 The temporal variation of the indices mean values were assessed at station L_UR20 (Fig. 5
 316 and 6). Genus richness and M-AMBI showed a slight increase towards the latter years, while
 317 AMBI showed a general decrease. Simpson, Shannon and Rao did not show slope patterns.
 318 Genus richness and M-AMBI were positively correlated (Pearson, $r: 0.87$, $df: 16$, $p\text{-value}: <$
 319 0.0001). Rao was positively correlated with Simpson (Pearson, $r: 0.93$, $p\text{-value}: < 0.0001$)
 320 and Shannon (Pearson $r: 0.94$, $df: 16$, $p\text{-value} < 0.0001$). AMBI and M-AMBI were negatively
 321 correlated (Pearson $r: -0.84$, $df: 16$, $p\text{-value} < 0.0001$) and neither of them were significantly
 322 correlated with Rao. When comparing the values between the period with the non-diverted
 323 and untreated discharges (1995-2001) and the period with the diverted, and since 2006,
 324 treated discharges (2002-2012), significant differences were found for genus richness
 325 (Kruskal-Wallis, $p\text{-value}: 0.04$), AMBI (Kruskal-Wallis, $p\text{-value}: 0.003$) and M-AMBI (Kruskal-
 326 Wallis, $p\text{-value}: 0.004$). All these three indices indicated higher seafloor disturbance during
 327 the period with the non-diverted and untreated discharges.



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 329 Figure 5. Temporal variation in the indicator mean values at station L_UR20 (for the results of the CWM index,
 330 see Fig.6). The period with the non-diverted and untreated discharges (1995-2001) is highlighted in grey.

331 The CWM index showed some subtle differences in the mean trait values between the two
 332 periods (non-diverted and untreated discharges: 1995-2001 versus diverted, and since 2006,
 333 treated discharges: 2002-2012) (Fig. 6). When comparing the values between these two
 334 periods, significant differences were found for deposit-feeders (Kruskal-Wallis, p-value: 0.05),
 335 scavengers (Kruskal-Wallis, p-value: 0.002), very small sized species (Kruskal-Wallis, p-
 336 value: 0.03), short lived species (Kruskal-Wallis, p-value: 0.04) and opportunistic species-EG
 337 V (Kruskal-Wallis, p-value: 0.002). CWM for deposit-feeders, short lived-, and opportunistic
 338 species were higher during the period with the non-diverted and untreated discharges, and
 339 the CWM for scavengers and very small sized species were higher during the period with the
 340 diverted, and since 2006, treated discharges.



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 342 Figure 6: Temporal variation in the CWM values at station L_UR20. The period with the non-diverted and
 343 untreated discharges (1995-2001) is highlighted in grey.

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 345 **3.3 Correlation between the CWM and the AMBI ecological groups (EG's)**

346 Table 2 summarises the results of the correlation analysis between all trait categories and
 347 the EG's. For all traits, the category with the highest positive correlation is shown. Sensitive
 348 species (EG I) correlated with suspension-feeders, medium size, medium life-span, burrow-

349 dwellers and species with a planktotrophic larval-development. Opportunistic species (EG V)
 350 correlated with species displaying a very short life-span and a direct larval-development.

351 Table 2. Correlations (Pearson, df: 260, pairwise p-values) between the EG's and the CWM (traits) (* p < 0.05, **
 352 p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001). Only the highest correlation for each cell is presented.

CWM (traits)	EG I (sensitive species)	EG II (indifferent species)	EG III (tolerant species)	EG IV (2 nd order opportunistic species)	EG V (1 st order opportunistic species)
Feeding	suspension (0.61***)	omnivore (0.71***)	deposit (0.42***)	suspension (0.14*)	-
Size	medium (0.33***)	very small (0.16*) large (0.16*)	very large (0.16*)	small (0.13*)	-
Life-span	medium (0.16*)	Short (0.13*)	short (0.27***)	-	very short (0.42***)
Living-position	burrow-dwelling (0.51***)	free (0.55***)	-	-	tube-dwelling (0.18**)
Larval-development	planktotrophic (0.26***)	lecithotrophic (0.34***)	direct (0.21**)	-	direct (0.19**)

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354 *3.4 Correlation between the indices and the environment*

355 Considering the spatial variation, all indices showed significant correlations with one or more
 356 environmental variables (see Table 3 for details). The taxonomic indices (genus richness,
 357 Simpson and Shannon) were all negatively correlated with wave flux (genus richness
 358 showed the strongest correlation). Simpson, Rao and AMBI were positively correlated with
 359 mud-content (AMBI showed the strongest correlation). Only AMBI and M-AMBI were
 360 correlated with redox-potential. Regarding the CWM, most size traits were correlated to
 361 either organic-matter content, redox-potential or wave-flux, but not with mud-content. Short-
 362 and long life-span and a variety of feeding traits were mostly correlated with organic-matter
 363 content and wave-flux, while the living-habit traits (tube-dwelling and attached) and the
 364 larval-development traits (planktotrophic and lecithotrophic) correlated with organic-matter
 365 content and redox-potential. EG's I, III, IV and V were correlated with mud-content and redox
 366 potential. Considering the temporal variation at station L_UR20, AMBI, direct larval-

367 development and EG V were positively correlated with organic-matter content, while M-AMBI
 368 was negatively correlated (see Table 4).

369 Table 3. Significant correlations (Pearson, df: 260, adjusted pairwise p-values) between the indices and the
 370 spatial variation of environmental variables (* p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001).

Index	Trait (categories)	Mud- content	Organic- matter content	Redox- potential	Wave- flux
Genus richness	-				-0.33***
Simpson	-	0.17*			-0.16*
Shannon	-				-0.15*
AMBI	-	0.28***		-0.35***	
M-AMBI	-			0.19**	-0.27***
Rao	-	0.16*			
CWM	Size (very small: < 1 cm)			0.16*	0.25***
CWM	Size (small: 1-3 cm)		0.27***	-0.15*	-0.16*
CWM	Size (medium: 3-10 cm)		-0.22**		
CWM	Size (large: > 20 cm)		0.26***		
CWM	Life-span (short: 1-3 year)		0.15*		0.24***
CWM	Life-span (long: > 10 year)		-0.14*		
CWM	Feeding-strategy (suspension)				-0.16*
CWM	Feeding-strategy (deposit)		-0.14*		
CWM	Feeding-strategy (grazer)		-0.16*		
CWM	Feeding-strategy (scavenger)			0.17*	0.24***
CWM	Feeding-strategy (predator)		0.19**		0.20**
CWM	Feeding-strategy (omnivore)		0.15*		0.17*
CWM	Living-position (tube-dwelling)			-0.19**	
CWM	Living-position (attached)		0.17*		
CWM	Larval-development (planktotrophic)		-0.23***	0.15*	
CWM	Larval-development (lecithotrophic)		0.21**	-0.25***	
CWM	EG I	-0.14*		0.22***	
CWM	EG III			-0.19**	
CWM	EG IV	0.28***			
CWM	EG V	0.225***		-0.314***	

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 372 Table 4. Significant correlations (Pearson, df: 16, adjusted pairwise p-values) between the indices and the
 373 temporal variation of environmental variables measured in the surficial sediment at station L_UR20 (* p < 0.05, **
 374 p < 0.01).

Index	Trait (categories)	Mud- content	Organic- matter content	Redox- potential
AMBI	Ecological groups		0.76**	376
M-AMBI	Ecological groups		-0.63*	
CWM	Larval-development (direct)		0.61*	377
CWM	EG V		0.69*	
				378

379 4. Discussion

380 4.1 AMBI and M-AMBI

381 AMBI was able to indicate the effects of anthropogenic seafloor disturbance. According to
382 this index, the seafloor was most disturbed at station L_UR20, and more than average
383 disturbed at stations L_N20 and L_OI20 (also disturbed by anthropogenic pressures). At
384 station L_UR20 it was also able to distinguish between the two periods with different levels of
385 disturbance (i.e. higher disturbance during 1995-2001 and lower disturbance during 2002-
386 2012). Station L_UR20 is regarded as the most disturbed of the dataset, especially between
387 1995 and 2001, when untreated urban wastewater was directly discharged in the close
388 vicinity of this station, affecting the benthic communities due to poor sediment quality (i.e.
389 high organic matter content and low redox potential values). In 2001, a marine outfall was
390 constructed, which, to date, transports the biologically treated (since 2006) wastewater to a
391 location approximately 1.2 km offshore. Since then, sediment quality steadily improved by
392 reducing the organic matter and increasing the redox potential (Borja et al., 2009), as can be
393 seen in Figure 3.

394 M-AMBI showed a slightly different response. According to this index, not station L_UR20 but
395 stations L_N20 and L_OI20 were the most disturbed over the whole period (1995-2012). This
396 response can be attributed to the influence of richness and diversity in its calculation. In
397 particular, genus richness, but also the Shannon index, showed very low values at stations
398 L_N20 and L_OI20. Also, the method used to calculate M-AMBI for this study influenced its
399 performance. M-AMBI was calculated at genus level. Therefore, genus richness and the
400 Shannon index were slightly different from those calculated based on species level. In fact,
401 M-AMBI detected the worst seafloor quality at station L_UR20 when based on species level
402 identification, after Borja et al. (2009).

403 To adequately compare the performance of all indices, both AMBI and M-AMBI were
404 calculated with 'genus biomass' instead of 'species density' which is the common calculation
405 method used in most studies (e.g. Borja et al., 2009; Paganelli et al., 2011). The results
406 demonstrated a strong correlation between both calculation methods regarding their
407 response to anthropogenic seafloor disturbance in this marine environment. However, some

408 performance loss did occur due to the exclusion of certain taxa at a lower resolution
409 (nematodes, oligochaetes, etc.) that mostly belonged to ecological group (EG) V (1st order
410 opportunists). Previous studies by Warwick et al. (2010), Muxika et al. (2012) and Cai et al.,
411 (2014) already demonstrated a strong relationship between AMBI (the two former studies)
412 and M-AMBI calculated with 'species biomass' versus 'species density'.

413 In summary, both AMBI and M-AMBI were able to adequately assess the effects of
414 anthropogenic seafloor disturbance in this coastal environment. They responded to changes
415 in the redox-potential (spatial variation) and organic-matter content (temporal variation at
416 station L_UR20). However, the performance of the indices was influenced by other factors.
417 AMBI, for instance, also responded to mud-content, which can be considered a natural
418 characteristic of the area. M-AMBI responded to wave-flux, which is a natural type of
419 disturbance. The impact of wave-flux on the seabed was generally higher at the stations that
420 are more exposed to the most common swell direction (coming from the north-west, e.g.
421 L_N20 and L_OI20). These stations are situated in front of the stretch of coastline that is
422 most perpendicular orientated towards this swell direction.

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424 *4.2 Community-weighted mean trait values (CWM)*

425 The CWM was used to summarize shifts in the mean trait category values within
426 communities due to environmental selection for the traits (Ricotta and Moretti, 2011). As
427 such, we expected that all six-trait groups (28 trait categories) would be indicative of
428 anthropogenic- and natural seafloor disturbance.

429 In general, the EG's were the most indicative of anthropogenic seafloor disturbance, which
430 was obviously reflected in the performance of AMBI and, subsequently, M-AMBI. EG's I
431 (sensitive species), III (tolerant species) and V (1st order opportunists) all responded to the
432 spatial variation of redox-potential values, while the latter also responded to the temporal

433 variation of organic-matter content (station L_UR20 showed a relatively high mean for EG V,
434 especially during the period with the non-diverted and untreated discharges).

435 The strength of the EG's, and therefore AMBI and M-AMBI as anthropogenic disturbance
436 indicators, is that they synthesise information regarding functioning based on multiple traits
437 (Marchini et al., 2008). Indeed, each EG was correlated with at least two or more individual
438 traits. For example, EG V was positively correlated with short-lived, tube-dwelling species
439 with a direct larval-development. This wide spectrum of traits might have caused an
440 advantage over each individual trait. Each individual trait does not always contribute with
441 unique information on functioning (Verberk et al., 2013). In this respect, the use of a smaller
442 number of strategies capturing the most relevant differences in trait combinations could help
443 improve the signal-to-noise ratio, resulting in higher discriminatory power (Verberk et al.,
444 2013).

445 The individual traits that seemed most indicative of anthropogenic seafloor disturbance were
446 tube-dwelling, lecithotrophic- and direct larval-development. Tube-dwelling and lecithotrophic
447 larval-development showed the strongest correlation with the spatial variation of redox-
448 potential values. Direct larval-development was correlated with the temporal variation of
449 organic-matter content at station L_UR20. Besides, these traits responded solely to
450 anthropogenic disturbance and not to natural disturbance in the form of wave-flux.

451 At first glance, also the traits that correlated with the spatial variation of organic-matter
452 content appear to be indicative of anthropogenic disturbance. However, this correlation was
453 only observed regarding the spatial variation, which did not change much. Considering the
454 temporal variation at station L_UR20, none of these traits responded to the considerable
455 decrease of organic-matter content. Besides, some of these traits were also influenced by
456 natural disturbance (small size, short life-span, predators and omnivores). This suggested
457 that these traits were not particularly indicative of anthropogenic seafloor disturbance in this
458 environment. However, a number of studies observed an increase of small-sized species

459 with increasing organic-matter content (e.g. Dauer et al., 1992; Pacheco et al., 2010; van
460 Son et al., 2013).

461 As mentioned before, tube-dwellers, lecithotrophic- and direct larval-development categories
462 seemed the most indicative of anthropogenic disturbance. Indeed, for tube-dwellers this
463 response was expected (Reise, 2002) but not for lecithotrophic and direct larval-
464 development. Taxa with a planktotrophic larval-development was *a-priori* expected to
465 increase in abundance with seafloor disturbance (Table 1). High larval mobility usually
466 indicates an unstable habitat (Paganelli et al., 2012). However, Villnäs et al. (2011) and van
467 Son et al. (2013) found that lecithotrophic larval-development characterised organic enriched
468 environments. This study does not support their findings because it was not correlated with
469 organic-matter content. As such, a clear mechanistic link for why lecithotrophic- and direct
470 larval-development might be used to indicate anthropogenic seafloor disturbance is missing.

471 In summary, the CWM of most individual traits was not indicative of anthropogenic seafloor
472 disturbance in this coastal ecosystem. This might have been due to different reasons: the
473 links between the traits and the environmental variables that are associated with
474 anthropogenic seafloor disturbance were weak; the mechanistic links between certain traits
475 (e.g. larval-development) and their response to seafloor disturbance in marine environments
476 is currently not well understood (Berthelsen et al., 2015). Besides, other anthropogenic
477 pressures exist in the area, like fishing and dredging or sediments deposits, which may have
478 contributed to mask the results obtained. Moreover, many traits were also influenced by
479 wave-flux (natural disturbance), which made it difficult to understand whether they were
480 influenced by anthropogenic- or natural disturbance, or by a combination of both.

481 *4.3 Trait diversity (Rao)*

482 We *a-priori* expected that trait diversity, which was expressed by the Rao, would be lowest at
483 the most disturbed stations (L_N20, L_UR20 and L_OI20), especially at station L_UR20
484 during the period with the non-diverted and untreated discharges (1995-2001). However, this

485 was not the case, Rao values at these stations were similar to those of most other stations,
486 and its values during 1995-2001 were not much different from the period with the diverted,
487 and since 2006, treated discharges (2002-2012). Based upon these results, Rao was not a
488 useful indicator to detect anthropogenic seafloor disturbance in this particular environment.
489 However, this outcome does not necessarily mean that Rao or any other measure for trait
490 diversity is useless for detecting seafloor disturbance. A number of studies demonstrated a
491 clear response of Rao to anthropogenic seafloor disturbance (e.g. Cooper et al., 2008;
492 Paganelli et al., 2012; Wan Hussin et al., 2012). As previously mentioned when discussing
493 the CWM results, also the performance of Rao depends on which types of traits are
494 considered. Rao will perform better if traits have more strong and clear links with the
495 particular type of disturbance that is being studied, and if there is none or little distortion
496 between anthropogenic- and natural disturbance. The performance of Rao was also similar
497 to that of genus richness and the Simpson index (strongly correlated). This reflects the
498 relationship between species richness and trait (functional) diversity in that with the loss or
499 addition of a species, unique traits were being lost or added to the community (Culhane et
500 al., 2014; van der Linden et al., 2016). Most studies found a strong correlation between Rao
501 and Simpson (e.g. Vandewalle et al., 2010; Culhane et al., 2014; van der Linden et al.,
502 2016).

503 *4.4 From a management perspective*

504 AMBI and M-AMBI were able to adequately assess the effects of anthropogenic seafloor
505 disturbance in the form of organic-matter enrichment and oxygen depletion of the surficial
506 sediments in this marine system. Their strength lies in the ability of their ecological groups to
507 capture a wide range of information about the response of multiple individual traits to this
508 particular type of disturbance. The CWM of the individual traits and the diversity of these
509 traits, as expressed by the Rao index, were not effective in indicating this disturbance. The
510 main reason was probably that many of the individual traits did not have a very strong and
511 clear mechanistic link with this type of disturbance. Besides, some traits also responded to

512 natural disturbance in the form of wave-flux, which makes it difficult to unravel the effects of
513 both types of disturbance. A clear advantage by using the CWM of the individual traits is that
514 it gave a more detailed understanding on how the two types of disturbances (anthropogenic
515 and natural) affected the individual traits, and thus the functioning of species communities as
516 a whole. This knowledge might aid in the development of existing- or to be developed
517 indices. For instance, if you know that small sized species will respond to natural disturbance
518 in your study area, one might exclude this trait from that particular index. However, from a
519 management perspective, which aims to simply monitor the quality and health of the site, a
520 full understanding of a site may not necessarily be required (Culhane et al., 2014). Moreover,
521 the CWM of multiple traits does not provide a single number that indicates a quality status,
522 which makes it a difficult tool to use and interpret, especially for managers. It is probably
523 more useful for scientists who really want to explore and understand different aspects of
524 community functioning. In this aspect, AMBI and M-AMBI are easier and more
525 straightforward to use. That is why several European Member States have used them in the
526 first MSFD phase of GES assessment. Unlike the CWM, trait diversity (Rao in this case)
527 provides a single value of functioning, having therefore real potential to effectively be used
528 for management purposes. However, to improve its performance, detailed and accurate traits
529 data are required. This is currently lacking for many marine species (Munari, 2013;
530 Berthelsen et al., 2015). We therefore suggest that more research is needed into quantifying
531 a larger number of traits and to understand their links with anthropogenic seafloor
532 disturbance, before effectively utilising trait (functional) diversity for this purpose. Perhaps,
533 when doing so, trait diversity will not be as strongly correlated to species diversity, which is
534 now questioning the use of trait diversity as an effective tool for management purposes.

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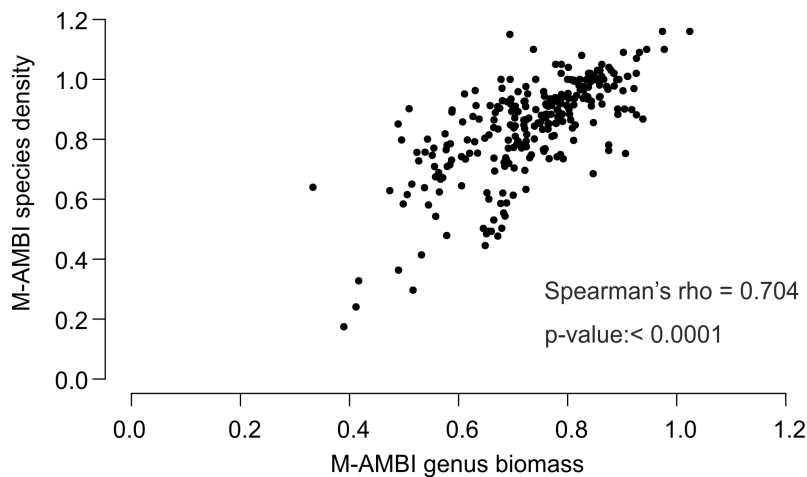
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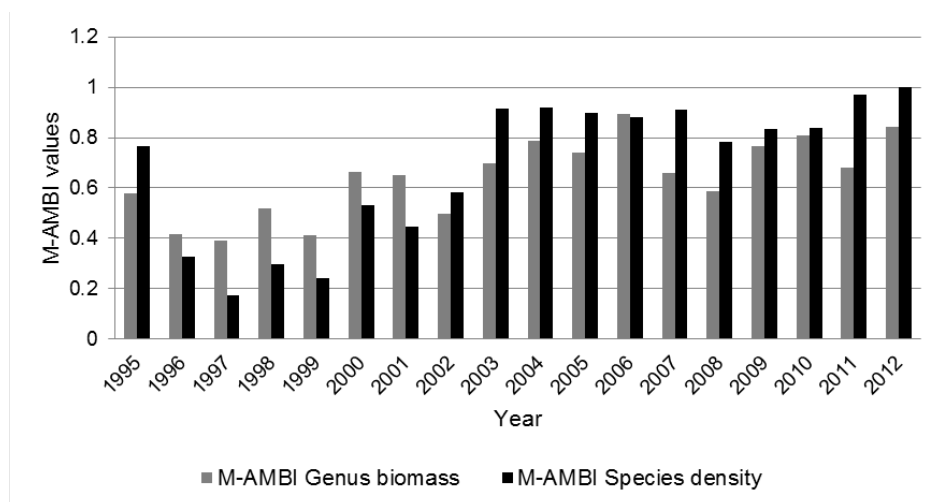
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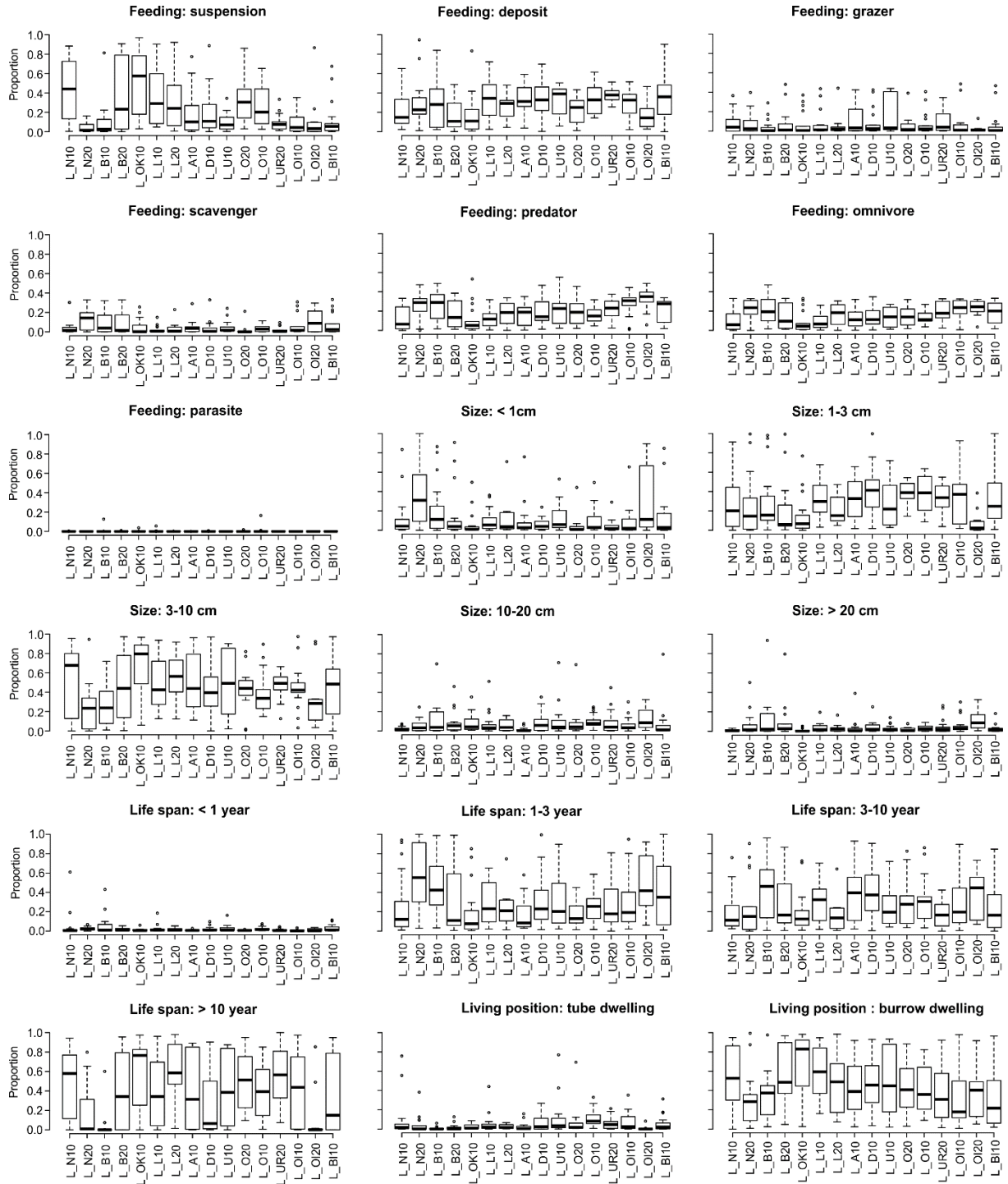
732 **Figure A.1** Relation between M-AMBI calculated with species density and genus biomass. Results of the
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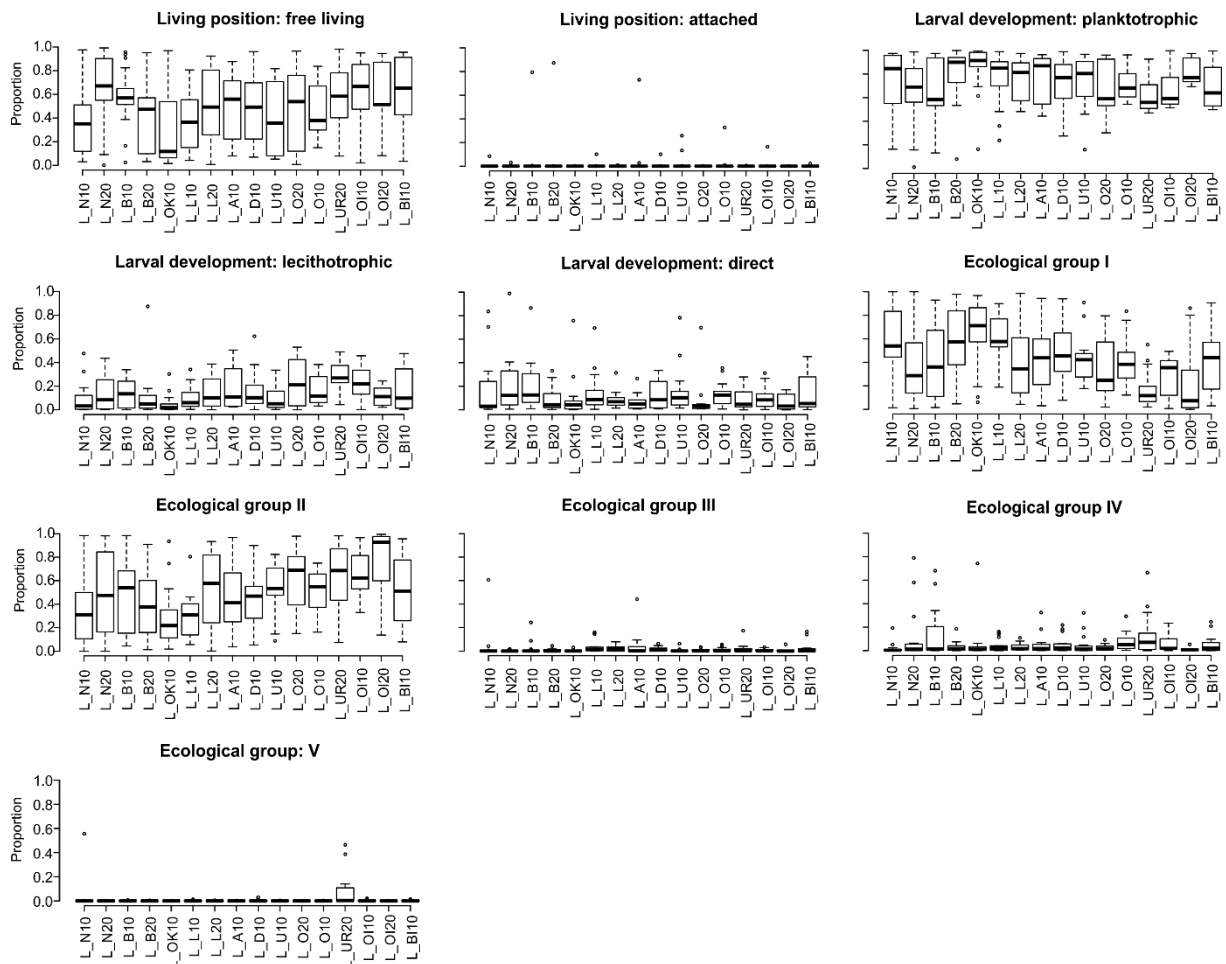
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735 **Figure A.2** M-AMBI values calculated with species density and genus biomass at station L_UR20. From 1996 to
736 2001 (and in 2006), M-AMBI values calculated with genus biomass exceeded the values of M-AMBI calculated
737 with species density. The opposite can be observed for the other years. The reason for this difference is that M-
738 AMBI calculated with species density (standard calculation of M-AMBI) included taxa at a lower resolution than
739 genus (nematodes, oligochaetes, etc.). As most of these taxa belong to ecological groups IV and V (opportunists),
740 M-AMBI calculated with species density responded more obviously to disturbance during the initial years, which is
741 in accordance with the expected disturbance pattern at this station. Nevertheless, both calculation methods
742 showed similar patterns. The Wilcoxon signed-rank test results indicated non-significant differences between the
743 two calculation methods (p-value: 0.369).

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749 **Figure A.3** The community weighted mean trait values for each of the 28 trait categories for each station.

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<i>Spio</i>	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0			
<i>Spiochaetopterus</i>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		
<i>Spiophanes</i>	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		
<i>Spirobranchus</i>	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	
<i>Spisula</i>	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
<i>Sthenelais</i>	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	
<i>Streblospio</i>	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
<i>Streptosyllis</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	
<i>Sycon</i>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
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