

Predictive dispersal: Lagrangian modelling using knowledge on larval dispersal

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Modelled larval tracks from Case Study sites



Rockall bank. Passive particles. 1-year tracks. Releases over 50 years.



Azores. Passive particles. 1-year tracks. Releases over 50 years.





Remaining ATLAS deliverables including particle tracking modelling:

D1.6 : Biologically realistic Lagrangian connectivity. *Month 32 (December 31 2018)* Report prepared on the impact of biological parameters on the Lagrangian connectivity of N Atlantic ecosystems.

Task 1.3 Quantify ocean transport pathways and connectivity of water masses at basin and regional management scales (M1-M48): Basin-scale horizontal circulation and vertical mixing of water masses and particle dispersal quantified using the VIKING20 model.

D4.4 : Biological mediation of dispersal in benthos and fish. *Month 36 (April 20 2019)*

Report on how life history traits of selected benthos and fish may mediate dispersal potential and genetic connectivity.

Task 4.2 Predicted and realised dispersal: influence of history and life history traits on connectivity as predicted through VIKING20/regional oceanographic models versus assessed through genomics approach (M6-M36).



Larval behaviour parameters to be used

Variable	Min	Max	Comments
Age maturity	0 days	10 days	Reach full swim speed
Age competence	4 days	42 days	Begin to head downwards (> age maturity)
Upward speed	0.2 mms ⁻¹	1.0 mms ⁻¹	
Downward speed	0.2 mms ⁻¹	1.0 mms ⁻¹	
Target depth	10 m	150 m	

NOTE: Pelagic larval duration (PLD). All runs will be 'long', 6-12 months. Different PLD can be selected by cutting tracks at set age.

Each variable will be tested individually, giving 2^5 (= 32) runs for 5 variables.



- Passive larvae
- Case Study 3
- Rockall Bank
- 10 years
- PLD 180 days





- Active larvae
- Case Study 3
- Rockall Bank
- 10 years
- PLD 180 days

Larvae swim upwards to surface, drift in top 20 m then swim downwards from 42 days old



particle depth (m)



- Passive larvae
- Case Study 1
- Flemish Cap
- 10 years
- PLD 180 days



0 200 400 600 800 1000 1200 1400 1600 1800 2000 particle depth (m)



- Active larvae
- Case Study 11
- Flemish Cap
- 10 years

• PLD 180 days

Larvae swim upwards to surface, drift in top 20 m then swim downwards from 42 days old







- 500 1200 m
- 1 year monthly⁵⁰[™] release
- 1 larvae from 4 each model 9 gridsquare in 4 depth range 3

1300000 larvae

Connectivity









20 day PLD

are weaker

















Bay of Biscay – modelled and genetic connectivity



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