

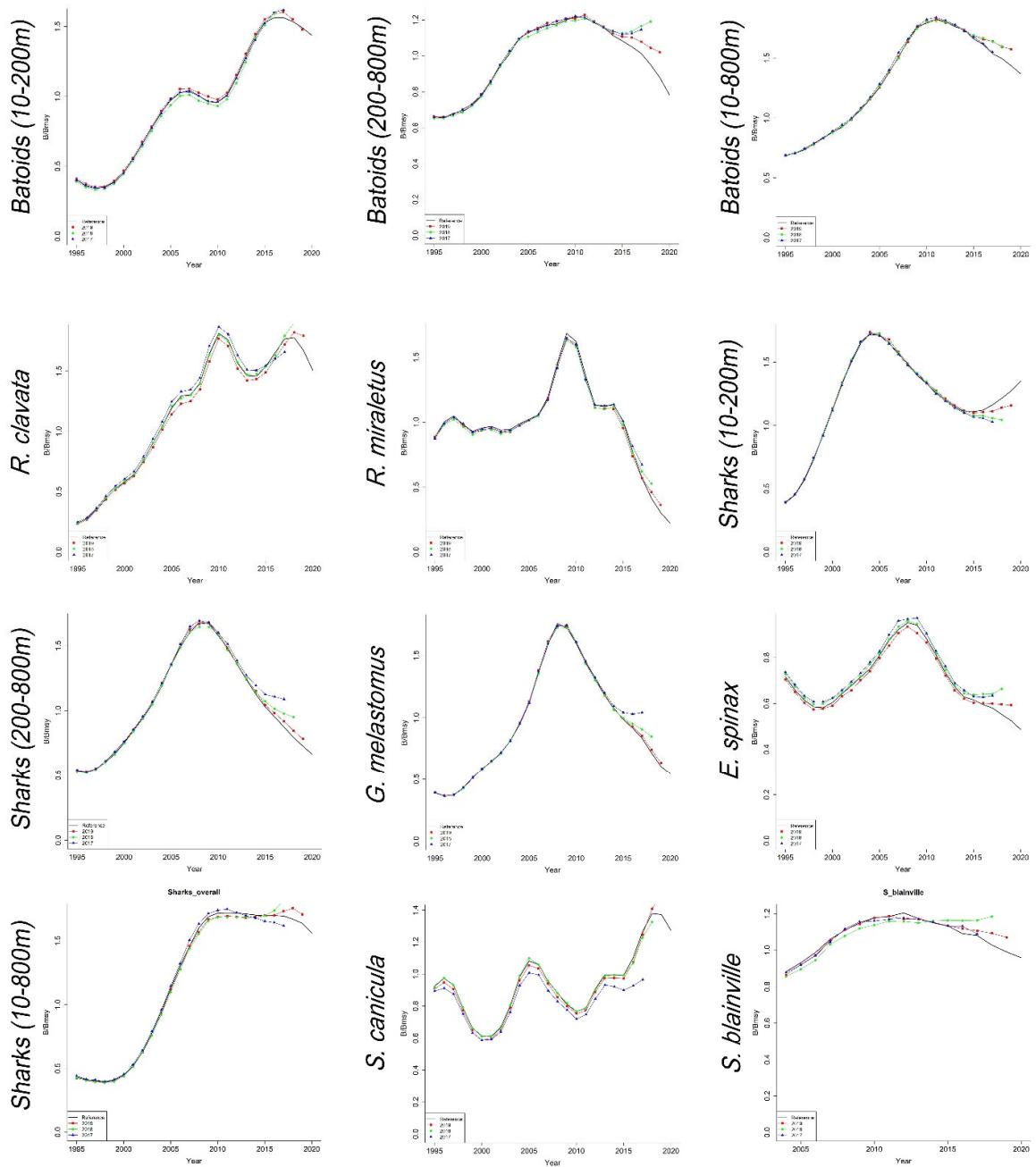
**Table S1.** Status of Elasmobranchii in the Mediterranean according to classification of Dulvy et al. [17] and percentage of positive hauls of each species caught in each stratum (shelf, 10–200 m; slope, 200–800 m; overall, 10–800 m) during MEDITS survey in Strait of Sicily.

| TAXA                          | MRRL | % Positive Hauls |       |         |
|-------------------------------|------|------------------|-------|---------|
|                               |      | Shelf            | Slope | Overall |
| <b>BATOIDS</b>                |      |                  |       |         |
| <i>Aetomylaeus bovinus</i>    | //   | 0.5              | 0.0   | 0.2     |
| <i>Dasyatis pastinaca</i>     | VU   | 3.1              | 0.1   | 1.4     |
| <i>Dipturus batis</i>         | //   | 0.1              | 0.0   | 0.0     |
| <i>Dipturus oxyrinchus</i>    | NT   | 0.1              | 20.2  | 11.1    |
| <i>Leucoraja circularis</i>   | CR   | 0.1              | 1.3   | 0.7     |
| <i>Leucoraja fullonica</i>    | CR   | 0.0              | 0.1   | 0.0     |
| <i>Leucoraja melitensis</i>   | CR   | 4.1              | 9.9   | 7.3     |
| <i>Leucoraja naevus</i>       | NT   | 0.0              | 0.2   | 0.1     |
| <i>Myliobatis aquila</i>      | VU   | 2.5              | 0.0   | 1.1     |
| <i>Raja asterias</i>          | NT   | 8.8              | 0.5   | 4.2     |
| <i>Raja brachyura</i>         | NT   | 1.2              | 0.0   | 0.5     |
| <i>Raja clavata</i>           | NT   | 26.2             | 19.8  | 22.7    |
| <i>Raja miraletus</i>         | LC   | 29.1             | 13.3  | 19.5    |
| <i>Raja montagui</i>          | LC   | 10.2             | 1.9   | 5.7     |
| <i>Raja polystigma</i>        | LC   | 1.0              | 0.3   | 0.6     |
| <i>Raja radula</i>            | EN   | 1.0              | 0.3   | 0.6     |
| <i>Rostroraja alba</i>        | EN   | 0.4              | 0.1   | 0.2     |
| <i>Tetronarce nobiliana</i>   | //   | 0.6              | 2.6   | 1.7     |
| <i>Torpedo marmorata</i>      | LC   | 11.6             | 5.9   | 8.5     |
| <i>Torpedo torpedo</i>        | LC   | 1.5              | 0.2   | 0.8     |
| <b>SHARKS</b>                 |      |                  |       |         |
| <i>Centrophorus uyato</i>     | //   | 0.0              | 0.6   | 0.3     |
| <i>Dalatias licha</i>         | VU   | 0.0              | 11.4  | 6.2     |
| <i>Etmopterus spinax</i>      | LC   | 0.0              | 52.7  | 28.9    |
| <i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>     | VU   | 0.0              | 0.2   | 0.1     |
| <i>Galeus melastomus</i>      | LC   | 0.2              | 78.8  | 43.2    |
| <i>Heptranchias perlo</i>     | DD   | 0.1              | 3.9   | 2.2     |
| <i>Hexanchus griseus</i>      | LC   | 0.0              | 0.8   | 0.4     |
| <i>Mustelus asterias</i>      | VU   | 0.9              | 0.0   | 0.4     |
| <i>Mustelus mustelus</i>      | VU   | 18.7             | 0.8   | 8.9     |
| <i>Mustelus punctulatus</i>   | VU   | 3.5              | 0.0   | 1.6     |
| <i>Oxynotus centrina</i>      | CR   | 0.9              | 0.9   | 0.9     |
| <i>Scyliorhinus canicula</i>  | //   | 37.5             | 28.0  | 32.4    |
| <i>Scyliorhinus stellaris</i> | NT   | 1.1              | 0.2   | 0.6     |
| <i>Squalus acanthias</i>      | EN   | 0.0              | 0.2   | 0.1     |
| <i>Squalus blainville</i>     | DD   | 21.5             | 14.5  | 17.7    |

MRRL, Mediterranean Regional Red List; CR, Critically Endangered; EN, Endangered; VU, Vulnerable; NT, Near Threatened; LC, Least Concern; DD, Data Deficient; NI, not included in the MRRL; //, not available.

**Table S2.** Outputs of the sensitivity analysis. R.est, estimated resilience; K.est, estimated carrying capacity; CI, 95% confidence interval.

|                         |           |          |      |       |            |      |           |      |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------|------|-------|------------|------|-----------|------|-----------|
| Best model              | 0.05-0.5  | 0.01-0.4 | 0.45 | 40.23 | 31.9-54.2  | 0.53 | 0.29-0.94 | 2.19 | 0.73-4.03 |
| 1                       | 0.05-0.5  | 0.2-0.6  | 0.48 | 35.8  | 31.1-41.6  | 0.59 | 0.33-1.09 | 2.03 | 0.68-3.85 |
| 2                       | 0.05-0.8  | 0.2-0.6  | 0.62 | 38.2  | 32.9-44.8  | 0.53 | 0.29-0.95 | 2.14 | 0.83-4.21 |
| 3                       | 0.05-0.8  | 0.01-0.4 | 0.59 | 42.7  | 33.7-55.7  | 0.46 | 0.26-0.84 | 2.30 | 0.88-4.46 |
| 4                       | 0.05-0.8  | 0.01-0.6 | 0.61 | 38.6  | 33.3-45.3  | 0.51 | 0.29-0.91 | 2.18 | 0.80-4.38 |
| <b>Sharks (10-800m)</b> |           |          |      |       |            |      |           |      |           |
| Best model              | 0.015-0.8 | 0.01-0.6 | 0.64 | 68.9  | 60.4-81.8  | 1.56 | 0.87-2.85 | 0.40 | 0.04-0.95 |
| 1                       | 0.015-0.5 | 0.01-0.4 | 0.56 | 75.5  | 60.2-101.7 | 1.44 | 0.80-2.59 | 0.54 | 0.04-1.36 |
| 2                       | 0.015-0.5 | 0.2-0.6  | 0.52 | 64.2  | 57.2-73.5  | 1.68 | 0.94-3.14 | 0.37 | 0.03-0.96 |
| 3                       | 0.015-0.8 | 0.2-0.6  | 0.58 | 66.1  | 58.9-75.2  | 1.61 | 0.89-2.93 | 0.38 | 0.04-0.89 |
| 4                       | 0.015-0.8 | 0.01-0.4 | 0.63 | 77.6  | 62.7-102.2 | 1.38 | 0.77-2.45 | 0.58 | 0.07-1.39 |
| <i>S. blainville</i>    |           |          |      |       |            |      |           |      |           |
| Best model              | 0.015-0.5 | 0.2-0.6  | 0.43 | 50.70 | 43.1-61.0  | 1.35 | 0.77-2.48 | 0.68 | 0.08-1.53 |
| 1                       | 0.015-0.1 | 0.01-0.4 | 0.14 | 106.1 | 84.7-139.5 | 0.66 | 0.38-1.32 | 1.44 | 0.21-3.96 |
| 2                       | 0.015-0.1 | 0.2-0.6  | 0.25 | 62.4  | 42.0-77.4  | 1.16 | 0.70-1.56 | 1.05 | 0.06-2.39 |
| 3                       | 0.015-0.5 | 0.01-0.4 | 0.47 | 64.8  | 47.2-92.1  | 1.05 | 0.58-1.88 | 1.04 | 0.16-2.37 |
| 4                       | 0.015-0.5 | 0.01-0.6 | 0.49 | 59.9  | 45.7-88.9  | 1.14 | 0.62-2.09 | 0.92 | 0.14-2.1  |
| <i>S. canicula</i>      |           |          |      |       |            |      |           |      |           |
| Best model              | 0.05-0.8  | 0.2-0.6  | 0.51 | 29.7  | 21.7-44.6  | 1.26 | 0.69-2.27 | 0.73 | 0.09-1.71 |
| 1                       | 0.05-0.5  | 0.01-0.4 | 0.34 | 36.4  | 26.7-50.6  | 1.04 | 0.56-1.87 | 1.05 | 0.10-2.51 |
| 2                       | 0.05-0.5  | 0.2-0.6  | 0.40 | 29.2  | 21.6-42.2  | 1.29 | 0.72-2.32 | 0.76 | 0.07-1.84 |
| 3                       | 0.05-0.8  | 0.01-0.4 | 0.44 | 36.9  | 26.0-51.6  | 1.00 | 0.56-1.79 | 1.00 | 0.15-2.2  |
| 4                       | 0.05-0.8  | 0.01-0.6 | 0.48 | 32.0  | 22.2-48.2  | 1.16 | 0.65-2.1  | 0.83 | 0.11-1.91 |



**Figure S1.** Retrospective analysis of investigated Elasmobranchii sampled during the MEDITS survey in GSA 16.