

Appendix 1

Data extent

The capture sessions are relatively well-spread throughout the year (y-axis in Figure A1.), although with a slightly higher intensity in March-April than June-July or December-January. The distribution is more heterogenous when comparing different years (x-axis in Figure A1.1): there is very good coverage between 2003 and 2007, variable from 2008 to 2012, and relatively stable since then.

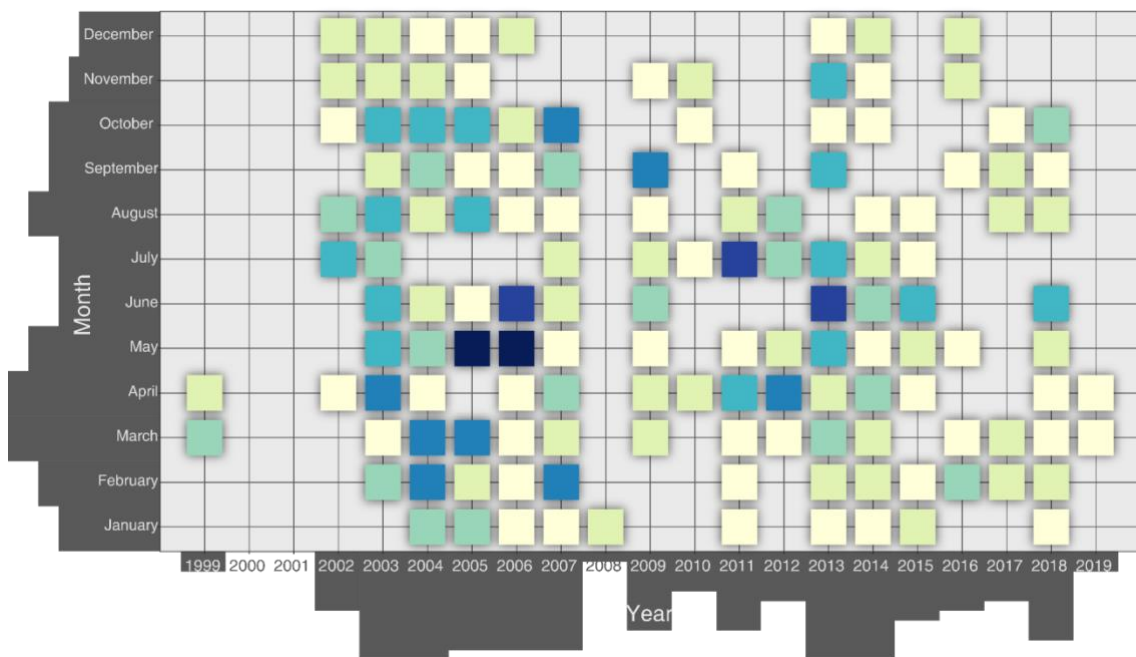


Figure A1.1: Distribution of the capture sessions according to year and month. Colour scale indicates the number of capture sessions.

Additional information was available for some sessions: start time (data available for 74% of the sessions), closing time (39%), sum of net lengths (23%), weather conditions (45%).

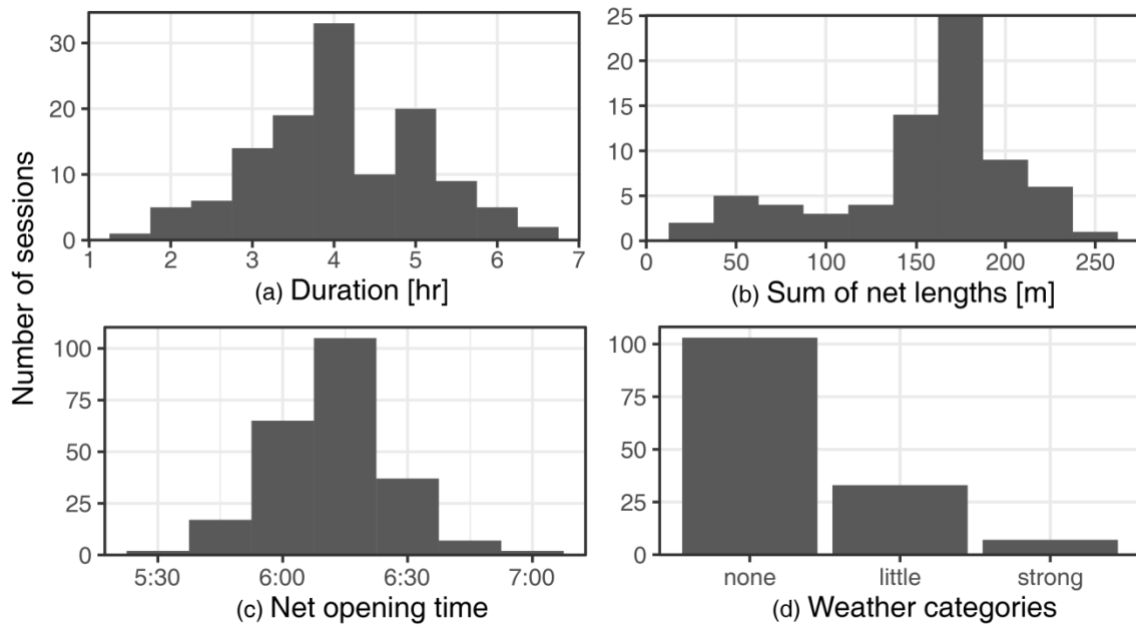


Figure A1.2: Histograms of the metadata recorded for each capture session (N=317) of (a) total length of nets (N=73), (b) duration of capture session (N=124), (c) weather category (N=143) and (d) time of session start (N=235).