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ODYSSEA

WP4 – Ecosystem modelling workshop Ecopath with Ecosim

Test exercise

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Studied ecosystem

Taxa	Common name
1. <i>Tursiops truncatus</i>	Bottlenose dolphin
2. <i>Delphinus delphis</i>	Short-beaked common dolphin
3. <i>Scyliorhinus canicula</i>	Lesser spotted dogfish
4. Squalidae	Dogfish sharks
5. <i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	European hake
6. <i>Mullus barbatus</i>	Red mullet
7. <i>Mullus surmuletus</i>	Surmullet
8. <i>Sardina pilchardus</i>	European pilchard
9. <i>Meliceratus kerathurus</i>	Caramote prawn
10. <i>Parapenaeus longirostris</i>	Deep water rose shrimp



Taxa	Functional group
1. <i>Tursiops truncatus</i>	1. Dolphins
2. <i>Delphinus delphis</i>	1. Dolphins
3. <i>Scyliorhinus canicula</i>	2. Sharks
4. <i>Squalidae</i>	2. Sharks
5. <i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	3. Hake
6. <i>Mullus barbatus</i>	4. Red mullets
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8. <i>Sardina pilchardus</i>	5. Sardine
9. <i>Melicertus kerathurus</i>	6. Shrimps
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Low trophic level	Invertebrates	Fish	Other
Phytoplankton	Zooplankton (copepods)	Sardine	Dolphins
Discards	Shrimps	Hake	
Detritus		Sharks	



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EWE 6.5 RELEASED

7 July 2016: A new version of EwE, version 6.5, has been released.

For details, see: [EwE 6.5 release notes](#) – [EwE change log](#) – [EwE open ticket list](#)

[Download now - EwE 6.5.14040 \(19.4 MB\)](#)

EwE – Ecobase integration

Dear Ecopath user,

We are pleased to announce that EcoBase, the open-access database for all the Ecopath with Ecosim (EwE) models published worldwide, is now accessible on-line for all users. As per mid October 2016, 443 Ecopath models are referenced and described in EcoBase, among which 176 models are fully and freely available for download.

EcoBase is a non-commercial initiative, created by a group of scientists involved in ecosystem modeling, and now supported by the Ecopath Research and Development Consortium. It has the ambition of making all EwE models published to date discoverable, accessible, and reusable to the scientific community. We believe that such a collaborative approach will contribute to develop researches in the field of trophic modelling or ecosystem approaches, and will enhance interactions and collaborations within the scientific community.

-> if you are interested in EcoBase, discover the database on <http://ecobase.ecopath.org> and download all models you want using the File / Import model menu of EwE 6.5 (you just have to endorse the data access agreement, and thus to cite the authors of the models you use in all your publications).

-> if you have published one or several Ecopath models, please upload your models in EcoBase using the export facilities in File / Export model menu available in EwE 6.5 and **enjoy to be part of these new collaborative scientific dynamics**.

Best regards
Didier Gascuel and Jerome Guittion,
on behalf of the EcoBase working group,
of the Ecopath Research and Development Consortium

Get involved!

UPDATES

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1	Detritus	1.000								0.000

Define Groups

	Group name	Colour	Consumer	Producer	Detritus	Part of production from pri	Multi-stanza group na	Stanza age (in months)	Status
1	Group 2		☒	☐	☐	0.000			(to create
2	Detritus		☐	☐	☒				

All models must have a detritus group where we can send excreted and egested material as well as dead organism

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4	Red mullets		☒	☐	☐	0.000			
5	Sardine		☒	☐	☐	0.000			
6	Shrimps		☒	☐	☐	0.000			
7	Copepods		☒	☐	☐	0.000			
8	Phytoplankton		☐	☒	☐	1.000			
9	Discards		☐	☐	☒				
10	Detritus		☐	☐	☒				

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Status Remarks

3: Hake (Diet of 5: Sardine)

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9 Discards	1.000								0.000
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Group name	Unassimilable consumption
Dolphins	0.200
Sharks	0.200
Hake	0.200
Red mullets	0.200
Sardine	0.300
Shrimps	0.200
Copepods	0.400
Phytoplankton	



Prey \ predator	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 Dolphins							
2 Sharks							
3 Hake	0.0600	0.300	0.090				
4 Red mullets	0.0400	0.100	0.010				
5 Sardine	0.900	0.100	0.400				
6 Shrimps		0.100	0.200	0.200			
7 Copepods		0.400	0.300	0.800	0.900	0.700	0.100
8 Phytoplankton					0.100		0.700
9 Discards						0.0500	
10 Detritus						0.250	0.200
11 Import	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
12 Sum	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
13 (1 - Sum)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000



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Define fleets...

	Fleet name	Fixed cost (%)	Effort related c	Sailing related c	Profit (%)	Total value (%)
1	Purse seiners	0.000	40.00	40.00	20.000	100.000
2	Trawlers	0.000	40.00	40.00	20.000	100.000

Define Fleets

	Fleet name	Colour	Status
1	Purse seiners		
2	Trawlers		

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Set: Apply

	Group name	Purse seiners (t)	Trawlers (t/km²/ye)	Total
1	Dolphins			0.000
2	Sharks	0.00200	0.00300	0.005
3	Hake		0.100	0.100
4	Red mullets		0.01000	0.010
5	Sardine	0.800		0.800
6	Shrimps		0.120	0.120
7	Copepods			0.000
8	Phytoplankton			0.000
9	Discards			0.000
10	Detritus			0.000
11	Sum	0.802	0.233	1.035

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Set: Apply

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1	Dolphins			0.000
2	Sharks	0.00200	0.00200	0.004
3	Hake		0.0400	0.040
4	Red mullets		0.00500	0.005
5	Sardine	0.200		0.200
6	Shrimps		0.0350	0.035
7	Copepods			0.000
8	Phytoplankton			0.000
9	Discards			0.000
10	Detritus			0.000
11	Sum	0.202	0.082	0.284

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Start Basic input Diet composition **Pedigree** Landings Discards

Define pedigree... Set: Apply

Pedigree

Category: Diet composition

View as: Color

Classifications:

- (none)
- General knowledge of related group/species
- From other model
- General knowledge for same group/species
- Qualitative diet composition study
- Quantitative, limited diet composition study**
- Quantitative, detailed, diet composition study

Assignment

Group name	Biomass in habitat area	Production / biomass	Consumption / biomass	Diet	Catch
1 Dolphins					
2 Sharks					
3 Hake					
4 Red mullets					
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 Your model is NOT mass-balanced!
Computed Ecotrophic Efficiencies (EE) invalid for one or more group(s).

Computed EE value 1.255116 invalid for group 'Hake'

☐ Hide this type of message until a model is reloaded.

OK

- 18:00 Enter Biomass for all detritus groups before proceeding to Ecosim.
- 18:00 Value '0.9' accepted for variable 'DietComp'
- 18:00 Ecopath run completed.
- 18:00 Your model is NOT mass-balanced! Computed Ecotrophic Efficiencies (EE) invalid for one or more group(s).
- 18:00 Enter Biomass for all detritus groups before proceeding to Ecosim.
- 18:00 Ecopath diets have changed
- 18:00 Diet for one or more groups does not sum to 1. Do you want to normalize diets to 1 for ALL predator groups?
- 18:00 Value '0.8' accepted for variable 'DietComp'



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	Group name	Trophic level	Habitat area (fraction)	Biomass in habitat area (t/k	Biomass (t/km²)	Production / biomass	Consumption / biomass	Ecotrophic Efficiency	Production / consumption	Biom. accumul. (t/km²/ye	Biom. acc. rate (/year)
1	Dolphins	4.055	1.000	0.0200	0.0200	0.0800	13.81	0.000	0.006		
2	Sharks	3.875	1.000	0.0700	0.0700	0.698	4.080	0.184	0.171		
3	Hake	3.760	1.000	0.600	0.600	0.587	3.700	1.255	0.159		
4	Red mullets	3.244	1.000	0.100	0.100	1.908	7.192	0.403	0.265		
5	Sardine	3.000	1.000	2.200	2.200	1.778	11.67	0.554	0.152		
6	Shrimps	2.778	1.000	0.400	0.400	3.000	9.500	0.643	0.316		
7	Copepods	2.111	1.000	6.000	6.000	20.00	65.00	0.551	0.308		
8	Phytoplankton	1.000	1.000	9.000	9.000	117.3		0.261			
9	Discards	1.000	1.000					0.669			
1	Detritus	1.000	1.000					0.079			



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1	Dolphins	0.0800					0.0800	0.000	1.000
2	Sharks	0.698	0.129				0.569	0.184	0.816
3	Hake	0.587	0.280	0.930			-0.623	0.477	0.523
4	Sardine	1.778	0.500	0.440			0.838	0.281	0.719
5	Shrimps	3.339	0.387	0.996			1.955	0.116	0.884
6	Copepods	62.47		22.62			39.85	0.000	1.000
7	Phytoplankton	117.3		87.24			30.06	0.000	1.000

This is Ecopath Master Equation I
and Hake isn't mass-balanced!



Balancing the model

Keep **track of changes** when trying to balance the model

Avoid changing the more reliable data (**pedigree**)

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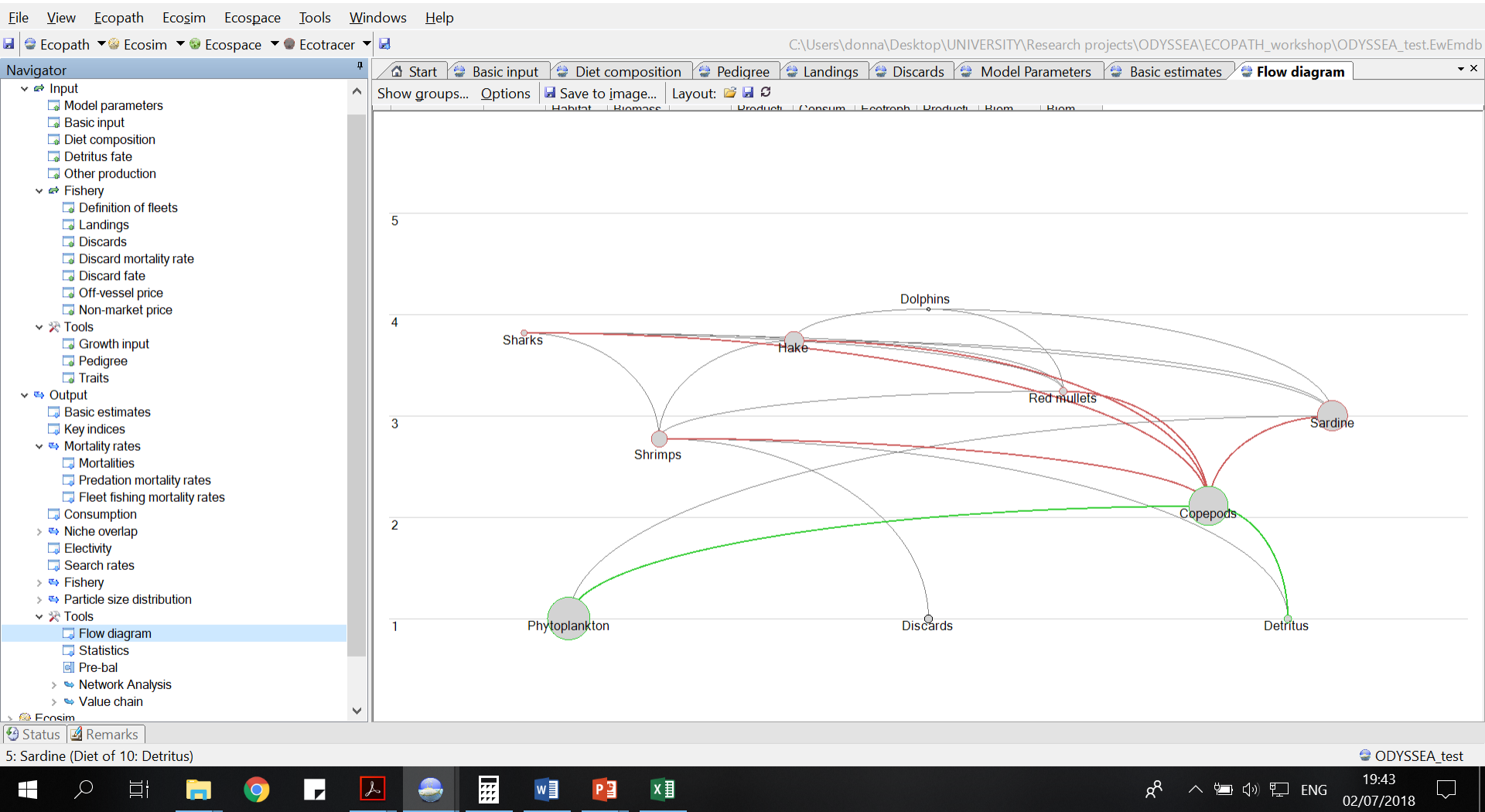
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