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Supplementary Material 1

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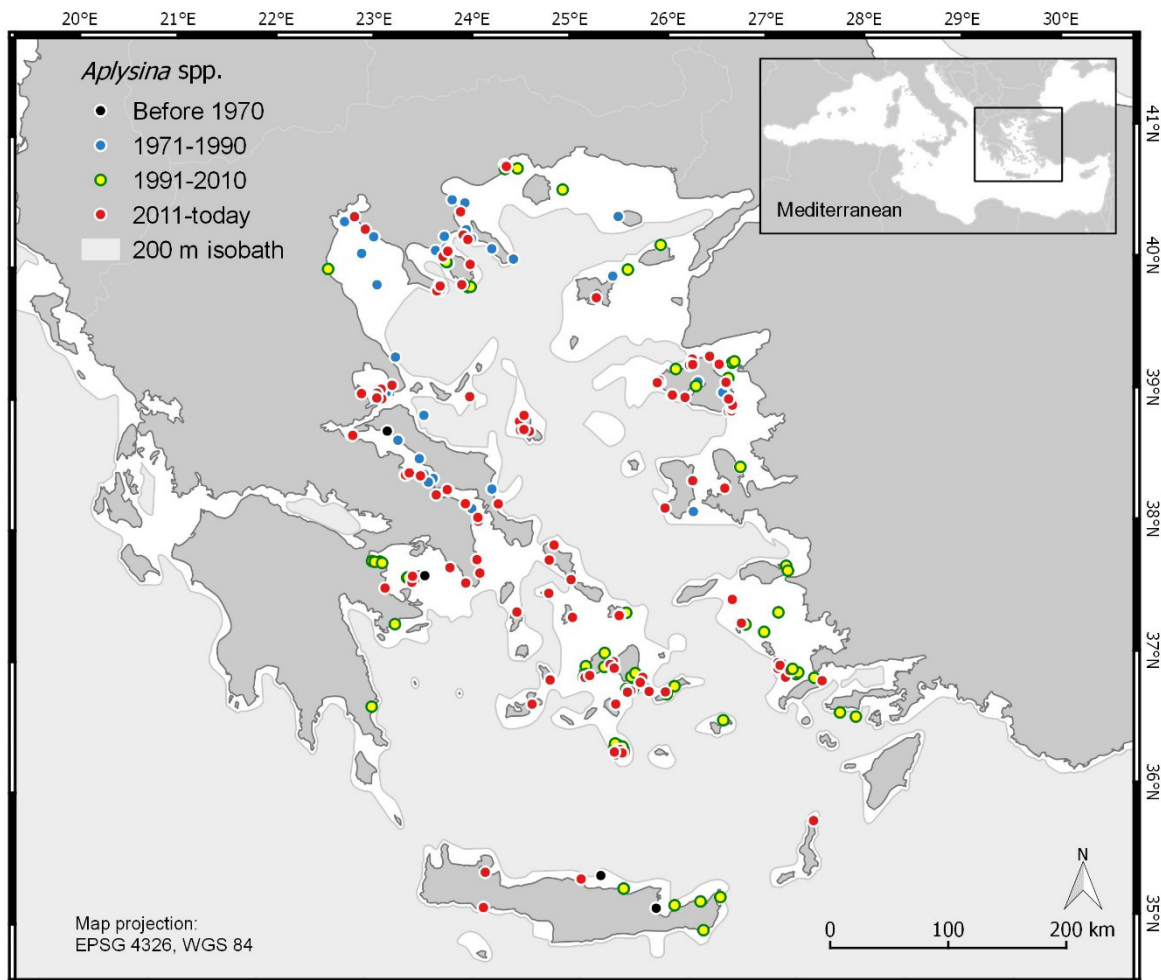


Fig. S1: Occurrence records of *Aplysina* spp. across the Aegean ecoregion.

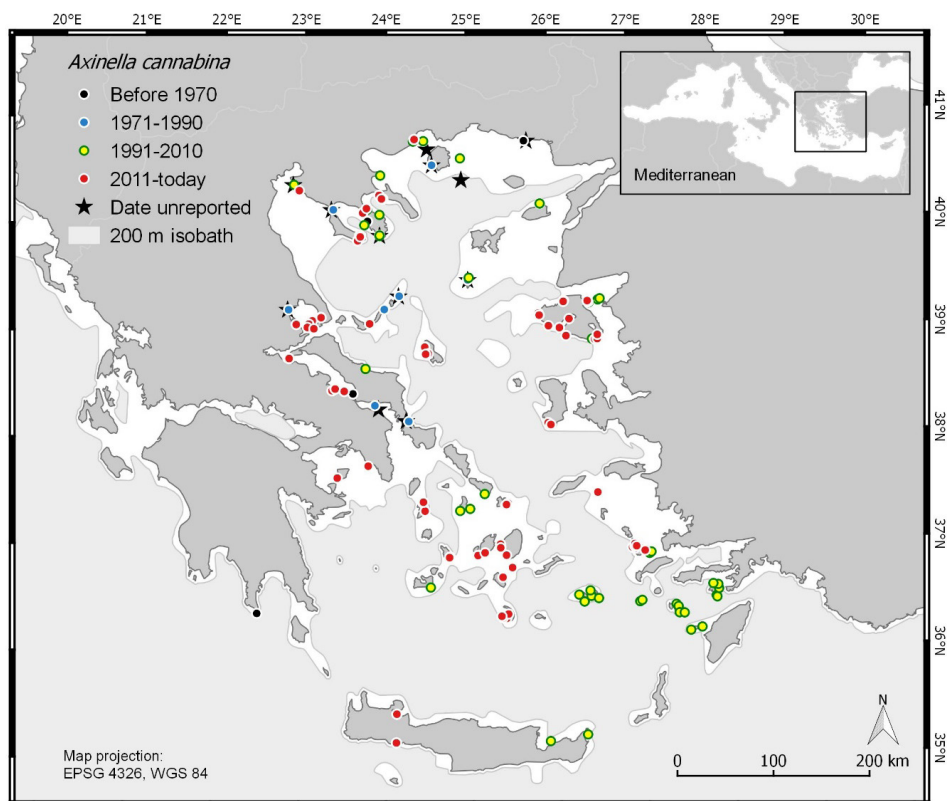


Fig. S2: Occurrence records of *Axinella cannabina* (Esper, 1794) across the Aegean ecoregion.

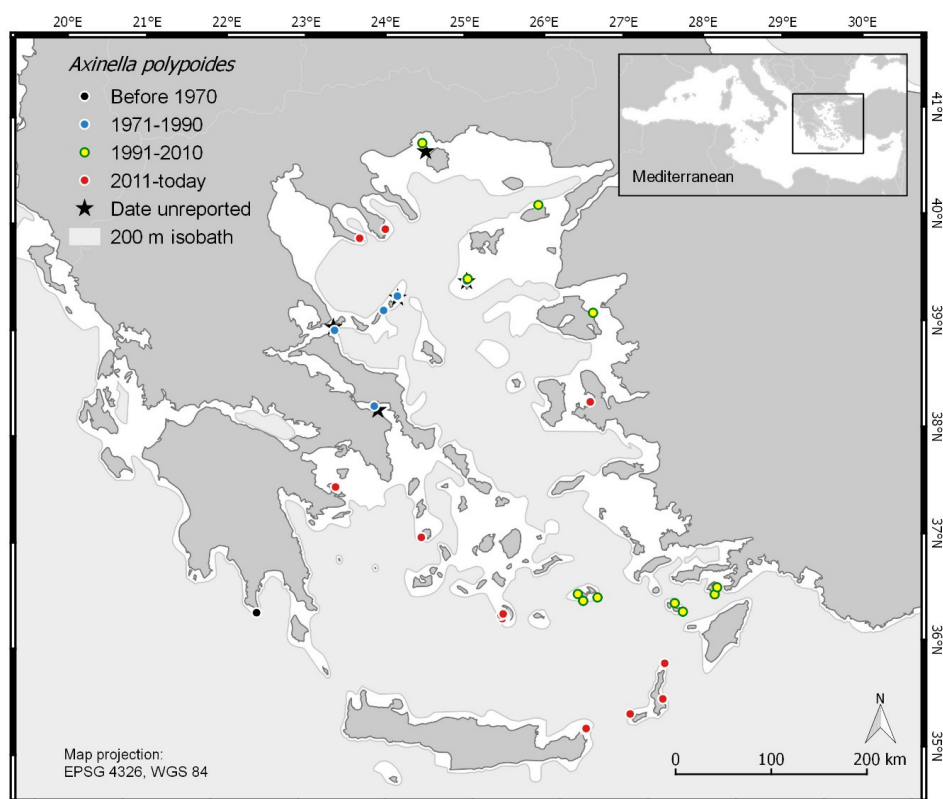


Fig. S3: Occurrence records of *Axinella polypoides* Schmidt, 1862 across the Aegean ecoregion.

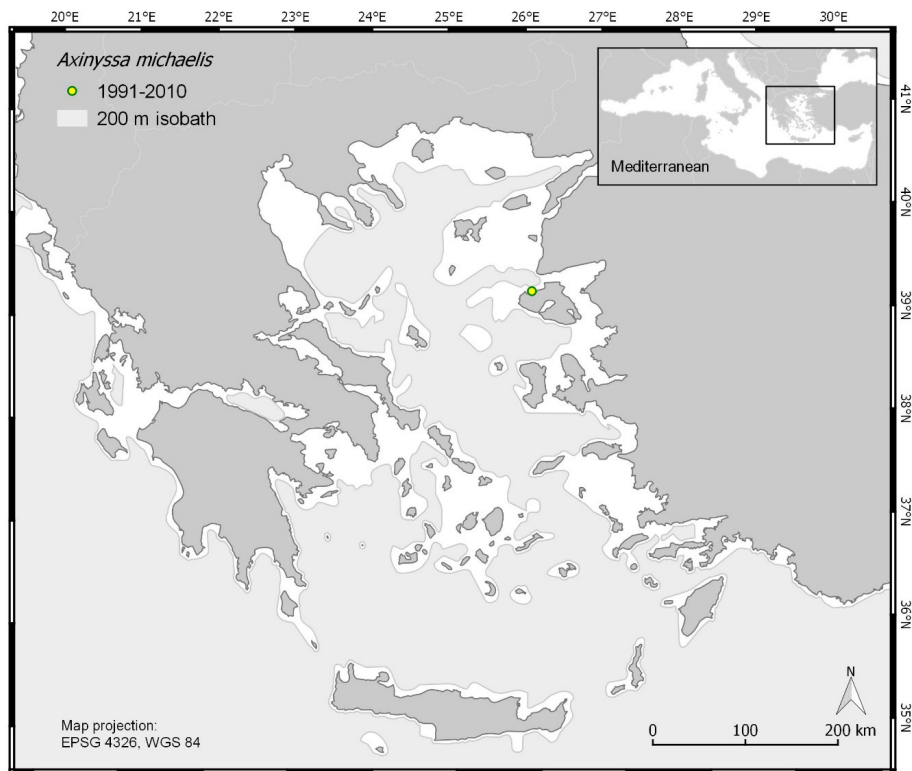


Fig. S4: Occurrence records of *Axinyssa michaelis* Kefalas & Castritsi-Catharios, 2007 across the Aegean ecoregion.

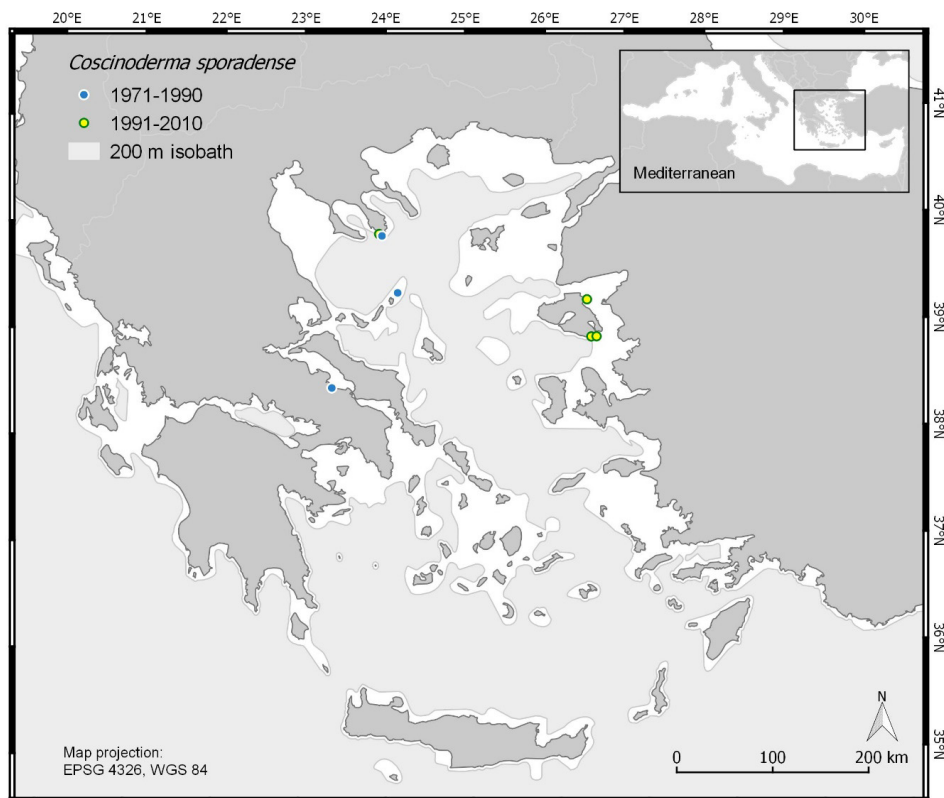


Fig. S5: Occurrence records of *Coscinoderma sporadense* Voultsiadou-Koukoura, van Soest & Koukouras, 1991 across the Aegean ecoregion.

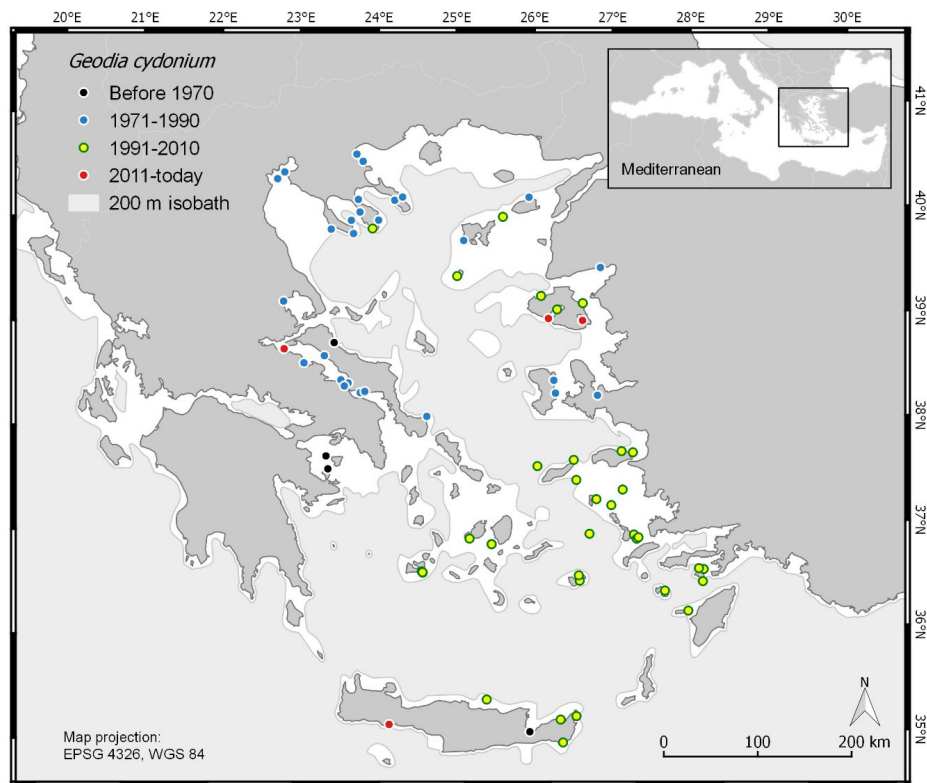


Fig. S6: Occurrence records of *Geodia cydonium* (Linnaeus, 1767) across the Aegean ecoregion.

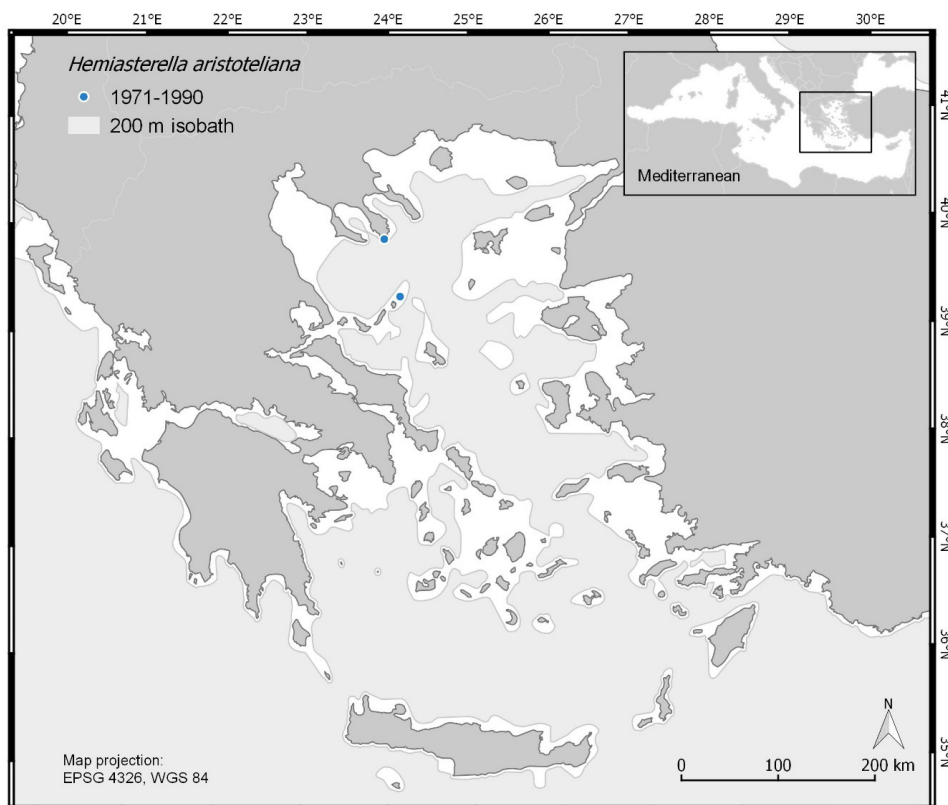


Fig. S7: Occurrence records of *Hemiasterella aristoteliana* Voultsiadou-Koukoura & van Soest, 1991 across the Aegean ecoregion.

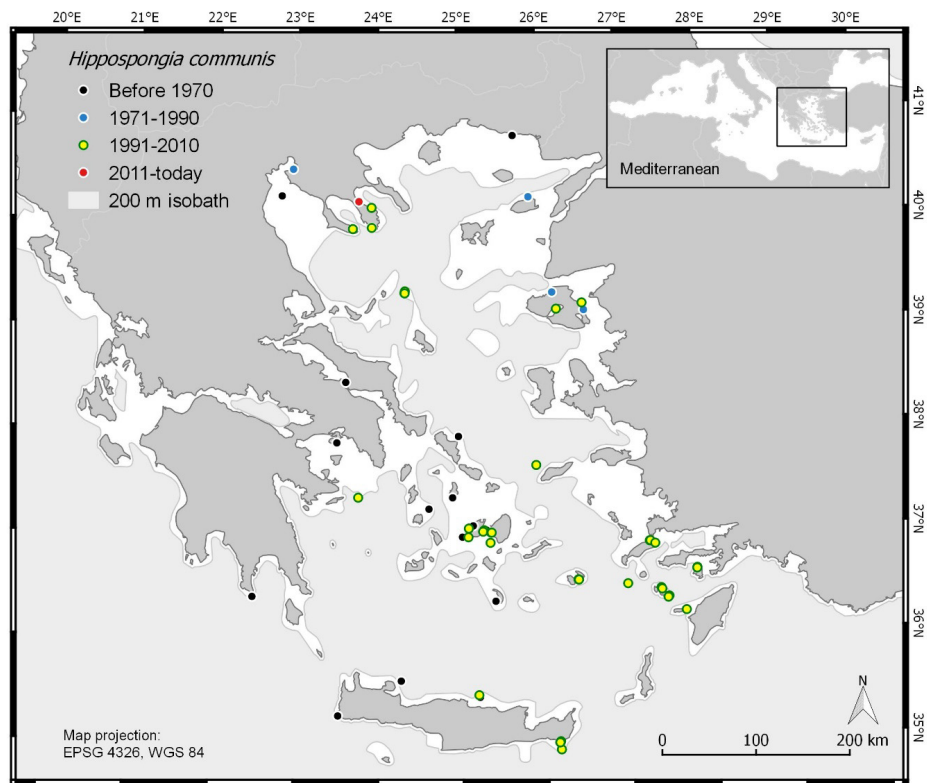


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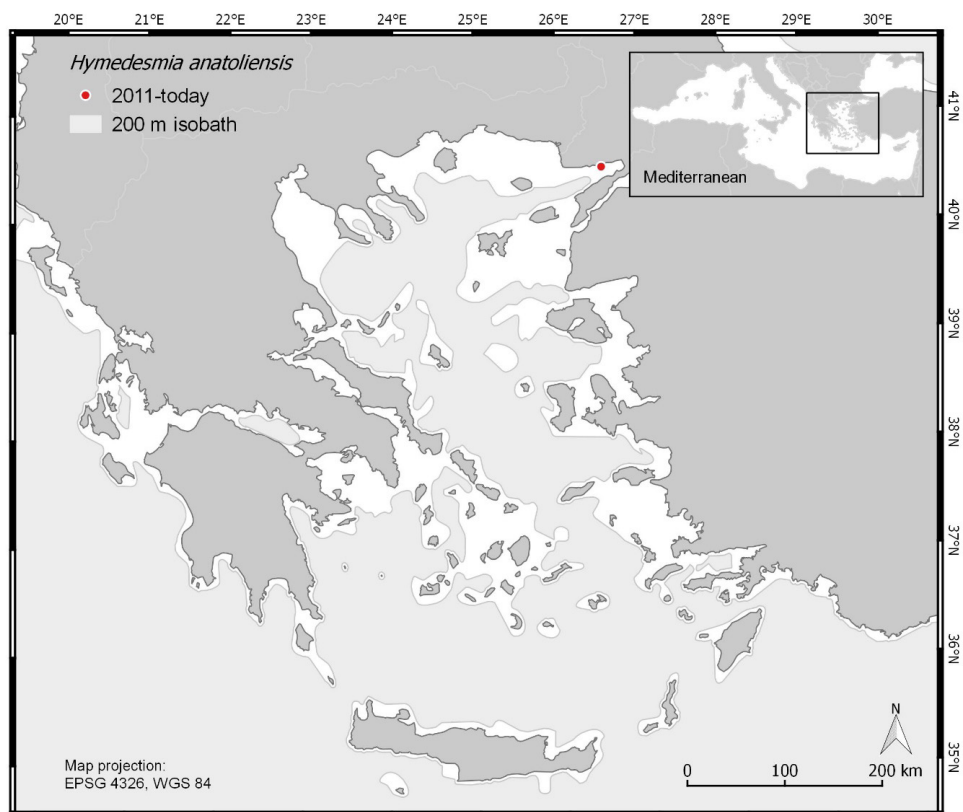


Fig. S9: Occurrence records of *Hymedesmia anatoliensis* Gözcelioğlu, Van Soest, Alvarez & Konuklugil, 2015 across the Aegean ecoregion.

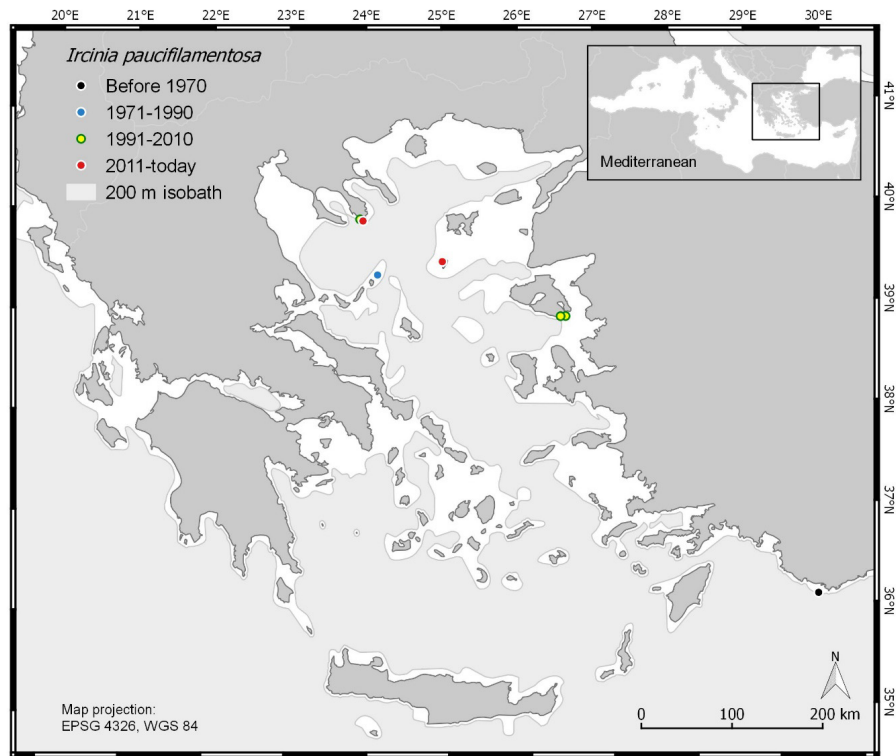


Fig. S10: Occurrence records of *Ircinia pauciflamentosa* Vacelet, 1961 across the Aegean ecoregion.

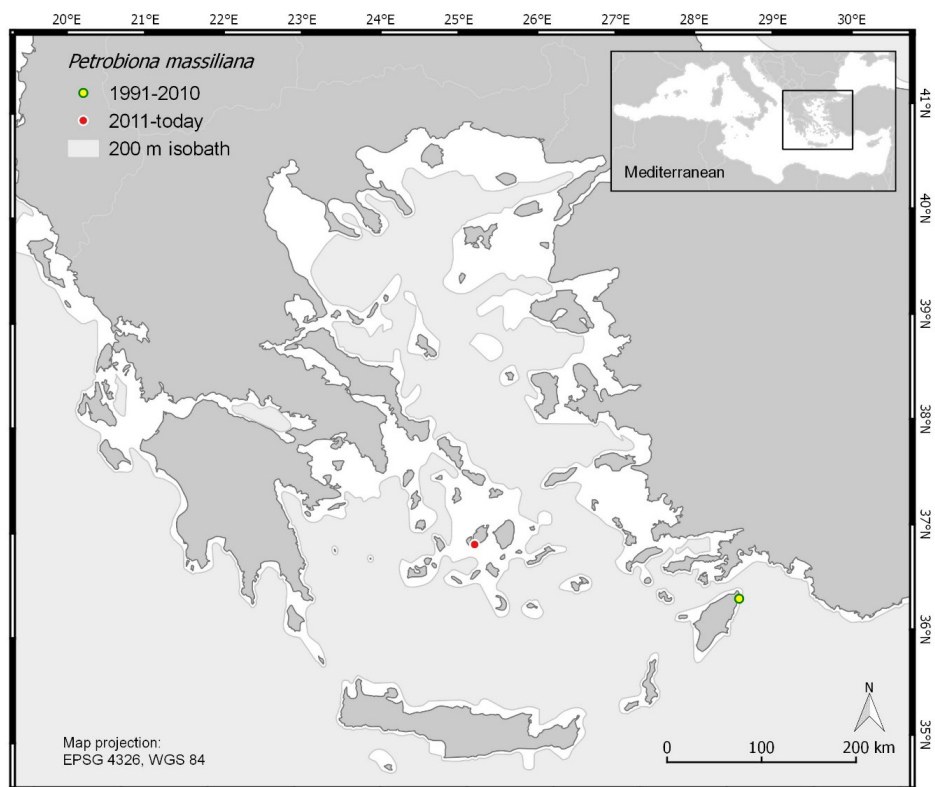


Fig. S11: Occurrence records of *Petrobiona massiliana* Vacelet & Lévi, 1958 across the Aegean ecoregion.

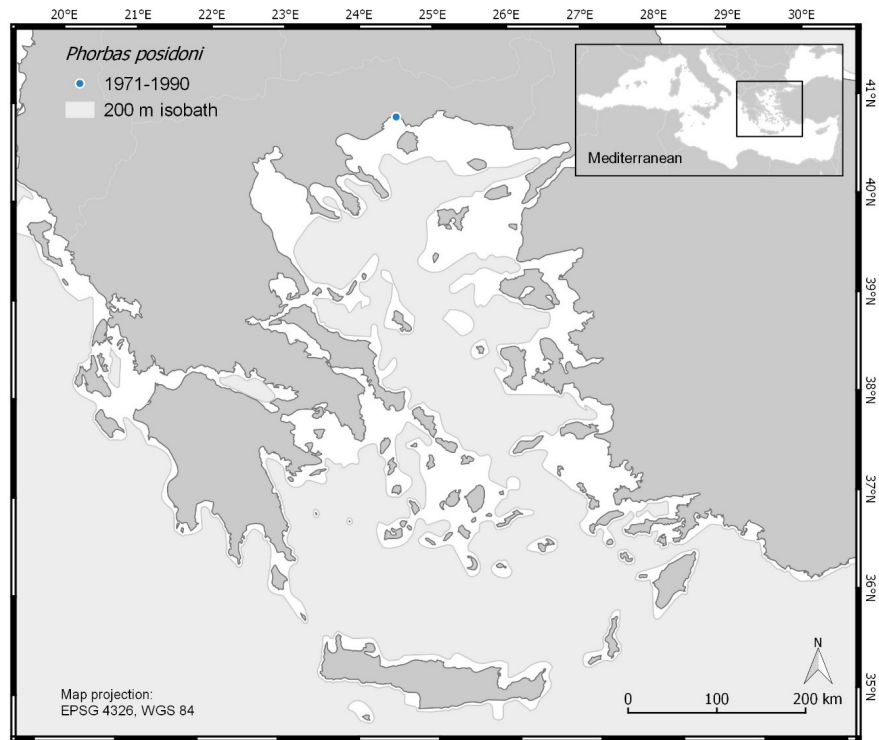


Fig. S12: Occurrence records of *Phorbas posidoni* Voultsiadou-Koukoura & van Soest, 1991 across the Aegean ecoregion.

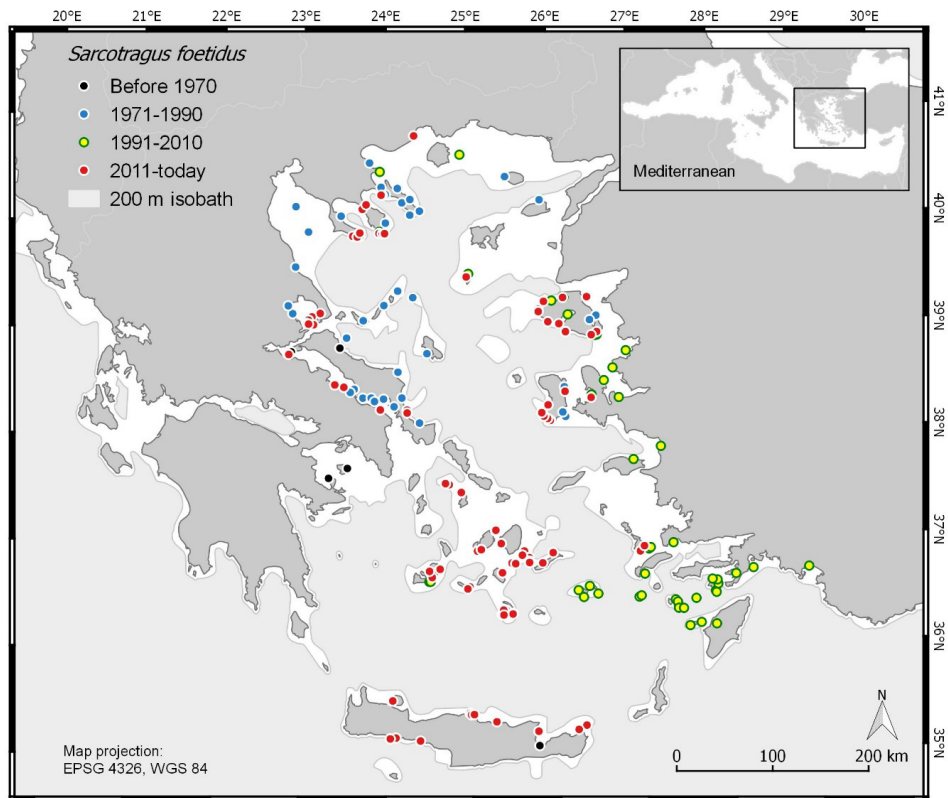


Fig. S13: Occurrence records of *Sarcotragus foetidus* Schmidt, 1862 across the Aegean ecoregion.

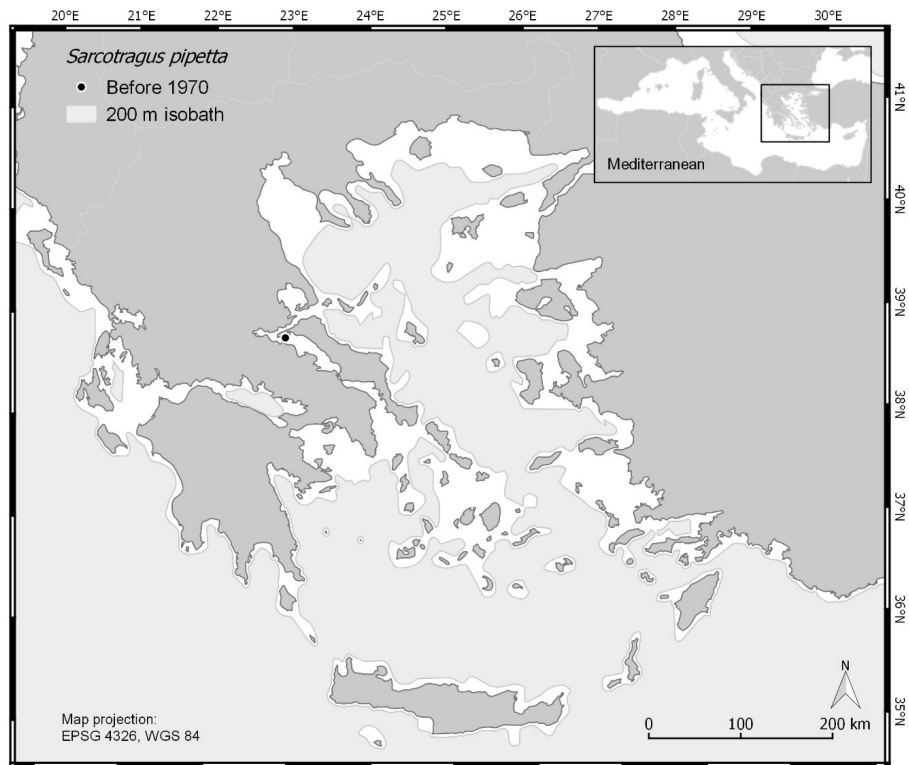


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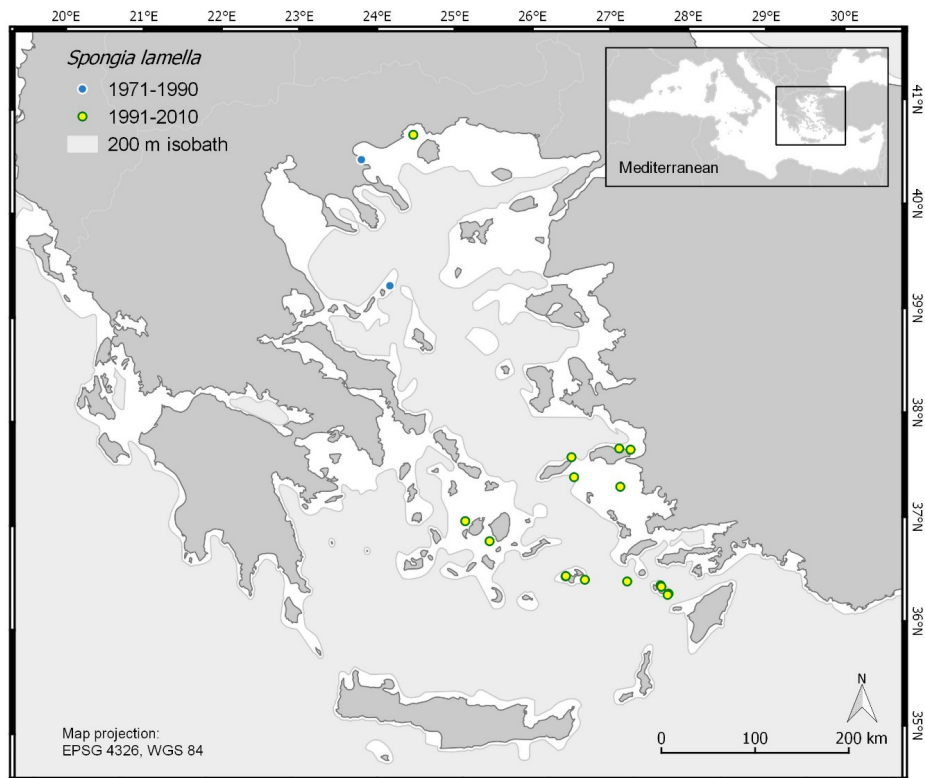


Fig. S15: Occurrence records of *Spongia lamella* (Schulze, 1879) across the Aegean ecoregion.

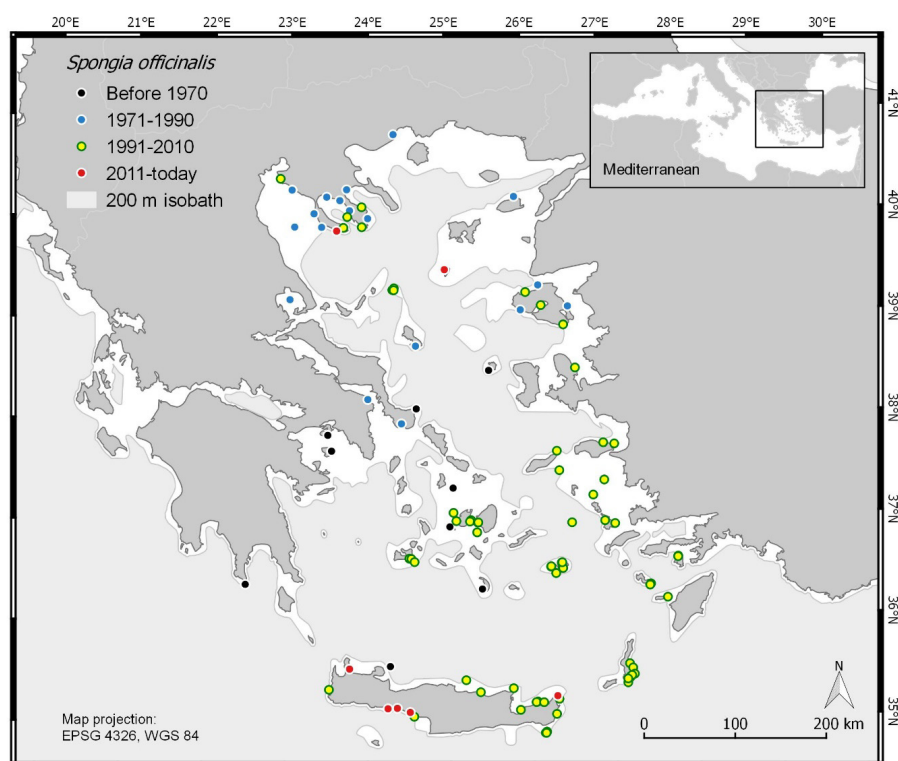


Fig. S16: Occurrence records of *Spongia officinalis* Linnaeus, 1759 across the Aegean ecoregion.

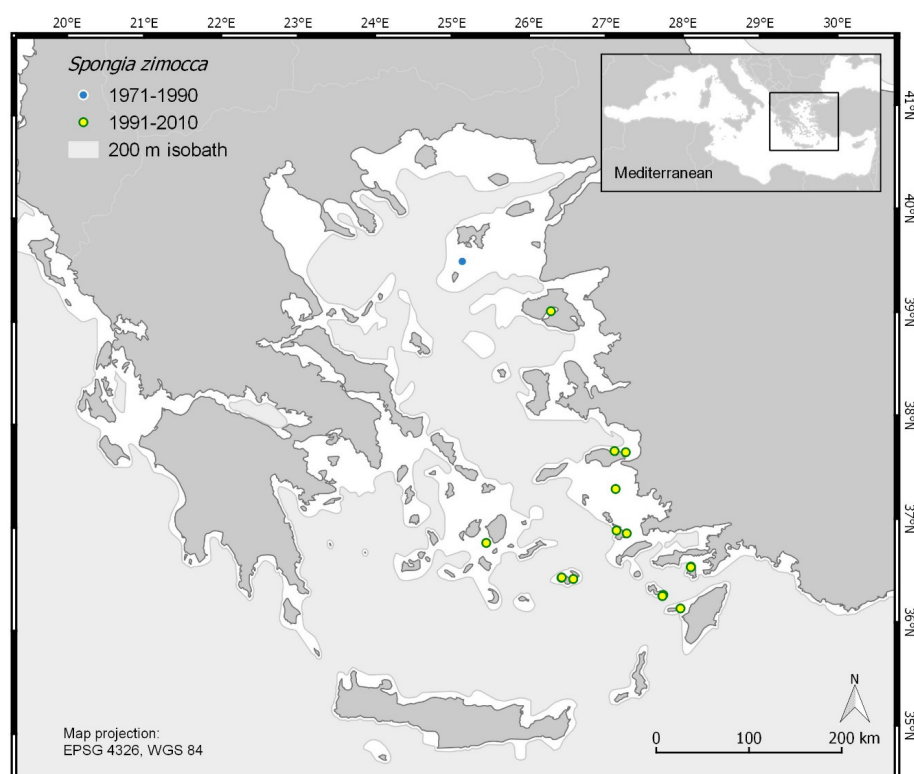


Fig. S17: Occurrence records of *Spongia zimocca* Schmidt, 1862 across the Aegean ecoregion.

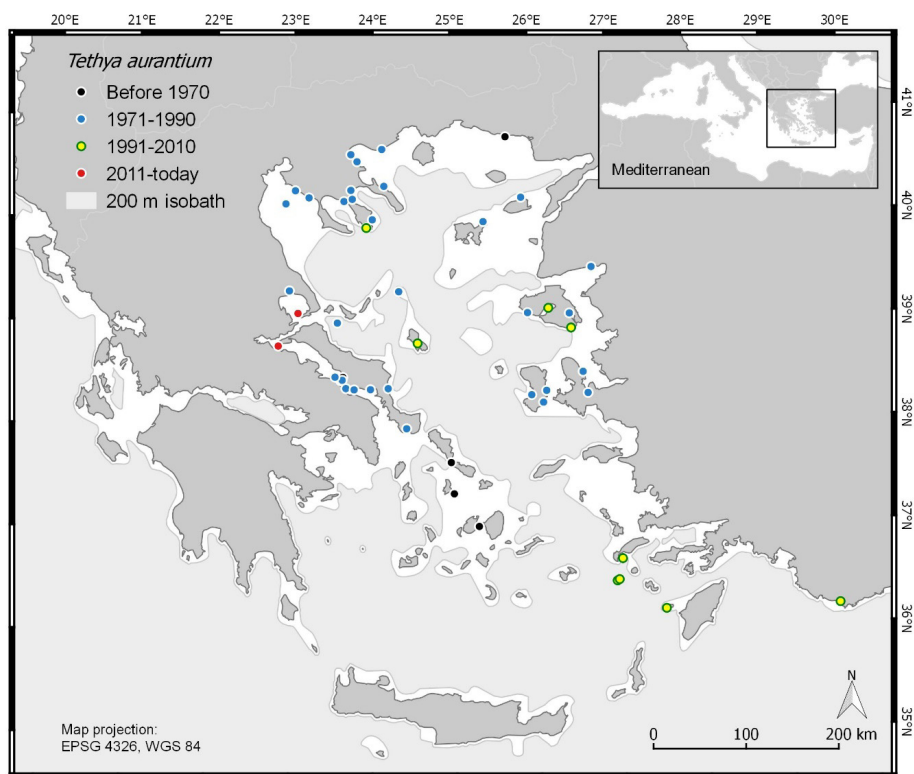


Fig. S18: Occurrence records of *Tethya aurantium* (Pallas, 1766) across the Aegean ecoregion.

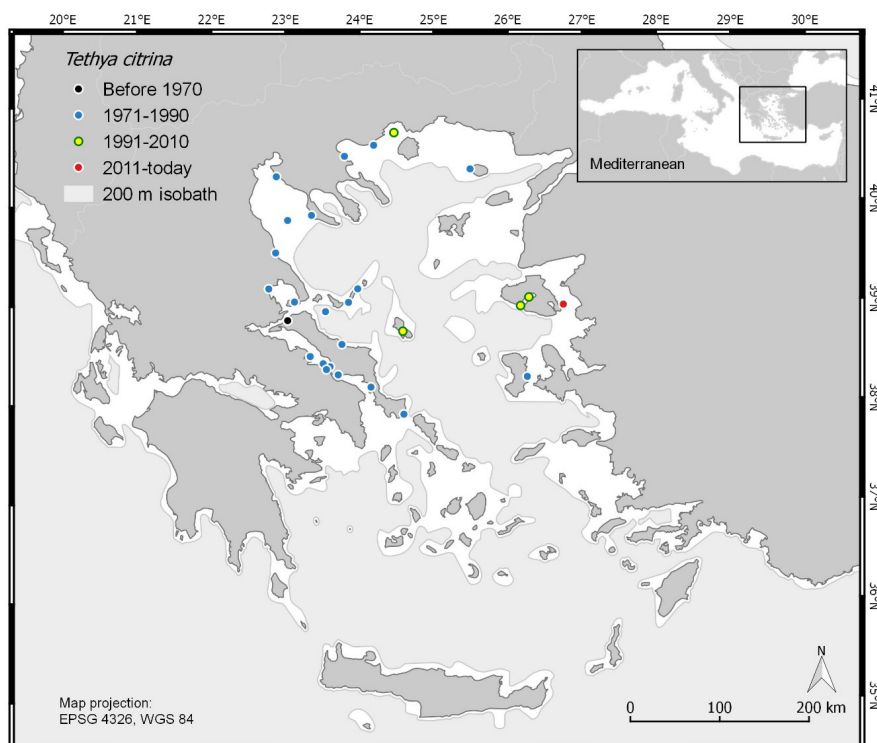


Fig. S19: Occurrence records of *Tethya citrina* Sarà & Melone, 1965 across the Aegean ecoregion.

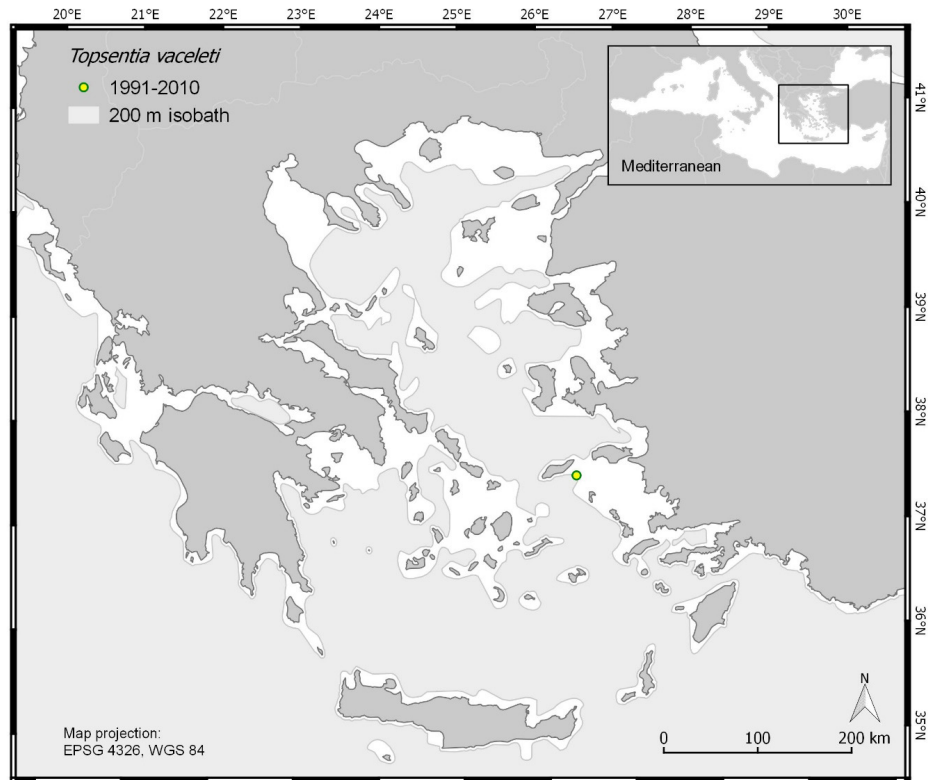


Fig. S20: Occurrence records of *Topsentia vaceleti* Kefalas & Castritsi-Catharios, 2012 across the Aegean ecoregion.

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