# Data Collection

Summary Products for the Distribution and biomass data for fish species along the U.S. east coast from about Cape Hatteras north to Canadian waters, created by the Northeast Fisheries Science Center for the Northeast Regional Ocean Council, prepared by the Marine-life Data and Analysis Team (MDAT)

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Abstract

In 2014, the Marine Geospatial Ecology Lab (MGEL) of Duke University began work with the Northeast Regional Ocean Council (NROC), the NOAA National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS), the NOAA Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) and Loyola University Chicago, as part of the Marine-life Data and Analysis Team (MDAT), to characterize and map marine life in the Northeast region in support of the Regional Ocean Plan. In 2015, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean (MARCO) contracted with MDAT to build upon and expand this effort into the Mid-Atlantic planning area, and in support of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Plan. These research groups collaborated to produce “base layer” predictive model products with associated uncertainty products for cetacean species or species guilds and avian species, and geospatial products for fish species. Periodic updates to these base layer models and data are produced by the individual institutions in the MDAT team based on schedules set by the funders of each modeling effort. In 2019, TNC, in collaboration with OceanAdapt (a collaboration between the Pinsky Lab at Rutgers University and the National Marine Fisheries Service), provided updated geospatial products for fish species based on the NEFSC spring and fall bottom trawl survey data from 2010-2019 (records for fall 2017 were removed due to incomplete coverage of the survey area).

Because base layers total in the thousands, efforts to develop a general understanding of the overall richness or diversity in a particular area are not well served by the individual base products. To address this gap, and other potential management applications as identified by the NE RPB and others, MDAT has created several types of summary map products from these base layers. Summary products are comprised of data layers from multiple species, and were created to allow quick access to map summaries about potential biological, management, or sensitivity groups of interest. These summary products include total abundance or biomass, species richness, and diversity for all modeled/sampled groups of species and are useful tools for seeing broad patterns in the underlying data or model results.

An additional map product was created to highlight the core areas of highest abundance or biomass by species groups, using a 50% population threshold. Group core area richness maps aid users in identifying the “hotspots” of where certain groups of species have the highest abundance or biomass. Core area richness maps were created for three spatial extents: 1) the full US east coast; 2) the Northeast planning area and 3) the Mid-Atlantic area of interest. Because these products are dependent on the total extent of the input data, core area abundance/biomass products will differ at each extent.

Purpose

MDAT produced group summary products and delivered them to the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic (US) regional ocean portals and the national Marine Cadastre to inform ocean planning. All summary products are also available to the public via map services.

Methods

See Curtice et al. (2019) Section 3 for complete methods description.
2022 V3.2 Update: V3.2 adds new summary products for species Potentially Vulnerable to EMF per BOEM report (Snyder et al., 2019)

| **Citations** | **MDAT:**  
| NEFSC:  
| Ribera, M., Pinsky, M., Richardson, D. 2019. Distribution and biomass data for fish species along the U.S. east coast from about Cape Hatteras north to Canadian waters, created by The Nature Conservancy for the Marine-life and Data Analysis Team. Online access: [http://www.northeastoceandata.org/data-explorer/?fish](http://www.northeastoceandata.org/data-explorer/?fish)  
| BOEM:  

| **Data Start Date** | 2010  
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| **Update Frequency** | Irregular  
| **Resource Provider** | Marine Geospatial Ecology Lab (MGEL) at Duke University ([marinelifedata@duke.edu](mailto:marinelifedata@duke.edu)), on behalf of MDAT, NEFSC, and TNC.  

| **Comment** | This data documentation describes numerous geospatial datasets archived together as a data collection, and is intended to provide dataset-level metadata for the purposes of discovery, use, and understanding. |
| **Use Limitation** | None. If you use this dataset in a scientific publication or other formal publication, we request that you cite the Curtice et al. (2019) publication and the Ribera et al. dataset (2019). |