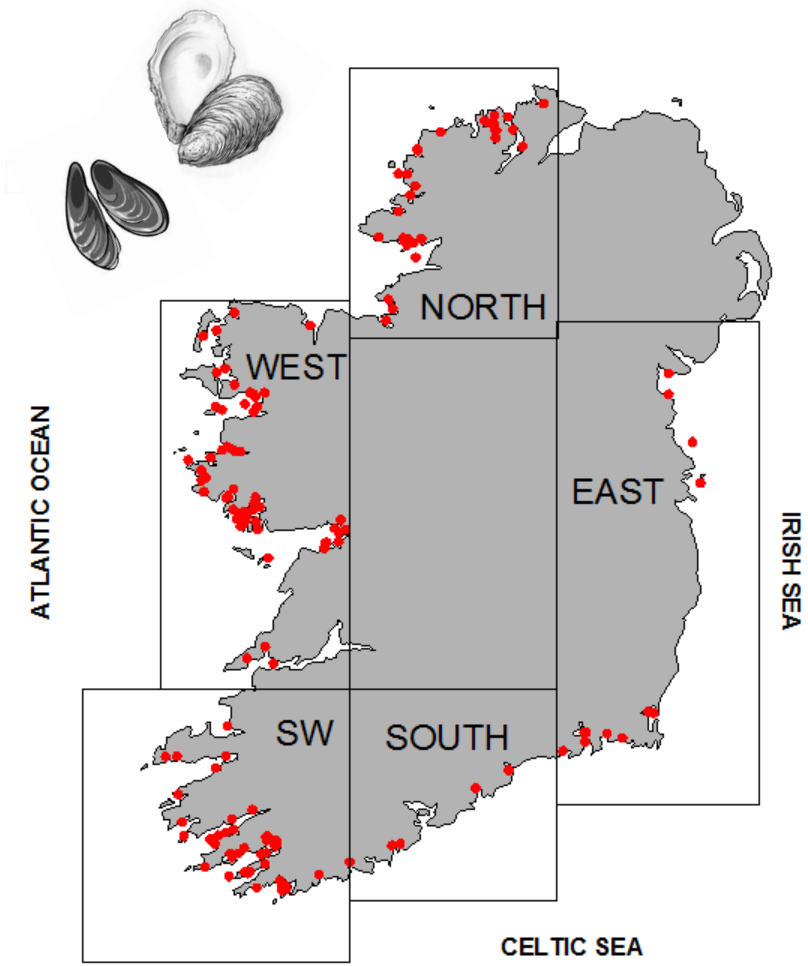
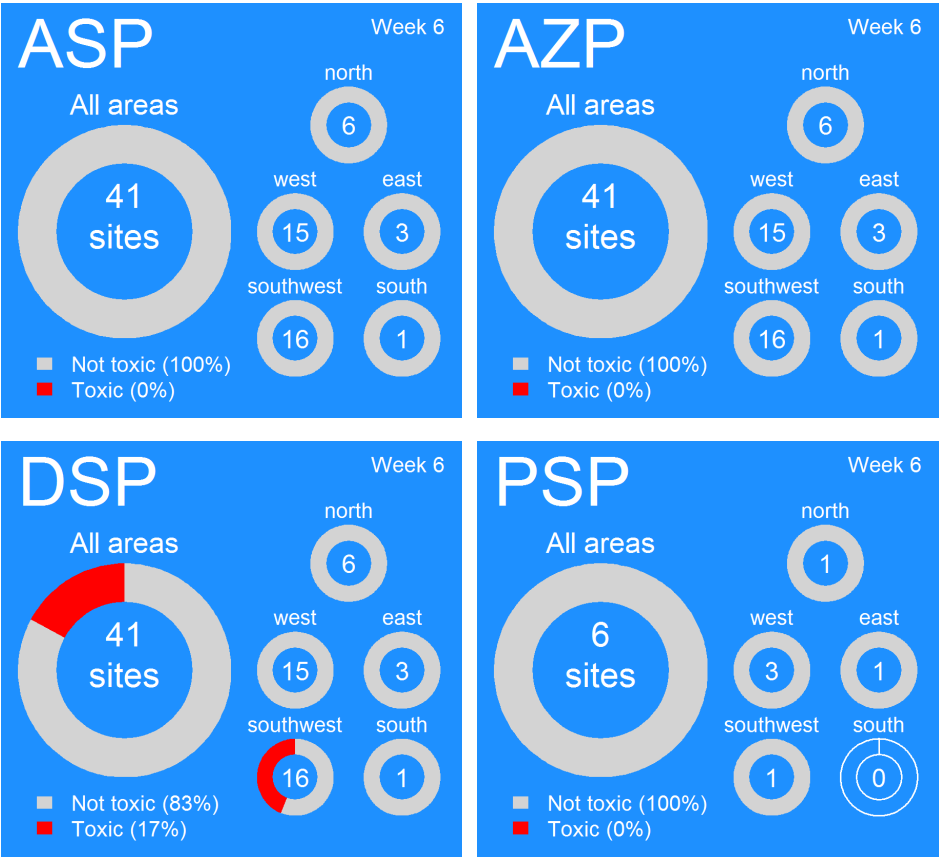


Ireland: Current Conditions

Shellfish biotoxin report (last week)



EU Regulatory Limit:
ASP 20 µg/g; AZP 0.16 µg/g; DSP 0.16 µg/g; PSP 800 µg/kg

Ireland: Predictions

Prediction for this week:

ASP event: Increased risk.

AZP event: AZP biotoxin levels likely to fluctuate at some sites.

DSP event: DSP biotoxins likely to continue to decrease. Contamination likely to remain above the EU regulatory level at sites where biotoxin levels were high.

PSP event: Very low risk.

Why do we think this?

ASP: *Pseudo-nitzschia* cell densities have increased (~ 60,000 cells/L in the southwest; 40 to 60 % of population made up of the "*P. seriata*" size group). No biotoxin detected in recent weeks.

AZP: Background levels at many sites. Maximum *Azadinium* - like cells at 680 cells/L in the west. Historical data demonstrates that Azaspiracid can be present in shellfish at this time of year, usually due to winter carry over from late autumn contamination events.

DSP: *Dinophysis acuminata* and *D. acuta* not detected. Chemistry levels of Okadaic acid & equiv. continue to fall slowly (max. now at 0.30 µg/g in SW mussels). Likely to remain above EU regulatory levels at sites where contamination was high.

PSP: Historically this a low risk period of the year for all sites. *Alexandrium* spp. at low levels (40 cells/L) in the north and west. No biotoxins.

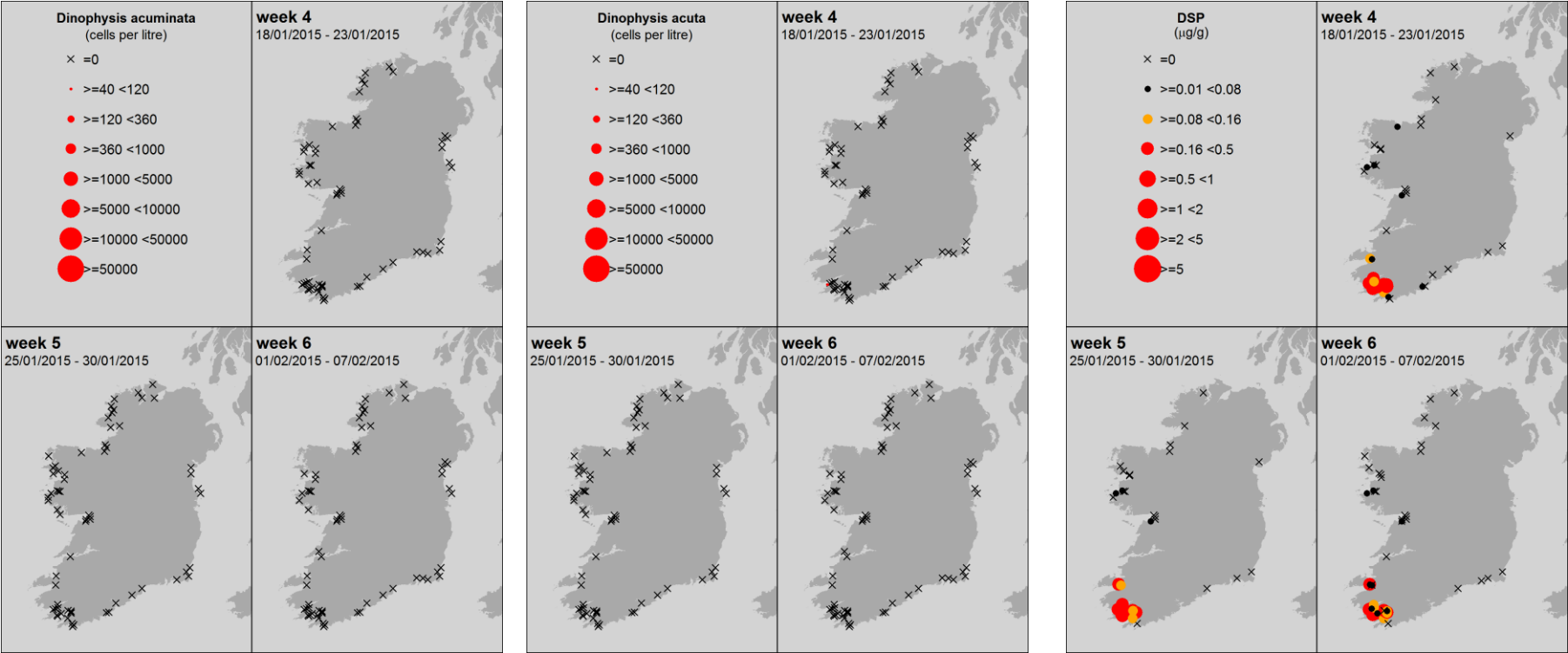
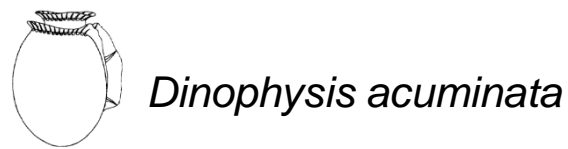
A look back at how last weeks biotoxin results compares to other years



PSP events: weeks 23, 25-28 (June to mid-July) and 38-39 (end September); only in Cork Harbour

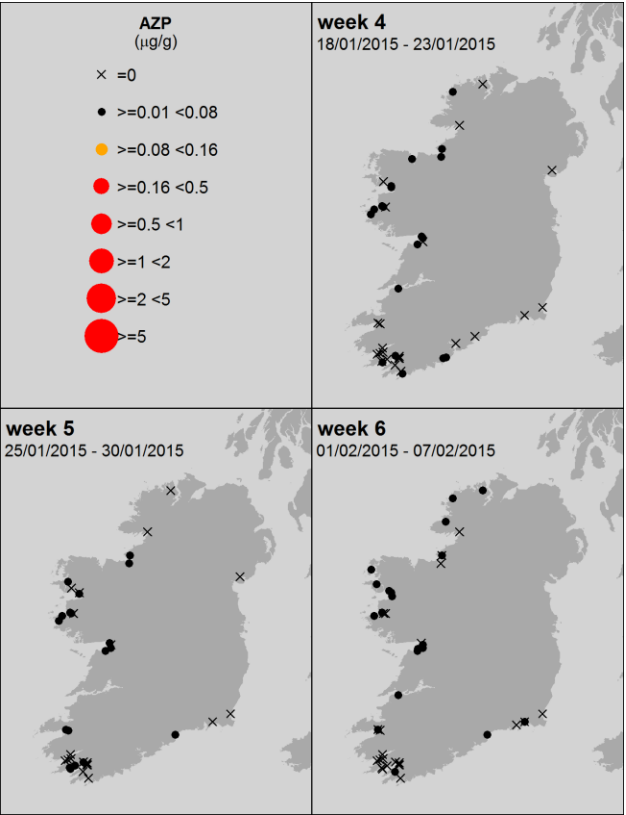
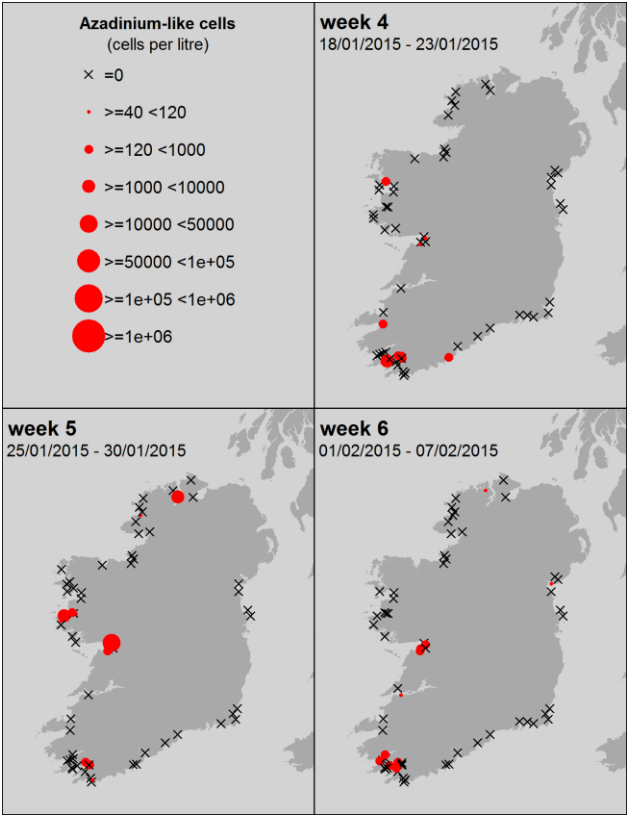


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Azadinium – like spp.

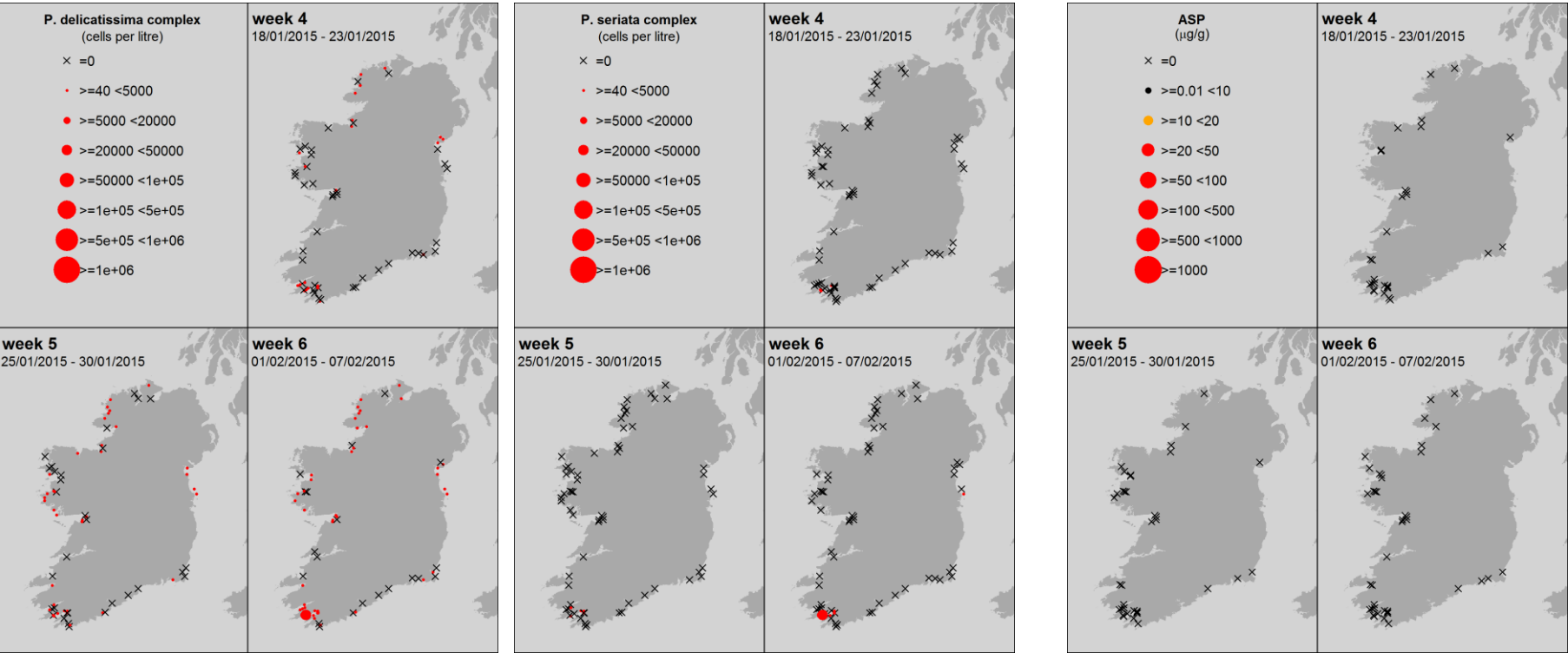


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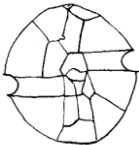
Pseudo-nitzschia spp.



ASP



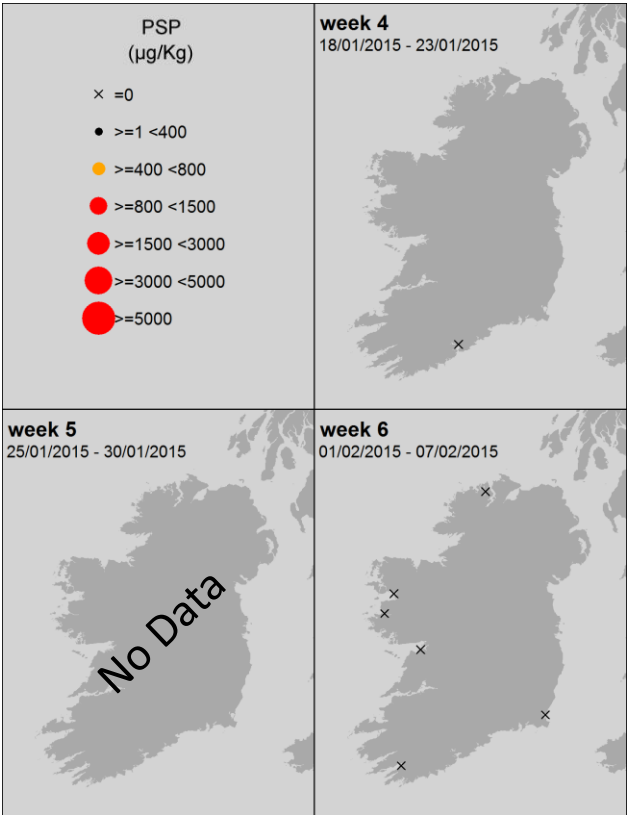
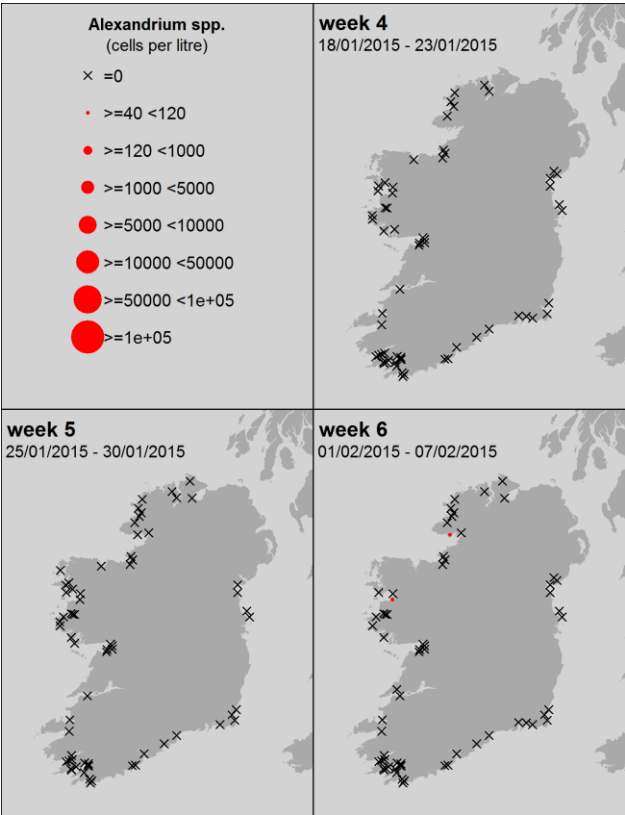
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Alexandrium spp.

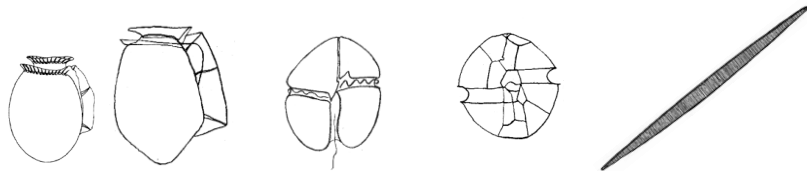


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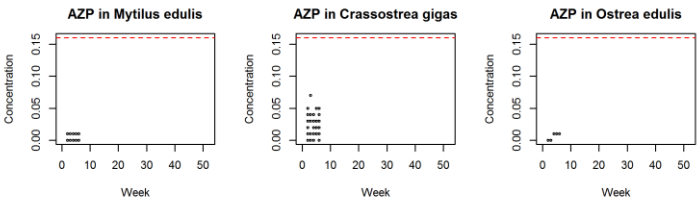


Ireland: HABs and biotoxins Levels from week 1 to present

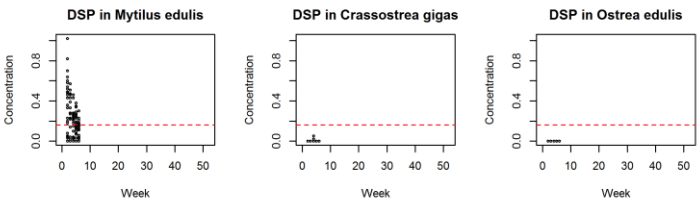
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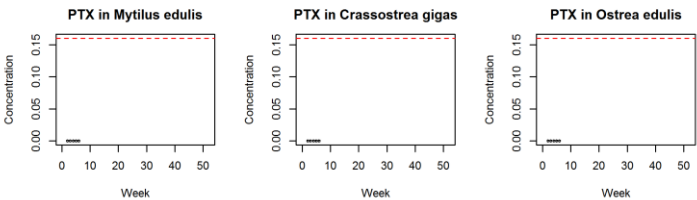
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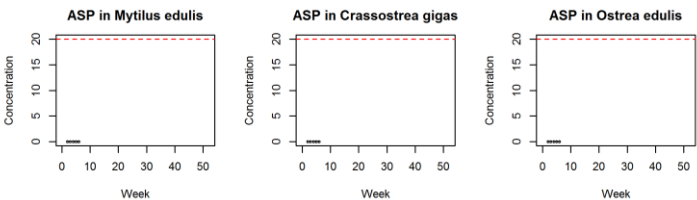
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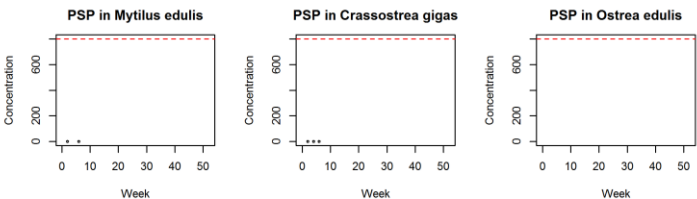
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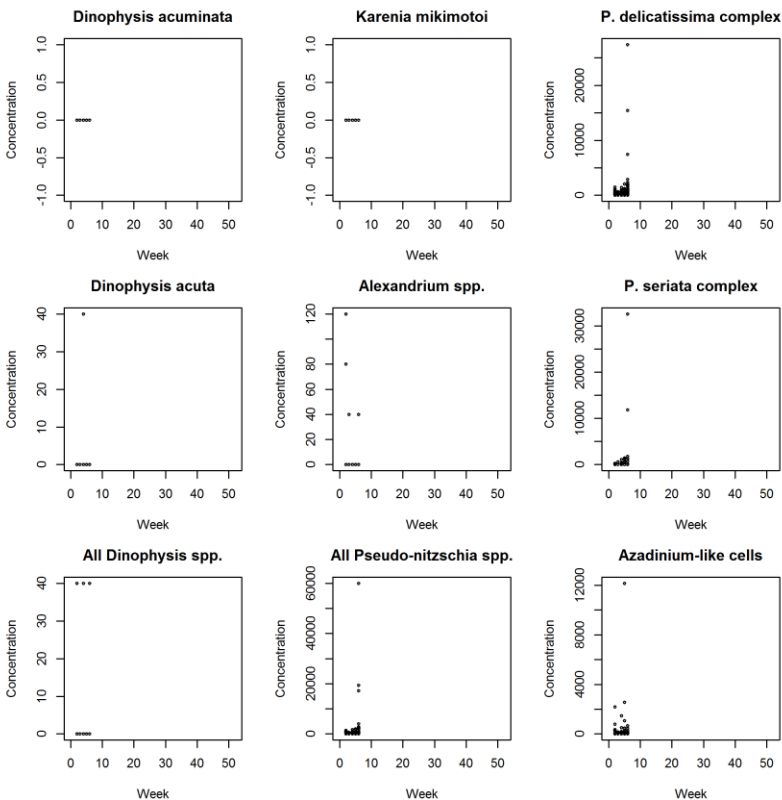
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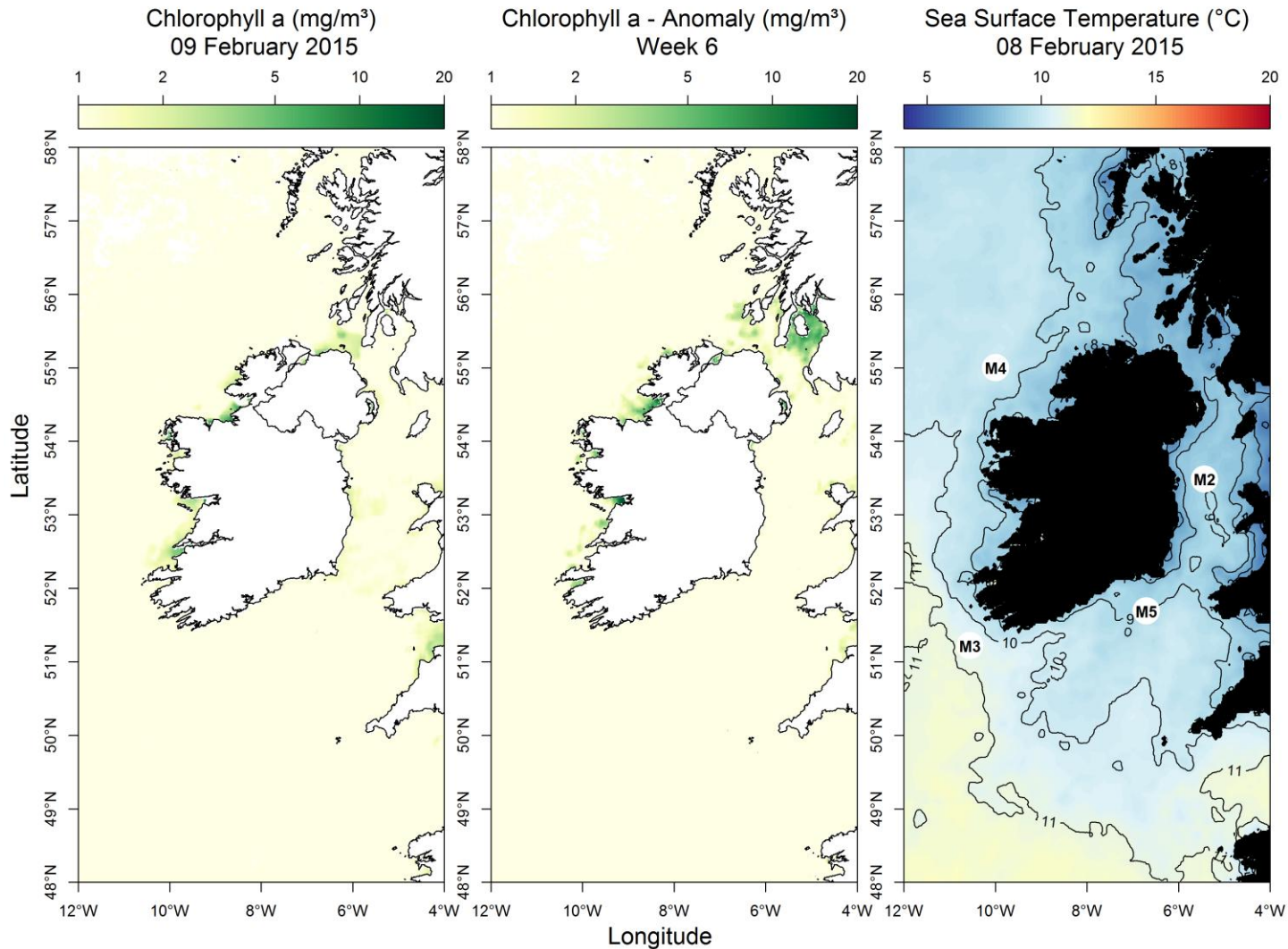


Week number: 1 to 6

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Regulatory limit = ■■■■■

Ireland: Most up to date available satellite data



SST (°C) anomaly Week 5:
Data taken from the Irish data buoy network where the anomaly is the weekly difference in SST compared to the long term mean (~ 10 yrs)

Northwest coast (M4)	<u>below average by 0.13 °C</u>
Southwest coast (M3)	<u>below average by 0.04 °C</u>
Southeast coast (M5)	Not available