





# Monitoring jellyfish blooms along the Italian coasts: a "Citizen Science" based approach

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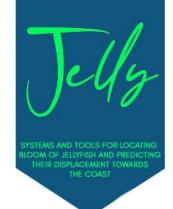






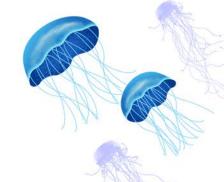




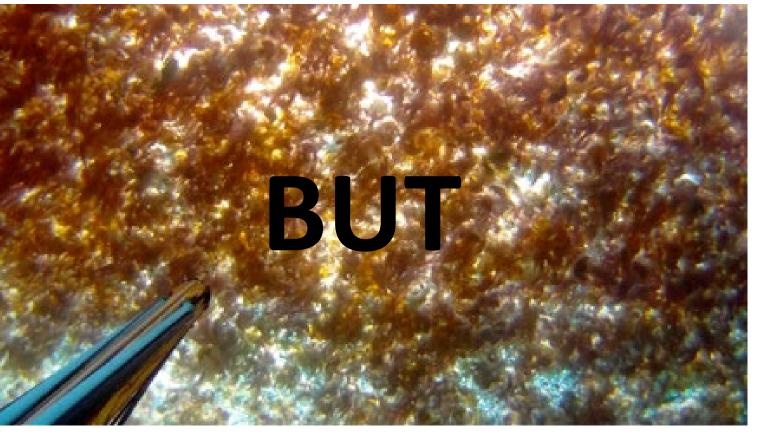








Since about 15 years, jellyfish are increasingly abundant



Science did not often recognize the rise of jellyfish















# The recent interest on jellyfish from the public and scientists has been motivated by













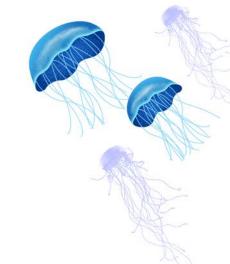












# Both indigenous and non indigenous established, contribute to the rise of jellyfish biomass in the Mediterranean Sea

#### **BUT**

the huge difficult to study these organisms is the lack of historical data. This lack makes difficult describing the temporal and spatial trends of distribution of the species

#### **AND**

The **causes** of the outbreaks of the Scyphozoa are also poor clear

















# **CITIZEN SCIENCE** initiative

# Jellywatch campaign in 2009 in Italy



**Vectors** 

CoCoNet







**PERSEUS** 

**RITMARE** 













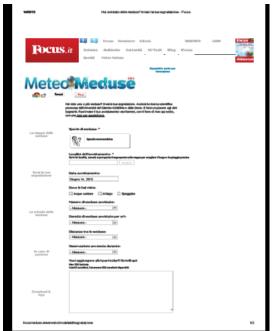






We asked citizens to send us records from the Italian waters









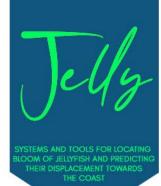
















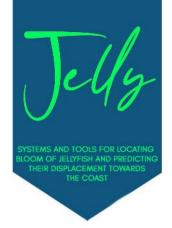
















4 more species
since new arrivals
were recorded
and
THOUSAND OF
RECORDS

















## 2011

more and more species, and several languages and More than 3000 sightings







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# **2016**The new species

Pelagia benovici

and

17000 sightings







































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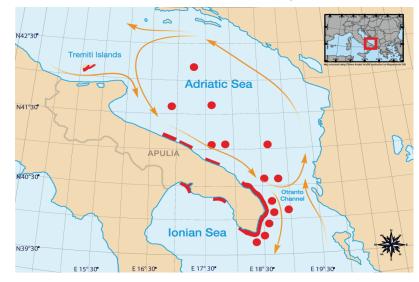
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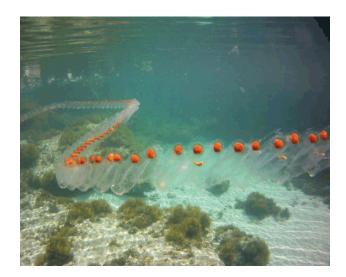


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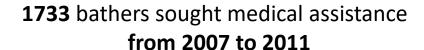


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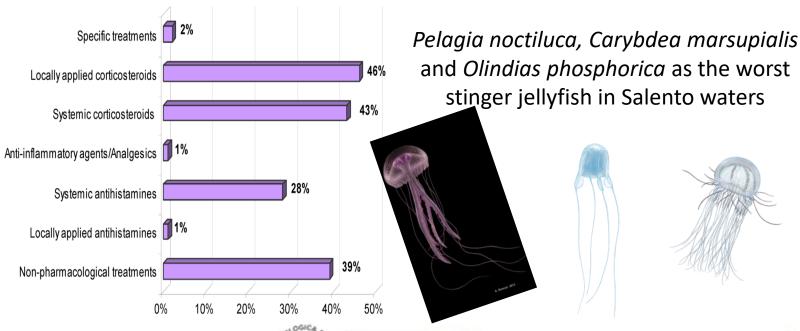
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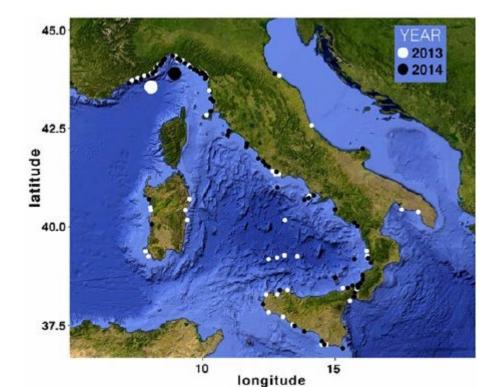


Fig. 1. Sampling stations in the Ligurian Sea (large dots) and locations (small dots) of V. velella reported around the Italian coastline in 2013 (white) and 2014 (black).

















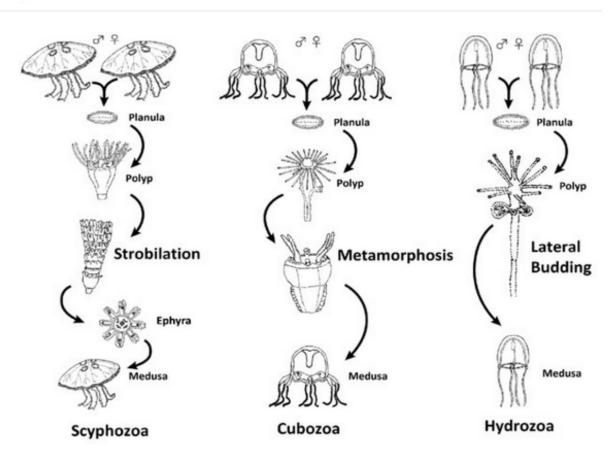
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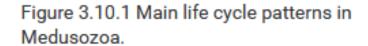
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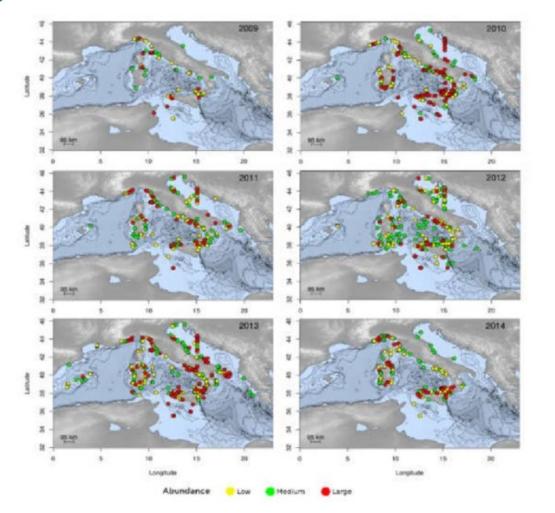


Figure 6. Spatial distribution of jellyfish reports from 2009 (upper-left panel) to 2014 (lowerright panel) for Pelagia noctiluca in Italy (\* see Section 2.1-Materials and Methods). Abundance categories are shown as follows: category 1-"low" in yellow, category 2-"medium" in green, and category 3-"high" in red.

















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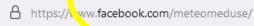
























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Will continue

jellies, take a picture and post your record including this information

NAME of the species and possibly add a picture DENSITY: <10, 10-100, 100-500, >500 organisms per square meter LOCALITY: name and/or geographical coordinates of the locality of the observation





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