

Synthesizing ecological and human use information to understand and manage coastal change

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8 ABSTRACT

9 Coastal systems are constantly in flux, and feedback from monitoring is necessary to
10 support decision making for effective sustainable natural resource management.
11 Frequently natural resources are the ultimate target of management actions, but
12 management programs work through the proximate step of regulating human behavior
13 towards those resources. For example, a marine reserve is considered a conservation
14 success when the abundance and diversity of organisms increase within reserve
15 boundaries, all relative to existing trends that would have affected ecological
16 communities in the absence of a reserve. Biological monitoring can assesses whether
17 reserve management achieves these goals. However, when monitoring data are
18 inconclusive or do not match expectations, managers face uncertainty in understanding
19 why particular biological patterns occurred, whether a reserve is a biologically
20 appropriate management strategy for the system, and what steps to take moving forward.
21 Monitoring human behavior can provide information that may alleviate some uncertainty
22 and help explain observed biological patterns. In this study we illustrate the utility of
23 complimenting biological monitoring data with monitoring of human behavior. We used
24 a before-after control-impact analysis to test for effects of a no-take reserve in the Gulf of
25 California, Mexico on the density and biomass of seven fished species. We failed to
26 detect a positive biological effect of the reserve, and found the density of five monitored
27 species had declined. These results indicated that the reserve was not succeeding, but
28 provided no insight into why. Evaluation of recreational angler use of the reserve
29 provided a possible explanation: first, the frequency of angler visits to the study area was
30 increasing over time. Second, the reserve reduced the propensity of anglers to visit the

31 reserve, but not by enough to offset the overall increasing visitation trend. Biological and
32 human use monitoring results in tandem indicated that a reserve could potentially be an
33 effective conservation tool for the system, and allowed us to suggest modifications that
34 could help the reserve succeed. Our work illustrates the necessity of monitoring human
35 use changes alongside biological responses to a reserve for a holistic portrait of reserve
36 functioning, providing a concrete example of the importance of human behavioral aspects
37 of marine reserve success.

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39 **1. Introduction**

40 Marine reserves are a popular strategy for marine conservation (Roberts et al.
41 2001, Halpern et al. 2004, Guidetti 2007, McClanahan 2010, Devillers et al. 2015).
42 However, as with any management strategy, reserves are subject to implementation error
43 (uncertainty associated with rules and regulations, and how people respond to them) and
44 process error (uncertainty associated with the biophysical production process) that may
45 undermine the ability of a reserve to meet its conservation and fishery enhancement goals
46 (Wilén et al. 2002, Smith et al. 2008). Monitoring and assessment are intended to help
47 managers identify and address these problems. Frequently, the purpose of reserve
48 monitoring is to determine whether fish stocks have increased in size and abundance;
49 reserve evaluation has focused overwhelmingly on biological criteria (Halpern and
50 Warner 2002, Halpern 2003, UNEP-WCMC 2008, Lester et al. 2009, Bonaldo et al. 2017,
51 Woodcock et al. 2017). If such a monitoring program indicates increasing stocks, this
52 provides positive feedback for the current management program. However, some reserves
53 may show no effect on protected species, despite decades of operation and monitoring

54 (Halpern and Warner 2002, Babcock et al. 2010). If a monitoring program fails to
55 provide evidence of stock improvements, then it is tempting to declare the reserve a
56 failure. If the reserve is indeed failing, then a prudent manager might desire information
57 to understand why: perhaps the reserve is too small or in the wrong place (Devillers et al.
58 2015), or the life history characteristics of the monitored species render them unsuitable
59 for management by the current marine reserve structure (Gerber et al. 2002, Claudet et al.
60 2010). There may be a lack of stakeholder stewardship or knowledge of the rules coupled
61 with inadequate enforcement to protect the reserve (Guidetti et al. 2008, Kelaher et al.
62 2015, Watson et al. 2015). Failure to observe increases in fish size and abundance
63 provides no information about the likelihood of any of these alternative hypotheses, and
64 thus provides little guidance to improve future management. Even a result indicating
65 stock improvement is only informative to a point; management still has only incomplete
66 information to help sustain the reserve's performance or provide lessons learned for
67 applications in other locations. We assess the ultimate and proximate impacts of the
68 creation of a marine reserve in the Gulf of California, Mexico, and demonstrate that in
69 tandem these impacts help us to understand how the reserve is functioning
70 mechanistically. The information garnered from monitoring proximate effects (i.e.
71 changes in human use) provides approaches to help managers meet their goals. Thus, the
72 issues raised by this study are broadly applicable to natural resource management
73 situations where regulatory interventions attempt to affect human behavior.

74 Marine reserve assessment is frequently viewed as a two-step process: a reserve is
75 created (Fig. 1; I.) and over time the biological effects of the reserve are observed (Fig. 1;
76 IV.). Yet at the core marine reserves, like other policies, adjust the rules and incentives of

77 people; for example through limitations on access or use (Lynch 2006, Fenichel et al.
78 2013) (Fig. 1; II.). The ultimate success of a reserve requires management provisions and
79 incentives that change human behavior in ways that support reserve goals (Fig 1; III.).
80 Thus, people must first alter their behavior in response to a reserve before any biological
81 changes (Fig. 1; IV.) attributable to the reserve can occur. The response of fish stocks
82 may further alter people's incentives leading to feedbacks between stock changes and
83 behavior (Fig. 1; V.). Mechanistically the biological response following declaration of
84 new regulations lags human behavioral change, and thus logic suggests that human use
85 changes may be observed earlier and possibly with less error than biological responses.

86 Though it is generally assumed that a marine reserve will discourage use of a
87 marine area by increasing the cost of fishing through fines (Smith et al. 2008), the
88 creation of new rules often result in unintended human behavioral responses and
89 feedbacks (Wilén et al. 2002, Smith and Wilén 2003, Kellner et al. 2007, Smith et al.
90 2008, Lynch 2014). Behavioral responses that could reduce or eliminate the conservation
91 benefits of a reserve include the intensification of fishing effort (Smith et al. 2008),
92 spatial displacement of fishing to reserve boundaries (Gribble and Robertson 1998,
93 Kellner et al. 2007), and non-compliance with reserve rules (Kritzer 2004, Guidetti et al.
94 2008). Understanding how a reserve alters human use provides insight into how the
95 reserve is functioning mechanistically (Hilborn 2007). While stock increases or declines
96 may be the ultimate management outcomes of concern, intermediate information tracking
97 human use of a marine reserve is essential to understand and improve management.

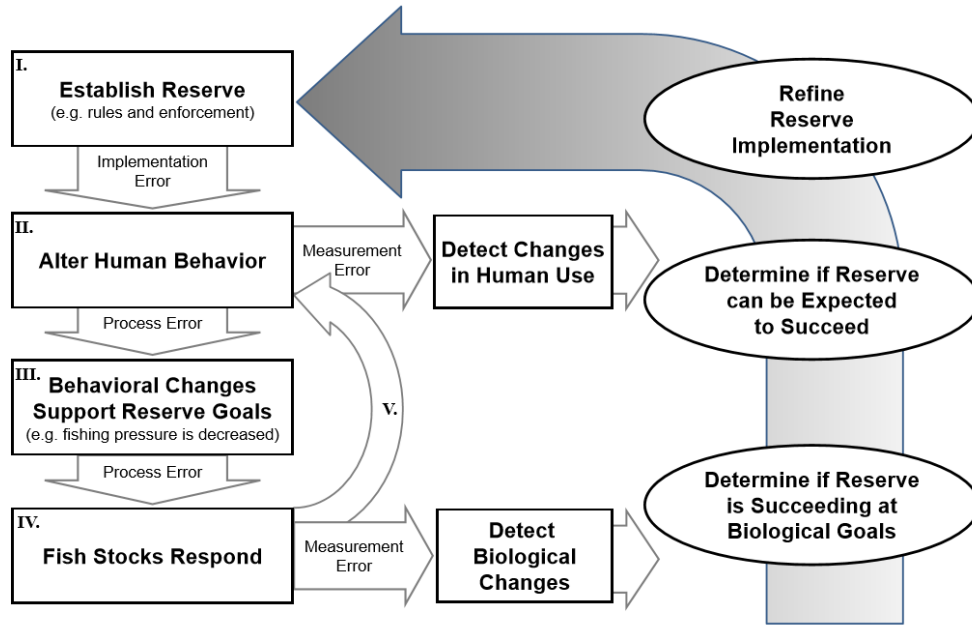
98 We first describe a biological assessment (Fig. 1; IV) of the San Pedro Mártir
99 Island (SPMI) Biosphere Marine Reserve in the Gulf of California (GoC), Mexico (Fig.

100 2). Revisiting the conceptual system model of the reserve's socio-ecological production
101 processes, we assess an intermediate step using results of human use monitoring for the
102 reserve (Fig. 1; III). We present the results of each assessment, and illustrate how in
103 tandem they present a fuller picture of the reserve. We discuss the management
104 implications of this monitoring regime to the SPMI reserve, and elaborate on how human
105 use monitoring, as with other social science data, are essential for marine reserve
106 monitoring and success.

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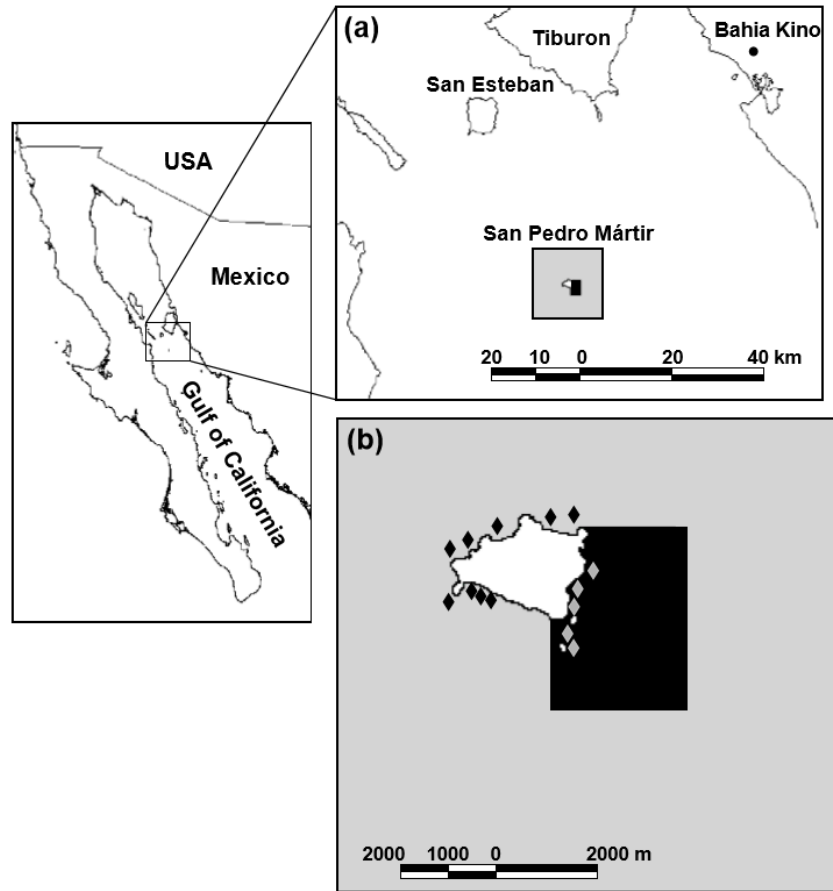
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111 Fig. 1. A conceptual iterative management model of how the effects of a marine reserve
 112 are carried to protected fish populations. The stages where human use and biological
 113 monitoring occur are illustrated along with sources of error that confound the detection of
 114 treatment effects.



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117 Fig. 2. Map of the Gulf of California, Mexico. (a) Inset map of the Central Gulf of
 118 California Midriff Islands region. The square around San Pedro Mártir Island delineates
 119 the boundaries of the Biosphere Reserve. The grey area is the buffer zone, and the black
 120 area the no-take zone. (b) Close-up of San Pedro Mártir Island showing the no-take zone
 121 and part of the buffer zone. Diamonds indicate sites inside (grey) and outside (black)
 122 sampled with non-destructive underwater survey techniques between 2002 and 2009.

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125 **2. Methods**

126 2.1 Study Site

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128 Coastal ecosystems surrounding SPMI (Fig. 2) are highly productive, but high
129 exploitation rates throughout the GoC have led to catch declines (Sala et al. 2004, Saenz-
130 Arroyo et al. 2005) including around SPMI (CEDICAR and CONANP 2007). A
131 biosphere reserve was declared in June 2002 (Poder Ejecutivo Federal 2002). The SPMI
132 biosphere reserve is managed by the Mexican National Commission on Natural Protected
133 areas (CONANP) with support from the local non-governmental organization Comunidad
134 y Biodiversidad (COBI). The creation of the reserve was a community-based effort, and
135 the reserve was located and zoned with active participation from the local community and
136 small-scale commercial fishers, but not local recreational fishers (Cudney-Bueno et al.
137 2009).

138 The aim of the biosphere reserve is to protect terrestrial and marine natural
139 resources, and provide for their sustainable use (Poder Ejecutivo Federal 2002). The
140 reserve is composed of a rectangular no-take zone of approximately 9 km² surrounded by
141 a buffer zone of approximately 290 km² (Fig. 2). Recreational and small-scale
142 commercial fishing are permitted within the buffer zone, while trawling and other
143 industrial-scale fishing is prohibited. Beyond fishing mortality, trawling impacts the
144 structure of the ecosystem and ecosystem processes, and often negatively affects species
145 diversity and abundance (Thrush and Dayton 2002). Further, Gulf of California shrimp
146 trawl fisheries capture as much as 13 times as much biomass as bycatch than shrimp
147 (Perez-Mellado and Findley 1985). Within the buffer zone is a core “no-take” zone. All
148 extractive activities are prohibited in the no-take zone, which previous to reserve

149 designation was considered a good fishing area by personal accounts from Mexican
150 small-scale (Cudney-Bueno et al. 2009) and local recreational (Fujitani 2010) fishers. For
151 example, the no-take zone encompasses an area of spawning aggregations for
152 *Mycteroperca rosacea*, one of the most important and abundant fished grouper in the
153 Central and Southern GoC (Ramírez and Rodríguez 1990, Sala et al. 2003). *M. rosacea*
154 are popular targets for commercial and recreational anglers who fish near SPMI
155 (CEDICAR and CONANP 2007, Fujitani 2010) and are easily captured during
156 aggregations at spawning sites (Sala et al. 2003), only four of which are protected in the
157 GoC (Sala 2005). No penalties for non-compliance are specified in the reserve
158 declaration (Poder Ejecutivo Federal 2002).

159 Bahia Kino, the nearest fishing village to SPMI (60 kilometers distant; Fig. 2),
160 hosts a sizable foreign (USA, Canadian, and European) semi-permanent resident
161 community of recreational anglers. Our analysis of human use changes resulting from the
162 reserve focused on this Bahia Kino recreational angling community. This was because
163 recreational anglers fished regularly at SPMI while the waters directly surrounding the
164 island were historically visited less frequently by Mexican small-scale commercial fishers
165 (Cudney-Bueno et al. 2009). Unlike most recreational anglers, small-scale fishers use
166 pangas (small <7 m open skiffs), which make the trips time-consuming and hazardous.
167 The island is fished only by a small subset of small-scale fishers, and even then only
168 irregularly due to the distance and cost of travel (Cudney-Bueno et al. 2009). These
169 qualitative data from oral accounts are supported by human use monitoring data from
170 2003-2008 (Meza et al. 2008). However, these monitoring visits were not conducted to be
171 representative and the number of visits varied widely between years (from 14 in 2003 to

172 102 in 2007), and thus must be interpreted with caution. The data may provide
173 information on the relative proportions of visitors to SPMI (no site-specific catch data are
174 available for either group). Recreational angling boats were the most frequently observed
175 group (44%), followed by pangas (36%). Also observed were larger commercial boats
176 such as shrimp trawlers and longliners (4%). The remaining boats were sightseeing or
177 diving tourists (3%), reserve enforcement (9%), and unidentified (4%).

178 Though the reserve was officially created in 2002 regular enforcement did not
179 begin until 2006, with patrols making eight random visits to the no-take zone per month
180 (two per week). The recreational anglers were not involved in the reserve creation
181 process, and as a group learned of the reserve and its rules in 2005 (unpublished
182 interview data). On April 10th, 2005 an announcement (in English) was broadcast on the
183 VHF radio channel that the recreational angling community relies upon for
184 communication. It stated that enforcement of the SPMI Biosphere Reserve was
185 commencing, and federal officers and the navy would enforce penalties of fines, boat
186 impoundment, and imprisonment.

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188 2.2 Biological Sampling Design

189 From 2002-2004 and 2007-2009 divers sampled fish populations using
190 underwater visual census (UVC) along sub-tidal transects. Divers recorded the abundance
191 and total length for five species of grouper and sea bass (Serranidae) and two species of
192 snapper (Lutjanidae) (Table 1) considered important to both commercial and recreational
193 fishers (CEDICAR and CONANP 2007; unpublished interview data). Data were
194 collected from 15 fixed sites (Fig. 2), though the number of sites sampled varied from

195 year to year. From 2002-2004 divers surveyed 50 x 5 m transects. In 2007, the
196 Partnership for Interdisciplinary Studies of Coastal Oceans (PISCO) monitoring protocol
197 (Hamilton et al. 2010; www.piscoweb.org) was adapted by the PANGAS initiative (Pesca
198 Artesanal del Norte del Golfo de California; pangas.arizona.edu), and divers employed 30
199 x 2 m transects. Data were standardized by the transect area. The best available length-
200 weight relationships for the seven species were obtained from FishBase (Froese and
201 Pauly 2016) and used to convert recorded lengths to biomass.

202 To understand recreational angling behavior, we used a dataset that includes
203 information on daily angling destinations from 2000 to 2008 compiled by a volunteer
204 rescue radio channel servicing the recreational angling community of Bahia Kino. No
205 official water rescue services exist in the region, so the community relies upon the
206 volunteer service for boat tracking, search, and rescue. The community maintains a
207 dedicated VHF channel for this purpose. As each boat departs, a volunteer records the
208 planned destination(s) and the expected return time, and the volunteer checks boaters'
209 status until they return. There is a strong incentive for accurate trip reporting to guide
210 potential rescue efforts, as mechanical failures and sudden changes in weather are
211 common (J. Jerdee, personal communication). Almost every member of the recreational
212 angling community checks out to a volunteer on every trip (J. Jerdee, personal
213 communication). Semi-structured interviews with recreational anglers were conducted in
214 June 2009. A convenience sample of anglers was solicited from Bahia Kino's single boat
215 ramp as anglers returned from fishing. Interviews were given at a later date, and lasted
216 about an hour. Topics covered in each interview included targeted species, fishing sites,
217 attitudes towards the SPMI reserve, and attitudes towards the environment. Twenty

218 interviews were taken representing 8% of the boats that were recorded to have taken a
219 fishing trip that year.

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224 Table 1. Species that were quantified in the monitoring program from 2002-2009.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Count Over Study Period	225 226 227
<i>Mycteroperca rosacea</i>	leopard grouper	1087	228
<i>Lutjanus argentiventris</i>	yellow snapper	153	
<i>Cephalopholis panamensis</i>	Panama graysby	106	229
<i>Epinephelus labriformis</i>	flag cabrilla	87	
<i>Mycteroperca jordani</i>	Gulf grouper	60	230
<i>Mycteroperca prionura</i>	sawtail grouper	42	
<i>Hoplopagrus guentherii</i>	barred pargo	16	231

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242 2.3 Data Analysis

243 With our UVC transects we compared the abundance and biomass of seven
244 economically important species in the no-take and the buffer zones between 2002 and
245 2009 to evaluate the impact of the no-take zone with Before-After Control-Impact
246 (BACI) methodology (Green 1979), widely used for impact assessment in the ecological
247 (Emslie et al. 2015, Kelaher et al. 2015) and social science literatures (Orley and Card
248 1985, Greenstone and Gayer 2009). Because reserves are often sited non-randomly due to
249 characteristics of outstanding conservation importance (UNEP-WCMC 2008), ecological
250 criteria (Roberts et al. 2003), or opportunity, cost, and political considerations (Roberts
251 2000, Hansen et al. 2011), analyses to detect the effect of a marine reserve is a ‘quasi-
252 experiment,’ not a true randomized experiment (Rubin 1974). BACI analyses have
253 advantages over Before-After or Control-Impact (e.g., Pollnac et al. 2001, Halpern 2003,
254 Pollnac et al. 2010) comparisons, by helping account for unobserved covariates (e.g., if in
255 the absence of a reserve, a reserve site would still have higher biological productivity
256 than an outside reference site) (Stewart-Oaten et al. 1986).

257 For our BACI analysis we set the implementation of the SPMI biosphere reserve
258 as the impact. Though the reserve was designated in 2002, full implementation did not
259 occur until 2005, and enforcement was stepped up in 2006 (J. Torre, personal
260 communication). The first year UVC data were collected, following the full
261 implementation of the reserve, was 2007. Data collected between 2007 and 2009 were
262 used as the after period.

263 We used a linear mixed model to detect an effect of reserve implementation on
264 abundance and biomass of fish species in the no-take zone. This approach allowed the

265 inclusion of differences in underlying distributions by setting group-level model
 266 intercepts and variance while providing parameter estimates for fixed effects (McDonald
 267 et al. 2000, Gelman and Hill 2007). Mixed-effects models are useful to analyze
 268 hierarchically grouped data as they partition group level variation from the fixed effects
 269 of interest that characterize all individuals in the model (Fox 2002, Gelman and Hill
 270 2007). Mixed models are commonly used in reserve evaluation to account for group-level
 271 variation in, for example, site (Bonaldo et al. 2017), country (Geldmann et al. 2015), or
 272 observer (White et al. 2015). Linear mixed models were fit by maximum likelihood in the
 273 statistical programming environment R (v. 3.2.5; R Development Core Team 2016) using
 274 the package *nlme* (Pinheiro et al. 2016) and checked for improvement compared to the
 275 null model as restricted maximum likelihood cannot be used to compare models with
 276 different fixed effect structures (Zuur et al. 2009). Final models were fit by restricted
 277 maximum likelihood with Satterthwaite approximations to degrees of freedom for t-tests
 278 on model fixed effects (package *lmerTest*; Kuznetsova 2016).

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$$\mathbf{y}_{ij} = \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{b}_j + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{ij} \quad \mathbf{b}_j \sim \mathbf{N}_j(0, \boldsymbol{\Psi}) \quad \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{ij} \sim \mathbf{N}_{ij}(0, \sigma^2)$$

 280 \mathbf{y}_{ij} was the response vector for the i^{th} observation in the j^{th} group (survey location) for
 281 each model. \mathbf{X}_i was the design matrix, and $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ was the vector of coefficients for fixed
 282 effects ‘before or after’ (i.e. 2002-2004 or 2007-2009; before = 0, after = 1), ‘control or
 283 impact’ (i.e. buffer zone or no-take zone; buffer zone = 0, no-take zone = 1), and the
 284 interaction between the two (the treatment effect BAxCI). \mathbf{b}_j was the vector of random
 285 effects for each of the 15 surveyed sites. The sites were similar in bathymetry and other
 286 physical characteristics, but they differed in fishery uses (COBI, unpublished data), so
 287 ‘site’ was included as a random effect to account for the unobserved variation and panel

288 nature of these grouped transects. As a random effect, each site was given its own
289 variance and co-variance matrix (Ψ) parsing it from the residual global variance (ϵ_{ij}).
290 Two models for each of the seven species were run, first using biomass (g/m^2) and then
291 density (m^{-2}) as the dependent variable. Log transformations were employed on biomass
292 data and square-root transformations were employed on abundance ratios to satisfy
293 normality assumptions; models were checked for deviations from homoscedasticity
294 assumptions and none were found.

295 Our ability to detect an effect of the reserve may be confounded by edge effects,
296 since the control and no-take sites abut and may directly influence each other (Stewart-
297 Oaten et al. 1986). We ran additional models for the biomass and density of each species
298 with a covariate for distance from the no-take zone border included in the design matrix
299 \mathbf{X}_i . This covariate, ‘distance from border’ is zero before the reserve is established, and
300 post-reserve is the positive distance from the nearest border for sites within the no-take
301 zone, and the negative distance from the nearest border for sites outside the no-take zone.
302 These models were run both with and without site-specific random effects. To account
303 for edge effects in another way, we dropped data from sites within 500 meters of the no-
304 take zone border, and re-ran mixed model analyses for all species.

305 The reserve could also have affected different size classes of fish in different
306 ways. We tested this by splitting our observations of *M. rosacea* into two size classes:
307 spawning size and juvenile. Juveniles were defined as individuals 30 cm or less total
308 length, as fish below this size have not been found in leopard grouper spawning
309 aggregations (Diaz-Uribe et al. 2001). As mentioned above, the no-take zone protects a
310 spawning aggregation of leopard grouper, where spawners could otherwise be easily

311 exploited. Juveniles are overall too small to be preferentially targeted. Thus, the intended
312 direct effect of the reserve is expected to be observed on the spawning age class. If the
313 reserve increases the number of spawners, an indirect effect of the reserve on recruits
314 could be observed with a lag. Even if the reserve protects the spawning class just long
315 enough to increase the number of recruits, we may expect to see an increase in juvenile
316 recruits that is not confined to the no-take zone. We also analyzed mixed models for
317 juvenile and spawning age class leopard grouper with distance from the no-take zone
318 border as a covariate.

319 From the recreational angler trip data we analyzed the 14,894 trips the anglers
320 logged to the volunteer rescue service between 2000 and 2008. Because the logged trips
321 needed to be sufficiently accurate to guide rescue efforts we have high confidence in the
322 accuracy of destination sites reported by anglers. Our data did not allow us to
323 discriminate the precise locations visited by anglers around SPMI on each reported trip,
324 and interviews indicated that anglers frequently visit multiple fishing sites during a visit
325 to SPMI. However, even if all anglers only fished in the buffer zone after reserve
326 declaration (contrary to qualitative interviews and supplementary monitoring data), our
327 analysis would present a conservative upper bound on fishing pressure in the no-take
328 zone. We tested for a structural change in recreational angling use with a model of the
329 proportion of fishing trips taken to SPMI before and after the announcement in 2005
330 (Chow 1960, Fujitani et al. 2012). A structural change is a discrete break in the best
331 fitting parameters for the system concomitant with a mechanism for such change (e.g.,
332 new regulations). To analyze the nature of the behavioral change, we employed a
333 binomial logit model to explore how the reserve affected the propensity of at least one

334 angling boat from the community to take a trip to SPMI on a day that any angler chose to
335 take a trip.

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$$\Pr(z = 1) = \Lambda(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})$$

337 z is a fleet-level indicator of whether at least one boat took a trip to SPMI on a given day;
338 this is because interview data indicated that anglers share boats and fish in groups for
339 safety, particularly to distant fishing sites such as SPMI. The predictors used to test the
340 hypothesis that reserve announcement affected trip behavior in the design matrix \mathbf{X}
341 included days since the reserve announcement and days since the announcement squared
342 to look at non-linear behavior over time. Predictors in \mathbf{X} accounting for other factors
343 besides the reserve that affected the propensity of anglers to travel to SPMI were month
344 and weekday versus weekend as fixed effects, and year and daily maximum wind speed
345 as slope variables. These captured the behavioral responses of anglers to variation in
346 weather, safety of open water trips, seasonal non-fishing opportunities, seasonal variation
347 in the composition and abundance of targeted species, and gas prices (Fujitani et al. 2012).
348 The vector $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ contained the parameter estimates from the predictors, and Λ is the logistic
349 cumulative distribution function.

350 **3. Results**

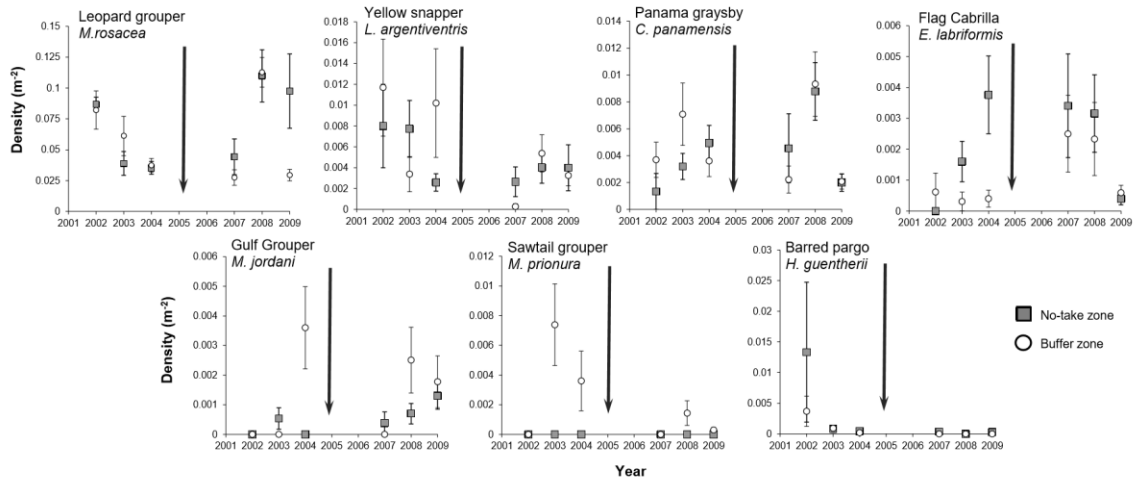
351 Scatter plots of mean (\pm SE) density (Fig. 3) and biomass (Fig. S1) for the seven
352 species showed little difference between control (white circles) and impact (filled
353 squares) sites, particularly following reserve implementation. Regression analysis
354 indicated that five of seven species (*M. rosacea*, *Cephalopholis panamensis*, *Lutjanus*
355 *argentiventris*, *Hoplopagrus guentherii*, and *Mycteroperca prionura*) decreased

356 significantly in both abundance and biomass in the time period following reserve
357 implementation (Table 2), though no difference was seen between the control and impact
358 areas.

359 Significant interaction effects (BA×CI; Table 2) were observed for the biomass
360 and abundance of several species; however these indicated a negative effect of the
361 reserve and/or were an artifact of their rarity in the sample. *Epinephelus labriformis* were
362 more abundant within the no-take zone than outside, but declined in abundance faster
363 within the no-take zone compared to the buffer zone. The remaining two species with
364 significant interaction effects (*M. prionura* and *H. guenterii*) had very low observed
365 counts due to their rarity in the system (Fig. 3). Only three of 43 *M. prionura* were
366 observed in the no-take zone during the survey, and none were observed in the no-take
367 zone following reserve implementation. Only sixteen *H. guenterii* were recorded in the
368 time series, and only three were counted after the reserve was implemented.

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373 Fig. 3. Scatter plots of mean (\pm SE) density of seven commercially important species in
374 the no-take zone and the buffer zone between 2002 and 2009 show no clear effect of the
375 reserve on species preferentially targeted by fishing. The arrows indicate the
376 announcement of the reserve.

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378 Table 2. Parameter values and standard errors from linear mixed before-after control-
 379 impact models to detect the effects of the SPMI reserve on the square-root transformed
 380 density and log-normal transformed biomass of seven species targeted by fishing.
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Density												
Parameter	<i>M. rosacea</i>			<i>C. panamensis</i>			<i>E. labriformis</i>			<i>L. argentiventris</i>		
	β	SE	p-value	β	SE	p-value	β	SE	p-value	β	SE	p-value
Intercept	0.248	0.036	<0.001	0.052	0.010	<0.001	0.007	0.006	0.243	0.054	0.012	<0.001
BA	-0.105	0.035	0.003	-0.032	0.010	0.002	0.001	0.006	0.893	-0.026	0.011	0.015
CI	-0.041	0.057	0.484	-0.012	0.016	0.470	0.022	0.009	0.026	-0.005	0.019	0.804
BA*CI	0.075	0.060	0.215	0.015	0.017	0.395	-0.020	0.009	0.036	-0.011	0.019	0.576
Parameter	<i>H. guentherii</i>			<i>M. jordani</i>			<i>M. prionura</i>					
	β	SE	p-value	β	SE	p-value	β	SE	p-value			
Intercept	0.031	0.014	0.033	0.013	0.006	0.027	0.028	0.009	0.002			
BA	-0.008	0.003	0.003	-0.002	0.006	0.703	-0.016	0.004	<0.001			
CI	0.000	0.023	0.984	-0.011	0.009	0.243	-0.028	0.014	0.074			
BA*CI	-0.047	0.006	<0.001	0.008	0.010	0.453	0.016	0.008	0.046			
Biomass												
Parameter	<i>M. rosacea</i>			<i>C. panamensis</i>			<i>E. labriformis</i>			<i>L. argentiventris</i>		
	β	SE	p-value	β	SE	p-value	β	SE	p-value	β	SE	p-value
Intercept	3.696	0.305	<0.001	0.356	0.065	<0.001	0.115	0.078	0.143	0.860	0.151	<0.001
BA	-2.364	0.294	<0.001	-0.240	0.066	<0.001	-0.021	0.083	0.805	-0.474	0.132	<0.001
CI	-0.225	0.488	0.652	-0.089	0.102	0.398	0.361	0.120	0.010	-0.101	0.245	0.686
BA*CI	0.491	0.511	0.337	0.086	0.109	0.429	-0.322	0.128	0.012	-0.191	0.242	0.430
Parameter	<i>H. guentherii</i>			<i>M. jordani</i>			<i>M. prionura</i>					
	β	SE	p-value	β	SE	p-value	β	SE	p-value			
Intercept	0.879	0.374	0.019	0.731	0.232	0.002	0.654	0.224	0.004			
BA	-0.304	0.068	<0.001	-0.355	0.217	0.103	-0.456	0.077	<0.001			
CI	0.034	0.592	0.955	-0.647	0.373	0.107	-0.654	0.358	0.091			
BA*CI	-1.403	0.140	<0.001	0.545	0.385	0.158	0.456	0.156	0.004			

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Our tests to account for edge effects between the no-take and control zones did not qualitatively change results. For example, for the most common species, *M. rosacea*, dropping sites less than 500 meters from a no-take zone border (Table S1; I.), or including distance from the nearest border as a covariate (Table S1. II.) yielded similar results as the original mixed model of no significant effect of the reserve. Models accounting for size-class similarly did not show a positive effect from the reserve (Table S1; III.), and we did not find an increase in juveniles over time that could have indicated an indirect effect of the reserve through recruitment (Table S1; IV.).

We found a significant structural change in the proportion of recreational angling trips to SPMI before and after the reserve was announced, indicating the reserve had an effect on recreational angling use of the island. The nature of this effect was explained in the binomial logit model, showing that the reserve had the effect of reducing the propensity of the fleet to visit SPMI (days since impact -1.61×10^{-3} , p-value = 0.003). Though the model indicated the reserve had a negative first-order effect on the propensity to travel to SPMI, this effect grew weaker with time (days since impact squared 1.34×10^{-6} , p-value = 0.001). Independent of any reserve effect, results suggest that the propensity of anglers to travel to SPMI was increasing over time and overall use of the reserve is projected to increase (year coefficient 0.18, p-value < 0.001). These results are summarized in Figure 4, which uses parameters estimated from the model to project the statistical expectation of what would have been observed had the reserve not been established, and compare it to the reserve's effect on recreational angling use (also see Fujitani et al. 2012). Increasing use of the reserve area over time can be seen in the open squares of Figure 4 (open squares connected by a dotted line post-2005 represent the

projected counterfactual scenario) (Heckman 2010). The open circles show the reserve effect on the propensity to visit SPMI. The initial dip in angler propensity reflects the negative first-order effect: the reserve initially reduced the propensity of anglers to visit. However, the positive second-order effect indicates the conservation effect of the reserve was diminishing over time, and thus the reserve and no-reserve scenarios converge over time. In summary, though anglers initially decreased visits to SPMI, in a few years their visitation behavior was the same as if the reserve had never existed.

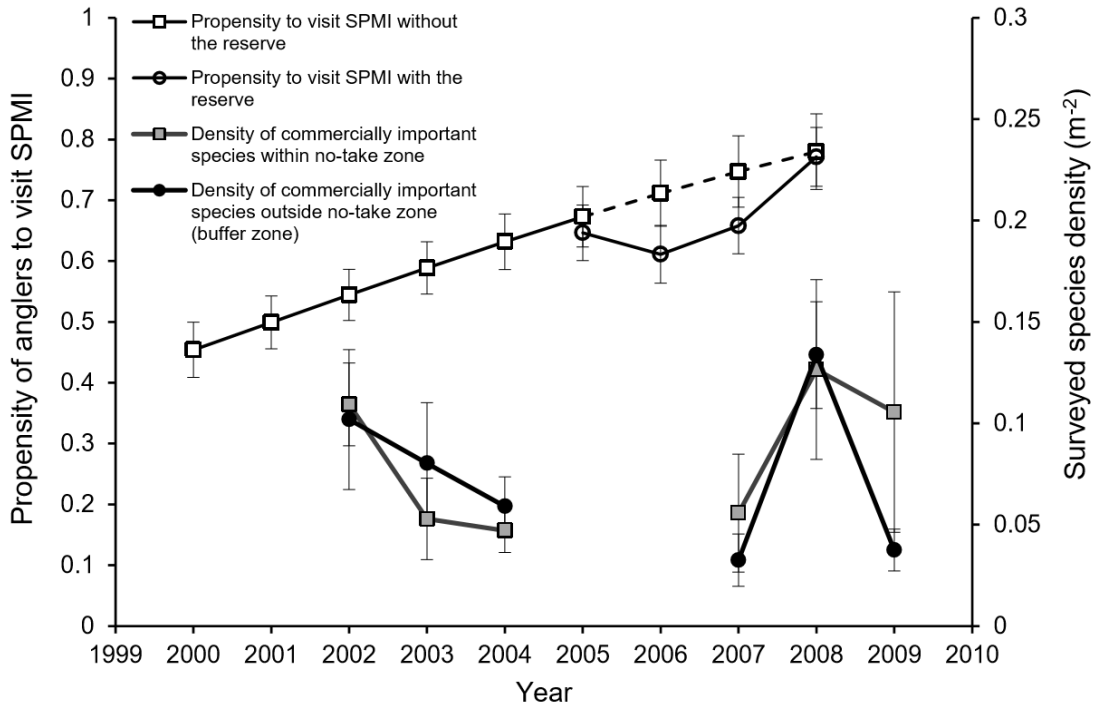


Fig. 4. Trends in projected propensities for anglers to travel to SPMI (left axis) and density of surveyed species inside and outside of the SPMI no-take zone (right axis). Travel projections (with 95% projection intervals) were estimated from a logistic regression model using average visitation for a weekday in June, the most popular month for trips to SPMI. Open squares indicate the propensity to visit SPMI without a marine reserve; the dotted line shows post-2004 values that are the statistically expected propensity to visit SPMI with reserve effects set to zero. Open circles are the propensity to visit SPMI with the reserve effects estimated by the logistic regression model. The right-hand axis corresponds to the total density of the surveyed species inside and outside of SPMI's no-take zone, with 95% confidence intervals.

1 **4. Discussion**

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3 We did not find evidence that the SPMI no-take zone met stated reserve goals of
4 protecting and enhancing biological resources by increasing fish stocks, though marine
5 reserves elsewhere have demonstrated to be effective for species sharing the exploitation
6 status and life history characteristics of the seven monitored species (Micheli et al. 2004,
7 Claudet et al. 2010). Further, reserves have demonstrated significant stock increases in a
8 shorter period following the initiation of protection than the monitored period for the
9 SPMI reserve (Halpern and Warner 2002, but see Edgar et al. 2014). *M. prionura* and *E.*
10 *labriformis* appeared to decline faster within the no-take zone than in the control. Five
11 other species showed their stocks deteriorating over time, with no significant protective
12 effect of the reserve (BAxCI; Table 2). This may be explained by the large number of
13 zeroes in transects overall for some species— though the biological monitoring program
14 was intensive and costly, uncommon species were infrequently observed, making it
15 difficult to discern trends in their stocks (Table 1). Further, we were unable to detect an
16 effect of the no-take zone for leopard grouper despite the rich dataset available (Table 1).
17 Indeed, mean leopard grouper abundance and biomass in the period before the reserve
18 was implemented was higher than after protection went into effect (Table 2; S1) despite
19 the expected benefit of protecting a spawning aggregation site (Sala et al. 2003, Russel
20 and Sadory 2005). Other studies of marine protected areas in the GoC have shown similar
21 results, with no-take zones showing no effect or even significant declines compared to
22 control sites (Cudney-Bueno et al. 2009, Stamieszkin et al. 2009). These biological
23 results, taken alone, could be interpreted as evidence that marine reserves are not a viable

24 management tool in the GoC. However these data alone provide no information to
25 address alternate hypotheses and provide advice to management.

26 Conversely, our analysis of recreational angling showed that the SPMI reserve
27 had a significant negative effect on fishing trips to the island relative to the projected
28 level of trips without the reserve, and thus that a reserve could potentially work to reduce
29 fishing pressure in this system relative to the case of no reserve. The reserve reduced the
30 number of visits by members of an important stakeholder group relative to the statistical
31 expectation of fishing effort had the reserve not been established (Fig. 4; open circles for
32 2006 and 2007). Interviews with anglers supported the theory that the reserve had
33 increased the implicit cost and decreased the incentive to travel to SPMI; anglers
34 expressed worries about fines and boat seizures.

35 Our analysis provided a possible explanation as to why we did not observe
36 increased fish stocks despite the *relative* reduction in fishing effort – the reserve did not
37 decrease the *absolute* level of fishing effort. Our model showed that independent of the
38 establishment of the no-take zone, trips to SPMI had been increasing over time (Fig. 4;
39 open squares). Interviews with recreational anglers indicated that this trend is due to the
40 perception that SPMI has some of the best fishing in the region for the highest valued
41 targets. Anglers cited advances in boat safety and technology (especially increases in the
42 sizes of boats and motors) as a reason why more boats are making the remote, exposed,
43 and treacherous crossing to SPMI. Given this overall trend of increasing use of SPMI, the
44 reserve only dampened this progression (Fig. 4). Though the reserve reduced the
45 otherwise expected increase in recreational angling use of the island over two years, it
46 appears any alleviated fishing pressure was insufficient to reverse stock declines. The

47 effect of the reserve to reduce fishing diminished over time, so that by 2008 realized
48 angler behavior was indistinguishable from the level of use that would have been
49 expected had the reserve never existed (Fig. 4).

50 Our results raise two important questions about the SPMI reserve that are likely
51 applicable to other management proposals. First, marine reserves and other natural
52 resource management strategies are intended as a press perturbation management
53 intervention, but SPMI seems to have acted as a pulse, only reducing relative angler
54 visitation (compared to the counterfactual) for a short period. Could pulse effects be
55 worthwhile investments? Drury and Lodge (2009) suggest that they might be if the
56 ecosystem displays multiple stable states. However, the human behavioral response may
57 counter such pulse interventions (Horan et al. 2011), requiring enduring institutional
58 changes. Second, what should be considered a biological success? Often reserves are
59 considered successful if they stop or reverse population declines. Is slowing downward
60 trends sufficient to justify a reserve? While stocks did not increase following the
61 establishment of SPMI, it is possible that they declined less rapidly than they would have
62 without the reserve. Depending on management interpretations, this may meet the stated
63 SPMI reserve goal of protecting biological resources.

64 Interviews with anglers and COBI staff provided insight into why the reserve
65 acted as a pulse instead of press disturbance to angling behavior. Anglers learned that the
66 reserve was not being enforced. During interviews conducted in 2009 anglers still
67 expressed confusion and wariness about the rules of the reserve, but all subjects knew
68 that the rules of the reserve had not been enforced to date. Many expressed a desire for
69 reserve rules to be enforced as long as it was done fairly among all stakeholders.

70 CONANP/COBI's human use monitoring found a small number of commercial and
71 recreational anglers in the no-take zone every year until monitoring ended in early 2008
72 (Meza et al. 2008). All boats discovered in the no-take zone were warned and asked to
73 leave, after being asked if they knew they were in a no-take zone, to which 71%
74 responded 'yes' (Meza et al. 2008).

75 Enforcement (Kritzer 2004, Guidetti et al. 2008, Kelaher et al. 2015), as well as
76 compliance (Pollnac et al. 2010, Dalton et al. 2015) is critical to marine reserve success
77 and meta-analyses that found significant benefits to marine reserves had as a selection
78 criterion the reasonably successful exclusion of fishing (Cote et al. 2001, Halpern 2003).
79 *Ex ante*, this may be what one would expect, but human responses to new institutions can
80 be difficult to predict. Our detailed recreational angling dataset allowed us to empirically
81 document angler response to weak enforcement. The SPMI reserve, like others in the
82 GoC, is limited in management resources and faces challenges mobilizing across the
83 multiple government bureaus that have specific jurisdictions, who need to coordinate for
84 effective outreach and law enforcement (Cudney-Bueno et al. 2009). To date the rules of
85 the SPMI no-take zone have not been enforced beyond warnings (J. Torre, pers. comm.).
86 Though reserves have been suggested as fishery management strategies for developing
87 countries (Polunin 2002) and regions lacking strong institutional control (Agardy 1997,
88 National Research Council 2001), institutions are critical for management and law
89 enforcement. Community-based management is a popular conservation paradigm in the
90 absence of top-down administration, but these initiatives also require strong community
91 institutions to be successful (Barrett et al. 2001, Cinner et al. 2012). These results are
92 broadly relevant to the global management of marine reserves, which like other spatial

93 rights-based management approaches (e.g. exclusive zones, TURFS) require oversight,
94 enforcement, and stakeholder cooperation (Claudet and Guidetti 2010).

95 Reserves are human institutions, and policies cascade through changes in human
96 use to affect fish stocks. Monitoring intermediate points along this cascade (Fig. 1)
97 provides information on how policy is functioning (Hilborn 2007). Insufficient time for a
98 biological response, as well as process and measurement error (Fig. 1) can obfuscate the
99 effect of a reserve on stocks. As human use changes occur higher up on the cascade of
100 socio-ecological reserve processes (Fig. 1; II.), human use monitoring can meaningfully
101 be conducted sooner, potentially immediately after the reserve is established. The way
102 that people respond to management is subject to implementation error (Fig. 1; II.), but
103 may be spared the process error and response lag of biological systems (Fig. 1; IV.). Thus,
104 monitoring the type and quantity of human use may provide an earlier signal of reserve
105 processes with less error. Further, unlike traditional biological monitoring (e.g., stock size
106 metrics) that contributes limited information about mechanisms that could be prohibiting
107 recovery, monitoring human activity provides information about a potential target for
108 improving management. Without positive signals from a biological monitoring program,
109 managers might conclude that monitoring should continue until a reserve effect is
110 detected. However, there is no consensus on how long one should continue to monitor a
111 reserve (Sainsbury 1991, Gerber et al. 2005). In deciding the type and length of
112 monitoring, it is important to consider the cost of monitoring, the value of data, and the
113 implications of the decisions the monitoring data will inform including potential stock
114 losses (Dayton 1998, Field et al. 2004, Gerber et al. 2007, Hansen and Jones 2008,
115 Fenichel and Hansen 2010). Human use monitoring provides information on how

116 institutions are functioning. If no effect of a management program on human use of an
117 area is detected, managers can immediately use this cue to both change tactics (e.g.,
118 outreach, enforcement) and gather more specific information as to why.

119 Besides the data-driven decision support reasons to monitor human use data in
120 tandem with biological data, positive social and economic outcomes are explicitly or
121 implicitly a broader target of natural resource management programs (Christie et al. 2003,
122 Hicks et al. 2016) as well as essential to the success of management programs (Brechin et
123 al. 2002, Cinner et al. 2012). Ecological, social, and economic sustainability goals can be
124 synergistic, as marine resources provide coastal communities with subsistence,
125 livelihoods, and other social and cultural ecosystem services (Daw et al. 2015). Social
126 and economic characteristics and outcomes for marine reserve stakeholders are rightfully
127 given increased attention and importance in reserve evaluation (Pollnac et al. 2010,
128 Dalton et al. 2015, Gurney et al. 2015), but monitoring direct human behavioral
129 responses to reserves remains rare. We demonstrate how monitoring data on human
130 activity is also an essential part of fisheries management not only during the selection and
131 implementation of a management strategy (Smith and Wilen 2002, Christie et al. 2003,
132 Mascia et al. 2003, Hilborn 2007, Ban et al. 2009) but also, as we have demonstrated, in
133 the evaluation of its effects.

134 Monitoring biological and human use data in tandem provide information on
135 underlying processes and can uncover latent trends that enhance our understanding of a
136 system's behavior. Thus, this monitoring strategy is valuable even if a reserve is found to
137 be meeting stock enhancement goals, because it can explain and sustain that success, and
138 transfer lessons learned to other systems. By understanding the nature and direction of

139 human use changes and how they influence biological populations, managers can make
140 informed decisions that increase the likelihood that management programs are successful.
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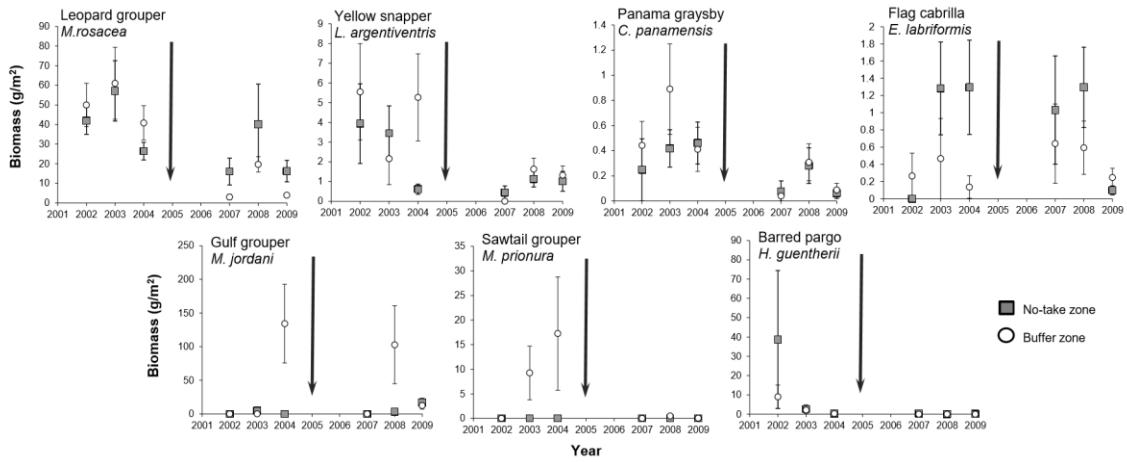
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161 Fig. S1. Scatter plots of mean (\pm SE) biomass of seven commercially important species in

162 the no-take zone and the buffer zone between 2002 and 2009 show no clear effect of the

163 reserve on species preferentially targeted by fishing. The arrows indicate the

164 announcement of the reserve.

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174 Table S1. Parameter values and standard errors from alternate models to detect an effect
 175 of the no-take zone on the density and biomass of *M. rosacea*.

I. Drop sites < 500 meters from the no-take boundary, site random effects						
Parameter	<i>Density</i>			<i>Biomass</i>		
	β	SE	p-value	β	SE	p-value
Intercept	0.25	0.038	< 0.001	3.707	0.329	< 0.001
BA	-0.113	0.036	0.002	-2.43	0.294	< 0.001
CI	0.003	0.096	0.978	-0.067	0.808	0.936
BACI	0.046	0.083	0.581	0.403	0.669	0.547

II. Distance from border as covariate						
Parameter	<i>Density</i>			<i>Biomass</i>		
	β	SE	p-value	β	SE	p-value
Intercept	0.218	0.03	< 0.001	3.429	0.243	< 0.001
BA	-0.003	0.039	0.947	-1.555	0.323	< 0.001
CI	-0.029	0.045	0.518	-0.092	0.369	0.804
BACI	-0.032	0.058	0.58	-0.341	0.479	0.477
Distance from Border	0.042	0.017	0.012	0.297	0.137	0.031

III. Spawning class (> 30cm total length)						
Parameter	<i>With site random effects</i>			<i>With distance from border as covariate</i>		
	β	SE	p-value	β	SE	p-value
Intercept	0.159	0.02	< 0.001	0.154	0.019	< 0.001
BA	-0.121	0.021	< 0.001	-0.107	0.025	< 0.001
CI	-0.007	0.031	0.833	-0.009	0.028	0.738
BACI	0.033	0.033	0.315	0.025	0.037	0.496
Distance from Border				0.004	0.011	0.72

IV. Juveniles (< 30cm total length)						
Parameter	<i>With site random effects</i>			<i>With distance from border as covariate</i>		
	β	SE	p-value	β	SE	p-value
Intercept	0.17	0.03	< 0.001	0.146	0.025	< 0.001
BA	-0.044	0.03	0.143	0.048	0.033	0.149
CI	-0.053	0.048	0.29	-0.04	0.038	0.298
BACI	0.073	0.051	0.151	-0.031	0.05	0.538
Distance from Border				0.042	0.014	0.003

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