

1 **Shape does matter: A geometric morphometric approach to shape variation in Indo-**
2 **Pacific fish vertebrae for habitat identification**

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17 **Abstract**

18 Traditional fish vertebrae identification relies on the availability of comprehensive reference
19 collections that include every element from the neural spine for each taxon. In regions with
20 great taxonomic diversity, such as the Indo-Pacific, the identification of fish vertebrae to species
21 is difficult. This results in taxonomic lists with many skeletal elements identified only to family.
22 However family level identifications often tell us little about the environmental preferences of
23 the fish and thus, by inference, human fishing practices. Here we apply geometric
24 morphometrics (GM) to examine shape variations within vertebrae in modern specimens of a
25 variety of pelagic and reef species to determine if this method can be used to reliably inform on
26 habitat preferences. Digitized vertebral elements of reef (Acanthuridae, Balistidae, Labridae,
27 Lethrinidae, Lutjanidae and Serranidae) and pelagic/open water (Scombridae and Carangidae)
28 families were scored using 2D landmarks. These were subjected to Generalized Procrustes
29 Analysis and discriminatory multivariate analyses (Linear Discriminant Analysis and
30 Discriminant Function Analysis) in order to assess whether shape can be used to differentiate
31 habitats. Our results suggest that geometric morphometrics do allow the differentiation of
32 habitat in vertebrae and provide an alternative method for the classification of archaeological
33 fish assemblages. These analyses were applied to a sample of archaeological fish remains from
34 a site in Alor Island (Nusa Tenggara Timur, Indonesia) and compared with the results of an
35 earlier traditional comparative ichthyoarchaeological analysis. We found that the main
36 component of the Pleistocene marine human diet comprised reef species, with the sporadic

37 addition of open water species, supporting the pattern recorded with traditional analyses. This
38 methodology could be widely applied to archaeological fish material from across the Indo-
39 Pacific allowing a greater number of bones in assemblages to contribute to insights into human
40 exploitation of coastal habitats and fishing techniques over time.

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45 ***Introduction***

46 Fish bones often dominate Indo-Pacific zooarchaeological assemblages. In most cases, fish
47 vertebrae constitute the largest component of these assemblages, although until recently these
48 elements were largely excluded from lower level taxonomic identifications (e.g. Desse and
49 Desse, 1976; Lambrides and Weisler, 2015a, 2015b; Guillaud et al., 2016). The identification of
50 fish vertebrae to family requires a comprehensive reference collection, with complete fish
51 vertebral columns as well as broad species representation within families. Despite such
52 difficulties, the importance of vertebrae when analysing archaeological fish remains is well
53 recognised, as their inclusion increases the number of elements (NISP) and number of
54 individuals (MNI) in an assemblage, and provides a means for estimating fish size and
55 seasonality of capture, in both archaeological and non-archaeological studies (Gabriel et al.,
56 2012; Granadeiro and Silva, 2000; Lambrides and Weisler, 2015a, 2016; Samper Carro, et al.,
57 2017; Van Neer et al., 1999). Moreover, comparisons between the representation of cranial and
58 post-cranial elements may provide insights about fish processing and fishing techniques (Butler,
59 1993; Zohar and Biton, 2011; Zohar and Cooke, 1997; Zohar and Dayan, 2001; Zohar et al.,
60 2008).

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62 Geometric morphometrics (GM), commonly used in biology to study shape variation (Zeldith,
63 et al., 2004), has frequently been applied to the analysis of morphometric differences in *Homo*
64 and animal species. Some examples of the application of GM include the identification of
65 domestic traits and evolutionary history in ISEA pigs based on molar and cranial shape
66 differences (Cucchi et al., 2009; Evin et al., 2013; Ottoni et al., 2013; Owen et al., 2014);
67 diversity and similarities of domestic and wild canids and feeding habits based on skull shape
68 (Drake, 2011; Drake and Klingenberg, 2010; Meloro et al., 2015); taxonomic classification of
69 Indonesian Pleistocene cervids (Gruwier et al., 2015); and methodological and morphological
70 analyses of bone and dental morphology on great apes and humans (Gómez-Robles et al., 2007;

71 Lockwood et al., 2002; Pérez et al., 2006). These methods have also been applied to non-
72 archaeological fish remains, especially fish otoliths and scales, to assess taxonomic differences
73 (e.g. Ponton, 2006; Ibañez, et al., 2007; Duarte, et al., 2017), or the origin of specimens in fish
74 markets to address food safety policies (Ibañez, 2015). Recent research has also applied GM for
75 the taxonomic identification of fish vertebrae from modern and archaeological assemblages (De
76 Schepper et al., 2007; Guillaud et al., 2016). However, such studies have yet to examine fish
77 habitat, a subject particularly pertinent to arguments regarding the maritime technological
78 abilities of late Pleistocene peoples in Wallacea.

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80 Claims of pelagic fishing ca. 42 ka cal BP at Jerimalai shelter in Timor-Leste indicated that the
81 first humans to reach the Wallacean archipelago were already in possession of complex
82 maritime and fishing technology and were able to carry out sustained fishing of pelagic species.
83 This claim was based on the high proportion of Scombridae (tuna and mackerels) in the
84 Pleistocene levels of the site (O'Connor et al. 2011). However, Anderson (2013a; 2013b)
85 pointed out that claims for pelagic fishing at Jerimalai are problematic as the fish bones found in
86 the Pleistocene levels were identified only as Scombridae, and as identifications were based
87 entirely on vertebrae, sub-family, tribe, genus or species within Scombridae were not positively
88 identified in the assemblage. As more than 22 scombrid species are currently found in the
89 waters around Timor, and neritic tunas and mackerels outnumber oceanic tunas such as
90 yellowfin, albacore and skipjack, Anderson (2013a) argued that the claims for both tuna fishing
91 and pelagic fisheries in the Pleistocene at Jerimalai are unsustainable.

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93 Here we apply GM to identify shape variation of fish vertebrae and examine to what extent
94 shape can inform on fish preferred habitats. We evaluate how shape variations along the
95 vertebral column could reflect differences in habitat. In doing so, we provide a benchmark for
96 the quantitative identification of fish vertebrae. This methodology may allow more reliable
97 identification of vertebrae based on shape, and thus a better grounding for the identification of
98 pelagic versus in-shore fishing, with important implications for interpreting human fishing
99 technology and behaviour from Pleistocene archaeological sites in the Indo-Pacific region. We
100 examine fish vertebrae preserved in Tron Bon Lei, Alor, Indonesia, a late Quaternary fish-rich
101 site, to in order to examine the presence and role of pelagic fishing at this site.

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103 ***Material and methods.***

104 *Modern reference material*

105 Modern reference material is housed in the Department of Archaeology and Natural History,
106 College of Asia and the Pacific, at the Australian National University (ANU). For this analysis,

107 we selected every species available from six inshore-reef herbivore, omnivore and carnivore
108 fish families (Acanthuridae, Balistidae (including two species in the Monacanthidae family),
109 Labridae, Lethrinidae, Lutjanidae and Serranidae; Table 1) and two open water families
110 (Carangidae and Scombridae; Table 2), classified according to species' environmental and
111 biological information from FishBase (Froese and Pauly, 2017) and the California Academy of
112 Sciences' catalog of fishes (Eschmeyer, et al., 2017). These families are some of the most
113 commonly documented in zooarchaeological assemblages from Indonesia and Timor-Leste
114 (O'Connor, et al., 2011; Ono and Clark, 2012; Samper Carro, et al., 2016; 2017). A total of 66
115 specimens representing 43 species were included in our analysis (Tables 1 and 2), comprising
116 666 precaudal and 1216 caudal vertebrae (including both cranial and caudal sides).

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118 *Archaeological material*

119 The archaeological fish assemblage was recovered from Tron Bon Lei, a rock shelter located on
120 Alor Island, Indonesia (Figure 1). Three test pits were excavated at the rock shelter in 2014,
121 with Test Pit B yielding the largest amount of archaeological material. Three occupational
122 phases were identified based on radiocarbon dates and stratigraphic changes, ranging from the
123 late Holocene to the late Pleistocene (Figure 1). In addition to large quantities of cultural
124 material, this assemblage provided thousands of fish remains (O'Connor, et al., 2017; Samper
125 Carro, et al., 2016; 2017). Due to fragmentation and the high taxonomic diversity in the region,
126 the ichthyoarchaeological elements were identified only to family. The presence/absence of fish
127 families was based on the identification of cranial (five paired bones and "special bones") and a
128 few postcranial remains (Samper Carro, et al., 2017). Acanthuridae, Balistidae, Scaridae,
129 Labridae, Lethrinidae, Lutjanidae, Serranidae and Carangidae yielded the largest number of
130 individuals, while Scombridae presence is limited to layer 11 and 12, dated to the late
131 Pleistocene (Table 3). The Tron Bon Lei assemblage suggested that reef/inshore families were
132 more commonly exploited throughout the sequence, while the sporadic presence of open-
133 water/pelagic fish families increased during the late Pleistocene (Samper Carro, et al., 2016;
134 2017). This trend was similar to that observed in the nearby island of Timor where, as
135 mentioned above, the presence of Scombridae vertebrae from the lower layers of Jerimalai
136 (dated to ca. 42 ka cal BP) suggested an emphasis on pelagic fishing in the Pleistocene
137 (O'Connor, et al., 2011).

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139 From the total of 27,441 fish remains identified in Tron Bon Lei, 9803 are vertebrae (Samper
140 Carro, et al., 2017). The complete zooarchaeological assemblage was temporarily transported to
141 ANU to conduct the taxonomical and anatomical identification of the fish remains. Due to time
142 constraints, the taxonomical identification focused on the elements easier to identify, which for

143 vertebral remains, were limited to the 1st vertebrae of a small part of the assemblage (layers 11
144 and 12). The rest of vertebrae were classified by width into four categories to track general size
145 trends: less than 3mm; 3 to 6 mm; 6 to 10 mm; larger than 10 mm.

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147 For this study, we selected vertebrae from the two layers where both of the families including
148 open-water/pelagic species (Carangidae and Scombridae) were documented, layer 11 (dated to
149 10,110-12,545 cal BP) and layer 12 (18,890-21,000 cal BP). Based on the five paired cranial
150 elements traditionally used and the 1st vertebrae, Serranidae (n=38), Lutjanidae (n=22), Labridae
151 (n=17), Carangidae (n=16), Lethrinidae (n=13), Balistidae (n=10) and Scombridae (n=3)
152 yielded the largest MNI in layer 11, which is the layer with a largest number of remains in the
153 whole assemblage. The same families were identified in layer 12, although the number of
154 remains is lower (Samper Carro, et al., 2017). Small vertebrae (< 3 mm and 3 to 6 mm in width)
155 are the most abundant, with vertebrae larger than 10 mm in width being more common in the
156 terminal Pleistocene layers (Samper Carro, et al., 2017). For our analysis, we did not consider
157 the smallest vertebrae (< 3 mm), and focused on complete vertebrae from the other three size
158 ranges: 3 to 6 mm width; 6 to 10 mm width; and larger than 10 mm width. A total of 81
159 precaudal and 238 archaeological caudal vertebrae (including cranial and caudal sides) were
160 thus analysed.

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162 *Methods*

163 For each individual fish, precaudal and caudal vertebrae were selected, and the cranial and
164 caudal sides of each photographed using a Nikon D5100 camera with macro lens AF-S Micro
165 NIKKOR 60mm. Vertebrae were fixed with plasticine on a supporting platform and levelled
166 using a spirit level. The camera was systematically placed at 90° angle and at 15 cm from the
167 occlusal surface of the vertebrae, focusing on the centre of the vertebral body. Photographs were
168 cropped and edited with Adobe Photoshop Lightroom CC17 and Adobe Illustrator CC17. Once
169 photos were edited, a .tps file was built for each family with tpsUtil32 version 1.74.

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171 A total of 29 2D landmarks were placed in order to define the vertebral outline and notable
172 biological features, using tpsDig2 version 2.30 software to digitize the landmarks and scale the
173 photos. Two types of landmarks were recorded: type 1 landmarks and sliding semi-landmarks.
174 Type 1 landmarks are defined as a location where multiple discrete tissues intersect at a single
175 point, defining biological features (Baab, et al., 2012; Gruwier, et al., 2015). Our landmarks 1 to
176 9 are type 1 landmarks, with the first landmark located on the vertebral centroid and the other 8
177 landmarks located at points where the vertebral processes attach to the vertebral body (Figure
178 2). Sliding semi-landmarks permit “outlines to be combined with landmark data in one analysis,

179 providing a richer description of shape” (Adams, et al., 2004: 8). This method, first proposed by
180 Bookstein (1996), consists of sliding the semi-landmark points along the outline curve of a
181 reference specimen, until they match the positions of the corresponding points along an outline
182 (Adams, et al., 2004). Landmarks 10 to 29 are sliding semi-landmarks (Figure 2). To record the
183 outline, we fitted the landmarks of the vertebral body’s outline on a polar grid with 20 equally-
184 space radii created with Adobe Illustrator CC17. The polar grid was scaled to the size of the
185 vertebrae and the central point of the grid was located in the centroid of the object, while the
186 second radius (landmark 11) was translocated to match the location of landmark 4, placed in the
187 contact point between the right upper vertebra process and the vertebra body (Figure 2). Hence,
188 the polar grid has the same rotation and angle of tangent at each point along the outline for each
189 of the vertebrae analysed.

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191 Generalized Procrustes Analysis superimposition method (GPA, also called Generalized Least
192 Squares, GLS) was chosen (Rohlf and Slice, 1990), which superimposes landmark
193 configurations using least-squares estimates for translation and rotation parameters (Adams, et
194 al., 2004; Bookstein, 1986). The morphological and statistics analyses were conducted with
195 PAST v.3.13 (Hammer, et al., 2001), MorphoJ v.1.06d (Klingenberg, 2011) and SPSS Statistics
196 v.24. After the GPA, in order to optimize our analysis, we conducted a linear discriminant
197 analysis (LDA) and a linear discriminant function analysis (DFA). The application of different
198 methods of classification has been denoted meaningful to test for differences in the results due
199 to the statistical methods applied (Guillaud, et al., 2016). For the classification of the material
200 from the modern reference collection, we performed a leave-one-out cross validation. As the
201 number of variables analysed was larger than the minimum number of specimens within a
202 group, we conducted a stepwise procedure. For the DFA, we applied Mahalanobis distance
203 stepwise method with an F probability threshold 0.05-0.10. The percentages of correctly
204 classified cases reported are those obtained after jack-knife procedures.

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206 To test if differences in fish vertebrae shape can be correlated to species habitat, individuals in
207 the reference collection were grouped according to three different environments: reef;
208 pelagic/reef; pelagic. Fish habitat was defined according to the most habitual environment
209 described for each species in FishBase and the Catalog of Fishes (Eschmeyer, et al., 2017;
210 Froese and Pauly, 2017). Reef habitat species were considered as those inhabiting upper water
211 areas, near the surface or coral beds, to a depth of 20 m (Froese and Pauly, 2017). Pelagic is
212 defined as living and feeding in the open sea, associated with the surface or middle depths of a
213 body of water, from 0 to 200 m depth (Froese and Pauly, 2017).

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215 Analyses were conducted for each of the fish species from the reference material to assess the
216 accuracy of habitat preference identification based on fish vertebral shape. Precaudal and caudal
217 elements were analysed separately and cranial and caudal sides of each vertebrae were pooled
218 together. We conducted three different LDAs and DFAs for each family in the reference
219 collection: 1) considering every landmark; 2) considering only type 1 landmarks; and 3)
220 considering only sliding semi-landmarks. Archaeological elements were classified as ungrouped
221 cases, allowing the model defined by the reference material assigned to each habitat preference
222 to predict archaeological elements' habitat based on their vertebral shape. This analysis
223 produces a scatter plot of specimens along the first two canonical axes, generating the maximal
224 and second to maximal separation between all groups, with the axes being linear combinations
225 of the original variables and the eigenvalues indicating the amount of variation explained by the
226 axes (Hammer, et al., 2001; Hammer and Harper, 2006). We present our results as the cross-
227 validated percentage of correctly classified specimens, including a scatter plot of the models that
228 yielded a higher percentage of correctly classified specimens. Shape changes are illustrated by
229 lollipop graphs and deformation grids, with a scale factor of 0.5.

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231 **Results**

232 *Precaudal vertebrae*

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234 Percentages of well-classified elements are generally high, although lower when using LDA
235 than DFA (Table 4). Five out of six discriminant functions (DFs) extracted for precaudal
236 elements are significant, with the first and second DFs for each model explaining 100% of
237 variance. The higher percentages were obtained when considering the 29 landmarks defined in
238 precaudal elements in both LDA (71.8%) and DFA (83.6%).

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240 Table 5 shows the habitat predicted for every precaudal vertebra, including the reference
241 material and the archaeological assemblage. Reef category yields the higher percentages, while
242 the differences between pelagic/reef and pelagic are less significant based on the high
243 percentage of vertebrae classified as pelagic within the elements originally included in the
244 pelagic/reef category. A similar result is observed for the pelagic elements, with percentages
245 ranging from 13.7% to 32.6% for vertebral shape corresponding to the pelagic/reef predicted
246 group.

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248 The graphs resulting from the shape difference analyses, among the three habitat groups
249 defined, suggest shape changes between pelagic/reef and pelagic are discrete compared to the
250 differences observed between pelagic and reef vertebral shapes (Figure 3). Shape differences are

251 characterised by changes in the top and bottom half of the vertebrae, with reef vertebrae being
252 wider on the top and narrower on the bottom compared to pelagic elements (Figure 3A). These
253 differences are smaller and concentrated in the caudal section among pelagic/reef and reef
254 elements (Figure 3B), while pelagic vertebrae are wider on the ventral section than pelagic/reef
255 elements (Figure 3C). In all three mean shapes, in addition to small differences in the general
256 outline, the larger shape changes are recorded for the landmarks defining the points where the
257 vertebral processes attach to the vertebral body (especially, landmarks 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 9), with
258 reef specimens showing wider vertebral processes and larger neural and ventral arches.

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260 The plot of the first two DFs for the model including every landmark illustrates some degree of
261 overlap between pelagic/reef and pelagic vertebral groups (Figure 4). The centroid of
262 pelagic/reef and pelagic groups are separated, indicating two distinctive groups, although the
263 morphospace regions overlap. Most of the archaeological vertebrae are plotted within the
264 morphospace defined by the reef category.

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266 For archaeological elements, a higher percentage of specimens are assigned to the reef category
267 based on the models defined by every landmark and type 1 landmarks (Table 5). Sliding semi-
268 landmarks classifies a larger number of vertebrae as pelagic/reef, while the pelagic category
269 yields the lower percentages in all three shape models. Archaeological samples divided by
270 context and vertebral size show a higher percentage of specimens in the 3 to 6 mm width
271 category assigned to the reef habitat in layer 11, while the low number of precaudal vertebrae
272 documented in layer 12 does not yield significant results (Table 6).

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274 *Caudal vertebrae*

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276 The DFA percentages obtained for habitat classification from caudal vertebrae shape are higher
277 than the values yield by LDA in the three models tested (Table 4). The six DFs extracted are
278 significant, with the first DF for the type 1 landmark model yielding the higher percentage of
279 variance (Table 4; Wilk's lambda= 0.554, Chi-Square= 713.041, df= 20, $p < 0.0001$, %
280 variance= 95.3). However, the higher percentage of correctly classified vertebrae were obtained
281 for the model including all landmarks, both through LDA (75.5%) and DFA (84%).

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283 High percentages are obtained for both reef and pelagic/reef predicted groups (Table 7), while
284 the values for pelagic-like elements are lower, especially for the type 1 landmarks' model.
285 Differences in the percentages resulting from the comparison between pelagic/reef and pelagic

286 categories are higher than in the precaudal elements when considering every landmark and
287 sliding semi-landmarks, while the differences based on type 1 landmarks are less significant.

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289 Figure 5 includes the lollipop graphs and transformation grids between the three habitat groups,
290 when comparing the mean shape defined in the outline including every landmark. Shape
291 differences are more acute than in the precaudal elements, especially for the pelagic and
292 pelagic/reef categories compared to reef specimens. Pelagic-classified vertebrae are narrower in
293 diameter and in the top half, as illustrated by the deformed top right corner on the grid (Figure
294 5A). A similar difference is observed between pelagic/reef and reef elements, with additionally
295 shape changes identified in relation to landmarks 6 and 7 (Figure 5B). Conversely, the shape
296 comparison between pelagic and pelagic/reef vertebrae results in small shape differences,
297 concentrated in the bottom type 1 landmarks (6 to 9; Figure 5C). In general, pelagic and
298 pelagic/reef vertebrae yield a narrower outline in the caudal section and slightly narrower in the
299 ventral sections, with distinctive changes in the location of the point of attachment of the
300 vertebral processes and the vertebral body and the dimensions of the neural and hemal arches.

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302 For the model with a higher percentage of correctly classified elements (i.e. including every
303 landmark) the plot of the two first DFs indicate the three habitat categories are clearly distinct
304 based on their centroids, although some overlap is observed between the morphospaces of each
305 of the three groups (Figure 6). A large number of archaeological caudal vertebrae within the reef
306 elements' morphospace, with fewer remains assigned to pelagic/reef and pelagic categories.

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308 The plot in figure 6 illustrates the percentages for archaeological elements included in table 7,
309 where archaeological caudal vertebrae assigned to the reef category yields the higher percentage
310 (68.1%), followed by pelagic (23.1%). When separated by context and vertebral width, both
311 layer 11 and 12 yielded a higher number of vertebrae assigned to the reef category, with the
312 percentage for pelagic elements being higher in layer 12. The percentages for the pelagic/reef
313 category are low in both layers.

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315 *Discussion*

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317 The application of GM to classify Indo-Pacific fish vertebrae based on habitat preference
318 yielded high percentages of correctly classified material, expanding some of the aspects
319 previously discussed in the analysis of vertebral shape as a taxonomical discriminant in
320 archaeological assemblages (Guillaud, et al, 2016). As denoted by these researches, LDA
321 percentages are lower than those obtained by other statistical methods. We selected DFA

322 analysis as an alternative method, as it permits the establishment of a variable range (i.e. habitat
323 groups) that will be applied to predict the categories in which the archaeological material will be
324 classified. DFA results yielded higher percentages, ranging from 69.8% (caudal sliding semi-
325 landmarks) to 84% (caudal all landmarks), than LDA (63.6%-75.5%). Our results indicate that
326 the landmark configuration that includes all the type 1 and sliding semi-landmarks provide the
327 higher discrimination rate when analysing Indo-Pacific fish vertebrae.

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329 An issue to consider is the classification error obtained in the modern reference material. In our
330 best model, DFA yielded a percentage of 16% misclassified material, which may seem a high
331 degree of uncertainty when making interpretation based on these results, as opposed to
332 traditional identification methods. However, it is complicated to quantify the error obtained
333 through traditional identification compared to model-based identifications. Aspects such as
334 inter- and intra-observer reliability, incomplete reference collections and even inconsistencies in
335 the recording of the assemblage have been suggested as sources of discrepancies in observations
336 and measurements (e.g. Fish, 1978; Blumenschine, et al., 1996; Lyman and Van Pool, 2009).
337 We anticipate that the addition of more modern reference species will increase the accuracy of
338 the model, decreasing the percentage of misclassified specimens. Moreover, our method may
339 permit the identification to habitat of more remains in an archaeological assemblage,
340 overcoming limitations that result from incomplete reference collections and high diversity
341 environments.

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343 The morpho-anatomical regionalization of the vertebral column suggested for salmonids
344 (Meunier and Ramzu, 2006), which is noted as a reason for the differences in discrimination
345 rate between precaudal and caudal vertebrae by Guillaud and colleagues (2016), is not as
346 marked in our study, based on the jack-knifed percentages. Including all landmarks, percentages
347 for correctly classified precaudal (83.6%) and caudal (84%) vertebrae are similar, suggesting the
348 complete vertebral column would be affected homogenously by morphological differences
349 related to habitat preferences. However, the visual examination of the shape differences shows
350 that shape variation among precaudal vertebrae are smaller compared to the mesh deformations
351 observed for caudal vertebrae (Figures 3 and 5), especially when comparing pelagic and
352 pelagic/reef elements with reef-dwelling species. These results suggest changes in the
353 morphology of fish vertebrae are marked enough to distinguish between habitat groups and we
354 anticipate that these changes are directly linked to fish locomotion.

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356 The analysis of fish swimming mechanics, using body shape as one proxy to address fish
357 locomotion, has a long history (Lauder, 2015). Additionally, researchers have addressed the

358 morpho-functionality of vertebrae in some fish species in relation to fish locomotion (Meunier
359 and Desse, 1978; Meunier and Ramzu, 2006), which is closely correlated with fish habitat and
360 niche. In the assemblage analysed, the main shape differences observed indicate a trend towards
361 narrower vertebrae on pelagic and pelagic/reef specimens compared to reef-dwelling species, as
362 well as changes in the location of type 1 landmarks, leading to narrower vertebral processes and
363 arches in the pelagic specimens. These shape changes suggest more slender bodies in the
364 specimens assigned to the pelagic category, which would correlate to the fusiform bodies of
365 tuna and other open water species adapted for strong and fast swimming, characteristic of body
366 fishing motion (Lauder, 2015). Reef-dwelling species are usually slower swimmers but adapted
367 for short and quick burst of speed, and propelled by fin motion as in the balistiform or labriform
368 motion examples (Videler, 1993; Lauder, 2015), which correlate with wider vertebrae and
369 enlarged neural and hemal arches as seen in our study. Hence, the shape differences identified in
370 our analysis correlate with the body shape and locomotion modes described for different fish
371 families depending on their habitat preferences.

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373 The application of GM permitted the accurate prediction of habitat preferences for over 300
374 precaudal and caudal archaeological vertebrae, increasing the number of remains that can be
375 used to make interpretations about human behaviour in the Tron Bon Lei assemblage. Our shape
376 analysis supports the previously published interpretations for Tron Bon Lei based on the
377 analysis of cranial remains, which suggested that the main component of the marine human diet
378 comprised reef species, with the sporadic addition of open water species in the early
379 Holocene/late Pleistocene (Samper Carro, et al., 2016; 2017). DFAs for archaeological elements
380 yielded percentages of over 20% pelagic-attributed specimens, with caudal vertebrae yielding
381 slightly higher values for layer 12 than layer 11, although elements classified to reef habitat still
382 dominated the assemblage.

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384 Our research provides an alternative method for the classification of ichthyoarchaeological
385 assemblages, focusing on habitat instead of taxonomic identification. Habitat can be correlated
386 to locomotion and therefore, can lead to interpretations about the fishing techniques and
387 technologies human populations would have used to capture the different fishes. The coastal
388 profile in the vicinity of Tron Bon Lei is steep, dropping 130 m within 1.5 km of the current
389 coastline (Smith and Sandwell, 1997). Changes in sea level may explain the changes observed
390 in fish families' representation through time (Samper Carro, et al, 2017). The combination of
391 sea level, coastal topography, environmental conditions and sea surface temperature could have
392 influenced fish availability and resulted in the adoption of varied fishing techniques by the Tron
393 Bon Lei inhabitants during the different periods of occupation of the site. This would have led

394 to assemblages where fish with different habitat preferences were represented. During the Last
395 Glacial Maximum when the site was initially occupied, sea levels were at -130 m and the
396 coastal profile would have dropped steeply into deep waters. This may have brought pelagic
397 species closer to the shoreline making them more accessible for line fishing from the shore or
398 from boats close to the shore. During the Holocene as sea level rose, reef habitats would have
399 stabilized and reef fish became more accessible to the occupants of Tron Bon Lei.

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401 Our study suggests that shape variation in fish vertebrae can be a useful tool for classifying
402 Indo-Pacific zooarchaeological assemblages according to habitat, providing a more robust
403 means of tackling controversial issues such as the appearance of pelagic fishing in the region,
404 and elucidating changes in fishing strategies and technology related to human behaviour. GM
405 techniques can supplement the data acquired from traditional comparative zooarchaeological
406 analyses, permitting the analysis of fish vertebrae. Likewise, the GM analyses described implies
407 fish vertebrae might be classified without the need of a vast physical reference collection, as the
408 models and datasets generated are available for researchers interested in testing their material
409 using the same methodology. Researchers can photograph and digitize landmarks on additional
410 material for inclusion in a general database for the Indo-Pacific region. Moreover, the addition
411 of more archaeological material from other Indo-Pacific archaeological sites will help to test the
412 model in different environments and address distinct research question, while improving the
413 resolution and application of these GM techniques. We anticipate the application of these GM
414 techniques to a larger assemblage of modern reference material, as well as more archaeological
415 material from Indonesia and Timor-Leste sites.

416

417 *Conclusions*

418 Although the application of 2D GM techniques to perform fish taxonomic identification has
419 been tested previously (Guillaud et al., 2016), a similar methodology can be applied to analyse
420 fish habitat. Our study suggests this methodology can allow the classification of modern and
421 archaeological material from the Indo-Pacific with high accuracy, providing an alternative or
422 adjunct method for the classification of fish remains.

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424 The identification of fish ecology and habitat is a key issue in Indo-Pacific ichthyoarchaeological
425 assemblages as it has been related to human abilities and skills during the Holocene and
426 Pleistocene (O'Connor, et al., 2011). However, in environments with a high taxonomic
427 diversity, where the identification of vertebral elements to species is complicated, assigning
428 habitat based on fish family is problematic (Anderson, 2013). Moreover, the identification of
429 these skeletal elements through traditional methods requires extensive modern reference

430 collections containing complete skeletons; collections that are not available in every institution
431 or research centre. Hence, our results provide an alternative way to assess fish habitat from
432 vertebral elements, allowing the discrimination of pelagic versus reef fish in assemblages.

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434 Results from the GM analysis of the fish vertebrae from Tron Bon Lei confirm and strengthen
435 the findings from our previous conventional zooarchaeological analysis, that although in the
436 early Holocene and Pleistocene fishing was predominantly focused on reef fish, pelagic fish
437 were captured, and that pelagic fishing was more prevalent in the Pleistocene. The application
438 of this method has thus allowed us to address the concerns raised by Anderson (2013a) and
439 demonstrate that humans were engaged in pelagic fishing in Alor Island during the early
440 Holocene and Pleistocene.

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442 The addition of more modern reference specimens, especially for the pelagic category, will
443 increase the accuracy of the model. Likewise, adding more archaeological assemblages will
444 build up a benchmark for applying this methodology in the region. The methodology and
445 dataset are available for international researchers (see linked research data), permitting the
446 comparison of their material with the elements included in the database, and providing a global
447 dataset to interpret human behaviour and fishing techniques.

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619 **Figures captions**

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621 Figure 1: Location of Alor in the Wallacean archipelago and detail of Alor island location in
622 relation to Timor Leste, indicating Jerimalai and Lene Hara caves location (top left); Location
623 of Tron Bon Lei in Alor island, showing the coast line during the late Pleistocene (bottom left);
624 Archaeological sequence and chronology of Test Pit B from Tron Bon Lei (right)

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626 Figure 2: Graphic representation of the type 1 landmarks and sliding semi-landmarks considered
627 in this analysis

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629 Figure 3: Lollipop graphs and transformation grids illustrating the shape differences in
630 precaudal vertebrae documented between habitat groups in the model including all landmarks.
631 A) reef compared to pelagic; B) reef compared to pelagic/reef; C) pelagic/reef compared to
632 pelagic

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635 used to classify habitat within precaudal vertebrae

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637 Figure 5: Lollipop graphs and transformation grids illustrating the shape differences in caudal
638 vertebrae documented between habitat groups in the model including all landmarks. A) reef
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648 reference number given in the ANH reference collection; LN= Total length; SL=Standard
649 Length; Max length= Maximum length recorded from FishBase website (Froese, R. and Pauly,
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652 Table 2: Species from fish families Carangidae and Scombridae used in our analysis, including
653 the habitat preference attributed to each species. Ref. no.= reference number given in the ANH
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658 Bon Lei for the five paired cranial elements and the 1st vertebrae. Vertebrae identification was
659 only conducted in layer 11 and 12. Phase I: 3,000-4,000 cal BP; Phase II: ca. 7,500-12,500 cal
660 BP; Phase III: 18,890-21,000 cal BP (See figure 1 for exact dates and correlation with the
661 archaeological sequence)

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663 Table 4: Basic statistics for the discriminant function used for each fish family in the reference
664 collection considering the three landmarks configurations included in the analysis, including the
665 percentage of correctly classified elements through DFA and LDA

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668 percentage of the row total for the modern reference material and archaeological elements in
669 each of the landmark configurations tested

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671 percentage of the total by layer for the archaeological elements from Tron Bon Lei

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674 percentage of the row total for the modern reference material and archaeological elements in
675 each of the landmark configurations tested

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677 Table 8: Number of caudal vertebrae classified to each habitat group through DFA and
678 percentage of the total by layer for the archaeological elements from Tron Bon Lei

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682 Precaudal all families and archaeological: .dat file with the raw data (landmark coordinates)
683 including all the precaudal vertebrae analysed. Family= fish family or archaeological site;
684 Habitat= archaeological material defined as “archaeological”; Species= the numbers refers to
685 the catalogue number in the ANH reference collection (see tables 1 and 2) and the layer of
686 provenance for the archaeological material; Vtb side= vertebral side (caudal or cranial)
687 analysed; Vtb no= vertebra position in the vertebral columns or size range for the archaeological
688 material

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Table 1

Family	Scientific name	Common name	LN Total length (mm)	SL Standard length (mm)	Weight (g)	Max length (mm)
Acanthuridae	<i>Naso vlamingii</i>	Bignose unicornfish	280	-	-	600 LN
Acanthuridae	<i>Naso thynnoides</i>	Oneknife unicornfish	400	-	-	400 LN (common 250 LN)
Acanthuridae	<i>Naso unicornis</i>	Bluespine unicornfish	320	265	-	700 LN (common 500 LN)
Acanthuridae	<i>Acanthurus xanthopterus</i>	Yellowfin surgeonfish	200	160	-	700 LN (common 500 LN)
Acanthuridae	<i>Acanthurus</i> sp.	Surgeonfish	240	190	-	-
Balistidae	<i>Balistapus undulatus</i>	Orange-lined triggerfish	125	-	-	300 LN (common 260 LN)
Balistidae	<i>Balistapus undulatus</i>	Orange-lined triggerfish	215	-	-	300 LN (common 260 LN)
Balistidae	<i>Balistoides conspicillum</i>	Clown triggerfish	240	-	-	500 LN
(Monacanthidae)	<i>Acanthaluteres vittiger</i>	Toothbrush leatherjacket	240	203	150	350 LN
(Monacanthidae)	<i>Monacanthus</i> sp.	Leatherjacket	-	-	-	-
Labridae	<i>Bodianus loxozonus</i>	Blackfin hogfish	420	370	-	470 LN
Labridae	<i>Choerodon anchorago</i>	Orange-dotted tuskfish	-	-	-	500 LN
Labridae	<i>Achoerodus gouldii</i>	Western blue groper	290	250	412	1750 LN
Labridae	<i>Notolabrus gymnogenis</i>	Crimsonband wrasse	160	135	60	230 SL (200 SL female)
Labridae	<i>Notolabrus tetricus</i>	Blue-throated wrasse	210	185	190	500 LN
Labridae	<i>Notolabrus tetricus</i>	Blue-throated wrasse	280	240	-	500 LN
Labridae	<i>Notolabrus tetricus</i>	Blue-throated wrasse	380	330	-	500 LN
Labridae	<i>Notolabrus fucicola</i>	Yellow-saddled wrasse	255	230	230	380 LN
Labridae	<i>Notolabrus fucicola</i>	Yellow-saddled wrasse	327	290	-	380 LN
Labridae	<i>Cheilinus chlorourus</i>	Floral wrasse	160	135	-	450 LN
Labridae	<i>Cheilinus undulatus</i>	Humphead wrasse	375	335	-	2290 SL (common 600 LN)
Labridae	<i>Cheilinus undulatus</i>	Humphead wrasse	490	420	-	2290 SL (common 600 LN)
Labridae	<i>Cheilio inermis</i>	Cigar wrasse	320	285	-	500 SL (common 350 LN)
Labridae	<i>Cheilio inermis</i>	Cigar wrasse	195	170	-	500 SL (common 350 LN)
Lethrinidae	<i>Lethrinus semicinctus</i>	Black blotch emperor	590	-	3000	350 LN (common 290 SL)
Lethrinidae	<i>Lethrinus erythracanthus</i>	Orange-spotted emperor	320	-	-	700 LN (common 500 LN)
Lethrinidae	<i>Lethrinus amboinensis</i>	Ambon emperor	-	-	-	700 LN (common 400 LN)
Lethrinidae	<i>Lethrinus variegatus</i>	Slender emperor	160	130	57	200 LN
Lethrinidae	<i>Lethinus nebulosus</i>	Spangled emperor	210	175	-	870 LN (common 700 LN)

Family	Scientific name	Common name	Ref.no.	LN (mm)	SL (mm)	Weight (g)	Max length (mm)	Habitat
Lethrinidae	<i>Lethrinus mahsena</i>	Sky emperor		285		240	-	650 LN (common 400 LN)
Lethrinidae	<i>Lethrinus obsoletus</i>	Orange-striped emperor		220		185	-	600 LN (common 300 LN)
Lutjanidae	<i>Lutjanus bohar</i>	Two-spot red snapper		610		-	500	900 LN (common 760 LN)
Lutjanidae	<i>Lutjanus rivulatus</i>	Blubberlip snapper		380		-	-	800 LN (common 600 LN)
Lutjanidae	<i>Paracaesio kusakarii</i>	Saddle-back snapper		575		495		600 SL
Lutjanidae	<i>Lutjanus timorensis</i>	Timor snapper		420		360	1000	500 LN (common 300 LN)
Lutjanidae	<i>Pristipomoides argyrogrammicus</i>	Ornate jobfish		285		-	-	400 LN (common 250 LN)
Serranidae	<i>Epinephelus fasciatus</i>	Blacktip grouper		150		-	-	400 LN (common 220 LN)
Serranidae	<i>Cephalopholis argus</i>	Peacock hind		300		-	-	600 LN (common 400 LN)
Serranidae	<i>Epinephelus retouti</i>	Red-tipped grouper		400		340	-	500 LN (common 300 LN)
Serranidae	<i>Saloptia powelli</i>	Golden grouper		500		420	-	390 SL
Serranidae	<i>Epinephelus morrhua</i>	Comet grouper		500		430	1000	900 LN (common 600 LN)
Serranidae	<i>Cephalopholis argus</i>	Peacock hind		475		410	-	600 LN (common 400 LN)

Acanthuridae	<i>Naso vlamingii</i>	Bignose unicornfish	F0174	280	-	-	600 LN	Marine reef
Acanthuridae	<i>Naso thynnoides</i>	Oneknife unicornfish	F0166	400	-	-	400 LN (common 250 LN)	Marine reef
Acanthuridae	<i>Naso unicornis</i>	Bluespine unicornfish	F0323	320	265	-	700 LN (common 500 LN)	Marine reef
Acanthuridae	<i>Acanthurus xanthopterus</i>	Yellowfin surgeonfish	F0356	200	160	-	700 LN (common 500 LN)	Marine reef
Acanthuridae	<i>Acanthurus</i> sp.	Surgeonfish	F0471	240	190	-	-	Marine reef
Balistidae	<i>Balistapus undulatus</i>	Orange-lined triggerfish	F0120	125	-	-	300 LN (common 260 LN)	Marine reef
Balistidae	<i>Balistapus undulatus</i>	Orange-lined triggerfish	F0132	215	-	-	300 LN (common 260 LN)	Marine reef
Balistidae	<i>Balistoides conspicillum</i>	Clown triggerfish	F0178	240	-	-	500 LN	Marine reef
Labridae	<i>Bodianus loxozonus</i>	Blackfin hogfish	F0371	420	370	-	470 LN	Marine reef
Labridae	<i>Choerodon anchorago</i>	Orange-dotted tuskfish	F0189	-	-	-	500 LN	Marine reef
Labridae	<i>Achoerodus gouldii</i>	Western blue groper	F0226	290	250	412	1750 LN	Marine reef
Labridae	<i>Notolabrus gymnogenis</i>	Crimsonband wrasse	F0236	160	135	60	230 SL (200 SL female)	Marine reef
Labridae	<i>Notolabrus tetricus</i> ¹	Blue-throated wrasse	F0273	210	185	190	500 LN	Marine reef
Labridae	<i>Notolabrus tetricus</i> ²	Blue-throated wrasse	F0412	280	240	-	500 LN	Marine reef
Labridae	<i>Notolabrus tetricus</i> ³	Blue-throated wrasse	F0424	380	330	-	500 LN	Marine reef
Labridae	<i>Notolabrus fucicola</i>	Yellow-saddled wrasse	F0278	255	230	230	380 LN	Marine reef
Labridae	<i>Notolabrus fucicola</i>	Yellow-saddled wrasse	F0382	327	290	-	380 LN	Marine reef
Labridae	<i>Cheilinus chlorourus</i>	Floral wrasse	F0347	160	135	-	450 LN	Marine reef
Labridae	<i>Cheilinus undulatus</i>	Humphead wrasse	F0348	375	335	-	2290 SL (common 600 LN)	Marine reef
Labridae	<i>Cheilinus undulatus</i>	Humphead wrasse	F0369	490	420	-	2290 SL (common 600 LN)	Marine reef
Labridae	<i>Cheilio inermis</i>	Cigar wrasse	F0349	320	285	-	500 SL (common 350 LN)	Marine reef
Labridae	<i>Cheilio inermis</i>	Cigar wrasse	F0350	195	170	-	500 SL (common 350 LN)	Marine reef
Lethrinidae	<i>Lethrinus semicinctus</i>	Black blotch emperor	F0115	590	-	3000	350 LN (common 290 SL)	Marine reef
Lethrinidae	<i>Lethrinus erythracanthus</i>	Orange-spotted emperor	F0184	320	-	-	700 LN (common 500 LN)	Marine reef
Lethrinidae	<i>Lethrinus amboinensis</i>	Ambon emperor	F0324	-	-	-	700 LN (common 400 LN)	Marine reef
Lethrinidae	<i>Lethrinus variegatus</i>	Slender emperor	F0336	160	130	57	200 LN	Marine reef
Lethrinidae	<i>Lethinus nebulosus</i>	Spangled emperor	F0340	210	175	-	870 LN (common 700 LN)	Marine reef
Lethrinidae	<i>Lethrinus mahsena</i>	Sky emperor	F0354	285	240	-	650 LN (common 400 LN)	Marine reef
Lethrinidae	<i>Lethrinus obsoletus</i>	Orange-striped emperor	F0368	220	185	-	600 LN (common 300 LN)	Marine reef

Table 2

Family	Scientific name	Common name	LN Total length (mm)	SL Standard length (mm)	Weight (g)	Max length (mm)	Habitat
Carangidae	<i>Pseudocaranx dentex</i>	White trevally	750	-	4500	1220 LN (common 400 LN)	Reef
Carangidae	<i>Selar crumenophthalmus</i>	Bigeyed scad	225	-	-	700 LN	Reef
Carangidae	<i>Elagatis bipinnulata</i>	Rainbow runner	-	-	-	1800 LN (common 900 LN)	Pelagic/reef
Carangidae	<i>Caranx ignobilis</i>	Giant trevally	650	-	4200	1700 LN (common 1000 LN)	Pelagic
Carangidae	<i>Elagatis bipinnulata</i>	Rainbow runner	-	-	-	1800 LN (common 900 LN)	Pelagic/reef
Carangidae	<i>Caranx lugubris</i>	Black jack	400	-	-	1000 LN (common 700 LN)	Pelagic
Carangidae	<i>Caranx lugubris</i>	Black jack	655	580	-	1000 LN (common 700 LN)	Pelagic
Carangidae	<i>Scomberoides lysan</i>	Doublespotted queenfish	225	250	80	1100 LN (common 600 LN)	Pelagic/reef
Carangidae	<i>Scomberoides lysan</i>	Doublespotted queenfish	-	-	-	1100 LN (common 600 LN)	Pelagic/reef
Carangidae	<i>Selar crumenophthalmus</i>	Bigeyed scad	325	280	-	700 LN	Pelagic
Carangidae	<i>Seriola lalandi</i>	Yellowtail amberjack	-	-	-	2500 LN (common 800 LN)	Pelagic
Scombridae	<i>Gymnosarda unicolor</i>	Dogtooth tuna	730	-	5750	2480 LN (common 1900 LN)	Pelagic
Scombridae	<i>Rastrelliger kanagurta</i>	Indian mackerel	320	-	-	4210 LN (common 250 LN)	Pelagic
Scombridae	<i>Acanthocybium solandri</i>	Wahoo	-	-	-	2500 LN (common 1700 LN)	Pelagic

Table 3

		Acanthuridae	Balistidae	Belonidae	Carangidae	Holocentridae	Labridae	Lethrinidae	Lutjanidae	Scaridae	Scombridae	Serranidae
Maxilla	Phase I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Phase II	-	2	-	2	3	4	10	10	3	-	41
	Phase III	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	1	-	-	7
Premaxilla	Phase I	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	Phase II	2	13	-	5	6	16	7	24	2	2	145
	Phase III	1	2	-	1	-	2	5	-	1	14	-
Dentary	Phase I	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
	Phase II	1	9	-	-	3	29	9	17	6	2	119
	Phase III	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	15
Quadrate	Phase I	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Phase II	1	29	2	7	7	4	8	15	4	3	61
	Phase III	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	7
Angular	Phase I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Phase II	-	1	-	3	-	3	1	8	4	3	27
	Phase III	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1st Vertebrae	Phase I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Phase II (layer 11)	4	10	-	16	-	3	13	22	-	-	27
	Phase III (layer 12)	1	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
		10	76	2	37	19	70	58	101	20	25	452

Table 4

	Function	Wilks's lambda	Chi-Square	df	p	Eigenvalue	%of variance	Canonical correlation	%correctly classified cross-validated	LDA jackknifed
Precaudal all landmarks	DF1	0.459	510.991	30	<0.0001	1.108	92.7	0.71	83.6%	71.8%
	DF2	0.926	50.431	14	<0.0001	0.08	7.3	0.272		
Caudal all landmarks	DF1	0.474	897.035	46	<0.0001	0.875	87.5	0.683	84.0%	75.5%
	DF2	0.889	141.69	22	<0.0001	0.125	12.5	0.333		
Precaudal type 1 LM	DF1	0.535	412.997	16	<0.0001	0.839	98	0.675	81.2%	68.7%
	DF2	0.983	11.276	7	0.127	0.017	2	0.13		
Caudal type 1 LM	DF1	0.554	713.041	20	<0.0001	0.741	95.3	0.652	79.9%	69.7%
	DF2	0.965	43.108	9	<0.0001	0.036	4.7	0.187		
Precaudal semi LM	DF1	0.636	297.13	28	<0.0001	0.476	87.9	0.568	72.4%	63.6%
	DF2	0.938	41.746	13	<0.0001	0.066	12.1	0.248		
Caudal semi LM	DF1	0.667	487.062	36	<0.0001	0.37	79.8	0.52	69.8%	63.8%
	DF2	0.914	107.821	17	<0.0001	0.094	20.2	0.293		

Table 5

		Precaudal			
		Predicted group			
		Reef	Pelagic/reef	Pelagic	Total
All landmarks	Reef	467 (86%)	40 (7.4%)	36 (6.6%)	543
	Pelagic/reef	3 (10.7%)	18 (64.3%)	7 (25%)	28
	Pelagic	10 (10.5%)	13 (13.7%)	72 (75.8%)	95
	Archaeological	42 (51.9%)	22 (27.2%)	17 (21%)	81
Type 1 landmarks	Reef	469 (86.4%)	48 (8.8%)	26 (4.8%)	543
	Pelagic/reef	3 (10.7%)	15 (60.7%)	10 (28.6%)	28
	Pelagic	7 (7.4%)	31 (32.6%)	57 (60%)	95
	Archaeological	46 (56.8%)	24 (29.6%)	11 (13.6%)	81
Sliding semi-landmarks	Reef	392 (72.2%)	69 (12.7%)	82 (15.1%)	543
	Pelagic/reef	4 (14.3%)	19 (67.9%)	5 (17.9%)	28
	Pelagic	8 (8.4%)	16 (16.8%)	71 (74.7%)	95
	Archaeological	27 (33.3%)	36 (44.4%)	18 (22.2%)	81

Table 6

		Precaudal all landmarks				
Context	Size (mm)	Predicted habitat			Grand Total	
		Reef	Pelagic/reef	Pelagic		
Layer 11	3-6	30 (38.5%)	10 (12.8%)	6 (7.7%)	46 (56.8%)	
	6-10	9 (11.5%)	9 (11.5%)	7 (9%)	25 (30.9%)	
	10	1 (1.3%)	3 (3.8%)	3 (3.8%)	7 (8.6%)	
Layer 11 Total		40 (51.3%)	22 (28.2%)	16 (20.5%)	78 (96.3%)	
Layer 12	3-6	2 (66.7%)	-	1(33.3%)	3 (3.7%)	

Table 7

		Caudal			
		Predicted group			
		Reef	Pelagic/reef	Pelagic	Total
All landmarks	Reef	855 (86.7%)	53 (5.4%)	78 (7.9%)	986
	Pelagic/reef	0	41 (89.1%)	5 (10.9%)	46
	Pelagic	32 (17.4%)	26 (14.1%)	126 (68.5%)	184
	Archaeological	162 (68.1%)	21 (8.8%)	55 (23.1%)	238
Type 1 landmarks	Reef	844 (85.6%)	53 (5.4%)	89 (9%)	986
	Pelagic/reef	0	31 (67.4%)	15 (32.6%)	46
	Pelagic	35 (19%)	53 (28.8%)	96 (52.2%)	184
	Archaeological	143 (60.1%)	36 (15.1%)	59 (24.8%)	238
Sliding semi-landmarks	Reef	701 (71.1%)	102 (10.3%)	183 (18.6%)	986
	Pelagic/reef	2 (4.3%)	36 (78.3%)	8 (17.4%)	46
	Pelagic	39 (21.2%)	33 (17.9%)	112 (60.9%)	184
	Archaeological	108 (45.4%)	45 (18.9%)	85 (35.7%)	238

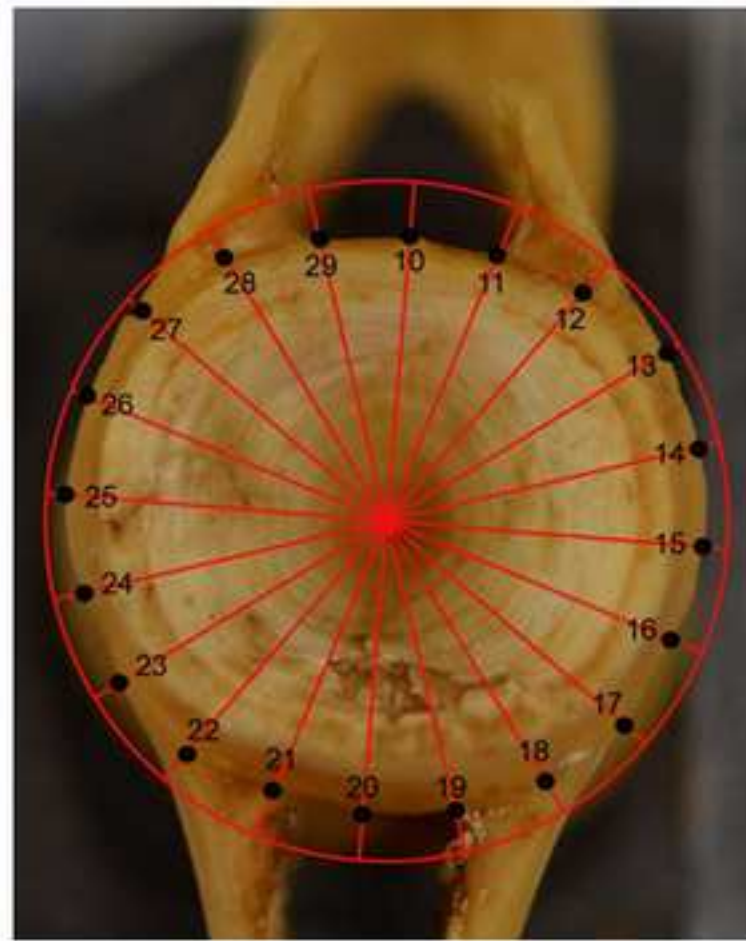
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Caudal all landmarks					
Predicted habitat					
Context	Size	Reef	Pelagic/reef	Pelagic	Grand Total
Layer 11	3-6	78 (47.6%)	3 (1.8%)	18 (11%)	99 (41.6%)
	6-10	35 (21.4%)	10 (6.1%)	14 (8.5%)	59 (24.8%)
	10	2 (1.2%)	2 (1.2%)	2 (1.2%)	6 (2.5%)
Layer 11 Total		115 (70.1%)	15 (9.1%)	34 (20.7%)	164 (68.9%)
Layer 12	3-6	43 (58.1%)	4 (5.4%)	20 (27.1%)	67 (28.2%)
	6-10	1 (1.4%)	-	-	1 (0.4%)
	10	3 (4.1%)	2 (2.7%)	1 (1.4%)	6 (2.5%)
Layer 12 Total		47 (63.5%)	6 (8.1%)	21 (28.4%)	74 (31.1%)

Figure 2
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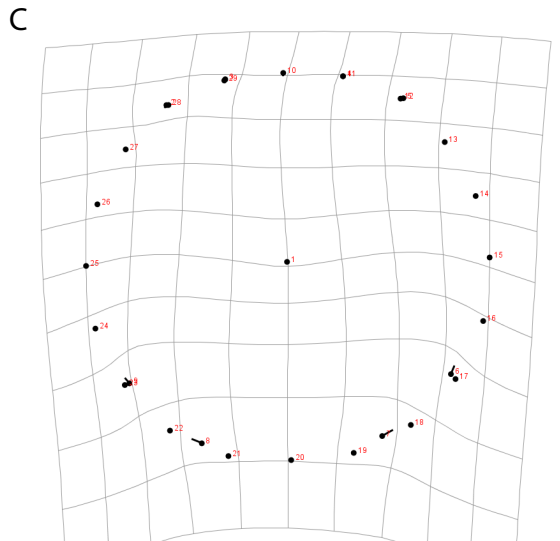
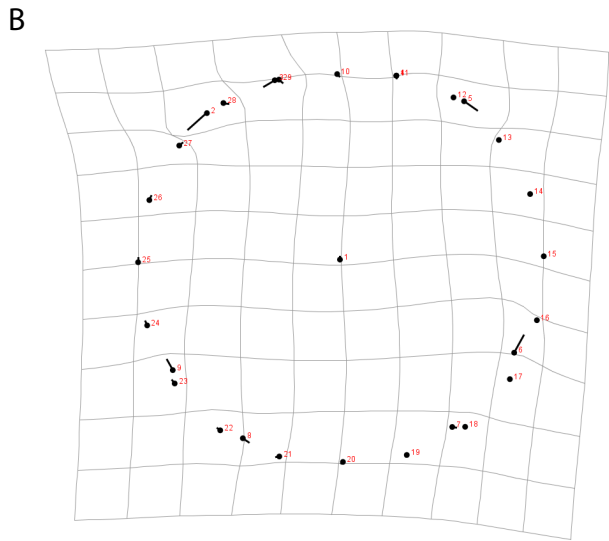
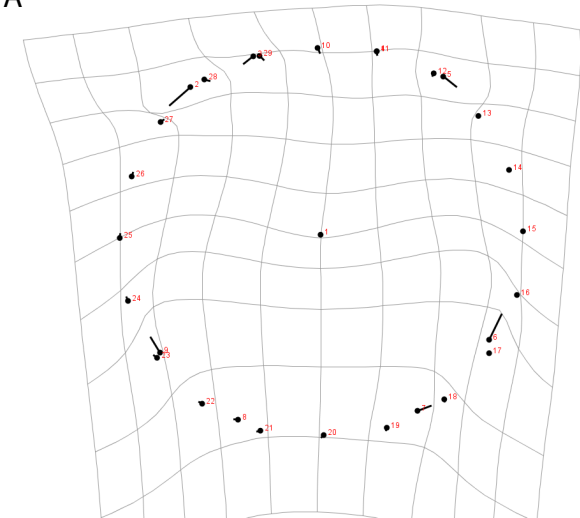
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Sliding semi-landmarks



Figure 3



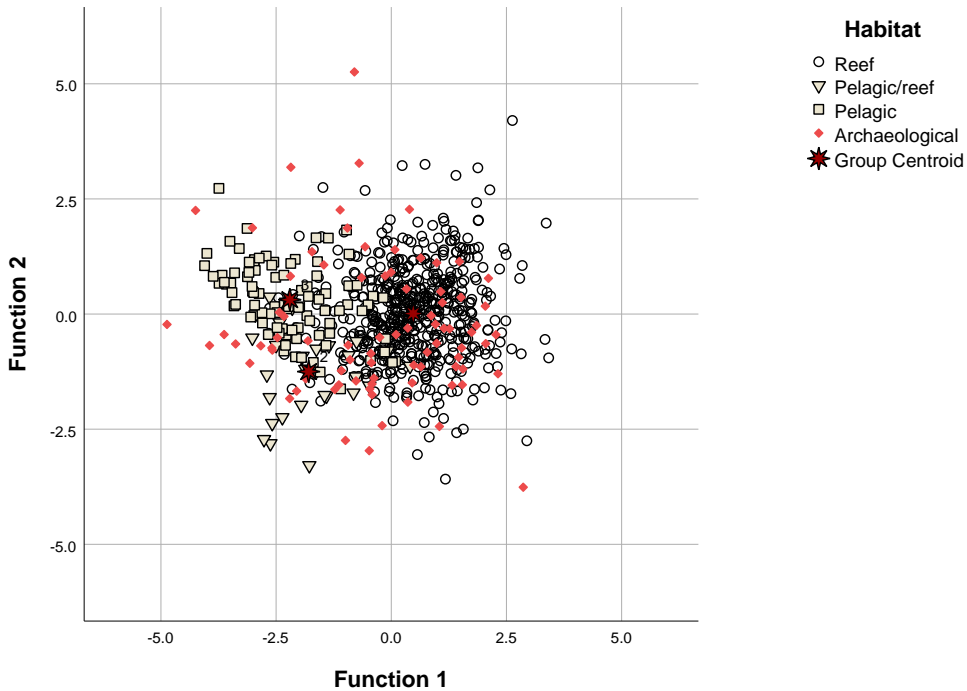
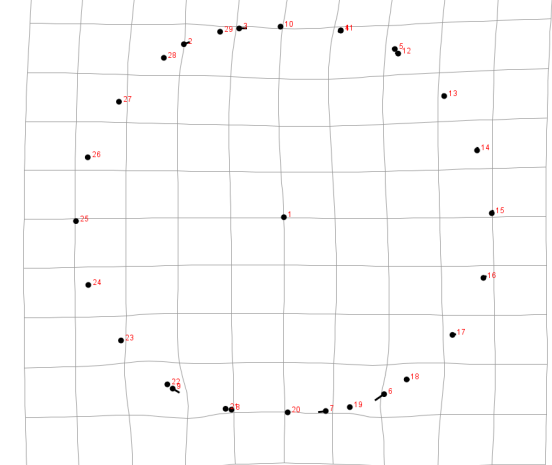
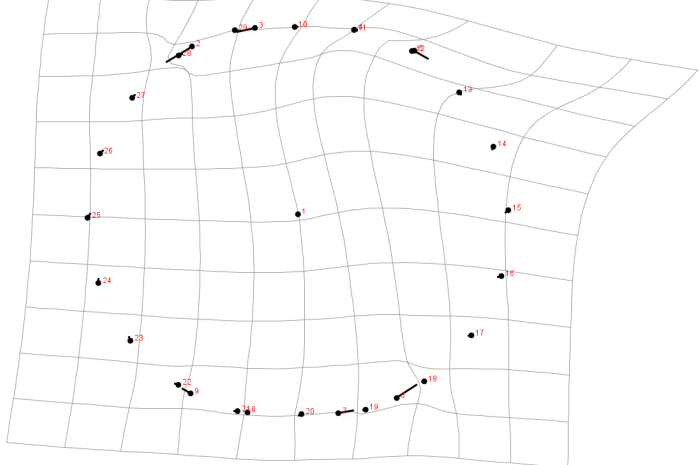
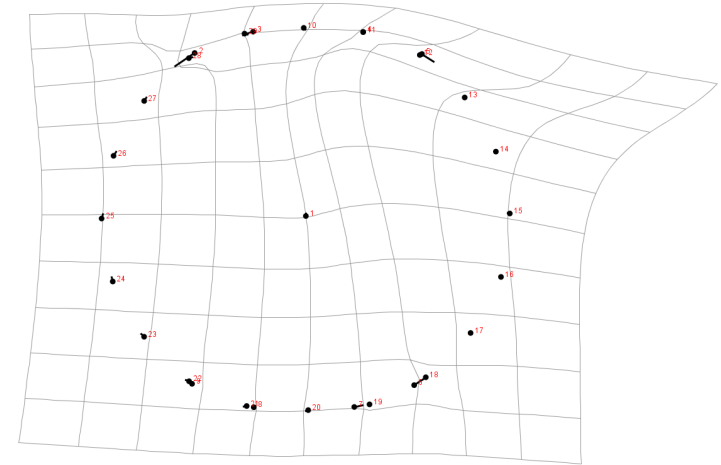
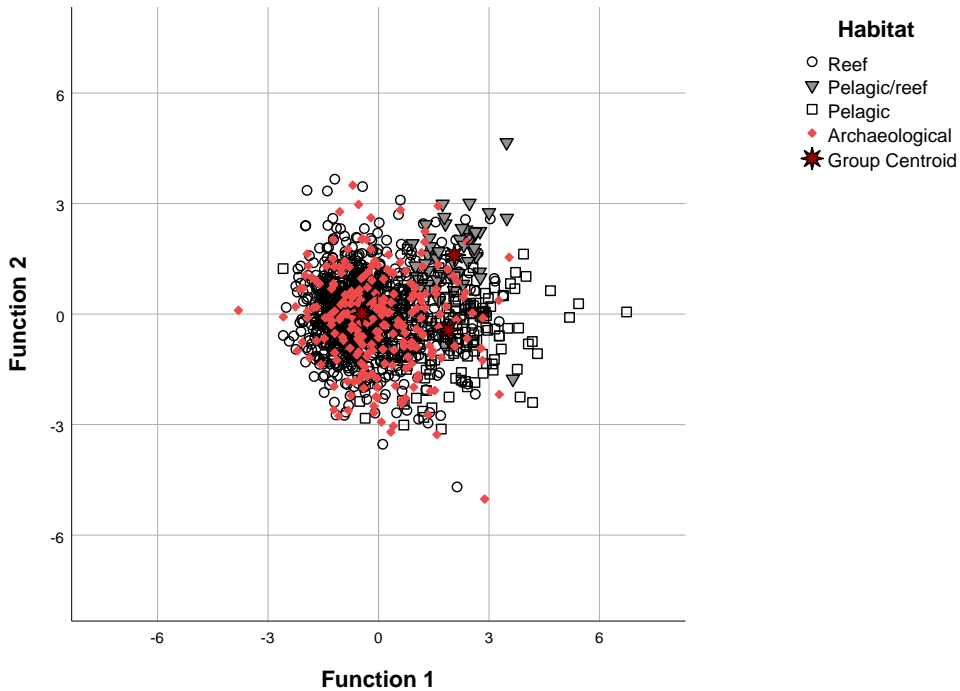


Figure 5





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