

Table S1. Coordinates and depth range of the ROV transects carried out in the four study areas, with three sites per area and three transects per site.

Area	Site	Transect	Start		End		Depth (m)
			Latitude N	Longitude E	Latitude N	Longitude E	
Tremi Islands Marine Protected Area	ITR1	ITR1T1	42.1196667	15.5083333	42.1210000	15.5070000	16–32
		IRT1T2	42.1213333	15.5075000	42.1198333	15.5088333	11–31
		ITR1T3	42.1201667	15.5093333	42.1215000	15.5080000	20–30
	ITR2	ITR2T1	42.1212480	15.5131360	42.1225000	15.5118333	16–27
		IRT2T2	42.1213333	15.5133333	42.1226667	15.5121667	15–28
		ITR2T3	42.1228333	15.5125000	42.1216667	15.5138333	18–48
	ITR3	ITR3T1	42.1221667	15.5150000	42.1238333	15.5141667	18–21
		IRT3T2	42.1223333	15.5156667	42.1240000	15.5148333	16–21
		ITR3T3	42.1241667	15.5153333	42.1225000	15.5161667	15–20
Northwest Otranto	CSP1	CSP1T1	40.2407643	18.4761479	40.2405967	18.4750834	47–50
		CSP1T2	40.2421190	18.4756570	40.2408630	18.4769840	47–51
		CSP1T3	40.2418320	18.4747510	40.2404790	18.4748030	47–48
	CSP2	CSP2T1	40.2399320	18.4766700	40.2391000	18.4763870	45–47
		CSP2T2	40.2404000	18.4765000	40.2395000	18.4778000	46–47
		CSP2T3	40.2402990	18.4744920	40.2390850	18.4759250	45–47
	CSP3	CSP3T1	40.2389810	18.4765200	40.2386700	18.4769710	43–45
		CSP3T2	40.2385400	18.4771400	40.2370600	18.4782490	43–44
		CSP3T3	40.2367570	18.4783500	40.2349000	18.4779890	35–45
Off Gallipoli	GAL1	GAL1T1	40.1354105	17.9135207	40.1451243	17.9120054	29–31
		GAL1T2	40.1230078	17.9149812	40.1323052	17.9136489	28–30
		GAL1T3	40.1115353	17.9165806	40.1207558	17.9152204	38–40
	GAL2	GAL2T1	40.1199942	17.8856021	40.1154042	17.8833428	40–46
		GAL2T2	40.1131717	17.8836994	40.1194285	17.8856657	35–40
		GAL2T3	40.1159348	17.8861796	40.1099130	17.8840916	33–41
	GAL3	GAL3T1	40.1413627	17.8731676	40.1401463	17.8713261	58–62
		GAL3T2	40.1465397	17.8766211	40.1435638	17.8743843	58–62
		GAL3T3	40.1491122	17.8784543	40.1466288	17.8770844	58–62
Armeleia shoal	ARM1	ARM1T1	40.4736400	17.0457633	40.4744533	17.0463967	35–36
		ARM1T2	40.4735583	17.0458783	40.4744183	17.0466650	34–36
		ARM1T3	40.4742933	17.0468533	40.4735450	17.0460333	35–36
	ARM2	ARM2T1	40.4736417	17.0521117	40.4724600	17.0502667	39–40
		ARM2T2	40.4722917	17.0503250	40.4735283	17.0522383	39–41
		ARM2T3	40.4722117	17.0504183	40.4734183	17.0524367	39–40
	ARM3	ARM3T1	40.4737133	17.0551133	40.4717700	17.0555317	36–40
		ARM3T2	40.4735850	17.0562583	40.4715817	17.0563500	38–41
		ARM3T3	40.4741933	17.0568433	40.4723417	17.0570983	35–40