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## Typical Summer Echogram in the Black Sea





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#### HORIZONS

## Beyond the jellyfish joyride and global oscillations: advancing jellyfish research

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# Recurrent jellyfish blooms are a consequence of global oscillations

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Jellyfish and Ctenophore Blooms Coincide with Human Proliferations and Environmental Perturbations

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#### Observing jellyfish is difficult

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#### Towards the acoustic estimation of jellyfish abundance

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# What did we do ?

- Anchovy is one of the most important commercially expoited species in Turkey
- July 2015 Spawning stock survey
- (July is the peak spawning time of the anchovies)







# Jelly fish passing through the trawl



#### Results













# Hensen Egg net with a 70 cm mouth diameter and 500 $\mu$ m







- Echo-integration (volume bacscattering)
- Echo-counting (single targets)



#### Multifrequency data





Korneliussen et al. 2009 "Proposal for the collection of multifrequency acoustic data." ICES Journal of marine Sciences

Demer et al. 1999 - "A multiple-frequency method for potentially improving the accuracy and precision of in situ target strength measurements" J. Acoust. Soc. Am.



#### Processed - condensed echogram (120 kHz)







#### **Black Sea Circulation**







# Conclusions

- Low-cost , small action camera helped identification acoustical features as a complementary information.
- Vertical habitat partitioning and diel behaviour of different species revealed
- Main spatial features in terms of Aurelia aurita density revealed
- One more step towards the acoustic estimation of jelly fish abundance



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