

Survival of discarded invertebrates from bottom trawling fisheries in the Bay of Biscay



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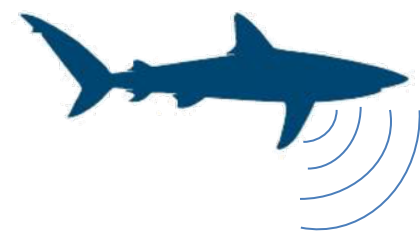
Projet APEX



Requins de récifs de Nouvelle-Calédonie



Optimiser les efforts de conservation



Télémetrie Acoustique



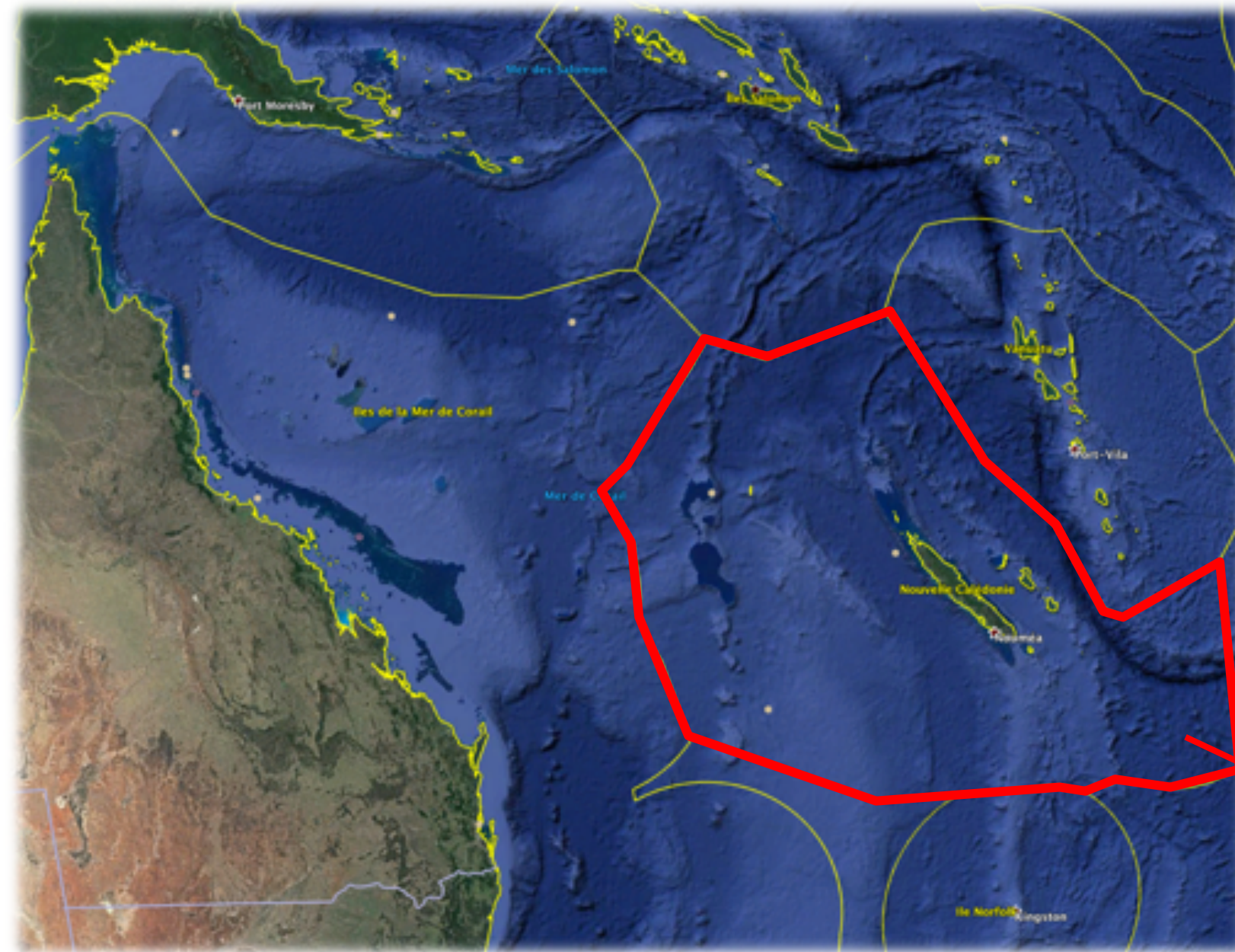
Génétique des populations



Ecologie Trophique



ADN Environnemental



■ ■ Nouvelle-Calédonie (Archipel)

1,4 millions de km²



Projet DREAM : Devenir des Rejets : de l'Air au fond de la Mer

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- ➔ Integrative approach
 - ➔ Focus on commercial and **non-commercial** species
 - ➔ Predation on discards (aerial, pelagic and benthic)

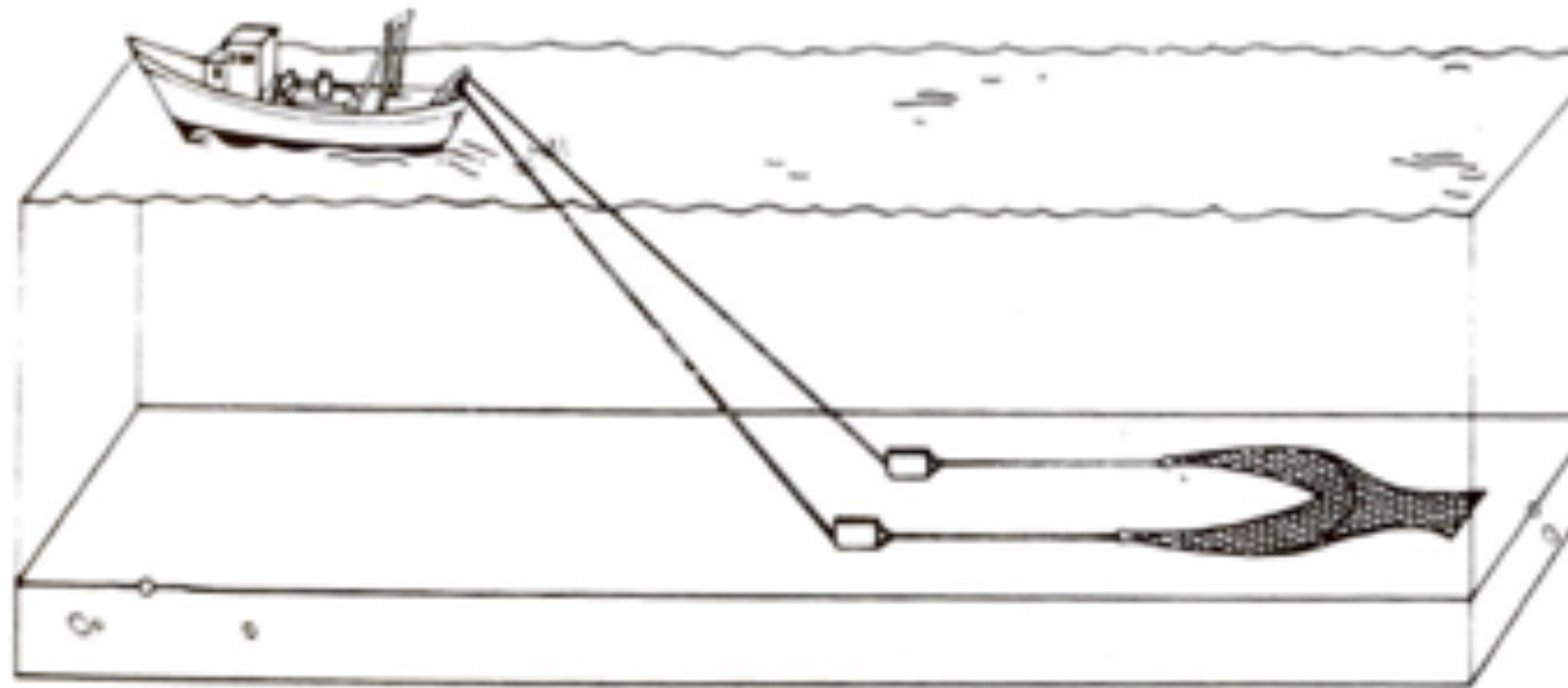


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Lack of knowledge on the impact of trawling
on survival of benthic invertebrates

SAMPLING IN COMMERCIAL CONDITIONS



- ➔ Aboard the *Déeses de l'Océan*, 10.95m French coastal trawler with 150 kW power engine
- ➔ Bay of Bourgneuf (Bay of Biscay)
 - ➔ Single **otter trawl** (20 m headline and 70 mm diamond mesh codend)
 - ➔ 3 days in April (daily trips)
 - ➔ 11 hauls (5 - 22 m depth ; 85 – 141 min)



SELECTED BENTHIC INVERTEBRATE SPECIES



Maja brachydactyla



Atelecyclus undecimdentatus



Pagurus



Asterias rubens



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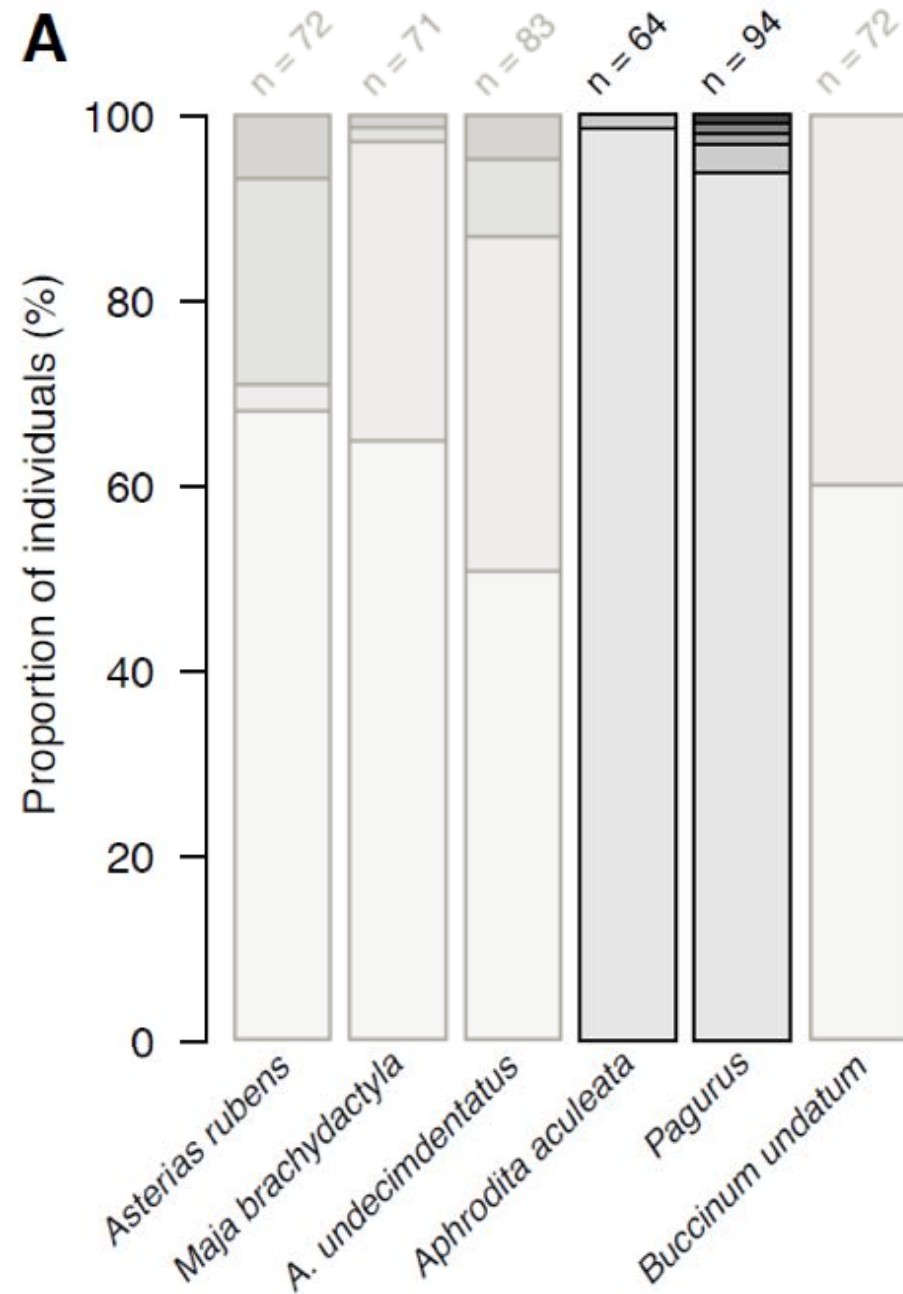
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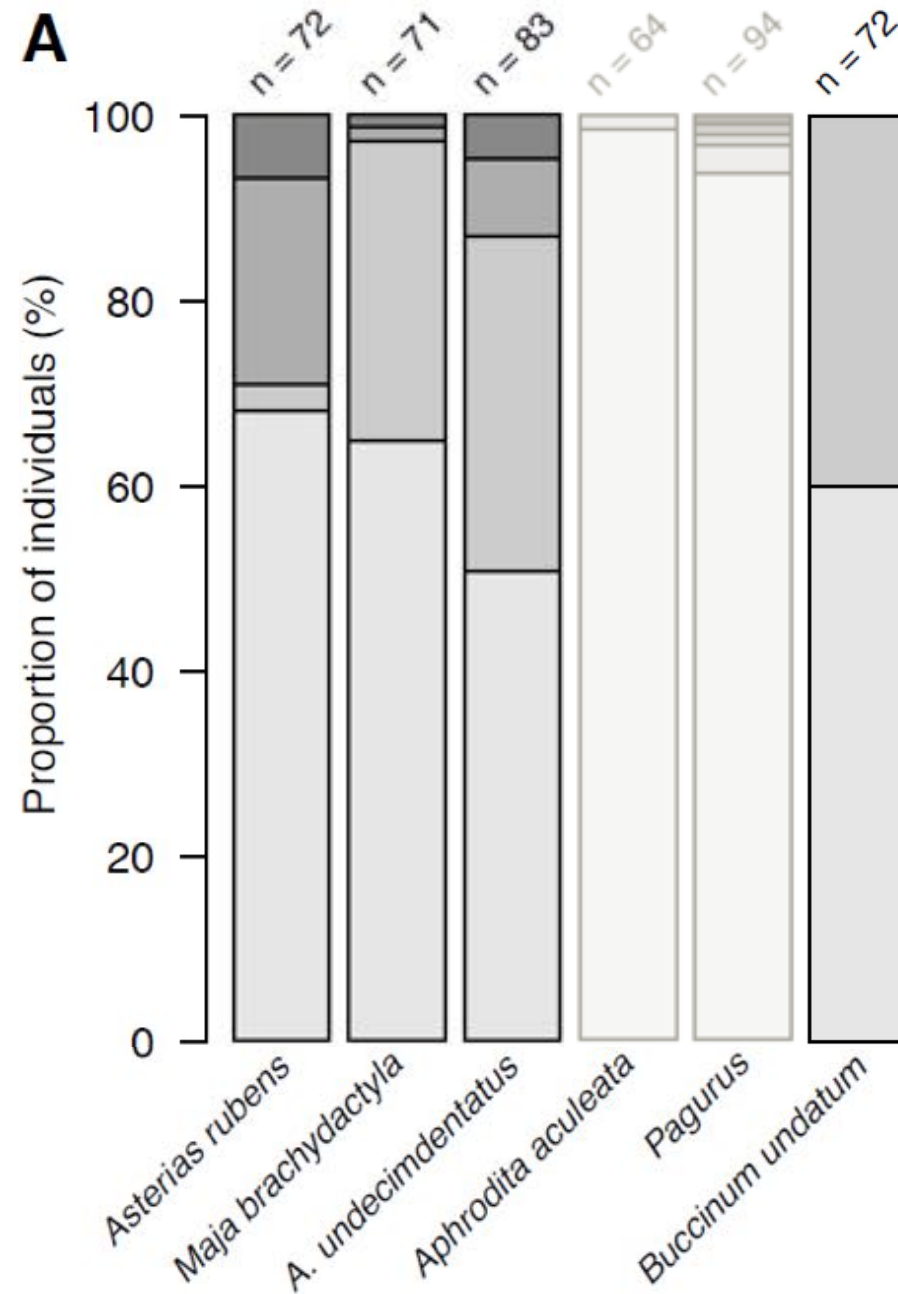
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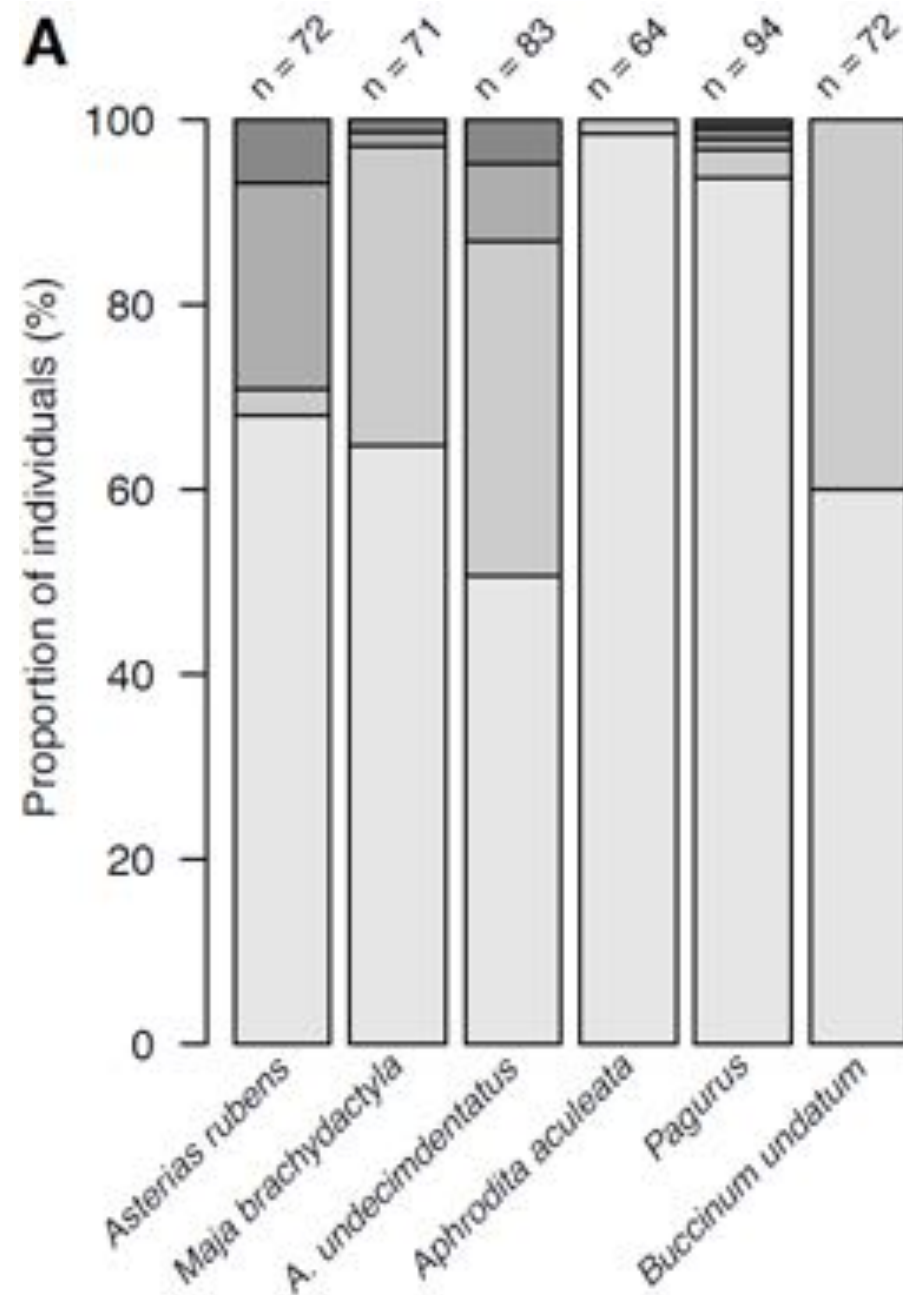
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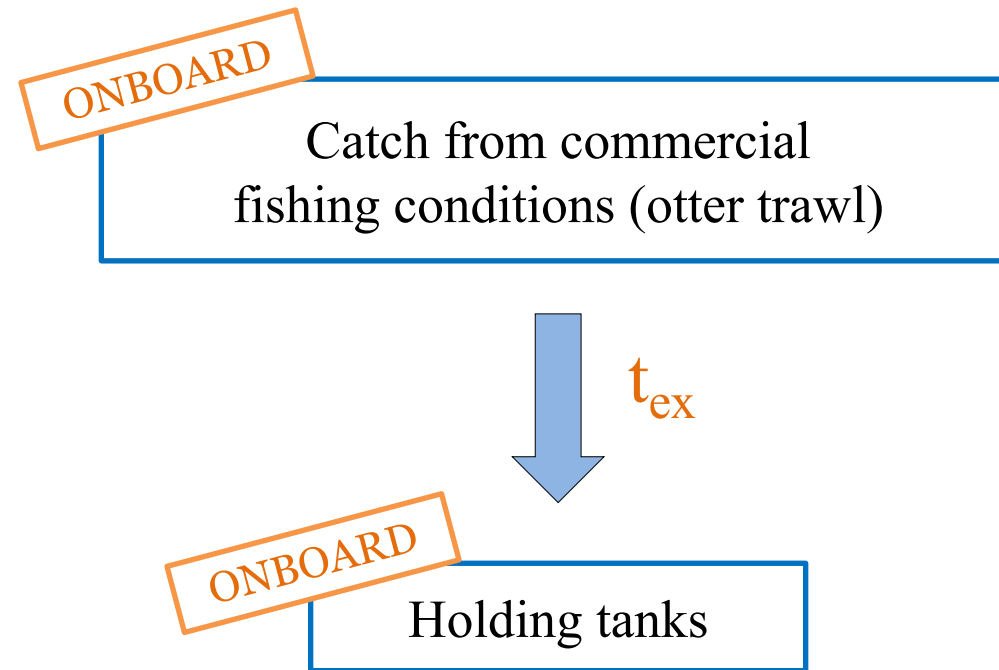
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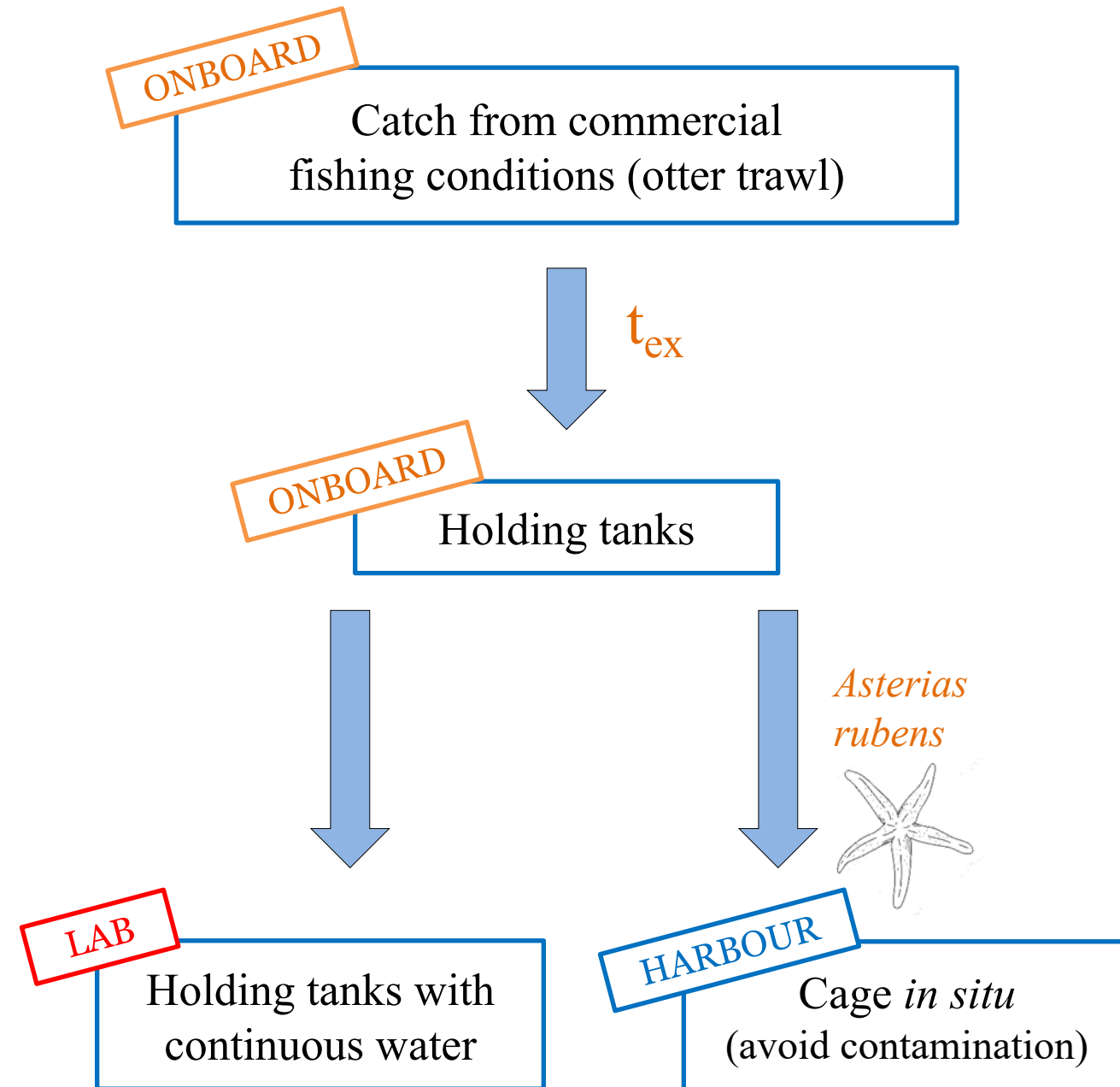


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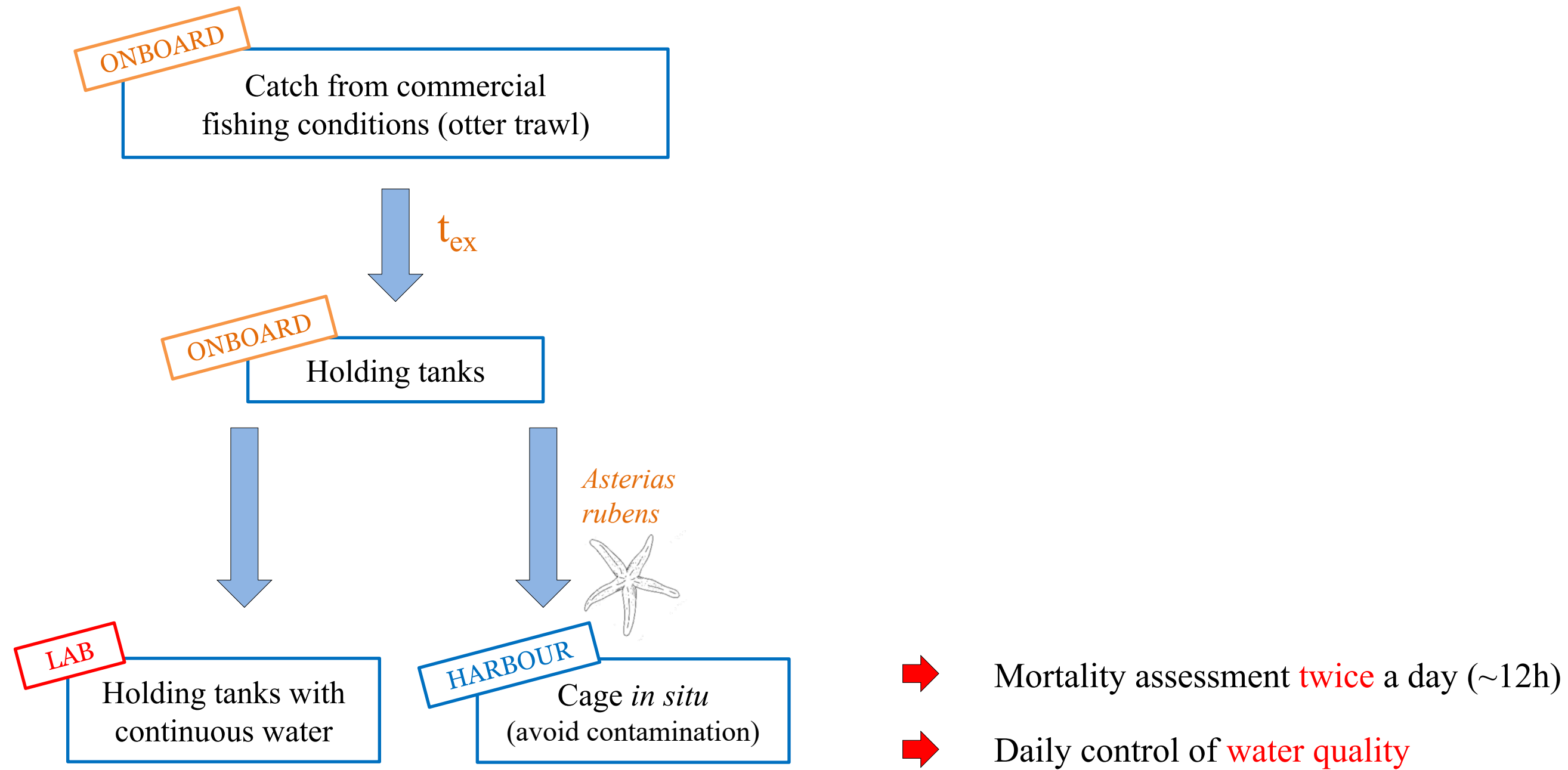
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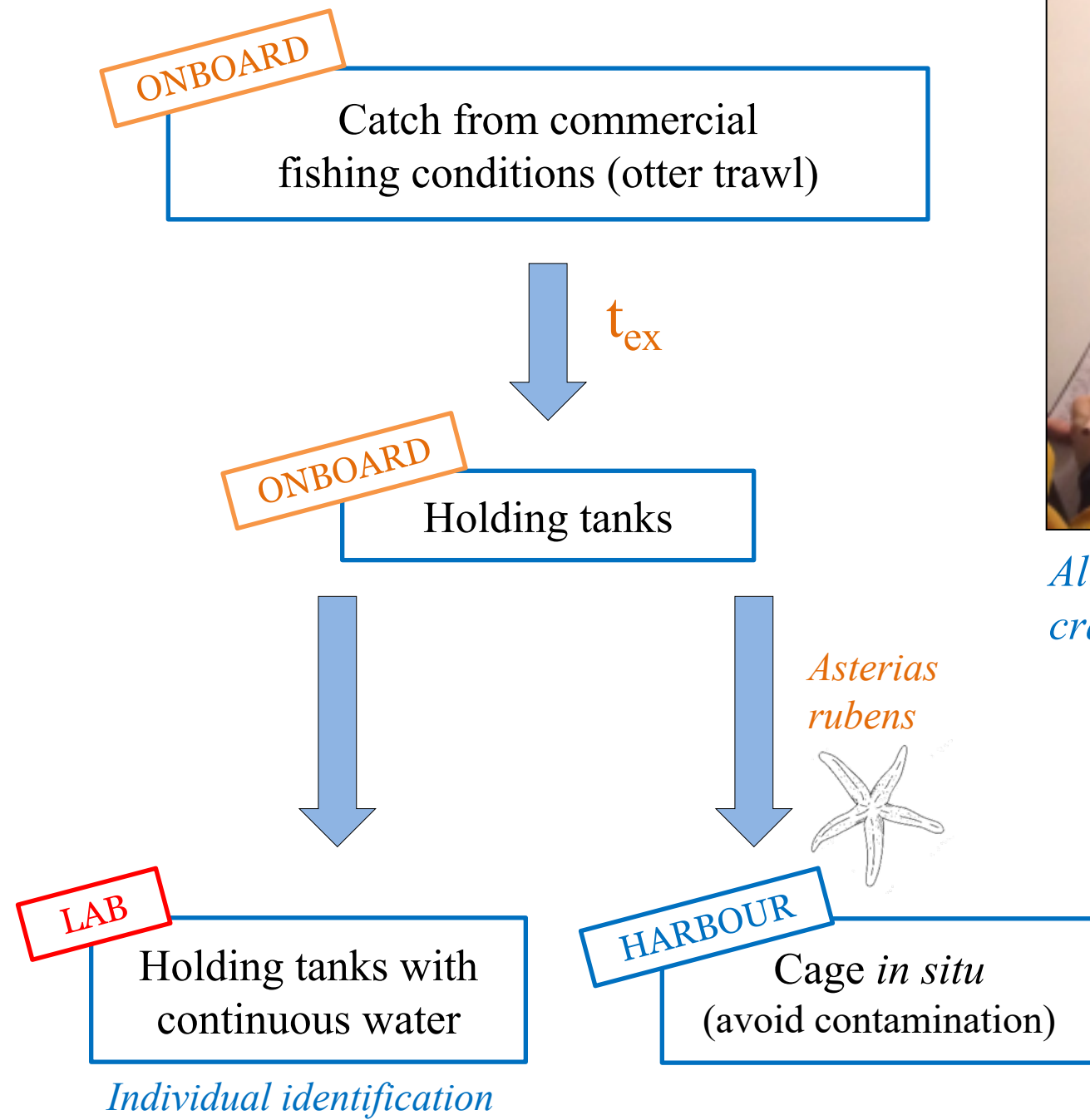
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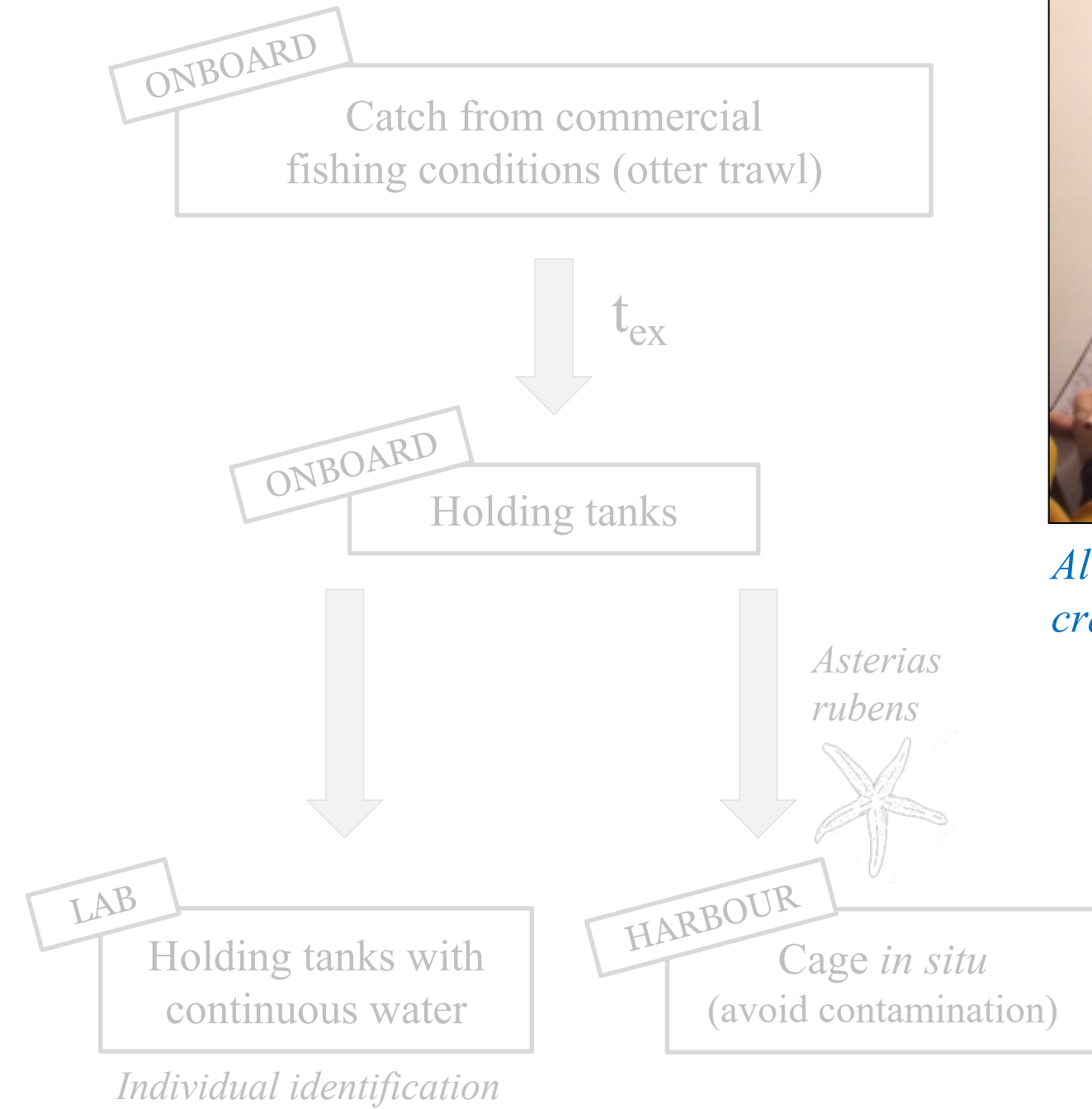
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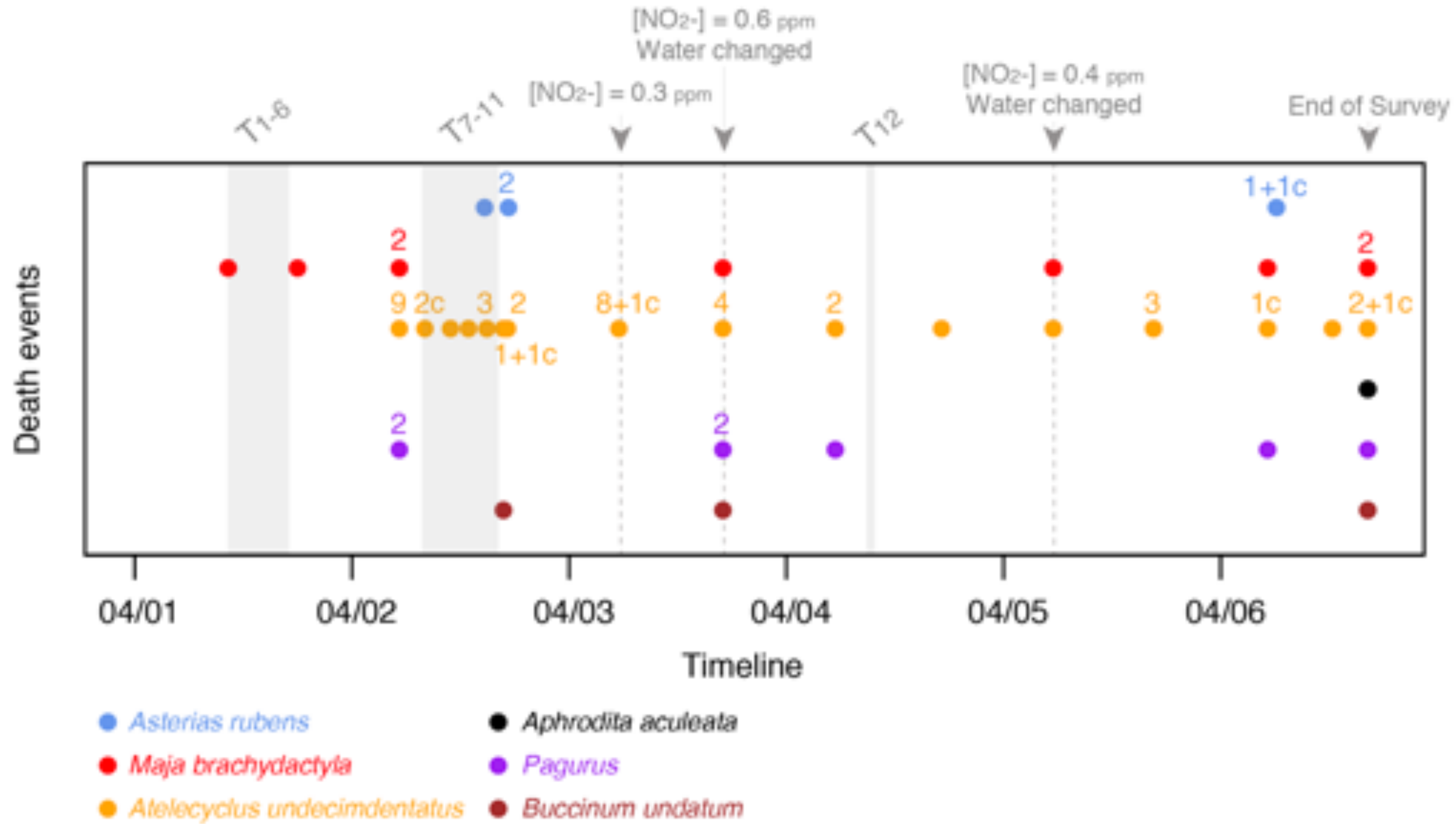
Short hauls (< 25 min)



Creels



TIMELINE



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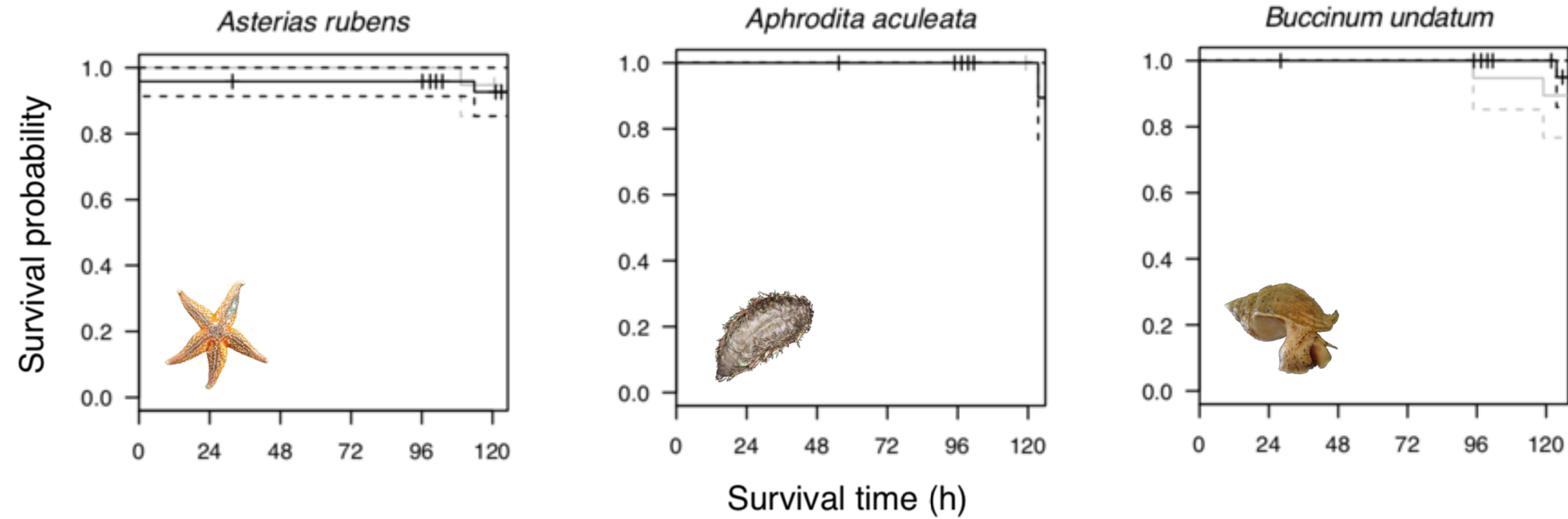


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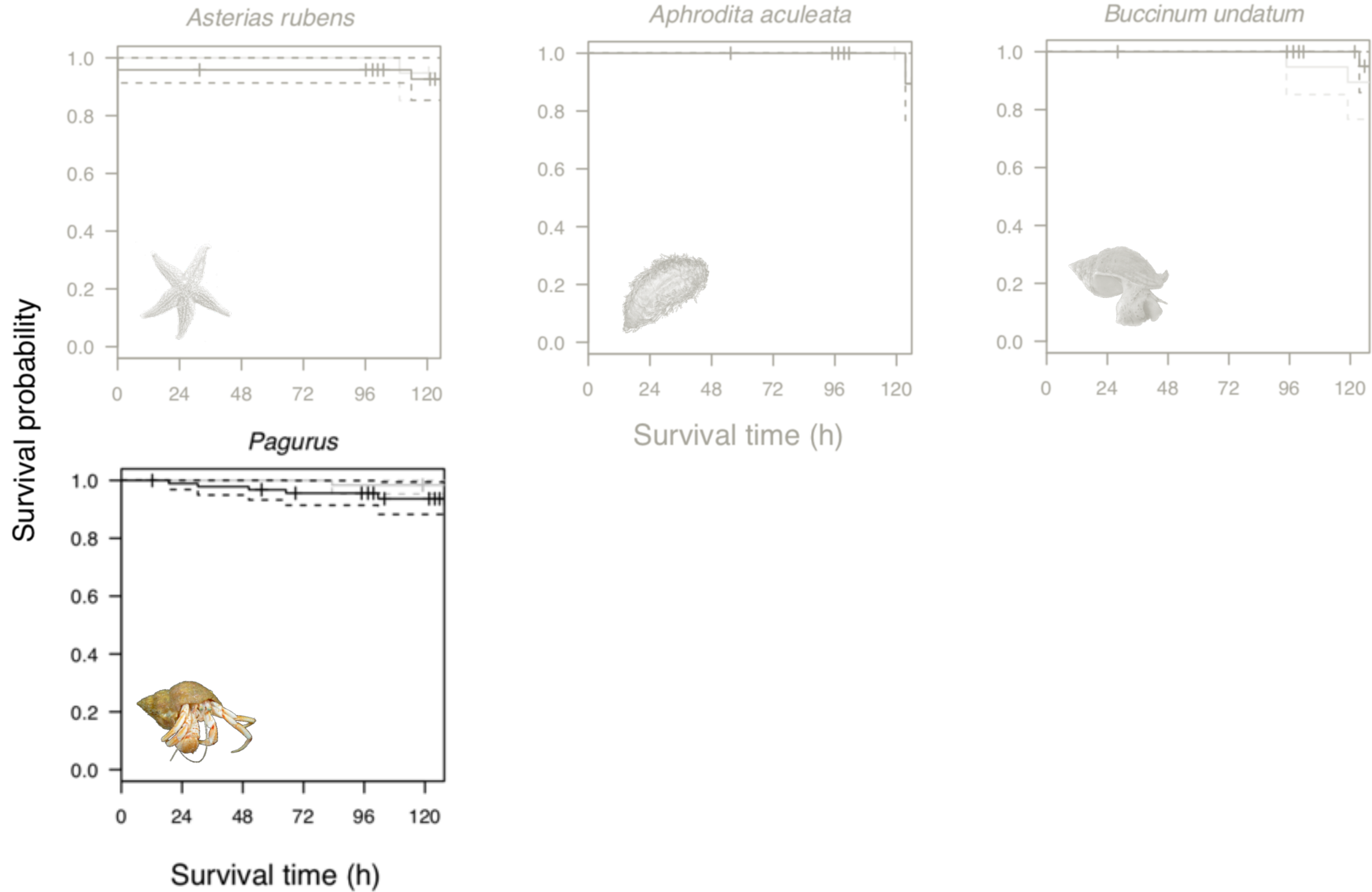
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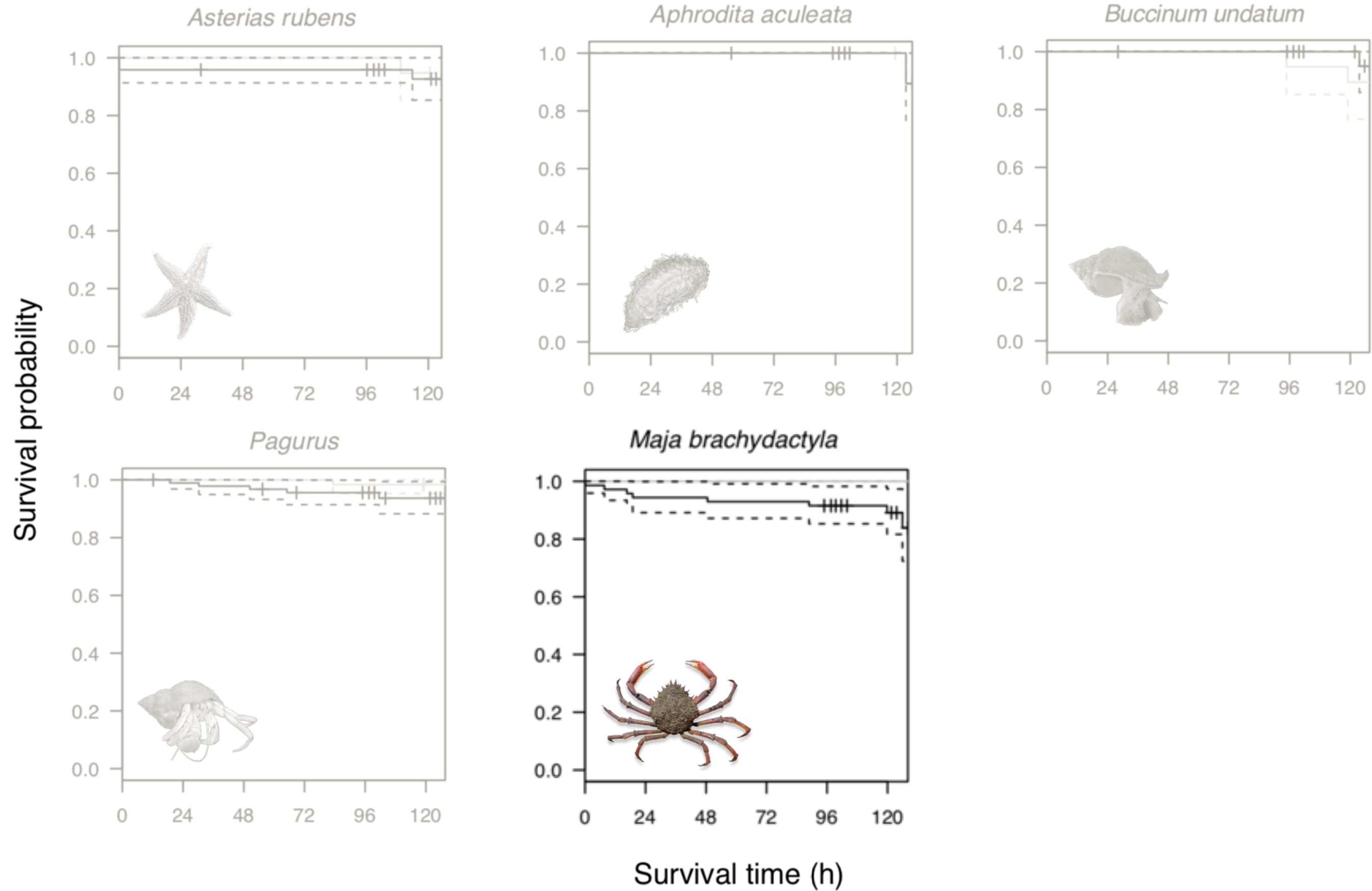


- ➔ Right-censored data : taken into account
- ➔ High survival rate for *A. rubens*, *A. aculeata* and *B. undatum*

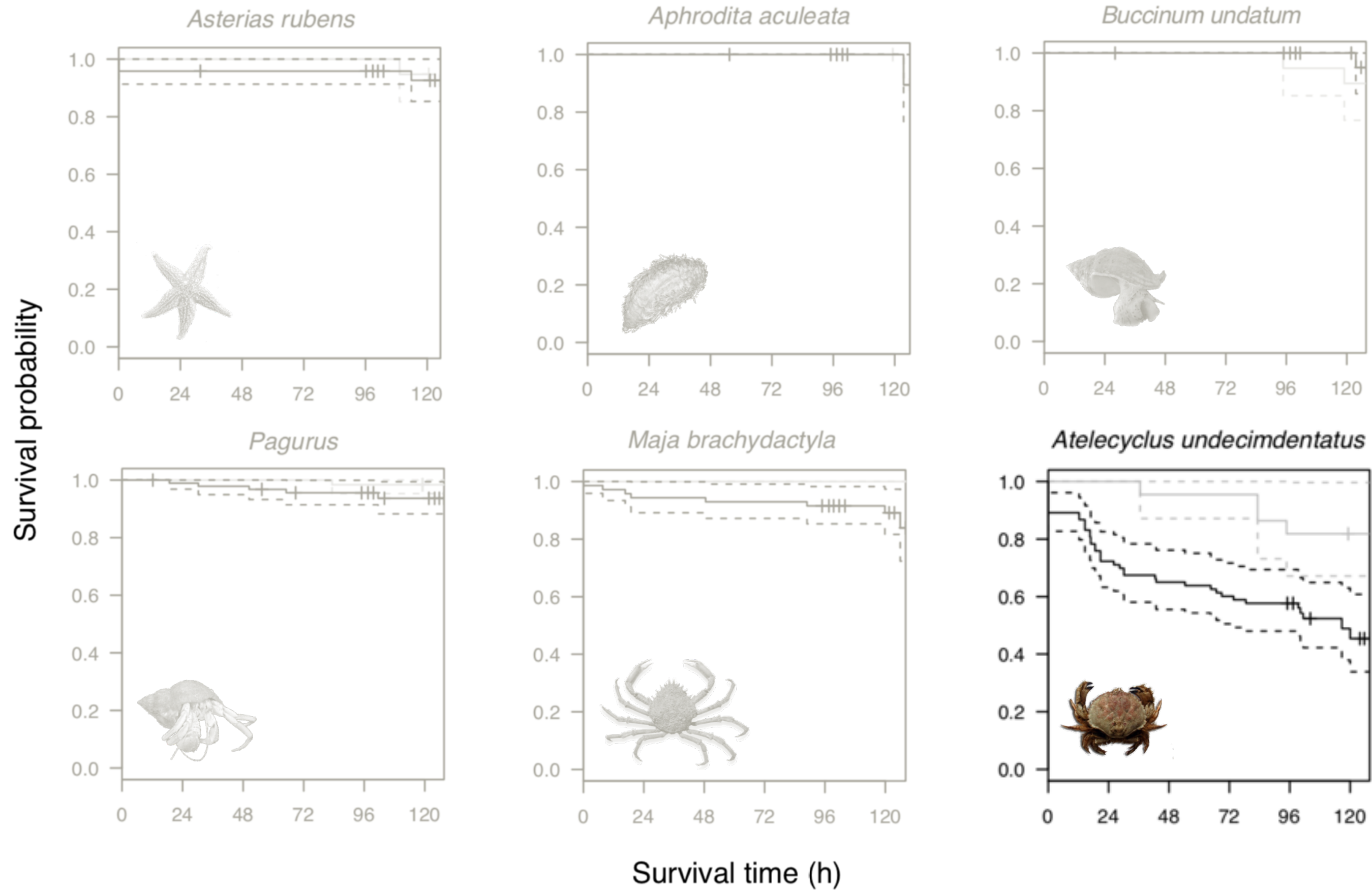
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→ $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} S'(t) = 1 - \pi =$ discard survival probability

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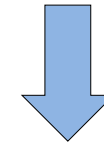
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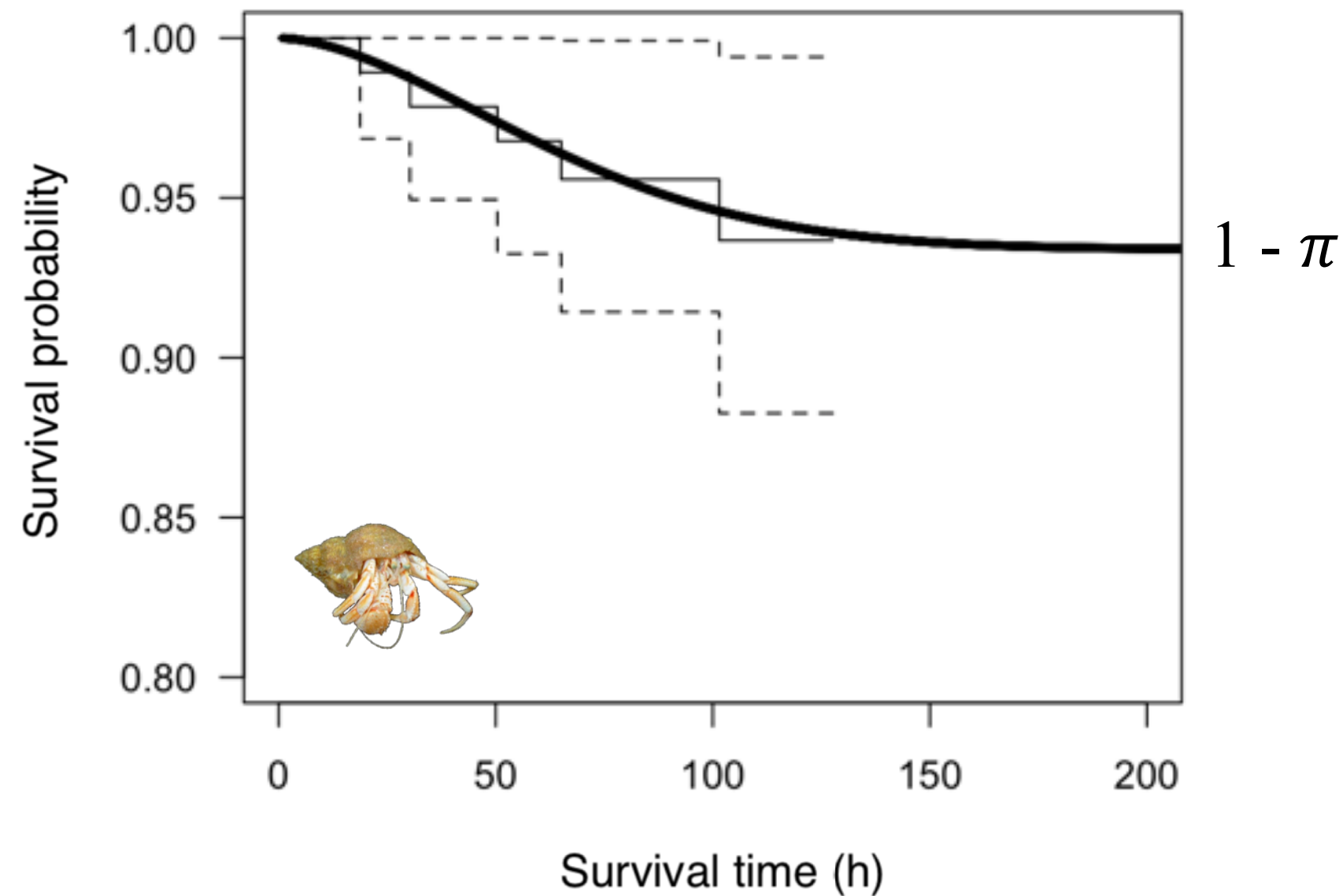
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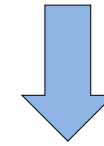
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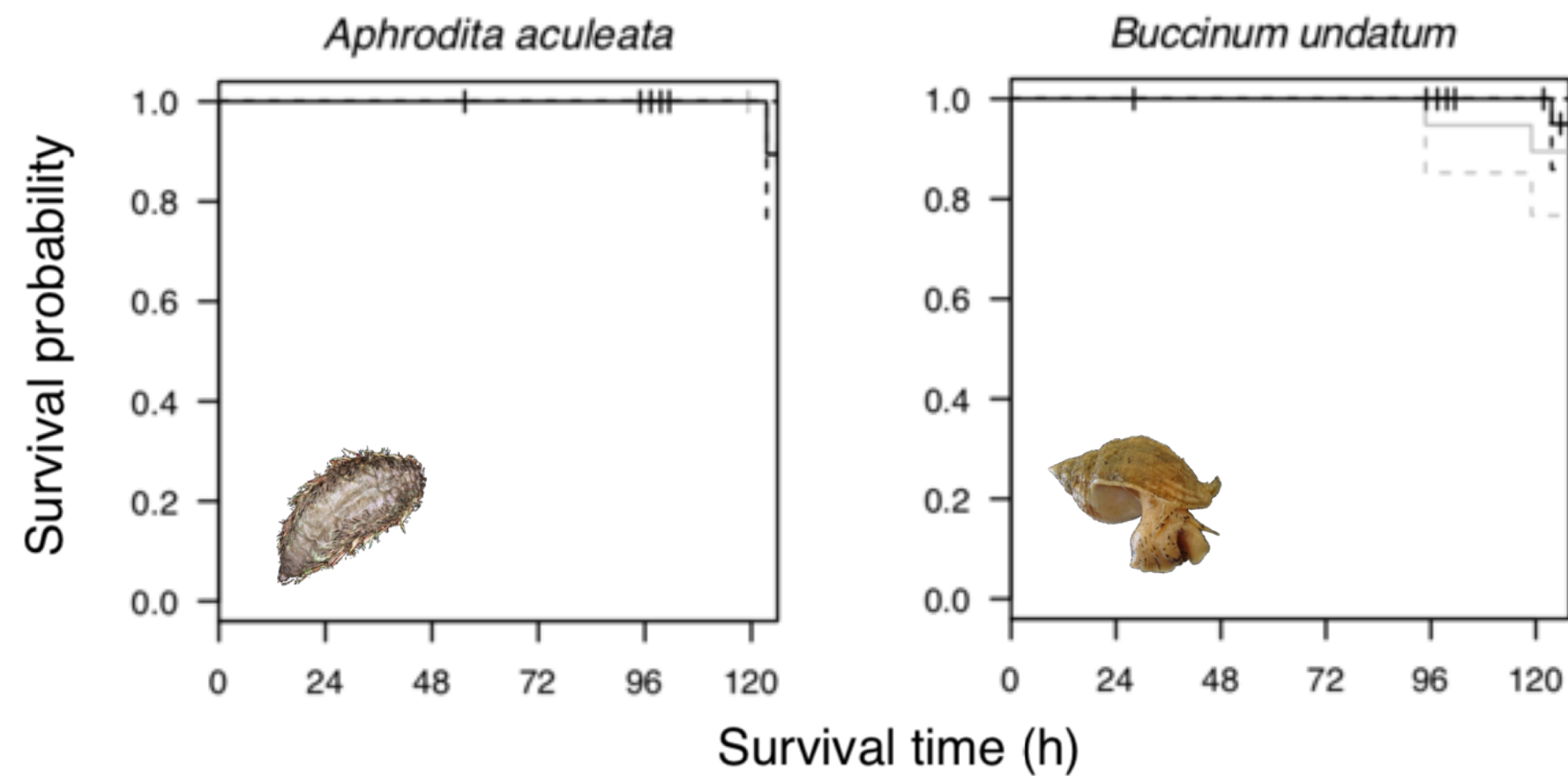
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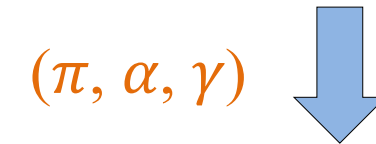
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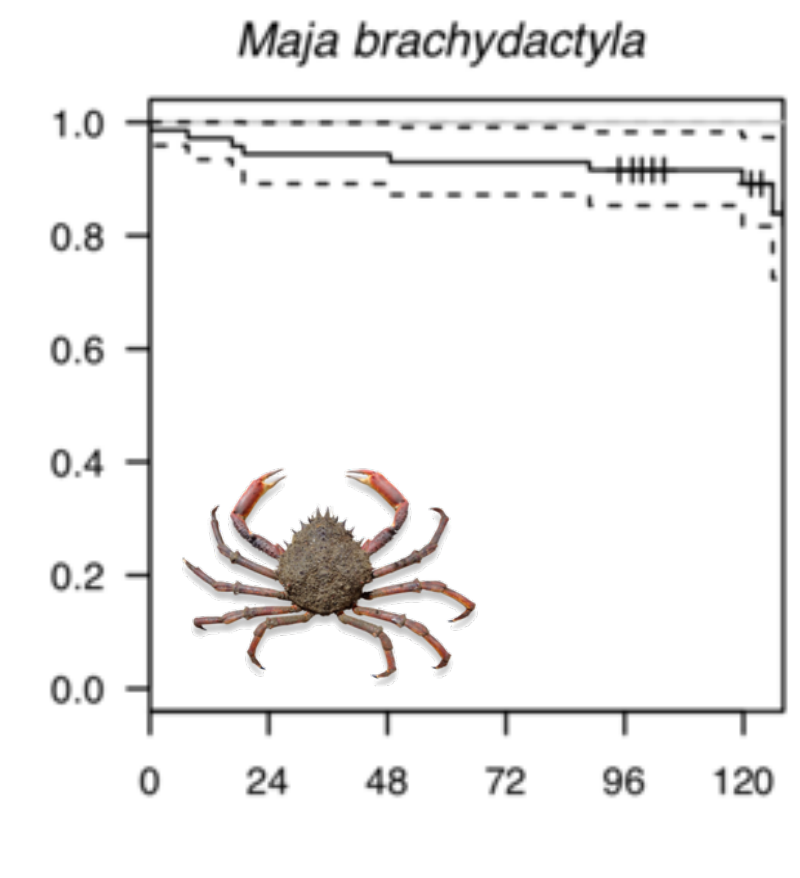
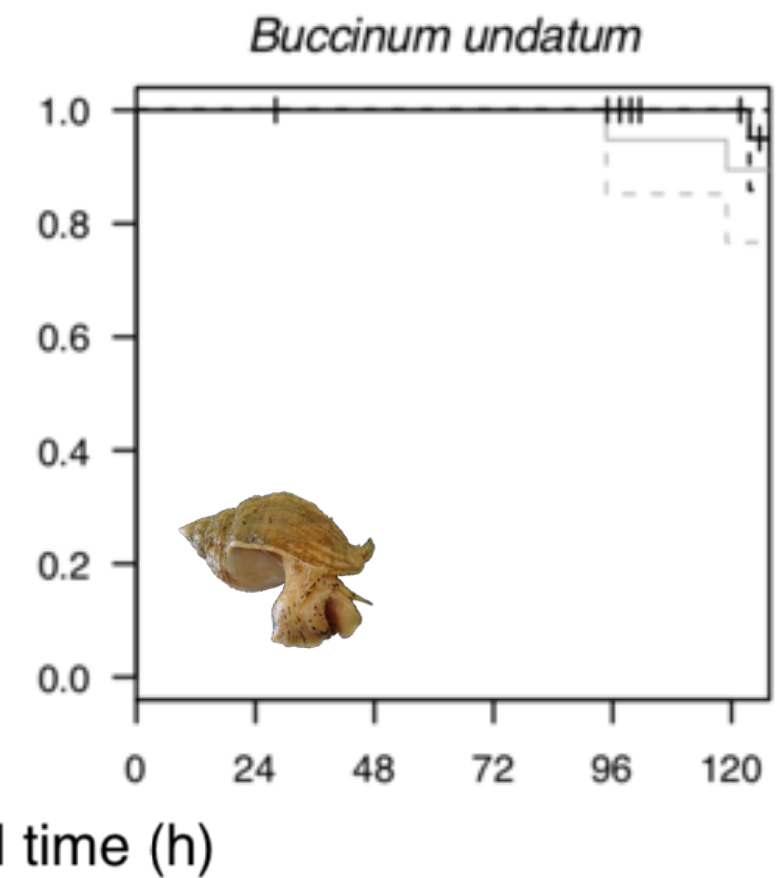
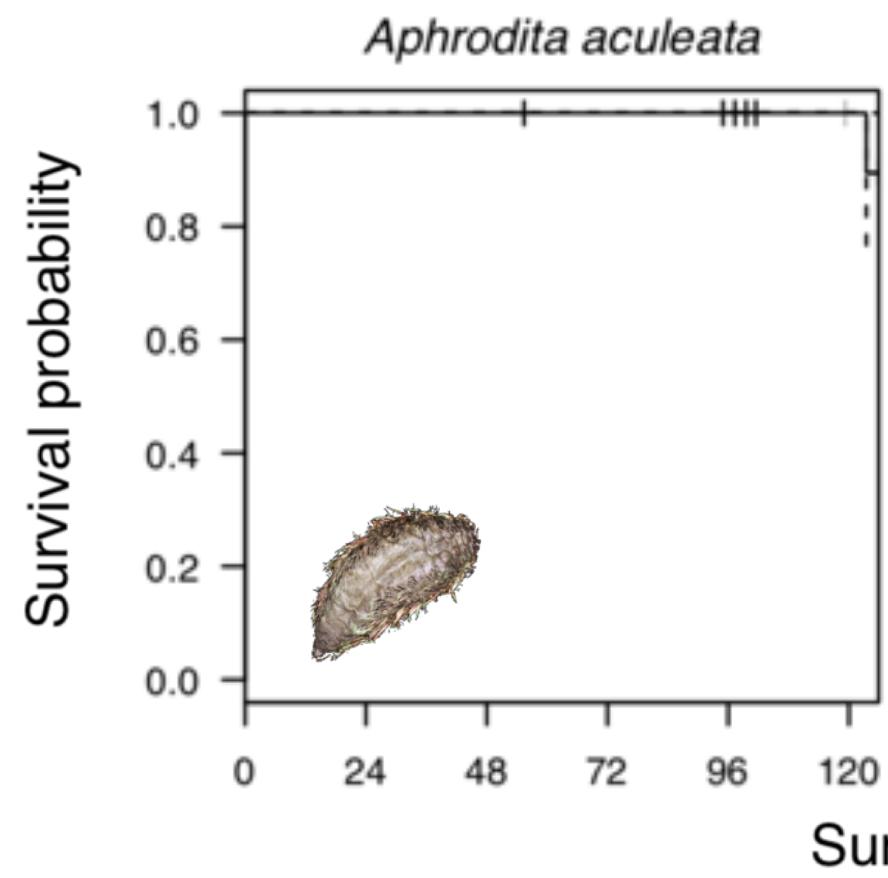
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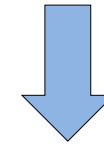
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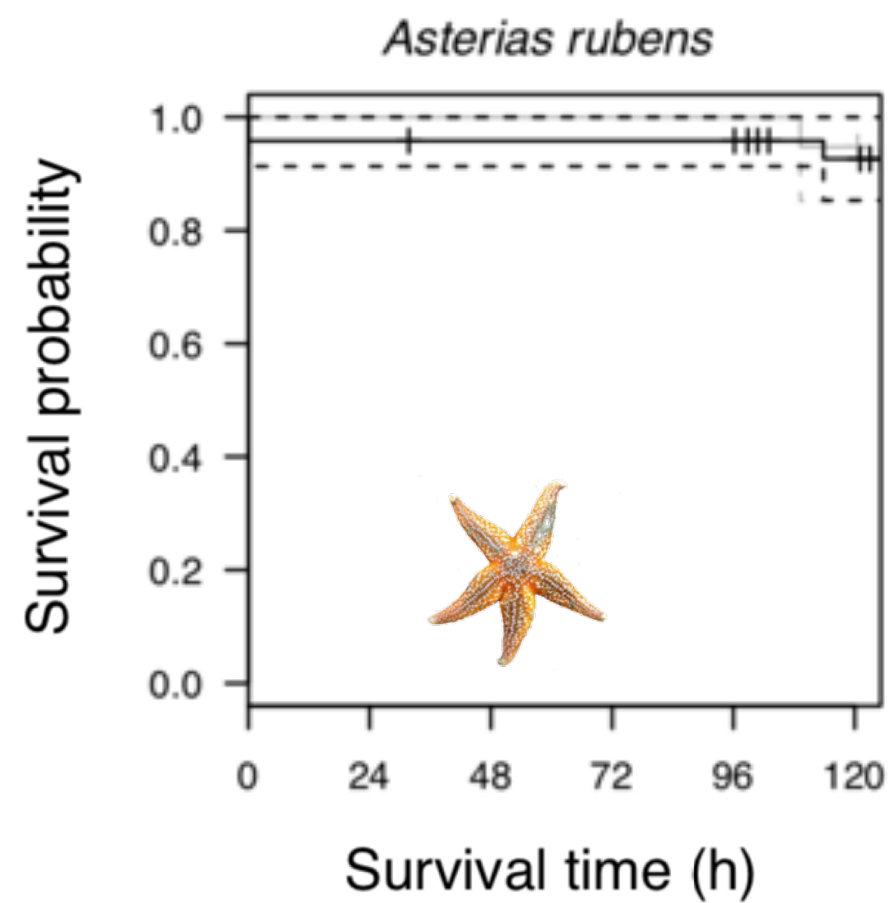
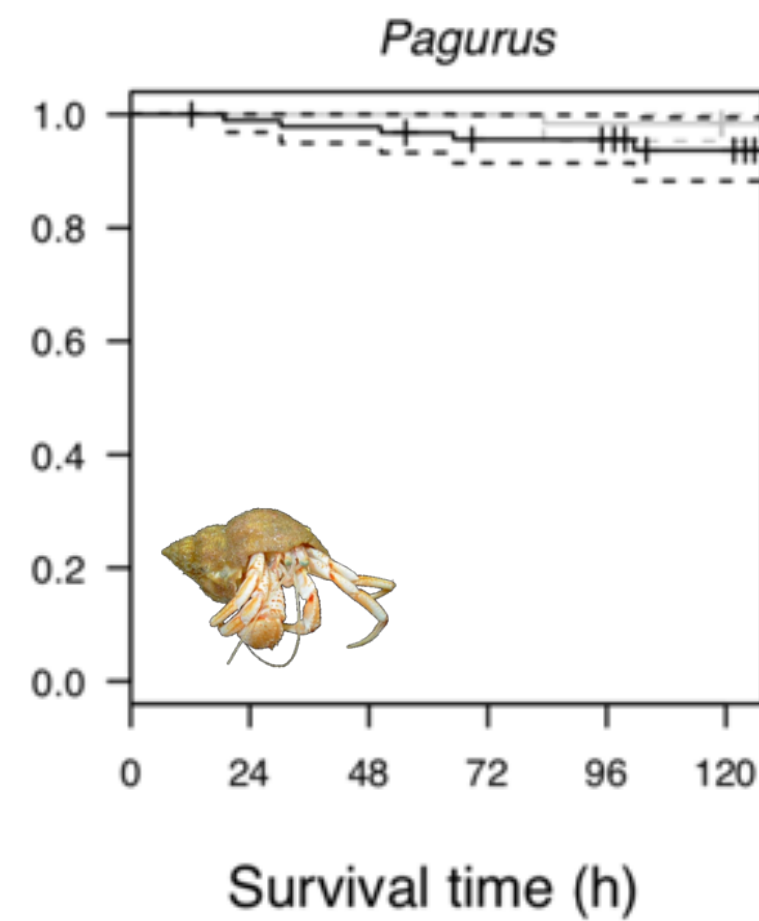
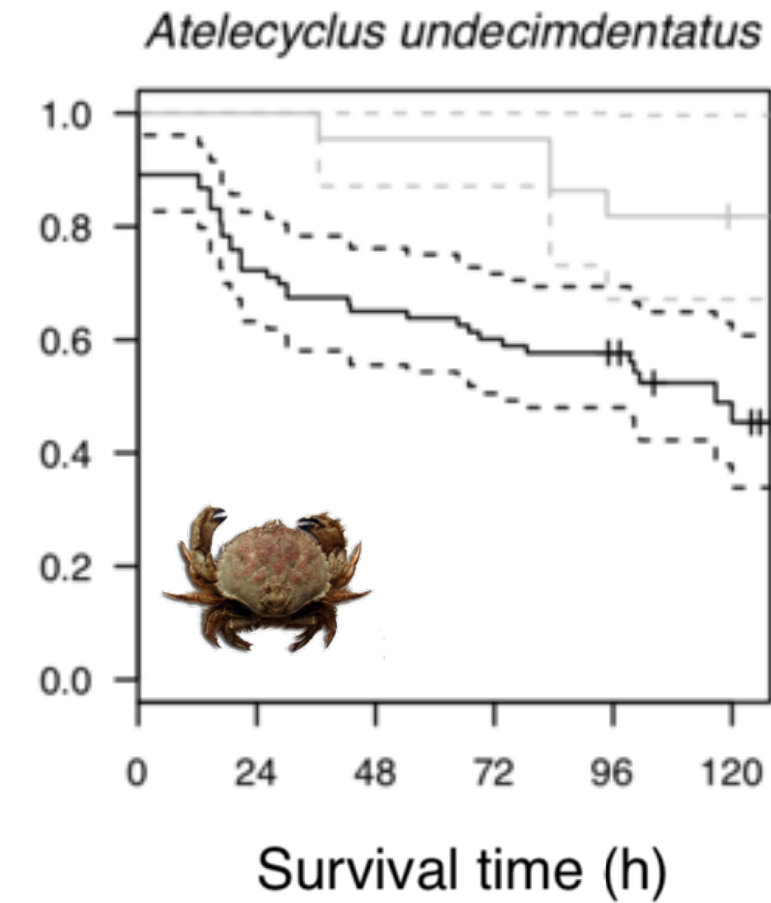
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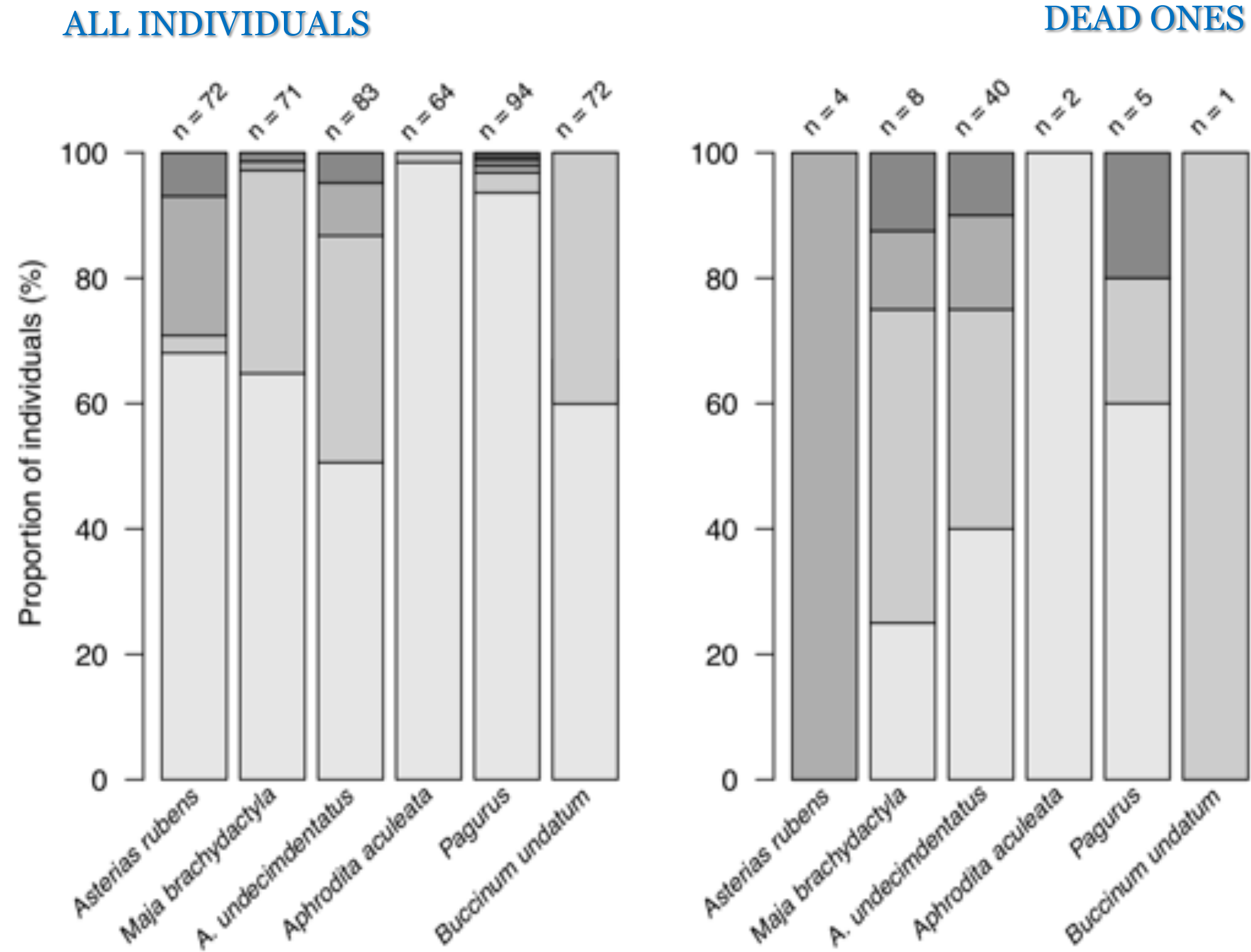
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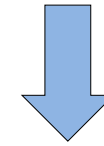


- ➔ Very different proportions depending on status (dead/alive)
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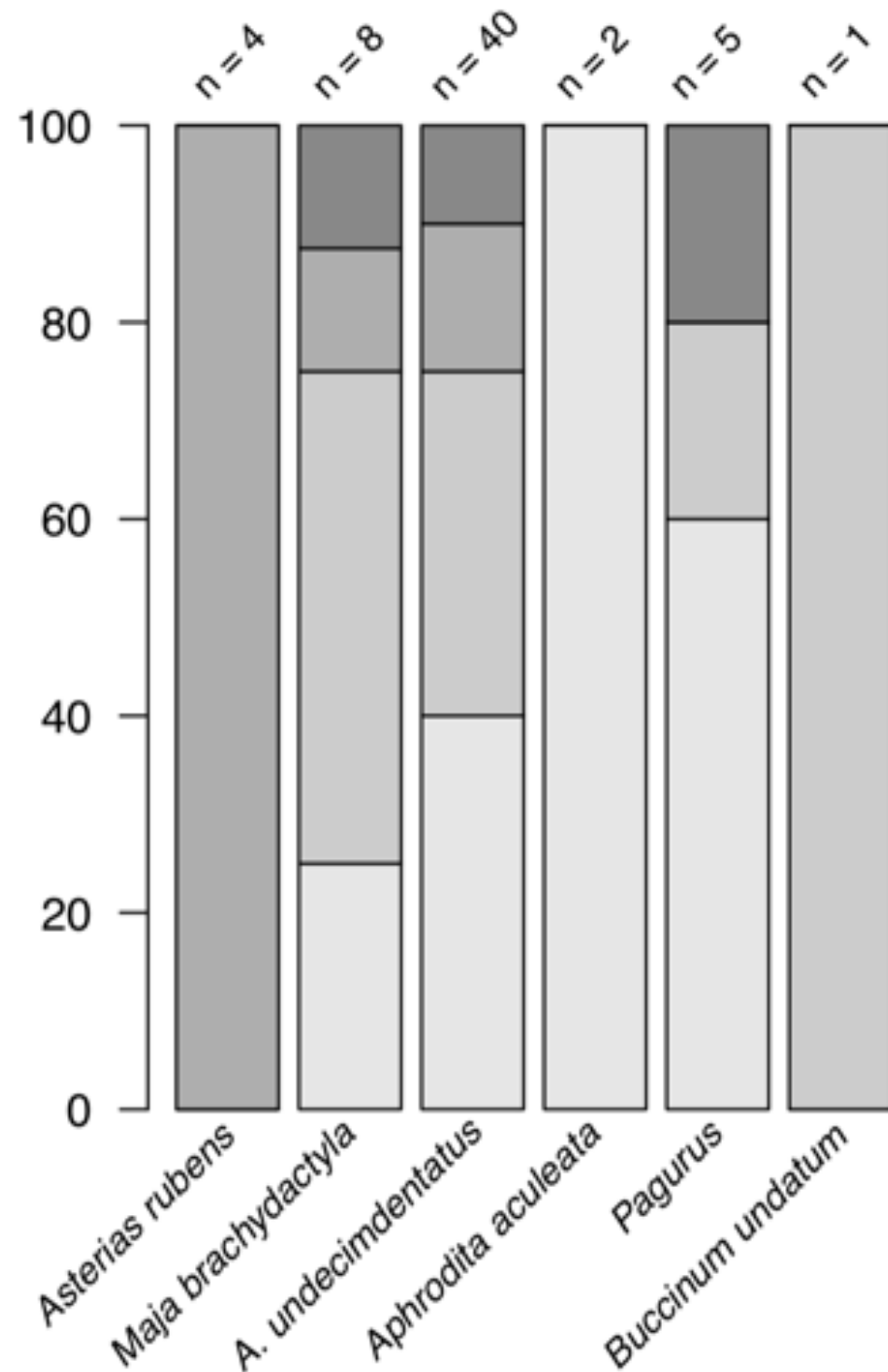
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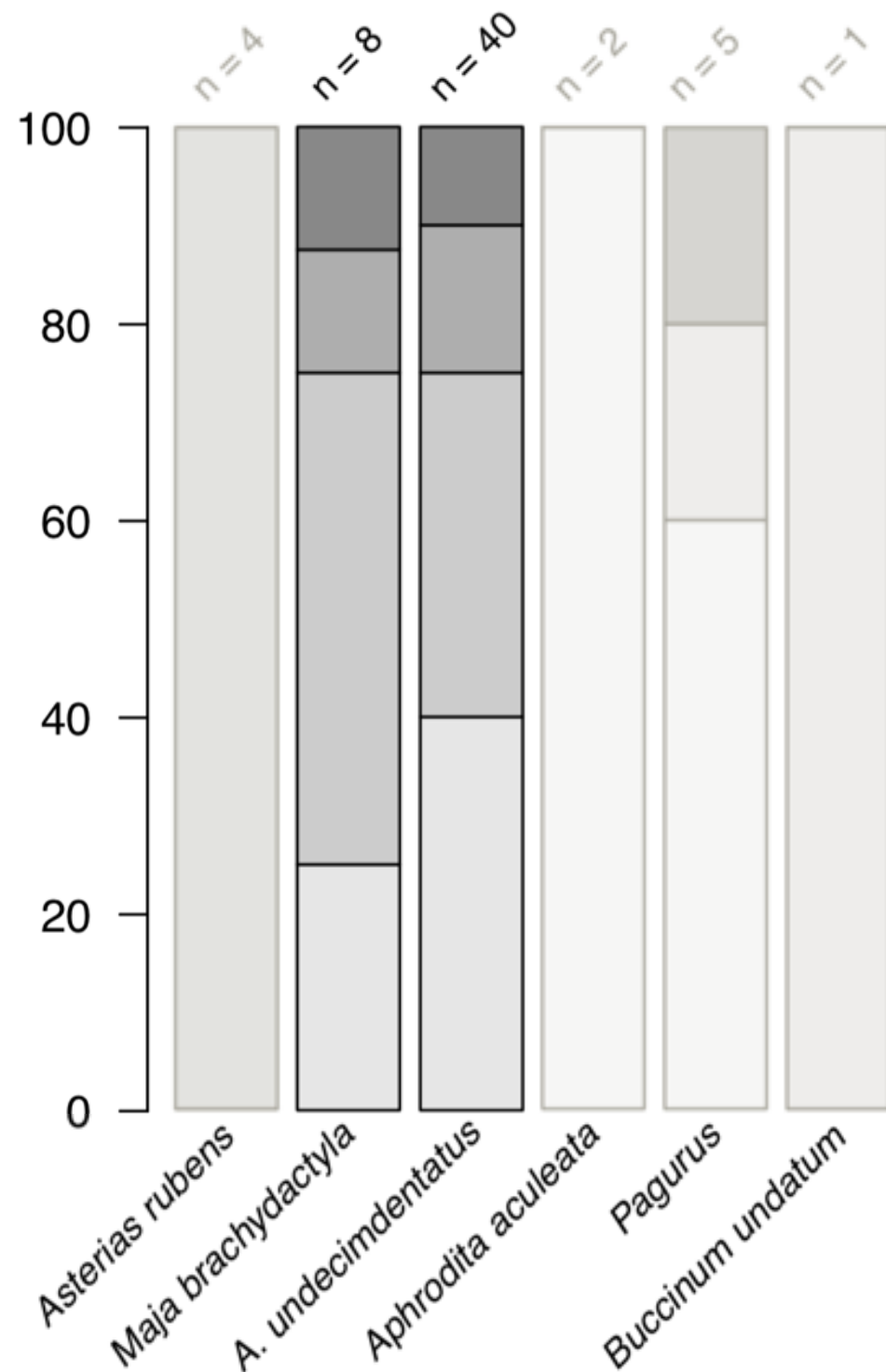
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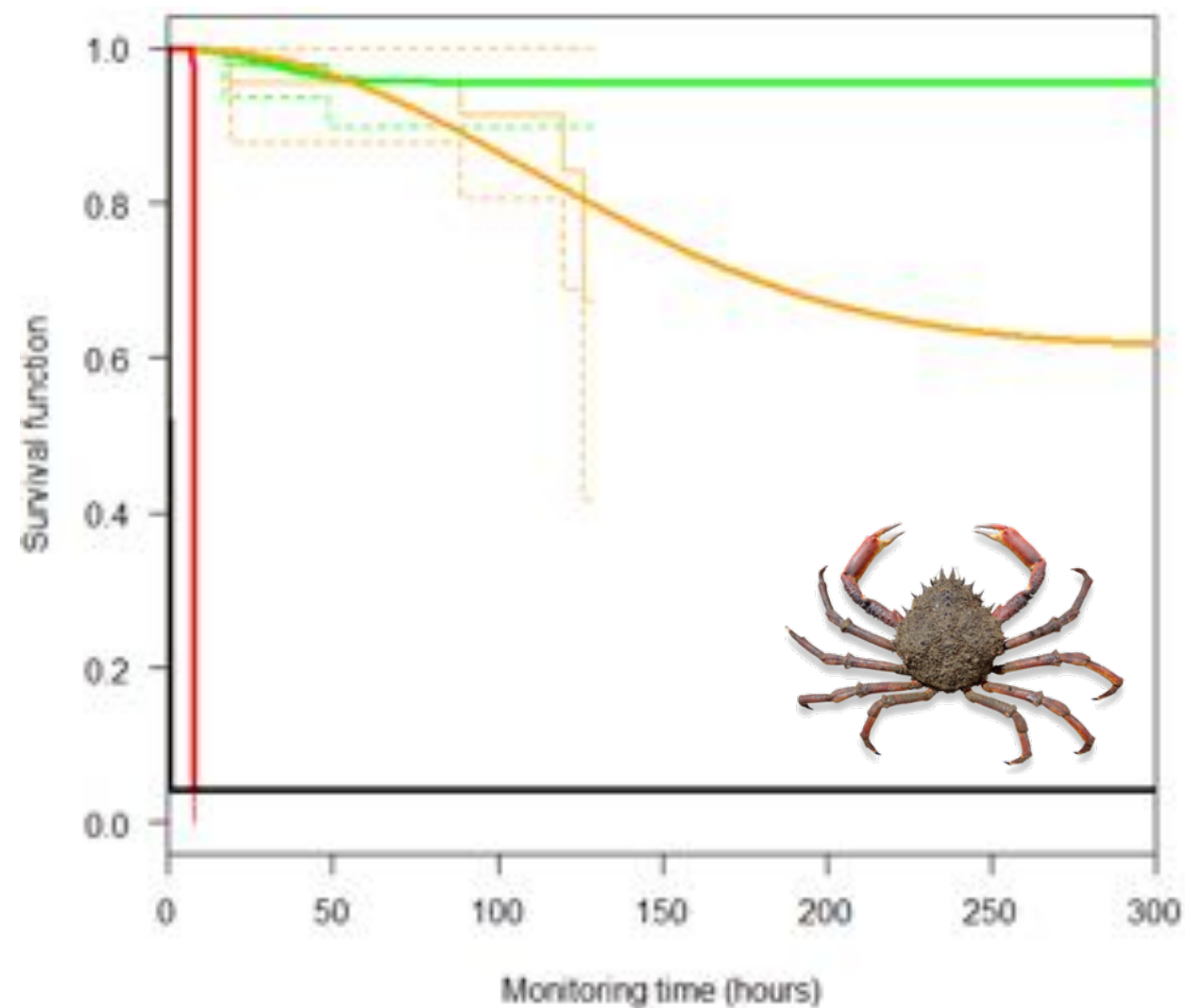
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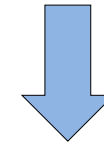
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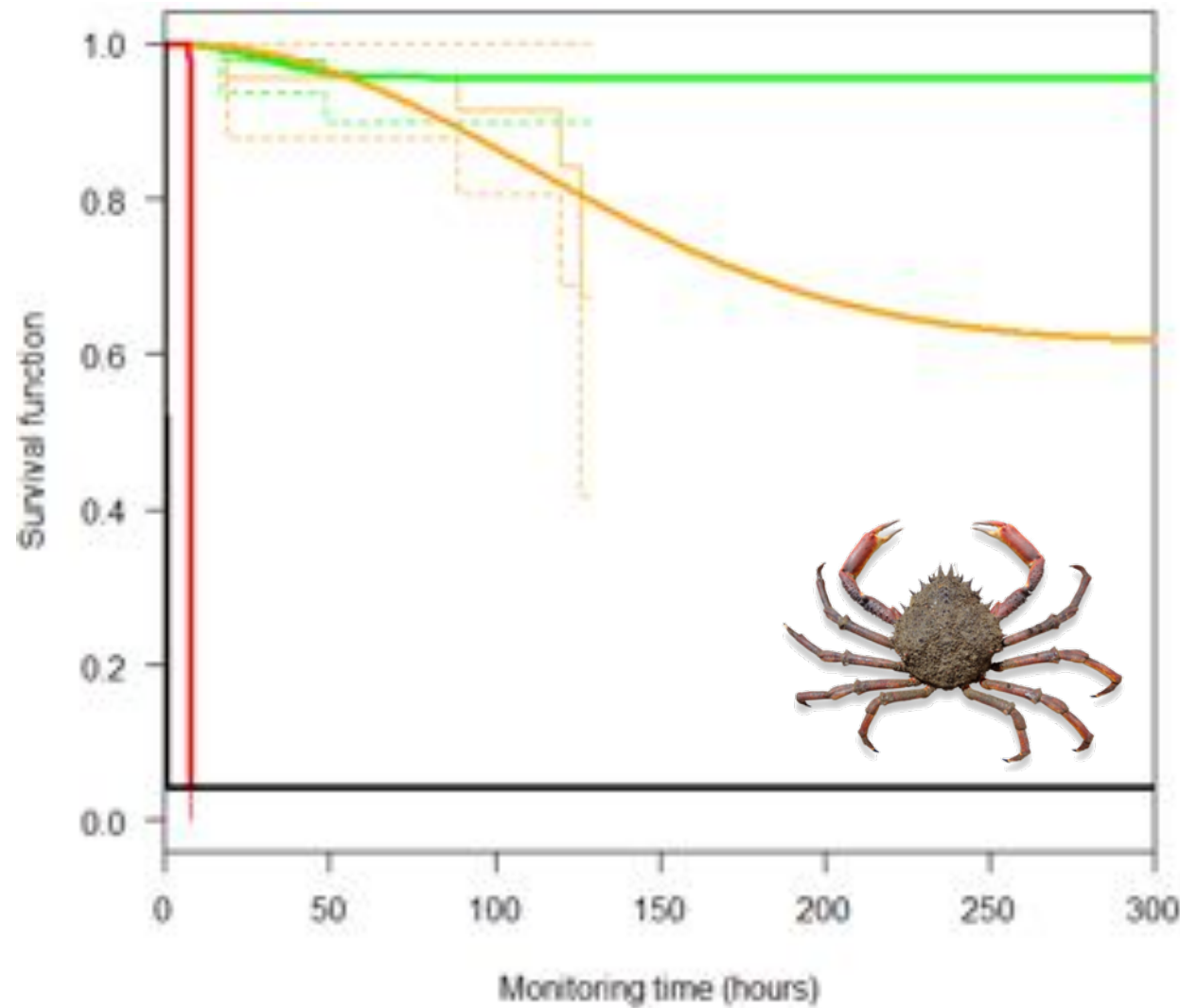
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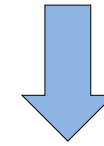
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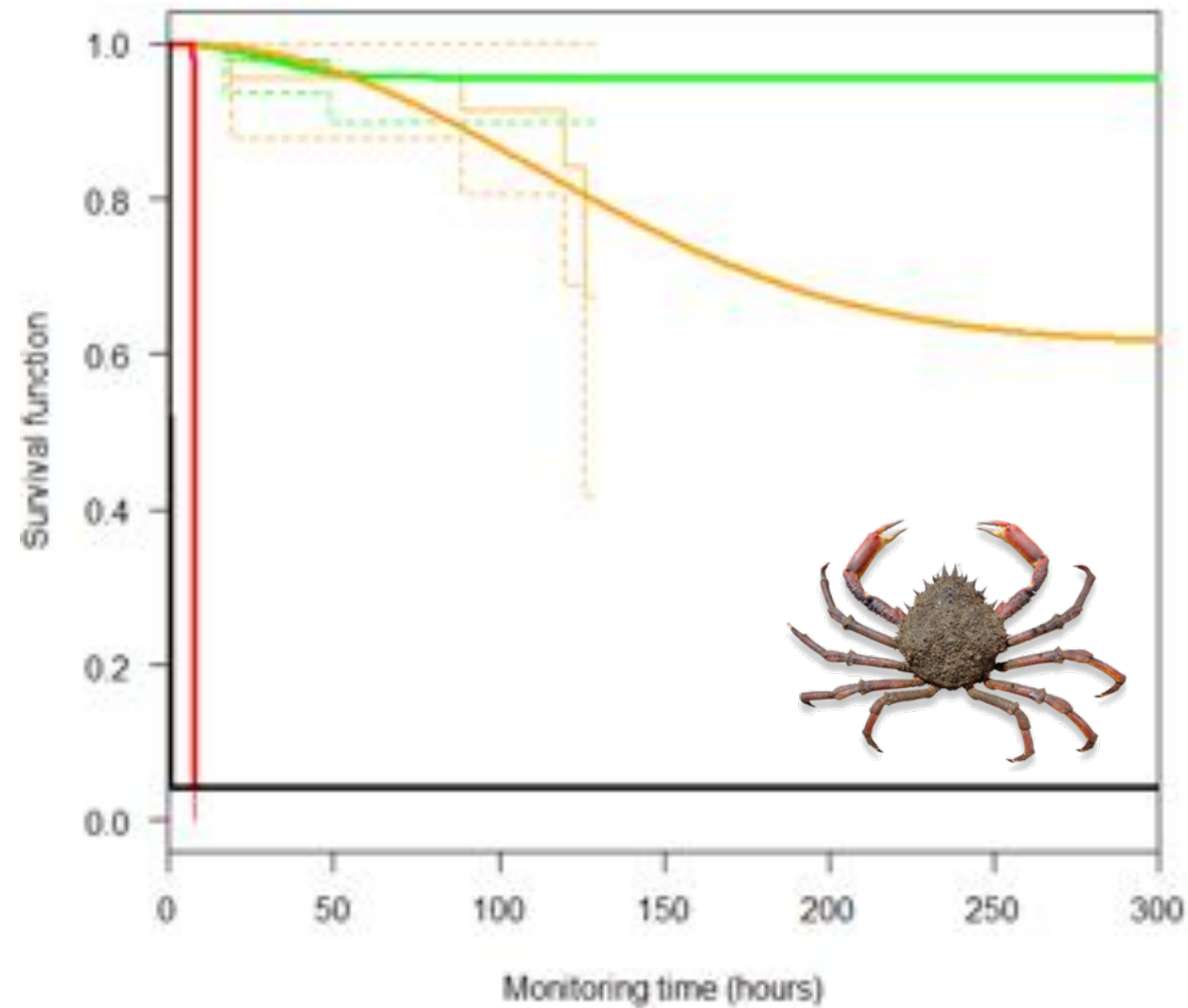
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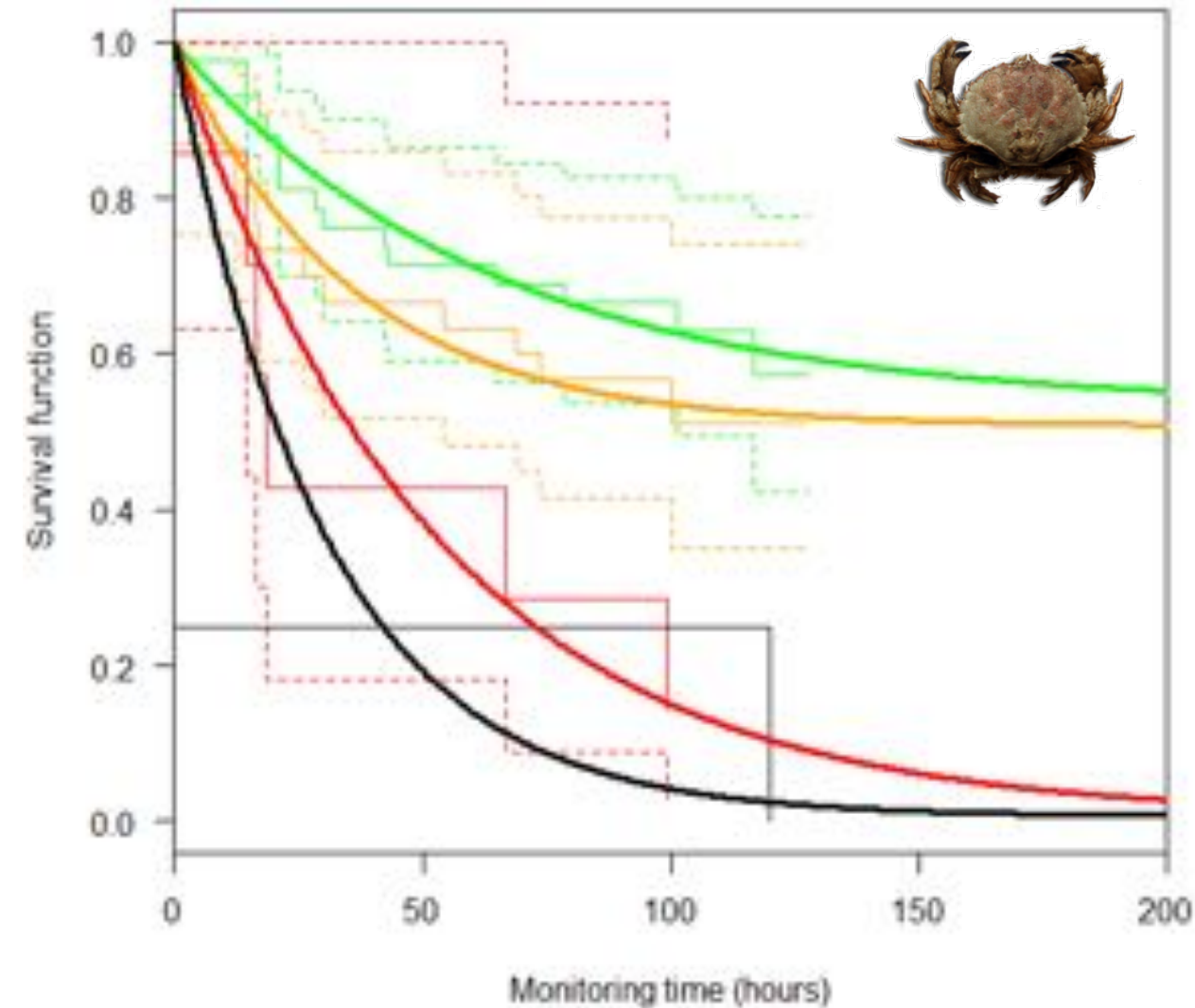


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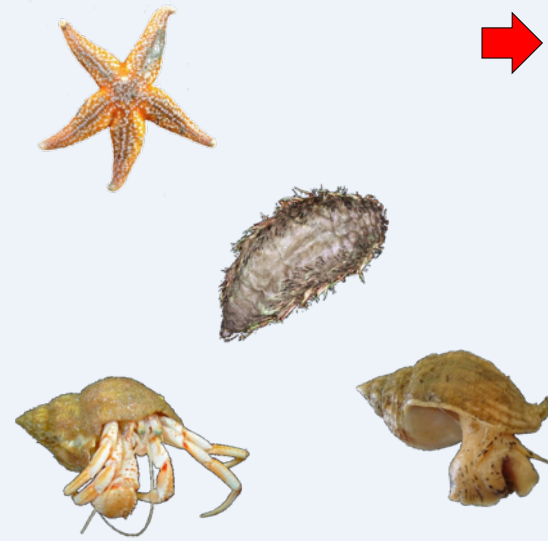
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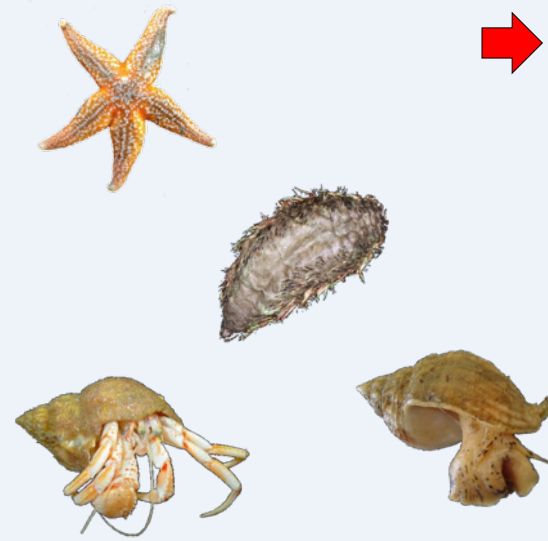
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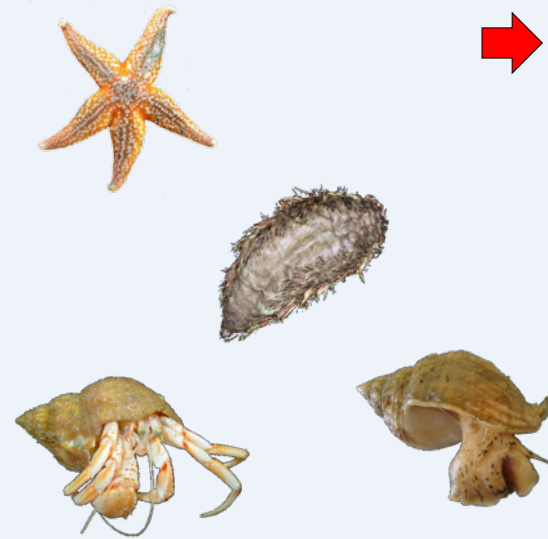


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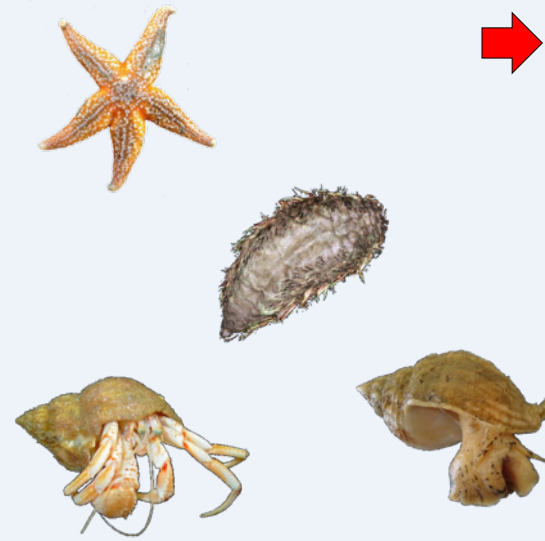


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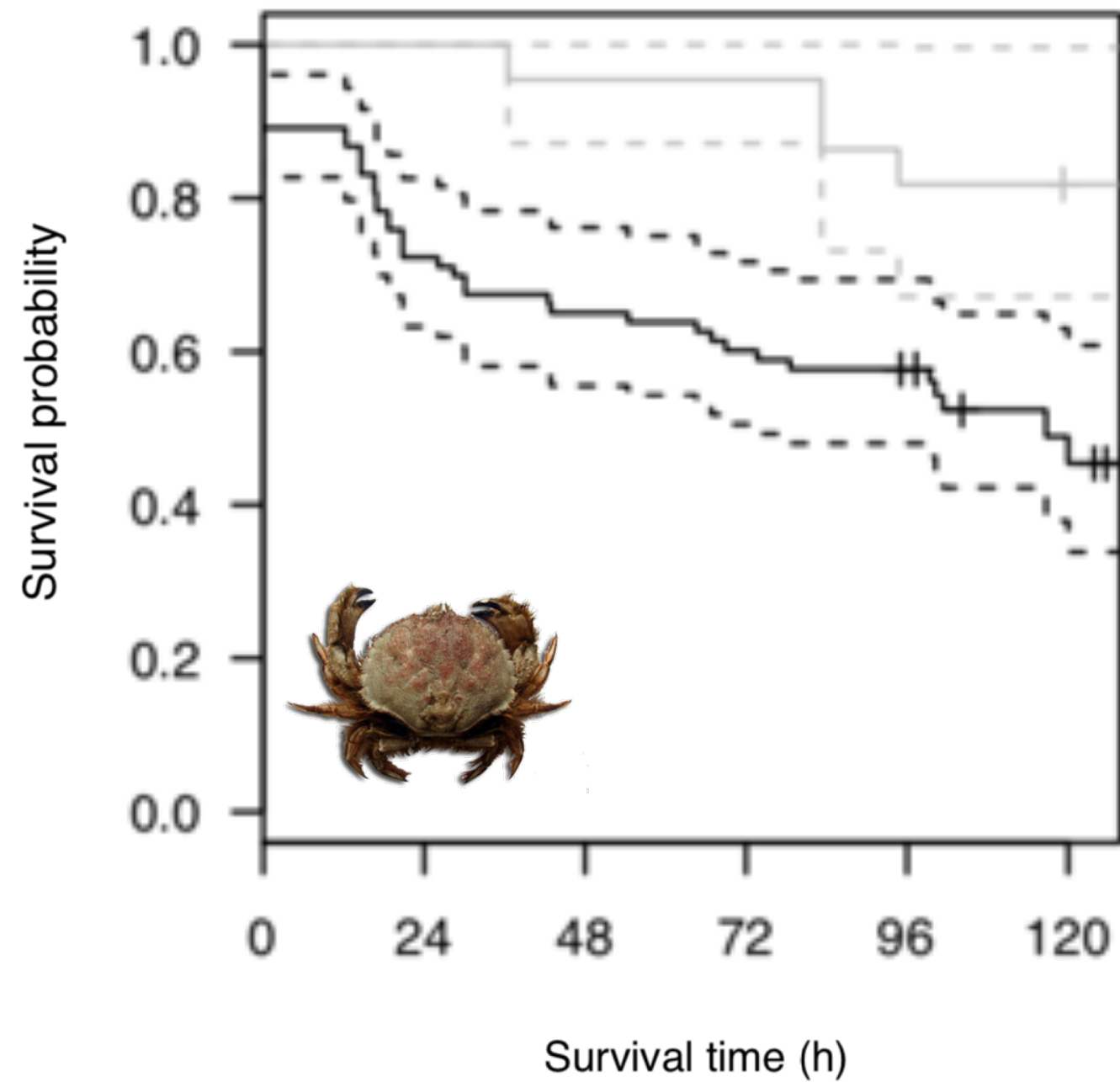


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SURVIVAL CURVES (KAPLAN-MEIER)



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