

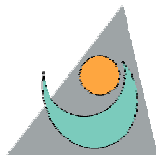
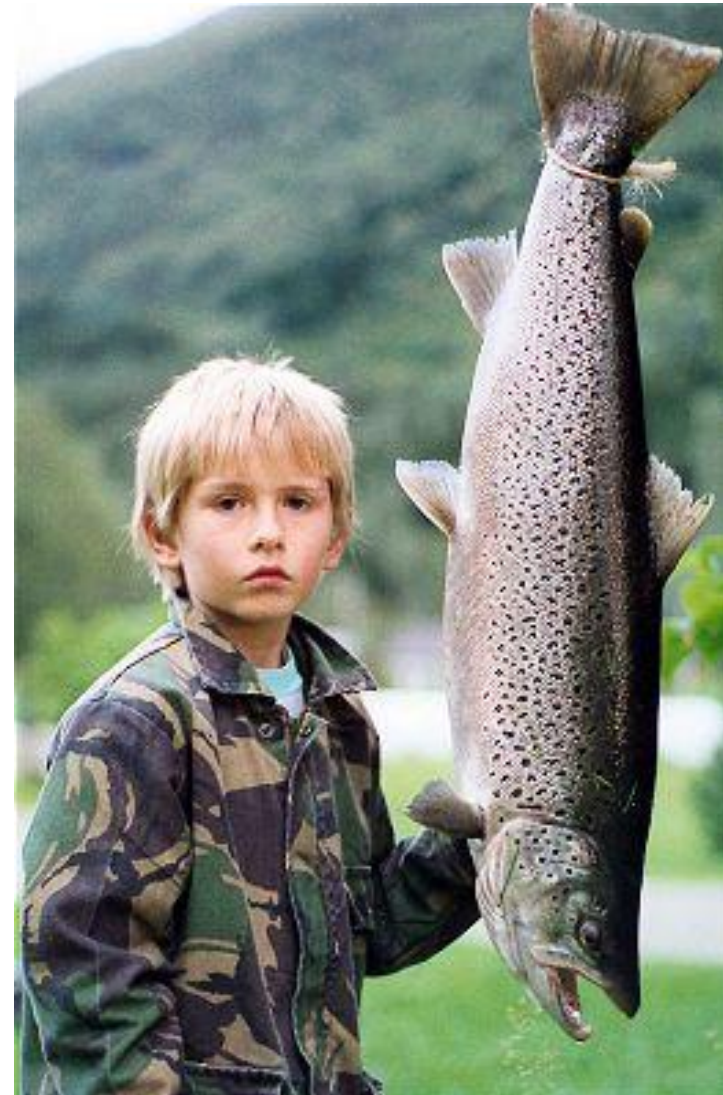
”Is the aquaculture production in the Hardangerfjord system beyond sustainable frames?”

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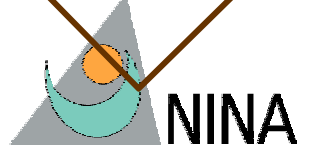
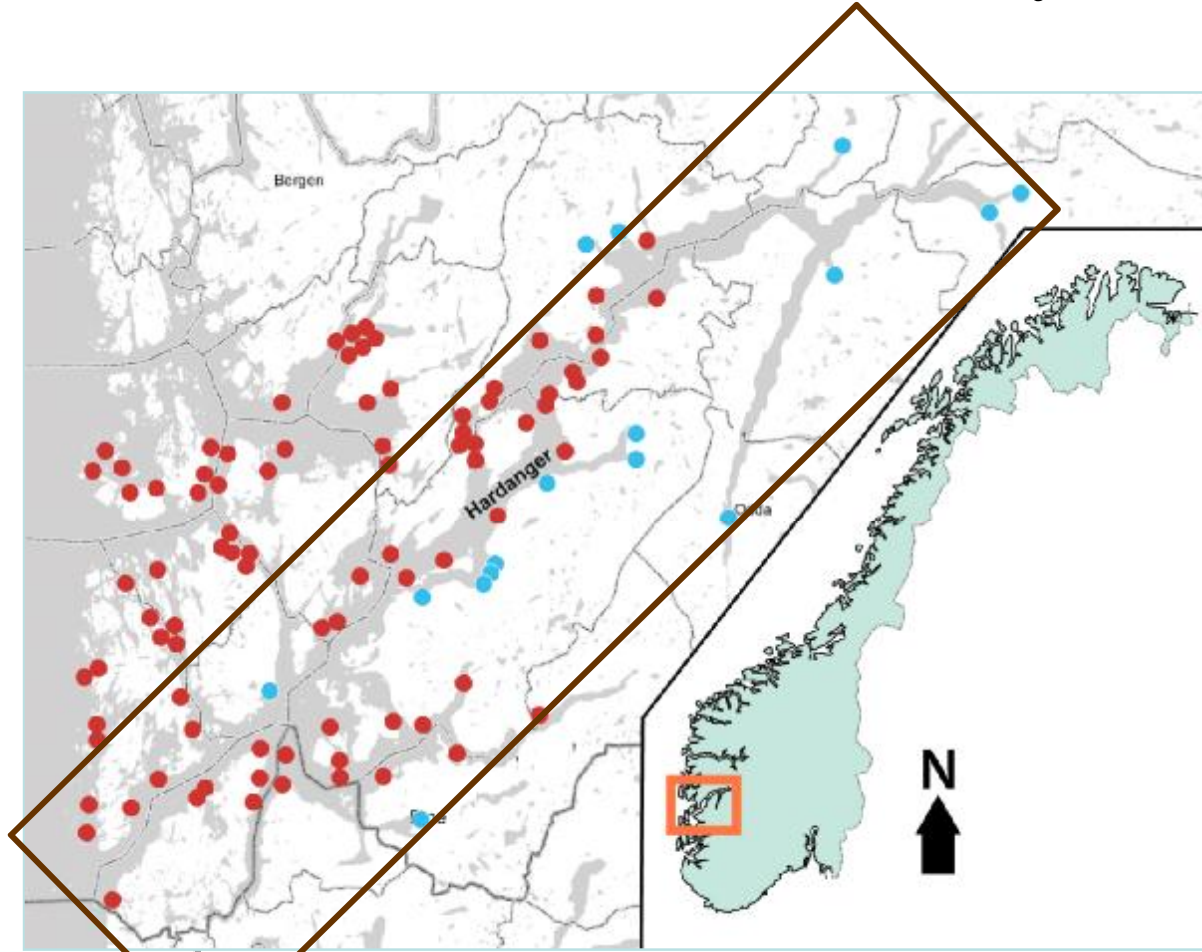
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The Hardangerfjord system: a very close relationship between the fjord and the people living along the fjord



The Hardangerfjord system: also base for "an industrial revolution" and now inhabits the largest density of fish farms in Norway



**The Hardangerfjord salmon lice project:
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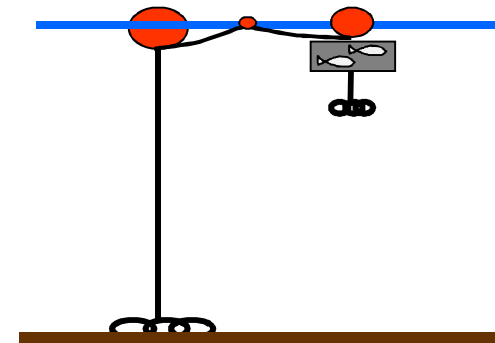
- 1. Delousing strategies**
 - 2. Wild fish studies**
 - 3. Migratory studies**
 - 4. Spread of lice larvae**
 - 5. Physical oceanographical factors**
 - 6. Mathematical modelling**
- can wild fish interests and the
aquaculture industry operate in the
same fjord?**

The Hardangerfjord salmon lice project: methods

1) Counting of salmon lice in fish farms and synchronized and strategic delousing programmes



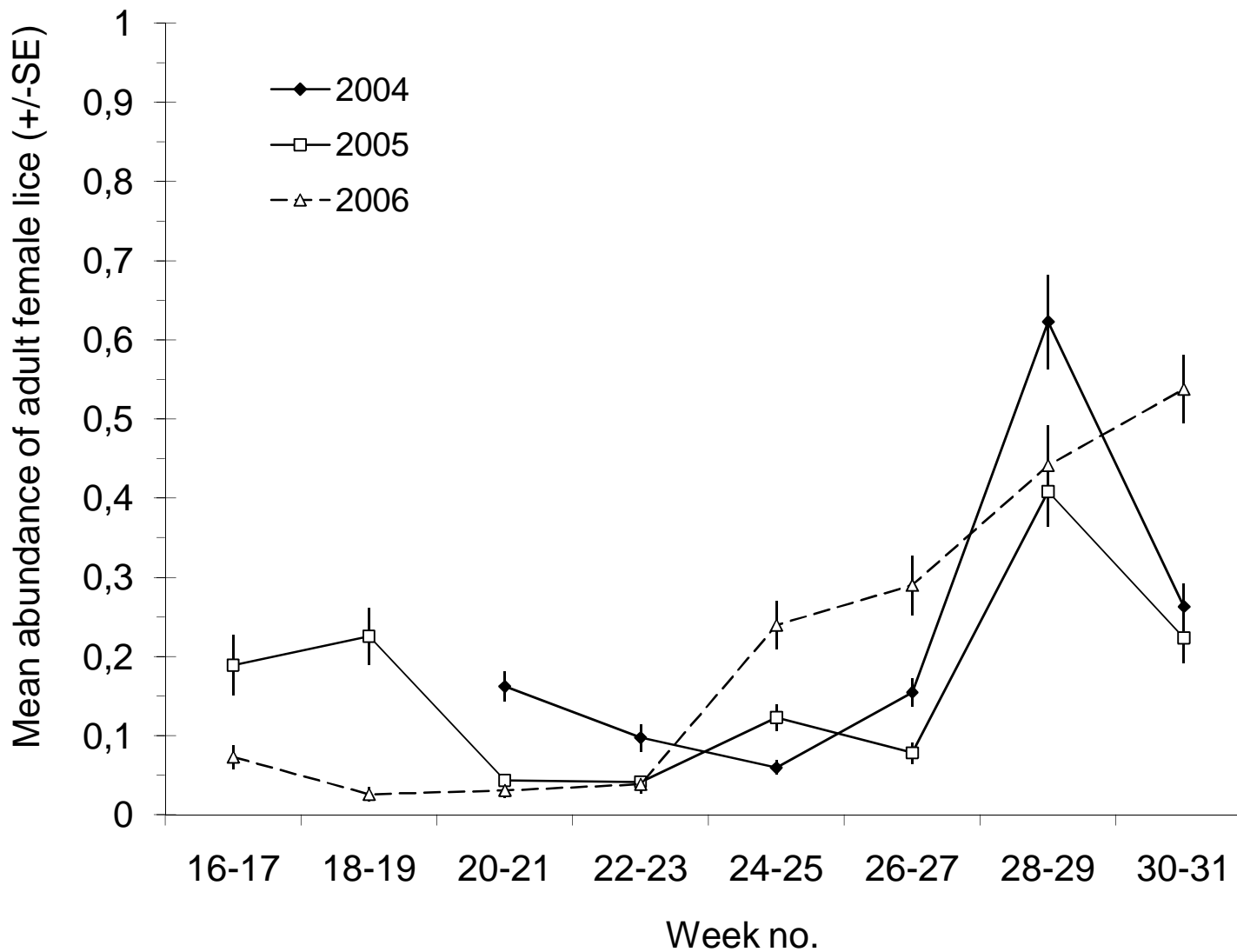
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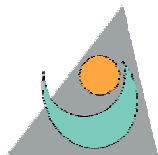
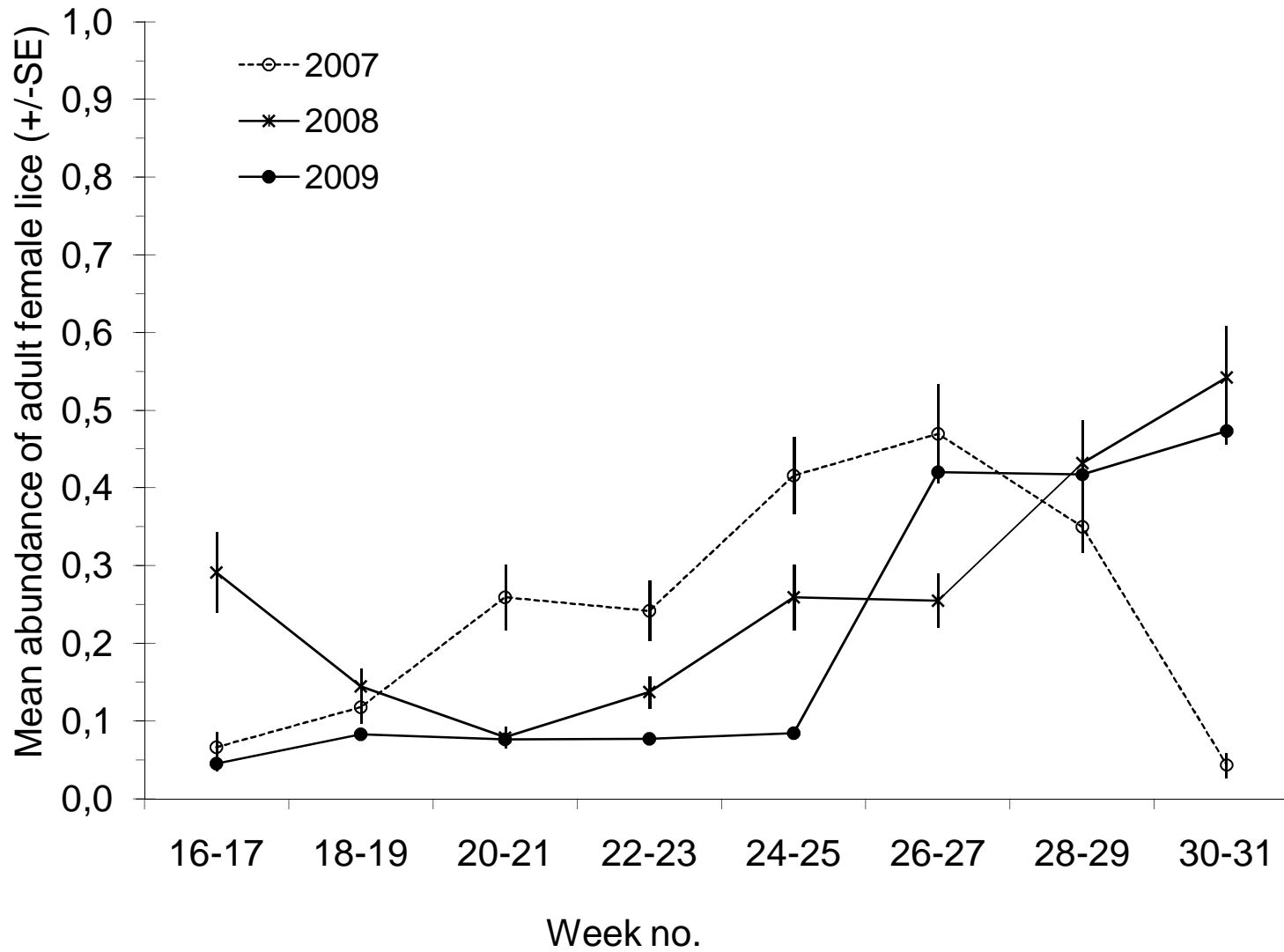
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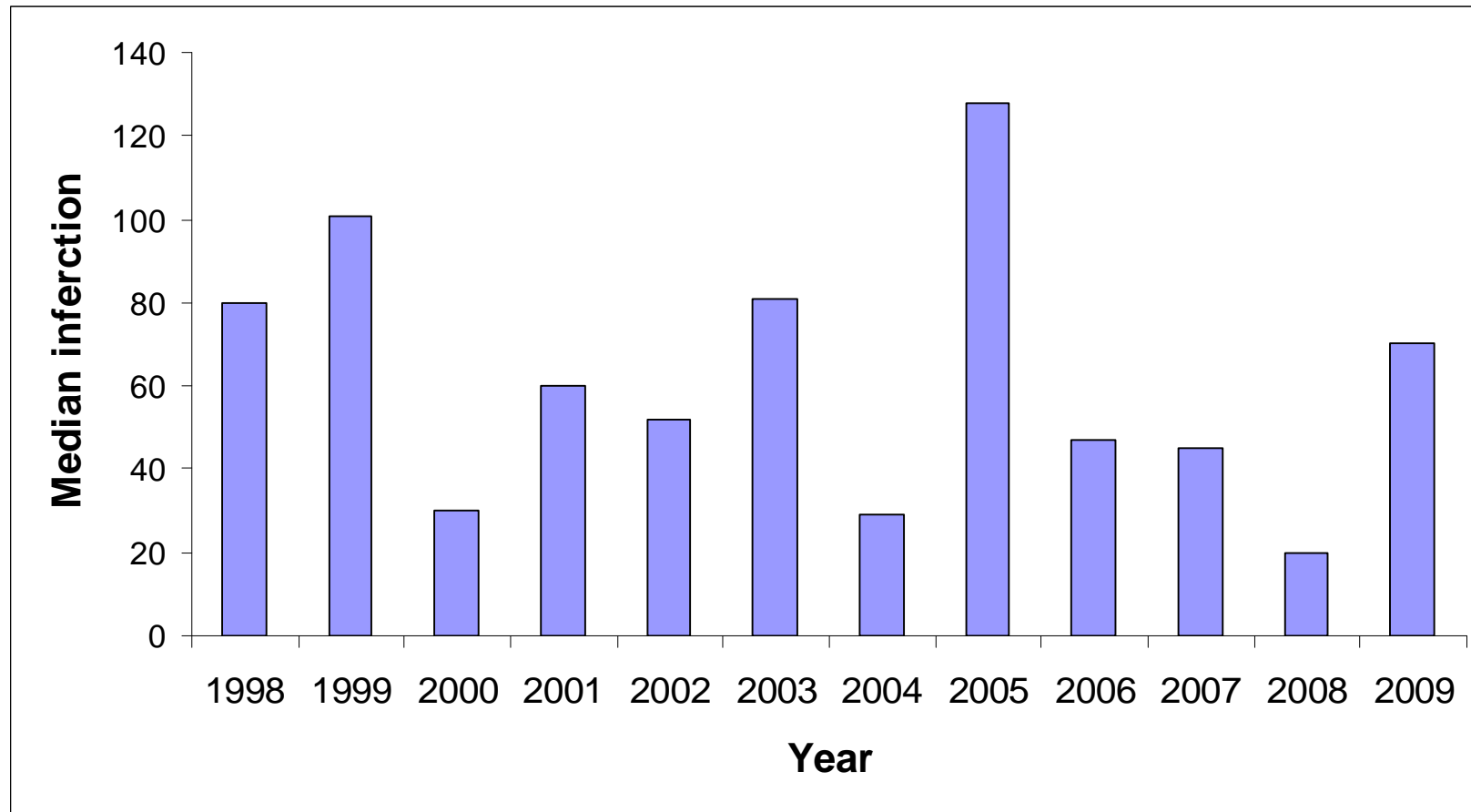


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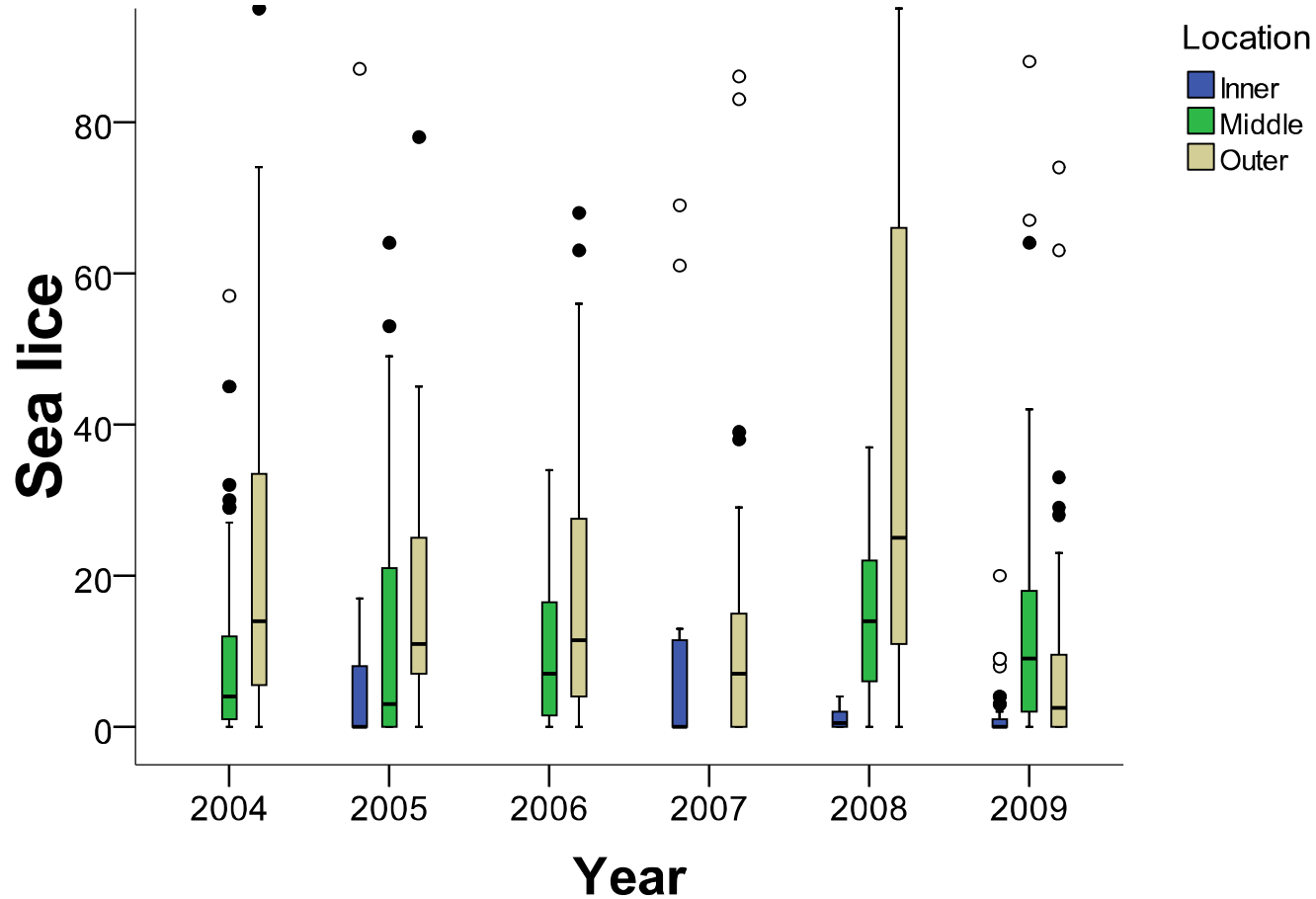
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Salmon lice infection in all premature returned sea trout to five pooled Hardangerfjord rivers (inner, middle and outer fjord) 1998-2009



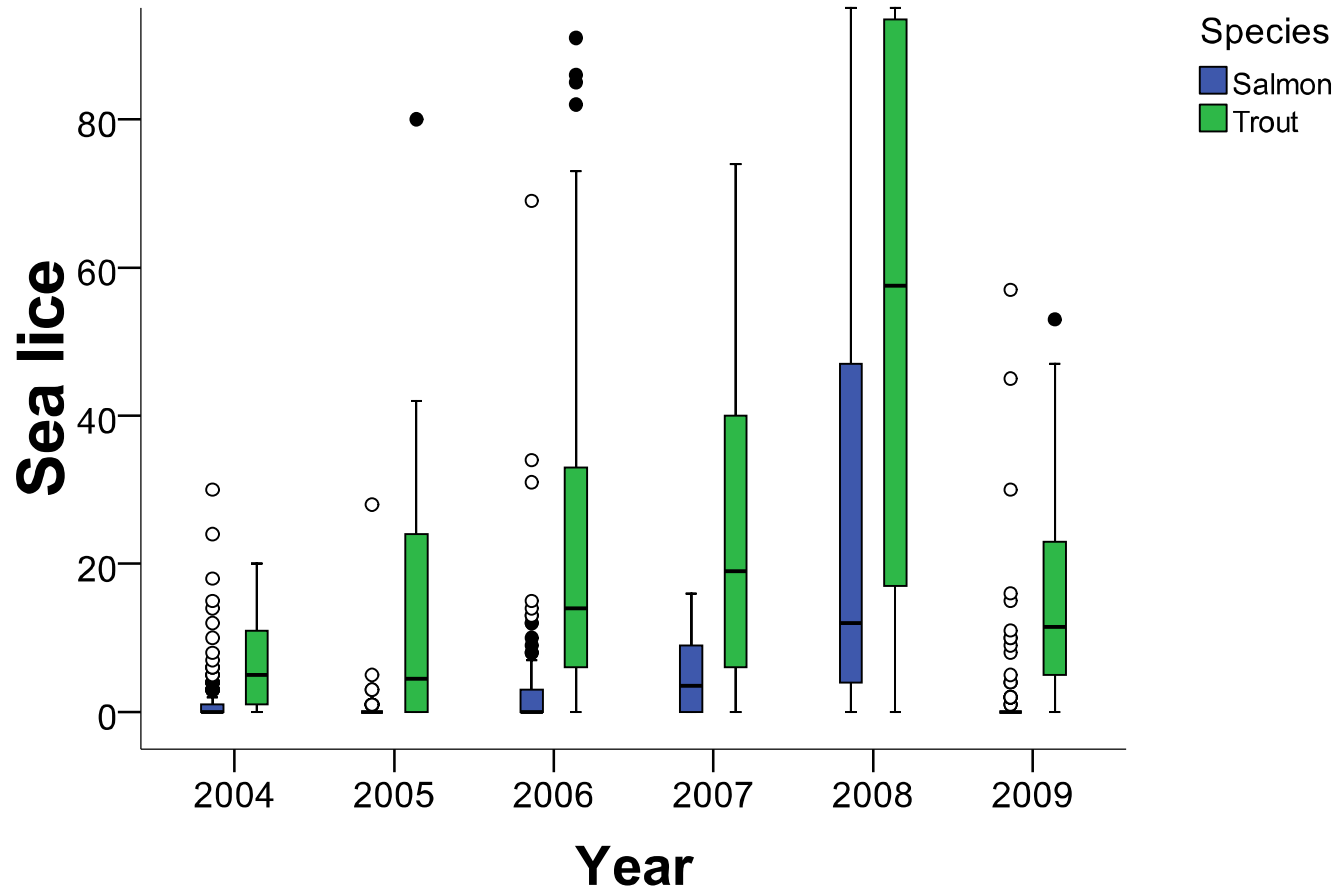
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Median salmon lice infection in all (abundance) wild sea trout captured by gill nets in inner, middle and outer Hardangerfjord 2004-2009



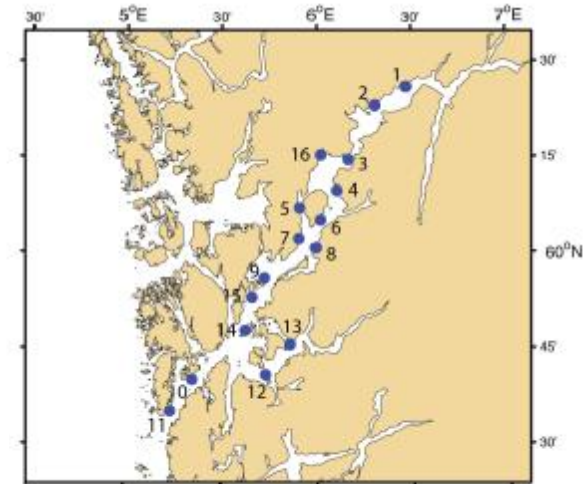
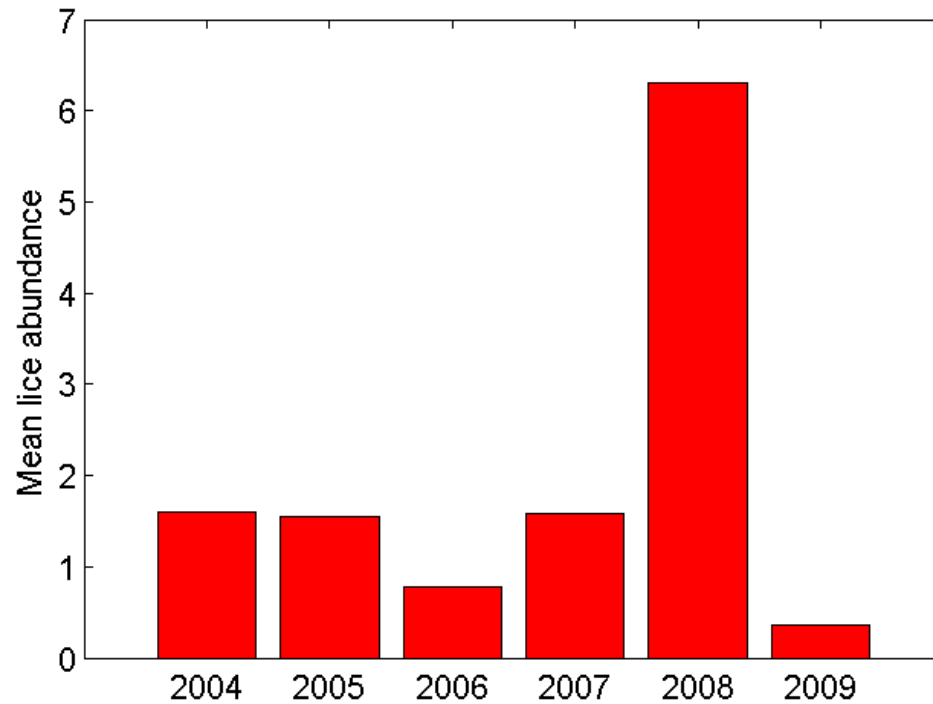
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Median salmon lice infection in all (abundance) salmon and sea trout smolts captured by trawl in middle and outer Hardangerfjord 2004-2009



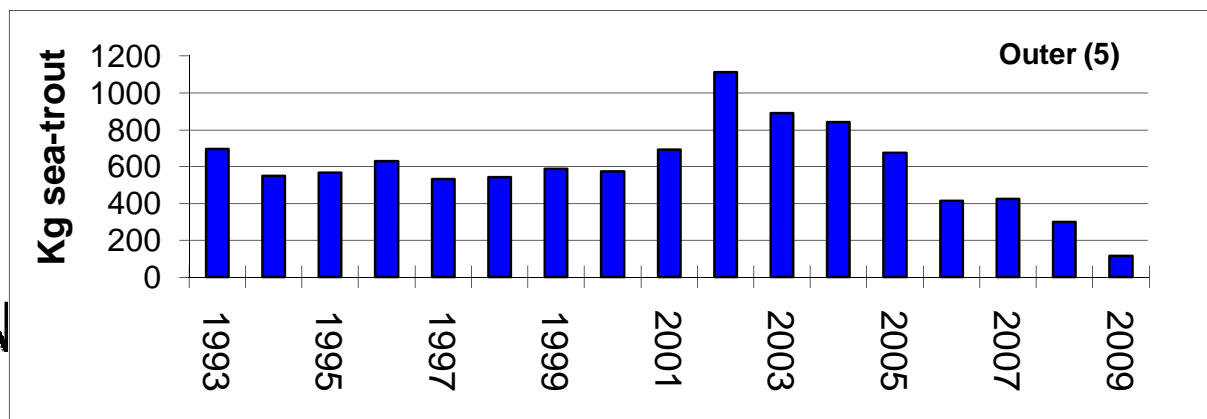
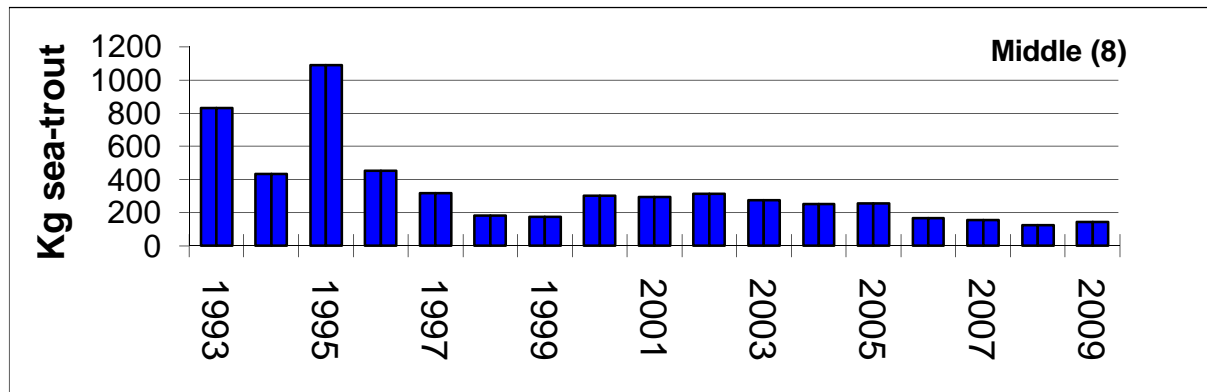
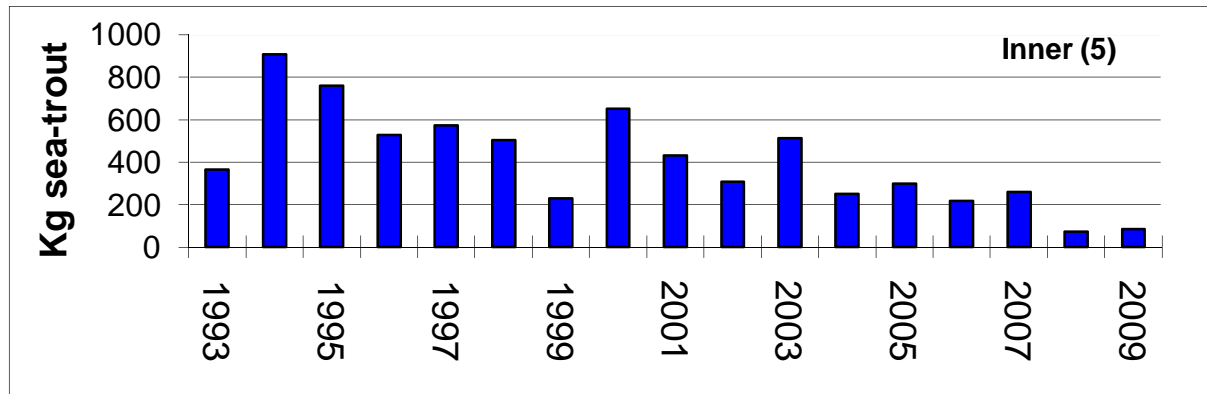
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Mean salmon lice infection (abundance) in cages with hatchery reared salmon smolts in Hardangerfjord 2004-2009



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Capture statistics in inner, middle and outer Hardangerfjord rivers 1993 -2009



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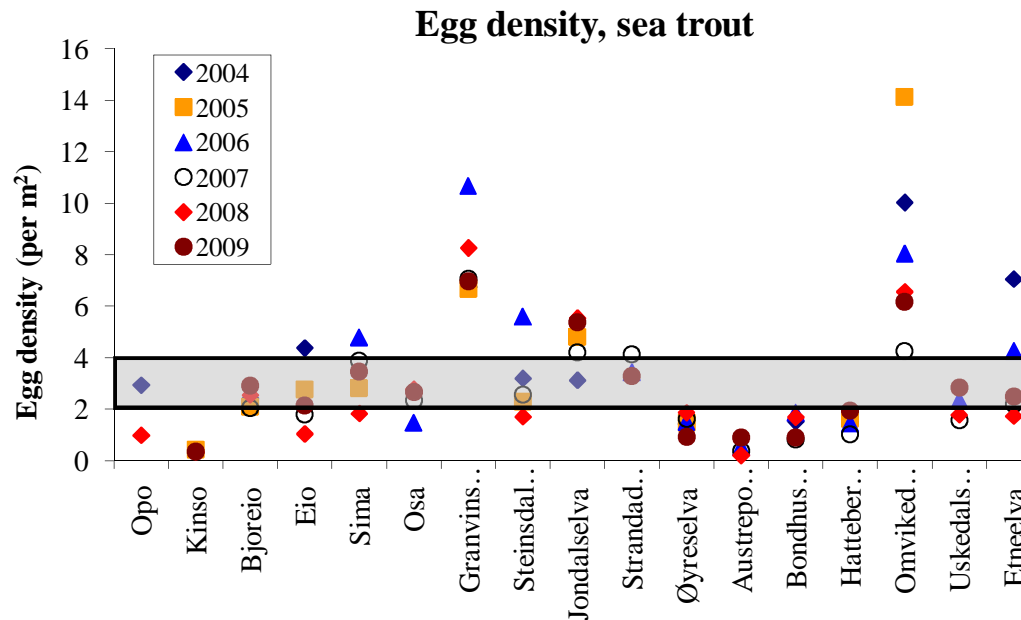
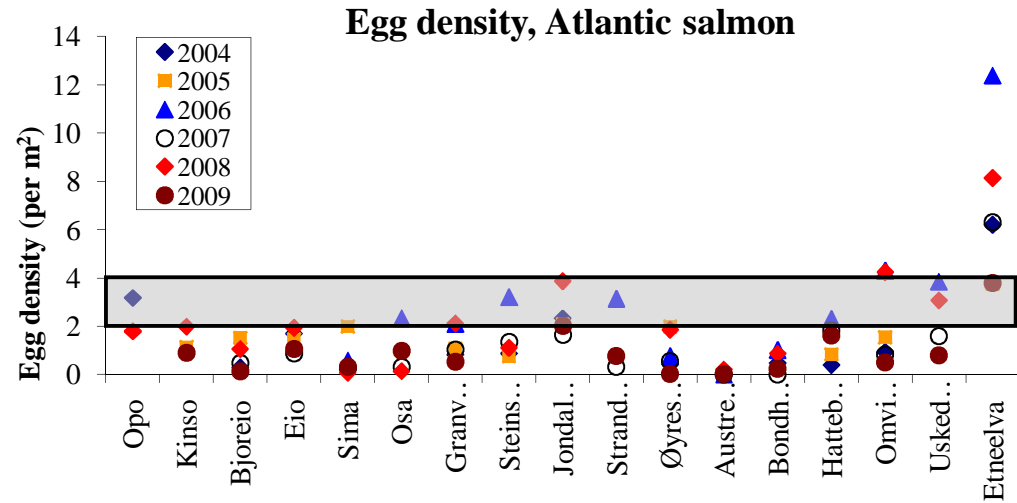
Return rates to the river Guddal trap, middle Hardangerfjord 2004 -2009 in lice protected and control groups



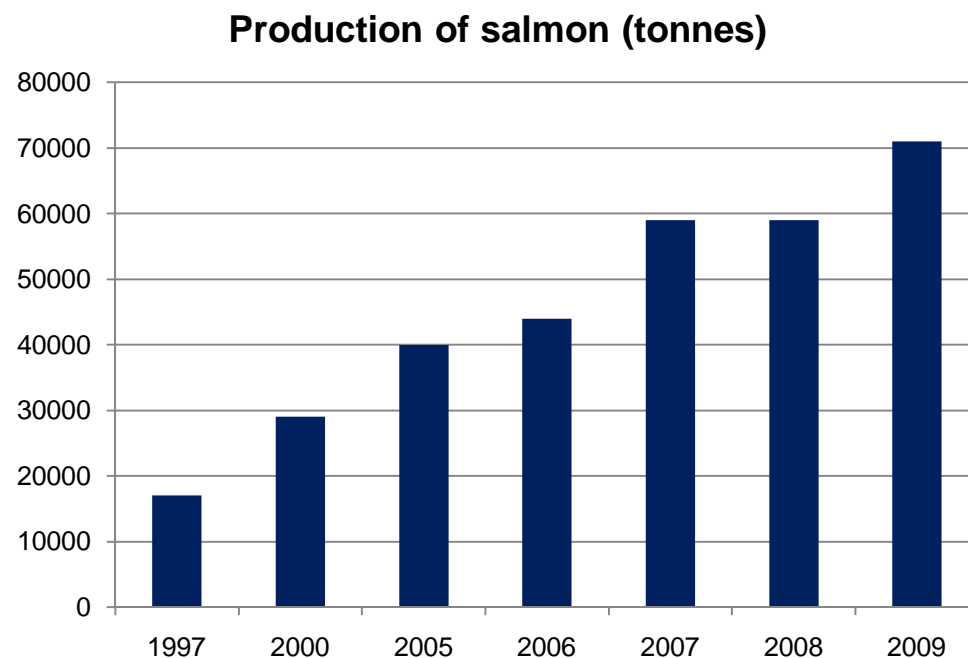
	Released	Recapture (%)
Protected	705	21 (3.0)
Control	1132	20 (1.8)

3) The Hardangerfjord salmon lice project.

Egg density in inner, middle and outer Hardangerfjord rivers 2004 -2009



The Hardangerfjord salmon lice project: Overall conclusion:



The positive effects of the strategic delousing programme, have been “eaten up” by the increase in production between 2004-2009
At the moment, it is difficult to see how this level of salmon production (especially in worst years) can coexists with sustainable populations of wild salmonids (especially sea trout)

Modellert spredning i Hardangerfjorden

200 lakselus er sluppet ut i samme posisjon ved tre tidspunkt i 2007. 10 dagers spredning er simulert:

1.-10. mai ●

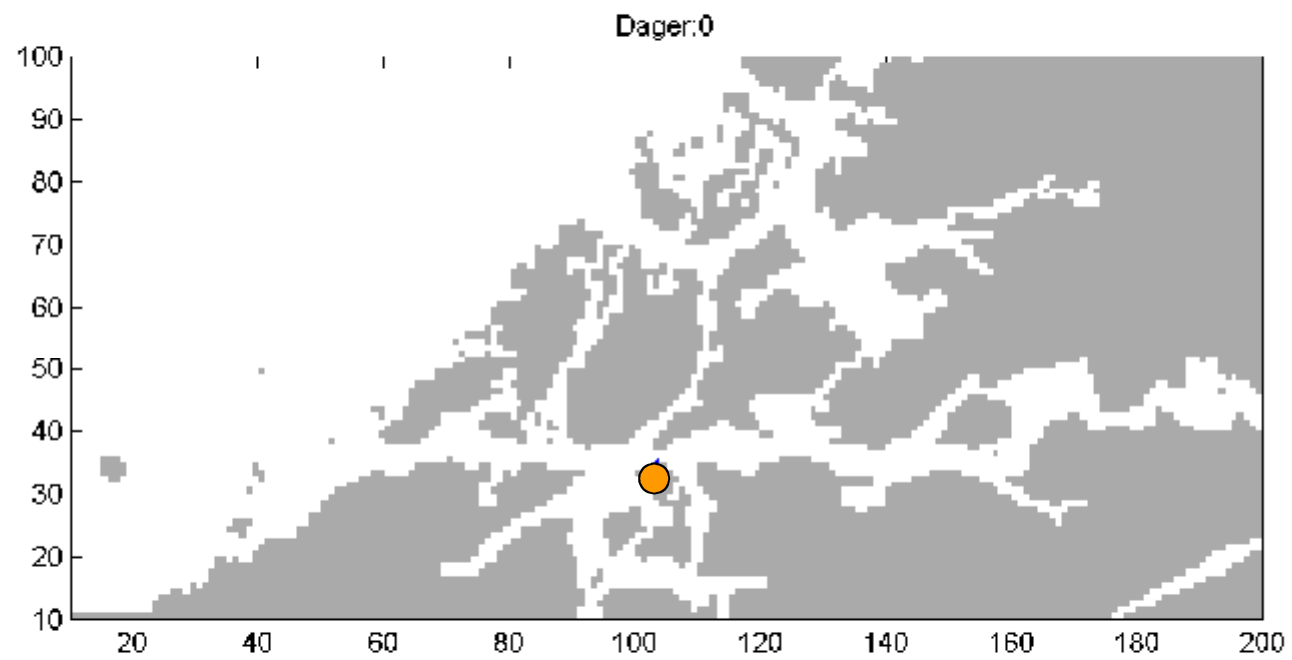
5.-15. mai ●

10.-20. mai ●

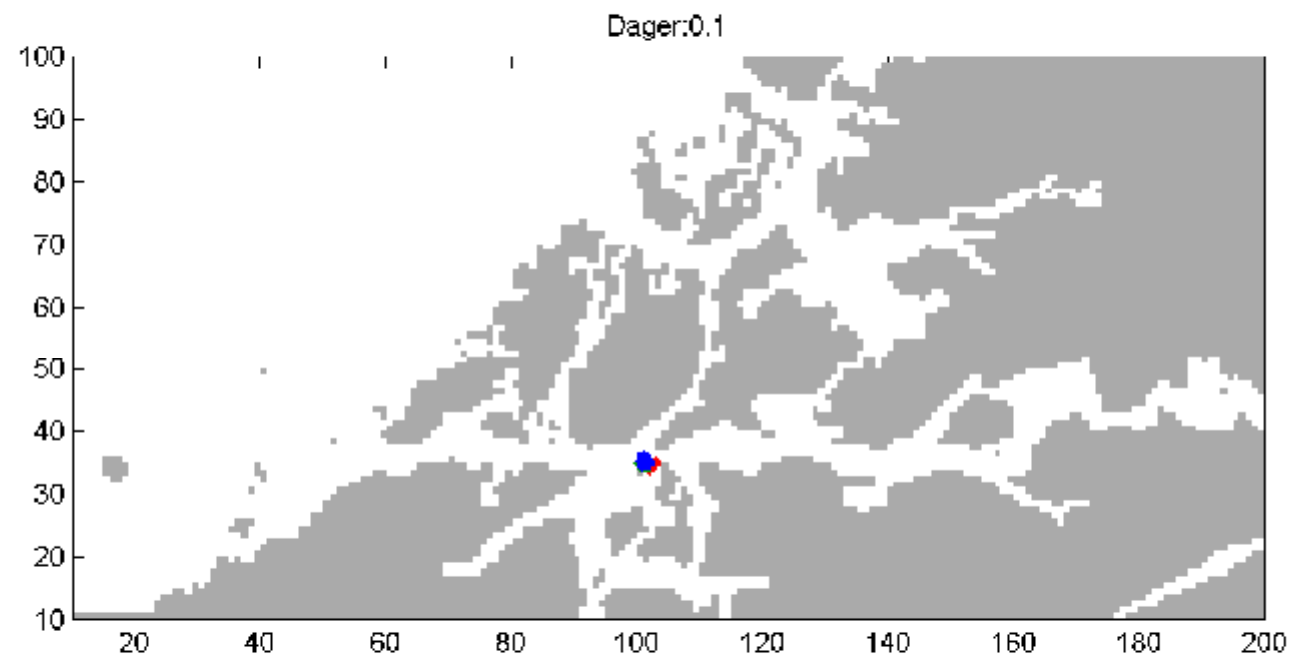
Den modellerte lakselusen spres basert på realistisk strøm for den aktuelle 10-dagers perioden.

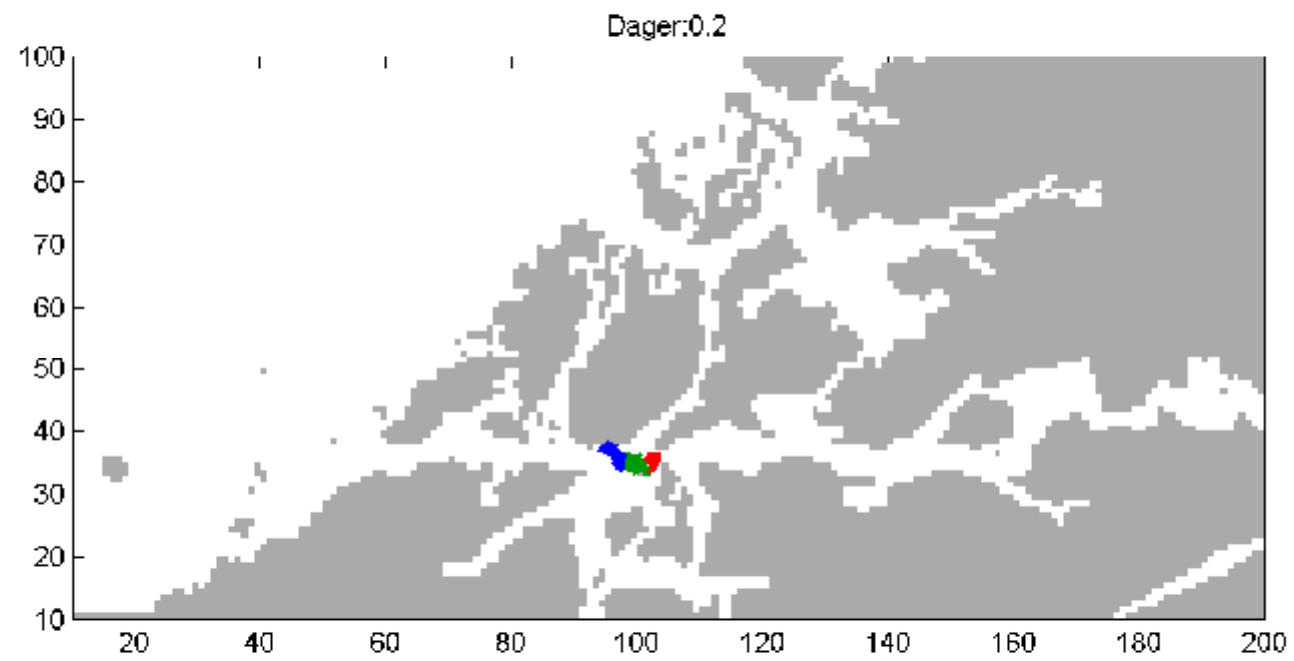
Dette illustrerer den store naturlige variabiliteten i tid

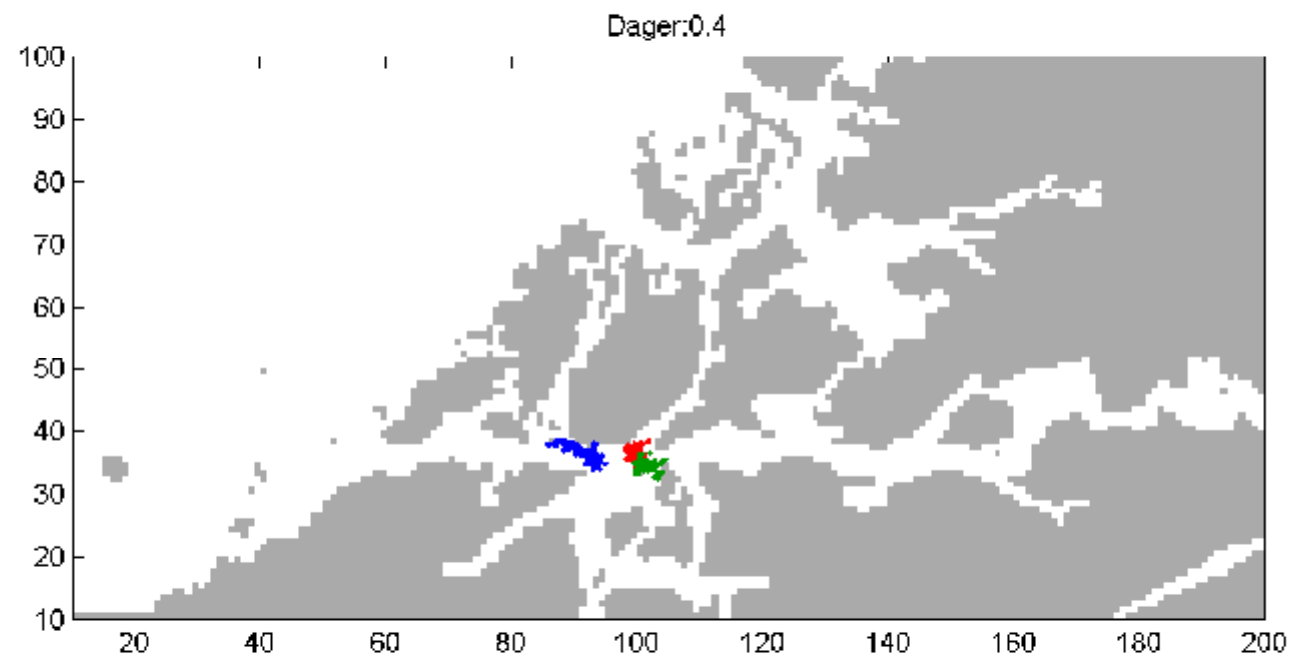


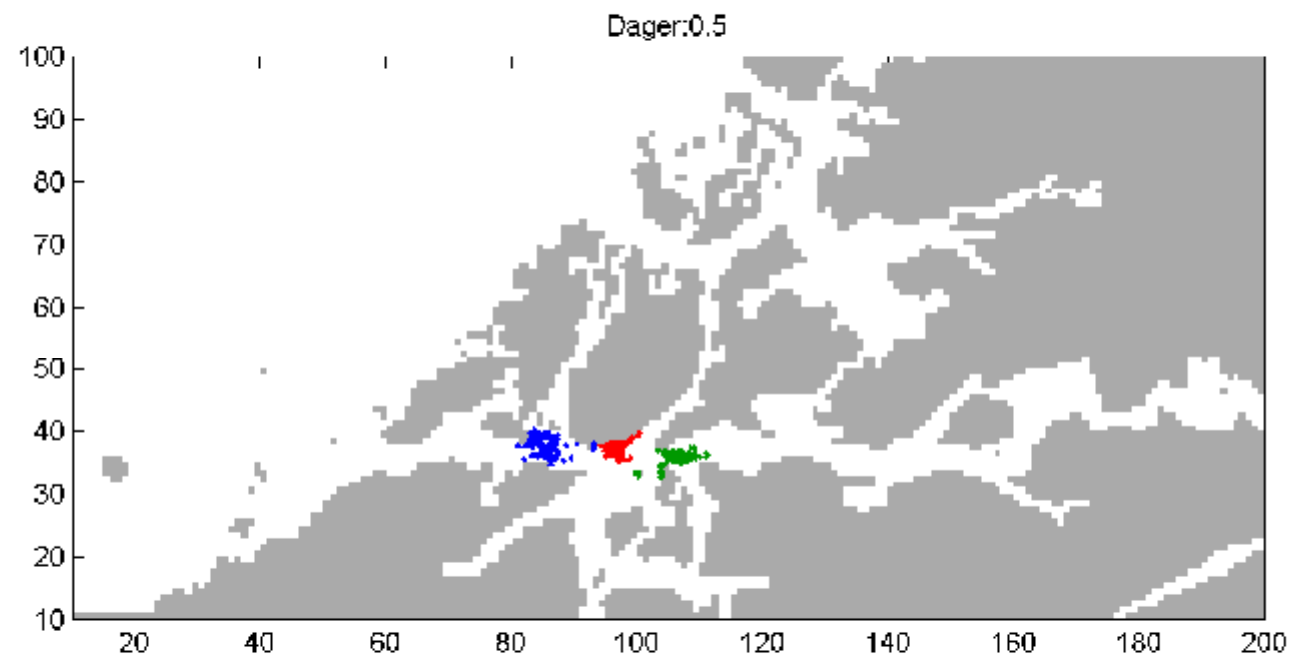


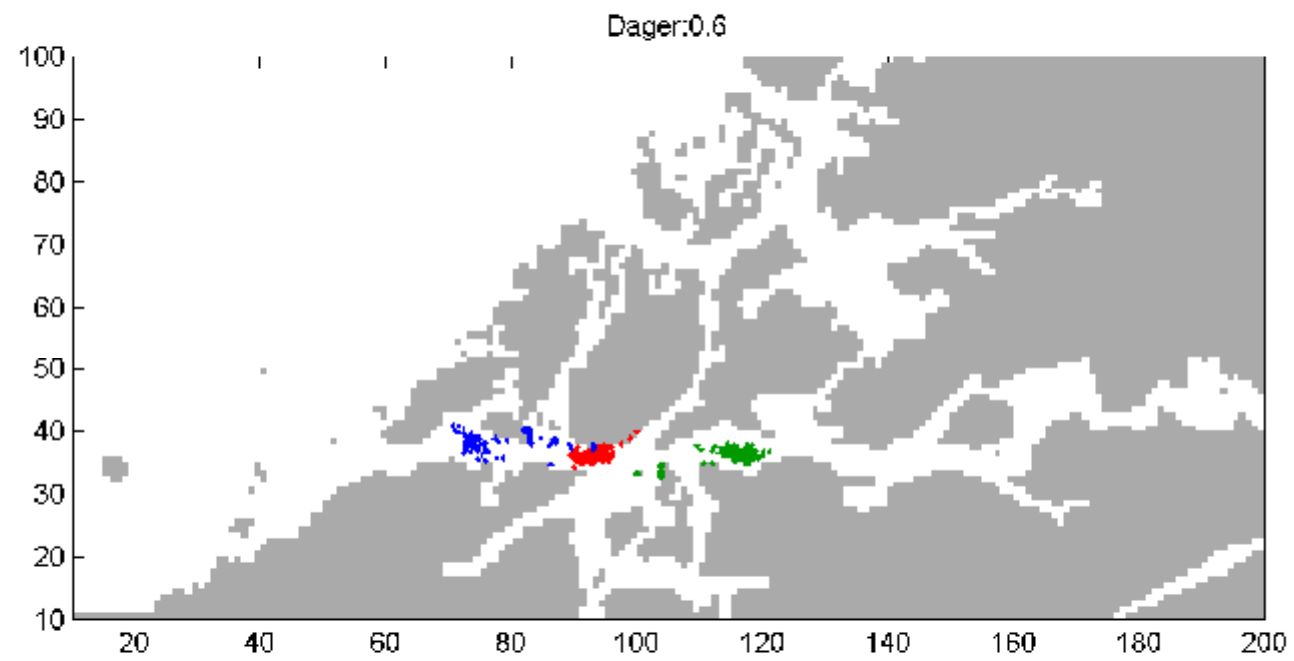
● **Utslippspunkt**

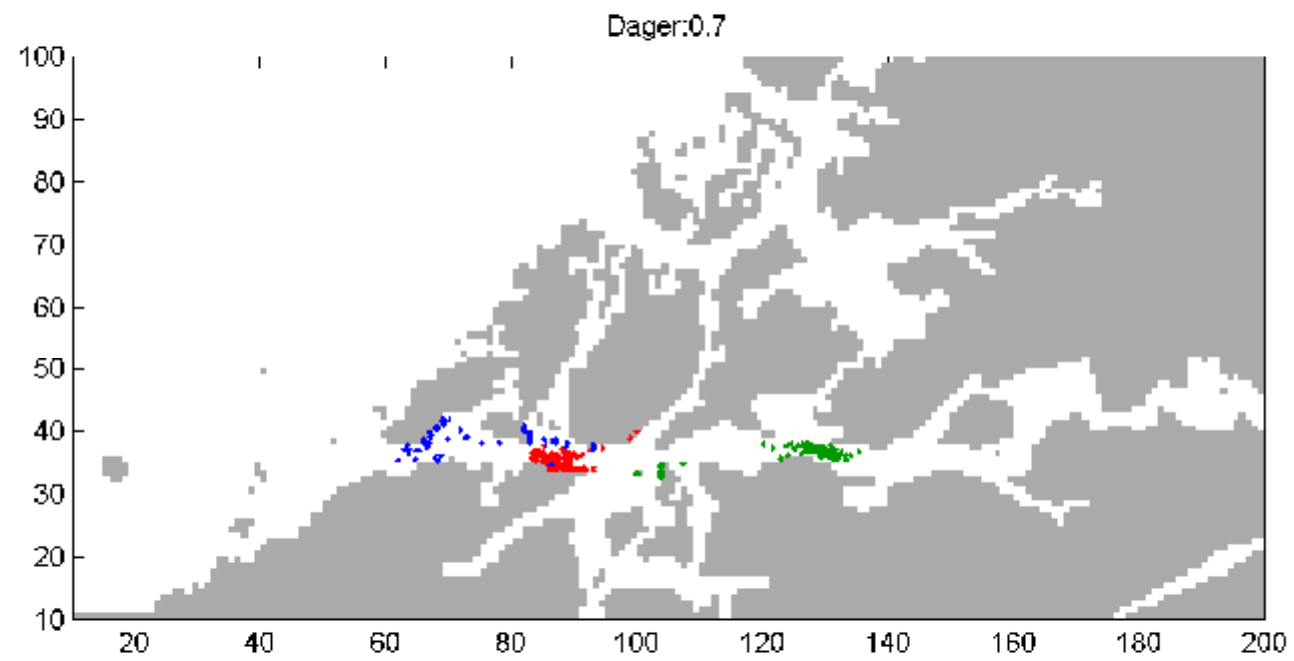


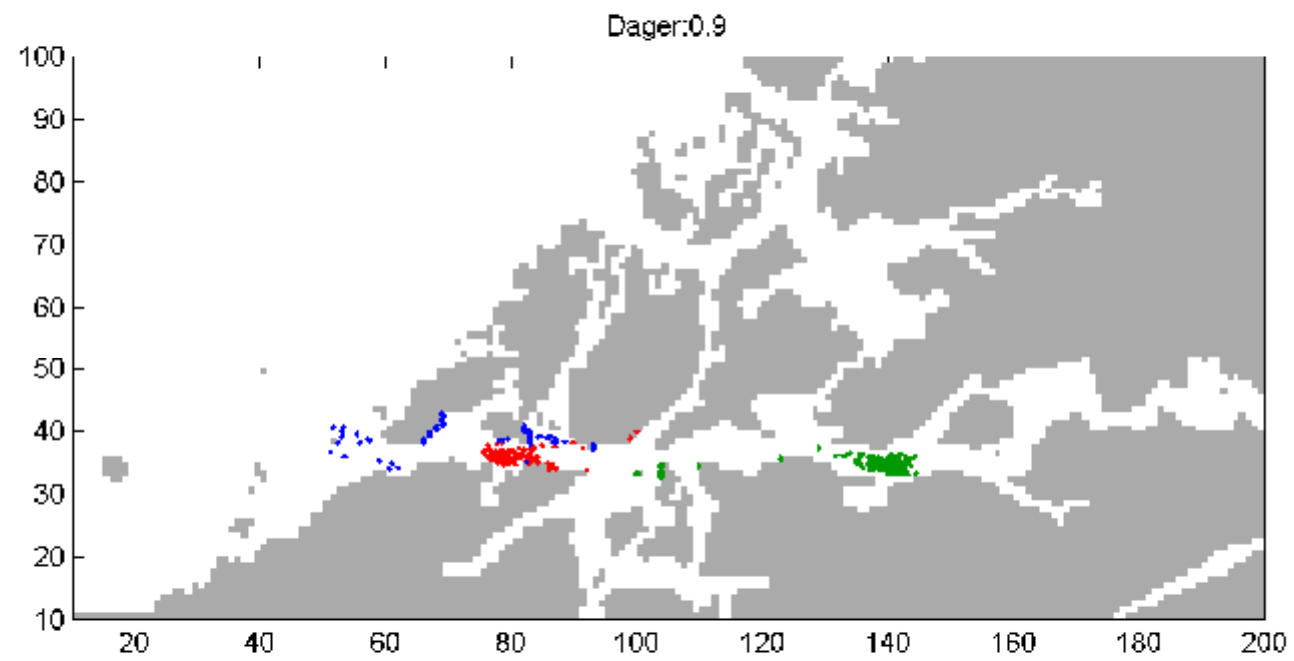






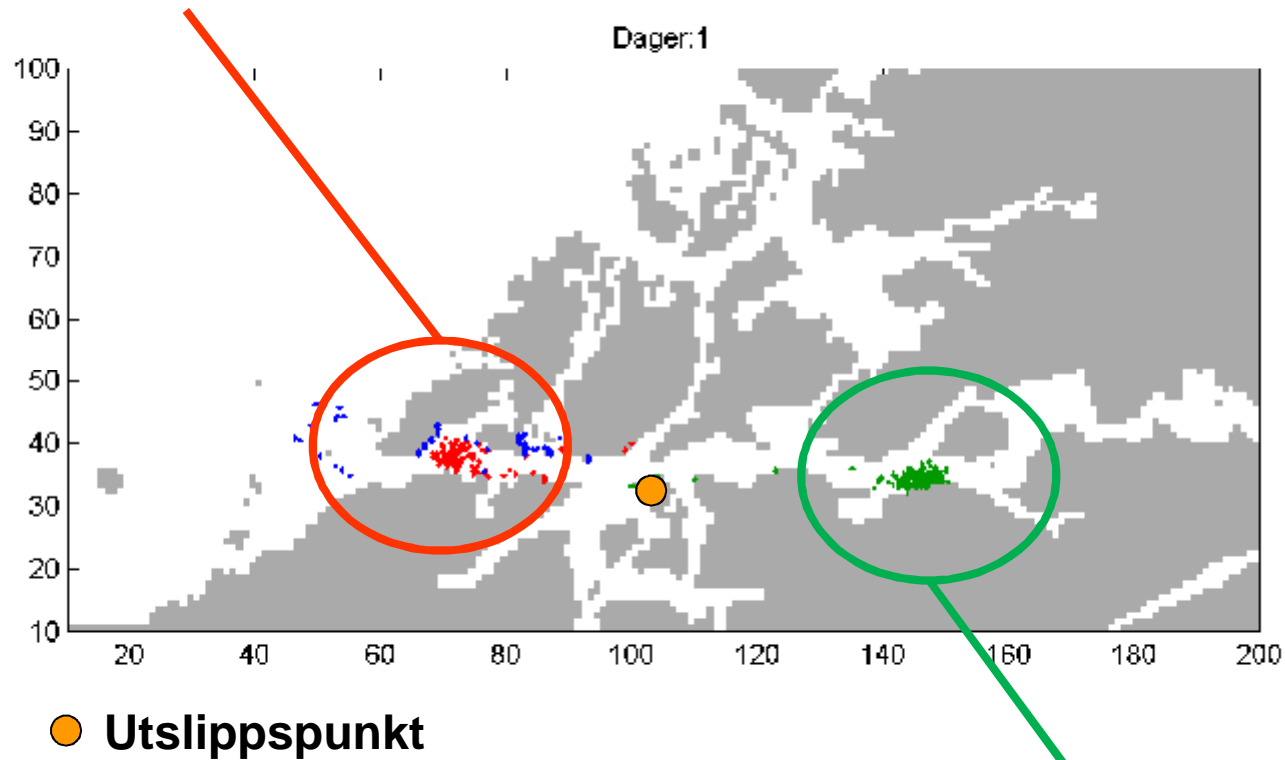






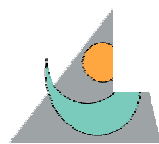
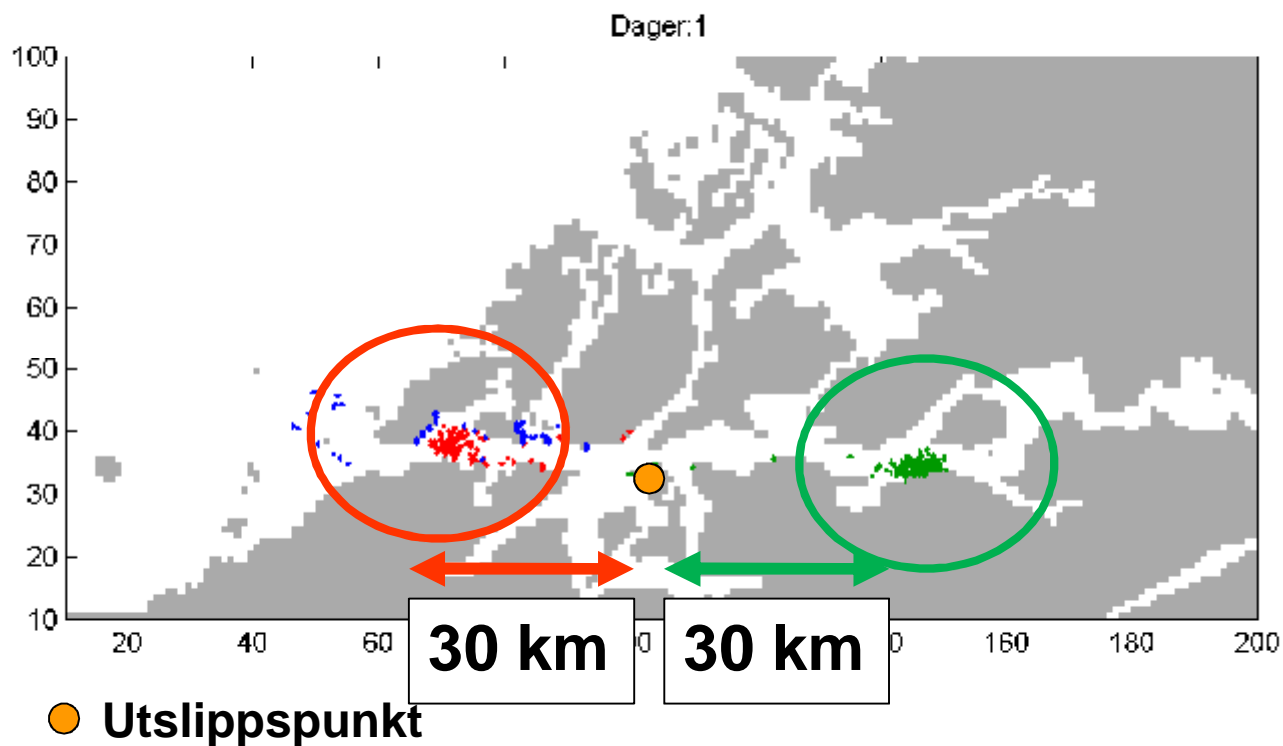
Spredning etter 1 dag fra samme posisjon

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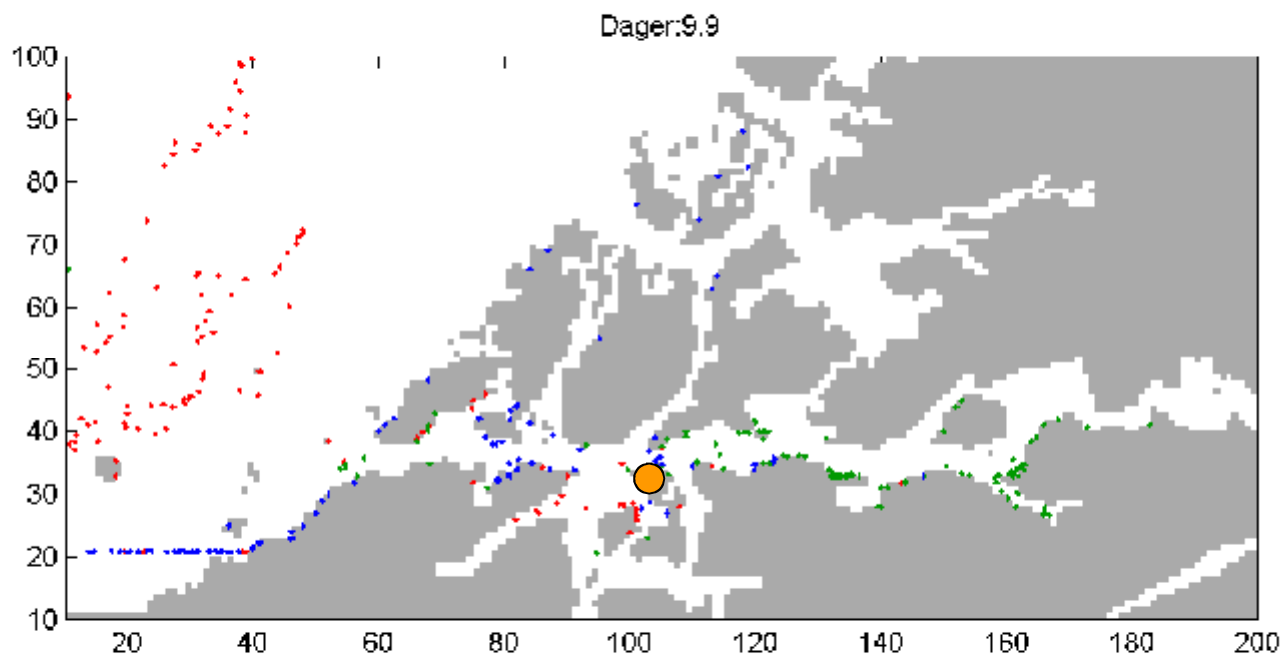
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Lakselusa har spredt seg ca. 30 km på 24 timer som gir en adveksjonshastighet på 0.35 m/s.

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Spredning etter 10 dager fra samme posisjon



● Utslippspunkt

Lakselus sluppet 1. og 10. mai 2007 fordeler seg utover fjorde

Lakselus sluppet 5. mai 2007 fordeler seg innover fjorden.



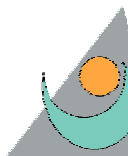
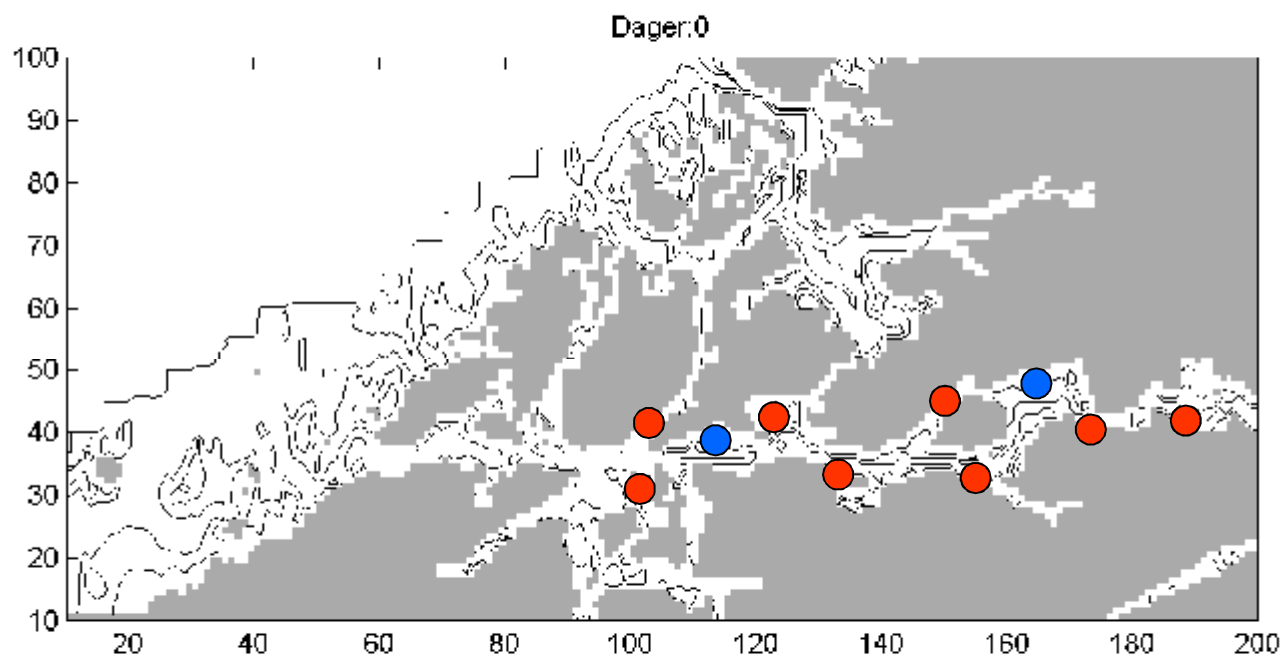
Resultater fra lakselusmodell 2

Illustrasjon av effekten ved å lage klynger av oppdrettsanlegg.



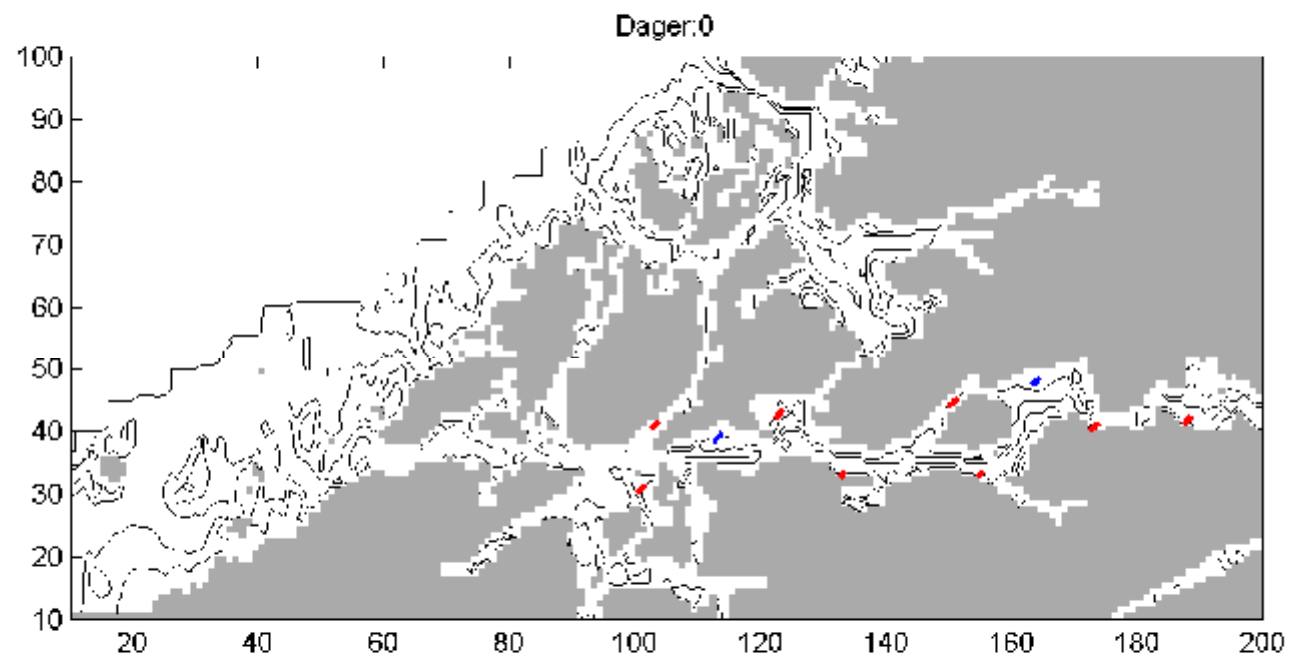
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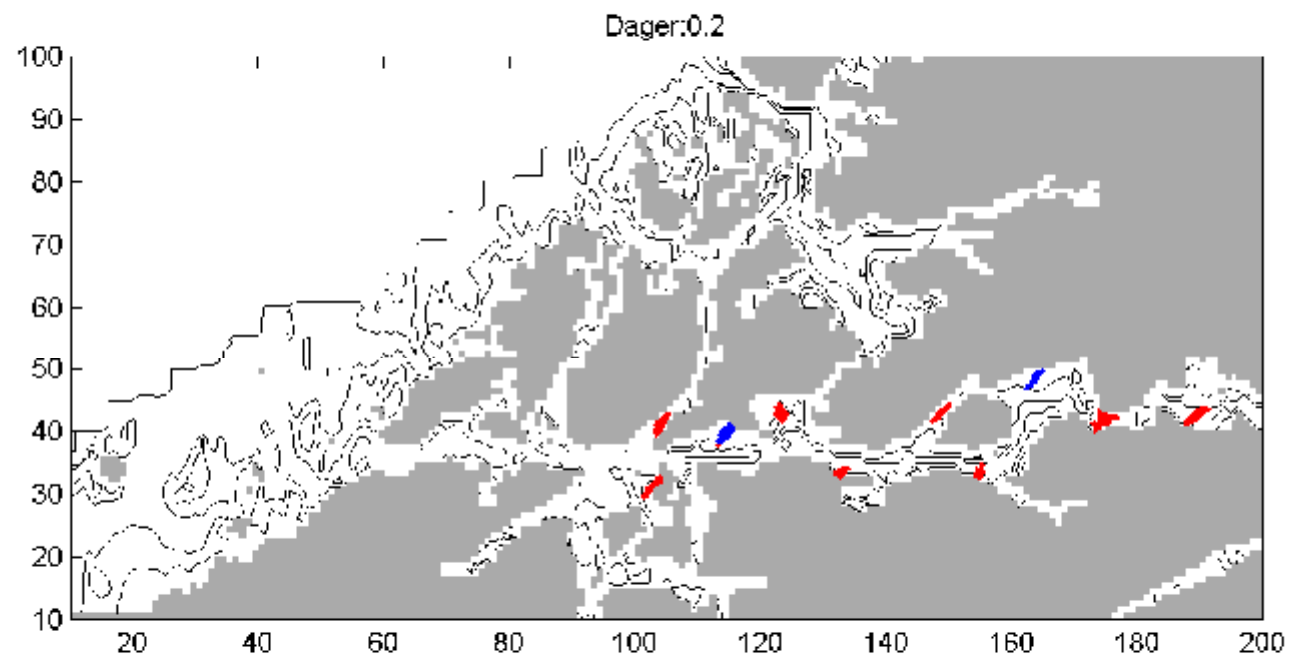
Totalt 2000 lakselus er spredt med realistisk strøm for period 1.– 20. mai 2007 fra henholdsvis 10 mindre anlegg eller 2 store klynger av anlegg.

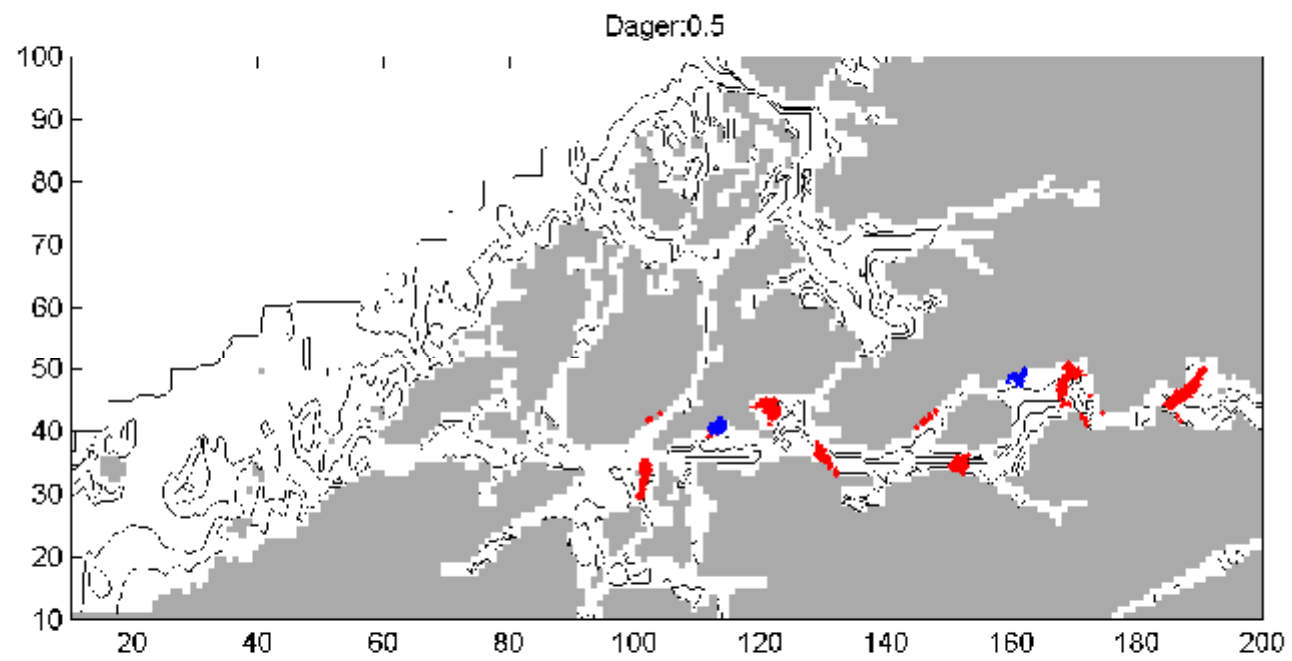


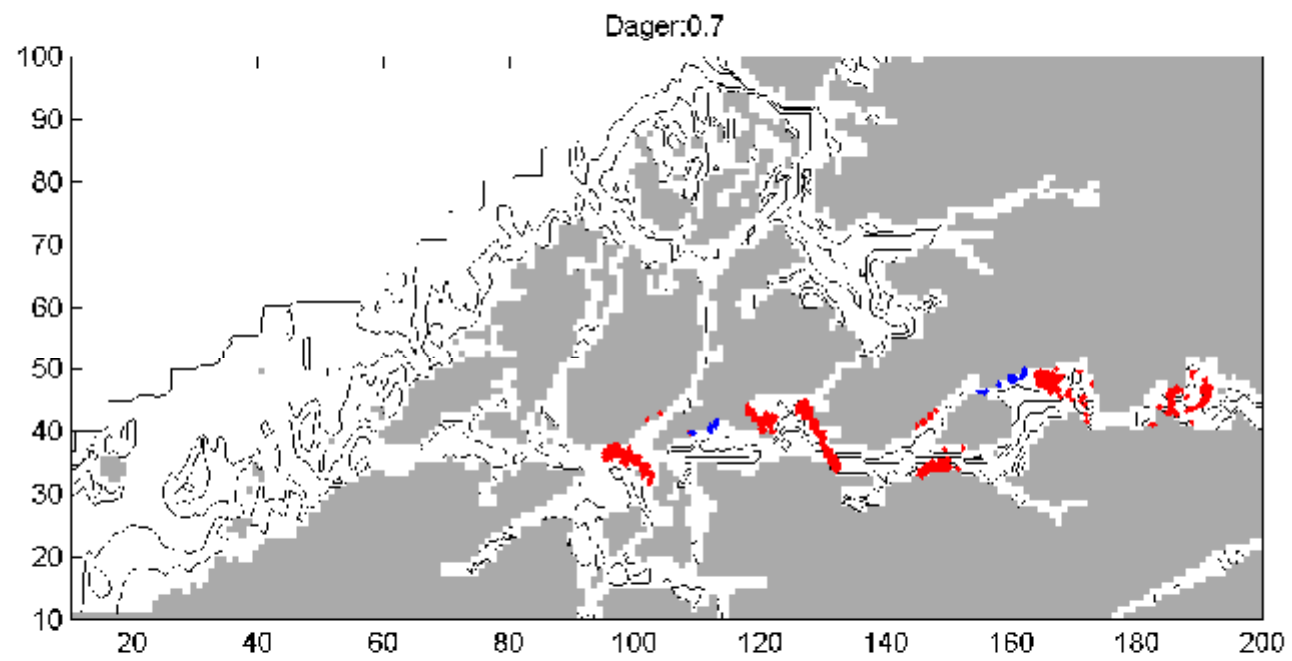
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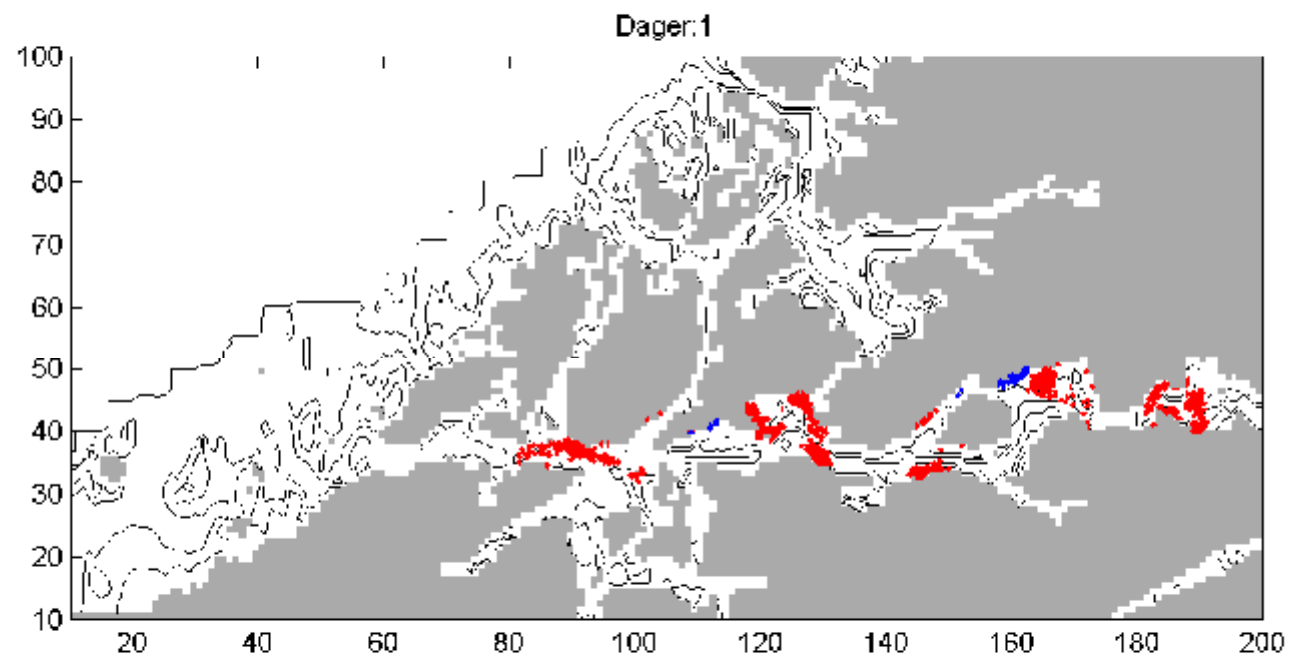
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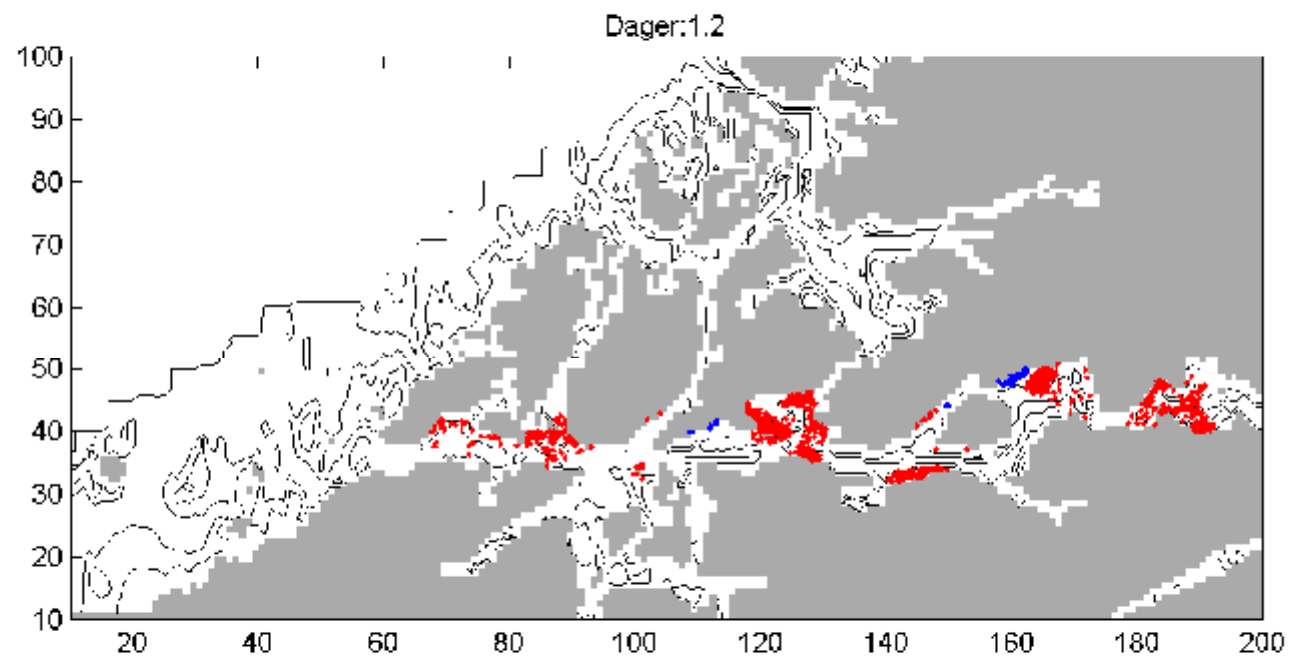


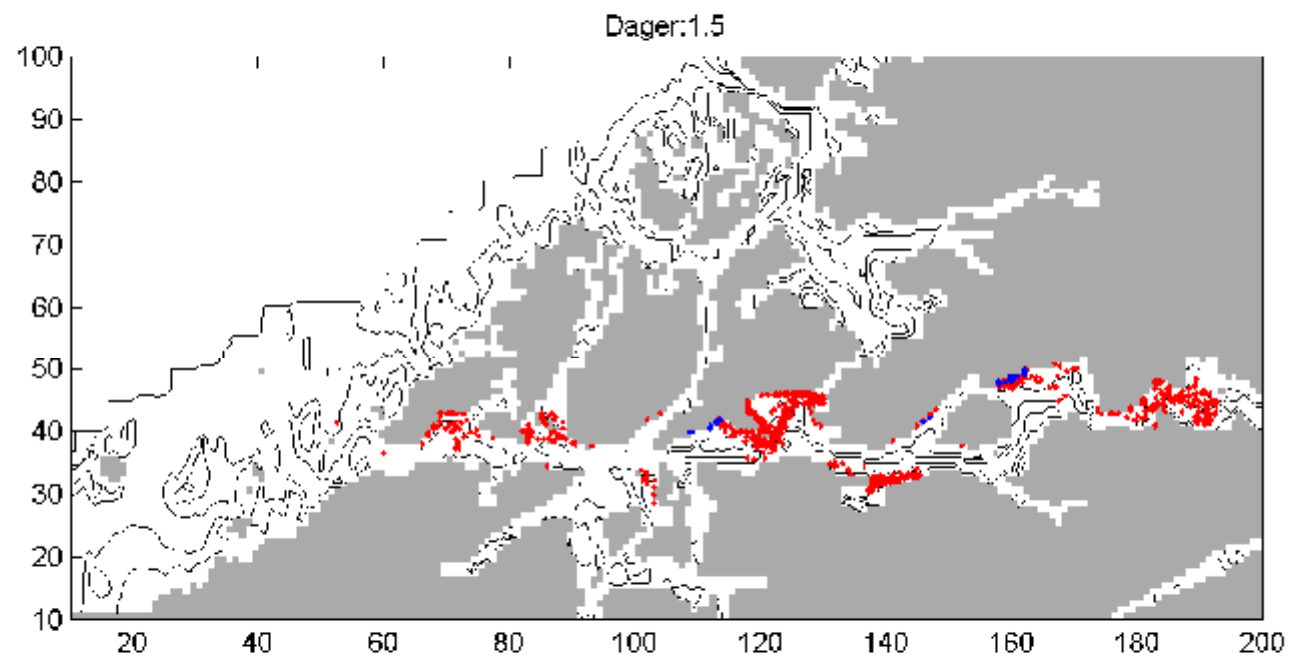


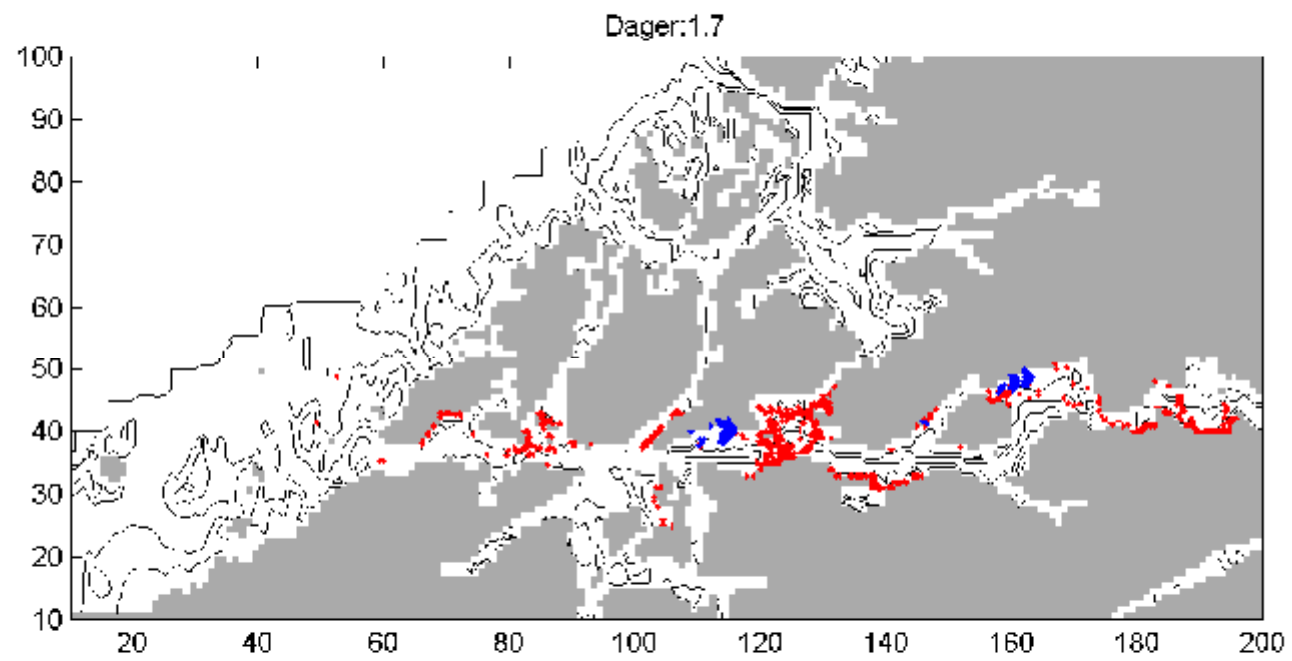


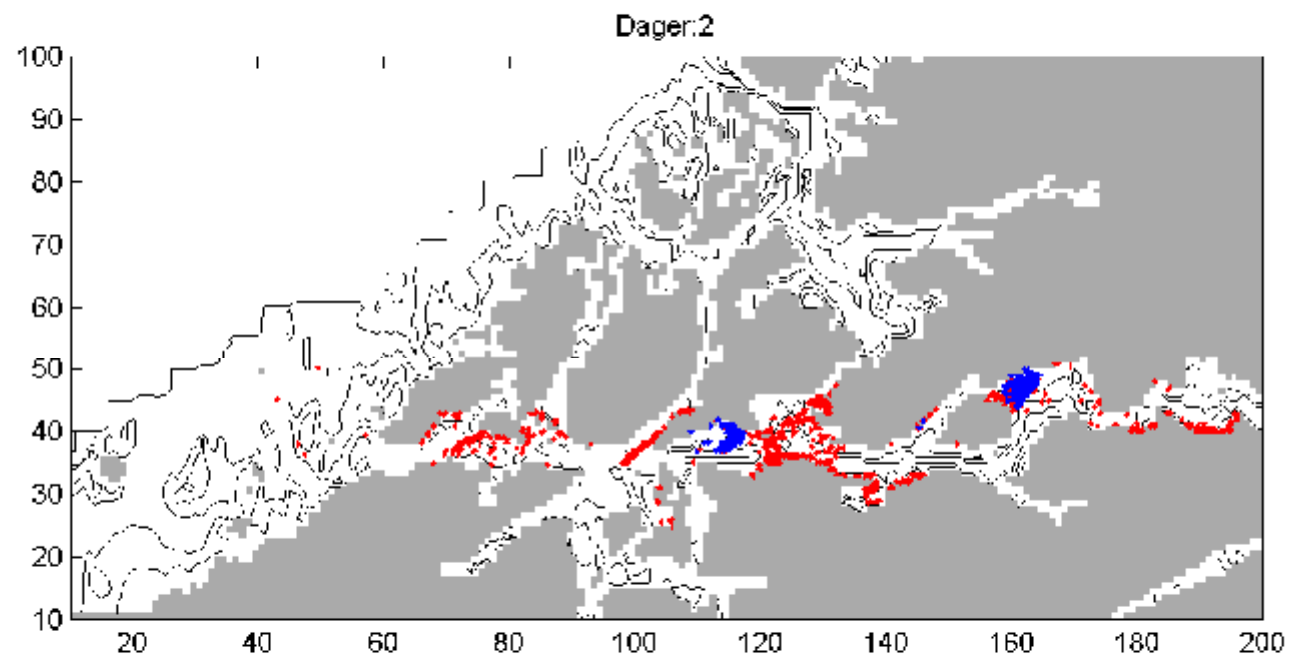


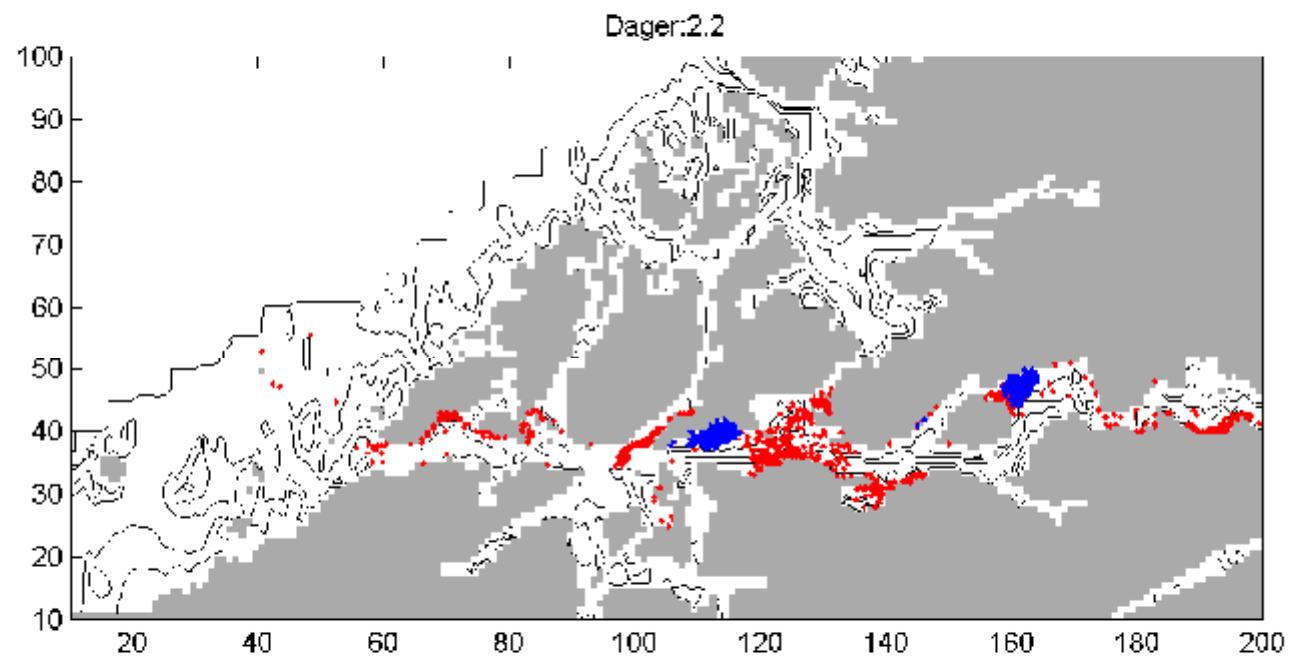


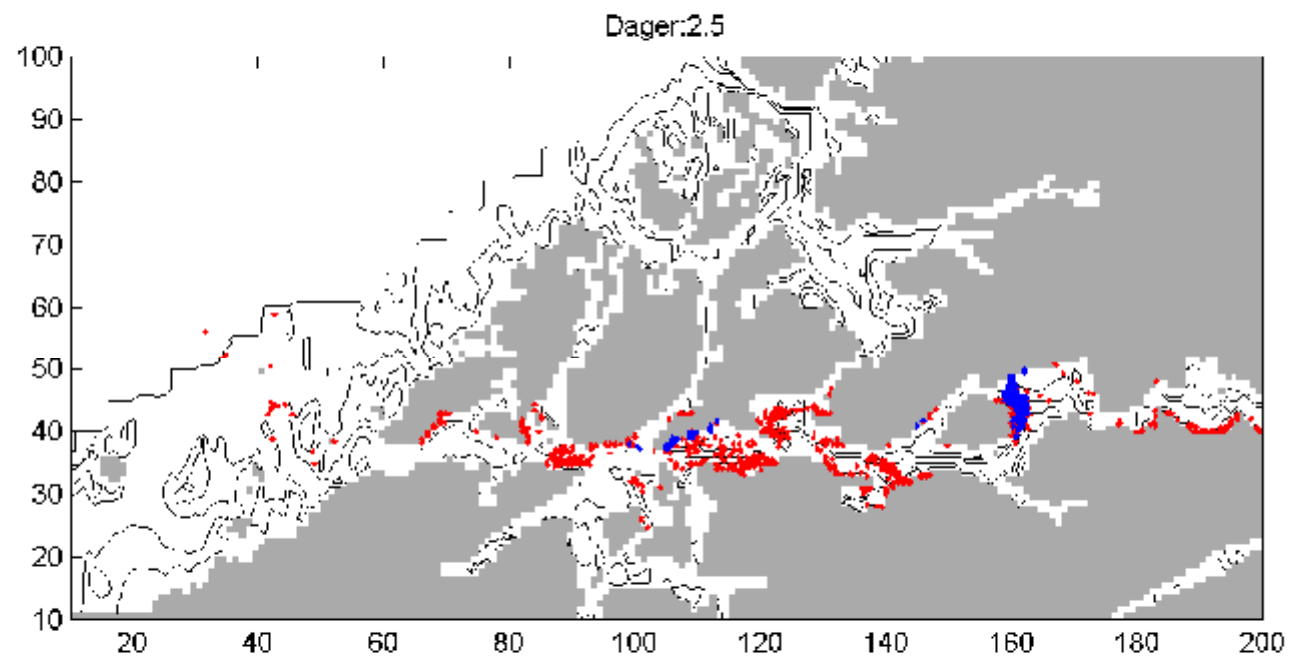


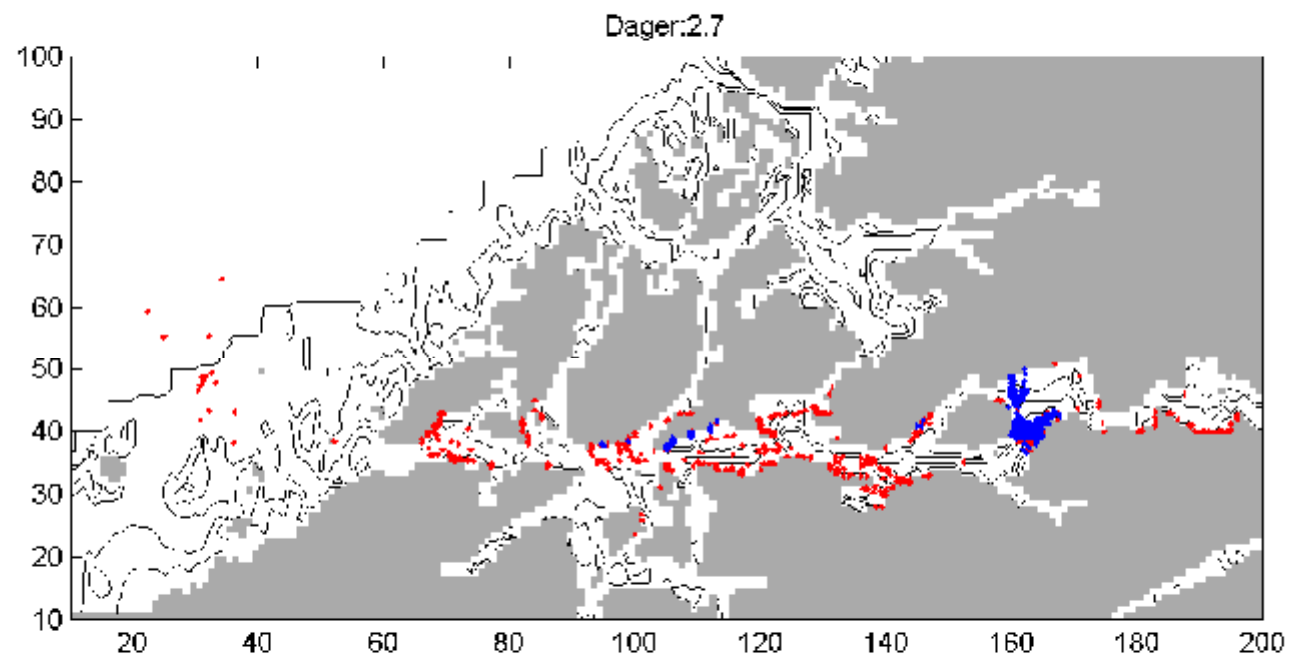


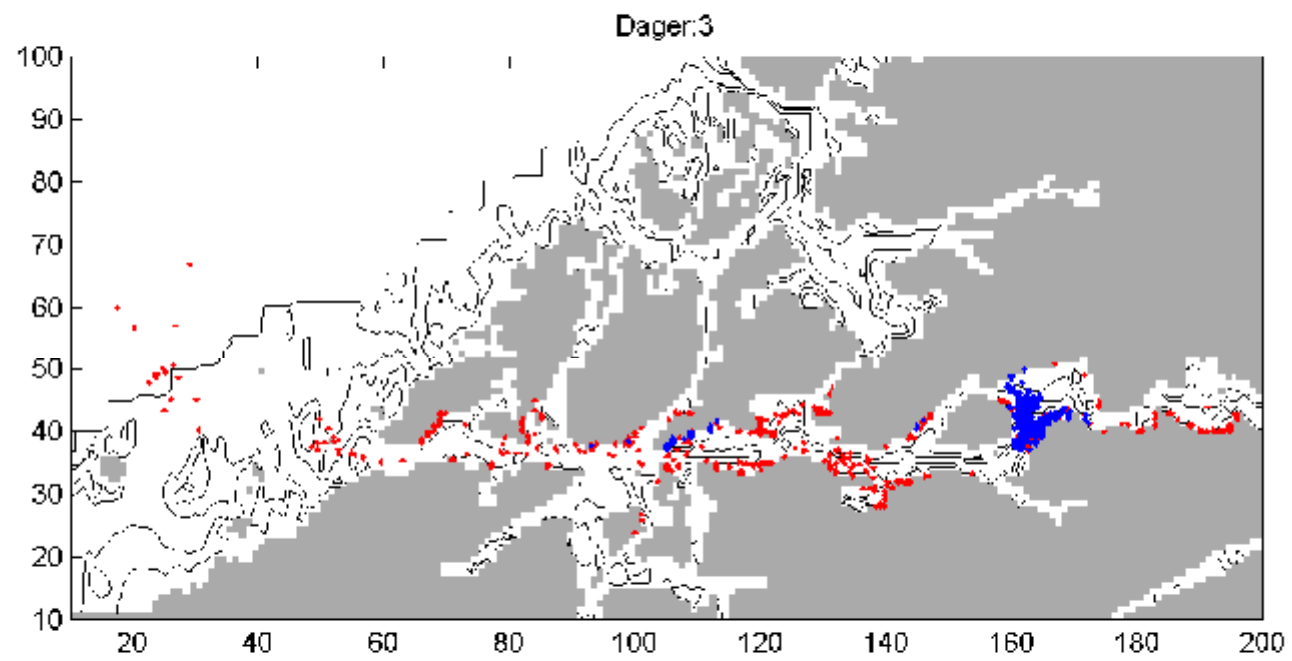


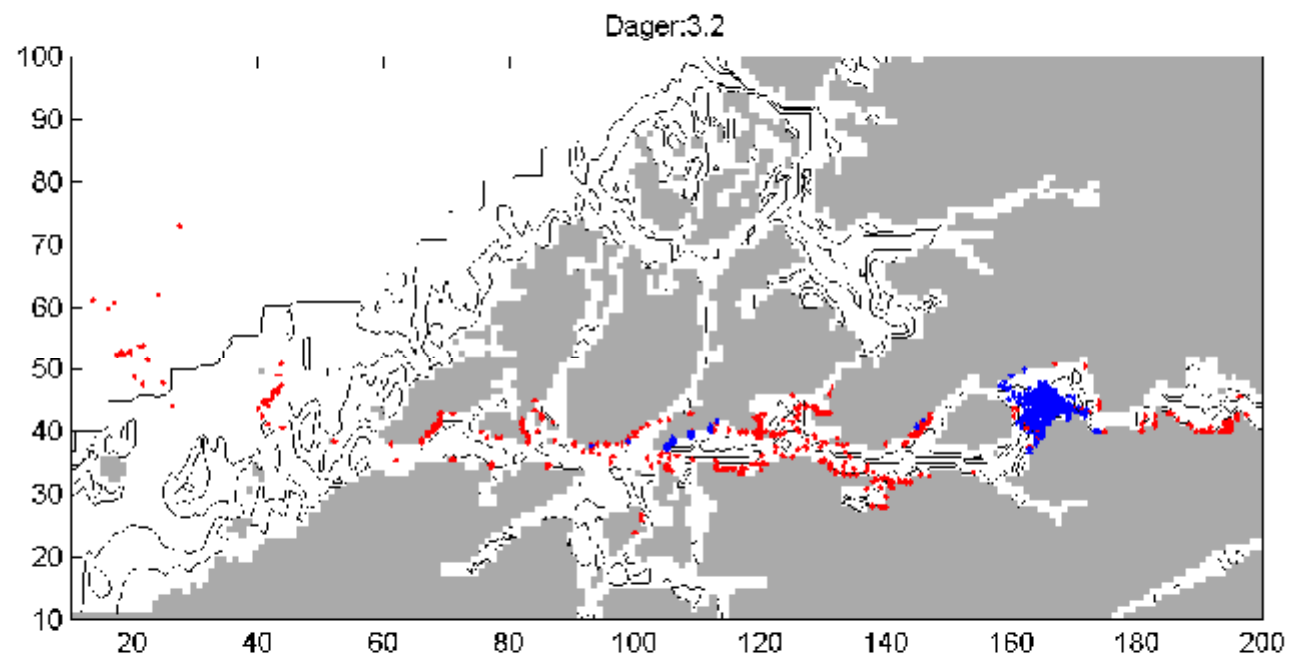


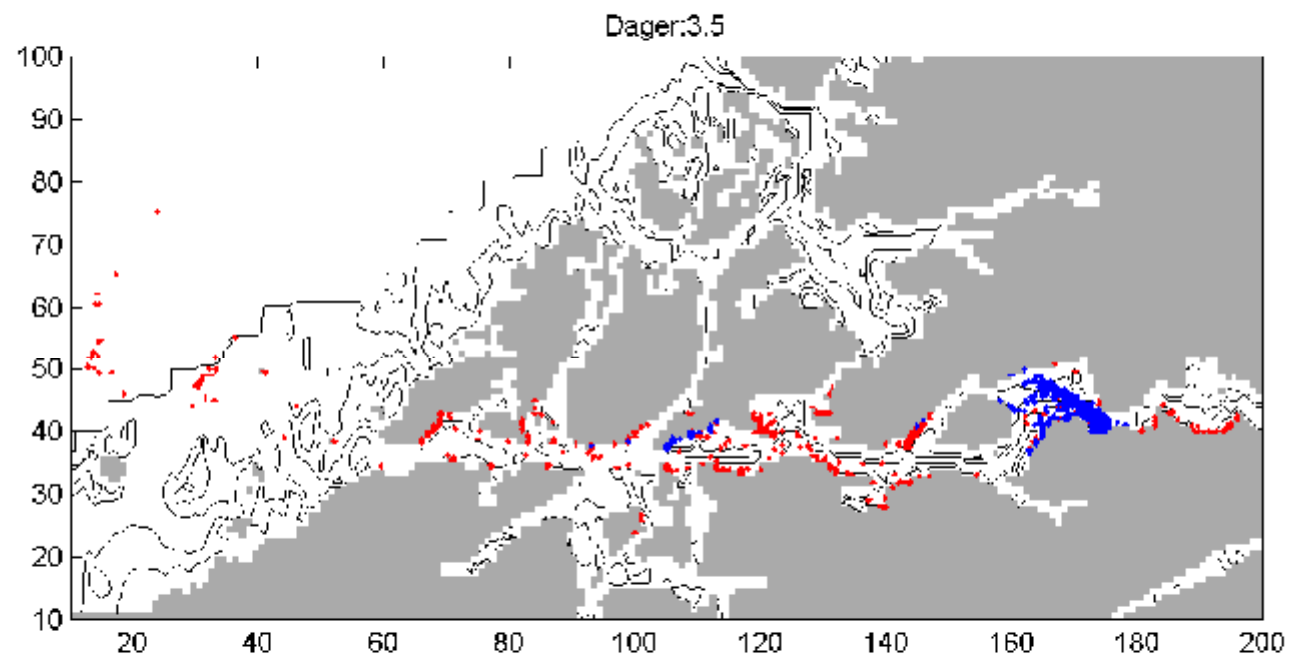


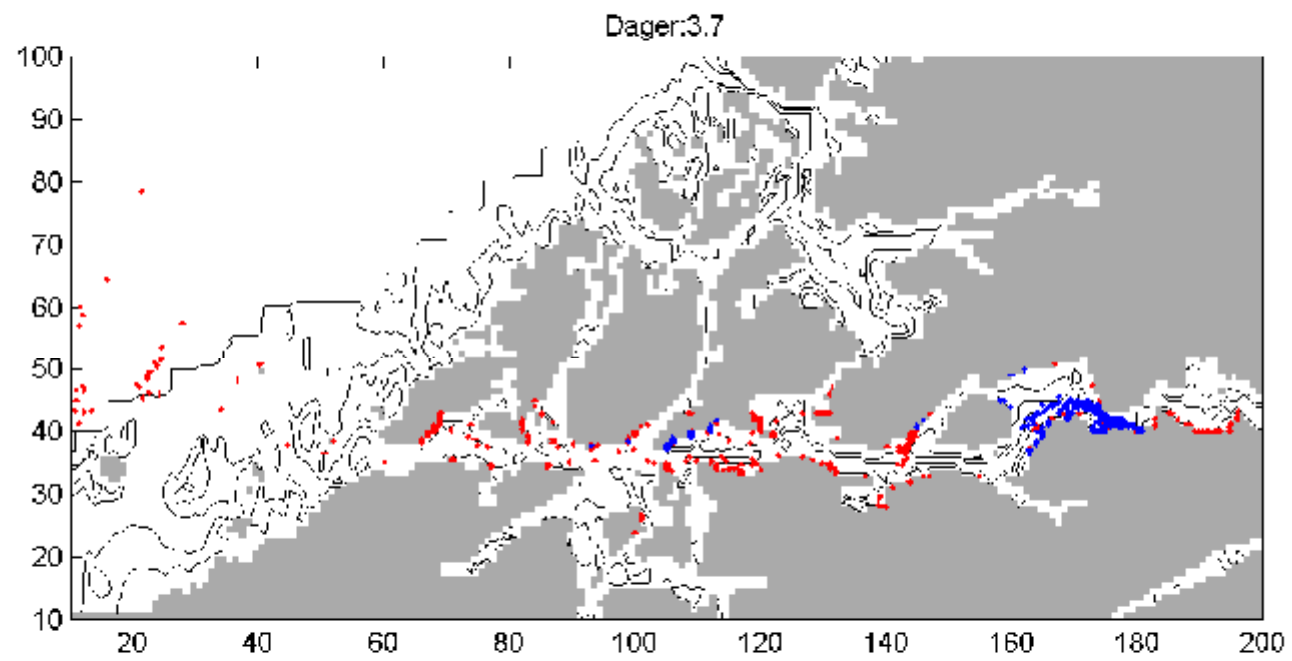


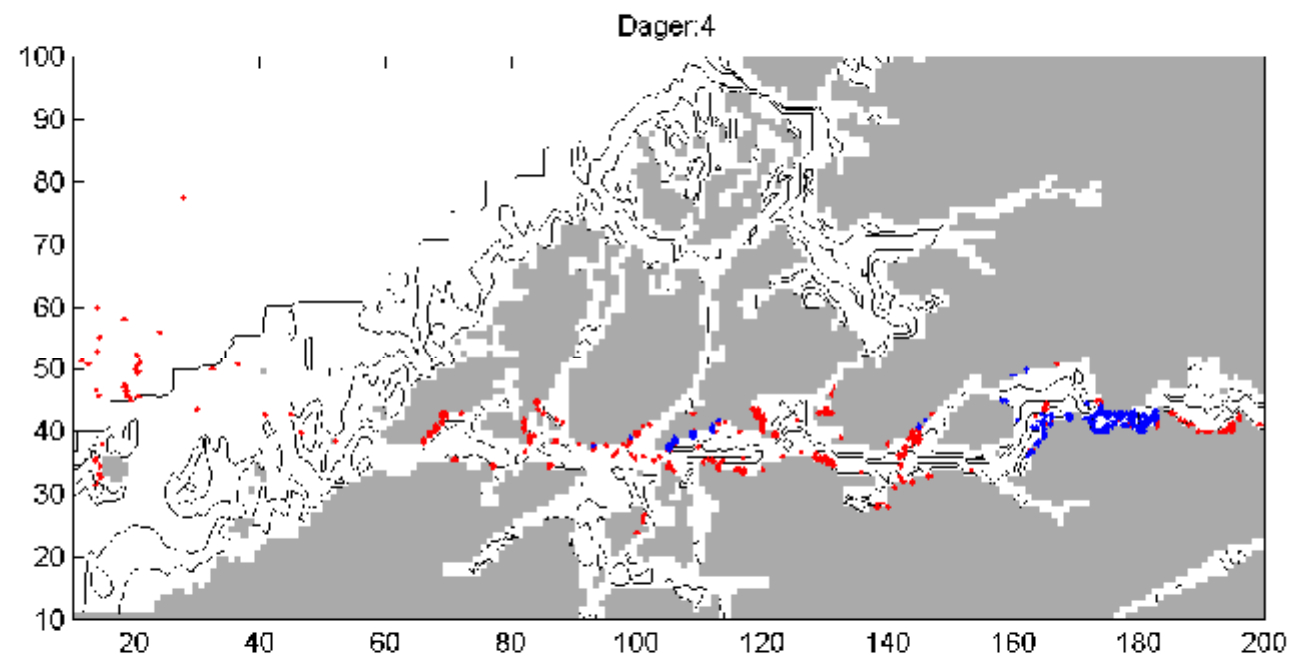


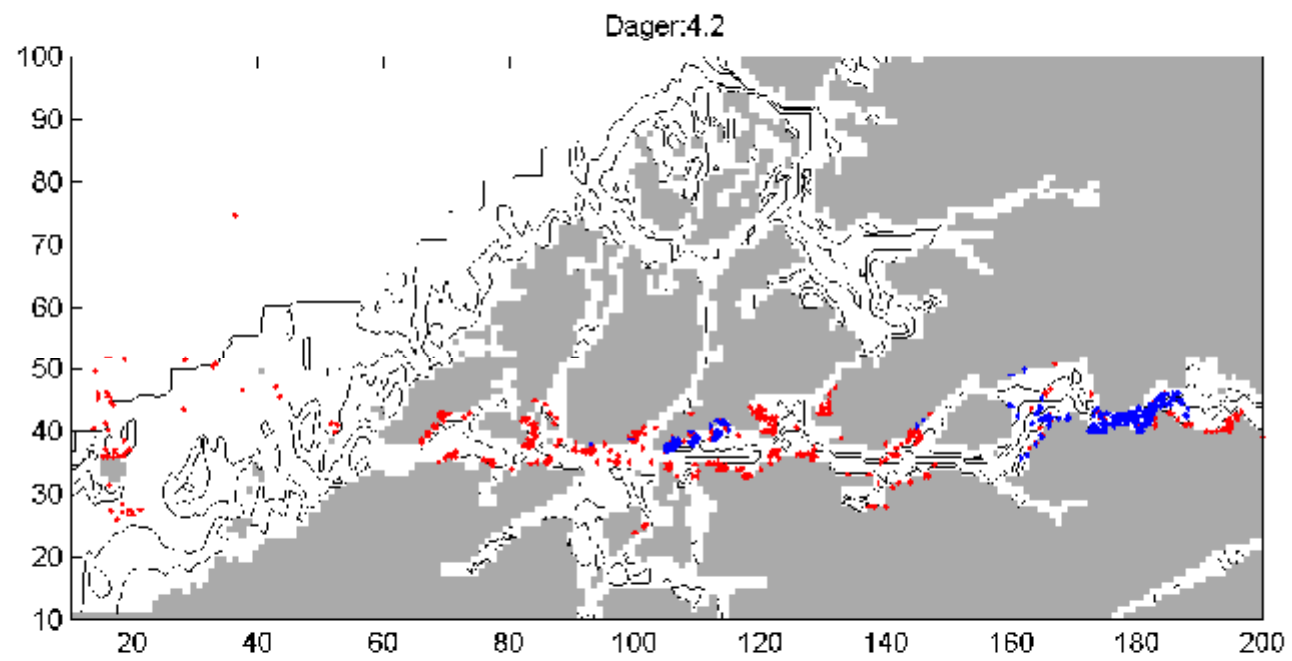


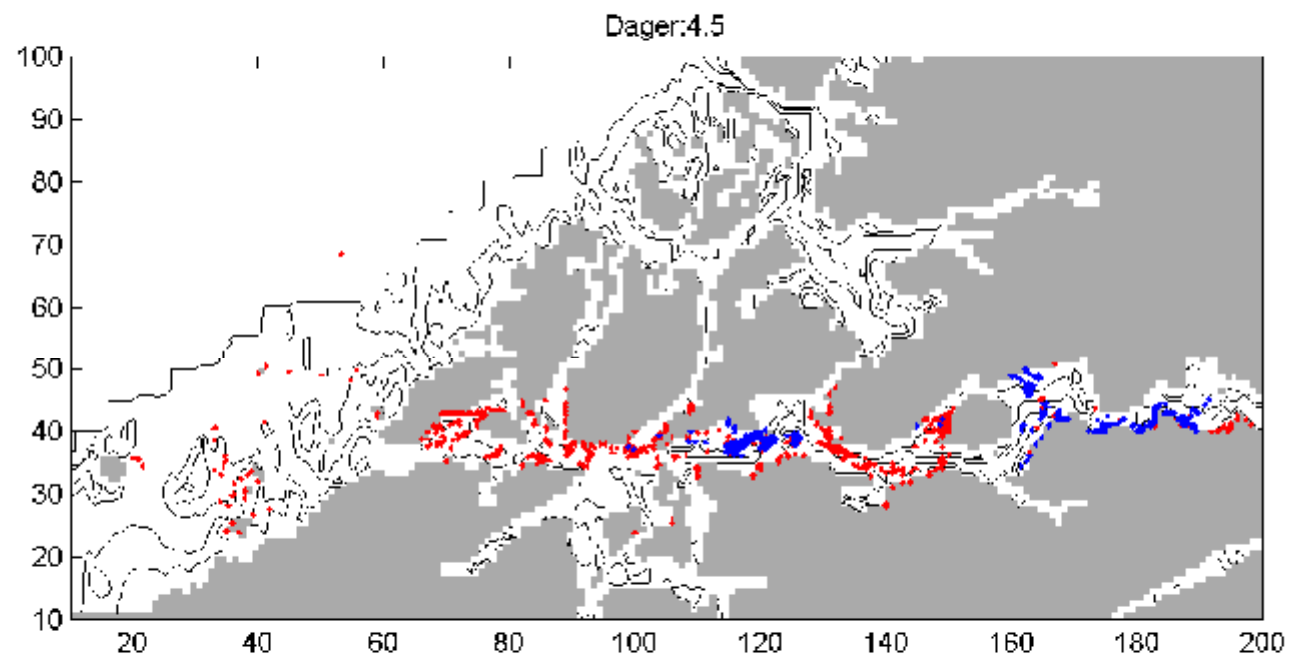


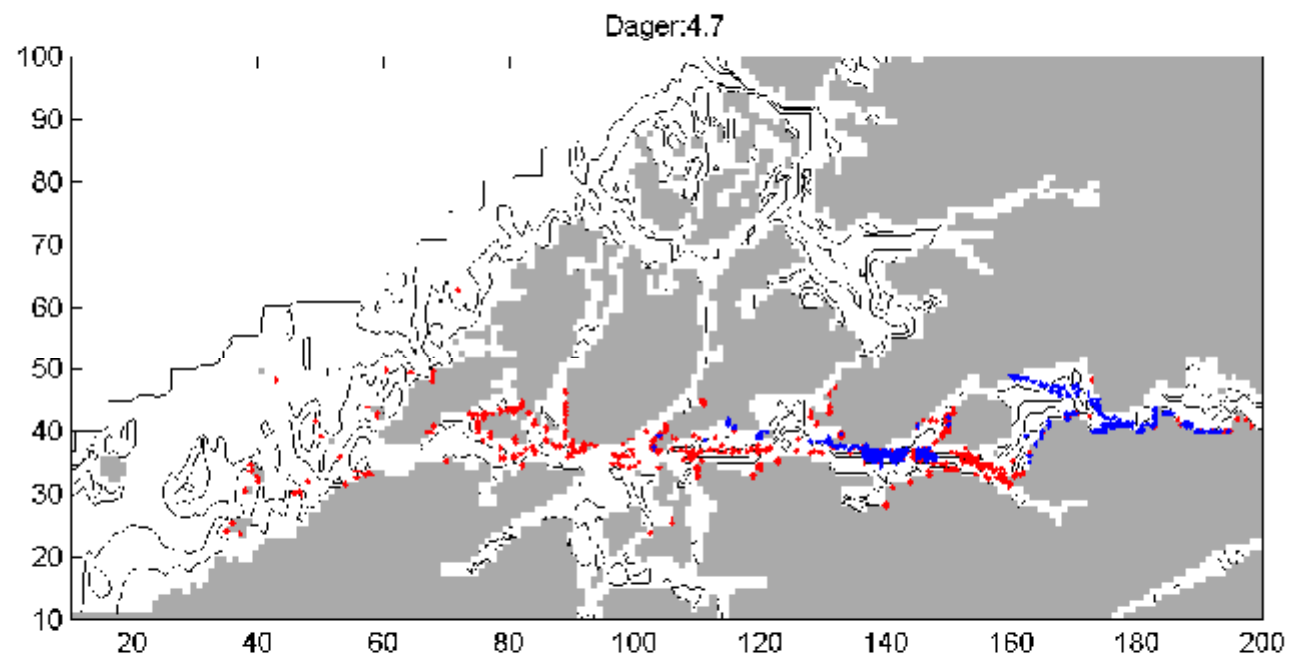


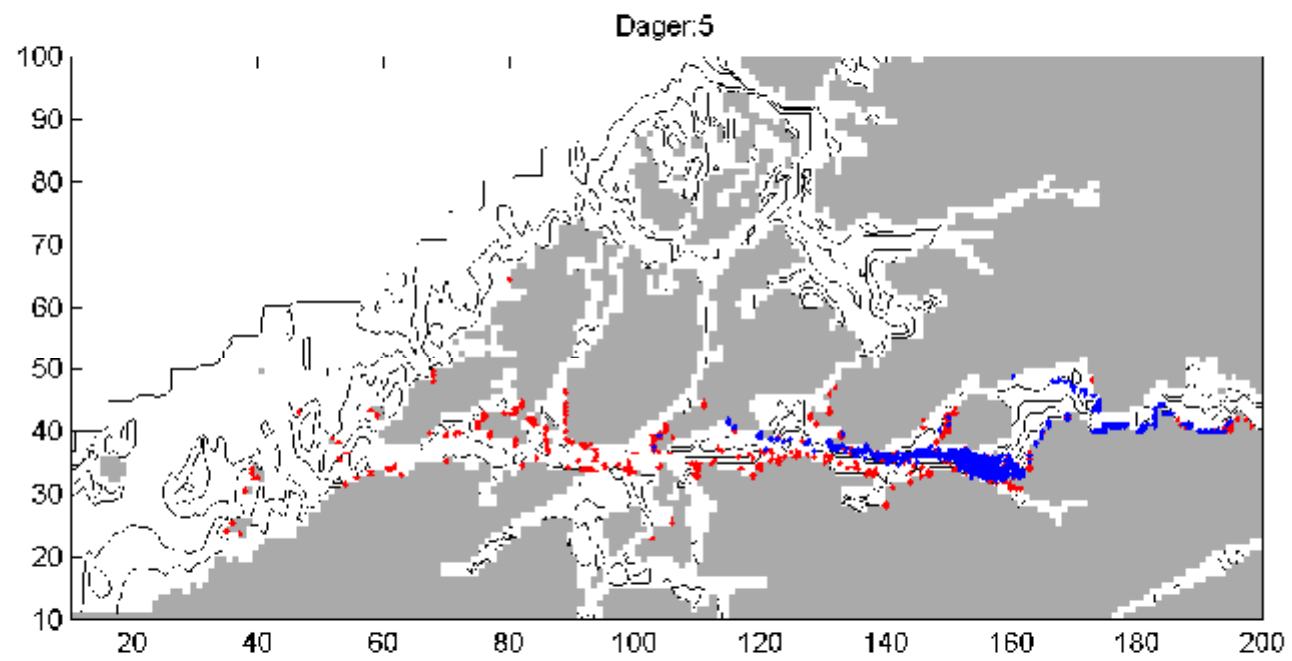


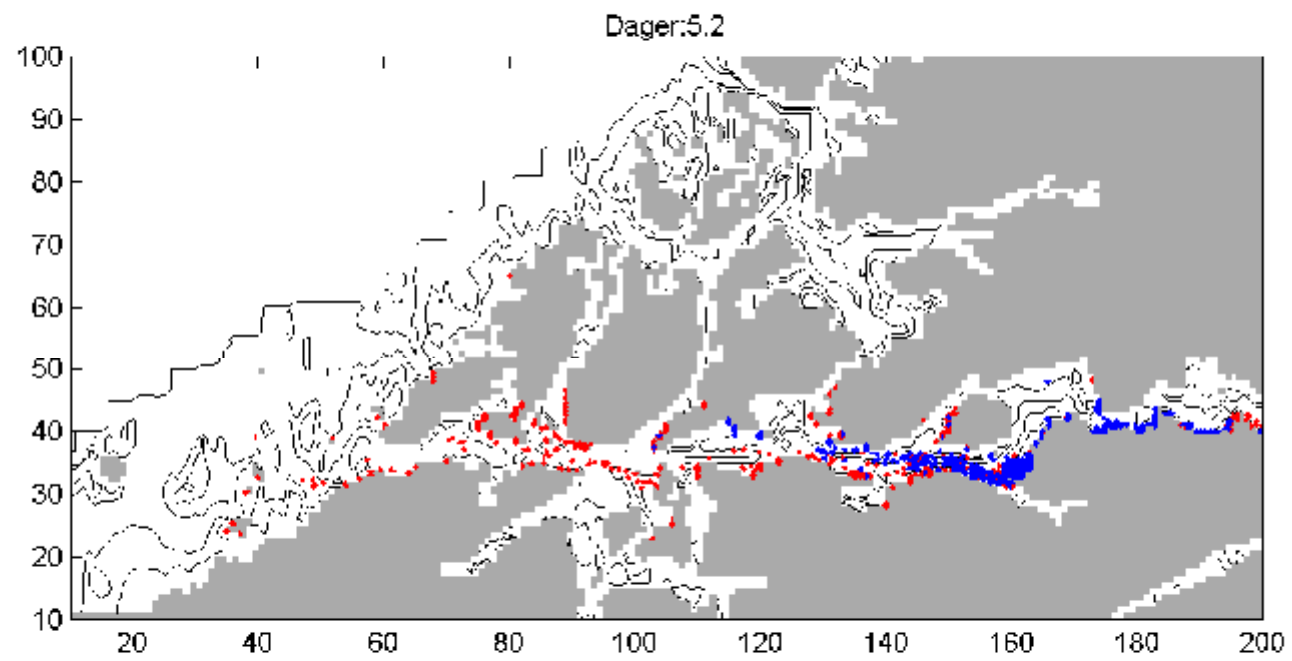


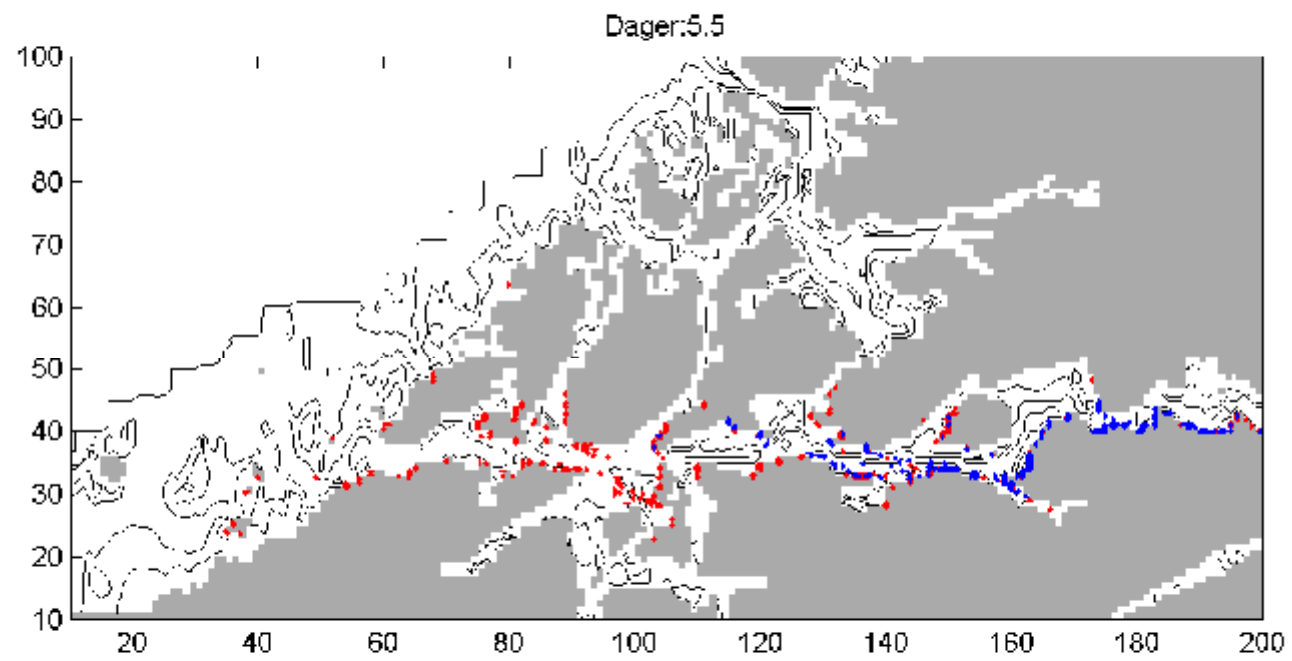


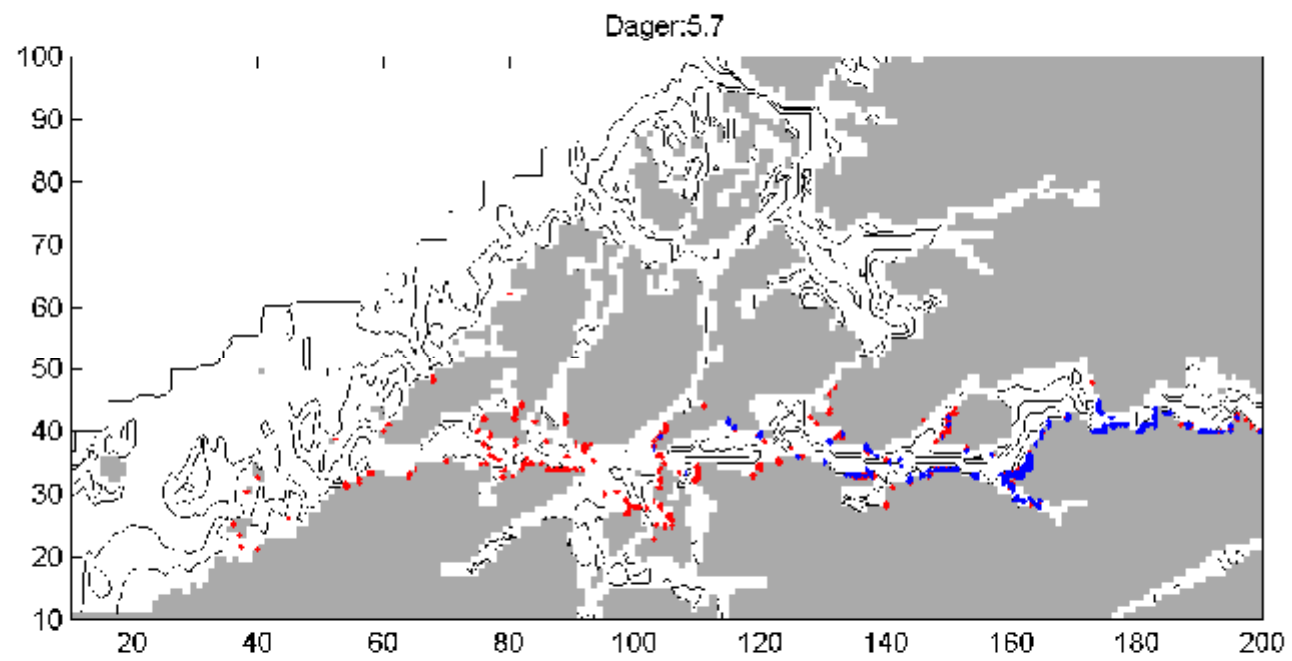


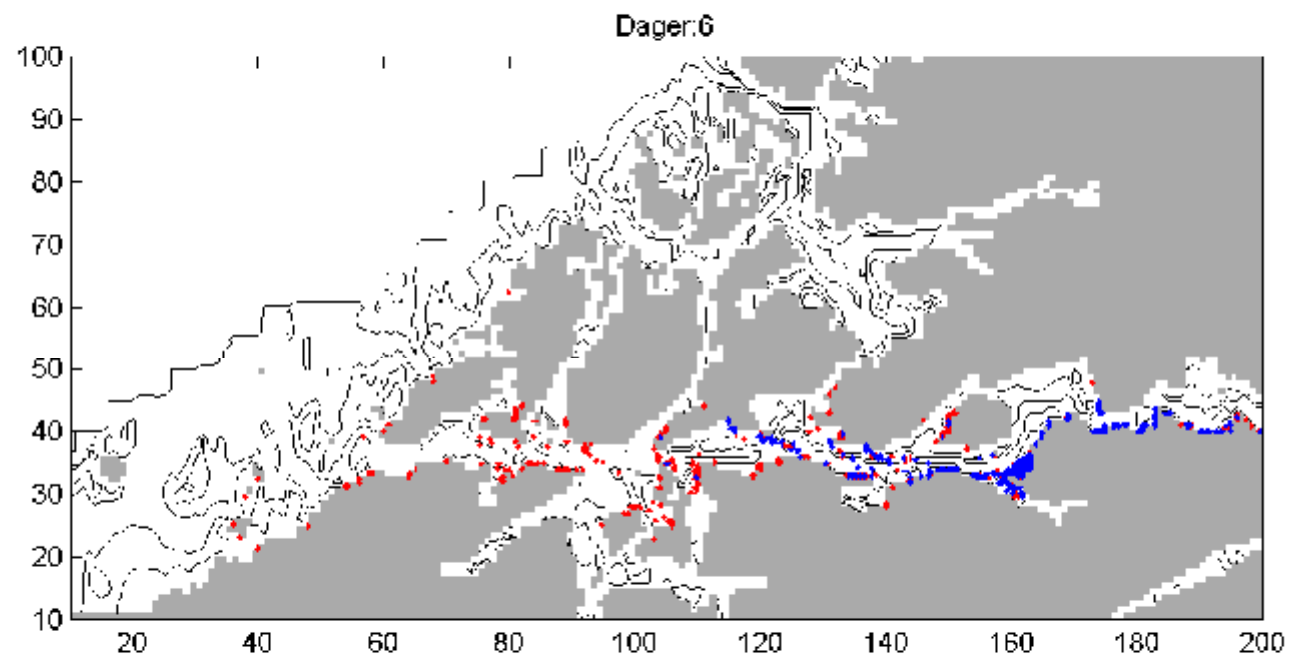


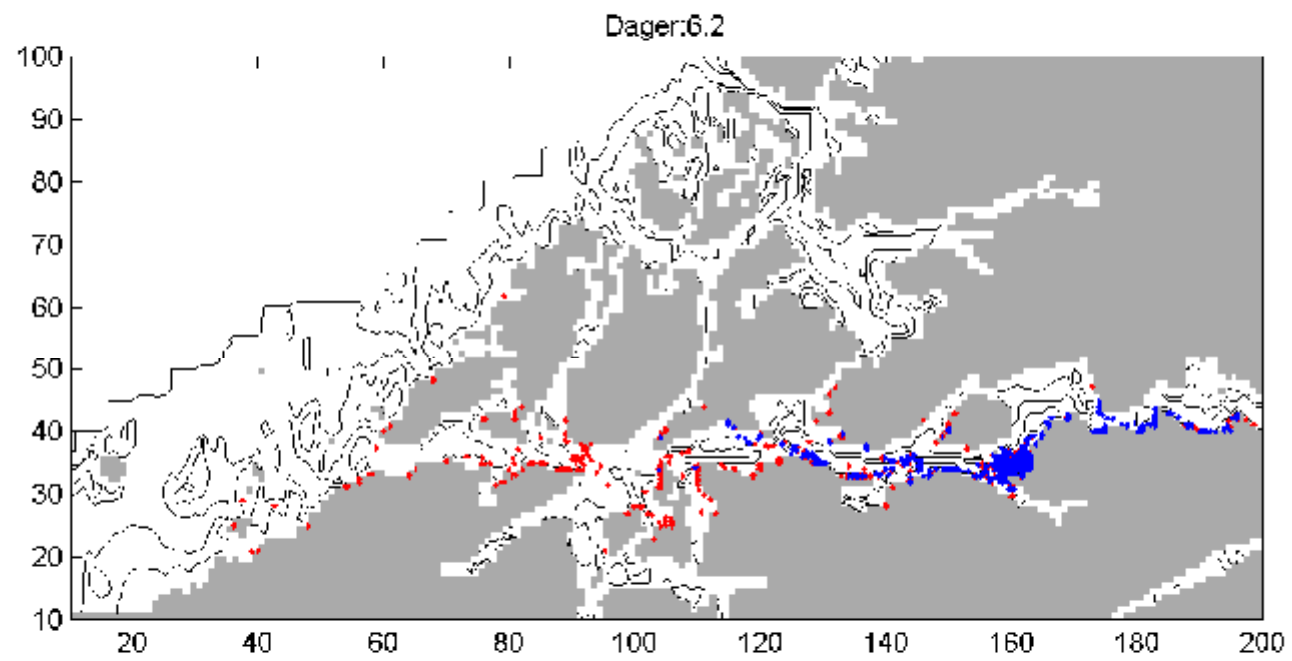


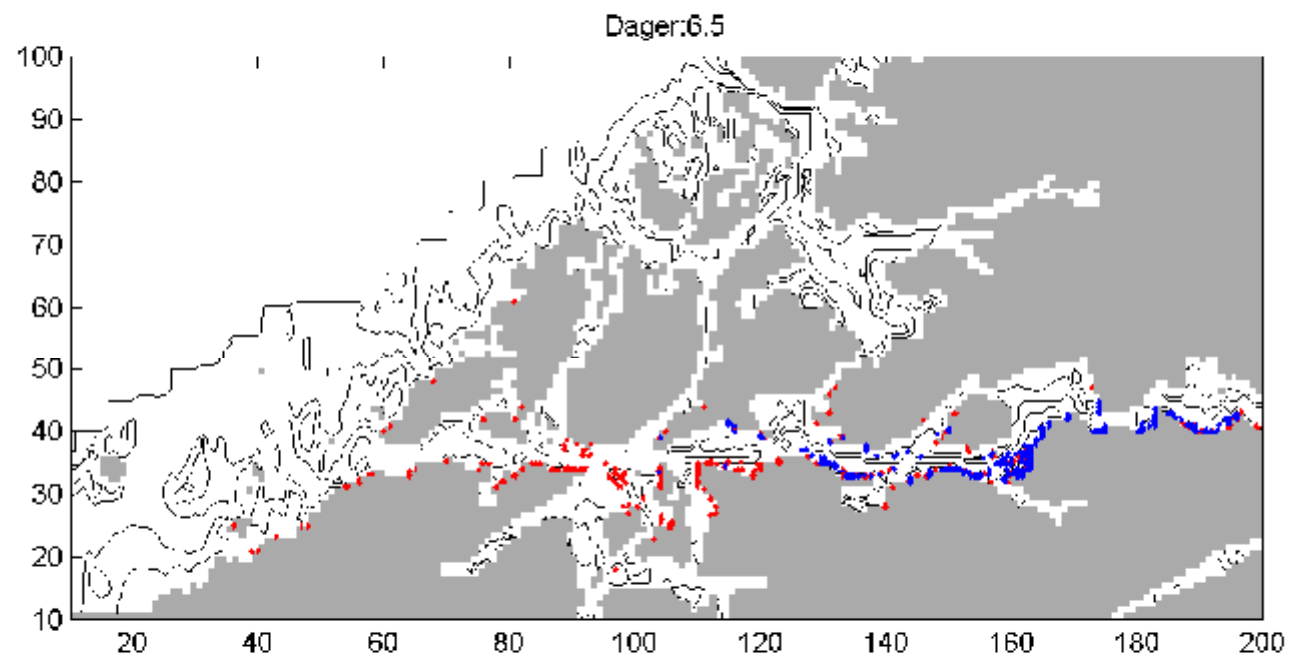


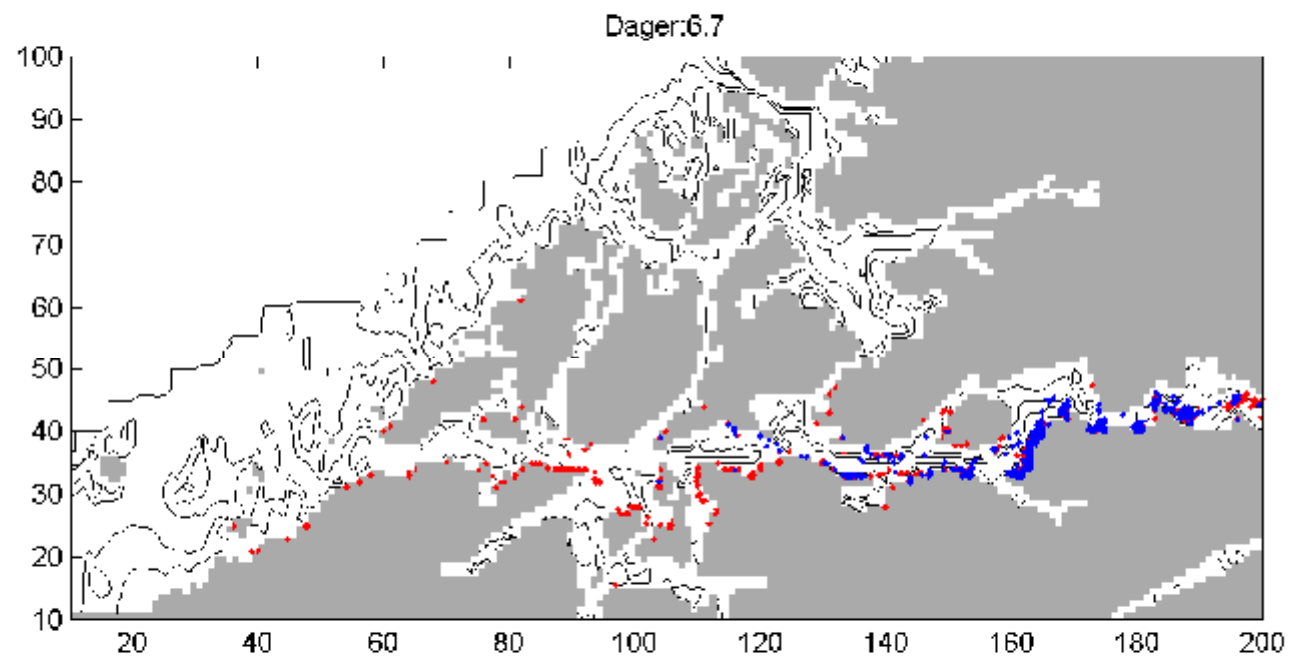


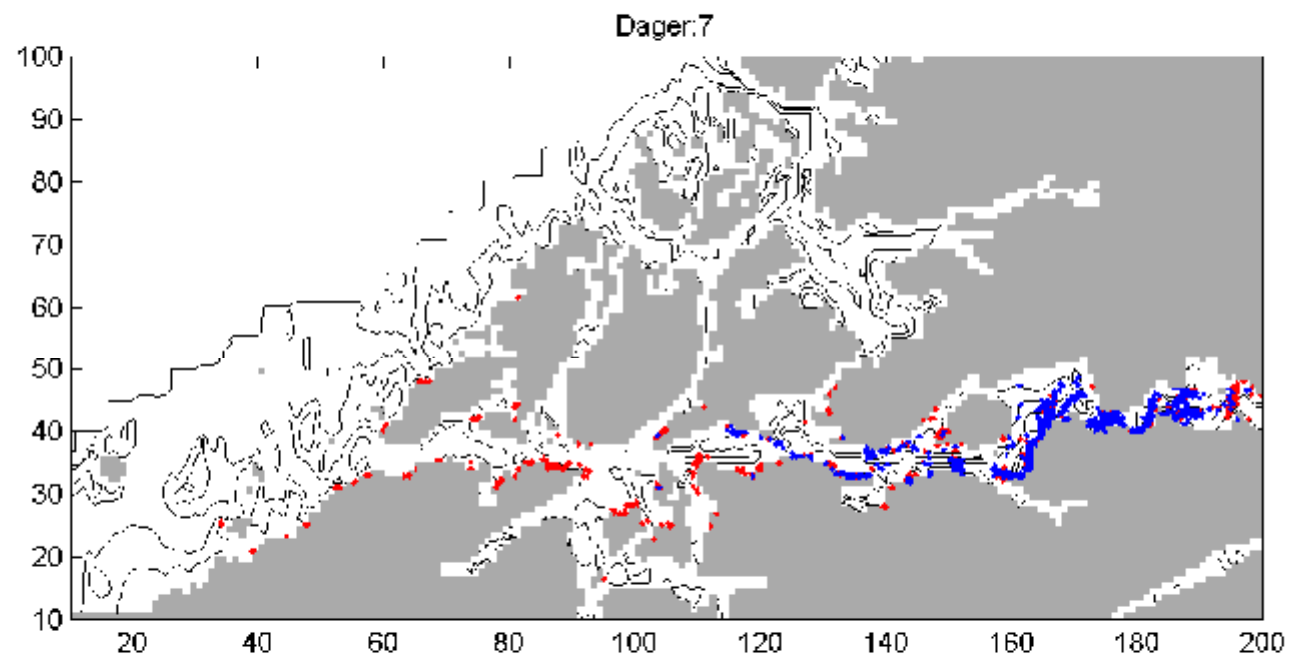


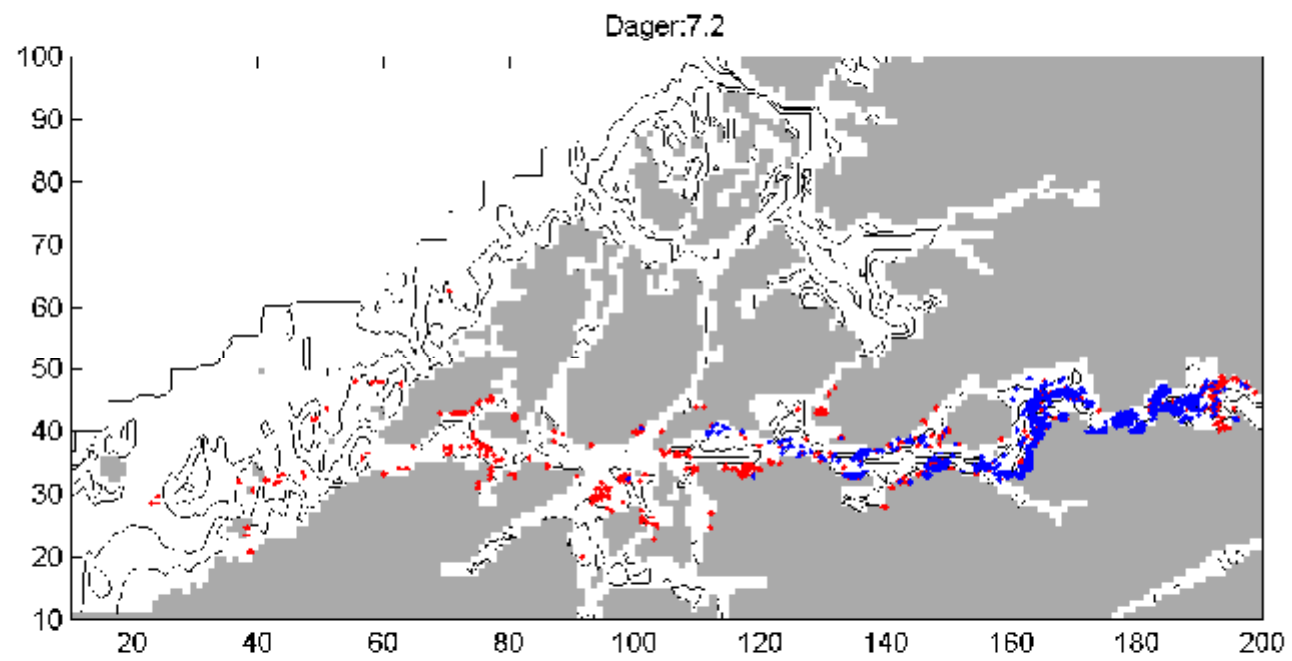


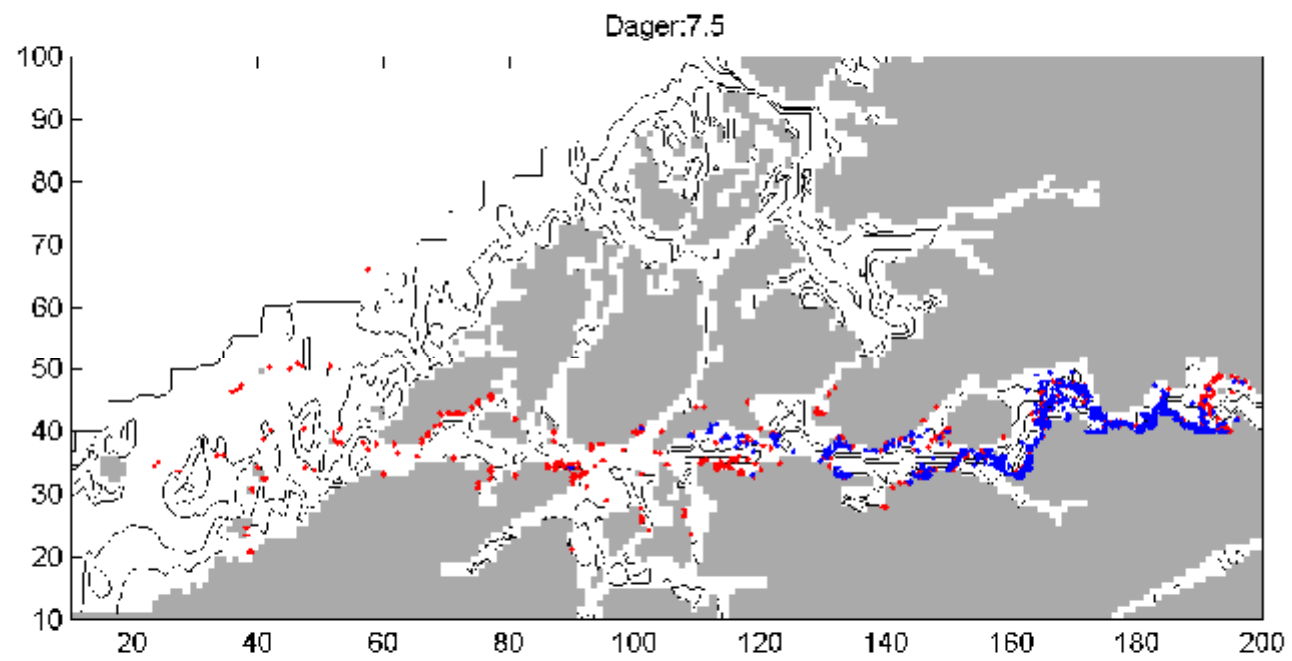


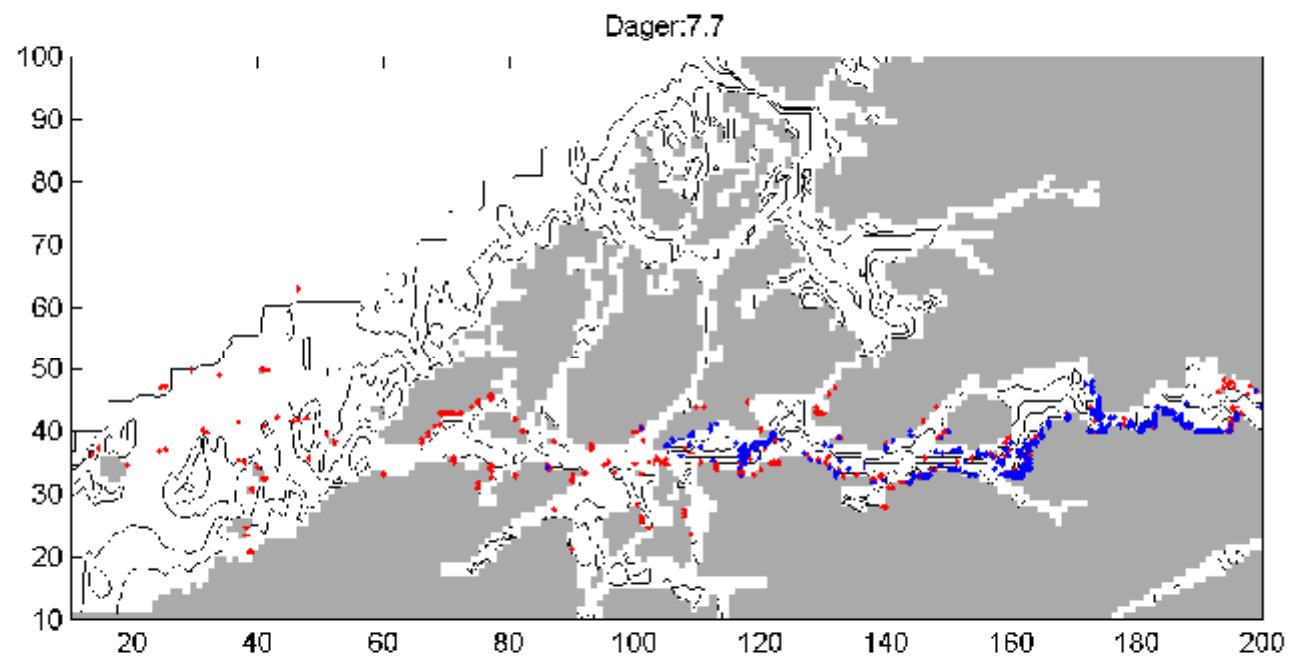


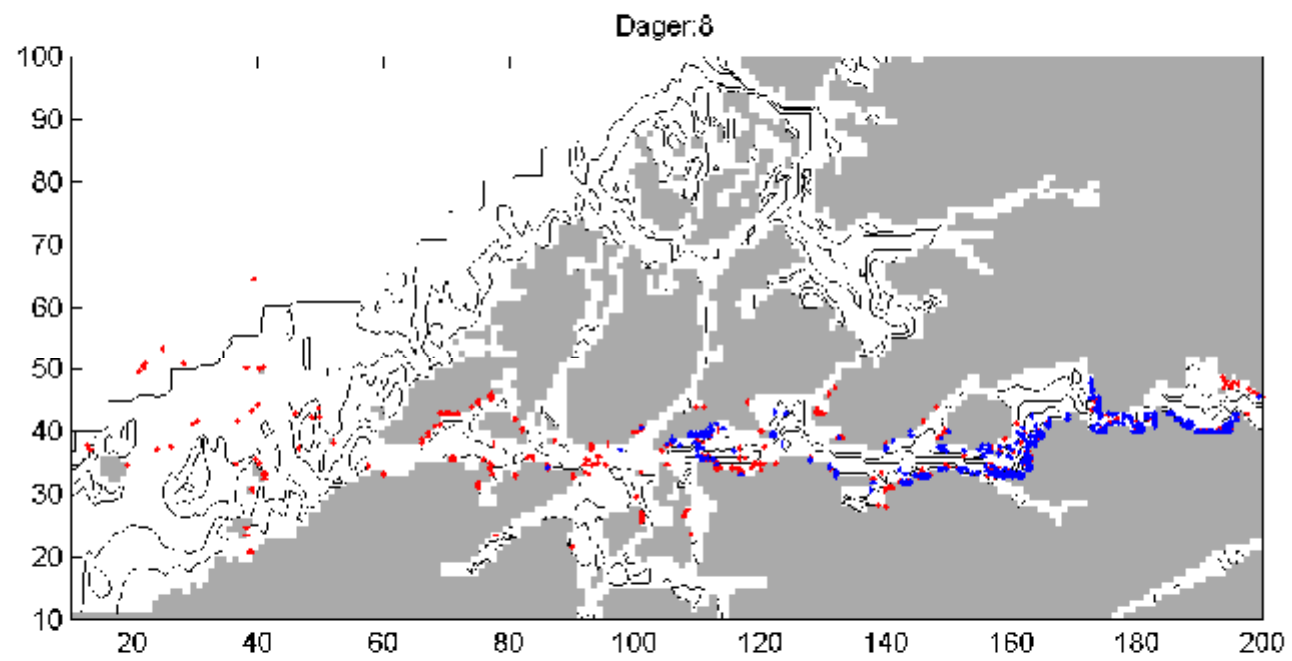


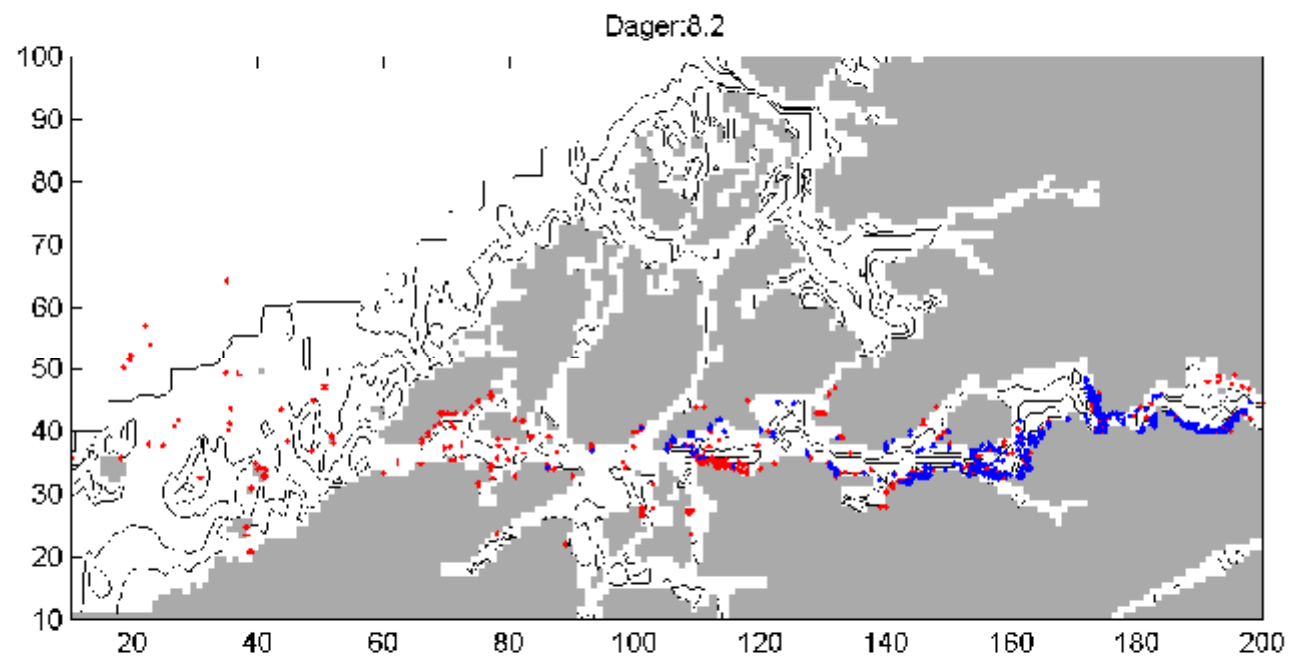


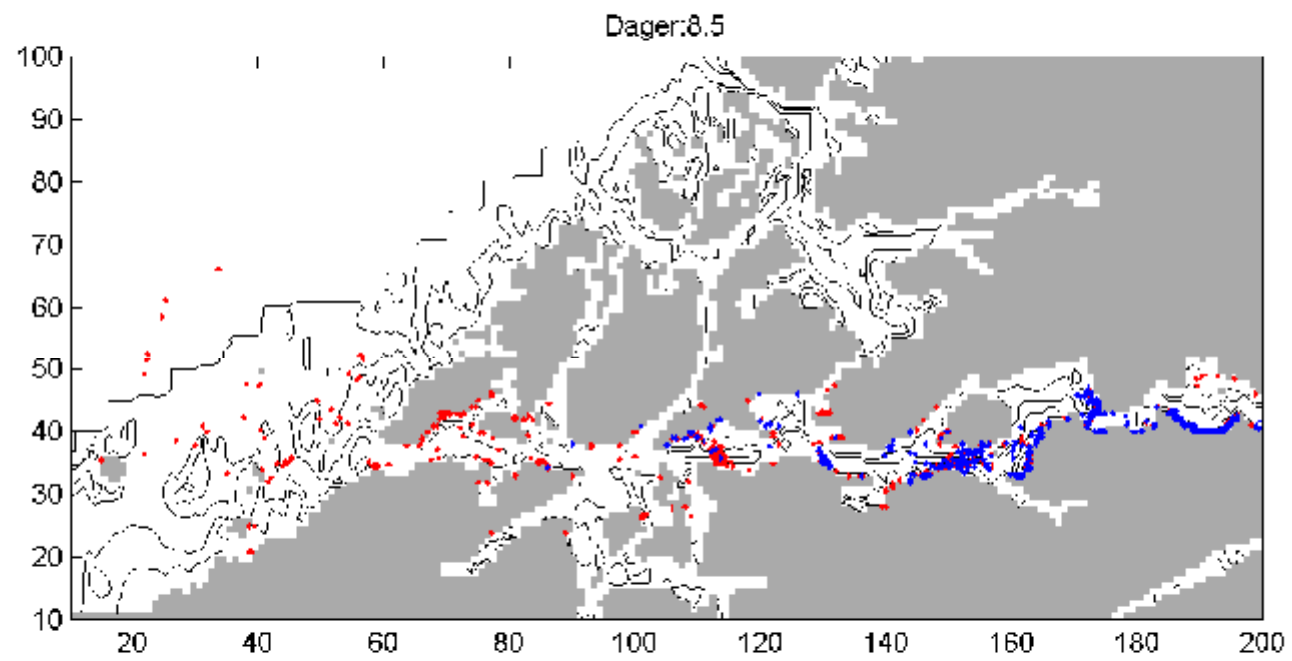


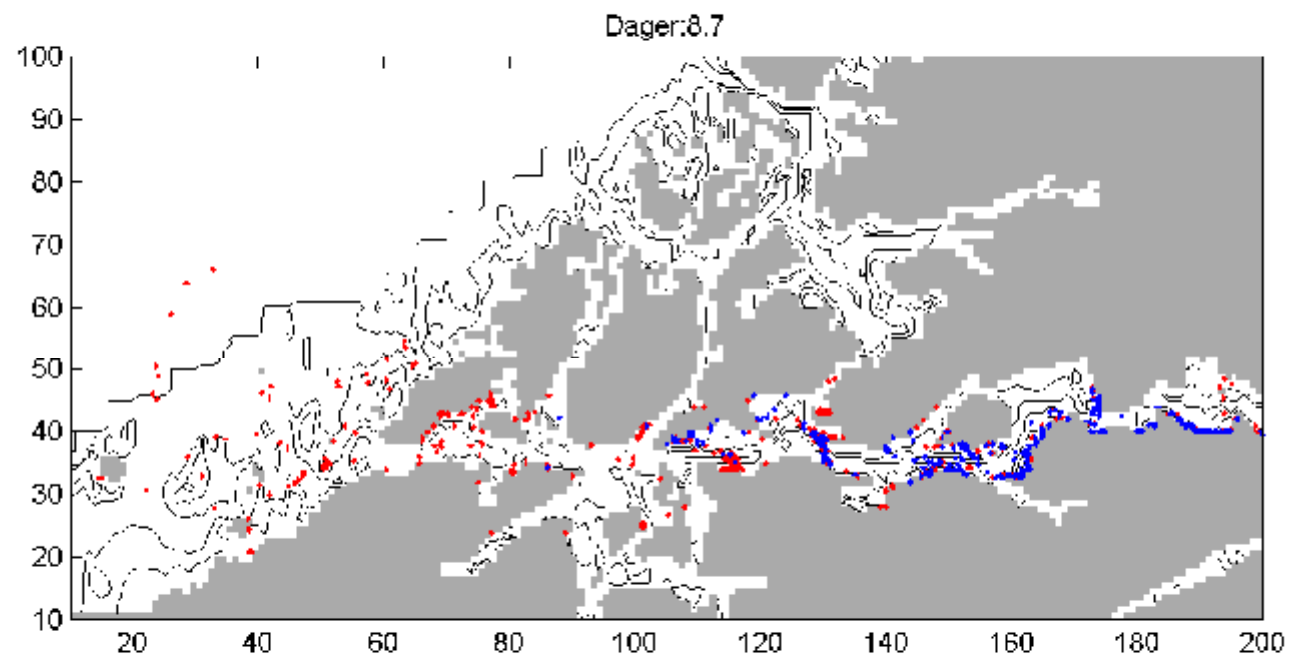


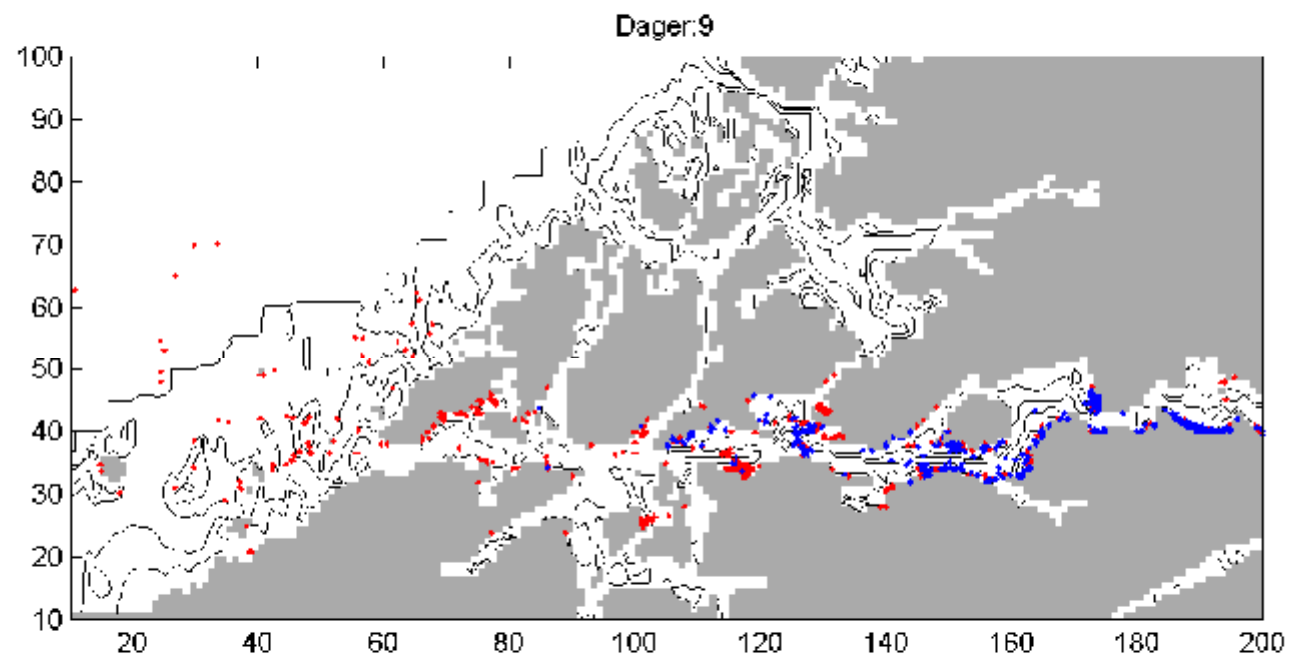


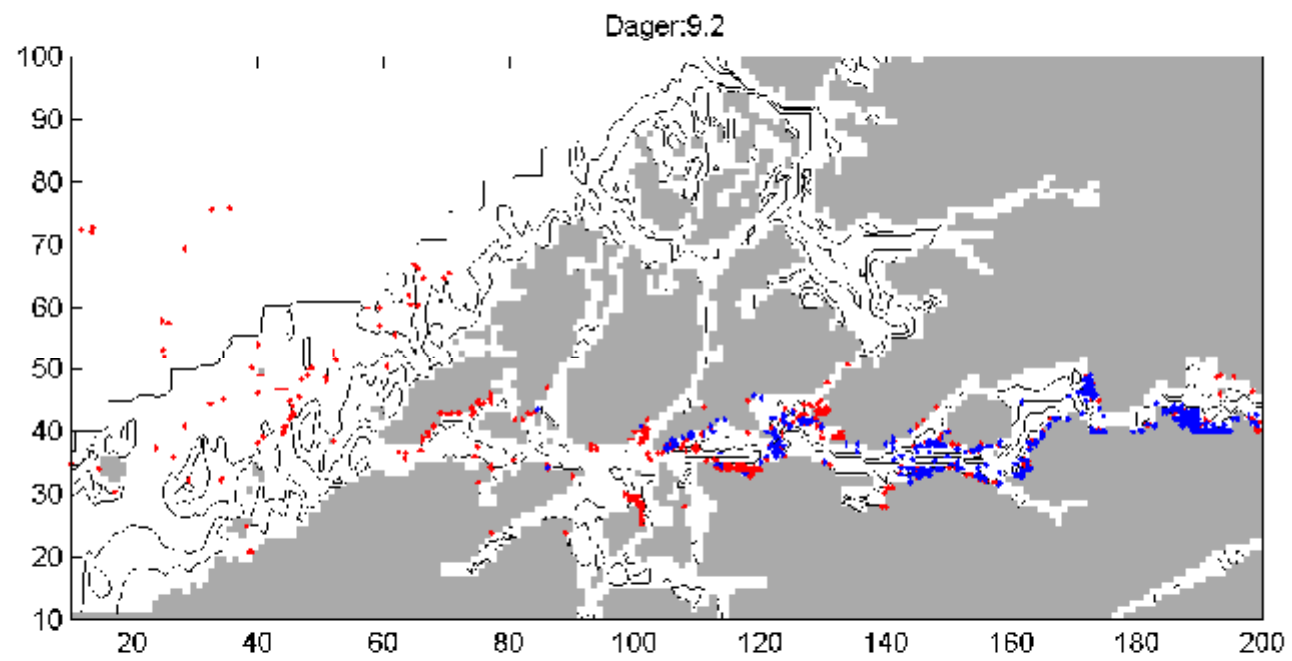


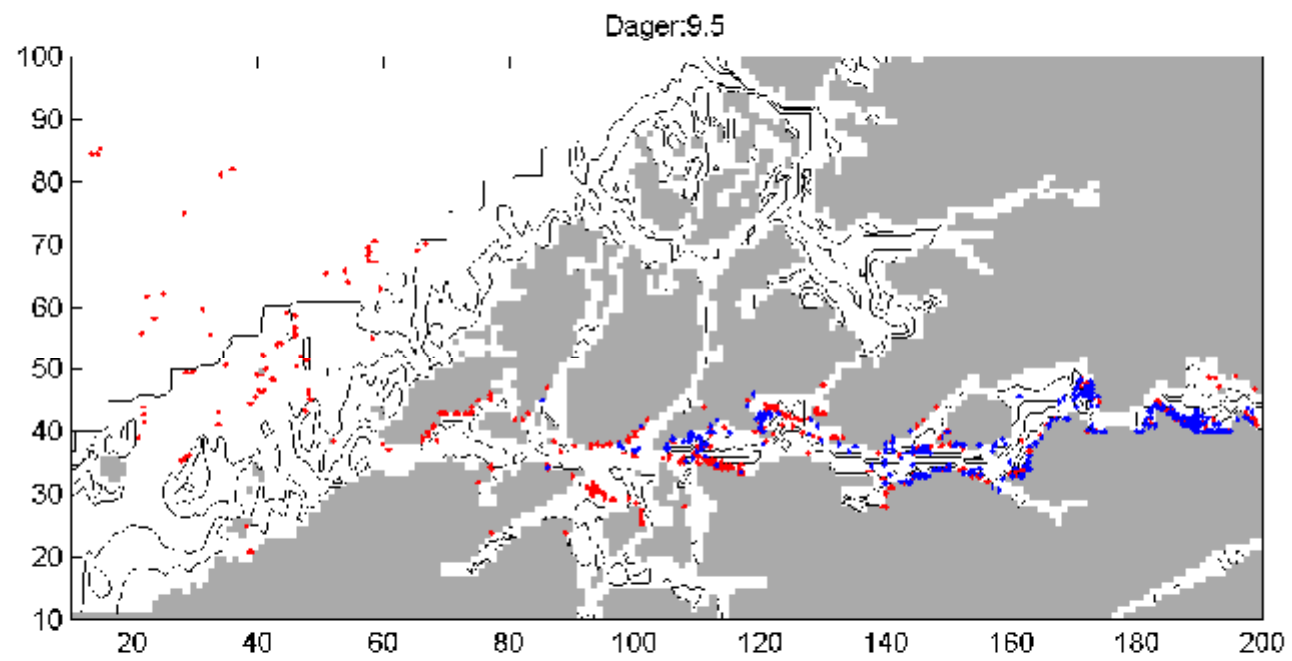


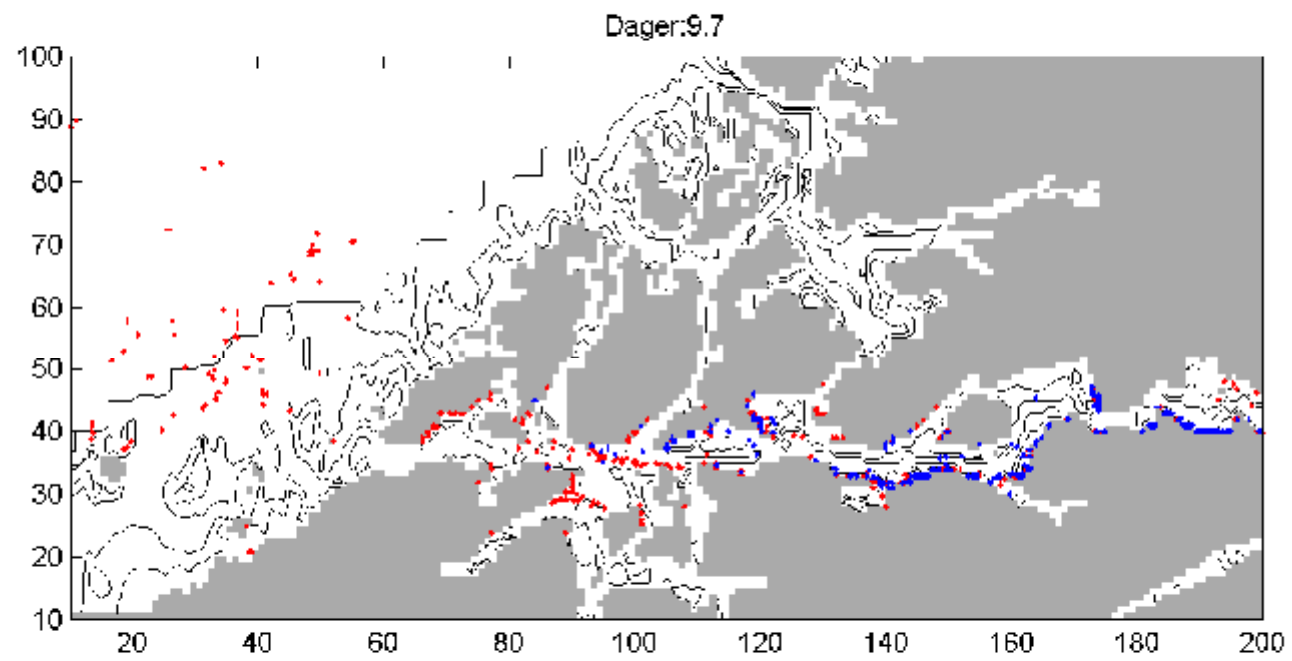


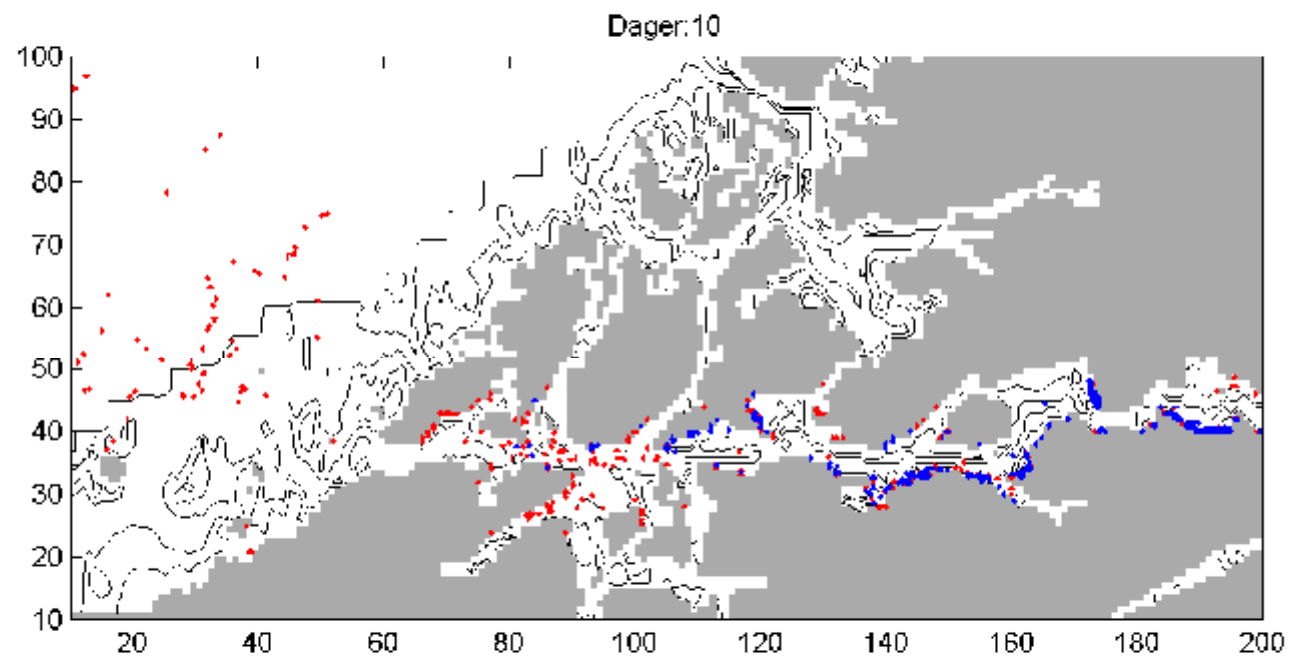


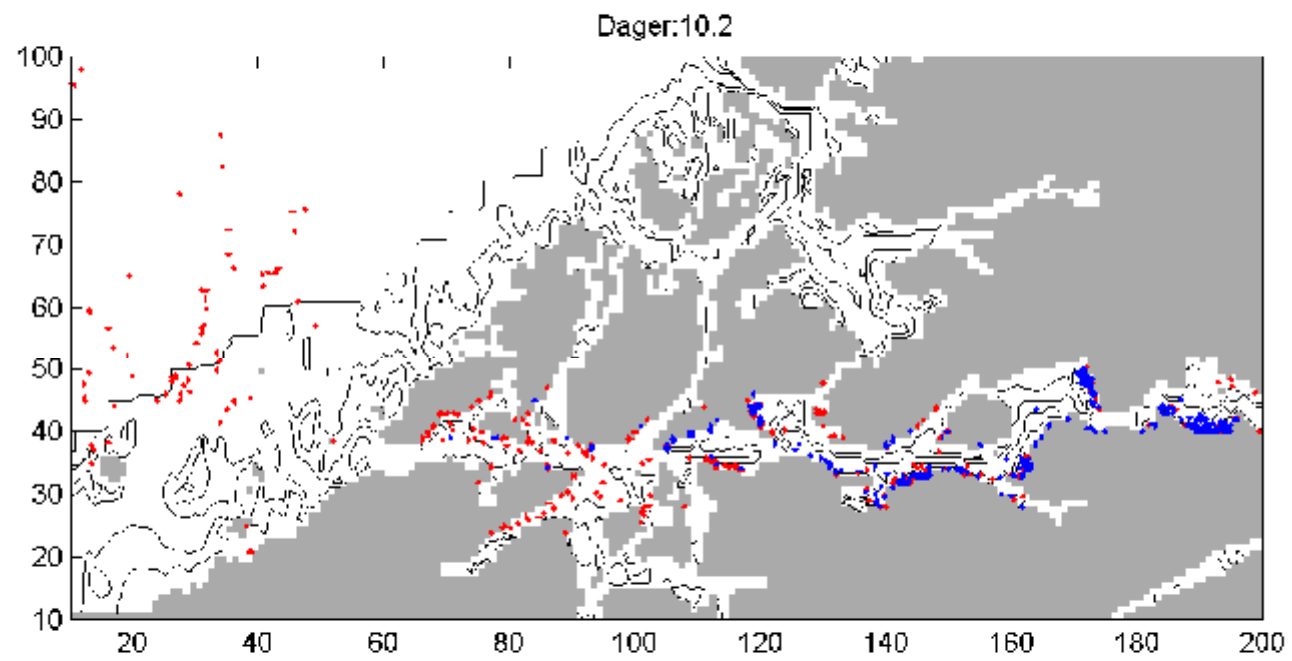


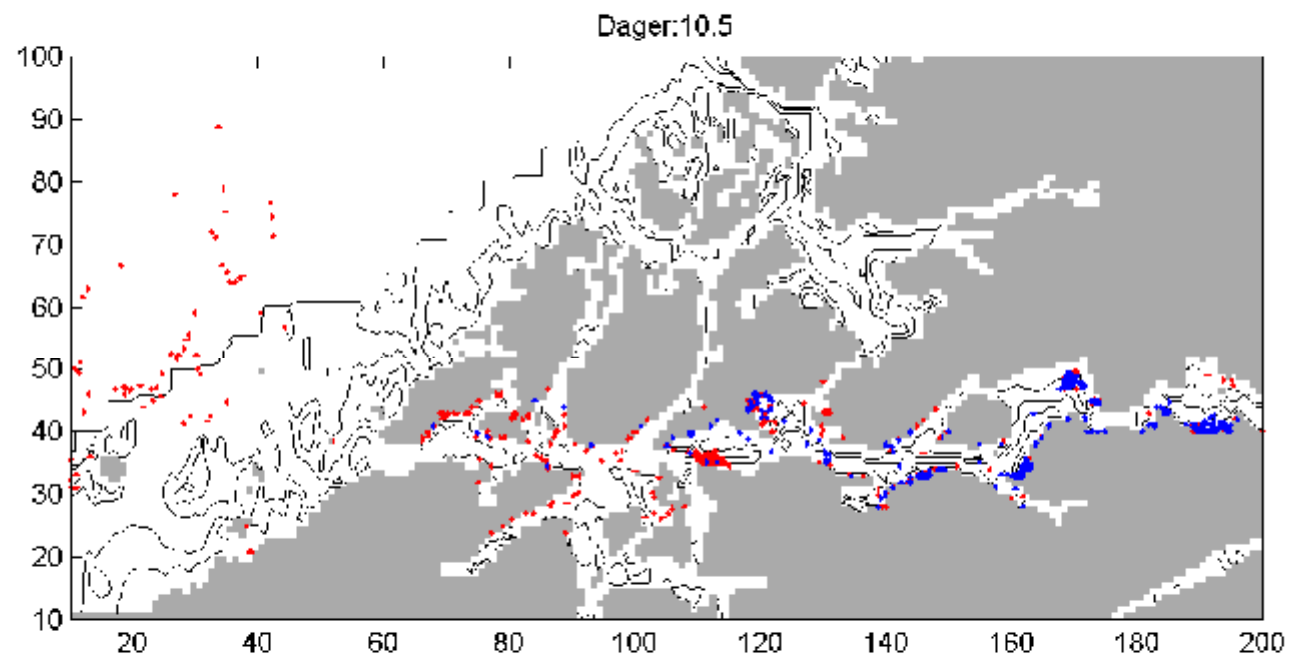


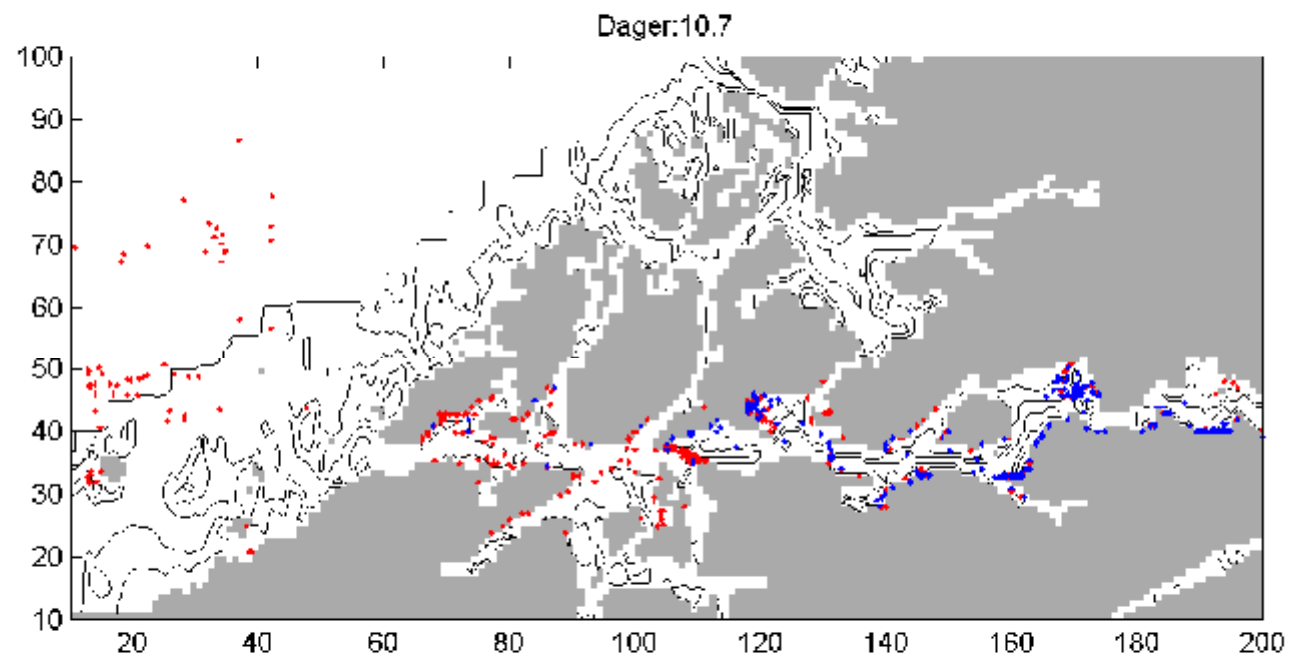


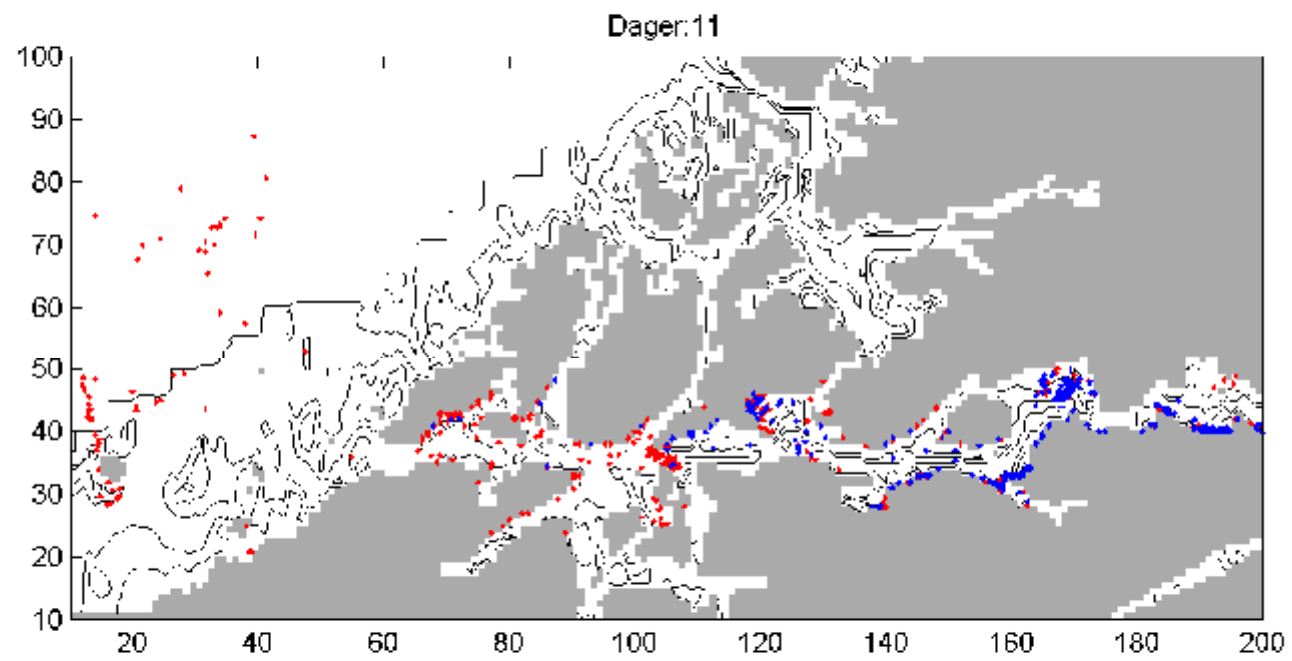


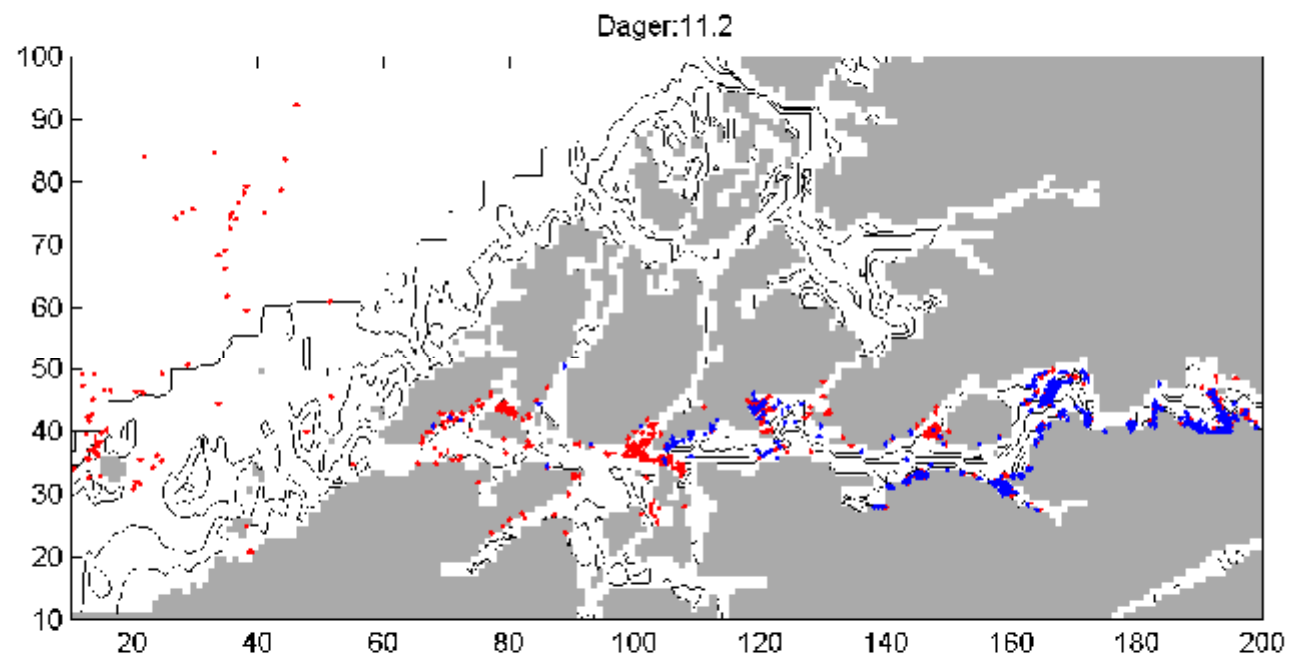


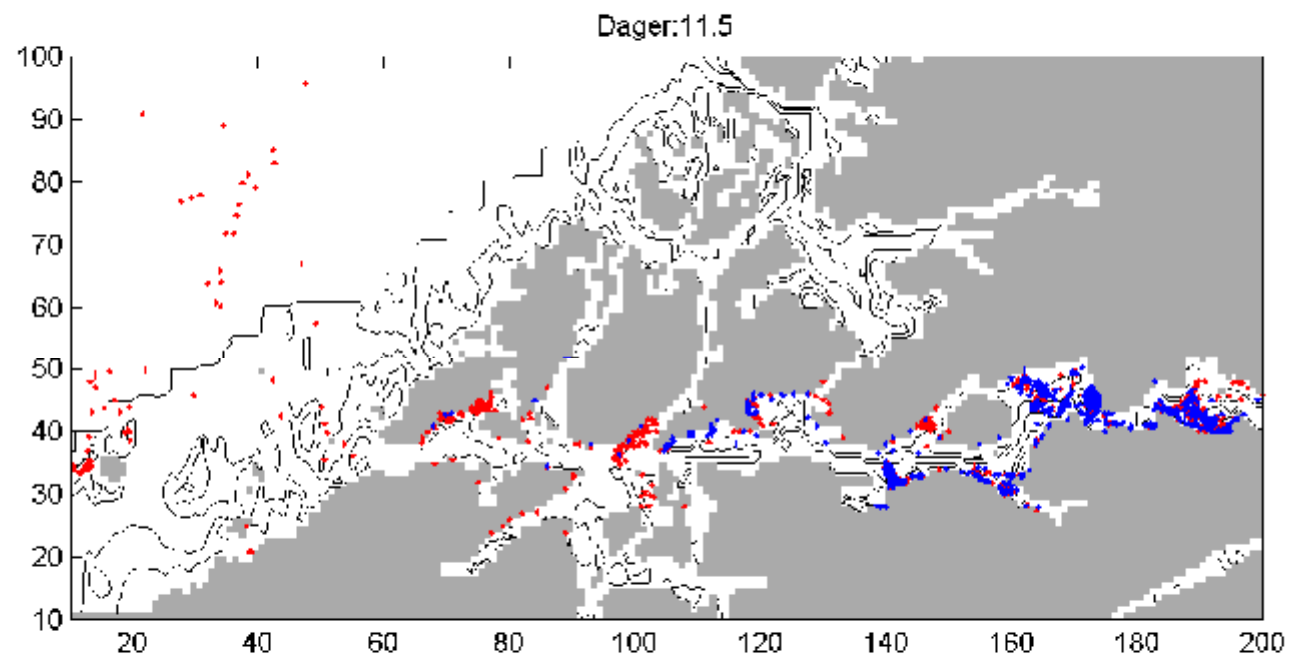


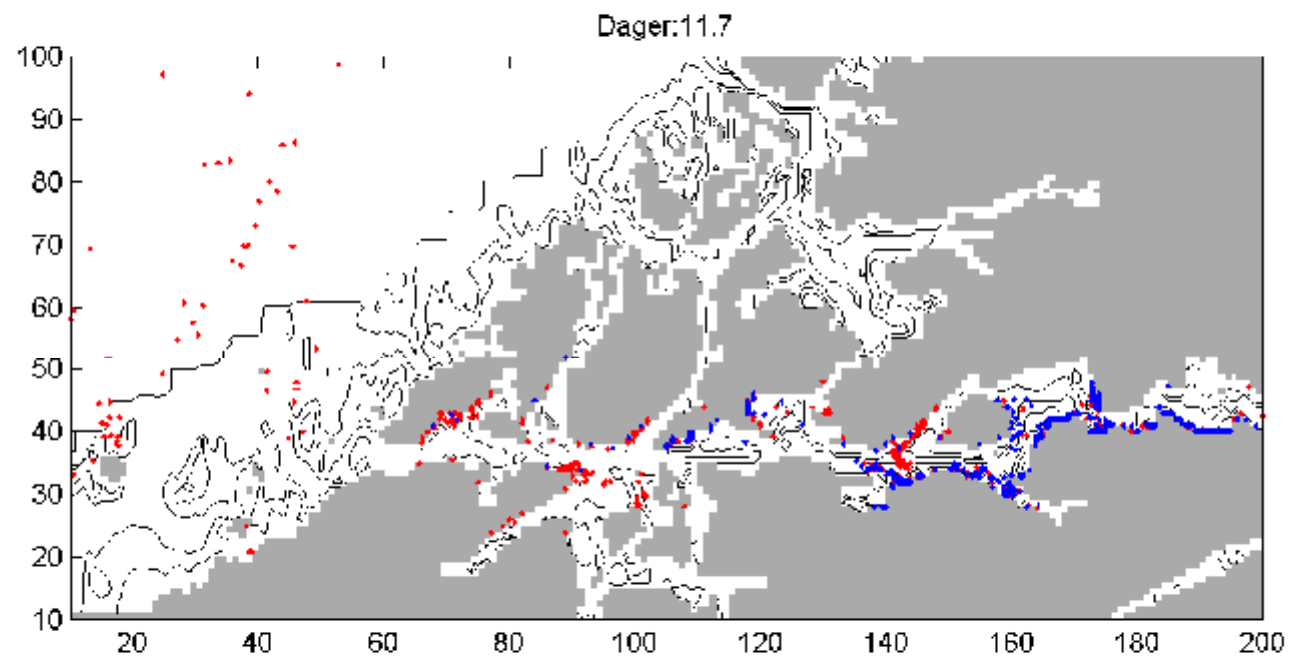


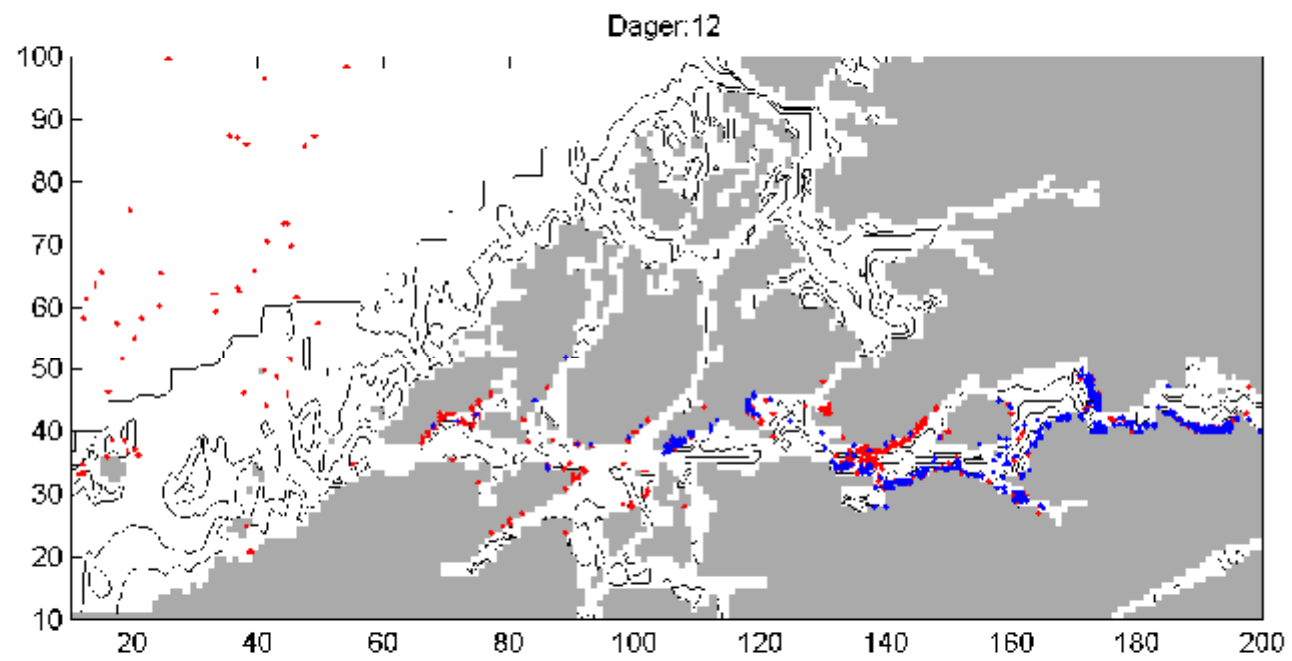


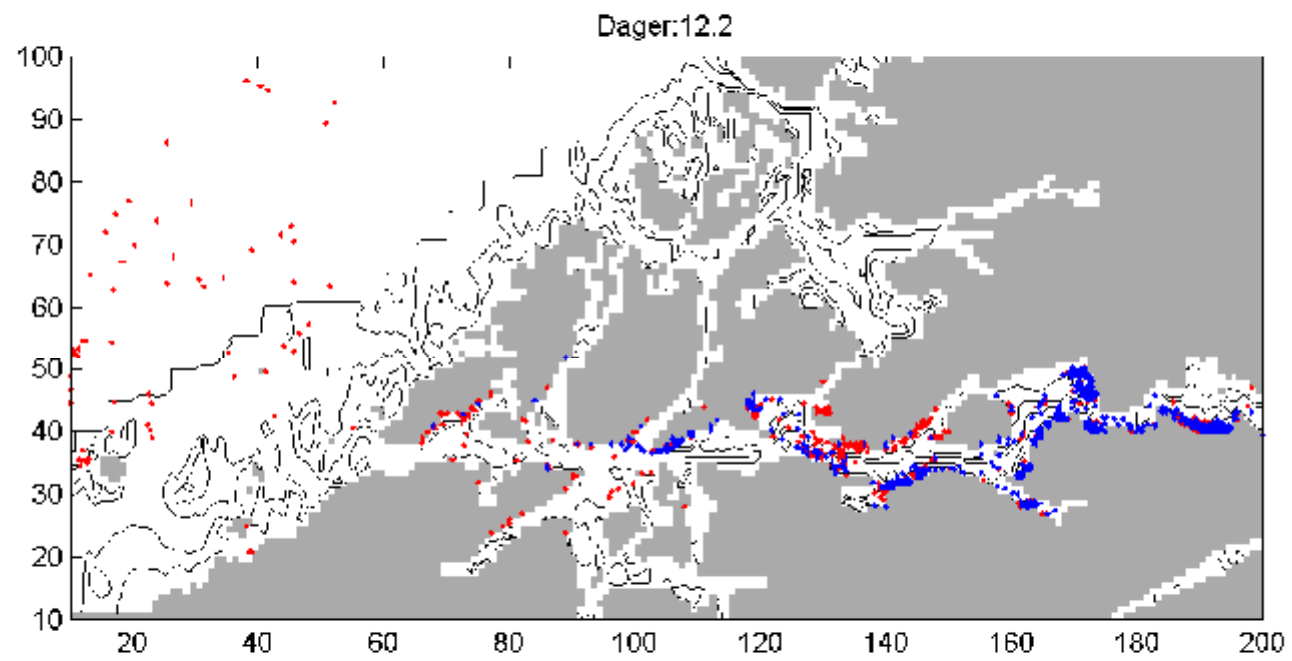


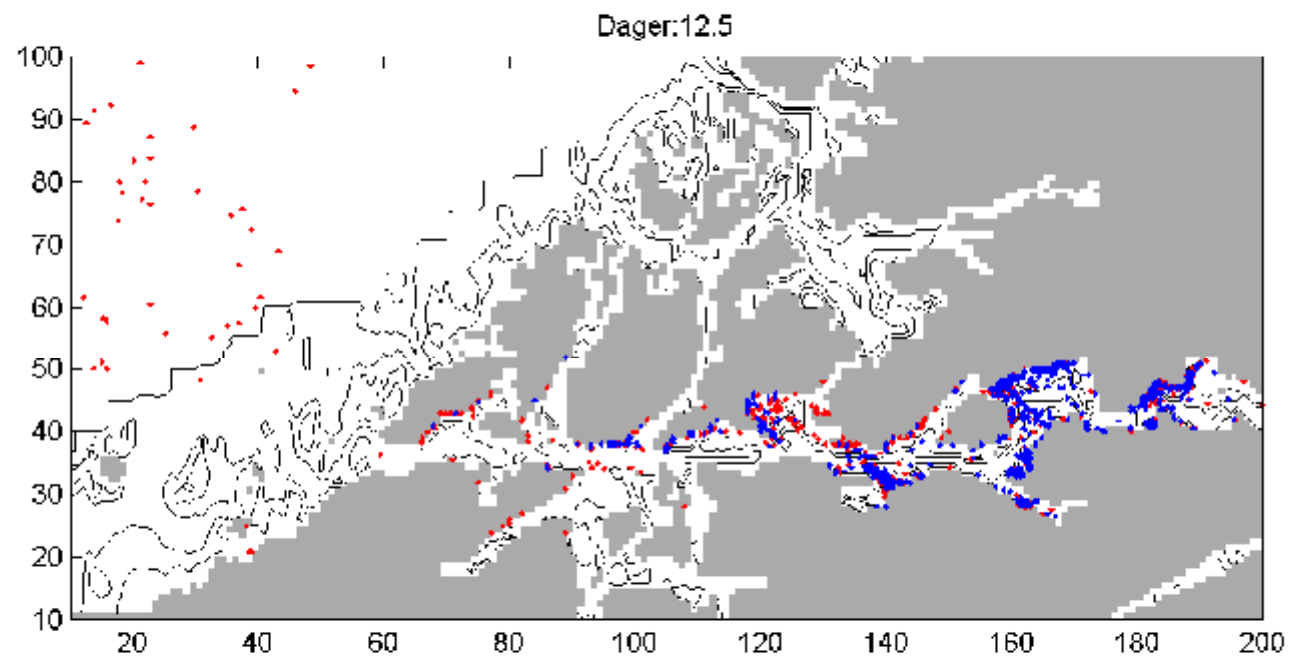


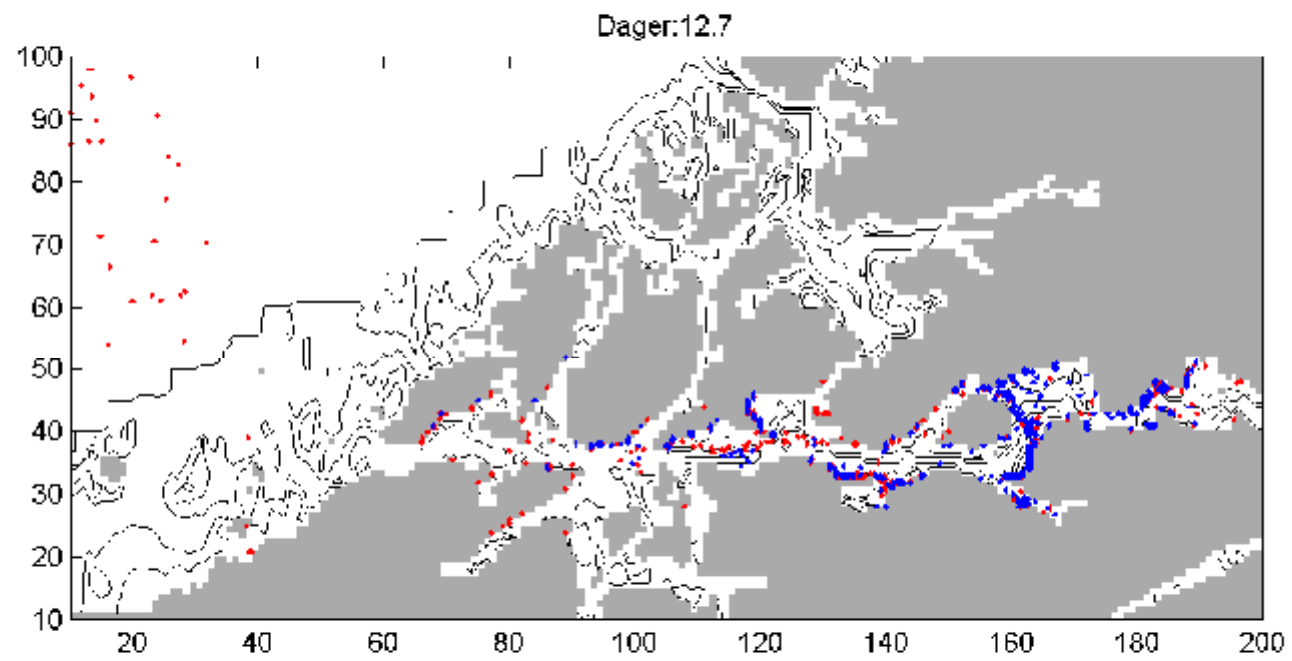


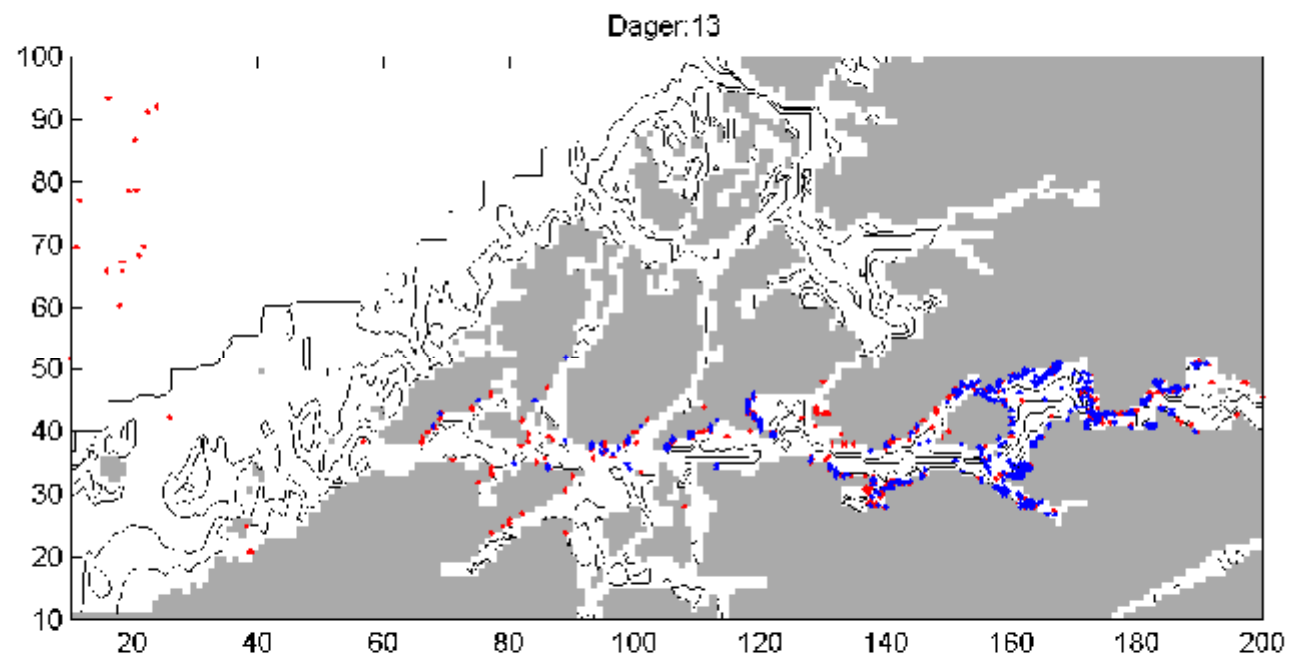


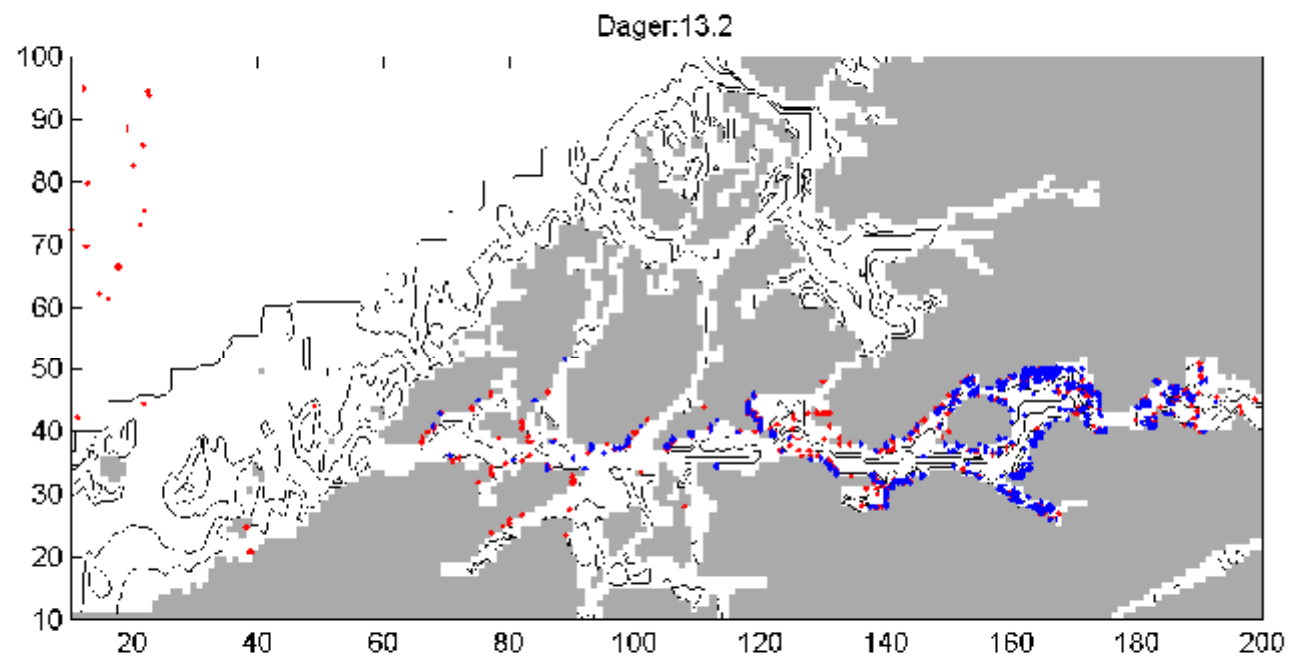


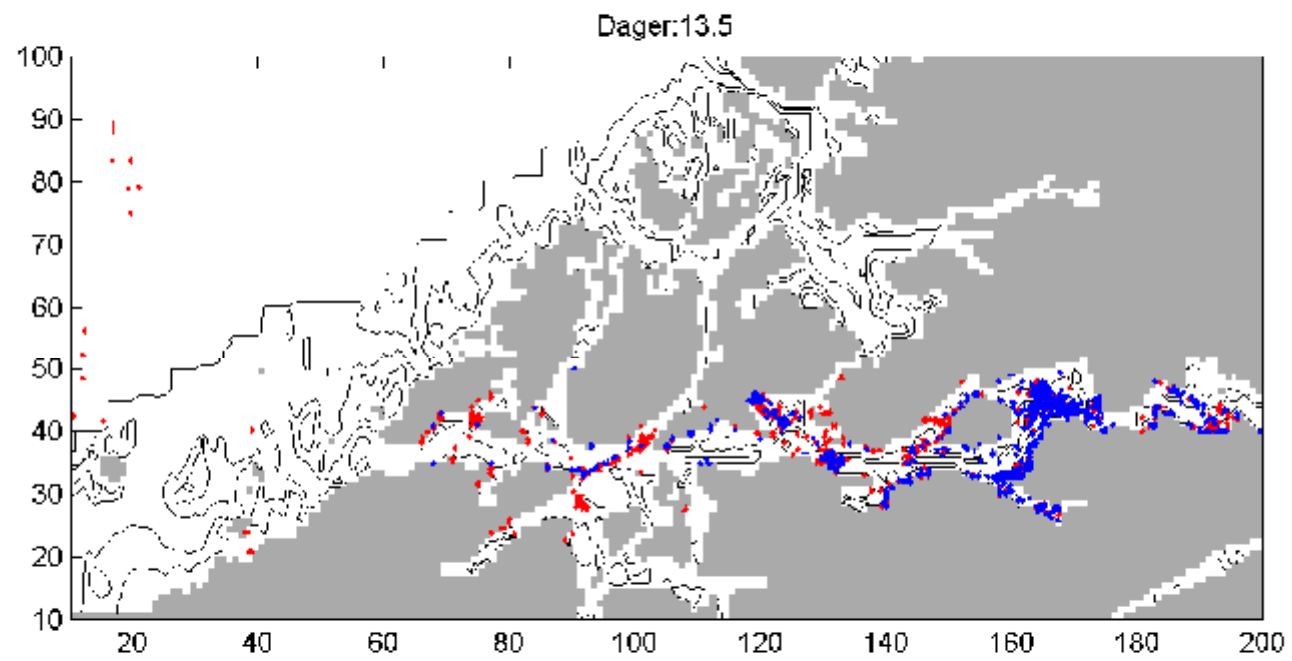


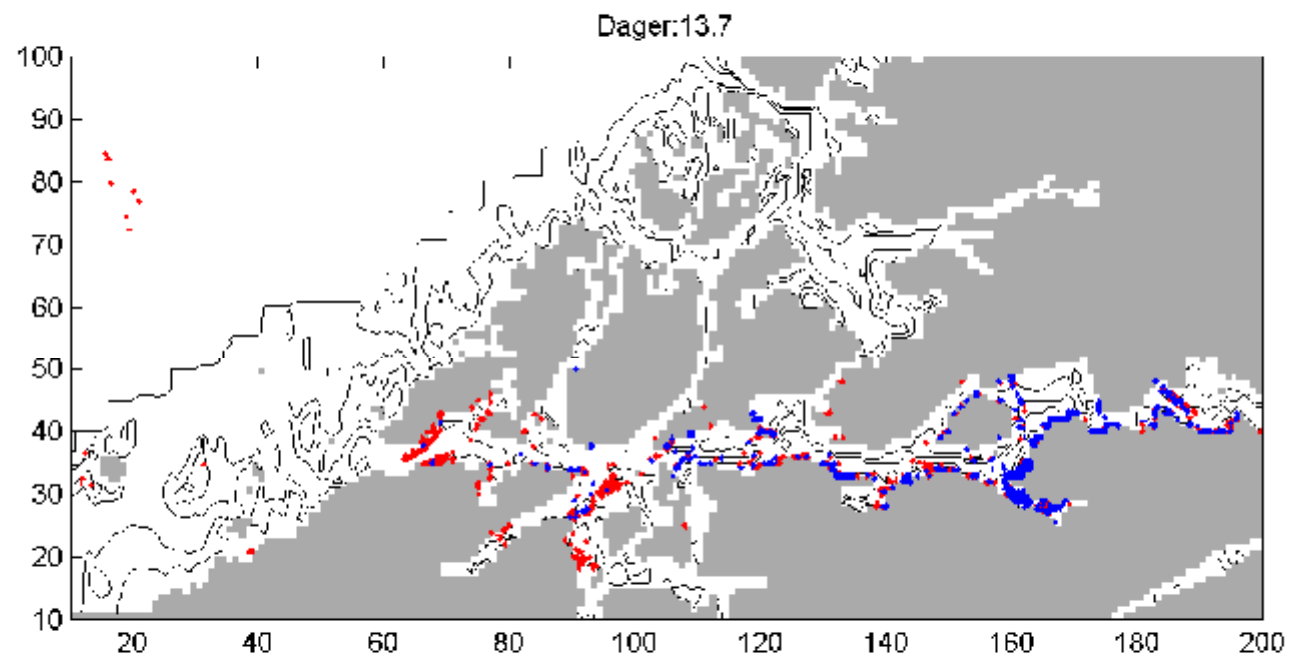






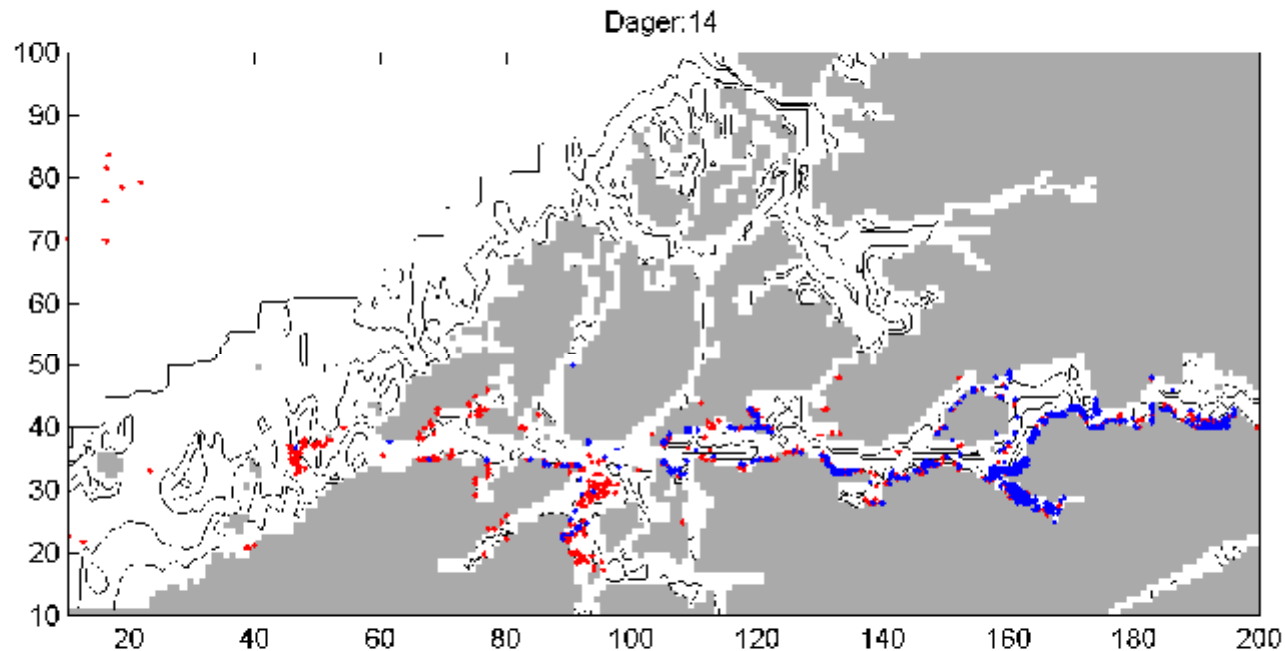






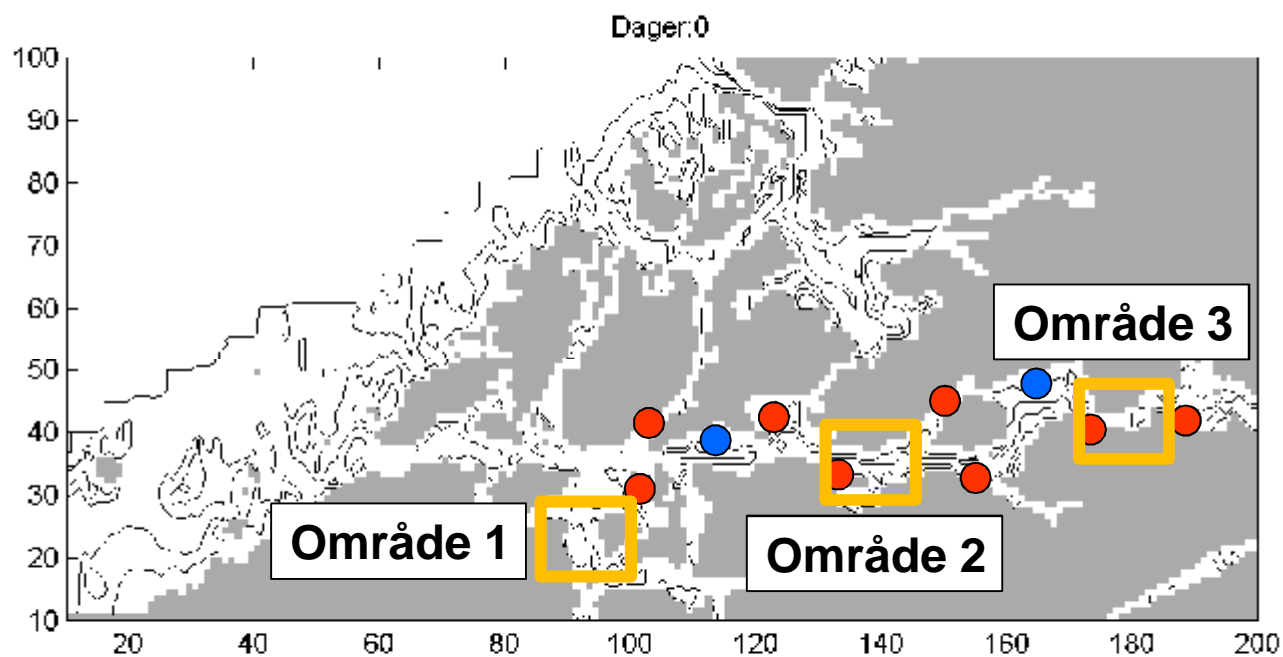
Modellert spredning i Hardangerfjorden

Etter 14 dager er tilsynelatende lakselus fra enkeltanlegg og klynger spredt utover hele fjorden.



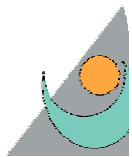
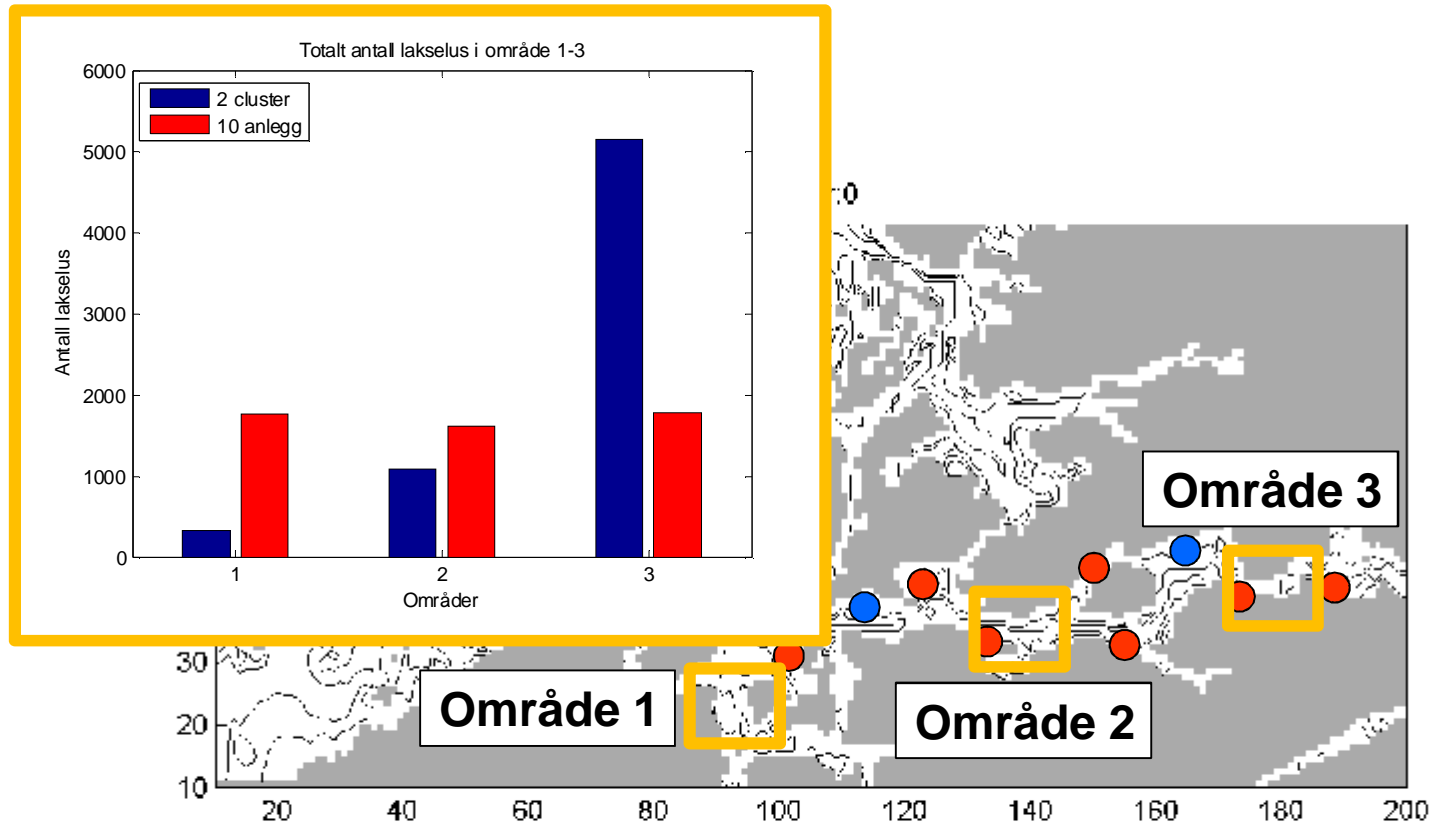
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Summerer antall lus som har vært innom tre områder i løpet av simuleringen for å få kvantitativ informasjon om forskjelle



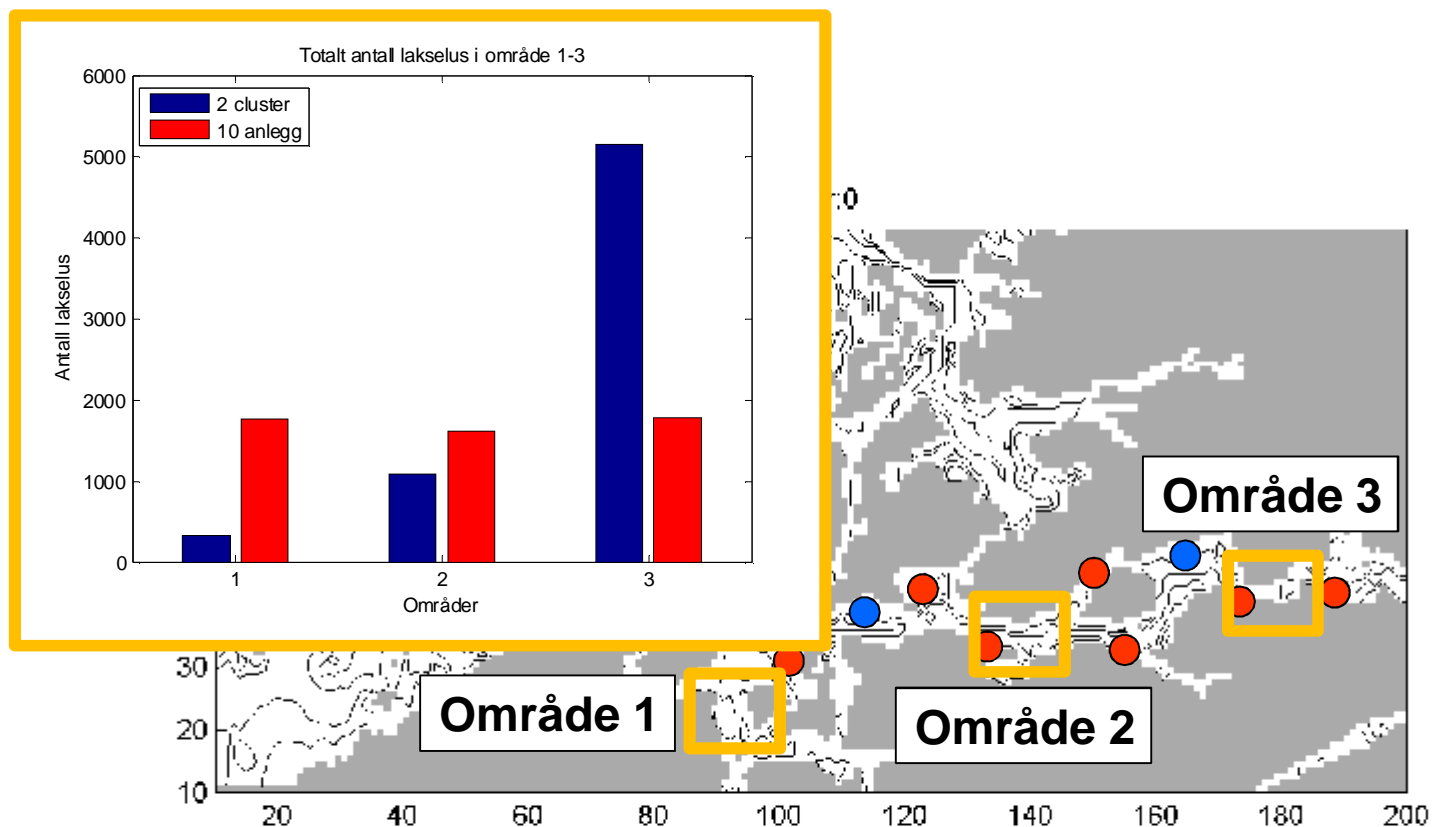
Modellert spredning i Hardangerfjorden

Totalt antall lus innom områdene 1-3 i løpet av 1-20. mai 2007



Modellert spredning i Hardangerfjorden

Totalt antall lus innom områdene 1-3 i løpet av 1-20. mai 2007



Men: Hva betyr dette?



Hvor stor dose/antall lus er tilstrekkelig for å utgjøre en trussel for de ville fiskebestandene??

Kunnskapsstatus og utfordringer

Resultatene vi har samlet gjennom de siste 10 årene er relativt entydige:

- Lakselus som trussel for vill fisk er i dag et resultat av for mye fastsittende lus på (for mange?) verter.
- Lokalisering av anlegg eller gunstige miljøforhold vil bare redusere denne trusselen i mindre grad.

Det er en utfordring å forbedre resultatene som ligger til grunn.



Kunnskapsstatus og utfordringer

- **Trenger flere tidsserier av miljødata fra fjorder.**
- **Må etablere en validert metodikk for å observere mengde og fordeling av planktonisk lakselus i fjordmiljøet.**
- **Må finne absolutte tall for hvor mye lakselus et område tåler uten å påvirke ville fiskebestander negativt.**
- **Hvor detaljert trenger vi å kjenne til lakselusens biologi med hensyn til hvordan den finner en ny vert?**
- **Vi må se økosystemet, miljøet og næring i sammenheng – et bredt samarbeid vil være en nøkkel.**



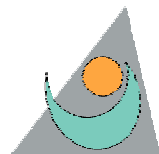
Til slutt

Havforskningsinstituttet gjennomfører en relativt betydelig overvåkning av mengde og fordeling av lakselus.

Deler av dette arbeidet vil inngå naturlig i andre problemstillinger, som fjordøkologi, patogenspredning, bæreevne eller klimaendringer.

Havforskningsinstituttet ønsker å samarbeide bredt om problemstillingene i norske fjordområder, da dette er så store oppgaver at ingen klarer å gjøre dette godt nok på egen hånd.

Vi samarbeider også bredt internasjonalt.



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