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Introduction

e two main informational sources that sheries scientists employ to analyse population distributions through time and space are data that are independent of the shery and data that are dependent on the shery. Depending on the approaches used, each has bene ts and drawbacks; but, when used in tandem, they are useful for the management of various sheries. Because locations are not always accurately or at all documented by sheries-dependent sources and because shery-dependent data are a consequence of shery behaviour, mapping of species distributions for several regions is only reliable when employing shery-independent data. Because of the inherent biases present in shery-dependent data, visualisation and mapping are more challenging in areas where sher's consistently record location data, as opposed to shery-independent data, which are standardised and have a scienti c sampling design built in Fishery-independent surveys of America's Oregon Sea Grant provided funding for this study (grant number: NA18OAR4170072).

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