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Local hydro-morphology, habitat and RBMPs: new measures to
improve ecological quality in South European rivers and lakes

Habitat information, methods and
environmental gradients investigated

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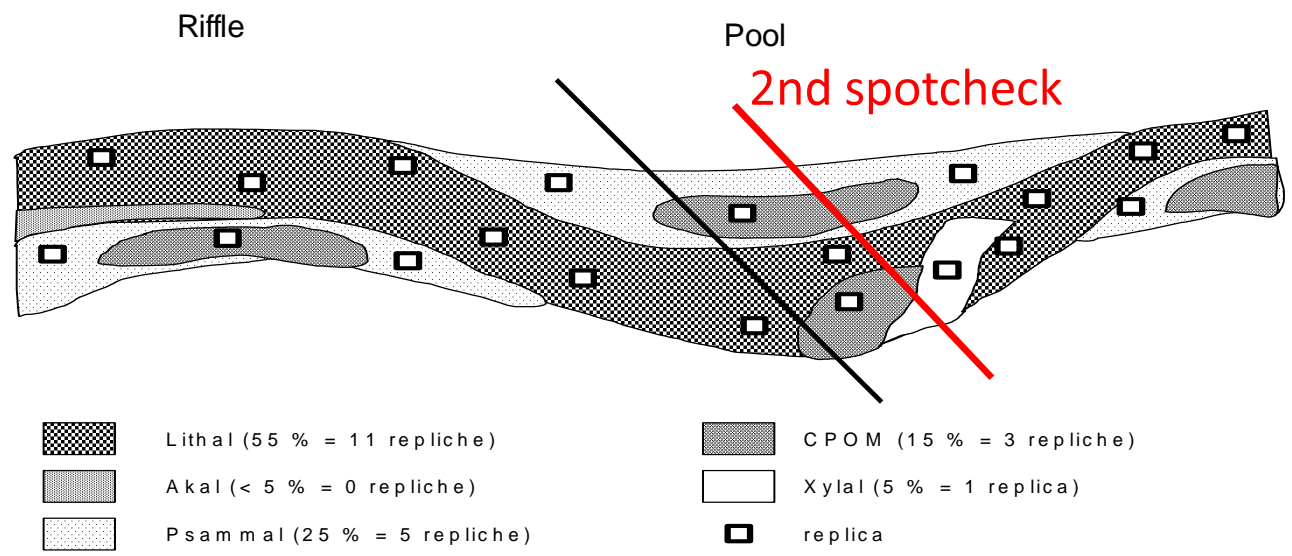
REGIONE AUTONOMA DELLA SARDEGNA

Fiume	Sito	Data
Transetto 1 a valle	10 Transetti (Spot-checks)	car. primaria car. secondaria
Transetto (Spot-Check)	GPS	GPS
10	9	8
7	6	5
4	3	2
1		1

Sponda Sinistra	A₁ Uso del suolo alla sommità della sponda e struttura della vegetazione di riva									
	Criteri per sommità sponda sinistra (struttura di pendenza B, uso Stabile, Veg. non igrofila, linea di detrito T, copertura Rocce discorinaria, Meandro)									
	Altezza della sponda (Banktop) (m)									
	Uso del suolo: scegliere tra nat., BL, CW, NN, MM, SH, TH, GR, MH, RD, OW, WL; agr. BP, CP, EU, PO, OR, OL, VL, TL, RP, WM, RF, FH, urb. IN, SU, WT, MR, SR, WR, RA, QU, PG, AW; nvj - si veda pag. 2 della chiave applicativa o pag. 3 della scheda									
	Uso del suolo in 5m da sommità sponda sinistra									
	Sommità sinistra (B, U, S, C) (cerchiare se non omogeneo)									
	Larghezza della fascia vegetata (m: >m)									
	Sponda sinistra (B, U, S, C) (cerchiare se non omogeneo)									
	Estensione della Sponda (m)									
	B₁ Attributi fisici - Sponda Sinistra									
Caratteri zone marginali e sponde: Pendenza (Vert., Steep, Gentle)/(NV, NO, CoNfluenza, Nat. Berm, Art. Berm)										
Ampiezza Berm s/o piano inondabile (m)										
Altezza Berm s/o piano inondabile (m)										
Modifiche della sponda (NK, NO, RS, RI(N), RT(N), REIN), PCB), EM, TR)										
Materiale (NV, BE, BO, CO, GS, EA, PE, CL - CC, SP, WP, GA, BR, RR, TD, FA, LR, BI, CW)										

Sponda Destra	A₂ Uso del suolo alla sommità della sponda e struttura della vegetazione di riva									
	Criteri per sommità sponda destra (struttura di pendenza B, uso Stabile, Veg. non igrofila, linea di detrito T, copertura Rocce discorinaria, Meandro)									
	Altezza della sponda (Banktop) (m)									
	Uso del suolo: scegliere tra nat., BL, CW, NN, MM, SH, TH, GR, MH, RD, OW, WL; agr. BP, CP, EU, PO, OR, OL, VL, TL, RP, WM, RF, FH, urb. IN, SU, WT, MR, SR, WR, RA, QU, PG, AW; nvj - si veda pag. 2 della chiave applicativa o pag. 3 della scheda									
	Uso del suolo in 5m da sommità sponda destra									
	Sommità destra (B, U, S, C) (cerchiare se non omogeneo)									
	Larghezza della fascia vegetata (m: >m)									
	Sponda destra (B, U, S, C) (cerchiare se non omogeneo)									
	Estensione della Sponda (m)									
	B₂ Attributi fisici - Sponda Destra									
Caratteri zone marginali e sponde: Pendenza (Vert., Steep, Gentle)/(NV, NO, CoNfluenza, Nat. Berm, Art. Berm)										
Ampiezza Berm s/o piano inondabile (m)										
Altezza Berm s/o piano inondabile (m)										
Modifiche della sponda (NK, NO, RS, RI(N), RT(N), REIN), PCB), EM, TR)										
Materiale (NV, BE, BO, CO, GS, EA, PE, CL - CC, SP, WP, GA, BR, RR, TD, FA, LR, BI, CW)										

Intero Sito	C Numero di caratteristiche									
	C₁ - Contare sempre									
	Riffle(s) (Raschi)									
	Pool(s) (Pozze)									
	Isola/isola matura									
	Barra di meandro non vegetata									
	Barra di meandro vegetata									
	Barra laterale non vegetata									
	Barra laterale vegetata									
	Note									
D Altre caratteristiche di erosione										
Stimare il numero se pianificabile										
Free fall										
Chute flow										
Broken standing waves										
Unbroken standing waves										
Rippled flow										
Upwelling										
Smooth flow										
Flusso non percettibile										
Acque morte marginali										
Deposito in sito senza vegetazione										
Massi esposti in alveo										
Rocce esposte in alveo										
Rocce/massi con vegetazione										
Scarpata verticale in erosione (Eroding cliff)										
Scarpata verticale stabile (Stable cliff)										



I USO DEL SUOLO IN 50m DALLA SOMMITA' E SULLA SPONDA									
Sputare (presente), usare E (> 33% lunghezza della sponda) o W (intero sito)									
		Sinistra		Destra				Sinistra	
		Sommità	Sponda	Sponda	Sommità			Sommità	Sponda
Naturale						Naturale			
Boschi di latifoglie/Sempreverdi mediterranei - BL						Prati naturali - GR			
Boschi di conifere (anche secondari) - CW						Brughiere - MH			
Sugherete (anche semi-naturali) - NN						Rocce, pietrisco o dune di sabbia - RD			
Macchia mediterranea - MM						Specchi d'acqua naturali - OW			
Arbusti e cespugli - SH						Zone umide (e.g. torbiere, canneti, stagni) - WL			
Erba alta/vegetazione sparsa - TH						Altro.....			
Agricolo						Urbano			
Plantagione di latifoglie o mista/ceduo intensivo - BP						Area urbana - UR			
Plantagione di Conifere - CP						Zona Industriale - IN			
Plantagione di Eucaliptus - EU						Case sparse (sviluppo Suburbano)/incolti - SU			
Plantagione di Populus - PO						Impianto di depurazione - WT			
Frutteti - OR						Strada principale (e.g. > 10 m, viadotto, superstrada) - NR			
Uliveti - OL						Strada semplice (e.g. non modifica alveo e sponde) - SR			
Vigne - VI						Strada bianca/mulattiera - WR			
Campi coltivati - TL						Ferrovia - RA			
Prati/pascoli/alpeggi - RP						Cava - QU			
Marcite - WM						Parchi o giardini - PG			
Risale - RF						Specchi d'acqua artificiali - AW			
Fattorie/allevamenti - FM						Altro.....			
Campi/aree irrigate intensivamente						Altro.....			
J Profilo della sponda									
Sputare (presente), usare E (> 33% lunghezza della sponda) o W (intero sito)									
Naturale/Non modificato		Sx		Dx		Artificiale/Modificato		Sx	

Altezza della sponda) o W (intero sito) *registrare anche se	
Ombreggiatura	
*Ram	
*Grosse radici esposti	
*Parti vive di radici sommi	
Detriti legnosi	
Alberi cari	
Alberi caduti/inclinati sulla sponda	
*W (intero sito) *registrare anche se	
Sommità	
Frassino (Fraxinus)	
Tamerice (Tamarix)	
Oleandro (Nerium oleander)	
Platano (Platanus)	
intero sito) *registrare anche se	
Sommità	
Sponda	
altissima	
foacacia	
roliniana	
dea spp.	
on major	
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Note e/o Eser. trasversale sito



Why CARAVAGGIO → good characterization of the habitat Mediterranean rivers



Submerged living parts
of terrestrial plants



Mineral substrates



CPOM/Xylal





What we can get from CARAVAGGIO: Indices/descriptors actually derived from CARAVAGGIO



- n Morphological alteration → HMS - Habitat Modification Score
- n Habitat Diversification → HQA - Habitat Quality Assessment
- n Land Use → LUI - Land Use Index
- n Local hydromorphological condition → LRD - Lentic-lotic River Descriptor
- n All indices/descriptors available at Pd3 - "Guideline and field protocols for deriving hydro-morphological and habitat information"; <http://www.life-inhabit.it/en/inhabit-themes-results/dissemination>



Habitat Modification Score (HMS)

The principle of HMS: different scores are assigned to different morphological alteration (and than summed)



High HMS values → high morphological alteration



Features		Scores			
		Each SC	<3	# of SC 3-5 6≥	
From Raven et al., 1998					
Spotcheck	Reinforcement to banks (RI)	2			
	Reinforcement to bed (AR)	2			
	Resectioned bank or bed (RS)	1			
	Two-stage bank modification (BM)	1			
	Embankment (EM)	1			
	Culvert	8			
	Dam, weir, ford (DA, FO)	2			
	Bank poached by livestock (PC)		0	1 2	
		Bank			
		one	both		
Sweep-up	Artificial bed material	1			
	Reinforced whole bank	2		3	
	Reinforced top or bottom only	1		2	
	Resectioned bank	1		2	
	Embankment	1		1	
	Set-back embankment	1		1	
	Two-stage channel	1		3	
	Weed-cutting	1			
	Bank mowing	1		1	
	Culvert		8 each		
	Dam, weir, ford		2 each		
			# of features		
			1	2≥	
	Roadbridge	1		2	
Enhancements, such as groynes	1		2		
		Partly	Extensively		
Site affected by flow control	1		2		
Realigned channel	5		10		





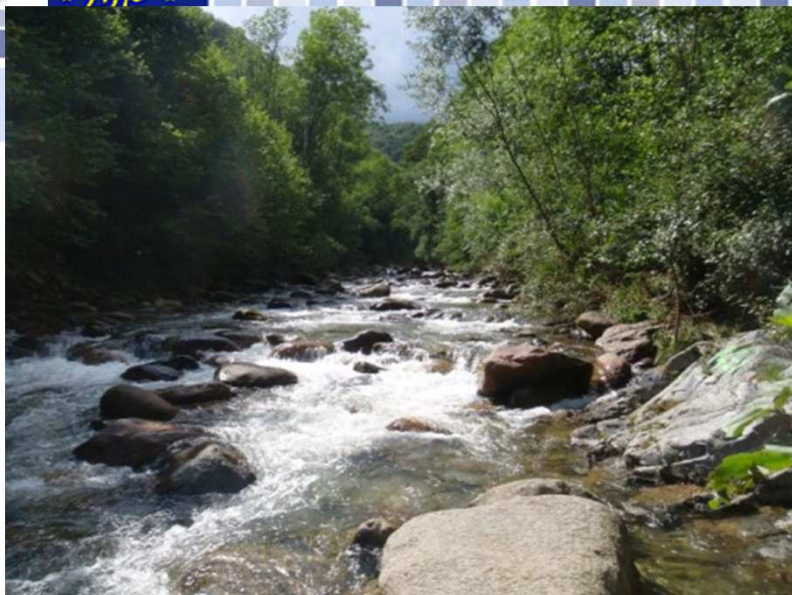
Habitat quality assessment (HQA)

High HQA values →
high habitat
diversification

Category (note)	Features	Spotcheck			Sweep-up (note)	
		#1	#2-3	#4≥		
Flow types	Every features	1	2	3	1 each (if not in the SC)	
Channel substrates	Every features (NV score 1 only if 6≥)	1	2	3		
Natural channel features	Every features	1	2	3	1 each (if not in the SC)	
Bank features	EC, SC, PB, VP, SB, VS	1	2	3		
Bars	VP, PB, SB, VS				1 each (if not in the SC)	
					# of features 3-8 9≥	
	PB+VP (count together)				1 2	
Bank vegetation structure (each bank is scored separately)	Bankface (S or C)	1	2	3		
	Banktop (S or C)	1	2	3		
In-stream channel vegetation (either present or extensive)	Liverworts/mosses	1	1	2		
	emergent broad-leaved herbs	1	1	2		
	emergent reeds/rushes/sedges	1	1	2		
	floating-leaved, free floating and amphibious	1	1	2		
	submerged broadleaved	1	1	2		
	submerged linear and fine-leaved	1	1	2		
Land-use within 50 m (each bank is scored separately)	Broadleaf woodland, moorland/heath and wetland exclusively recovered. Broadleaf woodland, moorland/heath and wetland				P	E
					1	2
					7	
Trees (each bank is scored separately)	Isolated/scattered				1	
	Regularly-spaced or occasional clumps				2	
	Semi-continuous or continuous				3	
					P	E
Associated features	Overhanging boughs				1	
	Exposed bankside roots, underwater tree roots				1	2
	Coarse woody debris				1	3
	Fallen trees				1	5
Special features	Waterfall more than 5m high, braided or side-channels, debris dams, natural open, fen, carr, flush bog				5	

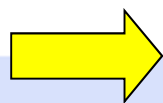


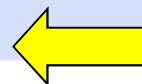
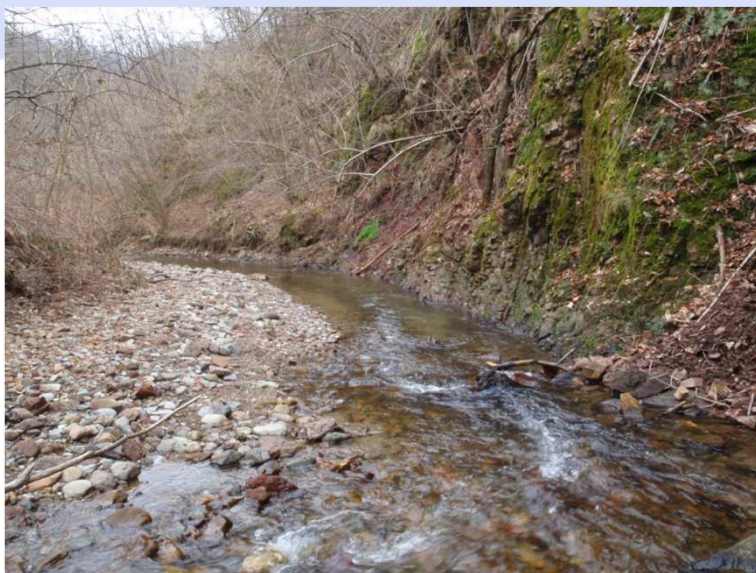
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**Savenca Reference (Alps,
Piemonte):**
← **HMS 1**
HQA 49

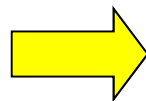
Savenca ponte
(Alps, Piemonte):
HMS 37
HQA 35

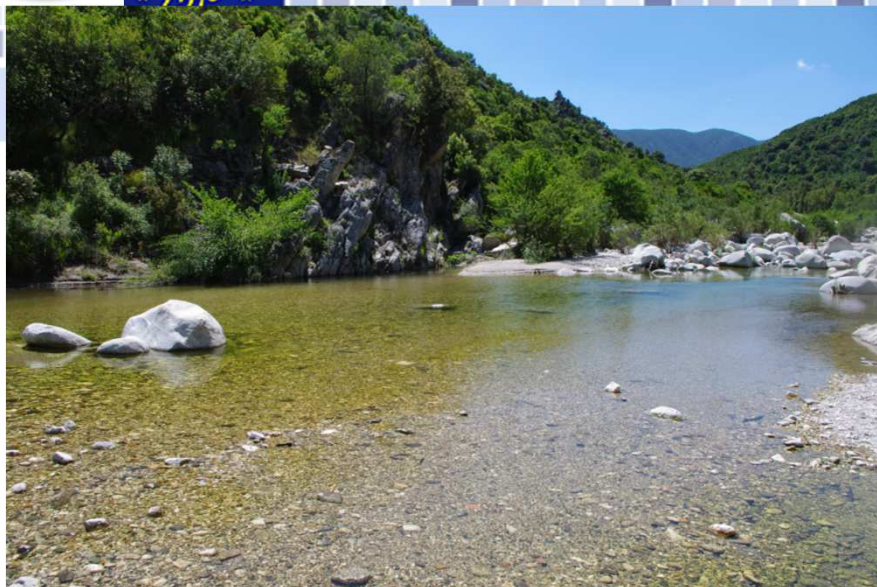




**Sizzone (Po Plain, Piemonte):
HMS 4
HQA 51**

**Guarabione ponte
(Po Plain,
Piemonte):
HMS 46
HQA 22**

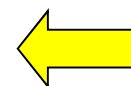




Flumineddu (Sardegna):

HMS 0

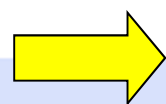
HQA 61

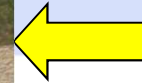


**Affluente Posada
(Sardegna):**

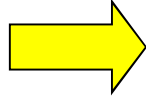
HMS 0

HQA 50



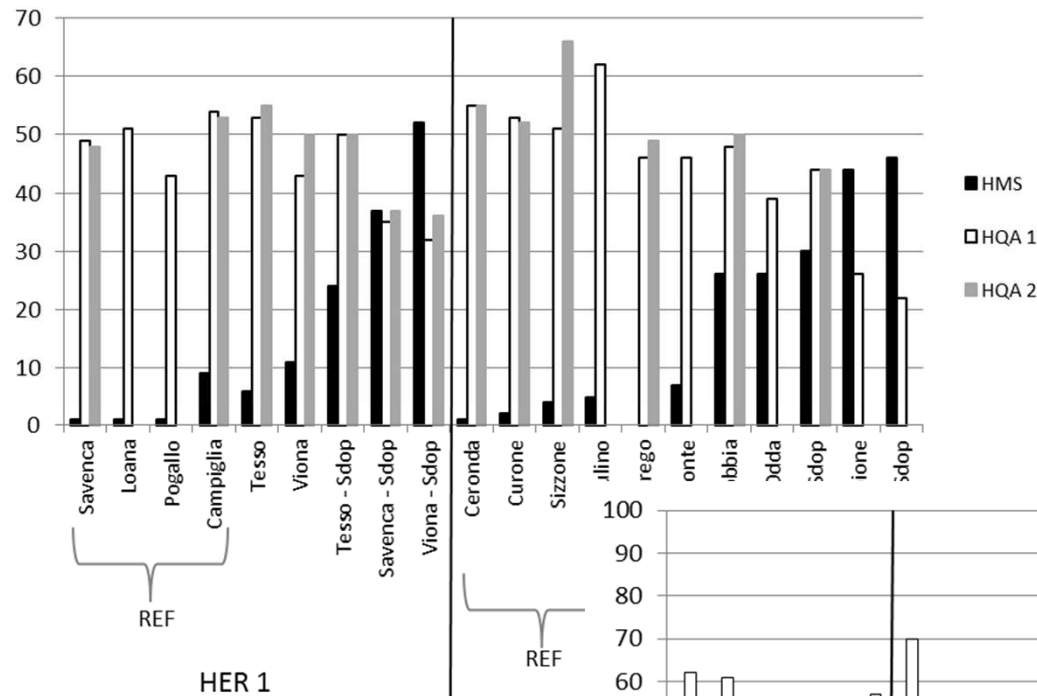


**Corre pruna ponte
(Sardegna):
HMS 79
HQA 26**

**Baldu Downstream
(Sardegna):** 
**HMS 26
HQA 54**



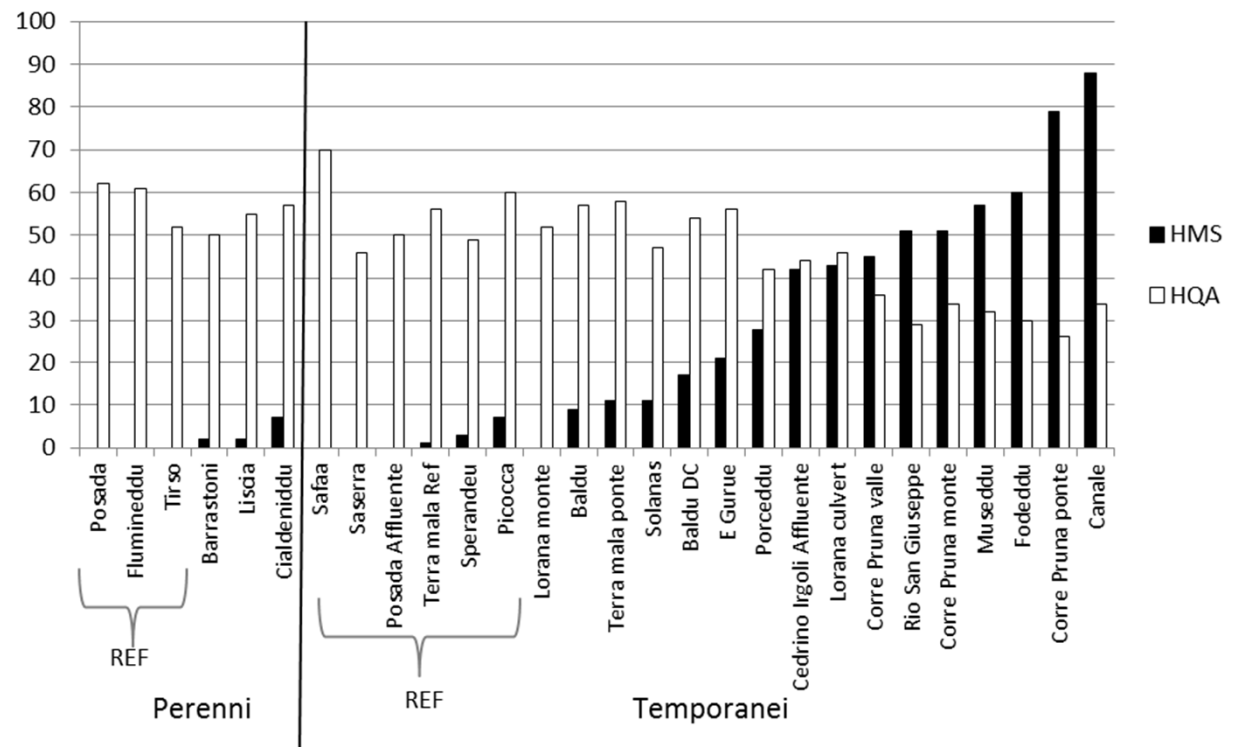
Risultati INHABIT - HMS HQA



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Land Use Index (LUI)



Features recorded with the CARAVAGGIO method included in the calculation of LUIr and related sections of the field form. WF: the feature is used as a Weight Factor.

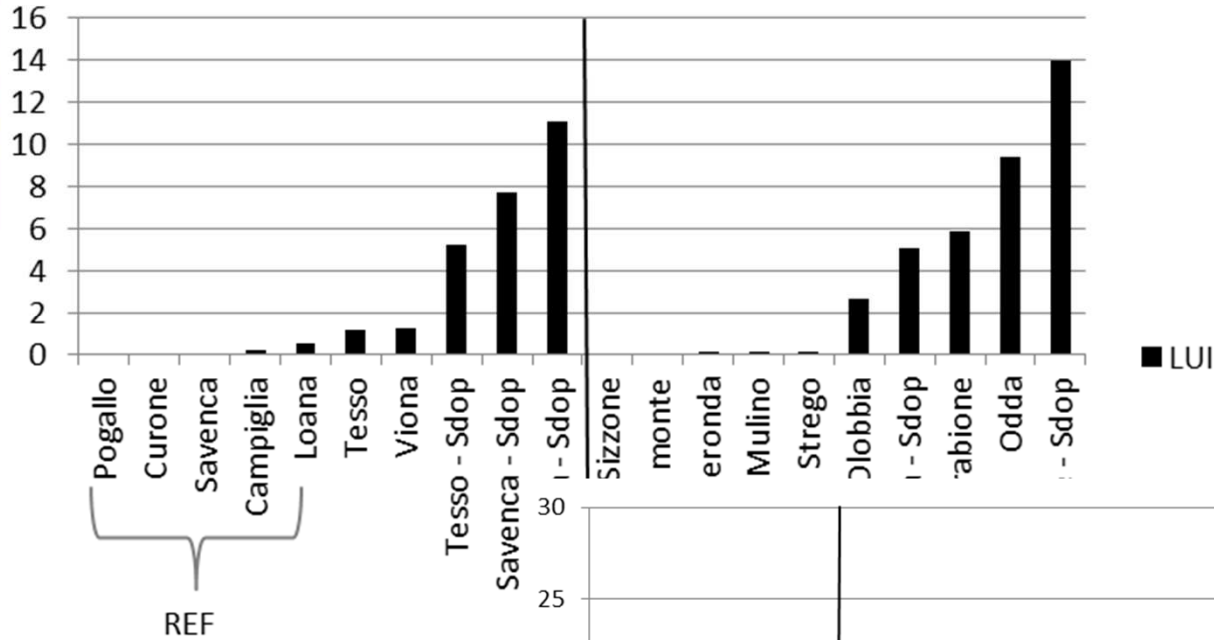
Natural land uses: all receiving 0

Sec.	Spot-checks / Sweep-up	Feature	River section	Score / WF	Score			
					Spot-checks and Sweep-up	Adjusted scores for spot-checks if tillage of fields is perpendicular to river course		
A	Spot-checks	Land use within 50 m of banktop				P	E	W
		Banktop height (m)	BP, CP, EU, PO, FM	3				
		Bankface extension (m)	OR, VI, TL, RF	3	3.3	3.9	4.5	
		Total channel width	RP, WM	1				
E			OL	1	1.1	1.3	1.5	
I	Sweep-up	Land use within 50 m of banktop				Score		
		Land use on bankface				Only for Sweep-Up, when different from spot-checks (sec. I)		
J	Sweep-up	Bank profiles - Embanked				P	E	W
		Bank profiles - Set back embankment	IN, UR, WT, QU	5				
Q	Sweep-up	Tillage of fields perpendicular to river course	SU	3				
			MS, RA	3	0.3	0.45	0.6	
			PG, AW	1				
			RO	1	0.1	0.15	0.2	
			WR	0				

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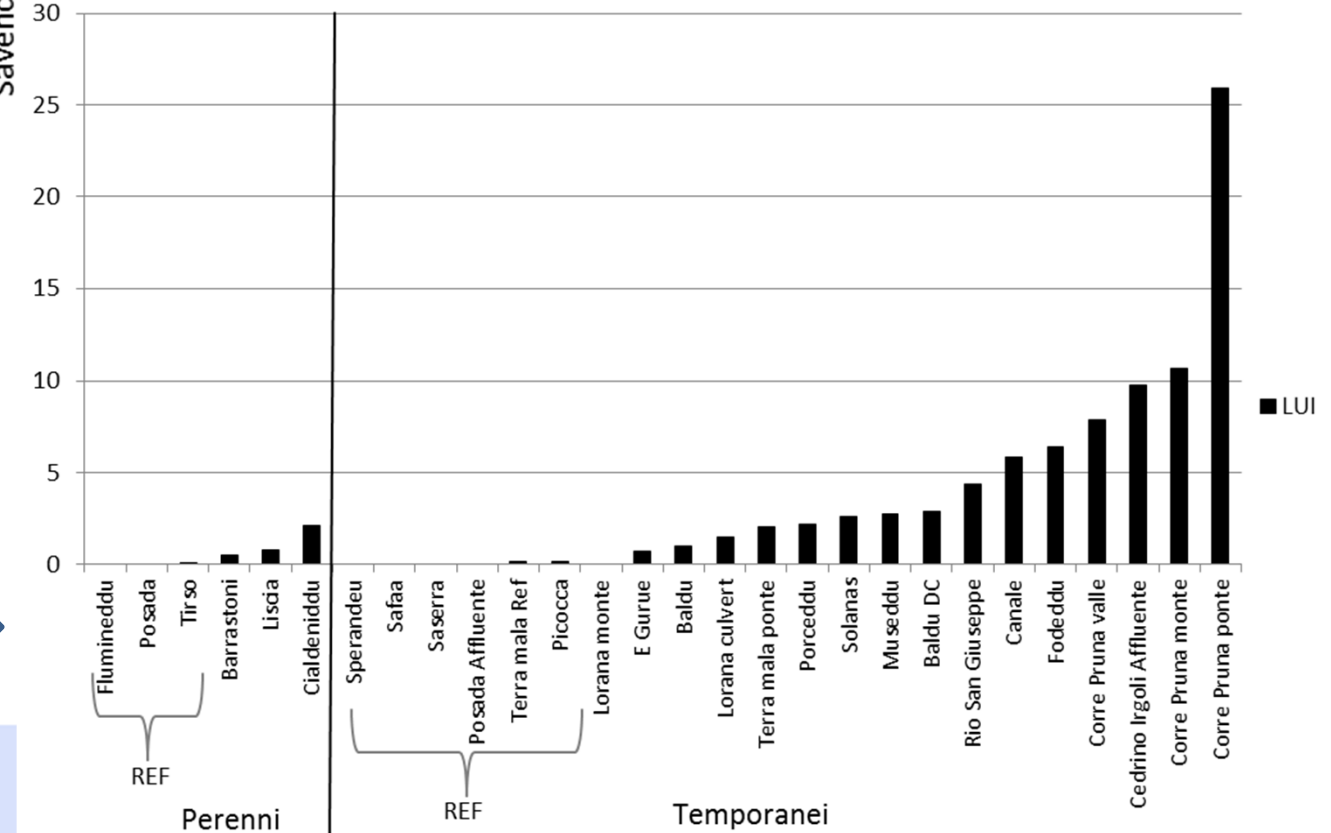


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HMS, HQA and LUI are actually included in DM 260/2010 (Italian law indicating technical criteria for classifying water bodies) for the definition of High/Good boundary

Ecological Quality Ratio: HMS & LUI

90th percentile (MHS=6) → High/Good boundary

$$EQR_{HMS} = 100 - HMS_{observed} / 100 - 0 \text{ [where 0 is HMS median value at reference sites]}$$

90th percentile (LUI) → High/Good boundary

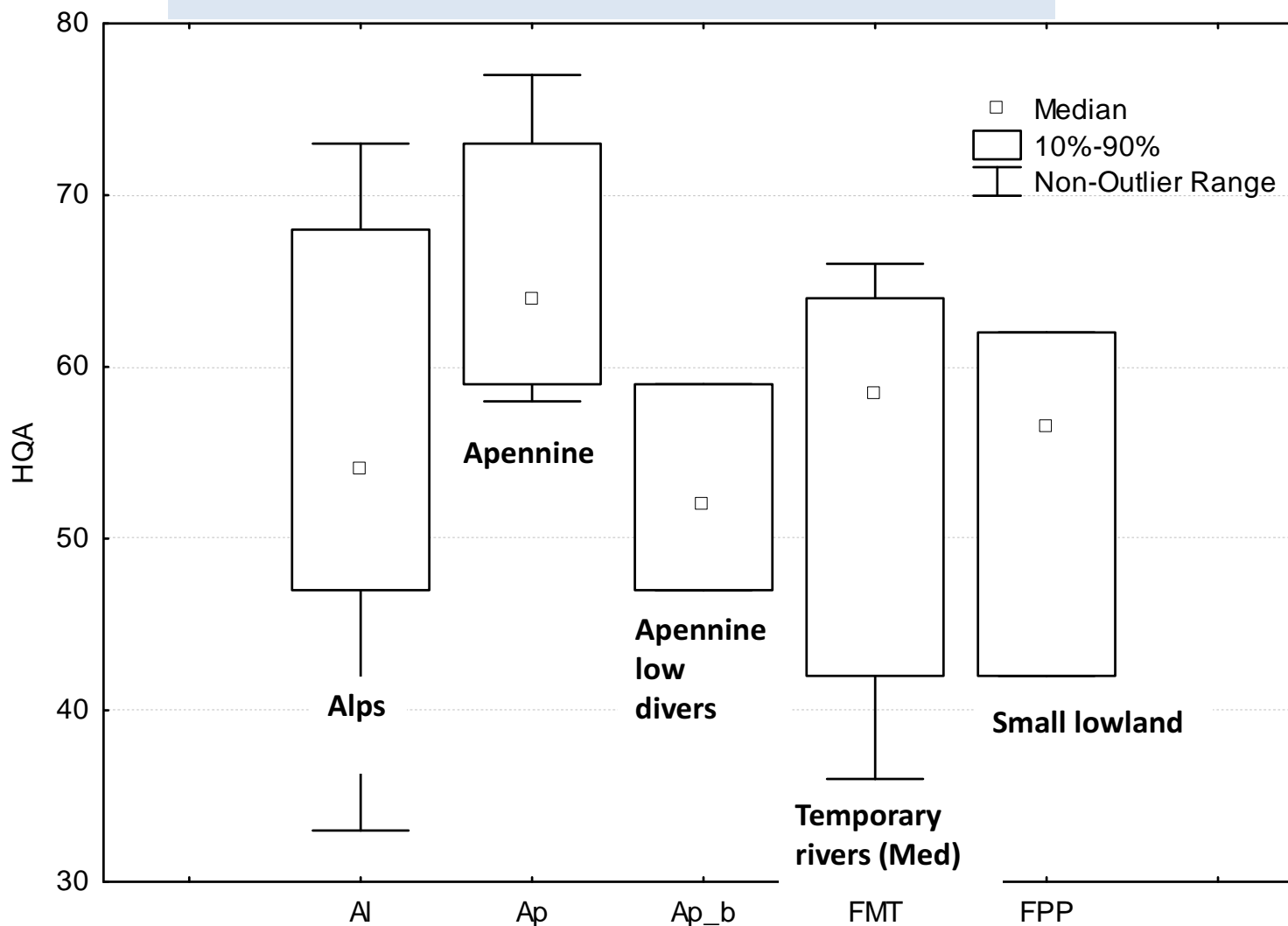
$$EQR_{LUI} = 39.2 - LUI_{observed} / 39.2 - 0 \text{ [where 0 is HMS median value at reference sites]}$$

EQR HMS	HMS Score range	Range 100-HMS	Quality status
≥ 0.94	0 - 6	94-100	High status
≥ 0.82	7-18	82-93	Good status
≥ 0.58	19-42	58-81	Moderate status
≥ 0.28	43-72	28-57	Poor status
< 0.28	≥ 73	≤ 27	Bad status

EQR _{LUIcara}	LUIcara range	Range Max-LUIcara	Quality status
≥ 0.95	0 - 2	37.2- 39.2	High status
≥ 0.72	2.01-11	28.2-37.19	Good status
≥ 0.49	11.01-20	19.2-28.19	Moderate status
≥ 0.26	20.01-29	10.2-19.19	Poor status
< 0.26	> 29	<10.2	Bad status



HQA variability



Ecological Quality Ratio: HQA



10th percentile (HQA) → High/Good boundary

$EQR_{HQA} = \frac{HQA_{observed} - 11}{reference\ median\ value - 11}$
 [where 11 is HQA minimum value, if HQA is < 11 (very rare) → = 0]

EQR_{HQA} (median REF 58)	Score HQA – Mediterranean temporary	Quality status
≥ 0.66	≥ 42	High status
≥ 0.49	34-41	Good status
≥ 0.32	26-33	Moderate status
≥ 0.15	18-25	Poor status
< 0.15	≤ 17	Bad status

EQR_{HQA} (median REF 56)	Score HQA – small lowland	Quality status
≥ 0.69	≥ 42	High status
≥ 0.51	34-41	Good status
≥ 0.33	26-33	Moderate status
≥ 0.16	18-25	Poor status
< 0.16	≤ 17	Bad status

EQR_{HQA} (median REF 57)	Score HQA – other	Quality status
≥ 0.78	≥ 47	High status
≥ 0.59	38-46	Good status
≥ 0.39	29-37	Moderate status
≥ 0.20	20-28	Poor status
< 0.20	≤ 19	Bad status

EQR_{HQA} (median REF 54)	Score HQA – Alps	Quality status
≥ 0.84	≥ 47	High status
≥ 0.63	38-46	Good status
≥ 0.42	29-37	Moderate status
≥ 0.21	20-28	Poor status
< 0.21	≤ 19	Bad status

EQR_{HQA} (median REF 64)	Score HQA – Appennino	Quality status
≥ 0.91	≥ 59	High status
≥ 0.68	47-58	Good status
≥ 0.45	35-46	Moderate status
≥ 0.23	23-34	Poor status
< 0.23	≤ 22	Bad status

EQR_{HQA} (median REF 52)	Score HQA – Appennino (low diversification)	Quality status
≥ 0.88	≥ 47	High status
≥ 0.66	38-46	Good status
≥ 0.44	29-37	Moderate status
≥ 0.22	20-28	Poor status
< 0.22	≤ 19	Bad status

Lentic-lotic River Descriptor

Negative scores associated to lotic features

Positive values associated to lentic features

It is possible to separate scores associated to artificial features to scores linked with natural features

Description (page - section)	Category	Feature	Score		
Flow type (2-F)	Lentic	DR	8		
		NP	2		
	Intermediate	CH, SM, UP	0		
		RP	-0.5		
Lotic	UW	-1			
	BW, CF, FF	-2			
	Maximum water depth (2-E)	Deep	>75	1	
Channel substrate (2-F)	Intermediate	25?x?75	0.5		
		Not deep	<25		
		Channel vegetation types/ Organic debris (2-H)	Lentic	CL, SI, SA	1
Spot-checks	Intermediate	GP, BE	0		
		Lotic	CO, BO	-1	
		Artificial	AR	0	
		Extension	P <33%	E ?33%	
Channel vegetation types/ Organic debris (2-H)	Lentic	Emergent reeds/sedges/ rushes/grasses	1	3	
		Floating-leaved (rooted)			
		Free-floating			
		Organic matter (CPOM/FPOM)	1	3	
Lotic	Lotic	Liverworts/mosses/ lichens	-1	-3	
Sweep-up					
Flow type (1-D)	Class		Present	Frequent	Very frequent
	Occurrence (# features)		1-2	3-4-5-6	>7
	Lentic	DR	16	24	24
		NP	4	6	10
	Intermediate	CH, SM, UP	0	0	0
Lotic		RP	-1	-1.5	-2.5
		UW	-2	-3	-5
Lotic	Lotic	BW, CF, FF	-4	-6	-10
		Bars (1-C & 1-D)	Every recorded bar scores	-0.5 (maximum total score -5)	
Artificial features (2-G)			Major	Intermediate	Minor
	Weirs/sluices, Bridges, Culvert	Deflectors, Fords	2	1	0
1			1	1	
General degradation (4-Q)			Yes <33%	Yes ?33%	
	Is water impounded by weirs/sluices?		3	6	
Features of special interest (4-R)					
Features of special interest (4-R)			Extension	P <33%	E ?33%
	Natural water falls (>5 m high)	Natural water falls (>5 m high)	-3	-5	
		Natural water falls (>5 m high)	-1	-3	
	Debris dam(s)	1	3		



LRD varies between -70 (extremely lotic) and 90 (Extremely lentic)

Class	Name	value
1+	Extremely lotic	LRD ≤ -50
1	Very lotic	-50 < LRD < -30
2	Lotic	-30 \leq LRD < -10
3	Intermediate	-10 \leq LRD < 10
4	Lentic	10 \geq LRD < 30
5	Very lentic	30 \geq LRD < 50
5+	Extremely lentic	LRD ≥ 50



Curone LRD 23



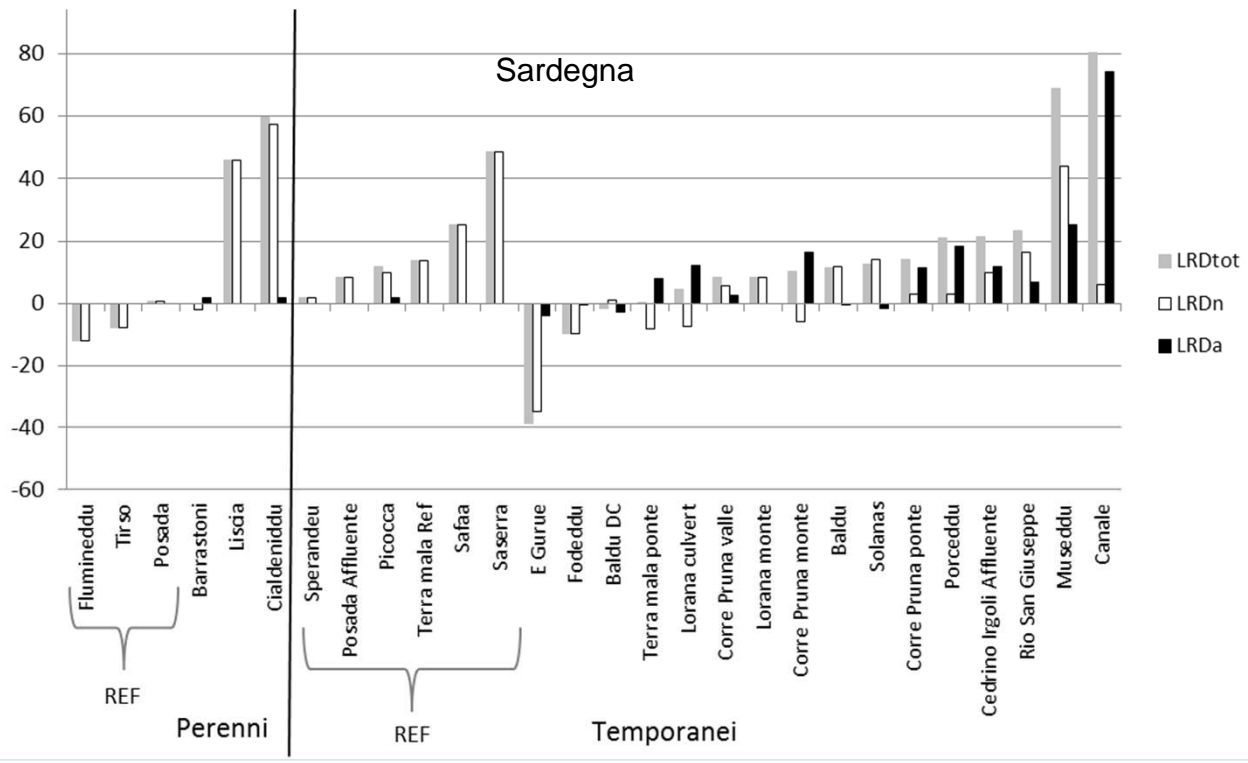
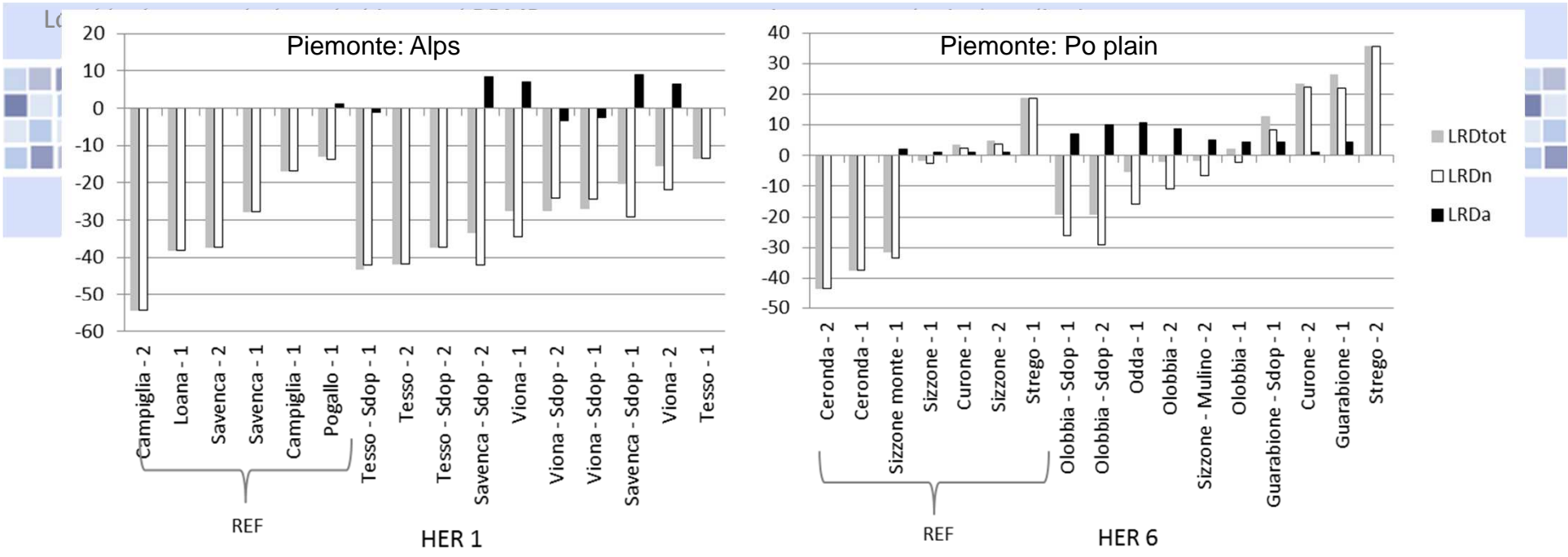
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E Gurue: LRD -38



Campiglia, LRD -54



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Lentic-lotic River Descriptor (LRD)

All: Emilia - Toscana - Cilento - Sardegna

		Correspondence Analysis				
Axes		I	II	III	IV	Total inertia
All area Samples: 103	Eigenvalues	0.34	0.23	0.22	0.20	4.24
	Lentic-lotic character:	LRD (R=0.77)	Environmental quality gradient:	River type:	Season:	
			Combined Pressure HMS-HQA-LIM-IFF (R=0.49)	Slope (R=0.32)	annual rainfall (R=0.46)	

		Principal Component Analysis			
Axes		I	II	III	IV
Sardinia Samples: 37	Eigenvalues	0.248	0.121	0.082	0.069
	Lentic-lotic character:	LRD (R=0.77)	Upstream/downstream site altitude (R=0.74)	Typology	Environmental quality gradient:

Temporary rivers





• CARAVAGGIO soft → for calculating the different indices

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LRD - Lentic Lotic Descriptor

HQA - Habitat Quality Assessment
HMS - Habitat Modification Score

LUI - Land Use Index

(Calculations may take some time)

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