

Appendix A. Depth limits of selected species

Perennial macroalgae, stoneworts and higher plant taxa observed in more than 50 transects were selected for depth limit studies. Crustose algae, land plants, bryophytes, free floating taxa and helophytes were excluded. Each selected taxon was classified according to main substrate preference (hard, soft or ambiguous) to make it possible to exclude substrate limited observations of depth limits (Table 1). Some taxa where grouped before analysis in order to reduce taxonomic differences between time periods and different divers, e.g. *Fucus radicans* was recently separated from *F. vesiculosus* and is grouped as *F. vesiculosus*. All groupings are reported in Table 1.

Table 1 Taxa selected for depth distribution studies. Substrate preference H = hard bottom species, S = soft bottom species and A = ambiguous (species living on both hard and soft substrates). Taxa marked with X in the column MSMDI are included in the current Swedish assessment method. Taxon groupings are illustrated by the small number to the right of the taxon name; 1 includes *F. radicans*, 2 includes *R. cirrhosa* and *R. marina*, 3 includes *Zannichellia*, *Z. palustris* var. *major*, *Z. palustris* var. *repens*, 4 includes *M. sibiricum*, 5 includes *Rhodomela*, 6 includes *Furcellaria* and 7 includes *Coccotylus truncatus* and *Phyllophora pseudoceranoïdes*.

Group	Taxon	Substrate preference	MSMDI
Phaeophyceae	Desmarestia aculeata	H	
Phaeophyceae	Ascophyllum nodosum	H	
Phaeophyceae	Fucus serratus	H	X
Phaeophyceae	Fucus vesiculosus ¹	H	X
Phaeophyceae	Halidrys siliquosa	H	X
Phaeophyceae	Sargassum muticum	H	
Phaeophyceae	Laminaria digitata	H	
Phaeophyceae	Laminaria hyperborea	H	
Phaeophyceae	Saccharina latissima	H	X
Phaeophyceae	Battersia arctica	H	X
Phaeophyceae	Chaetopteris plumosa	H	
Chlorophyta	Aegagropila linnaei	A	X
Chlorophyta	Cladophora rupestris	H	X
Magnoliophyta	Potamogeton gramineus	S	
Magnoliophyta	Potamogeton pectinatus	S	
Magnoliophyta	Potamogeton perfoliatus	S	X
Magnoliophyta	Ruppia ²	S	
Magnoliophyta	Zannichellia palustris ³	S	
Magnoliophyta	Zostera marina	S	X
Magnoliophyta	Eleocharis acicularis	S	
Magnoliophyta	Callitricha hermaphroditica	S	
Magnoliophyta	Ranunculus peltatus ssp. baudotii	S	
Magnoliophyta	Myriophyllum spicatum ⁴	S	
Rhodophyta	Ahnfeltia plicata	H	
Rhodophyta	Ceramium virgatum	H	
Rhodophyta	Delesseria sanguinea	H	X
Rhodophyta	Membranoptera alata	H	
Rhodophyta	Phycodrys rubens	H	X
Rhodophyta	Odonthalia dentata	H	
Rhodophyta	Polysiphonia elongata	H	
Rhodophyta	Polysiphonia fucoides	H	
Rhodophyta	Polysiphonia stricta	H	
Rhodophyta	Rhodomela confervoides ⁵	H	X

Group	Taxon	Substrate preference	MSMDI
Rhodophyta	<i>Plumaria plumosa</i>	H	
Rhodophyta	<i>Corallina officinalis</i>	H	
Rhodophyta	<i>Cystoclonium purpureum</i>	H	
Rhodophyta	<i>Dilsea carnosa</i>	H	
Rhodophyta	<i>Furcellaria lumbricalis</i> ⁶	A	X
Rhodophyta	<i>Chondrus crispus</i>	H	X
Rhodophyta	<i>Coccotylus/Phyllophora</i> ⁷	A	X
Rhodophyta	<i>Polyides rotundus</i>	H	
Charophyceae	<i>Chara aspera</i>	S	
Charophyceae	<i>Chara baltica</i>	S	X
Charophyceae	<i>Chara globularis</i>	S	

Before analysis depth limits that were truncated, were substrate limited or lacked substrate information were excluded. In Table 2 the total number of transects with depth limits for each selected species are shown together with the number of excluded depth limits due to the different reasons.

Table 2 Number of depth limits (transects) for each taxon selected for plotting of depth limits. Total number of depth limits is shown together with the number of excluded depth limits due to different reasons. Column OK show the number of depth limits that are used in the plots. Columns East and West show the number of OK depth limits on each side of Sweden (excluding open sea). West represents data from national type 1-6 and 25 and east data from national typ 7-24.

Taxon	No substrate info	Substrate limited	Truncated	OK	Total	East	West
<i>Desmarestia aculeata</i>	45	2	20	41	108		41
<i>Ascophyllum nodosum</i>	13	1		42	56		42
<i>Fucus serratus</i>	88	15	101	538	742	348	188
<i>Fucus vesiculosus</i>	284	143	425	2339	3191	2126	210
<i>Halidrys siliquosa</i>	130	2	12	157	301		157
<i>Sargassum muticum</i>	5	6	10	39	60		39
<i>Laminaria digitata</i>	131	2	35	146	314		146
<i>Laminaria hyperborea</i>	44	1	4	9	58		9
<i>Saccharina latissima</i>	154	10	47	180	391		180
<i>Battersia arctica</i>	38	198	824	314	1374	312	1
<i>Chaetopteris plumosa</i>	18	1	18	19	56		19
<i>Aegagropila linnaei</i>			27	101	128	101	
<i>Cladophora rupestris</i>	58	14	103	774	949	592	180
<i>Potamogeton gramineus</i>			3	56	59	56	
<i>Potamogeton pectinatus</i>	106	103	412	1048	1669	1048	
<i>Potamogeton perfoliatus</i>	63	51	218	643	975	643	
<i>Ruppia</i>	37	56	195	392	680	385	7
<i>Zannichellia palustris</i>	94	92	305	763	1254	762	1
<i>Zostera marina</i>	262	58	279	307	906	288	19
<i>Eleocharis acicularis</i>		1	9	55	65	55	
<i>Callitricha hermaphroditica</i>	3	3	57	174	237	174	
<i>Ranunculus peltatus</i> ssp. <i>baudotii</i>	13	8	14	122	157	122	
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	1	28	140	450	619	450	
<i>Ahnfeltia plicata</i>	120		17	216	353	9	207

Taxon	No substrate info	Substrate limited	Truncated	OK	Total	East	West
Ceramium virgatum	182	27	181	407	797	181	222
Delesseria sanguinea	99	29	160	93	381		93
Membranoptera alata	90	3	21	115	229		115
Phycodrys rubens	122	24	154	73	373		73
Odonthalia dentata	65	4	36	60	165		60
Polysiphonia elongata	100	17	68	122	307	4	118
Polysiphonia fucoides	200	230	1401	764	2595	580	179
Polysiphonia stricta	104	6	47	124	281	1	123
Rhodomela confervoides	176	44	708	645	1573	500	136
Plumaria plumosa	84	1		68	153		68
Corallina officinalis	89			12	119	220	
Cystoclonium purpureum	155	8	55	155	373		155
Dilsea carnosa	66	4	25	60	155		60
Furcellaria lumbricalis	261		1557	1129	2947	899	220
Chondrus crispus	163	12	69	222	466		222
Coccotylus/Phyllophora	114		956	552	1622	383	162
Polyides rotundus	15	3	12	73	103	20	53
Chara aspera		13	56	282	351	282	
Chara baltica		2	22	56	80	56	
Chara globularis	1	6	13	55	75	55	

Deeper living species like *Battersia arctica*, *Delesseria sanguinea*, *Furcellaria lumbricalis* and *Polysiphonia fucoides* have higher rates of truncated depth limits. Several of the west coast species depth limits lack associated substrate information making it impossible to assess substrate limitation, e.g. *Laminaria spp* and *Saccharina latissima*. Substrate limitation is not common reason for exclusion with the methods we have used, highest rate is observed for the deep living *Battersia arctica*.

Within this appendix there is one section with graphs for each selected species. The geographic distribution of the depth limits is shown on a map where yellow represents truncated depth limits, orange represents substrate limited depth limits, red represents depth limits without substrate information and green the remaining depth limits. Grey color represents sites where the species is found but no depth limits are measured, e.g. point occurrence data. The number of transects within each group is illustrated in a pie graph with the same color scheme as used in the map.

Distribution of maximum depth limits of single specimens within each national type is shown in a box plot (national types are illustrated in Figure 1). In each box the number of depth limits within that national type is given. Only depth limits that have substrate information and not are substrate limited or truncated are included in the box plots and the following scatter plots. National type 0 represents open sea (offshore banks) all around the coast. Data from open sea is rare due to few sampling occasions and few areas shallow enough for vegetation.

In the scatter plots depth limits are plotted against selected eutrophication factors, secchi depth, total nitrogen, total phosphorus, chlorophyll a and the selected natural gradients latitude, salinity and exposure. A linear regression line is given just to show the tendency in the relationships. Please note that not all depth limits have been possible to relate to all environmental data, i.e. in some cases nutrients, secchi, chl a or salinity is missing. All depth limits are related to latitude and exposure.

If a species has a significant number of observations on both the west and east coast of Sweden separate scatterplots for only east and west coast data are also given.

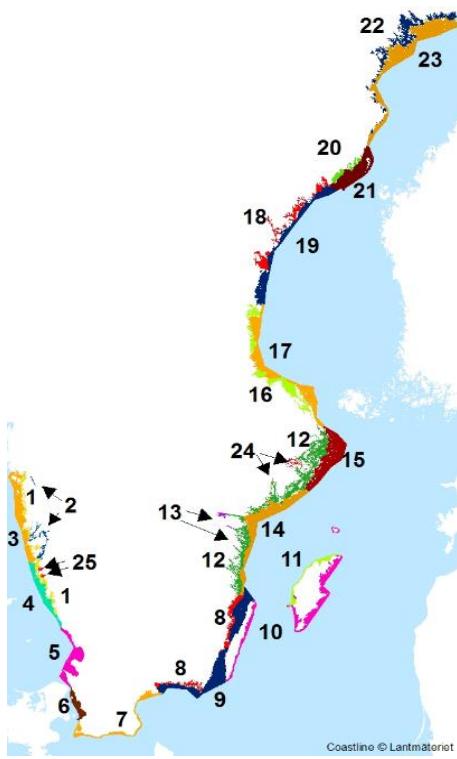
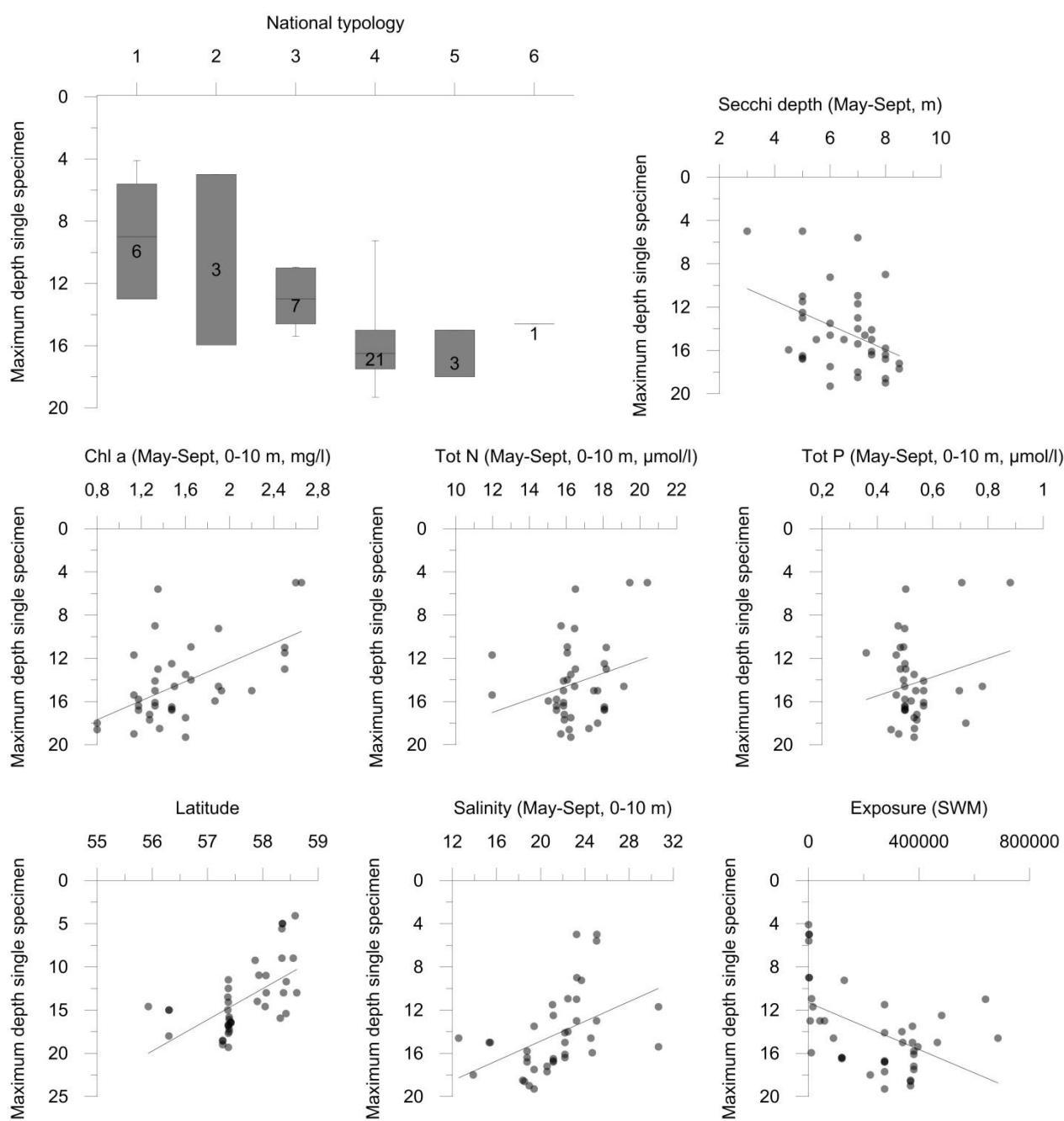
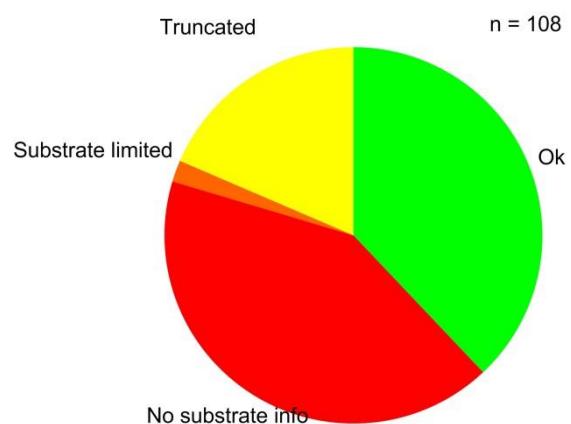
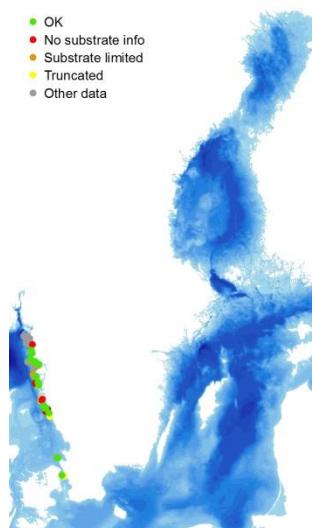
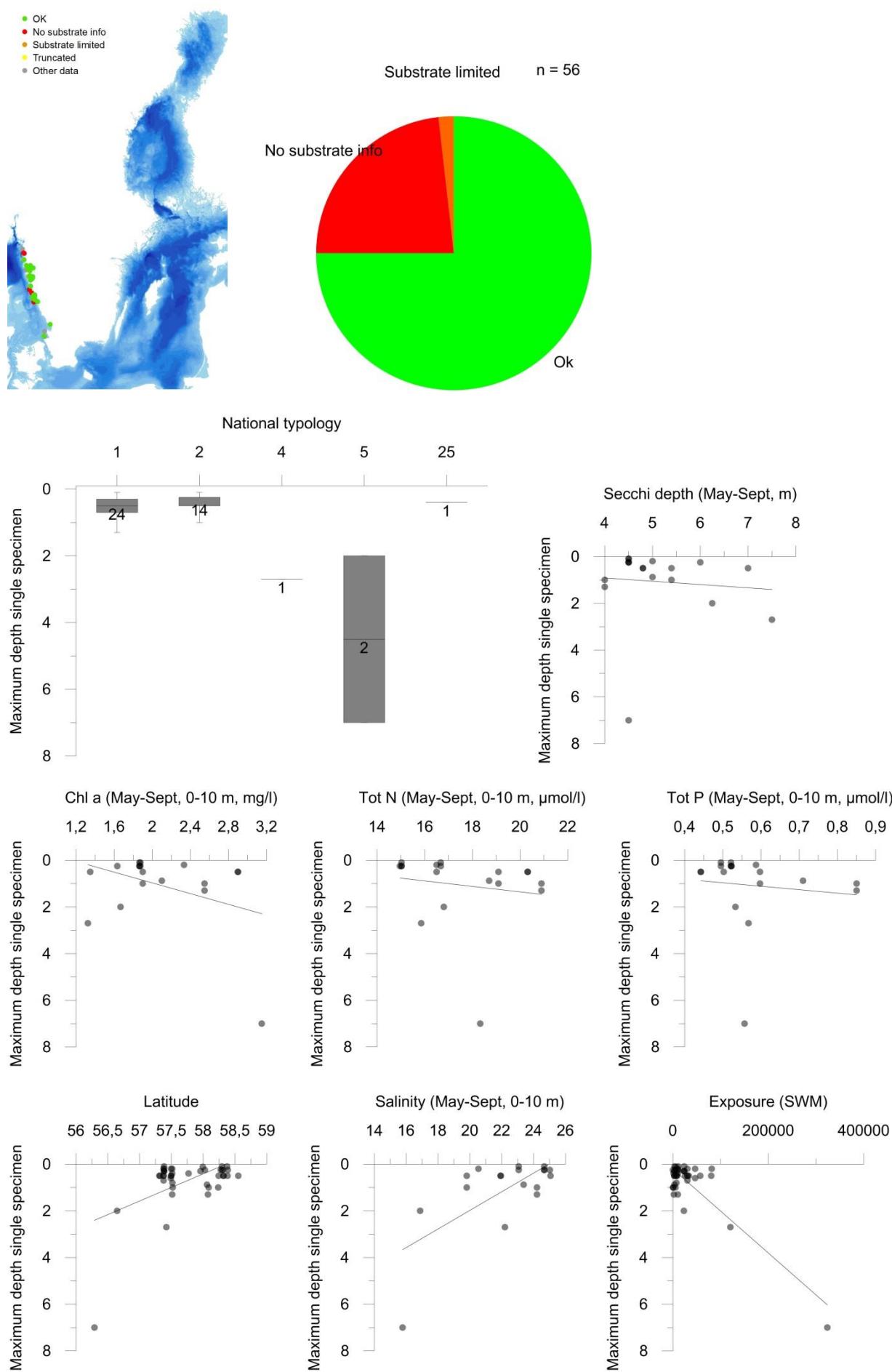


Figure 1 Swedish national types according to NFS2006:1. Map from Leonardsson et al 2009. Coastline copyrighted by Lantmäteriet.

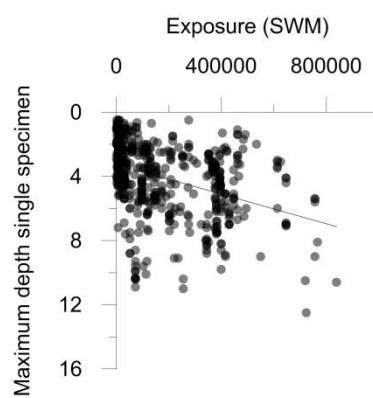
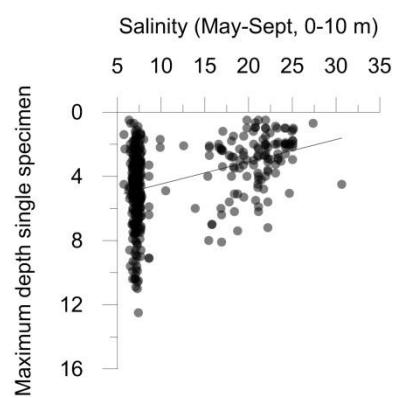
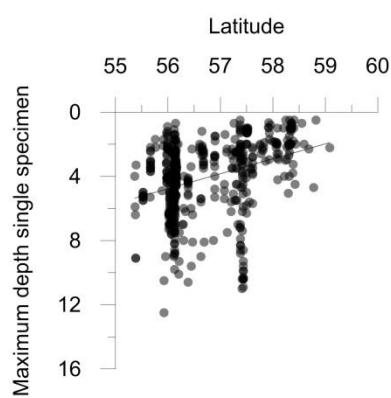
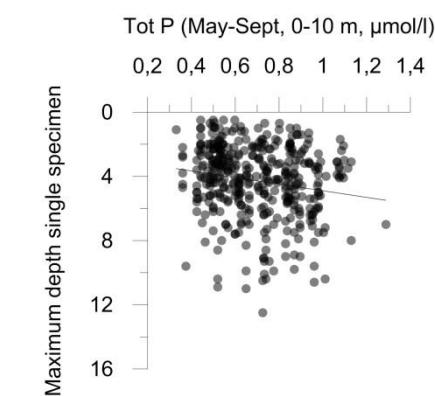
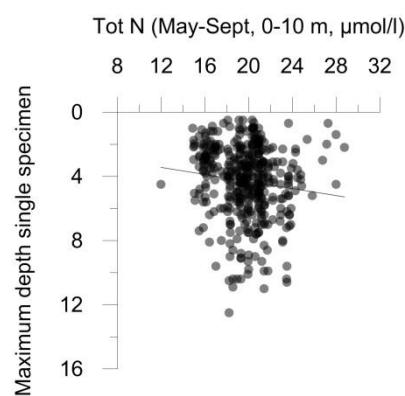
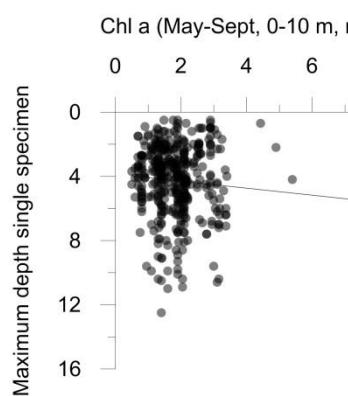
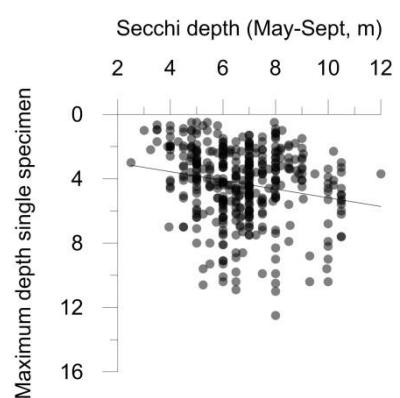
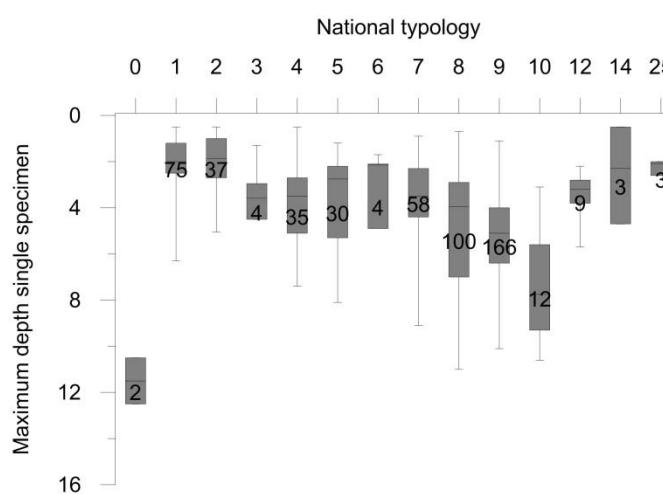
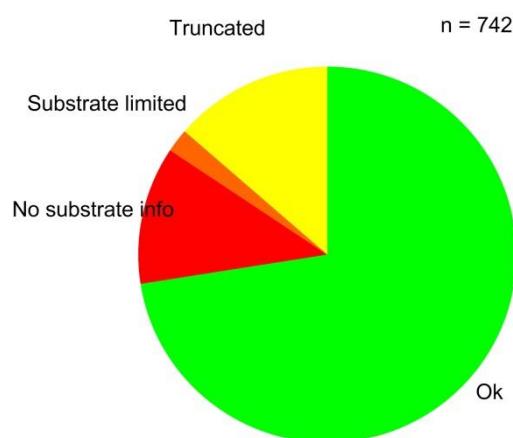
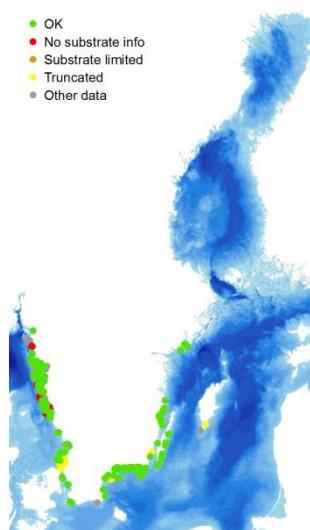
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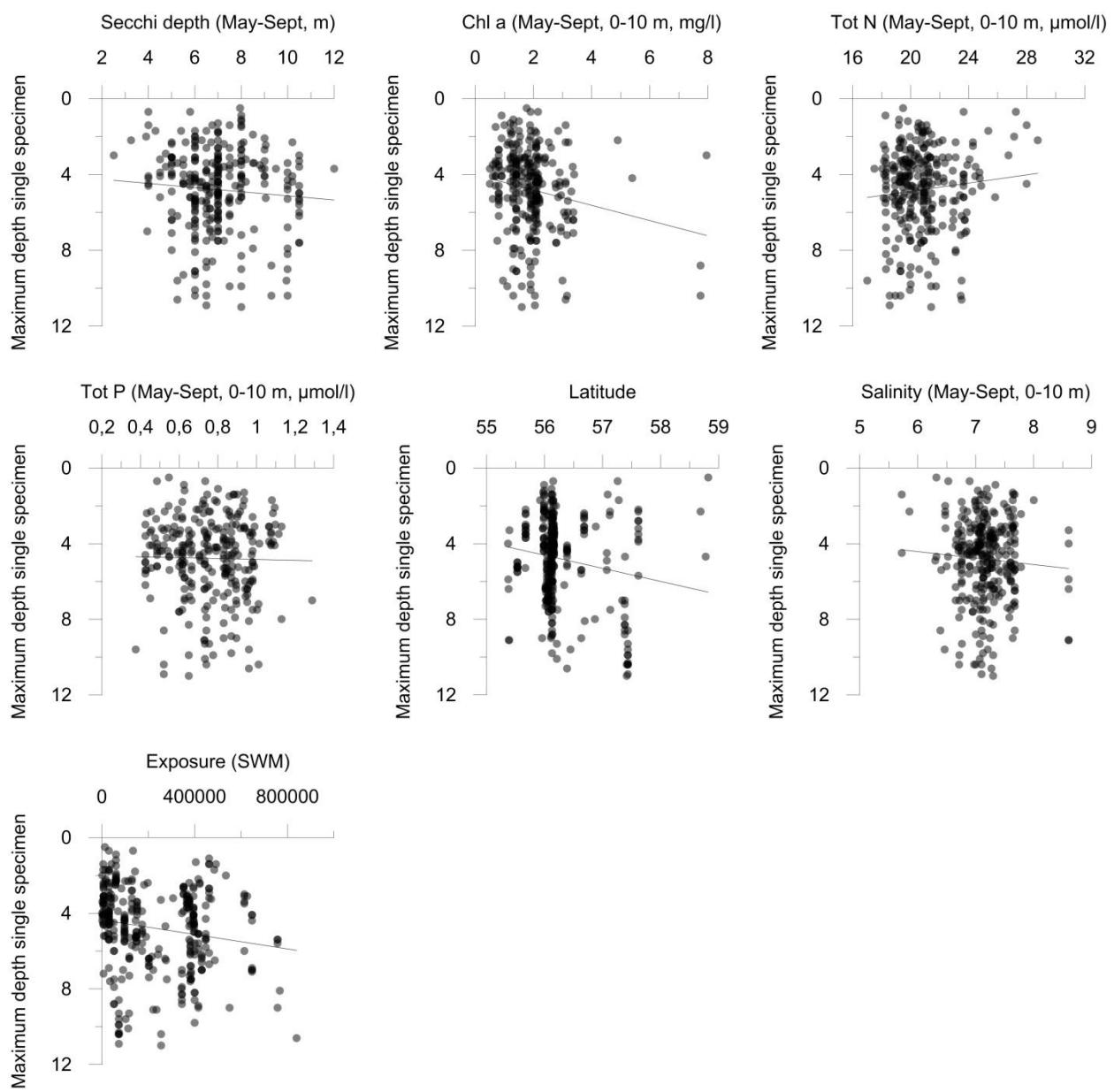
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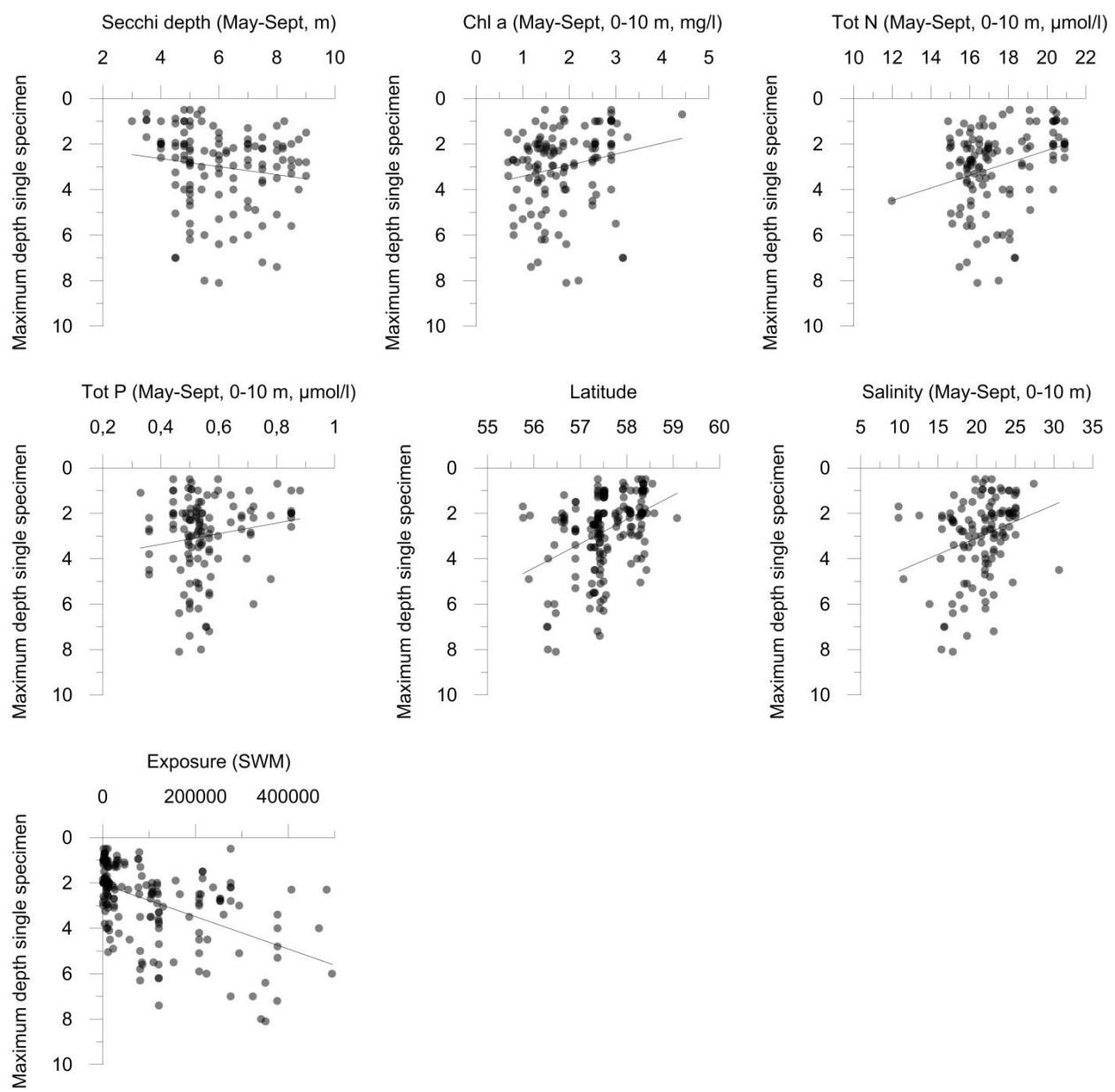
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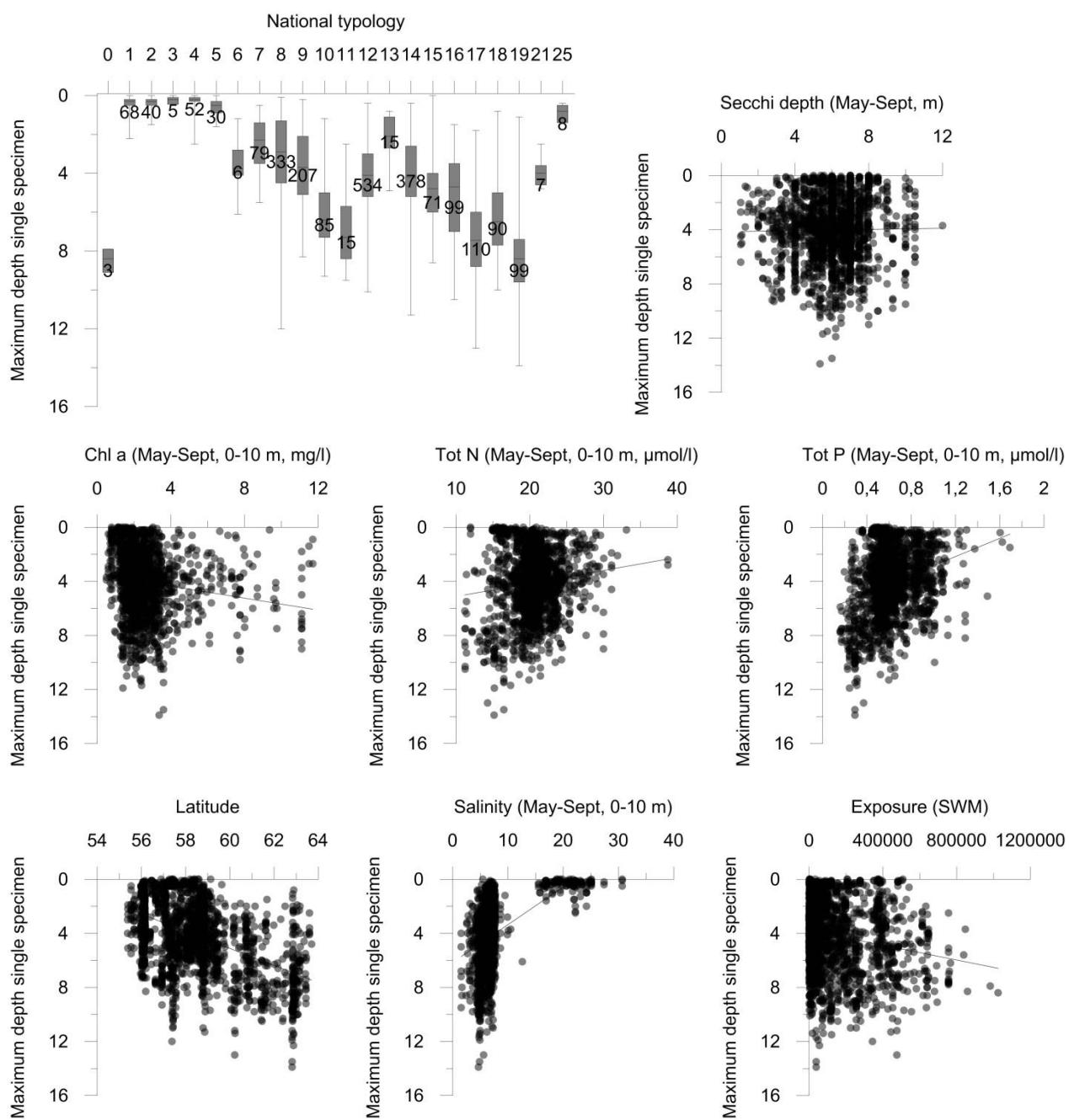
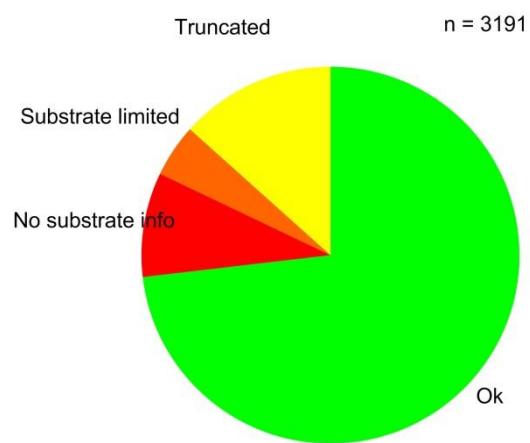
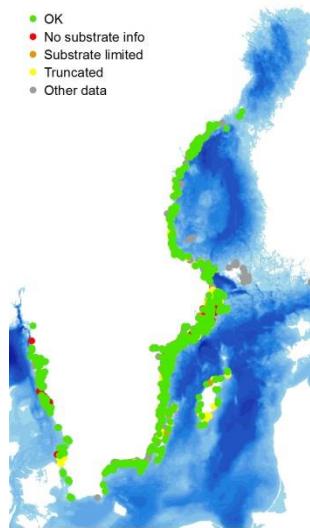
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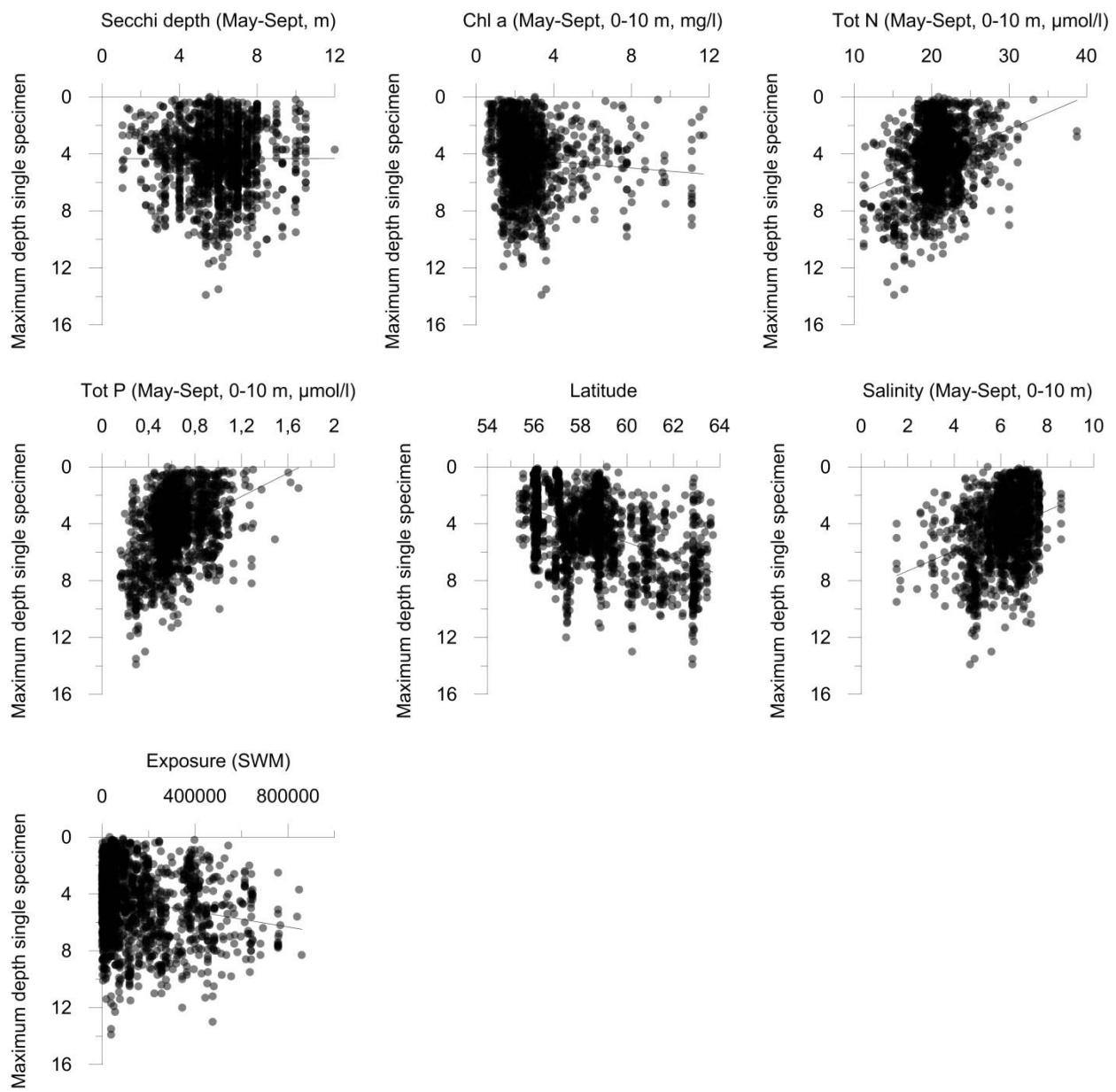
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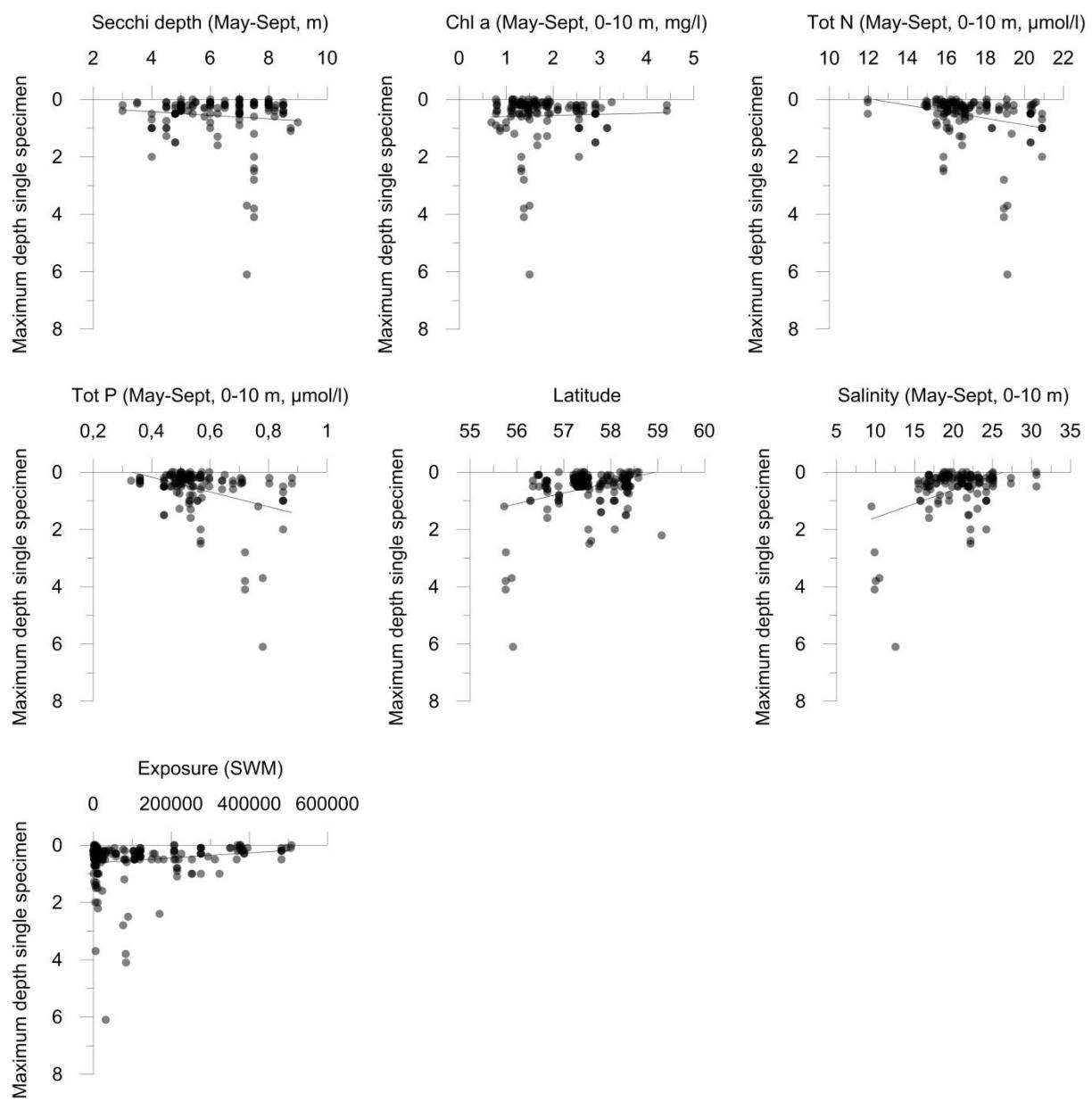
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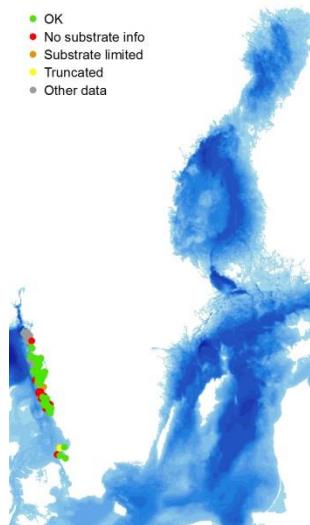
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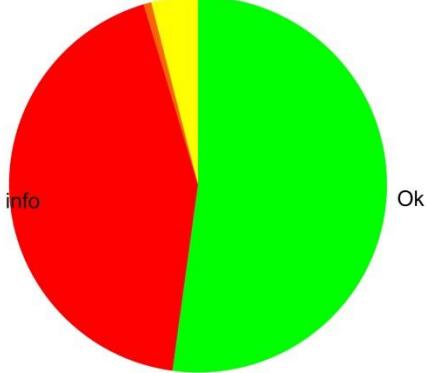
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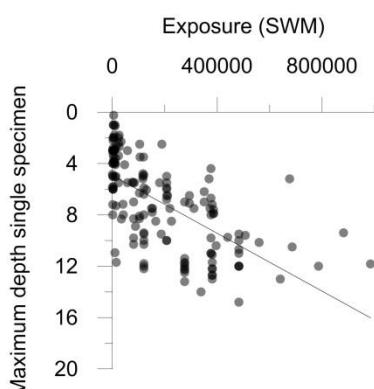
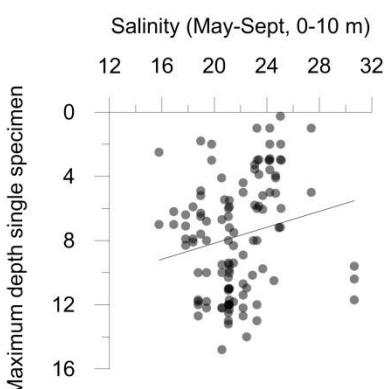
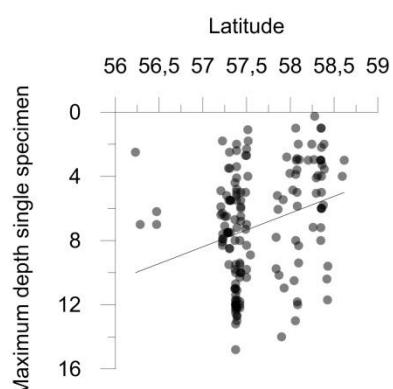
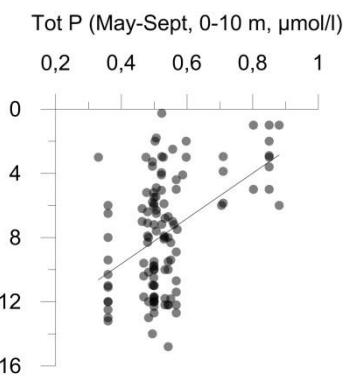
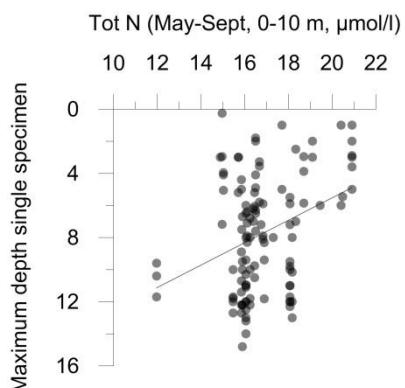
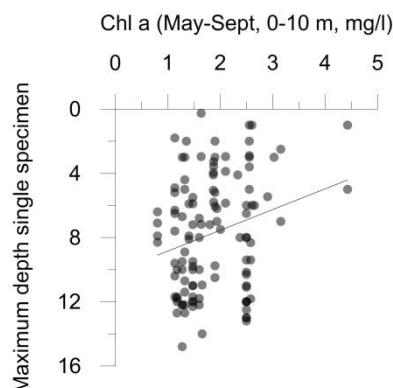
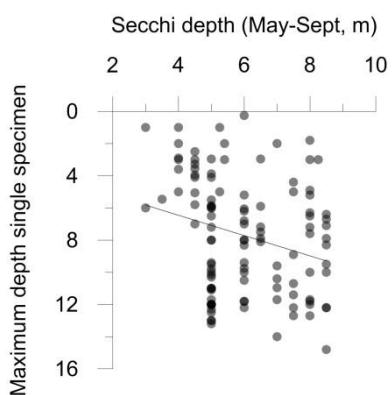
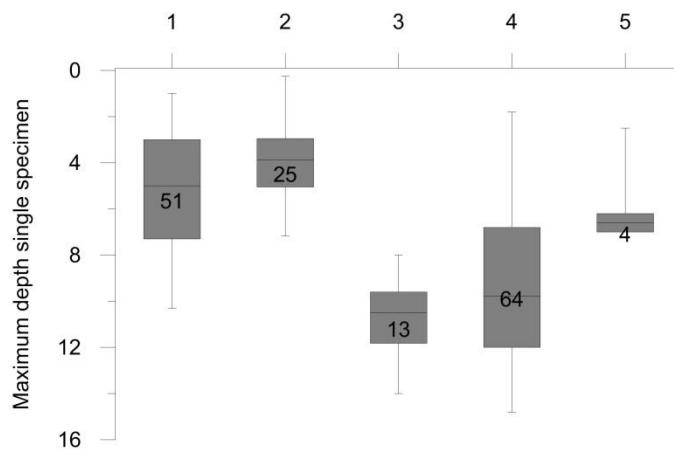
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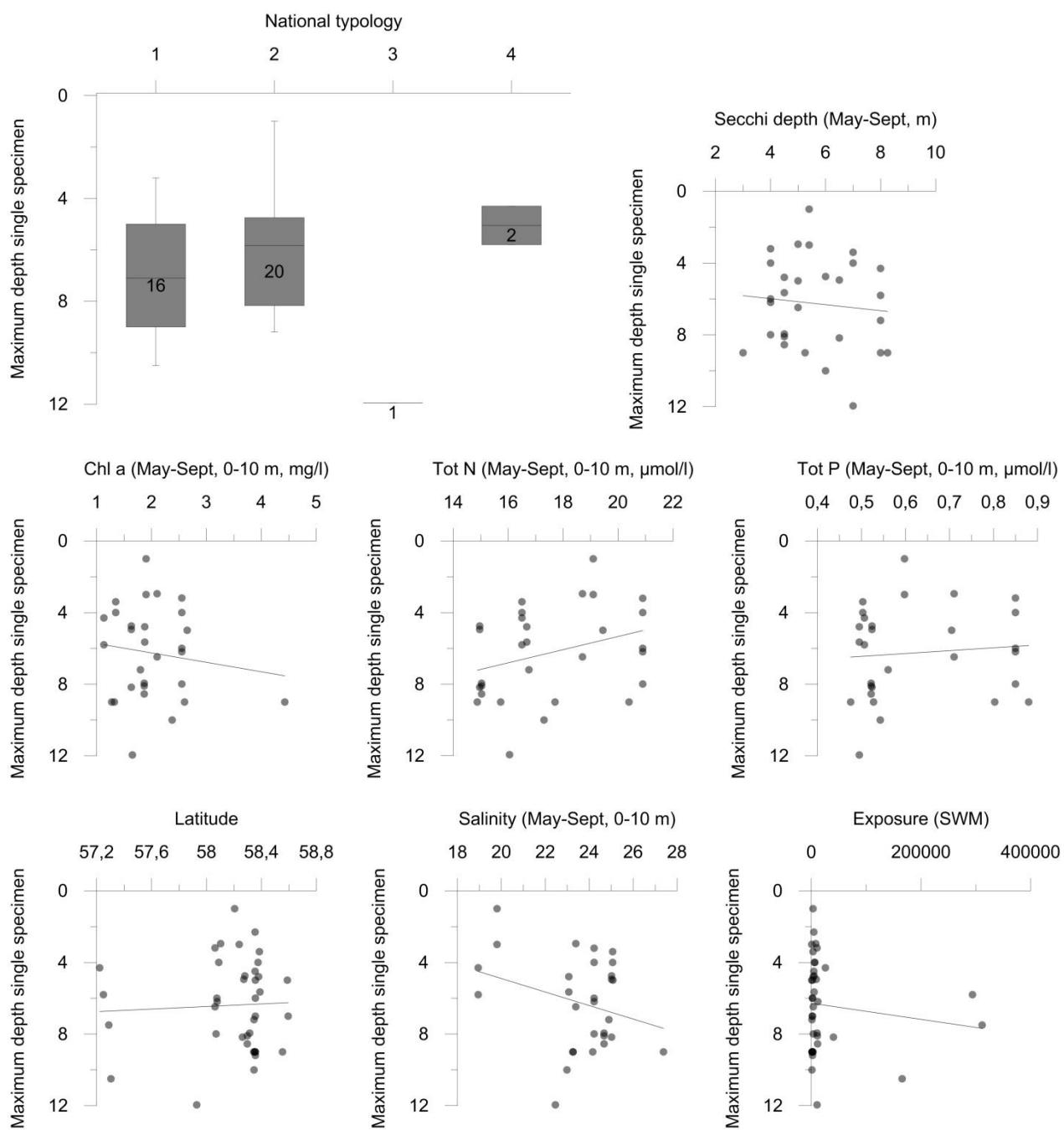
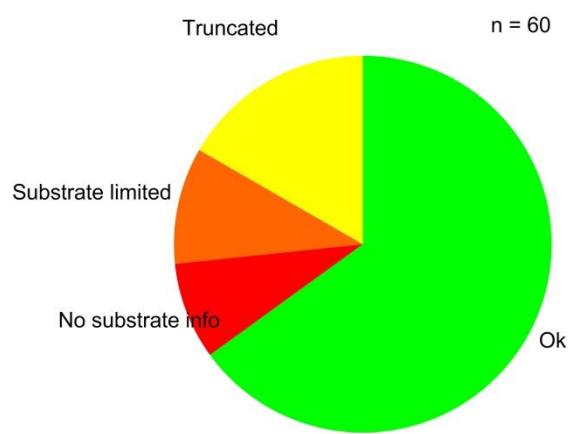
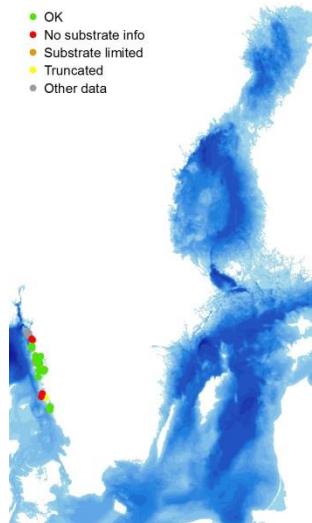
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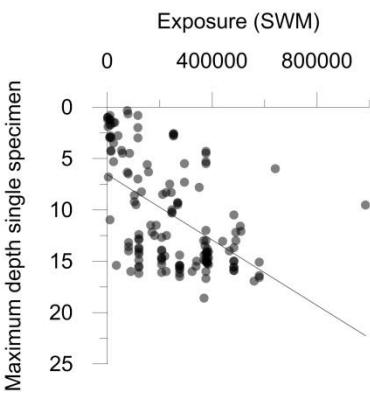
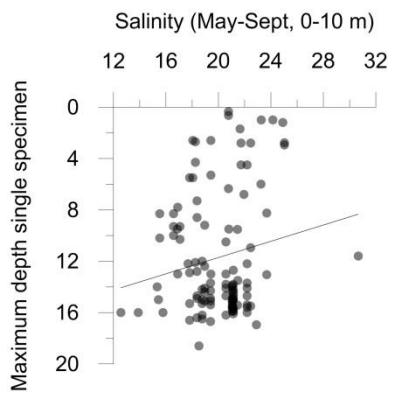
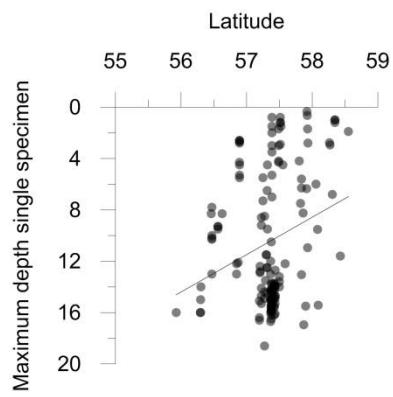
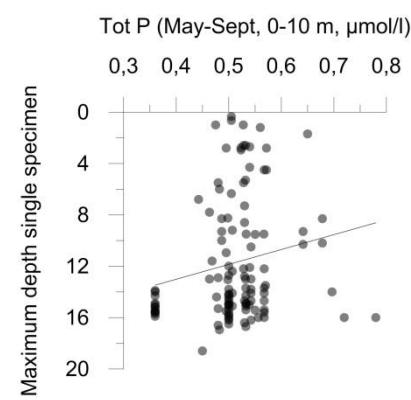
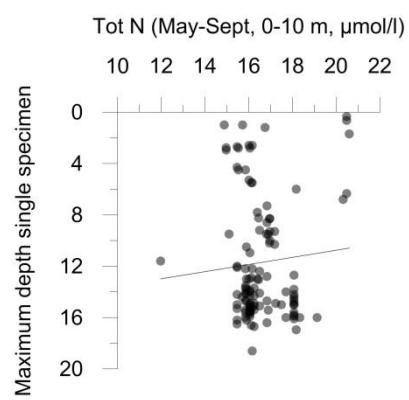
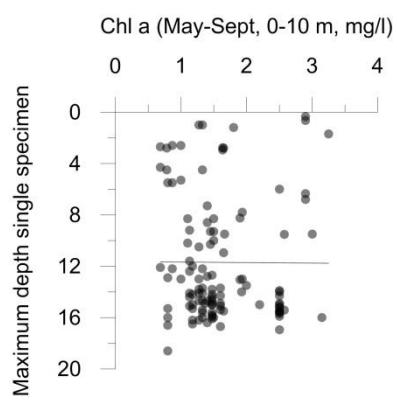
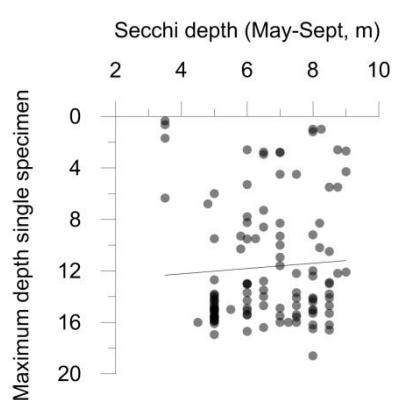
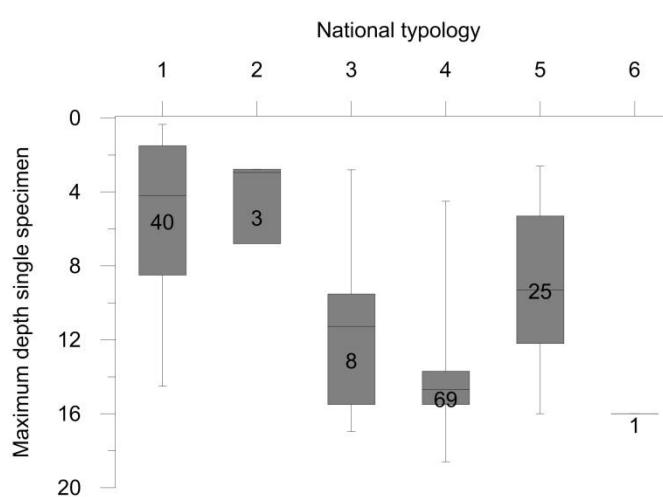
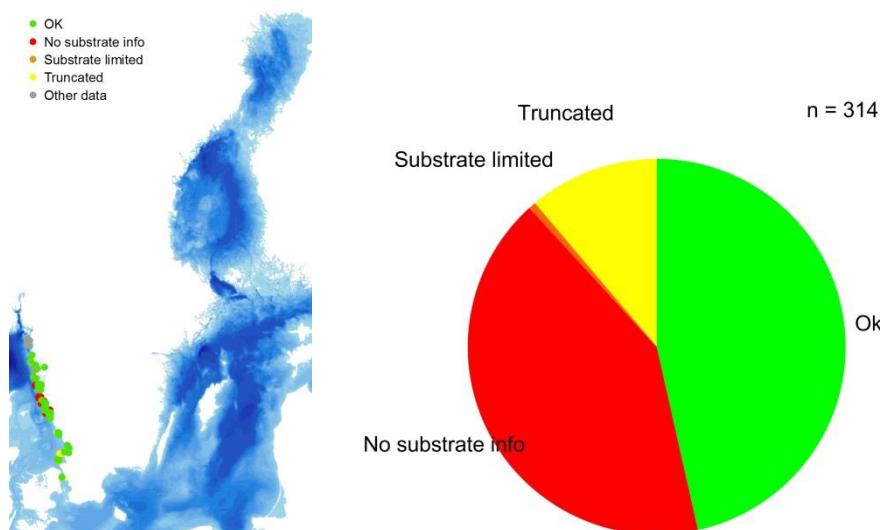
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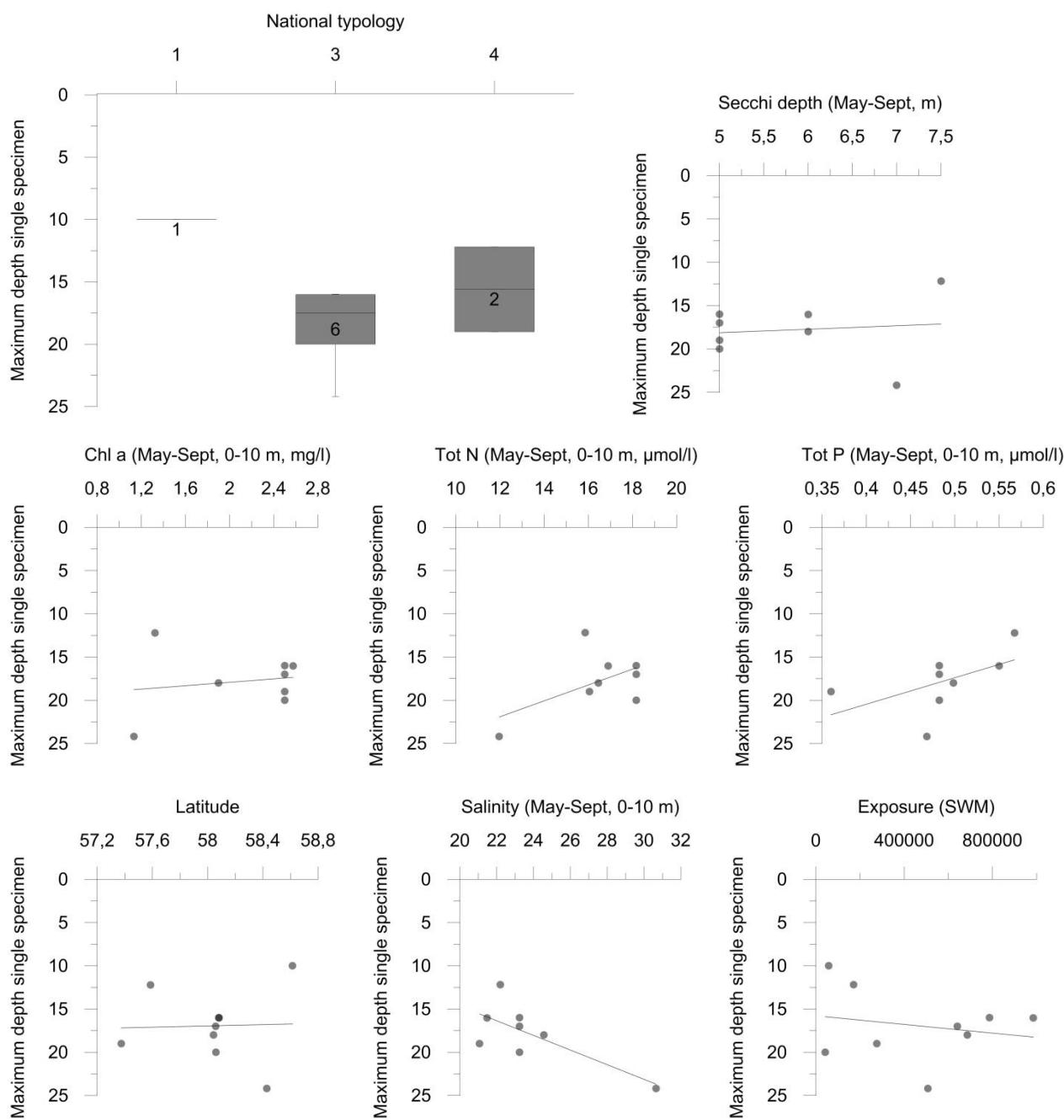
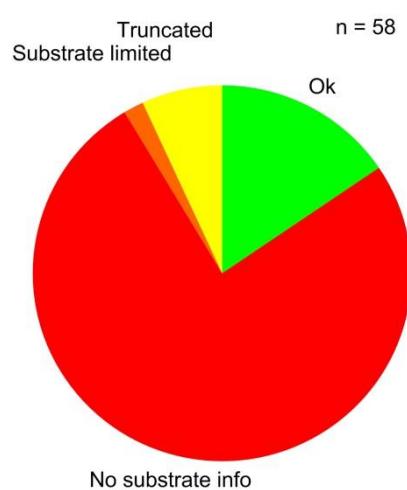
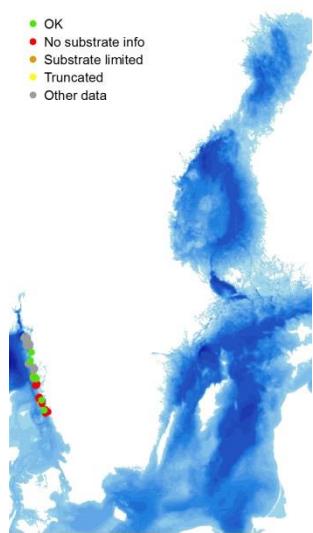
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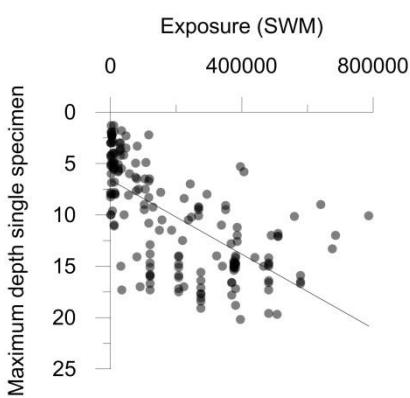
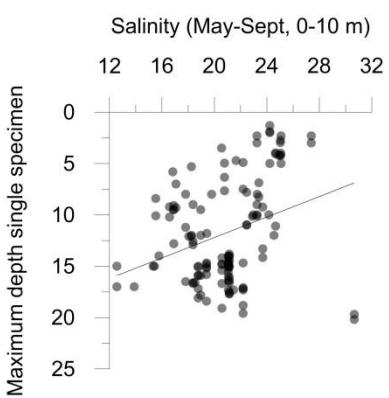
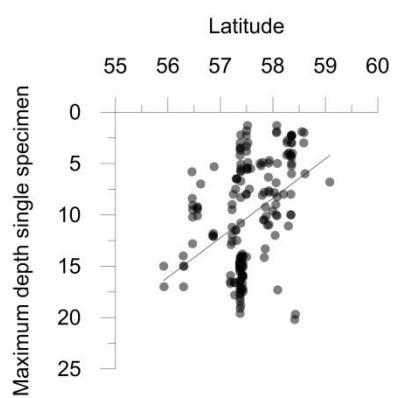
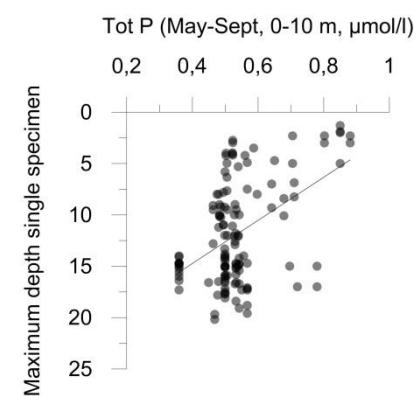
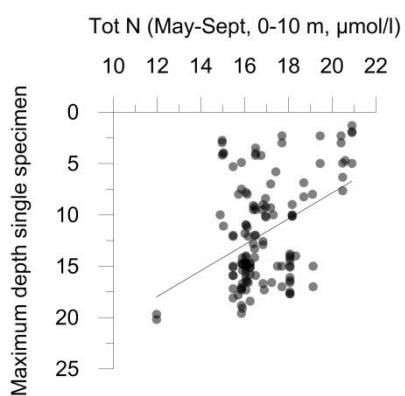
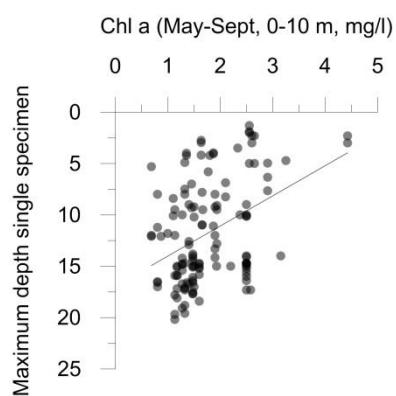
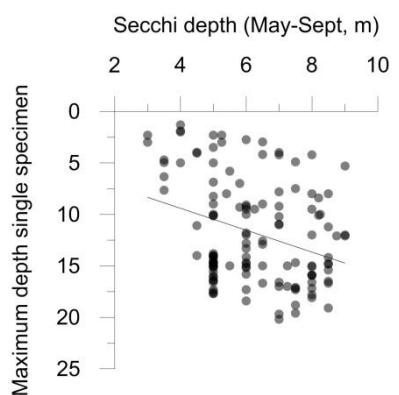
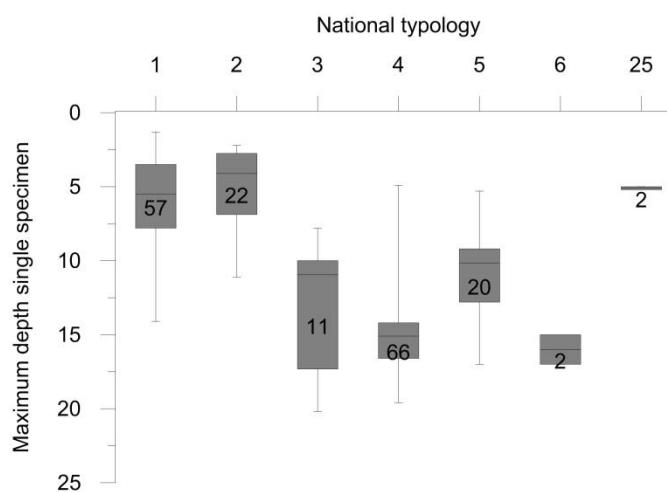
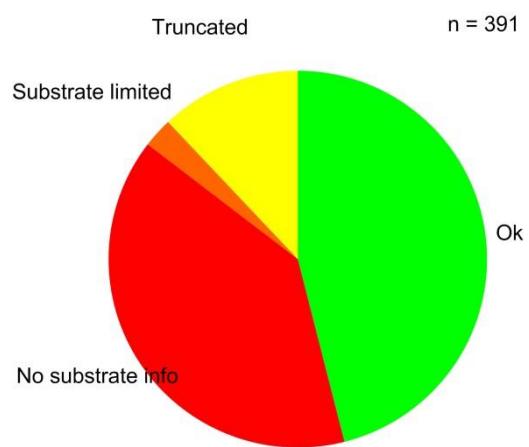
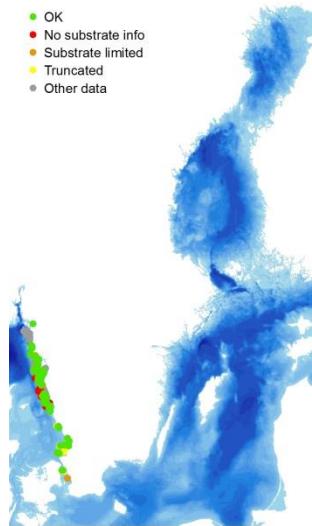
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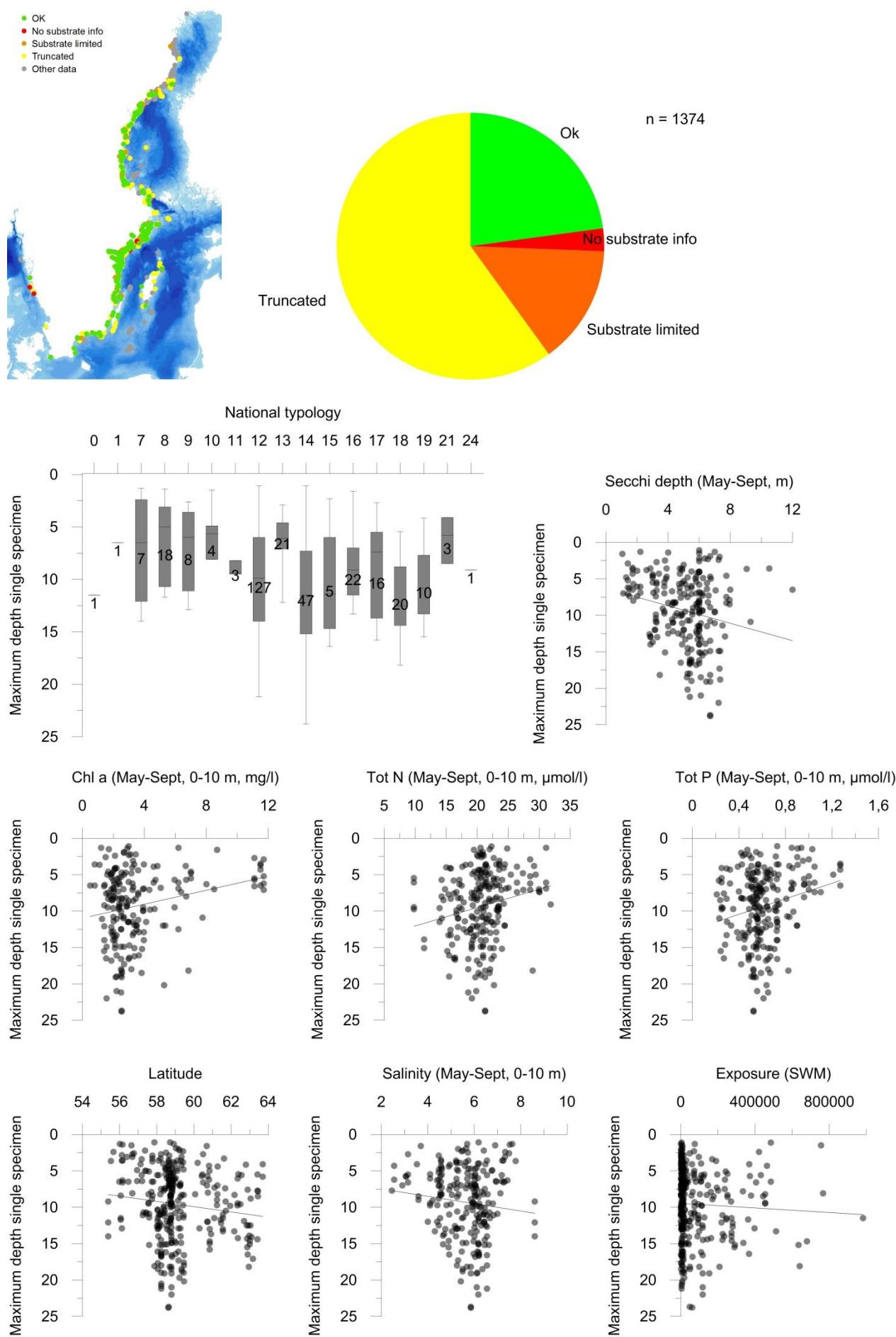
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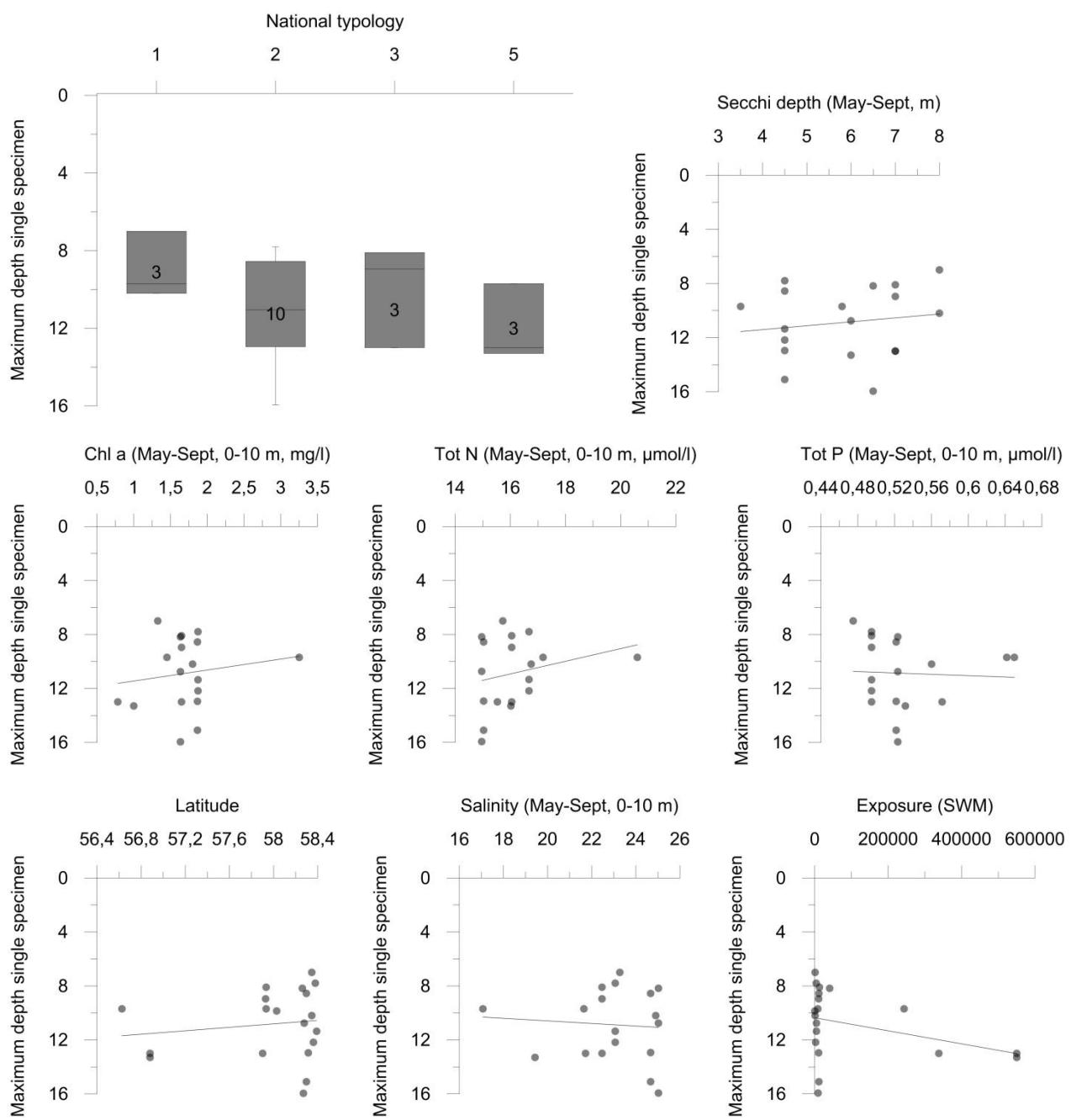
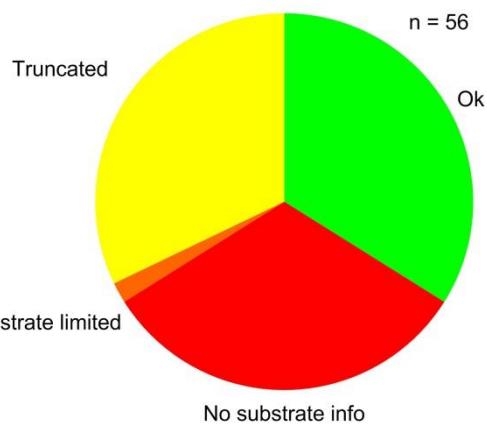
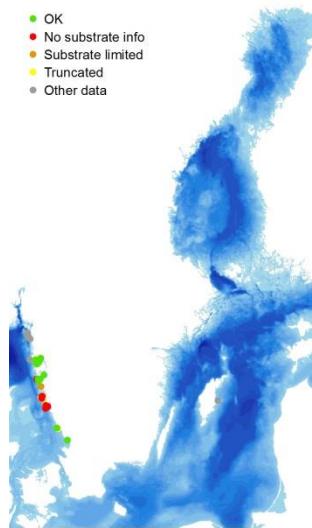
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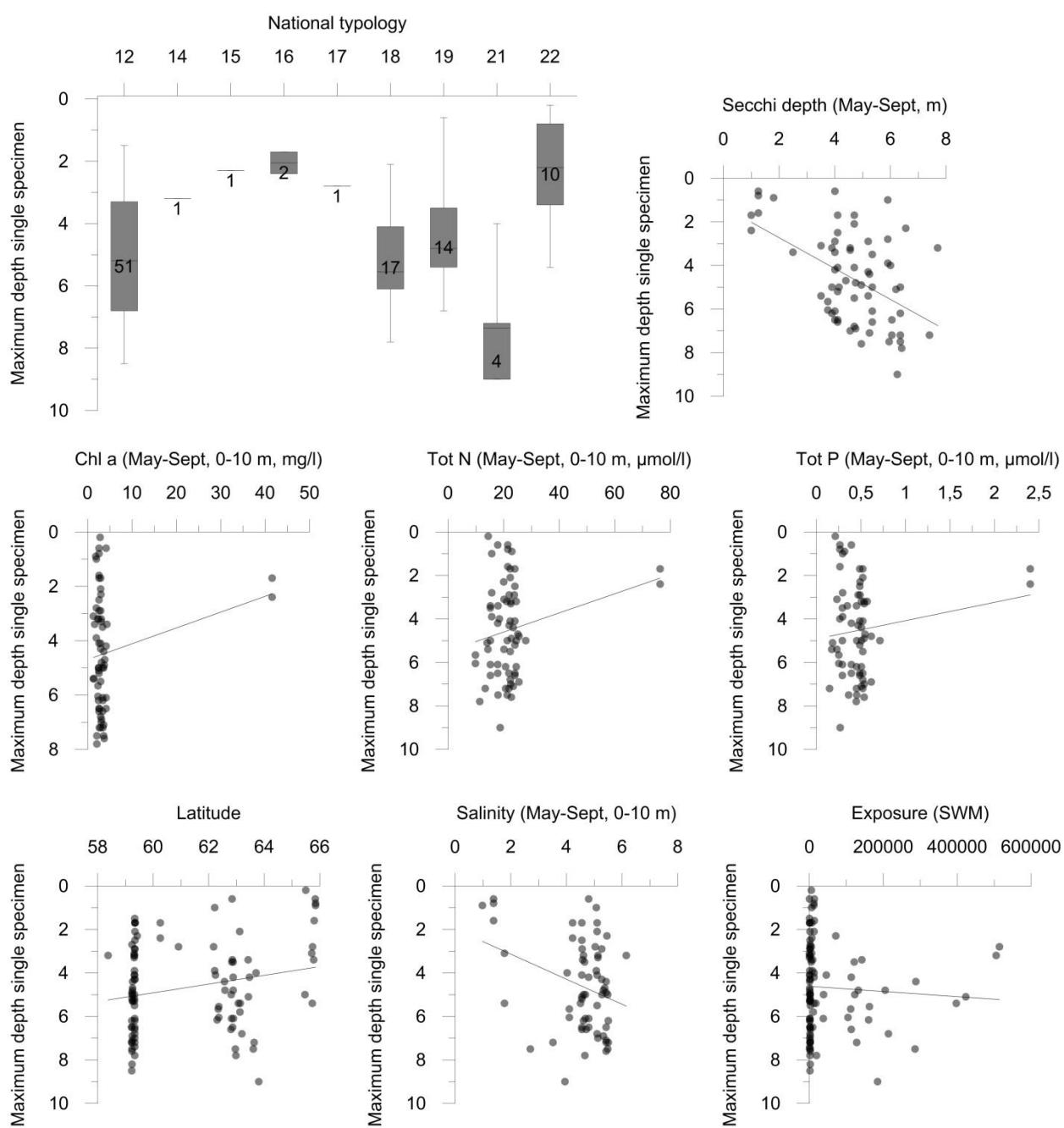
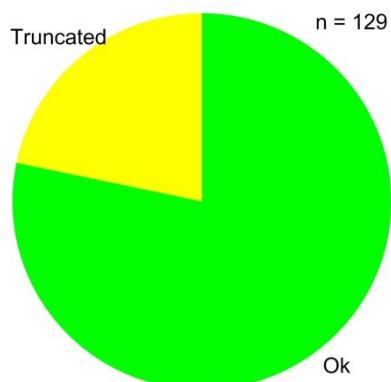
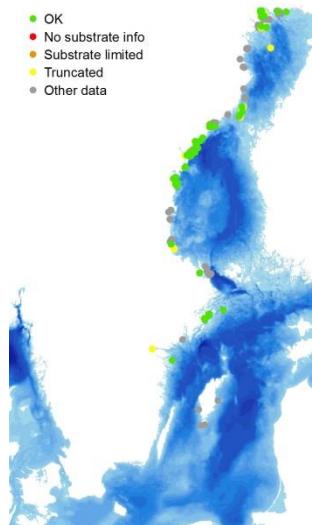
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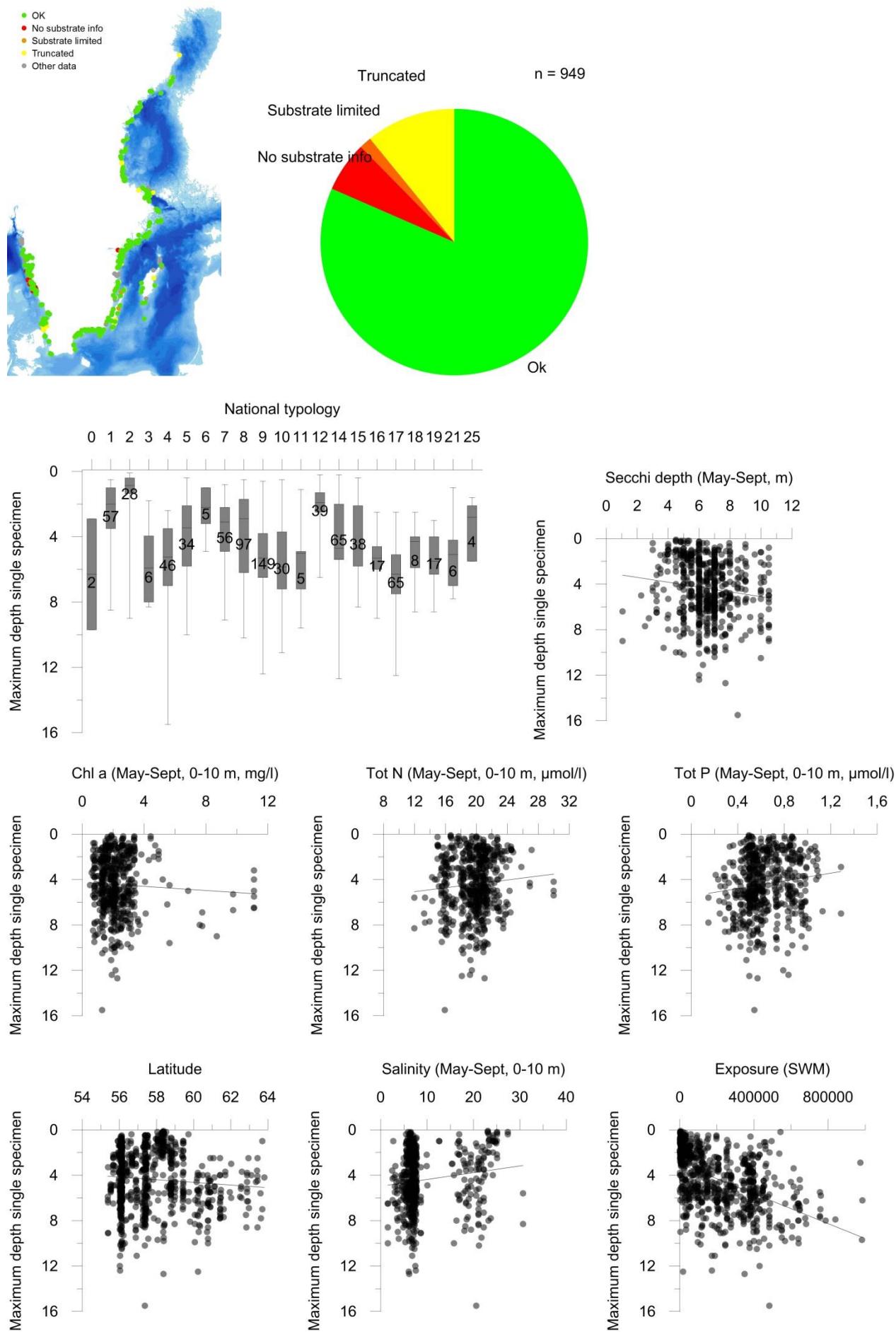
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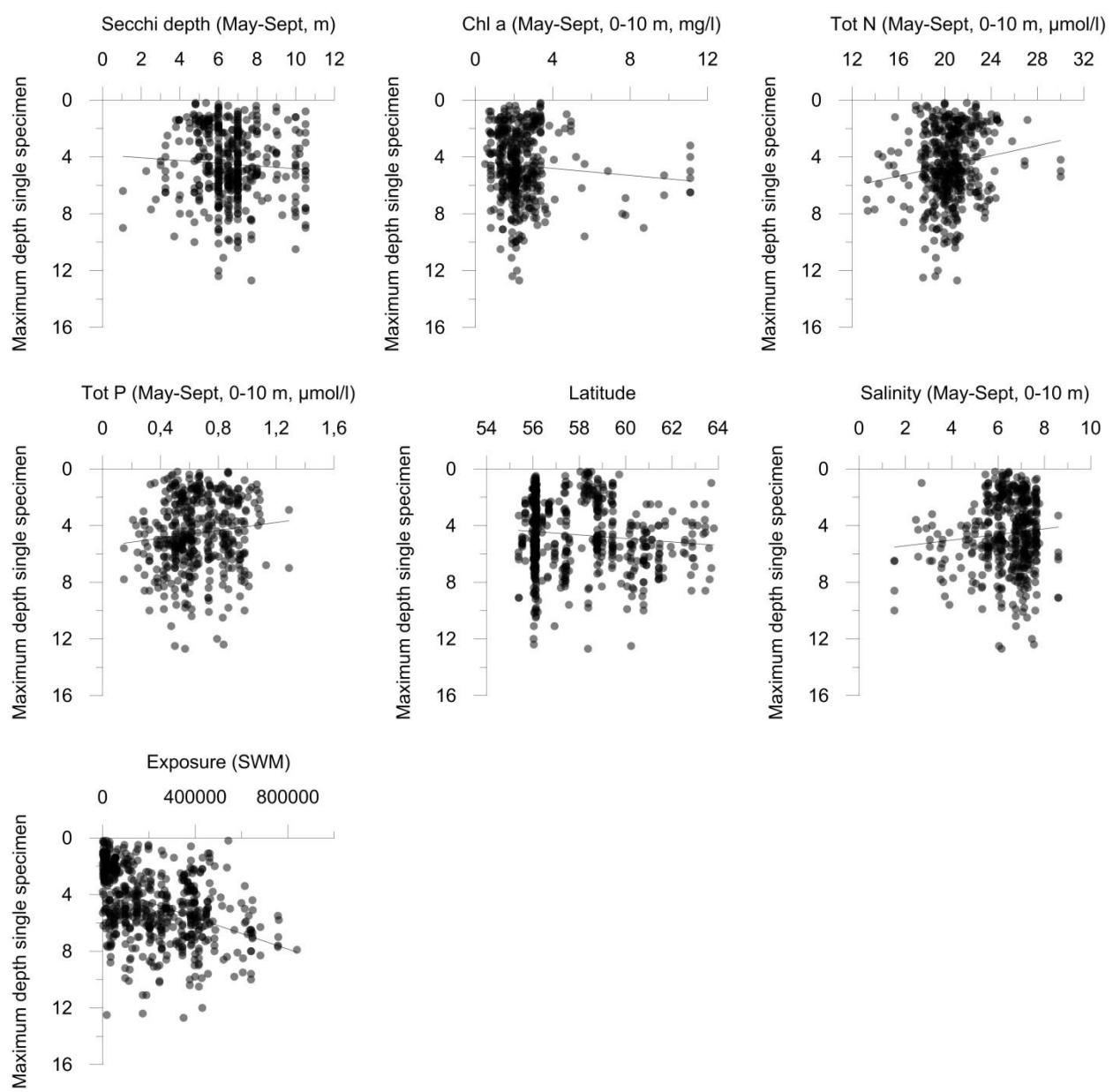
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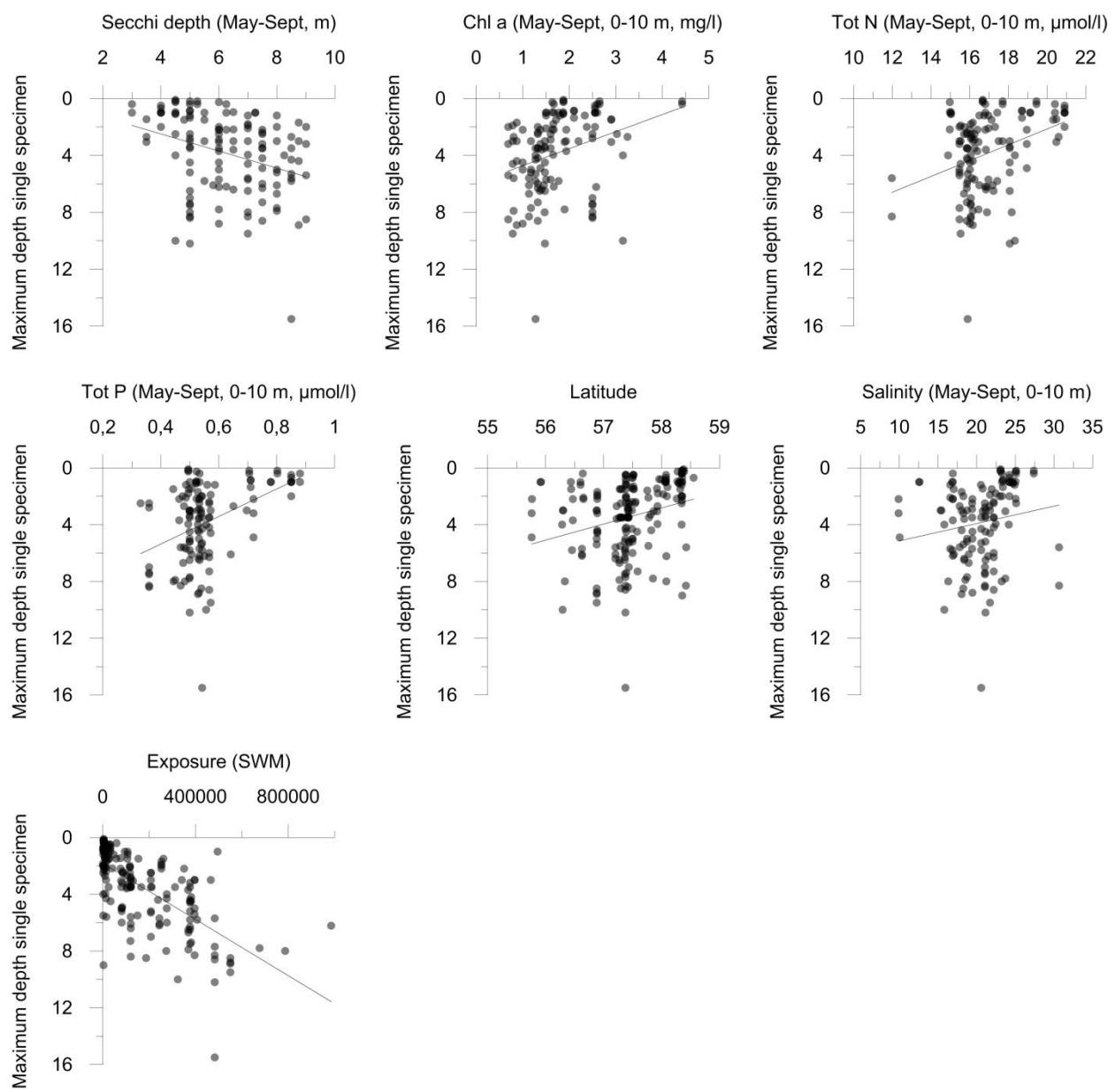
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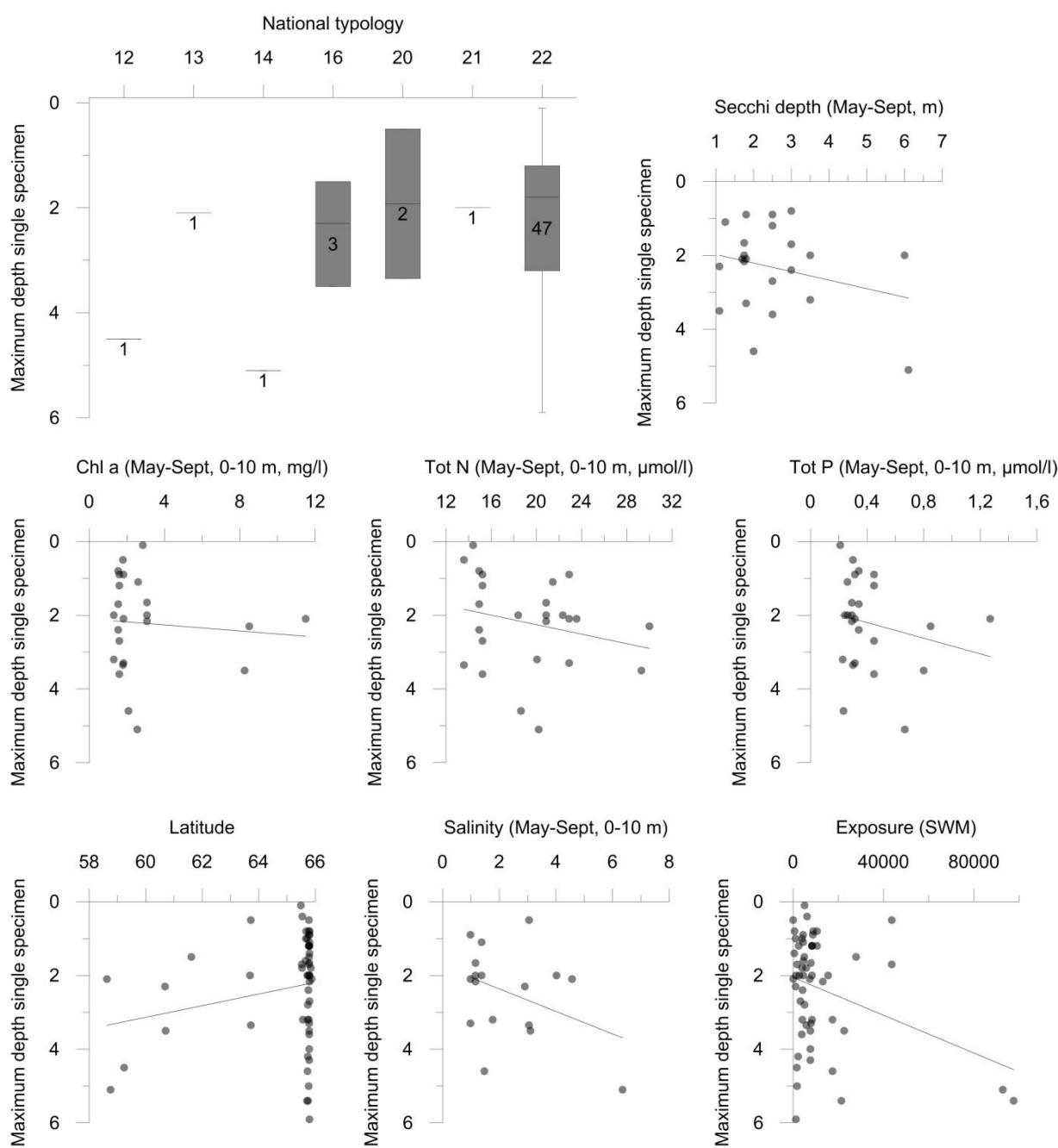
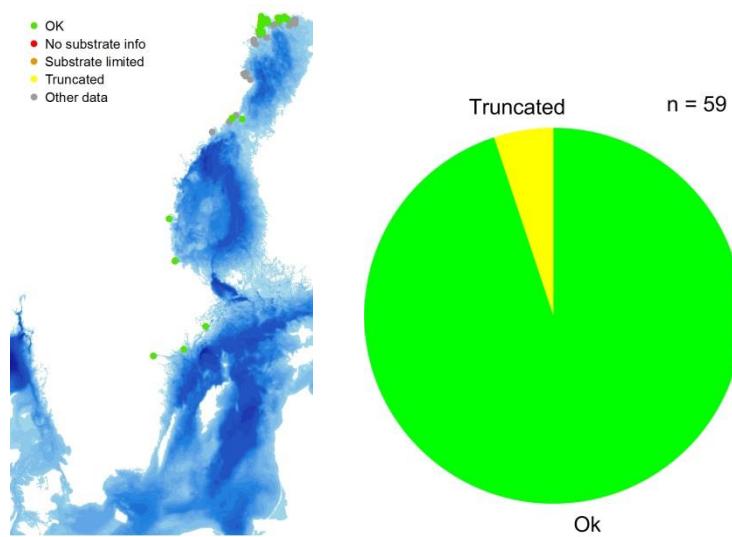
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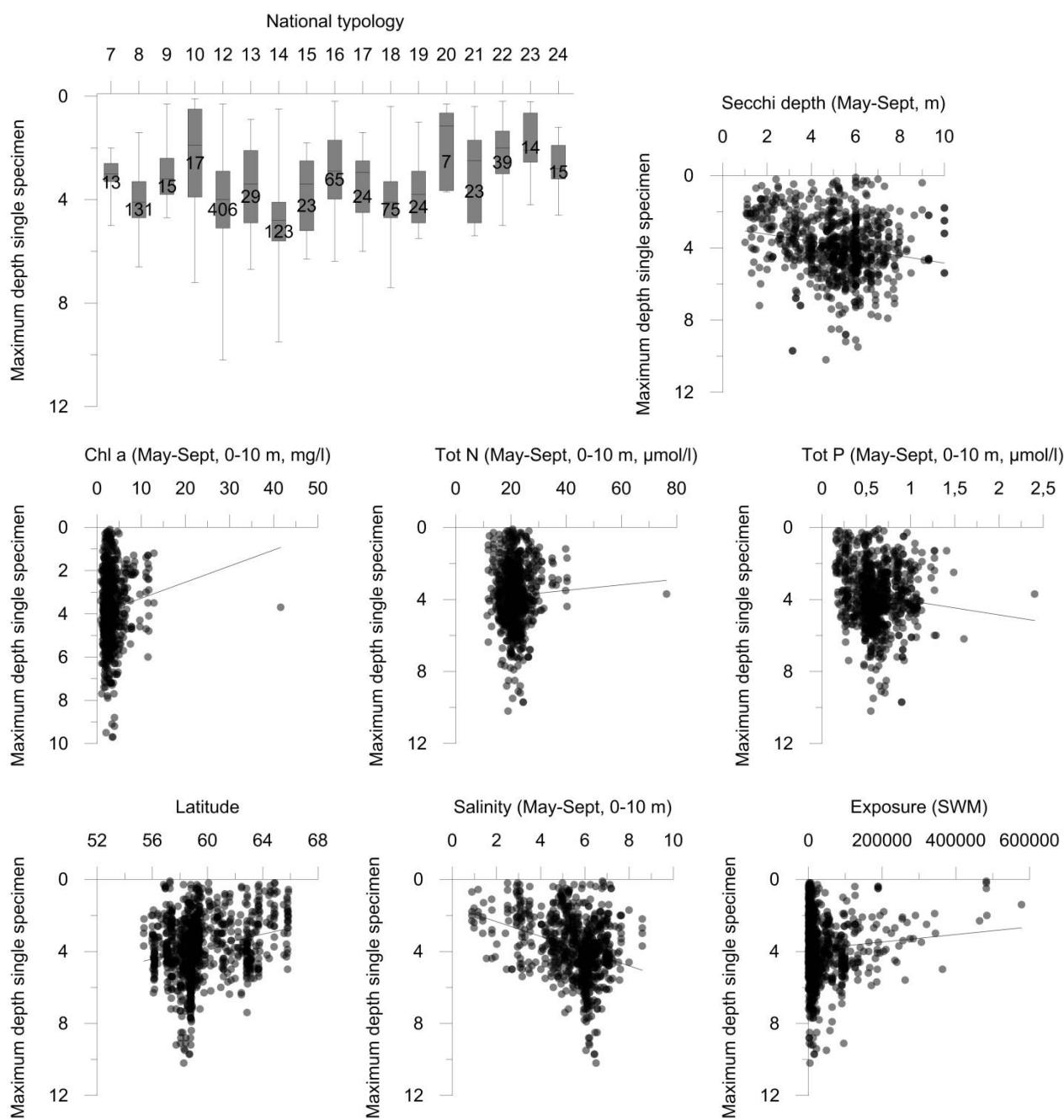
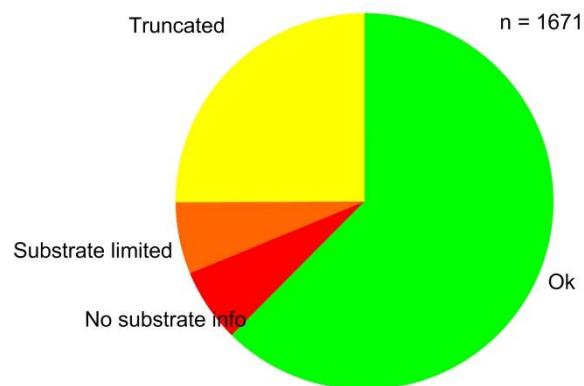
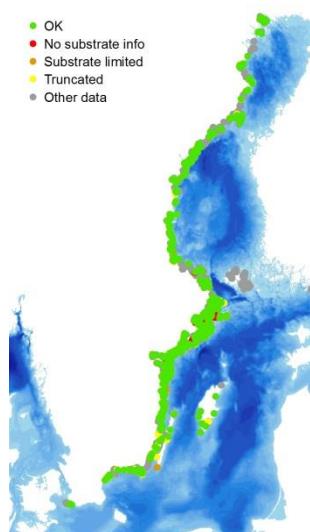
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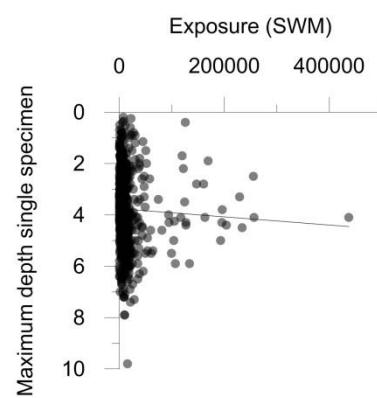
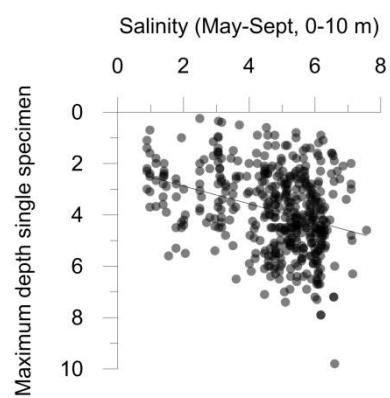
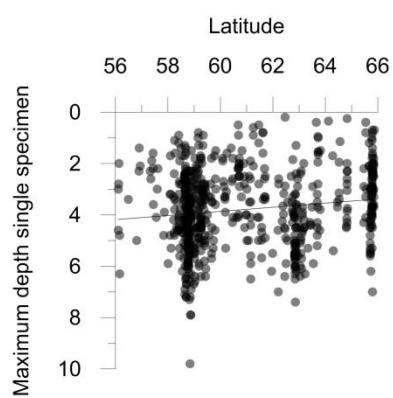
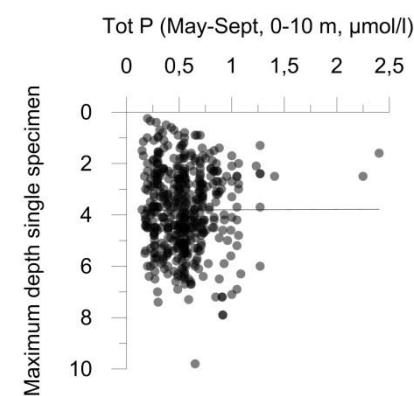
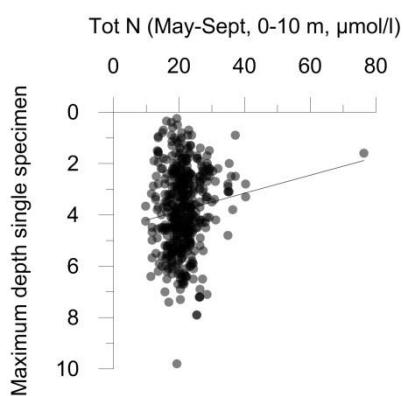
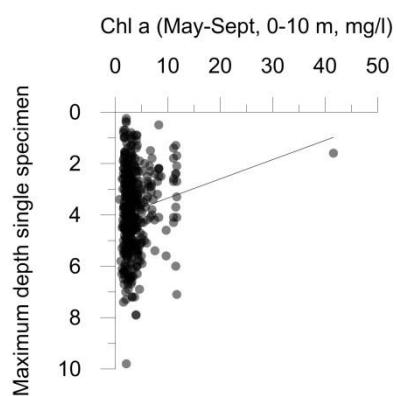
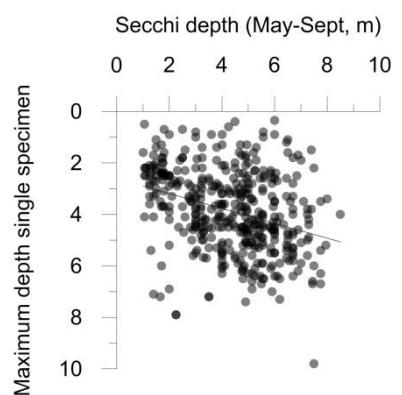
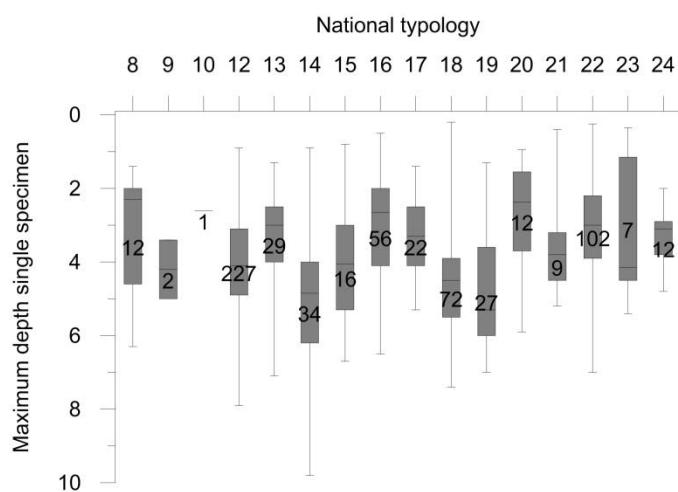
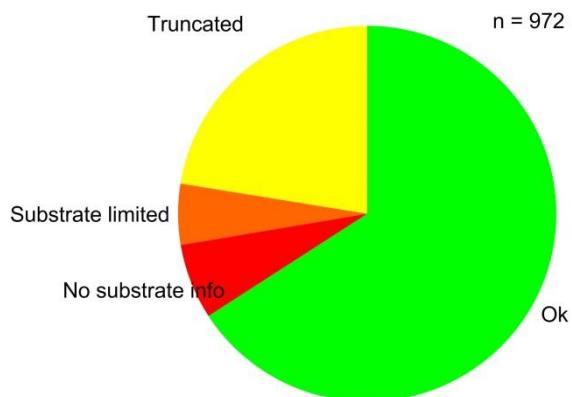
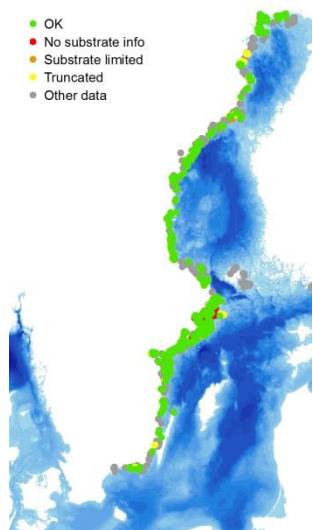
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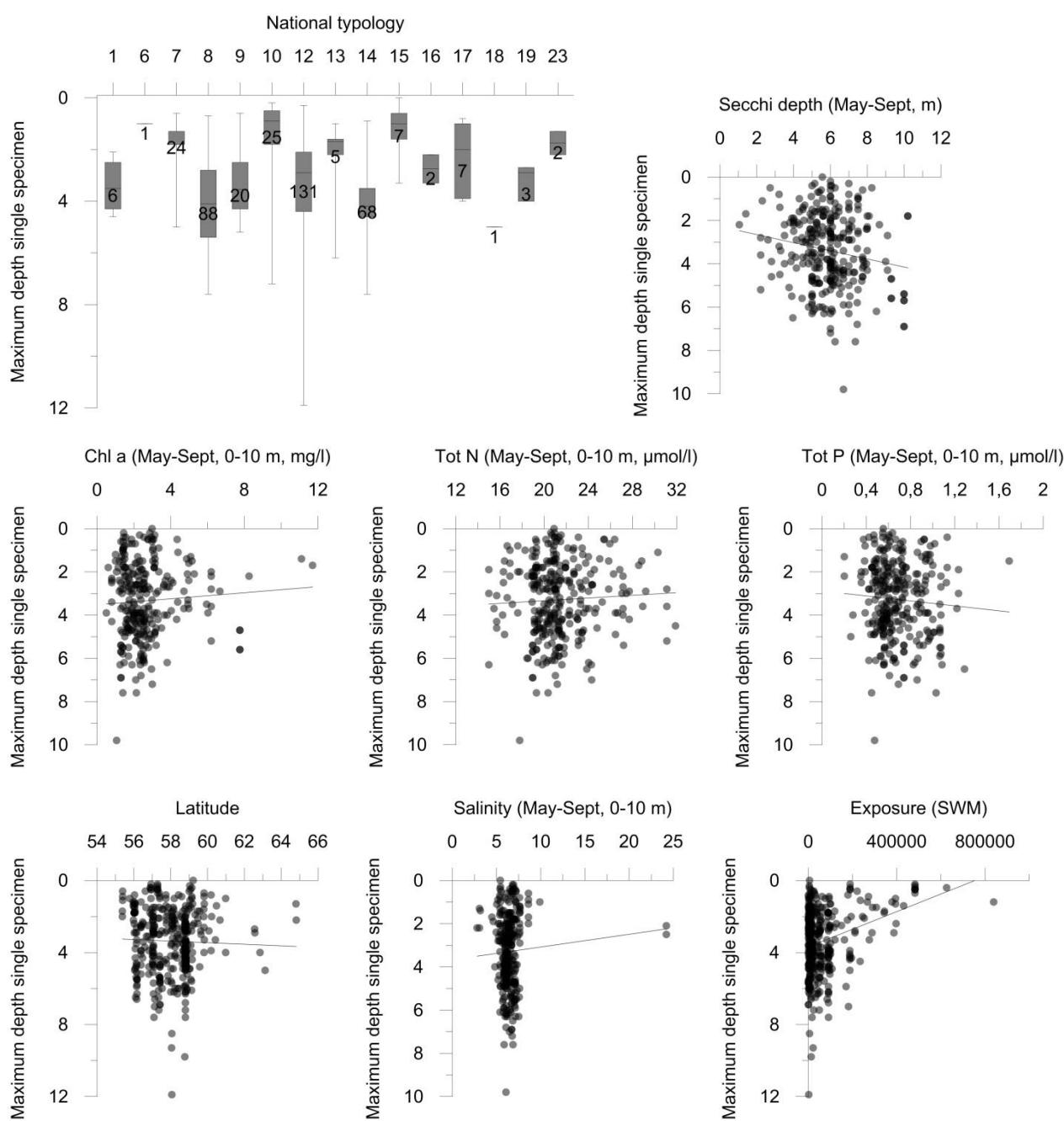
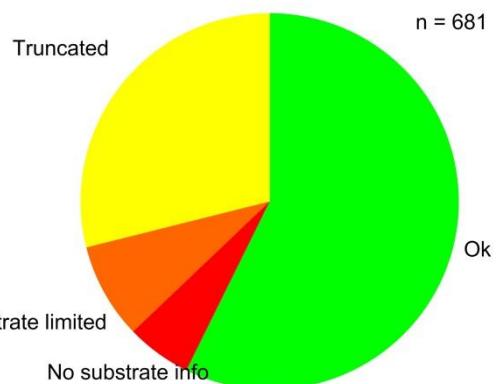
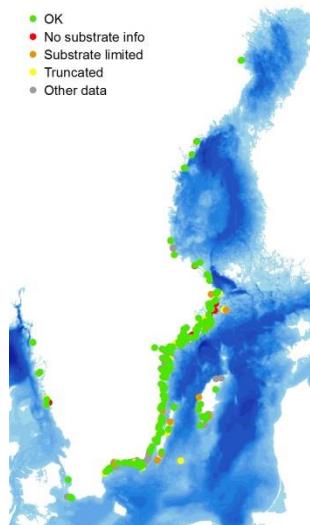
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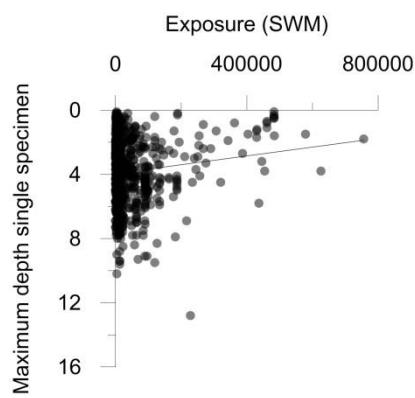
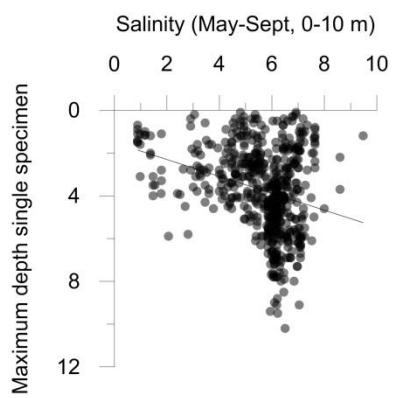
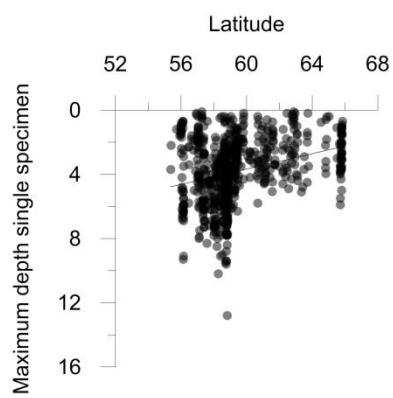
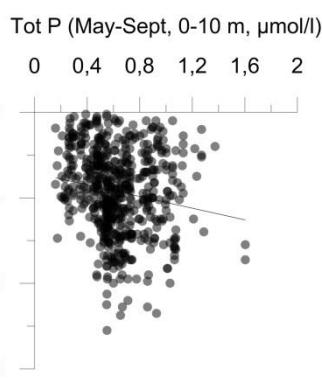
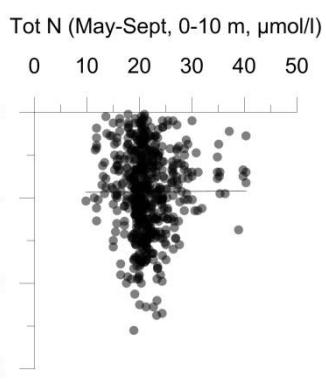
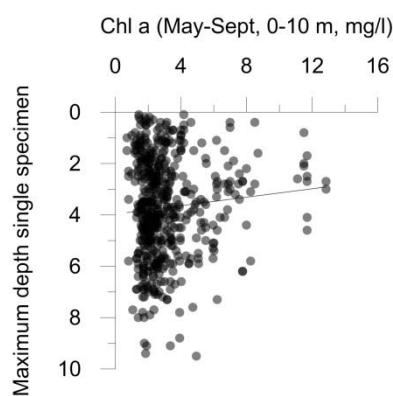
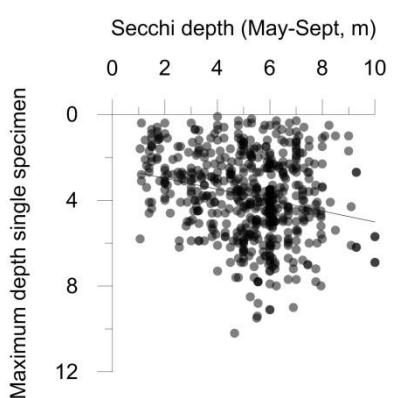
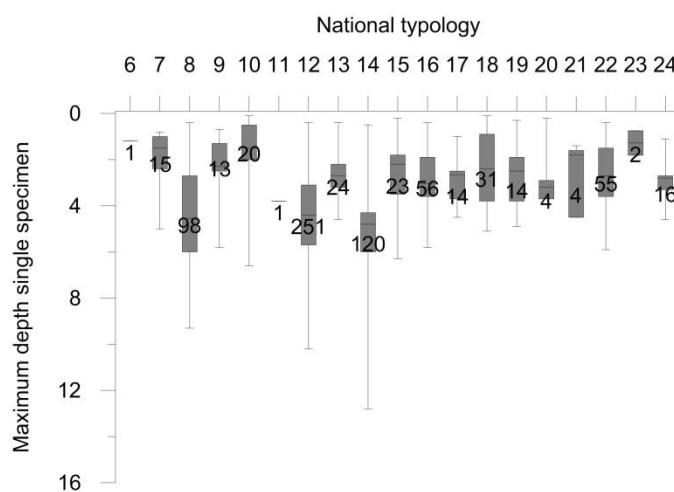
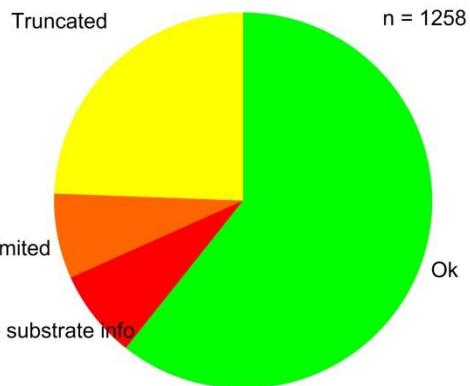
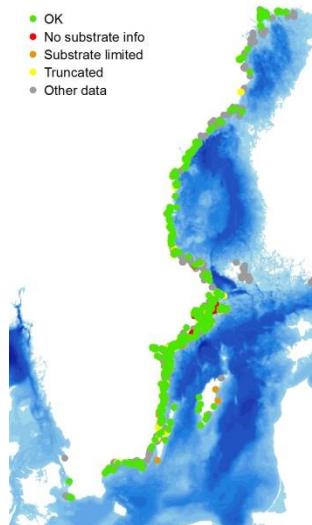
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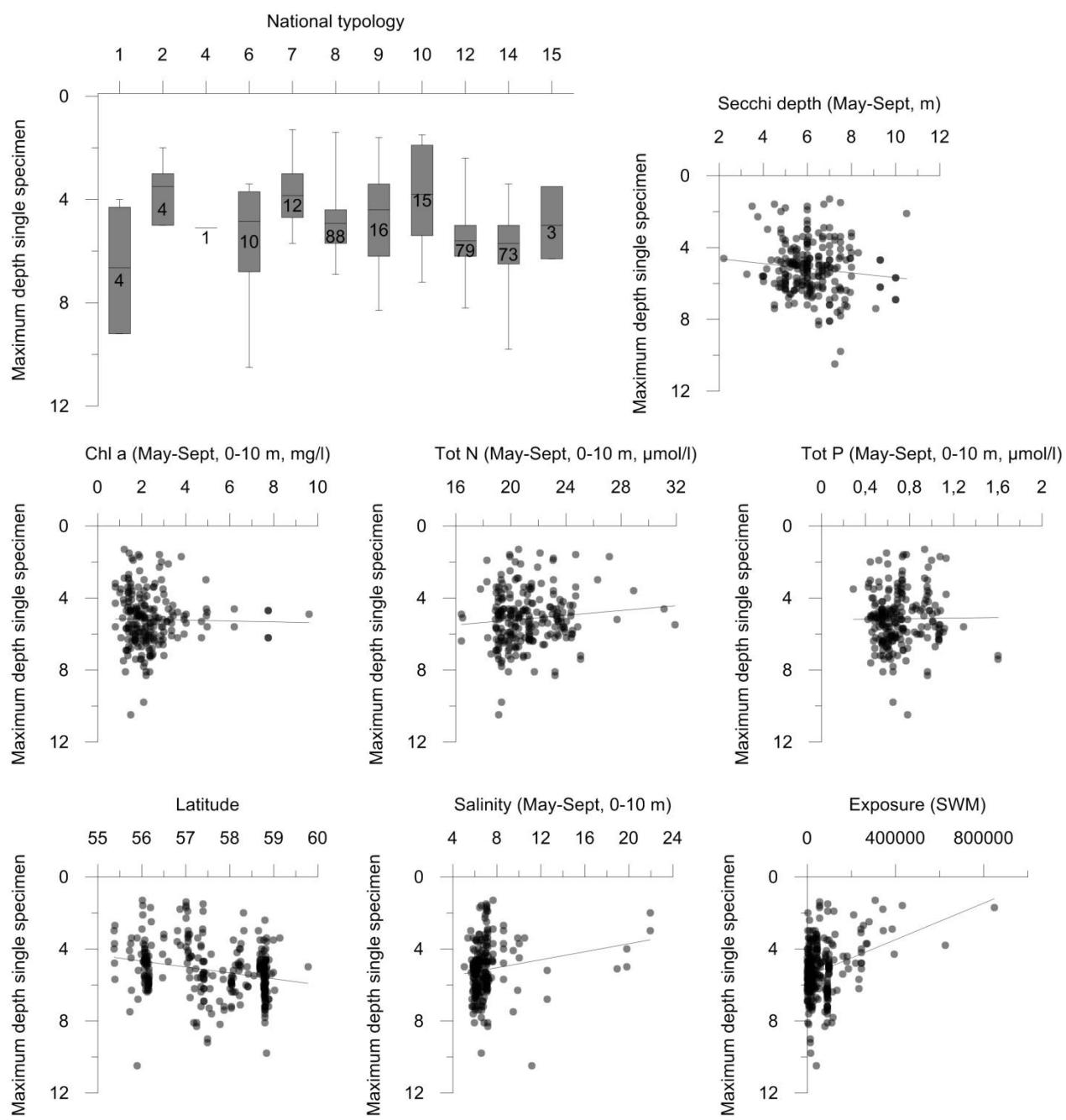
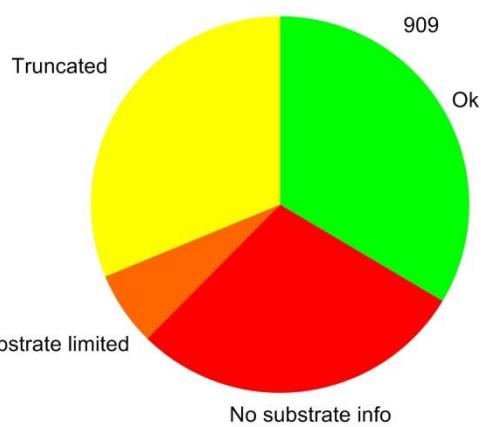
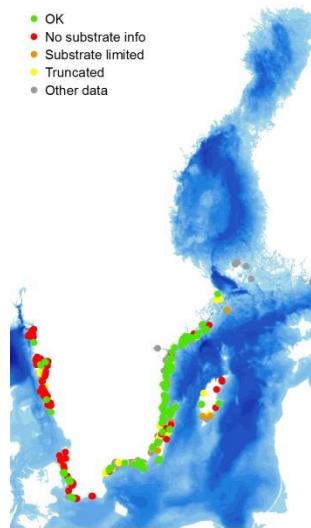
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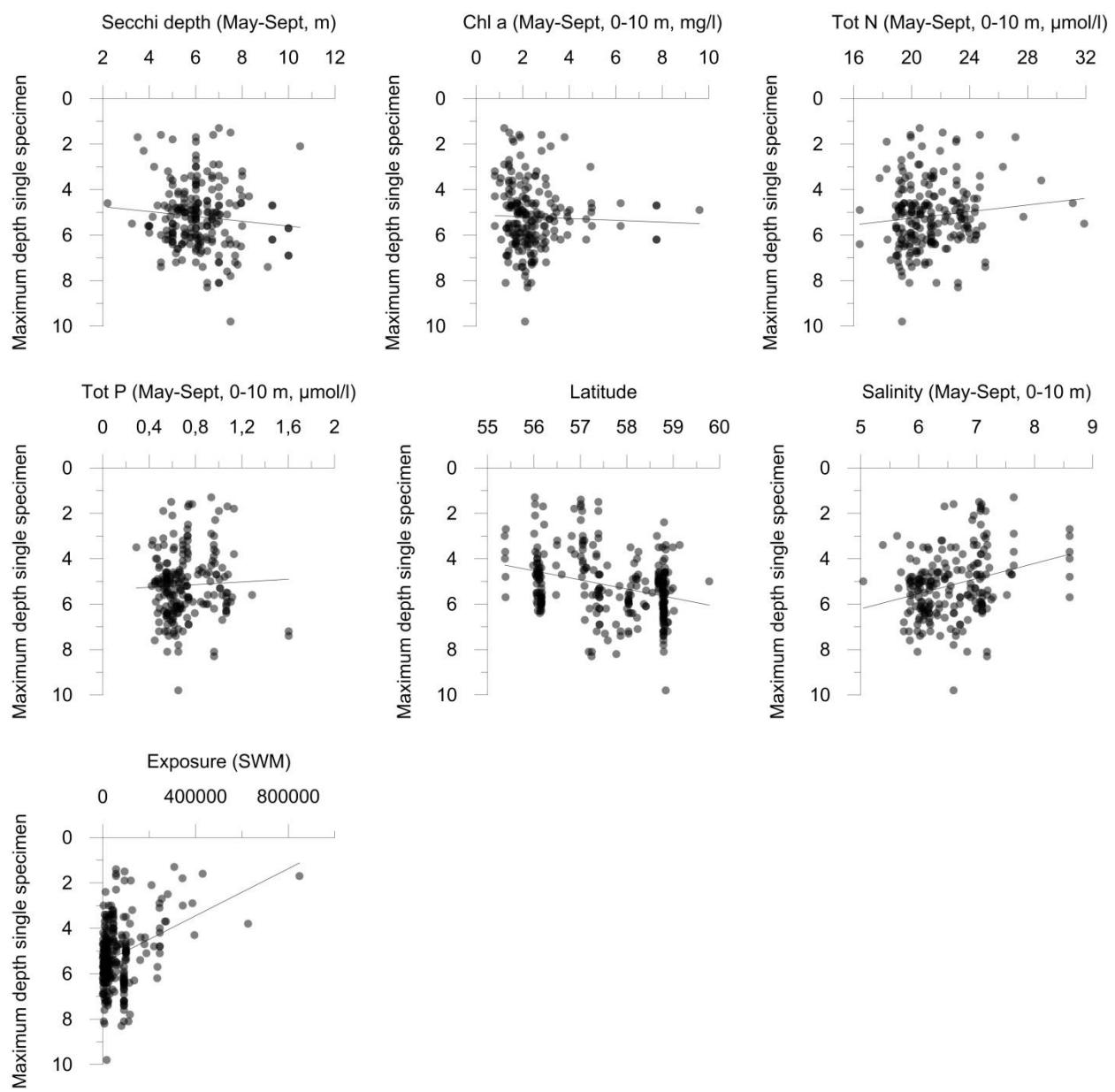
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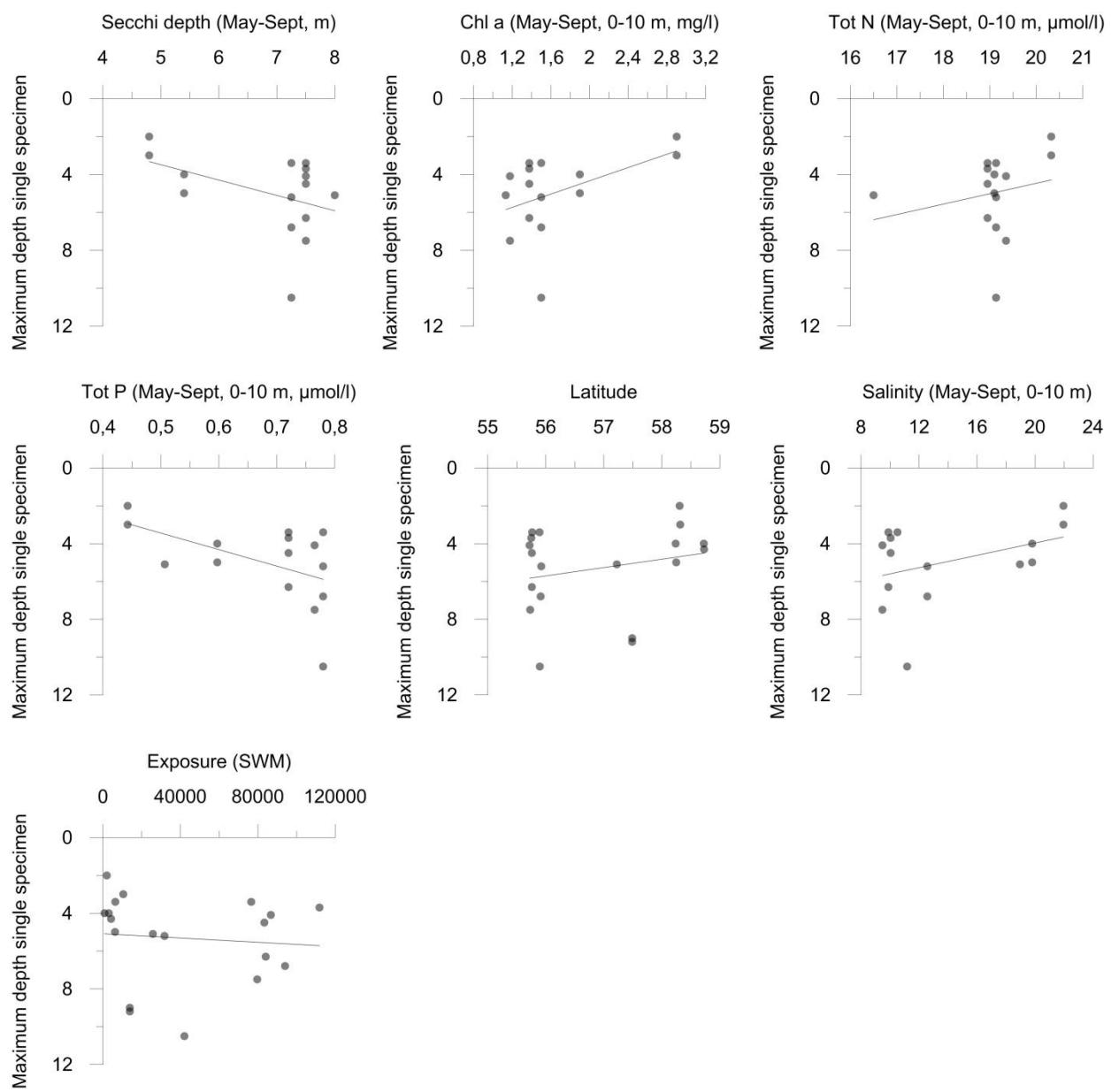
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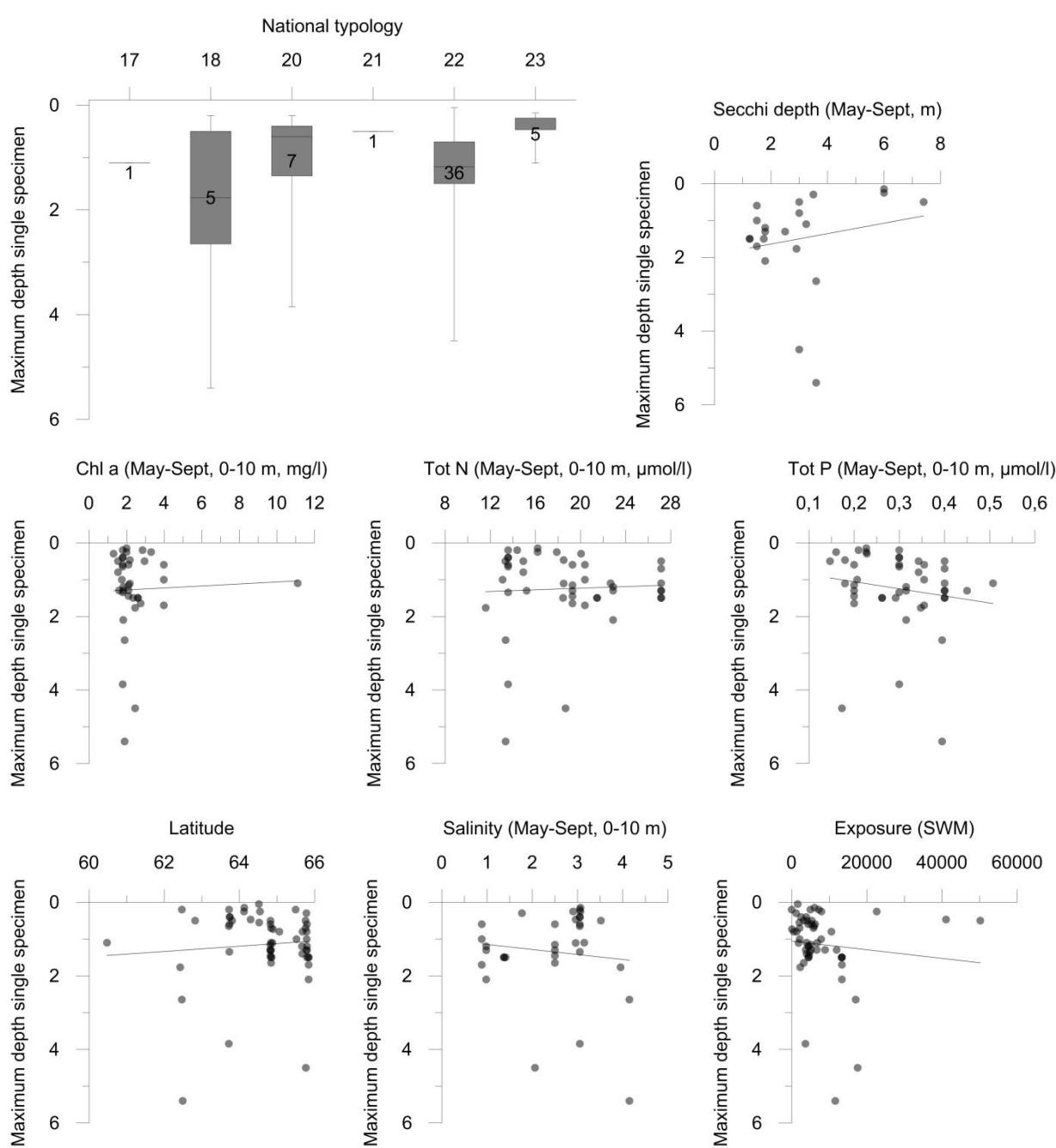
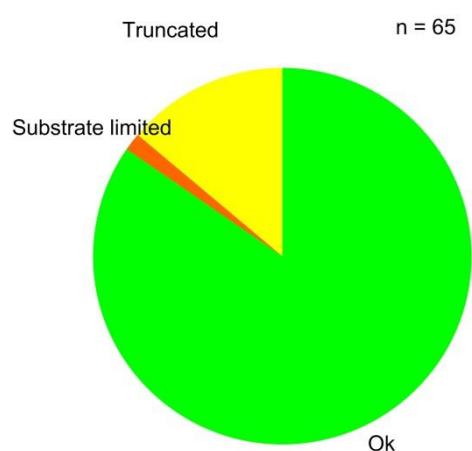
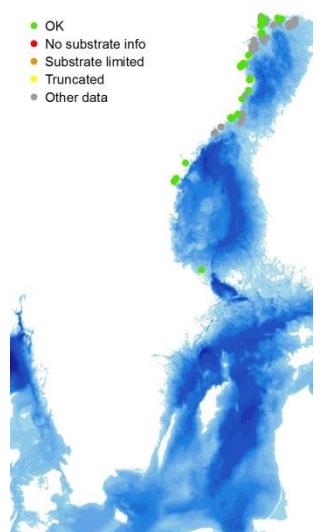
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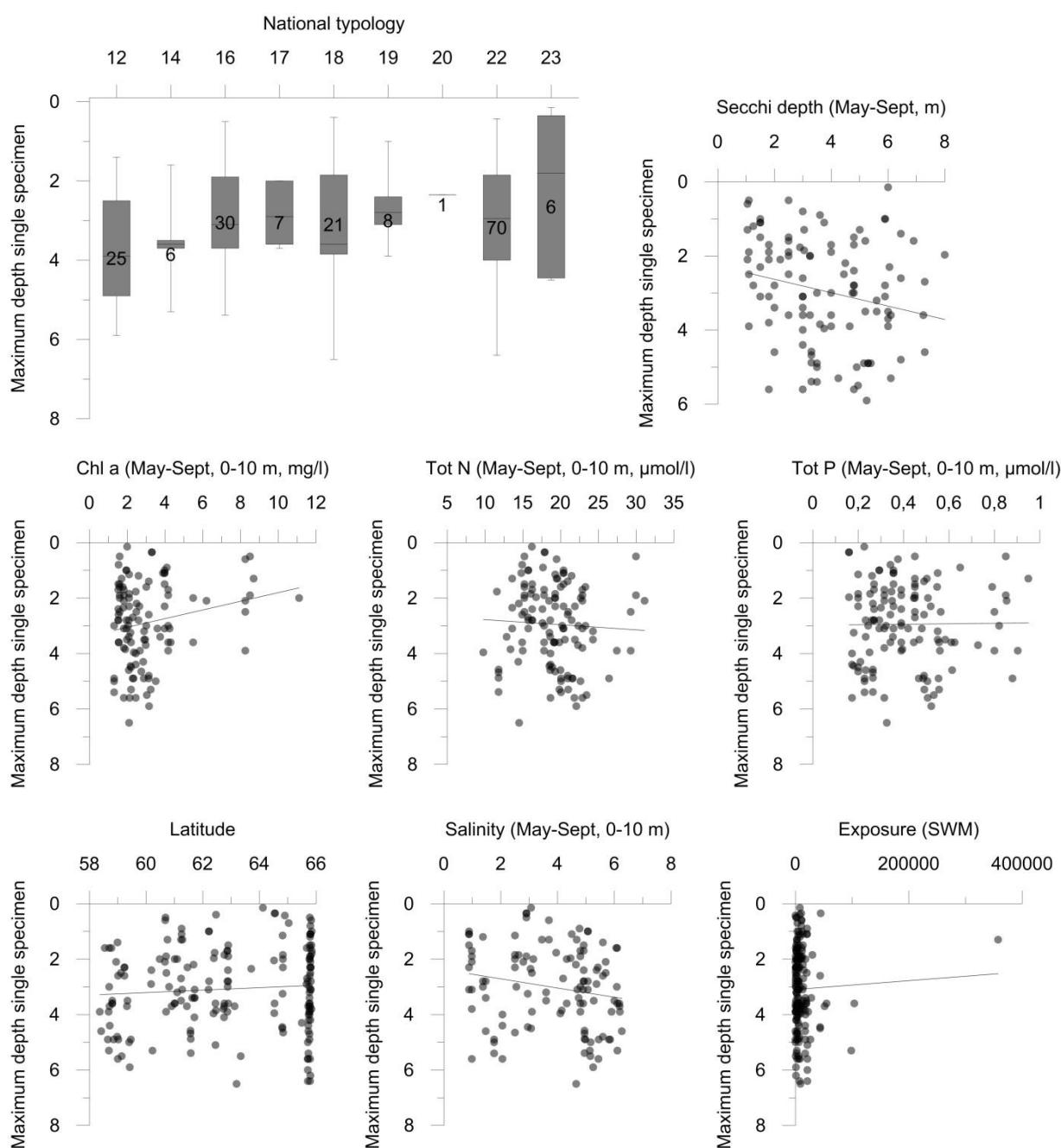
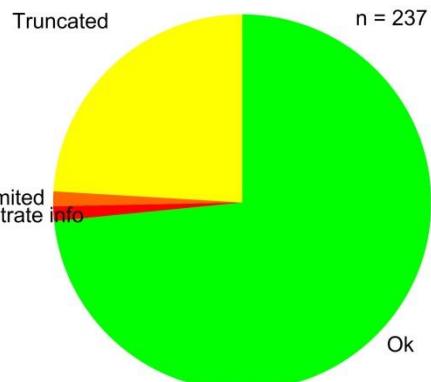
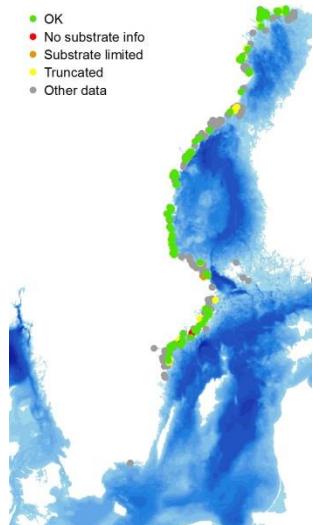
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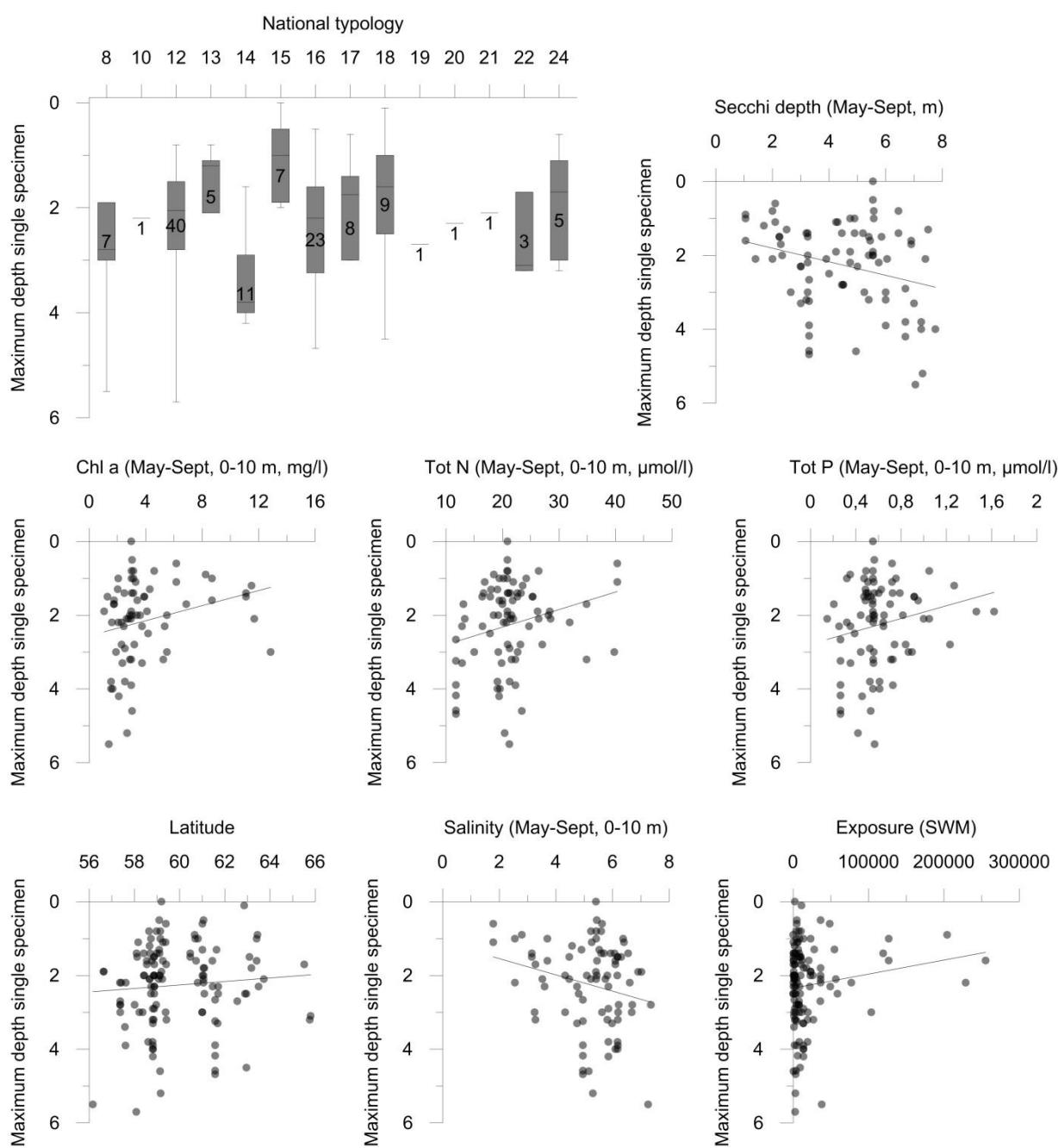
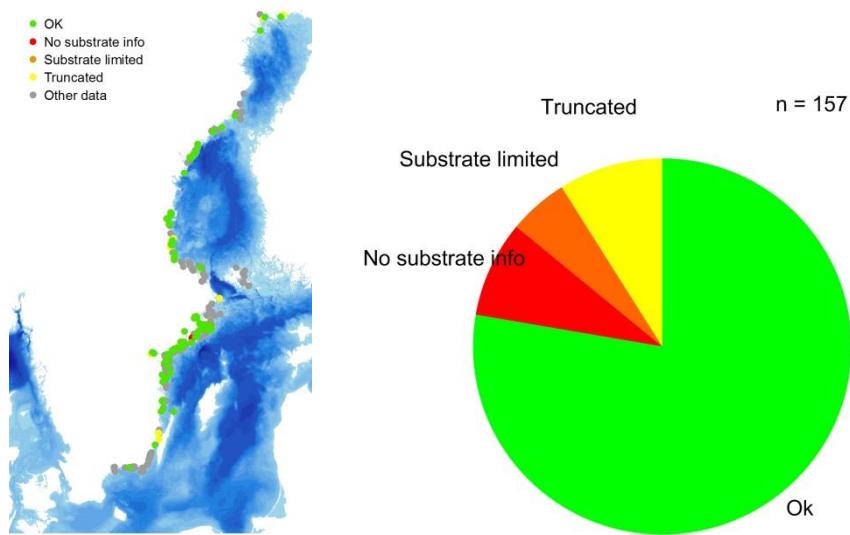
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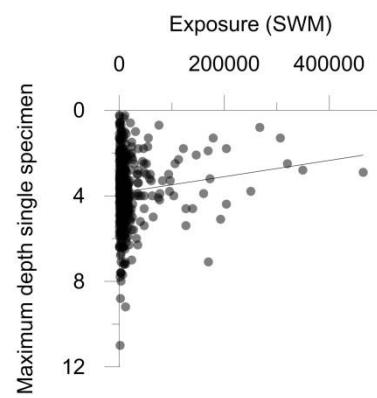
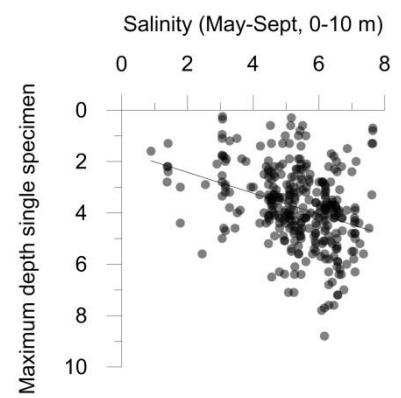
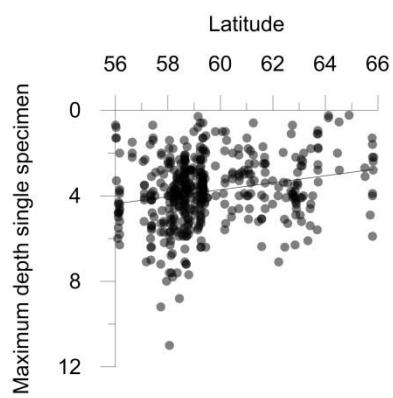
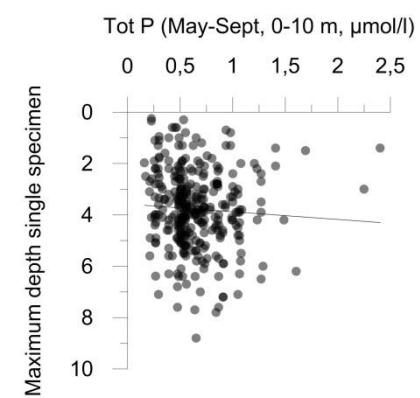
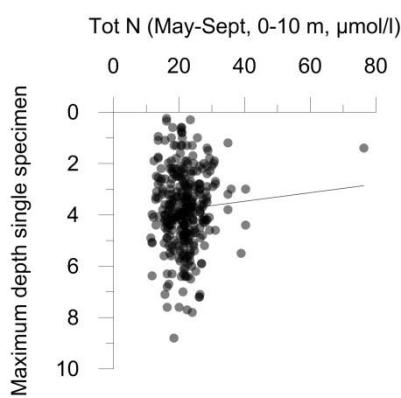
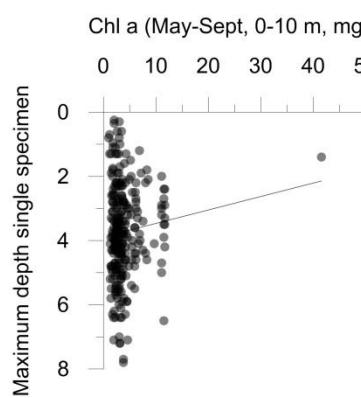
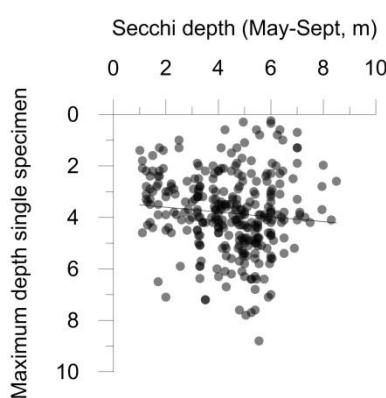
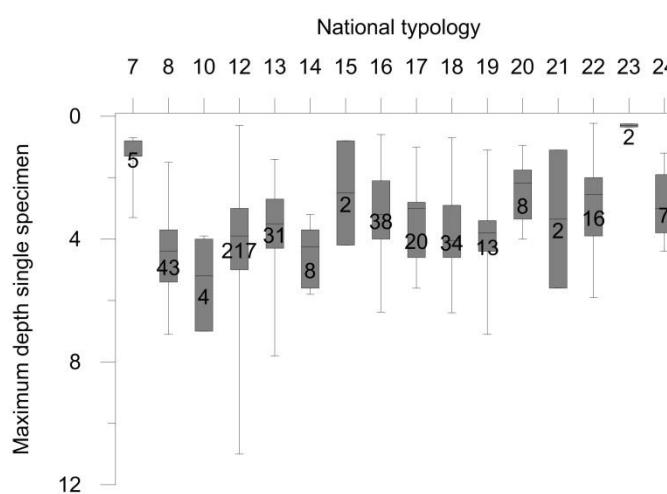
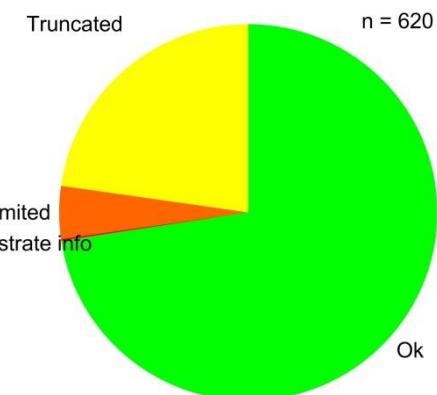
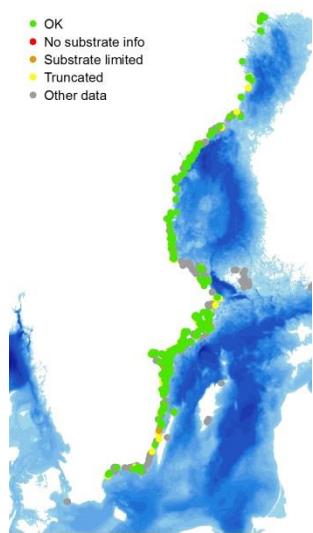
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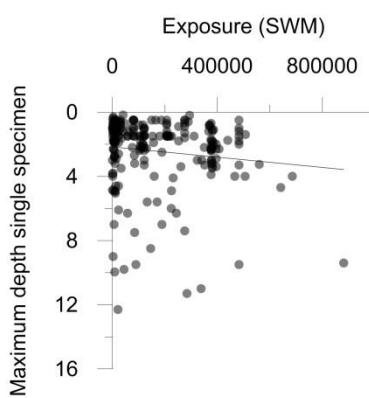
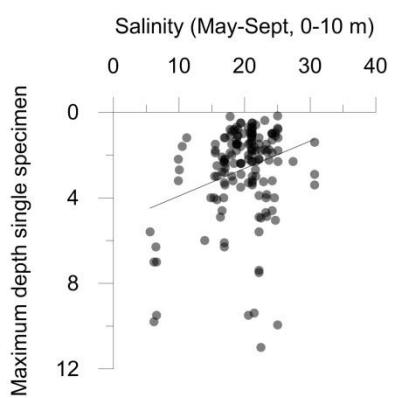
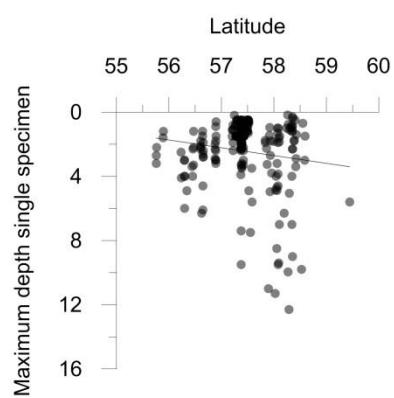
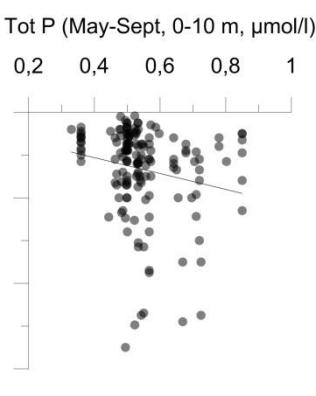
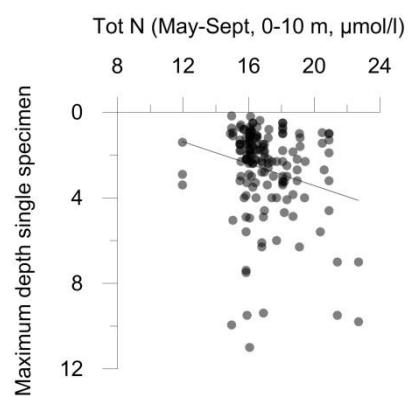
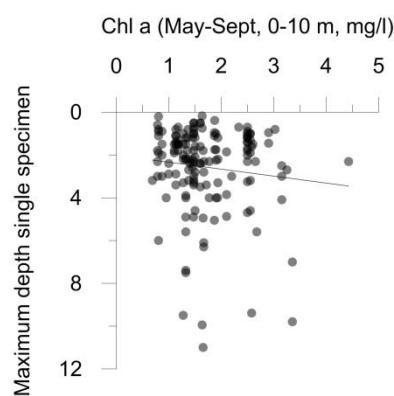
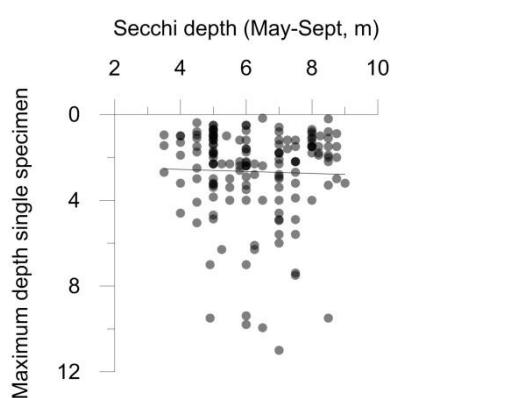
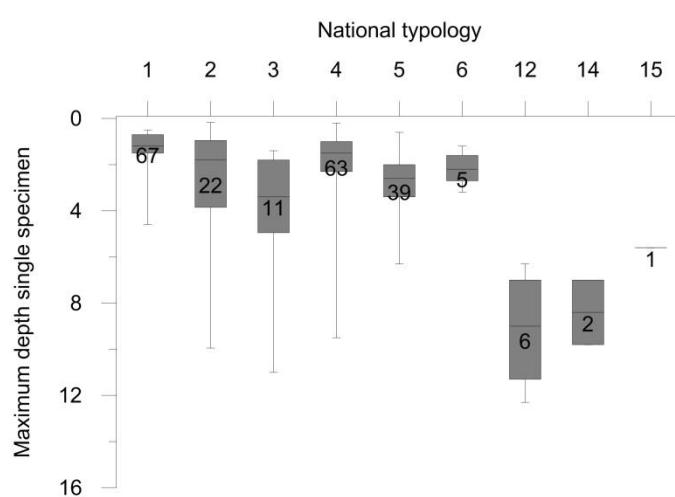
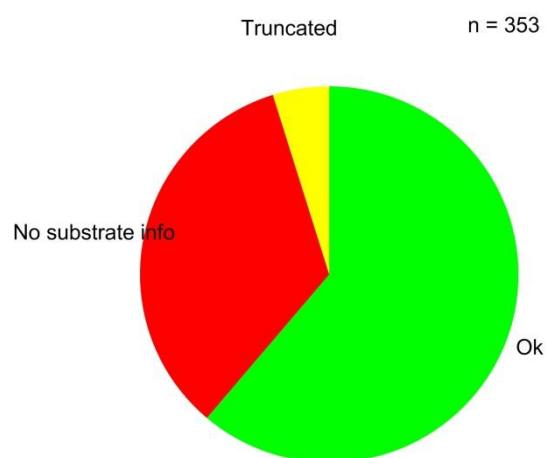
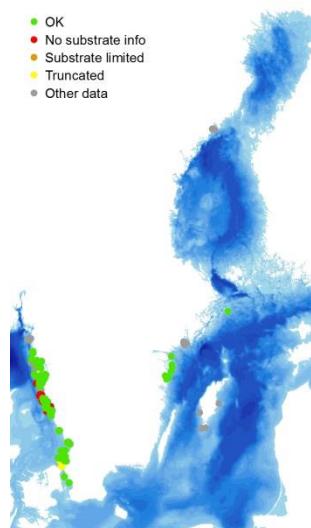
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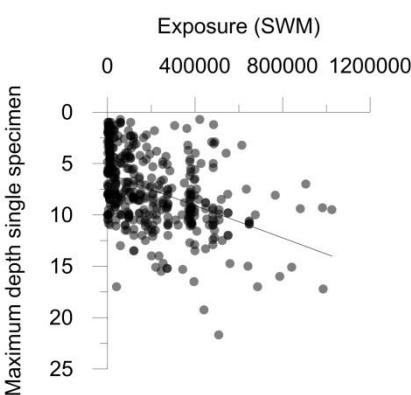
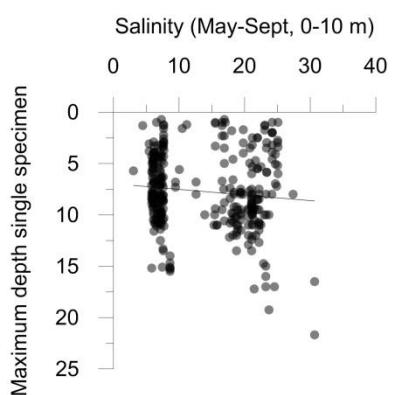
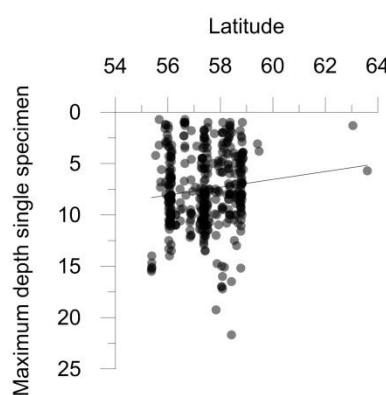
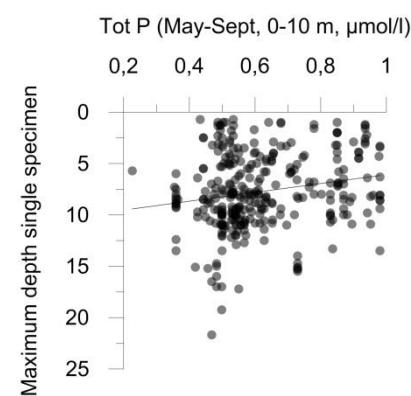
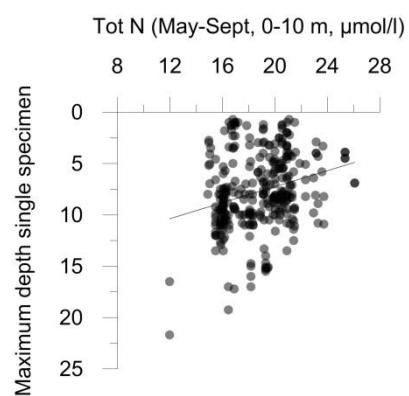
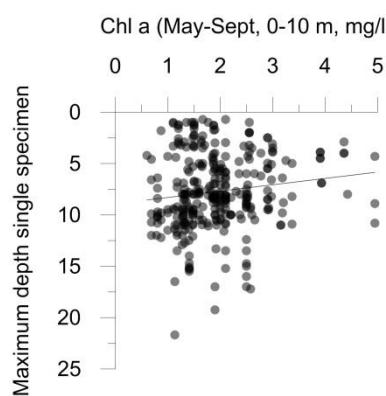
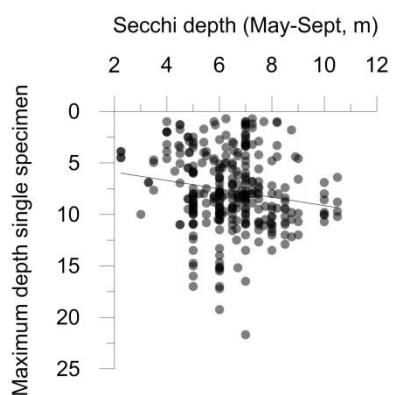
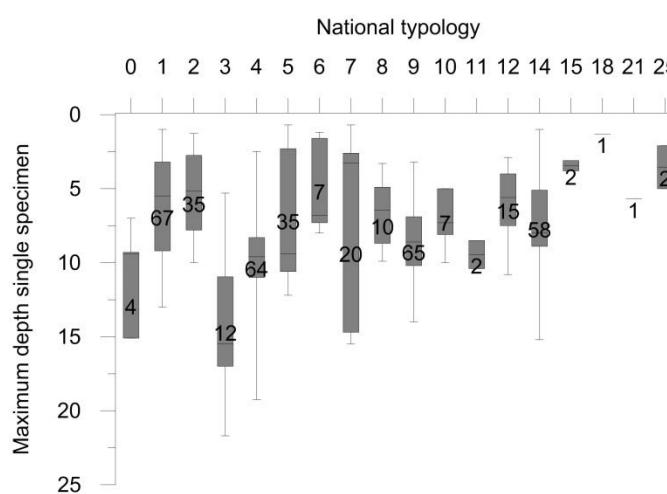
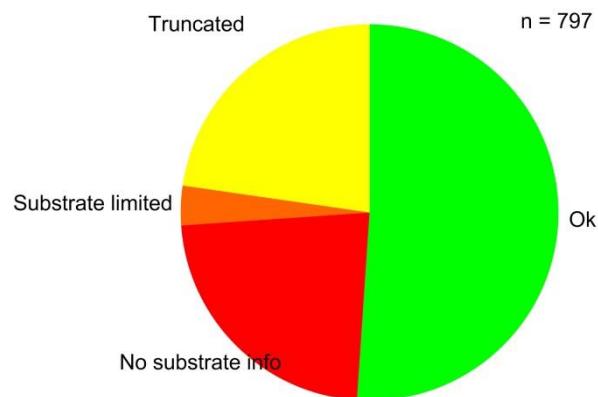
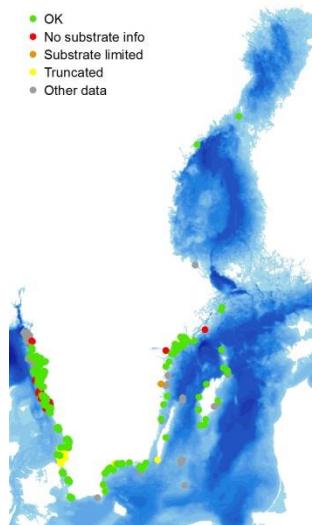
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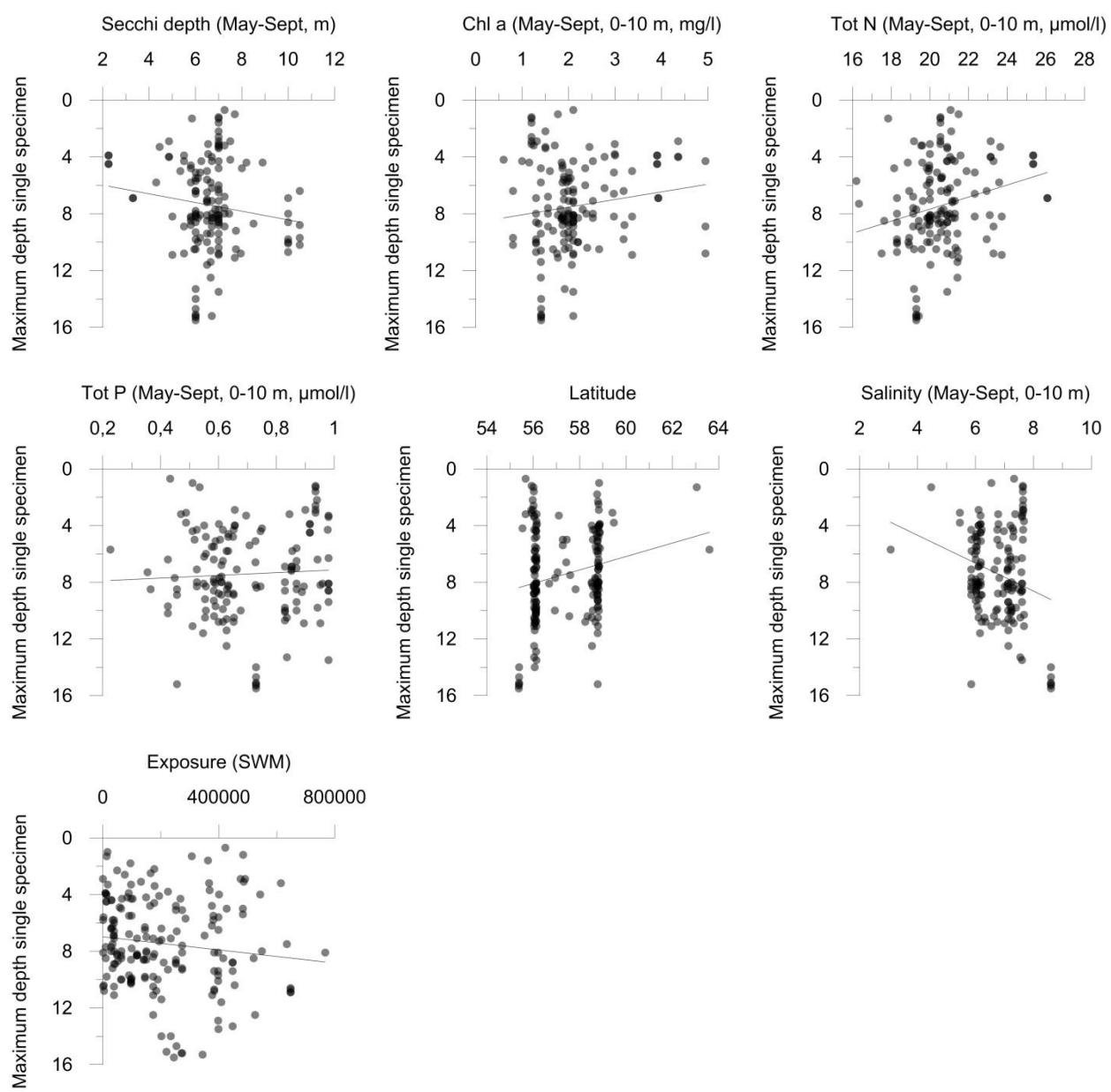
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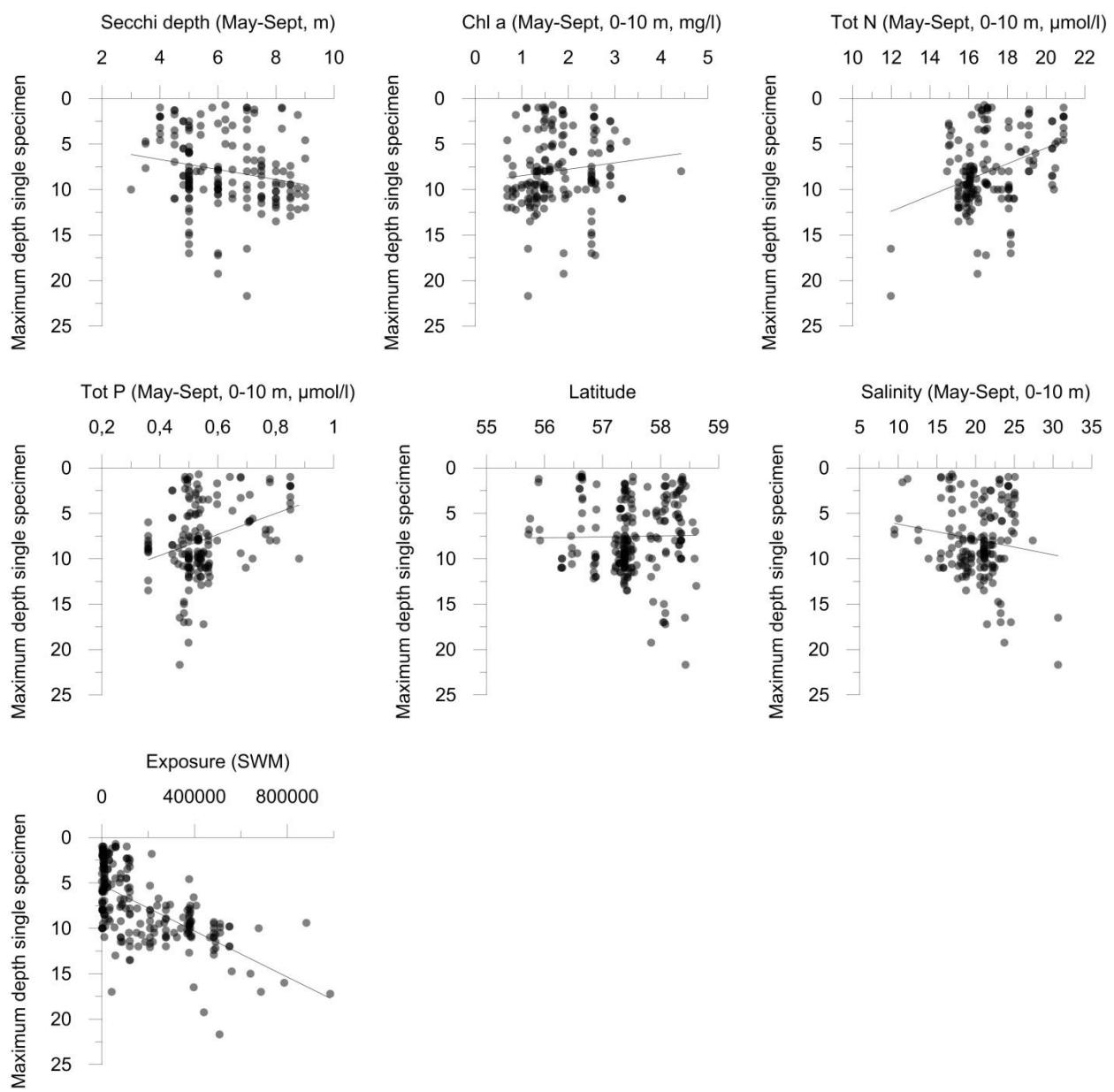
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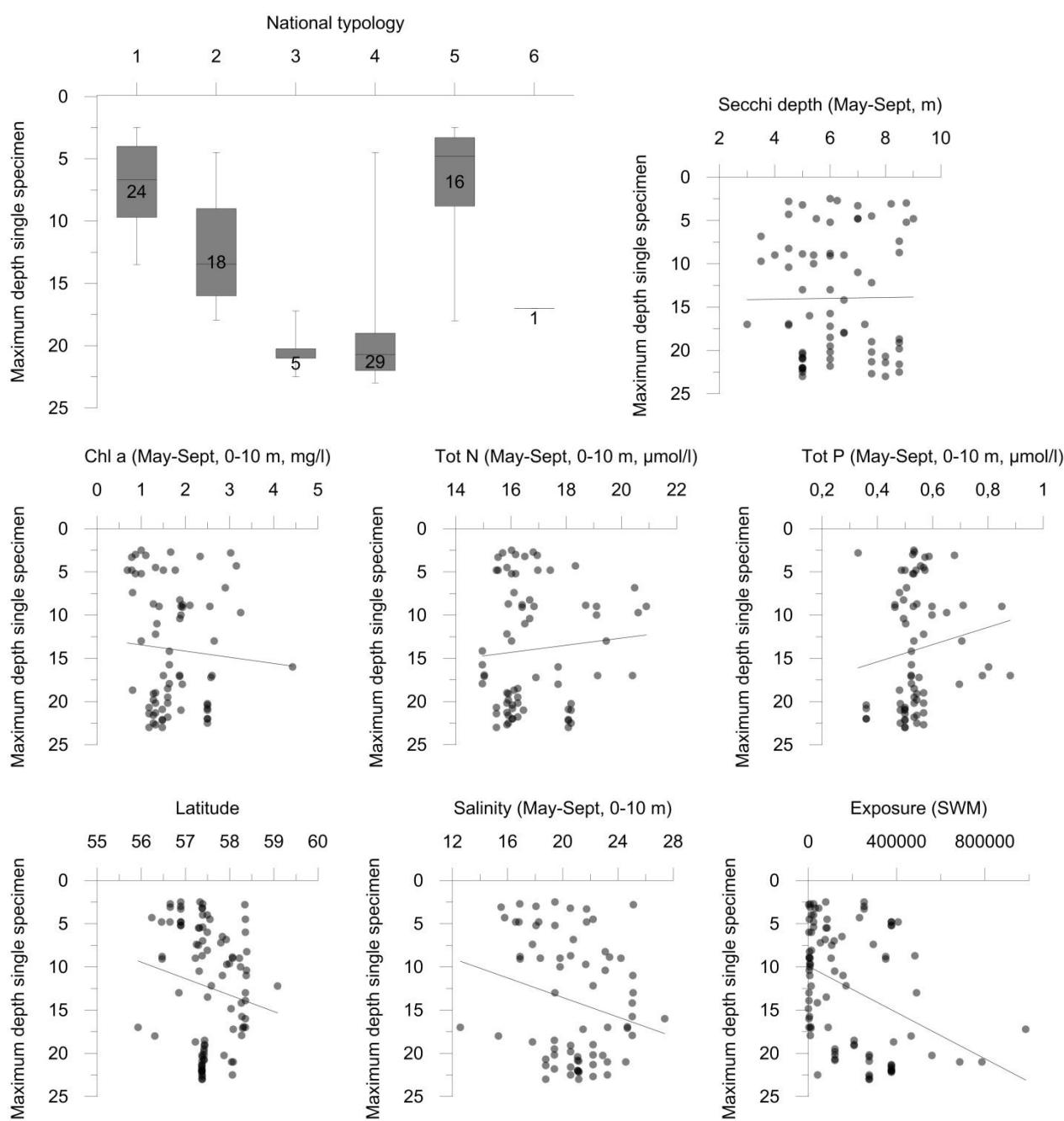
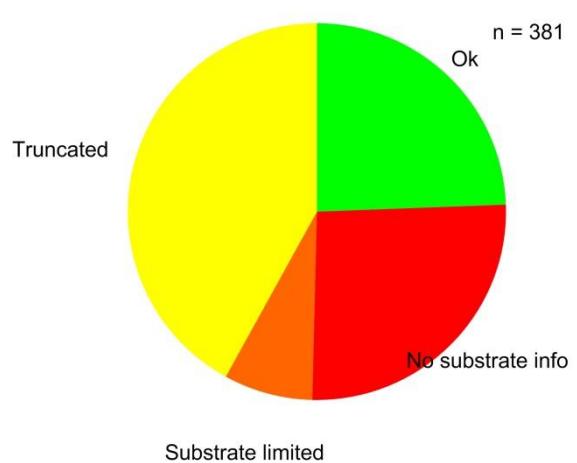
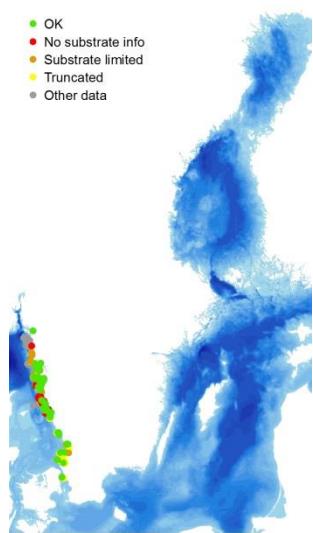
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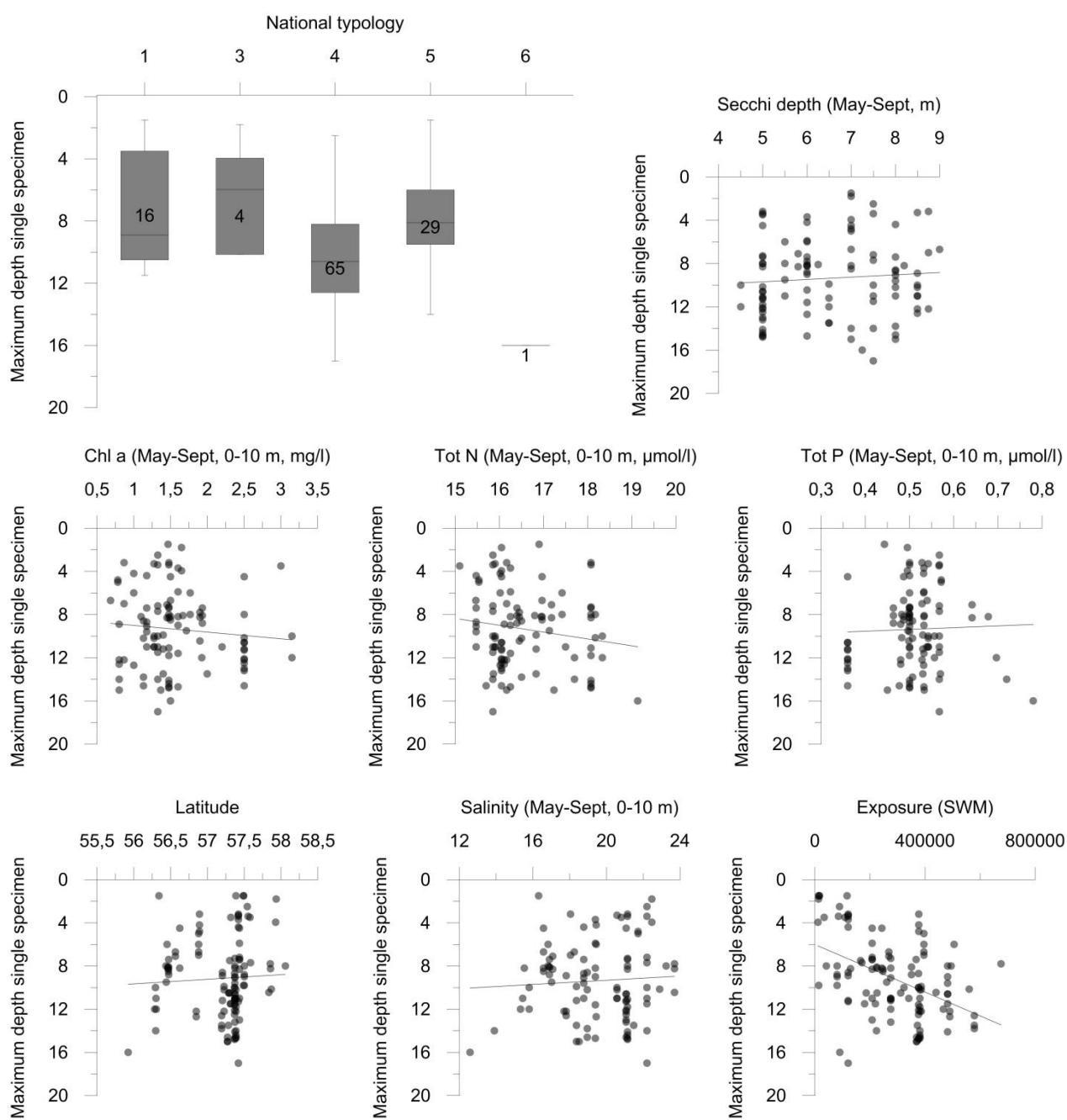
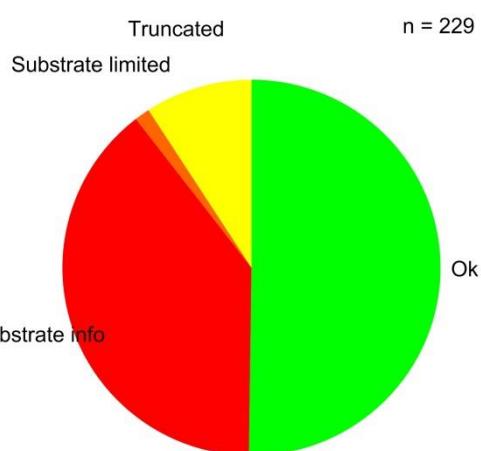
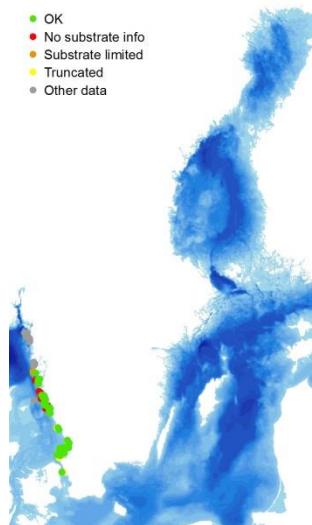
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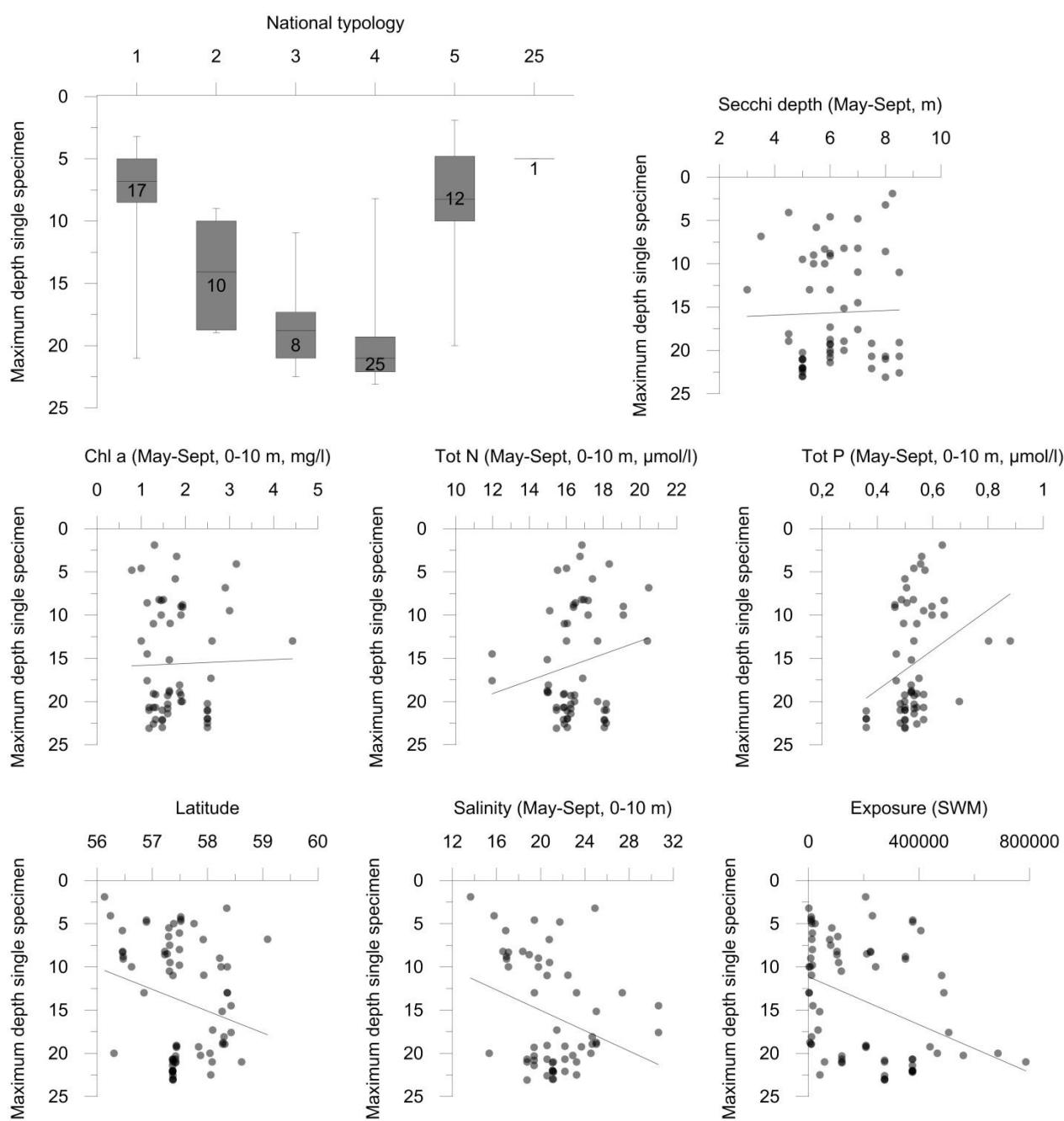
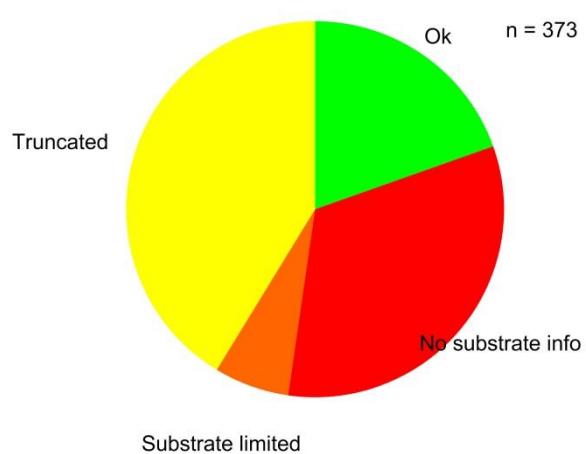
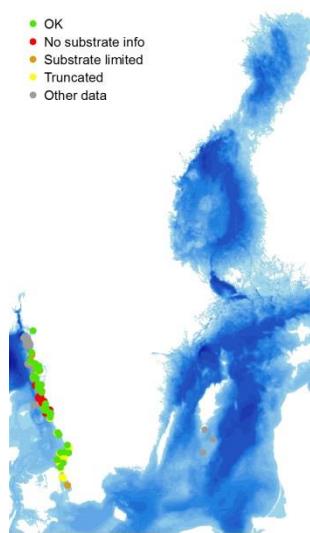
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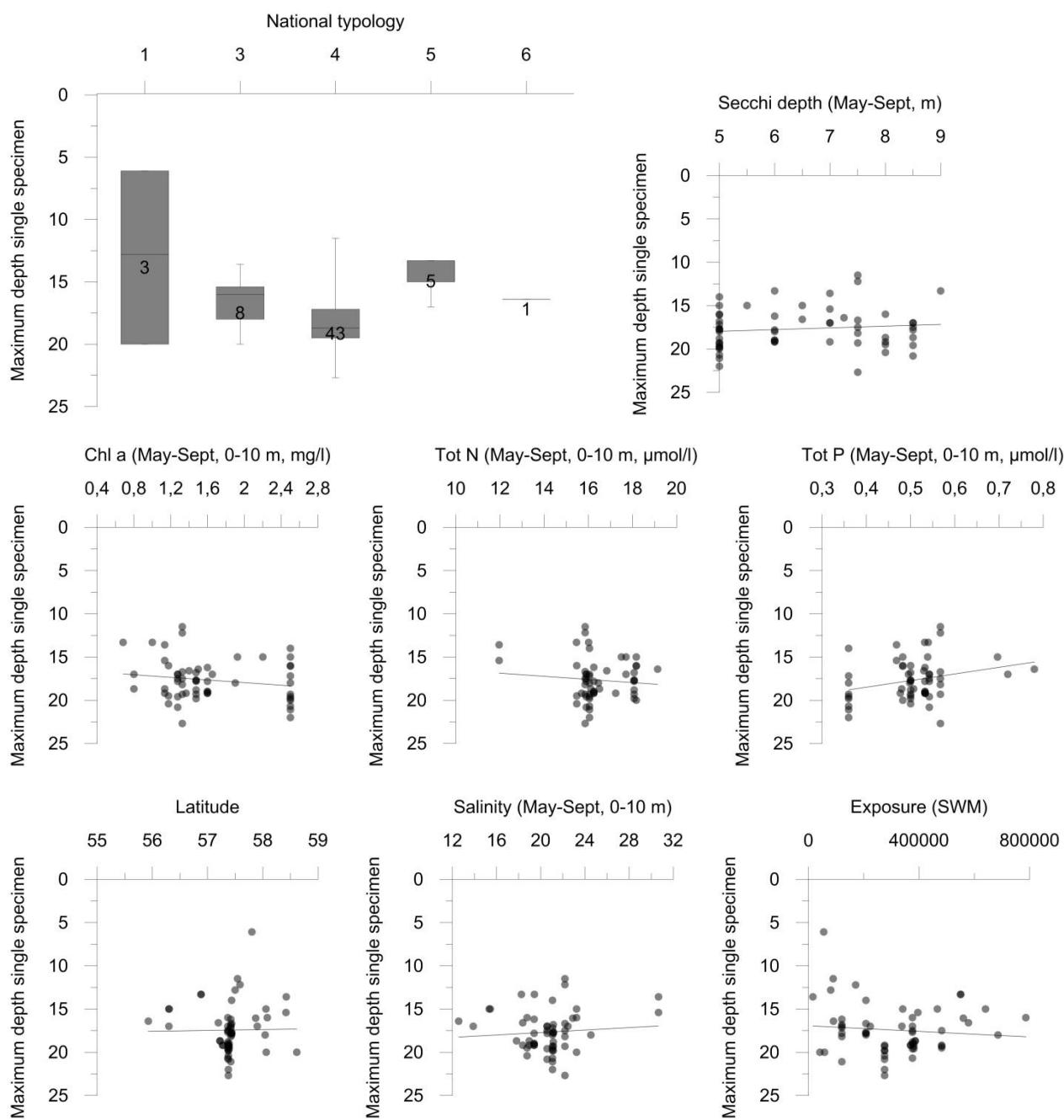
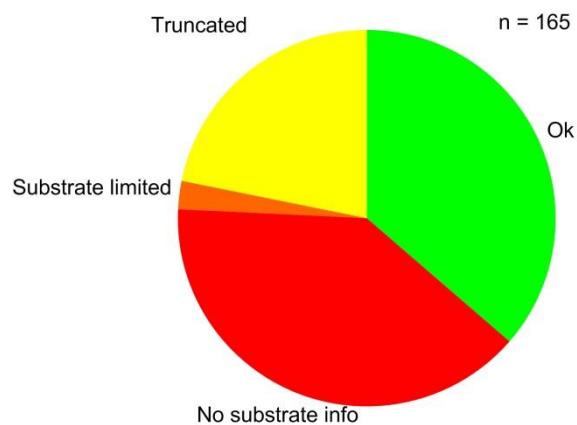
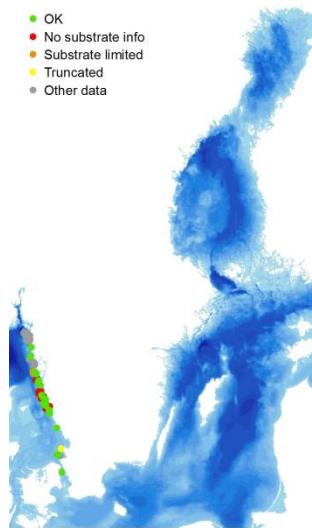
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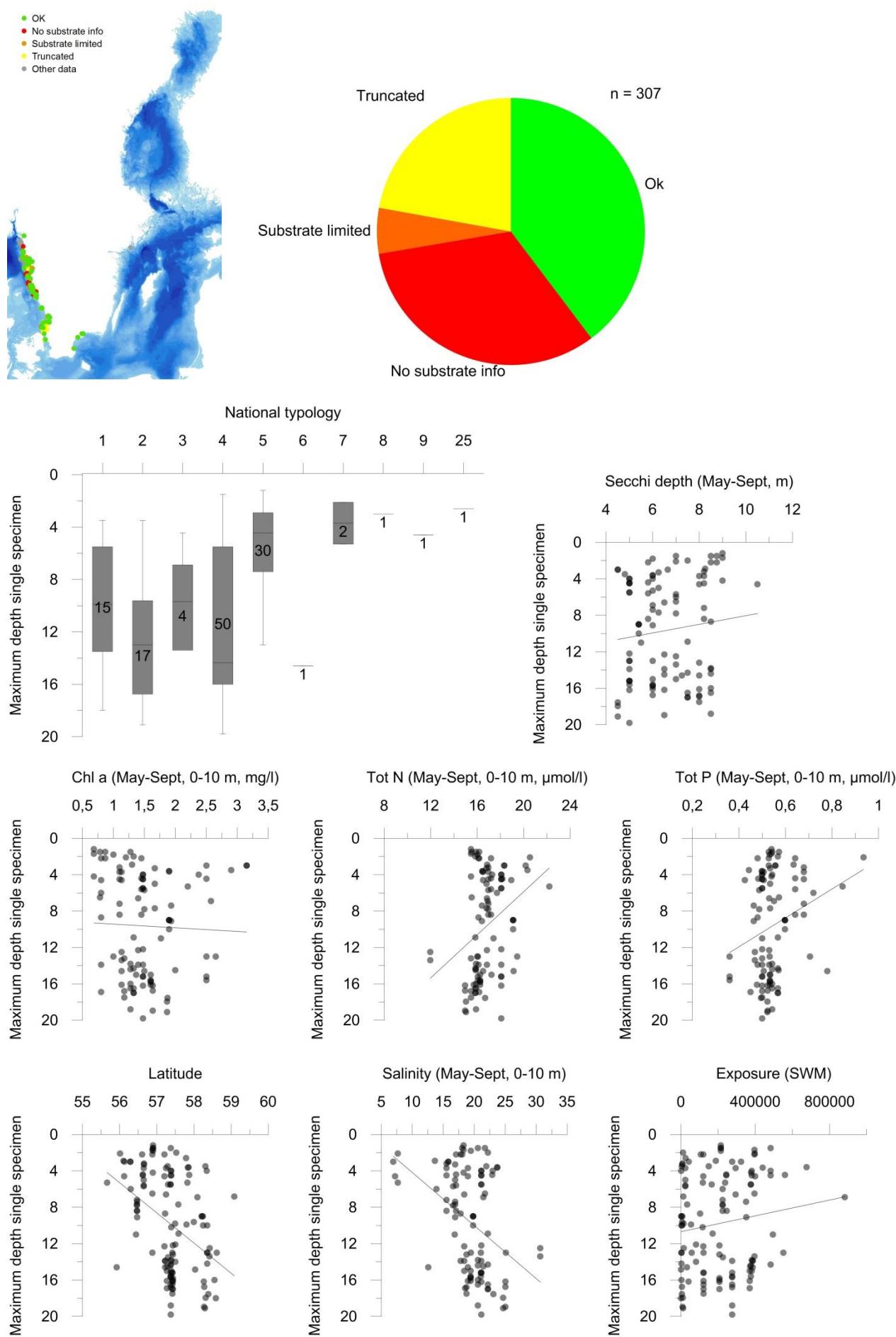
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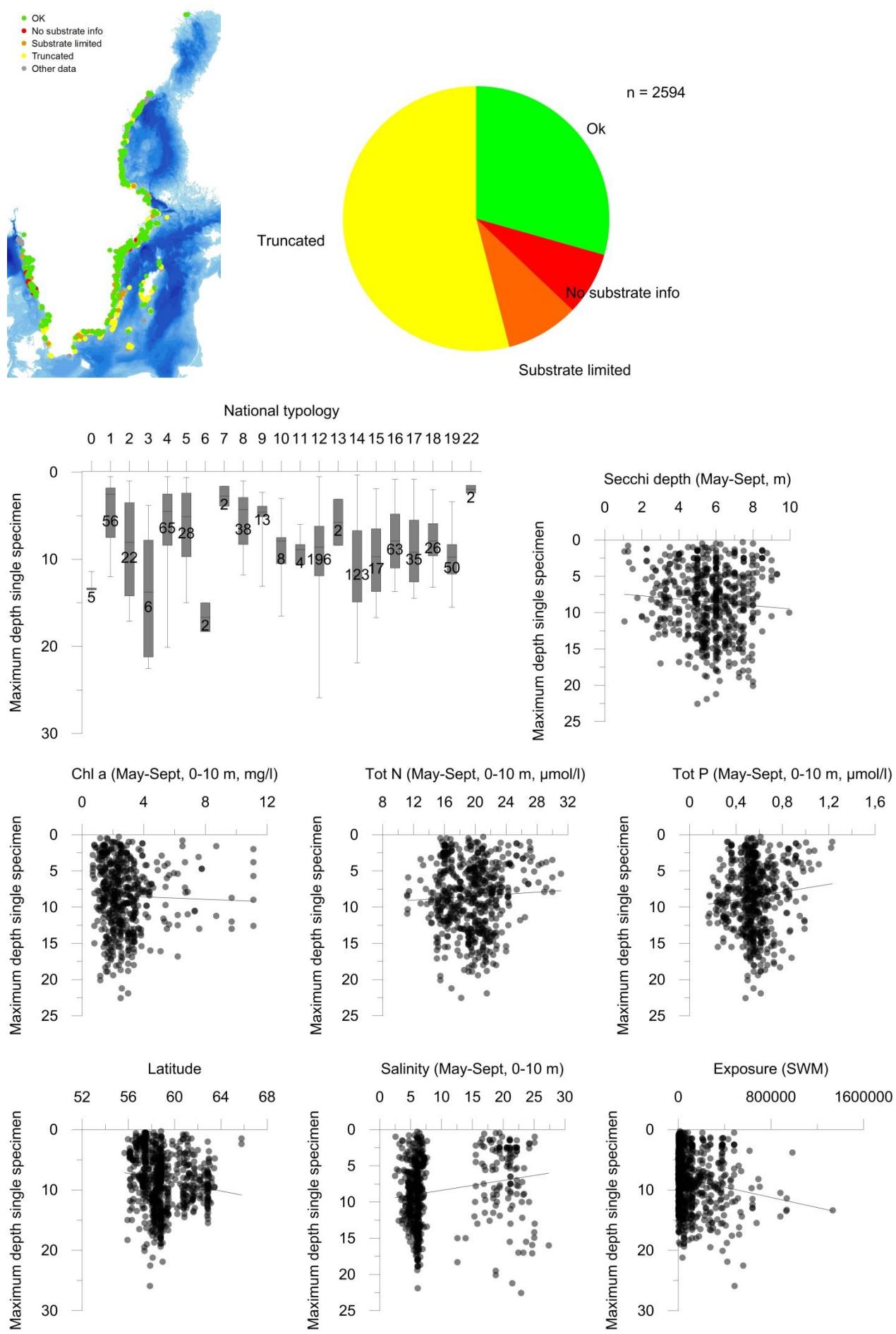
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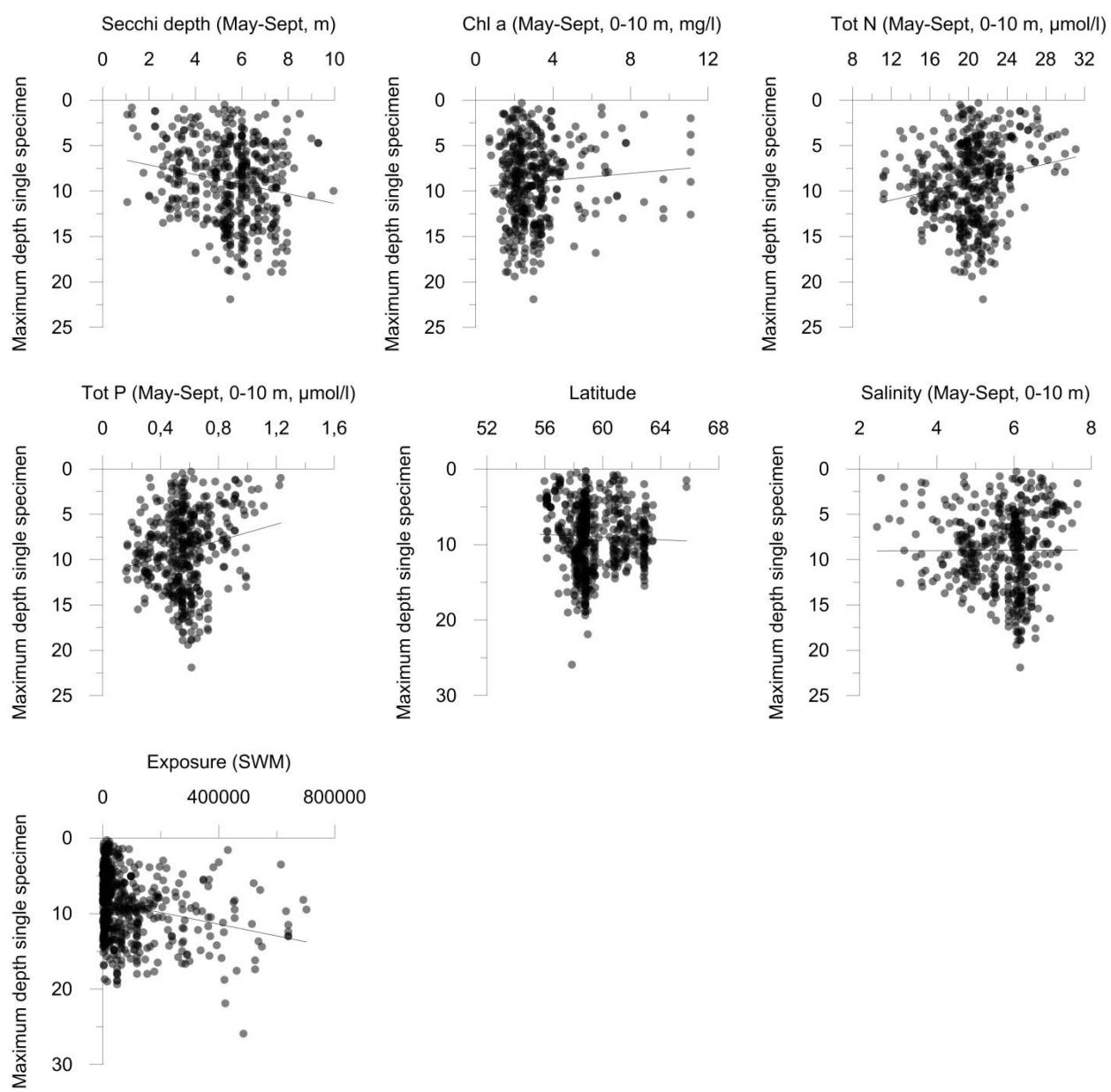
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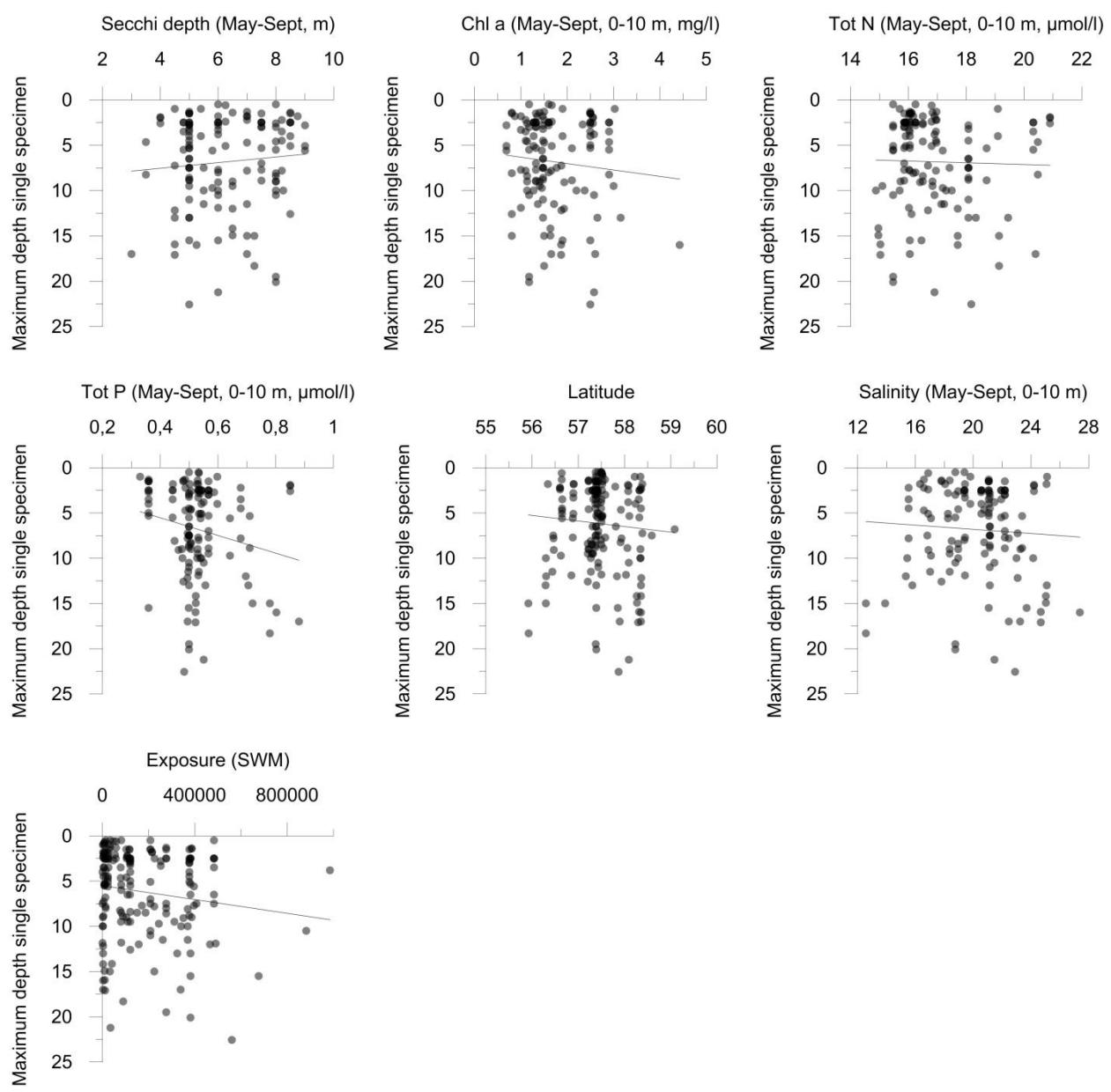
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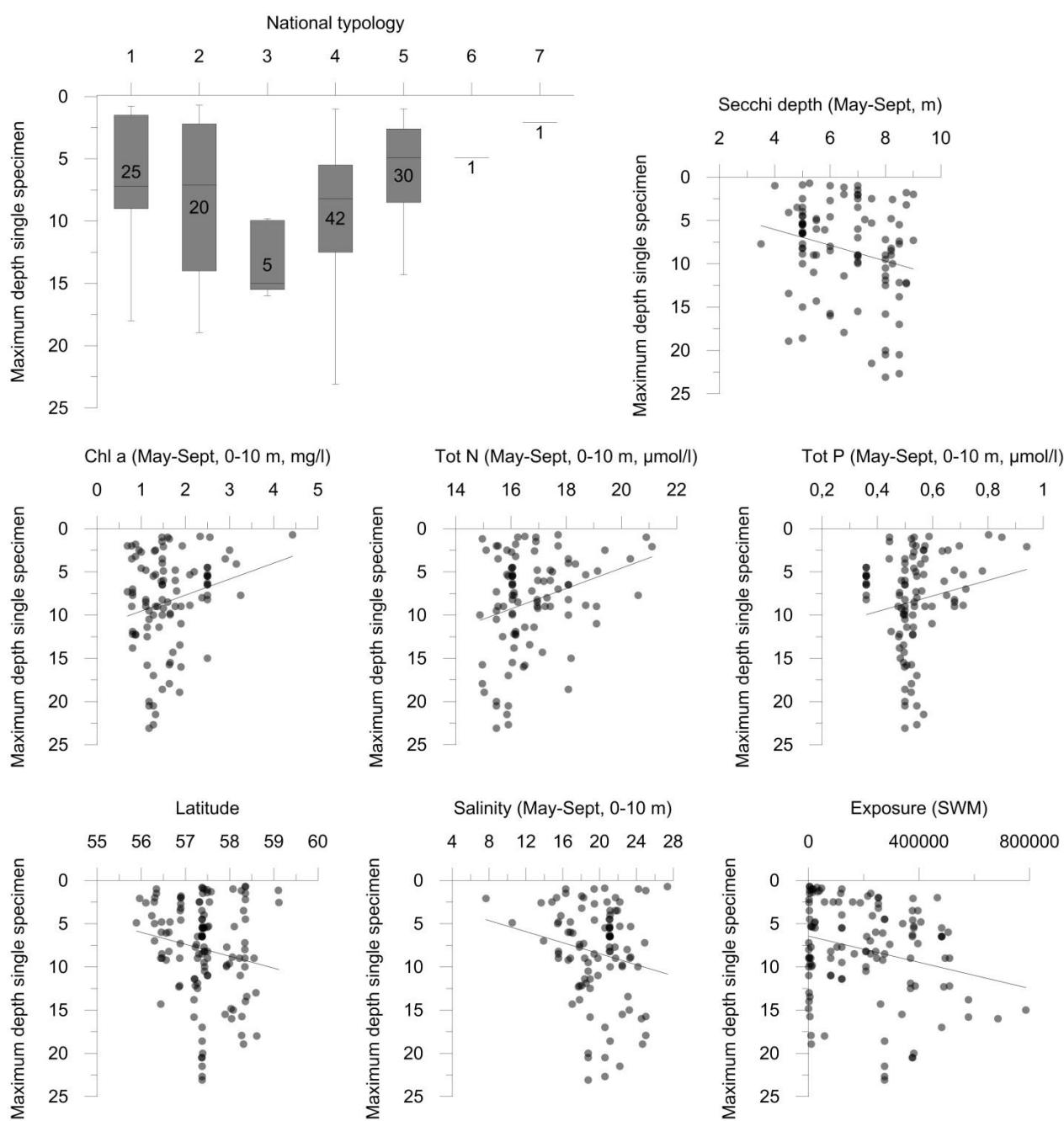
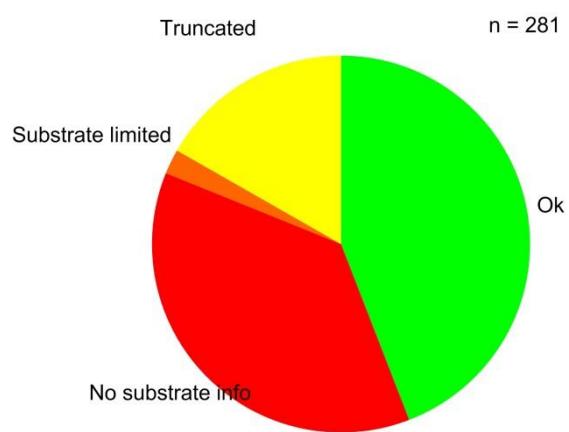
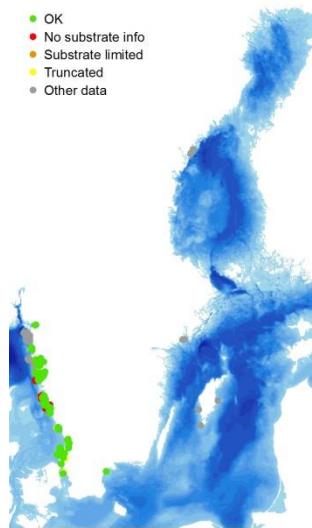
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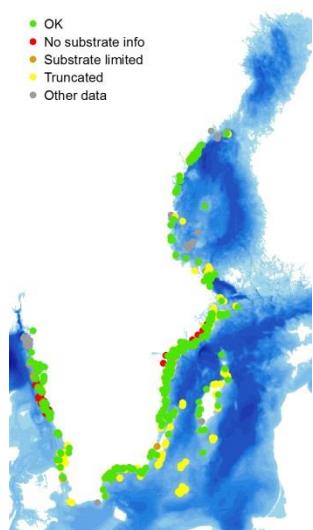
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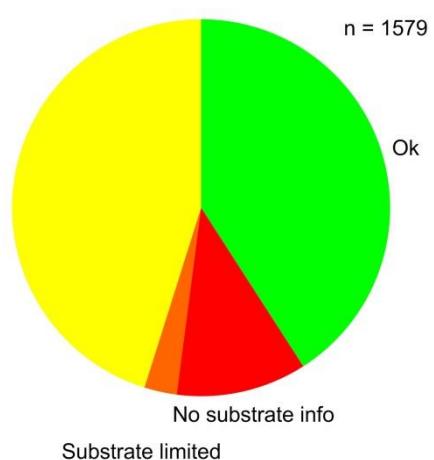
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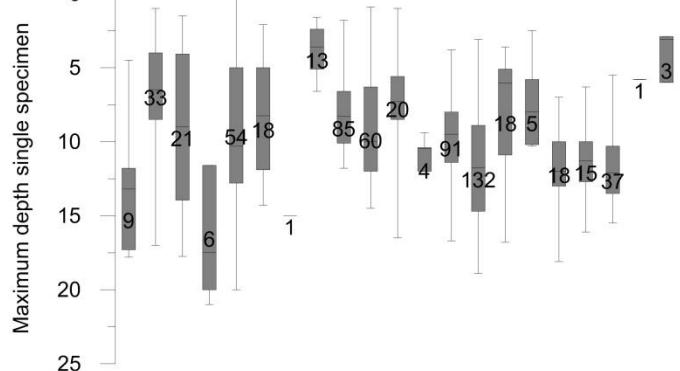


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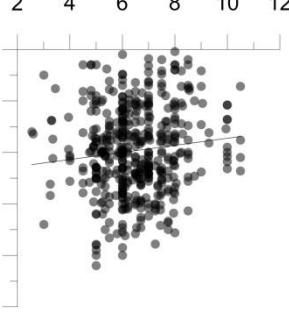


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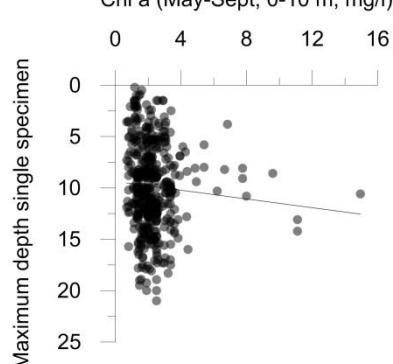


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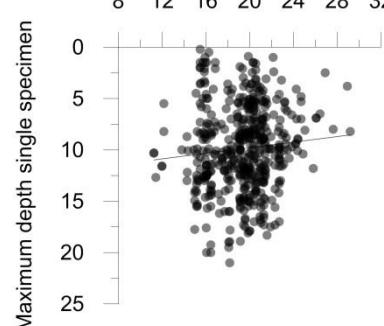


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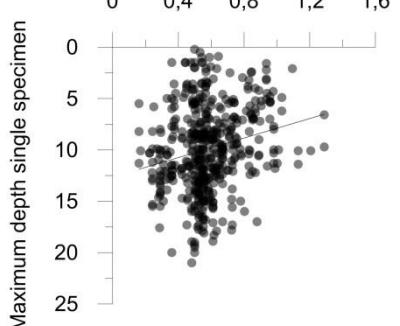
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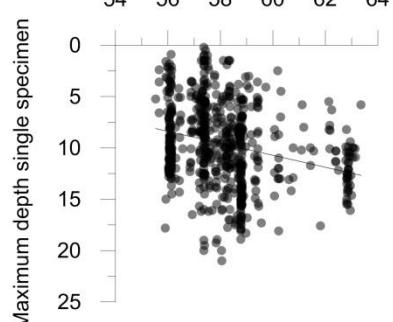
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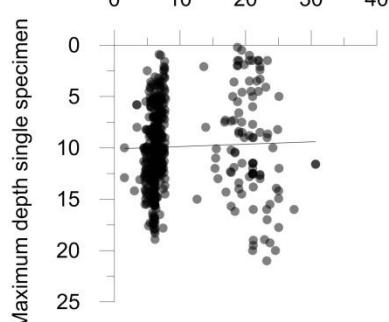
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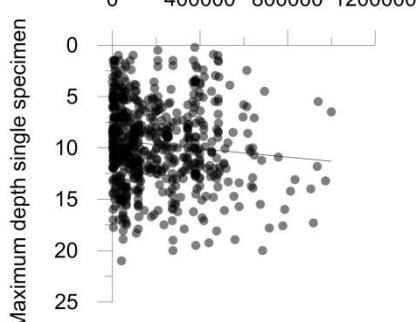
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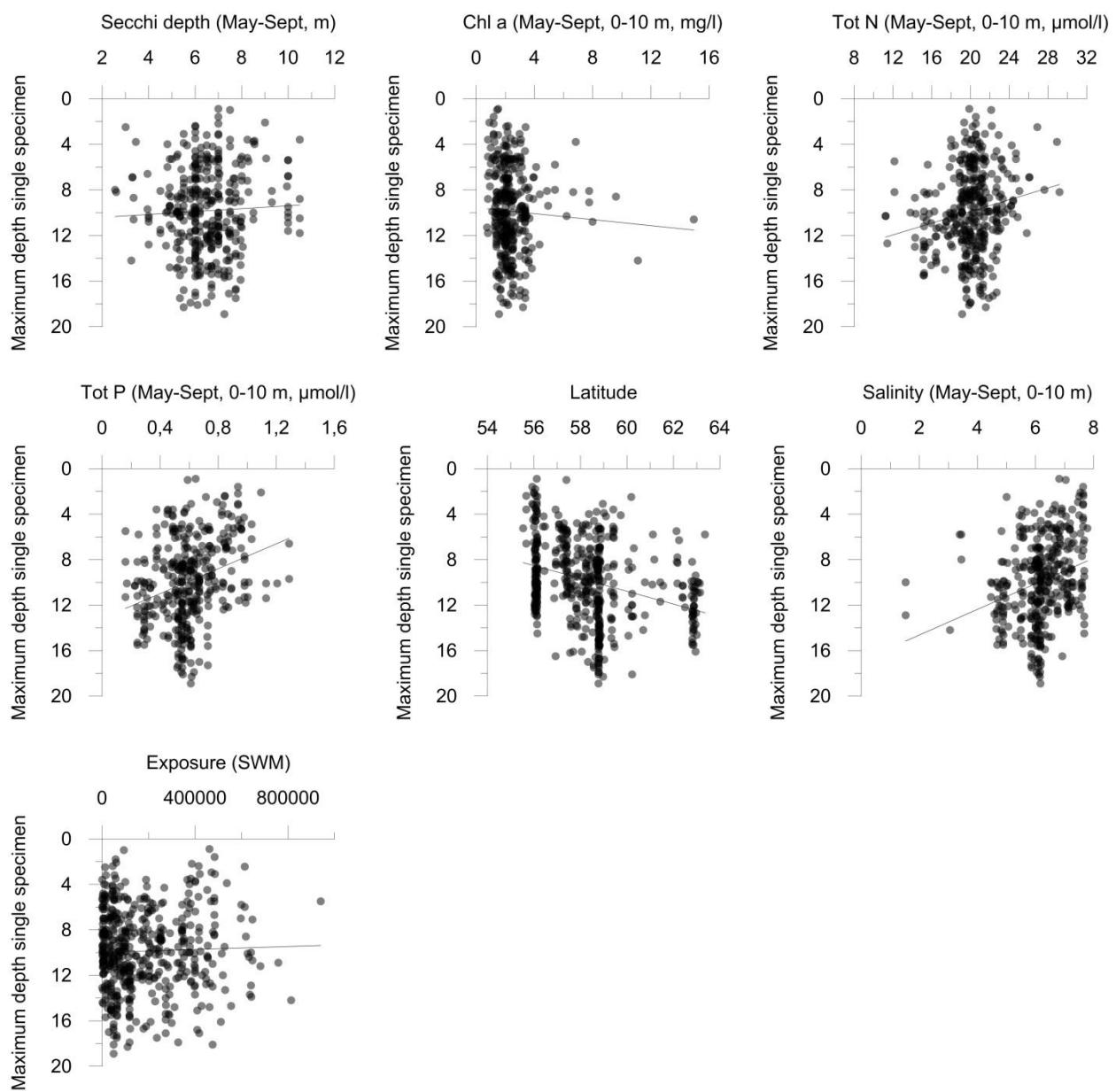
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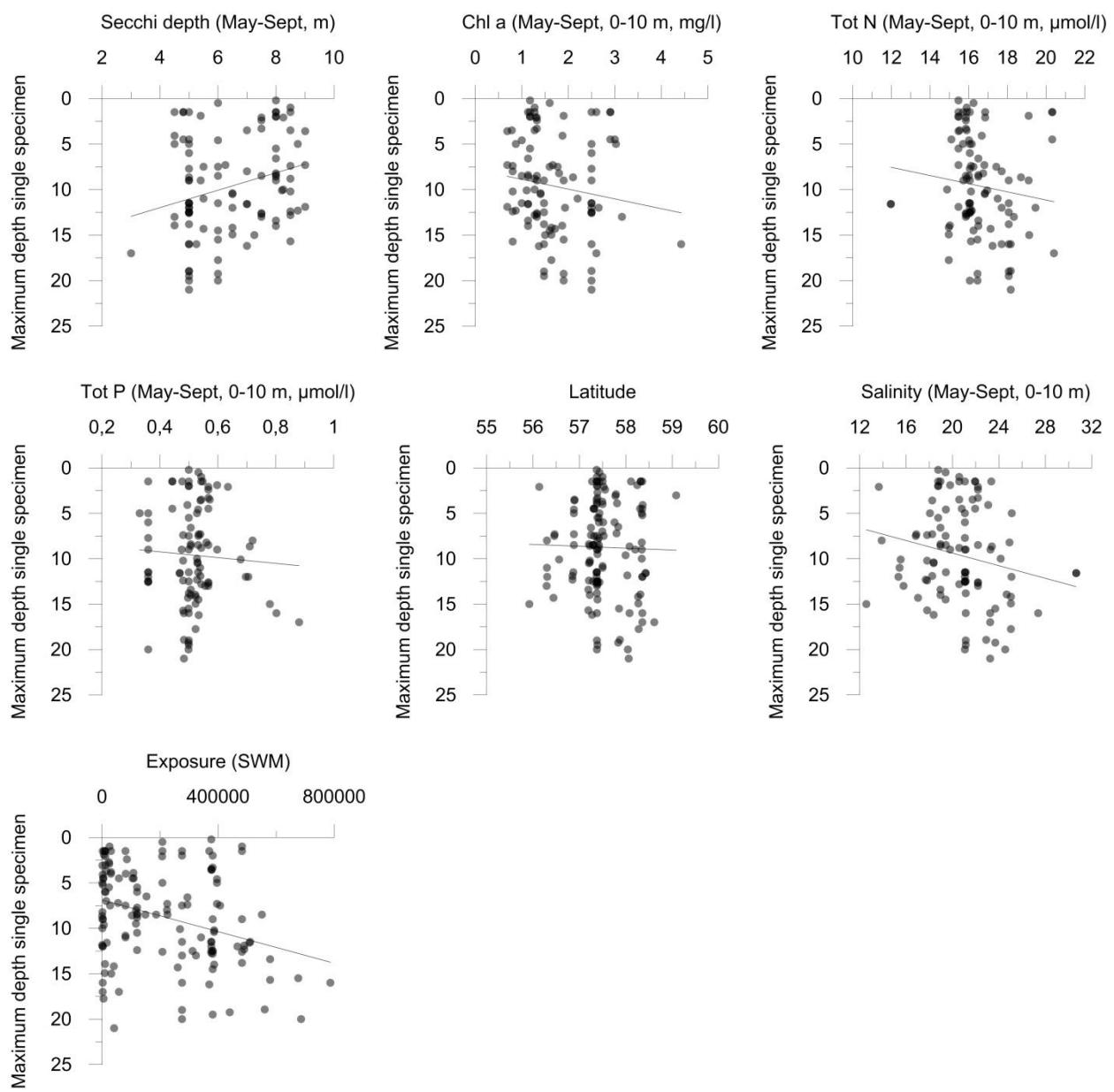
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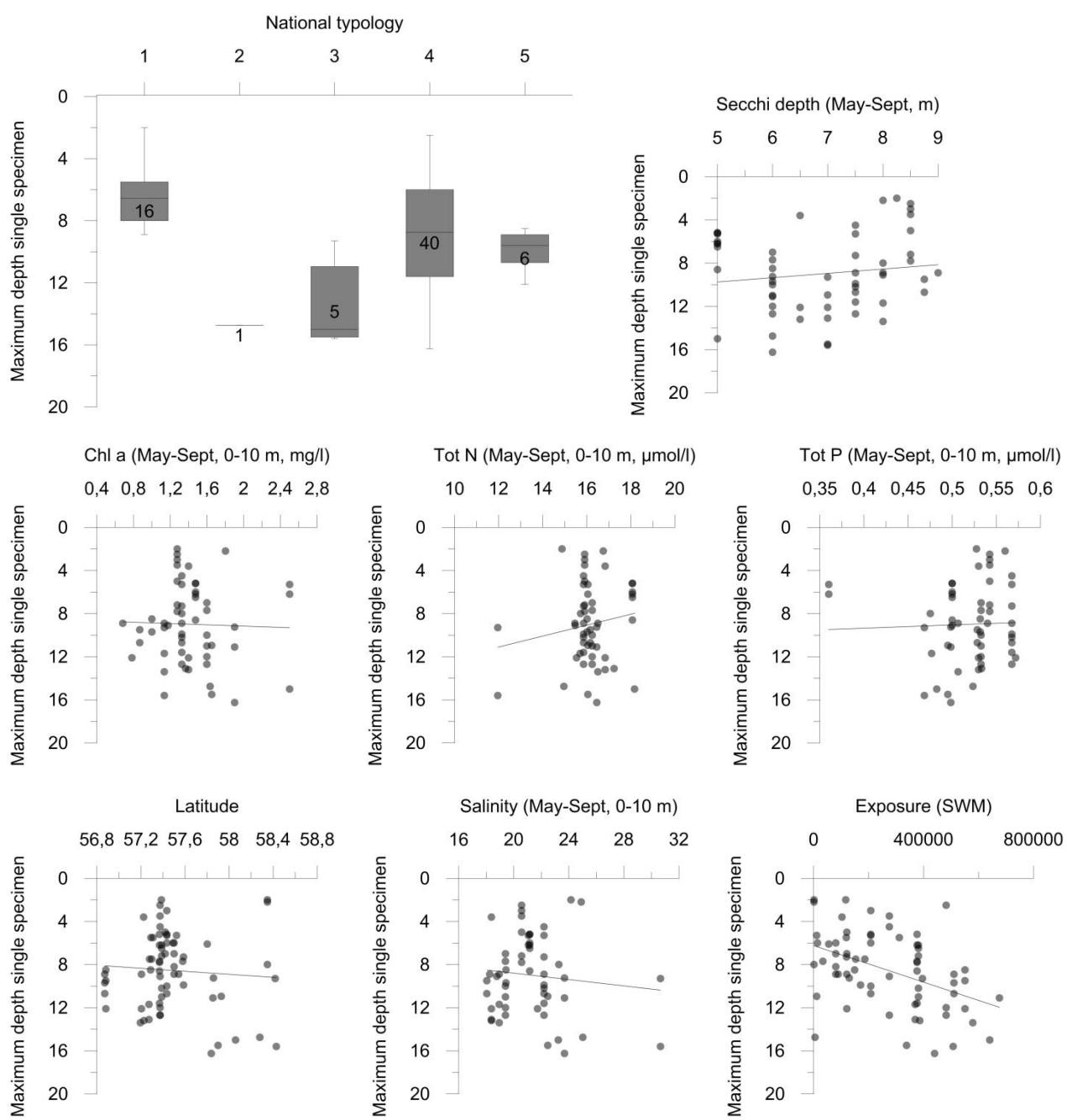
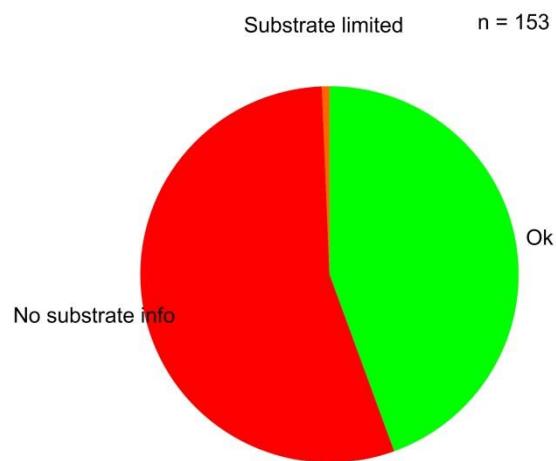
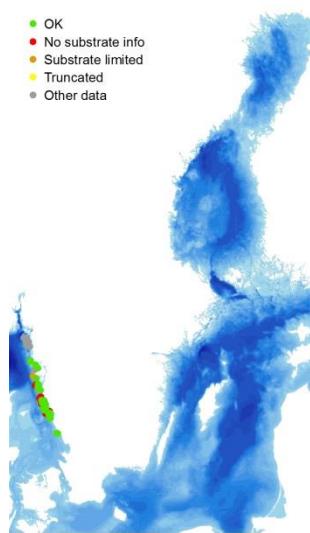
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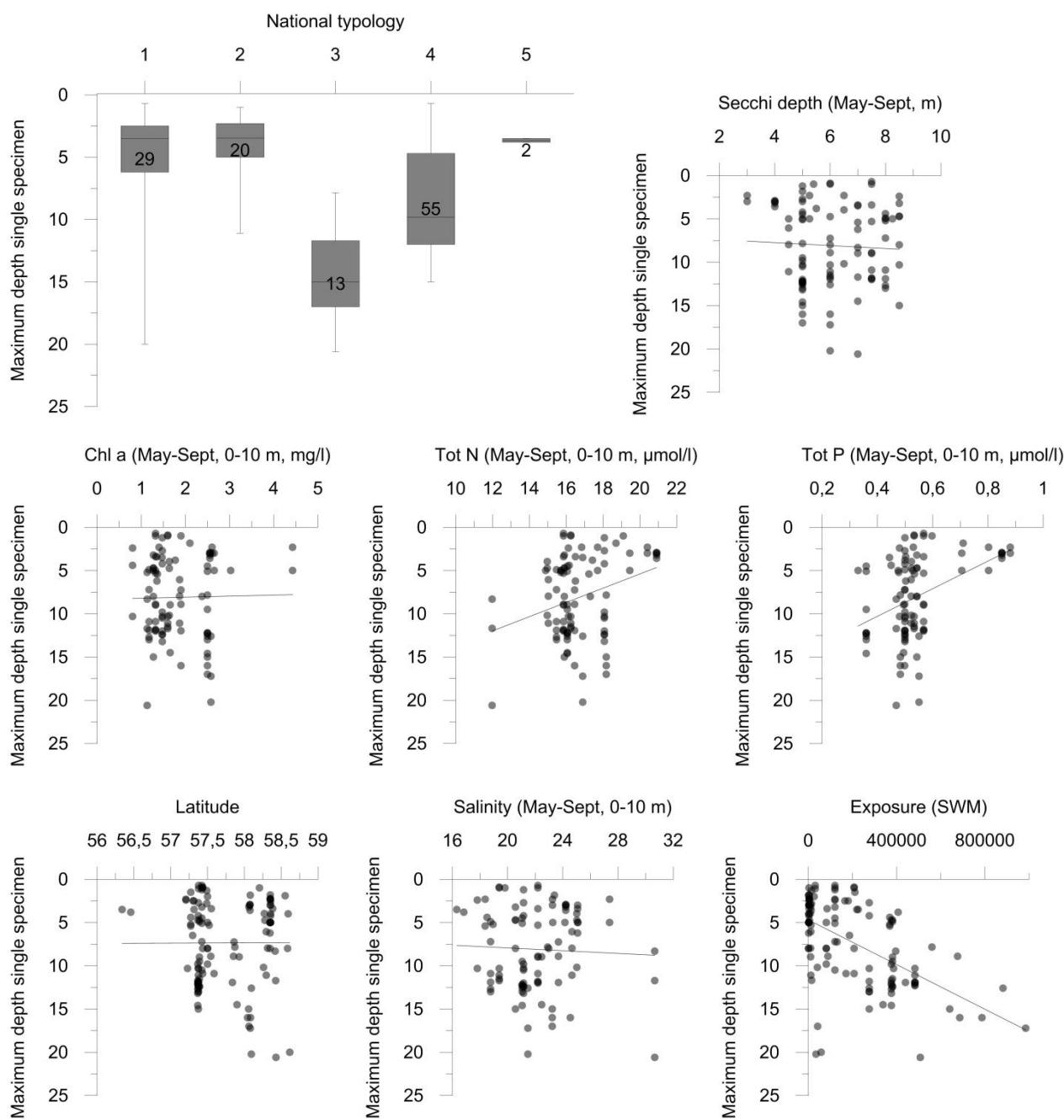
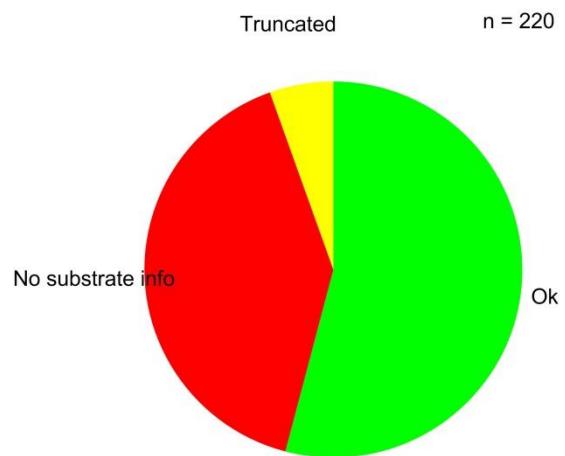
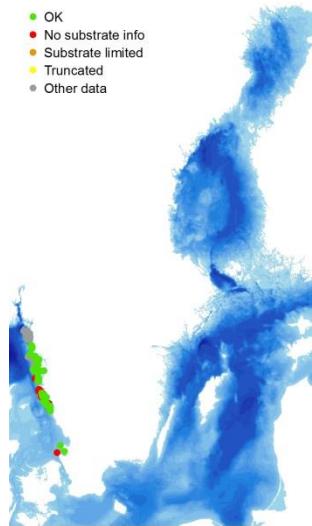
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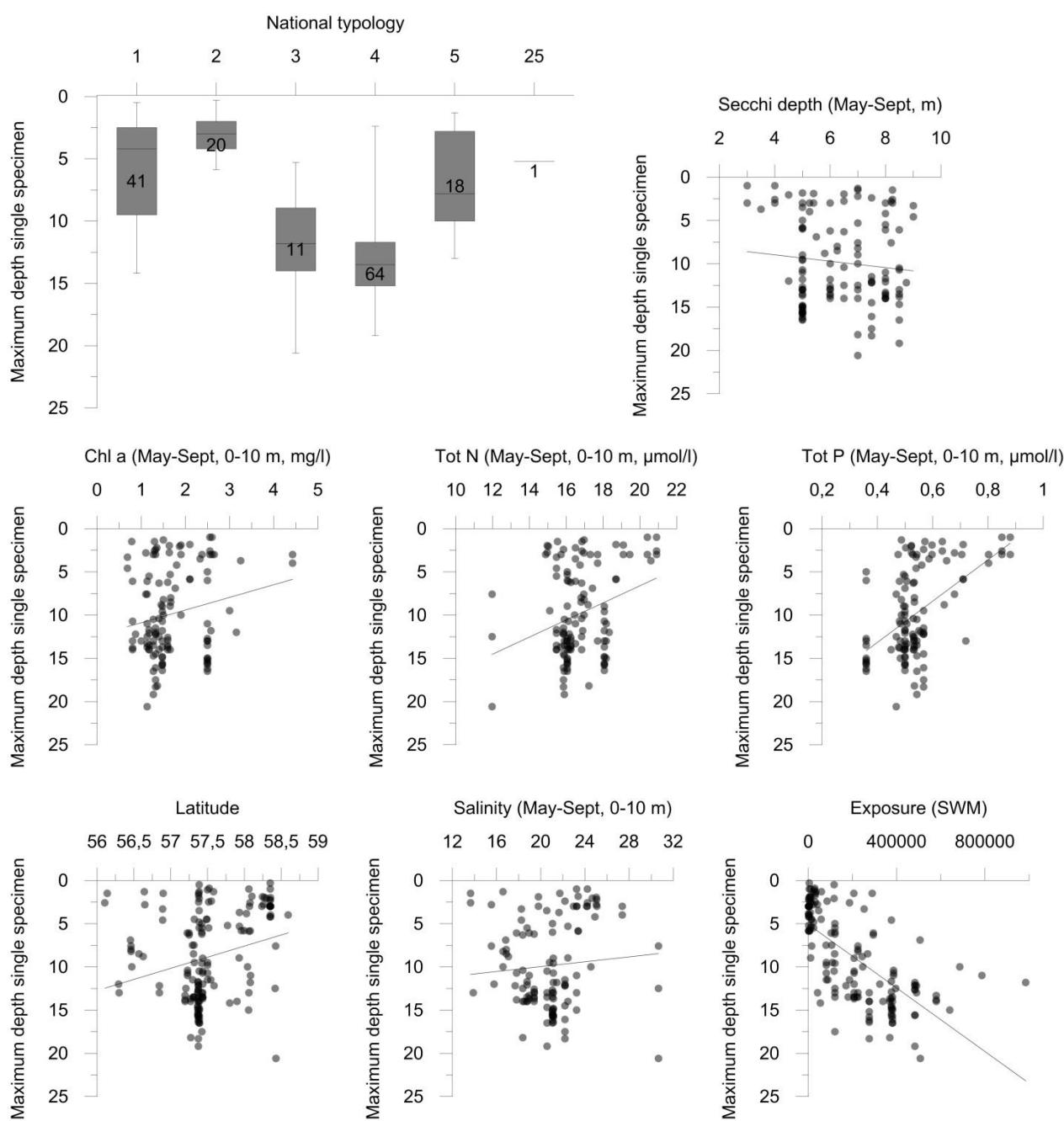
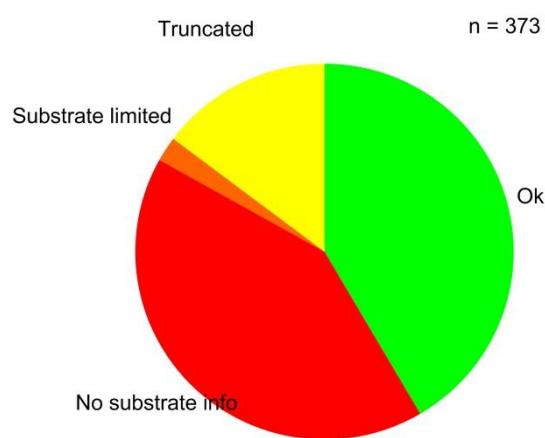
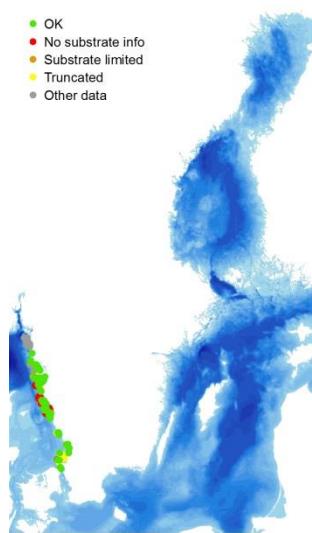
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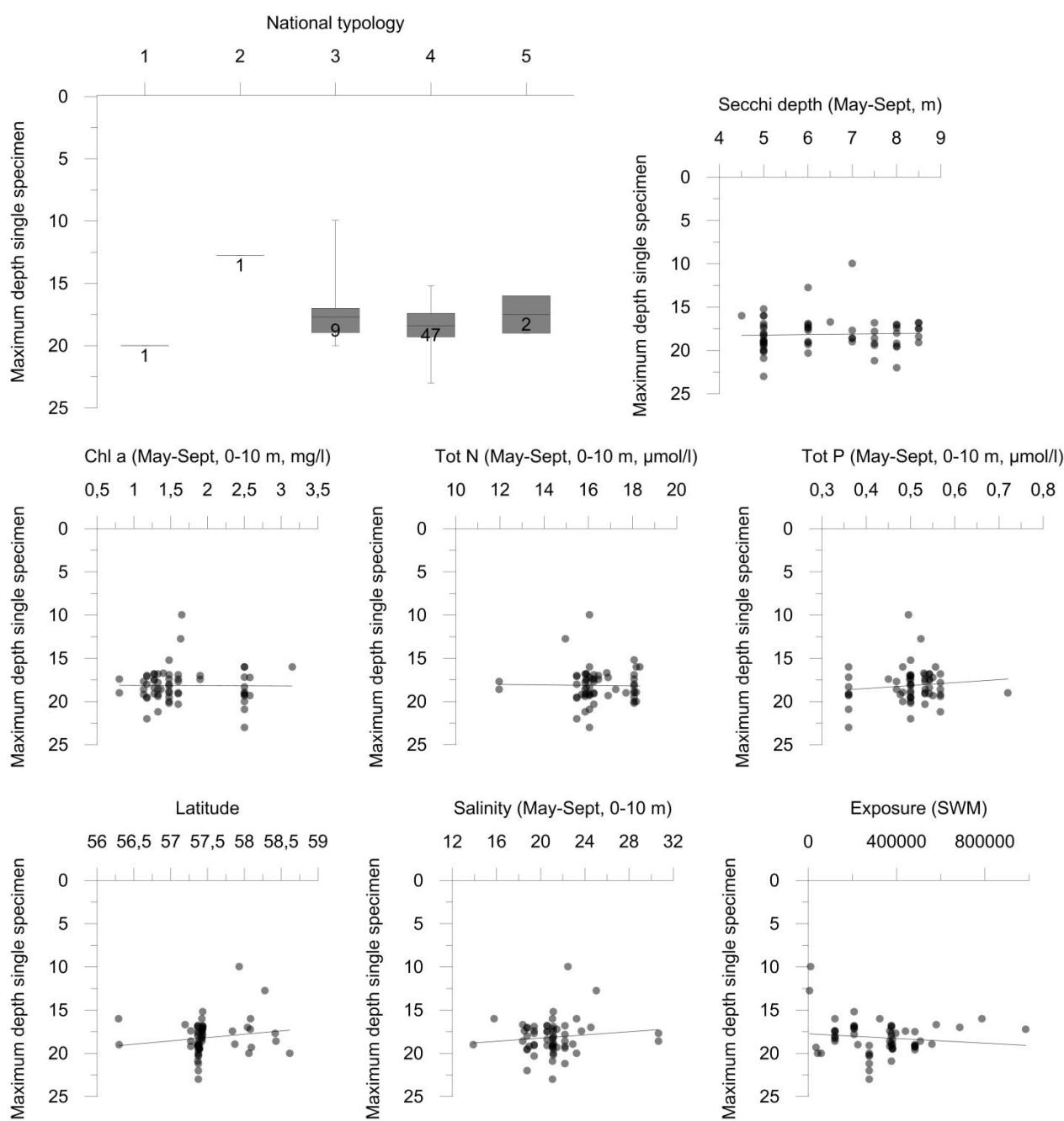
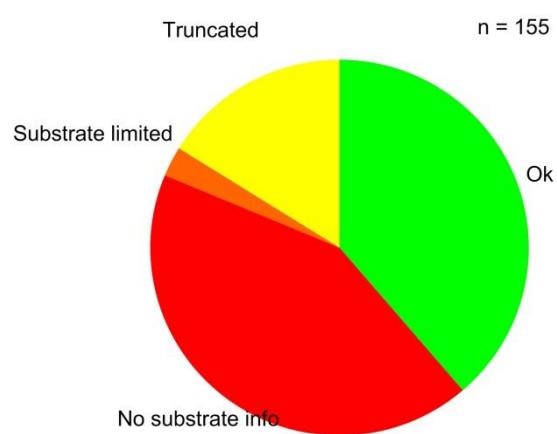
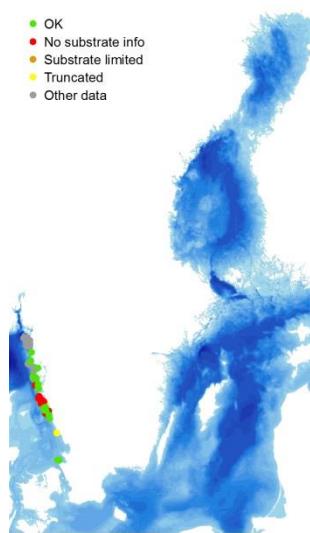
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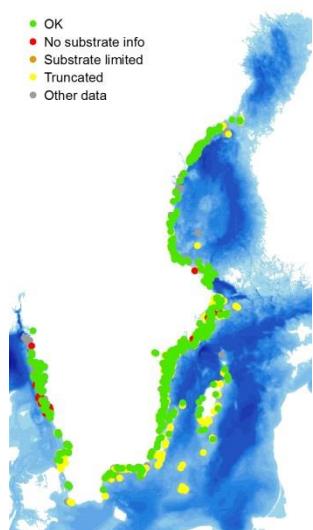
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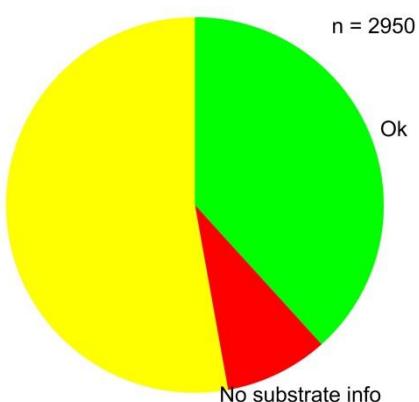
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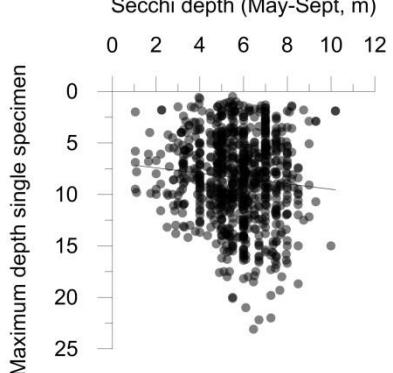
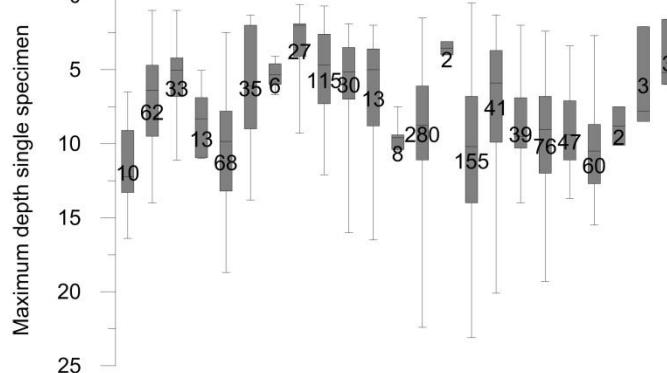


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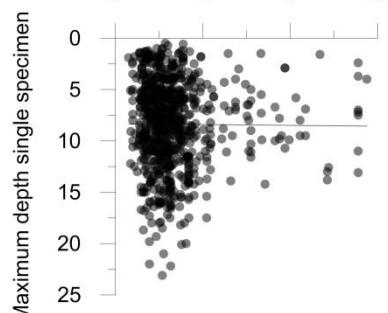


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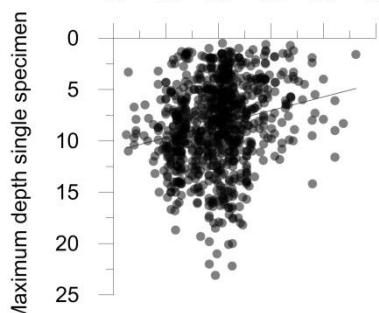
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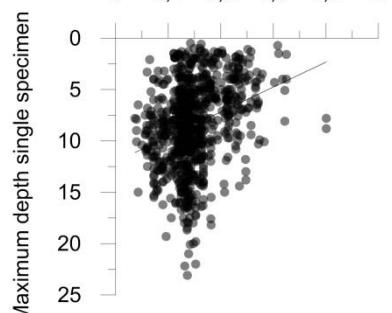
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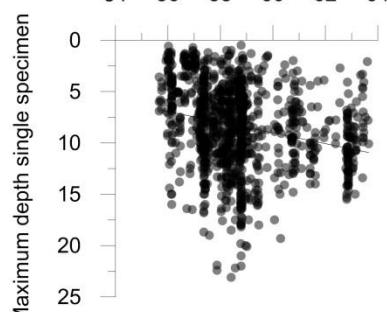
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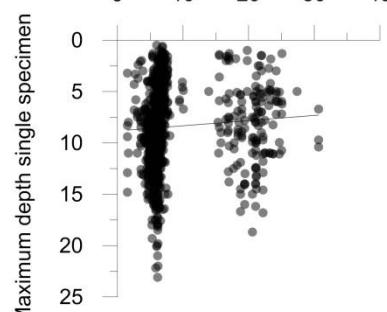
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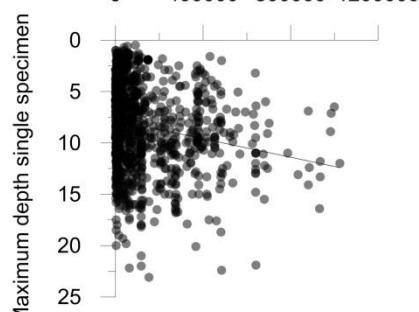
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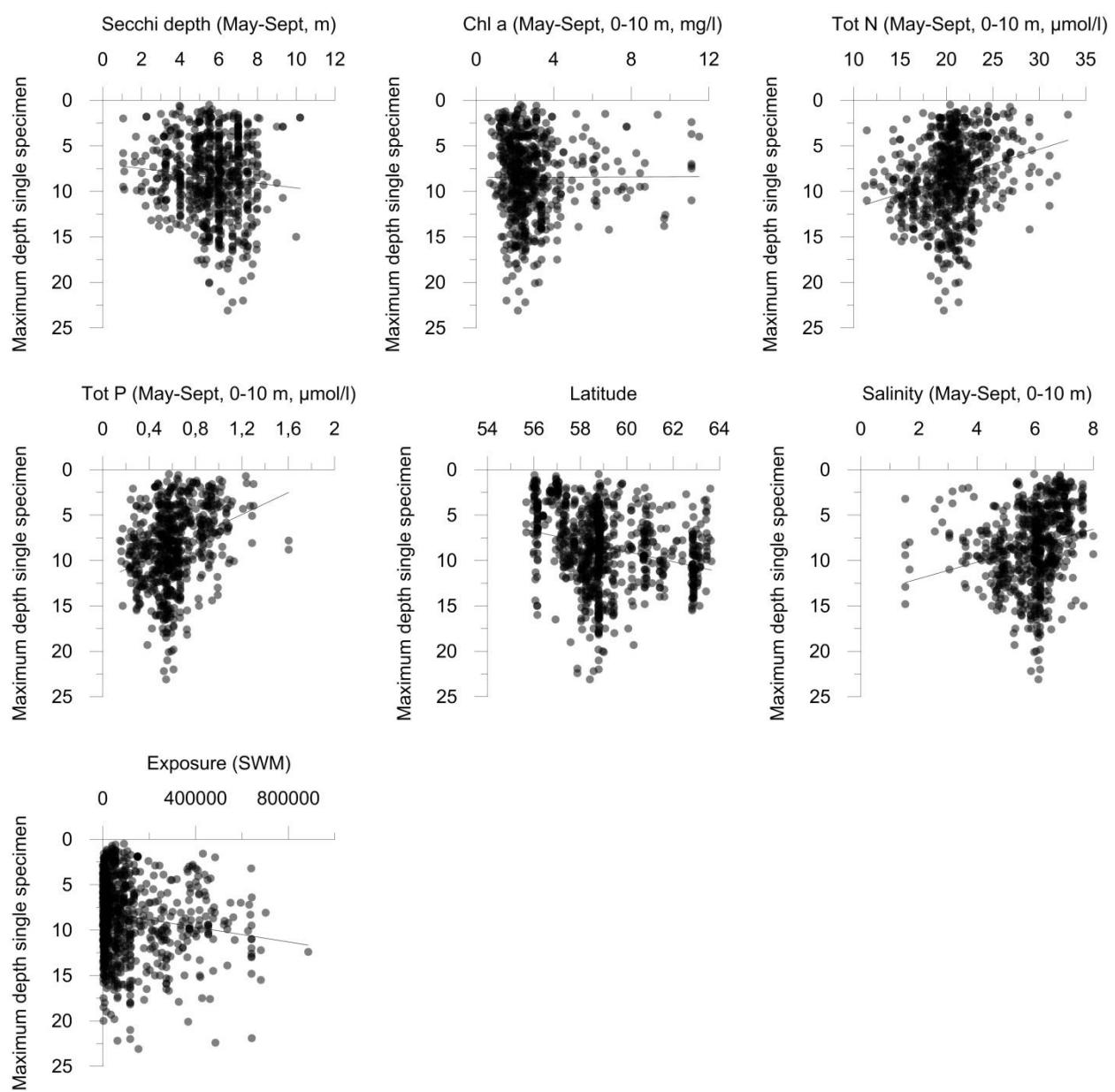
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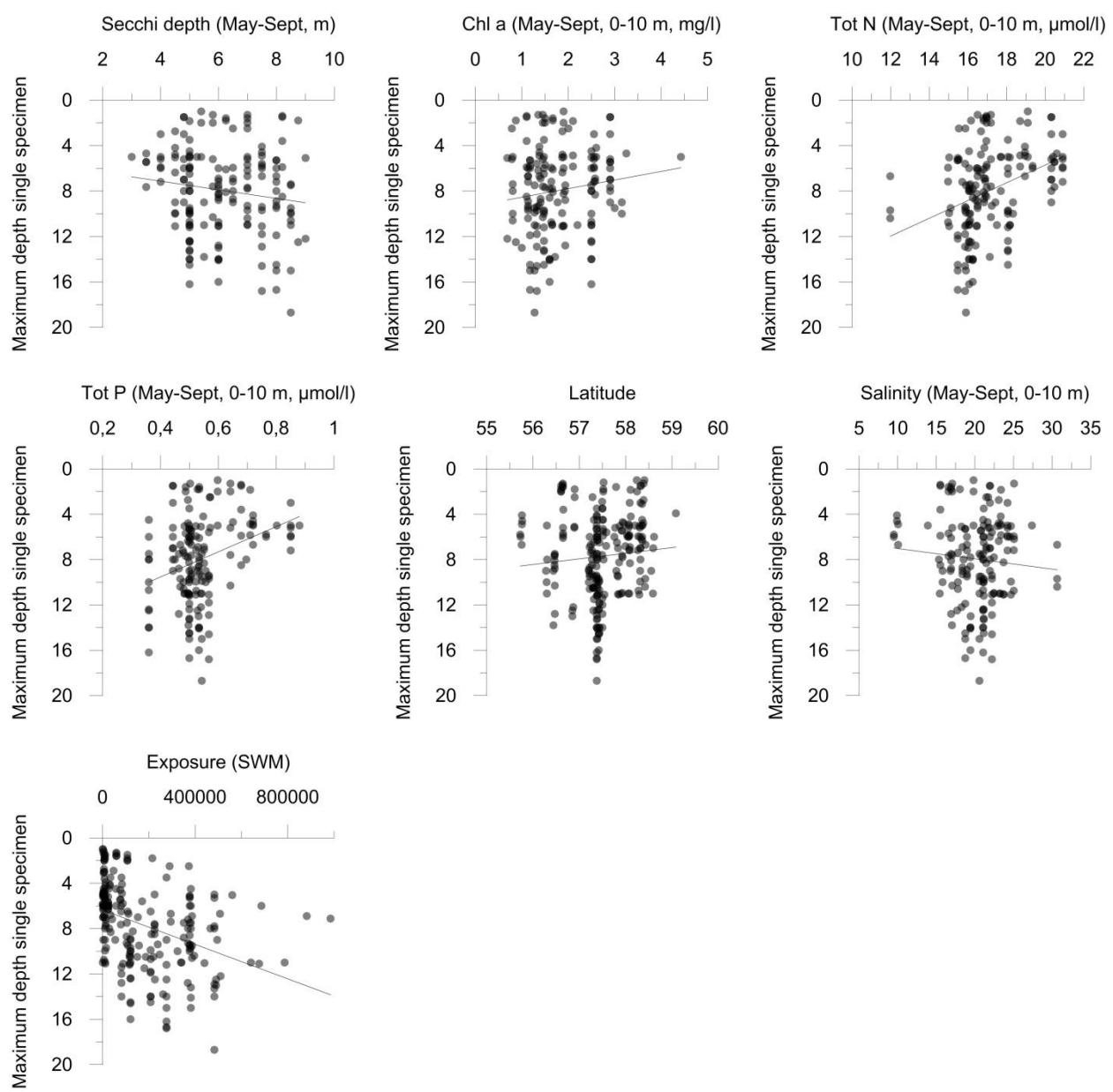
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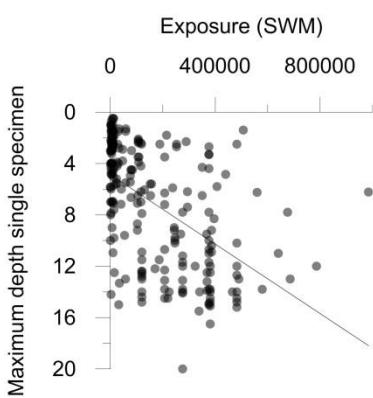
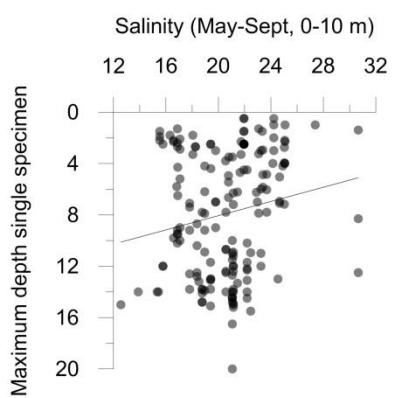
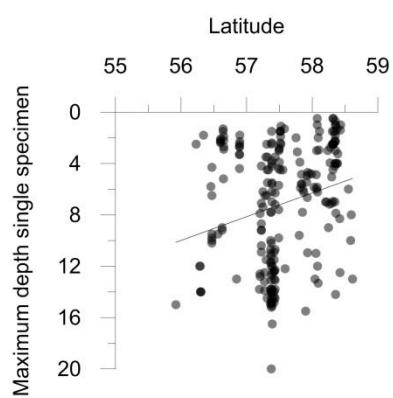
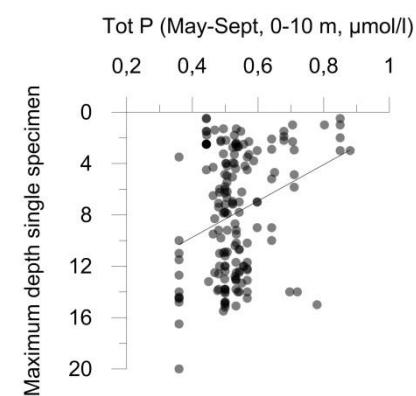
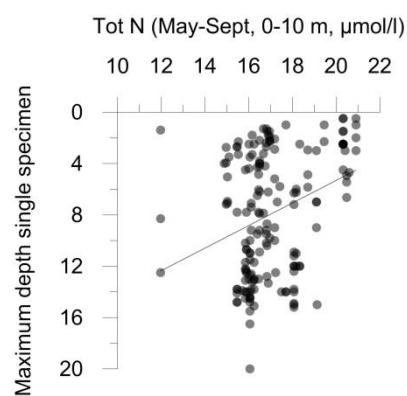
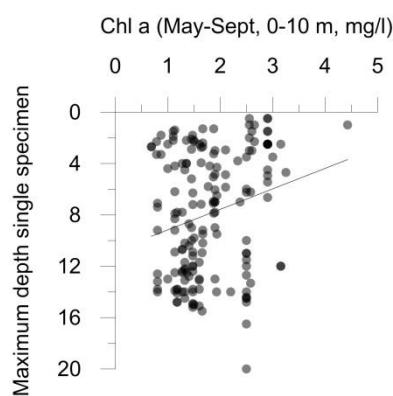
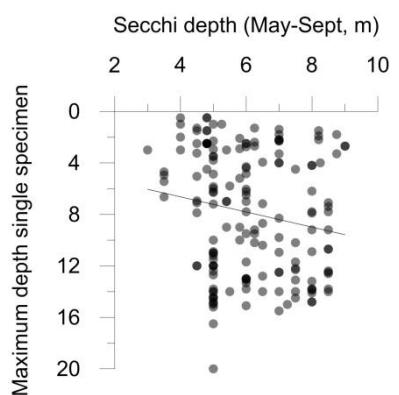
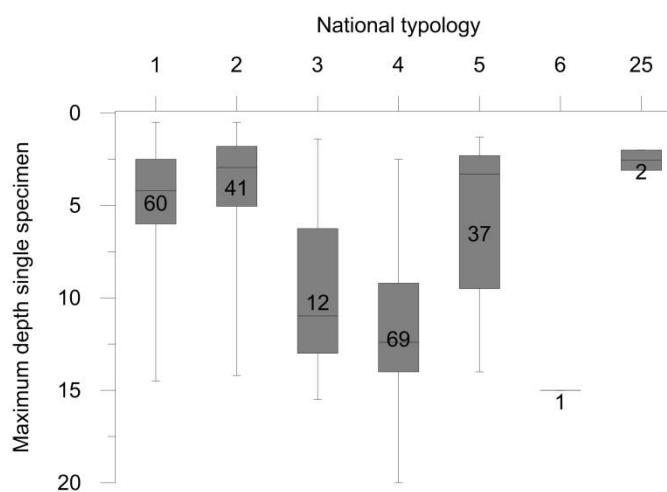
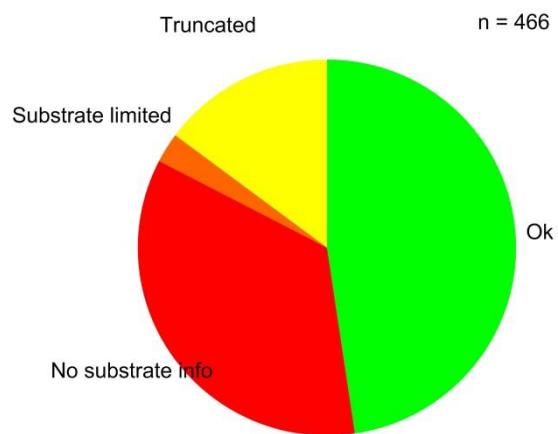
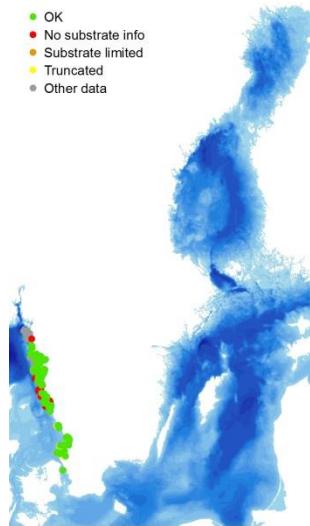
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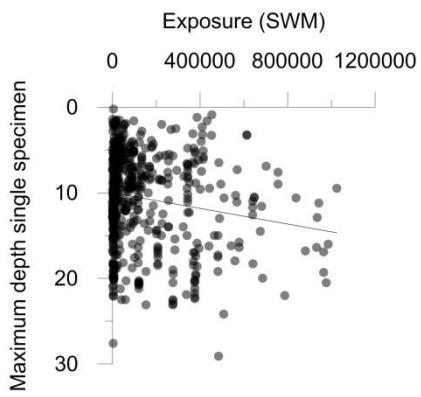
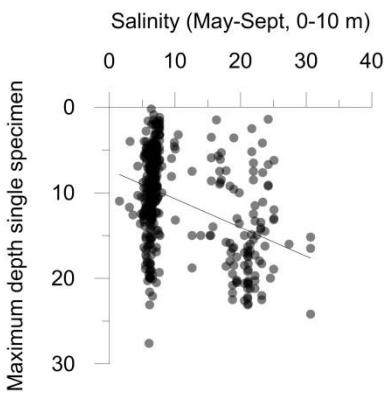
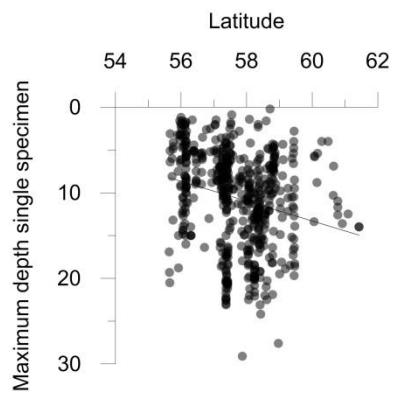
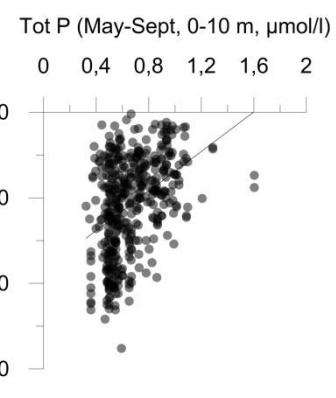
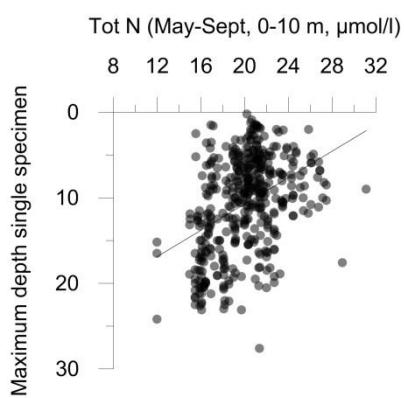
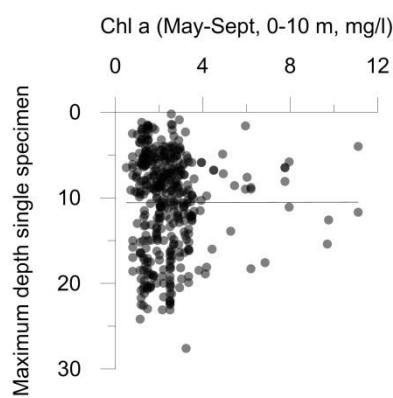
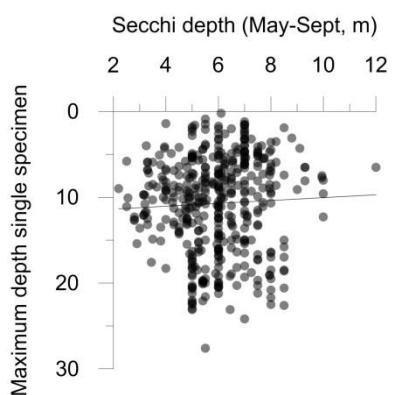
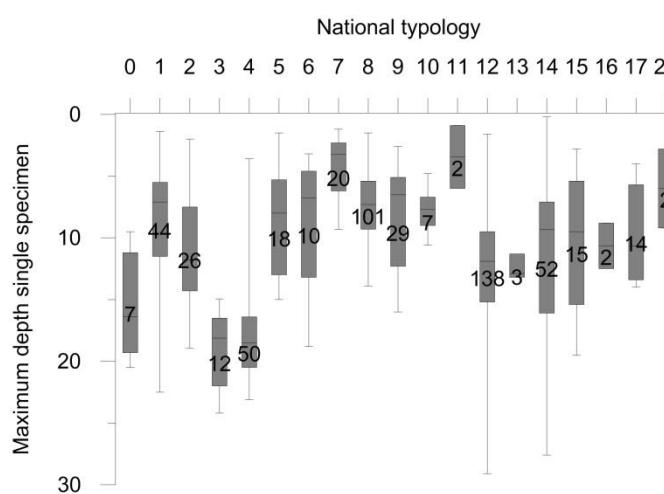
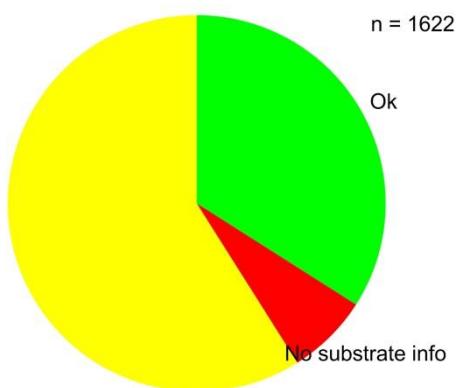
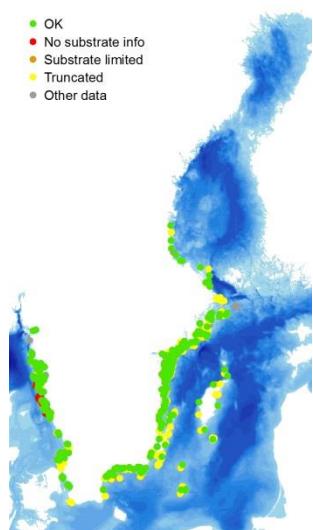
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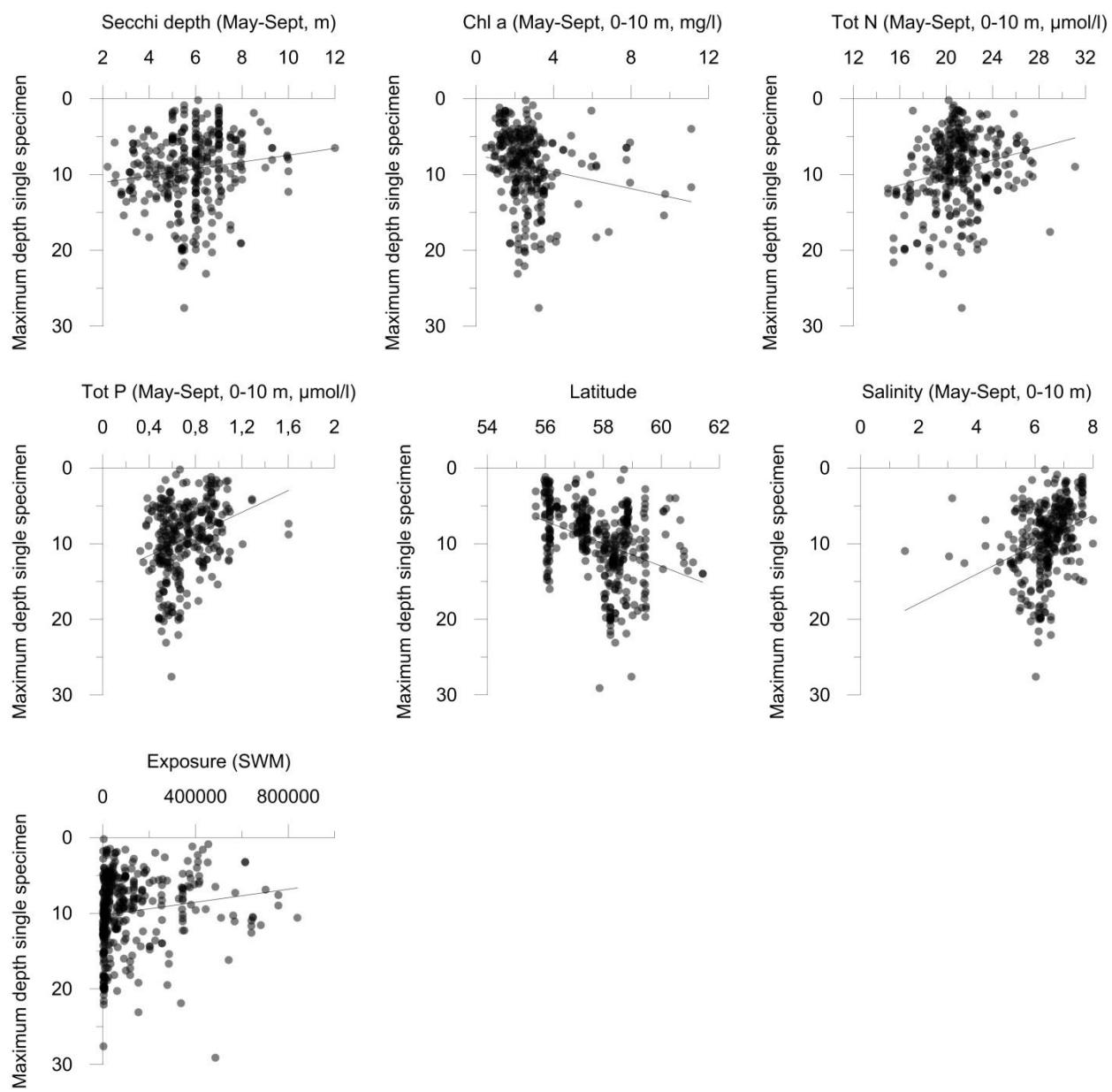
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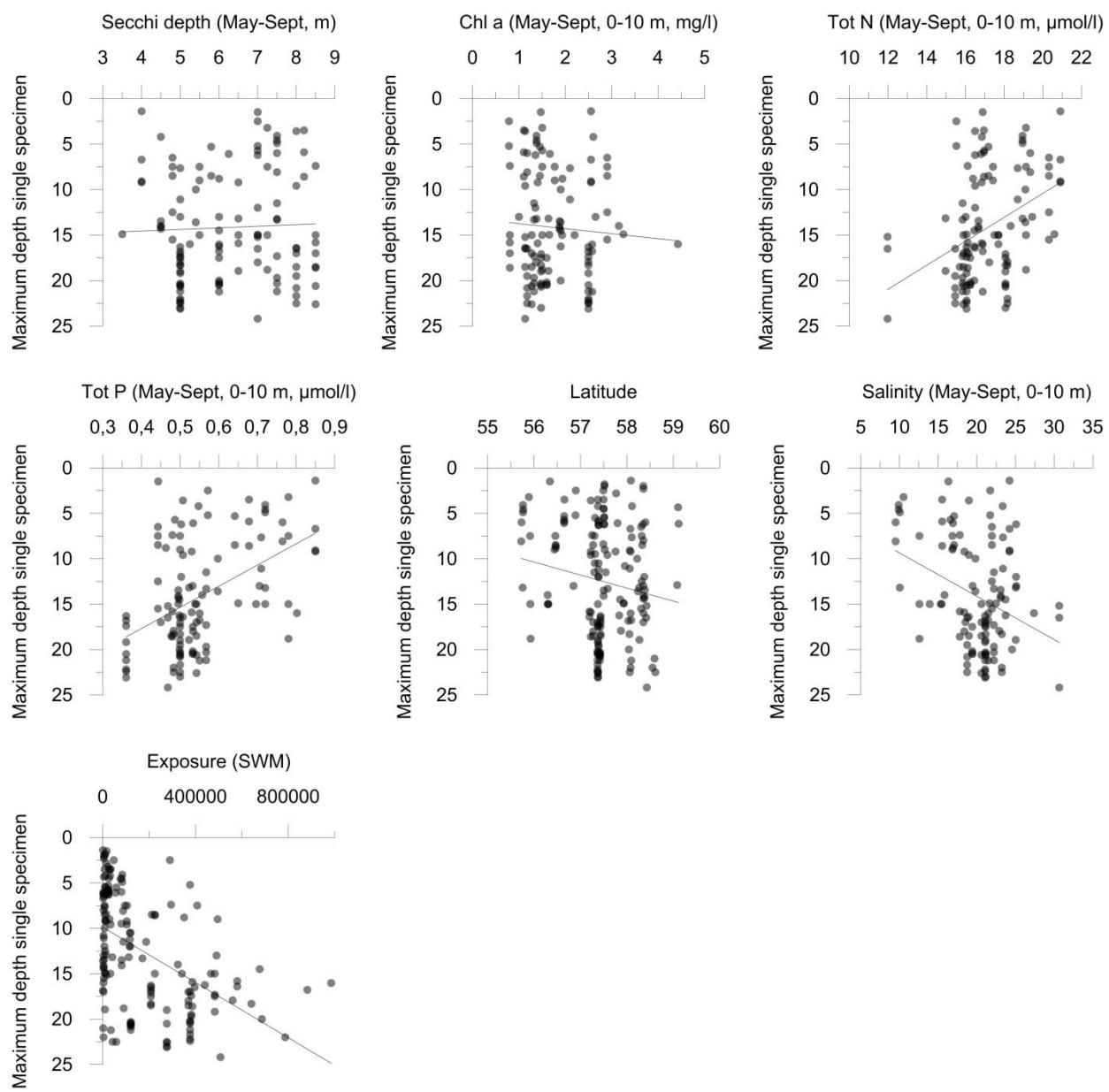
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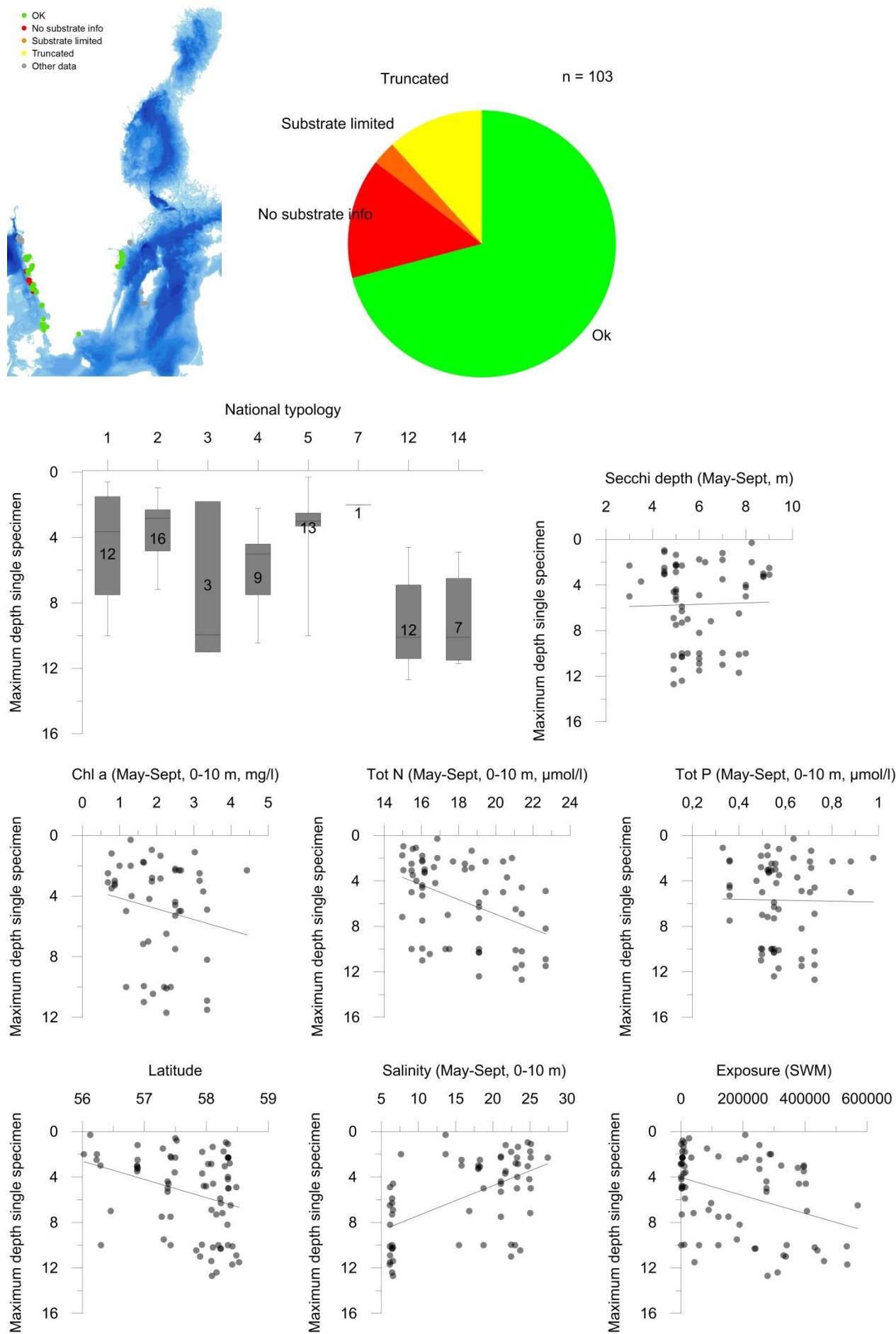
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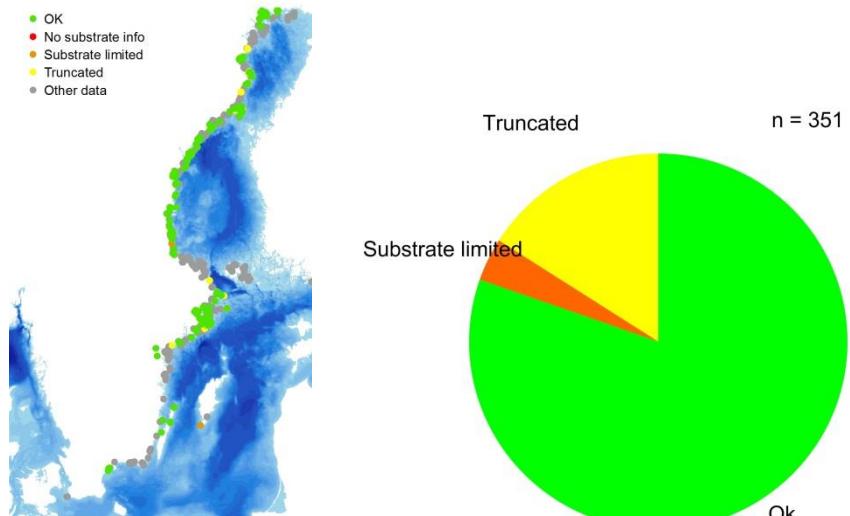
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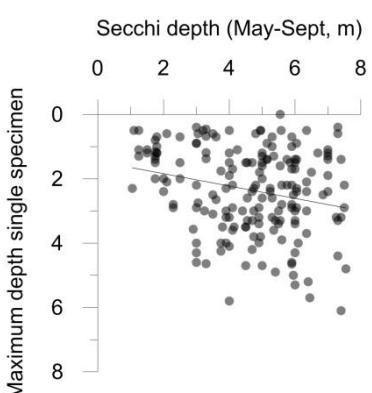
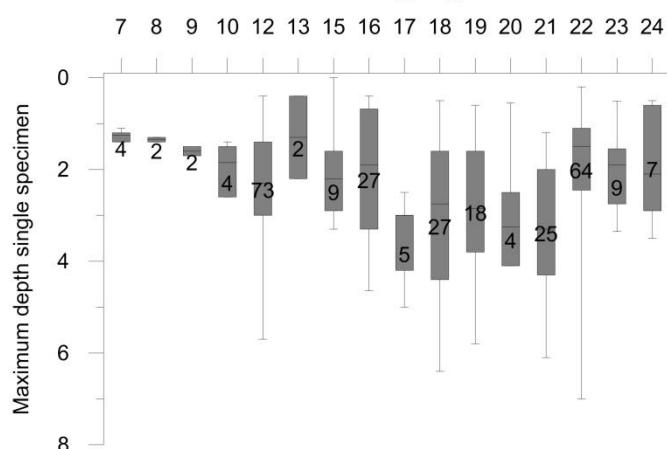
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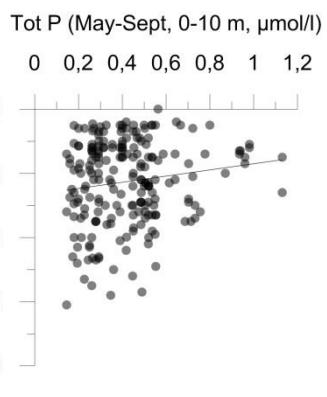
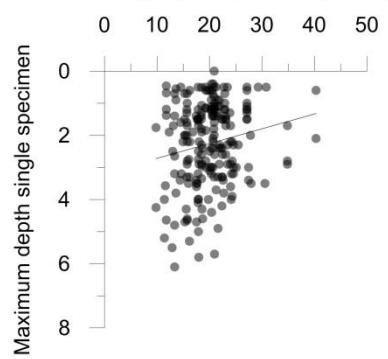
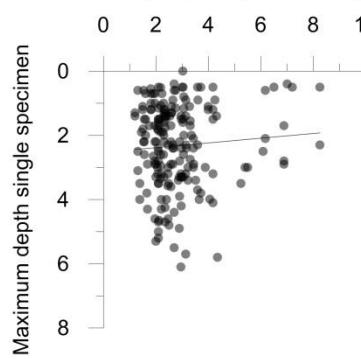
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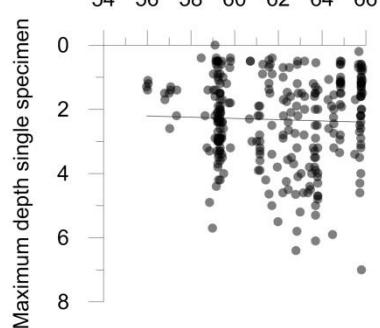
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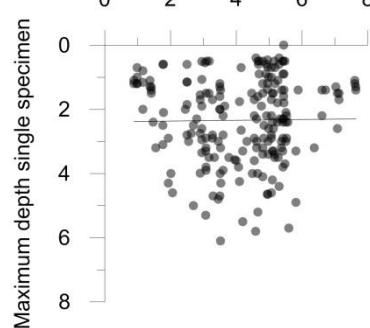
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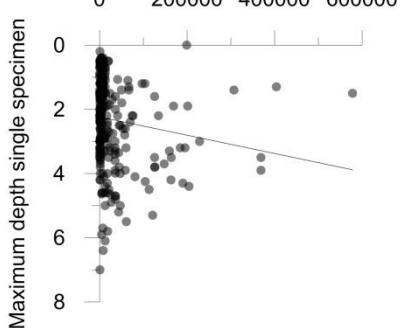
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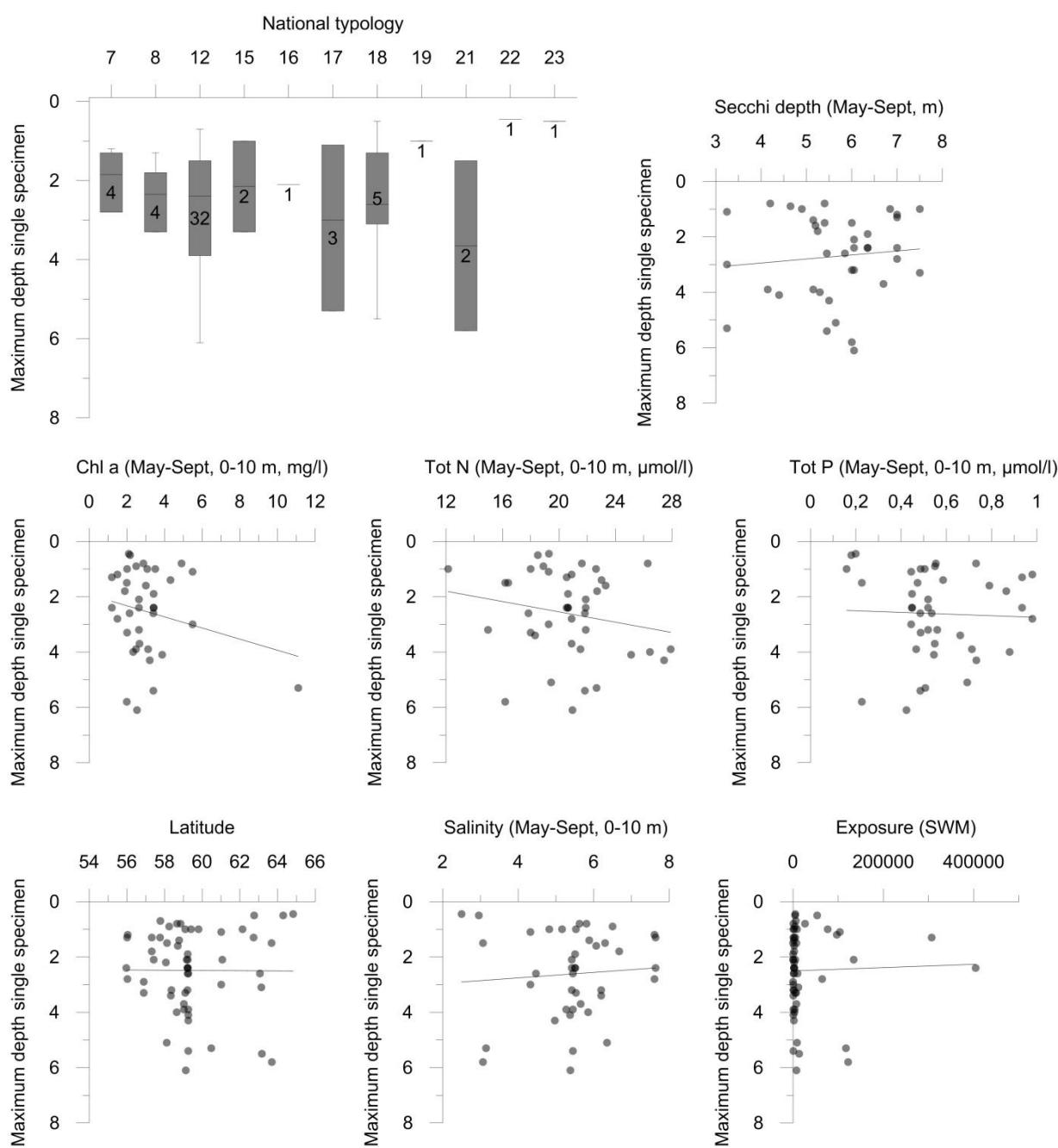
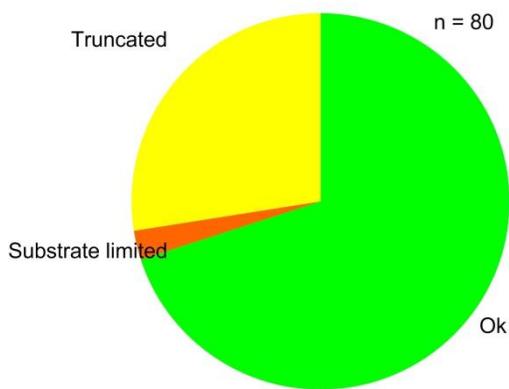
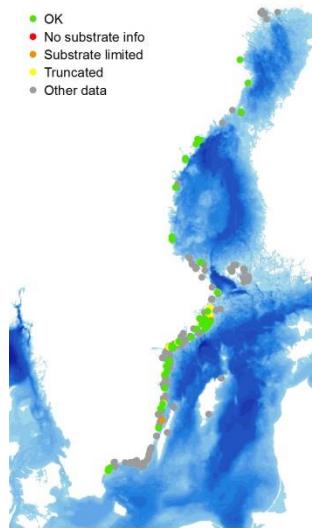
Salinity (May-Sept, 0-10 m)



Exposure (SWM)



Chara baltica



Chara globularis

