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Cover photo: underwater at Afon Gwy, July 2015. All photographs © Ewan Shilland



### 3 Llyn Llaji



Figure 1 Llyn Llaji. Looking towards Snowdon, 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2015.

#### 3.1 Summary Overview

Chemical and biological sample collection, analysis and data collation, quality control and archiving proceeded without any problems at Llyn Llaji during the period from April 2014 to March 2015.

Sponge samples from the site, collected in 2012 and sent off to Karen Evans, a PhD student at Liverpool University, were identified as being of two species, *Spongilla lacustris* and *Racekiela ryderii*.

#### 3.2 Water Chemistry

Samples were collected by CEH in early June, September and December 2014, delivered to the analytical laboratories on schedule and have been analysed, quality controlled and archived in the UKUWMN central chemistry database at CEH Lancaster. March 2015 samples have been collected and are in the process of being analysed.

#### 3.3 Sediment Traps

Sediment traps were recovered and replaced on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 by a team from ENSIS. Diatoms and Spheroidal Carbonaceous Particles in the sediment retrieved from the traps are currently being analysed.

### **3.4 Thermistors**

Lake top and bottom thermistors and the thermistor chain were removed and replaced on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 by a team from ENSIS. All had functioned well during the previous year and the data were added to the ENSIS and MS thermistor water temperature database.

### **3.5 Epilithic Diatoms**

Epilithic diatoms were retrieved by a team from ENSIS from three sampling points around the lake on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July 2014. The samples have been made into slides and are currently in the process of being analysed.

### **3.6 Macroinvertebrates**

Aquatic macroinvertebrates were sampled on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014 by a team from QMuL. Five 1 minute kick samples were performed. The samples were counted and the data sent to ENSIS Ltd. The data is in the process of being quality screened before being added to the UKUWMN biological database at ENSIS.

### **3.7 Fish**

Fish surveying was performed on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014 by the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust. The data have been forwarded to ENSIS Ltd. After quality screening the data will be added to the UKUWMN biological database at ENSIS.

### **3.8 Aquatic Macrophytes**

Aquatic macrophytes were not surveyed at Llyn Llagi in 2014.

### **3.9 Data Management and Reporting**

No problems or hiatus occurred with the collation and transfer of data within methodological programmes, or to the UKUWMN databases, during the reporting period.

The 2013-2014 annual report has been uploaded to the UKUWMN web page. The section on Llyn Llagi appears in section 3.11 below.

The UKUWMN website page detailing Llyn Llagi is here:

[http://awmn.defra.gov.uk/sites/site\\_15.php](http://awmn.defra.gov.uk/sites/site_15.php)

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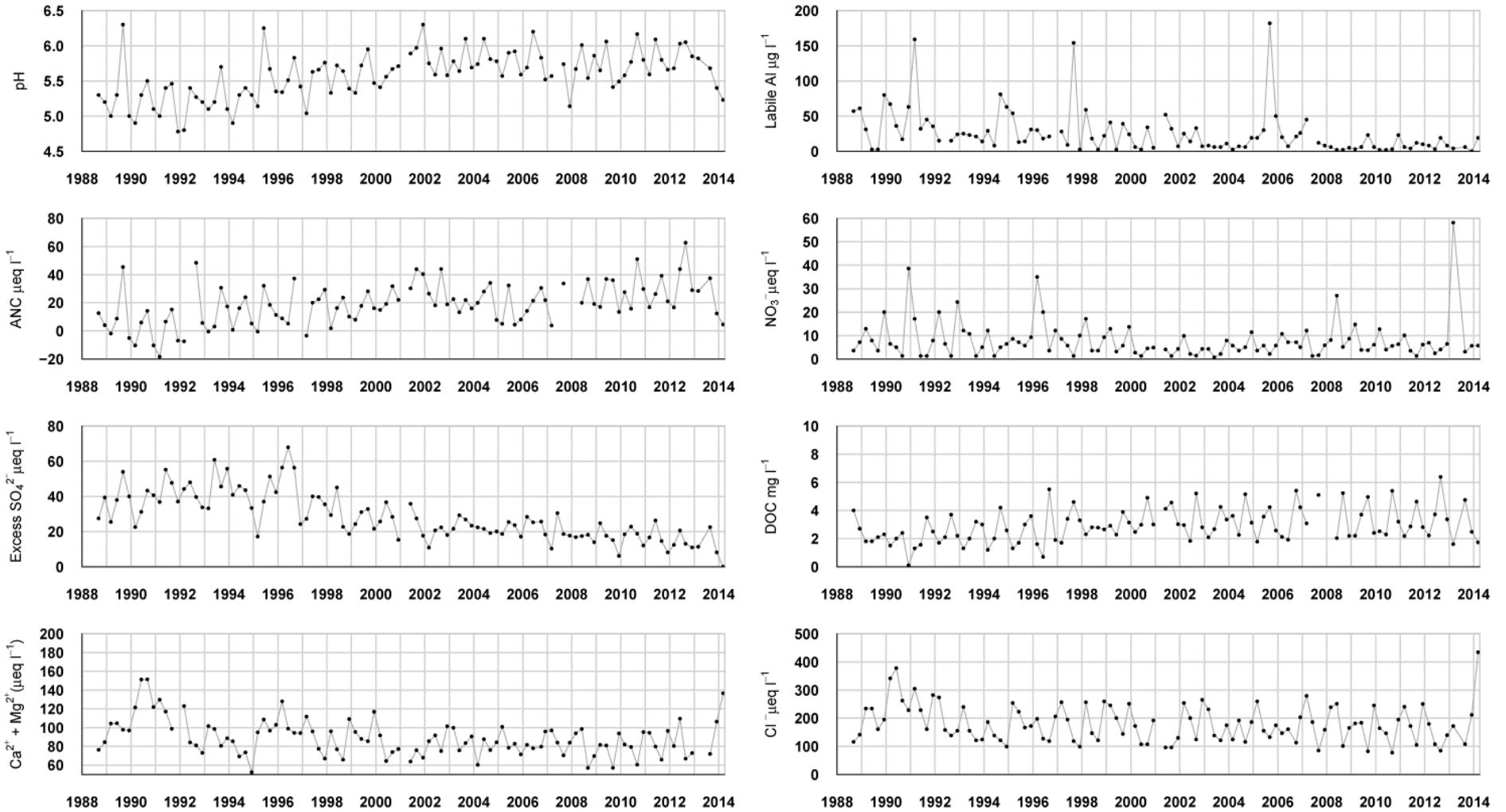
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### 3.11 Llyn Llago Summary Data to March 2015

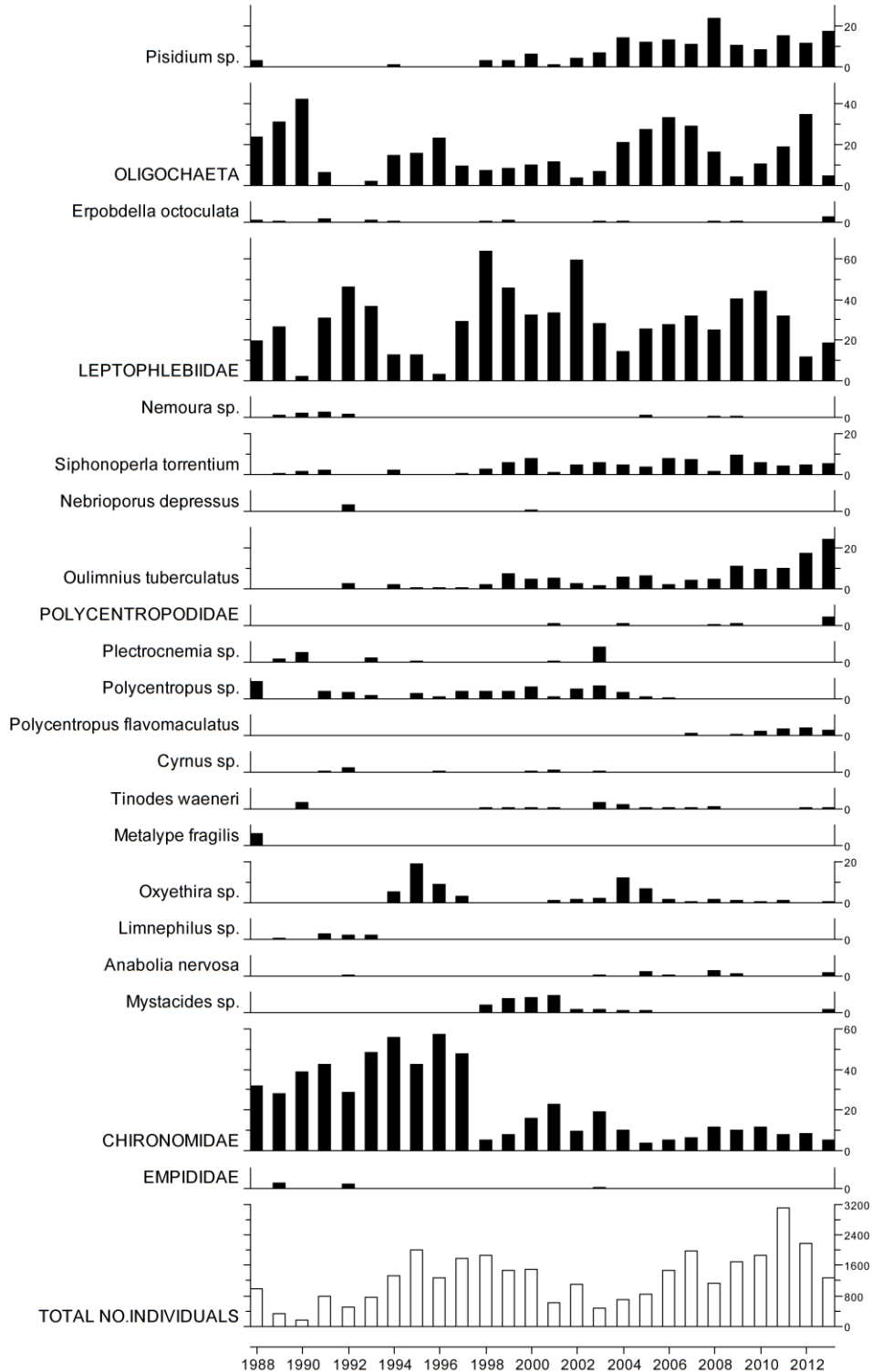
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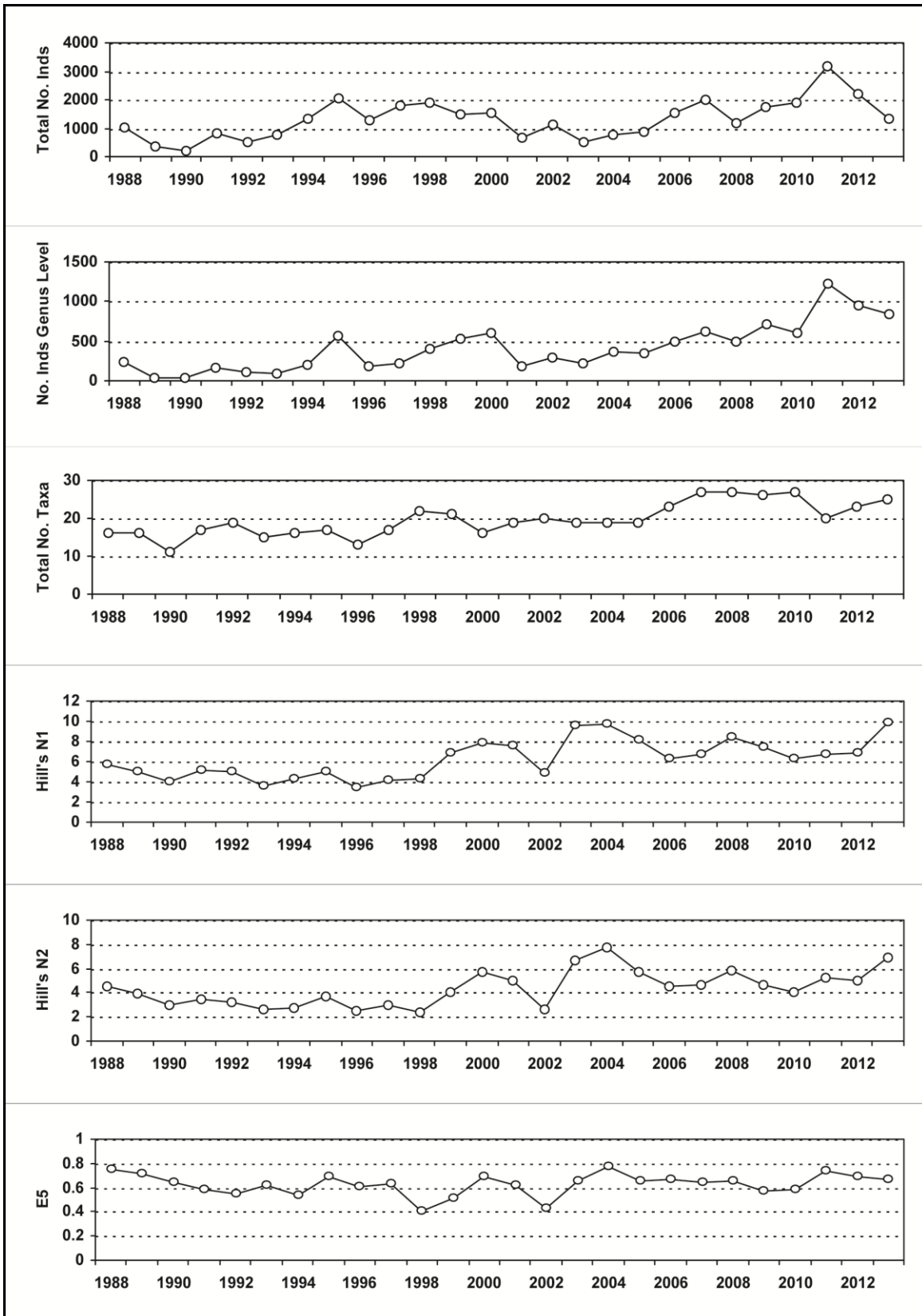
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<b>Mean 1<sup>st</sup> 5 yrs</b>	5.23	5.71	56.70	49.69	185.75	3.54	75.37	41.61	219.33	62.91	39.91	10.44	2.13
<b>13-14 mean</b>	5.44	18.06	51.18	53.74	196.04	4.39	31.33	8.33	251.17	103.55	9.92	4.81	2.99
<b>13-14 std dev</b>	0.23	17.19	10.67	22.11	110.15	1.84	6.11	9.71	166.85	63.92	11.79	1.51	1.57

### 3.11.2 Macroinvertebrate data

#### 3.11.2.1 Percentage abundance summary, Llyn Llagi

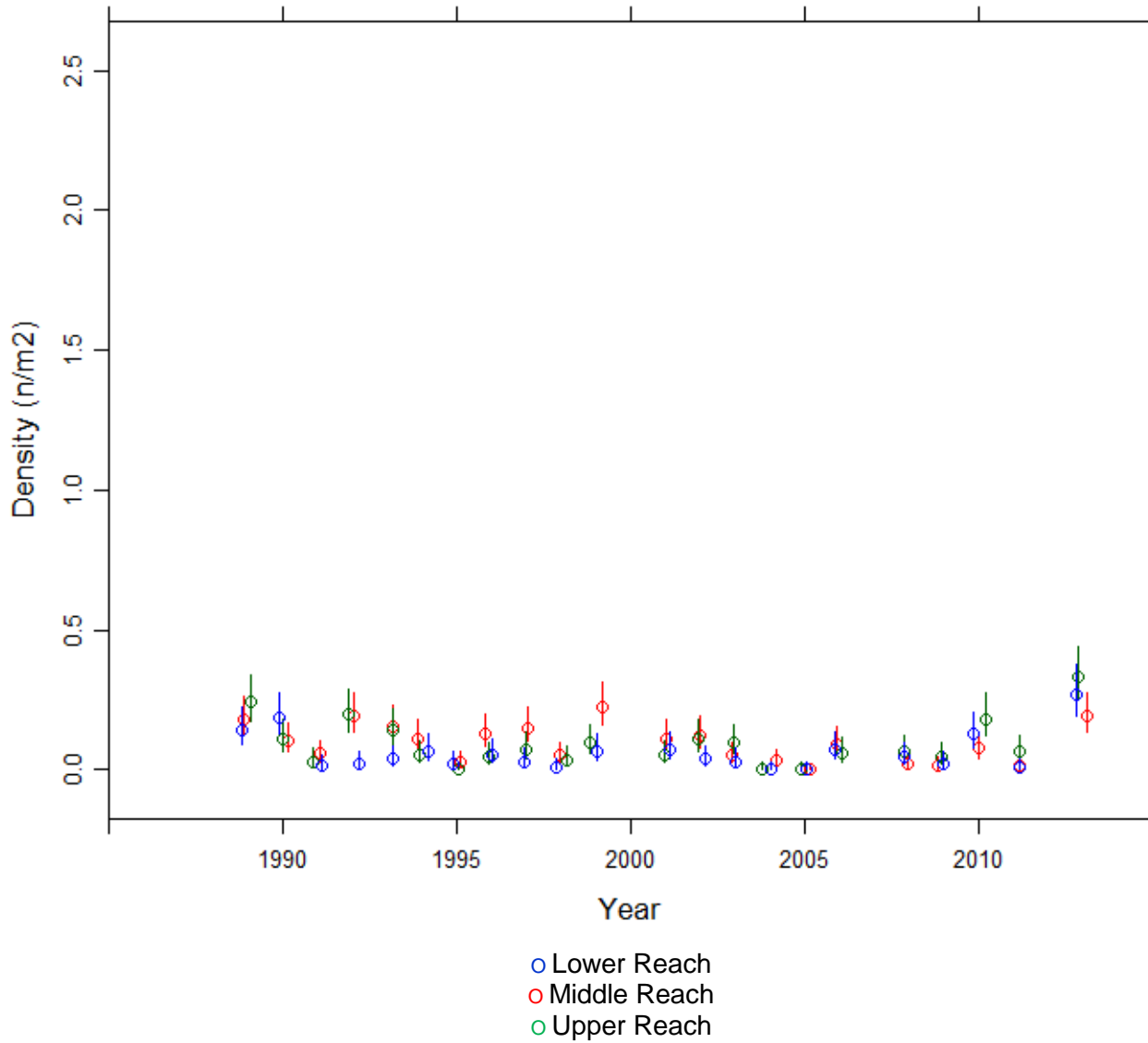


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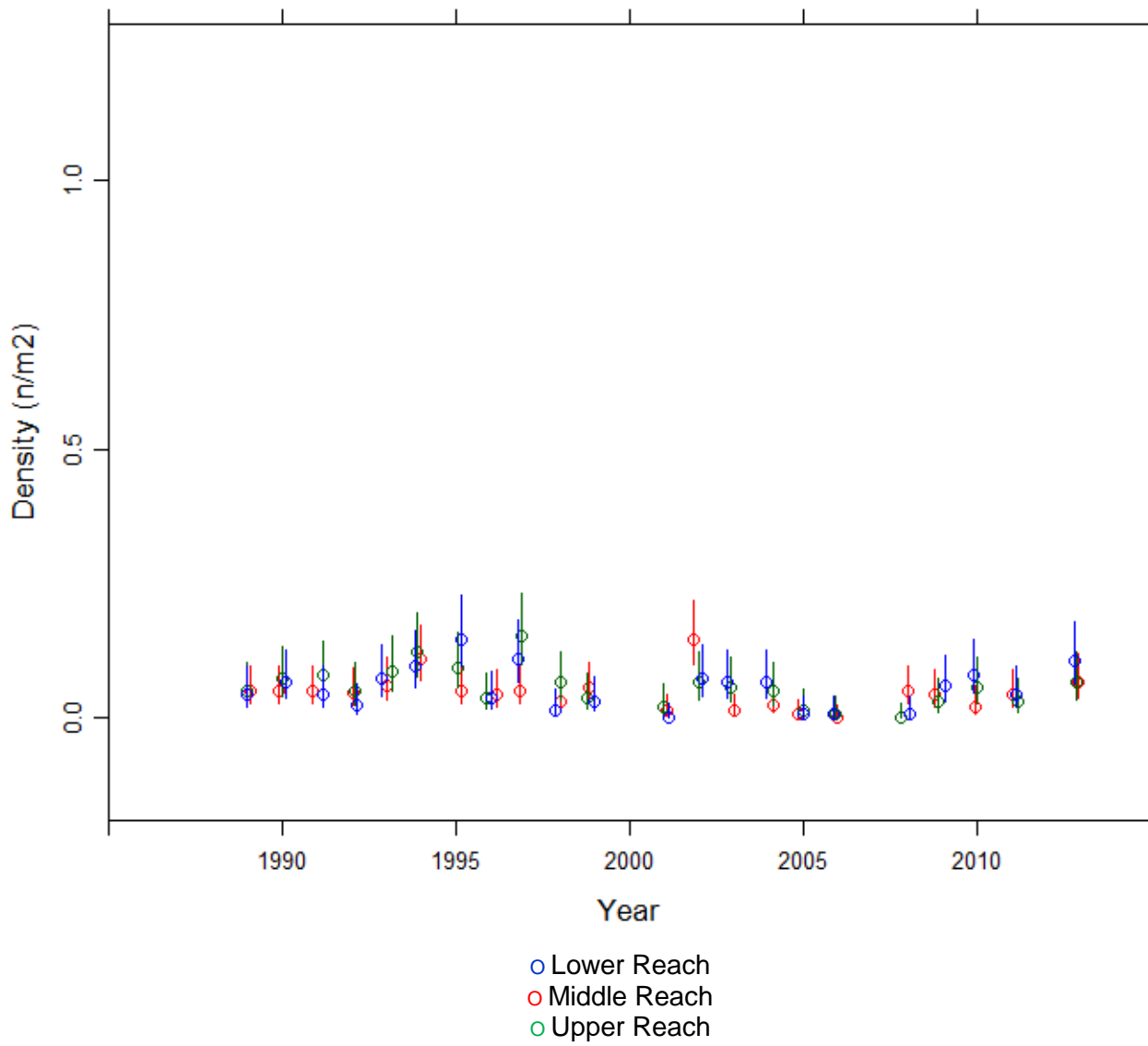
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#### 3.11.3.1 Summary of Trout fry density (numbers m<sup>-2</sup>), Llyn Llgi



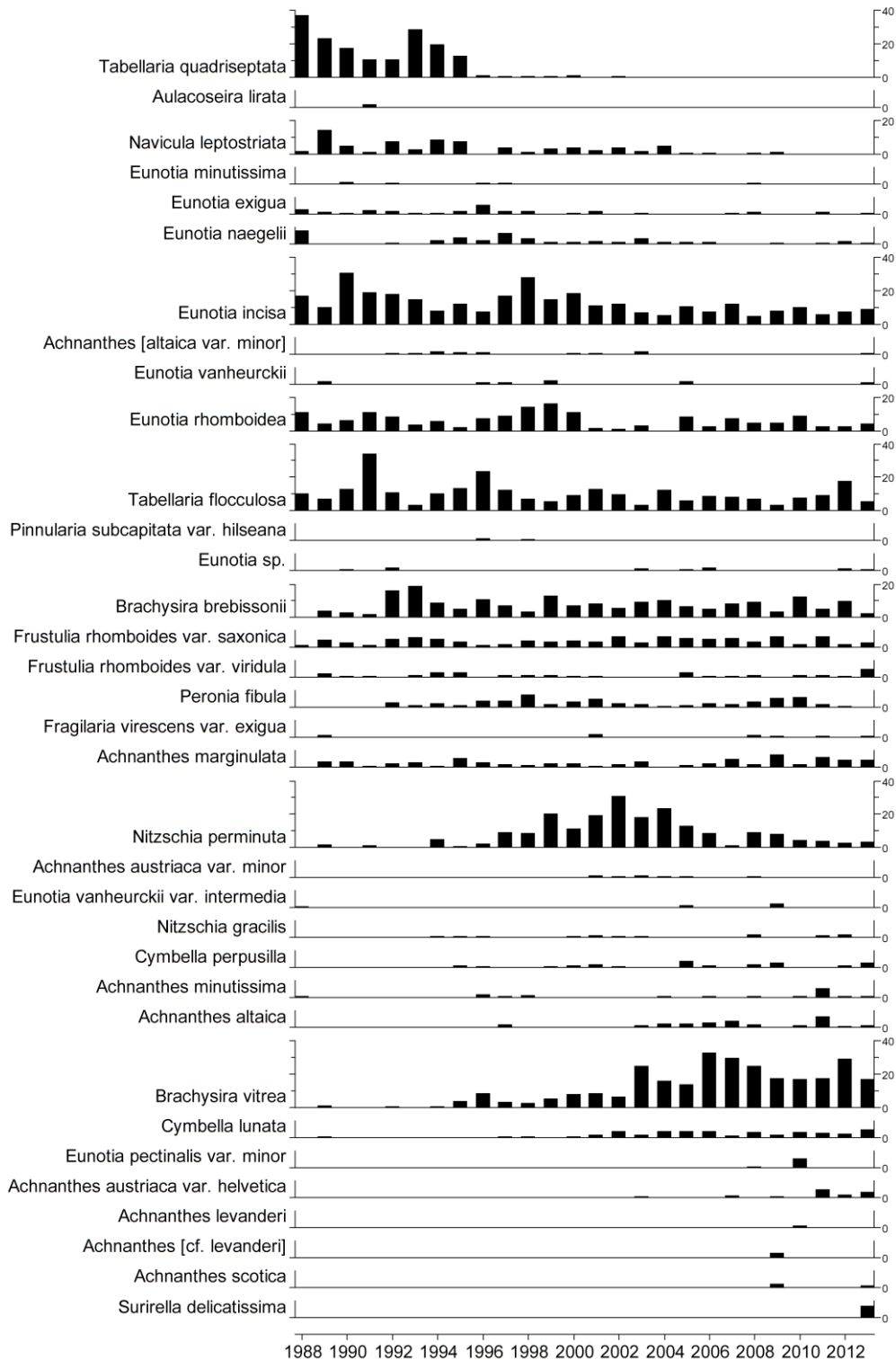


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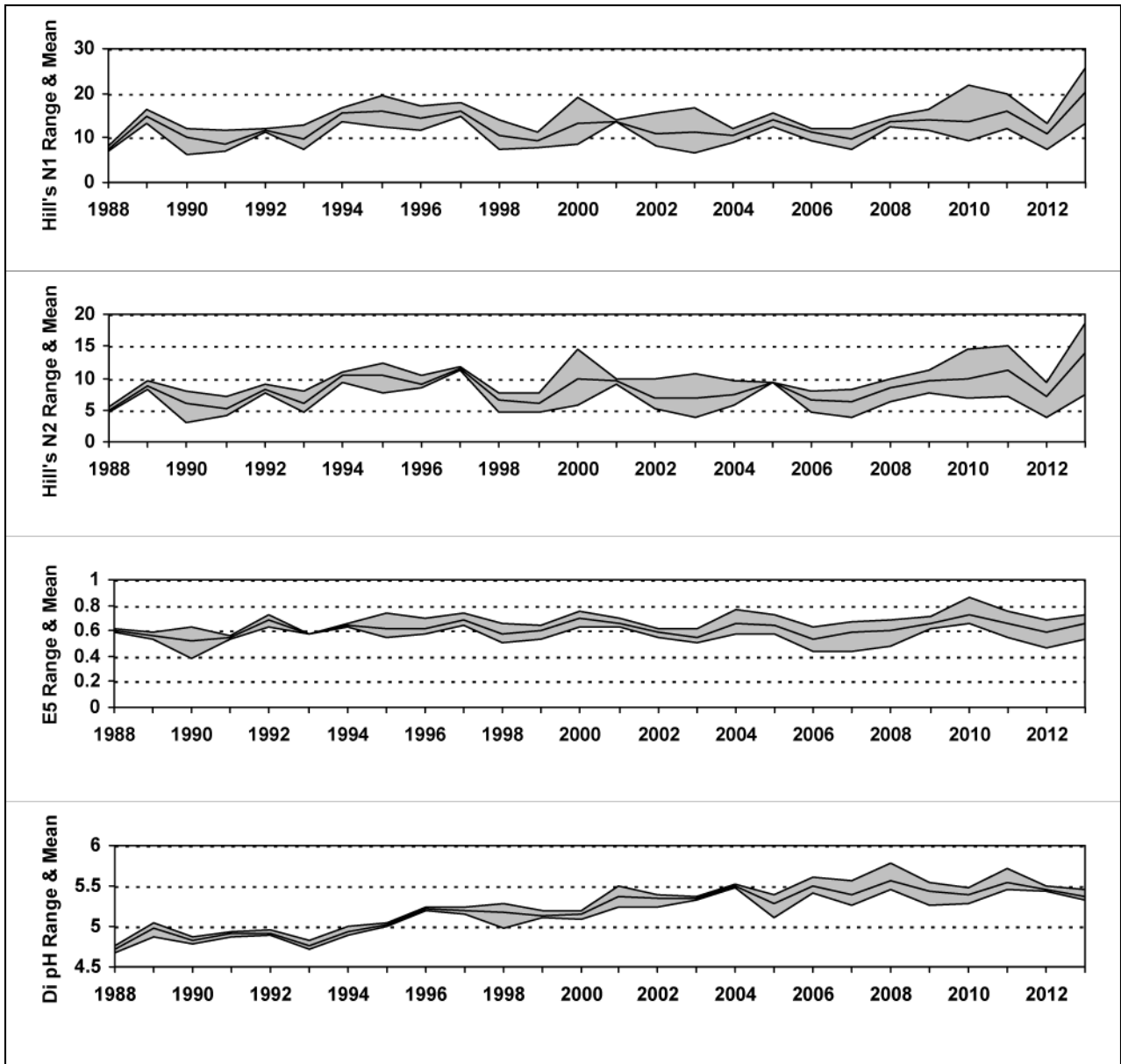


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#### 3.11.4.1 Percentage abundance summary, Llyn Llaji

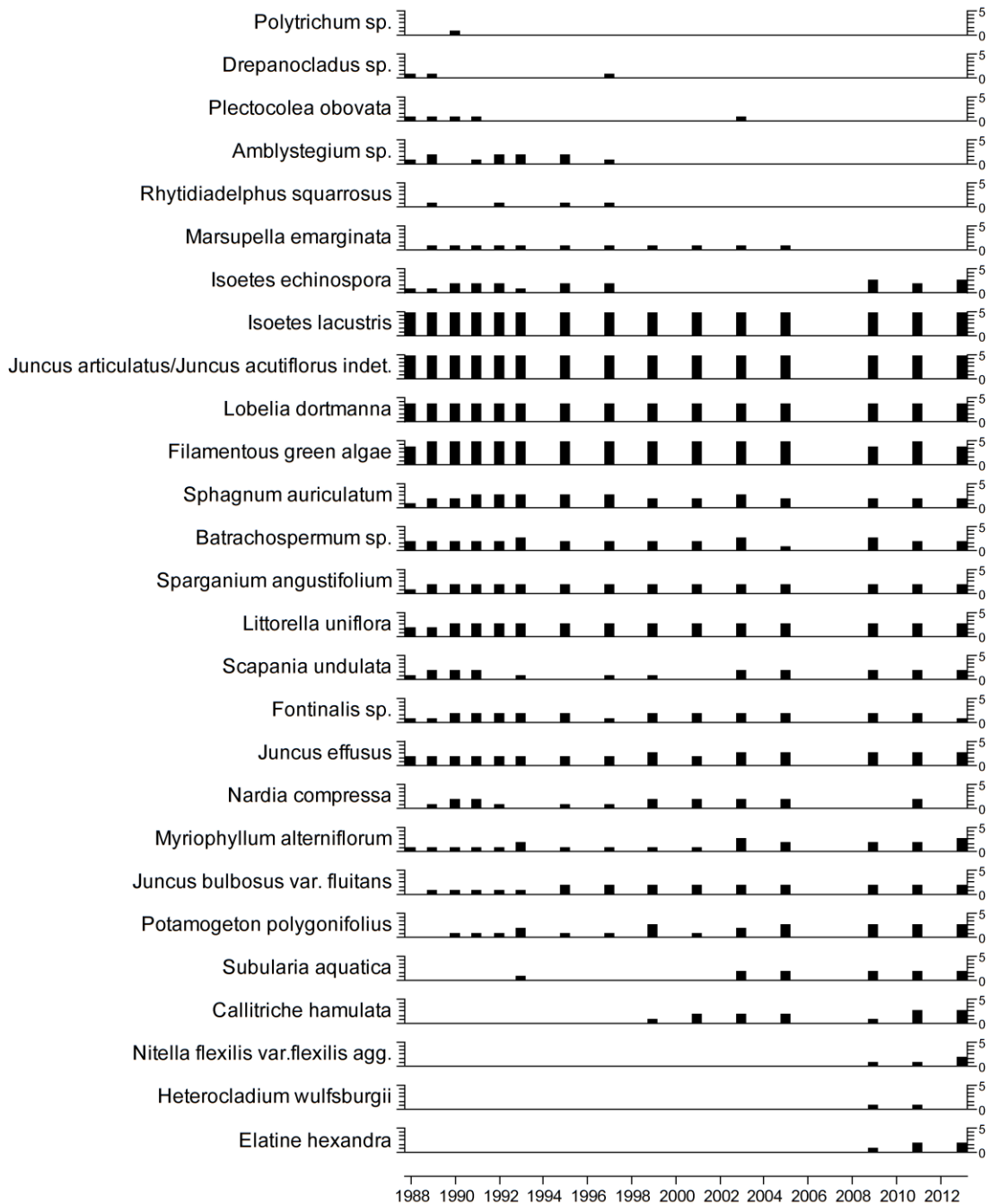


### 3.11.4.1 Diatom summary statistics, Llyn Llagi



### 3.11.5 Aquatic macrophyte data, Llyn Llgi

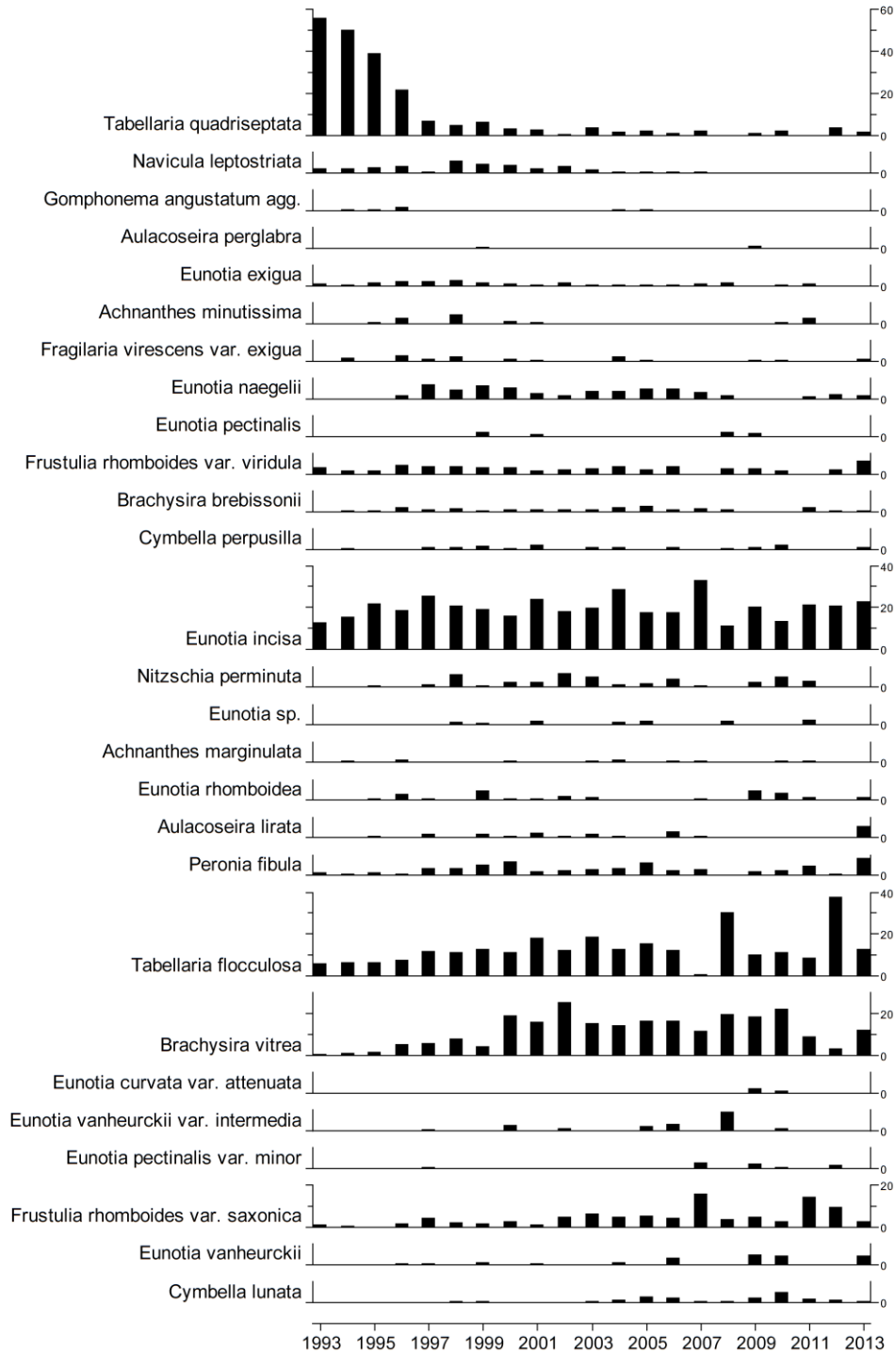
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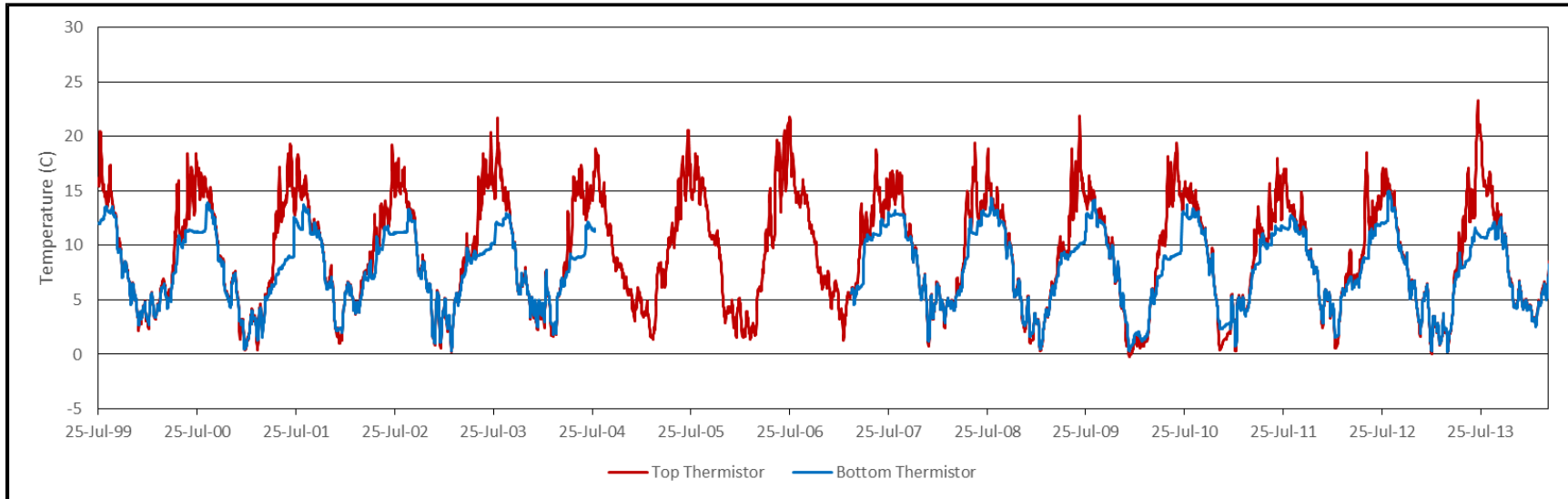
No survey in 2007 due to funding cuts

### 3.11.6 Sediment trap data, Llyn Llagi

#### Relative percentage frequency of diatom taxa



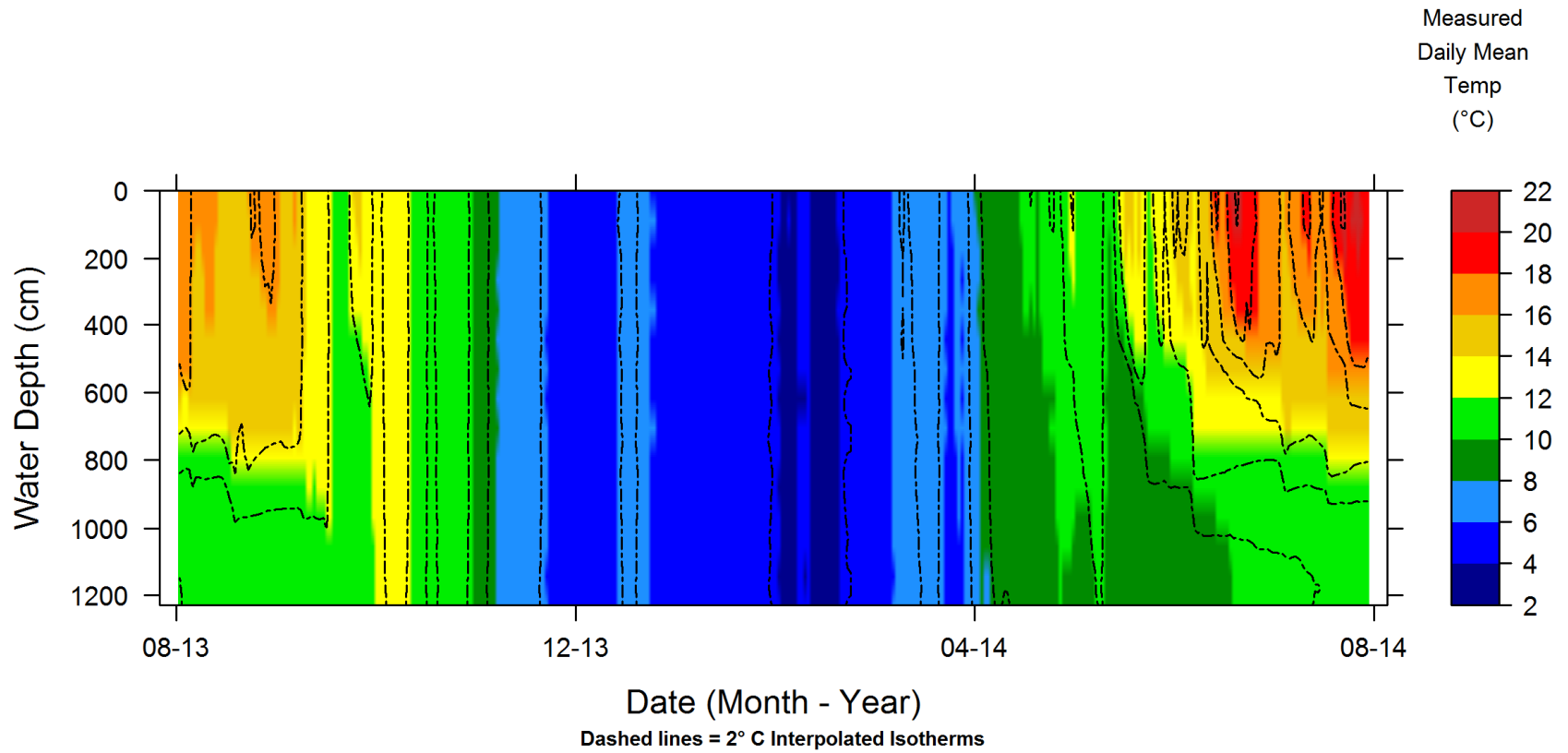
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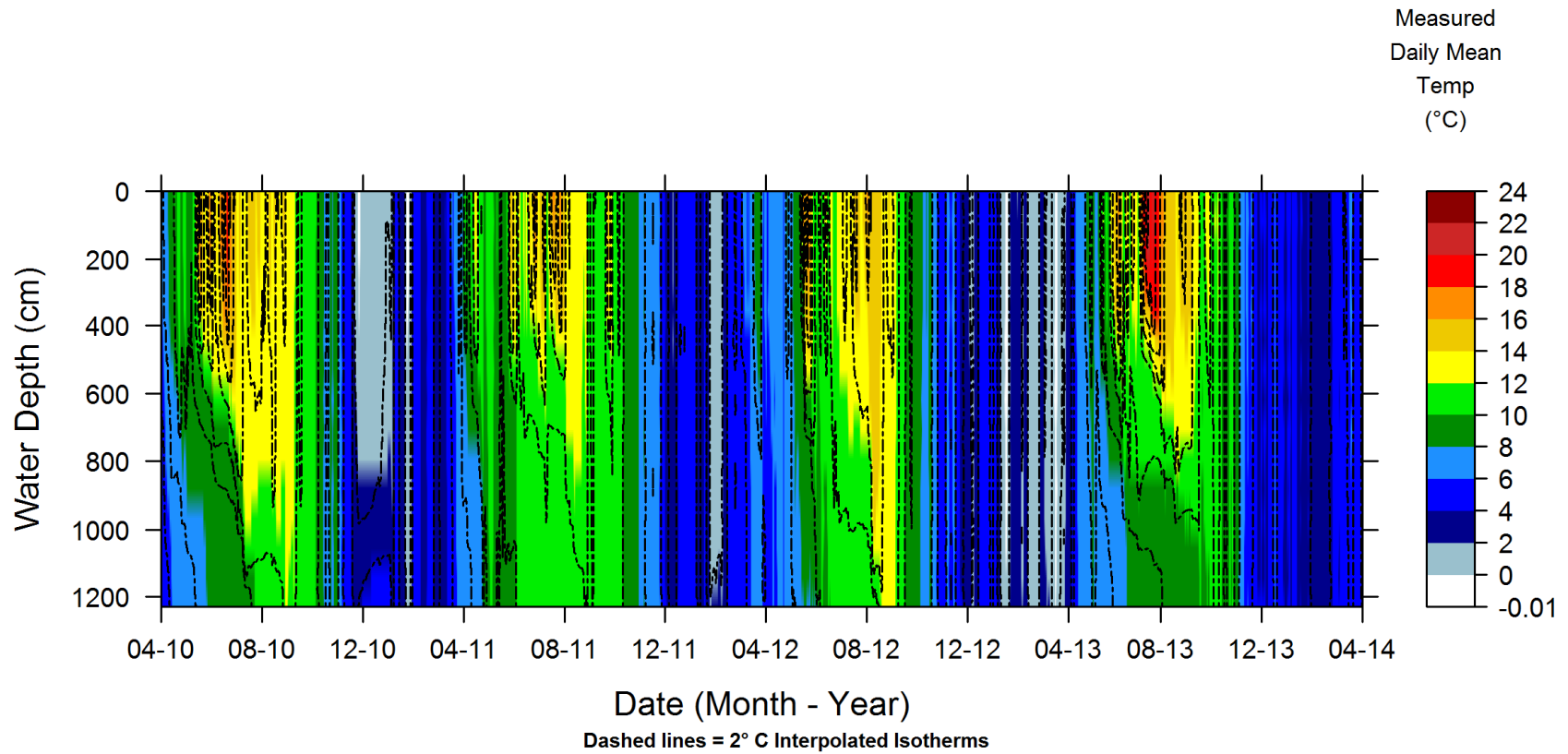


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#### 3.11.8.1 Annual detail, Llyn Llgi 2014 - 2015

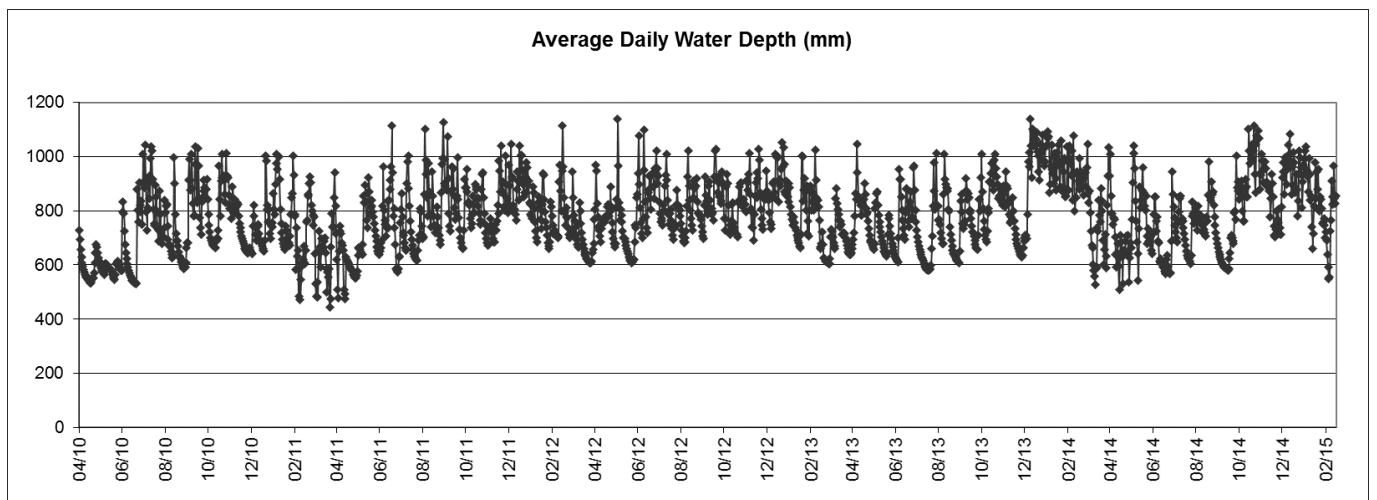
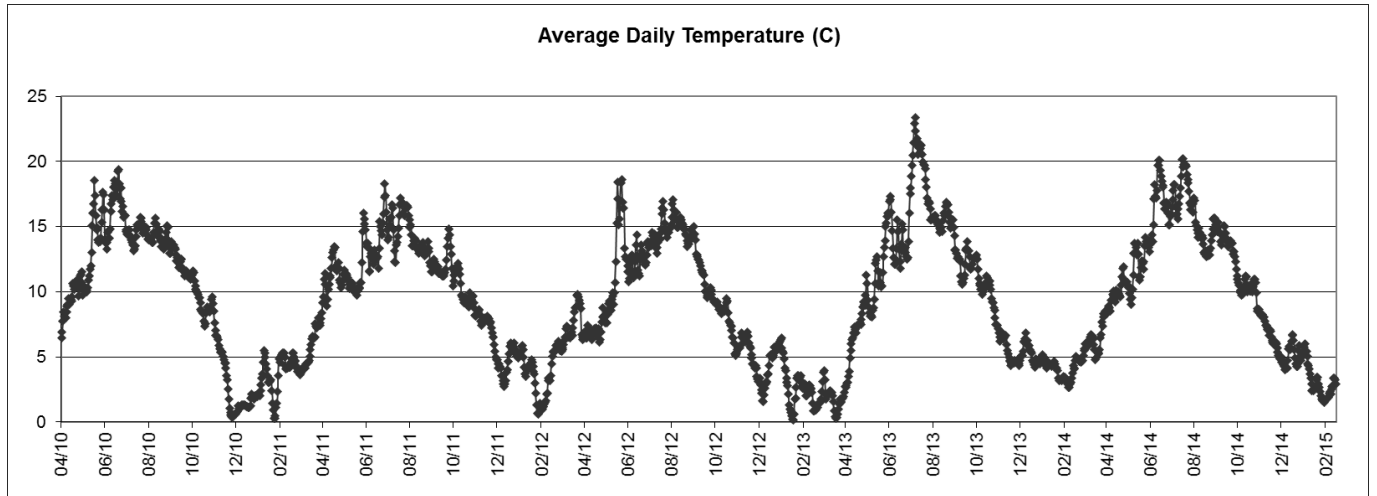


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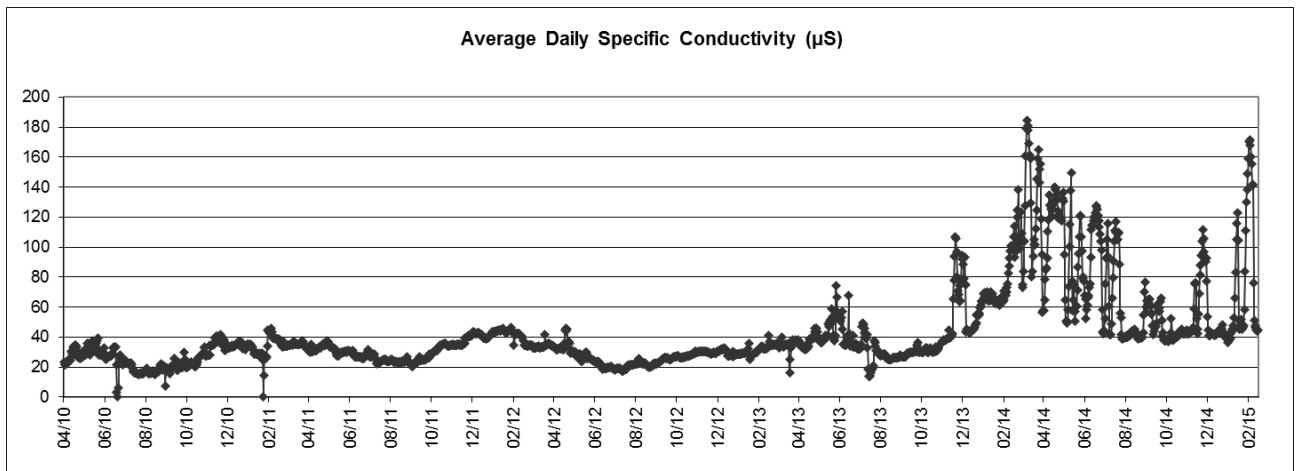
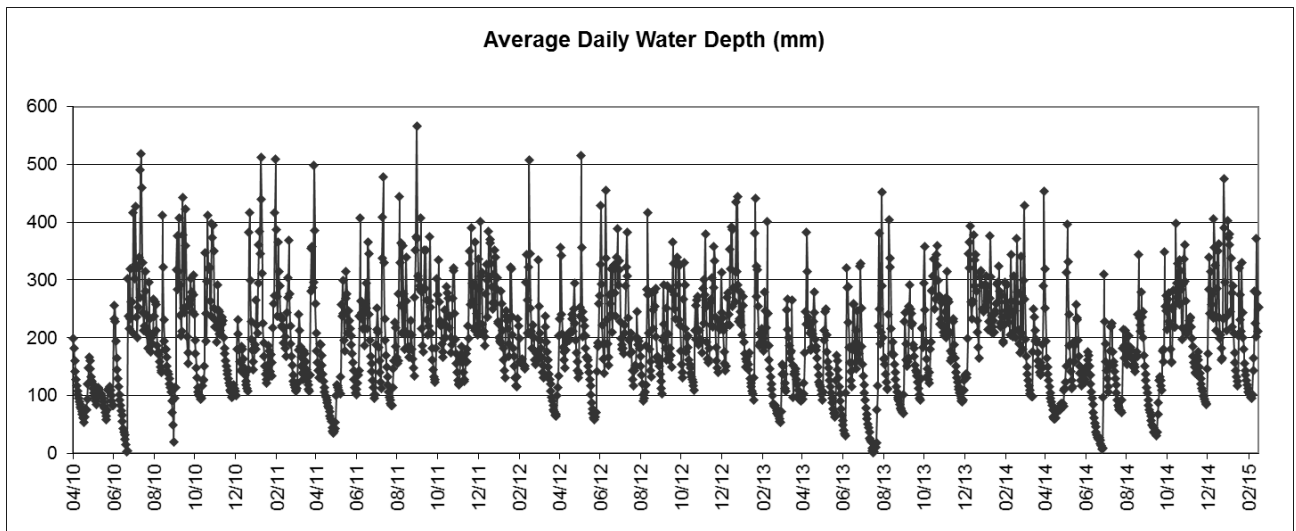
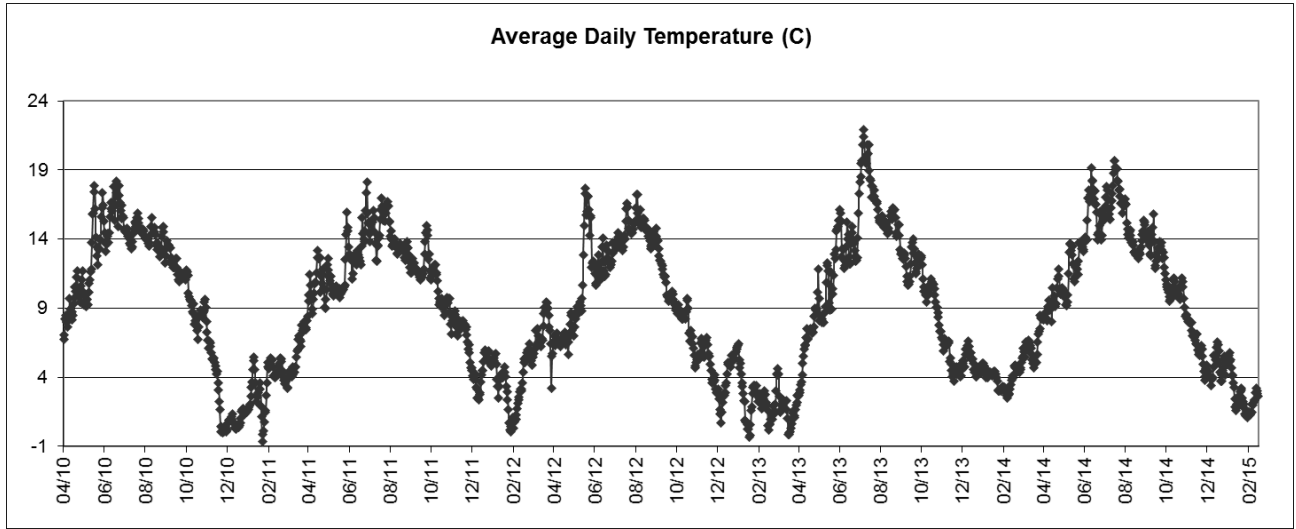


### 3.11.9 Automatic sensor data, Llyn Llagi

#### 3.11.9.1 Lake sensor data, Llyn Llagi



### 3.11.9.2 Outflow sensor data, Llyn Llagi



## **4 Llyn Cwm Mynach**



Figure 2 Llyn Cwm Mynach. Looking southeast from the North West end of the lake, 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

### **4.1 Summary Overview**

Chemical and biological sample collection, analysis and data collation, quality control and archiving proceeded without any problems at Llyn Cwm Mynach during the period from April 2014 to March 2015.

A supplementary project has been instigated by CEH and the Woodland Trust to look at the effects of differing forestry practices in the catchment, with water samples being analysed at CEH Bangor.

### **4.2 Water Chemistry**

Samples were collected by CEH in early June, September and December 2014, delivered to the analytical laboratories on schedule and have been analysed, quality controlled and archived in the UKUWMN central chemistry database at CEH Lancaster. March 2015 samples have been collected and are in the process of being analysed.

### **4.3 Sediment Traps**

Sediment traps were recovered and replaced on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 by a team from ENSIS. Diatoms and Spheroidal Carbonaceous Particles in the sediment retrieved from the traps are currently being analysed.

### **4.4 Thermistors**

Lake top and bottom thermistors and the thermistor chain were removed and replaced on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 by a team from ENSIS. All had functioned well during the previous

year and the data were added to the ENSIS and MS thermistor water temperature database.

#### **4.5 Epilithic Diatoms**

Epilithic diatoms were retrieved by a team from ENSIS from three sampling points around the lake on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2014. The samples have been made into slides and are currently in the process of being analysed.

#### **4.6 Macroinvertebrates**

Aquatic macroinvertebrates were sampled on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014 by a team from QMuL. Five 1 minute kick samples were performed. The samples were counted and the data sent to ENSIS Ltd. The data is in the process of being quality screened before being added to the UKUWMN biological database at ENSIS.

#### **4.7 Fish**

Fish surveying was performed on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 by the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust. The data have been forwarded to ENSIS Ltd. After quality screening the data will be added to the UKUWMN biological database at ENSIS.

#### **4.8 Aquatic Macrophytes**

Aquatic macrophytes were surveyed by a team from ENSIS on 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 using both UKUWMN and CSM standard methodologies. Data will be added to the ENSIS biological database after microscope confirmation of bryophyte identifications.

#### **4.9 Data Management and Reporting**

No problems or hiatus occurred with the collation and transfer of data within methodological programmes, or to the UKUWMN databases, during the reporting period.

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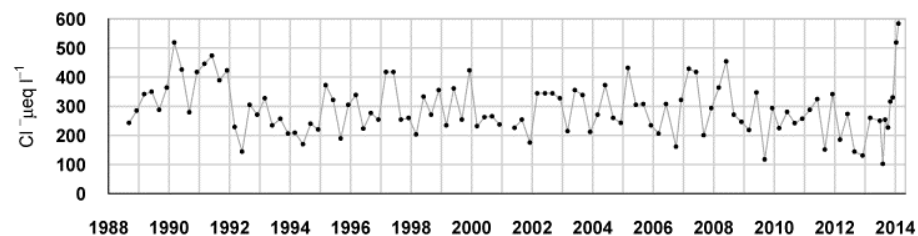
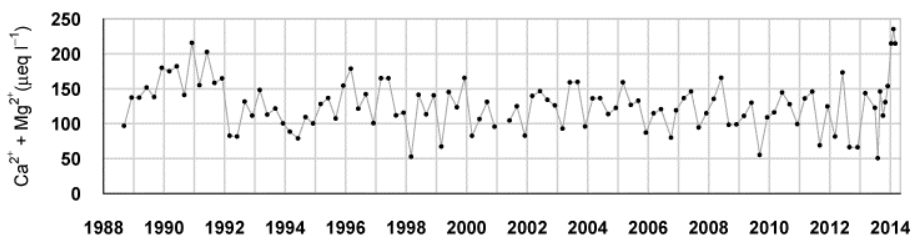
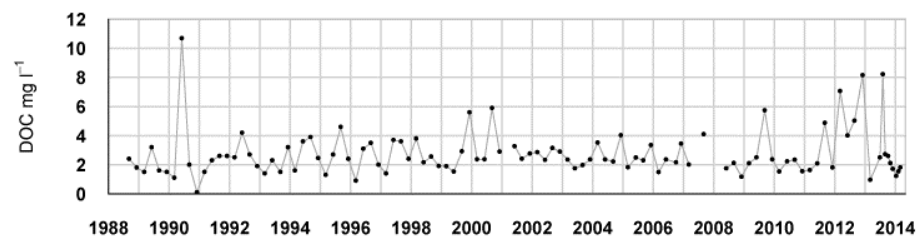
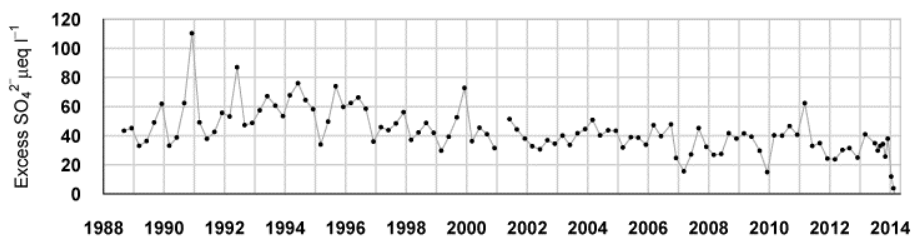
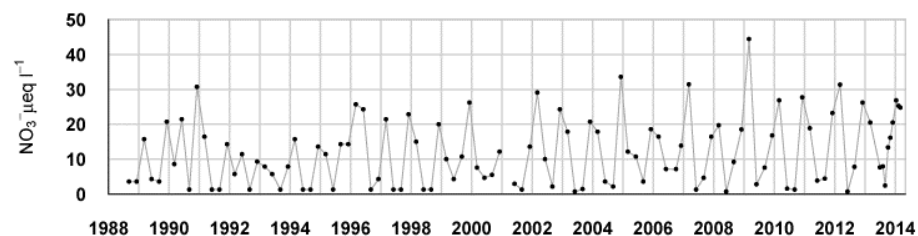
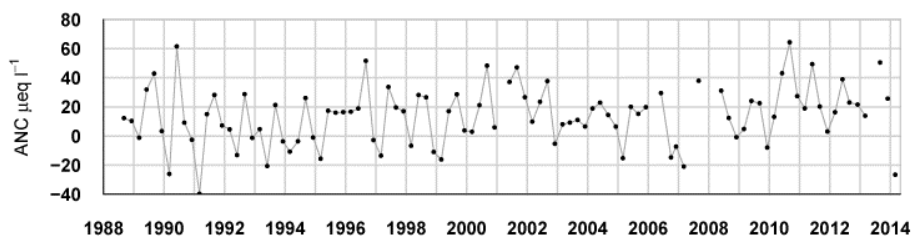
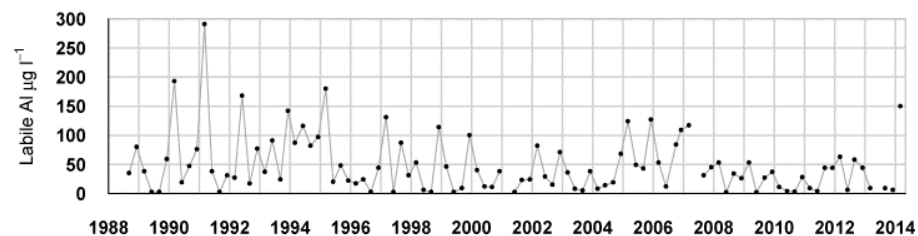
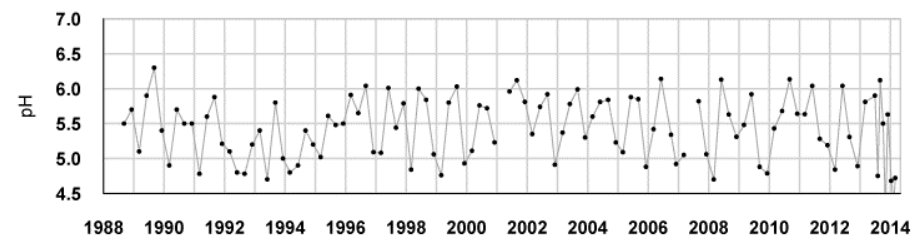
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## 4.11 Llyn Cwm Mynach Summary Data to March 2014

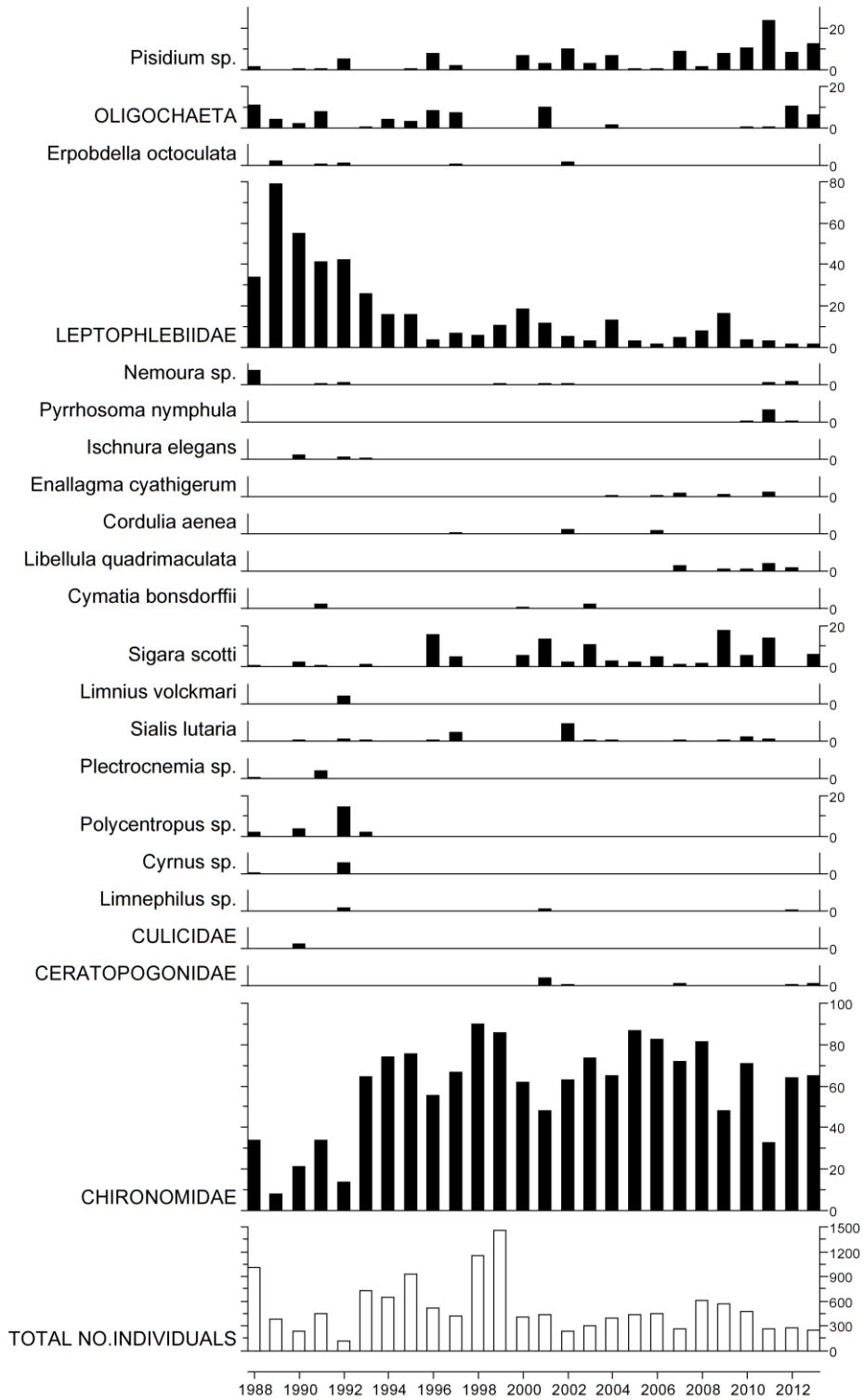
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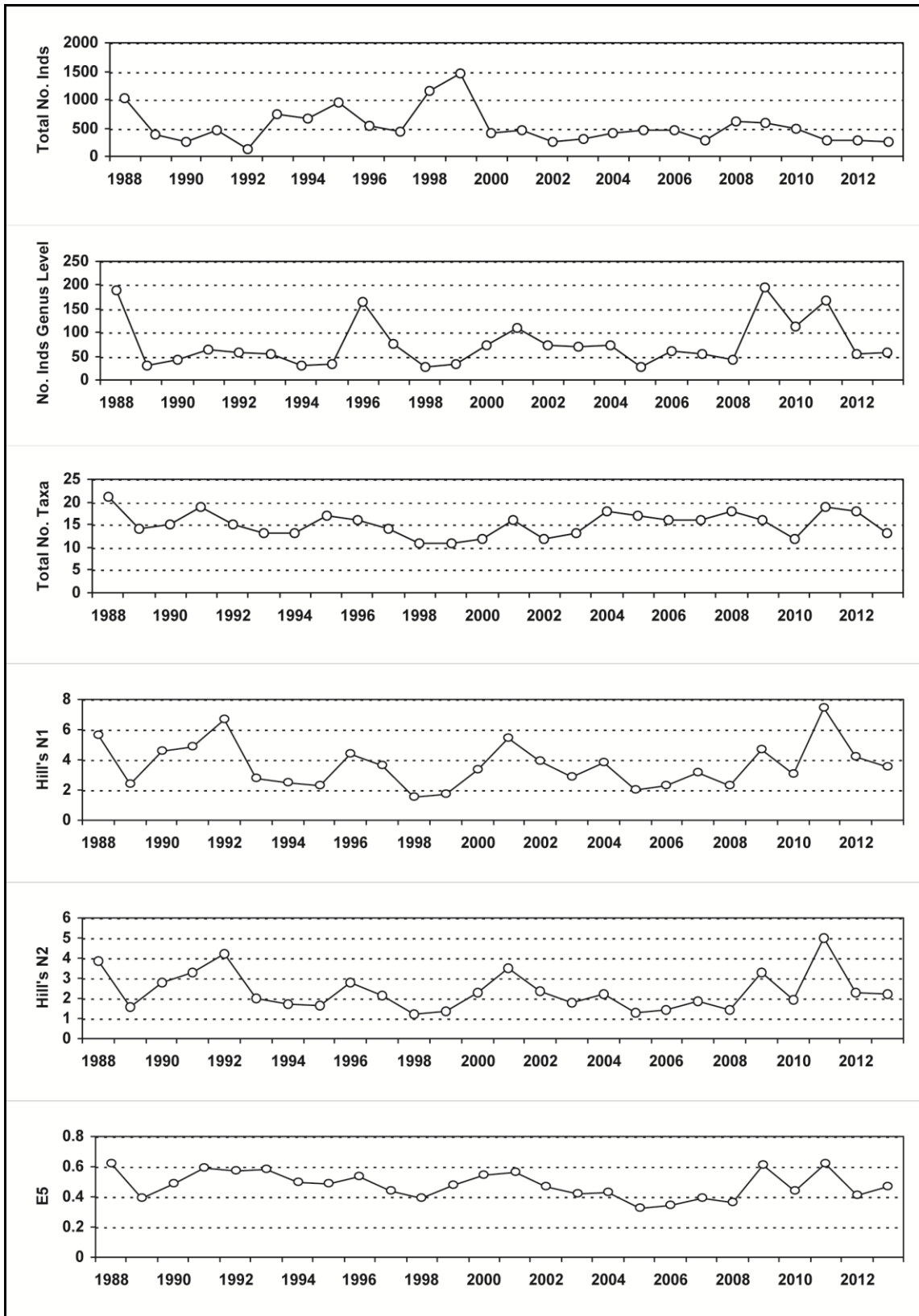
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Mean 1 <sup>st</sup> 5 yrs	5.35	7.68	77.79	67.45	291.02	3.36	110.75	66.58	337.67	88.32	52.91	9.40	2.50
13-14 mean	5.10	16.45	71.91	81.53	307.55	6.38	75.00	55.00	364.34	54.57	22.96	16.10	2.72
13-14 std dev	0.69	39.40	21.93	39.67	129.47	2.72	96.19	82.29	194.06	13.41	15.24	8.86	2.13

## 4.11.2 Macroinvertebrate data

### 4.11.2.1 Percentage abundance summary, Llyn Cwm Mynach

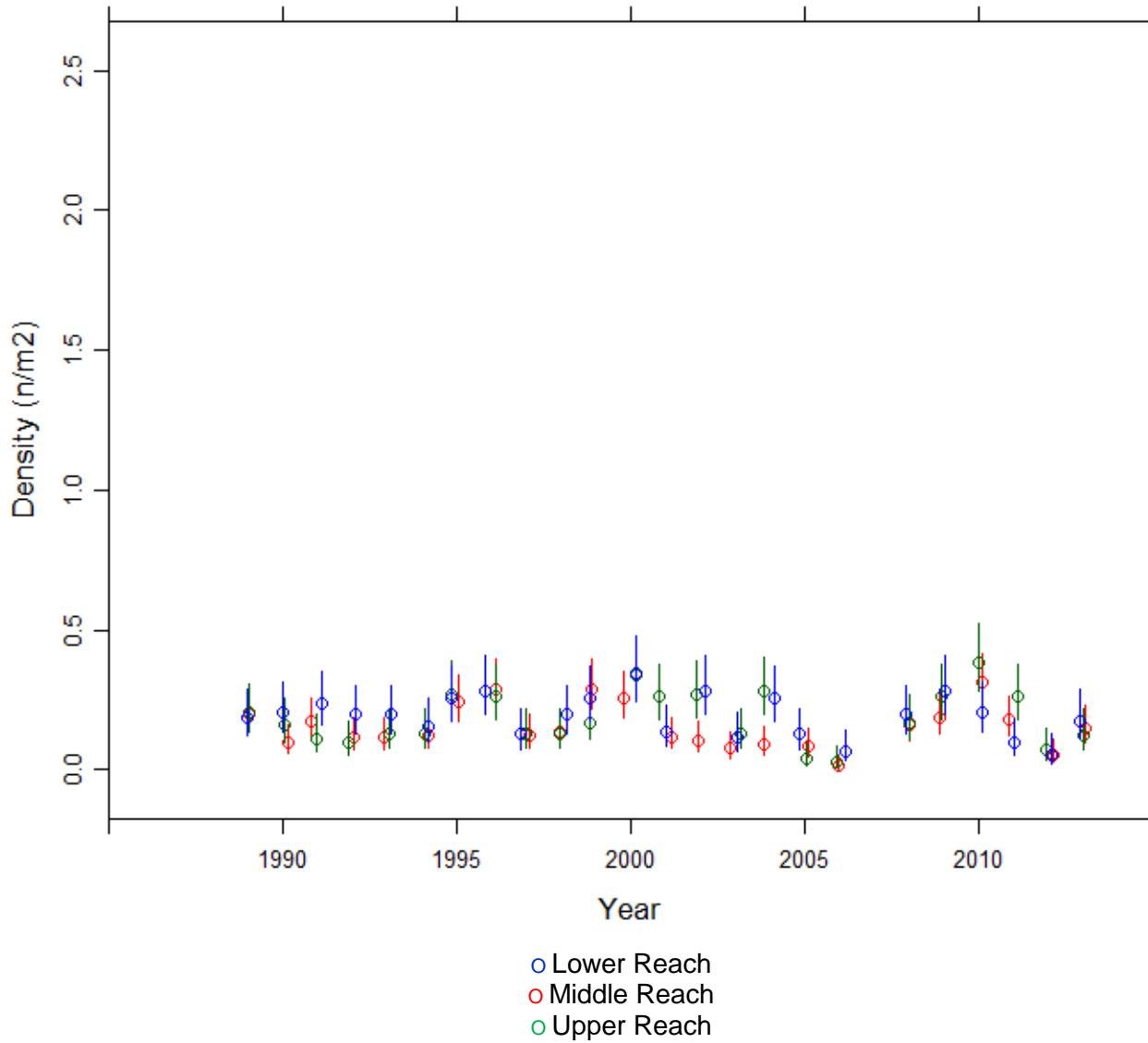


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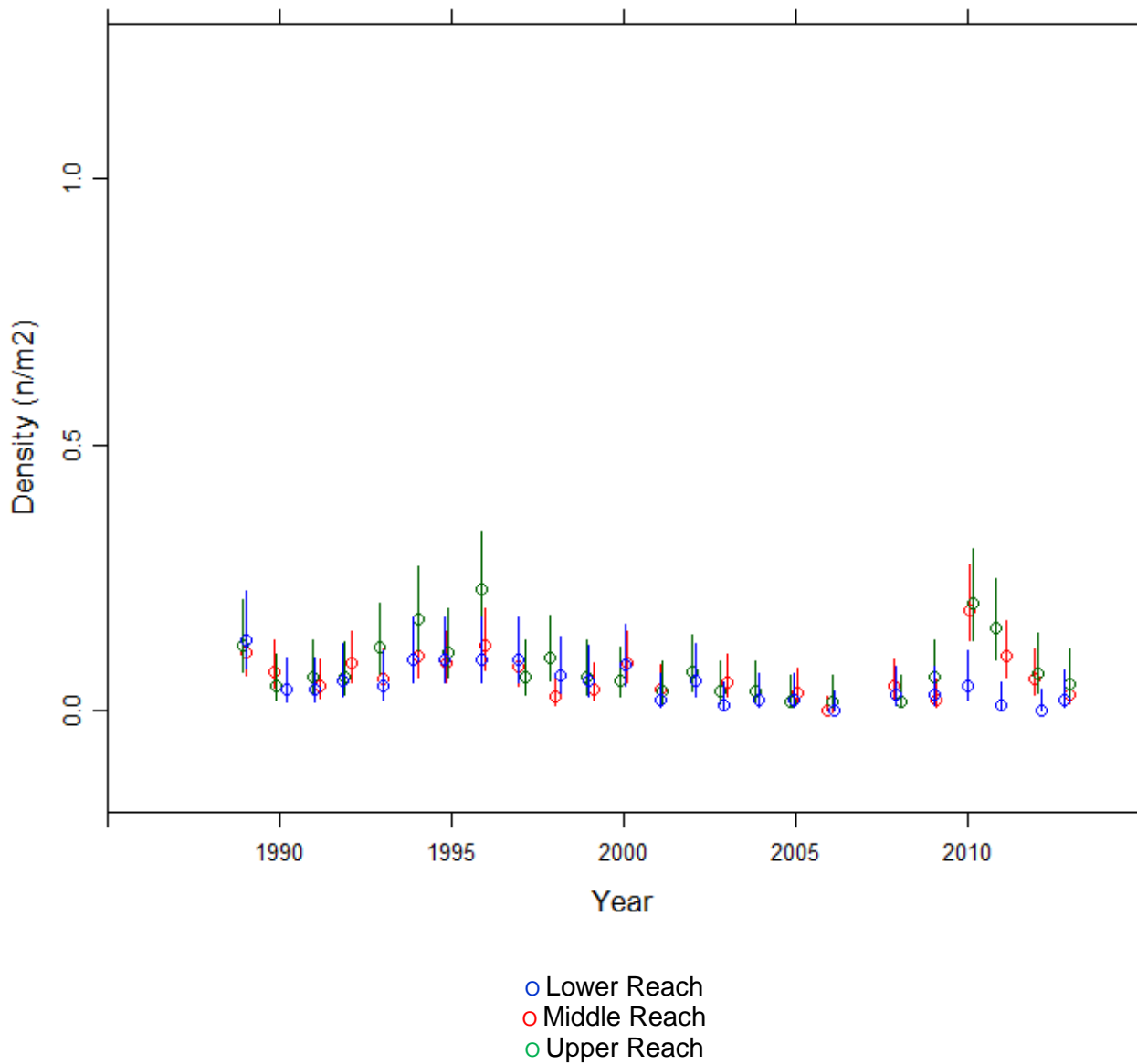


### 4.11.3 Fish data (for outflow stream)

#### 4.11.3.1 Summary of Trout fry density (numbers $m^{-2}$ ), Llyn Cwm Mynach



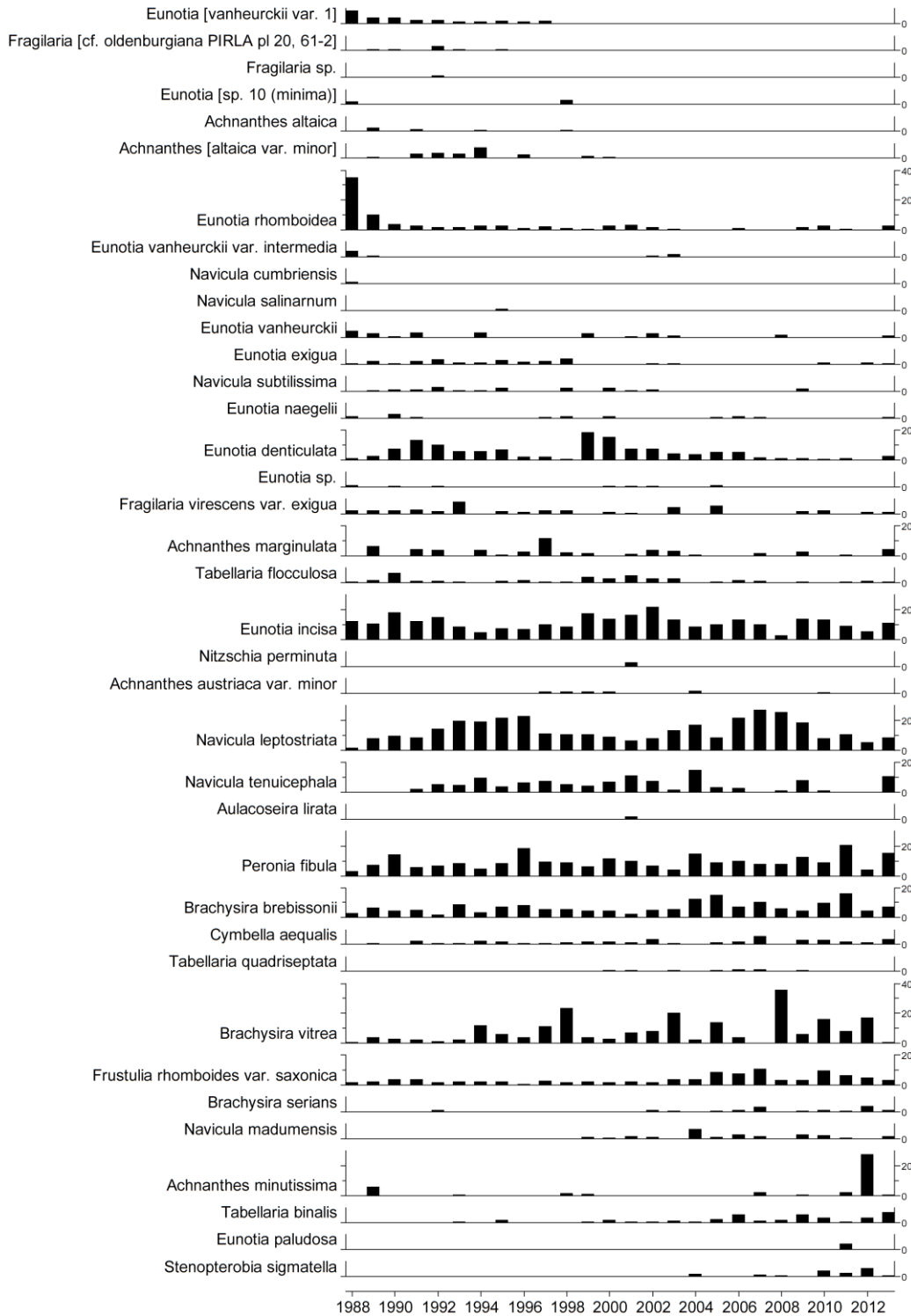
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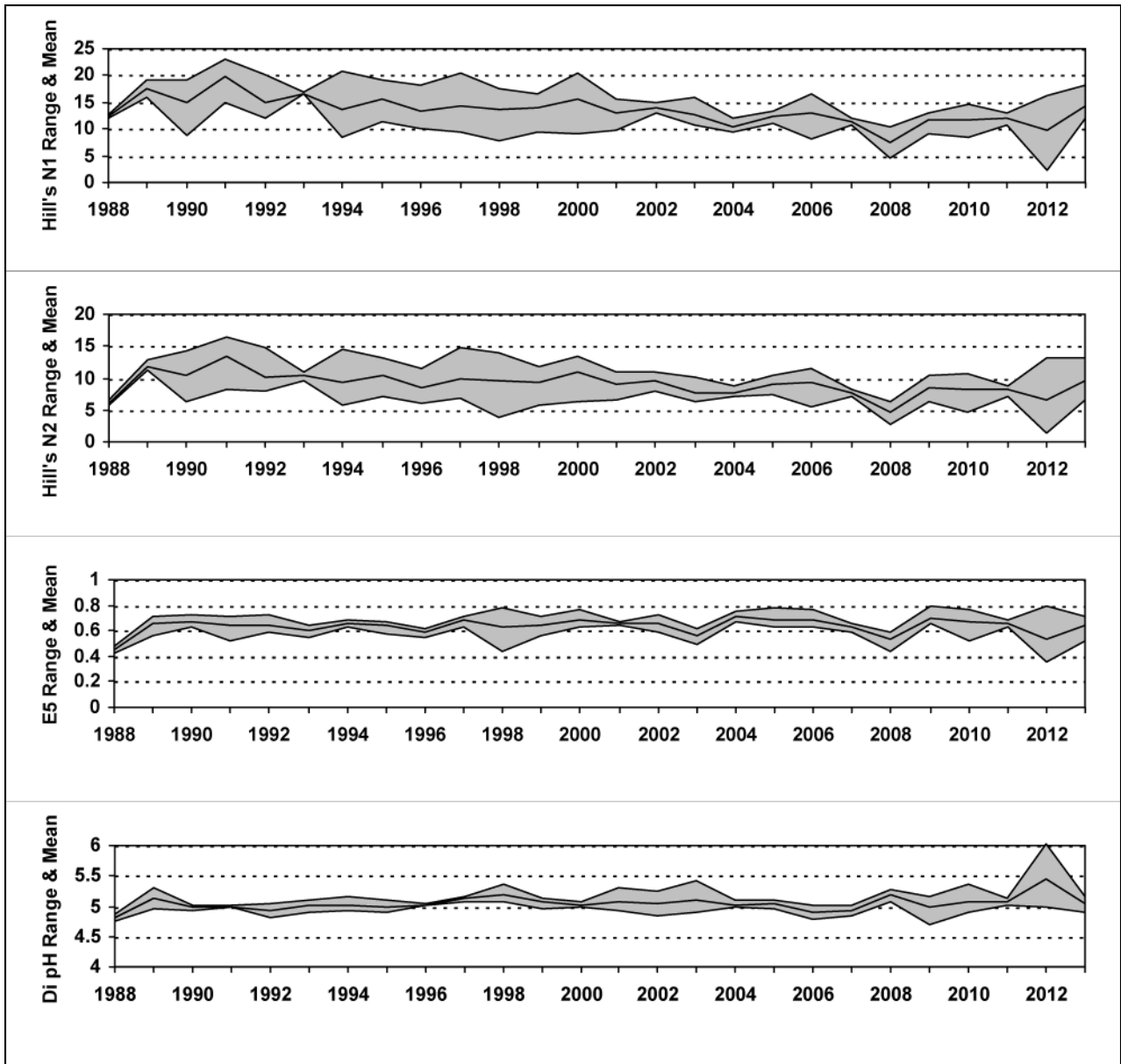


## 4.11.4 Epilithic diatom data

### 4.11.4.1 Percentage abundance summary, Llyn Cwm Mynach

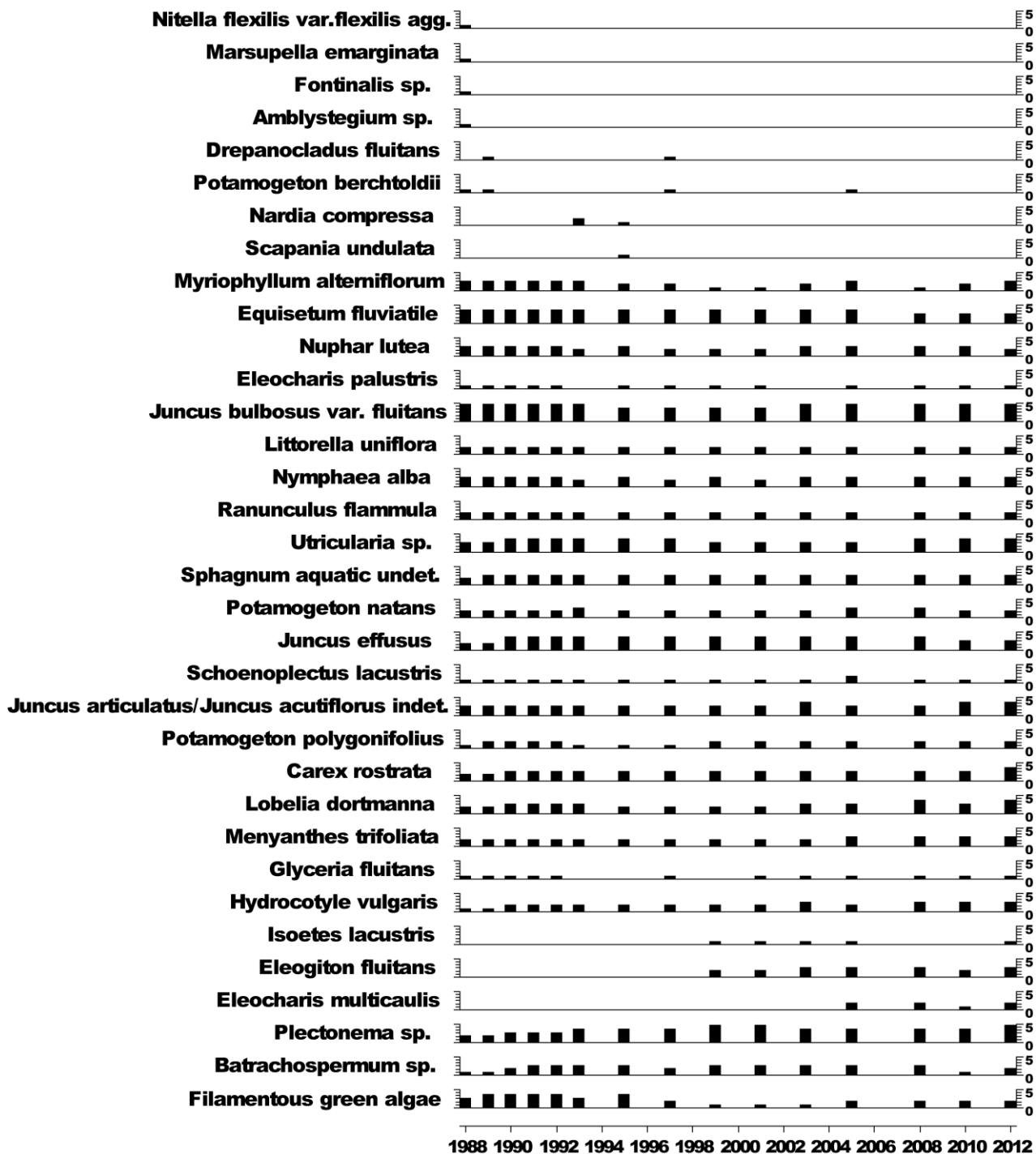


### 4.11.4.2 Diatom summary statistics, Llyn Cwm Mynach



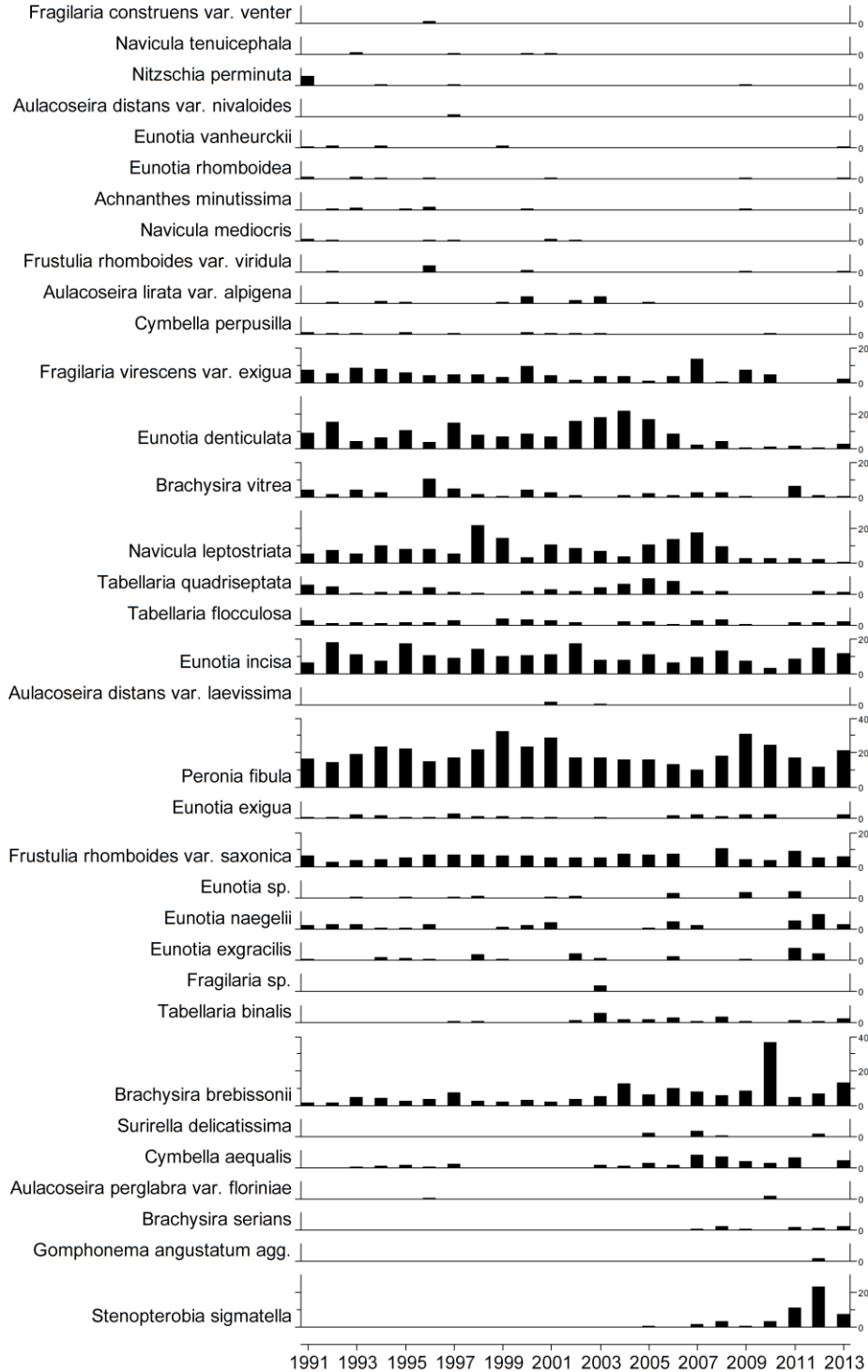
#### 4.11.5 Aquatic macrophyte data, Llyn Cwm Mynach

##### Species Scores (1-5)

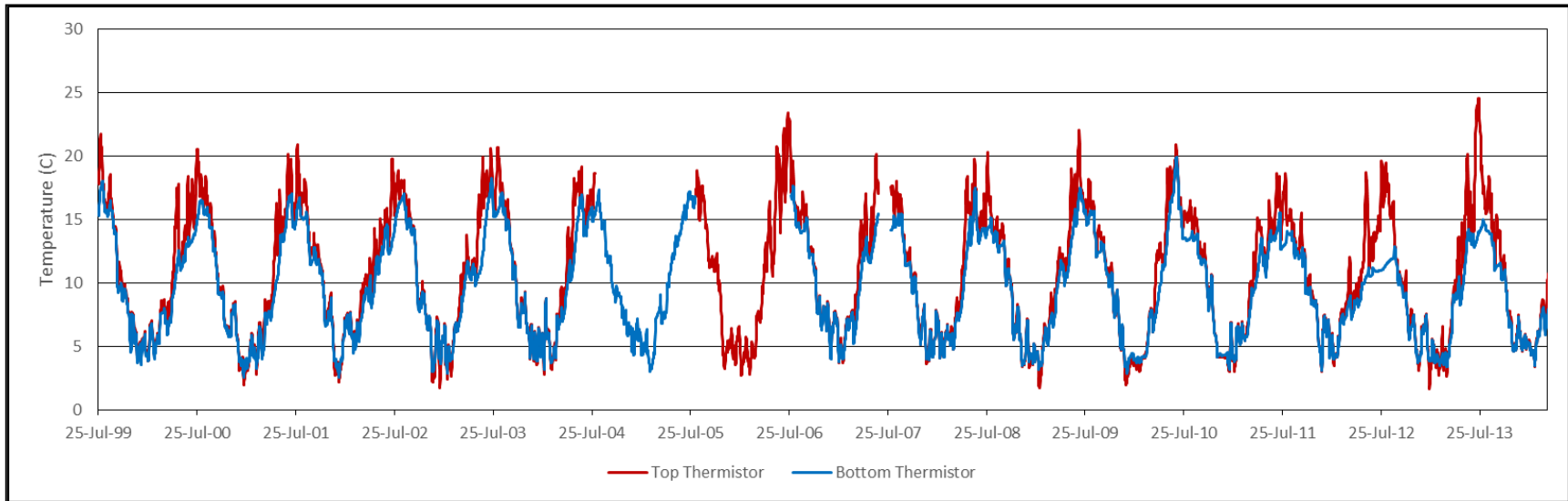


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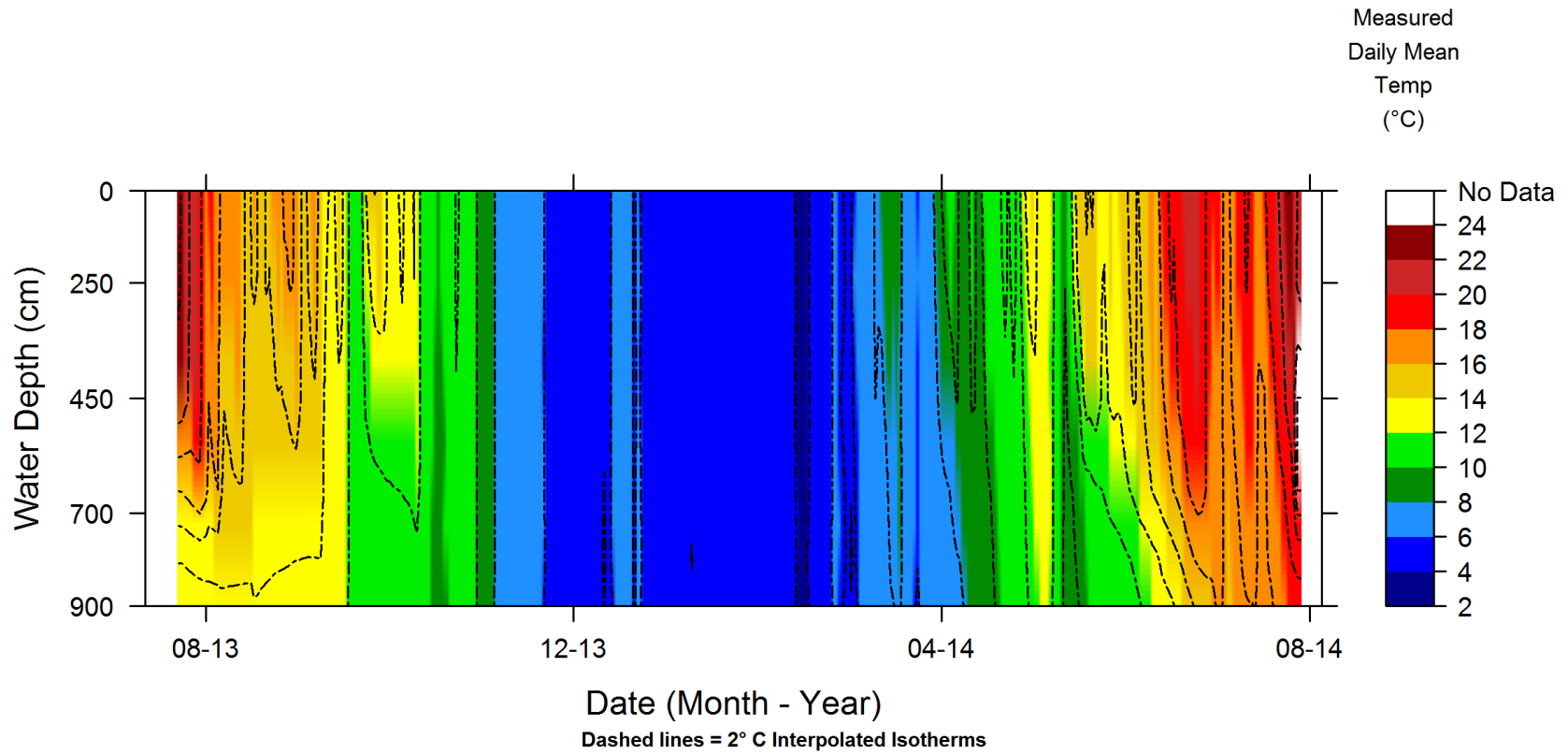
### Relative percentage frequency of diatom taxa



### 4.11.7 Sediment trap thermistor data, Llyn Cwm Mynach



### 4.11.8 Thermistor chain data, Llyn Cwm Mynach



## 5 Afon Hafren



Figure 3 Afon Hafren biological survey section 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015

### 5.1 Summary Overview

Chemical and biological sample collection, analysis and data collation, quality control and archiving proceeded without any problems at Afon Hafren during the period from April 2014 to March 2015.

### 5.2 Water Chemistry

Samples were collected by CEH early every month throughout the period April 2014 to March 2015, delivered to the analytical laboratories on schedule and are in the process of being analysed, quality controlled and archived in the UKUWMN central chemistry database at CEH Lancaster.

### **5.3 Thermistors**

The CEH thermistor at Afon Hafren functioned well throughout the period April 2014 to March 2015. Data up to January 2015 have been downloaded, checked and archived in the central ENSIS and MS temperature database.

### **5.4 Epilithic Diatoms**

Epilithic diatoms were retrieved by a team from ENSIS from three sampling points in the stream on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2014. The samples have been made into slides and are currently in the process of being analysed.

### **5.5 Macroinvertebrates**

Aquatic macroinvertebrates were sampled on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014 by a team from QMuL. Five 1 minute kick samples were performed. The samples were counted and the data sent to ENSIS Ltd. The data is in the process of being quality screened before being added to the UKUWMN biological database at ENSIS.

### **5.6 Fish**

Fish surveying was performed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 by a team from the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust. The data have been forwarded to ENSIS Ltd. After quality screening the data will be added to the UKUWMN biological database at ENSIS.

### **5.7 Aquatic Macrophytes**

Aquatic macrophytes were surveyed by a team from ENSIS on 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2014. Percentage cover scores were recorded and data will be added to the ENSIS biological database after microscope confirmation of bryophyte identifications.

### **5.8 Data Management and Reporting**

No problems or hiatus occurred with the collation and transfer of data within methodological programmes, or to the UKUWMN databases, during the reporting period.

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Further publications from the contract period utilizing UKUWMN data from Afon Hafren are detailed in section 5.9 below.

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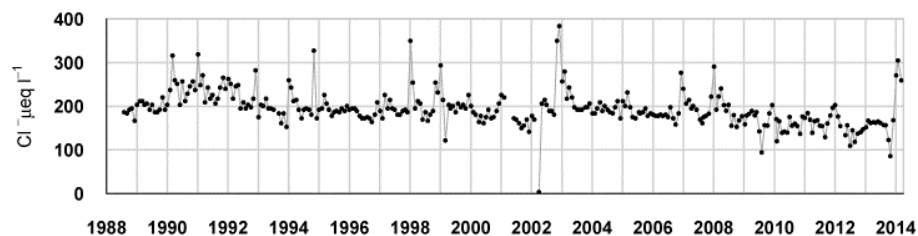
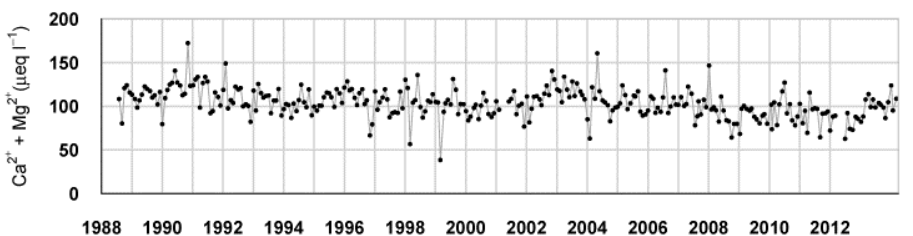
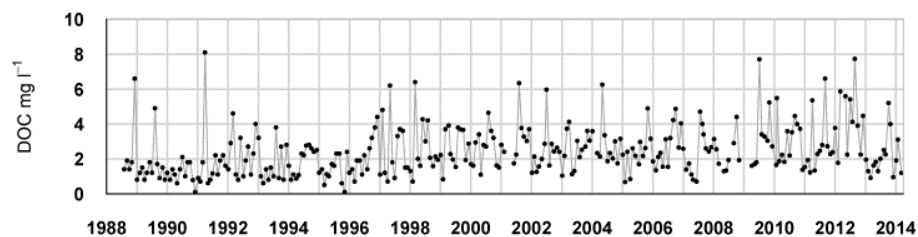
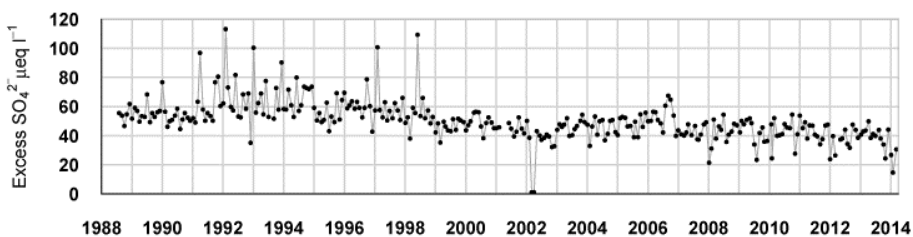
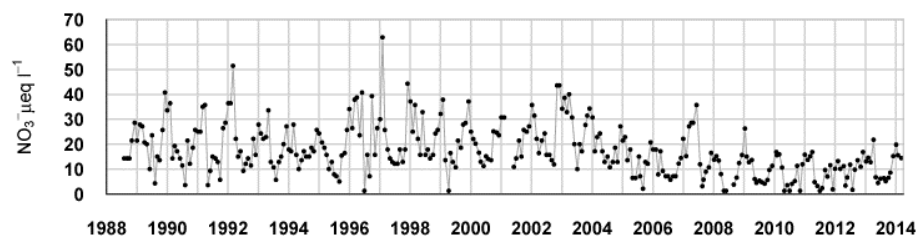
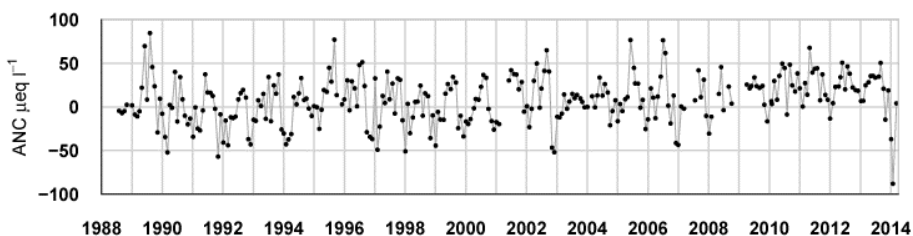
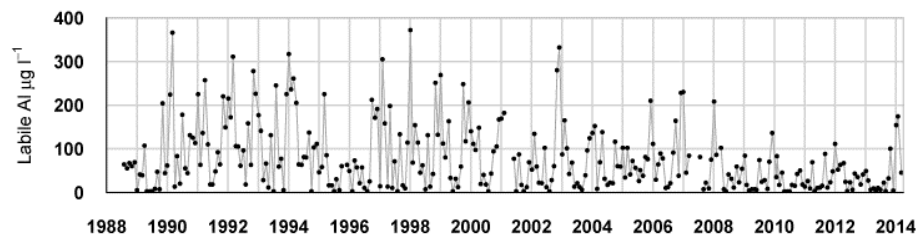
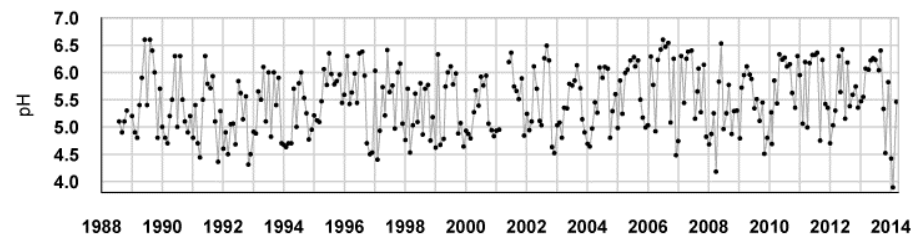
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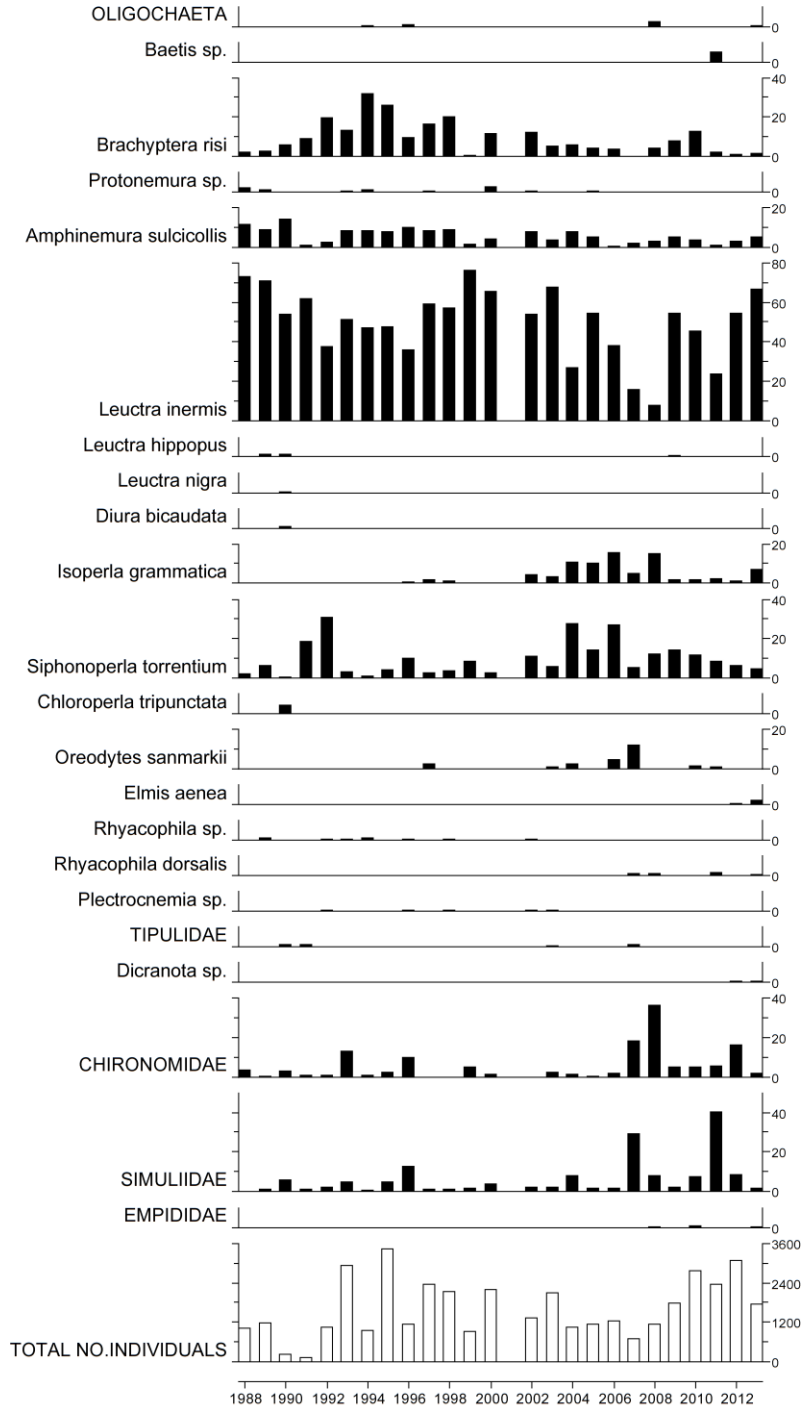
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Mean 1 <sup>st</sup> 5 yrs	5.29	-2.40	47.91	66.41	200.39	3.16	170.00	101.71	221.09	82.97	59.79	20.58	1.76
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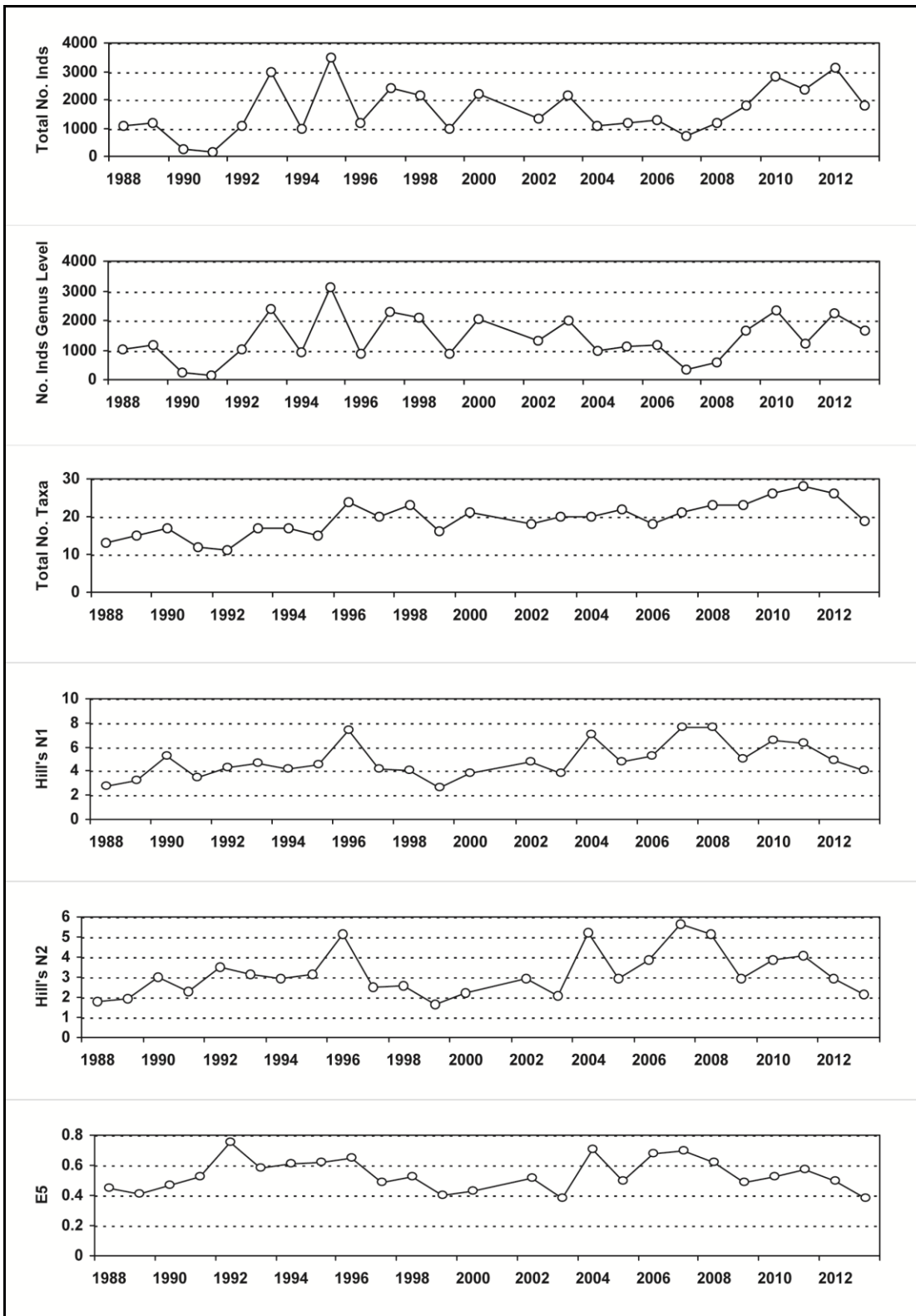
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### 5.10.2.1 Percentage abundance summary, Afon Hafren



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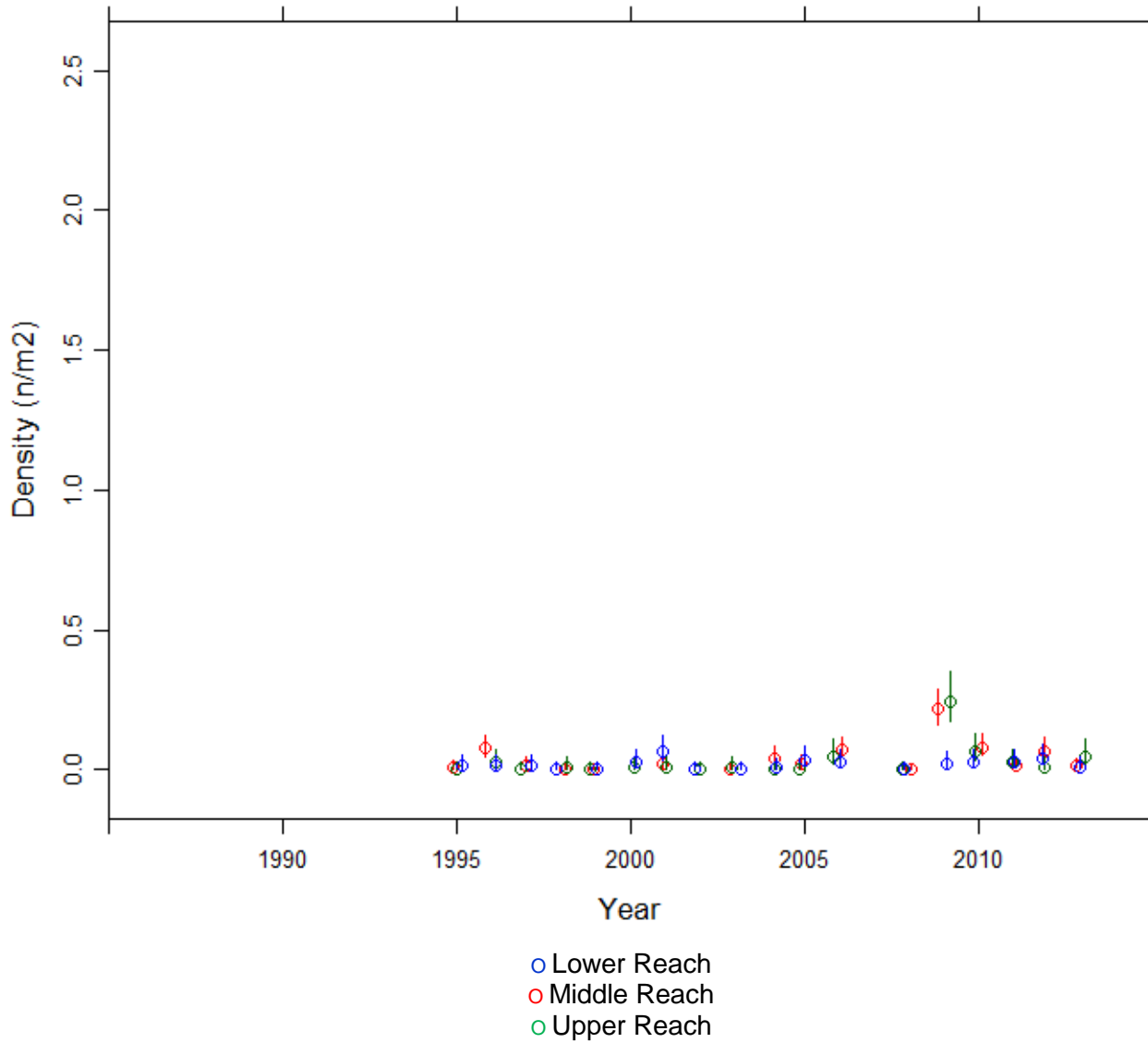
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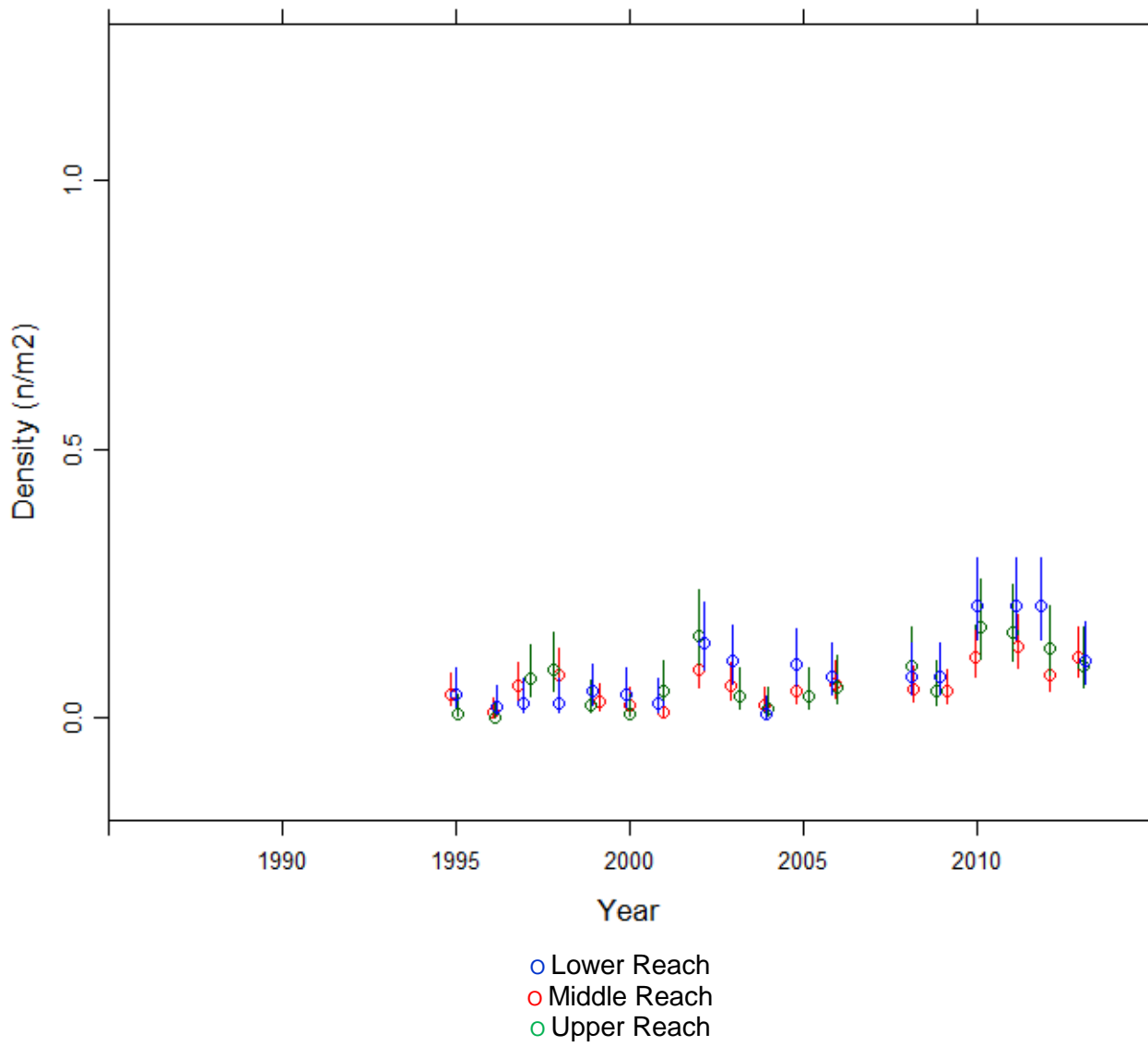
No sampling in 2001 due to Foot and Mouth restrictions.

### 5.10.3 Fish data

#### 5.10.3.1 Summary of Trout fry density (numbers m<sup>-2</sup>), Afon Hafren



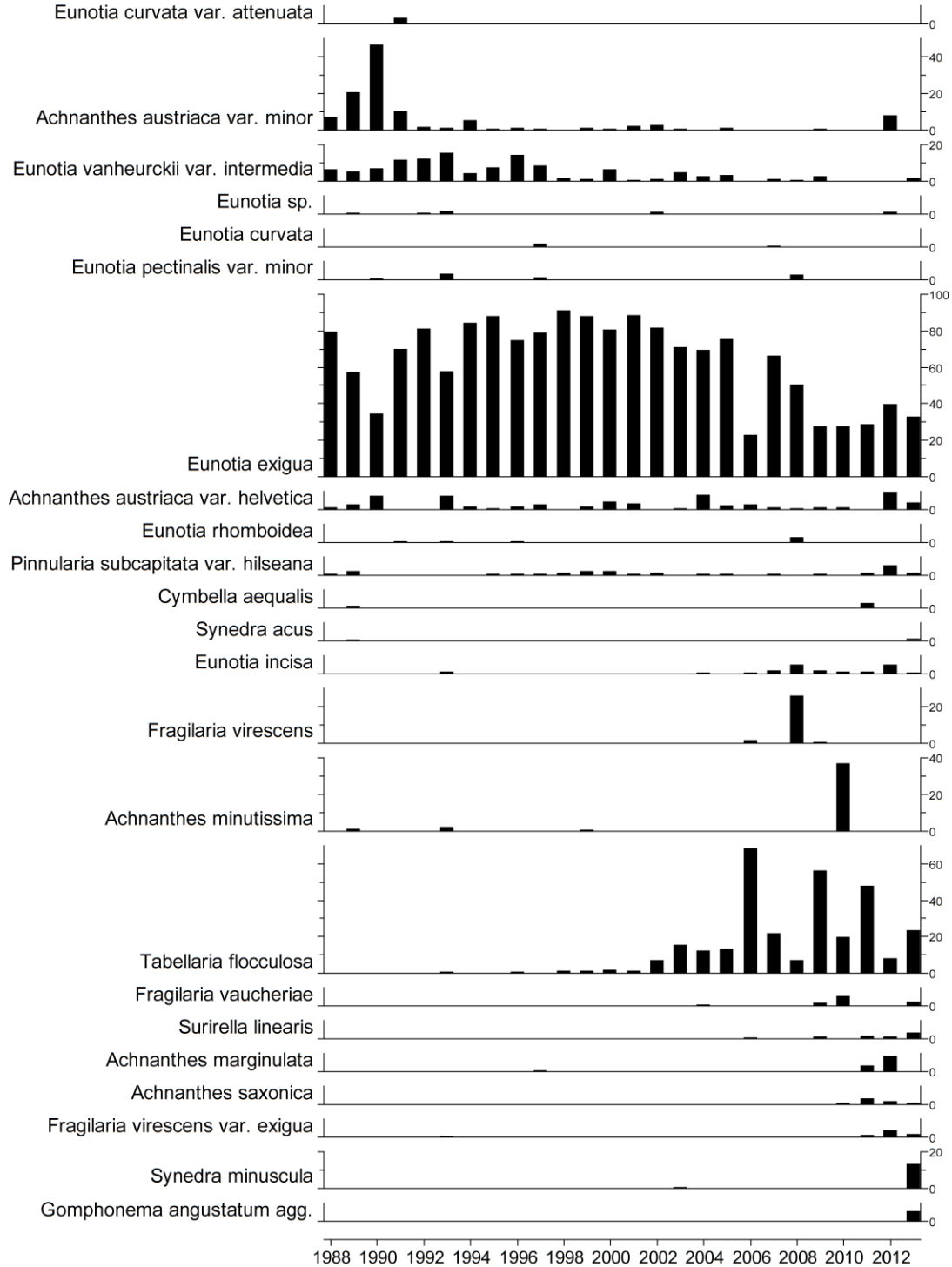
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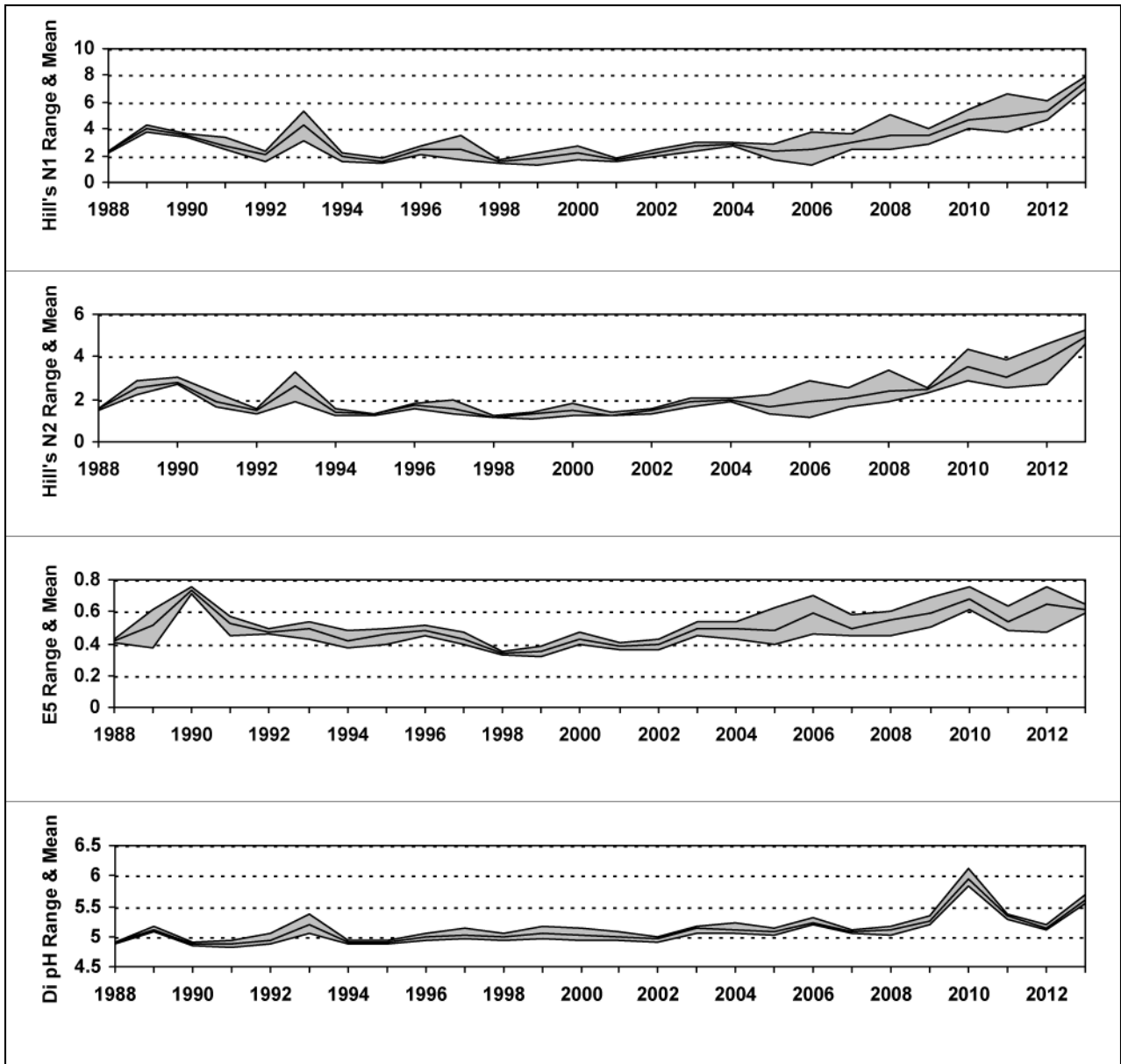


## 5.10.4 Epilithic diatom data

### 5.10.4.1 Percentage abundance summary, Afon Hafren

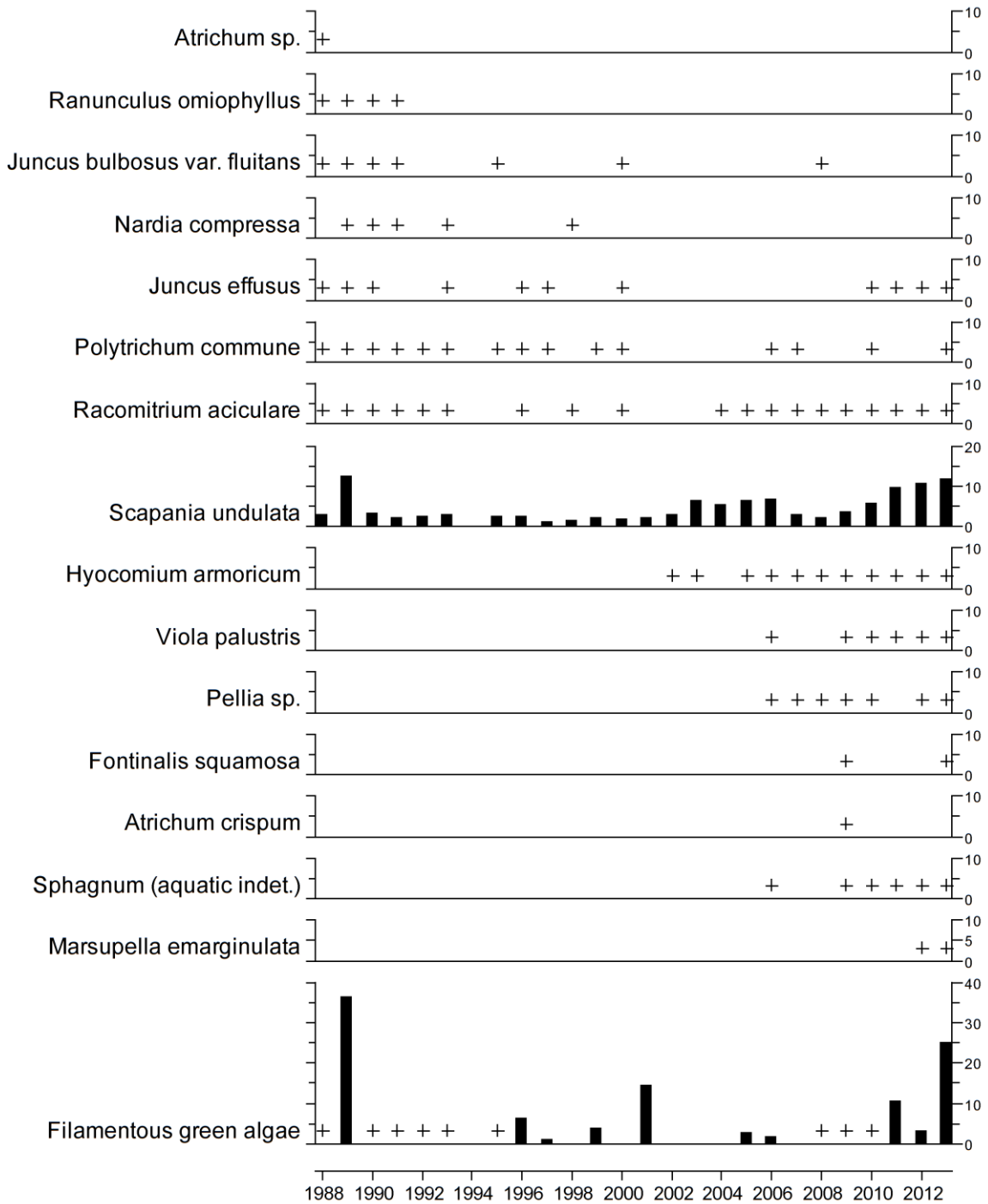


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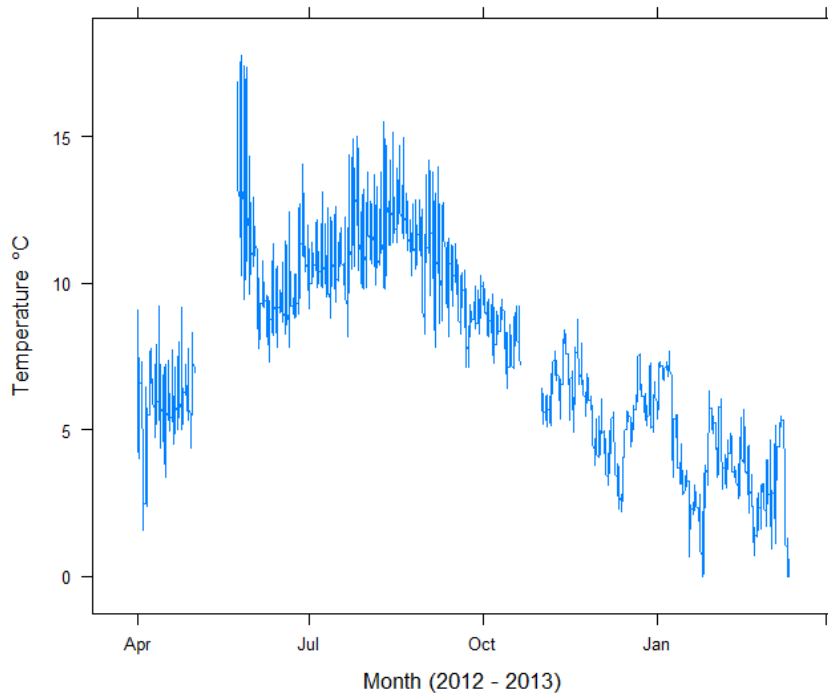
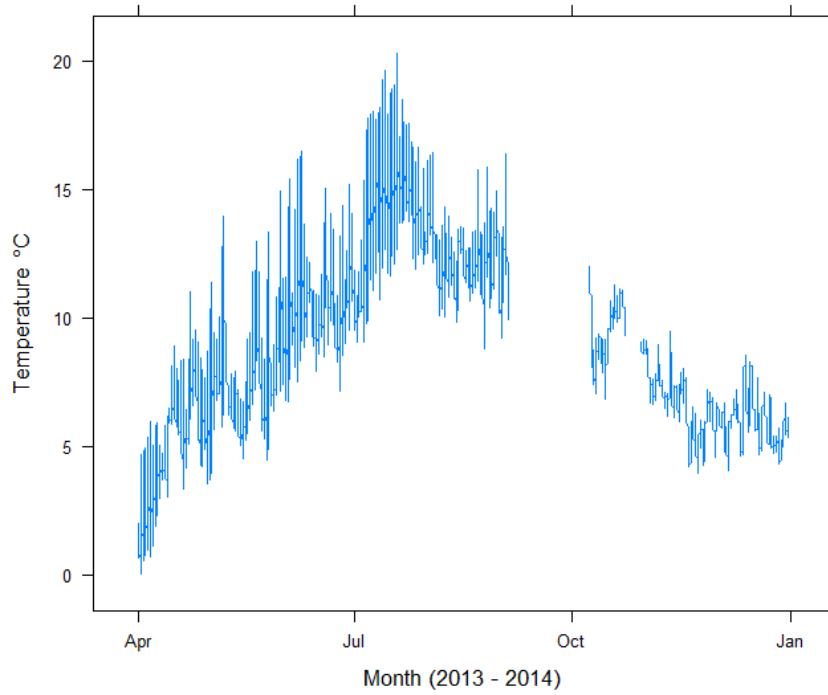
### 5.10.5 Aquatic macrophyte data, Afon Hafren

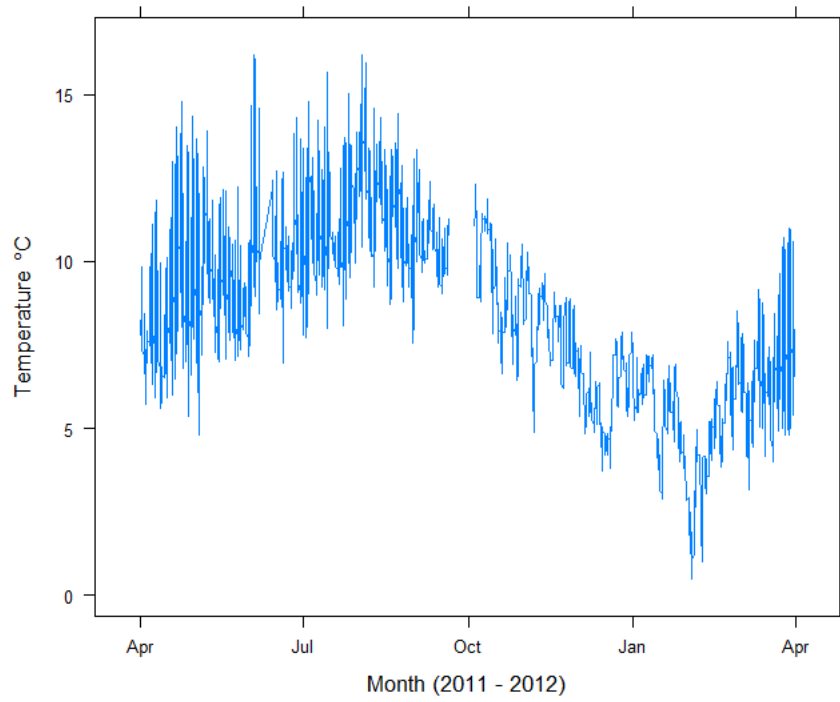
Percentage Species Cover



+ Represents <0.5% abundance

### 5.10.6 Thermistor data, Afon Hafren





Gaps due to thermistor malfunction

## 6 Afon Gwy



Figure 4 Afon Gwy biological survey section 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015

### 6.1 Summary Overview

Chemical and biological sample collection, analysis and data collation, quality control and archiving proceeded without any problems at Afon Gwy during the period from April 2014 to March 2015.

### 6.2 Water Chemistry

Samples were collected by CEH early every month throughout the period April 2014 to March 2015, delivered to the analytical laboratories on schedule and are in the process of being analysed, quality controlled and archived in the UKUWMN central chemistry database at CEH Lancaster.

### **6.3 Thermistors**

A thermistor, supplied by Marine Scotland, was downloaded and replaced on 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2014 by a team from ENSIS Ltd. It had functioned well during the previous year and the data were added to the ENSIS and MS thermistor water temperature database.

### **6.4 Epilithic Diatoms**

Epilithic diatoms were retrieved by a team from ENSIS from three sampling points in the stream on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2014. The samples have been made into slides and are currently in the process of being analysed.

### **6.5 Macroinvertebrates**

Aquatic macroinvertebrates were sampled on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014 by a team from QMuL. Five 1 minute kick samples were performed. The samples were counted and the data sent to ENSIS Ltd. The data is in the process of being quality screened before being added to the UKUWMN biological database at ENSIS.

### **6.6 Fish**

Fish surveying was performed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 by a team from the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust. The data have been forwarded to ENSIS Ltd. After quality screening the data will be added to the UKUWMN biological database at ENSIS. No Salmon were recorded in 2014.

### **6.7 Aquatic Macrophytes**

Aquatic macrophytes were surveyed by a team from ENSIS on 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2014. Percentage cover scores were recorded and data will be added to the ENSIS biological database after microscope confirmation of bryophyte identifications.

### **6.8 Data Management and Reporting**

No problems or hiatus occurred with the collation and transfer of data within methodological programmes, or to the UKUWMN databases, during the reporting period.

The 2013-2014 annual report has been uploaded to the UKUWMN web page. The section on Afon Gwy appears in section 6.10 below.

The UKUWMN website page detailing Afon Gwy can be found here:

[http://awmn.defra.gov.uk/sites/site\\_18.php](http://awmn.defra.gov.uk/sites/site_18.php)

Further publications from the contract period utilizing UKUWMN data from Afon Gwy are detailed in section 6.9 below.

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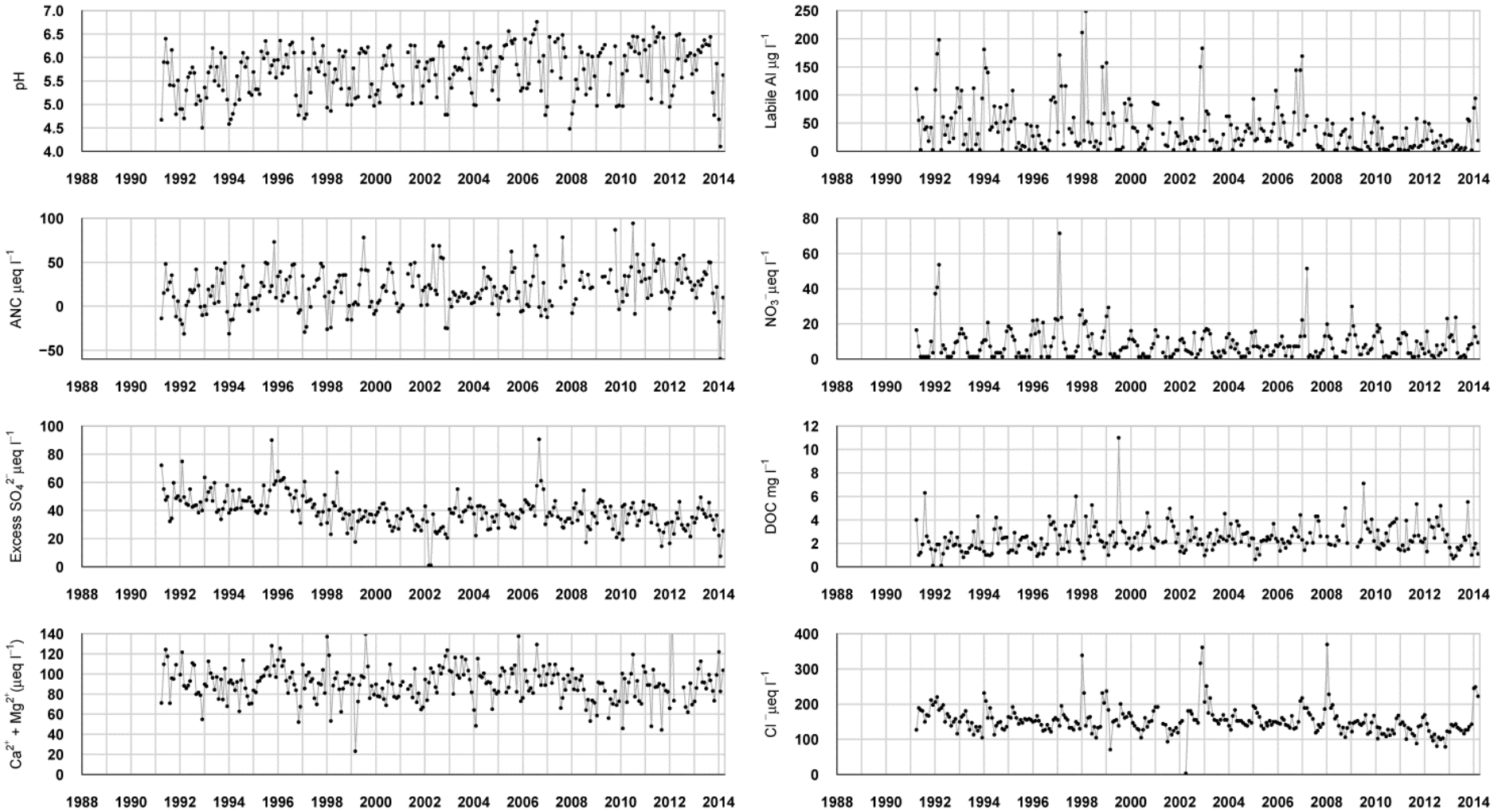
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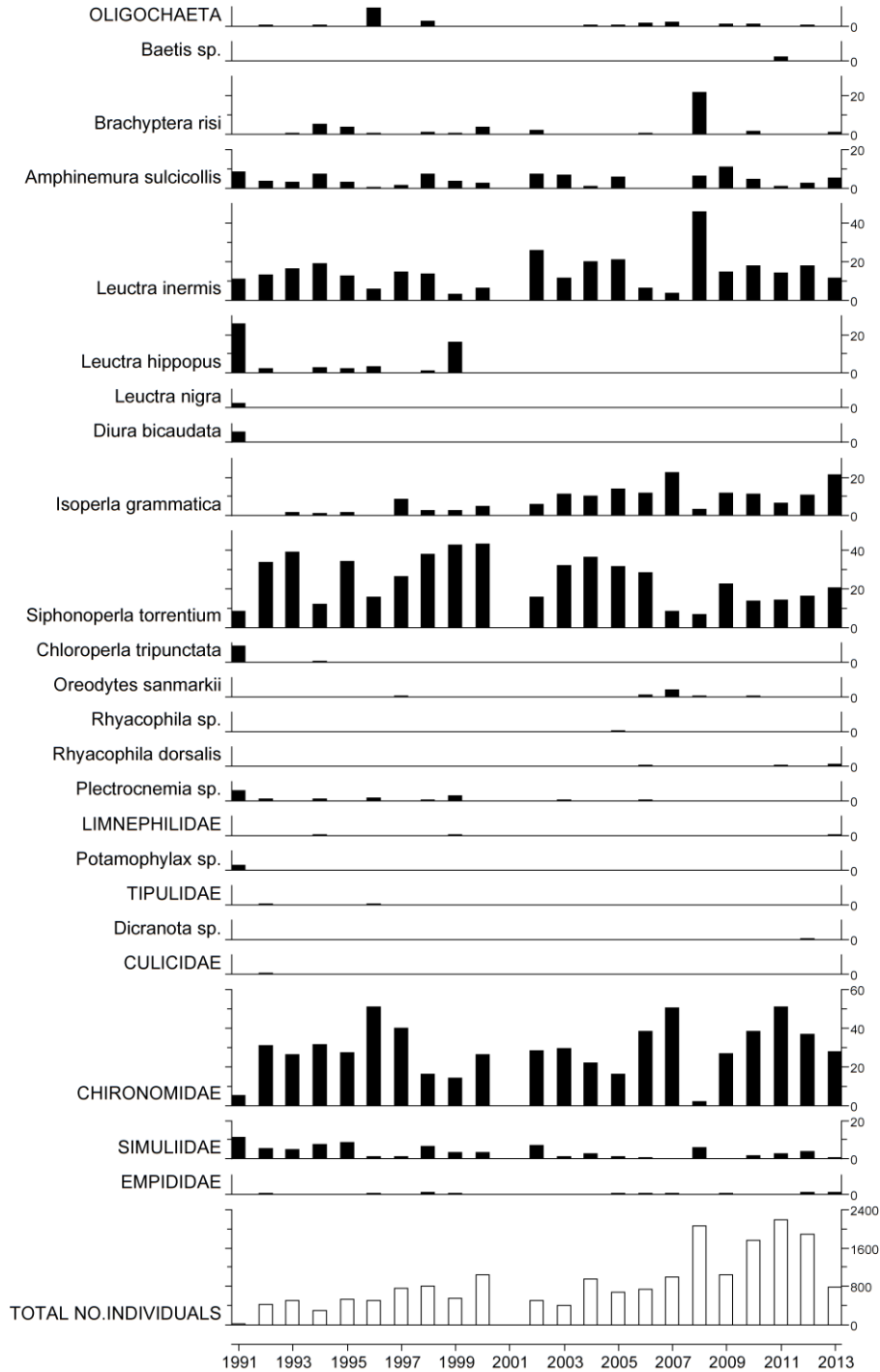
### 6.10.1 Spot sampled chemistry data



$\mu\text{eq l}^{-1}$ , $^*\mu\text{g l}^{-1}$ , $^{**}\text{mg l}^{-1}$	pH	ANC	Ca <sup>2+</sup>	Mg <sup>2+</sup>	Na <sup>+</sup>	K <sup>+</sup>	*Soluble Al	*Labile Al	Cl <sup>-</sup>	*SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	xSO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	**DOC
Mean 1 <sup>st</sup> 5 yrs	5.51	14.13	40.42	53.22	147.31	3.24	106.64	53.64	159.84	65.67	48.91	8.65	1.98
13-14 mean	5.67	15.93	37.77	57.06	148.30	5.25	52.58	28.00	157.80	53.45	33.00	7.87	2.03
13-14 std dev	0.79	31.66	6.52	8.75	30.65	2.13	41.08	33.22	49.65	7.92	11.28	7.28	1.23

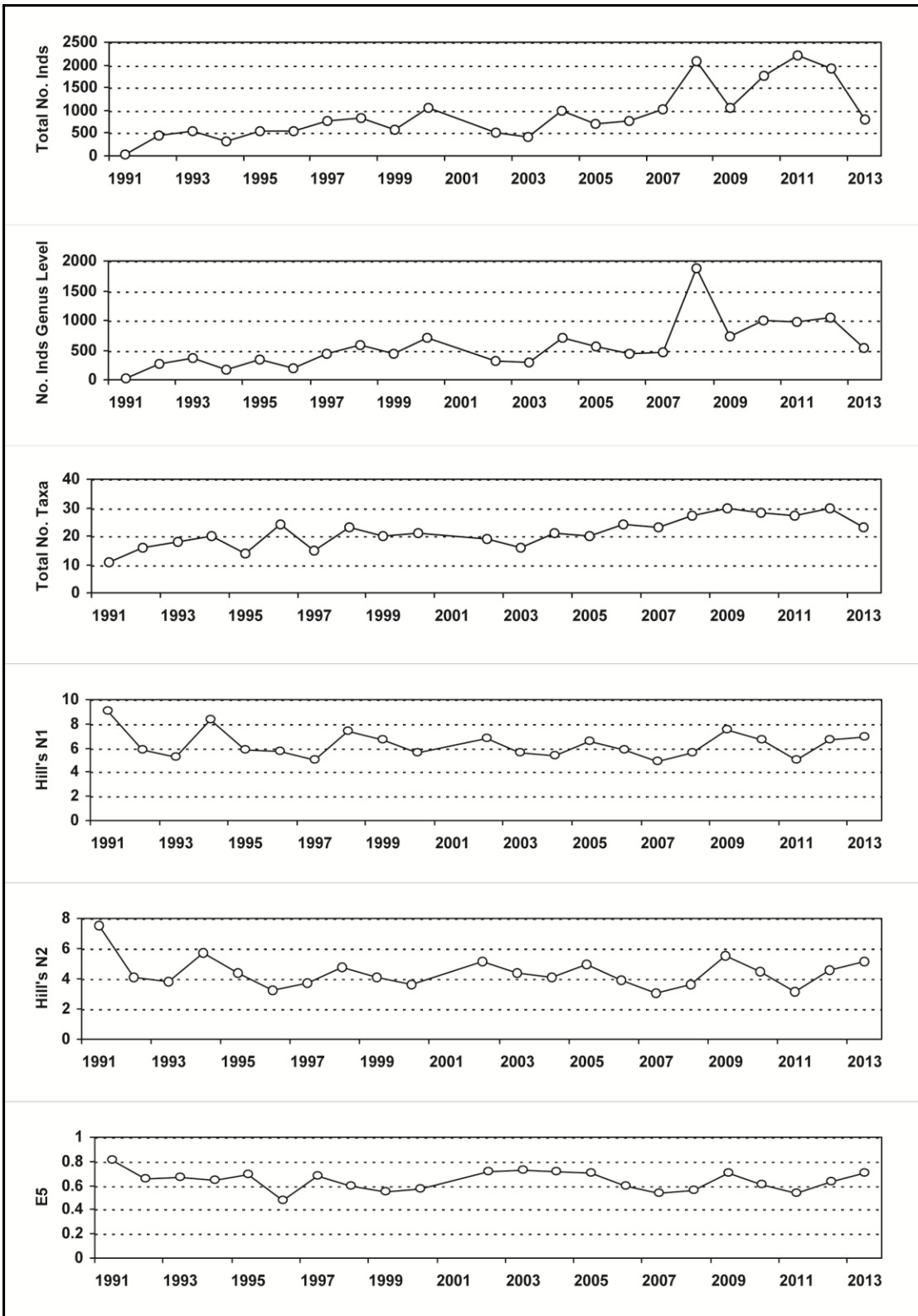
## 6.10.2 Macroinvertebrate data

### 6.10.2.1 Percentage abundance summary, Afon Gwy



No sampling in 2001 due to Foot and Mouth restrictions.

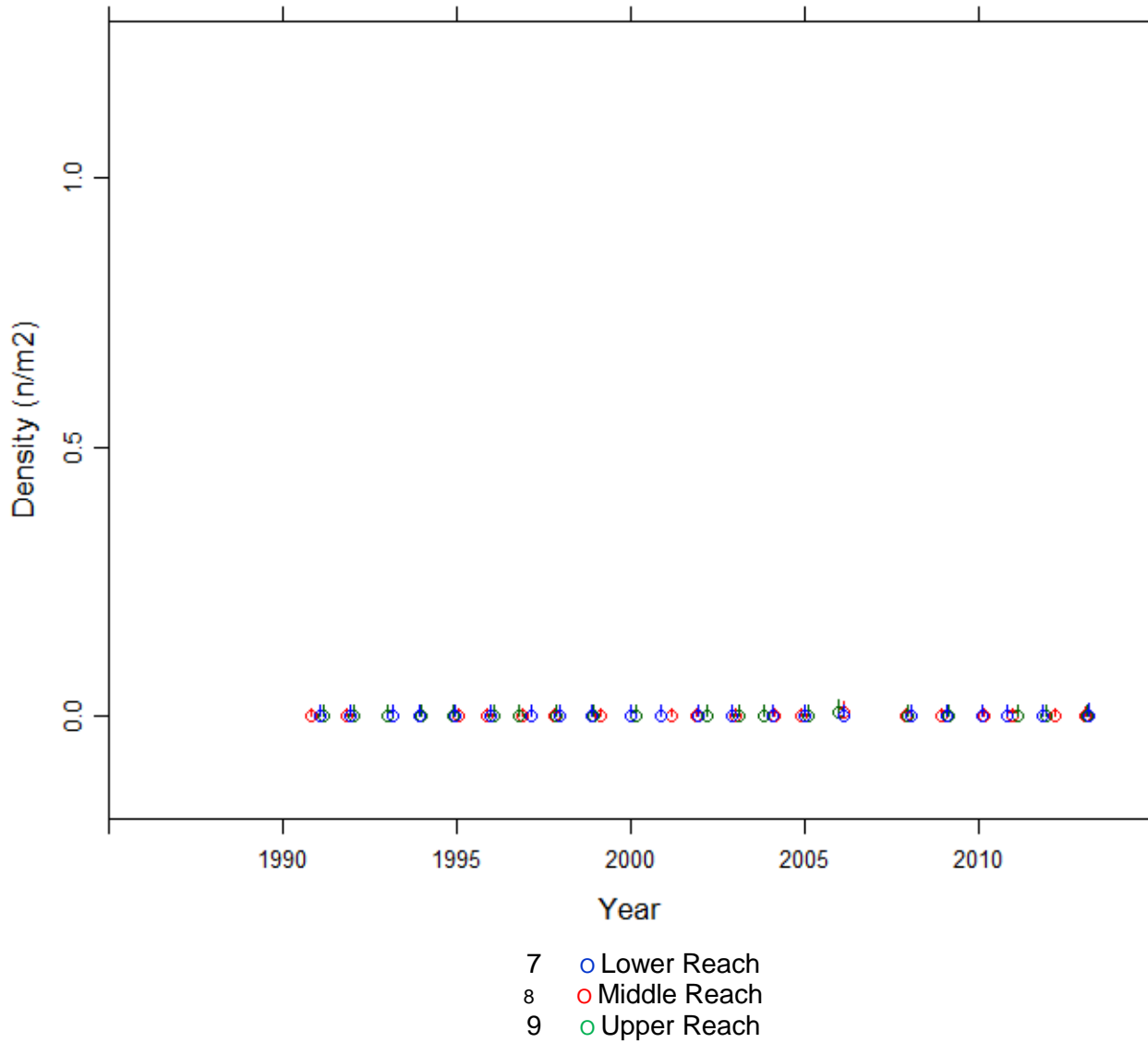
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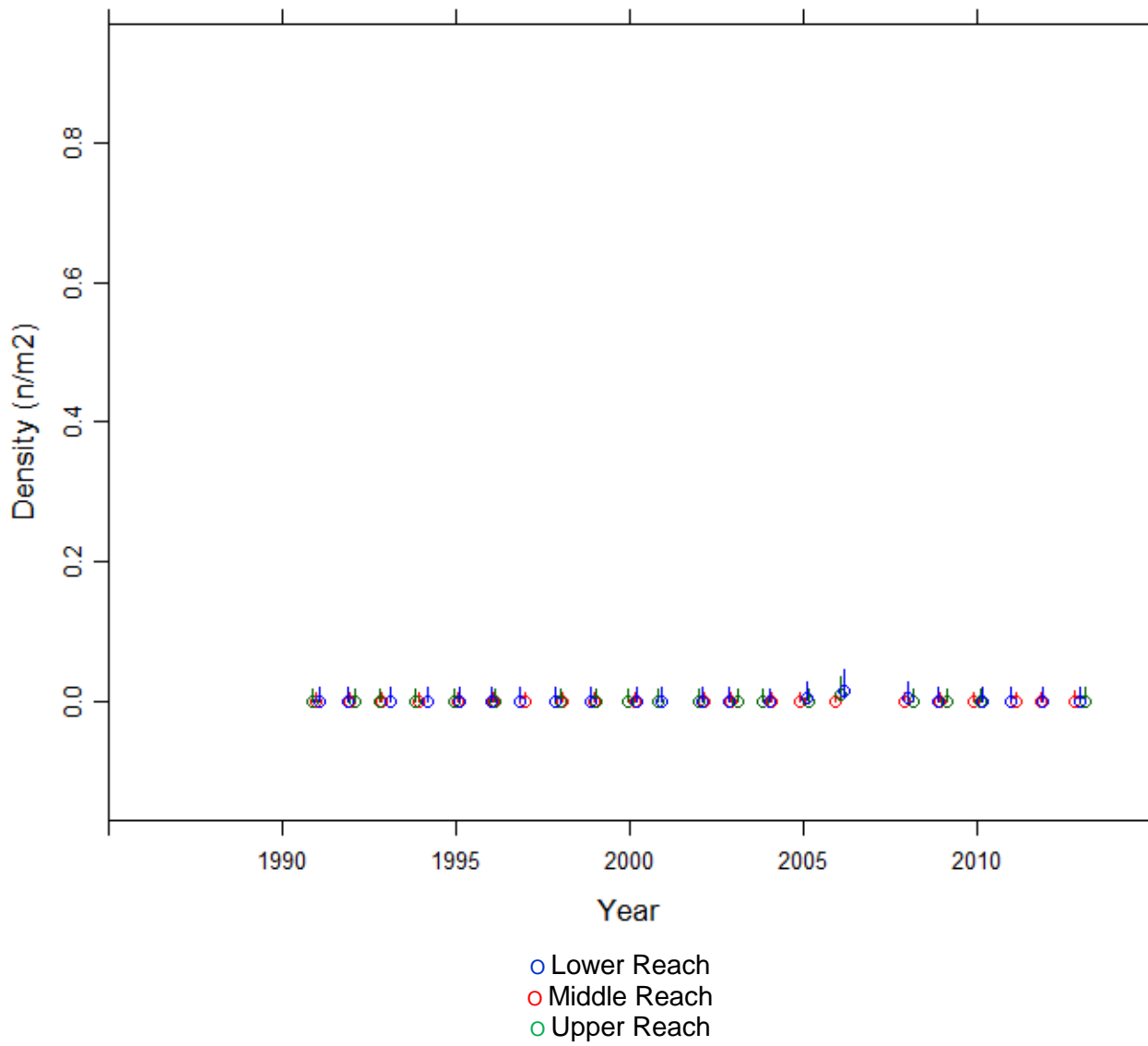
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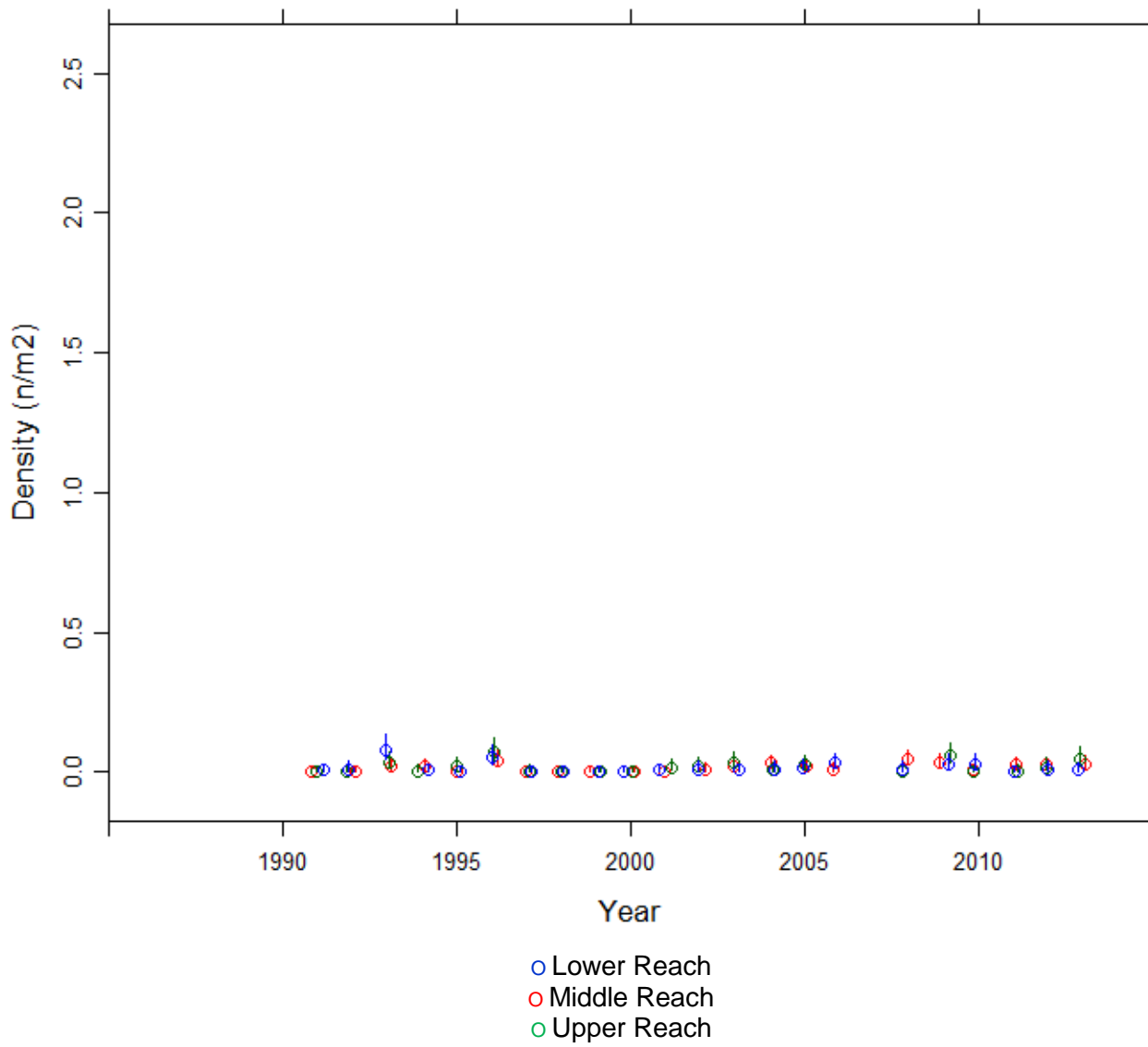
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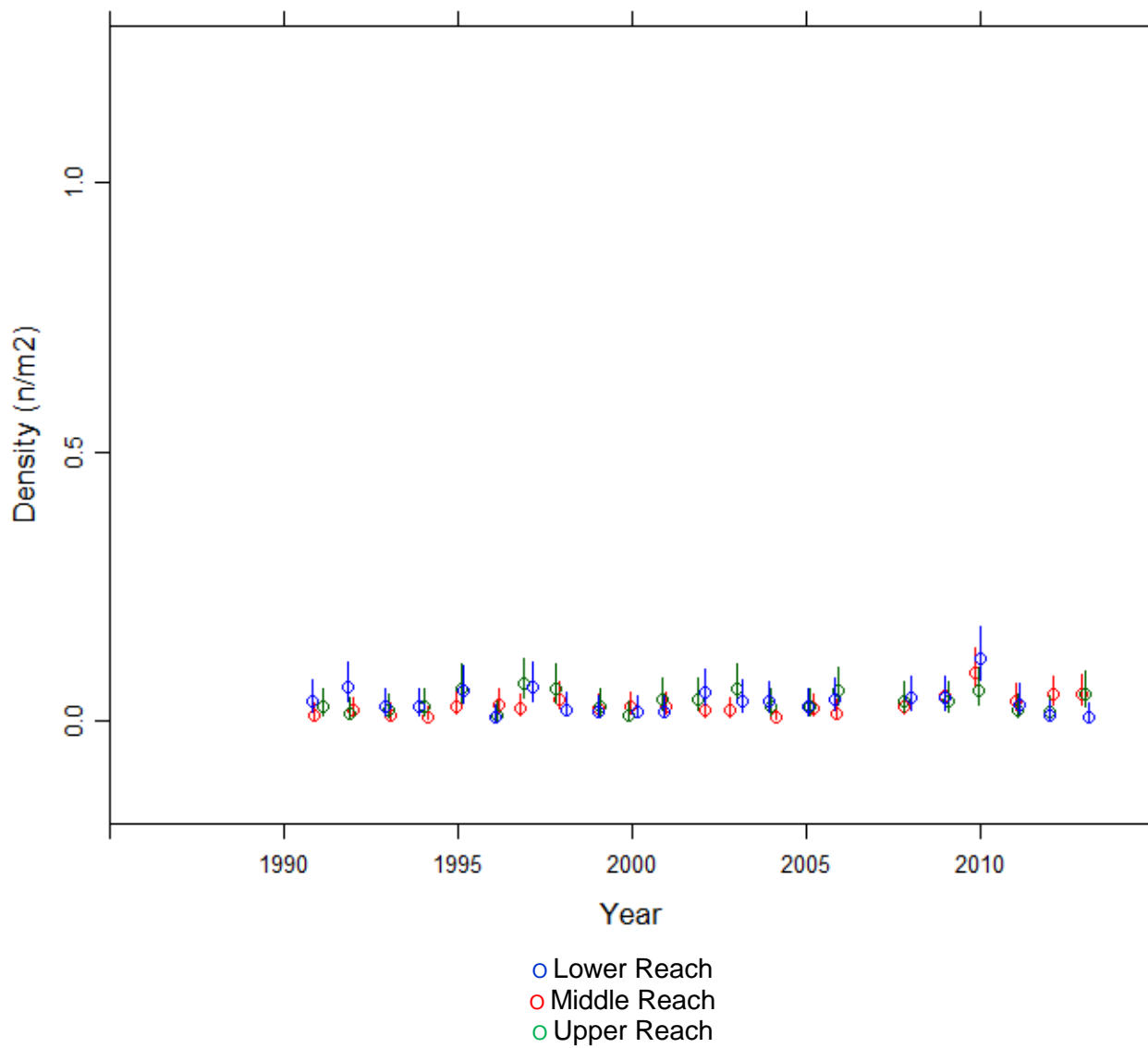
### 9.1.1.1 Summary of Salmon parr densities (numbers m<sup>-2</sup>), Afon Gwy



### 9.1.1.2 Summary of Trout fry density (numbers m<sup>-2</sup>), Afon Gwy



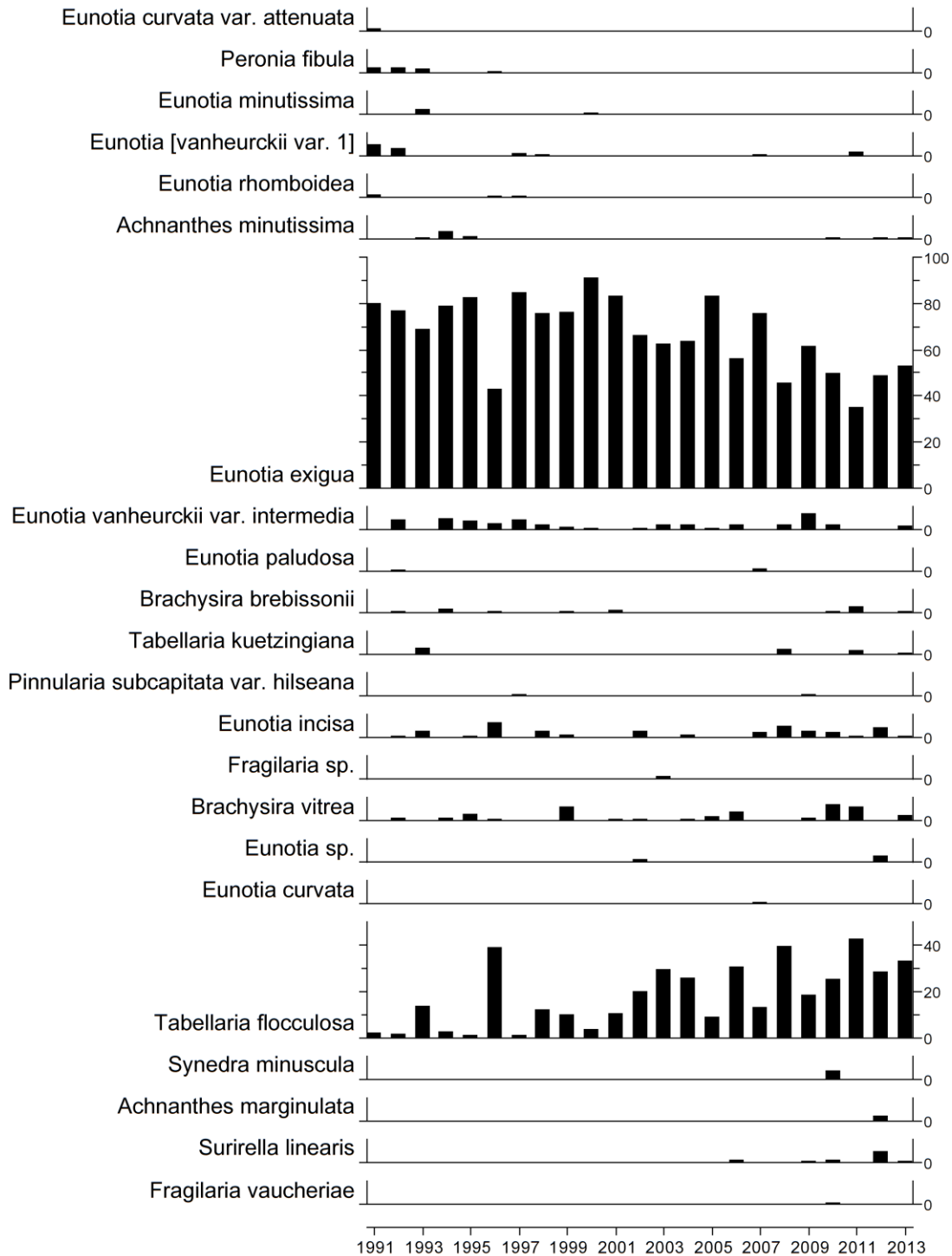
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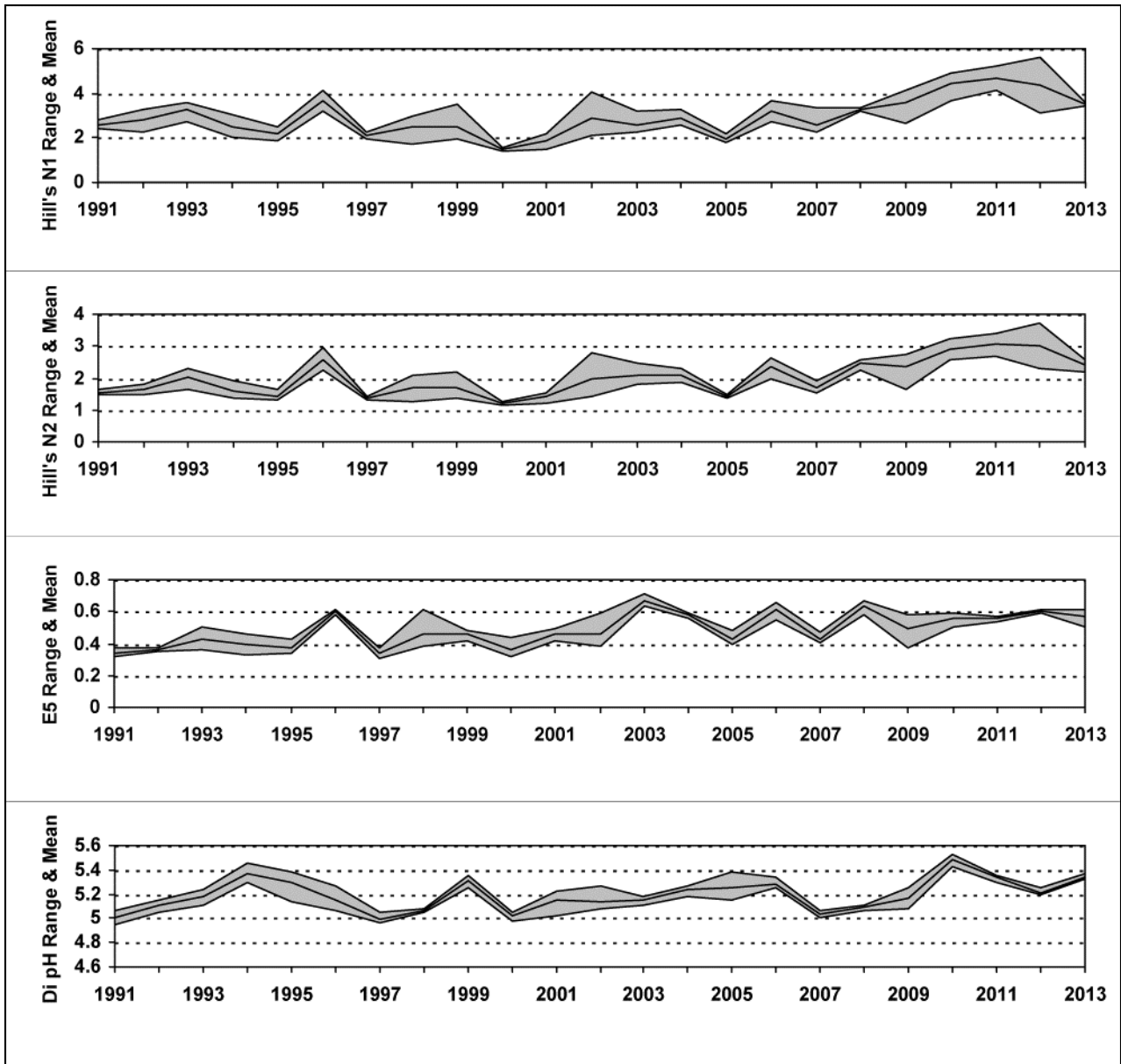


## 9.1.2 Epilithic diatom data

### 9.1.2.1 Percentage abundance summary, Afon Gwy

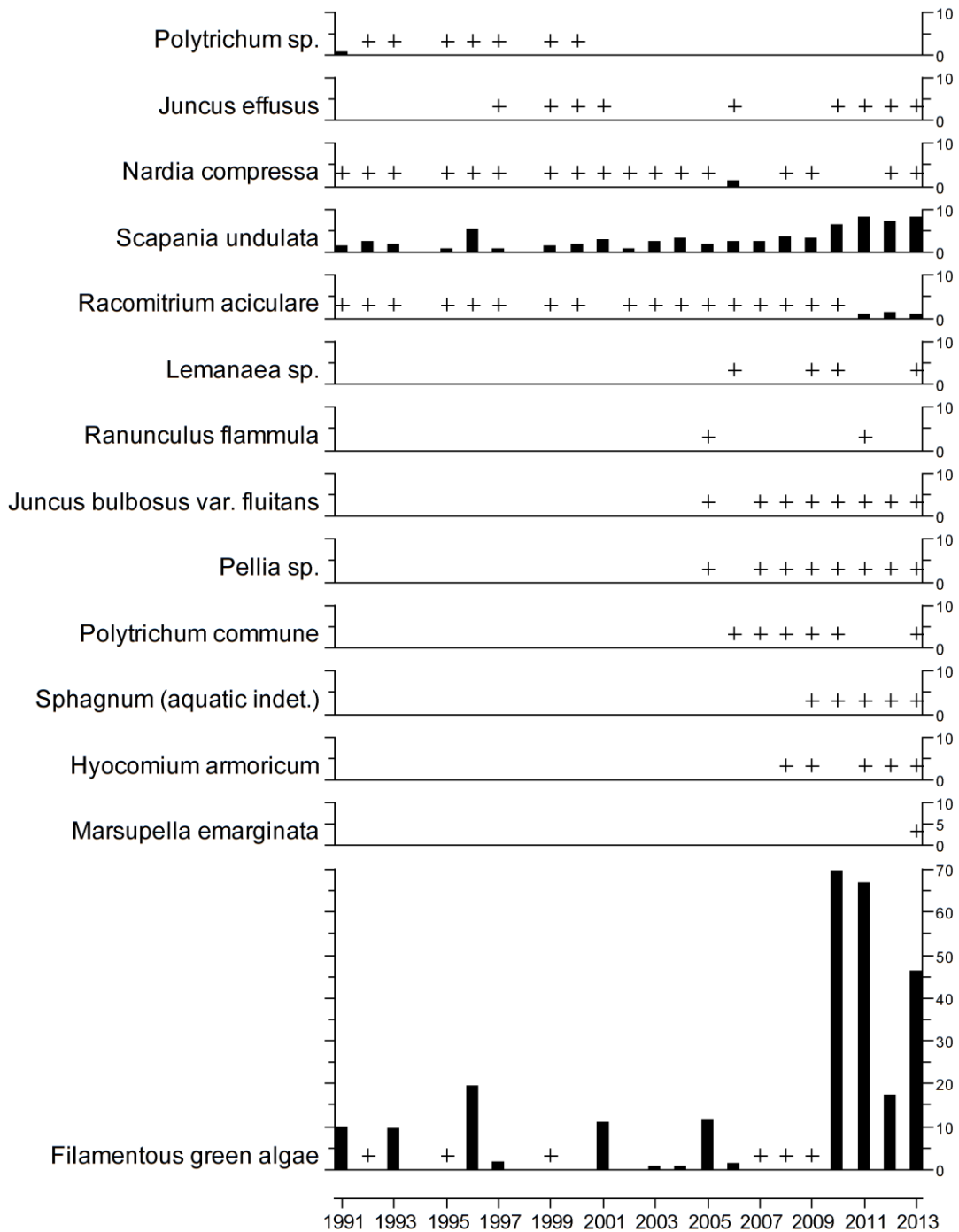


### 9.1.2.2 Diatom summary statistics, Afon Gwy



### 9.1.3 Aquatic macrophyte data, Afon Gwy

#### Percentage Species Cover



+ Represents <0.9% abundance

### 9.1.4 Thermistor data, Afon Gwy

