

Resource use and the impacts of fisheries on two sympatric sea snake species on the West Coast of India.

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Electronic Supplementary Materials

Supplementary materials A

Table A1: Linear models summarising the effect of fishing intensity on Carbon and Nitrogen isotope ratios of plasma and scale in *Hydrophis curtus* and *H. schistosus*

Species	Tissue type	Isotope	Parameter	Coefficient	Standard Error	T	p	r_{adj}^2
<i>Hydrophis curtus</i>	Plasma	δN^{15}	Intercept	13.866	0.234			
			Fishing intensity	-0.003	0.003	-0.835	0.418	-0.021
		δC^{13}	Intercept	-15.665	0.404			
			Fishing intensity	-0.017	0.006	-3.149	0.007	0.373
	Scales	δN^{15}	Intercept	14.331	0.295			
			Fishing intensity	0.000	0.003	-0.018	0.986	-0.048
		δC^{13}	Intercept	-15.010	0.324			
			Fishing intensity	0.003	0.004	0.958	0.349	-0.004
<i>Hydrophis schistosus</i>	Plasma	δN^{15}	Intercept	14.684	0.260			
			Fishing intensity	0.001	0.004	0.195	0.846	-0.025
		δC^{13}	Intercept	-16.577	0.256			
			Fishing intensity	-0.001	0.004	-0.294	0.770	-0.024
	Scales	δN^{15}	Intercept	14.864	0.363			
			Fishing intensity	0.000	0.006	-0.075	0.940	-0.029
		δC^{13}	Intercept	-14.079	0.377			
			Fishing intensity	-0.009	0.006	-1.347	0.187	0.023

Supplementary Materials B

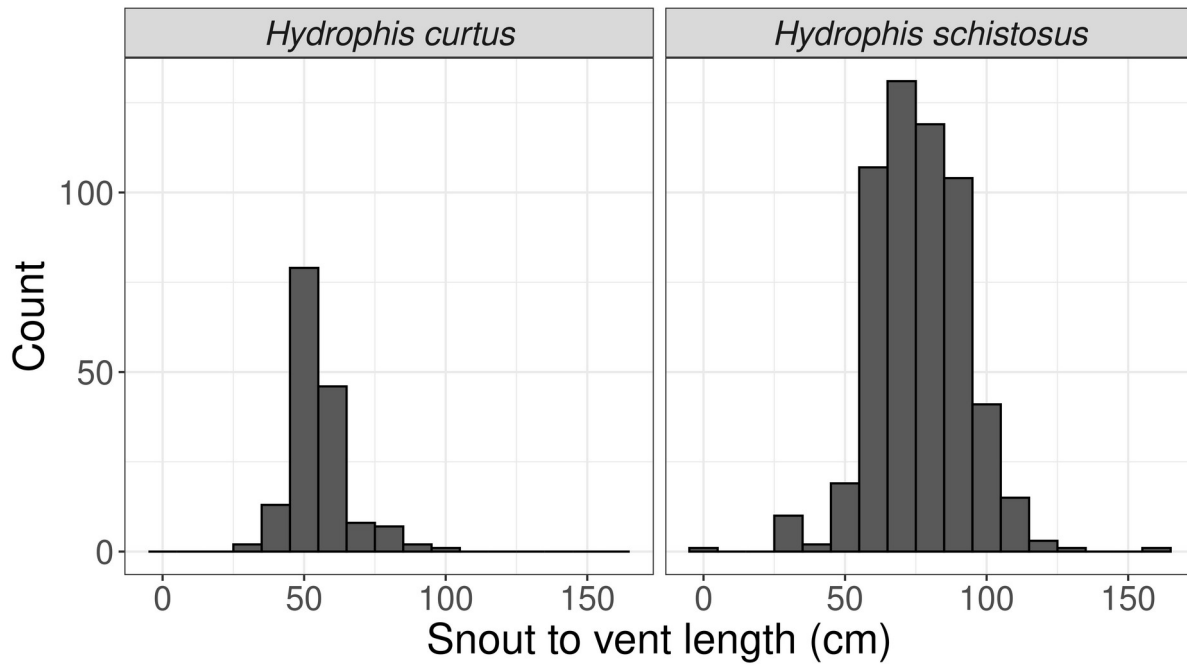


Fig B1: Snout to vent length (cm) distribution of sampled sea snakes.

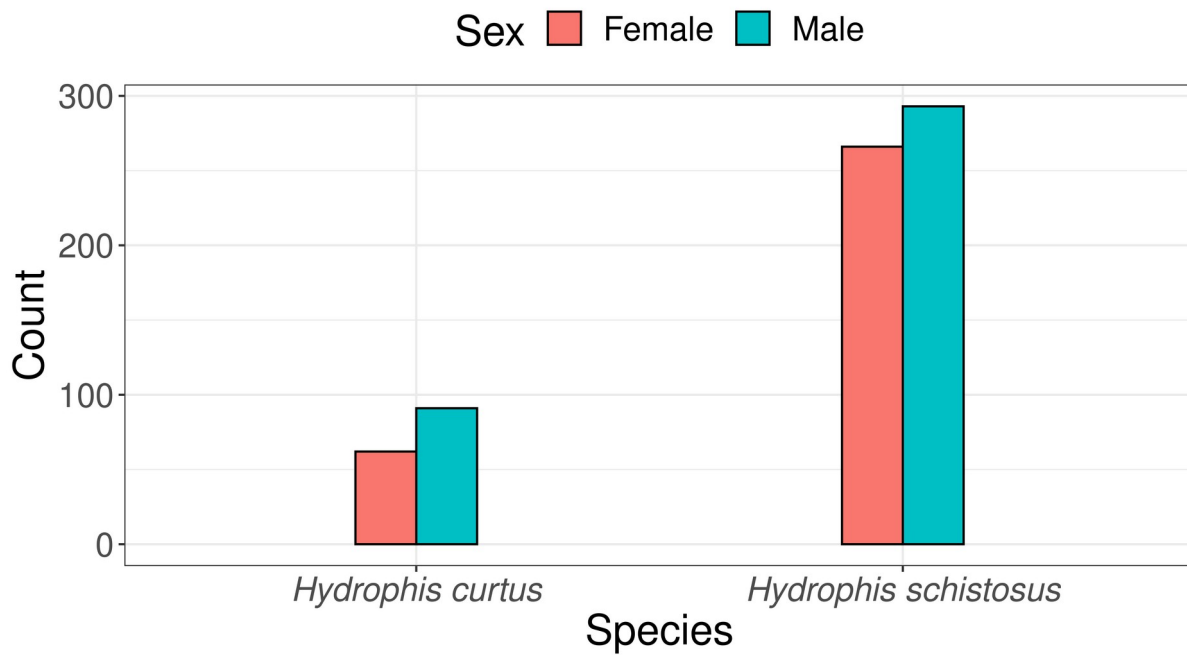


Fig B2: Distribution of males and females among sampled sea snake species.

Supplementary Materials C

We compared prey preference and overlap across sexes in *Hydrophis curtus* and *H. schistosus*. Sample sizes (number of prey specimens) were too small for further analysis.

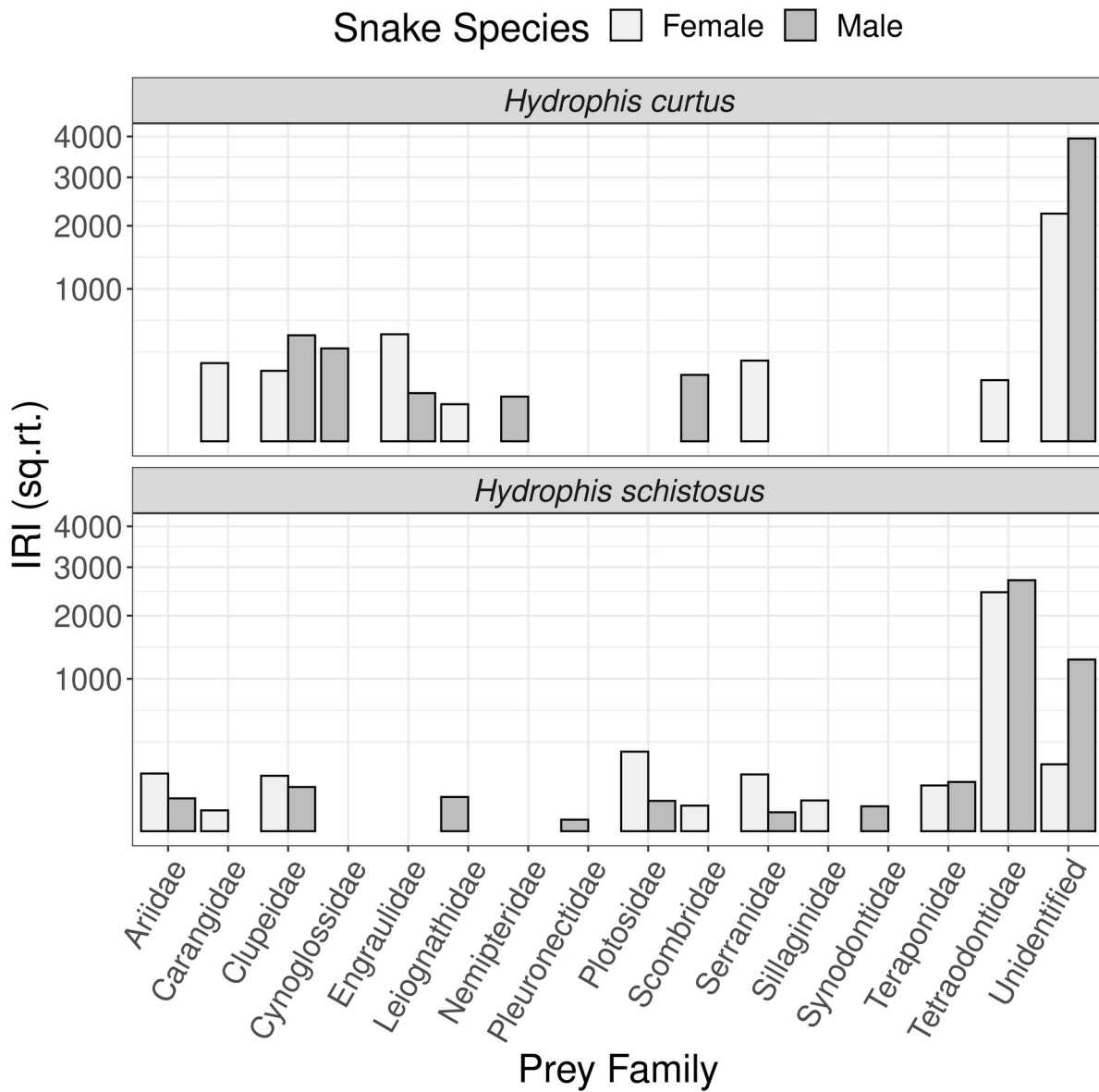


Fig C1: Preferences among males and females of *Hydrophis curtus* and *H. schistosus*.

Table C1: Richness of prey species and prey families taken by males and females of sampled sea snake species.

Snake Species	Sex	Prey Species	Prey Families	Overlap
<i>Hydrophis curtus</i>	Female	6	6	2
<i>Hydrophis curtus</i>	Male	4	5	
<i>Hydrophis schistosus</i>	Female	12	9	6
<i>Hydrophis schistosus</i>	Male	10	9	

Supplementary Materials D

A comparison of gut content data across locations using data collated by Sherratt et al. (2018) from Malaysia (Voris and Voris, 1983) and Australia (Fry et al., 2001).

Table D1: Richness of prey families found in sea snake guts in current and previous studies.

Snake species	Location	Reference	Richness	Sample size
	Australia	Fry et al. (2001)	18	118
<i>Hydrophis curtus</i>	Malaysia	Voris and Voris (1983)	33	130
	India	Dsouza et al. (Current)	9	35
<i>Hydrophis schistosus</i>	Malaysia	Voris and Voris (1983)	9	172
	India	Dsouza et al. (Current)	12	89

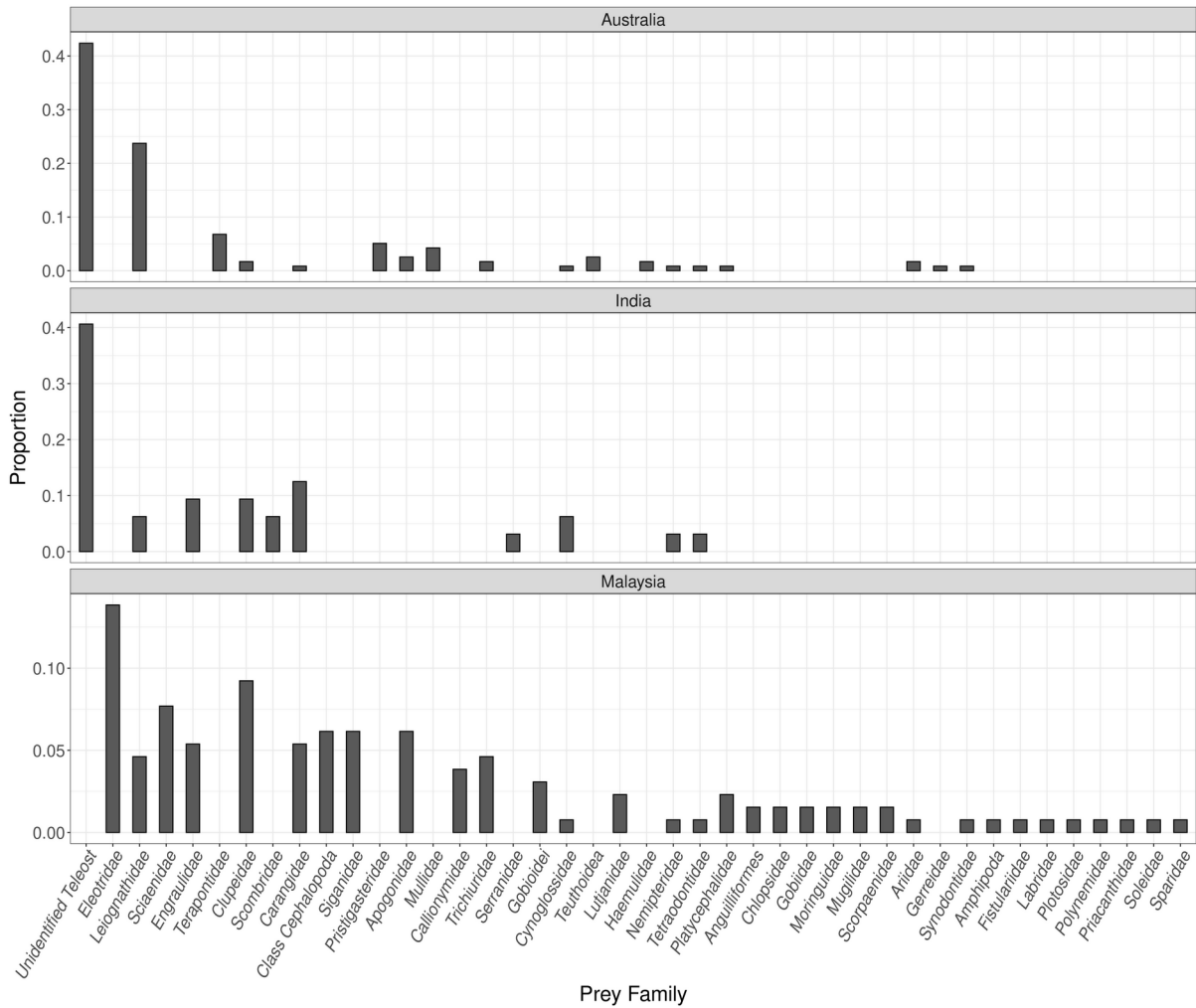


Fig D1: Relative proportions of prey families in *Hydrophis curtus* gut content as reported in the current study (India), Fry et al. (2001, Australia) and Voris and Voris (1983, Malaysia).

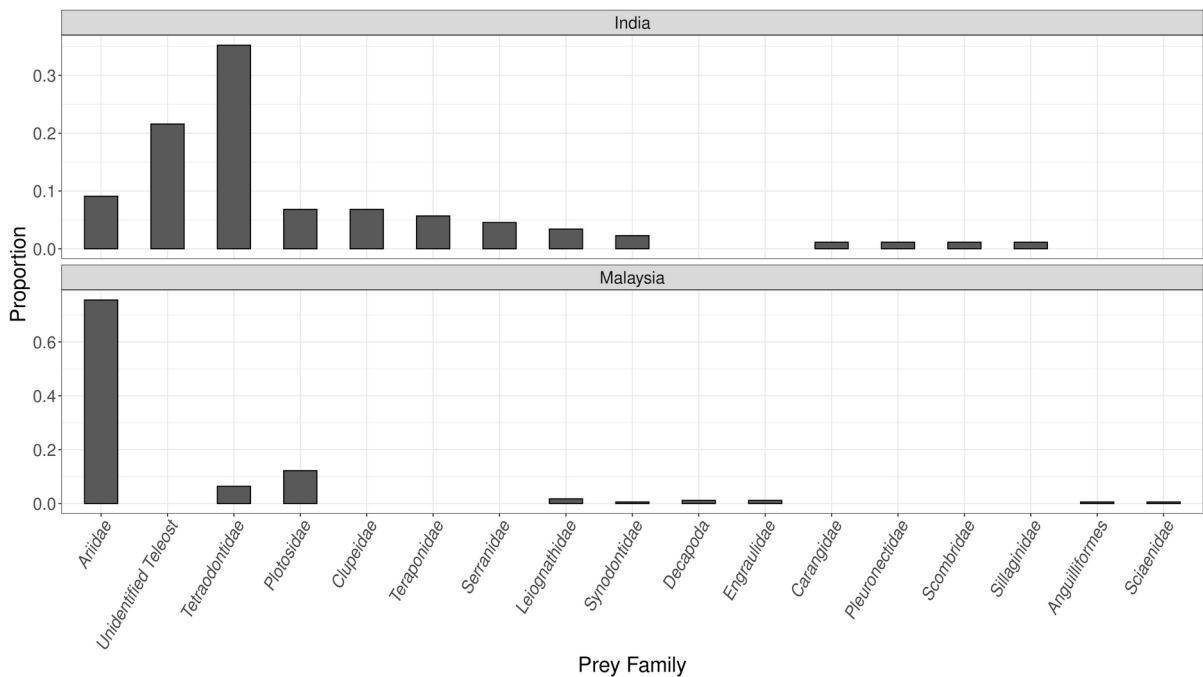


Fig D2: Relative proportions of prey families in *Hydrophis schistosus* gut content as reported in the current study (India) and Voris and Voris (1983, Malaysia).