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## Regional variation in the impact of climate change: evidence that bottom-up regulation from plankton to seabirds is weak in parts of the Northeast Atlantic

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**Supplement.** Tables S1–S4 show the correlation matrix between covariates for the 3 regions considered in this study: Irish Sea, Celtic Sea and English Channel. Competing models (see Tables S5–S6) for the Irish and Celtic Sea are also shown

**Table S1.** Correlation matrix (Pearson's coefficient) between covariates for the Irish Sea. Significance (in **bold**) is indicated as follows: p value <0.001 **\*\*\***, p value <0.01 **\*\***, p value <0.05 **\***. Kitt Bard: black-legged kittiwake productivity at Bardsey colony; Kitt Great: black-legged kittiwake productivity at Great Ormes Head colony; Cop: copepods; Diat: diatoms; WSST: Winter Sea Surface Temperature (mean December-March); SST annual: annual mean Sea Surface Temperature.

|             | Year            | Kitt Bard | Kitt Great | Cop  | Diat | Fish larvae | WSST            | SSTAnnual |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|------|------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Year        | 1.00            |           |            |      |      |             |                 |           |
| Kitt Bard   | 0.44            | 1.00      |            |      |      |             |                 |           |
| Kitt Great  | -0.38           | 0.35      | 1.00       |      |      |             |                 |           |
| Cop         | 0.36            | -0.07     | -0.45      | 1.00 |      |             |                 |           |
| Diat        | 0.13            | -0.02     | 0.12       | 0.46 | 1.00 |             |                 |           |
| Fish larvae | -0.10           | 0.41      | 0.36       | 0.21 | 0.37 | 1.00        |                 |           |
| WSST        | <b>0.75 ***</b> | 0.44      | -0.05      | 0.11 | 0.24 | -0.21       | 1.00            |           |
| SST annual  | <b>0.81 ***</b> | 0.41      | -0.15      | 0.24 | 0.32 | -0.20       | <b>0.89 ***</b> | 1.00      |

**Table S2.** Correlation matrix (Pearson's coefficient) between covariates for the Celtic Sea. Significance (in **bold**) is indicated as follows: p value <0.001 **\*\*\***, p value <0.01**\*\***, p value <0.05**\***. KittEleg: black-legged kittiwake productivity at Elegug Stacks colony; KittSkom: black-legged kittiwake productivity at Skomer colony; KittDunm: black-legged kittiwake productivity at Dunmore East colony; KittRam: black-legged kittiwake productivity at Ram Head colony; Cop: copepods; Diat: diatoms; WSST: Winter Sea Surface Temperature (mean December-March); SST annual: annual mean Sea Surface Temperature.

|             | Year           | Kitt Eleg | Kitt Skom | Kitt Dunm | Kitt Ram | Cop   | Diat | Fish larvae | WSST          | SST annual |
|-------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------|------|-------------|---------------|------------|
| Year        | 1.00           |           |           |           |          |       |      |             |               |            |
| Kitt Eleg   | -0.36          | 1.00      |           |           |          |       |      |             |               |            |
| Kitt Skom   | -0.16          | 0.44      | 1.00      |           |          |       |      |             |               |            |
| Kitt Dunm   | <b>0.59*</b>   | 0.26      | 0.23      | 1.00      |          |       |      |             |               |            |
| Kitt Ram    | -0.28          | 0.26      | 0.14      | -0.06     | 1.00     |       |      |             |               |            |
| Cop         | 0.25           | -0.20     | -0.35     | 0.33      | -0.49    | 1.00  |      |             |               |            |
| Diat        | 0.41           | 0.23      | 0.01      | 0.44      | 0.10     | -0.04 | 1.00 |             |               |            |
| Fish larvae | 0.14           | -0.24     | -0.33     | -0.11     | -0.24    | 0.17  | 0.42 | 1.00        |               |            |
| WSST        | <b>0.65**</b>  | -0.09     | -0.04     | 0.52      | -0.23    | 0.26  | 0.20 | -0.01       | 1.00          |            |
| SST annual  | <b>0.82***</b> | -0.18     | -0.01     | 0.52      | -0.17    | 0.34  | 0.35 | -0.02       | <b>0.68**</b> | 1.00       |

**Table S3.** Correlation matrix (Pearson's coefficient) between covariates for the English Channel. Significance (in **bold**) is indicated as follows: p value <0.001**\*\*\***, p value <0.01**\*\***, p value <0.05**\***. Kitt Durl: black-legged kittiwake productivity at Durlston Head colony; Cop: copepods; Diat: diatoms; WSST: Winter Sea Surface Temperature (mean December-March); SST annual: annual mean Sea Surface Temperature.

|             | Year           | Kitt Durl    | Cop  | Diat         | Fish larvae | WSST         | SST annual |
|-------------|----------------|--------------|------|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| Year        | 1.00           |              |      |              |             |              |            |
| Kitt Durl   | 0.44           | 1.00         |      |              |             |              |            |
| Cop         | 0.20           | -0.02        | 1.00 |              |             |              |            |
| Diat        | 0.30           | 0.19         | 0.34 | 1.00         |             |              |            |
| Fish larvae | -0.03          | 0.24         | 0.27 | <b>0.55*</b> | 1.00        |              |            |
| WSST        | <b>0.61*</b>   | 0.40         | 0.04 | -0.06        | -0.19       | 1.00         |            |
| SST annual  | <b>0.79***</b> | <b>0.64*</b> | 0.04 | 0.42         | 0.16        | <b>0.58*</b> | 1.00       |

**Table S4.** Correlation matrix (Pearson's coefficient) between covariates in different regions. Significance is indicated as follows: p value <0.001 \*\*\*, p value <0.01\*\*, p value <0.05\*. Kitt Bard: black-legged kittiwake productivity at Bardsey colony; Kitt Great: black-legged kittiwake productivity at Great Ormes Head colony; Kitt Eleg: black-legged kittiwake productivity at Elegug Stacks colony; Kitt Skom: black-legged kittiwake productivity at Skomer colony; Kitt Dumn: black-legged kittiwake productivity at Dunmore East colony; Kitt Ram: black-legged kittiwake productivity at Ram Head colony; Kitt Durl: black-legged kittiwake productivity at Durlston Head colony; Cop: copepods; Diat: diatoms; WSST: Winter Sea Surface Temperature (mean December-March); SST annual: annual mean Sea Surface Temperature.

|                     | Year           | Kitt Bard    | Kitt Great | Irish cop | Irish diat | Irish fish larvae | Irish WSST     | Irish SSTa     | Kitt Eleg | Kitt Skom | Kitt Dumn     | Kitt Ram | Celtic cop | Celtic diat  | Celtic fish larvae | Celtic WSST    | Celtic SSTa    | Kitt Dur     | Channel cop | Channel diat | Channel fish larvae | Channel WSST | Channel SSTa |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------|------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|----------|------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Year                | 1.00           |              |            |           |            |                   |                |                |           |           |               |          |            |              |                    |                |                |              |             |              |                     |              |              |
| Kitt Bard           | 0.44           | 1.00         |            |           |            |                   |                |                |           |           |               |          |            |              |                    |                |                |              |             |              |                     |              |              |
| Kitt Great          | -0.38          | 0.35         | 1.00       |           |            |                   |                |                |           |           |               |          |            |              |                    |                |                |              |             |              |                     |              |              |
| Irish cop           | 0.36           | -0.07        | -0.45      | 1.00      |            |                   |                |                |           |           |               |          |            |              |                    |                |                |              |             |              |                     |              |              |
| Irish diat          | 0.13           | -0.02        | 0.12       | 0.46      | 1.00       |                   |                |                |           |           |               |          |            |              |                    |                |                |              |             |              |                     |              |              |
| Irish fish larvae   | -0.10          | 0.41         | 0.36       | 0.21      | 0.37       | 1.00              |                |                |           |           |               |          |            |              |                    |                |                |              |             |              |                     |              |              |
| Irish WSST          | <b>0.75***</b> | 0.44         | -0.05      | 0.11      | 0.24       | -0.21             | 1.00           |                |           |           |               |          |            |              |                    |                |                |              |             |              |                     |              |              |
| Irish SSTa          | <b>0.81***</b> | 0.41         | -0.15      | 0.24      | 0.32       | -0.20             | <b>0.89***</b> | 1.00           |           |           |               |          |            |              |                    |                |                |              |             |              |                     |              |              |
| Kitt Eleg           | -0.36          | 0.10         | 0.55       | -0.47     | 0.08       | 0.43              | -0.04          | -0.05          | 1.00      |           |               |          |            |              |                    |                |                |              |             |              |                     |              |              |
| Kitt Skom           | -0.16          | -0.36        | 0.16       | -0.32     | 0.19       | -0.04             | -0.05          | 0.04           | 0.44      | 1.00      |               |          |            |              |                    |                |                |              |             |              |                     |              |              |
| Kitt Dumn           | <b>0.59*</b>   | <b>0.56*</b> | 0.22       | 0.01      | 0.37       | 0.42              | 0.50           | 0.51           | 0.26      | 0.23      | 1.00          |          |            |              |                    |                |                |              |             |              |                     |              |              |
| Kitt Ram            | -0.28          | 0.08         | -0.02      | -0.31     | 0.42       | 0.26              | -0.11          | -0.16          | 0.26      | 0.14      | -0.06         | 1.00     |            |              |                    |                |                |              |             |              |                     |              |              |
| Celtic cop          | 0.25           | 0.35         | 0.34       | 0.49      | 0.32       | 0.42              | 0.13           | 0.13           | -0.20     | -0.35     | 0.33          | -0.49    | 1.00       |              |                    |                |                |              |             |              |                     |              |              |
| Celtic diat         | 0.41           | <b>0.61*</b> | 0.03       | -0.15     | -0.21      | 0.22              | 0.37           | 0.39           | 0.23      | 0.01      | 0.44          | 0.10     | -0.04      | 1.00         |                    |                |                |              |             |              |                     |              |              |
| Celtic fish larvae  | 0.14           | 0.15         | -0.03      | 0.16      | -0.41      | -0.12             | 0.06           | -0.03          | -0.24     | -0.33     | -0.11         | -0.24    | 0.17       | 0.42         | 1.00               |                |                |              |             |              |                     |              |              |
| Celtic WSST         | <b>0.65**</b>  | <b>0.62*</b> | 0.19       | 0.01      | 0.15       | -0.19             | <b>0.85***</b> | <b>0.76***</b> | -0.09     | -0.04     | 0.52          | -0.23    | 0.26       | 0.20         | -0.01              | 1.00           |                |              |             |              |                     |              |              |
| Celtic SSTa         | <b>0.82***</b> | 0.46         | -0.11      | 0.41      | 0.46       | -0.03             | <b>0.72***</b> | <b>0.86***</b> | -0.18     | -0.01     | 0.52          | -0.17    | 0.34       | 0.35         | -0.02              | <b>0.68**</b>  | 1.00           |              |             |              |                     |              |              |
| Kitt Dur            | 0.44           | 0.29         | -0.04      | -0.09     | 0.09       | -0.17             | <b>0.57*</b>   | <b>0.70***</b> | 0.15      | 0.19      | 0.18          | -0.08    | -0.25      | 0.48         | -0.27              | 0.43           | <b>0.56*</b>   | 1.00         |             |              |                     |              |              |
| Channel cop         | 0.20           | <b>0.59*</b> | 0.16       | -0.32     | -0.34      | 0.16              | 0.06           | 0.06           | 0.21      | -0.15     | 0.32          | 0.02     | -0.05      | 0.43         | 0.18               | 0.28           | 0.00           | -0.02        | 1.00        |              |                     |              |              |
| Channel diat        | 0.30           | 0.29         | -0.25      | 0.22      | 0.12       | <b>0.54*</b>      | 0.11           | 0.25           | 0.41      | -0.11     | 0.42          | 0.19     | 0.03       | <b>0.65*</b> | 0.02               | -0.22          | 0.21           | 0.19         | 0.34        | 1.00         |                     |              |              |
| Channel fish larvae | -0.03          | 0.19         | -0.03      | 0.07      | 0.04       | 0.35              | -0.04          | -0.02          | 0.32      | -0.19     | -0.06         | 0.27     | -0.25      | 0.41         | 0.08               | -0.22          | 0.10           | 0.24         | 0.27        | <b>0.55*</b> | 1.00                |              |              |
| Channel WSST        | <b>0.61*</b>   | 0.46         | 0.37       | -0.07     | 0.41       | 0.15              | <b>0.83***</b> | <b>0.61*</b>   | 0.14      | 0.15      | <b>0.75**</b> | 0.05     | 0.22       | 0.20         | -0.23              | <b>0.79***</b> | 0.51           | 0.40         | 0.04        | -0.06        | -0.19               | 1.00         |              |
| Channel SSTa        | <b>0.79***</b> | <b>0.61*</b> | 0.07       | 0.10      | 0.43       | 0.21              | <b>0.78***</b> | <b>0.84***</b> | 0.18      | -0.02     | <b>0.62*</b>  | 0.17     | 0.22       | 0.51         | -0.39              | <b>0.61*</b>   | <b>0.88***</b> | <b>0.64*</b> | 0.04        | 0.42         | 0.16                | <b>0.58*</b> | 1.00         |

**Table S5.** Competing models for the Irish Sea. AICc weight: corrected Akaike's information criterion weights, values range from 0 to 1, high values indicating strong support for a given predictor; R<sup>2</sup>: Adjusted coefficient. ASST-1: 1 year lagged annual Sea Surface Temperature. Significant relationships are highlighted in **bold**; not significant variables included in the model are also presented.

| Model selected                             | AICc weight | N (years) | Deviance | R <sup>2</sup> | p-value                  | Slope (±Standard Error) |
|--|-------------|-----------|----------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>PRIMARY PRODUCERS</b>                   |             |           |          |                |                          |                         |
| <b>Diatom abundance</b>                    |             |           |          |                |                          |                         |
| Intercept only                             | 0.47        | 17        | 1.04     |                | <0.001                   | 4.717 (±0.06)           |
| <b>PRIMARY CONSUMERS</b>                   |             |           |          |                |                          |                         |
| <b>Copepod biomass</b>                     |             |           |          |                |                          |                         |
| diatom                                     | 0.31        | 17        | 8.14     | 0.16           | 0.062                    | 0.121x10 <sup>-6</sup>  |
| Intercept only                             | 0.18        | 17        | 10.33    |                | <0.001                   | 0.879 (±0.195)          |
| <b>Fish larval abundance</b>               |             |           |          |                |                          |                         |
| Intercept only                             | 0.26        | 17        | 2.29     |                | <0.001                   | 0.626 (±0.091)          |
| <b>APEX PREDATORS</b>                      |             |           |          |                |                          |                         |
| <b>Black-legged kittiwake productivity</b> |             |           |          |                |                          |                         |
| <b>Bardsey</b>                             |             |           |          |                |                          |                         |
| fish larvae + year                         | 0.28        | 16        | 1.39     | 0.38           | <b>fish larvae 0.022</b> | 0.604 (±0.233)          |
|  |             |           |          |                | <b>year 0.018</b>        | 0.048 (±0.0.17)         |
| fish larvae lag + ASST-1                   | 0.12        | 16        | 1.55     | 0.31           | fish larvae lag 0.054    | 0.502 (±0.237)          |
|  |             |           |          |                | <b>ASST-1 0.039</b>      | 0.483 (±0.211)          |
| <b>Great Ormes Head</b>                    |             |           |          |                |                          |                         |
| Intercept only                             | 0.20        | 17        | 1.00     |                | <0.001                   | 0.500 (±0.060)          |

**Table S6.** Competing models for the Celtic Sea. AICc weight: corrected Akaike's information criterion weights, values range from 0 to 1, high values indicating strong support for a given predictor; R<sup>2</sup>: Adjusted coefficient. Significant relationships are highlighted in **bold**; not significant variables included in the model are also presented.

| Model selected                             | AICc weight | N (years) | Deviance | R <sup>2</sup> | p-value              | Slope (±Standard Error) |
|--|-------------|-----------|----------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>PRIMARY PRODUCERS</b>                   |             |           |          |                |                      |                         |
| <b>Diatom abundance</b>                    |             |           |          |                |                      |                         |
| year                                       | 0.42        | 17        | 2.45     | 0.12           | 0.098                | 0.035 (±0.020)          |
| <b>PRIMARY CONSUMERS</b>                   |             |           |          |                |                      |                         |
| <b>Copepod biomass</b>                     |             |           |          |                |                      |                         |
| Intercept only                             | 0.44        | 17        | 1.83     |                | <0.001               | 1.115 (±0.082)          |
| <b>Fish larval abundance</b>               |             |           |          |                |                      |                         |
| diatom                                     | 0.29        | 17        | 3.93     | 0.12           | 0.097                | 0.526 (±0.297)          |
| Intercept only                             | 0.26        | 17        | 4.76     |                | <0.001               | 0.734 (±0.132)          |
| <b>APEX PREDATORS</b>                      |             |           |          |                |                      |                         |
| <b>Black-legged kittiwake productivity</b> |             |           |          |                |                      |                         |
| <b>Skomer</b>                              |             |           |          |                |                      |                         |
| Intercept only                             | 0.24        | 17        | 0.88     |                | <0.001               | 0.682 (±0.056)          |
| <b>Elegug Stacks</b>                       |             |           |          |                |                      |                         |
| Intercept only                             | 0.20        | 17        | 0.096    |                | <0.001               | 0.091 (±0.018)          |
| <b>Dunmore East</b>                        |             |           |          |                |                      |                         |
| fish larvae lag + year                     | 0.38        | 17        | 0.434    | 0.41           | fish larvae lag 0.07 | -0.172 (±0.089)         |
|  |             |           |          |                | <b>year 0.008</b>    | 0.026 (±0.008)          |
| year                                       | 0.29        | 17        | 0.550    | 0.30           | <b>0.012</b>         | 0.026 (±0.009)          |
| <b>Ram Head</b>                            |             |           |          |                |                      |                         |
| Intercept only                             | 0.35        | 13        | 0.860    |                | <0.001               | 0.442 (±0.074)          |