## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

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## Monitoring of bivalve mollusk harvesting areas: the relevance of Salmonella spp.

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## Supplementary Table 1. Monitoring results and prevalence of *Salmonella* spp. classified on an annual basis.

Year	(-)	(+)	Sum	prev.		
2015	974	18	992	0,018		
2016	1112	18	1130	0,016		
2017	1216	11	1227	0,009		
2018	991	14	1005	0,014		
2019	1179	13	1192	0,011		
2020	1186	10	1196	0,008		
2021	1228	7	1235	0,006		
2022	1218	9	1227	0,007		
Sum	9104	100	9204	0,011		

(+), positive outcomes intended as *Salmonella* spp. detected; (-), negative outcomes intended as *Salmonella* spp. not found.



Supplementary Table 2. Monitoring results and prevalence of *Salmonella* spp. classified on a monthly basis.

Month	(-)	(+)	Sum	prev.	
January	618	4	622	0,006	
February	696	8	704	0,011	
March	786	10	796	0,013	
April	689	5	694	0,007	
May	840	12	852	0,014	
June	877	25	902	0,028	
July	914	5	919	0,005	
August	902	6	908	0,007	
September	769	6	775	0,008	
October	786	3	789	0,004	
November	703	8	711	0,011	
December	524	8	532	0,015	
Sum	9104	100	9204	0,011	

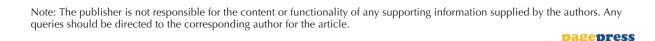
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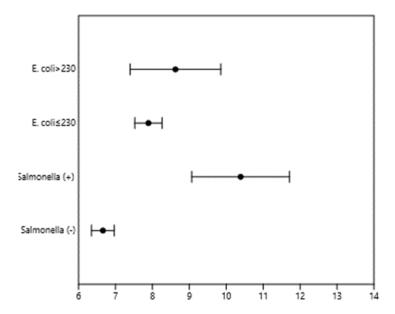
Supplementary Table 3. Monitoring results and prevalence of Salmonella spp. classified on a

district basis, for each of the species subjected to monitoring.

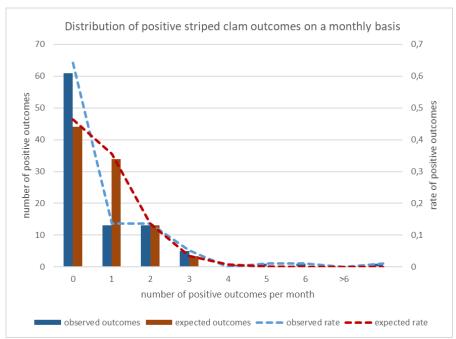
District	Striped clam (Chamelea gallina)		Mussel (Mytilus galloprovincialis)		Oyster (Crassostrea gigas, Ostrea edulis)		Gastropods (Nassarius mutabilis, Murex brandaris)			Sum					
	(+)	(-)	prev.	(+)	(-)	prev.	(+)	(-)	prev.	(+)	(-)	prev.	(+)	(-)	prev.
PESARO- URBINO	35	2516	0,014	9	900	0,010	0	0	0,000	1	42	0,023	45	3458	0,013
ANCONA	10	1448	0,007	8	734	0,011	0	0	0,000	0	21	0,000	18	2203	0,008
MACERATA	13	681	0,019	4	305	0,013	0	70	0,000	0	14	0,000	17	1070	0,016
FERMO	11	840	0,013	5	274	0,018	0	0	0,000	0	14	0,000	16	1128	0,014
ASCOLI PICENO	4	940	0,004	0	284	0,000	0	0	0,000	0	21	0,000	4	1245	0,003
Sum	73	6425	0,011	26	2497	0,010	0	70	0,000	1	112	0,009	100	9104	0,011

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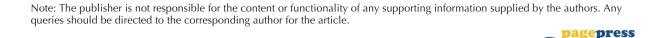


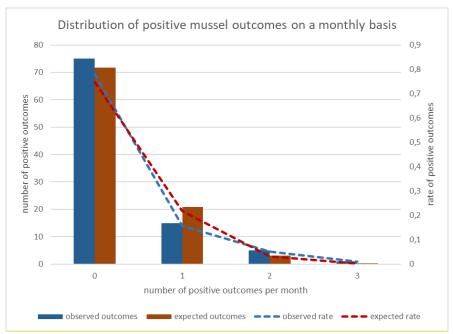


Supplementary Figure 1. Graphic representation, with the Mean and Whiskers method, of the distributions relating to the issuing report time for *E. coli* and *Salmonella* spp. (95% of the data are included within the "whiskers"). The data on the abscissa are expressed in days.

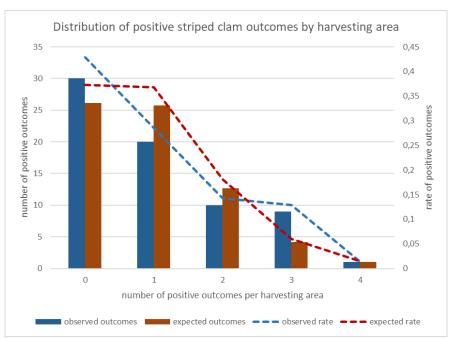


Supplementary Figure 2. Trend of positive striped clam outcomes, classified on a monthly basis, compared to those expected in the hypothesis of random distribution.

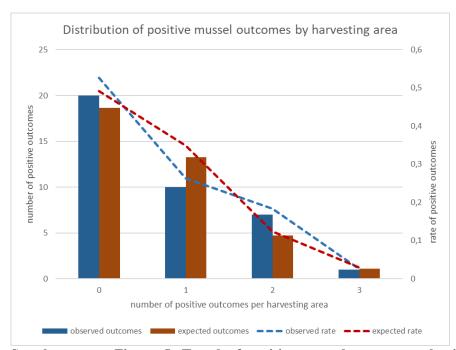




Supplementary Figure 3. Trend of positive mussel outcomes, classified on a monthly basis, compared to those expected in the hypothesis of random distribution.



Supplementary Figure 4. Trend of positive striped clam outcomes, classified by harvesting area, compared with those expected in the hypothesis of random distribution.



Supplementary Figure 5. Trend of positive mussel outcomes, classified by harvesting area, compared with those expected in the hypothesis of random distribution.