Comparative feeding ecology of four sympatric skate species off central California, USA

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Erroneous standard error values of the percentage index of relative importance (%IRI) were presented in the above article (see Figure 3); leading to the unsubstantiated conclusion that %IRI calculations were much less precise than those of the percentage geometric index of importance (%GII). When corrected, standard error estimates of %IRI were actually only slightly less precise than those of %GII. For example, %IRI and %GII values (mean $\pm$ SE) corresponding to the most important prey taxa of the sandpaper skate (*Bathyraja kincaidii*) were: shrimp-like crustaceans (%IRI=65.7 $\pm$ 4.1; %GII=50.2 $\pm$ 2.5); polychaetes (%IRI=13.4 $\pm$ 2.2; %GII=16.9 $\pm$ 2.2); and cephalopods (%IRI=9.9 $\pm$ 1.9; %GII=13.8 $\pm$ 1.8). Although precision of %GII calculations was always greater than that of %IRI for our data set, measures of occurrence differ between indices and this result may not be typical.

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