

## TABLE S1 LIST OF THE POSSIBLE TRAITS TO INCLUDE

**Table 1.** List of diet and life history traits to include in clustering

Trait	References	Measurement type
<b>Diet</b>		
Primary diet category	Defined by authors	Categorical - Nominal
Food type/ properties	Sibbing & Nagelkerke 2000, Reecht et al., 2013	Categorical - Nominal
<b>Life History</b>		
Number of eggs	Bremner et al. 2006a, Clavel et al. 2013, Gravel et al. 2016	Numerical - Integer
Number of spawns per year	Clavel et al. 2013	Numerical - Integer
Reproductive season	NEW	Categorical - Nominal
Parental care	Franco et al. 2008, Gravel et al. 2016	Categorical - Nominal
Reproductive mode	Bremner et al. 2006a, Elliott et al. 2007, Franco et al. 2008	Categorical - Nominal
Sexual differentiation	Bremner et al. 2006a	Categorical - Nominal
Phylogenetic diversity	Froese & Pauly 2017	Numerical - Integer
Population doubling	Bremner et al. 2006a, Froese & Pauly 2017	Categorical - Nominal
Vulnerability	Froese & Pauly 2017	Numerical
Gregarious/ Schooling type	Bremner et al. 2006a, Stuart-Smith et al. 2013, Spitz et al. 2014	Categorical - Nominal
Seasonal migration	Bremner et al. 2006a, Spitz et al. 2014	Categorical - Nominal
Diel migration	Bremner et al. 2006a, Stuart-Smith et al. 2013, Spitz et al. 2014	Categorical - Nominal
Ontogenetic migration	Reum & Essington 2008	Categorical - Nominal
Maximum age	Bremner et al. 2006a, Clavel et al. 2013, Gravel et al. 2016	Numerical - Integer
Mortality	Froese & Pauly 2017	Numerical - Continuous
Age at maturity	Bremner et al. 2006a, Clavel et al. 2013	Numerical - Continuous
Length at maturity	Bremner et al. 2006a, Clavel et al. 2013	Numerical - Continuous

**Table 2.** List of morphological and habitat traits to include in clustering

Trait	References	Measurement type
<b>Morphological traits</b>		
Body length (max)	Winemiller & Rose 1992, Froese & Binohlan 2000, Sibbing & Nagelkerke 2000, Boyle & Horn 2006, Bremner et al. 2006b, Clavel et al. 2013, Spitz et al. 2014, Gravel et al. 2016, Mindel et al. 2016	Numerical - Continuous
Body mass (max)	Palomares & Pauly 1989, Dumay et al. 2004, Reece et al. 2013, Spitz et al. 2014, Gravel et al. 2016	Numerical - Continuous
Growth rate	Bremner et al. 2006b	Numerical - Continuous
Swimming mode	Sfakiotakis et al. 1999	Categorical - Nominal
Dorsal fin shape	Standen & Lauder 2005	Categorical - Nominal
Caudal fin shape	Roberts 1987, Bridge et al. 2016, Gravel et al. 2016	Categorical - Nominal
Pelvic fin position	Lauder & Drucker 2004	Categorical - Nominal
Body shape/form	Webb 1984, Roberts 1987, Spitz et al. 2014, Gravel et al. 2016	Categorical - Nominal
Eye position	Clavel et al. 2013, Mindel et al. 2016	Categorical - Nominal
Barbel presence	Piet 1998, Reece et al. 2013, Gravel et al. 2016	Categorical - Nominal
Oral gape position	Roberts 1987, Sibbing & Nagelkerke 2000, Ward-Campbell et al. 2005, Boyle & Horn 2006, Reece et al. 2013, Gravel et al. 2016	Categorical - Nominal
Shape of teeth	Roberts 1987, Gravel et al. 2016	Categorical - Nominal
Number of gill rakers	Sibbing & Nagelkerke 2000, Boyle & Horn 2006	Numerical - Integer
<b>Habitat</b>		
Depth found	Spitz et al. 2014, Froese & Pauly 2017	Numerical - Continuous
Preferred temperature	Froese & Pauly 2017	Numerical - Integer
Temperature type	Froese & Pauly 2017	Categorical - Nominal
Horizontal habitat	Spitz et al. 2014	Categorical - Nominal
Vertical habitat	Sibbing & Nagelkerke 2000, Bremner et al. 2006a, Spitz et al. 2014	Categorical - Nominal
Estuarine use	Elliott et al. 2007, Franco et al. 2008	Categorical - Nominal

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