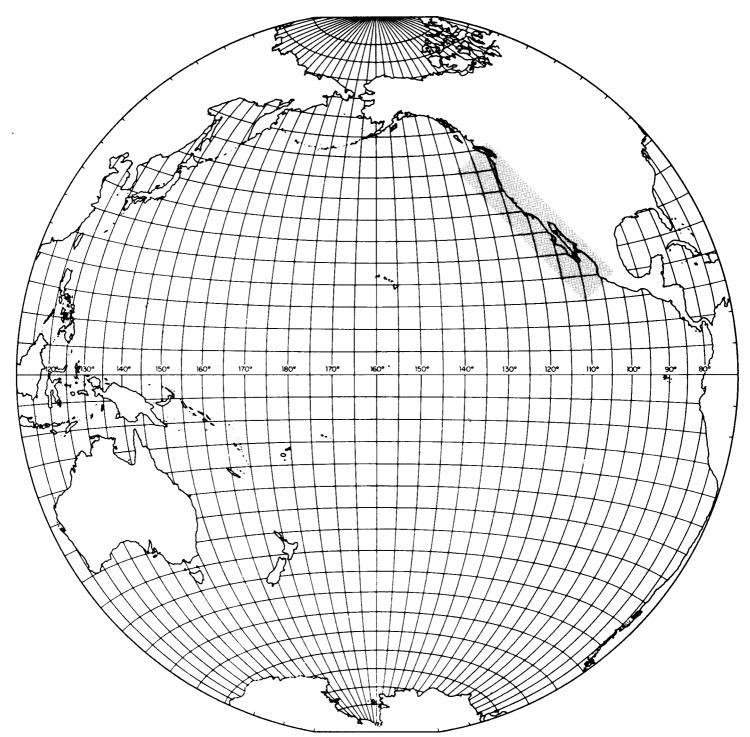
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The report for each year usually is published about 7-9 months after the fall cruise, and includes notes about nomenclature changes, etc. The ultimate goal is to update the old ichthyoplankton identifications to current standards; the database is updated as reidentifications for each cruise are completed.



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Introduction

This atlas depicts the abundance and distribution of the larvae of the northern anchovy, Engraulis mordax Girard, in the region of the California Current off the Californias. The charts are drawn from the results of survey cruises conducted by the California Cooperative Oceanic Fisheries Investigations during the years 1966 through 1979. This atlas is the second of the series started by Kramer and Ahlstrom (1968).

I have followed the procedure of Kramer and Ahlstrom (1968) and present two charts for each cruise: one for the size group most adequately sampled (6.25 to 12.25 mm preserved length) and one for the total number of larvae caught.

Judgement should be exercised in the interpretation of these maps. They are gross distributions, useful for revealing broad gradients, and there is little assurance that a single station abundance is typical of the area it represents. However there is reason for confidence in major spatial and temporal features which are large enough to be described by several stations.

Methods and Materials

Details of the CalCOFI survey and sampling methodology have been described by Kramer et al. (1972) and Smith and Richardson (1977). The plankton net, with flowmeter, is lowered to depth and retrieved obliquely at a constant rate with a constant angle between the tow wire and the vertical. Rigorous procedures are employed to minimize variation in the volume of water filtered per unit depth. Ichthyoplankton are vertically distributed in layers; however the extent and position of these layers is often not known. Therefore considerable effort was exerted to sample each depth uniformly with a tow that vertically integrates catch to the surface. The samples are thus an estimate of the number of organisms beneath some measure of sea surface area.

Samples are standardized by adjusting to a standard unit of sea surface area. The standard unit is 10 m² and the adjustment (standard haul factor) is calculated as the ratio of a standard volume of water filtered per unit depth and the total volume of water filtered over the total depth. Thus:

$$SHF = \frac{\frac{10 \text{ m}^3}{\text{m}}}{\frac{\text{V}}{\text{d}}} = 10 \text{ d}$$

where v is the volume of water filtered, determined by flowmeter, and d is the depth fished, determined by the amount of wire out times the cosine of the average angle of stray from the vertical.

Sample counts were adjusted for fractioning (minimum aliquot was 25%) and standardized to each other. The charts are thus in units of the number of larvae under 10 m² of sea surface.

The net material was changed in 1969 from 0.55 mm mesh silk to 0.505 mm mesh nylon. Retention of small larvae increased slightly (Table 1). The net frame was changed in 1978 from a 1m ring with preceding bridle to a bridle-free bongo frame described by Smith and Richardson (1977). A decrease in net avoidance by larger larvae is evident in the size-specific night/day catch ratios for

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Table 1. Catch rate bias relative to 0.333 mm mesh nylon net.

Adapted from Zweifel and Smith (in press).

Preserved size (mm)	2.5	3.75	4.75	5.75	6.75	7.75
0.55 mm silk net	0.40	0.56	0.74	0.89	0.97	1.0
0.505 mm nylon net	0.43	0.63	0.83	0.95	0.99	1.0

each net (Figure 1). The ratios diverge with larval length; the bongo night/day ratio is half the 1m night/day ratio at 6.75 mm preserved length. The significance of the difference diminishes when one considers that the total catch of large larvae decreased exponentially with length (Zweifel and Smith, in press); larvae 6.75 mm and larger were approximately 10% of the catch. The 1978 and 1979 surveys probably sampled a slightly larger fraction of the larval anchovy population because of increased retention of small larvae and decreased avoidance by large larvae. Since the effects would have been trivial no adjustment was made in preparing the charts for the relative difference in gear catch rates.

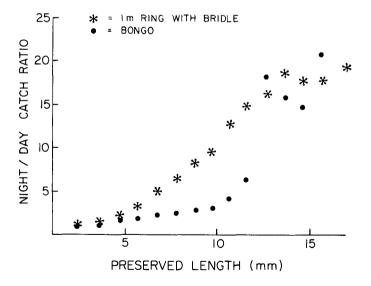


Figure 1.

Discussion

The charts may be considered analogue models of the actual distribution of the population and as such are potentially rich sources of information.

The highly patchy nature of plankton imposes a limit on interpretation, however, because of the uncertainty associated with any single observation.

Four general temporal and spatial features of anchovy spawning, from 1966 through 1979, are discussed briefly below. The charts were digitized by simply summing the larval catch over the area each station represented, from line 60 to line 110 (assumed to contain most or nearly all of the central population of the northern anchovy). Gaps in geographic coverage were accommodated by interpolation.

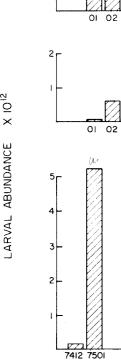
Table 2. Fraction of total larval catch.

	North of Pt. Conception	South of San Diego		
1966	6%	11%		
1969	2%	23%		
1972	3%	41%		
1975	<1%	59%		
1978	4%	17%		
1979	1%	51%		

Anchovy spawning can shift in a north/south direction between years and sometimes within years. In Table 2 the fraction of spawn north of Pt. Conception and south of San Diego are listed for the years 1966, 1969, 1972, 1975, 1978 and 1979 (1967 and 1968 surveys were not included because of insufficient temporal coverage). A southern shift in spawning is apparent in 1972, 1975 and 1979, with 40% or more of the larval catch taken south of San Diego.

Larval abundance is plotted by survey in Figure 2. The peak in spawning activity appears to be in the winter quarter in 1969 and 1975 and shifted toward the spring quarter in 1966, 1972, 1978 and 1979. The peak is more pronounced and the spawning season appears more contracted in 1969, 1975 and 1978 relative to the other years.

Finally, integrating over the first four cruises of each year, a gross relative measure of larval production was estimated. The relative proportions of winter/spring larval production for the years 1966, 1969, 1972, 1975, 1978 and 1979 are 5, 6, 4, 7, 3 and 4 respectively.



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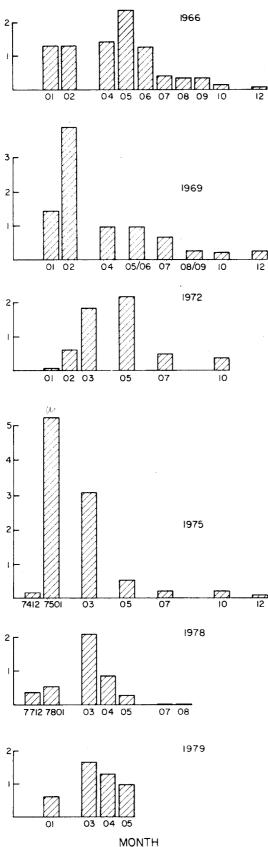


Figure 2.

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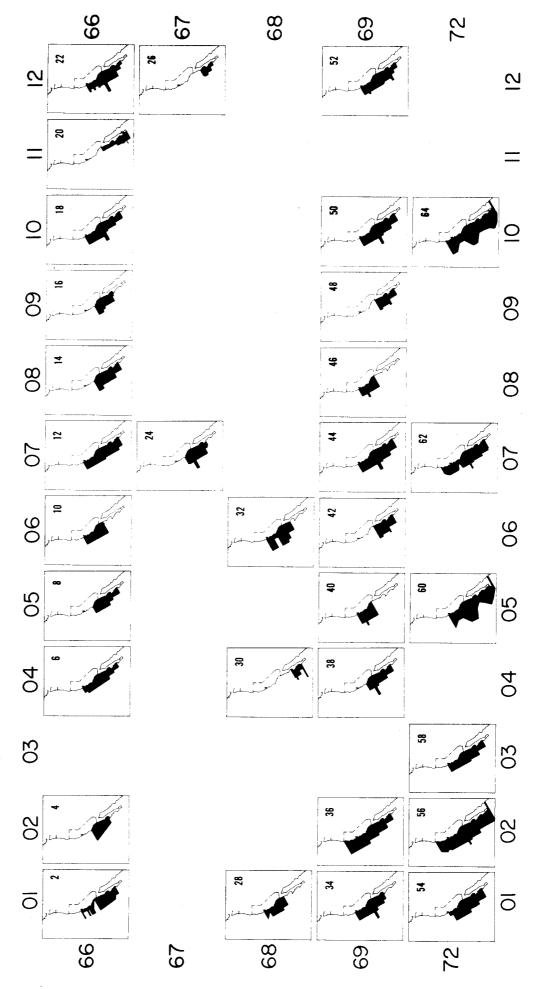
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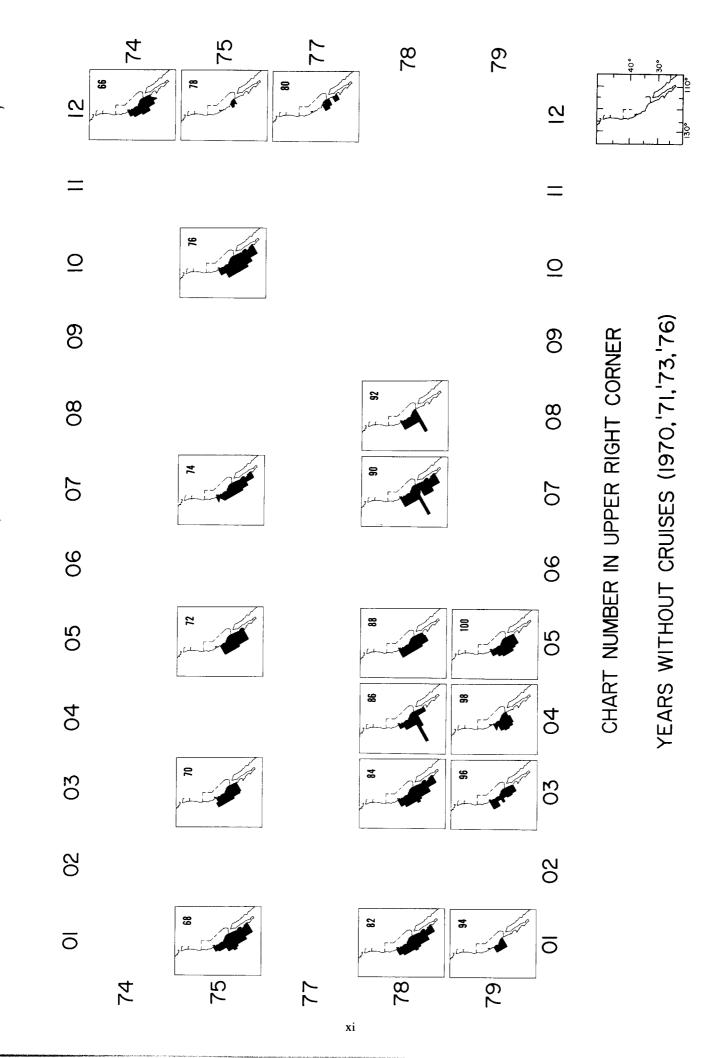
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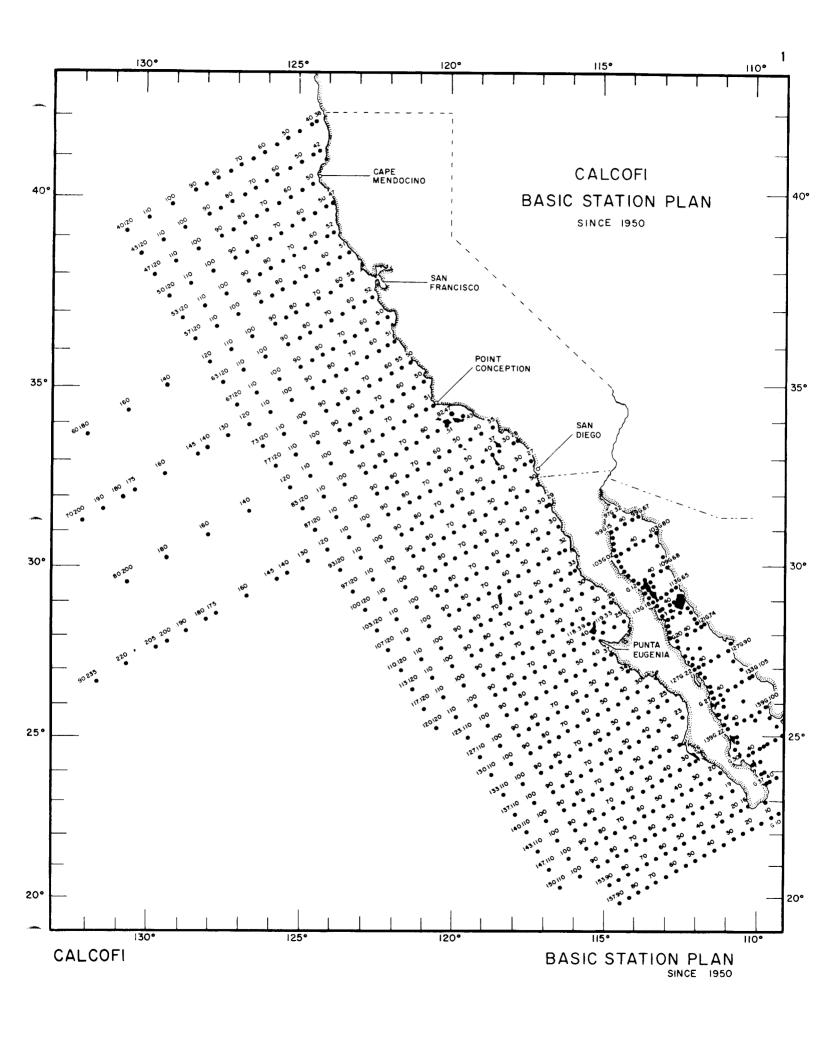
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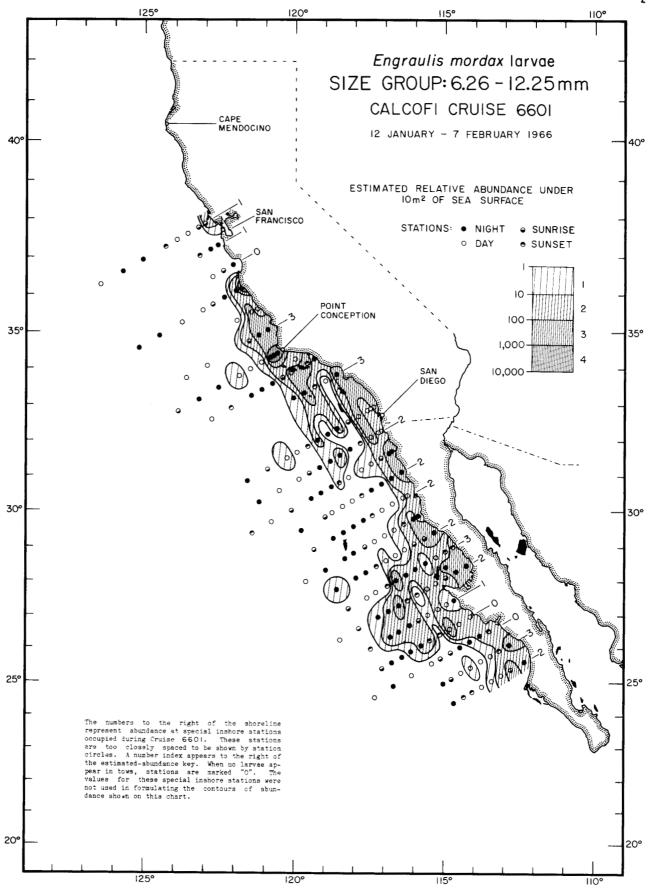
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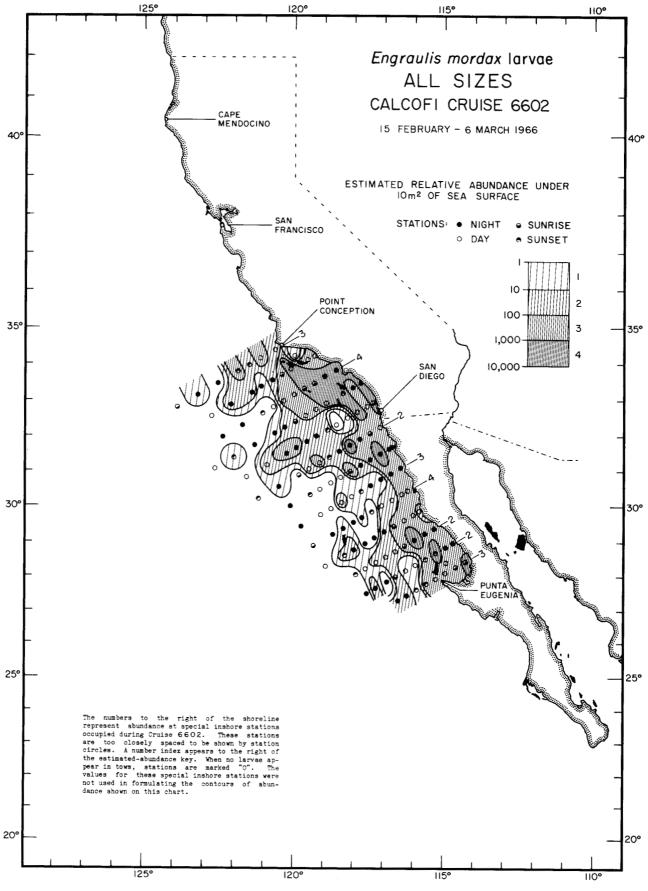




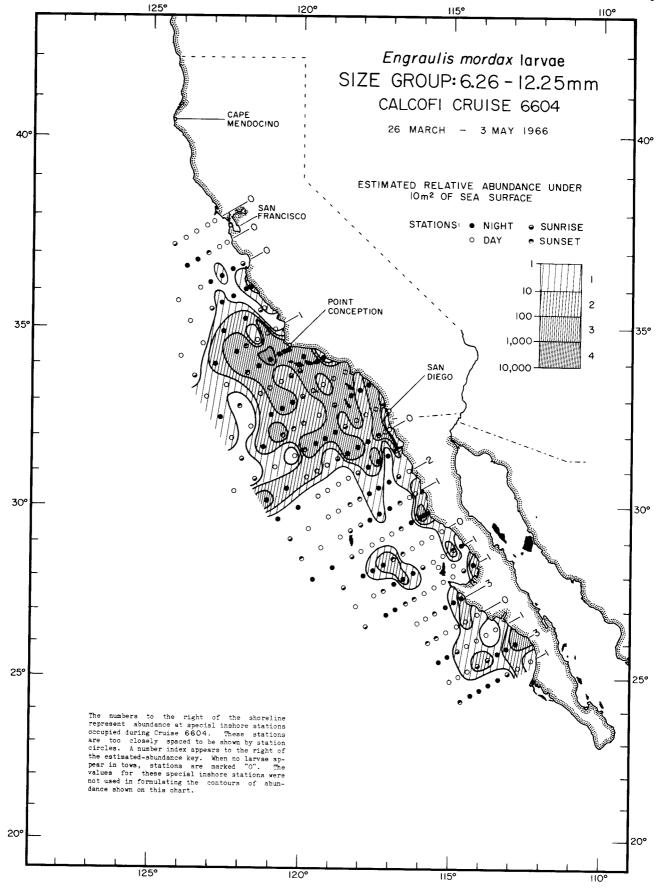


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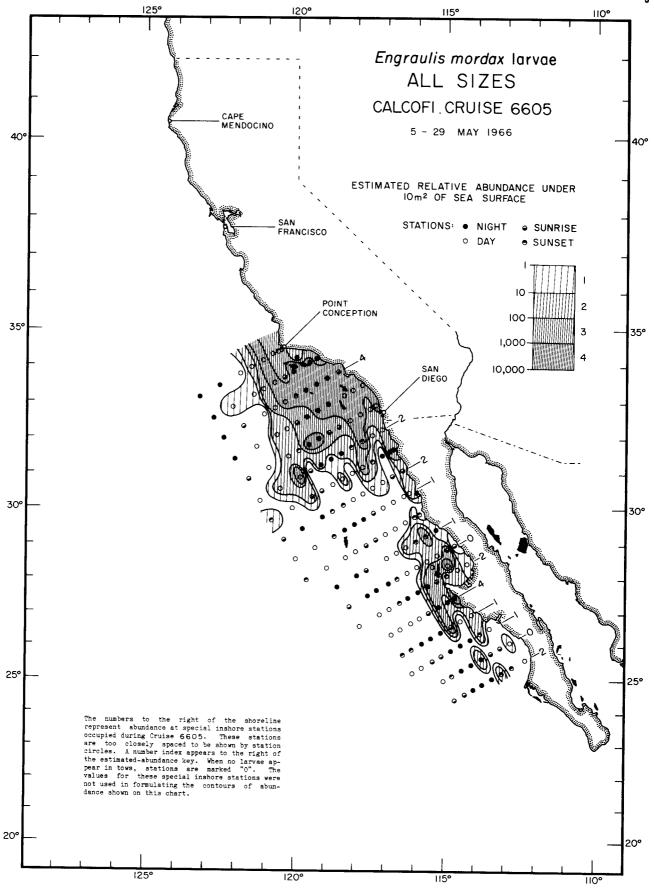


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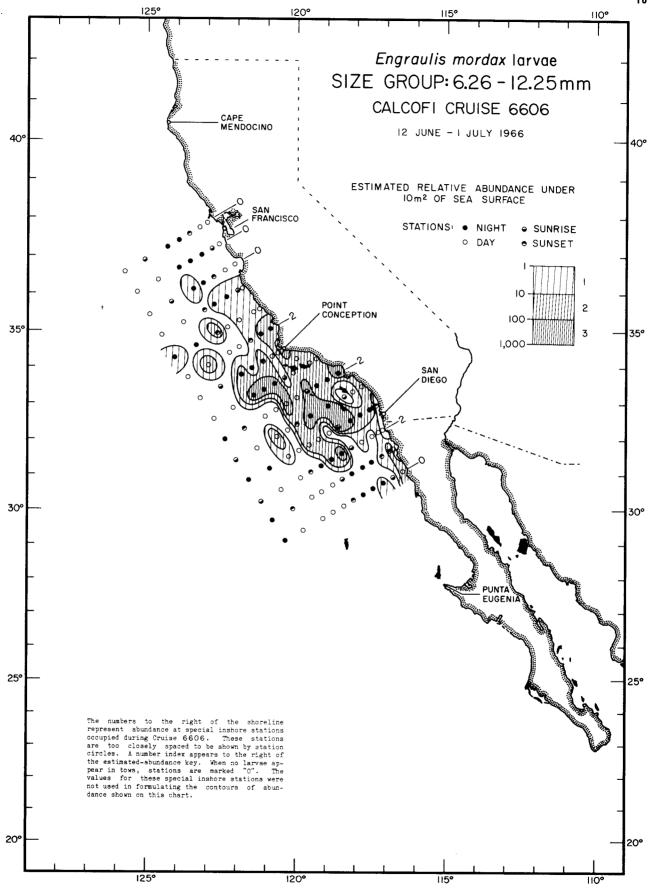


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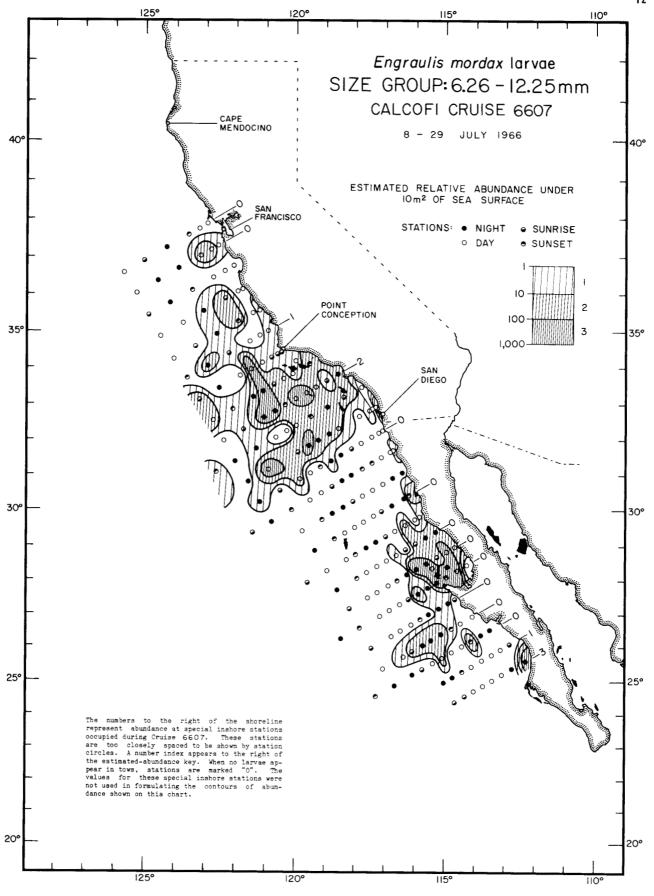
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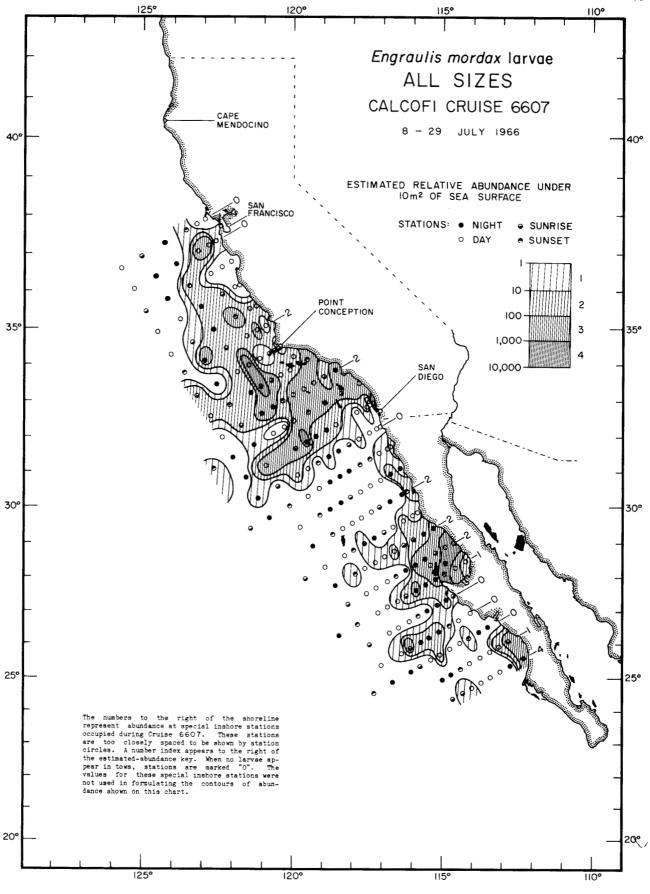
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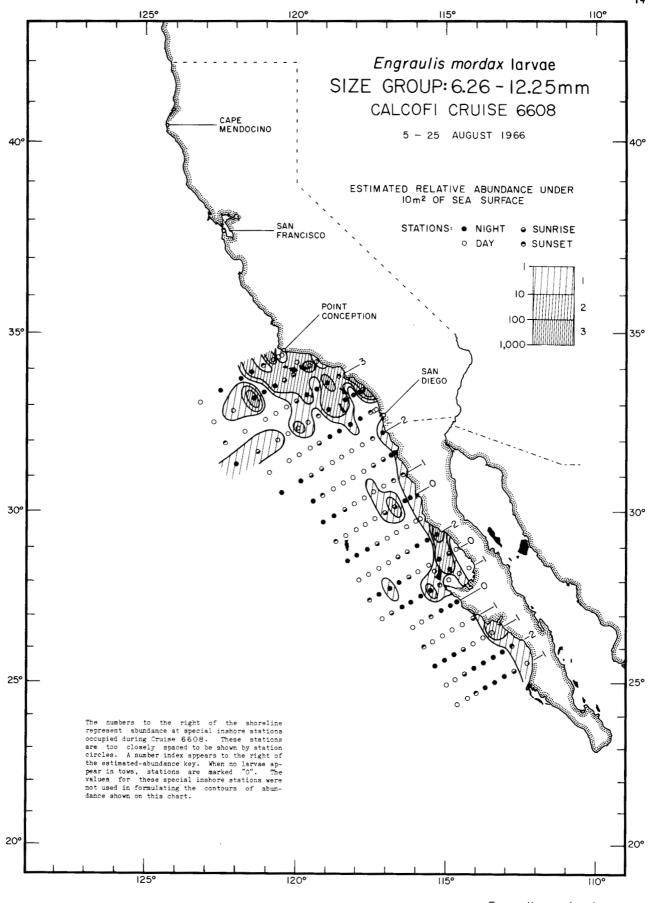


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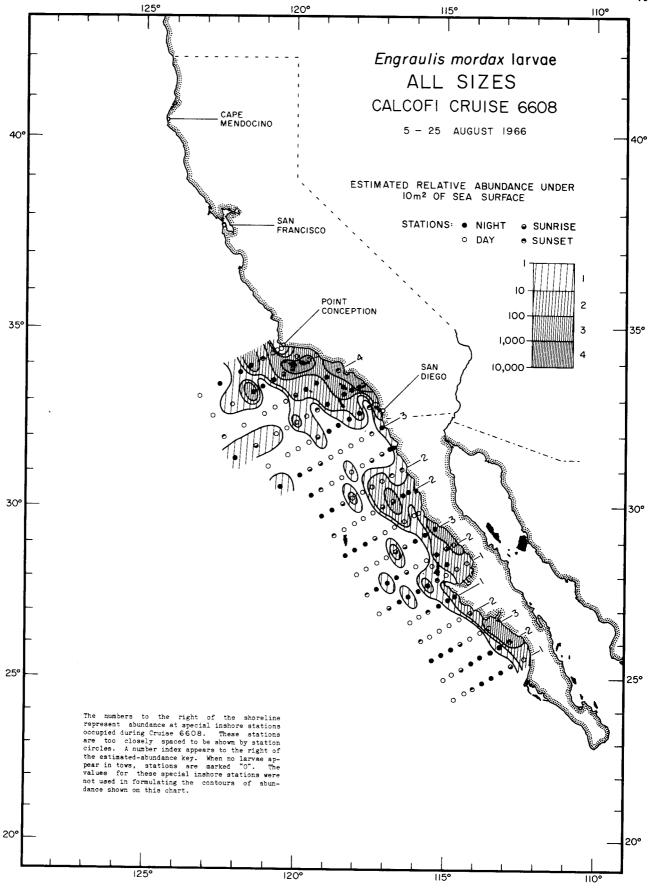


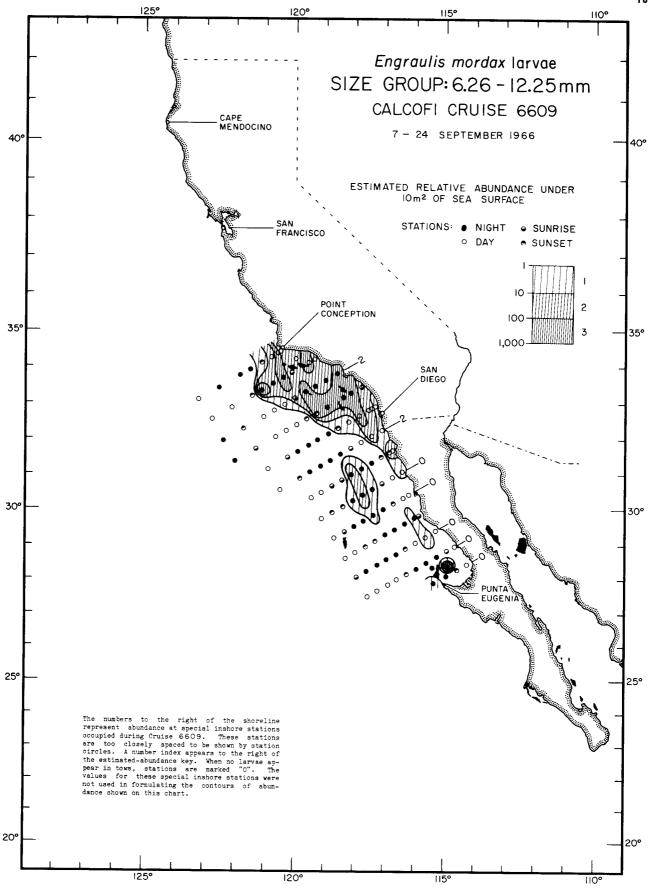
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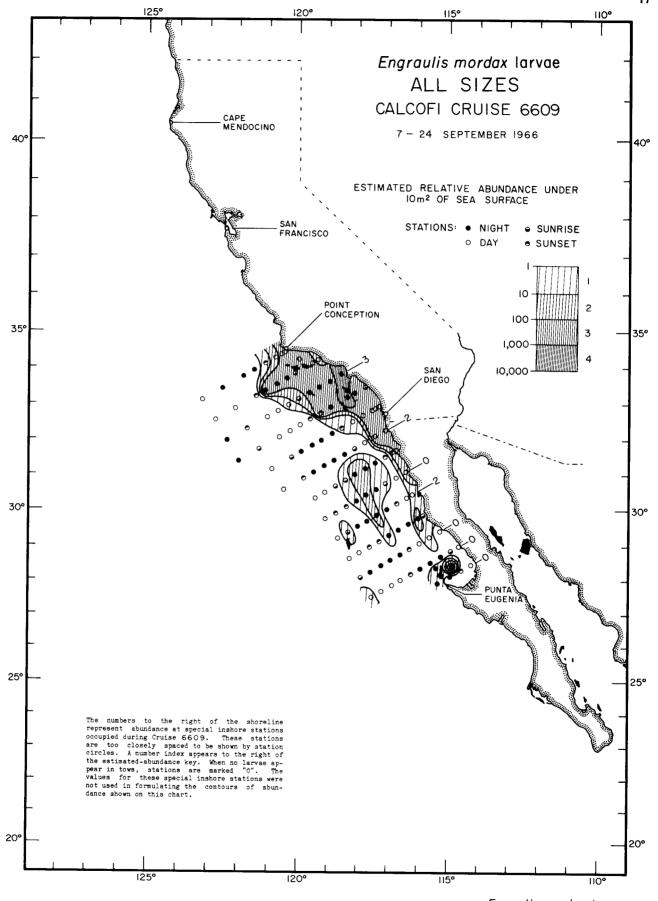


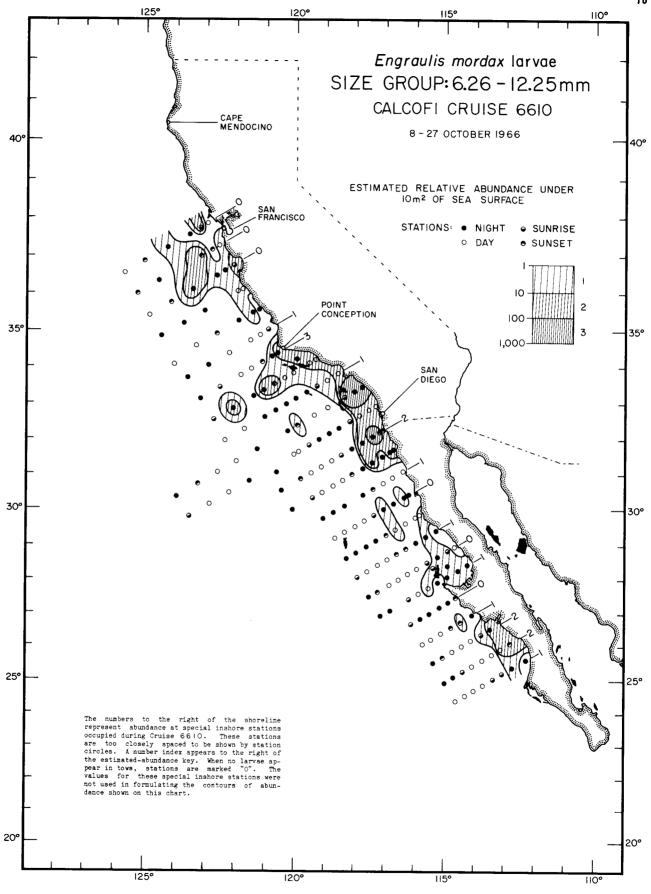
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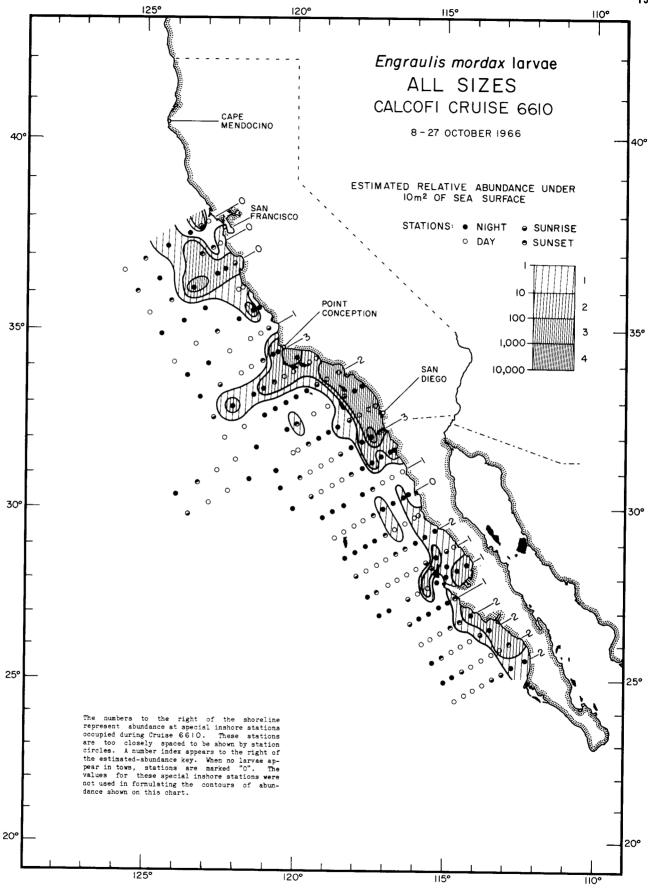


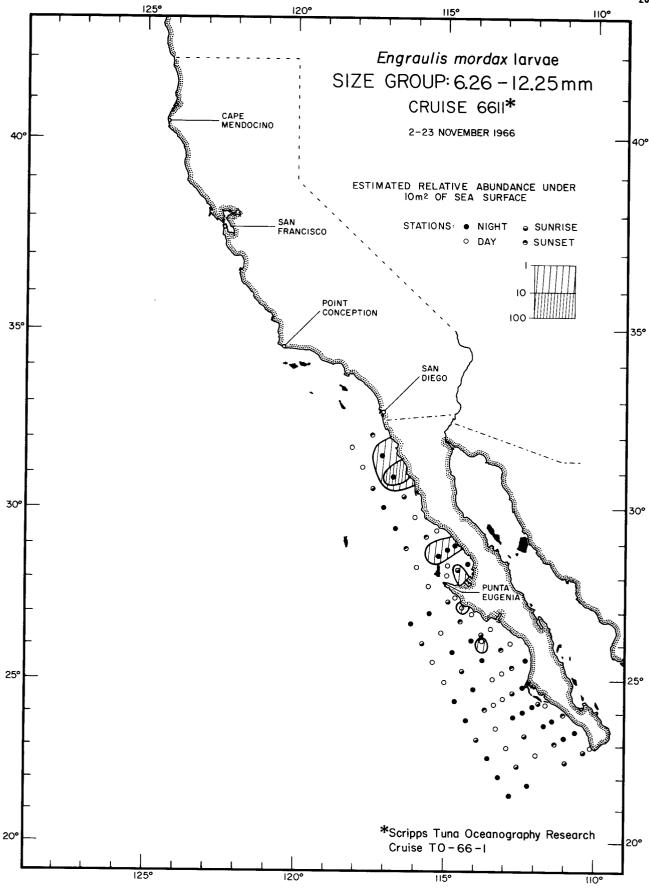
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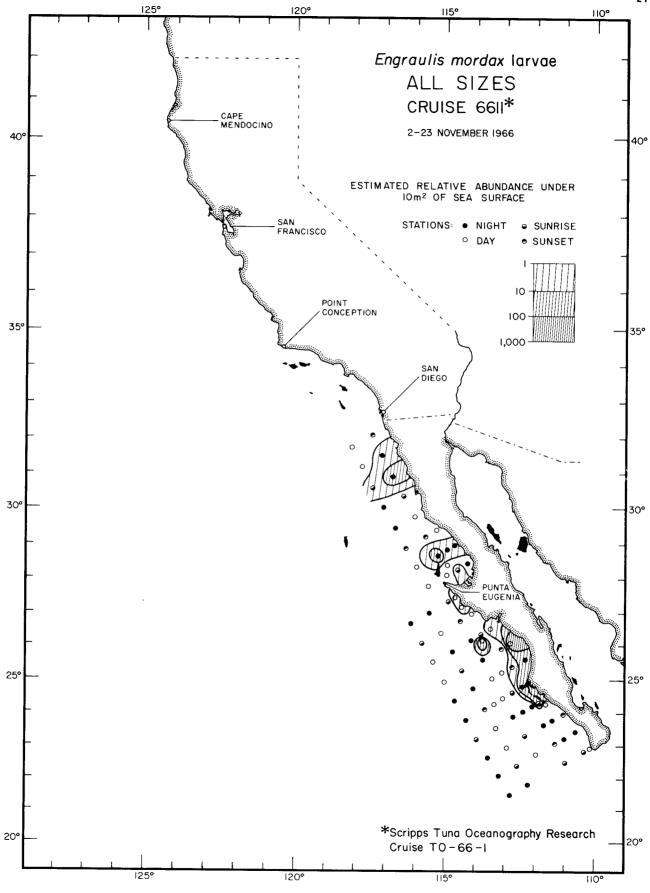
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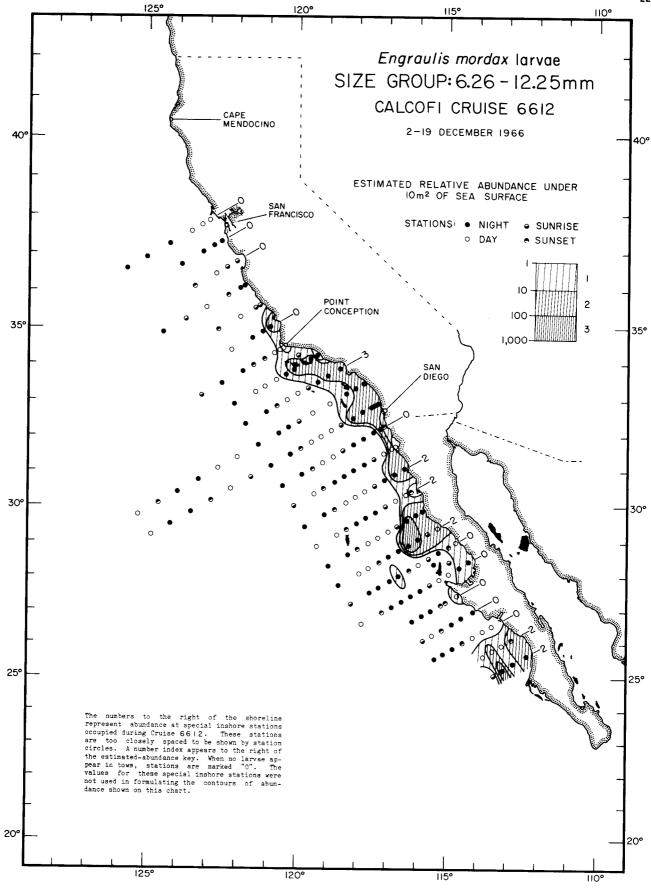


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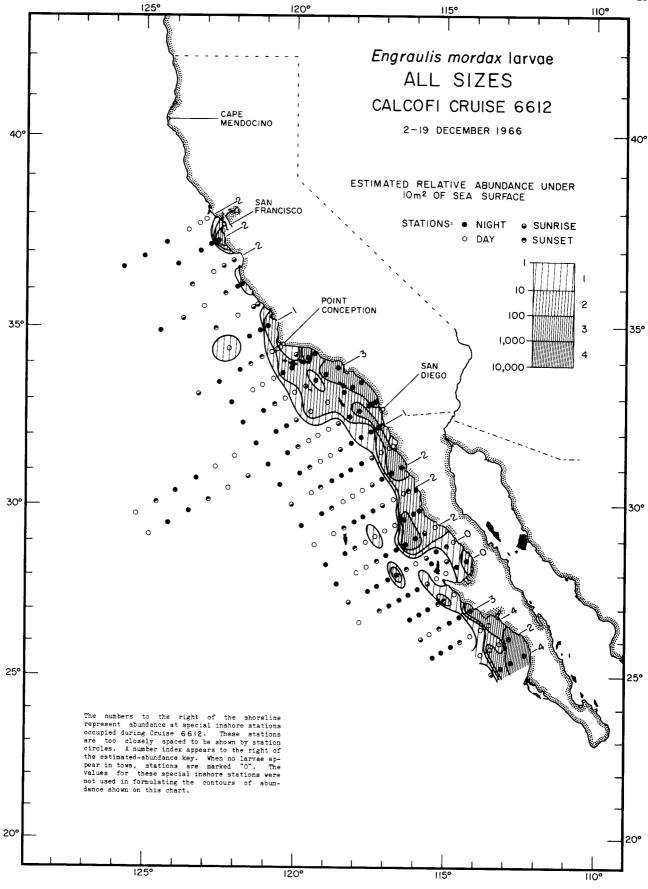


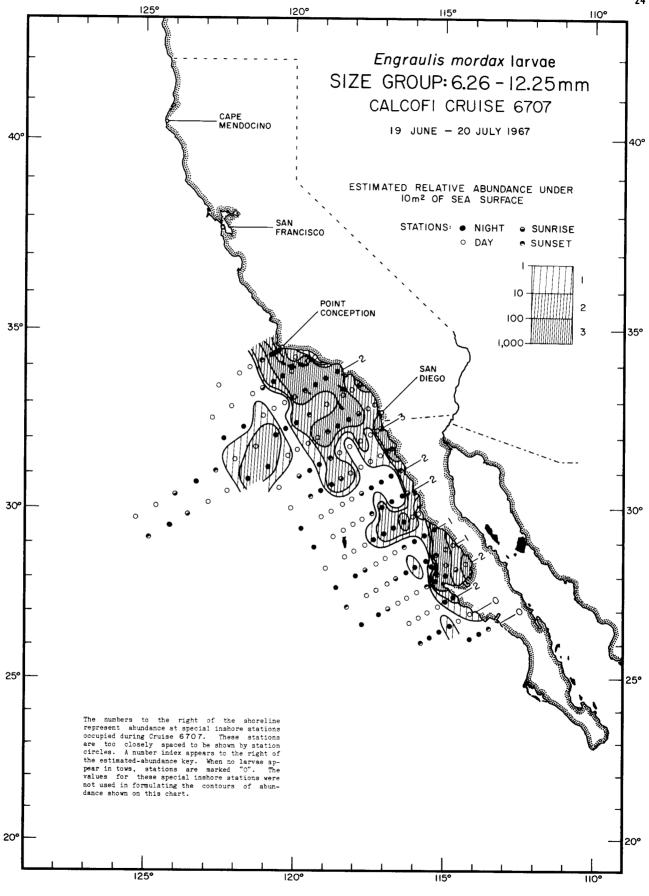






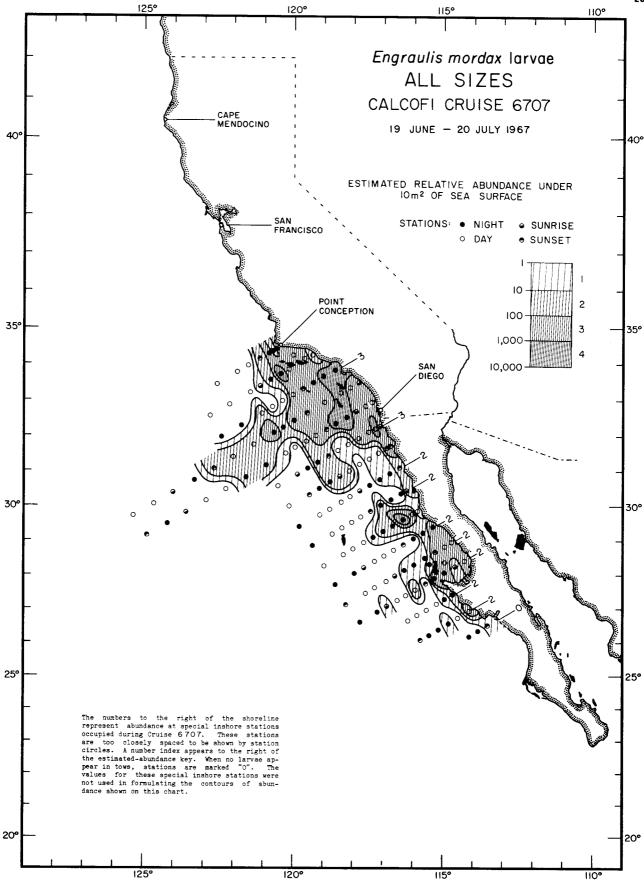
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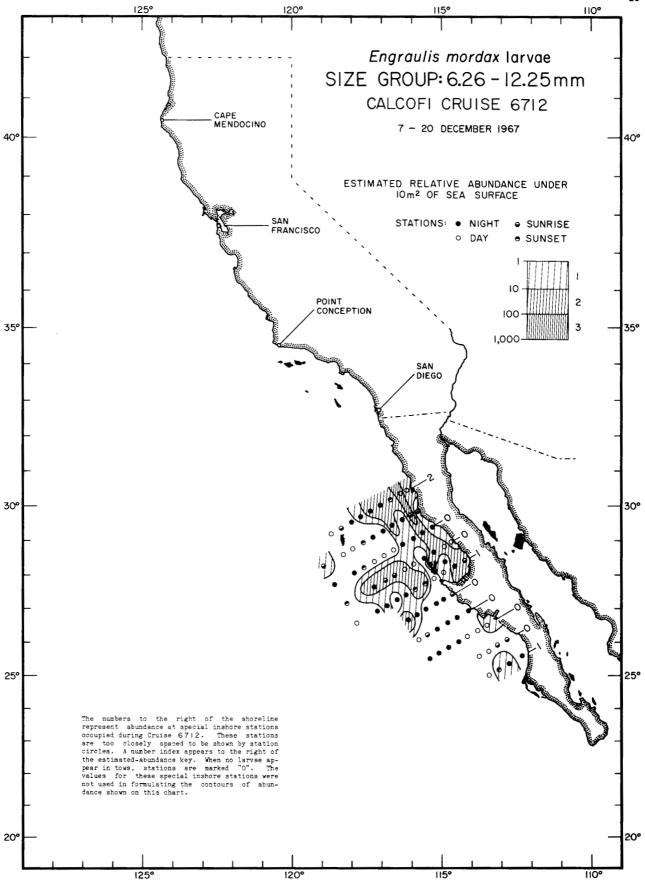




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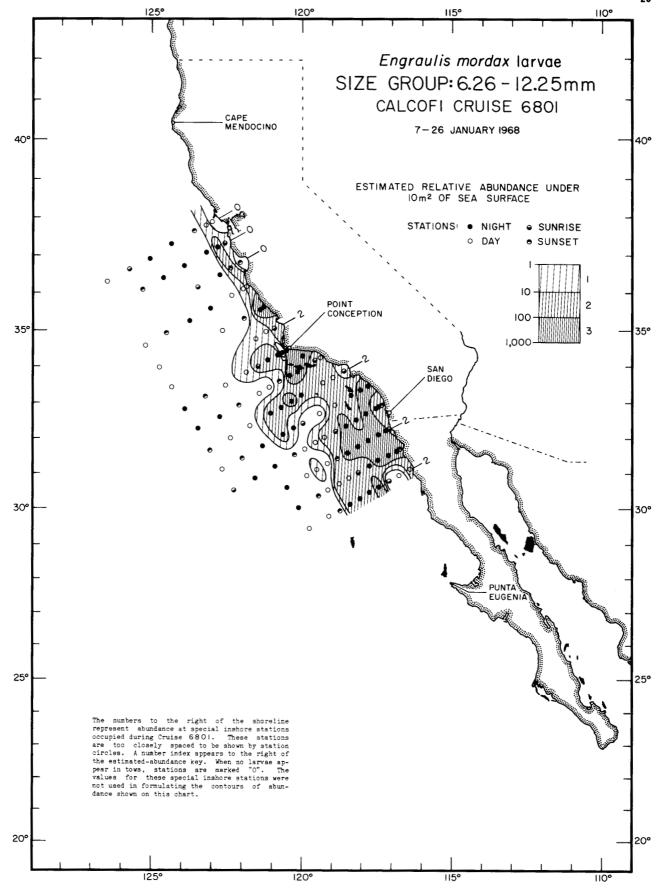


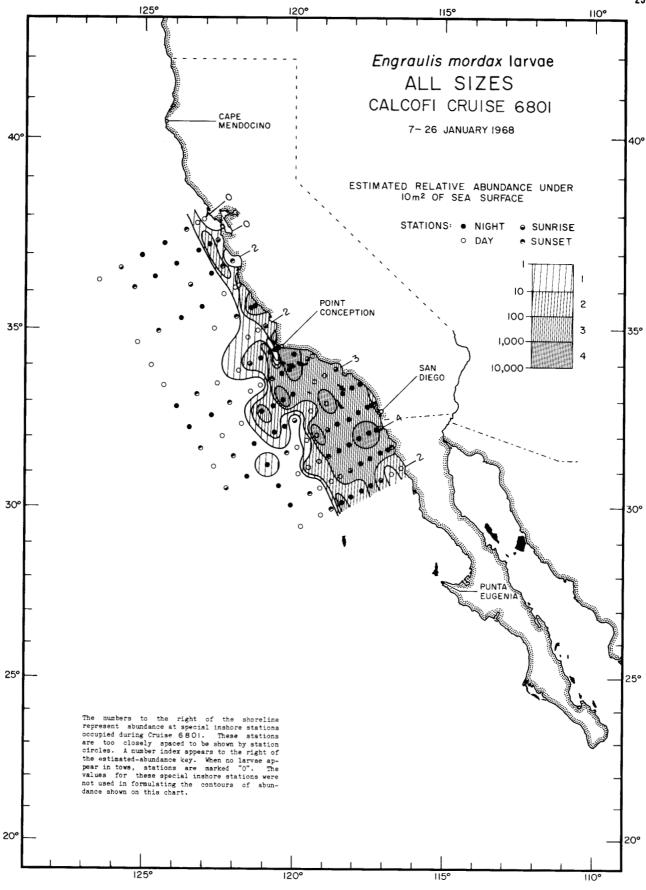


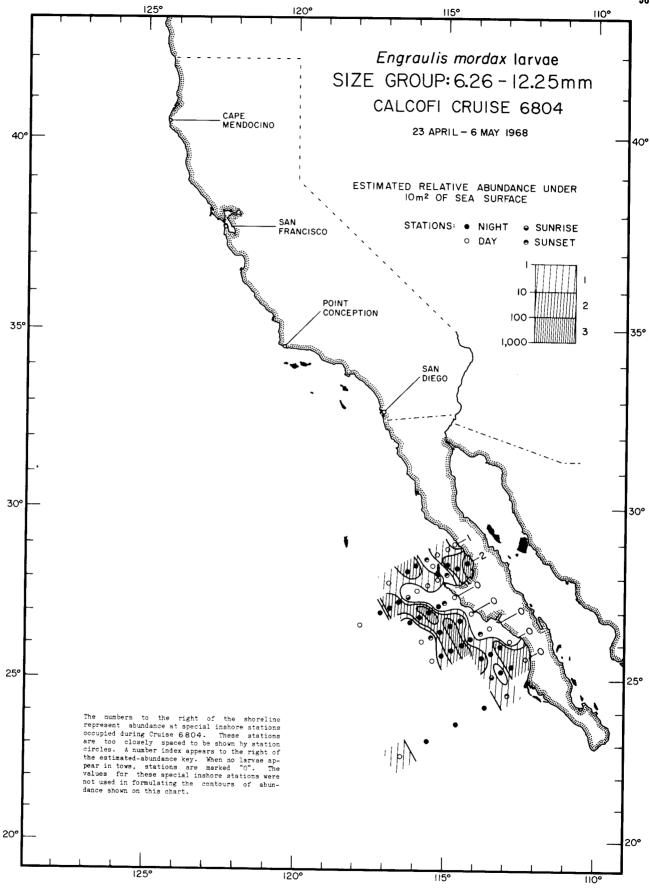
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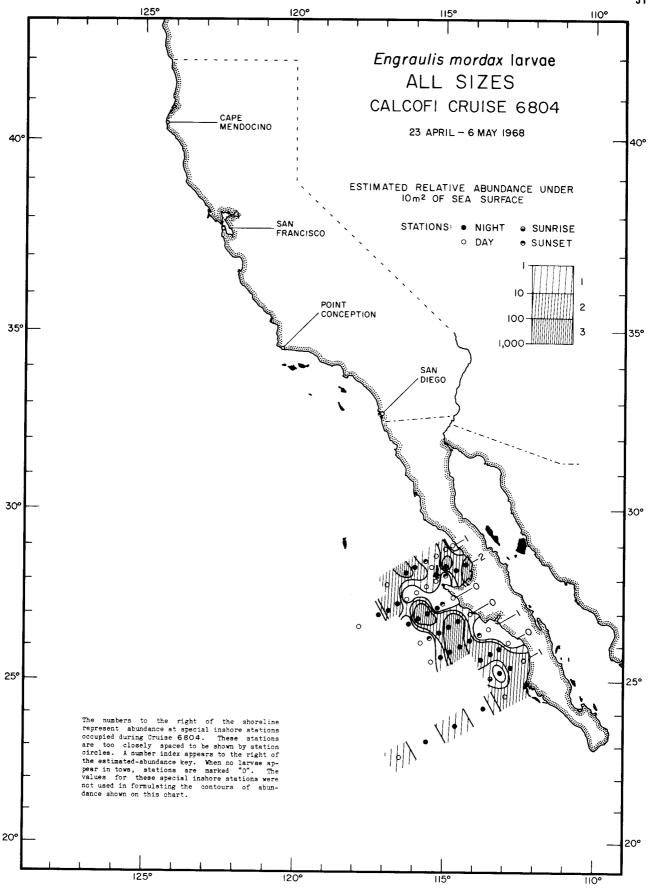
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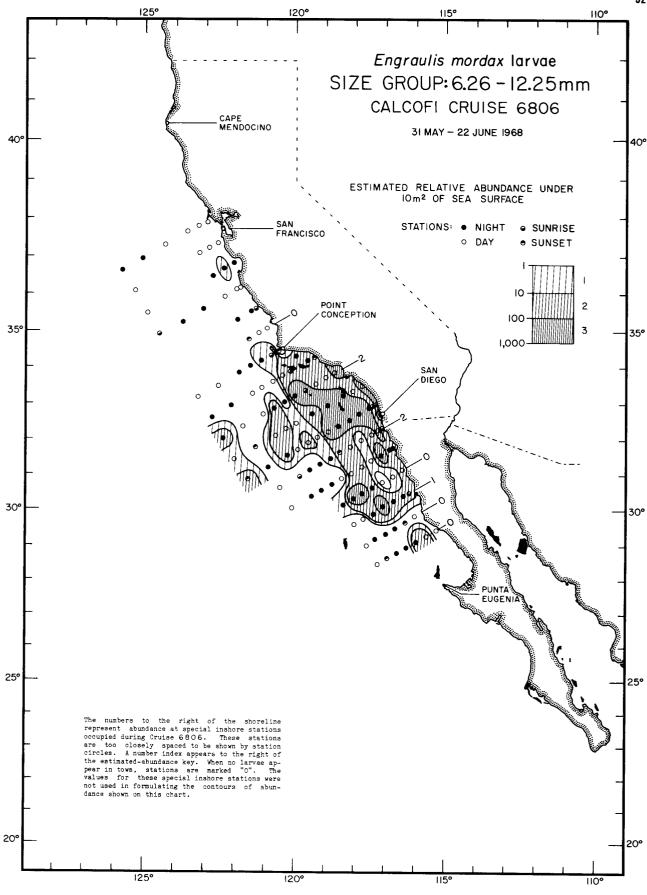


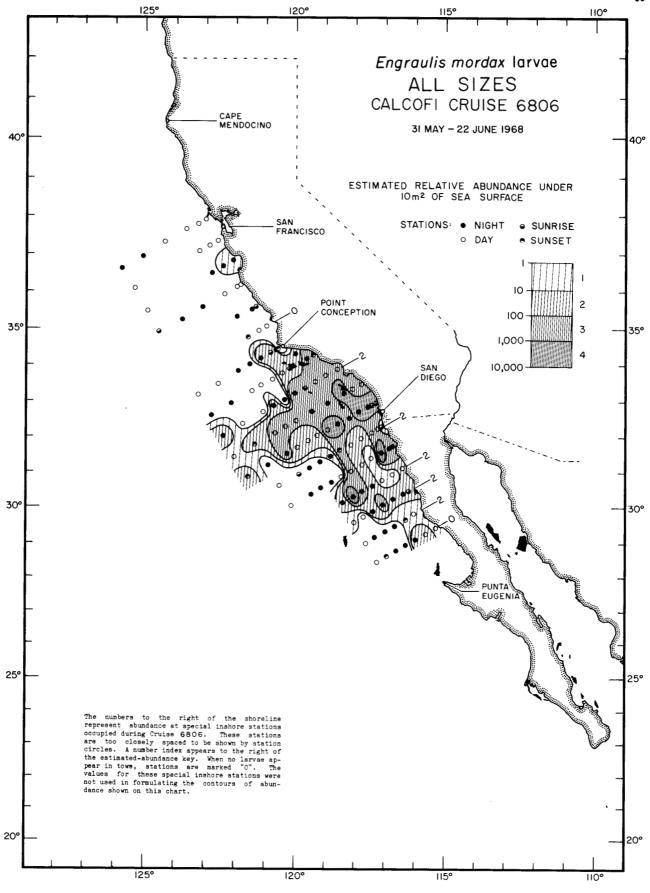


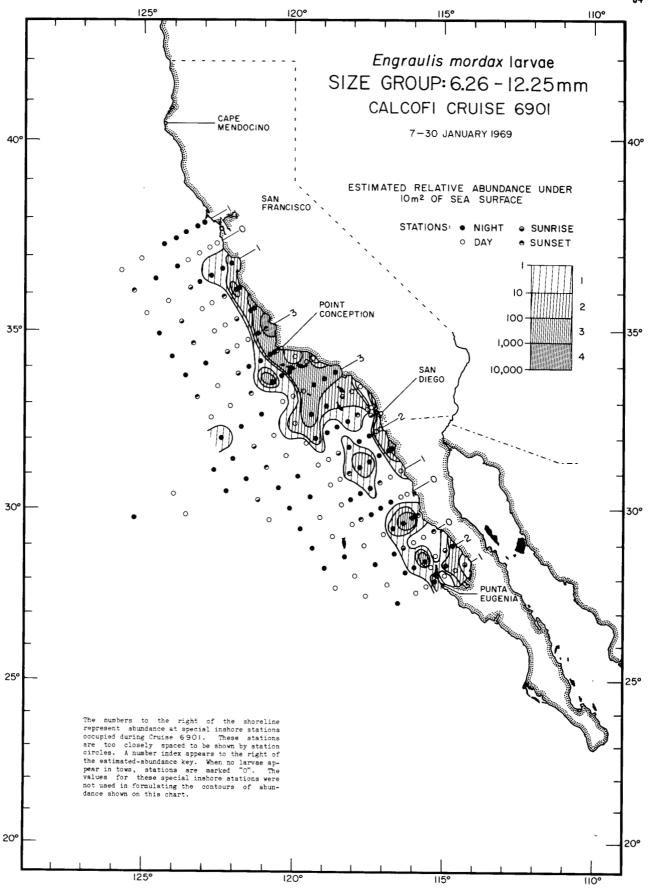






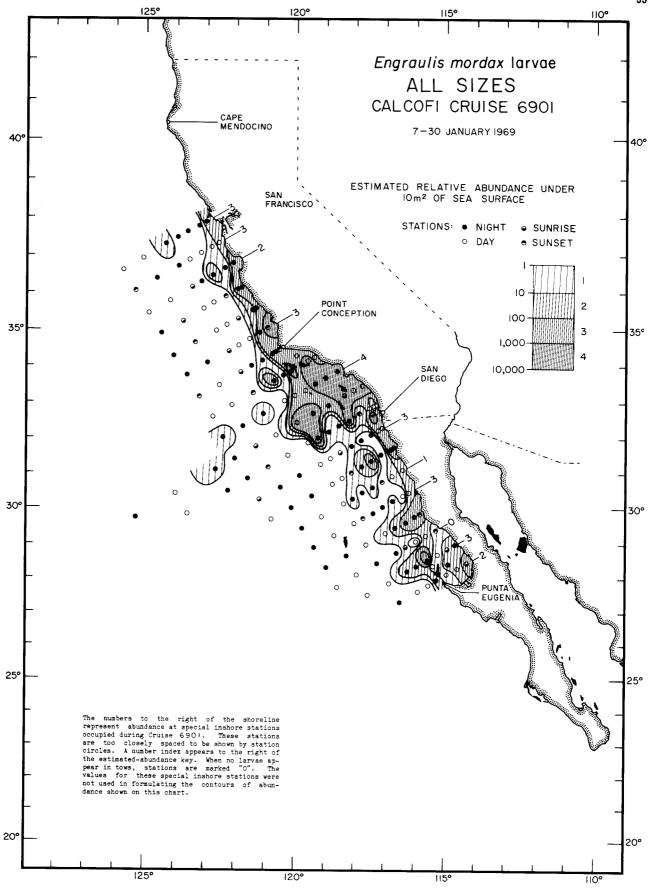


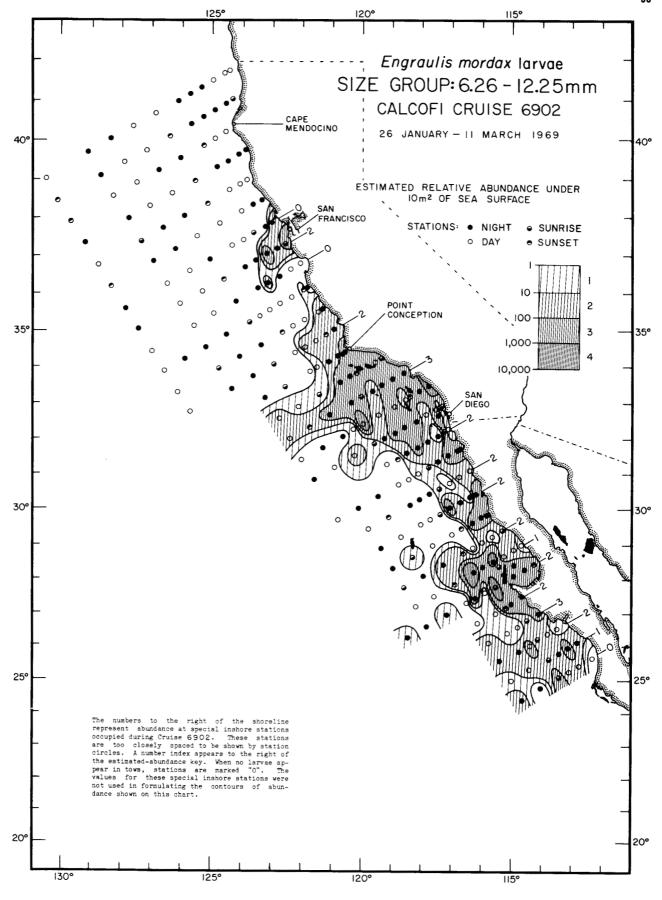




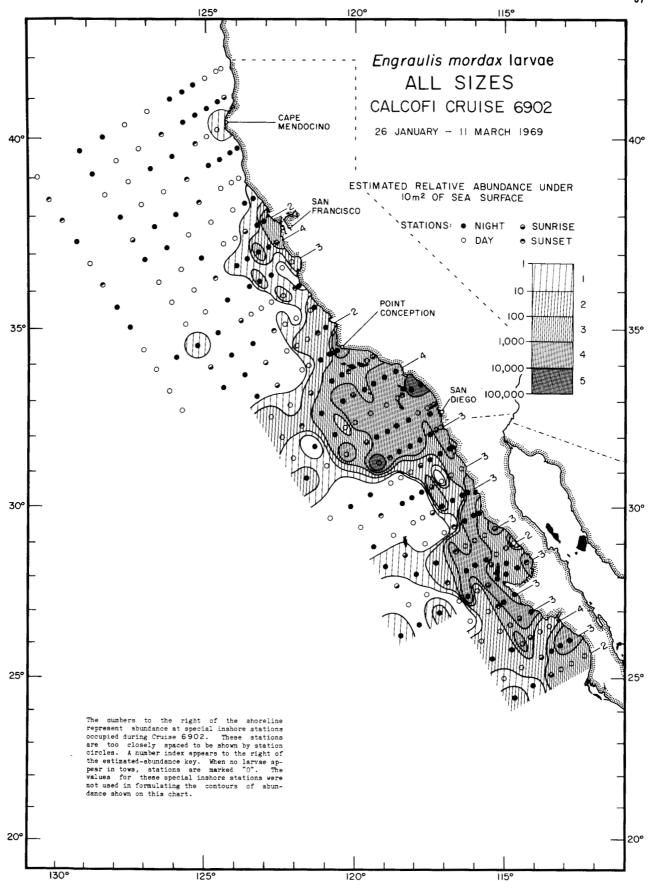
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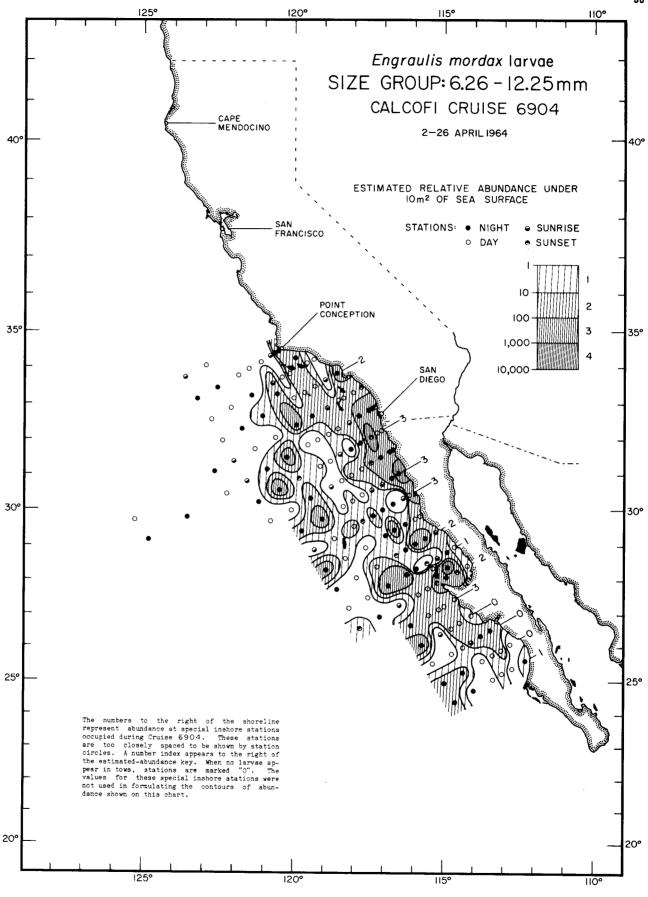
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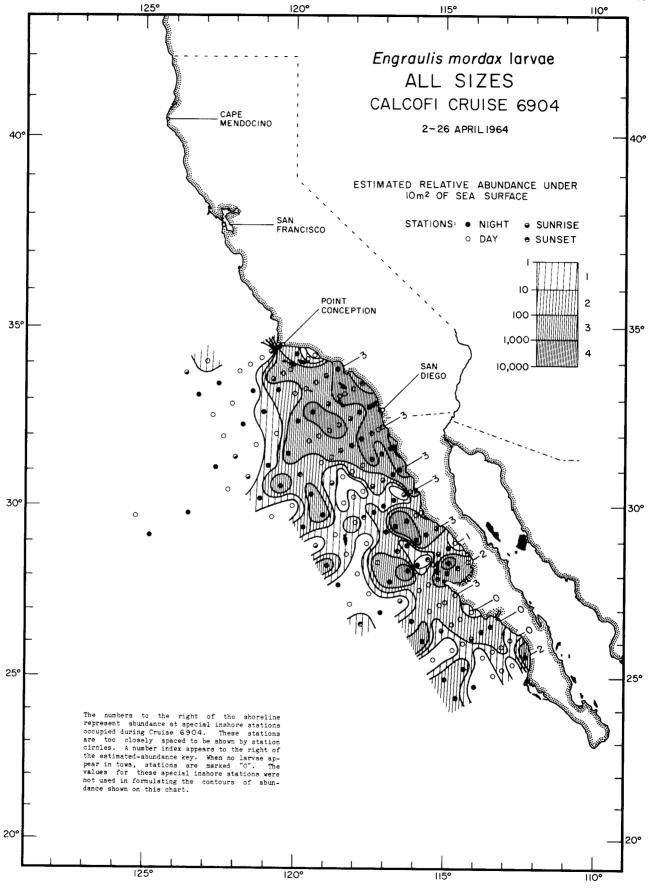




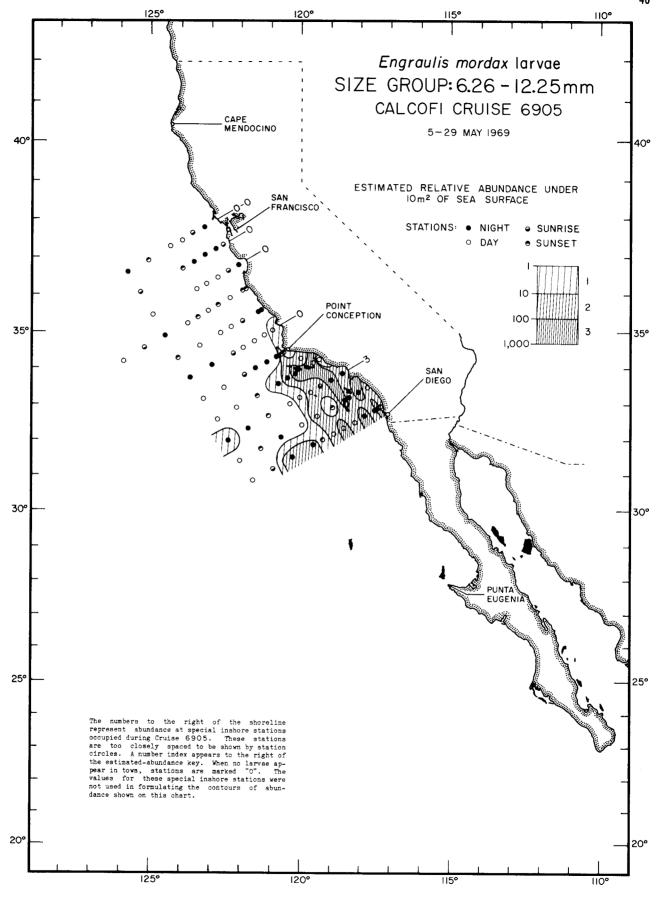
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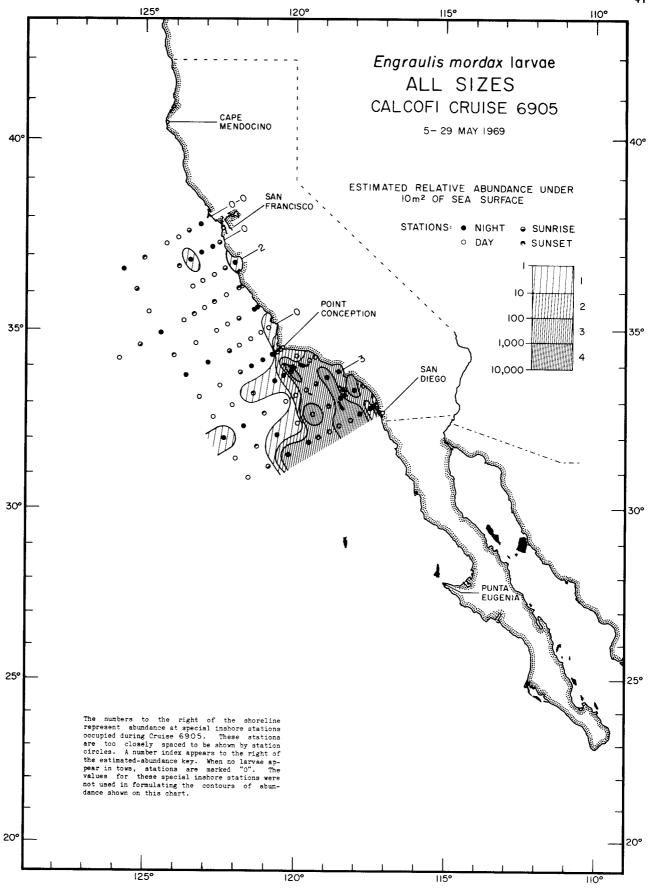


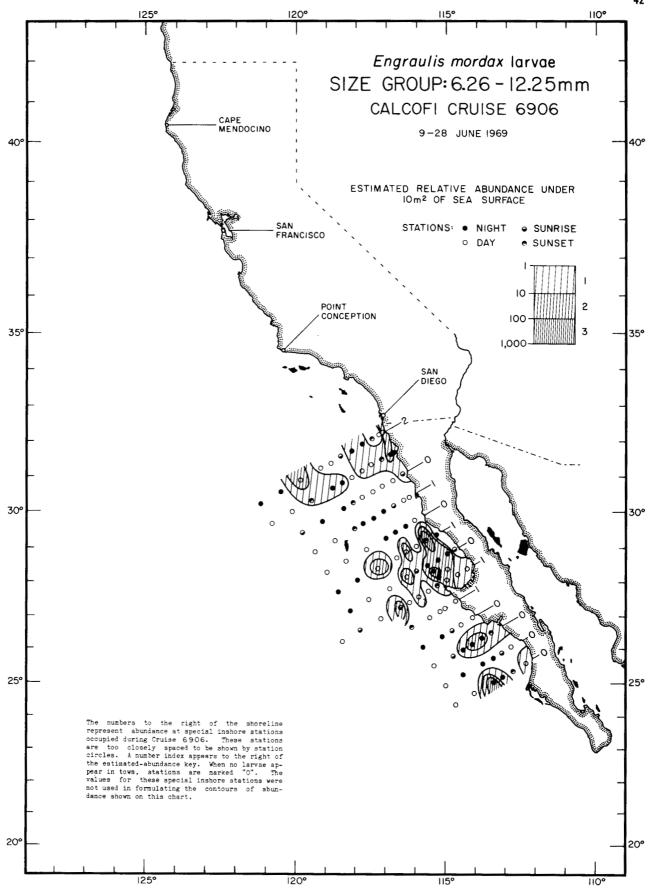


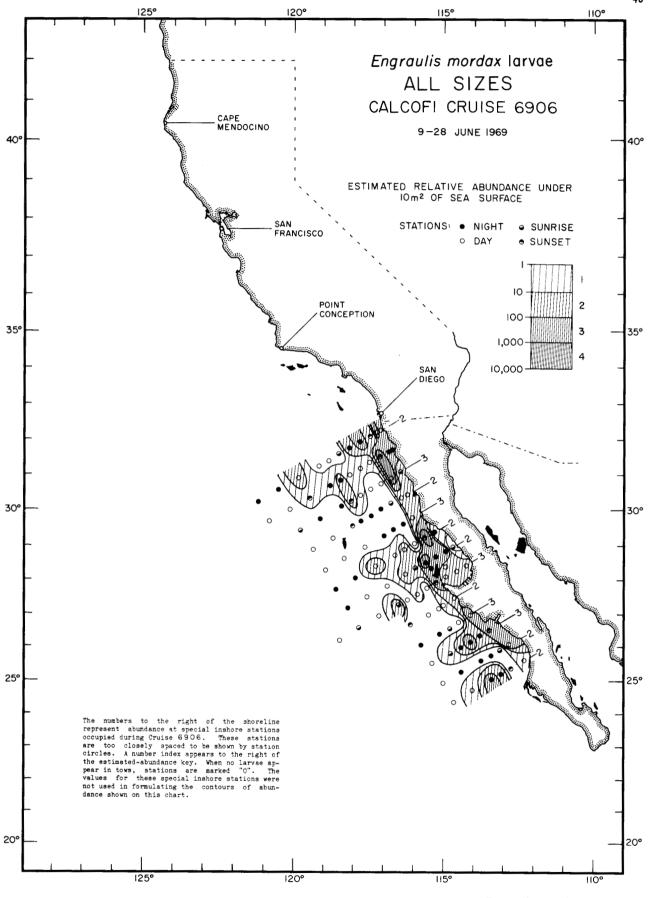


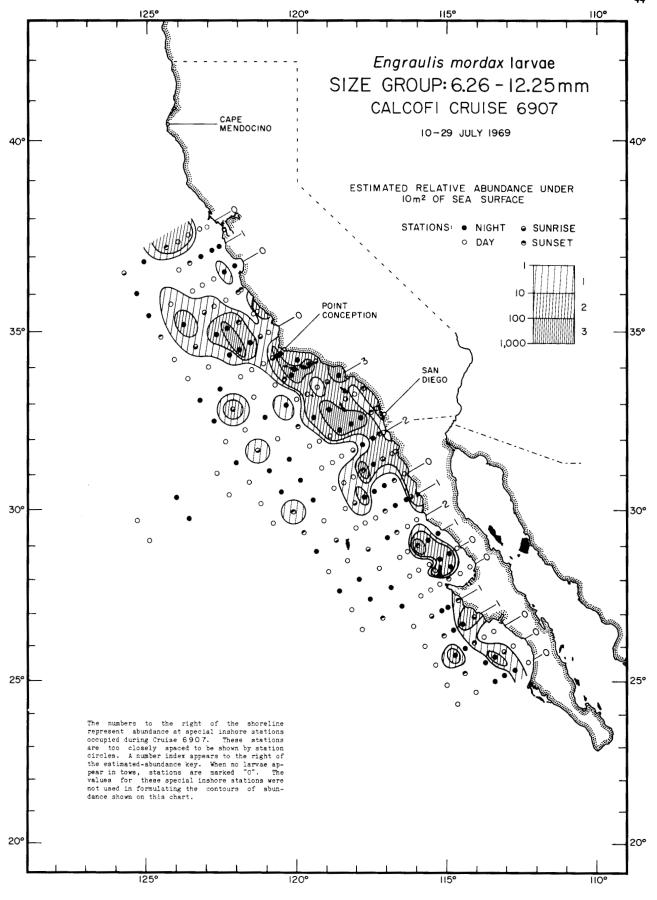
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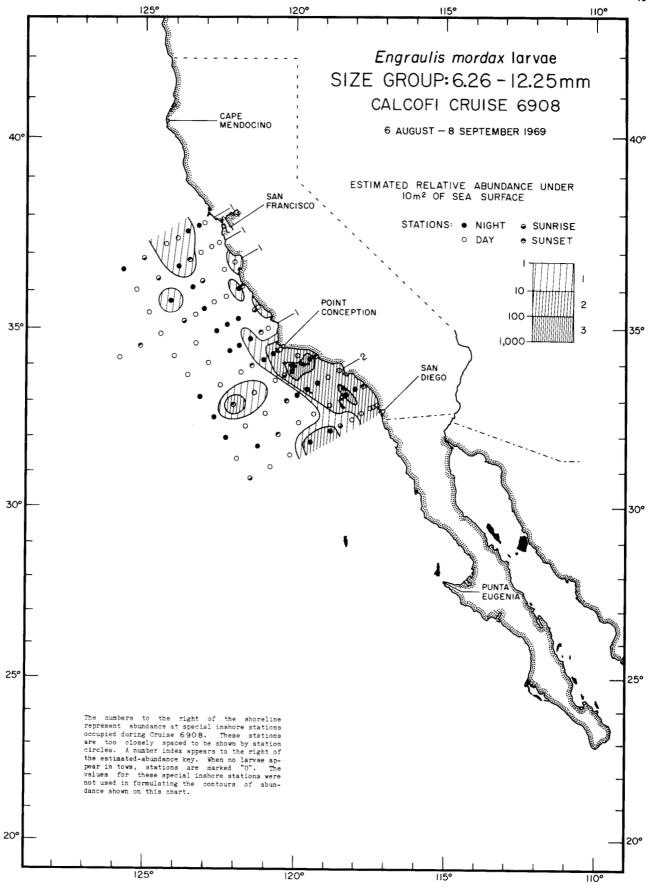




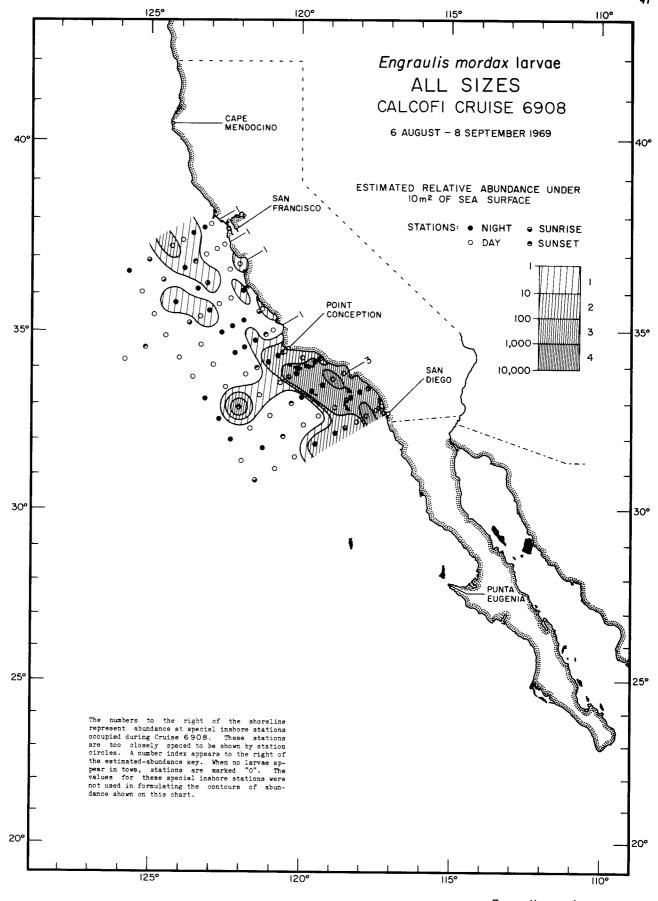




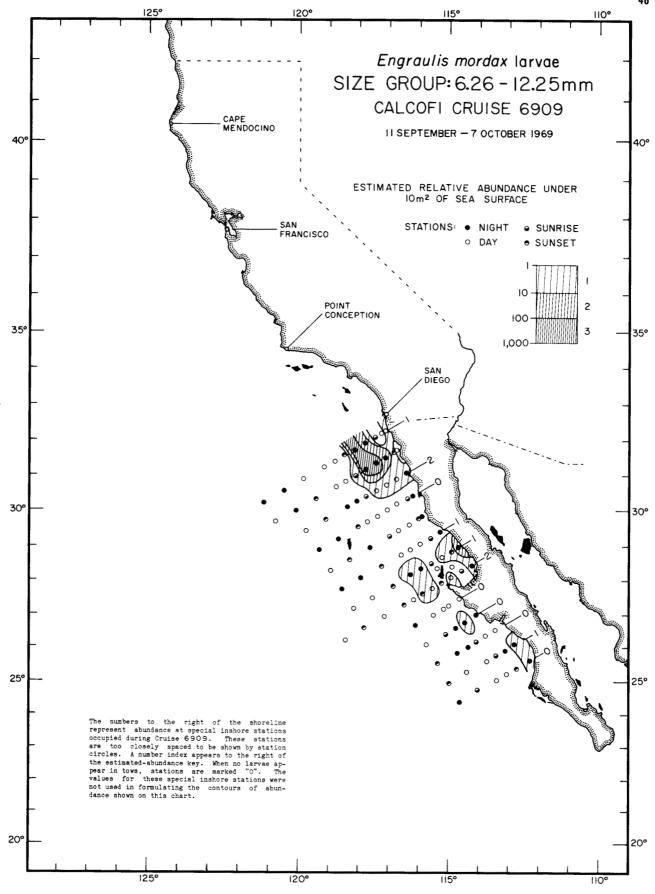


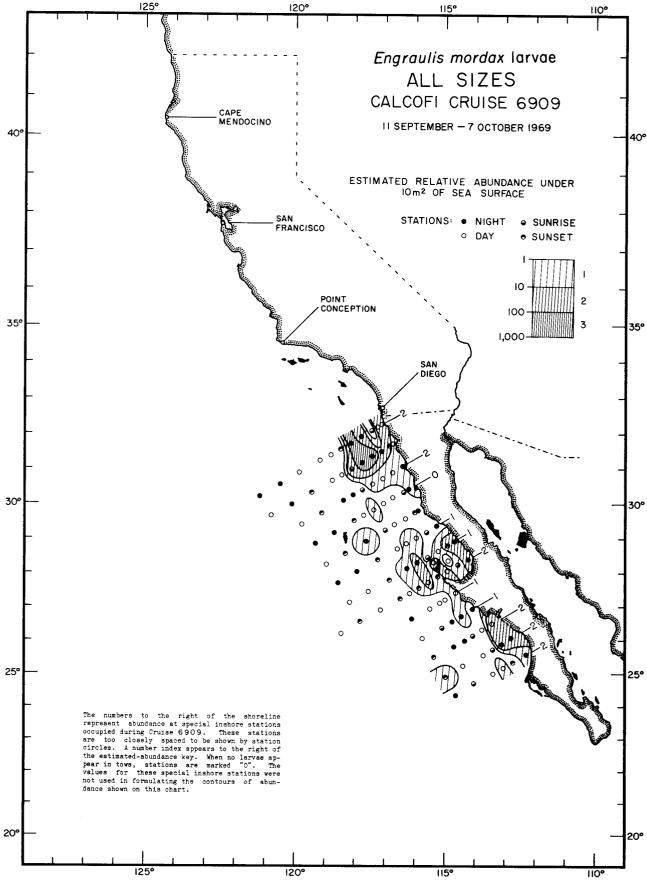


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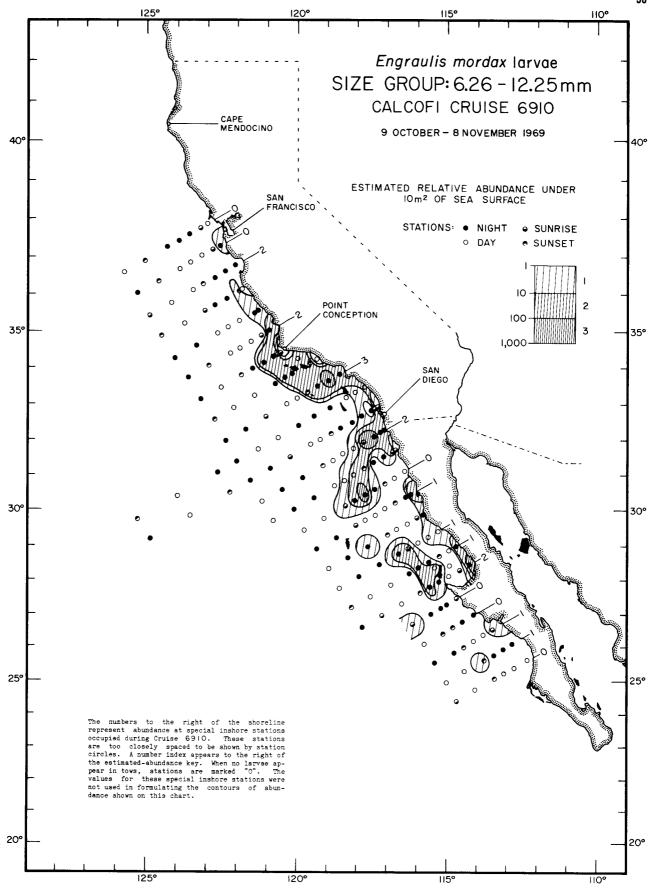


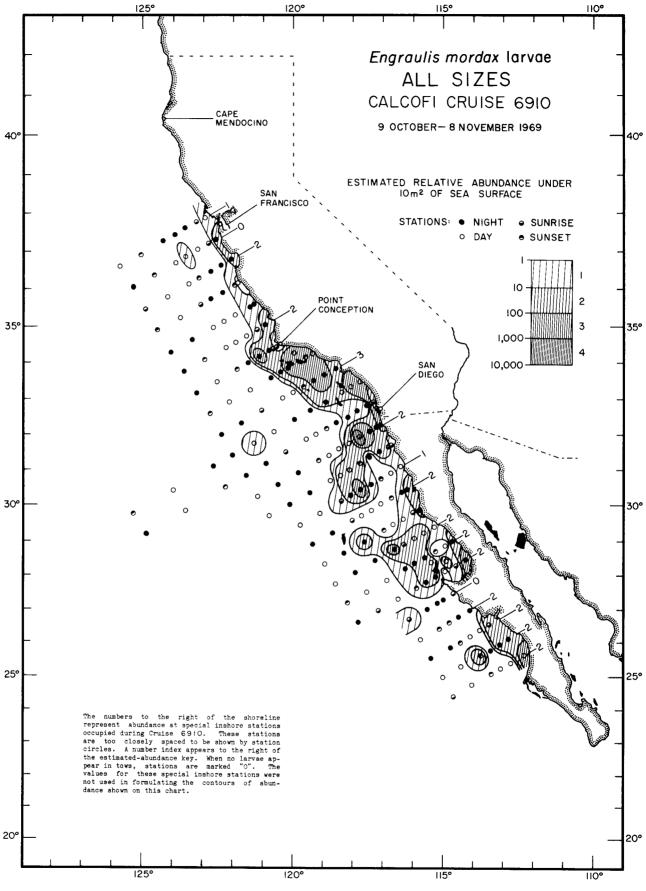
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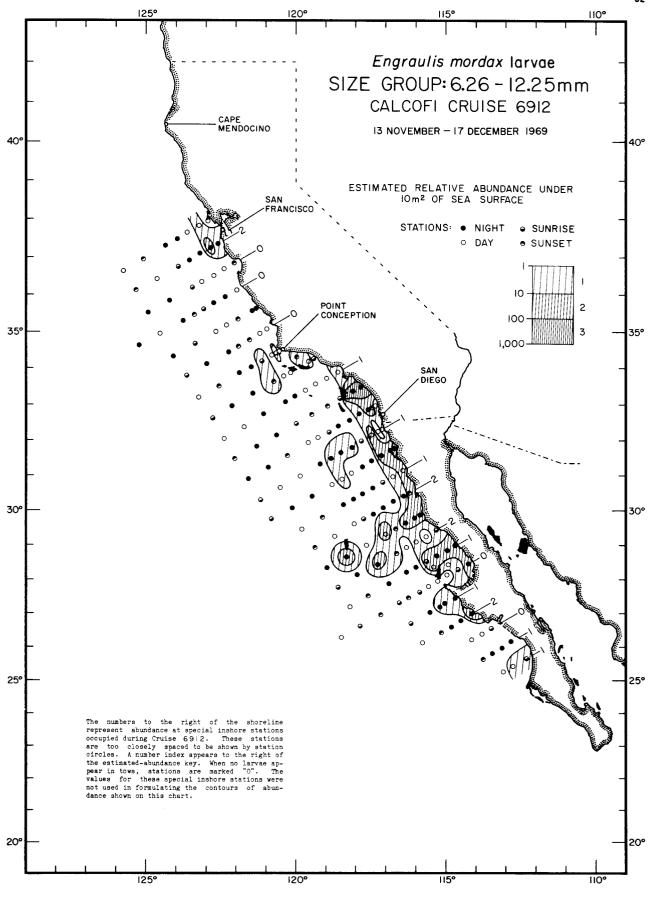


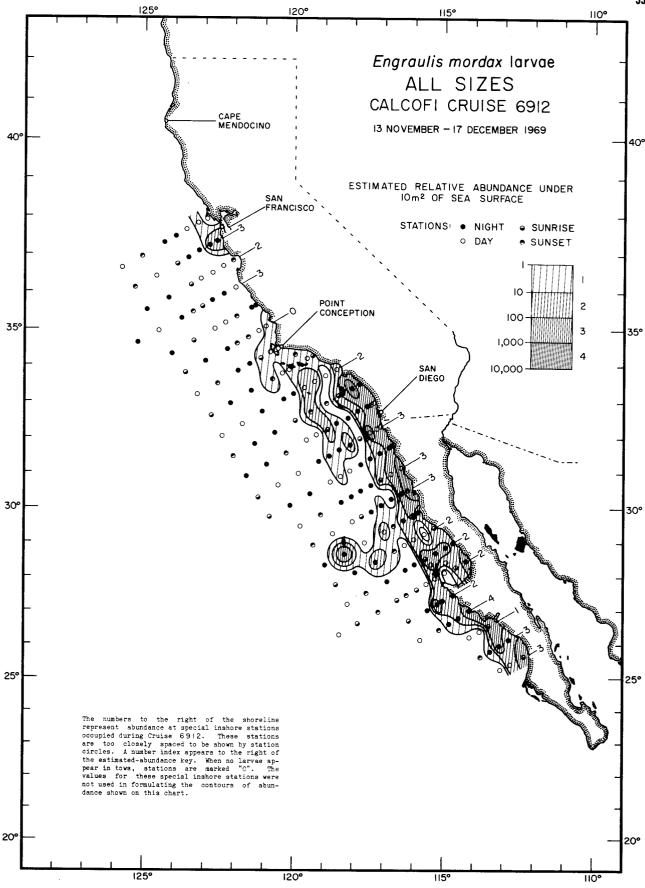
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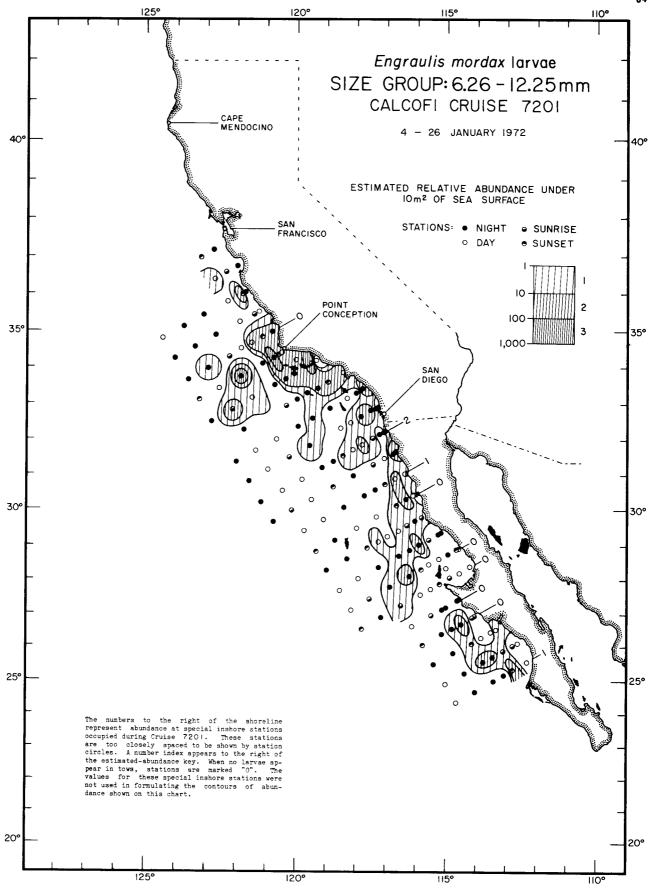


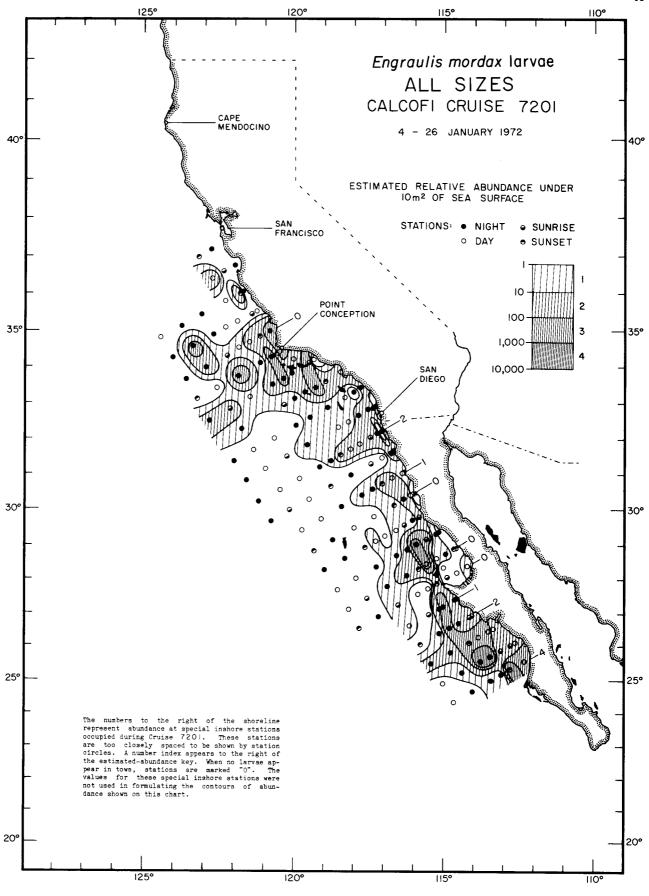


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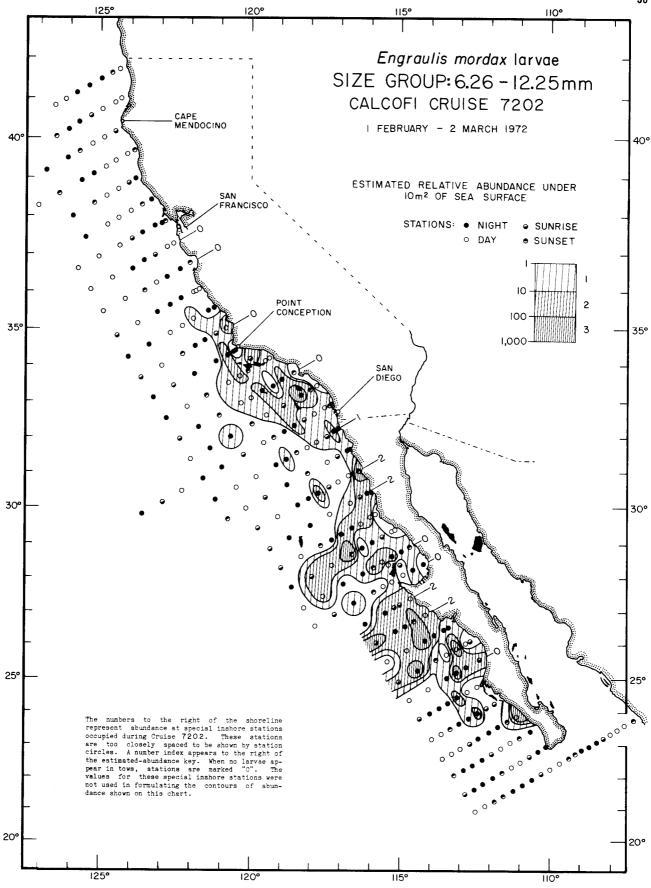


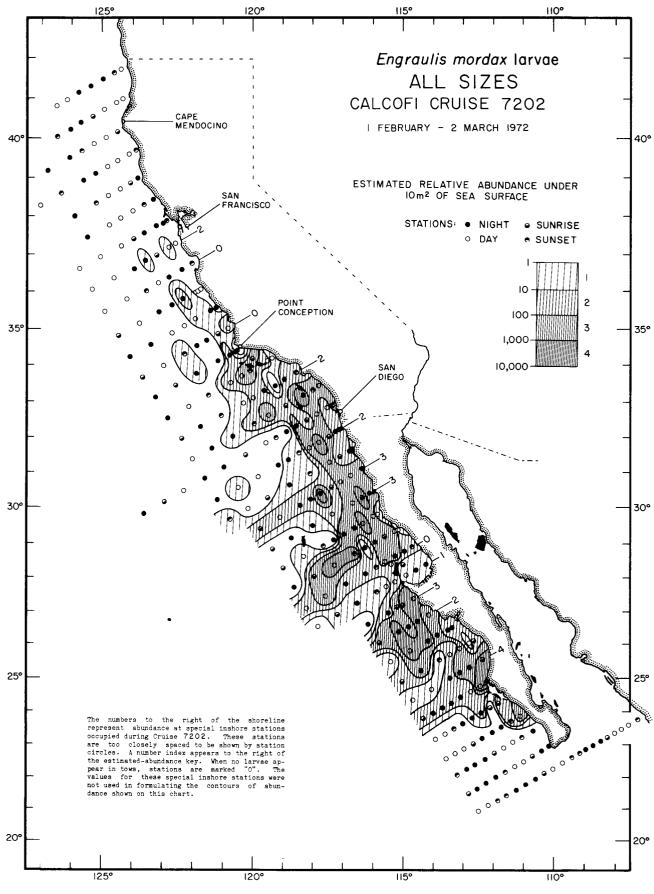




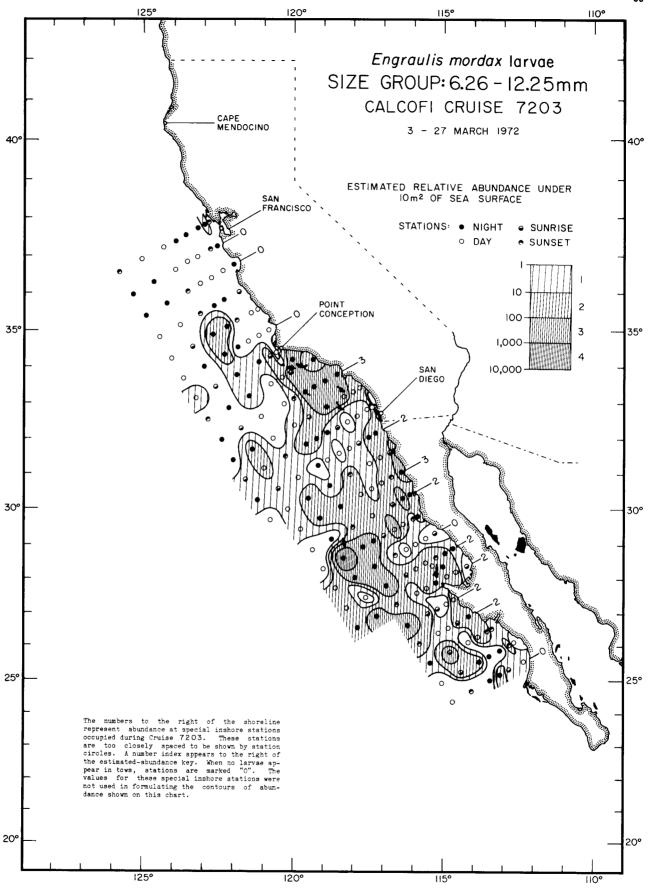
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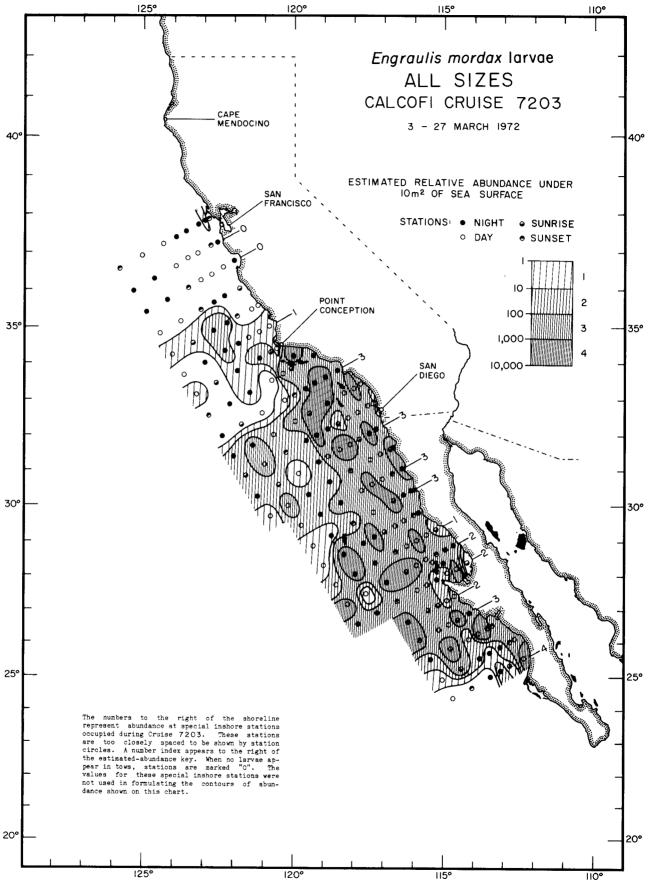
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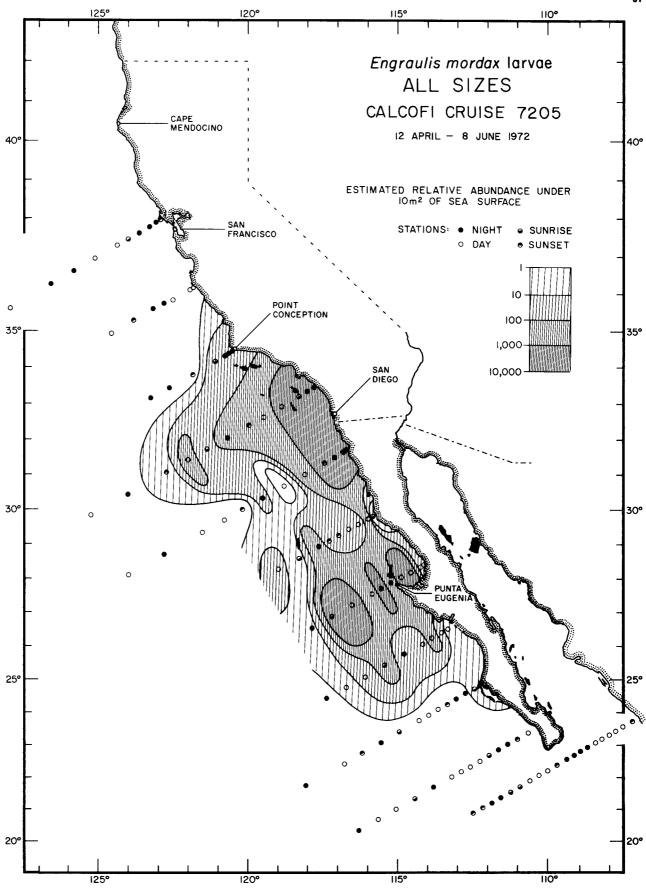
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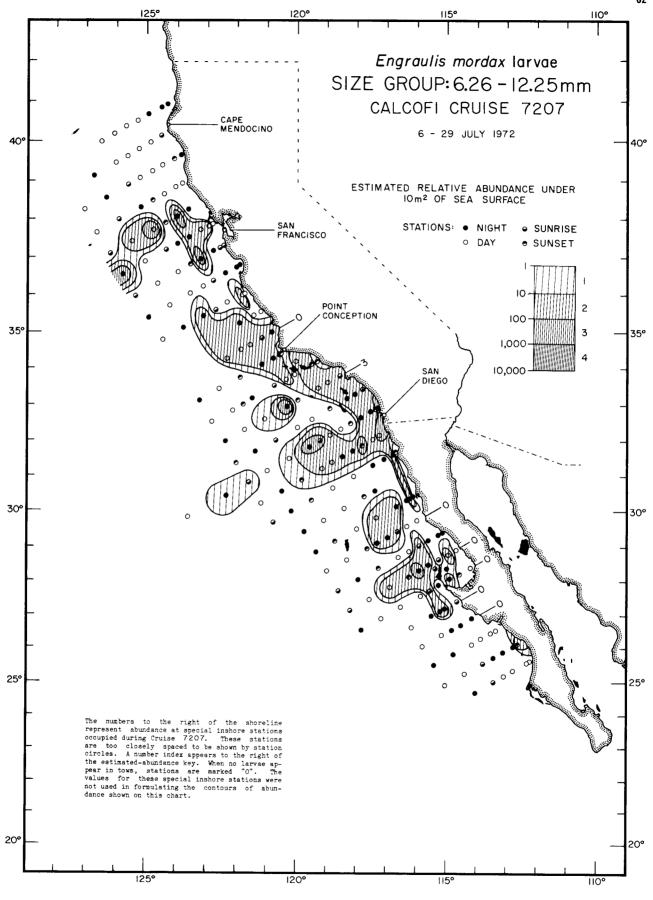


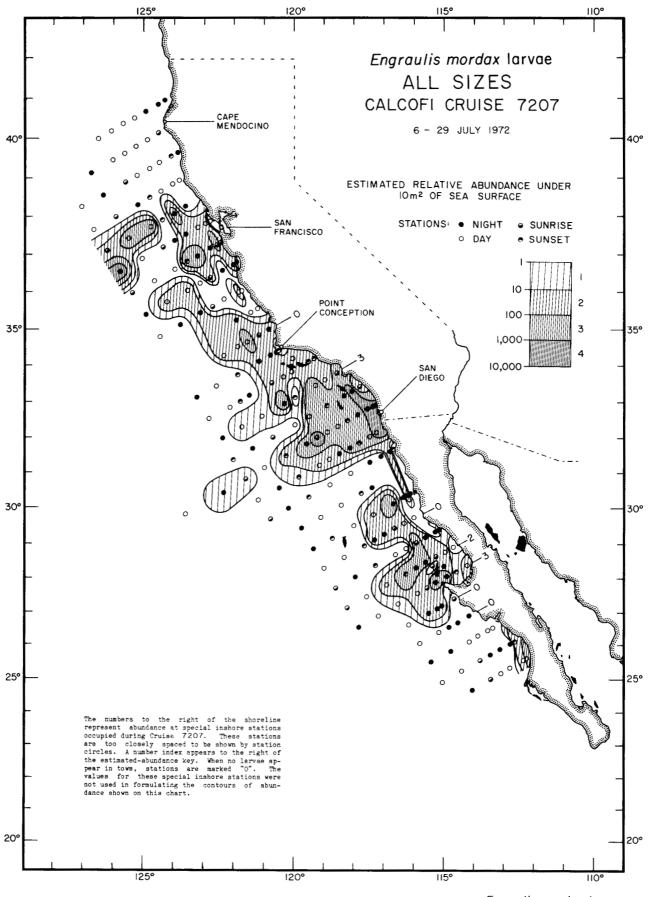


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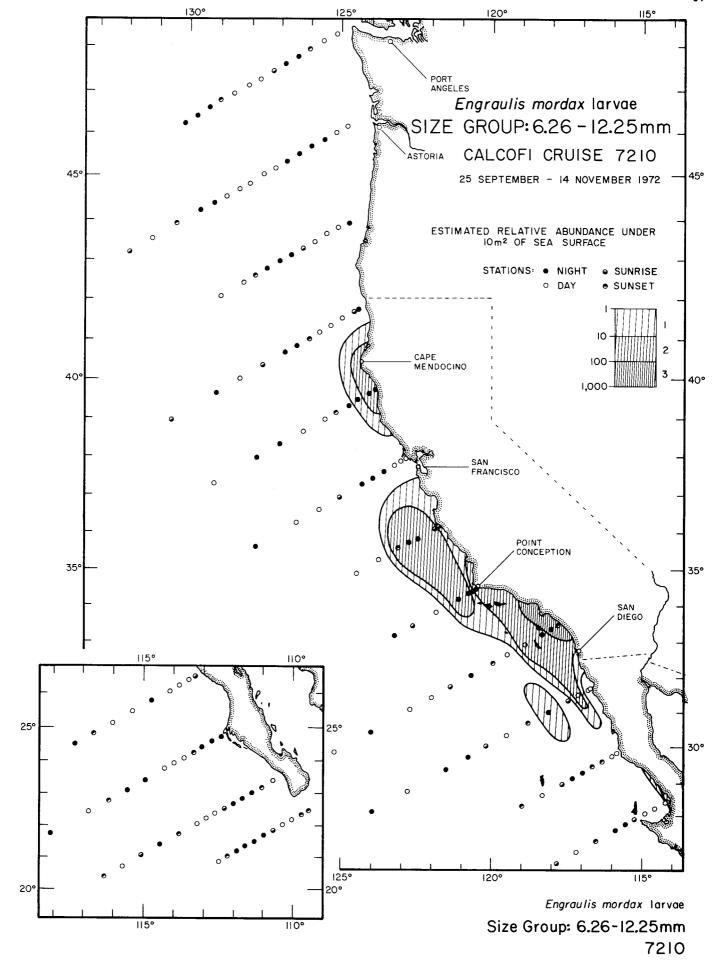




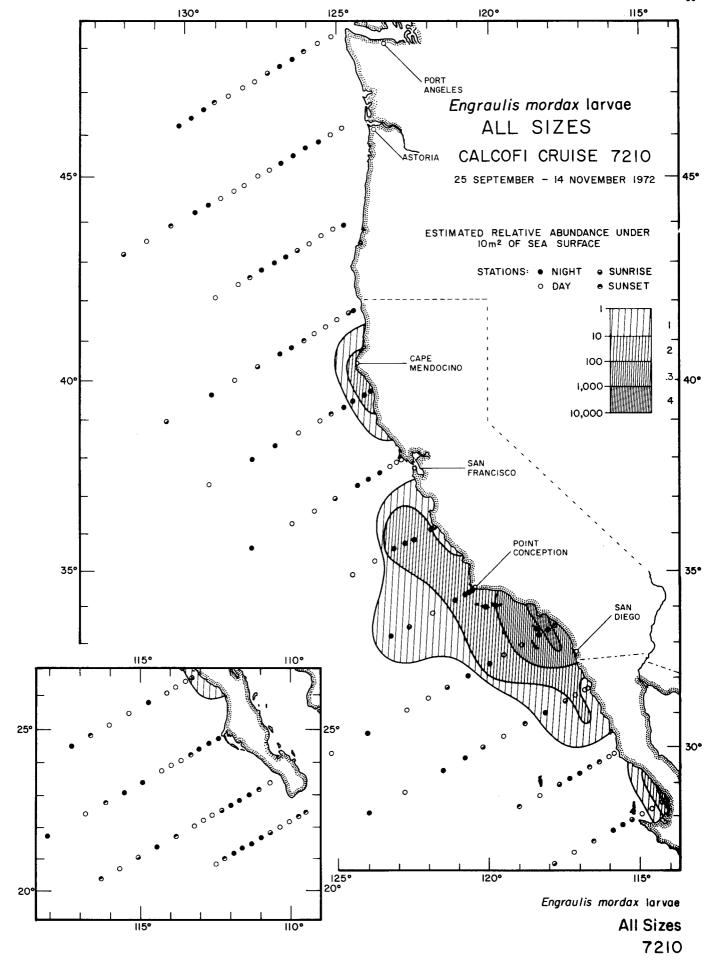
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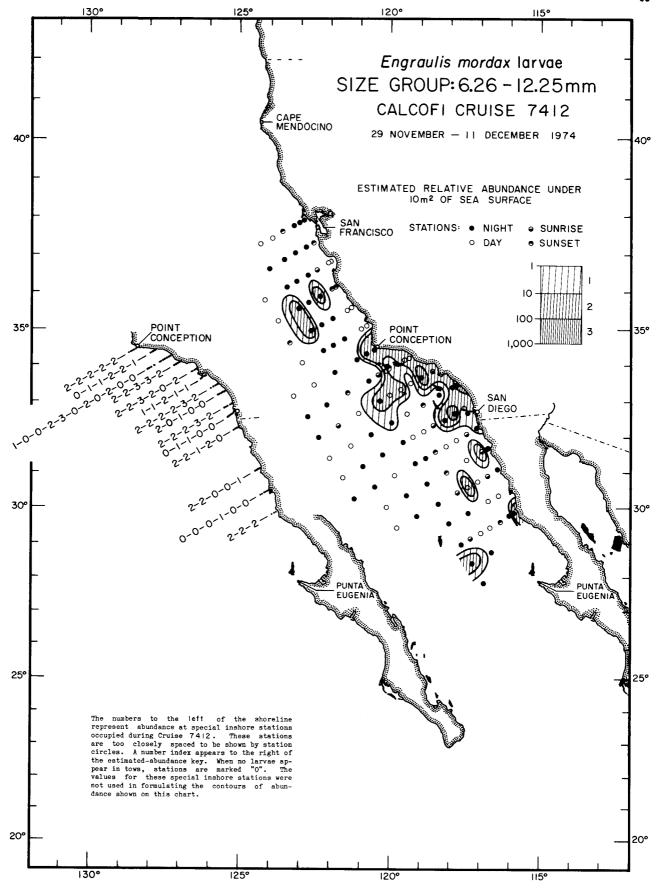


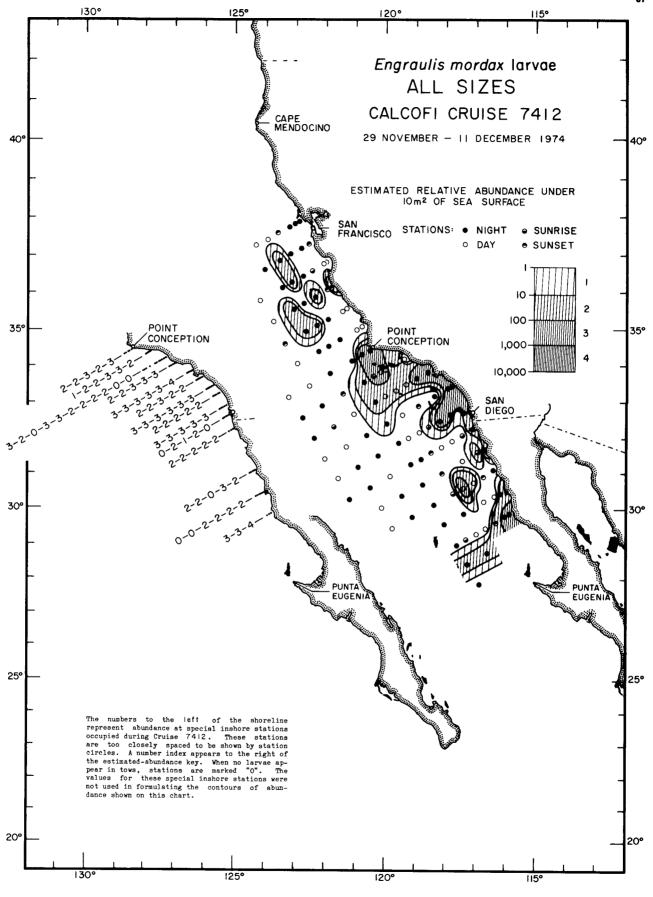




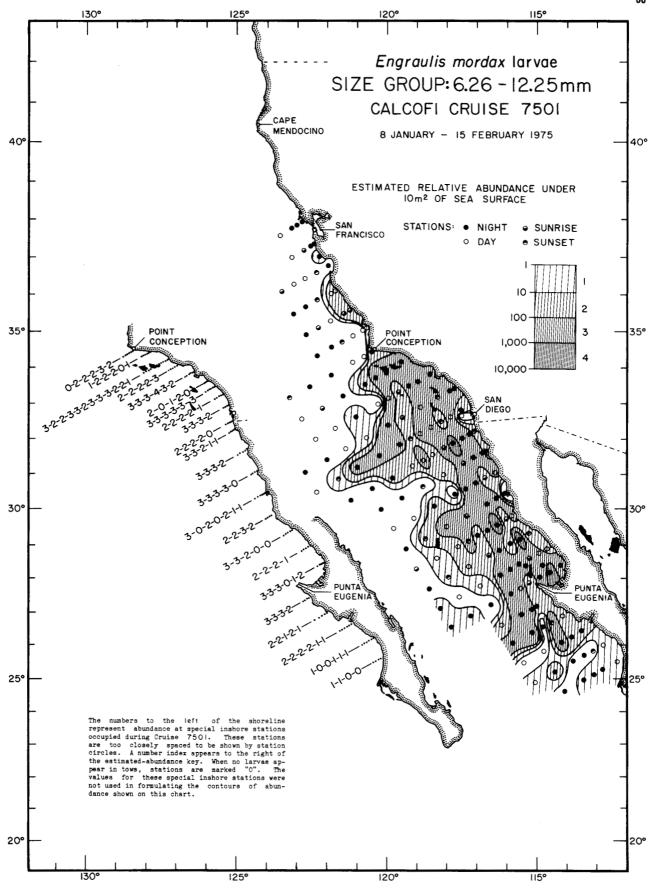




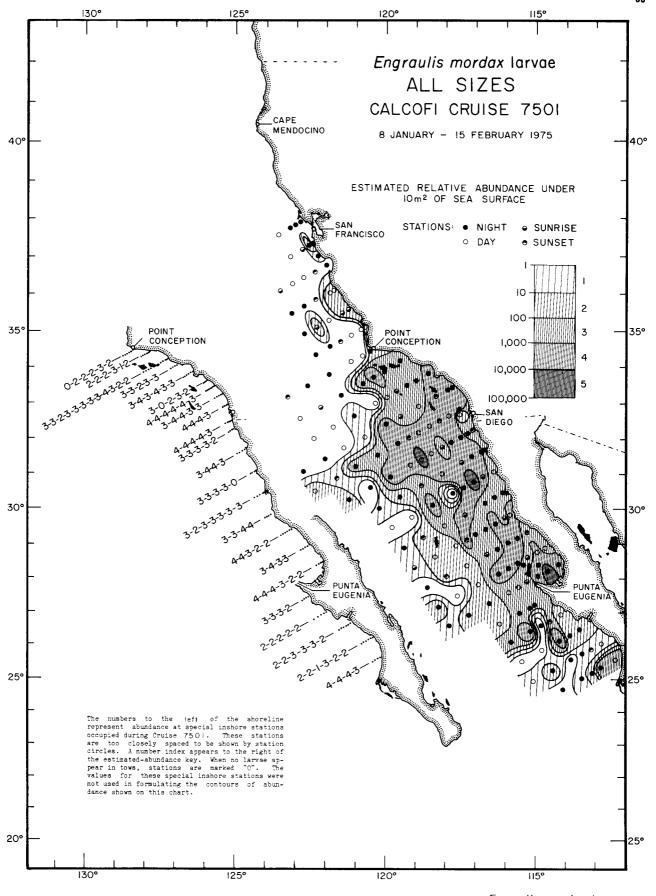


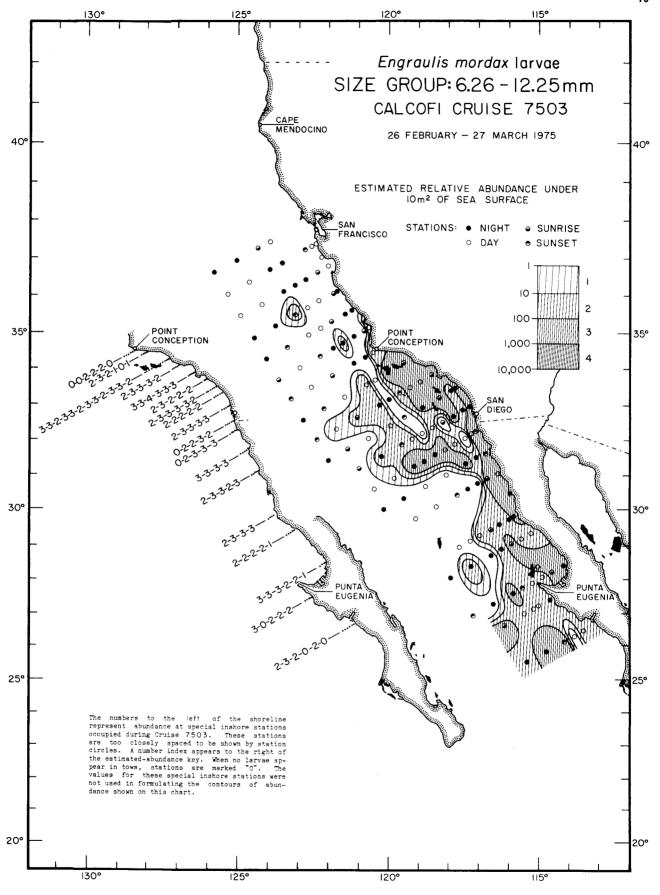


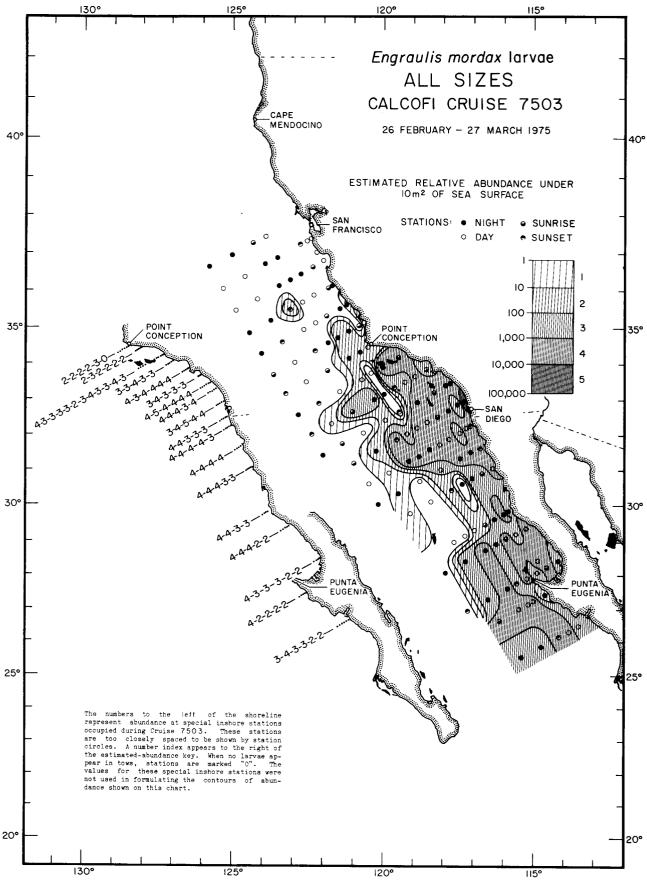
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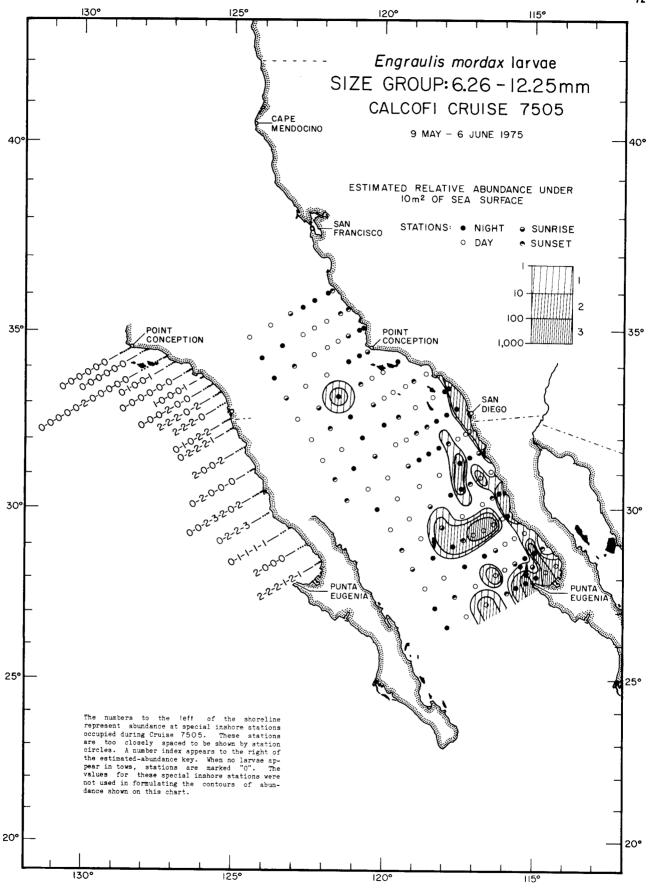
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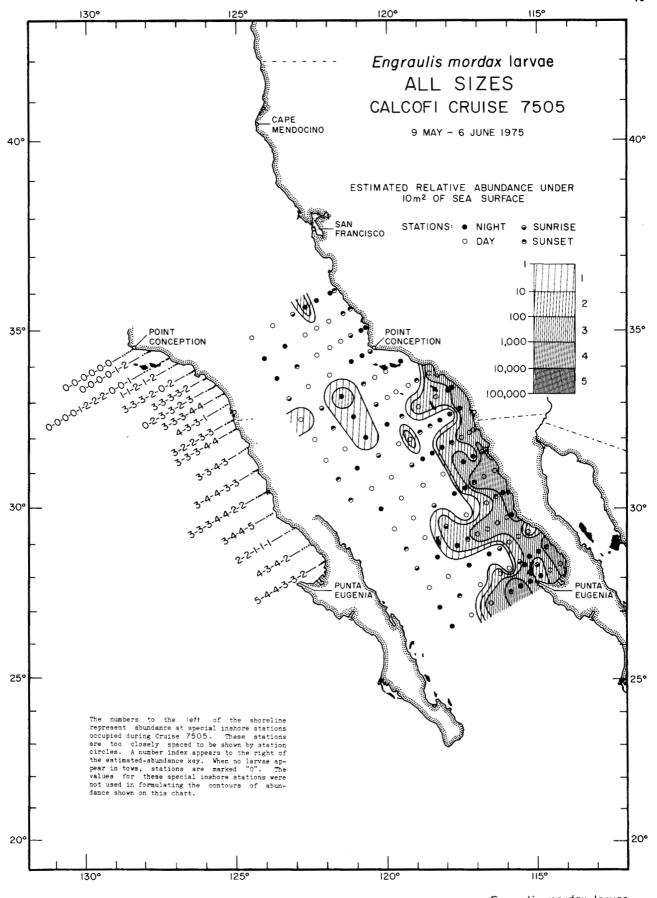




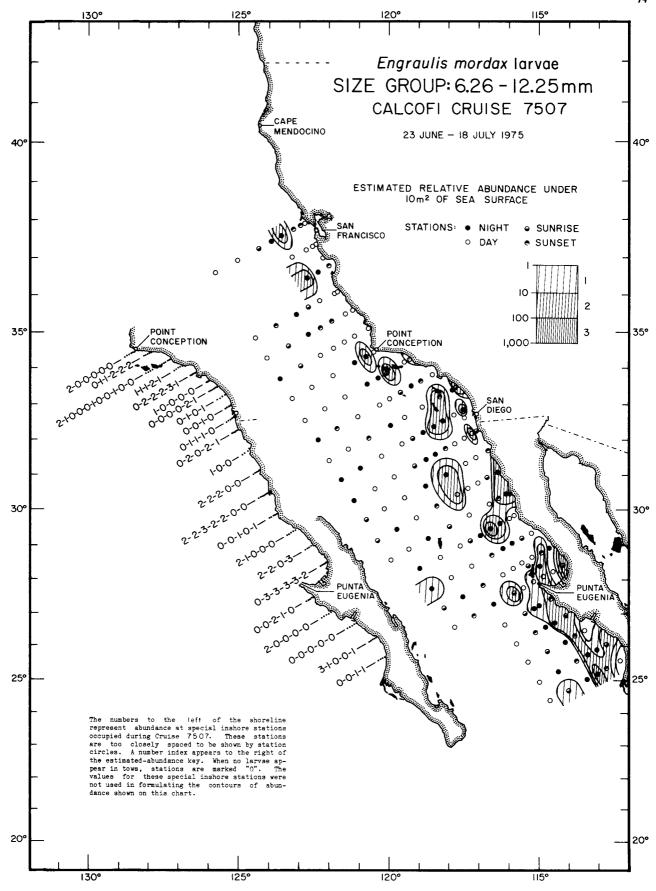
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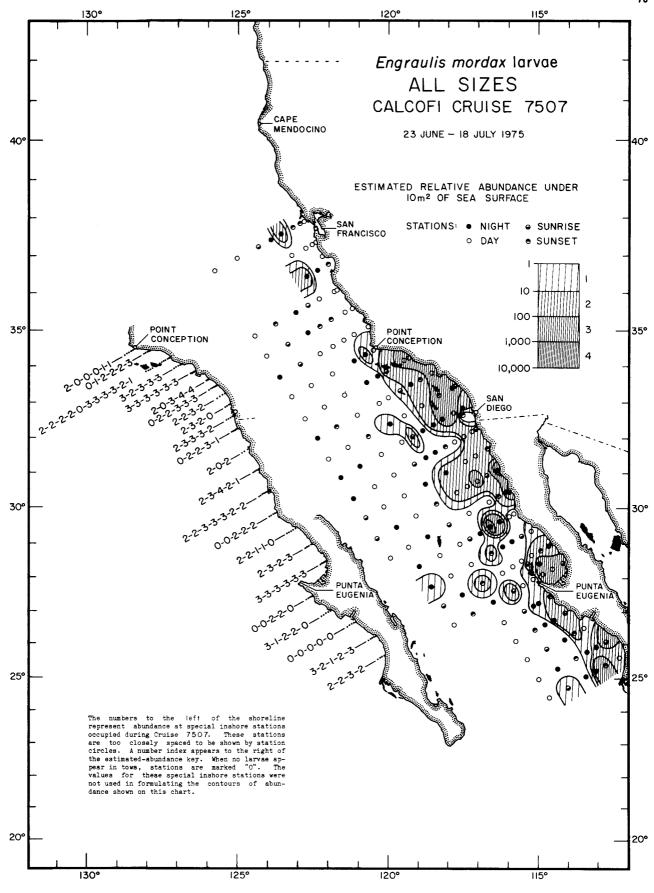


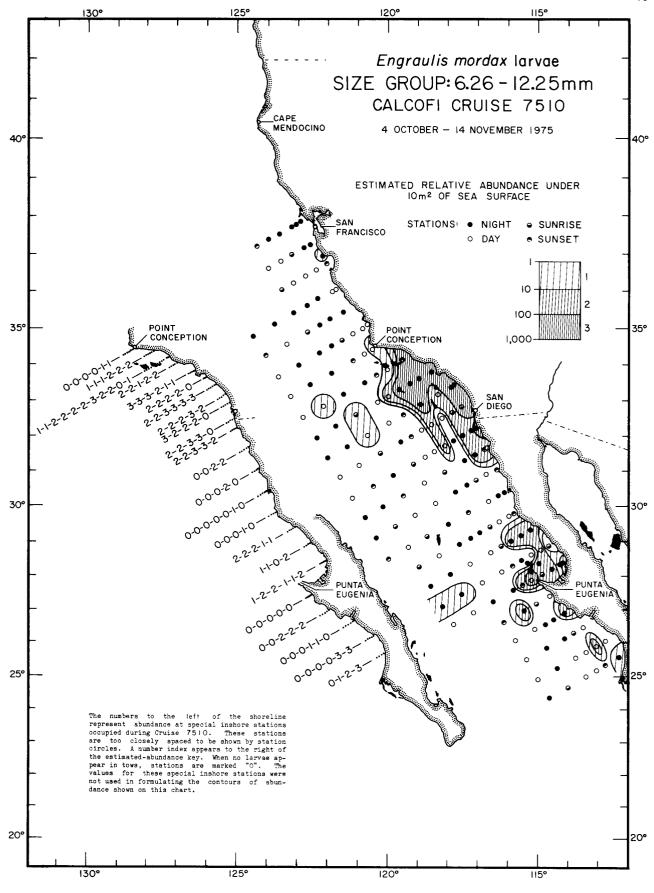
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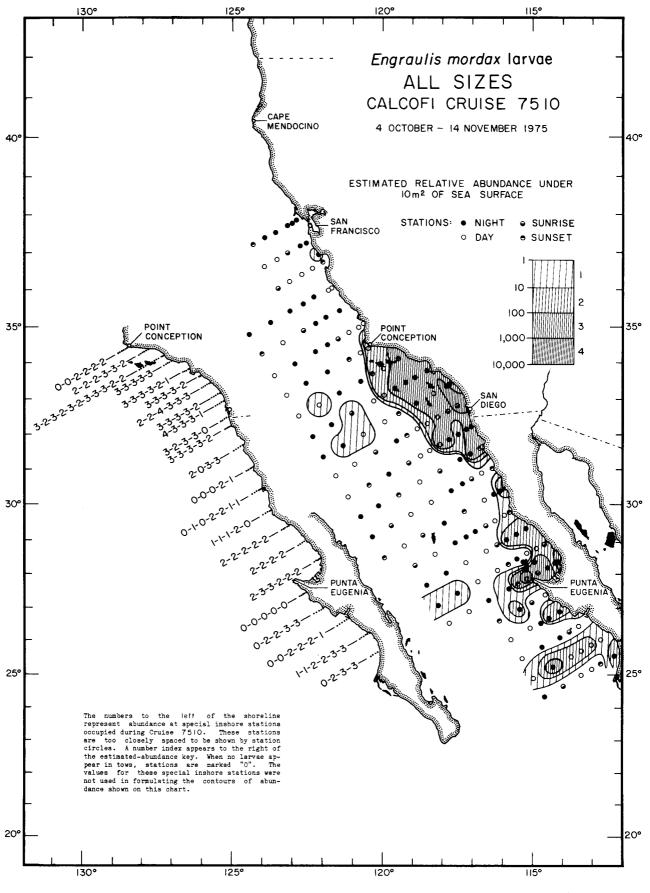


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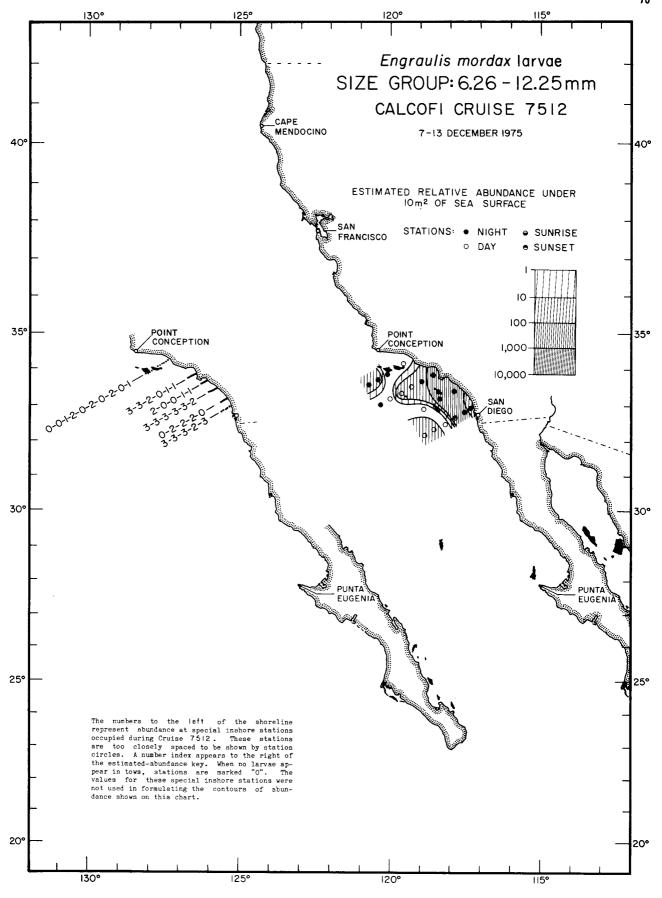


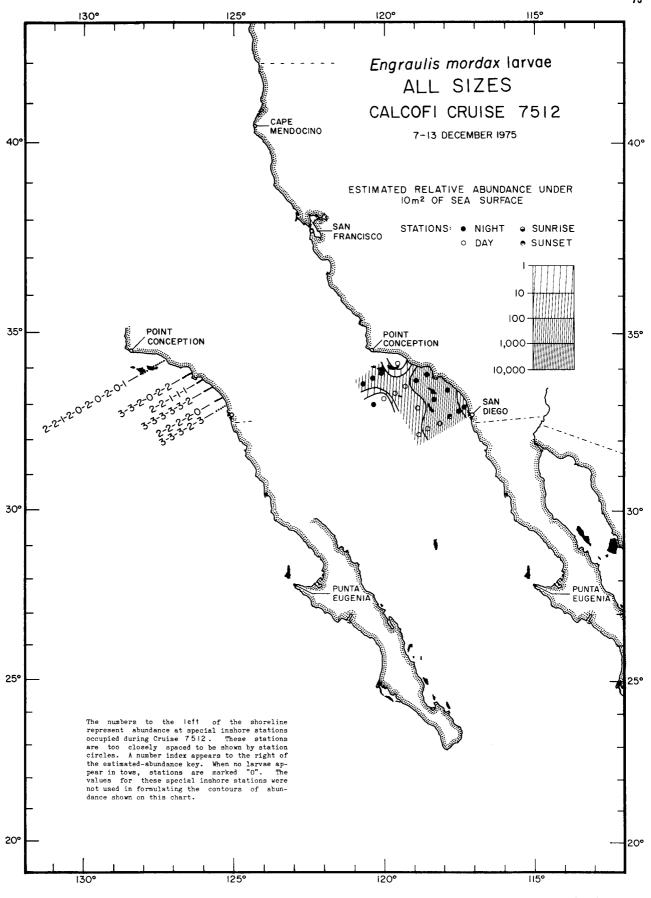


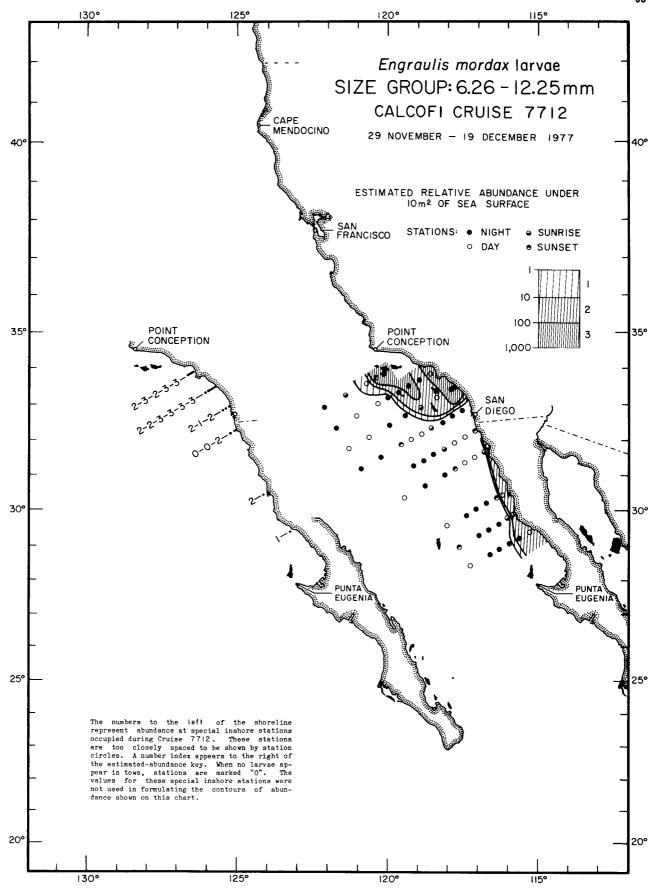


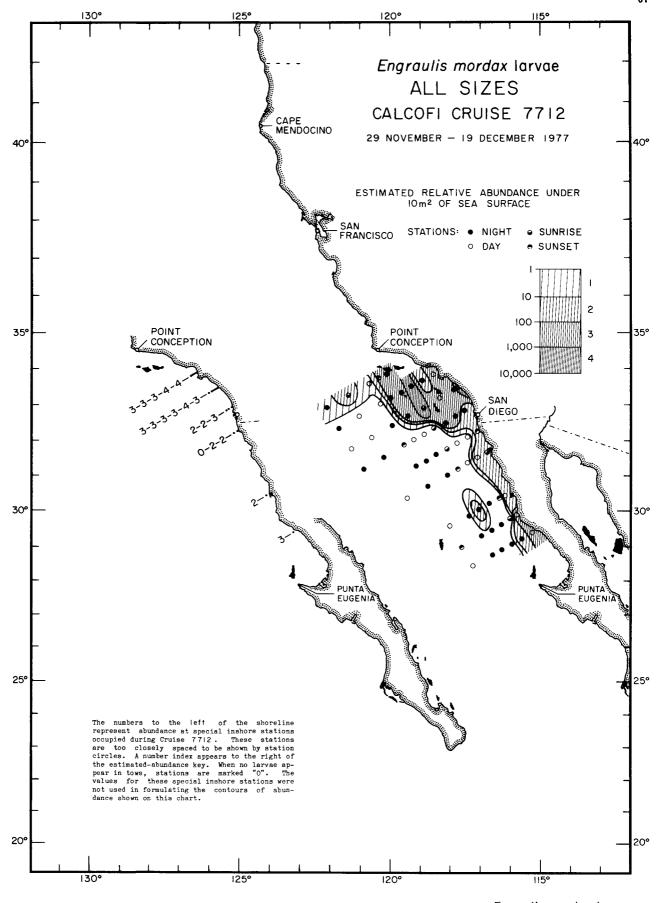


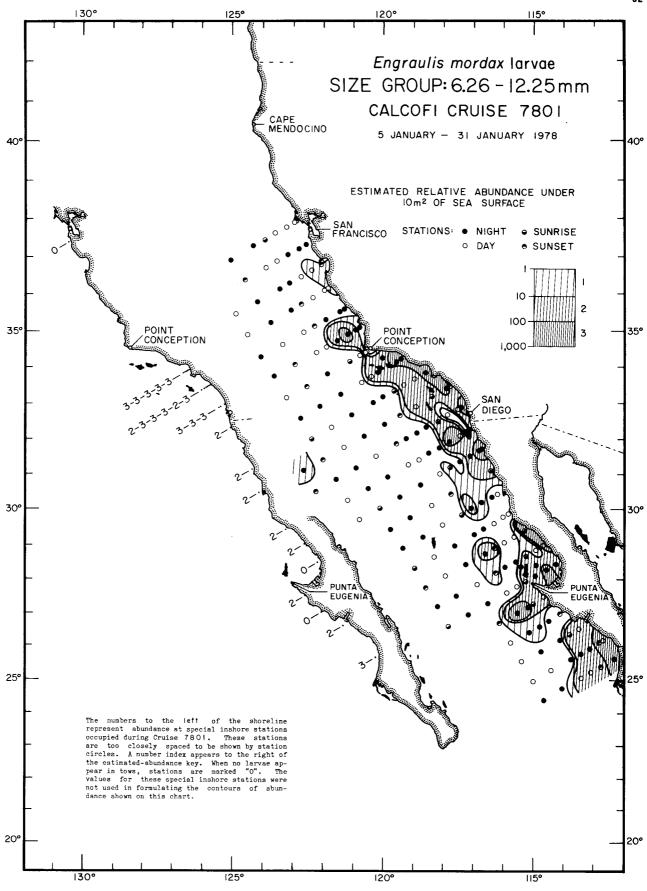
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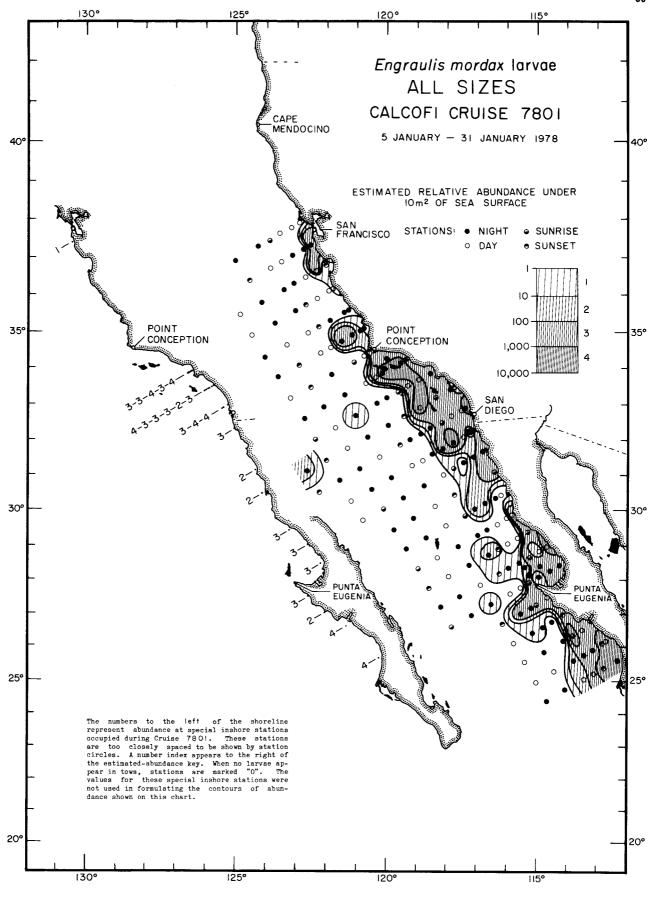


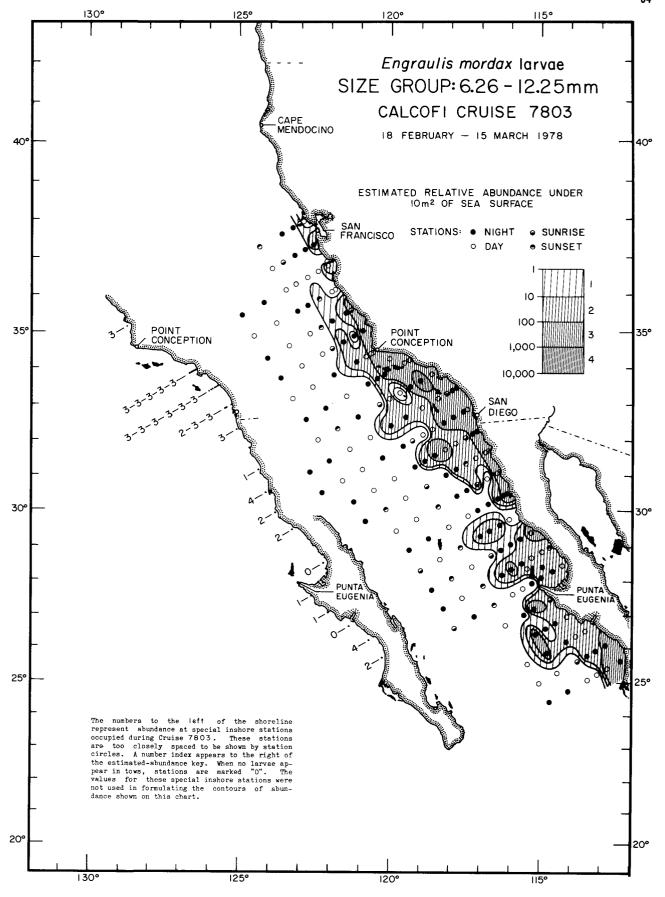






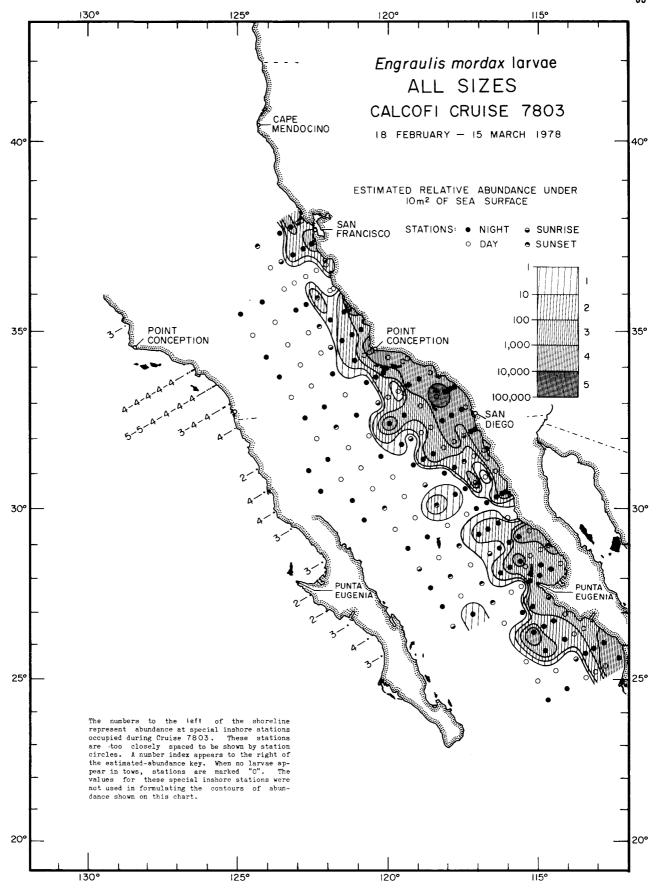


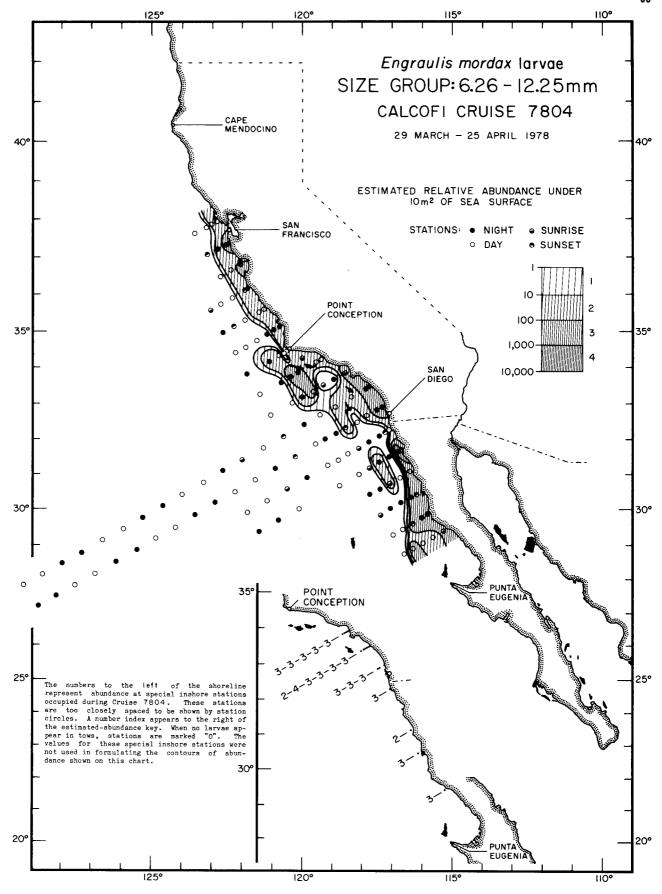




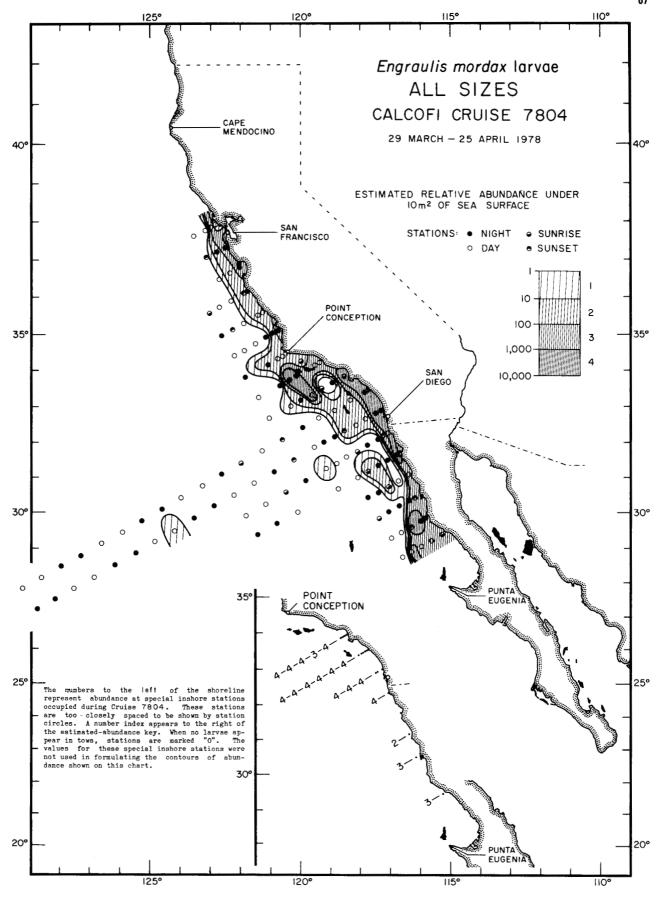
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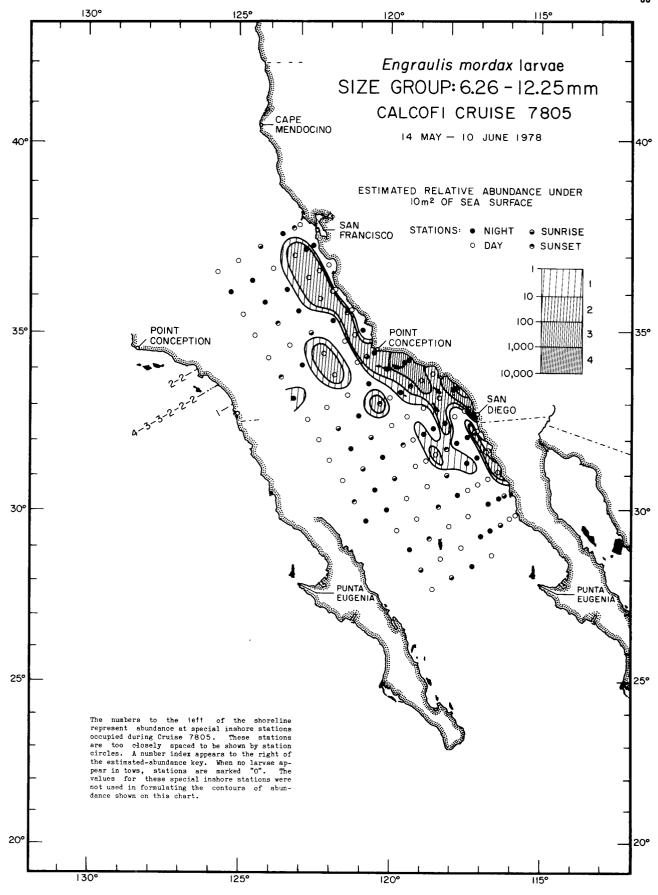
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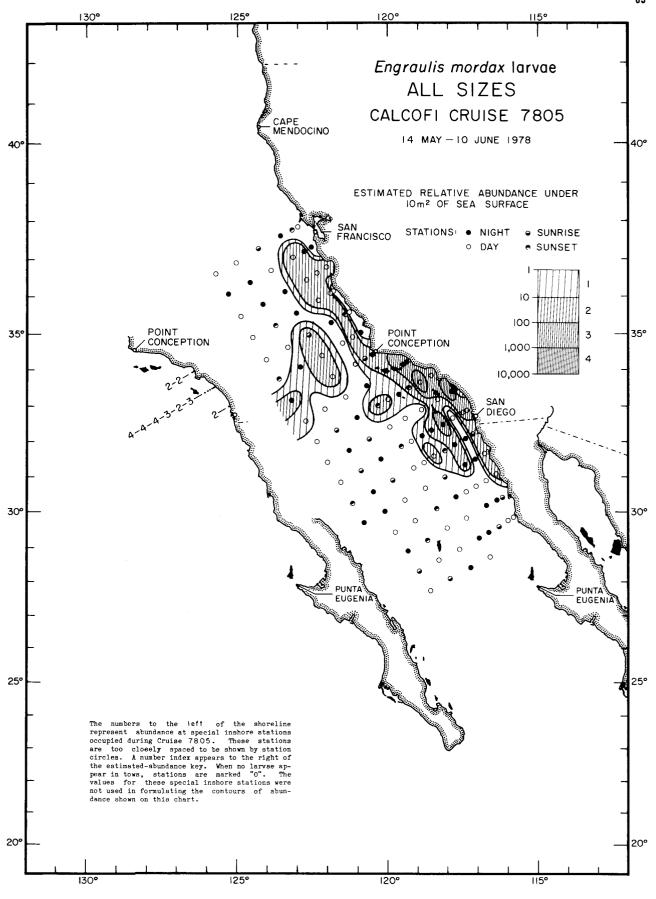


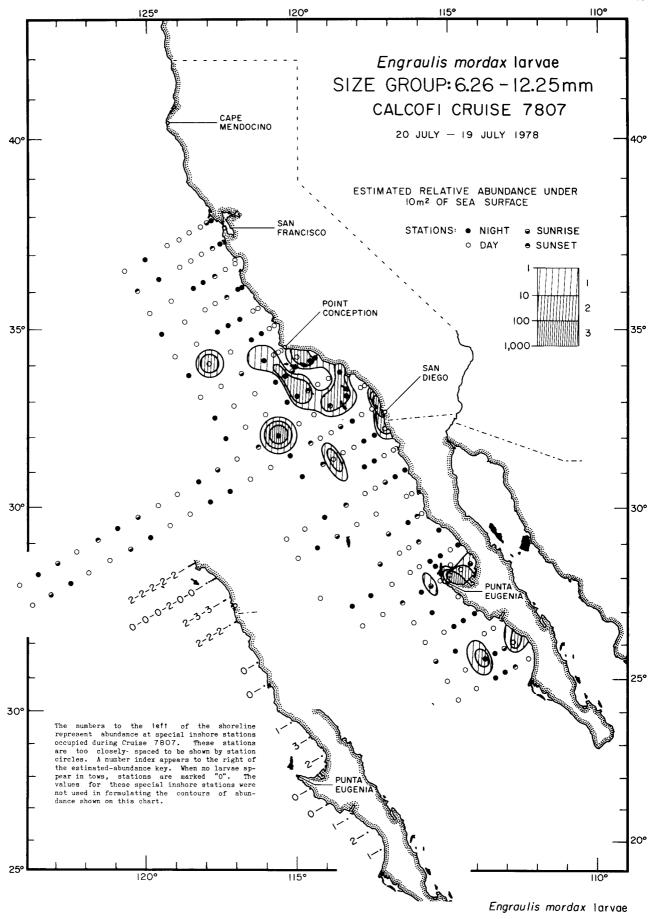


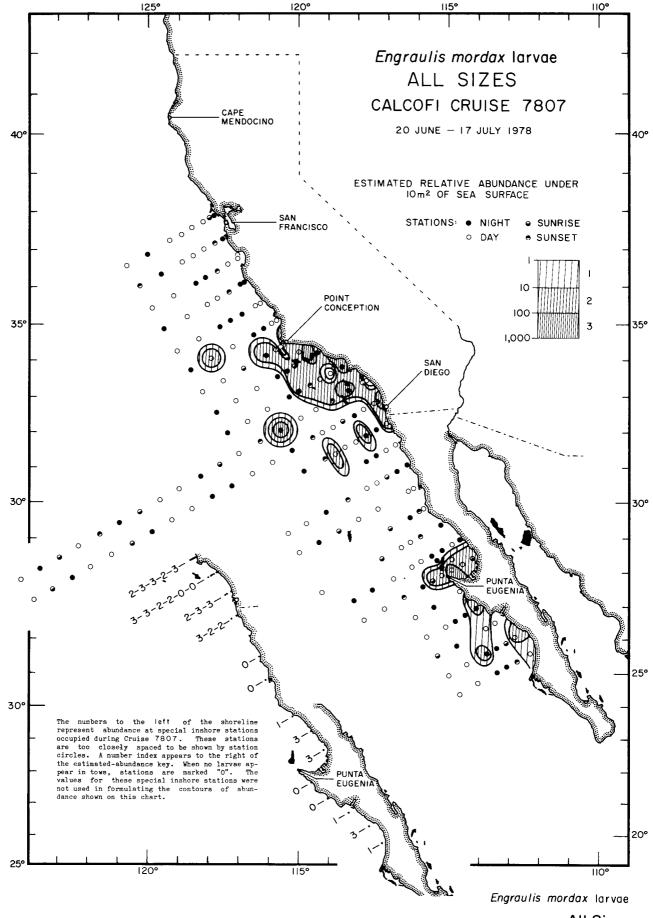
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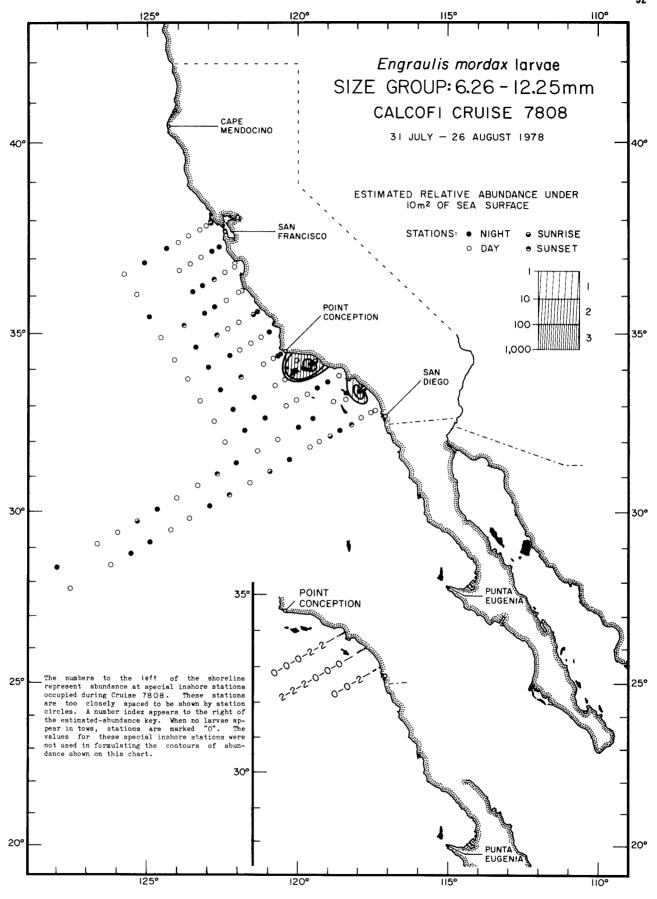


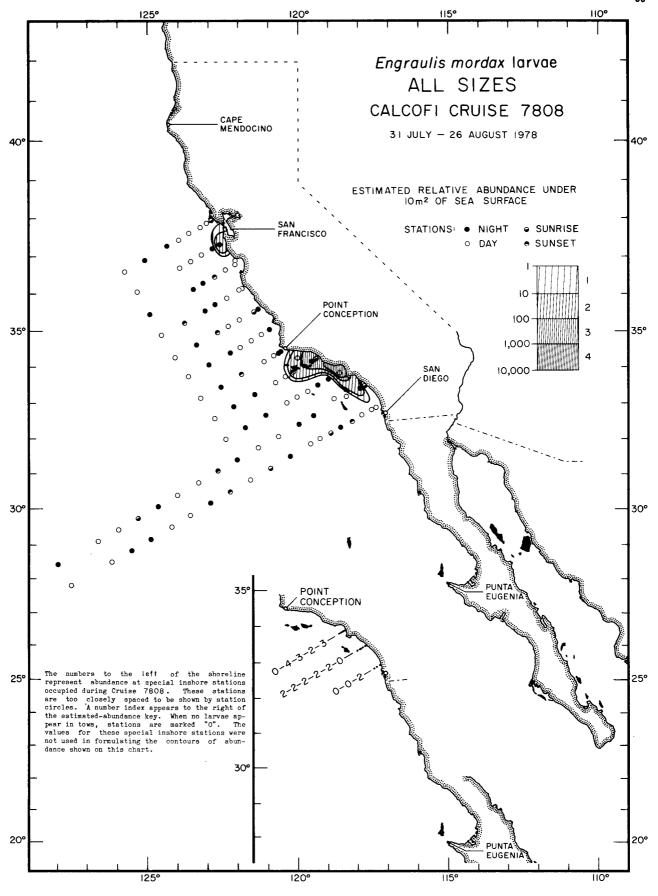


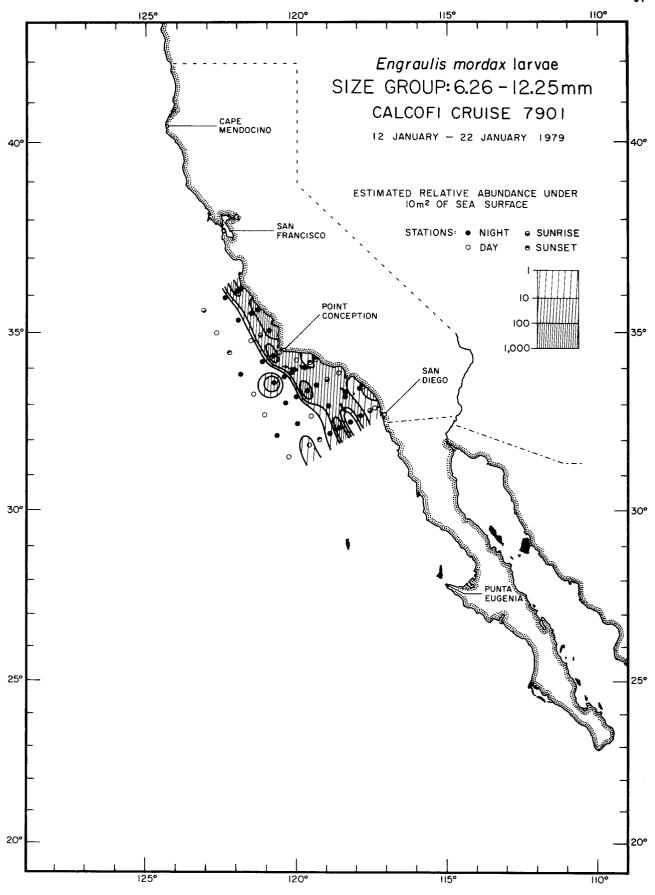






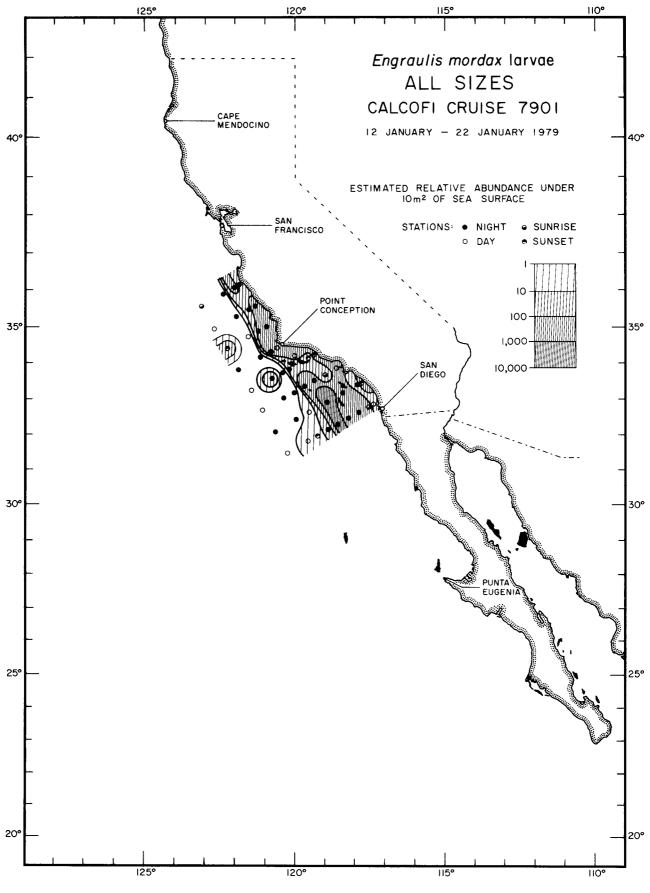




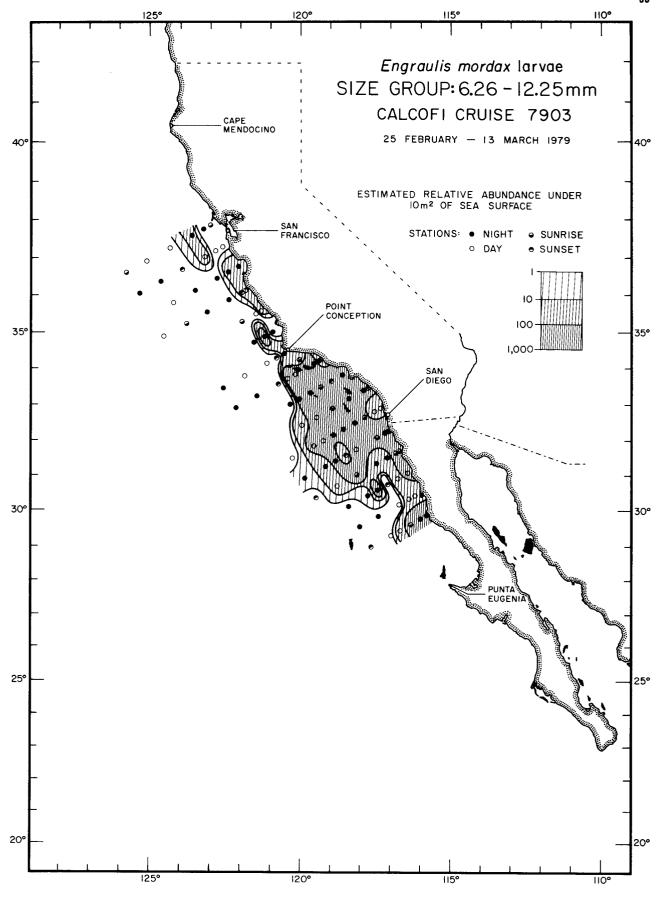


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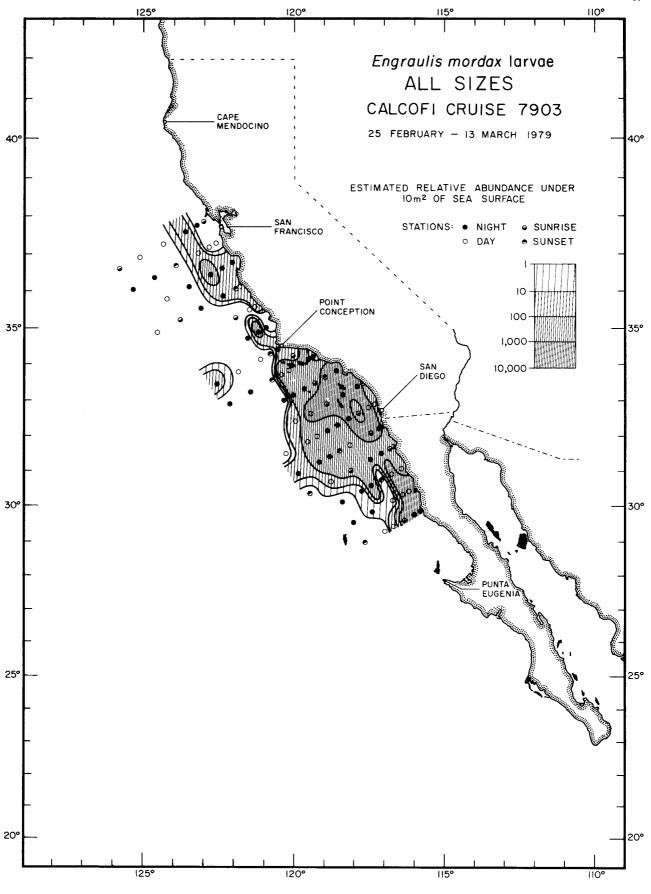


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All Sizes
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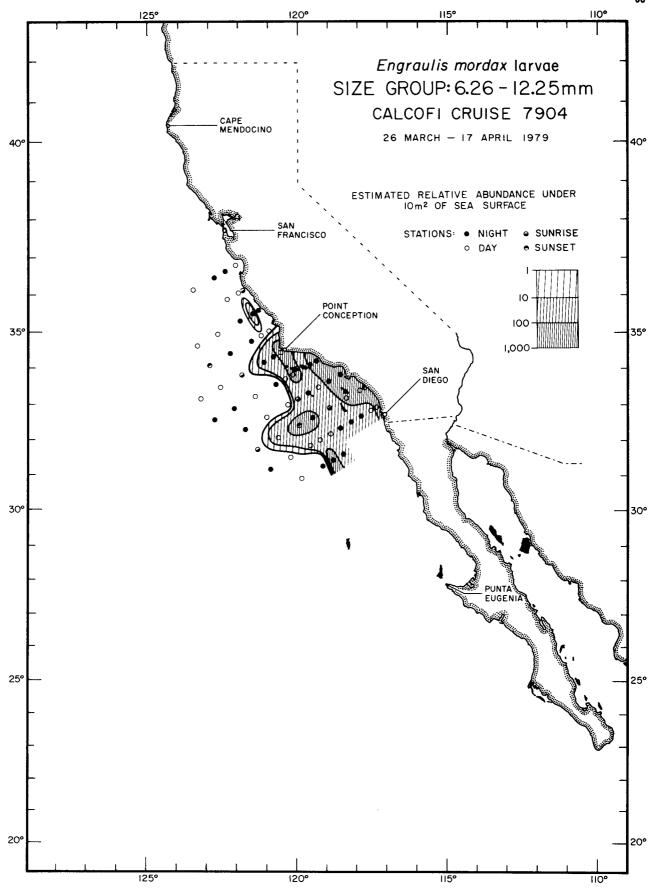


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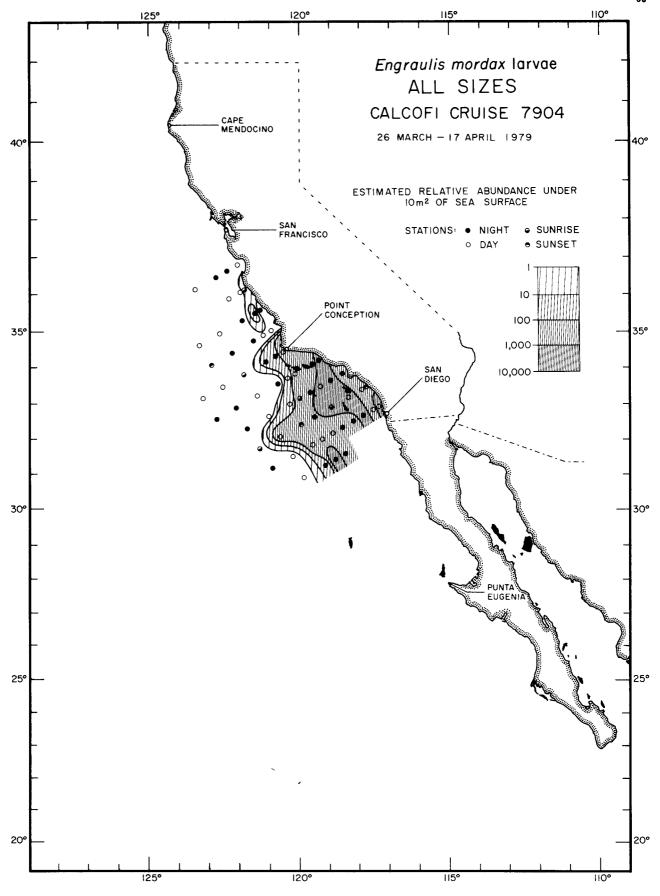


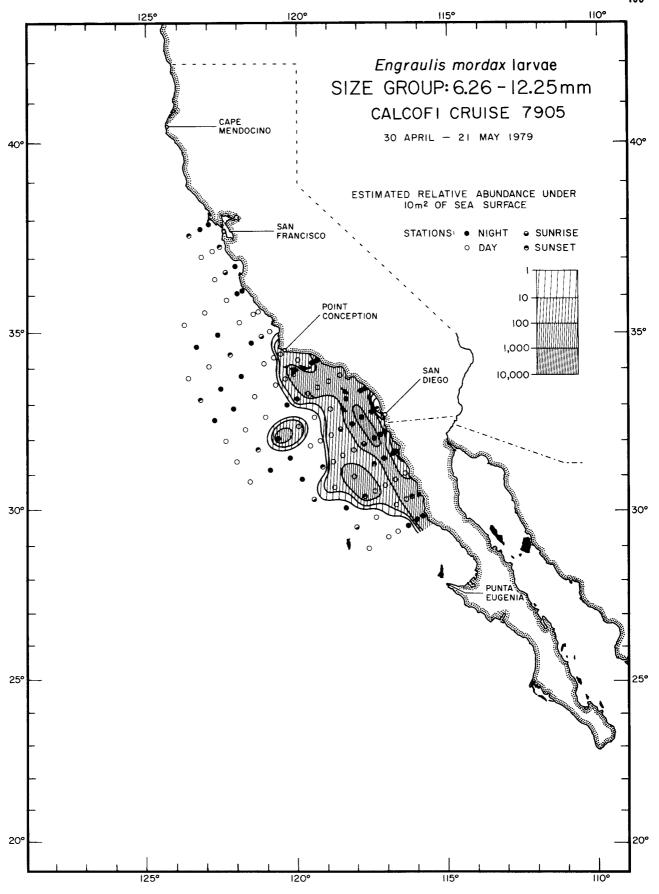
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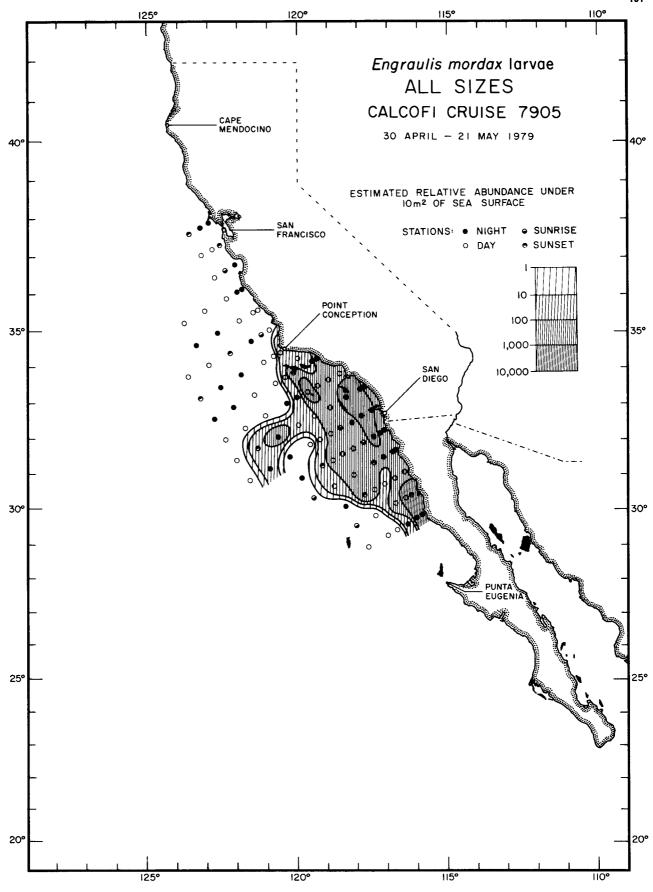


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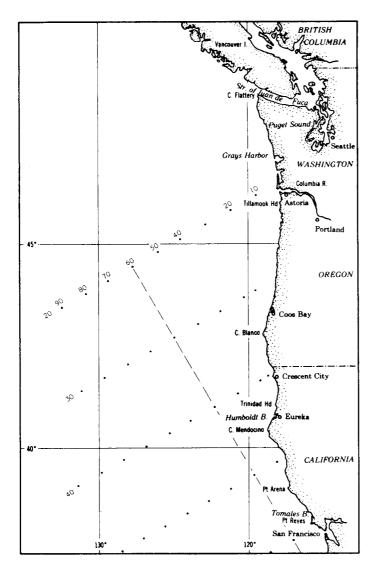
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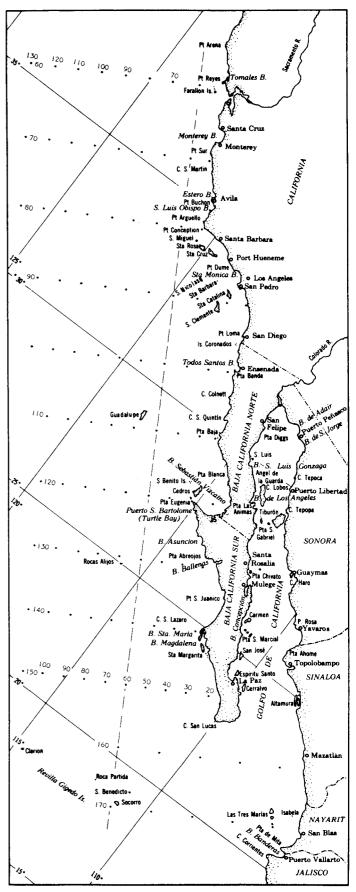


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These maps are designed to show essential details of the area most intensively studied by the California Cooperative Oceanic Fisheries Investigations. This is approximately the same area as is shown in color on the front cover. Geographical place names are those most commonly used in the various publications emerging from the research. The cardinal station lines extending southwestward from the coast are shown. They are 120 miles apart. Additional lines are utilized as needed and can be as closely spaced as 12 miles apart and still have individual numbers. The stations along the lines are numbered with respect to the station 60 line, the numbers increasing to the west and decreasing to the east. Most of them are 40 miles apart, and are numbered in groups of 10. This permits adding stations as close as 4 miles apart as needed. An example of the usual identification is 120.65. This station is on line 120, 20 nautical miles southwest of station 60.

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