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Low planktic foraminiferal diversity and abundance observed in a spring 2013 west–east Mediterranean Sea plankton tow transect

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Fig. S1. Absolute abundace of planktic foraminifera from leg 1 by size fractions. Category 'Total' also includes unknown individuals.



Fig. S2. Area and long axis relation for all the measured individuals of (a) G. ruber (white), (b) G. bulloides and (c) O. universa. Thick line shows the power regression, thin lines show $\pm 1\sigma$ range, and n indicates the sample size.



Fig. S2. (continued). Area and long axis relation of (d) *G. ruber* (white), (e) *G. bulloides* and (f) *O. universa*, for the Mediterranean locations average values with their corresponding SD error bars.



Fig. S3. Weight and long axis relation of (a) *G. ruber* (white), (b) *G. bulloides* and (c) *O. universa*. Thick lines show the linear regression, thin lines show $\pm 1\sigma$ range, and *n* indicates the sample size.



Fig. S4. Area and weight relation for all the weighed individuals of (a) G. ruber (white), (b) G. bulloides and (c) O. universa. Thick line shows the regression, thin lines show $\pm 1\sigma$ range, and n indicates the sample size.



Fig. S4. (continued). Area and weight relation of (d) *G. ruber* (white) and (e) *G. bulloides* for the Mediterranean locations average values with their corresponding SD error bars.





Fig. S5. Scatter plots between the PCA scores (Factor 1 on the left and Factor 2 on the right) and the total abundances (**a** and **g**), *G. inflata* (**b** and **h**), *T sacculifer* (without sac) (**c** and **i**), *G. ruber* (white) (**d** and **j**), *G. bulloides* (**e** and **k**) and *O. universa* (**f** and **l**). The red dotted lines show the zero of each factor.



0.5

Factor 1

1

0

1.5 2 2.5

0.00012

-1.5 -1 -0.5



Less food availability More food availability Higher temp. Lower temp.

Fig S6. Scatter plots between the PCA scores (Factor 1 on the left and Factor 2 on the right) and the area density of G. ruber (white) (a and d), G. bulloides (b and e) and O. universa (c and f). The red dotted lines show the zero of each factor.