Full set of starting candidate models.

We considered the following factors: condition index (c, which can indicate HCC or SMI values), sex (s), and time (t). Constant parameters are noted (.). Interactions are indicated by (*) and additive effects by (+). All possible combinations of parameters given below were modelled and tested. Global models are in bold.

Survival probability Φ	Recapture probability p	State-transition probability ψ
Semi-annual survival (Mul	tistate models)	
c * s + t	s+t	c * t
c + s + t	t	c
c * s	(.)	
c + s		
c + t		
s + t		
c		
S		
t		
Monthly survival (Cormac	k-Jolly-Seber models where expl	lanatory variables were later
added as an individual cov	variates)	
s * t	s+t	
s + t	S	
S	t	
t	(.)	
(.)		