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GEO BON

MBON

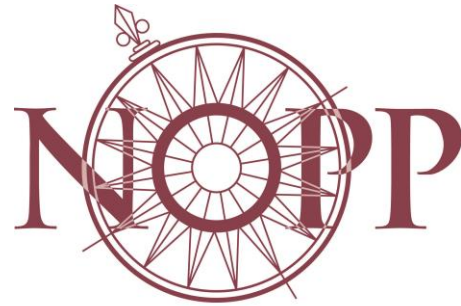
Marine Biodiversity  
Observation Network

Overview of Marine BON  
activities, EBVs and EOVs

<http://www.marinebon.org/>

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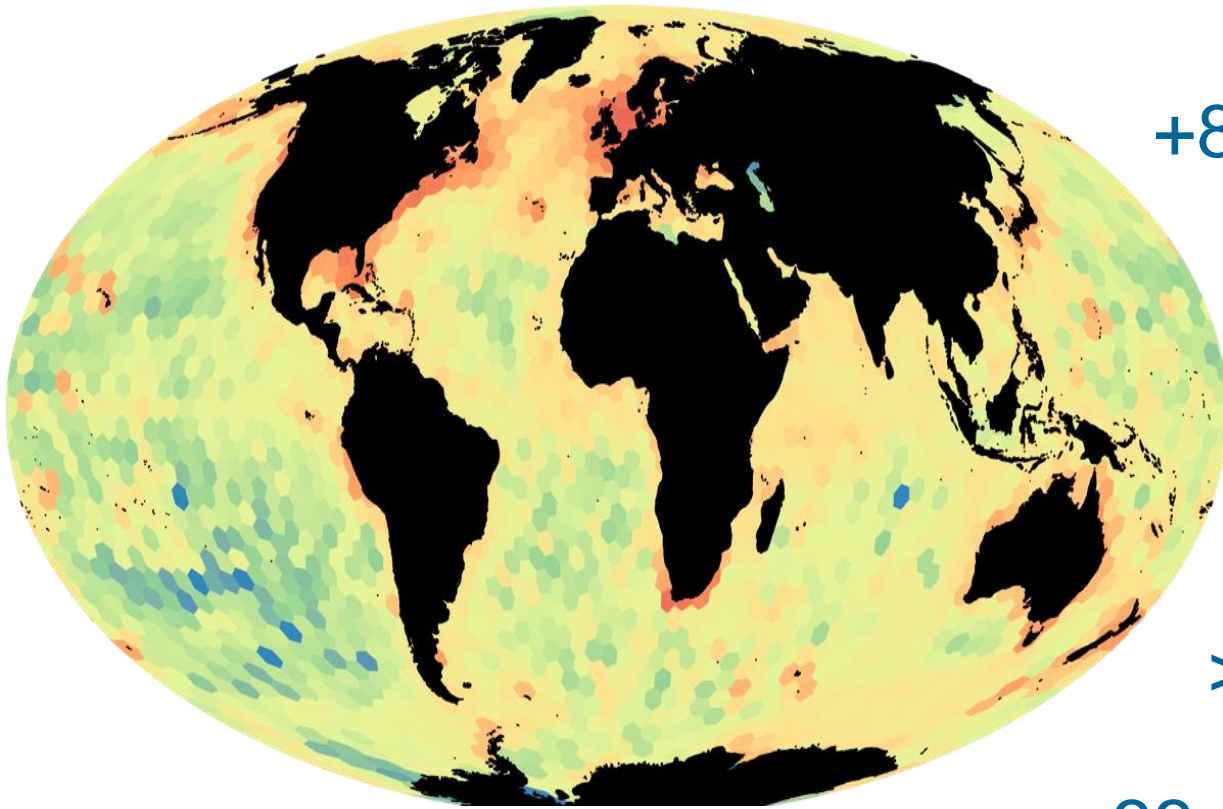
# Vision and Goal

**Develop a community of practice to understand changes in marine biodiversity**

Focus:

- US Integrated Ocean Observing System
- National Marine Sanctuaries
- Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC/UNESCO: GOOS, OBIS, Ocean Best Practices)
- GEO BON: help develop EBVs

# OBIS – THE Ocean Biogeographic Information System



**>50** million records

**+8600** records daily in 2017

**120,000** marine species

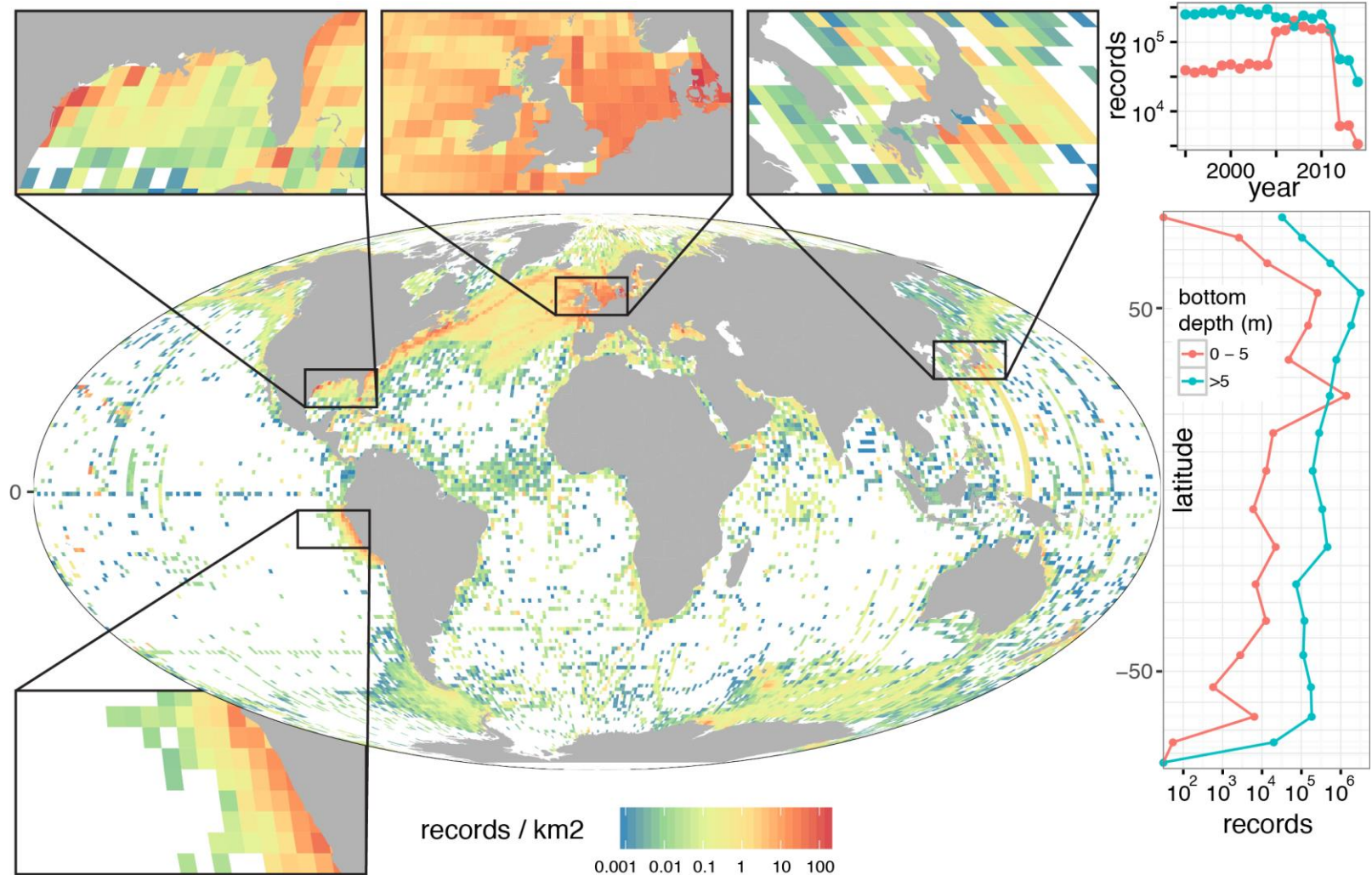
**>2500** datasets

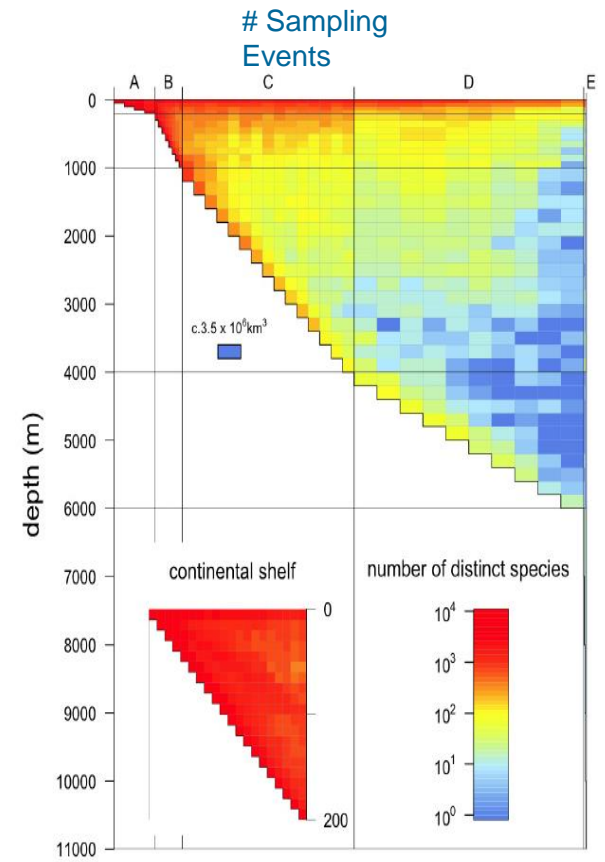
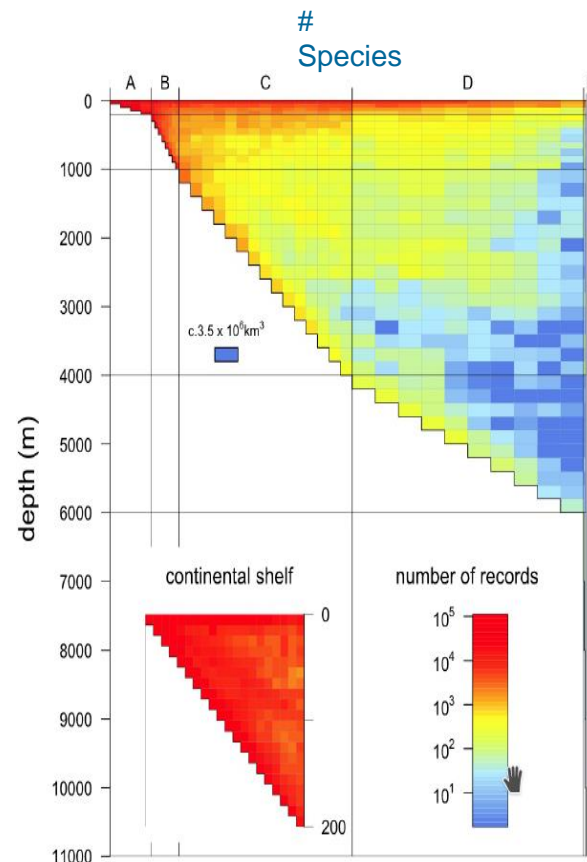
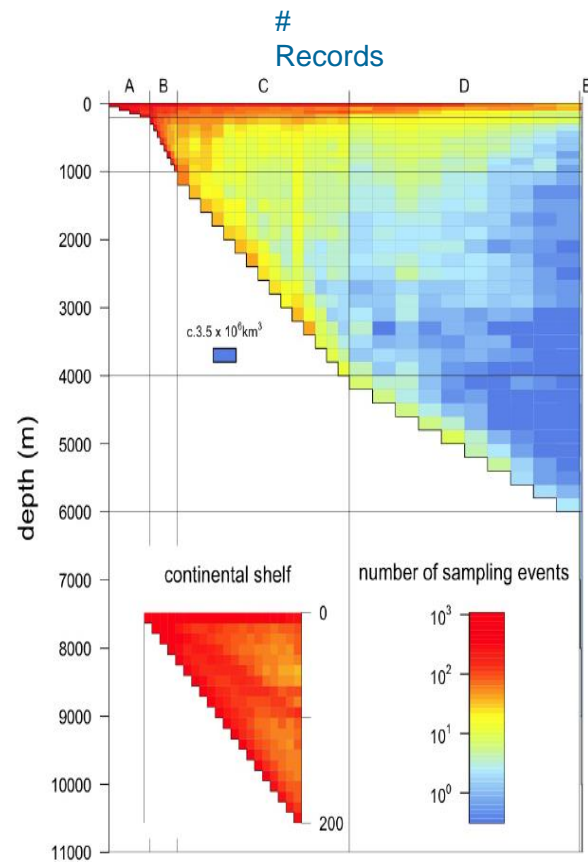
**>600** institutions

**33** OBIS nodes



# Present SURFACE OCEAN (upper 20 m) OBIS records



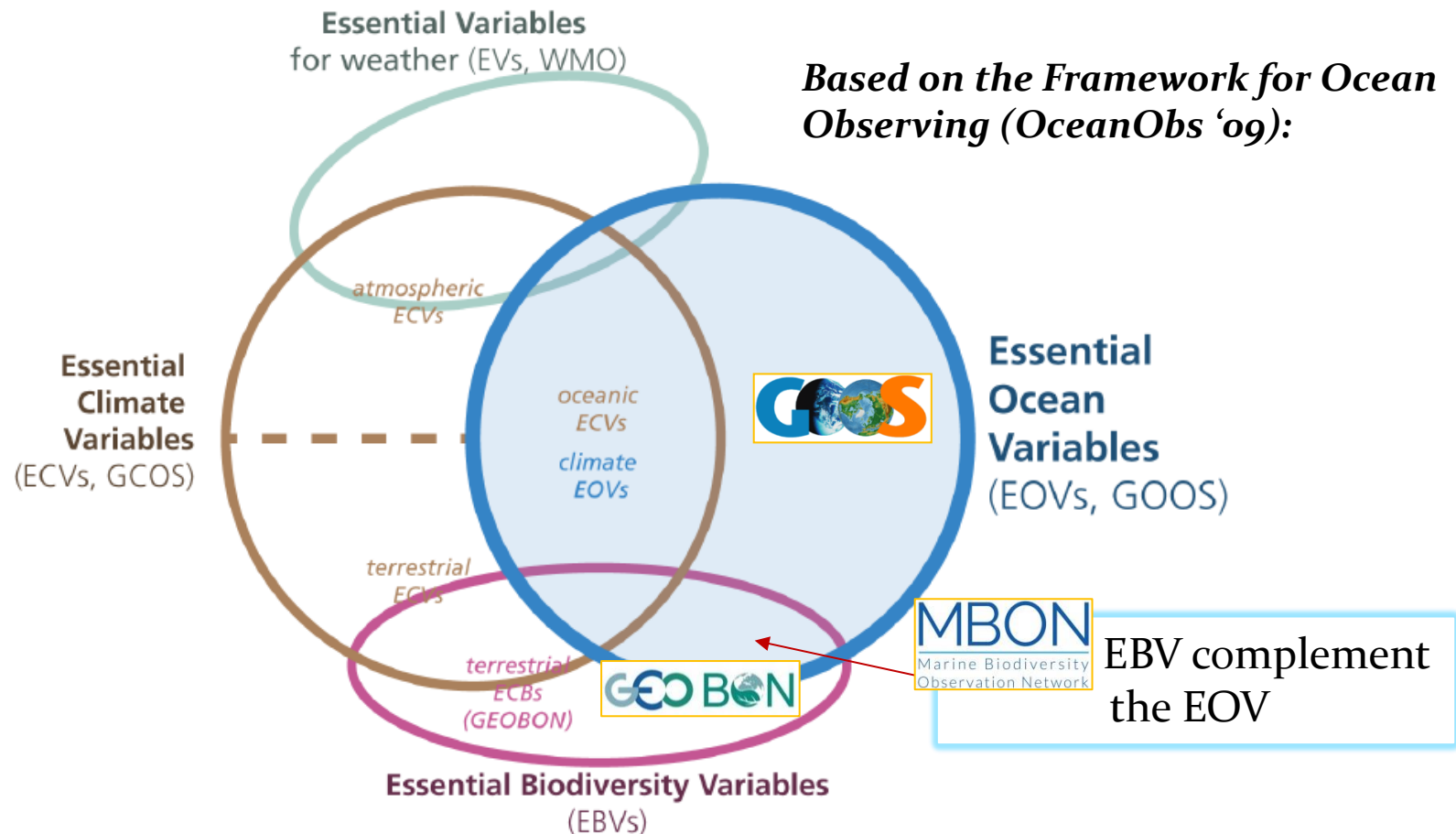


2/3 of our knowledge is in the upper layer (5% of the ocean)

Same issues of lack of coverage and minimal biodiversity observations in coastal areas:

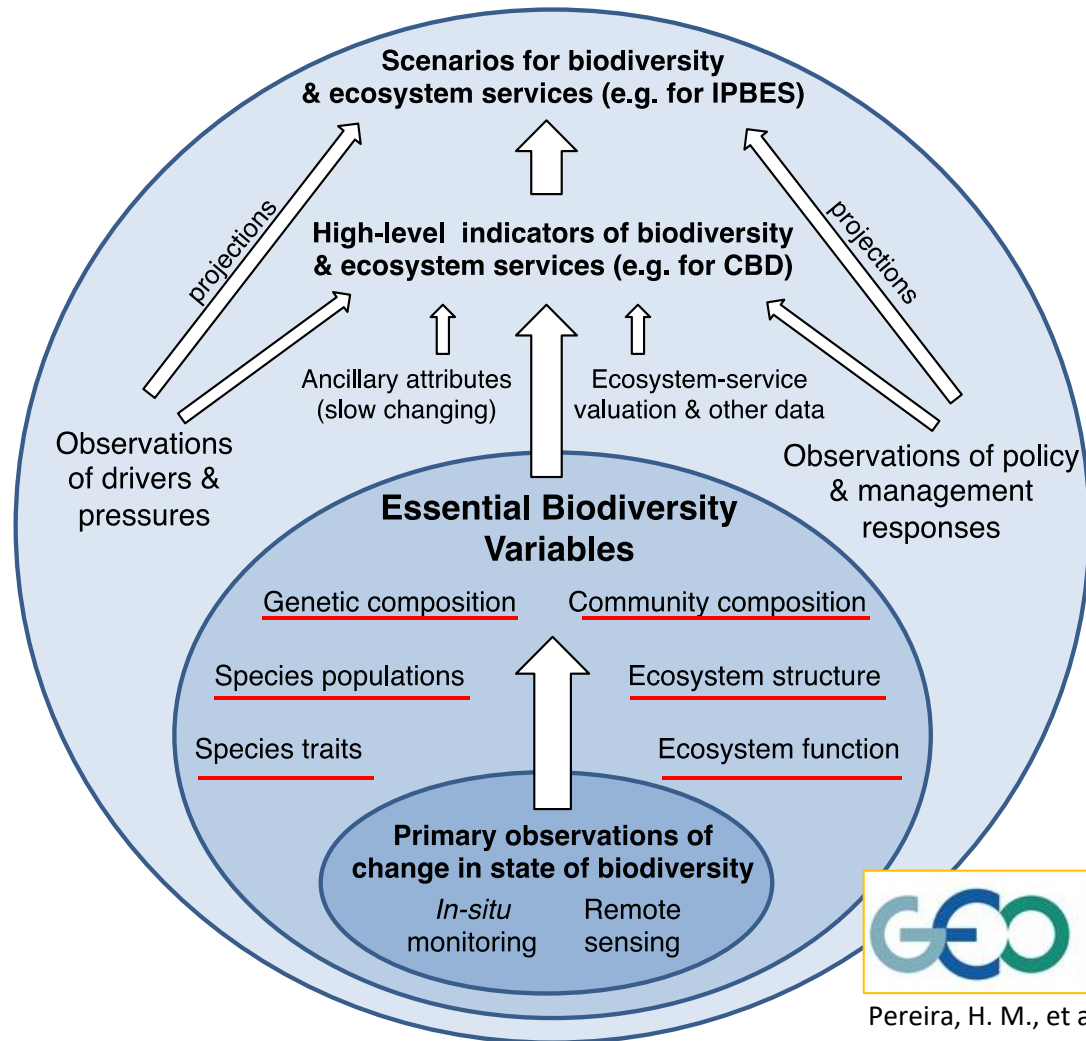
- wetlands
- estuaries
- rocky shores
- beaches

# Linking Essential Biodiversity Variables (EBVs) and Essential Ocean Variables





# Essential Biodiversity Variables (EBV)



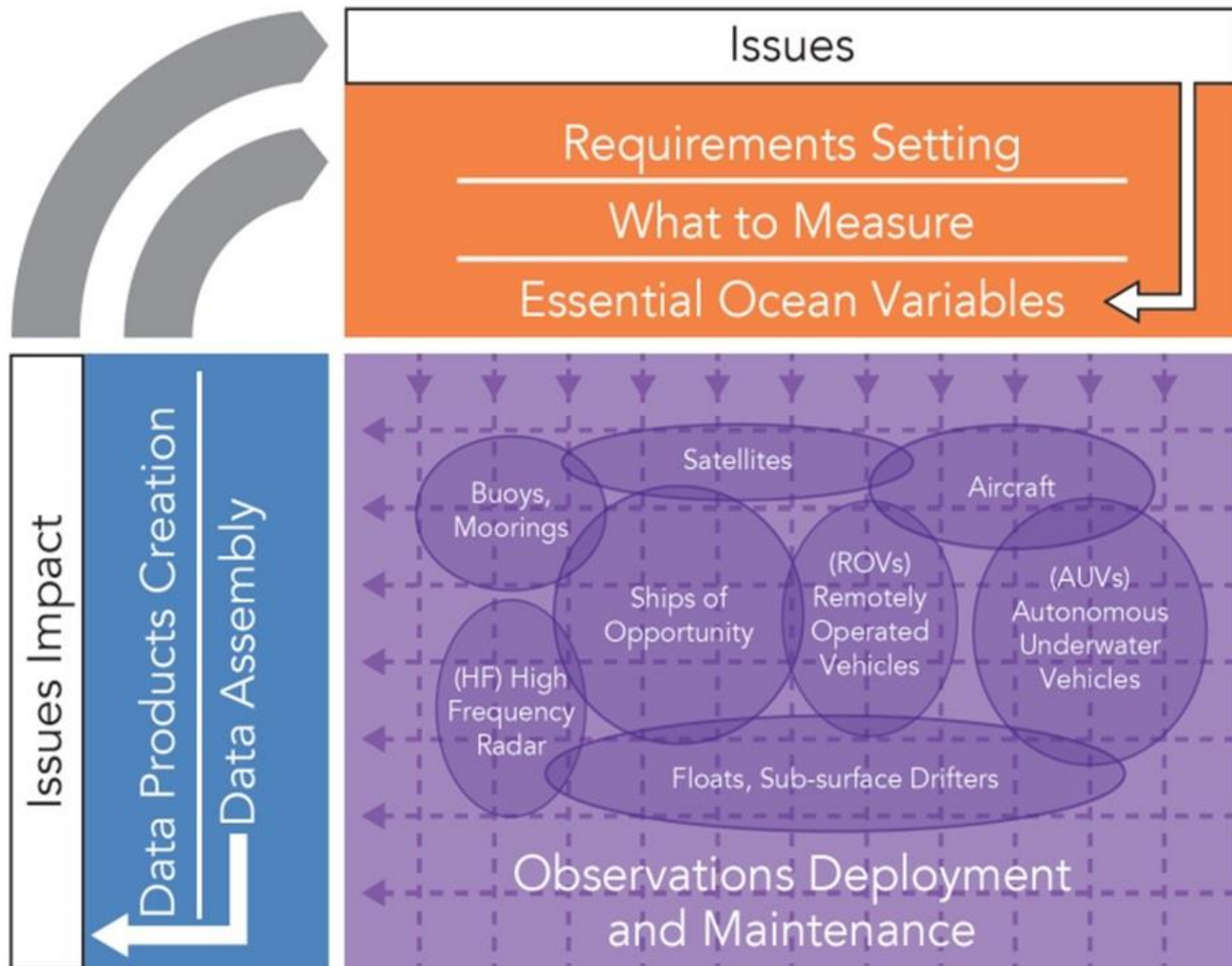
Pereira, H. M., et al. 2013. Essential Biodiversity Variables. Science. Vol. 339. 277-278.

Sustained  
Data and Information Products  
Observations  
Requirements  
System  
Integrated  
Essential Ocean Variables EOVs  
Global  
Ocean  
Observing  
Governed  
Concept  
Pilot  
Readiness levels  
Mature

prepared by the post-OceanObs'09 Task Team for an Integrated Framework for Sustained Ocean Observing



## Framework for Ocean Observing Process Diagram



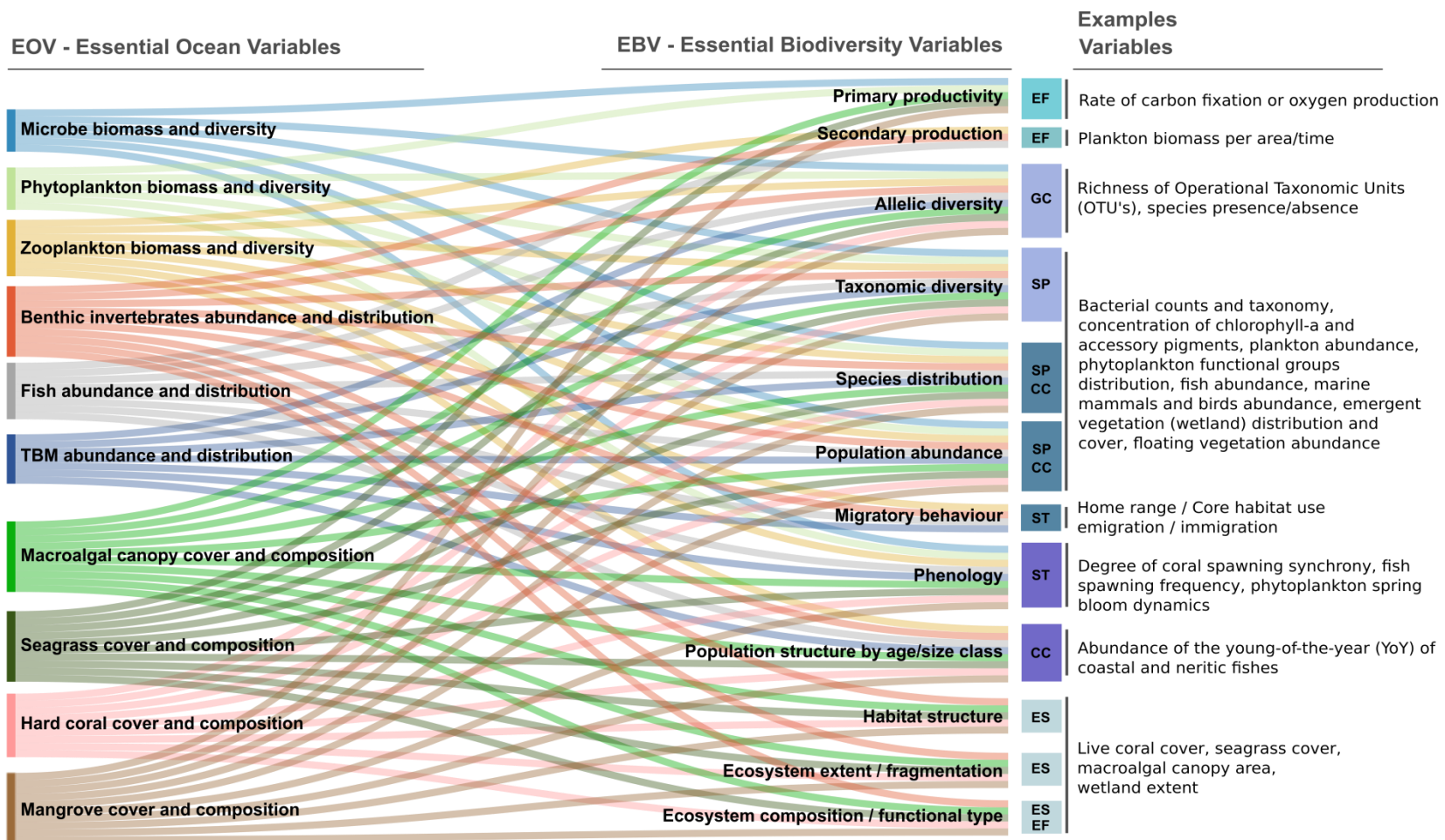


# Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS)

## Essential Ocean Variables (EOVs)



PHYSICS	BIOGEOCHEMISTRY	BIOLOGY AND ECOSYSTEMS
Sea state	Oxygen	Phytoplankton biomass and diversity
Ocean surface stress	Nutrients	Zooplankton biomass and diversity
Sea ice	Inorganic carbon	Fish abundance and distribution
Sea surface height	Transient tracers	Marine turtles, birds, mammals abundance and distribution
Sea surface temperature	Particulate matter	Hard coral cover and composition
Subsurface temperature	Nitrous oxide	Seagrass cover
Surface currents	Stable carbon isotopes	Macroalgal canopy cover
Subsurface currents	Dissolved organic carbon	Mangrove cover
Sea surface salinity	Ocean colour ( <i>Spec Sheet under development</i> )	Microbe biomass and diversity (*emerging)
Subsurface salinity		Benthic invertebrate abundance and distribution (*emerging)
Ocean surface heat flux		



## Conceptual, complementary relationship between EOVs and EBVs

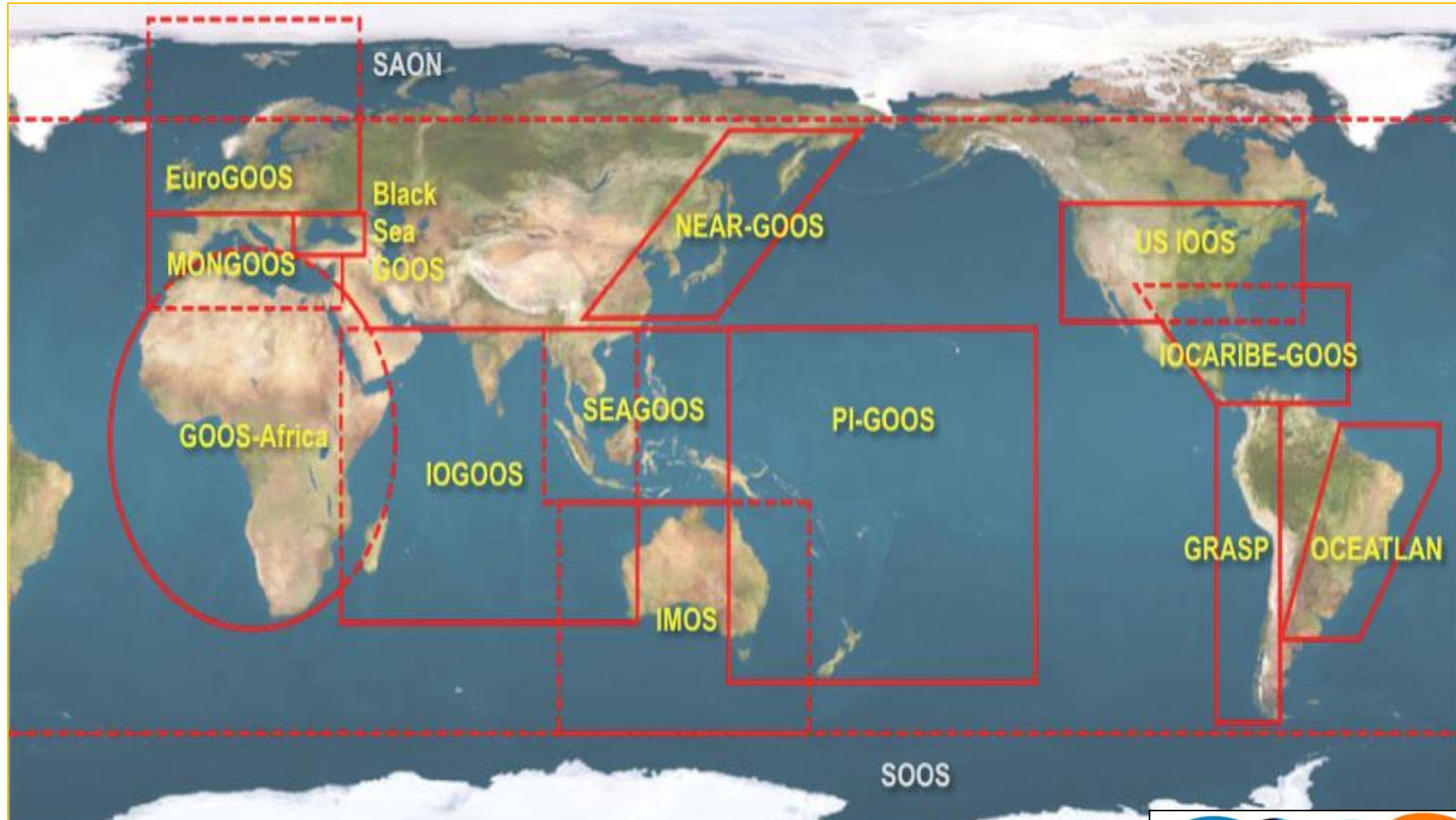
(TBM: marine turtles, birds, and mammals)

Example EBVs: GC – Genetic composition; SP – Species populations; ST – Species traits; CC – Community composition; ES – Ecosystem structure; EF – Ecosystem function.

[Muller-Karger et al., 2018. Frontiers in Marine Science.  
<https://doi.org/10.3389/fmars.2018.00211>]



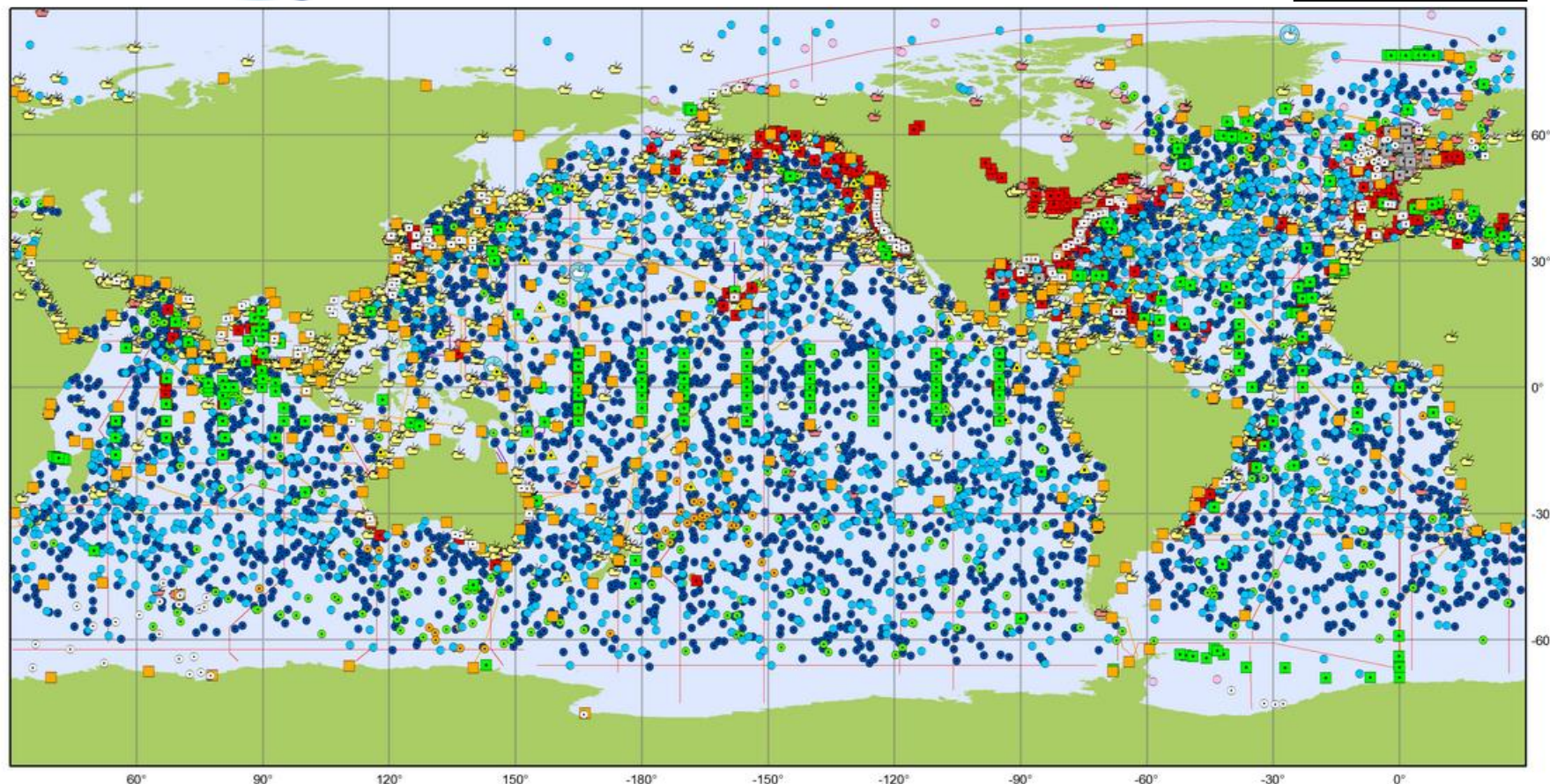
**Building a global ocean biodiversity observing system:  
Use what already exists: 15 GOOS Regional Alliances + LTER, etc.**



**Global Ocean Observing System**







Main in situ Elements of the Global Ocean Observing System

July 2018

## Profiling Floats (Argo)

- Core (3757)
- Deep (66)
- BioGeoChemical (286)

## Data Buoys (DBCP)

- Surface Drifters (1394)
- Offshore Platforms (97)
- Ice Buoys (20)
- Moored Buoys (394)
- ▲ Tsunameters (37)

## Timeseries (OceanSITES)

- Interdisciplinary Moorings (438)
- Repeated Hydrography (GO-SHIP)**
- Research Vessel Lines (61)
- Sea Level (GLOSS)**
- Tide Gauges (252)

## Ship based Measurements (SOT)

- Automated Weather Stations (251)
- Manned Weather Stations (1787)
- Radiosondes (7)
- eXpendable BathyThermographs (37)

## Other Networks

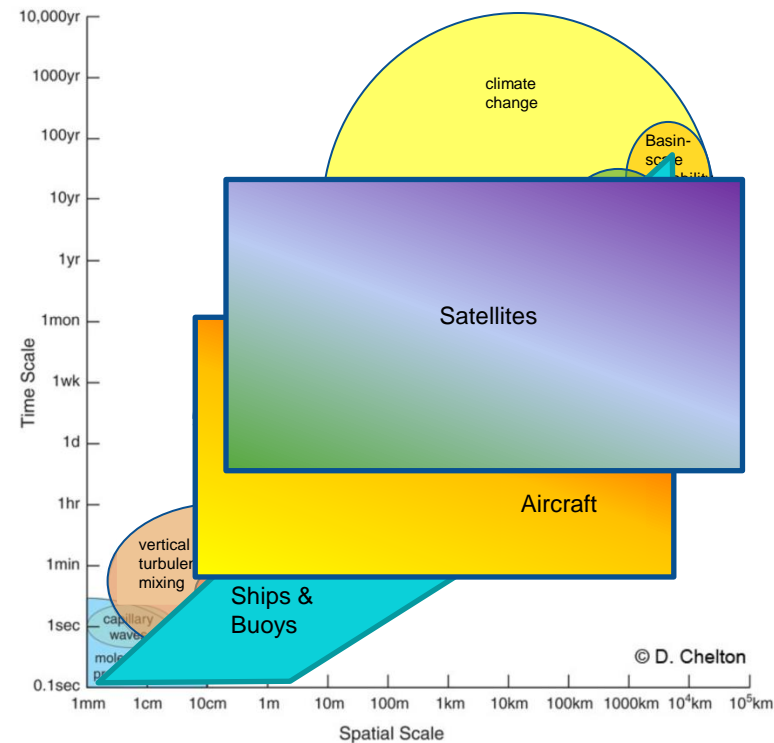
- HF Radars (270)
- Animal Borne Sensors (53)
- Ocean Gliders (31)



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# Scales of variation and observation

- Physical processes at different scales affect different biological processes
- Different technologies are suited for different observations



**Table 1.** Main ranges of spatial, temporal, and spectral resolutions used in the terrestrial and global environment, including marine and atmospheric domains.

Resolution	Environment	Low resolution	Medium resolution	High resolution
Spatial	Terrestrial	30–1000 m	4–30 m	0.4–4 m
	Marine	10–50 km	2–10 km	≤1 km
Temporal	Terrestrial	>16 d	4–16 d	1–3 d
	Marine	>5 d	1–5 d	≤1 d
Spectral	–	1 channel (e.g. panchromatic)	3–10 channels	≥10 channels (hyperspectral)



# Remote sensing elements for Earth Observation

## NASA Earth Science Missions: Present through 2023

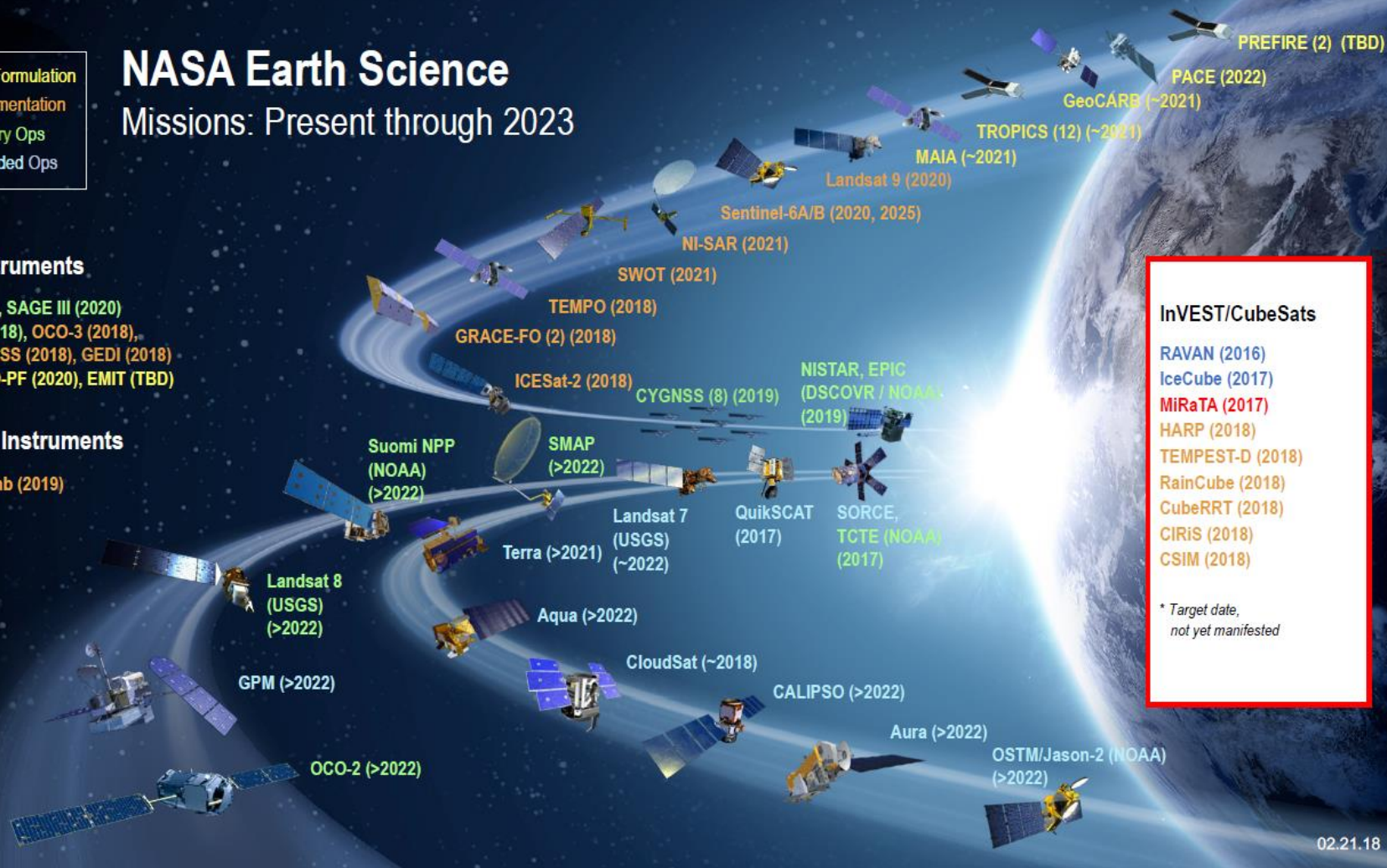
- (Pre)Formulation
- Implementation
- Primary Ops
- Extended Ops

### ISS Instruments

LIS (2020), SAGE III (2020)  
TSIS-1 (2018), OCO-3 (2018),  
ECOSTRESS (2018), GEDI (2018)  
CLARREO-PF (2020), EMIT (TBD)

### JPSS-2 Instruments

OMPS-Limb (2019)



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### Other constellations:

European Commission / ESA

China

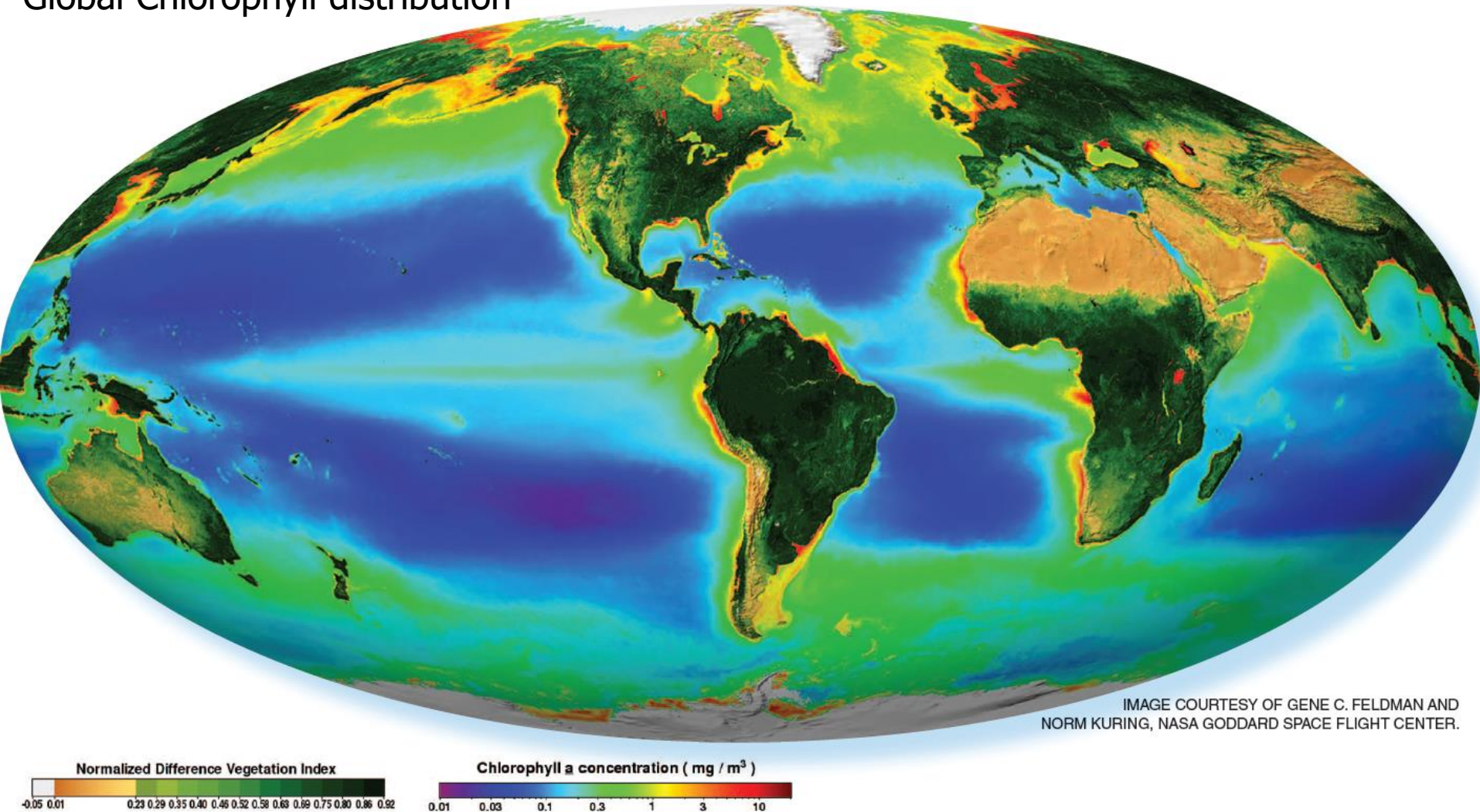
Japan / JAXA

Russia

India



# Global Chlorophyll distribution



Ocean covers large area of our planet (>70%)  
Coastal zones are critical for humans and biodiversity

# Remote Sensing of Aquatic Essential Biodiversity Variables (EBV): More could be achieved with *H4*\* sensors (orange boxes)



\**H4*: High spectral      High spatial  
High Temporal      High quality

EBV class	EBV	Habitat Type							
		<i>Wetland Vegetation</i>	<i>Benthic Communities</i>			<i>Pelagic Organisms</i>			
		Mangrove/salt marsh	Seagrass	Macroalgae	Coral	Phytoplankton	HAB	Fish, Zoo-plankton	Apex predator
Genetic composition	Population genetic diversity								
Species populations	Distribution								
	Abundance								
	Size/vertical distribution								
Species traits	Pigments							NA	NA
	Phenology								
Community composition	Taxonomic diversity								
Ecosystem structure	Functional type								
	Fragmentation/heterogeneity					ROUTINE USE FOR OPEN OCEAN			
Ecosystem function	Net primary production							NA	NA
	Net ecosystem production						NA	NA	NA

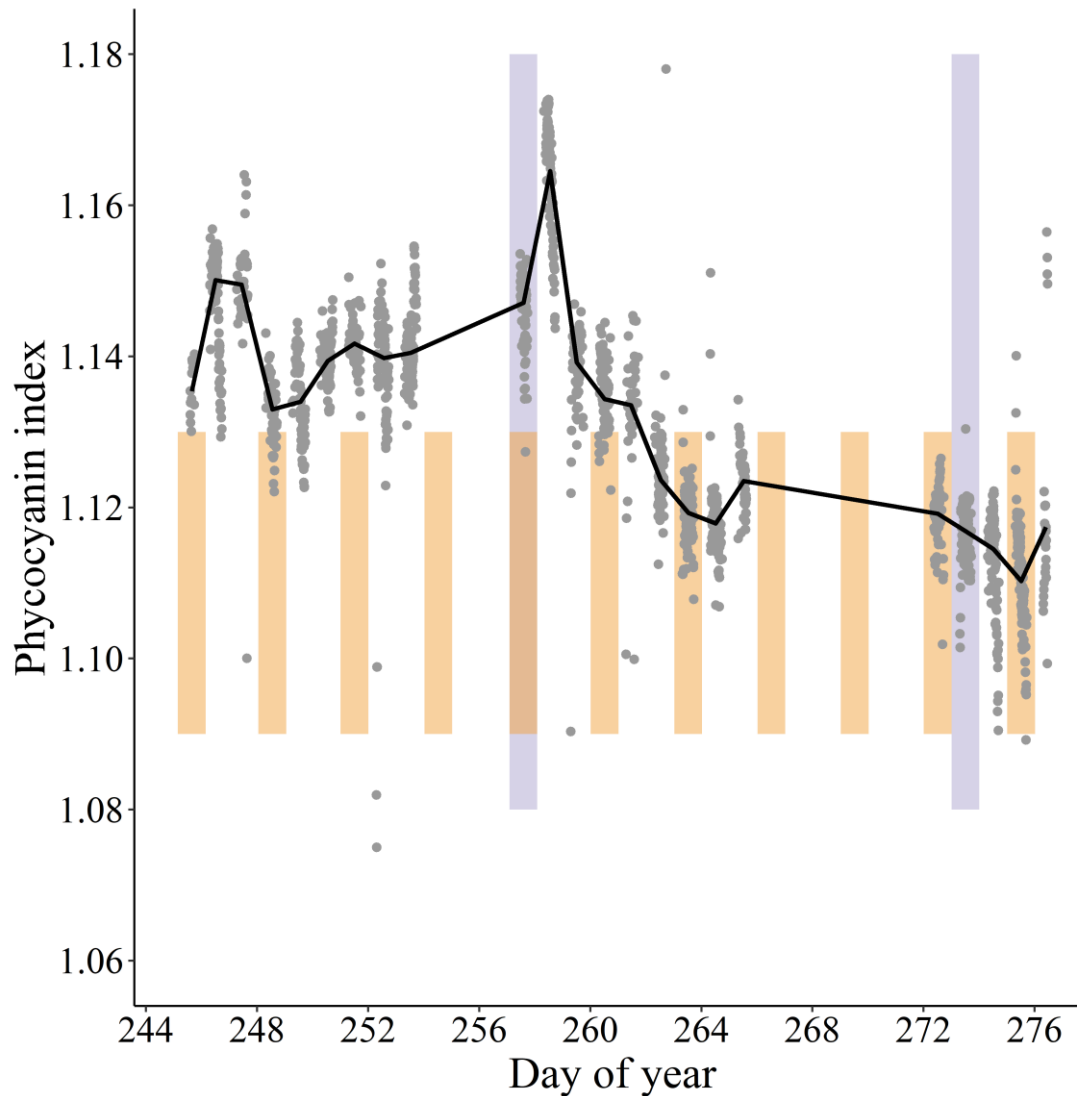
**Legend**  

Unproven

Demonstrated limited cases

Routine use

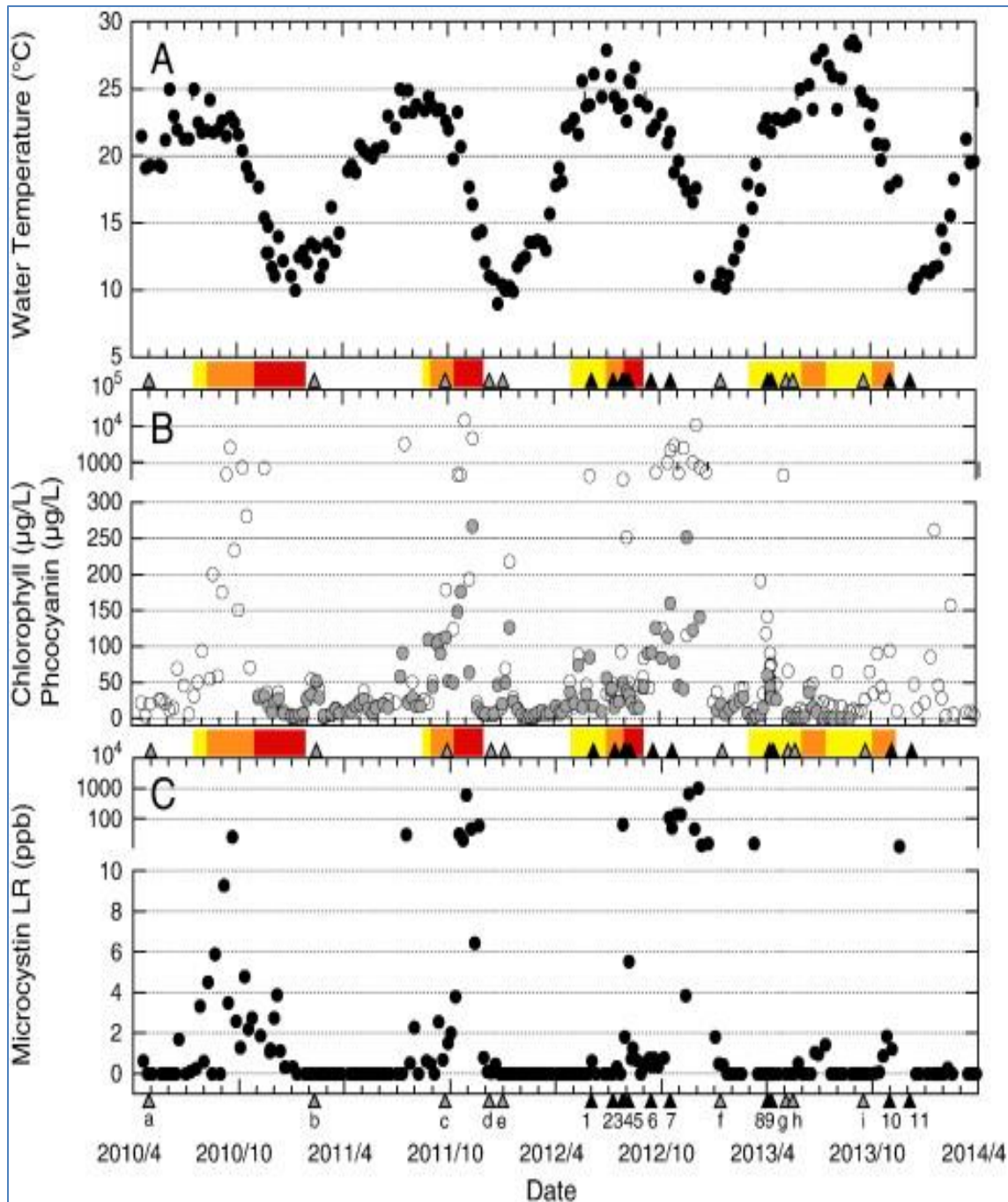
Habitat model required



Rapid changes in nuisance cyanobacteria (*phycocyanin pigment index*)

In situ measurements every 15 minutes daily with hand-held spectrometer used to identify the organism in Upper Mantua Lake (Italy).

16 days: grey vertical bars  
3-day: Orange vertical bars



Many examples of **rapid change in aquatic cyanobacteria and harmful algae** concentrations

Identification of cyanobacteria using spectral info from the ground

(graph: Kudela et al. 2015).



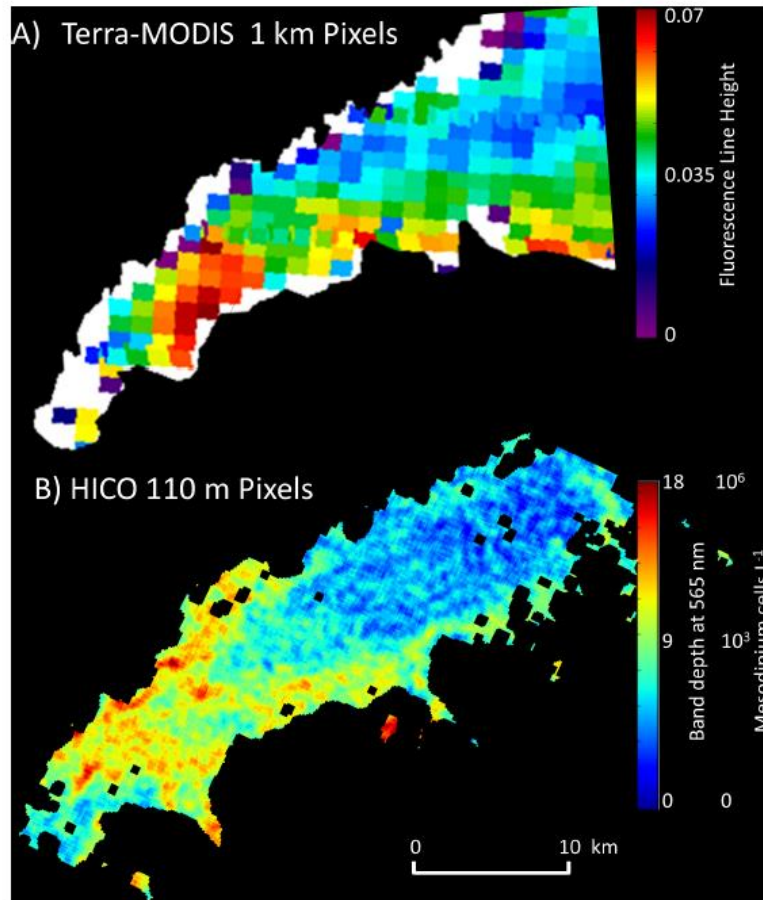
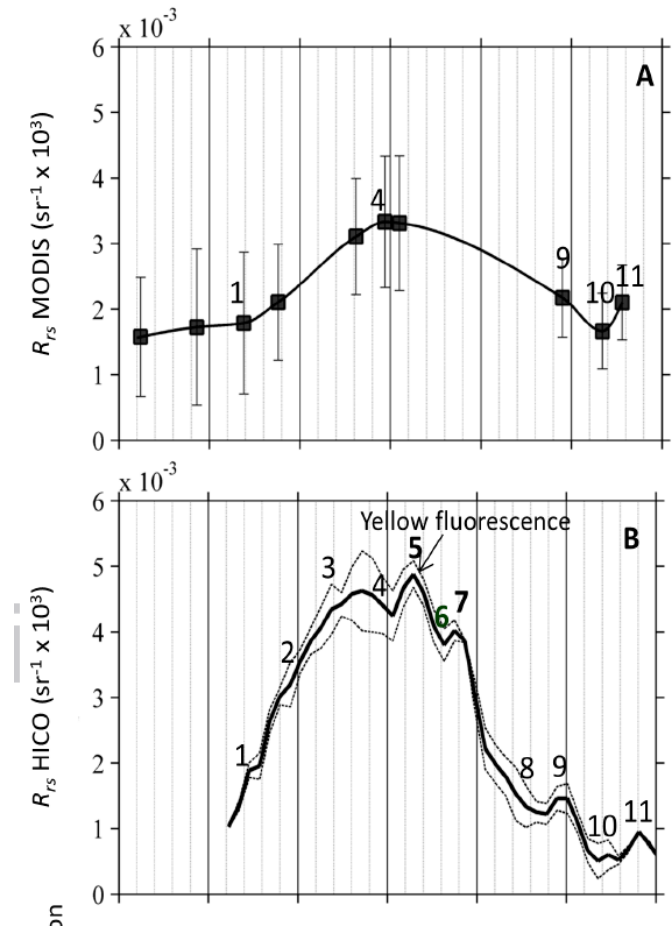
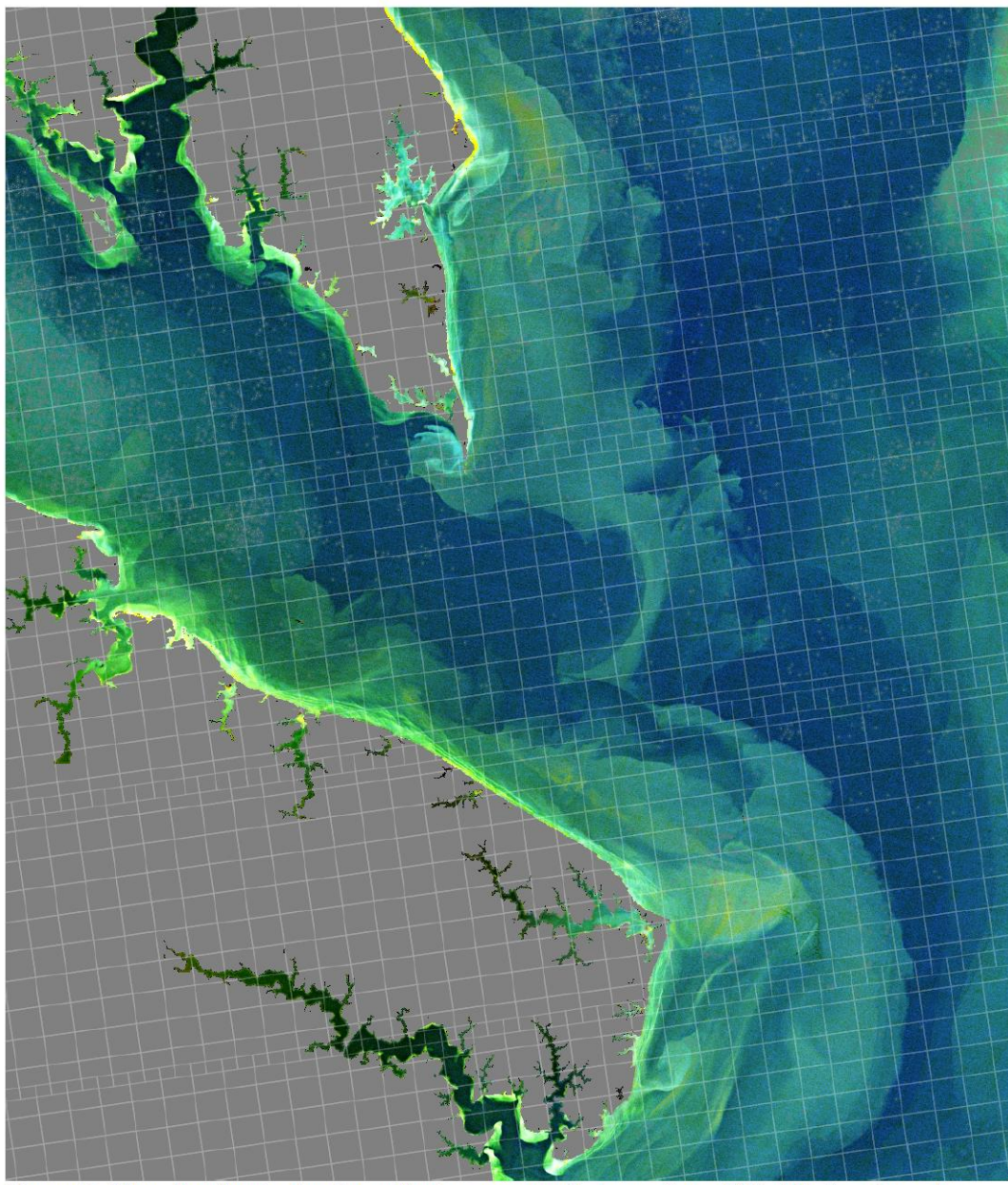


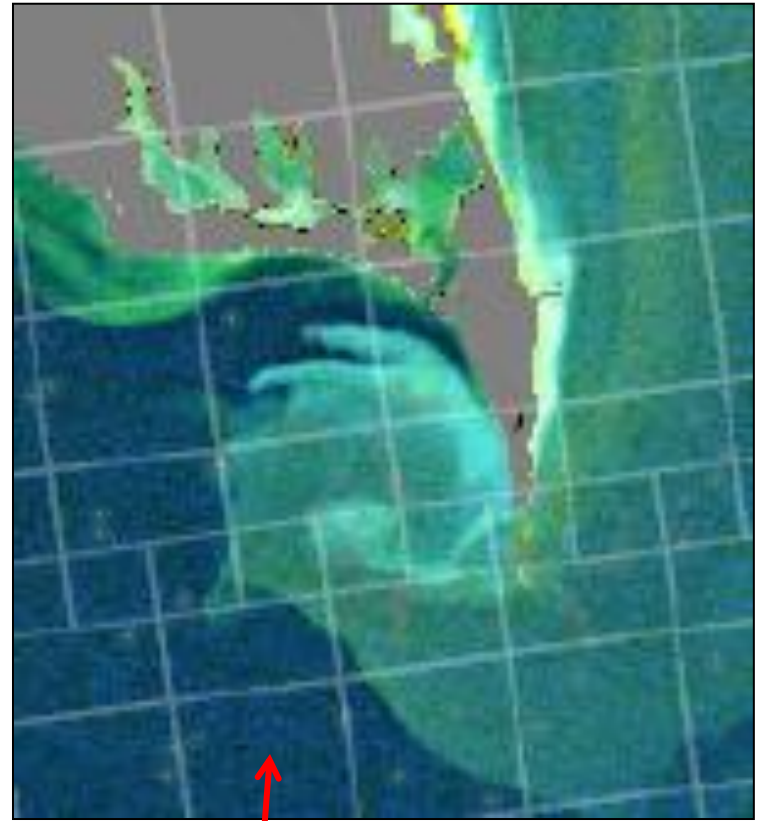
Fig. 3. .A) The 1-km resolution image of western Long Island Sound from the MODIS Terra sensor shows an elevated chlorophyll *a* fluorescence patch on 23 September 2012, but the type of bloom cannot be distinguished from the limited spectral bands. B) In contrast, hyperspectral HICO imagery from the International Space Station reveals characteristic yellow fluorescence due to phycoerythrin pigment within the enslaved chloroplasts of the ciliate *Mesodinium rubrum*. Dense, patchy near-surface blooms of this motile and actively photosynthesizing mixotrophic marine protist ( $>1 \times 10^6$  cells  $L^{-1}$ ) periodically dominate primary productivity in the region.

HICO shows *Mesodinium rubrum* bloom because it has fluorescence information provided by hyperspectral data





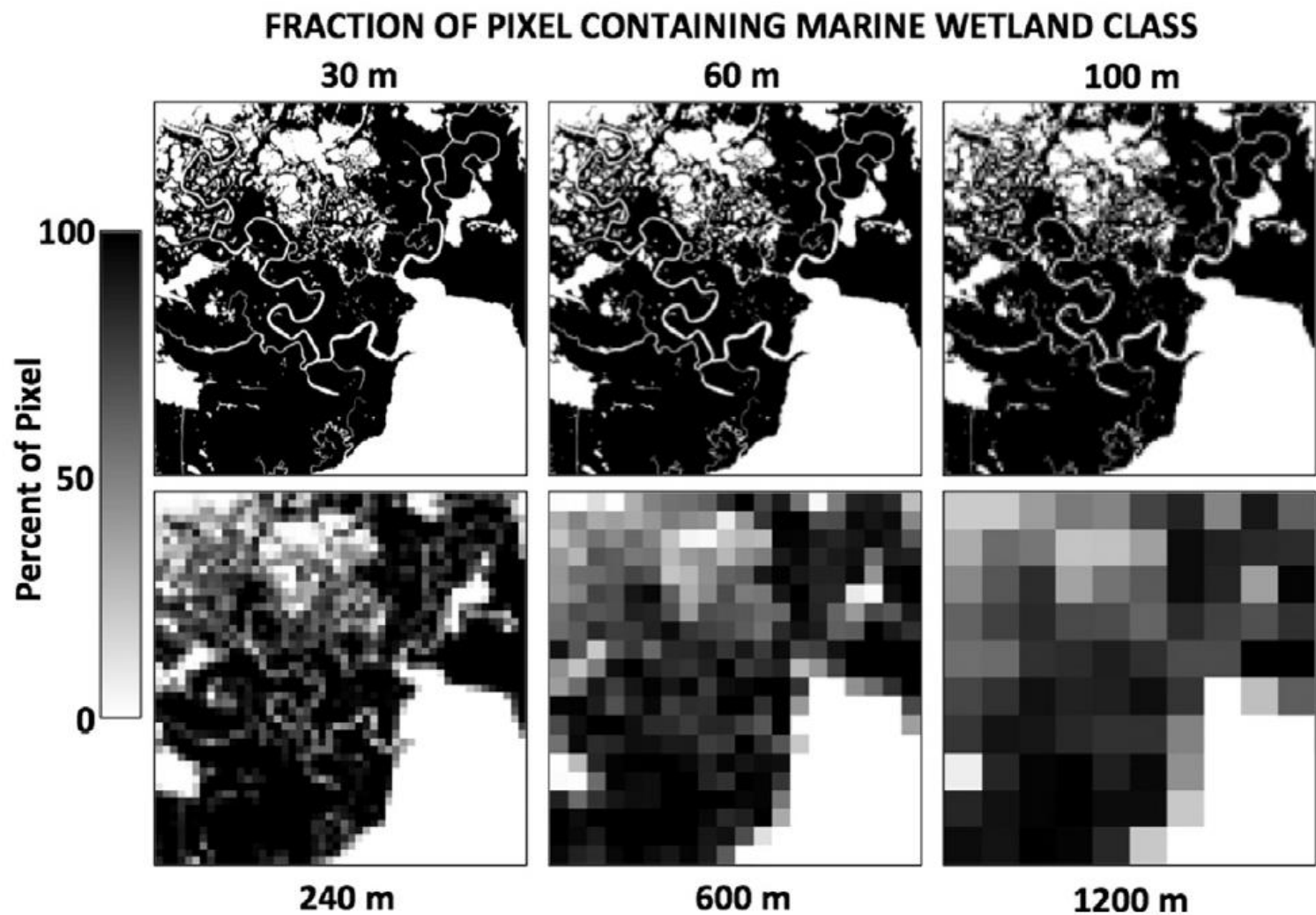
**Figure 5:** Three-band water-leaving reflectance composite image from OLI at the location where the Potomac River enters Chesapeake Bay. MODIS Aqua scan pixel boundaries for the same date are overlaid to demonstrate the sub-pixel variability revealed by the higher spatial resolution of OLI. The  $R_{rs}(\lambda)$  were retrieved using standard NASA ocean color processing in SeaDAS, and red, green, and blue reflectances at  $\lambda=(655, 561, 443\text{nm})$  were combined to form the image.



MODIS 1 km pixel grid on  
30 m Landsat-8 OLI image

From Franz et al., 2014





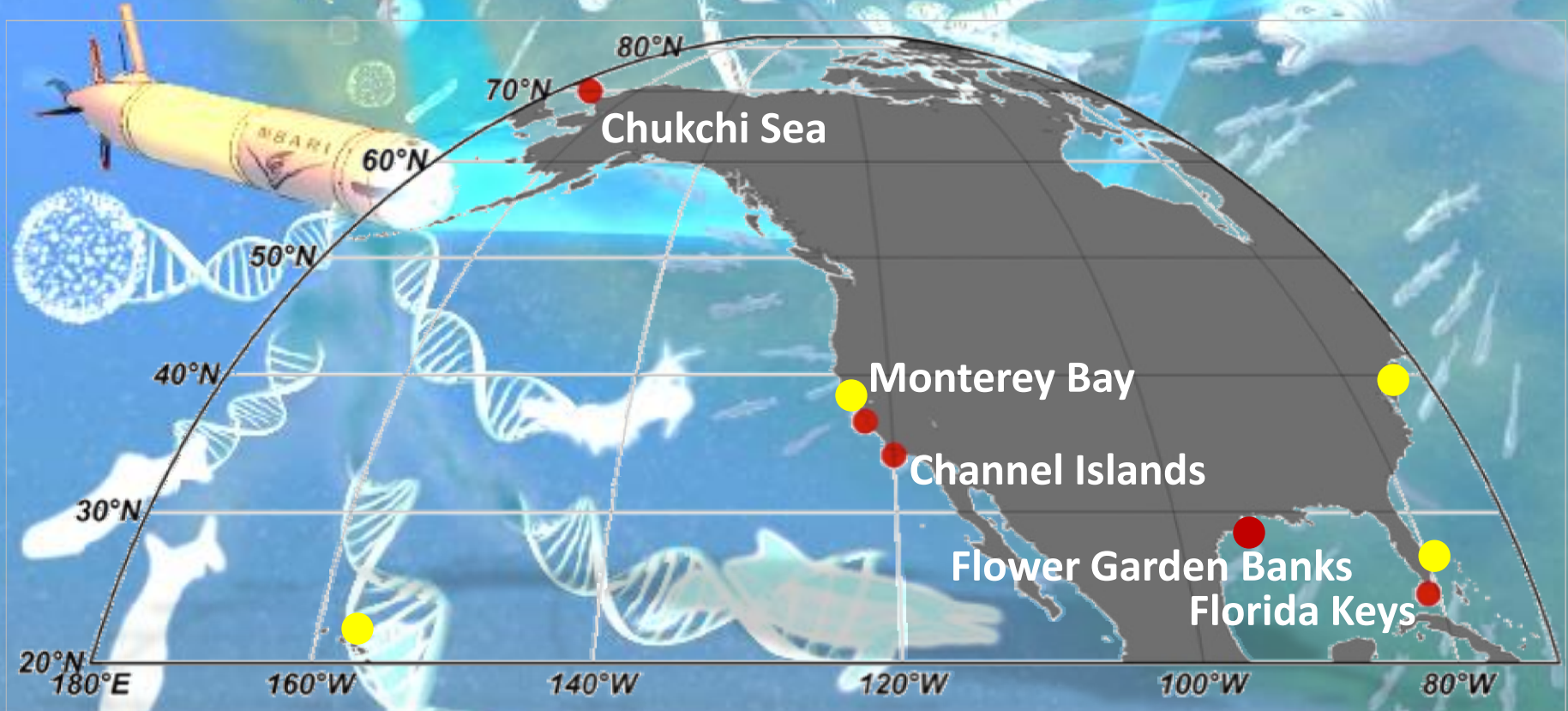
**Fig. 3.** Effects of increasingly coarser resolution on spatial representation of an example wetland. Shown is an inset of a rasterized layer from polygon data mapped in Fig. 2 for the Estuarine and Marine Wetland type (see the double-line box in Fig. 2).

# Coastal / Great Lakes aquatic remote sensing priorities

- High temporal
  - At some representative locations: twice weekly or more
- High spatial (~30-90 m)
  - Global + regional intensive
  - Consistency with Landsat history and global coverage
- High spectral (VIS and SWIR)
  - VIS can be ~5 nm except higher (~2 nm or better) in key areas such as around chlorophyll fluorescence (~685 nm) and O<sub>2</sub> absorption bands
- Radiometric/geolocation: high quality
  - High SNR (ocean color class), high digitization/quantitization, minimal polarization sensitivity, minimal cross-talk or other out-of band, atmospheric correction scheme (including adjacency), sun-glint avoidance, cloud screening/masking, etc.
  - High geolocation accuracy
- Robust and data processing and distribution

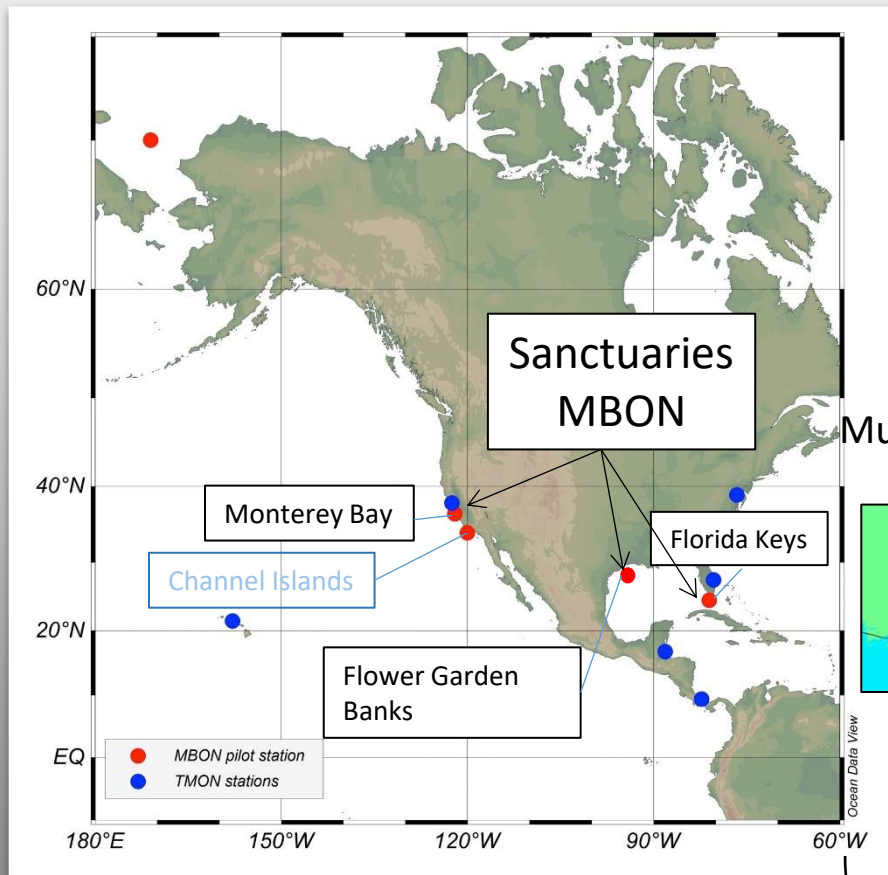


# IOOS/NASA/BOEM/NSF/SI MBON Demonstration

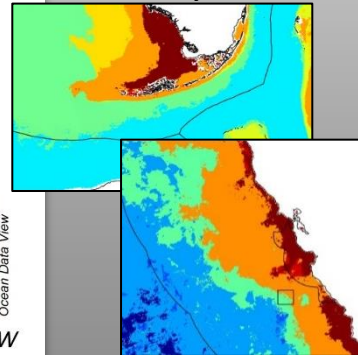


- US MBON stations
- Tennenbaum/MarineGEO stations (Smithsonian)

# The US MBON demonstration program



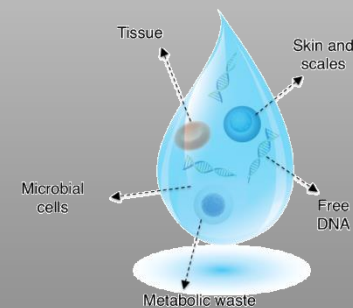
Multivariate seascape analysis



Data Integration:

- IOOS/GOOS
- I-OBIS
- GEO BON

eDNA



Web-based information system

Supports

- Sanctuary Condition Reports
- Resource managers and policy makers
- Scientists and educators



# Pole to Pole MBON

## Partners

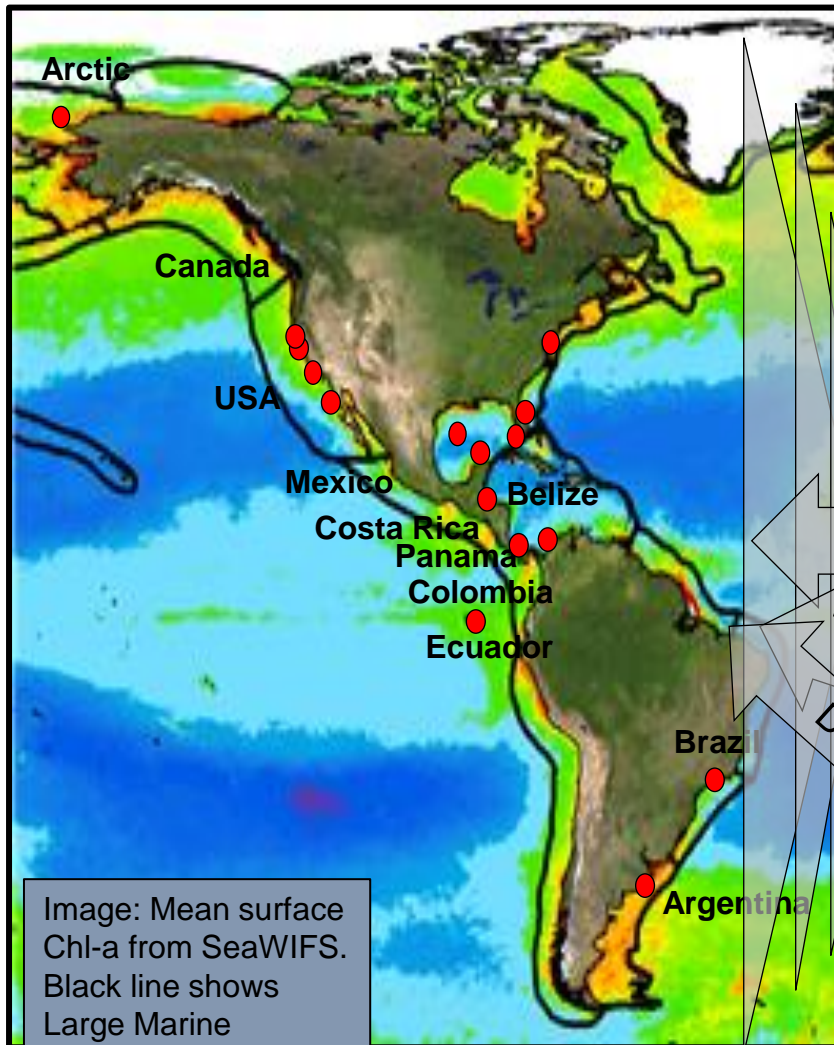


Image: Mean surface Chl-a from SeaWiFS. Black line shows Large Marine Ecosystems.



EBV's / EOVS


Data

Methods / Tools

The Global Ocean Observing System



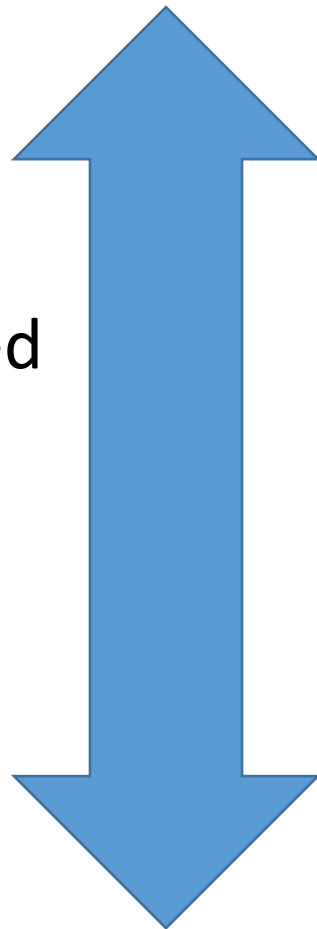
# Evolving technology matrix: *Biology 'beyond fluorescence'*

	Microbes/ Phyto	Zooplankton	Fish	Top Predators	Benthos, habitat forming
Data archaeology, data management ( <i>Darwin Core</i> ), Products/indicators	 X ( <i>beyond fluorescence</i> )	X	X	X	X
Optics/Imaging	X	X	X Benthic		X
Animal tracking (satellite, underwater)			X	X	
Acoustics		X active	X Active, passive	X Tags, passive	X Active, passive (noise)
Genomics	X	X	X	X	X
Platforms with samplers	AUVs, floats, moorings, satellites	AUVs, moorings	AUVs, moorings	AUVs, moorings, tags	AUVs, moorings, satellites
Biological-physical / ecological <i>models</i>	X	X?	X??	X??	X??

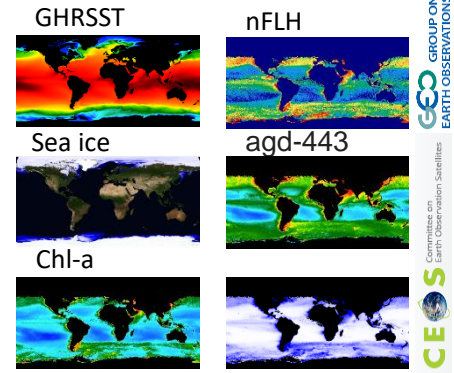


# Societally-relevant products need linked data pipelines

At least 5  
pipelines need  
to be linked:



Satellite data  
(space agencies)

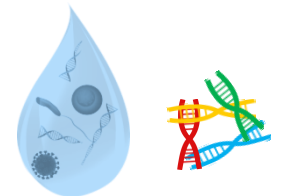


COVERAGE

In situ environmental  
data (NCEI, DataOne,  
GOOS)



Genetic (GenBank/NCBI,  
RefSeq, Gene Home, SRA,  
etc.)



Biodiversity (OBIS, GBIF,  
others)



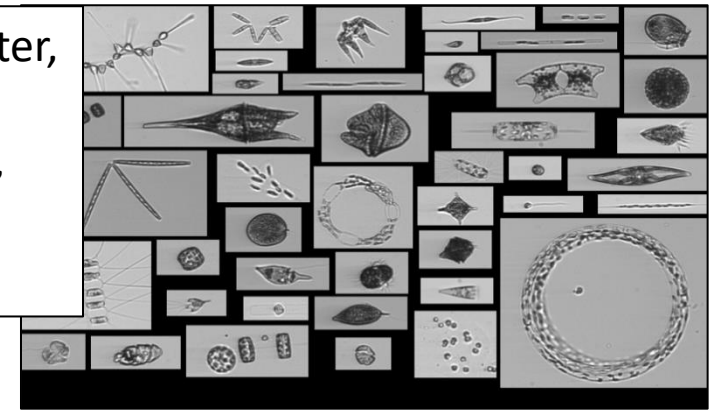
Socio-economic data



Maps,  
jurisdictions,  
census,  
economy

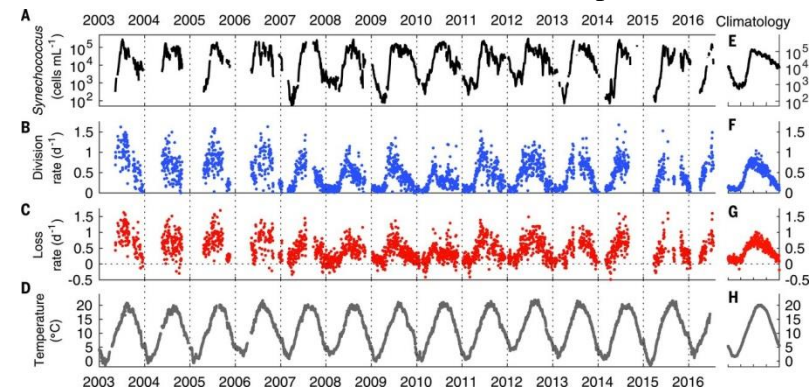


Automated flow cytometer,  
*FlowCytobot* (FCB):  
Phytoplankton taxa, size,  
abundance  
(moored, flow-through)



Phytoplankton cells automatically identified and categorized by the IFCB analysis software, from samples collected at Port Aransas, TX. (Lisa Campbell - TAMU)

Daily time series at MVCO from 2003 to 2016

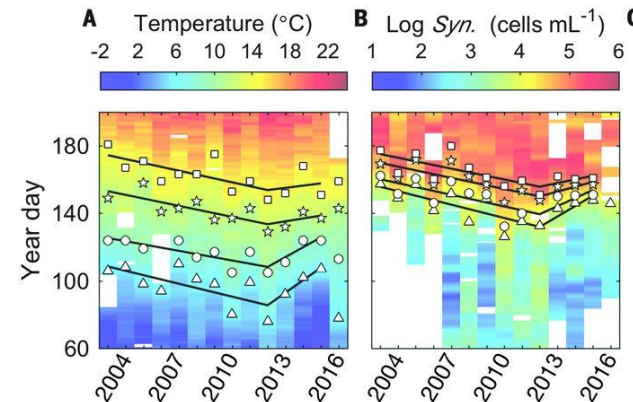


The Imaging Flow Cytobot (above) and basic specs (below). (Heidi Sosik – WHOI)

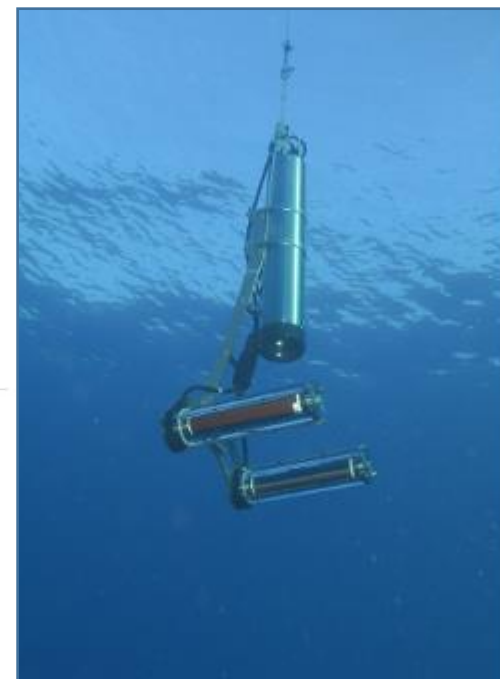
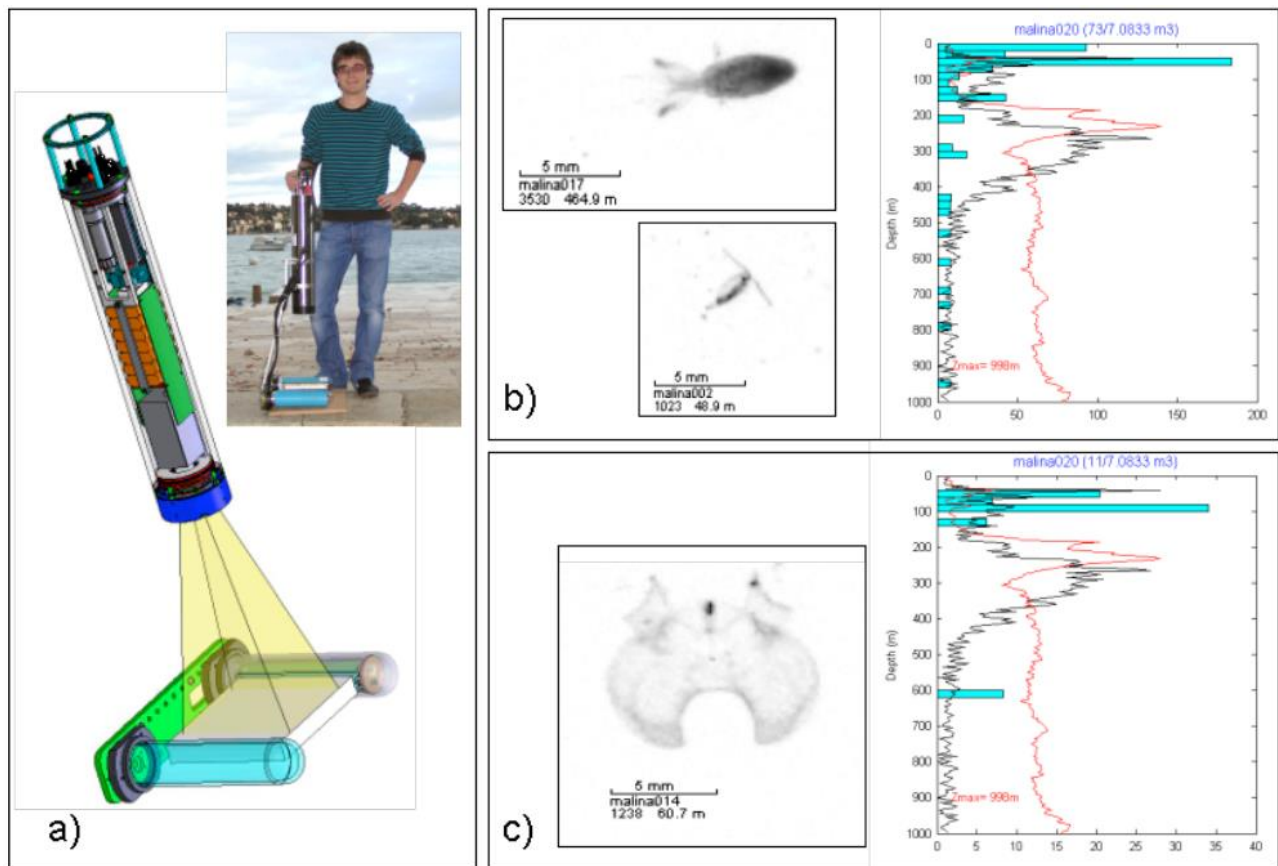
Weight	32 kg
Diameter	26 cm
Height	102 cm
Max Depth	40 m
Duration	Up to 6 mo.
Frequency	5 mL/20 min
Power	35W, 18-36VDC
Comms	10/100/1000-BaseT Ethernet



Hunter-Cevera et al. 2016. Science. Vol. 354, Issue 6310, pp. 326-329  
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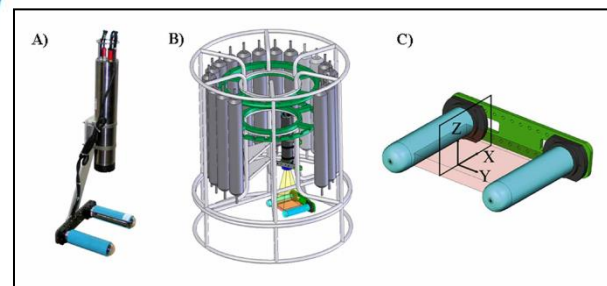
Changes in phenology with changes in temperature



[http://www.hydroptic.com/index.php/public/Page/product\\_item/UVP5-DEEP](http://www.hydroptic.com/index.php/public/Page/product_item/UVP5-DEEP)

Figure 1: a) UVP5, b) specimens and vertical distribution of copepods (blue), particles below 200  $\mu\text{m}$  (black) and particles above 500  $\mu\text{m}$  (red) at station 20 of Malina cruise, c) specimen and vertical distribution of appendicularia (blue), particles below 200  $\mu\text{m}$  (black) and particles above 500  $\mu\text{m}$  (red) at station 20 of Malina cruise.

## Underwater Vision Profiler (UVP): Zooplankton taxonomy, size, and counts

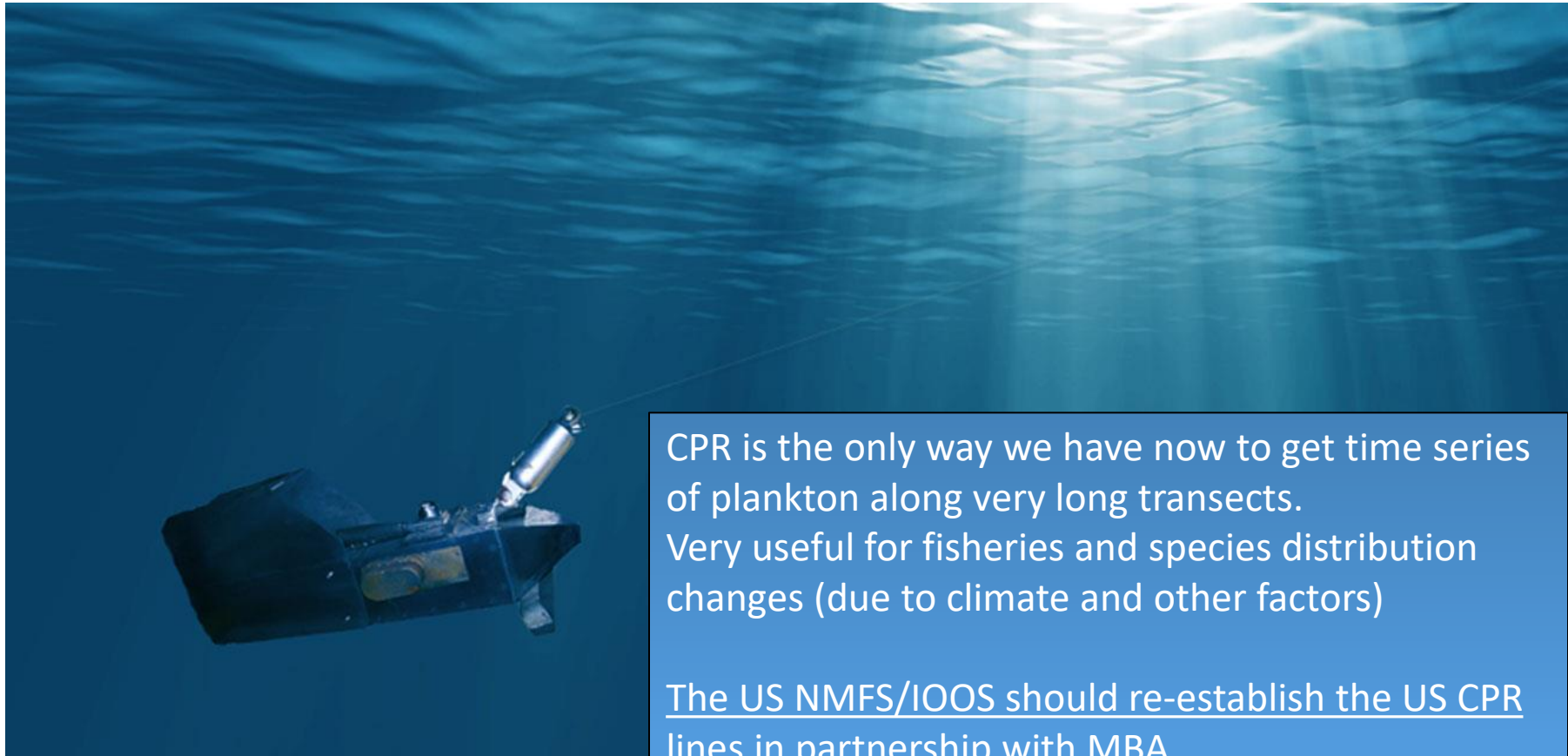




## THE CONTINUOUS PLANKTON RECORDER (CPR)

The Marine Biological Association of the UK

<https://www.mba.ac.uk/fellows/cpr-survey>



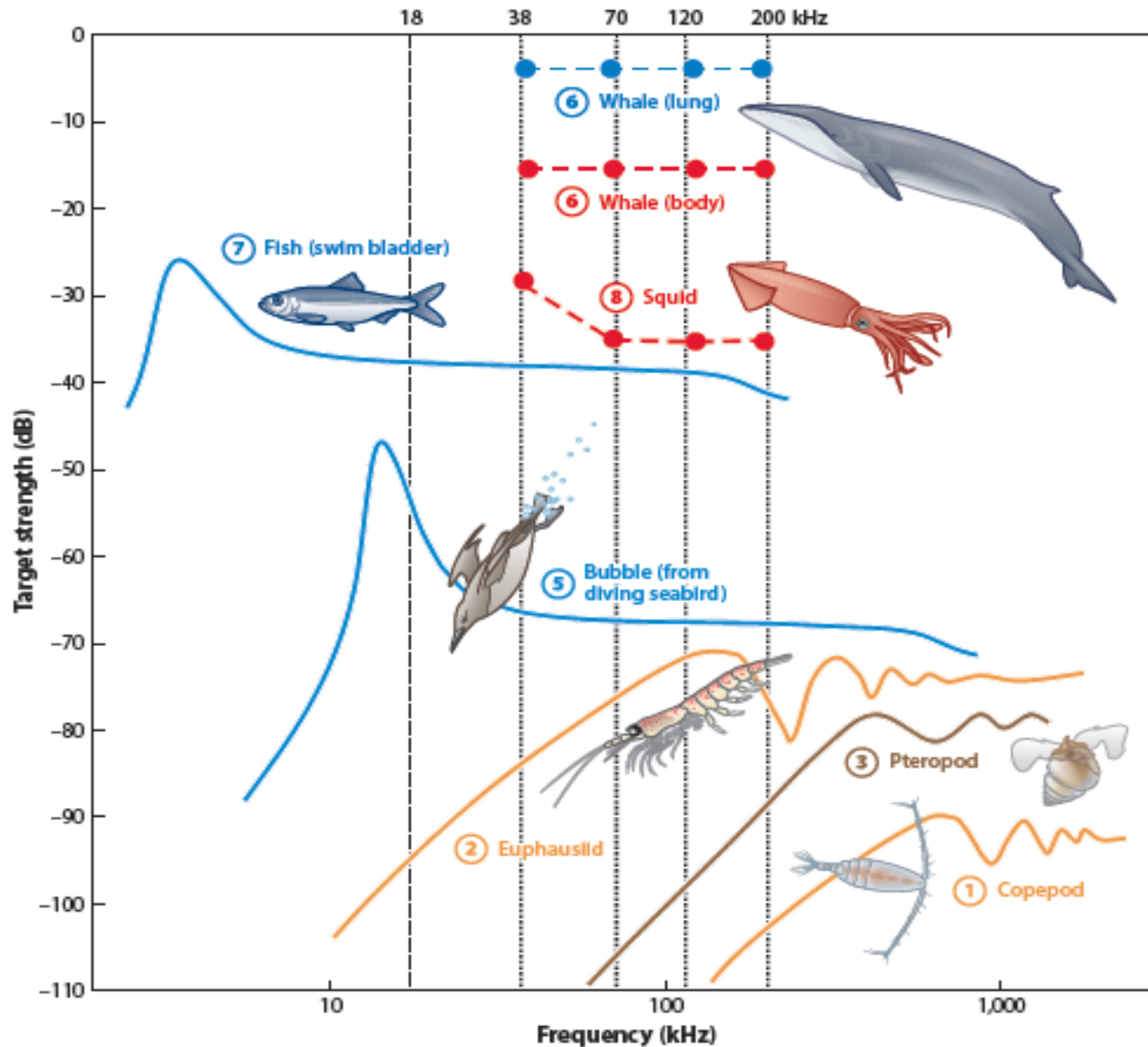
CPR is the only way we have now to get time series of plankton along very long transects. Very useful for fisheries and species distribution changes (due to climate and other factors)

The US NMFS/IOOS should re-establish the US CPR lines in partnership with MBA

**...with a commitment to process the data (zooplankton and phytoplankton), release it to Darwin Core**



# Active Acoustics



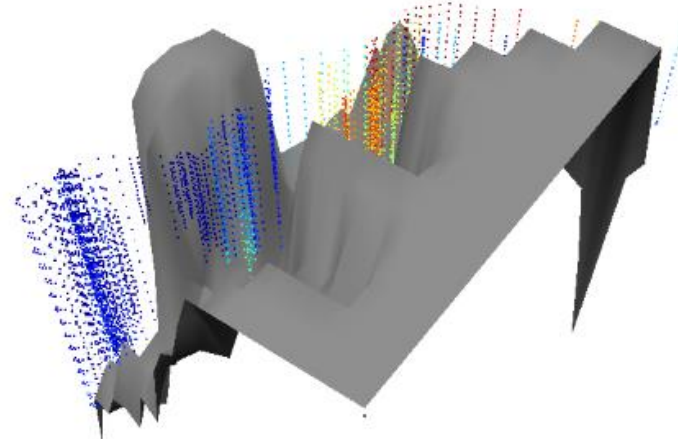
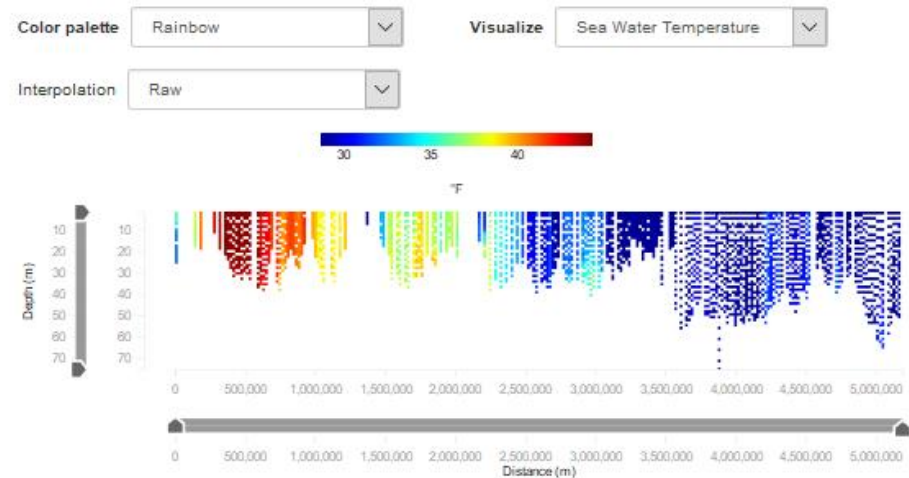
# Animal borne sensors and telemetry

**Animal Telemetry Network:**  **IOOS** **ATN**  
*<https://atn.ioos.us>*



eb03-061-15

Date range	Sep 11, 2015 07:26 (EST) - Feb 22, 2016 04:02 (EDT)
Depth range	2 (m) - 75 (m)
Points	4,149
Institution	MARES
Authority	uk.ac.st-andrews.smru

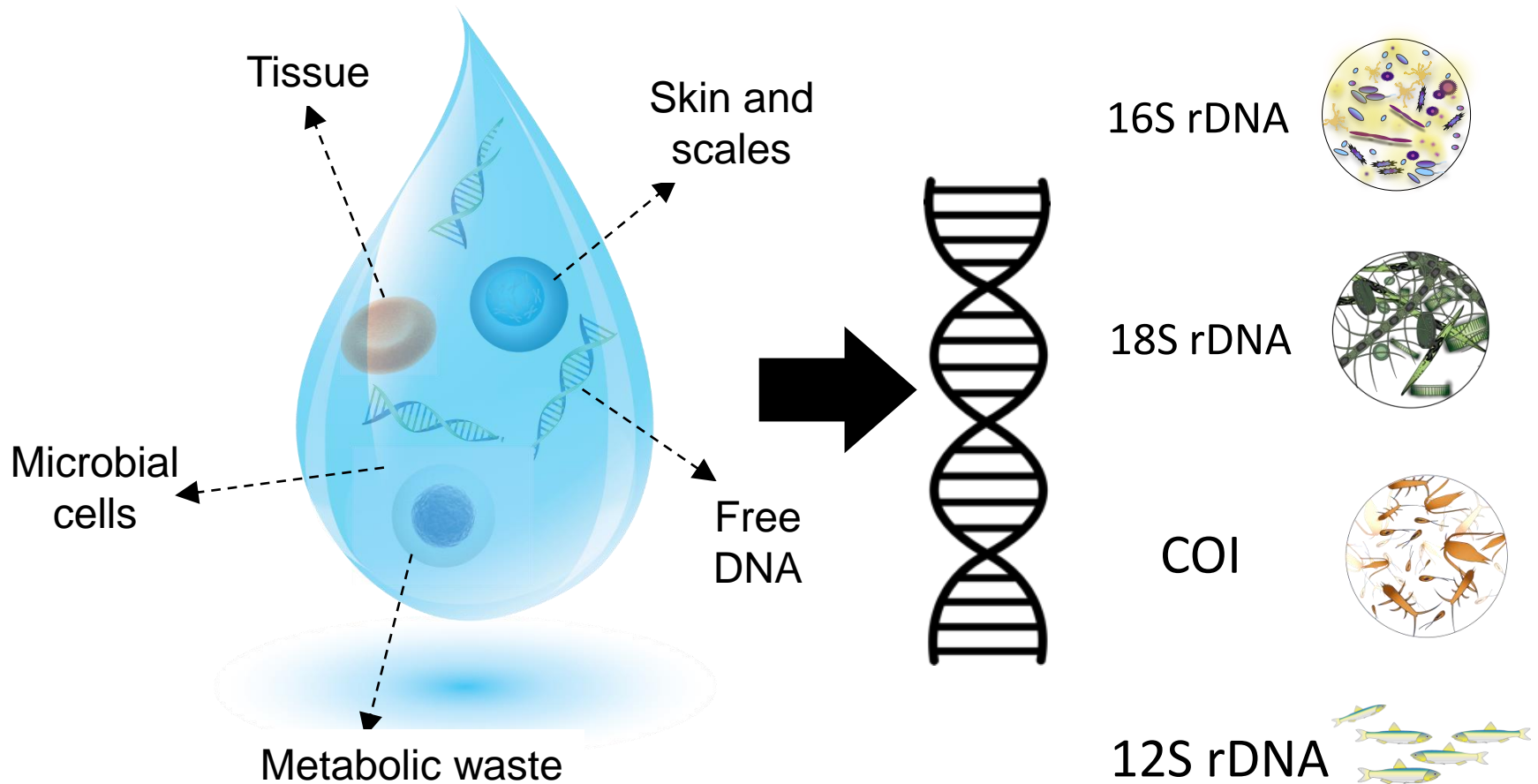


Many other things can be learned about marine animal movement and behavior using telemetry capabilities:

- migration corridors
- breeding behavior
- feeding behavior
- biodiversity hotspots

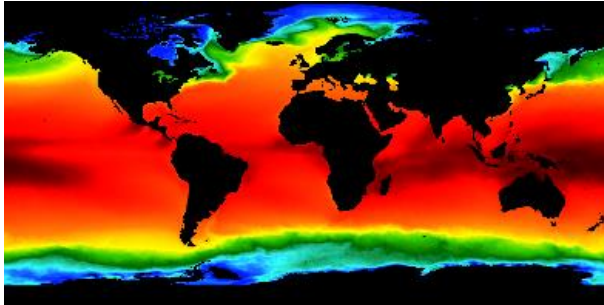
# Environmental DNA (eDNA)

A cheaper, less invasive and larger scale approach to monitor species diversity - Each marker is most sensitive towards detecting different groups of organisms

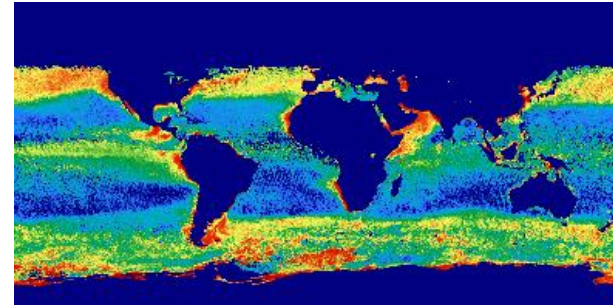


# Global and regional satellite-derived environmental fields (weekly, monthly, seasonal climatologies)

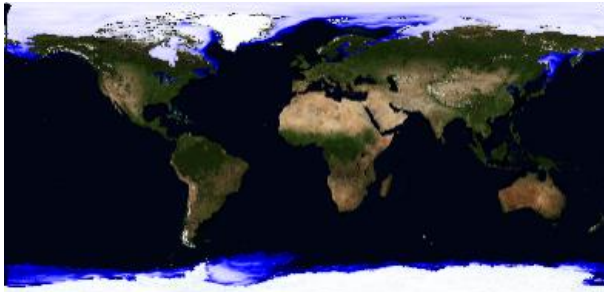
Sea Surface Temperature



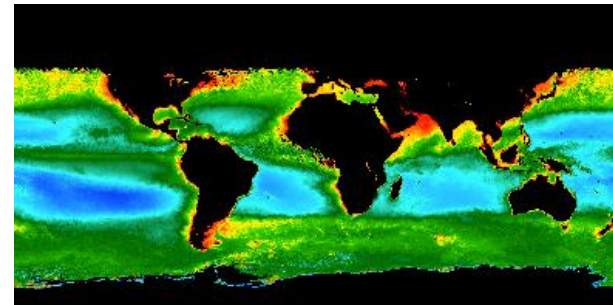
Phytoplankton fluorescence



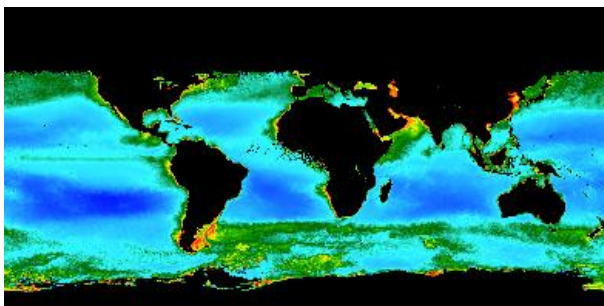
Sea ice



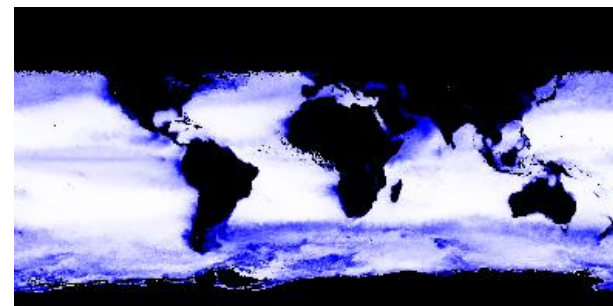
Dissolved org. C index



Chlorophyll-a



+ other fields...



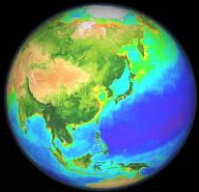


# Dynamic seascapes: biogeographic framework for global and regional MBONs

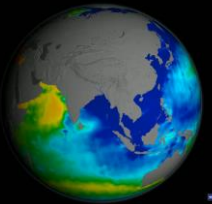
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## Multiple biophysical synoptic datasets



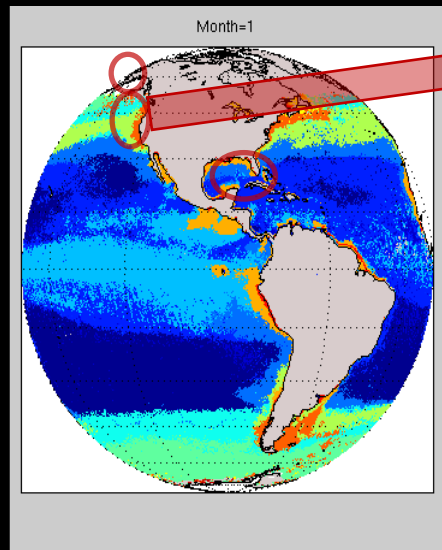
Biology: Ocean Color



Physics: e.g.  
SSS, SST, winds,  
SSHa

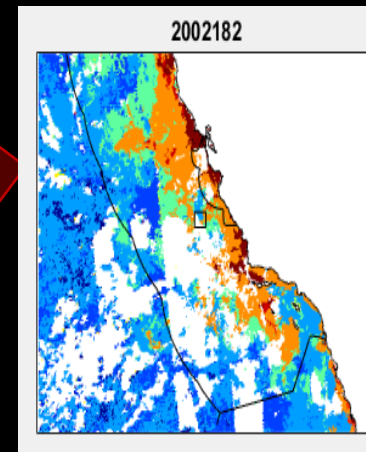
## Global classification

Dynamic+2D



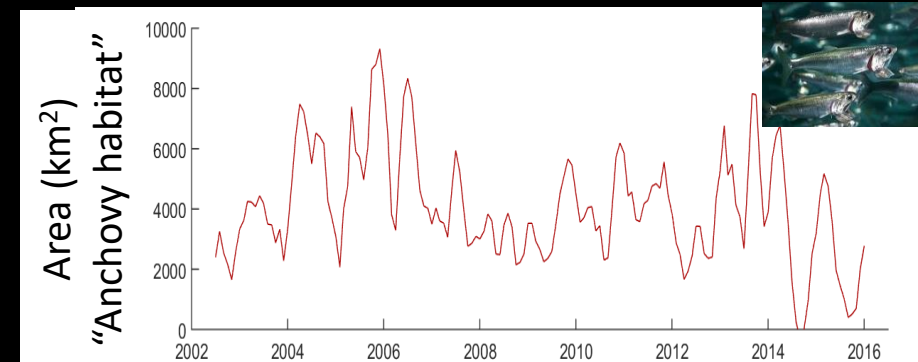
Regional downscaling  
High resolution, local  
validation

## Regional relevance,



## Objectives

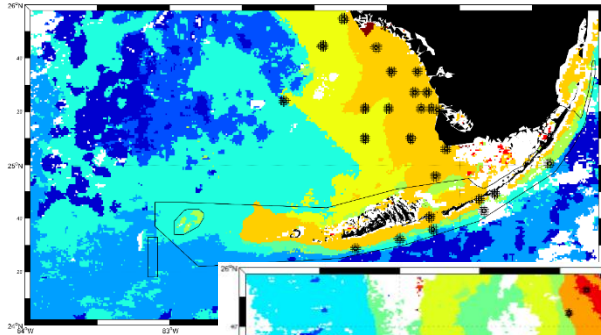
- Multiscale classification
- Case Studies:  
polar, temperate,  
subtropic
- Habitat –species  
relationships:  
plankton to fish
- Operational products:  
NOAA CoastWatch,  
Axiom,  
NASA COVERAGE



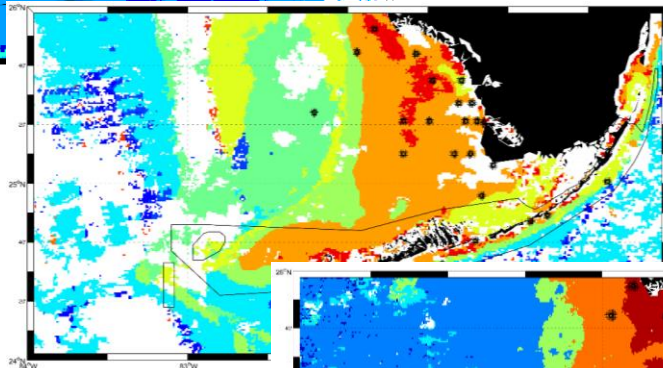
Dynamic habitat maps: forage fish community, NOAA SWFSC

# Seascape validation in south Florida waters

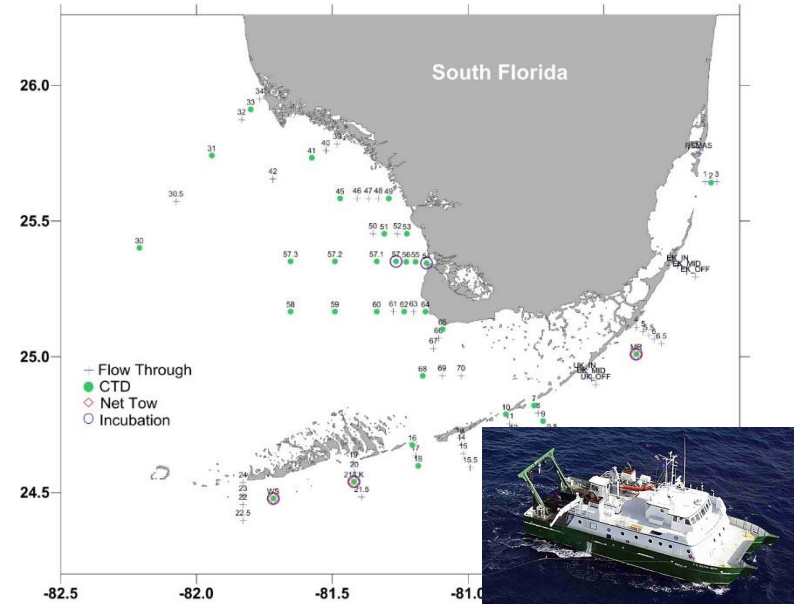
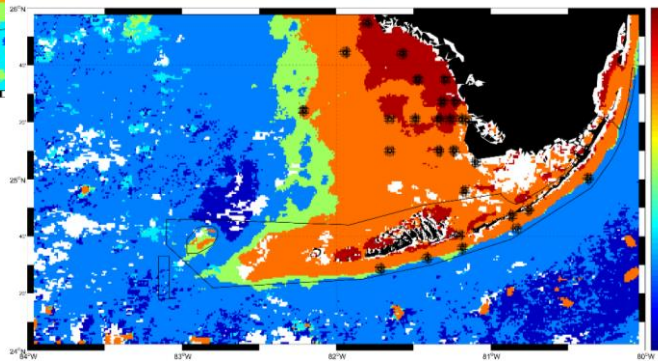
March 14-18, 2016



May 9-13, 2016



September 12-19, 2016



R/V Walton Smith (U. Miami)  
MBON  
South Florida Program (AOML)

## In situ variables:

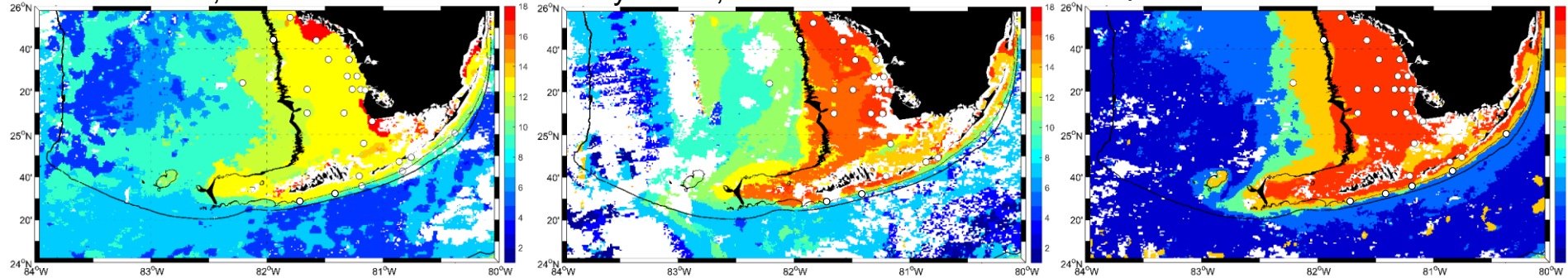
- Pigments (HPLC)
- Bio-optics ( $a_{phy}$ )
- eDNA
- Zooplankton (64, 200, 500  $\mu$ m)
- Phytoplankton taxa (microscopy)
- Environmental variables (nuts, temp., salinity, etc)

# Seascape validation: south Florida

March 11-18, 2016

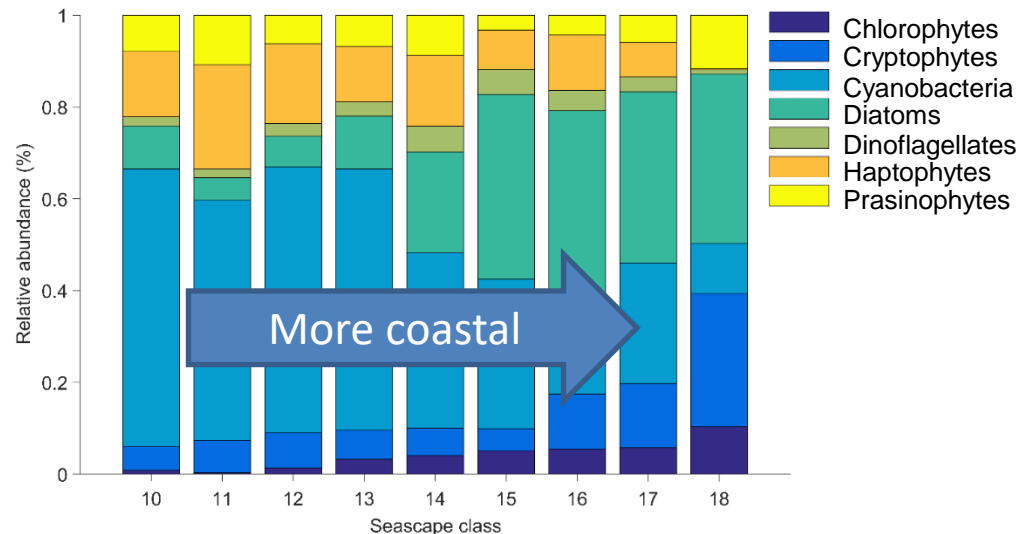
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**Seasonal shifts of  
phytoplankton  
assemblages**

**Also validating:  
eDNA,  
zooplankton**



*In prep:* Dynamic satellite seascapes as predictors of seasonal shifts of phytoplankton assemblages in south Florida waters.

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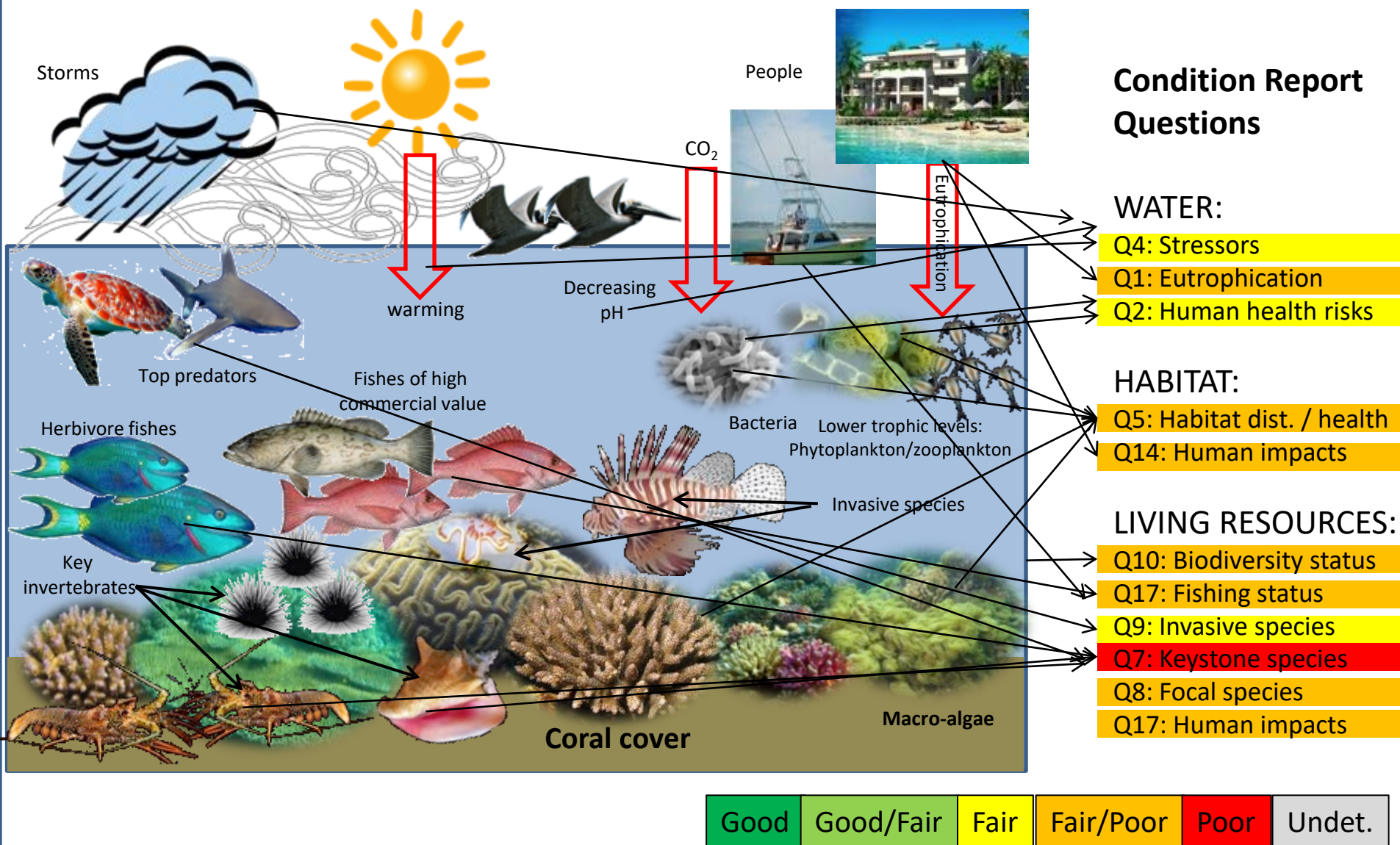


Explorer

Infographics



# Information for Sanctuary Condition Reports

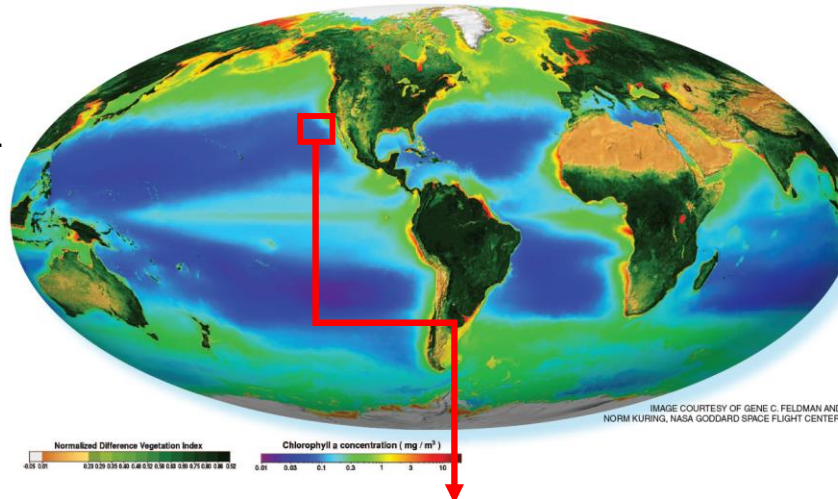


# Conceptual Model

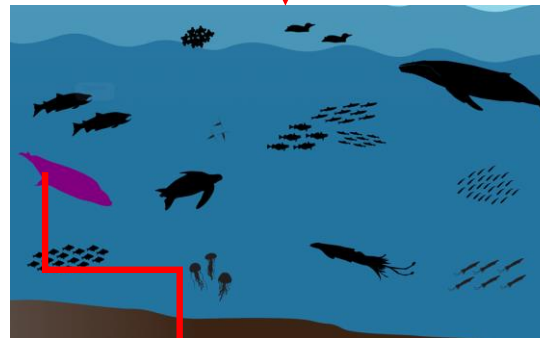
## NCEAS Global Marine Ecosystems layers:

Beach  
Coral Reefs  
Deep Hard Bottom  
Deep Soft Benthic  
Deep Waters  
Hard Shelf  
Hard Slope  
Intertidal Mud  
Kelp  
Mangroves  
Rocky Intertidal  
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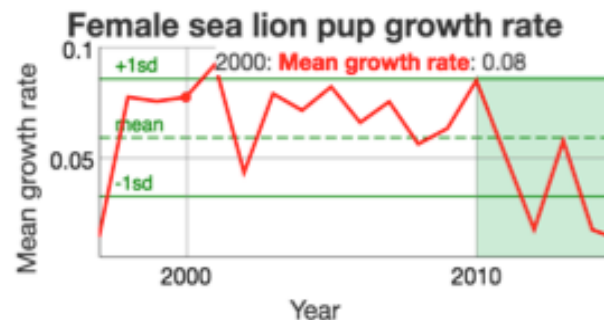
Note: Abyssal-Hadal layers to be created



NASA, other regional/global data



Infographic of local habitats (EEZ, LME)



Local data/time series

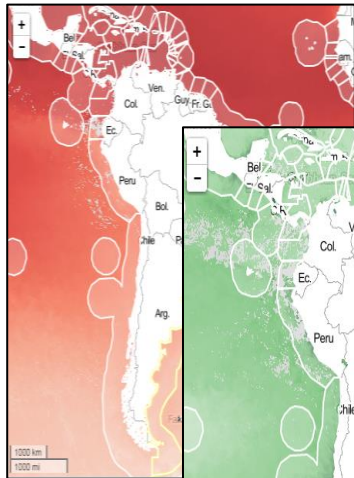
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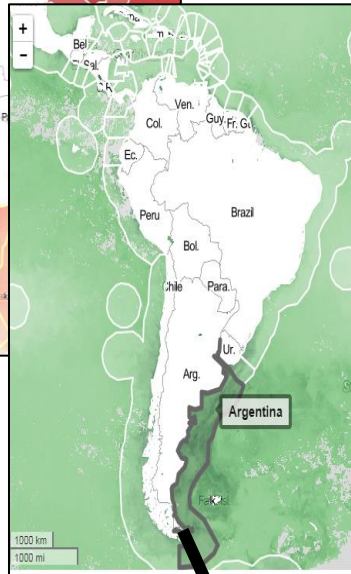
# Web-based interactive tools for Pole to MBON



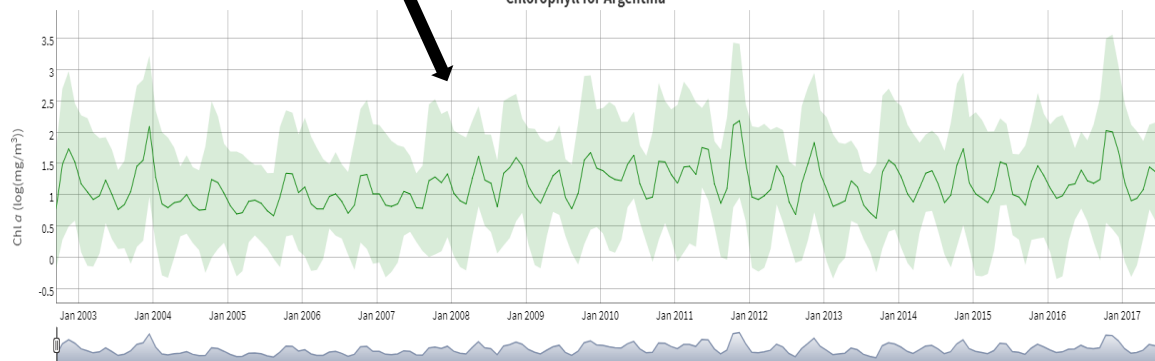
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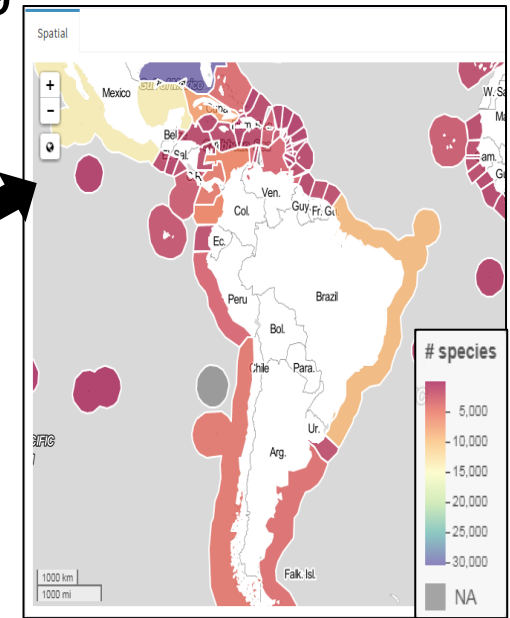
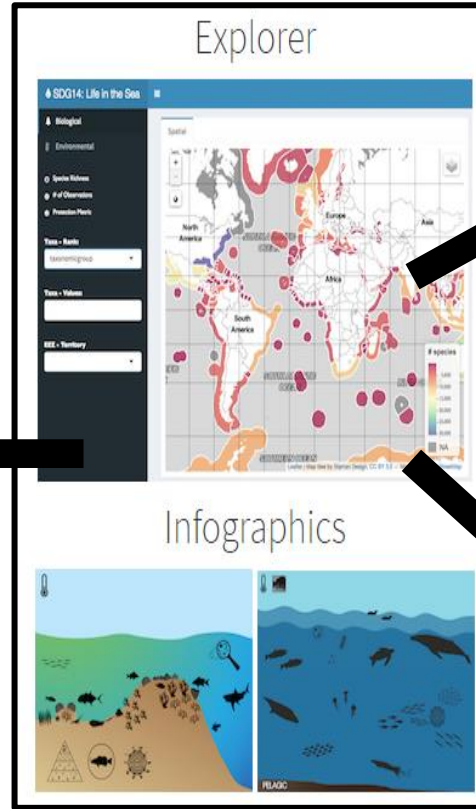
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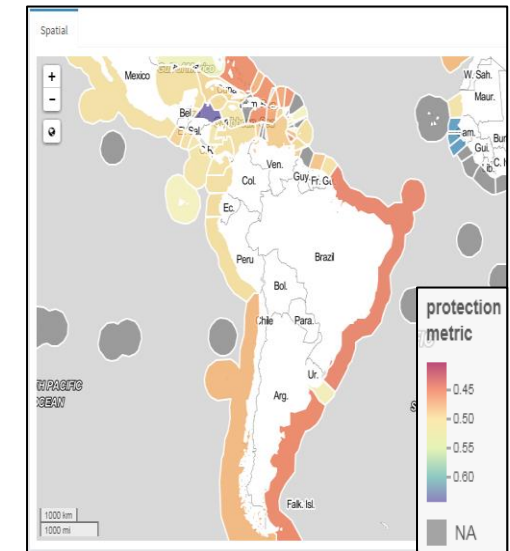
Chlorophyll for Argentina



[www.marinebon.org](http://www.marinebon.org) Number of species (OBIS)

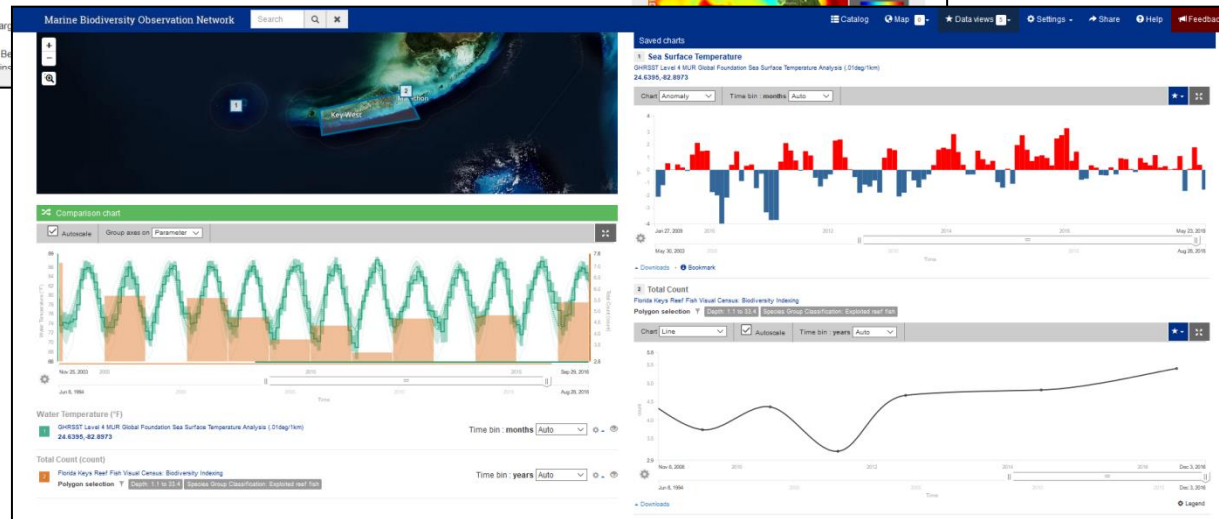
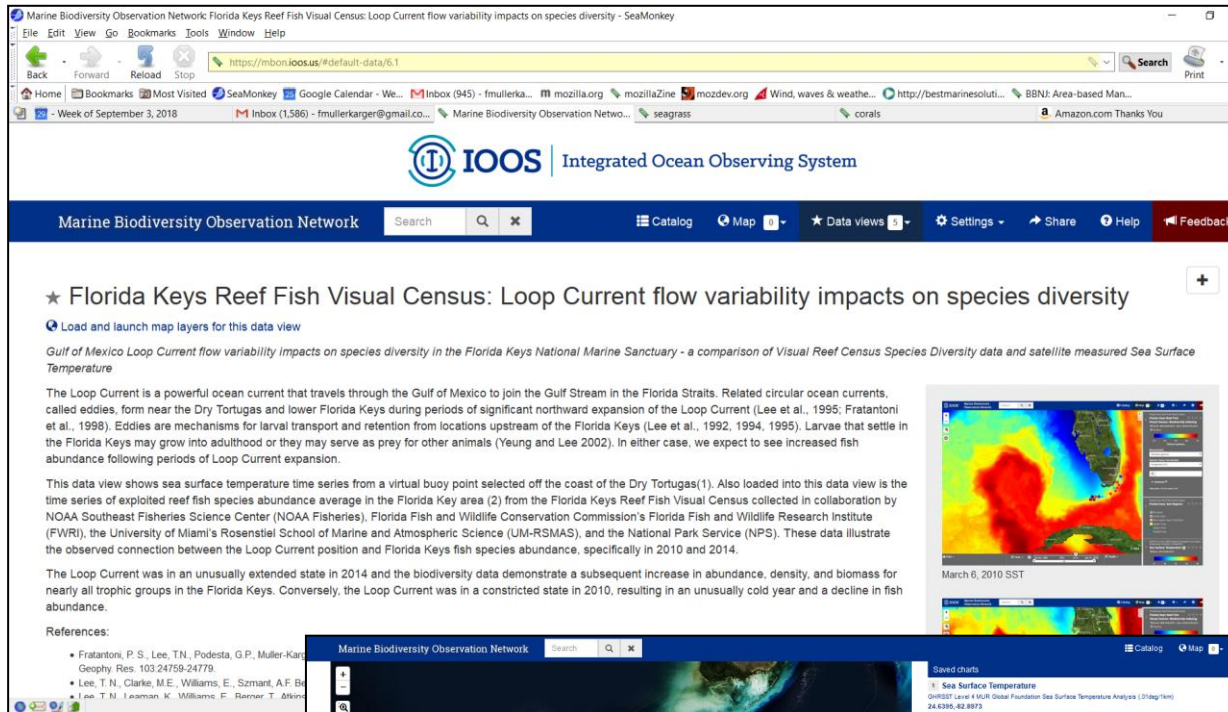


Redlist protection level (OBIS)



# Dynamically updating status and trends:

<https://mbon.ioos.us/>



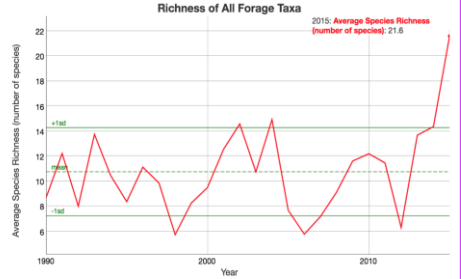
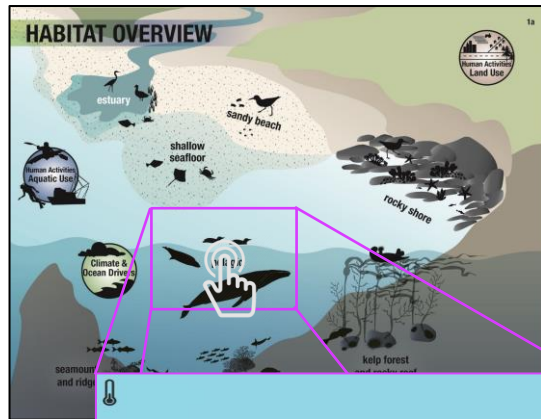
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# Dynamically updating status and trends

## Infographics

Audience:

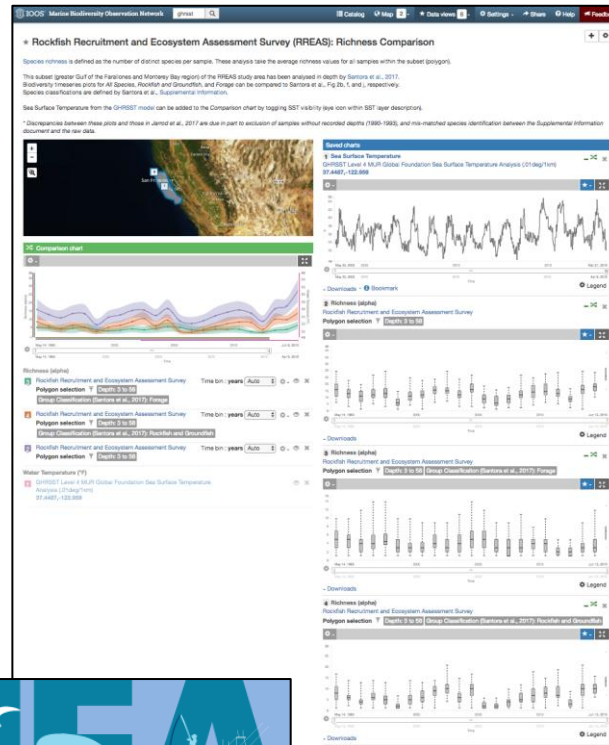
Public, managers, educators



## Curated Data Views

Audience:

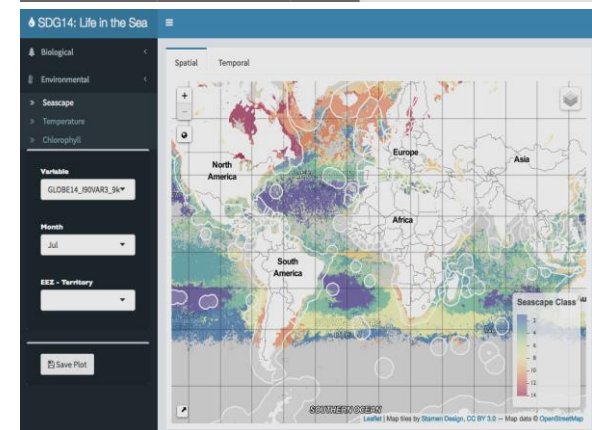
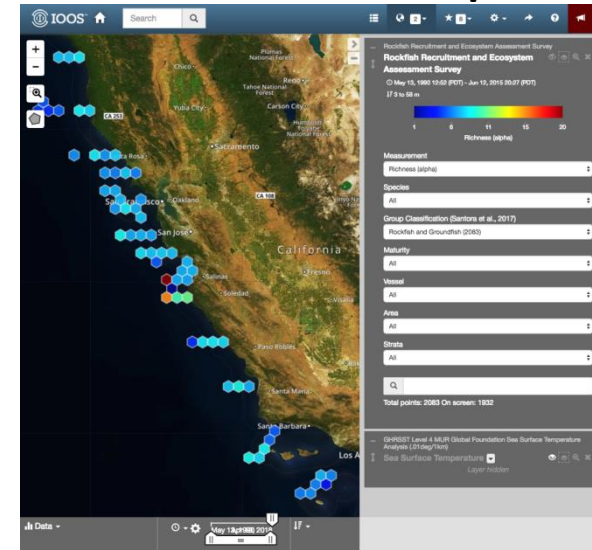
Advisory groups,  
researchers, teams



## Data portals

Audience:

Scientists, technical experts





# Key messages

- MBON is developing a community of practice to monitor life in the sea with GEO BON IOC (GOOS, OBIS, Ocean Best Practices)
- Biodiversity Observing System need to focus on:
  - Promote standards for a manageable number of variables
  - integrate biodiversity, physical, chemical, geological obs.
  - Sensor development for biodiversity (beyond fluorescence)
  - deliver data to linked databases (use DarwinCore schema)
- Product development: Scale ancillary data matrices, offer in a format accessible to many applications in addition to RS product
- Integrate land, ocean and other aquatic areas in truly 'global' biodiversity cover and trends / maps
- Continue to integrate land/aquatic communities