



Regionalisations for Marine Protected Area planning

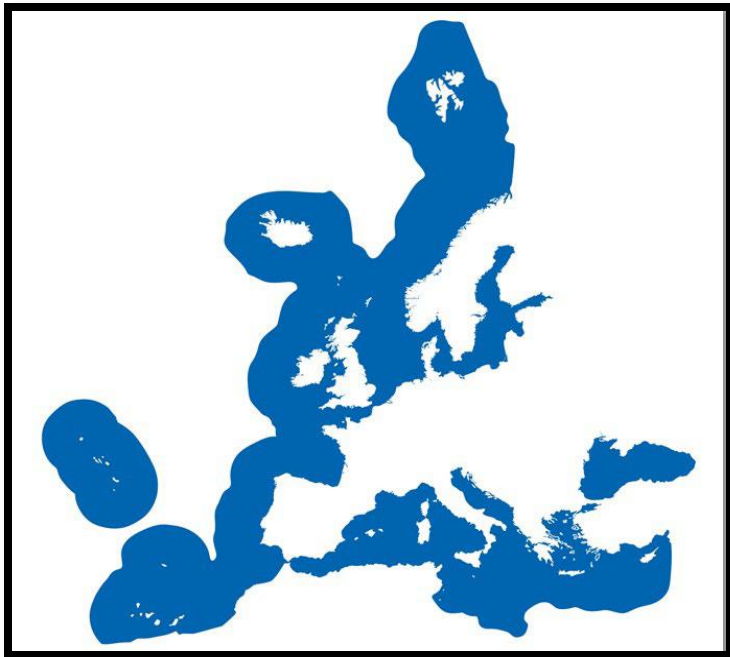
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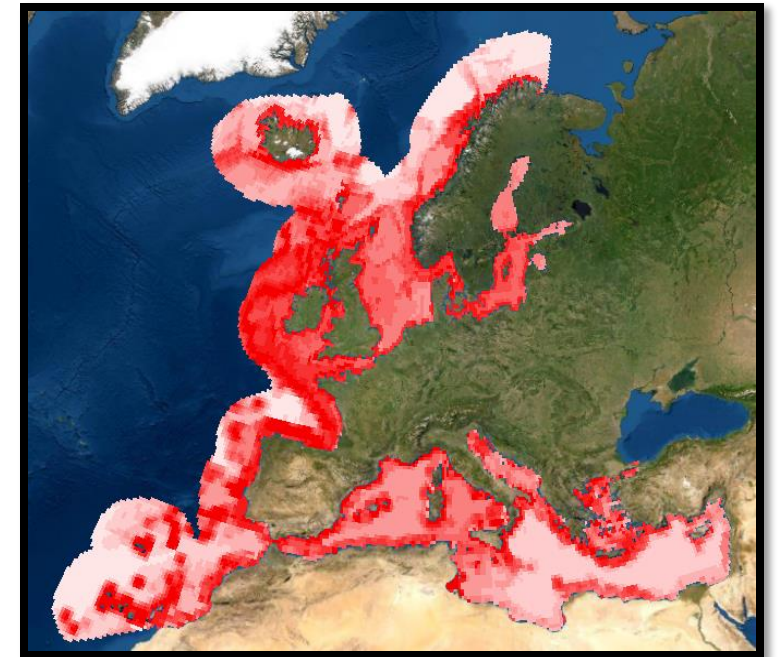
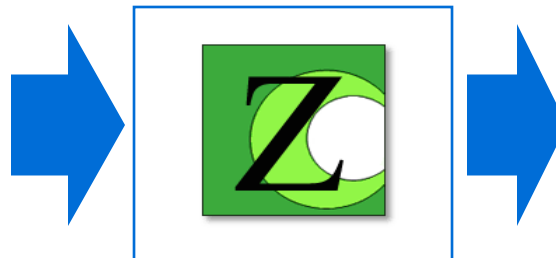
GOAL

MPA Europe is mapping the **optimal locations** for Marine Protected Areas in European seas to support **science-based** Marine Spatial Planning

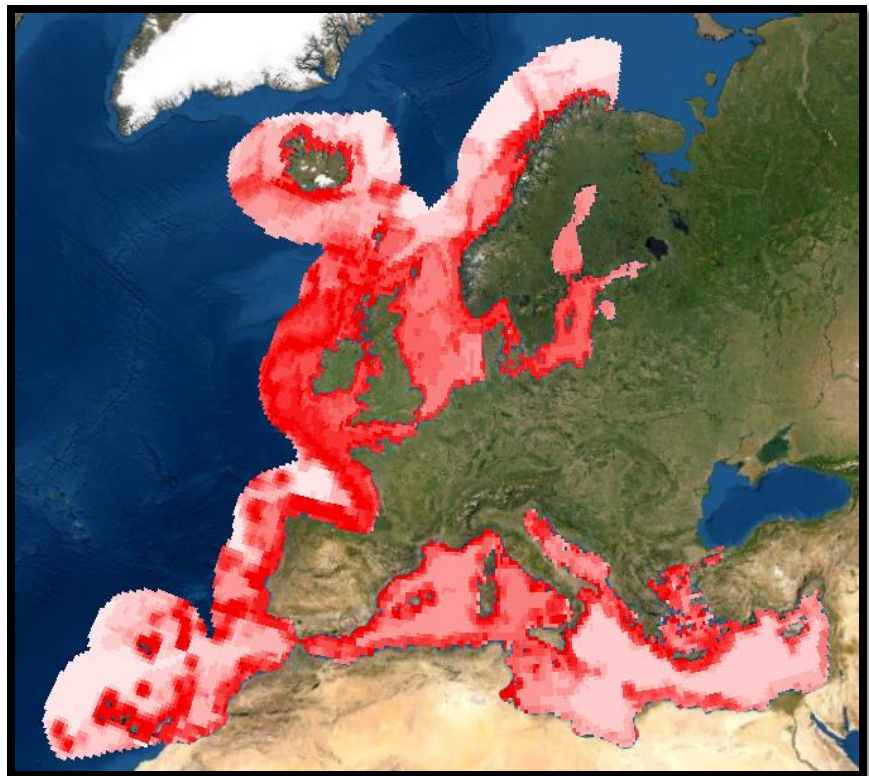
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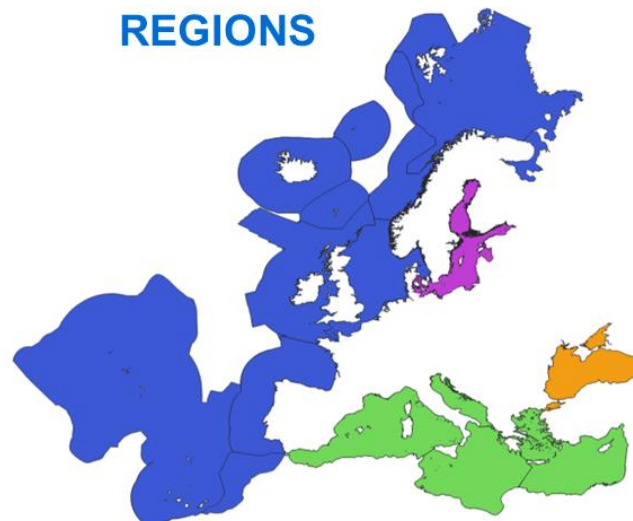
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PLANNING (SCP)



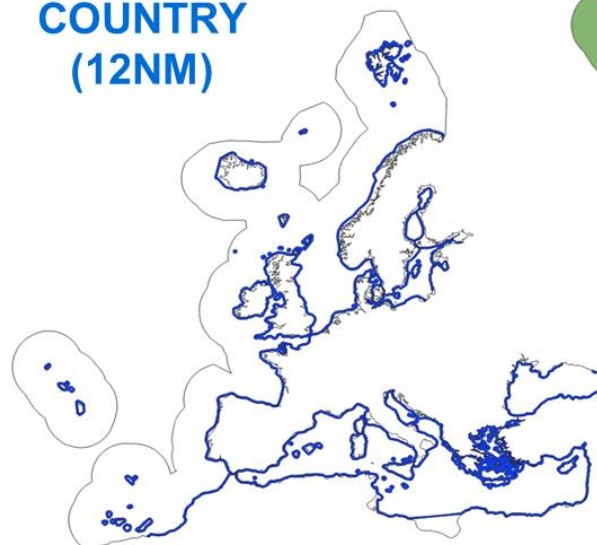
Prioritisation at 3 spatial scales



REGIONS



COUNTRY
(12NM)



COUNTRY
(EEZ)



A global protected area network

should represent biodiversity from species to ecosystems

Need world maps of

- ✓ **Ecosystems**
- ✓ **Biomes**
- ✓ **Habitats**
- ✓ **Species richness**
- ✓ **Species endemism (realms)**



Photo by Dr Galice Hoarau

Marine species richness

Aquamaps.org

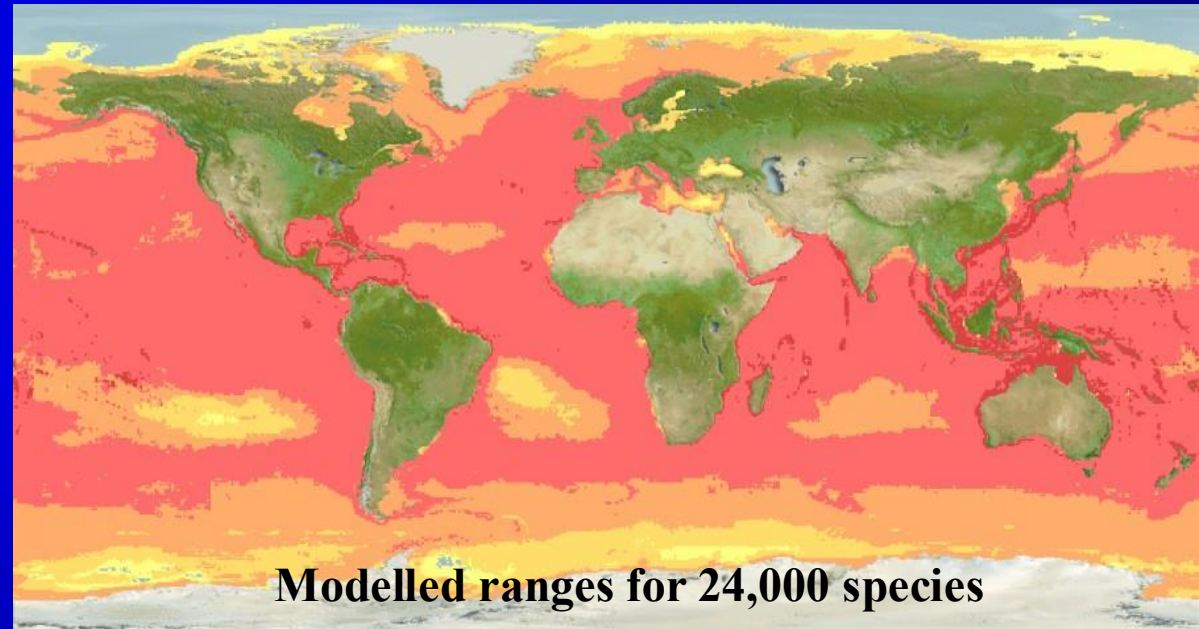
Colours on log-scale.

(1) Modelled species ranges (top)
(2) carefully cleaned primary data
(bottom) show

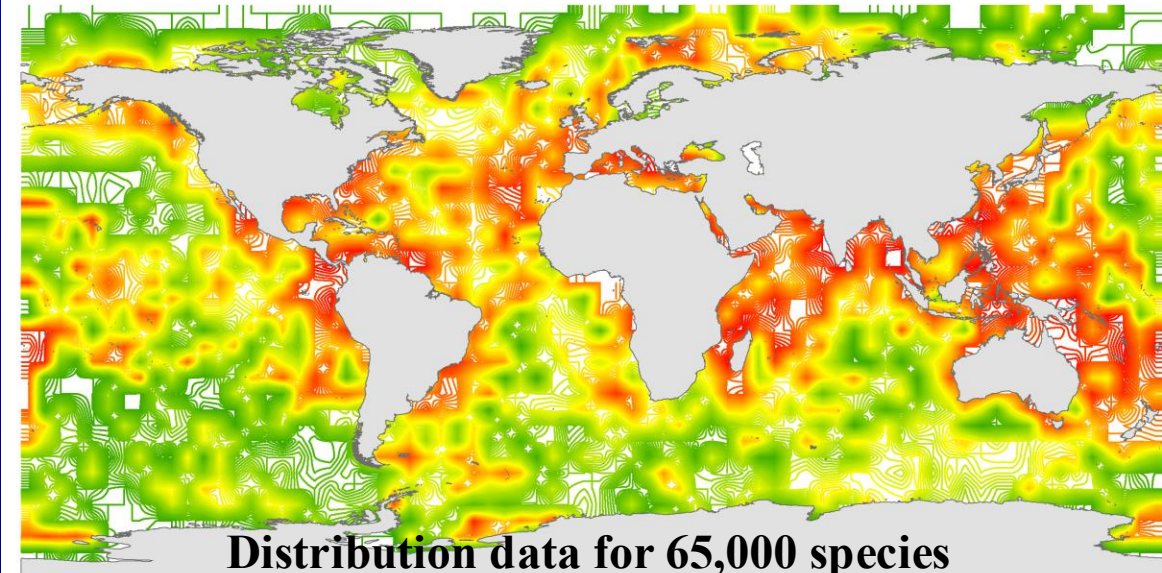
**most species occur along
coasts and tropics**

OBIS sample data

ES₅₀ index used to standardise for
sampling effort.



Modelled ranges for 24,000 species



Distribution data for 65,000 species

Key concepts

- **Biogeographic realms** based on species endemism (uniqueness)
- **Ecosystems** based on energy flow between adjacent areas
- As species are unique to each realm, each realm needs protected areas
- Relevant to ecosystem function and services, food webs, productivity
- Agnostic to species composition
- Different species may provide similar ecological roles in different areas

Key concepts

- **Biomes**
 - Large areas dominated by habitat forming species
 - May be one or more species
 - Species composition will vary geographically
- **Biogenic habitats**
 - Habitat formed by a particular species at a local scale
 - Is part of a biome

Biogeographic regions

Who wants one?

- IUCN, WWF, CI
- GEO & GEOSS
- FAO and ICES
- IOC and IODE
- Researchers

Why?

- nature conservation reporting
- ecosystem classification
- fishery management
- marine data management
- indicating species distributions

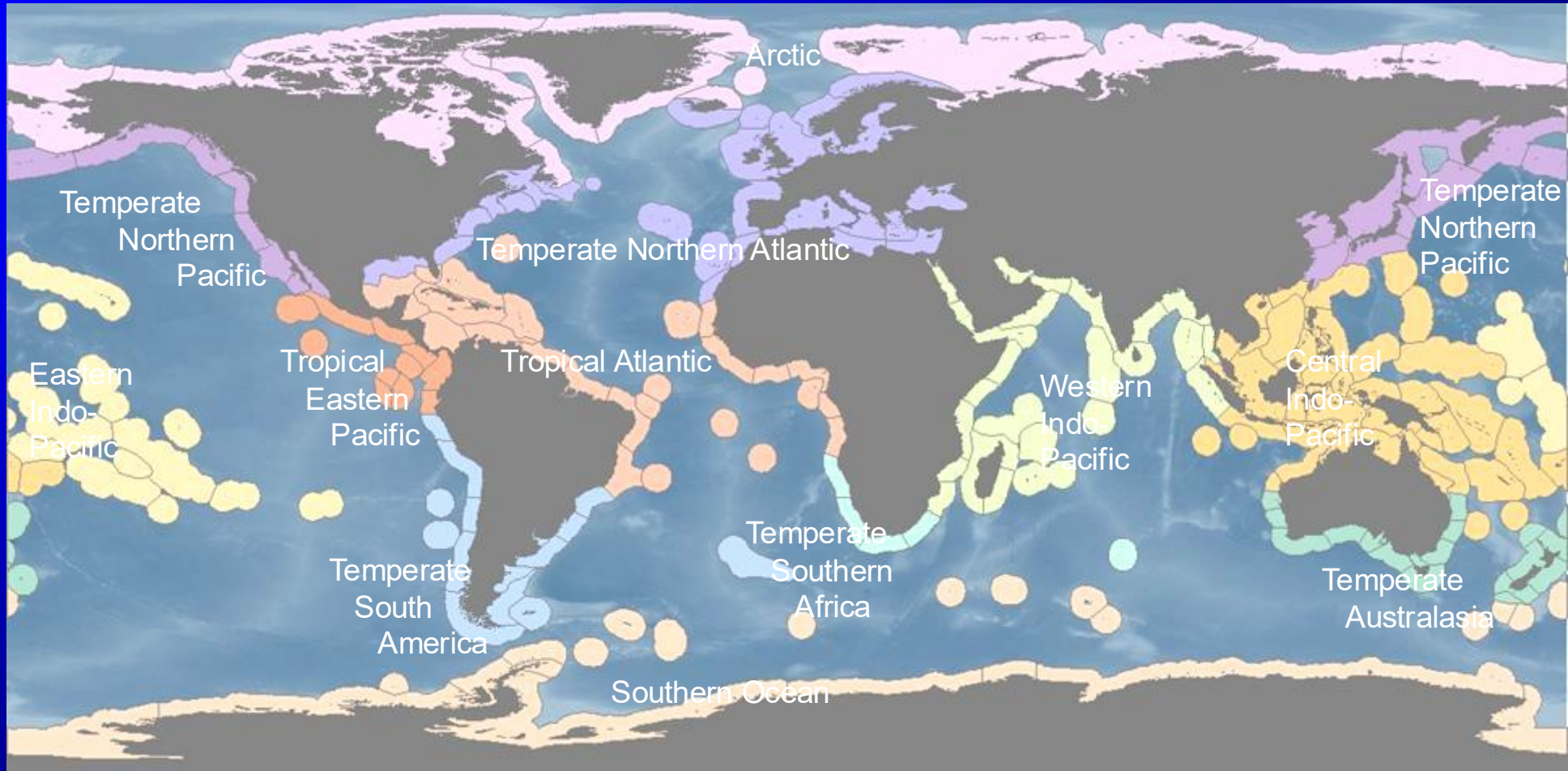
Why not use other geographic regions?

Existing marine ‘regions’

- Geographic** (Seas and oceans) → Global
- Political** (Exclusive Economic Zones) → Global if non-EEZ ‘high-seas’ included
- Large Marine Ecosystems** → Coastal but not all coasts
- Marine Ecoregions of the World MEOW** → Coastal - includes LME & EEZ & other
- Global Open Oceans and Deep Seabed GOODS** → Pelagic and deep sea to complement MEOW
- FAO areas** → Global – fishery boxes
- ICES areas** → Regional - fishery & related management boxes
- Longhurst’s pelagic** ➤ Global – ocean colour

Marine Ecoregions of the World (MEOW)

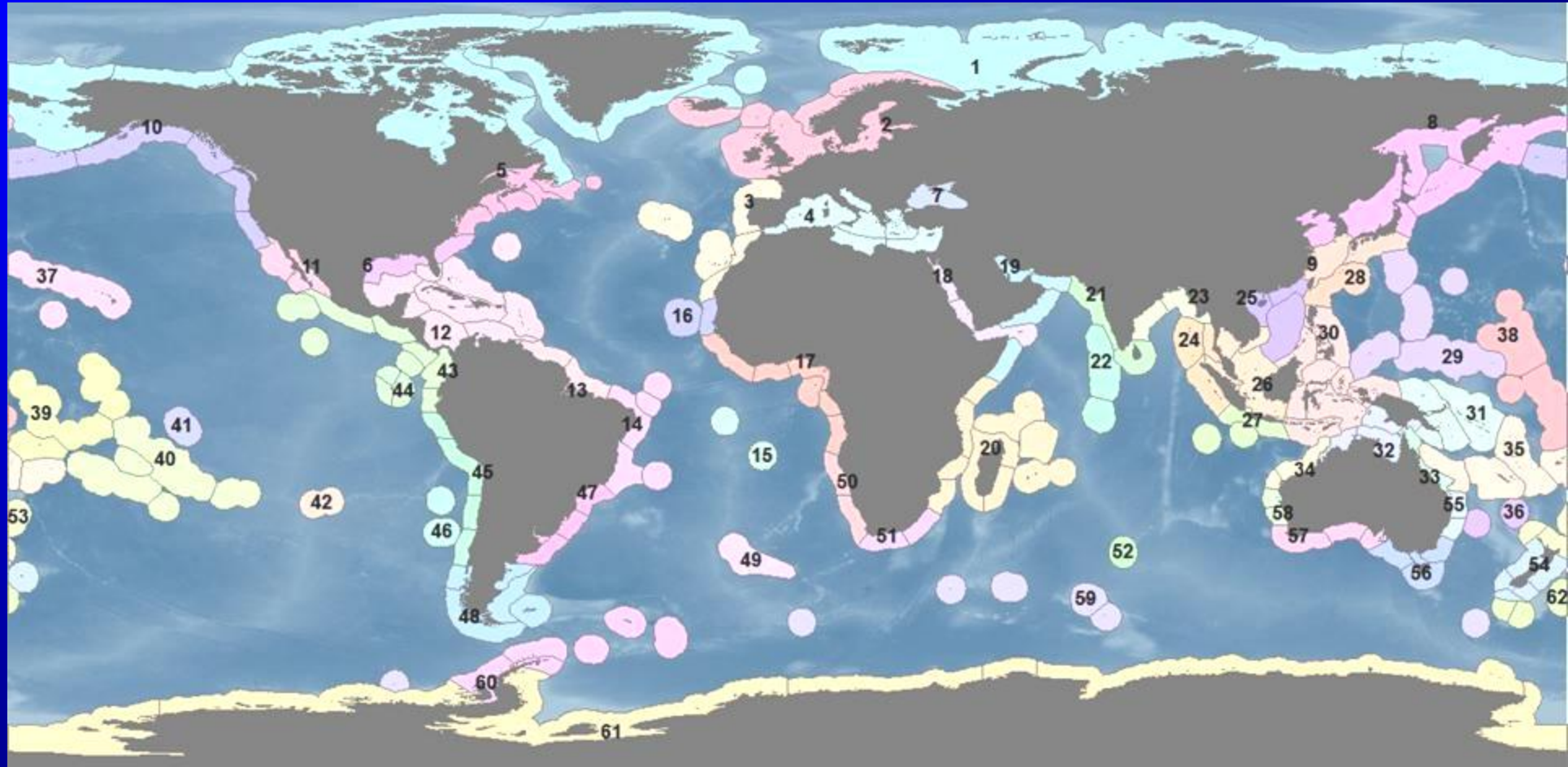
12 Realms



Very large regions of coastal, benthic or pelagic ocean across which biotas are internally coherent at higher taxonomic levels, as a result of a shared and unique evolutionary history. Realms have high levels of endemism, not only at the species level, but also with unique taxa at generic and family levels in some groups.

Marine Ecoregions of the World (MEOW)

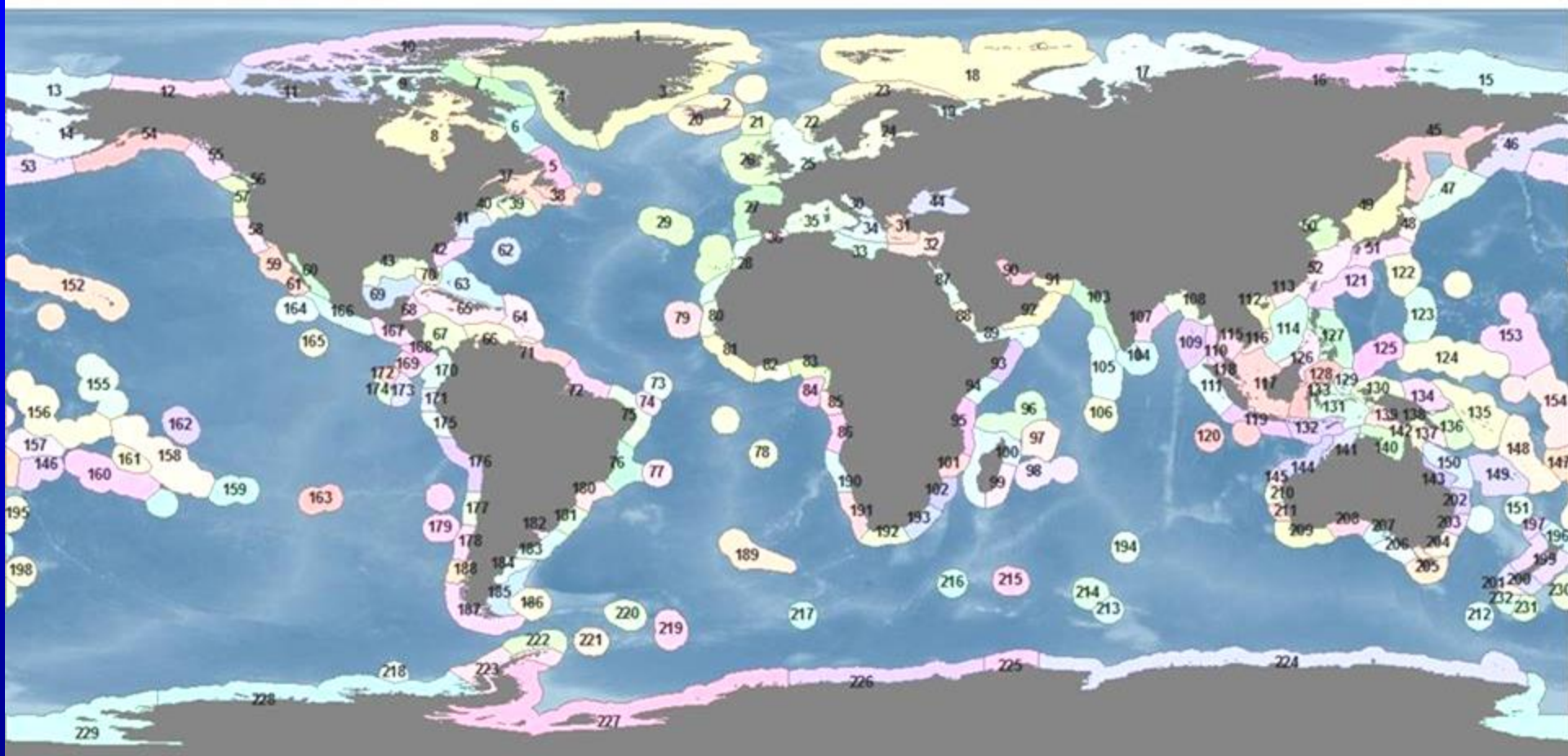
62 Provinces



Large areas defined by the presence of distinct biotas that have at least some cohesion over evolutionary timeframes. Provinces will hold some level of endemism, principally at the level of species

Marine Ecoregions of the World (MEOW)

232 Ecoregions



Areas of relatively homogeneous species composition, clearly distinct from adjacent systems. This species composition is likely to be determined by the predominance of a small number of ecosystems and/or a distinct suite of oceanographic or topographic features.

Include “Large Marine Ecosystems”

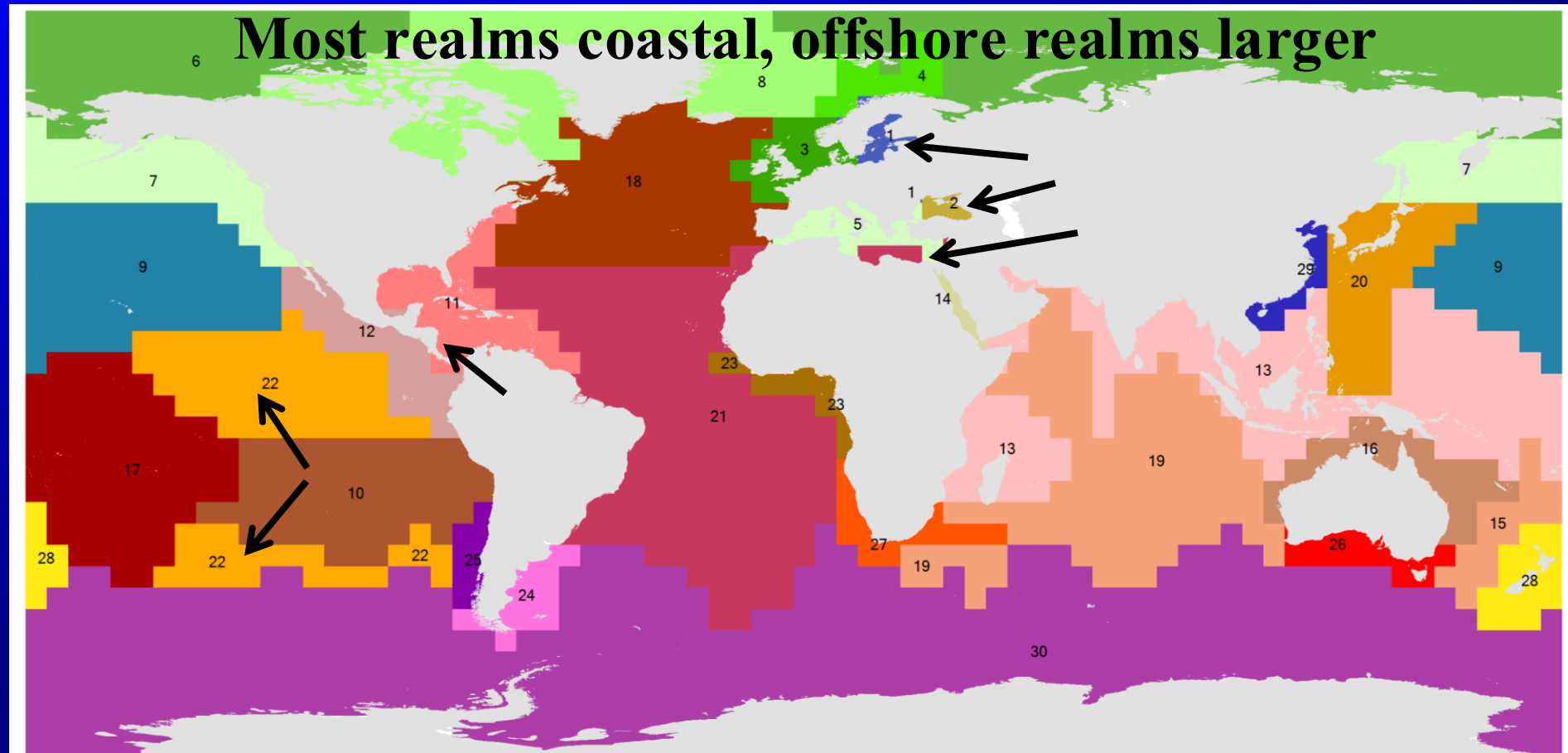
30 biogeographic realms

i.e., areas endemism based on cluster **analysis 65,000 species from OBIS**

Freshwater influenced Baltic and Black Seas.

Land barriers - Panama isthmus and Suez Canal.

One open ocean realm split in two by another.

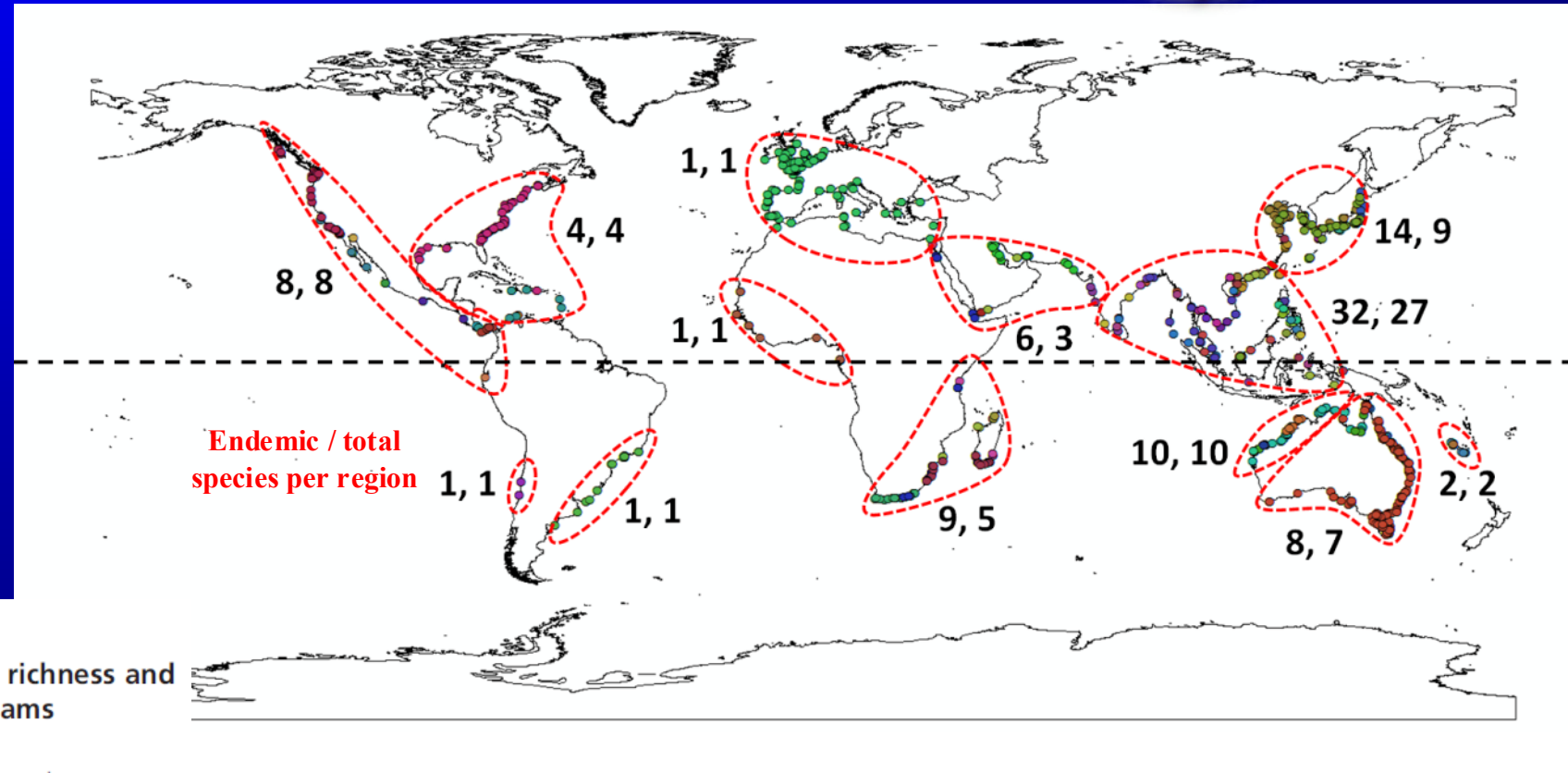
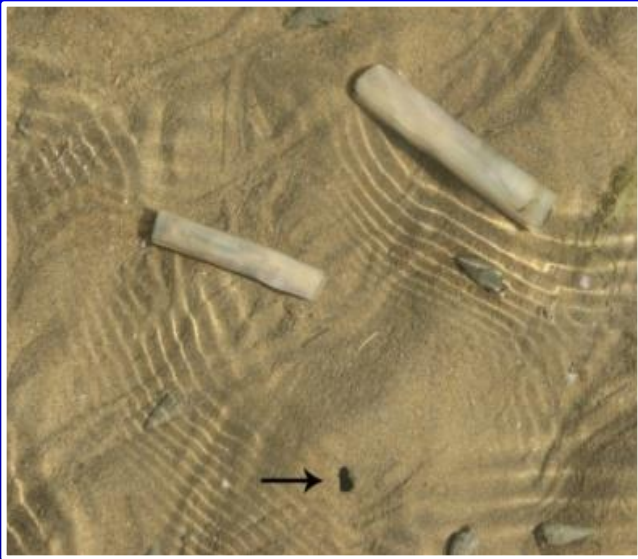


			Seas' group	Realm	% spp unique	# spp
Inner Baltic Sea			Inner Baltic Sea	1	63	458
Black Sea			Black Sea	2	84	192
NE and NW Atlantic and Mediterranean, Arctic and North Pacific	NE Atlantic & Mediterranean (2)	NE Atlantic (3)	NE Atlantic	3	27	7117
		Arctic Europe (5)	Norwegian Sea (in part)	4	43	1345
		Mediterranean (3)	Mediterranean	5	45	3096
	Arctic & N Pacific (2)	Arctic (3)	Arctic seas	6	19	1907
		North Pacific (3)	N Pacific	7	27	5535
	N Atlantic boreal & sub-Arctic from Canada to Greenland Sea (2)		N American Boreal	8	31	1492

Biogeography by species endemicity (unique to an area) is hierarchical

Mid-tropical North Pacific Ocean			--	9	47	2859
South-east Pacific			--	10	59	1618
Mid-Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans including coastal tropics and warm-temperate areas	Tropical W Atlantic & Tropical E Pacific (2)	Tropical W Atlantic (3)	Caribbean & Gulf of Mexico	11	30	13281
		Tropical E Pacific (3)	Gulf of California	12	30	3279
	Coastal Indian Ocean, W Pacific, Arabian Gulf to New Caledonia, S Pacific tropical islands, & N, W & E Australia (2)	Tropical Indo-Pacific (East Indies) & coastal Indian Ocean (3)	Indo-Pacific seas & Indian Ocean	13	31	16508
		Red Sea (4)	Gulfs of Aqaba, Aden, Suez, Red Sea	14	74	997
		Tasman Sea to SW Pacific (3)	Tasman Sea	15	57	1468
		Tropical Australia & Coral Sea (4)	Coral Sea	16	33	10349
	Mid South Tropical Pacific (2)		--	17	44	2818
	Open Atlantic, Indian, & Pacific oceans(2)	Offshore & NW North Atlantic (4)	--	18	26	7591
		Offshore Indian Ocean (5)	--	19	43	3486
		Offshore W Pacific (6)	--	20	40	4678
		Offshore S Atlantic (6)	--	21	33	5512
		Offshore mid-E Pacific (7)	--	22	36	1217
		Tropical E Atlantic (6)	Gulf of Guinea	23	57	992
	S South America (2)	Argentina (3)	Rio de La Plata	24	45	1651
		Chile (3)	--	25	68	584
	S Africa, S Australia, & New Zealand (2)	S Australia (6)	South Australia	26	40	2158
		S Africa (5)	--	27	45	6700
		New Zealand (6)	--	28	33	3126
North West Pacific			N W Pacific	29	47	2551
Southern Ocean			Southern Ocean	30	17	4256

Global biogeography razor clams



Journal of Biogeography (J. Biogeogr.) (2016)

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Bimodal latitudinal species richness and high endemism of razor clams (Mollusca)

Hanieh Saeedi^{1*}, Todd E. Dennis² and Mark J. Costello¹

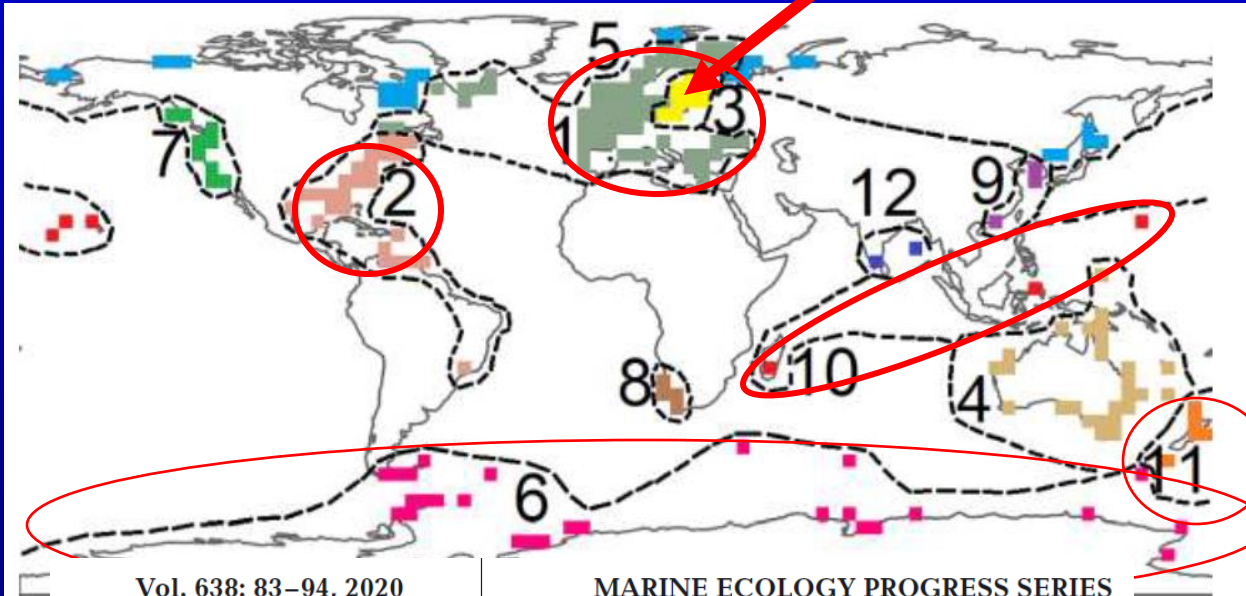
Other marine biogeography's

Polychaete worms

Amphipod crustaceans

Global biogeography of marine amphipod crustaceans: latitude, regionalization, and beta diversity

Tri Arfianti^{1,2,*}, Mark J. Costello^{3,4}



Baltic Sea contains freshwater species

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MARINE ECOLOGY PROGRESS SERIES

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Biogeography of polychaete worms (Annelida) of the world

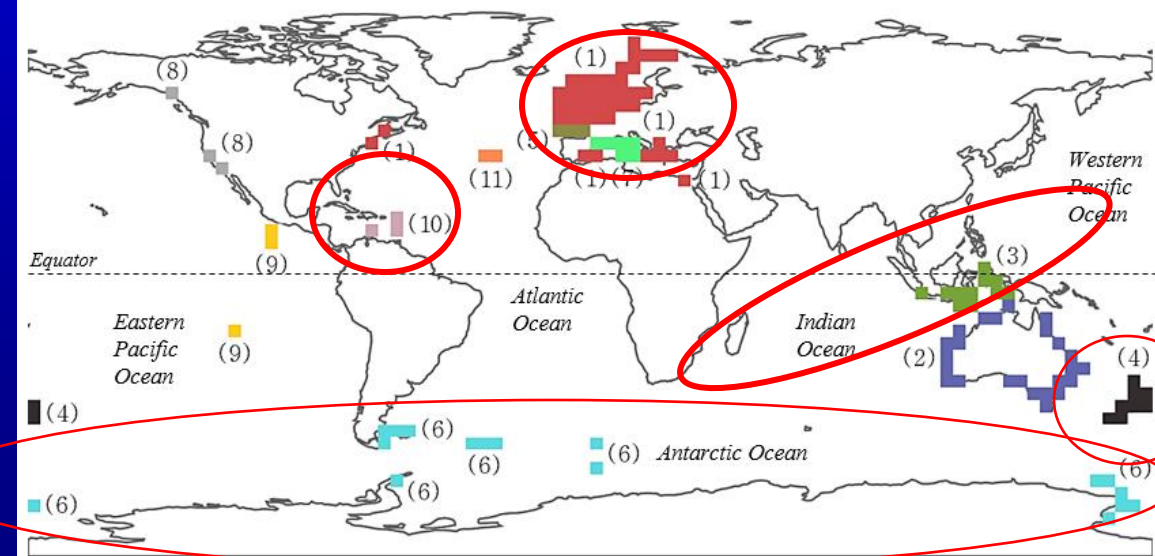
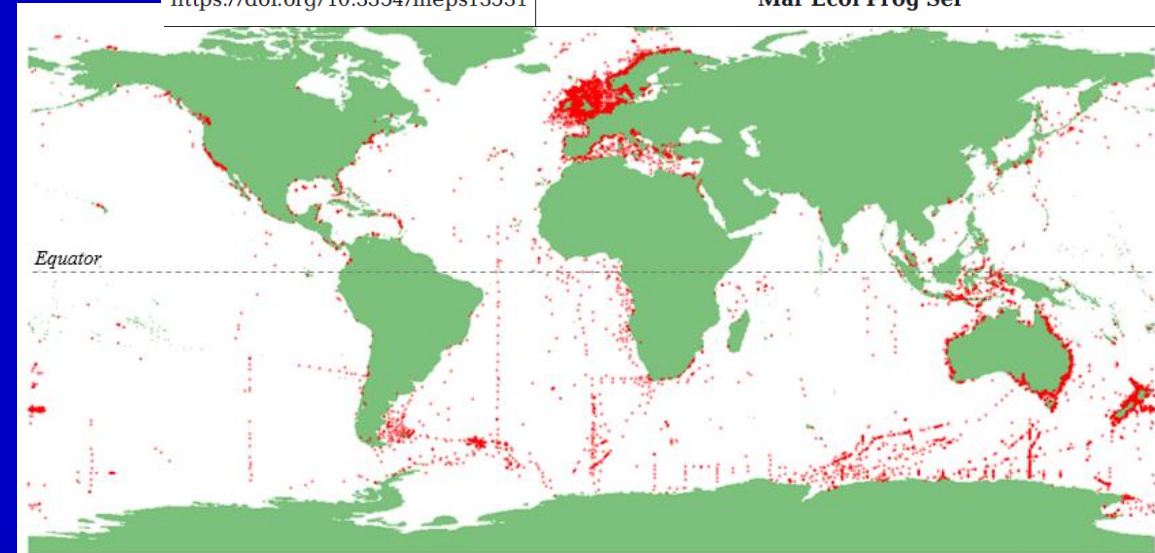
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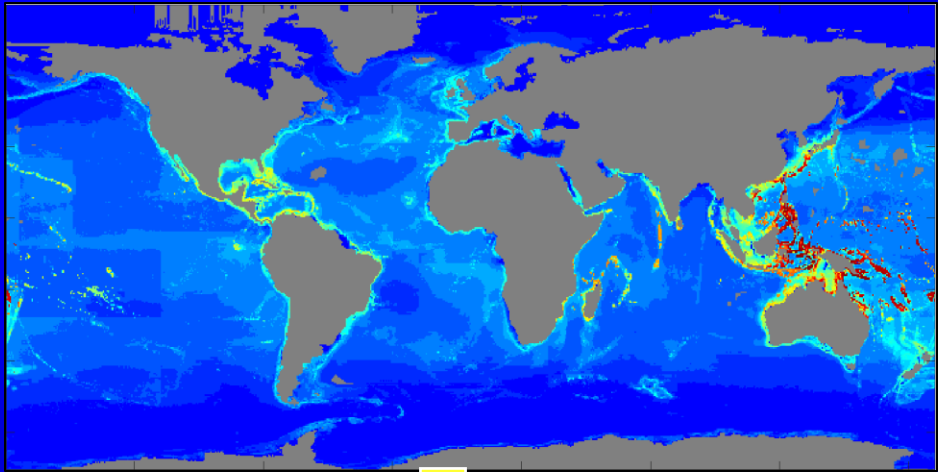
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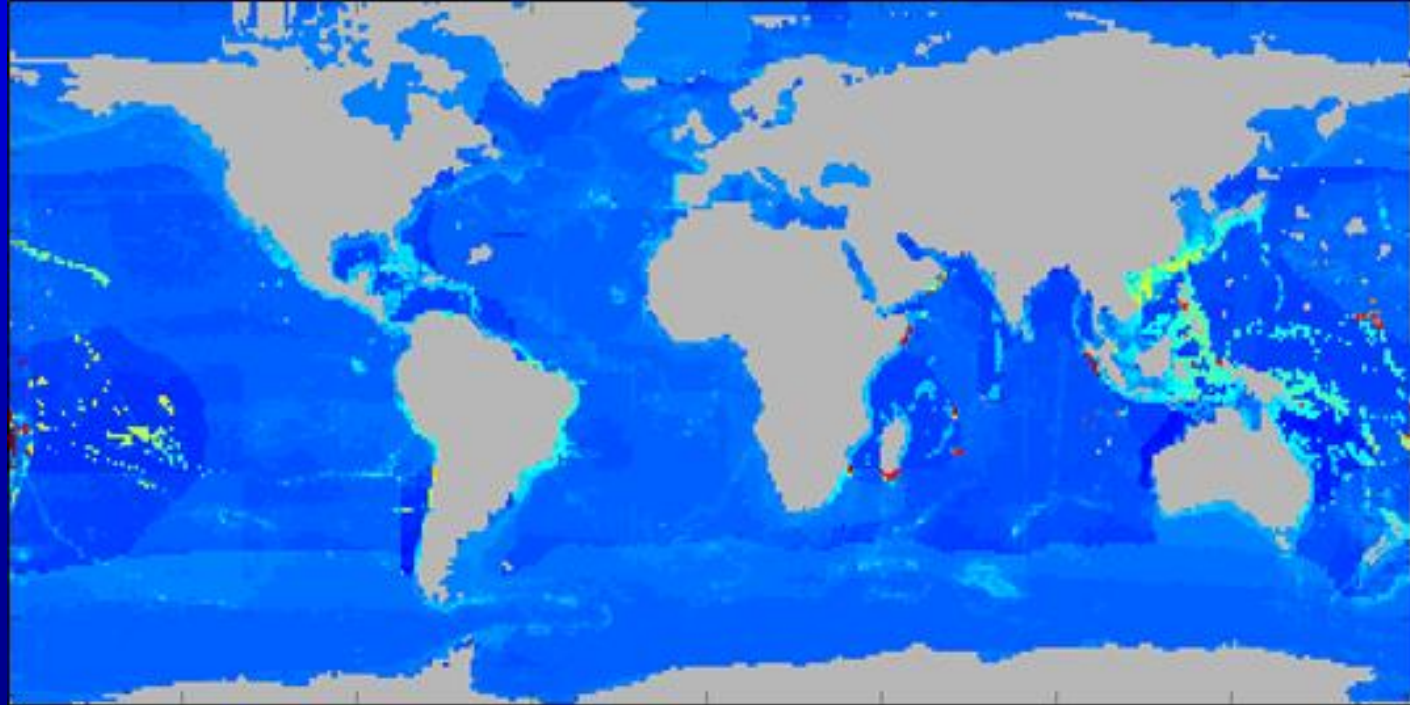
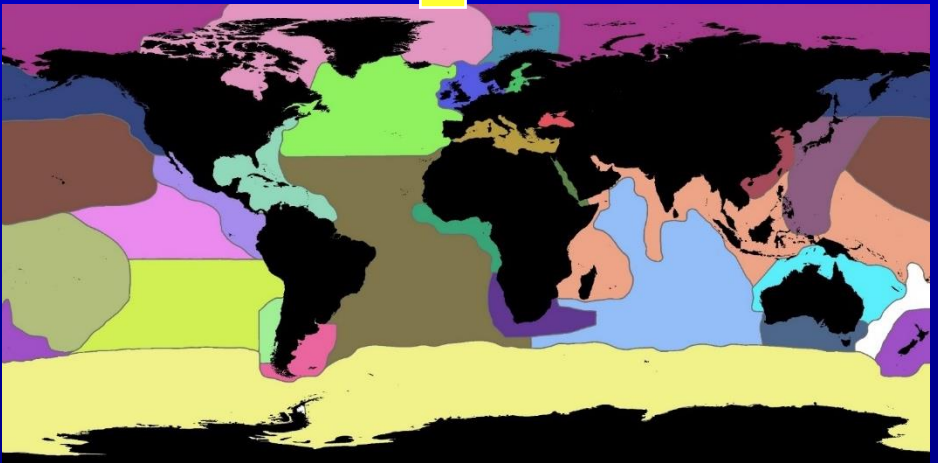
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Species richness based on modelled ranges of 24,000 species from AquaMaps

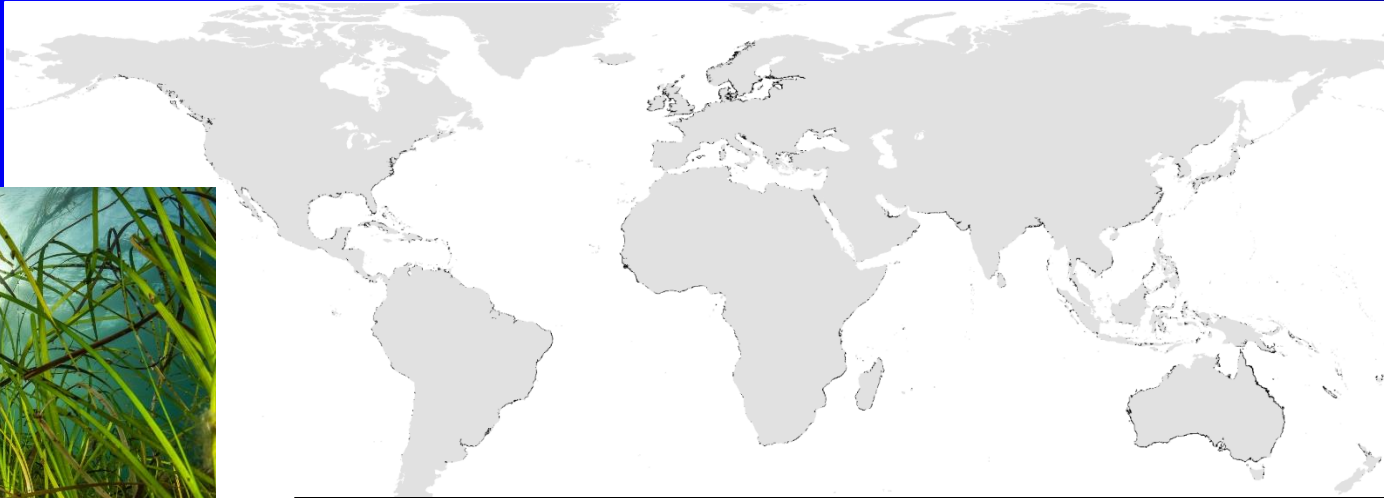


**Species richness
within realms of endemism**



Regions of high endemism from biogeographic realms

New world maps of seagrass and kelp biomes



Maps by
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Jayathilake

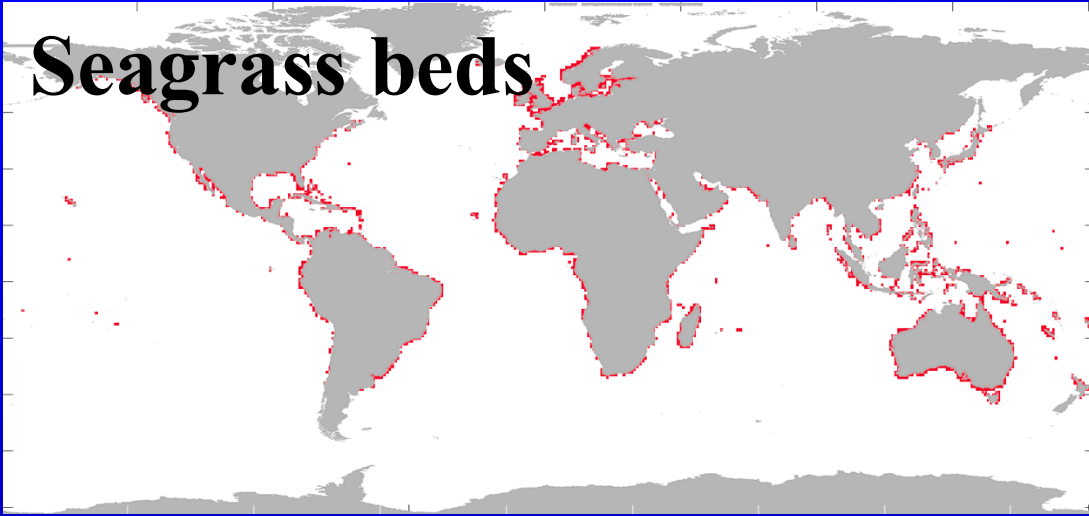
Photos by
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**GIS maps published at <http://data.unep-wcmc.org/datasets>
and in the journal *Biological Conservation***



Where do the marine biomes provide productive 3D habitat?

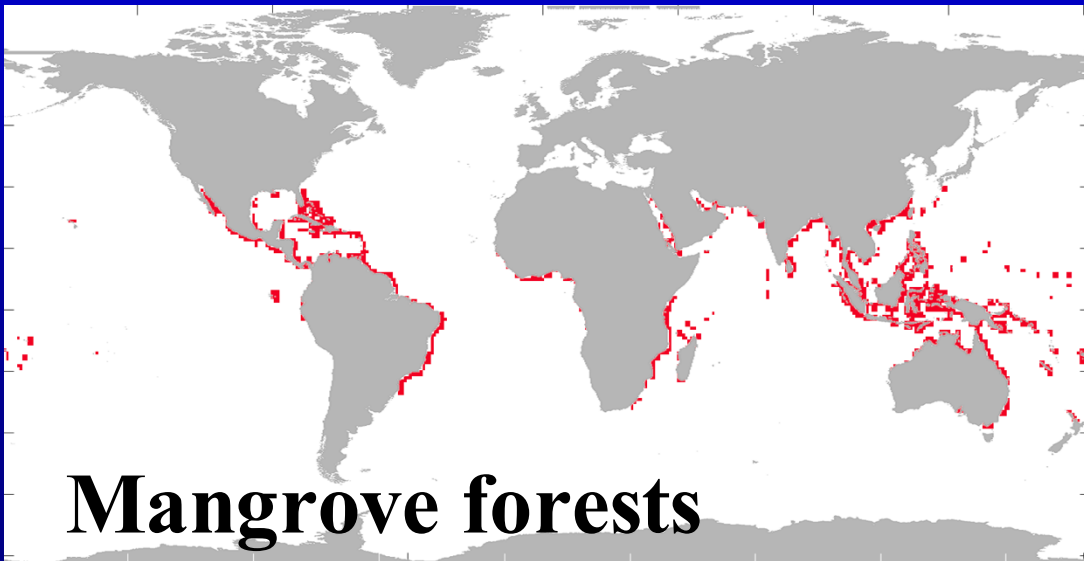
Seagrass beds



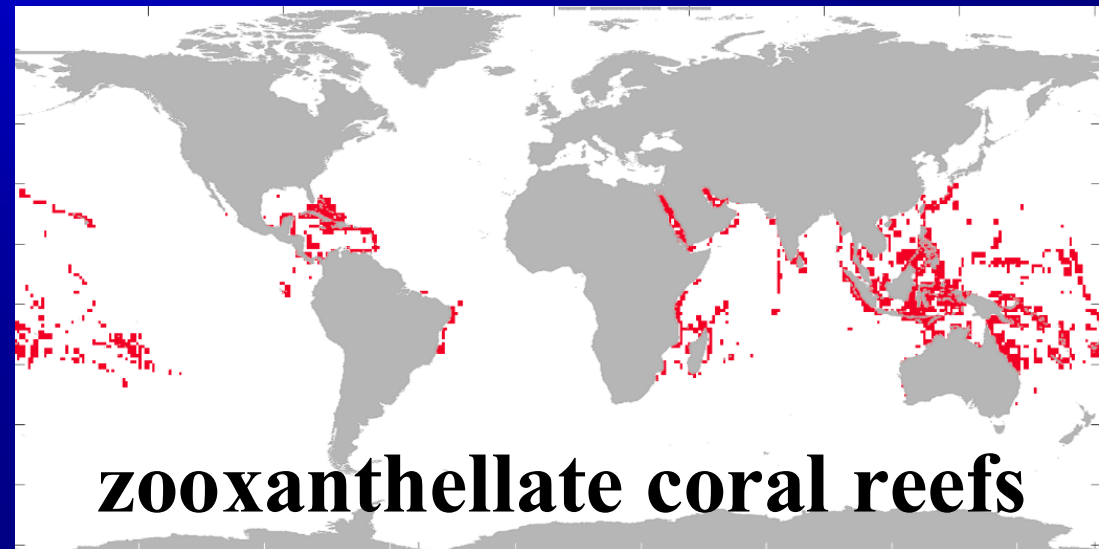
laminarian kelp forests



Mangrove forests



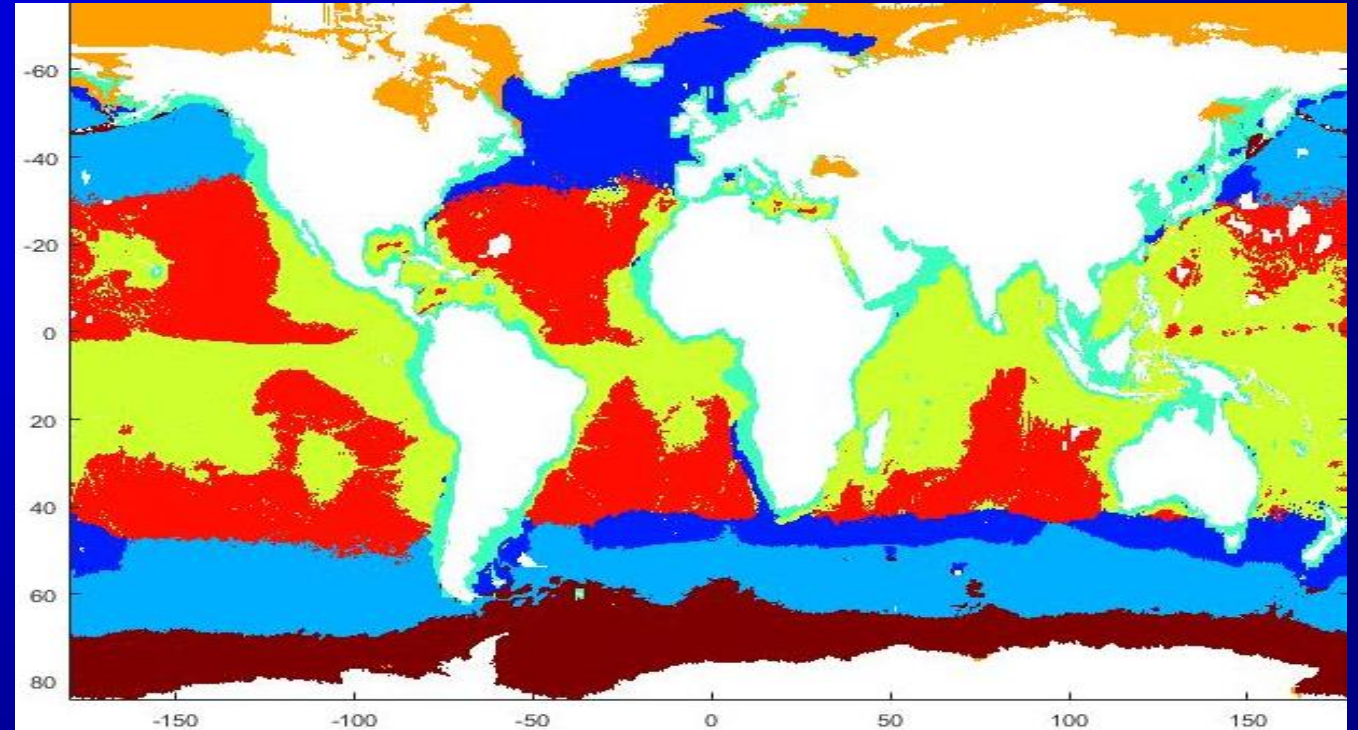
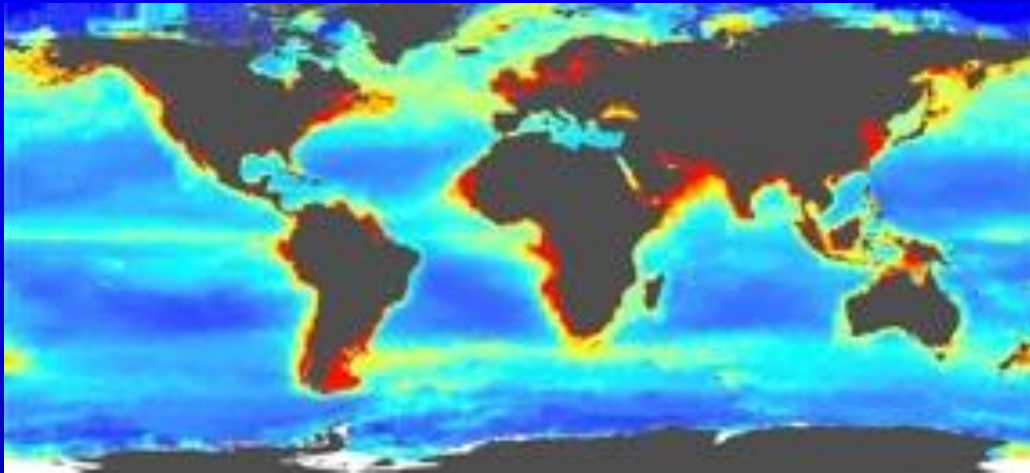
zooxanthellate coral reefs



Data from lower maps from UNEP-WCMC Ocean Data Viewer

7 marine ecosystems defined by environmental data

Annual phytoplankton productivity is also coastal



7 marine ecosystems distinguished by PCA and k-means clustering of 20 sea surface variables

SPECIAL FEATURE

Approaches for general rules of biodiversity patterns in space and time

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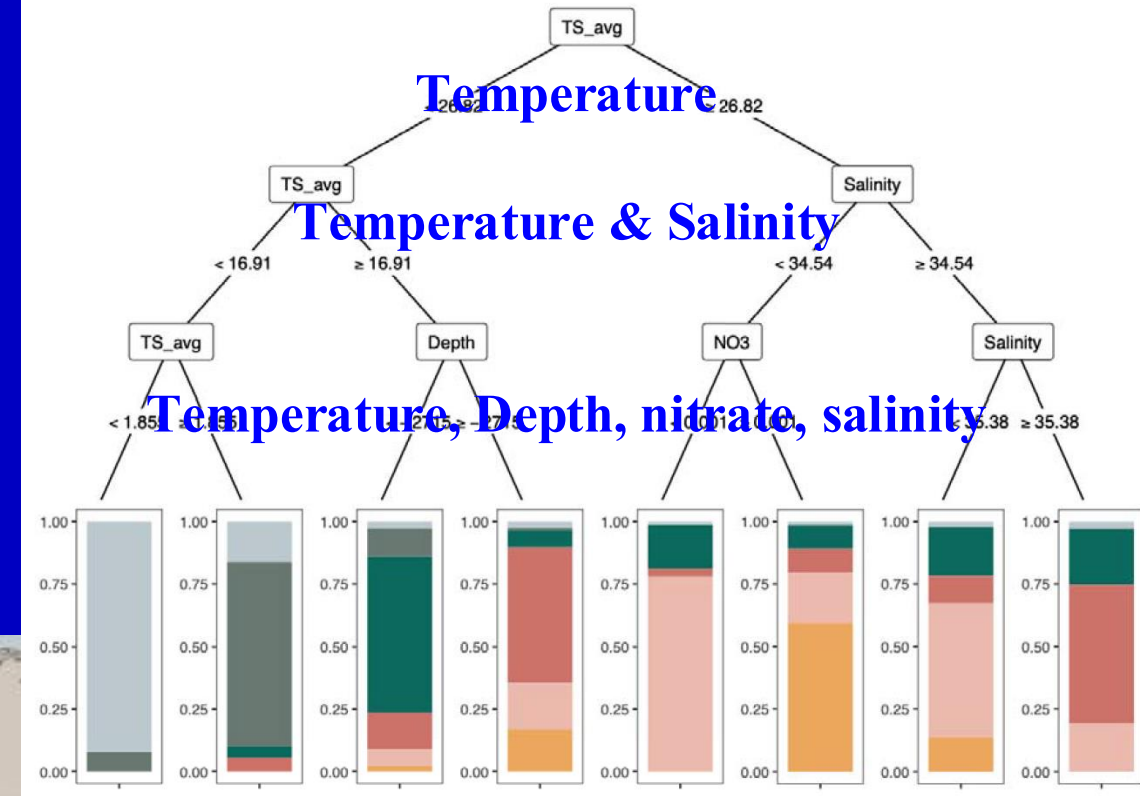
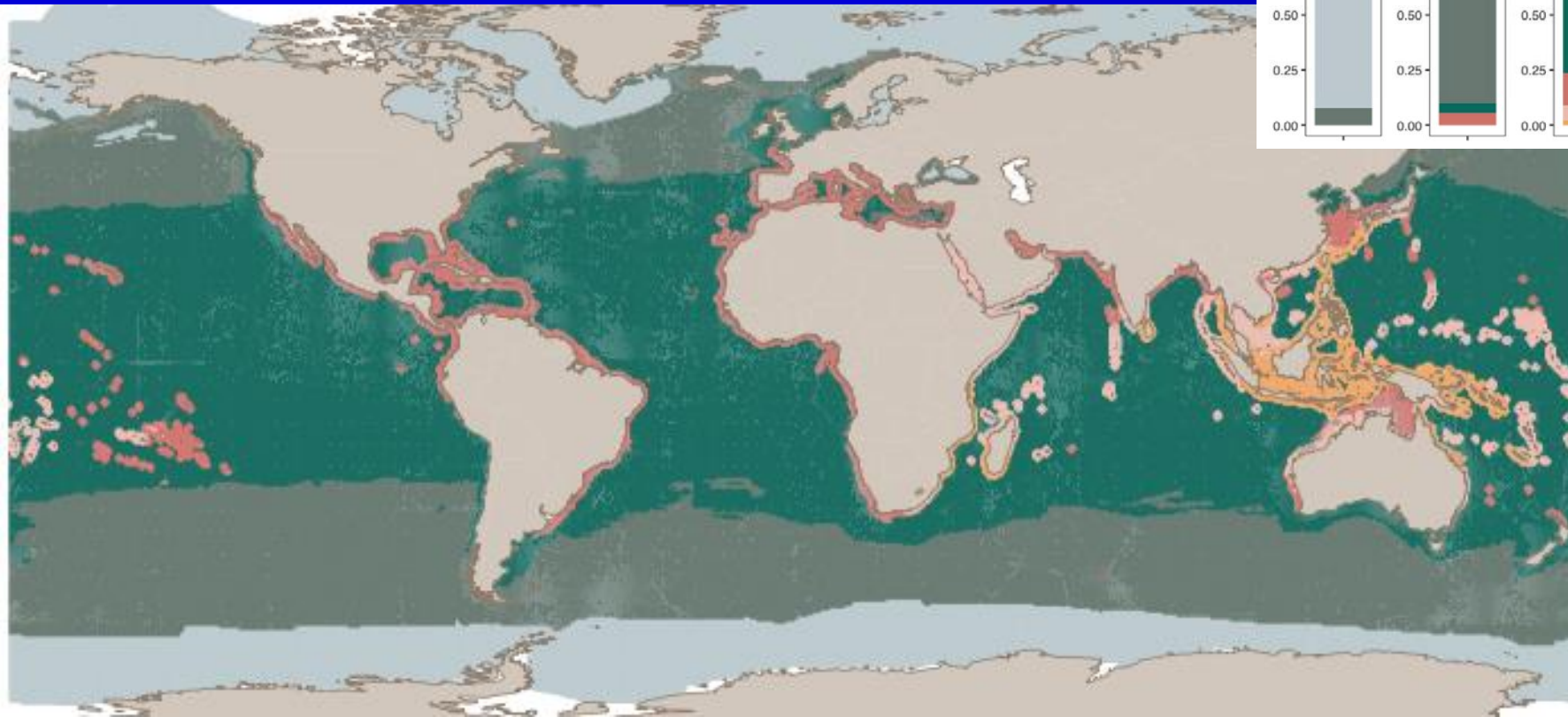
Mapping near surface global marine ecosystems through cluster analysis of environmental data

Qianshuo Zhao  | Zeenatul Basher | Mark J. Costello 

Trophic convergence of marine vertebrate communities worldwide (*under review, PNAS*)

Juan David González-Trujillo, Jorge Assis, Ester Serrão, Mark John Costello, Eliza Fragkopoulou, Manuel Mendoza, Miguel B. Araújo

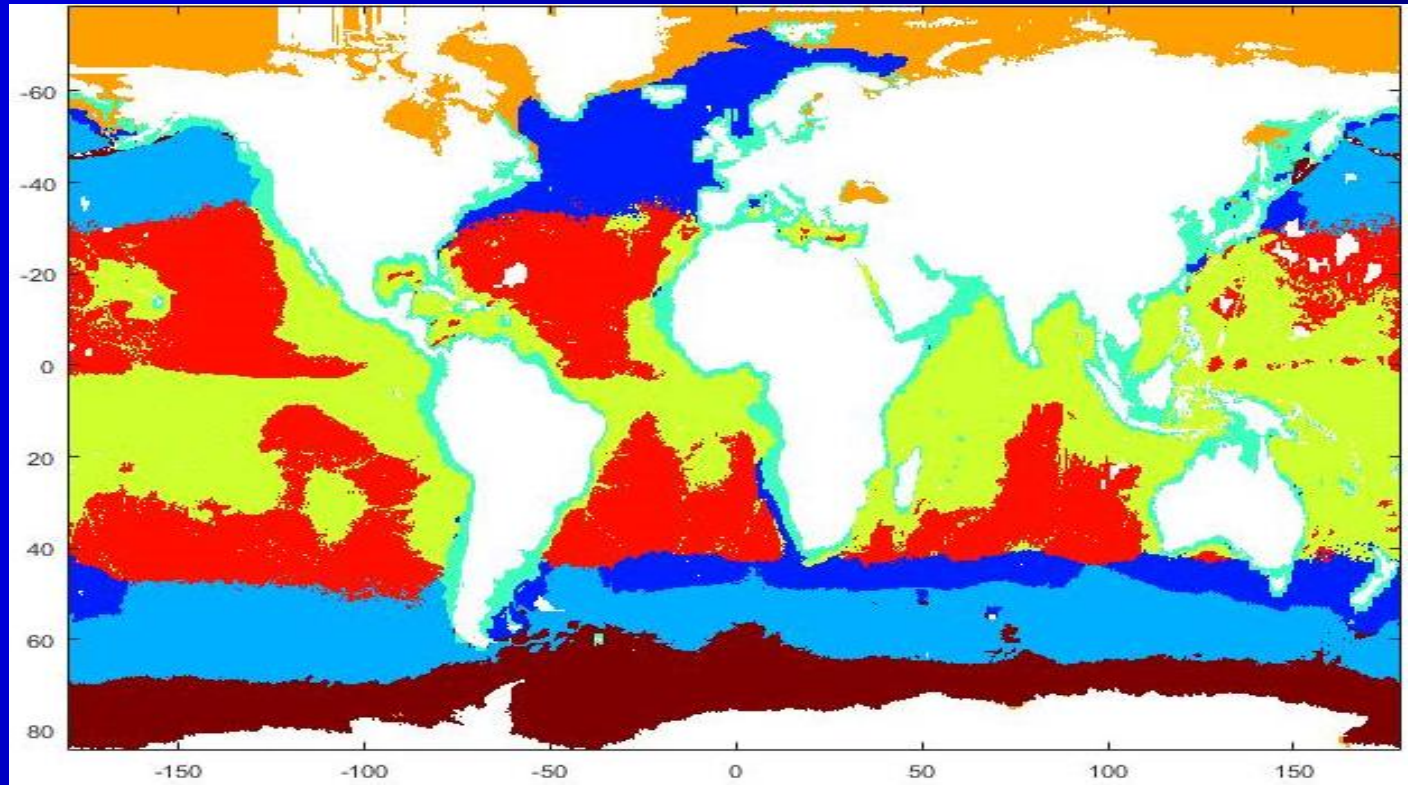
The trophic guilds spatially align with Zhao's Ecosystems



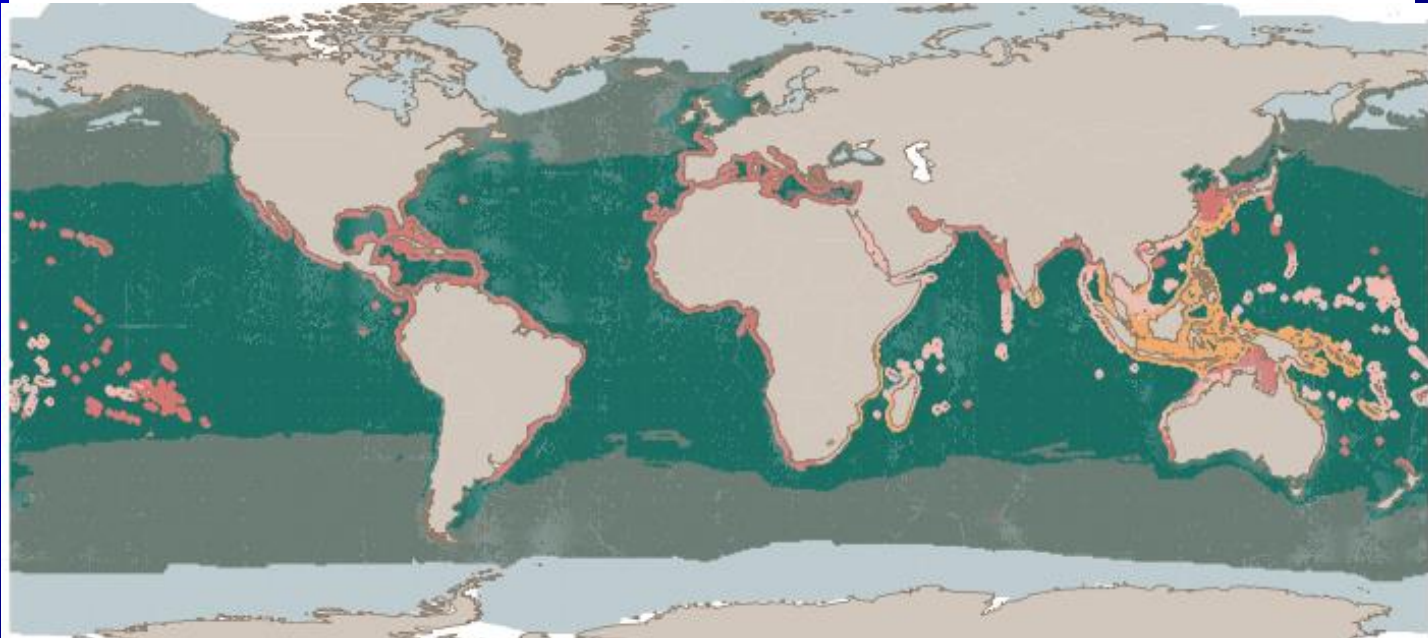
The guilds are distinguished by environmental variables, not biogeography

Ecosystems

Distinct polar, boreal, tropical and coastal ecosystems and trophic guilds



Trophic guilds

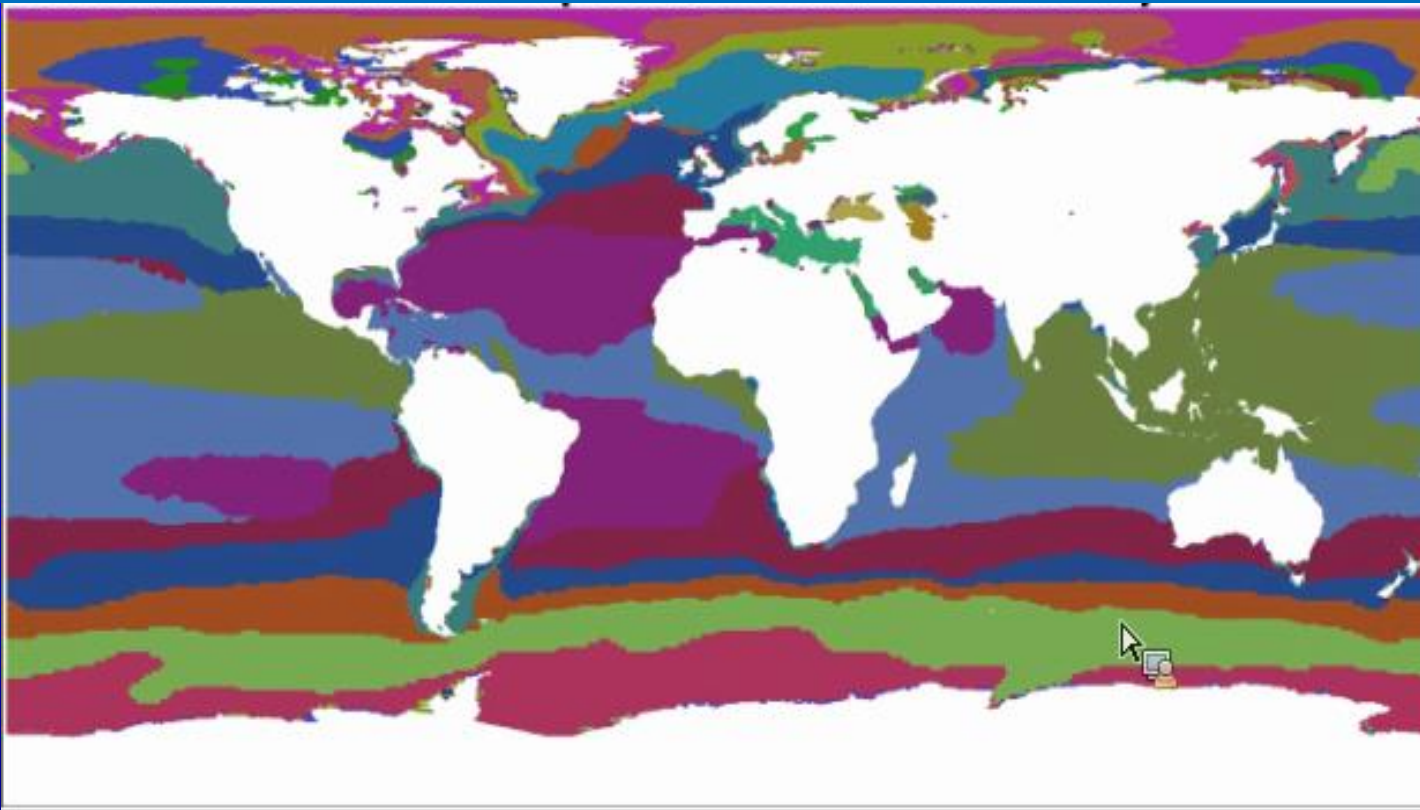


3D environmental mapping by Esri

53 million data points in ArcGIS Pro

0.25° latitude-longitude * 5 m to 500 m deep cells

6 variables: **temperature, salinity, oxygen, nitrate, phosphate, silicate**



Called
“Ecological Marine Units”
but conceptually
the same as
Zhao “ecosystems”

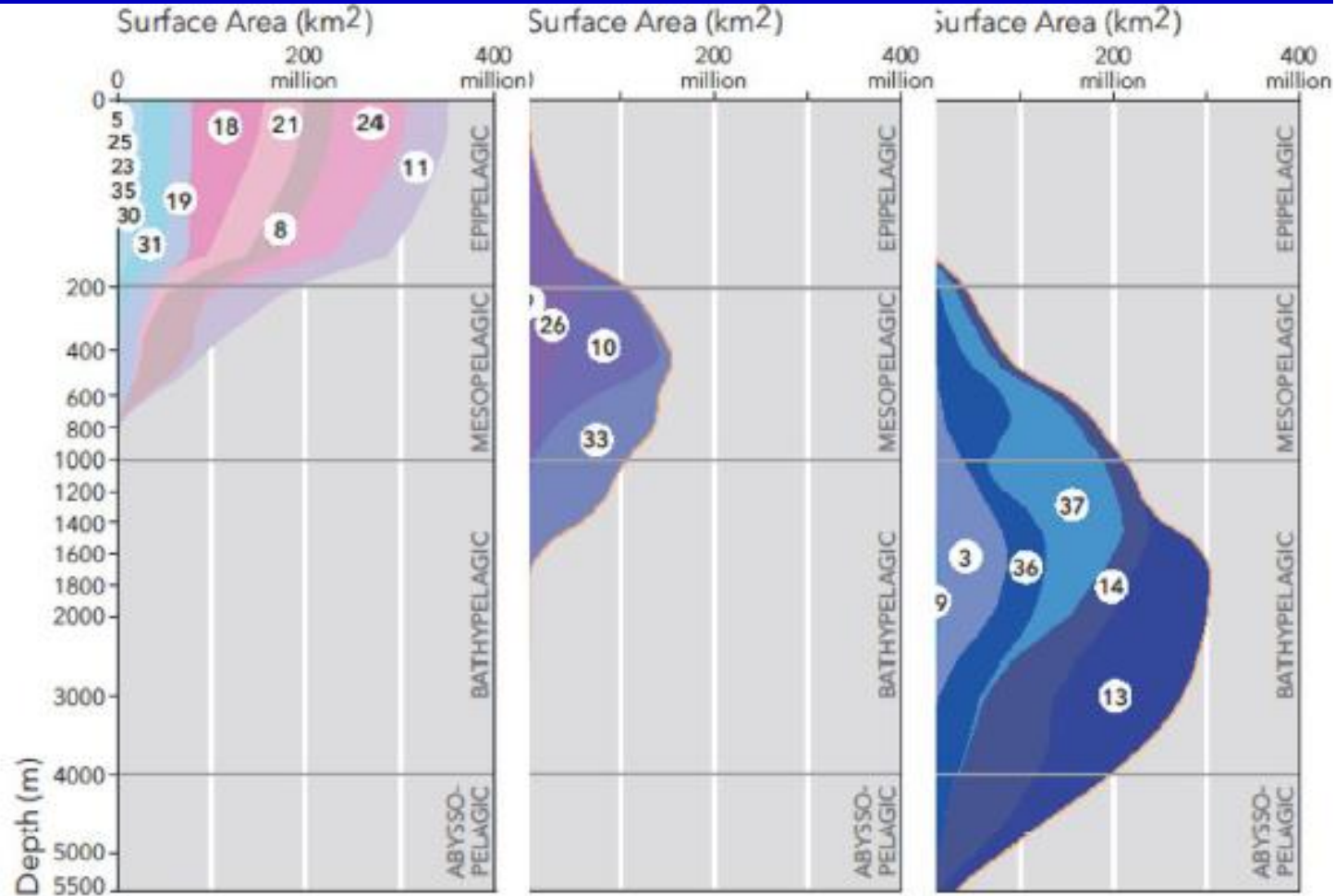
Sayre et al. 2017. **A three-dimensional mapping of the ocean based on environmental data.** *Oceanography*

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Stratifying ocean sampling globally and with depth to account for environmental variability

Mark John Costello¹, Zeenatul Basher², Roger Sayre², Sean Breyer³ & Dawn J. Wright³

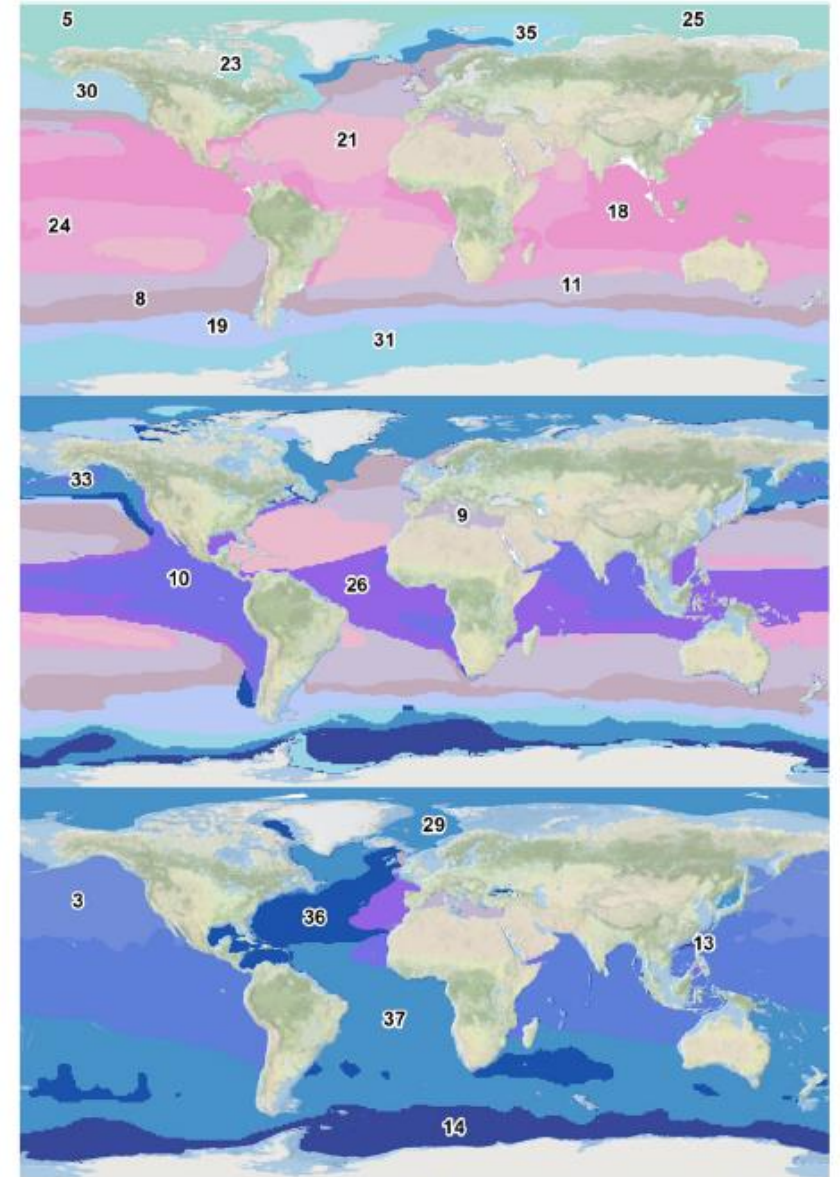
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A
Surface

B
200 m

C
1000 m



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Table 4 Depth zones and associated nomenclature in the ocean.

Depth (m)	Environment	Pelagos	Benthos	Ecosystem function
0	Tidal air exposure	Epipelagic (phytoplankton)	Littoral	Photosynthesis and respiration. Variable nutrients and oxygen.
200	Photic zone		Infralittoral (seaweeds)	
1000	Twilight zone < 1% light	Mesopelagic	Circalittoral	
2000	Aphotic zone < 4 °C	Bathypelagic	Deep-sea	Respiration low. Higher nutrients. Low oxygen.
4000		Abyssopelagic Hadopelagic	Abyss	

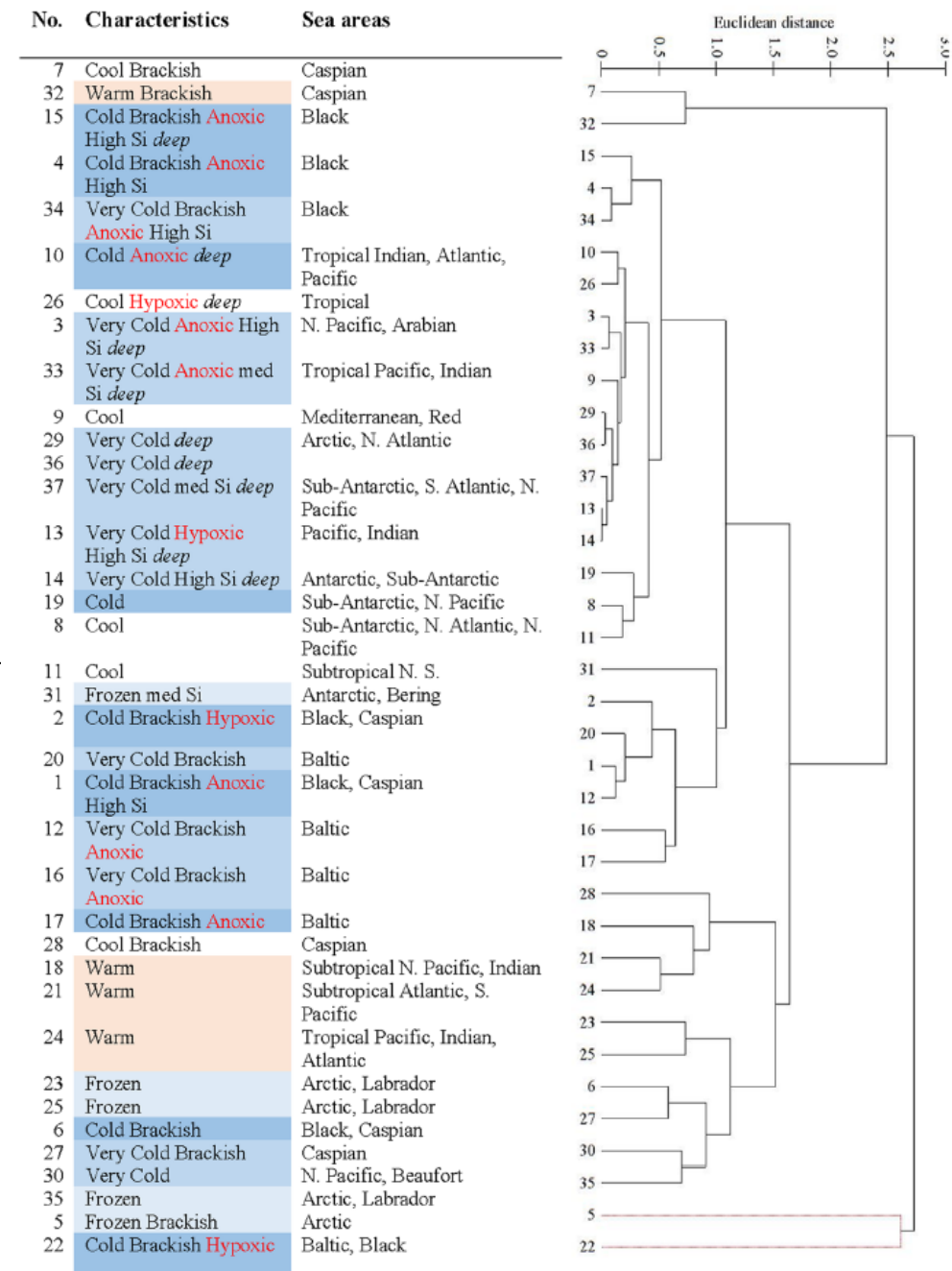
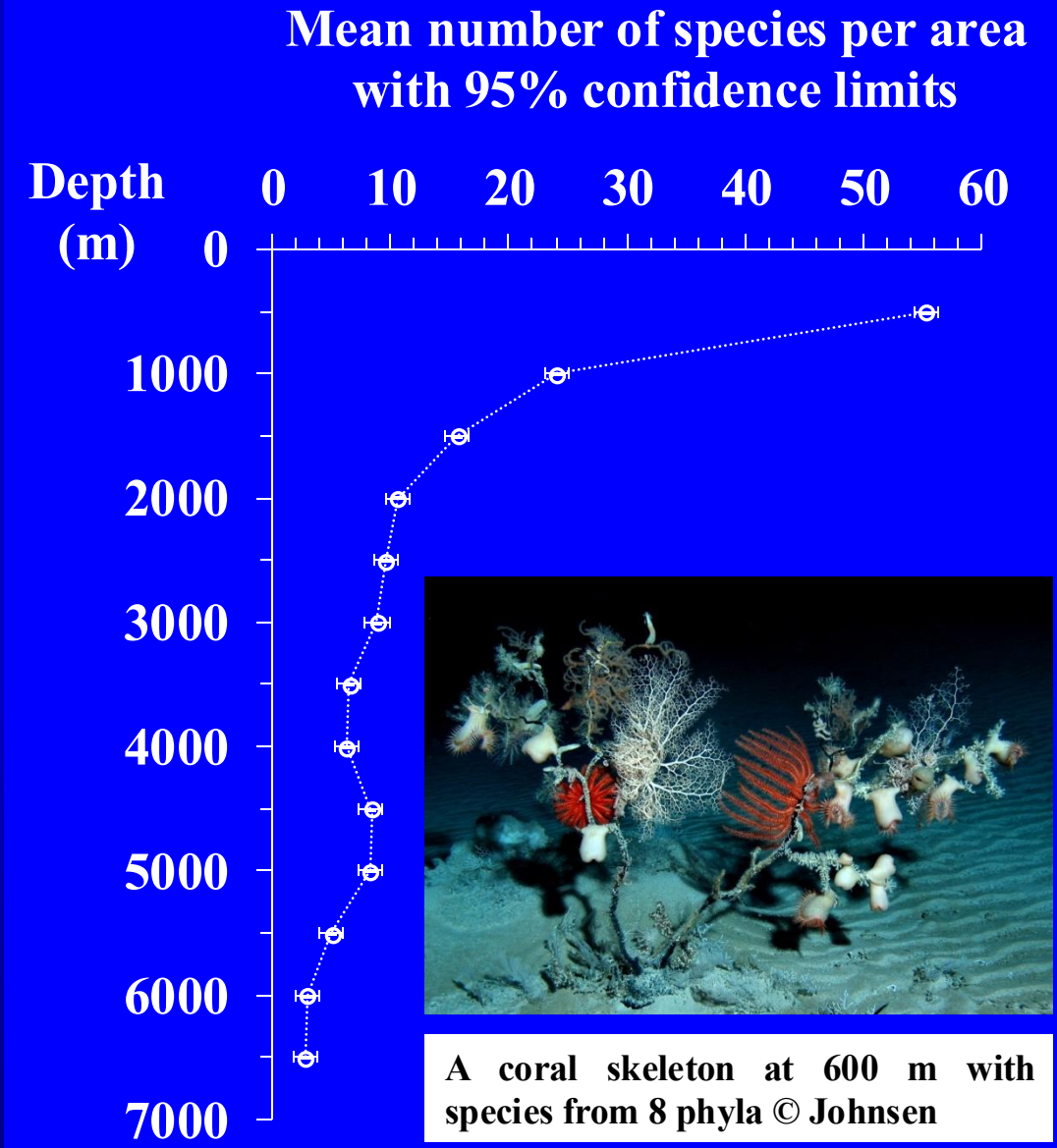
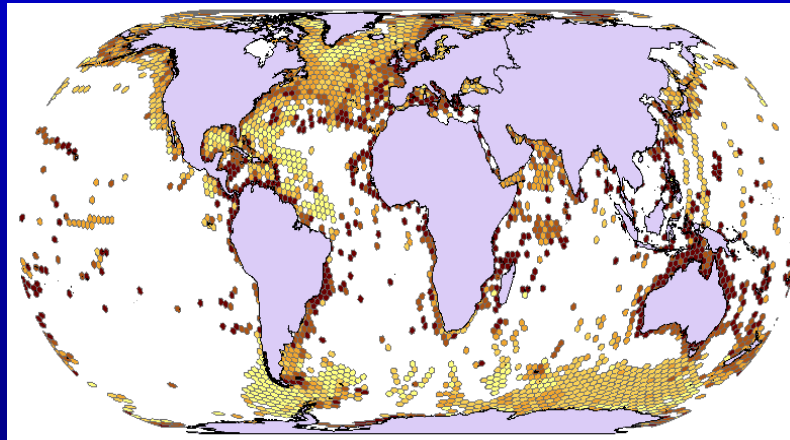


Figure 6. Hierarchical classification of Ecological Marine Units according to the similarity of their environments based on salinity, temperature, oxygen, nitrate, phosphate, and silicate. N = north, S = south.

- **Number of species declines with depth in the ocean**
- **Most species are shallow water**

51,000 species analysed in 50,000 km² hexagons by Dr Chhaya Chaudhary



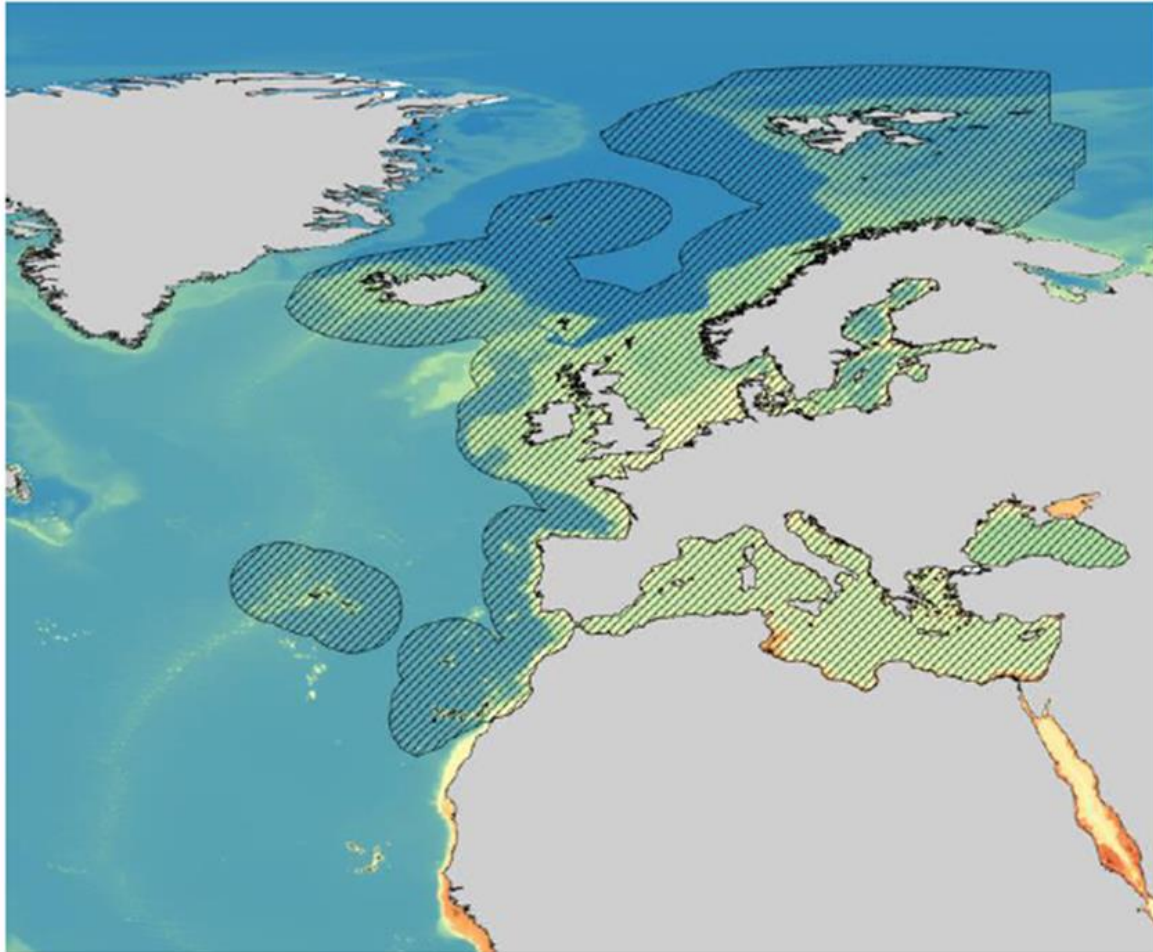
Costello & Chaudhary 2017. *Marine biodiversity, biogeography, deep-sea gradients, and conservation.* *Current Biology* 27

For Europe

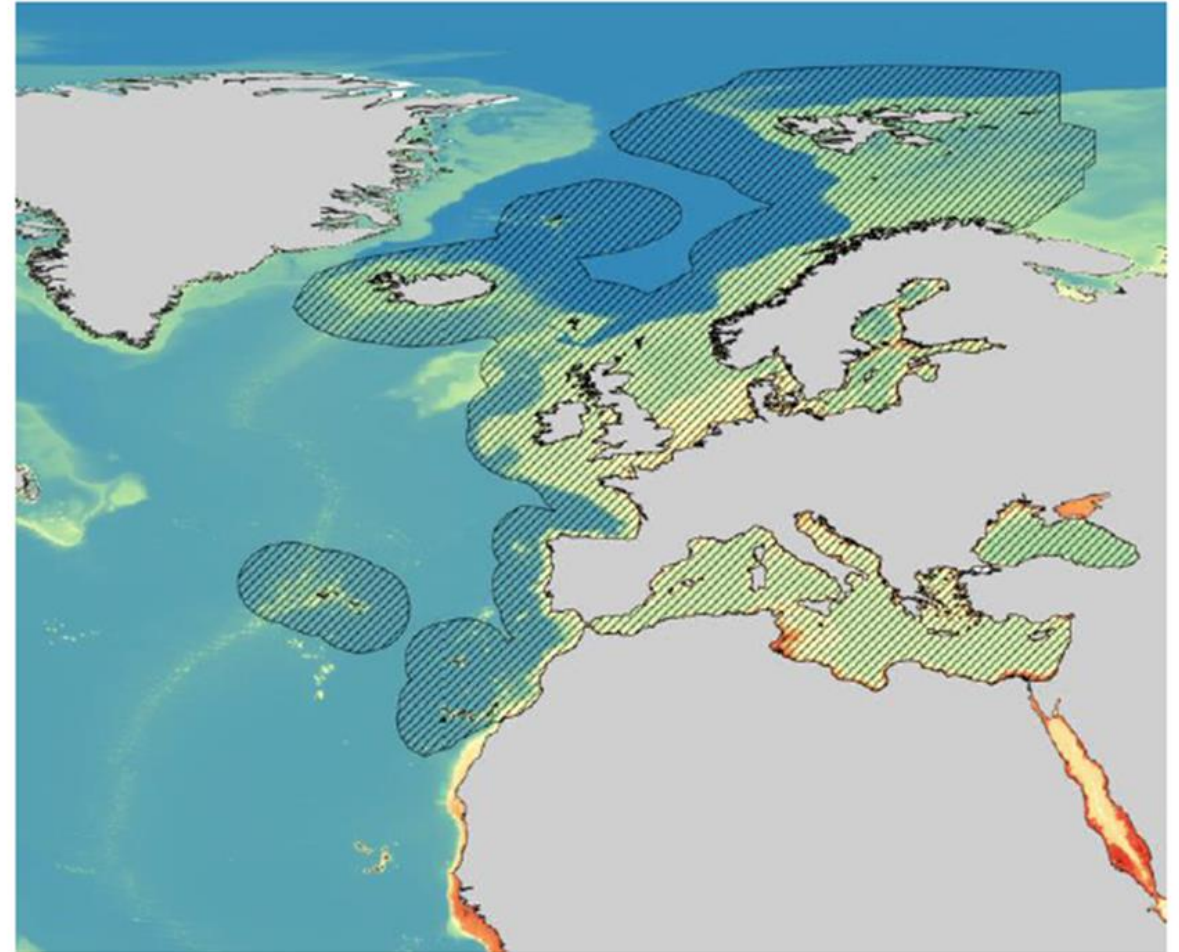
1. Now we have more environmental and biological data
2. Newly available variable “wave exposure”
3. Models of oceanographic connectivity
4. At finer scale spatial resolutions
5. For recent and climate change scenarios

24 Environmental variables

Modelled in updated version of BioOracle (open access)

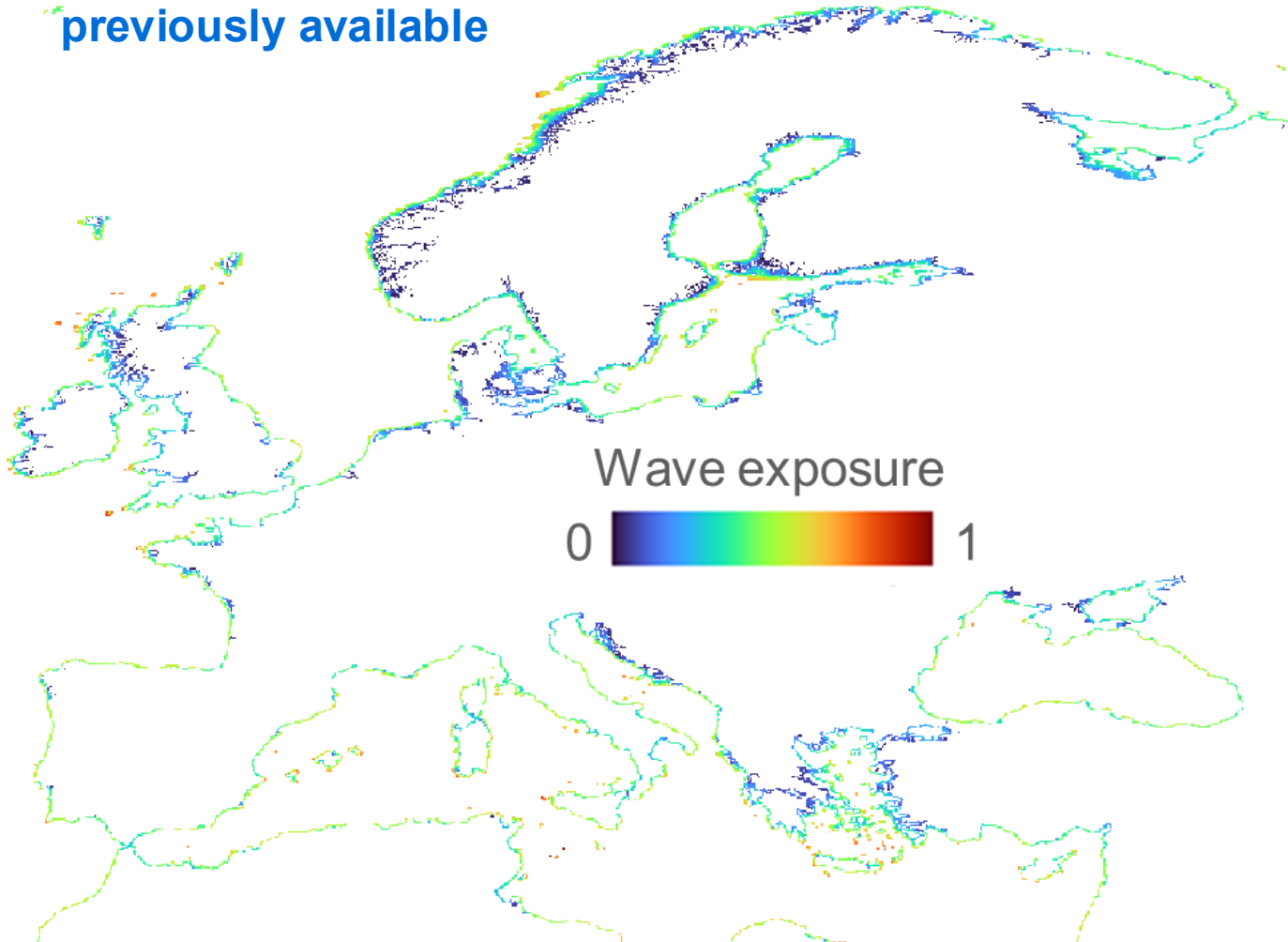


Present-day seafloor temperature

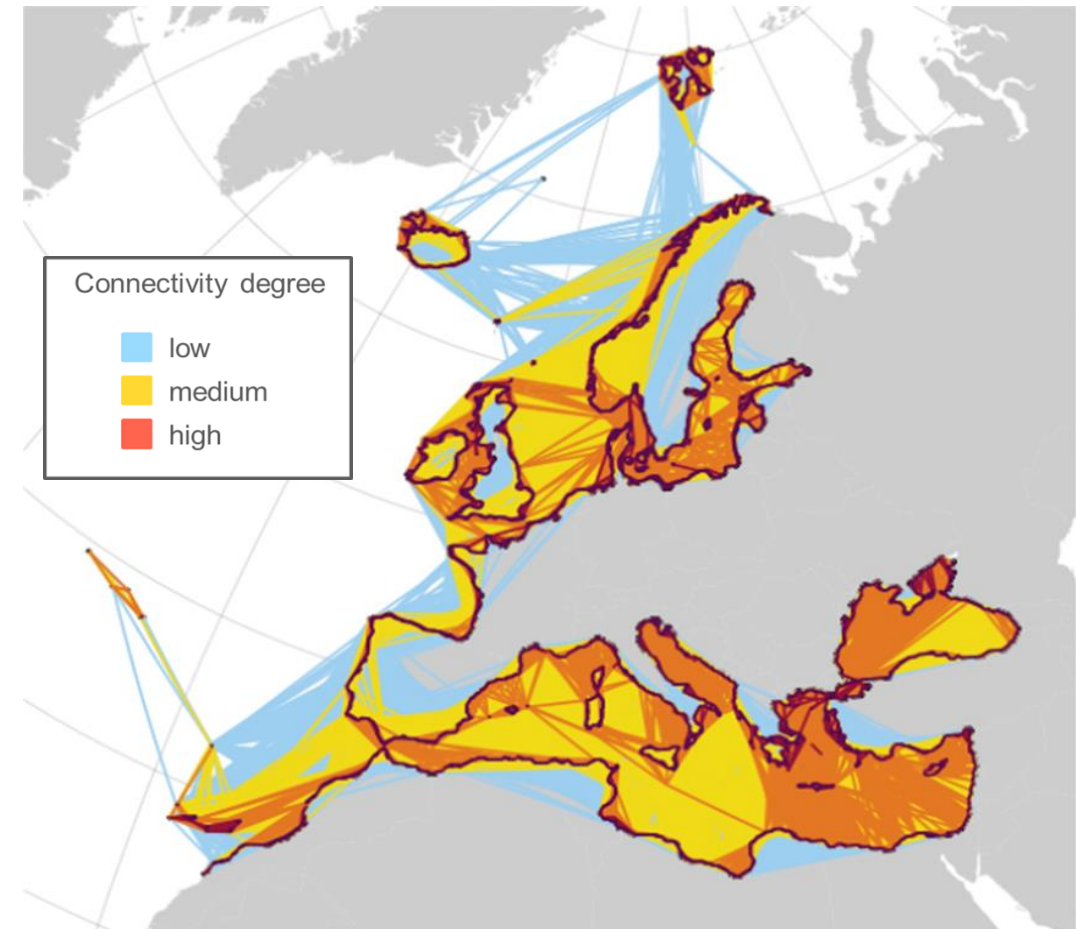


Future (decade 2090) seafloor temperature

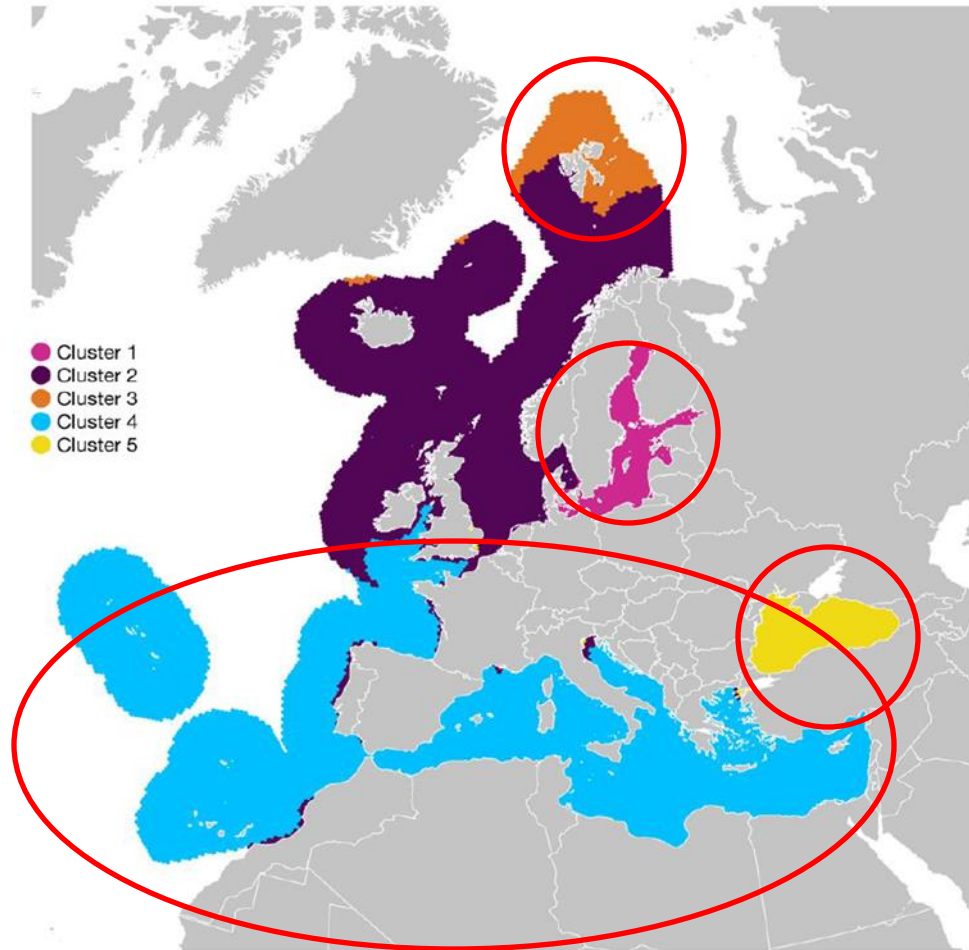
WAVE EXPOSURE – significantly influences distribution of marine species (and organic carbon) but no European scale data on it previously available



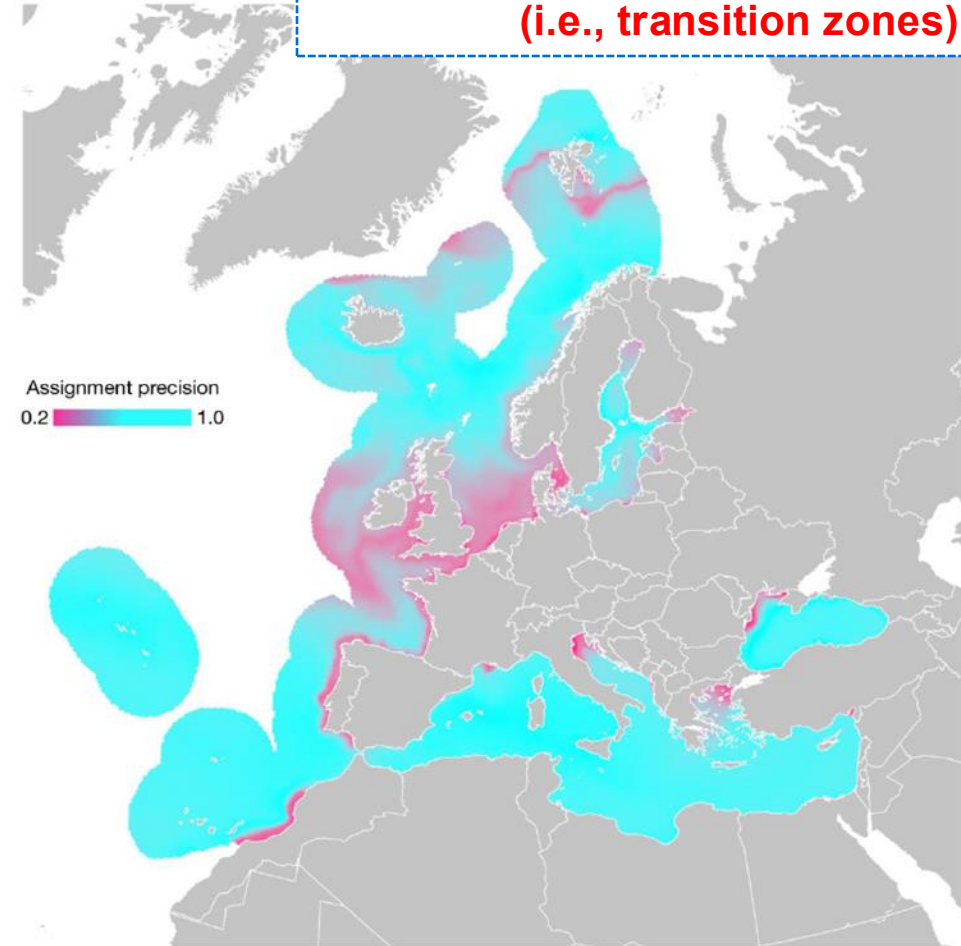
OCEANOGRAPHIC CONNECTIVITY



Ecosystem classification – sea surface

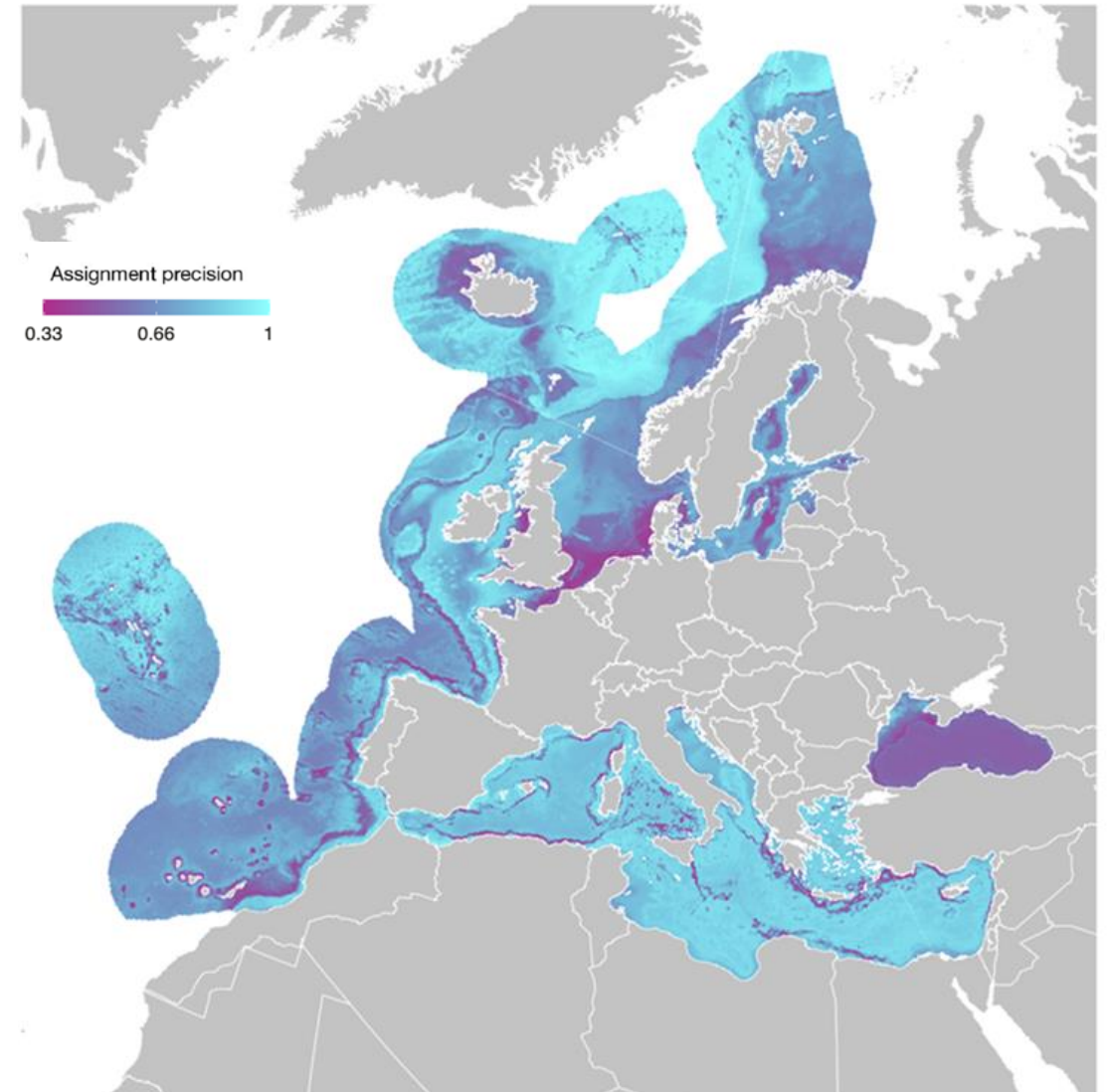
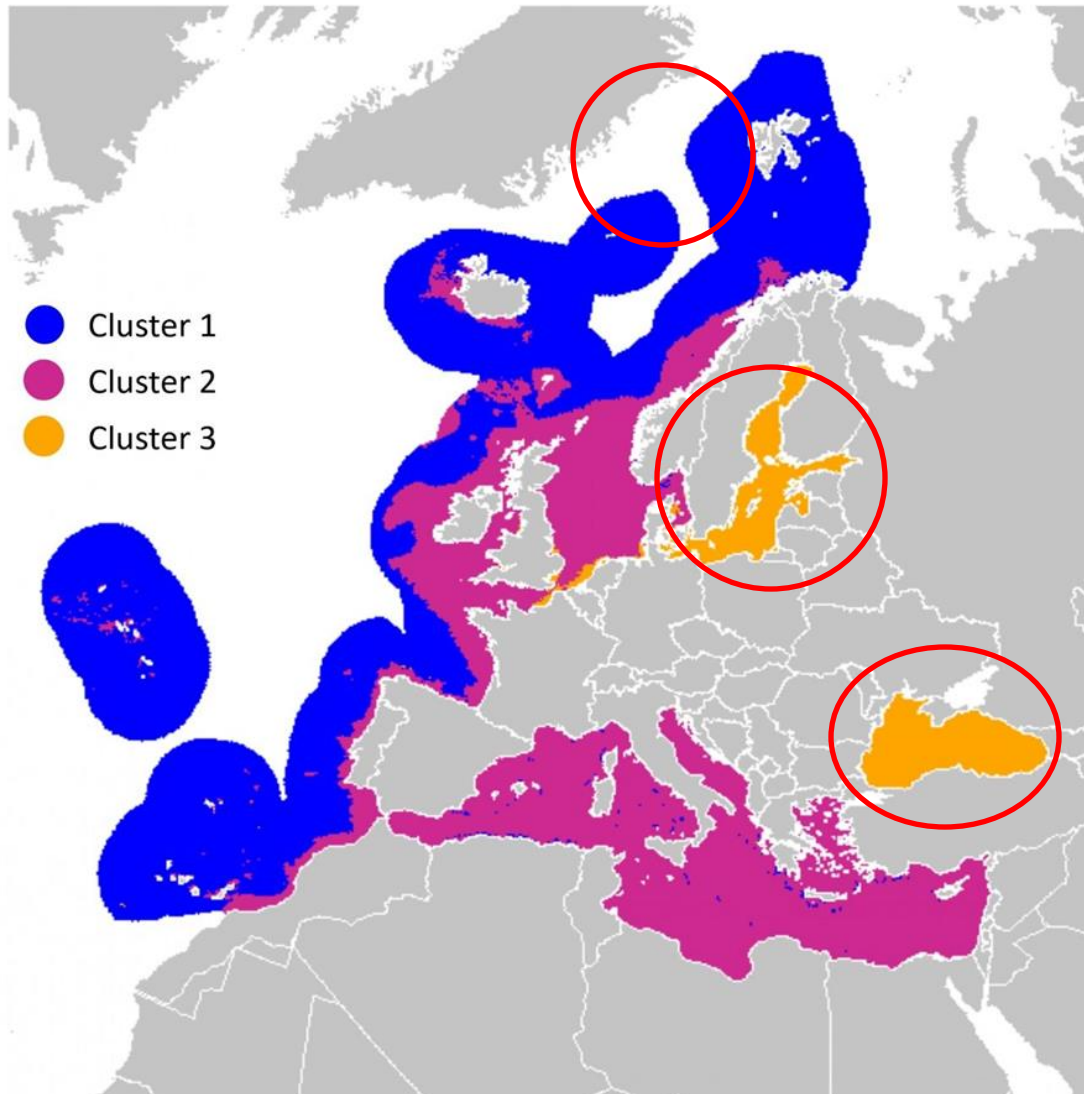


**Lower precision =
greater environmental variability
(i.e., transition zones)**

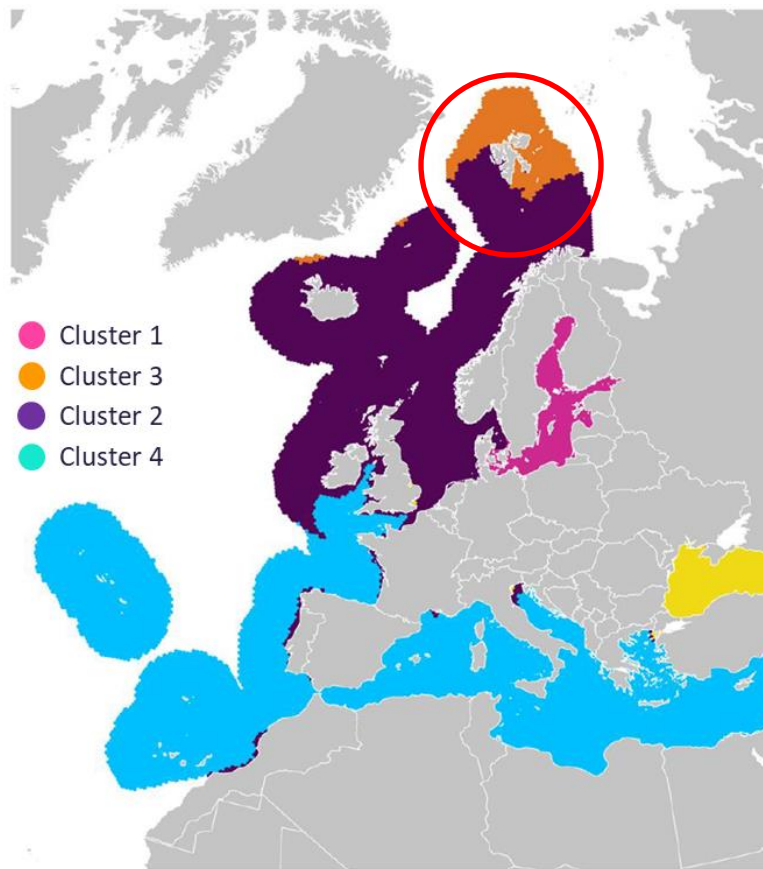


European marine ecosystems of **surface waters** estimated by k-means clustering analysis of environmental data (left) and clustering assignment precision based on fuzzy logic (right)

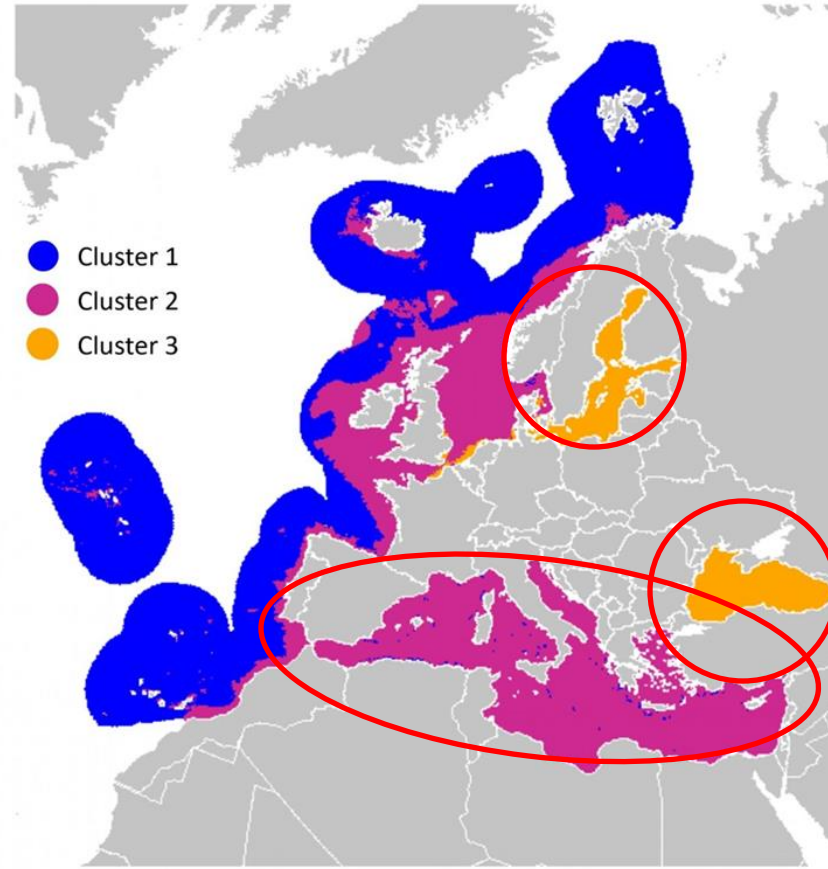
Ecosystem classification – near seabed



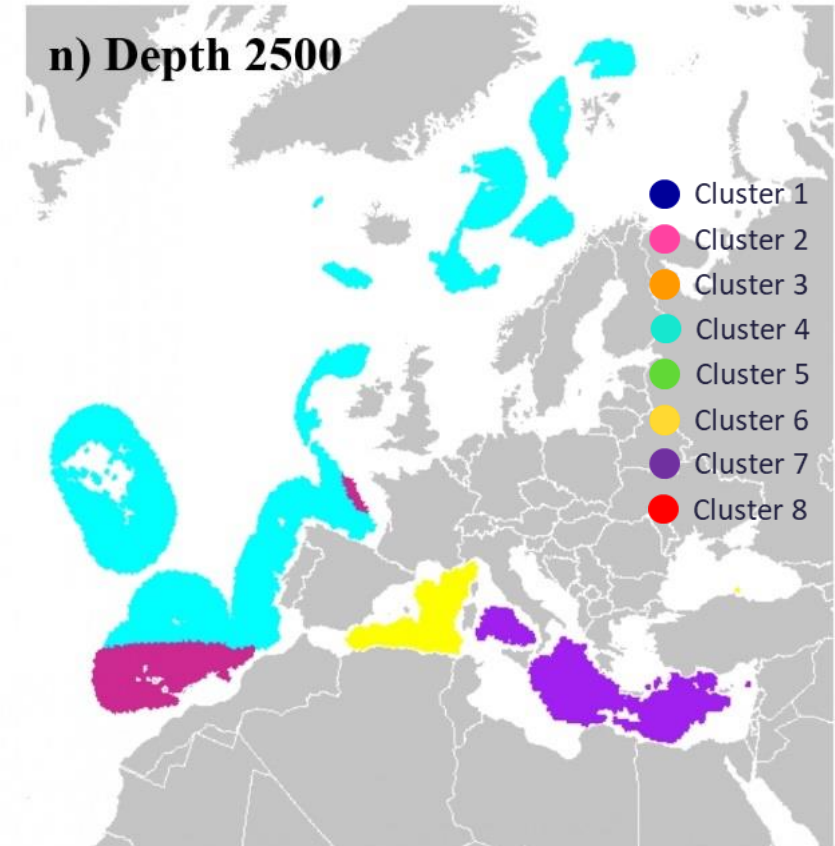
Classifying marine ecosystems – **but what is their biological significance?**



SURFACE WATERS



NEAR SEABED WATERS

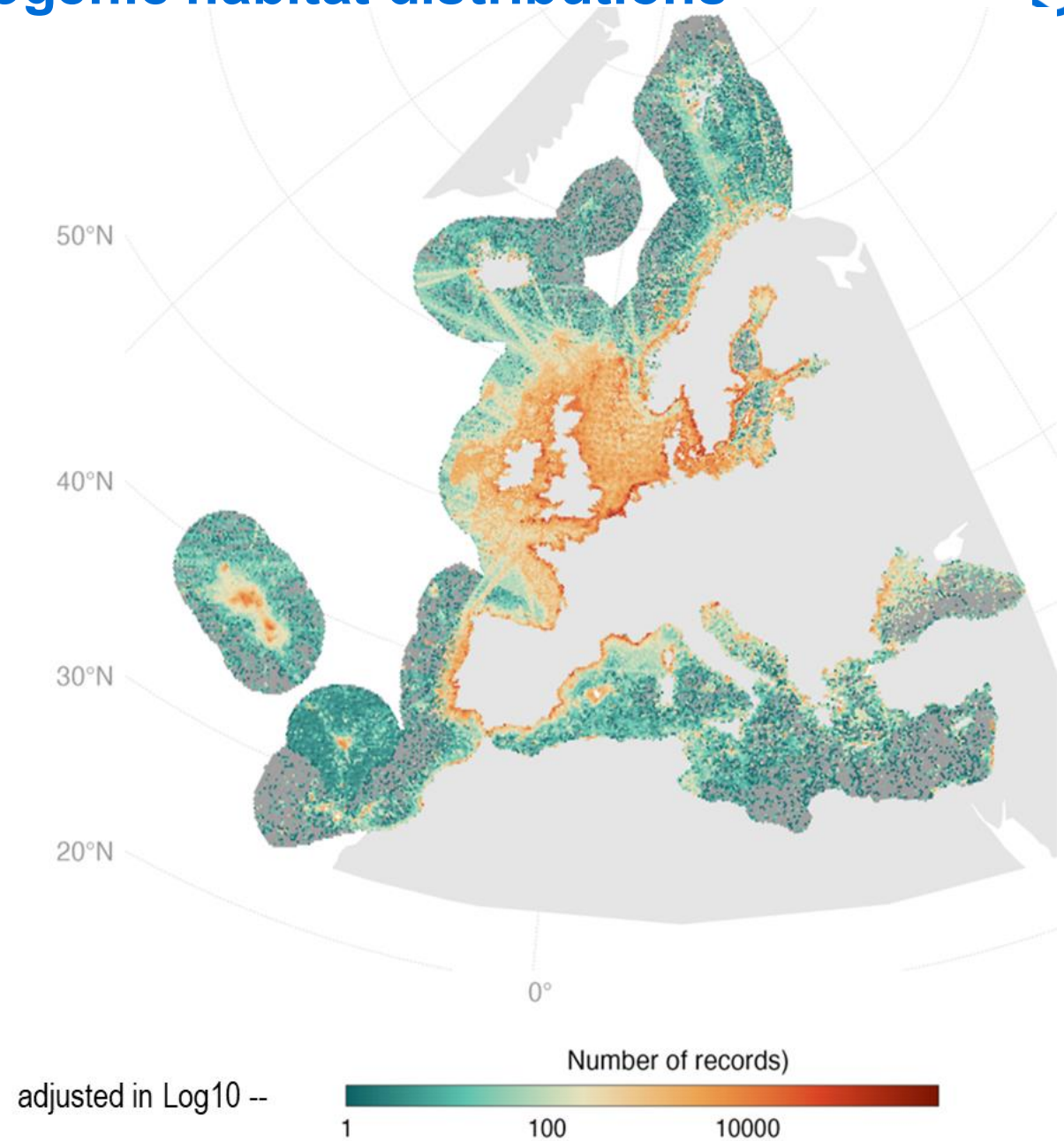


DEPTH-INTEGRATED
(ALL DEPTHS FROM 0 TO 2,500 m)

~ 35,000 species

➤ 67,000,000 records

> 12,000 species ranges modelled



Not in original proposal

Aim

How do “ecosystems” classified based on environment variables align with biogeography (i.e., species composition)?

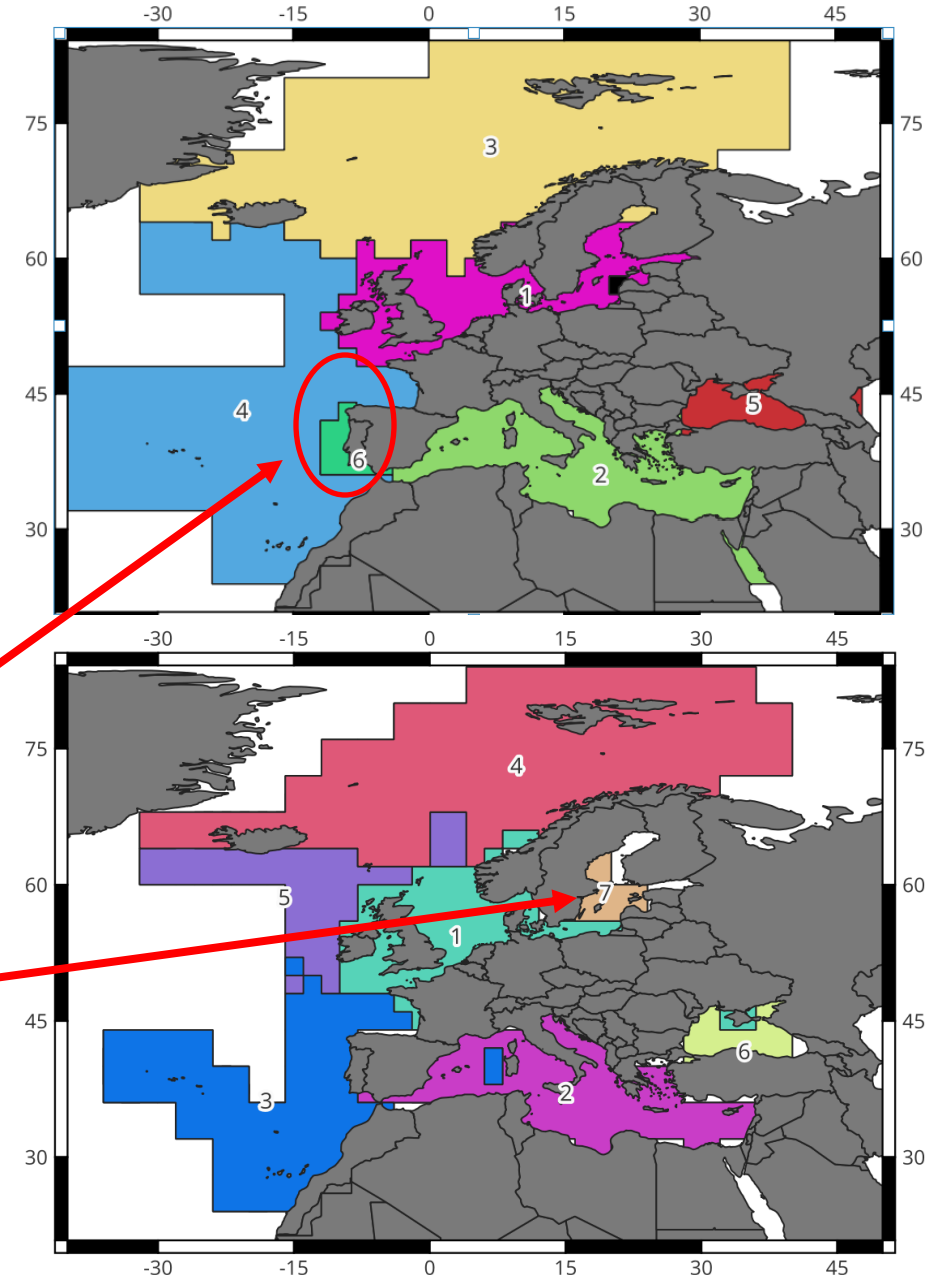
Use neural network analysis (InfoMap Bioregions) to define biogeographic regions for European seas using 5,000 species’

- distribution records in OBIS (subject to sampling bias, underestimate species distribution): **n = 6 realms**
- range maps from AquaMaps (overestimate species occurrence): **7 realms**

West Iberian realm artefact of data in OBIS

Note brackish realm 7 in AquaMaps

Comparison with ecosystem classification in progress



key messages

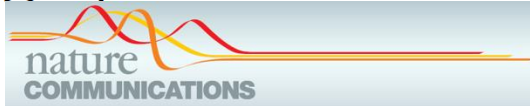
1. Present regions “Basins” are a good approximation of species’ biogeography
2. The MPA network may need to include the 6 regions*
3. but the prioritisation analysis may account for this if species used are representative of all the study area.

*Baltic, Black and Mediterranean Seas

*Arctic-Boreal, Mid-European Atlantic

*Offshore mid-southern European Atlantic

Marine biogeographic realms and species endemism



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Marine Biodiversity, Biogeography, Deep-Sea Gradients, and Conservation

Current Biology

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Frontiers of Biogeography
the scientific journal of
the International Biogeography Society

The universal evolutionary and ecological significance of 20 °C

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Exceptional endemism of Aotearoa New Zealand biota shows how taxa dispersal traits, but not phylogeny, correlate with global species richness

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ABSTRACT

Species' with more limited dispersal and consequently less gene flow are more likely to form new spatially segregated species and thus contribute disproportionately to endemic biota and global species richness. Aotearoa New Zealand has exceptional endemism, with 52% of its 54,000 named species endemic, including 32%, 39% and 68% for freshwater, marine and terrestrial environments respectively. The lower endemism of freshwater biota (excluding insects) is attributed to their need to disperse between habitats that are temporary on evolutionary

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Defining Marine Spatial Units: Realms, Biomes, Ecosystems, Seascapes, Habitats, Biotopes, Communities and Guilds

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Surface Area and the Seabed Area, Volume, Depth, Slope, and Topographic Variation for the World's Seas, Oceans, and Countries

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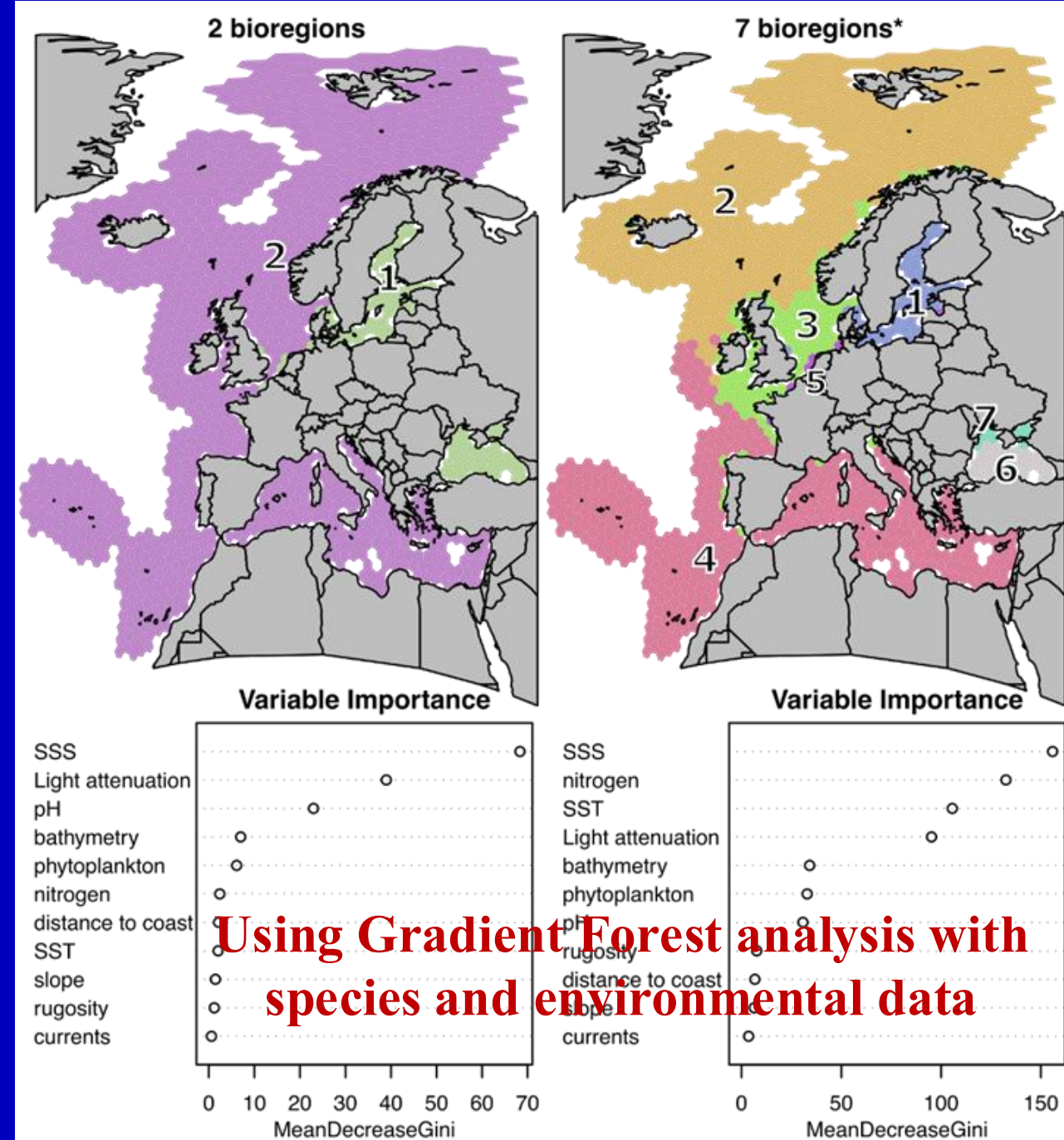
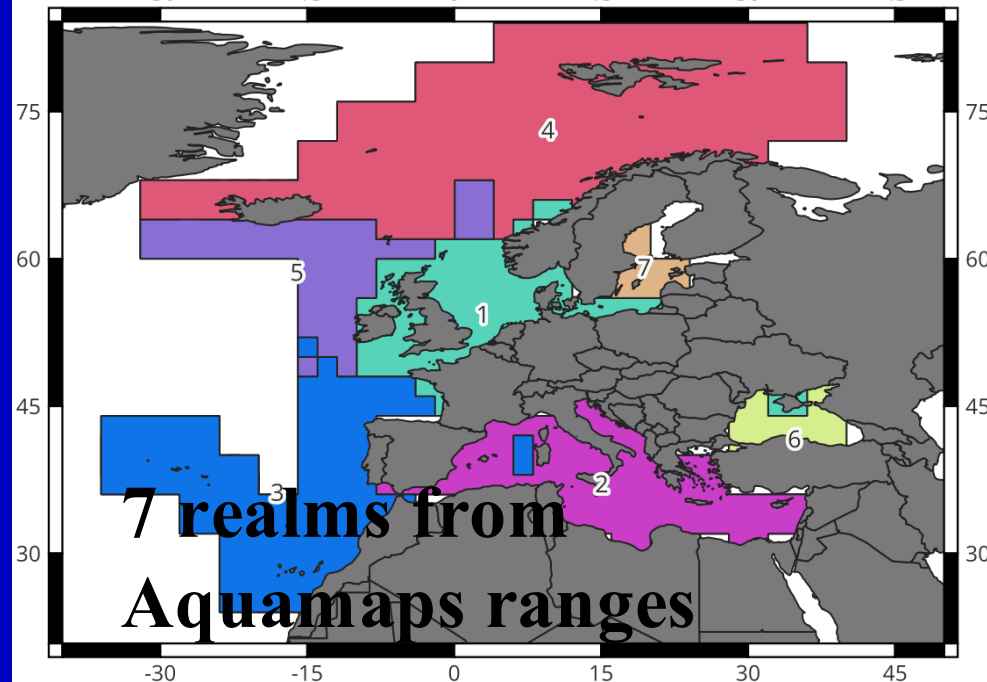
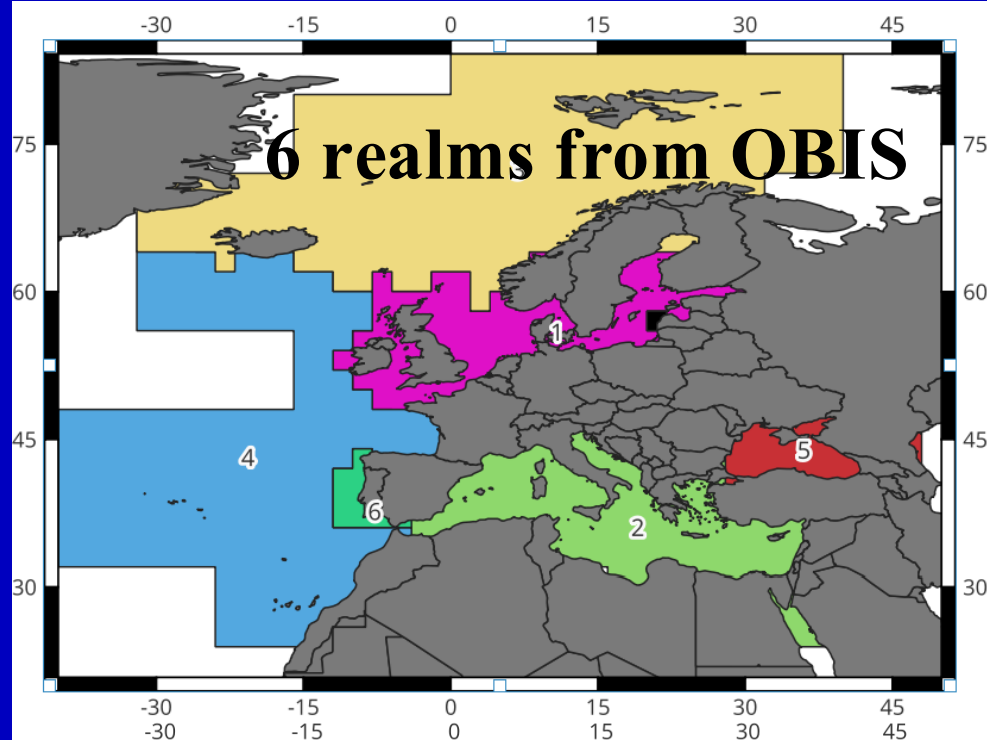
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Table 1 Key concepts in marine biogeographic and regional classifications. To help reduce confusion that sometimes occurs the concepts are explained, an example given, and a statement of what they are not, included. For more details and a glossary see (Costello *et al.*, 2020a,b)

<i>Concept</i>	<i>What it is</i>	<i>Examples</i>	<i>What it is not</i>
Realm	Area of high species endemism indicating species have evolved there in isolation from other areas.	Half of the marine species of the Antarctica and Southern Ocean realm occur nowhere else (Costello <i>et al.</i> , 2017)	An environmentally defined area.
Province	Are defined based on distinct fauna and flora, such as within a realm.	Sub-units with realms defined as part of the Marine Ecoregions of the World (Spalding <i>et al.</i> , 2007).	A political region.
Biome	Large area with a distinctive plant growth form. The species may vary geographically, and there may be from one to several species in the biome at any particular location.	Seagrass meadows, kelp forests, mangrove forests, zooxanthellate coral reefs (Jayathilake and Costello, 2018, 2020a,b,c, 2021)	An environmentally defined area.
Ecosystem	Geographic area of any size where biological and energy interactions are greater within the area than with adjacent areas (ecosystems)	The marine coastal shelf ecosystem is distinct from offshore ecosystems (Zhao <i>et al.</i> , 2020a,b).	A habitat or community.
Seascape	As in landscape, an area with a distinct geomorphology and topography.	Estuary, canyon, seamount, plain (Costello, 2009)	A habitat, ecosystem or area.
Habitat	The physical and chemical environmental niche to which one or more species is limited.	Strandline on the seashore, hydrothermal vent, kelp forest (Costello, 2009).	An area.
Community	A group of species living together and ecologically interacting.	Benthic community at a particular location (Costello, 2009)	An assemblage.
Biotope	The combination of a distinct community and habitat.	Mussels and furoid algae on moderately wave exposed rocky seashores (Costello and Emblow, 2005)	An area.
Assemblage	A group of species occurring in the same place but which may or may not interact with each other.	List of fish species living at a location.	–

Beyond MPA Europe

- Assumptions
 - Our data are representative of biodiversity in the region
- Limitations
 - Species are only present in locally suitable habitats within their range
- Next steps
 - Use the MPA Europe data layers to provide a geographic context for planning MPA in cooperation with local stakeholders, e.g., using the SeaSketch platform as used in the Azores.



2nd key message

Even in worst case scenarios,

- Most species will remain in their current geographic range
- With increased species richness in northernmost (Arctic)
- Possible extirpations of some species in the Mediterranean

3rd message

Map of organic carbon concentrations available for European seabed.

Management could ban disturbance of sediments with high organic carbon to minimise release of greenhouse gases from sediments (CO₂, CH₄).

4th key message(s)

1. MPA do not only benefit biodiversity, there are ~50 examples of benefits to fisheries through spillover effects.
2. There is no published evidence of any MPA reducing fishery catch anywhere.
3. There is no evidence of fishery displacements effects, but there is of improved fishery CPUE around MPA locally and globally.

Implications of key message(s)

- Because biodiversity includes all species and ecosystems, it cannot be protected piecemeal.
- Nature conservation should prioritise strictly protected areas where people are prohibited from killing any marine wildlife and damaging their habitats.
- An ecologically representative (coherent) network of MPA is appropriate now and under future climate change.

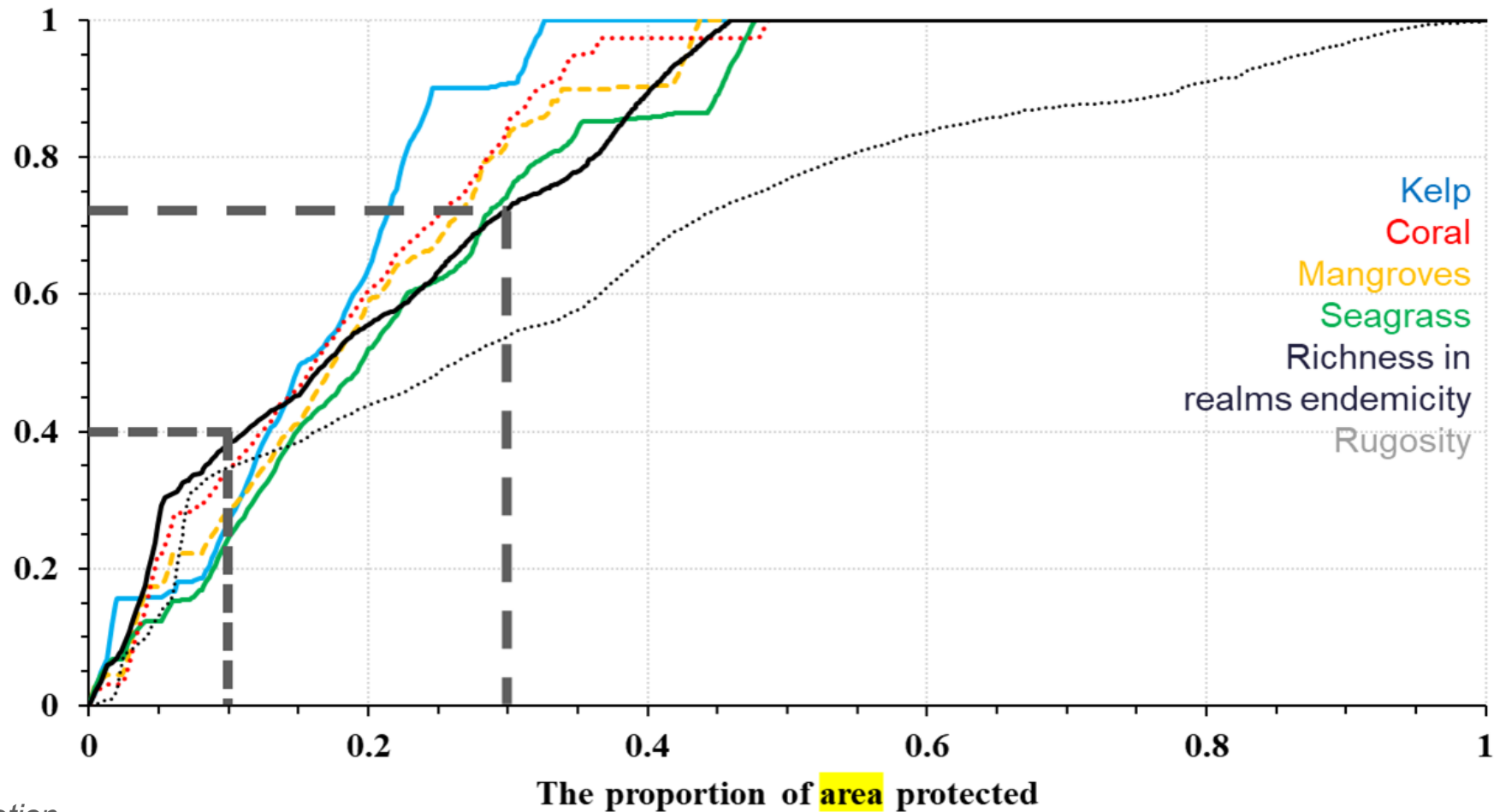
Systematic Conservation Planning

designs a network of areas that best represent (include)
measures of biodiversity

**Aim for
at least 80%
representation
of biodiversity
within 30%
of the sea area**

Example is from a global
prioritisation in 2020

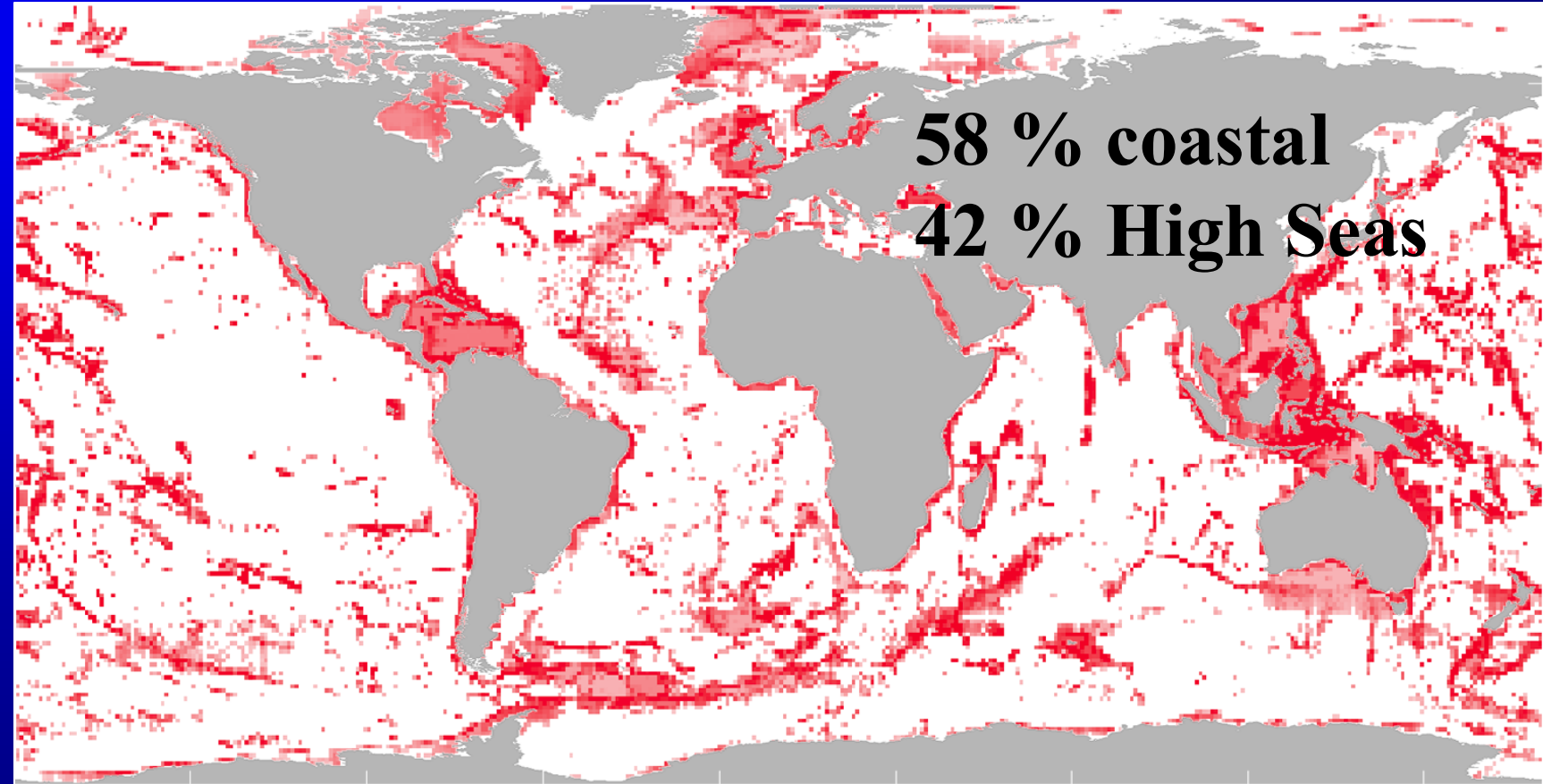
The proportion of a measure of biodiversity per area



***Most Representative Biodiversity Areas* for a global MPA network, covers 30% of ocean, 70% species, 90% biomes & habitats**

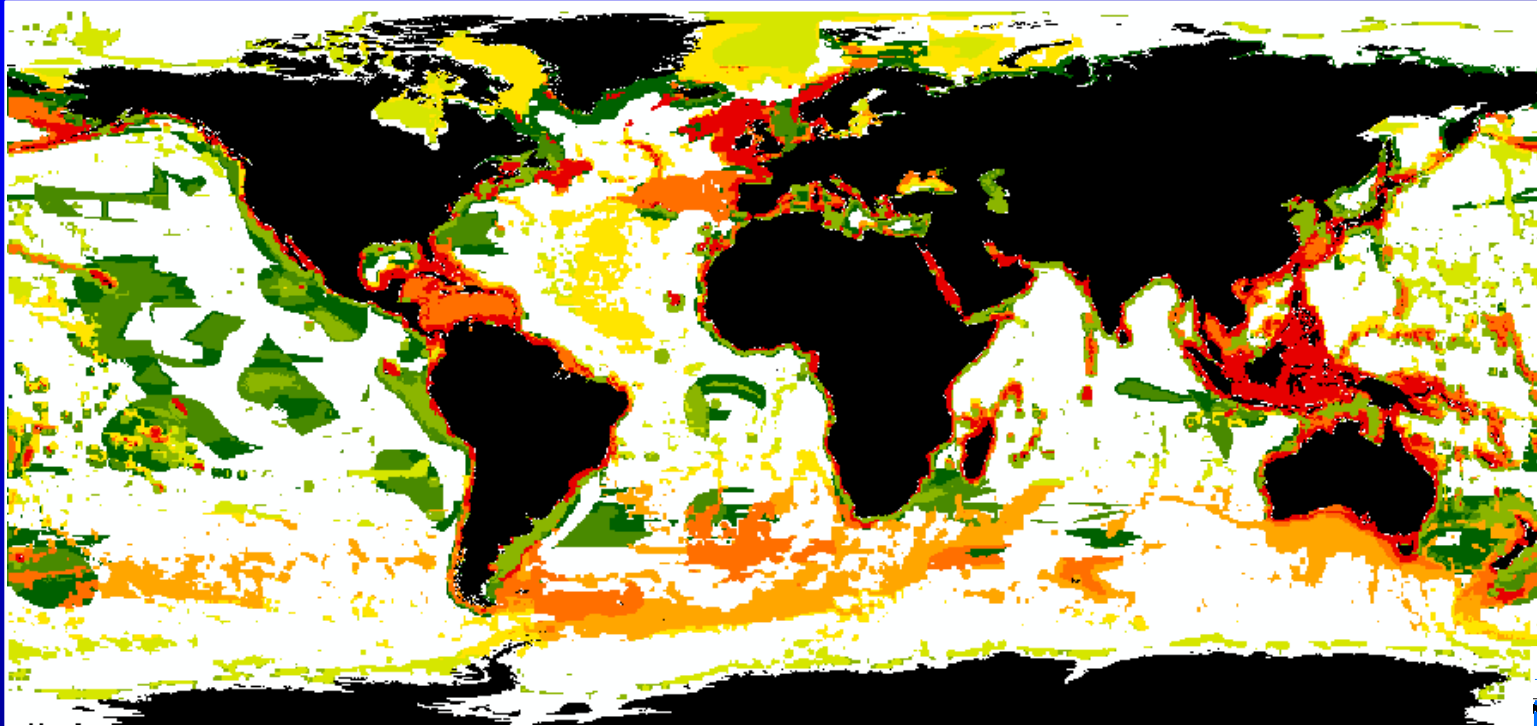
Data layers

1. Ecosystems = 20 environmental variables
2. Biogeographic realms = endemism
3. Species richness = ranges
4. Biomes = mangrove, coral, seagrass, kelp
5. Habitat = seabed rugosity



Zhao et al. 2020. Where Marine Protected Areas would best represent 30% of ocean biodiversity. *Biological Conservation*

Adding threatened species to Representative Biodiversity Areas



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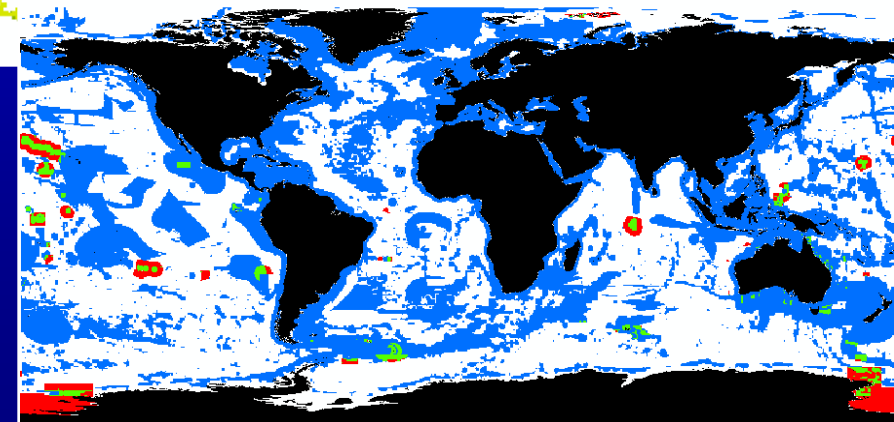
Priority Areas in Blue.
Verified (fully protected) MPA
in red (not in priority areas) &
green cover only
2.7% of the ocean.

Only 34% these MPA in the
Prioritised Areas.



**Need to protect 40% of the ocean to protect 70%
of biodiversity plus 30% of range of each ~1,000
threatened species**

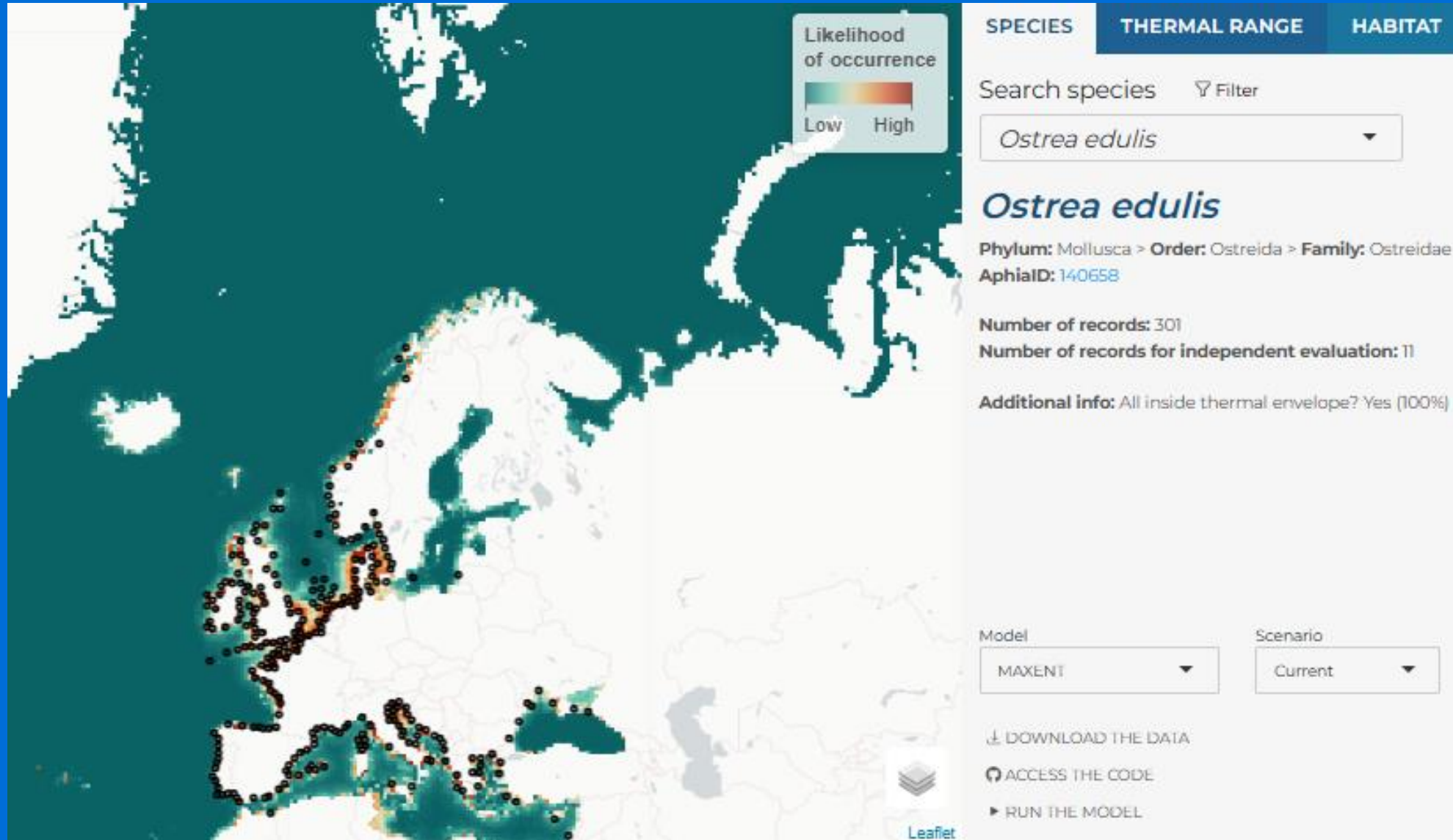
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<https://shiny.obis.org/distmaps/>

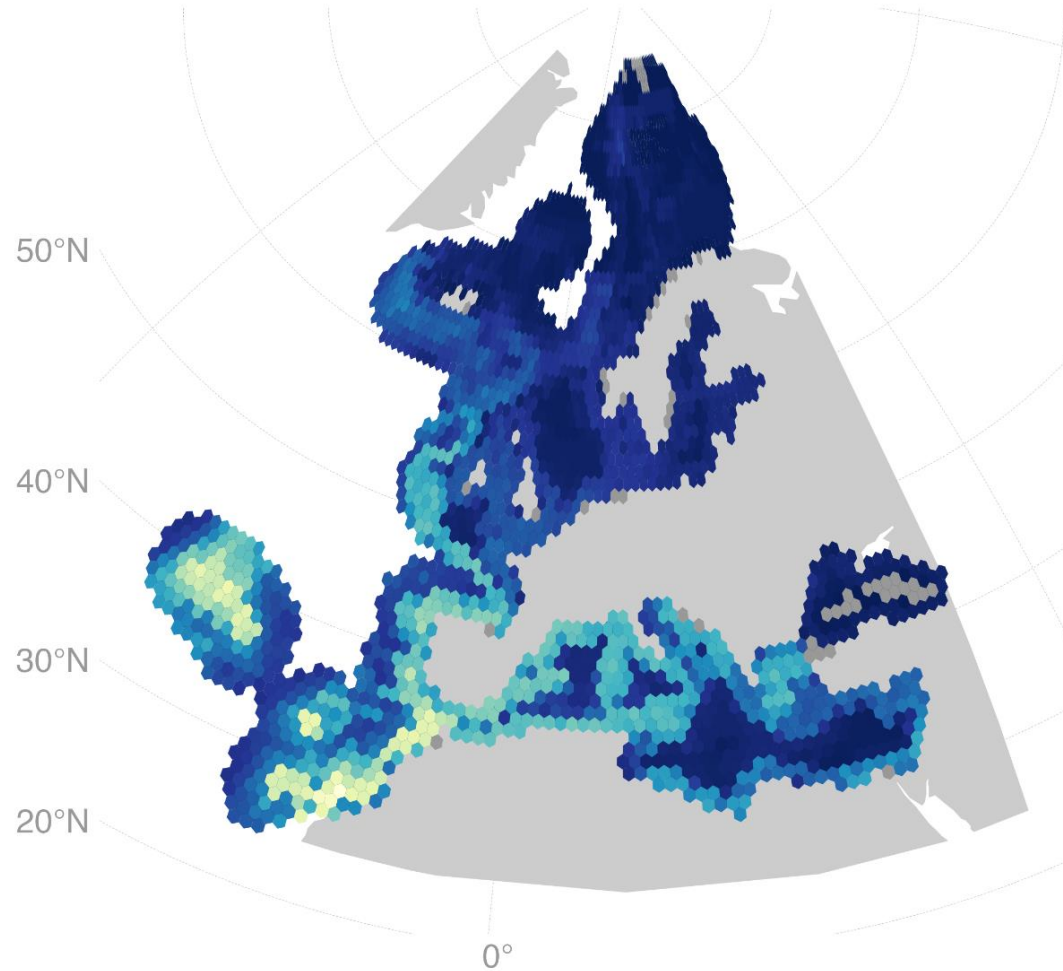
Example of
species range
map for the
native oyster

Showing
likelihood of
occurrence
and
data points used
in the model

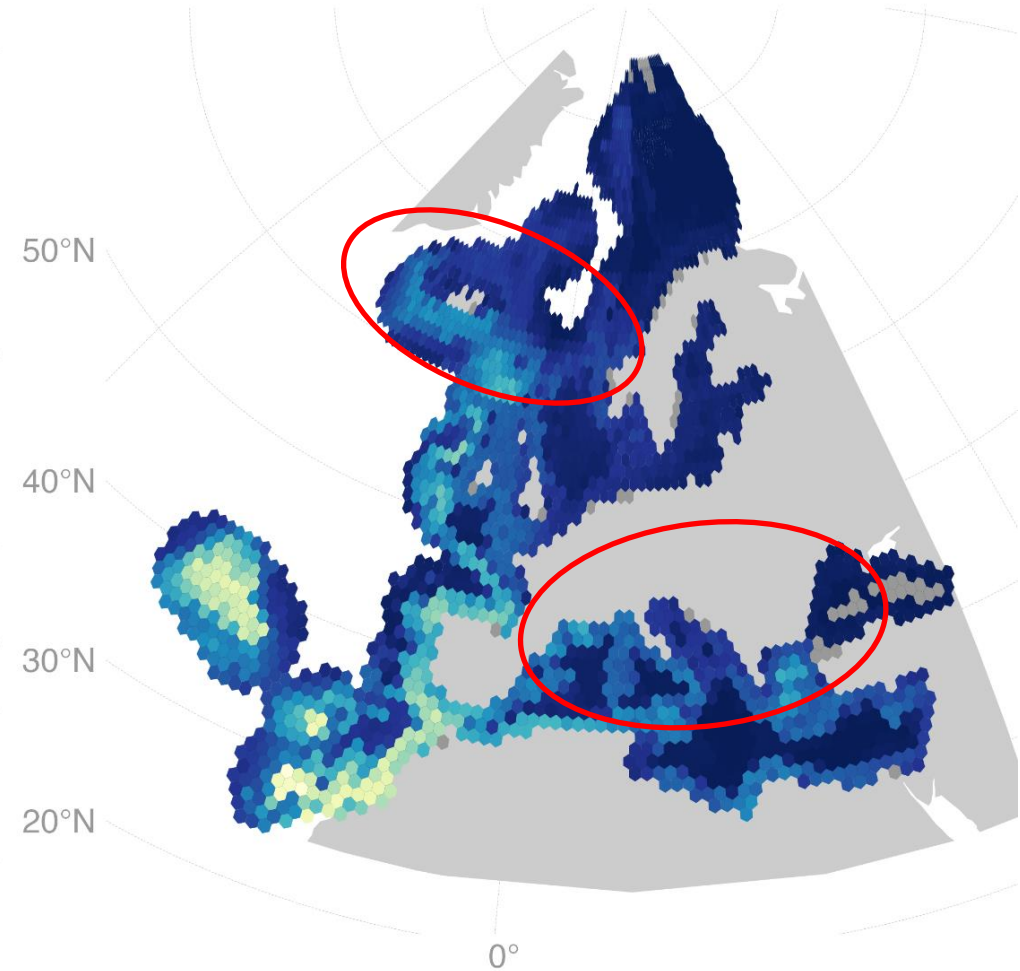


Number of species - Fishes

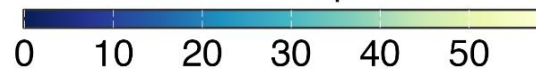
Current period



Future (2100 - SSP5 - 8.5)



Number of species



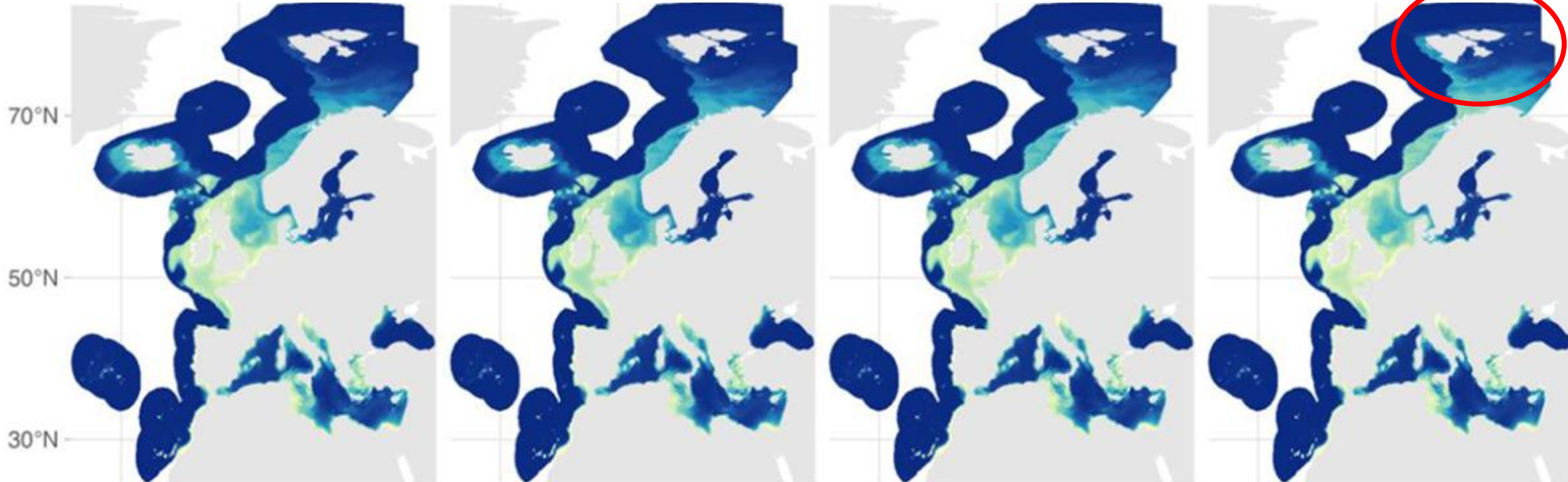
Species range maps, present and under 3 climate change scenarios

Current

SSP1

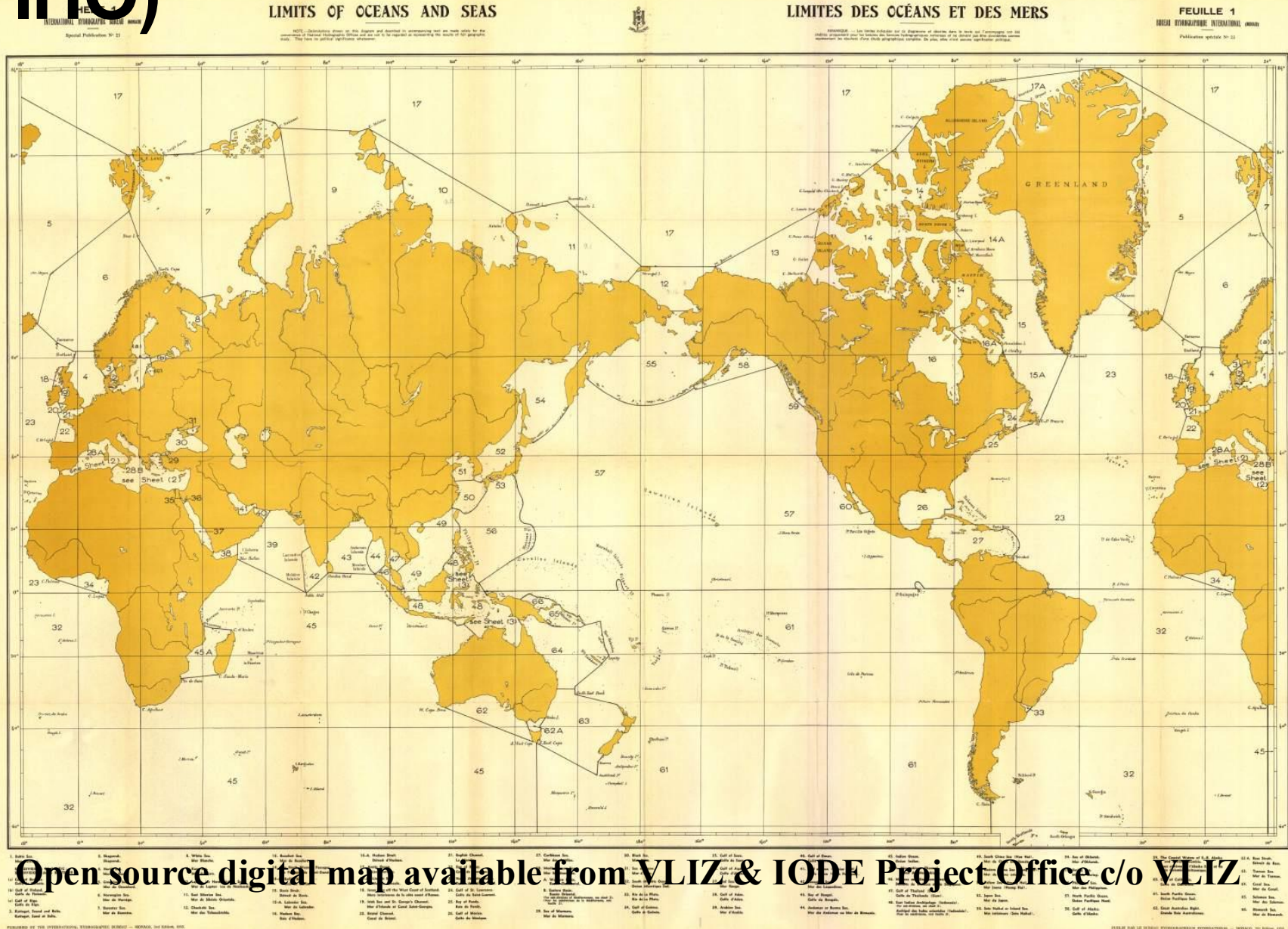
SSP2

SSP5

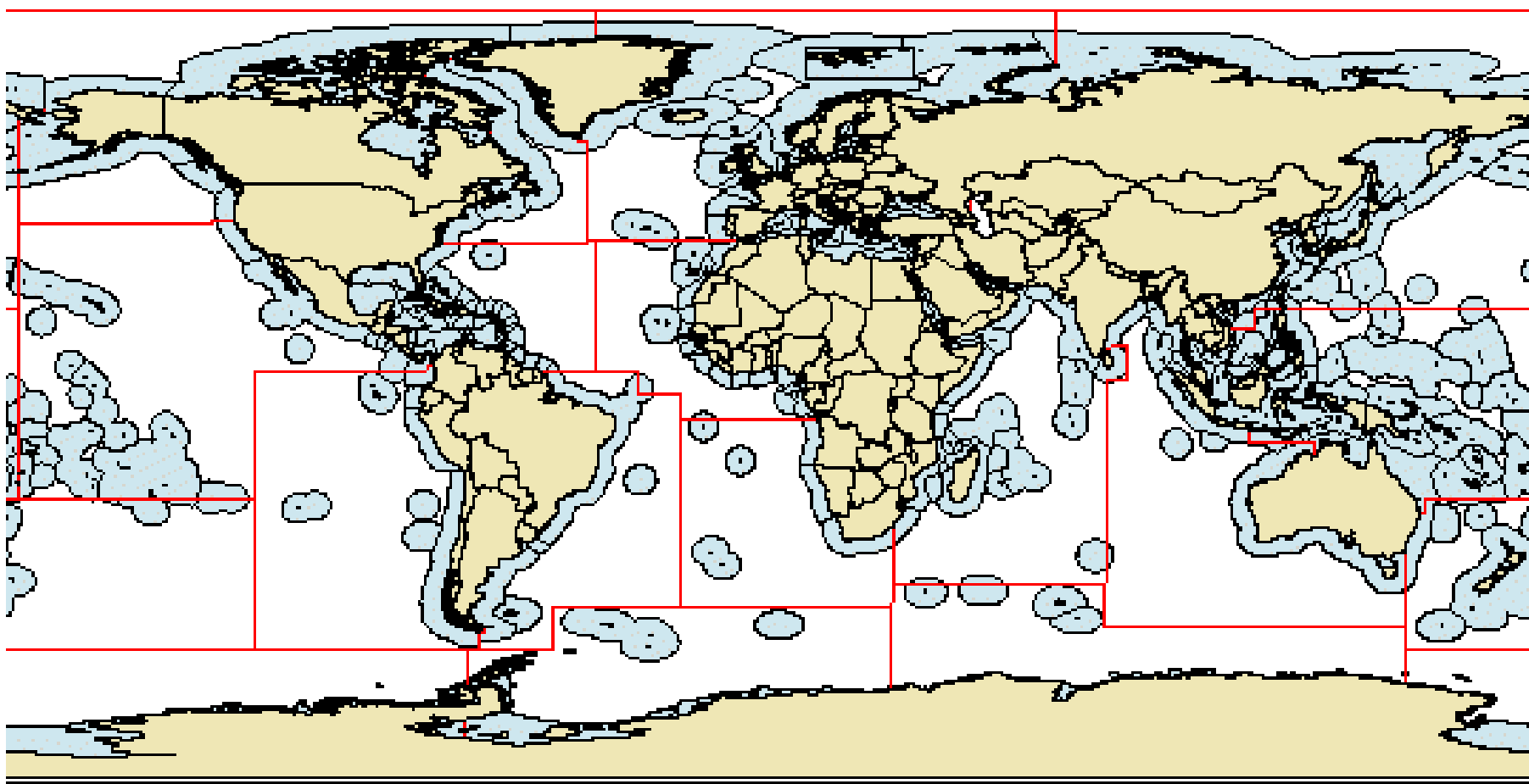


for the ray species *Raja brachyura*

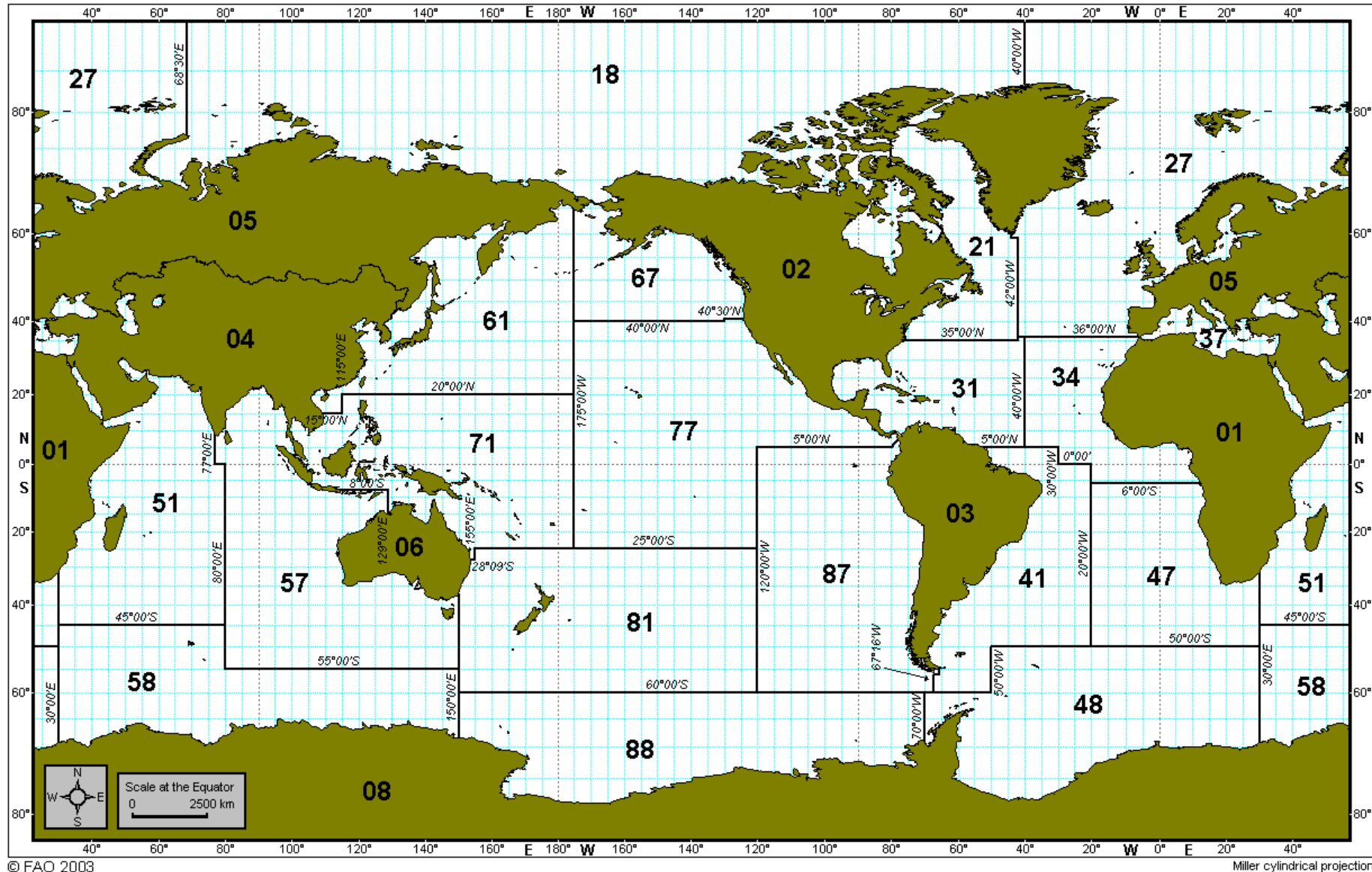
Seas and oceans of the world (from IHO)



Countries Exclusive Economic Zones

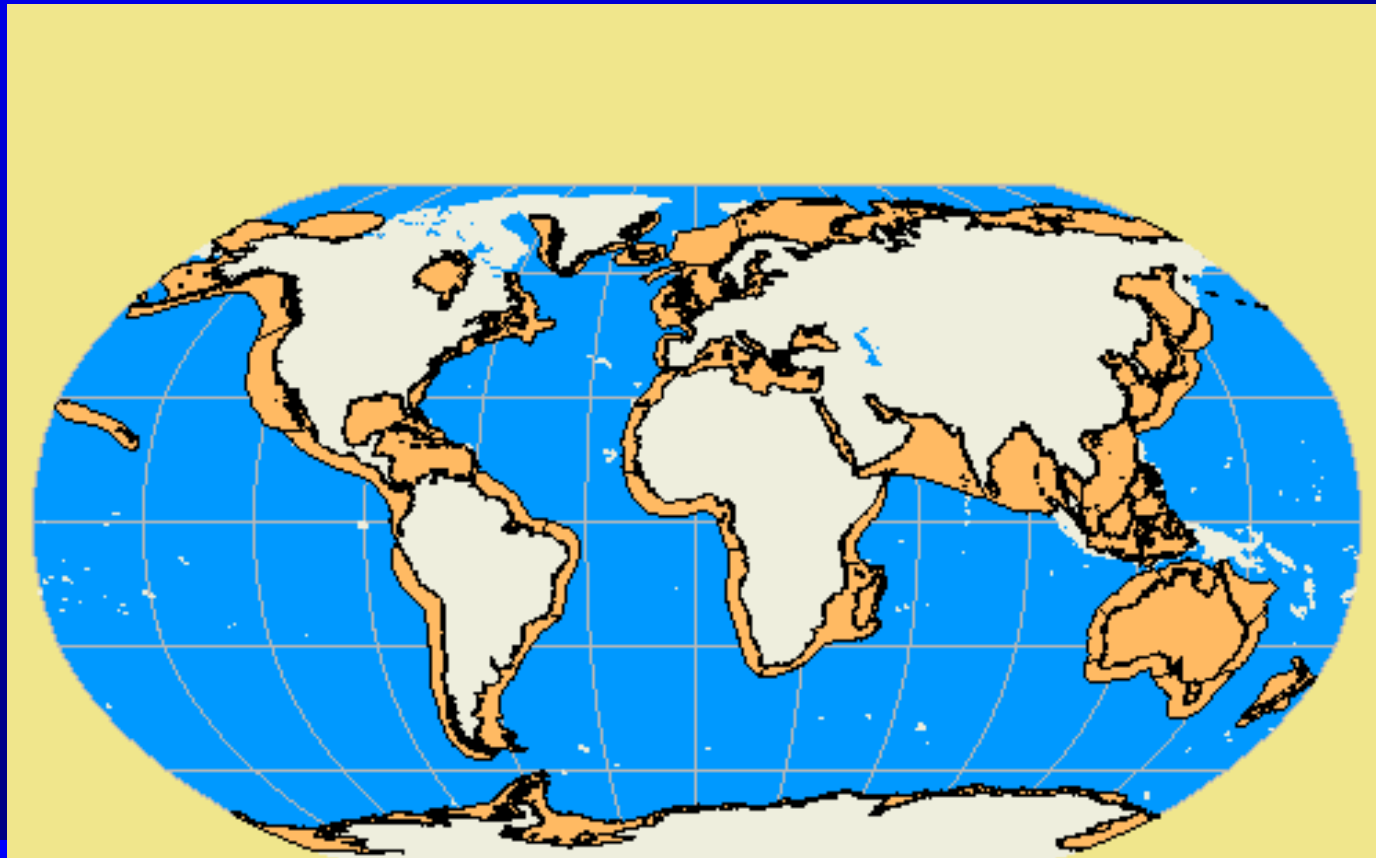


FAO fishery areas or boxes



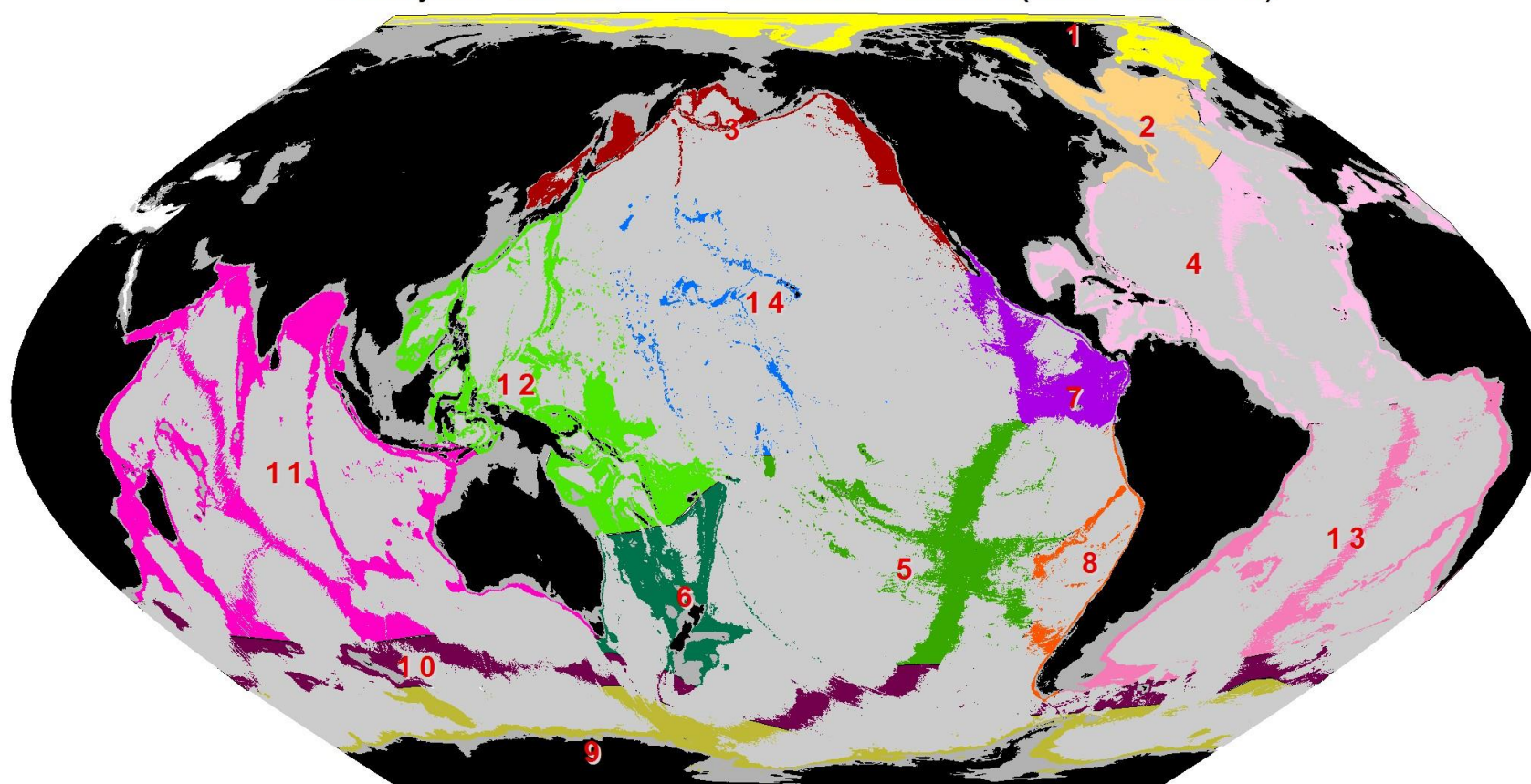
“Large Marine Ecosystems” LME

Based on areas of political and economic interest where a case could be made to study the ‘ecosystem’ because of its importance for fisheries or due to pollution threats



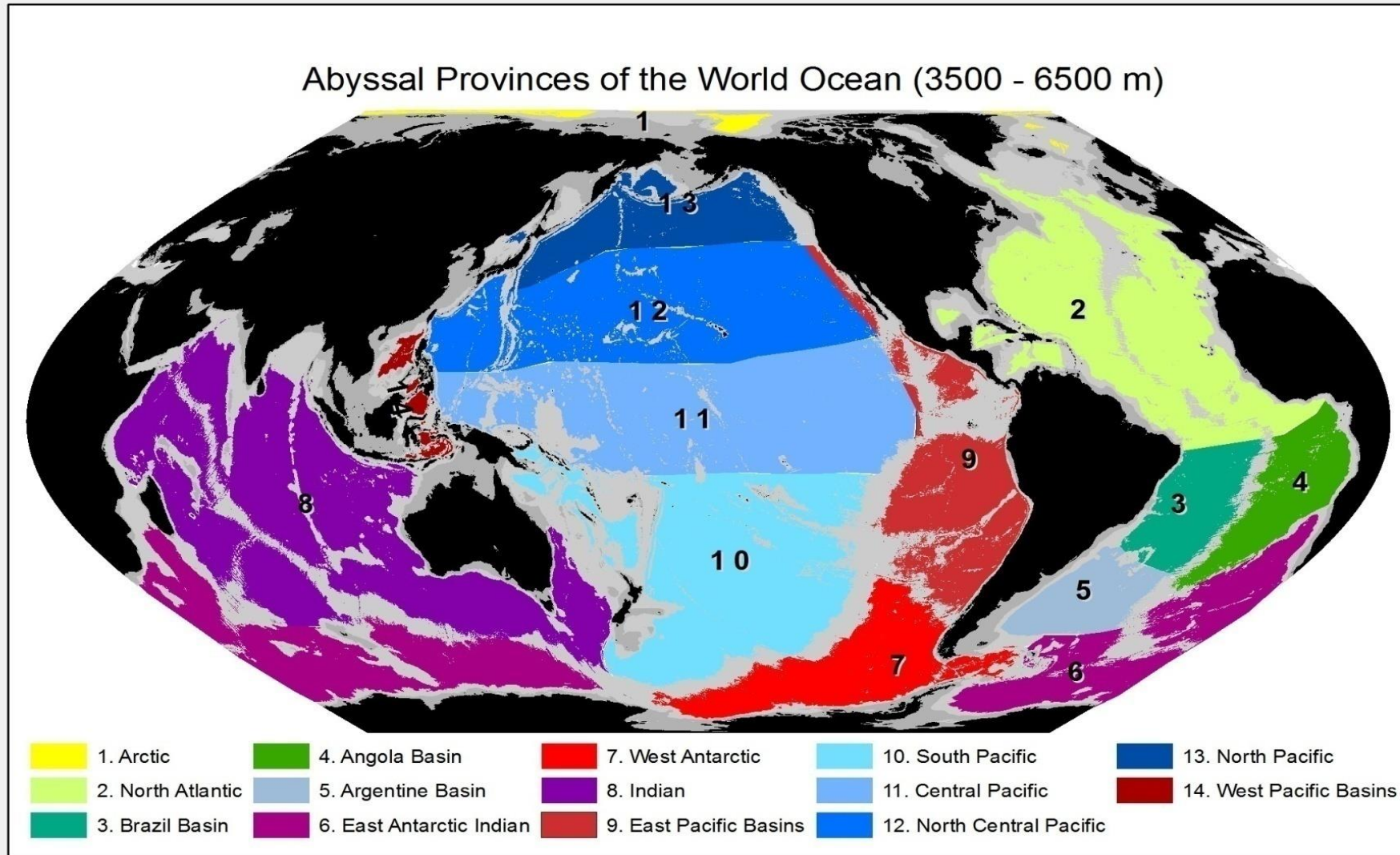
Global Open Oceans and Deep Sea-habitats bioregional classification (GOODS) (UNESCO 2008)

Bathyal Provinces of the World Ocean (800 - 3500 m)



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|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Arctic | 4. North Atlantic | 7. Cocos Plate | 10. Subantarctic | 13. South Atlantic |
| 2. Northern North Atlantic | 5. SE Pacific Ridges | 8. Nazca Plate | 11. Indian | 14. North Pacific |
| 3. Northern North Pacific | 6. New Zealand Kermadec | 9. Antarctic | 12. West Pacific | |

GOODS: abyssal



GOODS: Hadal

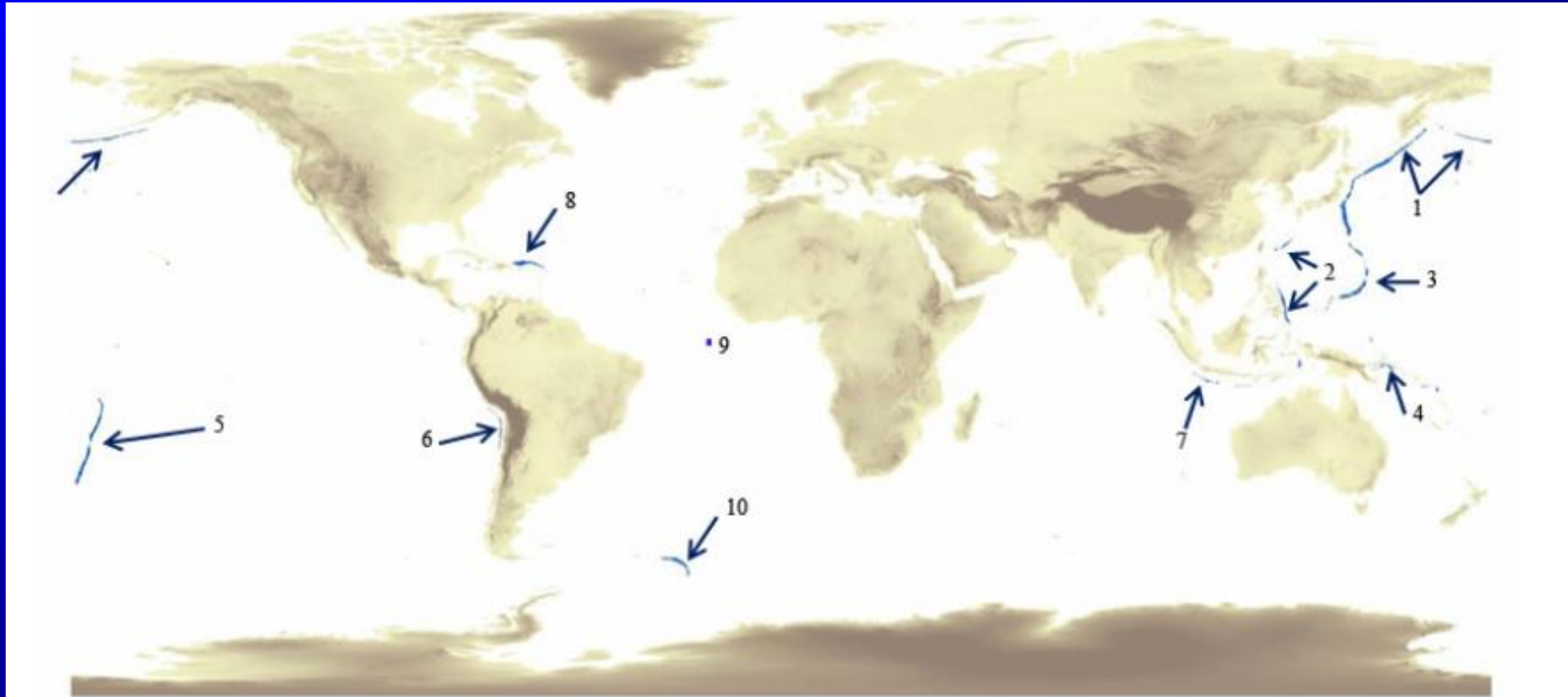
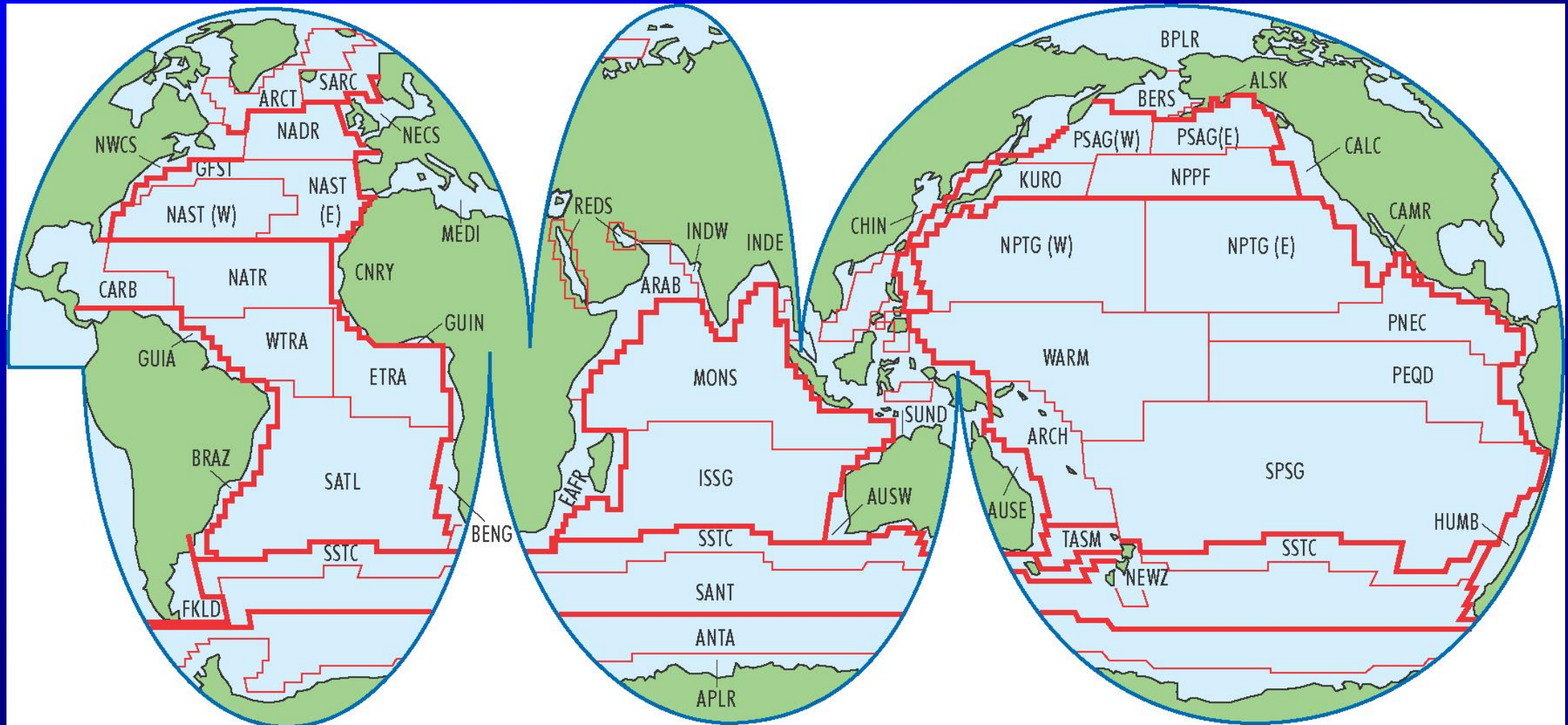


Figure 15: Hadal provinces. 1 - Aleutian-Japan Province (Aleutian, Kuril-Kamchatka, Japan, Izu-Bonin Trenches); 2 - Philippine Province (Philippine and Ryuku Trenches); 3 - Mariana Province (Volcano, Mariana, Yap and Palau Trenches); 4 - Bougainville-New Hebrides Province (New Britain, Bougainville, Santa Cruz, and New Hebrides Trenches); 5 - Tonga-Kermadec Province; 6 - Peru-Chile Province; 7 - Yavan Province; 8 - Puerto Rico Province; 9 - Romanche Province; and 10 - Southern Antilles Province

Longhurst's pelagic regions

Based on ocean colour and his opinion (no data analysis)



	1%	2%	3% - 6%	Seas' group	Eckman	MEOW regions
1	1 Inner Baltic Sea					Baltic Sea Ecoregion
2	2 Black Sea			Black Sea	Black Sea	Black Sea Province and ecoregion
3	3 NE and NW Atlantic and Mediterranean, Arctic and North Pacific	3.1 NE Atlantic and Mediterranean	3.1.1 NE Atlantic	NE Atlantic ^b	European Boreal. Part of a North Atlantic Boreal	North European Seas Province with 7 ecoregions
4			3.1.2 Arctic Europe	Norwegian Sea (in part)		
5			3.1.3 Mediterranean	Mediterranean ^c	Mediterranean	Mediterranean Province ²
6		3.2 Arctic + North Pacific	3.2.1 Arctic	Arctic seas	Arctic	1. Arctic Realm.
7			3.2.2 North Pacific ³	North Pacific	North West American	3. Temperate North Pacific realm
8		3.3 North Atlantic boreal and sub-Arctic from Canada to Greenland Sea		North American Boreal	North American Boreal.	Arctic real