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## **Executive summary**

The OFWG 201 2023 - APEC project: “Developing best practices to address coastal marine oxygen loss in APEC economies for improving the management of marine living resources”, was organized by the Peruvian Institute of Marine Research (IMARPE) and sponsored by the following APEC economies: Canada, Chile, China, Russia, Viet Nam, and Chinese Taipei.

The project aimed to promote the adoption of good and innovative practices for the collection, analysis, and data processing to assess coastal oxygen concentrations and to improve the collaboration to implement or sustain local environmental observatories of coastal oxygen loss. The specific objective of the workshop was to share and transfer good and innovative practices for improving the collection, analysis, quality control, and data processing of coastal dissolved oxygen in APEC economies to benefit fisheries and aquaculture management.

The workshop took place in Paracas, Peru, from September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 3<sup>rd</sup> and included i) a report of a pre-workshop survey, ii) keynote lecturers, iii) short presentations and discussion of case studies from the participant economies, iv) practical demonstrations of oxygen data collection and experimental setup for assessing biological responses to low-oxygen conditions, and v) roadmap discussions with recommendations to implement or improve sustained local environmental observatories to track or detect oxygen loss for fisheries and aquaculture applications.

To improve the management, adaptation, and sustainable practices in fisheries and marine aquaculture in coastal waters, affected by exposure to eutrophication-driven and climate change-driven deoxygenation, the building of a roadmap was started in the workshop. The challenges and opportunities to standardize, integrate, and manage oxygen data across APEC economies were recognized. The need for implementing best practices at different action levels was pointed out, such as oxygen data collection and management, monitoring design, and generating meaningful applications or metrics of coastal hypoxia for fisheries and aquaculture stakeholders.

The workshop successfully achieved its goal of enhancing theoretical and practical knowledge on hypoxia detection and monitoring in marine-coastal areas among the participant APEC economies representatives. It created opportunities to collaborate on dissolved oxygen monitoring, data analysis, and developing indices to assess hypoxia's impact on fisheries and aquaculture within the global context of coastal water deoxygenation. Contributions from nine APEC economies revealed varying capacities in

handling dissolved oxygen data while creating a collaborative roadmap that strengthened cooperation and knowledge sharing.

The proposed roadmap emphasizes fostering collaboration among APEC economies to address coastal oxygen loss through scientific partnerships and capacity building. Short-term goals include establishing partnerships and promoting ocean literacy, while medium- and long-term objectives focus on improving data management, conducting multidisciplinary research, and developing vulnerability metrics. A key initiative would be implementing early warning systems for deoxygenation events. Stakeholder engagement and securing international funding are central to these efforts, aiming to integrate local and global approaches for effective resource management and ecosystem preservation.

## **1. Introduction**

### **The relevance of coastal deoxygenation for fisheries and aquaculture**

Since the 1950s, more than 500 coastal areas have been identified to have persistent or seasonal oxygen concentrations below 1.4 mL/L (2 mg/L), a threshold that classifies them as hypoxic (Chan et al., 2019). The oxygen content decrease in the oceans can impact nutrient cycles and impair marine habitats, potentially harming ecosystems, the people (communities) that depend on them, and coastal economies. This problem may be even more widespread in coastal areas, particularly in developing economies where hypoxic conditions or increasing trends may go undocumented because oxygen monitoring data remains limited.

The oxygen loss in the coastal ocean can be attributed to two overlying causes: eutrophication resulting from nutrient runoff from land and nitrogen deposition from fossil fuel burning, and the warming of ocean waters due to climate change. Excess nutrients entering the coastal ocean through watershed and river runoff and atmospheric deposition fuel algal blooms that increase oxygen demand and further the development of hypoxic coastal zones; nutrient enrichment also intensifies hypoxic in areas that already have naturally-occurring low-oxygen conditions (Figure 1). Additionally, the ocean absorbs most of the excess heat the earth retains due to greenhouse gas-induced warming, primarily causing the decrease of oxygen solubility and changes in ventilation and ocean mixing that reduce the oxygen supply to deeper waters (Breitburg et al., 2018).

The global extent of eutrophication-induced hypoxia and its threats to ecosystem services is well-documented, but many of the long-term consequences for human health, social and economic systems and their combined effects with other ocean stressors remain unknown (Bassett et al., 2019; Breitburg et al., 2019). Vulnerable populations, particularly those in coastal urban and rural areas, poor households in developing economies, and marginalized groups- including women, children, and indigenous communities -are likely to be the most vulnerable to the effects of ocean deoxygenation.

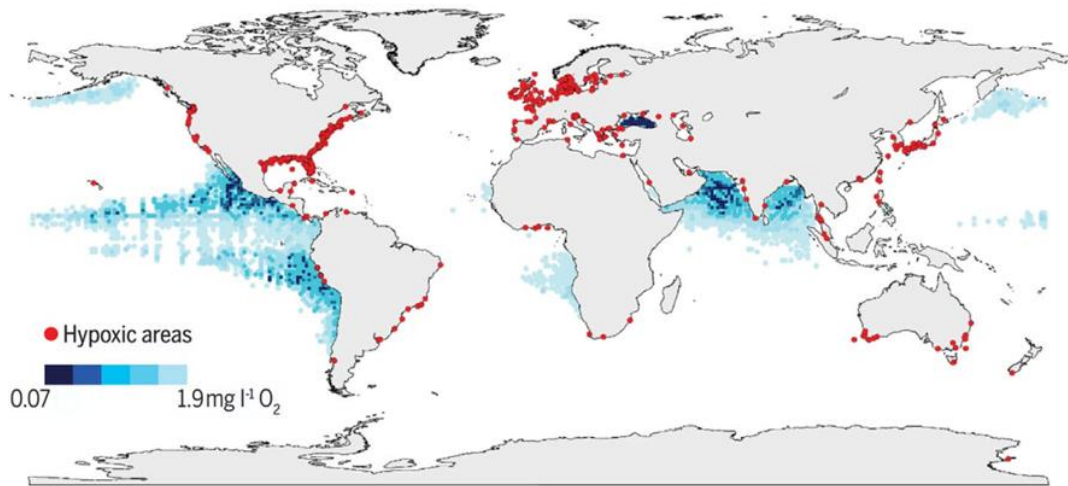


Figure 1. Distribution of low oxygen levels in the ocean waters and coastal hypoxic areas worldwide (Breitburg et al., 2018).

As naturally occurring low-oxygen areas, the Eastern Boundary Upwelling Systems (EBUS) appear particularly vulnerable to further deoxygenation and represent hot spots for ocean deoxygenation concerns (Deutsch et al., 2011). While oxygen minimum zones (OMZ) expand and become shallower towards the EBUS margin due to climate change (Stramma et al., 2010), hypoxia induced by eutrophication and amplified by global warming put further pressures on the oxygen conditions in these coastal areas (Breitburg et al., 2018). Thus, the quality and availability of suitable habitats for many organisms is reduced, with diminished habitat causing altered species distributions, decreased growth, reproduction, survival, disruption of life cycles, and altered behavior (Figure 2).

The deoxygenation effects on individuals in coastal waters significantly impact population productivity and have cascading effects on capture fisheries and aquaculture. These effects affect fisheries through negative effects on growth, survival, and reproduction, influencing biomass and harvestable yield, and the altered movement affects their availability to harvest. A predominant effect of deoxygenation is the shifts in fishing locations in response to small-scale distribution changes of target species due to their attempt to avoid exposure to hypoxia, which then impacts the catch capacity, efficiency, and bioeconomics of the fishery (Rose et al., 2019).

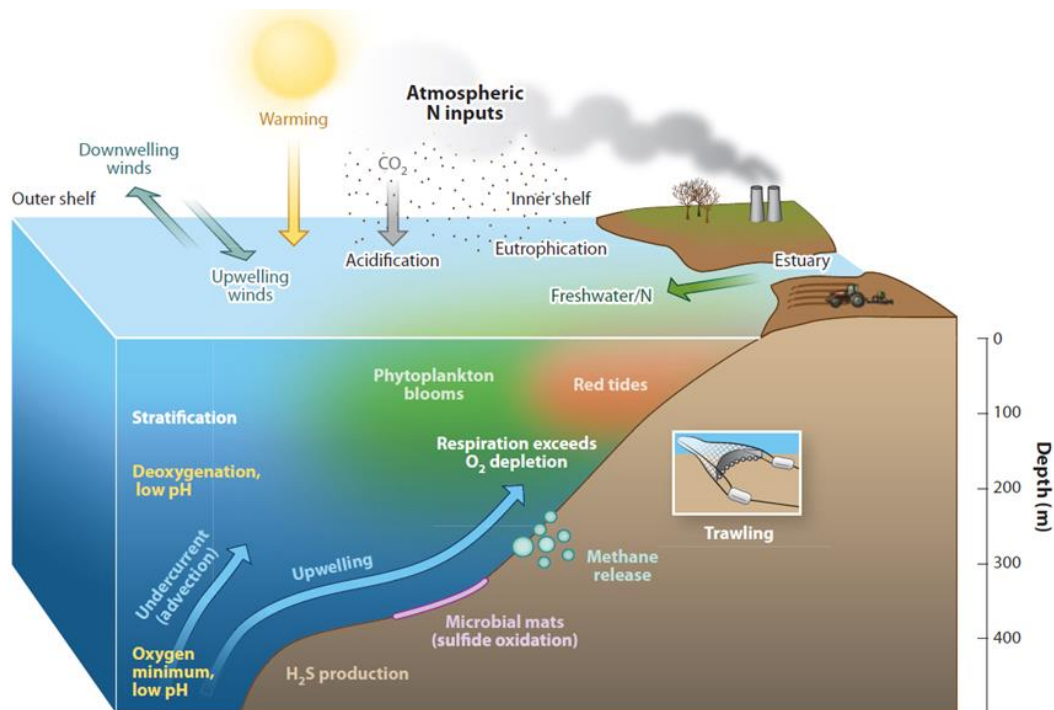


Figure 2. Interaction of climate change and eutrophication on deoxygenation in the EBUS coastal areas (Levin & Sibuet 2012).

Finfish and shellfish aquaculture are also especially vulnerable to deoxygenation, as the animals are confined within nets or structures that prevent them from escaping to areas with higher oxygen levels. Evidence for contained organisms' inability to avoid exposure is that arthropods and mollusks caught in traps face high mortality rates when oxygen concentrations drop (Grantham et al., 2004). However, aquaculture itself can also contribute to deoxygenation. Densely-stocked animals consume oxygen through respiration, while microbial decomposition of excess fish feed and waste further depletes oxygen. In areas with limited water circulation, these factors can lead to substantial drops in oxygen levels within the local zone of influence of the nets or structures (Rice, 2015; Sun et al., 2023).

## **2. The pre-workshop assessment**

To assess the current capacities on coastal oxygen monitoring and hypoxia detection among APEC economies, an online survey was designed using Google Forms (link [here](#)) as part of a pre-workshop assessment and distributed throughout the Ocean Fisheries Working Group (OFWG). The main topics covered in this survey were the current situation and challenges involved in coastal oxygen monitoring, the kinds of storage and quality control applied to oxygen data, the availability of water quality standards on dissolved oxygen, and metrics developed to evaluate habitat conditions for living marine resources.

Representatives from eleven economies filled out the survey form and nine of them appointed their nominees for the workshop. The survey consisted of 28 questions (Annex 2) and the main results were:

- i) Most economies reported events and/or increasing trends of low dissolved oxygen in their coastal waters (Figure 3).
- ii) Oxygen loss represents a significant issue for fisheries, aquaculture, biodiversity, and water quality in APEC economies (Figure 4).
- iii) Dissolved oxygen in the coastal waters of APEC economies is being monitored, but there are differences in data treatment, usage, and information management (Figures 5 and 6).
- iv) About half of the participating economies use coastal hypoxia metrics to assess the living resources habitats (Figure 7).

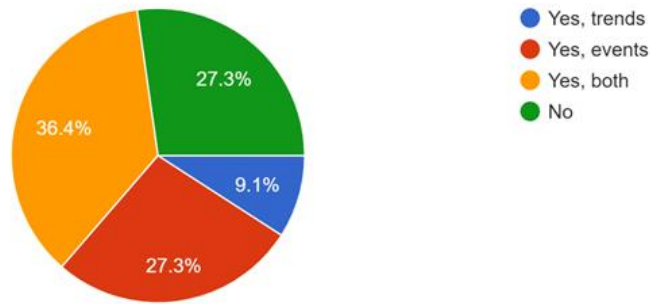


Figure 3. Percentages of 11 respondent economies to the question: have your coastal environments undergone trends (long-term changes) or events (episodes) of low dissolved oxygen?

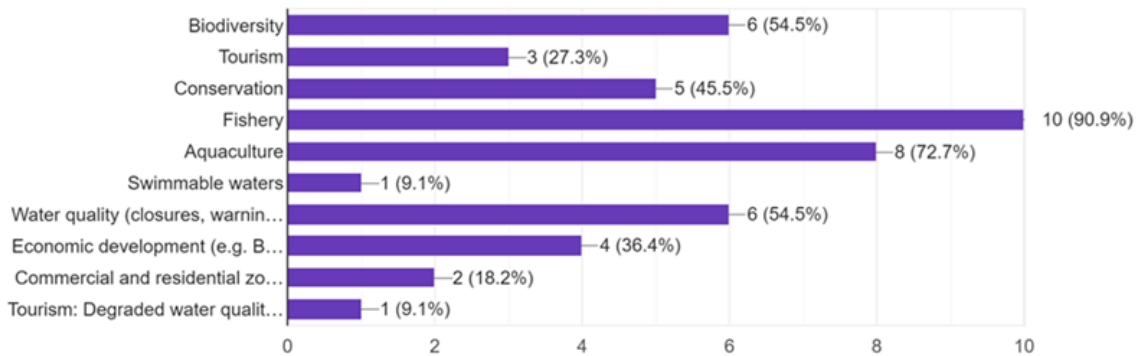


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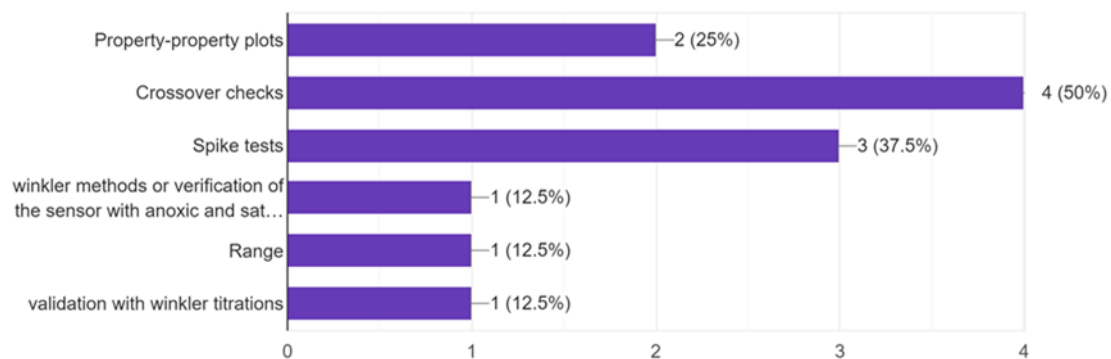


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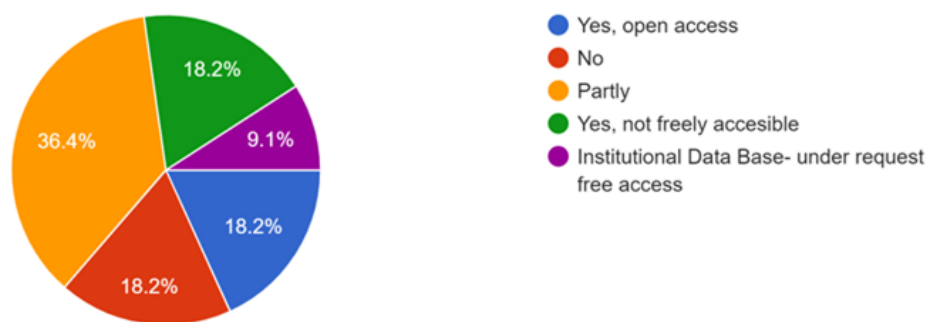


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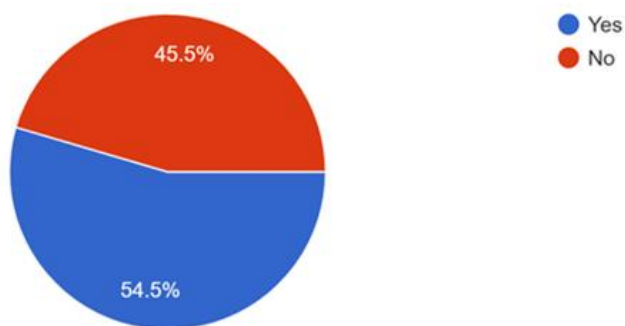


Figure 7. Percentages of 11 respondent economies to the question: Are there metrics related to coastal hypoxia, for supporting the assessment of habitat conditions of marine living resources, in your economy?

### 3. The workshop and activities within the project to promote best practices

The workshop of the OFWG 201 2023 project “Developing best practices to address coastal marine oxygen loss in APEC economies for improving the management of marine living resources”, was organized by IMARPE and held in Paracas, Peru. The project was sponsored by the following APEC economies: Canada, Chile, China, Russia, Viet Nam, and Chinese Taipei; and the workshop welcomed participants with encouraged gender balance, from Chile, China, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Russia, Thailand, USA, and Viet Nam (Table 1, Figure 8).

Table 1. Summary table of workshop participation.

Participants	# male	# female	Total
Total of nominees	8	6	14
Total of experts/speakers	1	2	3
Total	9	8	17
Participants (excluding speakers and contractors)			14

#### Opening and keynote lectures

The workshop in Paracas was inaugurated on September 30<sup>th</sup> with opening remarks from Peru’s OFWG focal point and IMARPE’s Director of Research in Oceanography and Climate Change. The event covered the project's background, objectives, and expected outcomes, focusing on implementing and sustaining oxygen monitoring for fisheries and aquaculture. The workshop activities were outlined, and keynote speakers introduced (Figure 9).

The keynote lectures covered fisheries management in the context of ocean deoxygenation and climate change, emphasizing decision-making and regulation. They also explored water quality standards using the U.S. EPA as a case study, detailing oxygen thresholds for Chesapeake Bay aquaculture (Figure 10). Subsequent talks focused on oxygen data management, stressing monitoring trends, validation, and spatial mapping (Annex A2). The case of deoxygenation in the Gulf of Mexico was shown, highlighting biological indicators, oxygen thresholds, fisheries impacts, and the

role of experiments and models in assessing hypoxia vulnerability under climate change (Annex A3).

An invited talk entitled “Initiative for a Global Ocean Oxygen Database and Atlas (GO<sub>2</sub>DAT Project) to assess deoxygenation and ocean health in open and coastal waters” was delivered (Annex A4). The need for high-quality data to monitor ocean deoxygenation and the heterogeneous situation of procedures, such as data flagging and quality control in databases, were highlighted. In this talk, the first-level products of GO<sub>2</sub>DAT were mentioned as integrating Winkler observations of dissolved oxygen from different databases, the second level includes CTD sensor data, while the third and fourth levels include oxygen data from Argo buoys and gliders, respectively.

In this way, these keynote lectures provided workshop participants not only with theoretical knowledge about the issue of coastal deoxygenation and its relationship with factors such as climate change and eutrophication but also with examples of the development of monitoring and management of oxygen data, indicators, water quality standards, impact thresholds, experiments, and models.



Figure 8. Workshop participants in the event opening.



Figure 9. Presentation of background and goals of the workshop.



Figure 10. Keynote lecture of the workshop.

## Practical activities

Workshop participants visited IMARPE Pisco's coastal laboratory for a hands-on demonstration of oxygen data collection using sensors, profilers, and the Winkler titration method. They also observed an experimental setup for assessing the Peruvian scallop's respiration (*Argopecten purpuratus*) under low oxygen conditions (Figure 11).

Subsequently, and divided into groups, participants analyzed and visualized recorded data, comparing results from different methods of collecting samples. A discussion between the groups on the differences in the recorded dissolved oxygen was held, highlighting the different volumes and depth level of water in which measurements were made, using both sampling bottles and probes, as likely origins of data differences. The groups also explored basic quality control, processing and analysis of both the practical demonstration data and historical time series from Paracas Bay. Thus, they recognized the importance of applying simple control such as data range checks on raw oxygen data for identifying outliers and errors in collected data, as well as of processing oxygen time series through temporal decomposition—for exploring dissolved oxygen variability in diurnal and seasonal time scales—and analysis of data trends.



Figure 11. Practical demonstration at the IMARPE-Paracas facilities.

## Discussion of case studies and roadmap

A roundtable discussion examined case studies on coastal oxygen monitoring and hypoxia in the Changjiang Estuary (China), the northern Gulf of Mexico (USA), and Paracas Bay (Peru) (Annex A6). The Changjiang Estuary case highlighted seasonal hypoxia, the role of monitoring and modeling nutrient reduction, and the impact of tropical cyclones on fisheries. The Gulf of Mexico case focused on Mississippi River-driven hypoxia, monitoring systems identifying affected zones, and data supporting nutrient reduction efforts. The Paracas Bay case emphasized natural hypoxia drivers, IMARPE's monitoring system, wind variability's role, and impact indices for local benthic resources like the scallop *Argopecten purpuratus* (Figure 12).

Subsequently, the workshop outlined expected outcomes and the motivation for drafting a roadmap to implement and sustain oxygen monitoring for fisheries and aquaculture in the APEC economies. Participants brainstormed challenges, opportunities, and best practices. Finally, roadmap ideas were presented, including its purpose and strategy. Participants discussed in groups about oxygen data—its quantity, quality, availability, and protocols—and case studies, focusing on fisheries, aquaculture, species affected by hypoxia, and aquaculture's future role in addressing hypoxia (Annex A7 and A8).



Figure 12. Presentation of the case study of Paracas Bay.

### **Complementary actions in the project**

After the workshop, complementary actions to enhance the current state of oxygen monitoring and its applications to fisheries and aquaculture in APEC economies were considered during the project period. The following actions were proposed to contribute to the implementation of best practices in oxygen monitoring in coastal waters where fishing and aquaculture activities are held:

- Hosting an online webinar to improve data quality and consistency of oxygen determinations among APEC economies, focusing on training in data management, metadata preparation, standardization and documentation of protocols, and data quality control procedures.
- Organizing an online workshop for exchanging monitoring and research experiences, particularly for fishery and aquaculture applications, such as using the data to develop exposure metrics and considerations of hypoxia's spatial and temporal scales relative to fisheries and aquaculture activities.

## **4. Building the roadmap**

### **Motivation and goal**

The roadmap is motivated by the need to improve management, adaptation, and sustainable practices in marine fisheries and aquaculture in coastal waters by considering their vulnerability to deoxygenation driven by eutrophication and climate change. In this regard, the primary goal of this roadmap is to establish, optimize, and sustain robust oxygen monitoring systems for fisheries and aquaculture in the APEC economies.

Considering these, the roadmap focuses on developing and applying indices to assess exposure to low-oxygen conditions, hypoxia sensitivity, and adaptive capacity of coastal fisheries, aquaculture, and living resources.

## **The roadmap**

This roadmap considers the APEC's basic principles of equality among its members and consensus-based decision-making. It can be divided into implementing actions in the short and medium/long term.

### In the short term (outcomes within 1 to 2 years):

#### **A. Establishing a partnership for Coastal Oxygen Loss and its impacts on Fisheries and Aquaculture**

A scientific partnership among APEC economies would facilitate the articulation of efforts to implement and maintain best practices and capacities for oxygen monitoring and hypoxia detection, focusing on fisheries and aquaculture applications. Furthermore, efforts should be made to strategically link this partnership with UN Ocean Decade endorsed projects to leverage the experience of global and regional synergies.

Objective: Create a scientific partnership among APEC economies to address coastal oxygen depletion and its effects on fisheries and aquaculture.

#### **Actions:**

- Submit a letter of interest by the APEC economies to the Ocean and Fisheries Working Group to establish the partnership, involving a working group with scientists and policymakers, tasked with defining its goals and objectives.
- Develop a framework to share knowledge and data across APEC economies, focusing on the application of monitoring systems in areas with existing or possible future usage by fisheries and aquaculture.

#### **Expected outcome:**

A significant outcome of this partnership might be the joint proposal to international programs (e.g., GEF) under the UN Ocean Decade framework to raise funds for enhancing building capacities to improve oxygen data management and apply it to fisheries and aquaculture among APEC economies.

## **B. Scientific communication and ocean literacy**

Because coastal deoxygenation threatens biodiversity and the productivity of fisheries and aquaculture, there is a need to deliver effective information to stakeholders within the coastal areas of APEC economies. While the scientific partnership would promote communication between experts (see above), the scientific information should be translated and delivered to managers and policymakers, enabling them to leverage knowledge in decision-making. Communication with stakeholders is also critical for effective management, and concepts from the co-production of knowledge would be considered.

Objective: Increase public awareness of the effects of coastal deoxygenation on food security and well-being.

Actions:

- Launch targeted outreach programs.
- Conduct webinars and workshops, and consider co-production methods, engaging stakeholders.
- Develop flyers for managers and policymakers to create an ocean-literate community.

Expected outcome:

An outcome of this activity is the distribution of brochures and establishing guidelines with stakeholders and managers about explicit consideration of deoxygenation in fisheries and aquaculture management and policy.

In the medium and long term (outcomes within 2 to 3 years):

**C. Data management**

Objective: Improve data accessibility and integration to enable better management and responses to coastal deoxygenation.

Actions:

- Align local data collection with the FAIR principles (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable).
- Encourage sharing local databases with global platforms such as GO2DAT to support advanced research on coastal deoxygenation changes and trends and support management assessments.

Expected outcome:

An integrated database of coastal dissolved oxygen among APEC economies that follow international standards and FAIR principles.

**D. Collaborative research**

Objective: Promote multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary research to study the impact of deoxygenation on fisheries and aquaculture.

Actions:

- Implement collaborative studies of climate vulnerability and habitat suitability involving low-oxygen for the APEC economies' fishery and aquaculture living resources.
- Develop indices (metrics) to quantify hazards, exposure, and vulnerability of coastal fisheries, aquafarms, and the related socio-ecological systems with a transdisciplinary approach.

Expected outcomes:

A web portal with synthesized data, insights, and lessons learned on oxygen monitoring and its impacts on fisheries and aquaculture, as well as briefings and outlines for effective management strategies.

A workshop to develop and apply appropriate metrics to quantify hazards, exposure and vulnerability of coastal fisheries and aquafarms related to low-oxygen conditions or events.

#### **E. Early warning and risk assessments**

Objective: Develop, design, test, and implement risk assessments and early warning systems for coastal deoxygenation events and related extreme events (e.g. HABs).

##### **Actions:**

- Encourage and facilitate the development of early warning systems of low-oxygen, and other extreme events like harmful algal blooms, using in situ oxygen measurements, satellite data, and numerical modelling.
- Promote collaboration among scientists, government personnel, and stakeholders to design and test warning systems.
- Foster active collaboration with local managers and stakeholders to address low-oxygen hazards through tailored risk assessments, capacity-building initiatives, and the co-creation of adaptive management strategies that integrate scientific insights with local knowledge and priorities.

##### **Expected outcome:**

Implement a pilot program for testing early warning options for coastal deoxygenation events in selected sites of the APEC economies.

## **6. Conclusions**

Regarding the project's first expected outcome:

With nine APEC economies contributing through surveys and domestic reports, the workshop highlighted differences in capacities for collecting, processing, and analyzing dissolved oxygen data across the Pacific basin's coastal waters.

The workshop successfully met its goal of providing both theoretical and practical knowledge on best practices for detecting and monitoring hypoxia in marine-coastal areas. This knowledge aims to enhance fisheries and aquaculture management, benefiting participants from APEC economies.

Regarding the project's second expected outcome:

The event opened opportunities to foster cooperation among APEC economies in the areas of dissolved oxygen monitoring, data analysis, and interpretation, and the development of indices to assess the impacts of hypoxia on fisheries and aquaculture within the broader global context of coastal water deoxygenation.

The collaborative development of a roadmap to optimize dissolved oxygen monitoring and data management underscores strengthened cooperation and knowledge transfer among participating economies.

The roadmap prioritizes collaboration among APEC economies to address coastal oxygen loss through scientific partnerships and capacity building. It outlines short-term goals like promoting ocean literacy, and long-term goals such as advancing research, data management, and early warning systems.

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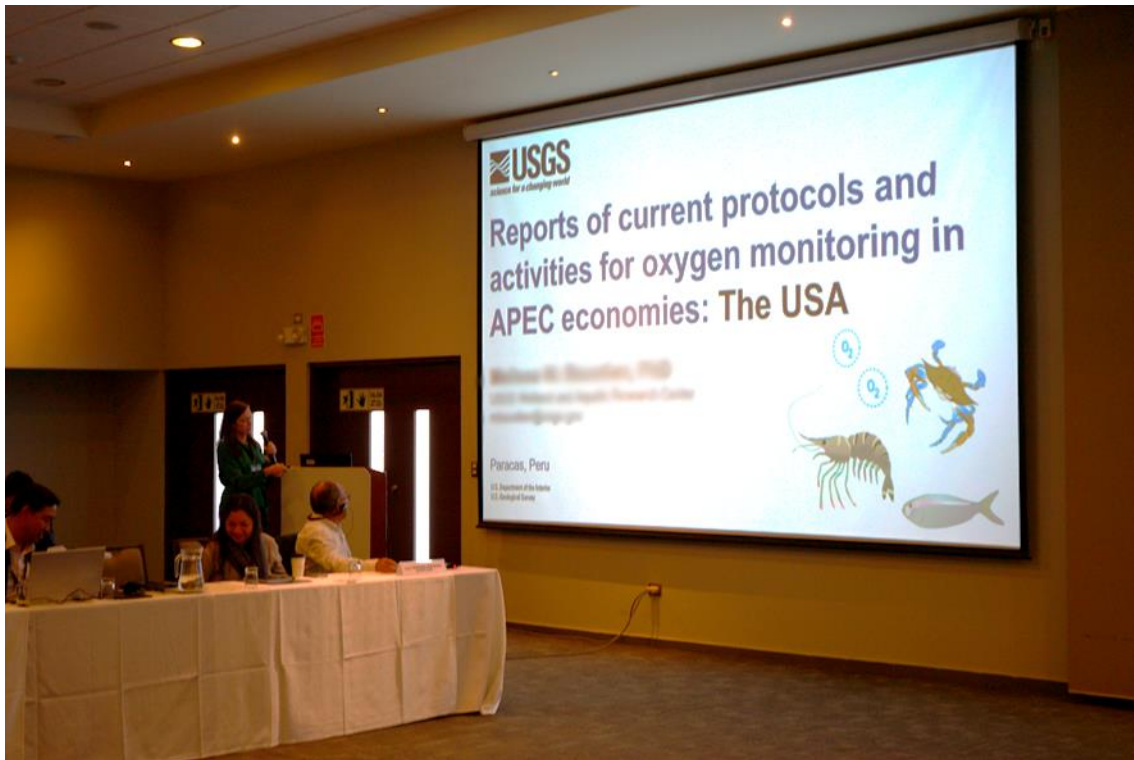
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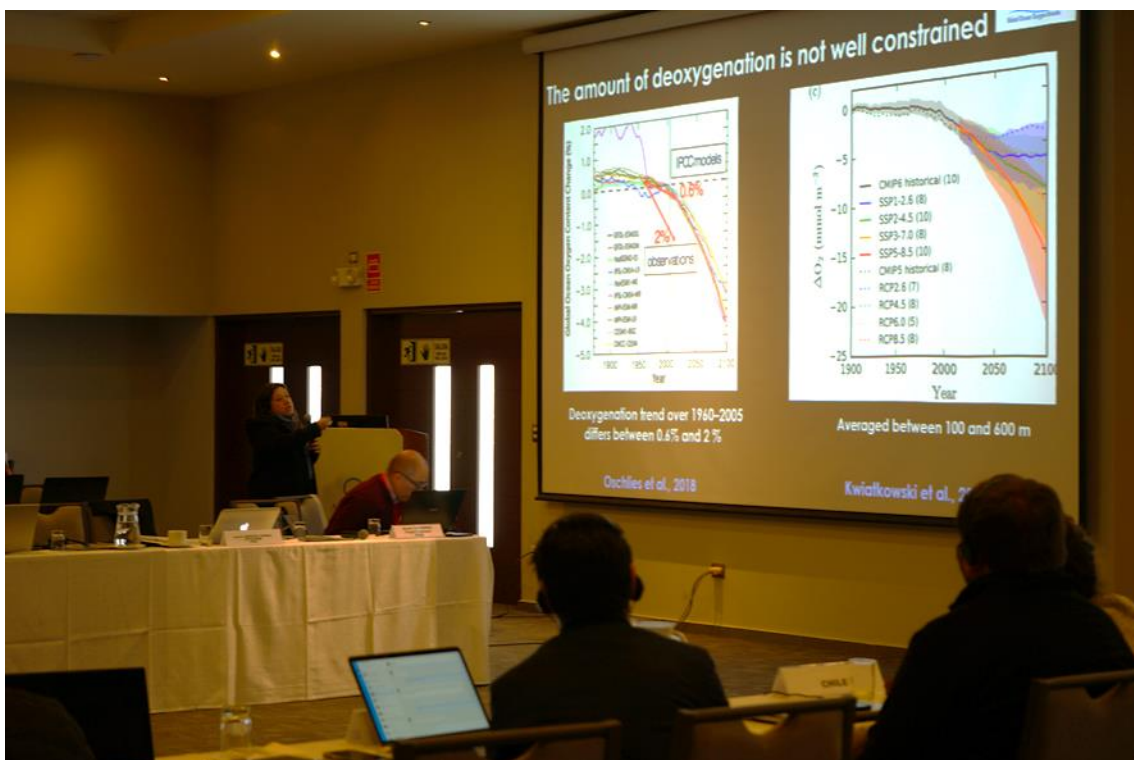
A1. Workshop opening outdoors.



A2. Keynote lecture on oxygen data management.



A3. Keynote lecture on biological indicators of deoxygenation.



A4. Invited talk from GO<sub>2</sub>DAT.



A5. Presentation of the background of experimental studies of IMARPE.



A6. Discussion of case studies.



A7. Discussion to outline a roadmap.



A8. Roadmap discussion in groups.

## **Annex 2. The online survey form and responses**

# Survey of the Project “Best practices to address coastal marine oxygen loss in APEC economies”

11 responses

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## 1. Economy

11 responses

Hong Kong, China

Thailand

Viet Nam

USA

Chile

PERU

RUSSIA

Japan

MALAYSIA

México

CHINA

## 2. Full name of focal point / specialist

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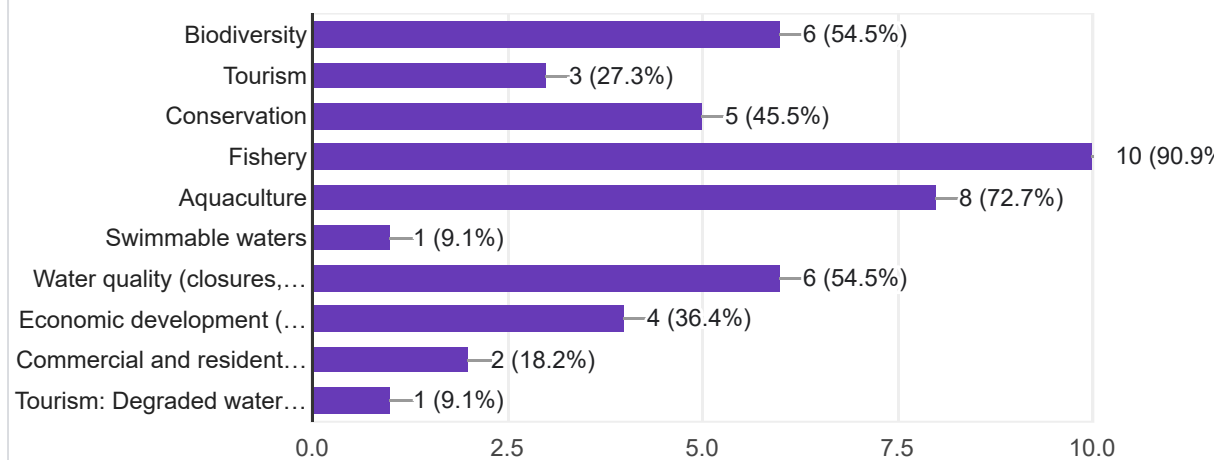
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## 5. To which of the following is the oxygen loss issue relevant in your Economy?

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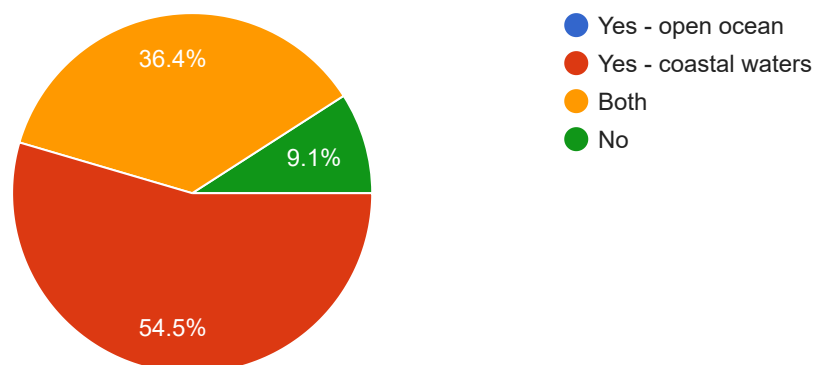
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6. Are you currently measuring dissolved oxygen in open ocean and/or coastal waters?



11 responses



7. In case of open ocean, indicate the ocean basin(s) and seas you are measuring dissolved oxygen in

6 responses

Gulf of Thailand, Andaman Sea

Pacific Ocean Basin: Specifically, the Western Pacific Ocean, which lies off the eastern coast of Viet Nam. South China Sea: This sea is a marginal sea of the Pacific Ocean and borders Viet Nam to the east. It is one of the key areas where Viet Nam might be measuring dissolved oxygen, especially in the context of coastal and nearshore waters.

Along the Peruvian Pacific Waters

Indian Ocean

NA

Northern Indian ocean, Northeastern Pacific Ocean

## 8. In case of coastal waters, indicate the coastal environment you are measuring dissolved oxygen in.

10 responses

Designated fish culture zones in Hong Kong waters

Gulf of Thailand, Andaman Sea

Mangroves: Viet Nam has extensive mangrove forests, particularly in the Mekong Delta region, where dissolved oxygen levels are important for maintaining the health of these ecosystems. Coral Reefs: Coastal waters around areas like Nha Trang and the Con Dao Islands contain coral reefs, which are sensitive to changes in oxygen levels. Estuaries and River Mouths: Locations where major rivers, such as the Mekong and the Red River, meet the sea are critical for monitoring dissolved oxygen due to the mixing of fresh and saltwater and the potential for nutrient loading and pollution. Lagoons: Coastal lagoons, like the Tam Giang-Cau Hai Lagoon in Central Viet Nam, are important for biodiversity and aquaculture and require monitoring of dissolved oxygen levels. Seagrass Beds: These are found in shallow coastal waters and play a vital role in carbon sequestration and supporting marine life. Monitoring oxygen levels here is essential. Coastal Bays: Areas such as Ha Long Bay and Cam Ranh Bay are significant for both ecological and economic reasons, including tourism and fisheries, making them key sites for monitoring dissolved oxygen.

northern Gulf of Mexico

Southern fjord and channel system

Coastal areas, as Callao, Paracas Bay and other coastal-marine systems

Japanese sea

Malacca Strait and South China Sea

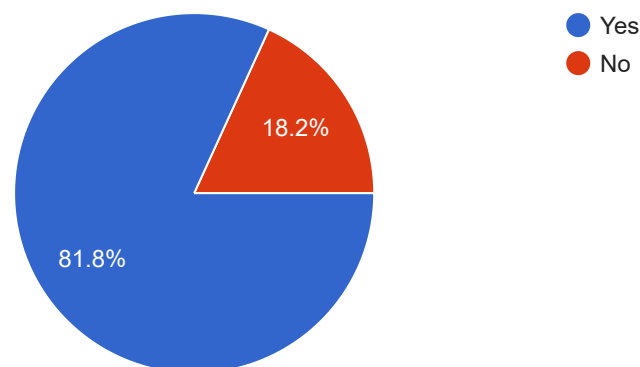
Bahía de Mazatlán and Estero de Urías, Sinaloa, México.

Coastal seas in China, including Bohai Sea, East China Sea and South China Sea

## 9. Is there any governmental institution in your Economy that performs dissolved oxygen measurements?



11 responses



If yes, provide a URL.

9 responses

[https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/fisheries/fish\\_aqu/fish\\_aqu\\_env/fish\\_aqu\\_env.html](https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/fisheries/fish_aqu/fish_aqu_env/fish_aqu_env.html)

<https://www.pcd.go.th/water/>

Viet Nam Environment Administration (VEA): Under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE), the VEA is responsible for monitoring and managing environmental quality, including water quality assessments, which involve measuring dissolved oxygen levels in various water bodies. Institute of Oceanography (Nha Trang): This institute, under the Viet Nam Academy of Science and Technology (VAST), conducts extensive research on marine and coastal environments, including the monitoring of dissolved oxygen as part of its oceanographic studies. Domestic Center for Water Resources Planning and Investigation (NAWAPI): Also under MONRE, NAWAPI is involved in water resources management and monitoring, including the assessment of water quality parameters like dissolved oxygen in rivers, estuaries, and coastal waters. Research Institute for Marine Fisheries (RIMF): Operating under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), RIMF conducts research and monitoring related to marine resources, including dissolved oxygen measurements in areas relevant to fisheries. Provincial Departments of Natural Resources and Environment (DONREs): These local governmental agencies are responsible for environmental monitoring at the provincial level, including the assessment of water quality in coastal and inland waters, where dissolved oxygen is a key parameter.

<https://chonos.ifop.cl/>

IMARPE (Instituto del Mar del Perú) <https://www.gob.pe/imarpe>

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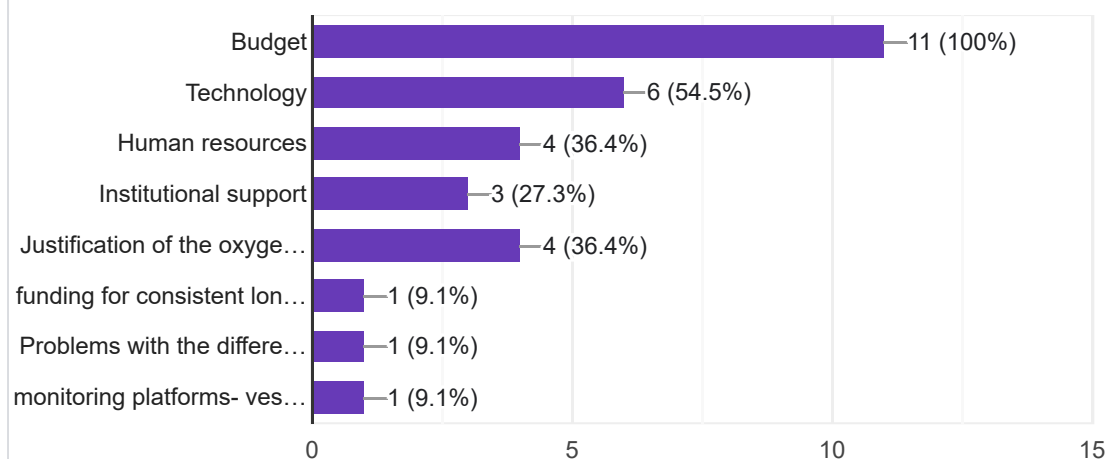
<https://www.doe.gov.my/>

Department of Early Warning and Monitoring, Ministry of Natural Resources, and relevant institutions. <https://www.mnr.gov.cn/sj/sjfw/hy/gbgg/>

## 10. What aspect of your current capacities makes it challenging to establish or sustain coastal oxygen monitoring?



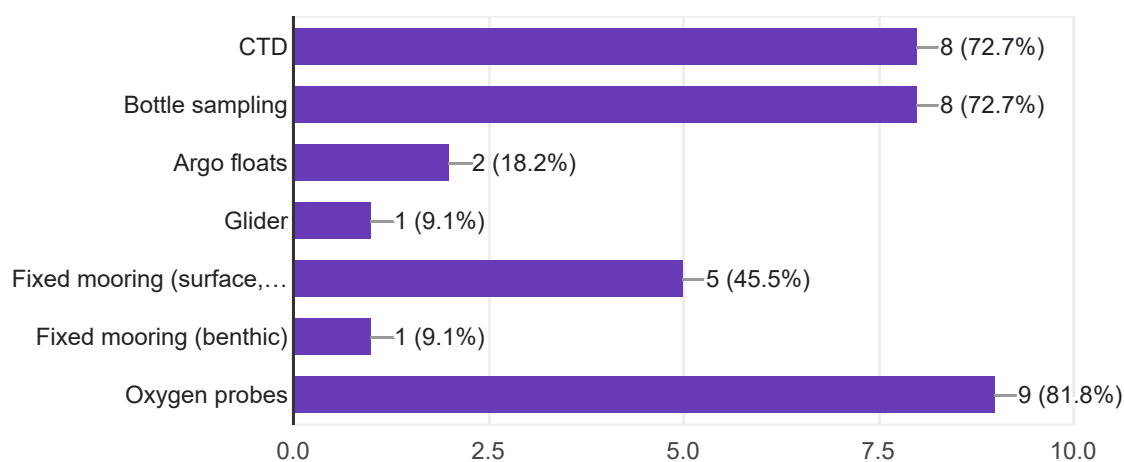
11 responses



## 11. Which kind of platform are you using to measure dissolved oxygen in coastal waters?



11 responses



## 12. Provide the reference(s) of the Standard Operating Procedure/ Protocol/ Best Practices that describe the methodology you use for ocean oxygen measurements.

11 responses

in-situ multiparameter instrument is used

Method of Seawater Analysis, A Practical Handbook of Seawater Analysis

The Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) - Best Practices: GOOS provides best practices for ocean observations, including the measurement of dissolved oxygen. This includes detailed methodologies for using CTD sensors, oxygen probes, and other monitoring platforms. UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) Manuals and Guides No. 56 - "Guide to Best Practices for Ocean CO<sub>2</sub> Measurements": While focused on CO<sub>2</sub>, this guide includes methodologies for related parameters, including dissolved oxygen, and is a key reference for oceanographic research. American Public Health Association (APHA) Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater: This comprehensive manual includes methods for measuring dissolved oxygen in both freshwater and marine environments, using techniques such as Winkler titration and electrochemical probes. The World Ocean Circulation Experiment (WOCE) Operations Manual: This manual includes protocols for measuring dissolved oxygen in oceanographic research, including sampling methods and sensor calibration procedures. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - "Methods for the Determination of Dissolved Oxygen in Seawater": This provides standardized procedures for the determination of dissolved oxygen in marine environments, particularly in coastal waters.

<https://gulfhypoxia.net/research/shelfwide-cruises/>

Winkler method Bottle sampling

Protocol- Chemistry Laboratory from the Oceanographic and Climate Change DirectionResearch

Winkler method

JOS oceanographic measurement guideline

Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater (APHA)

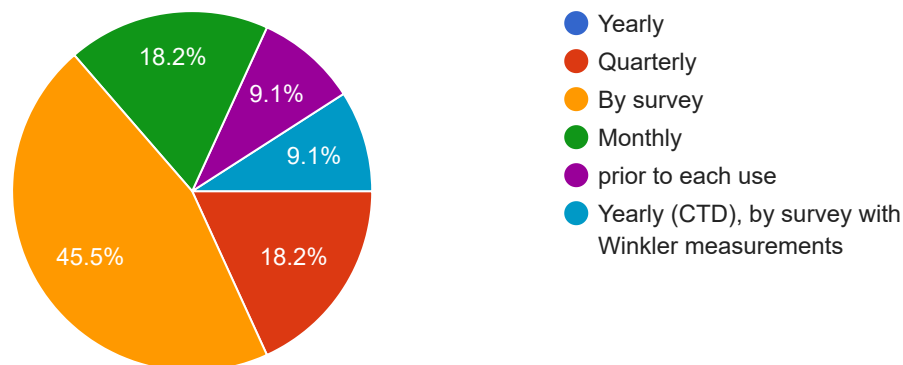
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13. If you use an instrument to measure coastal dissolved oxygen, how often do you calibrate it?



11 responses



14. How long have you been monitoring dissolved oxygen in your coastal waters?

11 responses

over 20 years

Over 30 years

governmental institutions and research organizations have been monitoring dissolved oxygen in coastal waters for several decades. The monitoring efforts likely began in the late 20th century, coinciding with increasing environmental awareness and the need for data to support sustainable fisheries, aquaculture, and coastal management.

39 years by my colleagues

10 years

Several years (Callao from 1996, Paracas Bay 2004 and monitoring since 2013- Paita, Chicama 2004)

More than 20 years

N/A

5 years

8 years

More than 40 years through scientific survey. In recent years, we established the routine monitoring system including spring, summer and autumn, supported by Department of Early Warning and Monitoring, Ministry of Natural Resources, and relevant institutions.

## 15. What frequency of dissolved oxygen measurements have you established on your current monitoring?

11 responses

monthly basis

monthly

capture real-time data. Monthly or Quarterly Measurements: Routine environmental monitoring programs might measure dissolved oxygen on a monthly or quarterly basis, allowing for the assessment of seasonal changes and long-term trends. Seasonal Surveys: In some regions, especially those impacted by seasonal changes like the monsoon, measurements might be conducted seasonally to capture variations related to these changes. By Survey: Specific research projects or environmental assessments might conduct measurements during targeted surveys, which could occur annually or more frequently depending on the study's goals.

annual summer shelf-wide cruises

seasonal and some data for six-month periods. Currently, we have some monitoring stations online, approximately 2 years.

Bimonthly in Callao, Paracas Bay oxygen probes, Paita Chicama monthly

Regularly, every week, from May to October

N/A

twice a year

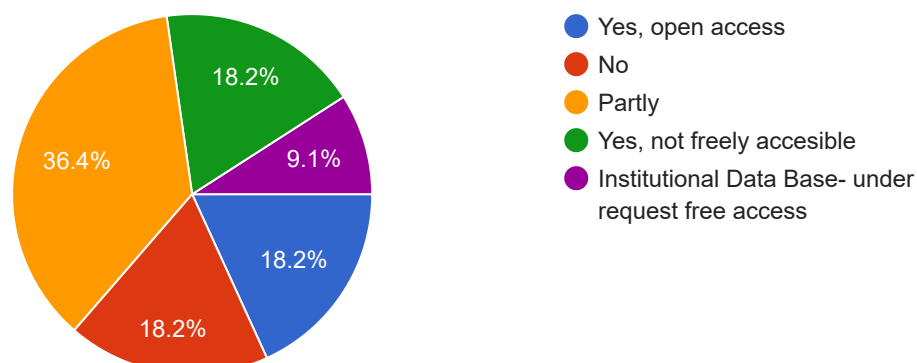
Monthly

Routine monitoring system covers three seasons, including spring, summer and autumn, For Changjiang Estuary and adjacent East China Sea, we carried out the additional summer monitoring, Including survey (ctd and bottle sampling) and mooring systems.

16. Are your ocean oxygen data stored in an institutional database, Domestic Oceanographic Data Centre, international or regional data center?



11 responses



17. If you answered yes or partly to the question above, please provide the URL(s) to the respective data center(s)

6 responses

<https://www.dmcg.go.th/detailLib/6015>

<https://data.griidc.org/data/R4.x264.000:0033>

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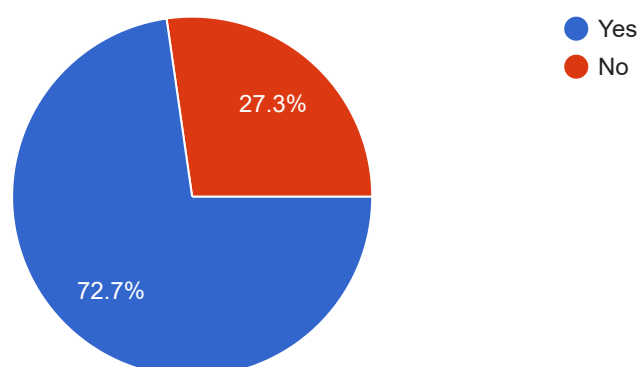
<http://uninmar.icmyl.unam.mx/tulum>

Domestic Marine Data Center <https://mds.nmdis.org.cn/pages/home.html>

18. Do you conduct any quality checks before submitting the data to a data center?



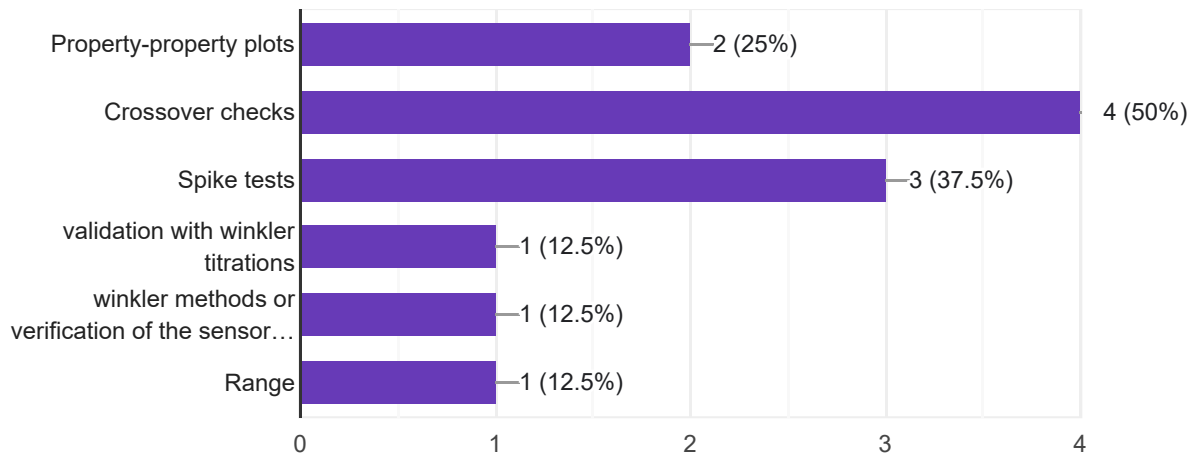
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19. If you answered yes to the previous question, which quality checks do you conduct?



8 responses



## 20. Please provide the reference(s) for the applied quality checks

11 responses

N/A

Standard methods for examination of water and waste-water

In Viet Nam, specific references for quality checks like spike tests might not always be available as publicly accessible documents, particularly if they are internal protocols of certain institutions. However, general references for conducting spike tests as part of data quality control in oceanographic and environmental monitoring include: UNESCO/IOC Manuals and Guides No. 54, "The GO-SHIP Repeat Hydrography Manual: A Collection of Expert Reports and Guidelines": This manual outlines various quality control procedures, including spike tests, for hydrographic data, which can be applied to dissolved oxygen measurements. The World Ocean Circulation Experiment (WOCE) Operations Manual: This manual provides detailed procedures for conducting quality checks, including spike tests, on oceanographic data. Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) Best Practices: GOOS guidelines and best practices include recommendations for quality control procedures, including the use of spike tests to ensure data accuracy.

<https://data.griidc.org/data/R4.x264.000:0033>

In order to make corrections to possible drifts or deviations that the CTD or the multiparameter probe may present, seawater samples are taken simultaneously at standard depths, which are analyzed by the Winkler method, and then corrections are made to the measurements.

CDO protocols

Not available

JOS oceanographic measurement guideline

American Public Health Association, American Water Works Association, & Water Environment Federation. (2017). Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater (23rd ed.). APHA Press.

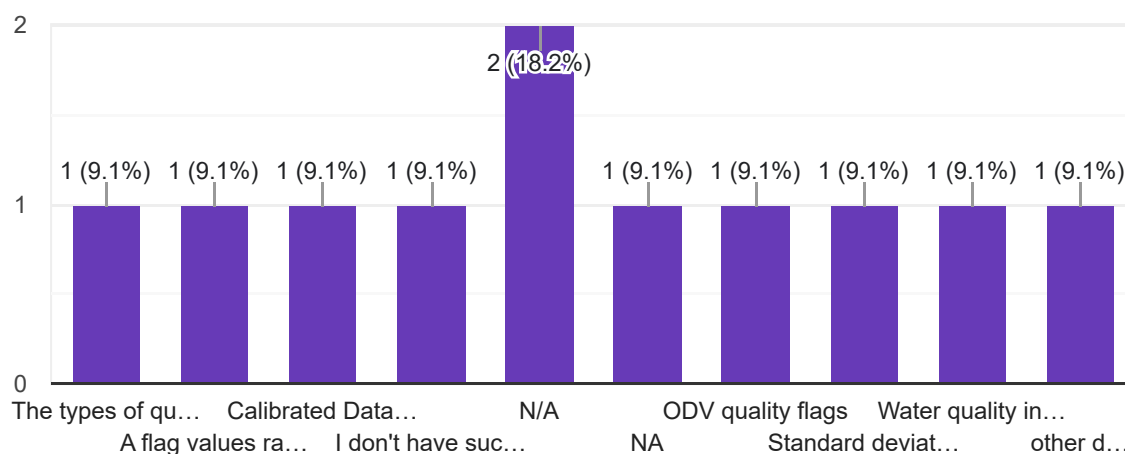
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21. In case relevant, please let us know which type of quality flags do you use?



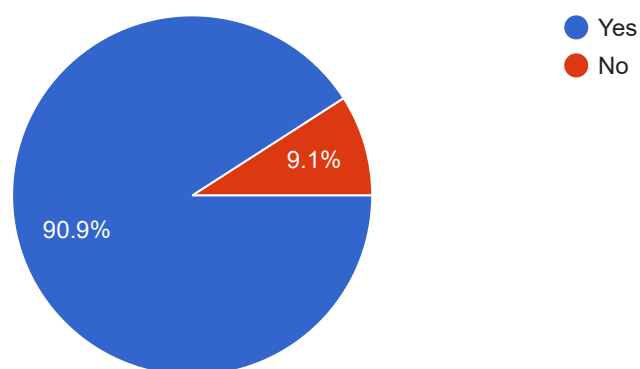
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22. Are there water quality standards on dissolved oxygen concentrations in your Economy?



11 responses



If yes, provide a reference.

10 responses

#### Water Quality Objectives

<https://www.pcd.go.th/laws/15123/>

Viet Nam has established water quality standards that include dissolved oxygen (DO) concentrations. These standards are set by the Vietnamese government to ensure the protection of aquatic ecosystems, human health, and the sustainability of fisheries and aquaculture.

The key regulations that outline these standards include:

QCVN 08-MT:2015/BTNMT - Domestic Technical Regulation on Surface Water Quality: This regulation specifies the allowable concentrations of dissolved oxygen in surface waters, which vary depending on the water use classification (e.g., drinking water supply, aquatic life protection, recreation).

For example, for Class A1 (surface water used for domestic water supply with simple treatment), the standard for dissolved oxygen is generally  $\geq 6$  mg/L.

For Class A2 (water used for domestic supply but with more advanced treatment), the standard is  $\geq 5$  mg/L.

QCVN 10-MT:2015/BTNMT - Domestic Technical Regulation on Coastal Water Quality: This regulation sets standards for dissolved oxygen in coastal waters, which are critical for maintaining healthy marine ecosystems and supporting aquaculture.

Typically, the required dissolved oxygen concentration for coastal waters is  $\geq 5$  mg/L. These standards are enforced by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) and are part of Viet Nam's broader efforts to manage and protect its water resources. Compliance with these standards is mandatory for various industries and activities that impact water quality, including wastewater discharge, aquaculture, and industrial operations.

Hypoxia Task Force has a goal to reduce the area of low dissolved oxygen.

<https://www.epa.gov/ms-htf/hypoxia-task-force-action-plans-and-goal-framework>

Oxígeno disuelto (OD) % saturación 90

ECAS (from Canada) for environmental- pollution monitoring

more than 4 mg/l

<https://doe.gov.my/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Standard-Kualiti-Air-Kebangsaan.pdf>

NA

The seawater quality evaluation adopts the "Seawater Quality Standard" (GB3097-1997) (in Chinese).

For Dissolved Oxygen(DO) more than 6 mg/L, it is evaluated as the Grade I for seawater. And 5, 4, 3 for grade II, Grade III and Grade IV.

Classification of seawater quality in China is as follows:

According to the different use functions and protection objectives of the sea area, the water quality is divided into four categories:

The first category(Grade I) applies to marine fishery waters, marine nature reserves and protected areas for rare and endangered marine life.

The second category (Grade II) applies to aquaculture areas, bathing beaches, marine sports or recreation areas where the human body is in direct contact with seawater, and industrial water areas directly related to human consumption.

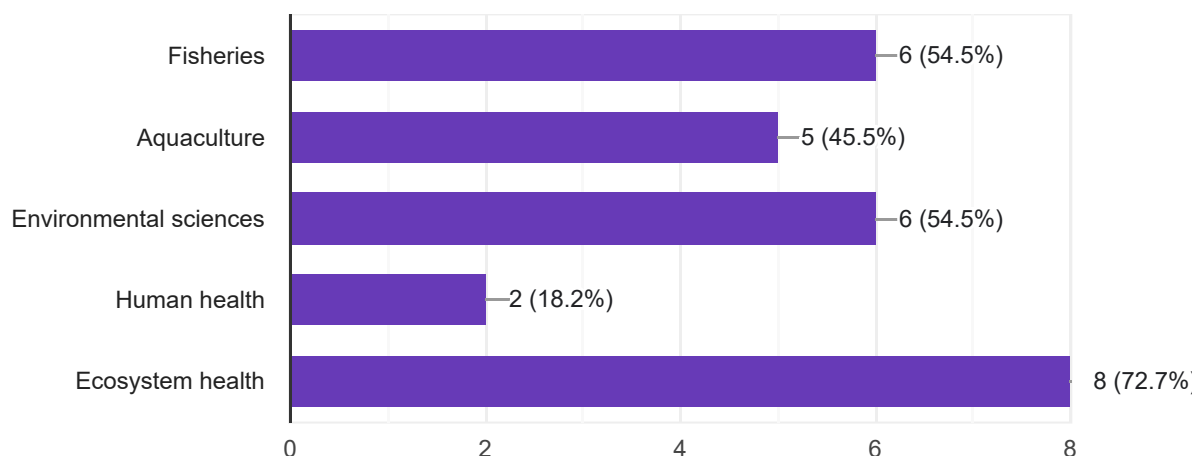
The third category(Grade III) is suitable for general industrial water use areas and coastal scenic tourism areas.

The fourth category(VI) is applicable to marine port waters and marine development operation areas.

23. What is the main field area for which you use the coastal oxygen data?



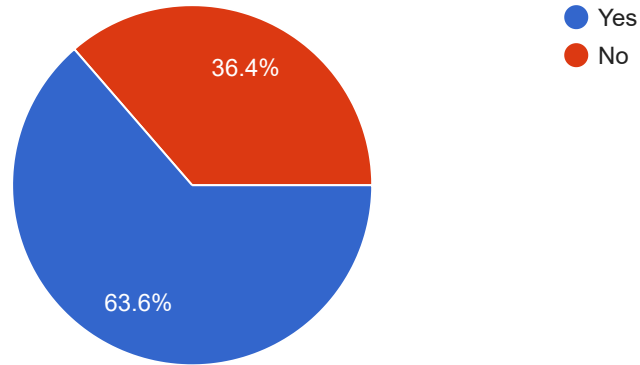
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24. Have you carried out studies about the impact of hypoxia (low dissolved oxygen) on the abundance, spatial distribution, or productivity of the living resources (algae, zooplankton, benthos, fish, shellfish) in your coastal area?

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11 responses



If yes, provide the references.

8 responses

### Eutrophication in Songkhla Lake

In Viet Nam, various studies have been conducted on the impact of hypoxia (low dissolved oxygen) on the abundance, spatial distribution, and productivity of living resources in coastal areas. These studies are typically carried out by research institutions, universities, and governmental agencies. The research focuses on understanding how hypoxia affects marine ecosystems, including:

Fish and Shellfish: Investigating how low oxygen levels impact the survival, growth, and distribution of commercially important fish and shellfish species.

Benthos: Assessing the effects of hypoxia on benthic organisms, which are crucial for nutrient cycling and as a food source for higher trophic levels.

Algae and Zooplankton: Studying how low oxygen conditions influence the composition and productivity of algae and zooplankton communities, which form the base of the marine food web.

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12237-009-9187-3>

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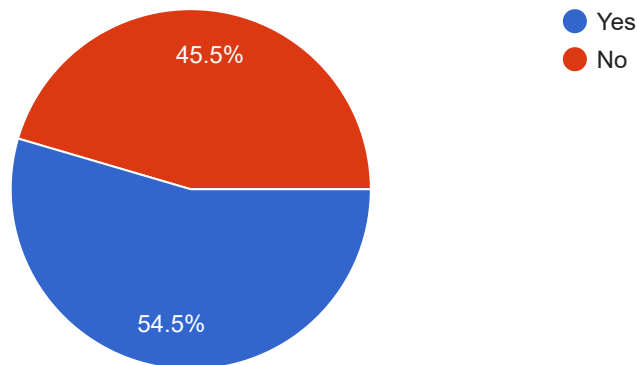
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25. Do you use metrics related to coastal hypoxia for supporting the assessment of habitat conditions of marine living resources?

11 responses



If yes, provide the reference.

6 responses

in Viet Nam, metrics related to coastal hypoxia are used to support the assessment of habitat conditions for marine living resources. These metrics typically include:

**Dissolved Oxygen Concentrations:** The primary metric used to assess the severity and extent of hypoxia in coastal waters. Low oxygen levels are a key indicator of poor habitat conditions, which can affect the survival and distribution of marine species.

**Hypoxic Area Extent:** Measuring the spatial extent of areas affected by hypoxia helps in understanding the impact on different habitats, such as benthic zones, which are crucial for many marine species.

**Frequency and Duration of Hypoxic Events:** Monitoring how often and for how long hypoxic conditions occur provides insights into the resilience of marine ecosystems and their ability to recover from these stressors.

**Biological Indicators:** The abundance and diversity of species sensitive to oxygen levels, such as certain fish, shellfish, and benthic organisms, are monitored as biological indicators of habitat quality.

These metrics are used by environmental agencies, research institutions, and fisheries management bodies in Viet Nam to evaluate the health of marine habitats, assess the risks to living resources, and develop strategies for conservation and sustainable use of marine resources.

Area of coastal hypoxia. <https://www.epa.gov/ms-htf/hypoxia-task-force-action-plans-and-goal-framework>

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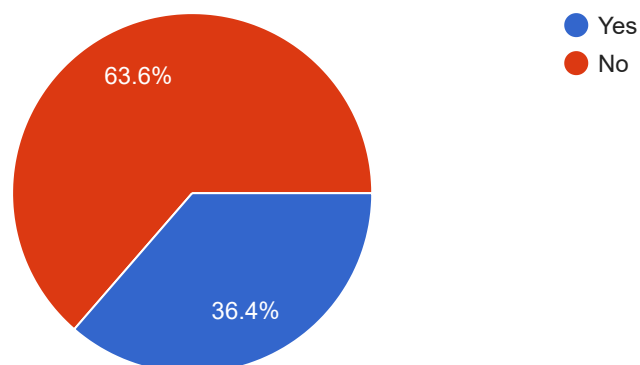
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26. Have you developed an early warning system for fisheries and aquaculture using these metrics?

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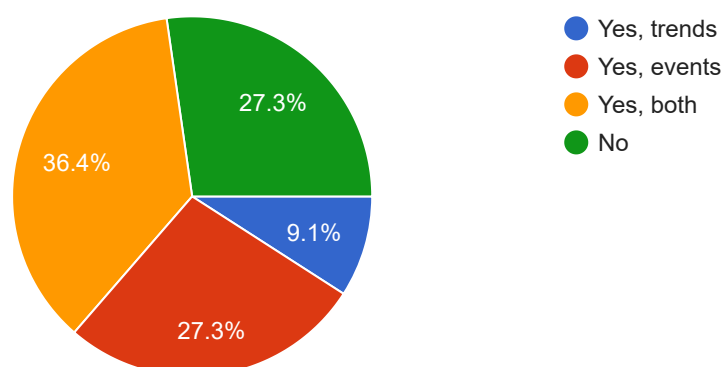
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27. Have your coastal environments undergone trends (long-term changes) or events (episodes) of low dissolved oxygen?

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11 responses



## If yes, Provide the reference of the recorded trends or events

8 responses

## Variability and Trend of Some Water Quality at the Vicinity of Fish-Cage Culture, Outer Songkhla Lake in Two Decades (1992 – 2011)

Vietnam's coastal environments have experienced both long-term trends and episodic events of low dissolved oxygen (hypoxia). Long-term trends may be associated with broader environmental changes, such as nutrient loading from agriculture and urbanization, while episodic events often result from seasonal factors, such as monsoons or specific environmental disturbances, including algal blooms or extreme weather events. These occurrences have significant implications for marine ecosystems, fisheries, and aquaculture in the region.

<https://gulfhypoxia.net/research/shelfwide-cruises/#Size>

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## 28. What are your expectations regarding the project workshop?

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to improve knowledge on data processing and analysis

We would like to learn about new methodologies for water quality analysis used in other economies.

Knowledge Sharing: Expecting to gain new insights and knowledge about dissolved oxygen monitoring techniques, data management, and the latest research findings.

Capacity Building: Looking forward to training and skill development in using advanced tools and methodologies for coastal monitoring.

Networking: Anticipating opportunities to connect with other professionals, researchers, and stakeholders to exchange experiences and collaborate on future projects.

Project Planning: Hoping to refine the project objectives, timelines, and methodologies through discussions and feedback from experts.

Solution Development: Expecting to identify and develop solutions to current challenges in dissolved oxygen monitoring and data usage in Vietnam's coastal areas.

Policy and Decision-Making Support: Looking forward to gaining insights that could inform better policies or practices related to environmental management and fisheries/aquaculture in Viet Nam.

To learn from other researchers about 1) their ecosystem that is experiencing low dissolved oxygen, 2) how they are monitoring hypoxia, 3) the type of biological responses to hypoxia they have documented, and 4) future research ideas.

Best practices for data management and data quality assessment practices. In addition, to be able to know updated measurement protocols so that the data obtained in the Pacific Basin are comparable. Finally, to share our experience and learn about the experiences of other economies in these areas.

Share experiences, lessons learned, and to establish a roadmap for implementing harmonized oxygen measurements with quality standards

To become familiar with the methods used to assess hypoxia in the economies of the APEC region. To compare data obtained by various scientific institutes on hypoxia of sea waters in the regions of the Asia-Pacific region. To establish scientific links with scientists from other economies engaged in research on oxygen content in marine ecosystems

exchange of information on data quality

The workshop aims to facilitate knowledge exchange between experienced professionals and promote collaborative approaches to addressing the challenges posed by coastal hypoxia. By gathering experts from a variety of relevant fields, the workshop seeks to develop

comprehensive strategies for monitoring, managing, and mitigating the impacts of hypoxia on marine ecosystems and associated industries.

Adopt better practices for collecting, analyzing, processing data, and assessing the quality of coastal oxygen concentrations.

Start collaboration with fisheries and aquaculture to sustain the Mazatlan observatory of coastal hypoxia.

China has relatively systematic research results and scientific achievement in the fields of formation mechanism and prediction of marine hypoxia, the impact of hypoxia on marine biodiversity and ecosystems, and the environmental monitoring and assessment of marine hypoxia areas, especially for the response strategies of marine hypoxia under the influence of climate change, and the policy formulation under the sustainable development of coastal waters. In this project workshop, we would like to share the advances in oxygen deoxygenation research and experiences in dealing with coastal hypoxia, and enhance China's international influence, together with the other APEC economy in coping with the problem of coastal hypoxia and improving the management level of marine living resources.

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### **Annex 3. Keynote lectures**

# Developing best practices to address coastal marine deoxygenation in APEC economies for improving the management of marine living resources

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University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science



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# **Session 1 (Seminar)**

**An overview on the relevance of oxygen  
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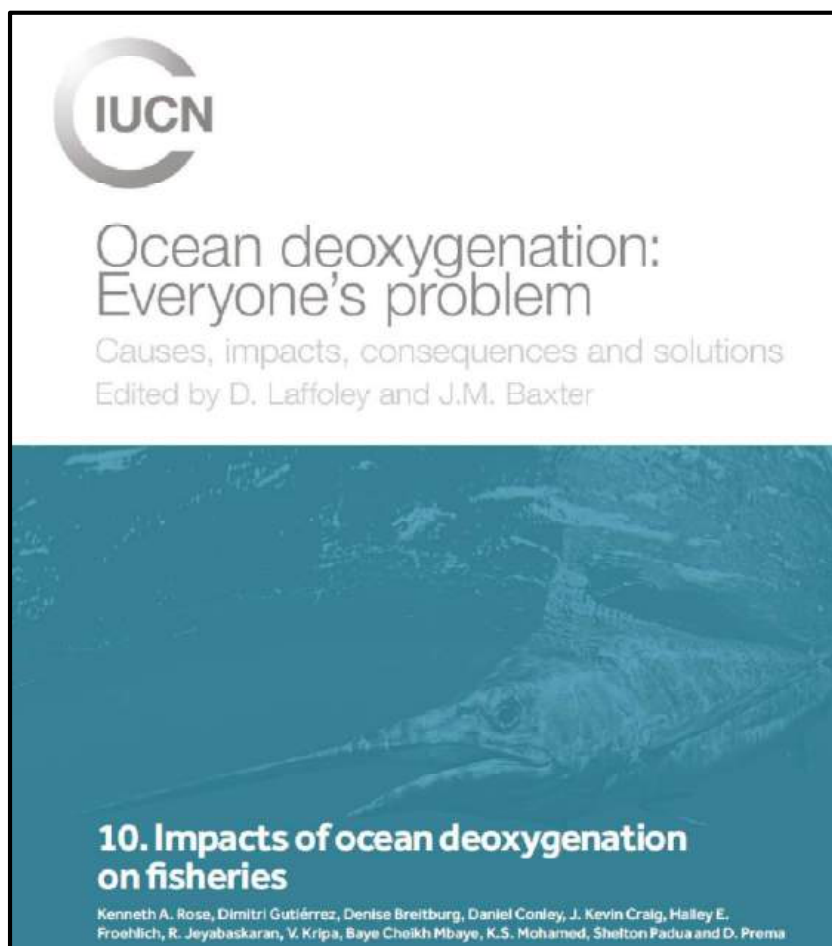
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Topic-2 – Aquaculture**

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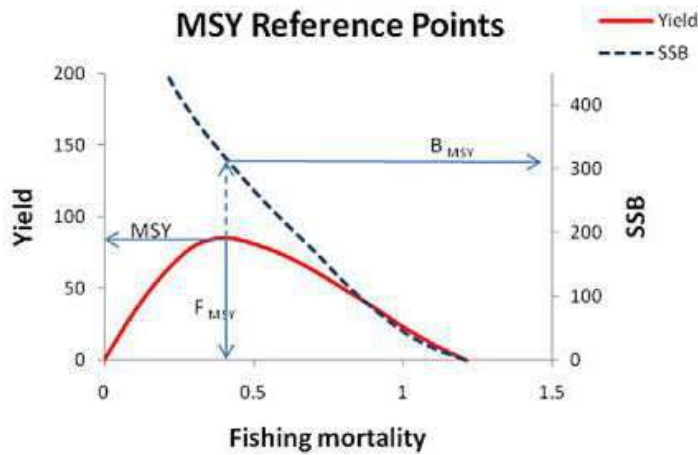
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# Session 1, Topic 1

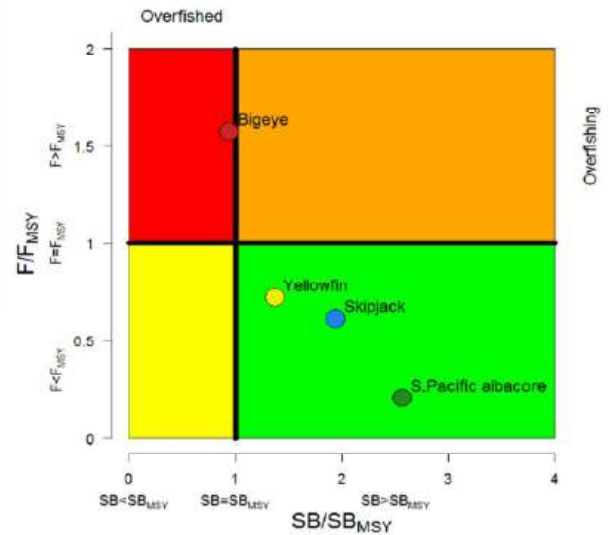
## Fisheries



# Fisheries Management



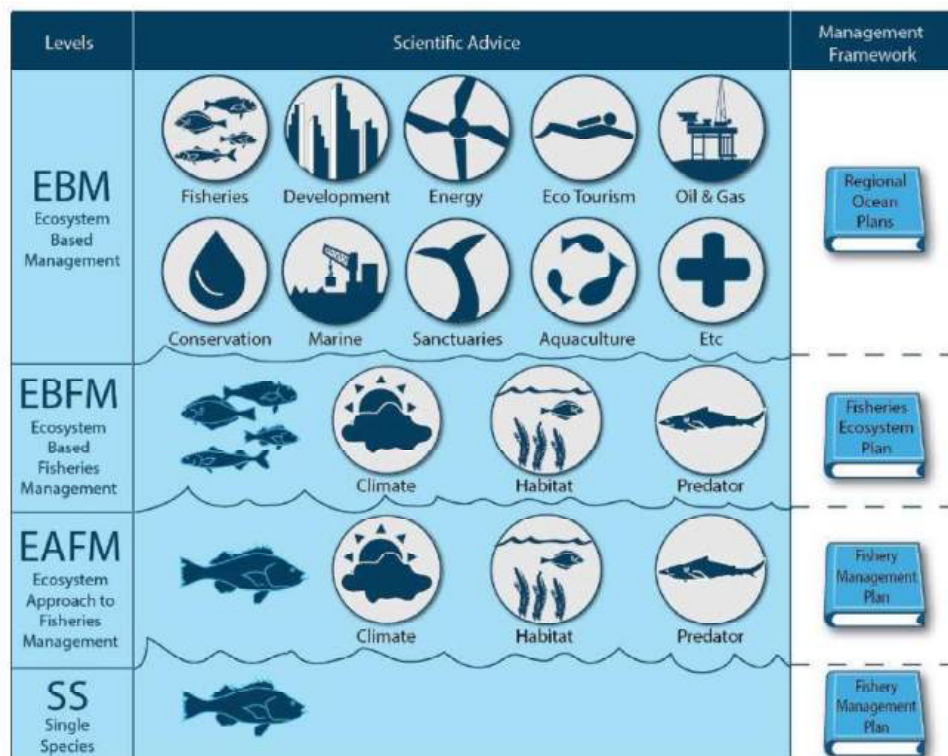
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Kirchner et al. 2014.

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# Fisheries Management



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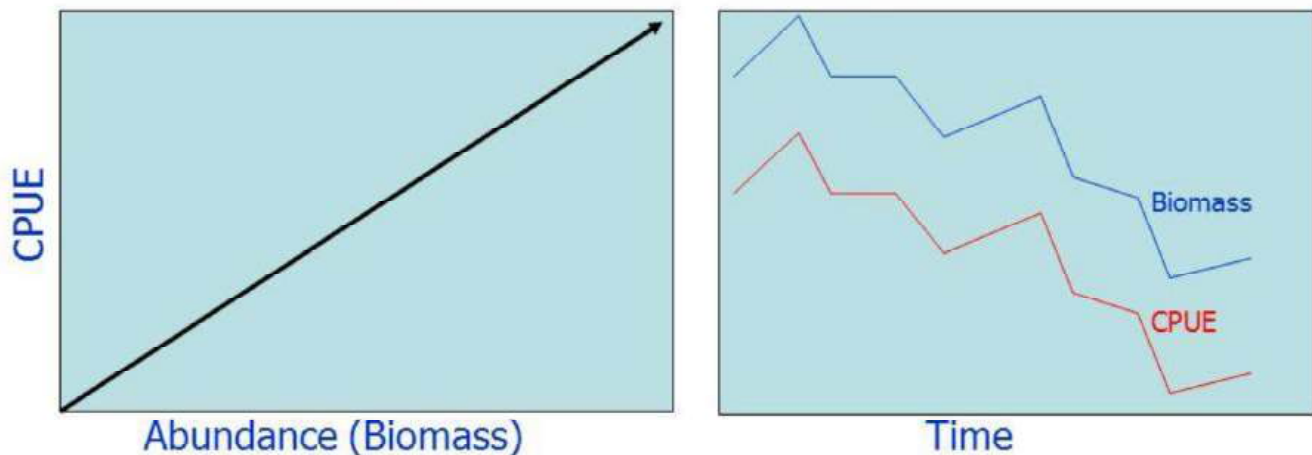
## CPUE as an abundance index

Its use as an index of abundance is based on the assumption that the amount of fish caught per unit fishing effort will be proportional to the abundance of the fish:

Oceanic Fisheries Programme April 2017

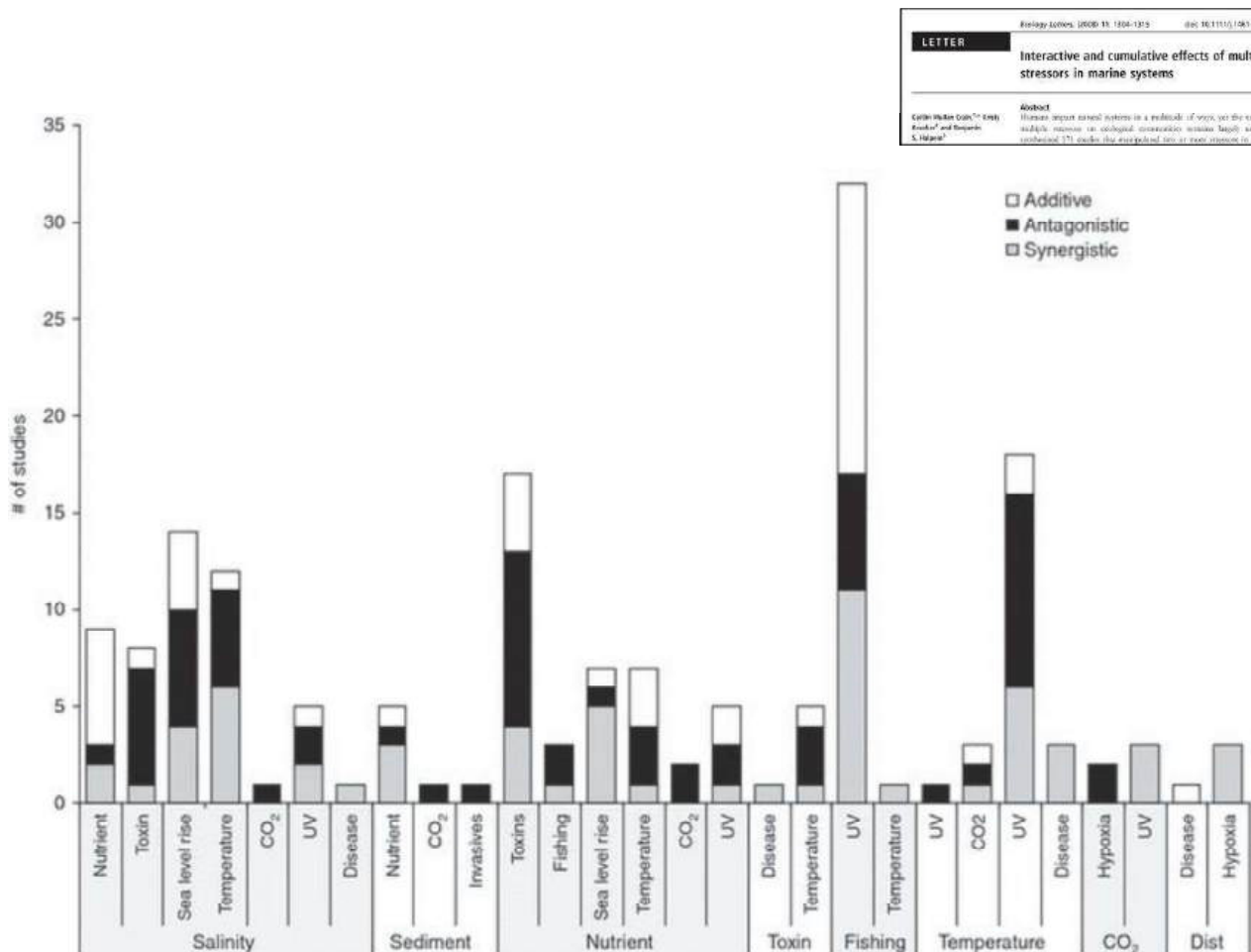
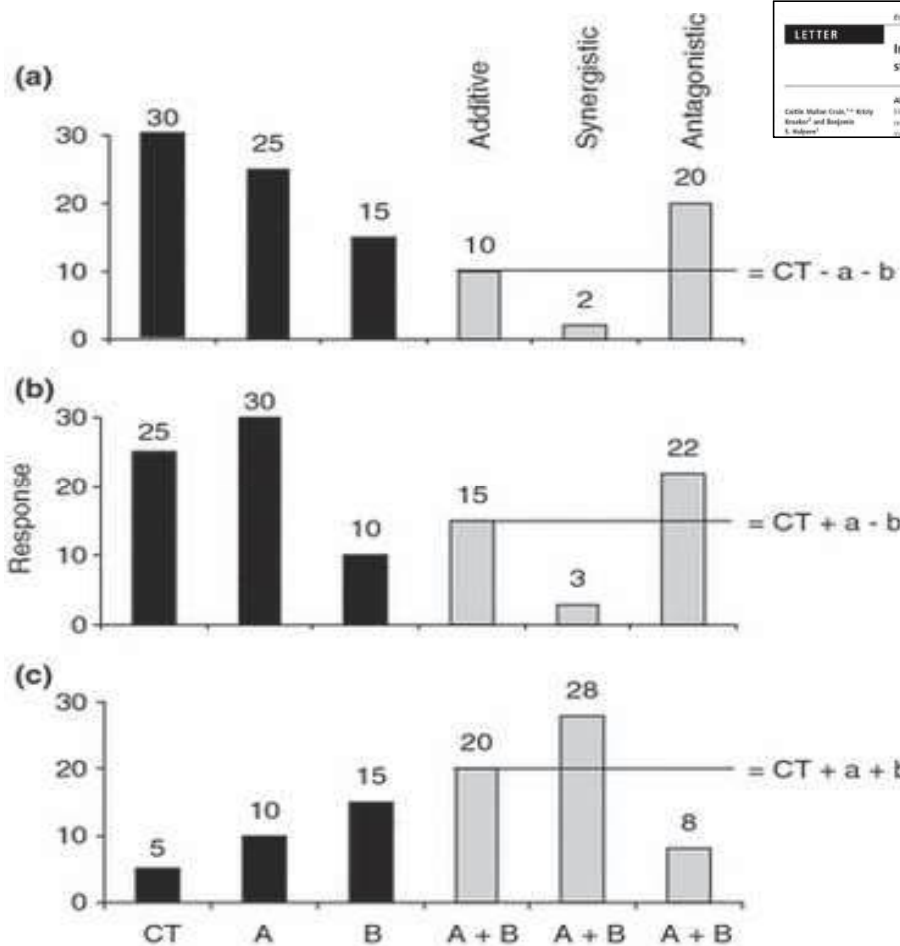
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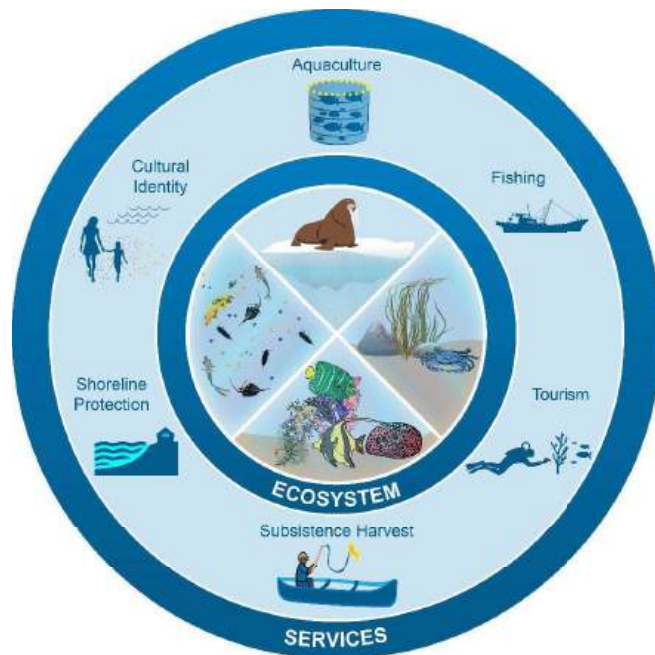
## Multiple Stressors

- Deoxygenation covaries with other factors
  - Temperature
  - Nutrient loadings
  - OA
- Global climate change
  - Many fishery species are mobile
  - Sensitive to temperature



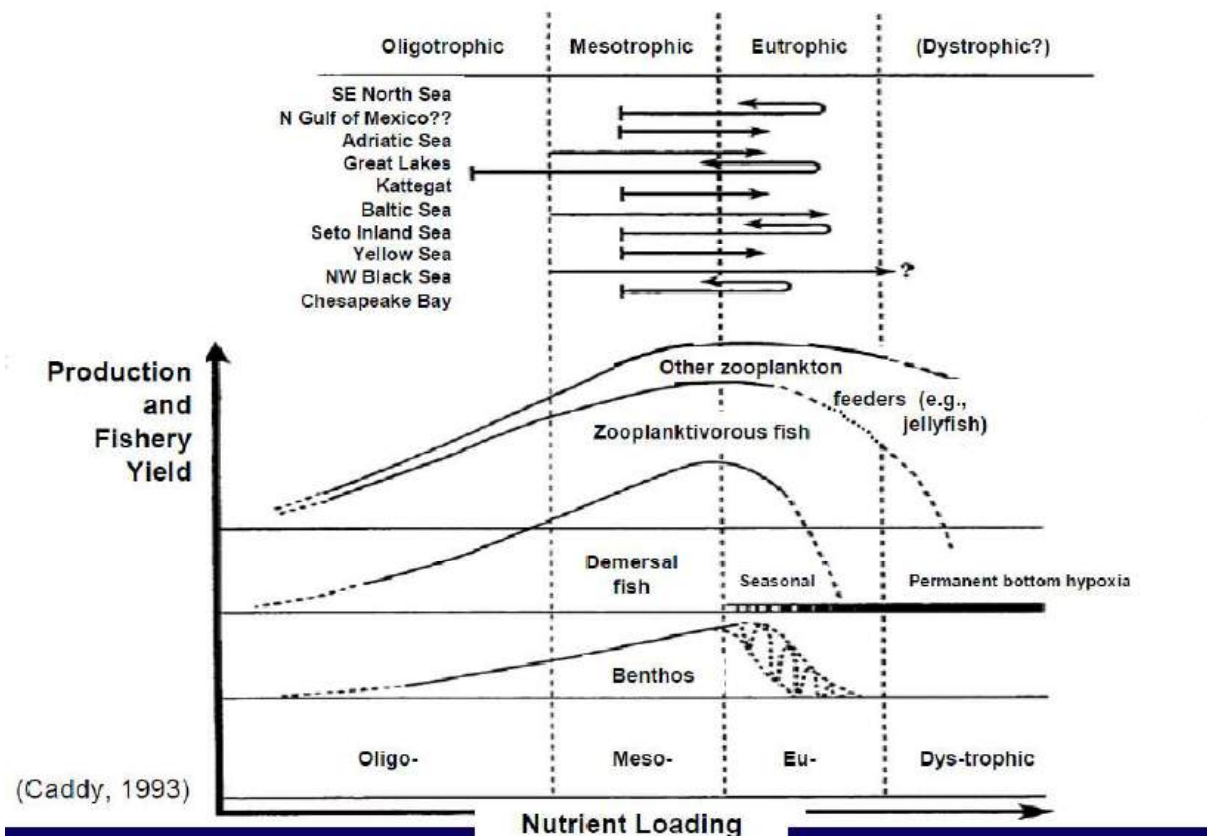
# Ecosystem Services

- Harvest is an ecosystem service
- Over harvest and ecosystem impacts are stressors



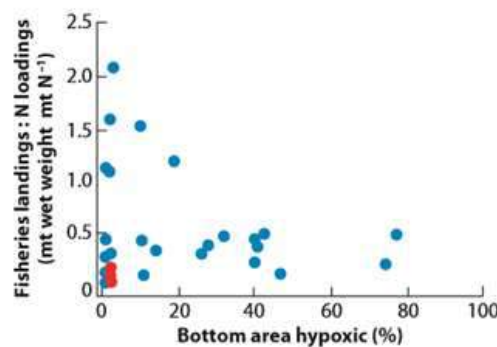
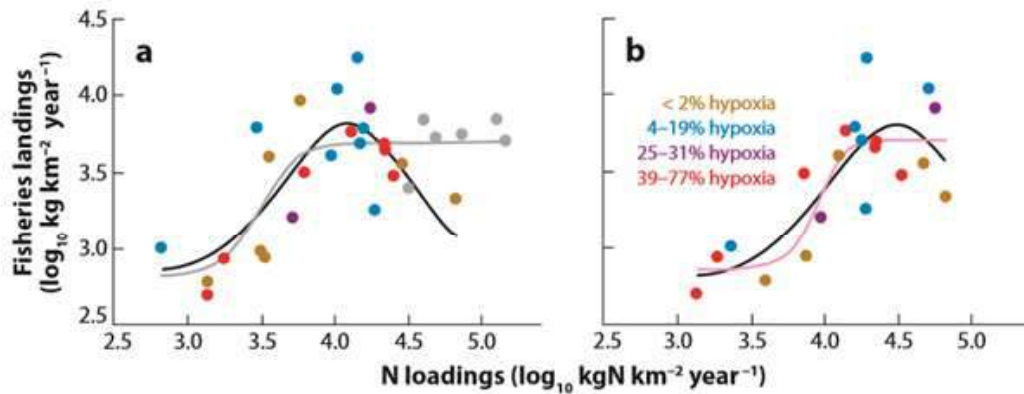
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# Correlation



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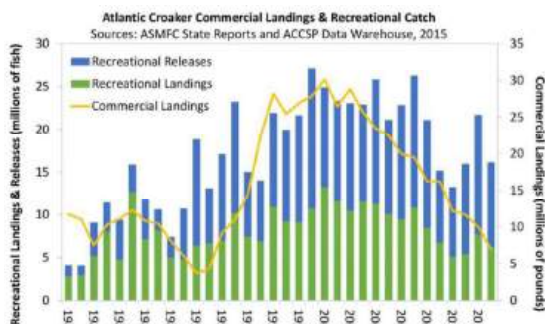
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## Case Study 1: Croaker in Gulf of Mexico

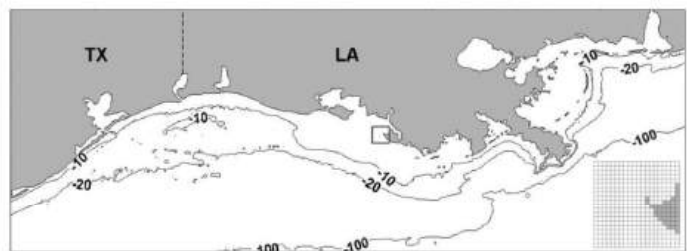
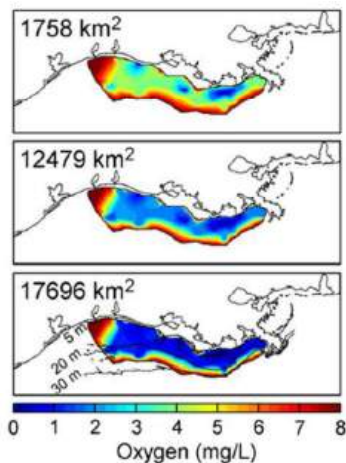
- Individual-based population model
- Quantifies hypoxia versus food effects
- Note: not a fishery now in GOM
  - 120 Million pounds in the 1950's
  - Fisheries in other systems



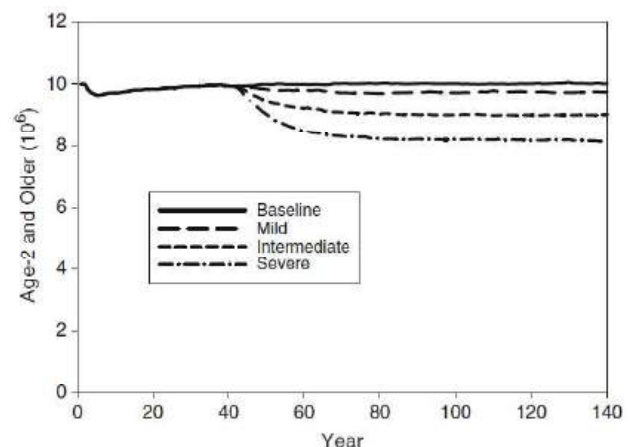
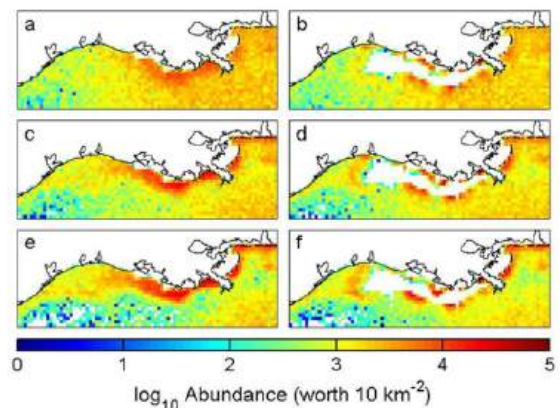
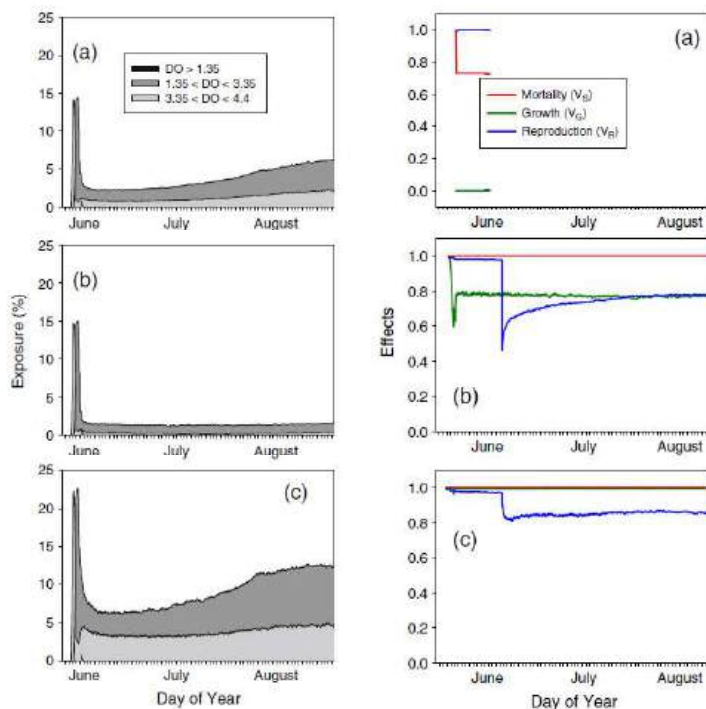
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# Model Overview

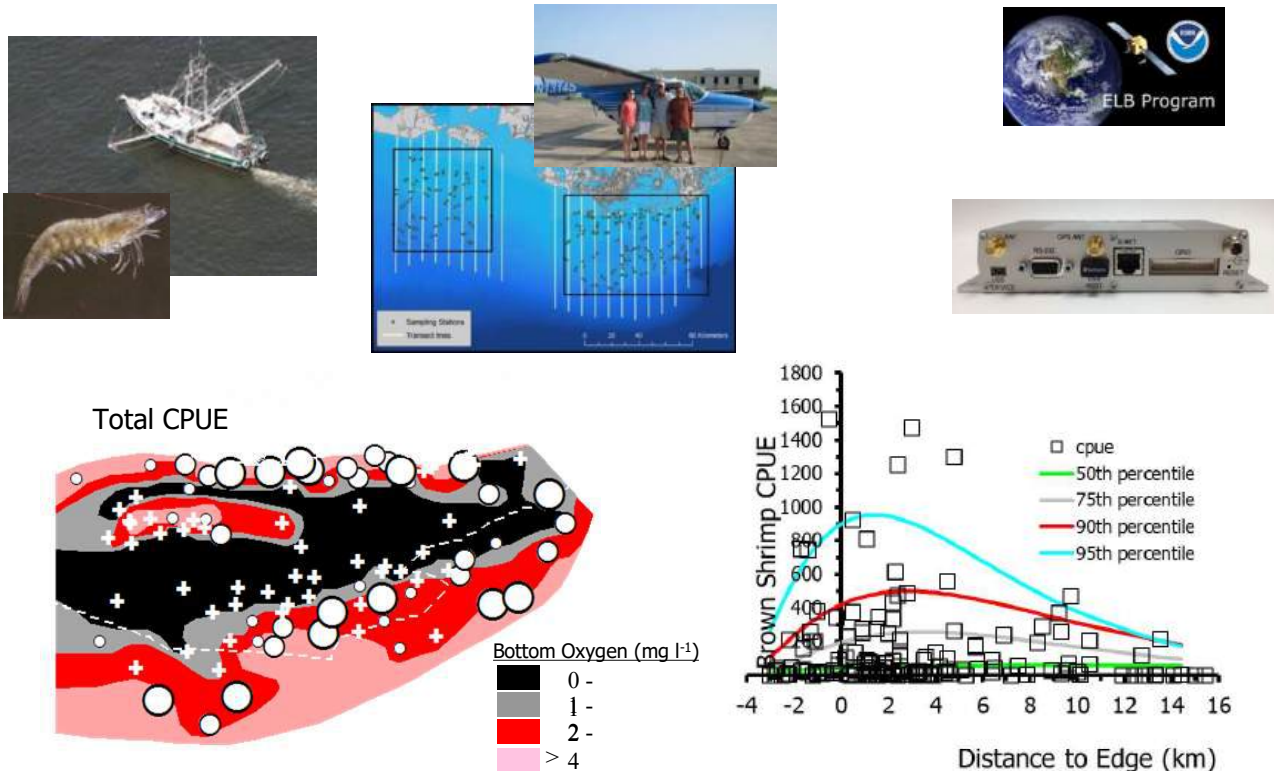
- Individual-based
  - Follows 7 stages to age 8
  - DO from 3-D FVCOM
  - Severe, intermediate, mild
  - 140 synthetic years
- Hourly processes
  - Growth
  - Mortality
  - Reproduction
  - Movement
  - DO effects



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# Case Study 2: Shrimp in Gulf of Mexico



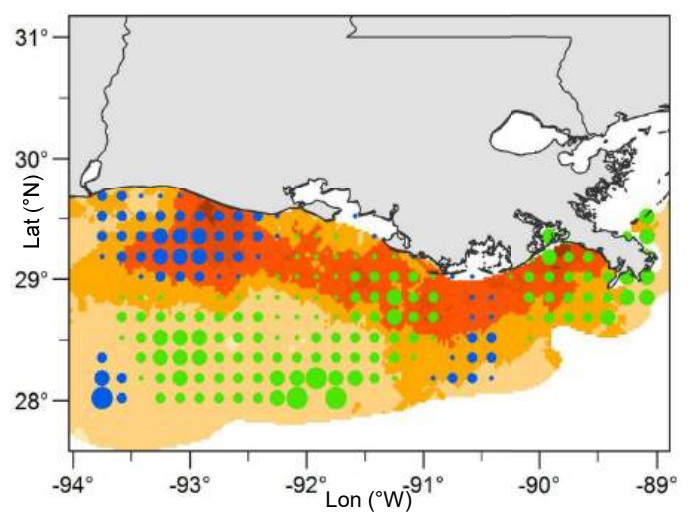
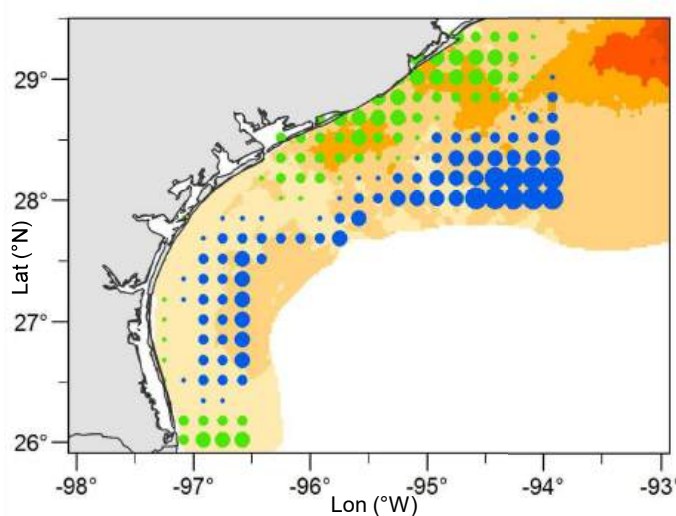
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IUCN: Craig 2012, Craig and Crowder 2005, Craig et al. 2005, Purcell et al. 2017, Smith et al. 2014, 2017

## Case 2: Shrimp

Texas Shelf

Louisiana Shelf



Slope of Spatially Varying DO Effect

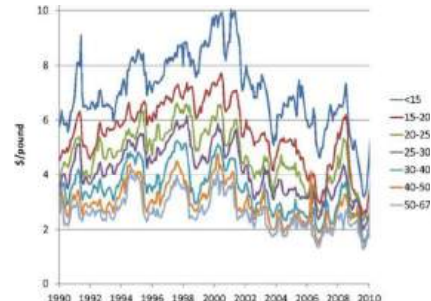
**Green:** Decrease in effort when DO is low (positive slope)

**Blue:** Increase in effort when DO is low (negative slope)

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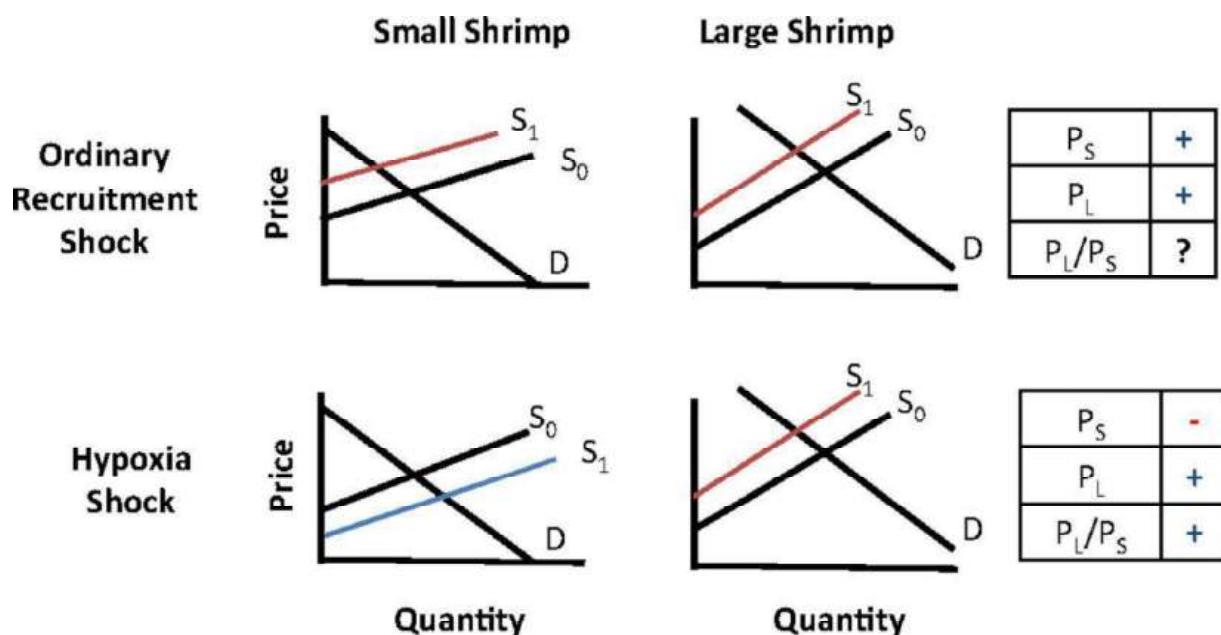
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- Smith et al. (2017) used 20 years monthly prices
  - Higher price for larger shrimp



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## Case Study 2



Seafood prices reveal impacts of a major ecological disturbance

Martin D. Smith<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Atle Oglend<sup>4</sup>, A. Justin Kirkpatrick<sup>5</sup>, Frank Asche<sup>6,7</sup>, Lori S. Benneer<sup>8,9,10</sup>, J. Kevin Craig<sup>1</sup>, and James M. Nance<sup>1</sup>

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# Case Study 3: Dungeness Crab in Hood Canal

- Highly valued species on west coast of USA
- Management is size, sex, and season
- Hood canal is seasonally hypoxic fjord
- Crabs shoal to avoid low oxygen



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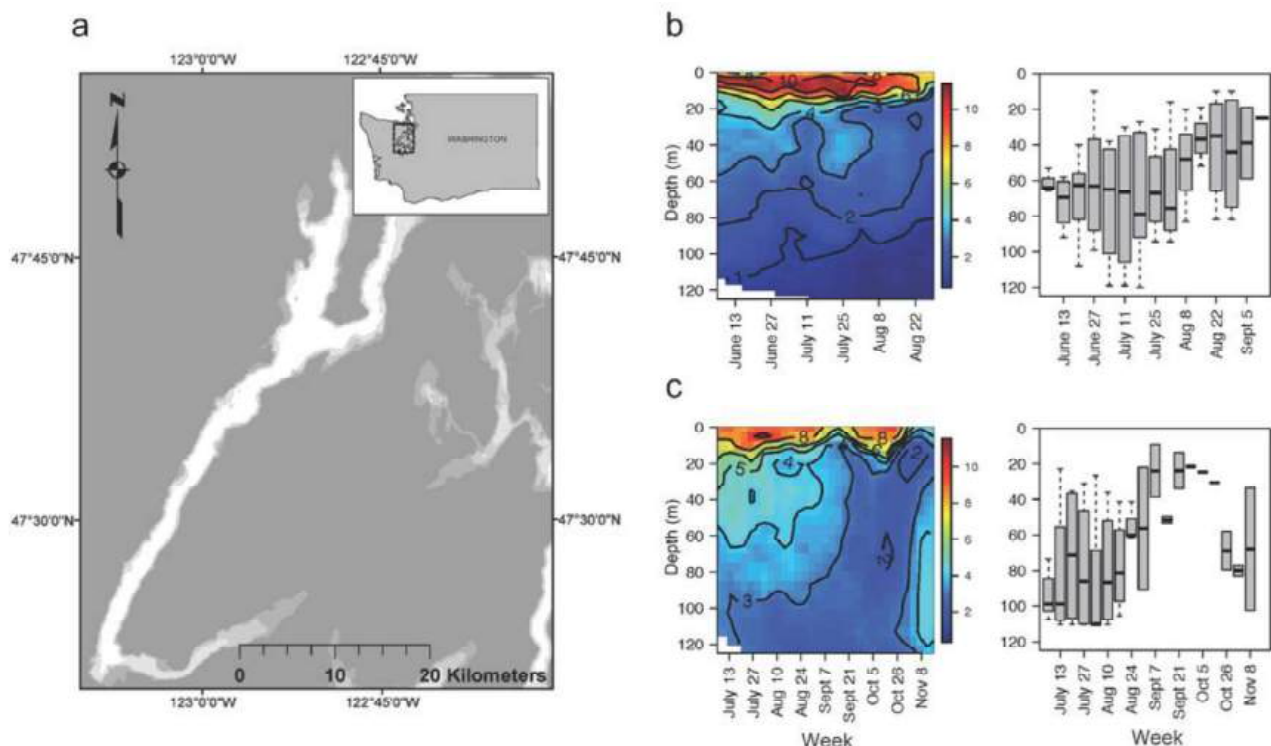
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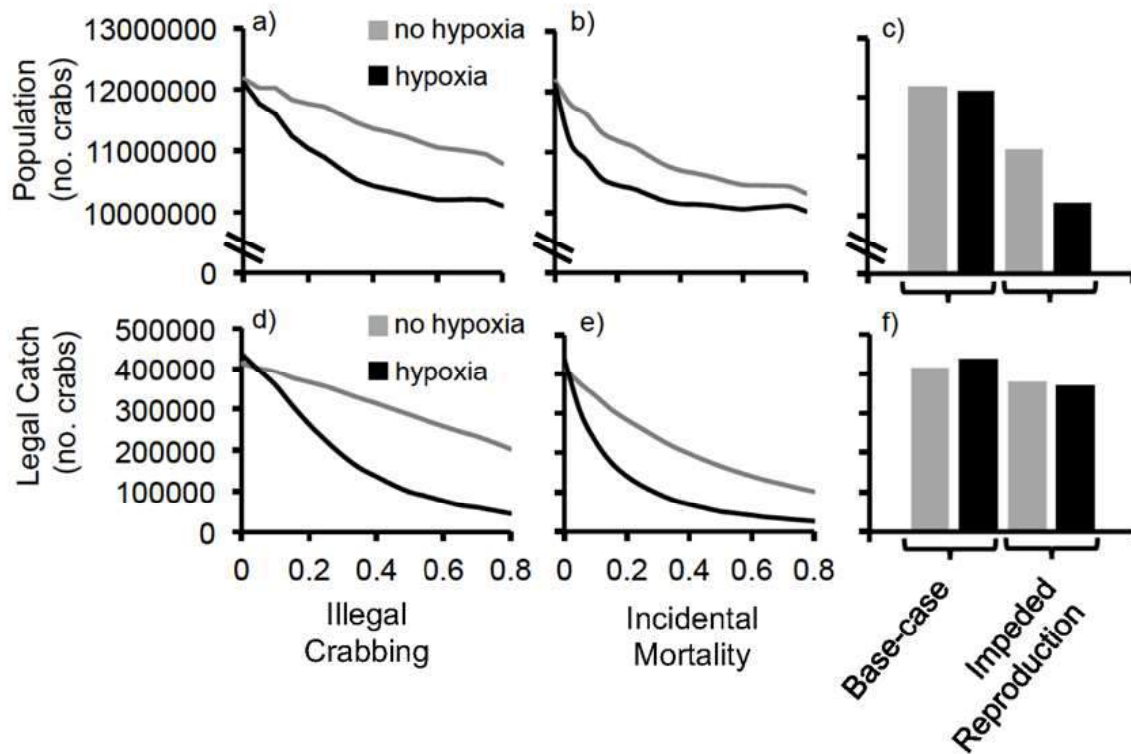
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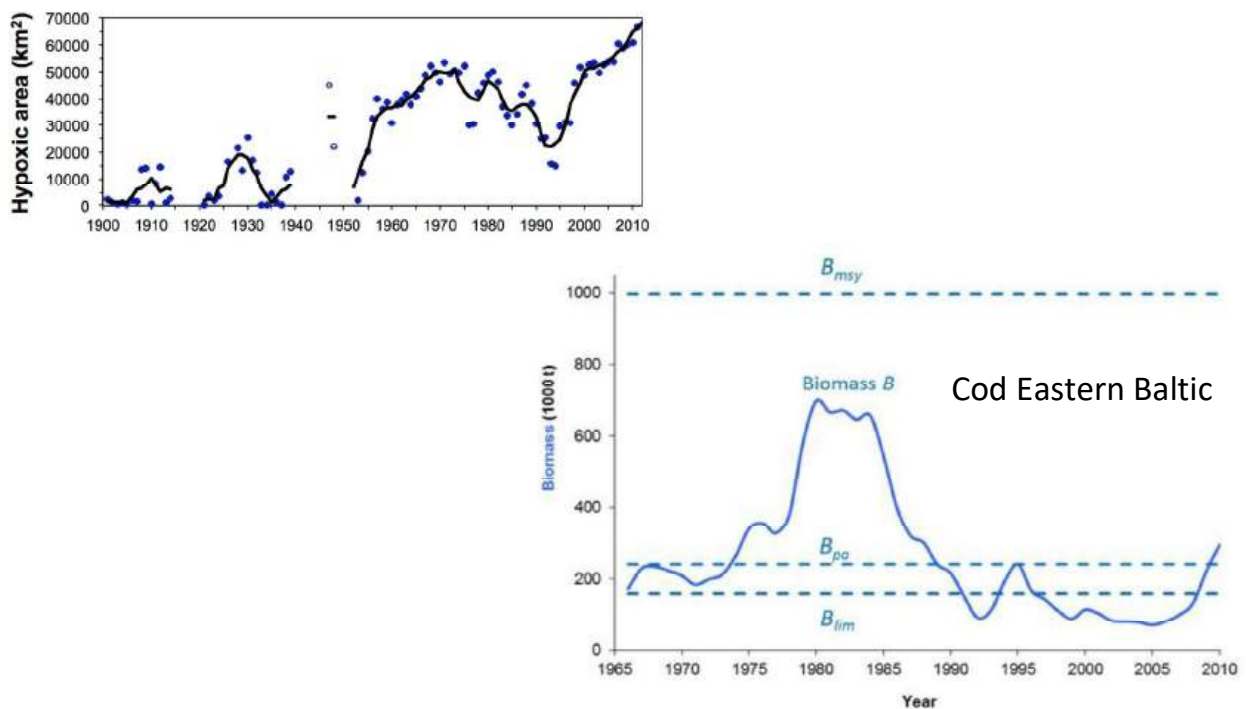
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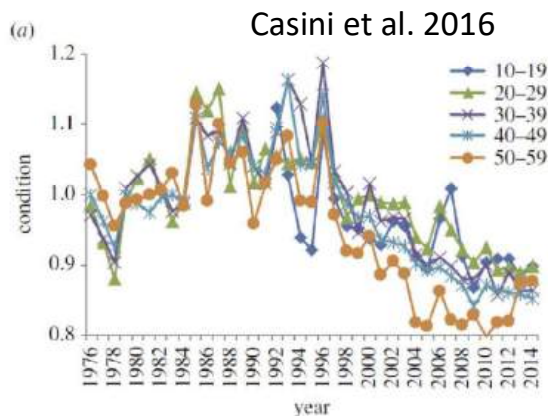
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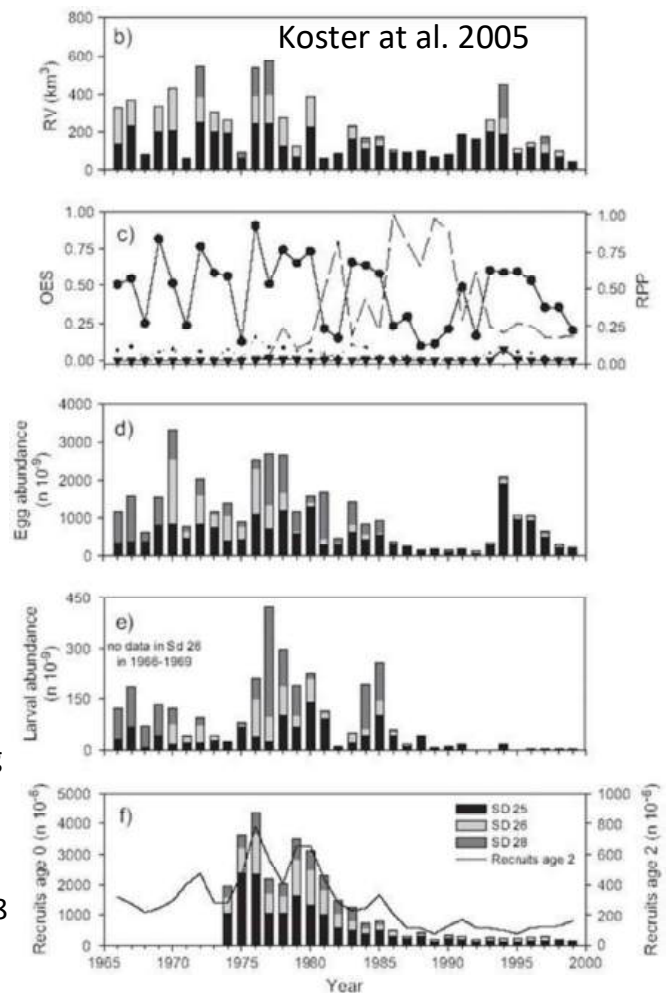
## Case Study 4: Cod in Baltic Sea



# Case Study 4: Cod in Baltic Sea



- (b) reproductive volume (RV)
- (c) oxygen-related egg survival (OES) and relative egg predation pressure in SD 25
- (d) egg abundance
- (e) larval abundance
- (f) recruitment at age-0 in Subdivisions 25, 26, and 28 and at age-2 in the entire central Baltic



# Case Study 5: Peruvian Fisheries in the EEZ

- Fisheries in Peruvian EEZ are ~10% of world's marine fish landings
- Species distributions
  - Anchovy is more coastal
  - Sardine, jack mackerel, and giant squid are offshore
- Positive phase of PDO (1970's - 1990's)
  - reduced upwelling
  - high oxygen waters approached onshore
  - oxycline deepened
  - Higher predation on anchovy
- General pattern
  - Warm SST, high PP, shallow oxycline ☐ more fishing
  - Cold, low PP, deep oxycline, few/deeper anchovy ☐ less fishing



**Indian oil sardine**

Landings (x 10<sup>5</sup> tonnes)

Year

Legend:

- Total
- India
- Islamic Republic of Iran
- Oman
- Pakistan
- United Arab Emirates
- Yemen
- Romania

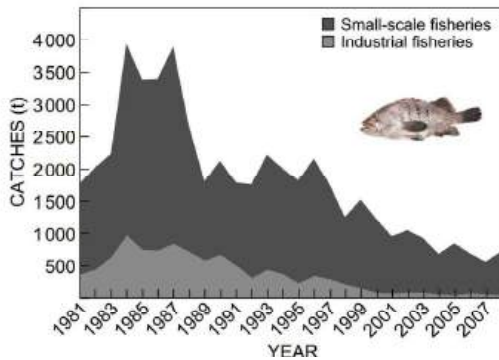
The graph shows a general upward trend in landings of Indian oil sardines from 1960 to 2015. The total landings (black line) show significant fluctuations, with a major peak around 2015. India (red line) and the Islamic Republic of Iran (green line) are the primary contributors to the total landings. Two circles highlight specific data points: one around 1995 and another around 2015.



- Fishery harvests spawners born the previous year and new juveniles
- Negative effects on recruitment
  - pre-monsoon: early upwelling and low oxygen
  - Post-monsoon: low oxygen very near shore
  - Sardines cannot move near shore to spawn
- Monthly catch rates showed low oxygen
  - Reduced spawning and overall catch
  - Increased catch rates of larger fish

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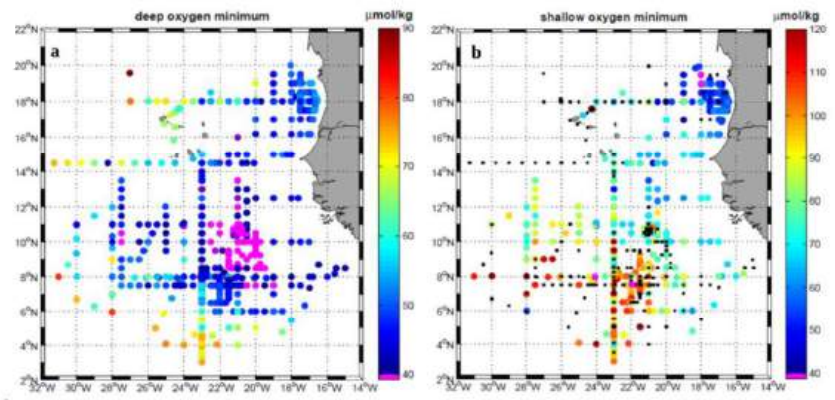
# Case Study 7: “Thiof” off NW Africa



## Eastern Tropical North Atlantic (ETNA)

Localization of:

- (a) Deep oxygen minimum (>200m depth) zones
- (b) shallow oxygen minimum (<200m depth) zones



Source: Brandt et al. 2015

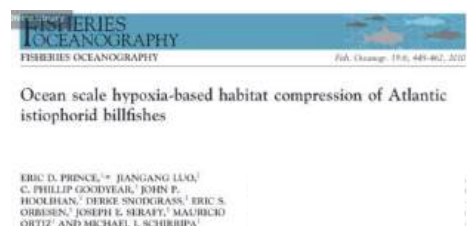
Overexploited - Senegalese

Higher mortality with low oxygen

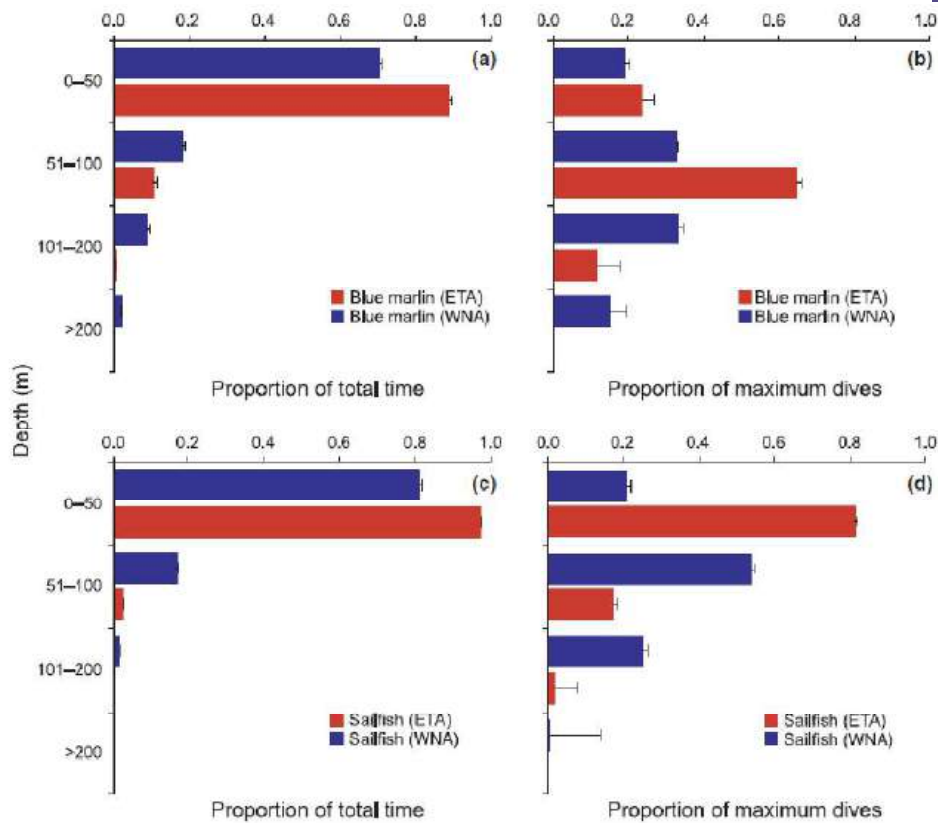
Distended abdomens

## Case Study 8: Tropical Pelagic Billfishes

- Surface waters above 3.5 mg/L is decreasing
  - Loss of about 15% in NE Atlantic since 1960's
  - Western (no OMZ) versus Eastern (OMZ) NA
- Pop-up satellite archival tags



# Case study 8



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## Conclusions

- Recruitment
  - Croaker
  - Cod
  - Likely “thiof”
  - Maybe Indian oil sardine
- Spatial redistribution
  - Habitat compression of Billfishes affects availability (“q”)
  - Predator-prey overlap of sardine and jack mackerel on anchovy
- Body size
  - shift to smaller shrimp (“q”)
- Management performance and risk
  - Dungeness crab (“q”)

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# Conclusions

- Deoxygenation has complicated effects on fisheries
- Highly species-species and localized
- Deoxygenation co-varies with other stressors making isolation challenging
- Many fisheries with data are also at least partially managed
- Fisheries management has no room for mistakes and will be squeezed into the future

# **Developing best practices to address coastal marine deoxygenation in APEC economies for improving the management of marine living resources**

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## **Session 1 (Seminar)**

**An overview on the relevance of oxygen loss  
for fisheries and marine aquaculture**

**Topic-1 – Fisheries  
and  
Topic-2 – Aquaculture**

# Session 1, Topic 2

## Aquaculture



***Aquaculture, done well, offers a huge potential not just for producing food for a growing planet, but to provide livelihoods to coastal communities and, in the case of shellfish or seaweed culture, help recover lost ecosystem services.***

***If we get it right, aquaculture could be our best hope to sustainably feed the planet.***

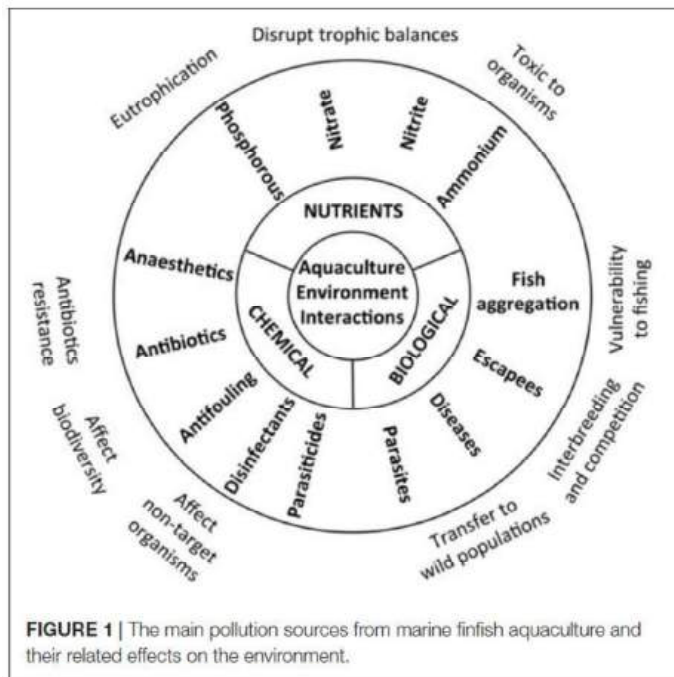


# Concepts from fisheries that apply

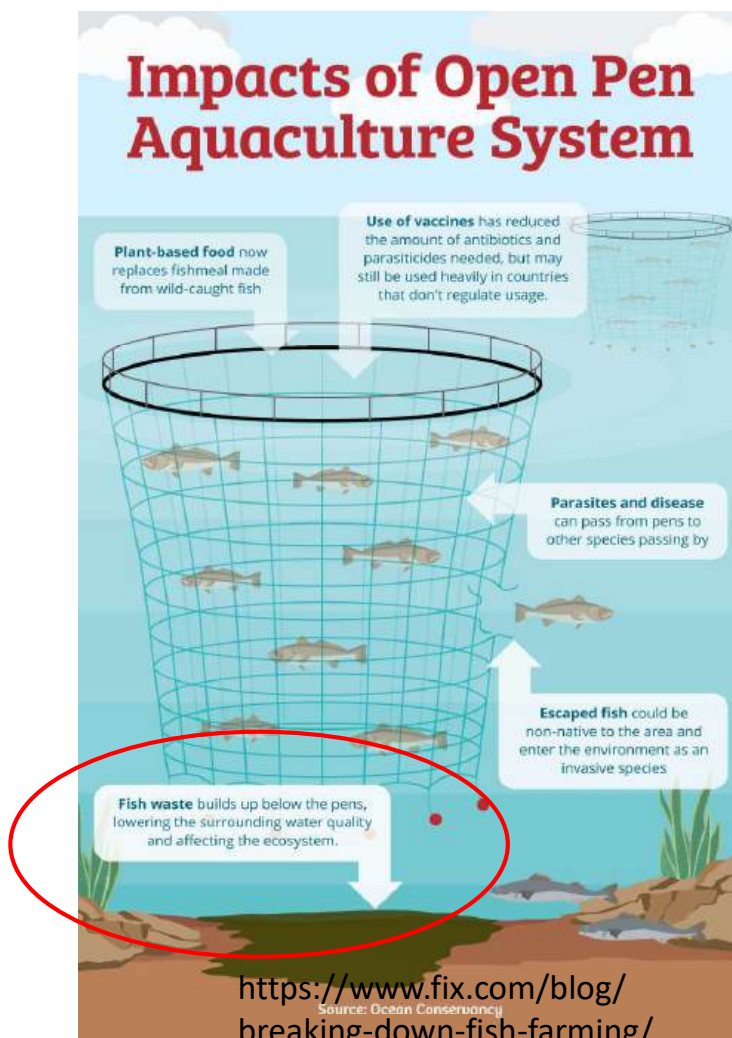
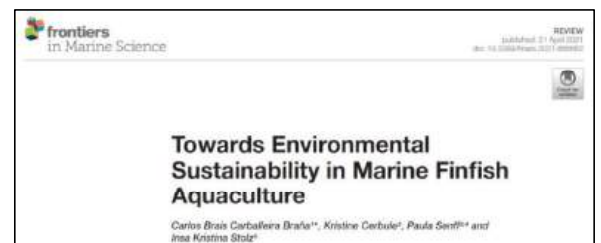
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- Individual effects of DO on development, physiology, and behavior
- Multiple stressors

## Differences from fisheries

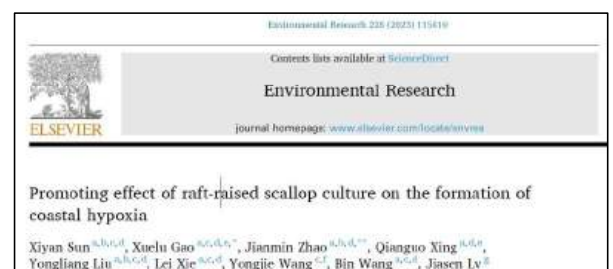
- Two-way effects
- Management/regulatory
- Stakeholders



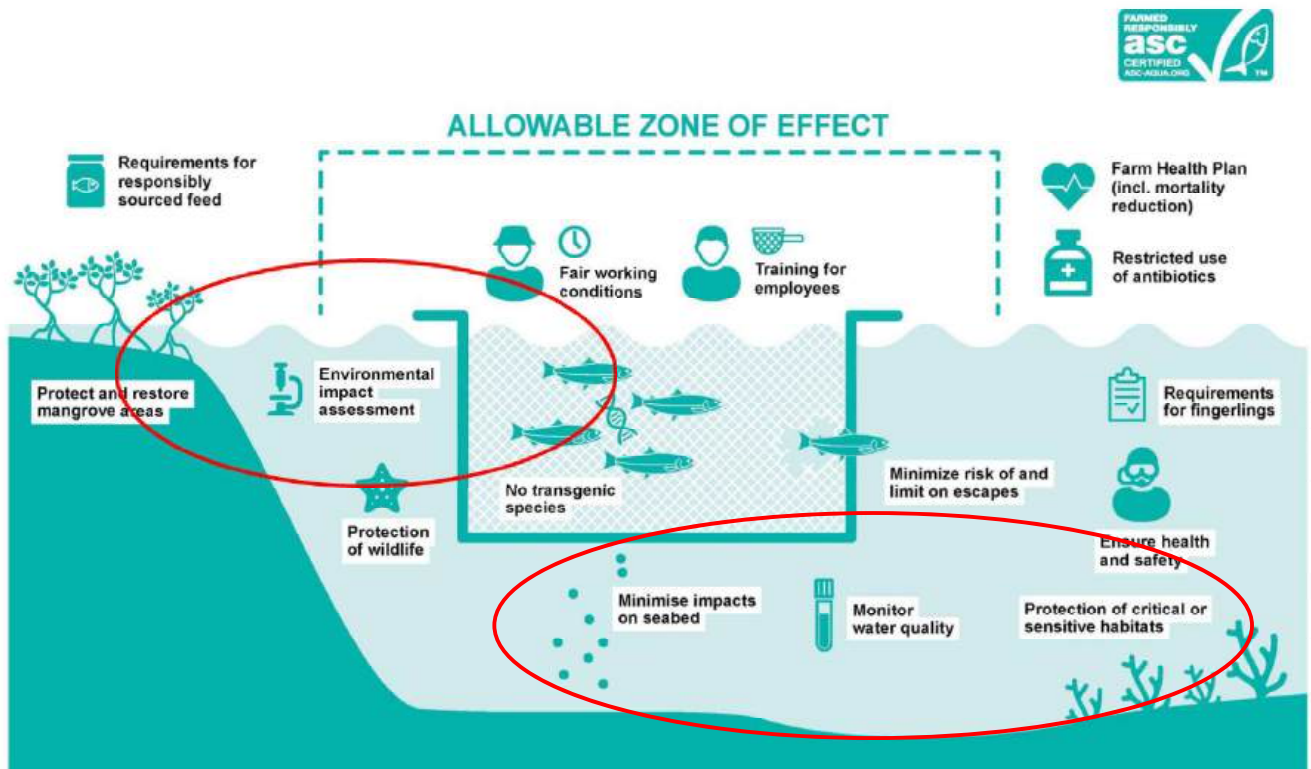
- Site selection
- Env Monitoring Plans
- Env Impact Assessment
- BACI/Gradient designs
- Indicator species
- Biotic indices



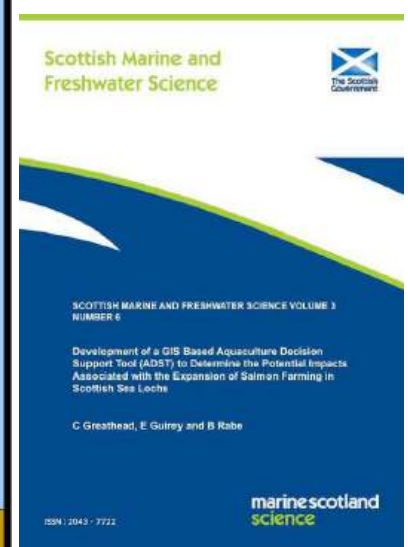
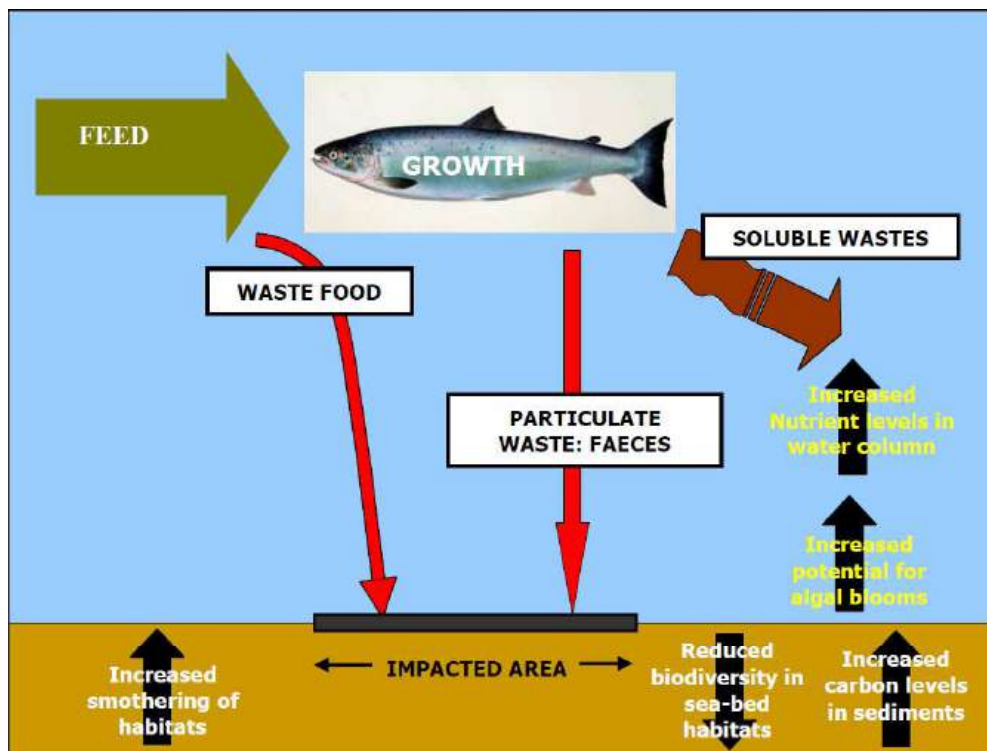
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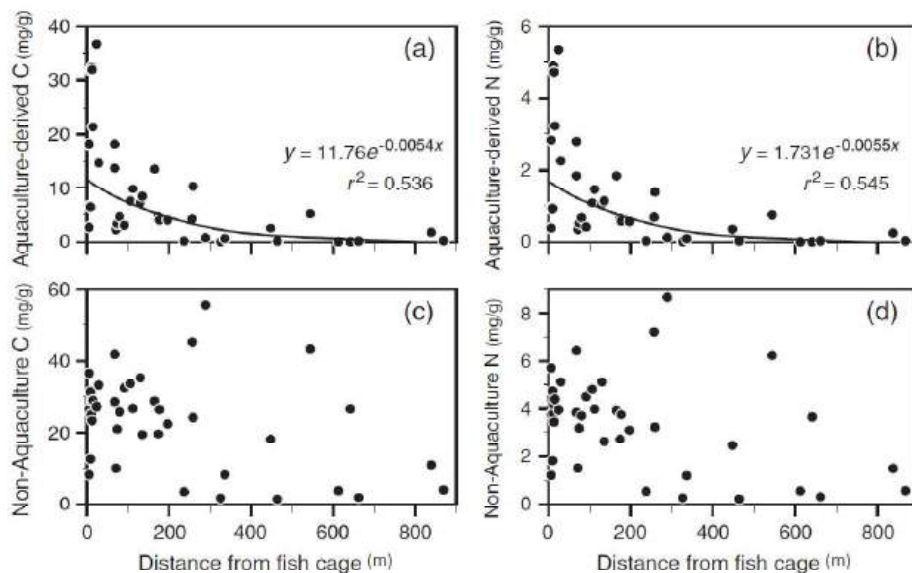


**Rafts promoted hypoxia by adding nutrients AND altering circulation such as increased stratification.**



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Japanese amberjack  
*Seriola quinqueradiata*  
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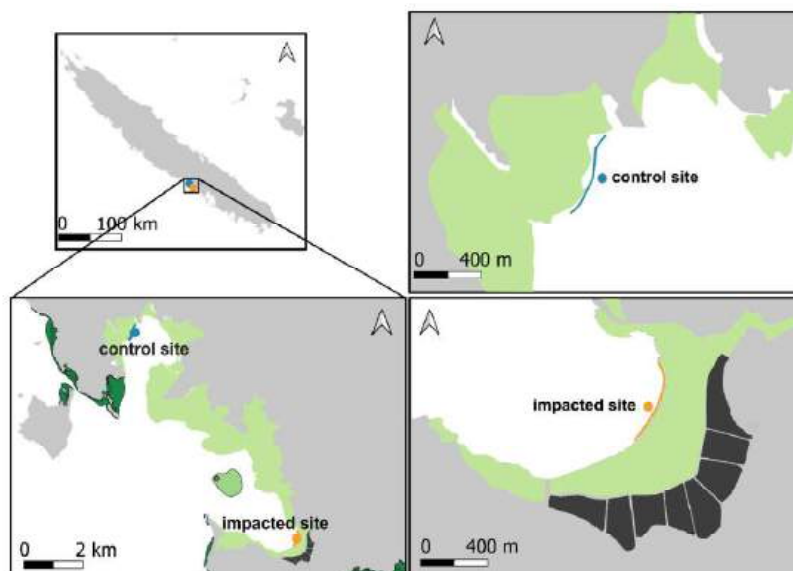
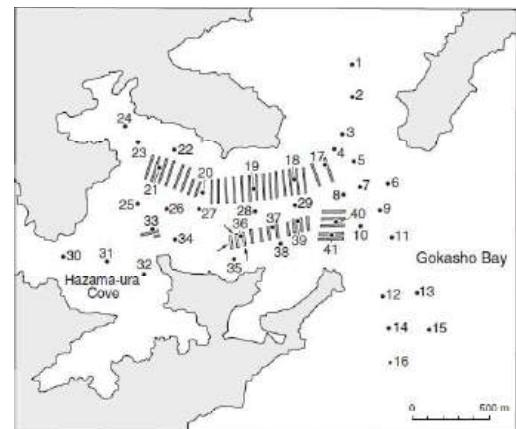


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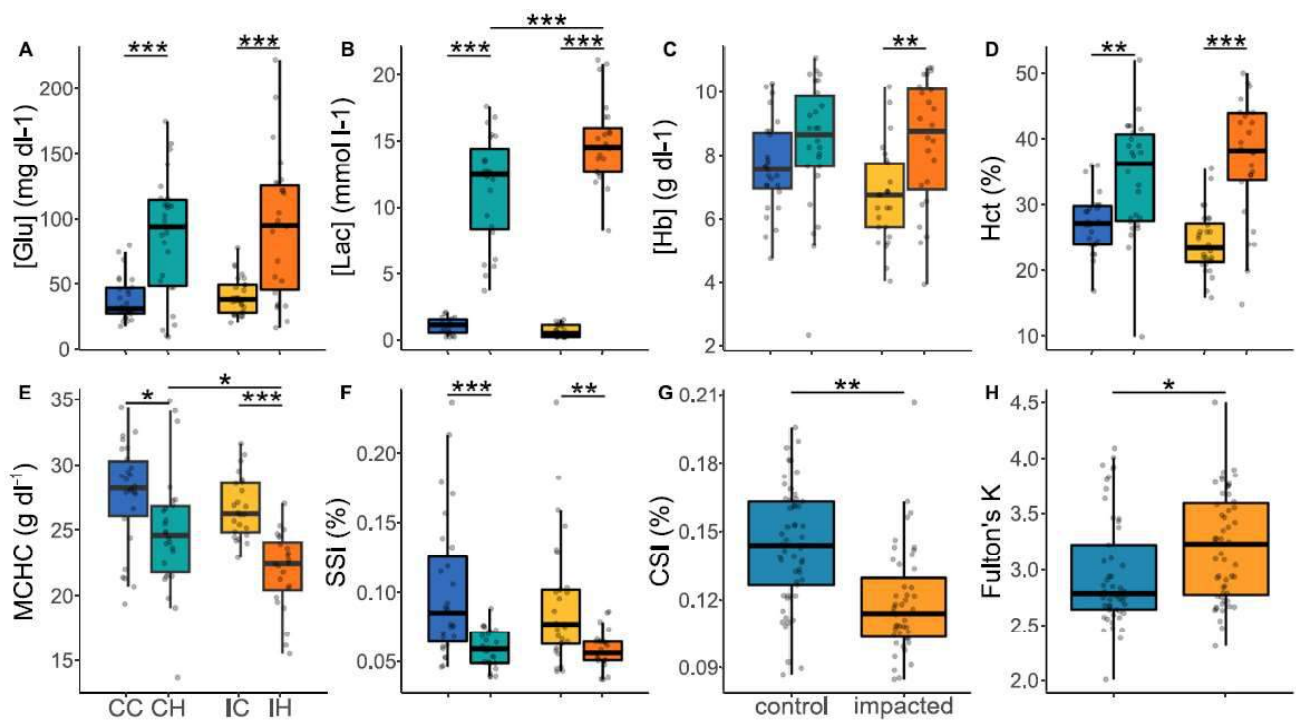
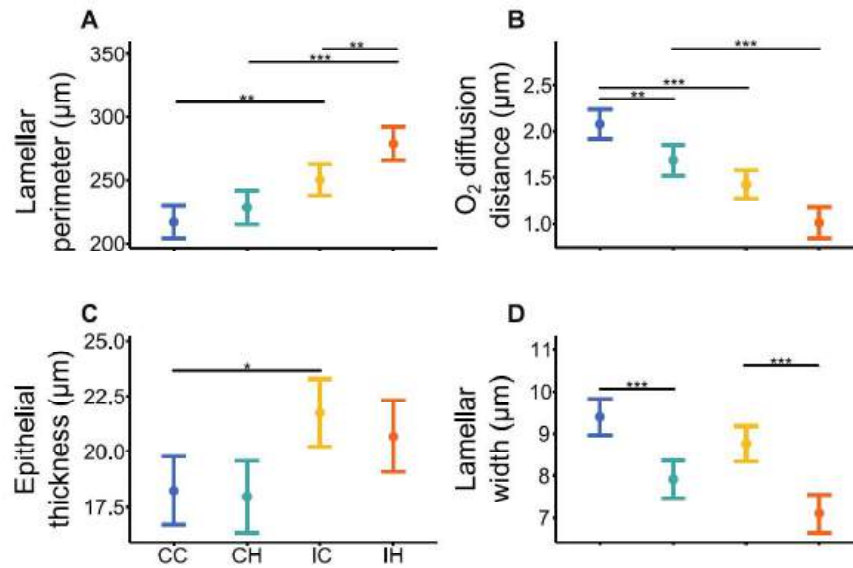
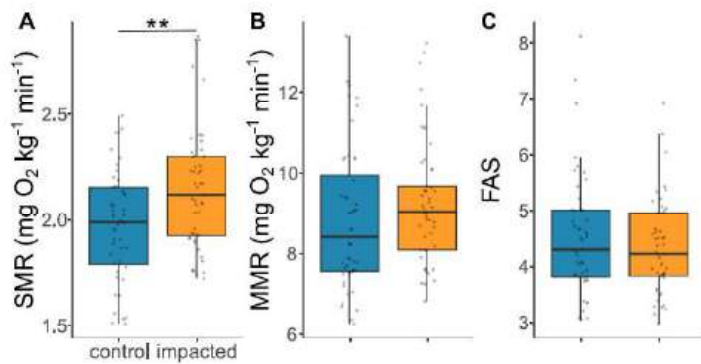


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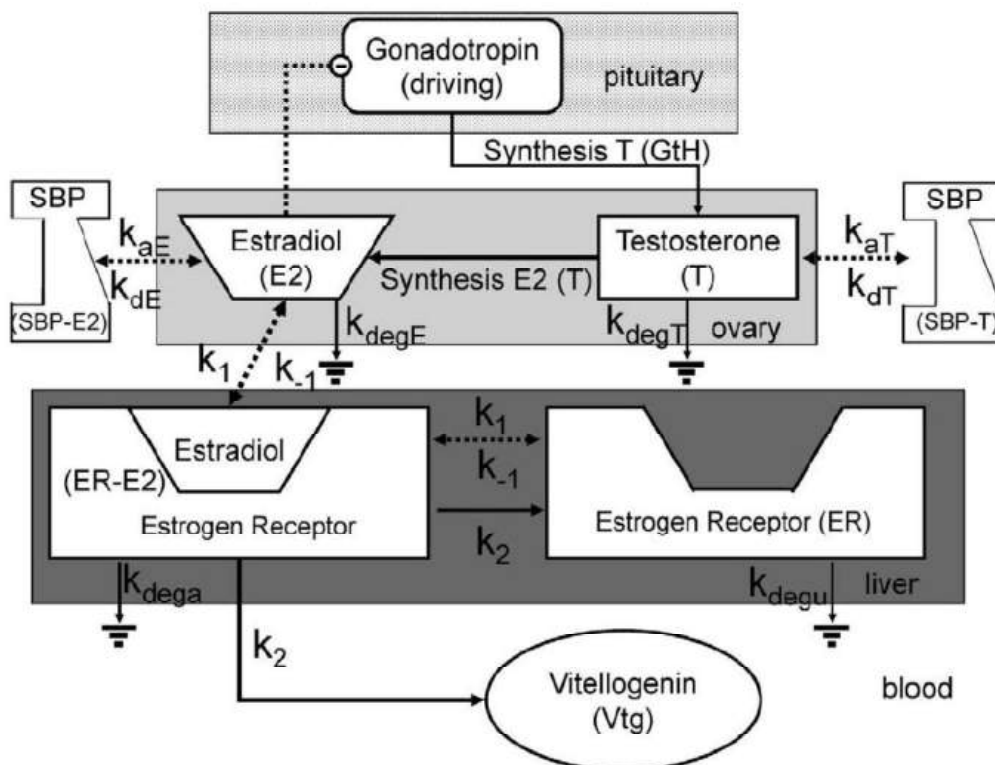
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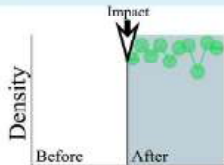
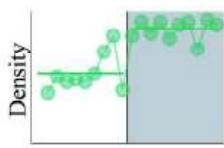
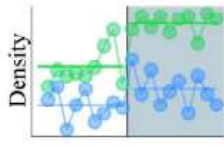
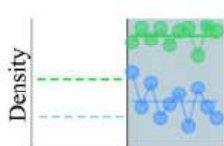
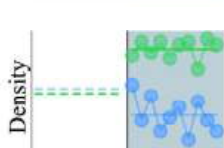
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- Reproduction
  - Hypothalamus-pituitary-gonadal (HPG)
  - Gonadal development
  - Fecundity
  - Fertilization success
- Early stage development
  - Morphology (e.g., gills, heart)
  - Duration
  - Malformations
  - Mortality
- Metabolism and growth
- Behavior
  - Swim speed
  - ASR
  - Loss of equilibrium
  - Avoidance



Design	Sampling regime	Relative cost	Relative difficulty in ecology	Suitability	Ecological examples of use
<b>After</b>		Very low	Very low	Most systems Where control unfeasible Unpredictable impacts	Pond creation
<b>Before-After (BA)</b>		Moderate	Moderate	Predictable impacts Where control unfeasible Availability of pre-impact data	Wildlife tunnels under roads
<b>Before-After Control-Impact (BACI)</b> (BARI, MBACI, BACIPS)		High	High	Predictable impacts Appropriate control Availability of pre-impact data	MPA effectiveness, renewable energy infrastructure
<b>Control-Impact (CI)</b> (Space-for-Time, Impact versus Reference Sites)		Low	Moderate	Unpredictable impacts Large-scale replicates that cannot be truly randomised	Oil spill or other pollution event
<b>Randomised Controlled Trial (RCT)</b>		Low	Very high	Unpredictable impacts Small-scale replicates appropriate for randomisation	Peatland restoration, field margins

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## Deoxygenation affecting aquaculture

- Effects individuals
  - We know a lot
  - Lethal
  - Sublethal
  - Lab to field: Exposure
- Part of water quality
- Interacts with temperature, salinity
- Multiple stressors
- Growth (O<sub>2</sub> or food), mortality, disease
- Density

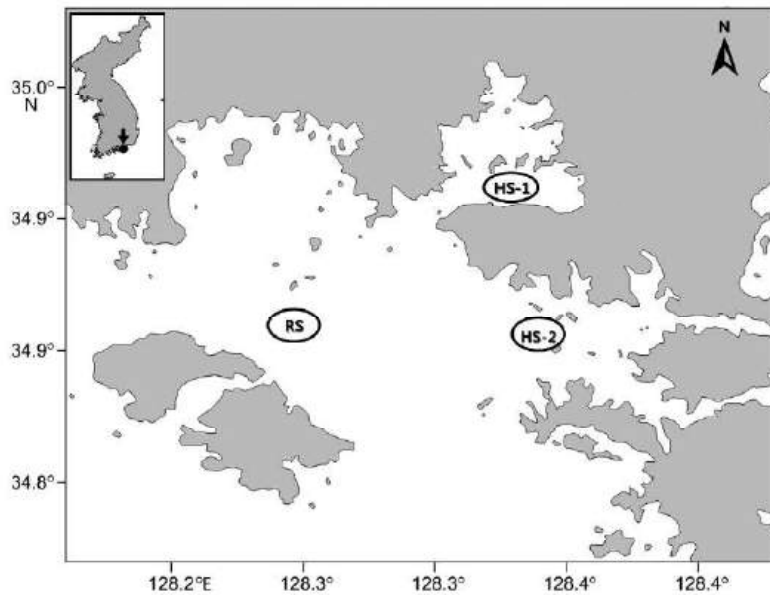


Fig. 1. Location of the study sites at the southern Korean coast. Two hypoxic sites (HS) in highly sheltered bays (HS-1 in Goseong Bay, HS-2 in Buksin Bay) and 1 normoxic reference site (RS) in a nearby area

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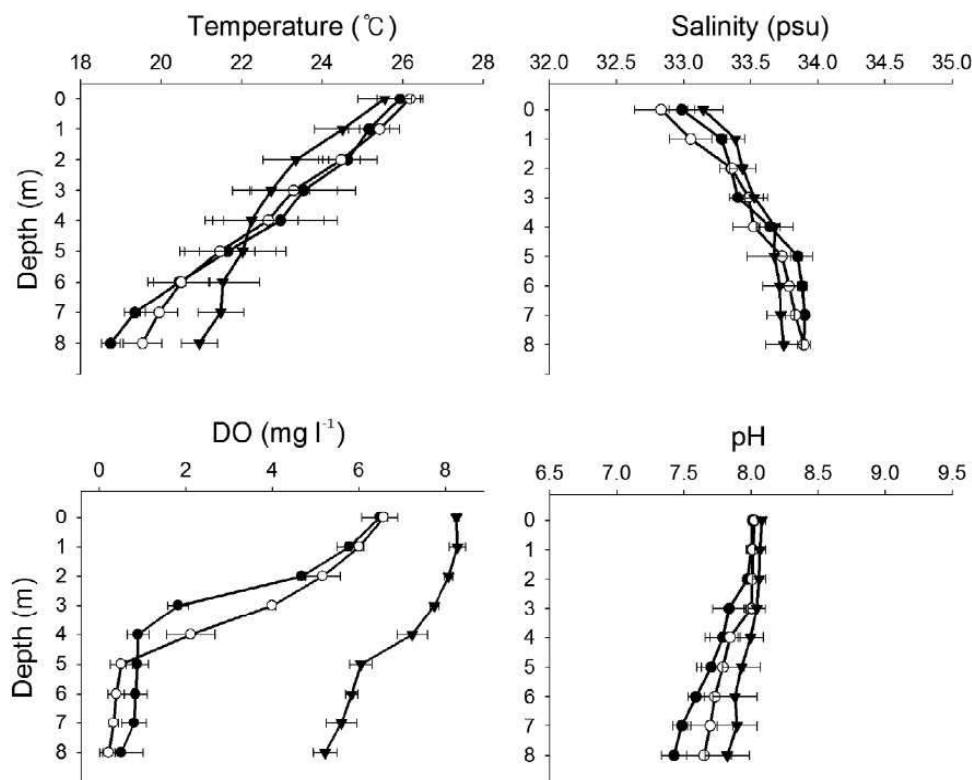


Fig. 2. Vertical profiles of the major environmental variables examined at the study sites during oxycline persistence. Solid circle: hypoxic site 1 (HS-1); empty circle: hypoxic site 2 (HS-2); solid triangle: reference site (RS). Data are means  $\pm$  SD

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Table 4. Mean ( $\pm$ SD) depth-dependent dissolved oxygen (DO) level ( $\text{mg l}^{-1}$ ) and percentage mortality (in parentheses) of *Crassostrea gigas* during oxycline persistence. HS-1: hypoxic site 1; HS-2: hypoxic site 2; RS: reference site

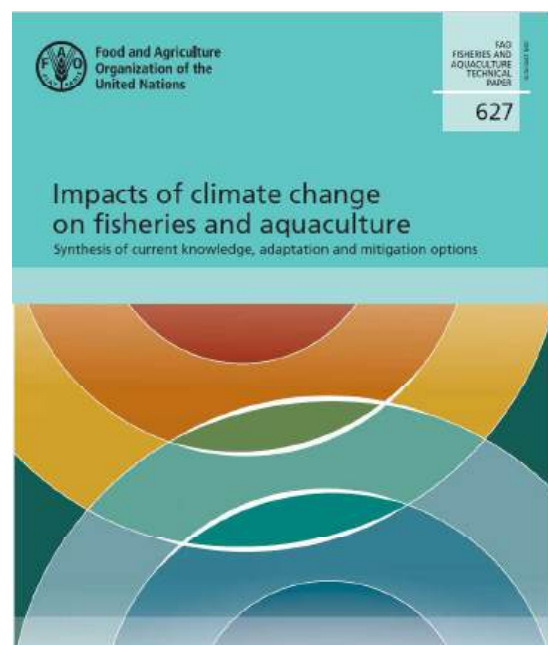
Site	Depth (m)					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
HS-1	5.78 $\pm$ 0.29 (16.3 $\pm$ 3.7)	4.68 $\pm$ 0.09 (57.7 $\pm$ 6.4)	1.83 $\pm$ 0.24 (88.9 $\pm$ 2.1)	0.90 $\pm$ 0.25 (100)	0.88 $\pm$ 0.26 (100)	0.84 $\pm$ 0.27 (100)
HS-2	6.01 $\pm$ 0.10 (21.8 $\pm$ 5.7)	5.17 $\pm$ 0.41 (37.0 $\pm$ 7.2)	4.00 $\pm$ 0.08 (61.7 $\pm$ 11.3)	2.12 $\pm$ 0.56 (100)	0.51 $\pm$ 0.26 (100)	0.40 $\pm$ 0.19 (100)
RS	8.28 $\pm$ 0.19 (4.5 $\pm$ 0.3)	8.07 $\pm$ 0.09 (5.3 $\pm$ 1.8)	7.75 $\pm$ 0.10 (3.95 $\pm$ 1.0)	7.23 $\pm$ 0.35 (7.7 $\pm$ 1.6)	6.05 $\pm$ 0.26 (15.0 $\pm$ 3.5)	5.84 $\pm$ 0.14 (14.8 $\pm$ 4.2)

Table 5. Mean ( $\pm$ SD) depth-dependent percentage survival of *Crassostrea gigas* in reoxygenated water. HS-1: hypoxic site 1; HS-2: hypoxic site 2; RS: reference site

Site	Oyster bag position by depth (m)								
	Average	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5
HS-1	53.7	86.6 ± 5.8	78.0 ± 7.3	67.1 ± 3.9	32.3 ± 6.0	45.9 ± 7.4	47.4 ± 9.4	35.3 ± 4.9	37.1 ± 6.0
HS-2	79.9	87.2 ± 7.3	86.5 ± 5.2	85.3 ± 3.6	88.1 ± 5.2	78.0 ± 9.3	83.5 ± 6.8	65.2 ± 6.1	65.4 ± 8.7
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## Impacts on Aquaculture & Adaptations

- Organisms, People, Farming system, Land-Seascape/AMA, Global
- Warming
- Acidification
- Distributional shifts
- Sea level rise
- Circulation/winds
- Extreme events
- HABs
- Water shortage
- Distal drivers



Drivers		Aquatic organisms	People	Farming system
Hypoxia	Potential impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Species and/or strains with higher tolerance should be less affected</li> <li>Increased mortality</li> <li>Reduced growth</li> <li>Higher sensitivity to other drivers (e.g. pathogens)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relocation of some farming facilities to better oxygenated areas may create new safety risks</li> <li>Moving facilities may affect livelihoods and add to costs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lower carrying capacity of ecosystems</li> <li>Increased aeration costs</li> <li>Reduction in the number of annual crops when hypoxia is seasonal (e.g. stratification cycles in lakes)</li> </ul>
	Adaptation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shift to more tolerant farmed species or strains</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow guidelines on decent work in aquaculture (e.g. FAO, 2016c)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relocate farming facilities to new areas offshore or inland</li> </ul>



Land-Seascape/AMA <sup>3</sup>	Country	Global
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lower carrying capacity of ecosystems</li> <li>Some aquaculture areas may become unfavourable</li> <li>Changes in ecological services to aquaculture</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lower production resulting from lower carrying capacity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New areas become favourable to aquaculture, others become unfavourable</li> </ul>
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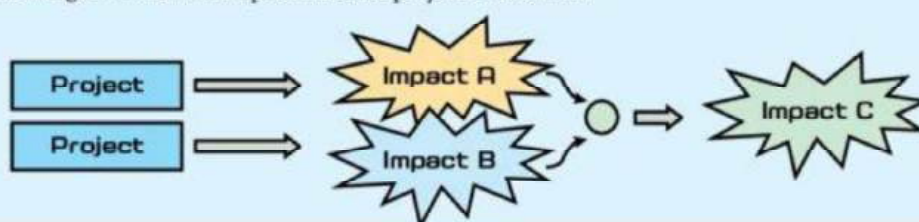
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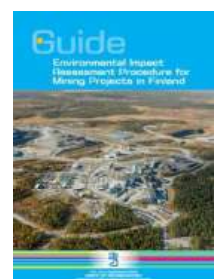
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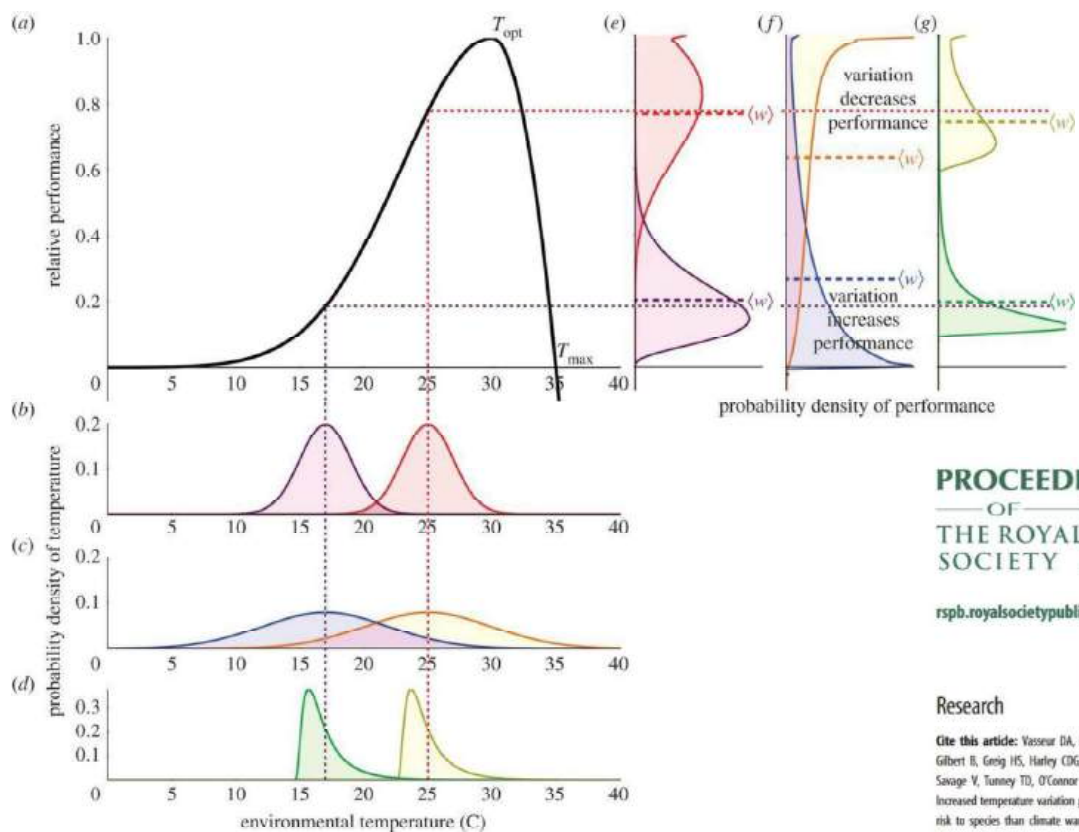
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European Commission's EIA guidelines (2001)  
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# Variance and Nonlinear



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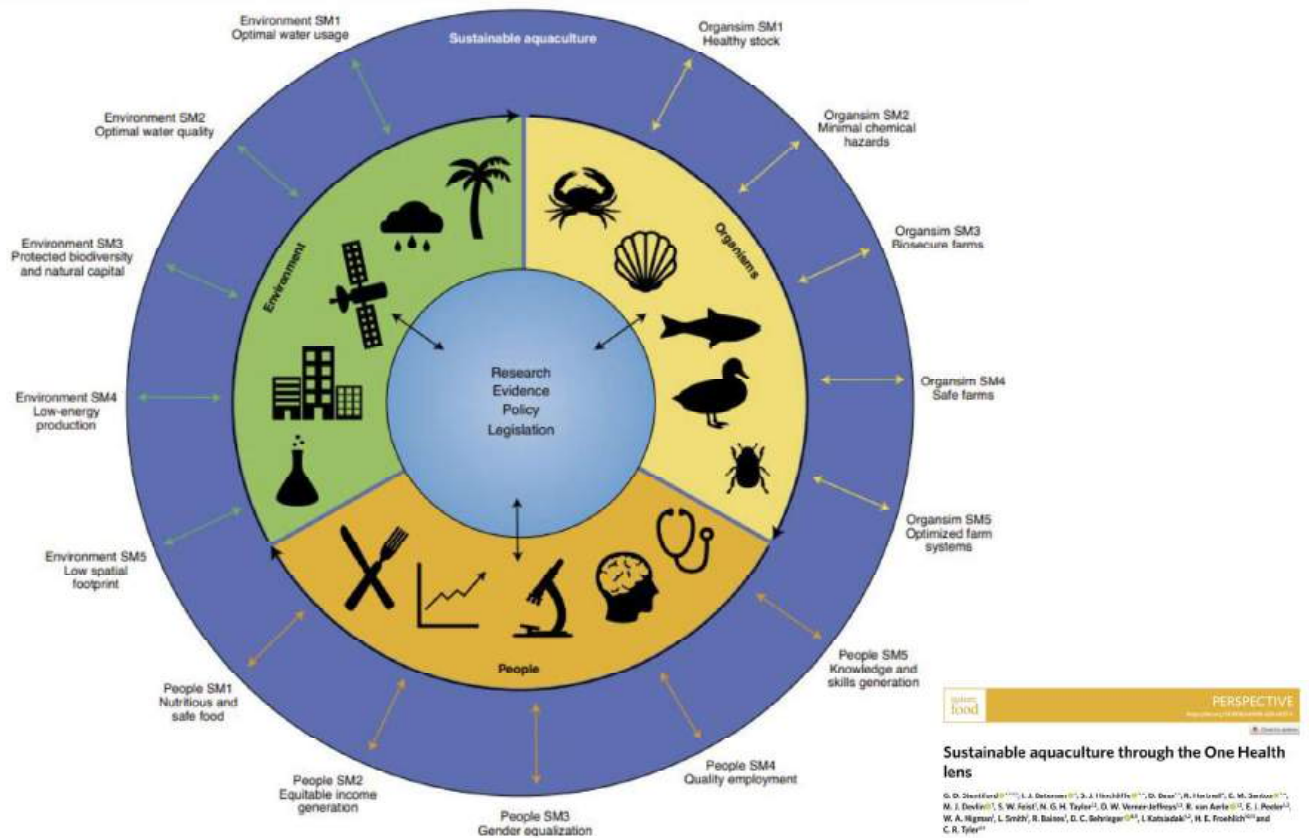
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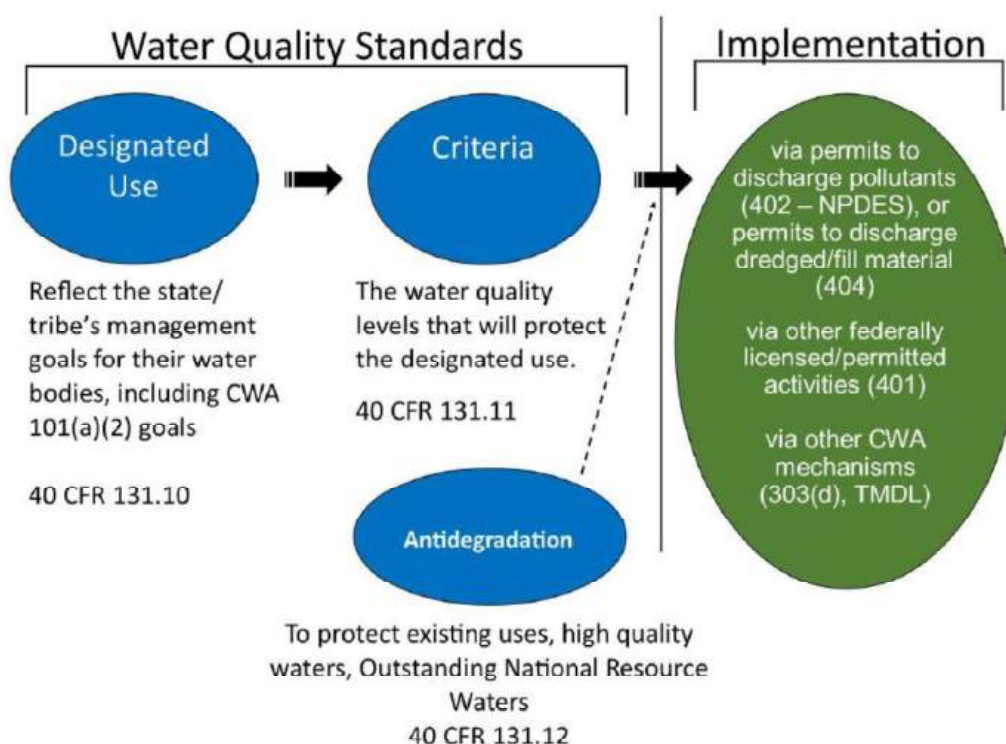
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**Regulatory Framework of Water Quality**



**Fig. 2 | One Health success metrics for sustainable aquaculture.** A One Health approach (Fig. 1) to the design and assessment of ESP in aquaculture and related sub-sectors requires success metrics (SMs) spanning environment, organism and human health. Descriptors for SMs (Table 1) are applied to hypothetical sub-sectors of the aquaculture industry in Fig. 3.

## USA EPA: Water Quality Standards



# Designated Uses

- Public water supplies
- Protection and propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife
- Recreation
- Agriculture
- Industry
- Navigation
- Coral reef preservation
- Marinas
- Groundwater recharge
- Aquifer protection
- Hydroelectric power

## Criteria

- Magnitude
- Duration
- Maximum allowable frequency of exceedance
- Acute and chronic
- Nutrients
- Sediments
- Temperature
- Biocriteria



# Fisheries and Aquaculture

- Dissolved oxygen to protect fish and shellfish
- None for fisheries (catch is involved)
- Some for aquaculture
- Chesapeake Bay as a an example



Technical Development Document for the  
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## Water quality standards: Dissolved Oxygen

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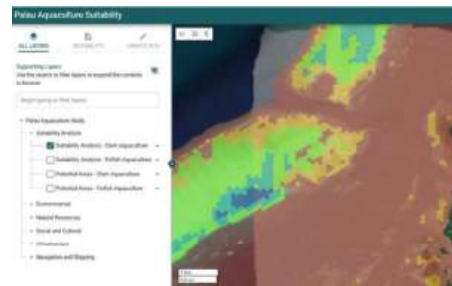
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*Through its Responsible Aquaculture Program, GAA has recommended a range of water quality standards for shrimp farm effluents. Part of a series, this article addresses dissolved oxygen (DO).*

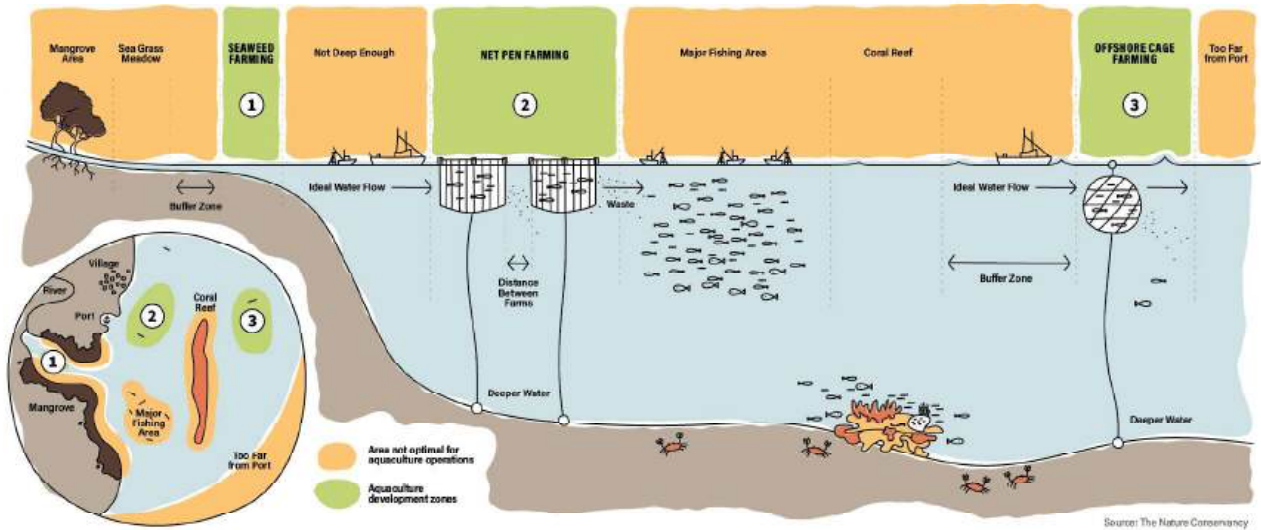
Dissolved oxygen (DO) concentration is probably the most important single variable that influences the well-being of aquatic organisms. When DO concentrations are low, fish, shrimp, and other aquatic life suffer stress that can result in their slowed growth, susceptibility to disease, or even death. The DO requirements of warm-water fish are summarized in Table 1. Other warm-water aquatic animals respond similarly to DO.

Boyd, Common effects of DO concentration on warm-water fish,  
Table 1

Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l)	Effect
< 0.5	Small fish survive brief exposure.
0.5-1.5	Most species will die at exposure for a few hours or days.
1.5-5.0	Most species will survive, but stress, greater susceptibility to disease, and slow growth may occur.
> 5	Desirable concentration.



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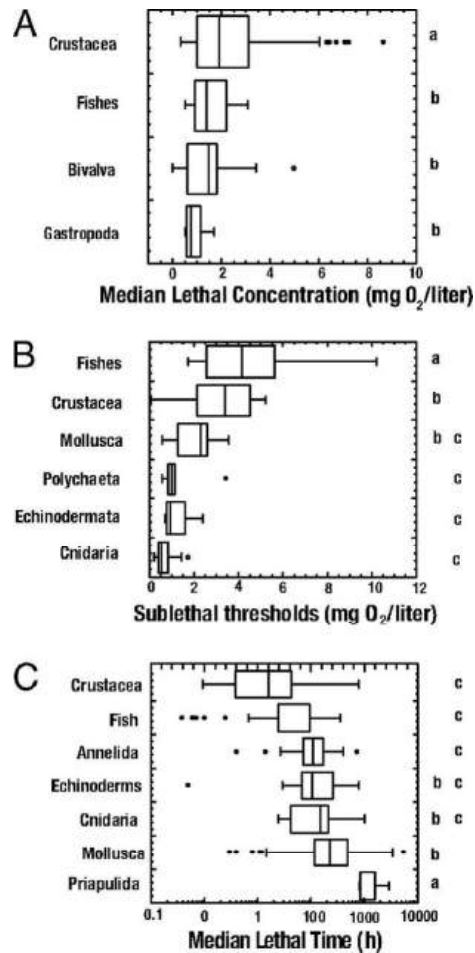
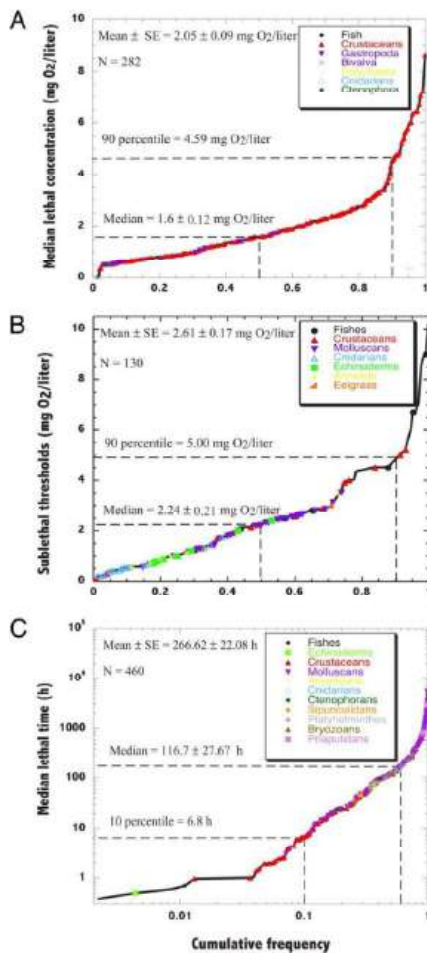
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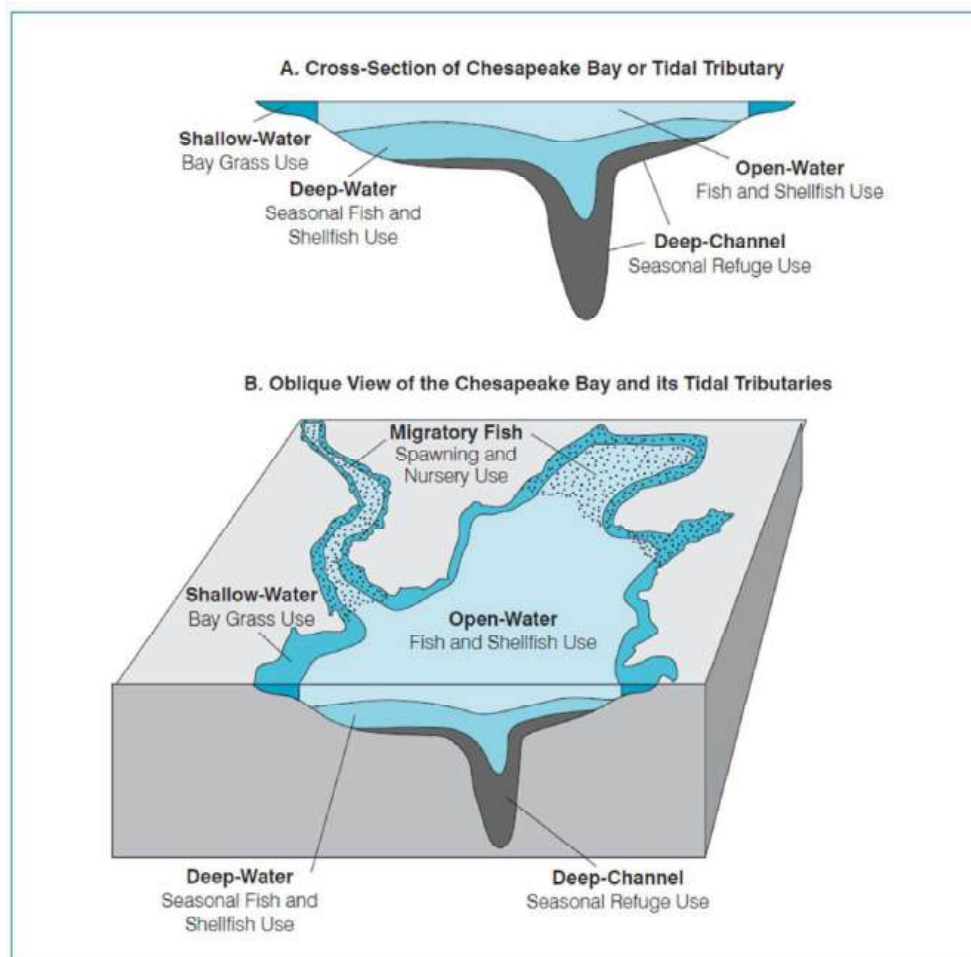
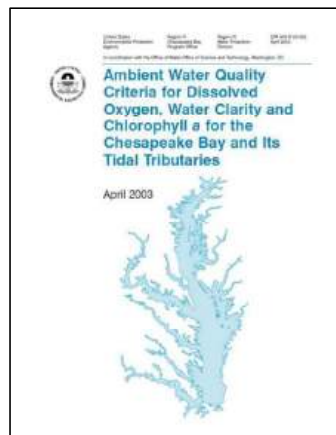
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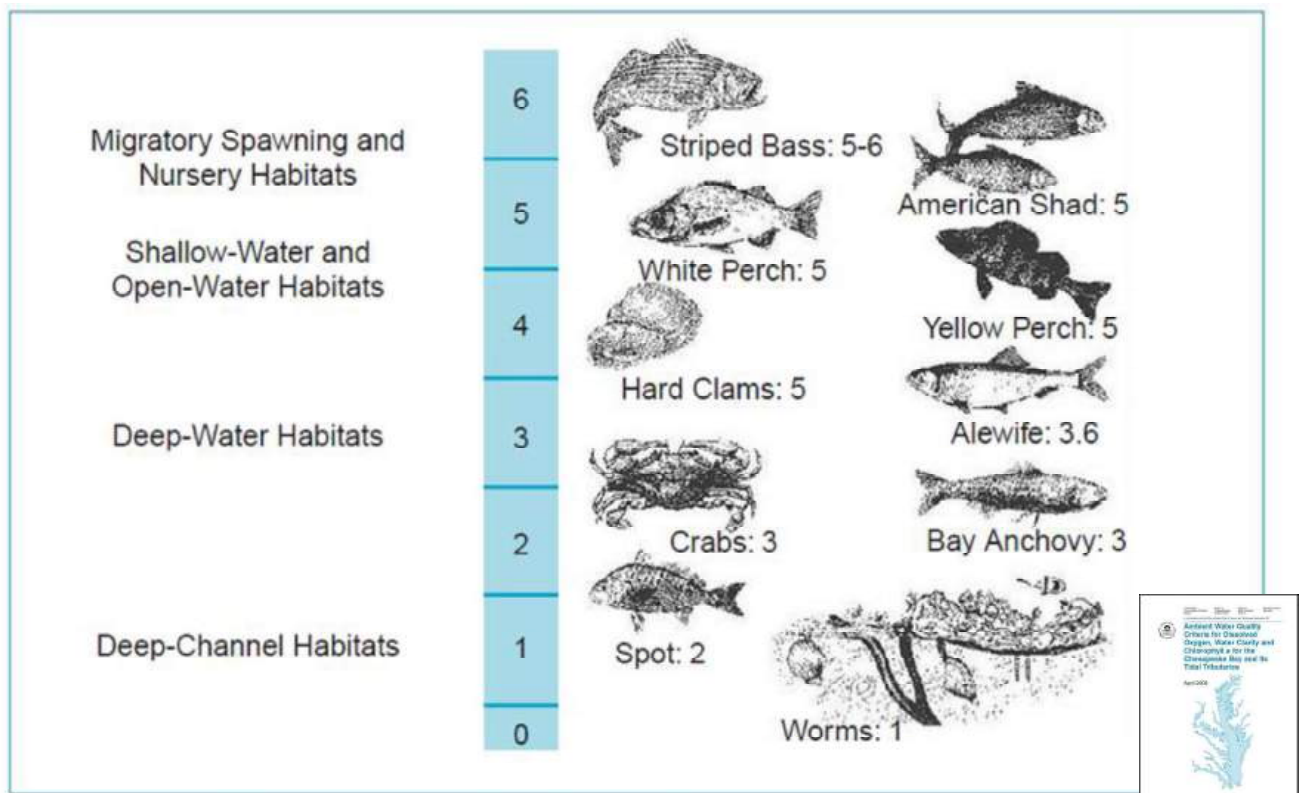


## Thresholds of hypoxia for marine biodiversity

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**Figure 2.** Dissolved oxygen (mg liter<sup>-1</sup>) concentrations required by different Chesapeake Bay species and communities.

**Table 1.** Chesapeake Bay dissolved oxygen criteria.

Designated Use	Criteria Concentration/Duration	Protection Provided	Temporal Application
Migratory fish spawning and nursery use	7-day mean $\geq 6$ mg liter <sup>-1</sup> (tidal habitats with 0-0.5 ppt salinity)	Survival/growth of larval/juvenile tidal-fresh resident fish; protective of threatened/endangered species.	February 1 - May 31
	Instantaneous minimum $\geq 5$ mg liter <sup>-1</sup>	Survival and growth of larval/juvenile migratory fish; protective of threatened/endangered species.	
	Open-water fish and shellfish designated use criteria apply		June 1 - January 31
Shallow-water bay grass use	Open-water fish and shellfish designated use criteria apply		Year-round
Open-water fish and shellfish use	30-day mean $\geq 5.5$ mg liter <sup>-1</sup> (tidal habitats with 0-0.5 ppt salinity)	Growth of tidal-fresh juvenile and adult fish; protective of threatened/endangered species.	Year-round
	30-day mean $\geq 5$ mg liter <sup>-1</sup> (tidal habitats with $>0.5$ ppt salinity)	Growth of larval, juvenile and adult fish and shellfish; protective of threatened/endangered species.	
	7-day mean $\geq 4$ mg liter <sup>-1</sup>	Survival of open-water fish larvae.	
	Instantaneous minimum $\geq 3.2$ mg liter <sup>-1</sup>	Survival of threatened/endangered sturgeon species. <sup>1</sup>	
Deep-water seasonal fish and shellfish use	30-day mean $\geq 3$ mg liter <sup>-1</sup>	Survival and recruitment of bay anchovy eggs and larvae.	June 1 - September 30
	1-day mean $\geq 2.3$ mg liter <sup>-1</sup>	Survival of open-water juvenile and adult fish.	
	Instantaneous minimum $\geq 1.7$ mg liter <sup>-1</sup>	Survival of bay anchovy eggs and larvae.	
	Open-water fish and shellfish designated-use criteria apply		October 1 - May 31
Deep-channel seasonal refuge use	Instantaneous minimum $\geq 1$ mg liter <sup>-1</sup>	Survival of bottom-dwelling worms and clams.	June 1 - September 30
	Open-water fish and shellfish designated use criteria apply		October 1 - May 31

<sup>1</sup> At temperatures considered stressful to shortnose sturgeon ( $>29^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), dissolved oxygen concentrations above an instantaneous minimum of 4.3 mg liter<sup>-1</sup> will protect survival of this listed sturgeon species.

**Table III-1.** 1992 Chesapeake Bay dissolved oxygen goal for restoration of living resource habitats.

<p>The Chesapeake Bay dissolved oxygen goal for the restoration of living resource habitats is to provide for sufficient dissolved oxygen to support the survival, growth and reproduction of anadromous, estuarine and marine fish and invertebrates in the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries by achieving, to the greatest spatial and temporal extent possible, the following target concentrations of dissolved oxygen, and by maintaining the existing minimum concentration of dissolved oxygen in areas of the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries where dissolved oxygen concentrations fall above the recommended targets.</p>	
Target Dissolved Oxygen Concentrations	Time and Location
Dissolved oxygen $\geq 1$ mg liter <sup>-1</sup>	All times, everywhere.
1.0 mg liter <sup>-1</sup> $\geq$ dissolved oxygen $\leq 3$ mg liter <sup>-1</sup>	For no more than 12 hours, interval between excursions at least 48 hours, everywhere.
Monthly mean dissolved oxygen $\geq 5$ mg liter <sup>-1</sup>	All times, throughout above-pycnocline <sup>1</sup> waters.
Dissolved oxygen $\geq 5$ mg liter <sup>-1</sup>	All times, throughout above-pycnocline waters in spawning reaches, spawning rivers, and nursery areas.

<sup>1</sup>The pycnocline is the portion of water column where density changes rapidly because of salinity and temperature.

Source: Jordan et al. 1992

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**Table III-6.** Open-water fish and shellfish designated use dissolved oxygen criteria components.

Criteria Components	Concentration	Duration	Source
Protection against larval recruitment effects	> 4.6-4.8 mg liter <sup>-1</sup> > 3.4-3.6 mg liter <sup>-1</sup> > 2.7-2.9 mg liter <sup>-1</sup>	30 to 40 days 7 days < 24 hours	U.S. EPA 2000
Protection against growth effects	> 4.8 mg liter <sup>-1</sup>	-	U.S. EPA 2000
Protection of juvenile/adult survival	> 2.3 mg liter <sup>-1</sup>	24 hours	U.S. EPA 2000
Protection for resident tidal freshwater species	> 5.5 mg liter <sup>-1</sup> > 4 mg liter <sup>-1</sup> > 3 mg liter <sup>-1</sup>	30 days 7 days instantaneous minimum	U.S. EPA 1986
Protection against effects on threatened/endangered species (shortnose sturgeon)	> 5 mg liter <sup>-1</sup> > 3.5 mg liter <sup>-1</sup> > 3.2 mg liter <sup>-1</sup> <sup>1</sup> > 4.3 mg liter <sup>-1</sup> <sup>2</sup>	30 days 6 hours 2 hours 2 hours	Secor and Niklitschek 2003; Niklitschek 2001; Secor and Gunderson 1998; Jenkins et al. 1994; Campbell and Goodman 2003
Additional published findings			
- Preferred striped bass juvenile habitat	> 5 mg liter <sup>-1</sup>	-	Kramer 1987; Breitburg et al. 1994
- Juvenile striped bass growth, feeding effects	< 4 mg liter <sup>-1</sup>	-	Kramer 1987; Breitburg et al. 1994
- Juvenile striped bass mortality	< 3 mg liter <sup>-1</sup>	-	Chittenden 1972; Coutant 1985; Krouse 1968
- Total fish biomass declining	< 3.7 mg liter <sup>-1</sup>	-	Simpson 1995
- Total fish species richness	< 3.5 mg liter <sup>-1</sup>	-	Simpson 1995

<sup>1</sup> Protective of survival at nonstressful temperatures.

<sup>2</sup> Protective of shortnose sturgeon at stress temperatures (> 20°C).

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Table III-9. Response patterns of Chesapeake Bay benthic organisms to declining dissolved oxygen concentrations (mg liter<sup>-1</sup>).

Response	Dissolved Oxygen	Species	Reference
<i>Avoidance</i>			
Infaunal swimming	1.1	<i>Paraprionospio pinnata</i>	Diaz et al. 1992
	0.5	<i>Nereis succinea</i>	Sagasti et al. 2001
Epifaunal off bottom	0.5	<i>Neopanope sayi</i>	Sagasti et al. 2001
	0.5	<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	Sagasti et al. 2001
	1	<i>Stylochus ellipticus</i>	Sagasti et al. 2001
	1	<i>Mitrella lunata</i>	Sagasti et al. 2001
	0.5	<i>Dirodella obscura</i>	Sagasti et al. 2001
	1	<i>Cratena kaoruae</i>	Sagasti et al. 2001
<i>Fauna, unable to leave or escape, initiate a series of sublethal responses</i>			
Cessation of feeding	0.5	<i>Balanus improvisus</i>	Sagasti et al. 2001
	0.6	<i>Treblospio benedicti</i>	Llanos 1991
	1	<i>Loimia medusa</i>	Llanos and Diaz 1994
	1.1	<i>Capitella</i> sp.	Warren 1977; Forbes and Lopez 1990
Decreased activities not related to respiration	0.5	<i>Balanus improvisus</i>	Sagasti et al. 2001
	0.5	<i>Conopeum tenuissimum</i>	Sagasti et al. 2001
	0.5	<i>Membranipora temis</i>	Sagasti et al. 2001
	1	<i>Cratena kaoruae</i>	Sagasti et al. 2001
	1	<i>Stylochus ellipticus</i>	Sagasti et al. 2001
	1	<i>Treblospio benedicti</i>	Llanos 1991
Cessation of burrowing	1.1	<i>Capitella</i> sp.	Warren 1977

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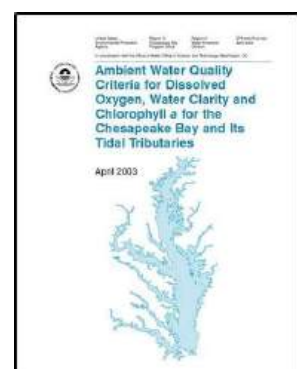
Response	Dissolved Oxygen	Species	Reference
Emergence from tubes or burrows	0.1-1.3	<i>Certhiopsis americanus</i>	Diaz, unpublished data
		<i>Sabellaria vulgaris</i>	Sagasti et al. 2001
		<i>Polydora cornuta</i>	Sagasti et al. 2001
		<i>Micropholis atra</i>	Diaz et al. 1992
		<i>Hydrotides dianthus</i>	Sagasti et al. 2001
	10% saturation	<i>Nereis diversicolor</i>	Vismann 1990
Siphon stretching into water column	0.1-1.0	<i>Mya arenaria</i> , <i>Abra alba</i>	Jorgensen 1980
Siphon or body stretching	0.5	<i>Molgula manhattanensis</i>	Sagasti et al. 2001
	0.5	<i>Diadumene leucolella</i>	Sagasti et al. 2001
Floating on surface of water	0.5	<i>Diadumene leucolella</i>	Sagasti et al. 2001
Formation of resting stage	0.5	<i>Membranipora temis</i>	Sagasti et al. 2001
	0.5	<i>Conopeum tenuissimum</i>	Sagasti et al. 2001

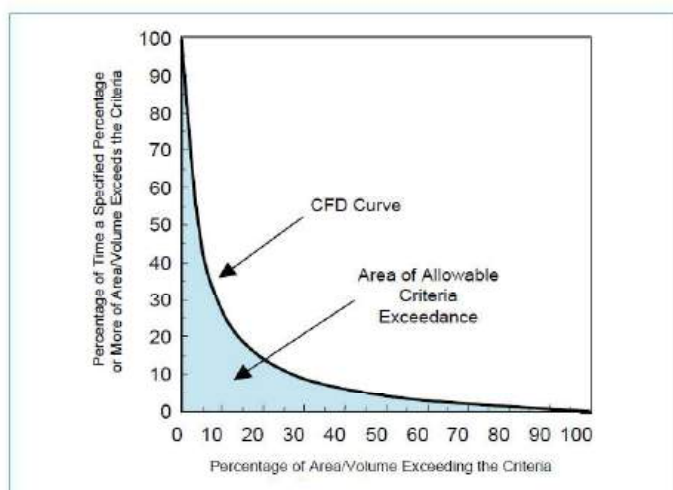
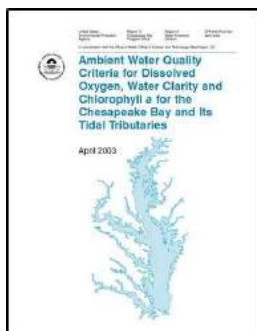
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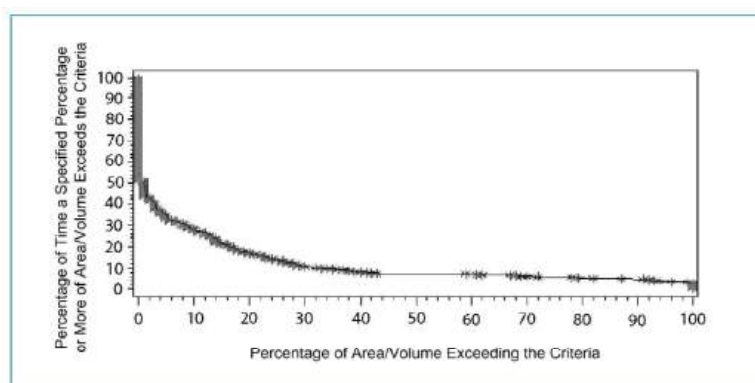
## Chesapeake Bay

- Monitoring for dissolved oxygen criteria attainment should address all four frequencies of dissolved oxygen criteria:
  - 30-day mean
  - 7-day mean
  - 1-day mean
  - instantaneous minimum
- 10% exceedance is allowed
- Temperature, salinity
- Natural (background) exceedance





**Figure VI-18.** Cumulative frequency distribution curve in the shape of a hyperbolic curve that represents approximately 10 percent allowable exceedances equally distributed between time and space.



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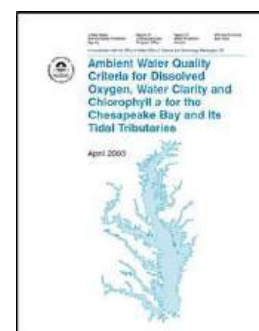
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# Remarks

- Monitoring of DO based on biology
- Analyses
- Links to causes
- Concepts apply, specifics are economy and location specific

# Best practices for data management and data quality assessment

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Global DO map are generally based on Winkler and CTD data.

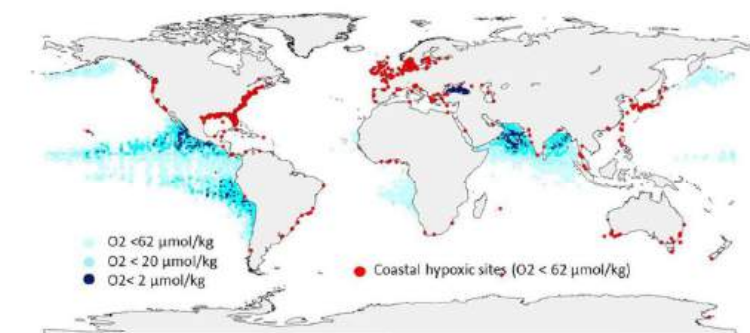
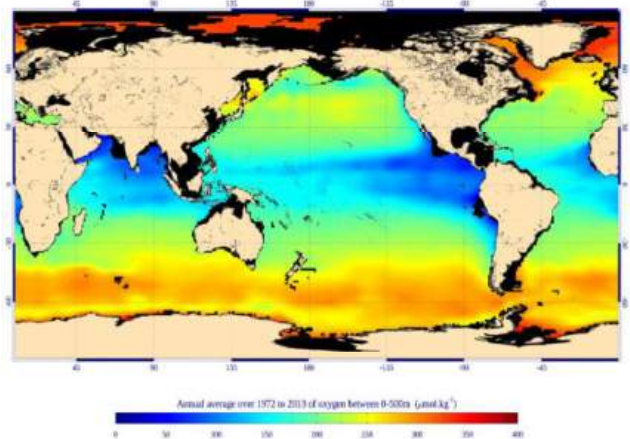


FIGURE 1 | Global distribution of low  $O_2$  areas (i.e.,  $O_2 < 62 \mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$ ) in the coastal and global ocean (from Breitburg et al., 2018). In the coastal area, more than 500 sites have been inventoried with low  $O_2$  conditions in the past half century (red dots) while in the open ocean the extent of low  $O_2$  waters amounts to several millions  $\text{km}^2$  (the blue dots refer to conditions at 300 m).

(Breitburg et al. 2018)

GLODAPv2: annual average (1972-2013) dissolved oxygen concentration between 0-500m



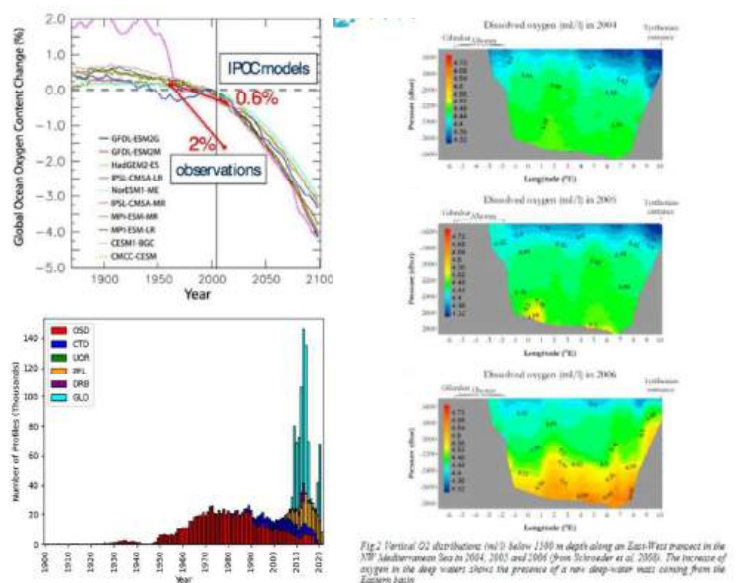
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## Introduction

### • Why Data Management and Quality Assessment Matter?

- ✓ Disagreement among analyses and models
- ✓ Uncertainties and differences due to the scarcity of accessible data, the use of different datasets
- ✓ A precise quantification of the  $O_2$  trend in the global coastal zone is still debated
- ✓ The increasing number of autonomous technologies and observation platforms, such as gliders.



(1) Accurate data is crucial for identifying hypoxia and deoxygenation trends, assessing environmental health, and informing decision-making.

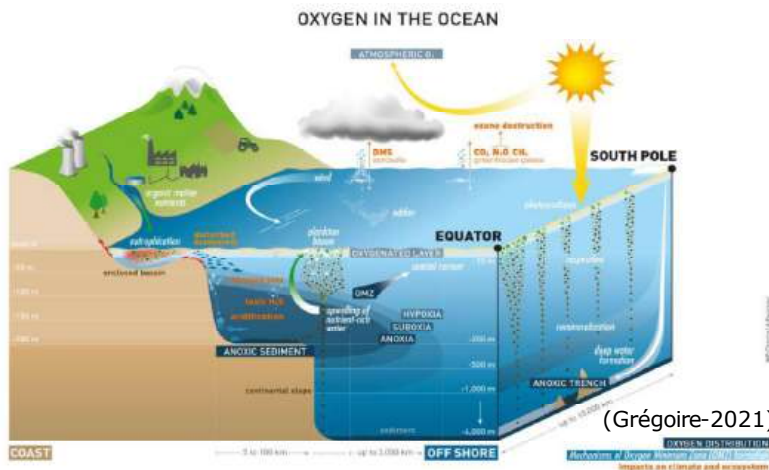
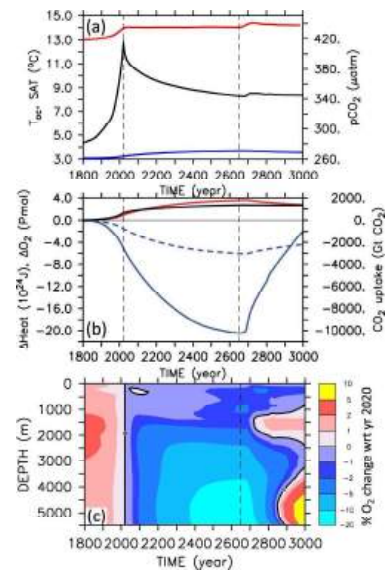


FIGURE 4 | Processes affecting the  $O_2$  dynamics in the ocean and mechanisms of oxygen minimum zones (OMZs) formation (figure from Paulmier, 2017).



Simulated global annual-mean oxygen loss change relative to 2020. (Oschlies, 2021)

- Data from multiple sources (e.g., satellite, buoys, ships) generate vast amounts of data that need systematic management.

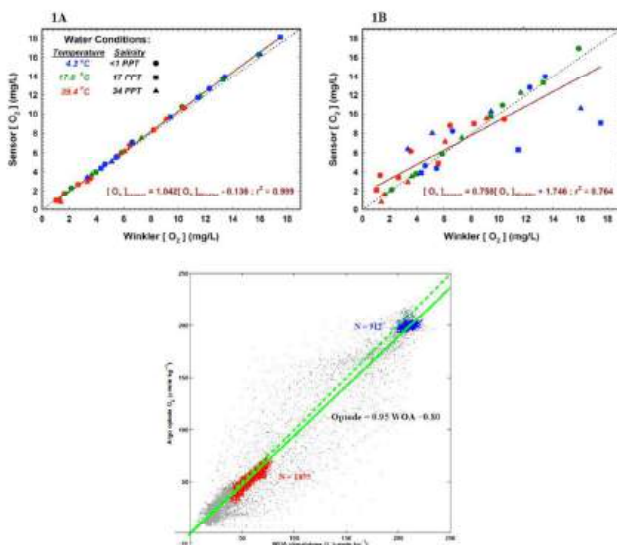
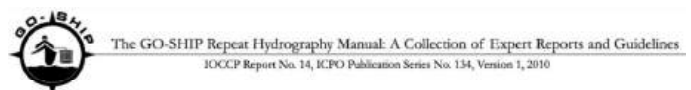


Fig.3 A plot of the dissolved oxygen measurements from University of Washington float 5059 (WMO 5901239) for the period 8/1/2006 to 3/1/2011, compared to the climatology from the World Ocean Atlas (WOA) 2009.



#### CTD OXYGEN SENSOR CALIBRATION PROCEDURES

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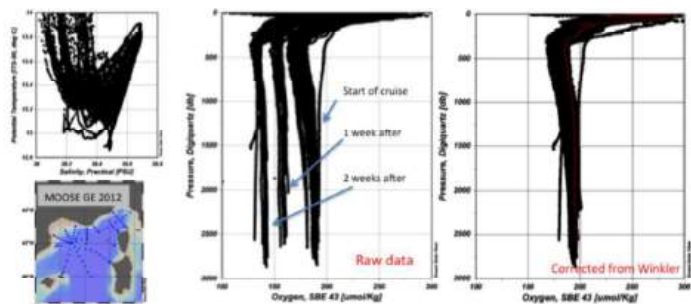


Fig.4 Example of SBE43 data drift during a two weeks cruise performed in the NW Mediterranean Sea in July-August 2012 (MOOSE-GE). Correction of  $O_2$  data has been possible from  $O_2$  Winkler measurements performed once per day (L.Coppola, personal communication)

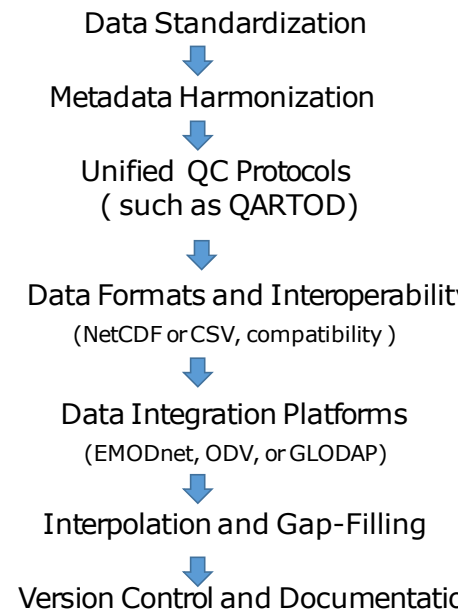
## (2) Data Integration and Harmonization:

**TABLE 3** Characteristics of the last generation of ocean  $O_2$  observing systems: (1) Bittig and Körtzinger, 2015; (2) Thiery et al., 2018; (3) Thiery and Bittig, 2018; (4) Bittig et al., 2019; (5) BGC-Argo data are freely available from the Global Data Assembly Centres (GDACs: <http://ftp.ifremer.fr/ifremer/argo/> and <http://usgodae.org/pub/outgoing/argo/>); (6) Testor et al., 2019; (7) oceangliders (<https://www.oceangliders.org/>); (8) Uchida et al., 2010; (9) WOCE and GO-SHIP protocols; (10) WOCE and GO-SHIP data are freely available on CLIVAR and Carbon Hydrographic Data Office; (11) Coppola et al., 2016; (12) Best Practices EMSO/OceanSites (OBPS); (13) National Data Buoy Center (NDBC) in the United States and Coriolis at IFREMER; (14) in delayed mode (see GO-SHIP method); (15) under development; (16) based on Winkler or 100%-0% calibration of sensors; (17) no DAC but Strömman et al., 2019.

Observing platform	Methods	Spatial and temporal scales resolved	Spatial and temporal coverage	Community-agreed calibration and best practices	Community-agreed QF	Secondary community-agreed correction	GDAC	(NRT/DM FAIR)	
Profiling floats	Sensors	Horizontal: 10–10 <sup>2</sup> km Vertical: 10 <sup>–3</sup> –10 <sup>3</sup> km 5–10 days	10 <sup>2</sup> –10 <sup>3</sup> km 3–5 years	With the atmosphere <sup>(1)</sup>	Yes <sup>(2,3)</sup>	Yes in situ Drift <sup>(4)</sup>	Yes <sup>(5)</sup>	NRT and DM	Yes
Gliders	Sensors	Horizontal: 10 <sup>–1</sup> –1 km Vertical: 10 <sup>–3</sup> –10 <sup>3</sup> km Hourly-daily	1–10 <sup>2</sup> km Several days-weeks	In progress <sup>(6)</sup>	No	No	Yes <sup>(7)</sup>	NRT and DM	Yes
Ship-based Repeat Hydrography	Winkler + Sensors	Horizontal: 10 km Vertical: 10 <sup>–3</sup> –10 <sup>3</sup> km Decadal	10 <sup>2</sup> –10 <sup>3</sup> km Multi-decadal	At sea or in delayed mode using Winkler	Yes <sup>(8)</sup>	Yes <sup>(9)</sup>	Yes <sup>(10)</sup>	DM	Yes
Moored fixed point observatories	Mainly optical sensors	Hourly	Multi-year	Yes <sup>(11)</sup>	Yes <sup>(12)</sup>	No	Yes <sup>(13)</sup>	NRT & DM	No
Ship-based Fixed-point Observatories	Winkler + Sensors	Monthly	Multi-year	No <sup>(14)</sup>	Yes <sup>(6)</sup>	Yes	Yes <sup>(10)</sup>	DM	Yes
Ship-based underway observations	Optical sensors	Sub-weekly to monthly	10–10 <sup>2</sup> km	No <sup>(15)</sup>	No	No	No	DM	No
Coastal/benthic	Winkler + Sensors	Vertical: 10 <sup>–5</sup> –10 <sup>–4</sup> km Temporal: punctual	10–10 <sup>2</sup> km	Yes <sup>(16)</sup>	No	No	No <sup>(17)</sup>	DM	No

Table adapted from the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) Panel-Biogeochemistry-01-EOV-Oxygen Essential Ocean Variables (EOV) version 2.0 (August, 2017) see [https://www.jcomm.info/index.php?option=com\\_oa&task=viewDocs&Record&doclistID=166](https://www.jcomm.info/index.php?option=com_oa&task=viewDocs&Record&doclistID=166).

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## Current Trends in Ocean Monitoring Data Management

- **Big Data and Real-Time Monitoring:** ARGO, gliders, and fixed sensor networks
- **Cloud-Based Data Systems:** NOAA's IOOS, \*\*EMODnet, GOOS etc.
- **Open Data Initiatives:** Global Ocean Oxygen Database and Atlas (GO2DAT), aims to increase the usability of large-scale oxygen datasets.
- **Data Integration and Modeling:** datasets must integrate DO with other variables (T,S, nutrients), Tools like Ocean Data View (ODV) and Python libraries (SciPy, NumPy) are used for data visualization and processing.

### Challenges:

- The volume and variety of data sources make managing it complex. Combining in-situ measurements (e.g., from buoys) with remote sensing data requires advanced interoperability standards.
- Gaps in spatial and temporal coverage can affect the interpretation of DO trends. While sensor networks provide real-time data, remote regions or deep areas may still be under-sampled.

- **Domestic Oceanographic Data Centers (NODCs) :** BODC, CMDS, CODC;
- **International oceanographic databases:** WOCE, GLODAP, GEOTRACERS, GO2DAT;
- **Other Useful links:** COMM, IOOS, ACT. etc.



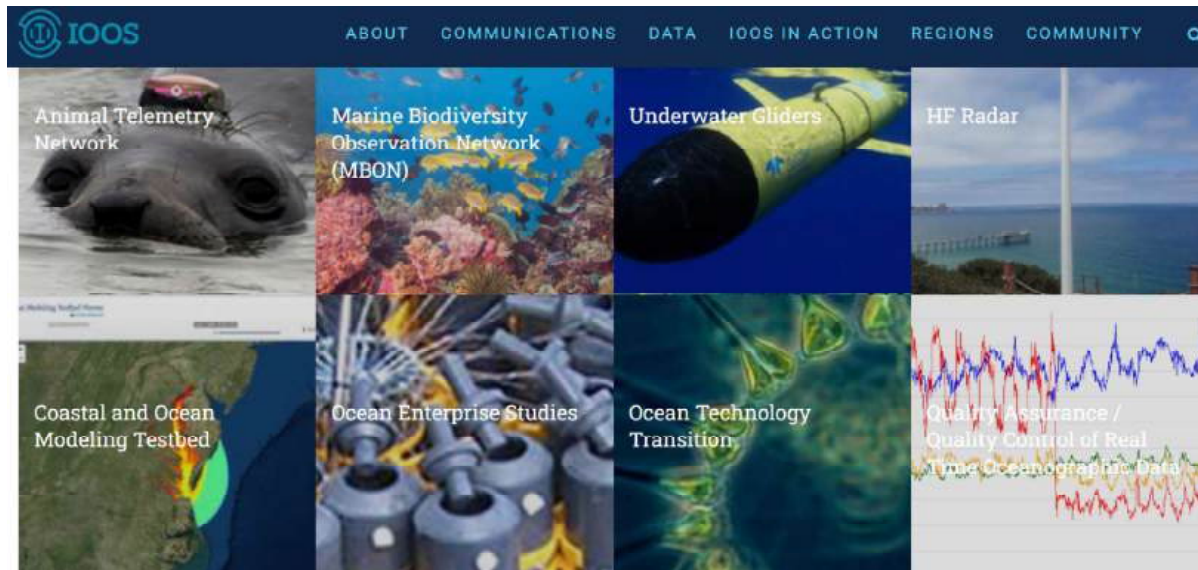
Figure 1: IOOE Network of National Oceanographic Data Centres (NODCs)(2006)

## Example 1: Domestic Oceanographic Data Centers (NODCs) -BODC

- The European Environment Agency (EEA) and Eurostat serve as major repositories for environmental data.
- High levels of cross-border collaboration facilitated by EU-wide projects and funding (e.g., Copernicus for Earth observation).

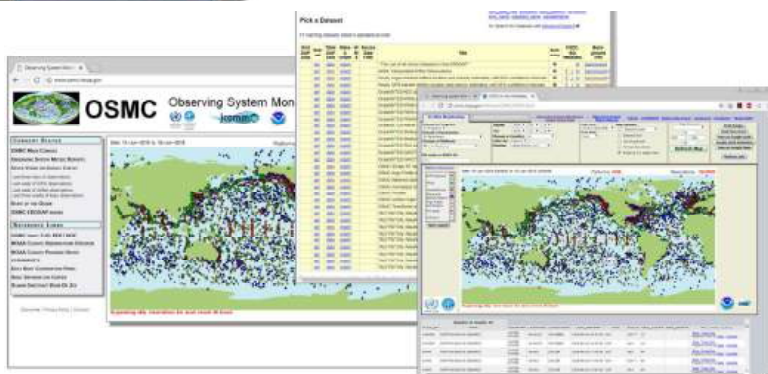


## Example 2: NOAA's Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS)



### Observing System Monitoring Center (OSMC)

The Observing System Monitoring Center (OSMC) project exists to join the discrete "networks" of global in situ ocean observing platforms -- ships, surface floats, profiling floats, tide gauges, etc. -- into a single, integrated system. The OSMC addresses this goal through capabilities in four areas: 1) it captures the real-time ocean data stream from the NOAA GTS downlink into a database, and makes those data available at minimal delay to scientific end users through easy-to-use, service-oriented techniques; 2) it utilizes these data to compute metrics, indices and indicators of effectiveness of the observing system (the scientifically useful data it produces); 3) it strives to integrate the community of delayed-mode data assembly centers under a unified set of data services; and 4) it provides real-time monitoring of the integrated networks of in situ platforms.

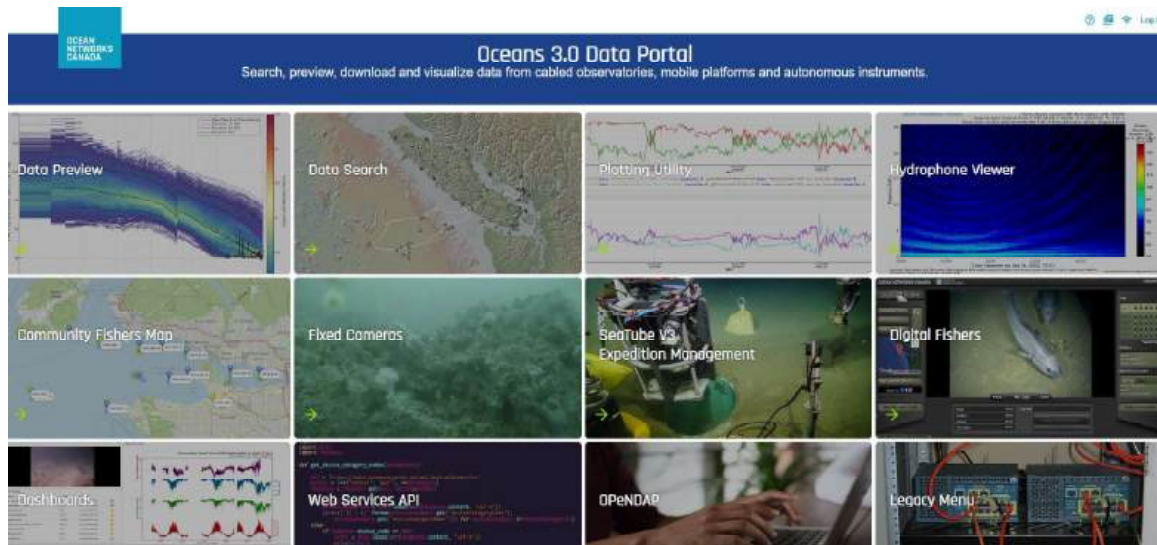


- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Domestic Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- (NOAA) set the standards for monitoring dissolved oxygen levels.
- The EPA's National Coastal Condition Assessment (NCCA) and NOAA's Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS) utilize in-situ sensors, buoys, and satellite data.



### Example 3: Ocean Networks Canada (ONC)

- Real-time oxygen concentrations in the Northeast Pacific Ocean can be accessed through Ocean Networks Canada's data portal system, Ocean 3.0.



## Best Practices in Data Management

### 1. Standardized Protocols for Data Collection

- ✓ Standardized data collection protocols across monitoring stations to ensure consistency and comparability.

Example: The Winkler Titration Method is often used to validate sensor-based DO measurements. Combining high-frequency sensor data with discrete samples ensures reliability.



SCOR WG 142:  
Quality Control Procedures for Oxygen and Other Biogeochemical  
Sensors on Floats and Gliders

**Recommendation for Oxygen Measurements from Argo Floats:  
Implementation of In-Air-Measurement Routine  
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Guidelines for sampling and determination of dissolved  
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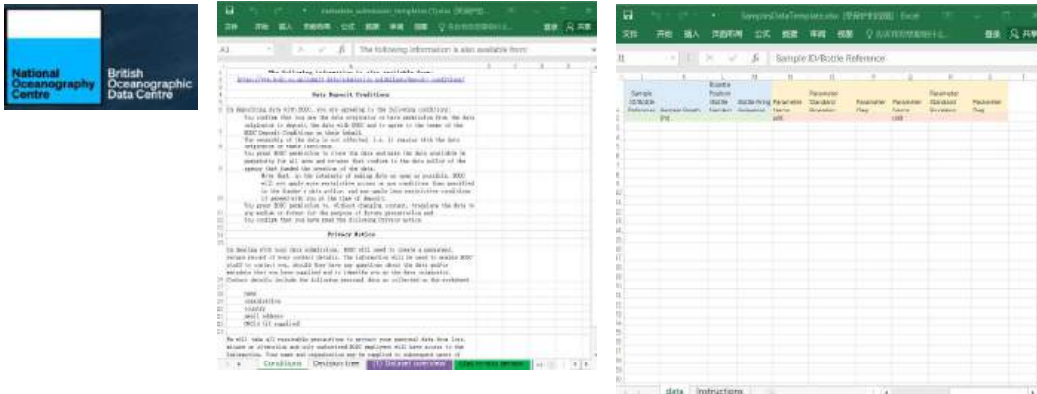
White paper on dissolved oxygen measurements: scientific needs and sensors accuracy

**White paper on dissolved oxygen measurements: scientific needs  
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## 2. Metadata Documentation

- Robust metadata for understanding the context and methodology behind data collection. Accurate metadata ensures the **traceability and reliability** of the dataset.
- **\*\*Instrument information\*\*** (model, calibration dates).
- **\*\*Sampling conditions\*\*** (location, depth, temperature, salinity).
- **\*\*Data processing steps\*\*** (corrections, quality flags).



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### Example 1: Metadata specific to water sample data

- **Collection details** : Ship and cruise identifier. Project , CTD station identifier . Sample identifier (i.e. bottle number, rosette position or firing sequence). Date/time of the measurement. Position and method of position fix . Depth of sample
- **Instrument details**  
Instrument description, reference number, manufacturer and model, sampling rate— provide a literature reference, web site reference or briefly describe.
- **Analysis**  
A description of or reference to full laboratory methods and procedures.  
Details of any external sample analysis, including the laboratory name and accreditation level.  
A description of or reference to any internal or external quality assurance procedures.
- **Data sampling/processing**  
Editing and quality control methods.  
Identification of trace values (i.e. values below the detection limit).  
Handling of missing values (null versus zero, or 'blanks').  
Equations used for computed values.  
Precision of methods (i.e. number of significant figures).  
Quality control report.
- **Units per volume and per mass**



### ❑ Example 2: Metadata specific to Moored instrument data

- **Deployment details**

The mooring type. The ship/cruise which deployed the mooring. Date/time of deployment/recovery for each instrument. Position and method of position fix (i.e. DGPS, GPS). Instrument depth

- Instrument details

Instrument description, reference number, manufacturer, model, principle of measurement, method of recording — provide a literature reference, or briefly describe. Include — accuracy, resolution and response range of individual sensors.

Standard of calibration — method, quality, dates and calibration coefficients.

- **Mooring details**

Brief description or diagram of the mooring structure. Performance of the mooring. Include — condition on recovery, whether dragged or damaged. Any event that might affect the data.

- Data sampling/processing

Sampling scheme of raw data e.g. continuous recording, instantaneous, averaged.

Interval between samples and the duration of individual samples (raw data).

Number of raw samples.

Nominal interval of processed data (excluding gaps resulting from editing).

Methods of averaging, filtering or compression.

Gaps in the data record.

Timing and corrections applied.

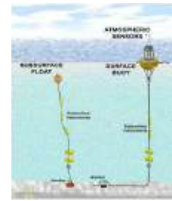
### De-spiking/smoothing/interpolating methods and editing procedures.

## Data quality report.

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- Drift in O<sub>2</sub> measurements over time

- optical sensors are more common due to their long-term stability
- The response time of optical sensors is slower.
- The drift is principally due to:
  - (1) degradation
  - (2) marine biofouling
  - (3) time dependent pressure hysteresis of the sensing element (only on very deep moorings > 1000 m).

In particular, **biofouling** may rapidly degrade the quality of O2 and CTD data collected at shallow depths (<200 m).



## ❑ Example 3: Metadata specific to Underway data

### ● Underway collection details

Ship and cruise identifier. Project Date/time of the start/end of the sampling. Location of the all individual sensors. Method of positional fixing (i.e. GPS, DGPS). Depth of the water intake. Flow volume per unit time, flow rate, size of water line. Time lag for water moving between sensors.

### ● Instrument details

Instrument description, reference number, manufacturer, model, principle of measurement, method of, Include - accuracy, resolution and response range of individual sensors. Instrument modifications and their effect on the data.

### ● Sample data - for calibration purposes

Details of water sampling system (automatic - manufacturer, model, number serial number or manual).

Watersampling method, volume and time interval.

Details of analyses and the elapsed time between collection and analysis.

### ● Corrections and calibrations

Correction for time lag between sensors.

Correction for ships movement — for wind speed and direction.

Laboratory calibrations.

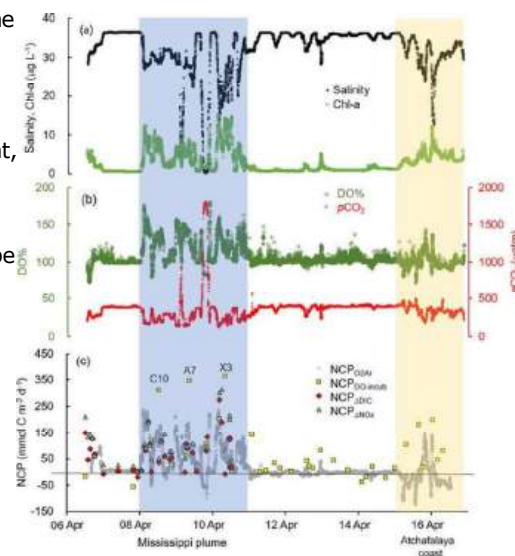
In situ calibrations (i.e. comparisons with lowered near surface CTD or water samples).

### ● Data sampling/processing

Filtering, de-spiking or smoothing methods.

Editing and quality control methods.

Quality control report.



(Jiang et al., 2019)

BODC request (ASCII) format

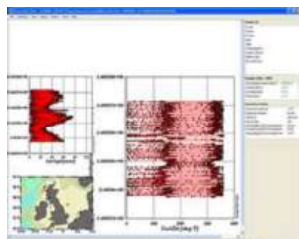
### ● Ocean Data View (ODV) format

QXF (a netCDF) format

CF netCDF format

AXF (historical) format

Sea level formats



### ● Format

The data format follows that of a spreadsheet — a collection of rows (comment, column header and data) with each data row having the same fixed number of columns. Data rows contain three types of column

• Metadata columns

• Primary variable data columns (one column for the value plus one for the qualifying flag)

• Data columns — two columns per variable (value and flag)

with rows containing exactly the same parameters grouped together — known as 'stations'.

### ● Data mapping

Data of different 'shape' (profile, time series and trajectory) are mapped into the spreadsheet as follows

- Profile data — CTD and bottle data
- Point time series — current meter or sea level data
- Chronological Julian Date [days]
- Trajectories — underway data

### ● BODC (SeaDataNet) ODV file

#### Data rows

Cruise Station Type yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss.sss Longitude [degrees\_east] Latitude [degrees\_north] LOCAL\_CDI\_ID EDMO\_code.

Bot. Depth [m]

Primary variable value

Quality flag

Tips: If there is no data value then the data value column is left blank with the flag field set to '9' - missing value.

### 3. Data Storage and Security

- Use redundant, cloud-based systems to securely store data and ensure long-term accessibility.

For example, platforms like ERDDAP (Environmental Research Division Data Access Program) allow users to access, visualize, and download large datasets in real-time.

- Backup strategies should be employed to prevent data loss, particularly for long-term projects.

### 4. Data Sharing and Accessibility

- Promote open data policies that make DO data freely available to researchers, policymakers, and stakeholders. This enhances collaboration and allows for more comprehensive studies across regions.

Example: The ARGO program's real-time DO profiles are freely accessible, allowing researchers worldwide to track ocean deoxygenation trends. Open access to such data has enabled large-scale analysis of oxygen minimum zones (OMZs)

## Why and How to Carry Out Data Quality Assessment

### • Why Data Quality Assessment is Essential?

**-Accuracy:** High-quality DO data is critical for making informed decisions about marine resource management, fisheries, and coastal conservation.

**- Comparability:** Quality-controlled data ensures that measurements taken across different platforms or regions are comparable, allowing for large-scale analyses of oxygen trends.

Table 5.2a Sensors capacity in the FixO3 stations network

Variables	Type of sensor	Range	Accuracy
Temperature	SBE37	-5 to 45 °C	± 0.002 °C
Conductivity	SBE37	0 to 7 S/m	± 0.0003 S/m
Currents	Aquadopp, Seaguard RCM	0 to 3 / 0 to 0.3 m.s <sup>-1</sup>	± 1 % / ± 0.05 %
Dissolved oxygen	Optode 4330, SBE63	0-150 %/120 % saturation	± 8 µM / 3 µM
Chl-a	ECO FLNTU, Turner Cyclops	0-50 µg/l Chla	0.025 µg/l Chla
Nitrate	ISUS, SUNA	0.5 to 2000 µM/3000 µM	± 2 µM
pCO <sub>2</sub>	Contros, Pro-Oceanus, Aanderaa	0 to 1000 ppm / 0-600 ppm	± 4 ppm / 2 ppm
pH	SeaFet, SP101-SM	6.5 - 9.0 pH	0.05 pH/ 0.005 pH
Acoustics (passive)	SQ42	50-180 dB	3 dB

## Five standards for data quality assessment: **Validity, Reliability, Timeliness, Precision, Integrity**



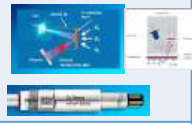

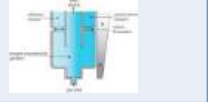
**Data Quality Assessment Checklist and Recommended Procedures**

This Data Quality Assessment (DQA) Checklist is provided as a recommended tool that an operating unit (OU) may use to complete its DQAs. If the OU prefers or has successfully used a different tool for conducting and documenting its DQAs in the past, they are free to continue the use of that tool instead. The checklist below is intended to assist in assessing each of the five aspects of data quality and provide a convenient manner in which to document the OU's DQA findings.

USAID Mission or Operating Unit Name:	
Title of Performance Indicator: <i>[Indicator should be copied directly from the Performance Indicator Reference Sheet]</i>	
Linkage to Foreign Assistance Standardized Program Structure, if applicable (i.e. Program Area, Element, etc.):	
Result This Indicator Measures <i>[For USAID only]</i> (i.e., Specify the Development Objective, Intermediate Result, or Project Purpose, etc.):	
Data Source(s): <i>[Information can be copied directly from the Performance Indicator Reference Sheet]</i>	
Partner or Contractor Who Provided the Data: <i>[It is recommended that this checklist is completed for each partner that contributes data to an indicator-- it should state in the contract or grant that it is the prime's responsibility to ensure the data quality of sub-contractors or sub-grantees.]</i>	
Period for Which the Data Are Being Reported:	
Is This Indicator a Standard or Custom Indicator?	<input type="checkbox"/> Standard Foreign Assistance Indicator <input type="checkbox"/> Custom (created by the OU; not standard)
Data Quality Assessment methodology: <i>[Describe here or attach to this checklist the methods and procedures for assessing the quality of the indicator data. E.g. Reviewing data collection procedures and documentation, interviewing those responsible for data analysis, checking a sample of the data for errors, etc.]</i>	
Date(s) of Assessment:	
Assessment Team Members:	
Team Leader Officer approval USAID Mission/OU Verification of DQA	
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	YES	NO	COMMENTS
<b>VALIDITY – Data should clearly and adequately represent the intended result.</b>			
1			Does the information collected measure what it is supposed to measure? (E.g. A valid measure of overall nutrition is healthy variation in diet; Age is not a valid measure of overall health.)
2			Do results collected fall within a plausible range?
3			Is there reasonable assurance that the data collection methods being used do not produce systematically biased data (e.g. consistently over- or under-counting)?
4			Are sound research methods being used to collect the data?
<b>RELIABILITY – Data should reflect stable and consistent data collection processes and analysis methods over time.</b>			
1			When the same data collection method is used to measure/observe the same thing multiple times, is the same result produced each time? (E.g. A ruler used over and over always indicates the same length for an inch.)
2			Are data collection and analysis methods documented in writing and being used to ensure the same procedures are followed each time?
<b>TIMELINESS – Data should be available at a useful frequency, should be current, and should be timely enough to influence management decision making.</b>			
1			Are data available frequently enough to inform program management decisions?
2			Are the data reported the most current practically available?
3			Are the data reported as soon as possible after collection?
<b>PRECISION – Data have a sufficient level of detail to permit management decision making; e.g. the margin of error is less than the anticipated change.</b>			
1			Is the margin of error less than the expected change being measured? (E.g. If a change of only 2% is expected and the margin of error in a survey used to collect the data is +/- 5%, then the tool is not precise enough to detect the change.)
2			Has the margin of error been reported along with the data? (Only applicable to results

## Summary of different dissolved oxygen (DO) measurement methods

	Method	Advantages	Disadvantages	*Best Use Case	Instruments
1	Winkler Titration (Iodometric titration)	High accuracy, low cost, versatile	Labor-intensive, not suitable for continuous monitoring	Labor-intensive, not suitable for continuous monitoring	
2	Electrochemical Sensors (Clark Electrode)	Real-time data, portable, affordable	Requires regular calibration, sensitive to temperature and fouling	Continuous monitoring in various environments (e.g., potentiometry, amperometry)	
3	Optical Sensors	High stability, low maintenance, unaffected by flow	Higher cost, power consumption	Long-term deployments, low-flow environments	
4	Optode Sensors (Fluorescence quenching)	Long-term use, low power, fouling-resistant	Expensive, complex data analysis	Extended field monitoring, remote areas	
5	Paramagnetic Sensors	Very high accuracy, unaffected by water vapor	Expensive, complex, not suitable for real-time field use	Specialized laboratory applications	

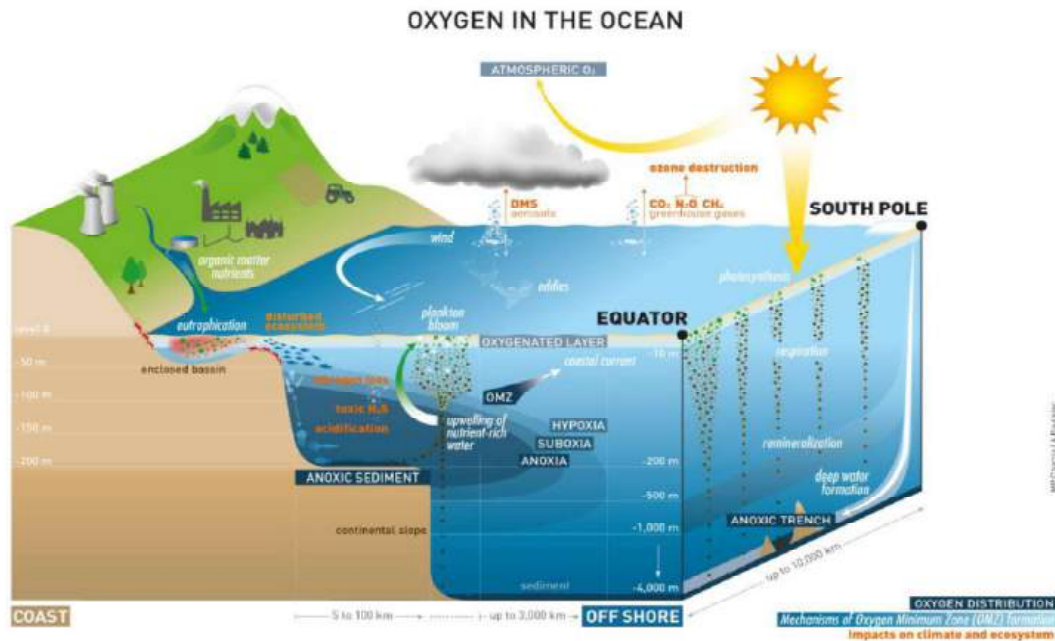


FIGURE 4 | Processes affecting the O<sub>2</sub> dynamics in the ocean and mechanisms of oxygen minimum zones (OMZs) formation (figure from Paulmier, 2017). (Grégoire-2021)

- **The challenges in coastal hypoxia monitoring, including variability, data gaps, and the need for high-quality, standardized data.**
- Net Community Production (i.e.,NCP) : A 0.5% (1  $\mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$ ) error in O<sub>2</sub> measurements significantly degrades the quality of the retrieved NCP (Emerson et al., 2008; Soetaert and Grégoire, 2011).
- In OMZs, because, nanomolar levels O<sub>2</sub> inhibit denitrification and anaerobic ammonium oxidation, studies of these processes require sensors with detection limits of a few nanomoles (Tiano et al., 2014).
- For ecological analyses, depends on questions (hypotheses) being addressed.  
Quantifying, the O<sub>2</sub> effects on individual organisms in terms of:
  - (1) presence, absence or abundance
  - (2) energetics-related physiology
  - (3) (3) behavior and vital process rates of growth, mortality, and reproduction (Batiuk et al., 2009).

## ● How to Perform Data Quality Assessment?

### 1. Calibration and Sensor Maintenance:

- Pre-deployment calibration: DO sensors should be calibrated in controlled conditions using standardized solutions (air-saturated water or chemical standards).
- Routine calibration ensures that sensors provide accurate readings over time.

### 2. Real-Time and Post-Deployment Quality Control (QC):

- Real-time QC: Automated systems flag suspicious data points as they are collected. These flags could be based on range checks, where measurements outside expected thresholds are flagged for review.

Example: **QARTOD** (Quality Assurance of Real-Time Oceanographic Data) provides guidelines for automatically flagging outliers or erratic DO readings from buoys or gliders.

- **Post-deployment QC:** After sensors are retrieved, DO data should be compared against reference measurements (e.g., Winkler titration). Post-deployment calibration can reveal sensor drift that occurred during deployment, which can then be corrected in the dataset.

### 3. Data Flagging Systems

- Implement a flagging system to indicate the quality of each data point (e.g., good, suspect, or bad). This allows users to easily filter out low-quality data for analysis.

Table 5.1.1a OceanSites quality flags signification

Code	Meaning	Comment
0	Unknown	No QC was performed
1	Good data	All QC tests passed.
2	Probably good data	
3	Potentially correctable bad data	These data are not to be used without scientific correction or re-calibration.
4	Bad data	Data have failed one or more tests.
5	-	Not used
6	-	Not used.
7	Nominal value	Data were not observed but reported. (e.g. instrument target depth.)
8	Interpolated value	Missing data may be interpolated from neighbouring data in space or time.
9	Missing value	This is a fill value

### QARTOD Data Flag Protocol

The IOC 54-V3 Primary Level flagging standard (UNESCO 2013) is shown in table 1.

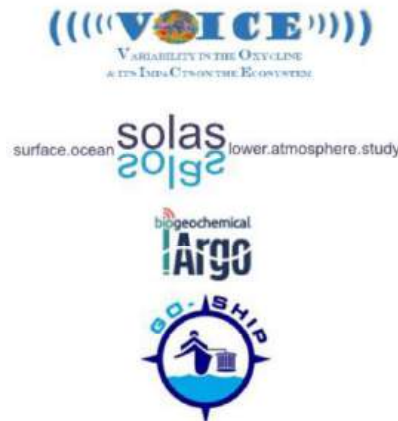
Table 1. Primary Level Flagging Standard.

Value	Primary-Level Flag Short Name	Definition
1	Good	Passed documented required QC tests
2	Not evaluated, not available or unknown	Used for data when no QC test performed or the information on quality is not available
3	Questionable/suspect	Failed non-critical documented metric or subjective test(s)
4	Bad	Failed critical documented QC test(s) or as assigned by the data provider
9	Missing data	Used as place holder when data are missing

QARTOD discourages use of the *Flag 2 Not Evaluated* flag, as this violates the very first of the *Seven QARTOD Data Management Laws*, which is that "every real-time observation distributed to the ocean community must be accompanied by a quality descriptor" (NOAA 2009).

#### 4. Gap-Filling and Data Interpolation:

- Missing or erroneous data points in long-term time series are inevitable. Use advanced interpolation techniques, such as kriging or spline interpolation, to estimate missing values.



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Variability in the Oxyclyne and its ImpCts on the Ecosystem (VOICE)  
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 Contact: Jessica Gier (Germany) - Executive Director

Biogeochemical Argo  
<http://biogeochemical-argo.org/data-access.php>  
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## Summary

- The volume and complexity of DO data demand robust systems that ensure data is accurate, comparable, and accessible. As we continue to observe the impacts of climate change on oceanic oxygen levels, particularly in sensitive regions like the estuaries, adhering to best practices in data management will allow researchers to track trends, inform policy, and protect marine ecosystems.
- Adopt standardized protocols for data collection and ensure rigorous calibration of sensors. Document metadata comprehensively, including instrument details and environmental conditions. Use real-time and post-deployment QC procedures to maintain data accuracy.
- Support open data sharing to enhance collaboration and large-scale research efforts.

Thanks! Q & A

# Best practices for data processing, spatial mapping and time-series development

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# Introduction

-**Monitoring dissolved oxygen (DO)** is crucial for understanding the health of marine ecosystems, particularly in coastal areas where hypoxia (low oxygen) and deoxygenation are major concerns.

-DO data is critical for identifying hypoxic zones, tracking the impacts of climate change, and informing management decisions. However, the raw data collected from monitoring systems needs to **be processed, mapped, and analyzed in a time series** to **reveal meaningful patterns and trends**.

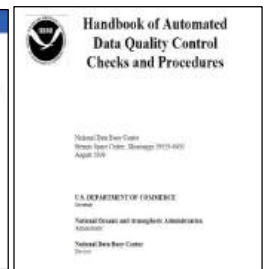
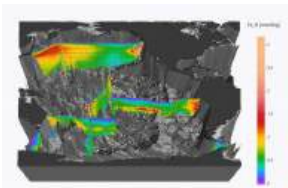


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## Manual for Real-Time Quality Control of Dissolved Oxygen Observation : A Guide to Quality Control and Quality Assurance for Dissolved Oxygen Observations in Coastal Oceans

2018

Region 4 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Laboratory Services & Applied Sciences Division Laboratory Control Plan	
Operating Procedure	
Title: Field Measurement of Dissolved Oxygen	ID: LSASDPROC-106-BL5
Issuing Authority: Field Services Branch Supervisor	
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Relevant Reference: N/A	SOP Author: Derek Little



- **Data Collection planning** Define Objectives → Choose Appropriate Tools/methods
- **Data Quality Assurance (DQA)** Develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) Train Personnel  
Conduct Pre-Deployment Checks
- **Data Collection** Systematic Data Collection Calibration and Maintenance Record Metadata
- **Data Entry and Storage** Data Entry Protocols → Organize Data → Backup Data
- **Data Quality Control (QC)** Automated QC Checks → Manual Review → Cross-Validation
- **Data Processing** Data Cleaning → Data Normalization → Time-Series Analysis
- **Data Archiving and Documentation** Comprehensive Documentation → Standardized Formats  
→ Data Archiving
- **Data Analysis and Interpretation** Statistical Analysis Uncertainty Analysis Visualization

# Best Practices in Ocean Dissolved Oxygen Data Processing

## 1. Raw Data Handling

- Raw data acquisition from sensors and monitoring systems (e.g., CTDs, sensors, ARGO floats, etc.).
- Challenges such as **sensor drift**, **calibration errors**, and **missing data**, and best practices for overcoming these issues.

## 2. Data Cleaning and Preprocessing

- **Error Detection:** Automated systems can flag suspicious data points based on range checks or rapid fluctuations that exceed natural variability.
- **Real-time quality flags**, such as those implemented by QARTOD protocols, ensure continuous data accuracy.

## 3. Data Standardization

- Standard protocols for processing DO data to ensure consistency across datasets (e.g., converting raw sensor outputs to standardized oxygen units like  $\mu\text{mol/kg}$  or  $\text{mg/L}$ ).

## 4. Data Validation

- Cross-validate sensor data with discrete water samples collected via CTD-rosette systems.
- These samples are analyzed in the lab using Winkler titration, considered the gold standard for oxygen measurements, providing an additional layer of data validation.

## 1. Sample bottle data (Discrete sampling)

**Winkler titration for accuracy:**  $\pm 0.15$  to  $0.87 \mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$  (Saunders, 1986; Langdon, 2010).

- Regent blank → track before and after the measurement
- Potassium Iodate Standards ( $\text{KIO}_3$  standards) → choose primary standards
- analyzed immediately, or preserved properly → keep cool, analyzed within 8 hours
- $\text{NO}_2$  effects → add sulfamic acid reagent
- extremely low oxygen, anoxia water → Double the Sample Volume, Limit Sample Exposure, Alternative sensor methods

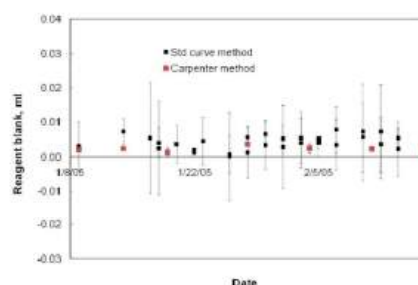


Figure 3. Reagent blank determined by Carpenter method (red) and Standard Curve method (black). Error bars are the 95% CI.

## ➤ Chemical sample data (nutrients, oxygen)



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### • Minimum quality control checks

- (1) Data range checks;
- (2) Excessive gradient;
- (3) Excessive spike;
- (4) No gradient.

### • Applicable to both vertical profiles and time-series/horizontal distributions.

- (1) to develop **data ranges** at different spatial scales ranging from basin to regions to improve QC checks (objective tests).
- (2) to use **property-property plots**, such as nitrate versus phosphate, nitrate vs. temperature, oxygen vs. temperature, depth or time plots as a mean to visually check the data (subjective tests).
- (3) when available we recommend the use of **local climatologies** as a quantitative or visual guide.
- (4) to seek **community-wise effort** to develop less subjective tests.
- (5) to compile a list of available statistical and objectively **analyzed climatologies available** such as Brickman and Petrie 2003, [World Ocean Atlas 2009](#), Hydrobase, [GLODAP](#), Gouretski and Koltermann 2004, the Baltic Atlas of long term inventory and climatology, Oceanographic Atlas for the Black and Azov seas 2009, [MEDAR/MEDATLAS](#), etc.

## □ Range check

### ANNEX IV

#### PARAMETER RANGE LIMITS USED FOR WOD09

#### Oxygen

Standard unit or scale: ml·l<sup>-1</sup>

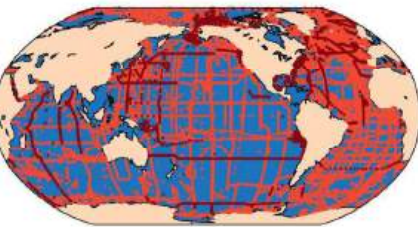
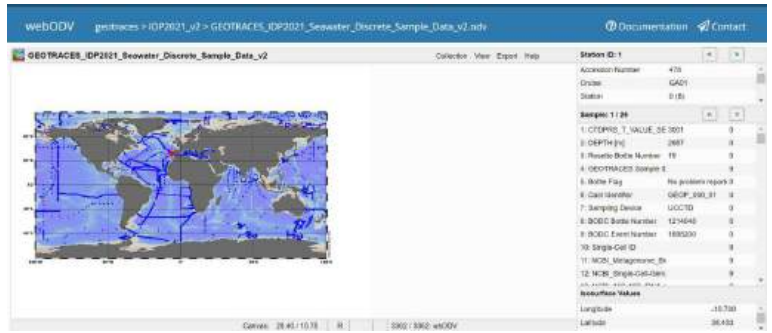
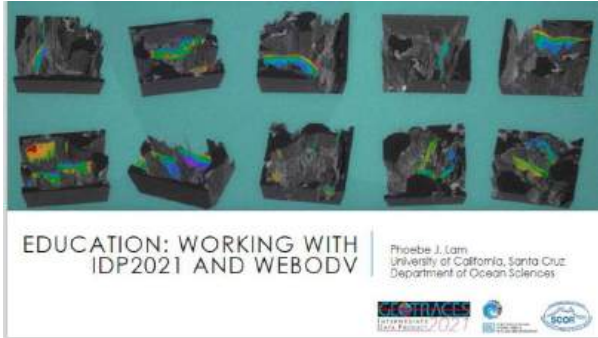
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600	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
700	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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5500	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

#### Oxygen (continued 2)

Standard unit or scale: ml·l<sup>-1</sup>

Depth (m)	Mediterranean	Black Sea	Baltic Sea	Persian Gulf	Red Sea	Sulu Sea
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20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
110	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
120	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
130	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
140	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
150	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
160	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
170	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
180	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
190	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
200	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
210	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
220	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
230	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
240	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
250	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
260	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
270	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
280	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
290	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
300	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
310	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
320	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
330	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
340	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
350	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
360	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
370	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
380	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
390	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
400	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
410	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
420	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
430	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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470	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
480	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
490	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
500	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
510	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
520	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
530	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
540	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
550	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

## ❑ Visualization of data products check



**Figure 1.** Station locations of all stations in GLODAPv2.2023. Stations in dark red indicate stations new to this edition.

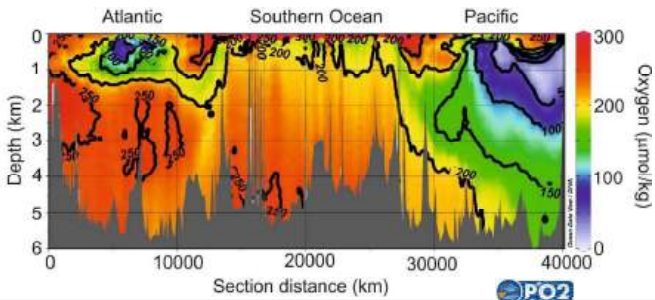
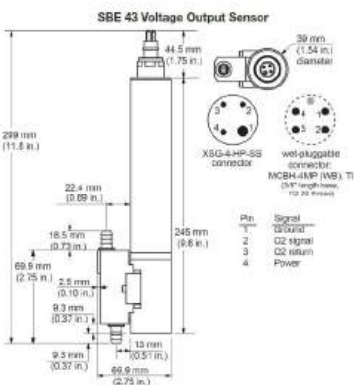


Figure 1: Vertical distribution of modern dissolved oxygen ( $\mu\text{mol/kg}$ ) along an ocean cross-section connecting the Atlantic, Southern, and Pacific Oceans. Reconstructed using GLODAP bottle data.

## 2. Sensor Data

**Example: Electrochemical sensors (eg. SBE43)**

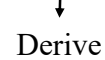
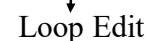
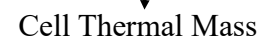


precision : 0.5% /1000h (clean membrane)

Response time :

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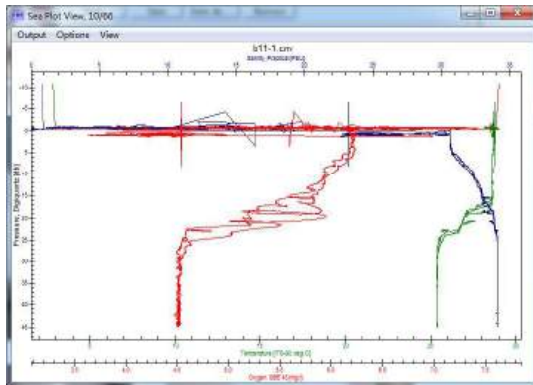
8-20 sec for 1.0-mil membrane



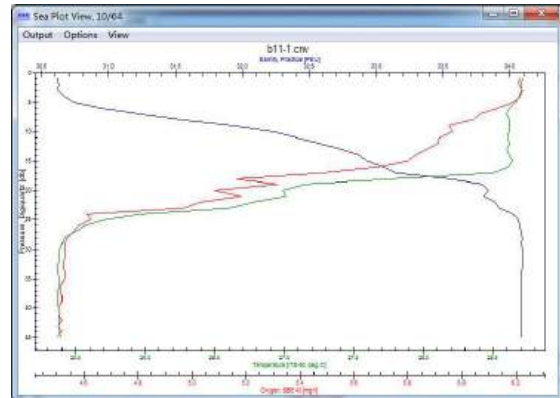
## TIPS:

- For the dual temperature and dual conductivity data obtained this time, data from the primary sensor should be prioritized.
- For multiple profiles at the same station, the profile with the deeper observation range should be prioritized.
- For single profiles, the descent data should be prioritized.
- Remove data segments where the pump has not yet started.

Before



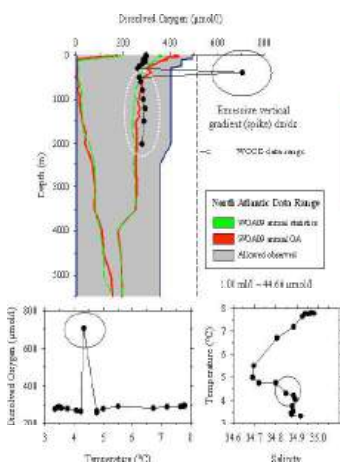
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## Examples for Minimum quality control checks

- Data range checks
- Excessive gradients check
- Excessive spike checks

Depth profiles and Time-series

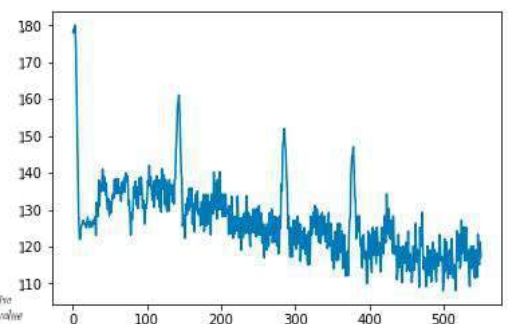


$$\text{gradient} = \frac{V_2 - V_1}{Z_2 - Z_1}$$

VARIABLE	Maximum Inversion Value (z<400m)	Maximum Gradient Value (z<400m)	Maximum Inversion Value (z>400m)	Maximum Gradient Value (z>400m)
Oxygen	checks not available			
Phosphate	1.000	1.000	0.500	0.500
Silicate	checks not available			
Nitrate and Nitrate+Nitrite	1.000	1.000	0.500	0.500
Ammonium	checks not available			

Table 2. Maximum gradient and inversion factors used for WOD09. Excessive gradients represent a negative excessive gradient in the value over depth. Excessive inversions represent a positive excessive gradient in value over depth.

$$\text{test value} = \left| V_2 - \frac{(V_3 + V_1)}{2} \right| - \left| \frac{(V_3 - V_1)}{2} \right|$$



use a fixed data range as a function of depth

## Examples for time series data checks

### • Correlations

1. Calculate the Pearson's correlation coefficient between residual series
2. Select nearby stations with correlation coefficients above 0.7
3. Calculate the linear regression between them and fill the gaps. (Only fill gaps within the time series; not at the beginning or end of the series)

### • Standard Normal Homogeneity Test

Alexanderson (1986) developed the Standard Normal Homogeneity Test (SNHT) which is widely used in climatic time series studies. The SNHT gives the points where an inhomogeneity exists and provides information about the probable break magnitude. However, the inhomogeneity could be due to an error or to an anomalous, but real, behavior of the variable. For this reason, the series are only corrected following comparison with other series in the same climatic region and supported by historical information about the incidences on the tide gauge.

### • EOF Analysis

The Empirical Orthogonal Functions (EOFs) analysis applies to a group of time series stations can be used not only to find special coherent signals or regional variability but also to detect possible errors in the time series. In fact, relevant differences on the variance of the first EOF may indicate errors in one or more time series. This technique is well documented in "Development of a Quality Checked Tide Gauge Data Set (A.G.P Shaw, M.N. Tsimplis, et al)" and in "Consistency of long sea-level time series in the northern coast of Spain (M. Marcos, D. Gomis, et. al.)

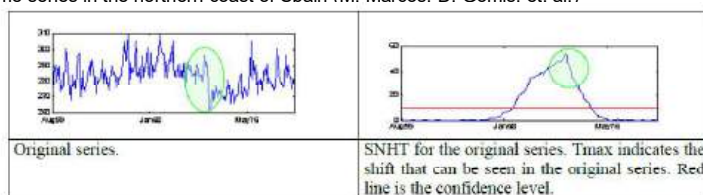


Figure 8: Time series and the result of SNHT

### Time-series data

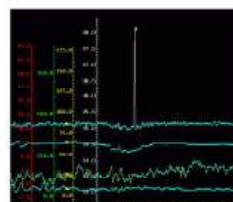


Figure 9: A time series plot showing a single data point and its corresponding confidence level

## ● Data Analysis for DO monitoring data

**(1) Data cleaning.** Check for inconsistencies, outliers, and correct any errors in the collected data.

**(2) Descriptive statistics** Calculate mean, median, standard deviation of DO levels and time periods to understand tendency and variability.

### (3) Temporal and trend analysis

**Diurnal fluctuations:** Analyze how DO levels change throughout the day to assess the impact of photosynthesis and respiration.

**Seasonal trends:** Examine how DO levels vary across seasons to understand the effects of environmental factors like temperature and blooms

### (4) Spatial analysis

**Gradients:** Identify spatial trends in DO levels to pinpoint potential sources of pollution or areas with low oxygen.

**Mapping:** Visualize DO data on maps to identify patterns and areas of concern.

**(5) Anomalies and Hypoxia Events\*\*:** Identify and analyze low oxygen (hypoxic) events, including their duration, frequency, and potential causes.

### (6) Correlation analysis

**Environmental factors:** relationships between DO and other environmental parameters like temperature, salinity, and nutrient.

**Biological indicators:** Compare DO levels with observed aquatic life populations to assess ecosystem health.

**Ecosystem health:** fishery, food-web, biodiversity, etc.

**(7) Modeling** Develop or apply biogeochemical models to simulate DO dynamics and predict future changes under different scenarios

# Spatial Mapping of Dissolved Oxygen -ODV

## 1. Spatial Data mapping

- Collecting spatial data, such as ship-based surveys, gliders, remote sensing, and autonomous floats.
- Spatial data at different scales (local, regional, global) can offer insights into DO variability.

### ODV4 Station Metadata

Station ID	Date	Time	Longitude	Latitude	Depth	Temperature	Salinity	Dissolved Oxygen
4742	1993-11-27	17:39:00.000	45.63	42.26	1000	10.0	35.0	200.0
4742	1993-11-27	17:39:00.000	45.63	42.26	2000	10.0	35.0	200.0
4742	1993-11-27	17:39:00.000	45.63	42.26	3000	10.0	35.0	200.0
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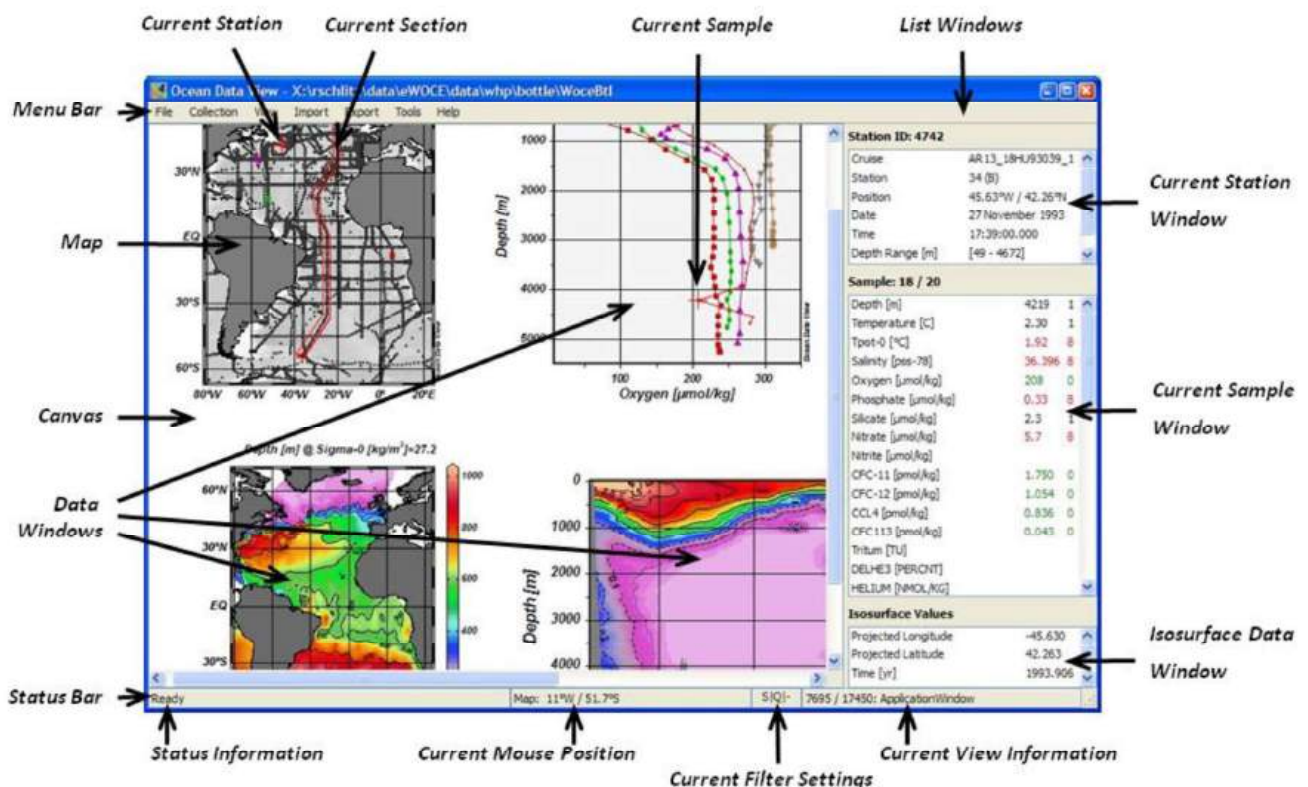
**required**

- Cruise
- Station
- Type
- YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SS.SSS
- Longitude [degrees\_east]
- Latitude [degrees\_north]

**optional**

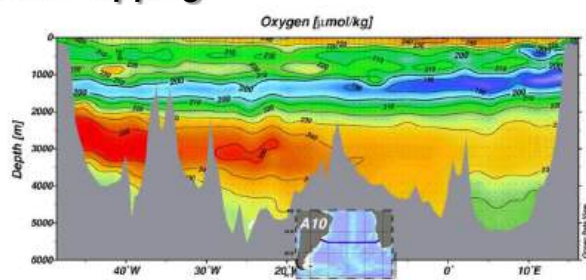
- LOCAL\_CDI\_ID
- EDMO\_code
- Bot. Depth [m]
- ... etc.

**required by SeaDataNet**

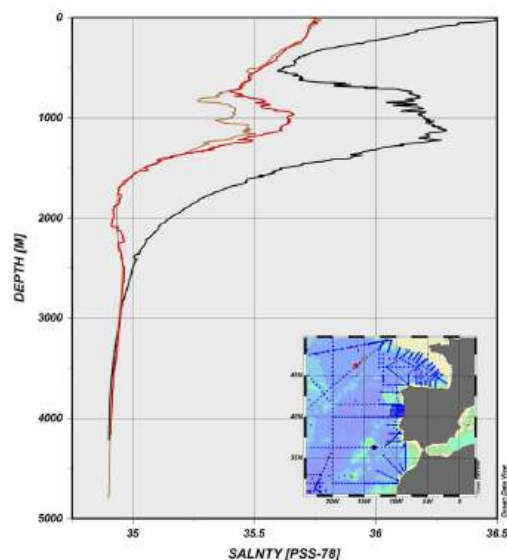


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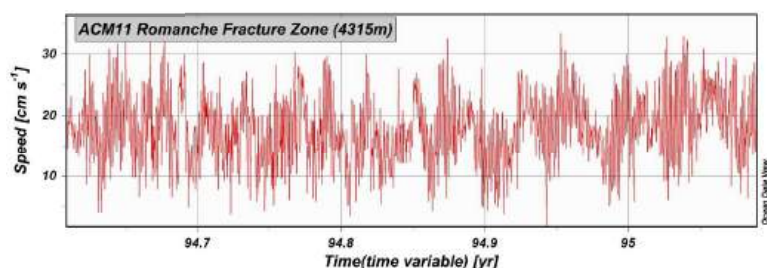
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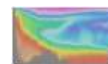
## Profiles



## Time series



## Oceanography - WOCE



### eWOCE Data

eWOCE provides global or basin-wide data collections for most WOCE data streams, including ADCP, CTD, XBT, current meters, profiling floats, sea-level, sea surface T/S, subsurface floats, surface drifters, hydrography, nutrients and tracers.

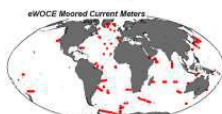
#### ADCP Data

Shipboard ADCP velocity profiles for more than 240,000 stations and 540 cruises from the ADCP Program.



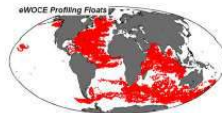
#### Current Meter Data

Velocity and hydrographic data for more than 1300 moored current meters from the Current Meter Program.



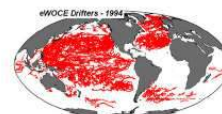
#### Profiling Float Data

More than 31,000 temperature and salinity profiles from more than 1600 profiling floats.



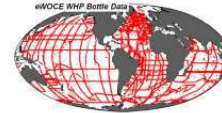
#### Surface Drifter Data

Trajectories and velocity data for more than 12,000 drifters from the Surface Velocity Program (daily data organized by years, 1979-2000).



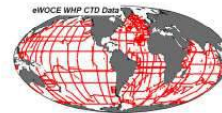
#### WHP Bottle Data

Hydrographic, nutrient and tracer data from the WOCE Hydrographic Program (>17,400 stations).



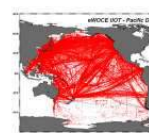
#### WHP CTD Data

High resolution CTD data from the WOCE Hydrographic Program (>18,500 stations).

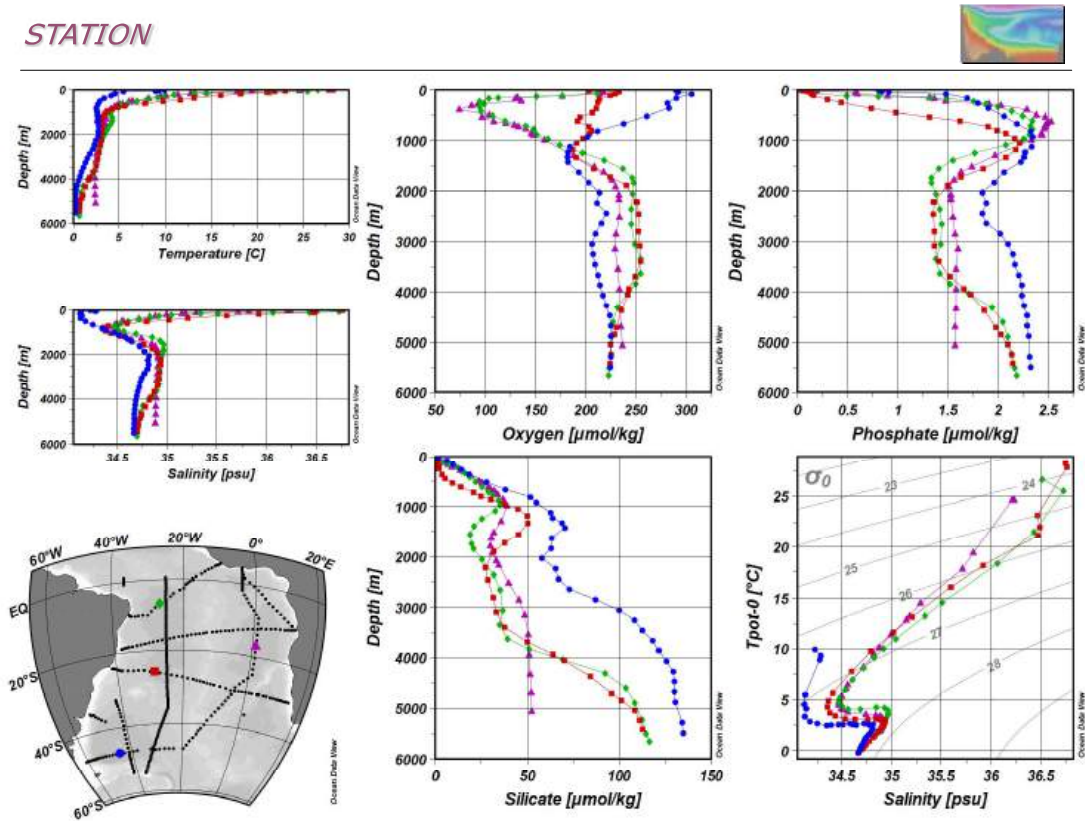


#### Upper Ocean Thermal Data

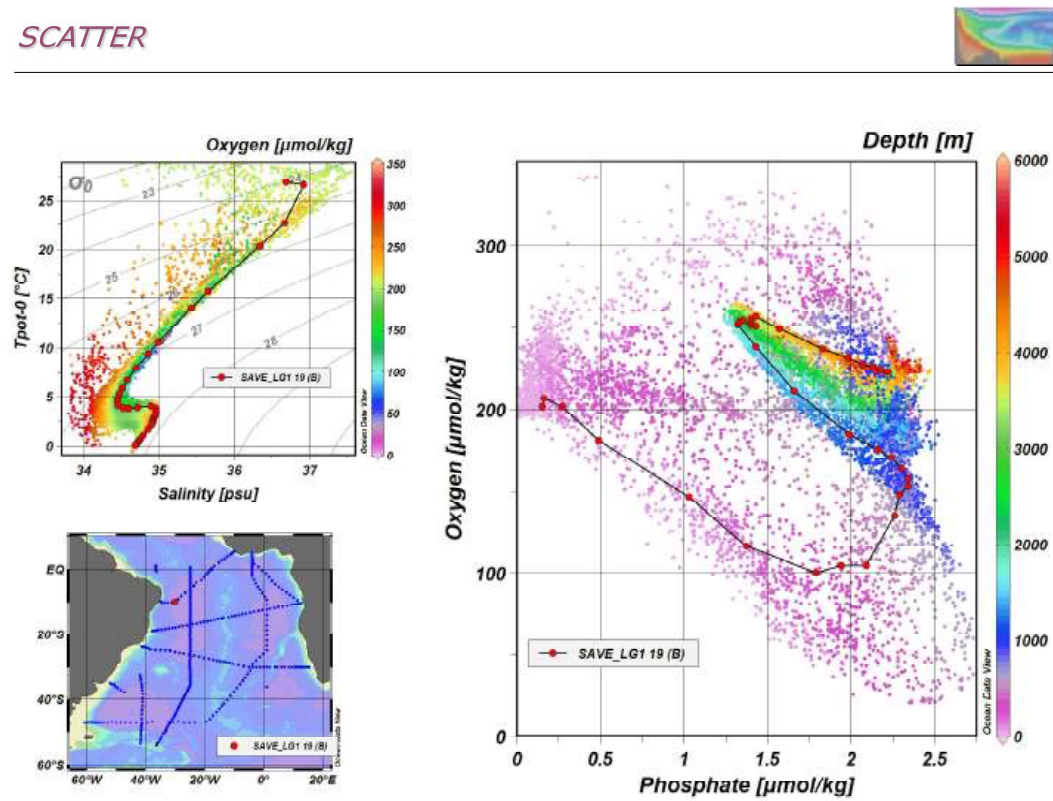
More than 1 million temperature and salinity profiles from the Upper Ocean Thermal Program (organized by ocean basins; separate data collection for high density lines).

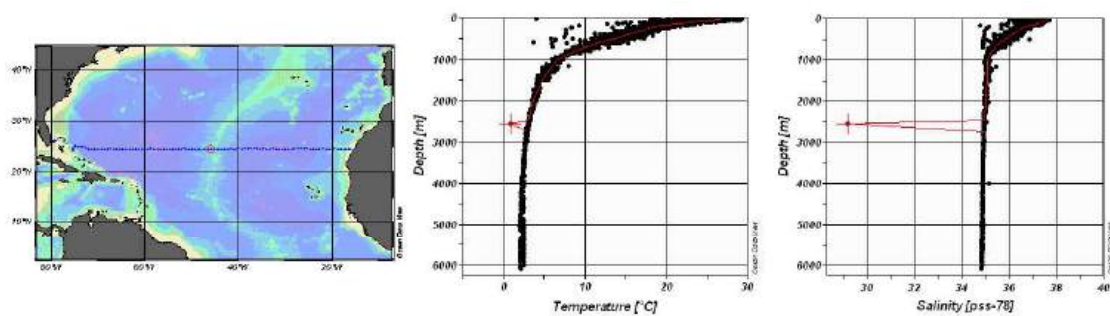
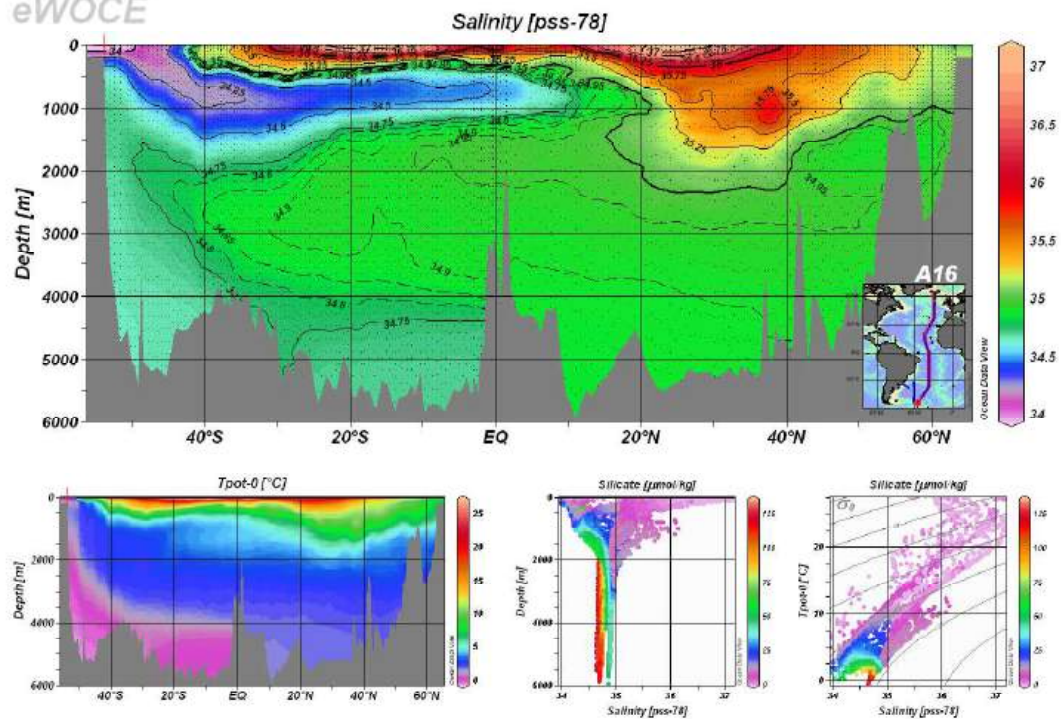


## STATION



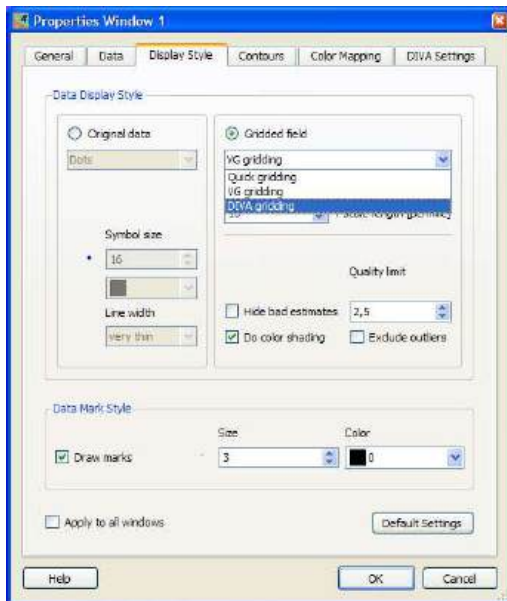
## SCATTER





- *easy spotting and identification of outliers or offsets*
- *painless editing of data value and quality flag*
- *logging of all value or flag modifications*
- *automatic range checks and manual or automatic editing*

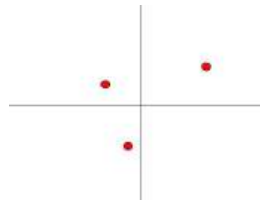
## 2. Gridding and Interpolation



*ODV will automatically...*

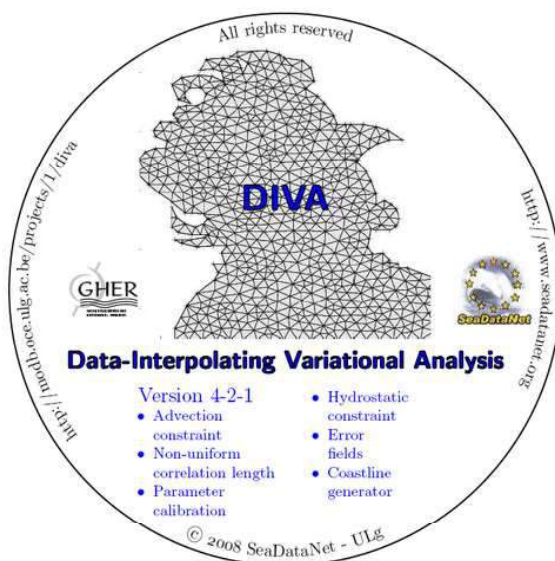
- *create all files for DIVA*
- *run DIVA mesh generation and estimation*
- *read and display the gridded field*

*Grid Value Estimation by Weighted Averaging*



$$estimate = \frac{\sum w_i d_i}{\sum w_i}$$

**DIVA**



• *Developed at U Liege*

• *2-Step procedure:*

- (1) *Triangular mesh generation on possibly complex domain(s)*
- (2) *Variational fitting to data and estimation at arbitrary points*

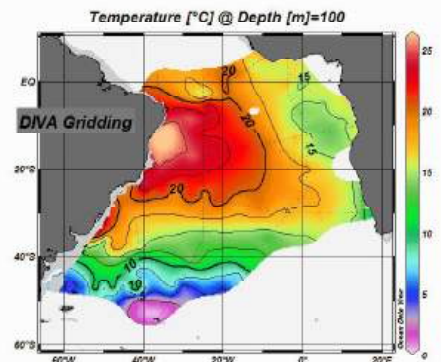
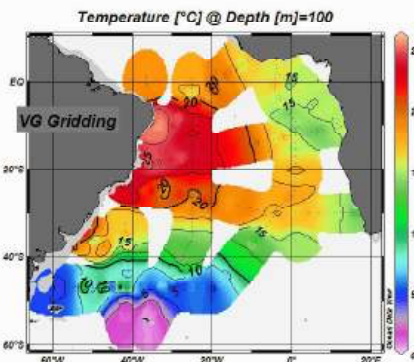
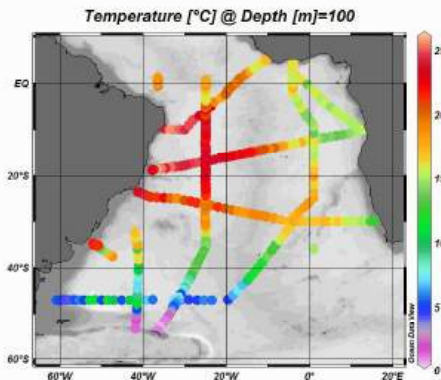
• *Supports:*

- (1) *Variable mesh resolution*
- (2) *Multiple sub-domains*
- (3) *Anisotropic statistics*

<http://modb.oce.ulg.ac.be/projects/SeaDataNet/DivaUserGuide2008.pdf>

## „Honest“ Way

## Gridded Field



## Gridding Methods

### Gridding is ...

- important and definitely needed
- challenging mathematical problem
- obtaining reliable fields is an „art“

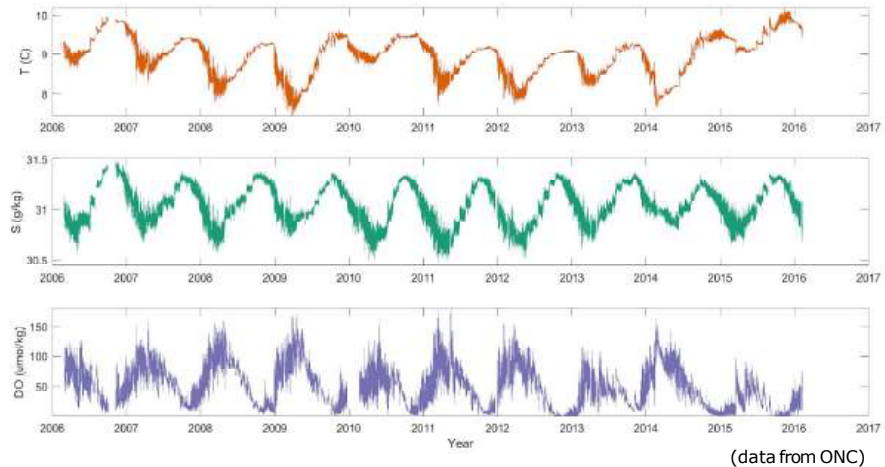
### Methods

Inverse distance weighting	<p><b>Pros:</b> fast, good results for homogenous data coverage</p> <p><b>Cons:</b> erodes extrema; poor results for sparse and inhomogenous data coverage</p>
Objective analysis	<p><b>Pros:</b> optimal estimation</p> <p><b>Cons:</b> very slow, requires knowledge of data statistics, „small“ datasets only</p>
Variational data interpolation (DIVA)	<p><b>Pros:</b> quite fast, optimal estimation, supports domain separation, anisotropic statistics and rotated correlation ellipses</p>

# Time Series Development

- Time series data is critical for understanding trends in ocean oxygen levels, particularly for long-term studies on deoxygenation and hypoxia.

## 10-year time-series (T, S, DO) from 2006 to 2016 in Saanich Inlet



## Data Aggregation and Time Series Construction

- Raw data is aggregated (e.g., hourly, daily, monthly averages) to create meaningful time series datasets.

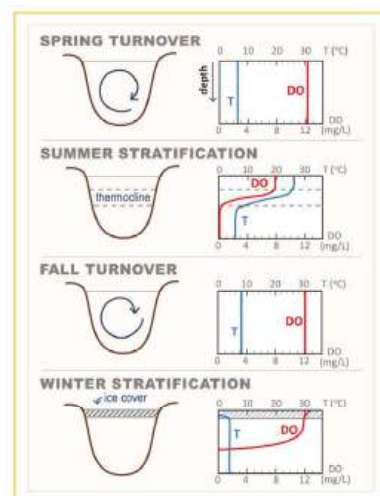
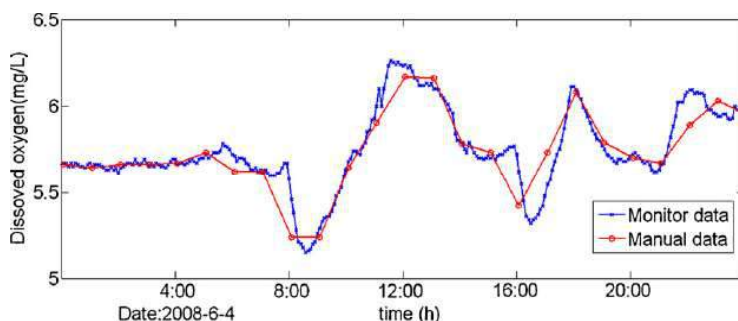
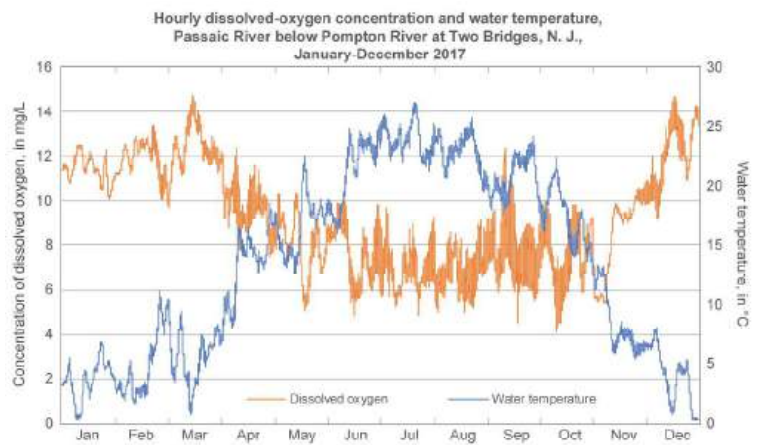
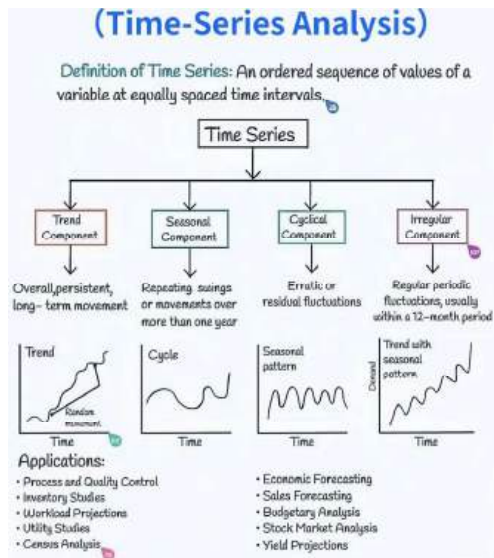


Figure 2. DO and temperature trends in eutrophic (nutrient rich) lakes by season. Adapted from Wetzel (1975)

# ● Trend Analysis and Seasonal Variation



## Example 1: Using Excel for DO Time Series Development

Excel is often the first choice for quick time series analysis due to its user-friendly interface and accessibility. It's ideal for smaller datasets and basic time series plotting.

### ● Steps in Excel:

- Data Preparation: Organize the DO data in a tabular format with columns for Date/Time, DO concentration\*\*, and other variables like temperature and salinity.
- Plotting: Use the line chart feature to plot DO concentration over time.

### ● Analysis in Excel:

- Trend lines: Apply linear or polynomial trend lines to detect long-term changes in DO levels. the  $R^2$  value provided by Excel gives insight into the fit of the trendline.
- Seasonal Decomposition: Excel can also be used for basic moving averages to smooth out seasonal fluctuations. You can calculate moving averages by averaging specific intervals (e.g., 7-day, 30-day) and plotting those values.

## Example 2: Using R for DO Time Series Development



R is a powerful programming language for statistical analysis and visualization, making it ideal for developing more complex time series of DO data.

### ● Steps in R

- Data Import: Import datasets using functions like ``read.csv()`` or ``read.table()`` for flat files, or more complex tools like ``RNetCDF`` for NetCDF files.

-Data Manipulation: Use packages like `dplyr` to clean, filter, and organize your dataset. Ensure the Date/Time column is properly formatted to work with time series functions.

### ● Time Series Visualization in R:

- Basic Plotting: Use the ``plot()`` function or the `ggplot2` package to create time series plots.

### ● Decomposition and Trend Analysis:

- Use the `stats` package's ``decompose()`` function to break down the time series into seasonal, trend, and residual components.

This is especially useful for understanding seasonal cycles in DO data due to temperature changes or nutrient loading.

```
do_ts <- ts(data$DO, frequency=12)
decomp <- decompose(do_ts)
plot(decomp)
```

## Summary

Each tool offers distinct advantages for **DO time series development**:

- **Excel**: Best for simple visualizations and smaller datasets.

- **R**: Offers advanced time series decomposition, trend analysis, and forecasting capabilities.

-**Python**: Provides extensive libraries for machine learning, advanced statistical modeling, and visualization.

- **MATLAB and SPSS**: Powerful for advanced statistical analysis and time series modeling with user-friendly interfaces.

## Closing Remarks and Q&A

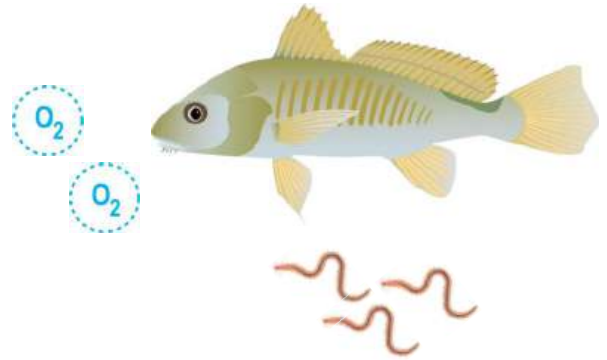
- In summary, managing and analyzing coastal dissolved oxygen data requires a comprehensive approach that includes: Robust data processing, Spatial mapping, Time series development.
- **Robust data processing** is to ensure data accuracy and reliability, including rigorous quality control and validation against known standards.
- By **mapping oxygen distribution** both horizontally and vertically, we can better understand how hypoxia develops and impacts marine ecosystems.
- The **development of long-term time series** is crucial for tracking trends in ocean oxygen levels, identifying seasonal patterns, and predicting future changes. Tools like **Python** and **R** are effective for creating time series plots and performing trend analyses that inform management strategies.

## Session 4: Biological applications of coastal hypoxia indices and monitoring

USGS Wetland and Aquatic Research Center

Paracas, Peru

U.S. Department of the Interior  
U.S. Geological Survey



## Biological Responses to Coastal Hypoxia

### Methods:

- Laboratory experimental work
- Field observations

### Biological Responses May Differ Because of:

- Species physiological limits to oxygen deficiency
- History or severity of low oxygen (Rabalais et al. 2001)



Photo credit: K. St. Pé

# Biological Responses to Coastal Hypoxia

## Mobile Animals

Fish and shrimp move vertically or laterally out of hypoxia

**Deoxygenation Indicator:**  
Behavioral Change

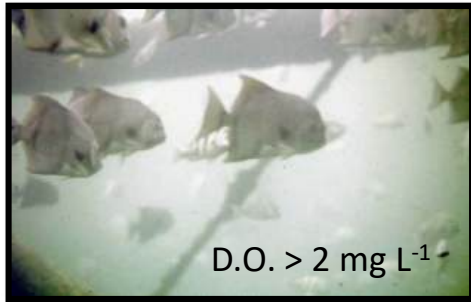


Photo credit: N. Rabalais

## Less Mobile Animals

Worms and small crabs can die in the mud

**Deoxygenation Indicator:**  
Mortality and Diversity



Photo credit: F. Viola



## Deoxygenation Indicators

### Individual

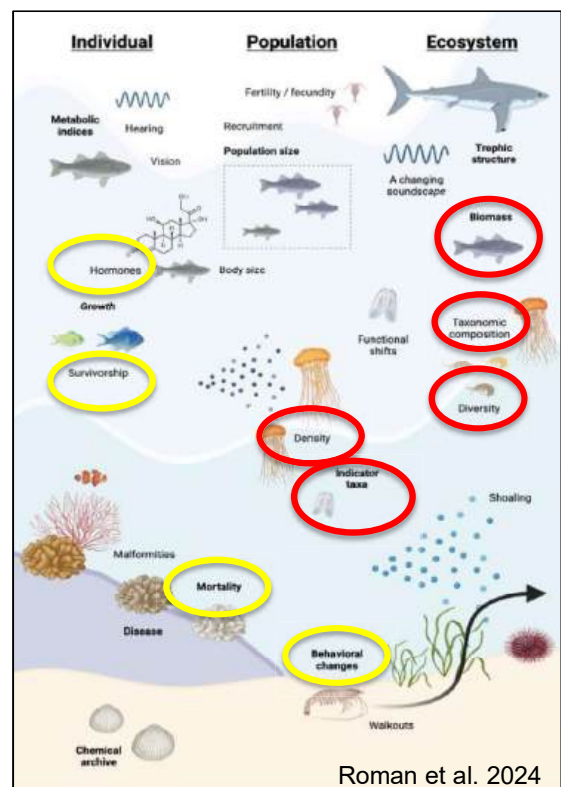
- Hormones
- Survivorship
- Mortality
- Behavioral changes

### Population

- Density
- Indicator taxa

### Ecosystem

- Biomass
- Taxonomic composition
- Diversity



# Thresholds

- Lethal (median: ~0.75 - 1.5 mg/L) and sublethal (0.5 - 4 mg/L) thresholds

- Taxa more sensitive to low D.O.:

- Fishes, crustaceans and molluscs

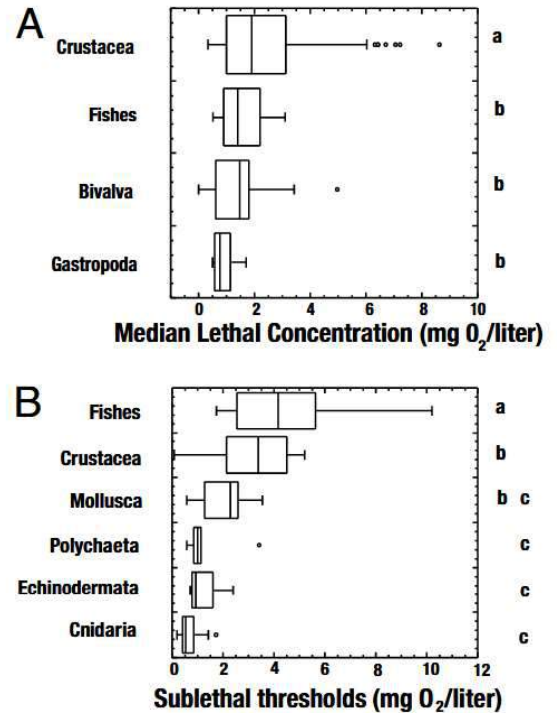


- Taxa less sensitive to low D.O.:

- Polychaetes, echinoderms, cnidarians



- Conventional definition of 2 mg O<sub>2</sub> L<sup>-1</sup> might underestimate the severity



Vaquer-Sunyer and Duarte 2008

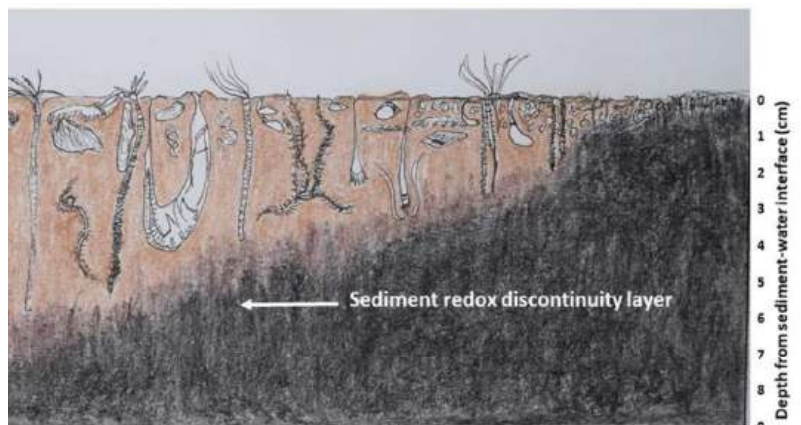
## Benthic Responses to Hypoxia

### Benthic Habitats

- Macroinfauna (> 0.5 mm sieve):
  - Polychaetes
  - Clams
  - Gastropods
  - Amphipods
  - Brittle stars

### Low D.O. Impacts Benthic Macroinfauna

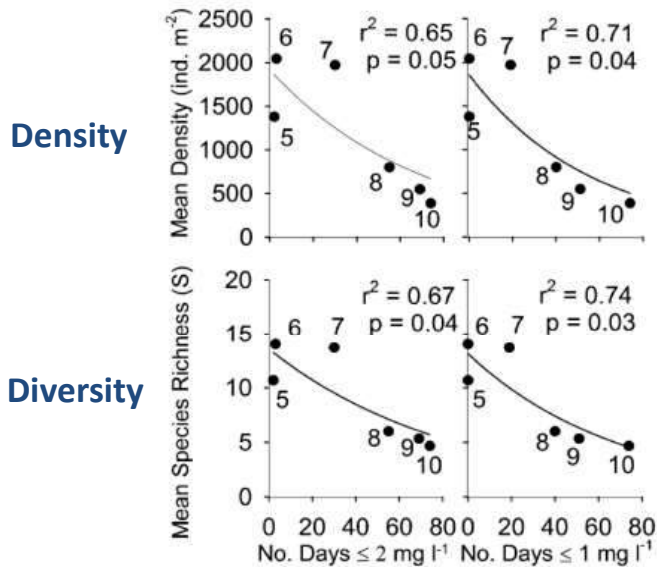
- Less mobile animals become stressed
- Eliminates important prey items, thus have potential effects on rest of the food web



Rabalais 2019

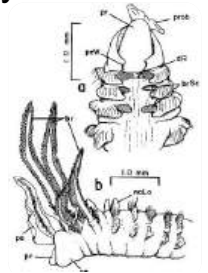


# Threshold: $\leq 2$ vs. $\leq 1$ mg DO L<sup>-1</sup>



## Benthic Macroinfauna Responses

- **Density (ind. m<sup>-2</sup>)**
  - Declines exponentially from May (5) to October (10), reduced by 4
- **Diversity, Species Richness (S)**
  - Declines exponentially from May (5) to October (10), reduced by 3



Polychaete: *Paraprionospio pinnata*

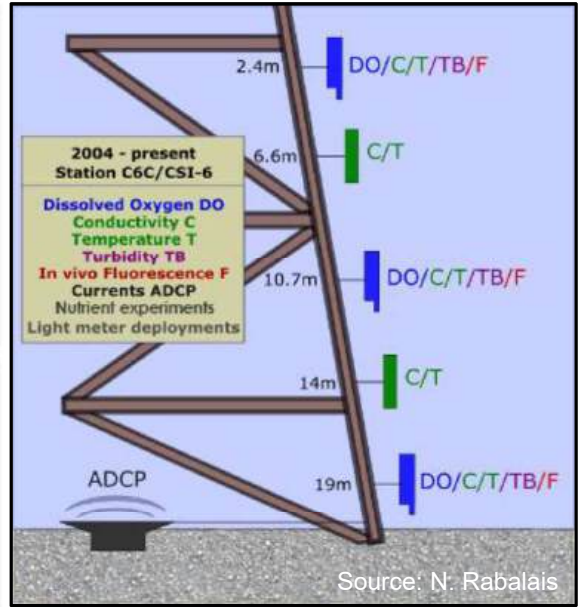


Baustian and Rabalais 2009

# Measuring Time Series of Dissolved Oxygen & Biological Responses



# Collecting Time Series of D.O.



Oil and Gas Platforms, Gulf of Mexico



## Time Series of D.O. – 1990s

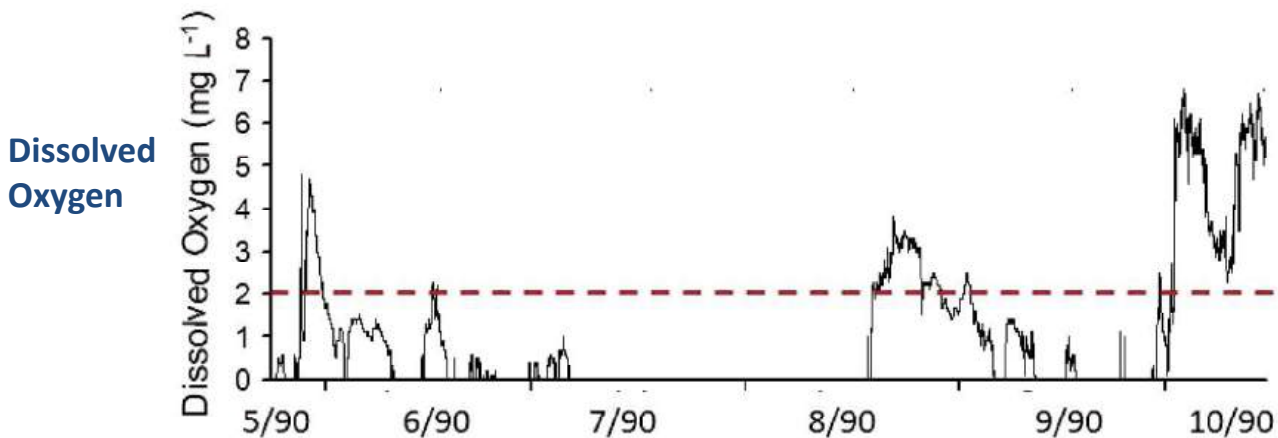
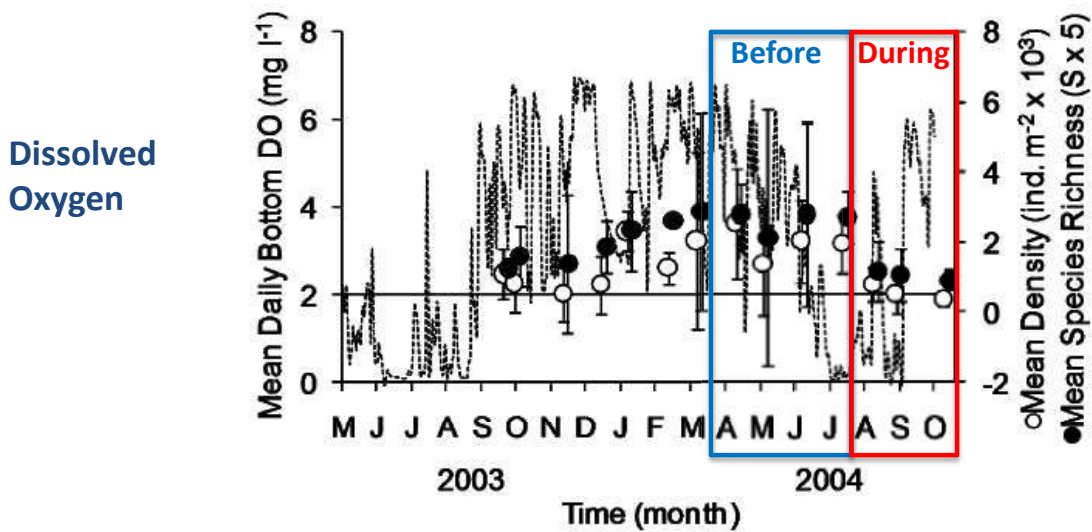


Figure 8.7.11 Time series plot of near-bottom dissolved oxygen concentration at a 20 m station 100 km west of the Mississippi River delta in 1990 (modified from Rabalais et al., 1994, 2001b). The horizontal dashed line defines hypoxia (from Rabalais et al., 2007).

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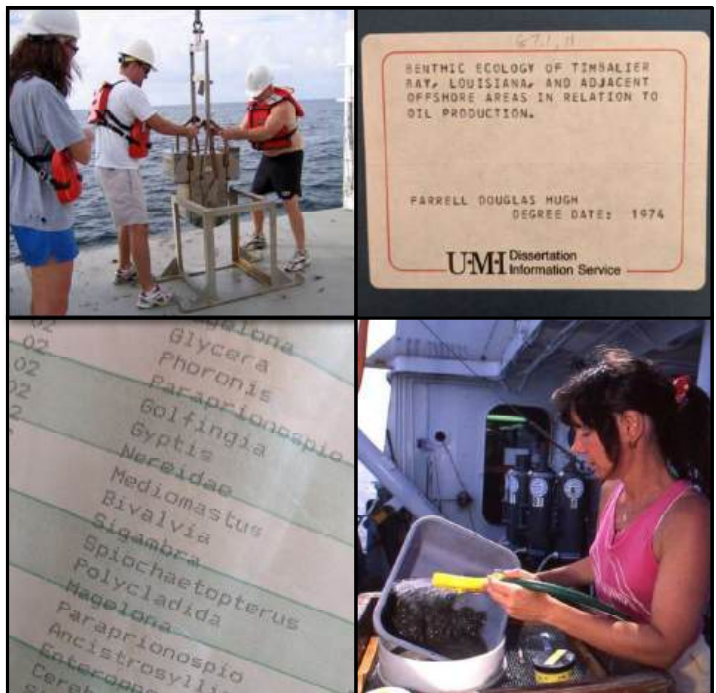
# Time Series of D.O. – 2003 & 2004



Baustian and Rabalais 2009





## Benthic Macroinfauna Studies

- Farrell 1974
- Fitzhugh 1978
- Harper et al. 1981
- **Gaston 1985**
- **Gaston et al. 1985**
- **Boesch and Rabalais 1991**
- Harper et al. 1991
- Rabalais & Harper 1992
- **Rabalais et al. 2001**
- **Baustian et al. 2009**
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# Benthic Infauna – Taxonomic Composition

Deoxygenation Indicator: Indicator Taxa

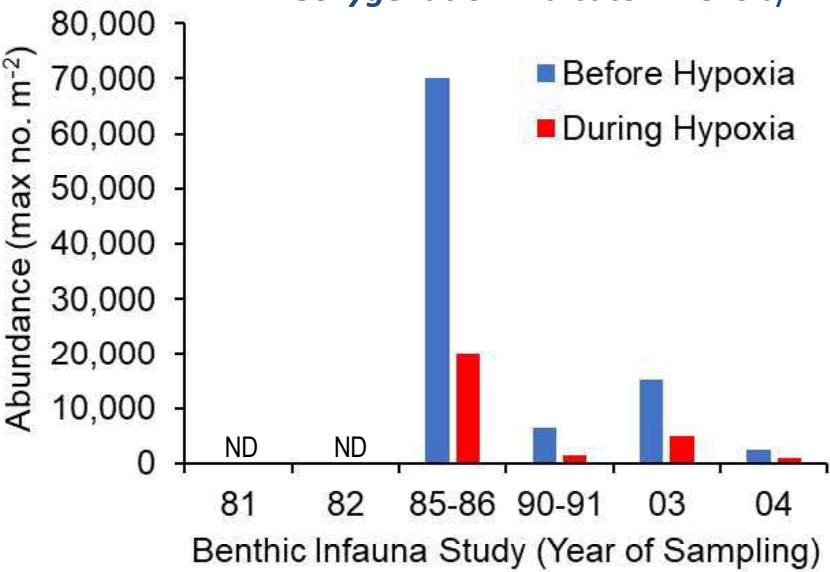
Benthic Macroinfauna	Hypoxia	
	Before	During
Crustaceans 	✓	
Polychaetes 	✓	✓
Nemertean 	✓	
Mollusks 	✓	✓



Baustian and Rabalais 2009, Rabalais and Baustian 2020

## Benthic Macroinfauna Density

Deoxygenation Indicator: Density

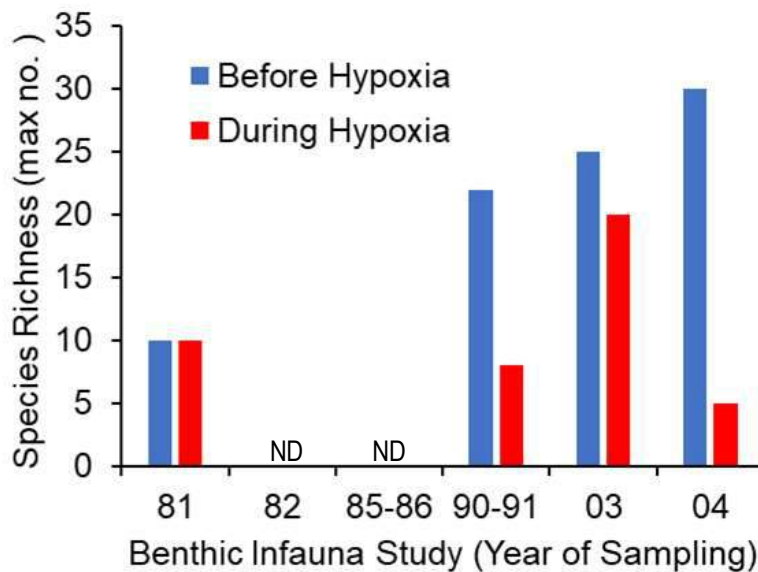


**Hypoxia impact:**  
Decreased by 3 to 5x



# Benthic Macroinfauna Diversity

*Deoxygenation Indicator: Diversity*



**Hypoxia impact:**  
Decreased by 3-6 x

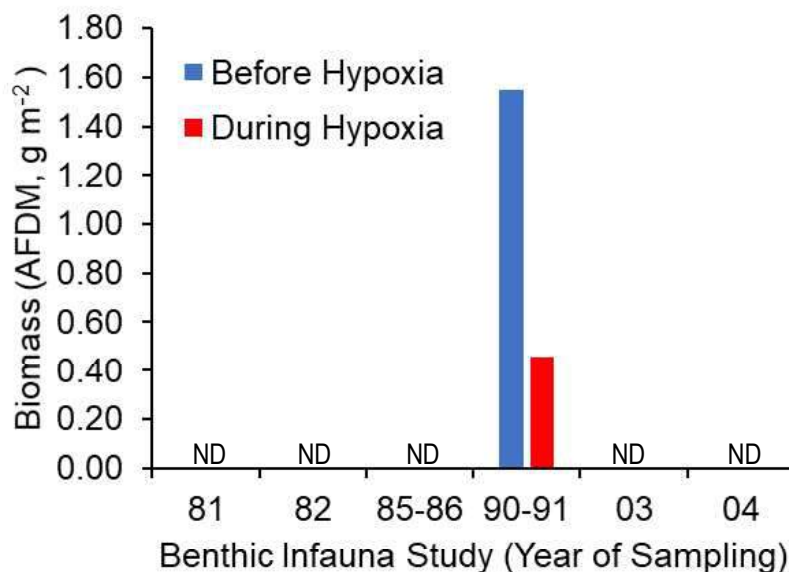


Photo credit: D. E. Harper, Jr.



# Benthic Macroinfauna Biomass

*Deoxygenation Indicator: Biomass*



**Hypoxia impact:**  
Decreased by 3x



Photo credit: F. Viola



# Mapping Bottom-water Dissolved Oxygen & Biological Responses



## Research Cruises to Map Coastal Hypoxia



**LSU**  
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY



### ***RV Pelican***

- 116 feet long
- 16 scientific crew
- 5 work crew
- 18-day endurance



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# Collecting Water Quality Data



## Annual Shelfwide Cruise - 2003



Source: N. Rabalais



# Annual Shelfwide Cruise - 2004



Source: N. Rabalais



# Annual Shelfwide Cruise - 2005



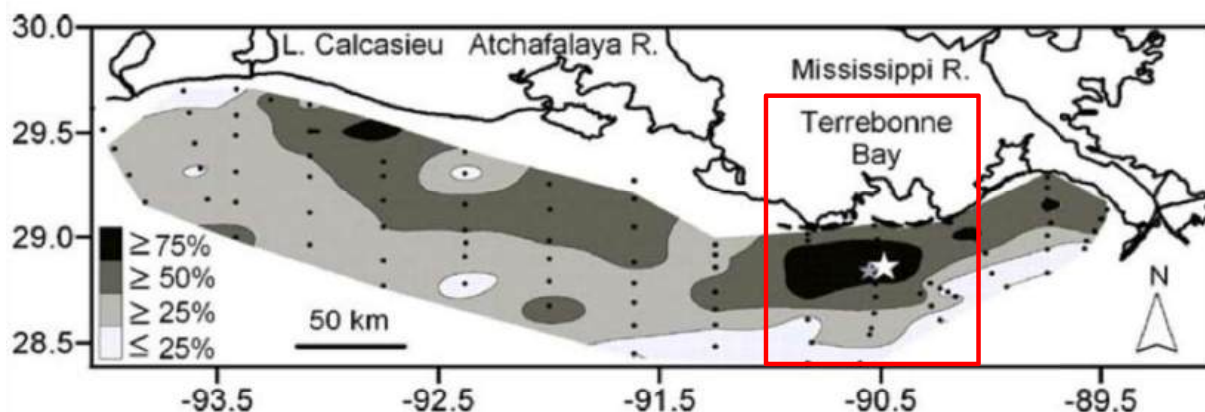
Source: N. Rabalais



# Stations Visited Each Summer

## Estimate Frequency of Occurrence (1985-2005)

e.g., > 75% to help determine where to monitor more often and measure biological responses

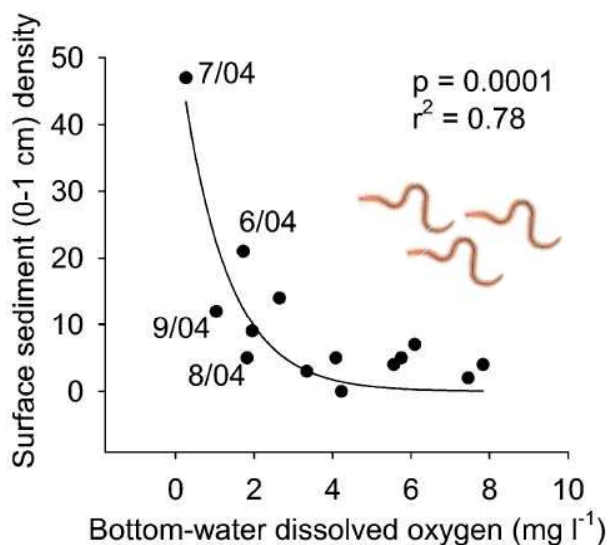


Baustian and Rabalais 2009



# Benthic Macroinfauna Move to Sediment Surface

Density at  
Sediment  
Surface  
(0-1 cm)



## Deoxygenation Indicator: Behavioral Change

- Near 0  $\text{mg L}^{-1}$ , benthic macroinfauna move to sediment surface  
(Baustian and Rabalais 2009)
- Vulnerable as potential prey for fish and shrimp



# Loss of Fisheries Habitat - Summer 2003

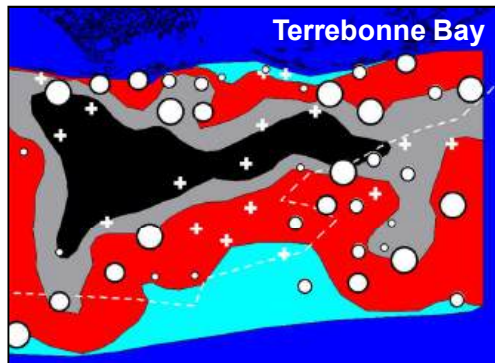
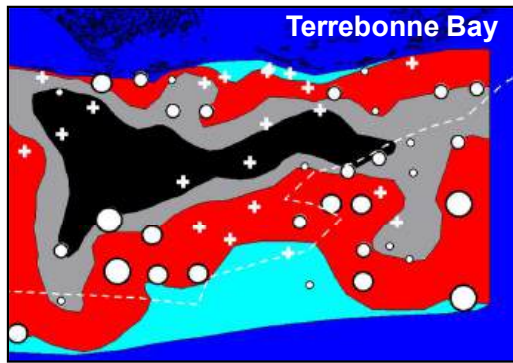
*Deoxygenation Indicator: Behavioral Change*



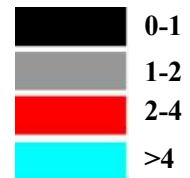
**Atlantic croaker**  
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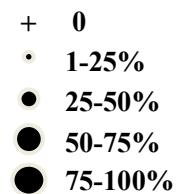
**Brown shrimp**  
(*Farfantepenaeus aztecus*)



**Dissolved Oxygen (mg l<sup>-1</sup>)**



**Catch Percentiles**



Source: J.K. Craig

## Living Resources Affected by Coastal Hypoxia



**Atlantic croaker**  
(*Micropogonias undulatus*)

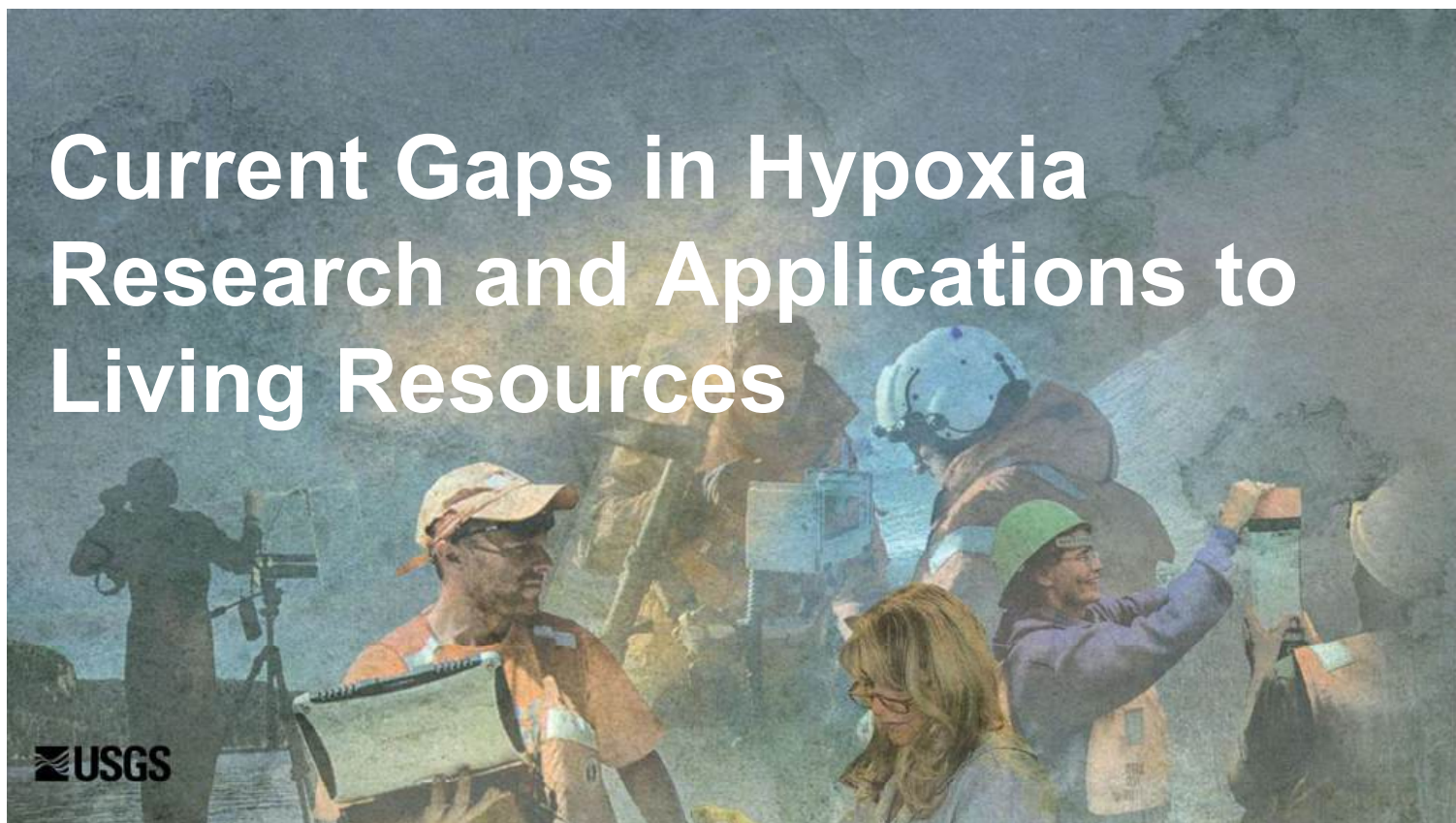
*Deoxygenation Indicator: Hormones*



Source: P. Thomas



# Current Gaps in Hypoxia Research and Applications to Living Resources



## Monitoring Future Conditions

### Warmer Temperatures

- Larger hypoxic areas
- Combined stress of hypoxia and temperature on metabolic index  
(Deutsch et al. 2024)

### Benthic Food webs

- Reduction of benthic habitat and prey
- Exposure to harmful algal blooms (HABs) including toxins



# Biological Vulnerability to Hypoxia from Climate Warming and Eutrophication in the Northern Gulf of Mexico

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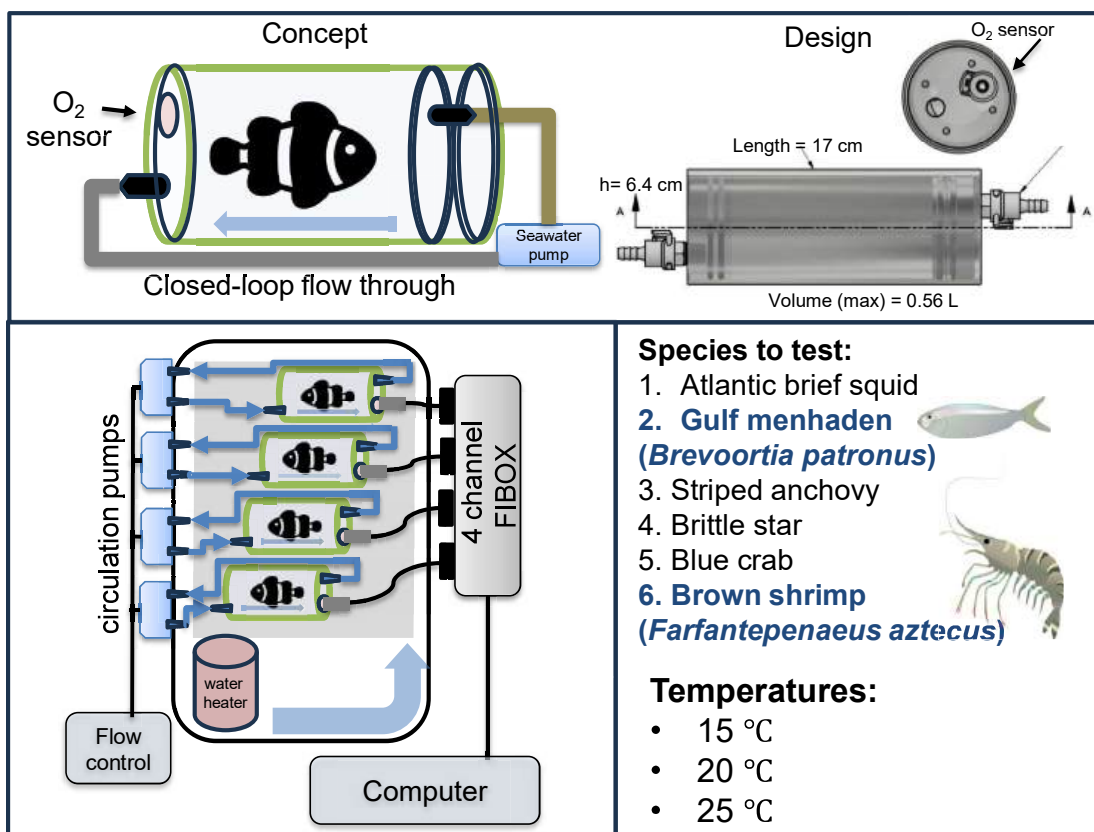
**Computer Modeling** of future ocean conditions over the northern Gulf of Mexico under different warming and nutrient discharge scenarios



**Laboratory Experiments** of the hypoxia tolerance of important Gulf species in warmer water

## Products:

Maps of suitable habitats and body size change for important Gulf species



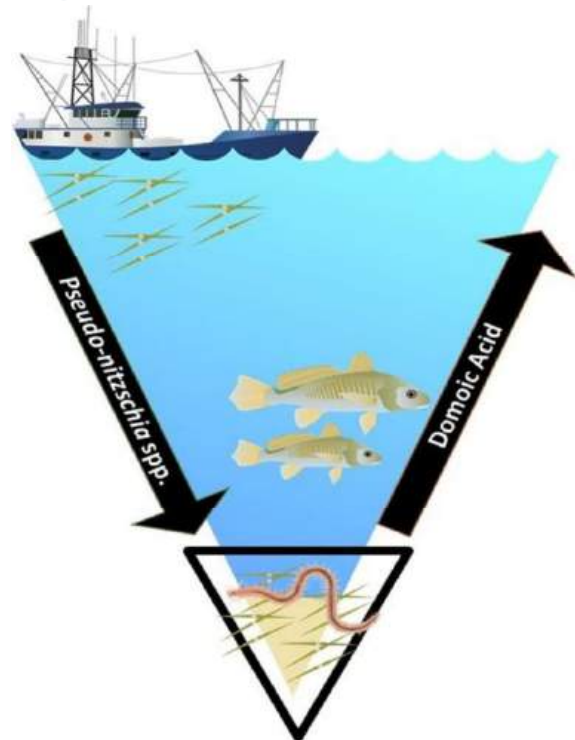
## Laboratory Experiments



# Monitoring Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) & Hypoxia

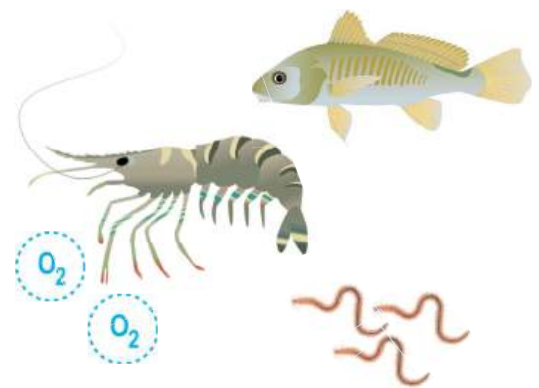
- *Pseudo-nitzschia* spp. have been observed in surface sediments and guts of polychaetes
- Demersal fish and penaeid shrimp could be impacted by grazing on these potentially toxic polychaetes

Baustian et al. (2009, 2011, 2018)



## Conclusions

- Various deoxygenation indicators are available to understand biological responses
  - From individual to ecosystem level
- Hypoxia impacts benthic macroinfauna including:
  - Density
  - Biomass
  - Taxonomic Composition
  - Diversity
- Future research can help assess hypoxia impacts on upper trophic levels of coastal food webs with:
  - Warmer temperatures
  - Harmful algal blooms



# Acknowledgements

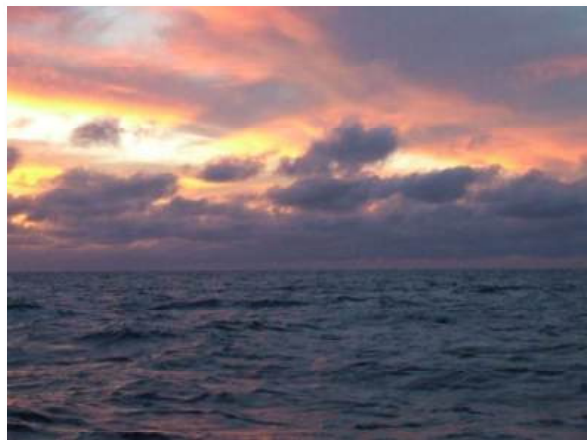
## Funded by:

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*¡Gracias!*



#### **Annex 4. Invited presentations**

# A global ocean oxygen database and atlas for assessing and predicting deoxygenation and ocean health in the open and coastal ocean

## The GO<sub>2</sub>DAT Project



APEC Workshop, October 2nd, 2024

## Assessing and predicting deoxygenation and ocean health

- **Oxygen is critical to the health of the planet**

Where do we get our oxygen?

**the ocean is responsible for about 50% of the oxygen produced on the planet**

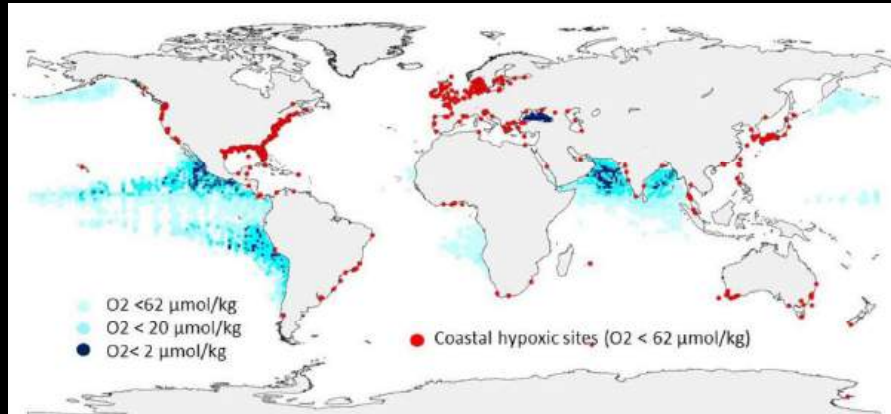
**over geological time scales, the ocean has provided a large fraction of the oxygen we take in today**

- **Oxygen decline (deoxygenation)** is increasing in the coastal and open ocean, due to human activities (CO<sub>2</sub>-induced warming) and increasing loads of nutrients.
- **But we are still not able to contain the rate of deoxygenation.**
- **High quality data are needed for monitoring ocean deoxygenation** and to advance our understanding of ocean extreme events.
- **No single entry point to download oxygen data**, heterogeneous procedures across databases, GDACs, regional hubs, users

**Why now?**

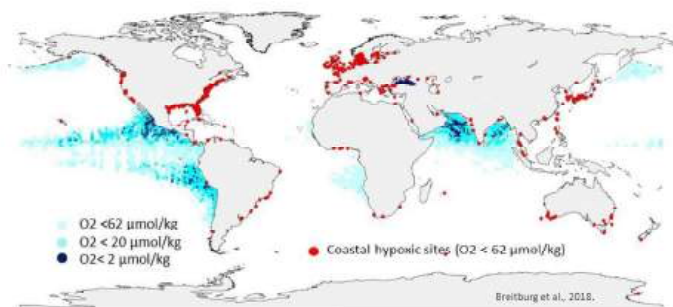
# Why GO<sub>2</sub>DAT is needed?

## High quality data needed for monitoring deoxygenation



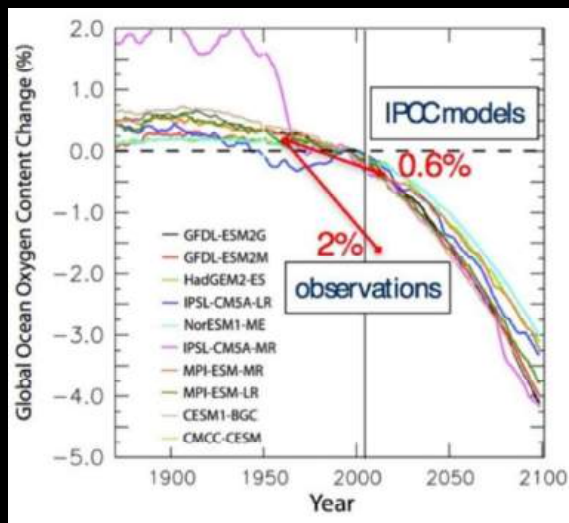
Since the 1950s : Over 500 coastal systems identified with  $\leq 20$ -25% oxygen saturation.  
Since the 1960s: The open ocean has lost 2% of its oxygen inventory = 77 billion tons  $\text{O}_2$ .

Breitburg et al., 2018



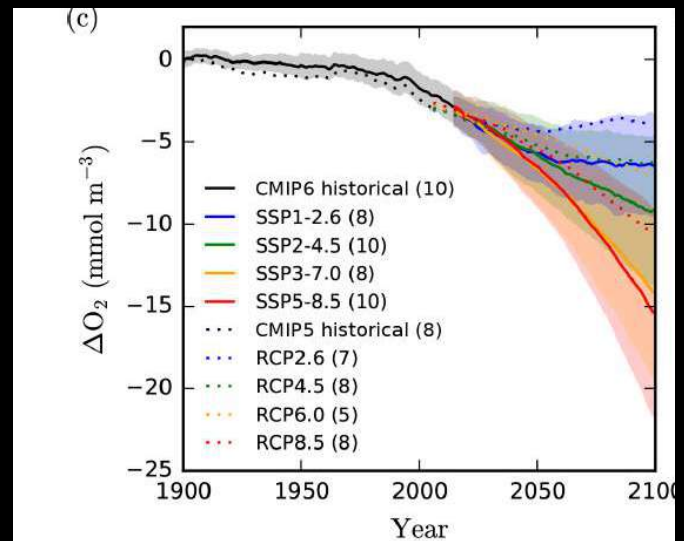
**Insufficient coverage to  
characterize hypoxia dynamics in  
the coastal ocean**

# The amount of deoxygenation is not well constrained



Deoxygenation trend over 1960–2005 differs between 0.6% and 2 %

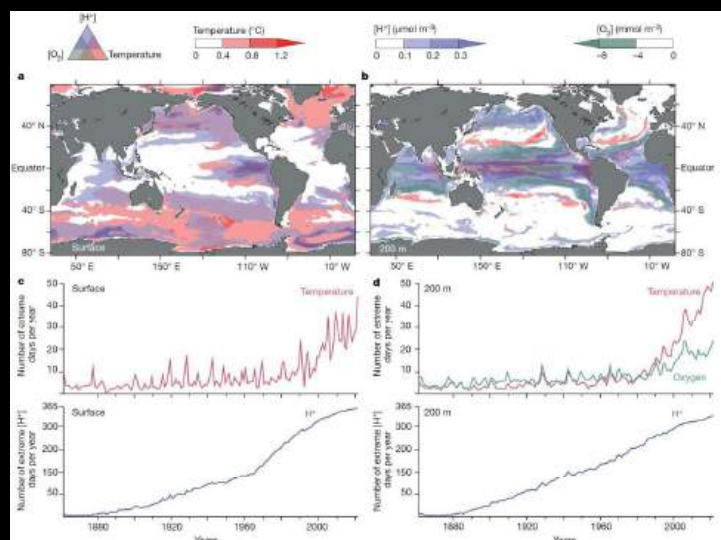
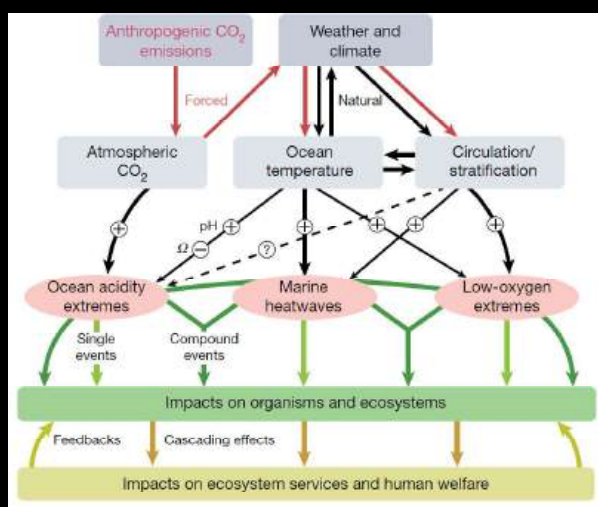
Oschlies et al., 2018



Averaged between 100 and 600 m

Kwiatkowski et al., 2020

# To advance our understanding of ocean extreme events



Gruber et al., 2021

There is not much oxygen in water compared to air, and animals need to work hard to extract it.

	Overall Mass	Oxygen
One Litre of Air	1.3 g	0.3 g
One Litre of Water	1000 g	0.008 g (100% saturation) 0.004 g (50% saturation) 0 g (anoxic)

GO<sub>2</sub>NE, Breitburg, Grégoire, Isensee (Eds), 2018

## Quality flagging differs across data bases

Flag Description (EMODnet)	Emodnet	WOD	ARGO	Flag Description (WOD)	WOD	EMODnet	ARGO
no quality control	0	0	0	accepted value	0	1	1
good value	1	0	1	range outlier (outside of broad range check)	1	3	3
probably good value	2	0	2	failed inversion check	2	3	3
probably bad value	3	4	3	failed gradient check	3	3	3
bad value	4	4	4	observed level "bullseye" flag and zero gradient check	4	3	3
changed value	5	0	5	combined gradient and inversion checks	5	3	3
value below detection	6	0	0	failed range and inversion checks	6	4	4
value in excess	7	0	0	failed range and gradient checks	7	4	4
interpolated value	8	0	8	failed range and questionable data checks	8	4	4
missing value	9	0	9	failed range and combined gradient and inversion checks	9	4	4
value phenomenon uncertain	A	0	0				
value below limit of quantification	Q	0	0				

Comparison of the flagging system used in Emodnet, WOD and Argo (figure from Schlitzer, 2020).

# Quality control levels differs across data bases

### QUALITY CONTROL LEVELS

QC=0	Basic checks
	1. Duplicates
	2. Metadata
	3. Position, platform, sensor, units, date,..
	4. Format
QC =1	Automatic and manual checking
	1. Range, gradient and spikes
	2. Depth/density Inversion, systematic offset,
	3. Drift, flat or stuck line
	4. Property-property plots
QC=2	Additional Checking - Adjustment
	• Bias and drift correction
	• Intercomparison
	• Post calibration (e.g. air-calibration for BGC Argo)
QC=3	Consistency check with climatologies
QC=4	Tailored data product development

### LIST OF QUALITY CHECKS

QC=1	Automatic checking
	1. Geographical location : position, platform, sensor, units, date,..
	2. Format
	3. Duplicates
QC =2	Automatic checking
	1. Range check (gross range 0 to 500 mol/kg)
	2. Removal of any blunders
QC=3	Automatic checking
	3. Crude range check (temperature/oxygen, oxygen/pressure)
QC=4	Automatic checking
	4. Maximum solubility check
QC=5	Automatic checking
	5. Stucked value check
QC=6	Automatic checking
	7. Spike check
QC=7	Automatic checking
	8. Multiple extrema checks (profile shape check)
QC=8	Automatic checking
	9. Oxygen vertical gradient check
QC=8	Automatic checking
	10. Local climatological range

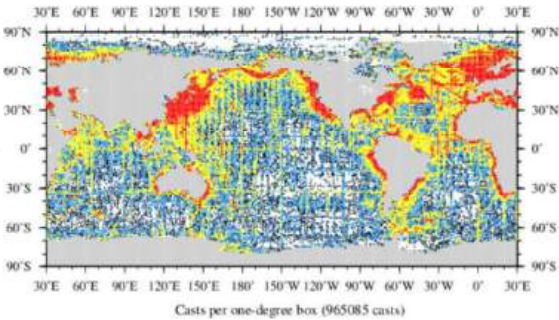
Quality control procedure and levels adopted in the WOD (Garcia et al., 2024).

List of quality control checks adopted in the IAP dataset (Gourteski et al., 2024; L. Cheng, pers.com.)

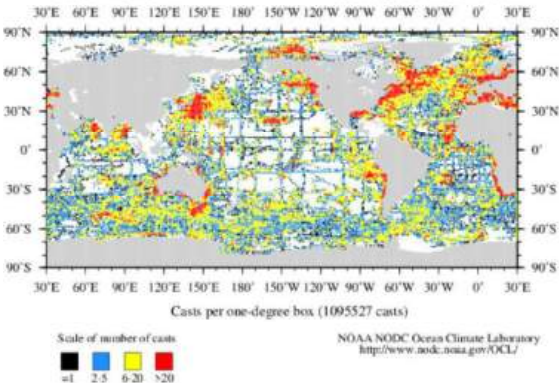
In the sequence of 8 checks, each test will be attributed a 0 (passed) or a 1 (failed) (0 and 1 are the quality flags).

## WHY NOW? CHANGE OF PARADIGM IN OUR CAPABILITIES TO OBSERVE O<sub>2</sub>

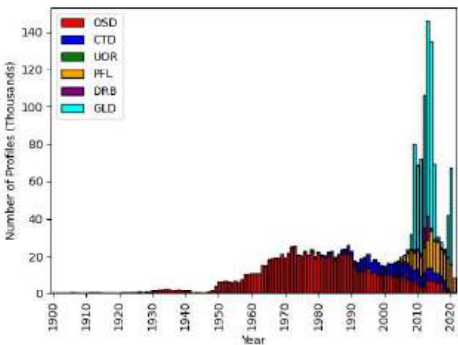
Winkler data

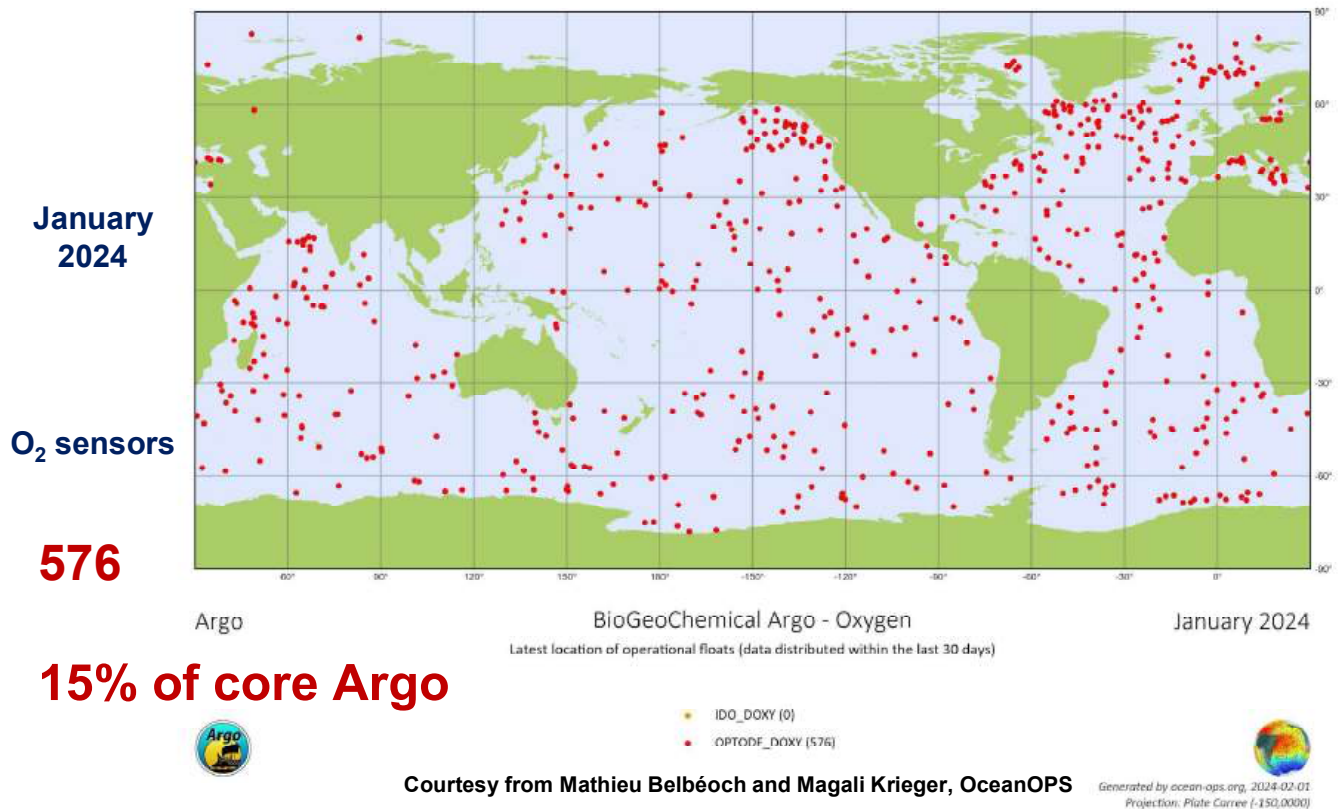


Sensor data



# Winkler data since 1900  $\cong$  # sensors data over the last 10 years





## DATA INTEGRATION: OPEN AND COASTAL DATABASES

### OPEN OCEAN DATABASES

World  
Ocean  
Database

Mirai R/V  
2017/2019

PacificO2\_main.m

Read\_WOD.m

Read\_mirai.m

### COASTAL DATABASES (CHILE)

Mooring  
(CEAZA, POSAR,  
CDOM.CL)

Cruises-CTD  
profiles (IFOP,  
CIMAR)

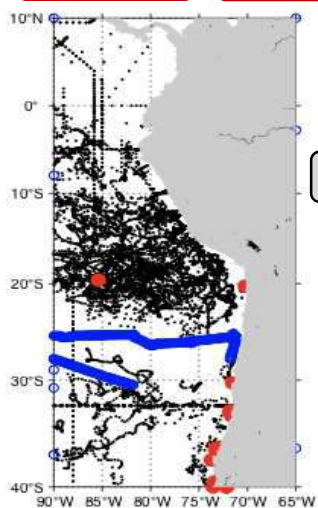
Winkler (POAL  
Army  
program)

Gliders

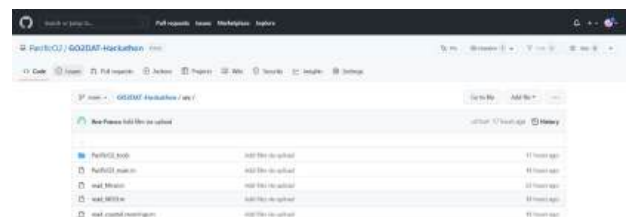
Read\_coastal.m

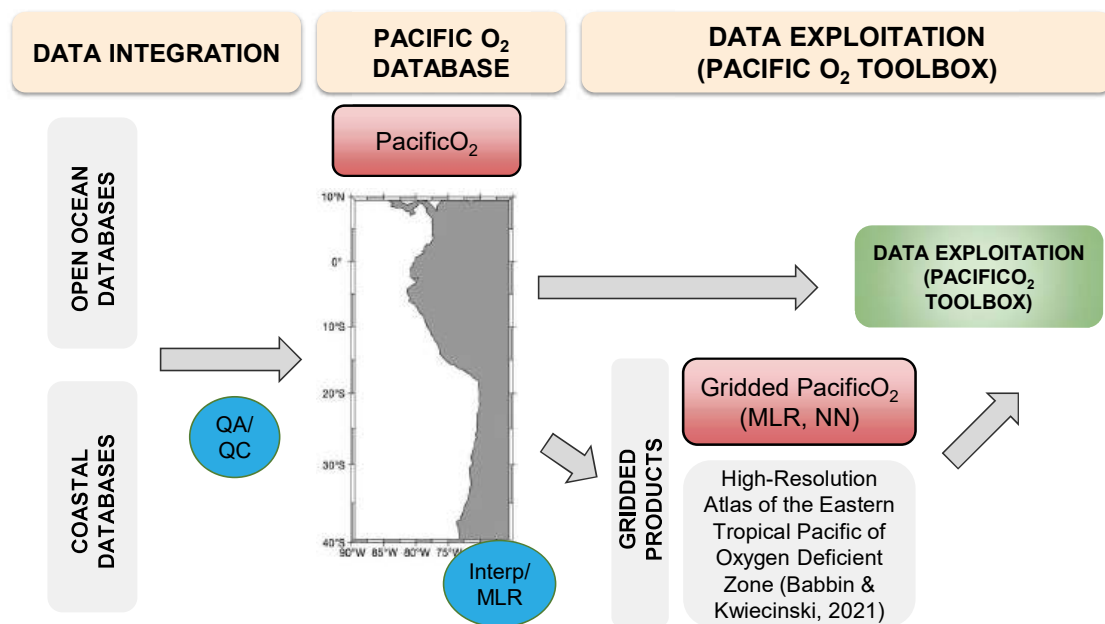
QA/  
QC

PacificO<sub>2</sub>.nc



- WOD data (Ships, Argo profiles)
- Mirai data (only surface data)
- Coastal mooring data





## COASTAL DATABASES (CHILE)

### Mooring (CEAZA, POSAR, CDOM.CL)

Tongoy Bay 30° S  
(2014-Present)



Posar buoy 36.4°S  
(2016-Present)



Cochamó, Puyuhuapi, Seno de Reloncavi, Isla Irene, Puerto Cisnes



### Cruises-CTD profiles (Instituto de Fomento Pesquero and CIMAR-Chilean Army)



### Winkler (POAL Army program - Programa de observación del ambiente litoral) 1993-Present



### Gliders

Create a list with the glider data owners. Under request.



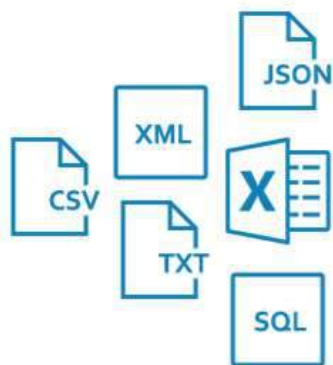
## PacificO<sub>2</sub> DATABASE (PACIFICO<sub>2</sub>.nc)



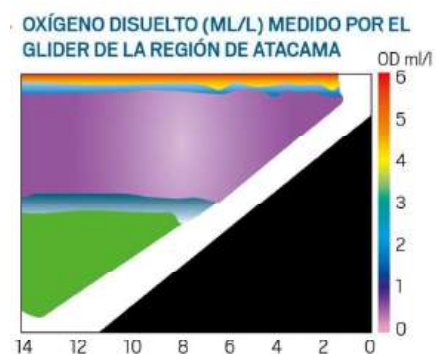
**Data accessibility:** Download data in different formats and units

**Download maps and figures in different formats (.png, .pdf, .jpeg) - stakeholders**

**Glider data:** Contact PIs for possible collaboration

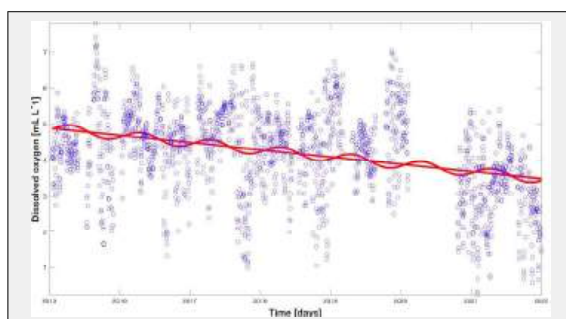


81°W 82.5°W 84°W 85.5°W 87°W 88.5°W 90°W  
Source: ARGO SPM  
Processing: SPM  
Latest date: May 04 2022

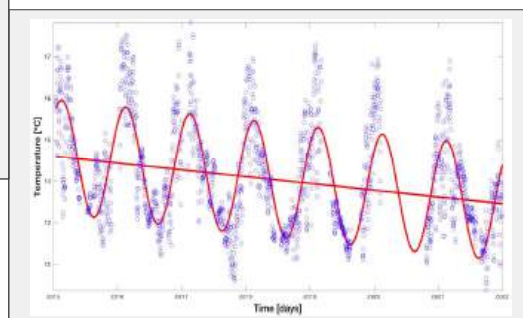


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<http://met.igp.gob.pe/variabclim/argo.html>

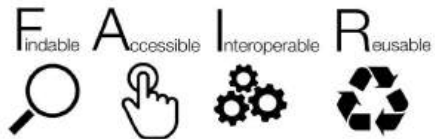
## PacificO<sub>2</sub> toolbox: example 2 Time series (e.g., data from Tongoy buoy)



plot\_seas\_cycle.m



## OUTREACH AND STAKEHOLDERS



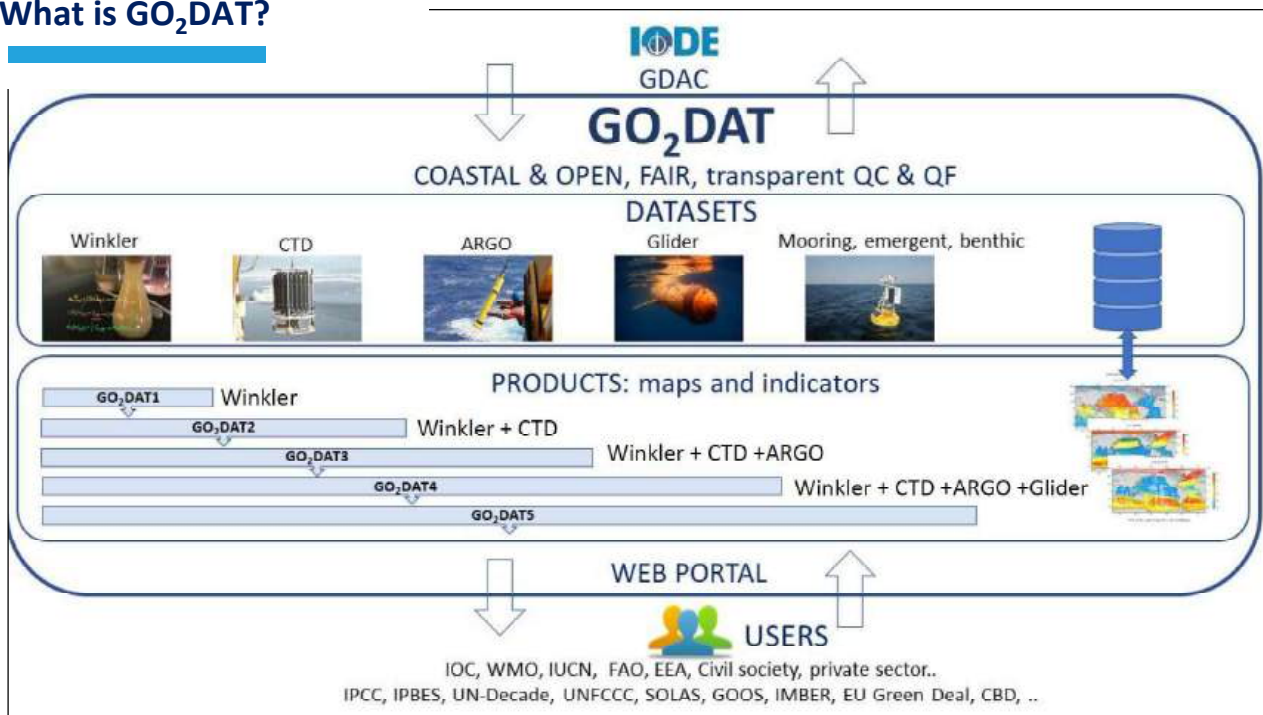
- Metadata
- Documentation
- Data disclaimer
- Github PacificO<sub>2</sub>
- App: Stakeholders input
- Website (English and Spanish)
- Tutorials (inclusion: subtitles and sign language)
  - o How to download the data
  - o How to use the Toolbox
- Infographics
- Transfer of knowledge program (public institutions, universities, Army, coastal community, users)



OCEAN LITERACY

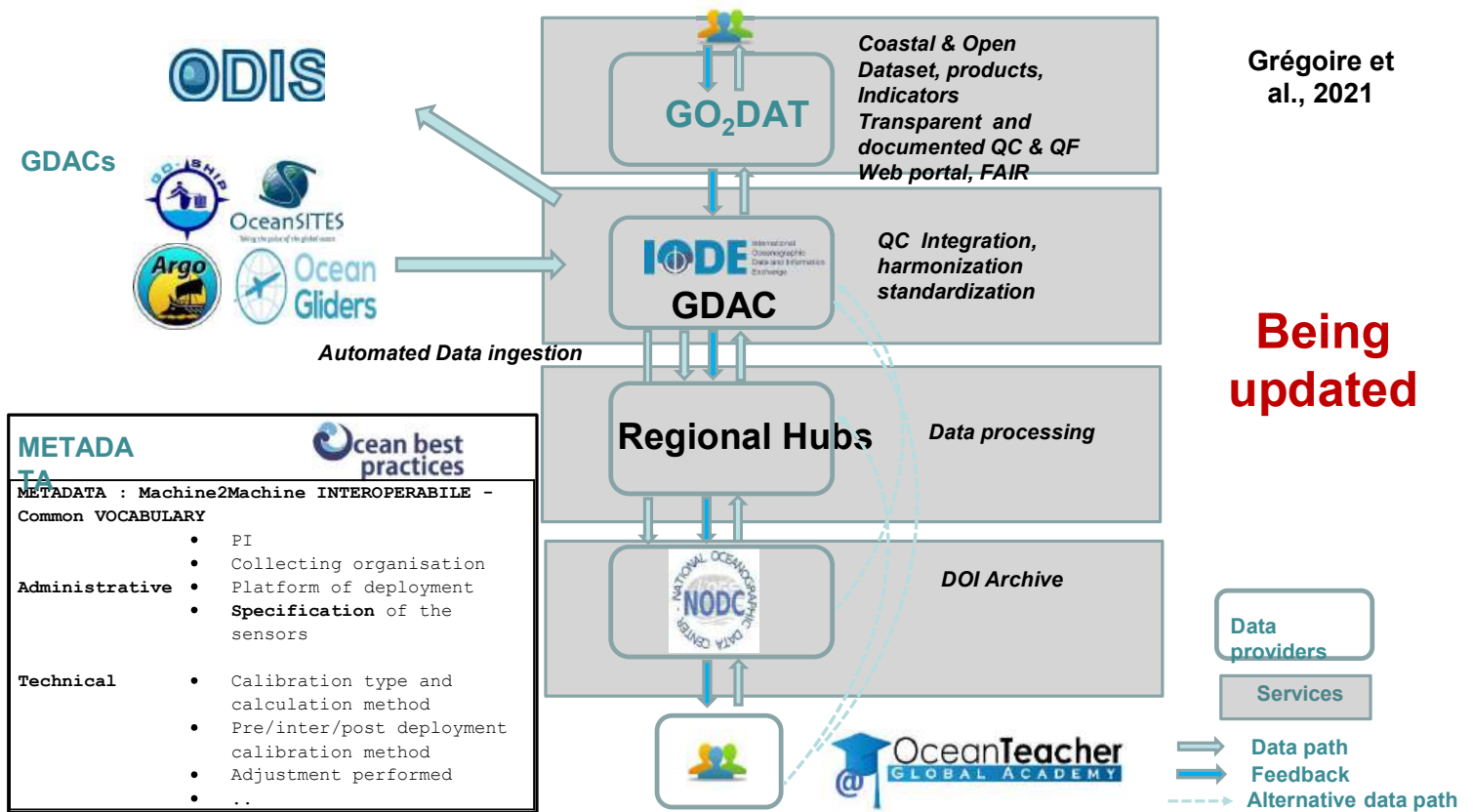


## What is GO<sub>2</sub>DAT?



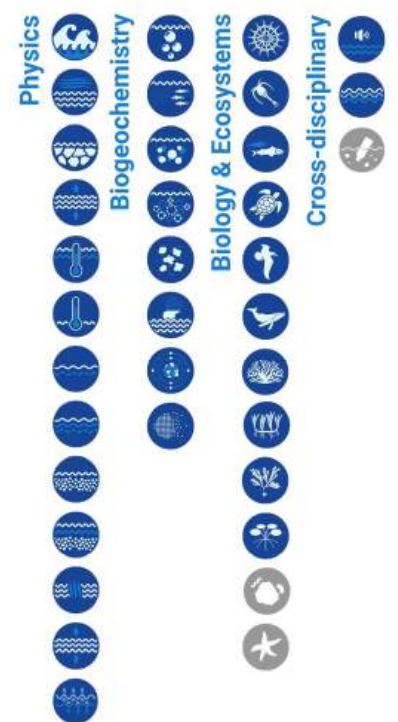
**Being updated !**

Grégoire et al., 2021



## What do our users want from a GOOS digital ecosystem infrastructure?

- Access for each EOVS to all observational data, from wherever in the world, with a known uncertainty
  - how represent uncertainty in different EOVS
- EOVS products to be user-led
  - GOOS specify and partners produce (e.g. WOD)?
  - GOOS branded EOVS products?
- GOOS ocean data ecosystem that establishes/is foundation for the IODE 2030 Data, Decade 2030 Data IP, WMO WIS 2.0?



### 1. Automated checks/tests

Based on the established ones. For instance, each test of the IAP AutoQC system is attributed a 0 (passed) or a 1 (failed) (0 and 1 are the quality flags). They are carried out sequentially and if a test fails then an overall QC flag 1 is assigned but still the individual test results are visible to the data user.

### 2. Manual QC

Potentially not to be applied as this requires checks by humans

### 3. Bias/Crossover checks

### 4. Uncertainty attribution

Uncertainties based either upon instrument precision, or crossover consistencies, or replicate measurements, are not comparable.

Collect a precise information on precision (based on replicate measurements, indicated by the relative variability) and on accuracy (based on a fit with golden standard which could be e.g. GO-SHIP cruises).



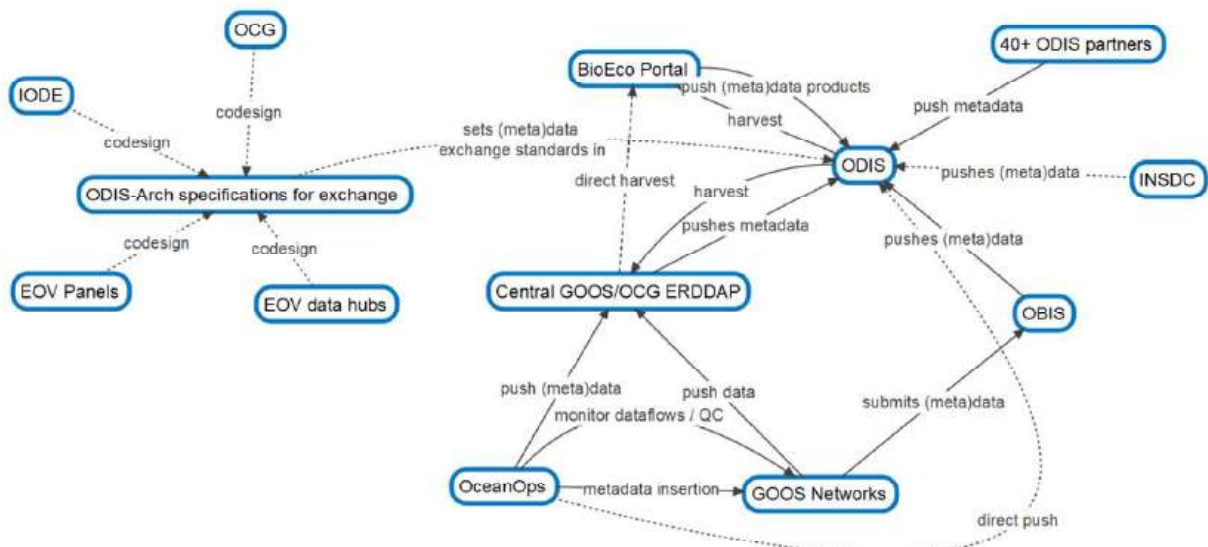
## Solutions

- **Create and adopt a cross GOOS Digital Infrastructure/Ecosystem Strategy**
- **2 day meeting** data experts, to develop core of this - working-writing group - in the next months, timeline, resources - for adoption end 2024
- **EOV data products are an element** of this strategy. ERDDAP/ODIS means we have the means to draw EOV data together - but we need to **define what we mean as an EOV product**
- **Consider a GOOS data brand** - data and EOV products
- **Identify key partners** - EOV products process/deliver GOOS EOV products, support in-kind, financing
- **Set up a persistent cross GOOS data team** - (not TT-) data experts across components to manage strategy and implementation - connected to DCO, WMO, IODE



Courtesy, Emma Heslop, GOOS, IOC UNESCO

## Start of mapping visualising digital infrastructure across GOOS - BioEco - OCG



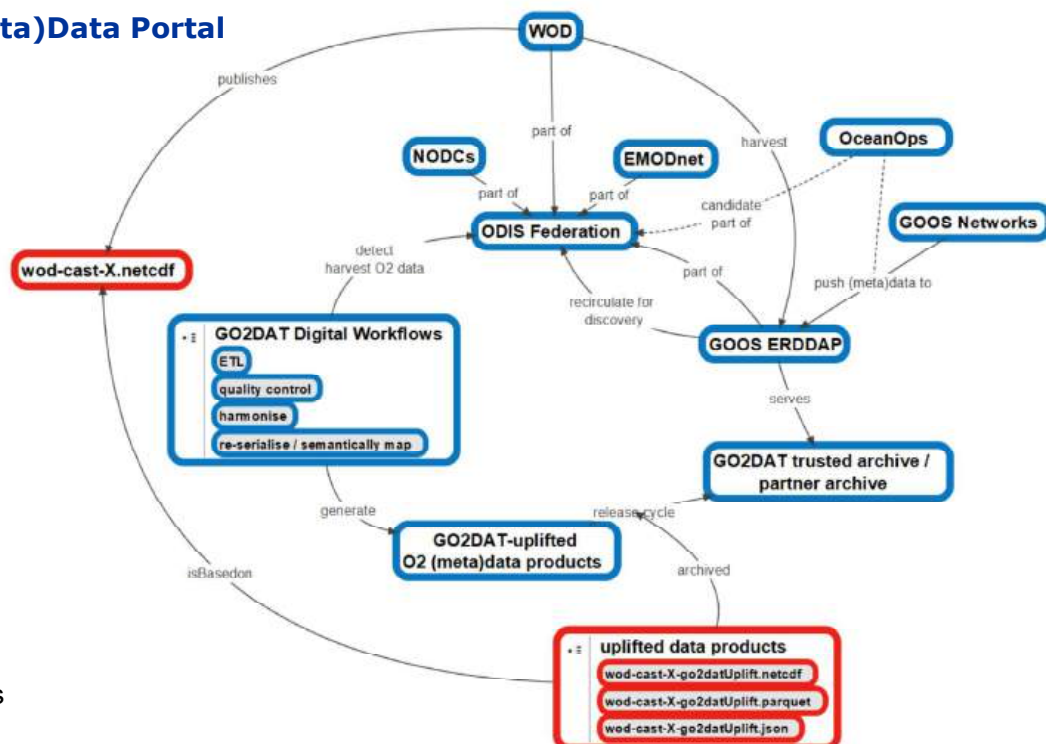
von Schmalzer et al., 2020

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## Developing the BGC (Meta)Data Portal

### GO<sub>2</sub>DAT Prototype

- O<sub>2</sub> highest ranked EOVS in feasibility and impact
- Builds upon existing structures and common structured metadata
- Utilizes ODIS-federation (IOVS initiative) for (meta)data harvesting
- Automates data ETL Extract, Transform, Load)
- Utilizes ERDDAP as a service for flexible data extraction (single access point)
- Establishes feedback loops to original data sources



# Recommendations to GOOS SC

Document BGC EOY data currently being collected by the GOOS networks and GRAs

Document the associated data pathways (focus on what kind of / when / where) as a primary step in progressing

At the provider and data management level, push the adaption of

Common vocabularies

Structured metadata templates

Identify resources/staff that can develop an automated connection and “translation” service between different data sources : **FTEs of skilled data scientists within ODIS in close contact with GOOS panels scientists**

→ **future recruitment of an FTE on the CHO\_IP Hypoxia and Eutrophication GEF funded project starting early 2025 for Oxygen EOY**



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## Abstract

### Introduction

EOY Oxygen measurement best practices

Best practices for meta and data formats, vocabularies

Data quality control of oxygen observations and assessment, including flagging system

GO<sub>2</sub>DAT Data Flow

Discussion and conclusion

Box 1- Survey list of questions and answers about oxygen measurements SOP and best practices

Box 2 Survey answers on Quality control checks and flags specification



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## Appendix 1 : List of “EOV Oxygen” documents from OBPS repository (as of February 20, 2024)

“Refereed” according to OBPS are indicated in bold italics

**Green color** indicates the NOAA-funded Alliance for Coastal Technologies (ACT) documents

**Red color** indicates documents produced by oceanographic consortia such as Argo, OceanGliders, SOTS, IMDOS, JERICO-S3

**Blue color** indicates peer-reviewed articles in journals

Black colour indicates all other sorts of documents

**\*\*** indicates being refereed and GOOS endorsed according to OBPS



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**Box 2 Appendix 1.** Distribution of quality flagging systems per oceanic basin and per regional groupings as defined for SDG indicators (see <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/indicators/regional-groups>).

## Appendix 2: List of “EOV Oxygen” best practices documents not referenced in the OBPS repository (as of February 20, 2024)

Carval, T, Keeley R, Takatsuki Y, Yoshida T, Loch S, Schmid C, Goldsmith R, Wong A, McCreadie R, Thresher A, Tran A, 2022, Argo data management. Argo user’s manual.

<https://doi.org/10.13155/29825>

Garcia-Robledo, E, Paulmier A, Borisov S.M., and Revsbech N.P., 2021, Sampling in low oxygen aquatic environments: The deviation from anoxic conditions, Limnol. and Oceanogr. Methods,

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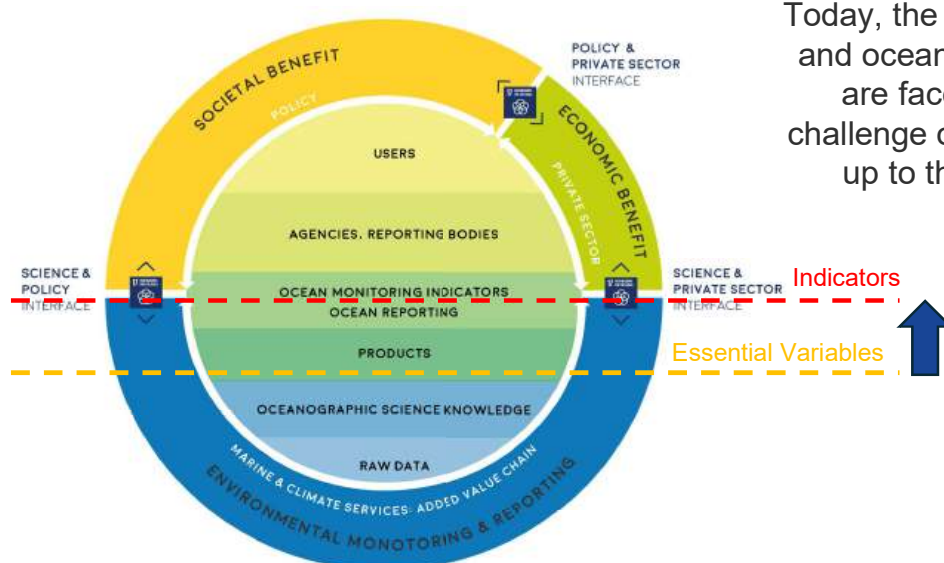
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Thank you for your attention



## Ocean indicators: Challenge today



Today, the scientific community and ocean & climate services are faced to the current challenge of lifting our capacity up to the indicator level



von Schuckmann et al., 2020

Courtesy, Emma Heslop, GOOS, IOC UNESCO

- Requirements: What do we require to facilitate the delivery of interoperable data at the individual EOVS level and across EOVS, etc?

**>>>> Accomplish steps of data discovery and data harmonization, following step is data aggregation and distribution, this could be achieved through ERDDAP**

**>>>> FTEs of skilled data scientists within ODIS in close contact with GOOS panels scientists**

- Steps to progress: Could a task team/working group of data specialists/experts from all panels with the inclusion of OBIS, ODIS, IODE and Ocean OPS be created to progress this? Are there other alternative mechanisms for moving this forward?
- Support: What support will be required from GOOS or others to facilitate this work?

**>>>> One dedicated team of data scientists within ODIS supported financially by GOOS (?) to help us building a digital ecosystem for each EOVS : clones of Kevin, Jeff, Doug, Pier Luigi, etc...**



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1. Agree on a common minimum metadata requirements form - this GO<sub>2</sub>DAT has already achieved.
2. Translate the common metadata file into JSON-LD/[schema.org](https://schema.org) format which will be used to access and index all oxygen resources in ODIS (or anywhere else) - facilitated by the OIH Team
3. Each data provider/aggregator adds a JSON-LD snippet to the individual resource webpages - to be done by data managers with ODIS support
4. A GO<sub>2</sub>DAT community (GO<sub>2</sub>DAT Steering Committee) is formed "inside" OIH as a "coalition of the willing" from among those who agree to connect existing databases. This could include mutual archival of resources - so essentially creating regional DACs with healthy redundancy. A basic agreement needs to be outlined - ODIS Team has some examples/templates from other communities
5. There should be no need to re-submit anything as done in SOCAT or GLODAP. All resources are accessible centrally from where they are.
6. QC/QF - Proposed in the Best practices document and part of the common metadata requirements sheet
7. Once all oxygen resources can be pulled together through OIH, the visualization (the actual atlas) can be implemented. OIH plans to develop such features too, but otherwise, any GO<sub>2</sub>DAT partner could take that role on.



## WORKSHOP

# DEVELOPING BEST PRACTICES TO ADDRESS COASTAL MARINE OXYGEN LOSS IN APEC ECONOMIES FOR IMPROVING THE MANAGEMENT OF MARINE LIVING RESOURCES

## PHYSIOLOGY OF MARINE SPECIES IN THE CONTEXT OF LOW OXYGEN CONDITIONS (HYPOXIA)

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Martes 01 de octubre de 2024

### ESPECIES ESTUDIADAS



*Engraulis ringens*



*Anisotremus scapularis*



*Paralabrax humeralis*

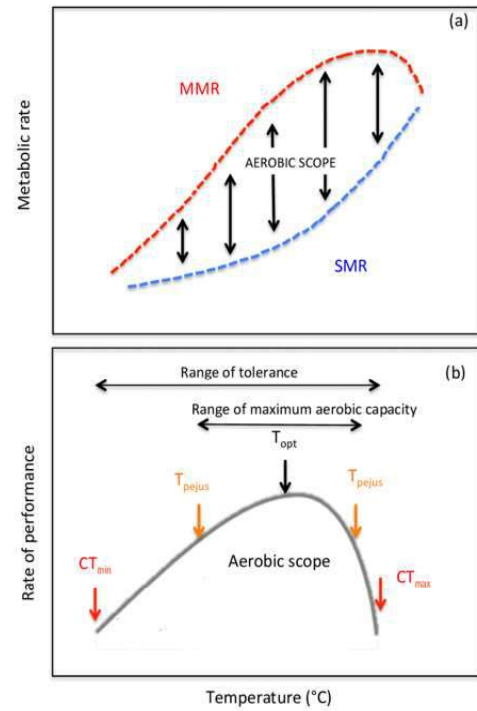
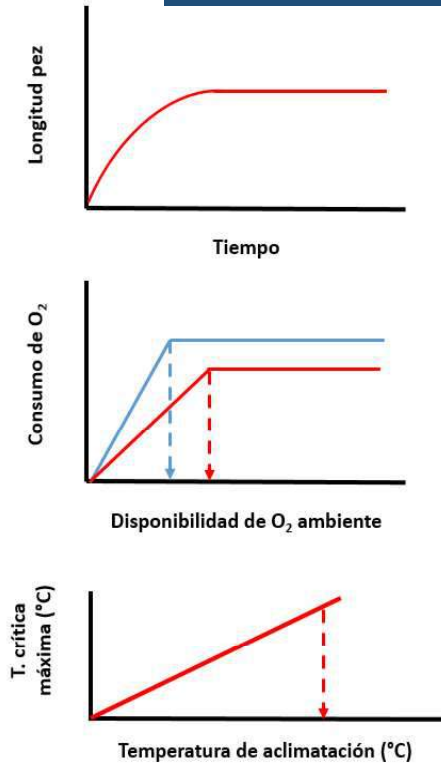


*Paralichthys adspersus*



*Argopecten purpuratus*

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J Fish Biol. 2022 Jun;100(6):1497-1509. doi: 10.1111/jfb.15060. Epub 2022 Apr 25.

## Tolerance of juvenile Peruvian rock seabass (*Paralabrax humeralis* Valenciennes, 1828) and Peruvian grunt (*Anisotremus scapularis* Tschudi, 1846) to low-oxygen conditions

Rebeca Montero-Taboada<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Giovanna Sotil<sup>2,4</sup>, Jhon Dionicio-Acedo<sup>2</sup>, Maryandrea Rosado-Salazar<sup>2</sup>, Arturo Aguirre-Velarde<sup>2</sup>

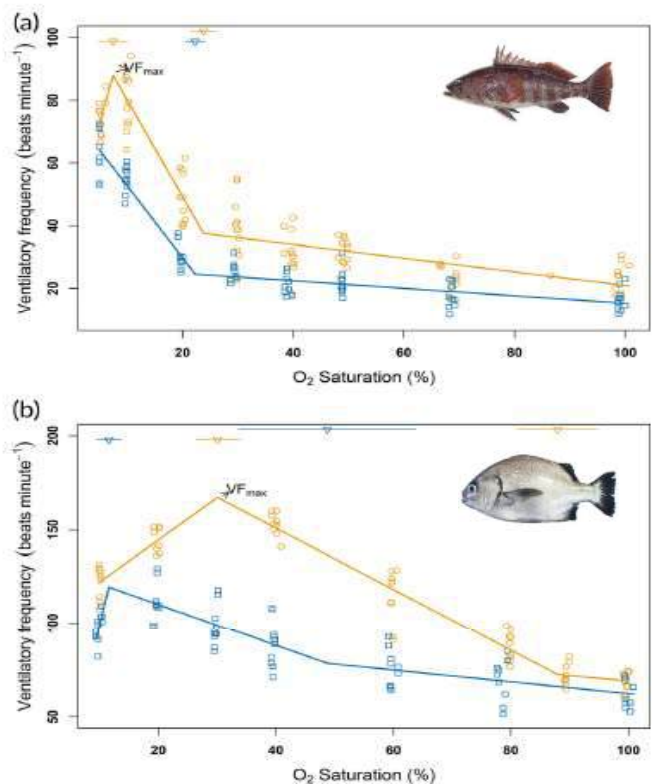
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**TABLE 1** Ventilatory critical point (Vcp) of *Paralabrax humeralis* ( $n = 20$ ) and *Anisotremus scapularis* ( $n = 20$ ) during progressive hypoxia at 16 and 22°C

Temperature (°C)	Vcp (% ± CI)	
	<i>P. humeralis</i>	<i>A. scapularis</i>
16	22.3% ± 0.9	48.7% ± 7.6
		11.59% ± 1.0
22	23.8% ± 1.2	98.6% ± 0.9
	7.5% ± 1.3	29.9% ± 1.9

Note. ANCOVA of slope segments prior to the Vcp ( $P < 0.001$ ). CI, 95% confidence interval.



# Tolerance of juvenile Peruvian rock seabass (*Paralabrax humeralis* Valenciennes, 1828) and Peruvian grunt (*Anisotremus scapularis* Tschudi, 1846) to low-oxygen conditions

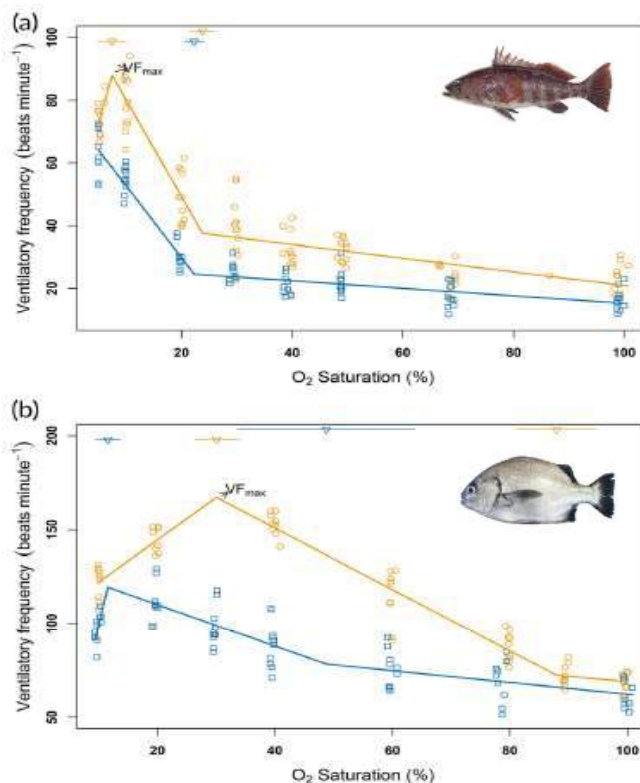
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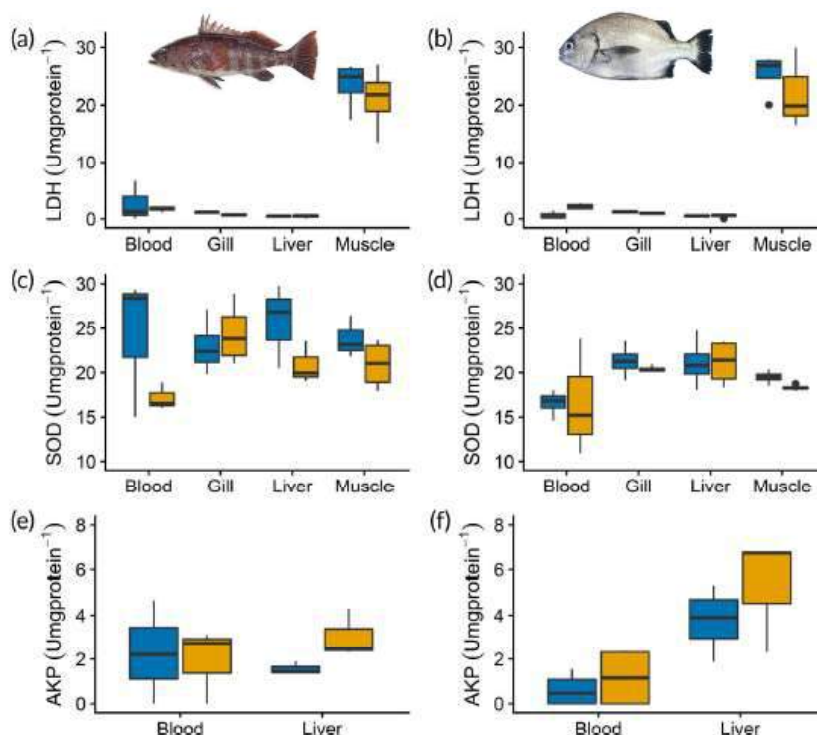
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**TABLE 2** Lt50 and changes in the behaviour of *Paralabrax humeralis* ( $n = 4$ ) and *Anisotremus scapularis* ( $n = 4$ ) observed over a period of 31 days at 5% oxygen saturation (*P. humeralis*) and 60% oxygen saturation (*A. scapularis*)

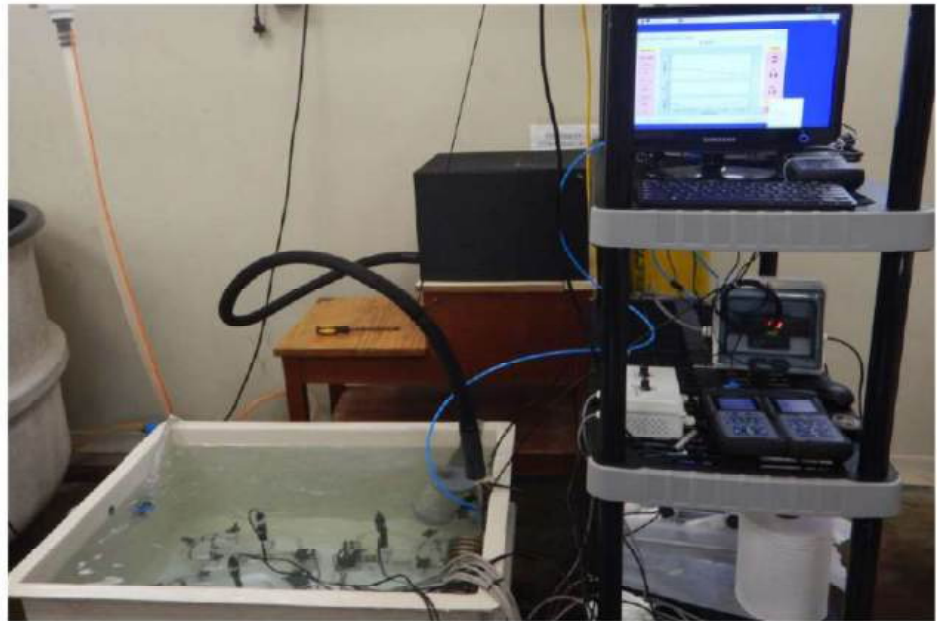
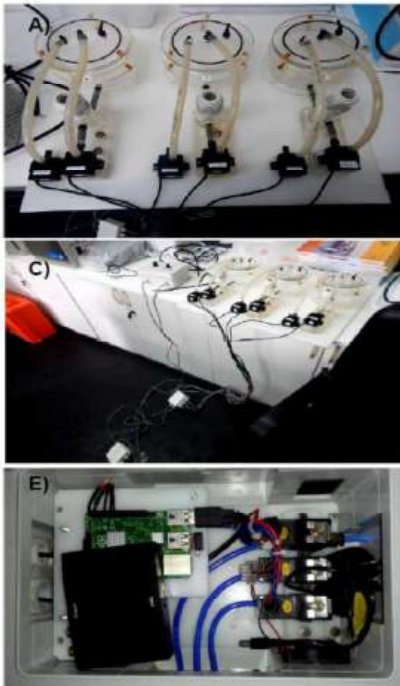
Species	Mortality	Behaviour
<i>P. humeralis</i> (5% O <sub>2</sub> sat)	No	Reduced active swimming No loss of balance Remained at the bottom
<i>A. scapularis</i> (60% O <sub>2</sub> sat)	36 min 43 min 13 s (total mortality)	Increased active swimming Remained lying down at the bottom



**FIGURE 3** Enzymatic activity of lactate dehydrogenase (LDH; a, b), superoxide dismutase (SOD; c, d) and alkaline phosphatase (AKP; e, f) in blood, gill, liver and muscle of *Paralabrax humeralis* ( $n = 8$ ) and *Anisotremus scapularis* ( $n = 8$ ), respectively, after 2 h of exposure to hypoxic (15% oxygen saturation) and normoxic (100% oxygen saturation). Treatment (■) Hypoxia, and (■) Normoxia

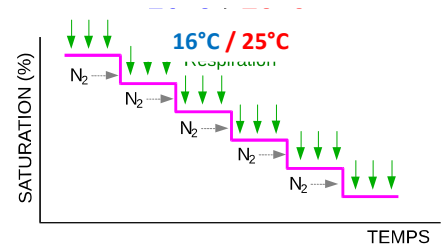
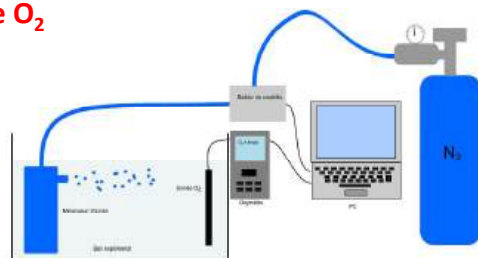


## RESPIROMETRÍA EN HIPOXIA

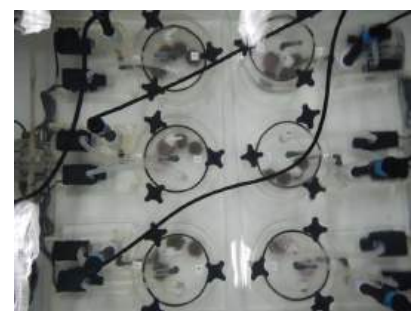
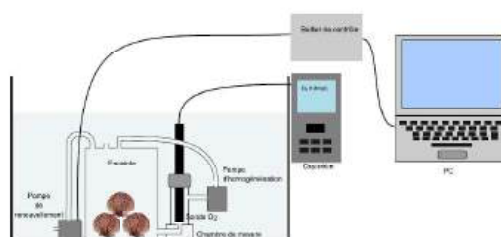


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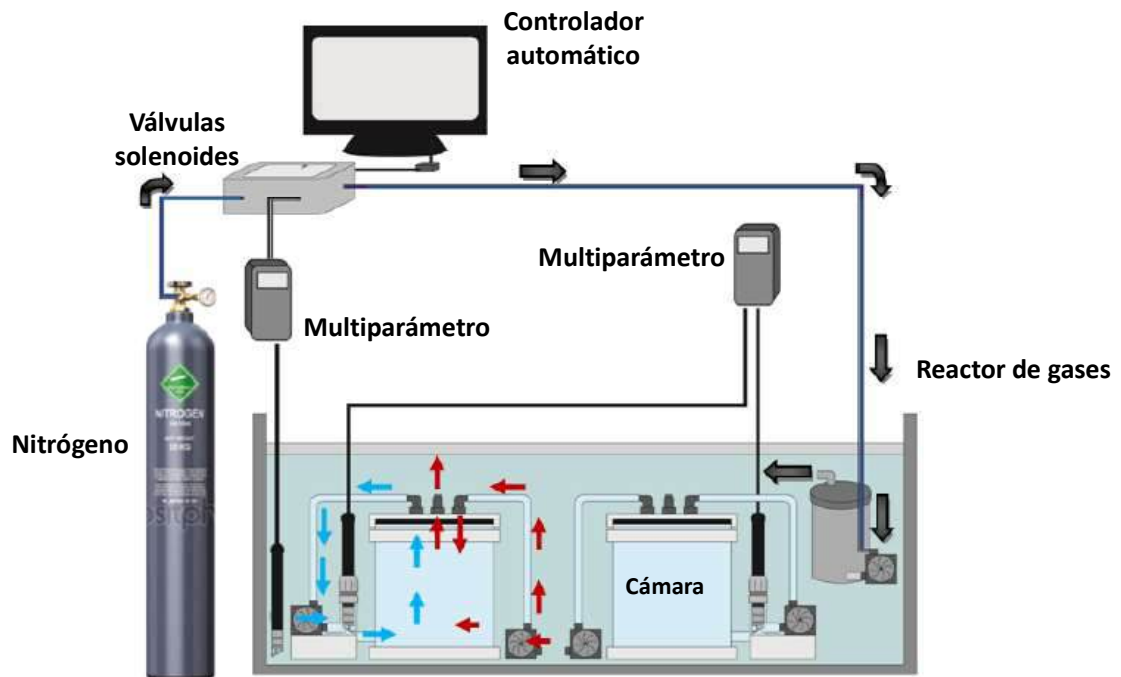
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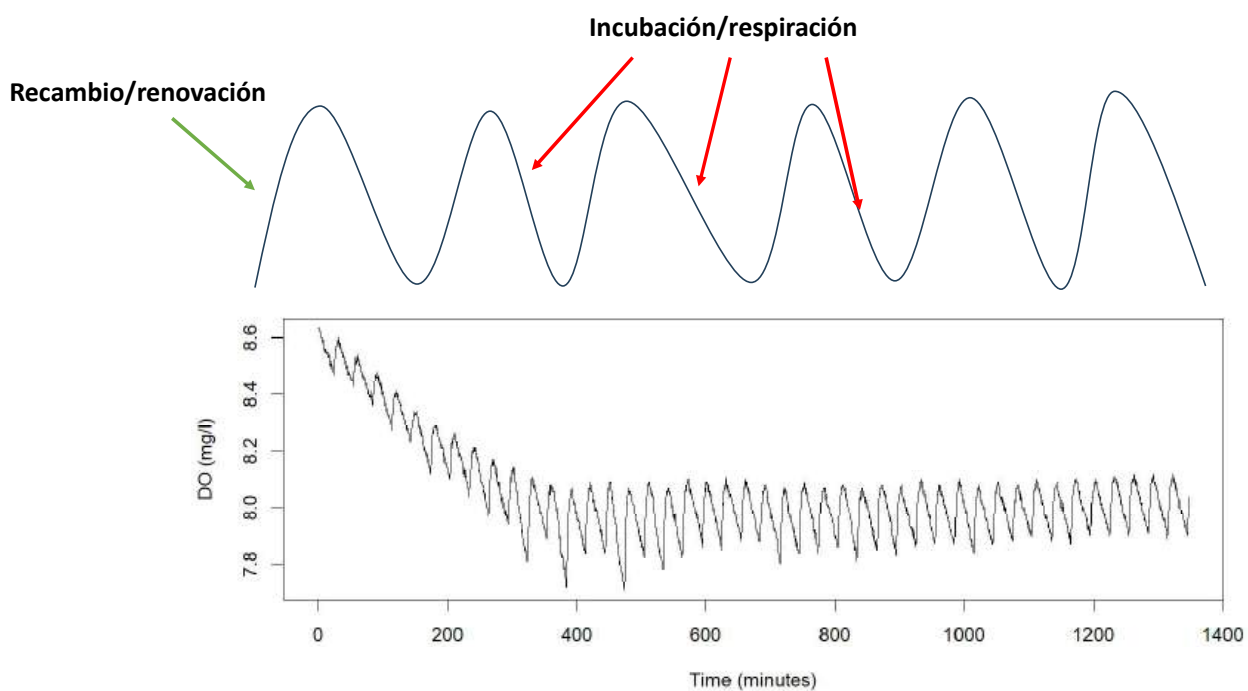
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## ESQUEMA SISTEMA DE RESPIROMETRÍA



## FASES DEL ENSAYO DE RESPIROMETRÍA



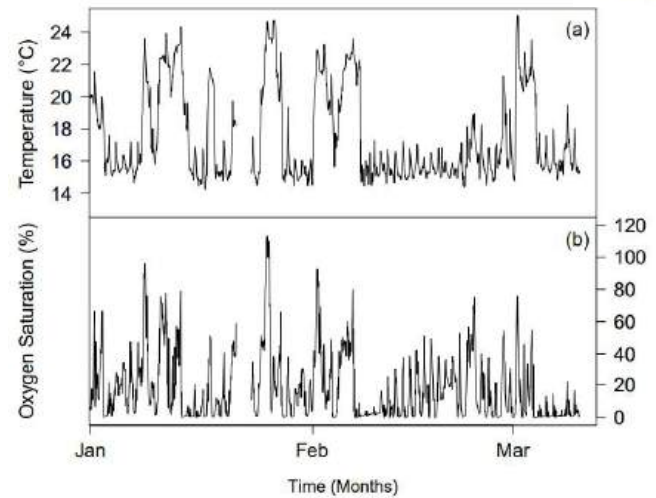
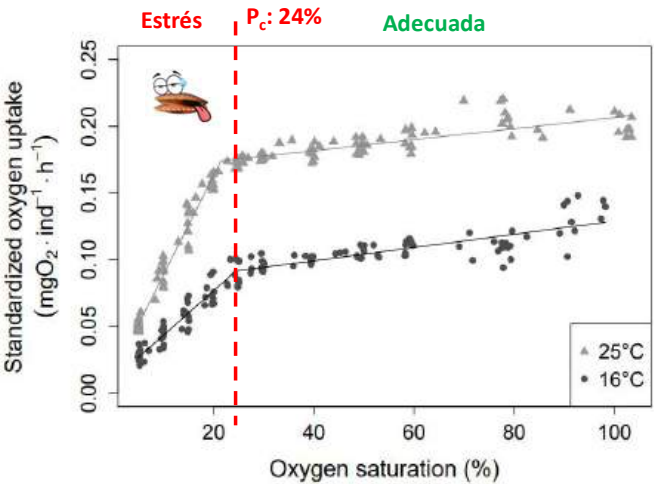


# Effects of progressive hypoxia on oxygen uptake in juveniles of the Peruvian scallop, *Argopecten purpuratus* (Lamarck, 1819)

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Temperature (°C)	P <sub>c</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (% ± CI)	Linear segment slopes		% Regulation (%)
		Segment < P <sub>c</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	Segment > P <sub>c</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	
16	24.4 ± 1.9	3.34 10 <sup>-3</sup> ± 3.3 10 <sup>-4</sup>	4.97 10 <sup>-3</sup> ± 7.6 10 <sup>-5</sup>	74
25	21.4 ± 0.7	7.44 10 <sup>-3</sup> ± 3.4 10 <sup>-4</sup>	4.13 10 <sup>-3</sup> ± 6.7 10 <sup>-5</sup>	82

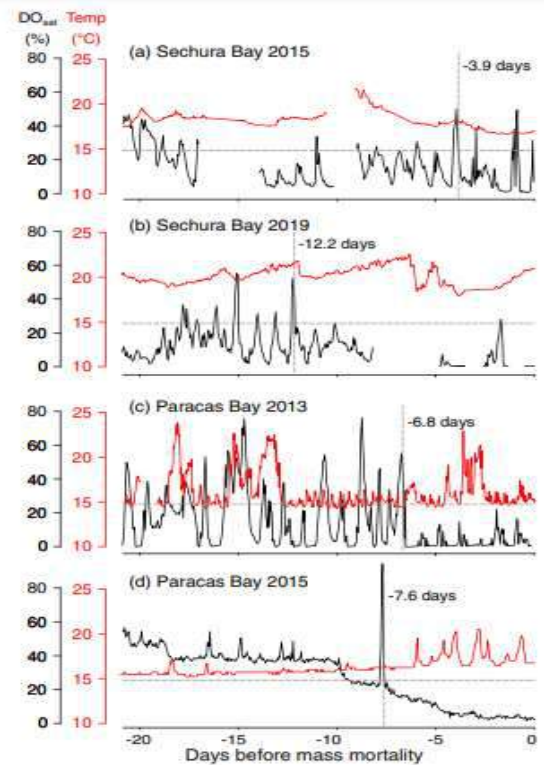
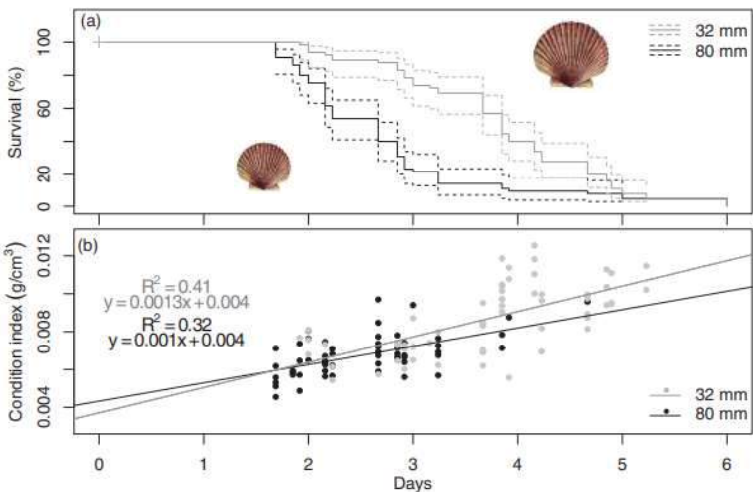
## FUNDAMENTAL STUDIES

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## Size-based survival of cultured *Argopecten purpuratus* (L, 1819) under severe hypoxia

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# **PHYSIOLOGY OF MARINE SPECIES IN THE CONTEXT OF LOW OXYGEN CONDITIONS (HYPOXIA)**

## **THANK YOU**

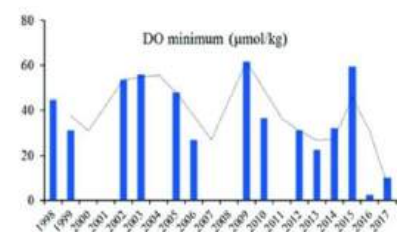
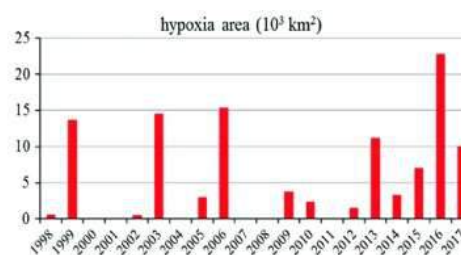
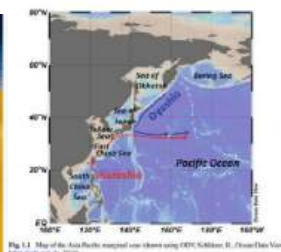
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## **Annex 5. Case studies**

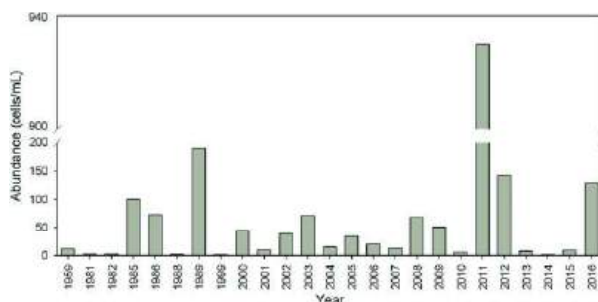
## Case study: seasonal hypoxia off Changjiang Estuary

- From DO monitoring to ecosystem health
- Will nutrient reduction help release the hypoxia?
- Extreme weather events might be the problem, especially for living resources

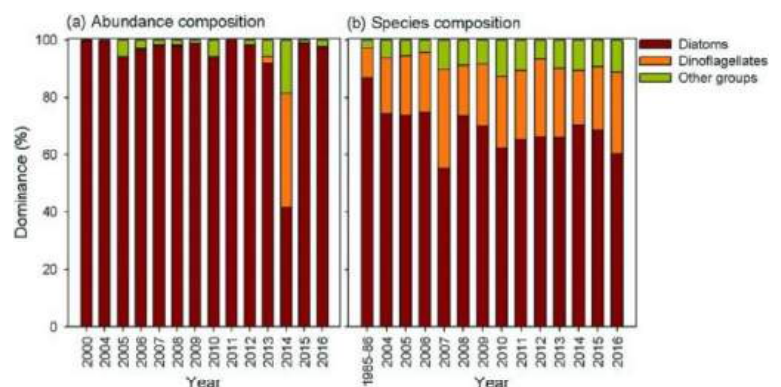
### ● From DO to ecosystem — community shifting Phytoplankton



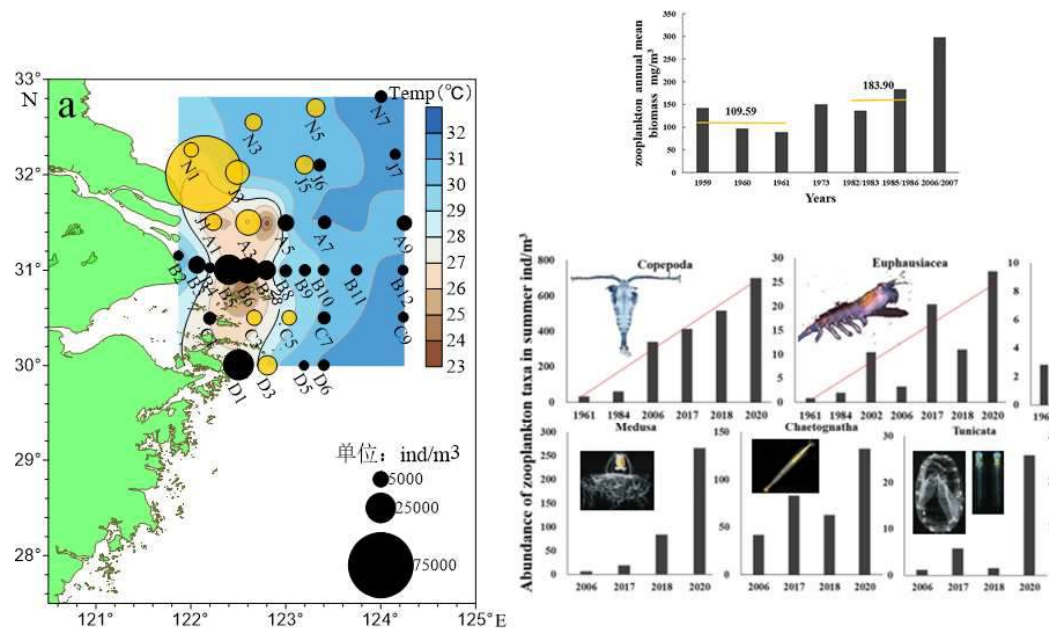
#### □ Phytoplankton



Abundance of net-collected phytoplankton

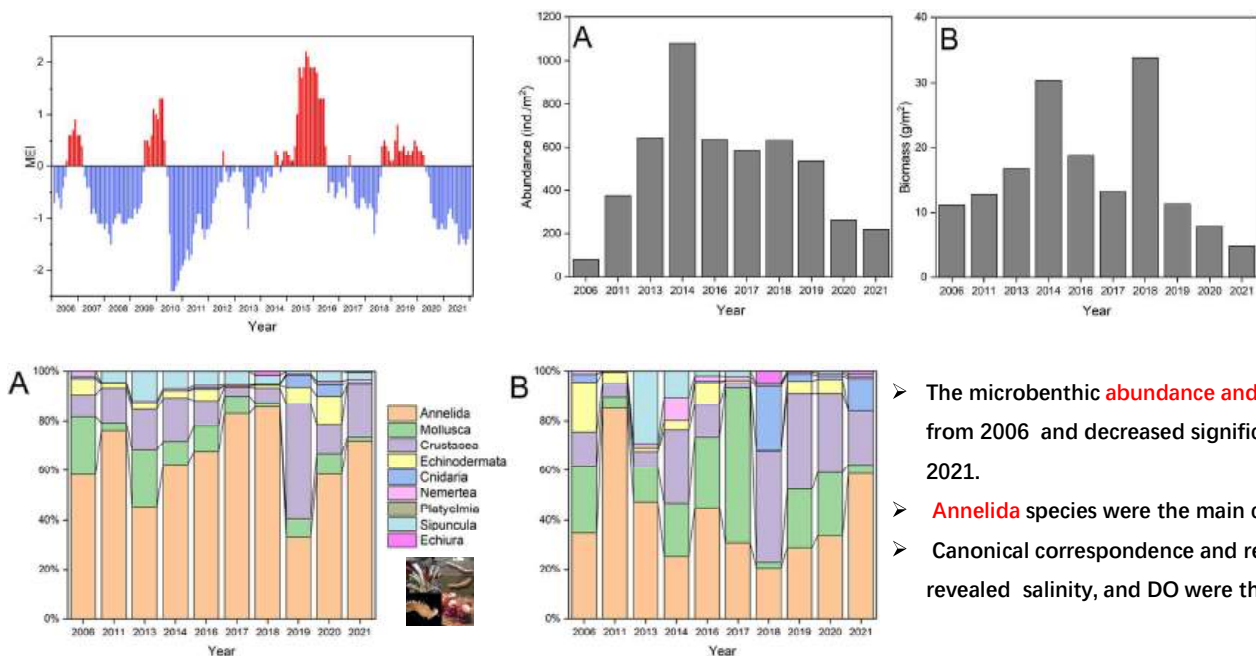


## □ Zooplankton



(Du et al., 2022)

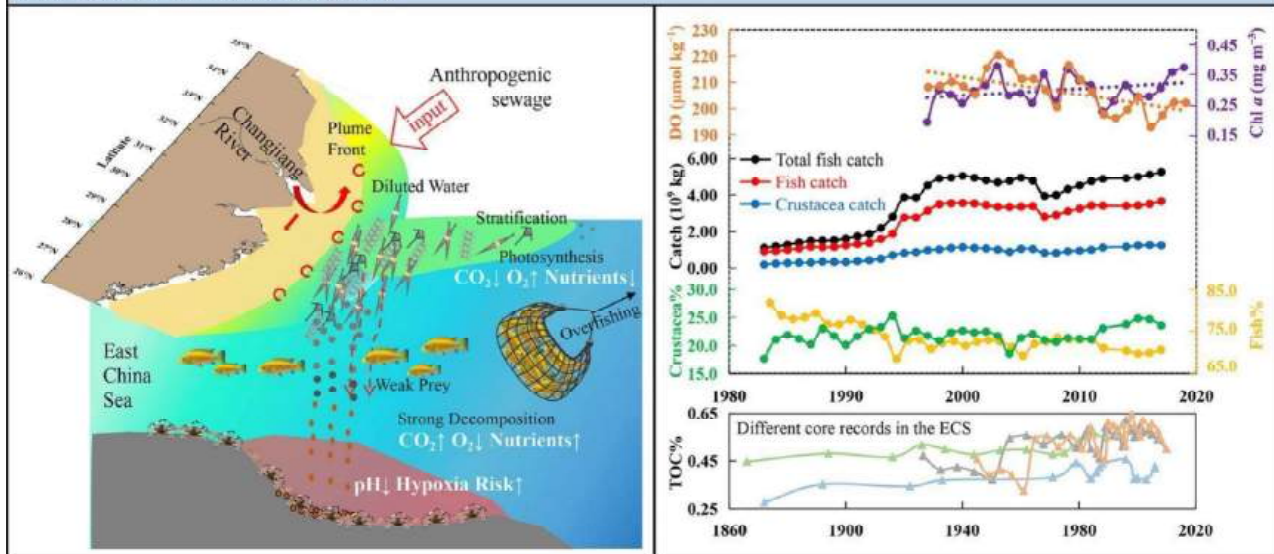
## □ Microbenthos



- The microbenthic **abundance and biomass** increased from 2006 and decreased significantly from 2014 to 2021.
- **Annelida** species were the main contributors (>50%).
- Canonical correspondence and redundancy analyses revealed salinity, and DO were the main factors.

(Tang, Y., Wang B., et al., under review).

**Bottom-up mechanism:** nutrients input, elevated production, elevated remineralization, oxygen consume, hypoxia;  
**Top-down mechanism:** alterations in ecosystem structure, hindered energy transfer, changed community dynamics, enhanced carbon sink, elevated remineralization, hypoxia.

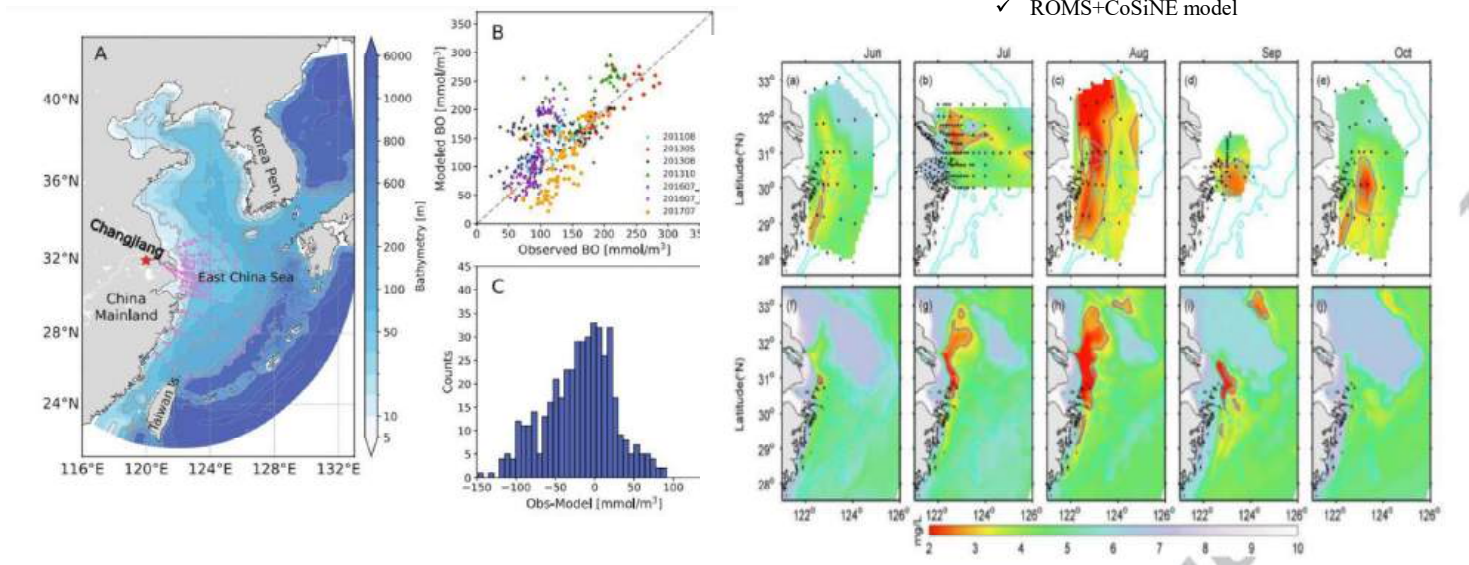


(Xu et al.,2024).

**Will nutrient reduction help release the hypoxia?- Model**

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✓ ROMS+CoSiNE model

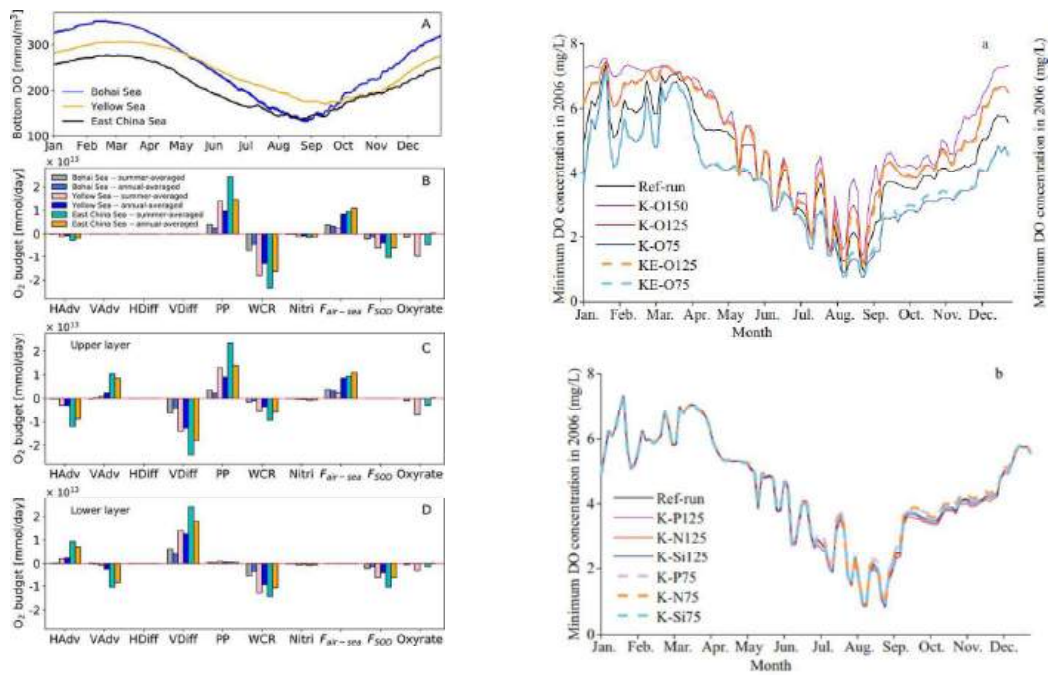


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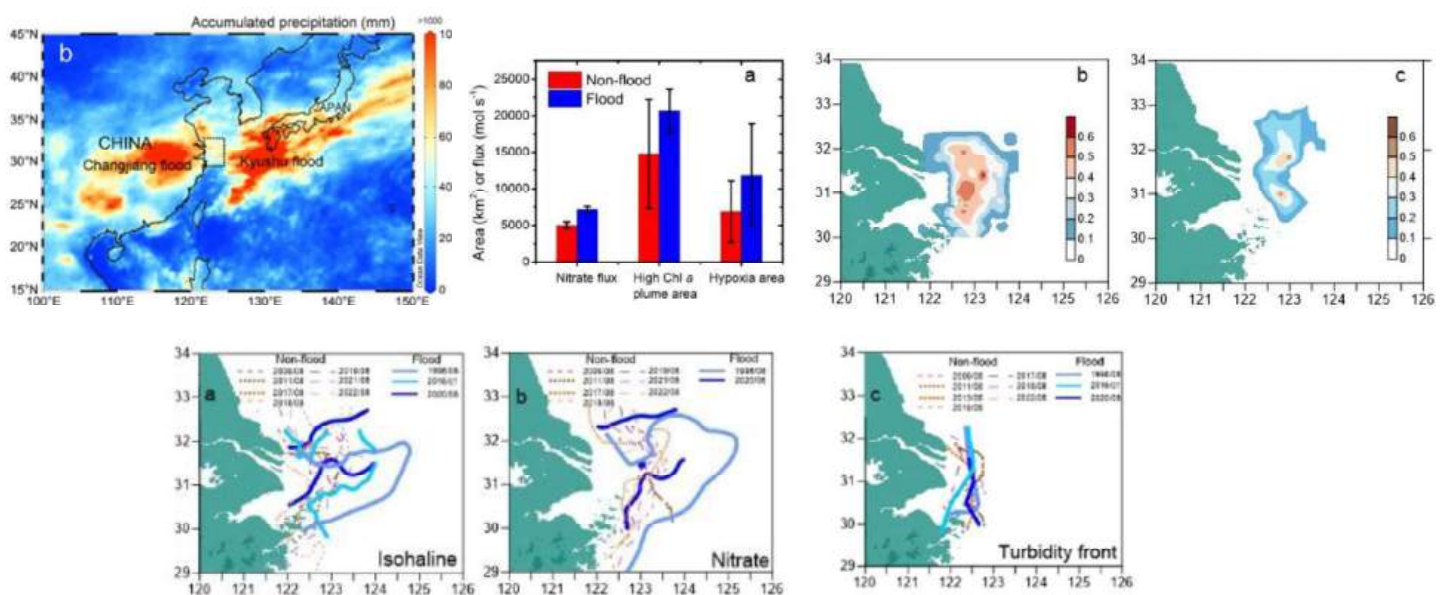
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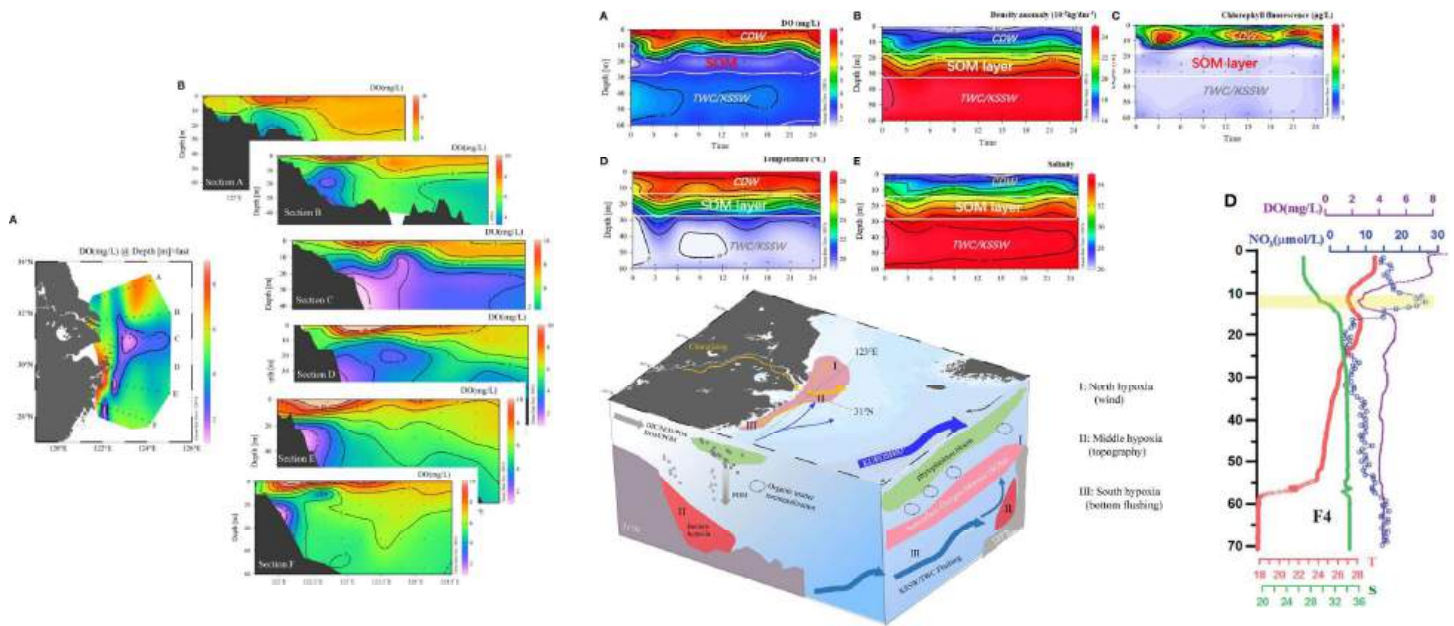
**Extreme weather events might be the problem, especially for living resources?**

**□ Hypoxia triggered by expanding river plume on the East China Sea inner shelf during flood years.**



(Li, D. W., Chen J.F.\*, Wang B., et al.,2024).

❑ Subsurface oxygen minima (SOM) regulated by remineralization and bottom flushing.



(Wang B., Li, D. et al., 2023).

- From DO to ecosystem – multidiscipline cooperation, coastal resilience
- Will nutrient reduction help release the hypoxia?- Model and monitoring
- Extreme weather events might be the other problem, especially for living resources- yes! But how?

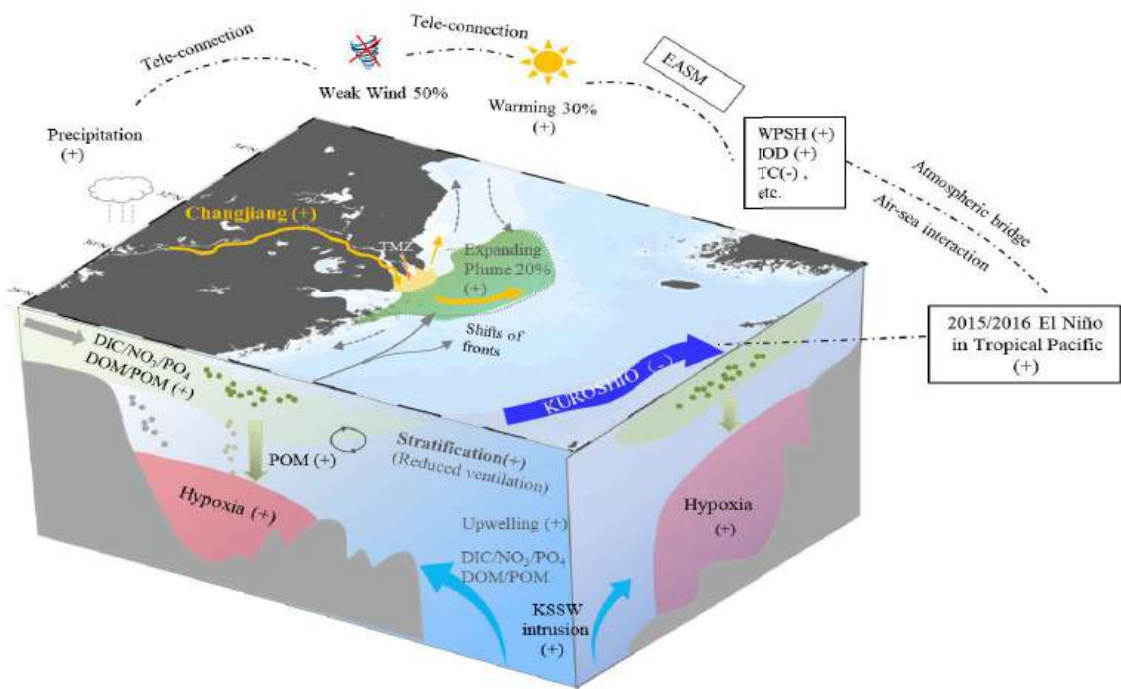
OMZ in open ocean & hypoxia in coastal ocean

Seawater quality standard (GB-3097-1997) :

Definition:

- Hypoxia: 2mg/L
- Mild hypoxia: 3mg/L
- Severe Hypoxia: 1mg/L
- Suboxia: 0.16 mg/L
- Anoxia: 0 H<sub>2</sub>S

	Grad I	Grad II	Grad III	Grad IV
DO mg/L (>)	6	5	4	3
pH	7.8~8.5		6.8~8.8	

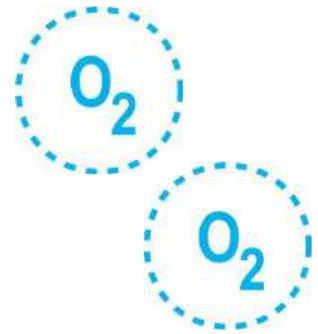


# Learning Lessons of Coastal Oxygen Monitoring and Tracking of Oxygen Loss, case study: Gulf of Mexico

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U.S. Geological Survey



## Northern Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia

**Member Economy:** the USA

**Definition:**  $\leq 2 \text{ mg O}_2 \text{ L}^{-1}$

**Duration (Time Series):** mid-May  
through mid-September

**Extent (Area):** up to 23,000 km<sup>2</sup>

**Earliest Monitored D.O.:** 1970s  
(Rabalais et al. 2002)

**D.O. Index:** area (km<sup>2</sup>)

**Fishery:** shrimps, crabs, fishes

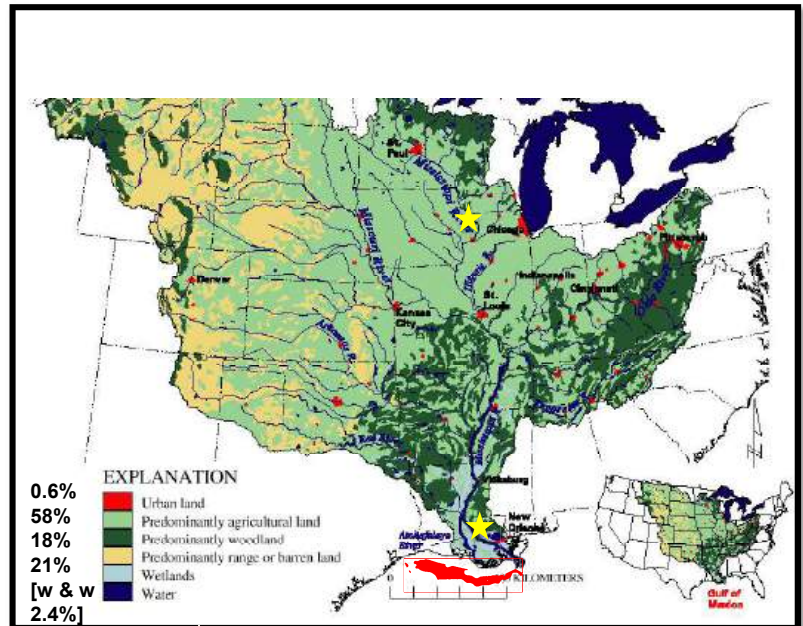


Source: US EPA

# Agricultural Runoff Drives Nutrient Enrichment

## Mississippi River Basin

- 3<sup>rd</sup> largest drainage basin in the world
- Drains 41% of continental USA
- 31 USA states & 2 Canadian provinces



Goolsby et al., 1999, Rabalais 2002

## Annual Shelfwide Cruise - 2003



Source: N. Rabalais

# Annual Shelfwide Cruise - 2004



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# Annual Shelfwide Cruise - 2005

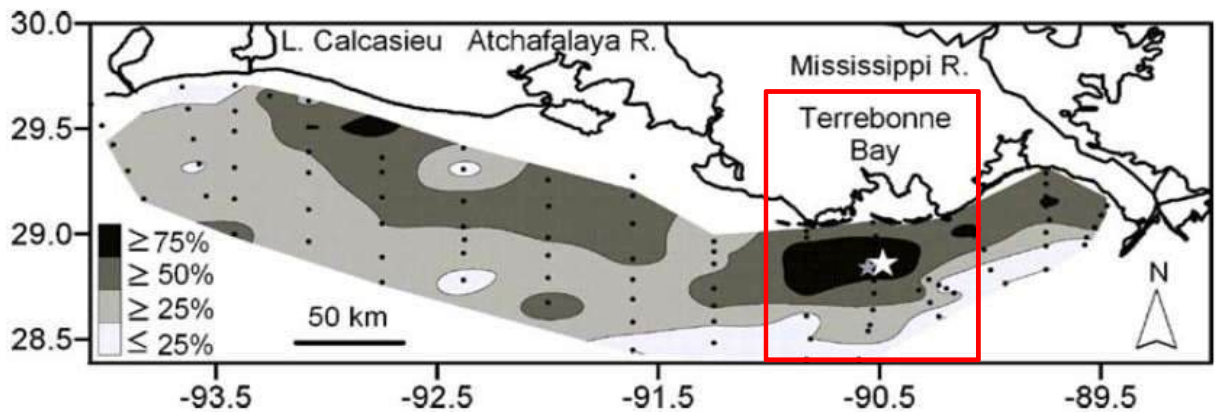


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# Estimating Frequency of Occurrence

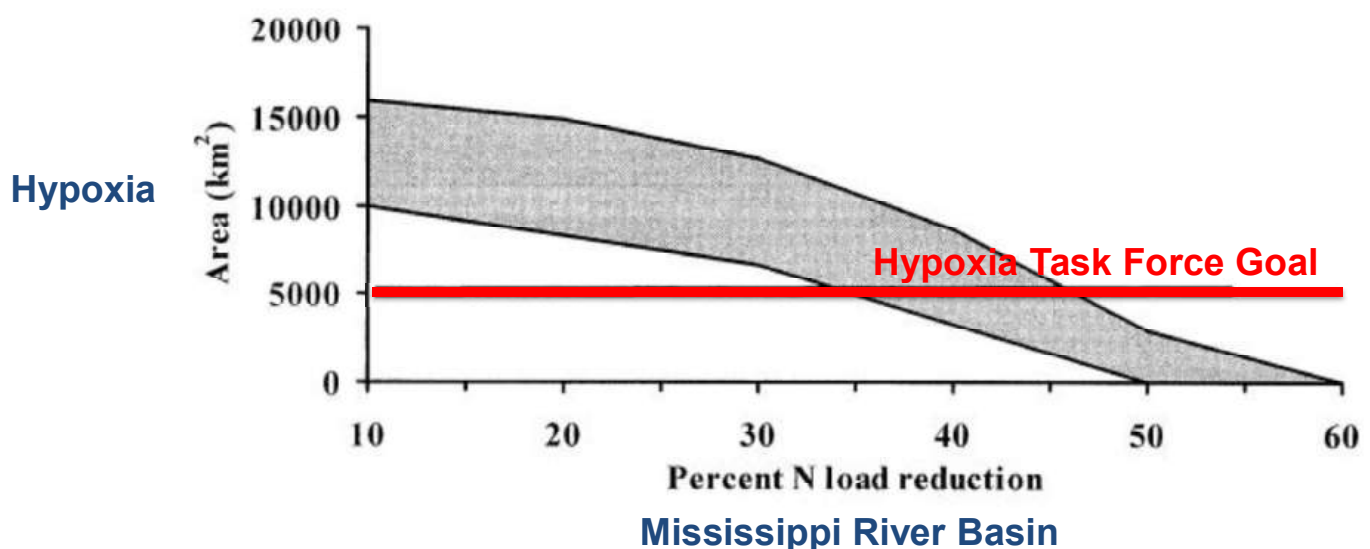
## 1985-2005, > 75% occurrence

Can help determine where to monitor more often (time series) to measure impacts to fisheries and aquaculture



Baustian and Rabalais 2009

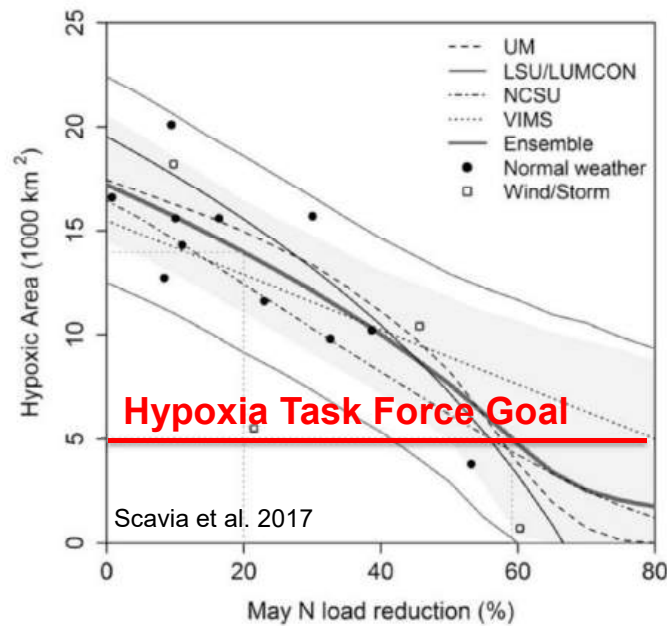
# Reducing N Load to Reduce Hypoxia



Scavia et al. 2003

# Monitoring Informs Models & Goals

Hypoxia



Mississippi River Basin

## Monitoring Hypoxia Area

- Informs models
- Helps with assessing Hypoxia Task Force goal

# US EPA Grants Funding for Nutrient Reduction

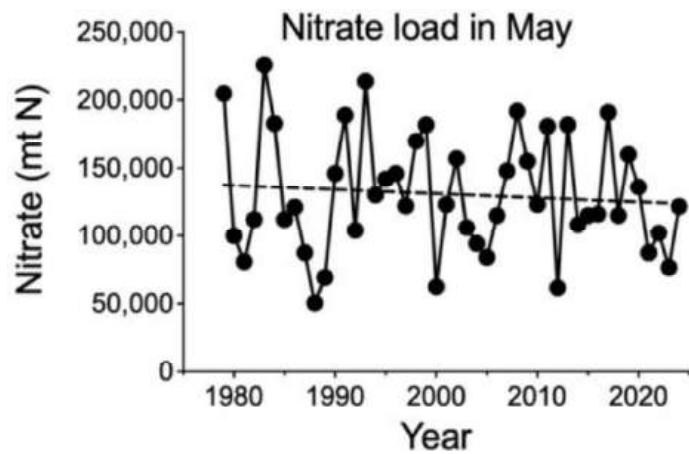
- **Announced in 2019 – first time funding was provided**
  - 12 state and Tribe members of the Hypoxia Task Force, each will get:
    - 2022: \$1M
    - 2023: \$1M
    - 2024: \$1M
    - 2025: \$1M
    - 2026: \$1M
- To reduce excess nutrients in the Mississippi River/Atchafalaya River Basin.



**\$60 million for the Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Task Force**

# Monitoring Future Hypoxia Area

- Monitoring can help assess potential impacts from US EPA funding (2022-2026)



Turner and Rabalais 2024 Press Release

Thank You!

*¡Gracias!*





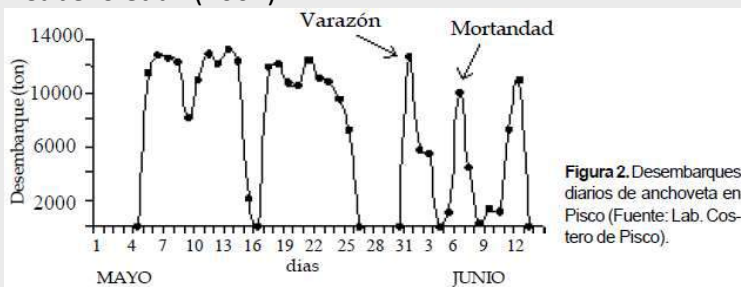
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# Case study of coastal oxygen monitoring: The Paracas Bay

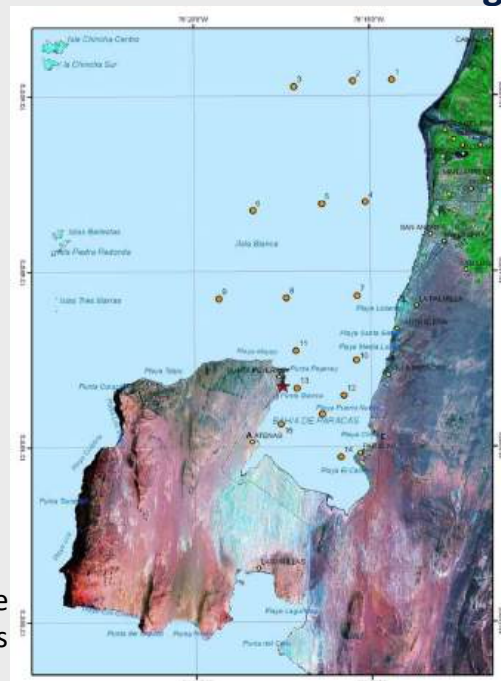
Paracas, October 1st of 2024

## The Paracas case

Cabello et al. (2002)



## IMARPE Stations of environmental monitoring



At least monthly, 16 stations are monitored by collecting water samples on the surface and bottom since 2005

Pitcher et al. (2021)

## System controls of coastal and open ocean oxygen depletion

## First high frequent measurements

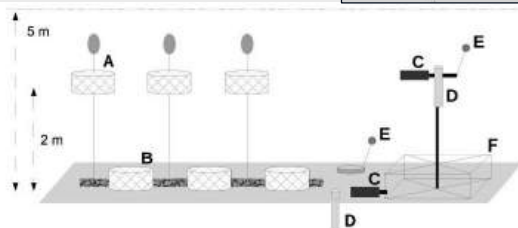
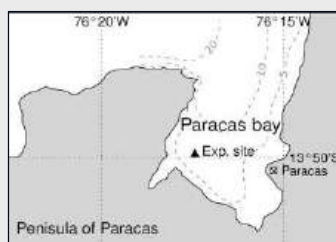
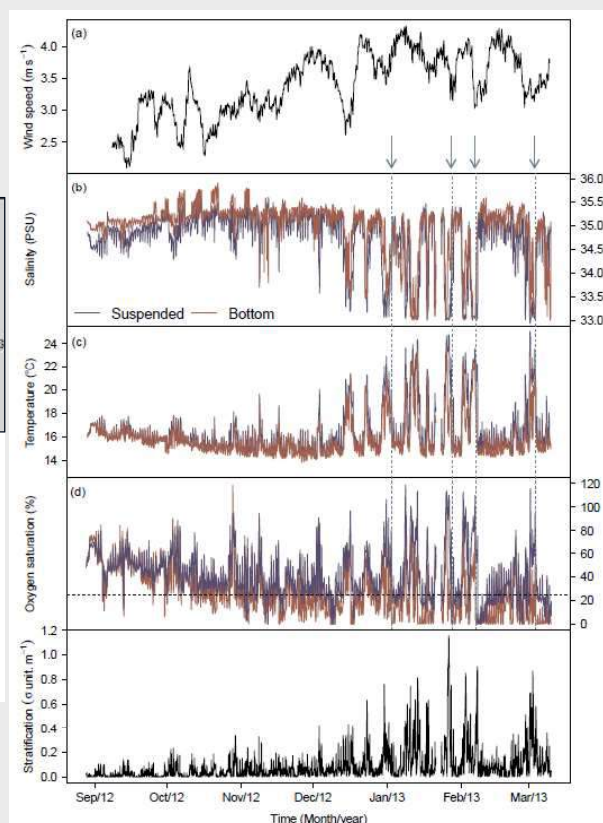
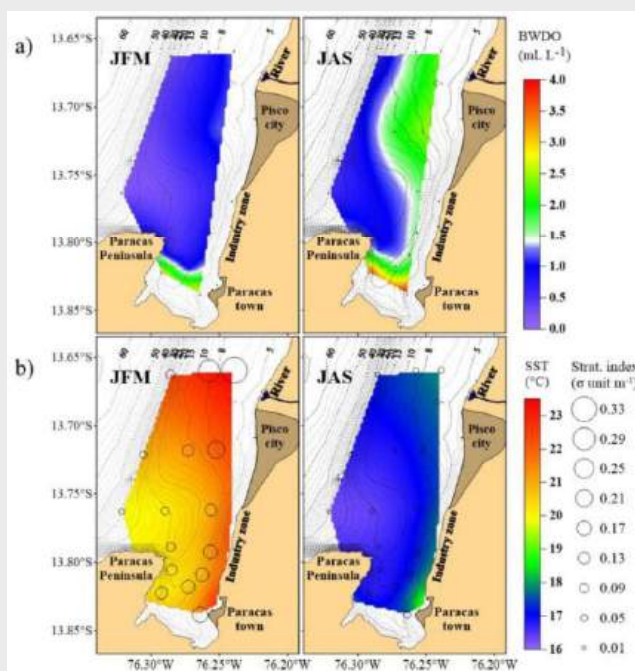
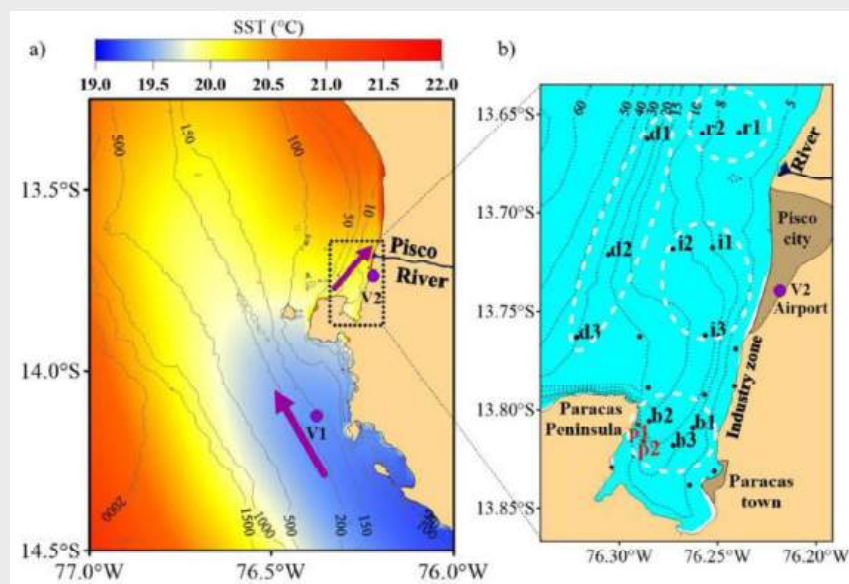


Fig. 2. Schematic representation of the experimental set-up for scallop culture and environmental monitoring installed at Paracá Bay showing: suspended and bottom cages for scallop culture (respectively A and B), monitoring sensors (C), sediment traps (D), current meters (E) and the frame supporting the equipments (F).

Aguirre-Velarde et al. (2019)

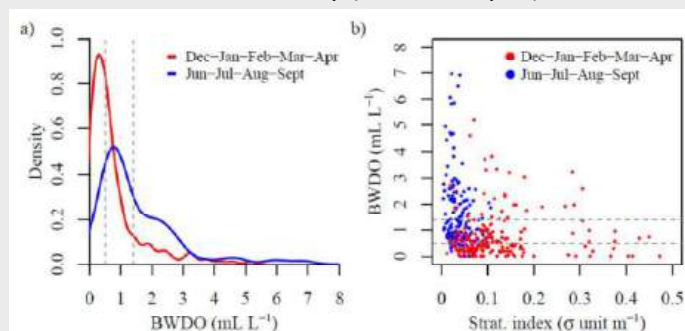


# Patterns and trends of DO in Pisco-Paracas



Hypoxic:  $DO < 1.4 \text{ mL/L}$  ( $2 \text{ mg/L}$ ) (Rabalais et al. 2010)

Inside the bay (8-12 m depth)



Merma-Mora et al. (2024)

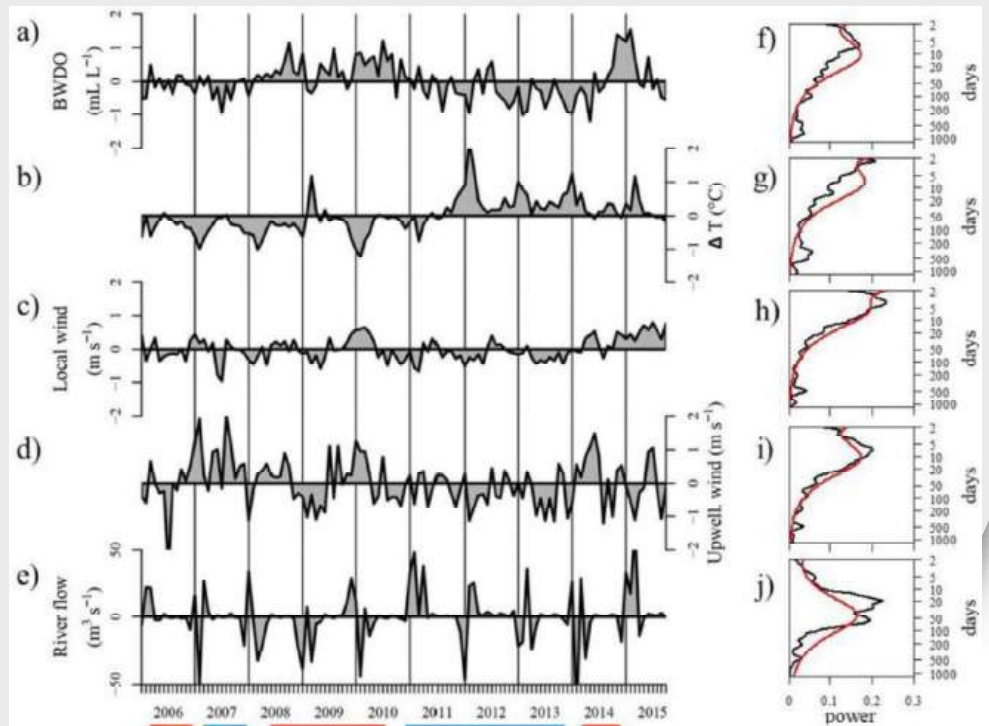
Inside the bay (P1) ~ 7m depth

Daily data (anomalies)

Main time scales of variability were inter-annual and synoptic.

Inter-annual variability is likely related to coastal ENSO.

Time synoptic variability of winds (upwelling-offshore and local) is well correlated to the BWDO and  $\Delta T$  in P1.



Merma-Mora et al. (2024)

Inside the bay (P2) ~ 10m depth

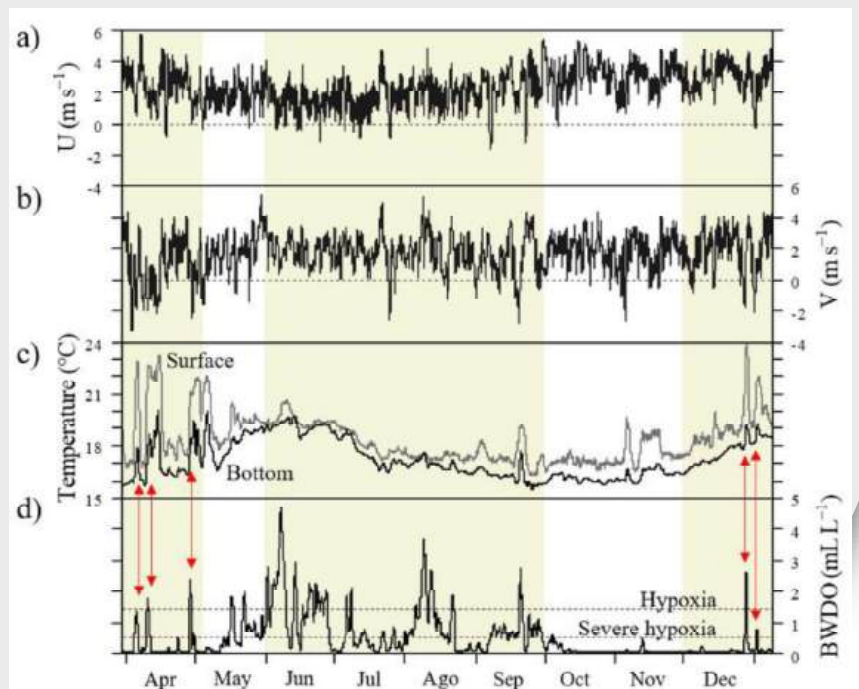
Hourly data

Greater variability in the meridional component (V) of local wind.

Surface and bottom temperature very similar in JJAS but showing stratified conditions in DJFM.

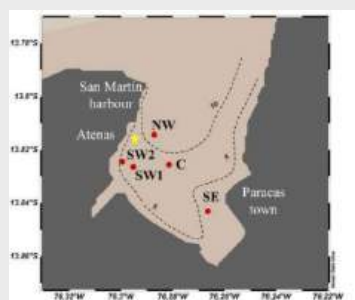
Hypoxia most of the time in the sediment overlying waters.

Anoxic and oxygenation events associated with temporal synoptic variability of winds: Upwelling bay (Largier 2020).



Merma-Mora et al. (2024)

# Ecological/Biological impacts of hypoxic events



Hypoxic: DO < 2mg/L (1.4 mL/L) (Rabalais et al. 2010)  
 Hypoxic event definition: DO < 2mg/L during at least 6 consecutive hours  
 Hypoxia intensity index (HII): concentration and duration  
 Hypoxia biological effects index (HBEI): DO saturation and duration



**Table 2**  
 Hypoxia intensity index (a) and hypoxia biological effect index (b) developed for each hypoxic event quantified in Paracas bay using duration as the main variable of ecological significance. Four categories were assigned for the hypoxia intensity index and three to the hypoxia biological effect index.

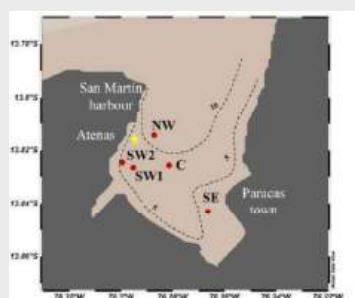
(a) Hypoxia Intensity Index (HII)				
DO concentration (mg L <sup>-1</sup> )	Hypoxic event duration (hours)			
	6-20	21-50	51-100	> 100
0-0.5	1	2	3	4
0.5-1.0	1	2	3	3
1.0-2.0	1	1	1	1
1: low intensity	3: high intensity			
2: moderate intensity	4: severe intensity			

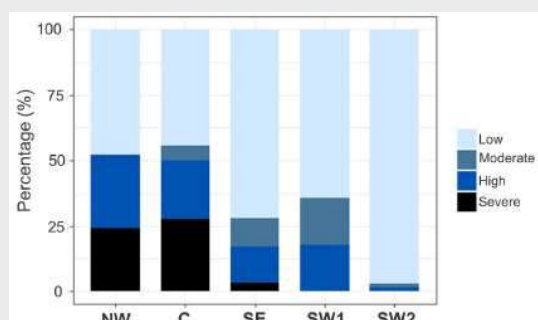
(b) Hypoxia Biological Effect Index (HBEI)			
DO saturation (%)	Hypoxic event duration (hours)		
	6-20	21-40	> 40
> 24%	1	1	1
5-24%	1	2	2
< 5%	2	2	3
1: innocuous	2: sublethal	3: lethal	

Position in the bay	Coordinates		Depth (m)	Period of deployment
	Latitude	Longitude		
NW	13° 48'52"S	76° 17'14"W	10	Mar 2015 - Feb 2016; Oct - Nov 2016
C	13° 49'32"S	76° 16'53"W	10	Mar 2015 - Apr 2016; Oct - Nov 2016
SE	13° 50'35"S	76° 15'59"W	6	Mar 2015 - Mar 2016
SW1	13° 49'35"S	76° 17'43"W	5	Sept 2012 - Mar 2013
SW2	13° 49'28"S	76° 17'58"W	5	Mar 2016 - Feb 2017

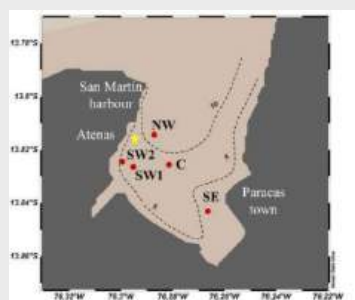
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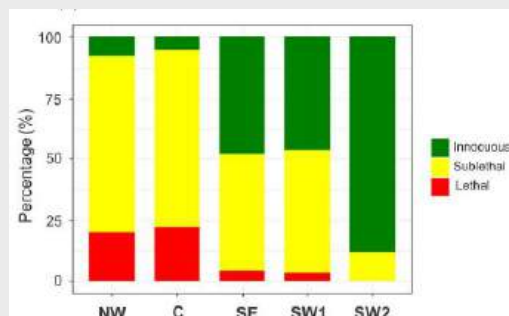
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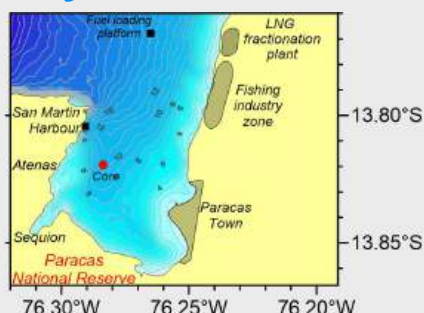
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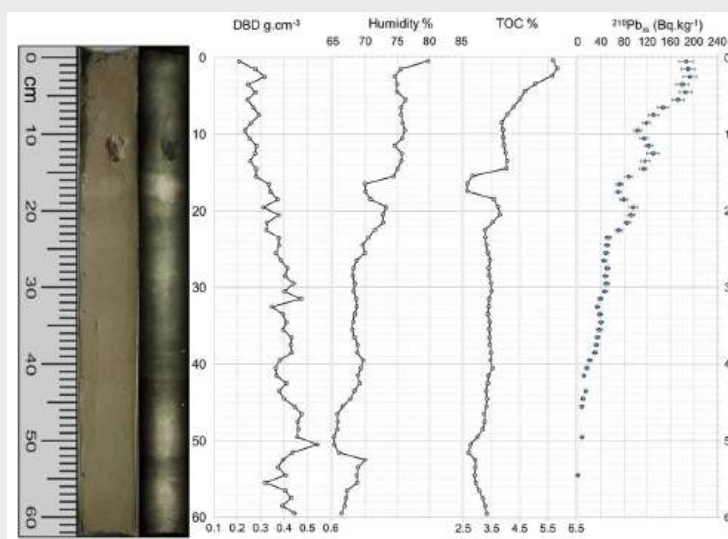
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 Hypoxia biological effects index (HBEI):  $DO$  saturation and duration



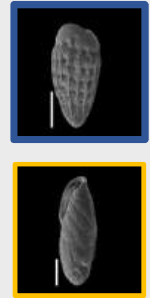
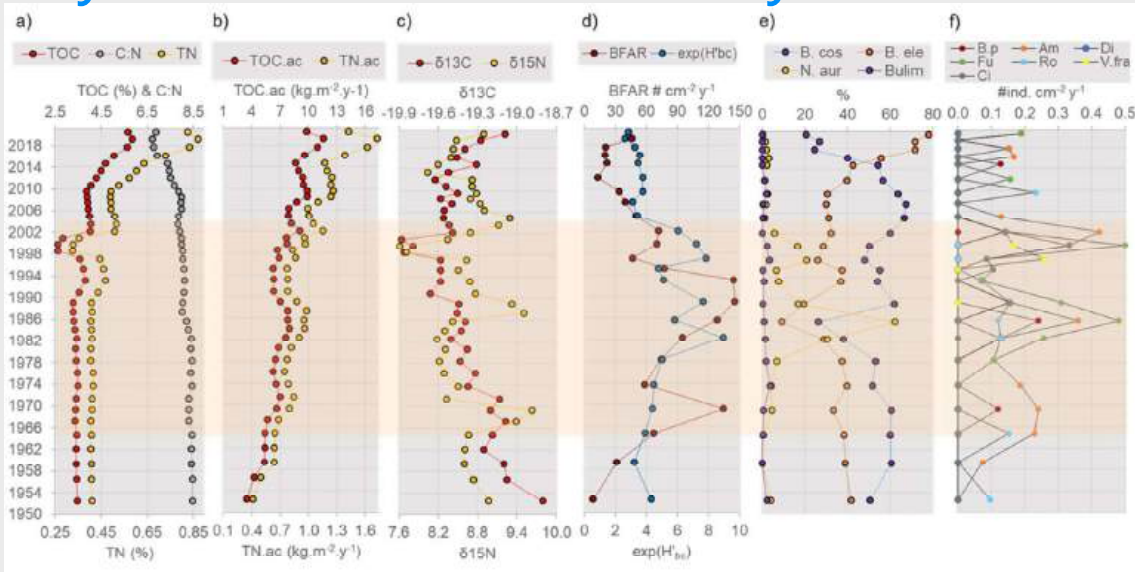
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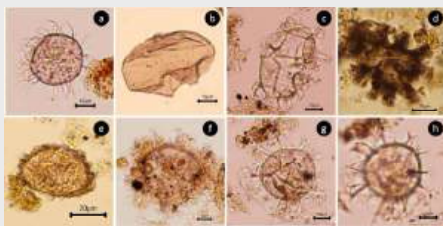
Core inside the bay ~ 10m depth



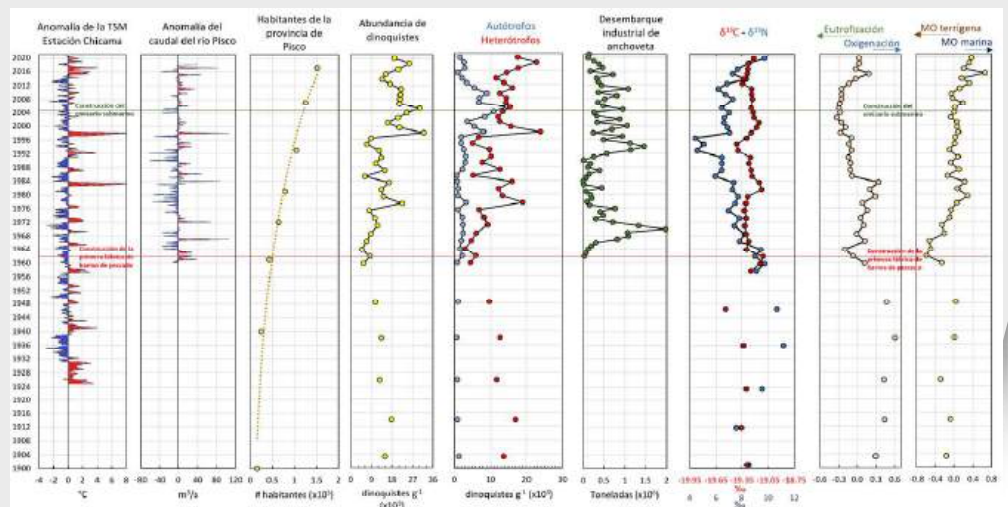
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a) *Echinidinium* spp., b) *Quinquecuspis concreta*, c) *Spiniferites* sp., d) Quistes de *Polykrikos kofoidii*, e) *Polykrikos schwartzii*, f) *Spiniferites pachydermus*, g) *Spiniferites ramosus*, h) *Spiniferites ramosus*.



# Conclusions

- Hypoxic conditions in the Pisco-Paracas coastal area are almost permanent in greater depths (>15m), but also very frequent since 8m.
- Hypoxia in the Paracas Bay are controlled by the variability of winds (upwelling and local) and may be prolonged by stratification events.
- Only shallower waters (<8m depth) show more innocuous conditions for scallop aquaculture, but even so lethal conditions are not unlikely to occur.
- Human-derived eutrophication (fishmeal/oil industry and urban wastewaters) could be worsened the bottom conditions of the bay making them more likely to promote HABs even years after of the pollution treatments.

# Thank You

## **Annex 6. Economy reports**

# Dissolved oxygen variability along the coast of Chile



- Undersecretary of Fisheries and Aquaculture| Monday, 30 September 2024

## GENERAL CONTEXT

### Northern and central Chile

The Oxygen Minimum Zone (OMZ) off the coast of Chile extends in the South Pacific from approximately 18°S to 37°S, with concentrations of less than 1 ml of oxygen per liter. Generally, this zone extends to depths between 50 and 300 meters.

The depth, extent, and position of the OMZ vary according to El Niño and La Niña phenomena and coastal upwelling. Upwelling generates an ascent of subsurface waters, bringing these low-oxygen waters to the surface, impacting marine resources located in the upper levels of the sea.

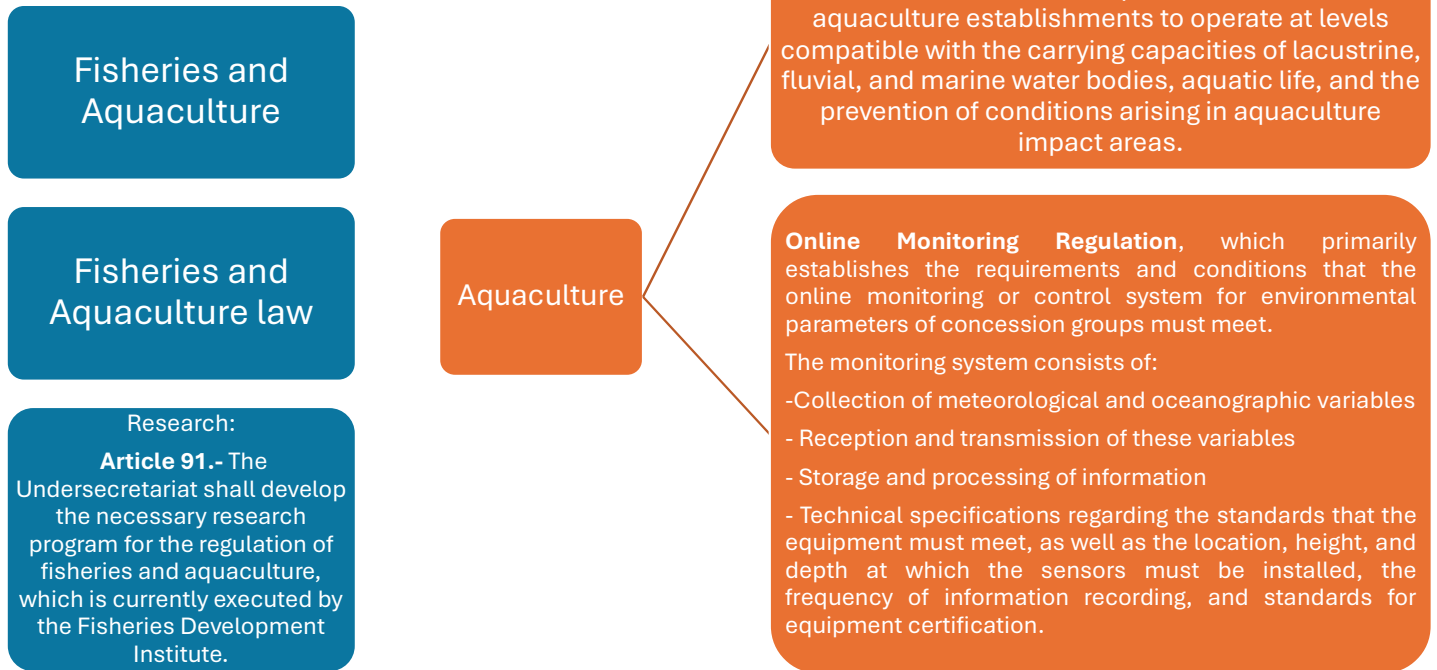
This upwelling also carries nutrients that generate high productivity of microalgae in the area. However, when swells occur, this oxygen minimum zone reaches the coast, causing large die-offs of octopuses, sea urchins, or if these low-oxygen waters remain trapped for several days in a specific area, they can cause die-offs and strandings of various species (e.g., hake, jack mackerel, and jumbo squid). These events have been recurrent in recent years, etc.

### Southern Chile

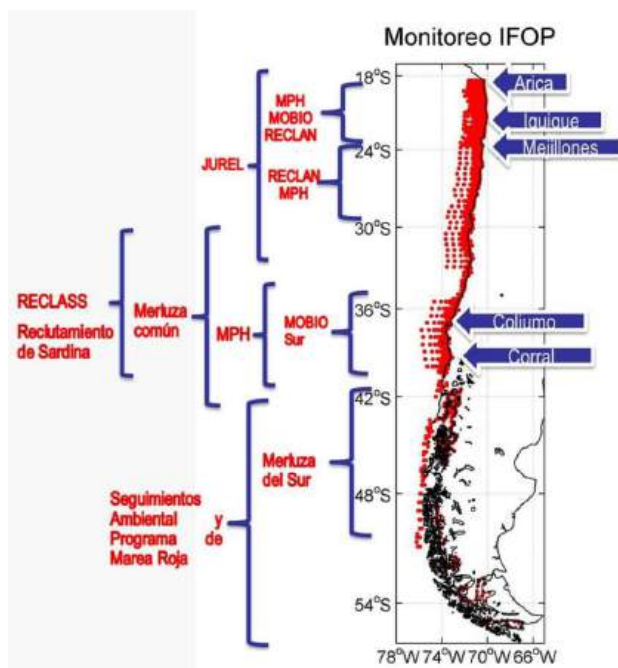
In the Chilean Patagonia, we have identified hypoxia in some fjords and channels. This hypoxia is caused by the arrival of deep waters with low dissolved oxygen content from the equatorial zone and by the irregularity of the seabed, which hinders the exchange with waters richer in dissolved oxygen (sill).

## Associated Regulations

### Undersecretary of Fisheries and Aquaculture



## Fisheries Research Programs



In oceanic waters, cruises were conducted during the peak reproductive season. Sampling was carried out at 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 60, 80, and 100 nautical miles from the coast.

In coastal waters, oceanographic transects were conducted perpendicular to the coast at 1, 5, 10, and 20 nautical miles. These were carried out in the areas of Arica, Iquique, and Mejillones in the north, and Coliumo and Corral in the south.

### Sampling

Oceanographic stations for temperature (°C), salinity, dissolved oxygen (mL/L), and fluorescence (volt) were conducted to a maximum depth of 500 m using a Sea Bird CTD/OF model 911 equipped with dual temperature and salinity sensors, operated in real-time along with a vertical sampling Rosette system equipped with 12 Niskin bottles of 5 L capacity. Standard depths were 0, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200, 300, and 500 m, from which water samples were collected for oxygen and chlorophyll-a analysis.

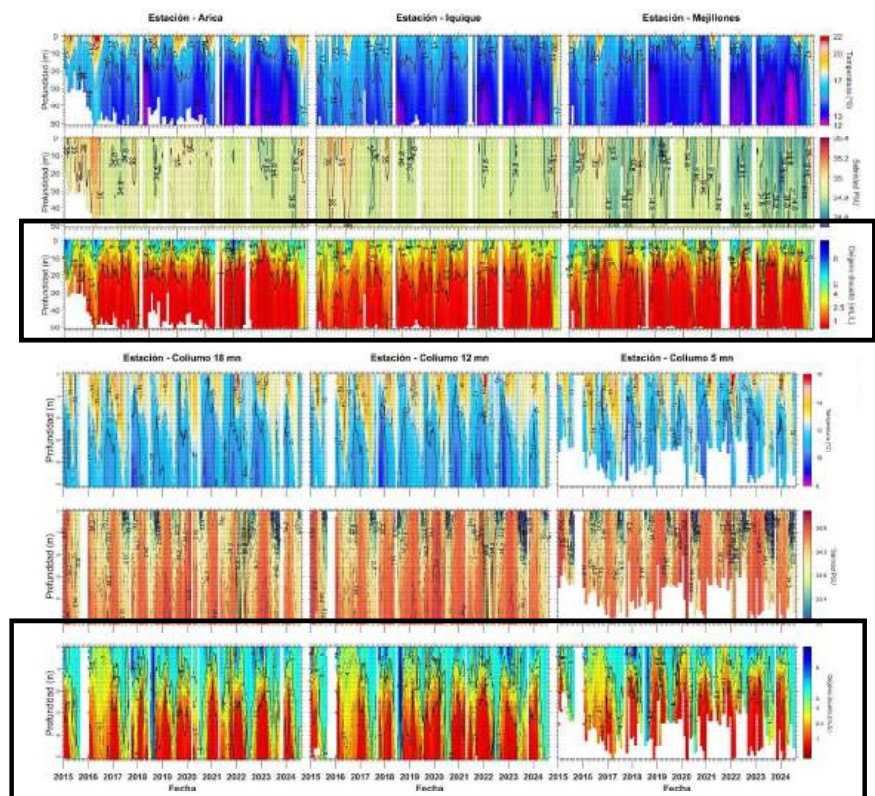
Dissolved oxygen (DO) analysis was performed in triplicate at all depth levels at oceanographic stations located 10 nm and 80 nm from the coast and at the surface level of all oceanographic stations.

DO analysis was conducted on board using the Winkler method modified by Carpenter (1965). Dosimat burettes (precision 0.001 mL) and automatic dispensers were used.

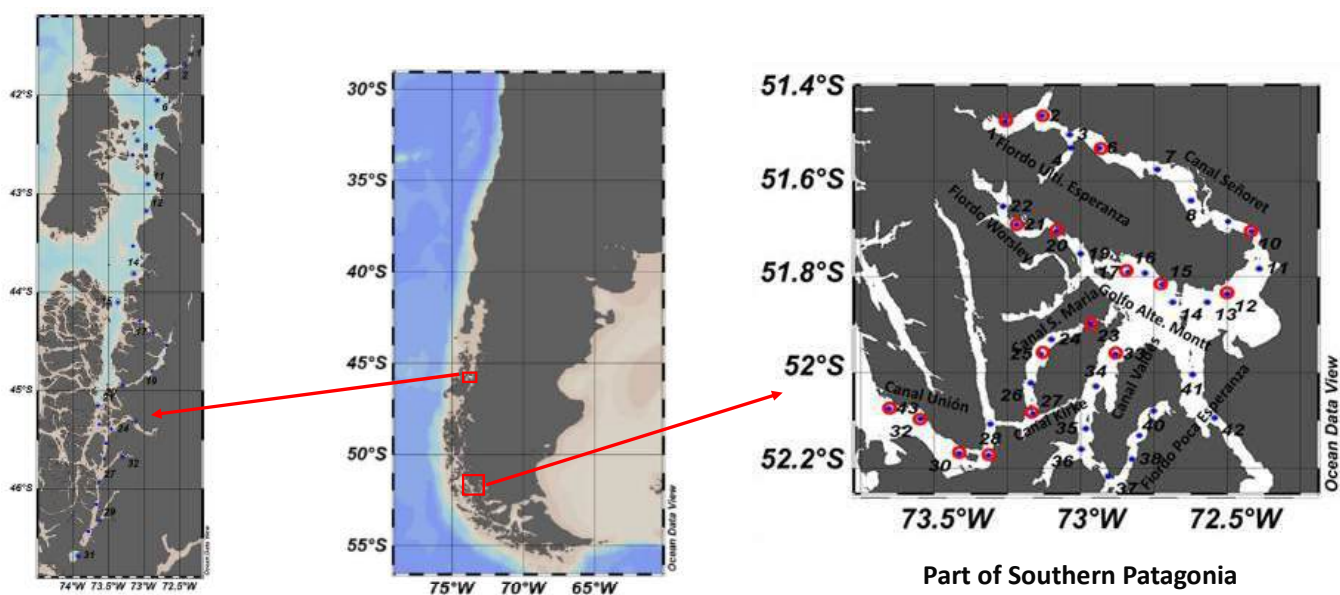
## Results of Coastal Waters Fisheries Research Programs

**Northern Chile:** Regarding oxygen, the 1 mL/L isoline was around 20 meters for most of the time series, except between late 2015 and early 2016, mid-2017, late 2020, and April 2023, when a deepening of this isoline to 50 meters was observed.

**Central Chile:** The water column at the more coastal stations (5 nm and 12 nm) showed values above 5 mL/L, while at the more oceanic station, oxygen decreased at greater depths, with values below 4 mL/L recorded at 50 meters depth.



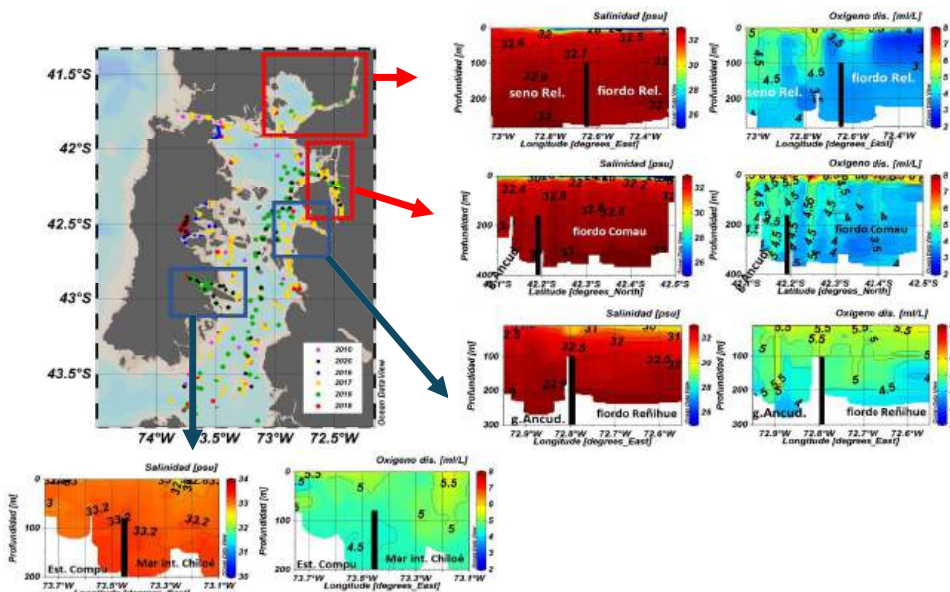
## Aquaculture Research Programs Sampling Stations



Inland Waters in Channels and Fjords  
Northern Patagonia

Part of Southern Patagonia  
Almirante Montt Gulf

## Inland Waters in Channels and Fjords Northern Patagonia



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In spring, the Reloncaví Fjord, where oxygen is low ( $\sim 4 \text{ ml L}^{-1}$ ).

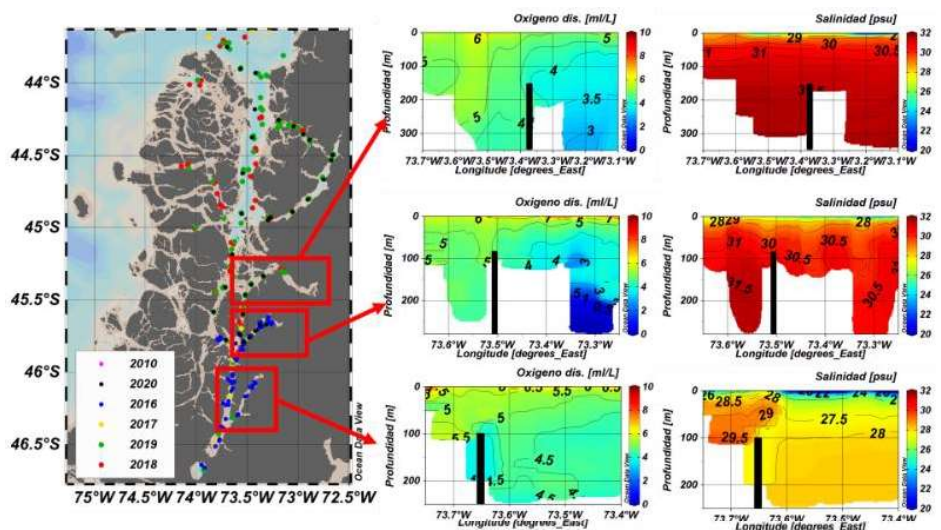
In summer, the dissolved oxygen concentration from the surface to 100 m depth fluctuated between 4 - 6  $\text{ml L}^{-1}$  along the entire transect, with low concentrations highlighted in the Moraleda and Jacaf channels ( $< 3 \text{ ml L}^{-1}$ ) and in the Reloncaví Fjord.

## Inland Waters in Channels and Fjords Northern Patagonia – Aysén Region

In front of the Guafo mouth and in the Moraleda Channel (MR), all waters, particularly the ESSW, manage to enter from the south, reaching the Jacaf Channel (JF) and Puyuguapi.

The Puyuguapi Fjord, which has a certain degree of influence from a remote connection, is related to low oxygen levels that occur with the influx of low-oxygen oceanic waters (ESSW) (Pérez-Santos et al., 2017).

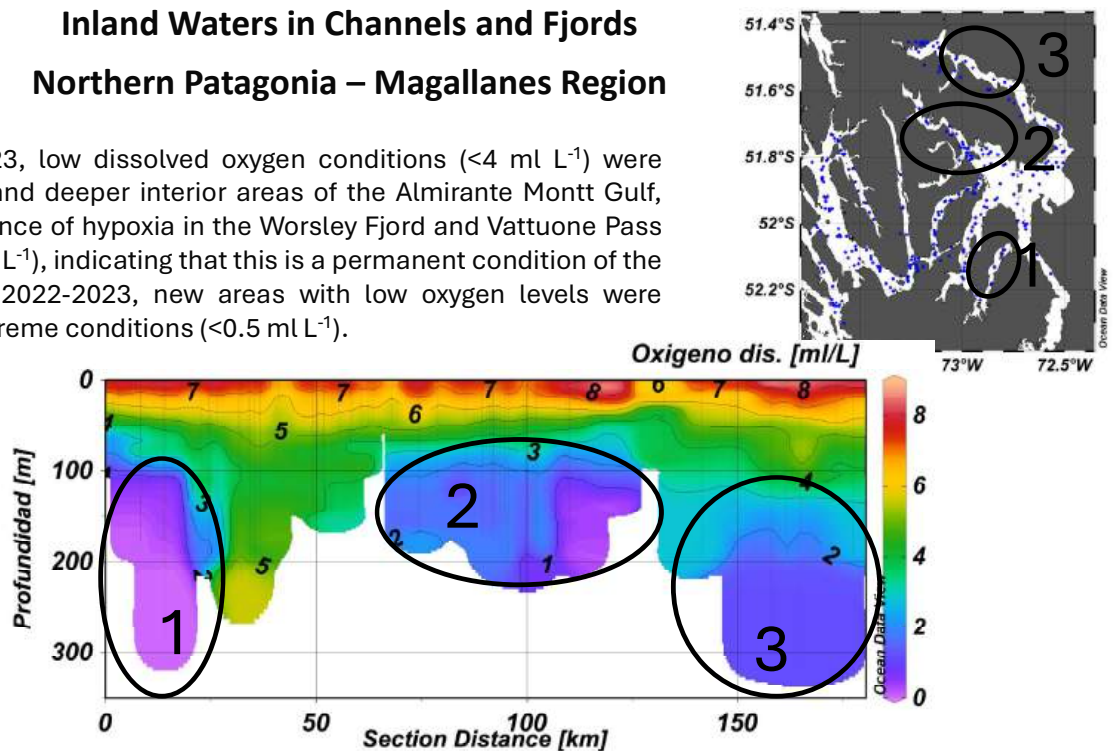
The Quitalco Fjord is associated with its low dissolved oxygen values, especially in the depression and head areas. On average, dissolved oxygen values fluctuated from year to year, with minimum values recorded since 2019, reaching anoxic conditions ( $< 0.5 \text{ ml L}^{-1}$ ).



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## Inland Waters in Channels and Fjords Northern Patagonia – Magallanes Region

In the period 2022-2023, low dissolved oxygen conditions ( $<4 \text{ ml L}^{-1}$ ) were detected in the fjords and deeper interior areas of the Almirante Montt Gulf, corroborating the presence of hypoxia in the Worsley Fjord and Vattuone Pass detected in 2013 ( $<2 \text{ ml L}^{-1}$ ), indicating that this is a permanent condition of the system. In the period 2022-2023, new areas with low oxygen levels were detected, with more extreme conditions ( $<0.5 \text{ ml L}^{-1}$ ).



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### Aquaculture Regulation

#### Environmental Regulation for Aquaculture

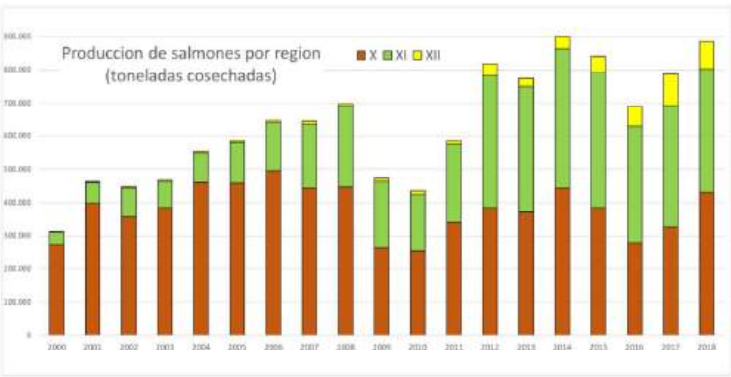
#### Preliminary Site Characterization and Environmental Reports (INFA)

This environmental regulation is to protection measures to ensure that aquaculture establishments operate at levels compatible with the capacities of lacustrine, fluvial, and marine water bodies.

#### Acceptability Limits

Variables	Límite de Aceptabilidad
Materia Orgánica Total (MOT)	$\leq 9\%$
Potencial de Óxido-Reducción (REDOX) y pH	$\geq 50\text{mV}$ y $\geq 7,1$
Oxígeno disuelto (1 m del fondo) (Zona Sur)	$> 2,5 \text{ mg/L}$
Registro Visual (Filmación submarina)	-Ausencia de cubiertas de microorganismos visibles y/o burbujas de gas.  -Presencia $<30\%$ del fondo duro, para centros categoría 4 mixta.

## Salmon Farming Activity in the Regions of Los Lagos, Aysén, and Magallanes



Fuente WWW-INCAR

Between April 2010 and July 2023, salmon farming centers have reported 1340 instances of anaerobia in the ecosystem, which means insufficient oxygen levels in the seabed, according to the Environmental Report for Aquaculture (INFA) prepared by Sernapesca.

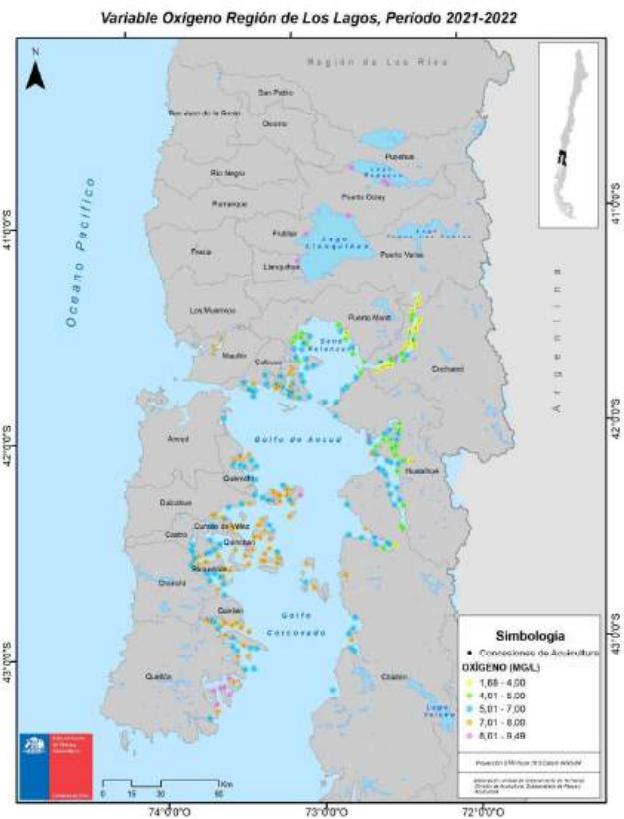
In the Los Lagos region, according to information obtained from the INFAs for the years 2021-2022, there is a predominance (>80%) of dissolved oxygen concentrations greater than 5,00 mg L<sup>-1</sup> throughout the region. However, the Reloncaví Estuary and the Hornopirén Channel show the lowest average oxygen values for the period compared to the rest of the region.

Oxygen concentration one meter above the seabed in the Los Lagos Region, average for the years 2021-2022 (INFAs from 366 centers).

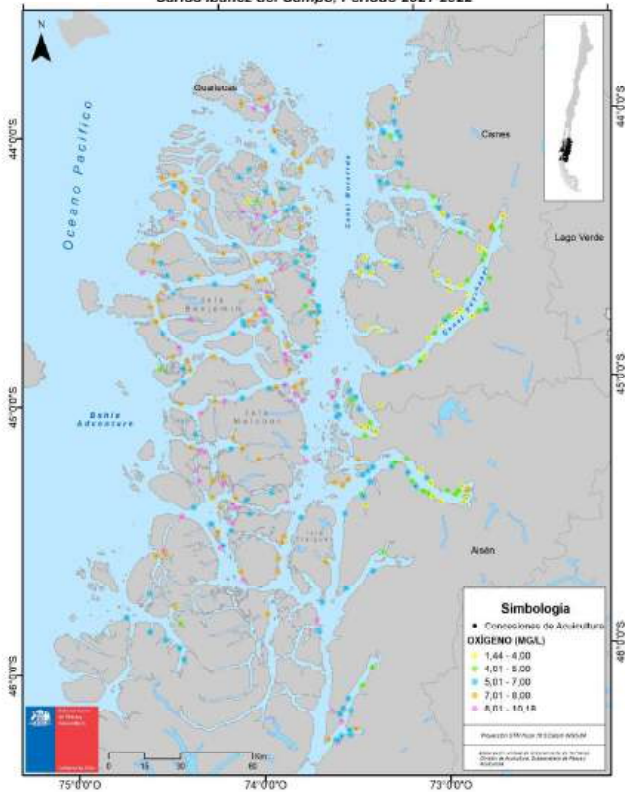
The Chilean salmon farming industry has grown exponentially since the late 1980s, primarily due to the increased production of salmonids, particularly Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*), rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), and coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*).

In the last 10 years, total salmonid production increased from around 600,000 tons in 2007 to 840,000 tons in 2018, with a significant drop between 2009 and 2010 due to the ISA epidemic.

Production has mainly increased in the Aysén Region and to some extent in the Magallanes Region.



Variable Oxígeno Región de Aysén del General Carlos Ibáñez del Campo, Período 2021-2022

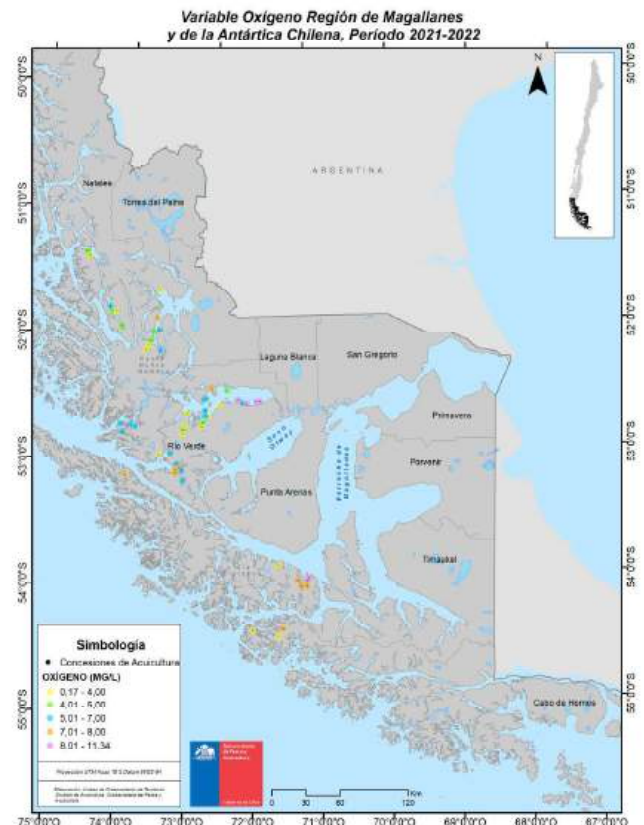


In the Aysén del General Carlos Ibáñez del Campo Region, there are areas with oxygen values ranging from 1,44 to 5,00 mg L<sup>-1</sup> (less than 25% of the centers). In comparison to the rest of the region, the average fluctuates between 5,01 and 10,18 mg L<sup>-1</sup>.

Oxygen concentration one meter above the seabed in the Aysén del General Carlos Ibáñez del Campo Region, average for the years 2021-2022 (INFAs from 356 centers).

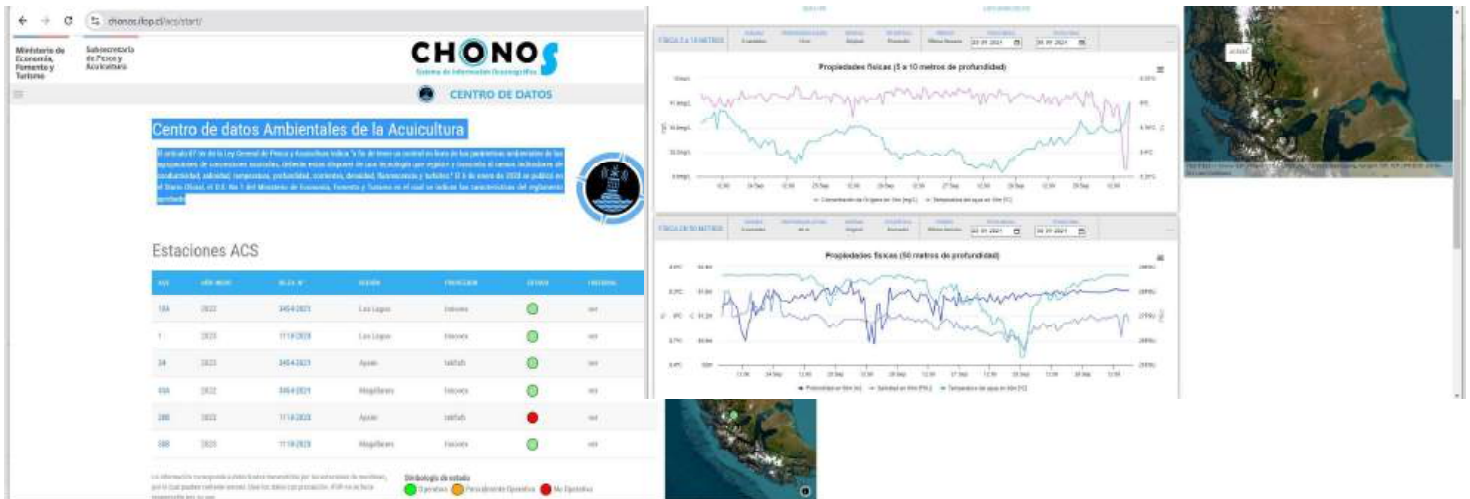
Additionally, in the Magallanes and Chilean Antarctic Region, the average dissolved oxygen values fluctuate between 0,17 and 11,34 mg L<sup>-1</sup>.

Oxygen concentration one meter above the seabed in the Magallanes and Chilean Antarctic Region, average for the years 2021-2022 (INFAs from 59 centers).



## Regulation D.S. No. 1 of 2020

Article 87 ter of the General Law on Fisheries and Aquaculture states: “In order to have online control of the environmental parameters of aquaculture concession groups, they must have technology that records and transmits at least indicators of conductivity, salinity, temperature, depth, currents, density, fluorescence, and turbidity.” On January 6, 2020, D.S. N° 1 of the Ministry of Economy, Development, and Tourism was published in the Official Gazette, indicating the characteristics of the approved regulation.



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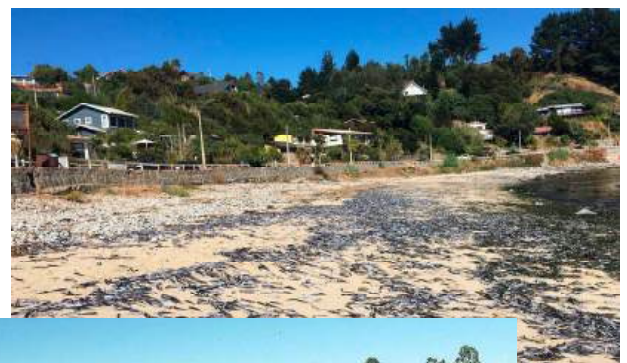
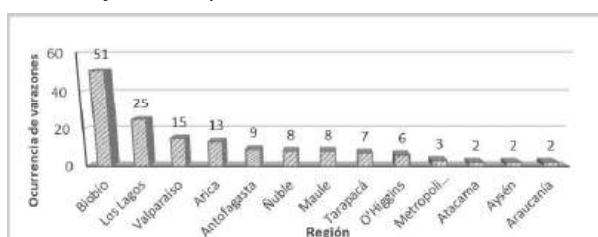
## Consequences of Low Oxygen Levels in Central Chile

Four mass stranding events of pelagic resources, anchovies, and silversides (125 tons), were recorded between February 19 and 21 in Coliumo Bay, located in the Biobío region, where the dissolved oxygen found was  $1.2 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$ .

Several of these stranding events have been associated with upwelling events or the emergence of low-oxygen waters.

Strandings have increased exponentially since 2006 to date, with the Biobío region being the most recurrent area for this phenomenon.

Additionally, more than 80% of the events have occurred during the summer months, with species such as the common sardine and anchovy being the most associated with these events, followed by some species of mollusks and crabs.



Occurrence (N°) of total strandings of marine organisms between the years 2000 and 2021 by regions of Chile based on Sernapesca database (2021).

## Consequences of Low Oxygen Levels in Southern Chile

### Mass Salmon Mortality 2016

This event is considered the largest recorded mortality of farmed fish, with estimated losses of 40.000 tons of specimens and more than 800 million dollars, representing 15% of the estimated annual production for that year in Chile.

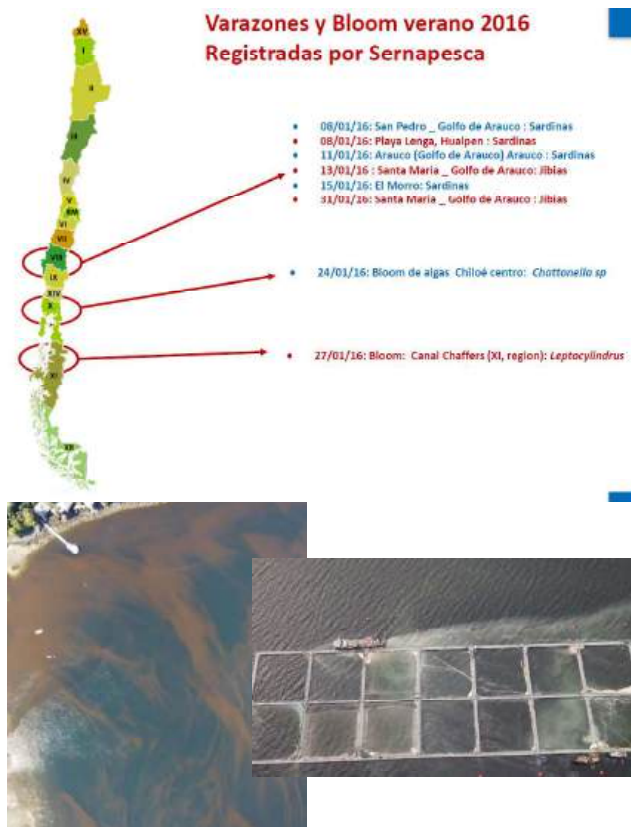
Possible causes:

- Extreme climatic conditions (El Niño “Godzilla” of 2016);
- The waters in the southern zone between 40°-42° South Latitude (off the coast of Chiloé) experienced a sea surface temperature increase of two to four degrees above a normal year;
- A strengthened and southward-displaced anticyclonic system, especially during the summer, which increased drought towards the Los Lagos and Aysén regions;
- Clear skies and southern winds favorable to coastal upwelling, which results in low oxygen levels and high nutrient content further south.

### Mass Salmon Mortality 2021

In 2021, 6,000 tons of fish died due to lack of oxygen in the Comau Fjord and the Jacaf and Puyuhuapi channels in the Chilean regions of Los Lagos and Aysén, caused by the growth of a harmful algal bloom attributed to climate change and the industry itself.

The Comau Fjord hosts one of the most important cold-water coral banks on the planet, and it has been estimated that a massive algal bloom caused a hypoxic situation.



## THE CURRENT GAPS IN OXYGEN MONITORING AND ITS APPLICATION FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING RESOURCES

- We do not have continuous dissolved oxygen monitoring at key locations along the Chilean coast for decision-making purposes.
- Not everyone follows the known protocols for conducting measurements (protocols for performing measurements, calibration frequency, correction methods).
  - Researchers
  - Consultants
  - State Professionals
- There is a lack of measurements of other parameters to relate the causes of oxygen loss and to forecast future scenarios (strandings, harmful algal blooms, etc.).

**Thank you!!!**





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# Hypoxia and ocean deoxygenation in estuary and coastal seas in China

Second Institute of Oceanography, MNR,  
PRC Sep. 30, 2024

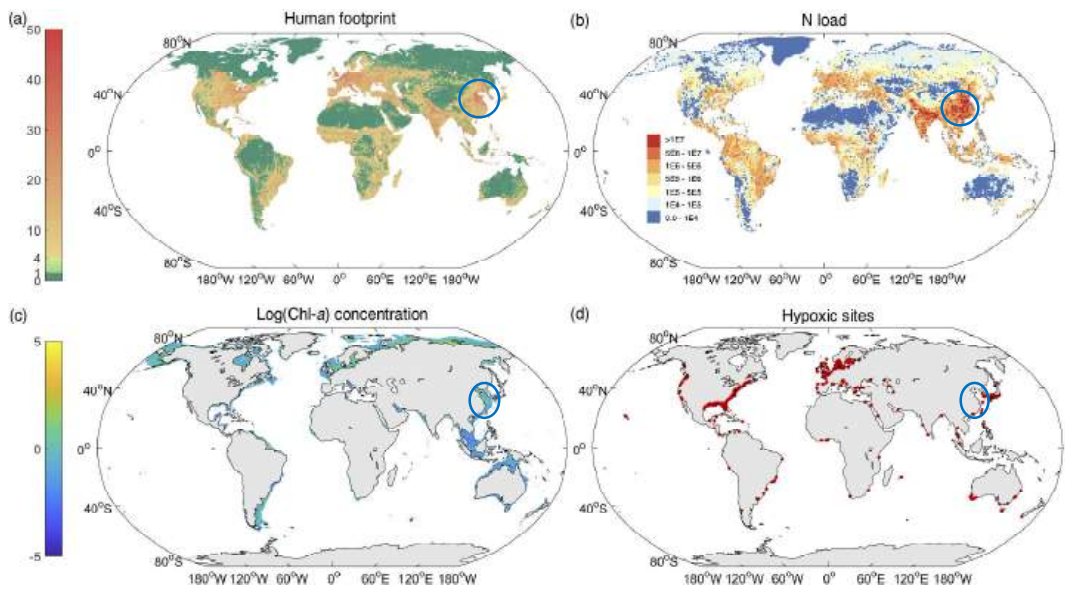
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- Drivers of hypoxia and deoxygenation in coastal seas
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## #Key drivers for hypoxia and deoxygenation in coastal seas



(Dai et al.,2023)

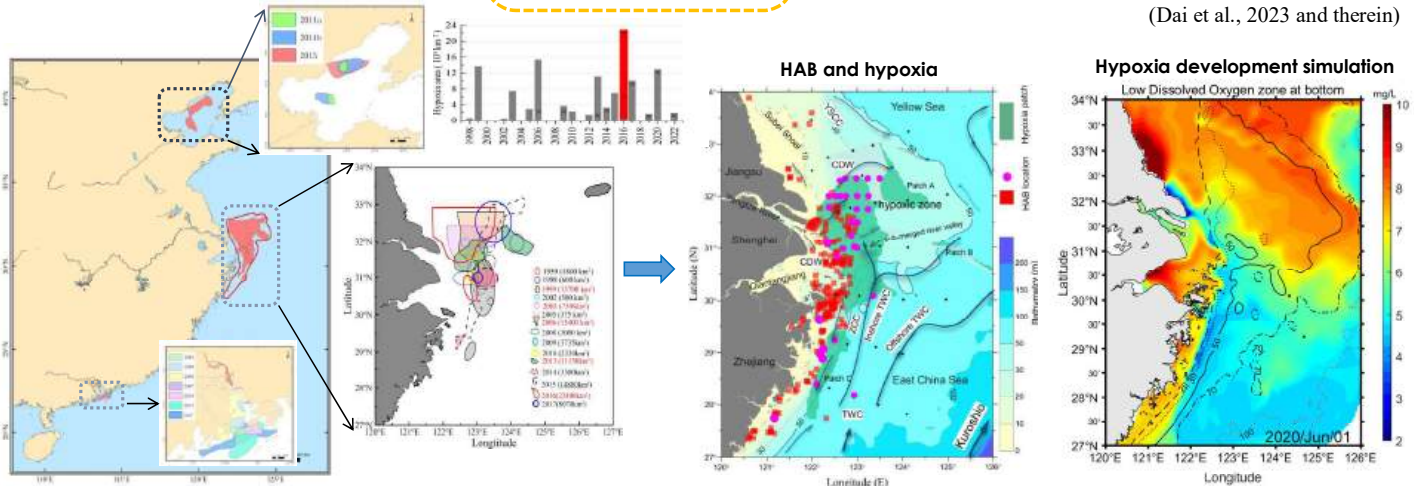
Global distributions of (a) the human footprint index in 2018, (b) N loads in 2020 (kg N yr<sup>-1</sup>), (c) log(Chl-a) concentration (µg L<sup>-1</sup>), and (d) hypoxic sites.

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## #Seasonal Hypoxia off the Changjiang Estuary and Pearl River Estuary

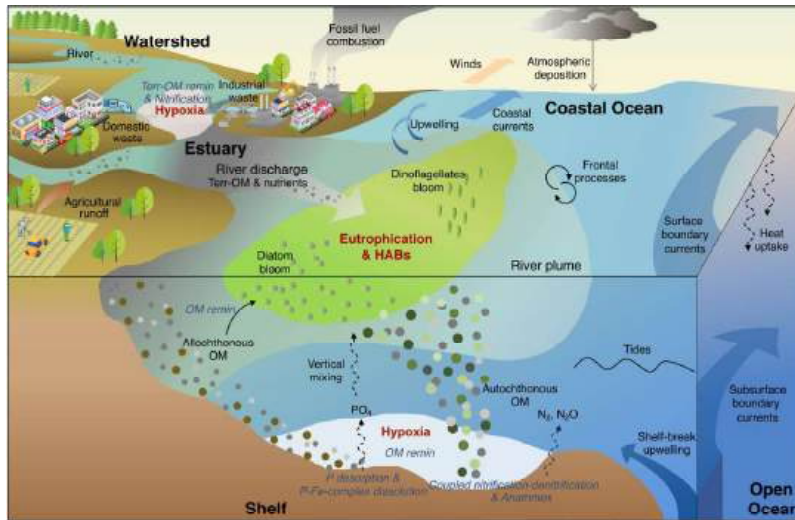
	GDP (10 <sup>12</sup> USD)	Fertilizer (10 <sup>6</sup> t)	N load (10 <sup>3</sup> t yr <sup>-1</sup> )	Regional	Water residence time(days)	DIN (µmol/L)	Chl a(µg/L)	Months of occurrences	Maximum area
Changjiang Estuary	5.09	18.3	1,738	River-dominated	20-65	34.4	2.1	June-Oct	22,800
Pearl River Estuary	3.52	11.7	1,374	River-dominated	15-20	59.2	5.1	Jun-Sep	660

(Dai et al., 2023 and therein)



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## #Key drivers for hypoxia and deoxygenation in coastal seas



Conceptual diagram of the drivers of and interactions between eutrophication and hypoxia in the coastal ocean. (Dai et al., 2023)

### ● Nutrient enrichment (Eutrophication)

- ✓ Microbial respiration and nitrification
- ✓ Respiration of autochthonous OM

### ● Climate change, upwelling

- ✓ Rising temperature
- ✓ Upwelling from KSSW with low oxygen
- ✓ Extreme weather events

### ● habitat degradation

- ✓ Marine food web
- ✓ Reducing resilience

### ● Land use change

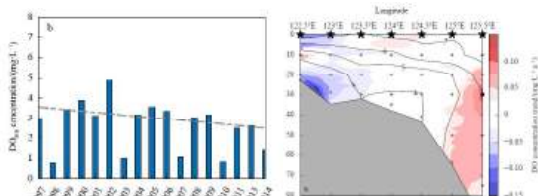
- ✓ Urbanization and deforestation
- ✓ Dam and construction

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## #Ocean deoxygenation rates in coastal seas is 5-30 times higher than global

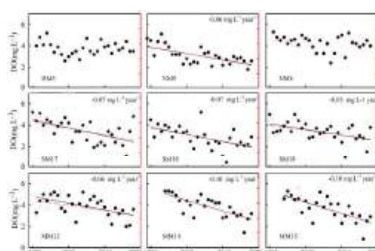
### ➤ The Bohai and Yellow Sea: -0.010 mg/L/year

### ➤ Changjiang estuary and ECS : -0.07 mg/L/year.



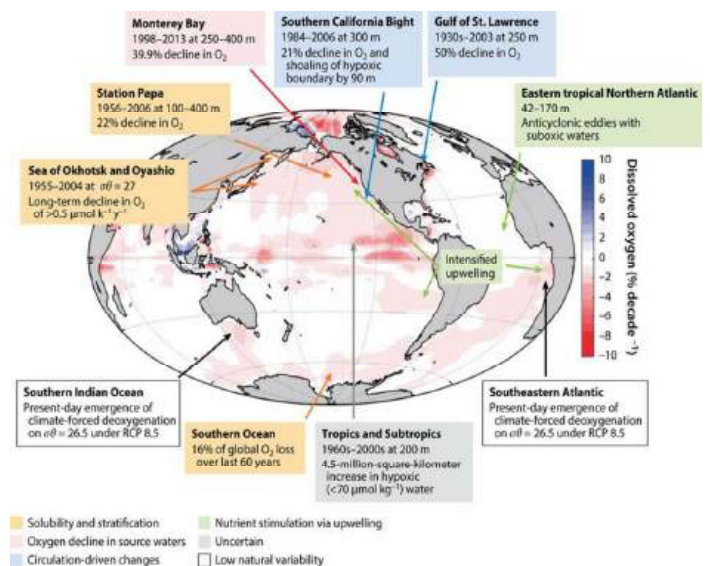
(Ma et al., 2022; Liu et al., 2024)

### ➤ Peal River estuary : -0.06-0.10 mg/L/year.



(Qian et al., 2022)

- The open ocean lost an estimated 2%, of its oxygen over the past 50 years.

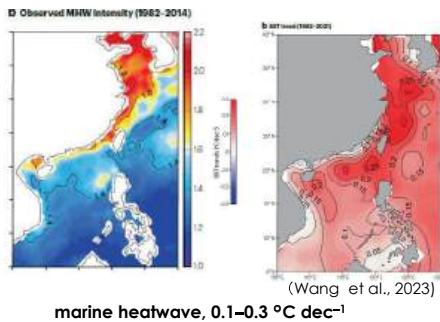


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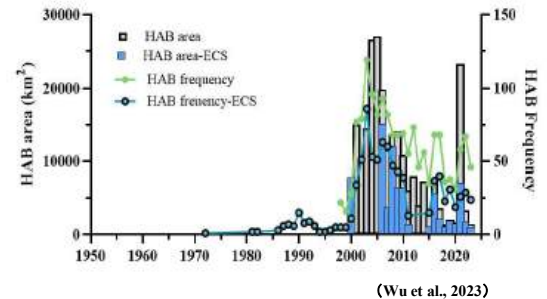
## • SST increasing



## • Strengthened Stratification



## • Eutrophication with excess N



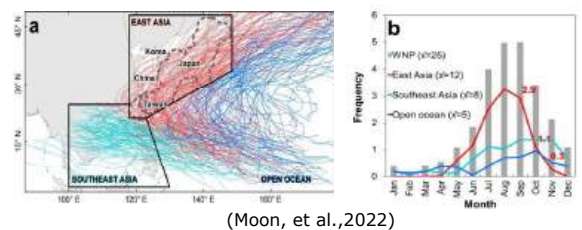
## • habitat degradation



## • Marine aquaculture



## • Extreme weather events (flooding, typhoon, etc)



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## #Living resources affected by oxygen loss

### ■ Fisheries and Aquatic Species

- **Fish Species**, like croakers and hair tail, are highly sensitive to low oxygen levels.
- **Shellfish**: Hypoxia can severely impact shellfish such as scallops, oysters, and clams, leading to mass die-offs.
- **Juvenile and Larval Fish**: Breeding and feeding grounds
- **Benthic Communities shifting**
- **Habitat degradation**: nursery

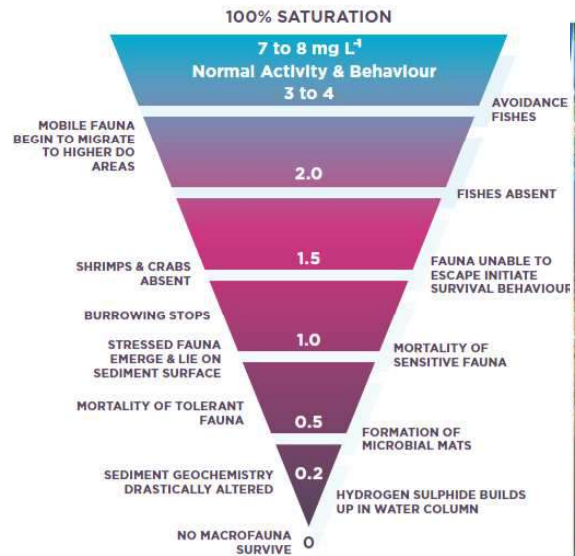
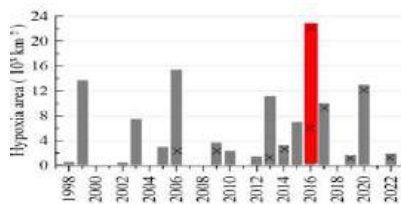


Figure 2.5.8 Range of behaviour and ecological impacts as dissolved oxygen levels drop from saturation to anoxia. August 2016.



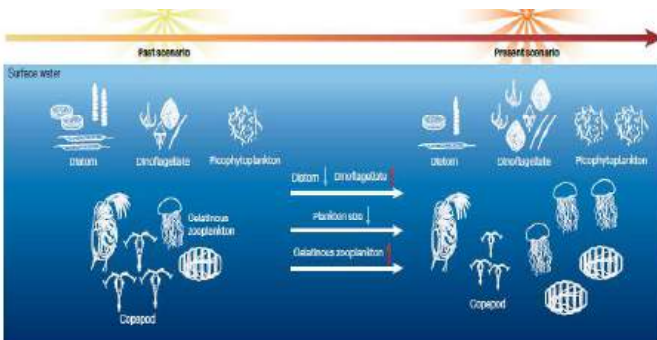
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## #Living resources affected by oxygen loss in ECS

### ■ Ecological Consequences

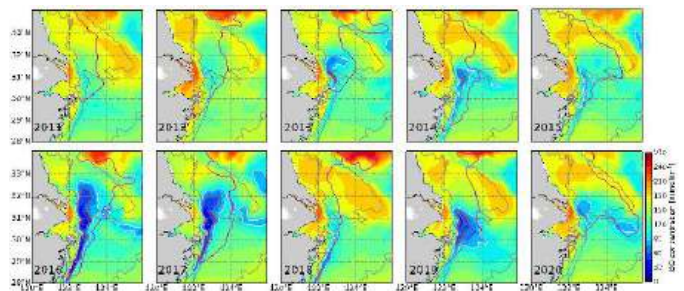
- ✓ Biodiversity Loss
- ✓ Habitat Degradation
- ✓ Species Shifts
- ✓ Expansion of Dead Zones



(Wang et al., 2023)

### ■ Economic Consequences

- ✓ Fisheries Decline
- ✓ Aquaculture Losses
- ✓ Tourism Impact
- ✓ Rising Mitigation Costs



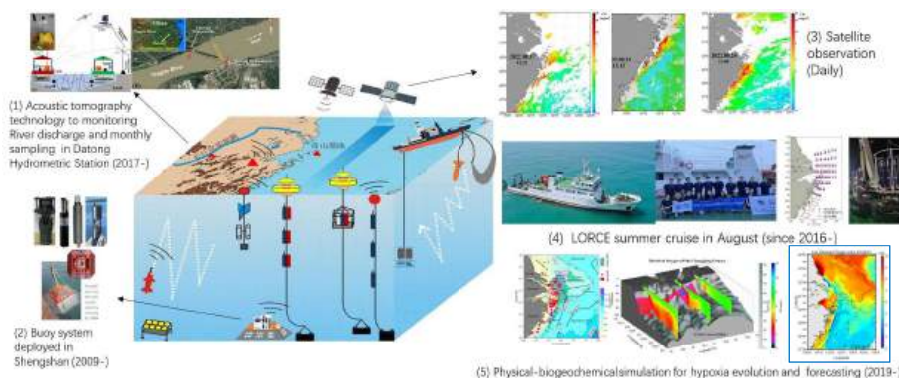
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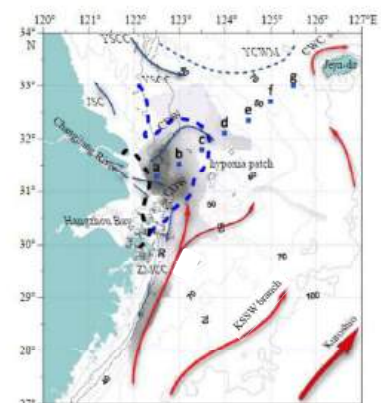
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## # Current Ocean deoxygenation observation platform

- SOA → MNR-supported: Coastal Ocean Ecological Warning and Monitoring system ✓
- MEE- Ministry of Ecology and Environment → Marine Environment Monitoring Center: water quality
- MOST Projects: NSFC-funded Open Research Cruise : NORCxxxx-xx, since 2009
- Institutions and Universities: SIO, CAS, XMU, OUC, ECNU, SJU, ZJU...



SIO-LORCE Project (Long Term Observation and Research Plan in the Changjiang Estuary and the Adjacent East China Sea)  
(2016- )

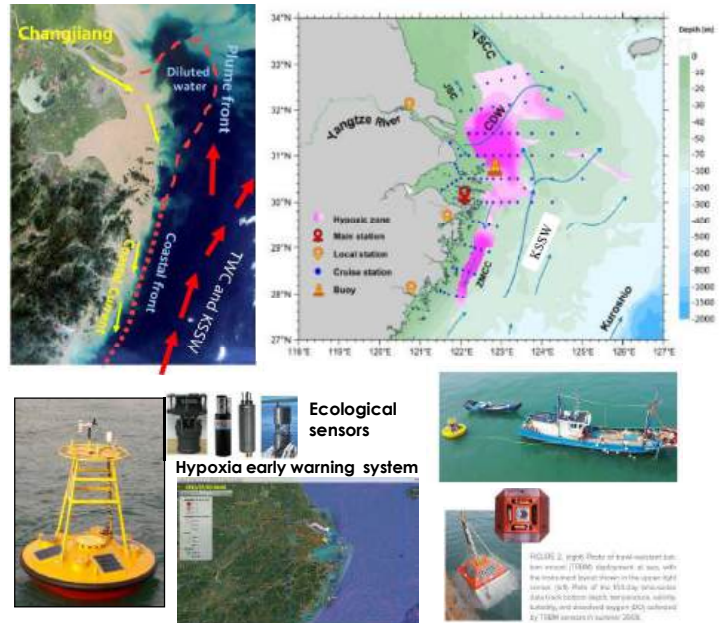


Ningbo Marine Environment Monitoring Center, SOA

## # MNR- Coastal Ocean Ecological Warning and Monitoring System

- ◆ Integrated observation and monitoring system integrating **ocean stations, buoys, ships, and satellites.**
- ◆ Each year, the MNR organizes ecological trend monitoring for **15 offshore marine standard sections** and **1,614 monitoring stations.**
- ◆ Track **34 HAB high-risk areas**, early warning and monitoring for ecological disasters such as **red tide, hypoxia and coastal erosion.**
- ◆ Timely release of marine ecological early warning, monitoring, alerts and **communiqués.**

### Hypoxia and acidification warning and monitoring system off CJE (SIO-MNR)



(Ni, X., Li, D., J. et al., Oceanography)

## # The Databases for dissolved oxygen data

### • The Domestic Marine Data Center (NMDC)-MNR

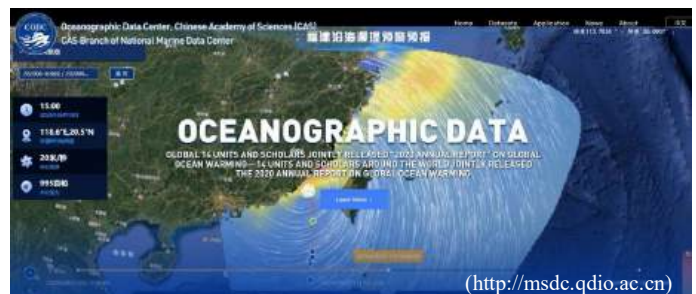
- NMDC is led by Domestic Marine Data and Information Service (NMDIS)
- Observation data in Chinese oceanic stations , transect and buoy data. (since 1995-)

Station (Station Code)	Lat.(D.M)	Long.(D.M)
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Lee Pu Tan (LPT)	38.9	121.7
Zhu Pu Shan (ZPS)	37.6	121.4
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Dang Shan (DS)	23.8	117.5
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Mei Shan (MS)	21.7	120.3
Zhe Shan (ZS)	22.7	115.6

(<https://mds.nmdis.org.cn/pages/home.html>)

### • Global Ocean Science Database (CODC)-CAS

- Constructed by the Oceanographic Data Center, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CASODC).
- The survey data of 24 open voyages in the Yellow Sea and East China Sea conducted by NSFC from 2006 to 2014.



(<http://msdc.qdio.ac.cn>)

### • Domestic Open Research Cruise (NSFC-NORC) -MOST



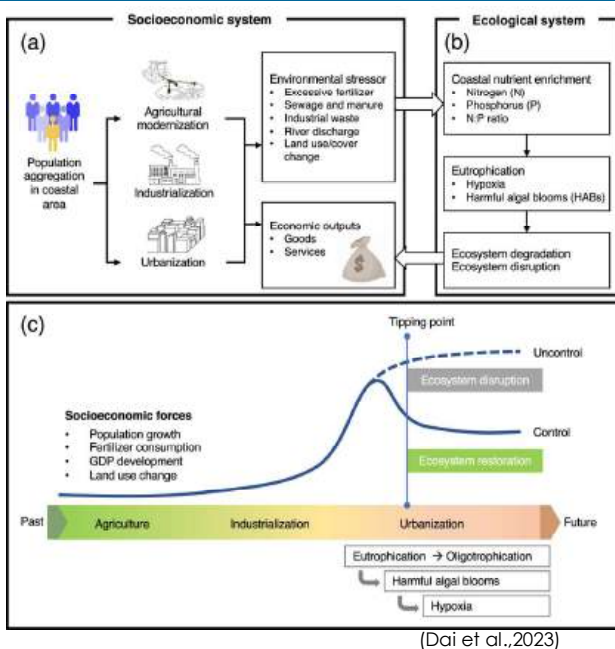
**11 inclusive cruises**  
6 scientific cruises

NSFC Ship time Sharing Project (2009-) <https://www.nsfocdc.cn/>

# Outline

- Drivers of hypoxia and deoxygenation in coastal seas
- Relevant ecological and economic consequences
- Current Ocean deoxygenation observation system
- Summary and Perspectives

## #Challenge in oxygen monitoring and application for the managements

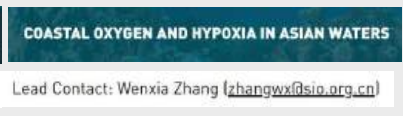


Schematic of socioeconomic forcing and ecological response in coastal ecosystems.

- ✓ **Gaps in Spatial and Temporal Coverage**  
Lack continuous or high-resolution data
- ✓ **Integration of Multisource Data**  
Combining data from various platforms and standards.
- ✓ **Climate adaptation and sustainability**  
Tipping point, ecosystem resilience.
- ✓ **International Sensor Calibration and Testing System**  
DO sensors duration, calibration, biofouling...

## # Summary and Perspectives

- Hypoxia **exacerbation** and expansion is occurring, together with the long-term deoxygenation in coastal areas. For living resources, **fishery, community shifting and habitat loss** are mainly affected.
- Drivers of deoxygenation mainly due to excess nutrients input, however the ENSO/IOD-related extreme weather events can trigger the **severe hypoxia**, even in this highly **dynamic** coastal seas.
- Ocean deoxygenation cannot be fully reversed, but it is something that can be slowed if the **right actions are taken** (such as nutrient input control, NBS-ecological restoration, monitoring...) .
- Strengthening International Collaboration and Policy Frameworks about ocean deoxygenation.



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# Economy Report

## Coastal Deoxygenation in Malaysia: Status, Impacts, and Policy Solutions

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## Introduction

- Malaysia boasts a coastline over 4,809 kilometers long, encompassing Peninsular Malaysia and East Malaysia (Sabah and Sarawak). Its coastal waters are part of important marine ecosystems, including the Straits of Malacca, South China Sea, and Sulu Sea.
- These areas feature diverse habitats like mangroves, seagrass beds, coral reefs, and estuaries, supporting rich biodiversity and essential ecosystem services.

**23%** Significance of  
ocean related  
economies

- Malaysia's coastal waters are not only rich in biodiversity but also serve as the foundation for a wide range of economic activities that are crucial to the nation's development.
- It is estimated that the coastal economy contributes approximately 30-40% of Malaysia's GDP



**70%**  
population lives along  
4,800 kilometres of  
coastline

Malaysia possesses an extensive coastal and marine area of 614,159 square kilometres, almost twice its landmass, and the size of its Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) alone is 453,186 square kilometres. Being a economy with an abundance of natural resources, Malaysia has a huge potential to leverage these advantages for its economic value and prospects

## Overview of Coastal Economy



### Fisheries and Aquaculture

- Fisheries and aquaculture collectively contribute around 21% of ocean related economy, with aquaculture showing rapid growth due to increasing demand for seafood

### Tourism

- Coastal and marine tourism is a significant driver of Malaysia's economy, contributing to the broader tourism sector, which accounts for 26% of ocean related economy

### Shipping and Maritime

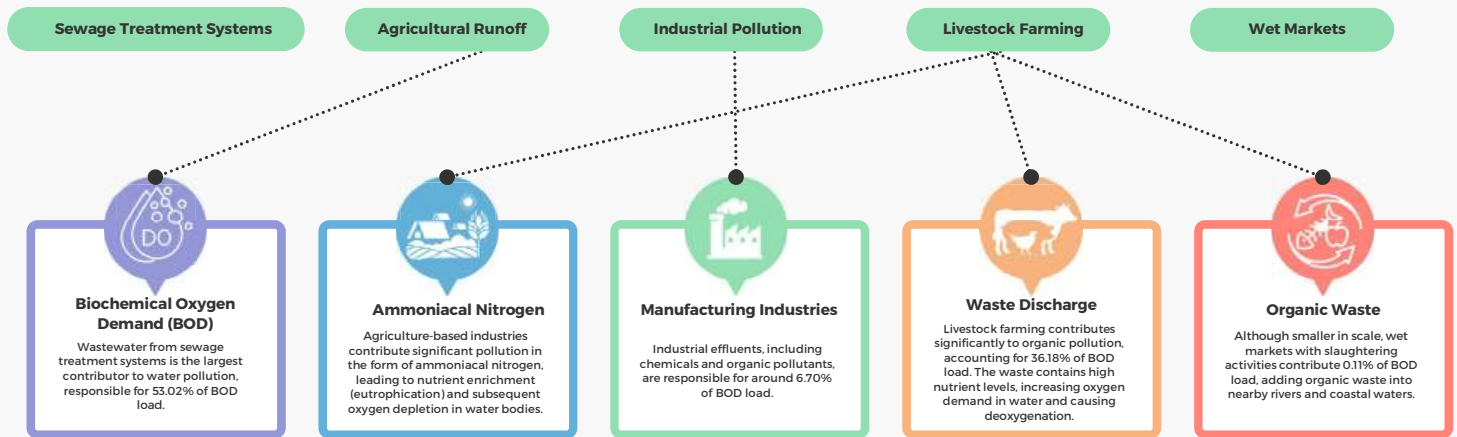
- Malaysia's strategic position along the Straits of Malacca makes it a critical hub for global trade
- The shipping and ports sector contributes 39%.

### Oil and Gas

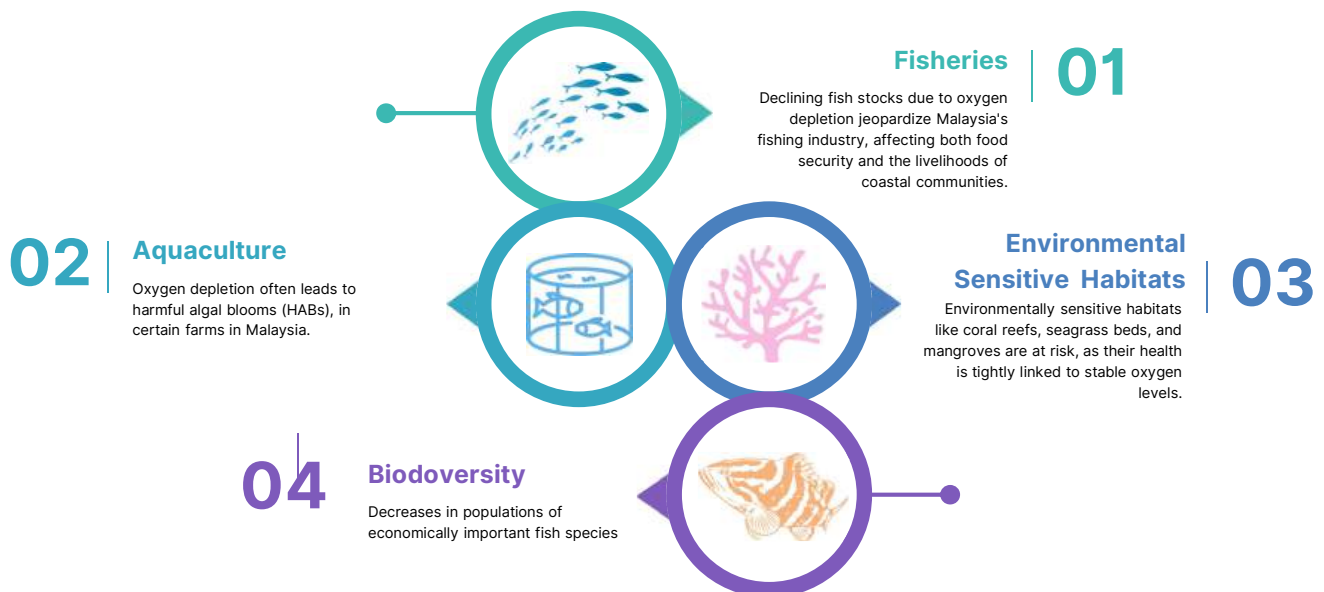
- The majority of Malaysia's oil and gas production comes from offshore fields in the South China Sea. The industry contributes about 4% of ocean related economy

# SIGNIFICANT DRIVERS OF LOW OXYGEN IN COASTAL WATERS OF MALAYSIA

One of the most urgent challenges facing Malaysia's marine waters is deoxygenation, primarily caused by organic pollution and the influx of nutrients.



## Coastal Water Living Resources in Malaysia Affected by Oxygen Loss



# MONITORING AND DATA COLLECTION IN MALAYSIA

Malaysia does not have a fully consistent, nationwide monitoring program specifically focused on deoxygenation in coastal waters. Monitoring efforts are generally fragmented, regionally focused, and tend to be short-term or project-based rather than forming part of a coordinated domestic framework

## Department of Environment (DOE)

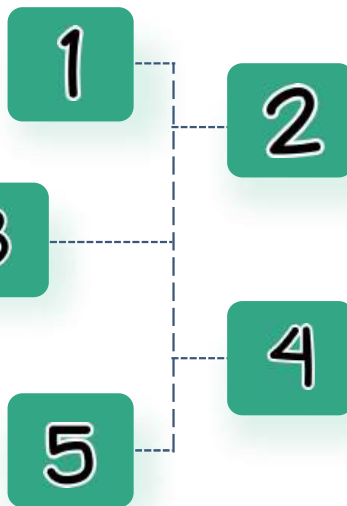
The DOE, under the Ministry of Environment and Water, monitors water quality via its Domestic Water Quality Monitoring Network, focusing on pollution control in coastal areas and assessing parameters like dissolved oxygen, but not specifically addressing deoxygenation.

## Universities and Research Institutes

Academic institutions have conducted research on deoxygenation, but these are typically part of funded research projects with a limited timeframe

## Environmental Impact Assessment -EIA

Data collected from EIA projects is intended to enhance specific development initiatives. While this information is valuable, it is important to note that it has a limited timeframe.

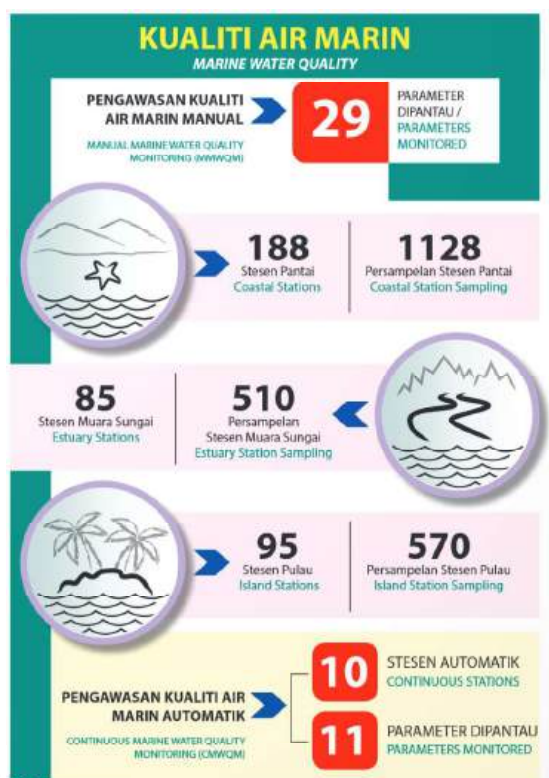


## Department of Fisheries Malaysia (DOF)

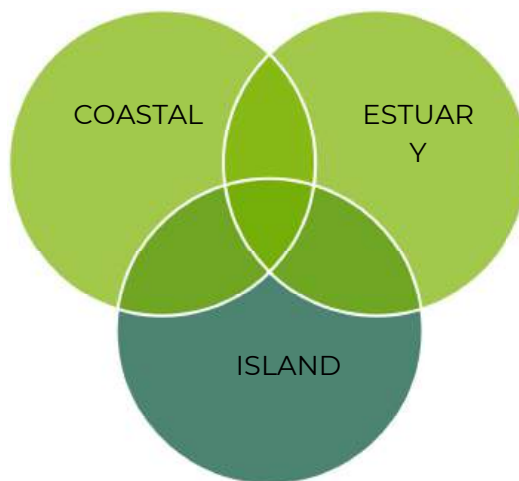
The DOF oversees coastal ecosystems, particularly in areas vital for fisheries and aquaculture. Although this includes monitoring oxygen levels, the focus is primarily on fish farm locations and regions of significant economic value.

## Collaborative Projects

This includes international partnership for research grants or other research activities.



## MARINE WATER QUALITY MONITORING IN MALAYSIA



## MALYSIAN MARINE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

PARAMETER (µg/l) UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED	CLASSIFICATION					
	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	INTERIM CLASS E1	INTERIM CLASS E2	INTERIM CLASS E3
	SENSITIVE MARINE HABITATS	FISHERIES (INCLUDING MARICULTURE)	INDUSTRIES, COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES & COASTAL SETTLEMENTS	COASTAL PLAIN	LAGOON	COMPLEX ESTUARINE NETWORK
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l)	~6.0	~5.0	~3.0	~5.0	~5.0	~5.0
Suspended Solids (mg/l)	25.0	50.0	100.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
Phosphate	5.0	75.0	670.0	100.0	180.0	180.0
Nitrate	10.0	60.0	700.0	200.0	570.0	430.0
Ammonia	35.0	50.0	320.0	5.0	10.0	10.0
Mercury	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Cadmium	0.50	2.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Chromium (VI)	0.14	10.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Copper	1.30	2.90	8.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Cyanide	2.00	7.00	14.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Lead	2.20	8.50	12.00	1.30	2.00	2.00
Zinc	7.00	50.00	100.00	16.00	5.00	5.00
Arsenic (III)	1.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	1.00	1.00
Aluminium	27.00	27.00	55.00	27.00	27.00	27.00
TBT	0.001	0.010	0.050	0.002	0.002	0.002
PAH	100.0	200.0	1000.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Total Phenol	1.0	10.0	100.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Oil & Grease (mg/l)	0.01	0.14	5.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Faecal Coliform (cfu/100ml)	70	70	70	70	70	70
Temperature (°C)	≤ 2 °C increase over maximum ambient					
pH	6.5 - 9.0					
Marine Litter	Free from marine litter					



The Application of the Malaysian Marine Water Quality Standards (MMWQS) based on the Pre-determined Marine Water Classification



The Application of the Malaysian Marine Water Quality Index (MMWQI) is a method used to summarize a large number of water quality parameters into one index value that gives an overview of the marine's water quality.

## Malaysian Marine Water Quality Index (MMWQI) Classification

KATEGORI / CATEGORY	NILAI INDEKS / INDEX VALUE
Terbaik / Excellent	90 - 100
Baik / Good	80 - <90
Sederhana / Moderate	50 - <80
Tercemar / Poor	0 - <50

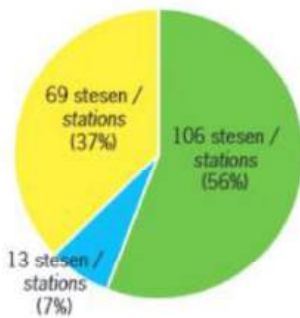
$$MMWQI^* = q_{DO}^{0.18} \times q_{FC}^{0.15} \times q_{NH_3}^{0.15} \times q_{NO_3}^{0.16} \times q_{PO_4}^{0.17} \times q_{TSS}^{0.15}$$

Whereby,

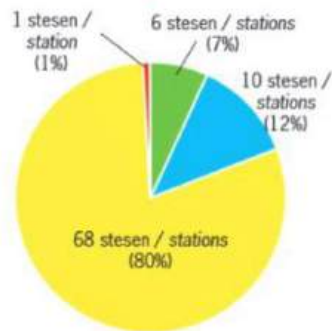
$q_{DO}$	$= -85.816 + 55.4768(DO) - 4.142(DO)^2$	When DO is < 3 mg/l, $q_{DO} = 10$ When DO is > 10 mg/l, $q_{DO} = 10$
$q_{FC}$	$= 100 \cdot \text{EXP}(-0.0001(\text{faecal coliform}))$	IF FC > 500 Faecal coliform count/100ml, $q_{FC} = 8$
$q_{NH_3}$	$= 100 \cdot \text{EXP}(-0.0001(\text{ammonia}))$	
$q_{NO_3}$	$= 94.8 \cdot \text{EXP}(-0.0001(\text{nitrate}))$	
$q_{PO_4}$	$= 95.2 \cdot \text{EXP}(-0.0001(\text{phosphate}))$	When PO <sub>4</sub> > 500 µg/l, $q_{PO_4} = 10$
$q_{TSS}$	$= 95.8 \cdot \text{EXP}(-0.0001(\text{total suspended solid}))$	When TSS > 100 mg/l, $q_{TSS} = 20$

\*Salinity of the marine water quality data shall be higher than 10 ppt

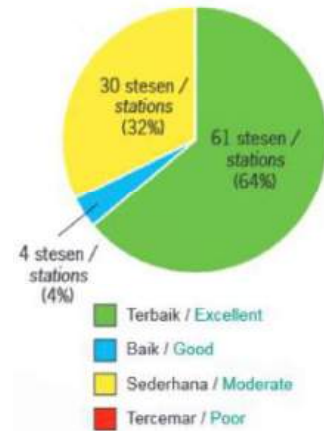
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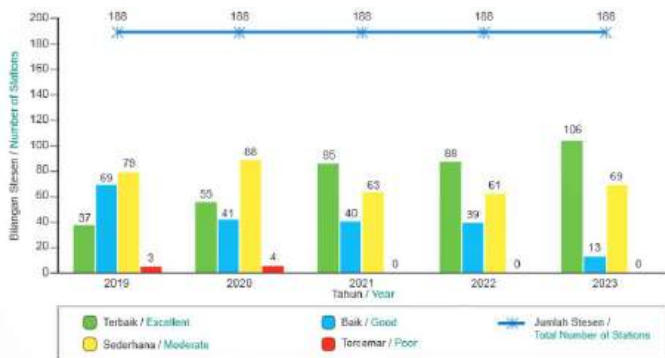
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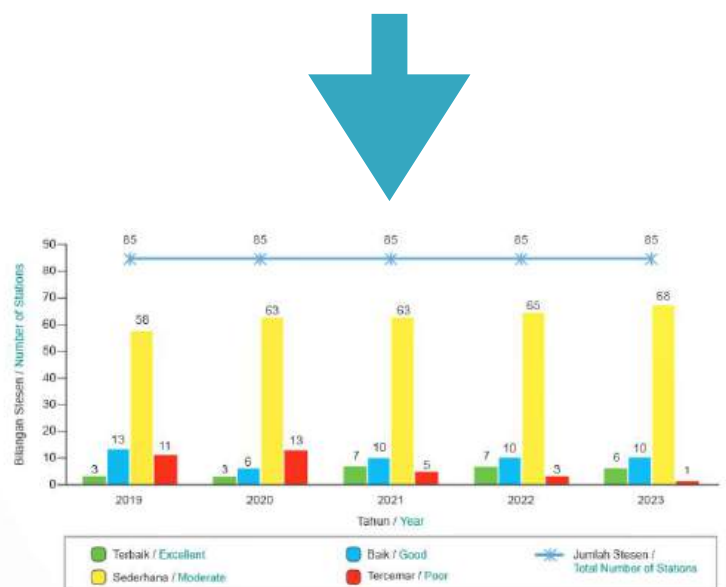


## MARINE WATER QUALITY STATUS 2023

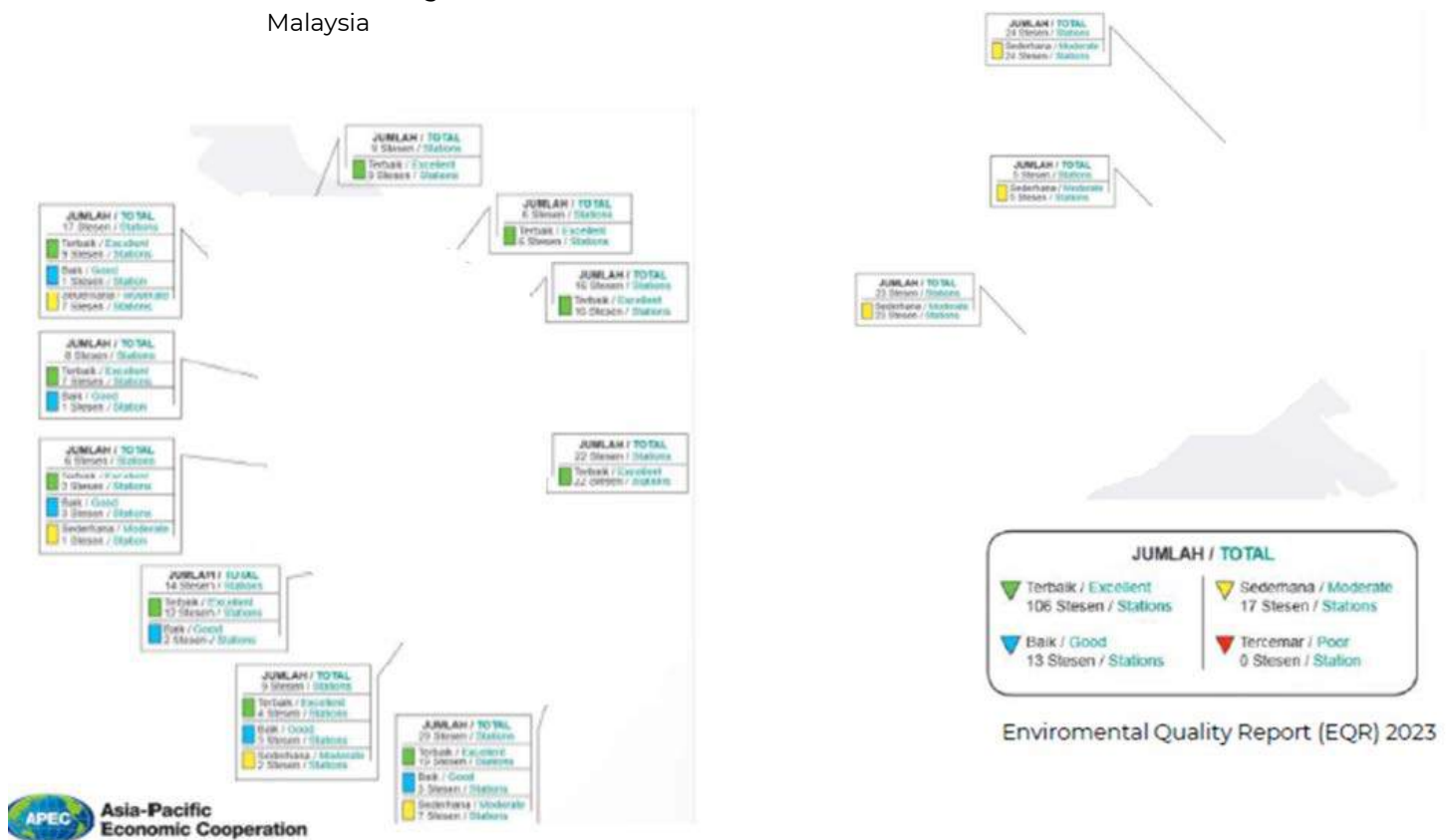


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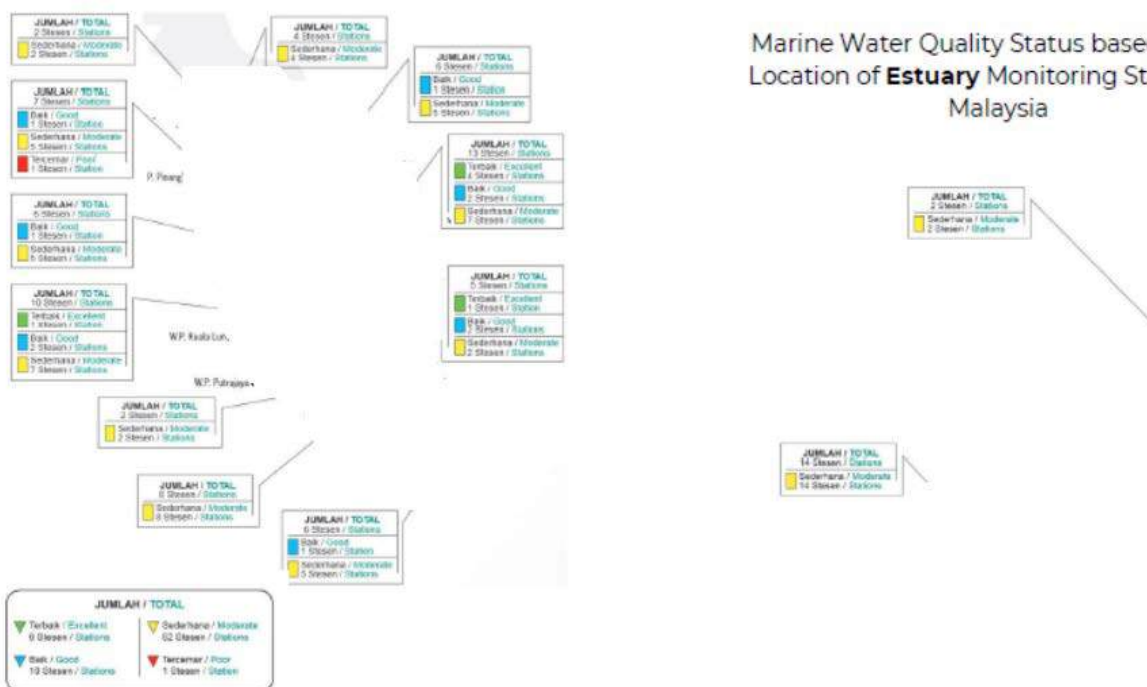
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## Marine Water Quality Status based on the Location of **Coastal** Monitoring Stations in Malaysia



## Marine Water Quality Status based on the Location of **Estuary** Monitoring Stations in Malaysia



[https://mqims.doe.gov.my/mqims\\_manual/home\\_manual.html](https://mqims.doe.gov.my/mqims_manual/home_manual.html)



Discoloration and massive fish mortality events along the coasts of Malaysia  
(San Diego-McGlone et. al., 2024)

## Appendix I

### Phytoplankton diversity shifts after the heatwave episode in Teluk Bahang

**March 2019**

Relatively high diversity

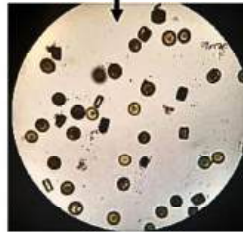
Genus composition: *Skeletonema*, *Chaetoceros*, *Coscinodiscus*, *Navicula*, *Thalassionema* and *Dinoflagellates*



**June 2019**

Reduction of species diversity

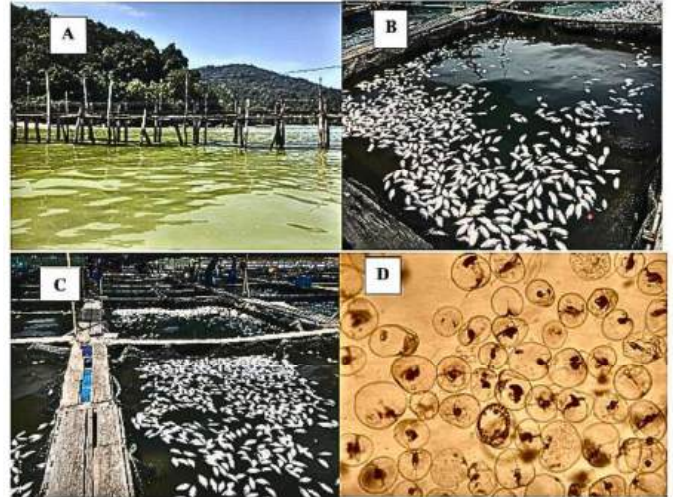
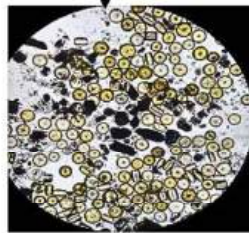
Genus composition: Mostly large centric diatom, *Coscinodiscus*, *Thalassiostra*



**July 2019**

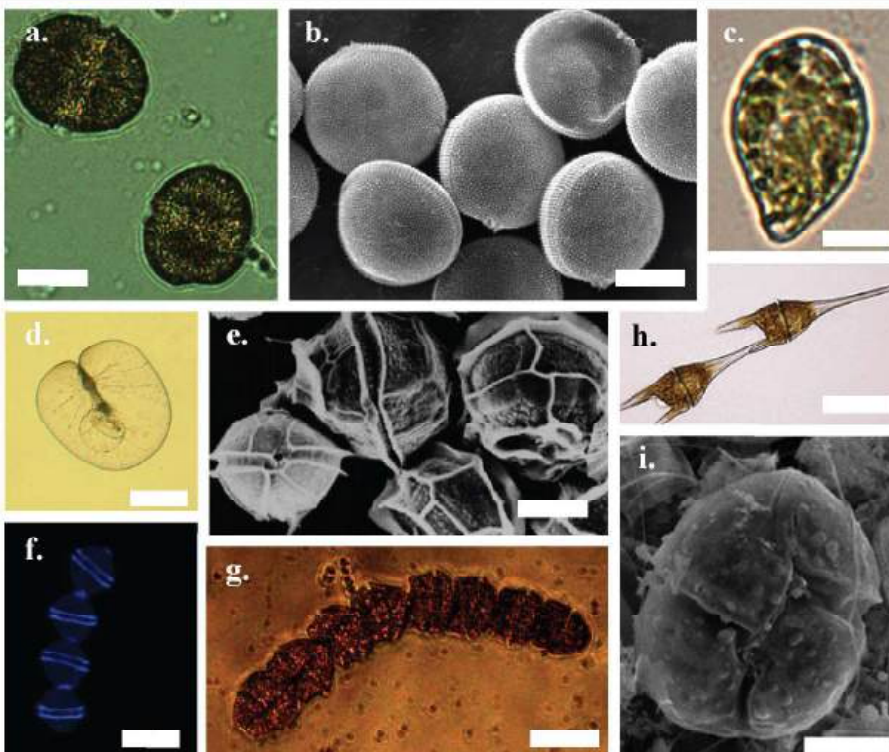
Single species bloom

Genus composition: Only *Coscinodiscus*



Images by: Mr Sim Yee Kwang, Centre for Marine and Coastal Studies, Universiti Sains Malaysia (Reports in local news: eg: <https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/08/30/algal-bloom-doe-finds-oxygen-levels-off-teluk-bahang-too-low-to-sustain-marine-life> and <https://www.thevibes.com/articles/news/98773/human-activities-among-possible-factors-in-teluk-bahang-fish-deaths-report>).

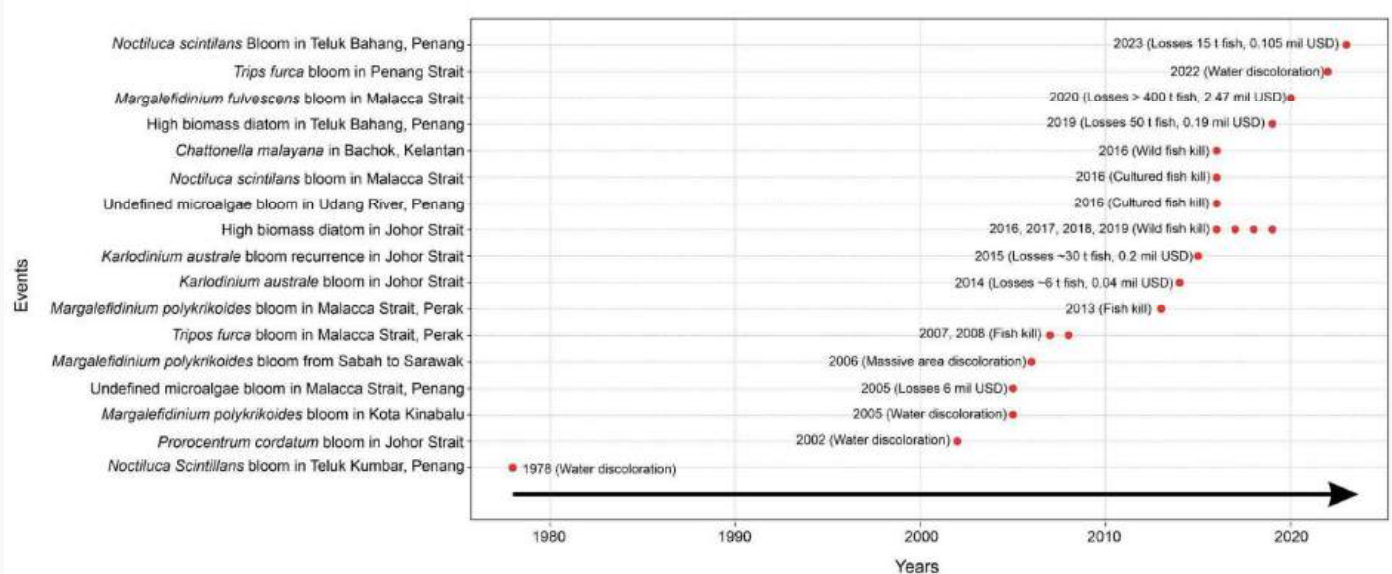
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Harmful and potentially harmful marine microalgae found throughout the waters of Malaysia.

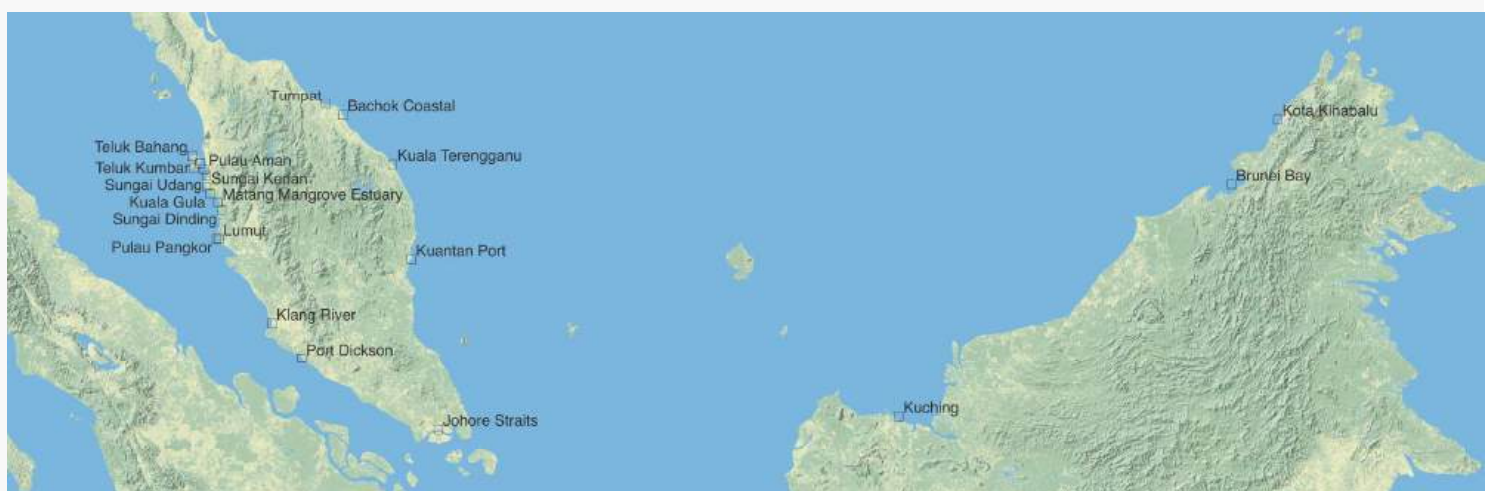
Micrographs of (a) *Alexandrium minutum*, (b) *Prorocentrum minimum*, (c) *Chatenella ovata* (d) *Noctiluca scintillans*, (e) *Pyrodinium bahamense* var. *compressum*, (f) *A. tamiyavanichii*, scale bar = 50 µm, (g)

*Gymnodinium catenatum*, (h) *Neoceratium furca*, scale bar = 50 µm and (i) *Karlodinium veneficum*. Scale bar = 10 µm (Teen et al., 2012)

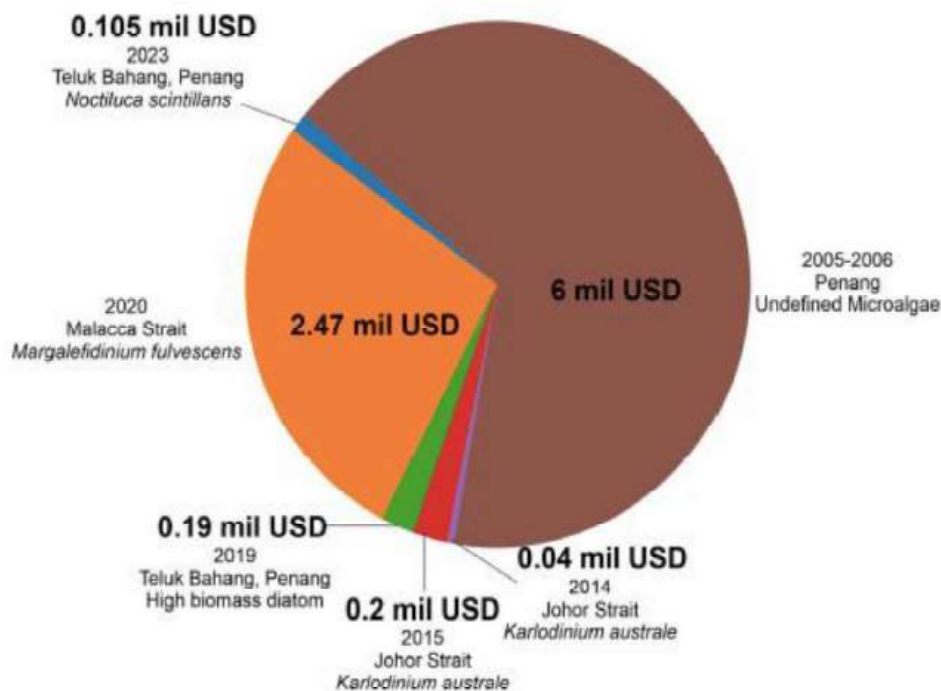


Chronology of fish kill events in Malaysian waters (2000–2023) related to harmful algal blooms (San Diego-McGlone et. al., 2024)

Occurrence of HABs Event in Malaysia from year 1978-2023  
(San Diego-McGlone et. al., 2024; Noor et al., 2023; Hee et al., 2023; Mohd Din et al., 2020; Lee et al, 2020)



# Economic Implications of Oxygen Loss in Malaysia



Fish kill losses due to microalgae with monetary values reported from Malaysia since 1978 (San Diego-McGlone et. al., 2024)

## GAPS IN OXYGEN MONITORING AND ITS APPLICATION FOR MANAGING LIVING RESOURCES

Hypoxia monitoring faces challenges like identifying causes, rapid response, and coordination. Climate change and nutrient pollution exacerbate harmful algal blooms, leading to fish deaths.



### Limited Spatial Coverage of Monitoring Systems

Insufficient monitoring in under-researched areas hinders timely detection of oxygen depletion, causing delays in interventions during hypoxic events. This can result in mass fish kills, coral reef damage, and biodiversity loss.



### Inconsistent Data Collection and Integration

Data from monitoring stations lack consistent integration across sectors, with various government agencies and research institutions collecting data independently and without centralization.



### Lack of Real-Time Monitoring Systems

Real-time monitoring of dissolved oxygen levels in many coastal areas is underdeveloped. Most monitoring is sporadic or time-specific, potentially missing critical fluctuations, like sudden drops during hot seasons or after heavy rainfall.



### Limited Resources for Fisheries and Aquaculture

Operators lack access to advanced monitoring technologies for tracking oxygen levels in farming areas and rely on often insufficient government programs for data, particularly in small or isolated regions.



### Limited Use of Technology and Data Analytics

The application of advanced data analytics and modeling tools to predict and manage deoxygenation events is still limited.



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Coastal hypoxia

# Coastal observatories of global change in Mexico

UNAM, Mexico

September 30 2024

Instituto de Ciencias del Mar y Limnología, UNAM

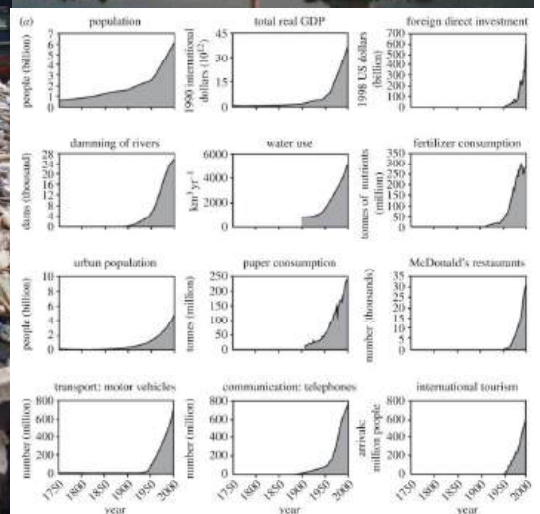
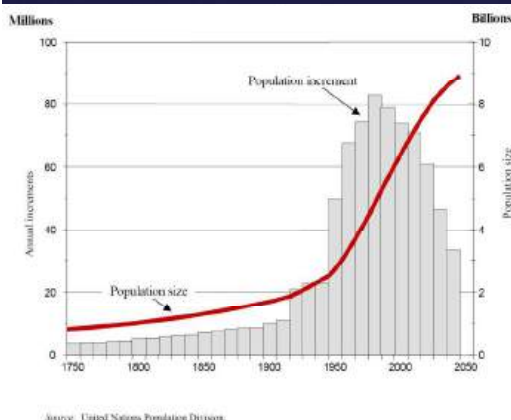


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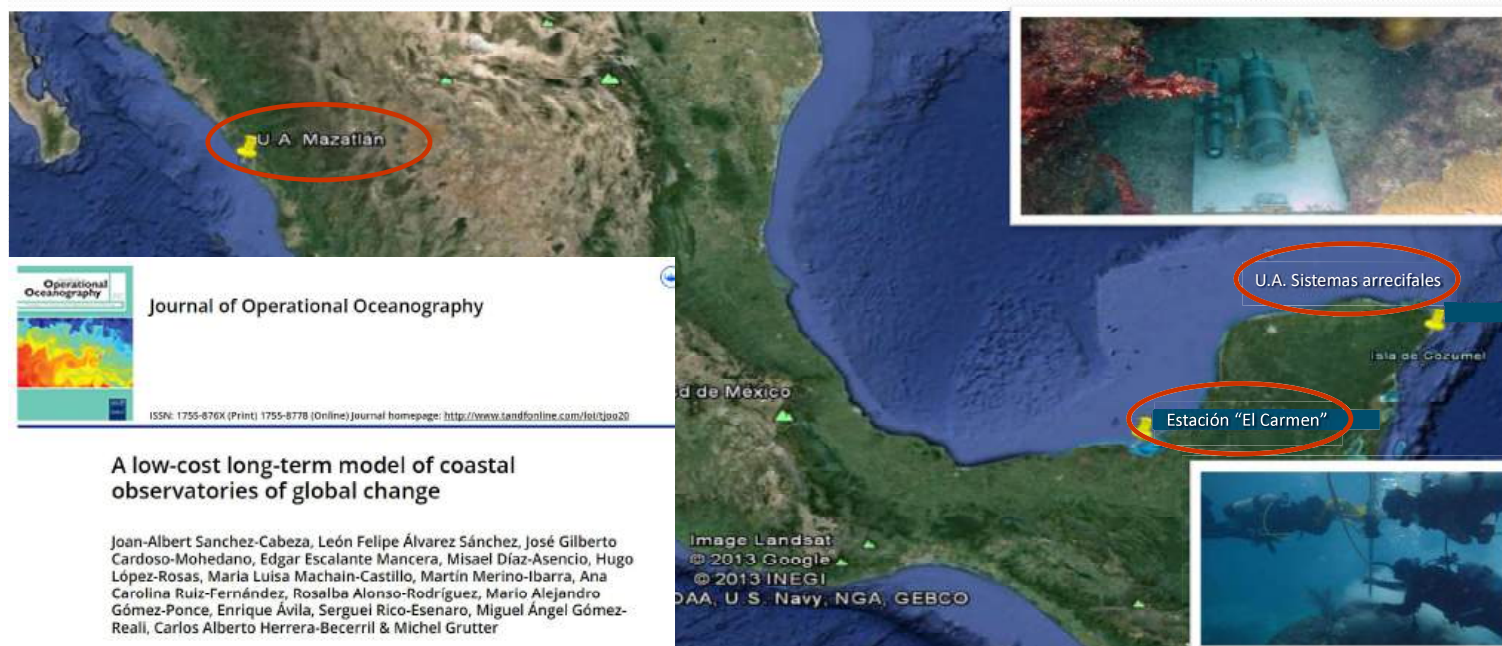
1. The drivers of low oxygen in the coastal waters of your economies:  
Upwelling, eutrophication.
2. The types of coastal water living resources in your economy that may be affected by oxygen loss.  
Fisheries, aquaculture.
3. The economic implications of oxygen loss in environments of your economy (e.g. in fisheries and aquaculture sectors).  
I do not know.
4. An emblematic case of oxygen monitoring in a coastal environment in your economy.  
**See presentation (Mazatlán, entrance of the Gulf of California).**
5. The current gaps in oxygen monitoring and its application for the management of the coastal environment.



Steffen et al., 2004



# Coastal observatories of global change in Mexico (2013 – 2113 ???)

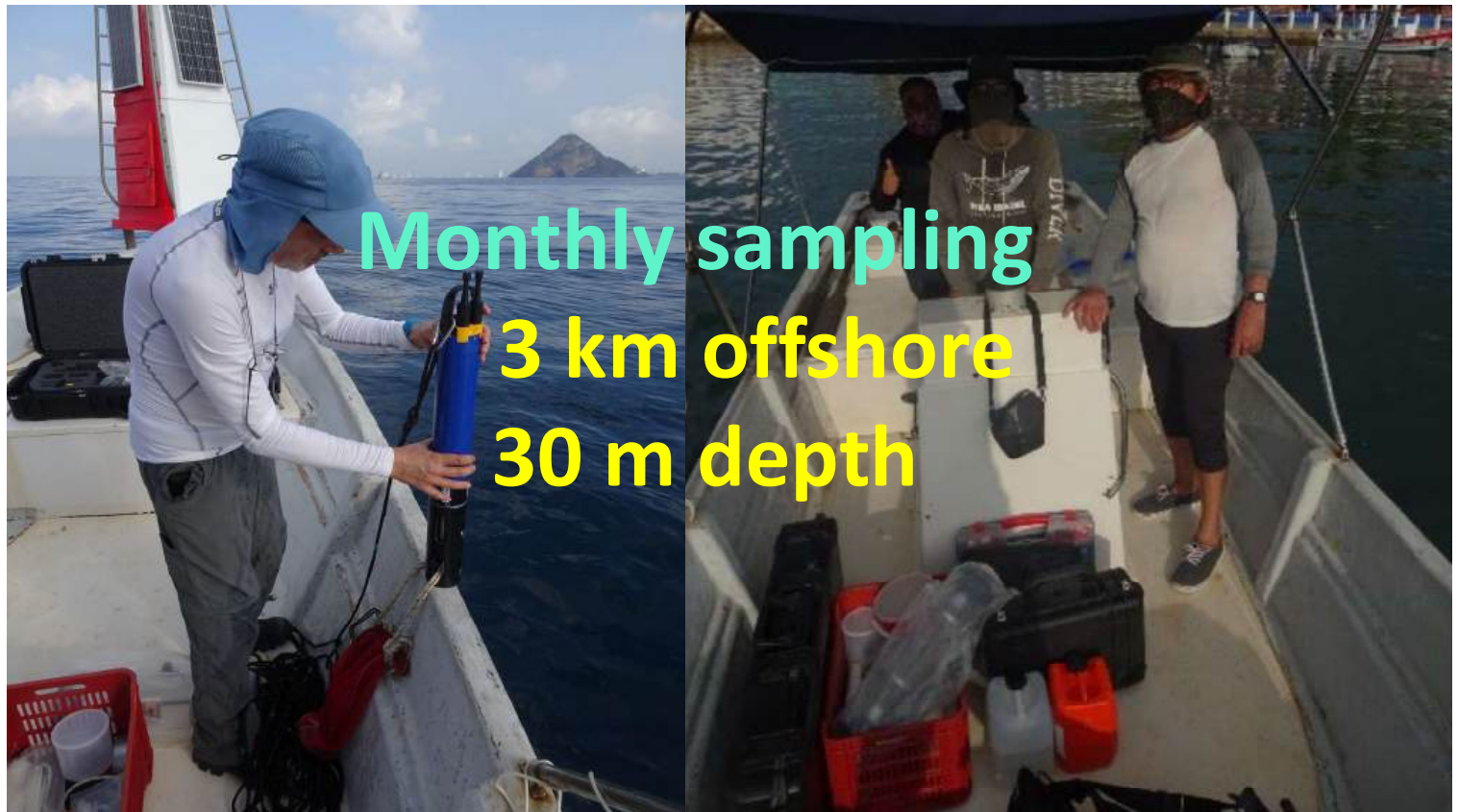
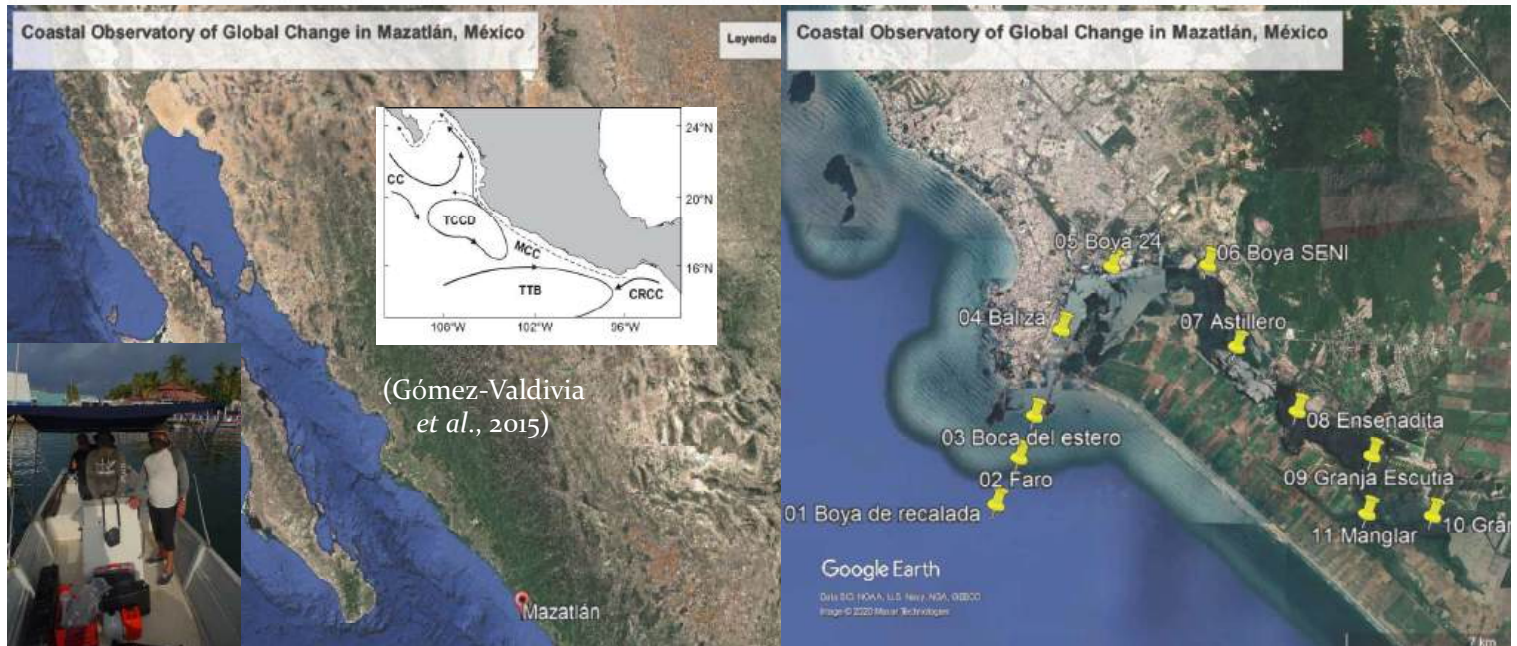


## Sustainable strategy and technology



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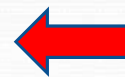
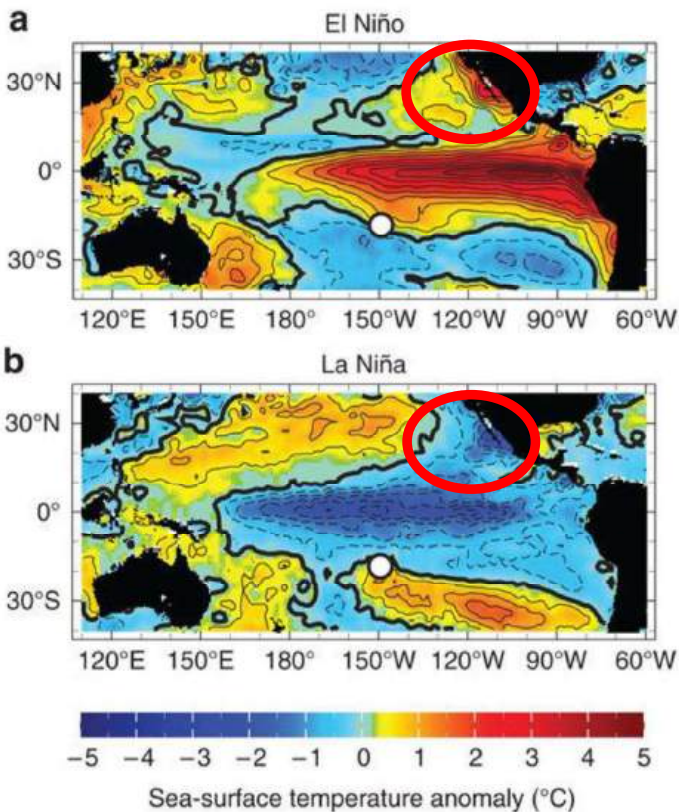
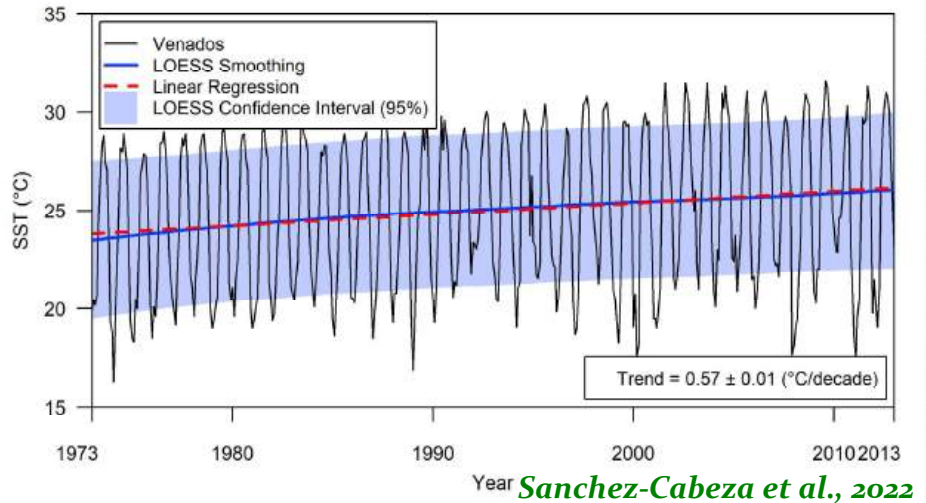
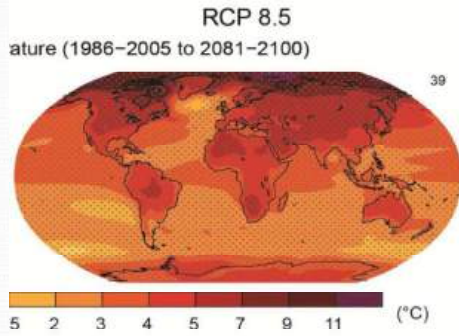
## Entrance of the Gulf of California





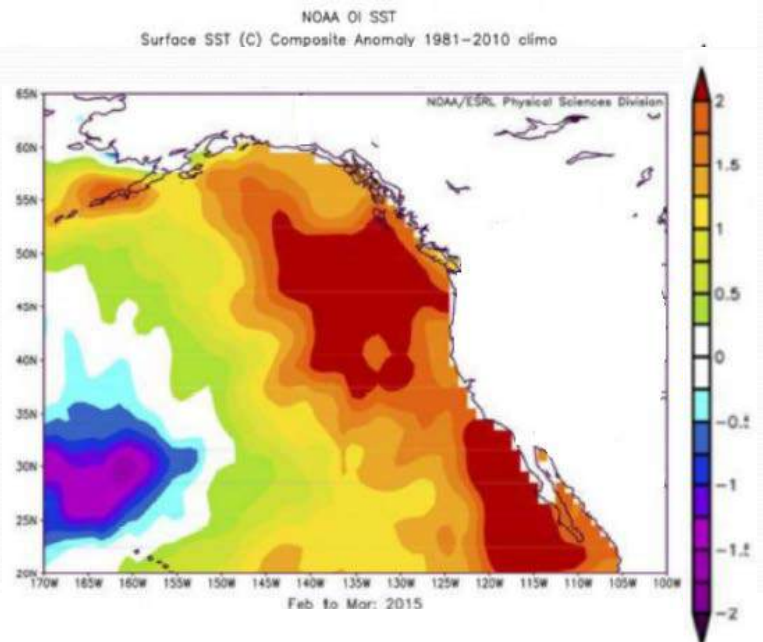
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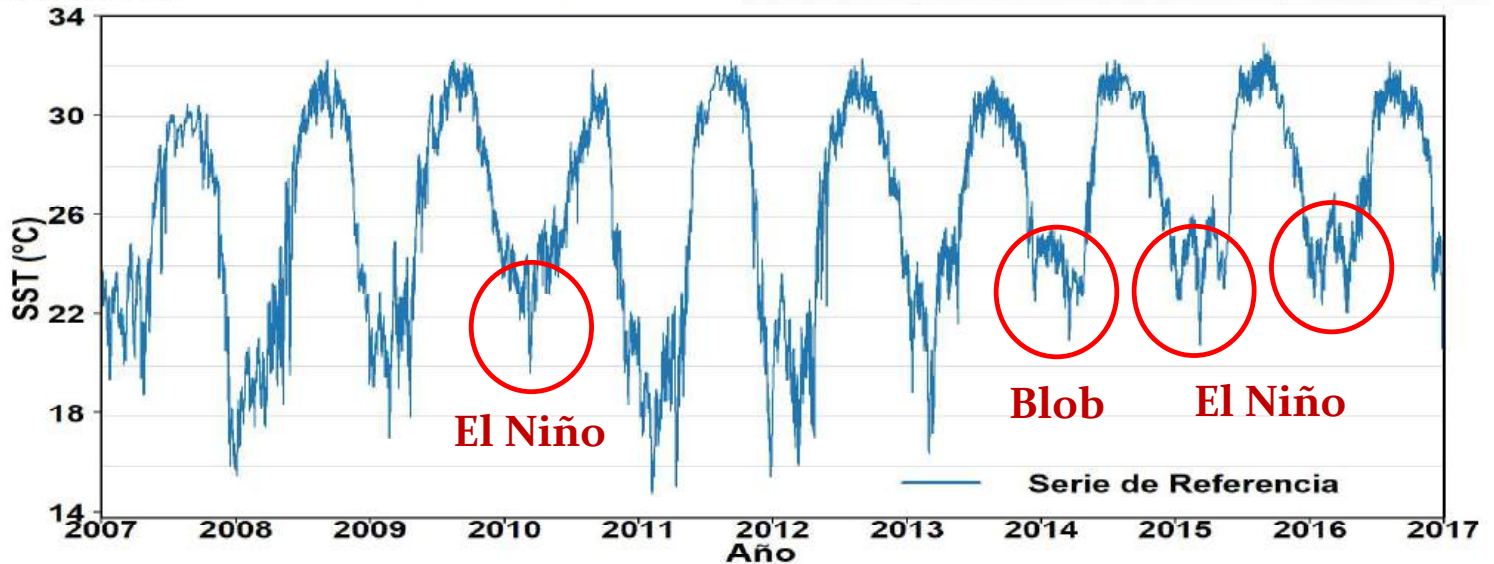
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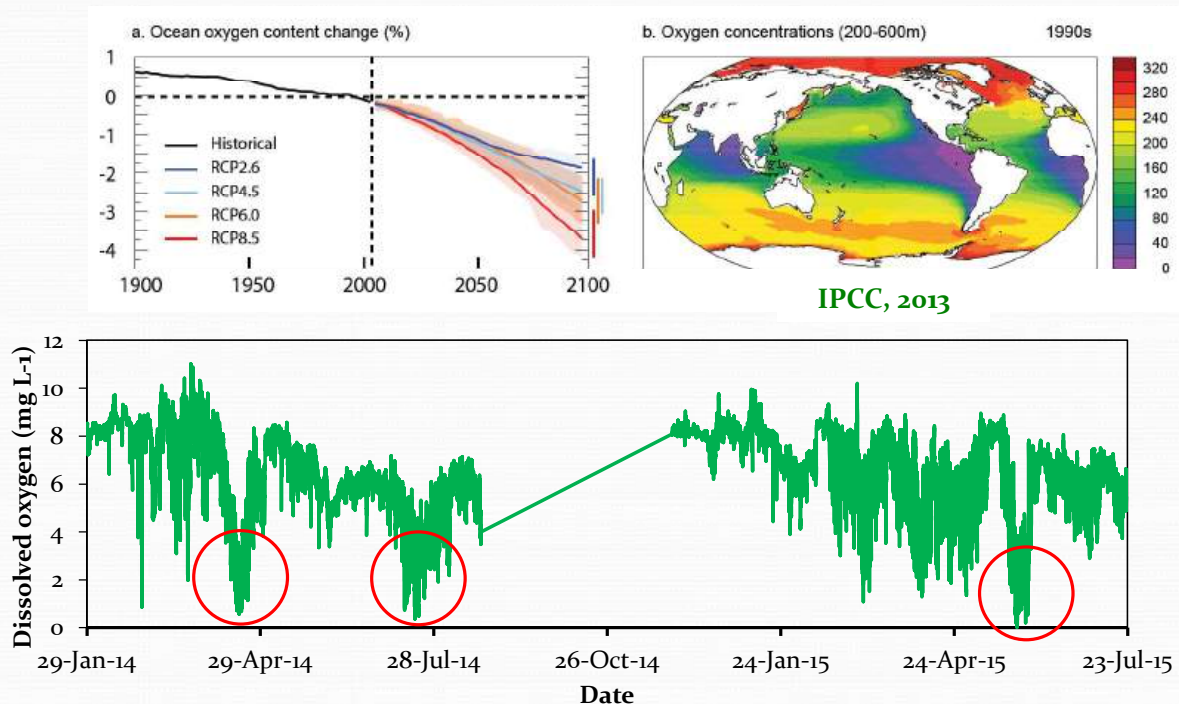


Rapid surface water warming and impact of the recent (2013–2016) temperature anomaly in shallow coastal waters at the eastern entrance of the Gulf of California

## ENSO impacts minimum temperatures



## Deoxygenation and hypoxia



# Dissolved oxygen profiles (spring, El Niño conditions)

MAZ1: 2015-04-28

MAZ2: 2016-03-31

**Hypoxia: 2 mg/L = 64  $\mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$**

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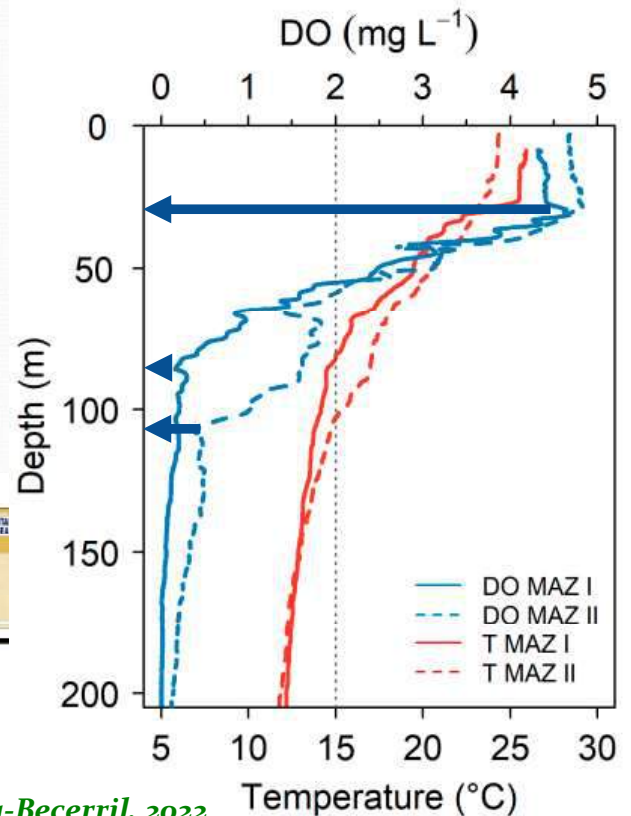
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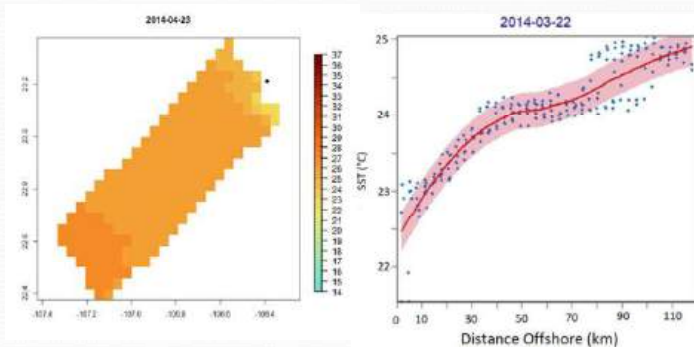
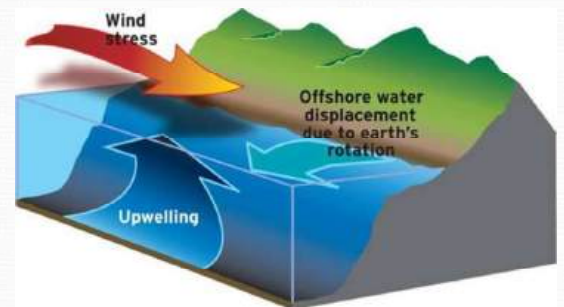
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*Herrera-Becerril, 2022*

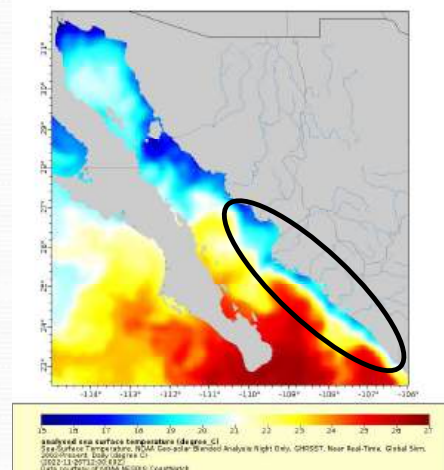


## Wind-induced coastal upwelling

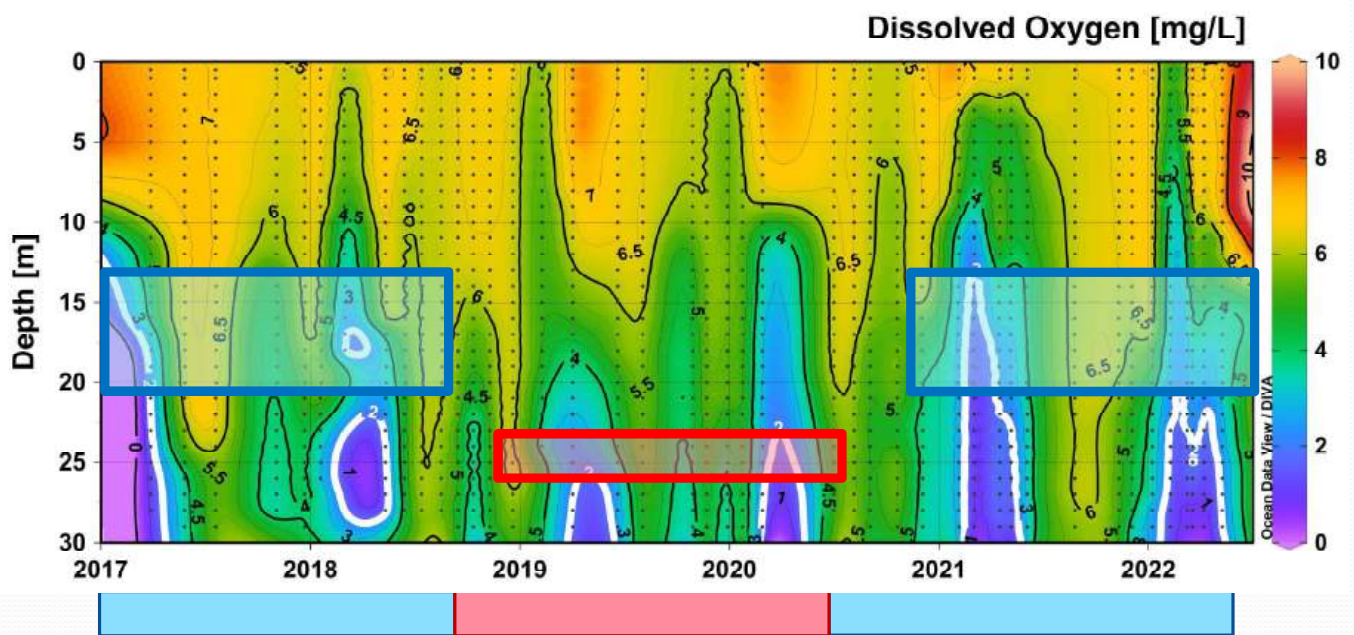
Sea Surface Temperature gradient  
(SSTGrad)



*Lara Cera, 2020*



La Niña conditions: 13 – 21 m  
Weak El Niño conditions: 23 – 26 m depth



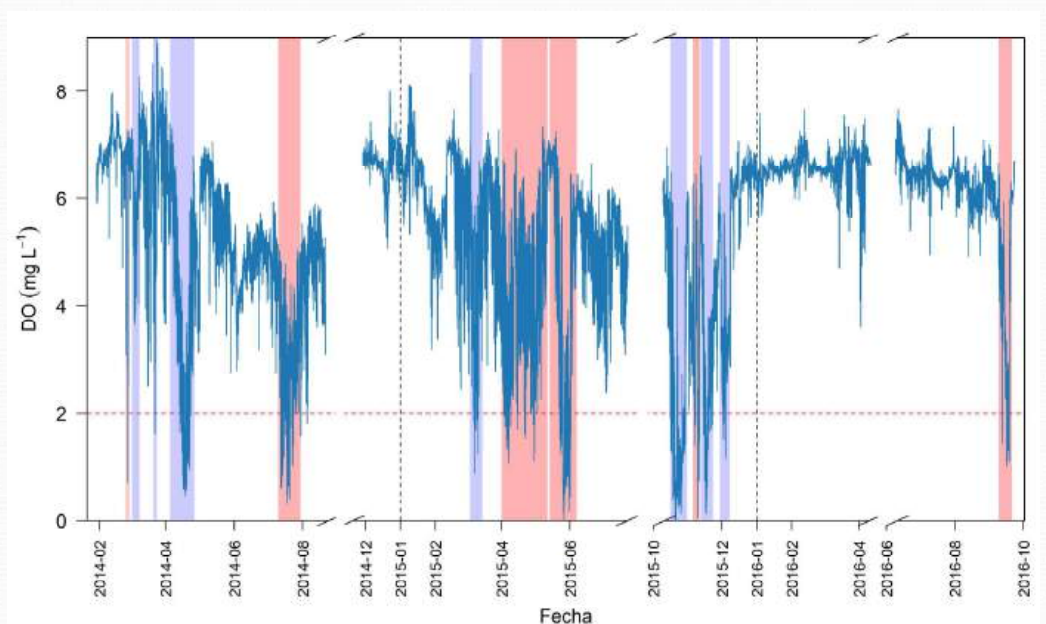
## Hypoxia and upwelling?

**Blue:**

- 56% upwelling.

**Red:**

- 44% other processes.



*Herrera Becerril et al., 2022*



Asia-Pacific  
Economic Cooperation

Coastal hypoxia

# Coastal observatories of global change in Mexico

UNAM, Mexico

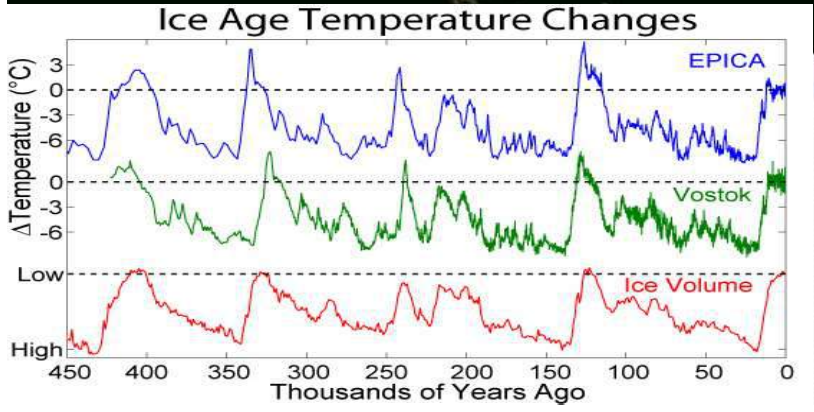
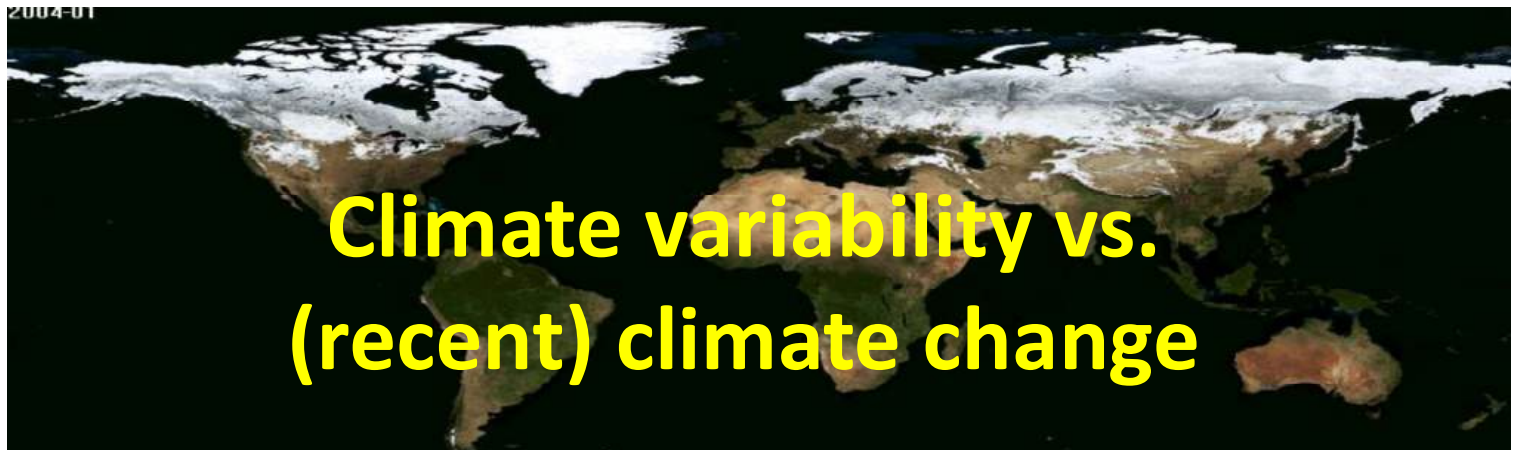
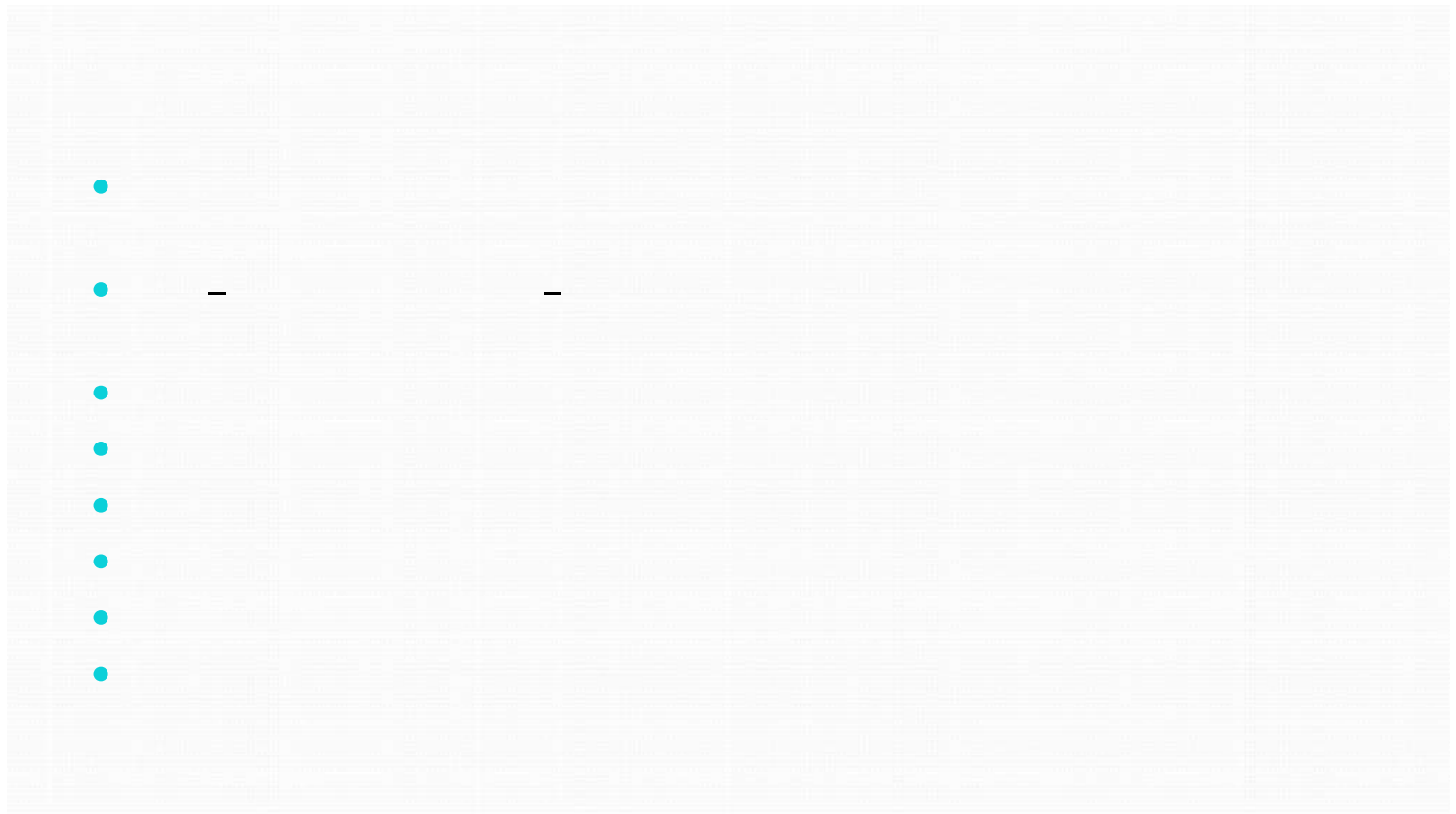
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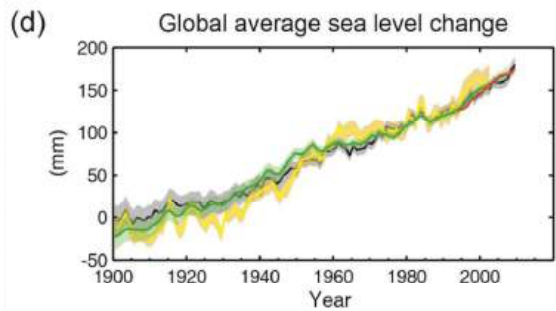
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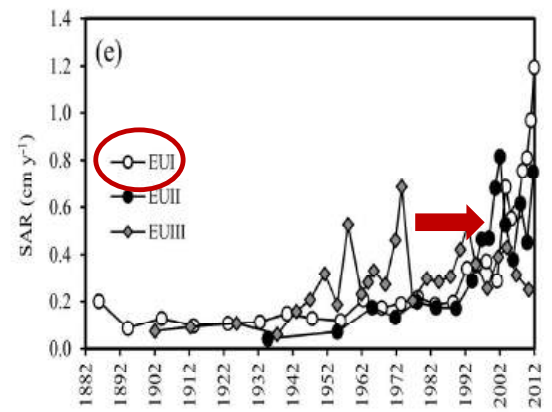
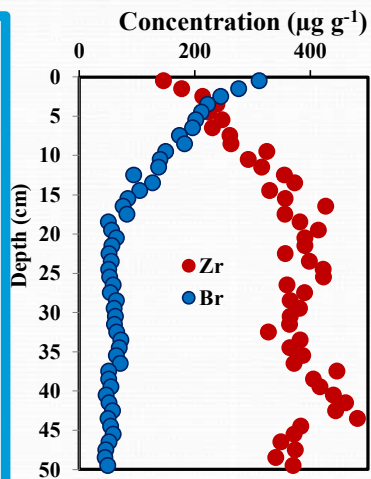
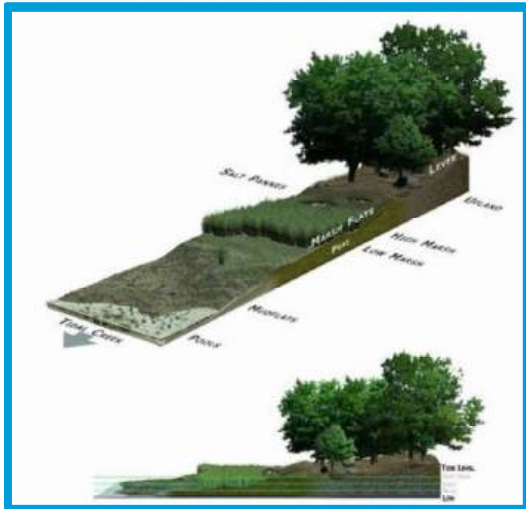
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- IAEA RLA7020, RLA7025 and INT7019
- TUBITAK.



Interglacial: CO<sub>2</sub> ≤ 280 ppm  
**Today ~ 421 ppm**  
**1.5 times higher**

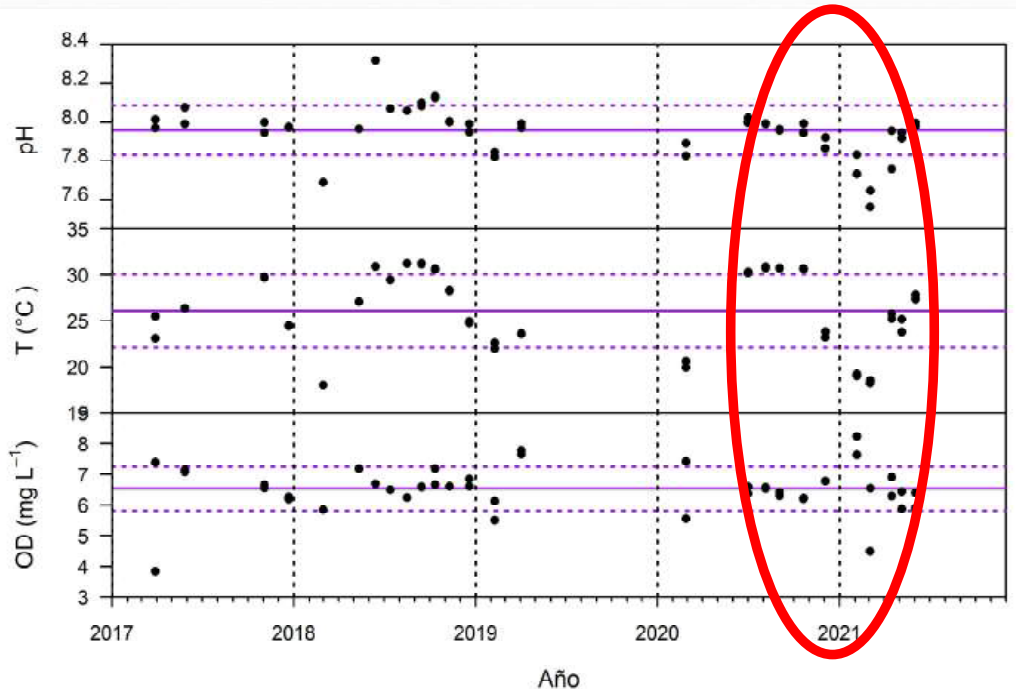


# Sea Level



*Ruiz-Fernández et al., 2016* Age (CE)

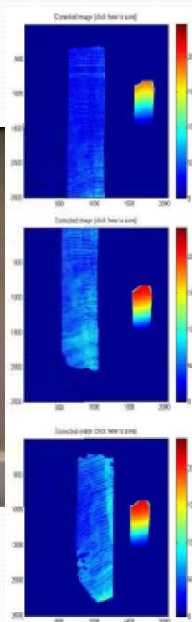
## Coastal acidification and upwelling



# Corals to reconstruct environmental conditions



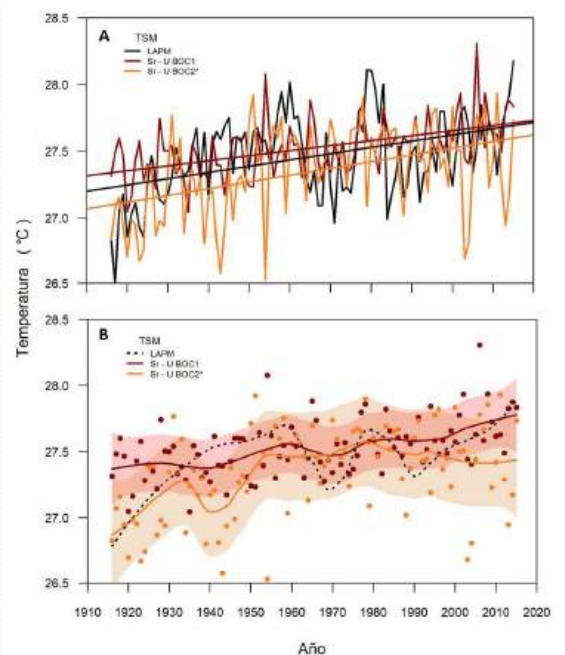
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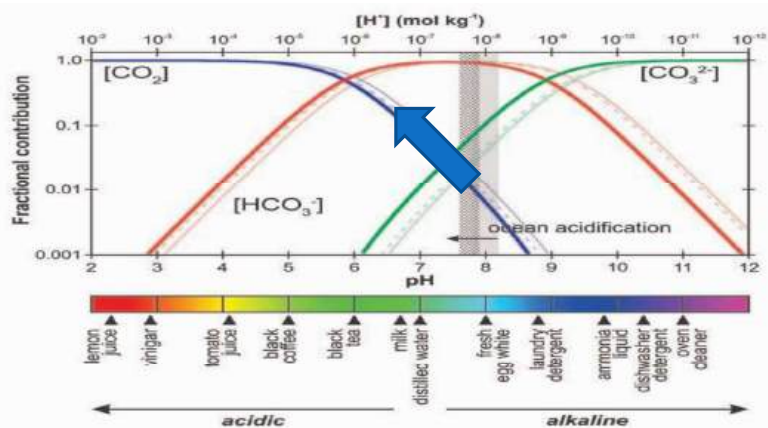
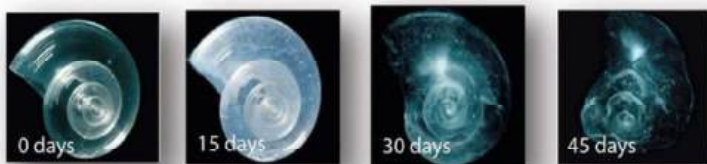
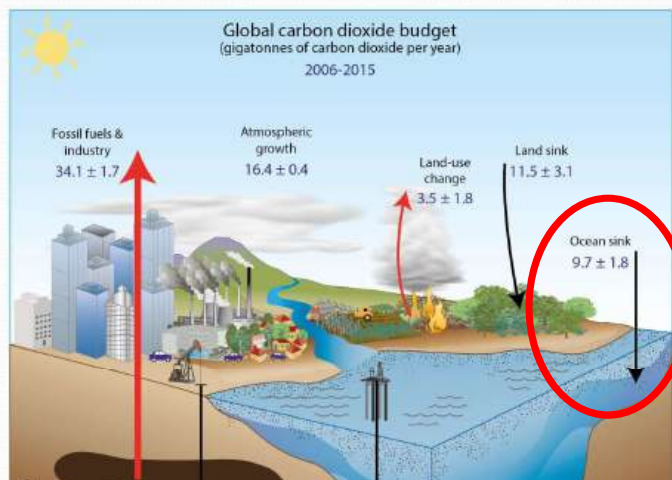
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Sr-U  
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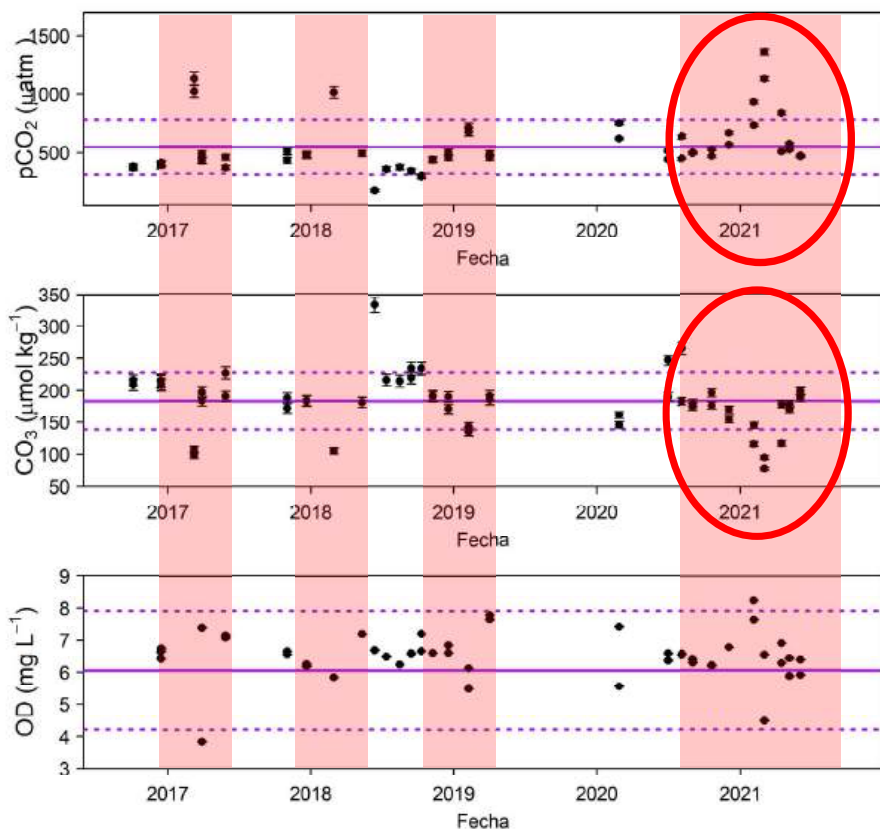
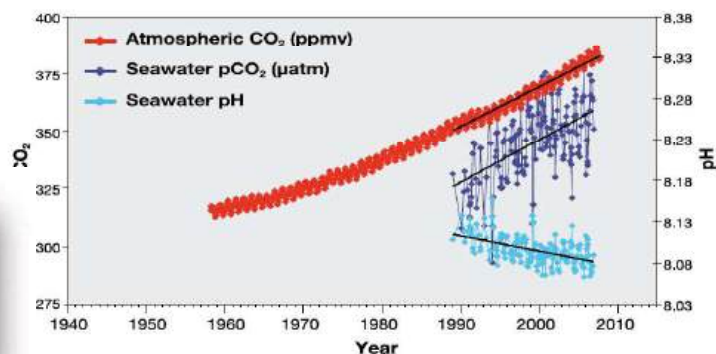
## SST (U-Sr)



# Marine acidification



**CO<sub>2</sub> and pH time series in the North Pacific Ocean**



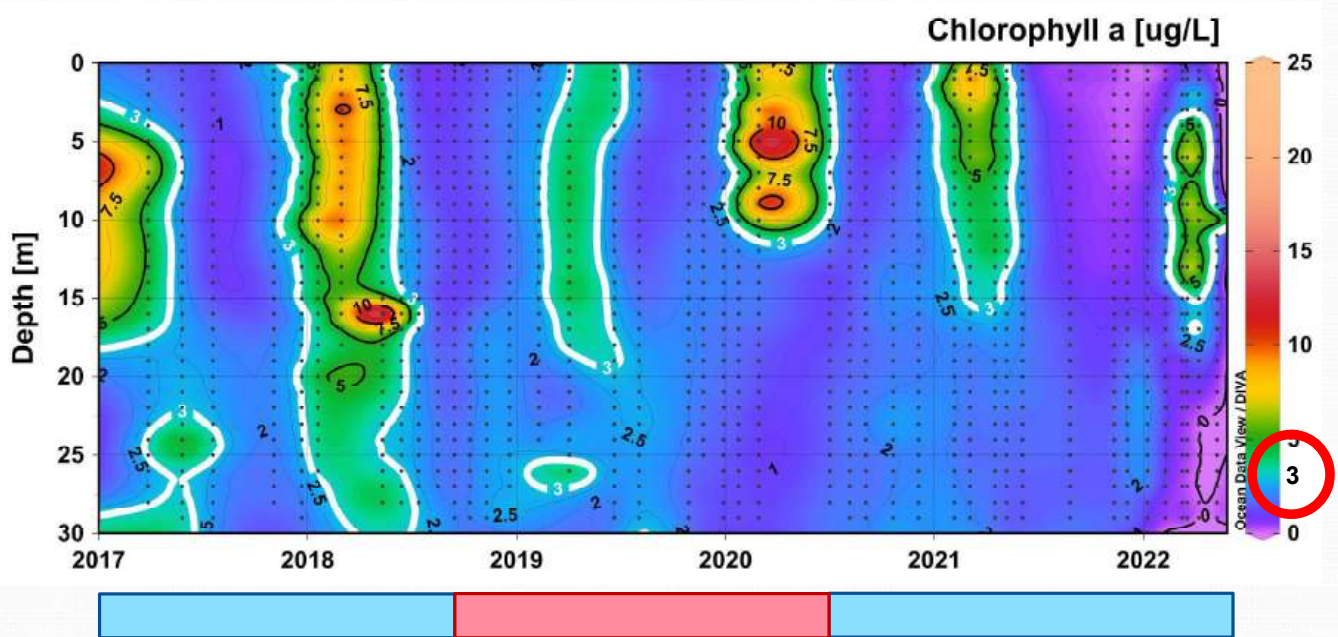
pCO<sub>2</sub> time series in the coastal zone

Since 2016

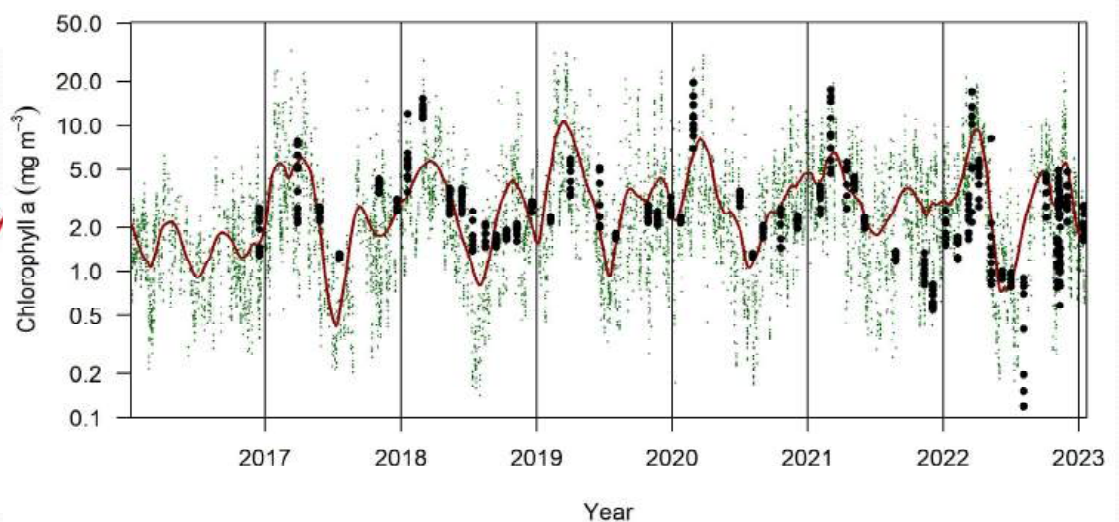
pCO<sub>2</sub> high variability

Winter máxima -> upwelling impact

# Chlorophyll a – La Niña

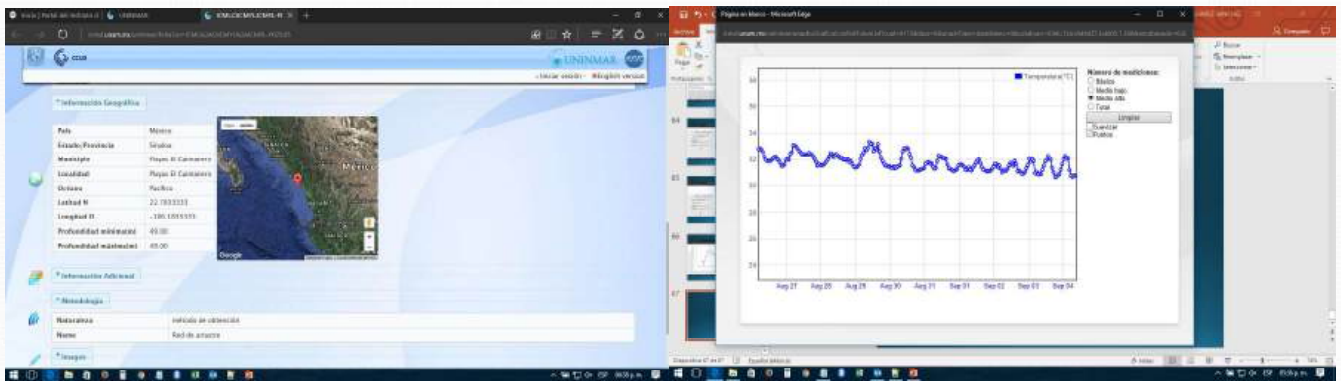


Satellite data



# UNINMAR - TULUM

- > 70 million data.
- ~ 2 million data online.
- 1500 visits in 2023.



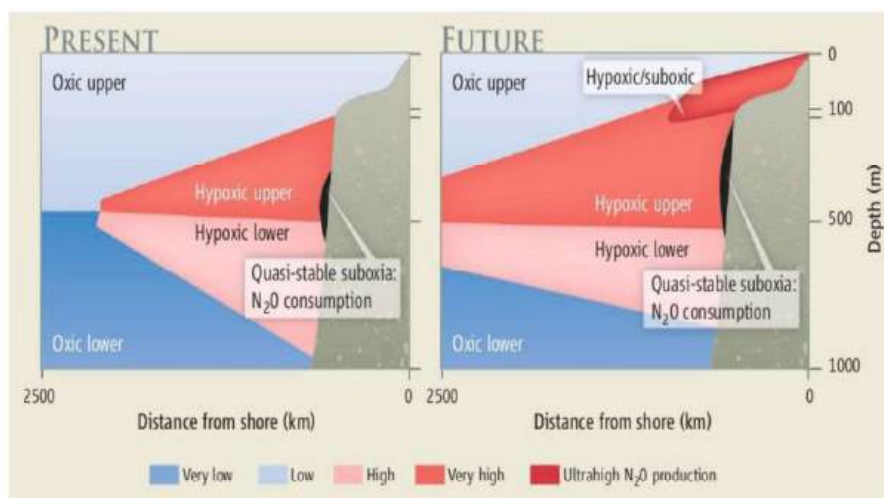
**“Developing best practices to address coastal marine oxygen loss in APEC economies for improving the management of marine living resources”**

## **"Peru's efforts to address coastal marine oxygen loss in order to enhance the management of living marine resources"**



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**Codispoti, 2010. Interesting times for marine N<sub>2</sub>O**  
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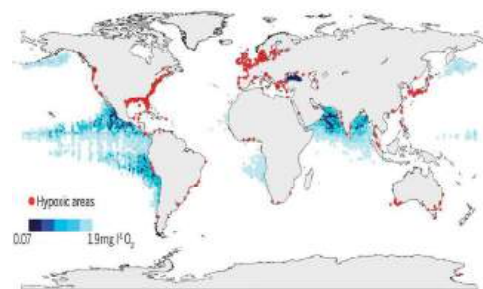
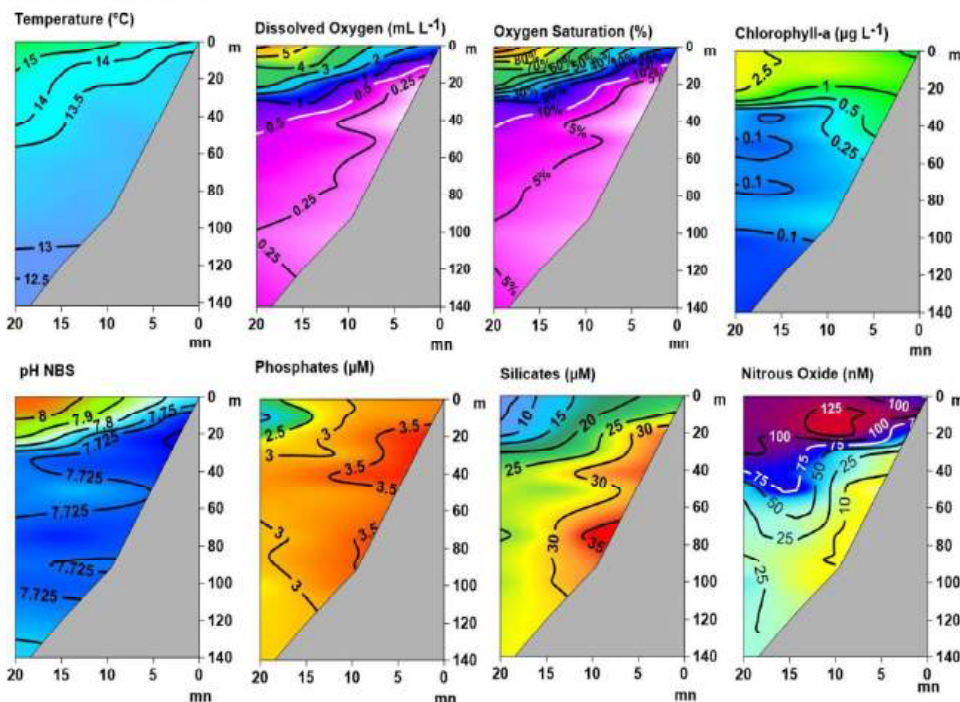
**A generic eastern boundary in present-day and future oceans.** Suboxia can extend further offshore than shown here, but is absent from a large portion of the oceanic eastern boundary.

The ongoing loss of oxygen in the ocean (i.e., deoxygenation; Levin, 2018) is mainly a consequence of global warming caused by climate change (Deutsch *et al.*, 2011; Schmidtko *et al.*, 2017; Oschlies *et al.*, 2018).

Regions with historically very low oxygen concentration (i.e., Oxygen Minimum Zones, OMZs) are expanding (Stramma *et al.*, 2010; Schmidtko *et al.*, 2017), and new oxygen-deficient areas are emerging, mainly in coastal regions (e.g., Rabalais *et al.*, 2002; Dubosq *et al.*, 2022).

The effects of deoxygenation on marine biota are diverse (e.g., Breitburg *et al.*, 2018) and vary depending on the organism, species interactions, species tolerance, trophic group, mobility, and magnitude, frequency and duration (permanent versus episodic) of deoxygenation events (Limburg *et al.*, 2020).

Callao (October 18 - 19, 2011)  
 12° 02.335' S - 77° 13.485' W  
 12° 02.392' S - 77° 28.831' W

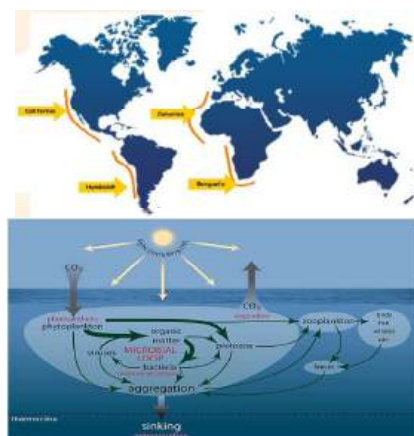


Low and declining oxygen levels in the open ocean and coastal waters affect processes ranging from biogeochemistry to food security. The global map indicates coastal sites where anthropogenic nutrients have exacerbated or caused  $O_2$  declines to  $<2 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$  ( $<63 \text{ mmol L}^{-1}$  or  $1,40 \text{ mL L}^{-1}$ ) (red dots), as well as ocean oxygen-minimum zones at 300 m of depth (blue shaded regions). [Map created from data provided by R. Diaz, updated by members of the GO2NE network, and downloaded from the World Ocean Atlas 2009].

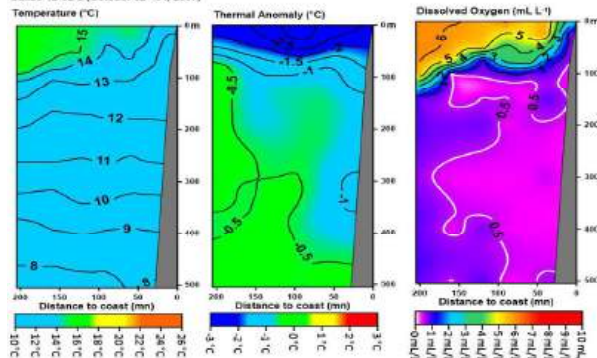
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### Factors that cause low oxygen levels in coastal waters

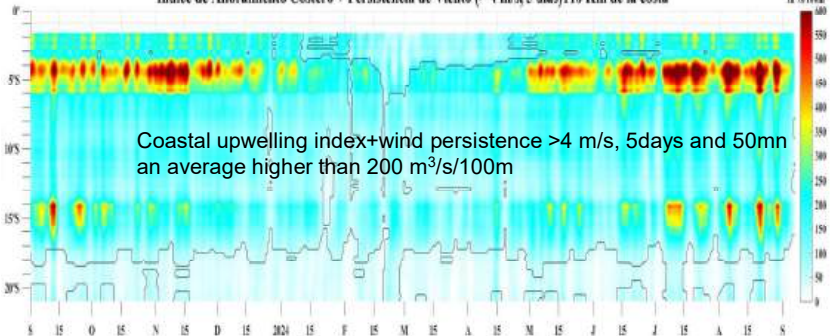
- ✓ Coastal upwelling: The Humboldt Current is associated with upwelling, a process where deep, cold, nutrient-rich waters rise to the surface. These deep waters are also low in oxygen, contributing to low-oxygen zones (hypoxia) near the coast.
- ✓ High biological productivity: The nutrient-rich waters of upwelling support phytoplankton proliferation, which increases primary productivity. However, when phytoplankton die, their decomposition by bacteria consumes oxygen, contributing to decreased oxygen levels in the water.
- ✓ Remineralization: The flow of organic matter from the surface to the bottom also contributes to the consumption of oxygen in the water column. The process of remineralization of organic matter by microorganisms consumes oxygen as it decomposes.
- ✓ Oxygen Minimum Zones (OMZ): Off the Peruvian coast there is a very extended OMZ, which is a layer of water with extremely low levels of oxygen..











Callao 12°02'S (October 02 - 04, 2007)



Índice de Afloramiento Costero + Persistencia de Viento (> 4 m/s, 5 días) 110 Km de la costa



Coastal upwelling index+wind persistence >4 m/s, 5days and 50mn  
 an average higher than 200 m³/s/100m

Main Fishery Resources			Approximate Annual Catch	Imagen
English name	Spanish name	Scientific name		
Peruvian Anchovy	Anchoveta	<i>Engraulis ringens Jenyns, 1842</i>	4 to 8 million tons	
Jack mackerel or horse mackerel	Jurel	<i>Trachurus murphyi Nichols, 1920</i>	300,000 to 500,000 tons	
Mackerel	Caballa	<i>Scomber japonicus Houttuyn, 1782</i>	200,000 to 300,000 tons	
Hake or South pacific hake	Merluza	<i>Merluccius gayi peruanus Ginsburg, 1954</i>	40,000 to 60,000 tons	
Peruvian Scallop	Concha de abanico	<i>Argopecten purpuratus (Lamarck, 1819)</i>	60,000 to 70,000 tons	
Jumbo flying squid or Humboldt squid	Pota o calamar Gigante	<i>Dosidicus gigas (d'Orbigny [in 1834-1847], 1835)</i>	400,000 to 600,000 tons	
Pacific bonito	Bonito	<i>Sarda chiliensis chiliensis (Cuvier, 1832)</i>	30,000 to 60,000 tons	
Dolphinfish / Mahi Mahi	Perico o Dorado	<i>Coryphaena hippurus Linnaeus, 1758</i>	30,000 to 50,000 tons	

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### Summary of employment figures

- ✓ Industrial fishing: Around 30,000 people.
- ✓ Artisanal fishing: More than 200,000 people.

The fishing sector represents approximately between 0.5% and 1.5% of Peru's Gross Domestic Product (GDP or PBI), although its contribution can be higher in years of high fish productivity and favorable exports.

Impact of the Fishing Sector on Employment In addition to economic income, fishing is a sector that generates direct employment for more than 230,000 people, including both artisanal fishermen and workers in processing plants and the industrial fleet.

Peru's fishing sector is a key source of income, generating between USD 1,000 and 1,500 million annually, with fishmeal and fish oil leading exports. Artisanal fishing and aquaculture also play an important role, especially in products for direct human consumption, complementing revenues and diversifying the country's export offerings.



Bertrand A, Chaigneau A, Peraltilla S, Ledesma J, Graco M, Monetti F, et al. (2011) Oxygen: A Fundamental Property Regulating Pelagic Ecosystem Structure in the Coastal Southeastern Tropical Pacific. PLoS ONE 6(12): e29558. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0029558>

In the southeastern tropical Pacific anchovy (*Engraulis ringens*) and sardine (*Sardinops sagax*) abundance have recently fluctuated on multidecadal scales and food and temperature have been proposed as the key parameters explaining these changes. However, ecological and paleoecological studies, and the fact that anchovies and sardines are favored differently in other regions, raise questions about the role of temperature. Here we investigate the role of oxygen in structuring fish populations in the Peruvian upwelling ecosystem that has evolved over anoxic conditions and is one of the world's most productive ecosystems in terms of forage fish. This study is particularly relevant given that the distribution of oxygen in the ocean is changing with uncertain consequences.

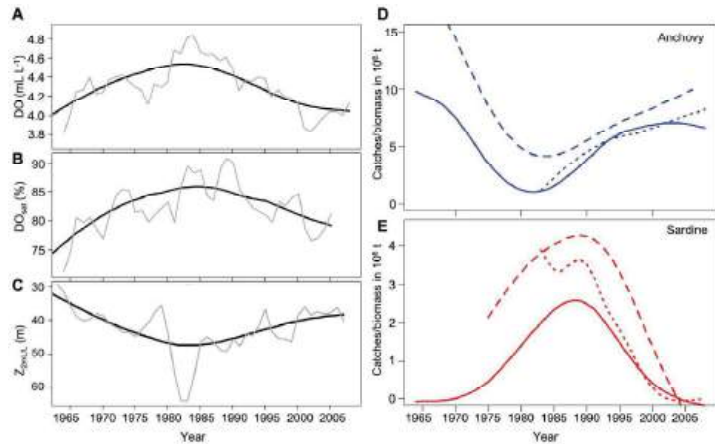
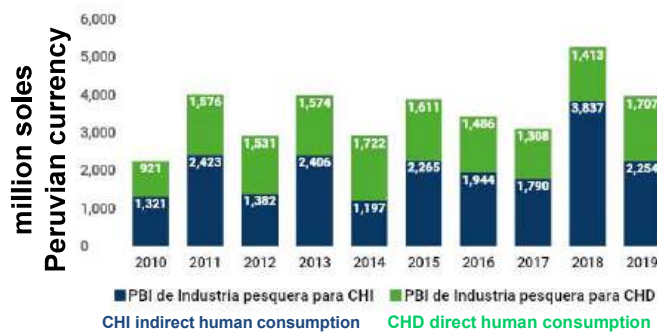
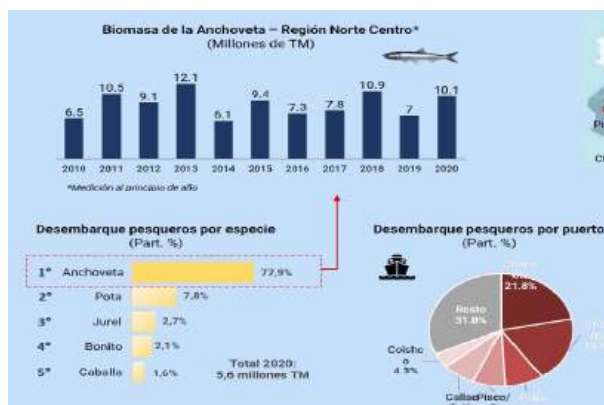


Figure 1. Time series (1964–2009) of oxygen and fish. Temporal variations of DO in mL L<sup>-1</sup> (black dotted line) (A), DOsat in % (black dashed line) (B), Z<sub>max</sub> mL/L, in m (black solid line). Black solid line show the smoothed time series; gray solid line show the 4-years moving average. C. anchovy catches (blue solid line), biomass by VPA (blue dashed line) and acoustic biomass (blue dotted line). D. Temporal variations of sardine catches (red solid line), biomass by VPA (red dashed line) and acoustic biomass (red dotted line). doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0029558.g001

#### Evolution of GDP of the Fishing Industry, 2010 – 2019



#### Evolution of fishing landings Thousands of MT



Source INEI  
Elaboration:  
IEES – SNI

### IMARPE monitors strandings along the Peruvian coast

Between March 19th and 25th, 2024, the Peruvian Marine Institute (IMARPE) reported the stranding of various marine organisms in the regions of La Libertad, Lima, and Ica, **associated with different factors**.

In the Lima region, on March 19th, the stranding of **“munida” *Grimothea monodon***, a species typical of cold coastal waters, was recorded at Puerto Supe beach (Barranca), covering an area of **810 m<sup>2</sup>**, with a total of **968.8 kg**. This event was caused by the displacement of **tropical water masses near** the coast and the increase in sea surface temperature off the coast of Supe.

Additionally, on March 25th, at San Bartolo beach (Lima), an area of **900 m<sup>2</sup>** saw the stranding of 31 **species: 26 invertebrates, 4 macroalgae, and 1 fish**. The sea surface temperature in the area was 27.4°C. Similar to the stranding in **Paracas Bay**, this event was associated with a deficiency in dissolved oxygen in the sea, caused by the algal **proliferation of *A. sanguinea***.



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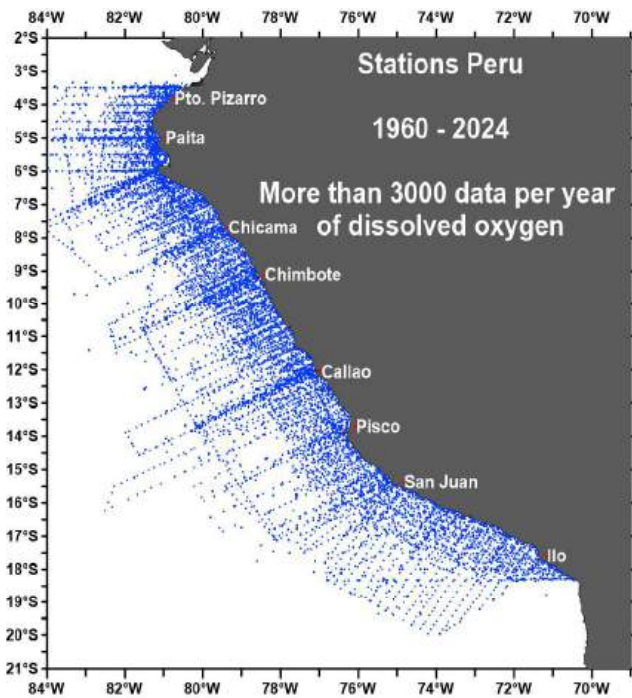
### Fish stranding due to anoxia

The decrease in oxygen in the ocean represents a significant threat to Peruvian fisheries, affecting both the availability of species and the ecological structure of marine ecosystems. This phenomenon is combined with other environmental challenges, such as climate change and overexploitation, which aggravates the situation.

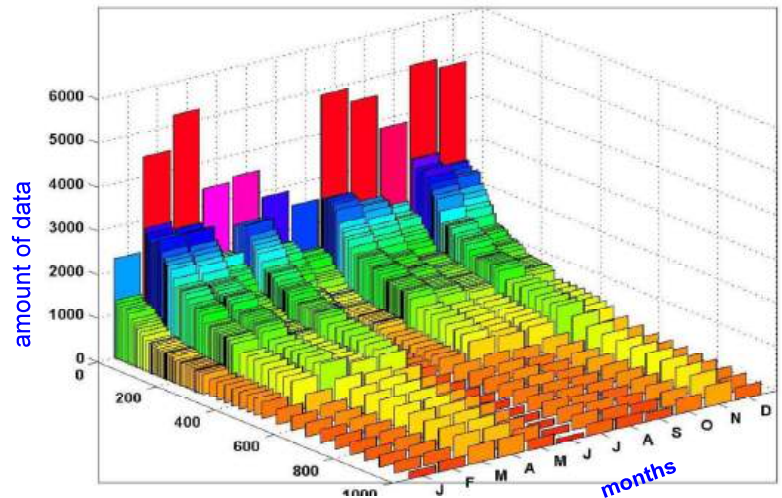
Station	Date	Hour	Depth (m)	Dissolved Oxygen (mL L <sup>-1</sup> )	pH NBS	Chlorophyll (µg L <sup>-1</sup> )	Phosphates (µmol L <sup>-1</sup> )	Silicates (µmol L <sup>-1</sup> )
Muelle Chorrillos	25/03/2024	11:55	0	3,35	7,62*	33,92	5,13	41,96*
Playa La Herradura	25/03/2024	12:22	0	5,21	7,96	6,19	2,23	20,62
Playa San Bartolo (sur) Muestra Turbia	25/03/2024	13:10	0	0,00*	7,30*	57,20	-----	25,95
Playa San Bartolo (norte)	25/03/2024	15:09	0	6,11*	8,43*	206,64*	4,51	19,37



## Peru Observatory



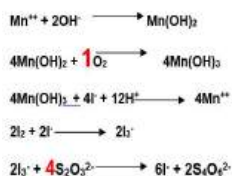
## Data distribution by month and depth



## Methods and equipment for determining dissolved oxygen

### Winkler's volumetric Method

Volumetric technique based on a series of chemical reactions that allow the titration of the oxygen present in an aqueous sample by oxidation of the iodide by the oxygen dissolved in the water sample, followed by the titration of the iodine released with sodium thiosulfate.



$$\text{OD}(\text{mL/L}) = 112 \cdot V_x / (V - 2)$$

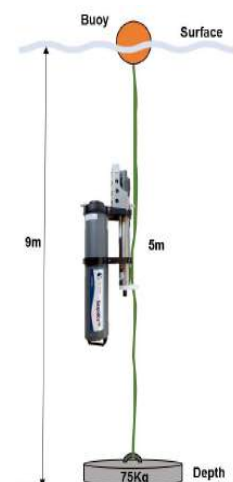
### Polarographic Method

CTD Seabird - SBE43 is a polarographic oxygen sensor or membrane sensor. The sensor has an oxygen-permeable membrane that separates the surrounding water from an electrode array.

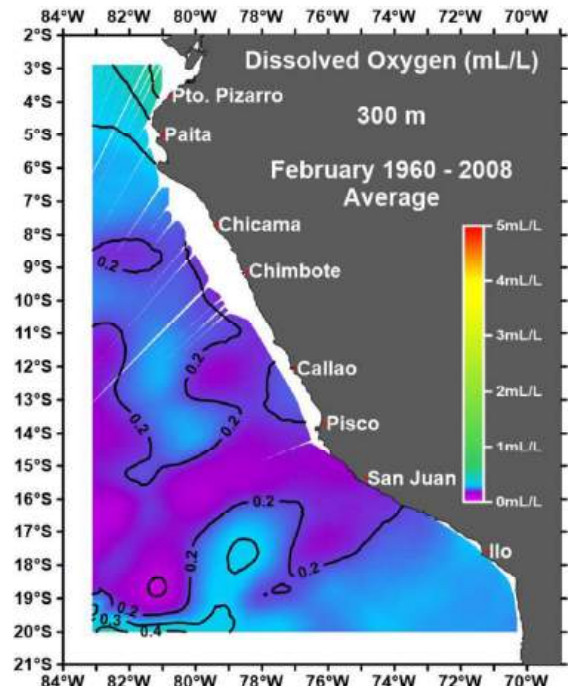
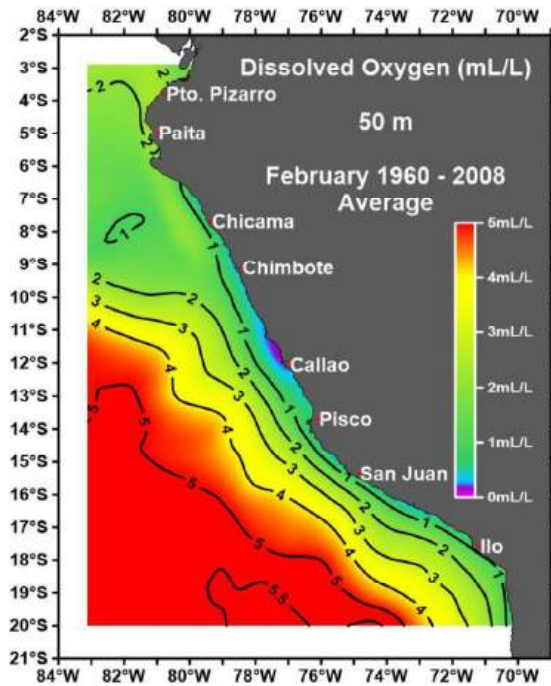
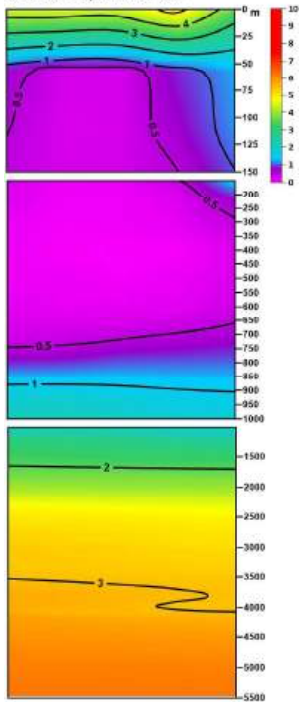


### Optical Method

The optical method measures dissolved oxygen based on the attenuation of fluorescence by oxygen. SBE63 and Minidot



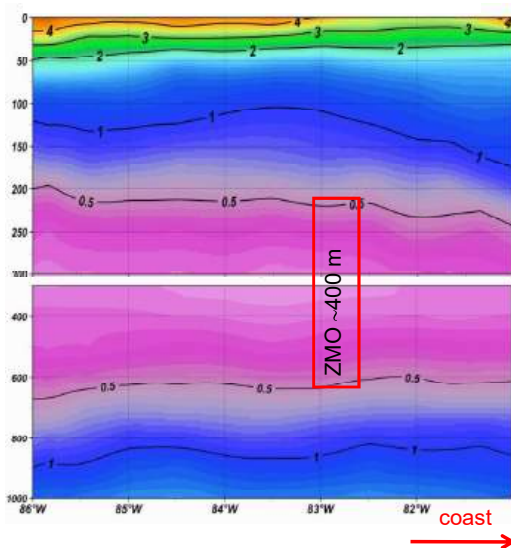
Dissolved Oxygen (mL/L)  
April 1960 - RV Burton  
06°54' - 08°00' S / 80°46' - 83°43 W



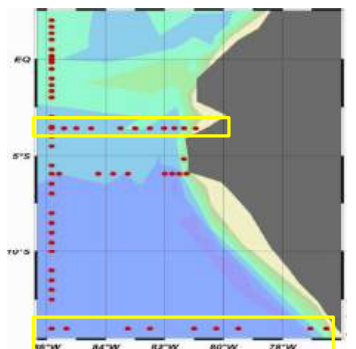
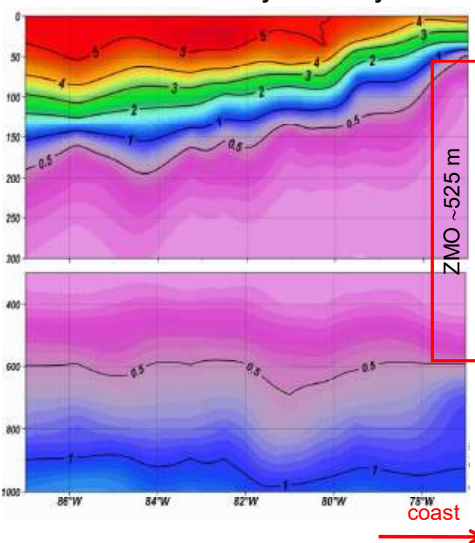
The extension of the Oxygen Minimum Zone increases towards the coast and south of 6°00' S. It also intensifies on the coast

Dissolved Oxygen

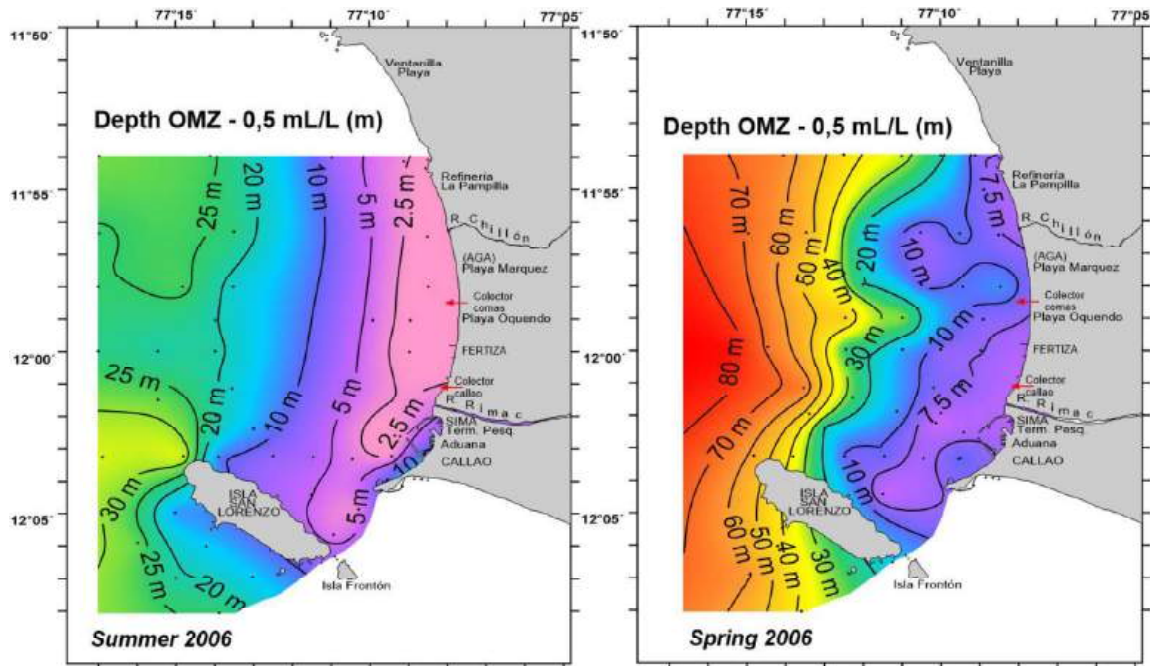
Puerto Pizarro 3° 30'S / February 2009



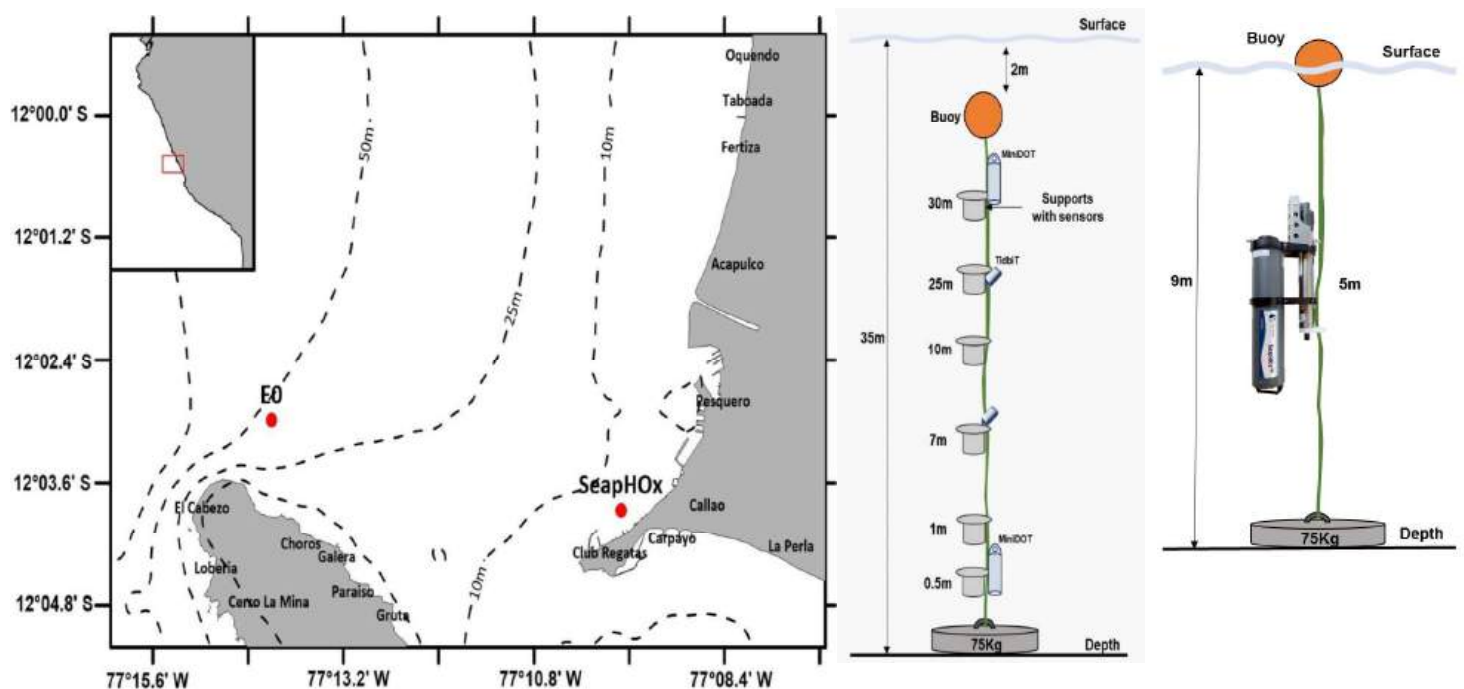
Pisco 14° 30'S / January - February 2009



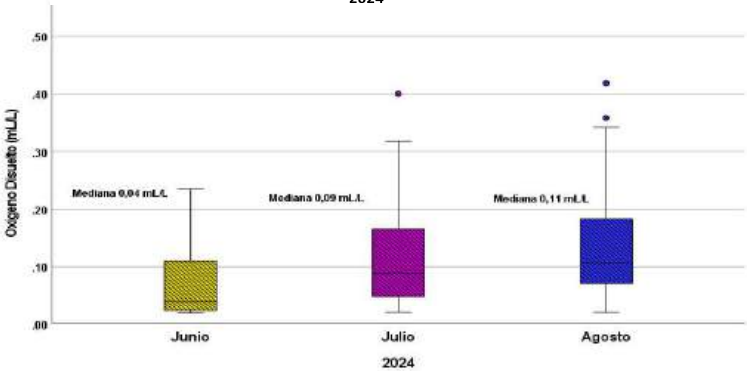
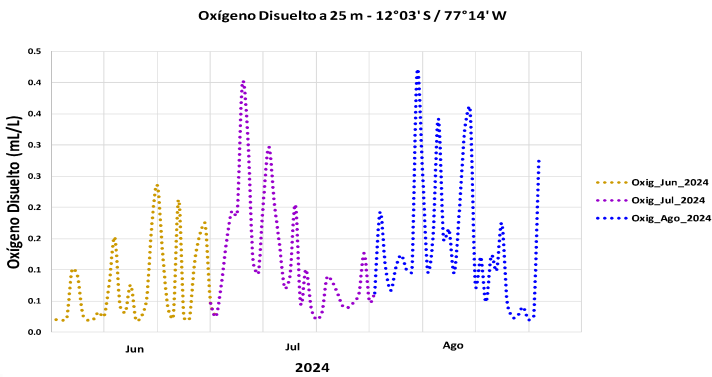
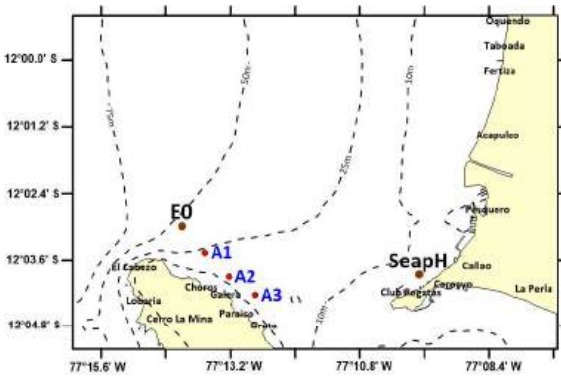
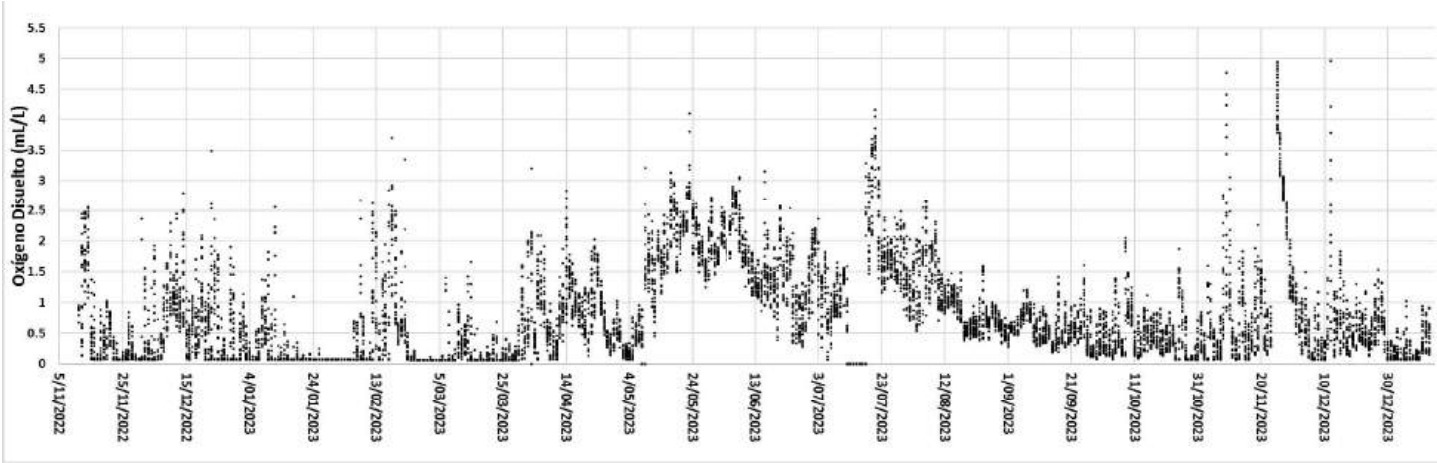
The upper limit of the Oxygen Minimum Zone is shallow on the coast of Callao, at approximately 20 m in the summer. During extreme El Niño periods, it is located at depths greater than 140 m.

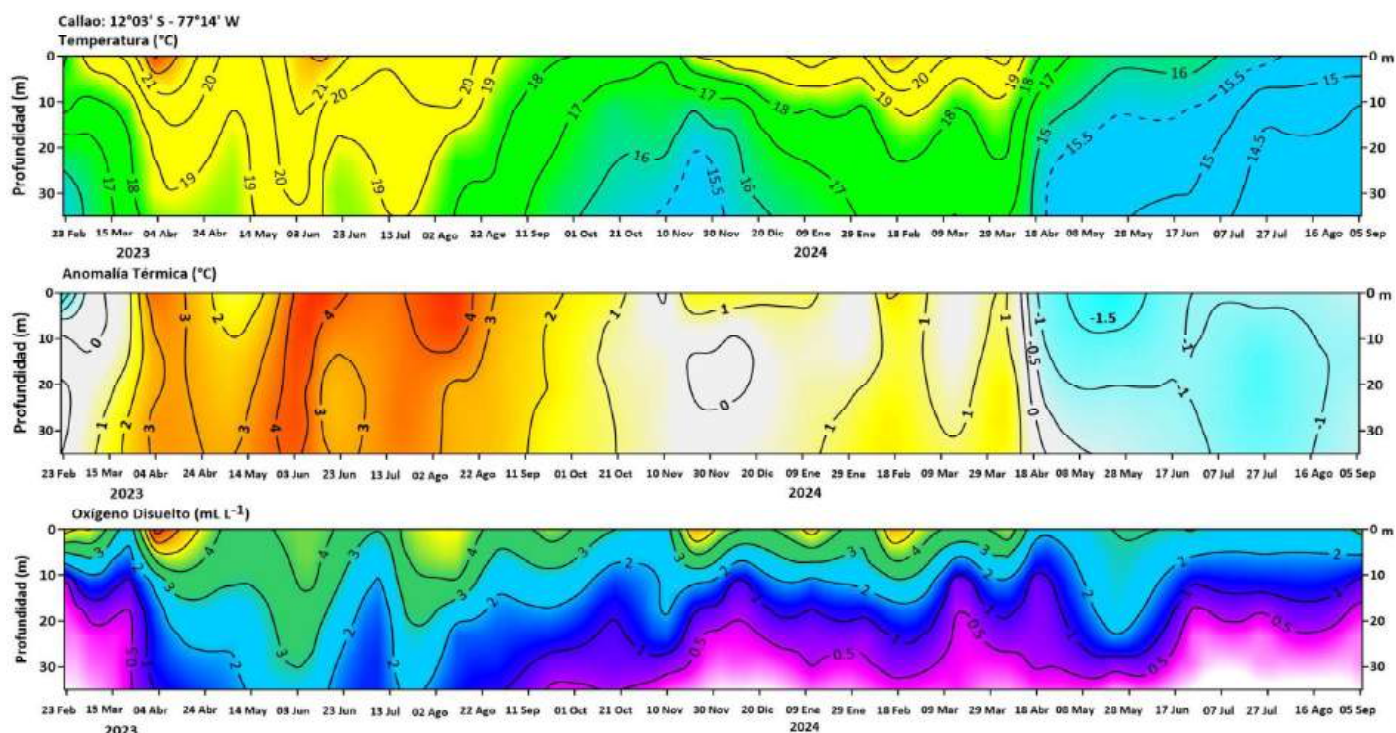


## Callao Observatory – 12°02' S



Dissolved Oxygen variability during 2023 – Depth 5 m





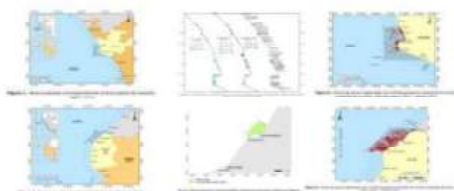
## EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS (EWS) FOR HUACHO AND MANCORA



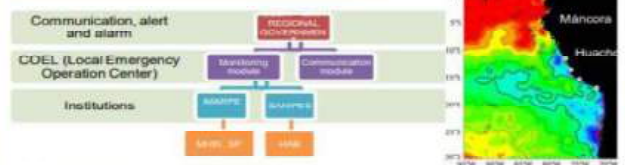
### Component 1: Risk knowledge

Hazards: Marine heatwaves (MHW), Harmful algal blooms (HAB), Sulphur plumes (SP)

- Monitoring zones and exposed elements:



### Component 2: Monitoring and alert



Operational model SAT:



### Component 4: Response capacity

- Working board for design of contingency plans
- Consultancy on pilot implementation (August – December 2022)

Goal: Climate change hazards impact fishery resources and ecosystems causing economic losses, thus it is necessary a permanent monitoring and response capacity for adaptation to increasing frequency and intensity of these hazards.

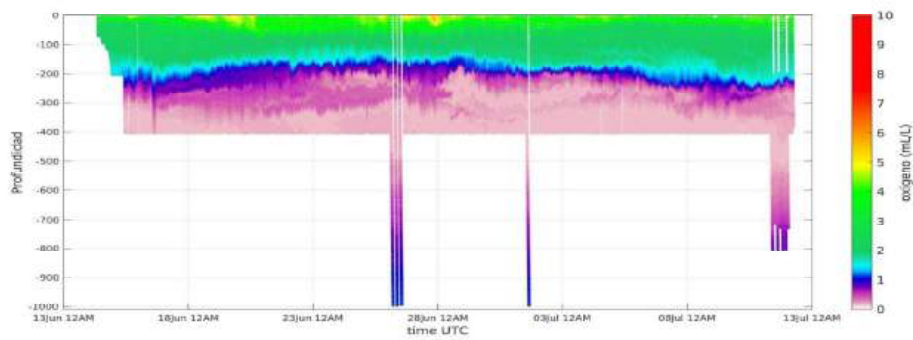


### Component 3: Communication and diffusion



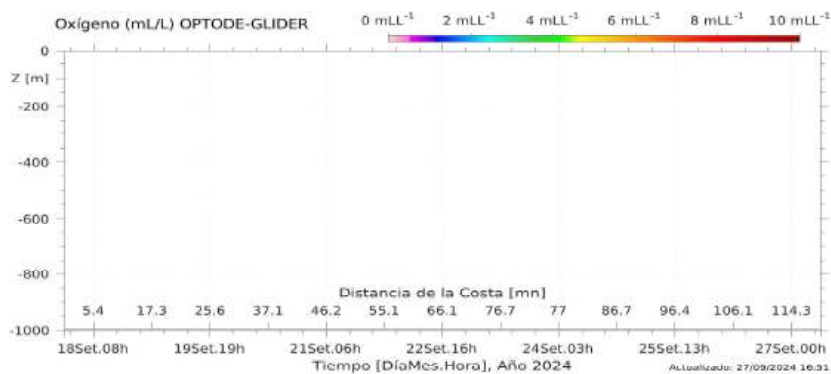
Media: Technical reports, maps  
Channel: Email, Oral messages, Local radio, Strategic partners

The main problem is the maintenance of high-tech equipment



Glider

June 2023 Optical sensor ok



September 2024 Optical sensor out of service



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# Reports of current protocols and activities for oxygen monitoring in APEC economies

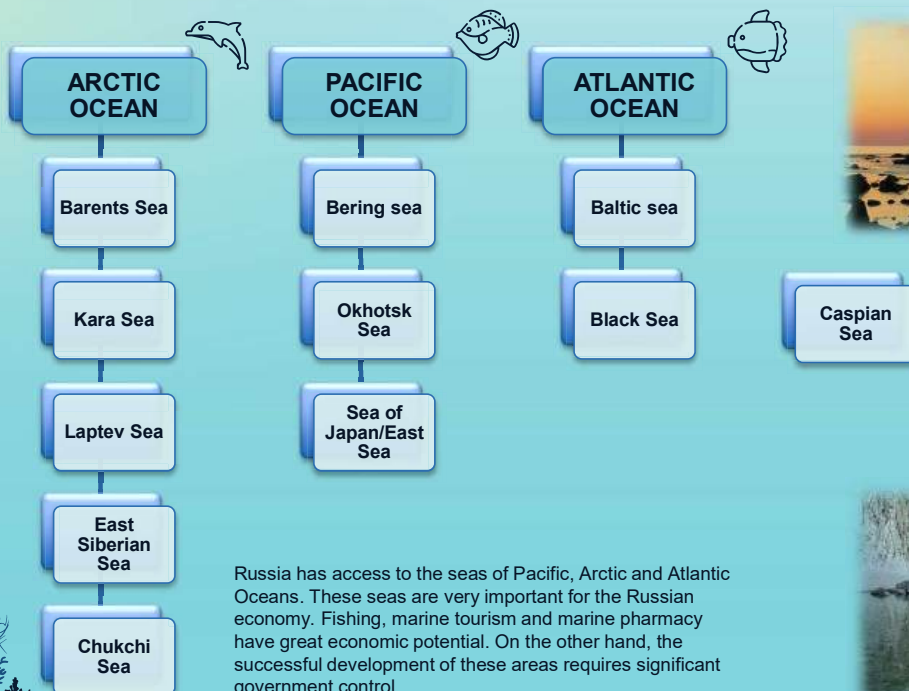
**RUSSIA**



## Content:

-  Seas and oceans of Russia
-  Main directions of Russian research on the World Ocean
-  Main Research Institutes of Oceanology in Russia
-  State system of control over the hydrochemical condition of Russian seas
-  Standards of dissolved oxygen in sea water
-  Dissolved oxygen monitoring stations in the Russian Far East
-  Oxygen conditions in the seas of the Russian Far East
-  Sea of Japan/East Sea, Amurskiy Bay
-  Conclusion

# Seas and oceans of Russia



Russia has access to the seas of Pacific, Arctic and Atlantic Oceans. These seas are very important for the Russian economy. Fishing, marine tourism and marine pharmacy have great economic potential. On the other hand, the successful development of these areas requires significant government control.



## The main directions of Russian research in the study of the World Ocean

### Climate



Oceans play a key role in regulating global climate processes by absorbing carbon dioxide and heat. Changes in the world's oceans lead to climate change. Scientists face the task of predicting and controlling these changes

### Ecosystems and biodiversity



Marine ecosystems are a complex of living organisms and habitats. Ecosystems are dynamic, dependent on and influenced by their environment. Assessing the state of marine ecosystems is important for their protection and efficient use

### Resources



The world's oceans contain vast reserves of minerals and food raw materials. However, their utilization requires prudent management and control in order to preserve and enhance them.

### Environmental protection



Overfishing, pollution, climate change and habitat destruction are problems of the world's oceans. It is necessary to identify sources of pollution, assess its impact on the ecosystem and develop strategies for protection.

### Global economic activity



Fisheries, marine tourism, marine pharmaceuticals have great economic potential. Stable development of these industries requires significant governmental attention and control.

### Scientific research



The world's oceans still hold many secrets. Scientists are faced with the task of searching for new biological and pharmacological resources, creating a digital atlas of the world's oceans and a global ocean observation system

# The most important Oceanography Research Institutes in Russia



Russian Federal  
Research Institute of  
Fisheries and  
Oceanography



Institute of Oceanology of  
the Russian Academy of  
Sciences



State Oceanographic  
Institute

There are more than twenty marine research institutes in Russia. The main institutes are located in large cities and there is a network of branches covering the Russia, especially in coastal cities. Over 200 branches in total.

## State system of control of hydrochemical conditions and pollution of the marine environment of Russia

N.N. Zybov State Oceanographic Institute

Since 1959:



Network for monitoring the hydrological conditions of the seas

Publish reports based on data from research institutes, control laboratories and marine expeditions

- ✓ Metal and organic pollution levels
- ✓ Multiannual trends in marine water quality
- ✓ Mean, minimum and maximum values of hydrological data

- ✓ Ice conditions
- ✓ Temperature and Salinity
- ✓ Water colour and Visibility
- ✓ Oxygen content
- ✓ pH data
- ✓ Alkalinity
- ✓ Concentration of nutrients
- ✓ Radioactivity

<http://гоин.рф/service/monitoring-zagryazneniya/ezhegodniki/>

Annual reports are available on the Internet, free access



# Standards for dissolved oxygen in seawater

## HEALTH STANDARDS

Dissolved oxygen content in recreational waters (swimming, water sports, etc.)

$\geq 6 \text{ mg/l}$

## STANDARDS FOR FISHING WATER AREAS

Dissolved oxygen content for valuable fish species

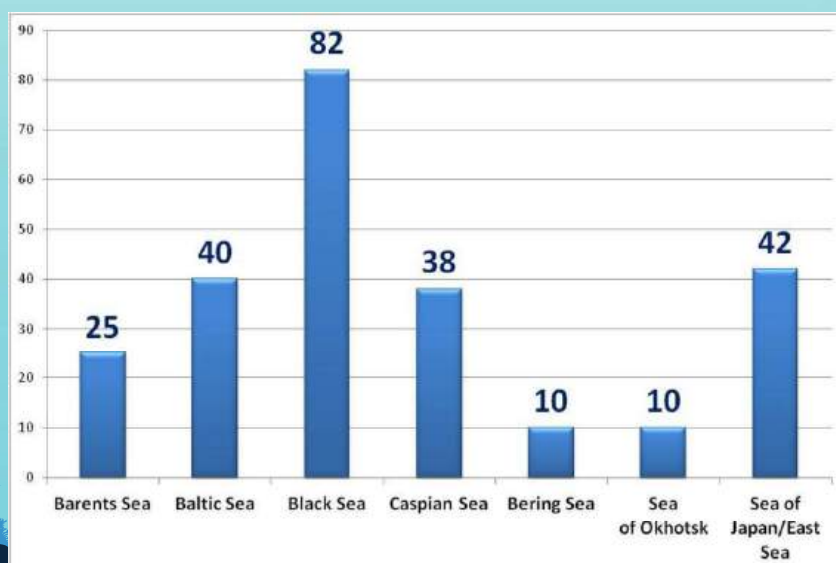
$\geq 6 \text{ mg/l}$

Dissolved oxygen content for other fish species

$\geq 4 \text{ mg/l}$



# Number of monitoring stations of the hydrochemical conditions and the pollution level of the Russian seas



## Year 2022

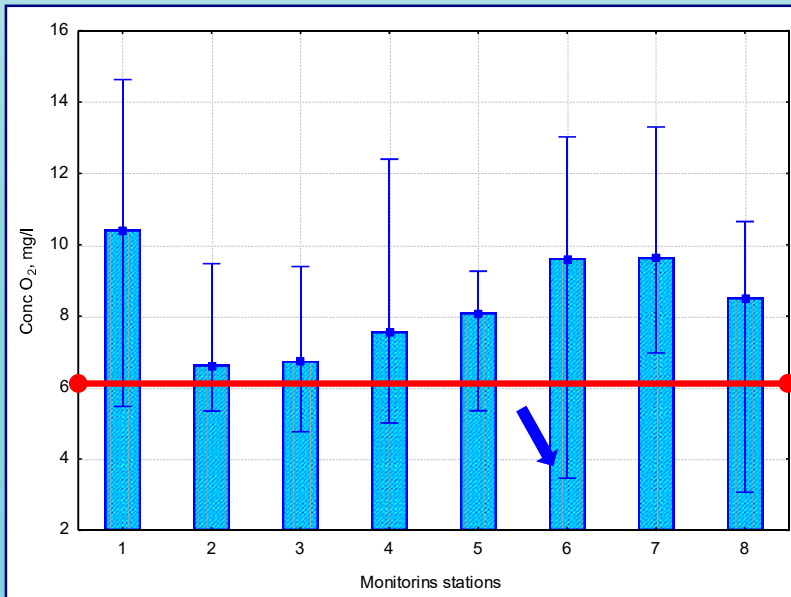
247 stations  
2019 water samples  
72 control parameters  
47110 chemical analyses



There are monitoring stations in all regions of Russia. The total number of stations is 247. The number of stations is almost the same every year. It's just monitoring. Research data aren't considered



# Oxygen monitoring stations and oxygen content in the seas of the Russian Far East (bottom layer, 2022)



1. Kamchatka, Avacha bay;
2. Sea of Okhotsk, Aniva bay;
3. Sea of Okhotsk, Korsakov;
4. Sea of Japan, Zolotoy Rog bay;
5. Sea of Japan, str. Bosfor Vostochnyy;
6. Sea of Japan, Amurskiy bay;
7. Sea of Japan, Ussuriyskiy bay;
8. Tatar str.

Monitoring is carried out from ships and coastal stations. On average, oxygen concentrations are good for all stations. Lower oxygen concentrations were found during the summer season when water temperatures increased.

The worst results are observed at stations 2 and 3. These stations are located on Sakhalin Island, near the Liquefied Natural Gas plant.

The situation is even worse at stations 4, 5 and 6 in summer season. These control stations are located near Vladivostok.

## Changes in dissolved oxygen concentration in the Amurskiy Bay of the Sea of Japan



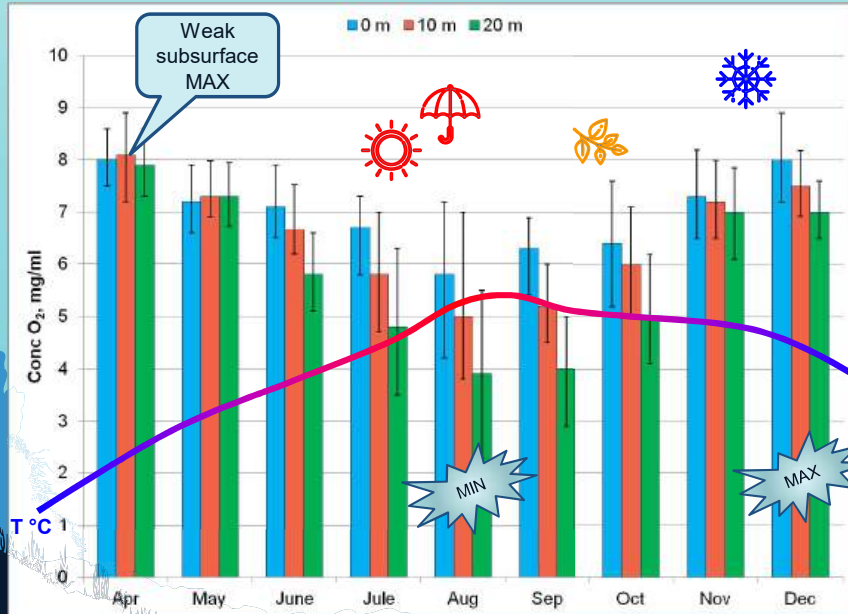
### AMURSKIY BAY

- near the city of Vladivostok
- extends deep into the land
- closed to the open sea
- average depth is 30 m
- maximum depth is 53 m
- northern part of the bay is shallow (depth ~10 m)
- Razdolnaya River flows into the bay from the northwest

# Changes in dissolved oxygen levels in the Amurskiy Bay of the Sea of Japan

## Vertical and Seasonal distribution of dissolved oxygen in the Amurskiy Bay of the Sea of Japan

Summary of research data from 1925 to 2020



Water temperature has the greatest effect on the oxygen content of the water.

In winter the oxygen content is at its maximum.

In spring, a weak subsurface maximum is formed as the surface water warms.

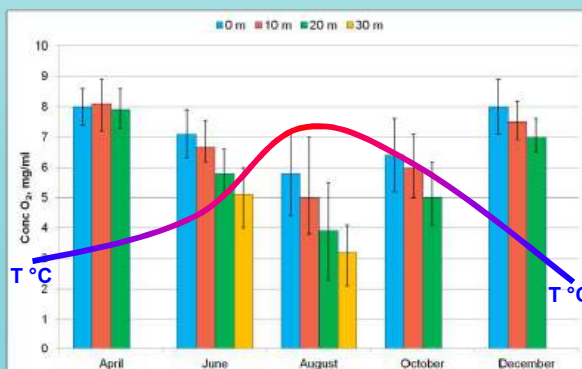
In summer, a significant increase in water temperature creates an annual minimum of oxygen at depth and near the bottom.

In autumn, as the surface waters begin to cool, exchange processes intensify and the oxygen concentration in the depths of the bay balances and increases again.

# Changes in dissolved oxygen levels in the Amurskiy Bay of the Sea of Japan

## Vertical and Seasonal distribution of dissolved oxygen in the Amurskiy Bay of the Sea of Japan

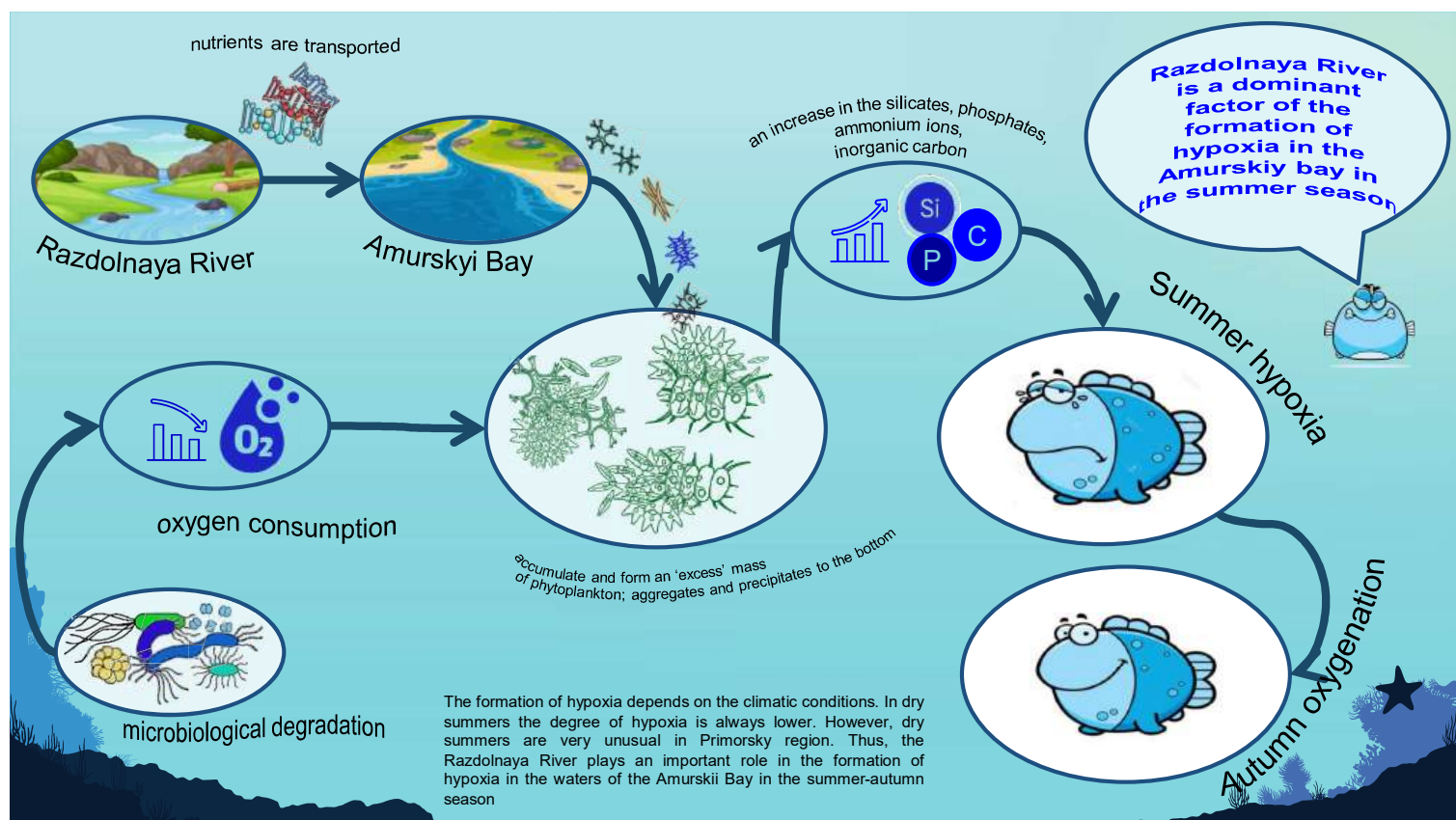
Summary of research data from 1925 to 2020



The decrease in oxygen levels as the temperature increases during the summer season

**BUT!** Temperature is not the only factor affecting dissolved oxygen levels in the seawater of Amurskiy Bay





## Conclusion



Monitoring of the oxygen content of seawater in Russia is regulated by the state and carried out regularly.




The work involves scientific institutes, branches, research and fishing vessels, and coastal laboratories.



Reduced oxygen levels are observed in summer and are associated with both seasonal temperature increases and eutrophication of closed bays during the flood period.



In general, hypoxia is short-term and does not cause irreversible changes in marine ecosystems

An underwater-themed illustration with a light blue gradient background. Dark blue silhouettes of coral and seaweed are positioned along the left and bottom edges. A small black starfish is in the top left, and a larger, faint white starfish is in the top right. A school of small black fish swims in the bottom left, and a single black fish is near the bottom right.

**Thank you for your  
attentions!**



Asia-Pacific  
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# Overview of Oxygen Monitoring and Situation in Coastal Waters of Thailand

Senior Expert on Marine Fisheries

Director of Coastal Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Research and Development Center

Department of Fisheries, Thailand

30 September – 3 October 2024

Paracas, Peru

## Outline

### A. Introduction and overview of Thai fishery

### B. Oxygen monitoring and situation

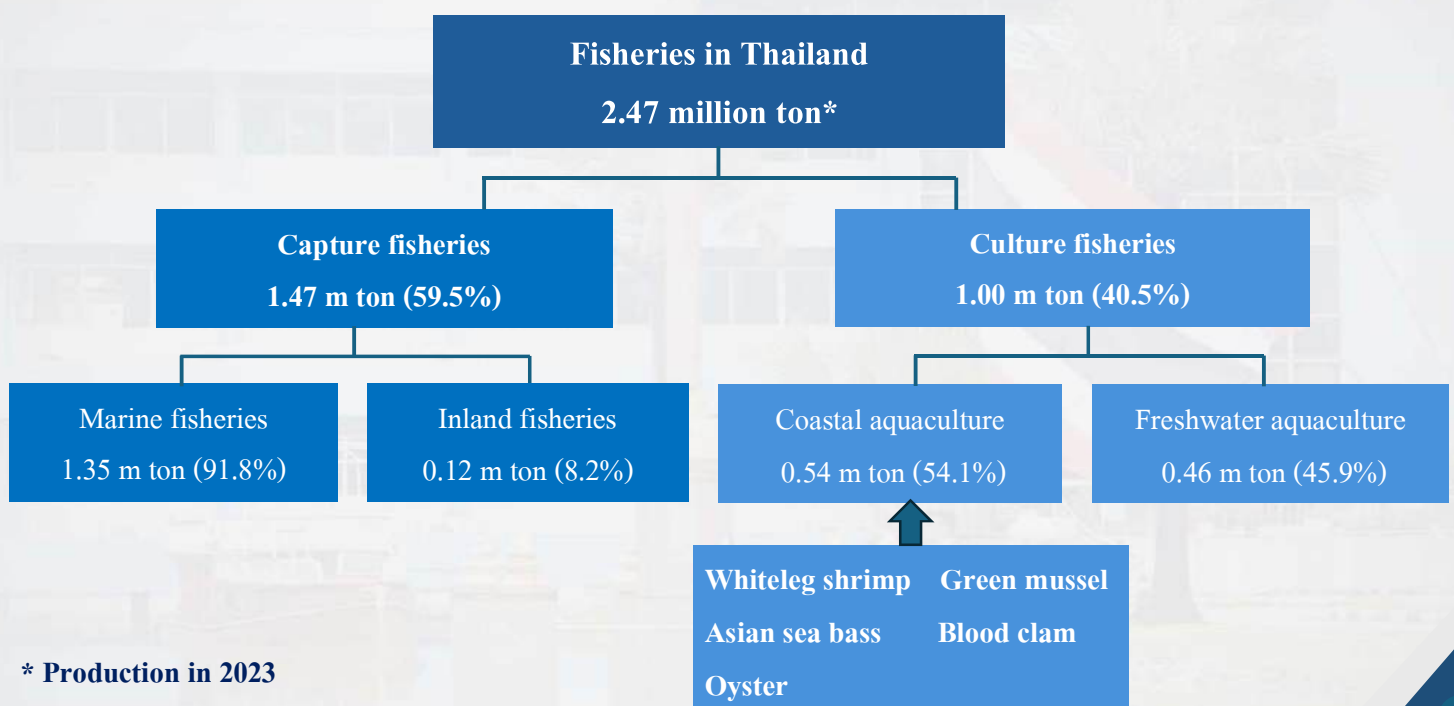
1. Drivers of low oxygen in the coastal waters of Thailand
2. Types of coastal water living resources
3. Economic implications of oxygen loss in environments
4. Emblematic cases of oxygen monitoring in a coastal environment
5. Current gaps in oxygen monitoring

## A. Introduction : Thailand

- Southeast Asian **economy**
- Capital city : Bangkok
- Land area: 513,120 sq.km.
- Maritime area: 350,000 sq.km.
- Coastline: 2,815 km. /1,760 miles

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## A. Introduction : The Nation's Fisheries



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# 1. Drivers of low oxygen in the coastal waters of Thailand

## Nutrient pollution

- Untreated or poorly treated wastewater from cities contributes to nutrient overload.
  - Communities
  - Industries
- Fertilizers from farms, rich in nitrogen and phosphorus, enter coastal waters through rivers and streams.
  - Aquaculture
  - Livestock

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## An example of coastal community in the Gulf of Thailand



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# 1. Drivers of low oxygen in the coastal waters of Thailand

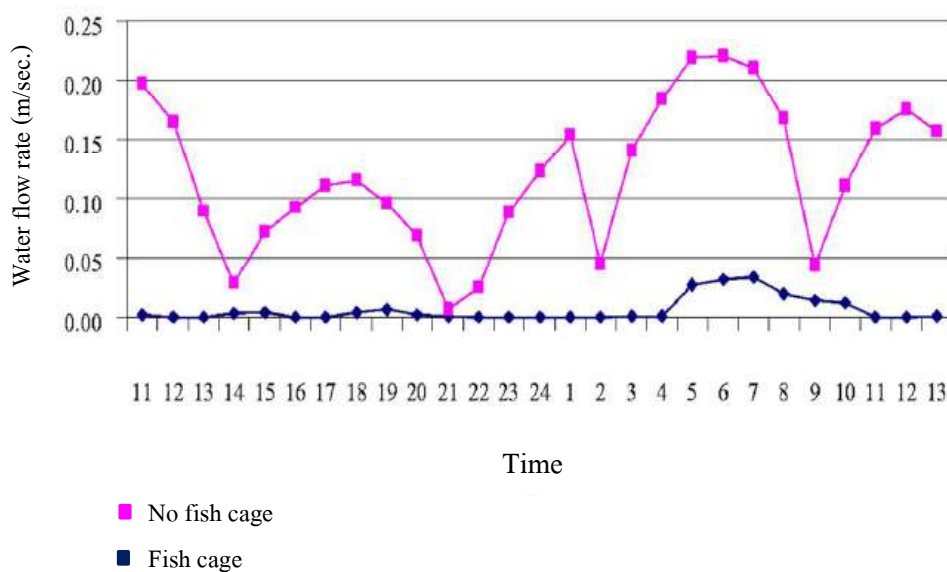
## Oxygen depletion from coastal aquaculture

- Normally occurred at fish cage culture areas
- Low oxygen caused by several factors
  - Fish respiration
  - Tidal flow (blocked by the dense of fish cage)
  - Biofouling
  - Algal bloom
- Usually found lowest DO content at dawn



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## Water flow in coastal cage culture area



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## 2. Types of coastal water living resources

- ✓ Several coastal species of fishes, shrimps, crabs, squids, etc.
- ✓ Bivalves
  - Undulate venus (*Paratapes undulatus*)
  - Blood clam (*Anadara granosa*)
  - Green mussel (*Perna viridis*)



Undulate venus (*Paratapes undulatus*)

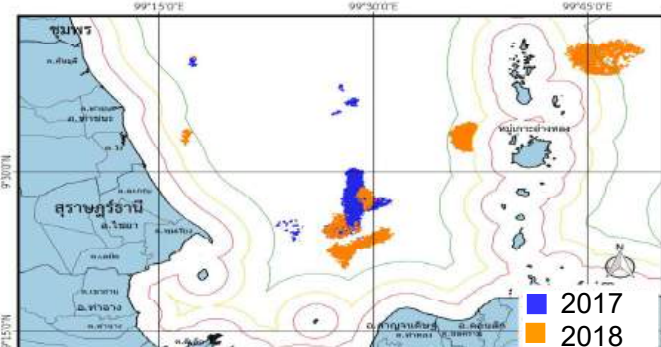
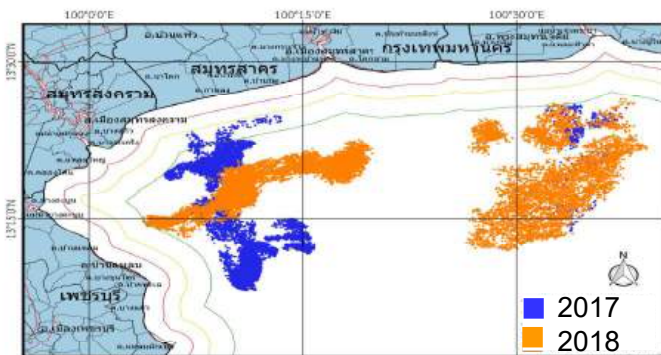


Blood clam (*Anadara granosa*)



Green mussel (*Perna viridis*)

### Undulate venus fishing ground



Blood clam culture area



Green mussel culture area



### 3. Economic implications of oxygen loss in environments

#### ➤ Effect on tourism



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#### ➤ Effect on fisheries resources



### 3. Economic implications of oxygen loss in environments

#### ➤ Effect on fish cage culture

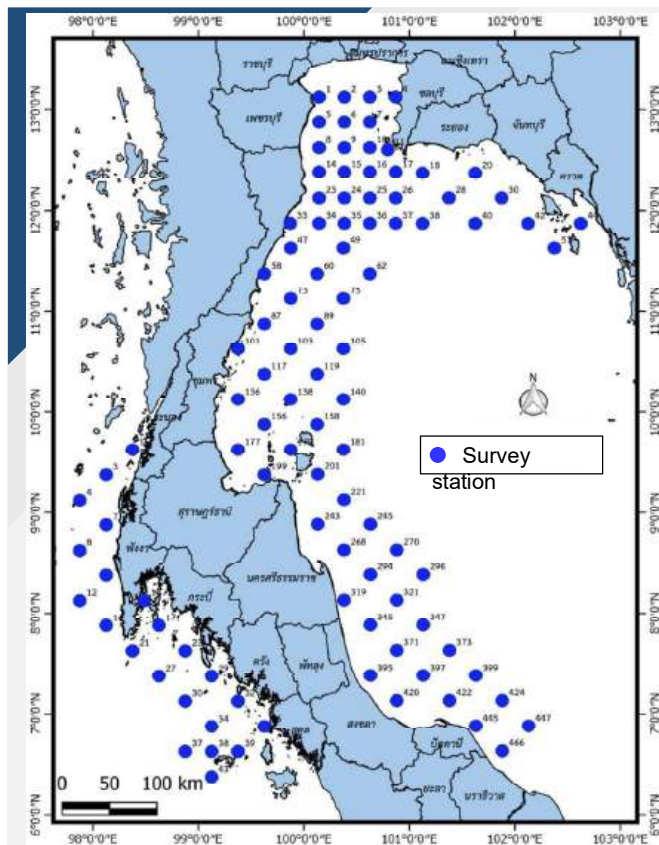


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### 4. Emblematic cases of oxygen monitoring in a coastal environment

- ✓ DO monitoring by research vessel in Thai waters
- ✓ DO monitoring in Songkhla Lake

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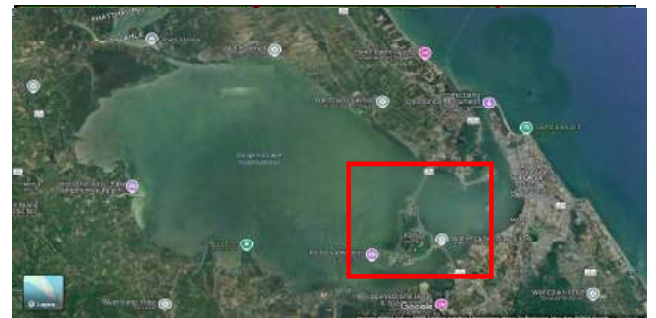
## DO monitoring by research vessel in Thai waters

- ✓ Four trips a year
- ✓ Using CTD



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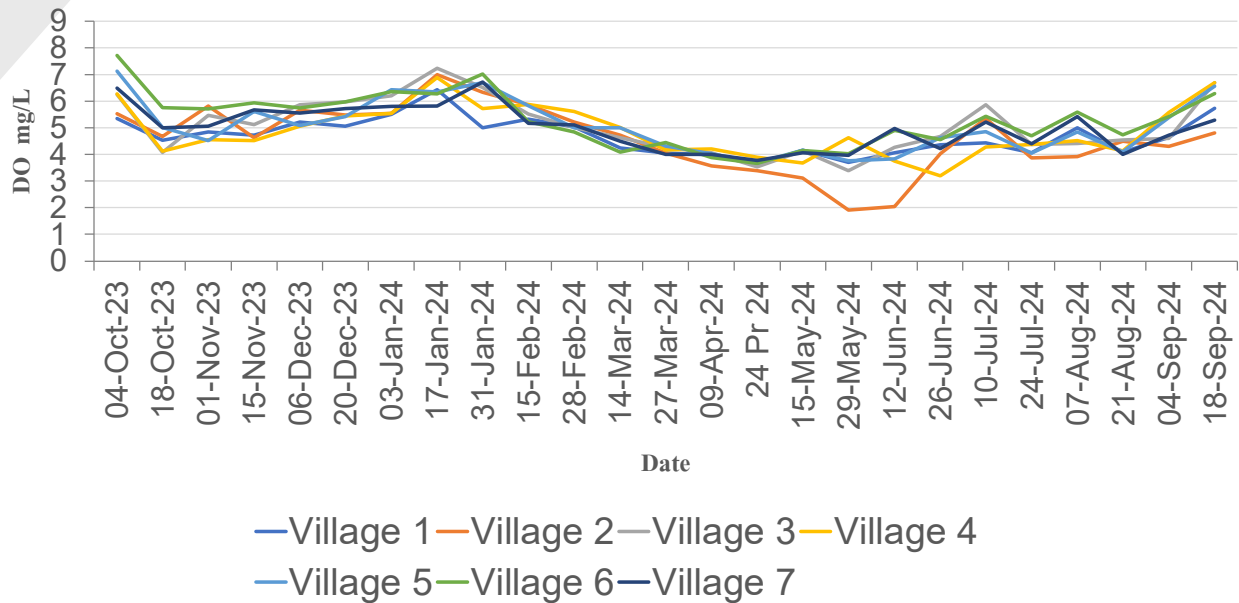
## DO monitoring in Songkhla Lake



- High density of Asian sea bass cage farming
- DO monitoring in the morning every two weeks at 7 villages
- Report the DO level to farmers by using a mobile application
- In case of low DO, farmers can prepare for aeration

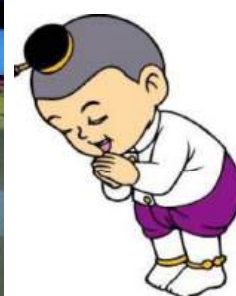
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## Results of annual DO monitoring at Songkhla Lake



## 5. Current gaps in oxygen monitoring and its application for the management of living resources

- Data quality affected by personnel skill
- No real-time DO monitoring both in aquaculture and natural water body
- Lack of timely DO monitoring in coastal and offshore area
- No integrated database, many authorities are responsible for DO monitoring
- Lack of expertise in DO modeling

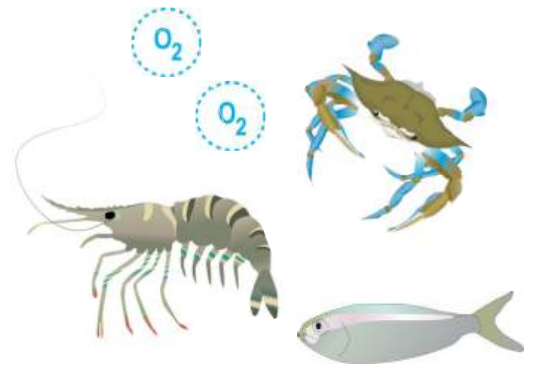


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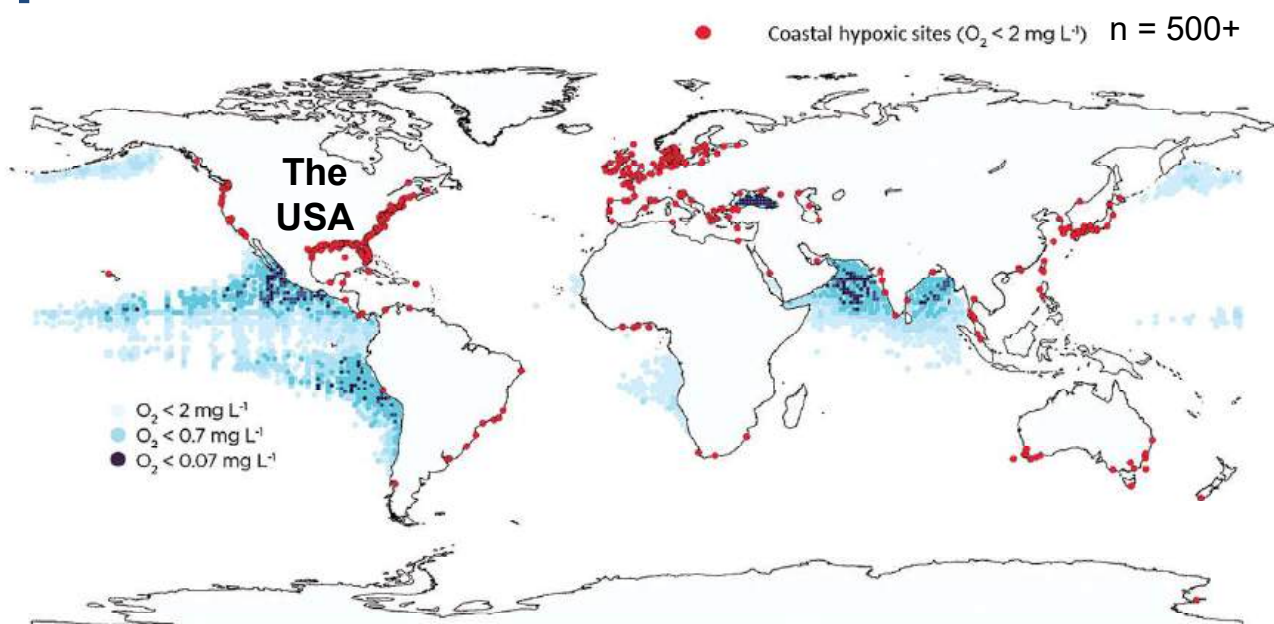
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U.S. Geological Survey



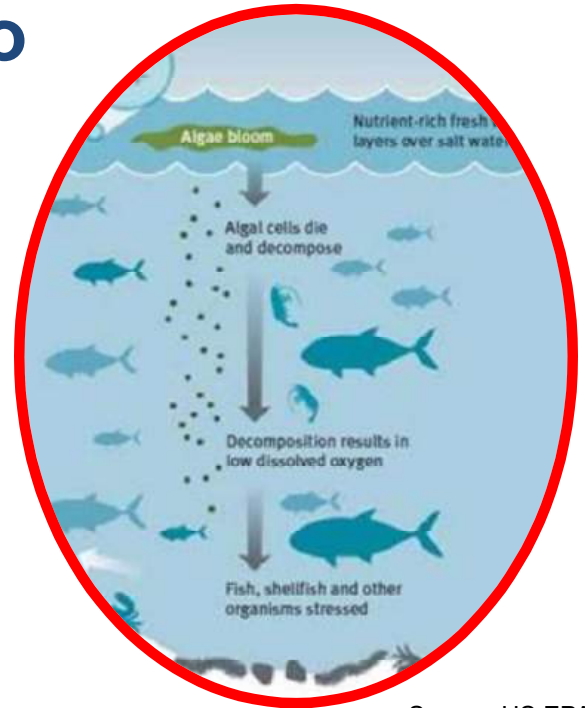
## Hypoxia is found worldwide



# Northern Gulf of Mexico

## Drivers of Bottom-water Low Oxygen are:

- Natural **stratification** of the water column
- **Nutrient-rich** water promote algal blooms



Source: US EPA

# Northern Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia

**Member Economy:** the USA

**Definition:**  $\leq 2 \text{ mg O}_2 \text{ L}^{-1}$

**Duration (Time Series):** mid-May through mid-September

**Extent (Area):** up to 23,000 km<sup>2</sup>

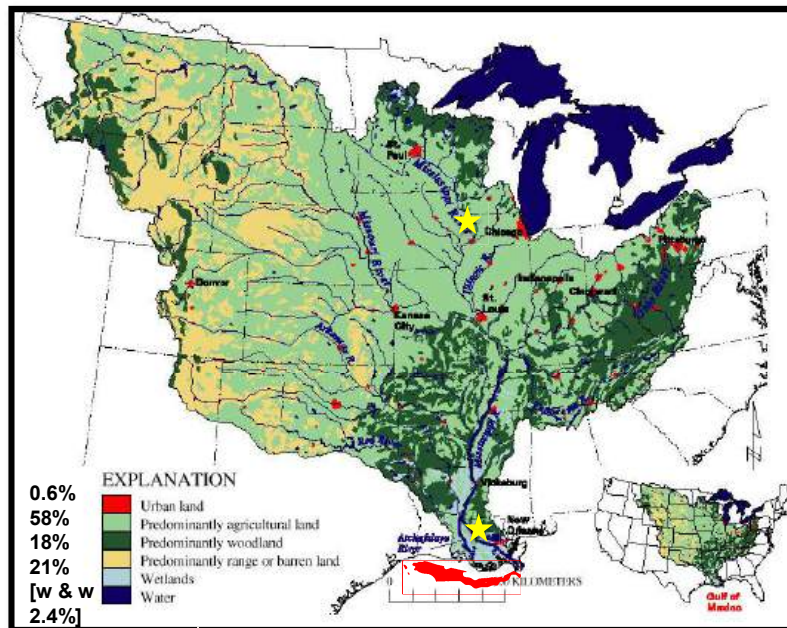
**Earliest Monitored D.O.:** 1970s  
(Rabalais et al. 2002)

**D.O. Index:** area (km<sup>2</sup>)

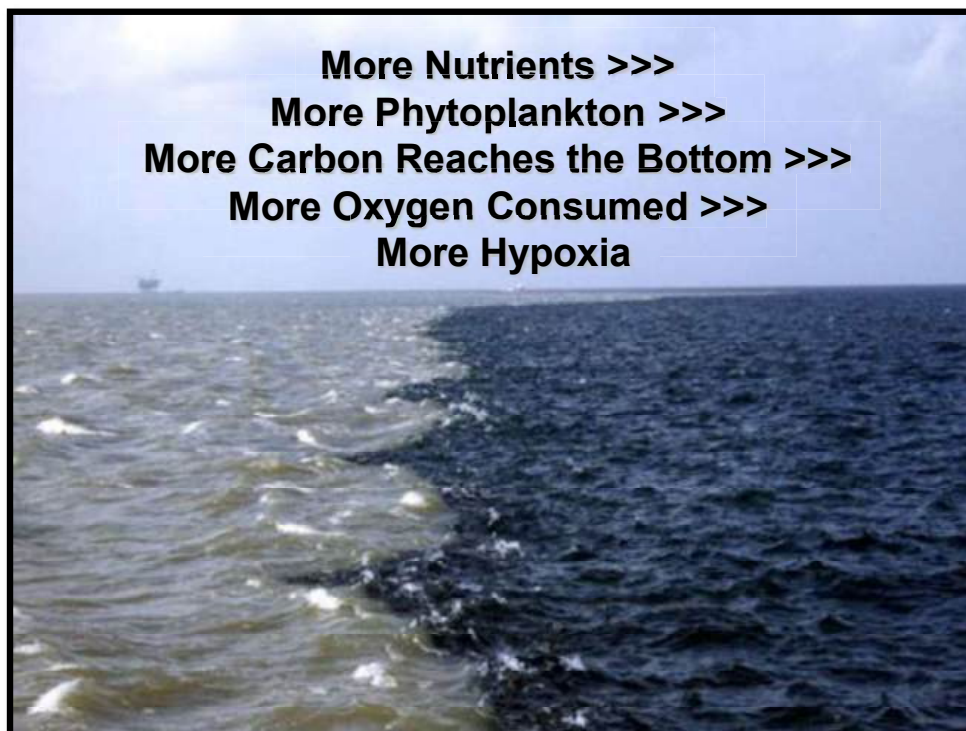
**Fishery:** shrimps, crabs, fishes

Source: US EPA

# Agricultural Runoff Drives Nutrient Enrichment



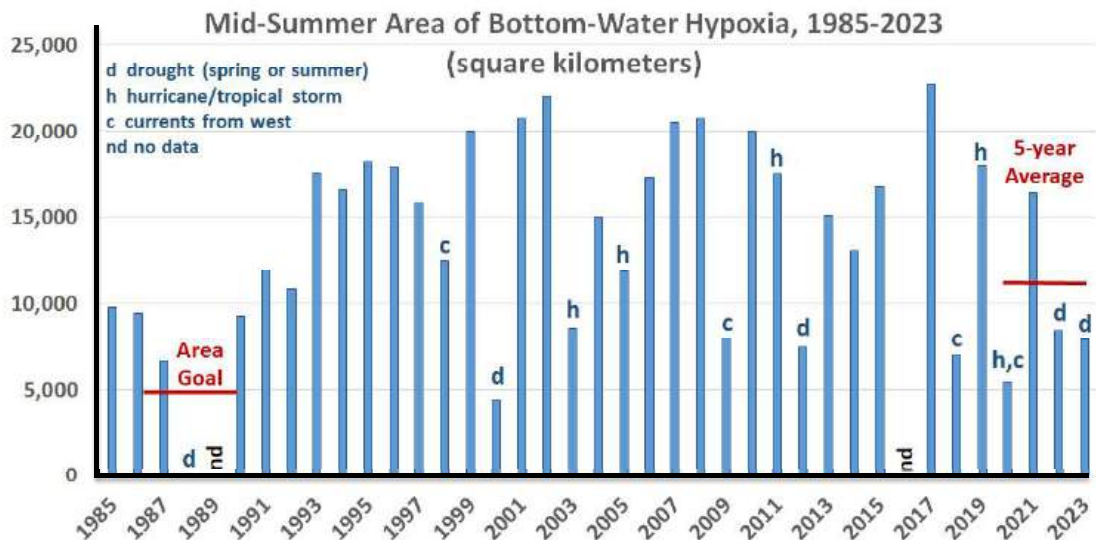
Goolsby et al., 1999, Rabalais 2002



Source: N. Rabalais

# Long-term Monitoring of Area

**Hypoxia Area (km<sup>2</sup>)**



Source: N. Rabalais and R.E. Turner

## 2017 Hypoxia Similar to Ica Region

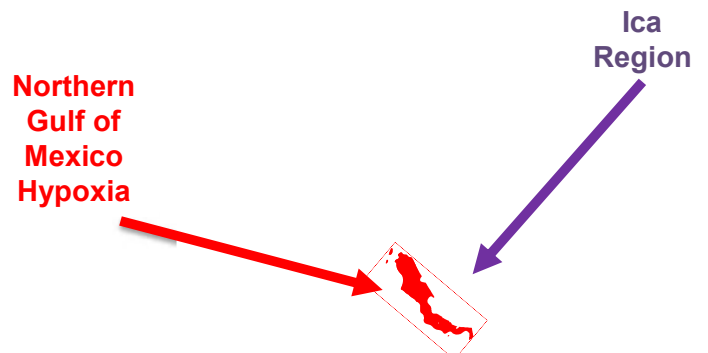
**Peru**

### Northern Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia

- 2017 Largest area: 22,720 km<sup>2</sup>

### Ica Region, Peru

- Area: 21,328 km<sup>2</sup>



# Living Resources Affected by Coastal Hypoxia

## Shrimp

- Brown shrimp (*Farfantepenaeus aztecus*)
- White shrimp (*Litopenaeus setiferus*)
  - Example: \$232M USD, 2022 landings in Gulf of Mexico

## Crabs

- Blue crab (*Callinectes sapidus*)

## Fish

- Gulf menhaden (*Brevoortia patronus*)
- Atlantic croaker (*Micropogonias undulatus*)



Source: NOAA Fisheries

# Economic Implications of Oxygen Loss

- Bottom-water hypoxia **increases the relative price** of large shrimp compared to small shrimp
- The effects of **fuel prices** of shrimping fleet provide supporting evidence

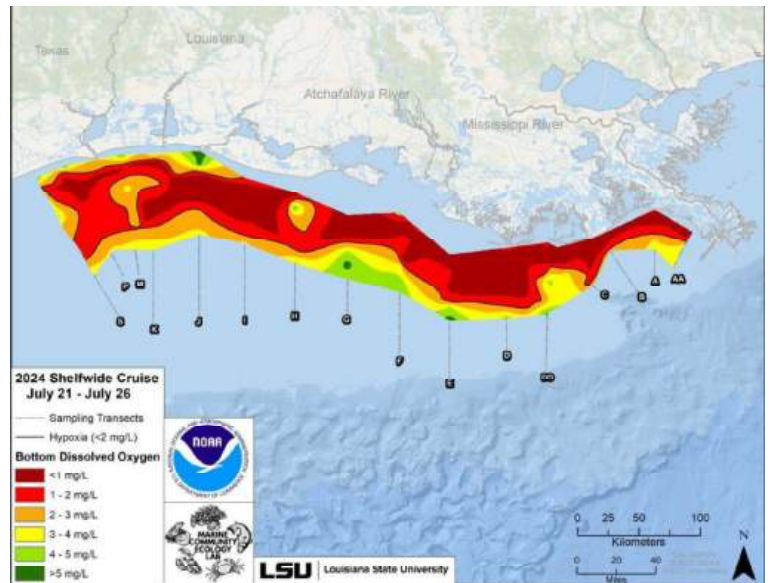
Smith et al. 2017



Source: M. Baustian

# Current Monitoring Gaps and Opportunities

- **Long-term funding to continue annual area monitoring with ships**
  - Use of unmanned autonomous surface vehicles
- **Interactions with warmer waters on ecology of coastal hypoxia**
  - Incorporate into hypoxia forecasting models



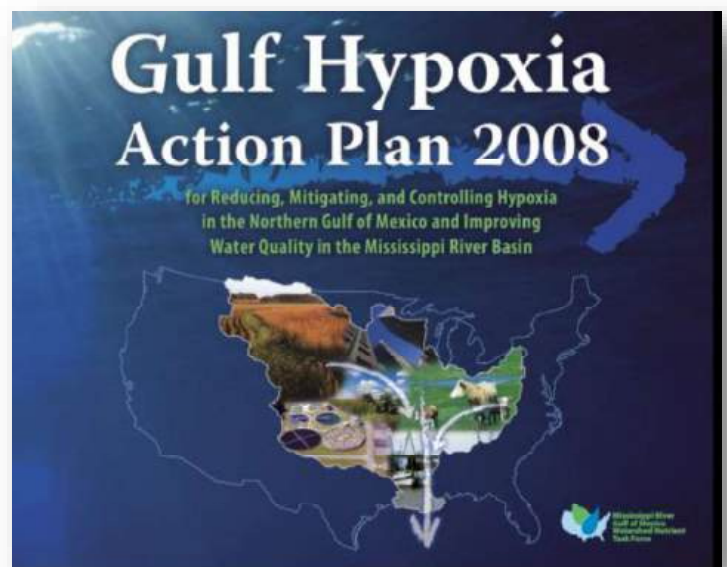
Source: N. Rabalais

## Management of Hypoxia

### Gulf Hypoxia Action Plan:

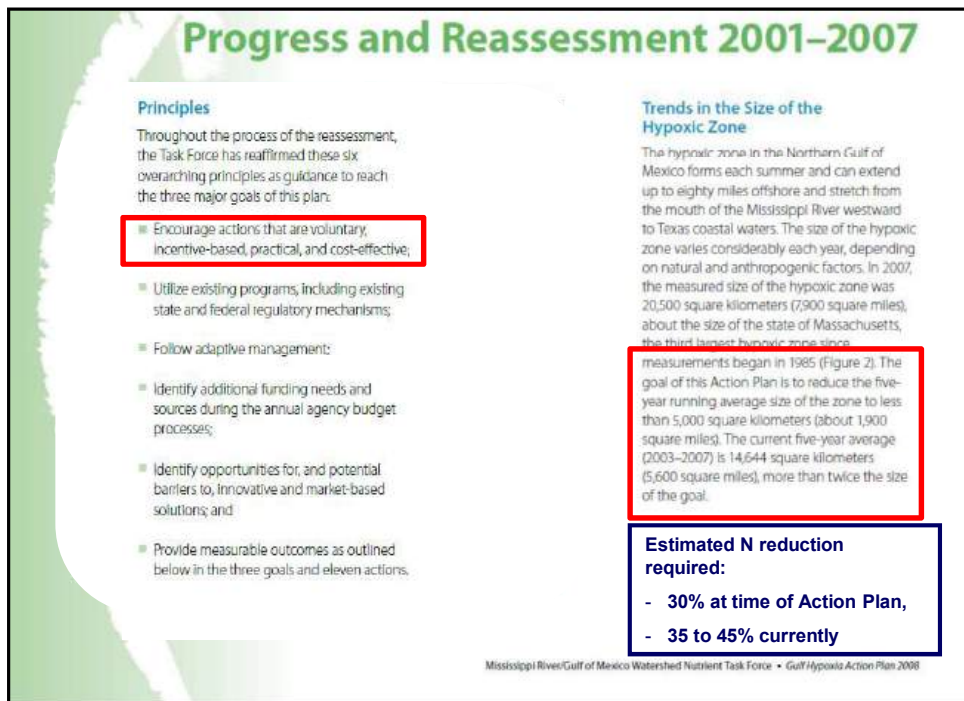
- 2001: Established
- 2008: Updated
- 2015: Coastal goal updated
  - Reduce 5-year running average of hypoxia area to **5,000 km<sup>2</sup> or less** by 2035
  - **20% reduction of TN and TP** loading by 2025

“Federal agencies, States, Tribes and other partners will work collaboratively”



Source: US EPA

# Action Plan 2008



Source: US EPA

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Shelfwide Cruise, Summer 2007

# Useful Links



[www.gulfhypoxia.net](http://www.gulfhypoxia.net)

Lead researcher: Dr. Nancy Rabalais



<https://coastalscience.noaa.gov/crp/hypoxia/>

NOAA website



<https://www.epa.gov/ms-htf/gulf-hypoxia-program>

US EPA website

## Thank You!

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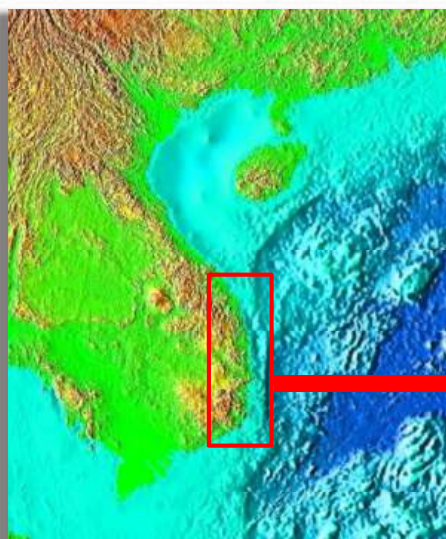
Developing best practices to address coastal marine oxygen loss in APEC economies for improving the management of marine living resources

# Current situation of the oxygen monitoring in Viet Nam

Research Institute for Marine Fisheries (RIMF)

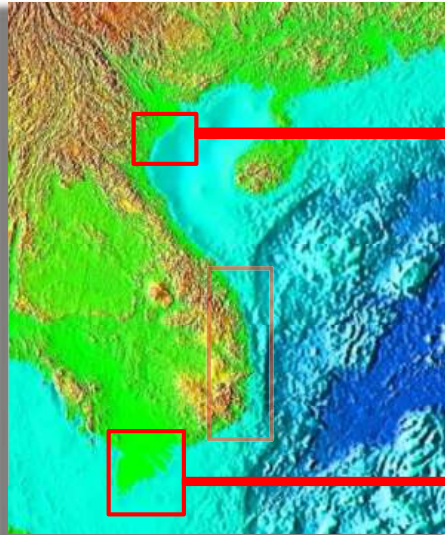
September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024, Paracas, Peru

## Overview of Vietnam coastal water & habitat and the current utilization



- Steep coastline
- No problem with DO

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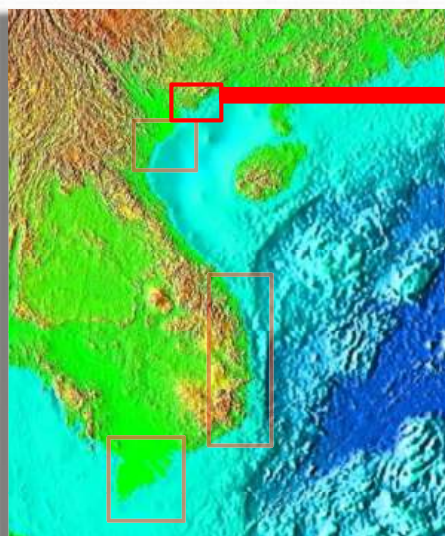
Red-river river mouth  
No problem with DO



Mekong river mouth  
No problem with DO



## Overview of Vietnam coastal water & habitat and the current utilization



Monitoring sites:  
1. Quang Ninh  
2. Hạ Long Bay

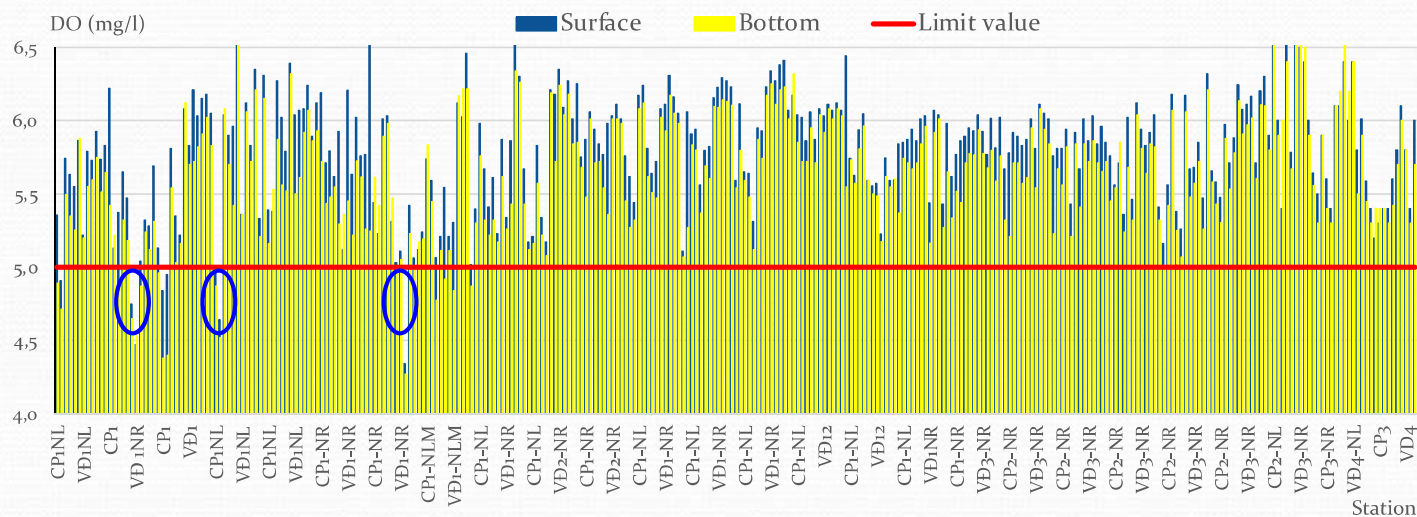
Low DO in semi-close waters links with fish cages



# Marine environment monitoring system 2001-2023

## DO data set from monitoring program

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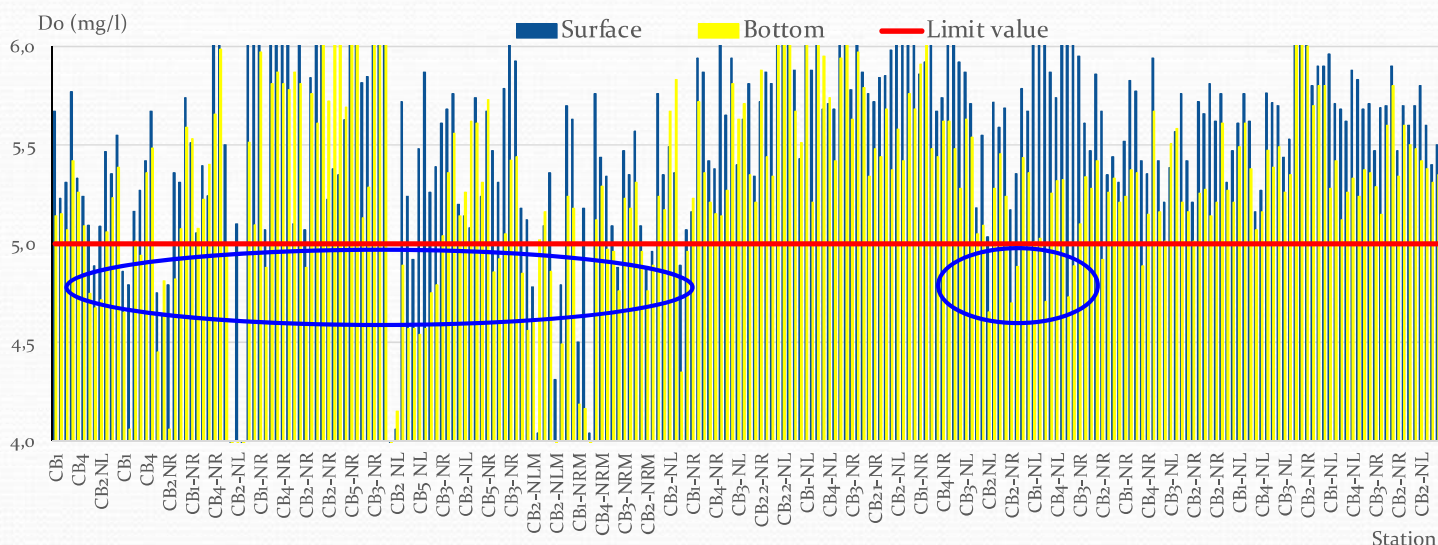


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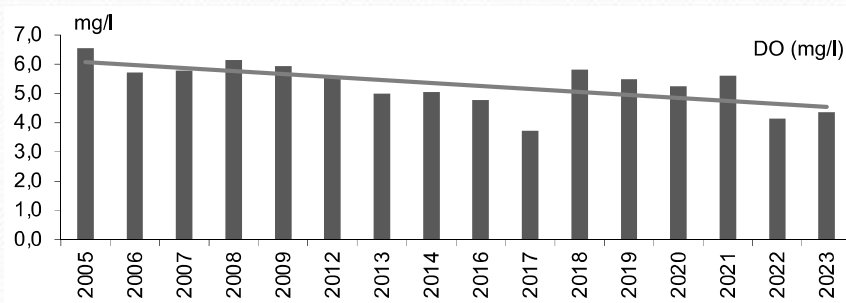
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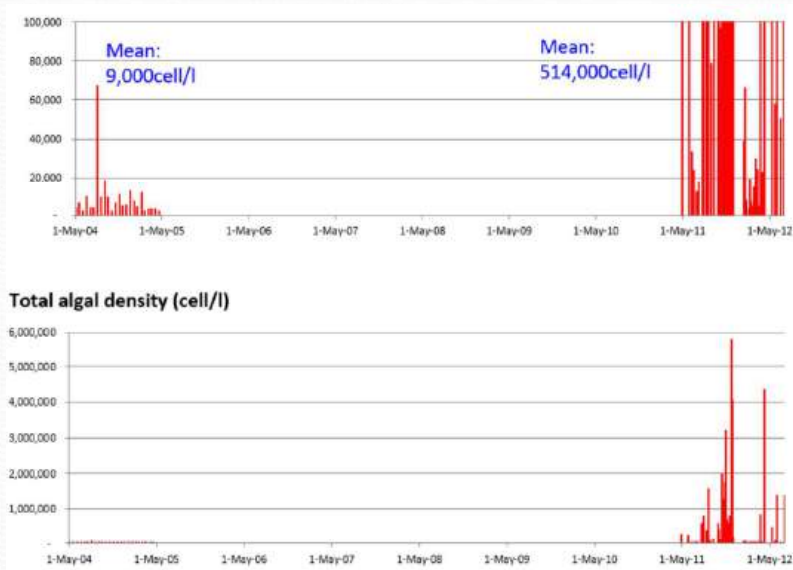


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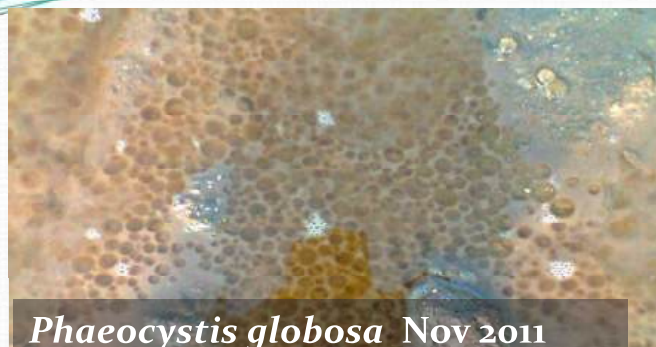
## DO in site 2 during 2005-2023



## DO reduction links with the increase in phytoplankton density



## These redtides never happens before



*Phaeocystis globosa* Nov 2011



*Trichodesmium* Apr 2014



Red *Noctiluca* April 2012

## Impact on aquaculture



- Mass mortality of bival



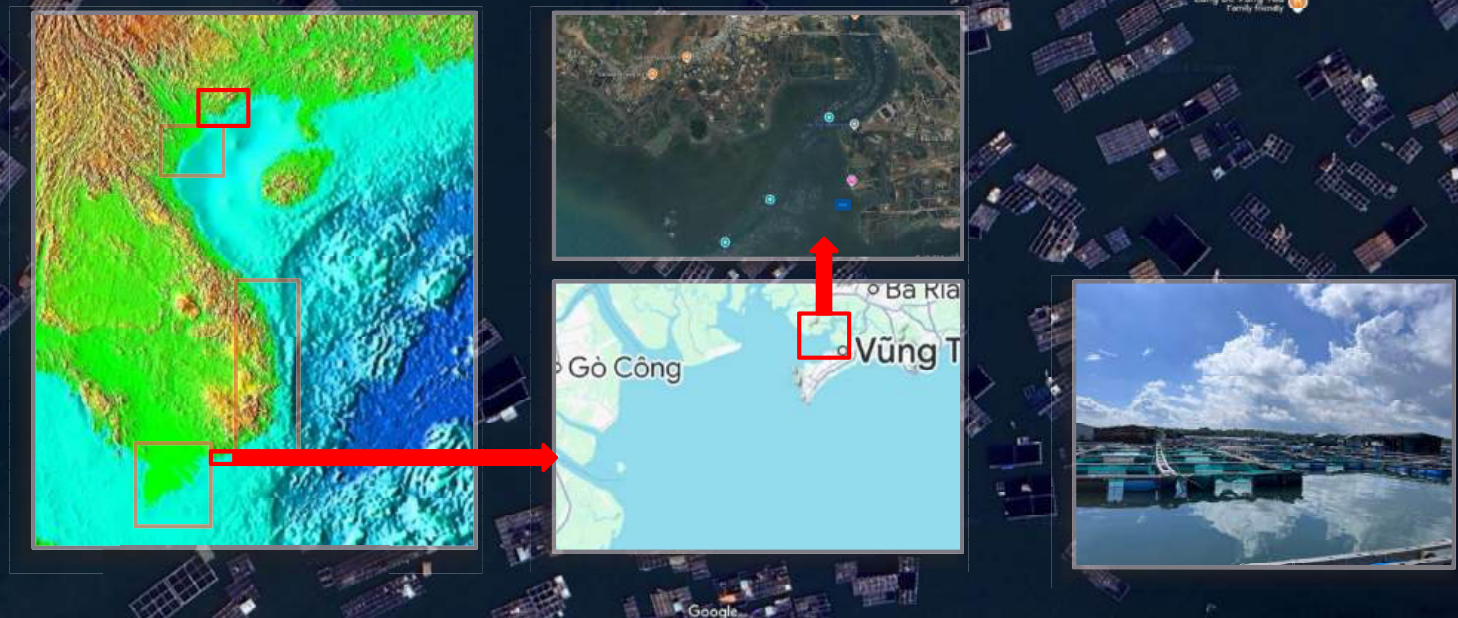
- White sediment turns dark



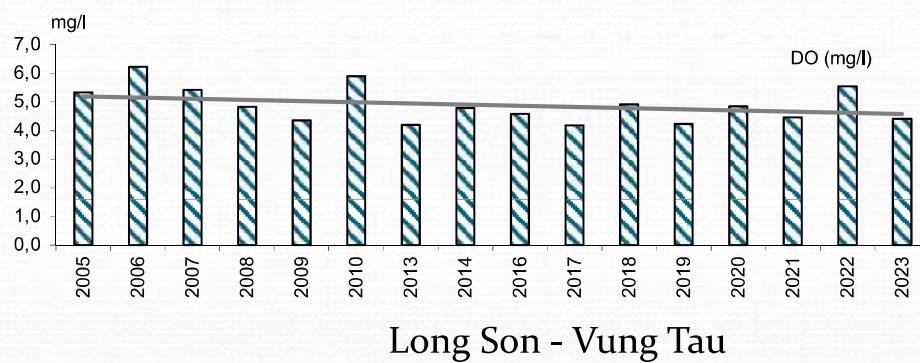
- Fish cages needs aeration

## Monitoring site 3: Vung Tau

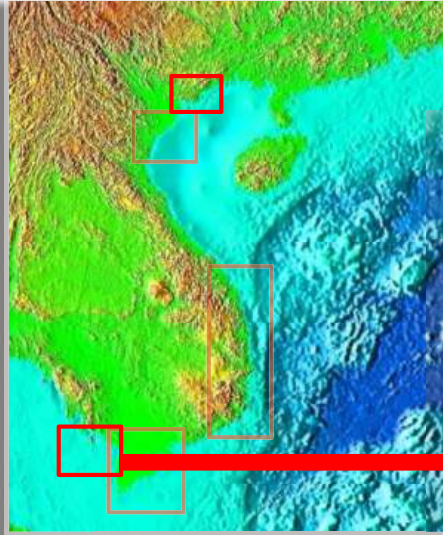
Low DO in semi-close waters



## DO in site 3



## Monitoring sites 4: The gulf of Thailand



### Sampling site:

- Gulf of Thailand (off Mekong coast)

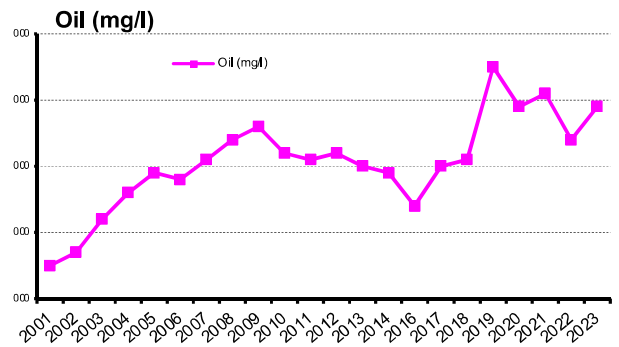
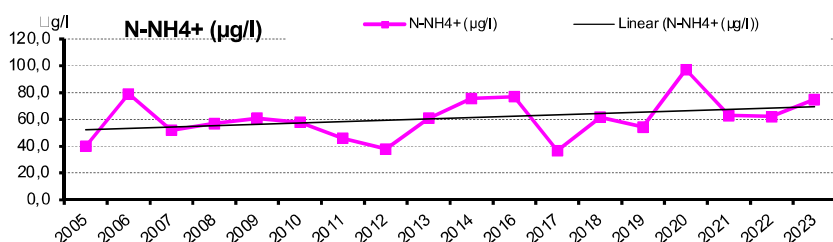
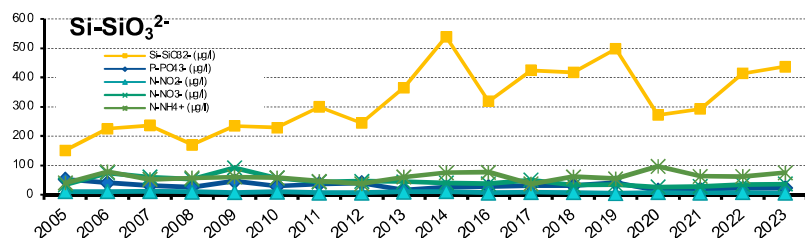
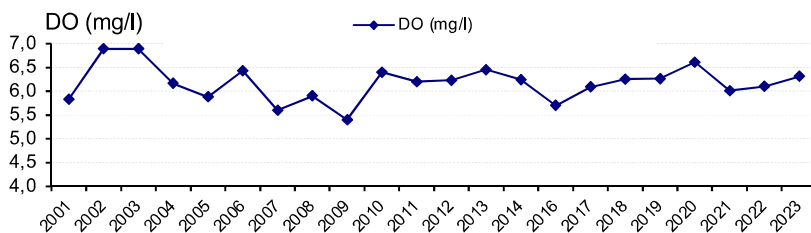
### Data sery:

- 23 years of monitoring
- 16 fixed stations
- Twice/year (May-June and Oct-Nov)

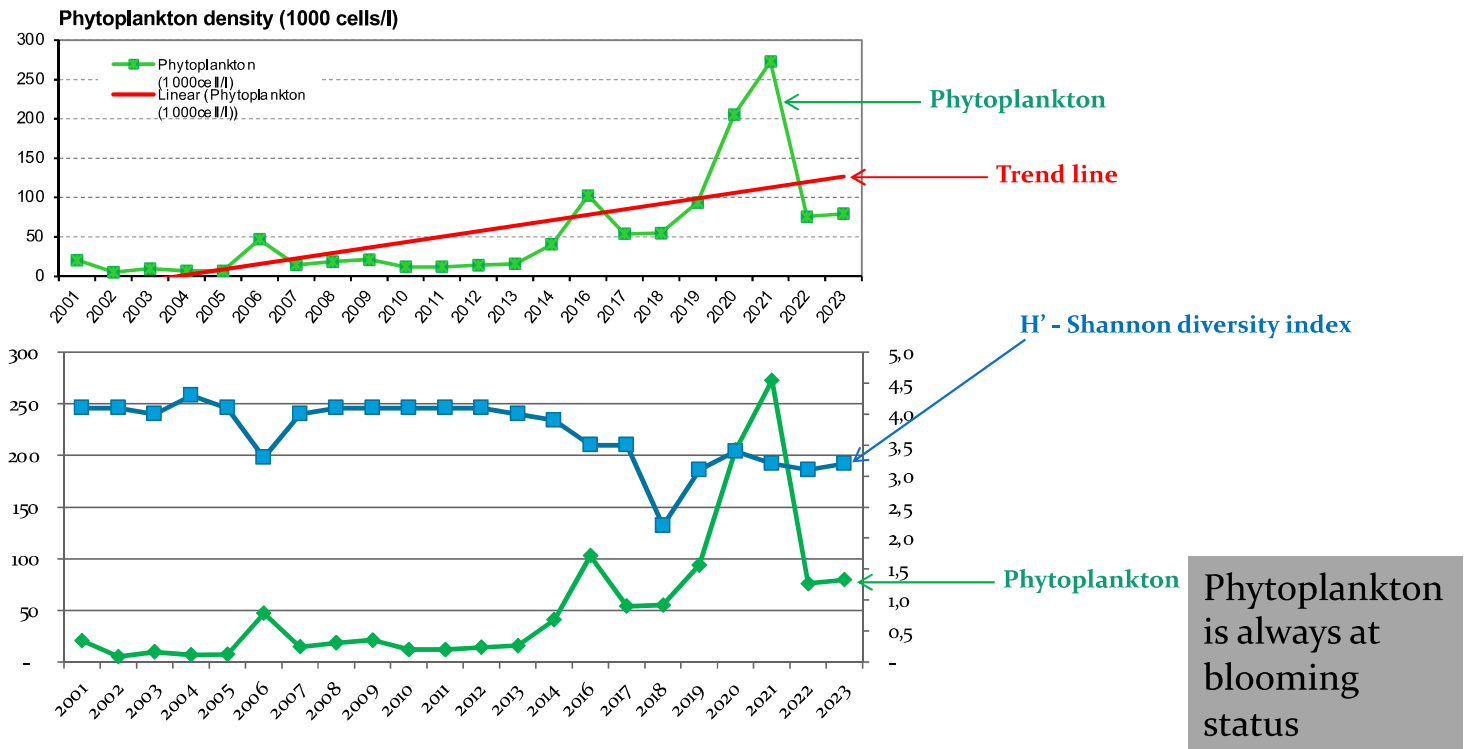
### Parameters observed

- Temp, Sal, DO, pH, Turb
- Nutrients in form of N, P, Si ( $\text{NO}_2$ ,  $\text{NO}_3$ ,  $\text{NH}_4$ ,  $\text{PO}_4$ ,  $\text{SiO}_3$ )
- Heavy metals
- Phytoplankton, zooplankton

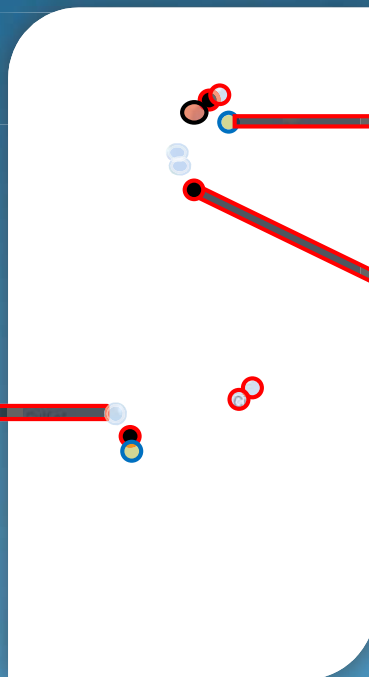
## Trends of water quality in the Gulf of Thailand



# Trends of water quality in the Gulf of Thailand



Increasing frequency of red tides in all along the coast line



## The drivers of low oxygen in the coastal waters

- Eutrophication:
  - Aquaculture
  - Discharge from residential areas (large city, untreated sewage)
  - Tourist
- Other reasons: unknown (climate change?)

## The types of coastal water living resources may be affected by oxygen loss

- Benthic habitats: bivalves, corals ect.
- Planktonic communities: modification of food web
- Biodiversity
- Aquaculture/ fisheries living resources

# The current gaps in oxygen monitoring and its application for the management of living resources

- Lack of automatic online monitoring system
- Limit monitoring sites
- Lack of sharing data

Need regional cooperation

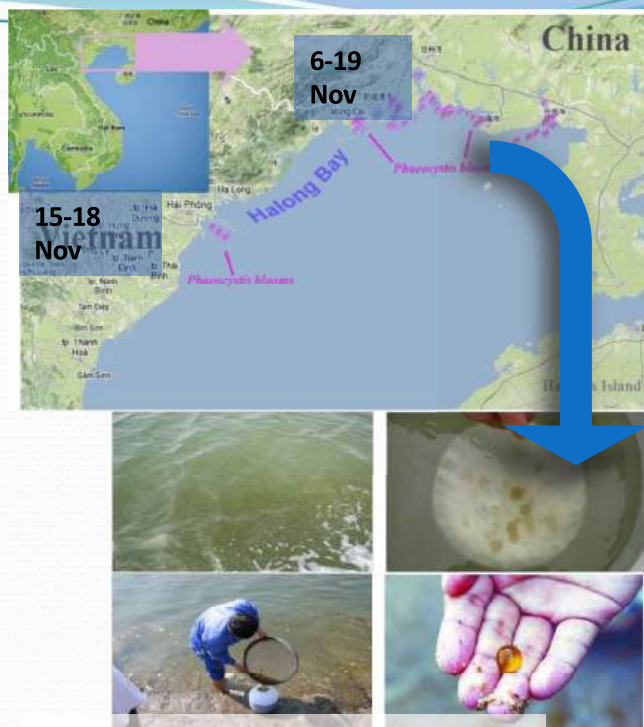
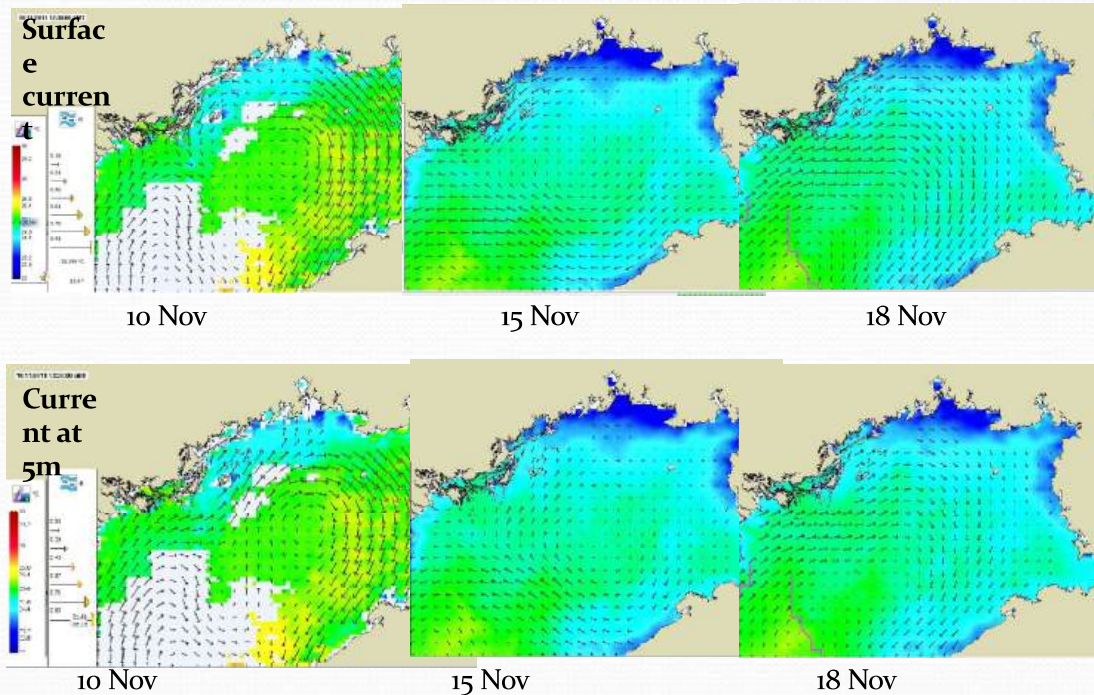


Photo by FaJun Jiang (Guangxi Academy of sciences, China)

## Water current patterns during bloom



## Need regional view

- ✓ How is the situation in the other economies
- ✓ Need a wider view
- ✓ A network?
- ✓ A common project?

## **Annex 7. Roadmap discussion**

# Ideas for Roadmap

## Introduction

- Motivation
  - Why this is needed now
  - Fisheries and aquaculture – food security, communities, etc.
  - Deoxygenation
  - Eutrophication and climate change
- Goal

# Introduction

- Purpose of roadmap
  - Propose steps
  - Some are being done
  - Others are needed
  - Fit together
- History and development
  - How was the roadmap produced
  - Details in workshop report

## Strategy

- Group effort
  - Consistency while flexible
  - Shared data and experiences
  - Case studies
- Audience(s)
- Opportunities

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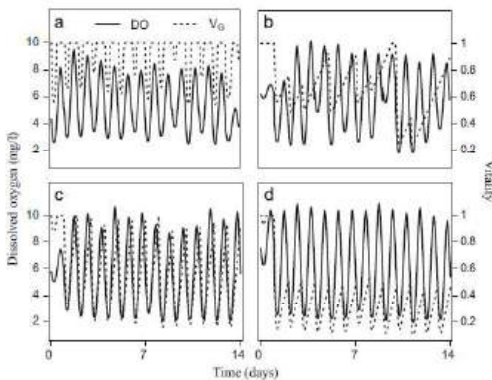
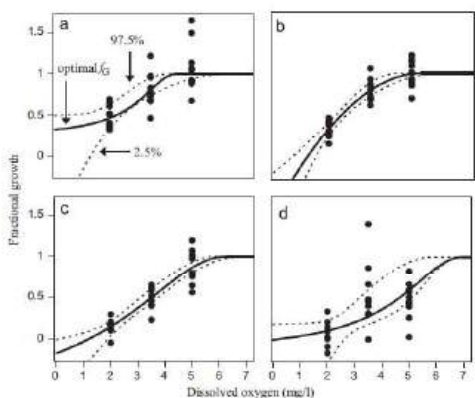


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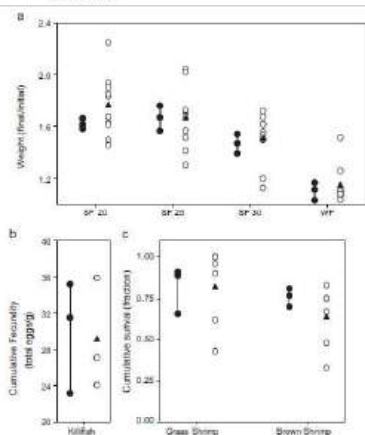
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## Option A: Narrative case studies

- Use what is available
- Suggestive or conclusive
- Already saw several good examples at workshop
- Fisheries
- Aquaculture

## Option B: Quantitative case studies

- Analyze the oxygen data
- Could relate the oxygen to:
  - Fish and shellfish
  - Growth, Mortality, Reproduction, Movement → productivity of the stock
  - Habitat
  - Applies to both fisheries and aquaculture

# Option B: Quantitative case studies

- Can try to also use fisheries data
  - Separate from oxygen data
  - Merged with oxygen data
- Fisheries data
  - Time series (landings, CPUE, population indices)
  - Spatial, Where boats fish
  - Historical fishing patterns
  - Landings by port
  - Available from stock assessments
- Aquaculture
  - Existing siting tools
  - How to incorporation of oxygen if not and should be

## Option C: Vulnerability

- Usually done for climate change with fisheries
- Hypoxia include?
- Should it be added and how?
  - Species distributions (life cycle) overlap with historical and future hypoxia areas and seasons

## RESEARCH ARTICLE

## A Vulnerability Assessment of Fish and Invertebrates to Climate Change on the Northeast U.S. Continental Shelf

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## Option D: Habitat suitability

- Applied to fisheries and to Aquaculture
- Likely existing habitat models can be used
- If not available, relatively easy to develop models
- Perhaps overlap with case study species?

## Option D: Habitat suitability

- Need good spatial information on oxygen
- Generate habitat quality maps without and with hypoxia
- Can be done for a few examples species

## Monitoring and reporting oxygen

- ??

# Next Steps - Today

- Group A – oxygen data
  - Now that you have heard for 3 days (F&A)
  - What oxygen monitoring or studies data is relevant from your economy?
  - Does it include covariates (e.g., temperature)?
  - Are the data available?
  - What documentation on protocols?
- Group B – case studies

Used for CCMP 2020

# Next Steps - Today

- Group A
- Group B – case studies
  - Suggestive or in the idea stage or documented
  - What species? Where and when life stages are exposed to hypoxia?
  - Basics about the fishery
  - Where is aquaculture occurring relative to past hypoxia or possible future hypoxia?

# Pieces fit together

- Case studies – deep dive
- Vulnerability – broad coverage
- Habitat suitability
  - High confidence – known methods and data
  - Medium relevance to people – not biomass

# Developing best practices to address coastal marine oxygen loss in APEC economies for improving the management of marine living resources: Building a roadmap - **brainstorming**

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**GO<sub>2</sub>NE**  
Global Ocean Oxygen Network

## Expected outcomes of the project



## Outcome #1

Improved knowledge on best practices for data management, data quality control and data processing of coastal dissolved oxygen and derived metrics for fisheries and aquaculture management

## Outcome #2

Enhanced collaboration to implement, optimize and sustain oxygen monitoring for fisheries and aquaculture applications among APEC economies (e.g. building a roadmap in order to ensure the sustainability of the initiative)

## Motivation for the roadmap

Provide information to improve management, adaptation and sustainable practices in fisheries and marine aquaculture in coastal waters, involving their exposure to pollution-driven and climate change-driven deoxygenation

## Conceptual basis for fisheries

Coastal oxygen deoxygenation negatively impact on growth, reproduction and mortality of fishery resources, thus impacting on fishery yields.

## Conceptual basis for aquaculture

While coastal oxygen loss impair growth and reproduction, and severe hypoxia/anoxia might cause mortality in open mariculture systems, non sustainable practices in mariculture are also drivers of eutrophication and oxygen loss

## Food security, livelihood and economic implications

### ➤ Challenges **and opportunities**:

- Application of knowledge of coastal deoxygenation impact on fisheries and aquaculture resources is becoming increasingly recognized and important
- Wide variety of oxygen data sources and methods
- Low oxygen conditions are tied with other stressors (warming, pollution, low pH, HABs...)
- Need to disentangle natural processes driving low oxygen conditions versus (coastal) anthropogenic drivers of low oxygen
- Data management, data quality procedures should be further standardized among APEC economies
- Opportunity of integration of coastal waters' oxygen data across economies (GO<sub>2</sub>DAT?)
- Monitoring design not necessarily fit for fisheries and aquaculture management/adaptation purposes (e.g. time resolution, spatial coverage, exposure indices)

➤ **Going forward...**

- Opportunities for filling the gaps related to coastal oxygen data management
- Opportunities to assess impacts of low oxygen on fisheries and aquaculture
- Deliver information products for easy uptake by managers and stakeholders

**Several layers of actions to implement the best practices:**

- At data generation and data management level (data collection, pre-treatment, QC), including the historical data
- Monitoring design and research for F/A applications should be economy-specific based (not a unique recipe), to resolve:
  - Natural low oxygen versus human (global change?)-driven low oxygen
  - Daily cycles? Variance?
  - Time of exposure to given thresholds >>> thresholds based on physiological/behavioral info of the resources
- For stakeholders:
  - Meaningful information products
  - Building (participatory?) early warning systems /co-management?
  - Climate change scenarios for resource-use

## Priorities for developing best practices to address coastal marine oxygen loss in APEC economies & improving the management of marine living resources

- Implement or optimize of data quality control and data management
  - Online training webinars
- Data availability and data sharing at international level for studies on trends and F/A impacts of low oxygen
- Monitoring design and research for F/A applications (development of exposure indices)
  - Online workshop
- Promote climate vulnerability studies and habitat suitability studies (current and future), taking into account the role of hypoxia
  - Online workshop

- Share / harmonize protocols
- Adopt standardized/harmonized data quality procedures
- Data sharing/availability – how to move to FAIR (Findable, Accesible, Interoperable, Reusable) standards
- Data integrating (fisheries-derived, fishery-independent (scientific cruises), aquaculture-derived, WQ-derived)
- Update map of coastal low-oxygen sites in the APEC fórum
- Regional approaches to assess low-oxygen impacts on fishery resources
- Increase analysis of climate change-driven and pollution-driven hypoxia
- Identify or implement metrics for exposure to hipoxia
- Building early warning capacities
- Habitat suitability / early warning systems
- Increase awareness on the low oxygen impacts issue as extreme events
- Improve communication and engagement of stakeholders
- Profit UNESCO/IOC GO2NE for communication strategies

### **Beyond the project**

- Promote integration of coastal oxygen data in international databases / GO2DAT
- Cross environmental data with fisheries-derived data (spatial/temporal changes of fishing grounds, CPUEs, etc)
- Promote habitat suitability studies & indices (involve mapping/modelling/ecophysiology)
- Climate vulnerability studies for F&A involving hypoxia
- Enhance communication with stakeholders and policy makers
- Develop or promote pilot/study cases – fund raising