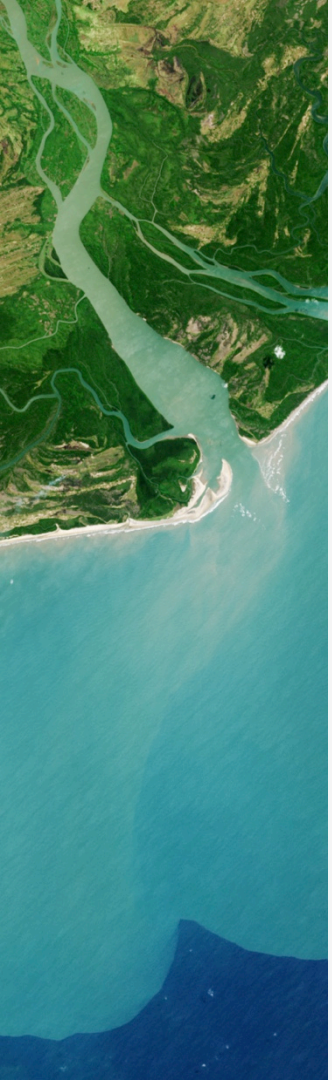

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Applied Remote Sensing Training

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Introduction to Remote Sensing for Ocean and Coastal Applications

Week 3: Animal Movement and Migration

Course Structure

- One lecture per week – every Wednesday July 6 – July 27
- 1:00 – 2:00 PM EDT (UTC-4)
  - Lectures
  - In-class demonstration
  - Homework exercises, due August 10th
- Webinar recordings, presentations, and homework assignments can be found after each session at:
  - http://arset.gsfc.nasa.gov/land/webinars/coastal-oceans-2016
- Q/A: Following each lecture and/or by email (sherry.l.palacios@nasa.gov)

Accessing Course Materials

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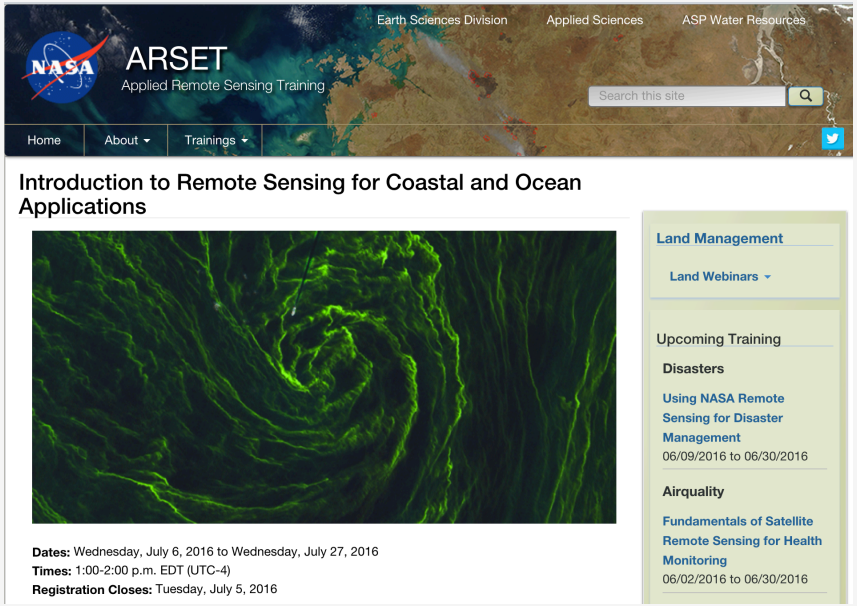

Course Agenda:

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Session One: Overview of Satellite Remote Sensing of Aquatic Environments

July 6, 2016

An overview of themes in coastal and ocean applied science, how remote sensing is used for coastal and ocean applied science, fundamentals of remote sensing (spatial, temporal, spectral resolutions), and the advantages and limitations of remote sensing in aquatic environments. View the recording »

- Presentation Slides »

Session Two: Platforms and Sensors for Ocean Observations, Data Access, and Processing Tools

July 13, 2016

Satellites and sensors for coastal and ocean applications, satellite data processing levels, NASA satellite data access tools and data processing tools. View the recording »

- Presentation Slides »

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- Guest Speakers:
  - Mitchell Roffer, Roffer's Ocean Fishing Forecast Service (Week 3)
  - Mark Eakin, NOAA Coral Reef Watch (Week 4)

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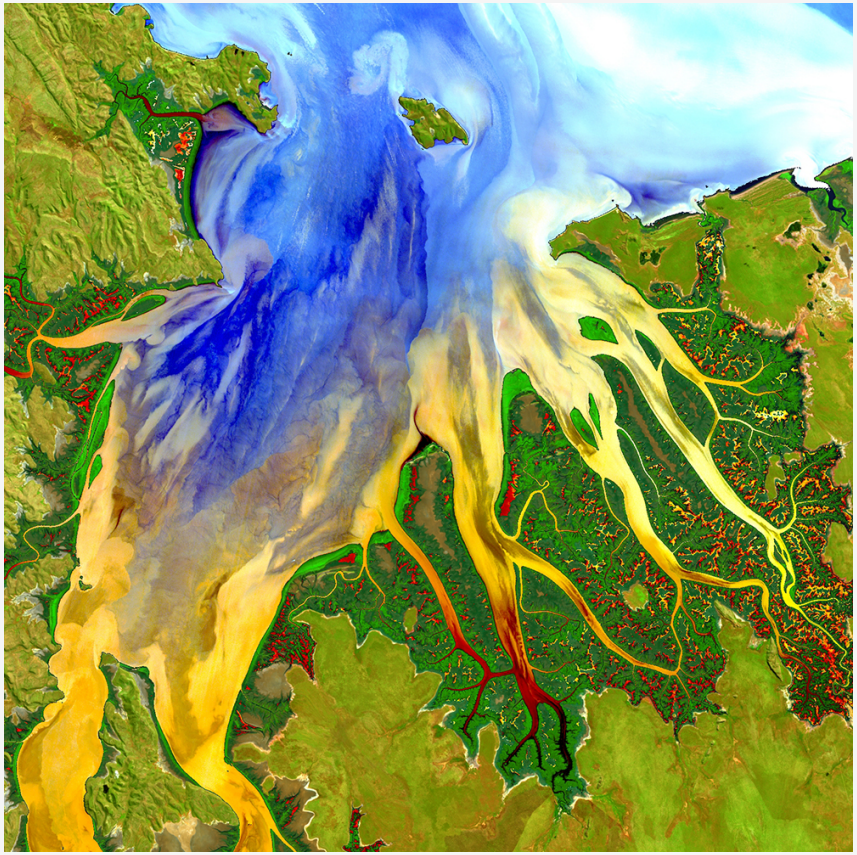
Course Objectives

- Overview of NASA Earth Observation resources available for open ocean and coastal applications including:
  - A basic understanding of remote sensing of aquatic systems
  - How to access and visualize NASA Earth science data
  - How to use NASA Earth science data, tools, and products for ocean and coastal applied science issues
- Conduct live demonstrations of useful ocean and coastal applied science tools



Credit: NASA/USGS Landsat; Geoscience Australia

Course Outline

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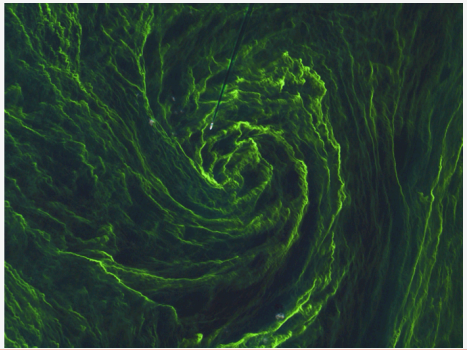

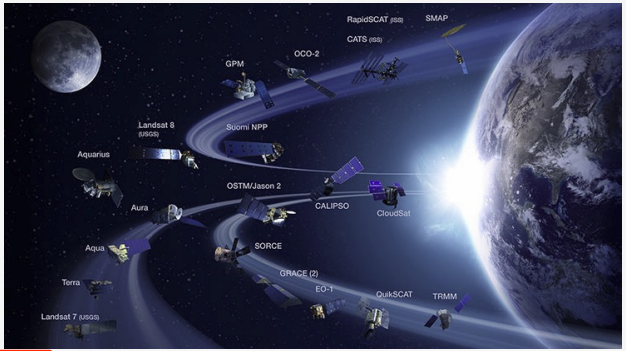

Week 2
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Week 3
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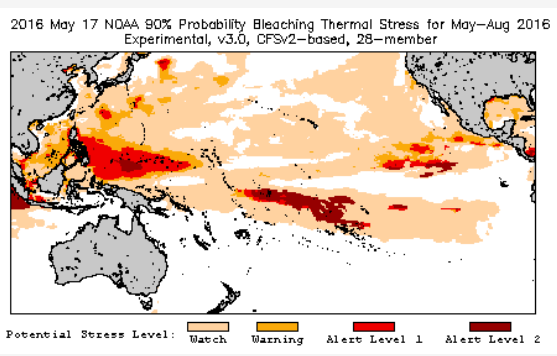


Week 4
Coral Reefs

Week 3 Agenda

- Brief Review of Last Week
- Overview of animal movement & migration
- Overview of coupled model and remote sensing tools for tracking animal movement
- Examples of remote sensing tools for understanding animal movement
- Guest Speaker:
  - Dr. Mitchell Roffer: Roffer's Ocean Fishing Forecasting Service

Review of Week 2

NASA Satellites & Sensors for Ocean and Coastal Systems

Satellite	Sensor	Parameter
Landsat Series (7/1972 - present)	• Thematic Mapper (TM) • Enhanced Thematic Mapper (ETM+) • Operational Land Imager (OLI)	• Spectral Reflectance
Terra (12/1990-present)	Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS)	• Spectral Reflectance • Chlorophyll-a Concentration • Temperature • Colored Dissolved Organic Matter (CDOM) • Turbidity • Euphotic Depth
Aqua (5/2002-present)		
Terra (12/1999 – present)	Advanced Spaceborne Thermal Emission and Reflection Radiometer (ASTER)	• Spectral Reflectance • Temperature

NASA Satellites & Sensors for Ocean and Coastal Systems

Satellite	Sensor	Parameter
National Polar Partnership (NPP) (11/2011-present)	Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite (VIIRS)	• Spectral Reflectance • Chlorophyll Concentration
International Space Station	Hyperspectral Imager for the Coastal Ocean (HICO) (2009 – 2014)	• Spectral Radiance • Spectral Remote Sensing Reflectance
Plankton, Aerosols, Clouds, ocean Ecosystems, PACE (proposed for 2022 or 2023)	Ocean Color Instrument	• Spectral Reflectance • Optional Polarimeter being considered

Data Processing Levels

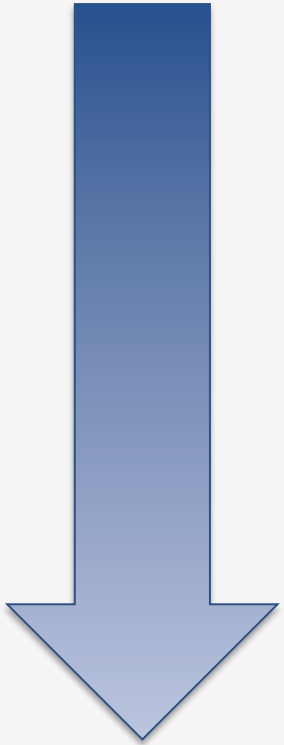
L0: Raw instrument data

L1: Geolocated and calibrated

L2: Products derived from L1B

L3: Gridded and quality controlled

L4: Model output: derived variables



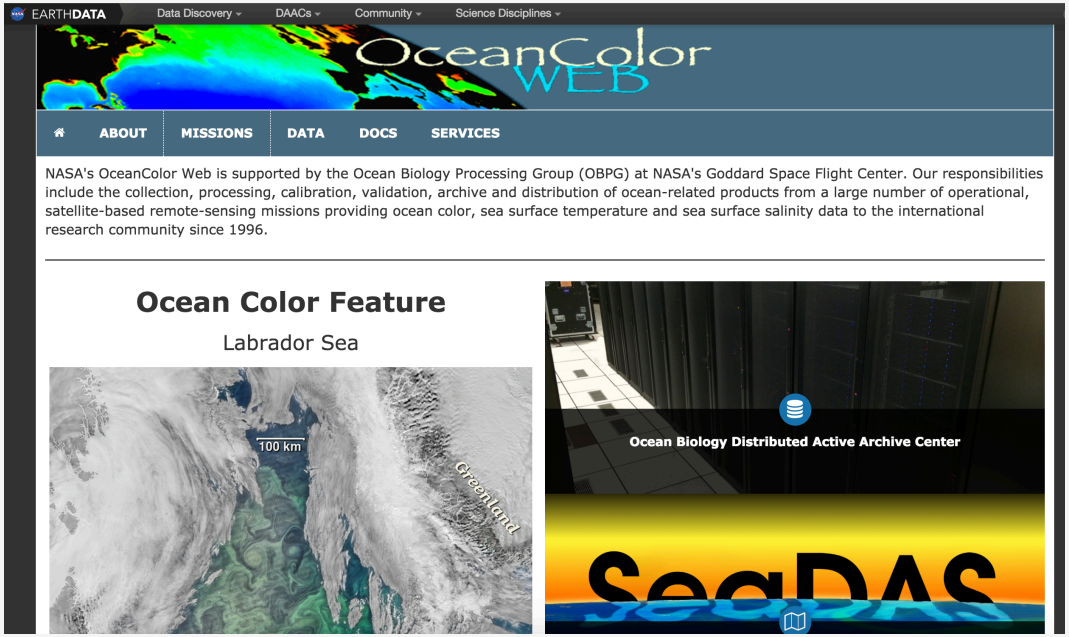
Harder to Use

Easier to Use

NASA OceanColor Web

http://oceancolor.gsfc.nasa.gov/

- OceanColor Web is supported by the Ocean Biology Processing Group (OBPG) at NASA Goddard
- OBPG's duties include collection, processing, calibration, validation, archive, and distribution of ocean-related data products from a large number of satellite missions



SeaWiFS Data Analysis System (SeaDAS)

http://seadas.gsfc.nasa.gov/

- Image analysis package for the processing, display, analysis, & quality control of ocean color data
- Originally developed for SeaWiFS, but supports most U.S. and international ocean color missions
- Online tutorials, help pages, and an active user community in the Ocean Color Forum
- Attentive & friendly support team based at NASA Goddard

Overview of Animal Movement & Migration

The Ocean in 3-Dimensions

- Humans have a 2-dimensional bias
- There is more than just the surface
- Density governs vertical movement
- Aquatic creatures have adapted to life in 3-dimensions

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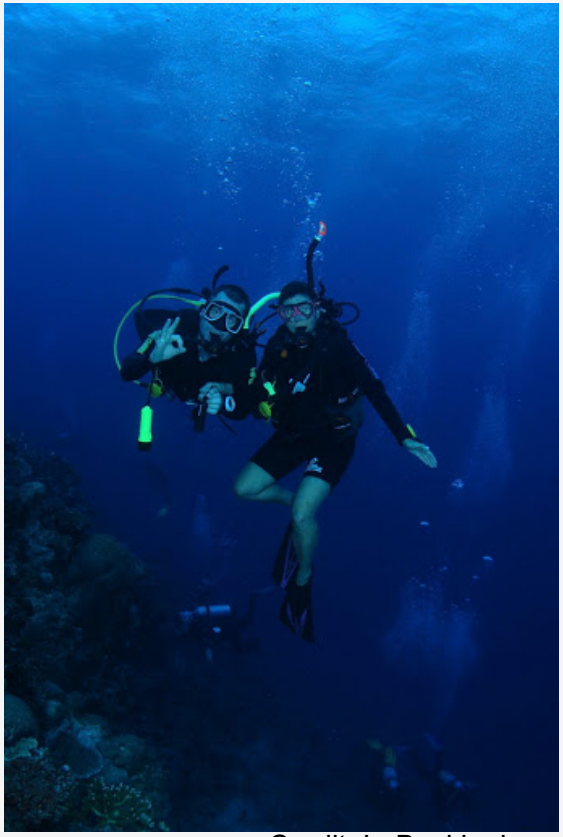

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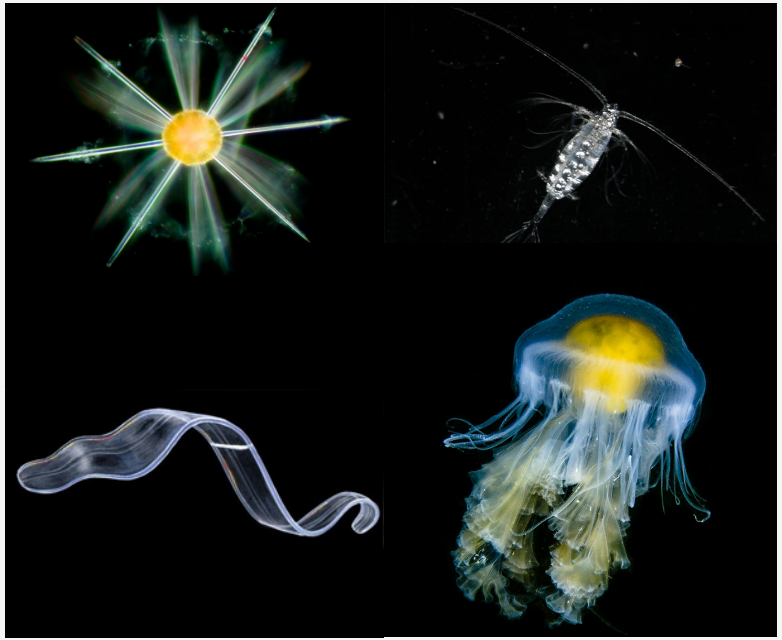
Life as Plankton or Nekton

Plankton: drifters
(usually microscopic)



Credits: B. Walz, J. Trumpey, D. Collins

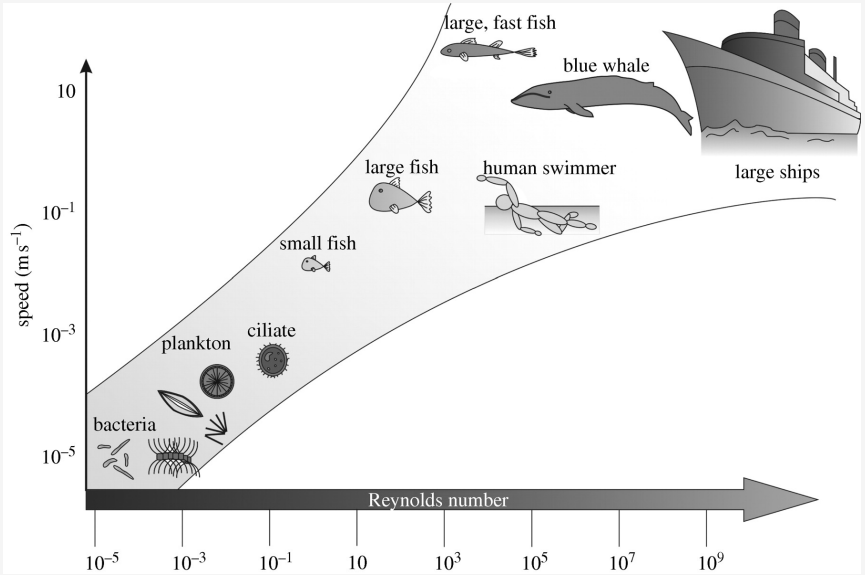
Nekton: swim freely
and independent of currents

Credits: L. Buckingham, TOPP, MBARI, Sarasota Water Atlas

Plankton or Nekton?

A Function of Reynolds Number (Re)

- Re is the ratio of inertial and viscous forces
- Plankton have low Re
  - like living in jelly
- Nekton have higher Re
- Some animals spend larval stage in plankton and grow into nekton
- Copepods are special – they can use jet propulsion to increase Re

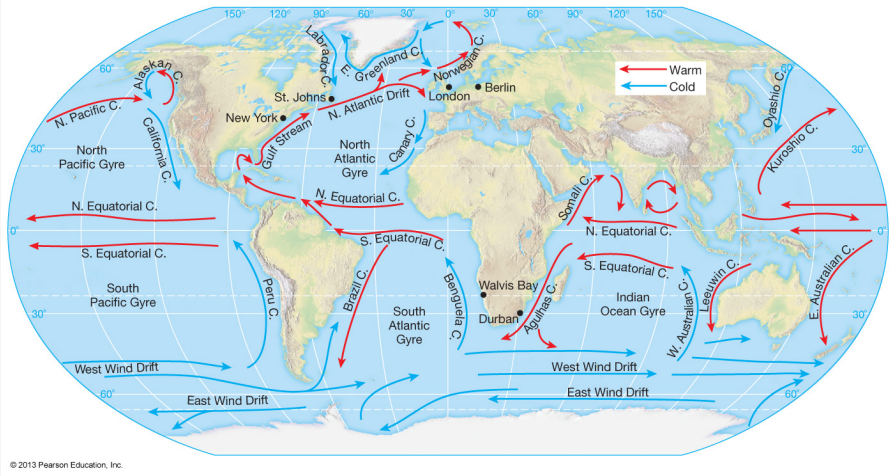


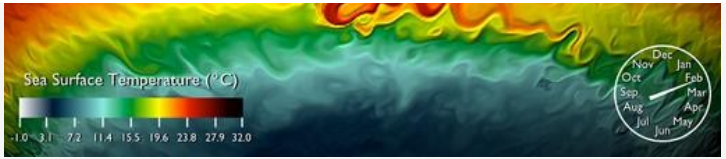
Credit: The Royal Society

The Ocean as a Moving System

- Winds, friction, pressure gradients, and rotation of the earth contribute to major ocean current systems
- Plankton are carried along by ocean currents
- Nekton can swim independently of currents and may not follow them during migration
- Currents carry heat, salt, and momentum

Agulhas Current “Leaks” Salt into





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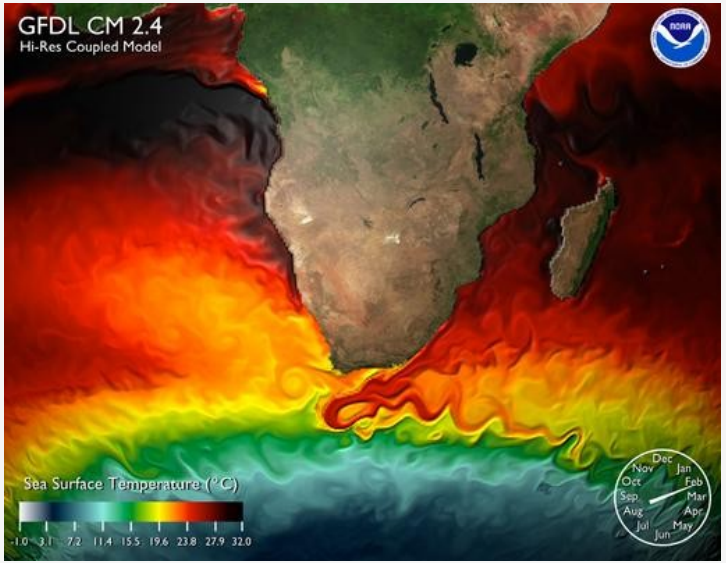
Agulhas Current “Leaks” Salt into South Atlantic from Indian Ocean



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Remote Observations of the Moving Ocean

From Klemas 2012

Science Objective	Satellite (S) or Shore-Based (SB)	Sensor	Measured or Derived Product
Current Flow Pattern	S	MODerate Resolution Imaging Spectrometer (MODIS), Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer (AVHRR)	Sea Surface Temperature (SST)
Current Velocity & Feature Tracking	S	Synthetic Aperature Radar (SAR), AVHRR	Altimetry/Sea Surface Height (SSH), SST
Current Mapping by SAR	S	SAR, Inferometric SAR (InSAR), TerraSAR-X	SSH
Altimetry of Geostrophic Currents	S	SEASAT, ERS-1 & 2, TOPEX/ POSEIDON, ENVISAT, JASON-1	SSH
Current Mapping	SB	High Frequency (HF) Radar	wave swell direction, height, period, and current velocity

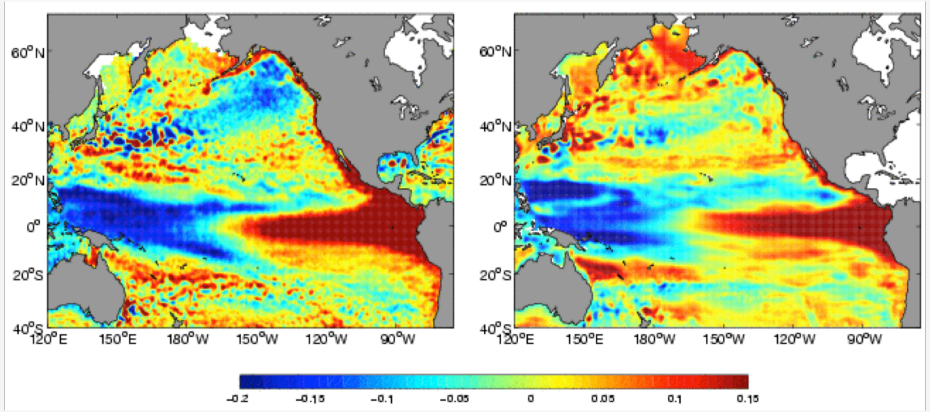
Models of a Moving Ocean

Example: Regional Ocean Modeling System (ROMS)

- A free-surface, hydrostatic primitive-equation model discretized with a terrain-following vertical coordinate system
- Used to predict ocean conditions, including:
  - temperature & salinity
  - ocean currents
  - sea surface height
- Applied at many scales from global to estuarine

Sea Surface Height

Measured (TOPEX/ERS) Modeled (ROMS)



Credit: Center for Earth System Research, UC-Los Angeles
http://research.atmos.ucla.edu/cesr/index.html

Monitoring Animal Movement

Differences Between Land and Sea

Gray Wolf

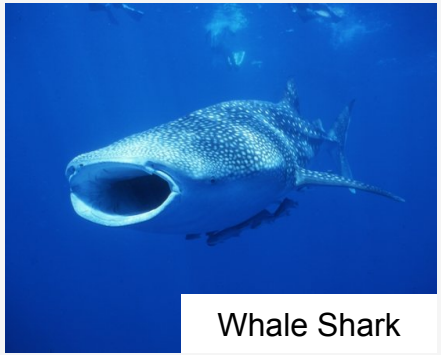
Mountain Lion

Credit: M. Sloan, J. Yuskavitch

Blue Whale

Blue Marlin

N.Elephant Seal


Whale Shark

Credit: Tagging of Pelagic Predators (TOPP)

Monitoring Animal Movement

Technologies Used

- Telemetry tags glued to animal
  - time, location, speed, depth, temperature, salinity
- Archival tags surgically inserted into animal
  - time, depth, internal and external temperature, and ambient light
  - returned after catch

Credit: TOPP

Coupled Model and Remote Sensing Tools for Tracking Animal Movement

Will Pelagic Predator Habitat Shift with Climate Change?

A Case Study (Hazen et al. 2012)

Inputs

- Information from tagged predators
- Satellite remote sensing data
  - chlorophyll-a, sea surface temperature, sea surface height, wind stress, bathymetry
- Coupled general circulation model and biogeochemistry model
  - NOAA Geophysical Dynamics Lab's (FDL) Earth System Model (ESM2.1)

Output

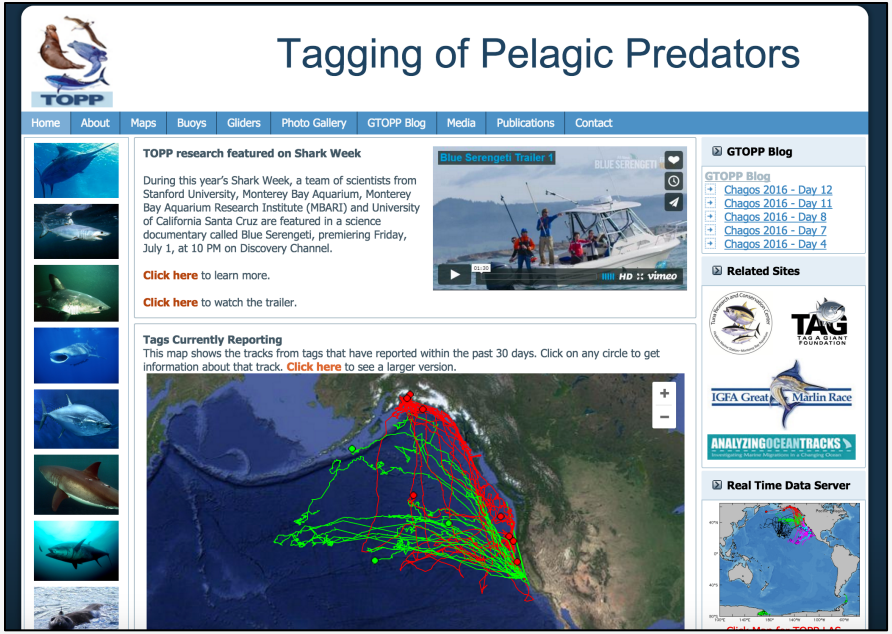
- Predictions of species distribution and abundance in year 2100

Credit: M. Conlin, Audobon Society, TOPP

Tagging of Pelagic Predators (TOPP)

http://www.topp.org/

- International program to interact with tracking data & oceanographic datasets to observe marine megafauna
- To understand factors influencing animal behavior in blue ocean
- To use sensor data from animal tags to aid in climate models and a better understanding of ocean ecosystems



TOPP Collects and Curates Data from Animal Tags

Example Species

Northern Elephant Seal

Tagging Great White Shark

Laysan Albatross

Great White Shark

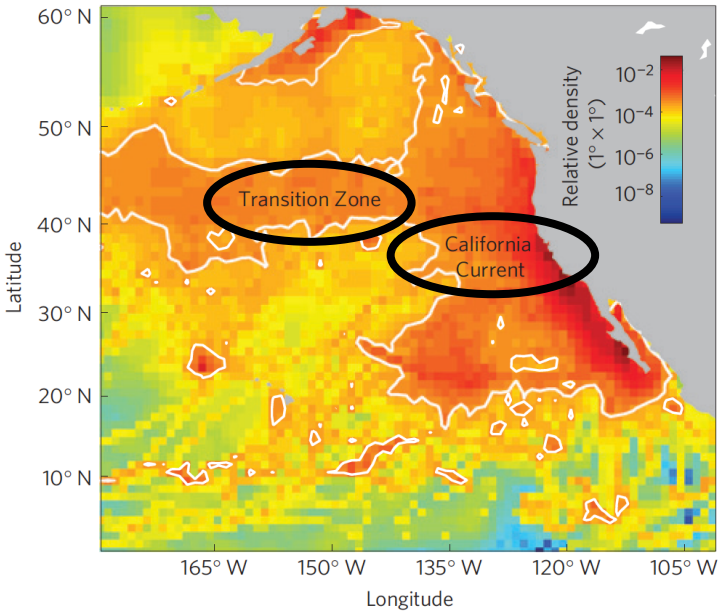
Credit: TOPP

Tag Data Informed Present Day Species Density

Hazen et al. 2012, DOI: 10.138/NCLIMATE 1686

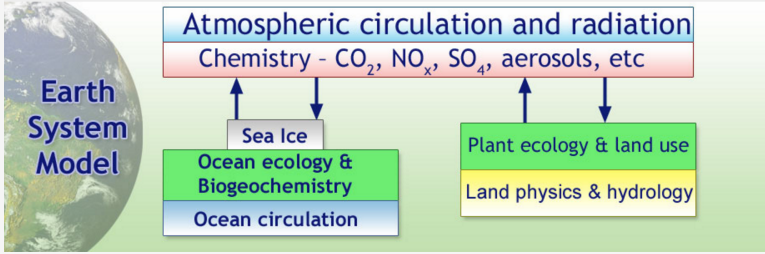
- Biological “hotspots”
  - Transition Zone
  - California Current
- Hotspots move with season
- Observed seasonal patterns suggest climate change may affect species distribution and abundance

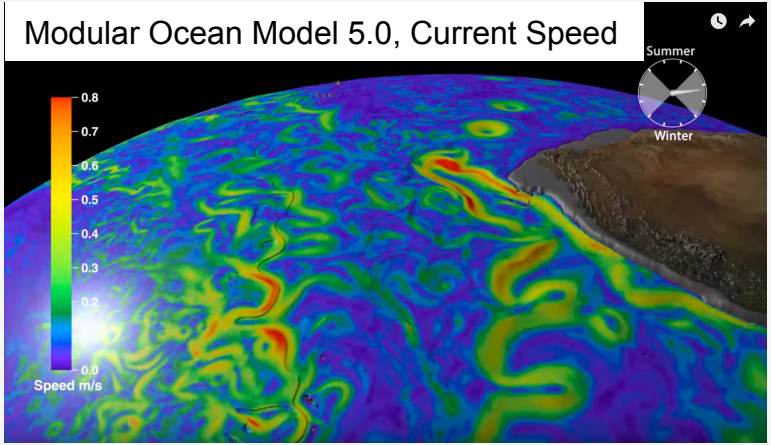
Density of Top Predator Species in the Eastern North Pacific



Coupled Ocean Models Predict Future Conditions

- NOAA's GFDL's ESM2.1 Model includes coupled models
  - The Modular Ocean Model (MOM)
  - A biogeochemical model
- Like ROMS, MOM simulates ocean circulation for climate and ecosystem studies

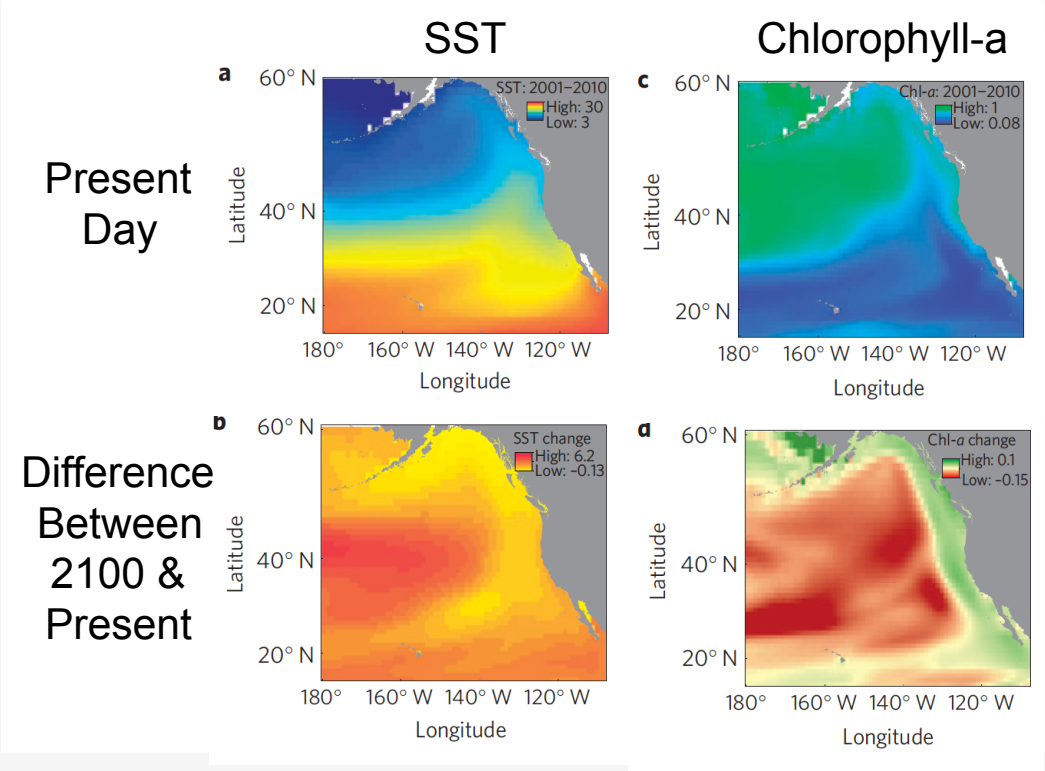




Southern Ocean Visualization: https://youtu.be/8VMSF28J9H4

How will SST and Chlorophyll-a Change?

Warming of Ocean Gyre, and Compression of Productivity Close to Shore

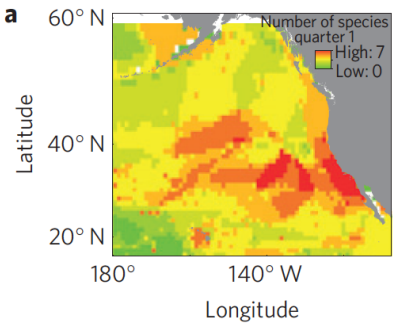


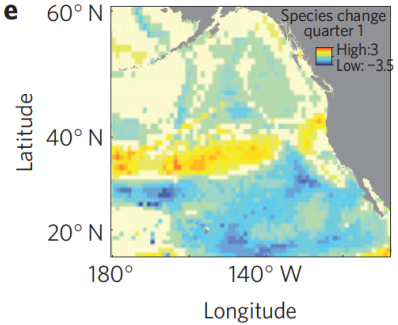
Habitat is Predicted to Decline by 2100

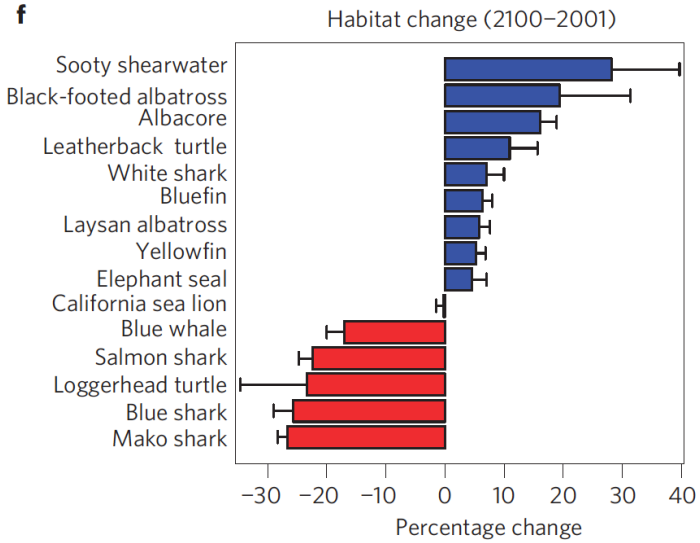
Some Species are Losers, Others are Winners

Present Day

Difference Between 2100 & Present







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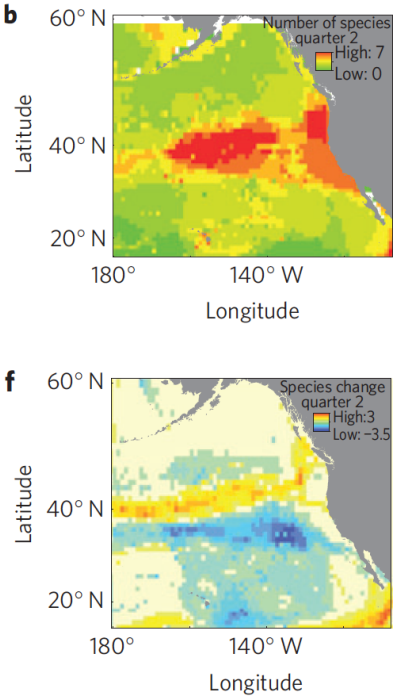

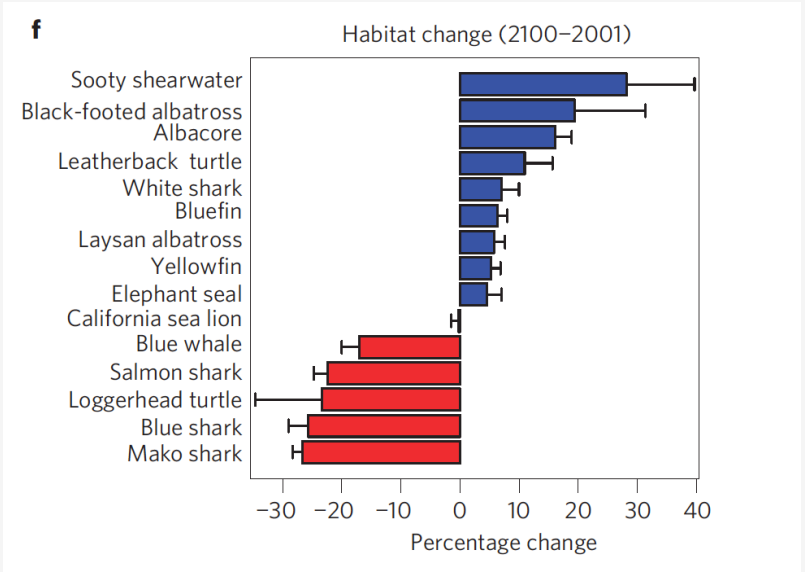

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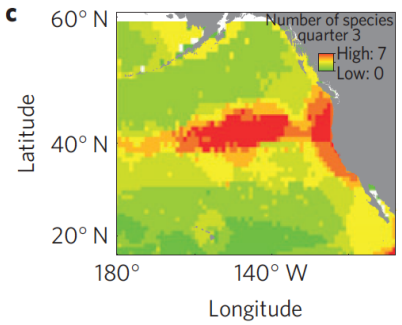

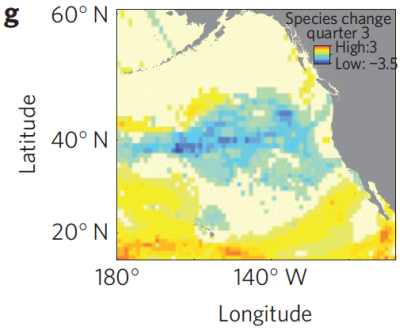

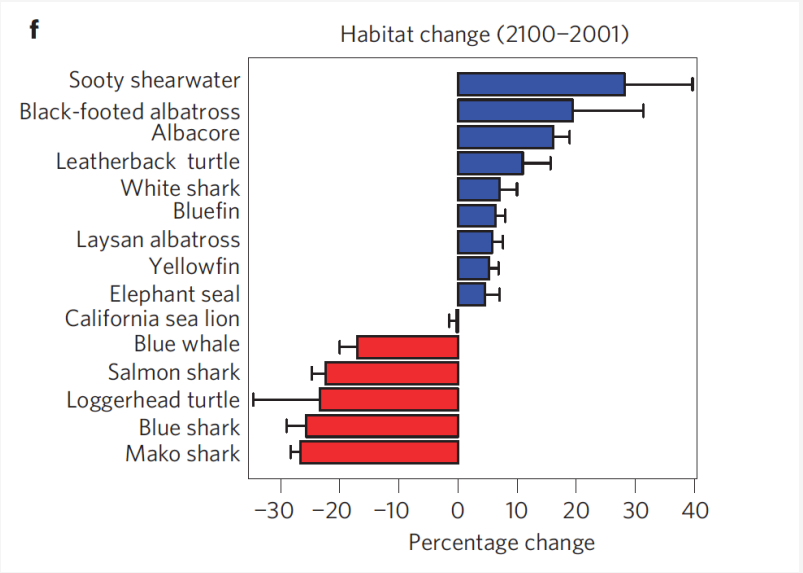

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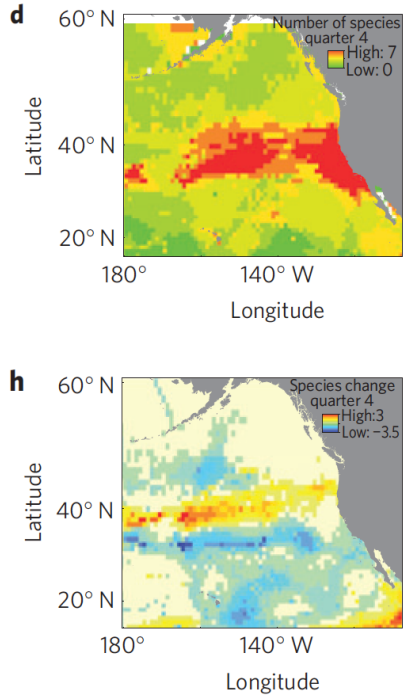

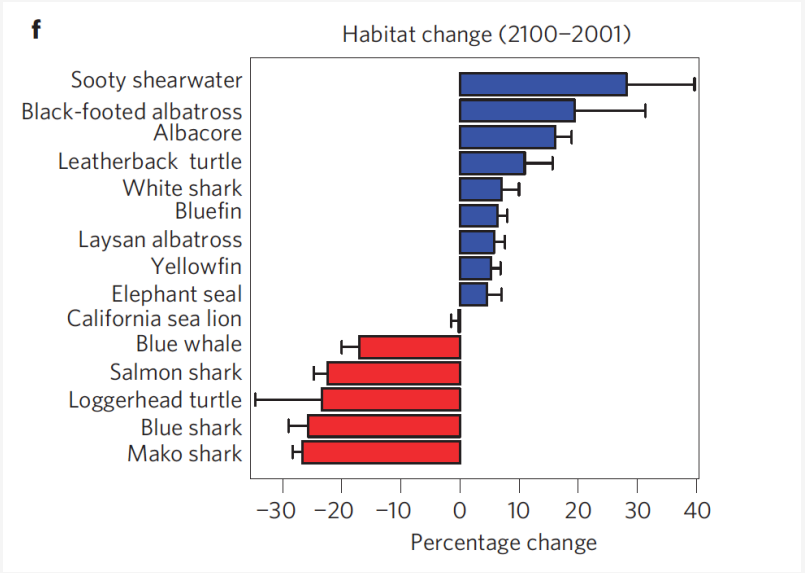

Examples of Remote Sensing Tools for Understanding Animal Movement

NOAA Whale Watch

http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/whalewatch/index.html

- Whales are at risk from human encounters (e.g., ship strikes, entanglements, and loud underwater sounds)
- Goal: to reduce human impacts on whales by providing near real-time information on whale location
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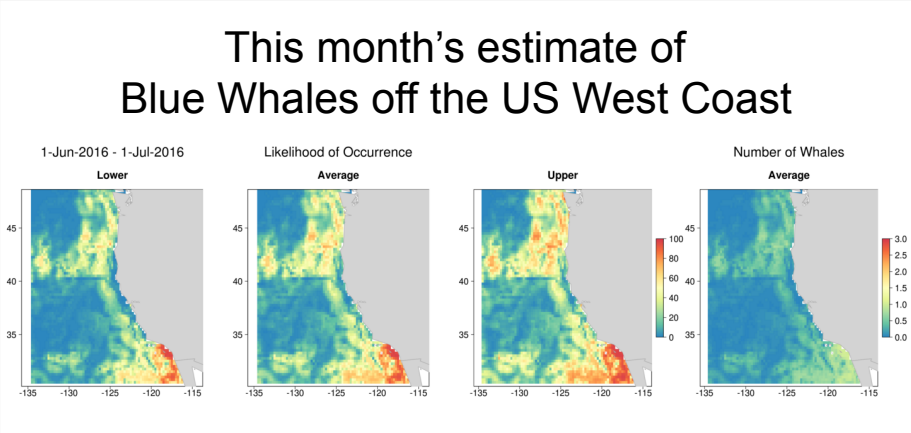
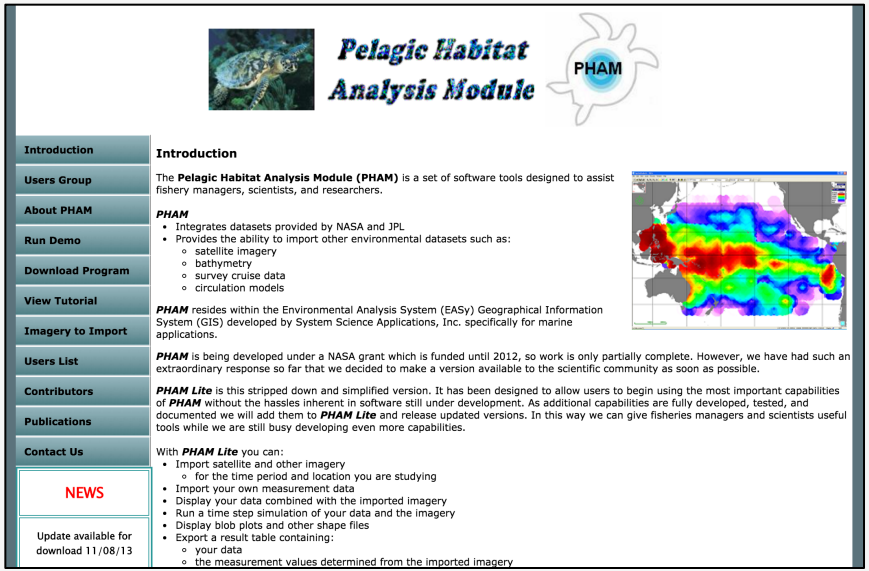


Pelagic Habitat Analysis Module (PHAM)

http://www.phamlite.com/

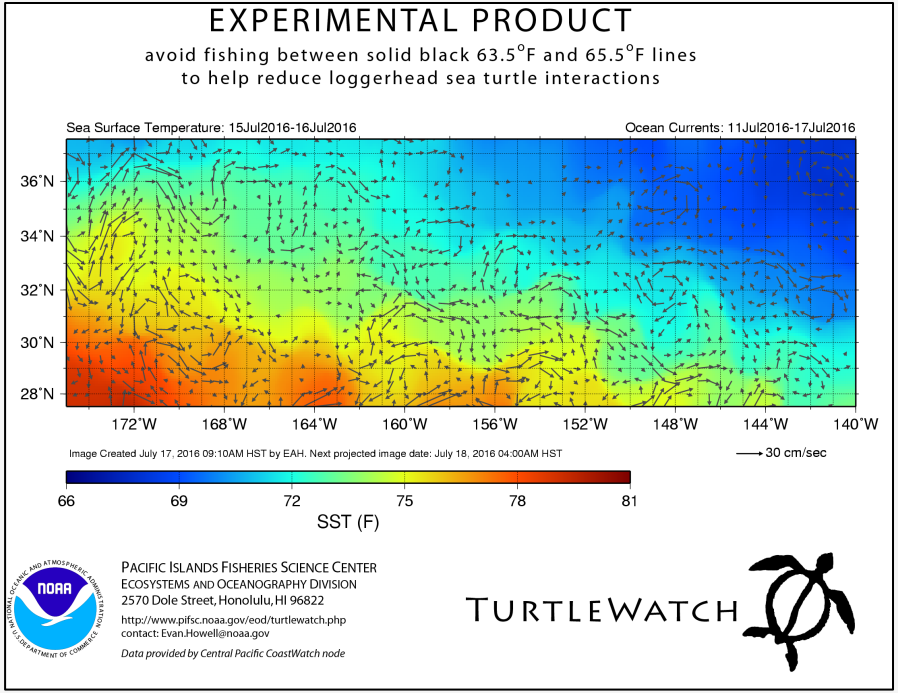
- GIS software tool for fisheries managers, scientists, and researchers to examine and predict pelagic ocean biota habitat
- Uses biota presence/absence or abundance data combined with environmental data (satellite imagery, bathymetry, survey cruises, and ocean circulation models)
- Freely available for download on website
- Tutorials & links to data provided



NOAA TurtleWatch

https://pifsc-www.irc.noaa.gov/eod/turtlewatch.php

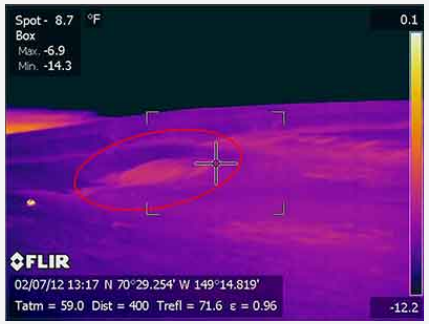
- Up-to-date information about thermal habitat of loggerhead sea turtles in the Pacific Ocean north of the Hawaiian Islands
- Created to reduce interactions between Hawaii-based long-line fishing vessels and loggerhead turtles
- Predicts the location of waters preferred by these turtles based on sea surface temperature and ocean current conditions



Remote Detection of Polar Bear Dens

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=wildlifenews.view_article&articles_id=708

- Polar bear mothers near the Beaufort Sea can come ashore to build dens for winter. If disturbed they will abandon den
- Oil extraction activities occur during frozen winter to minimize impact to tundra
- Airborne Forward Looking Infrared Imagery (FLIR) is being used to thermally identify dens in the snow and reduce human-bear interactions



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Start date May, 2008 – End date May, 2012

Multi-sector, international and multi-disciplinary partnership, including government fishery scientists and managers

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NASA - NOAA Research

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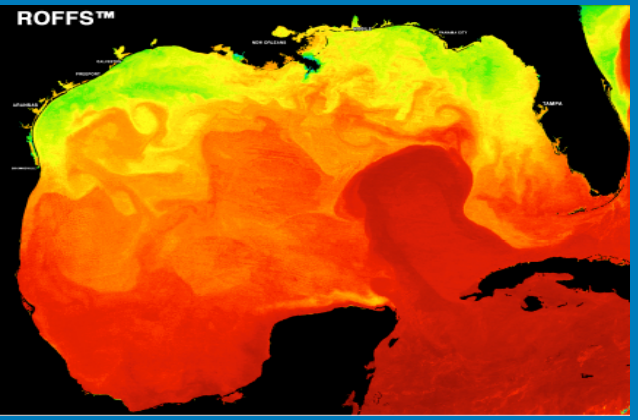
  - Using data with differing scales.
    - MM's to M's to KM's to 1000's KM scales
    - Hourly to daily to 100 year time scales

Gulf of Mexico & North Atlantic Ocean

Larvae and Adults



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Climate model domain
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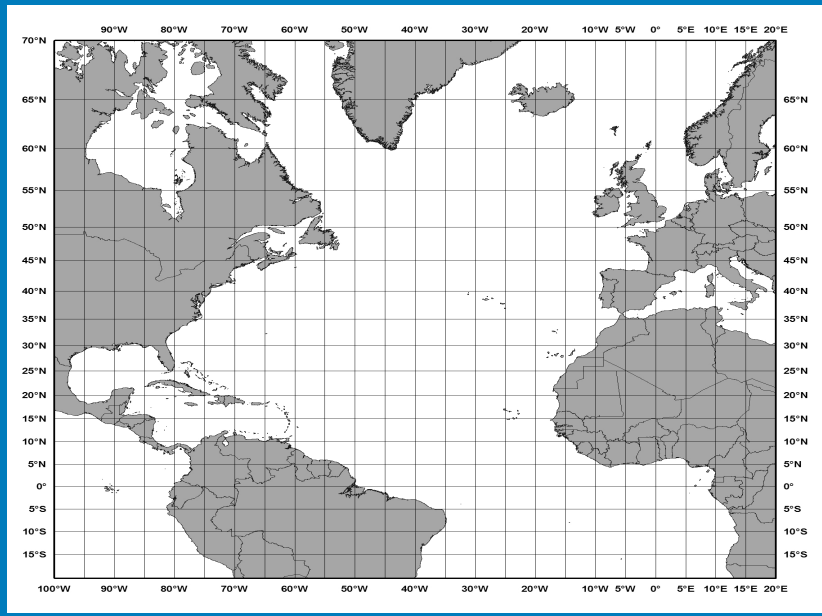

Infrared Image

6 mm

2 m

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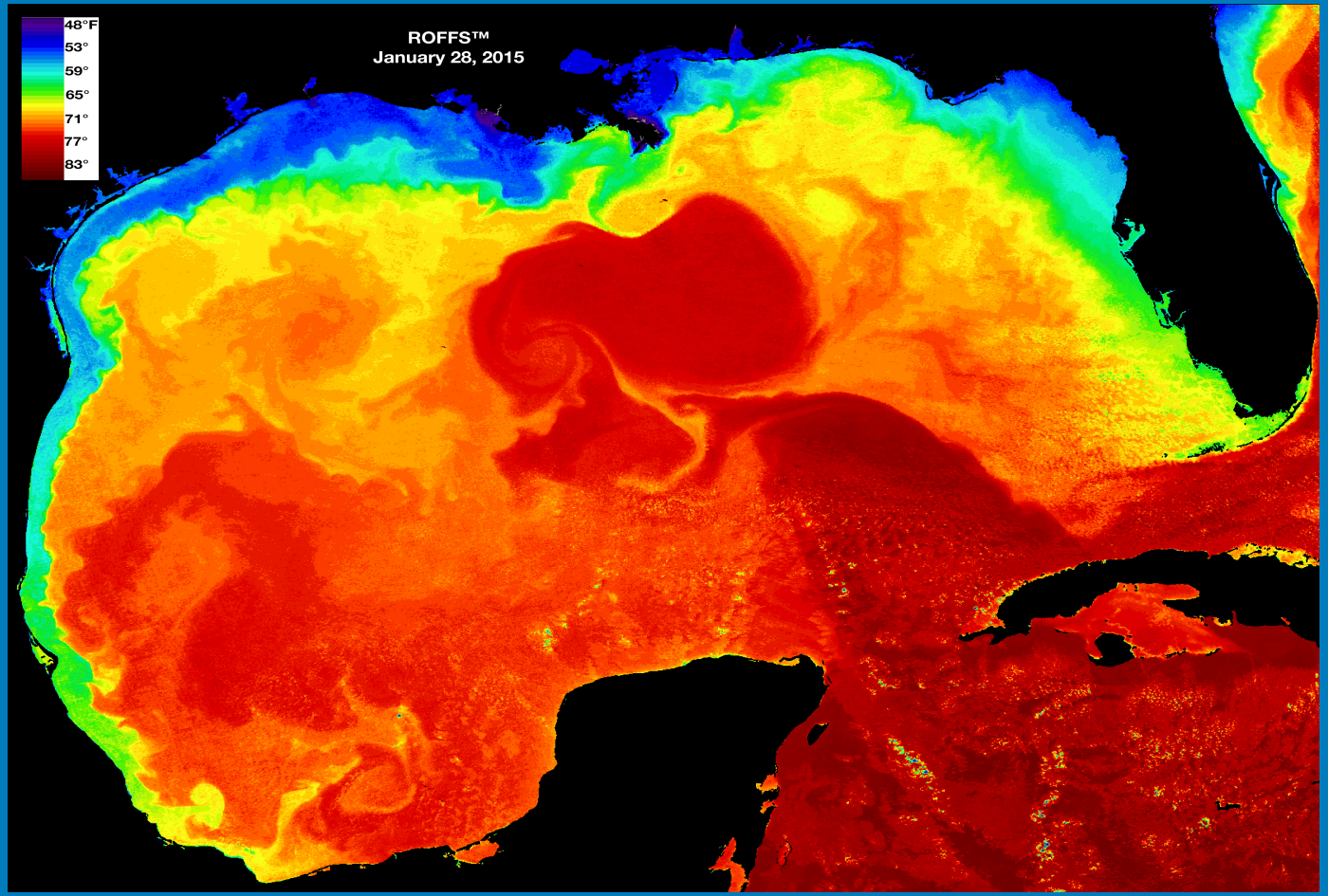
23 years commercial longline data (NOAA + ICCAT)

Infrared Visualization of the Currents



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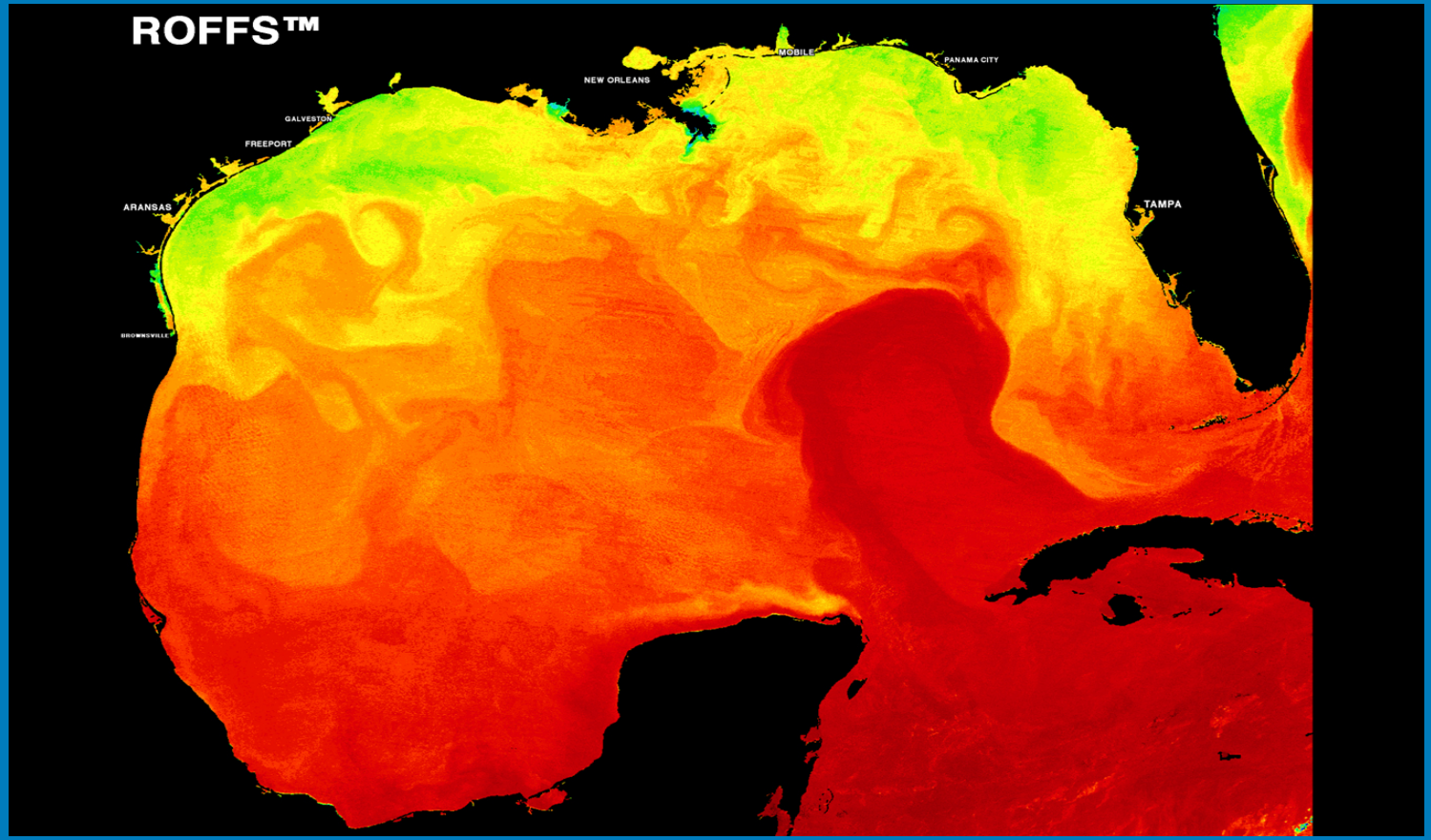

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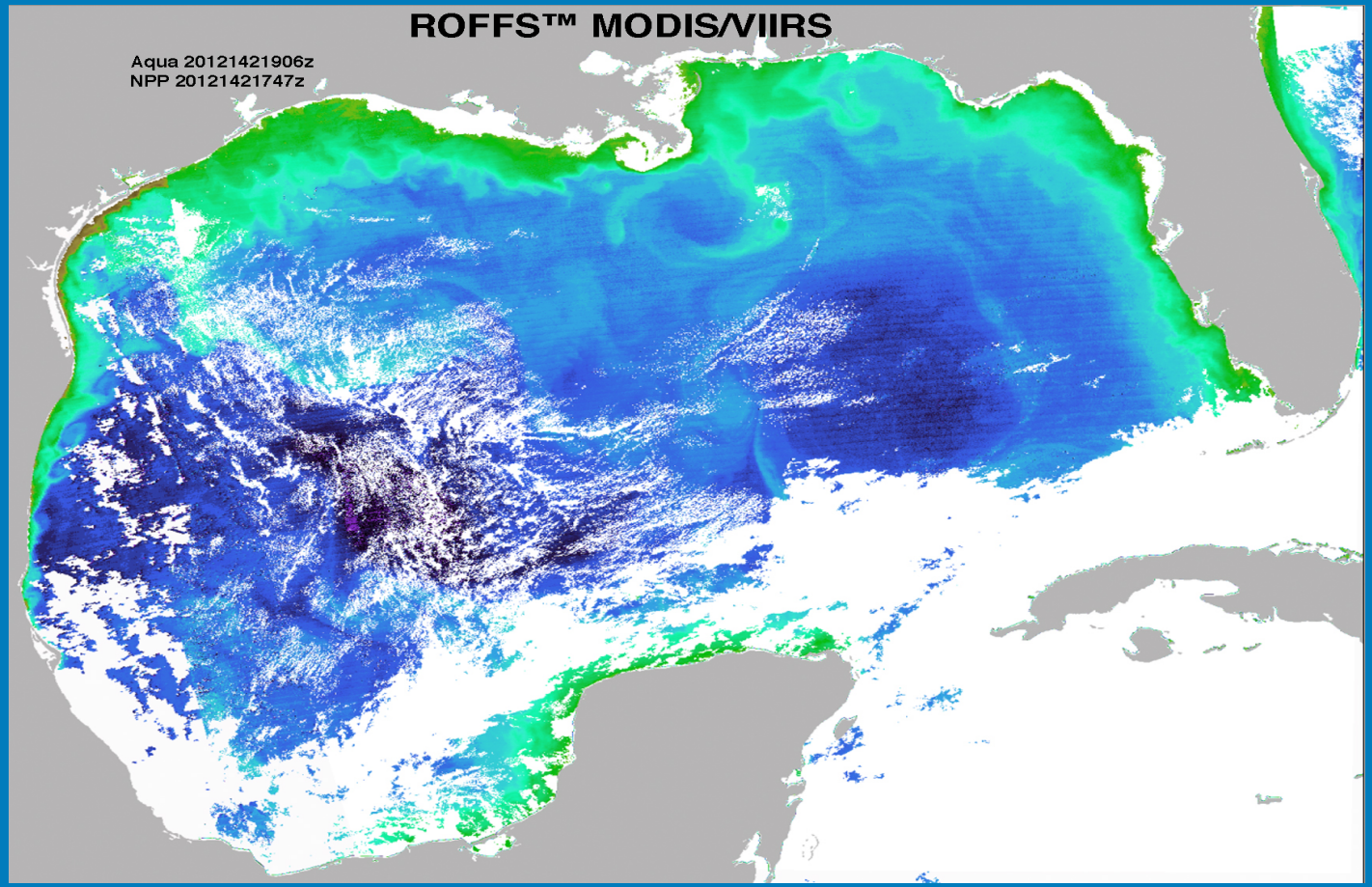
Ocean Color MODIS/VIIRS Composite



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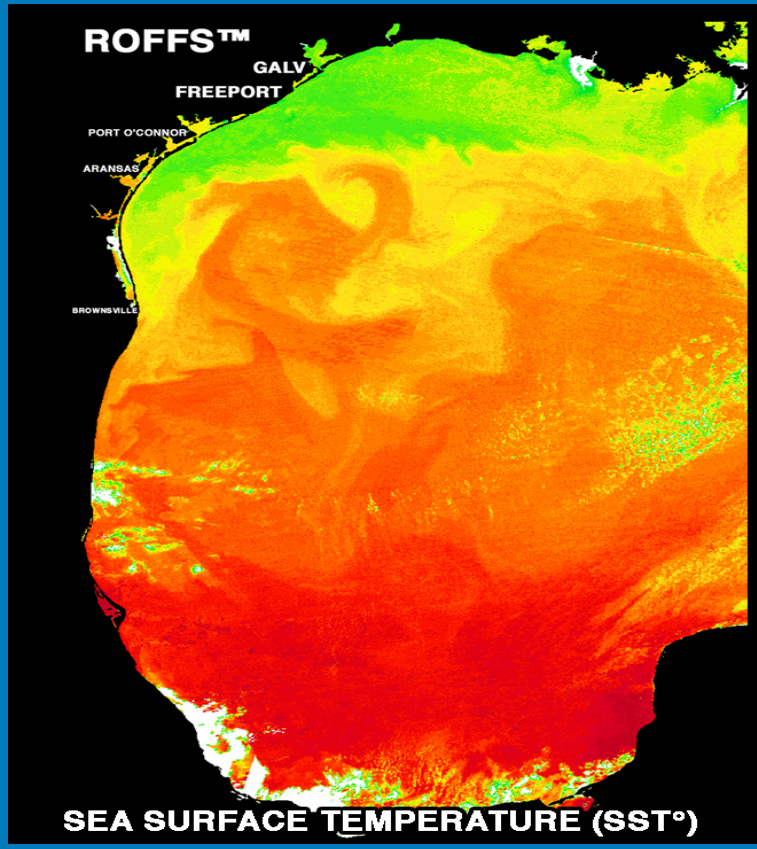

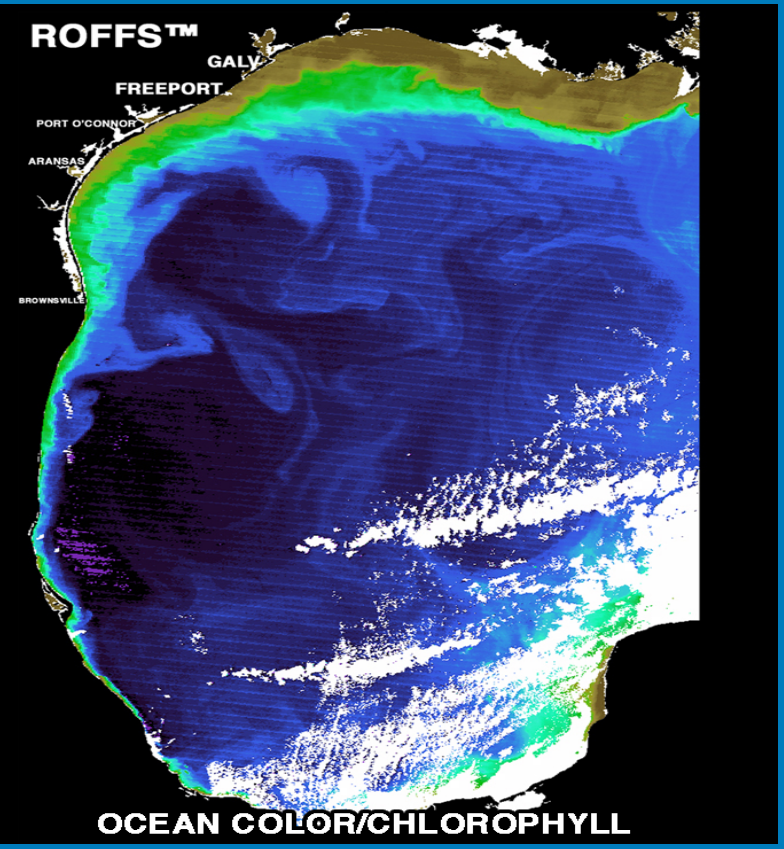

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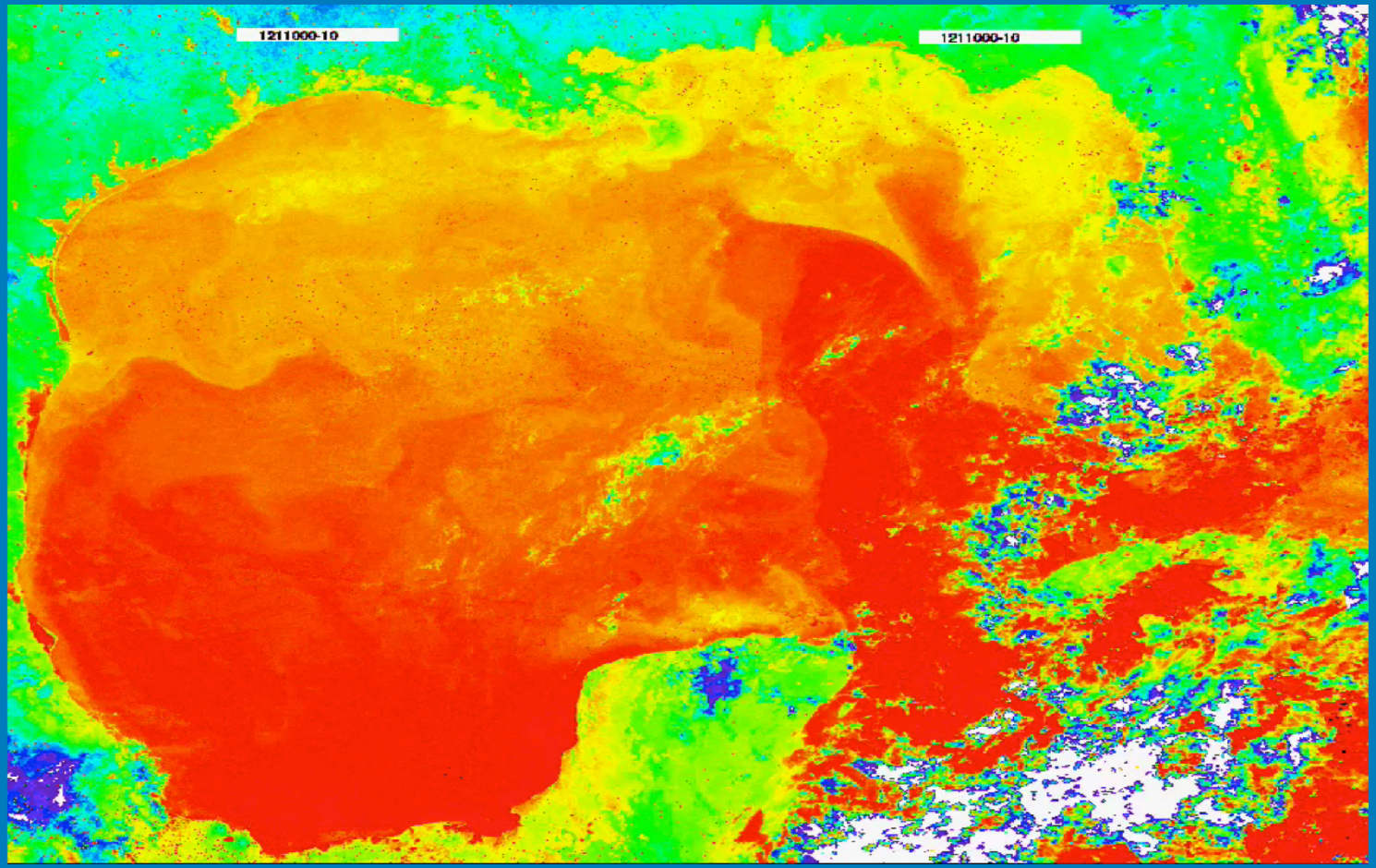

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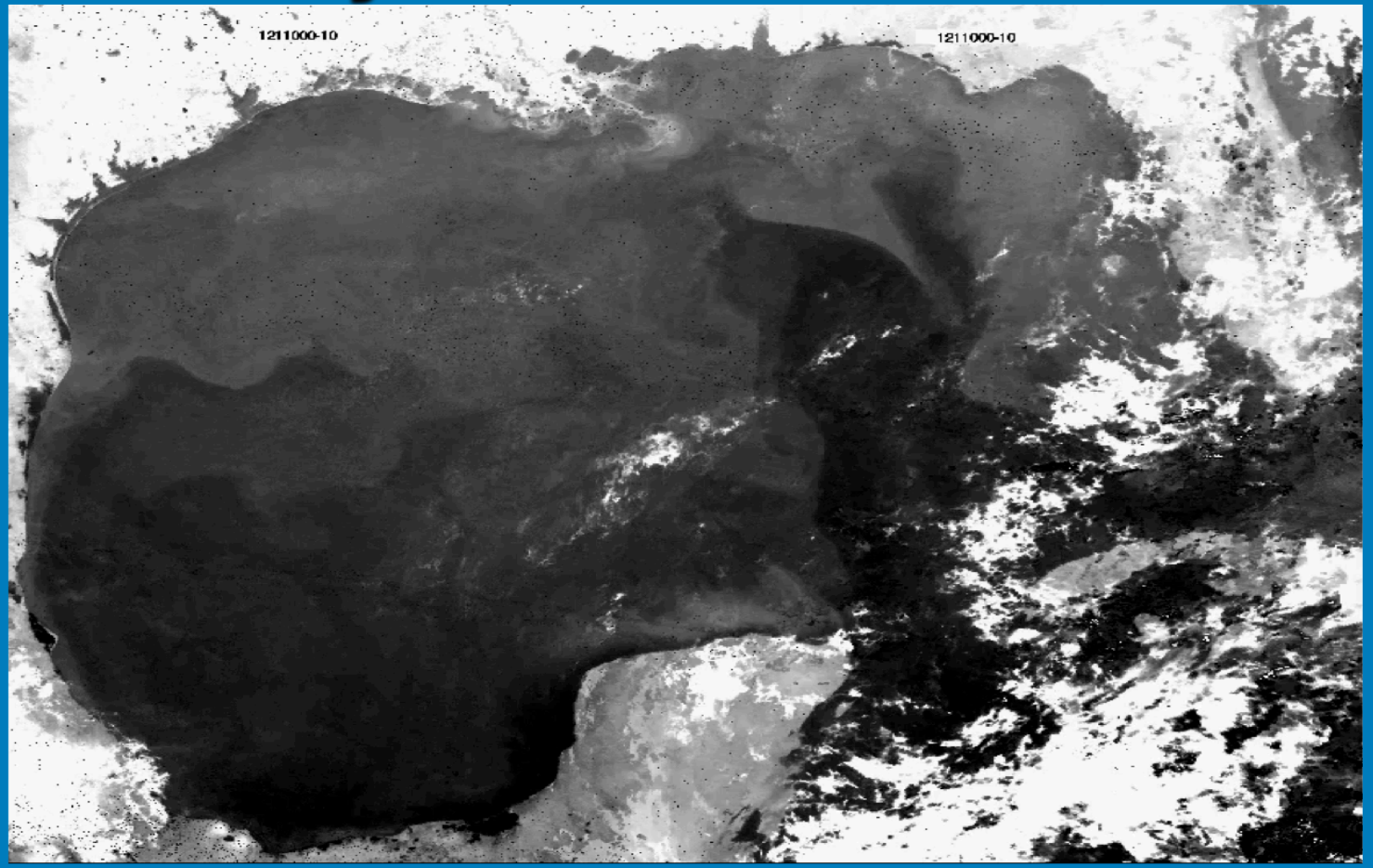

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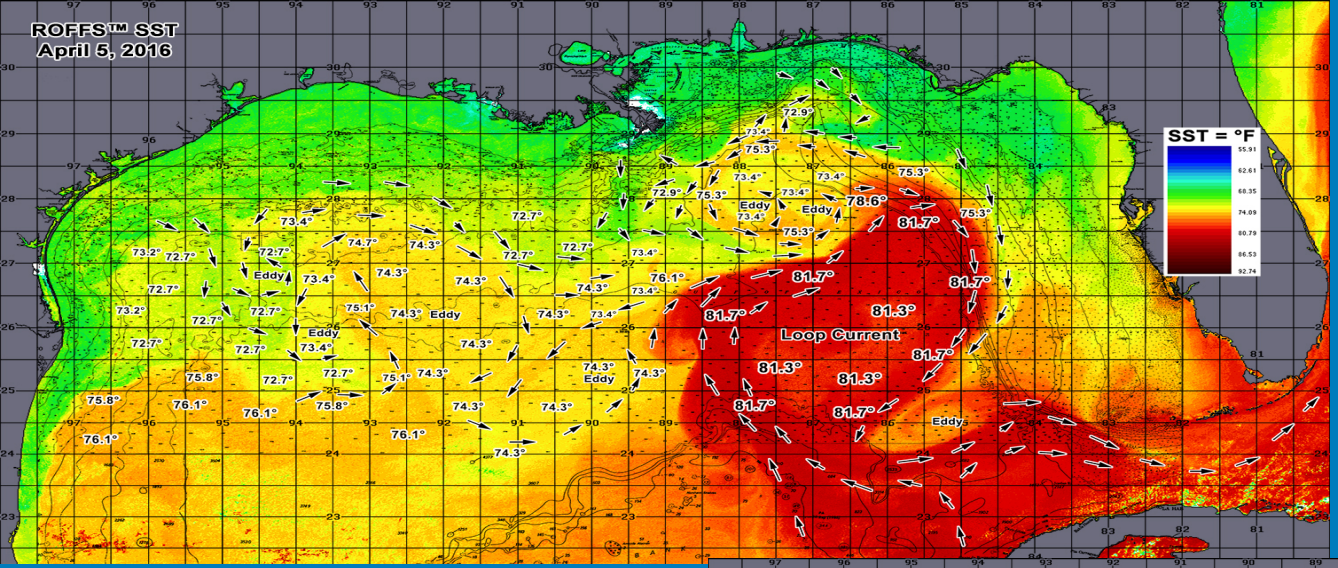

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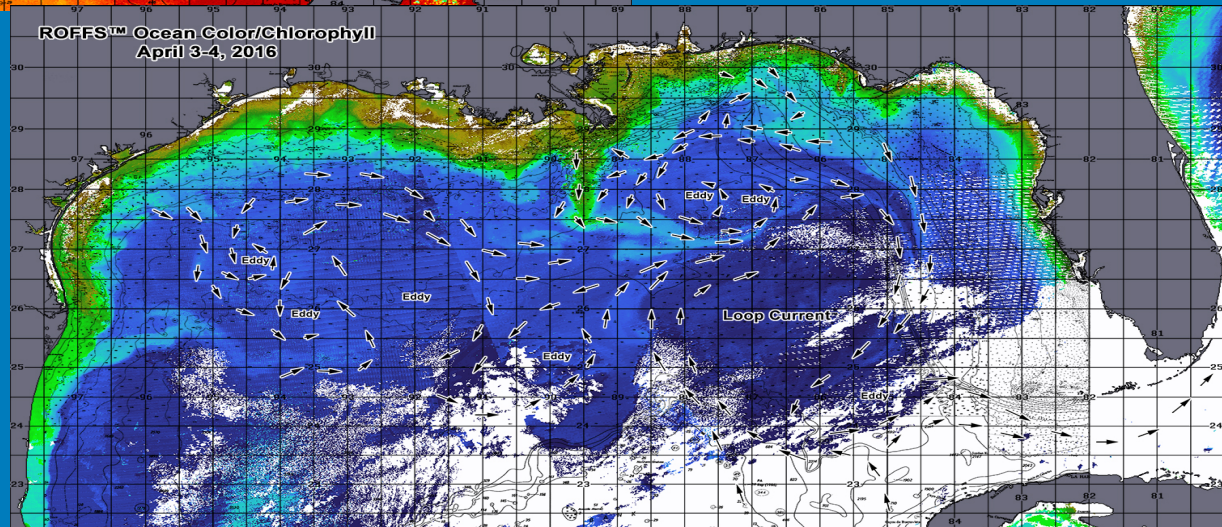

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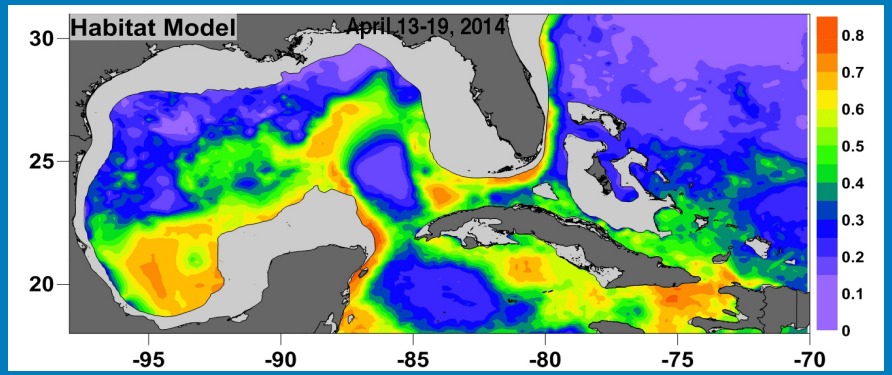
Research Tool Development

- Highly migratory species (larvae and adults), habitat modeling* and climate change.

  - Habitat classification and neural networks.



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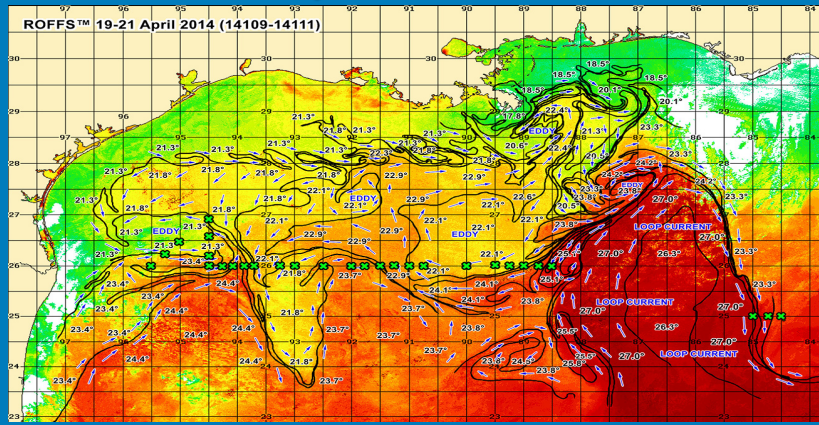

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2008 – 2016 (NASA & NOAA NMFS SEFSC support)

*Quantitative probabilities
Used in larval assessment

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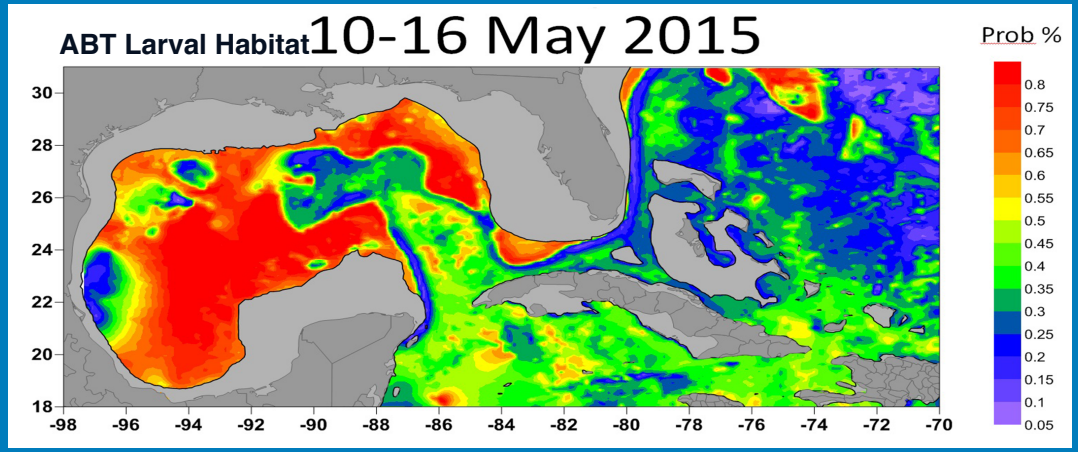
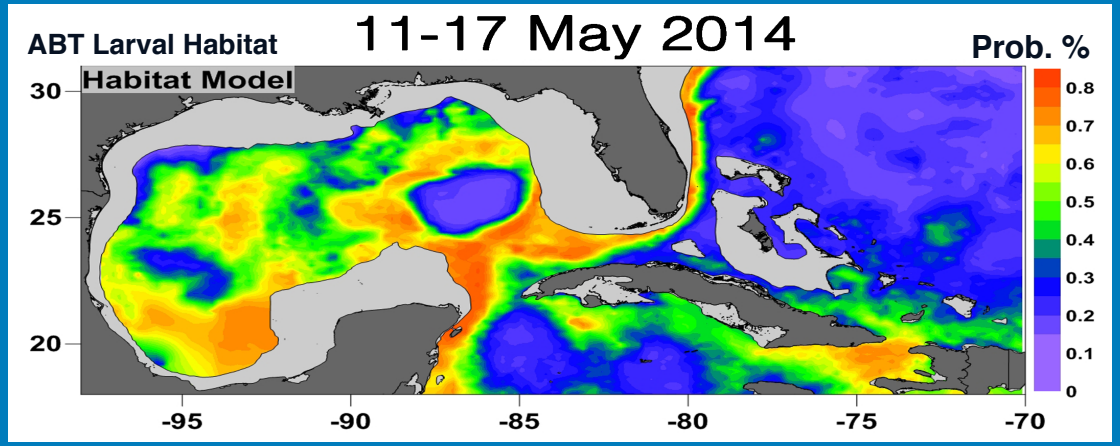
Larval Habitat Variable





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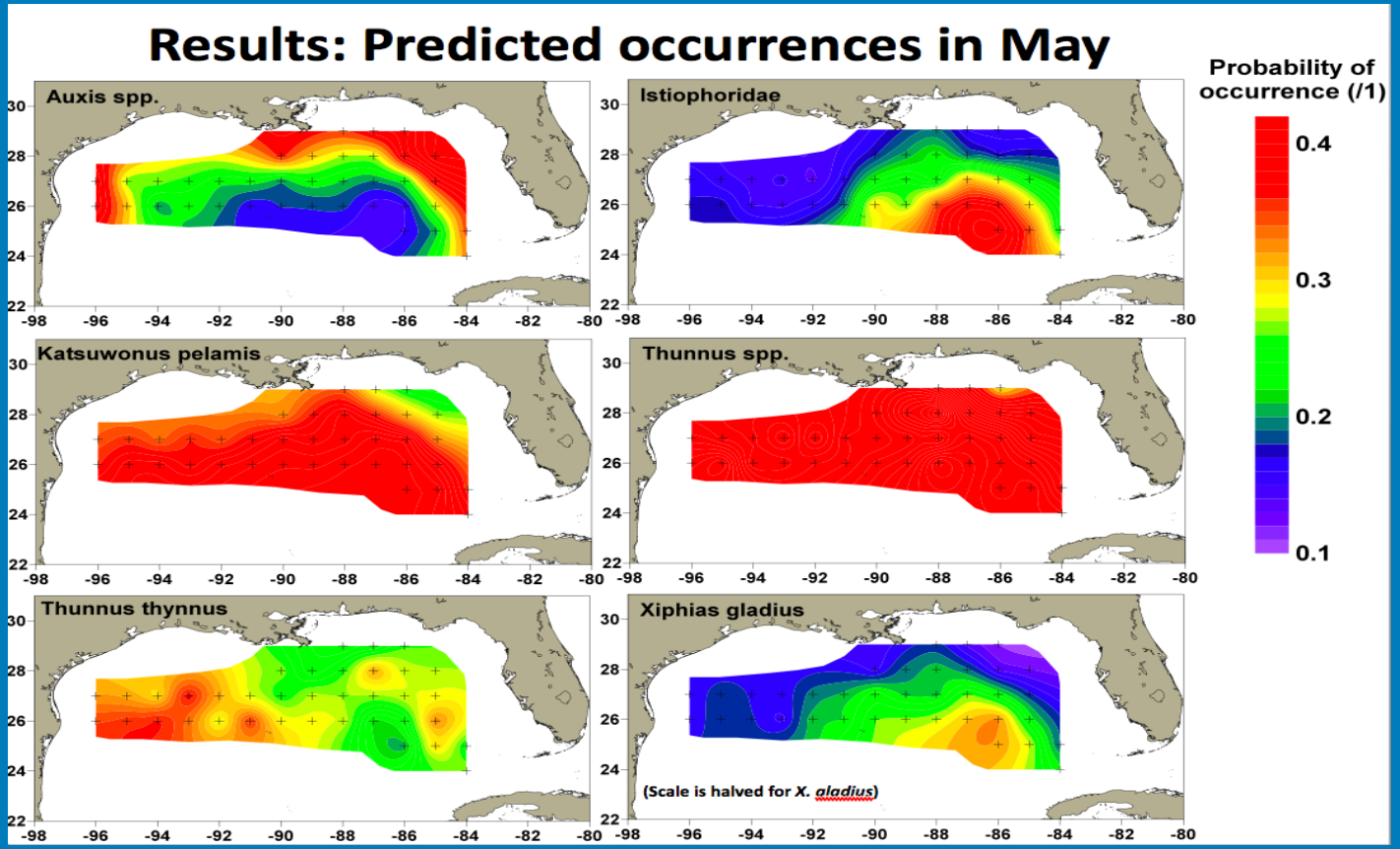
LARVAE HABITAT MODELING



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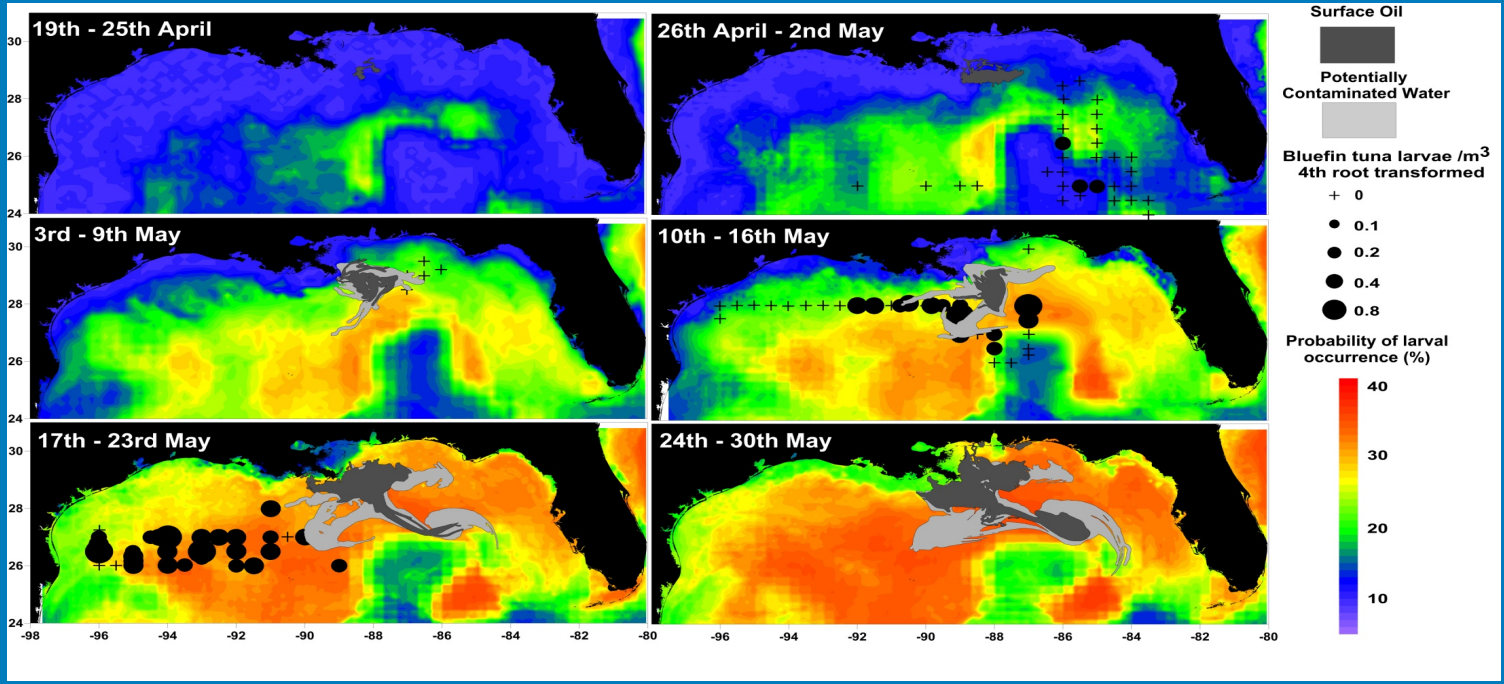
Bluefin Tuna and Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill



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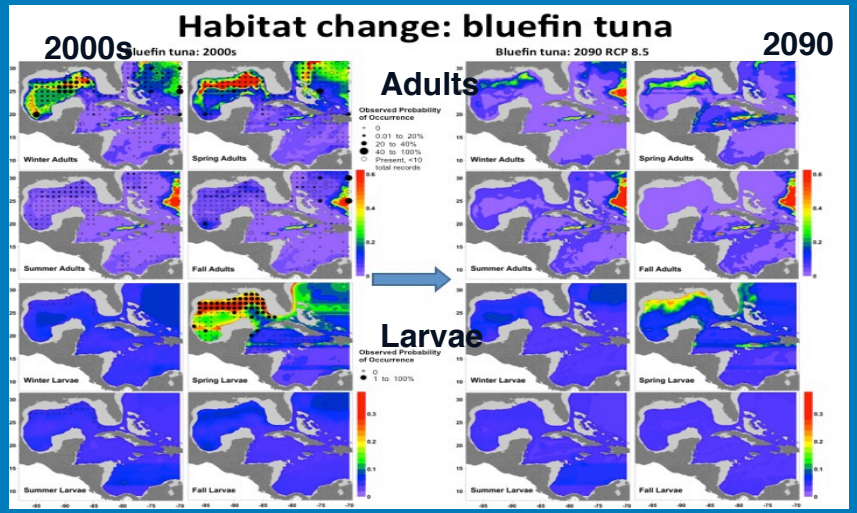

Some losers

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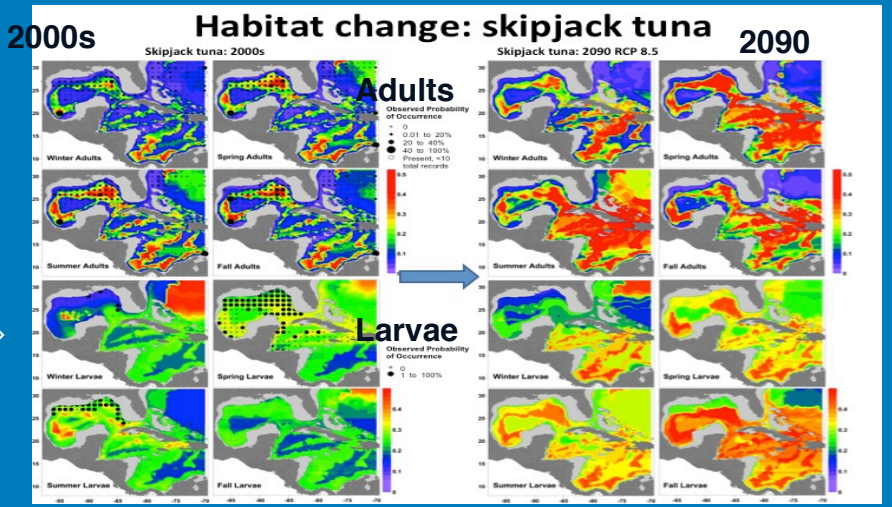

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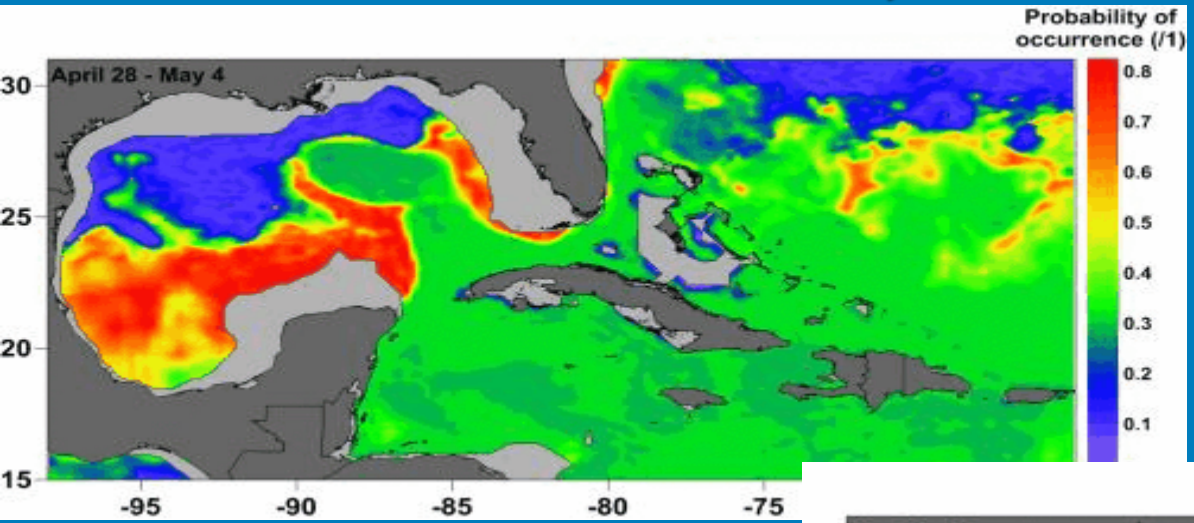
Habitat in Gulf of Mexico, Bahamas, Caribbean 2013*



Are bluefin tuna Spawning Outside Gulf of Mexico?

*2013 habitat model May that was developed from Gulf Of Mexico data!

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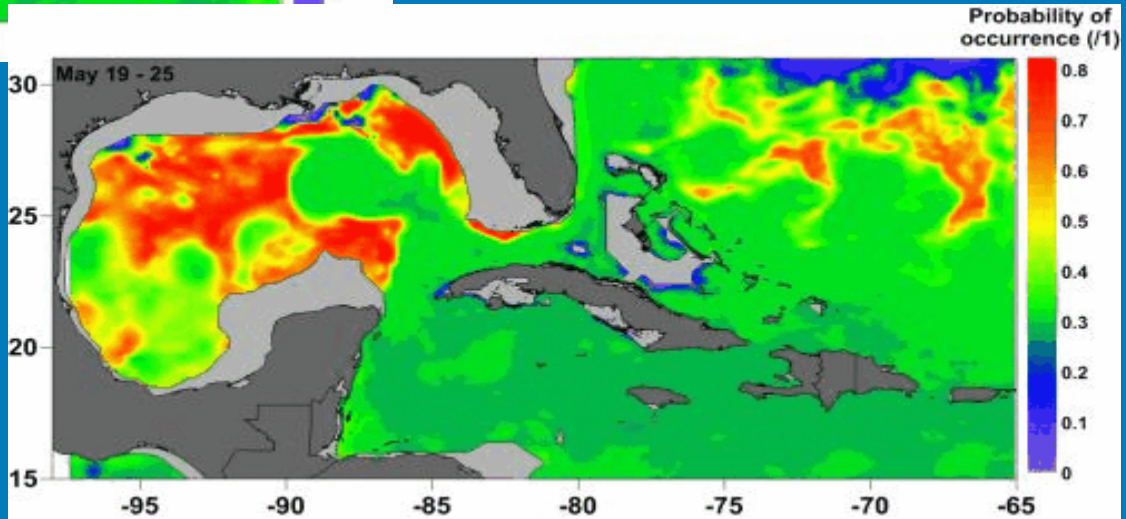
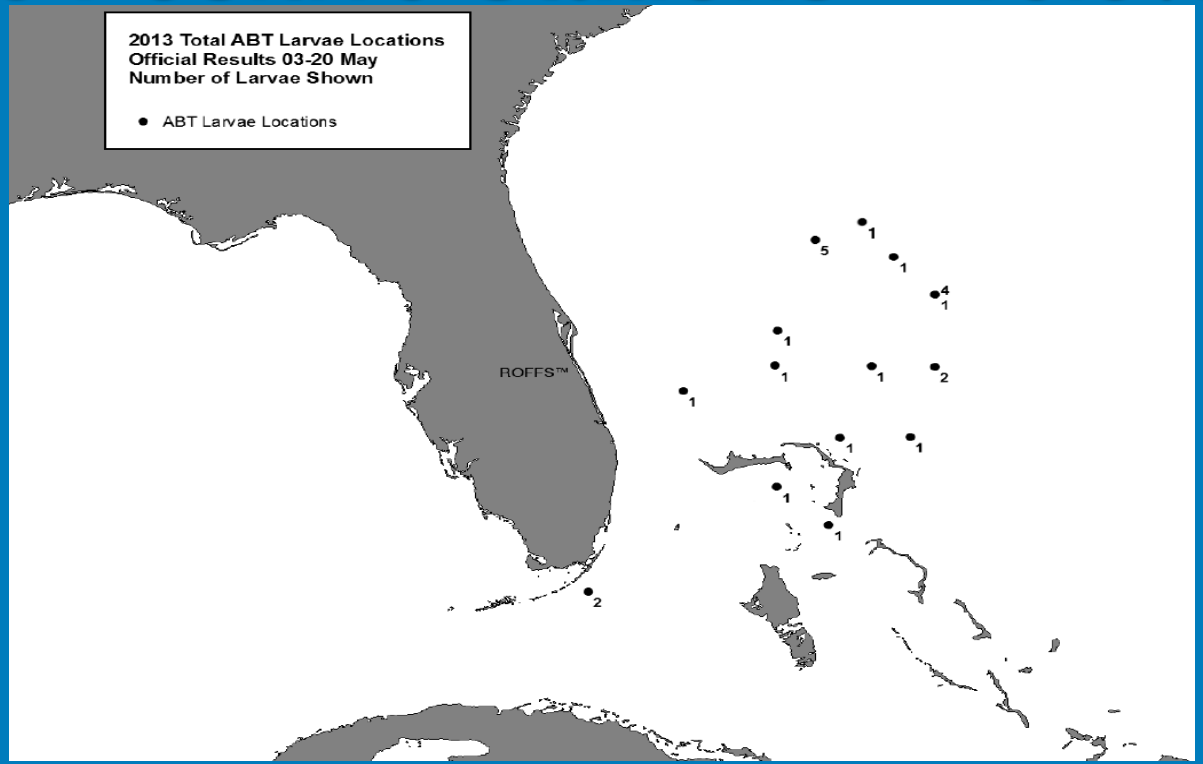


2013 Results for ABT
16 Positive Stations - 16.5%



Where were they spawned?

Not Satisfied with the High Resolution Circulation Models

Warning if you use them:
Know the Limitations
Validation? – Calibration?

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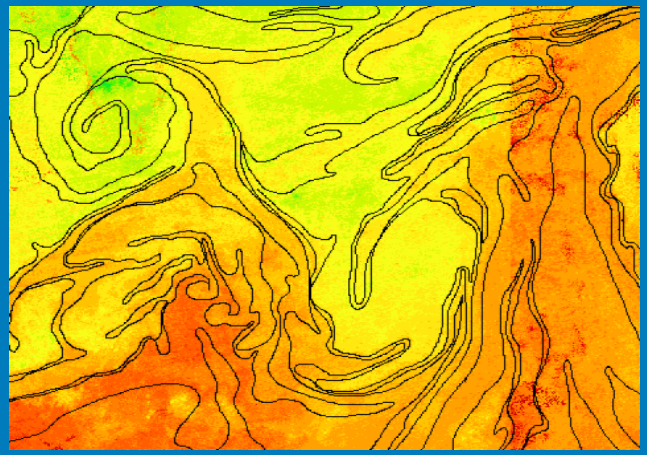
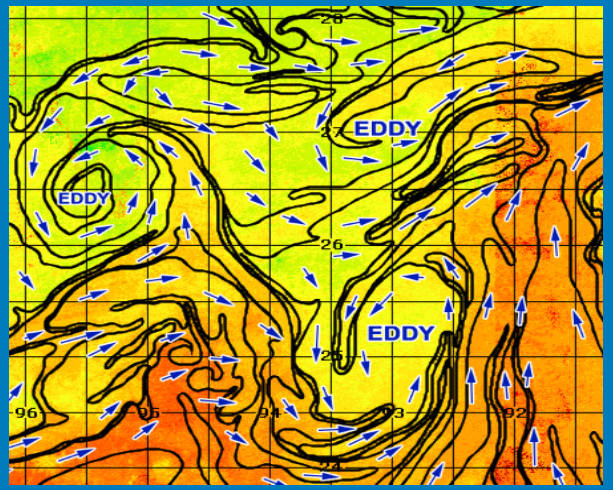
Lagrangian Coherent Structures

1. LCS are structures which separate dynamically distinct regions in time-varying systems such as turbulent flows in fluid mechanics.
2. LCS divide dynamically distinct regions in the flow and reveal geometry which is often hidden when viewing the vector field or even trajectories of the system.
3. LCS often provide a nice tool in analyzing systems with general time-dependence, especially for understanding transport.





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1 KM
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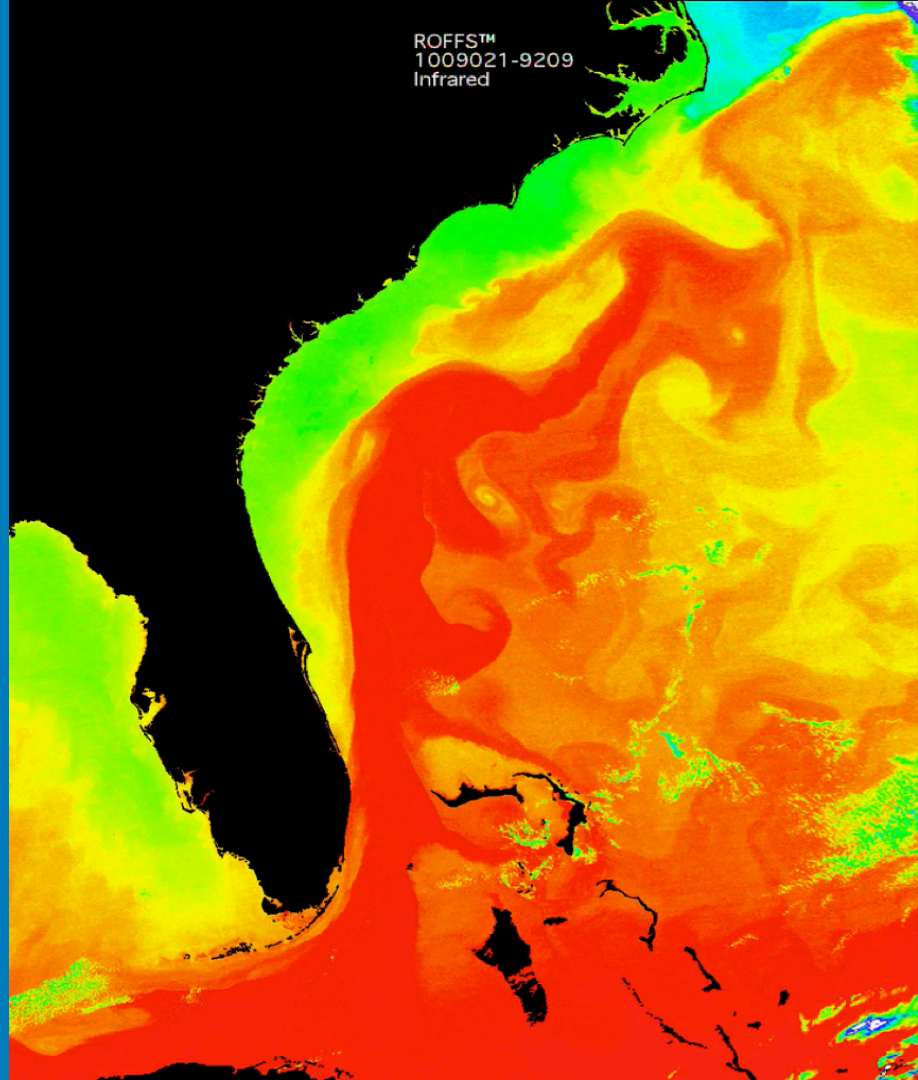

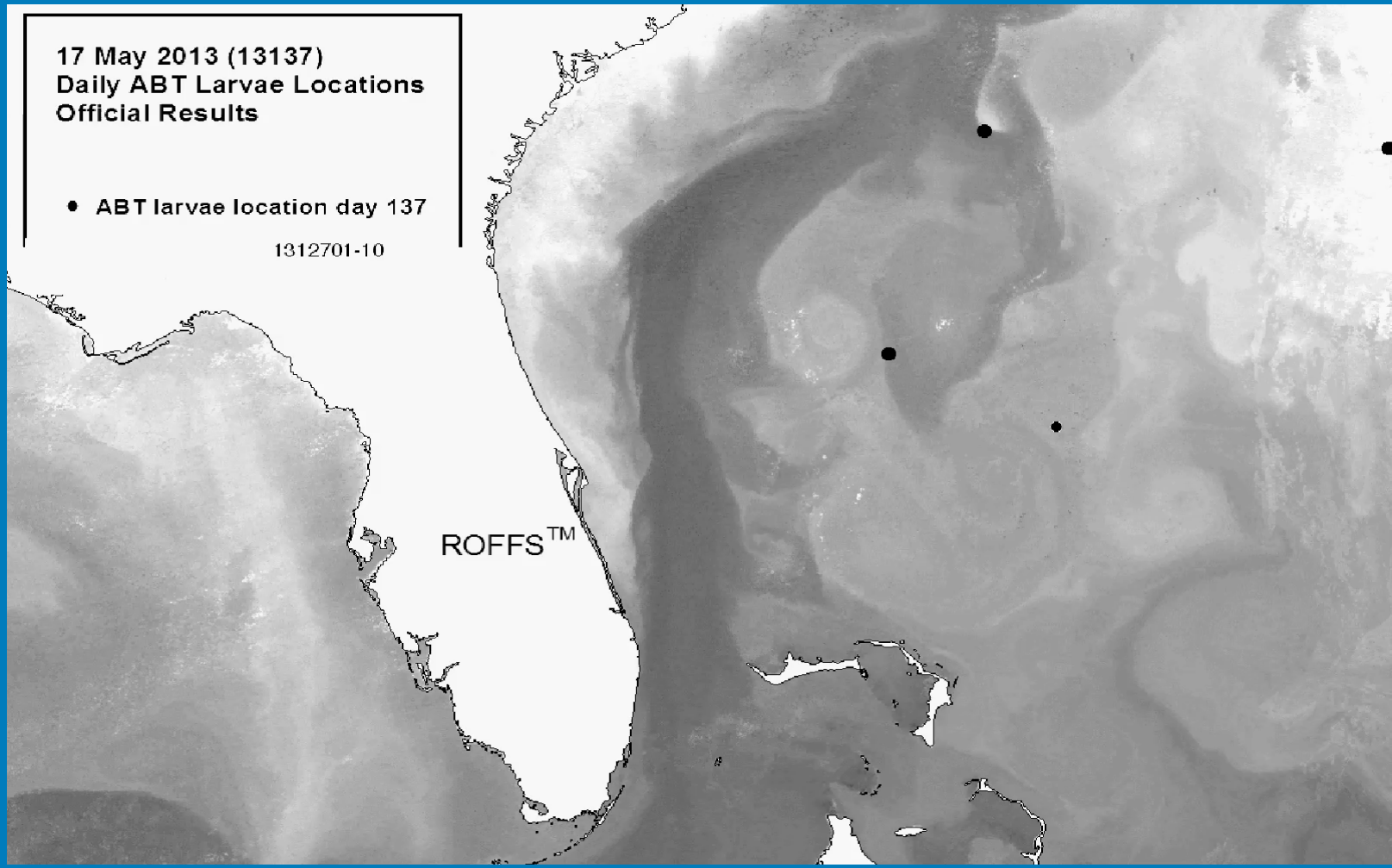
17 May 2013 (13137)
Daily ABT Larvae Locations
Official Results
• ABT larvae location day 137
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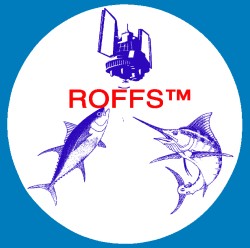
Are Bluefin Spawning Outside the Gulf of Mexico in Bahamas ?

- Based on our assumptions and tracking:
- 16 ABT definitely spawned in Bahamas
- 1 in the Gulf Stream
- 3 either the Gulf Stream or Bahamas
- 2 Gulf of Mexico

YES bluefin tuna ARE spawning in Bahamas and north (east of northern South Carolina)



We don’t see good habitat every year
Need to repeat routinely & expand area

"Those who don't know history are doomed to repeat it.
(Edmund Burke, 1729)

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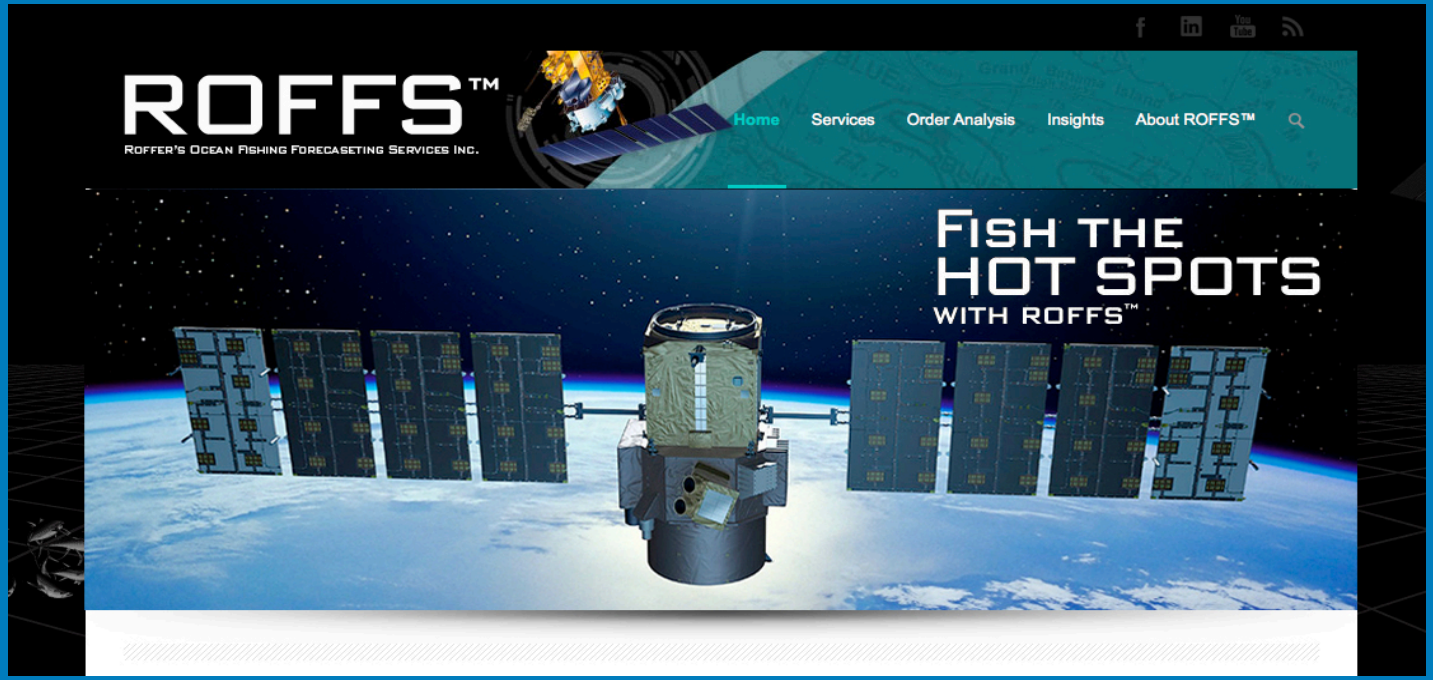

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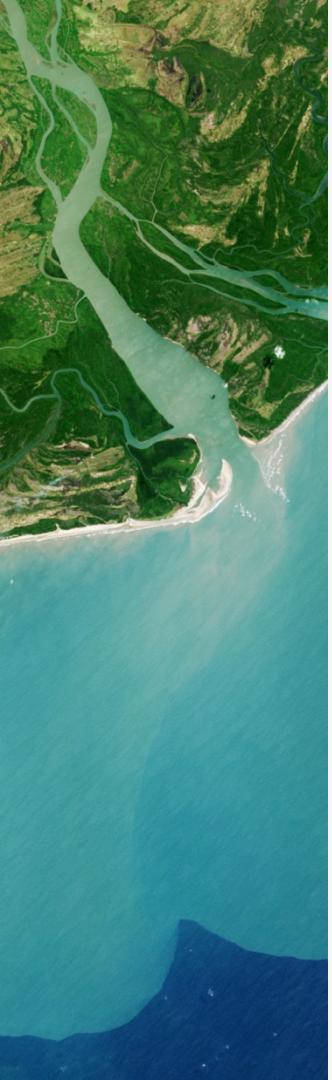
Week 3 Summary

Week 3 Agenda

- Brief Review of Last Week
- Overview of animal movement/migration
- Overview of coupled model and remote sensing tools for tracking animal movement
- Examples of remote sensing tools for understanding animal movement
- Guest Speaker:
  - Dr. Mitchell Roffer: Roffer's Ocean Fishing Forecasting Service



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