

Exploring the Blue Planet With PNT (Biologging) Technology



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Grand Challenges: Observing Stress on Our Ocean Ecosystems

FISHING

- Overexploitation
- By-Catch
- Habitat Degradation

CLIMATE CHANGE

- Thermal, pH, CO₂
- Hypoxia, Acidity
- Stress, Disease
- Sea Level Rise
- Habitat Loss



Challenges for Ocean Science: Will We Know When Our Seascapes are Changing?



The Ocean is Not Transparent

How Can We Observe Ocean Ecosystems?



Marine Domain Awareness

How Can We Monitor Marine Protected Areas



MPA Environmental Monitoring



Active Wildlife Tracking & Anti-Poaching

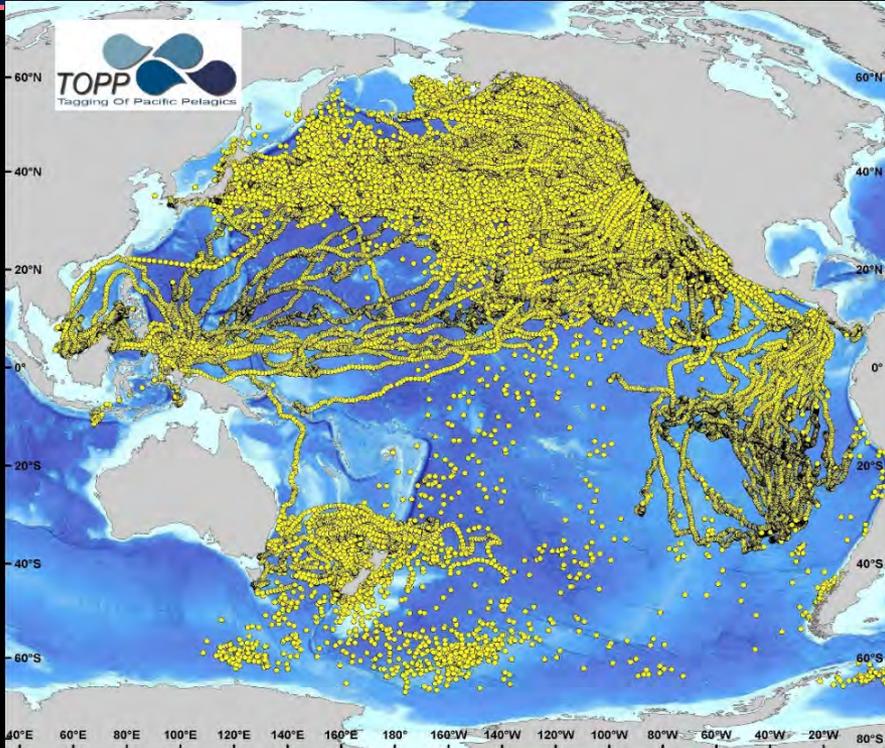


Fish and Shark Tracking



Ocean Observation for Detecting Climate Change

Biologging Science



- **Position:** Argos, GPS, Light, Acoustic
- **Migrations**
- **Habitat Use**
- **Foraging & Spawning Biology**
- **Population Structure**
- **Management & Assessment**
- **Climate Change**
- **Physiology: How Animals Work**

Fish & Chips



Conservation Technology

Motivation: Global Decline of Marine Resources

15 May 2003

International weekly journal of science

nature

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Net losses

Industrialized fishing hits fish stocks

Financial markets

You can't buck the physics

Jupiter's moons

Headed for a hundred

Functional genomics

The power of comparison



• *Myers & Worm, 2003*

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Bluefin Tunas: Ferrari of the Sea



The Global Hunt for Tunas



Massive Bluefin Tuna Sells for \$1.76 Million at Tokyo Auction

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Saturday was the first tuna auction of the year at Tsukiji Fish Market in Tokyo, and a single, 489-pound bluefin tuna sold to a sushi restaurant magnate for a staggering 155 million yen – that would be \$1.76 million, or \$3,600 per pound. The buyer, as multiple outlets have reported, was Kiyoshi Kimura, owner of the Sushi-Zanmai restaurant chain; and some customers at one of his restaurants



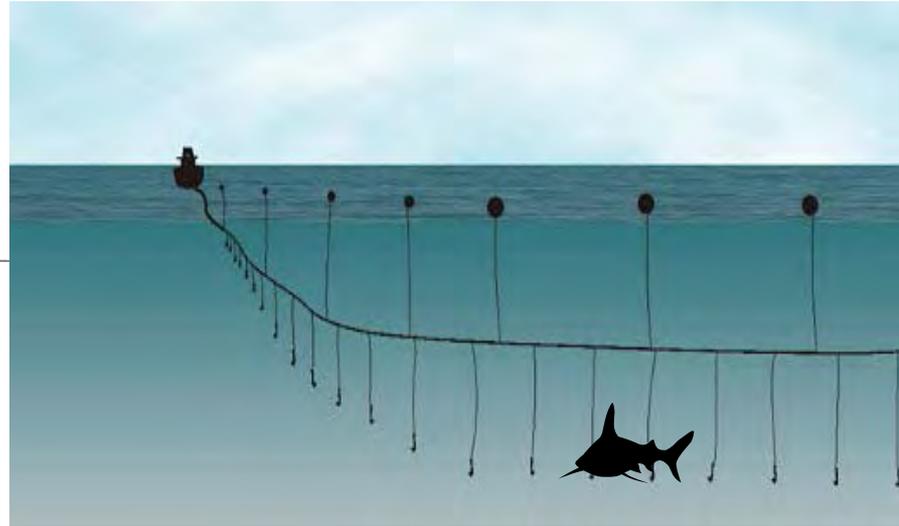
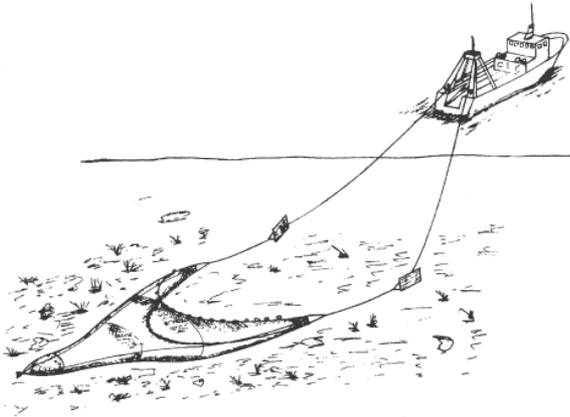
Even the buyer admits the price was 'a bit high.'
Photo: ntd.tv



Predators in Decline



Sharks are declining worldwide (By-catch)



Sharks are declining worldwide (New target species)

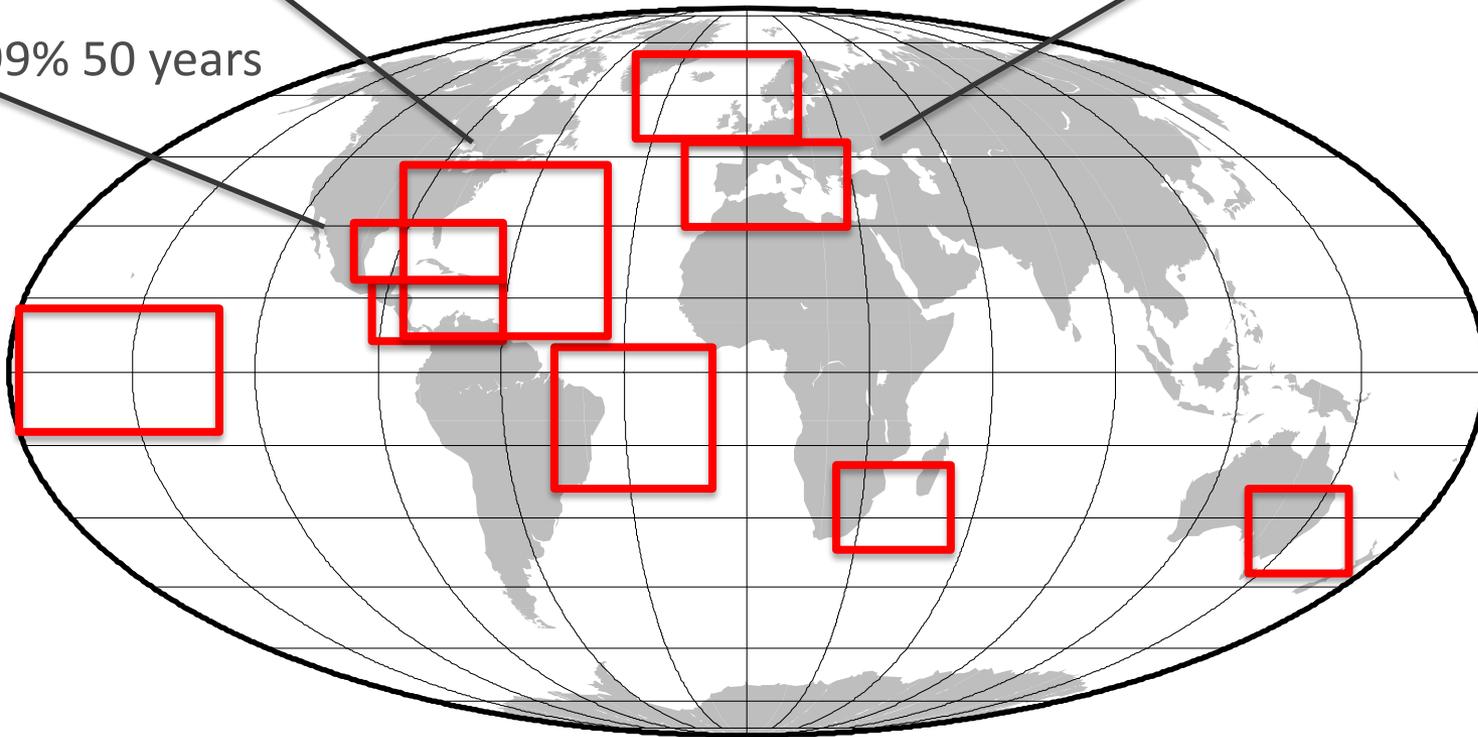


Estimates of decline

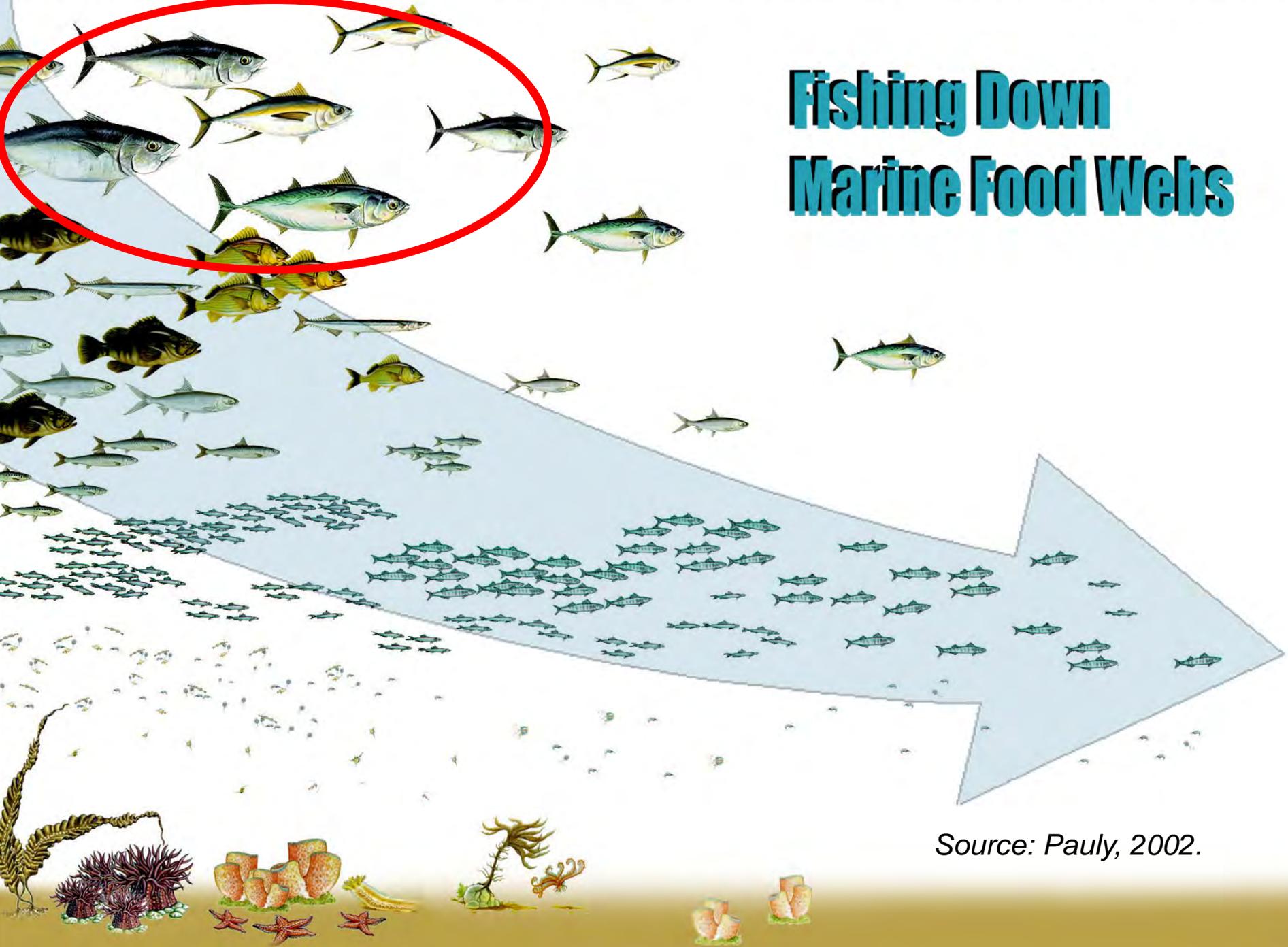
49 - 89% less than 15 years

96 >99% in 50-200 years

79 - >99% 50 years



Fishing Down Marine Food Webs



Source: Pauly, 2002.

Terrestrial vs. Open Ocean Carnivores

Why Do We Know So Little?

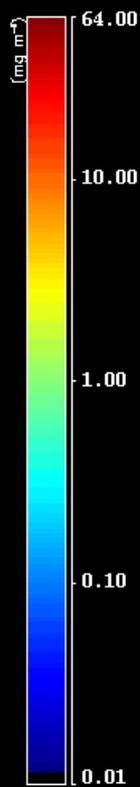
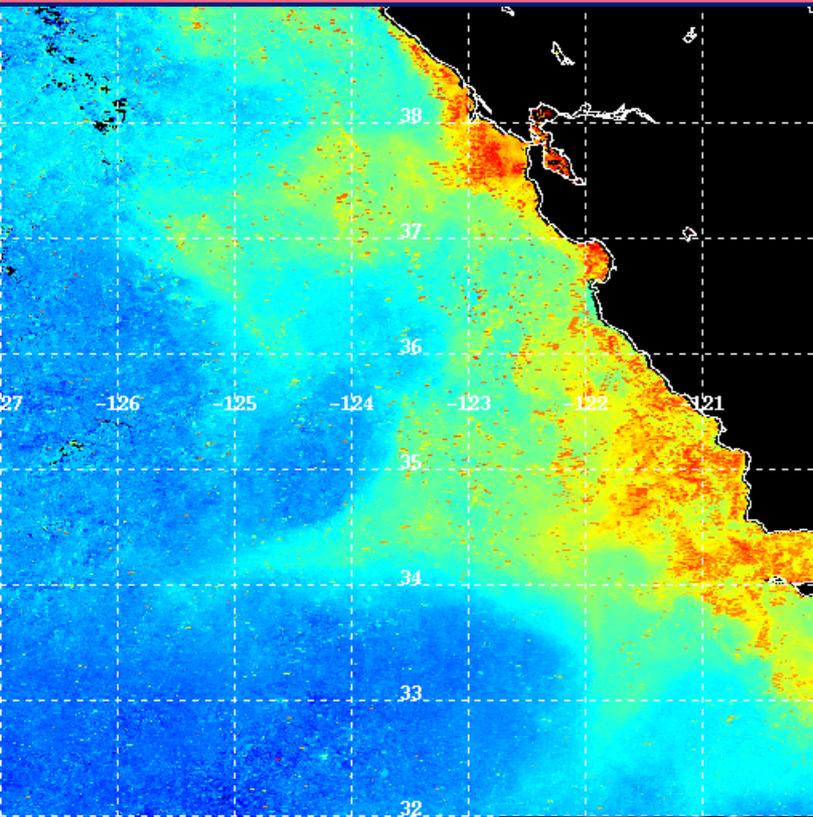


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NGS

Basic Questions: How Many White Sharks are there In the Northeastern Pacific?



Where are the Hot Spots in a Dynamic California Current Ecosystem & Why?



Where are the Migratory Highways & Watering Holes in the Oceans



*The Challenge: Fish are submerged
Large Home Ranges & Difficult to Retrieve
Electronic Devices*



Challenges: How Do You Catch and Tag a Large White shark?



The Engineering Challenge: Attaching Tags to Fast Moving Animals



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Pelagic Habitats Move



Tuna Research & Conservation Center

1994-2015



TAG & TOPP TECHNICAL APPROACH

Engineering Partnerships Focused on Tag Development



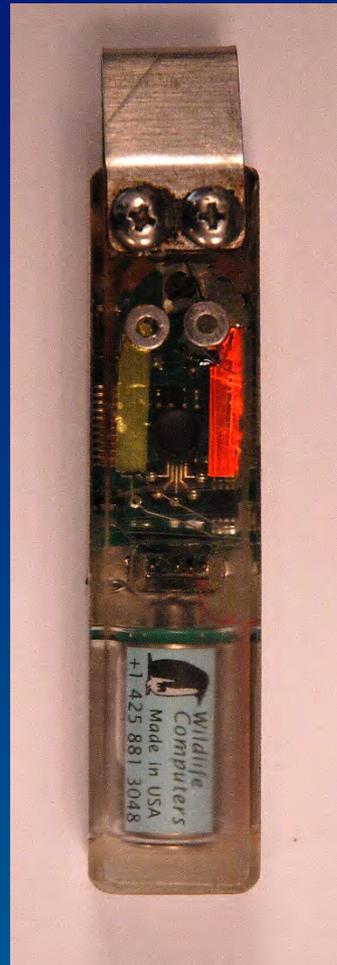
National Oceanographic Partnership Program

Promoting Partnerships for the Future of Oceanography

CTD Tag



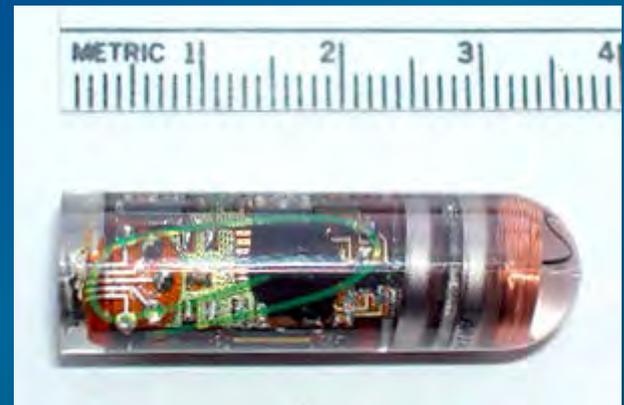
Dual Wavelength Tag



Rapid Temperature TDR



Geolocation Tag (6 g)



Prototype GPS Tag

Archival Tags: Data Loggers



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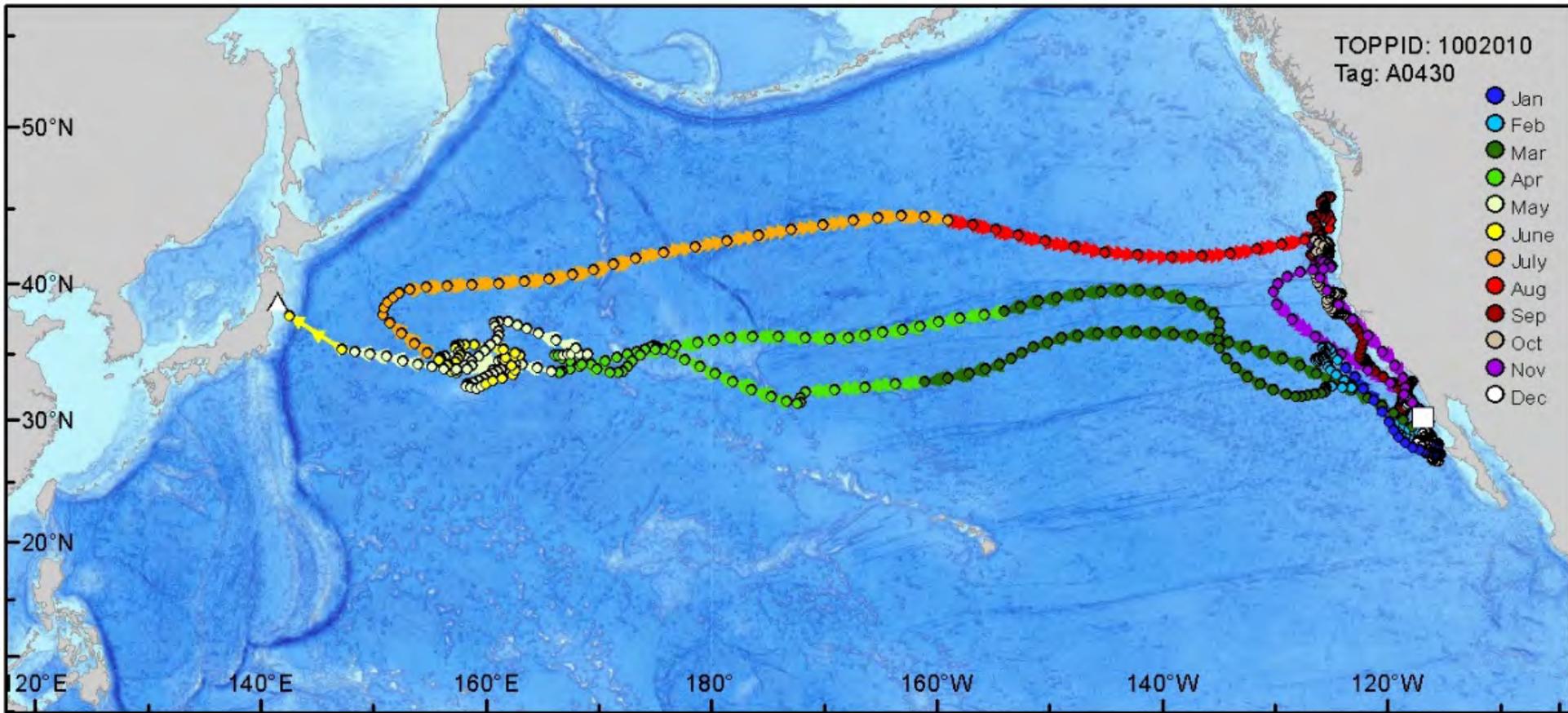


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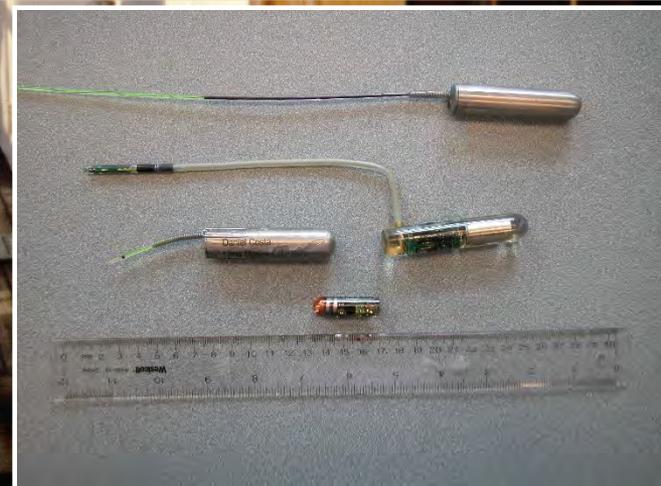
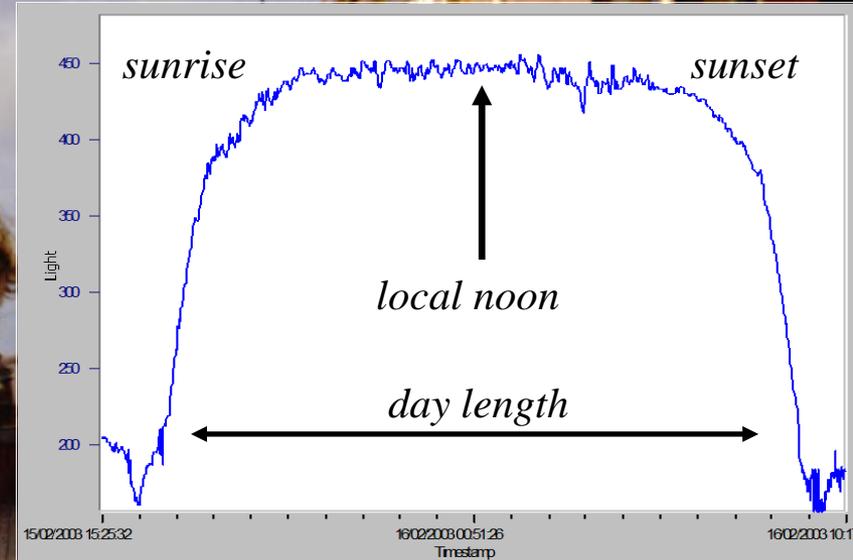
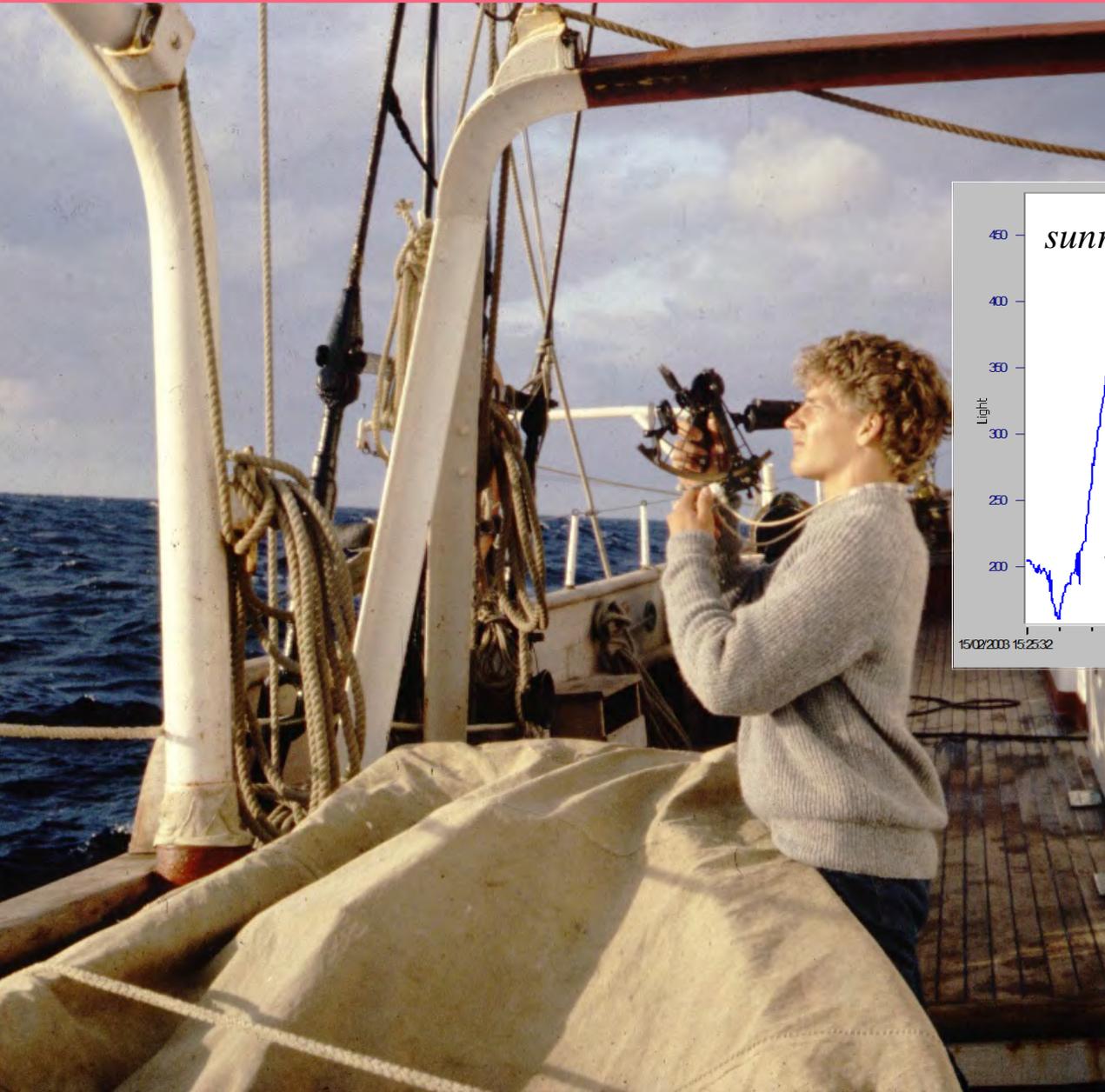
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- *Pressure, 2000m*
- *Temperature $-5^{\circ}\text{C}/40^{\circ}\text{C}$*
- *Light 470nm*
- *Salinity*
- *Real time clock*
- *Physiology*
- *Position*
- *Oceanography*
- *16 million readings*

Examples of Trans-Pacific Migratory Behaviors

TOPP ID 1002010, TAG A0430, ~640 days at Liberty (from ~2.3-4.1 years of age)



Archival Tags Use Light Collected Under the Sea to Calculate Astronomical Based Geolocations



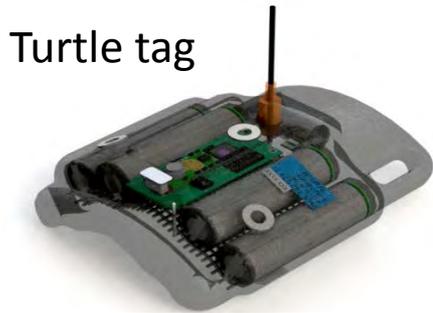
Conservation Technology: Ecosystem Monitoring With Animal Tags

“Environmental Intelligence”



MiniPAT
Pop-up

Daily Diary



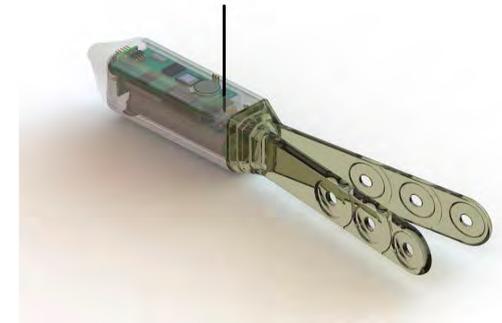
Turtle tag



Acoustic
Tags



Accelerometer



Satellite Relay Data Logger (SRDL)

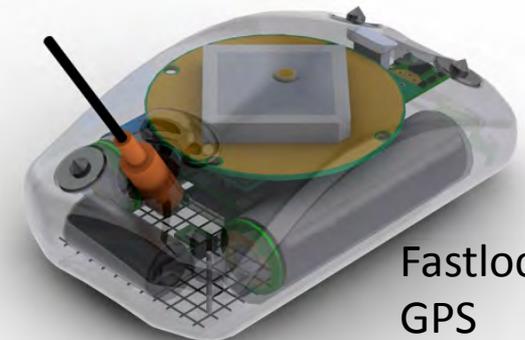


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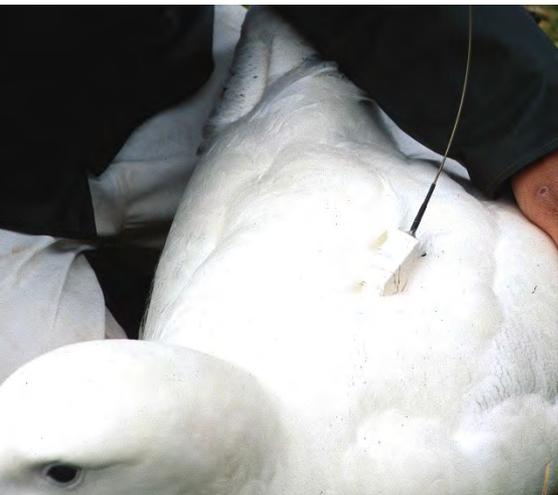


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GPS

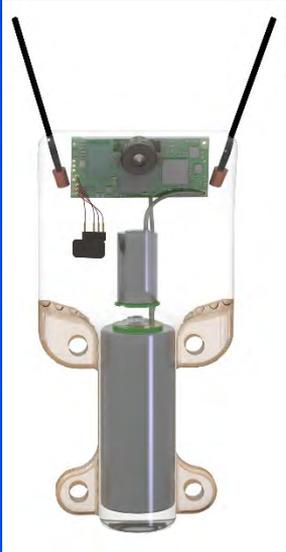
Argos Satellite Telemetry



- Radio Telemetry
- Position
- Oceanography
- Behavior & Physiology
- Life History (mortality, survivorship data)
- Population Abundance



Fastloc GPS on Sharks



Daily Diary & Camera Tags: Behavior



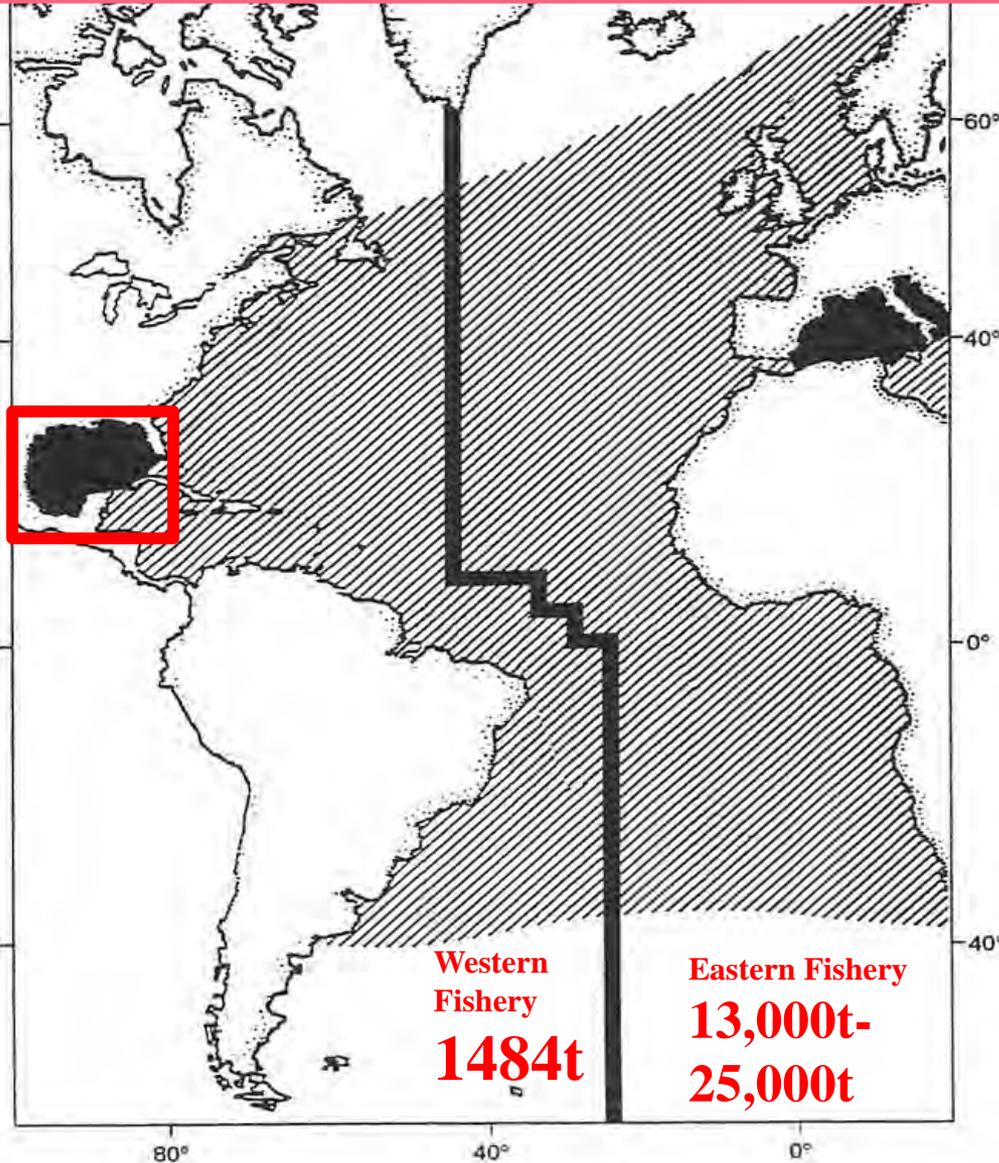
TAG A GIANT CAMPAIGN 1996-2015

~2000 Atlantic & Pacific Bluefin Tuna Tagged



Critical Questions for International Management (ICCAT)

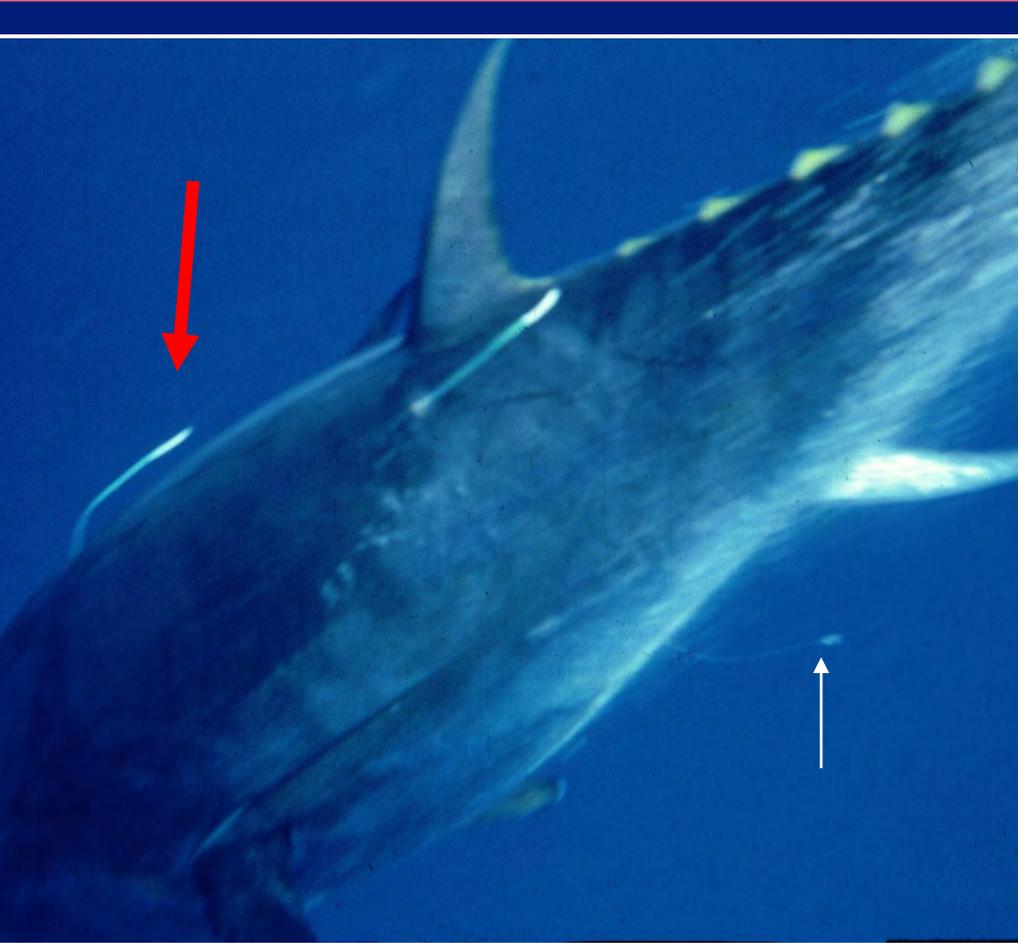
Uncertainty of Population Mixing Limits Management Actions



Areas of Uncertainty

1. How Many Stocks
2. Mixing
3. Ages to Maturity
4. Where are Breeding Grounds
5. Natal Homing
6. Population Numbers

Archival Tagged Fish Marked Externally



Archival Recaptures of Bluefin Tuna Are 22% in Atlantic; 54% in Pacific Ocean



What are archival tags? Archival tags are electronic data-logging devices that provide location estimates by measuring light intensity through a light sensor. They also provide data on swimming depth, water temperature, and body temperature of the fish. This information is collected on a daily basis and stored in the tag for several years.

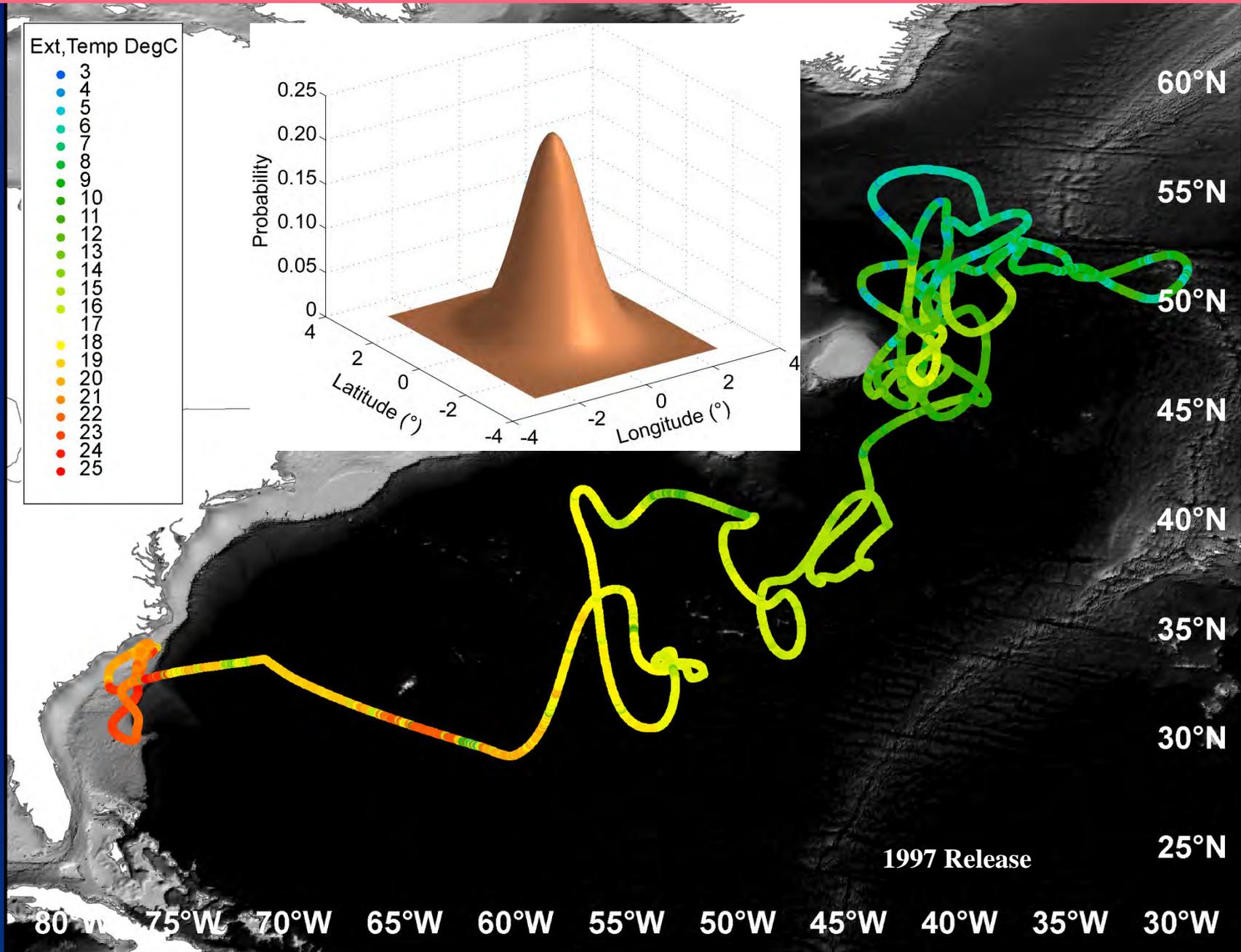
How do you determine that a bluefin tuna has an archival tag? Archival tags are implanted in the body cavity of the tuna and only the light sensor protrudes out of the body. However, these specially equipped bluefin tuna also carry unique external conventional streamer tags, with two-tone coloration, to help fisherman recognize these fish and return the archival tags. The external tags are placed about an inch off the dorsal midline on each side of the fish. On the white portion of the streamer tag it says "electronic tag inside cavity" and on the green side it says "Big \$\$\$ reward".

PROCEDURE FOR GETTING YOUR REWARD:

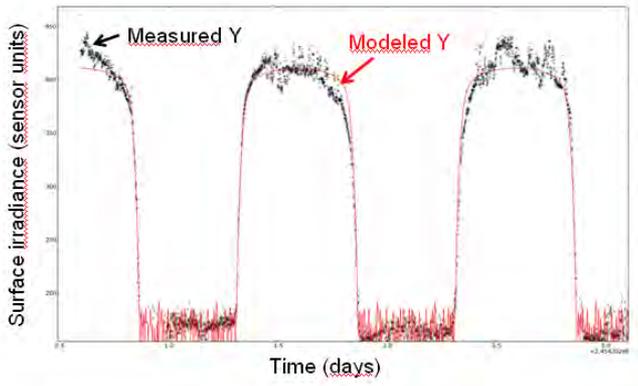
1. Report all archival tagged bluefin tuna to **YOUR LOCAL FISHERIES AGENCY**, or in the West Atlantic call the toll free number 1-800-437-3936 ¹. In the East Atlantic/ Mediterranean call the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), Madrid, Spain, at 34-1-579-3352. Additional instructions will be provided regarding where and how the tags should be mailed. **Inquires can also be made to Dr. Eric Prince at his email address: eric.prince@noaa.gov**
2. **DO NOT REMOVE THE ARCHIVAL TAG BY PULLING ON THE LIGHT SENSOR.** To remove the archival tag, make a carefully placed 6 inch incision in the belly cavity, in front of the area where the sensor enters into the fish. Remove the silver or yellow archival tag (with light sensor attached) by hand. Wash the tag with water and keep it at room temperature. Streamer tags can be cut off the fish and the portion of the tag with writing or information should be kept. In addition to saving both the archival and streamer tags, data on location and date of recapture, fishing gear used, length, weight of fish, and your name and address are also important.



Bluefin: Tracking Animals that Remain Submerged

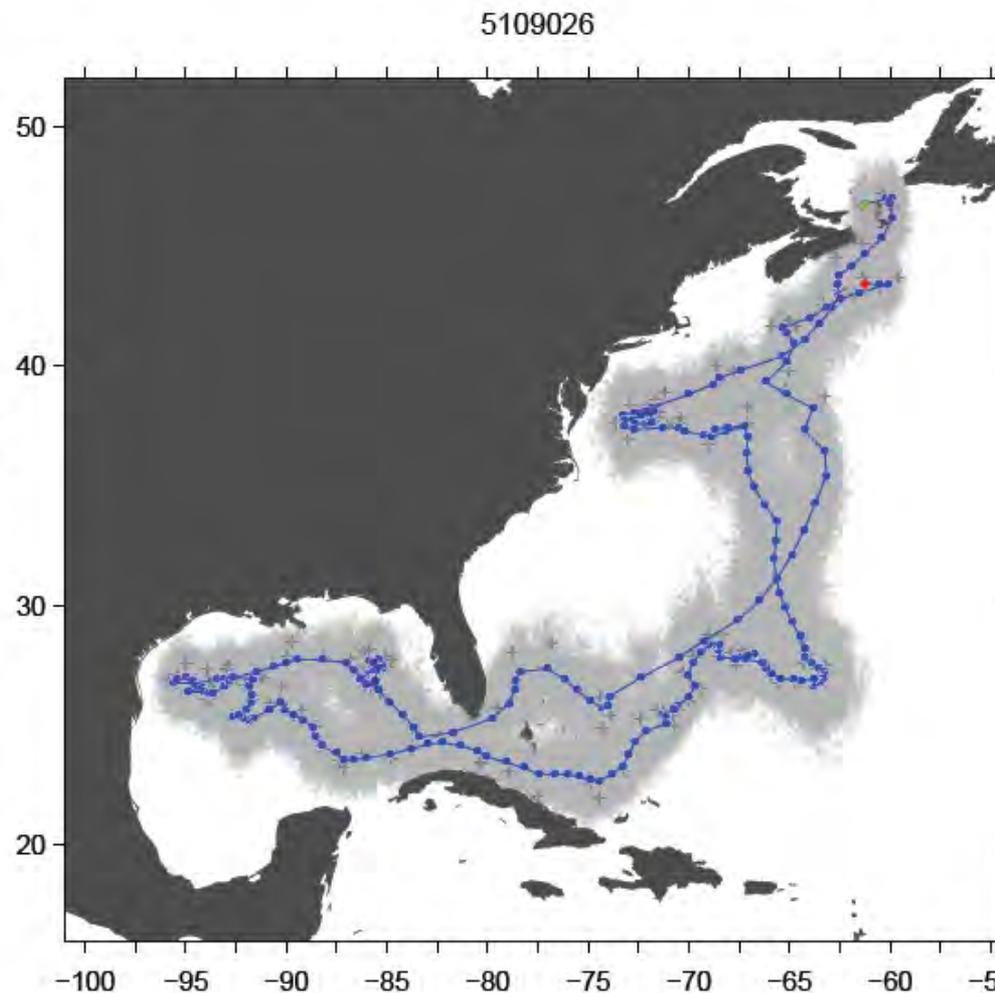


Longitude by Light, Latitude is Determined Comparing Archived Sea Surface Temperature (SST) vs. Remotely Satellite SST

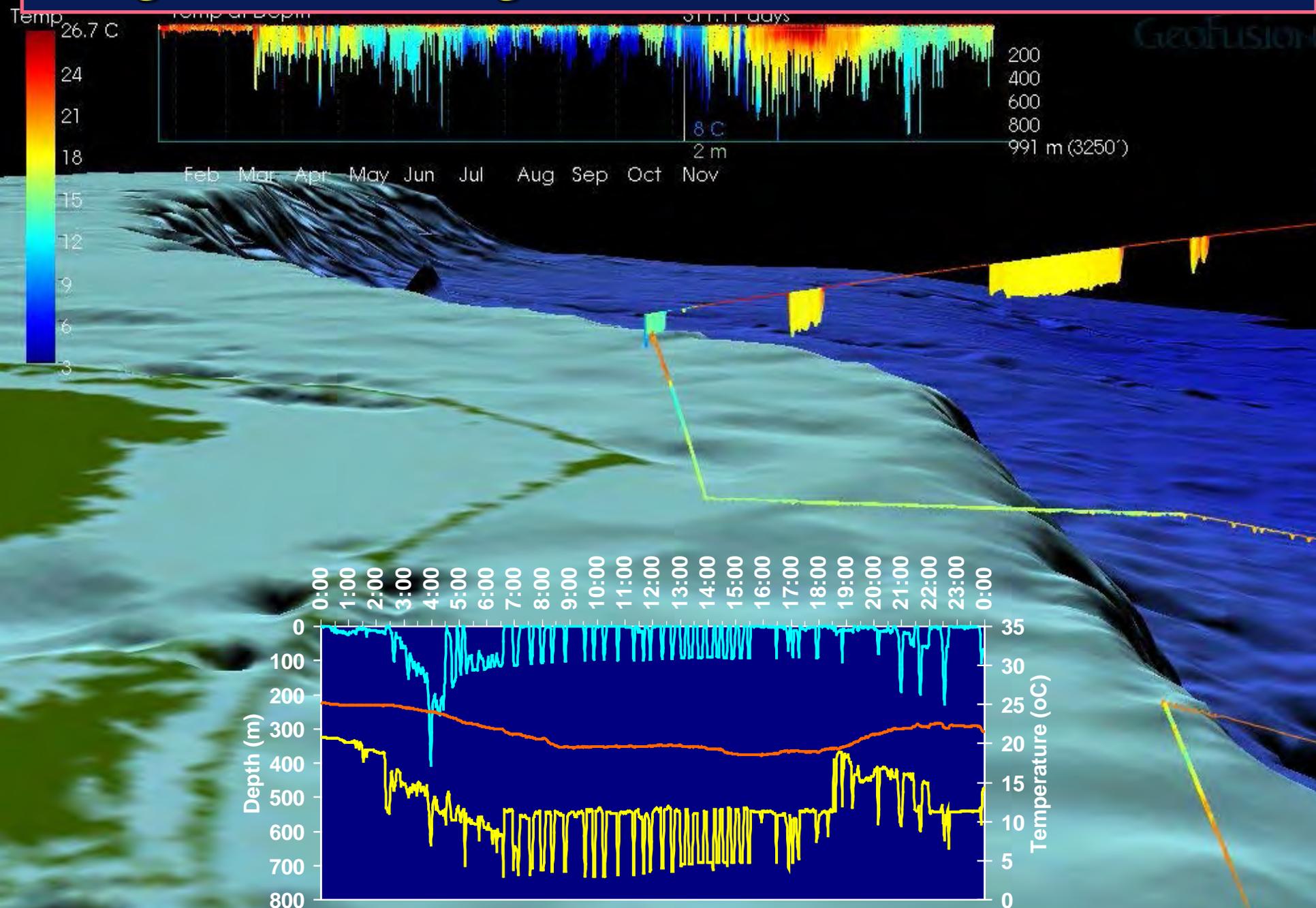


Probability

Latitude °N



Tags Provide Diving Behavior & Info on Environment



Pop Up Satellite Archival Tags

Radio Transmissions to Argos, 4 Generation of Tags



- Pressure
- Temperature
- Light
- Position on Earth
- Oceanography
- Fisheries

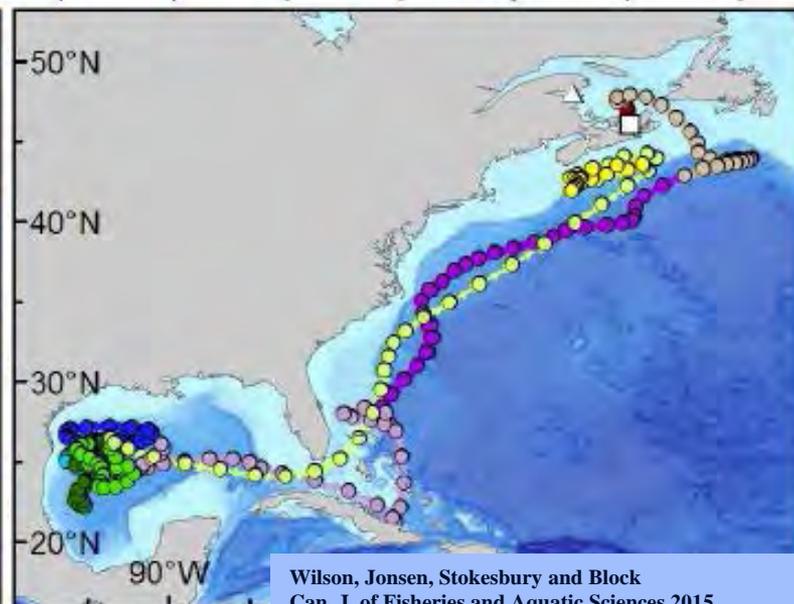
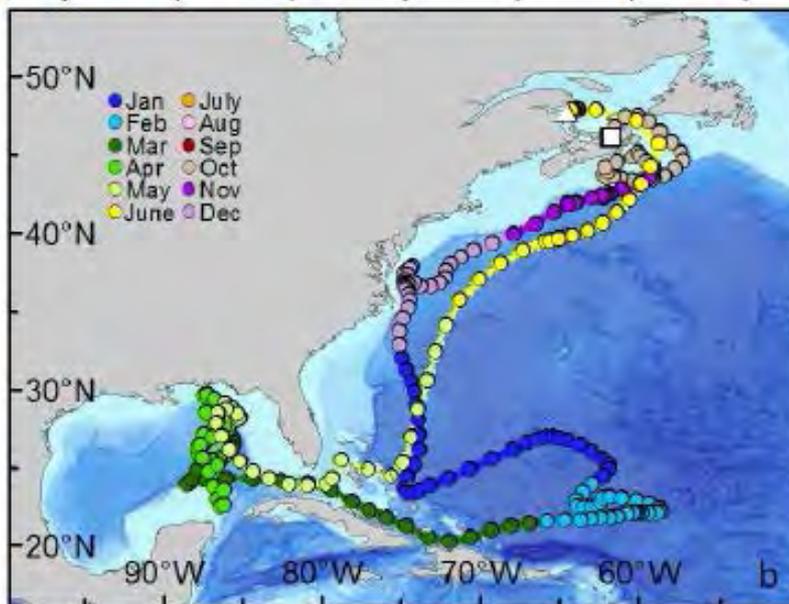
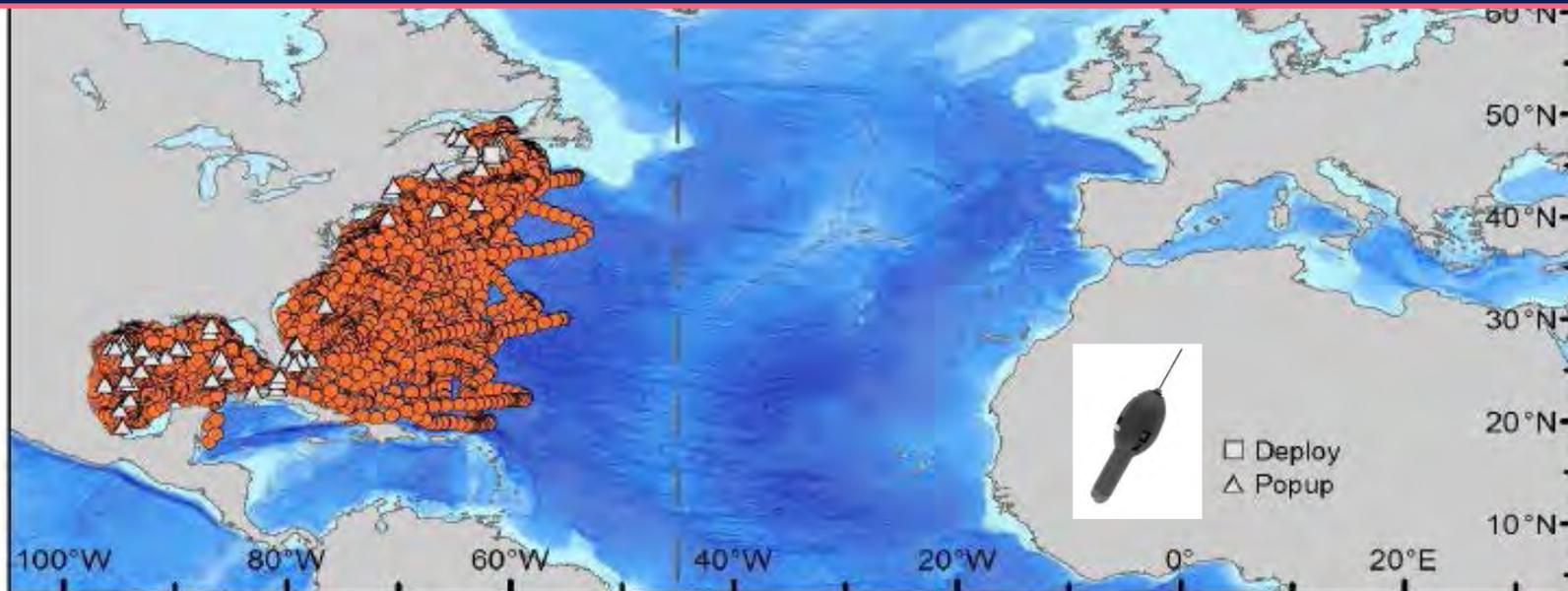
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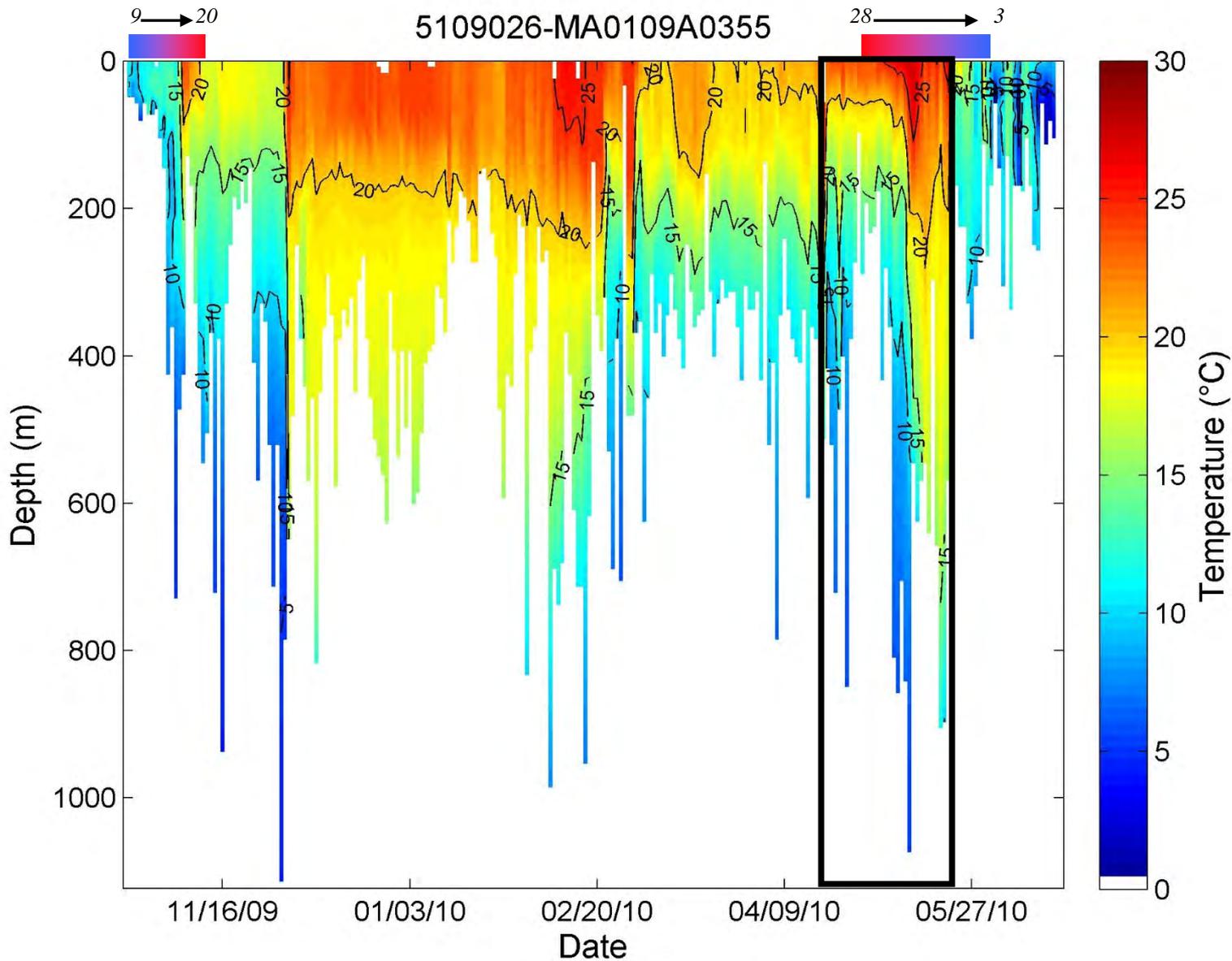
Pop-Up Tags Externally Placed: Fish Are Tagged & Released



Canadian Tagging Data Set: Mature Fish Have a Western Bias to Their Movements 50 New Satellite Archival Tracks of Giant Bluefin tuna Post Oil Spill to the GOM

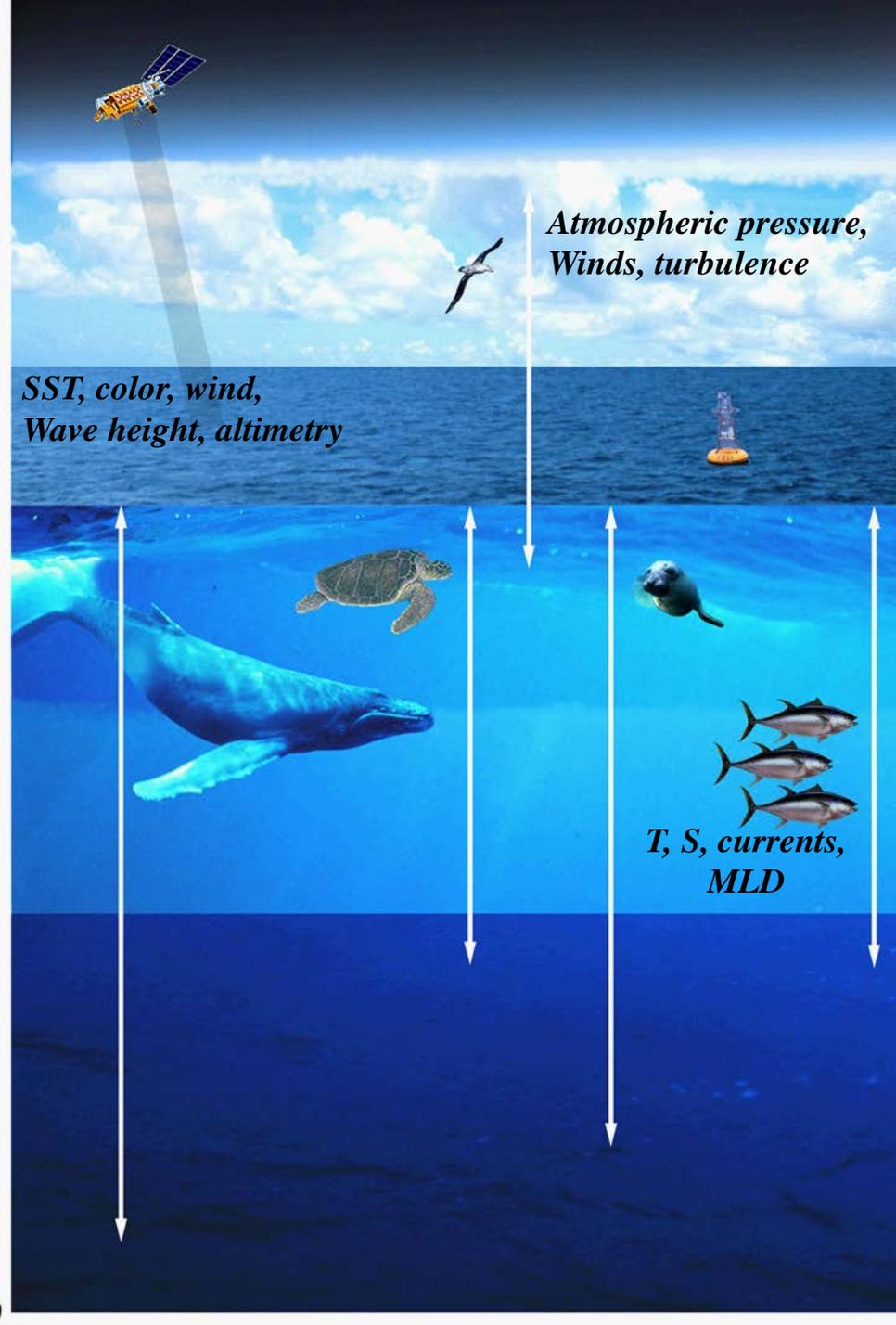
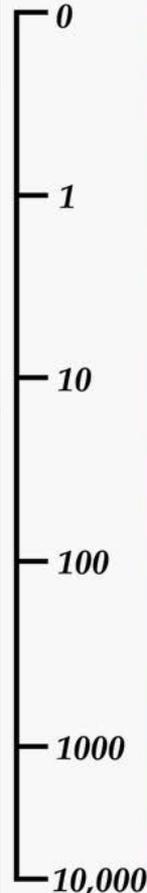


Transmit Ocean Profiles - for Reconstruction of Ocean Habitat



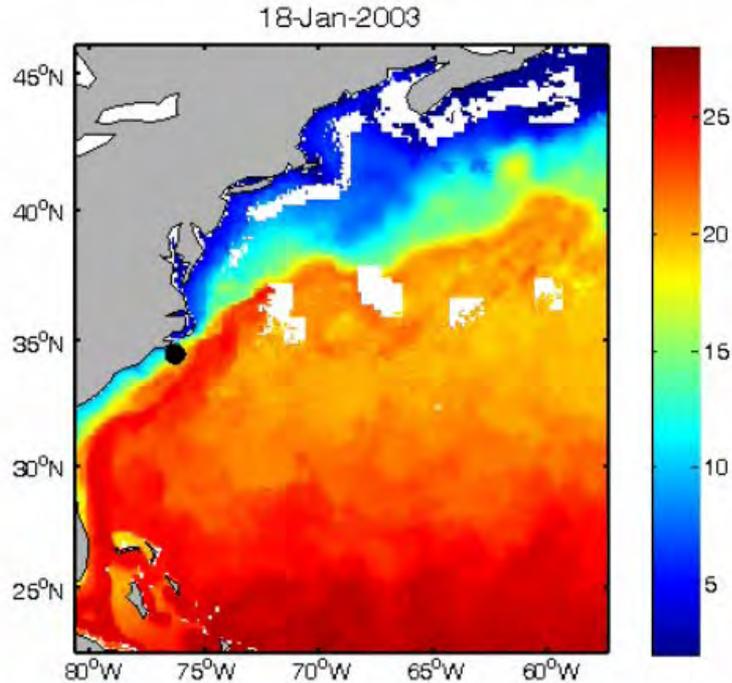
Integration with Environmental Information More than skin deep

Depth (m)

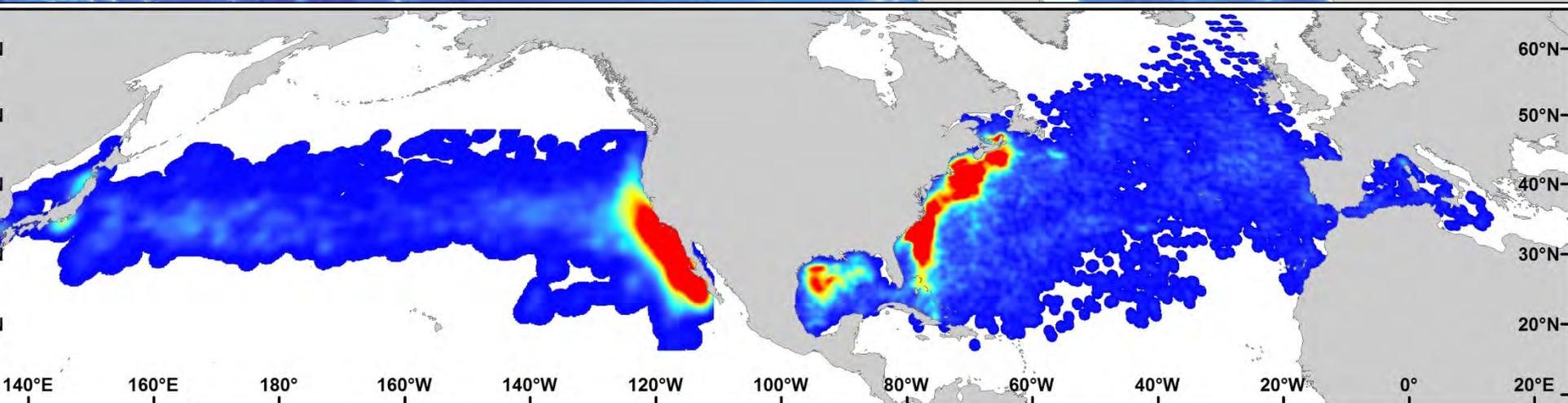


Tracking Where Tunas Go Under the Sea

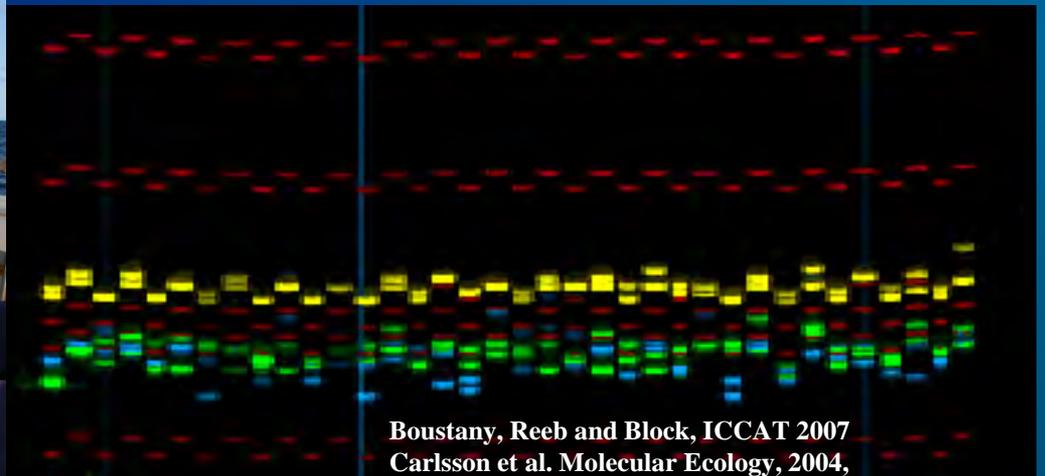
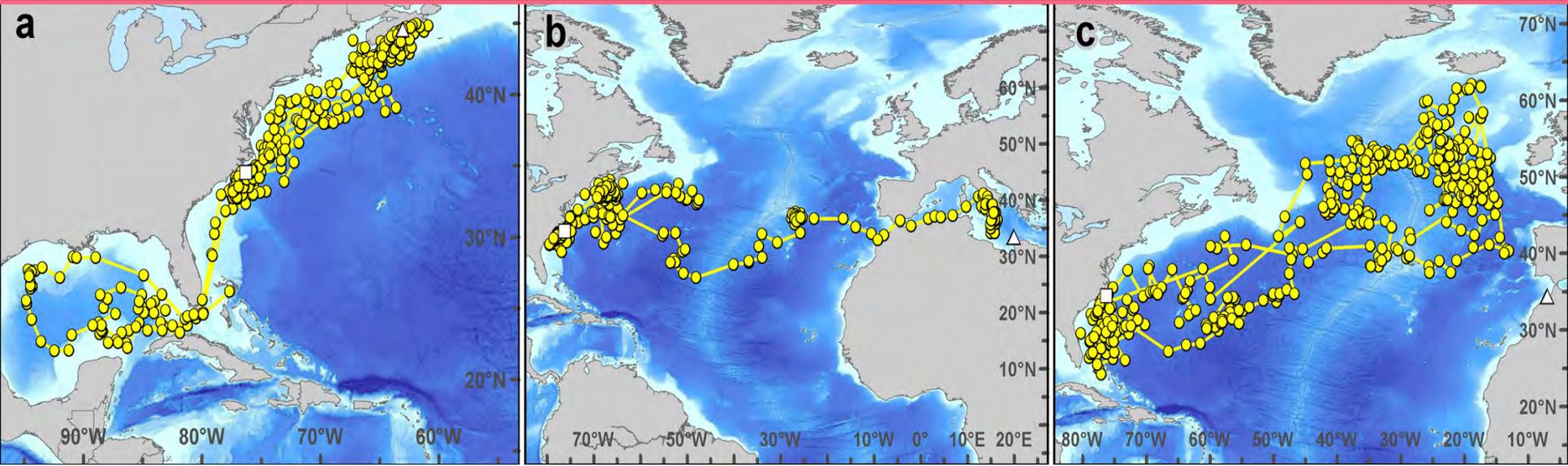
- *Position*
- *Distribution/Abundance*
- *Oceanography*
- *Physiology*
- *Population Biology*



Can Electronic Tagging Data Improve Bluefin Tuna Population Assessments? Mortality, Maturity, Population Structure, Life History



Tracks Identify Specific “Tribes” of Tunas Define Population Genetics Associated with Track

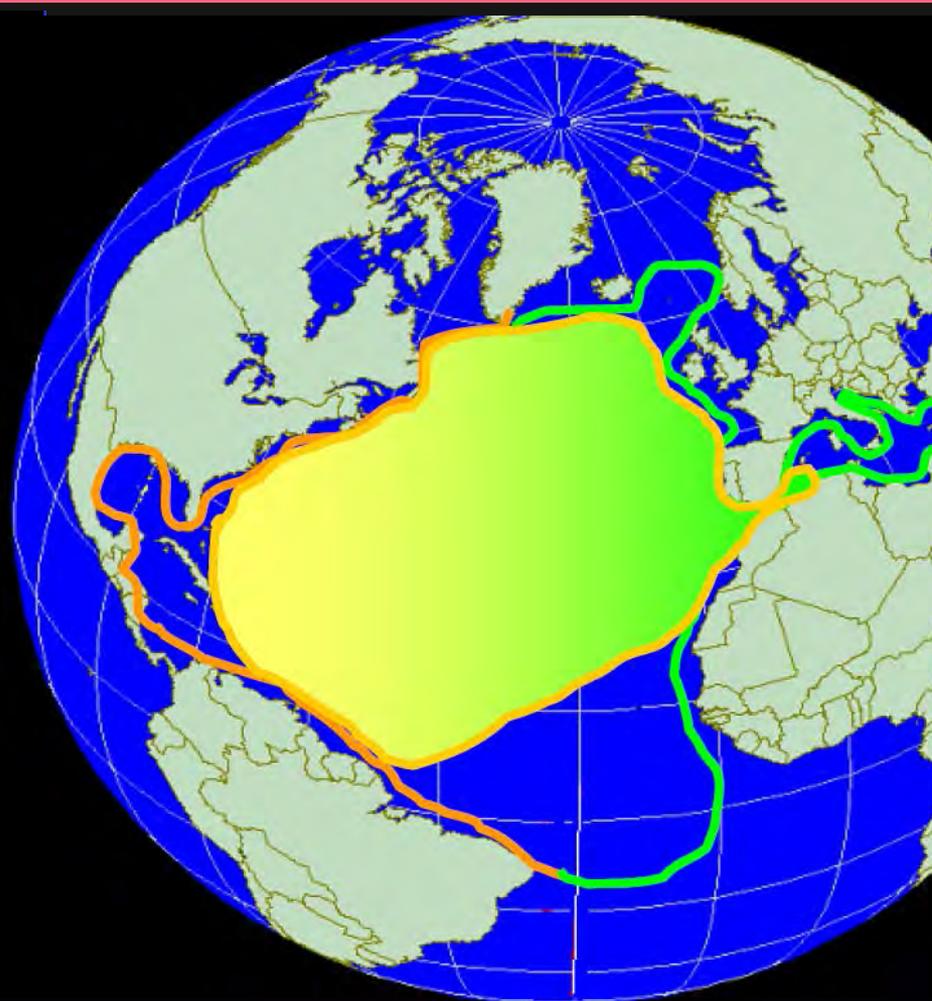


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Tagging Has Led to Population Overlap Models for Atlantic Bluefin



2 Stocks



Overlap Models

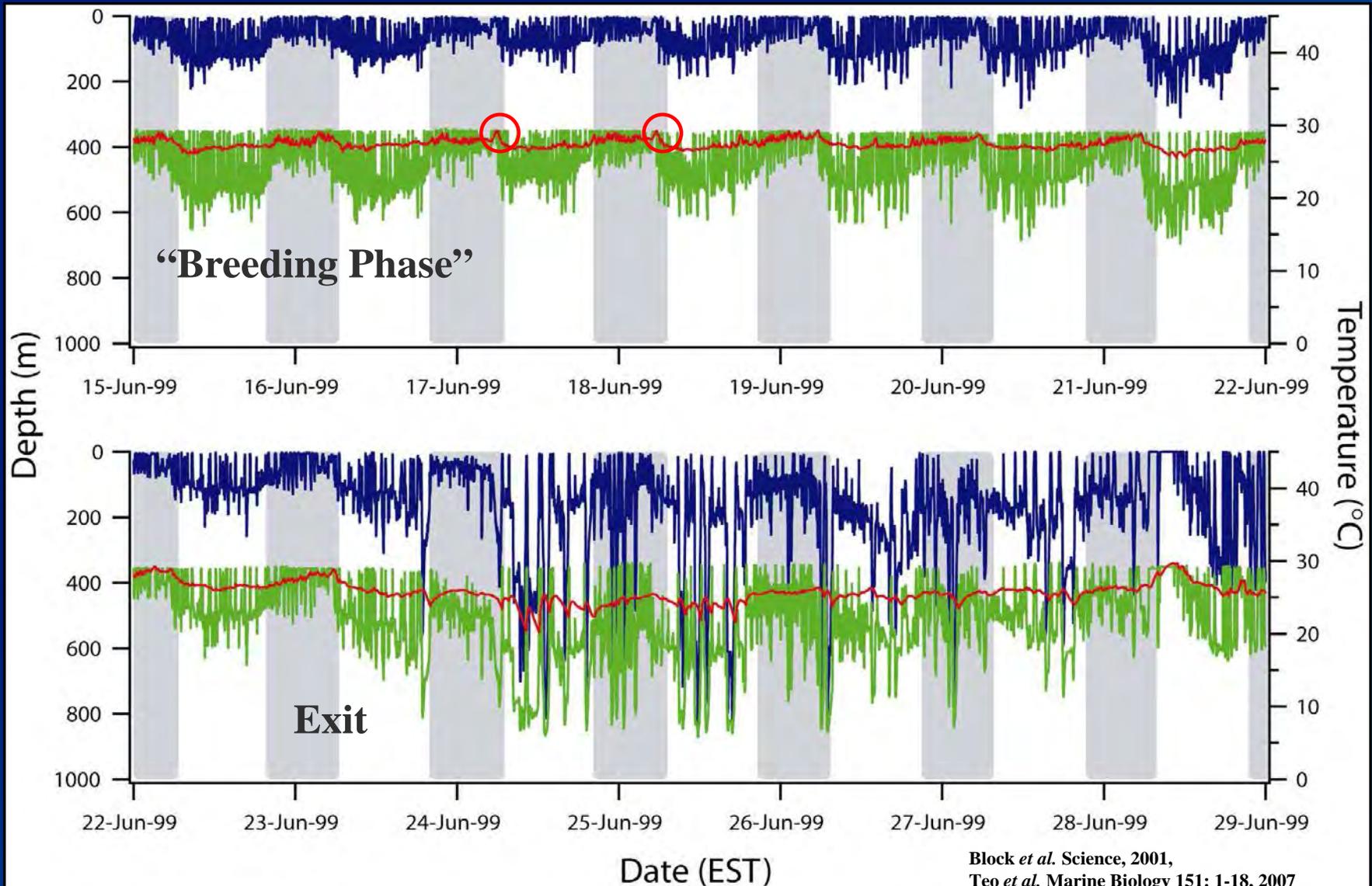
Environmental Disasters: Role for *Biologging* Increases

Did the Gulf of Mexico Ecosystem Change?



Unique Spawning Behavior

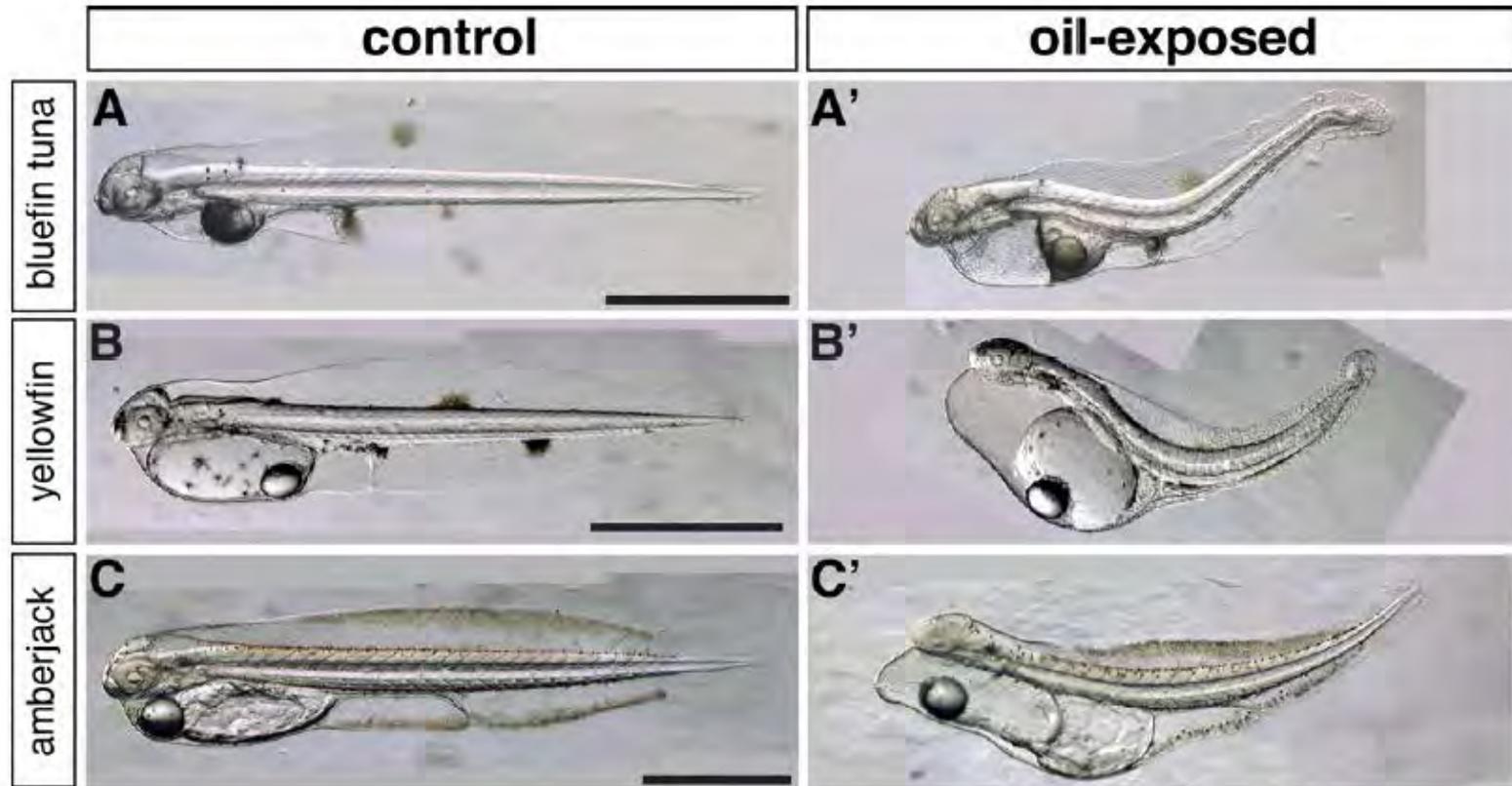
“Breeding Phase”: Shallow Depths @ Surface Preferred
Exit Depths are Deep



What Is the Impact of Oil on Fish Larvae?

Oil is Cardiotoxic to Larvae

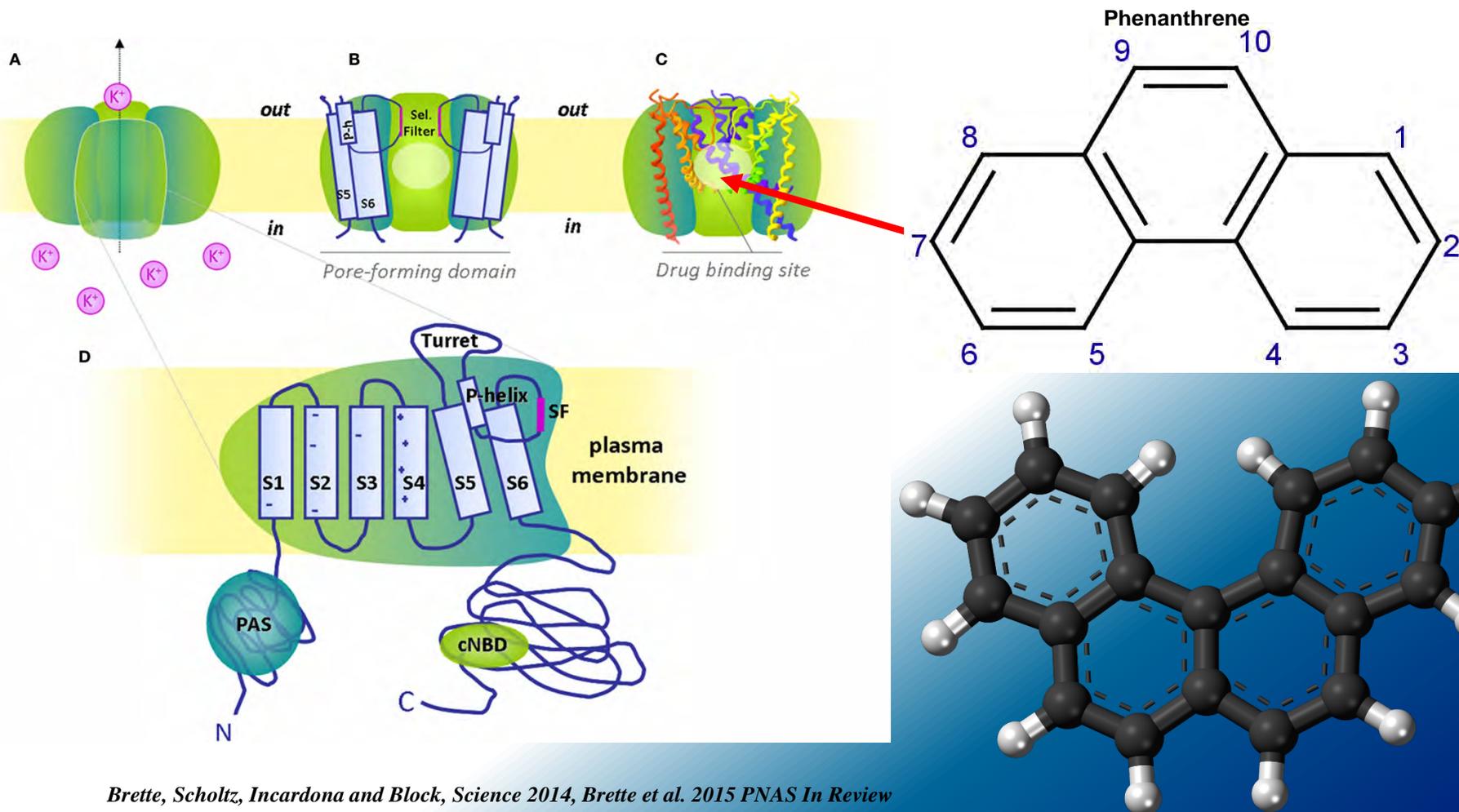
Brette, Incardona, Cros and Block,, Science 2014; Incardona et al. Proceedings of the National Academy 2014



Cardiotoxin is Oil PAH: Phenanthrene

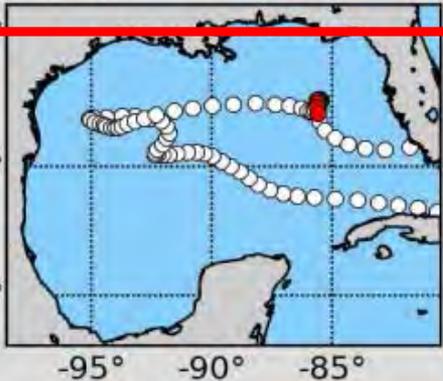
Polycyclic Structures are More Cardioactive

- Hypothesis: PAH Aromatic Rings May Increase Affinity for Binding in Potassium Channel (I_{Kr}) Pore

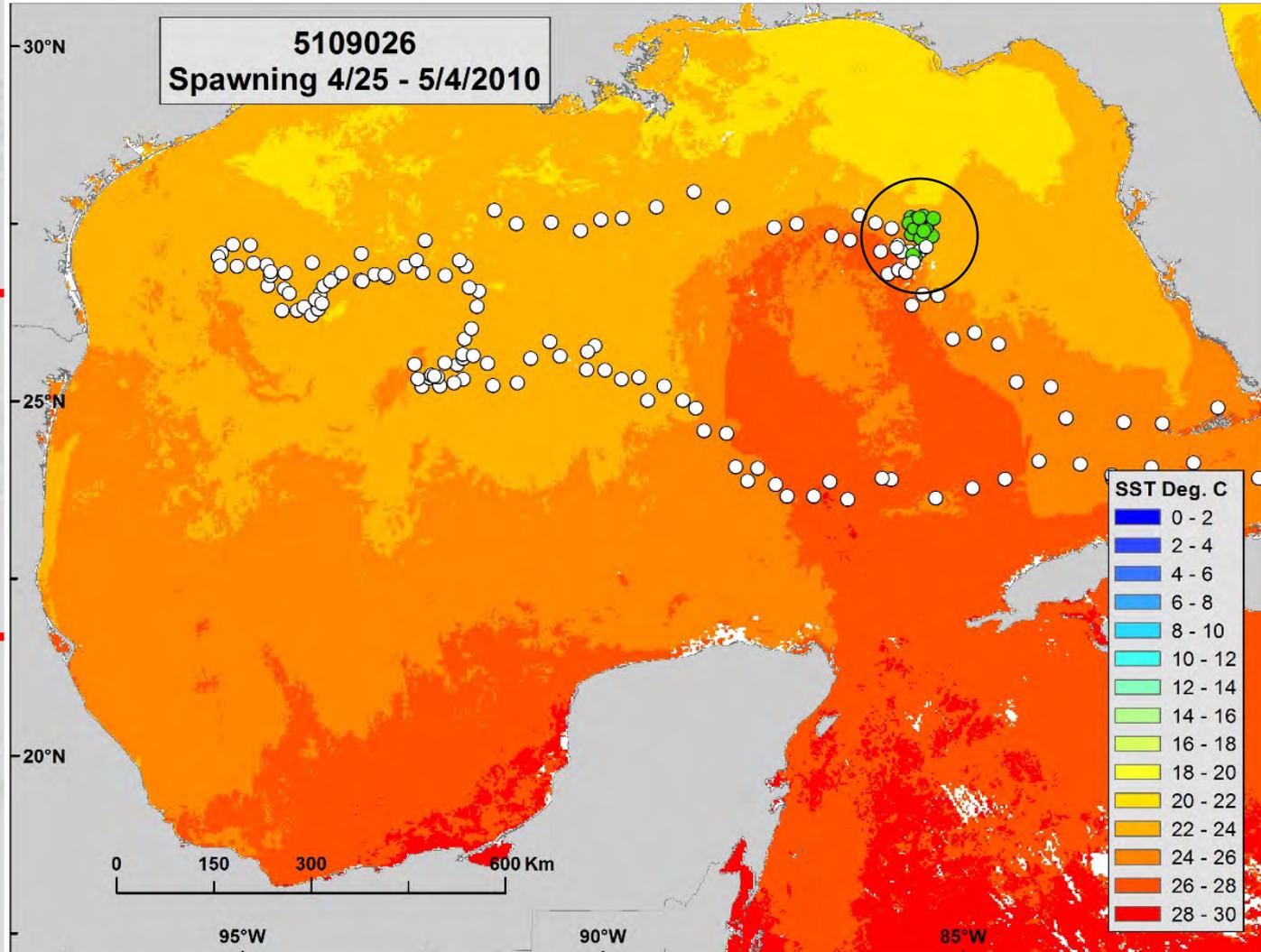


State Space Switching Models To Indicate Spawning Habitat

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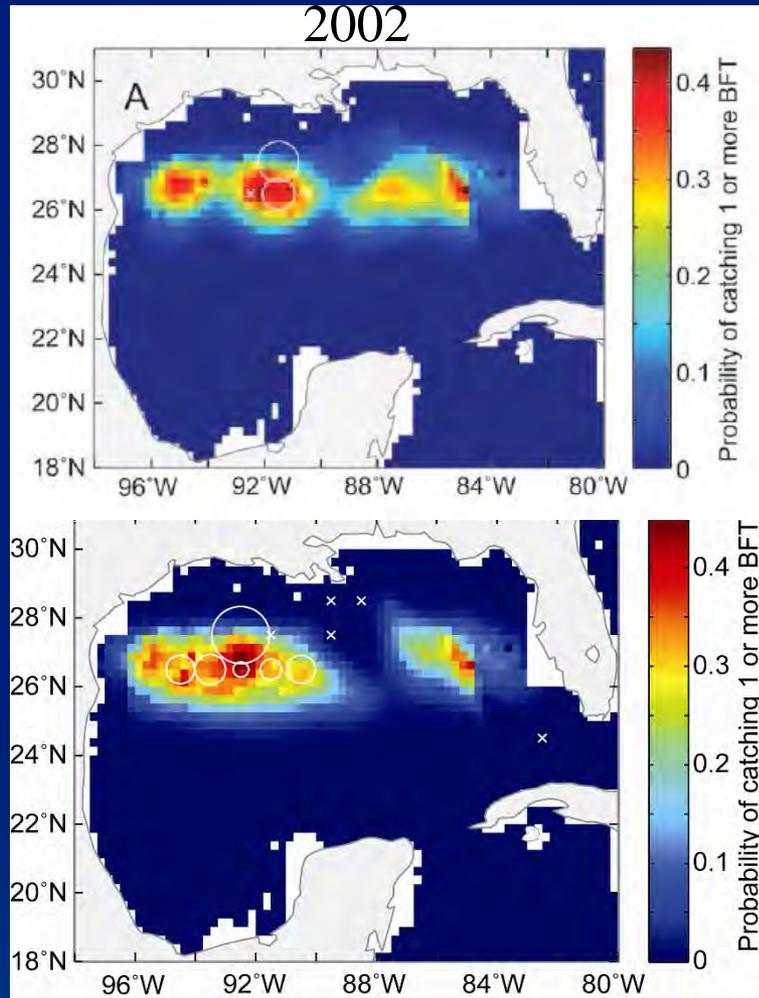


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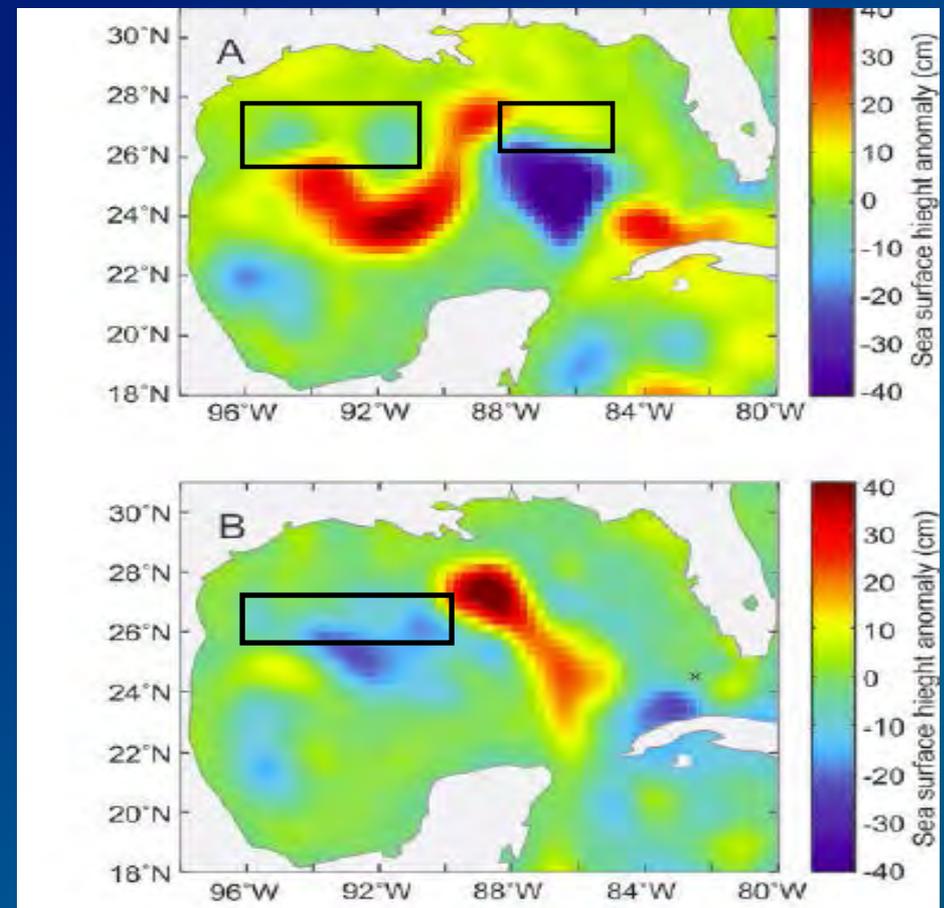


Probability of Catching a Bluefin can be Predicted based on Oceanography

Dynamic Closed Areas are Possible

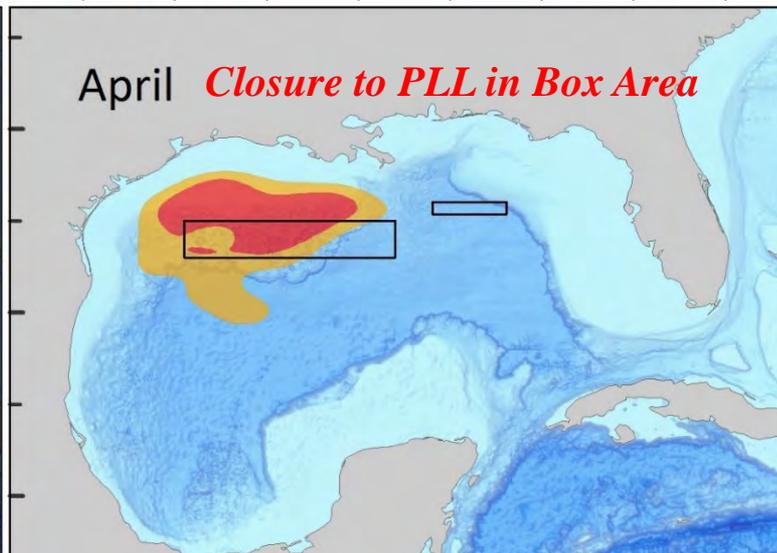
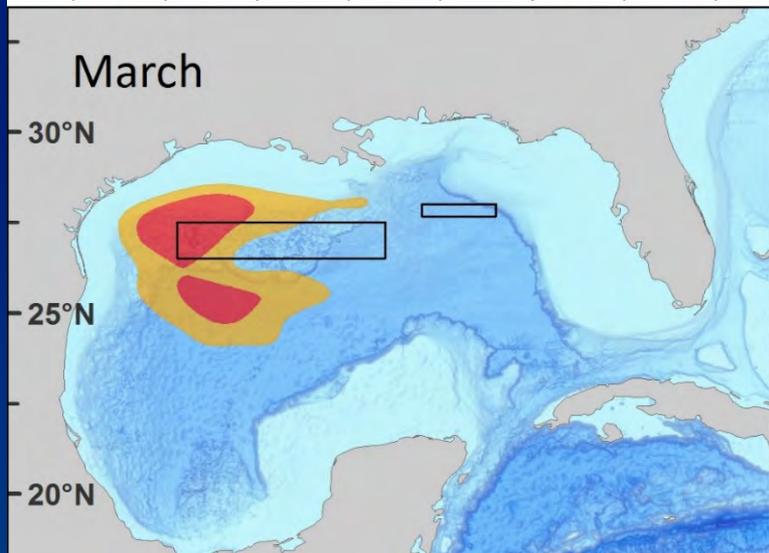
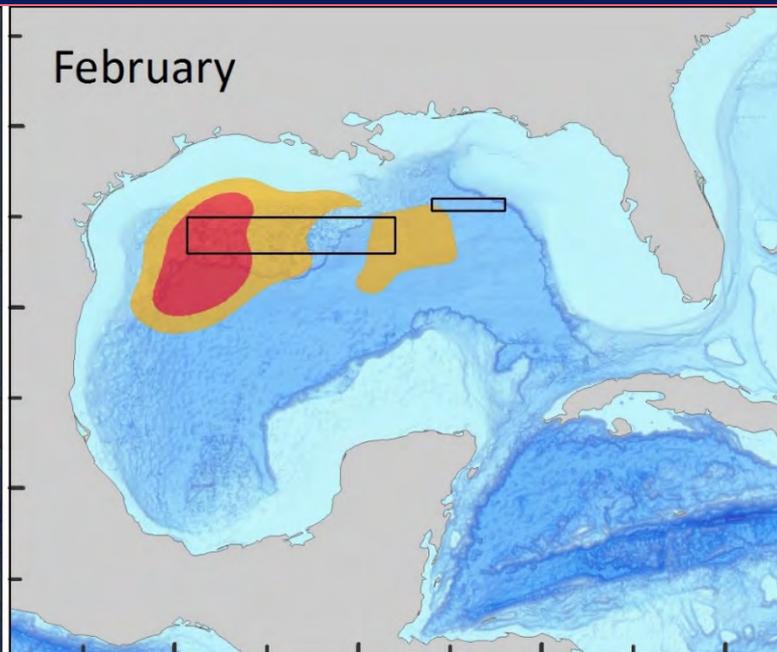
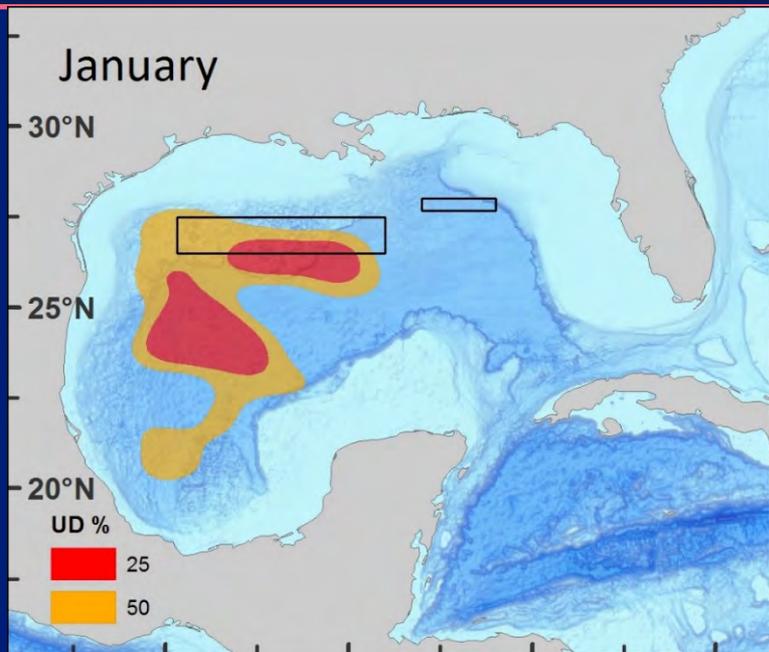


2005



Teo & Block Marine Biology, 2007
Teo & Block, PLOS one 2010

Ammendment 7: Static Closed Areas to Reduce Bluefin Bycatch Go in Place in April and May 2015

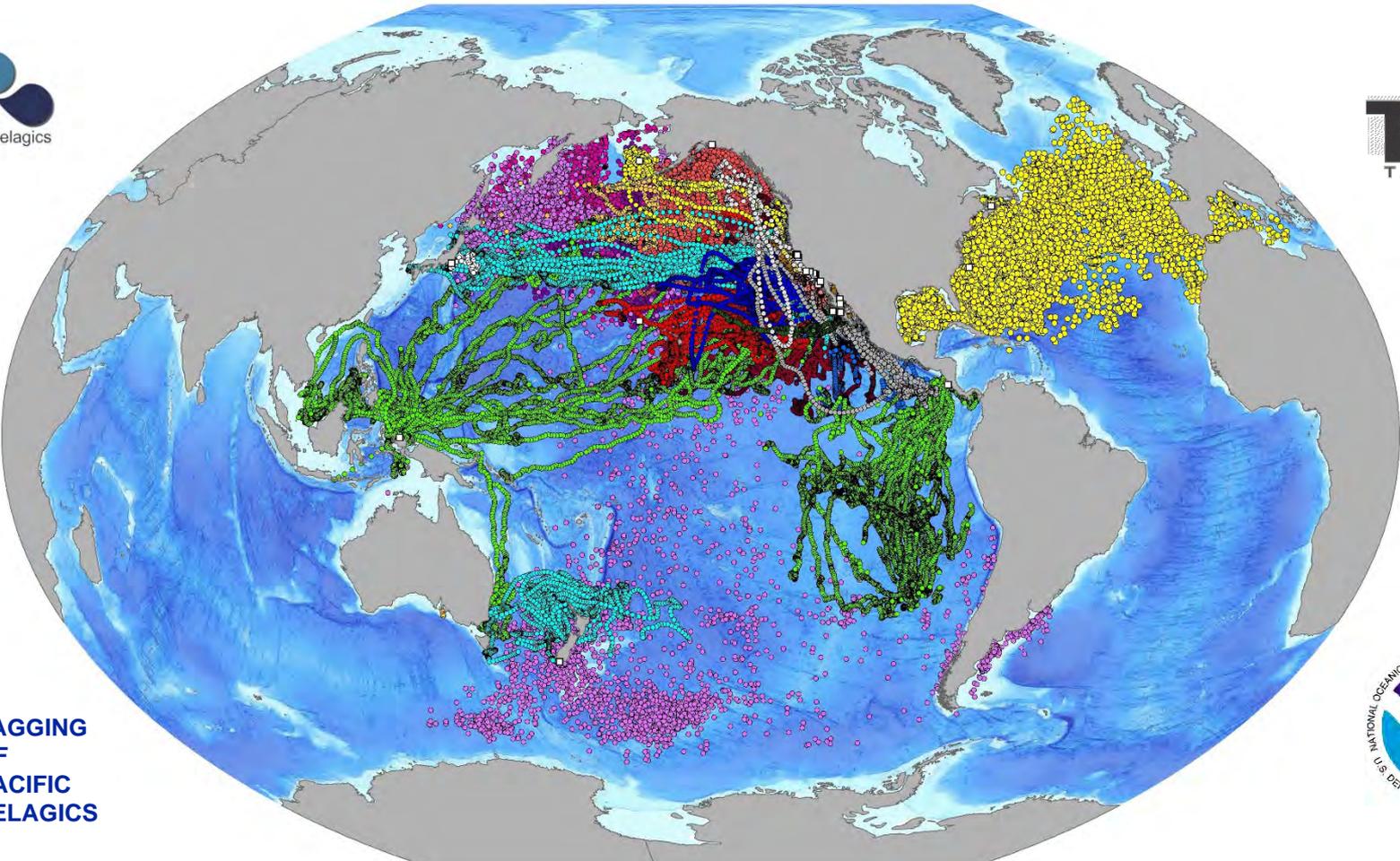


Observing, Monitoring and Protecting the Blue Serengeti off Our California Shores

Tagging of Pacific Pelagics



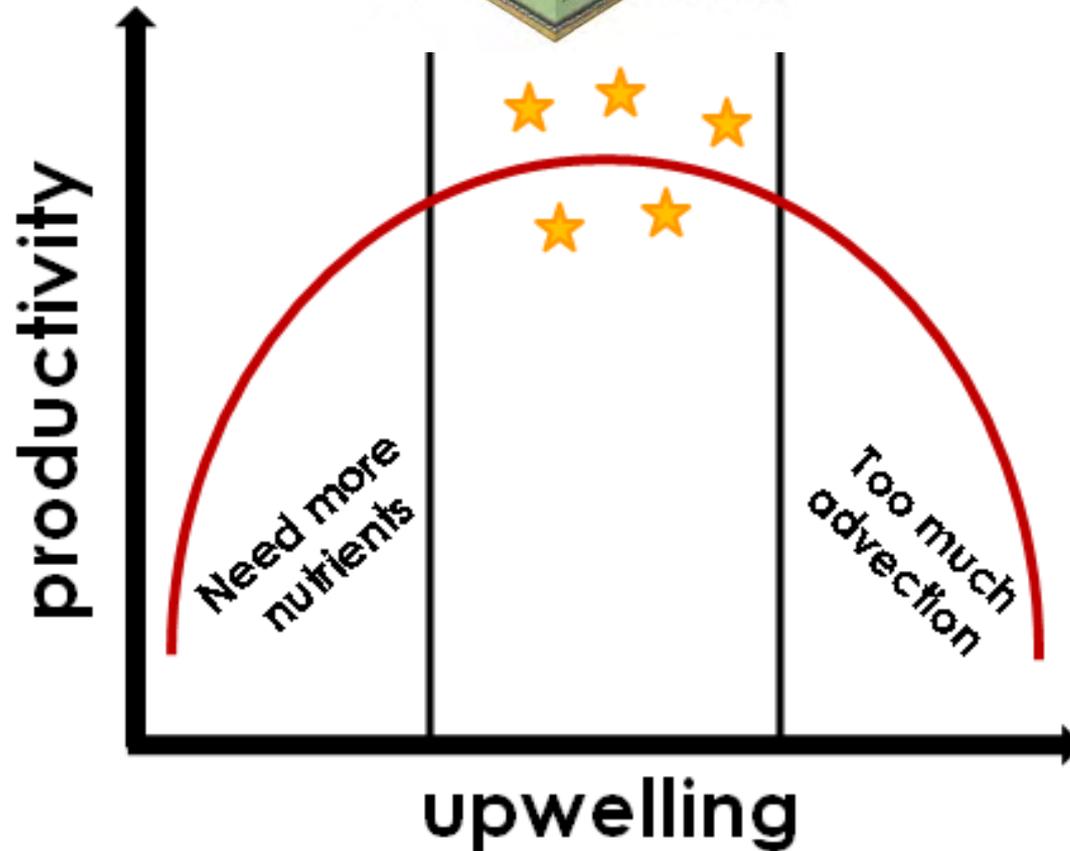
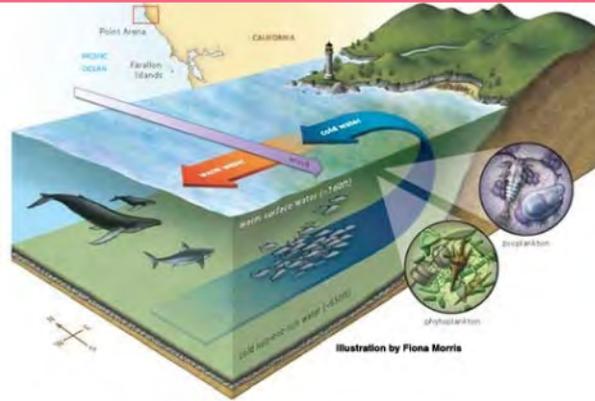
Tagging of Pacific Pelagics: Census of Marine Life Global Effort



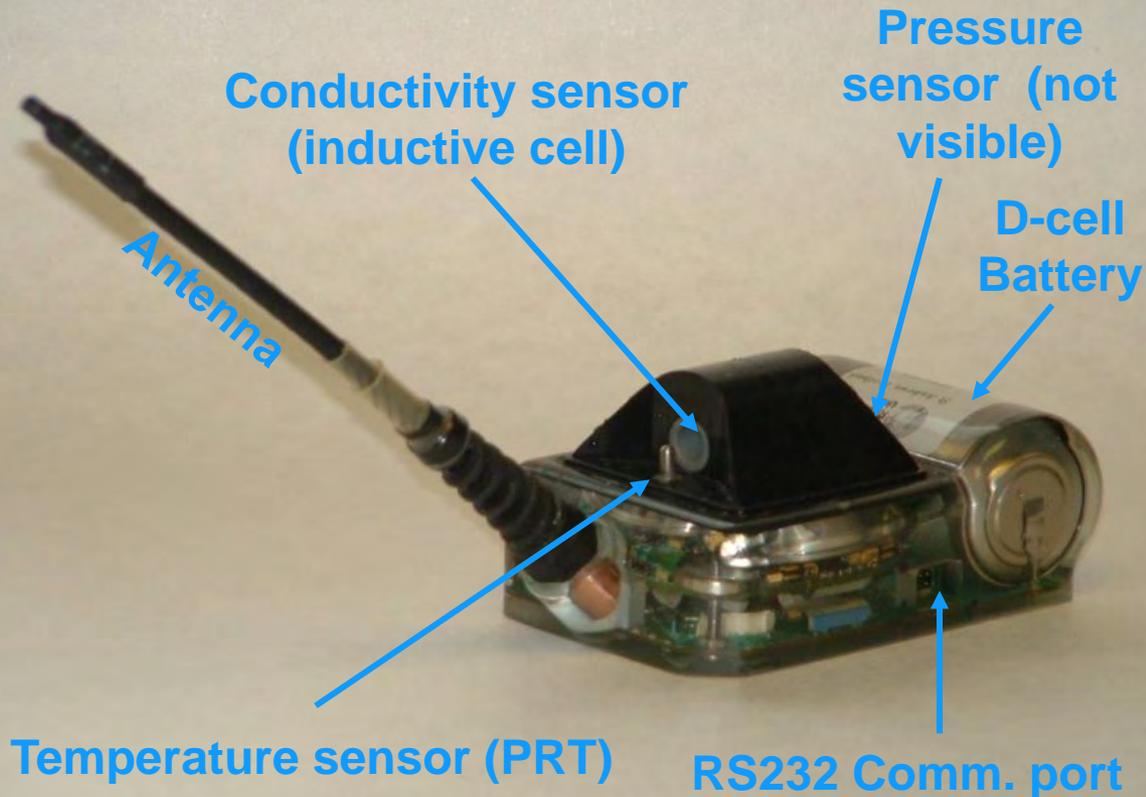
Biologging: Tag, Track, & Monitor Marine Animals



Where are Windows of Optimal Habitat?



Oceanographic Quality Salinity Temperature Profiles Satellite Delayed Relay Tags (CTD-SRD)



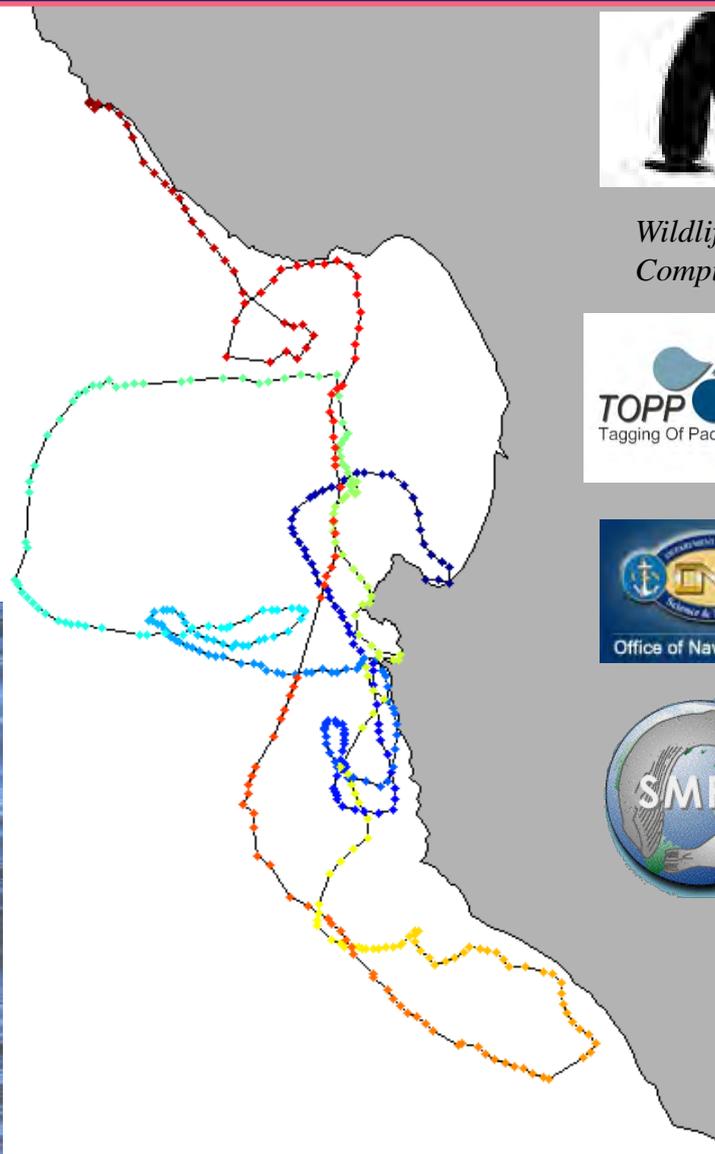
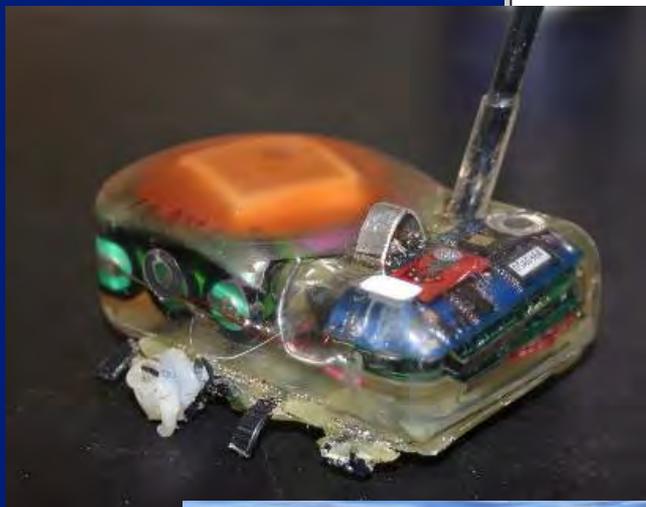
Office of Naval Research

NOPP funding



Sensor performance: Temperature: $\pm 0.01^{\circ}\text{C}$
Salinity: ± 0.01
Pressure: 1% of full scale (~ 2000 dBar)

GPS Investments during TOPP in in Fastloc Technology (Snapshots in 1 sec)



Wildlife
Computers



TOPP
Tagging Of Pacific Pelagics



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60°N

50°N

40°N

30°N

20°N

10°N

0 750 1,500 3,000 Km

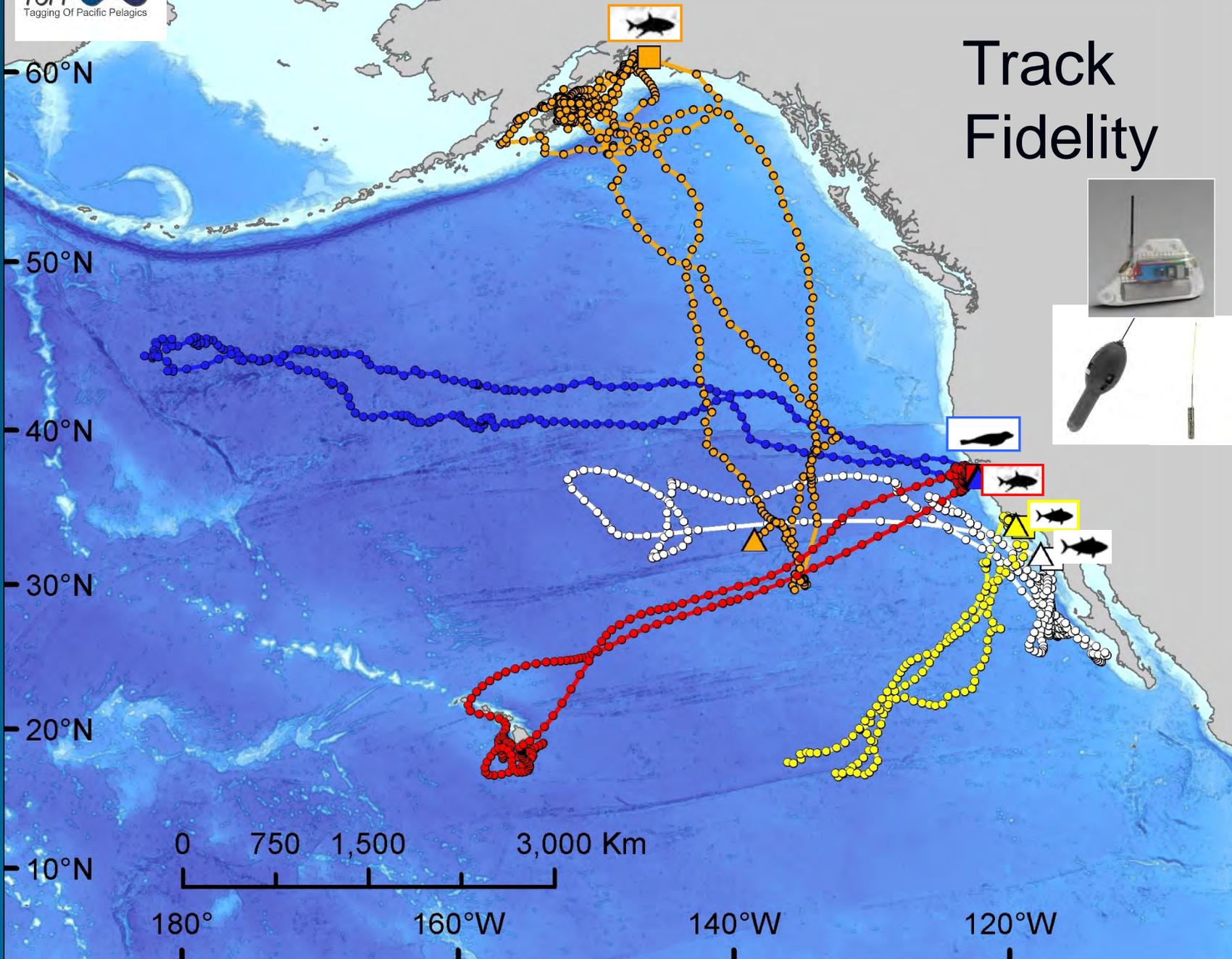
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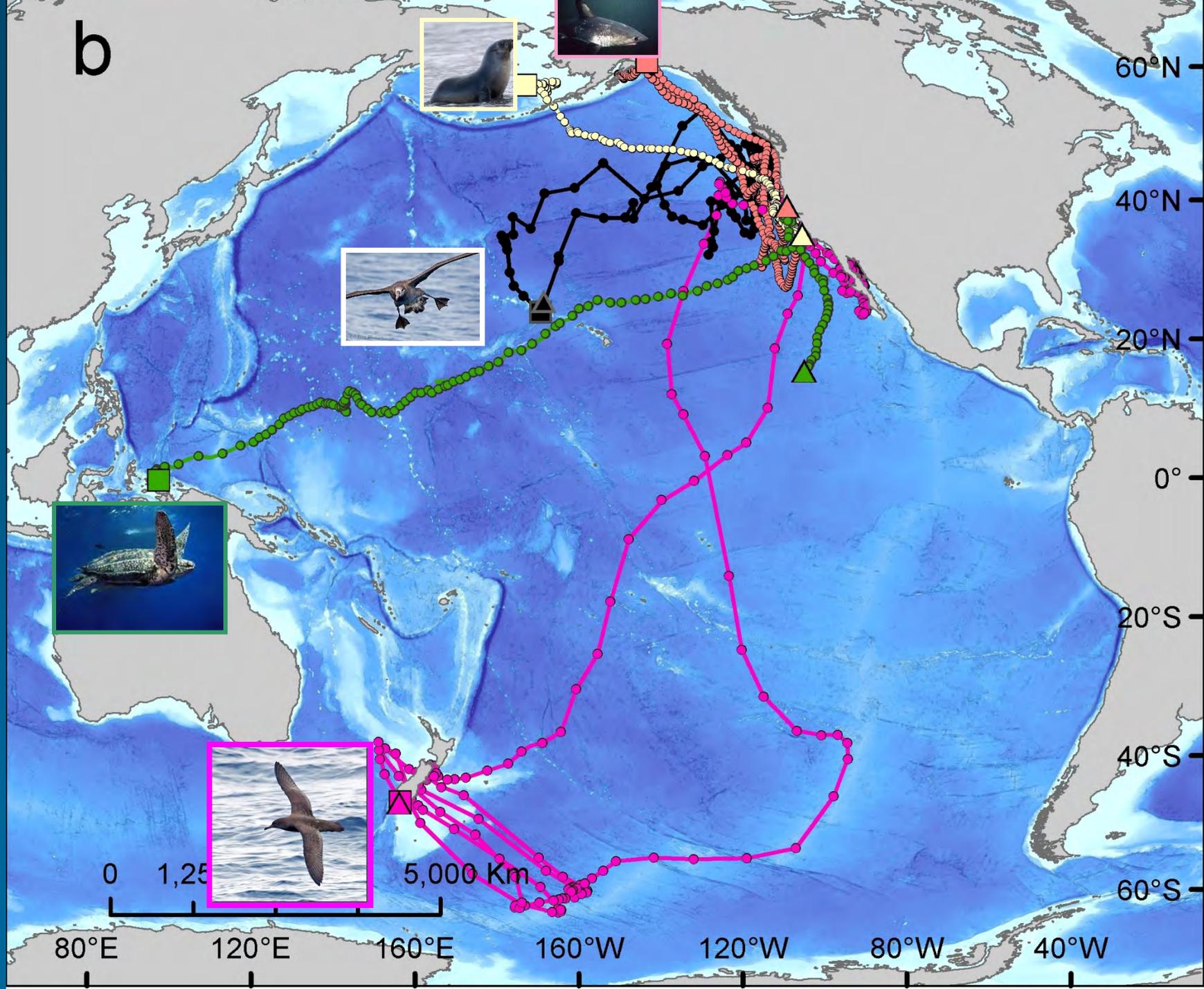
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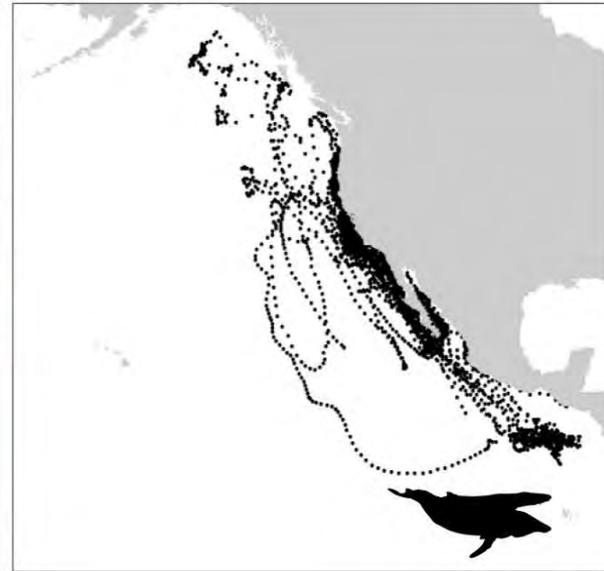
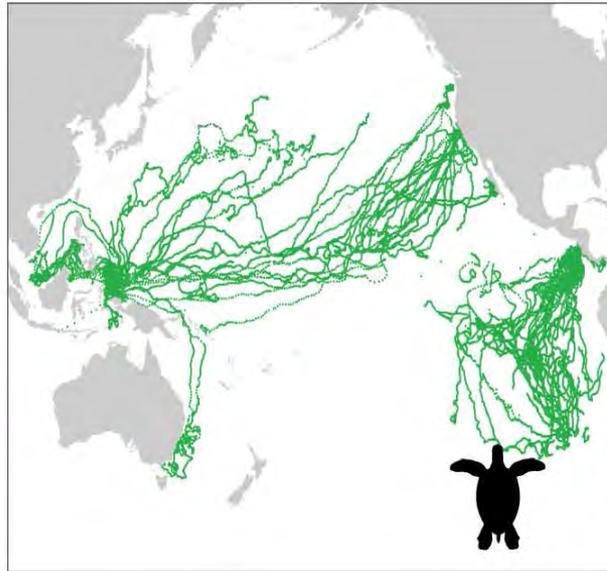
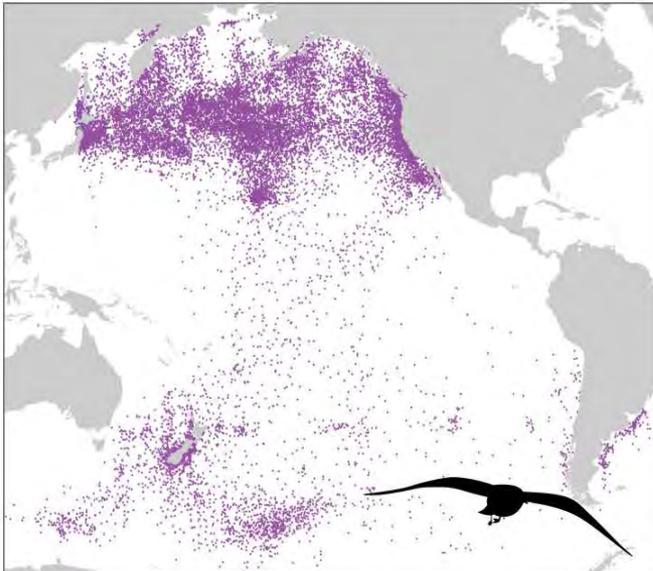
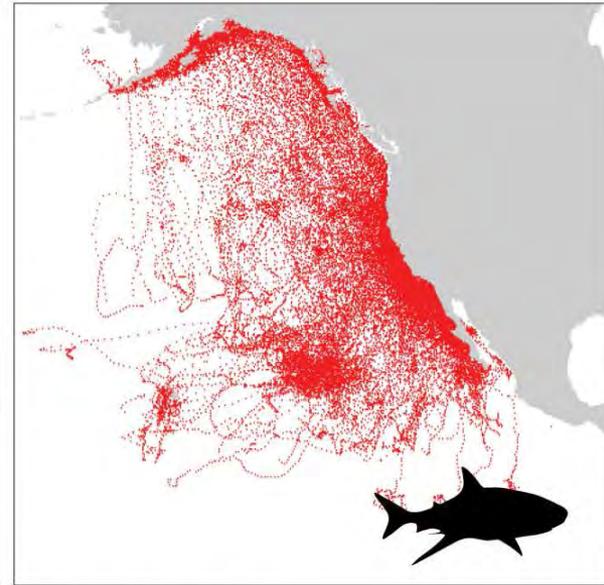
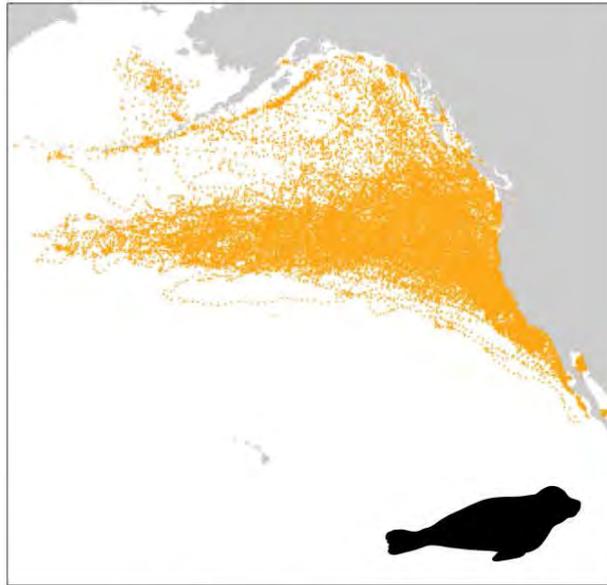
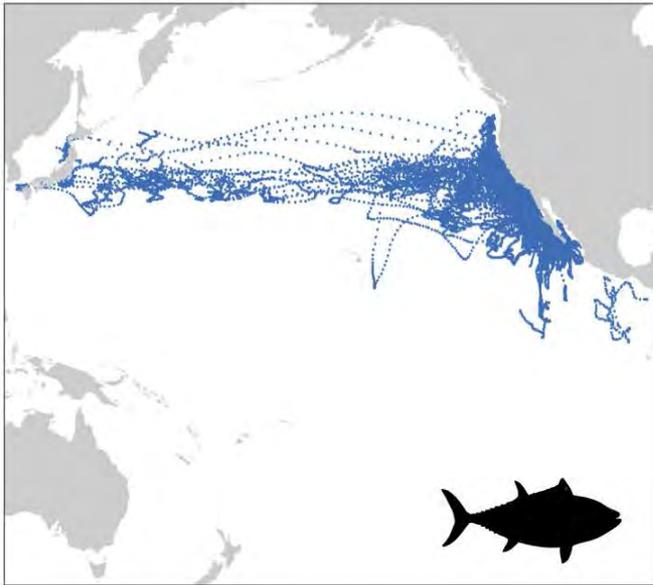
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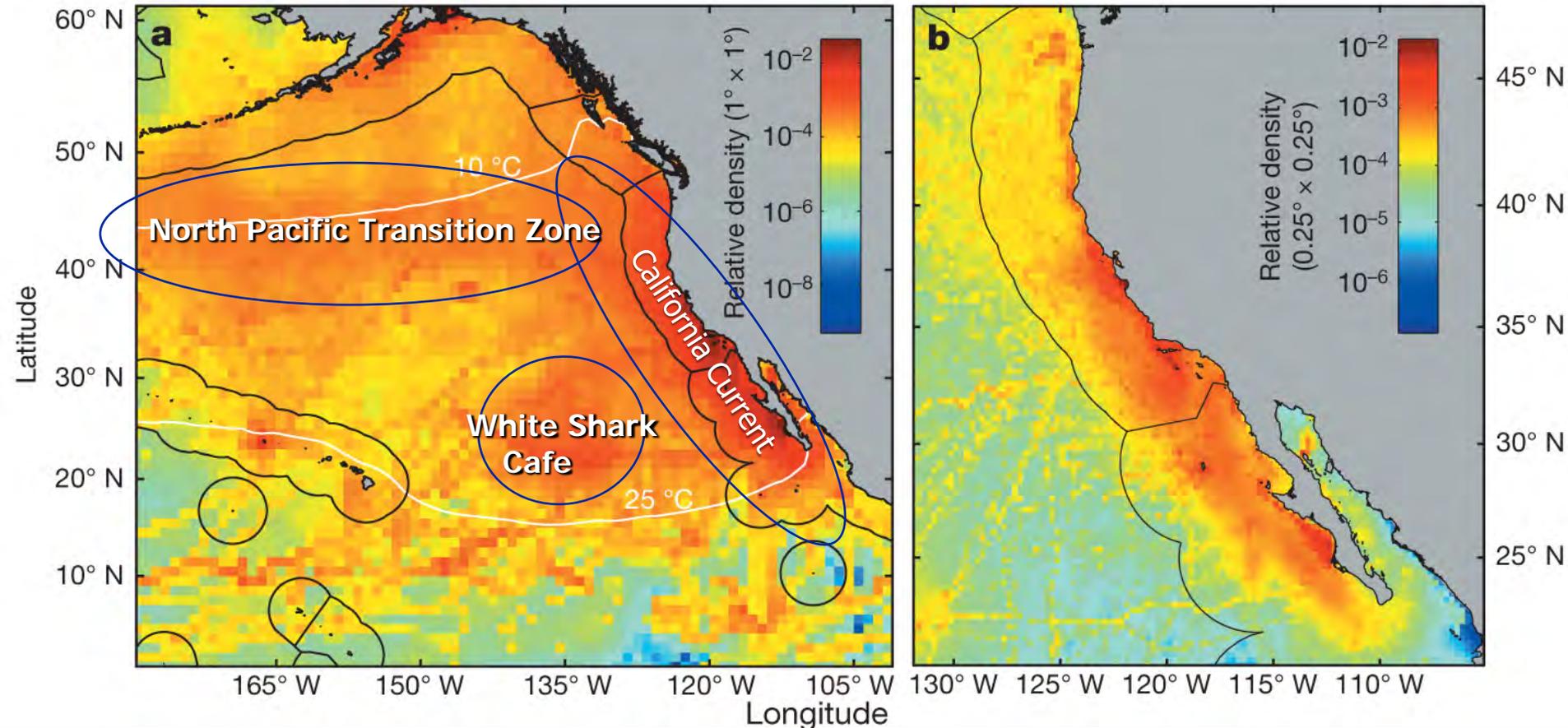
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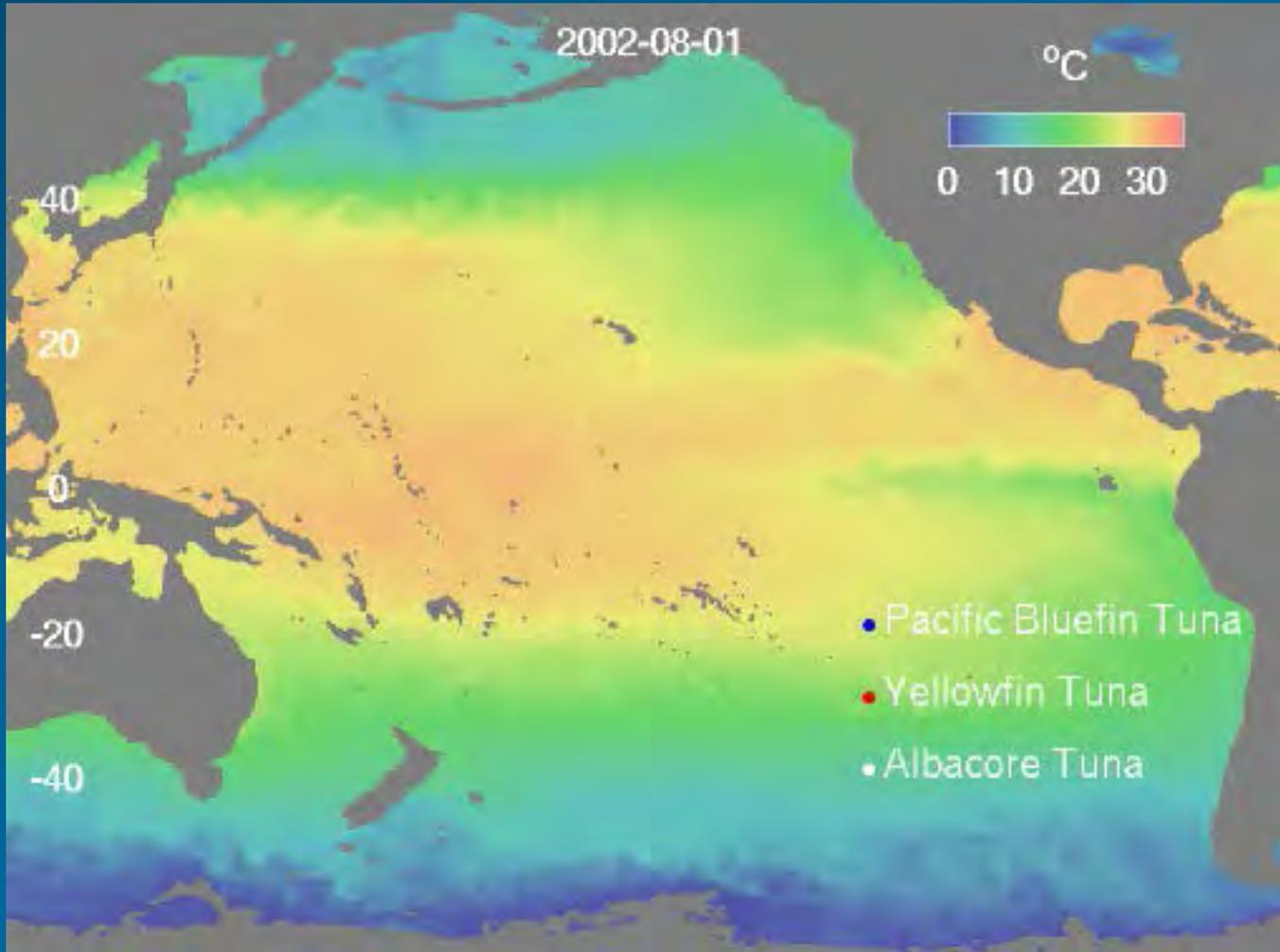
TOPP: Tagging Guilds of Animals & Mapping Hot Spots in the Pacific Ocean: 4800 Deployments



TOPP Biological Hot Spots (Density) in the CCLME: Where the Predators (23 Species) Roam

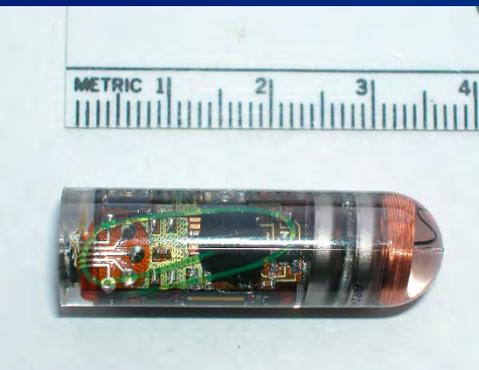
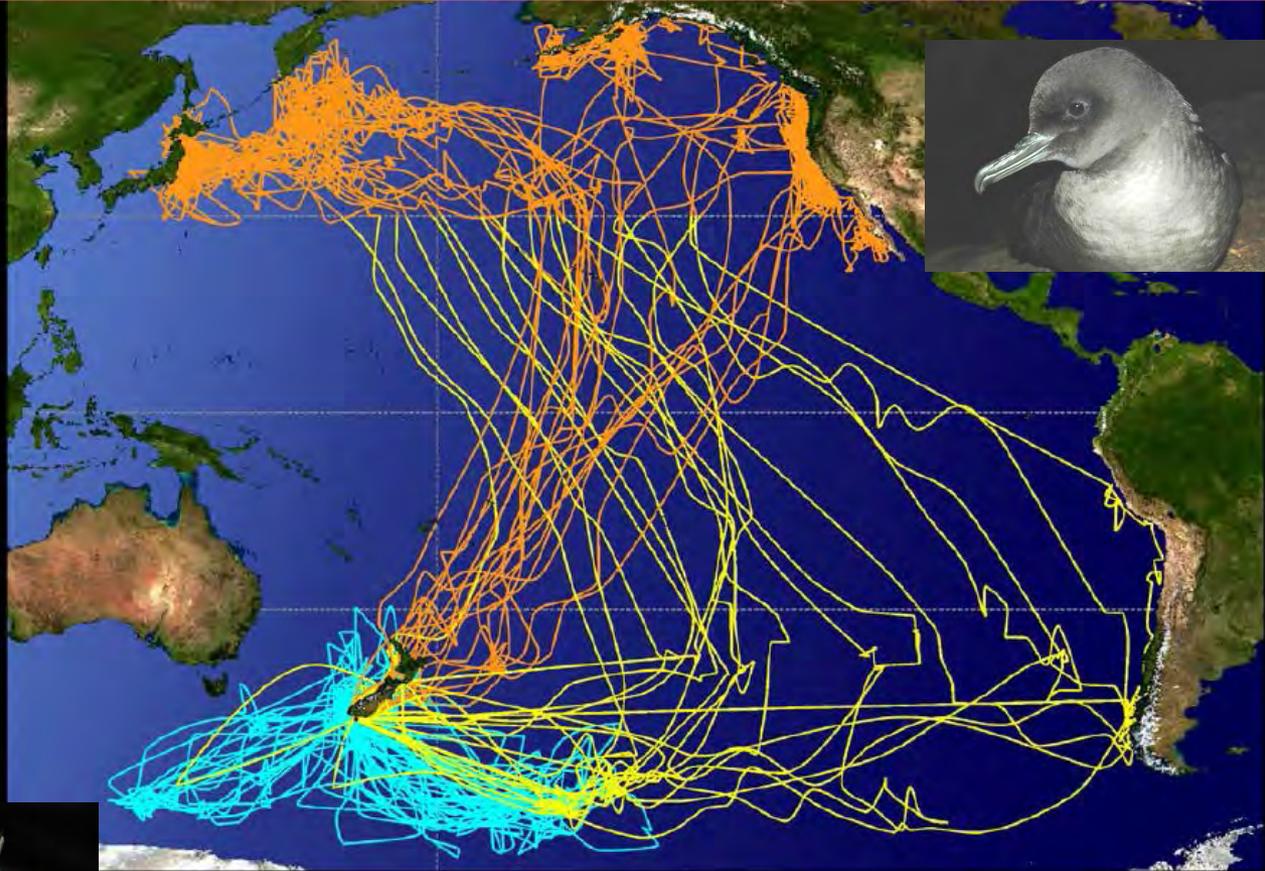


2000 Archival Tags Deployed in TOPP Stanford, NOAA, IATTC

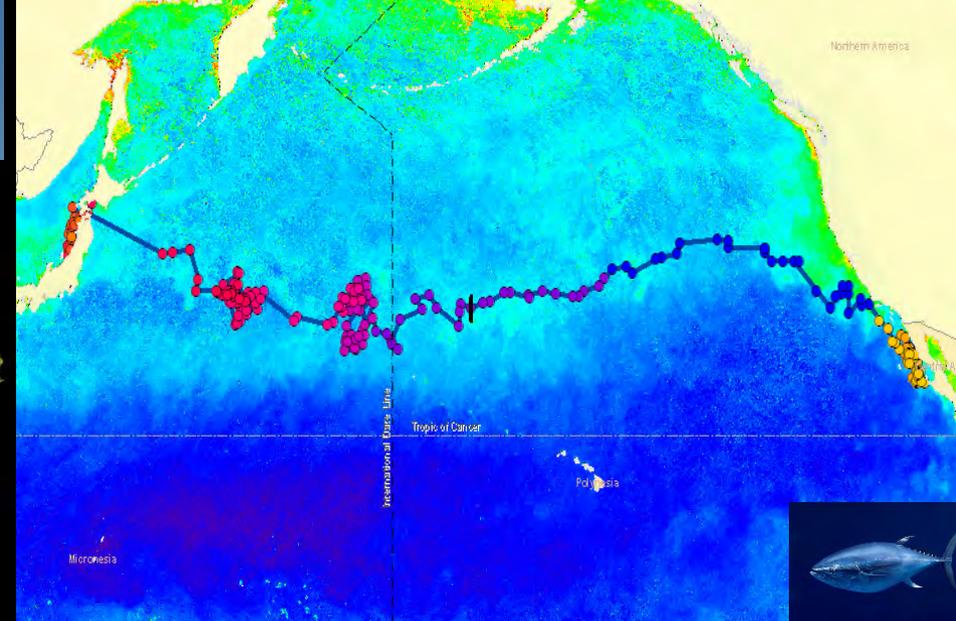
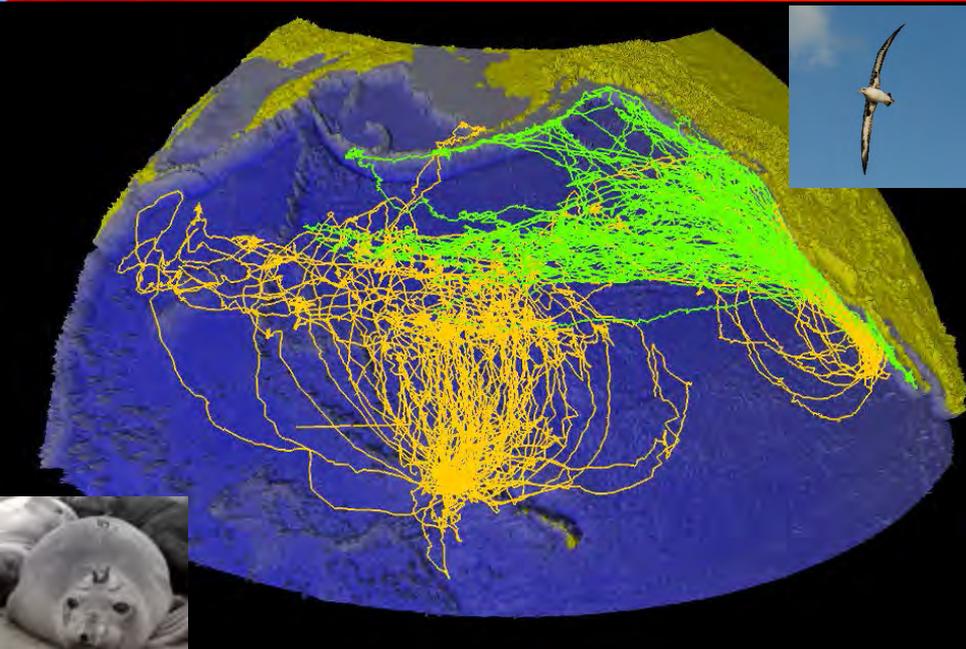
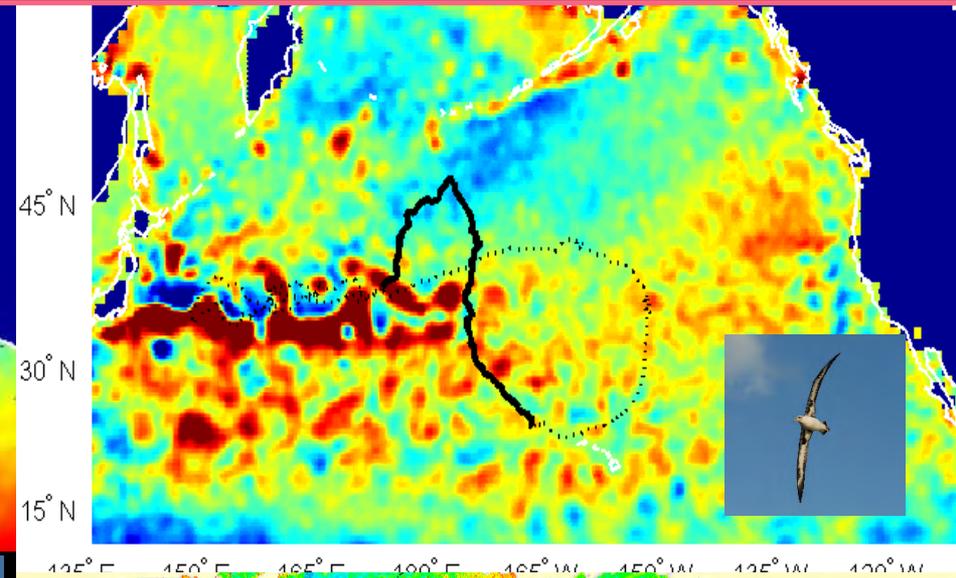
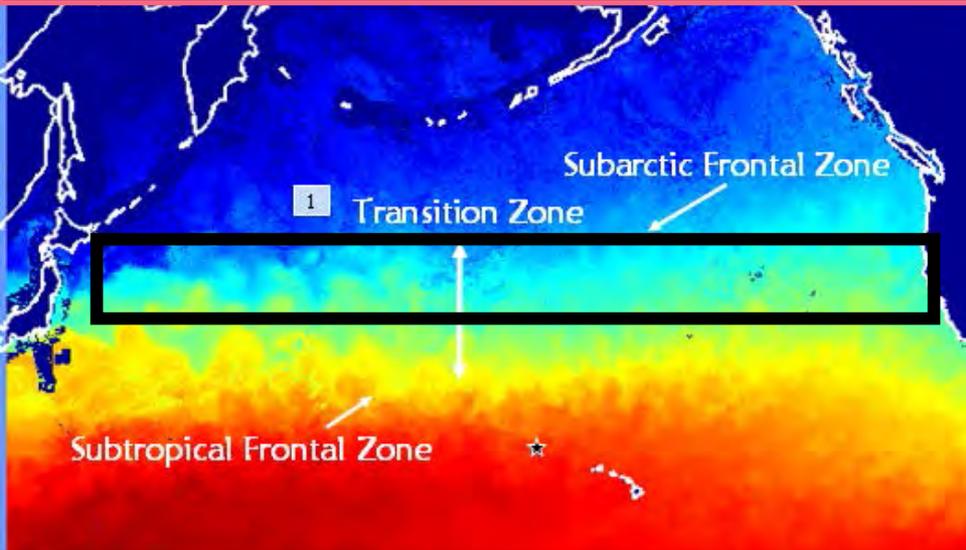


Archival Tags on Sooty Shearwaters

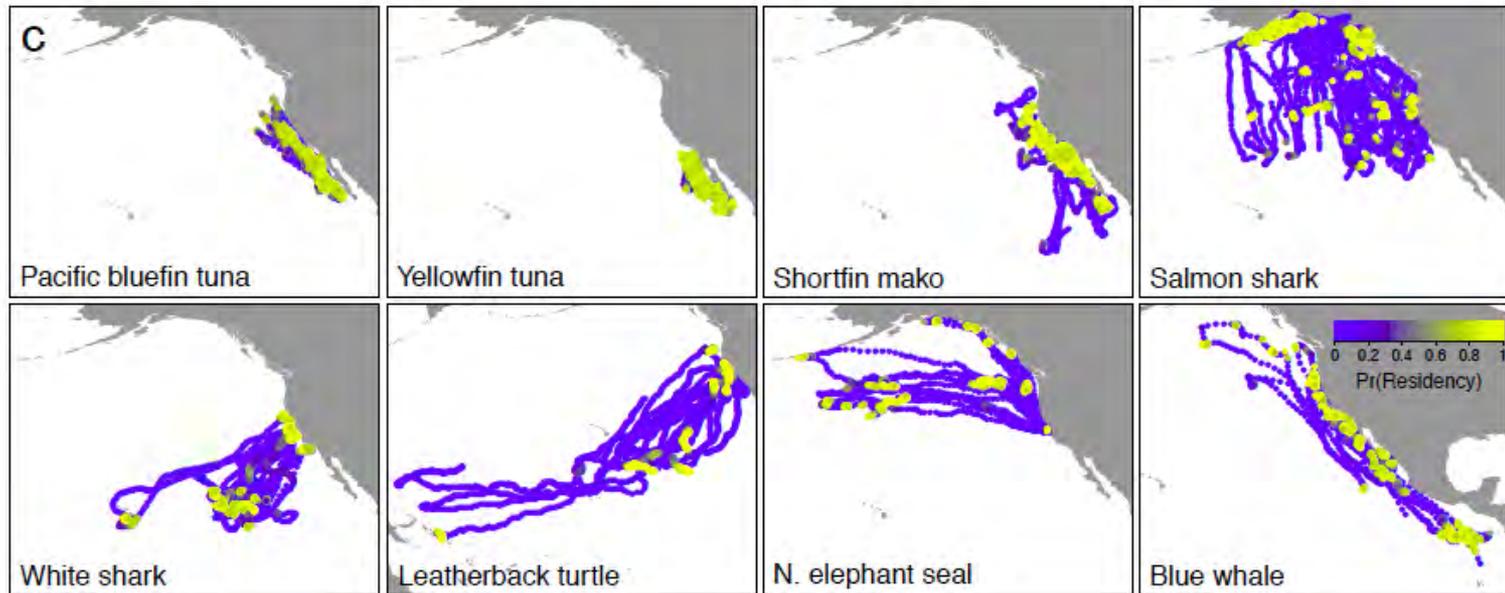
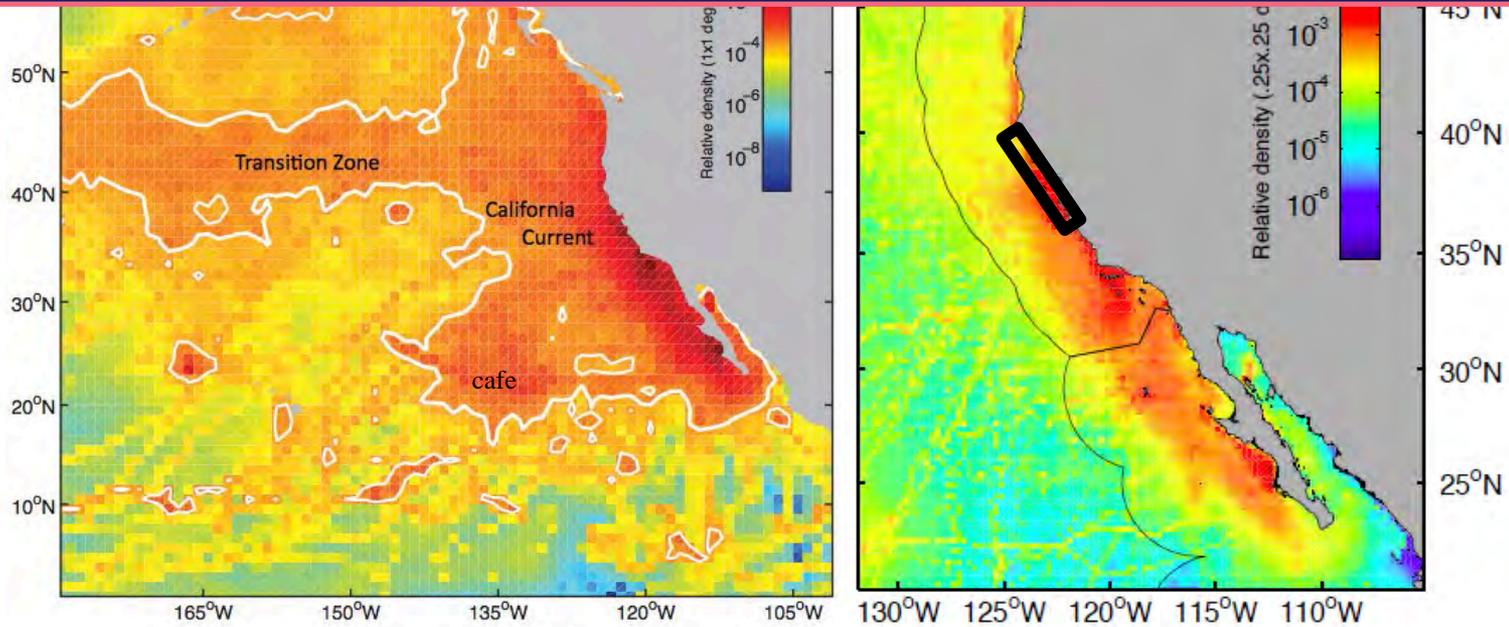
100,000 Km Migrations (*Shaffer et al. PNAS 2006*)



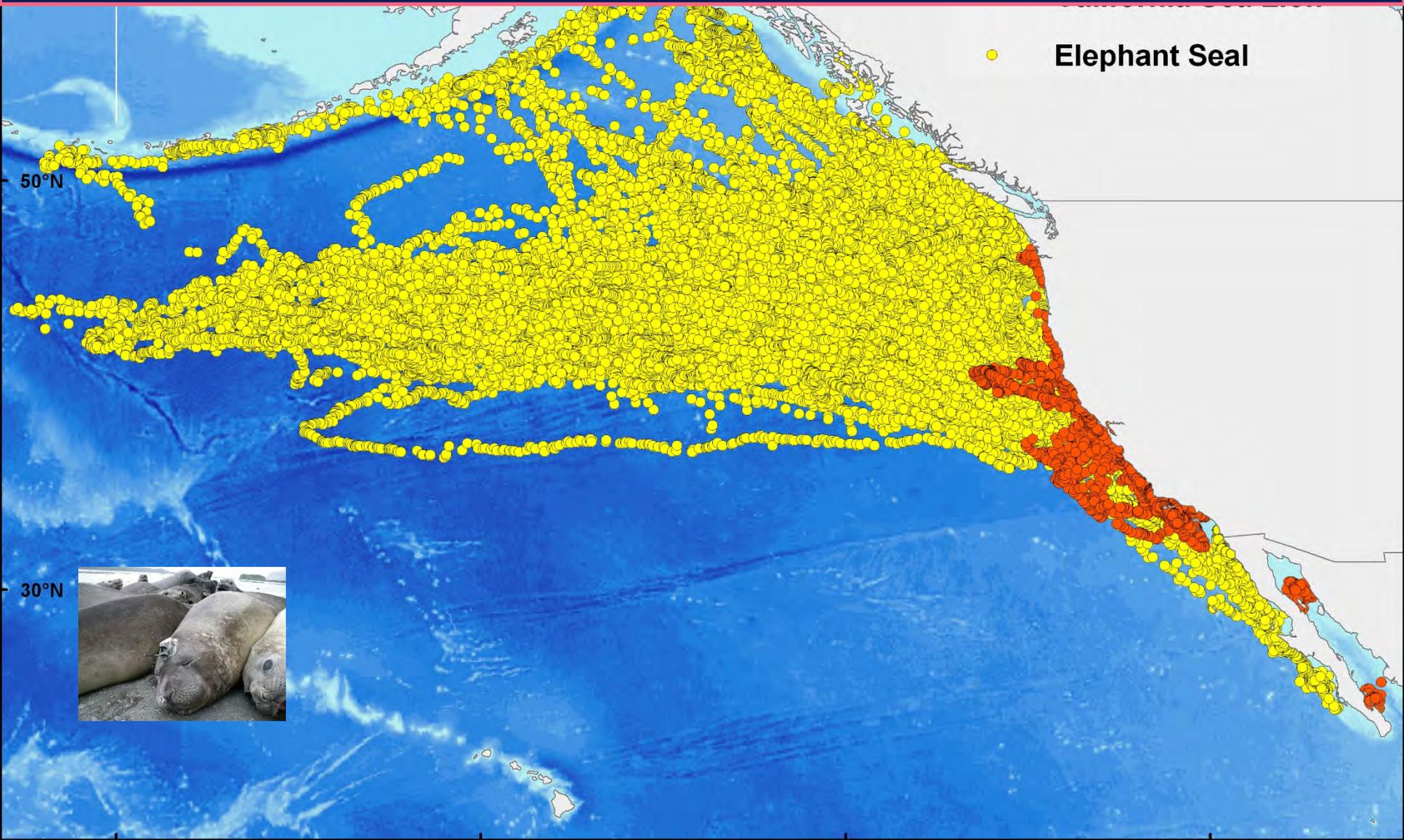
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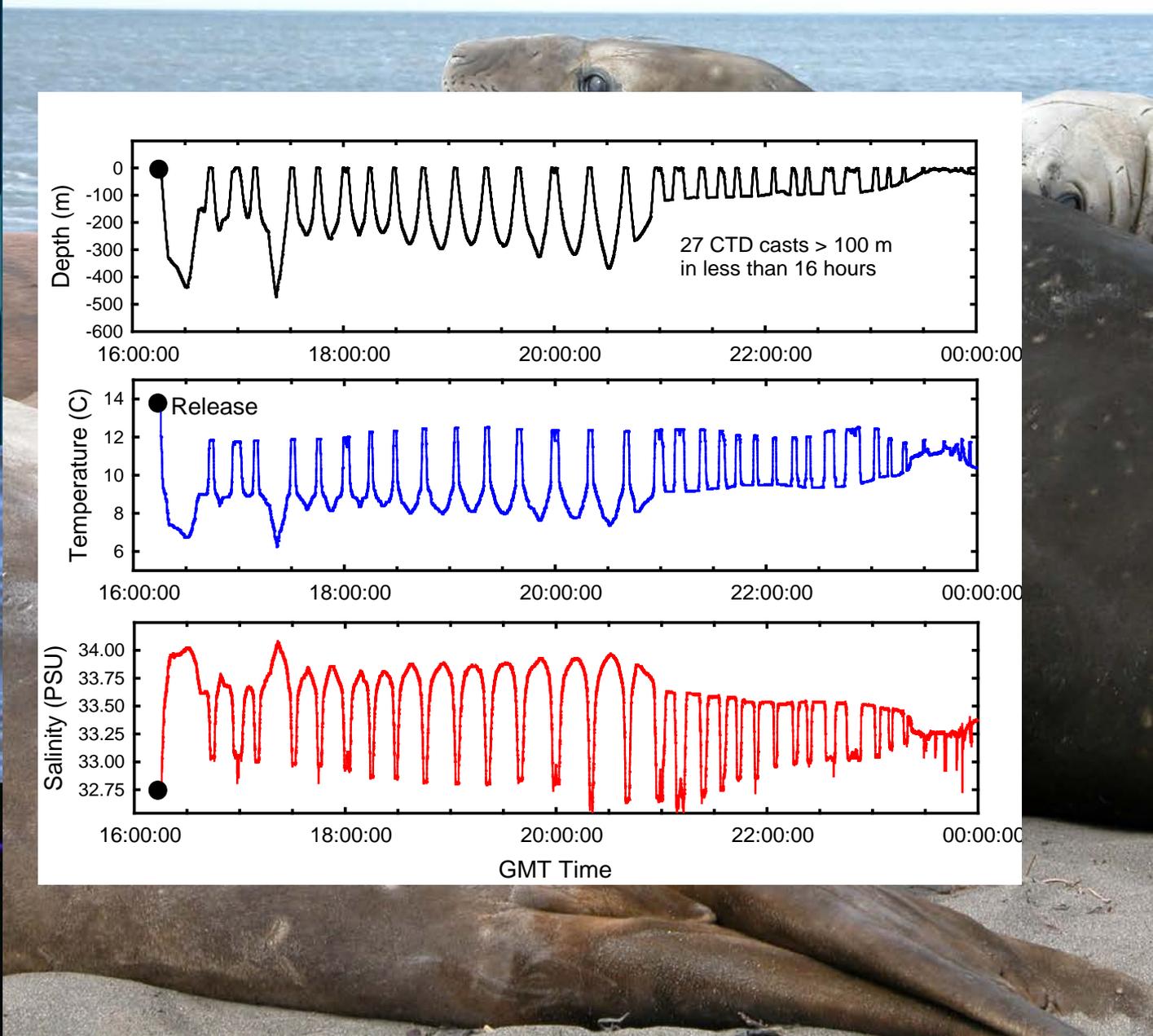
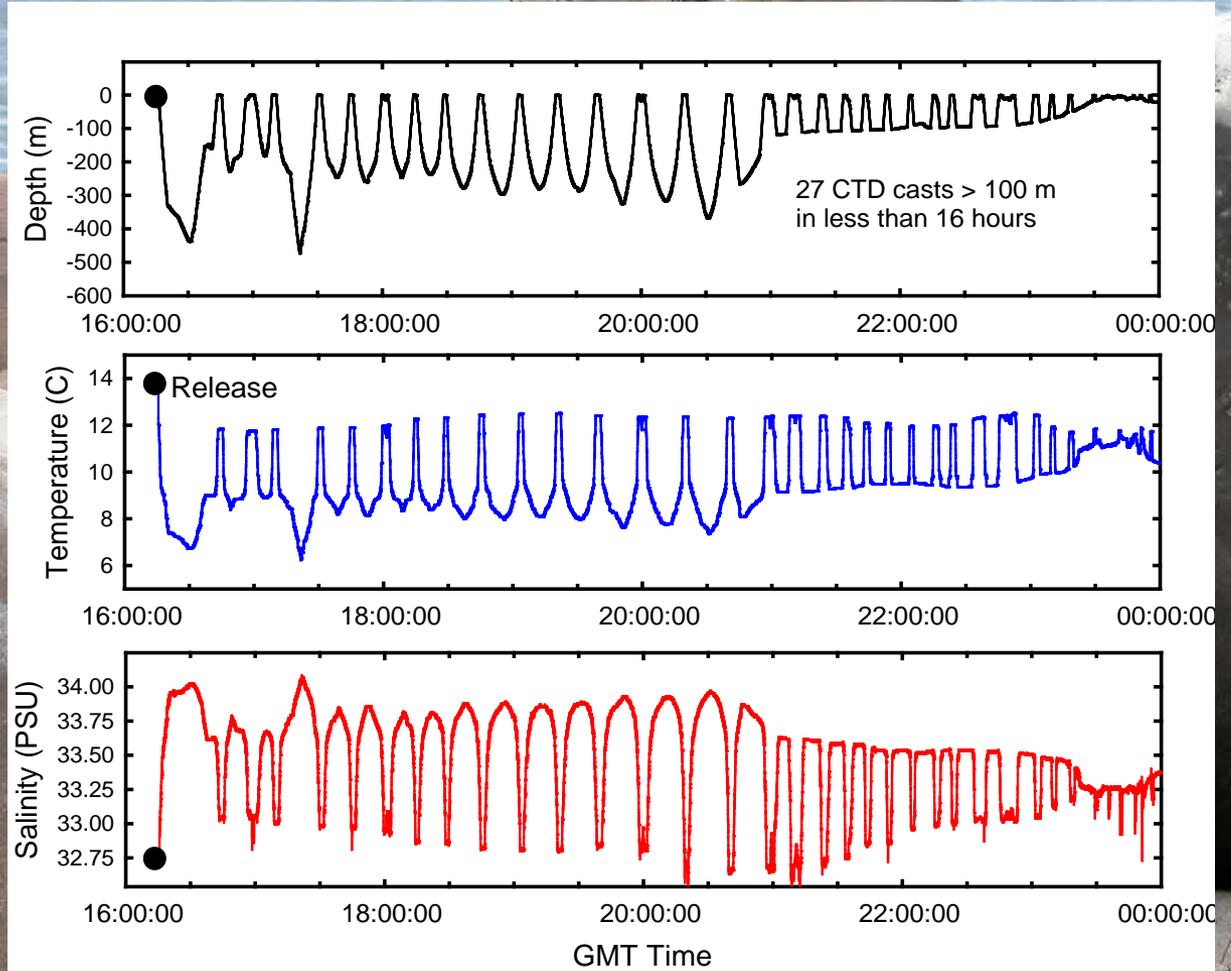
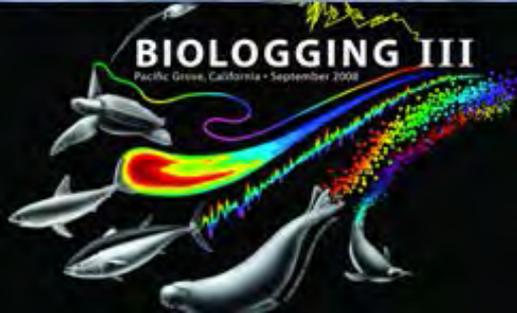
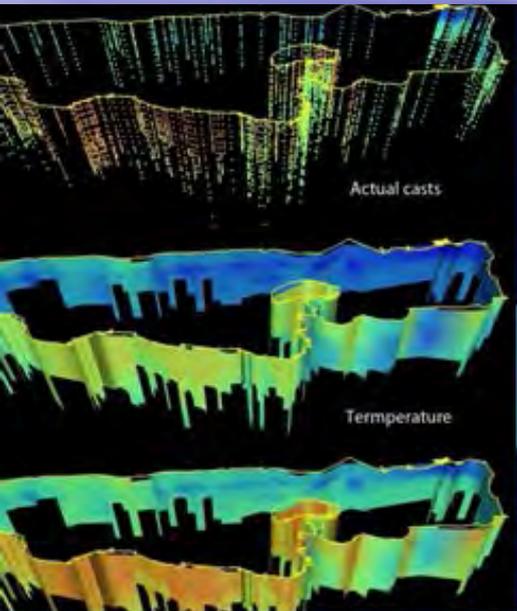
Challenge will be Protecting the Offshore Regions: How Big Does an MPA Have to Be to Protect Pelagic Sharks or Sea Turtles?



Elephant Seals & Sea Lions Travel into North Pacific Gyre



Animals As Ocean Sensors

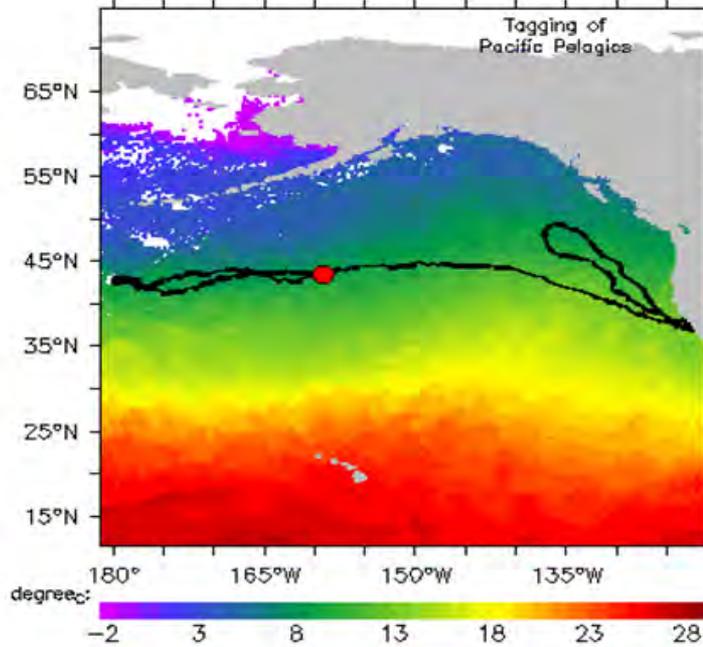


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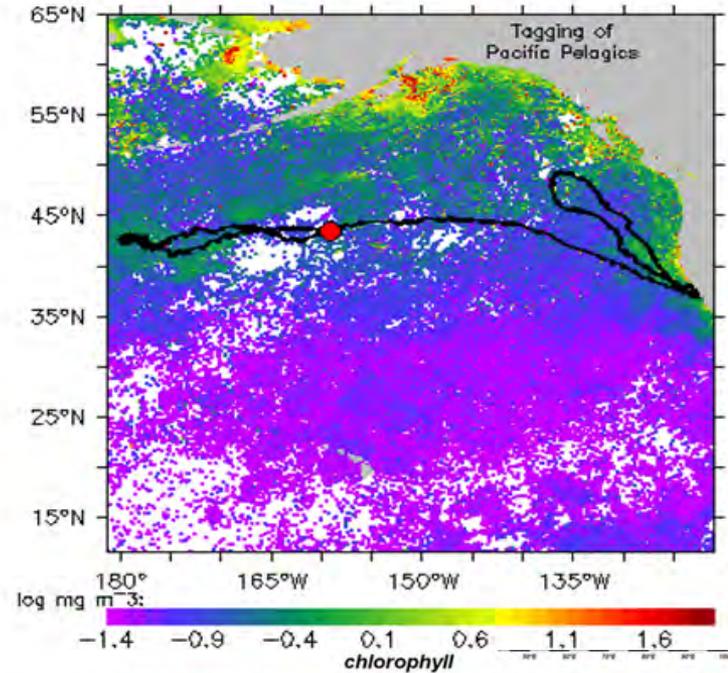
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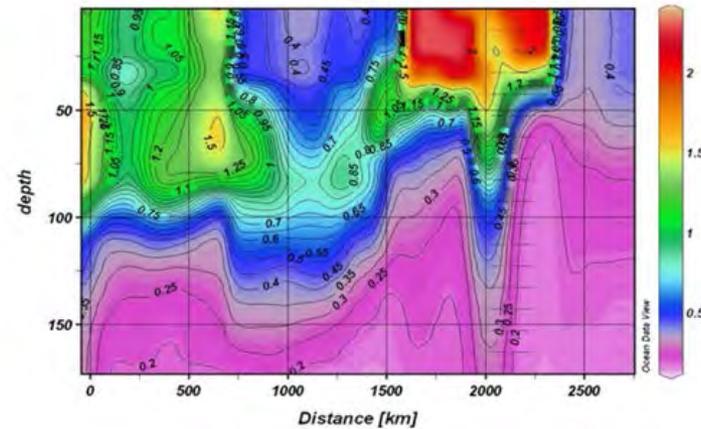


Chlorophyll-a

MODIS: 26-OCT-2014 to 2-NOV-2014

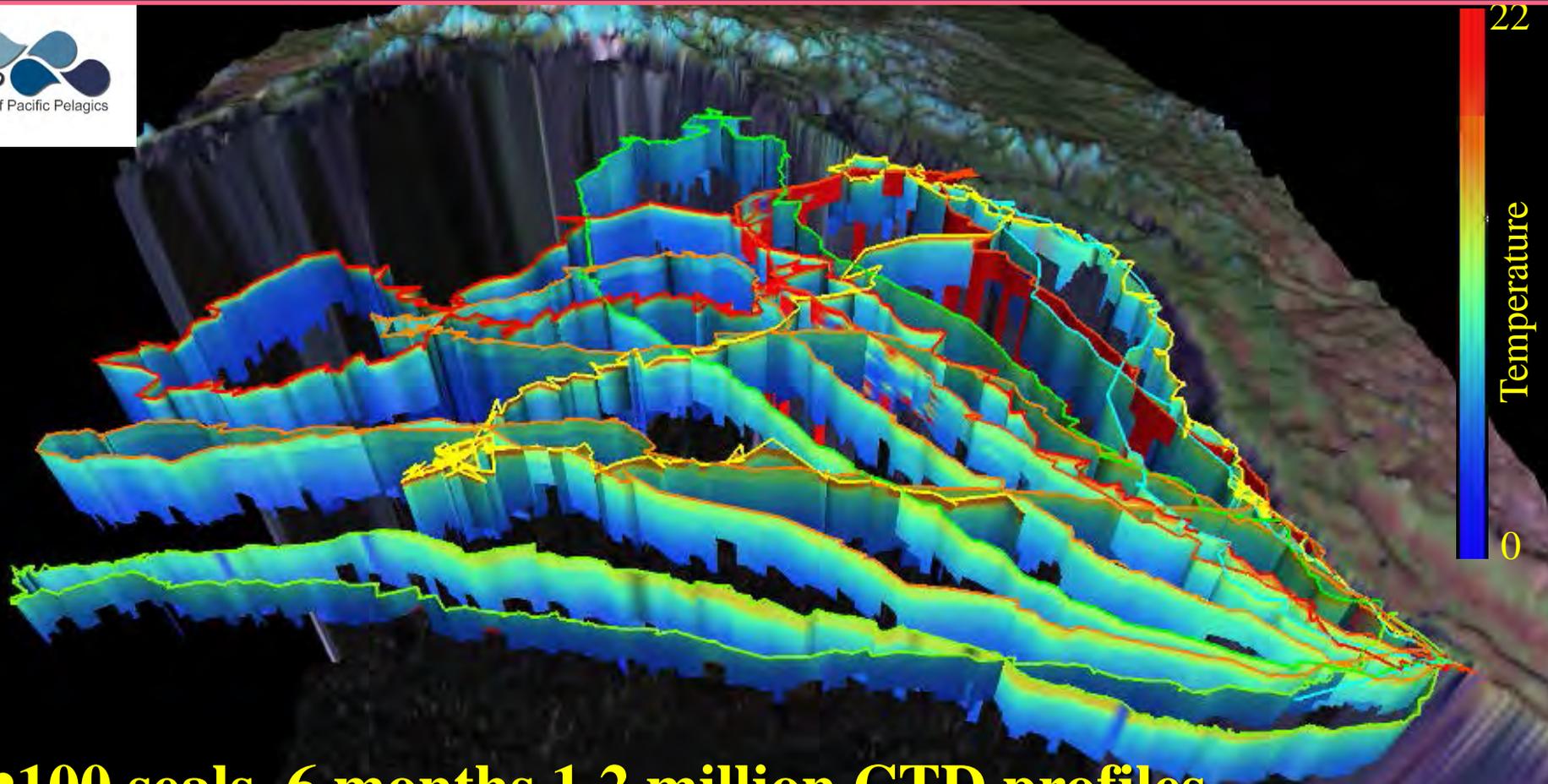


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CTD TAGS on Elephant Seals

Temperature, Salinity, Chlorophyll

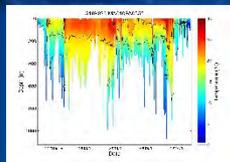
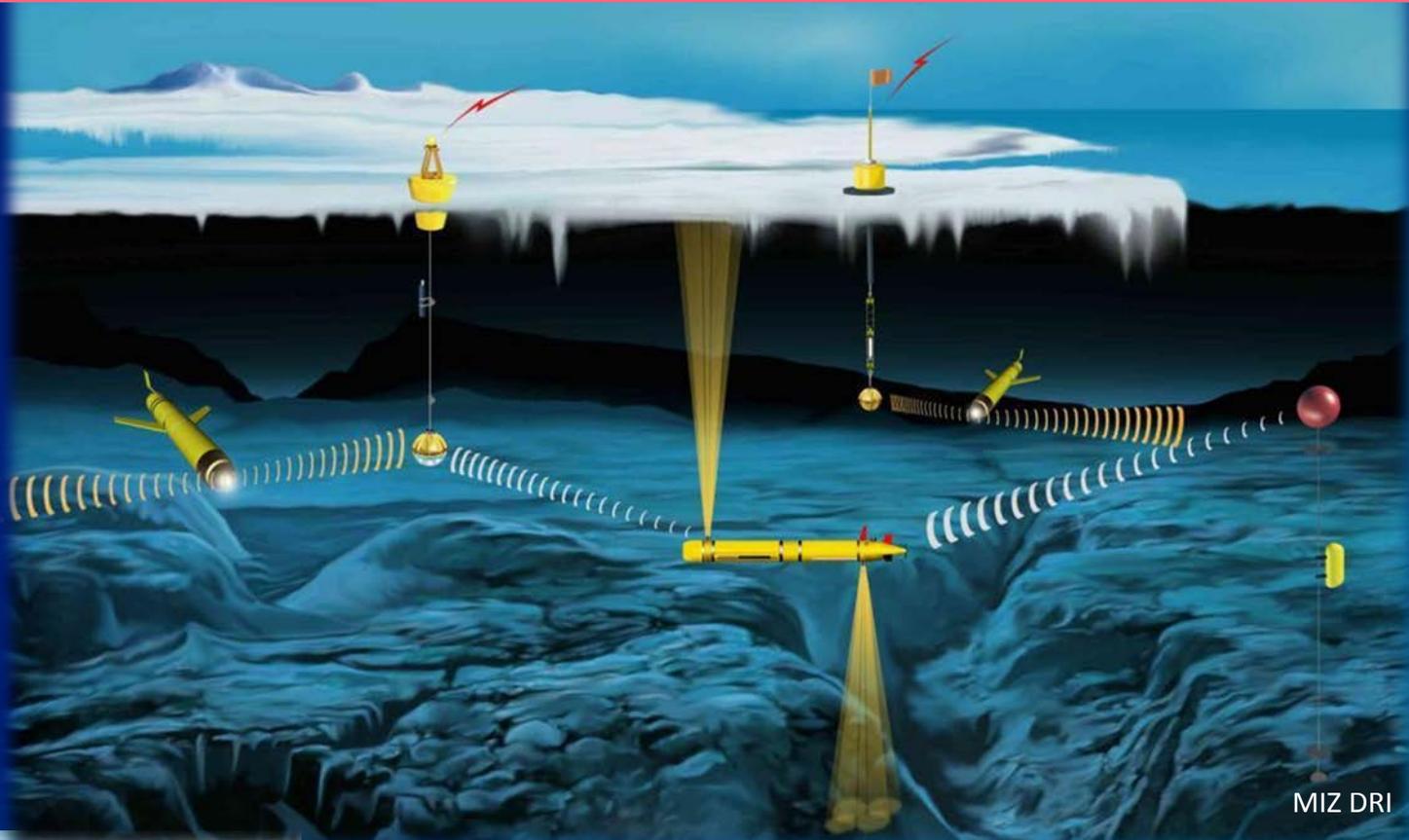


• **100 seals, 6 months 1.2 million CTD profiles**
of North Pacific



Animals are Ocean Sensors

Oceans are Vastly Undersampled and Animals Provide In Situ data

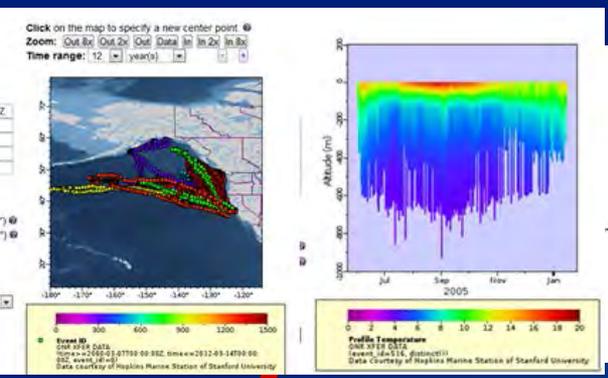


IOOS/ONR Sponsored Data Integration Projects with TOPP Program to Deliver Seal Data

Real-time data flow from animals



user



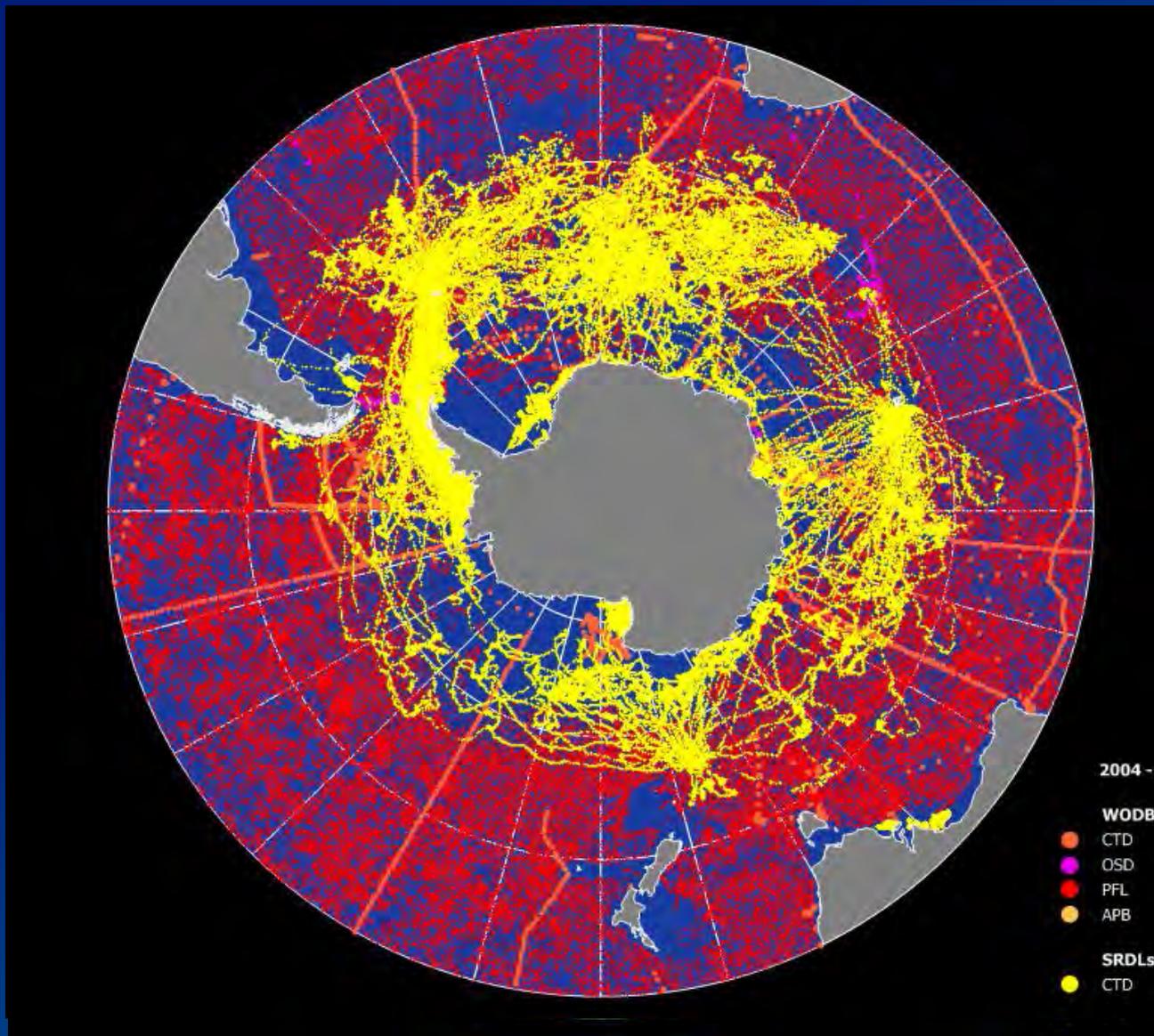
Global Telecommunication System



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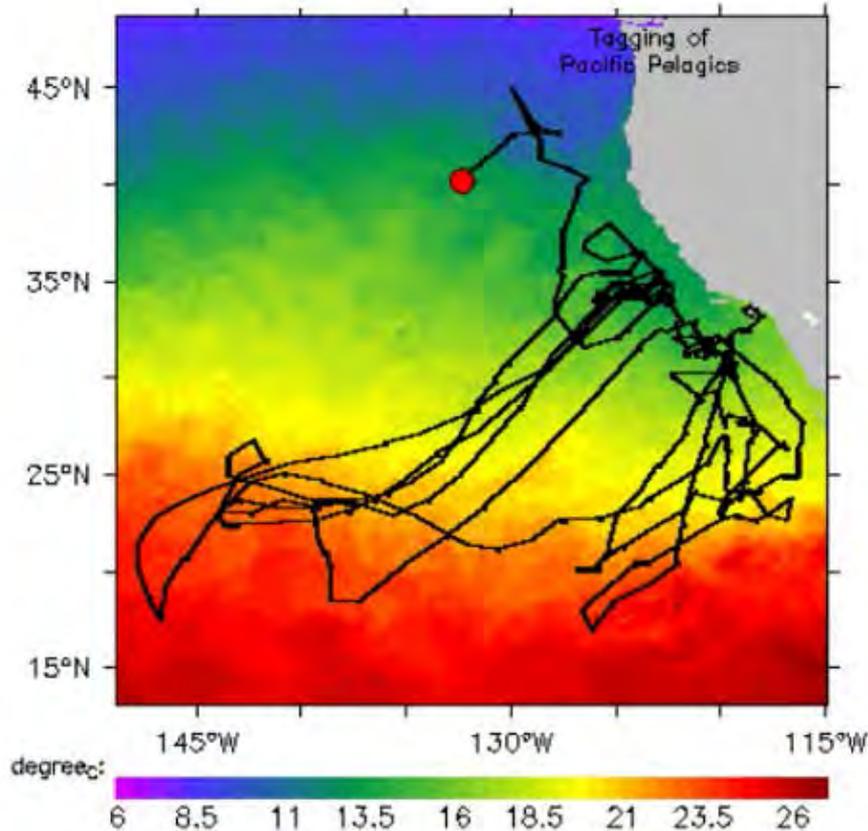
Southern Ocean: Animal Ocean Observing Data



SPOT Tags: Sharks that “Phone” Home

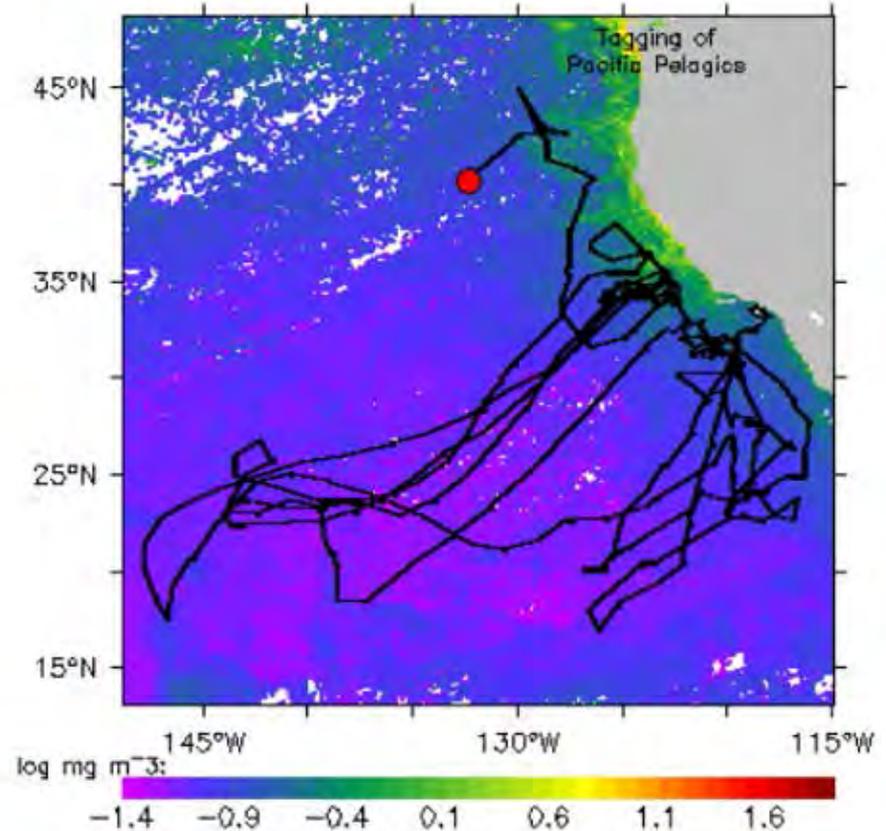
Shortfin Mako Shark 120687 1513002 8 Jul 2013 to 5 Nov 2015

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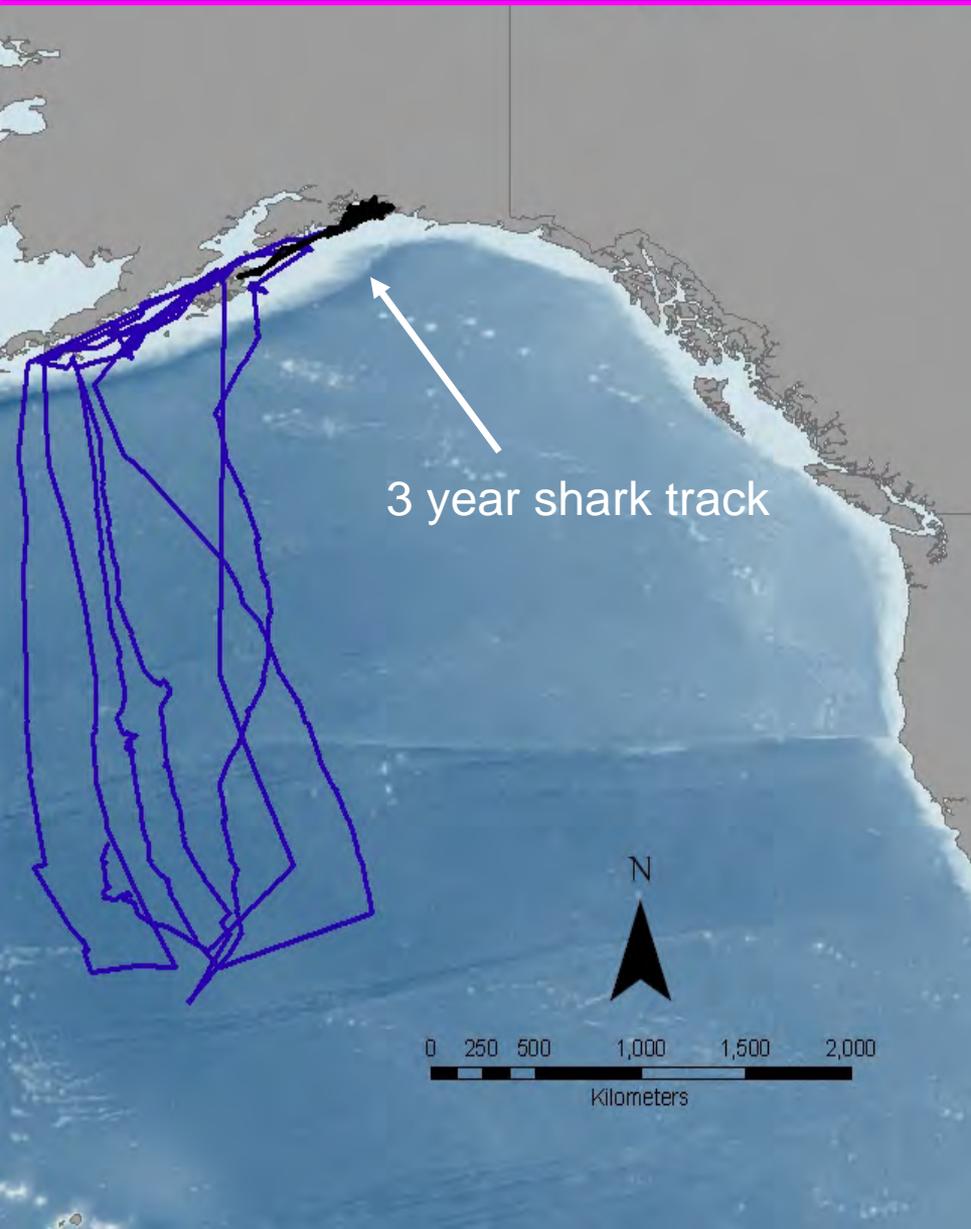
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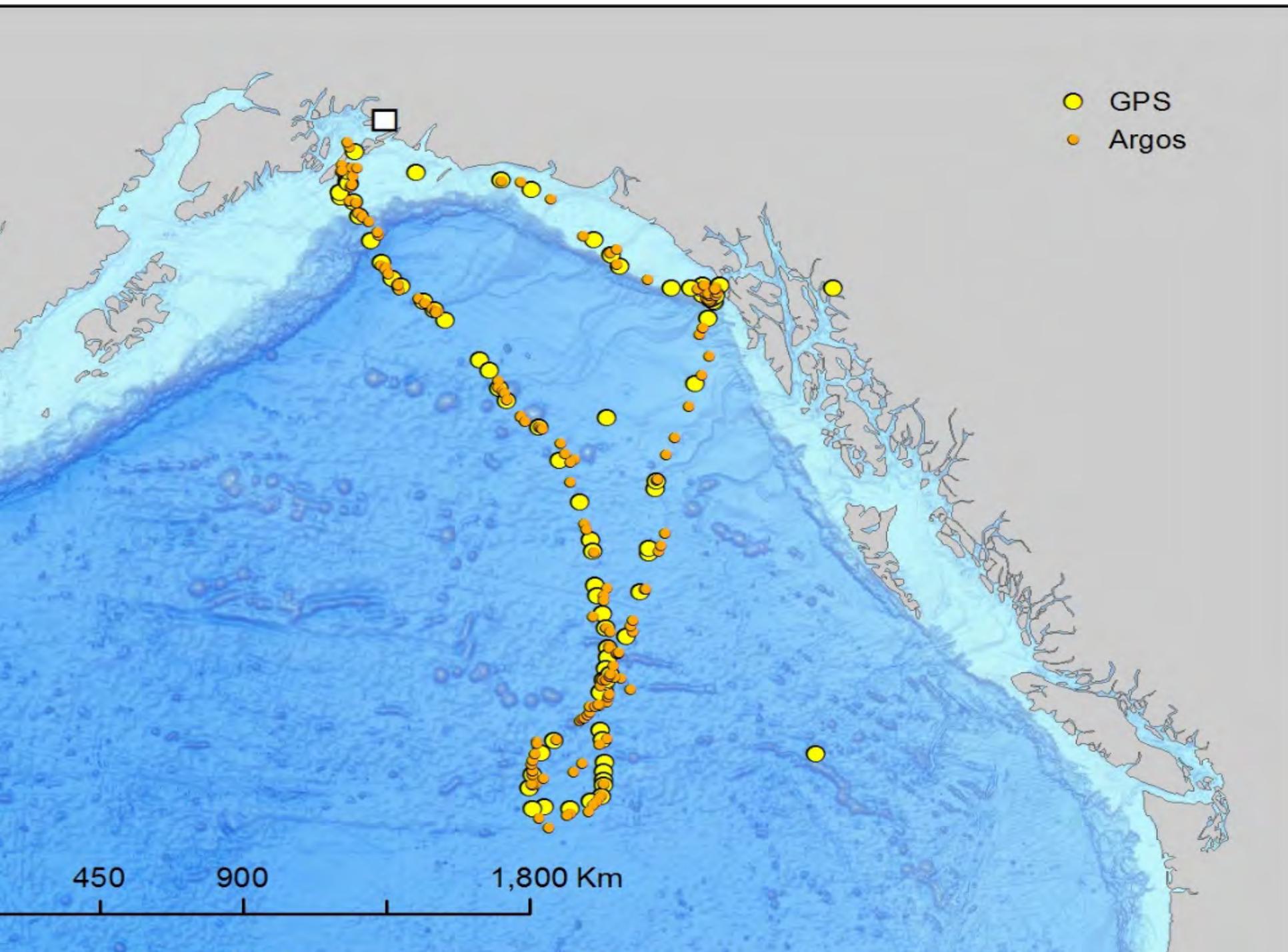
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Satellite Positions for Salmon Sharks (N=76)

Repetitive Migrations from Arctic to Subtropics





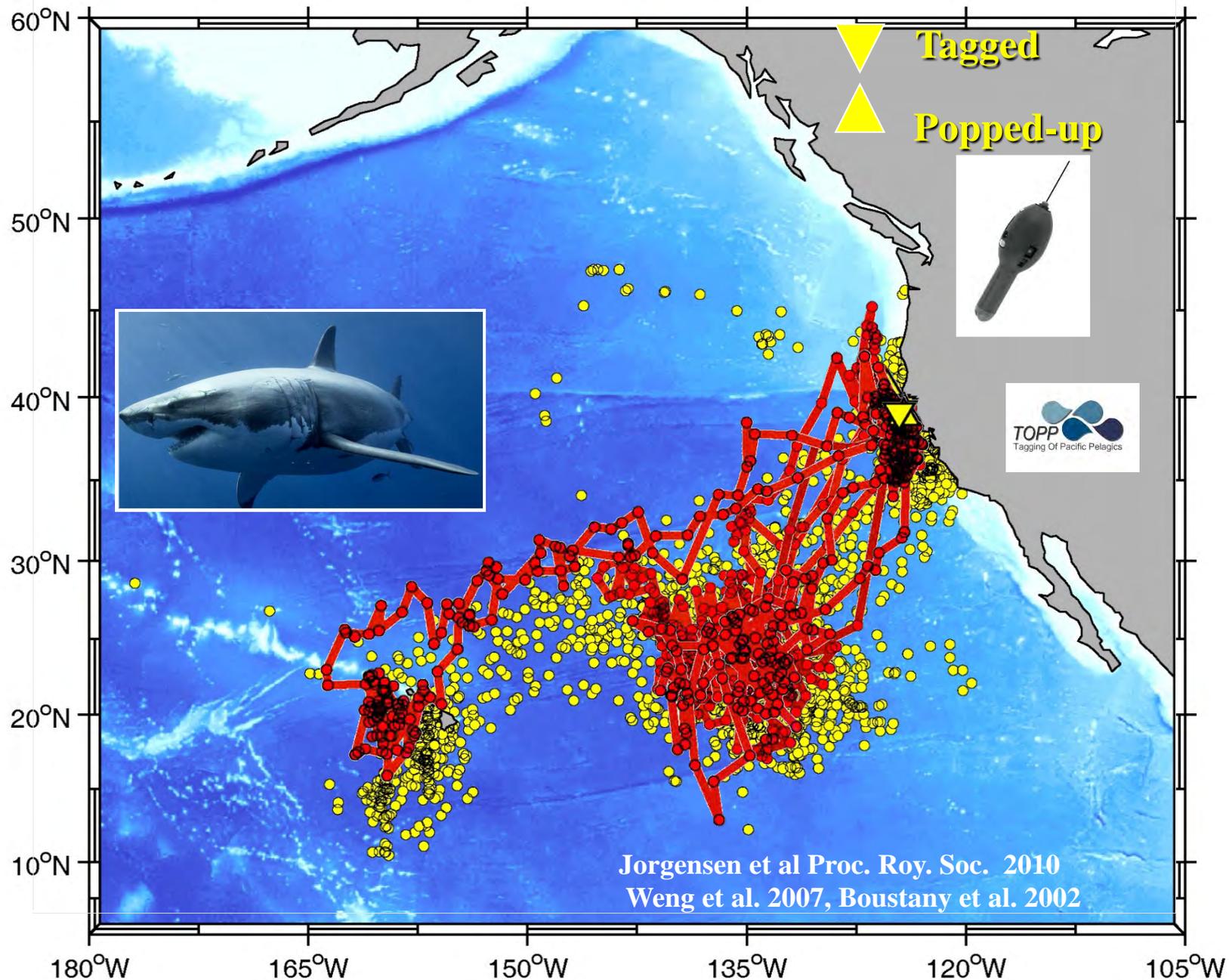
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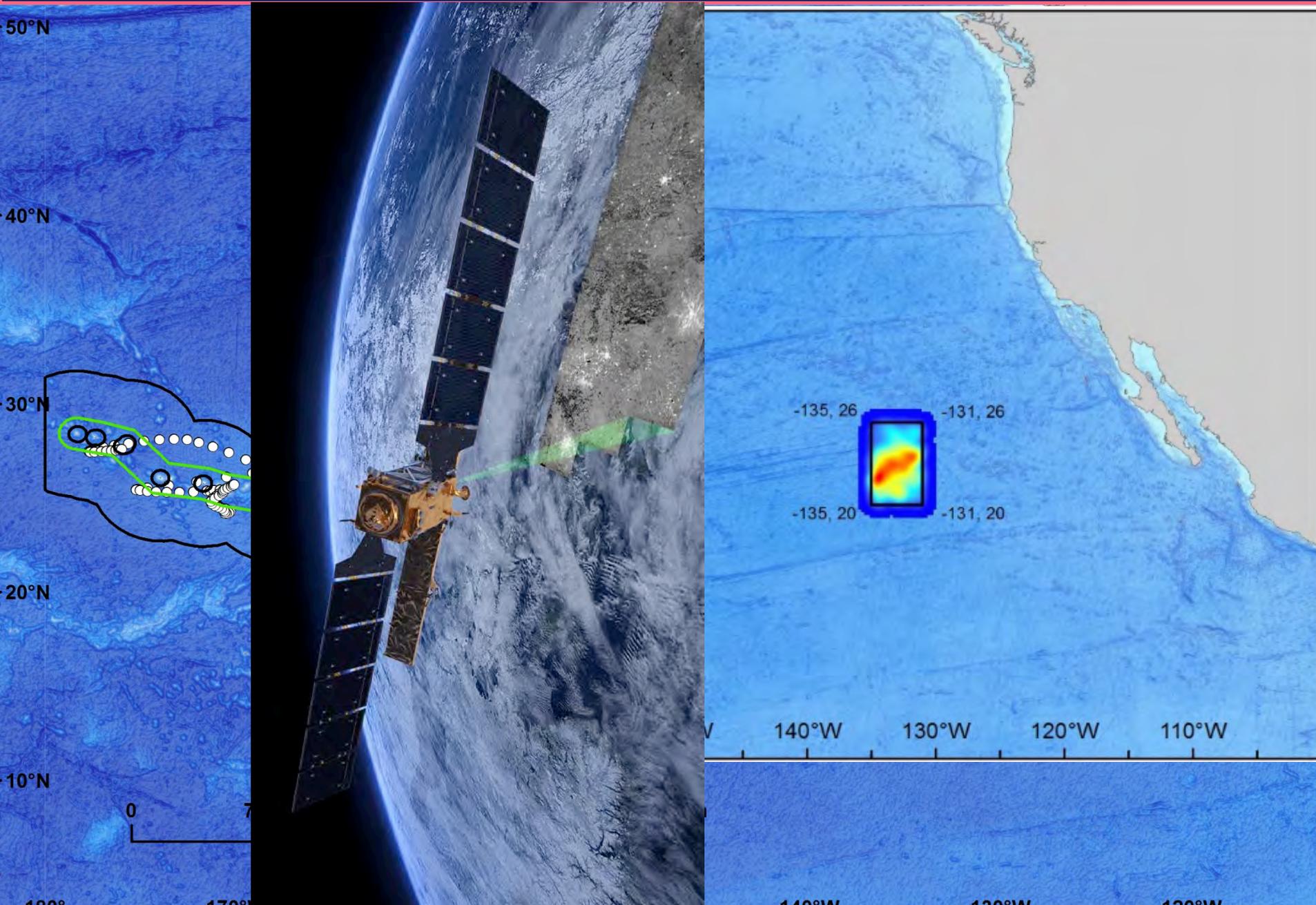
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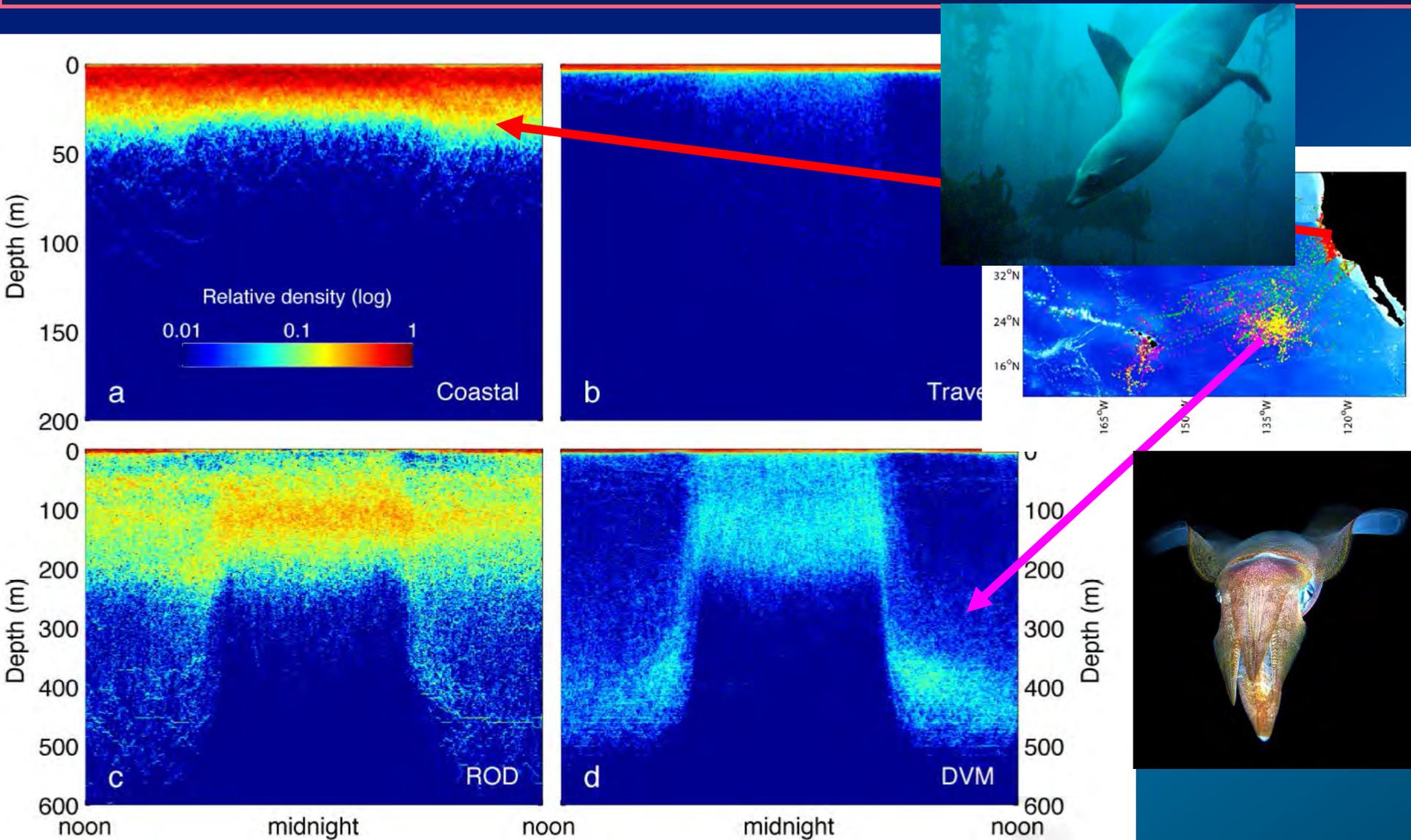
Pop-up Satellite Tags Reveal White Shark Fidelity to California Coast



How Can We Dynamically Protect Café? Catapult



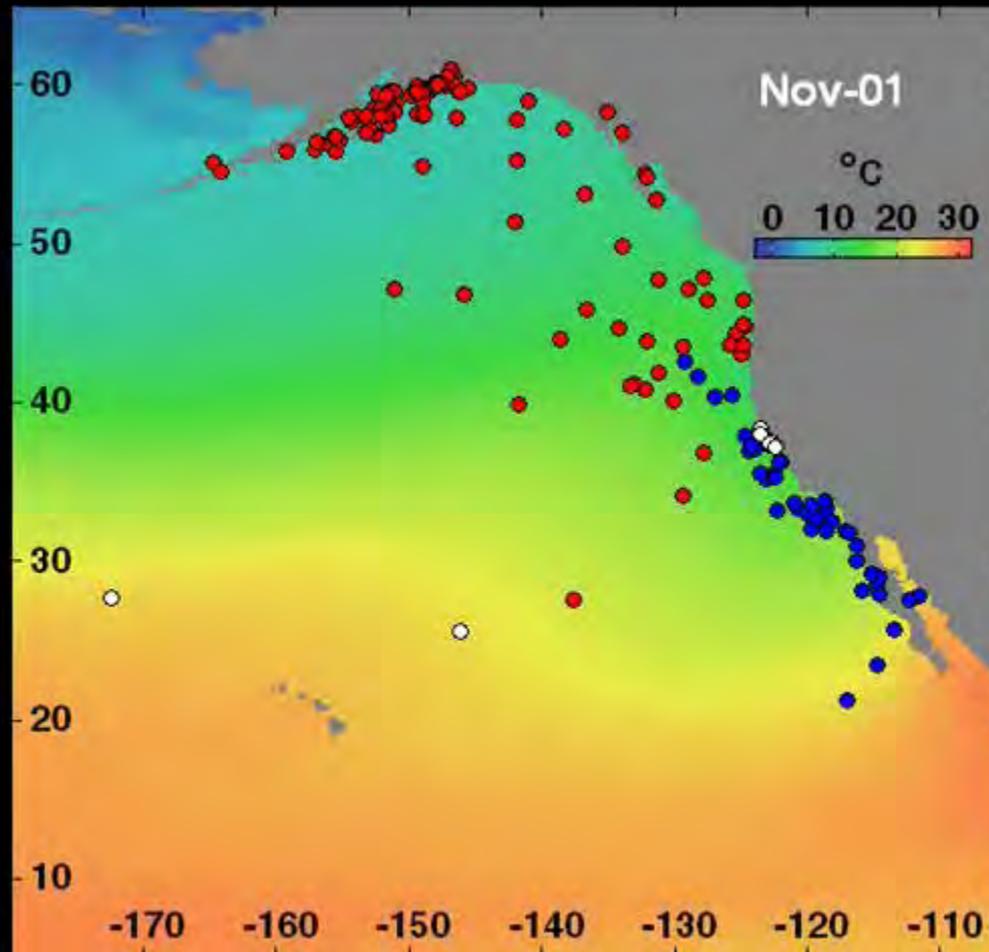
Tags Record Change of Dive Behaviors



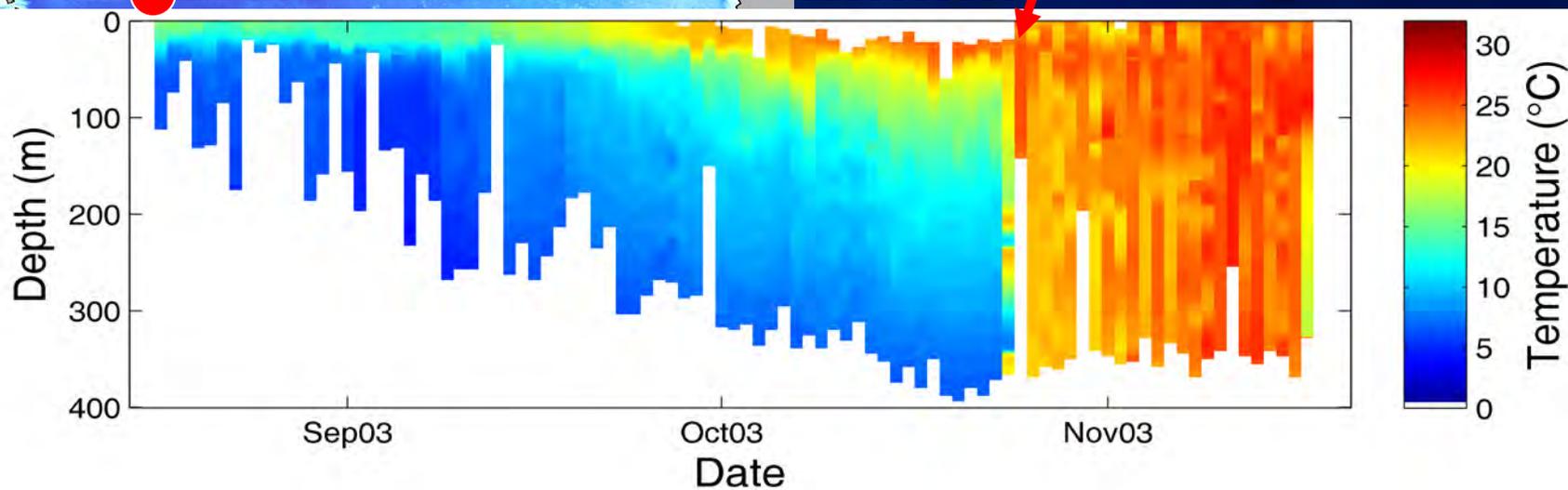
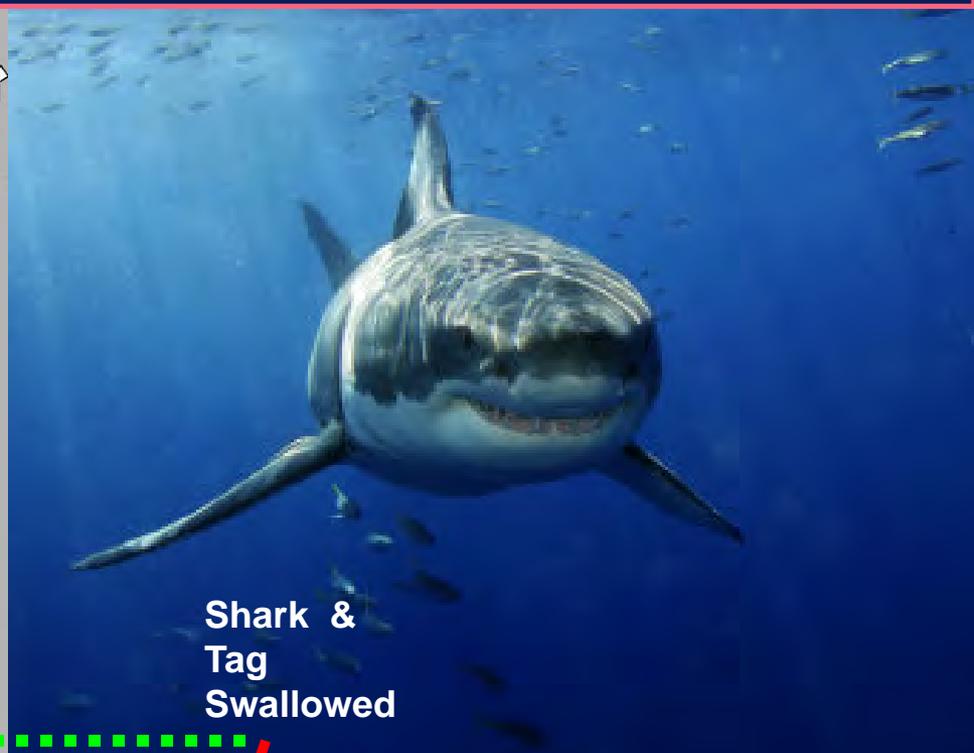
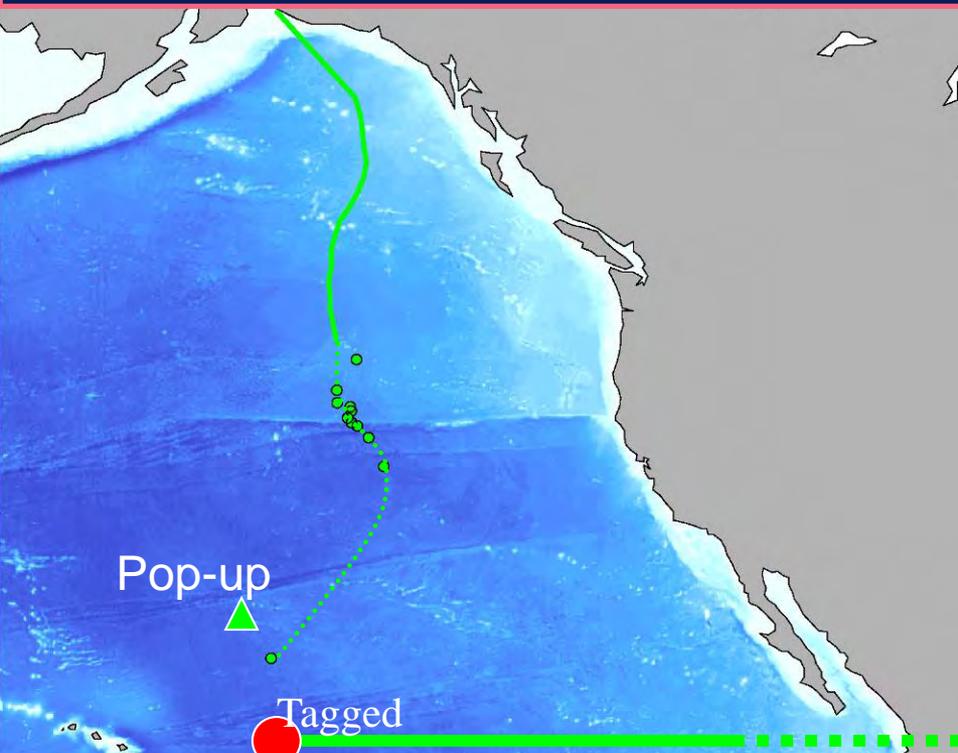
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Salmon, White & Mako Sharks

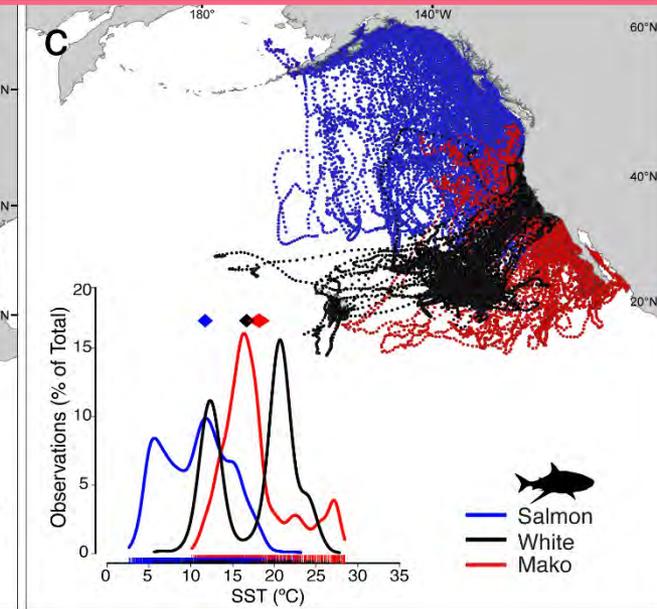
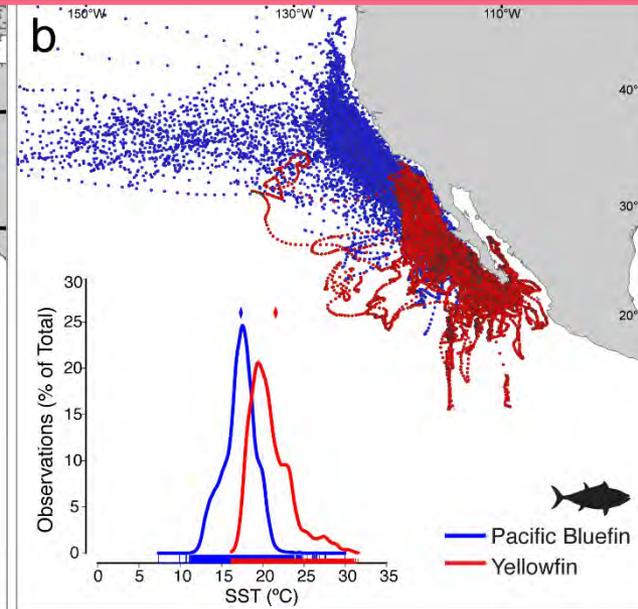
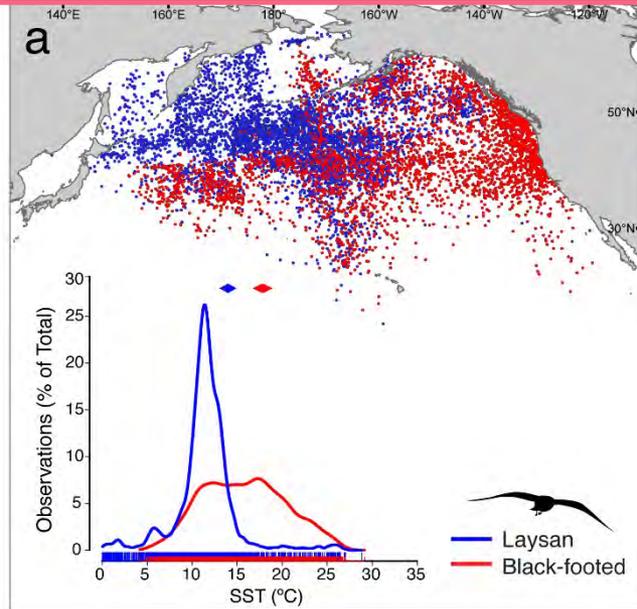


HOT SHARKS: PREDATION EVENTS ON TAGS



Tagging Reveals Niche Utilization

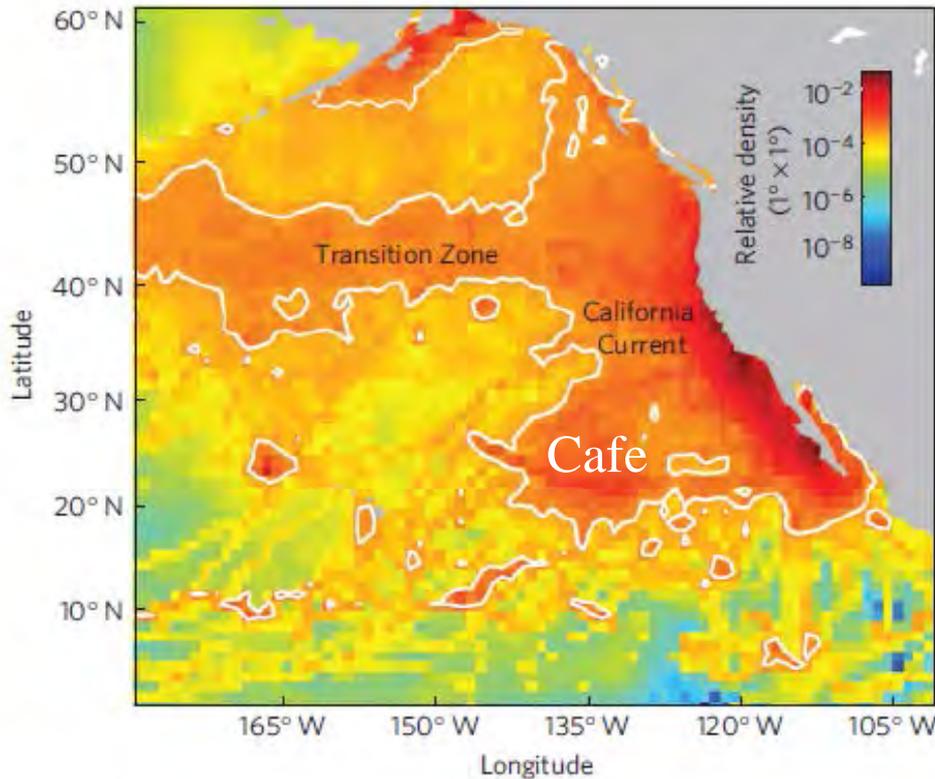
Thermal Niche Separation: Albatross, Tunas, Sharks



California Current World Heritage Site?

Blue Serengeti Initiative: Build/Expand Pelagic MPAs

Density of Top Predators



All Species All Positions

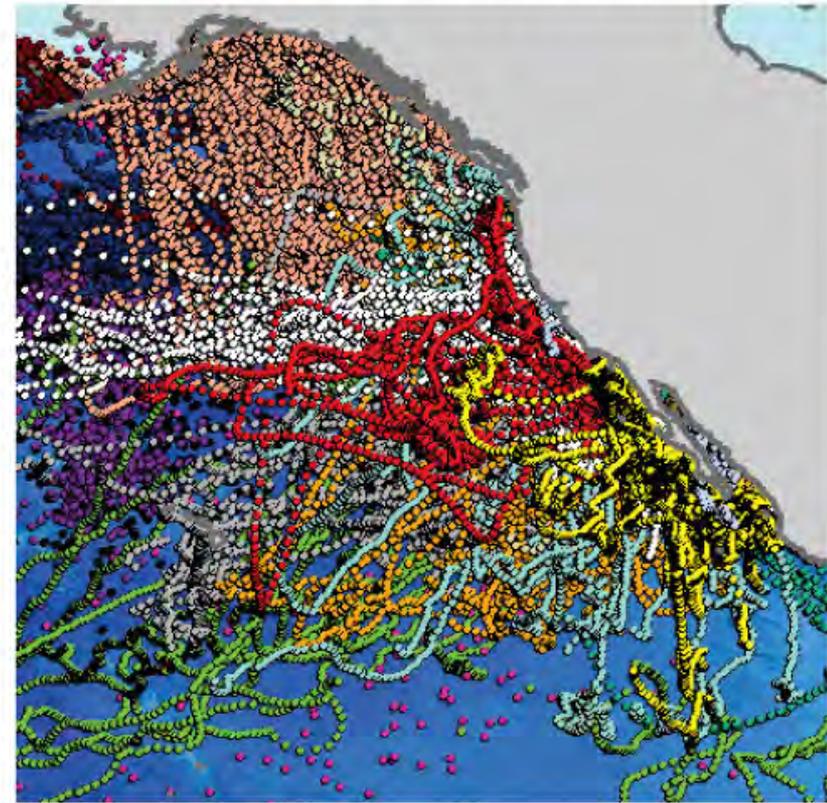


Figure 1 | Density of top predators within the eastern North Pacific.

Can We Monitor Apex Predators in Real Time? Yes



**Shark Acoustic
Detection Buoy**

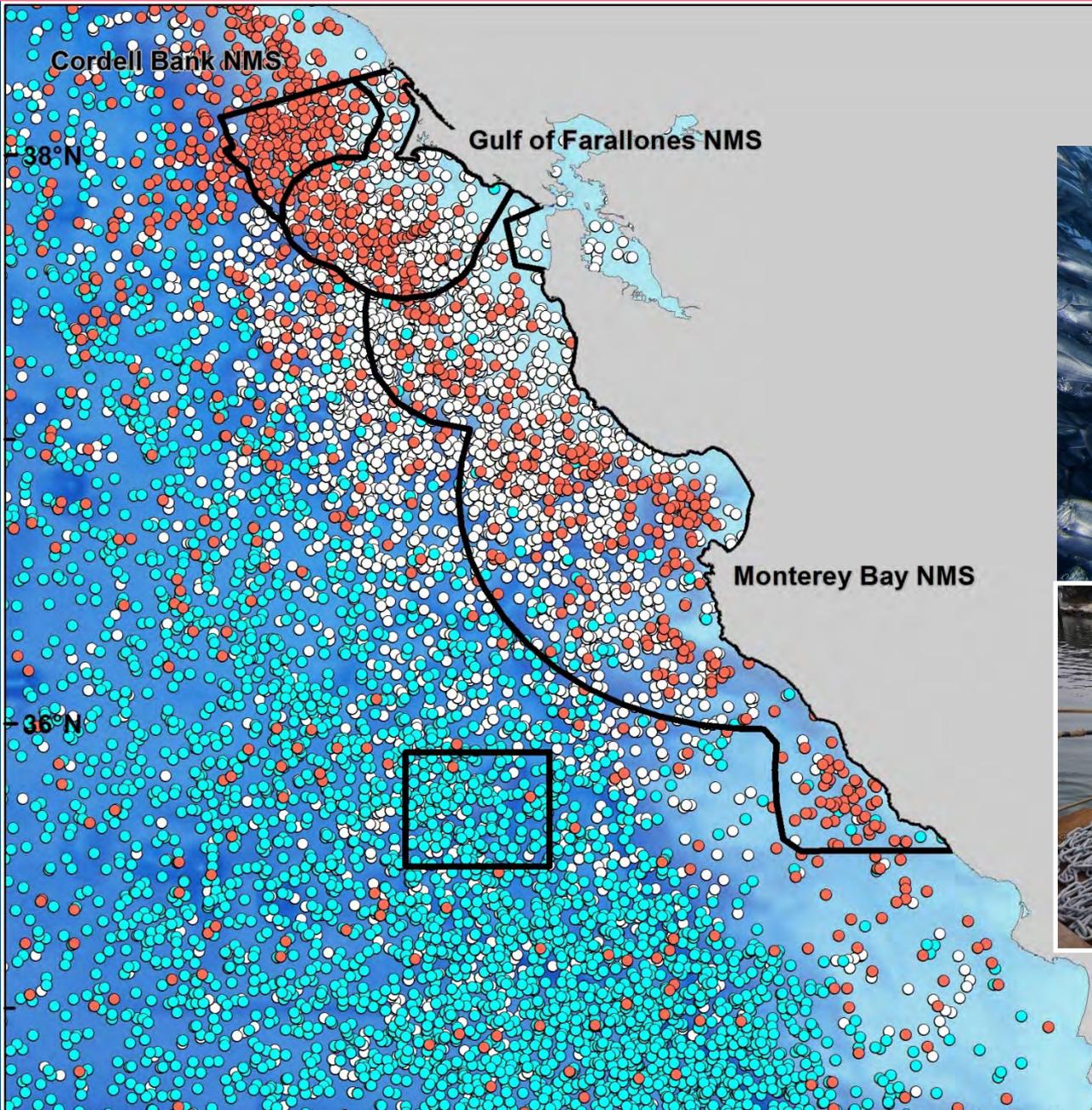


The Wired Ocean
WiFi Buoys for Ocean Predator Hotspots

**Wave Glider
Robot that
Listens for
Sharks**



Can We Monitor Sharks in our National Sanctuaries?



- Pacific Bluefin tuna
- Salmon shark
- White shark



SharkNet: Live Shark Detection Buoys



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Map Buoy Sightings

Año Nuevo North

Info Photos

3D Model

Description

6 Sharks Sighted (last 255 days ago)

Land Map Ocean Chart

Showtime

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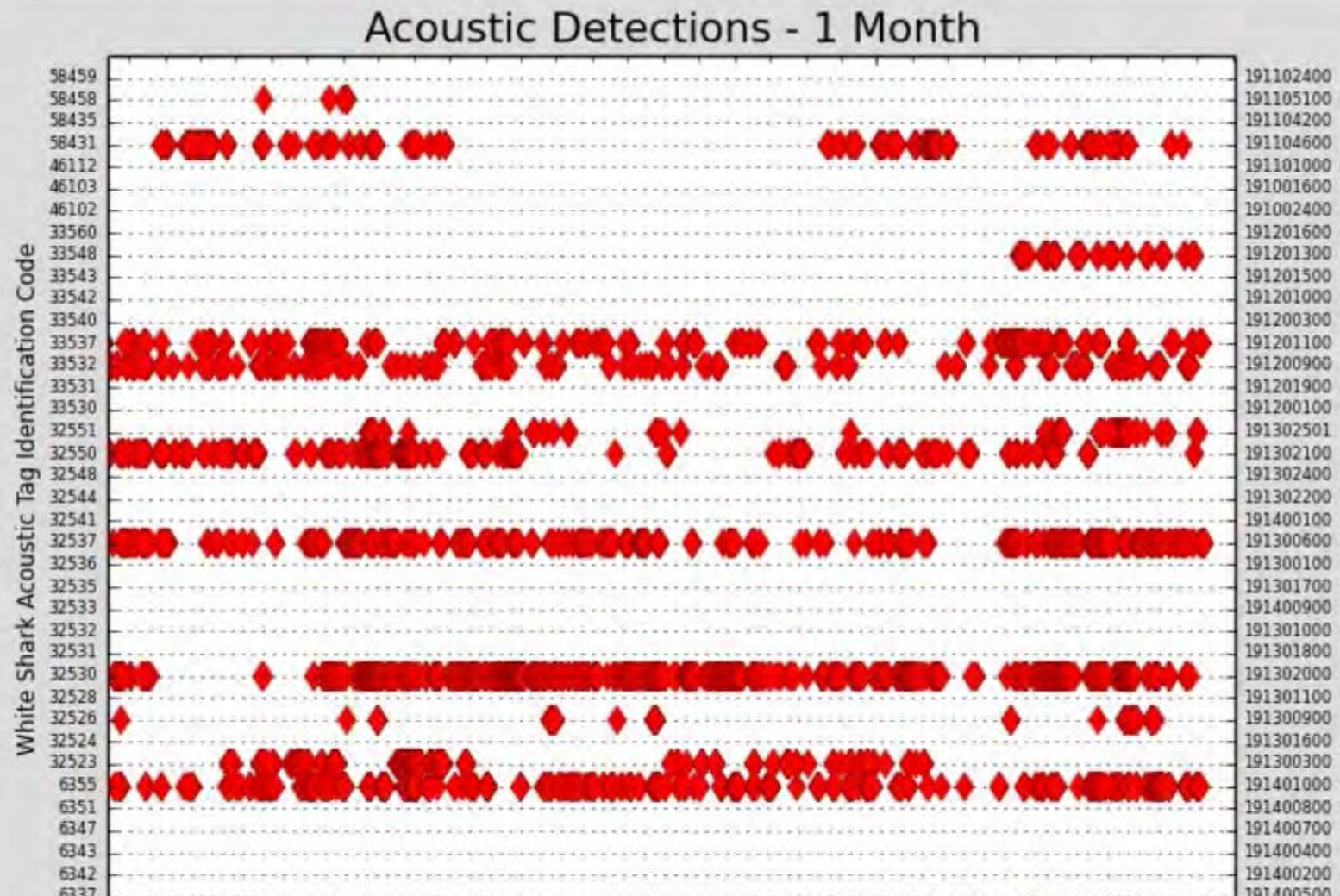
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Arrival of White Shark at Irridium Detection Buoy- Central California Coast

Ano Nuevo Monthly



Ocean observation Buoys

Satellite & Cell Tower
Enabled comms

pCO₂ Ocean
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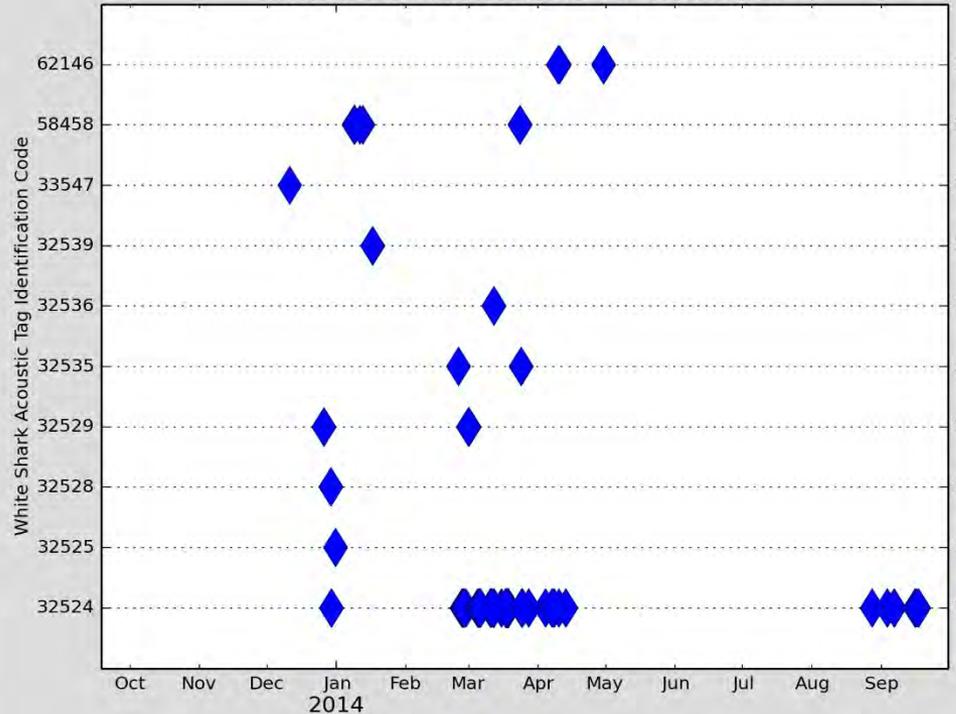
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Float ~ 1m diameter
225 kg

Sea Level

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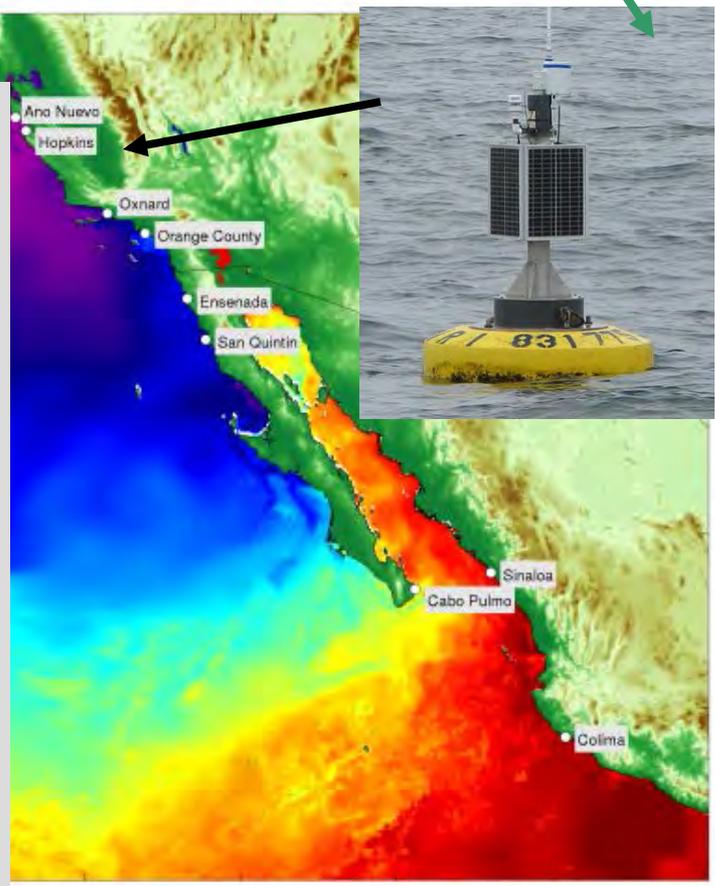


Acoustic Detections - 12 Months



◆ Hopkins

SST



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Commercialization: Australia Shark Smart Buoy System



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SHARK ACTIVITY

ABOUT

STAYING SAFE

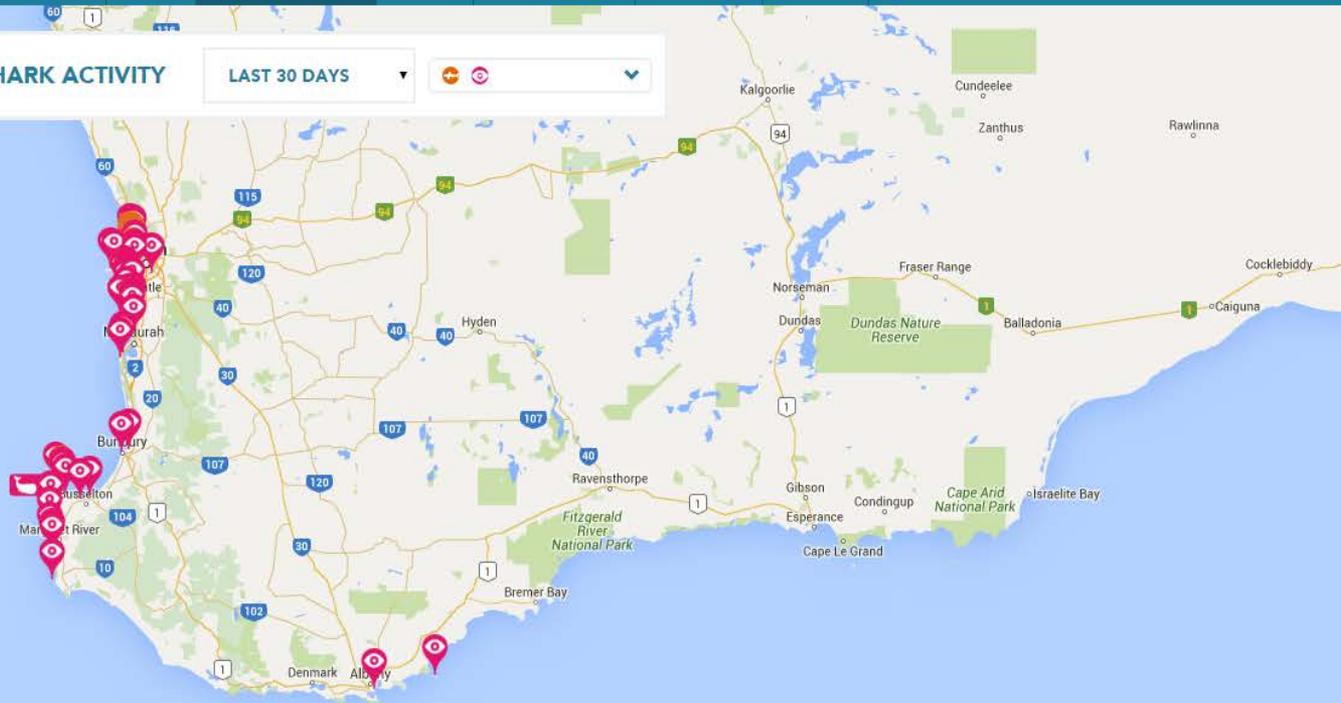
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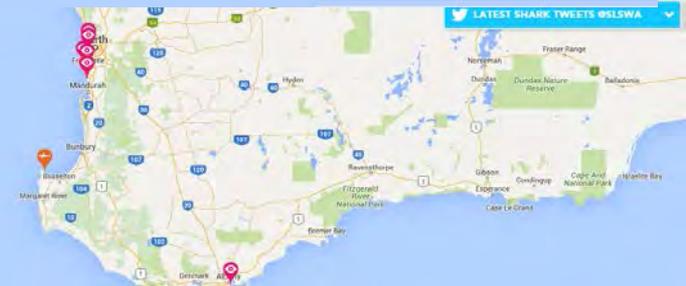


REPORT SHARK SIGHTINGS TO THE WATER POLICE ON 9442 8600

CURRENT ALERTS & WARNINGS

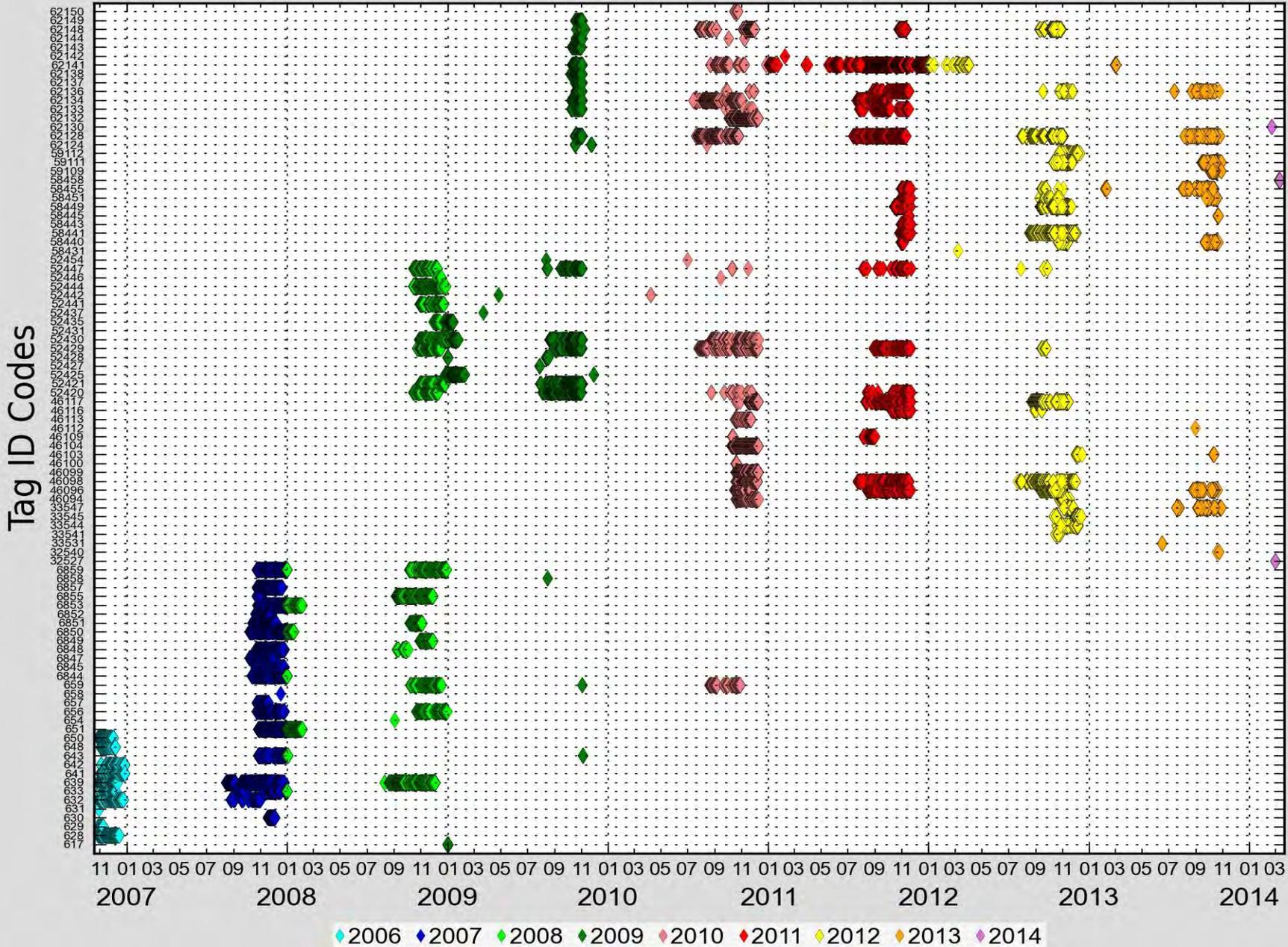
LATEST SHARK TWEETS @SLSWA

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Fisheries advise: tagged white shark detected by Meelup receiver at 03:08:00 AM on 13-Nov-2015
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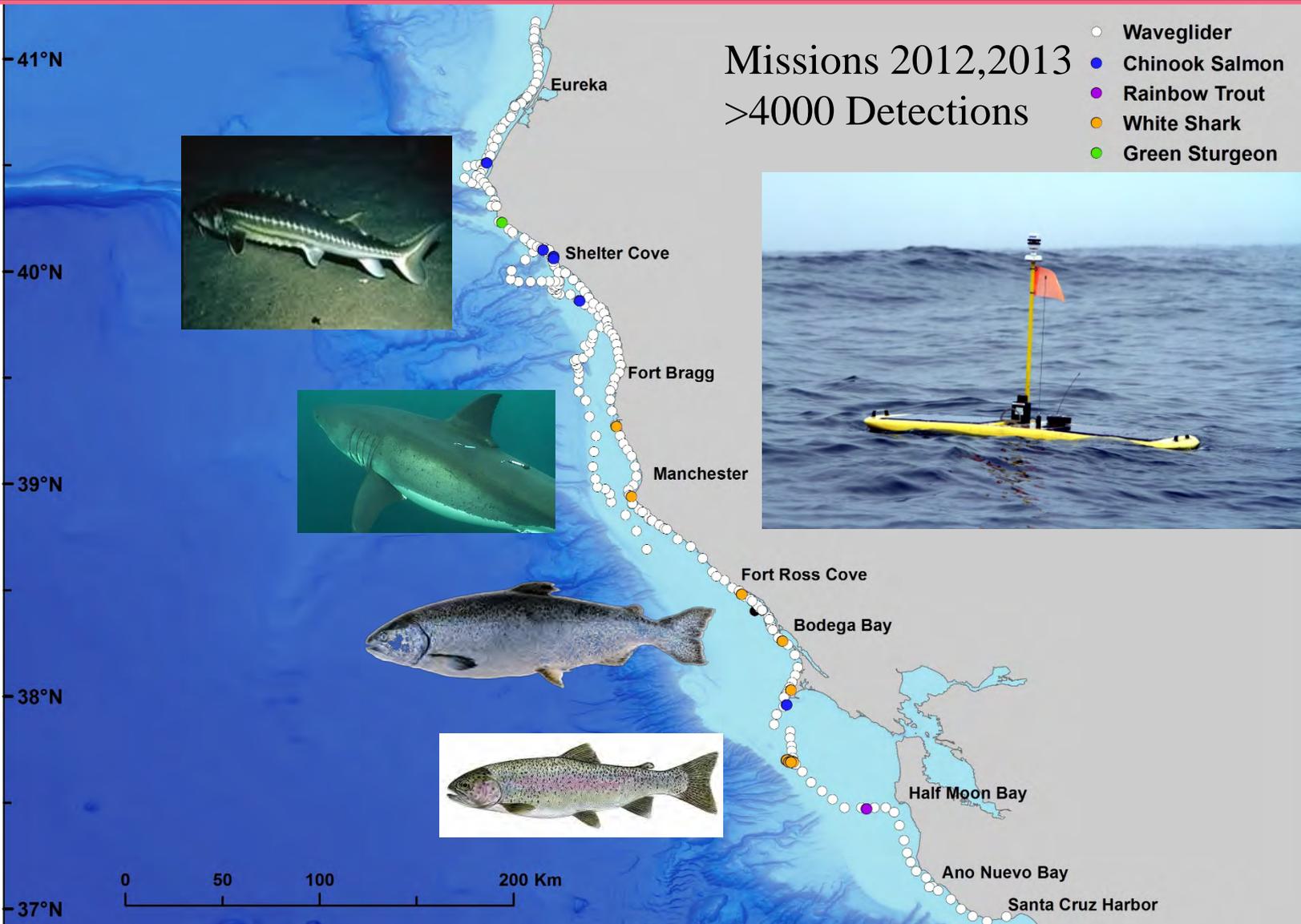


Acoustic Tags: Reliable Long Term Monitoring

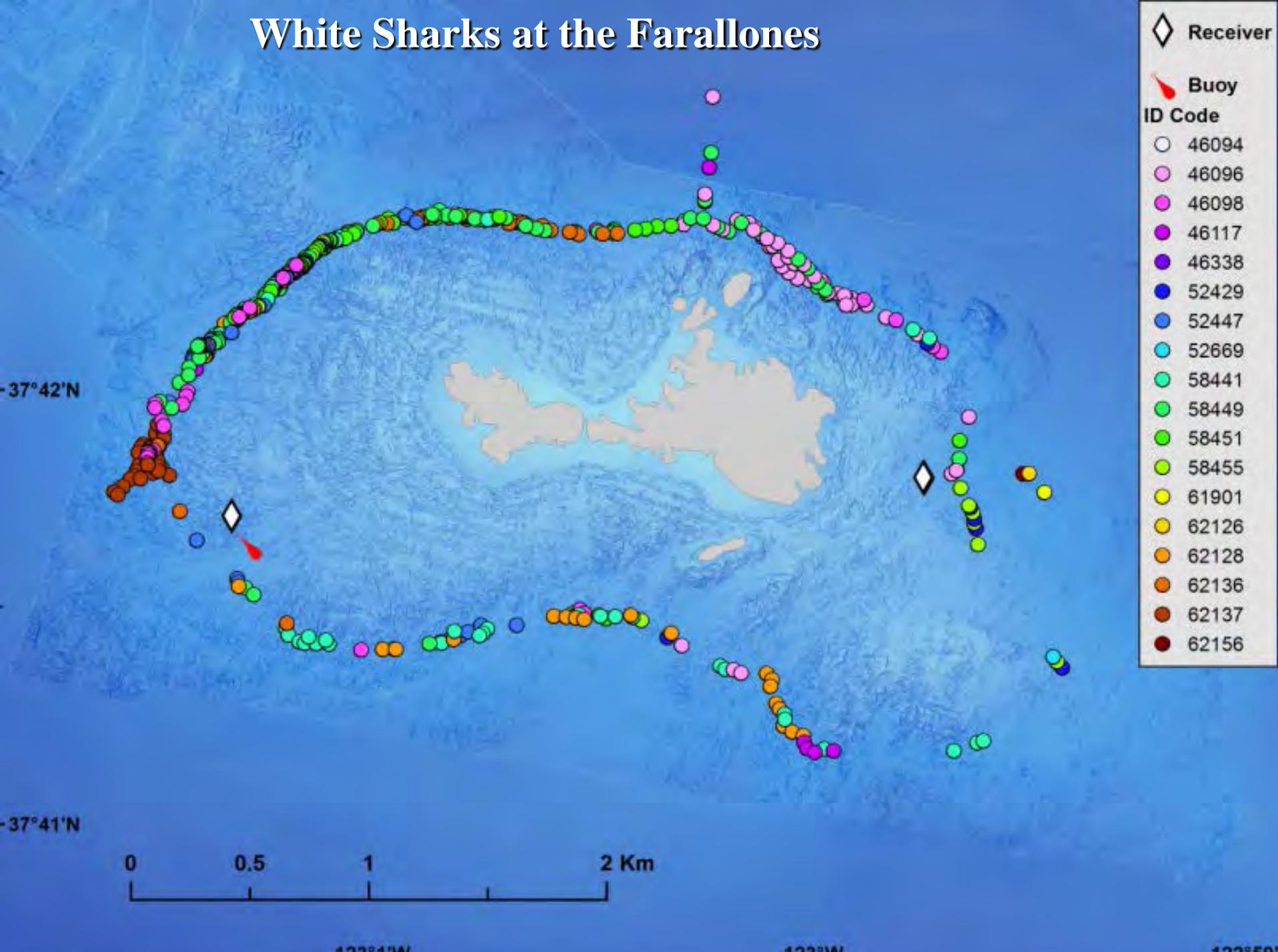
Acoustic Detections - Farallones



Coastal Glider Missions for Detections of Tagged Animals



White Sharks at the Farallones

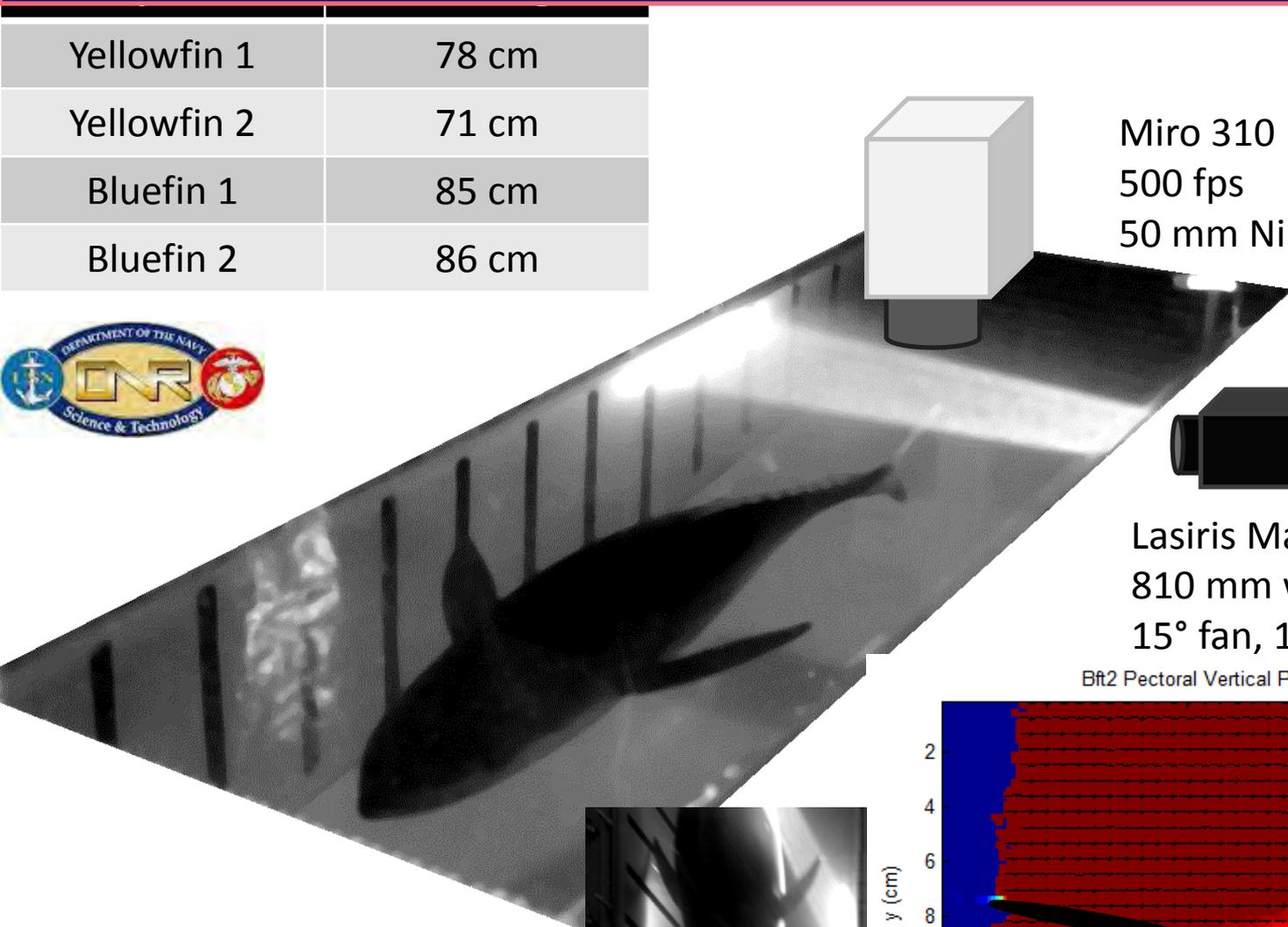




Hydrodynamics of Swimming Tuna

Flow Diagnostics with (PIV) Particle Image Velocimetry

Yellowfin 1	78 cm
Yellowfin 2	71 cm
Bluefin 1	85 cm
Bluefin 2	86 cm

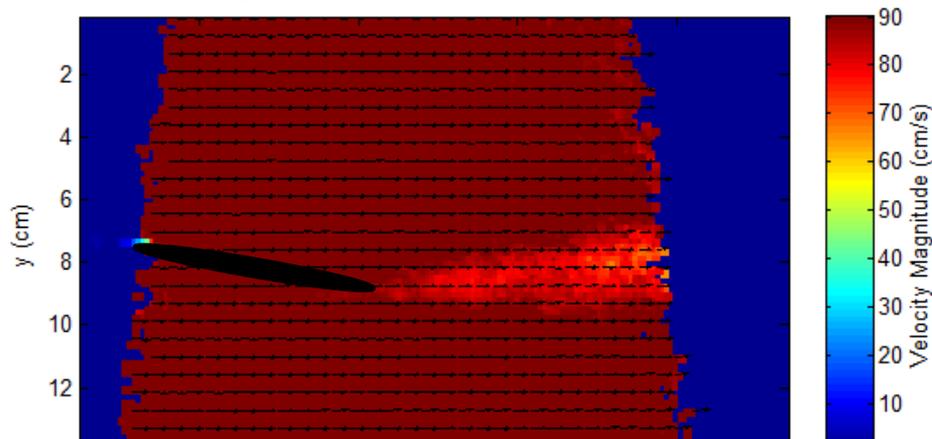


Miro 310 High-Speed Camera
500 fps
50 mm Nikon Nikkor Lens



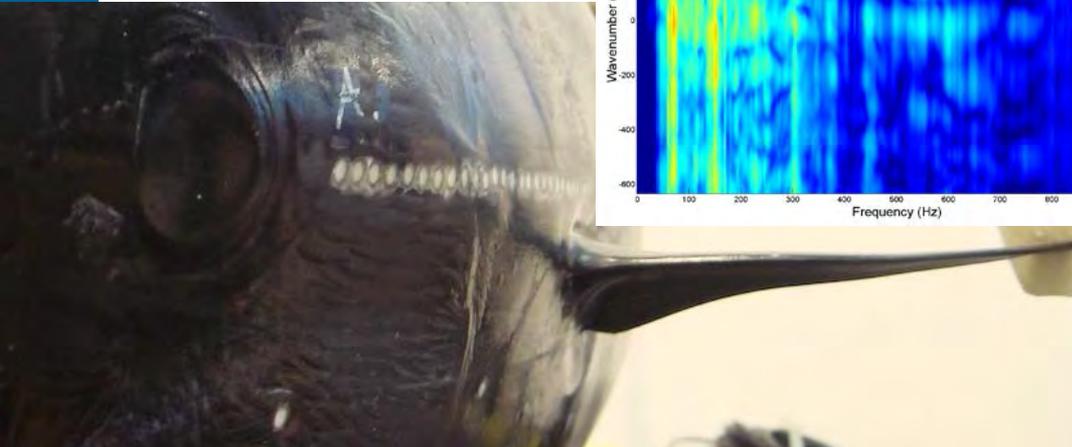
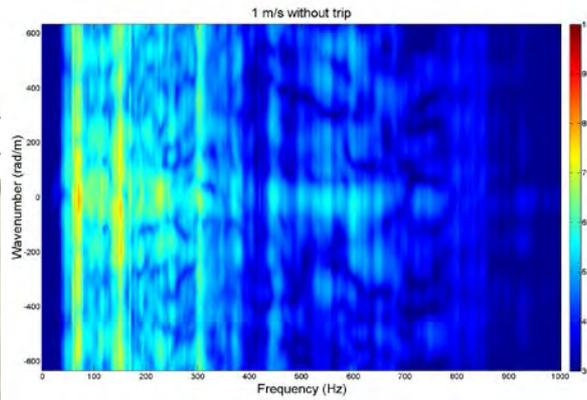
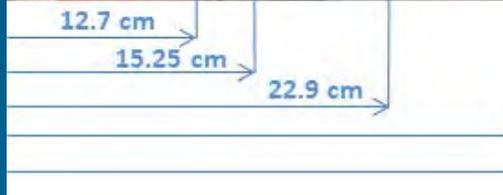
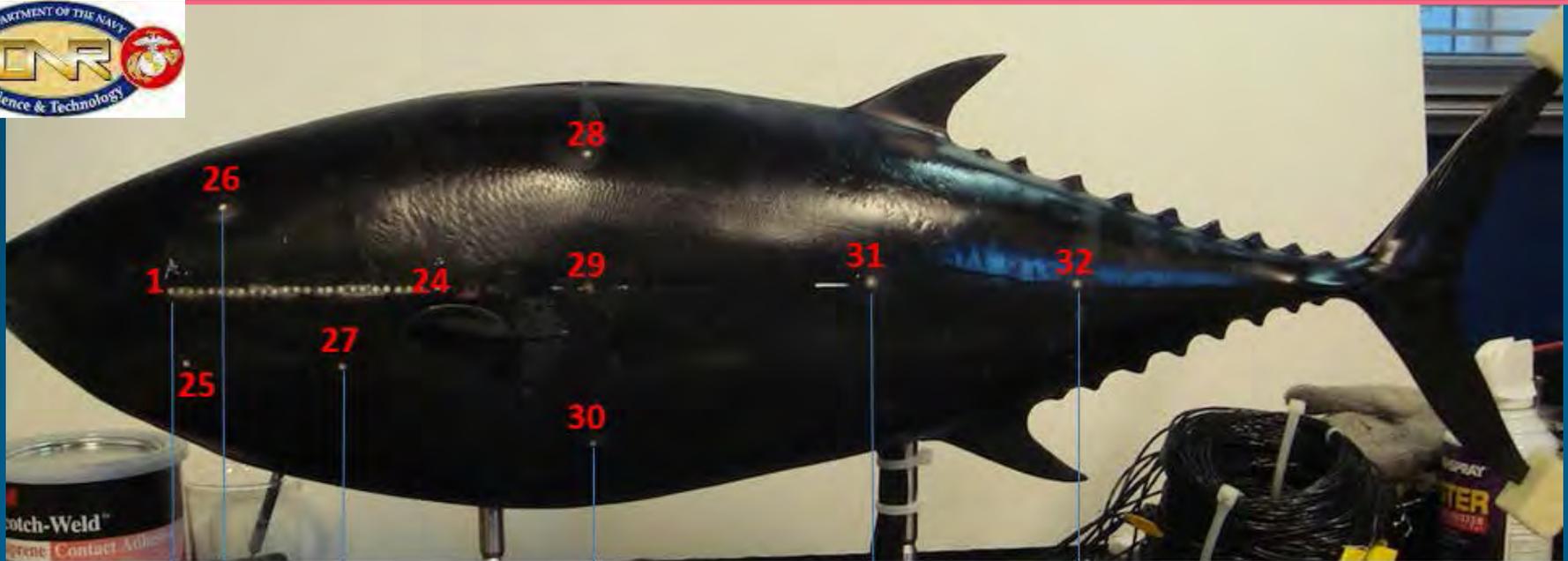
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810 nm wavelength
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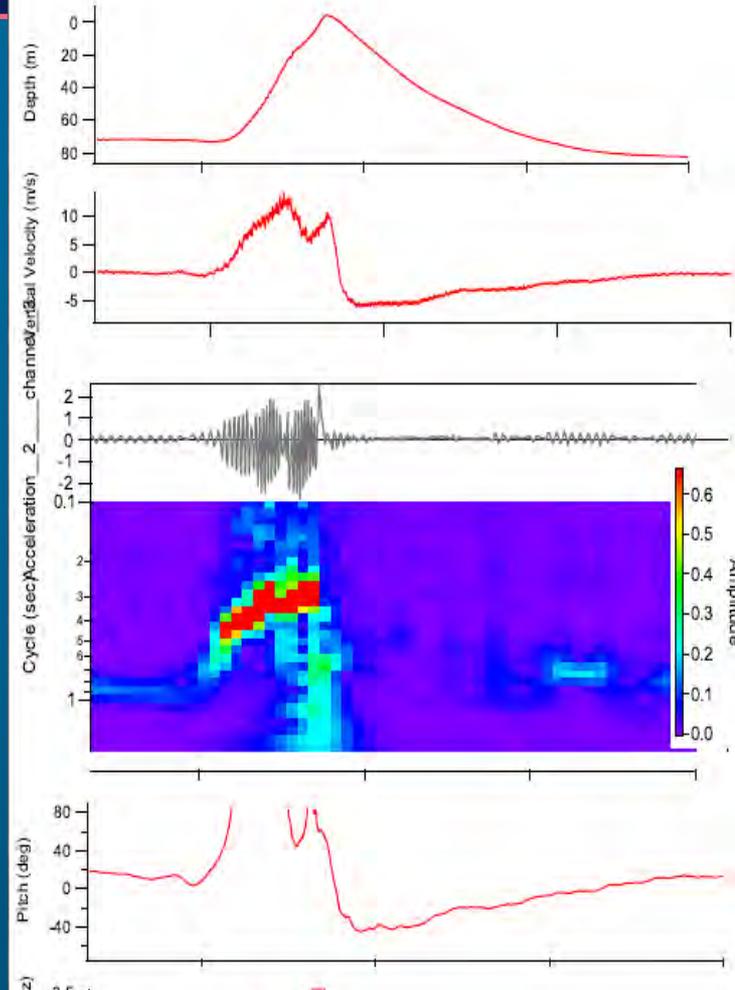
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Hydrodynamics of Tuna Swimming And Flow Visualisation



Accelerometer, Speedometer, Magnetometer, & Camera Tag on Giant Bluefin

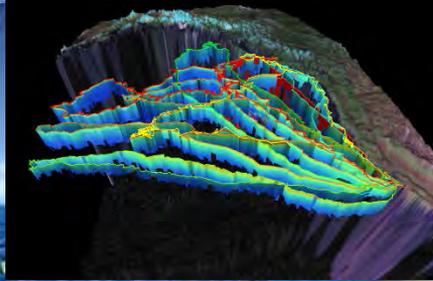
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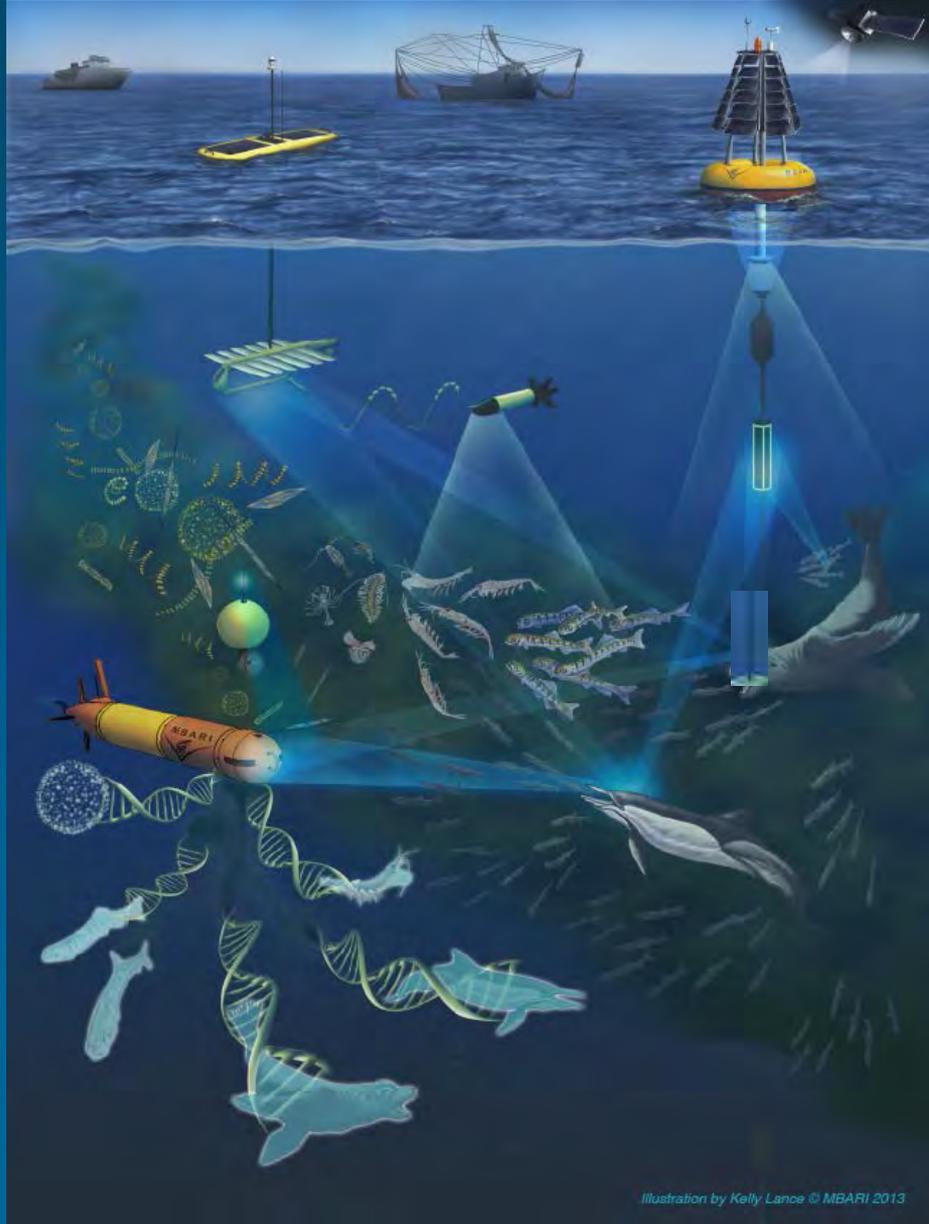
Accelerometer & Camera Tag on a 4000 lb White Shark



Real Time Animal Monitoring of California Current: Sanctuary Tests in 2015

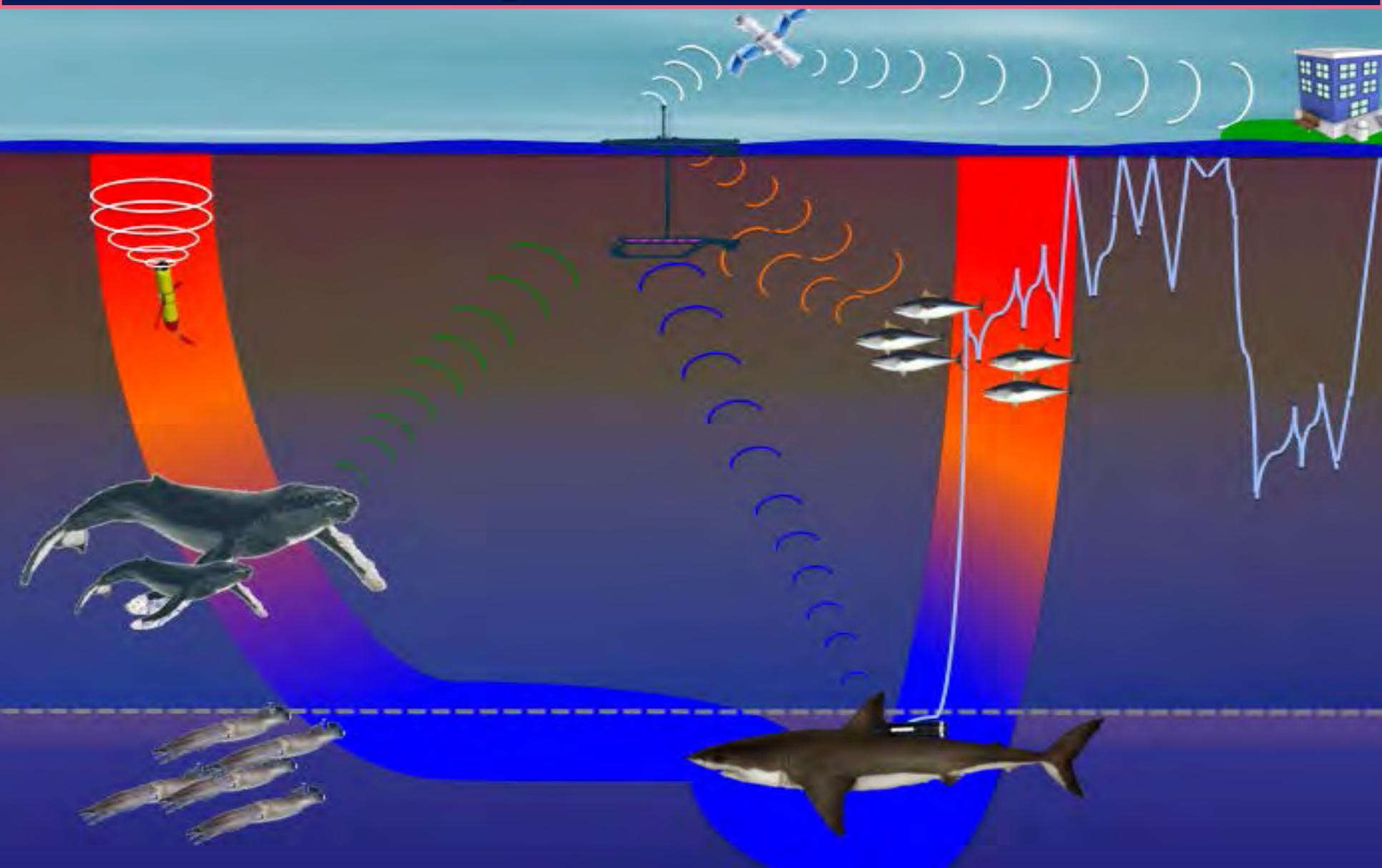


Can We Monitor Ecosystems?



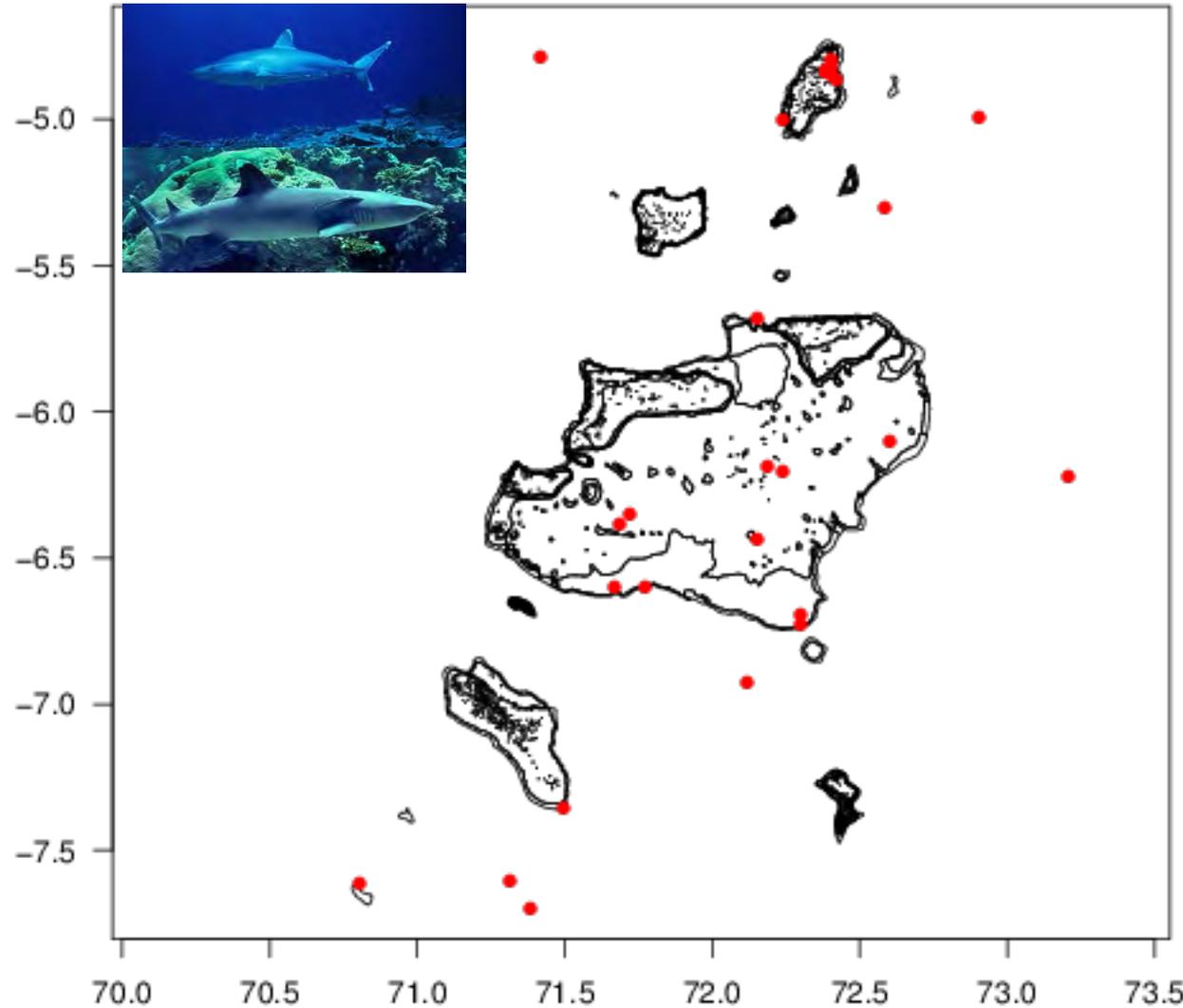
- **Biologging (ARGOS)**
- **Gliders/ Drones**
- **Buoys**
- **eDNA**
- **Environmental Monitoring for Oil?**
- **Look for Eggs**
- **Identify Genes that Indicate exposure**

Frontier: Can We Monitor Ecosystem Remotely To Improve Protections



Illegal fishing at Chagos

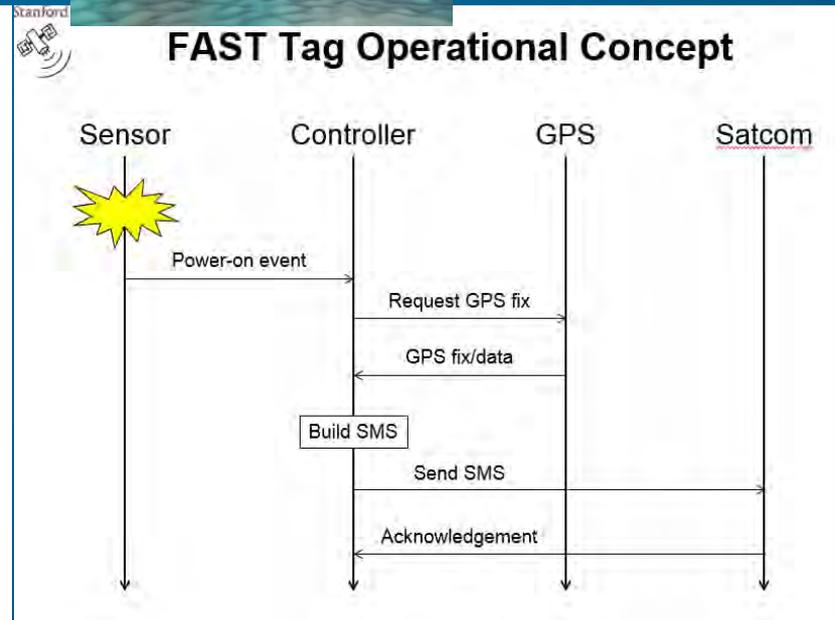
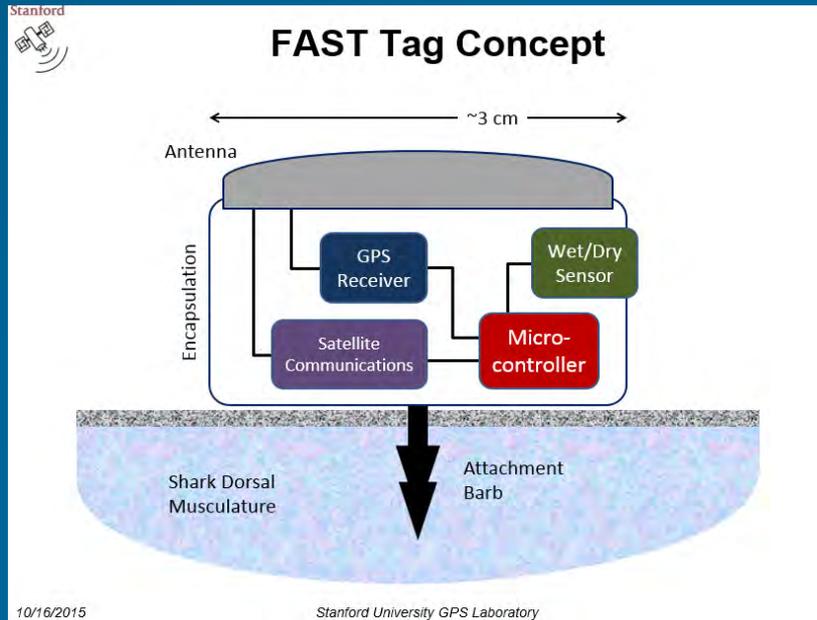
Red Dots Confiscated Vessels 2014



The Frontier: New Technology for Improving Ocean Protection



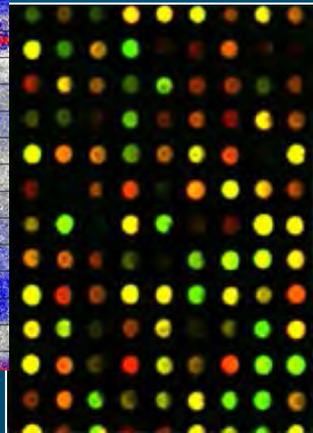
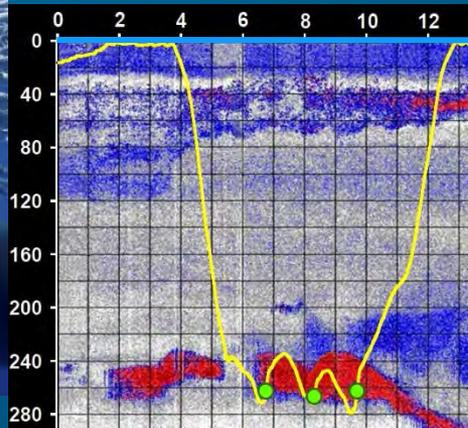
FAST TAG Shark Anti-poaching Tag



Creating Next Generation Biologging & Glider Tools



- Passive & Active Listening
- CTD
- Adaptive Sampling: Camera Trigger w/Detections
- Oxygen, pH, CO₂
- Echo Sounder (Prey Fields)
- Plankton Samplers
- Ecogenomic Sampling
- Camera Loggers & Daily Diary Tags That Do More!



Monitoring MPAs With Biologging Technology

Environmental Intelligence

- Know What your Protecting
- Census of Residents
- Map Dynamic Nature of MPA Animal Movements

Active Management

- Iridium/Cell Enabled Buoys
- GPS Tagged Residents
- Mobile Gliders Patrols
- Camera Tags for Transects
- Anti-Poaching Technology
- Vessel Intrusion Monitoring

