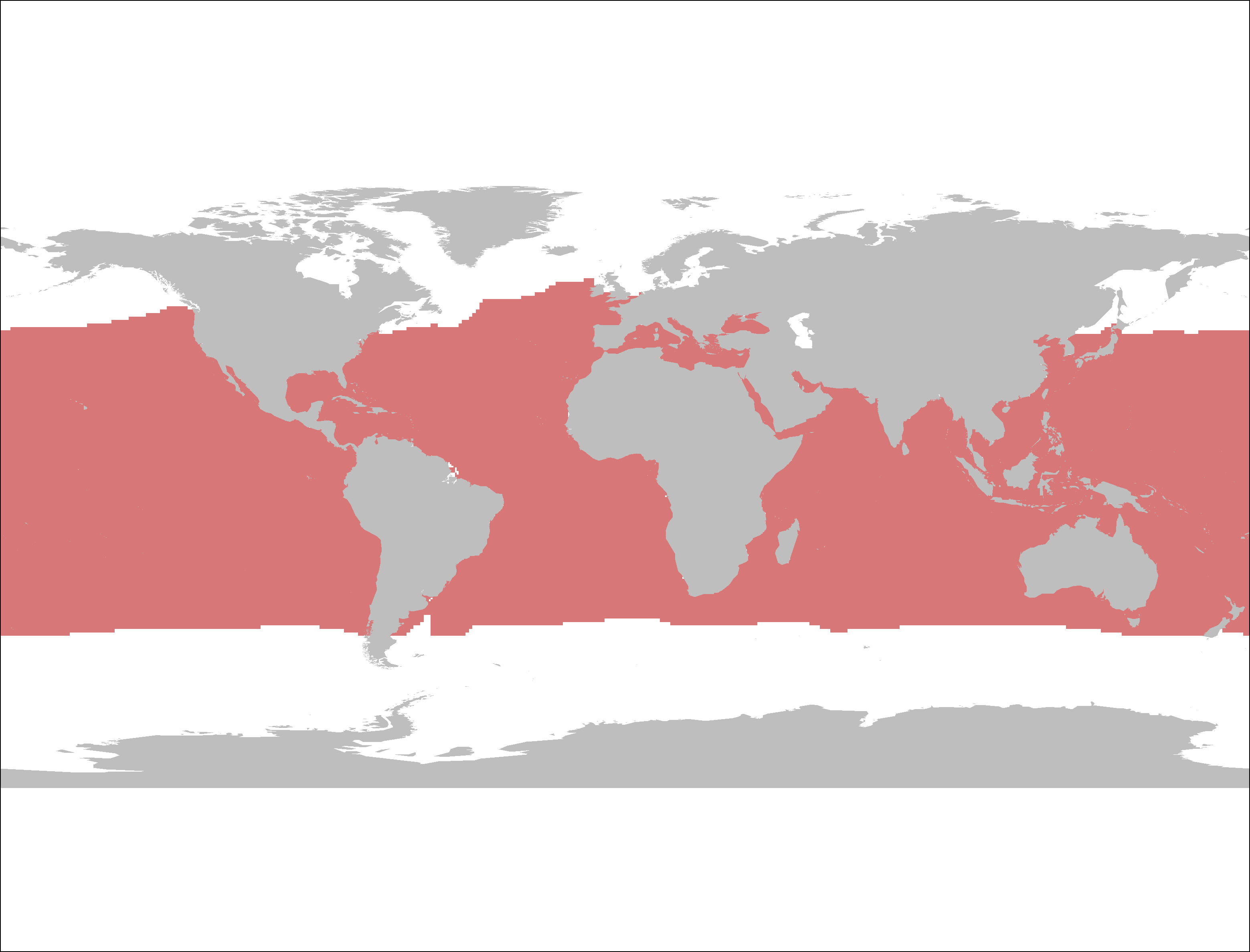
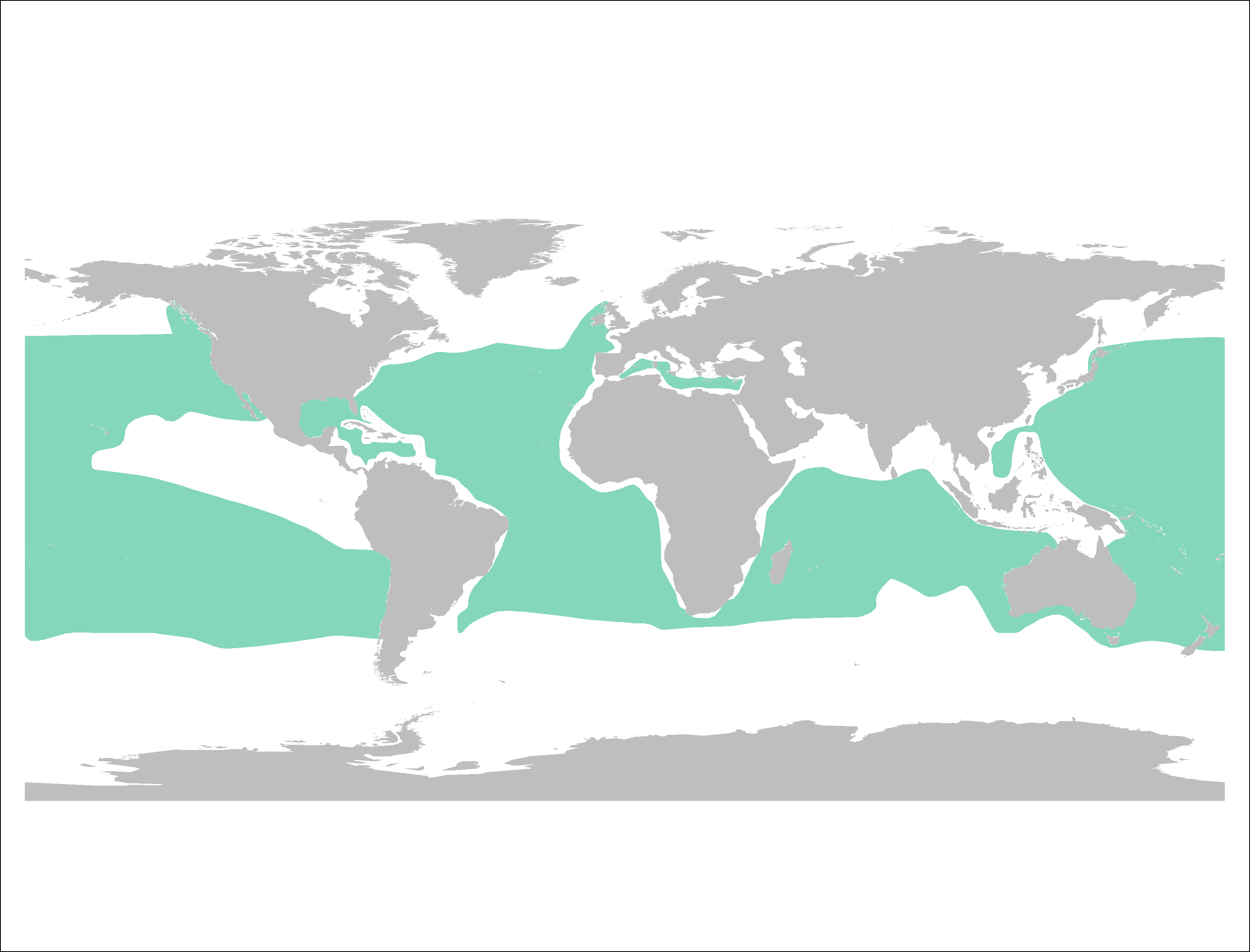
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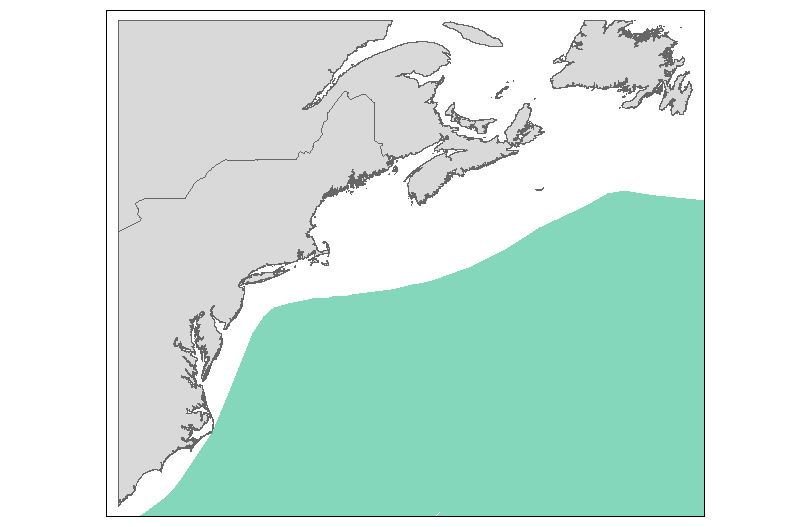
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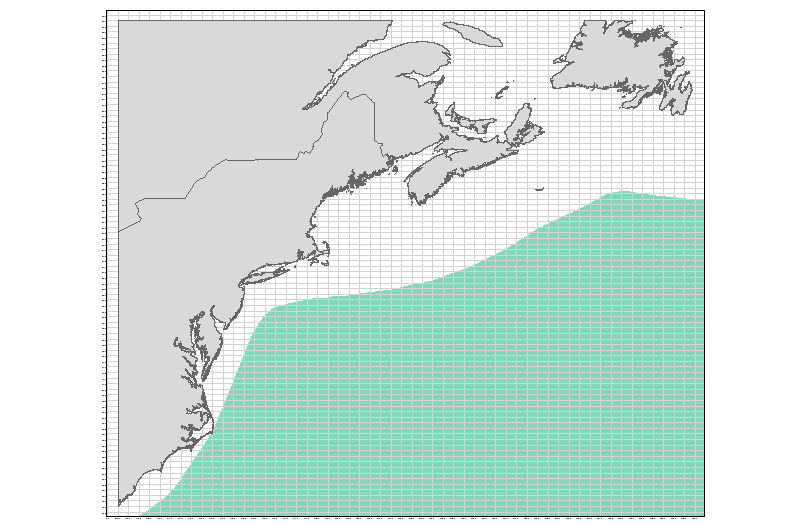
## Preparing AquaMaps and IUCN data layers

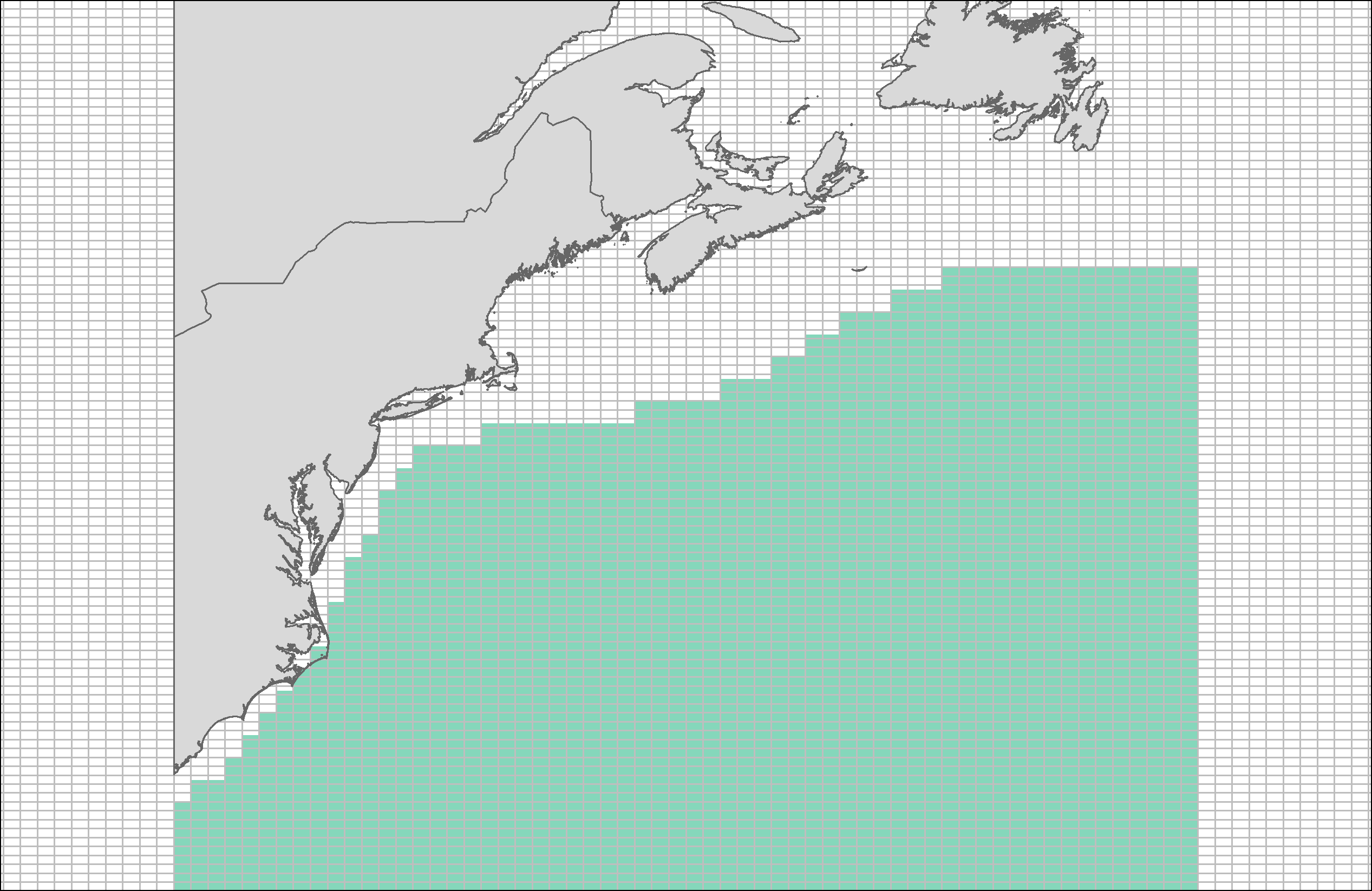


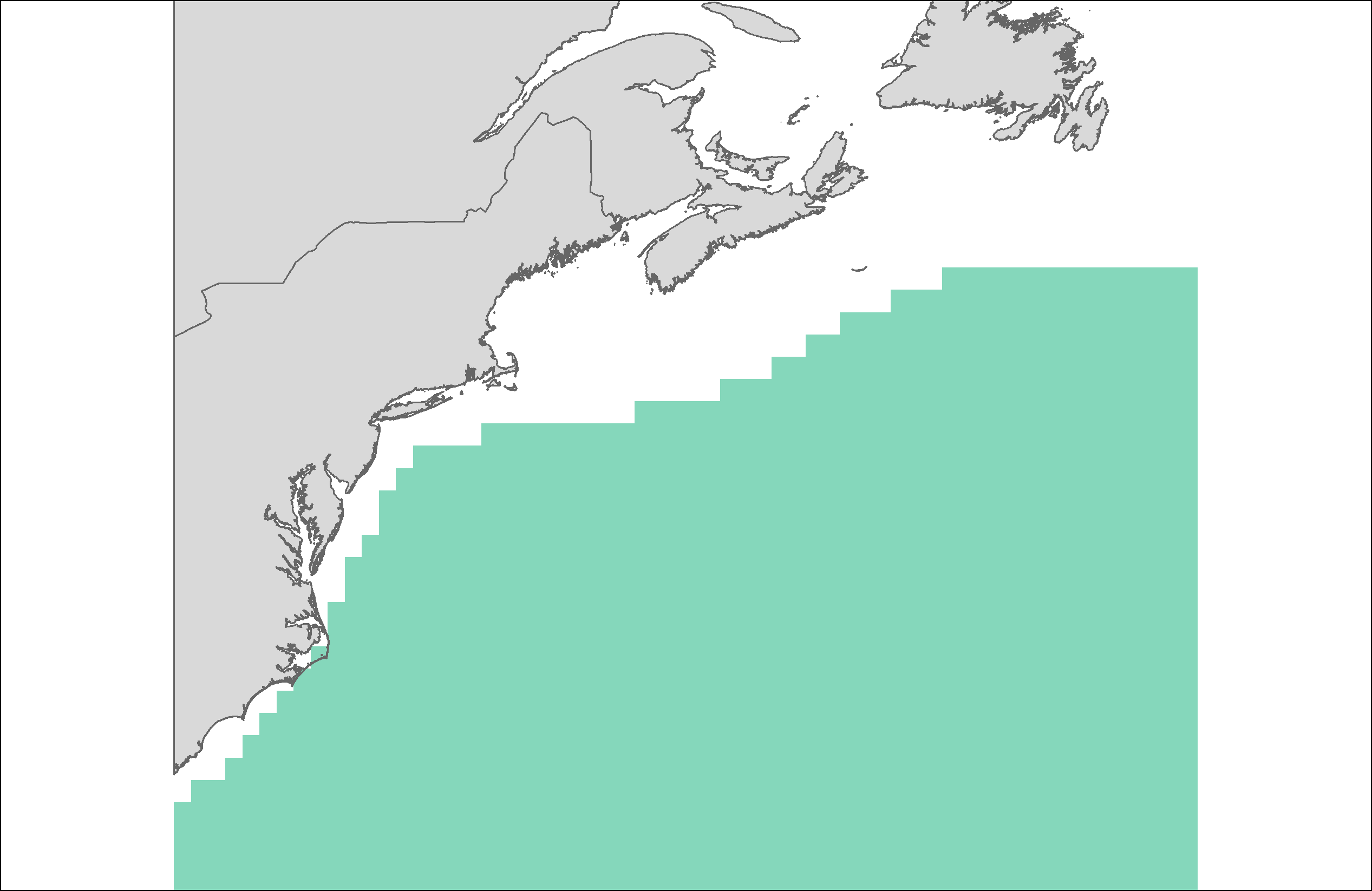


**Fig S1.** Examples of AquaMaps and IUCN raw species range data. (A, B) AquaMaps distribution of *Thunnus alalunga* (Albacore Tuna) (AquaMaps 2013e) showing global range with varying probabilities of occurrence assigned to 0.5° grid cells (A) and presence within 0.5° grid cells (B). (C, D) IUCN distribution of *T. alalunga* (IUCN 2011b) represented as extent of occurrence polygons (C) and presence within 0.5° grid cells (D).



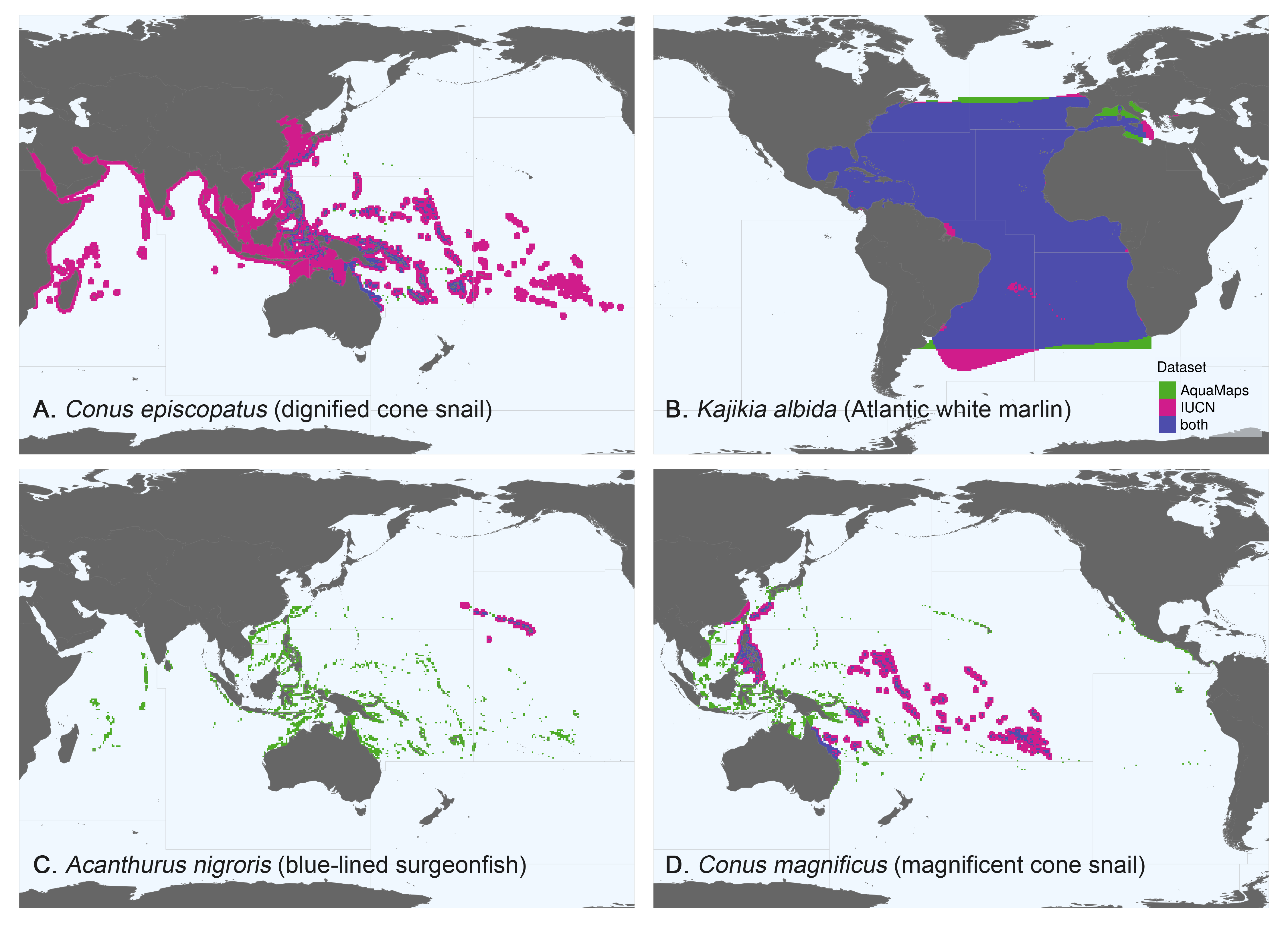






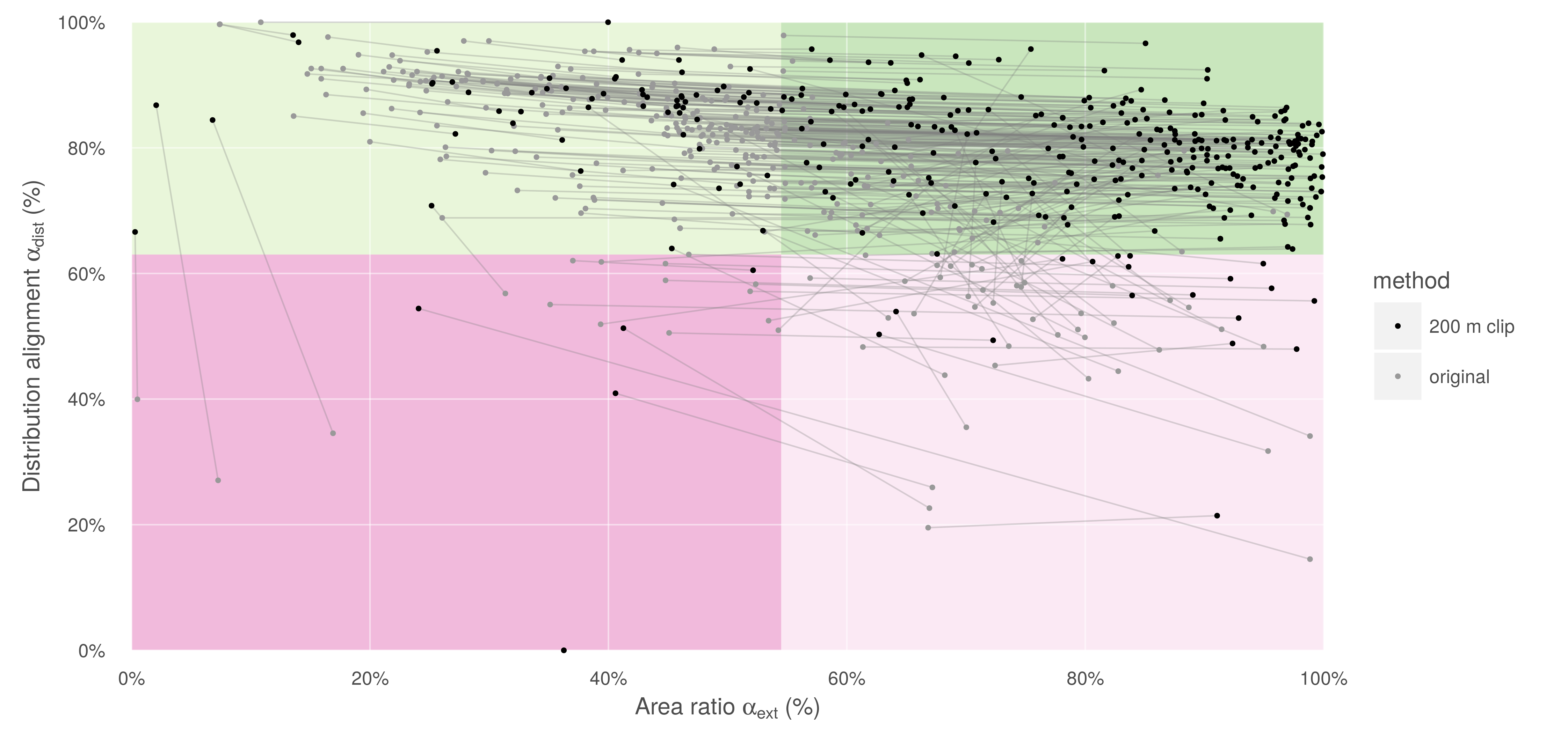
**Fig S2.** Rasterizing shapefiles provided by IUCN. A portion of the *T. alalunga* range map is used to exemplify the rasterization process. To enable direct comparison of IUCN species ranges to AquaMaps species ranges, the raw IUCN polygon (A) is overlaid with a 0.5° degree grid matching the AquaMaps grid (B). Each cell is assigned a value of "present" if the cell overlaps any portion of the polygon (C). The resulting raster (D).

## Representative maps from each quadrant



**Fig S3.** Representative species maps (AquaMaps 2013abcd; Conch 2013ab; IUCN 2011a; IUCN 2012) to illustrate each quadrant from Fig 2A. Each map is positioned to match its quadrant in Fig 2A. FAO Major Fishing Area boundaries [@fao\_fisheries\_and\_aquaculture\_department\_cwp\_2015] are outlined in light grey. (A) Distribution-matched: *Conus episcopatus*, the dignified cone snail. Distributions show excellent overlap in the western Pacific, though IUCN range extends well beyond the bounds of the AquaMaps range. (B) Well-matched: *Kajikia albida*, the Atlantic white marlin. Distributions from each data set show nearly complete overlap, and very similar range size. (C) Poorly-matched: *Acanthurus nigroris*, the blue-lined surgeonfish. IUCN predicts species distribution only near the Hawaiian islands; AquaMaps predicts extensive distribution throughout the central and western Pacific Ocean. The datasets align in neither distribution nor range size. (D) Area-matched: *Conus magnificus*, the magnificent cone snail. Distributions overlap in the southern Pacific, but align poorly elsewhere. The range sizes are similar.

## Shifts in coral species range map alignment due to depth clipping



**Fig. S4.** Shift in alignment of paired-map coral species due to clipping IUCN ranges to areas shallower than 200 m. The grey lines represent the change in apparent alignment for a single species. Most coral species shift rightward from the upper left quadrant to the upper right, with little if any loss in distribution alignment, since in general, only unsuitable habitat has been removed. Leftward shifts can be seen in species whose larger original range is represented in AquaMaps; by trimming IUCN ranges, the area ratio becomes smaller.

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