

MiCO: Migratory Connectivity in the Ocean

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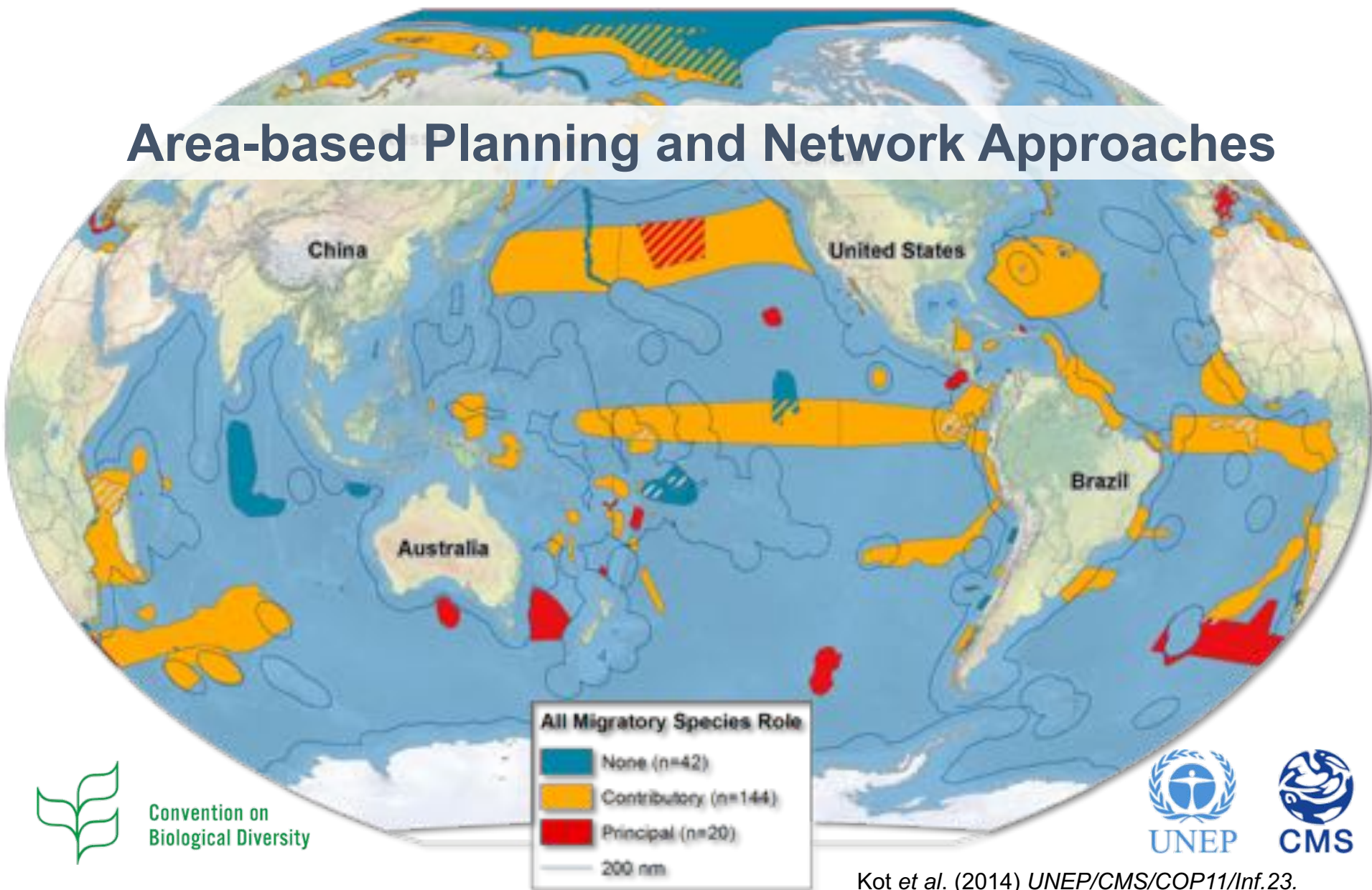
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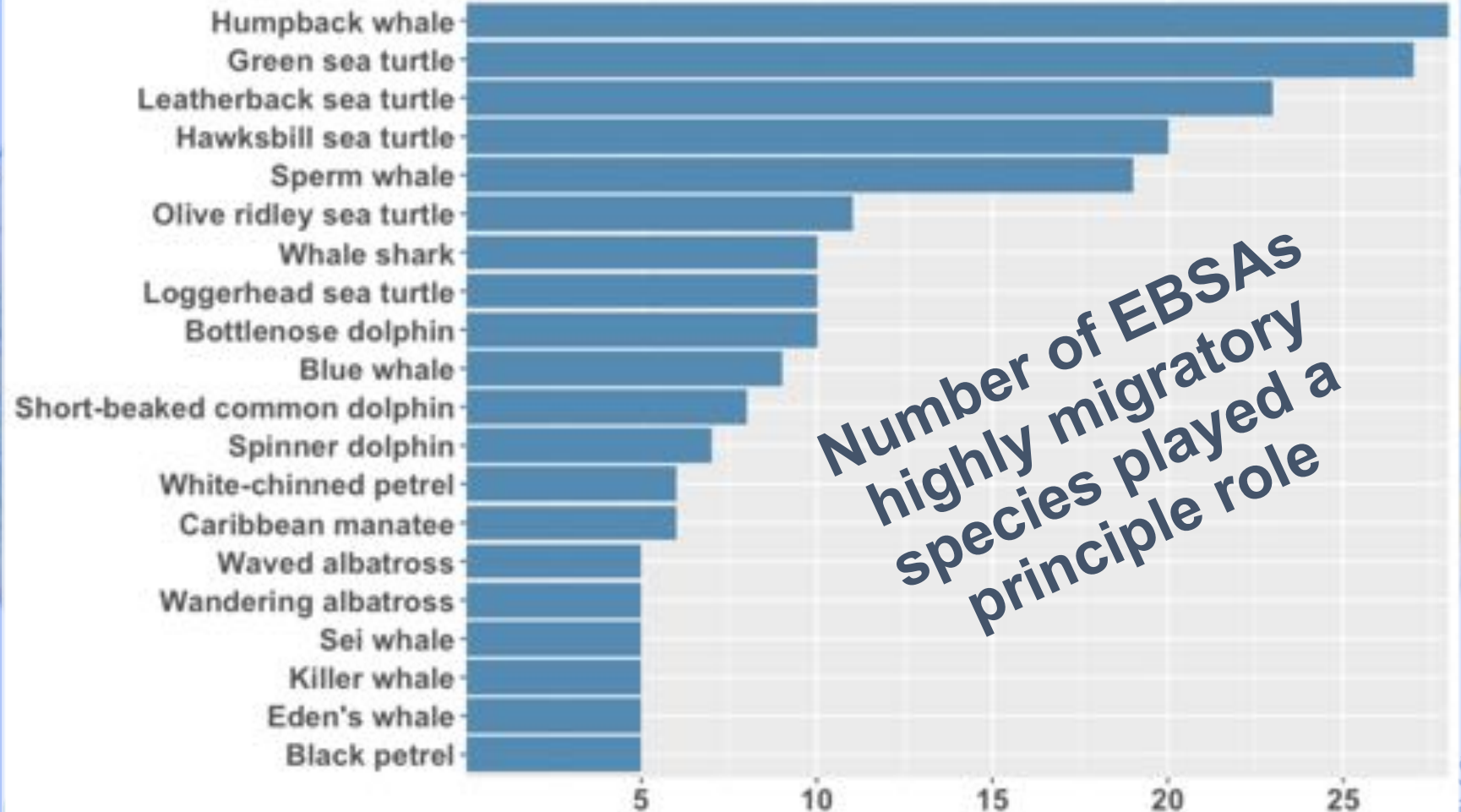


Partners/Collaborators:



Area-based Planning and Network Approaches





**Number of EBSAs
highly migratory
species played a
principle role**



Convention on
Biological Diversity



Principal (n=20)

200 nm

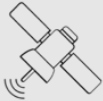

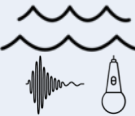


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Kot et al. (2014) UNEP/CMS/COP11/Inf.23.



Literature Review and Data Compilation

Data Type		Connection	
	Telemetry	Sites Routes	Points with dates (individuals identified), high spatial resolution
	Mark-Recapture	Sites	Points with dates (individual identified), high spatial resolution
	Passive Acoustic	Sites	Points with dates (populations or individuals identified), often coarse spatial resolution
	Genetics	Sites	Points with variable temporal information (populations or individuals identified), variable spatial resolution
	Stable Isotopes	Sites	Points with variable temporal information (populations or individuals identified), often coarse spatial resolution

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Scaling up Data to Knowledge

DATA

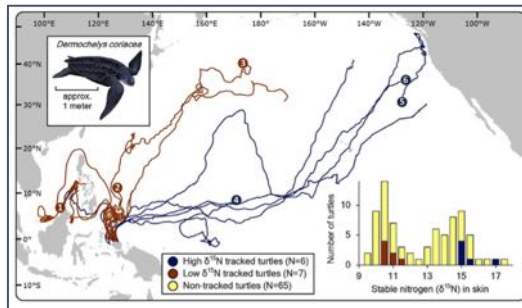
- Sites
- Routes

ANALYSIS

KNOWLEDGE

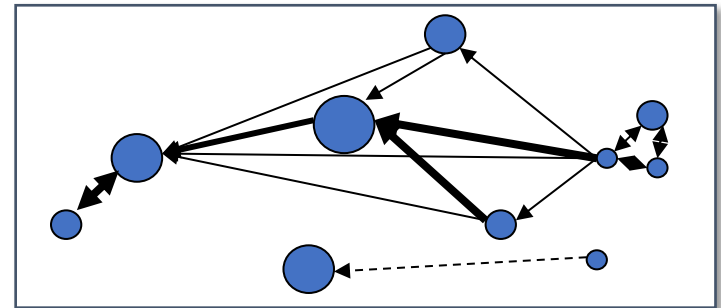
- Nodes
- Corridors

“Raw” observations,
Geographic representation



Seminoff *et al.* (2012) *PLoS ONE*.

Interpreted patterns,
Functional representation



Using Knowledge for a Framework

KNOWLEDGE

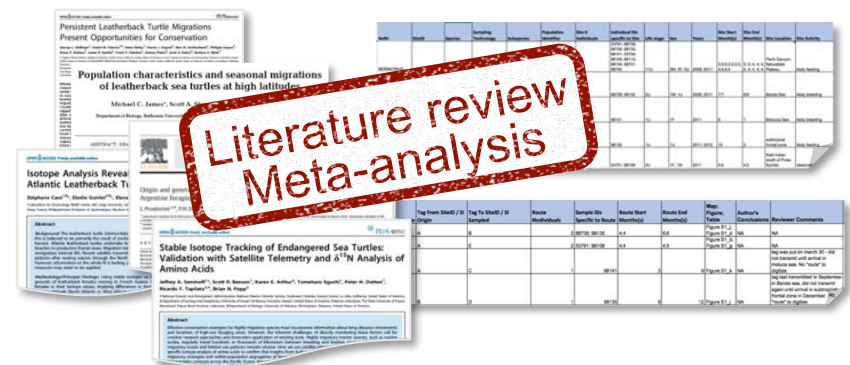
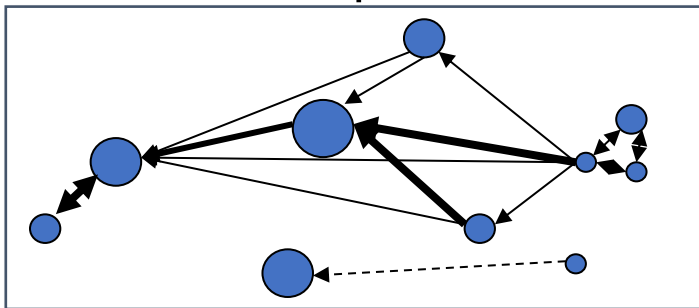
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RESULTS

FRAMEWORK to assess:

- Function
- Relative importance
- Interconnections
- Alternative pathways

Interpreted patterns,
Functional representation



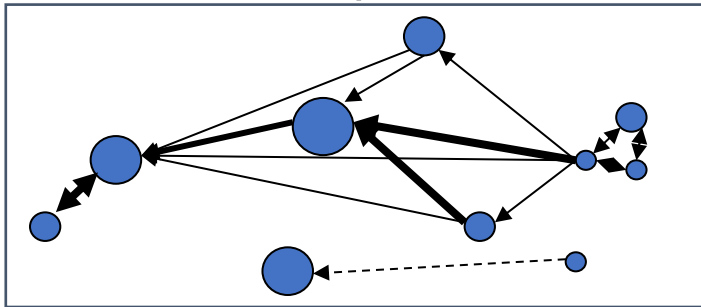
Communicating Knowledge with New Tools

KNOWLEDGE

- Nodes
- Corridors

RESULTS

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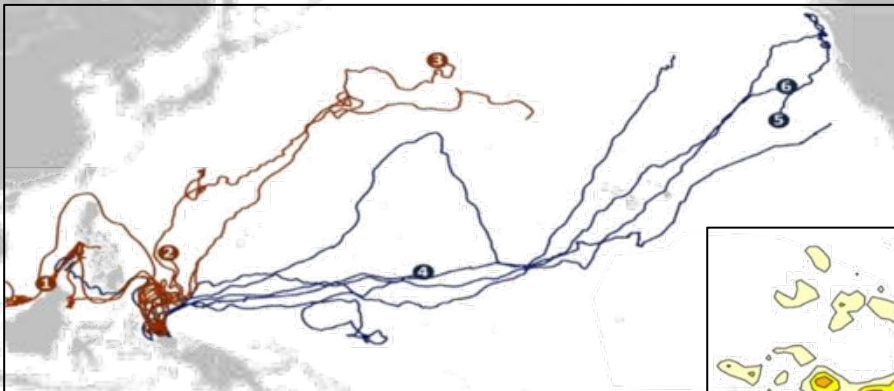
COMMUNICATION TOOLS

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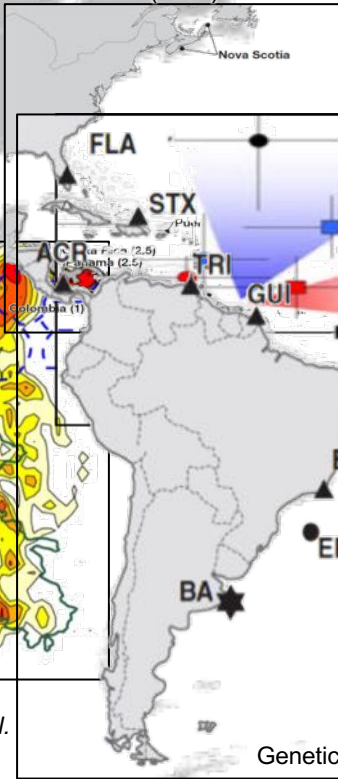
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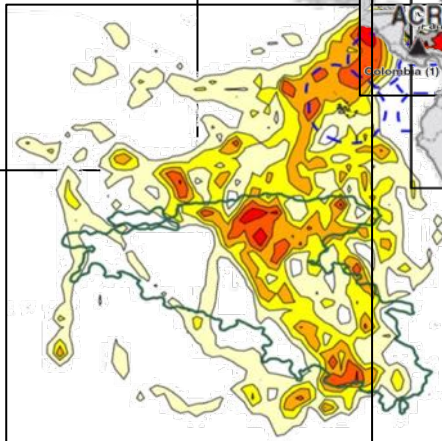
Telemetry & stable isotope data from Seminoff *et al.* (2012) *PLoS ONE*.



Mark-recapture data from James *et al.* (2007) *MEPS*.

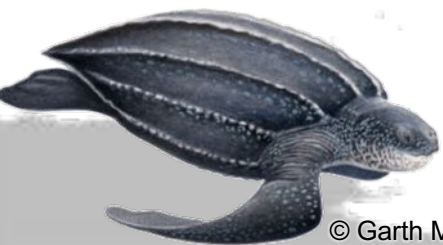
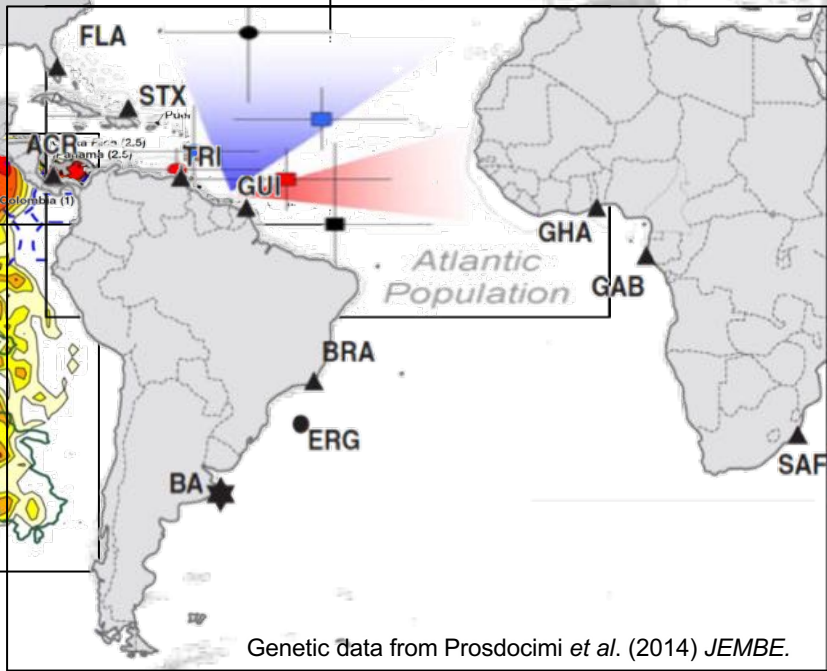


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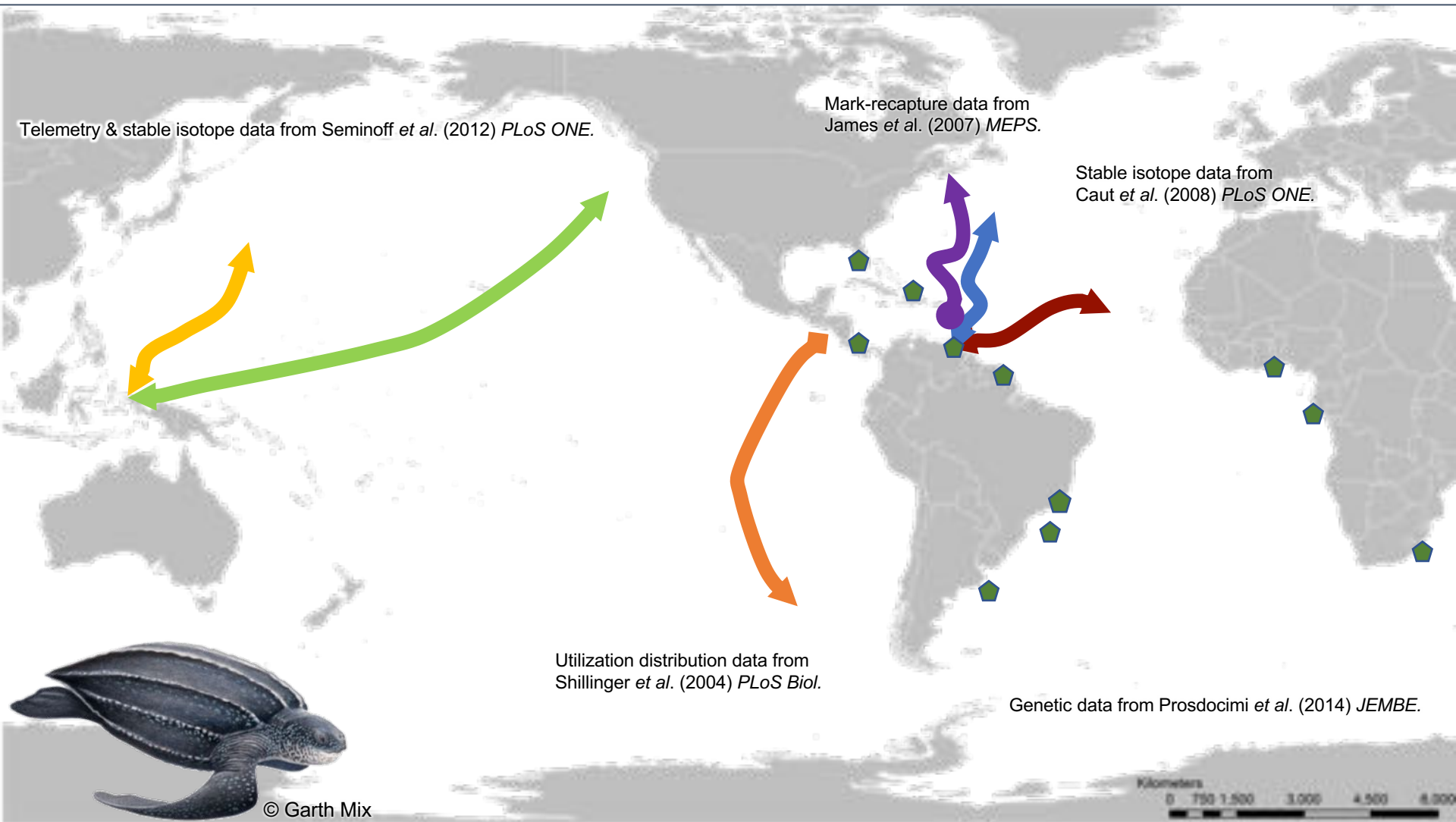
Utilization distribution data from Shillinger *et al.* (2004) *PLoS Biol.*

Genetic data from Prosdocimi *et al.* (2014) *JEMBE*.



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Sea Turtle Case Study: Data



- Telemetry and mark-recapture data for 7 species
- How to contribute:
 - Direct transfer to MiCO initiative
 - Established network connections
 - ❑ Seaturtle.org/STAT
 - ❑ OBIS-SEAMAP
 - ❑ SWOT
- High level of interest/engagement



Seabird Case Study: Data



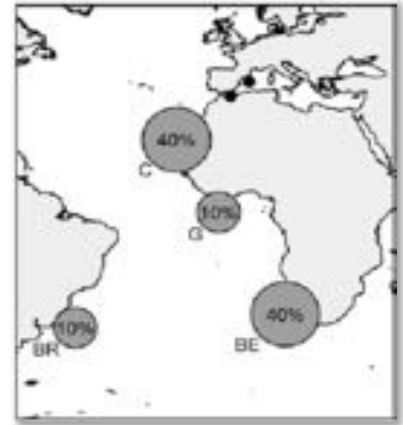
- Telemetry and mark-recapture data for 7 species
- How to contribute:
 - Direct transfer to MiCO initiative
 - Requested through network connections
 - ❑ BirdLife Seabird Tracking Database
 - ❑ USGS North American Bird Banding Program
 - ❑ Smithsonian Institute Migratory Bird Center
- High level of interest/engagement



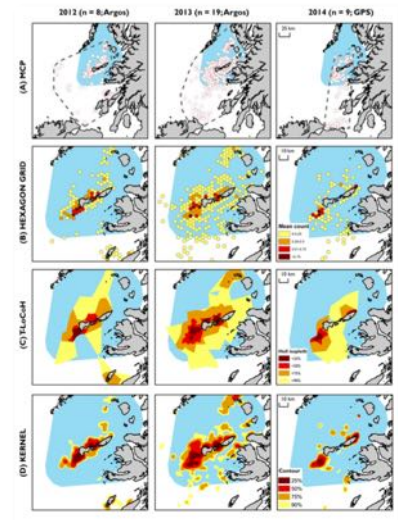
Examples for Visualizing Connectivity: Nodes

Increasing complexity

- General location and utilization
 - Center of node placed in general geographic location
 - Size is scaled by quantity (e.g., % birds tracked in wintering zones)
- Utilization distribution
 - Minimum convex polygon/hull (MCH)
 - Grid density
 - Local convex hull (LoCoH)
 - Kernel density



Pérez et al. (2014) *Behav Ecol.*

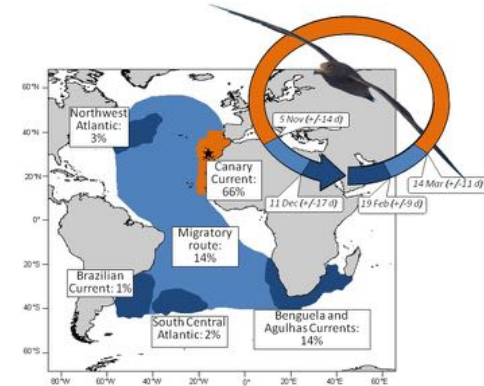


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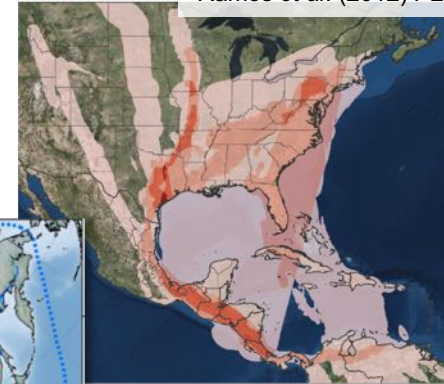
Examples for Visualizing Connectivity: Corridors

Increasing complexity

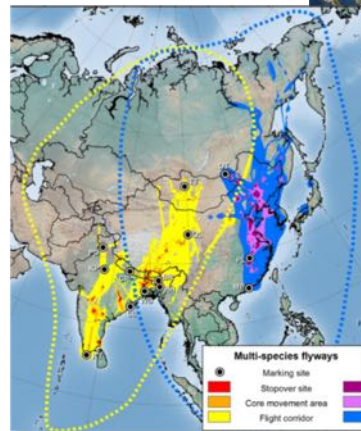
- Schematic
 - general extents delineating activities; simplified paths
- Utilization distribution
 - Gridded line density
 - Line-based kernel density estimate
 - Brownian bridge



Ramos *et al.* (2012) *PLoS ONE*.



Brenner *et al.* (2016) *TNC*.

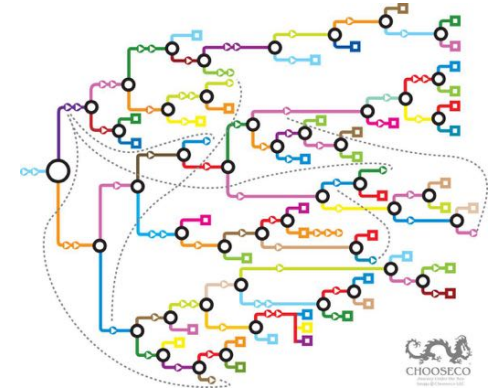


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Examples for Visualizing Connectivity: Networks

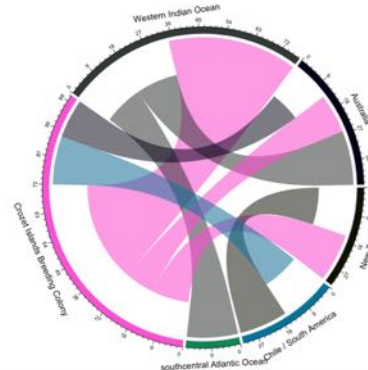
Increasing complexity

- 2D adjacency matrix



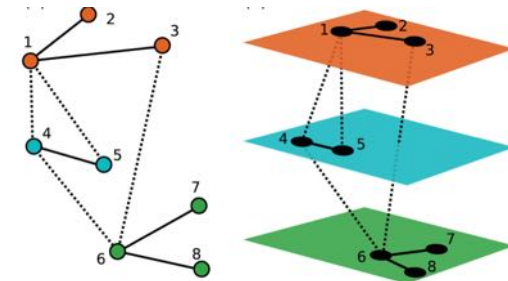
<https://flowingdata.com/2017/06/15/mappings-for-choose-your-own-adventure-books>

- Chord diagrams



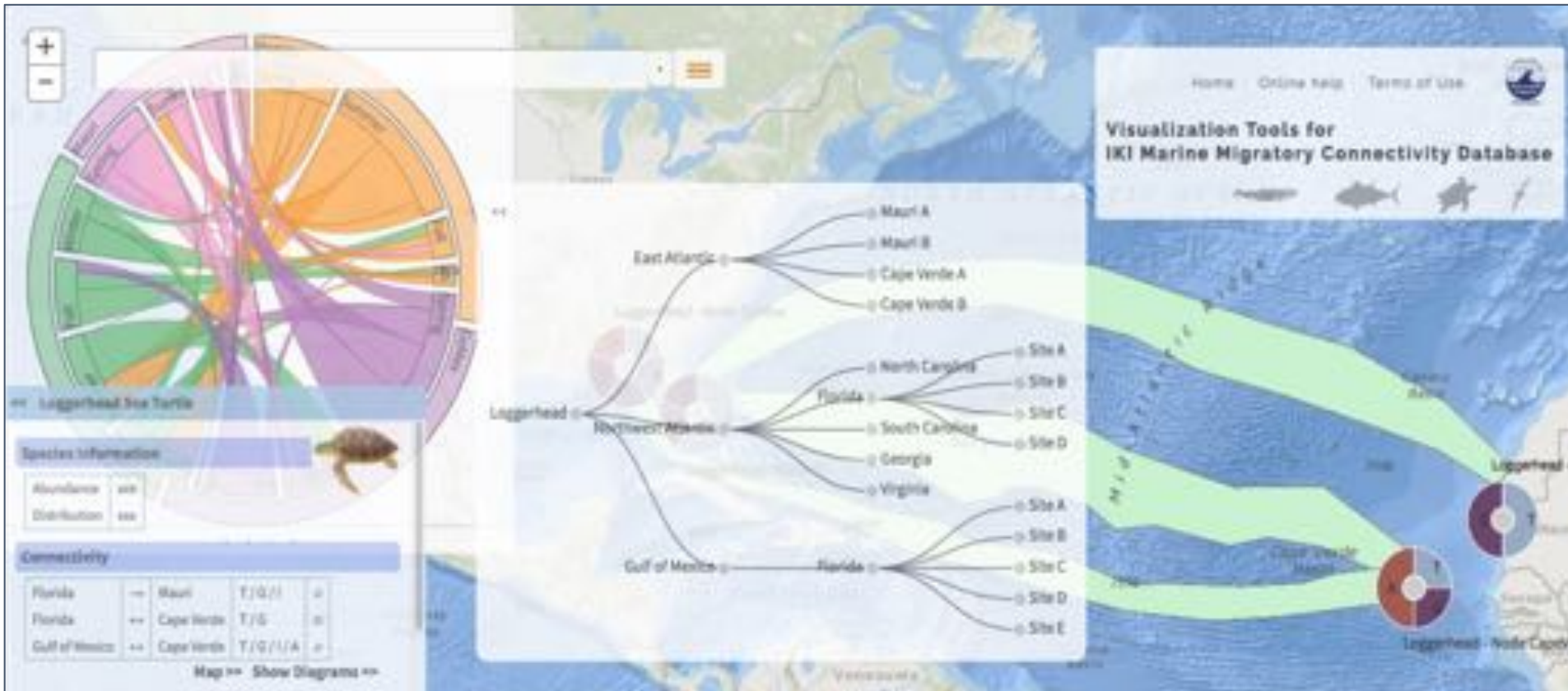
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et al. (2015) Sci Rep.

- Hierarchical graph-networks



Kivelä *et al.* (2014) J Complex Networks.

Sandbox Fun!



Questions?

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<http://www.micosystem.org>

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