

# Species Distribution Models

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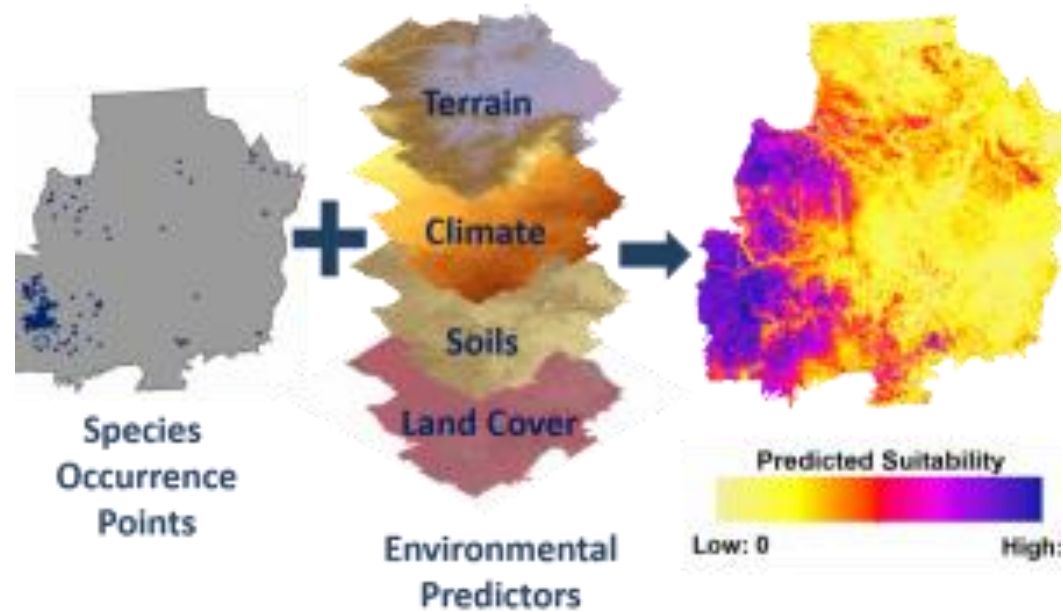
# Introduce yourself :)



# Outline of the course

Day 1	Hierarchical models
Day 2	Hierarchical models
Day 3	Applications to fisheries
Day 4	Animal movement
Day 5	Applications to conservation

# What is a habitat model?

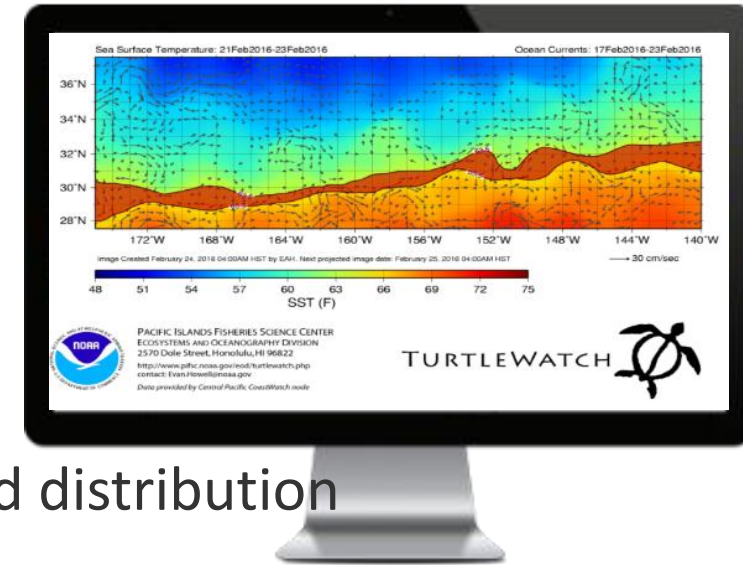


Also known as

Species distribution modelling OR Environmental niche modelling OR  
(Ecological) niche modelling OR Predictive habitat distribution modelling  
OR Climate envelope modelling

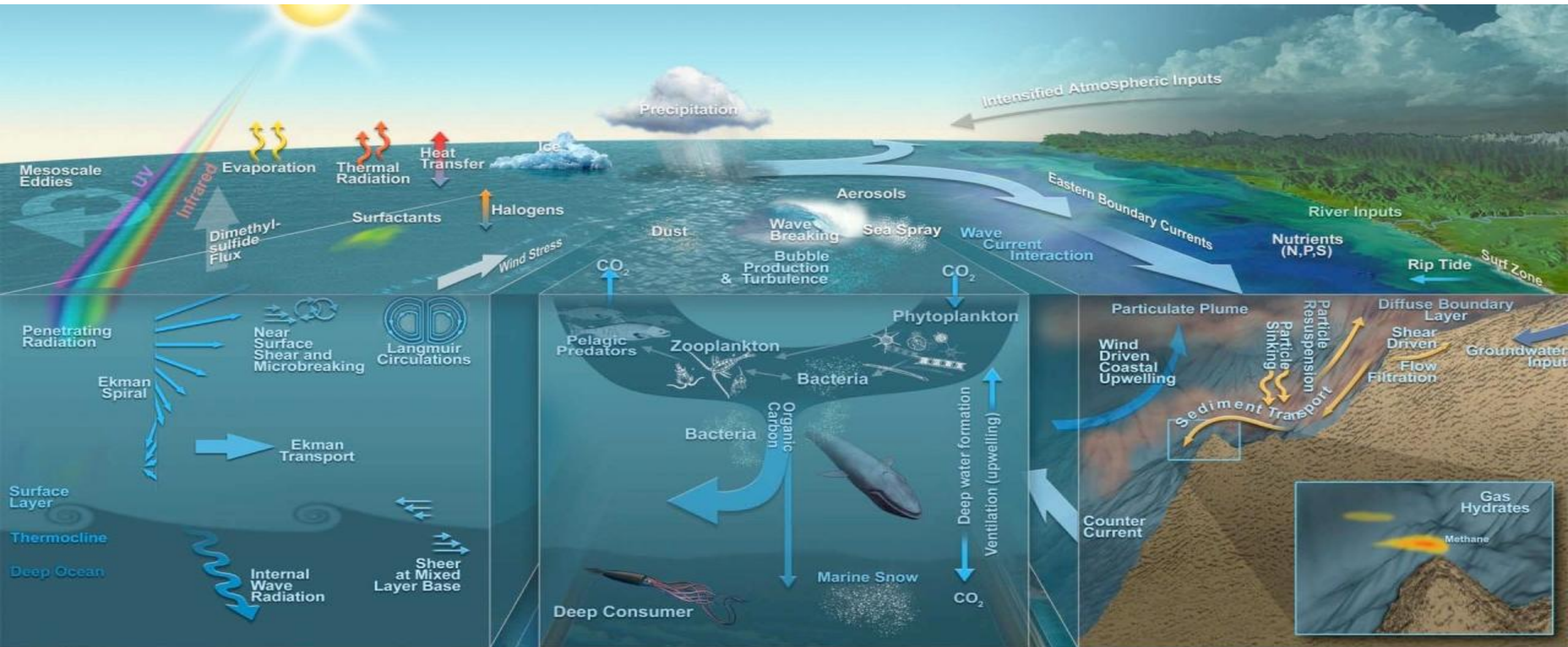
# Why habitat models are used for?

- Assess effect of environmental drivers to animal movement and distribution
- Identify areas that should be prioritised for conservation
- Evaluating the potential of an invasive species to settle in particular areas
- Combined with future projections of changes of the natural environment, to predict how biodiversity will be affected by impacts such as climate change.



# What are the particularities of marine realm for SDM?

Complex metocean variables (aerial, surface, sub-surface)





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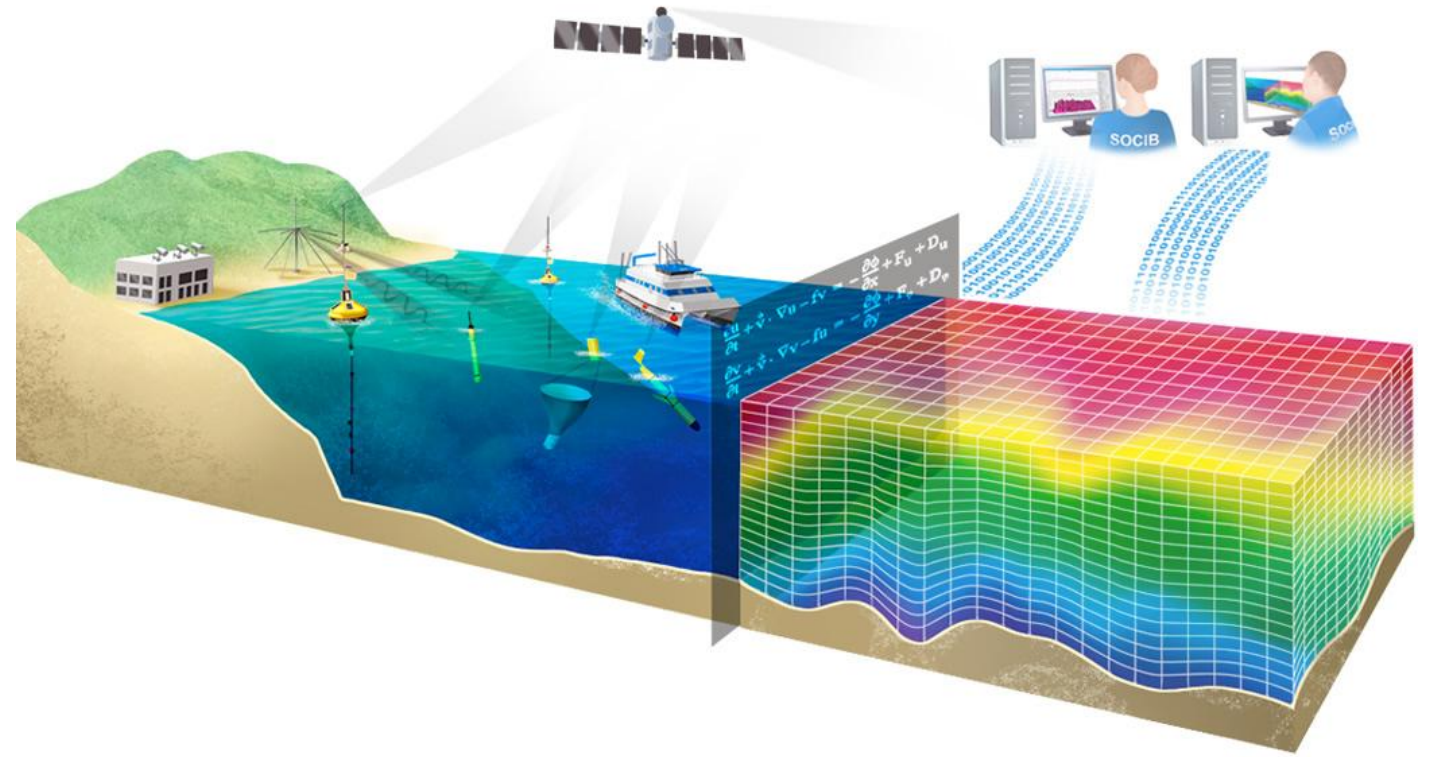
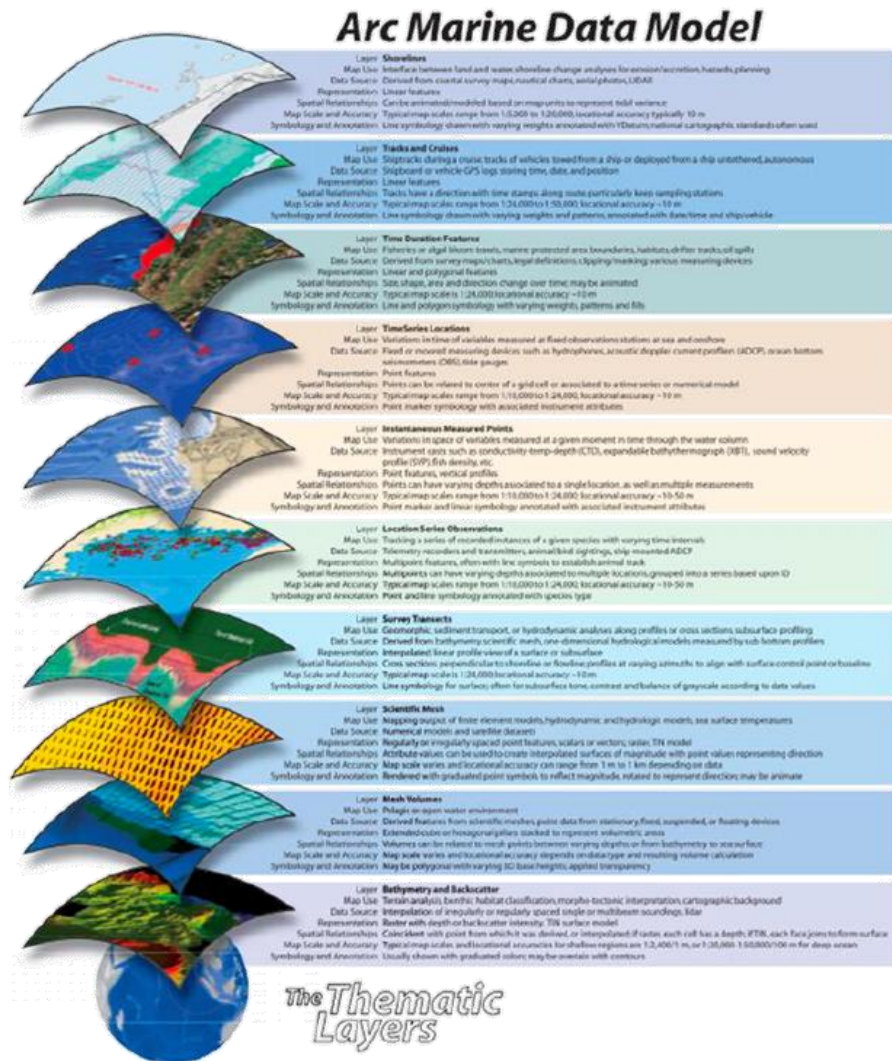
Highly dynamic environment





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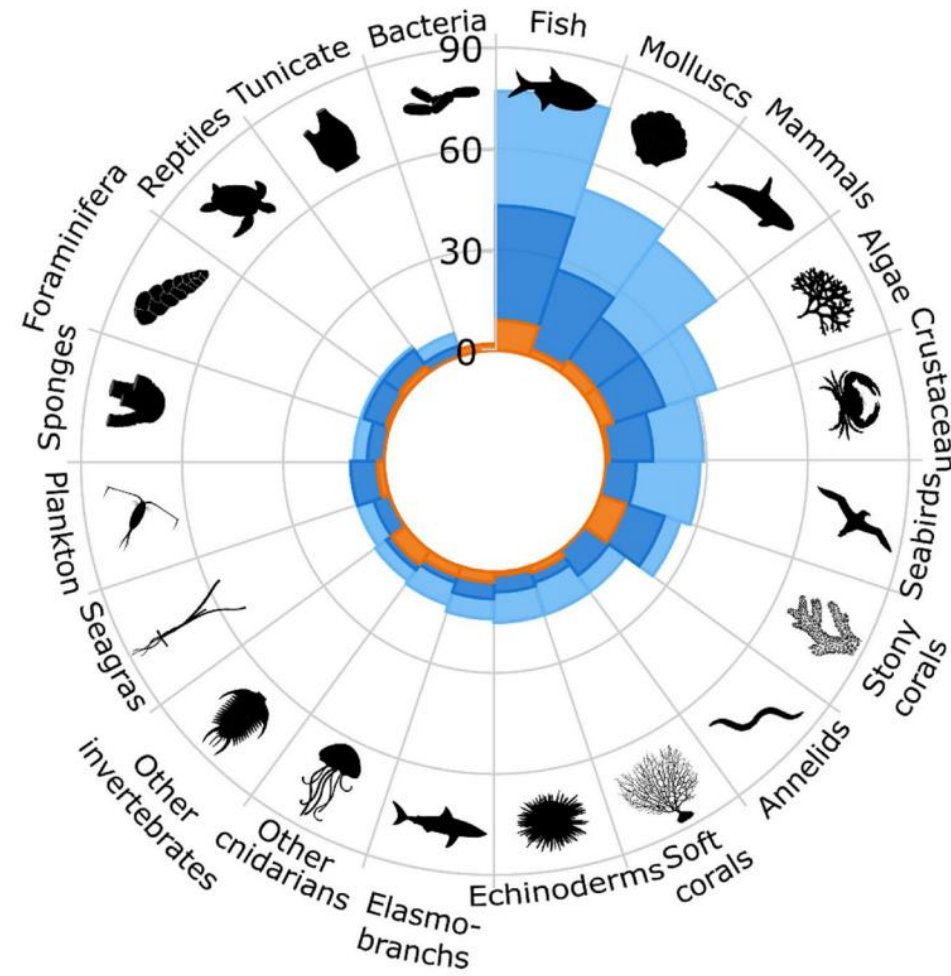
## Diversity of sources and resolutions





# What are the particularities of marine realm for SDM?

Diversity of taxonomic groups



# General workflow

