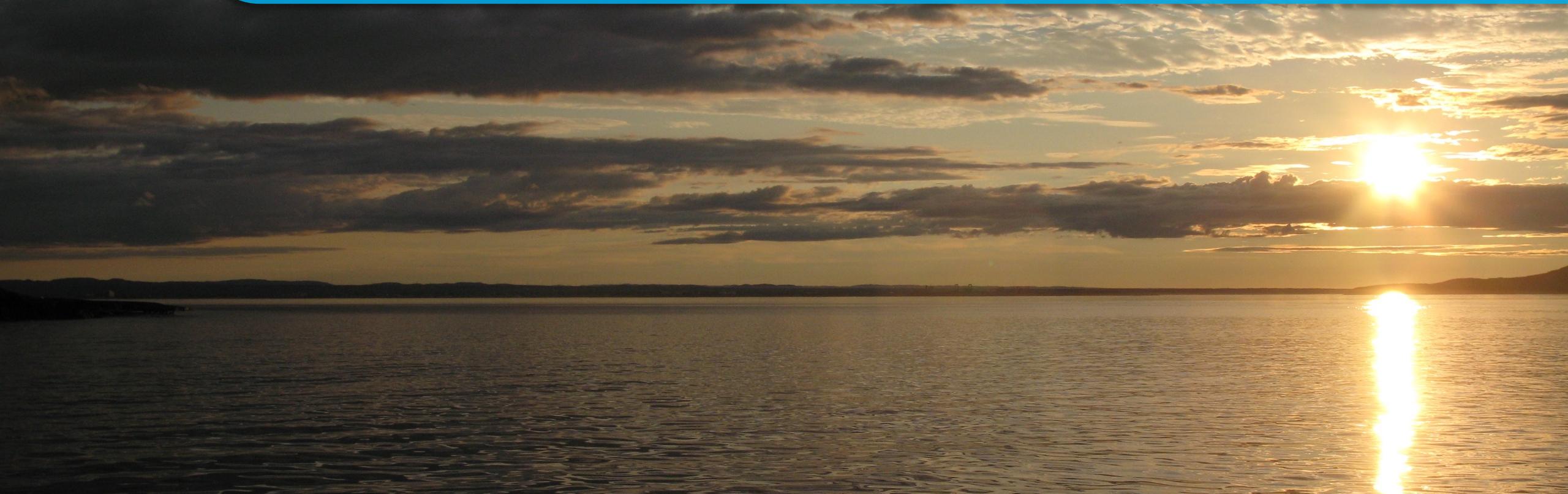


AN EXPOSURE SCORE TO ASSESS ANTHROPOGENIC FOOTPRINT ON COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS AT THE LOCAL SCALE

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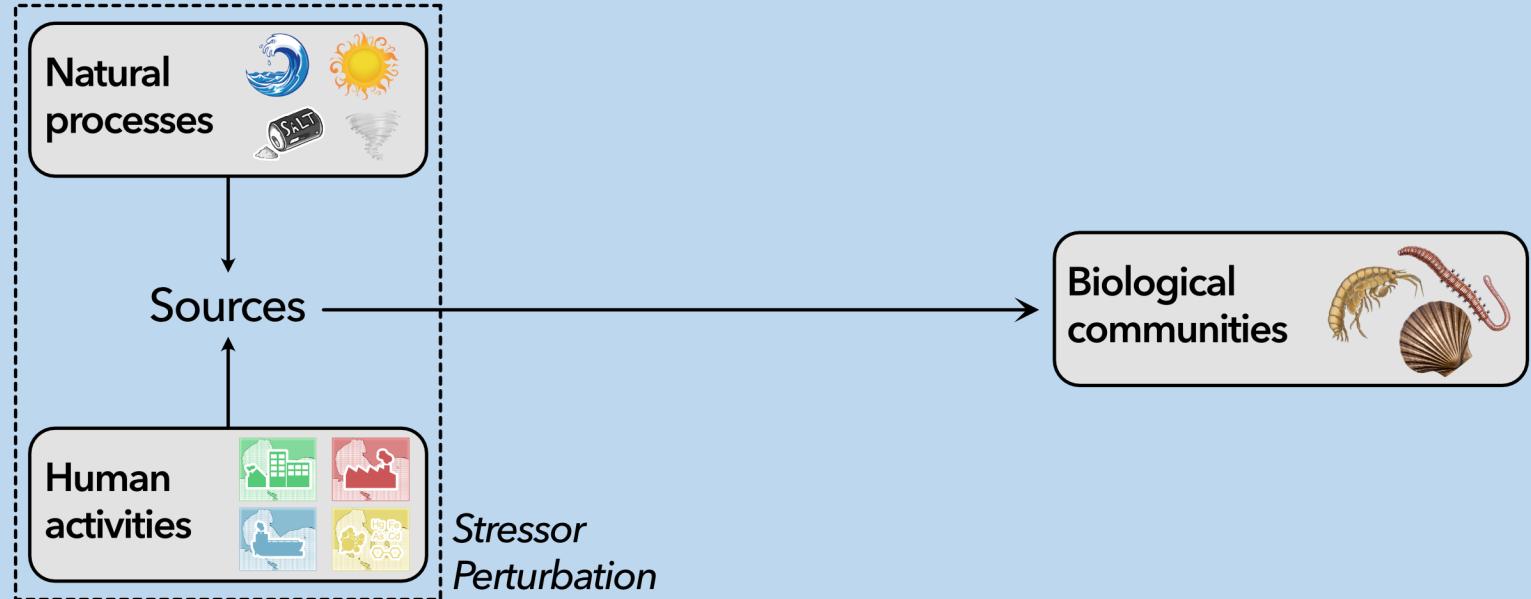
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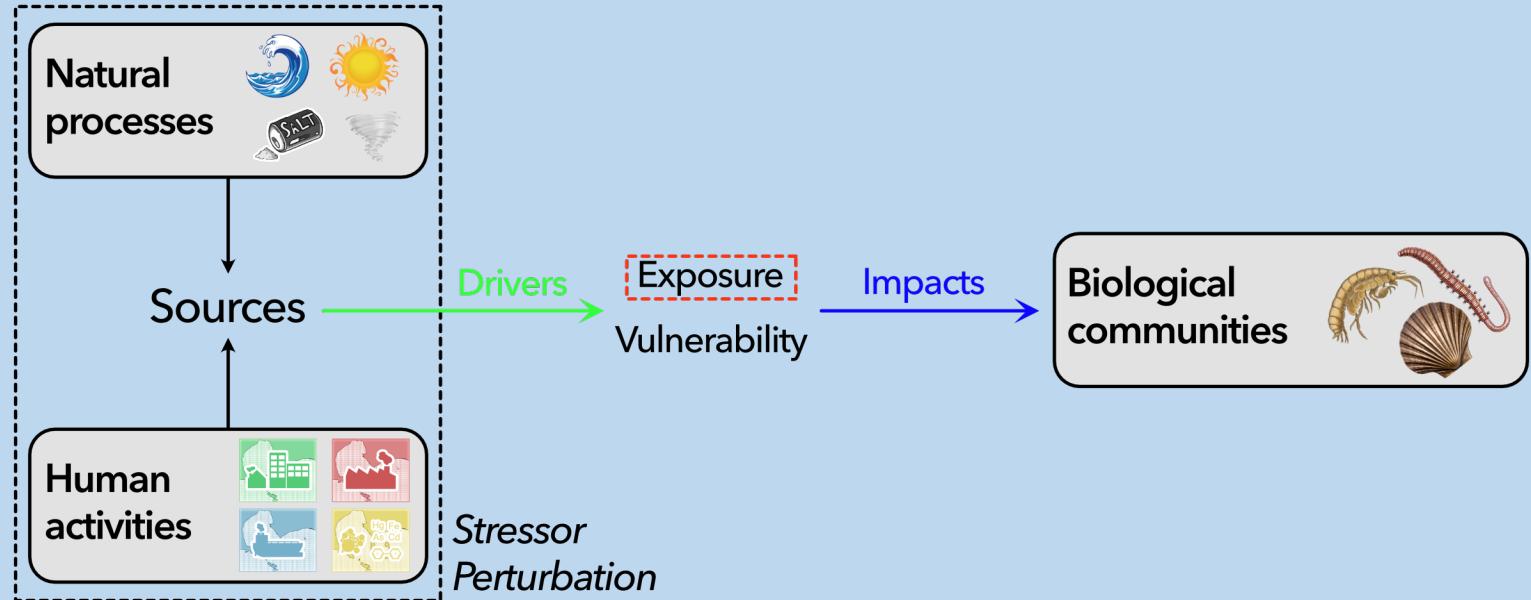
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STUDYING ANTHROPOGENIC IMPACTS



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Recent pace of change in human impact on the world's ocean

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What are the major global threats and impacts in marine environments? Investigating the contours of a shared perception among marine scientists from the bottom-up.

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Spatial and temporal changes in cumulative human impacts on the world's ocean

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Nat Commun, 2015

Response of benthic assemblages to multiple stressors: comparative effects of nutrient enrichment and physical disturbance

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Mar Ecol Progr Ser, 2016

Biodiversity redistribution under climate change: Impacts on ecosystems and human well-being

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Science, 2017

A review of the combined effects of climate change and other local human stressors on the marine environment



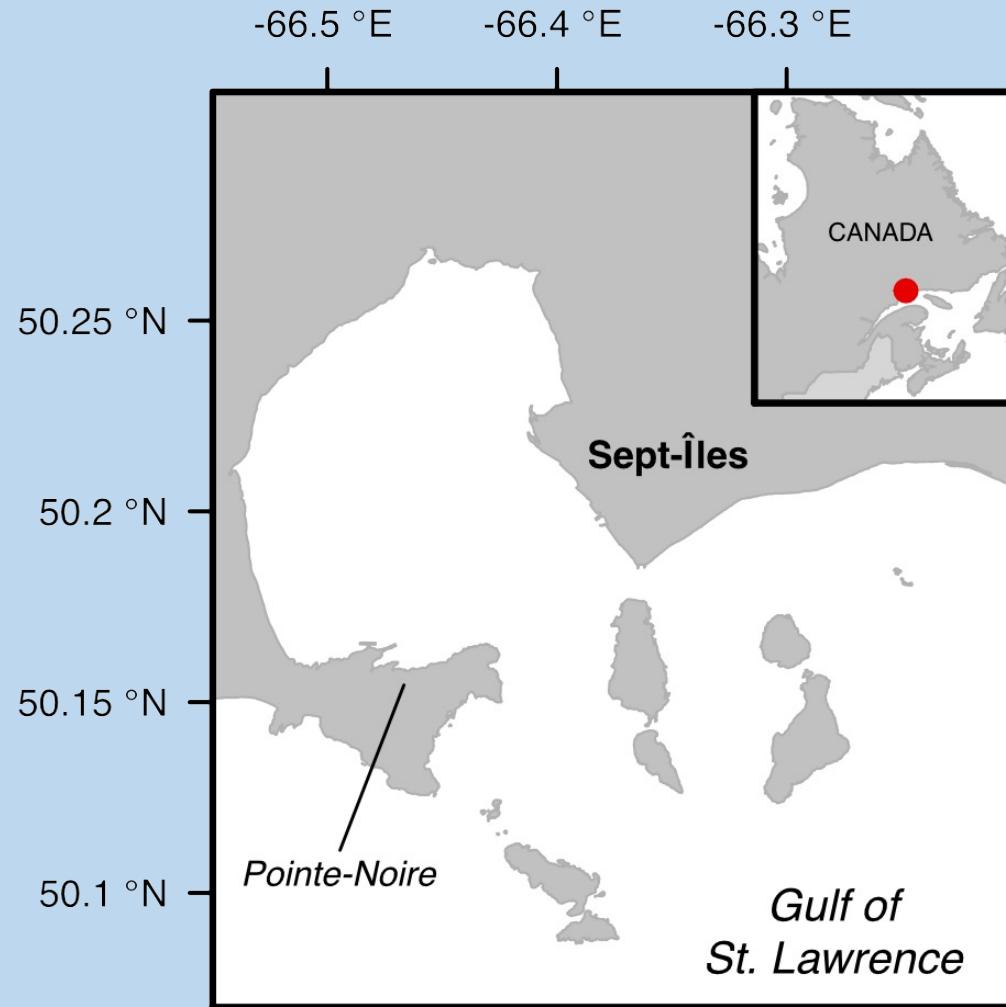
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- Develop a tool to **characterize** human influence on coastal ecosystems at the local scale

- Test its **performance** on macrofaunal benthic communities in a Canadian industrial harbour area

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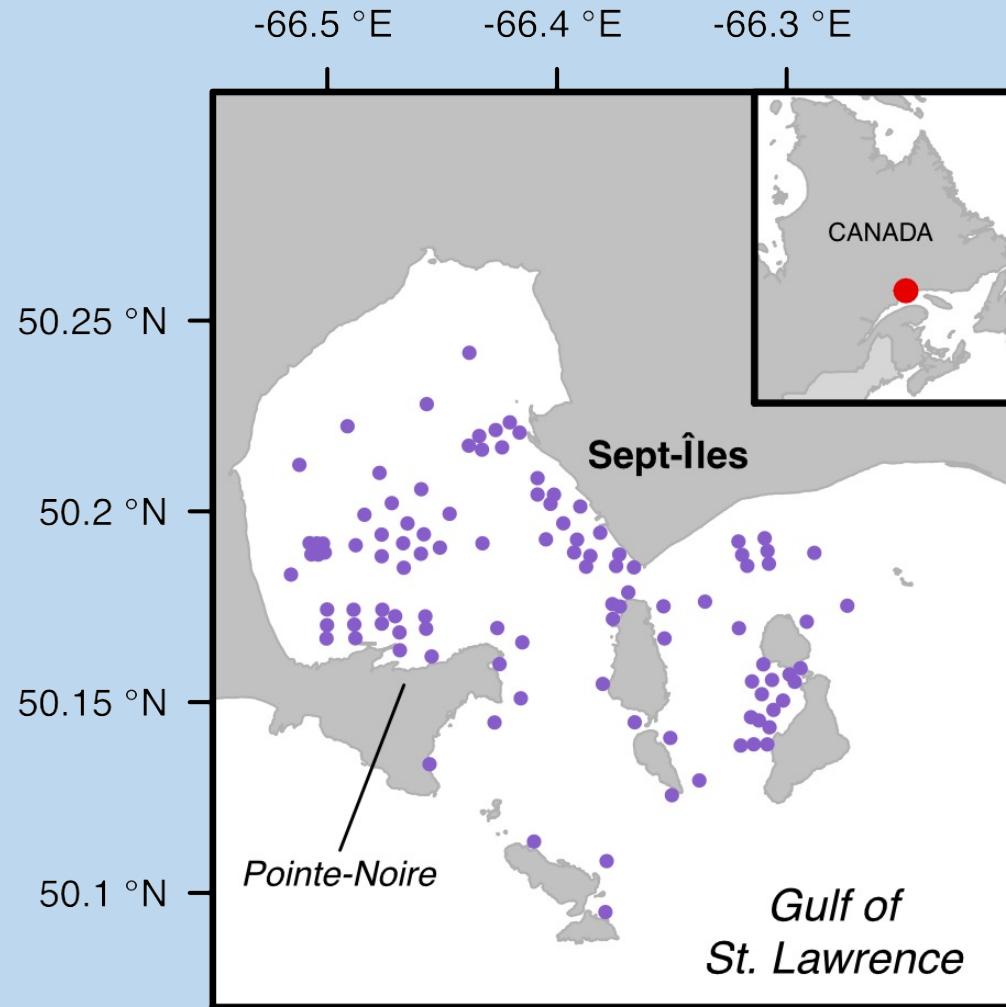


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STUDY AREA

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Semi-randomization sampling in the whole bay, with **108 stations** sampled in Summer 2017

Ecological database with **sediment** and **biological** parameters:

- organic matter content
- grain-size classes
- heavy-metal concentrations
- macrofauna diversity
- biodiversity indices
- environmental indicators

HUMAN ACTIVITIES

Literature review and expert opinion to identify relevant human activities in the Baie des Sept Îles

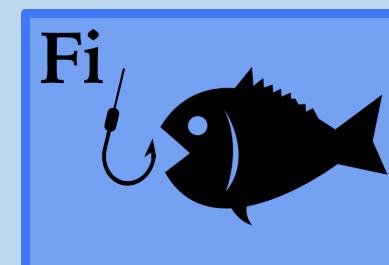
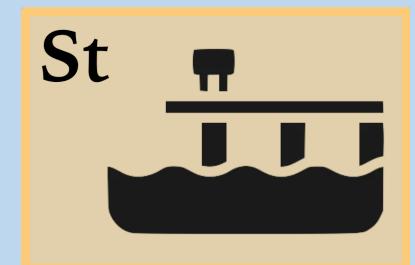
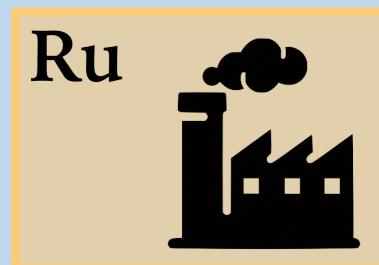
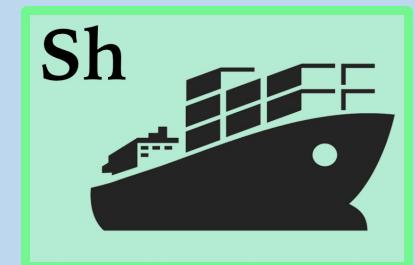
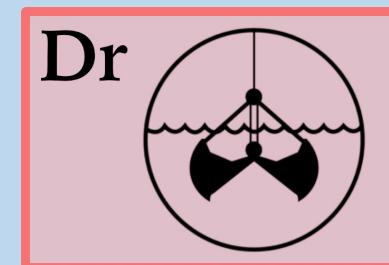
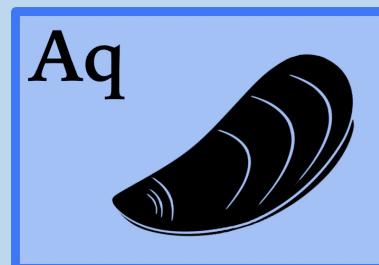
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~30 drivers identified in 7 categories:

- aquaculture operations
- industrial fisheries
- sediment dredging
- municipal and industrial runoff
- wastewater and rainwater sewers
- artificial structures
- commercial shipping

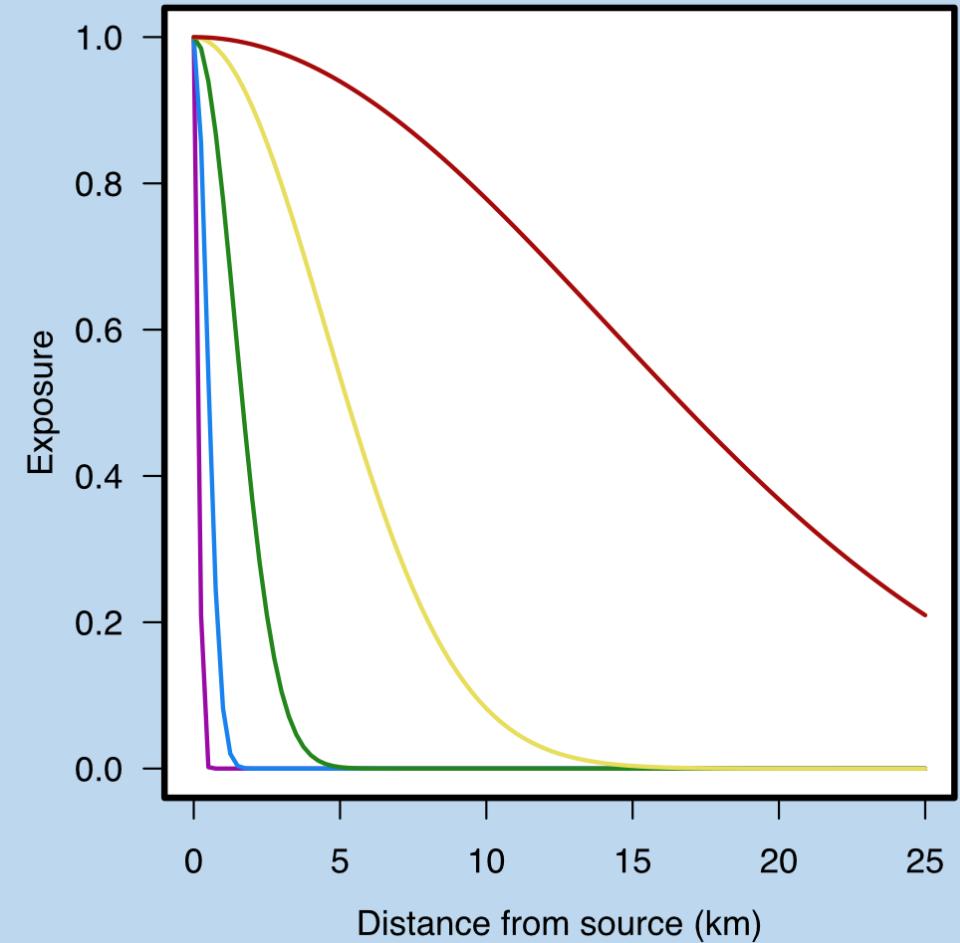


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Land/sea- based activities:

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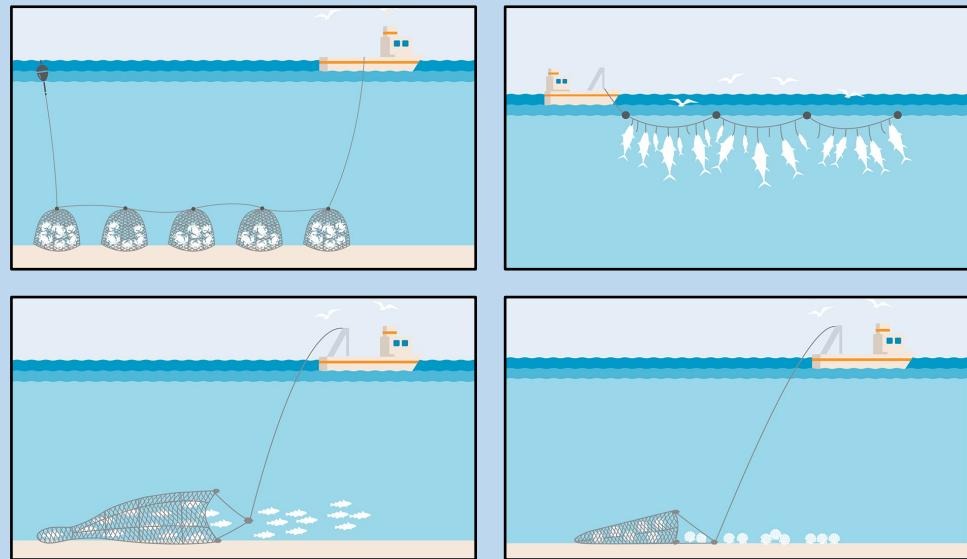
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Fisheries:

- Data extraction from DFO surveys between 2010 and 2015
- Exposure as a function of **fishing events** (i.e. high number of events = high exposure)
- **Four** gear types: traps, bottom-trawls, nets, dredges

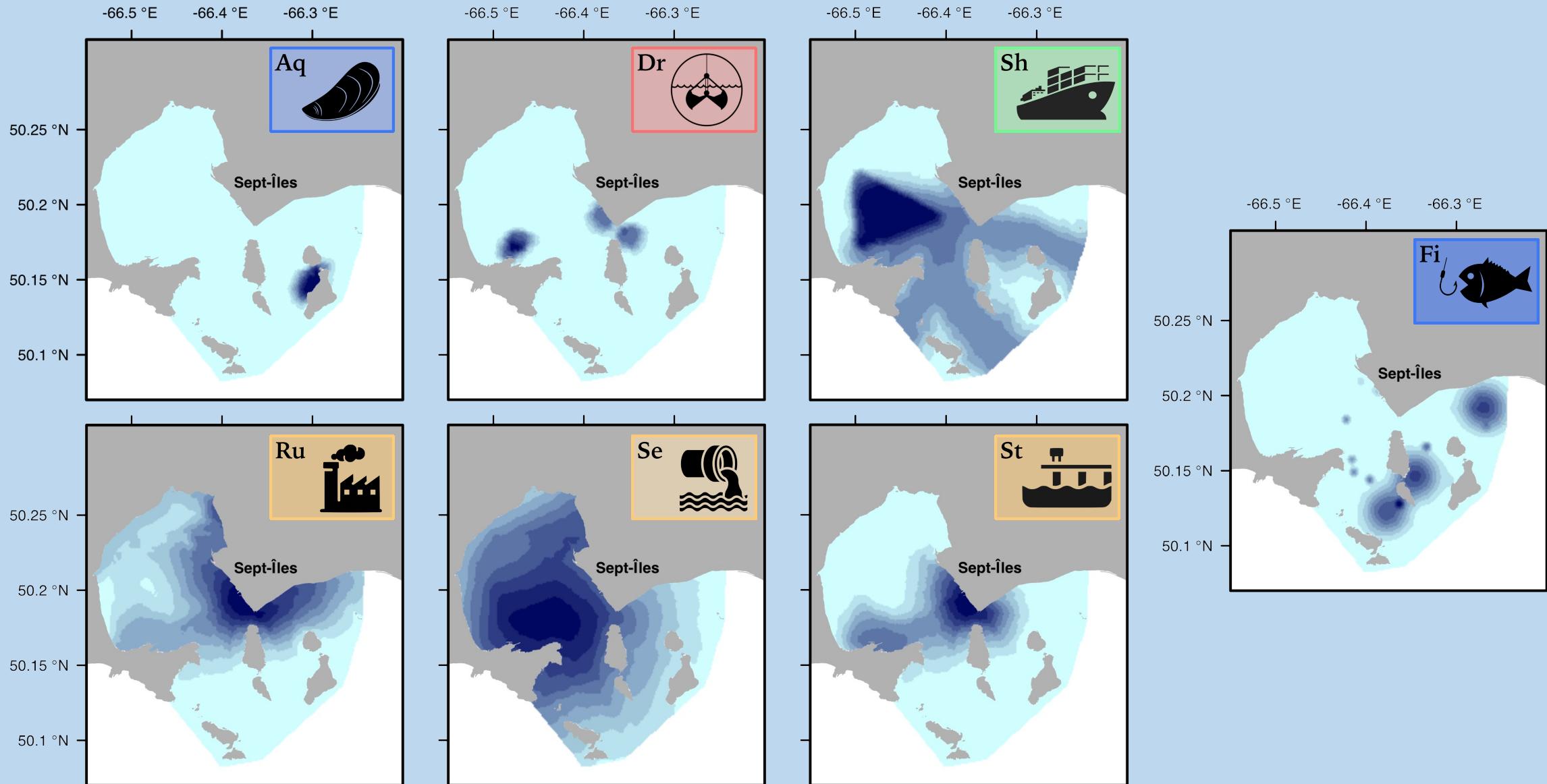
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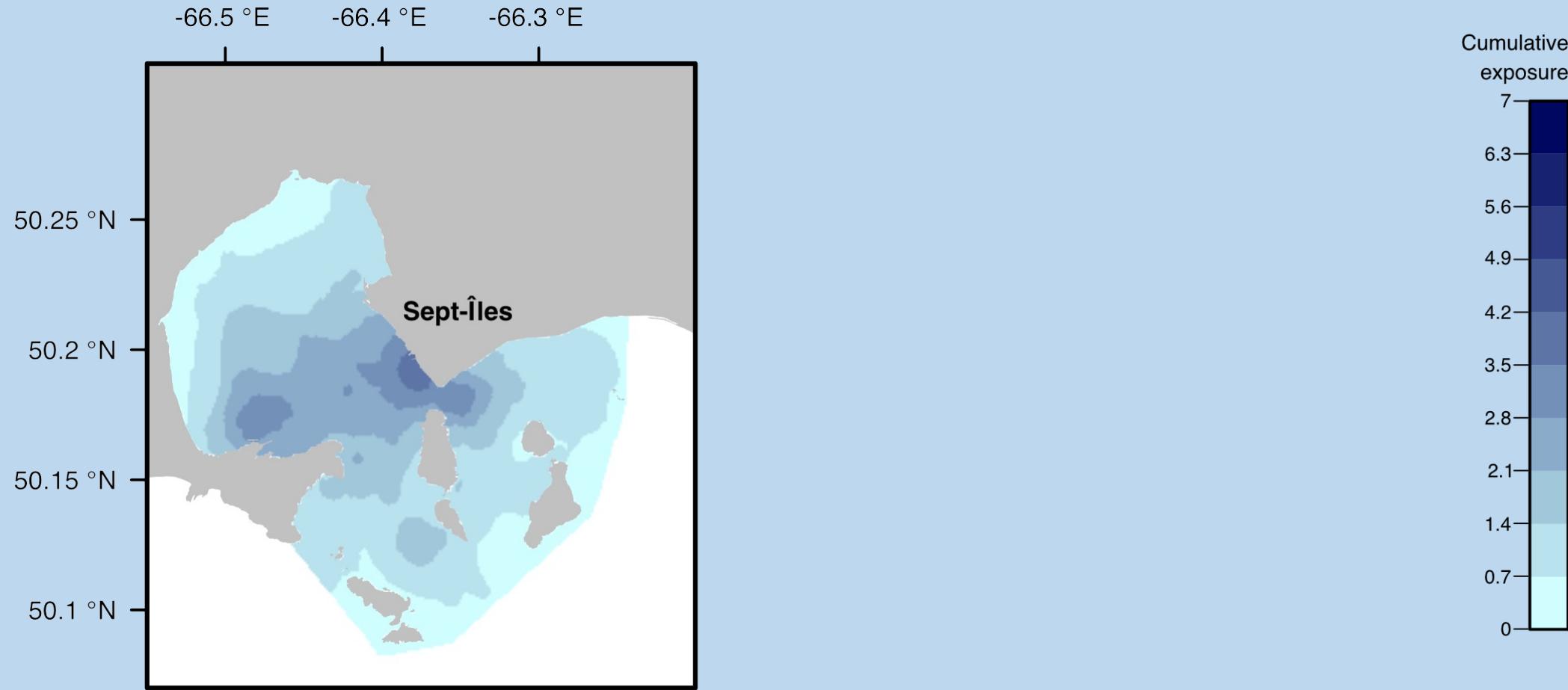
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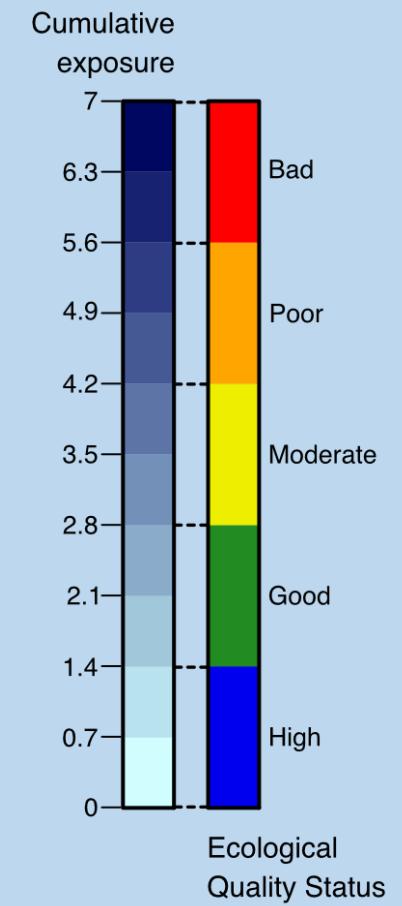
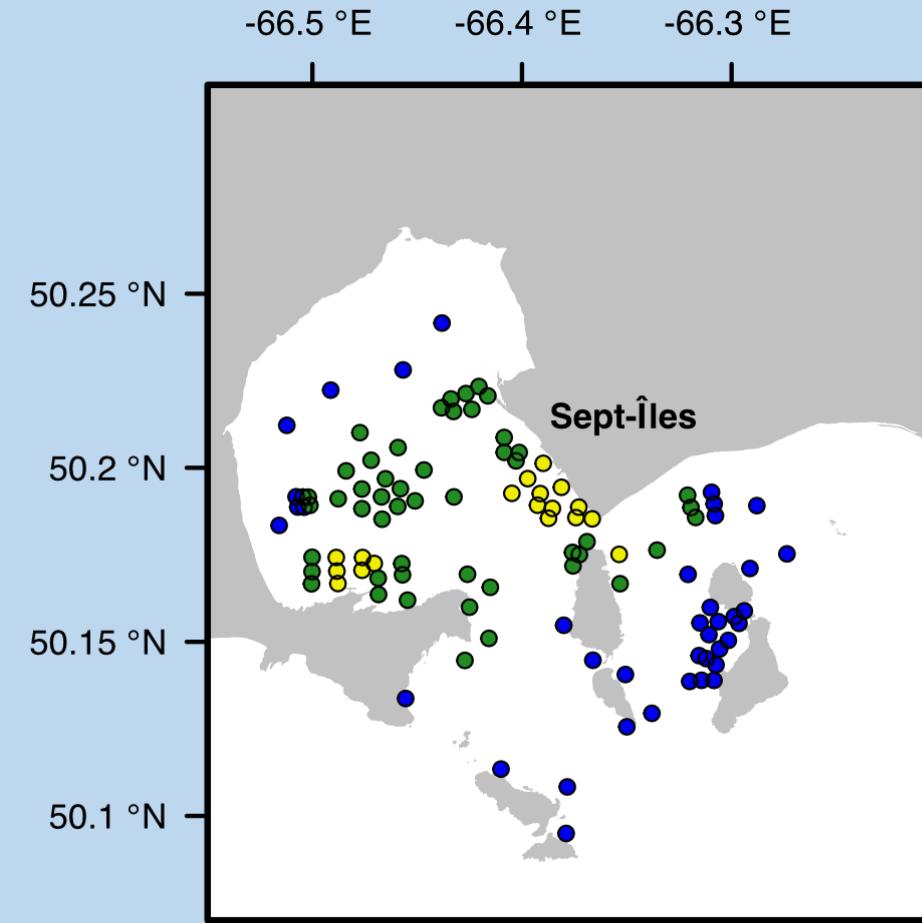
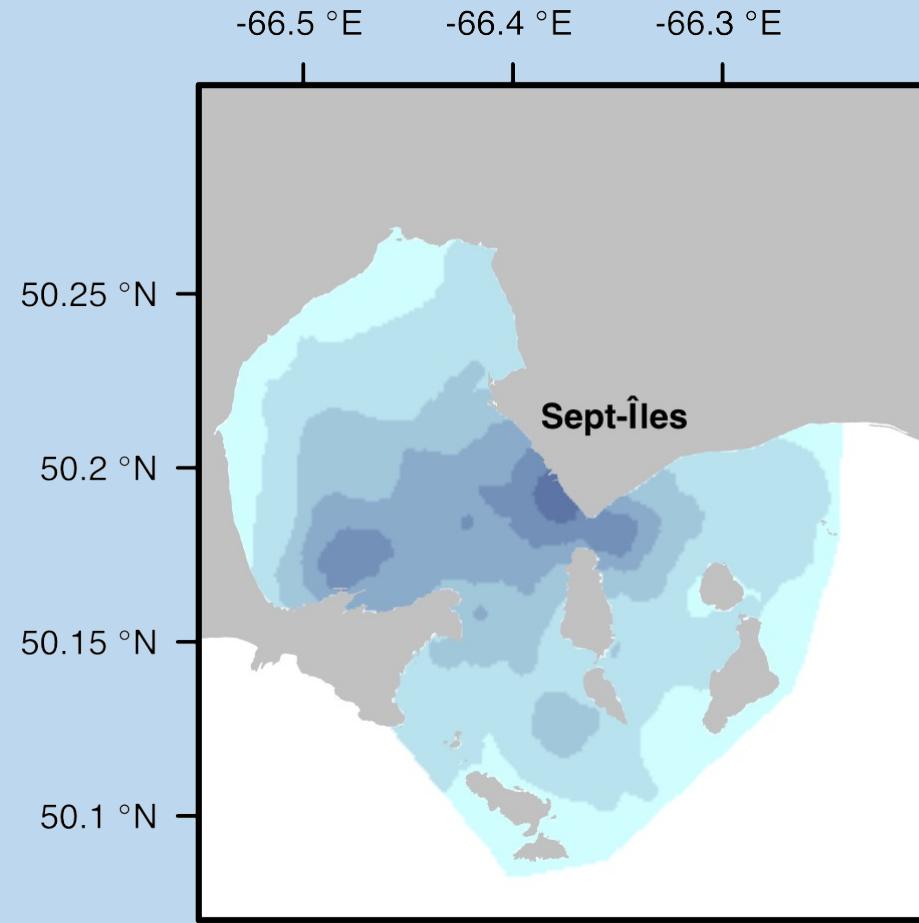
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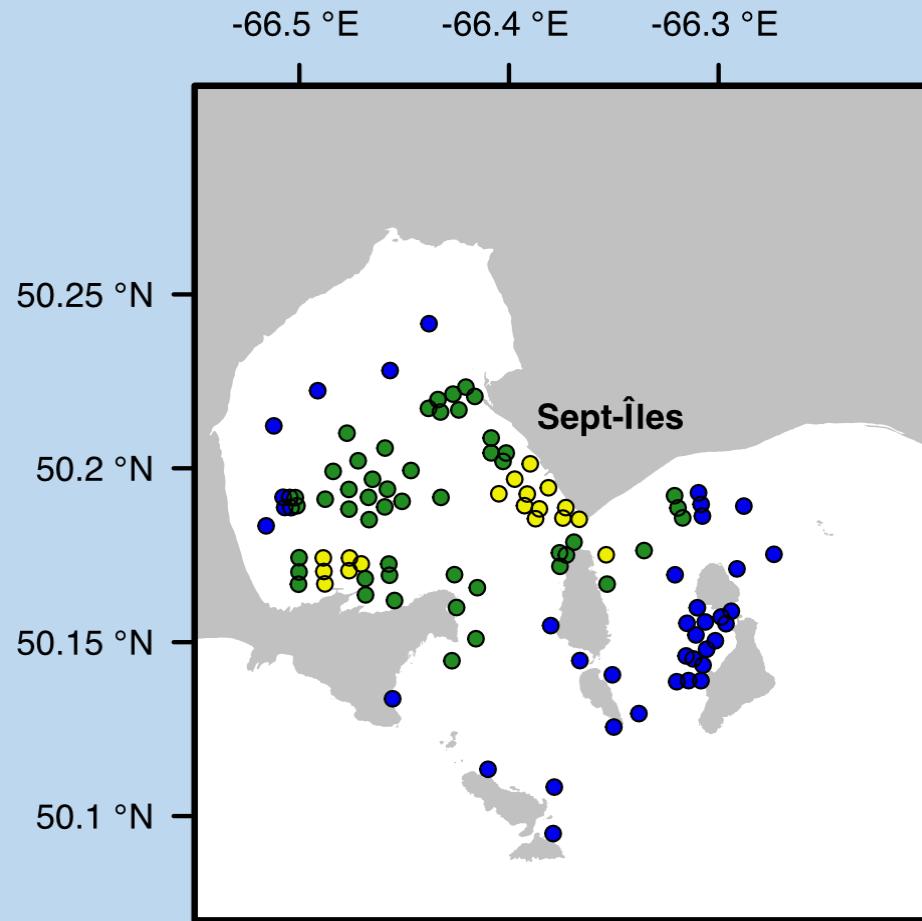
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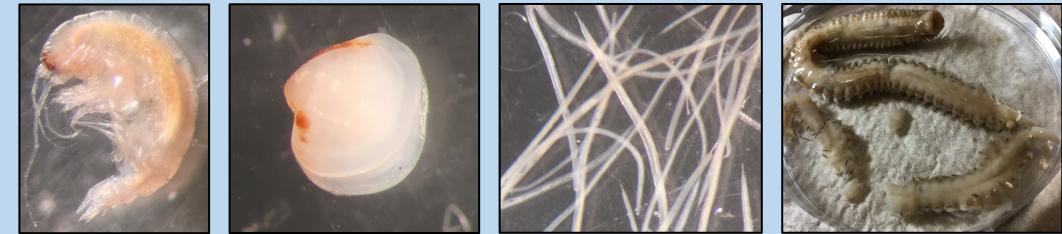
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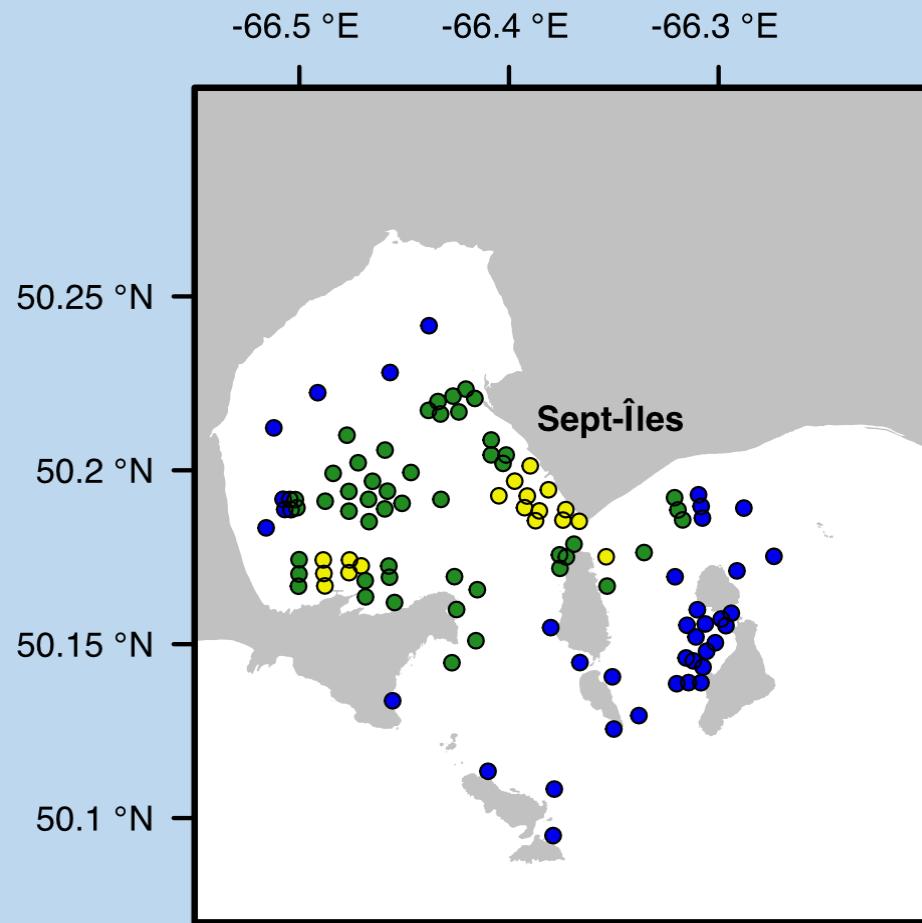


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Lowest biomass of **annelids**
Highest density of **nematods**

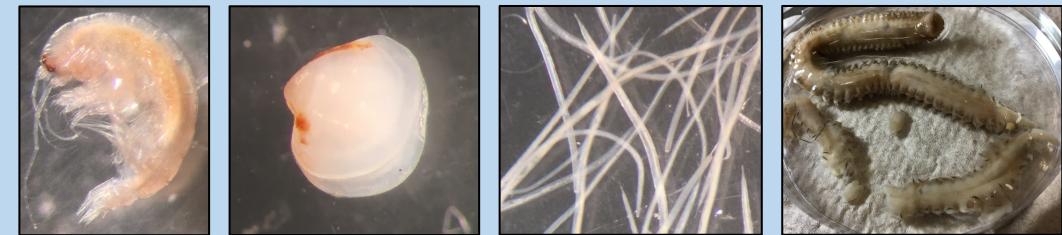
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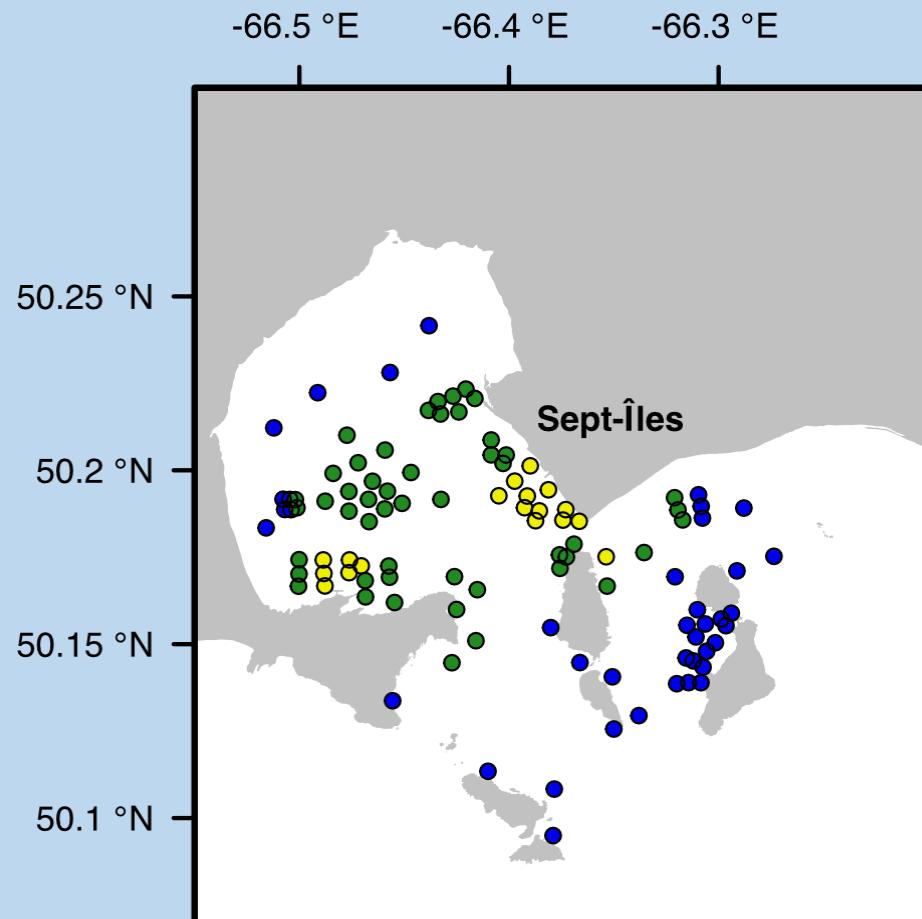


Highest biomass of **molluscs**
Highest density of **arthropods**

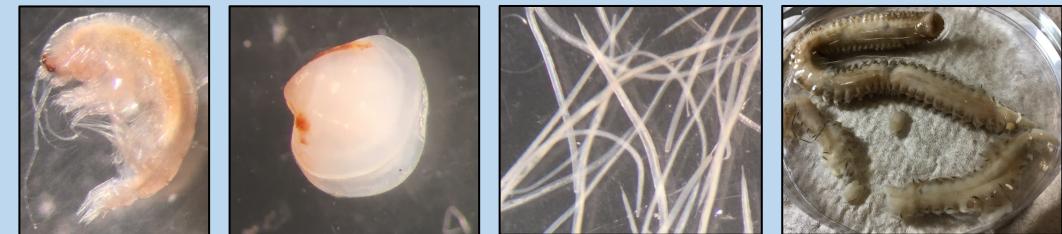
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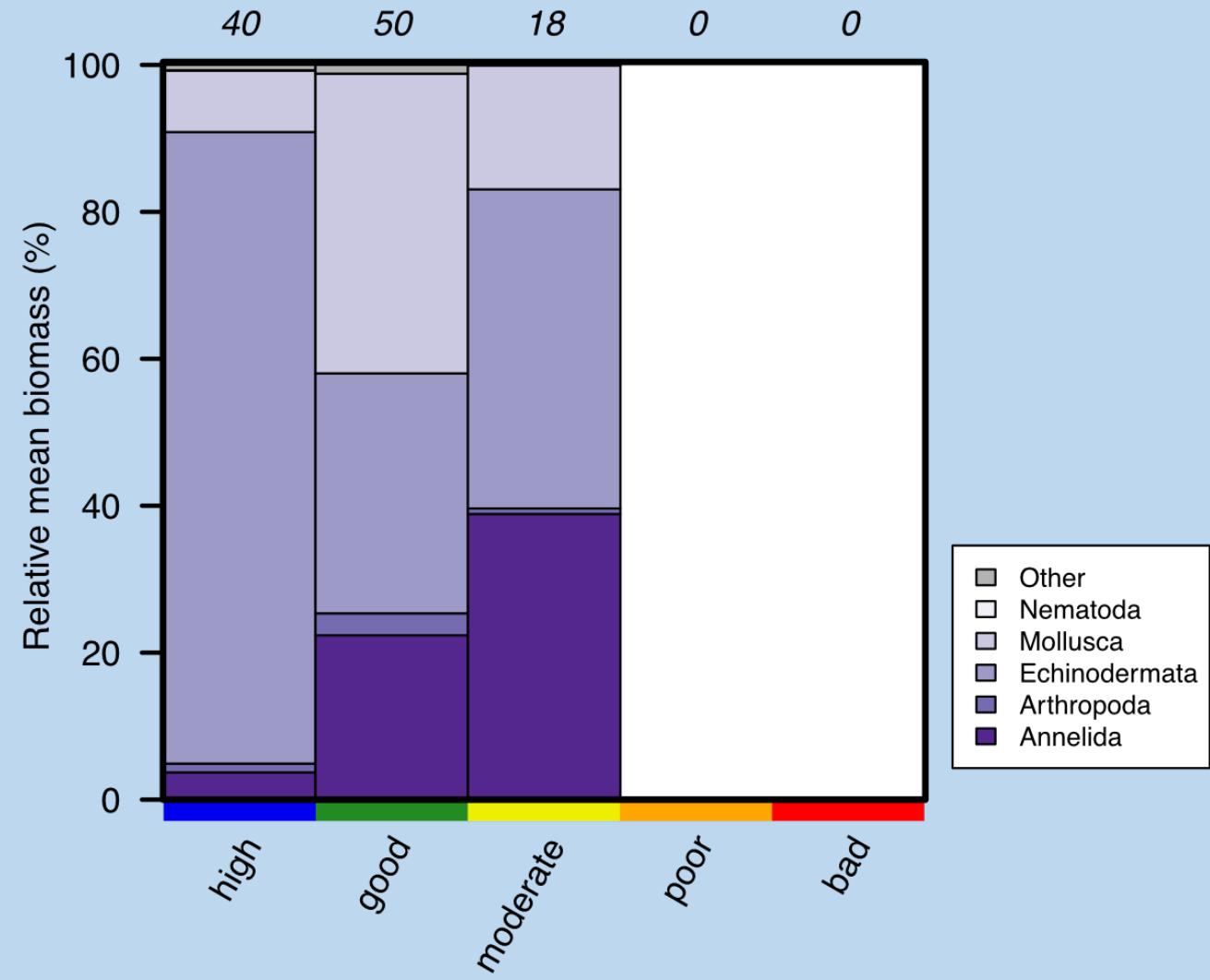
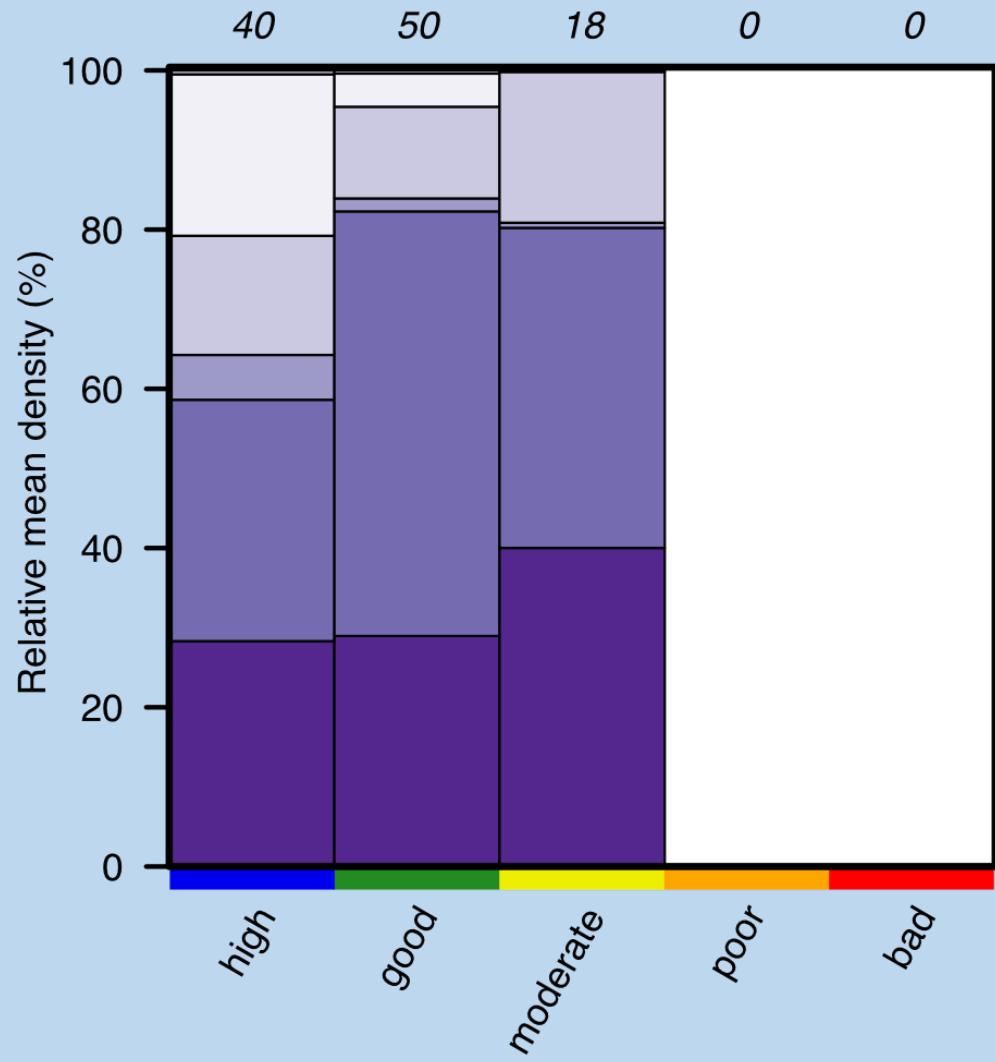
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COMMUNITY CHANGES



REGRESSION WITH WHOLE COMMUNITY

