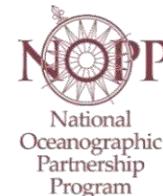
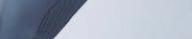
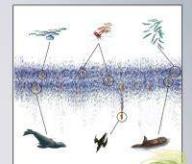
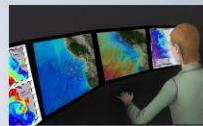
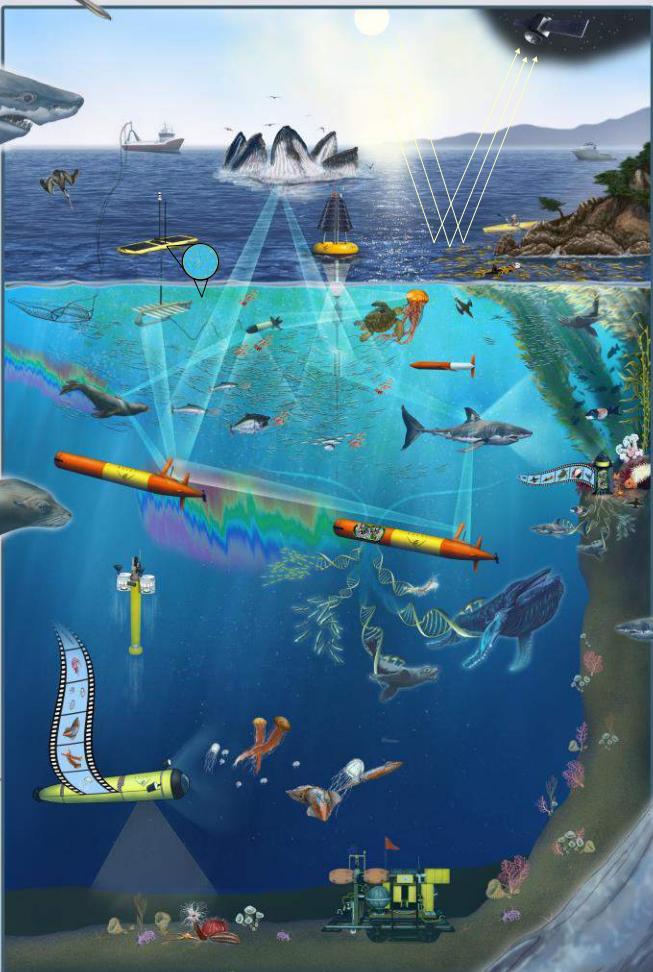


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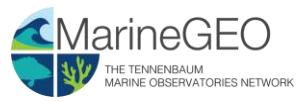


# MBON

Marine Biodiversity  
Observation Network  
Sanctuaries MBON

Monterey Bay,  
Florida Keys, and  
Flower Garden Banks  
National Marine Sanctuaries

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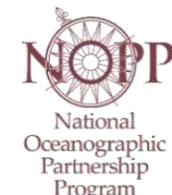
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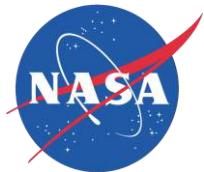
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# The MBON vision:

*Good and timely information on marine biodiversity sustains the long-term health and use of marine ecosystems*

Huge investments have gone into ocean observing systems — but there is no systematic effort to observe life in the sea

**MBON Goal: Enable the effort to characterize how marine biodiversity is changing and how it affects us**



# *The NOPP Sanctuaries MBON Pilot: Primary Goals of Cooperative Agreement*



- Integrate, synthesize, augment biodiversity information from ongoing programs
- Develop technologies for biodiversity assessments through:
  - Emerging environmental DNA (*eDNA*) molecular methods and autonomous sample collection;
  - Application of remote sensing to evaluate biogeographic *Seascapes*
- Bring biodiversity and environmental data together and serve it using international standards
- Use advanced analyses to link the mean and fluctuating components of biodiversity and ecosystem function to environmental conditions
- Relate information to social-economic context and provide information rapidly to stakeholders
- Seek to do this as an operational system
- Work with other US MBON demonstration projects to develop network concept
- Export the MBON concept globally

# *Addressing User Needs*

**Sanctuary sites engaged with California Current IEA,  
MBON demonstration projects and Gulf of Mexico IEA**

## NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY SYSTEM

Olympic Coast

Greater Farallones

Cordell Bank

Monterey Bay

Papahānaumokuākea

Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale

Channel Islands

American Samoa (U.S.)

Thunder Bay

Stellwagen Bank

Monitor

Gray's Reef

Florida Keys

Flower Garden Banks



Scale varies in this perspective. Adapted from National Geographic Maps.

- National Marine Sanctuary
- ▲ Marine National Monument

*Collaboration of IEA with*

**MBON**

Marine Biodiversity Observation Network

U.S. MBON PORTAL



# *The NOPP Sanctuaries MBON Pilot: Integration of information using international standards*

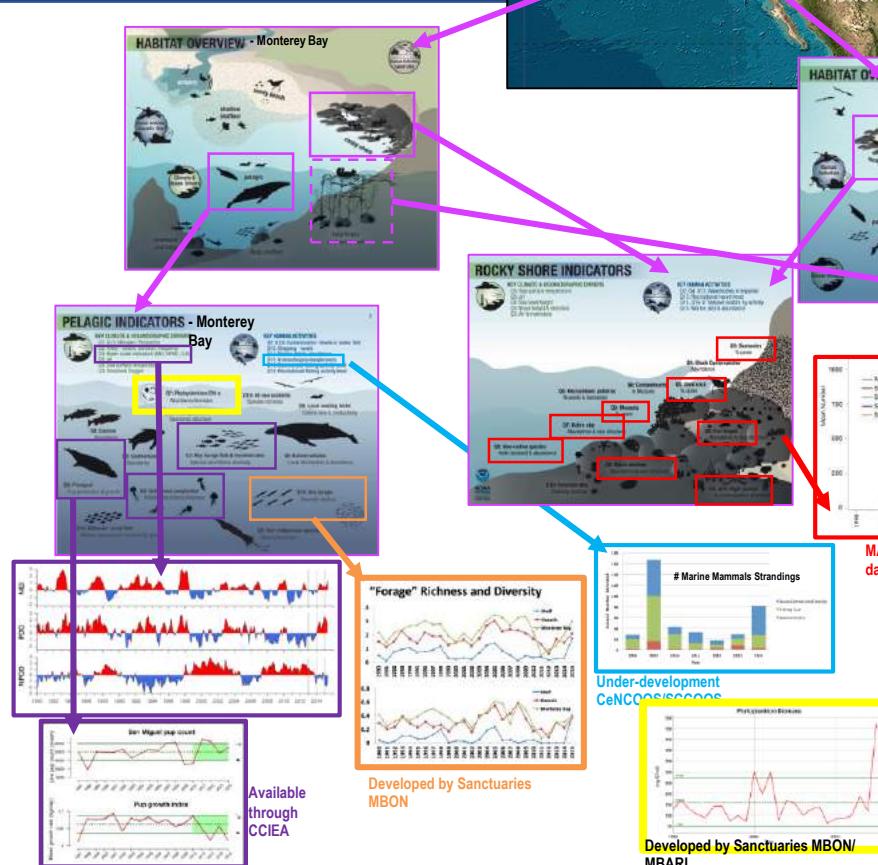


- Multiple, multi-agency, international satellite and in situ datasets
- State data sets
  - GCOOS (FL, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas)
  - CenCOOS (CA)
- Augmented Monterey Bay Time series (eDNA)
- Augmented the South Florida Program (eDNA, plankton)
- NOAA/State Fisheries and Reef surveys
  - Reef Visual Surveys, Rockfish Recruitment & Ecol Assessment, Coral Reef
  - Physical and chemical oceanographic data
- Beach Strandings data
- Many different environmental data
- Contributed to developing the MBON Portal (IOOS) and open source information tools



# Addressing Sanctuary Needs: data tools

**Processes and products  
being shared across  
programs and regions**



**Collaboration of  
MBON** Marine Biodiversity Observation Network



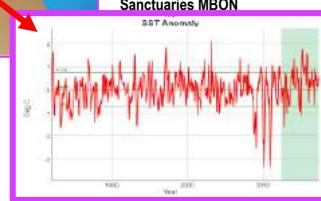
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<https://mbon.ioos.us/>

Inventories and “Curated data views”!

**Collaboration between  
sanctuaries, IEA, MBON  
expanding to Gulf of Mexico**

Currently conceptual  
models and data  
products under  
Development by  
Sanctuaries MBON

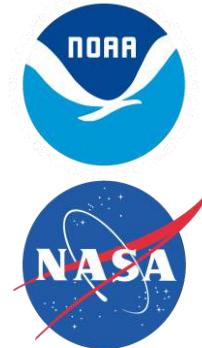


Gulf of Mexico IEA meeting with FKNMS,  
including Sanctuaries MBON partners, to  
expand collaboration apply IEA products  
and processes to the sanctuary.



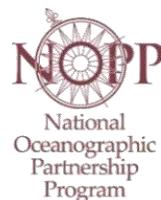
FKNMS Demo:  
<https://marinebon.github.io/info-fk/corals.html>

MBNMS Demo:  
<https://marinebon.github.io/info-mb/pelagic.html>



# Outcomes in Information Management:

- Established a framework for operational biological observations, data management, communications
  - Biodiversity Information Standards (TDWG; Taxonomic Databases WG)
  - Darwin Core / Event Core: data standard; Publish/Harvest data: ERDDAP
  - Framework adopted by US IOOS and broadly discussed at NOAA
- Developed pathways for incorporation of eDNA into national and international repositories
- International: Bon in a Box: Contributing IOC Best Practices, OBIS



In memory of Matt Howard, whose leadership demonstrated the MBON framework for IOOS

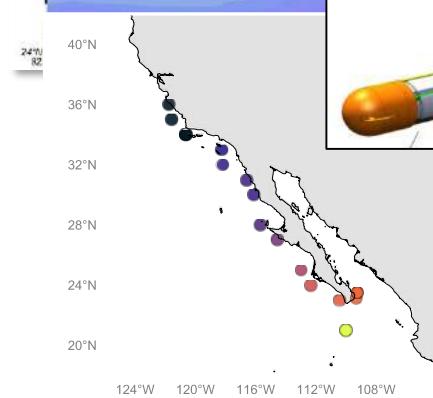
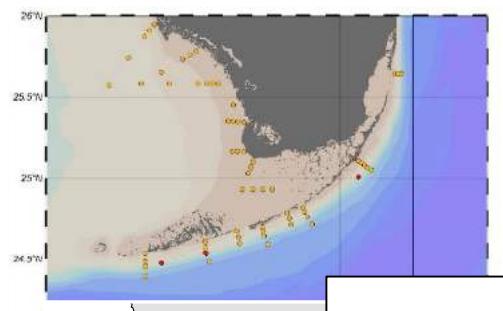




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# *Active Biodiversity Field Programs*

Gulf of Mexico / South Florida, Northern Gulf  
Monterey Bay / Southern California  
Sampling Sanctuaries with big and small boats,  
and automated devices (AUVs, etc.)

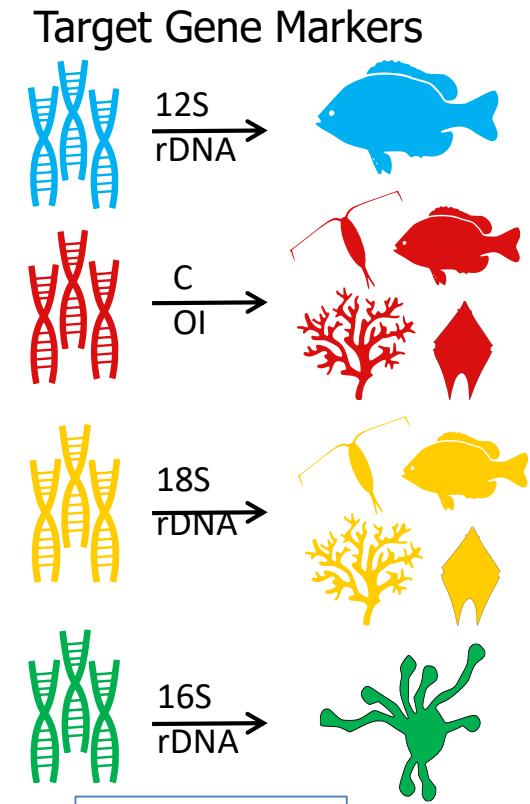
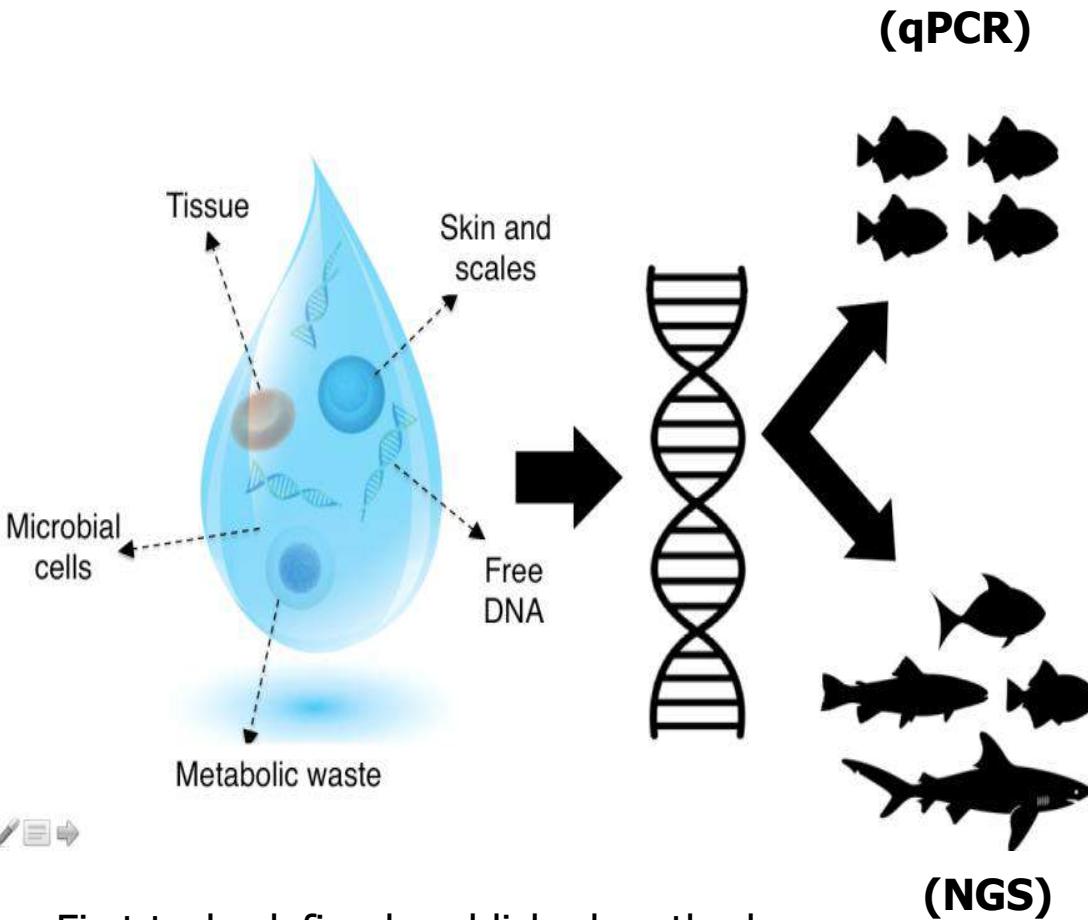


Over 45 expeditions in each FL Keys & MB



# Marine environmental DNA (MBON)

A cheaper, less invasive and larger scale strategy to monitor species diversity – two approaches: next generation sequencing (NGS) and species specific primers



Djurhuus et al. 2017

Each marker targets a different group of organisms.

First task: defined, published methods

# *eDNA summary statistics*

## **Monterey Bay (2013-2019)**

- >50 cruises
- Samples collected: >1500

## **Florida Keys (2015-2019)**

- >20 cruises
- Samples collected: >1300

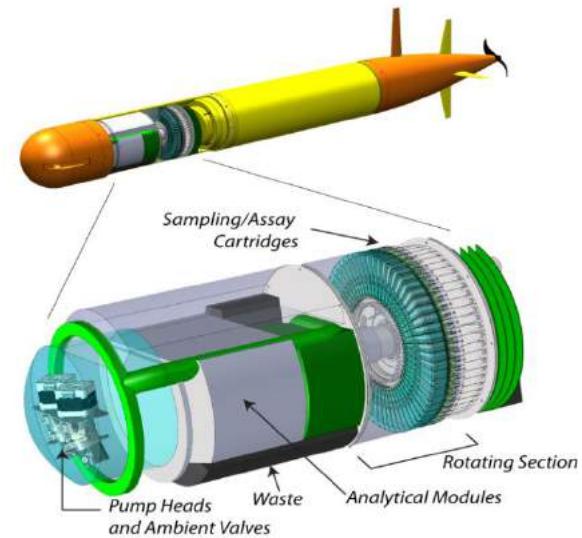
## **Santa Barbara (2015-2017)**

- 11 Diver surveys

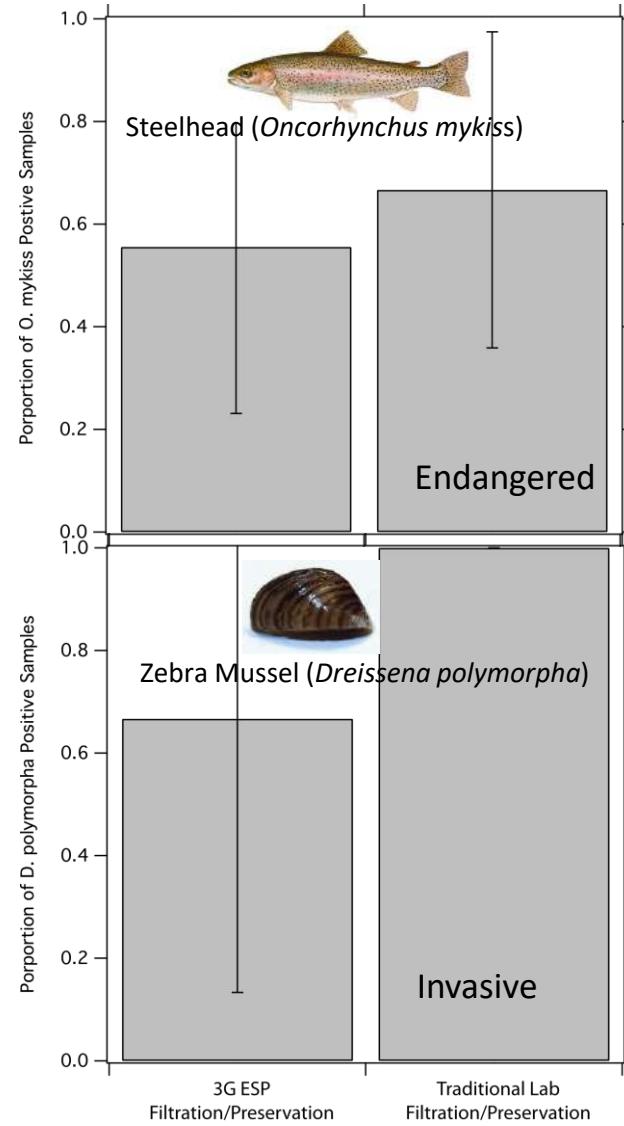
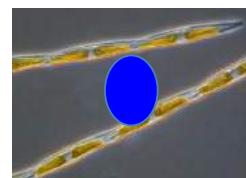
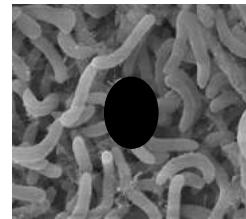
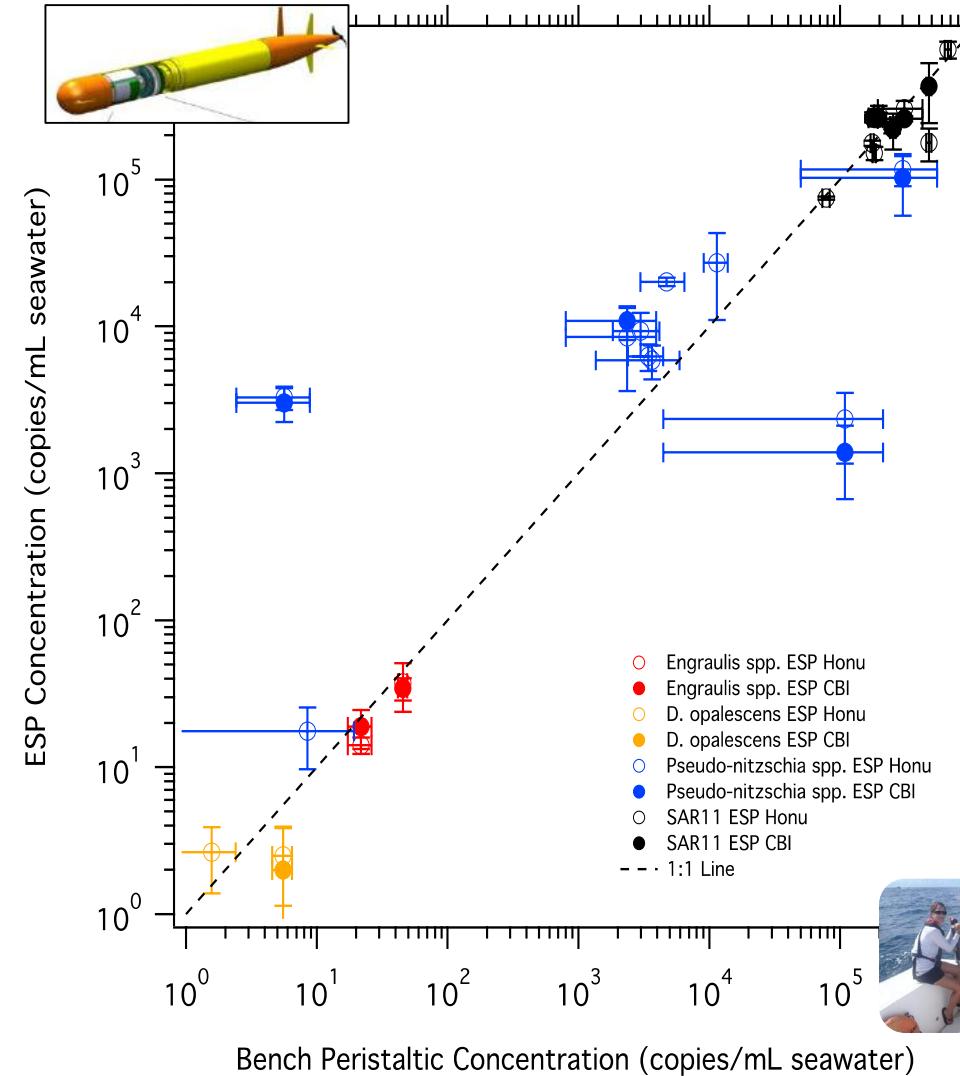


## **AUV (2015-2018)**

- 26 missions
- Autonomous eDNA samples collected: 366
  - Sequenced for 18S: 5
  - Sequenced for COI: 19

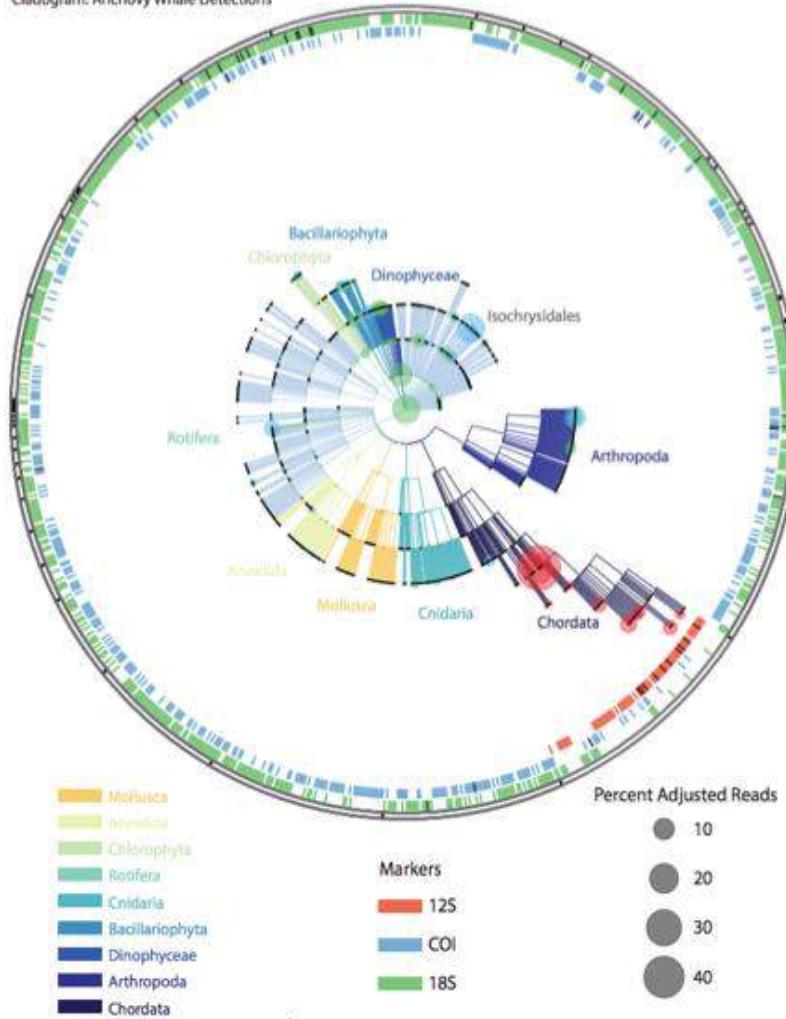


# ESP vs Traditional Laboratory Methods



# Marine biodiversity monthly over 8 years from eDNA

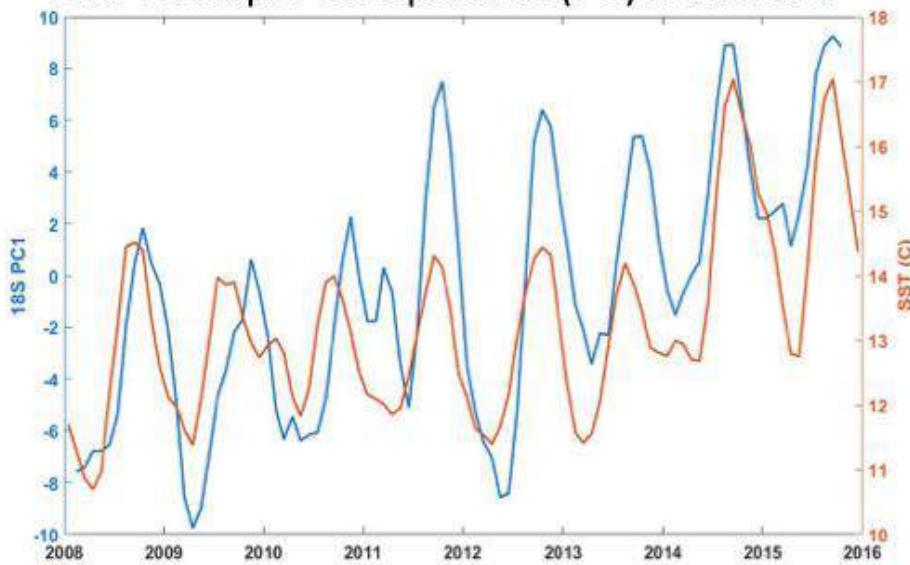
Cladogram: Anchovy Whale Detections



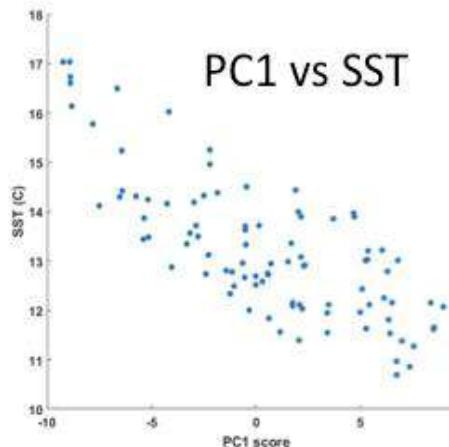
Three genes

(Pitz et al. in prep.)

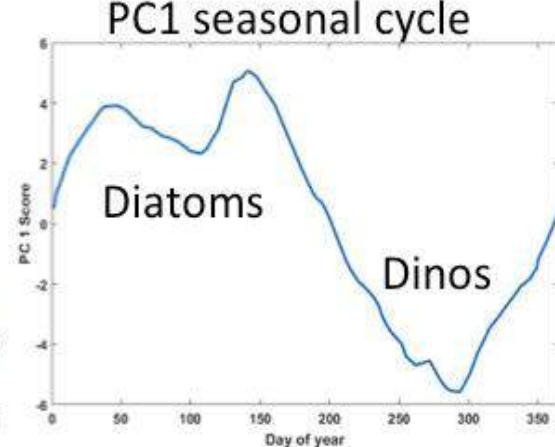
## 18S Principal Component (PC) 1 and SST



## PC1 seasonal cycle



## PC1 vs SST

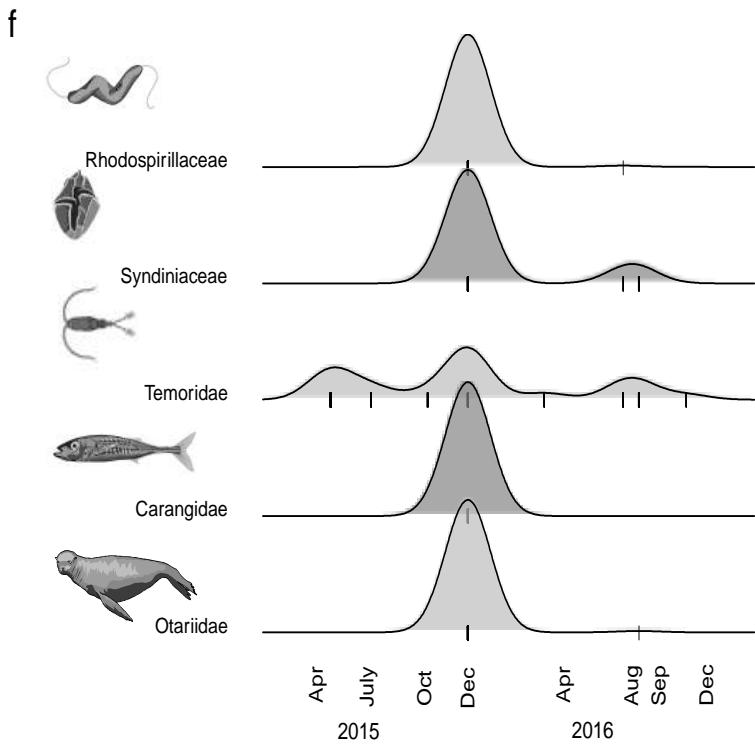
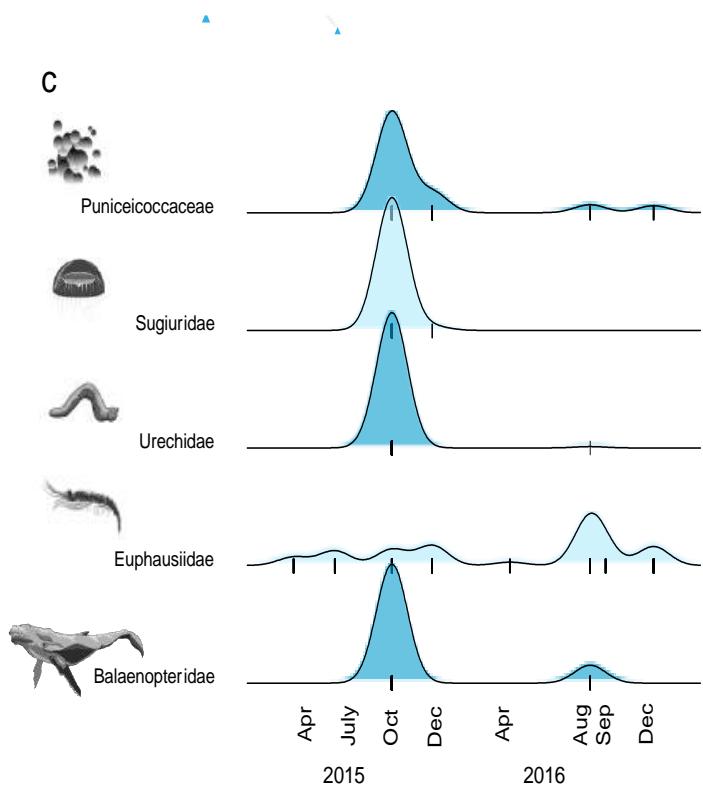


Diatoms

Dinos

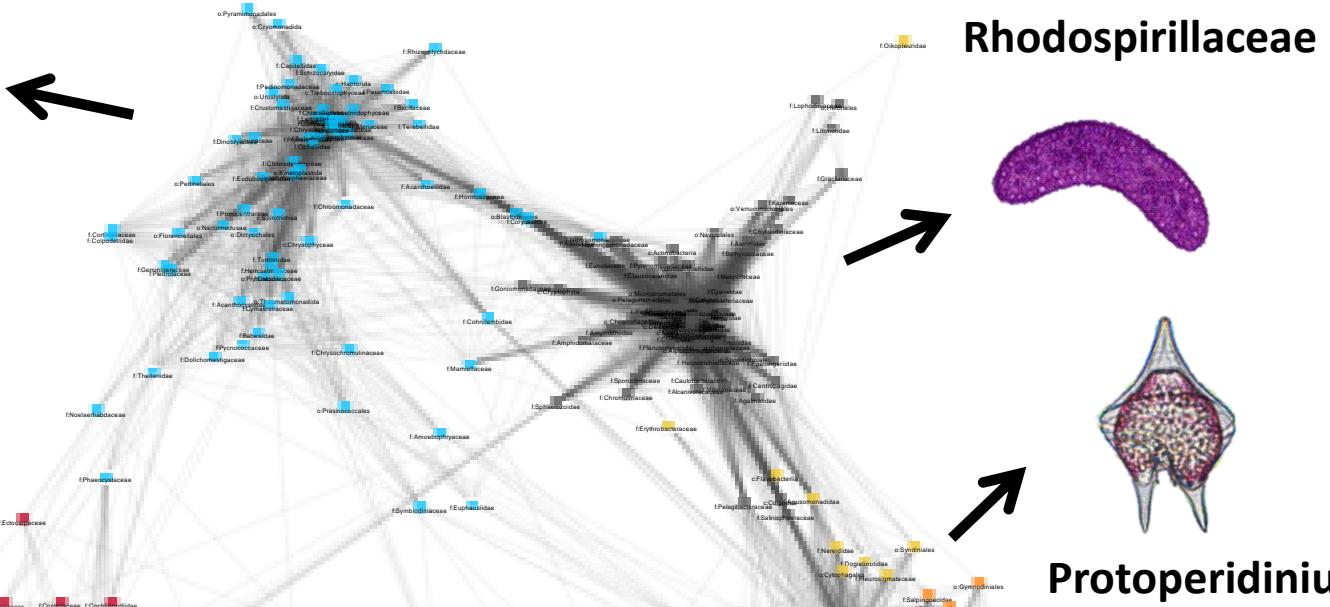
# eDNA: Microbes to whales

Relative amplicon abundance





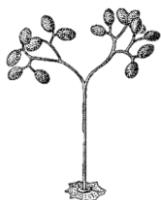
Balaenoptera



Rhodospirillaceae



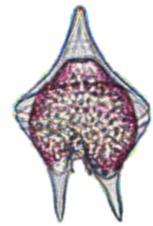
Peronosporales



Doliolidae



Protoperidinium

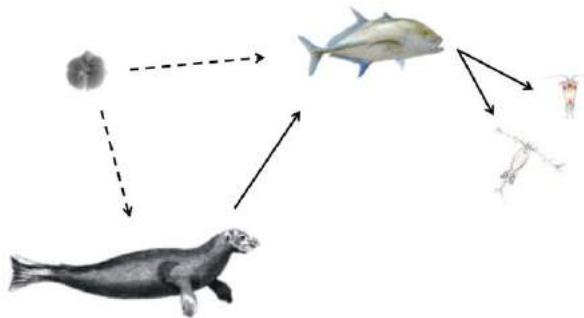


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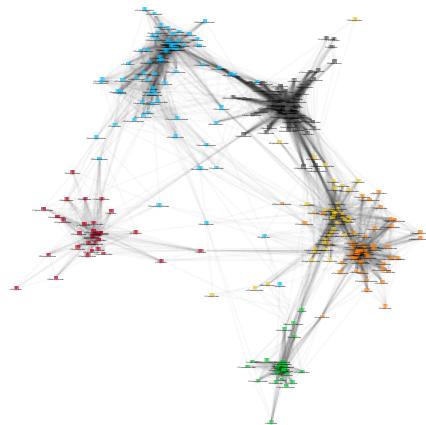


# What information does eDNA provide?

## 1. Interactions between trophic levels

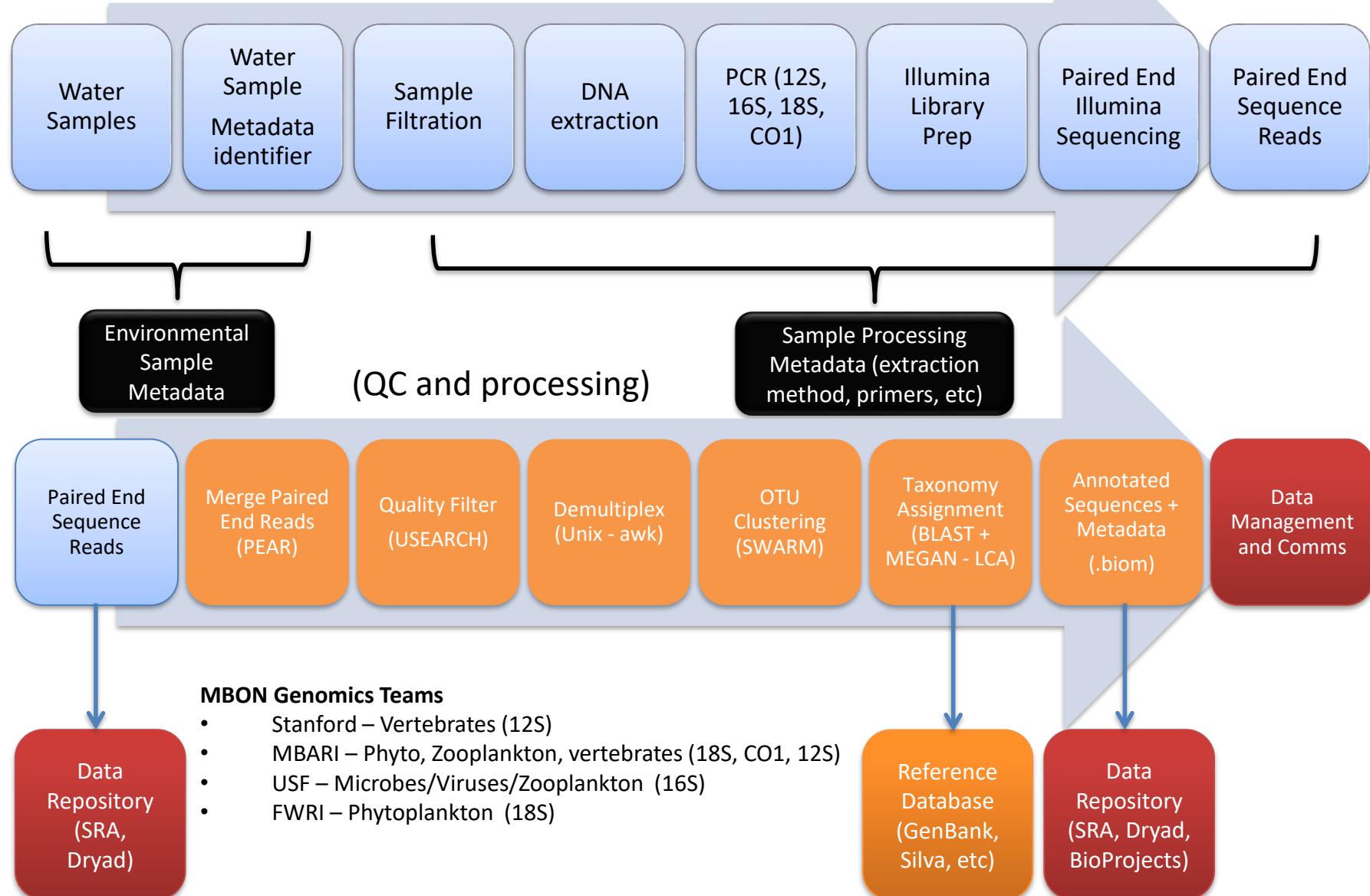


## 2. Total biodiversity and indicator species over time



# Bioinformatics - MBON Sequencing Work and Data Flow

(Field, laboratory and NGS)

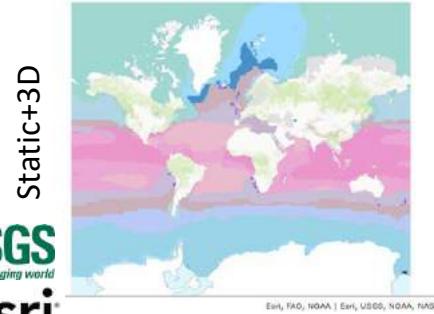




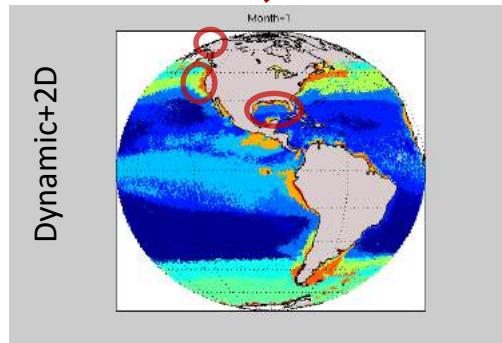
# *Satellite-derived Seascapes*

Kavanaugh (OSU), Doney (UVa), Grebmeier (UMCES), Wright (ESRI), Otis, Montes, Djurhuus, Muller-Karger (USF)

## Global classification

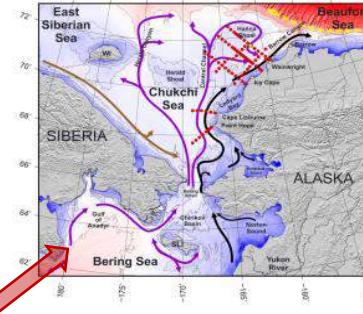


Dynamic+2D



*Dynamic Seascapes*

## Regional downscaling

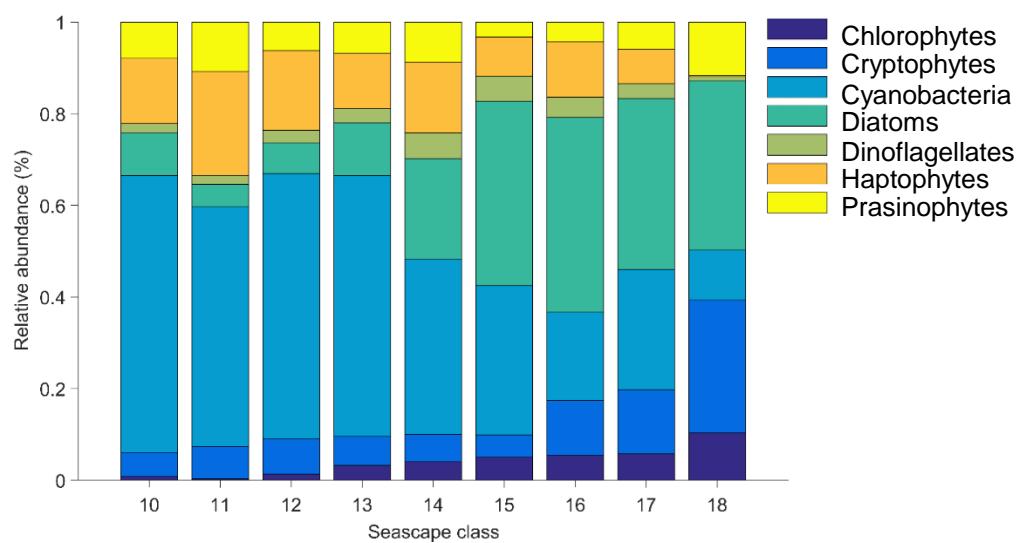
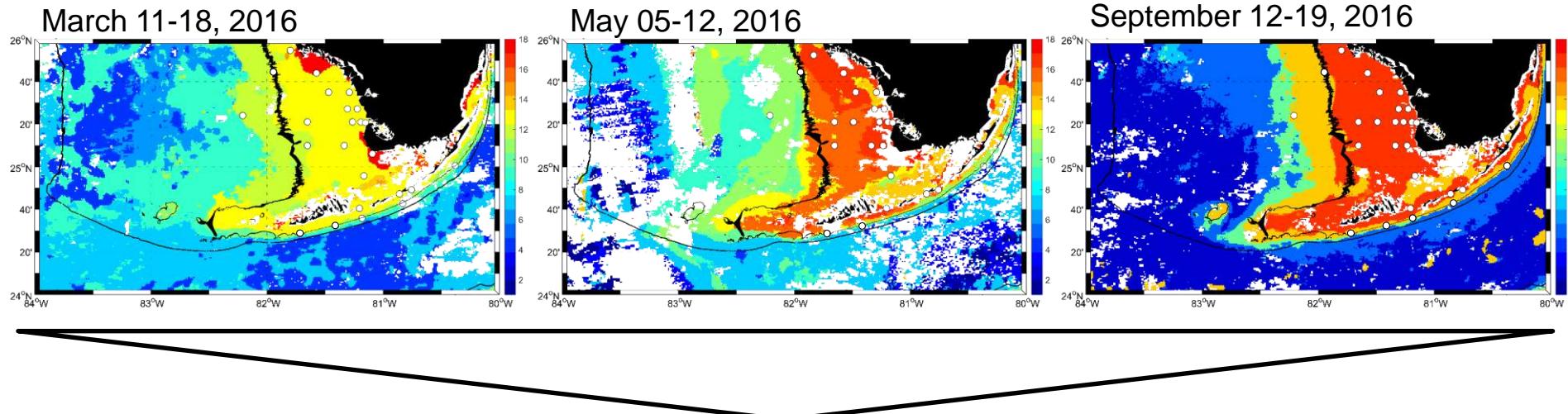


## *Arctic MBON; Distributed Biological Observatory*

Figure A displays three maps of the Arctic region (80°N to 65°N, 135°W to 180°W) showing Seascapes in June of 2006, 2012, and 2015. The maps use a color scale from 1 (red) to 6 (blue). Below the maps is a line graph titled "Seascapes 4 km<sup>-2</sup>" showing the temporal variation of Seascapes from 2002 to 2016. The graph features a red line representing the mean and grey shaded areas representing the standard deviation. The x-axis is labeled with years from 2002 to 2016. The y-axis is labeled "Seascapes 4 km<sup>-2</sup>". A red arrow points downwards from the top left towards the first map.

Dynamic habitat maps

# *Seascape validation in south Florida*



*In prep:* Dynamic satellite seascapes as predictors of seasonal shifts of phytoplankton assemblages in south Florida waters.  
Enrique Montes, Anni Djurhuus, Christopher R. Kelble, Daniel Otis, Frank E. Muller-Karger, and Maria T. Kavanaugh



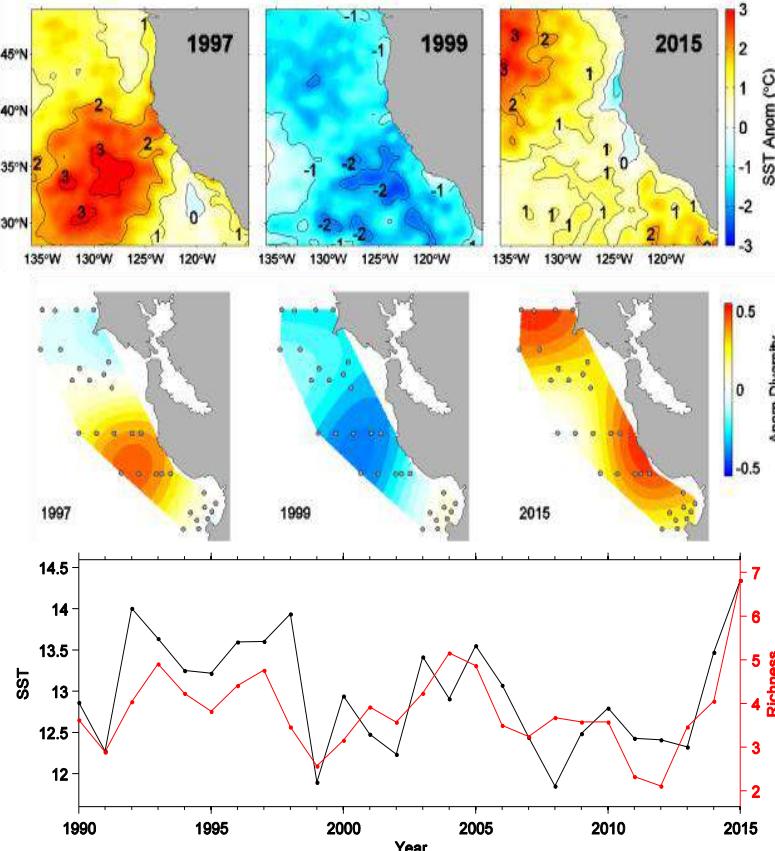
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# *Ocean climate and biodiversity of pelagic fish (forage species)*

J.A. Santora, E.L. Hazen, I.D. Schroeder, S.J. Bograd, K.A. Sakuma, J.C. Field (2017)  
*MEPS* Vol 580: 205-220, DOI: 10.10.3354/meps12278

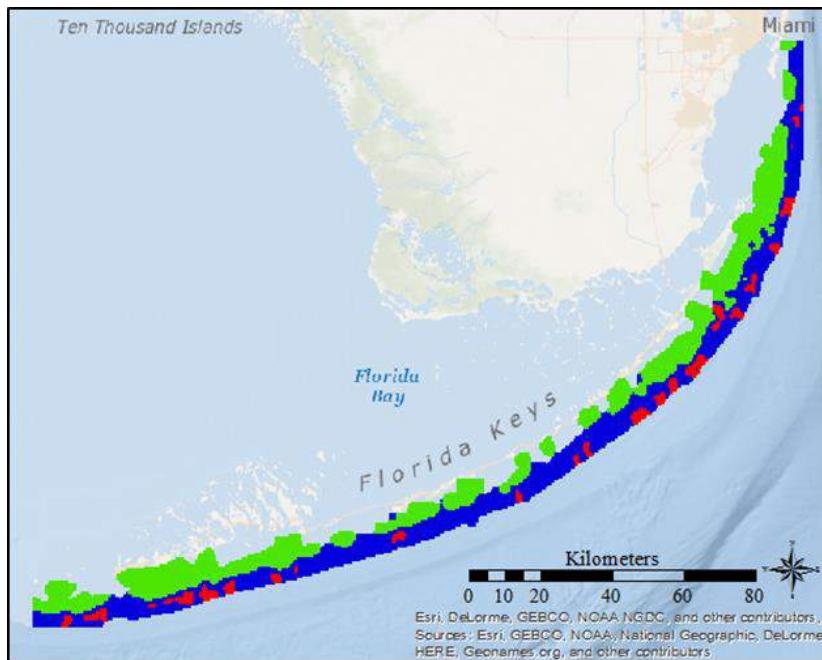


- 1995-97 and 2015 heat waves (ENSO) show high diversity.
- Affects fisheries and coastal water quality.

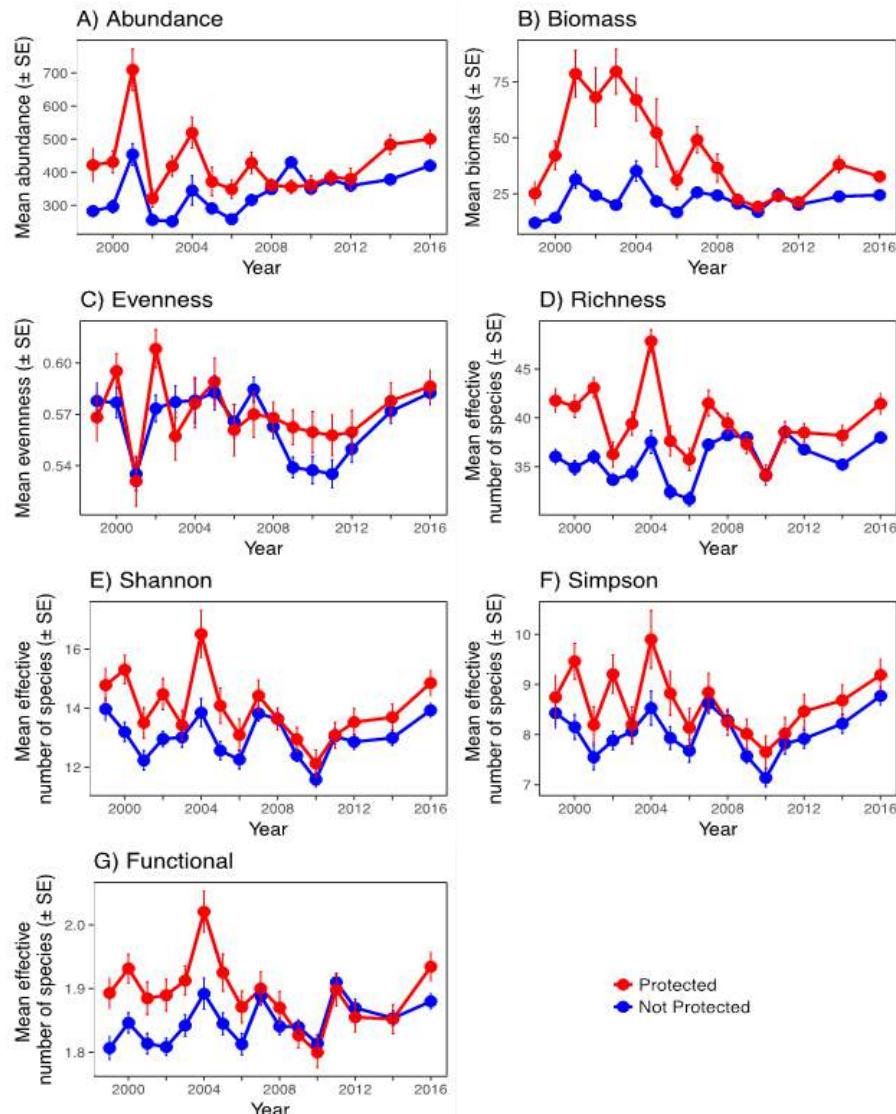


**NOAA FISHERIES**  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

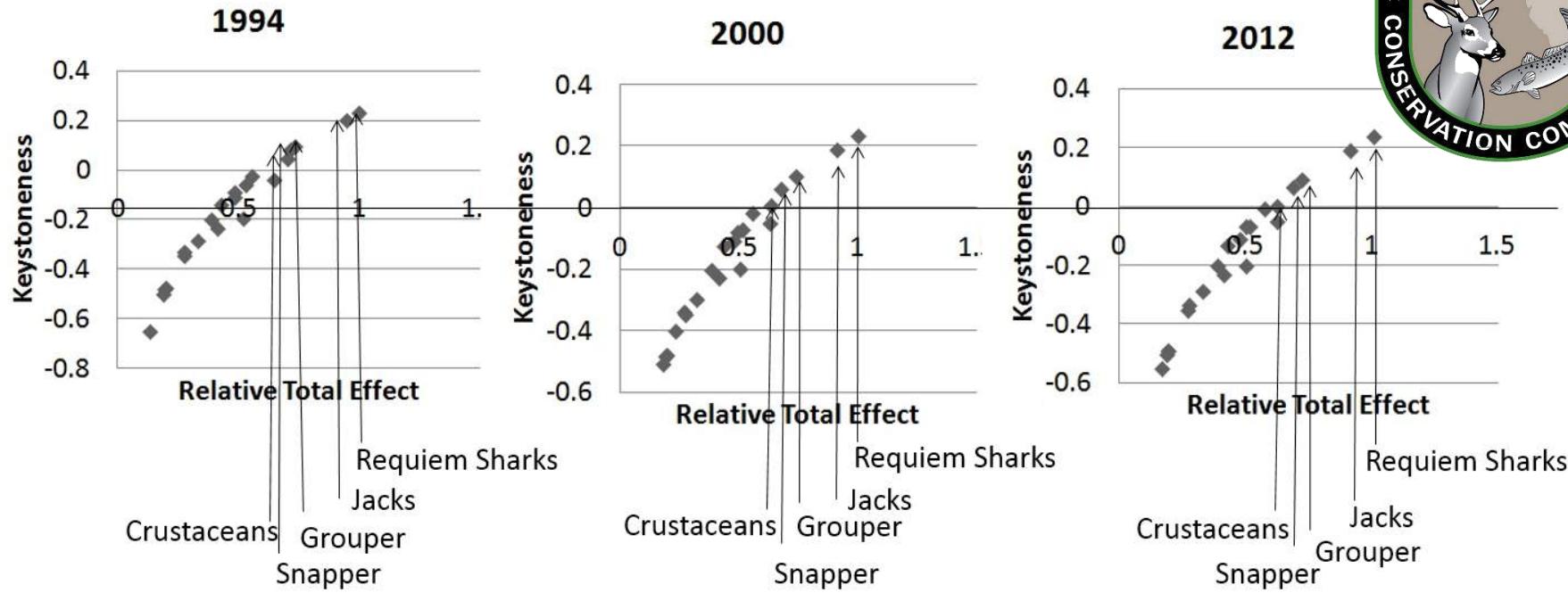
# Reef Fish Biodiversity by No-Take Marine Zones and Habitat Strata in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary: 1999 – 2016



**Recommendation:** Species biomass and diversity can be enhanced with network of no-take marine reserves



# Ecosystem Modeling Highlights: Planning for Conservation in the Florida Keys



Keystone species assessment over time:  
Requiem sharks are likely “keystone”:  
broad diet, low occurrence, no predators

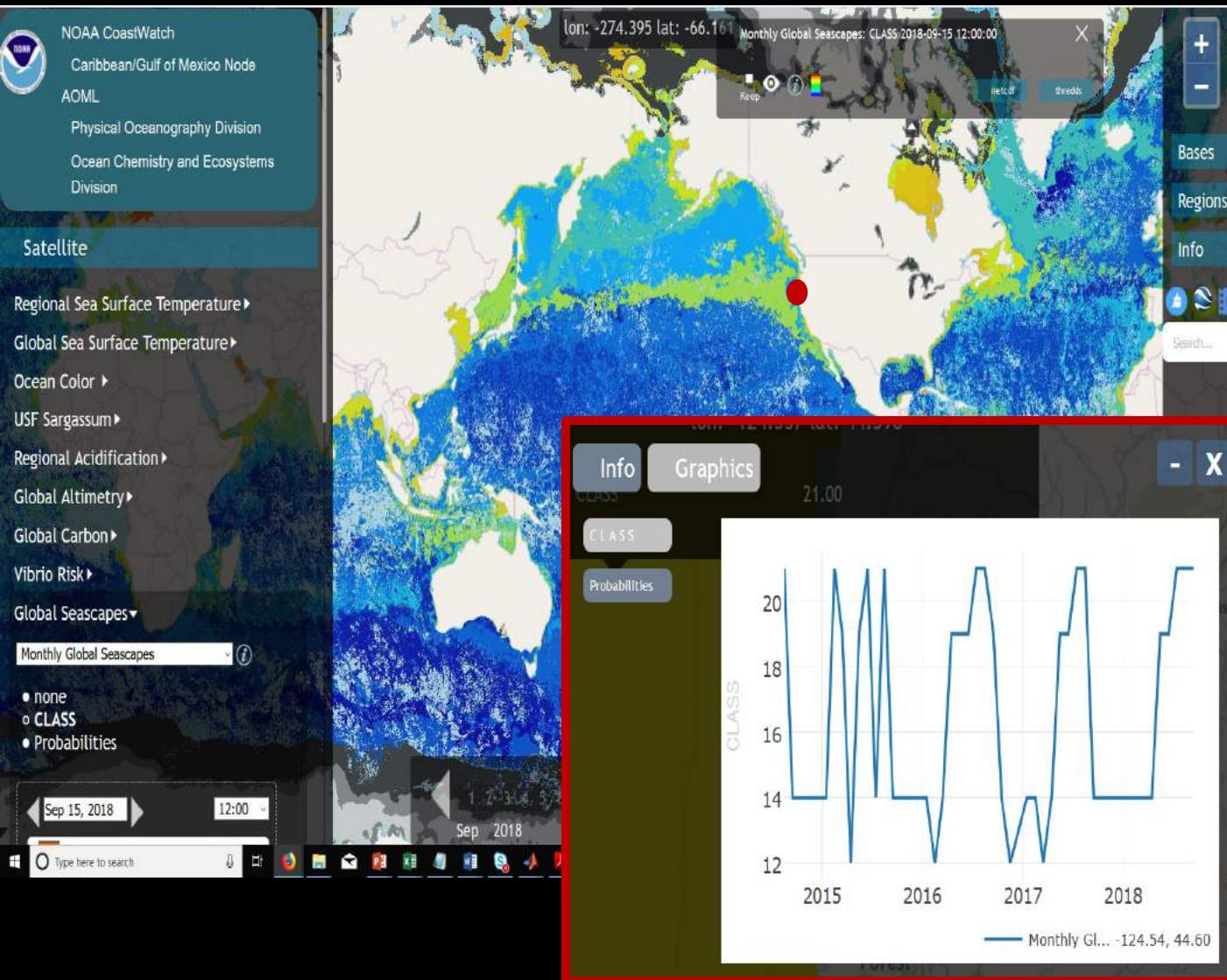
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  - Strong partnerships have led to operational MBON elements:
    - US IOOS and RA's are fully engaged in MBON pilot program
      - Established a framework for management of biological ocean observations
      - Training in DMAC framework to all IOOS RA's
      - Early warning tool development
      - Links to DoI USGS / US OBIS program
    - NOAA NESDIS: Global Seascapes now served via CoastWatch
    - Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (CA, FL Keys): indicators, infographics, data visualizations; MBON Portal development
    - National Marine Sanctuaries: Condition Reports
    - Worked with NOAA NMFS to develop eDNA strategy
  - Heavy input to US OSTP ocean policy vision

# NOAA CoastWatch: Operational Global Coverage

## *Seascape Identity: visualization and analysis*



## EBVs

### Ecosystem Structure Class

- Habitat Structure
- Habitat Extent
- Habitat Function  
(time dynamics of  
seascape identity)

Other Classes:  
Community  
Composition  
Ecosystem Structure



## *The NOPP Sanctuaries MBON Pilot: Primary Goals of Cooperative Agreement*



- Work with other US MBON demonstration projects to develop network concept
  - *Sanctuaries MBON*
  - *Santa Barbara Channel MBON*
  - *Arctic MBON*
  - *MarineGEO/Smithsonian*
  - *Animal Telemetry Network (ATN-IOOS)*



# Work with other US MBON

- Substantial In-Reach Effort & Activities
  - eDNA augmentation of SB MBON
  - Seascapes –M. Kavanaugh engaged actively with all MBON pilots and beyond
  - Data Management and Communications (many exchanges)
  - Papers:
    - eDNA
    - Remote Sensing of Biodiversity
    - EOV and EBV
- Discussed new joint research efforts



Water Quality

Wetland Disturbance

Ecosystem Services

Ice-water

## Observing and Understanding Aquatic Boundary Habitats

- Provided substantial input to NAS Decadal Survey process
- Published community consensus on H4 from LEO
  - (sensible/needed alternative to bio from GEO)
  - High: temporal, spatial, spectral, radiometric observations



Concept of a LEO H4 sensor

Deltas

Estuaries

Corals & sea grasses

# Science requirements for EBV with H4 remote sensing

EBV class	EBV	Habitat Type							
		Wetland Vegetation	Benthic Communities			Pelagic Organisms			
		Mangrove/ salt marsh	Seagrass	Macroalgae	Coral	Phytoplankton	HAB	Fish, Zoo- plankton	Apex predator
Genetic composition	Population genetic diversity								
Species populations	Distribution								
	Abundance								
	Size/vertical distribution								
Species traits	Pigments							NA	NA
	Phenology								
Community composition	Taxonomic diversity								
Ecosystem structure	Functional type								
	Fragmentation/heterogeneity								
Ecosystem function	Net primary production							NA	NA
	Net ecosystem production							NA	NA

ROUTINE USE  
FOR OPEN OCEAN



Today!

Legend
Unproven
Demonstrated limited cases
Routine use
Habitat model required

# Communications & Outreach

*CJ Reynolds, Jennifer Brown,  
Chris Simoniello, Mitch Roffer*

Engage users and support Products

- Quarterly Updates,
- Short videos,
- Pod casts,
- Sanctuaries MBON website,
- User oriented webinars and tutorials

The Sanctuaries MBON website features a header with "SANCTUARY MBON" and "Project Updates from the Florida Keys and Monterey Bay". Below the header, there's a section titled "February 2018" with a "DMAC Update" and a "MBON Update". The main content area displays various project updates, including a BBC NEWS article about MBON eDNA research. A sidebar on the left shows a "SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS" section.



Coming soon: Sanctuaries.marinebon.org

The homepage features a large image of a shrimp. The navigation bar includes "PROJECTS", "RESEARCH", "PRODUCTS", "INFORMATION", "ABOUT", and "SEARCH". The "NEWS" section highlights "MBON eDNA Discussed on BBC World Service". The "OUR PROJECTS" section shows a map of the US coastline with project locations. The "WHAT'S NEW" section includes a news item about "EDNA TEAMS DEVELOP STANDARDIZED PROCESSES, SAMPLING AND PREPARE FOR PROCESSING". The "MBON CALENDAR" section lists events like "JANUARY 2017 - 26 MAY 2017 MBON All Hands Meeting".

CENTER FOR  
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SOLUTIONS

eDNA Video



Story Map

Secrets in the Sea

Researchers are using environmental DNA to characterize marine algae communities.



# Other outreach

- Project Ocean Watch (Around the Americas)
- Local Science Fairs
- Local schools
- Smithsonian Institute, Ft. Pierce, FL
- Gulf of Mexico IOOS (GCOOS) E&O Committee
- Southeast US IOOS (SECOORA) Webinar
- Support and engagement from:
  - NASA
  - NOAA
  - US IOOS
  - BOEM
  - NSF
  - GEO / GEO BON / Blue Planet / GEO Wetlands
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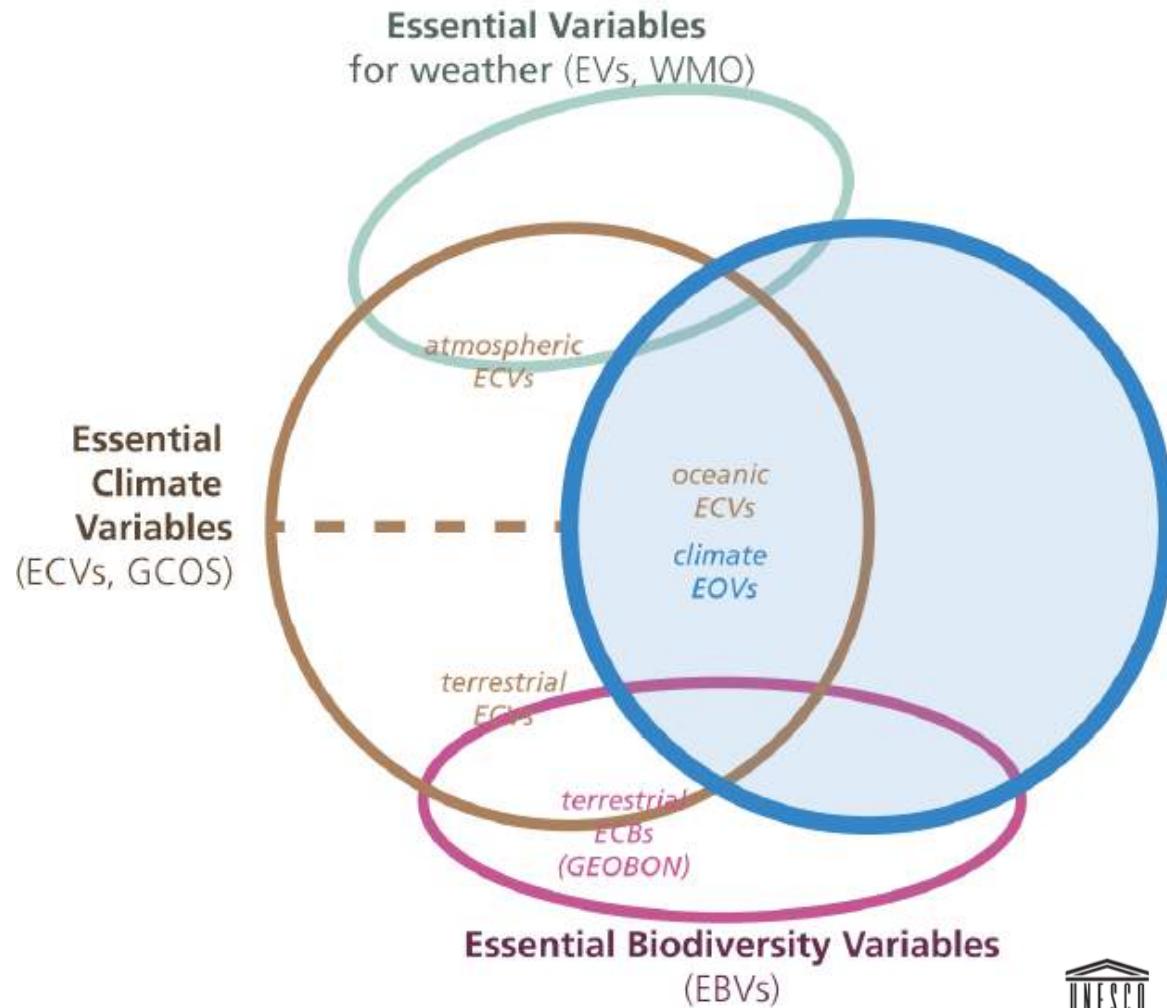
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Our Approach:

Networking networking networking

- Building a community of practice
- Standard and best practices
- Respecting/enhancing identity of observer groups and stakeholders



Concept: ‘global’ coverage of EBVs means integrated land and ocean information  
 (e.g. Radeloff + Oliver exploration of joint Dynamic Habitat Indices (DHI))



# MBON

## INTERNATIONAL LINKAGES

### OBSERVING LIFE IN THE OCEANS FOR SOCIETAL BENEFIT

(- INFORMATION FLOW -)



United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization



Intergovernmental  
Oceanographic  
Commission

#### Global Ocean Observing System



#### GOOS: ESSENTIAL OCEAN VARIABLES

Focus on EOVS driven by societal needs

- Global implementation -



#### GROUP ON EARTH OBSERVATIONS

#### Biodiversity Observation Network (BON)



Marine Biodiversity  
Observation Network

#### ESSENTIAL BIODIVERSITY VARIABLES

Focus on EBVs driven by science questions  
and other user needs (policy, societal)

- National and regional implementation -

#### MARINE OBSERVATION NETWORK

National — Regional — Global — Thematic

National Governments ● Non Government Organizations ● Agencies ● Institutions ● Citizen Science

#### Data integration and dissemination



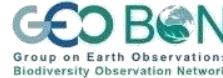
OCEAN BIOGEODEMIC  
INFORMATION SYSTEM



WCMC

+ other national, international data  
systems

- ✓ National Governments and Organizations
- ✓ International Organizations
- ✓ Non Government Organizations
- ✓ Research Institutions
- ✓ Citizen Scientists



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Smithsonian  
TMON - MarineGEO



SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT  
GOALS



WCMC



ipbes



future earth

research for global sustainability



Convention on  
Biological Diversity

# Smithsonian MarineGEO Partnership

## *Our infrastructure is people*



- **Vital signs:**  
*coastal seabed focus  
diversity time series*
- **Diagnostic tests:**  
*Coordinated exp'ts*
- **Capacity building**

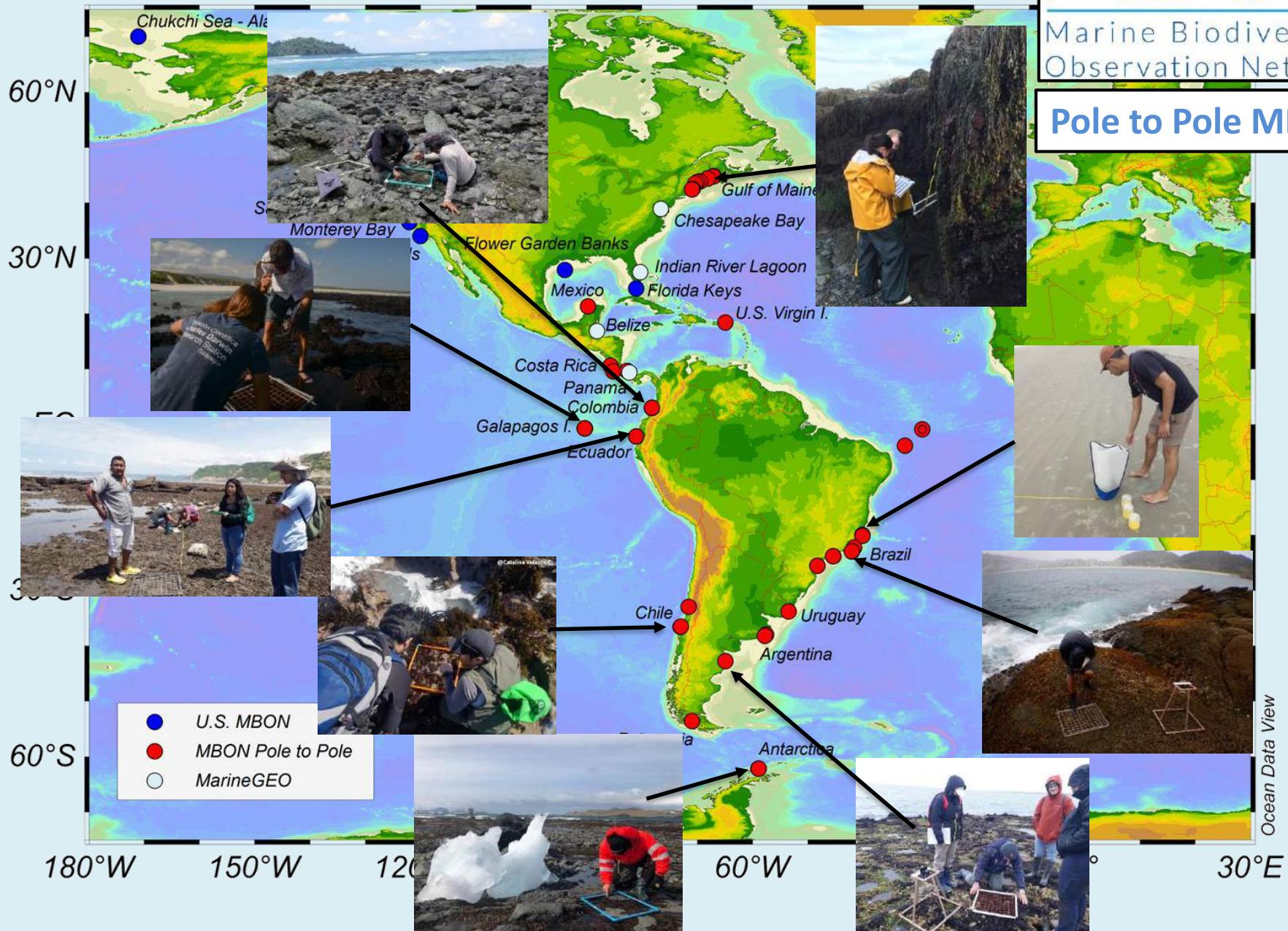


# Capacity Building – Field sampling

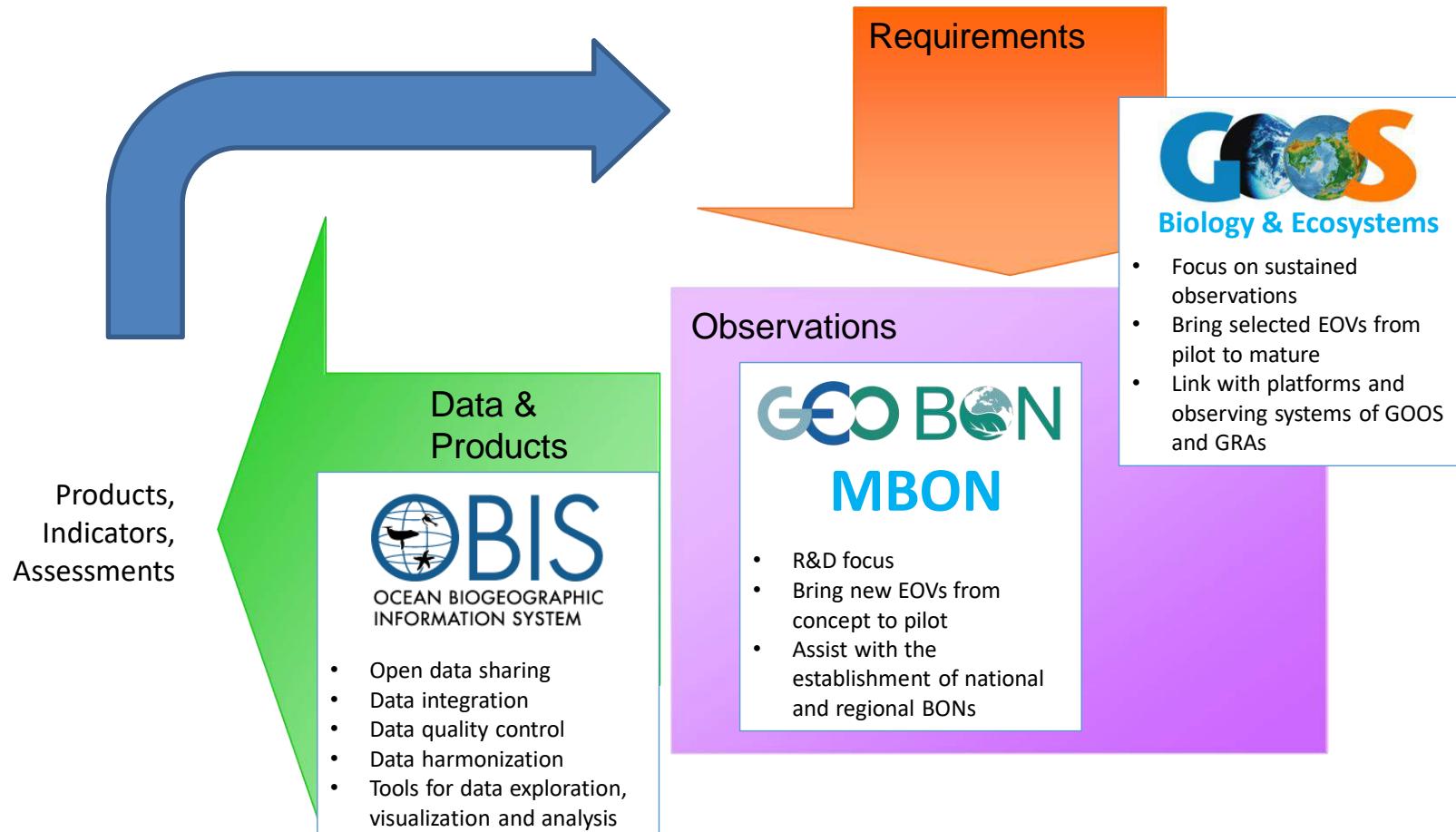


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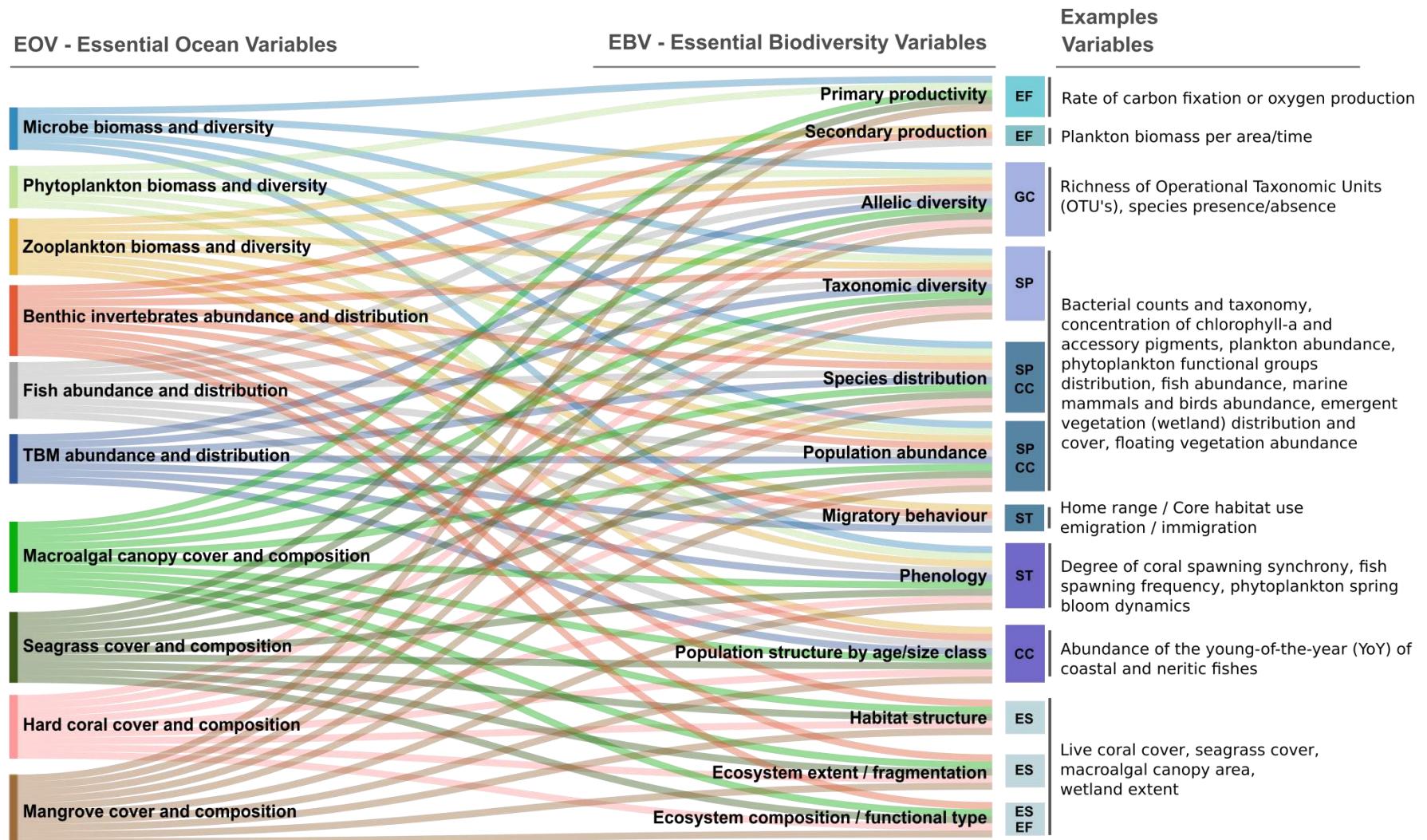
# Pole to Pole MBON



# A Global Collaboration: OBIS + GOOS (IOC) and MBON



# Complementarity between EOV and EBV



# OCEAN OBS'19



AN OCEAN OF OPPORTUNITY

September 16-20, 2019

Honolulu, Hawaii



## Substantial MBON involvement

In partnership with

NSF OceanObs RCN:

- *Intellectual sponsor*
- *Program Committee*
- Participation:
  - Speakers and panelists
  - Breakout sessions
- Post OO19 activities planned
  - AGU fall Meeting
  - Ocean Sci. Meeting

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



2030 AGENDA

# UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)

Biological Diversity/Aichi Biodiversity targets (CBD)

Law of the Sea (UNCLOS + BBNJ + UNFSA)

SIDS Action (SAMOA Pathway)

Disaster Risk Reduction SENDAI Framework

Climate Change/Paris Agreement (UNFCCC)

**A global framework that will ensure Ocean Science can help governments and societies achieve the major goals of our generation**



# Get in touch

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## The Science We Need for the Ocean We Want



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The United Nations  
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# International Outreach

- Monthly GEOBON MBON webinars/telecon
    - Videos, recorded webinars
    - <https://geobon.org/about/events/web-conferences/>
  - Constant communication with MBON co-chairs (M. Costello and I Sousa Pinto)
  - Collaborate with GEO staff, support GEOBON MBON workgroup -- targeted engagement in key countries, expand webinar outreach

# MBON

Marine Biodiversity Observation Network

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## U.S. MBON Portal

Fauna

California

Alaska

Multiple sources for Alaska, California and Florida have been added to the R2D2 portal. To look at the growing catalog, or use the portal – click here.

## Latest U.S. News

### [Save the Date: MBON All Hands Meeting](#)

The U.S. Marine Biodiversity Observatory

February 13-14, 2017, The National

Marine Fisheries Research Program

### [NOAA Selects MBON for Excellence](#)

February 27, 2017 – The National

Oceans and Atmosphere Program

## Global Collaborations

### GEO BON

Data on Earth Observation  
Network

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### OBIS

Ocean Biodiversity Information System

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### IOOS

Ocean Observing System

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# GEO BON

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## Marine BON

The vision of MBON is a community of practice that strengthens understanding of marine biodiversity and coordinates monitoring of associated species over time, throughout the ocean ecosystem, thereby facilitating conservation measures, sustainable fisheries and coastal management practices.

and encourage us to continue our efforts. In particular, the project director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS) has been instrumental in our success.

Any progress we make in advancing our mission depends on our ability to continue to work together and share information.

regional processes are, in turn, among the most rapid biological changes and therefore the most difficult to predict. This makes it all the more important that we continue to work together to ensure that our knowledge of current marine science can be used effectively to inform decision making for sustainable development.

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# Peer-reviewed Publications



39 publications

- Topics:
  - eDNA
  - Essential Ocean Variables and Essential Biodiversity Variables
  - Biodiversity changes over time and causes
  - Recommendations for coastal and ocean biodiversity observations from space (H4)
  - Mapping coastal wetlands
  - Harmful algae blooms
  - Capacity building and education strategies

# *Successes of the Sanctuaries MBON*

- MBON is now known nationally and internationally
- Established a framework for biological observations; IOOS adopted
- eDNA: collection and extraction methods tested and validated
- Satellite-based, dynamic seascape products automated pipeline co-developed with NOAA NESDIS CoastWatch
- Biodiversity field monitoring program fully implemented in both Sanctuaries
- Expanding links: NOAA *ocean acidification* program, NOAA *Omics*, State and Federal fisheries & environmental monitoring, Animal Telemetry Network, NSF LTER (Everglades), IOOS and other observation programs
- Connected to international policy bodies
- MBON continues to support GEO BON's WG and TF

# *Challenges of the Sanctuaries MBON*

## Challenges:

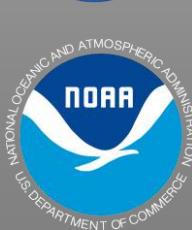
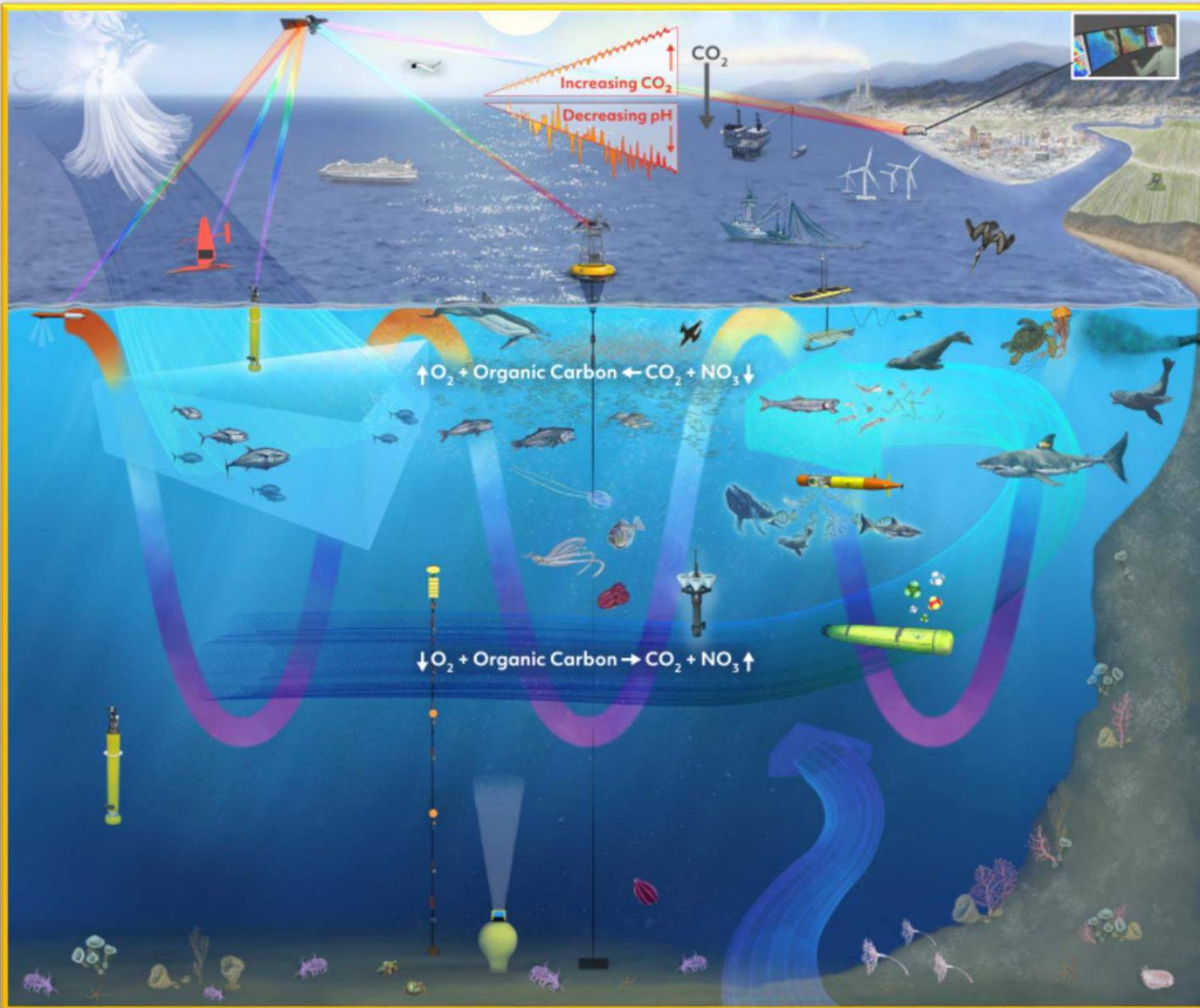
- Development and maintenance of data system / visualization tool:
  - The amount of work is staggering – many details
  - How to transition to a sustainable model?
- Curation and permanent archive of biological datasets from various sources:
  - Identifying and understanding datasets is an ongoing effort
  - How do these data transition into a permanent archive? How do we maintain access needed for operational & research utility?
  - How do we engage monitoring programs to enroll data?
- Operationalization of eDNA to monitor biodiversity
- Communications flow on news and outreach
- Integrating the MBON observations into Condition Reports
- Coordination of myriad moving parts with partners and X-MBON projects
- Building critical international partners and linkages for Pole-to-Pole
- Operational MBON
  - Developing path to sustainability

# Tracing a Path Forward: Key Recommendations

X-MON pilot efforts made tremendous progress

- Now: Continue focus on the development of a national + international MBON
- Program managers need to provide direction and vision, and
- Provide support for community organization efforts
- Provide support to improve the ‘translators’ to complement the OBIS / GBIF Integrated Publishing Toolkit (IPT), which uses Ecological Metadata Language (EML) as a standard to capture Darwin Core/Event Core data
- Work with agency hierarchy to provide budget lines for operation elements
- Integration of observing technologies: seascapes, remote sensing, in situ, eDNA, documentation of best practices
- Seascapes evolution:
  - Taxonomic and Functional groups, higher spatial resolution and global coverage, coastal land cover and nearshore benthic habitats, water quality
  - Global wetlands, including mangroves, seagrasses, macroalgae, corals
- Further operational biological data archaeology
- Promote biodiversity measurements, remote sensing and image processing
- Engage internationally : Integration with IOOS, GOOS, OTGA, OBIS/GBIF, ++

# Addressing the need for sustained observations of marine ecosystems



# Backup

# 15 GOOS Regional Alliances

