# Analysis of Reef Fish and Invertebrate Assemblage Structure on High and Low Human Impact Hawiian Coral Reefs

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#### README

This script analyzes data of Hawaiian coral reef metrics from 5 different sites on the big island of Hawaii. These data were compiled by Drs. Jason Smith & Jeremy Claisse and were the result of ongoing student-lead sampling efforts. James Sturges was a member of the 2019 class and 2022 sampling team.

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#### Packages ----
library(tidyverse)
library(readxl)
library(vegan)
#### Site Metadata ----
# 5 sites (3 high impact 2 low impact)
# All sites are located on the dry side of the Big Island
# Kahaluu is the only site with a high and low impact site adjacent to each other
dat_metasite <-read_excel("Coral_Reef_Data_2014_2018_2022_Final.xlsx", "Site Metadata")
##### Fish Metadata ----
# metadata includes 3 name types (Common, Latin, and Hawaiian)
# also includes diet categories (Herbivore, Ominvore, and Predator)
# Note that not all fish have a Hawaiian name so there are NAs
fish_meta <- read_excel("Coral_Reef_Data_2014_2018.xlsx", "Fish Metadata")</pre>
#### Fish Community Data ----
#Creates fish df in wide format from raw data
dat_fish <- read_excel("Coral_Reef_Data_2014_2018_2022_Final.xlsx", "Fish")</pre>
# Removes spp. Manybar Goatfish
# Was not analyzed prior to 2022 sampling year
# changes col name to just Group for student lead sampling groups
dat_fish <- dat_fish %>%
  select(-"Manybar Goatfish") %>%
  rename(student_group = Group)
# change fish df to long format
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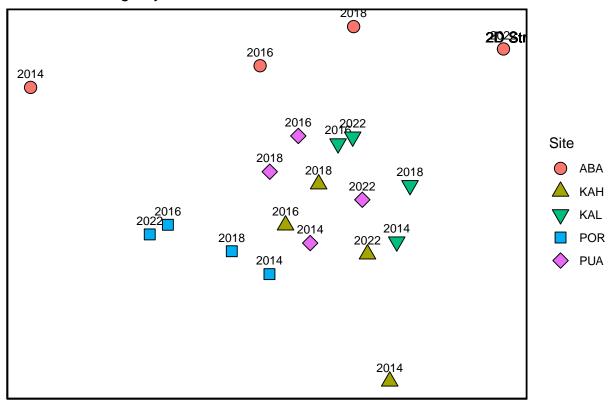
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dat_fish <- dat_fish %>%
  pivot_longer(cols = !Year:student_group, names_to = "com.name", values_to = "count")
# joins metadata for spp name and dietary startegy
dat_fish <- dat_fish %>%
 left_join(fish_meta)
#### Invertebrate Community Data ----
# creates a df for all invertebrates observed on swath transects
dat_inv <- read_excel("Coral_Reef_Data_2014_2018_2022_Final.xlsx", "Invertebrates")</pre>
# converted to long format
dat_inv <- dat_inv %>%
 pivot longer(cols = !Year:Group, names to = "Taxa", values to = "Abundance")
### Substrate and Coral Cover Data ----
# creates a dataframe for substrate percent cover estimates from visual surveys
# note that coral coverage values are reported as total sum of live and dead coral spp
# We estimated individual cover for live and dead coral by multiplying percent dead estimates with cora
dat_sub <- read_excel("Coral_Reef_Data_2014_2018_2022_Final.xlsx", "Substrate",</pre>
                      range = cell_cols("A:X"))
# We estimated percent cover of live and dead coral for each spp (3)
dat_sub <- dat_sub %>%
  mutate(Pocillopora_dead = round(Pocillopora_Live_Dead*Perc_Pocillopora_dead/100,1),
         Pocillopora_live = round(Pocillopora_Live_Dead*(100-Perc_Pocillopora_dead)/100,1),
         Porites dead = round(Porites Live Dead*Perc Porites dead/100,1),
         Porites_live = round(Porites_Live_Dead*(100-Perc_Porites_dead)/100,1),
         Pavona_dead = round(Pavona_Live_Dead*Perc_Pavona_dead/100,1),
         Pavona_live = round(Pavona_Live_Dead*(100-Perc_Pavona_dead)/100,1),
         )
# We want to look at how much of the coral reef was dead at the time of each transect
# create table of just percentages of existing coral cover that is dead
perc_dead <- dat_sub %>%
  select(Year, Site, Replicate, Group, Perc_Pocillopora_dead, Perc_Porites_dead, Perc_Pavona_dead)
# convert table to long format, remove characters so Taxa is Genus
perc_dead <- perc_dead %>%
  pivot_longer(cols = !Year:Group, names_to = "Taxa", values_to = "Perc_dead") %>%
  mutate(Taxa = str_remove(Taxa, "Perc_"),
         Taxa = str_remove(Taxa, "_dead"))
# remove dat_sub columns that are not a percent cover, & combined live & dead % covers
dat_sub <- dat_sub %>%
  select(!c(Perc_Pocillopora_dead, Perc_Porites_dead, Perc_Pavona_dead, Pocillopora_Live_Dead, Porites_
# to tidy (long) format
dat_sub <- dat_sub %>%
  pivot_longer(cols = !Year:Group, names_to = "Substrate", values_to = "Perc_Cover")
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#### Fish Assemblage Structure ----
# This code chunk creates the community dataframe in wide format with site and year as the unique ID.
# converts fish counts to density values based on the length of the transect
# Note that transects were 10 meters long but 2 meters wide
# We did not limit the vertical height of the transect
# thus we divided by 20 to estimate fish per m-squared
dat_fish <- dat_fish %>%
 mutate(density_m2 = count/20)
dat_fish_transect_avg <- dat_fish %>%
  group_by(Year, Site, com.name) %>%
  summarize(avg_density_m2 = mean(density_m2))
# creates wide format for multivariate analysis
wide_dat_fish_transect_avg <- dat_fish_transect_avg %>%
  pivot_wider(names_from = com.name, values_from = avg_density_m2)
# join with site meta data
wide_dat_fish_transect_avg <- wide_dat_fish_transect_avg %>%
 left_join(dat_metasite)
# create a unique ID column that combines site and year (each point on NMDS)
wide_dat_fish_transect_avg <- wide_dat_fish_transect_avg %>%
 mutate(site_year = paste(Site, Year))
# Replaces underscore with a space for label
names(wide_dat_fish_transect_avg) <- str_replace_all(names(wide_dat_fish_transect_avg), c(" " = "_"))</pre>
# Creates the community data frame
comm_dat_fish_transect_avg <- wide_dat_fish_transect_avg %>%
  column_to_rownames(var = "site_year") %>%
  select(Achilles_Tang:Zebra_Moray)
#### 1st NMDS object created ----
# Used for site and year specific patterns
# Would expect sites to be most similar to themselves across years
# point color will show the same site
# This is a good way to look at site and year specific trends without considering human impact
NMDS_comm_dat_fish_transect_avg <- metaMDS(comm_dat_fish_transect_avg,
                            trymax = 999,
                            distance = "bray",
                            autotransform = F)
scores(NMDS_comm_dat_fish_transect_avg)
tibble_comm_dat_fish_transect_avg <- as_tibble((NMDS_comm_dat_fish_transect_avg$points),
                                rownames = ("site year"))
wide_dat_fish_transect_avg <- wide_dat_fish_transect_avg %>%
left_join(tibble_comm_dat_fish_transect_avg)
# Using envfit we can see which species are influence the ordination of our plots
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fish\_spp\_fit <- envfit(NMDS\_comm\_dat\_fish\_transect\_avg, wide\_dat\_fish\_transect\_avg, permutations = 999)

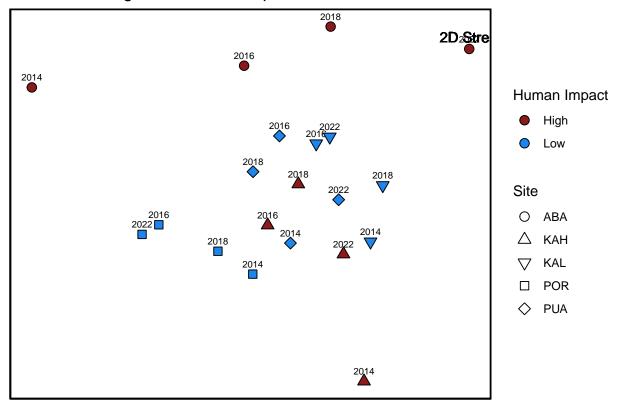
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site_scores <- wide_dat_fish_transect_avg %>%
  select(Year, Site, site_year, Human_Impact, MDS1, MDS2) %>%
  column to rownames(var = "site year")
#determine which spp are significantly influencing the ordination
spp_scores <- as.data.frame(scores(fish_spp_fit, display = "vectors"))</pre>
spp_scores <- cbind(spp_scores, Species = rownames(spp_scores))</pre>
spp scores <- cbind(spp scores, pval = fish spp fit$vectors$pvals)</pre>
sig_spp_scores <- subset(spp_scores, pval <= 0.01)</pre>
sig_spp_scores <- sig_spp_scores %>%
 filter(!Species %in% "MDS1") %>%
 filter(!Species %in% "MDS2") %>%
 filter(!Species %in% "Latitude") %>%
 filter(!Species %in% "Longitude") %>%
 filter(!Species %in% "Year")
# only 3 species were significant in our ordination
# There is no evidence that year, site, or level of human impact altered fish assemblage structure
# could be the result of sampling bias from student lead fish counts
# Plot 1 of 1st NMDS object
# Fish assemblage structure with site as a color metric
# easily view temporal trends for the same site
plot_wide_dat_fish_transect_avg_site <- ggplot(site_scores,</pre>
                                               aes(MDS1, MDS2,
                                                   fill = Site)) +
  geom_text((aes(label = Year)), vjust = -1.1, hjust = .5, size = 3) +
  geom point(aes(shape = Site), size = 4) +
  ggtitle("Fish Assemblage by Site") +
  theme classic() +
  theme(panel.background = element_rect(fill = NA, colour = "black", size = 1, linetype = "solid")) +
  geom_text(x = 1.1, y = 0.7, label = c(paste("2D Stress:" ,round(NMDS_comm_dat_fish_transect_avg$stres
  scale shape manual(values = c(21, 24, 25, 22, 23)) +
  theme(axis.title.x = element_blank(),
       axis.title.y = element blank(),
       axis.ticks = element_blank(),
       axis.text = element_blank())
## Warning: The 'size' argument of 'element_rect()' is deprecated as of ggplot2 3.4.0.
## i Please use the 'linewidth' argument instead.
## This warning is displayed once every 8 hours.
## Call 'lifecycle::last_lifecycle_warnings()' to see where this warning was
## generated.
plot_wide_dat_fish_transect_avg_site
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# Fish Assemblage by Site



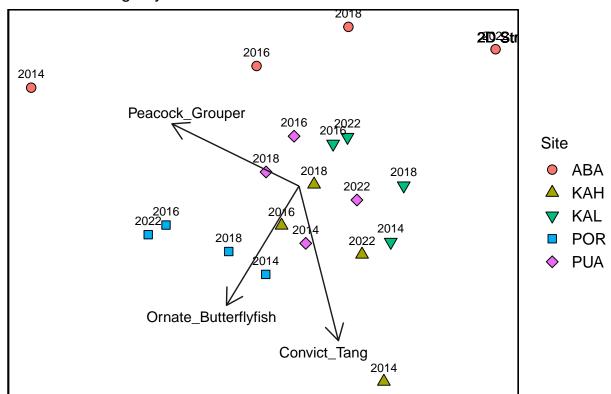
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#### Figure 1 caption ----
#NMDS ordination of fish assemblage structure on five different Hawaiian reefs (color). Sampling at eac
#### Plot 2 of 1st NMDS object ----
plot_wide_dat_fish_transect_avg_impact <- ggplot(site_scores,</pre>
                                                aes (MDS1, MDS2,
                                                    shape = Site)) +
  geom_text((aes(label = Year)), vjust = -1.0, hjust = 0.5, size = 2.5) +
  geom_point(aes(fill = Human_Impact, shape = Site), size = 3) +
  scale_fill_manual(values = c('High' = "firebrick4", 'Low' = "dodgerblue2")) +
  scale\_shape\_manual(values = c(21, 24, 25, 22, 23)) +
  ggtitle("Fish Assemblage with Human Impact") +
  theme_classic() +
   theme(panel.background = element_rect(fill = NA, colour = "black", size = 1, linetype = "solid")) +
  geom_text(x = 1.05, y = 0.7, label = c(paste("2D Stress:" ,round(NMDS_comm_dat_fish_transect_avg$str
  theme(panel.background = element_rect(fill = NA, colour = "black", size = 1, linetype = "solid")) +
  guides(fill= guide_legend("Human Impact", override.aes = list(shape = 21))) +
  theme(axis.title.x = element_blank(),
        axis.title.y = element_blank(),
        axis.ticks = element_blank(),
        axis.text = element_blank())
plot_wide_dat_fish_transect_avg_impact
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## Fish Assemblage with Human Impact



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#### Figure 2 caption ----
#NMDS ordination of the same fish assemblages estimates used in Fig 1. This ordination has the points c
plot_NMDS_comm_fish_wide_transect_avg <- ggplot(site_scores, aes(x = MDS1, y = MDS2)) +</pre>
  geom_point(aes(fill = Site, shape = Site), size = 3) +
  # scale_fill_manual(values = c('High' = "firebrick4", 'Low' ="dodgerblue2")) +
  scale\_shape\_manual(values = c(21, 24, 25, 22, 23)) +
  ggtitle("Fish Assemblage by Site") +
  geom_text((aes(label = Year)), vjust = -1.1, hjust = .5, size = 3) +
  geom text(x = 1.1, y = 0.7, label = c(paste("2D Stress:", round(NMDS comm dat fish transect avg$stres
  labs(shape = "Site") +
  theme_classic()+
  # guides(fill= guide_legend("Human Impact", override.aes = list(shape = 21))) +
  theme(panel.background = element_rect(fill = NA, colour = "black", size = 1, linetype = "solid"),
        axis.title.x = element_blank(),
        axis.title.y = element_blank(),
        axis.ticks = element_blank(),
        axis.text = element_blank(),
        legend.position = "right",
        legend.text = element_text(size = 12),
        legend.title = element_text(size = 12))
#plot_NMDS_comm_fish_wide_transect_avg
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### Fish Assemblage by Site



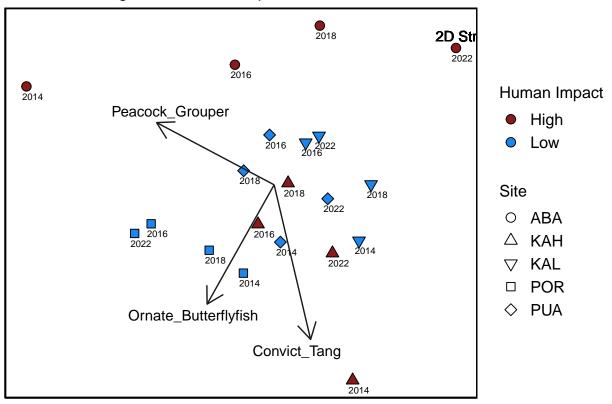
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#### Figure 3 caption ----
#NMDS ordination of fish assemblage structure on five different Hawaiian reefs (color). Sampling at each
plot_NMDS_comm_fish_wide_transect_avg_impact <- ggplot(site_scores, aes(x = MDS1, y = MDS2)) +
    geom_point(aes(fill = Human_Impact, shape = Site), size = 3) +
    scale_fill_manual(values = c('High' = "firebrick4", 'Low' = "dodgerblue2")) +
    scale_shape_manual(values = c(21, 24, 25, 22, 23)) +
    geom_text((aes(label = Year)), vjust = 2, hjust = .2, size = 2.5) +
    geom_text(x = 1.1, y = 0.7, label = c(paste("2D Stress:" ,round(NMDS_comm_dat_fish_transect_avg$stres labs(colour = "Human Impact", shape = "Site") +
    theme_classic()+
    guides(fill= guide_legend("Human Impact", override.aes = list(shape = 21))) +
    theme(panel.background = element_rect(fill = NA, colour = "black", size = 1, linetype = "solid"),
    axis.title.x = element_blank(),</pre>
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axis.title.y = element_blank(),
    axis.ticks = element_blank(),
    axis.text = element_blank(),
    legend.position = "right",
    legend.text = element_text(size = 12),
    legend.title = element_text(size = 12))

#plot_NMDS_comm_fish_wide_transect_avg_impact

plot_fish_spp_vectors_impacts <- plot_NMDS_comm_fish_wide_transect_avg_impact +</pre>
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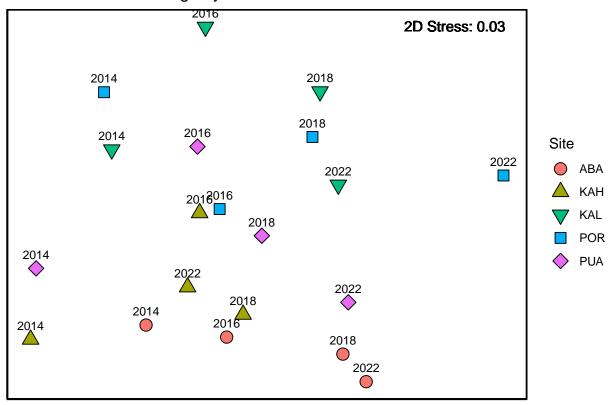
### Fish Assemblage with Human Impact



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#### Figure 4 caption ----
##NMDS ordination of fish assemblage structure on five different Hawaiian reefs (shape). Sampling at ea
#### Invert Community Structure ----
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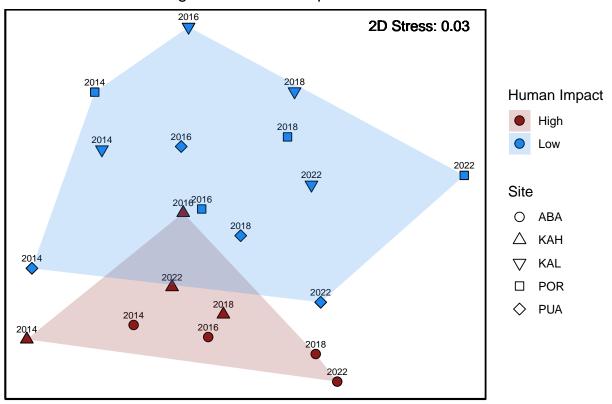
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dat_inv <- dat_inv %>%
  mutate(density_m2 = Abundance/20)
dat inv transect avg <- dat inv %>%
  group_by(Year, Site, Taxa) %>%
  summarize(avg density m2 = mean(density m2))
wide_dat_inv_transect_avg <- dat_inv_transect_avg %>%
  pivot_wider(names_from = Taxa, values_from = avg_density_m2)
wide_dat_inv_transect_avg <- wide_dat_inv_transect_avg %>%
  left_join(dat_metasite)
wide_dat_inv_transect_avg <- wide_dat_inv_transect_avg %>%
  mutate(site_year = paste(Site, Year))
names(wide_dat_inv_transect_avg) <- str_replace_all(names(wide_dat_inv_transect_avg), c(" " = "_"))</pre>
comm_dat_inv_transect_avg <- wide_dat_inv_transect_avg %>%
  column to rownames(var = "site year") %>%
  select(Banded_urchin:Top_Snail)
NMDS_comm_dat_inv_transect_avg <- metaMDS(comm_dat_inv_transect_avg,</pre>
                                            trymax = 200,
                                            distance = "bray",
                                            autotransform = F)
tibble_comm_dat_inv_transect_avg <- as_tibble((NMDS_comm_dat_inv_transect_avg$points),
                                                rownames = ("site_year"))
wide_dat_inv_transect_avg <- wide_dat_inv_transect_avg %>%
 left join(tibble comm dat inv transect avg)
inv_spp_fit <- envfit(NMDS_comm_dat_inv_transect_avg, wide_dat_inv_transect_avg, permutations = 999)</pre>
site scores inv <- wide dat inv transect avg %>%
  select(Year, Site, site_year, Human_Impact, MDS1, MDS2) %>%
  column to rownames(var = "site year")
spp_scores_inv <- as.data.frame(scores(inv_spp_fit, display = "vectors"))</pre>
spp scores inv <- cbind(spp scores inv, Species = rownames(spp scores inv))</pre>
spp_scores_inv <- cbind(spp_scores_inv, pval = inv_spp_fit$vectors$pvals)</pre>
sig_spp_scores_inv <- subset(spp_scores_inv, pval <= 0.05)</pre>
sig_spp_scores_inv <- sig_spp_scores_inv %>%
 filter(!Species %in% "MDS1") %>%
 filter(!Species %in% "MDS2") %>%
 filter(!Species %in% "Year") %>%
 filter(!Species %in% "Latitude") %>%
 filter(!Species %in% "Longitude")
hulls_inv <- site_scores_inv %>%
  group_by(Human_Impact) %>%
 slice(chull(MDS1, MDS2))
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#### Invertebrate Assemblage by Site



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geom_point(aes(fill = Human_Impact, shape = Site), size = 3) +
  scale_fill_manual(values = c('High' = "firebrick4", 'Low' = "dodgerblue2")) +
  scale_shape_manual(values = c(21, 24, 25, 22, 23)) +
  ggtitle("Invertebrate Assemblage with Human Impact") +
  theme_classic() +
   theme(panel.background = element_rect(fill = NA, colour = "black", size = 1, linetype = "solid")) +
  geom_text(x = 1.1, y = 0.35, label = c(paste("2D Stress:" ,round(NMDS_comm_dat_inv_transect_avg$stre
  theme(panel.background = element_rect(fill = NA, colour = "black", size = 1, linetype = "solid")) +
    geom_polygon(data = hulls_inv,
               aes(x = MDS1, y = MDS2,
                   fill = as_factor(Human_Impact),
                   group = as_factor(Human_Impact)), alpha = 0.2) +
  guides(fill= guide_legend("Human Impact", override.aes = list(shape = 21))) +
  theme(axis.title.x = element_blank(),
       axis.title.y = element_blank(),
       axis.ticks = element_blank(),
       axis.text = element_blank())
plot_wide_dat_inv_transect_avg_impact
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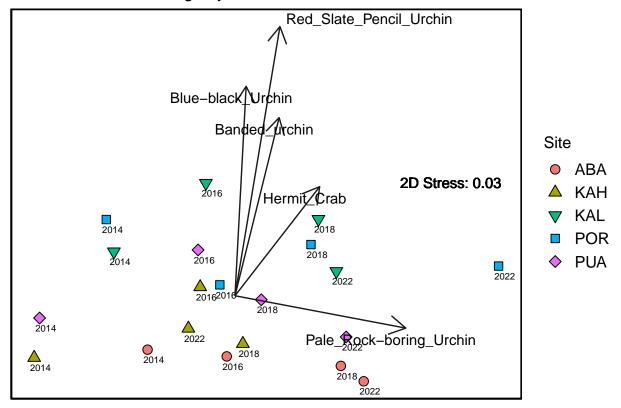
## Invertebrate Assemblage with Human Impact



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#### Figure 6 caption ----
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plot_NMDS_comm_inv_wide_transect_avg <- ggplot(site_scores_inv, aes(x = MDS1, y = MDS2)) +
  geom_point(aes(fill = Site, shape = Site), size = 3) +
  # scale_fill_manual(values = c('High' = "firebrick4", 'Low' ="dodgerblue2")) +
  scale\_shape\_manual(values = c(21, 24, 25, 22, 23)) +
  ggtitle("Invertebrate Assemblage by Site") +
  geom_text((aes(label = Year)), vjust = 2, hjust = .2, size = 2.5) +
  geom_text(x = 1.1, y = 0.35, label = c(paste("2D Stress:" ,round(NMDS_comm_dat_inv_transect_avg$stres
  labs(shape = "Site") +
  theme_classic()+
  # guides(fill= guide_legend("Human Impact", override.aes = list(shape = 21))) +
  theme(panel.background = element_rect(fill = NA, colour = "black", size = 1, linetype = "solid"),
        axis.title.x = element_blank(),
        axis.title.y = element_blank(),
        axis.ticks = element_blank(),
        axis.text = element_blank(),
        legend.position = "right",
        legend.text = element_text(size = 12),
        legend.title = element_text(size = 12))
#plot_NMDS_comm_inv_wide_transect_avg
plot_inv_spp_vectors <- plot_NMDS_comm_inv_wide_transect_avg +</pre>
  geom_segment(data = sig_spp_scores_inv, aes(x = 0, xend = NMDS1, y = 0, yend = NMDS2),
               arrow = arrow(length = unit(.5, "cm")),
               colour = "grey10", lwd = 0.5) +
  ggrepel::geom_text_repel(data = sig_spp_scores_inv,
                           aes(x = NMDS1, y = NMDS2, label = Species), direction = "both", segment.size
plot_inv_spp_vectors
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### Invertebrate Assemblage by Site



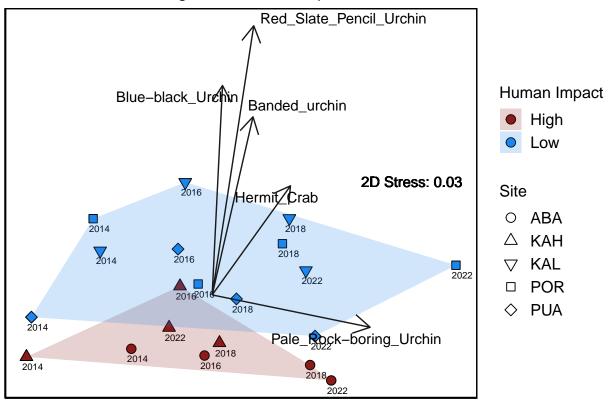
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#### Figure 7 caption ----
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plot_NMDS_comm_inv_wide_transect_avg <- ggplot(site_scores_inv, aes(x = MDS1, y = MDS2)) +</pre>
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plot_NMDS_comm_inv_wide_transect_avg <- ggplot(site_scores_inv, aes(x = MDS1, y = MDS2)) +
  geom_point(aes(fill = Human_Impact, shape = Site), size = 3) +
  scale_fill_manual(values = c('High' = "firebrick4", 'Low' = "dodgerblue2")) +
  scale\_shape\_manual(values = c(21, 24, 25, 22, 23)) +
  ggtitle("Invertebrate Assemblage with Human Impact") +
  geom_text((aes(label = Year)), vjust = 2, hjust = .2, size = 2.5) +
  geom_text(x = 1.1, y = 0.35, label = c(paste("2D Stress:" ,round(NMDS_comm_dat_inv_transect_avg$stres
  labs(colour = "Human Impact", shape = "Site") +
  theme_classic()+
    geom_polygon(data = hulls_inv,
               aes(x = MDS1, y = MDS2,
                   fill = as_factor(Human_Impact),
                   group = as_factor(Human_Impact)), alpha = 0.2) +
  guides(fill= guide_legend("Human Impact", override.aes = list(shape = 21))) +
  theme(panel.background = element_rect(fill = NA, colour = "black", size = 1, linetype = "solid"),
        axis.title.x = element_blank(),
        axis.title.y = element_blank(),
        axis.ticks = element_blank(),
        axis.text = element_blank(),
        legend.position = "right",
        legend.text = element text(size = 12),
        legend.title = element_text(size = 12))
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#### #plot\_NMDS\_comm\_inv\_wide\_transect\_avg

## Invertebrate Assemblage with Human Impact



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#### Figure 8 caption ----
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