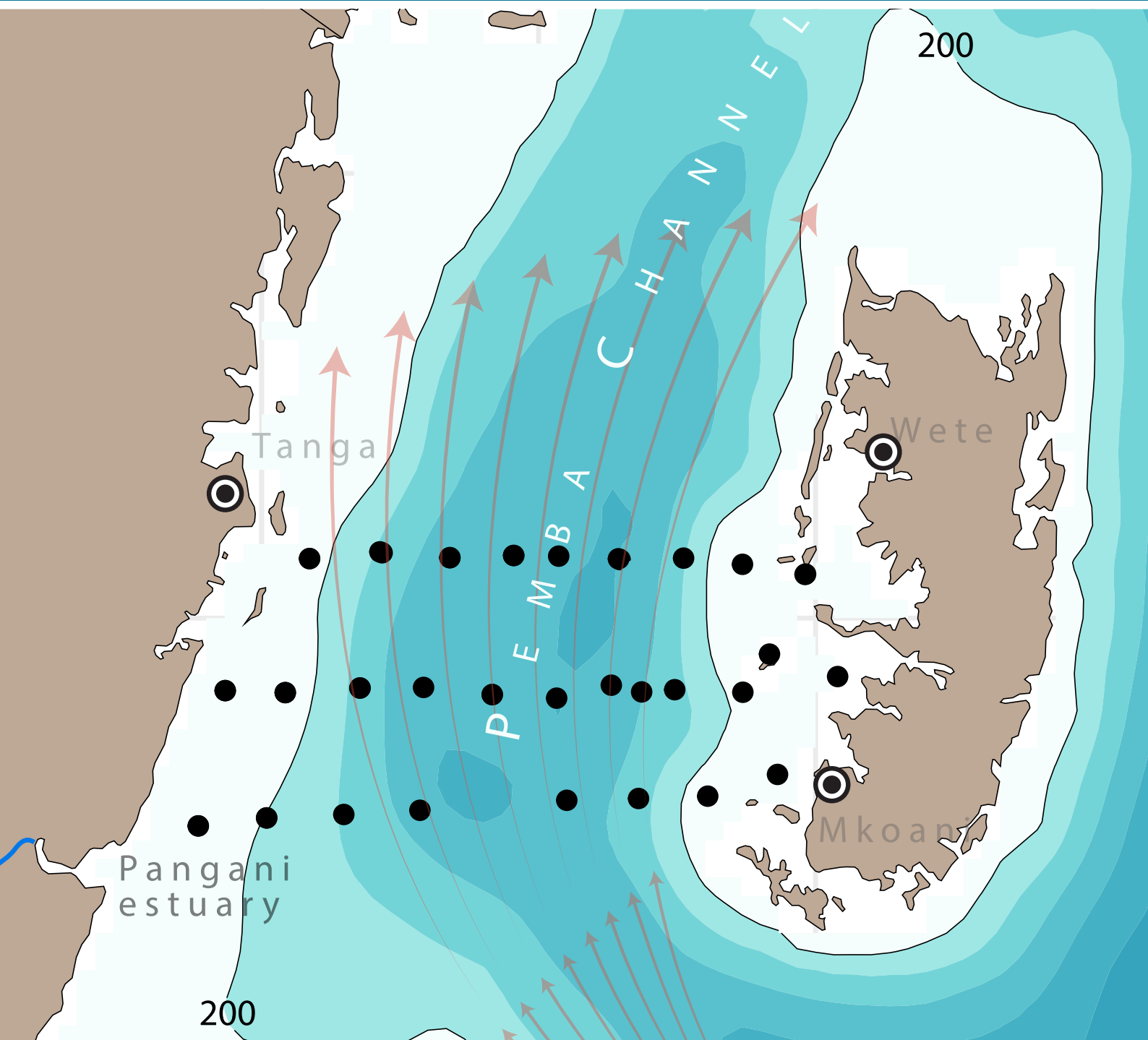


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Executive Summary

The need for use of oceanographic data to manage the marine resources is very clear. However, in the case of Tanzania the source of such data has always been a big challenge. As a contribution to solving this problem, the Institute of Marine Sciences, Tanzania secured funding under SAPPHIRE Project to conduct oceanographic surveys in the Pemba channel and compile existing data from the Republic of South African Cruises, mainly Agulhas II (2017 and 2018) that were made in the Tanzanian waters and set up the initial data base and make it readily accessible.

Through exploration of the oceanographic parameters, IMS was also expected to establish the oceanographic parameters influencing the timing and location of the spawning of tuna and tuna-like species in the Tanzania Northern waters forming a demonstration project under SAPPHIRE. At the end of the two activities, two followup activities were carried out which was to conduct a workshop to share information with fishermen on the oceanographic conditions of the Pemba Channel and publication of the findings through policy briefs and peer review publications.

As a major recommendation on oceanographic data in Tanzania, scientists carrying out oceanographic work in the Tanzanian waters should be encouraged to supply their data to a database such as the National Oceanographic Data Centre housed at the Institute of Marine Sciences of the University of Dar es Salaam. From the data that were collected from the previous cruises and the field campaigns, it can be said that the temperature, dissolved oxygen, and nutrients levels in the study area are supportive for tuna fishery.

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Abbreviations

| Abbreviation | Description |
|--------------|---|
| DSFA | Deep Sea Fishing Authority |
| UDSM | University of Dar es Salaam |
| WIO | Western Indian Ocean Region |
| EEZ | Exclusive Economic Zone |
| IMS | Institute of Marine Sciences |
| TAFIRI | Tanzania Fisheries Research Institute |
| SST | Sea Surface Temperature |
| DWFN | Distant Water Fishing Nations |
| LME | Large Marine Ecosystems |
| CTD | Conductivity-Temperature-Depth |
| ADCP | Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler |
| GPS | Geographical Position System |
| SAPPHIRE | Strategic Action Programme Policy Harmonisation and Institutional Reforms |
| GEF | Global Environmental Facility |
| UNEP | United Nations Environmental Program |

Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Background

The United Republic of Tanzania (URT) is a coastal state in the Western Indian Ocean (WIO) region, situated in the eastern part of Africa , located between latitude 1.0°S—11°S and longitude 29.3°E—40.15°E. The country has a total surface area of 945,040 km², of which 881,000 km² are in Mainland and 2,650 km² are in Zanzibar ([UNEP, 2001](#)). The country has a coastline of about 1,450 km long stretching from the northern border with Kenya to the southern border with Mozambique ([Masalu, 2008](#)). Tanzania's marine area includes the extensive internal waters of the Pemba , Zanzibar and Mafia channels; a Territorial Sea of 64,000 km² and an Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of about 223,000 km².

The continental shelf region of Tanzania is characterized by an intensely dynamic pelagic ecosystem. Water column properties are continuously changing due to in-situ biological, chemical and physically mediated processes, regional cycles in solar radiation, prevailing winds, and global-scale effects on ocean circulation. The marine ecosystem in the continental shelf provides a wide range of habitats making for a significant fisheries resources. The fishery sector in Tanzania can broadly be divided into three groups—namely: small-scale artisanal, semi-industrial and industrial fisheries ([Jiddawi and Öhman, 2002](#)).

Currently, the coastal fisheries in Tanzania is dominated by artisanal fisheries. The fisheries are concentrated in nearshore waters, and it is being conducted using small vessels and simple fishing gears. In these waters, the most productive fishing grounds are found proximal to the coral reefs, seagrass and mangrove habitats. These areas are in turn experiencing heavy fishing pressure (ASCLME, 2012), which is considered to contribute to the over-exploitation of some of the fish species and degradation of the fish supporting habitats (coral reefs, seagrasses and mangroves) by human activities ([Khatib et al., 2018](#)).

The second group of the fishery in Tanzania is the semi-industrial, which is dominated with small-scale fishers and is commercially oriented using a reasonable amount of capital but without traditional involvement ([URT, 2003](#)). This fishery is mainly involved in prawn fishing using prawn trawlers. Industrial fishing is the third category of fisheries and is taking place in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). Industrial EEZ fisheries are exploited mostly by Distant Water Fishing Nations (DWFN) vessels. The EEZ fisheries are regulated by the Deep Sea Fishing Authority (DSFA) established in 2010 under the Deep-Sea Fishing Authority Act (DSFA) Act (1998) and its amendments of 2007, recently superseded by the Deep-Sea Fisheries Management & Development Act, 2020.

Fisheries sector has a lot of economic and social significance in the country. Fishing has historically been a profitable activity, and over the years, has attracted more people. The fisheries sector is among the most important socio-economic resource base in the country (ASCLIME, 2012). Fish serves as a major source of animal protein and contributes 30% of total animal protein intake and serves as essential fats and micro-nutrients (FAO,2007). Fisheries also contribute to foreign exchange earnings and government revenue . The fishing industry accounts for about 10% of total exports and 1.71% of the gross domestic product (GDP) for Mainland and 4.8% for Zanzibar (URT, 2018).

Tanzania EEZ lies within the richest tuna belt of the South-West Indian ocean ([Semba et al., Under review](#)). Its fishery is mostly done by DWFN which are dominated by EU fleets from French and Spanish and Asian longline fleets (mainly from Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan, and China). Their main gear used are longlines and purse-seines, respectively. The artisanal fishers play an important role in the fishing industry. The contribution of artisanal fishers is estimated to be

more than 80% of catches and that, artisanal fishers fishing tuna with tuna fleets consisting of small fishing units.

Despite of having more than two decades of oceanographic research on coast and marine waters of Tanzania and notable progress in understanding regional dynamics ([Groeneveld and Koranteng, 2017](#)), broad-scale distributional features are still poorly known. This reflect the dedicated survey program for the systematic collection and dissemination of regional hydrographic data such as the second International Indian Ocean Expedition (IIOE-2) of 2017 and 2018, the RV METEOR cruise in the continental margin East Africa in 2008, the RV Algoa cruise in the coastal water of Tanzania in 2004 and the RV Dr.Fridtj of Nansen in the Western Indian Ocean. The published information which does exist is limited ([Groeneveld and Koranteng, 2017](#)).

1.2 Objectives

This aimed to deliver best practices in coastal resource management along the northern coast of Tanzania. The main objective of this study was to contributes to achieving effective long-term ecosystem management in the Western Indian Ocean Large Marine Ecosystems (LMEs). This core objective was achieved through four specific objectives:

- i. Analyse and synthesize oceanographic data from previous cruises (Agulhas II cruise data).
- ii. Undertake four field campaigns each during the NE and SE monsoon periods on the critical habitats of the seascape between Tanzania Mainland and the Zanzibar islands.
- iii. peer reviewed scientific publications on mainstreaming of oceanographic data in management
- iv. Policy brief on mainstreaming of oceanographic data.

The findings of this research were intended to be shared to community to support in policy harmonization and management reforms towards improved ocean governance. The findings also contributes to evidenced based decision-making processes for sustainable resources management.

Chapter 2

Methods

2.1 Geographical Extent

The focus of this study was the northern Tanzanian coastal waters, largely encompassing the Pemba and Zanzibar Channels (Figure 2.1). The Pemba Channel is characterized by a narrow continental shelf (< 6 km) that is flanked by deeper sea bottom topography, which attain a maximum depth of 800m (Semba et al., 2019). The Zanzibar channel, by contrast, is characterized by a shallow channel less than 30 m deep, located between Tanzania Mainland and Unguja Island (Shaghude and Wannäs, 1998).

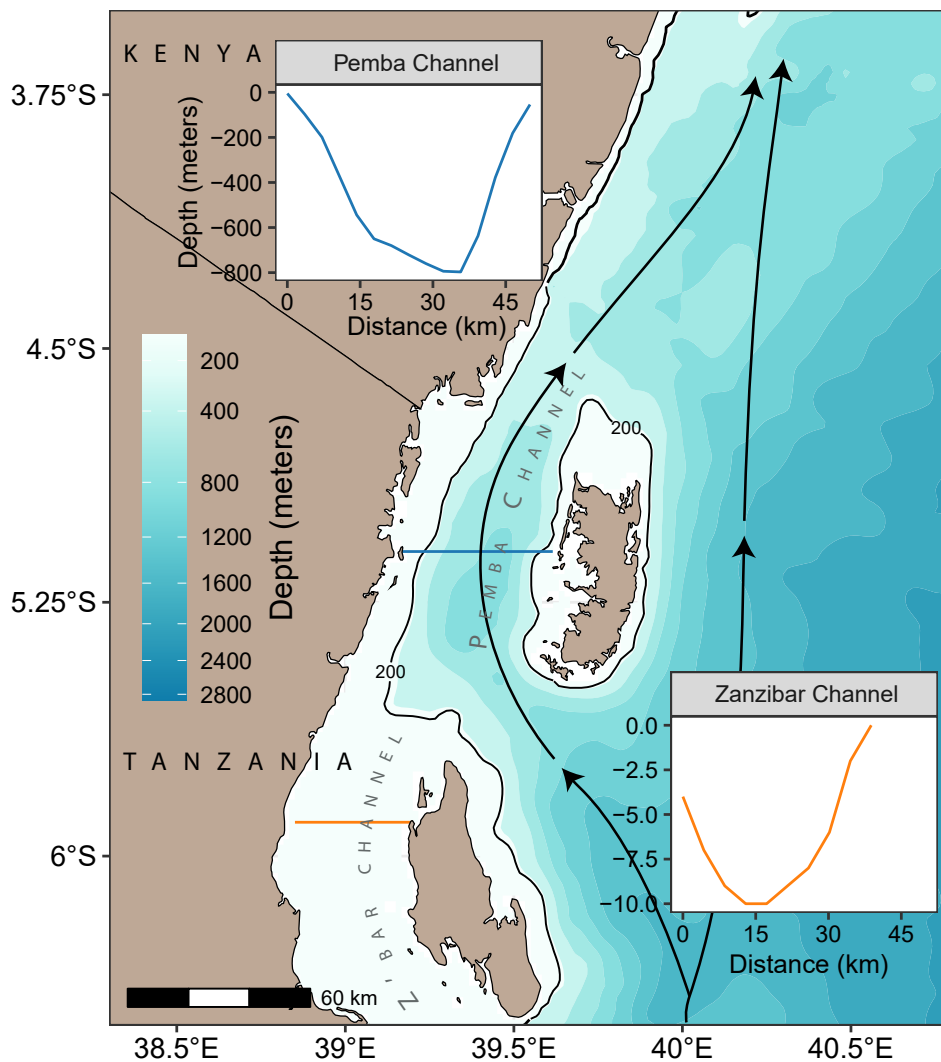


Figure 2.1: A map of northern coastal Tanzania showing the bathymetry of Pemba and Zanzibar Channel. A solid black line represents isobar of 200 metres contour line. Insets are cross sections across the Pemba and Zanzibar Channel. Solid black line with arrow represent the western branch and the main East African Coastal Current

The most prominent hydrographic feature along this continental shelf is presence of the East African Coastal Current (EACC) which is a western boundary current. This current distributes heat, salinity and nutrients along the coast of Tanzania.

The current is influenced by the two seasonal monsoon winds (Nyandwi, 2013; Semba et al., 2019), which blow toward the north during the southeast (SE) monsoon season (April to October) (Figure 2.2b) and toward the south during the northeast (NE) (Figure 2.2a) monsoon season (November to March). The reversal of the monsoon winds over the Tanzanian coastal waters has considerable influence on the various oceanographic/biological parameters including sea surface temperature and chlorophyll-a (Shaghude et al, in prep.).

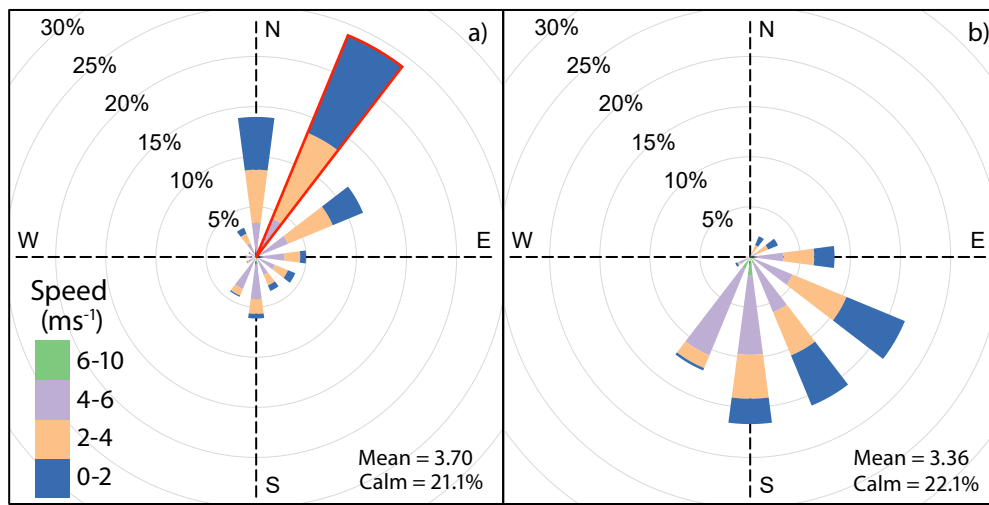


Figure 2.2: Wind Speed and direction in the Pemba Channel during a) the northeast (NE) and b) southeast (SE) monsoon seasons

2.2 Data Sources

This research used *primary* and *secondary* data. The secondary data consist of existing CTD profiles of temperature, salinity, oxygen, fluorescence and turbidity and current velocity collected from previous cruises and expeditions. These data were acquired by various oceanographic cruises conducted along the northern Tanzanian coastal waters. Similar to secondary data, primary data also consist of profiles from CTD and current velocities from ADCP. But, unlike the secondary data, primary data were collected through oceanographic field campaigns along the northern Tanzanian coastal waters (between the mainland Tanzania and Pemba Island).

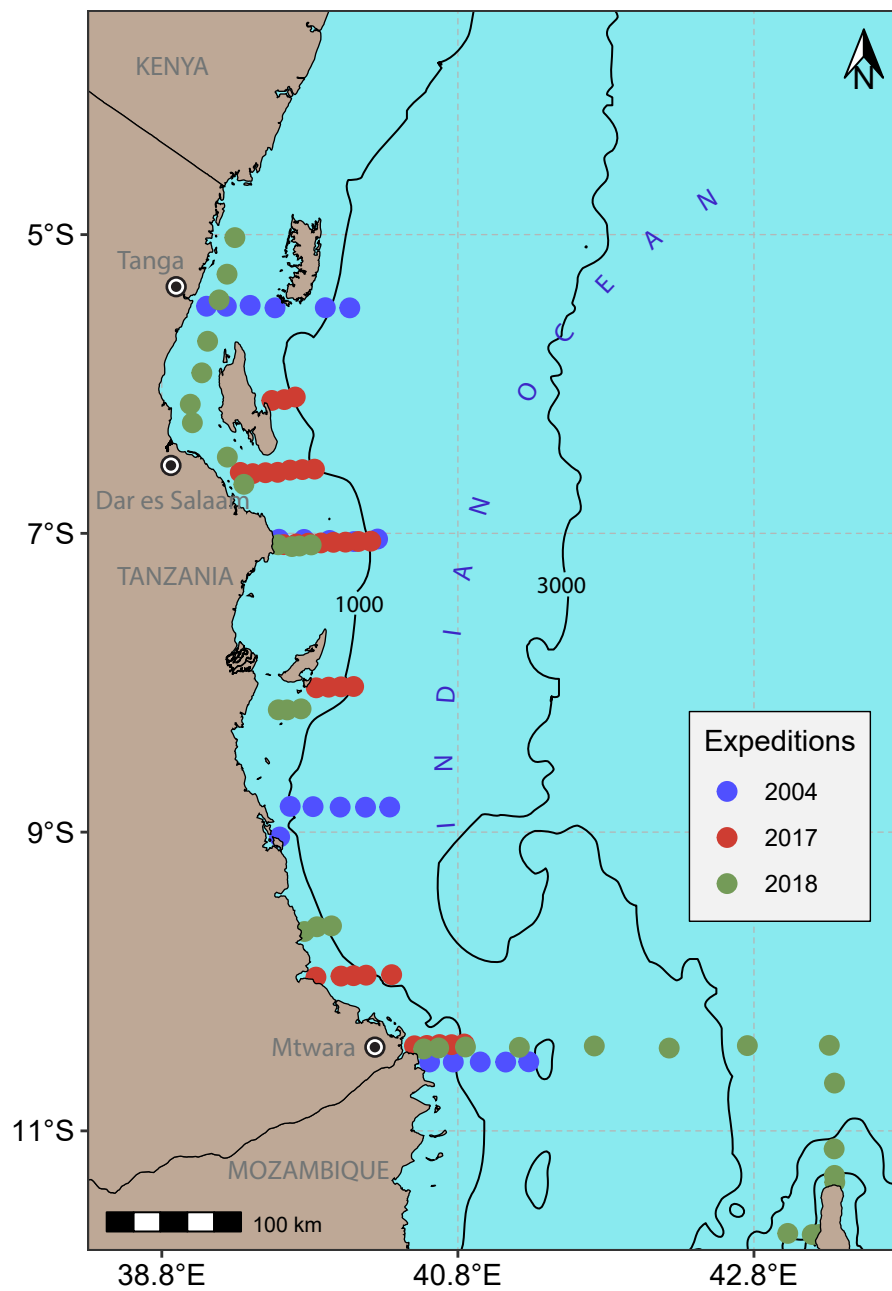


Figure 2.3: CTD casts deployed during the RV Algoa (2004) and RV Agulhas II (2017 and 2018) expeditions in the Tanzania marine and coastal waters

2.2.1 Oceanographic data from previous cruises

Marine scientists and oceanographers from many countries have cooperated on research in the Indian Ocean. [Groeneveld and Koranteng \(2017\)](#) described vessels that explored and researched the Western Indian Ocean over the last 50 years. Since 2004, most of the expeditions surveyed also the coastal and marine waters of Tanzania. This begun with **RV Algoa** in 2004, followed by RV Meteor in 2008, the Second Indian Ocean Expedition by the **RV Agulhas** in November 2017 and June 2018. The last expedition across the waters of Tanzania is the **RV Dr Fridtj of Nansen**, which cruised the area in 2018. The geographical locations of CTD casts from the three expeditions are shown in figure [2.3](#).

These expeditions provided high frequency CTD and ADCP data from the surface to the deepest part of the ocean. The variables include physico-chemical water parameters such as temperature, salinity, oxygen, conductivity and biological water parameters such as fluorescence. In addition, the cruises measured trajectories of ocean current using an ADCP. These data can characterize the coastal and marine waters from the surface to the deepest waters as the profiles measured the water characteristics.

Despite the various cruises, the associated data are hardly found, which had hampered research to characterize the coastal and marine waters of Tanzania. The present research, therefore, tried to bridge the existing information gap by assembling the data from previous cruises to characterize the marine waters of Tanzania. The first dataset consists of CTD casts with ADCP acquired in 2004 (by a south African research vessel, RV Algoa), 2017 and 2018 (by the South African research vessel, RV Agulhas II and 2008 by the German ship RV Meteor).

2.2.2 The acquisition of the field dataset

The field dataset was planned to be completed by the end of the year 2020. The oceanographic field campaigns for this dataset focused on collecting in-situ measurements covering the annual seasonal monsoon cycle over the northern Tanzanian coastal waters between the mainland and the Pemba islands.

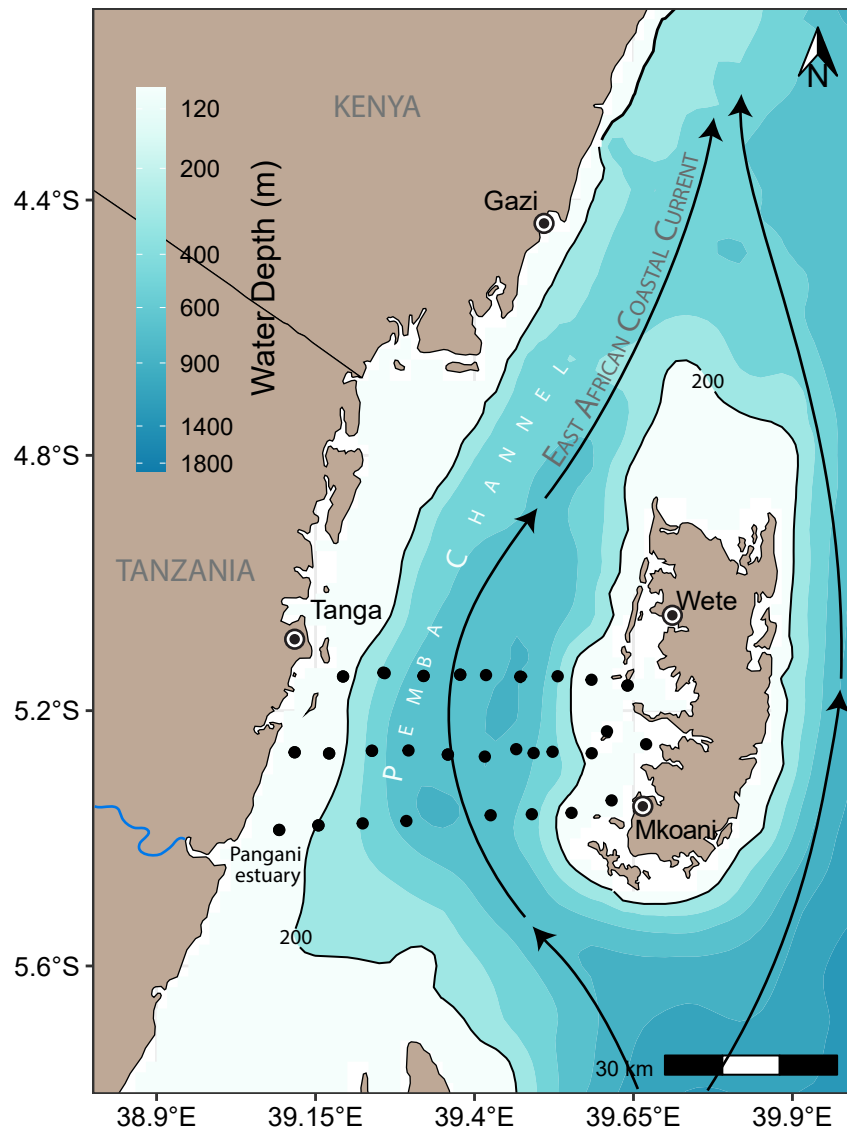


Figure 2.4: A map of the Pemba Channel showing geographical positions of CTD stations casted during the northeast and south east monsoon seasons.

To complement the previous expeditions, the oceanographic field campaign aimed to collect profiles using CTD and other water quality parameters including chlorophyll-a, suspended solids, salinity, dissolved oxygen (DO) and pH. In this study field campaigns during the NE and SE monsoon seasons were carried out from February 2020 to April 2020 and between July and October 2020 sampling

on three transects across the Pemba Channel. The March 2020 campaign included CTD casts, water sampling and ADCP deployment.

The area between Pangani and Tanga was selected to capture the oceanographic variables within the western side of the Pemba Channel (off Tanga), while the area between Mkoani and Wete in Pemba Island was selected to capture the field campaign on the eastern side of Pemba Channel (Figure 2.4). The field campaign was planned between February and April in order to capture the oceanographic conditions during the Northeast monsoon season, which starts in October/November and ends in March/April. The southeastern monsoon period was covered between July and October. A total of 26 stations were occupied in three transects crossing the Pemba Channel between the Mainland Tanzania to Pemba Island (Figure 2.4).

2.2.3 CTD configuration

CTD profiles of various variables were collected with a CTD machine namely, SBE 19plus V 2.2d. The CTD instrument was configured with an internal Digiquartz pressure sensor and a pair of external temperature and conductivity sensors. The temperature-conductivity sensor pair used a Sea-Bird TC duct, which circulates seawater through a pump. The instrument configuration included also additional sensors for pH, oxygen, fluorescence, PAR, Nitrogen saturation, Oxygen saturation and turbidity (Table 2.1).

2.2.4 CTD deployment

The cast locations along the three transects were predetermined and the maximum depth at each location was determined. The CTD was mounted in a vertical position to a 150 m rope from the lower part of a boat. The deployment procedure involved lowering a CTD instrument to about 2 metres below the surface and waiting for a minute to stabilize the CTD pumps. The CTD was then raised until the sensors were close to the surface to begin the CTD profiling. The time and position of each cast was recorded using a hand held GPS device.

Table 2.1: Sensor and Variables from CTD instruments

| Variable | Sensor | SI |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Temperature | tv290C | Degree |
| Conductivity | c0S/m | S/m |
| Salinity | sal00 | PSU |
| Oxygen | sbeox0ML/L | ml/l |
| Fluorescence | fECO-AFL | mg/m3 |
| PAR | par/log | umol photons/m2/s |
| pH | ph | pH |
| Nitrogen Saturation | n2satML/L | ml/l |
| Oxygen Saturation | oxsatML/L | ml/l |
| Turbidity | turbWETntu0 | NTU |
| Density | density00 | kg/m3 |

2.2.5 Data from water samples

In addition to previous expeditions and CTD, a third dataset was also collected using Naskin bottles. This dataset was collected simultaneously with CTD data at the same geographical position shown in Figure 2.4. The water for temperature, chlorophyll-a, dissolved oxygen, nitrate and phosphate were sampled at three strata—namely surface, 15 and 30 metres depth.

2.3 Pre-processing of CTD Data

The first part of standard processing of the CTD data was done with the CTD Data Acquisition Software from Sea-Bird Electronics, Inc. as raw data and stored on a computer as binary number in .hex format. The raw datasets were converted from frequencies to engineering units using nominal sensor calibrations in SBE Data Processing software from Sea-Bird Electronics (www.seabird.com). The process involved selecting of variables based on sensors configured in the CTD instrument. The configuration file that comes with the instrument, governs the type of sensor and the variables collected. The variables of interest were selected and converted into physical units. The algorithms used to derive salinity and density while converting raw data was based on formulas of Equations of State

(EOS-80). Both up-cast and down-cast were processed and exported as ASCII file in .cnv format.

2.4 Post-Processing of CTD Data

The ASCII files were imported for post-processing. The post processing of the CTD data was done using `oce` package (Dan and Clark, 2021; Kelley, 2018) in R language for statistical and computing (R Core Team, 2020). Profiles of temperature, conductivity, oxygen, fluorescence and SPAR were aligned to standard pressure of 0.25 dbar (~25 cm) interval. The standardized profiles were filtered with a low pass filter to remove spikes of CTD measurement caused by tow and roll of the boat. After this procedure salinity was computed from conductivity, temperature and pressure. The step-by-step processing of CTD profile were streamlined in a single function called `cnv_tibble` from the `wior` package (Semba and Peter, 2020). The function process the binary number in the CTD file and return a rectangular table with all the necessary variables (Semba and Peter, 2020). The rectangular table of stations along with its variables for the RV Algoa and two RV Agulhas II expeditions are shown in appendix 4.1. The CTD stations for field campaign during the NE and SE monsoon season are also listed in appendix 4.2.

2.5 Analysis and plotting

Several analytical procedures and graphical formats were chosen to best represent distributional features. The first is **Seasonal contour maps**, which were used to represent the general features of NE vs. SE distributions of surface parameters in the Pemba Channel (See Figure 2.1). The maps were constructed from all available surface (about 1-m depth) measurements made during each of the two seasons - here defined as May-September for southeast (SE) and October-March for NE monsoon season based on parameter similarities in between-month analyses of variance. Data were binned and organized by coordinate position into a matrix of $0.1 \times 0.1^\circ$ grid squares.

Seasonal, cross-shelf depth profiles are used to illustrate the connections between the temporal dynamics of regional surface features and vertical distributions. As above, the plots incorporate all measurements along the Kimbiji transect (*See* section 3.1) and Pemba Channel (*See* section 2.2.2). Data from NE and SE monsoon seasons were averaged in 5-km distances from shore before contouring. The averaged grid values were contour-mapped using the **ggplot2** (Wickham, 2016) and **metR** (Campitelli, 2021) package in R environment (R Core Team, 2020).

Inter-annual anomaly plots were used to summarize low frequency changes in regional environmental conditions. Following standard procedures in analyses of anomaly patterns from satellite data (Semba et al., Under review), calculations were based on regionally-averaged parameter values from the surface. Data from the central coasts of Tanzania (Kimbiji) and Pemba Channel were organized for this analysis following the influence of the East Africa Coastal Current on these two zones. Inter-annual monthly means for each area were computed as the unweighted average of monthly values for all years in which data were collected. Regional parameter anomalies for a given month and year were computed as the mean of all individual anomalies relative to the monthly means for the areas in which the measurements were made. Nonparametric, rank-difference analysis was used to test correlations among anomaly patterns (Carslaw and Ropkins, 2012).

Chapter 3

Results

The results present (a) data from the previous cruises (i) CTD profiles and Sections from ship cruises made during the years 2004, 2008, 2017, and 2018 (ii) ADCP data available from the years 2018, 2017 and 2004, (b) data from field campaigns (i) CTD profiles and Sections from the field campaigns made in 2020 and (ii) ADCP data collected in March 2020.

3.1 Previous cruises

The composite data set for the coastal and marine water of Tanzania from the previous expeditions consisted of 93 CTD casts, out of which 22 are from RV Algoa during the SE and 33 from RV Agulhas II during the NE monsoon season of 2017. The expedition of SE monsoon season in 2018 with RV Agulhas II deployed 38 casts (Table 3.1), which was the largest number of casts compared to the other two expeditions. However, some of the casts of 2018 are outside the jurisdiction of coastal and marine waters of Tanzania (figure 2.3).

In presenting the data, an attempt was made to strike a balance between a level of detail adequate for describing general distributional features and a useful level for designing future research programs. Even so, the appearance of some figure excess and redundancy is unavoidable since each of the six parameters varies in four dimensions—time, depth, latitude and distance from shore. For previous expeditions, a transect off Kimbiji was selected because is the only transect that

Table 3.1: CTD casts made during different seasons along the coastal and marine waters of Tanzania

| Cruise | Expedition Year | Monsoon Season | Number of Casts |
|------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Algoa | 2004 | SE | 22 |
| Agulhas II | 2017 | NE | 33 |
| Agulhas II | 2018 | SE | 38 |

has CTD casts along the same transects from the three expeditions (Figure 3.1). Further, the Kimbiji transect is washed by East African Coastal Current . The river discharge from the Rufiji Estuary also affect the physical, biological and chemical characteristics of water along the transect.

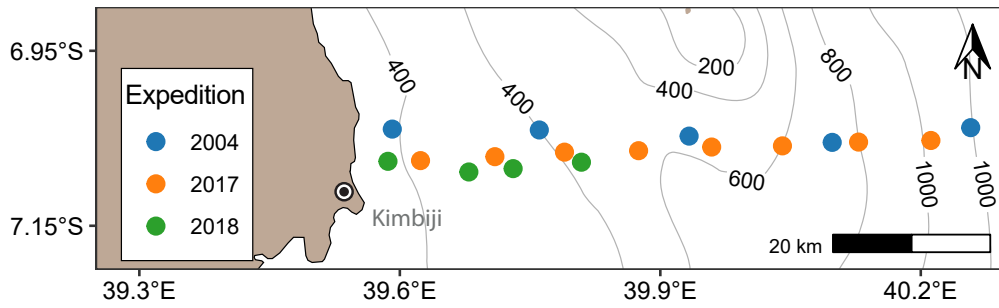


Figure 3.1: Transect of CTD casts of the expeditions conducted in 2004, 2017 and 2018 off Kimbiji

3.1.1 Fluorescence cross-section

The cross section of fluorescence along a transect off–Kimbiji (Figure 3.1) is shown in Figure 3.2. The fluorescence values at the surface water vary with seasons. The surface has relatively higher fluorescence during the southeast monsoon season (Figure 3.2a) compared to the northeast monsoon season (Figure 3.2b).

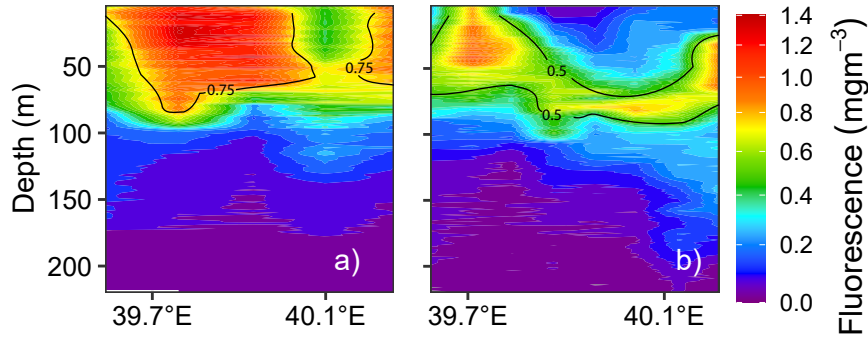


Figure 3.2: A longitudinal section of fluorescence off Kimbiji during a) southeast and b) northeast

3.1.2 Temperature cross-section

The cross section of temperature along a transect off-Kimbiji (Figure 3.1) is shown in Figure 3.3. The surface water is warmer during the northeast monsoon season (Figure 3.3b) and less warm during the southeast monsoon season (Figure 3.3a). The strong wind and surface current during the SE monsoon season result in mixing of the surface layer and deepening of the mixed layer depth.

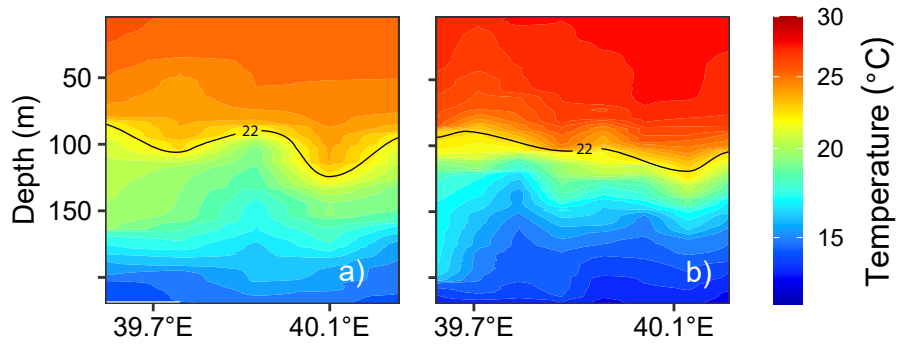


Figure 3.3: A longitudinal section of fluorescence off Kimbiji during a) southeast and b) northeast monsoon season

3.1.3 Dissolved Oxygen cross-section

The cross section of dissolved oxygen along a transect off-Kimbiji is shown in Figure 3.4. The surface water has more dissolved oxygen during the southeast monsoon season (Figure 3.4a) compared with the northeast monsoon season (Figure 3.4b). The solubility of dissolved oxygen is reduced during the northeast monsoon season because of the elevated temperature and weakened wind stress.

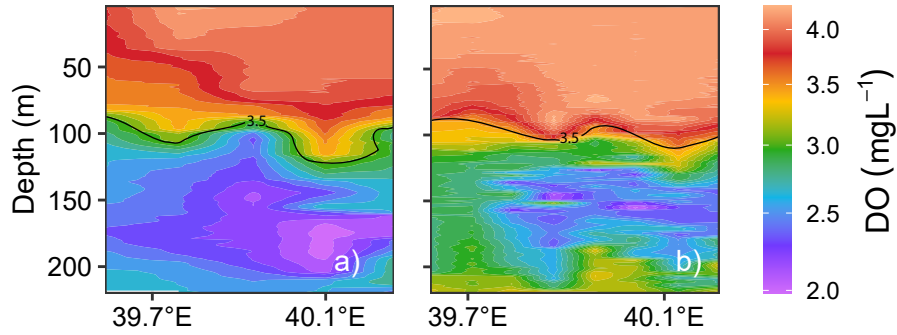


Figure 3.4: A longitudinal section of dissolved oxygen off Kimbiji during a) southeast and b) northeast monsoon seasons

3.2 Field Survey

Section 3.1 presented the result of the Kimbiji transect as a representative of the previous cruises. The reasons and timing for choosing the Pemba Channel as the case study for hydrographic surveys were described in section 2.2.2. The field campaign conducted in 2020 to complement the data gap of the previous expeditions, deployed a total of 51 casts in the Pemba Channel (Table 3.2). Although the survey was planned for 48 casts, in which 24 casts were for each season, a technical error that led to a CTD failing to record one cast during the NE season resulted in one CTD cast less than was planned. Further, there were three more CTD casts during the SE than the 24 originally planned because during the field campaigns, features of interest like vorticity were observed and the research team had to capture the phenomenon observed in the field.

Table 3.2: Number of CTD cast in the Pemba Channel during the northeast (NE) and southeast (SE) monsoon seasons

| Monsoon Season | Number of Casts |
|----------------|-----------------|
| NE | 23 |
| SE | 28 |

3.2.1 Surface Fluorescence

Seasonal surface maps of surface fluorescence in the Pemba Channel is shown in Figure 3.5. The values of fluorescence are higher during the SE monsoon (Figure 3.5a) compared to the NE monsoon season (Figure 3.5b). The EACC water is evident as a tongue of low fluorescence during the SE, which lies at the middle of the channel from the south northward of the channel. During the NE monsoon season, however, the same area experiences relatively higher fluorescence values than the western and eastern sides of the channel (Figure 3.5b).

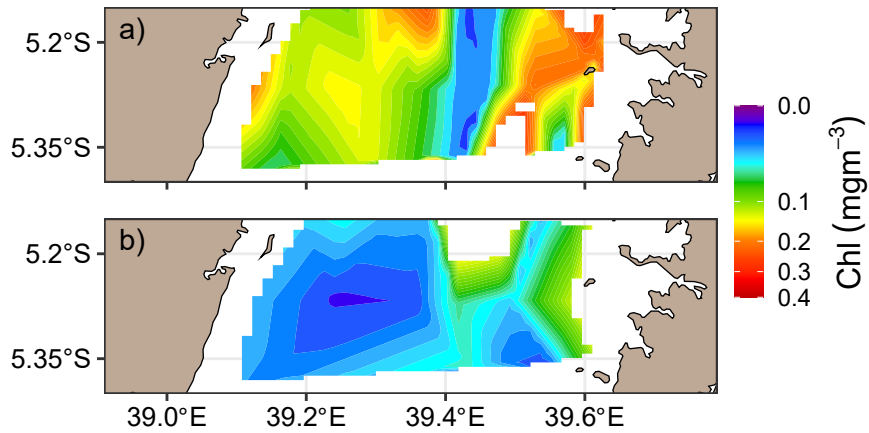


Figure 3.5: Fluorescence (Chl-a) concentration sampled in the Pemba Channel during a) southeast and b) northeast monsoon seasons

3.2.2 Surface temperature

The surface temperature in the Pemba Channel is shown in Figure 3.6. The surface water has low temperature during the SE monsoon season (Figure 3.6a) compared

to the NE season (Figure 3.6b). Surface water adjacent to the coast of Pemba Island during the NE monsoon season are warmer than the rest of the channel (Figure 3.6a). This can be contributed by the shear velocity of strong vorticity that detach from the EACC during the NE monsoon season. Spatial pattern in the distribution of temperature are similar for the most part of the Pemba Channel during the SE monsoon season (Figure 3.6a) .

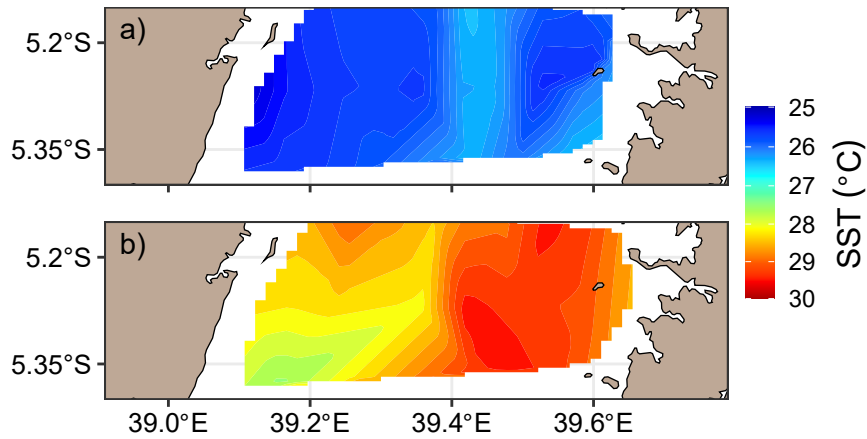


Figure 3.6: Surface temperature sampled in the Pemba Channel during the a) southeast and b) the northeast monsoon seasons

3.2.3 Surface dissolved oxygen

The surface dissolved oxygen in the Pemba Channel is shown in Figure 3.7. Surface dissolved oxygen during the SE monsoon (Figure 3.7a) was higher than those in NE monsoon season (Figure 3.7b). Surface water was in excess of 0.3 mgL^{-1} in the whole channel during the SE monsoon period.

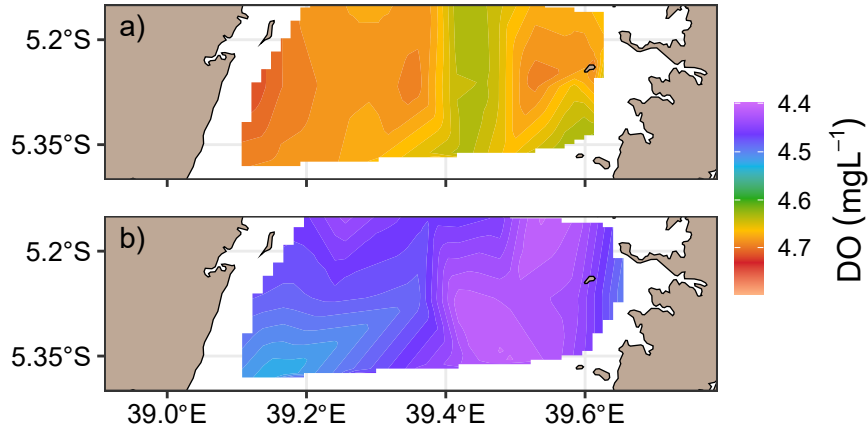


Figure 3.7: Surface dissolved oxygen sampled in the Pemba Channel during the a) southeast and b) the northeast monsoon seasons

3.2.4 Fluorescence section

Depth-longitudinal section of seasonal fluorescence for the Pemba Channel are shown in Figure 3.8. In general, the SE monsoon season is more productive (Figure 3.8a) than the NE monsoon season (Figure 3.8b). Both seasons show the presence of high fluorescence values in the mid-water, however, this phenomenon is more pronounced during the NE monsoon season. The doming of high fluorescence values at subsurface water between 30 and 90 meters to about 39.4°E from the coast during the NE monsoon season (Figure 3.8b) could be contributed by the river discharge from Pangani River, that brings nutrient rich water into the estuary. The discharge of Pangani River is pushed northward along with the flow of the EACC and hence nourish the coastal water on the western side of Pemba, which boost primary productivity in this area during the NE monsoon seasons.

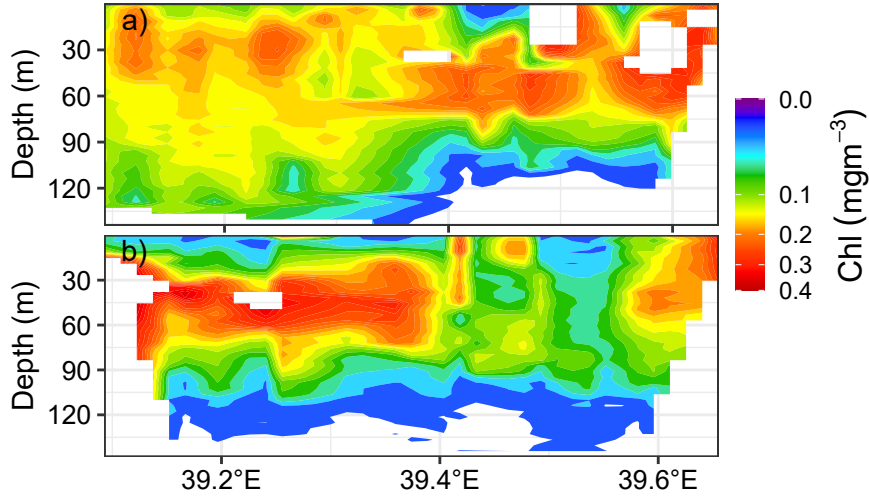


Figure 3.8: Cross-section of fluorescence sampled in the Pemba Channel during a) the southeast and b) the northeast monsoon seasons

3.2.5 Temperature section

The depth–longitudinal cross-section of temperature in the Pemba Channel is shown in Figure 3.9. Temperature in the Pemba Channel from the surface to 90 metres deep is 4°C warmer during the NE (Figure 3.9b) compared to the SE monsoon season (Figure 3.9a) in both seasons, the surface layer is well mixed but the difference in temperature is the key feature that distinguishes the seasonal variation in the channel. The surface water temperature is consistently higher on the eastern side of Pemba Channel in both season (Figure 3.9).

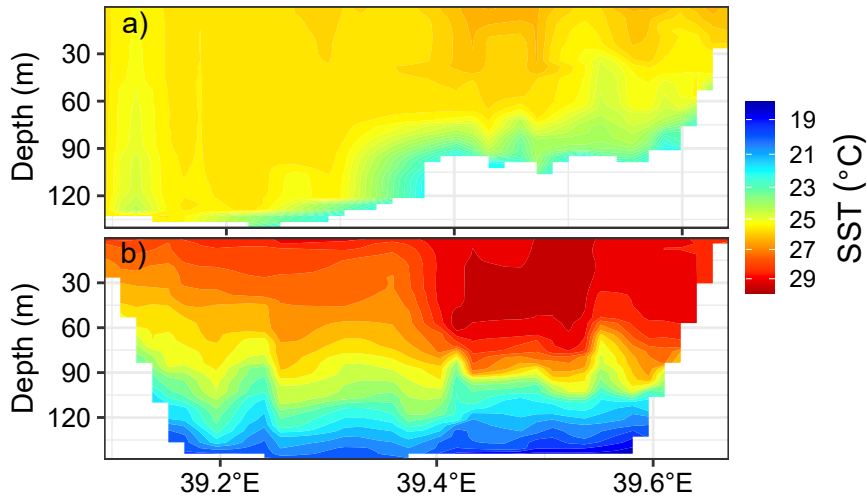


Figure 3.9: Cross-section of temperature sampled in the Pemba Channel during a) southeast and b) northeast monsoon seasons

3.2.6 Dissolved oxygen section

The depth–longitudinal cross-section of dissolved oxygen in the Pemba Channel is shown in Figure 3.10. However, the patterns of the distribution of dissolved oxygen (Figure 3.10) must be interpreted with some caution since they are influenced by both biological and physical processes. Nonetheless, they generally conform to the patterns observed for the more conservative variables like temperature (Figure 3.9). The depth-longitudinal scale, for instance shows that higher values of dissolved oxygen above 5 mgL^{-1} are found in subsurface water during the NE monsoon season (Figure 3.10b) but the same season depicts the lowest value of dissolved oxygen at the warmer surface water (Figure 3.10b). The value of dissolved oxygen during the SE monsoon is consistently about 4.8 mgL^{-1} throughout the water column. The wind stress and strong surface current during the SE monsoon season are the main factors that mix the water and create a layer of uniform dissolved oxygen from the surface to about 120 metres.

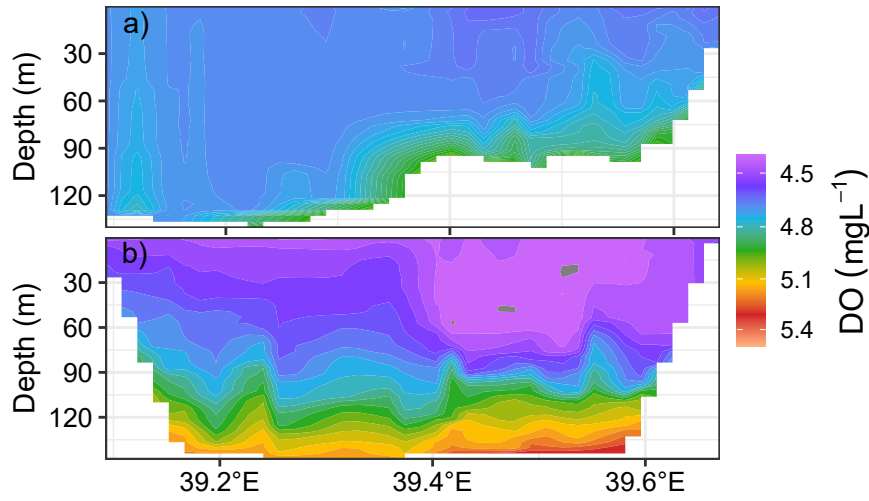


Figure 3.10: Cross-section of dissolved oxygen sampled in the Pemba Channel during a) southeast and b) northeast monsoon seasons

3.2.7 Dissolved nutrients

The seasonal distribution of dissolved nitrate in the Pemba Channel is presented in Figure 3.11. On a channel scale, surface nutrient concentrations vary considerably with the monsoon seasons, with highest values during the southeast monsoon period (Figure 3.11a) and lowest during the northeast monsoon season (Figure 3.11b). Low nutrient water that comes with the EACC is evident in the middle of the channel during the NE season (Figure 3.11b). The Pangani River, though has high discharge during the SE, its contribution to the surface nitrate in the Pemba Channel is unclear (figure 3.11a).

The phosphate concentration in the surface water of Pemba Channel also vary with monsoon season (Figure 3.12). Similar to nitrate, the surface water contain more phosphate during the SE period (Figure 3.12a) compared to the NE season (Figure 3.12b). The northwest side of the channel has apparently more concentration in both seasons (Figure 3.12). The effect of both EACC and Pangani River is not clearly resolved in the spatial pattern of phosphate in the Channel. The Effect of NE upwelling (Semba et al., Under review) could be the possible link for high phosphate values on the western side of the channel during the NE monsoon season (Figure 3.12b).

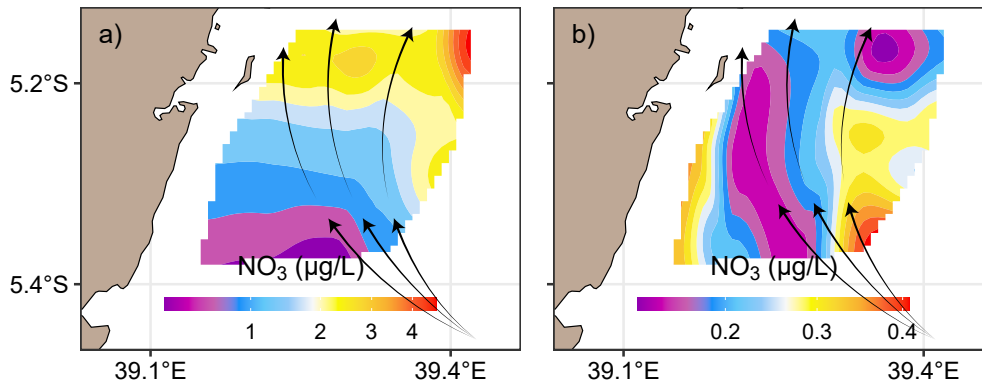


Figure 3.11: Mean spatial distribution of dissolved nitrate in the Pemba Channel during a) southeast (SE) and b) northeast (NE) monsoon season. The curved arrow show the direction of the East African Coastal Current (EACC)

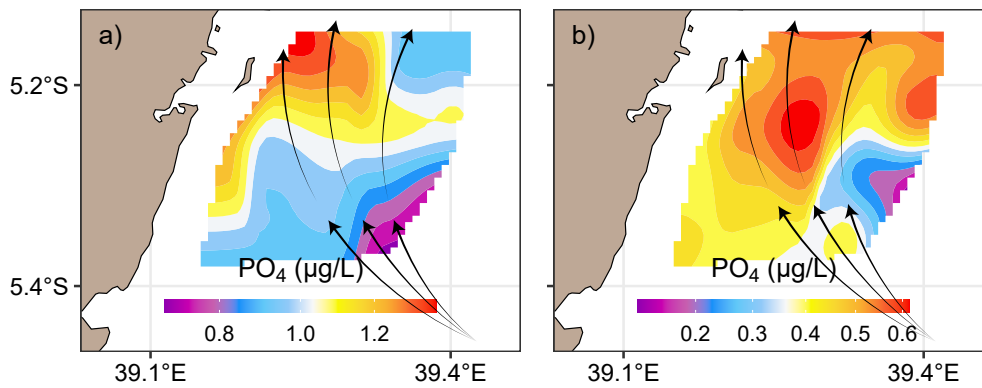


Figure 3.12: Mean spatial distribution of dissolved phosphate in the Pemba Channel during a) southeast (SE) and b) northeast (NE) monsoon season: please note that the scale used differ between the two monsoon seasons. The curved arrow show the direction of the East African Coastal Current (EACC)

Chapter 4

Sythesis

Hydrographic data collected over the past three decades have provided a relatively coherent view of mean seasonal dynamics in the pelagic environment on the coastal waters of Tanzania (*See* appendix [4.1](#) and [4.2](#)). The seasonal shift in oceanographic conditions like surface winds, surface currents, insolation and precipitation substantially do influence the hydrography of the coastal and marine water of Tanzania. The seasonal pattern in solar irradiation affects the warming of surface waters and the timing and magnitude of primary production.

Local wind stress contributes to the mixing of the water-column and controls the direction and speed of surface water movement, hence the occurrence of upwelling events in the western side of the Pemba Channel ([Semba et al., Under review](#)). Regional precipitation, which occurs in excess of evaporation, influences the salt content of all surface waters but more dramatically at the points of river discharge. The surface currents like the northward flowing East African coastal Current also contribute significantly to the unique hydrographic properties along the coastal water of Tanzania including the Pemba Channel.

The findings from this study reveal a considerable difference in sea surface temperature, fluorescence and dissolved oxygen between the monsoon seasons. For example, surface waters off Kimbiji are colder ([Figure 3.3a](#)), with high fluorescence ([Figure 3.2a](#)) and dissolved oxygen levels ([Figure 3.4a](#)) during southeast (SE) than during the northeast (NE) monsoon season. In waters off

Kimbiji, differences in the timing and development of surface features and in the subsurface distributions of variables are influenced by the EACC, which flows northward throughout the year over the area.

During the NEmonsoon months, this current brings warm waters with less nutrient and low chl-*a* values from the eastern of the Indian Ocean (Mahongo and Shaghude, 2014). During the southeast monsoon season, the current still flows northward, but during this season, the water it carries has low temperature with relatively high values of chl-*a* and nutrients (Peter et al., 2018). These parameters are brought about in the area with wind forces, which deepen the mixed layer depth and lead to mixing of surface and bottom waters. The EACC which appears to stream fast some Kilometers offshore Kimbiji 39.78°E to 39.95°E longitude appears to continue northward and one of its two branches enters the Pemba Channel while the other branch passes off the eastern coast of the Pemba Island.

The seasonal shift of surface winds cause the Rufiji River discharge to characterize the hydrographic properties of water along the Kimbiji transect. Rufiji River discharge data over the period from 2018 to 2019 (Figure 4.1) were obtained from annual reports prepared by the ministry of Water, Water Resource Division. The Rufiji River discharge about 33 *cumec* of runoff from the several rivers in the catchment. The seasonal pattern in river discharge, which peaks during the early onset of the SE monsoon season and minimal during the northeast monsoon season, is mainly influenced by regional rainfall pattern. The Rufiji River discharge is the dominant source of freshwater runoff that considerably influence the seasonal patterns of surface water quality (physico-chemical and biological parameters) off-Kimbiji during all months, but particularly during late northeast monsoon and early southeast monsoon season.

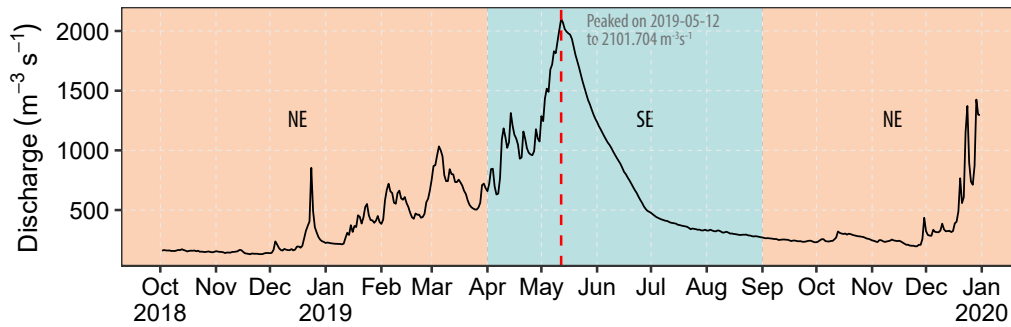


Figure 4.1: Discharge of water from Rufiji River. The red dotted line indicate the date of maximum flow

Other oceanographic researches conducted in various world oceans show that sea water temperature and dissolved oxygen are the most critical environmental parameters that influence tuna and tuna like species ([Andrade, 2003](#); [Orúe et al., 2020](#)). The two environmental parameters influence not only the biological processes in the ocean but also the tuna metabolism activities and hence the survival of tuna. According to [Lu et al. \(2001\)](#), the vertical distribution of most species of tuna and tuna like species is generally influenced by the thermal and oxygen structure of the water column, whereby small sized tuna species and juveniles tend to live close to the surface. By contrast, adults of large species are generally found in deeper waters.

Tunas are apex predators which are normally found in tropical and temperate marine waters, with high tolerance capacity for changing temperature conditions. However, most tuna species have preferred temperature conditions ([Kaplan et al., 2014](#)). Dissolved Oxygen (DO) below 2mg/L have a deleterious effect to fish and other marine organisms including the benthic fauna that have high tolerance to low DO levels. Shallow water fish including the pelagic fish require DO above 3.7mgL⁻¹ for their body metabolism to function at optimum levels. Other studies show that among the tuna and tuna-like fishes, there are species that have relatively higher tolerance to low oxygen levels than others ([Boyce et al., 2008](#)).

The temperature, dissolved oxygen and fluorescence from previous expeditions in section 3.1 were used to compare the season difference. However, the level of

variability in parameters is not over the course of several days, but rather many years. The gap between RV Algoa and RV Agulhas II sampling off Kimbiji is thirteen years. Since much of such variability in ocean is attributable to changes in local winds and biological processes, low frequency sampling alone like hydrographic data from previous expedition, would not be able to resolve some of the critical oceanographic processes for pelagic species like tuna and tuna like. This call for attention of integrating ship-based expeditions and satellite data.

It has long been understood that such sampling cannot provide synoptic views of parameter distributions over broad regions, but the extent to which the temporal and spatial scales of variability are confounded by shipboard observations was only fully appreciated after satellite remote-sensing became accessible to the oceanographic community. Satellite sensors are capable of discriminating fine-scale structure in sea-surface height, temperature, phytoplankton pigments and near-surface winds over broad areas. Therefore, they measure parameters that distinguish regional and global effects on physical and biological variability. Recently, satellites have been indispensable tools for long-term monitoring of the coastal system, for assessing the temporal and spatial scales of regional variability and their links to global-scale processes and in providing a broader context for more detailed experimental studies conducted from ships or moored instrument arrays. However, satellite measure only the surface layer of the ocean. Therefore, ship-based hydrographic survey and other technique are still needed to measure hydrographic parameters below the surface of the ocean.

Conclusion

The SAPPHIRE study conducted in the Pemba Channel and along the Tanzanian coastal waters shows that:

- The data acquired by various oceanographic cruises in the Tanzanian waters along with the data acquired through the SAPPHIRE project is sufficient enough for establishing the first national oceanographic database in Tanzania
- The oceanographic data acquired in the Tanzanian waters show that the sea water temperatures which ranged from 25-26°C during the SE monsoon season and 22-28°C during the NE monsoon season are within the range of temperatures which are ideal to various tuna species and other species along the coastal waters of Tanzania.
- The oceanographic data acquired in the Tanzanian waters show that dissolved Oxygen levels which ranged from 4.70–4.76mL⁻¹ during the SE monsoon season and 4.5 – 5.0mL⁻¹ during the NE monsoon season, are above the lethal limit for the tuna and tuna like species.
- The ocean waters where most fishers fish are enriched with riverine nutrients (Nitrate and Phosphate) which support primary productivity and in turn secondary productivity and hence lives of apex predators like tuna.

Appendix

4.1 Appendix A

Table 4.1: Algoa Cruise Summary in August 2004

| cruise | date | time | lon | lat | station | Maximum value | | | | |
|--------|------------|----------|-------|--------|---------|---------------|-------------|----------|--------|--------------|
| | | | | | | pressure | temperature | salinity | oxygen | fluorescence |
| Algoa | 2004-08-18 | 15:27:46 | 40.61 | -10.54 | C08731 | 254 | 25.30 | 35.26 | 4.52 | 1.4 |
| Algoa | 2004-08-18 | 17:00:01 | 40.77 | -10.54 | C08732 | 816 | 25.17 | 35.27 | 4.48 | 1.2 |
| Algoa | 2004-08-18 | 20:32:54 | 40.95 | -10.54 | C08733 | 1019 | 24.99 | 35.30 | 4.53 | 1.2 |
| Algoa | 2004-08-18 | 22:44:56 | 41.12 | -10.54 | C08734 | 931 | 24.84 | 35.27 | 4.43 | 0.9 |
| Algoa | 2004-08-19 | 00:59:59 | 41.28 | -10.54 | C08735 | 789 | 25.01 | 35.21 | 4.34 | 0.9 |
| Algoa | 2004-08-19 | 11:49:08 | 40.34 | -8.83 | C08736 | 947 | 25.21 | 35.30 | 4.49 | 1.0 |
| Algoa | 2004-08-19 | 13:33:31 | 40.18 | -8.83 | C08737 | 864 | 25.26 | 35.29 | 4.58 | 1.0 |
| Algoa | 2004-08-19 | 15:28:18 | 40.00 | -8.83 | C08738 | 810 | 25.04 | 35.30 | 4.64 | 2.0 |
| Algoa | 2004-08-19 | 17:39:39 | 39.82 | -8.83 | C08739 | 654 | 25.11 | 35.31 | 4.67 | 2.1 |
| Algoa | 2004-08-19 | 19:36:50 | 39.67 | -8.83 | C08740 | 632 | 25.23 | 35.25 | 4.68 | 1.5 |
| Algoa | 2004-08-22 | 16:48:22 | 39.60 | -9.03 | C08742 | 213 | 25.53 | 35.19 | 5.00 | 2.2 |
| Algoa | 2004-08-23 | 03:15:54 | 40.26 | -7.04 | C08743 | 891 | 25.14 | 35.34 | 4.52 | 1.0 |
| Algoa | 2004-08-23 | 06:11:41 | 40.10 | -7.05 | C08744 | 679 | 25.19 | 35.30 | 4.50 | 0.7 |
| Algoa | 2004-08-23 | 07:49:24 | 39.93 | -7.05 | C08745 | 449 | 25.28 | 35.27 | 4.63 | 1.4 |
| Algoa | 2004-08-23 | 09:28:53 | 39.76 | -7.04 | C08746 | 488 | 25.28 | 35.22 | 4.68 | 1.3 |
| Algoa | 2004-08-23 | 11:16:45 | 39.59 | -7.04 | C08747 | 218 | 26.07 | 35.21 | 4.32 | 0.7 |
| Algoa | 2004-08-23 | 19:42:30 | 40.07 | -5.49 | C08748 | 966 | 25.67 | 35.27 | 4.50 | 1.3 |
| Algoa | 2004-08-23 | 22:35:08 | 39.90 | -5.49 | C08749 | 815 | 25.29 | 35.24 | 4.59 | 1.5 |
| Algoa | 2004-08-24 | 01:38:16 | 39.56 | -5.49 | C08750 | 426 | 25.28 | 35.22 | 4.60 | 1.3 |
| Algoa | 2004-08-24 | 03:01:31 | 39.40 | -5.47 | C08751 | 665 | 25.23 | 35.24 | 4.95 | 1.6 |
| Algoa | 2004-08-24 | 04:43:22 | 39.24 | -5.48 | C08752 | 364 | 25.82 | 35.26 | 4.53 | 1.3 |
| Algoa | 2004-08-24 | 05:58:00 | 39.10 | -5.48 | C08753 | 140 | 26.05 | 35.19 | 4.35 | 0.7 |

Table 4.2: Agulhas II Cruise Summary in November 2017

| cruise | date | time | lon | lat | station | Maximum value | | | | |
|---------|------------|----------|-------|--------|---------|---------------|-------------|----------|--------|--------|
| | | | | | | pressure | temperature | salinity | oxygen | fluore |
| Agulhas | 2017-10-31 | 18:45:44 | 40.65 | -16.16 | AM00771 | 1500 | 27.08 | 35.33 | 4.27 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-04 | 19:07:57 | 39.70 | -6.09 | AM00772 | 1187 | 27.00 | 35.40 | 4.20 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-04 | 23:12:08 | 39.63 | -6.10 | AM00773 | 704 | 26.76 | 35.37 | 4.17 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-05 | 00:46:59 | 39.54 | -6.11 | AM00774 | 255 | 26.45 | 35.38 | 4.07 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-05 | 06:11:46 | 39.33 | -6.59 | AM00775 | 61 | 27.30 | 35.40 | 4.13 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-05 | 08:04:59 | 39.41 | -6.60 | AM00776 | 268 | 27.58 | 35.50 | 4.17 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-05 | 09:18:07 | 39.50 | -6.59 | AM00777 | 337 | 27.57 | 35.50 | 4.17 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-05 | 11:08:23 | 39.58 | -6.59 | AM00778 | 396 | 27.79 | 35.50 | 4.17 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-05 | 14:15:42 | 39.67 | -6.58 | AM00779 | 502 | 27.77 | 35.54 | 4.19 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-05 | 16:54:46 | 39.75 | -6.57 | AM00780 | 710 | 27.90 | 35.55 | 4.17 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-05 | 18:46:11 | 39.83 | -6.57 | AM00781 | 1109 | 27.68 | 35.56 | 4.18 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-05 | 23:29:37 | 40.21 | -7.05 | AM00782 | 1051 | 27.69 | 35.55 | 4.17 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-06 | 03:57:19 | 40.13 | -7.05 | AM00783 | 774 | 27.70 | 35.56 | 4.17 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-06 | 05:26:03 | 40.04 | -7.06 | AM00784 | 572 | 27.69 | 35.55 | 4.18 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-06 | 08:00:43 | 39.96 | -7.06 | AM00785 | 598 | 28.05 | 35.54 | 4.23 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-06 | 09:25:07 | 39.88 | -7.06 | AM00786 | 555 | 27.79 | 35.36 | 4.22 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-06 | 14:52:20 | 39.79 | -7.07 | AM00787 | 527 | 27.60 | 35.40 | 4.19 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-06 | 16:07:12 | 39.71 | -7.07 | AM00788 | 333 | 27.15 | 35.37 | 4.25 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-06 | 18:47:34 | 39.62 | -7.08 | AM00789 | 279 | 27.34 | 35.38 | 4.20 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-07 | 01:36:16 | 39.84 | -8.03 | AM00790 | 423 | 27.72 | 35.53 | 4.19 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-07 | 07:16:09 | 39.93 | -8.03 | AM00791 | 687 | 27.66 | 35.52 | 4.26 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-07 | 08:49:49 | 40.01 | -8.03 | AM00792 | 965 | 27.93 | 35.55 | 4.24 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-07 | 11:11:26 | 40.10 | -8.03 | AM00793 | 1154 | 27.91 | 35.53 | 4.20 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-07 | 23:25:14 | 39.84 | -9.97 | AM00794 | 184 | 27.57 | 35.35 | 4.15 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-08 | 01:30:09 | 40.01 | -9.96 | AM00795 | 367 | 27.68 | 35.52 | 4.17 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-08 | 05:54:20 | 40.09 | -9.96 | AM00796 | 552 | 27.74 | 35.51 | 4.20 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-08 | 07:19:36 | 40.18 | -9.96 | AM00797 | 835 | 27.80 | 35.51 | 4.20 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-08 | 09:53:33 | 40.35 | -9.95 | AM00798 | 1469 | 27.74 | 35.49 | 4.23 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-08 | 15:17:56 | 40.84 | -10.42 | AM00799 | 1364 | 27.96 | 35.47 | 4.37 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-08 | 18:46:42 | 40.76 | -10.42 | AM00800 | 1084 | 27.83 | 35.47 | 4.33 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-08 | 21:24:20 | 40.68 | -10.42 | AM00801 | 831 | 27.59 | 35.45 | 4.31 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-08 | 22:51:31 | 40.59 | -10.43 | AM00802 | 484 | 27.55 | 35.38 | 4.27 | |
| Agulhas | 2017-11-09 | 00:31:08 | 40.51 | -10.43 | AM00803 | 431 | 27.73 | 35.47 | 4.17 | |

Table 4.3: Agulhas II Cruise Summary in June 2018

| cruise | date | time | lon | lat | station | Maximum value | | | | |
|---------|------------|----------|-------|--------|---------|---------------|-------------|----------|--------|--------|
| | | | | | | pressure | temperature | salinity | oxygen | fluore |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-18 | 05:27:07 | 39.29 | -5.02 | AM00882 | -Inf | 26.95 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-18 | 13:32:50 | 39.24 | -5.26 | AM00883 | -Inf | 26.96 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-18 | 19:22:04 | 39.19 | -5.44 | AM00884 | -Inf | 27.09 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-19 | 00:03:26 | 39.11 | -5.71 | AM00885 | -Inf | 27.02 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-19 | 05:32:23 | 39.07 | -5.93 | AM00886 | -Inf | 27.28 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-19 | 09:54:46 | 38.99 | -6.14 | AM00887 | -Inf | 27.33 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-19 | 13:35:21 | 39.01 | -6.26 | AM00888 | -Inf | 27.42 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-19 | 18:28:52 | 39.24 | -6.49 | AM00889 | -Inf | 27.26 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-19 | 23:17:05 | 39.35 | -6.67 | AM00890 | -Inf | 26.71 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-20 | 04:14:10 | 39.59 | -7.08 | AM00891 | -Inf | 26.99 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-20 | 11:01:54 | 39.68 | -7.09 | AM00892 | -Inf | 27.00 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-20 | 15:37:23 | 39.73 | -7.08 | AM00893 | -Inf | 26.80 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-20 | 20:49:44 | 39.81 | -7.08 | AM00894 | -Inf | 27.14 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-21 | 07:19:08 | 39.74 | -8.17 | AM00895 | -Inf | 27.13 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-21 | 13:20:34 | 39.65 | -8.18 | AM00896 | -Inf | 27.08 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-21 | 16:39:38 | 39.59 | -8.18 | AM00897 | -Inf | 27.02 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-22 | 04:25:05 | 39.95 | -9.63 | AM00898 | -Inf | 26.99 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-22 | 07:49:42 | 39.85 | -9.63 | AM00899 | -Inf | 27.12 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-22 | 13:06:07 | 39.76 | -9.67 | AM00900 | -Inf | 27.07 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-22 | 20:28:59 | 40.57 | -10.45 | AM00901 | -Inf | 27.15 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-23 | 03:11:08 | 40.67 | -10.44 | AM00902 | -Inf | 27.07 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-23 | 06:27:46 | 40.85 | -10.44 | AM00903 | -Inf | 26.74 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-23 | 12:26:51 | 41.22 | -10.44 | AM00904 | -Inf | 27.22 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-23 | 18:30:11 | 41.72 | -10.43 | AM00905 | -Inf | 27.31 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-24 | 00:34:21 | 42.23 | -10.45 | AM00906 | -Inf | 27.46 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-24 | 07:20:32 | 42.76 | -10.43 | AM00907 | -Inf | 26.69 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-24 | 15:16:21 | 43.31 | -10.43 | AM00908 | -Inf | 26.73 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-25 | 22:47:54 | 43.34 | -10.68 | AM00909 | -Inf | 26.90 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-26 | 07:28:37 | 43.34 | -11.12 | AM00910 | -Inf | 26.86 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-26 | 15:04:29 | 43.34 | -11.30 | AM00911 | -Inf | 26.99 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-26 | 18:45:58 | 43.35 | -11.34 | AM00912 | -Inf | 26.96 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-26 | 22:56:11 | 43.24 | -11.69 | AM00913 | -Inf | 26.82 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-27 | 02:14:50 | 43.19 | -11.69 | AM00915 | -Inf | 26.81 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-27 | 07:41:21 | 43.03 | -11.69 | AM00916 | -Inf | 26.83 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-27 | 14:02:35 | 43.48 | -11.95 | AM00917 | -Inf | 26.78 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-27 | 19:41:39 | 43.51 | -12.01 | AM00918 | -Inf | 26.85 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-27 | 23:30:00 | 43.56 | -12.08 | AM00919 | -Inf | 26.69 | -Inf | -Inf | |
| Agulhas | 2018-06-28 | 05:27:19 | 43.60 | -12.20 | AM00920 | -Inf | 26.79 | -Inf | -Inf | |

4.2 Appendix B

Table 4.4: CTD casts collected in the Pemba Channel during the NE monsoon season

| date | season | lon | lat | Maximum value | | | | |
|------------|--------|-------|-------|---------------|-------------|----------|--------|--------------|
| | | | | pressure | temperature | salinity | oxygen | fluorescence |
| 2020-02-03 | NE | 39.09 | -5.39 | 30 | 28.89 | 34.93 | 4.61 | 0.57 |
| 2020-02-04 | NE | 39.12 | -5.27 | 22 | 28.45 | 34.91 | 4.55 | 0.36 |
| 2020-02-03 | NE | 39.15 | -5.38 | 142 | 28.08 | 35.19 | 5.18 | 0.34 |
| 2020-02-04 | NE | 39.17 | -5.27 | 146 | 28.43 | 35.19 | 5.20 | 0.40 |
| 2020-02-05 | NE | 39.19 | -5.15 | 140 | 28.82 | 35.15 | 5.09 | 0.28 |
| 2020-02-04 | NE | 39.24 | -5.26 | 148 | 28.50 | 35.18 | 5.19 | 0.44 |
| 2020-02-05 | NE | 39.26 | -5.14 | 146 | 29.12 | 35.16 | 5.11 | 0.33 |
| 2020-02-05 | NE | 39.32 | -5.15 | 144 | 29.01 | 35.17 | 5.17 | 0.28 |
| 2020-02-04 | NE | 39.36 | -5.27 | 148 | 28.66 | 35.19 | 5.18 | 0.31 |
| 2020-02-05 | NE | 39.38 | -5.14 | 148 | 28.66 | 35.24 | 5.14 | 0.27 |
| 2020-04-23 | NE | 39.42 | -5.27 | 138 | 29.77 | 35.22 | 5.22 | 0.14 |
| 2020-04-25 | NE | 39.42 | -5.14 | 146 | 29.73 | 35.21 | 5.31 | 0.27 |
| 2020-04-24 | NE | 39.43 | -5.36 | 136 | 29.57 | 35.24 | 5.13 | 0.13 |
| 2020-04-25 | NE | 39.47 | -5.15 | 140 | 29.71 | 35.19 | 5.14 | 0.24 |
| 2020-04-24 | NE | 39.49 | -5.36 | 144 | 29.68 | 35.22 | 5.32 | 0.16 |
| 2020-04-23 | NE | 39.49 | -5.27 | 136 | 29.53 | 35.22 | 5.25 | 0.09 |
| 2020-04-25 | NE | 39.53 | -5.15 | 146 | 29.78 | 35.25 | 5.32 | 0.10 |
| 2020-04-24 | NE | 39.55 | -5.36 | 120 | 29.29 | 35.16 | 5.05 | 0.07 |
| 2020-04-23 | NE | 39.59 | -5.27 | 18 | 29.18 | 34.70 | 4.44 | 0.13 |
| 2020-04-25 | NE | 39.59 | -5.15 | 146 | 29.30 | 35.31 | 5.33 | 0.21 |
| 2020-04-24 | NE | 39.61 | -5.35 | 8 | 28.96 | 34.49 | 4.47 | 0.17 |
| 2020-04-25 | NE | 39.64 | -5.16 | 60 | 28.82 | 34.51 | 4.49 | 0.22 |
| 2020-04-23 | NE | 39.67 | -5.25 | 4 | 28.60 | 33.60 | 4.57 | 0.53 |

Table 4.5: CTD casts collected in the Pemba Channel during the SE monsoon season

| date | season | lon | lat | Maximum value | | | | |
|------------|--------|-------|-------|---------------|-------------|----------|--------|--------------|
| | | | | pressure | temperature | salinity | oxygen | fluorescence |
| 2020-07-27 | SE | 39.09 | -5.39 | 134 | 25.64 | 34.96 | 4.70 | 0.15 |
| 2020-07-28 | SE | 39.12 | -5.27 | 130 | 25.23 | 35.03 | 4.82 | 0.24 |
| 2020-07-27 | SE | 39.15 | -5.38 | 138 | 25.65 | 34.96 | 4.70 | 0.17 |
| 2020-07-28 | SE | 39.17 | -5.27 | 120 | 25.52 | 34.96 | 4.71 | 0.24 |
| 2020-07-29 | SE | 39.19 | -5.15 | 130 | 25.65 | 34.96 | 4.71 | 0.18 |
| 2020-07-27 | SE | 39.22 | -5.38 | 130 | 25.70 | 34.95 | 4.69 | 0.19 |
| 2020-07-28 | SE | 39.24 | -5.26 | 118 | 25.70 | 34.96 | 4.70 | 0.26 |
| 2020-07-29 | SE | 39.26 | -5.14 | 124 | 25.75 | 34.98 | 4.73 | 0.23 |
| 2020-07-27 | SE | 39.29 | -5.37 | 62 | 25.88 | 34.95 | 4.68 | 0.22 |
| 2020-07-28 | SE | 39.30 | -5.26 | 122 | 25.72 | 34.96 | 4.69 | 0.20 |
| 2020-07-29 | SE | 39.32 | -5.15 | 62 | 25.78 | 34.95 | 4.69 | 0.19 |
| 2020-07-28 | SE | 39.36 | -5.27 | 36 | 25.67 | 34.96 | 4.73 | 0.17 |
| 2020-07-29 | SE | 39.38 | -5.14 | 34 | 25.88 | 34.95 | 4.69 | 0.55 |
| 2020-10-01 | SE | 39.41 | -5.26 | 138 | 26.29 | 35.22 | 5.25 | 0.25 |
| 2020-10-02 | SE | 39.42 | -5.14 | 148 | 26.48 | 35.28 | 5.59 | 0.26 |
| 2020-10-01 | SE | 39.43 | -5.36 | 144 | 26.50 | 35.22 | 5.48 | 0.25 |
| 2020-10-01 | SE | 39.47 | -5.26 | 142 | 26.32 | 35.27 | 5.48 | 0.29 |
| 2020-10-02 | SE | 39.47 | -5.15 | 146 | 26.25 | 35.23 | 5.48 | 0.30 |
| 2020-10-01 | SE | 39.49 | -5.36 | 34 | 25.99 | 34.87 | 4.70 | 0.46 |
| 2020-10-01 | SE | 39.52 | -5.26 | 146 | 25.54 | 35.24 | 5.54 | 0.22 |
| 2020-10-02 | SE | 39.53 | -5.15 | 130 | 25.87 | 35.26 | 5.38 | 0.24 |
| 2020-10-01 | SE | 39.56 | -5.36 | 140 | 26.64 | 35.21 | 5.45 | 0.30 |
| 2020-10-02 | SE | 39.58 | -5.15 | 144 | 25.80 | 35.23 | 5.44 | 0.47 |
| 2020-10-01 | SE | 39.58 | -5.27 | 14 | 26.08 | 34.88 | 4.71 | 0.23 |
| 2020-10-02 | SE | 39.61 | -5.23 | 32 | 25.84 | 35.72 | 4.72 | 0.33 |
| 2020-10-02 | SE | 39.61 | -5.24 | 58 | 26.07 | 34.91 | 4.72 | 0.30 |
| 2020-10-01 | SE | 39.62 | -5.34 | 28 | 26.77 | 34.87 | 4.69 | 0.42 |
| 2020-10-02 | SE | 39.64 | -5.16 | 28 | 26.06 | 34.90 | 4.70 | 0.22 |

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