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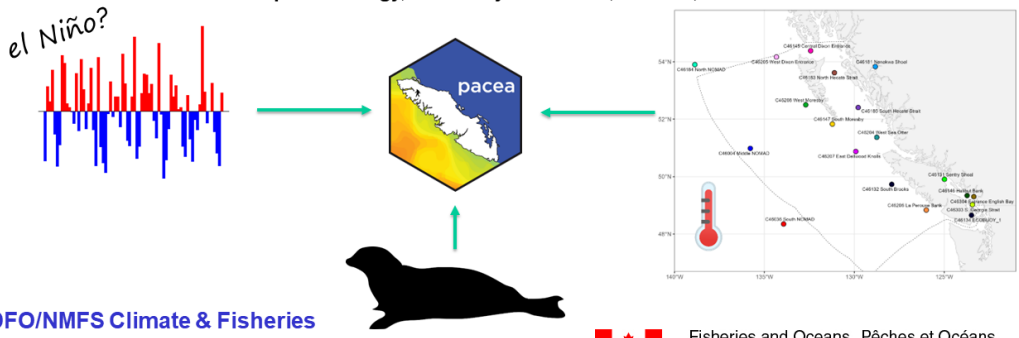

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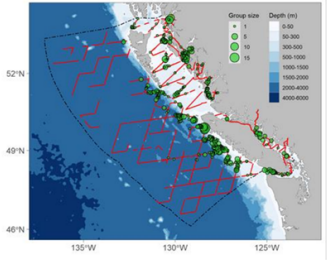
Motivation

- Revised Fisheries Act: "... the Minister shall take into account the environmental conditions affecting a fish stock."
- Yet <50% of DFO's stock assessments currently use environmental data.
- Only 28% of assessments in Pacific Region use environmental data.
- Leading cause of not using environmental data is availability of the data.

Kulka DW, Thompson S, Cogliati K, Olmstead M, Austin D, Pepin D. (2022). An Accounting of Integration of Environmental Variables in Fishery Stock Assessments in Canada. Can. Tech. Rep. Fish. Aquat. Sci. 3473: viii + 79 p.
https://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2022/mpo-dfo/Fs97-6-3473-eng.pdf

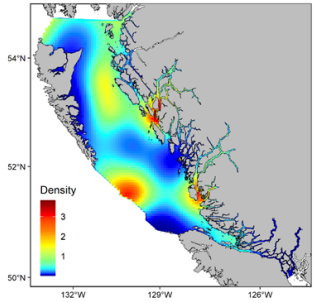
Motivation (based on a true story)

Survey sightings of Humpback Whales



Modelling

Estimated densities



See Doniol-Valcroze et al. (2022) in last year's SOPO report.
Density plot courtesy Brianna Wright.

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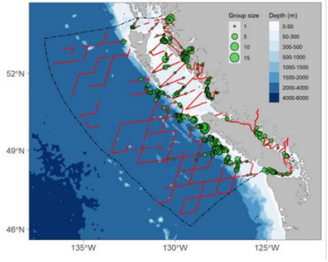
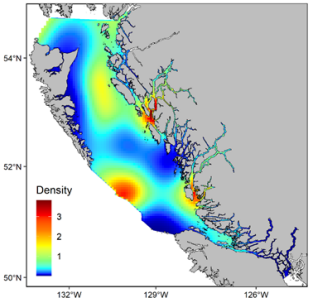


Modelling

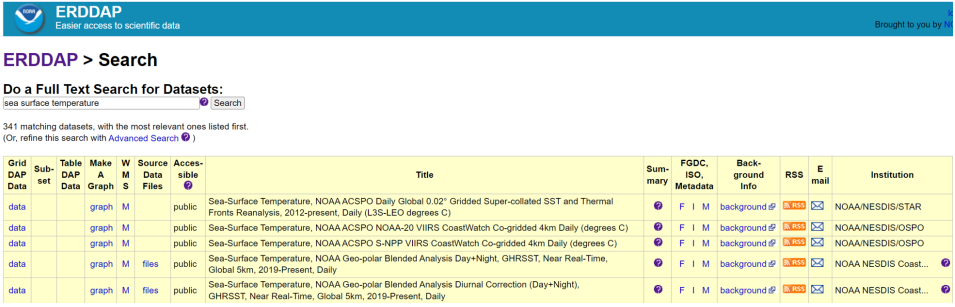
SST ?

Estimated densities



Motivation (based on a true story)

A search for sea surface temperature yields an overwhelming number (341) of choices:



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Do a Full Text Search for Datasets:
sea surface temperature Search

341 matching datasets, with the most relevant ones listed first.
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Grid DAP Data	Sub-set	Table DAP Data	Make A Graph	WMS	Source Data Files	Accessible	Title	Summary	FGDC, ISO, Metadata	Background Info	RSS	E mail	Institution
data			graph	M		public	Sea-Surface Temperature, NOAA ACSPO Daily Global 0.02° Gridded Super-collated SST and Thermal Fronts Reanalysis, 2012-present, Daily (L3S-LEO degrees C)		F I M	background	RSS		NOAA/NESDIS/STAR
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data			graph	M	files	public	Sea-Surface Temperature, NOAA Geo-polar Blended Analysis Diurnal Correction (Day+Night), GHRSST, Near Real-Time, Global 5km, 2019-Present, Daily		F I M	background	RSS		NOAA NESDIS Coast...

Likely requires extensive data wrangling to be usable, which usually takes way, way, longer than anticipated.
So the SST analysis did not happen.

Motivation

- Motivated by Dan Duplisea's `gslea` package for the Gulf of St. Lawrence.
- Outputs from a BC physical biogeochemical model have been shared by Angelica Peña.
- But the netCDF format may be unfamiliar to non-oceanographers – we take care of the wrangling into R
- Open Data is great, but can be hard to convert raw data into usable information.
- Primary audience is DFO stock assessment scientists, but usable by anyone (with a minimal working knowledge of R).

Duplisea et al. (2020). gslea: the Gulf of St Lawrence ecosystem approach data matrix R-package. R package version 0.1 https://github.com/duplisea/gslea

Why an R package?

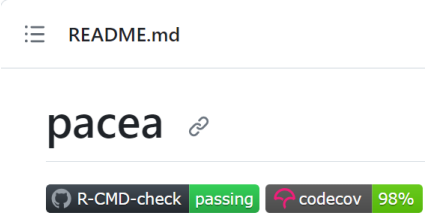
- R is the programming language most widely used by stock assessment scientists.
- An R package is the standard way to share code (and data).
- Easy installation:

```
remotes::install_github("pbs-assess/pacea")
```

- Ensures proper documentation of data objects and functions (helps users).
- Include vignettes that walk users through various features.
- All data (except one type) is saved within the package, no further downloading required.

Why an R package on GitHub?

- Can host freely on GitHub: https://github.com/pbs-assess/pacea
- Standard way to collaborate on code.
- Code is completely open source: transparent, traceable, and transferable.



- 'Passing' badge: ensures package can build in R.
- 'codecov' is the amount of the code that is covered by unit tests, which help weed out bugs.

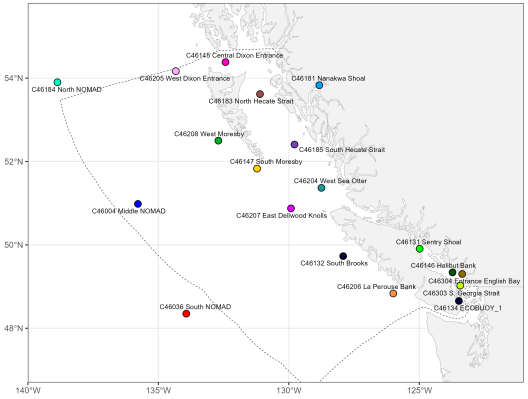
pacea objects

Currently, pacea contains:

- 204,039 calculations of daily sea surface temperature based on data from 19 buoys
- outputs from the spatial British Columbia continental margin (BCCM) model
- NOAA's spatial Optimum Interpolation Sea Surface Temperature (OISST) record
- 9 climatic and oceanographic indices, such as the Pacific Decadal Oscillation and those related to El Niño
- estimates of abundances for Harbour Seals and Pacific Hake

Sea surface temperature data from buoys

Data from 19 buoys maintained by DFO/ECCC (Environment and Climate Change Canada), hosted through CIOOS (Canadian Integrated Ocean Observing System).



Sea surface temperature data from buoys

The data are saved as a `tibble` in `pacea`:

```
buoy_sst
# A tibble: 204,039 x 3
  date       stn_id   sst
  <date>     <fct>  <dbl>
1 1988-08-05 C46004  12.8
2 1988-08-06 C46004  12.7
3 1988-08-07 C46004  12.5
4 1988-08-08 C46004  12.5
5 1988-08-09 C46004  12.6
6 1988-08-10 C46004  12.6
# i 204,033 more rows
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5 1988-08-09 C46004  12.6
6 1988-08-10 C46004  12.6
# i 204,033 more rows
```
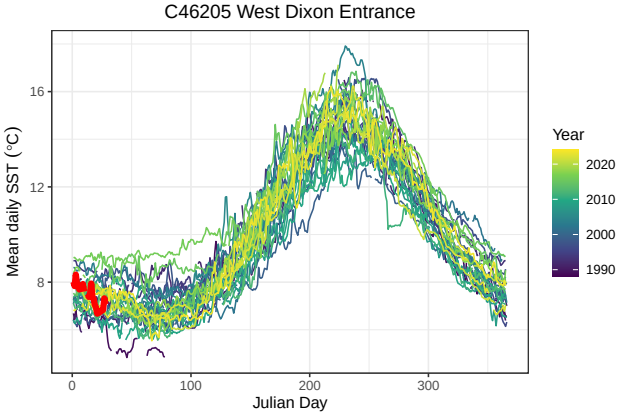

```
tail(buoy_sst)
# A tibble: 6 x 3
  date       stn_id   sst
  <date>     <fct>  <dbl>
1 2024-01-23 C46304  6.22
2 2024-01-24 C46304  6.32
3 2024-01-25 C46304  6.73
4 2024-01-26 C46304  7.27
5 2024-01-27 C46304  7.50
6 2024-01-28 C46304  7.81
```

Sea surface temperature data from buoys

Plot data from a single buoy for all years, the default is for buoy C46205:

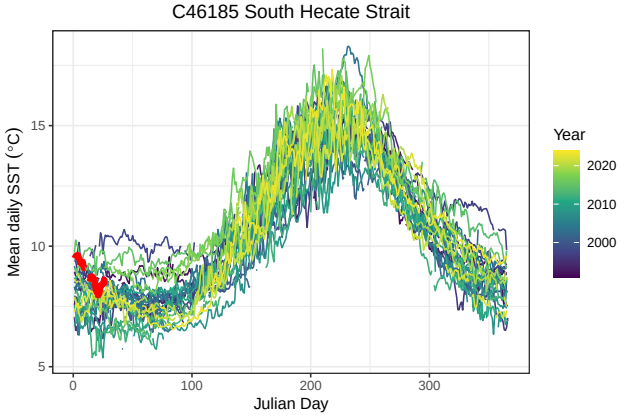
```
plot(buoy_sst)
```



Sea surface temperature data from buoys

Easy to look at values for any buoy

```
plot(buoy_sst,
     stn_id = "C46185")
```



Help file for every object

```
?buoy_sst

Daily average sea surface temperatures for 19 buoys (yielding over
200,000 values) calculated with data from Environment and Climate
Change Canada (ECCC) and DFO.

Description:

     A tibble of daily average calculations of sea surface temperature
     in coastal Canadian Pacific waters. The earliest data are from
     September 1987, and 14 buoys were still providing data as of May
     2023. See the example code below to see the start and end dates
     for each buoy.

Usage:

     buoy_sst

Format:

     A tibble with columns:

     date: date (of class `Date`) used to calculate the `sst`, based on
          UTC -8 hours (i.e. Pacific Standard Time, not changing due to
          daylight savings)

    ...
```

Vignettes for each type of data

We have written vignettes for each type of data. Viewable directly on GitHub site (see the README).

Buoy Sea Surface Temperature Data

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Daily average sea surface temperature from buoys

```
library(pacea)
library(dplyr)
library(tibble)  # Else prints all of a tibble
```

In pacea we include daily average sea surface temperature (SST) from 19 buoys in Canadian Pacific waters, yielding over 170,000 values. Data are from Environment and Climate Change Canada, and Fisheries and Oceans Canada. The earliest data are from September 1987, and 14 buoys were still providing data as of May 2023.

Metadata for the buoys is given by

```
buoy_metadata
#> # A tibble: 19 × 9
#>    wmo_id name     type  latitude longitude water_depth_m col_key stn_id name_key
#>    <fct>  <fct>    <fct>    <dbl>     <dbl>         <dbl> <fct>   <fct>  <fct>
#>  1 46004  Middle… NOMAD     51.0     -136.          3600 #0000FF C46004 C46004 …
#>  2 46036  South … NOMAD     48.4     -134.          3500 #FF0000 C46036 C46036 …
#>  3 46131  Sentry… 3 me…     49.9     -125.            18 #00FF00 C46131 C46131 …
#>  4 46132  South … 3 me…     49.7     -128.          2040 #000033 C46132 C46132 …
#>  5 46134  ECOBUO… 3 me…     48.7     -123.            65 #000033 C46134 C46134 …
#>  6 46145  Centra… 3 me…     54.4     -132.           257 #FF00B6 C46145 C46145 …
```

Climatic and oceanographic indices

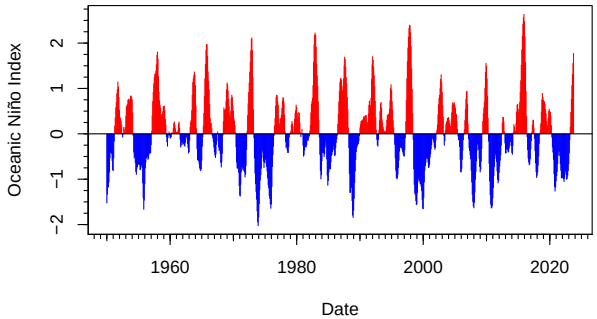
Various climate and oceanographic indices are currently included in pacea:

Object	Description	Resolution	Start year	End year
pdo	Pacific Decadal Oscillation	monthly	1854	2023
npi_monthly	North Pacific Index (monthly)	monthly	1899	2023
npi_annual	North Pacific Index (annual)	annual	1899	2023
alpi	Aleutian Low Pressure Index	annual	1900	2015
oni	Oceanic Niño Index	monthly	1950	2023
npgo	North Pacific Gyre Oscillation	monthly	1950	2024
ao	Arctic Oscillation	monthly	1950	2023
soi	Southern Oscillation Index	monthly	1951	2023
mei	Multivariate El Niño Southern Oscillation Index	monthly	1979	2023

Climatic and oceanographic indices

For example, to see a plot of the Oceanic Niño Index (ONI) anomaly, simply type

```
plot(oni)
```



This shows the onset of El Niño (positive index) conditions in April 2023.

Climatic and oceanographic indices

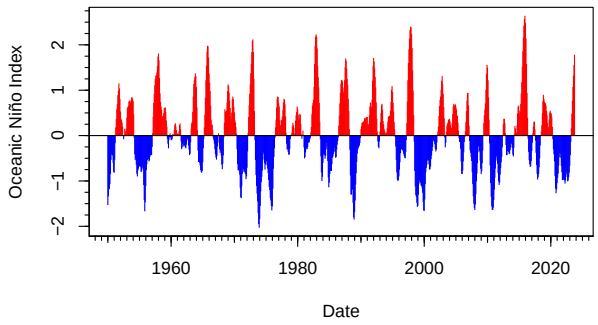
The values are readily available for doing your own analyses:

```
oni
# A tibble: 886 x 4
   year month value anomaly
  <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>   <dbl>
1  1950     1  24.7   -1.53
2  1950     2  25.2   -1.34
3  1950     3  25.8   -1.16
4  1950     4  26.1   -1.18
5  1950     5  26.3   -1.07
6  1950     6  26.3   -0.85
# i 880 more rows
tail(oni)
# A tibble: 6 x 4
   year month value anomaly
  <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>   <dbl>
1  2023     5  28.3    0.48
2  2023     6  28.4    0.77
3  2023     7  28.4    1.07
4  2023     8  28.3    1.32
5  2023     9  28.3    1.56
6  2023    10  28.5    1.78
```

Further plotting options and styles

Each index has a default plotting style (which you can override). For `oni` it shows the monthly anomalies as colour-code bars:

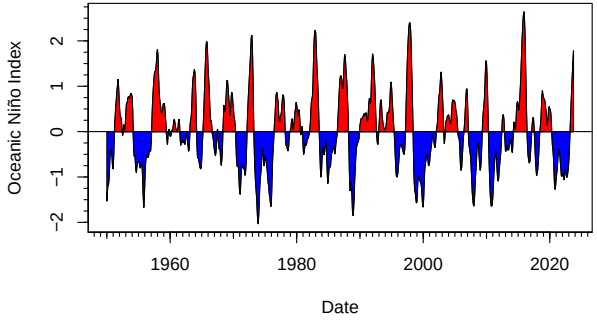
```
plot(oni)
```



Further plotting options and styles

Another option is as a black line with filled-in colouring:

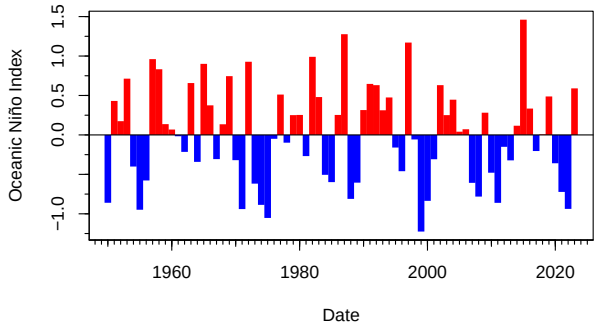
```
plot(oni,
     style = "red_blue")
```



Further plotting options and styles

To see `oni` as an annual (not monthly index):

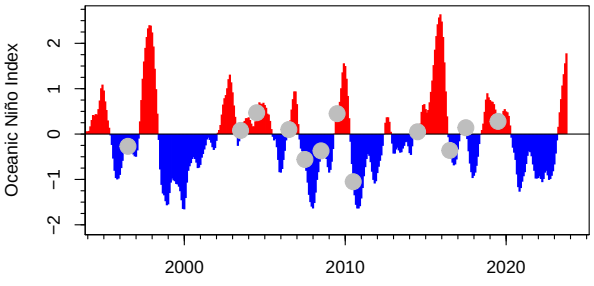
```
plot(oni,
     smooth_over_year = TRUE,
     lwd = 6)
```



Further plotting options and styles

And say you want to see if specific events coincide with El Niño (based on a true story, see help for details):

```
plot(oni,
     event_years = c(1996, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2019),
     xlim = c(lubridate::dmy(01011995),
              lubridate::dmy(01012024)),
     lwd = 2)
```



Estimates of animal populations

In pacea we include estimates of populations, with measures of uncertainty, as calculated from recent stock assessments.
Currently, we have estimates of:

- Pacific Hake (the coastwide stock off Canada and United States)
- Pacific Harbour Seals (most abundant pinniped species in the Northeast Pacific)
- Pacific Herring (coming soon)

Hake biomass

The hake biomass time series is saved as a `tibble` object in `pacea`:

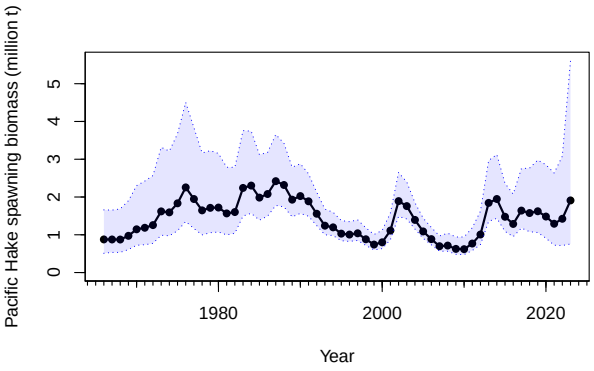
```
hake_biomass
# A tibble: 58 x 4
   year   low median  high
  <dbl> <dbl>  <dbl> <dbl>
1  1966 0.510  0.877  1.66
2  1967 0.534  0.876  1.65
3  1968 0.534  0.874  1.68
4  1969 0.609  0.972  1.90
5  1970 0.723  1.15   2.30
6  1971 0.737  1.19   2.42
# i 52 more rows

tail(hake_biomass)
# A tibble: 6 x 4
   year   low median  high
  <dbl> <dbl>  <dbl> <dbl>
1  2018 1.08    1.58  2.77
2  2019 1.06    1.62  2.98
3  2020 0.910   1.48  2.85
4  2021 0.724   1.29  2.63
5  2022 0.716   1.42  3.08
6  2023 0.757   1.91  5.61
```

Hake biomass

Time series of spawning biomass:

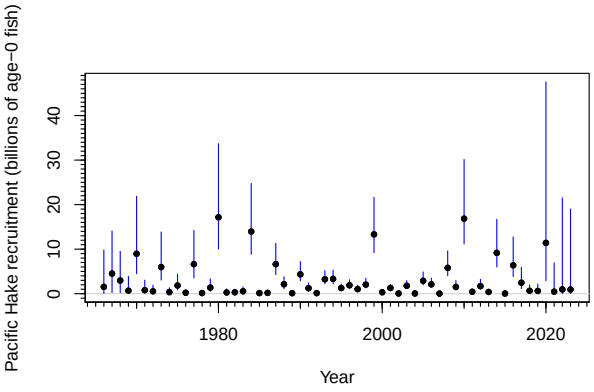
```
plot(hake_biomass)
```



Hake recruitment

Estimates of annual recruitment (exclude recent years for any analyses since not greatly informed by data; see `?hake_recruitment`):

```
plot(hake_recruitment)
```



Pacific Harbour Seals

Estimated abundances for seven regions (and coastwide) were calculated by DFO (2022; SAR 2022/034), and included here:

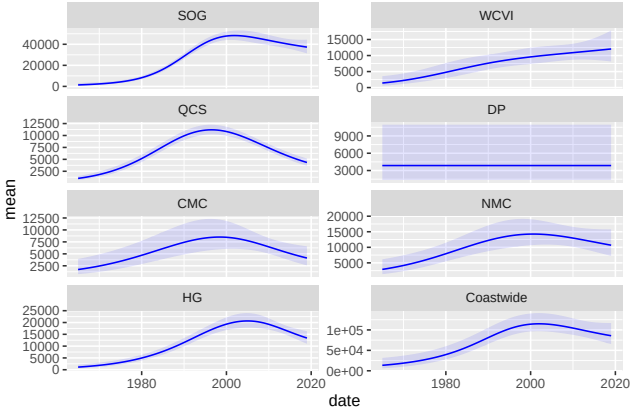
```
harbour_seals
# A tibble: 640 x 5
  date       region   low  mean  high
  <date>     <fct>  <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
1 1965-01-01 SOG     593. 1384. 3231.
2 1965-09-07 SOG     669. 1488. 3307.
3 1966-05-14 SOG     755. 1599. 3387.
4 1967-01-19 SOG     851. 1719. 3471.
5 1967-09-25 SOG     959. 1848. 3562.
6 1968-06-01 SOG    1080. 1988. 3661.
# i 634 more rows

tail(harbour_seals)
# A tibble: 6 x 5
  date       region       low   mean    high
  <date>     <fct>      <dbl>  <dbl>   <dbl>
1 2015-08-01 Coastwide 75072. 92401. 118166.
2 2016-04-07 Coastwide 73146. 91001. 117663.
3 2016-12-13 Coastwide 71189. 89638. 117317.
4 2017-08-20 Coastwide 69222. 88313. 117113.
5 2018-04-26 Coastwide 67259. 87026. 117031.
6 2019-01-01 Coastwide 65316. 85774. 117053.
```

Pacific Harbour Seals

Estimates for each region and coastwide, reproducing Figure 3 of DFO (2022):

```
plot(harbour_seals)
```



NOAA's Optimal Interpolation Sea Surface Temperature

OISST - long term gridded climate data record

- 1/4° longitude x latitude
- Interpolated to fill gaps
- Canada's Pacific EEZ
- 925 gridded cells
- September, 1981 to (relatively) present
  - Updated ~monthly

2 data products: weekly and monthly mean SST

- `oisst_7day` and `oisst_month`

R `erddap` - https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/products/optimum-interpolation-sst

Huang, B., C. Liu, V. Banzon, E. Freeman, G. Graham, B. Hankins, T. Smith, and H. Zhang, 2021: Improvements of the Daily Optimum Interpolation Sea Surface Temperature (DOISST) Version 2.1. J. Climate, 34, 2923–2939, https://doi.org/10.1175/JCLI-D-20-0166.1.

OISST – monthly mean

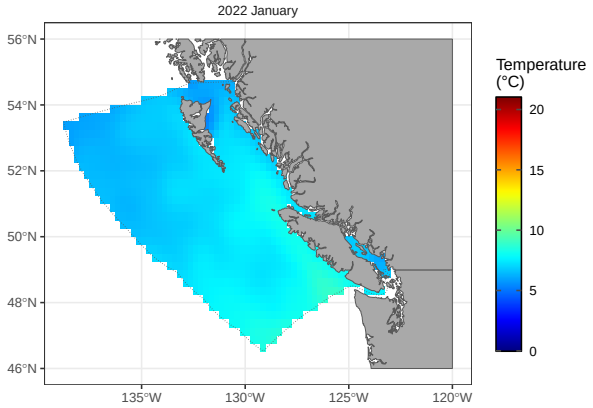
The data are saved as a `sf` (simple feature) `tibble` object in `pacea`:

```
oisst_month
```

```
Simple feature collection with 467125 features and 7 fields
Geometry type: POINT
Dimension:     XY
Bounding box:  xmin: -138.625 ymin: 46.625 xmax: -123.125 ymax: 54.625
Geodetic CRS:  WGS 84
# A tibble: 467,125 x 8
   year month   sst sst_sd sst_n start_date end_date
* <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>  <dbl> <int> <date>     <date>
1  1981     9  16.4  0.830    30 1981-09-01 1981-09-30
2  1981    10  14.3  0.838    31 1981-10-01 1981-10-31
3  1981    11  12.7  1.38     30 1981-11-01 1981-11-30
4  1981    12  10.2  0.549    31 1981-12-01 1981-12-31
5  1981     9  16.4  1.05     30 1981-09-01 1981-09-30
6  1981    10  14.2  0.697    31 1981-10-01 1981-10-31
# i 467,119 more rows
# i 1 more variable: geometry <POINT [BO]>
# i Use `print(n = ...)` to see more rows
```

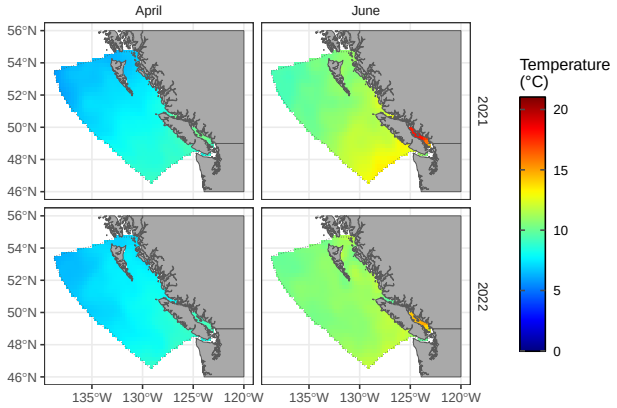
Built in plots – default

```
plot(oisst_month)
```



Built in plots – select years and months

```
plot(oisst_month, months.plot = c("April", "June"), years.plot = c(2021:2022))
```



British Columbia Continental Margin (BCCM) model

Physical biogeochemical oceanographic model

- Regional Ocean Modelling Systen (ROMS)
- Curvilinear grid at 3km x 3km resolution
- Interpolated to regular grid
- Clipped to Canada's Pacific EEZ

Model output provided by Angelica Peña at the Institute of Ocean Sciences (Fisheries and Oceans Canada).

Peña, M.A., Fine, I. and Callendar, W. 2019. Interannual variability in primary production and shelf-offshore transport of nutrients along the northeast Pacific Ocean margin. Deep-Sea Research II, doi:10.1016/j.dsr2.2019.104637.

Nearest neighbour linear interpolation

Curvilinear –> regular grid

- Inshore (2 x 2km) and offshore (6 x 6km)
- Nearest neighbour interpolation
  - Performace = RMSE error
- 40,480 cells
- Monthly from 1993-2019

Available variables

The variables are:

- dissolved oxygen concentration
- pH
- salinity
- temperature
- depth-integrated phytoplankton
- depth-integrated primary production.

For applicable variables these are given for

- sea surface
- 0-40 m integration
- 40-100 m integration
- 100 m to the sea bottom
- sea bottom.

List of available variables

bccm_data for available variables

```
bccm_data
                       data_name
1            bccm_surface_oxygen
2                bccm_surface_ph
3          bccm_surface_salinity
4       bccm_surface_temperature
5          bccm_avg0to40m_oxygen
6              bccm_avg0to40m_ph
7        bccm_avg0to40m_salinity
8     bccm_avg0to40m_temperature
9        bccm_avg40to100m_oxygen
10           bccm_avg40to100m_ph
11     bccm_avg40to100m_salinity
12  bccm_avg40to100m_temperature
13     bccm_avg100mtoBot_oxygen
14         bccm_avg100mtoBot_ph
15   bccm_avg100mtoBot_salinity
16 bccm_avg100mtoBot_temperature
17            bccm_bottom_oxygen
18                bccm_bottom_ph
19          bccm_bottom_salinity
20       bccm_bottom_temperature
21            bccm_phytoplankton
22        bccm_primaryproduction
```

Downloading data locally

The data are saved as a `sf` (simple feature) in a separate GitHub repository `pacea-data` (https://github.com/pbs-assess/pacea-data).

There are built in functions to download specific variables:

```
bccm_avg100mtoBot_ph()

pacea would like to download and store these data in the directory:
C:\Users\TAIT\AppData\Local/pacea/Cache
Is that okay?
1: Yes
2: No

Selection:
```

```
Simple feature collection with 33642 features and 324 fields
Geometry type: POLYGON
Dimension:     XY
Bounding box:  xmin: 164671.6 ymin: 163875 xmax: 1097612 ymax: 1103653
Projected CRS: NAD83 / BC Albers
# A tibble: 33,642 × 325
  `1993_1` `1993_2` `1993_3` `1993_4` ...                    geometry
     <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl> ...                <POLYGON [m]>
1     7.83     7.87     7.88     7.90 ... ((575612.5 1103653, 577612.5 ~
2     7.83     7.87     7.88     7.90 ... ((577612.5 1103653, 579612.5 ~
3     7.83     7.87     7.88     7.90 ... ((579612.5 1103653, 581612.5 ~
```

Downloading data locally

Or all variables (will take several minutes):

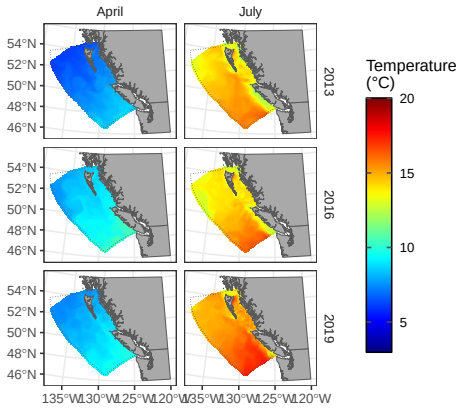
```
bccm_all_variables()

Downloading all BCCM data may take many minutes. Files will be downloaded to pacea_cache directory:
C:\Users\TAIT\AppData\Local/pacea/Cache
Would you like to continue?
1: Yes
2: No

Selection:
```

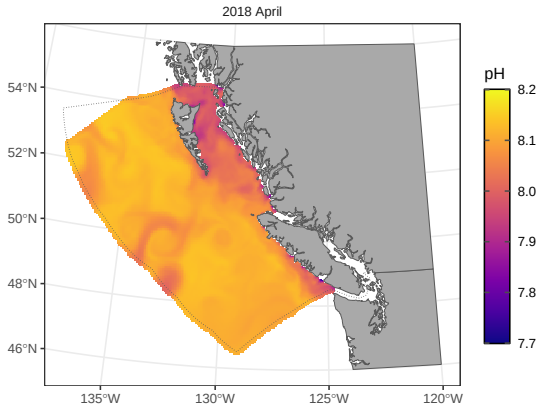
Built in plotting

```
plot(bccm_surface_temperature(), months.plot = c("April", "july"), years.plot = c(2013, 2016, 2019))
```



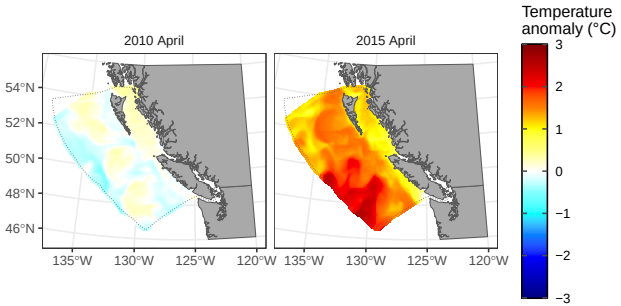
Built in plotting

```
plot(bccm_surface_ph())
```



Extras – anomaly plot

```
plot(anom_dat, months.plot = "April", years.plot = c(2010, 2015))
```



Commitments from package authors

We will:

- (try to) not break the package, by working on branches on GitHub before merging.
- ensure any improvements are back compatible.
- update the NEWS as we add/update data and make improvements.
- ideally update the following on the 20th of every month (or soon after) to get the latest raw data:
  - climatic and oceanographic indices
  - buoy sst
  - OISST

Commitments from package authors

- update other data as appropriate:
  - hake assessment output: February each year
  - harbour seals: next time assessment is updated
  - herring assessment output: when SAR published each year
  - BCCM model output: in early 2024 the model may be run into 2020 (boundary conditions come from a global model currently only available to Jan 2021).
    - note that BCCM is a research model (not an operational model) so updates depend on projects and access to High Performance Computing.

Recommended guidelines for users

Please:

- read the README!!
- check the help files and vignettes
- check the NEWS (for updates to data, useful additions, new data, etc.)
- understand the limitations of the data

```
pacea_installed()

You last locally installed pacea on 2023-11-01 which is 8 days ago.

Compare that with the updates in the NEWS file (and you can also check dates of the latest commits at
https://github.com/pbs-assess/pacea/commits/main)
```

Recommended guidelines for users

- cite pacea and the original sources for any data you use
- let us know of any applications (so we understand the uptake and how much effort to devote to maintaining it)
  - you could be out on a survey and wondering how warm the water is compared to previous years
  - Chris Rooper: looking at Pacific Saury process errors from a stock assessment using the indices (PDO etc.). "It made my life easier today."

We wrangle the data so you don't have to

```
citation("pacea")

Edwards AM, Tai TC, Watson J, Peña MA, Hilborn A, Hannah CG, Rooper CN
(2023). "pacea: An R package of Pacific ecosystem information to help facilitate an ecosystem approach to fisheries management."
  https://github.com/pbs-assess/pacea.
```