

THE WORLD UNDER THE OCEAN

CORAL SPAWNING

Image: <https://www.whitsundayescape.com/news/coral-spawning/>

Today's Discussion

Introduction

- Background Story
- Problem / Goal

Process

Result / Conclusion





What is coral
spawning?



Image: <https://www.diversden.com.au/travel-guide/great-barrier-reef-coral-spawning-guide/>

Timing!



Image: <https://climatekids.nasa.gov/career-ocean-scientist/>

Dataset

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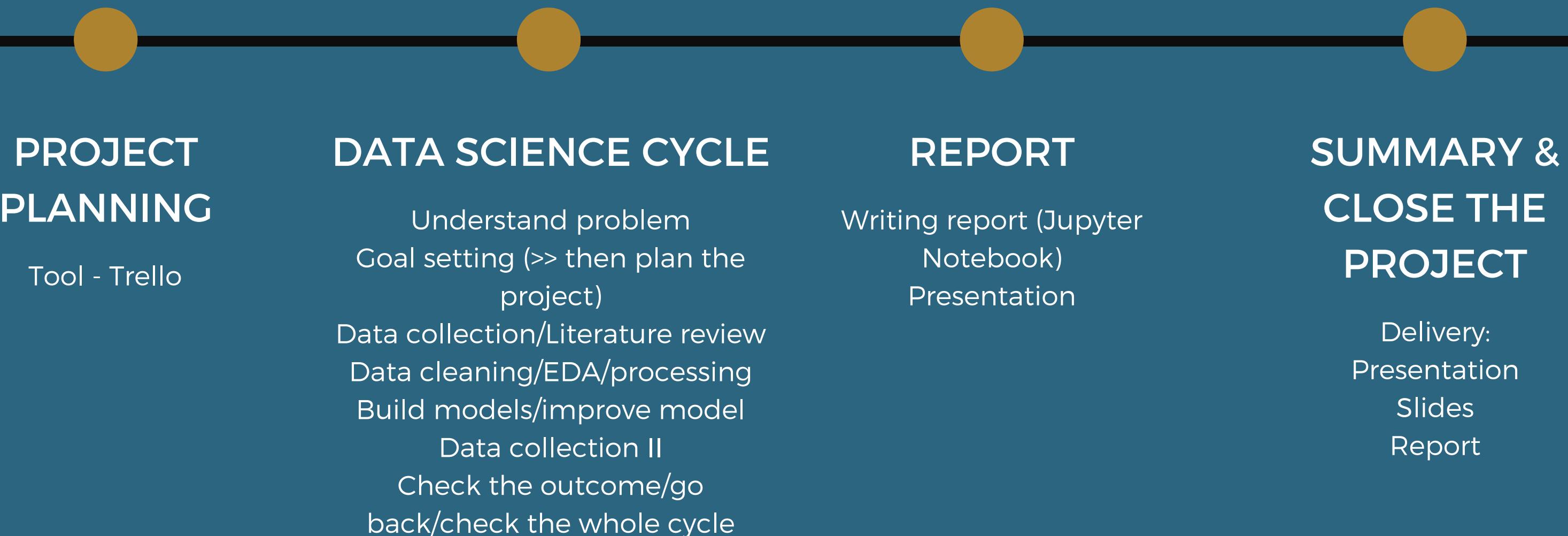
Goal

>> Predict coral
spawning time



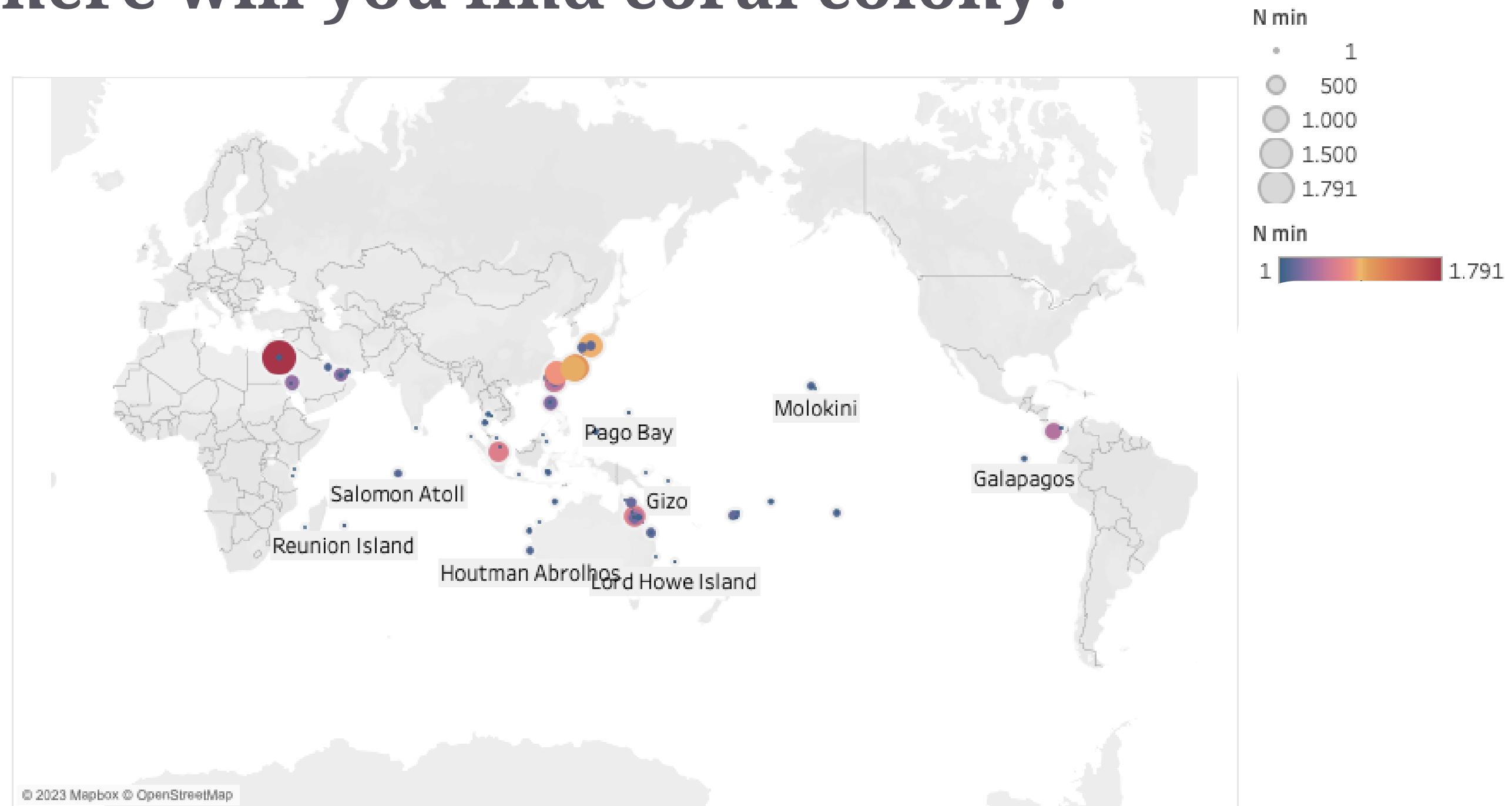
Process

Where we go from here

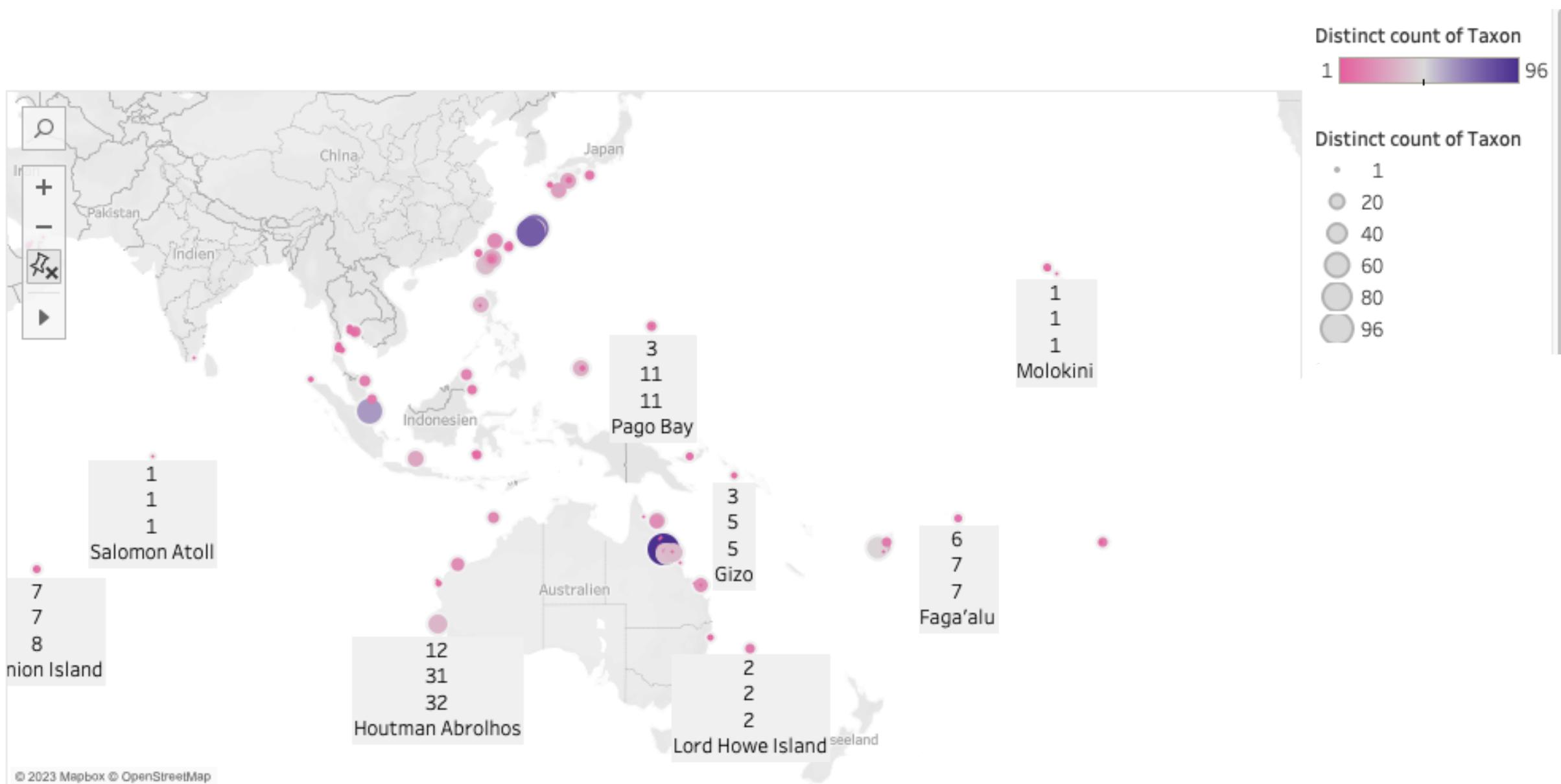


Data Exploration & Analysis

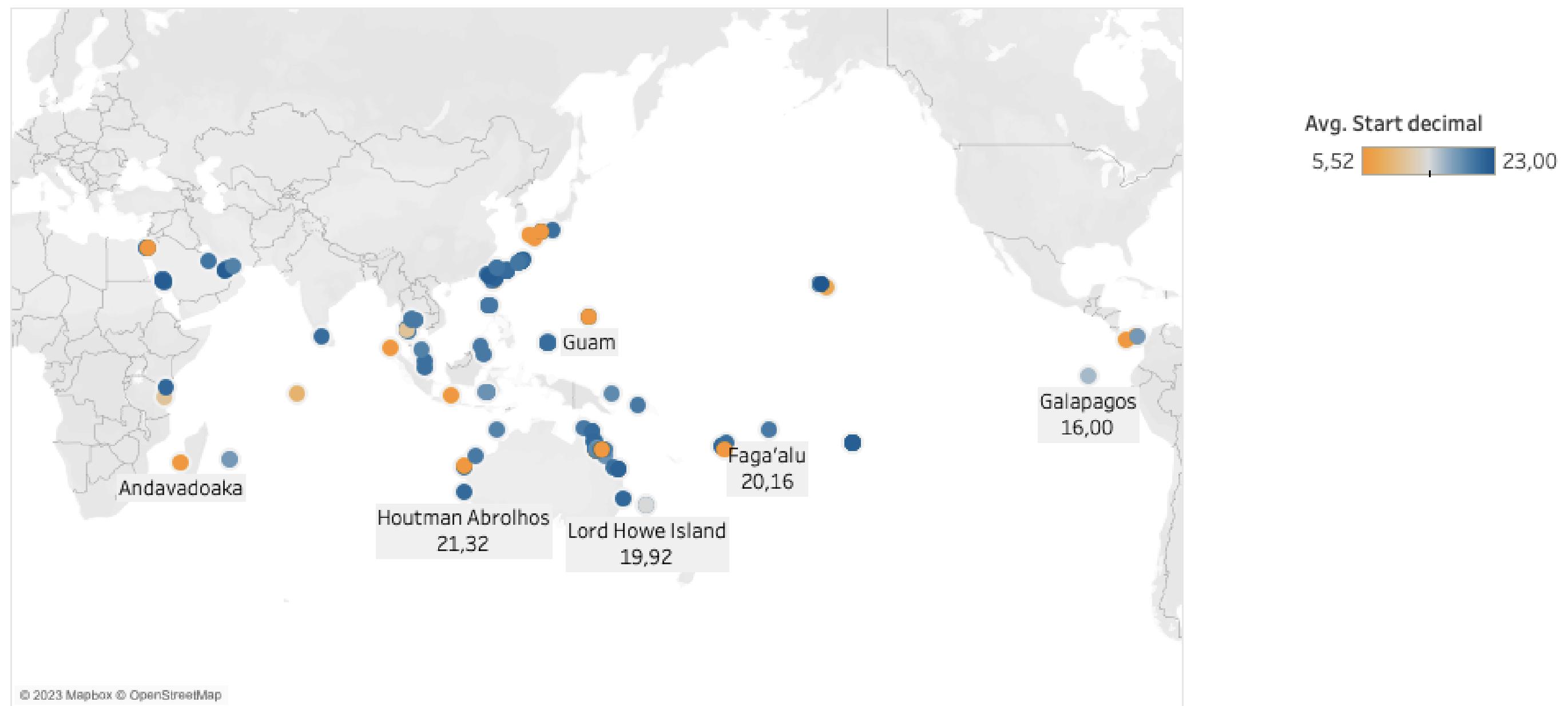
Where will you find coral colony?



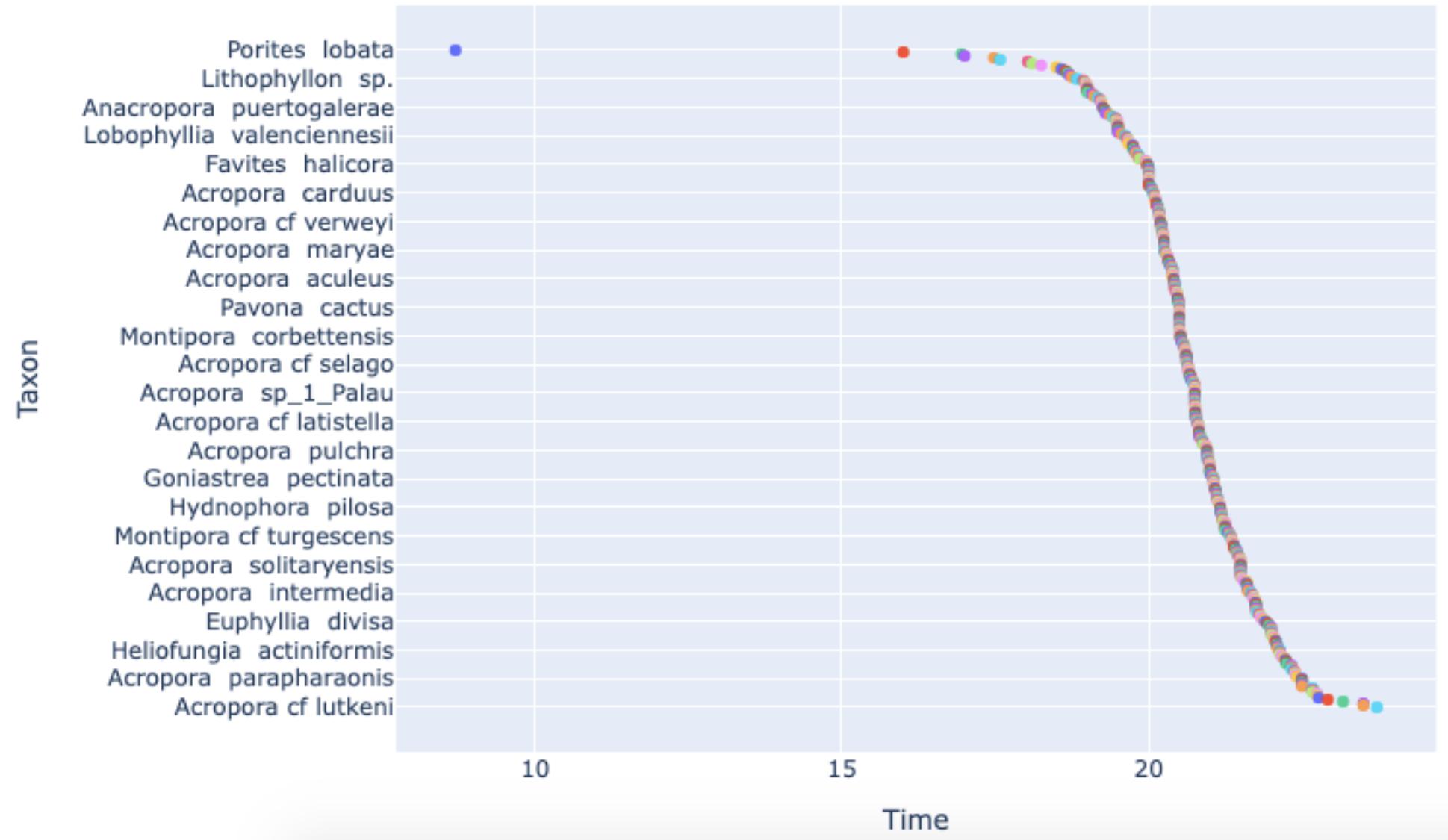
Which site has the most coral diversity?



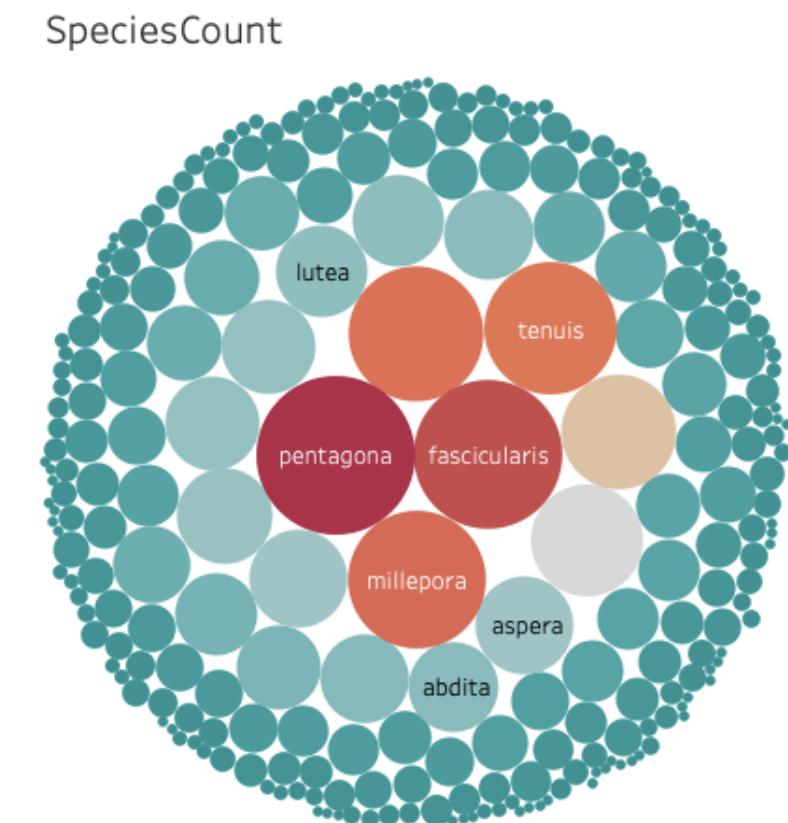
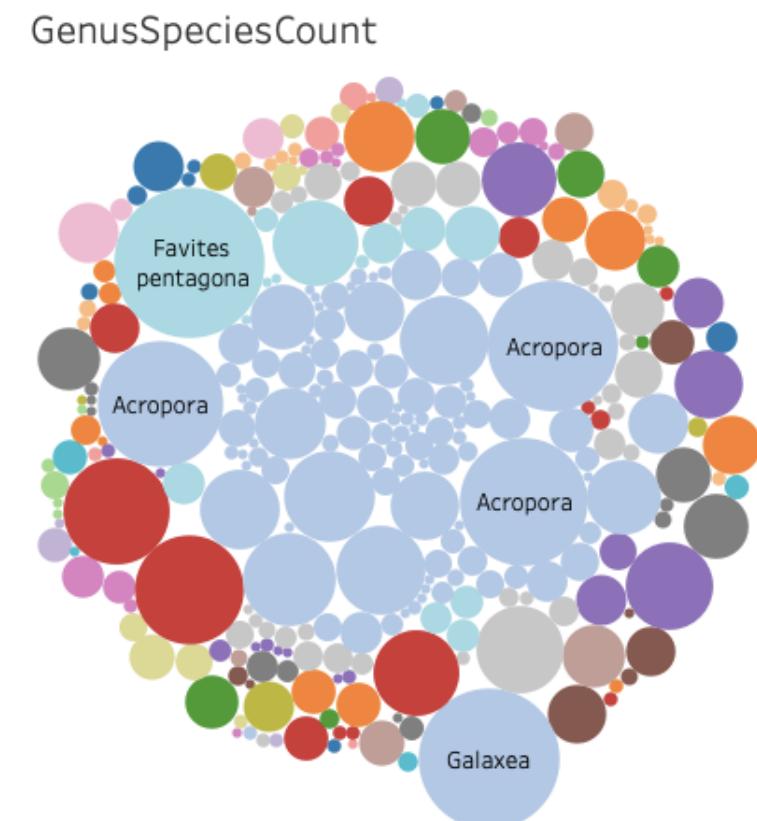
Do corals in all sites spawn at the same time?



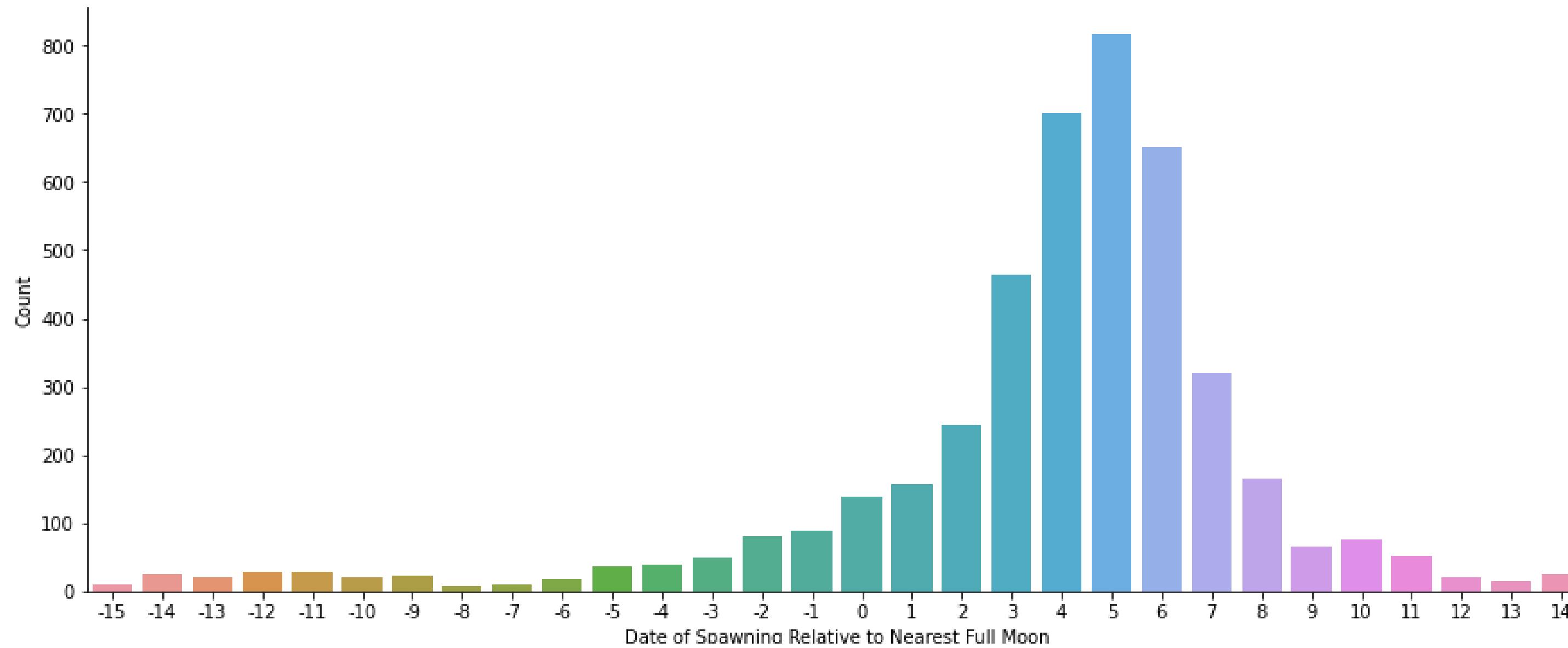
Do the different species spawn at different times?



- Taxon**
- Porites lobata
 - Pavona gigantea
 - Lobactis scutaria
 - Favites sp.
 - Acropora ocellata
 - Homophyllum bowerbanki
 - Pavona clavus
 - Acropora squarrosa
 - Lithophyllum concinna
 - Turbinaria sp.
 - Paragoniastrea australensis
 - Acropora cf tenuis
 - Goniopora sp.
 - Acropora clathrata
 - Goniopora minor
 - Lithophyllum sp.
 - Goniopora lobata
 - Acropora aff yongei
 - Turbinaria mesenterina

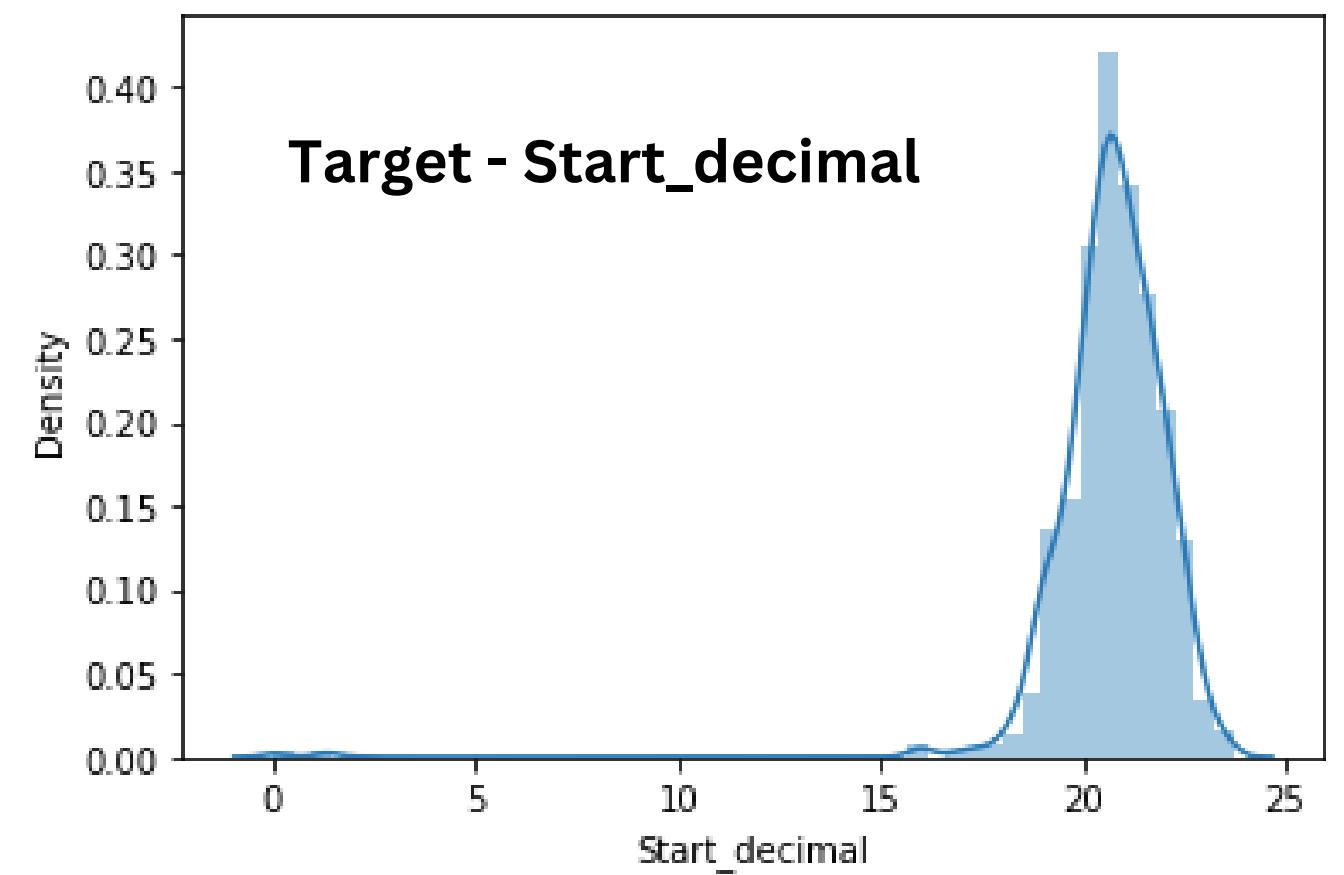


How many days away from the full moon date does coral spawn?



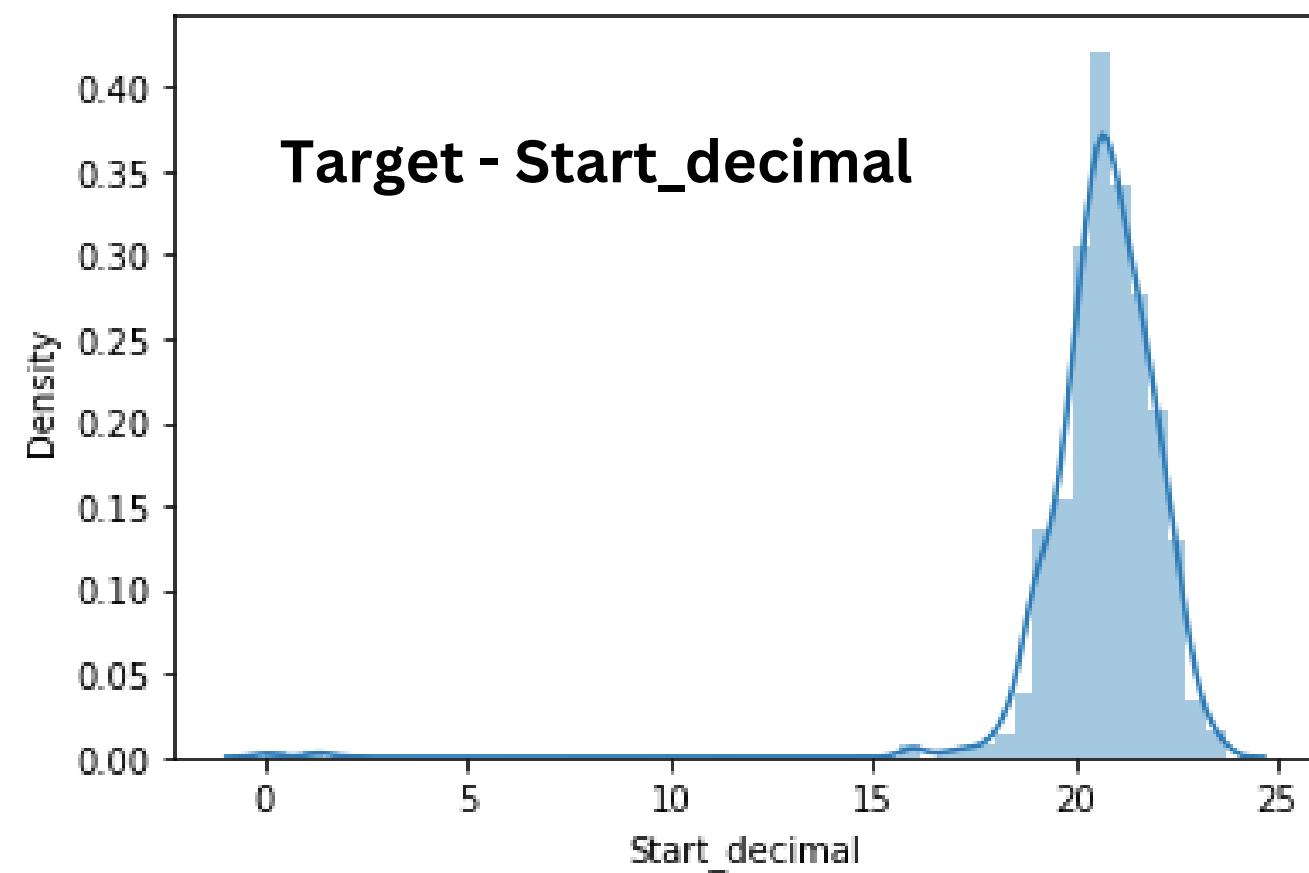
Building a baseline model

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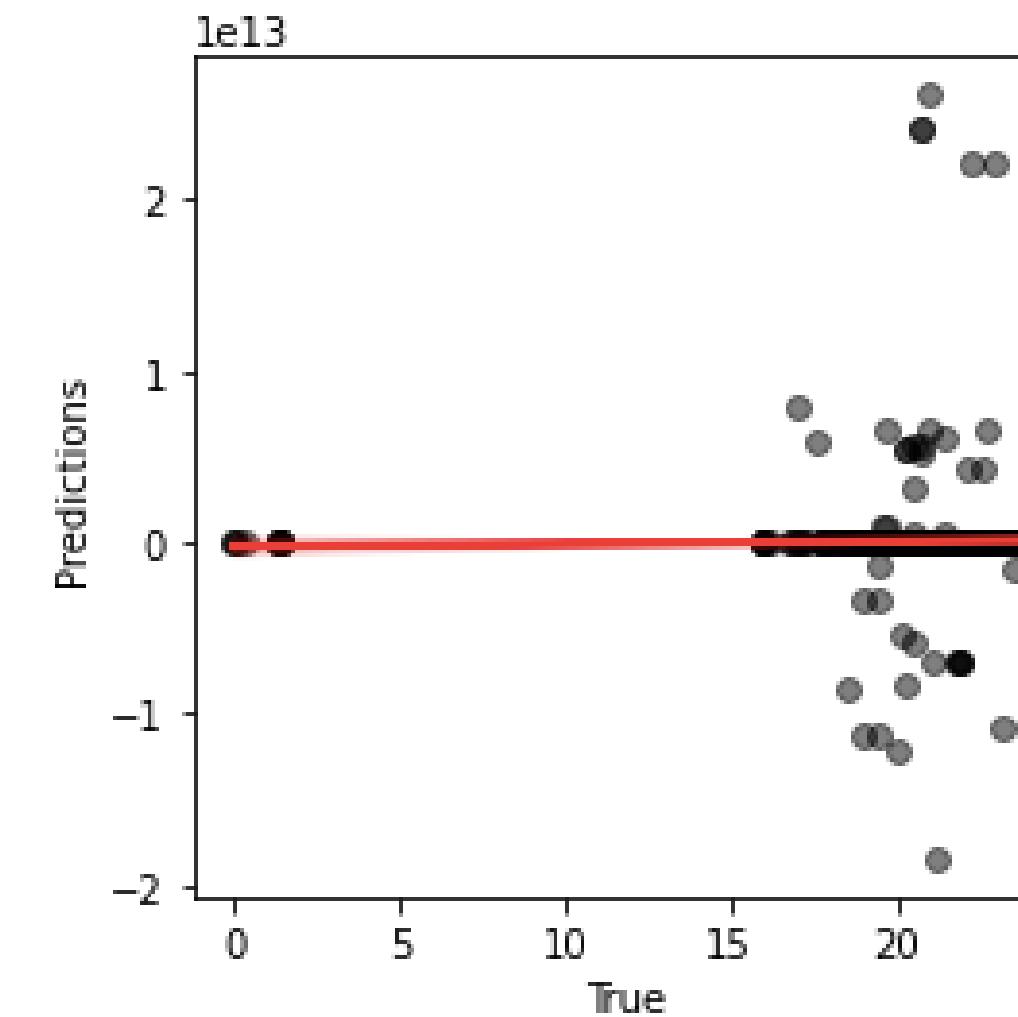
Baseline model (Linear Regression):

R²: -8.521397933708999e+23

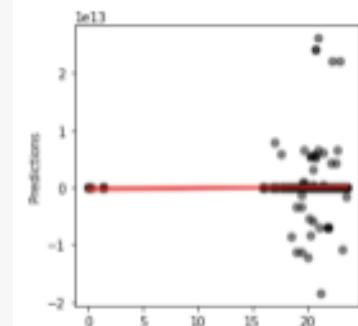
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RMSE: 2054181765087.34

MAE: 306825665752.64

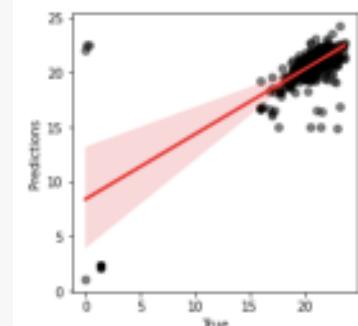


Different models



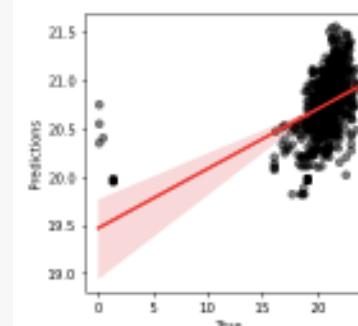
Linear Regression (baseline model):

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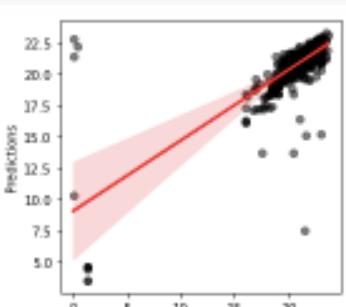
SVR:

R²: 0.56
MSE: 2.17
RMSE: 1.47
MAE: 0.72



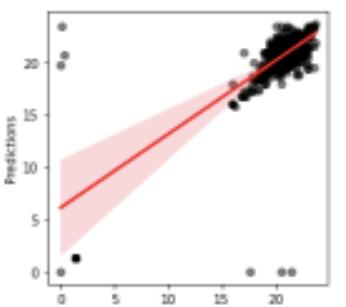
Poisson Regressor:

R²: 0.1
MSE: 4.46
RMSE: 2.11
MAE: 0.94



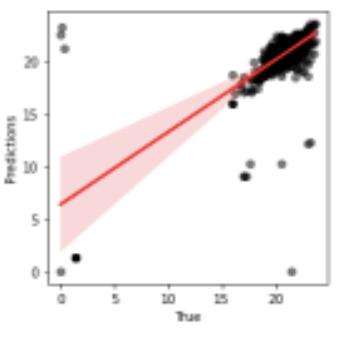
RandomForest Regressor:

R²: 0.56
MSE: 2.18
RMSE: 1.48
MAE: 0.53



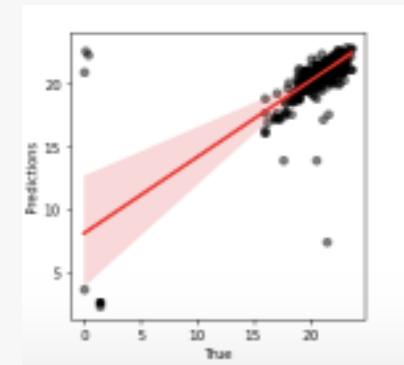
DecisionTree Regressor:

R²: 0.42
MSE: 2.88
RMSE: 1.7
MAE: 0.54



KNeighborsRegressor:

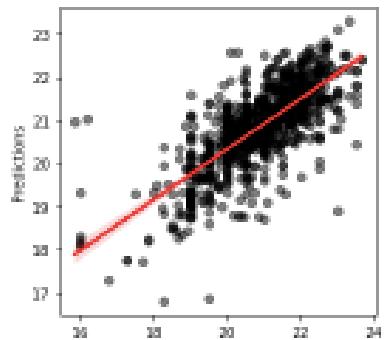
R²: 0.44
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MAE: 0.53



XGBRegressor:

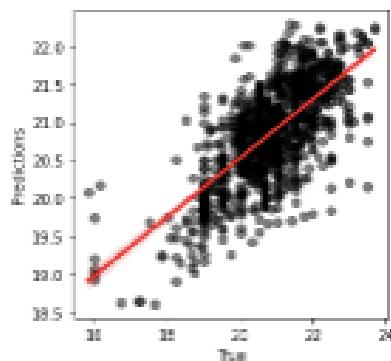
R²: 0.6
MSE: 2.0
RMSE: 1.41
MAE: 0.56

Improved models



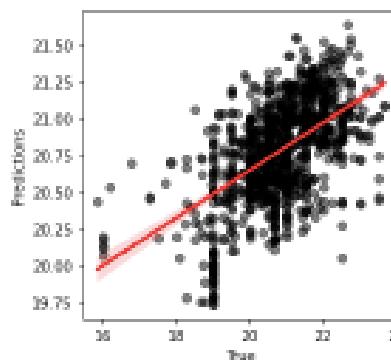
Linear Regression (no outliers):

R²: 0.56
MSE: 0.6
RMSE: 0.78
MAE: 0.55



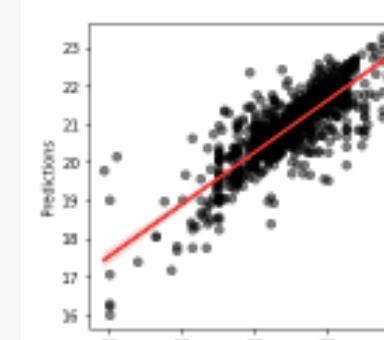
SVR (no outliers):

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RMSE: 0.86
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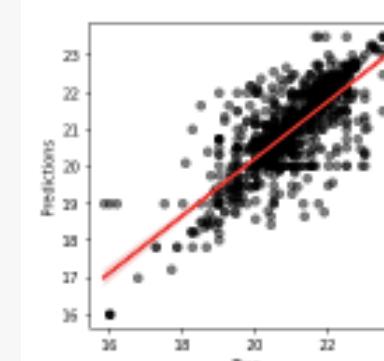
Poisson Regressor (no outliers):

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MSE: 1.04
RMSE: 1.02
MAE: 0.78



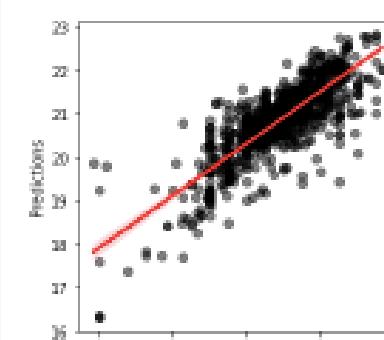
RandomForest Regressor (no outliers):

R²: 0.7
MSE: 0.41
RMSE: 0.64
MAE: 0.41



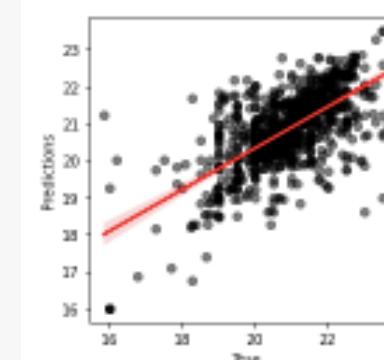
DecisionTree Regressor (no outliers):

R²: 0.6
MSE: 0.55
RMSE: 0.74
MAE: 0.44



XGBRegressor (no outliers):

R²: 0.66
MSE: 0.46
RMSE: 0.68
MAE: 0.47



KNeighborsRegressor (no outliers):

R²: 0.41
MSE: 0.81
RMSE: 0.9
MAE: 0.58

Predict on Test Dataset

Taxon	N_min	Date	Start_decimal	STrSS	Gamete_release	DoSRtNFM	ToSS_decimal	ToSR_decimal	daylen_decimal	sunset	sunrise	
Merulina ampliata	2.0	1995-11-12	NaN	NaN	Bundles	6	18.483333	5.733333		13.45	18.29	5.44
Acropora gemmifera	1.0	1982-12-06	NaN	NaN	Bundles	5	18.600000	5.383333		13.13	18.36	5.23
Acropora humilis	1.0	1982-12-06	NaN	NaN	Bundles	5	18.600000	5.383333		13.13	18.36	5.23

Final Outcome

	Ecoregion	Country	Site	Latitude	Longitude	Genus	Species	Taxon	N_min	Date	Start_decimal	StRSS	Gamete_release	Do
0	Tuvalu, Samoa and Tonga	American Samoa	Faga'alau	-14.279444	-170.700833	Merulina	ampliata	Merulina ampliata	2.0	1995- 11-12	21.353000	NaN	Bundles	
1	Central and northern Great Barrier Reef	Australia	Big Broadhurst Reef	-18.929444	147.757222	Acropora	gemmaifera	Acropora gemmaifera	1.0	1982- 12-06	18.510528	NaN	Bundles	
2	Central and northern Great Barrier Reef	Australia	Big Broadhurst Reef	-18.929444	147.757222	Acropora	humilis	Acropora humilis	1.0	1982- 12-06	20.127976	NaN	Bundles	
3	Central and northern Great Barrier Reef	Australia	Big Broadhurst Reef	-18.929444	147.757222	Acropora	loripes	Acropora loripes	1.0	1982- 12-06	21.440833	NaN	Bundles	
4	Central and northern Great Barrier Reef	Australia	Big Broadhurst Reef	-18.929444	147.757222	Acropora	nasuta	Acropora nasuta	1.0	1982- 12-06	20.893500	NaN	Bundles	



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Conclusion

- What I have learned
- Challenges
- Personal story





"12% of the land around the world is now protected but only 1% of the ocean is fully protected"

- ***Sylvia Earle***, TED Prize 2009



Portrait of Sylvia Earle, oceanographer and National Geographic Explorer at Large, in 2017.
MARK THIESSEN/NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

Thank you!



Image: <https://hawaiianpaddlesports.com/maui/turtle-town/>