

Low and mid-trophic levels reanalysis in the European Copernicus Marine Service catalogue:

State of the current product, and
development plan
Applications to sciences and society

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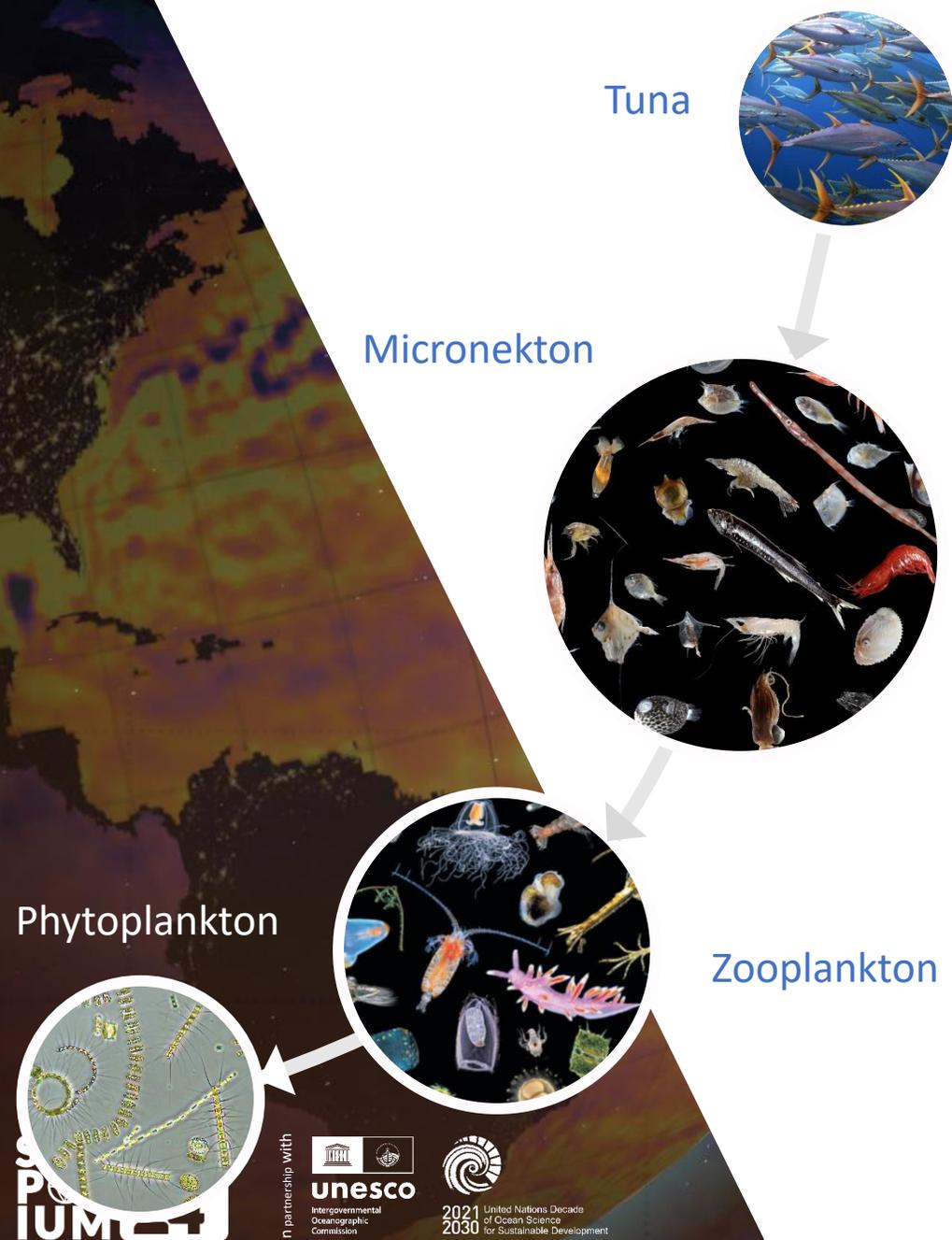


Glossary



- SEAPODYM: a Low and Mid Trophic Levels biomass density model
- Validation of key variables of SEAPODYM
- Application to science and society
- What's new ? The YYOGA framework
- MICRORYS : the LMTL reanalysis of Copernicus Marine Service

Ocean Low & Mid-Trophic Levels



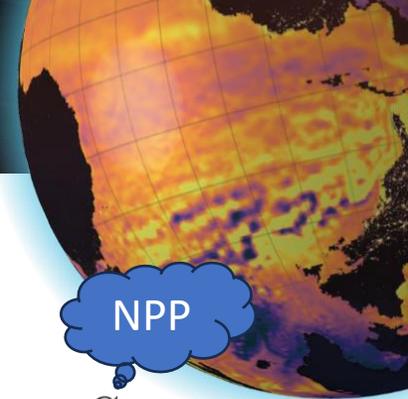
A very large diversity of species in the ocean constitute the **low-trophic (zooplankton) and mid-trophic (micronekton) levels** of the food web.

They are the prey of larger size animals -> they play a key role in the marine ecosystem

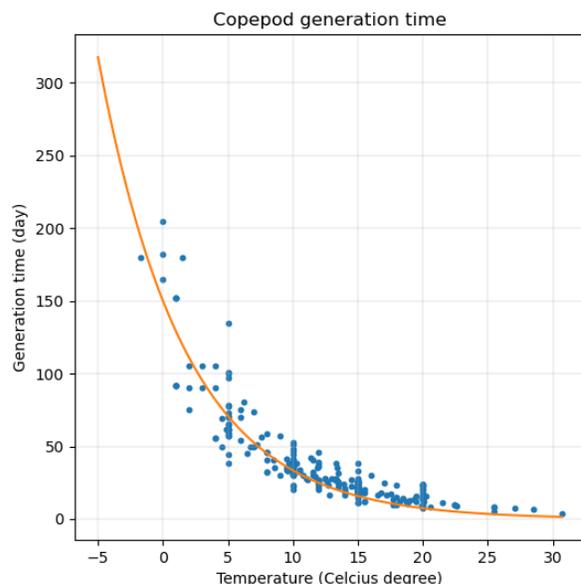
Micronekton (~1-20 cm), including larvae and juveniles of large fish species, as some **other very large animals** (whale shark or baleen whales) **feed on zooplankton**

Large fish, cephalopods, seabirds and many marine mammals feed on micronekton.

Yet micronekton it is not studied / observed enough



SEAPODYM is based on advection-diffusion-reaction equations



Example of time of development until maturity w.r.t temperature of copepods

Equation for the production

$$\partial_t N + \partial_a N = -\text{div}(\mathbf{v}N) + \nabla(D\nabla N) + S$$

$$N(a, t_0) = N_0(a)$$

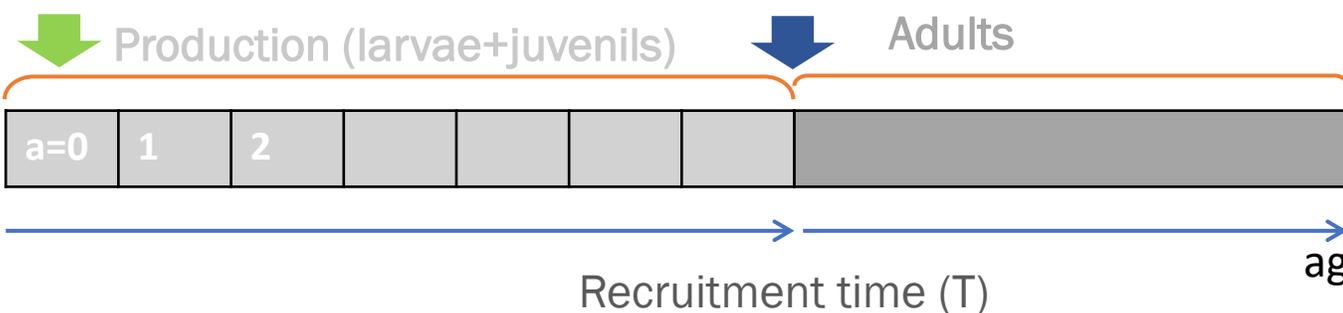
Equation for the adults

$$\partial_t N = -\text{div}(\mathbf{v}N) + \nabla(D\nabla N) - MN + P(\mathbf{T})$$

$$N(t_0) = N_0$$

Source (NPP)

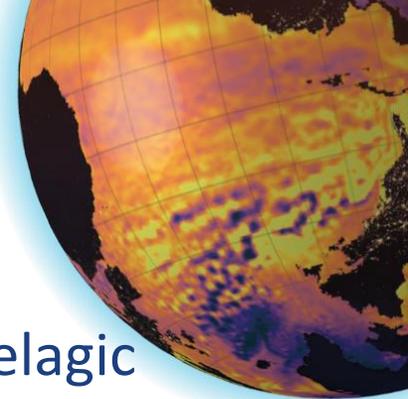
Recruited production (P)



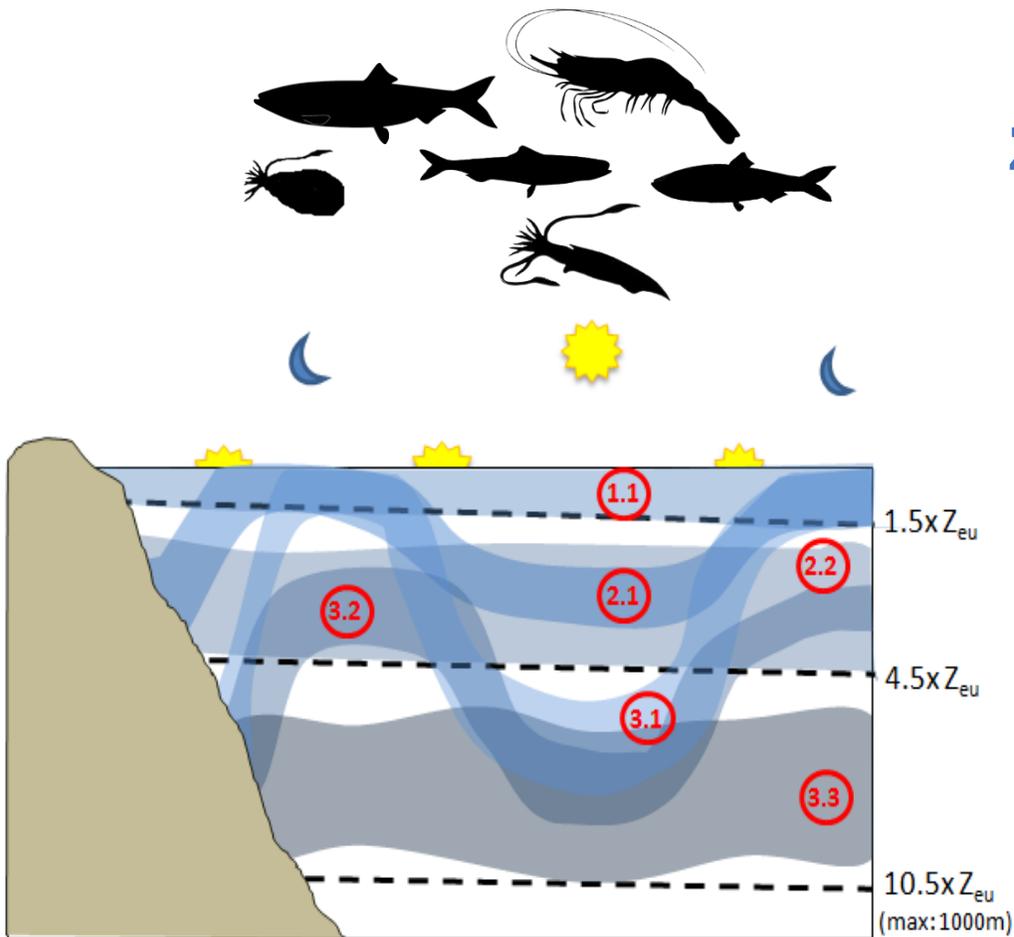
Model parameters are estimated from available data

Huntley and Lopez, 1992; Conchon, 2016

Lehodey et al. 1998; *Fish. Oceanog.*; 2010, *Progr. Oceanog.*; 2015, *ICES J Mar Sci.*

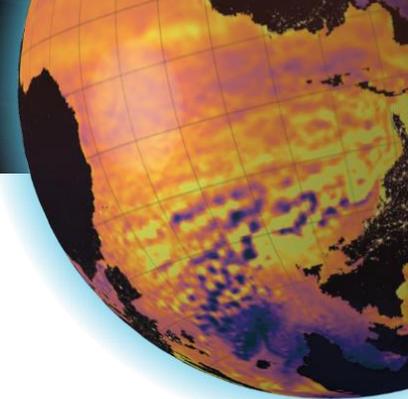


Modeling framework for zooplankton and micronekton

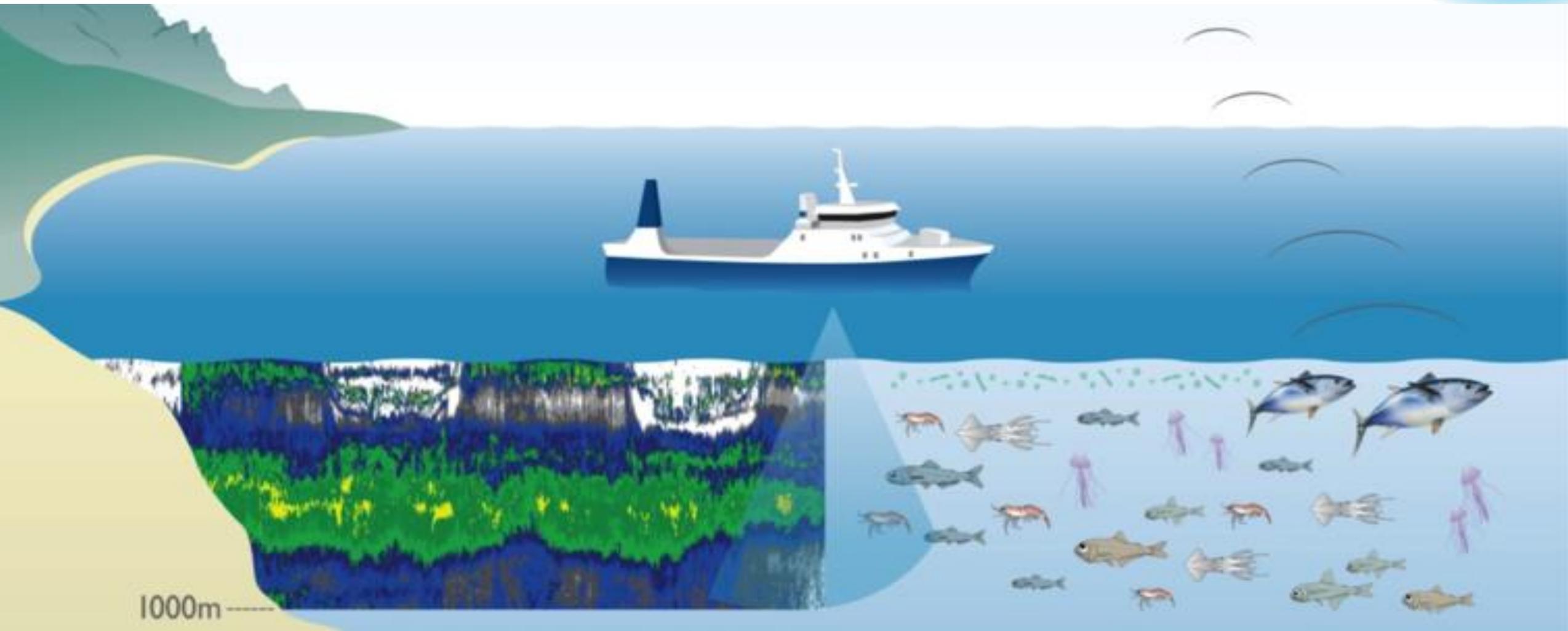


Pelagic vertical layers are dynamically defined from euphotic depth (Z_{eu})

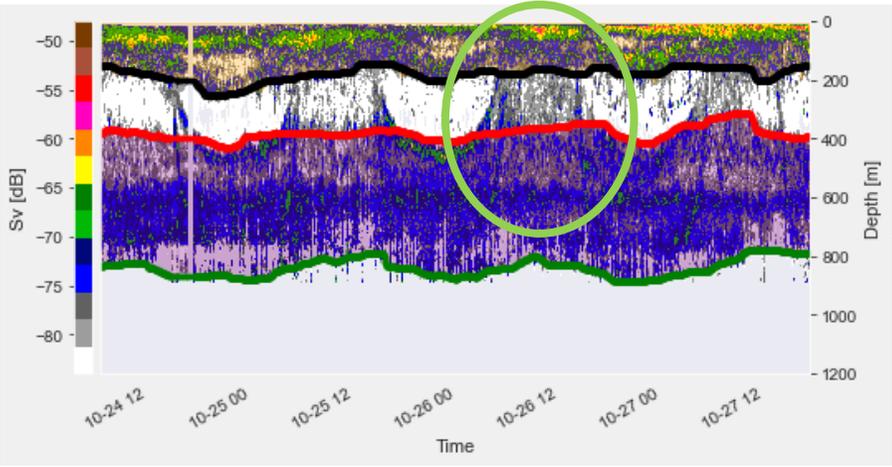
- Water column is simplified into 3 pelagic layers over which forcings (current, temperature) are averaged
- Micronekton is described by six functional groups according to their diel vertical migration behaviour
- Zooplankton is described by a single functional group inhabiting the epipelagic layer
- By their diel migration, micronekton participates to the carbon export



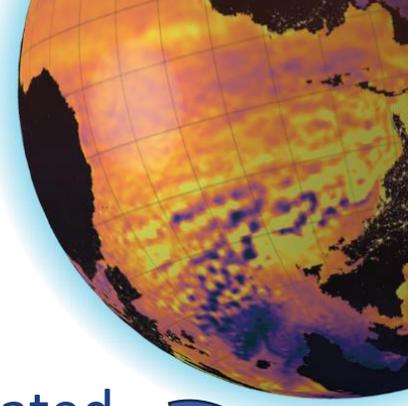
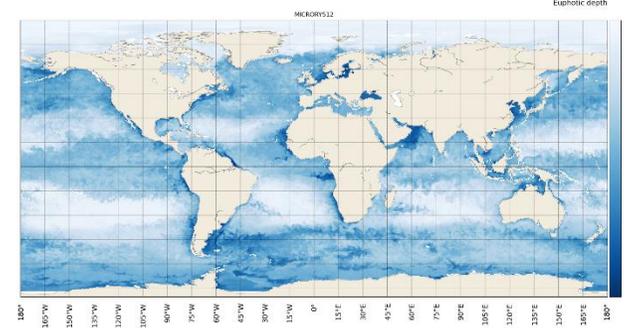
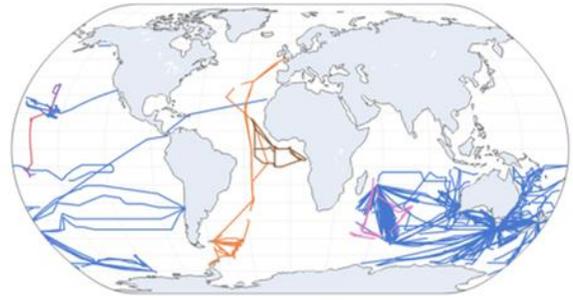
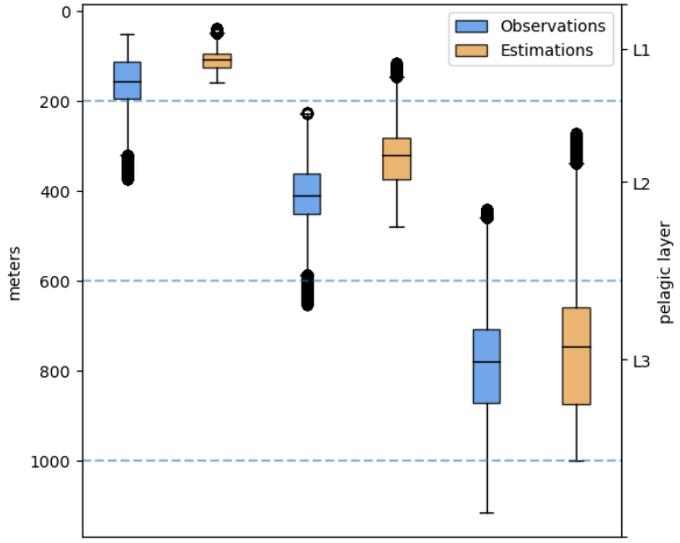
Validation



Validation: pelagic layers estimation

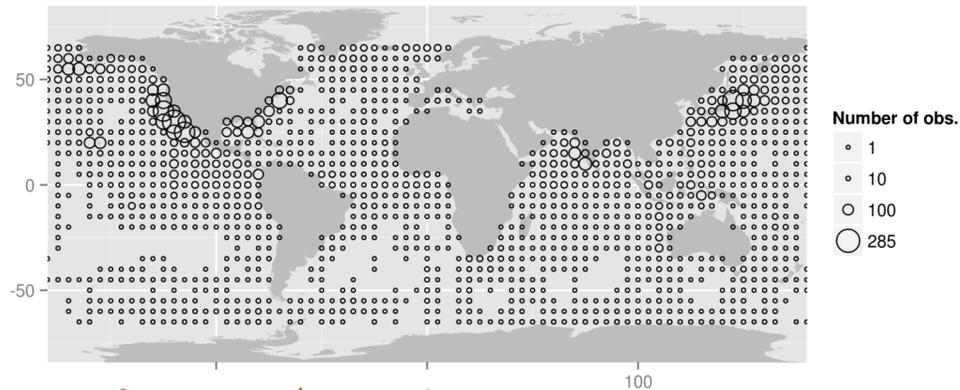


- Pelagic layers bottom depth estimated from euphotic depth
- Compared to those estimated from acoustic transects

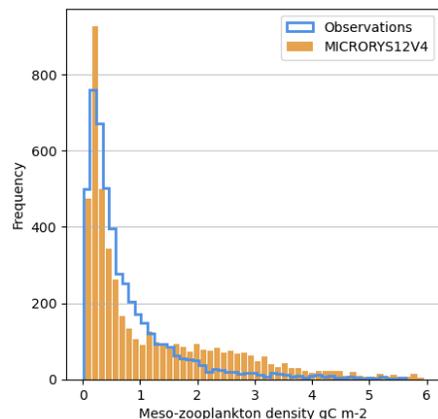
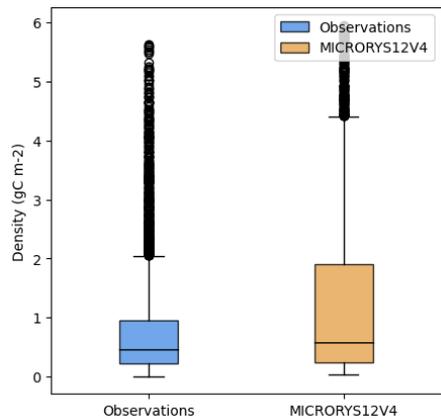


Validation ZOOPLANKTON

We use the COPEPOD database to compare modelled and observed zooplankton distribution

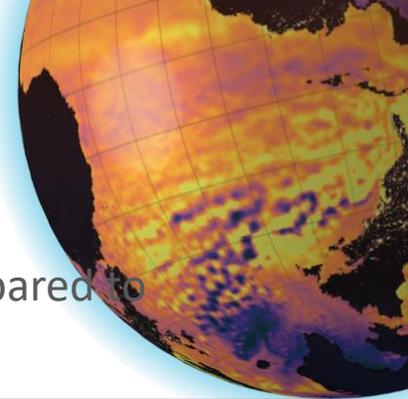


www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/copepod



Validation MICRONEKTON

Total biomass of micronekton is compared to estimation found in literature



Estimate	Reference	Method
0.8 Gt	Gjøsaeter and Kawaguchi (1980)	Ocean trawl data
11 to 15 Gt (40°N-40°S)	Irigoien et al. (2014)	Acoustics
< 1.4 Gt	Jennings and Collingridge (2015)	Macroecological model
2.4 Gt (40°N-40°S)	Anderson et al. (2019)	Food-web model
1.8 to 16.0 Gt (70°N -70°S)	Proud et. al. (2018)	Acoustics
[2.23;2.54] with mean 2.44 Gt (70°N – 70°S)	MICRORYS12V5	Macroecological model

Sparse observations also exist at regional level

Table 7: Estimates of local mesopelagic fish biomass.

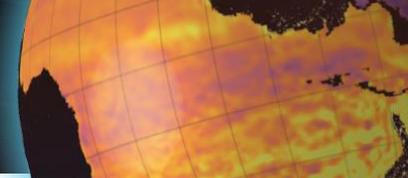
Region Period	Reference	Sampling	Method	Range of biomass (m ⁻²)	Correcti on (gWW m ⁻²)	Model average (gWW m ⁻²)
California Current 2010-2012	Davison et al (2015)	35°N-30°N; 124°W-118°W	Acoustic model (18 and 38 kHz) with trawling Mesopelagic fish	25– 37 gWW	12-28 ⁽¹⁾	13.2 Average sum of all 5 mesopelagic groups
Northeast	Ariza et al	28°31'N	Trawling	0.2 +0.06		2.74

For more details see

<https://catalogue.marine.copernicus.eu/documents/QUID/CMEMS-GLO-QUID-001-033.pdf>

Applications to science and society

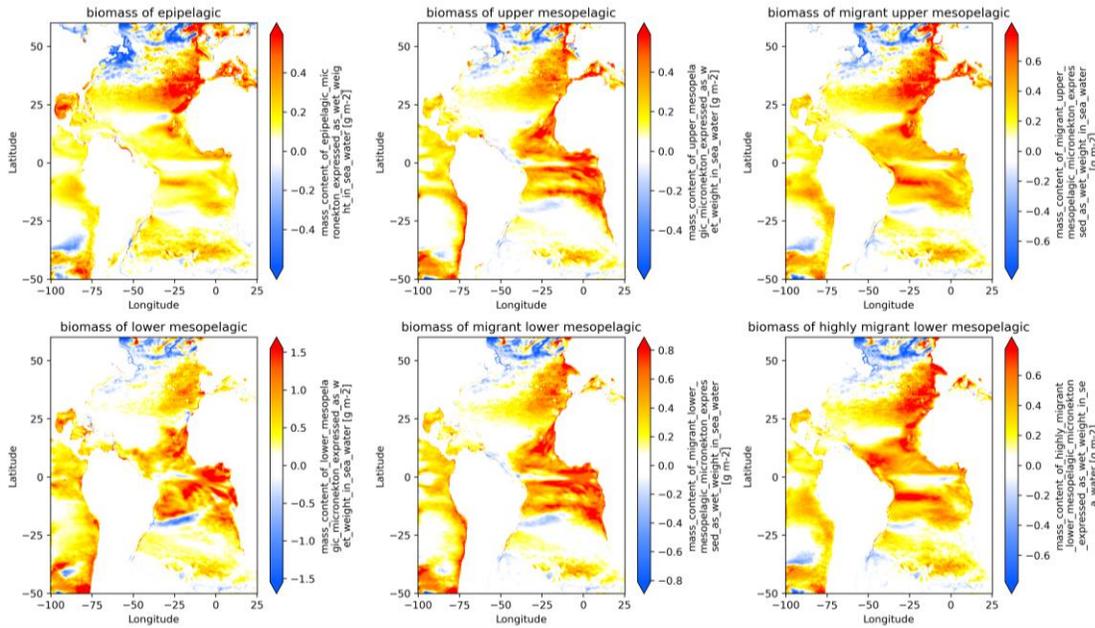




MEESO – Could mesopelagic fisheries be sustainable ?

MISSION ATLANTIC – Studying the impact of climate change on distribution and biomass of micronekton

Micronekton biomass mean anomalies (historical – projected)

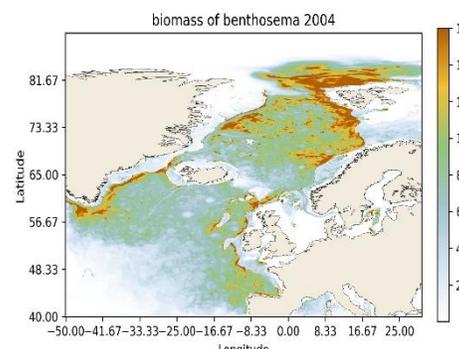
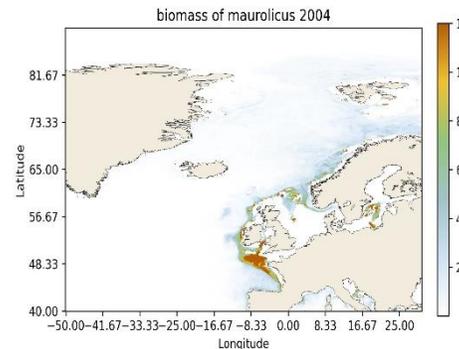
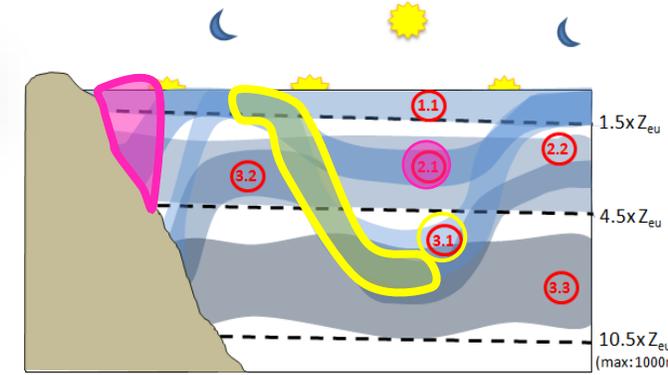


Red area: predicted decreasing biomass
Blue area: predicted increasing biomass

Two species of mesopelagic fish

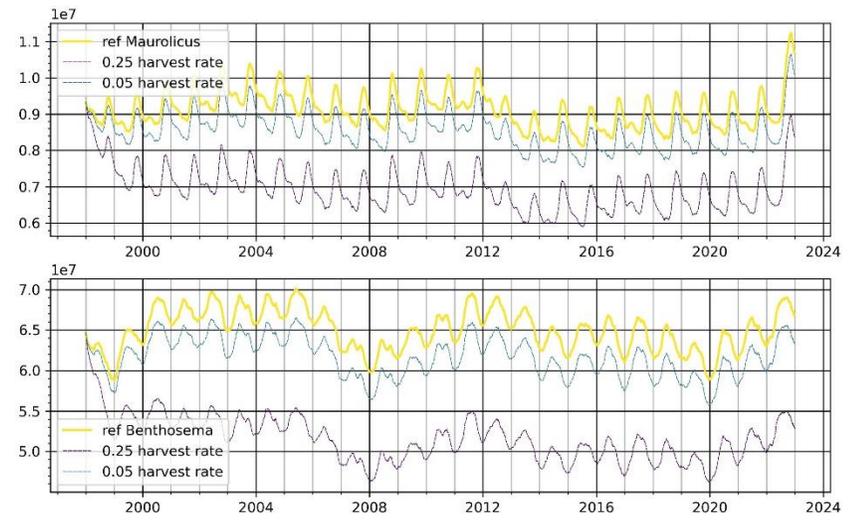


Credit: Svanhildur Egilsdóttir, Icelandic Marine and Freshwater Research Institute



Simulating fishing scenarios

Time serie of the biomass of Maurolicus (top) and Benthosema (bottom) in mt



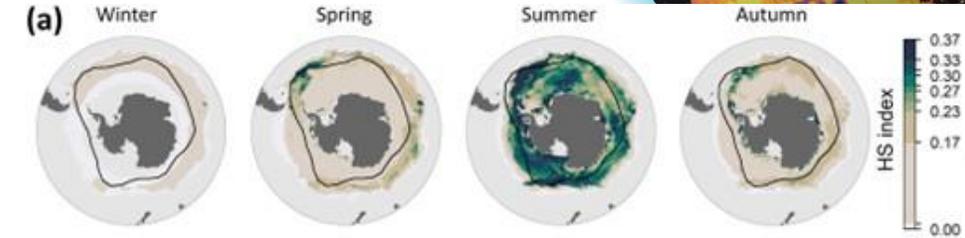
Spawning habitats of Antarctic krill



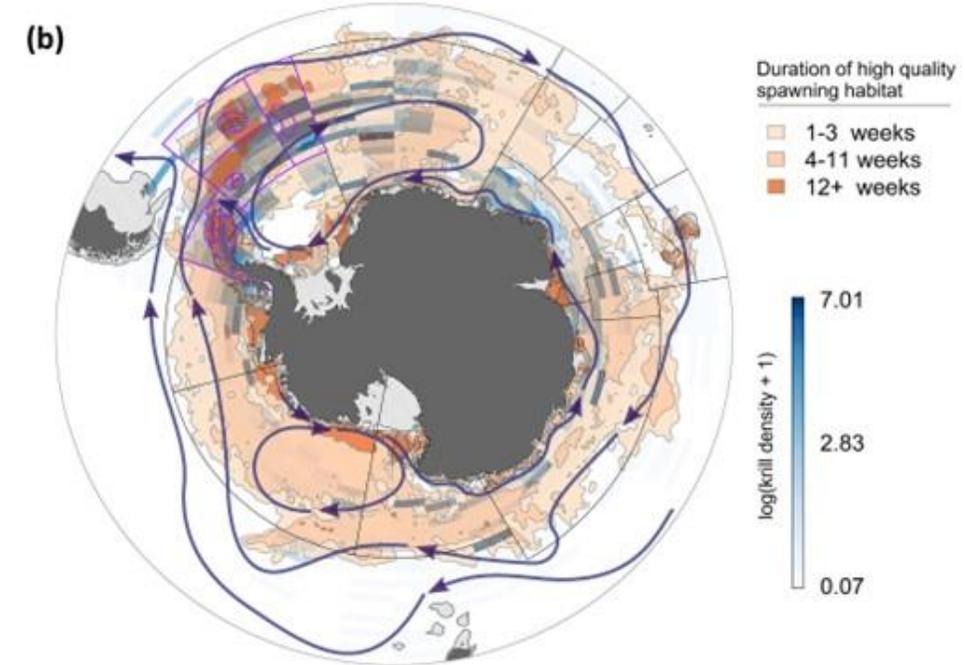
Muséum national d'Histoire Naturelle (Paris)

Mechanistic model for Antarctic krill **spawning habitat uses** food constraints on predation on egg survival by micronekton

Seasonal distribution



Mean annual duration of high quality spawning habitat



Green et al ; 2021. *Geophysical Research Letters*

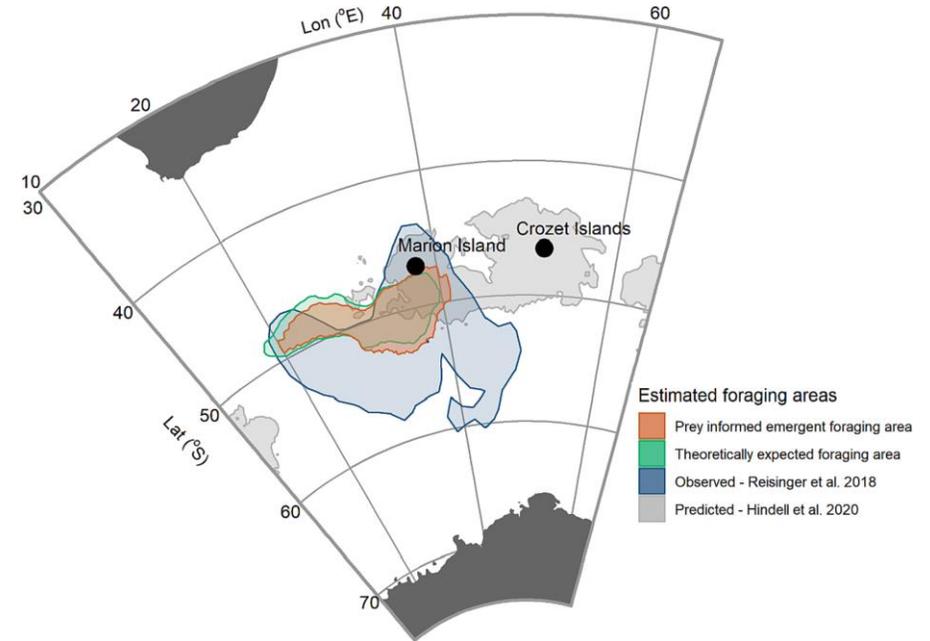
Predator foraging success based on micronekton distribution



- Location of prey-informed emergent (orange) and theoretically expected (green) foraging areas

Modelled mid-trophic prey biomass may be useful to predict predator foraging success

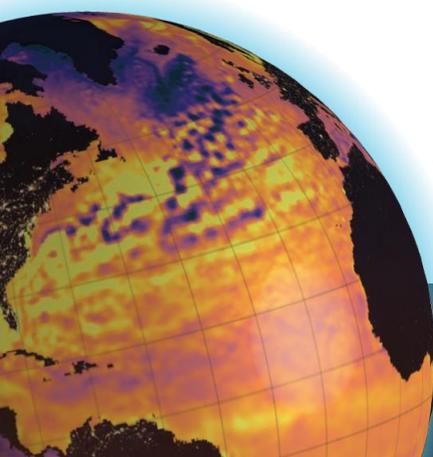
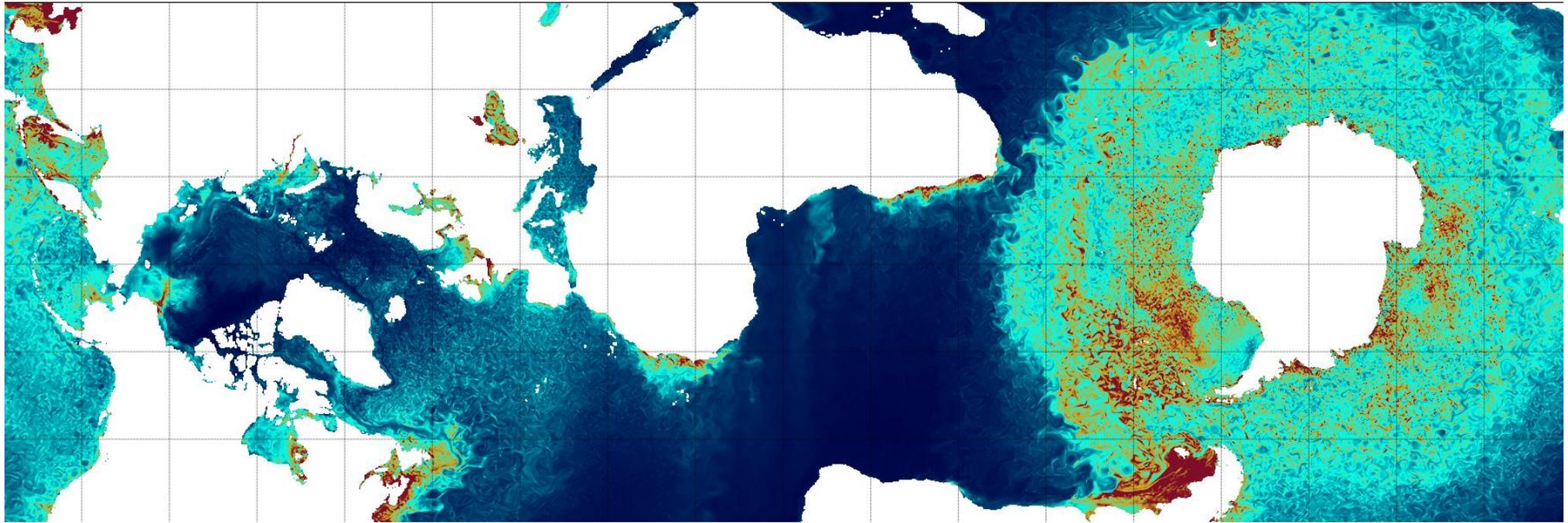
Emergent foraging areas occur within observed foraging distributions of macaroni penguins



Green et. al. 2023, *Ecological Indicators*

What's new ?

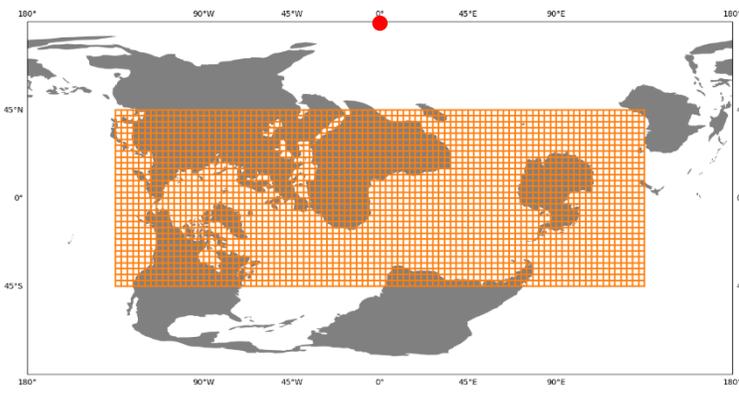
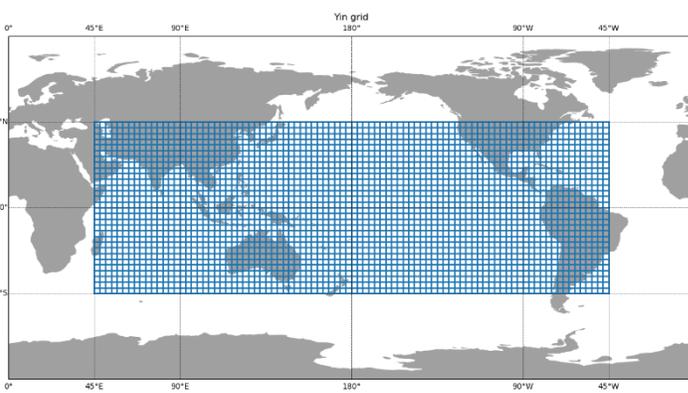
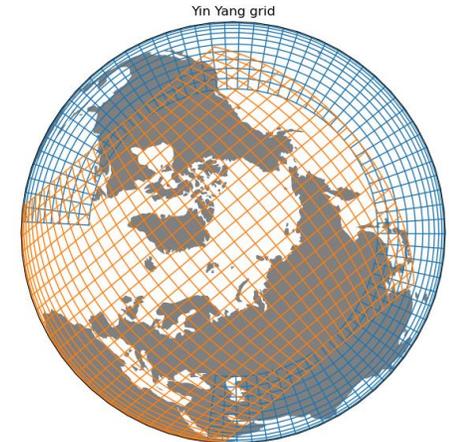
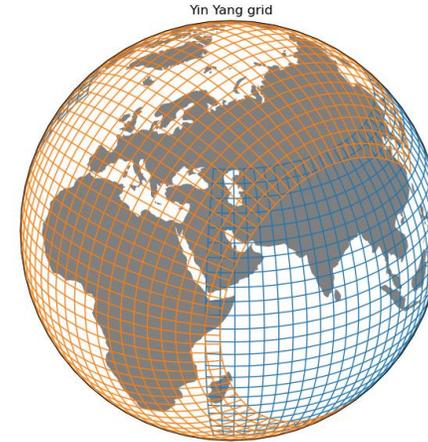
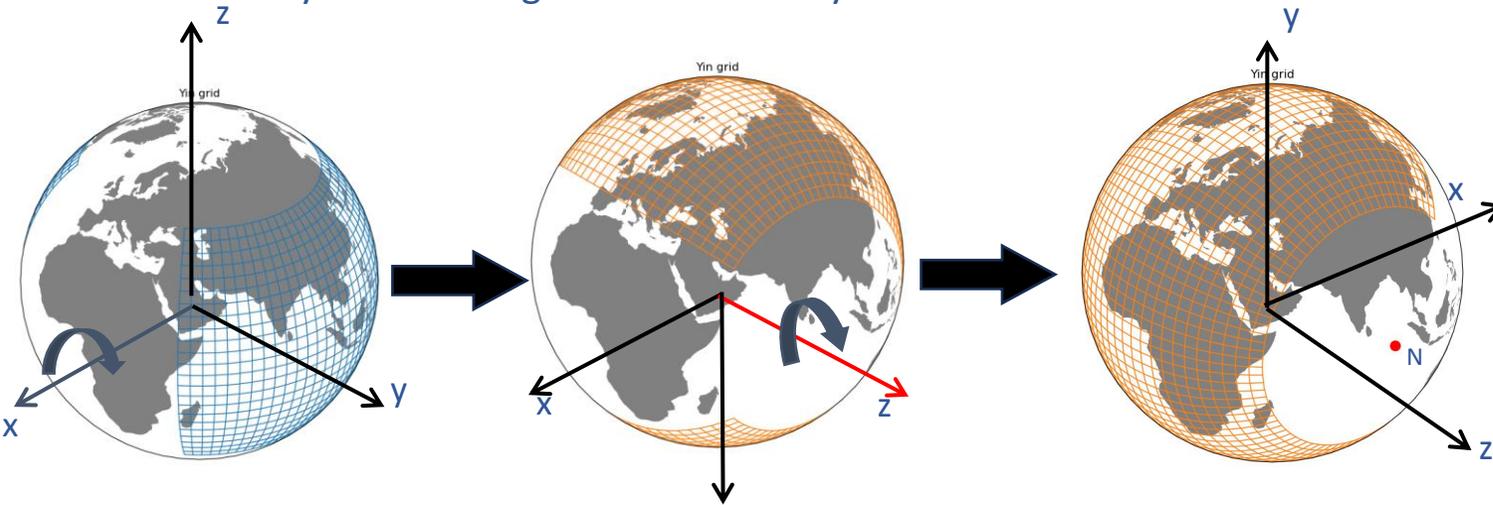
- The Yin-Yang Overset Grid Assembly framework



The Yin-Yang Overset Grid Assembly (YYOGA)

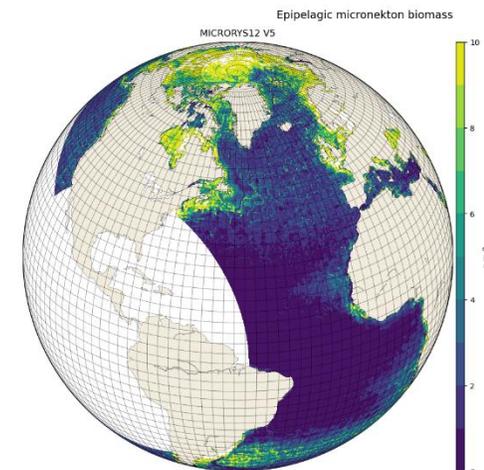
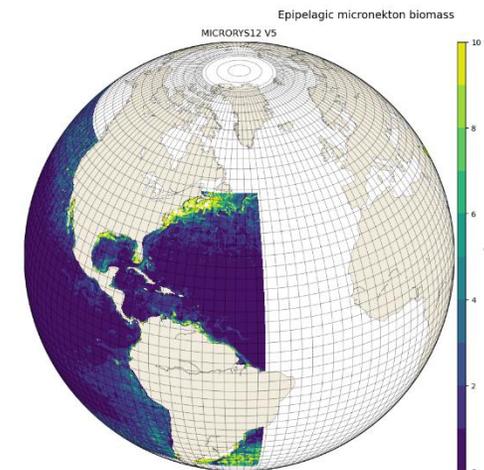
Symmetric change of coordinate systems

Kageyama and Sato, 2004



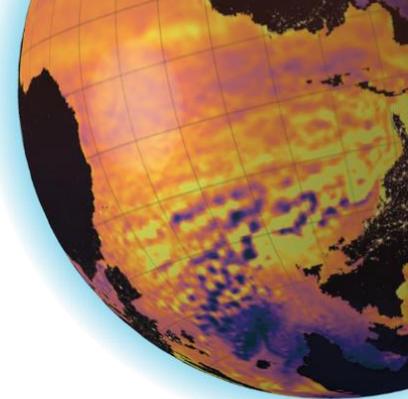
Lat/Lon classical coordinate system related to the regular Yin grid : the dark coordinate system

The sunny coordinate system related to the regular Yang grid in that system



Epipelagic micronekton 2003/03/03

How to get LMTL reanalysis ? The Copernicus Marine Service Low and Mid Trophic product



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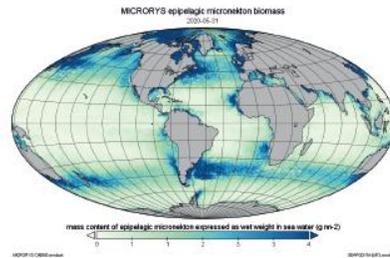
Zooplankton and micronekton reanalysis,
a daily 1/12° CMEMS product

MICRORYS is produced at **Collecte Localisation Satellite (CLS)** for **Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service**.

It is proposed for end users involved in marine resources and ocean ecosystem management and conservation. It is based on the Low and mid-trophic level module of the **Spatial Ecosystem And Population Dynamics Model (SEAPODYM)**.

It contains time series of meso-zooplankton and 6 functional groups of micronekton biomass.

It can be downloaded from the **CMEMS** portfolio :



Global ocean low and mid trophic levels biomass content hindcast

Overview

The Low and Mid-Trophic Levels (LMTL) reanalysis for global ocean is produced at CLS on behalf of Global Ocean Marine Forecasting Center. It provides 2D fields of biomass content of zooplankton and six functional groups of micronekton. It uses the LMTL component of SEAPODYM dynamical population model (<http://www.seapodym.eu>). No data assimilation has been done. This product also contains forcing data: net primary production, euphotic depth, depth of each pelagic layers zooplankton and micronekton inhabit, average temperature and currents over pelagic layers.

Forcing sources:

- Ocean currents and temperature (CMEMS multiyear product)
- Net Primary Production computed from chlorophyll a, Sea Surface Temperature and Photosynthetically Active Radiation observations (chlorophyll from CMEMS multiyear product, SST from NOAA NCEI AVHRR-only Reynolds, PAR from INTERIM) and relaxed by model outputs at high latitudes (CMEMS biogeochemistry multiyear product)

Vertical coverage:

Estimated layer

https://data.marine.copernicus.eu/product/GLOBAL_MULTIYEAR_BGC_001_033



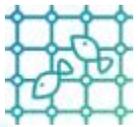
MICRORYS development plan



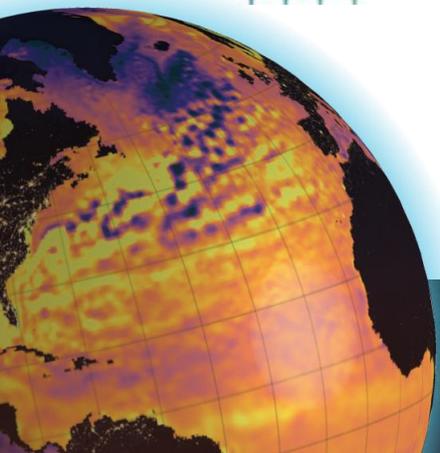
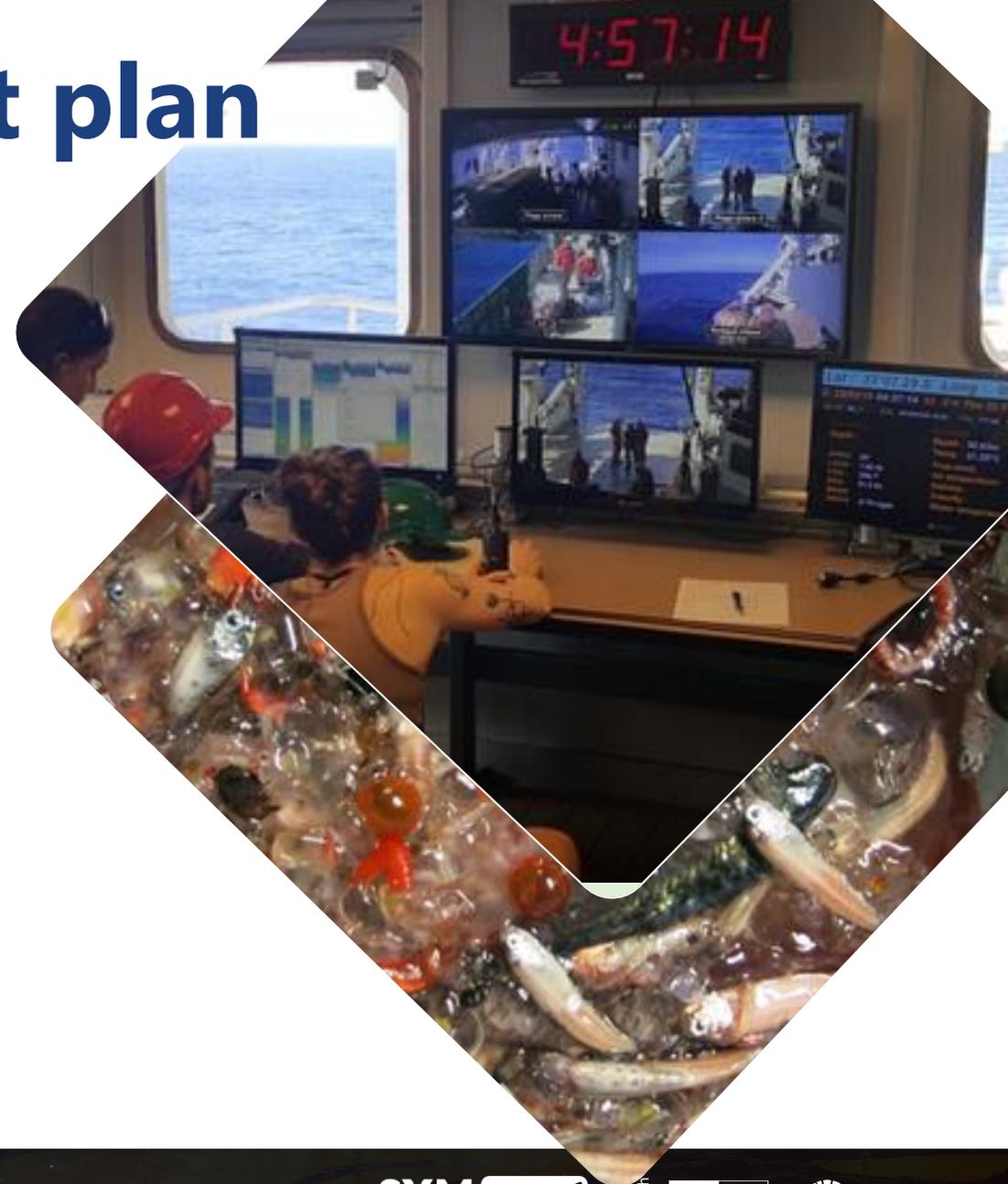
- Less diffusive numerical scheme
- Using regional products for Net Primary Productivity



- New estimation of pelagic layer depth



- Improve parametrisation



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