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BiodivRestore projects presentations

Session #1

Moderated by Ester Serrão (RestoreSEAS project)



#1. What biological and biophysical processes drive conservation and restoration, and how do they interact?

Exploring ecological dimensions, functional biodiversity, and restoration trajectories

BioReset

Biodiversity restoration and conservation of inland water ecosystems for environmental and human well-being

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Consortium: Águas do Centro Litoral (AdCL) (Portugal), Centro Interdisciplinar de Investigação Marinha e Ambiental (CIIMAR, Portugal), Institute for Energy Technology (IFE, Norway), Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU, Sweden), Universidad de Oviedo (UNIOVI, Spain), Universidade de Vigo (UVigo, Spain)



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Contaminant Monitoring / Analysis

Pharmaceuticals & metabolites

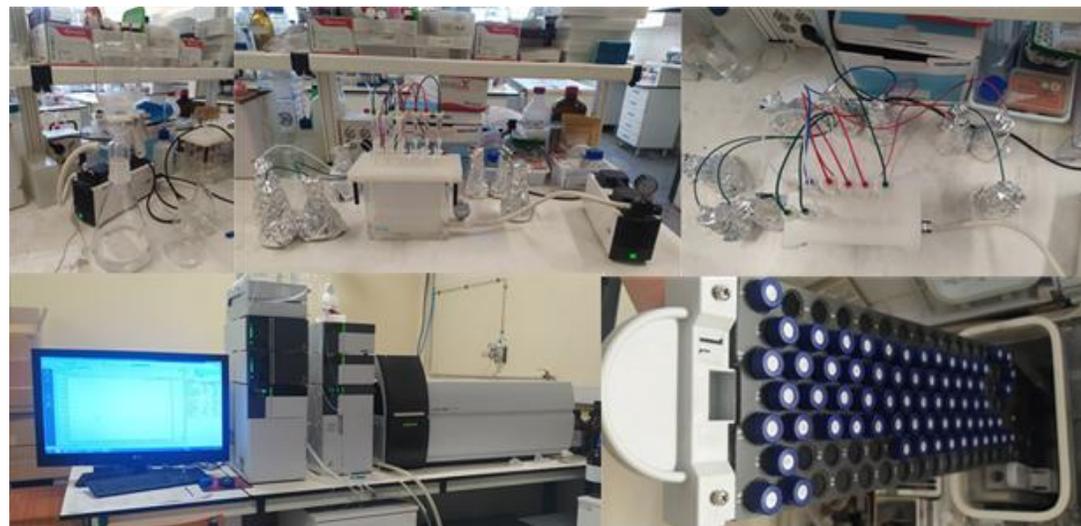
Up to **97** pharmaceuticals from multiple therapeutic classes and caffeine.

163 samples (WWTP influents and effluents, rivers, streams, and ocean).

Key findings

- Most frequently detected: NSAIDs/analgesic, antibiotic, psychiatric drugs, and caffeine.
- Increasing total pharmaceutical levels over time

Reports elaborated directly with WWTPs and APA (Portuguese Environment Agency)



Microplastics

7 microplastics (PE, PP, PET, PS, PU, N6, N66).

Samples from WWTP effluents, river, landfill leachate, tap water).

Key findings

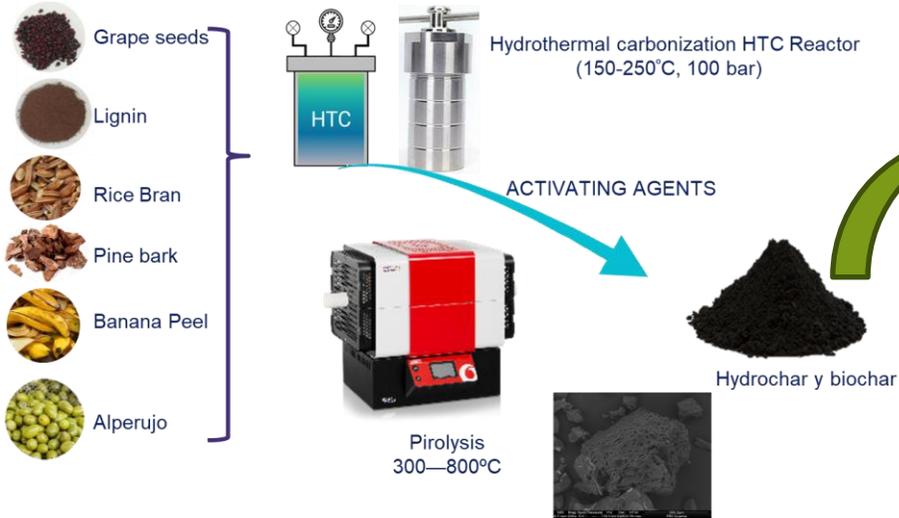
- 1 microplastic found (PP, in landfill leachate).
- Low analysis repeatability.

More robust monitoring methods for microplastics are needed .

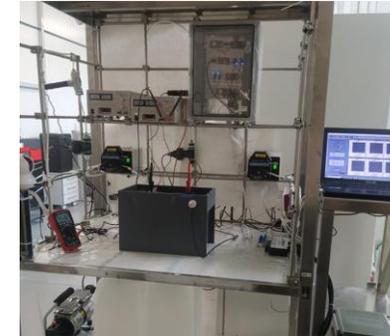
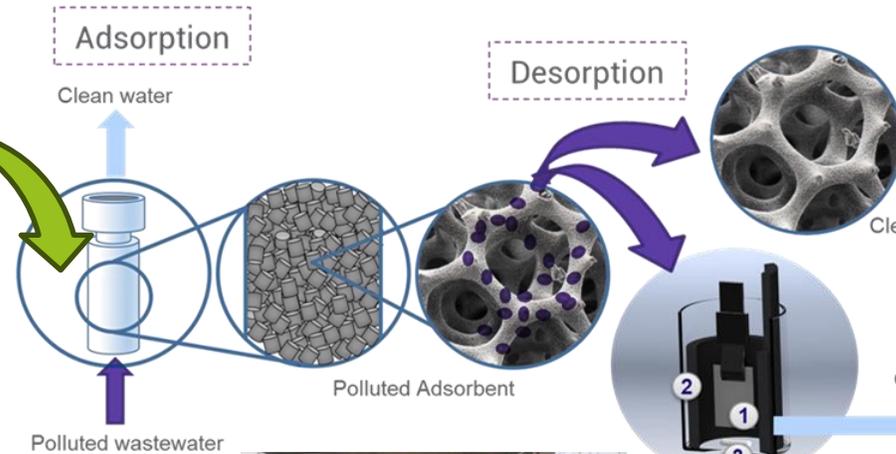
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Contaminant Removal

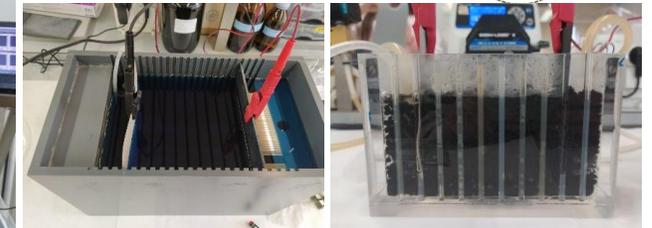
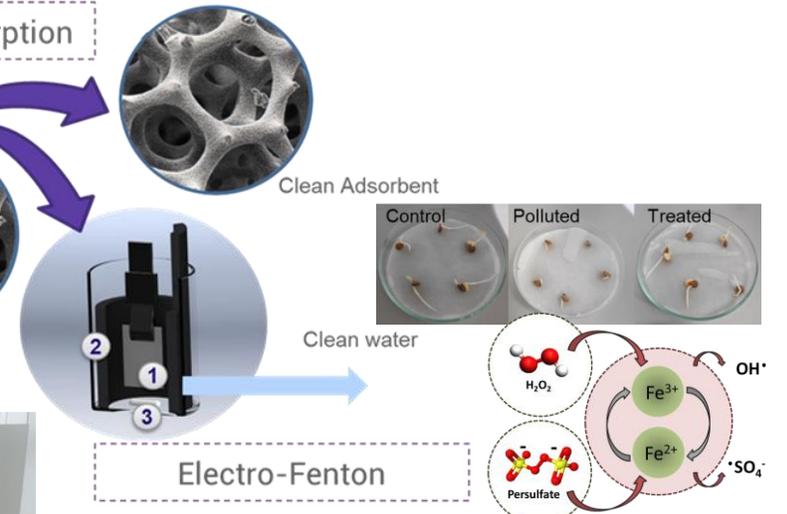
Biosorbent Synthesis



Adsorption & Electrosorption



Regeneration



Key findings

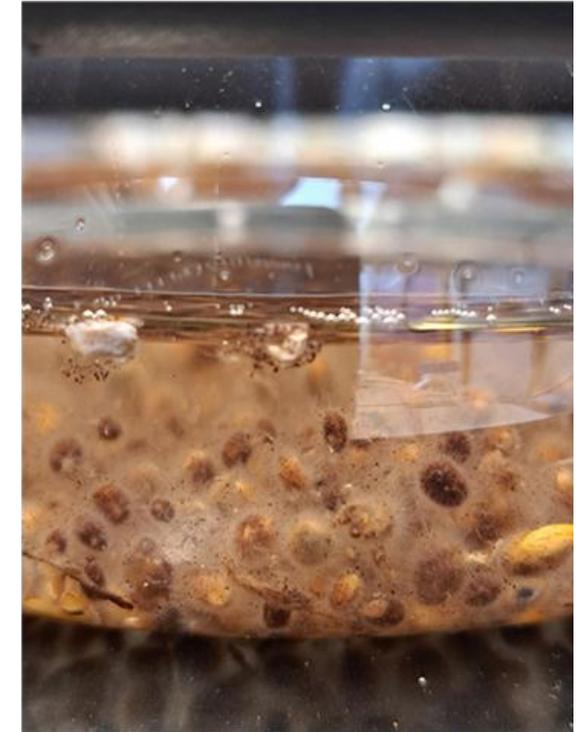
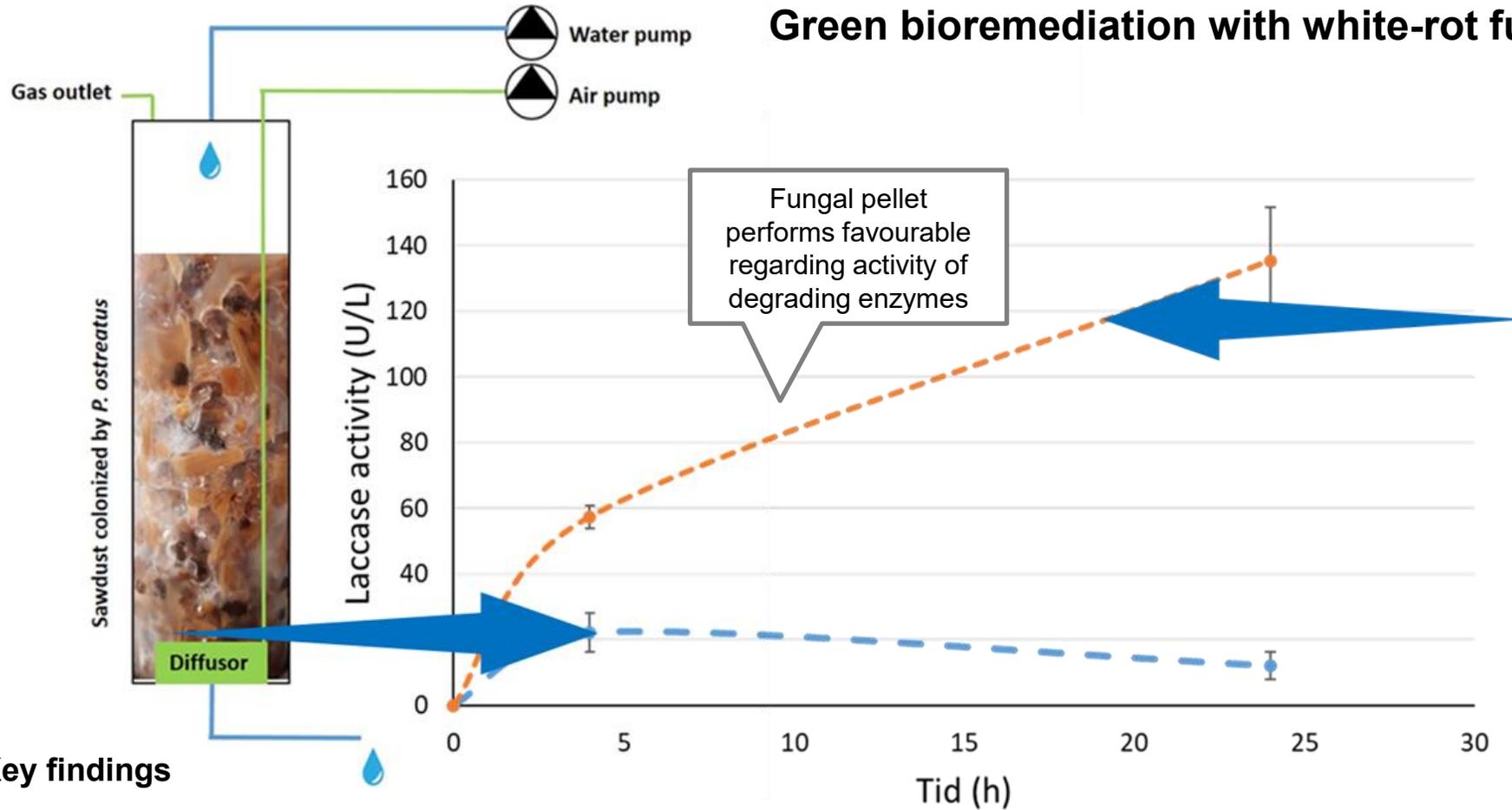
- Engineered biosorbents with enhanced adsorption capacity.
- Effective removal of pharmaceuticals from wastewater.
- Regeneration via advanced oxidation processes.
- Scalable and sustainable treatment strategies.

Identify the most appropriate quaternary treatments.

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Contaminant Removal

Green bioremediation with white-rot fungi



Key findings

- Fungal pellet with high production of degrading enzymes.
- Low amount of transformation products after treatment.

Identify the most appropriate quaternary treatments.

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Evaluation of ecosystem conservation and restoration

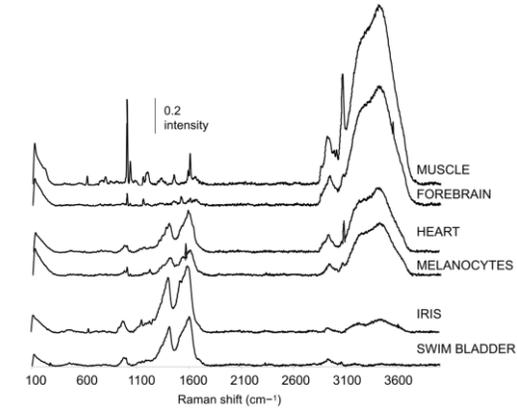
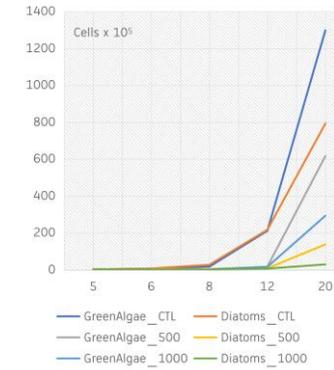
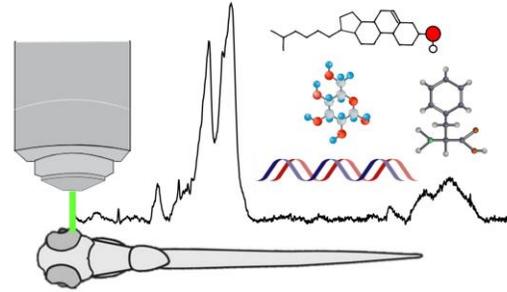
Lab experiments

Effects of **legacy** and **emergent contaminants** on **diatom biofilms** and their resilience.

Raman spectroscopy (RS) for use in **zebrafish embryo**.

Key findings

- RS assays for rapid cost-effective quality surveys.



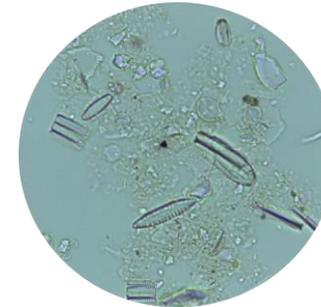
Diatom sampling

Characterisation of **diatom diversity** and **abundance**, and **ecosystem quality** of **eight systems** in Portugal.

Development of a **diatom Raman spectroscopy** approach (draft index) to characterise water quality in Portugal, Spain, Sweden and Brasil,

Key findings

- Clear discrimination (heatmap) between water qualities based on RS data and chemometric analysis



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Br1	0.44	0.10	-0.07	-0.08	-0.09	-0.08	-0.09	-0.09	-0.10	-0.11	-0.10			
SpB	0.24													
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SwA	0.36		0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.08		0.05	0.04				
Polis3	0.44	-0.06	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.11	0.05	0.07	0.07	0.04			

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Conclusion

- Pharmaceutical monitoring: a growing number of WWTPs are requesting our support in implementing emerging pollutant control.
- Microplastic analysis: more robust methods are needed.
- Pharmaceutical removal: promising quaternary wastewater treatment processes were identified.
- Raman spectroscopy combined with diatoms can indicate water and ecosystem quality.

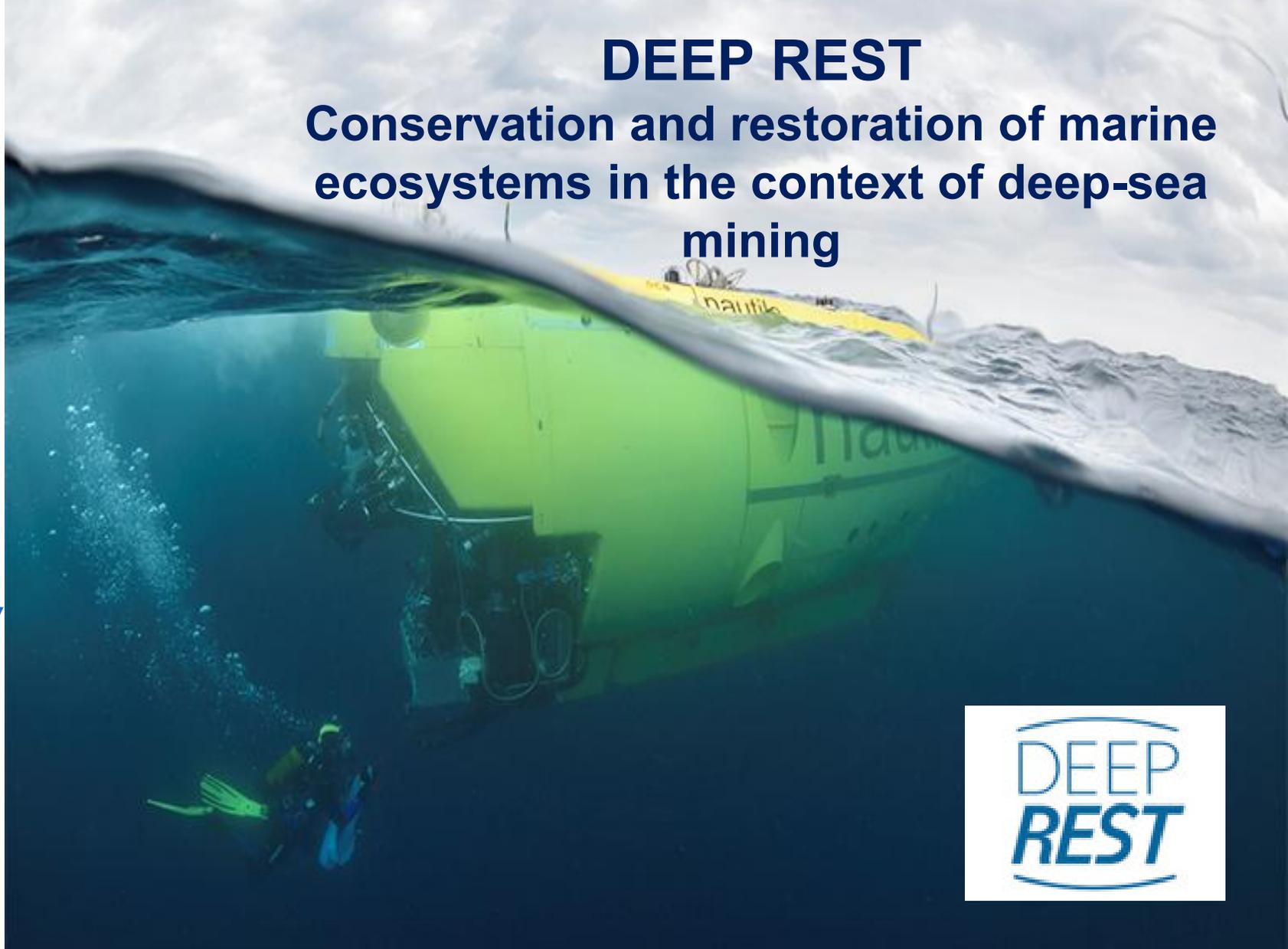
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01.04.2022 – 31.12.2025



DEEP REST

Conservation and restoration of marine ecosystems in the context of deep-sea mining



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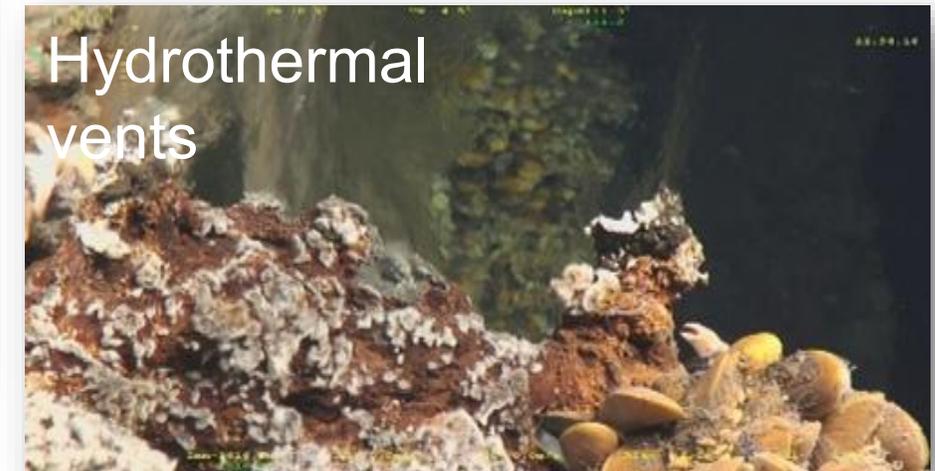
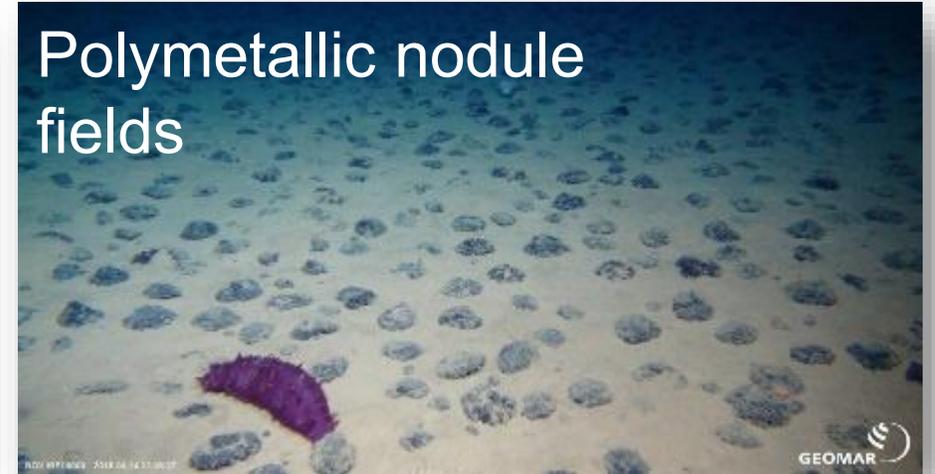
BiodivRestore ERA-NET COFUND
Conservation and restoration of degraded ecosystems and their biodiversity, including a focus on aquatic systems

Context of the project

- **Deep ocean : high biodiversity, unique habitats**
- **Increasing demand for mineral resources worldwide**
- **Potential source of strategic metals in the deep-sea**
- **Mining has not started in international waters !**
- **Regulations (exploitation) under development at the International Seabed Authority (ISA) for ABNJ**
- **Clock is ticking: fundamental knowledge urgently needed to inform decision-making**



Study areas



Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ)

Major positive outcomes

10 science-based recommendations on conservation, restoration & governance



Sarrazin J. and the DEEP REST consortium (2025). Conservation and restoration in the context of deep-sea bed mining. DOI: 10.13155/107360.

Recommendations for Conservation



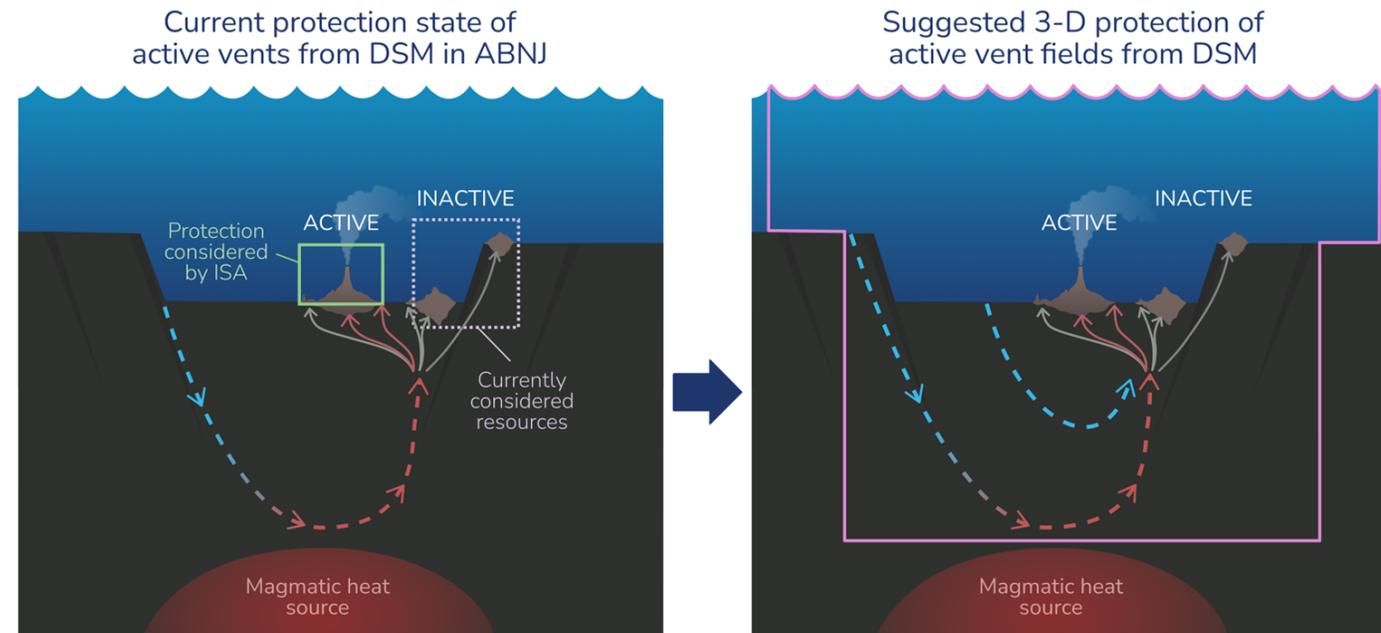
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Protection must be three-dimensional, from the seafloor to the water column, and must include multiple species and areas

The maintenance of ecological processes that connect the seafloor, seafloor and water column is essential to maintain biodiversity and ecosystem functions at active vents.



Gollner et al. Marine Policy, in revision.

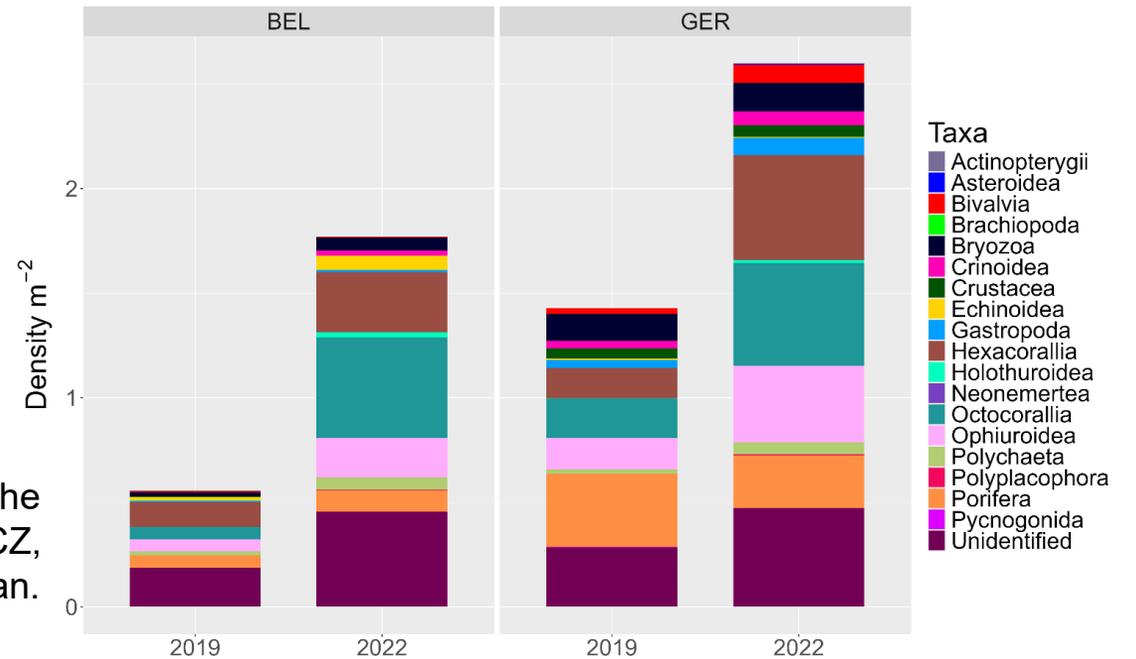


Observations and sampling must be enhanced to capture temporal and spatial variability to allow for robust environmental impact assessment

Natural variability in megafauna in the CCZ

Density differences in megafauna between sites and years. GER license area is more productive. Higher productivity during La Nina period (2020-2022) would explain temporal variability.

Density (individuals m^{-2}) of benthic megafauna in the Belgian and German license area within the CCZ, Pacific Ocean.



Macheriotou et al. Frontiers in Marine Science. 2025.

Recommendations for Restoration





Regulations must consider that full recovery through passive restoration is not possible if habitat and ecosystem functions are lost, even if connectivity is ensured

Effectiveness of passive restoration on the recovery of vent communities on the MAR

Small-scale faunal removal experiments showed only partial community recovery through migration and recruitment despite the presence of abundant neighbouring mussel communities

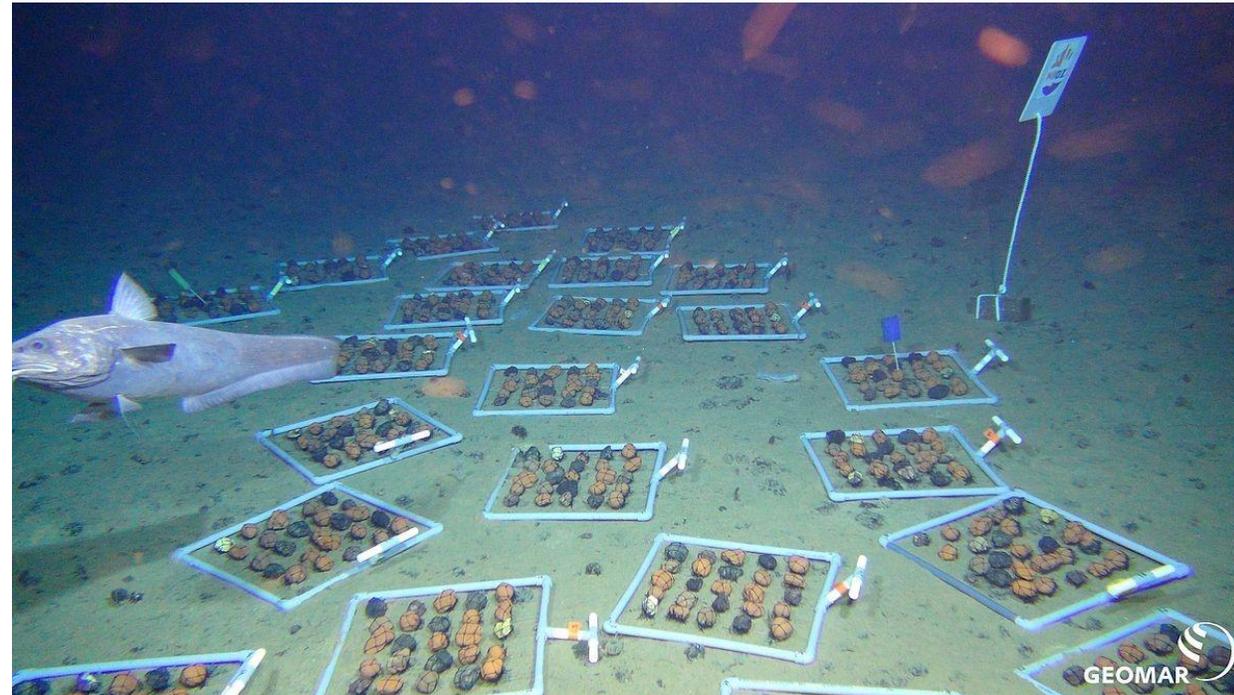
Da Silva et al. in preparation.





Effectiveness of restoration actions must be evaluated over decadal time spans

Active restoration after simulated mining disturbance is currently being tested in the CCZ. Thousands of artificial nodules have been deployed and a subset was recovered after 2 years, showing very slow colonization.



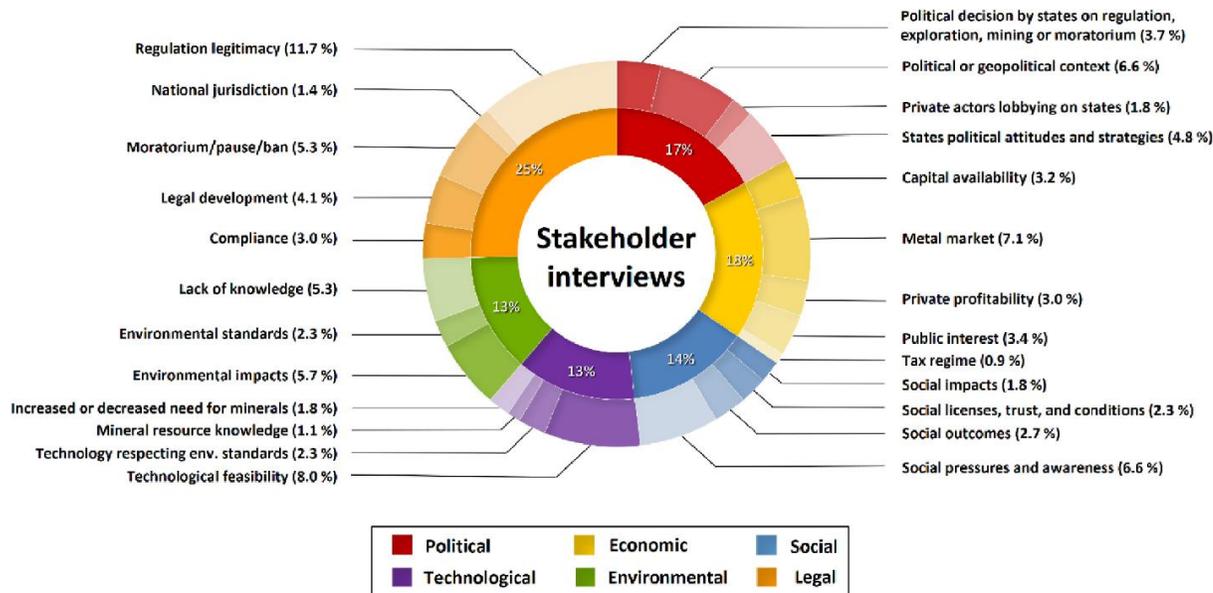
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Recommendations for Governance and Literacy



In addition to ecological aspects, decision making must also incorporate geopolitical, socio-economic, technological and legal considerations

Emerging topics that are not yet studied in sufficient details in the context of seabed mining have been identified. They concern:



- ✓ Unresolved legal issues
- ✓ The urgency of material demand in light of technological innovations
- ✓ States' endeavours to secure access to resources and processing
- ✓ Strategic issues related to military defence

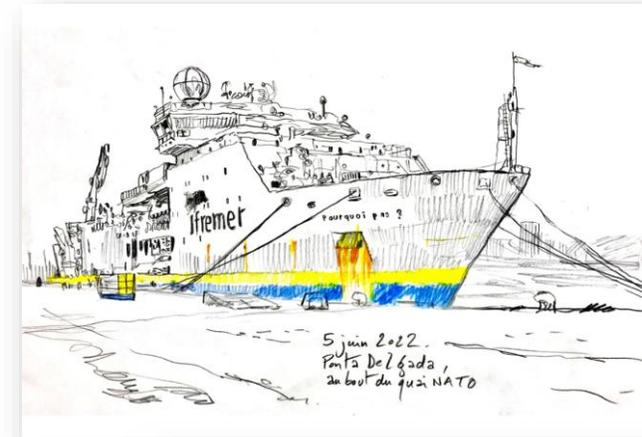
Bellanger et al. Resources Policy, 2025.

Deep-sea literacy on the environment, policy and governance are needed for a better informed public debate

Art & Science

Literacy

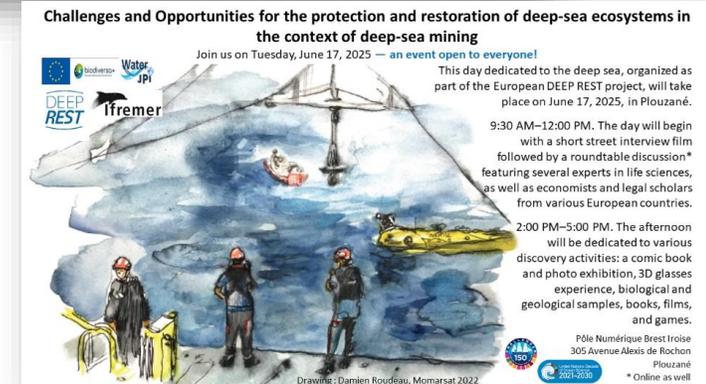
Street-interviews



Conferences



A day dedicated to stakeholders



Board-game: Blue DiplomaSEA



Major challenges, failures, or hurdles

- **Project duration very short for its ambitions: integration between ecosystems started only at the end, interactions between natural & social scientists takes time and effort and would have benefited additional time;**
- **Coordinating and standardizing data across diverse teams was more complex than expected;**
- **Inputs from our advisory board very constructive. However, lack of budget to finance their in-person participation to annual meetings;**
- **Difficulties to involve non-funded partners.**

Key messages



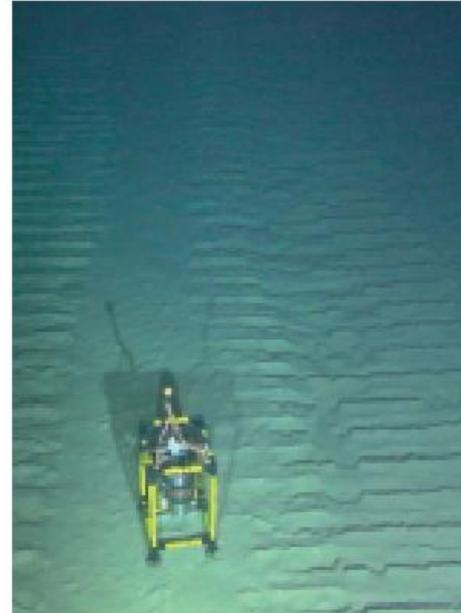
If we remove nodules from the seabed, we do not know what we lose — **only that it's lost forever**

Geomar



If we extract massive sulphides near active vents, we know what we lose — and **we must prevent loss**

Bicose3, Ifremer



Restoration cannot yet be applied as a management action for impacted habitats

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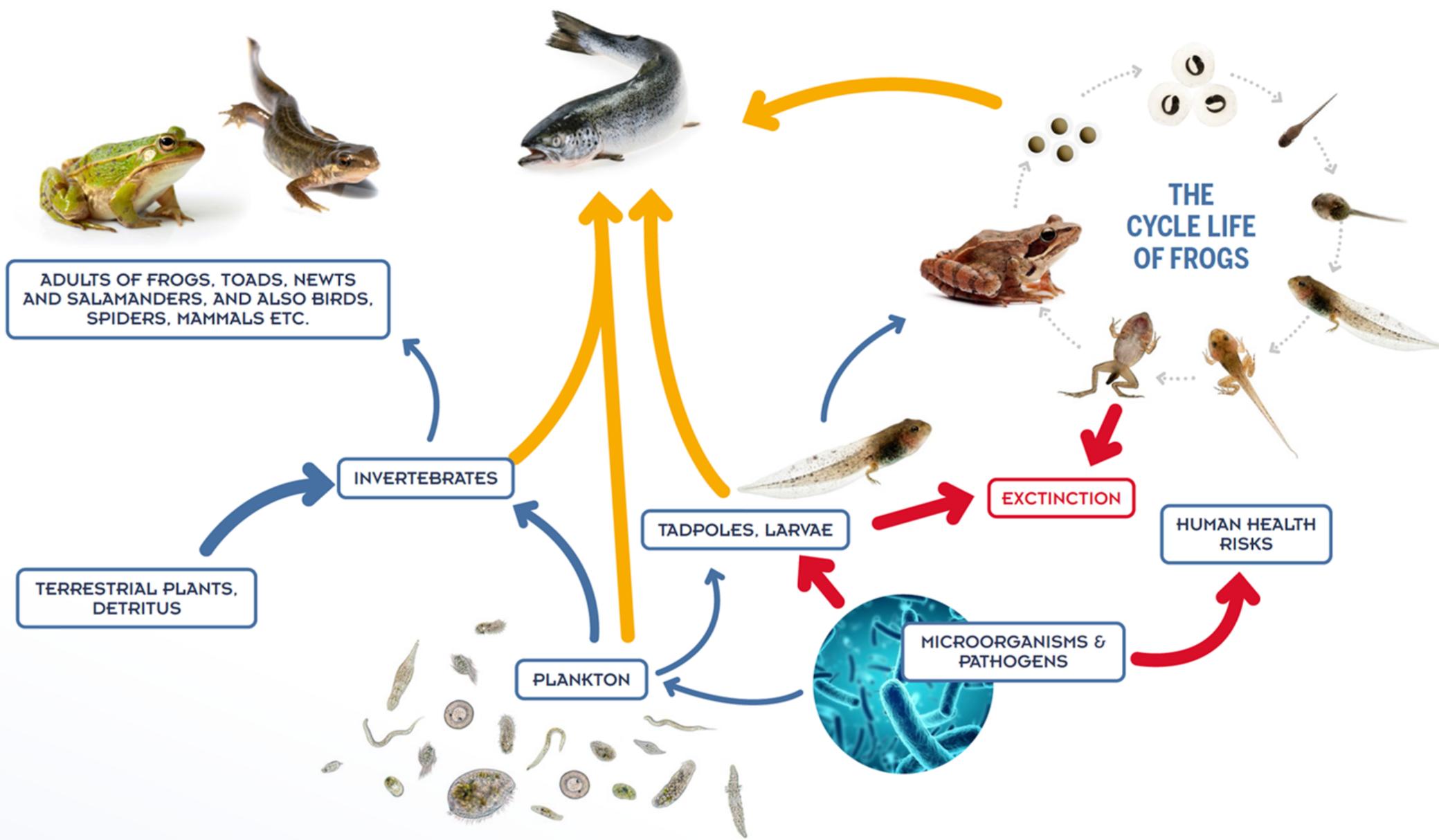


Social and ecological effects of **Fish** removal in **Mountain Ecosystems**

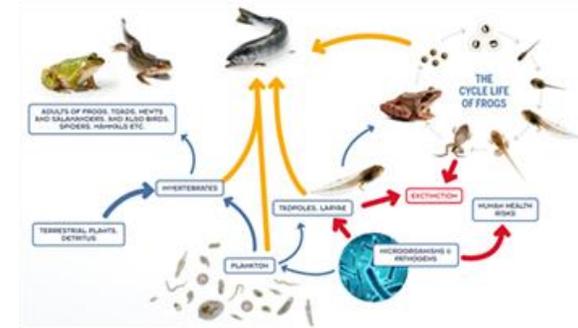
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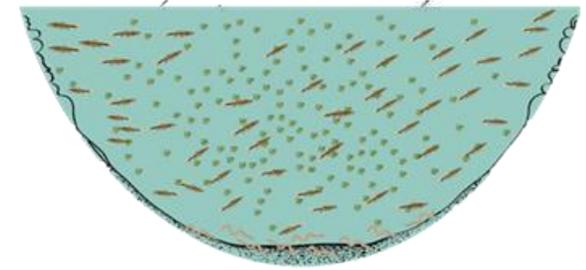
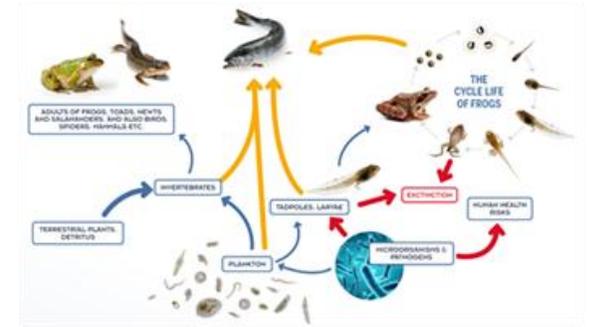
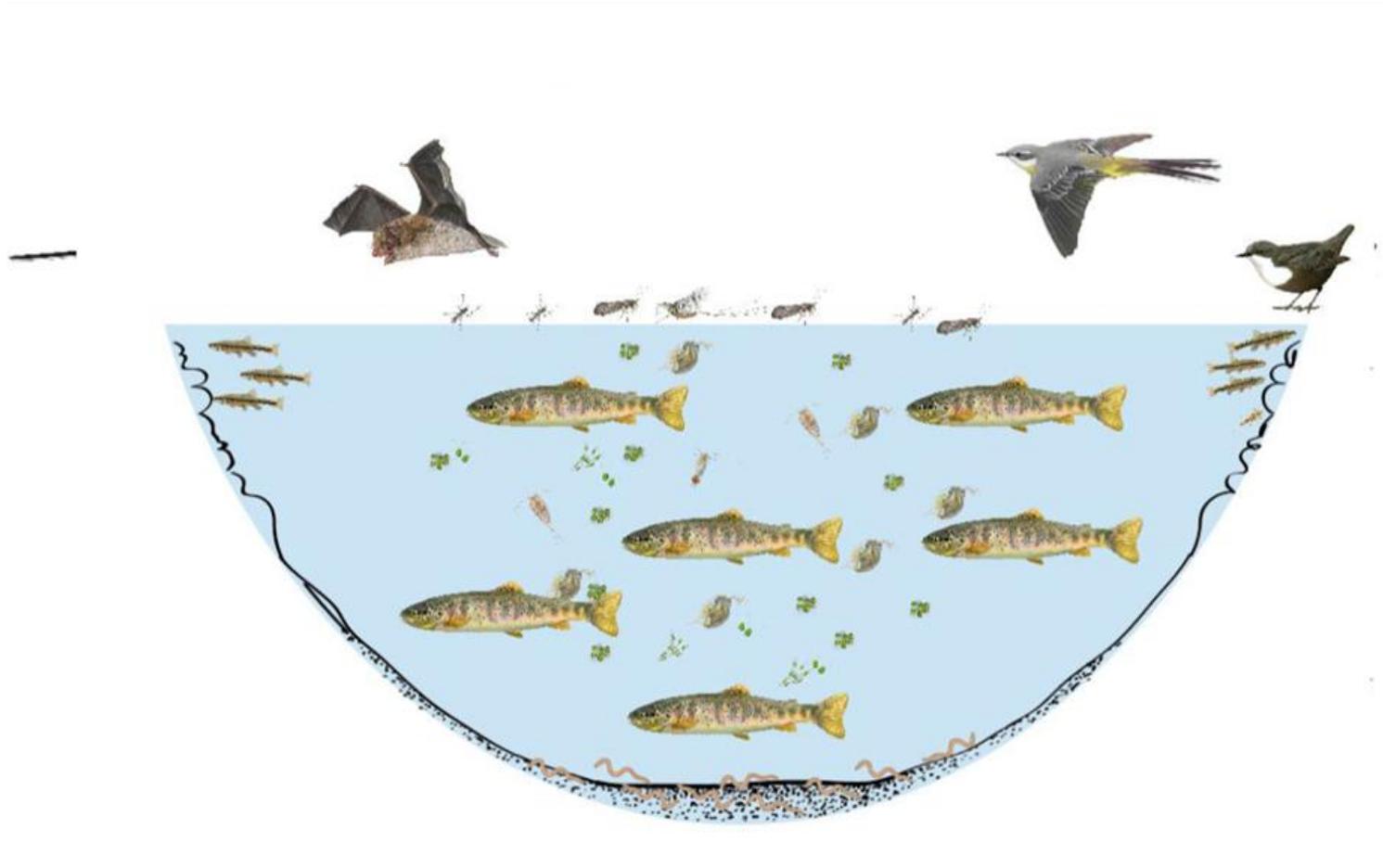
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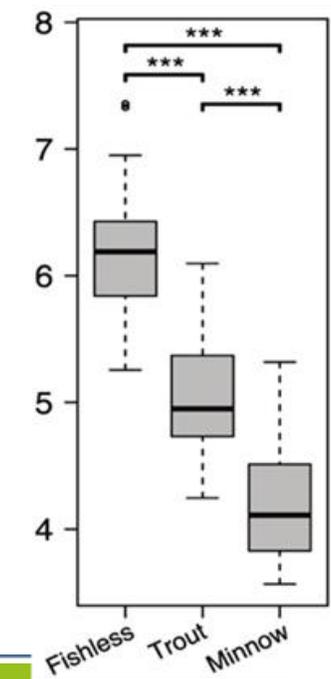
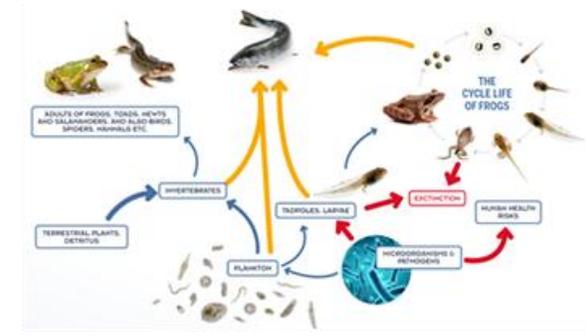
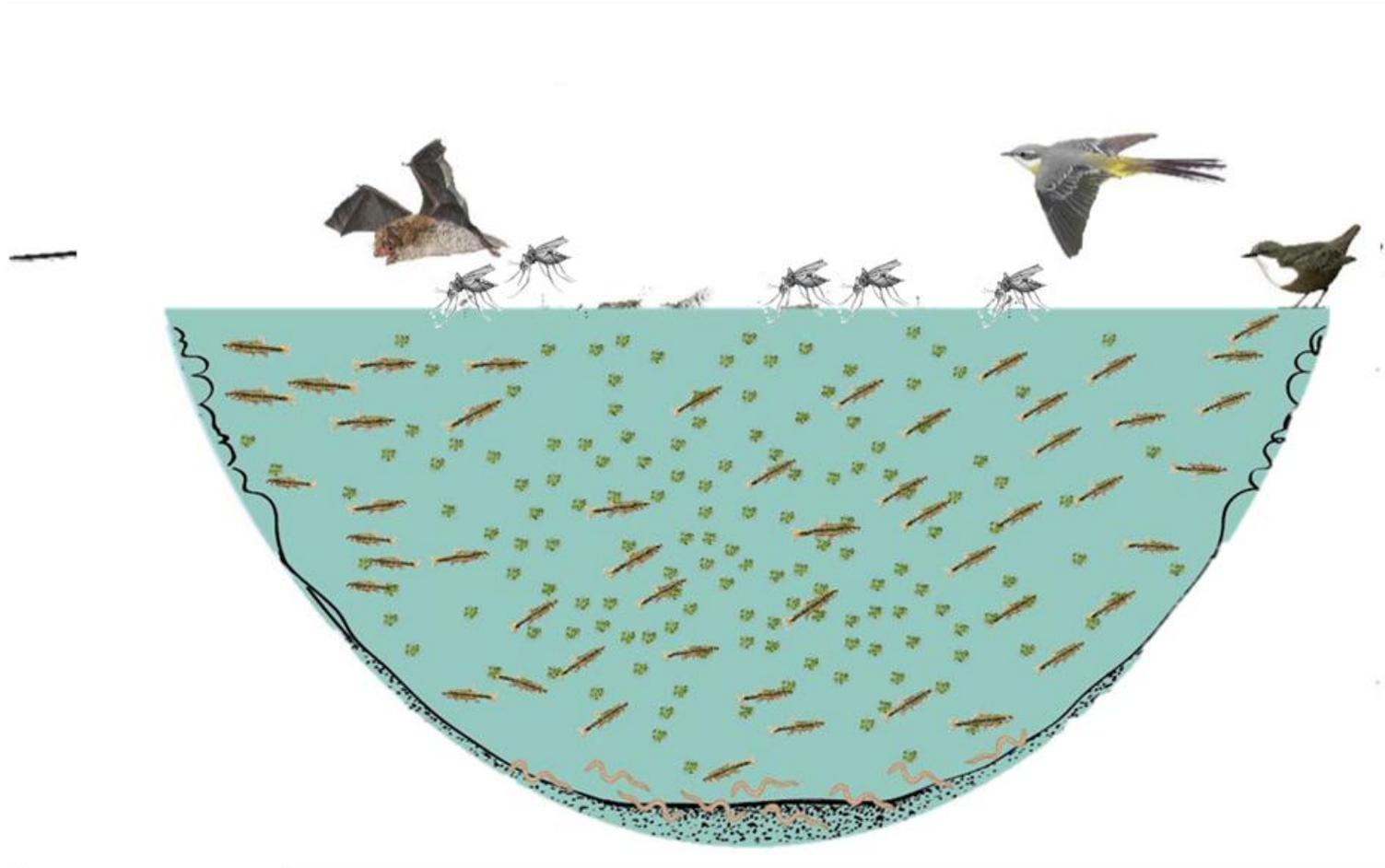
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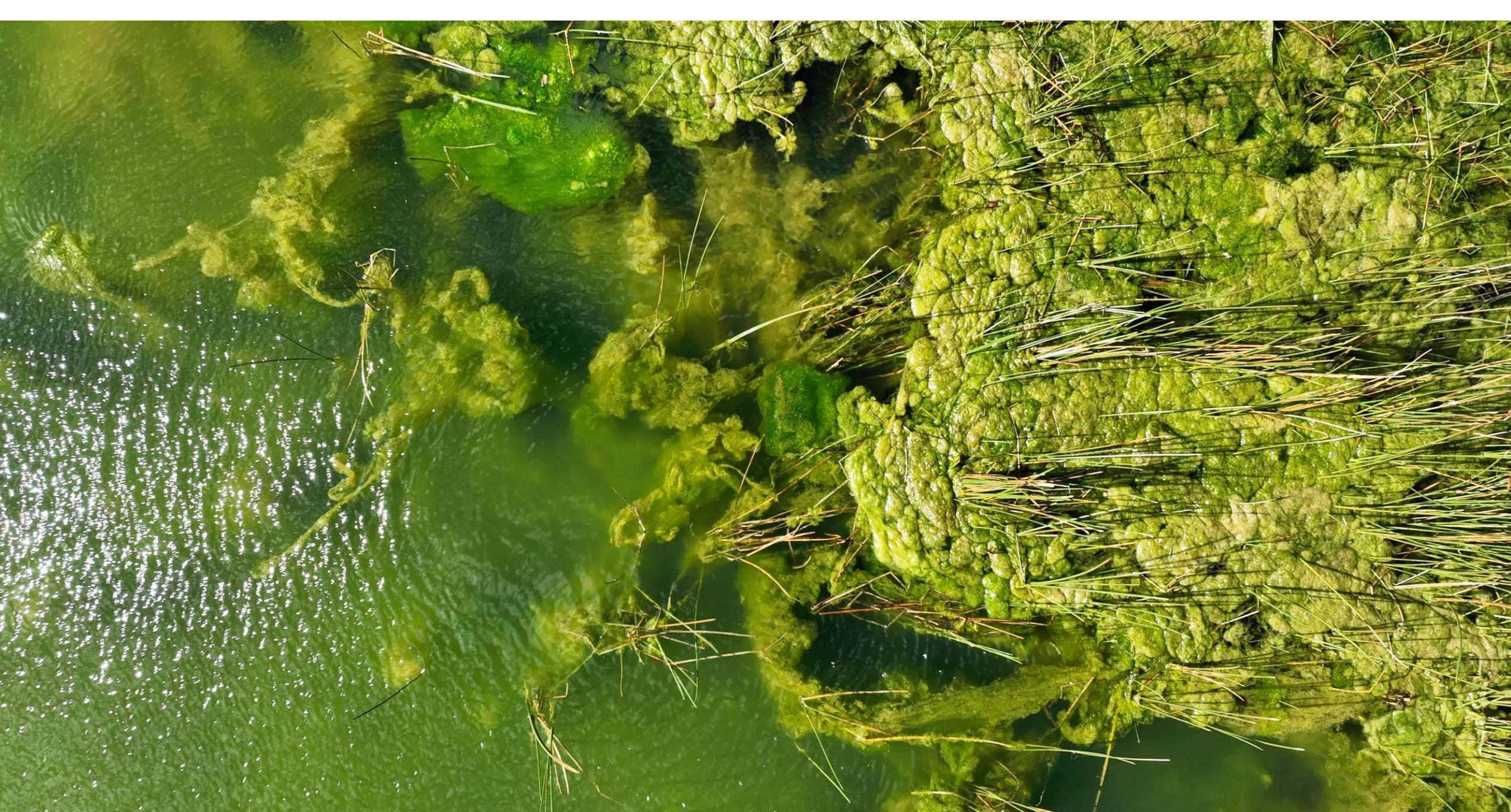
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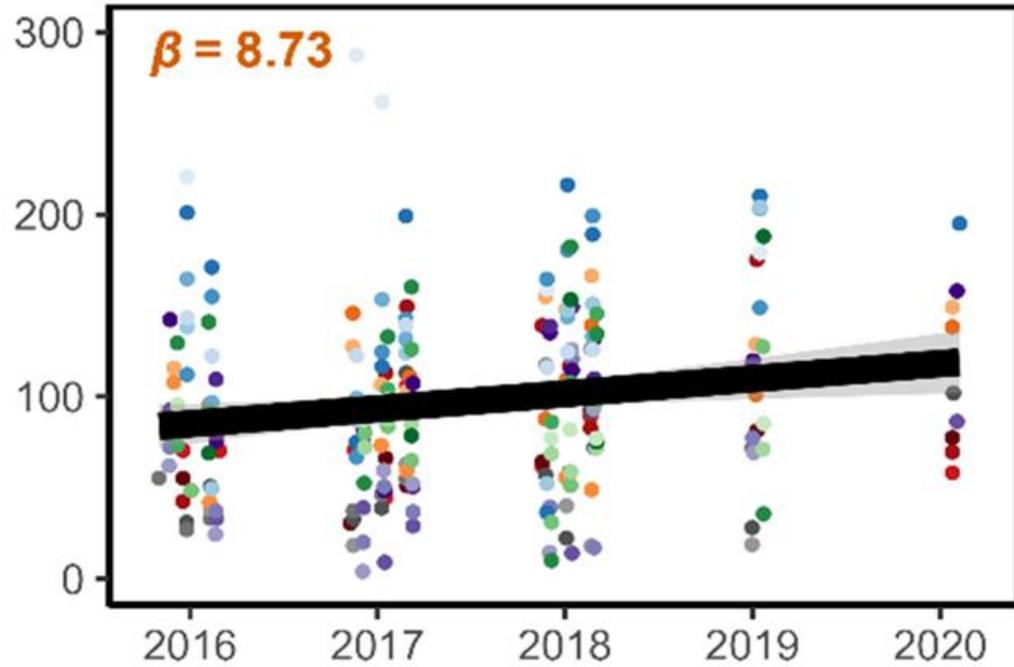


Aquatic species diversity

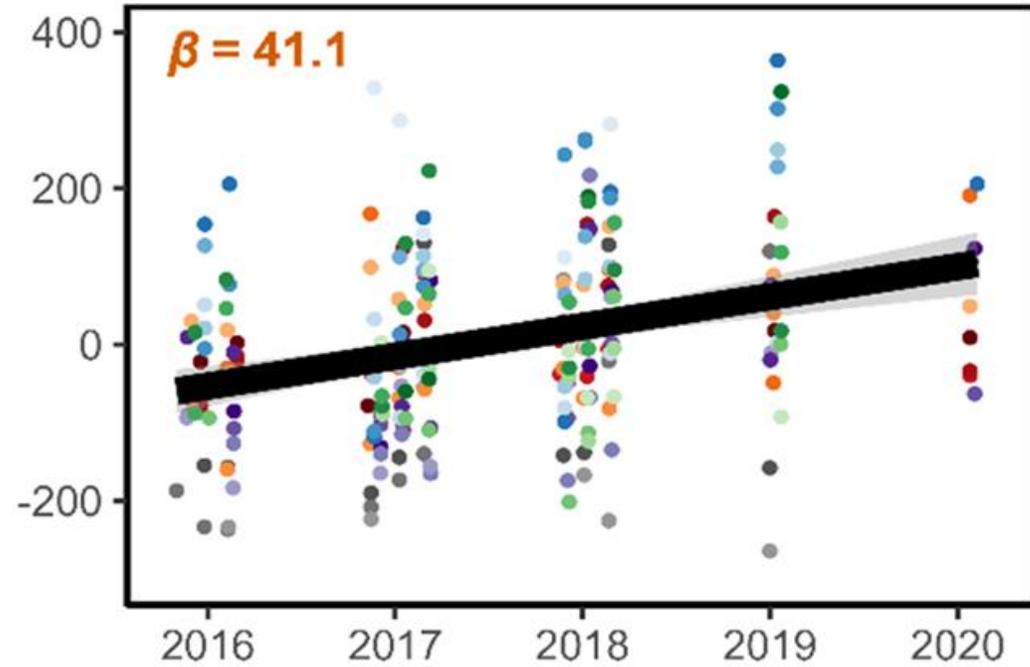


biodiversity, including a focus on aquatic systems

C Cyanobacteria richness



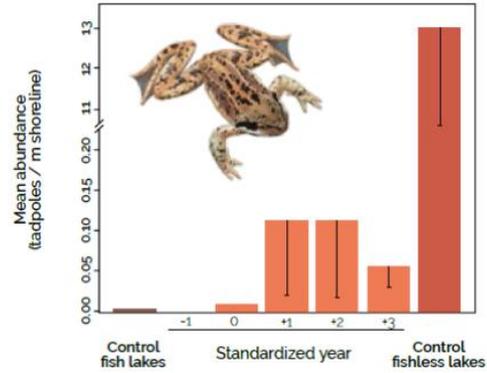
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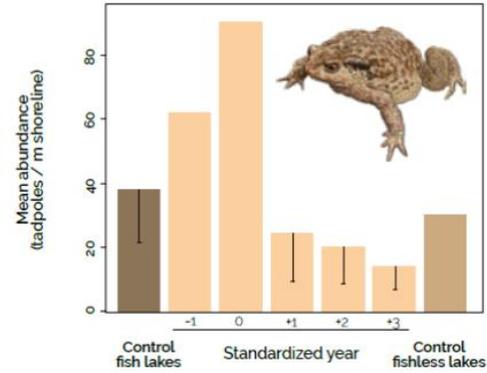
Sentenac et al. 2023

Recovery is possible

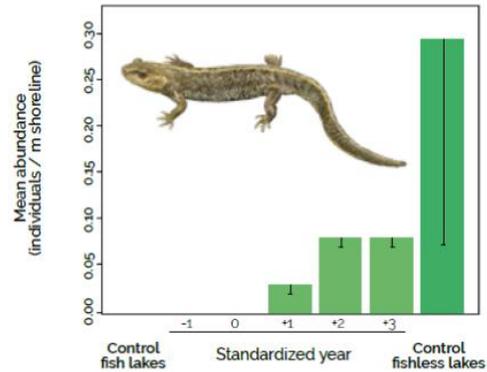
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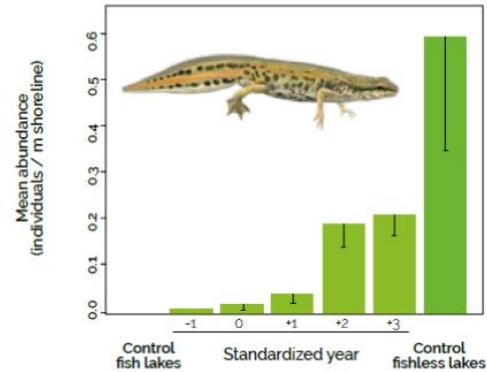
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PYRENEAN BROOK NEWT



PALMATE NEWT



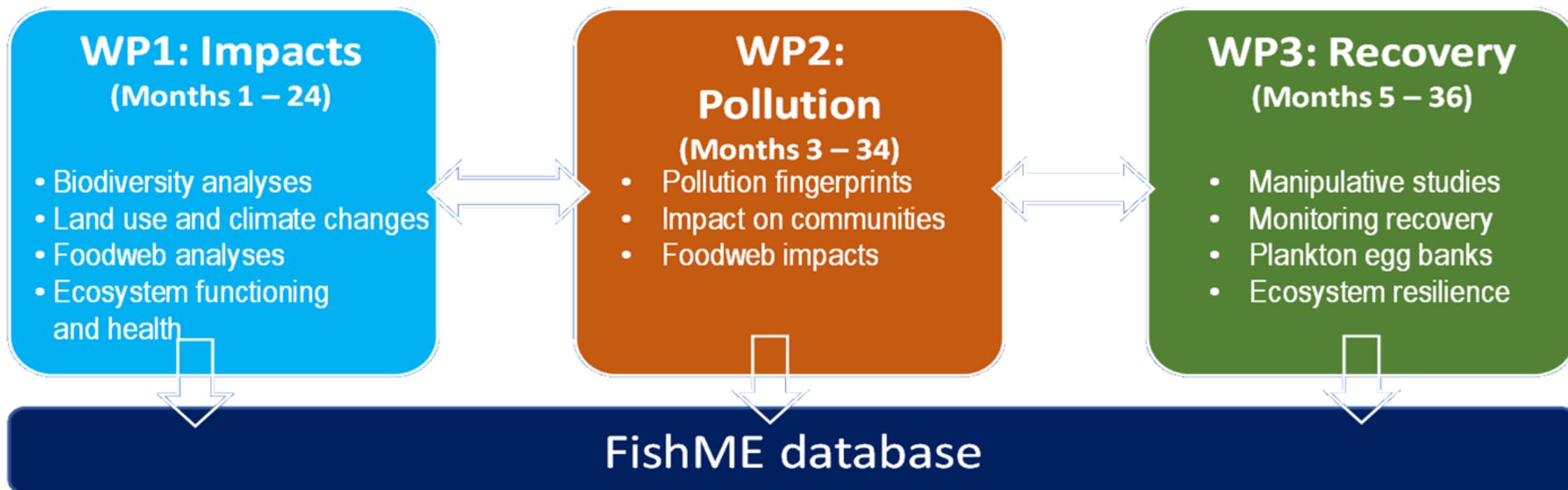
Solutions



FishME Management Toolbox

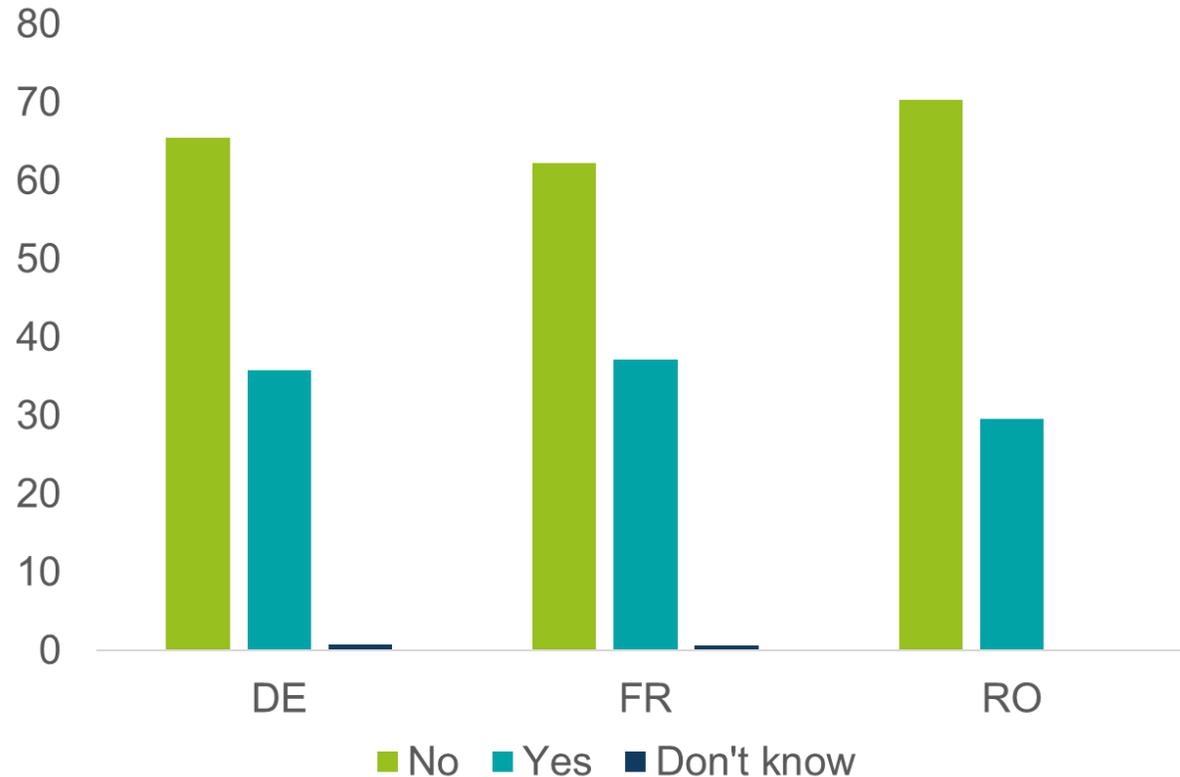
WP4: FishME Management ToolBox – e-learning platform

(Months 6 – 36)



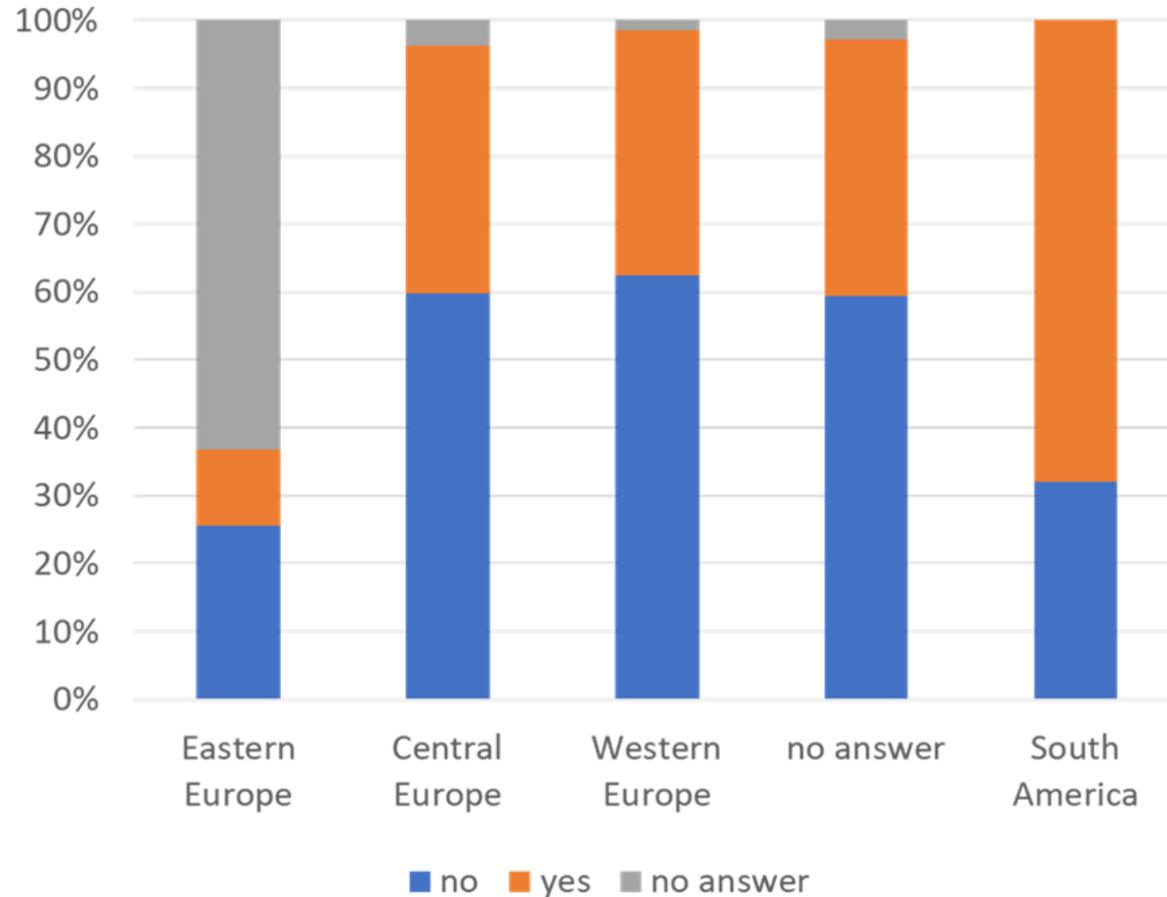
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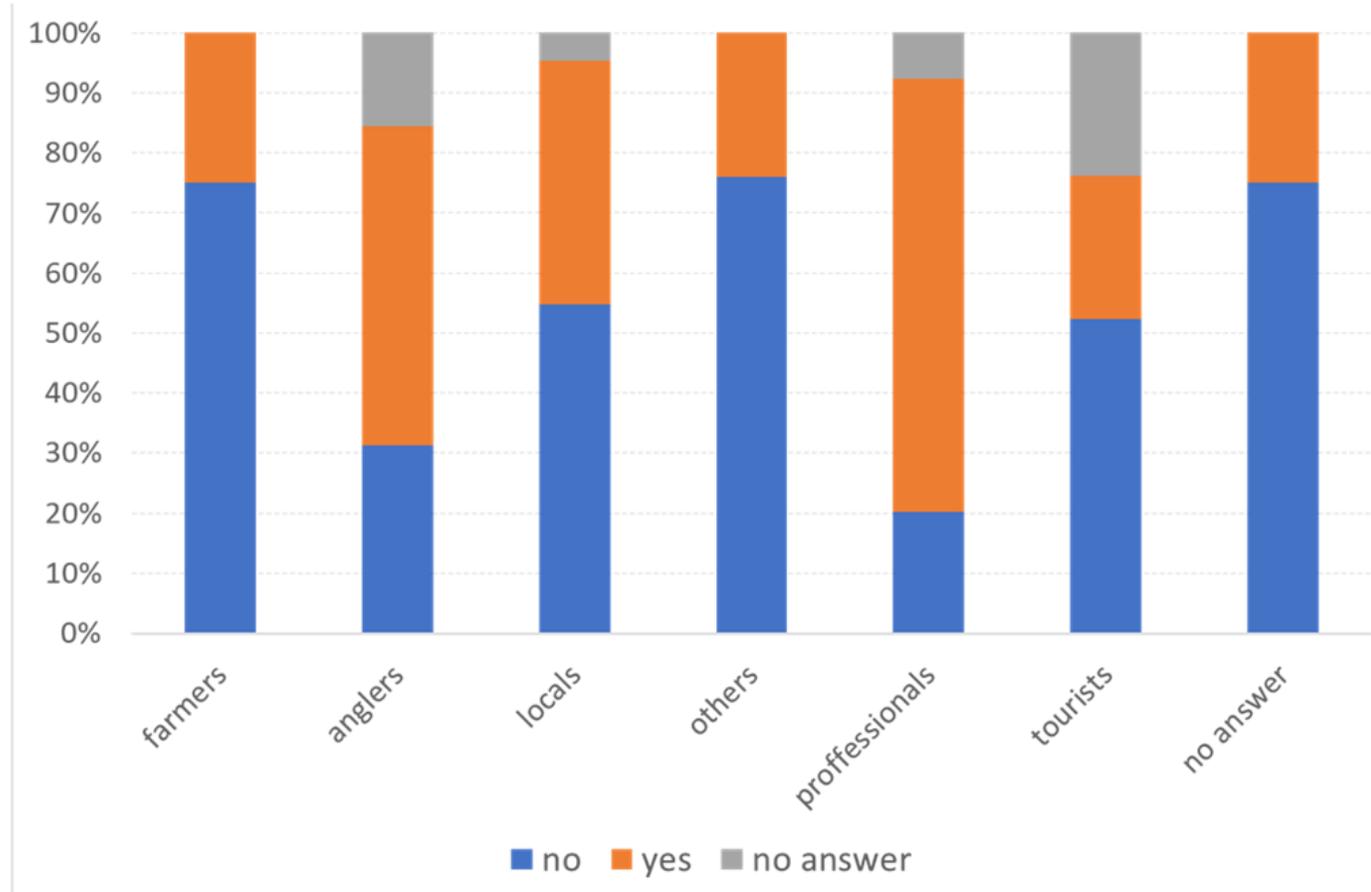
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Challenge 2: Lobbyism

Une émission d'Hugo Clément dénonce les alevinages en truites : une manipulation et du grand guignol !



A program by Hugo Clément condemns trout stocking: manipulation and melodrama!



Maintenance of ignorance

Challenge 3: Country specifics

Spain/Catalonia

Austria

Romania

France



Policy impacts

France:

- 1) Question of the National Assembly on fish introductions
- 2) Report of a regional expert committee for the protection of wildlife and nature
- 3) Considerations to strongly limit fish introductions

Austria

- 1) Local major explores the possibility to eradicate fish in the Piburgersee

Italy

- 1) Awareness of local decision makers has increased and discussions are starting

We expect that the FishME Management Toolbox will further this impact and future projects will benefit from this

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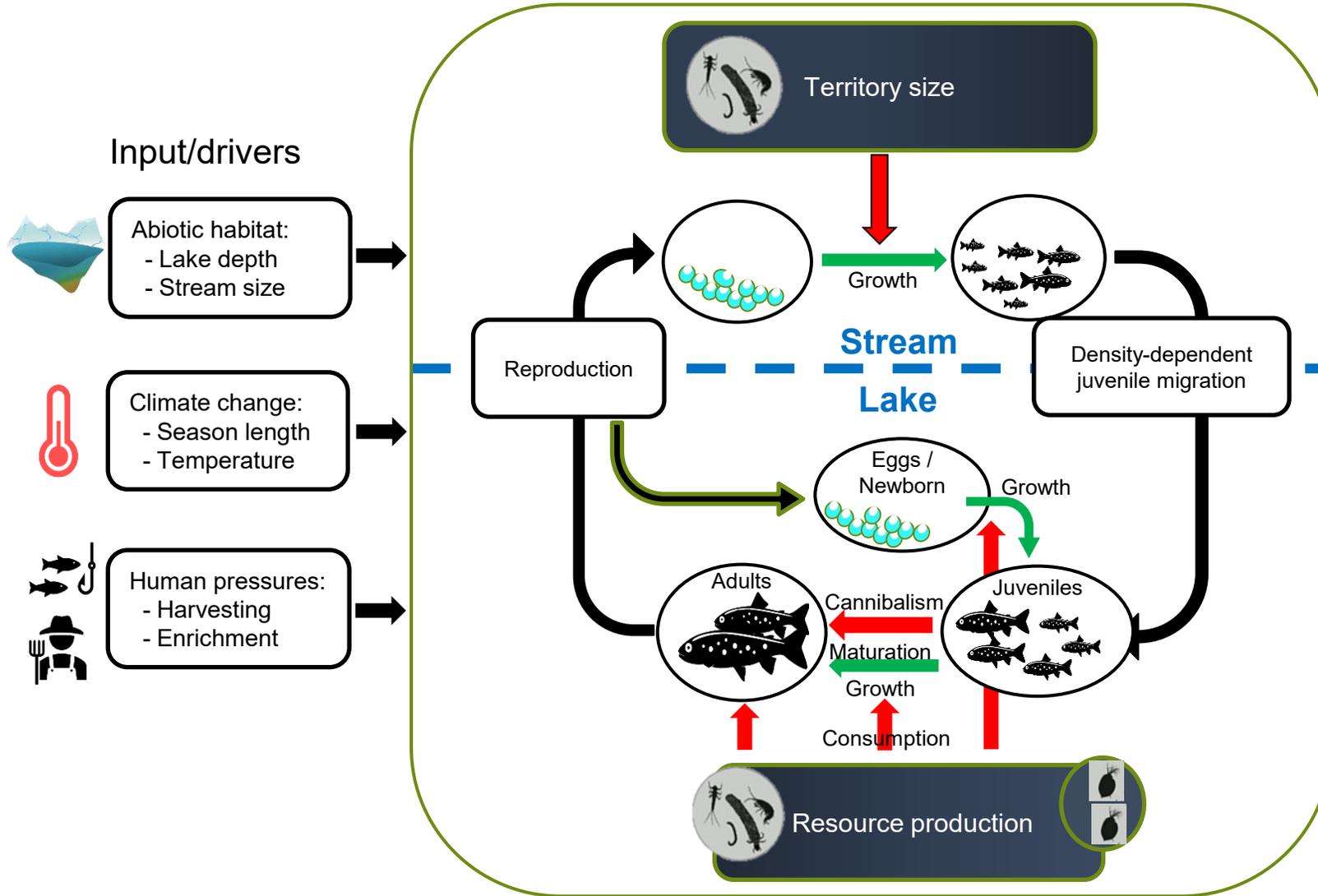
Modeling ecosystem drivers and functional changes under human pressures



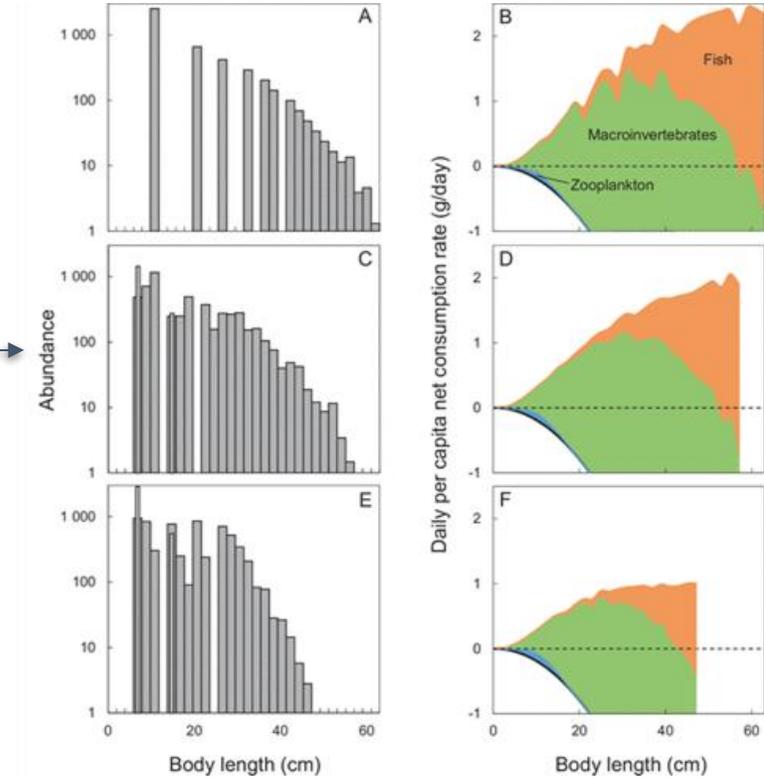


Exploring the ecological and socio-economic impacts of environmental drivers and cumulative human stressors

Example: Effect of river restoration in multi stressed environment

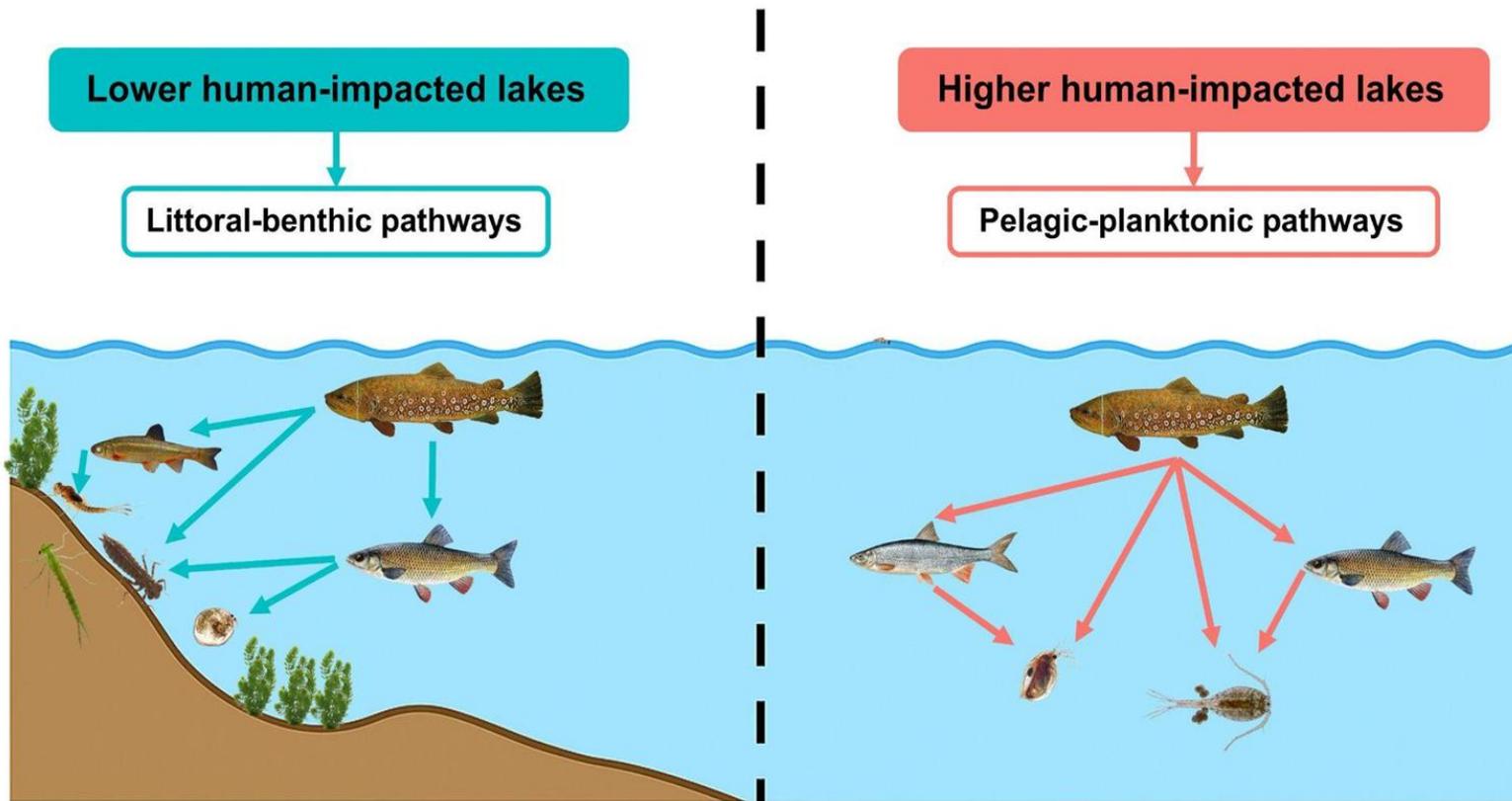


Varying ecosystem responses to different restoration alternatives

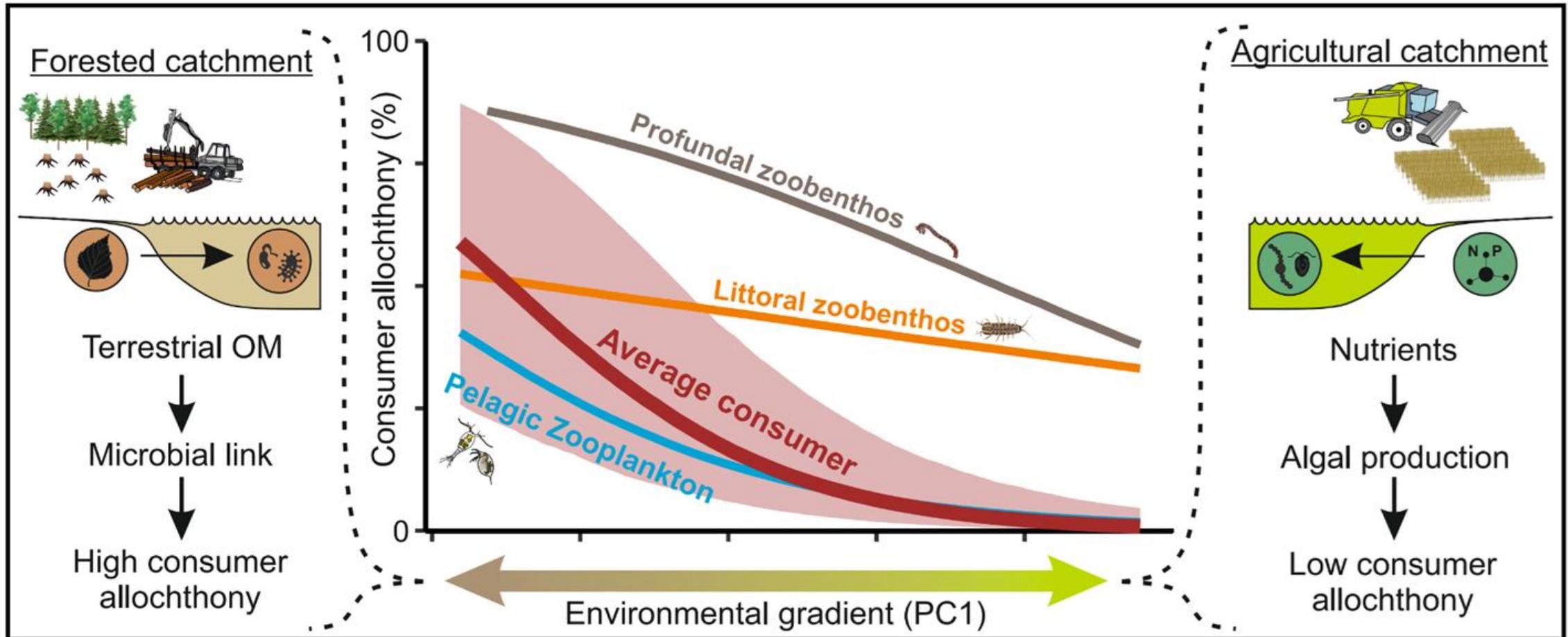


Uszko et al, The American Naturalist 2025 205:4, 371-387

Example: Effects of local and global human stressors on food chains and behaviour.



Example: Type of catchment changes energy flows in the ecosystem → Impacts on resilience



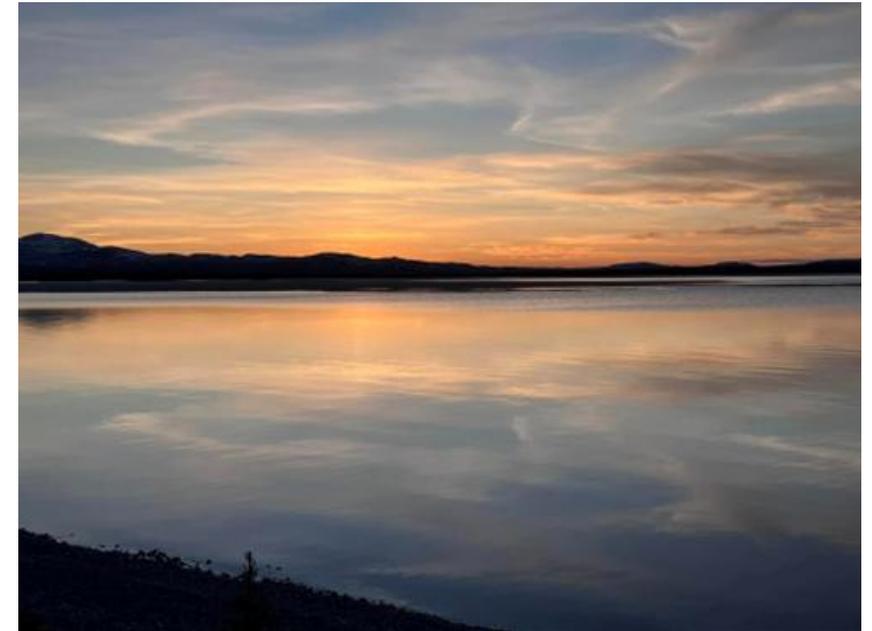
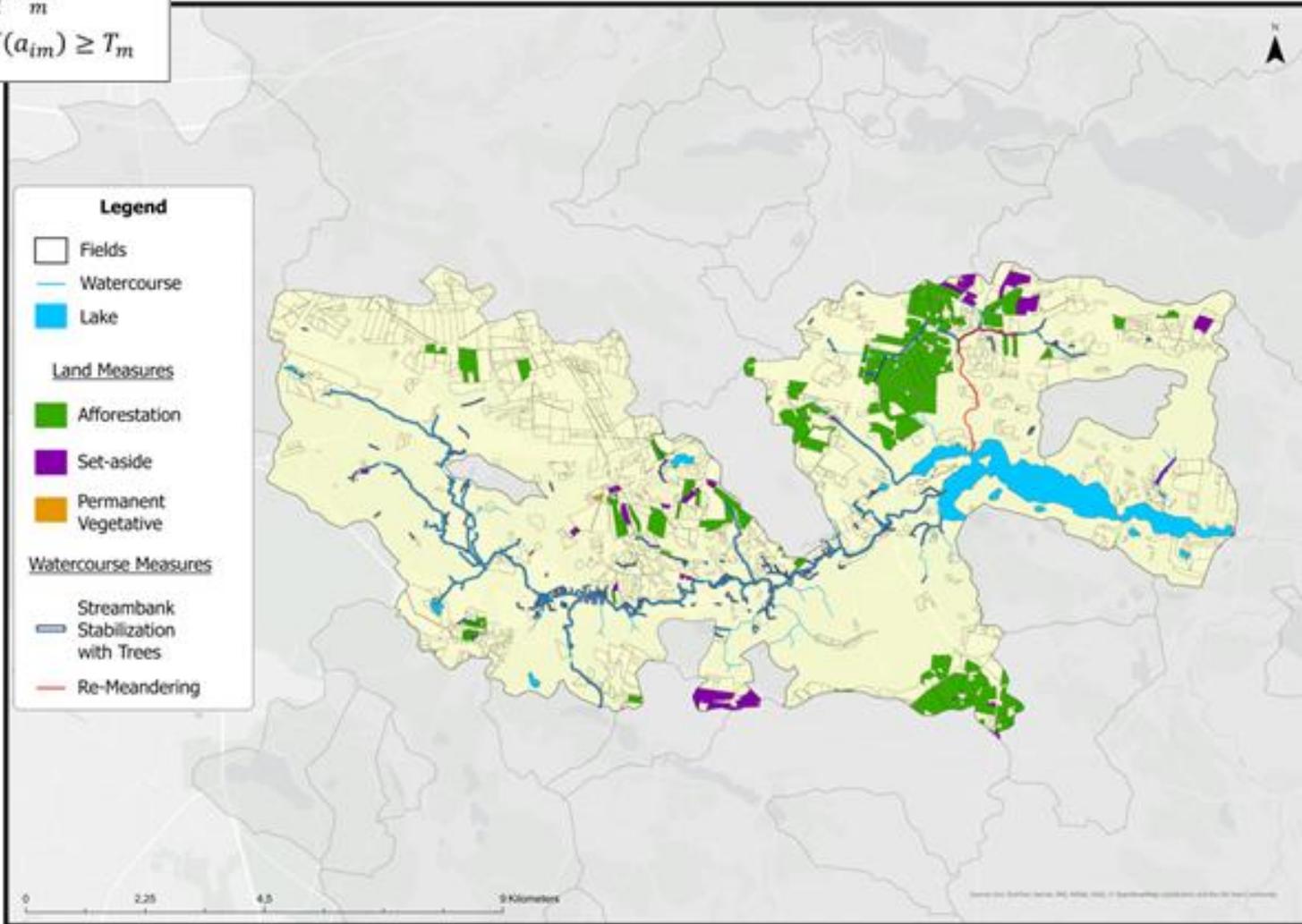
Keva et al. 2025. The role of land use in terrestrial support of boreal lake food webs.

Nature Communications 16: 3572. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-025-58505-y>

Example: What is the socio economic value of forestation and permanent set aside of areas? And will the implementation of these measures improve biodiversity?

$$\min \sum_l \sum_m C_l(a_{lm})$$

$$s. t. f(a_{lm}) \geq T_m$$



Achievements and Challenges

- Modular adaptive management tools to predict holistic effects of different restoration efforts 🏆
- Successful cross-disciplinary collaborations 🏆
- Knowledge and data transfer across borders 🏆
- Strong scientific output 🏆

- Cross-disciplinary collaboration takes time — different scientific languages and approaches 😬
- Difficult to define concrete aims and get feedback from both local and national stakeholders 😬
- Generality only goes so far — case-specific adaptations are still needed 😬



Interactive effects of local and landscape scale restoration of semi-natural grasslands and agricultural fields on species interactions and ecosystem functions in different social-ecological systems



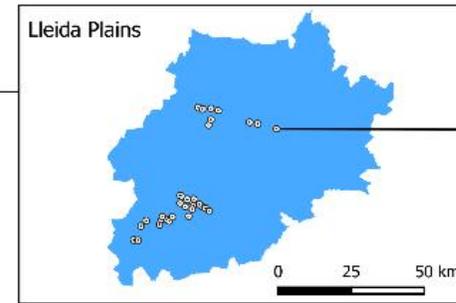
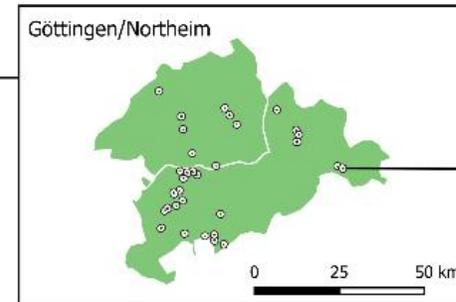
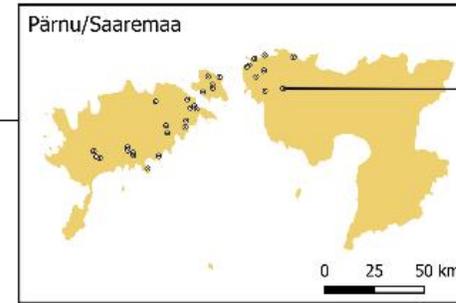
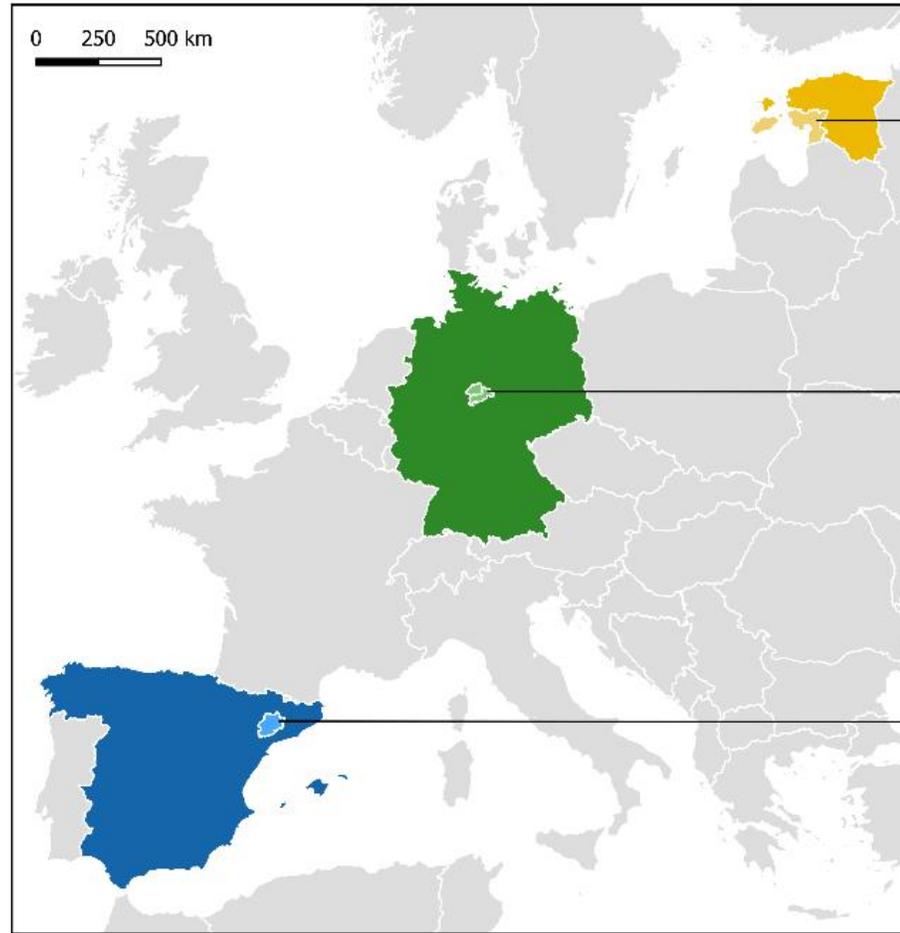
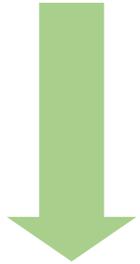
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Calcareous grasslands as biodiversity hotspots across Europe



Study sites

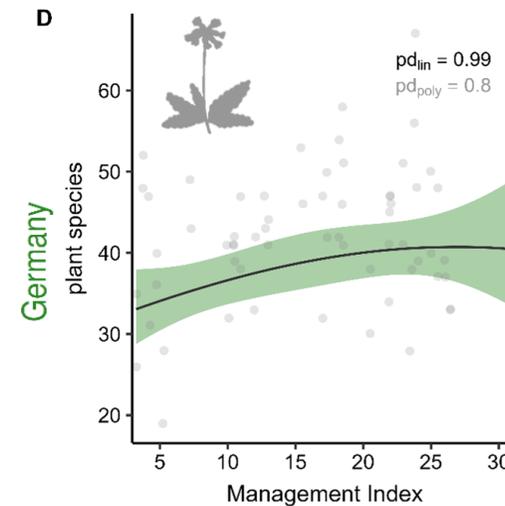
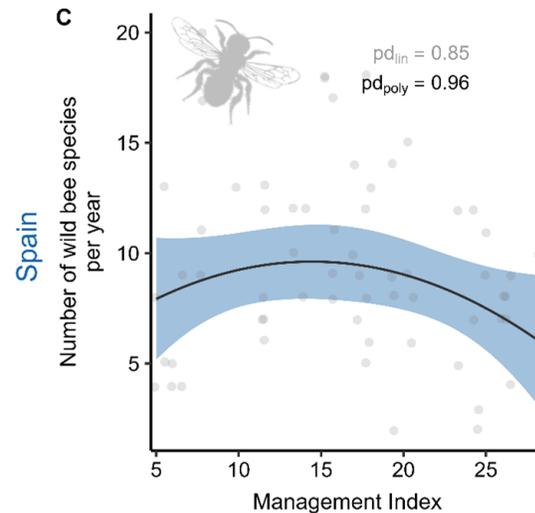
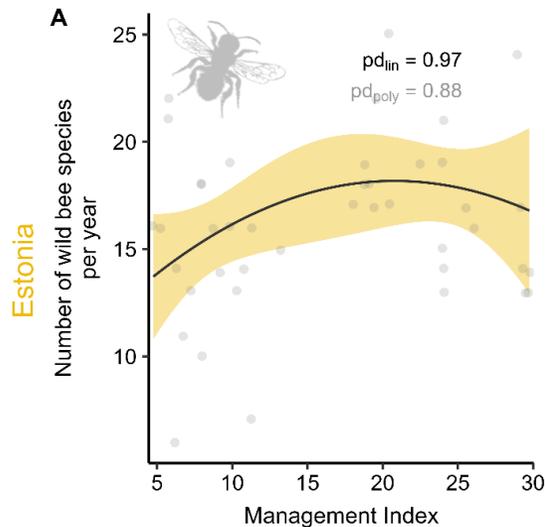
96 calcareous grasslands



Local restoration

Indication for long-term abandonment

Indication for more intensive management activities



High woody cover:

- Less shared plant-pollinator interactions across sites in a region

No effects on

- Multifunctionality

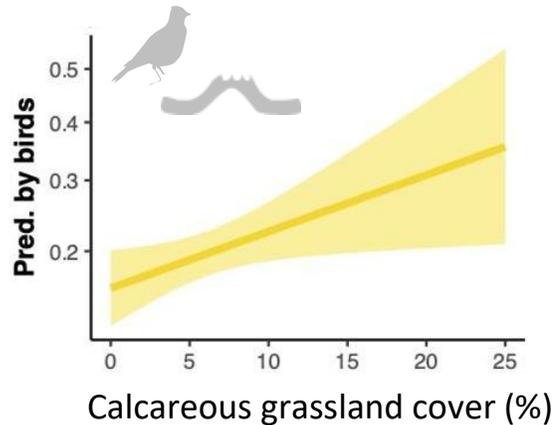
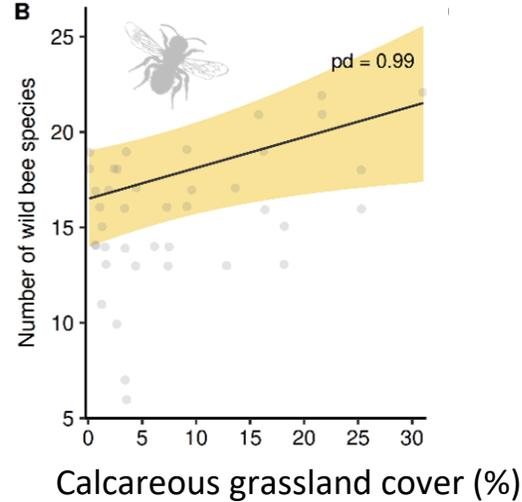
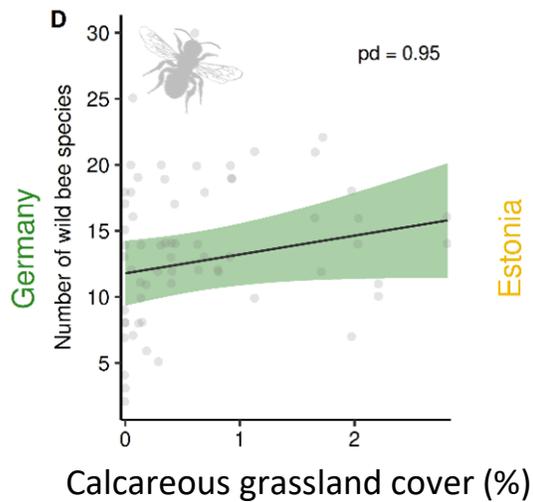


Long-term abandonment and intensive management decrease biodiversity

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Landscape restoration

Calcareous grasslands (%) in the surrounding landscape



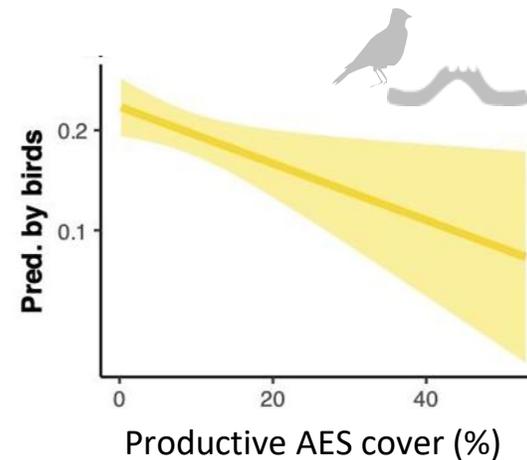
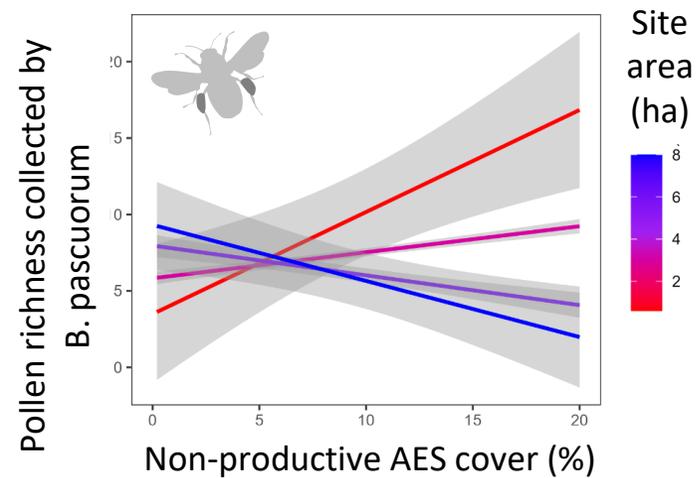
Positive for:

- Bee diversity
- Predation function

No effects on:

- Metacommunities of plant-pollinator interactions
- multifunctionality

Agri-environment schemes AES (%) in the surrounding landscape

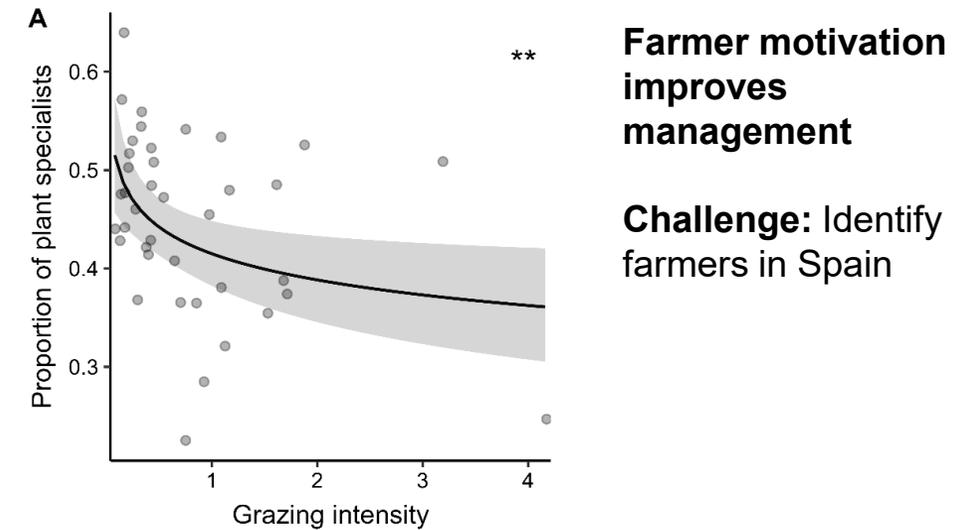
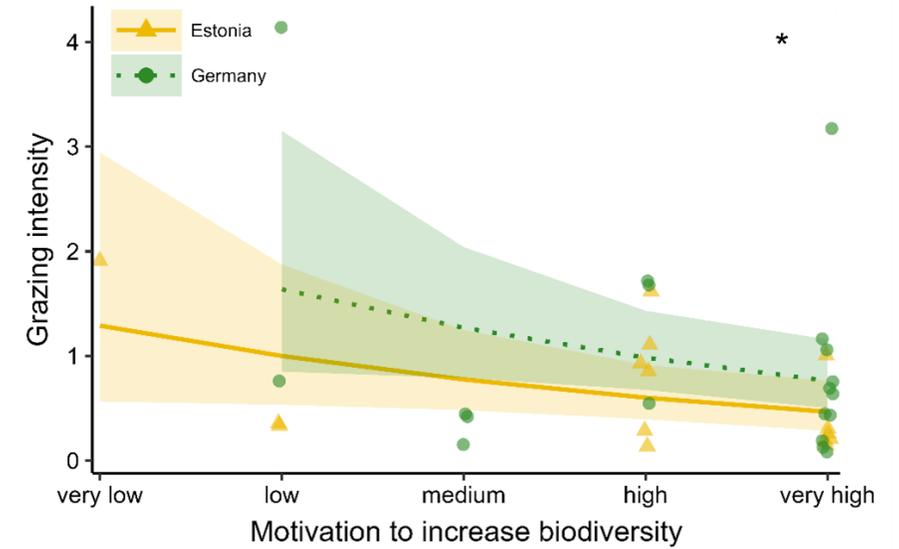
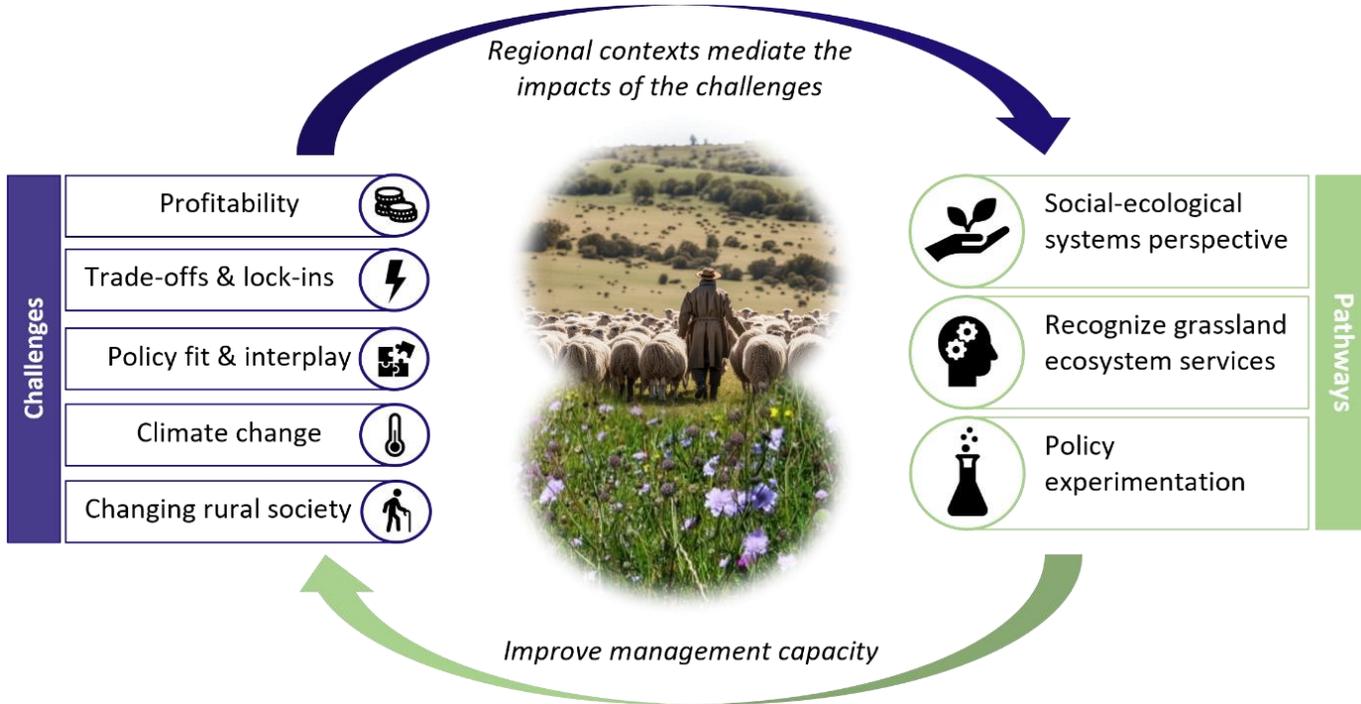


Mixed results

- Important food resources for pollinators
- Increase shared plant-pollinator interactions across sites
- Negative for predation functions

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Calcareous grasslands as social-ecological systems



Gorris et al. 2025 Biol. Cons., Hannappel et al. *in prep.*

Conclusions InterRest project

Social ecological system

Local management

Landscape management



Calcareous grasslands

Agri-environment schemes (AES)

Challenges:

- Understand connectivity effects at landscape/regional scale
- Multifunctionality
- Reach also farmers in regions with herds moving across landscapes





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Quantifying restoration success across biomes by linking biodiversity, multifunctionality and hydromorpho- logical heterogeneity (RESTOLINK)



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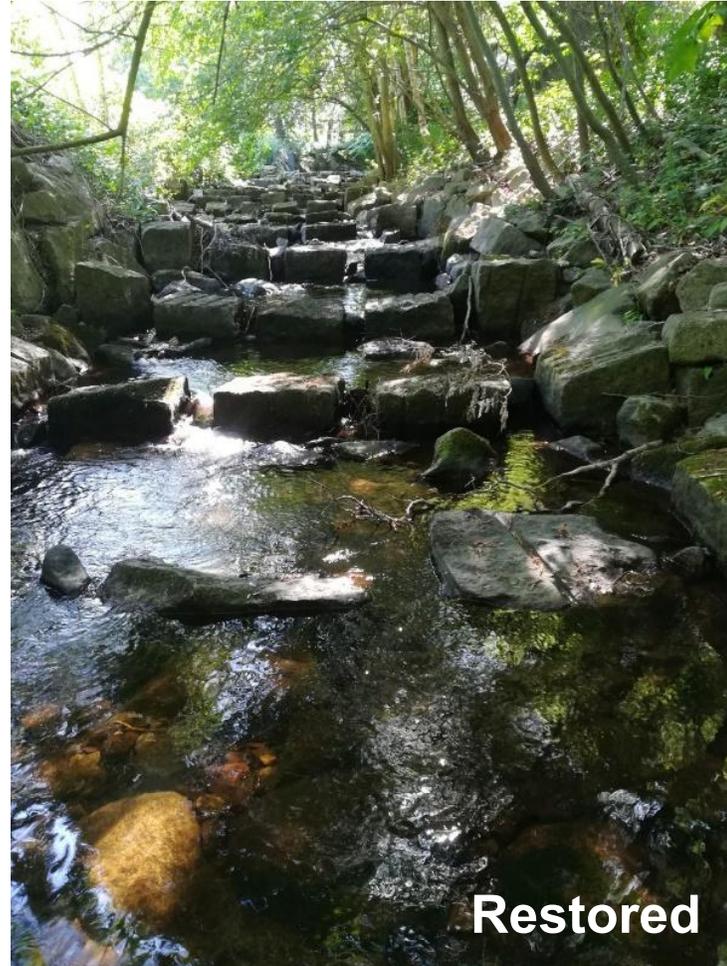
How would you rate the success of this restoration measure for biodiversity?

A) Biodiversity is restored

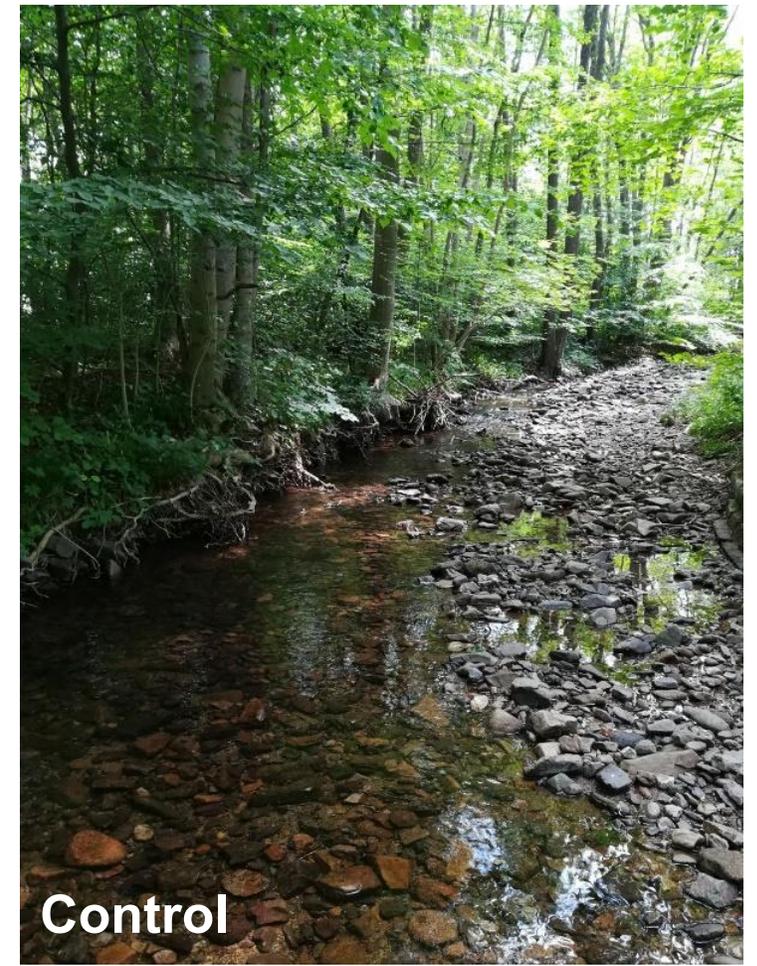
B) Biodiversity is not restored



Impact



Restored

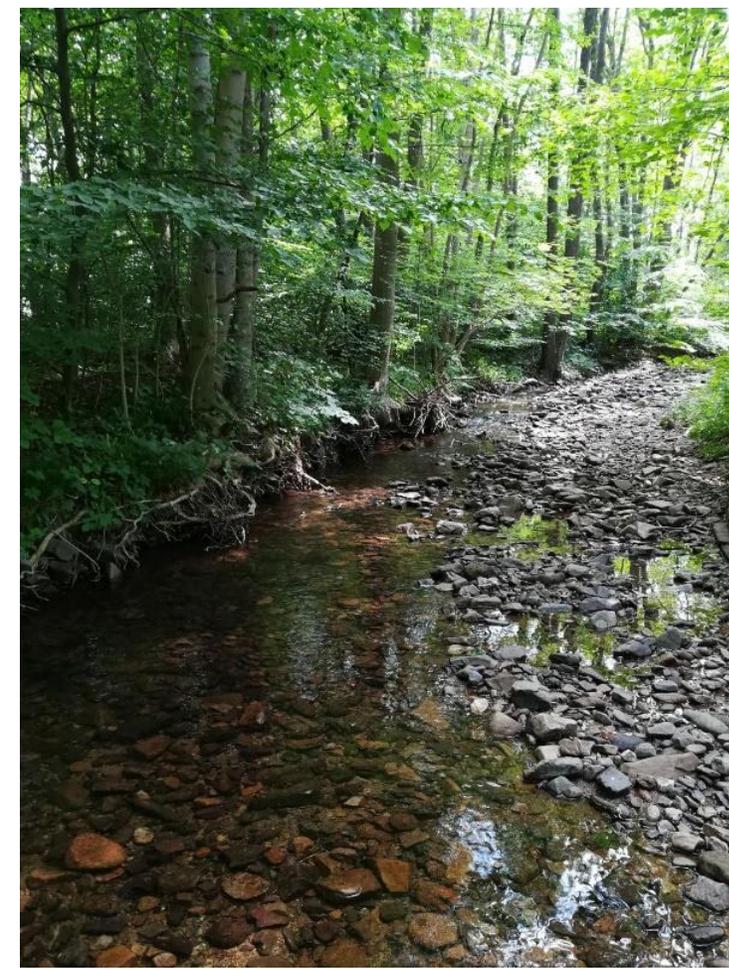
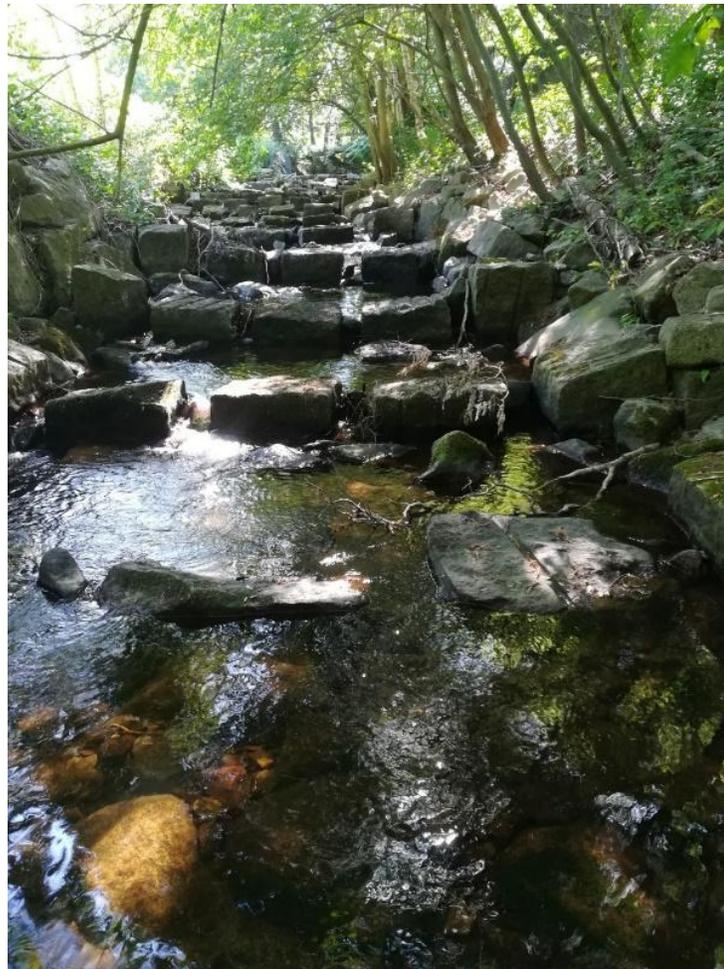


Control

How would you rate restoration success in terms of ecosystem functioning?

A) Ecosystem functioning is restored

B) Ecosystem functioning is not restored



Would you expect country-specific differences in restoration success?

A) Yes, that's quite obvious. B) No.



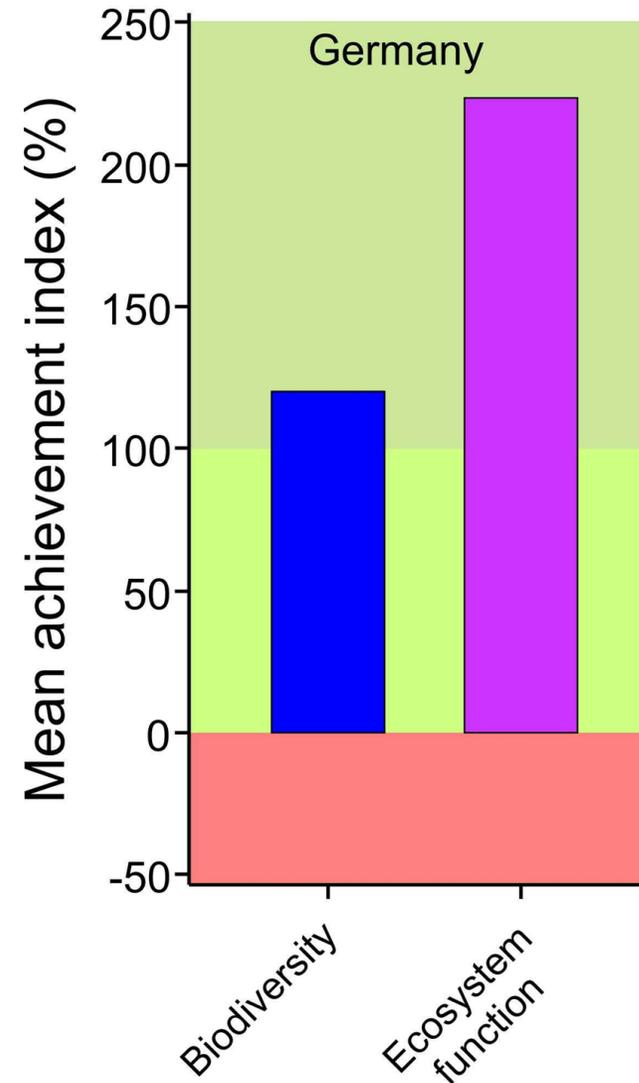
Quantify restoration success of richness and function

- Sampling for macroinvertebrates and their food resources at 3 sites in 3 streams in 2 countries
- Calculate species richness and matter fluxes from terrestrial resources to consumers

¹ Marchand et al. (2021): *Ecol. Ind.*

Preliminary results

- Improving connectivity successfully restored macroinvertebrate biodiversity and function in German streams



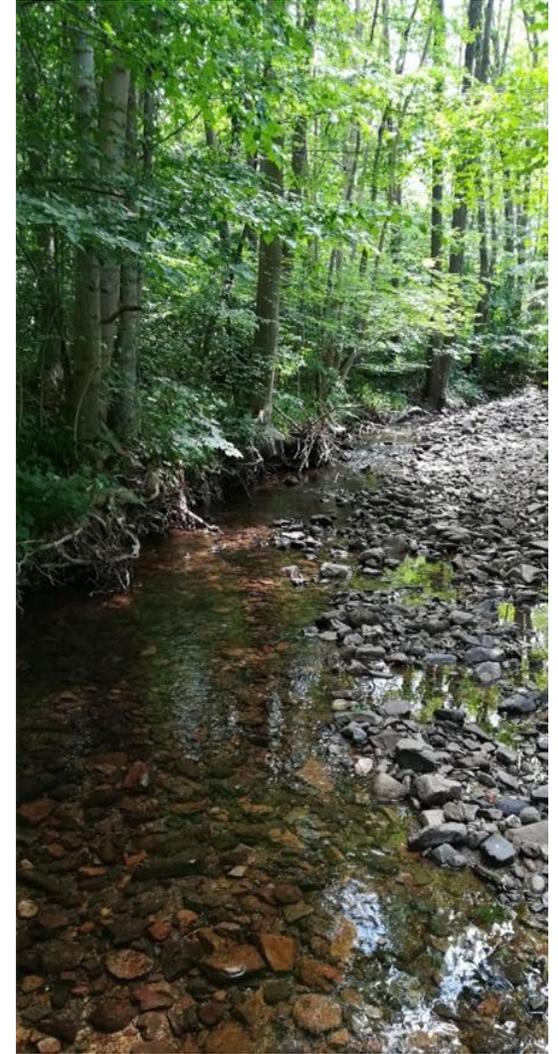
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Outcomes and policy implications

- Restoring connectivity of streams and rivers also improves macroinvertebrate biodiversity □ Supports NRL target
- Ecosystem functioning can be restored and is a sensitive and complementary indicator □ Scientific foundation to implement GBF goal B and target 2
- Current European restoration targets (restoring connectivity) do not match the Brazilian requirements (restore drinking water quality)

Challenges

- Restoration affected by climate change (low discharges, drought)
- Different regional funding schemes delayed project start



Restoring peatlands of the nemoral zone under conditions of
varying water supply and quality



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ReVersal: On peat bog restoration

Research Questions

- What pristine communities occurred prior to human influence and what history of the site can be deduced from that (hydrology/drainage, fires, accumulation of pollutants)?
- To which extent has the peat been degraded compared to typical ranges of peat quality in the site history and how does this affect restoration efforts
- Have any of the studied peat bogs retained their original/pristine plant populations (were they resilient?) despite the experienced disturbance and what is the recent effect of restoration?
- What is the hydrological baseline of raised bogs - can it be achieved through restoration?
- How can the different, possibly antagonistic goals of bog restoration be weighed and a “best practice” suited to local conditions and expected future climate be suggested?

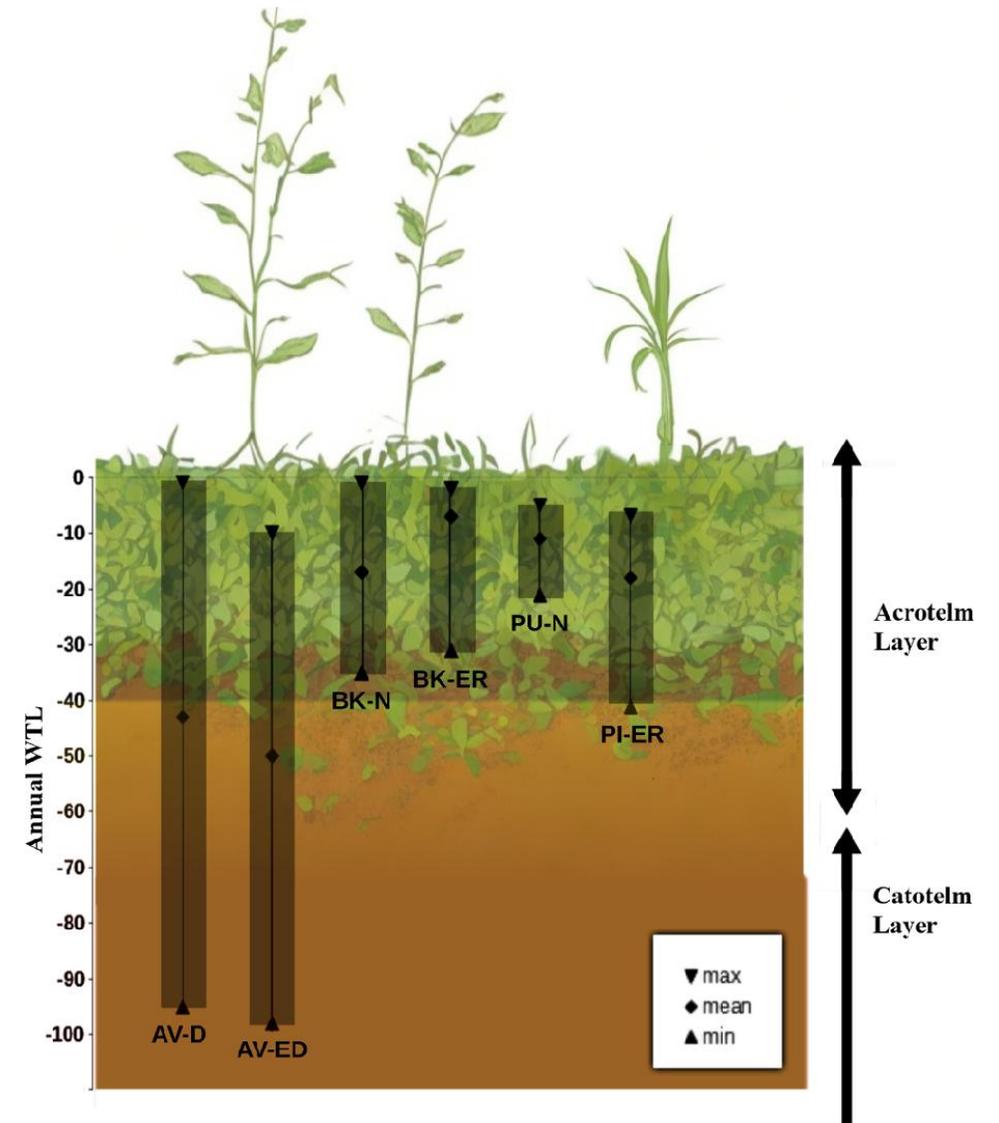
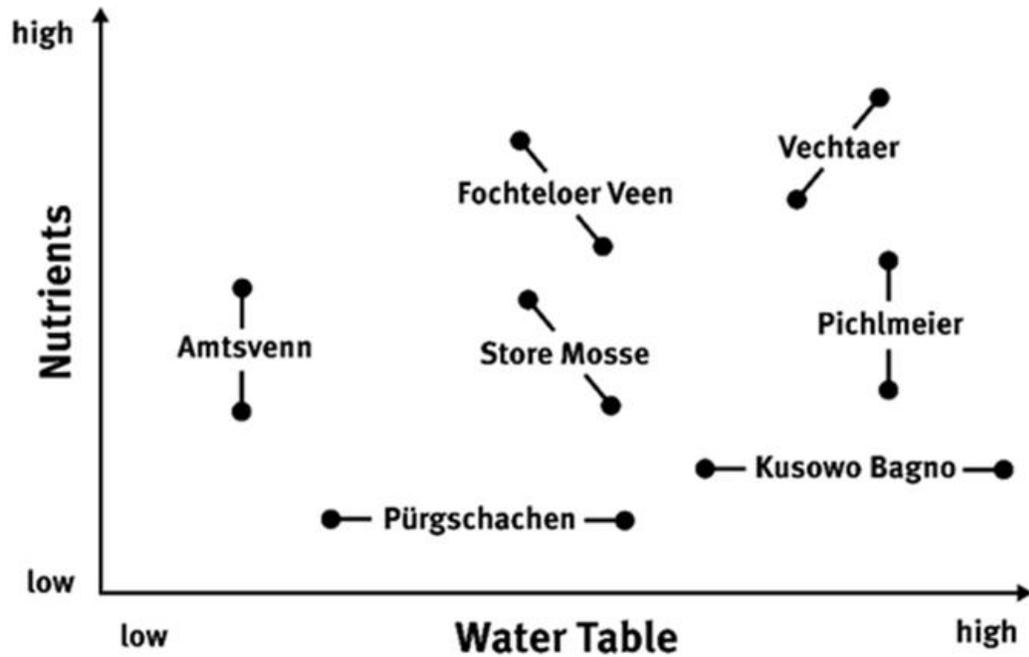
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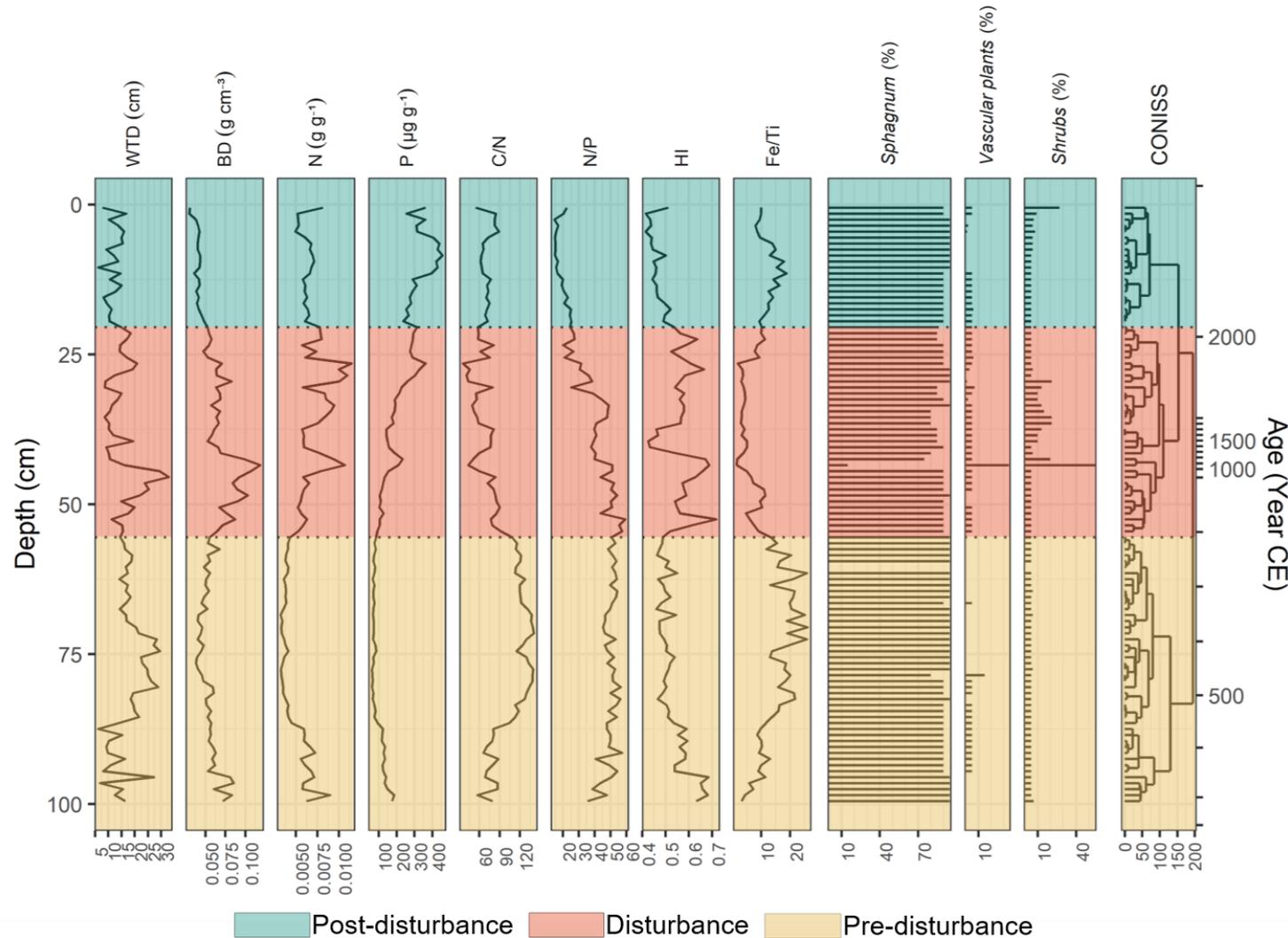
Amtsvenn, Vechtaer Moor (DE)

Fochteloer Veen (NL)

Pürgschachen Moor, Pichlmeier Moor (AT)



Role of disturbance on Geochemistry and Vegetation Kusowo Bagno Site, Poland



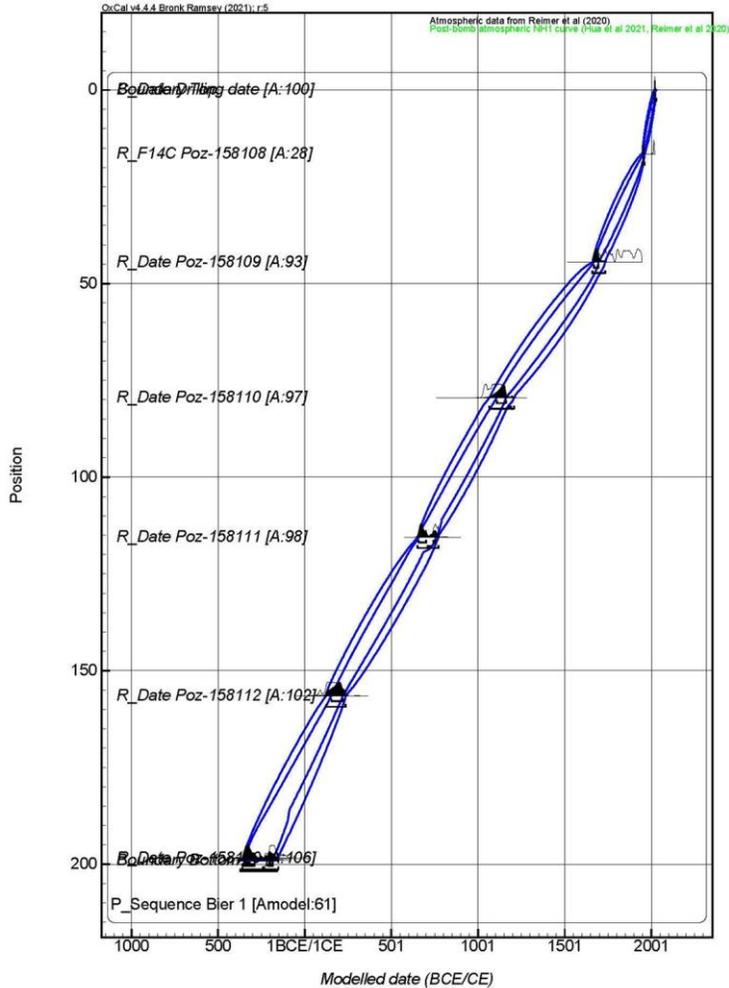
At all sites, phases with characteristic geochemical indicators and plants could be identified

Peat degradation is expressed in different dimensions

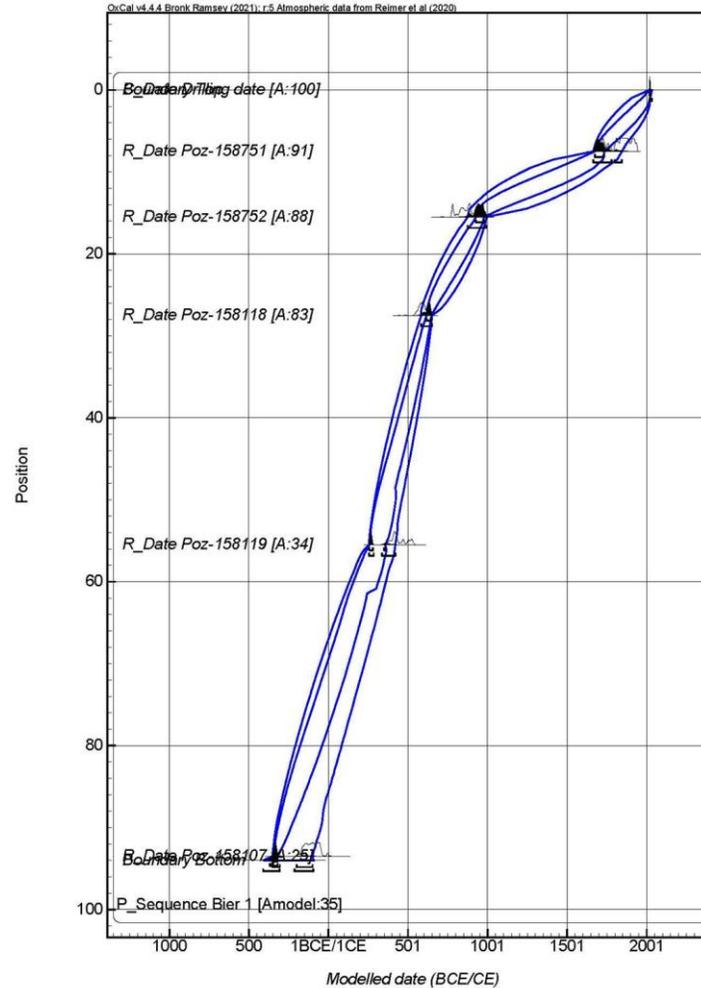
Degraded vs. (near) natural is rather a continuum than either/or

Long term carbon accumulation rates:

Pürgschachen Moor, Austria



Amtsvenn, Germany

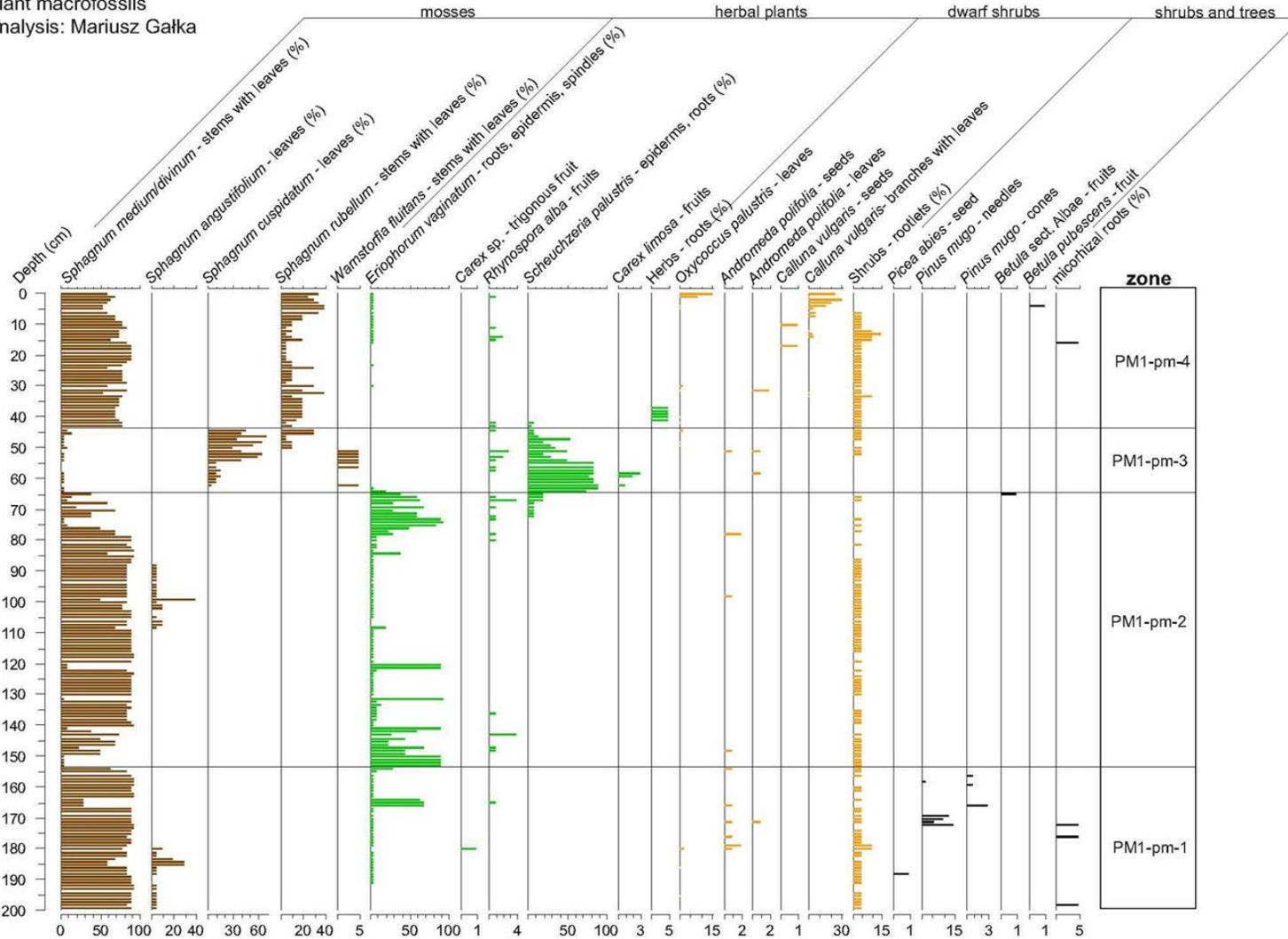


The rate of carbon accumulation was determined

Identification of peat degradation and hiatuses

Identification of peat formation

Pürgschachen Moor, Austria
 plant macrofossils
 analysis: Mariusz Gałka



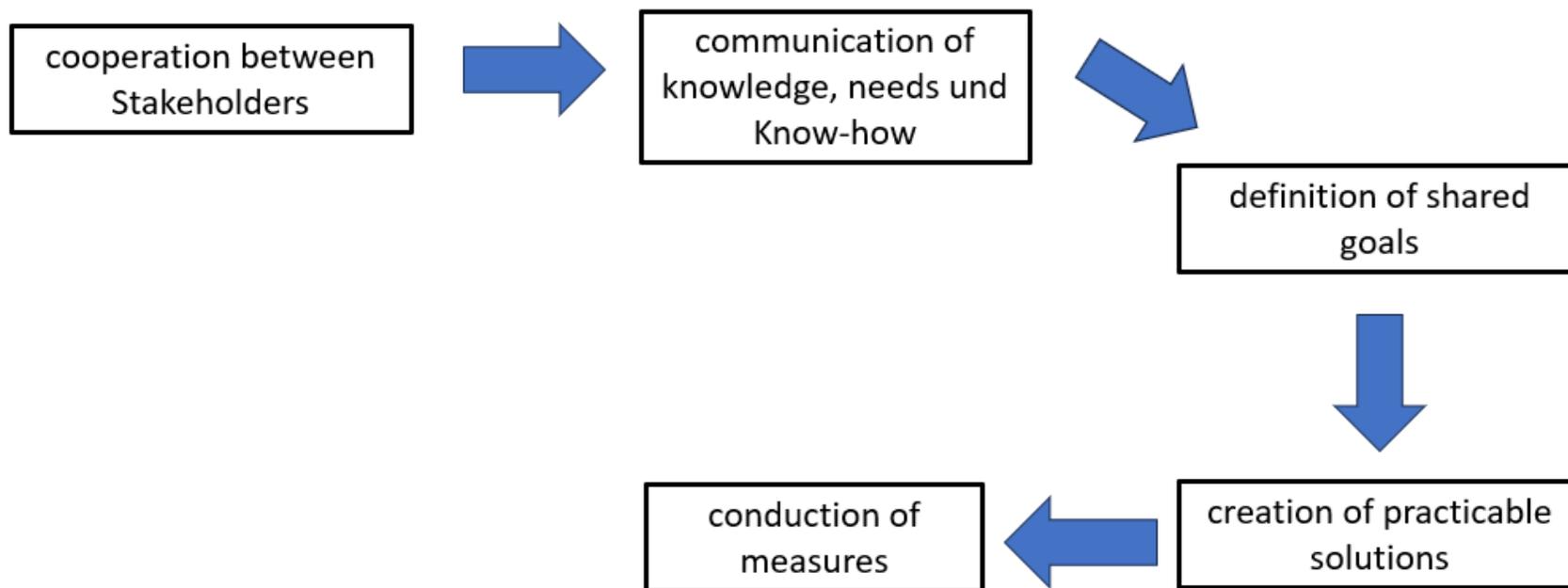
Macrofossils (vegetation history) Pürgschachen Moor, Austria

The detailed plant species which grew over the two past millenia were identified

Stability and resilience of the systems was assessed

Thresholds for vegetation changes were determined

Proper Management



This enabled us to design a scheme for adapted processes to implement informed, targeted restoration procedures

Considering the dimensions of disturbance

Considering the pre-disturbance baseline vs. achievable targets

Conclusion

- Characteristic trajectories of peatland development and restoration were detected
- Contrary to our ideas, nutrient saturation was not the most important control
- ...but rather the scale of extraction and the stability of hydrological conditions
- Stakeholder dialogue was more difficult and time consuming than expected
- Our research co-triggered very large LIFE projects in DE, AT

COAST Project

COnservation of mArine ecosystems around Santo AnTão,
Cabo Verde: implications for policy and society

10 partners, 4 countries,
Teresa Amaro (coordinator, CESAM & University of Aveiro, Portugal)
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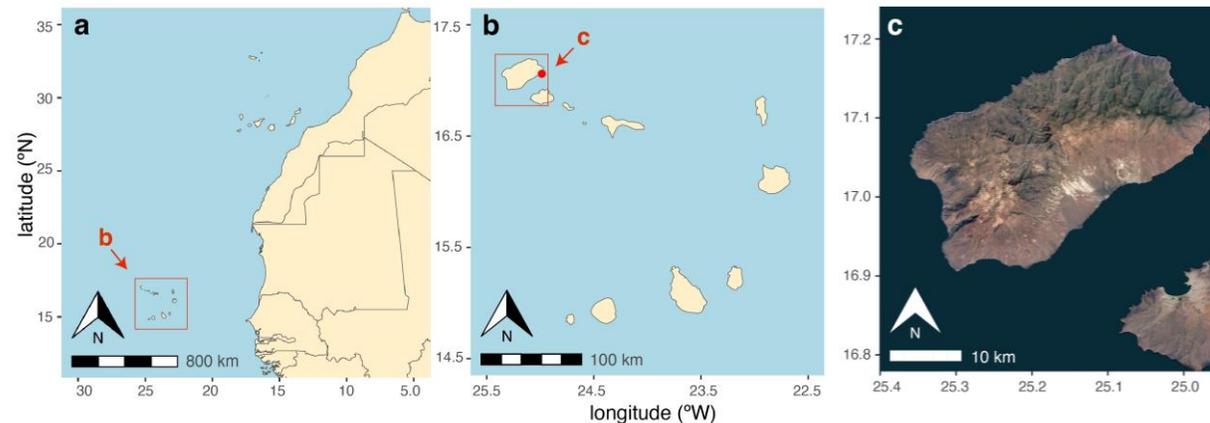




COAST

Cabo Verde is a country where **Blue Growth** can help to contribute with solutions for high poverty rates, while building on the long tradition of local economical use of the marine environment. However, no valuable baseline knowledge on the environmental status of their marine ecosystems is available, hampering the development of measures, ensuring their sustainable use, management, conservation and restoration.

COAST will provide multidisciplinary understanding about the **biodiversity** and **ecosystem functioning**, as well as **suitable indicators of recovery**, which is the crucial basis to establish sound conservation or restoration measures. This will allow the implementation of **integrated environmental management** actions based on the best scientific knowledge.



Santo Antão



Local communities highly dependent on marine resources and agriculture



As outlined in the **Blue Growth Chart** (Cape Verdean Governmental Resolution) there is an urgent need to **collect baseline data on its marine ecosystem**



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Conservation and restoration of degraded ecosystems and their biodiversity, including a focus on aquatic systems

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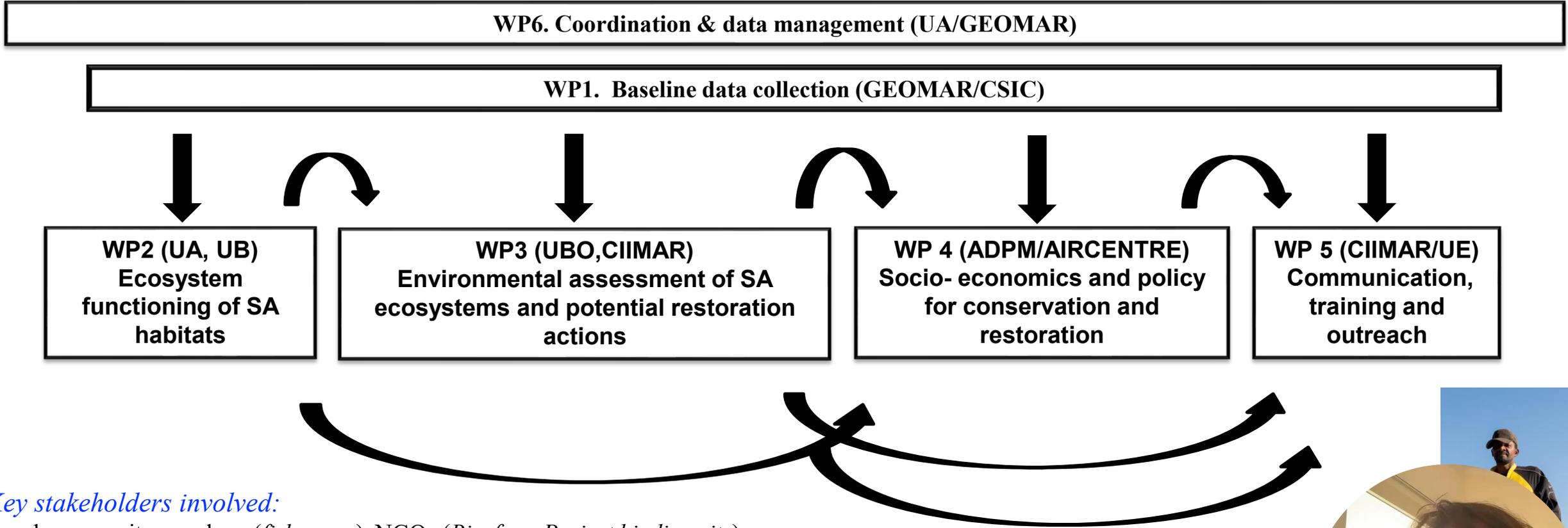


Main objectives

1. To characterise and map pelagic and benthic habitats, as well as anthropogenic pressures of Santo Antão,
2. To estimate patterns of diversity in marine communities in relation to habitat features,
3. To assess the vulnerability of the studied communities to both environmental and anthropogenic pressures, through the application of risk assessment models,
4. To implement conservation and restoration actions for selected habitats/ecosystems based on the results of the first three objectives,
5. To provide baseline data to inform policymakers, authorities, institutions and practitioners to develop effective marine conservation and restoration in these habitats and demonstrate the approach in other regions.



Project structure



Key stakeholders involved:

- Local community members (*fishermen*), NGOs (*Biosfera, Project biodiversity*)
- Local environmental authorities (*Port Maritime Agency, Porto Novo City hall*)
- Public agencies (*ADPM, Biosfera, Project biodiversity, New Blue, Green Turtle Divin centre*),
- Universities and research institutions (*UTA, IMAR*).



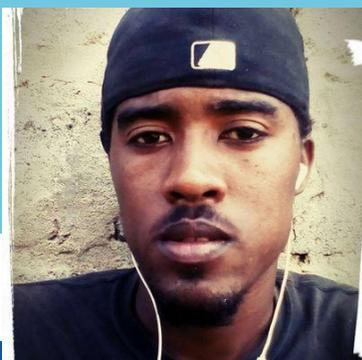
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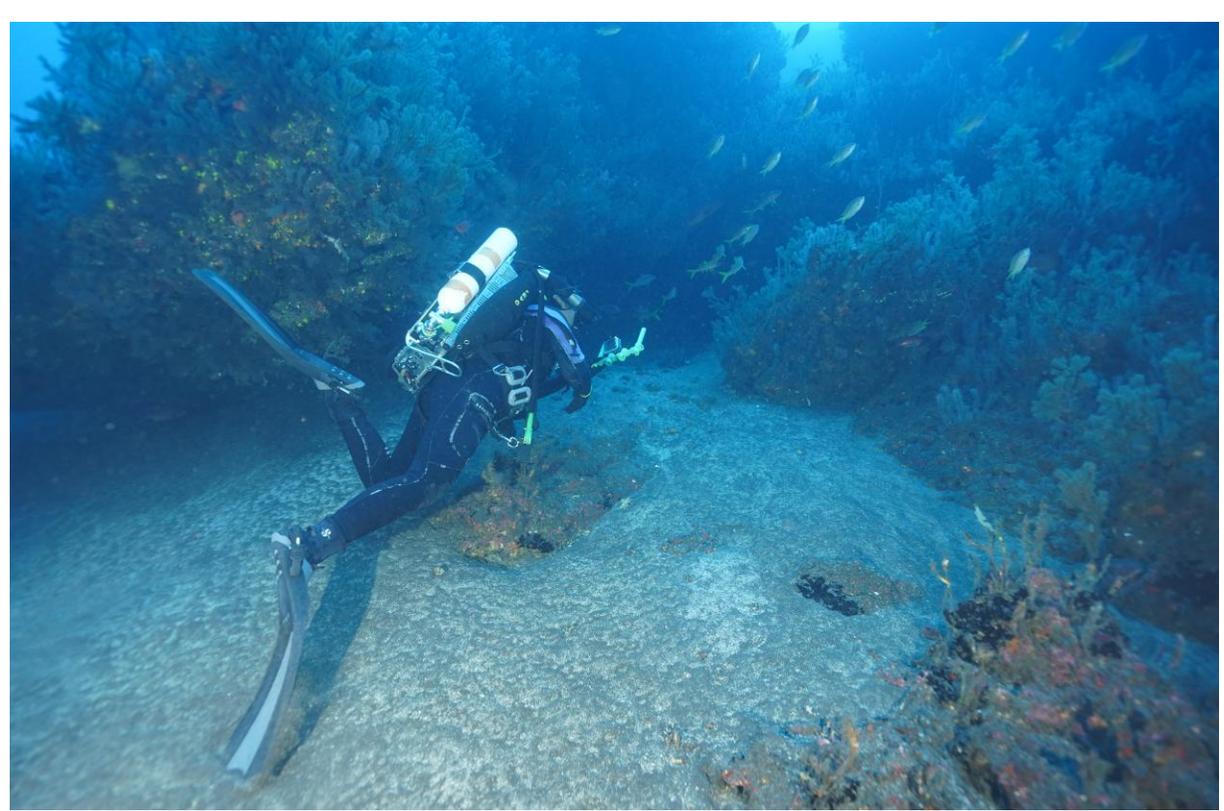


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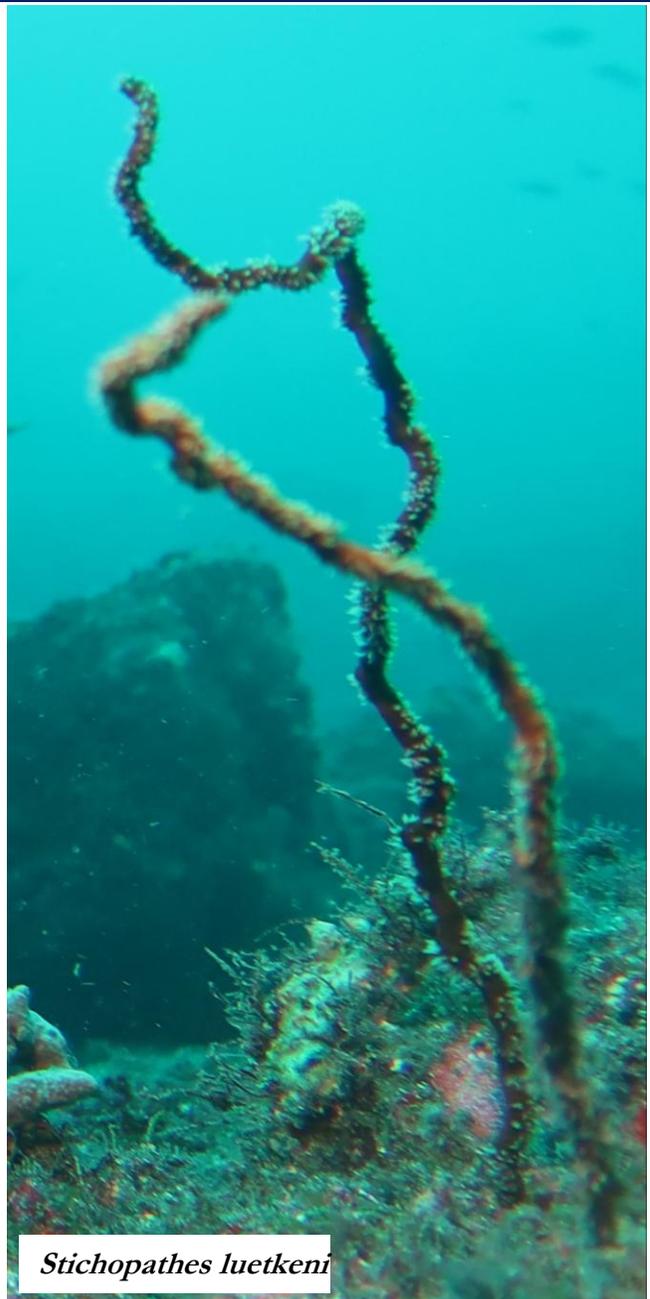


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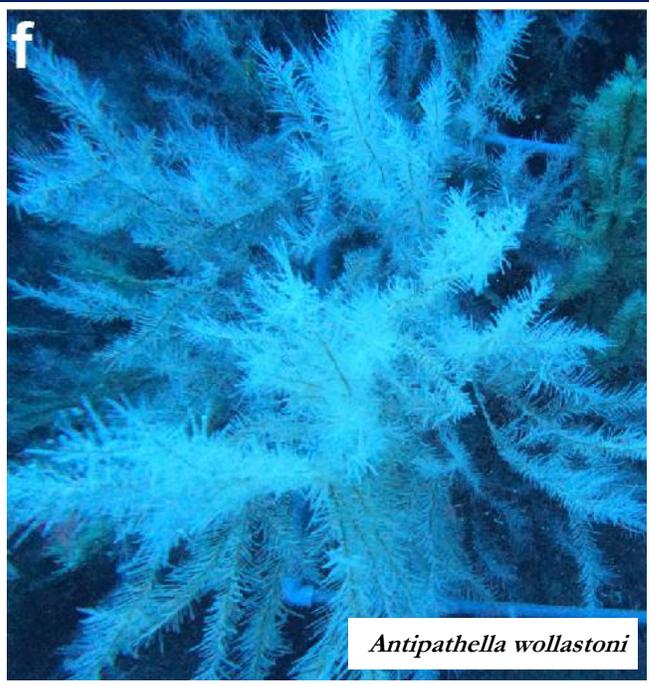




Results: 11 species of black corals and/or gorgonians found



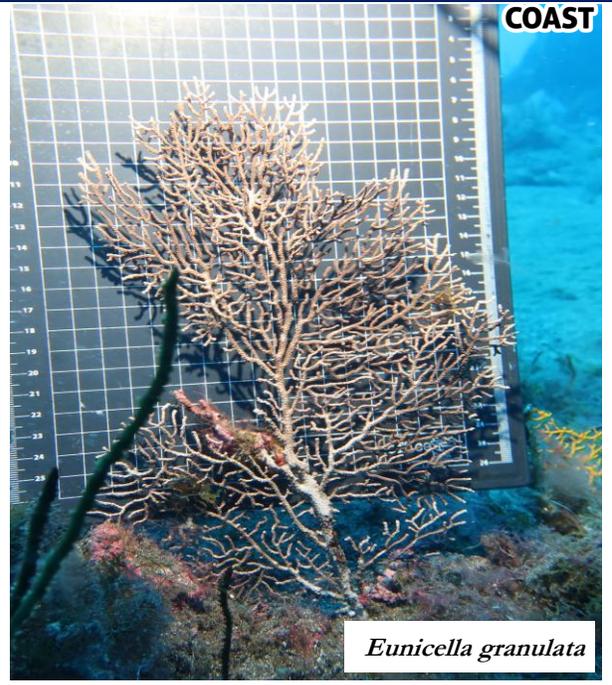
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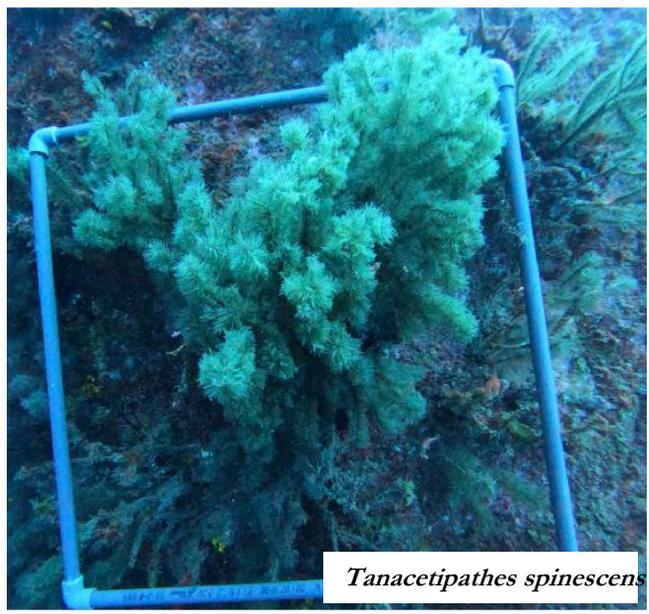
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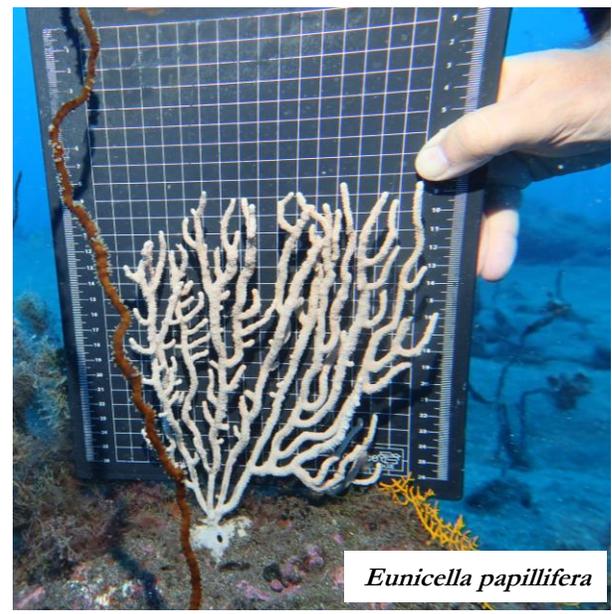
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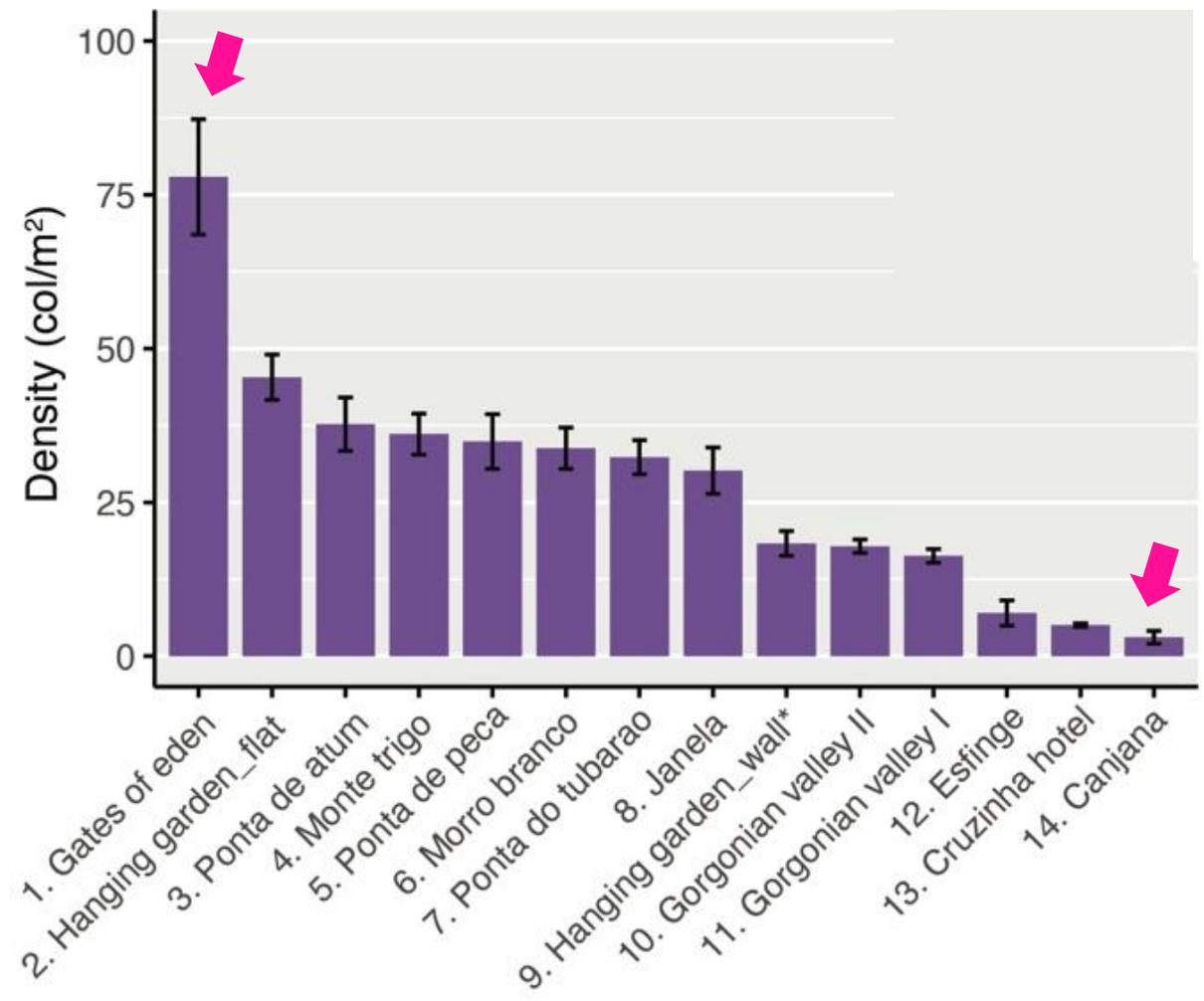


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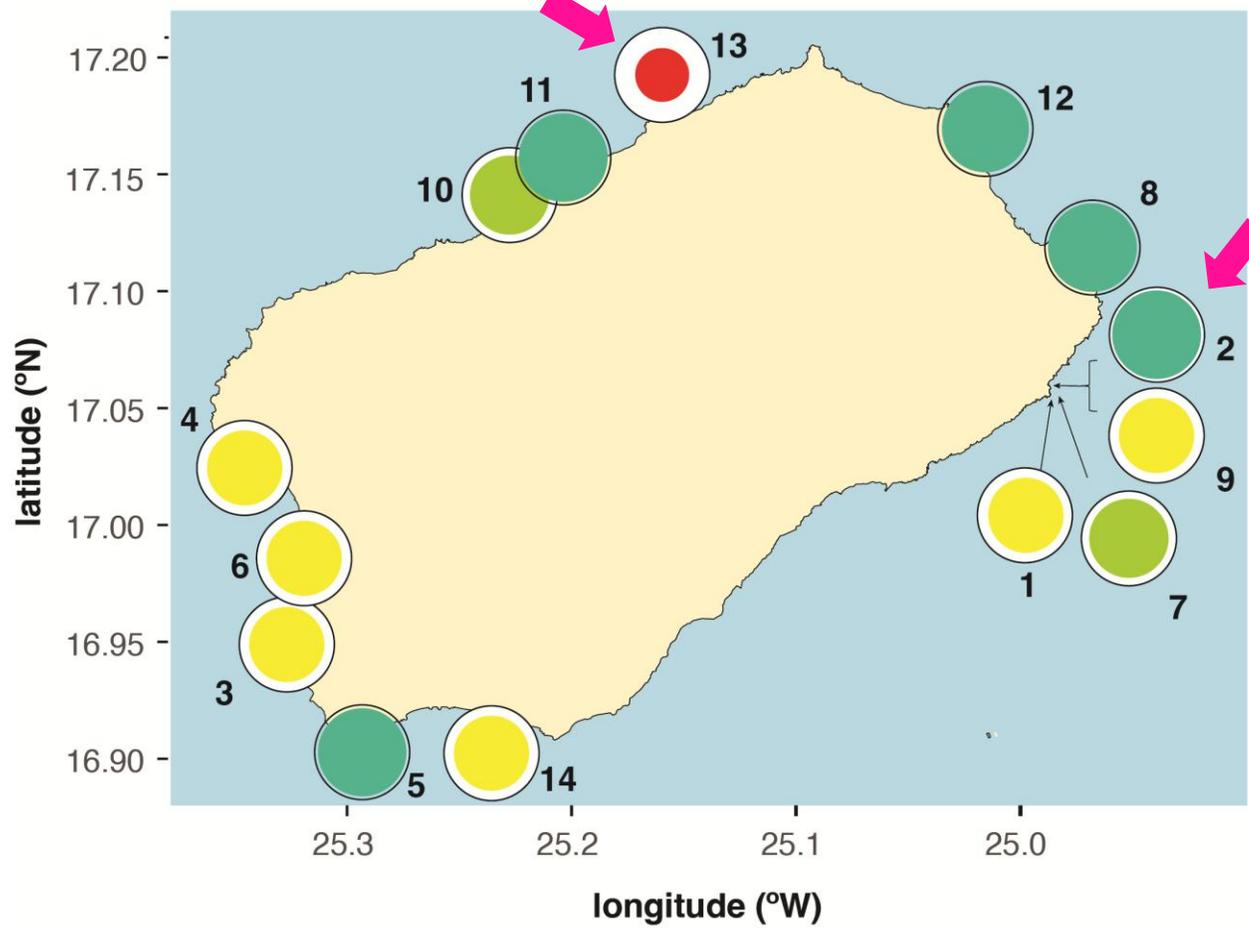
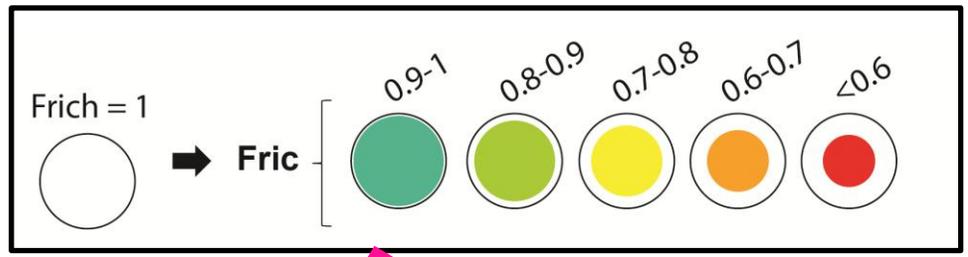


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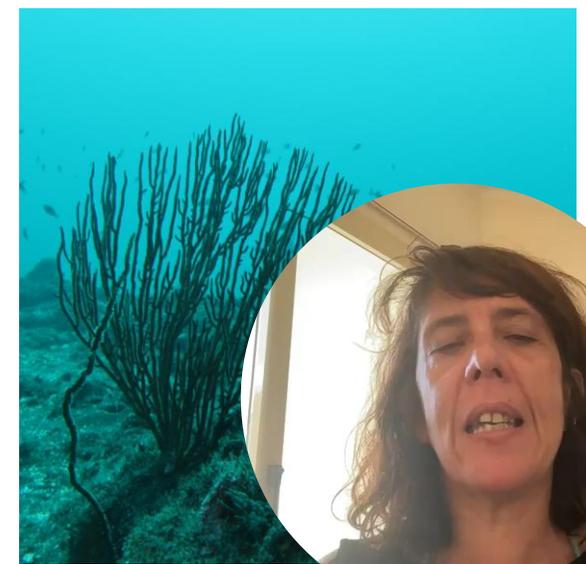
Functional Richness (Fric)



- 1. Gates of Eden
- 2. Hanging Garden (flat)
- 3. Ponta de Atum
- 4. Monte Trigo
- 5. Ponta de Peca
- 6. Morro Branco
- 7. Ponta do Tubarao
- 8. Janela
- 9. Hanging Garden (wall)
- 10. Gorgonian valley II
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- 12. Esfinge
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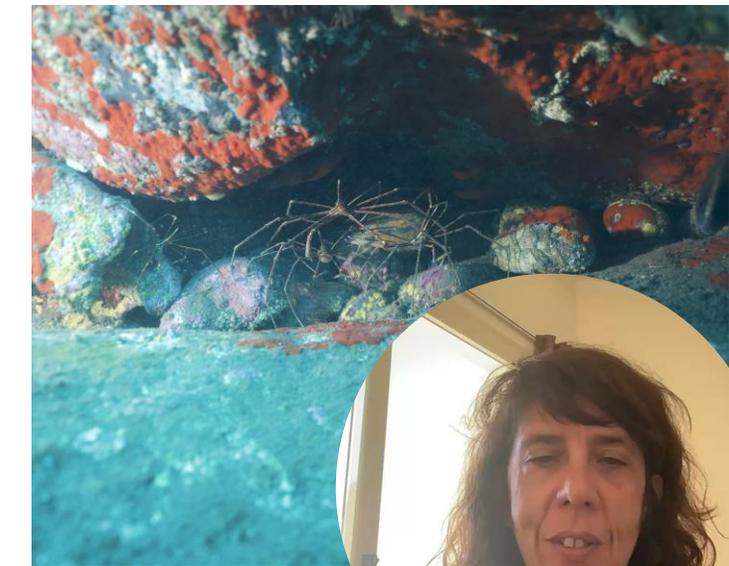


Hanging Garden (flat)



Cruzinha

Benthic community (30-70 m) : 6791 organisms, 42 taxa

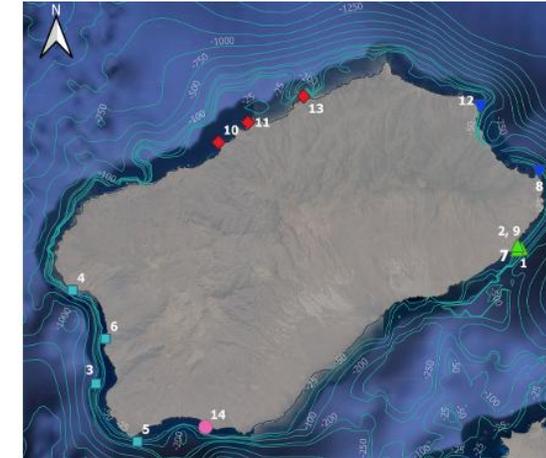
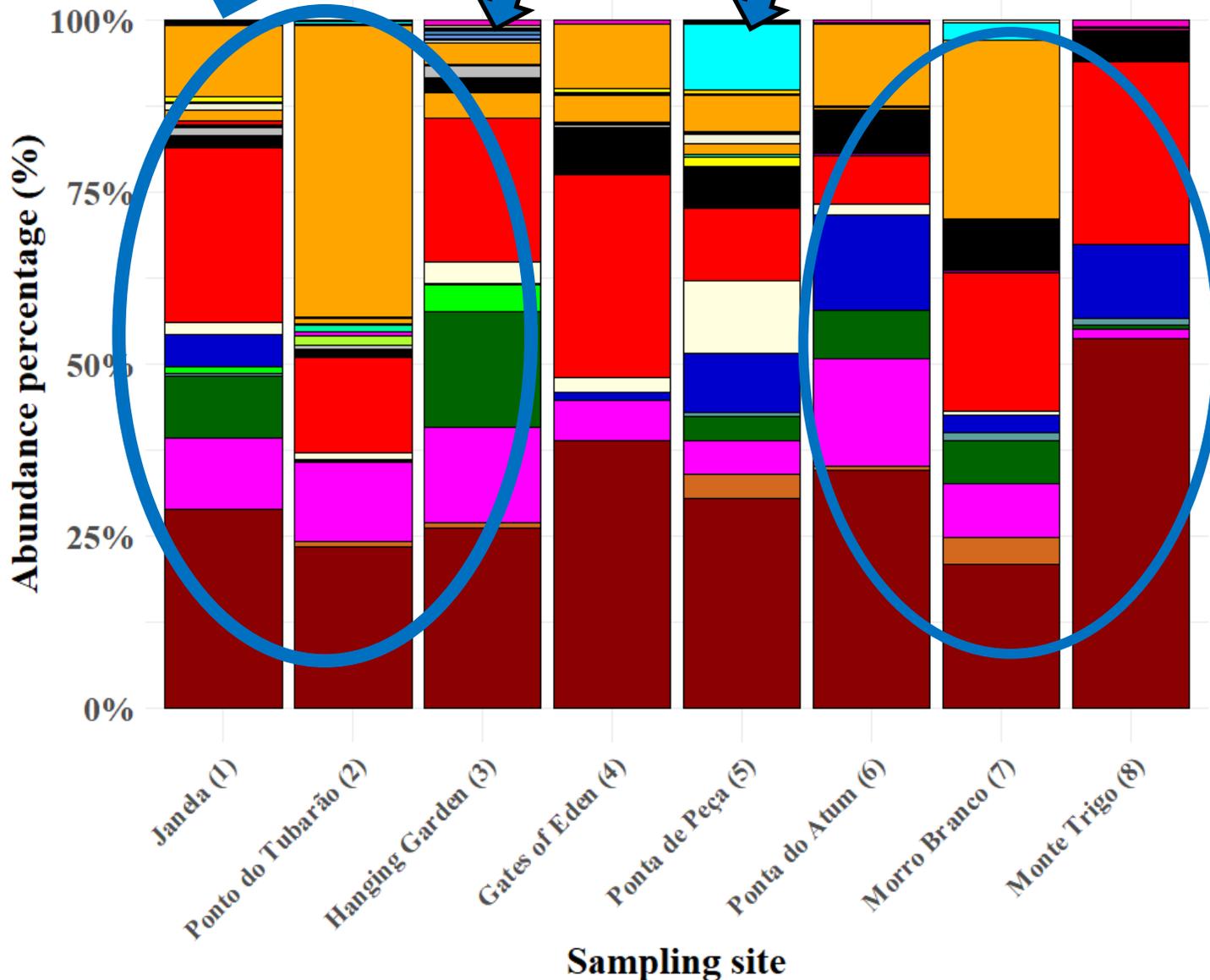


Endemic species: *Leptogorgia capverdensis* & *Atlantia caboverdiana*

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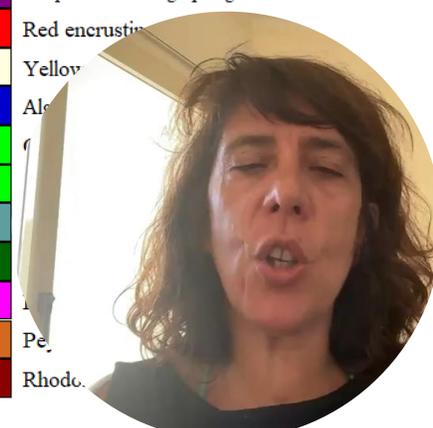


Taxa distribution by sampling site



Taxon

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| Polychaeta sp. | Siderastrea radians | Black encrusting sponge |
| Bryozoa sp. | Tubastraea aurea | Orange encrusting sponge |
| Centrostephanus longispinus | Zoanthus aff. pulchellus | Purple encrusting sponge |
| Diadema africanum | Hydrozoa sp. | Red encrusting sponge |
| Eucidaris tribuloides | Millepora alcornis | Yellow encrusting sponge |
| Asteroidea sp. | Eunicella granulata | Alcyonacea sp. |
| Coscinasterias tenuispina | Eunicella papillifera | Green encrusting sponge |
| Linckia guildingi | Leptogorgia capverdensis | Light blue encrusting sponge |
| Tunicata sp. | Leptogorgia gaini | Light green encrusting sponge |
| Mollusca spp. | Porifera spp. | Light blue encrusting sponge |
| Stenorhynchus lanceolatus | Crustlike Porifera spp. | Light green encrusting sponge |
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| | | Rhodospirillum rubrum |



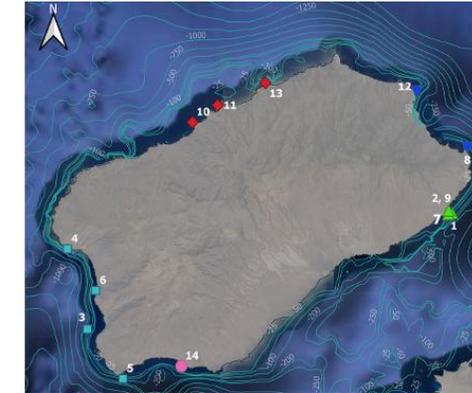
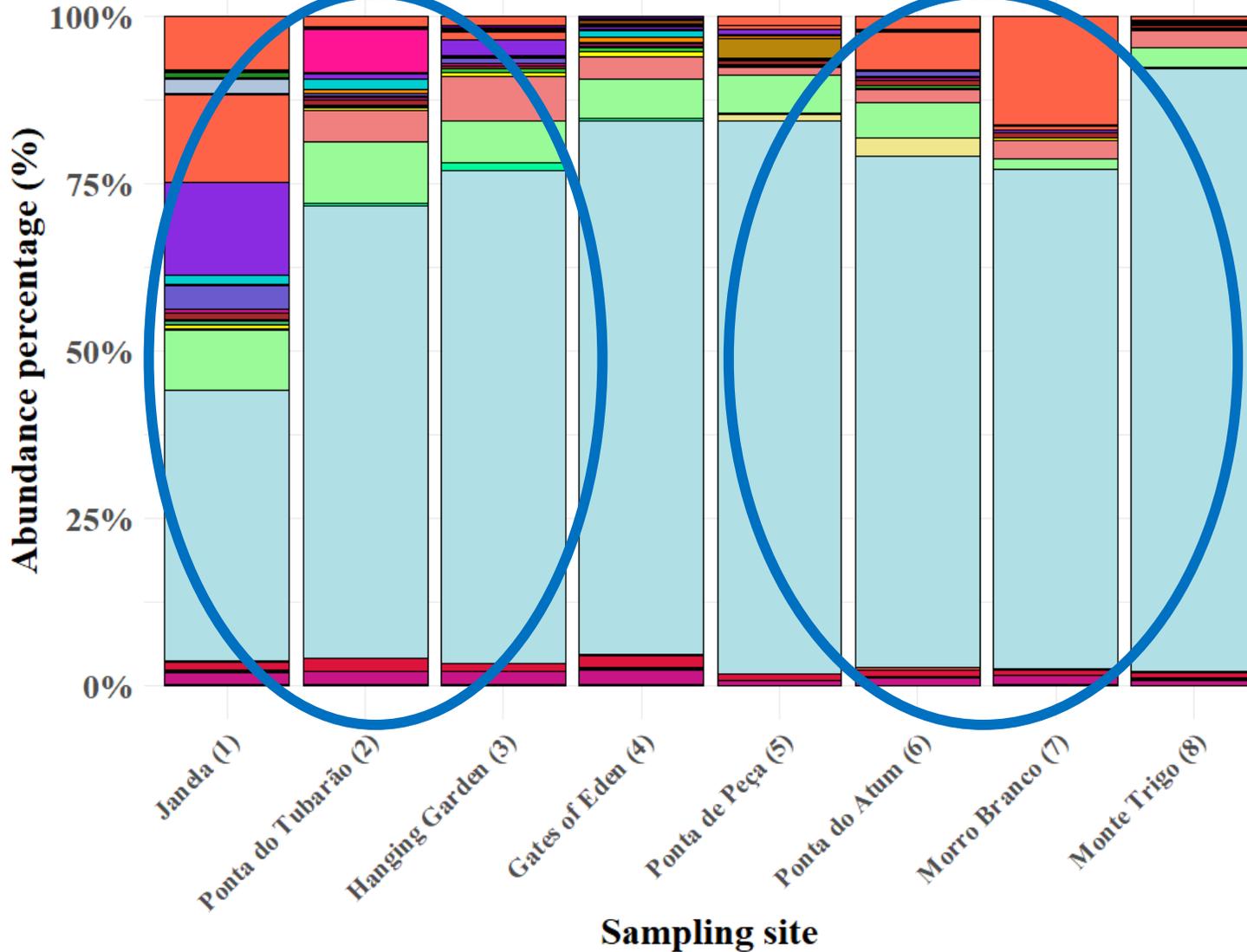


Endemic species: *Chromis lubbocki*,
Myripristis jacobus, *Acanthurus*
monroviae, *Chromis lubbocki* e
Mulloidichthys martinicus

Few *Seriola rivoliana*
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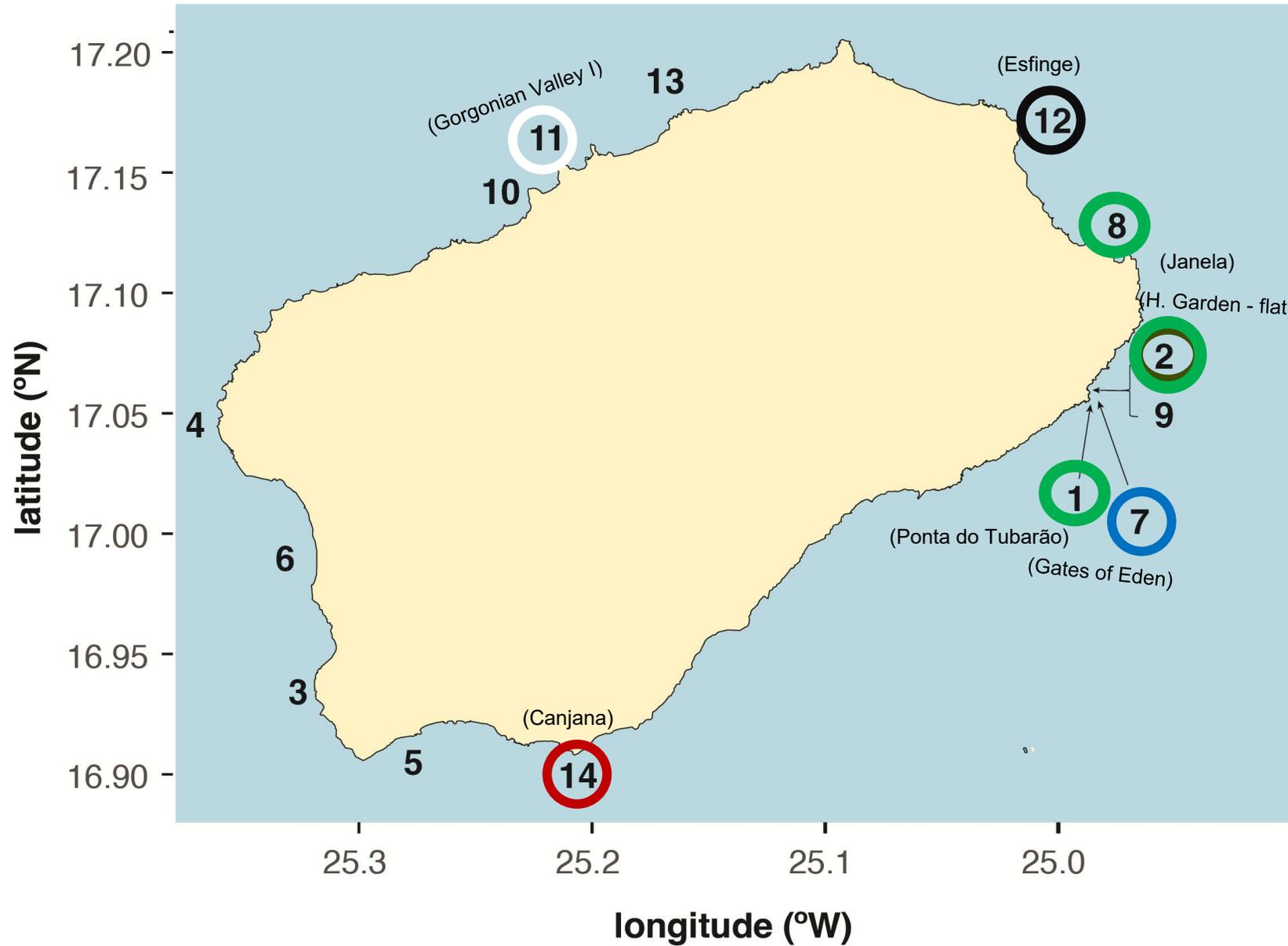
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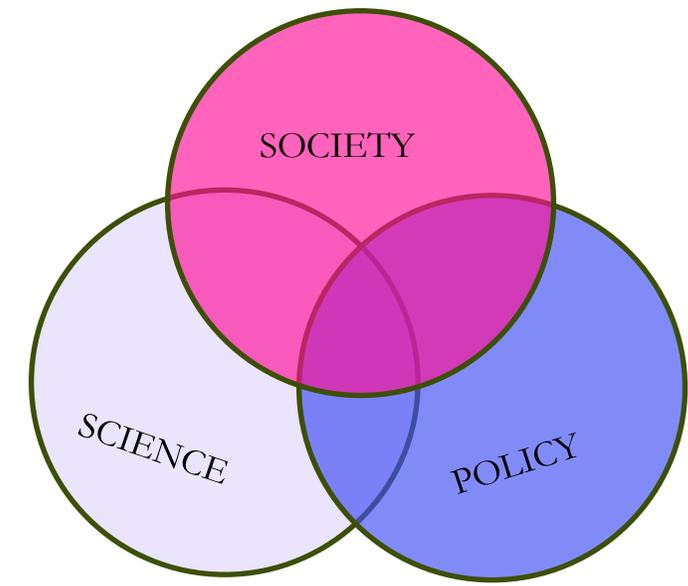
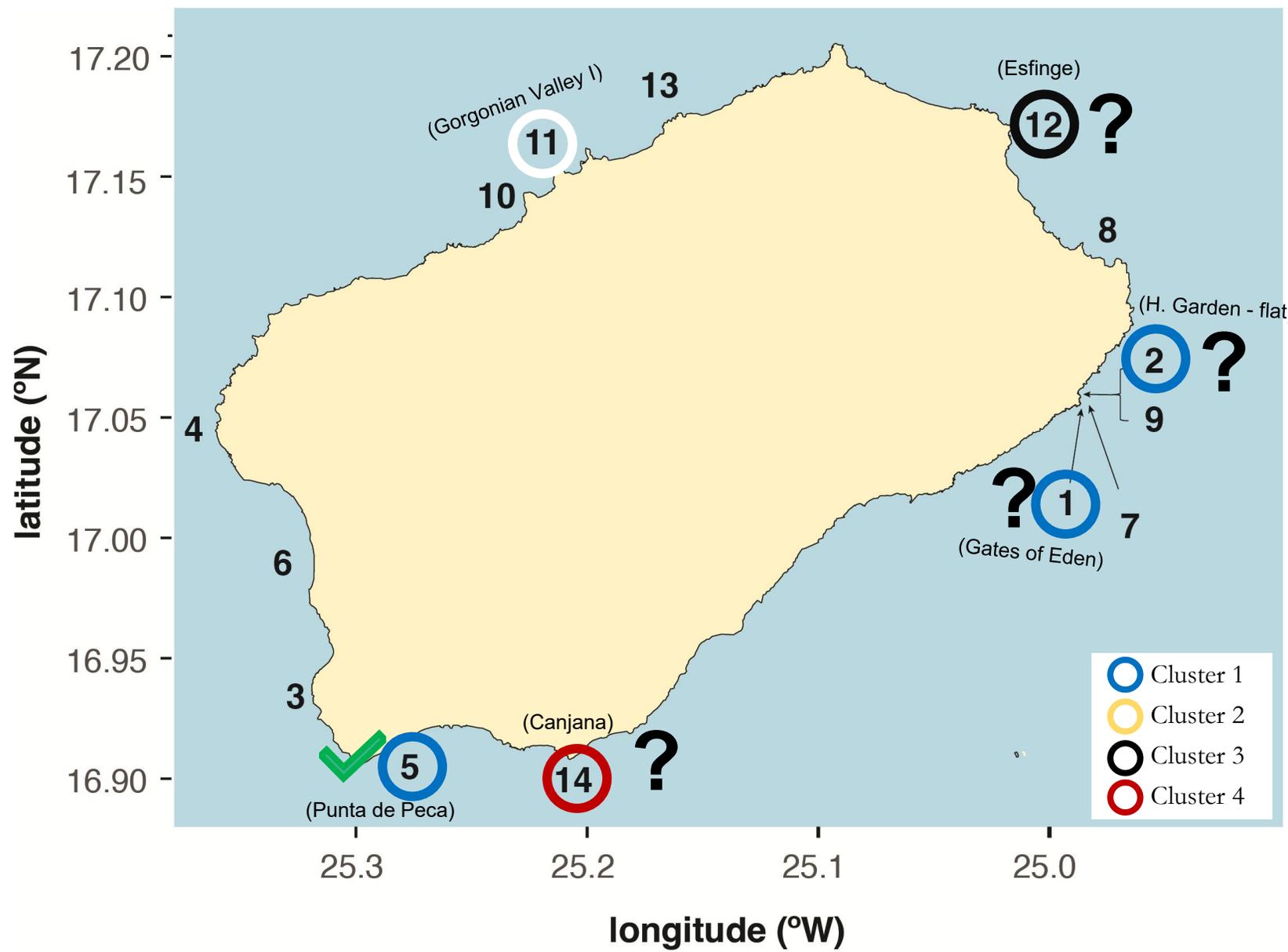


Taxa

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 <i>A. multilineata</i>	 <i>G. cirratum</i>	 <i>R. saponaceus</i>
 <i>A. strigosus</i>	 <i>G. stuebeli</i>	 <i>S. choati</i>
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 <i>B. barbata</i>	 <i>G. vicinus</i>	 <i>S. frondosum</i>
 <i>B. capriscus</i>	 <i>H. africanus</i>	 <i>S. hastatum</i>
 <i>B. podas</i>	 <i>H. fulgens</i>	 <i>S. hermani</i>
 <i>B. speciosus</i>	 <i>Kyphosus sp.</i>	 <i>S. heterurus</i>
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 <i>C. lubbocki</i>	 <i>M. jacobus</i>	 <i>S. viridensis</i>
 <i>C. lugubris</i>	 <i>M. martinicus</i>	 <i>Scaridae spp.</i>
 <i>C. robustus</i>	 <i>M. melanotis</i>	 <i>Syngnathiform.</i>
 <i>C. sufflamen</i>	 <i>M. tarapacana</i>	 <i>T. grabatus</i>
 <i>C. taeniops</i>	 <i>P. arenatus</i>	 <i>T. pavo</i>
 <i>Canthigaster spp.</i>	 <i>P. dentex</i>	 <i>V. acromegalus</i>
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 <i>D. prayensis</i>	 <i>P. marcellae</i>	







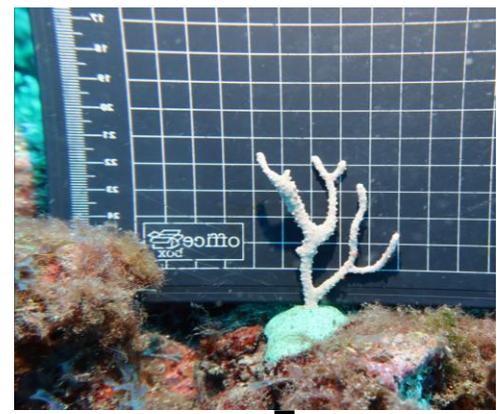
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Stichopathes sp., *Tanacetopathes spinescens* and *Eunicella papilifera*



- **93% survived**
- **0% of them with mortality**
- The **mean growth rate in height** was **0.9 ($\pm 1,5$) cm/y**

VIABLE



- **85% survived**
- **4.5% of them with necrosis**
- The **mean growth rate in total length** was **2.9 ($\pm 4,6$) cm/y**

VIABLE



- **But 100% of the specimens were mortal** (50%) or total

NOT VIABLE



Conservation in Santo Antão: implications for society and policy



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PROGRAMA

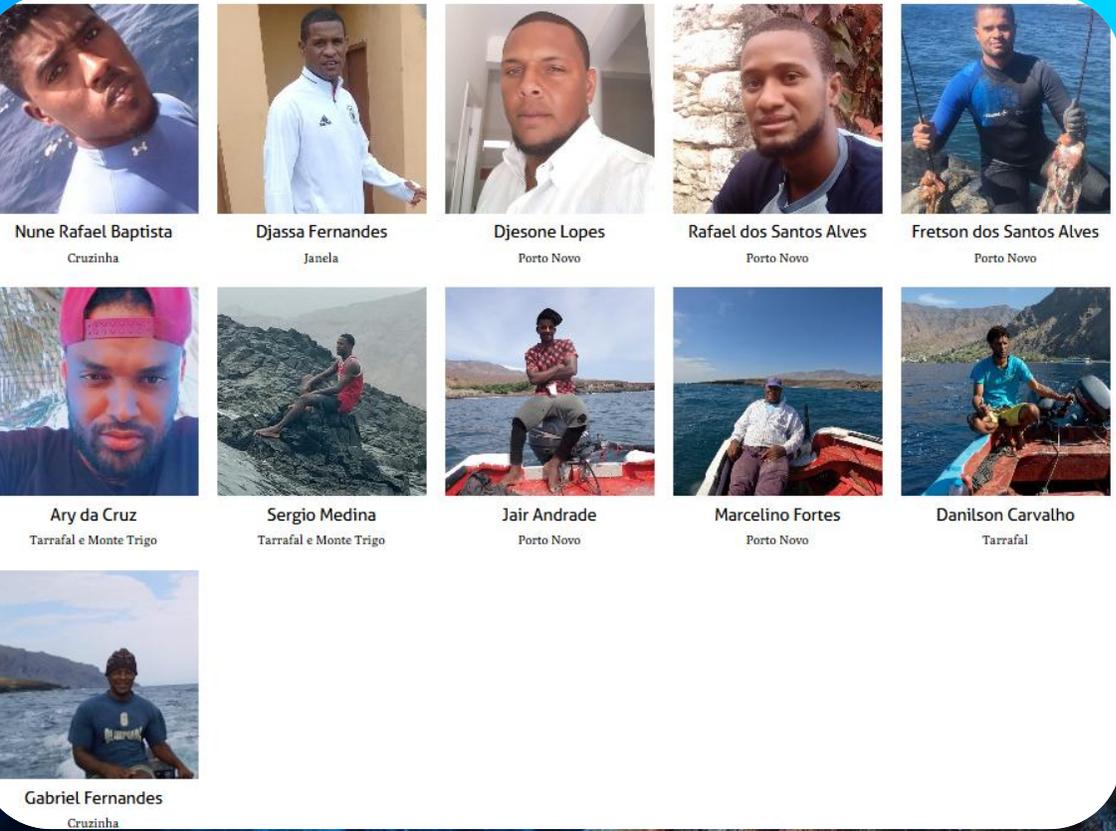
"Ciência Encontra a Sociedade – Exemplos de cooperação internacional atendendo às necessidades locais / Resultados das Expedições Científicas (2025)"

Moderadora: Professora Vera Alfama- UNICV

- **Uma perspetiva geológica sobre os 15 anos de exploração oceânica em Cabo Verde** - Professor Ricardo Ramalho, Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa
- **"COAST – "A Conservação dos ecossistemas marinhos em Santo Antão, Cabo Verde: implicações para políticas e sociedade"** - Professora Vera Alfama, Universidade de Aveiro



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Q&A session

Dinner at Tatanegro restaurant

19:30

TATANEGRO
restaurante



Paellas, tapas & burgers.

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Be back tomorrow at 8:30