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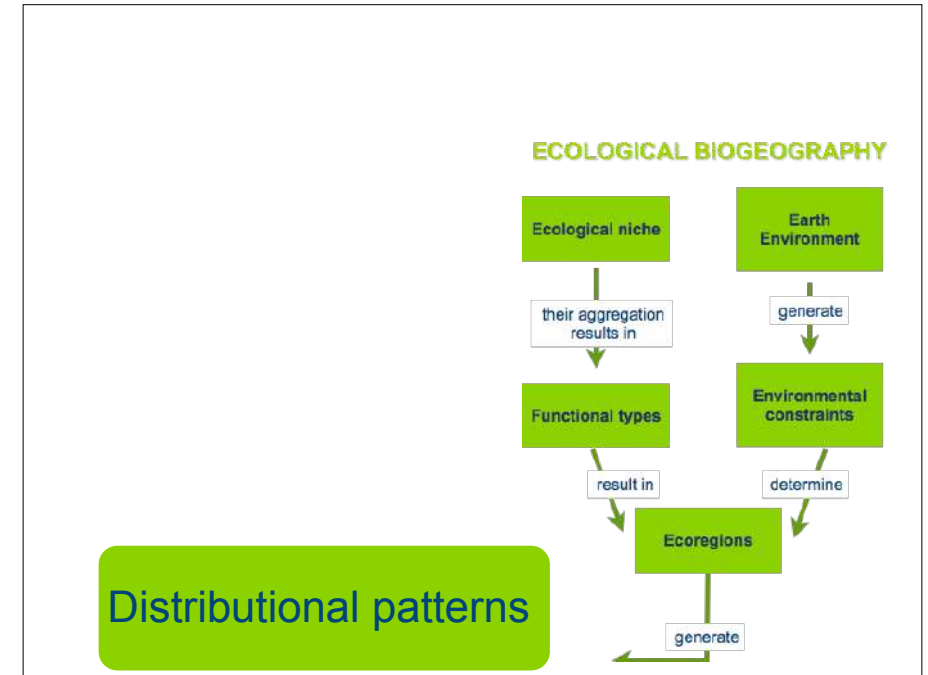
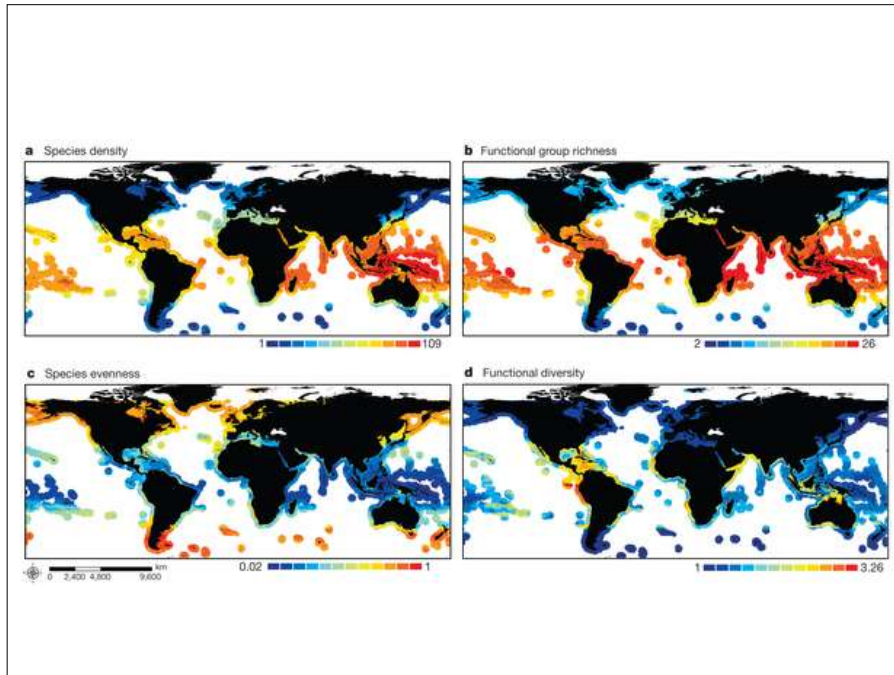
WHAT IS BIODIVERSITY

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NUMBER OF SPECIES

CORAL TRIANGLE

Accounts for the **present**  
distributions in terms of  
interactions between  
organisms and their physical  
and biotic environments



**Why is a species confined to its present range in space?**

**What enables it to live where it does?**

**What prevents it from expanding into another areas?**

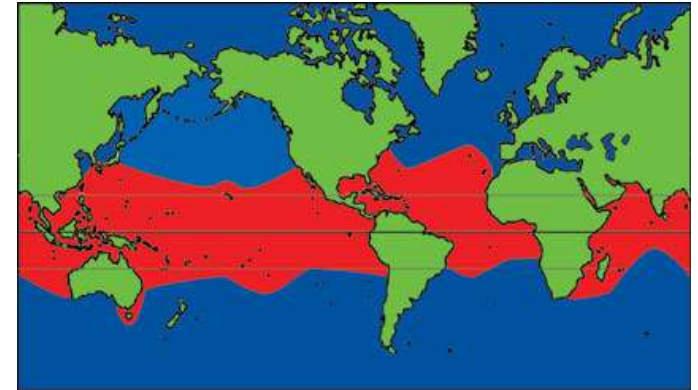
**What roles do water, climate, latitude, topography and interactions with other organisms play in limiting its distribution?**

**How do we account for the replacement of species as one moves from one environment to another?**

**Why are there more species in the tropics than in cooler environments?**

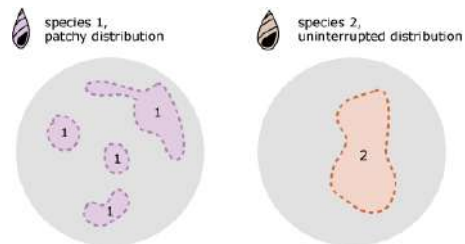
**What controls the diversity of organisms that is found in any particular region?**

**Short-term periods of time,  
with local, within-habitat,  
intracontinental questions,  
with species and subspecies  
living organisms.**

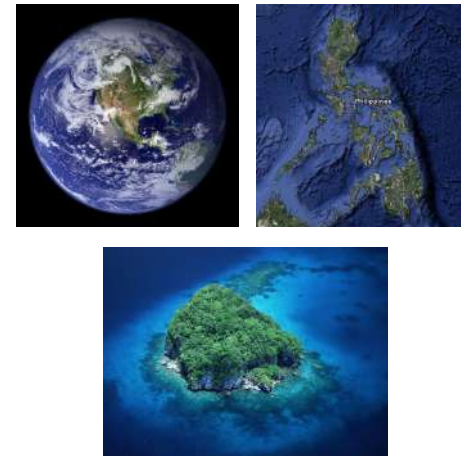


# PATTERNS

No two species are identical in their patterns of distribution



Causes of patterns also vary with the spatial scale

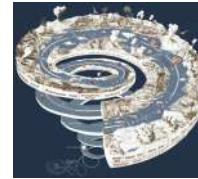


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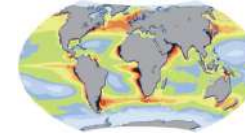


Geological history

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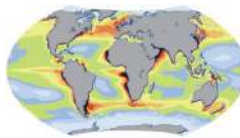


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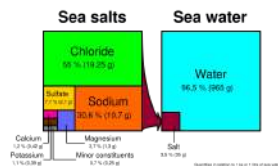
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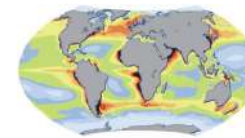


Chemistry of Environment

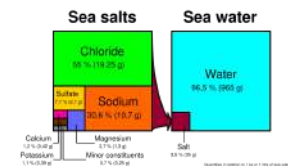
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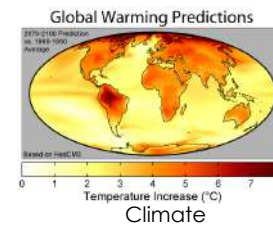
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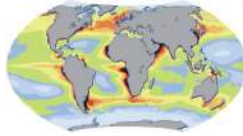
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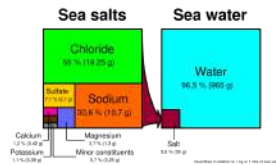
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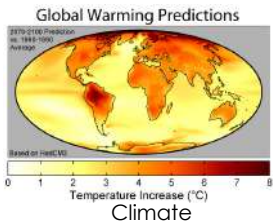
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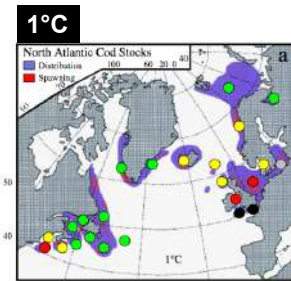
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Climate

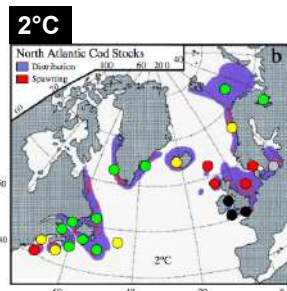
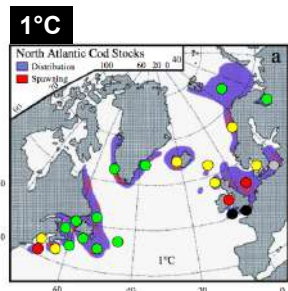


Competition



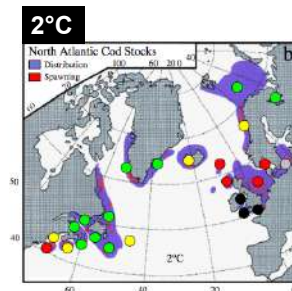
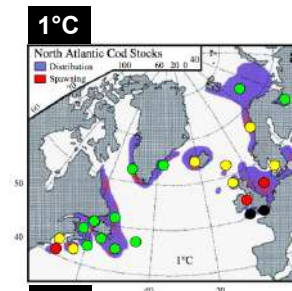
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Expected changes in the abundance of the cod stocks with a temperature increase above current levels.



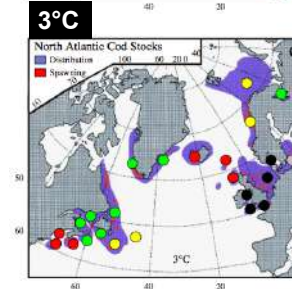
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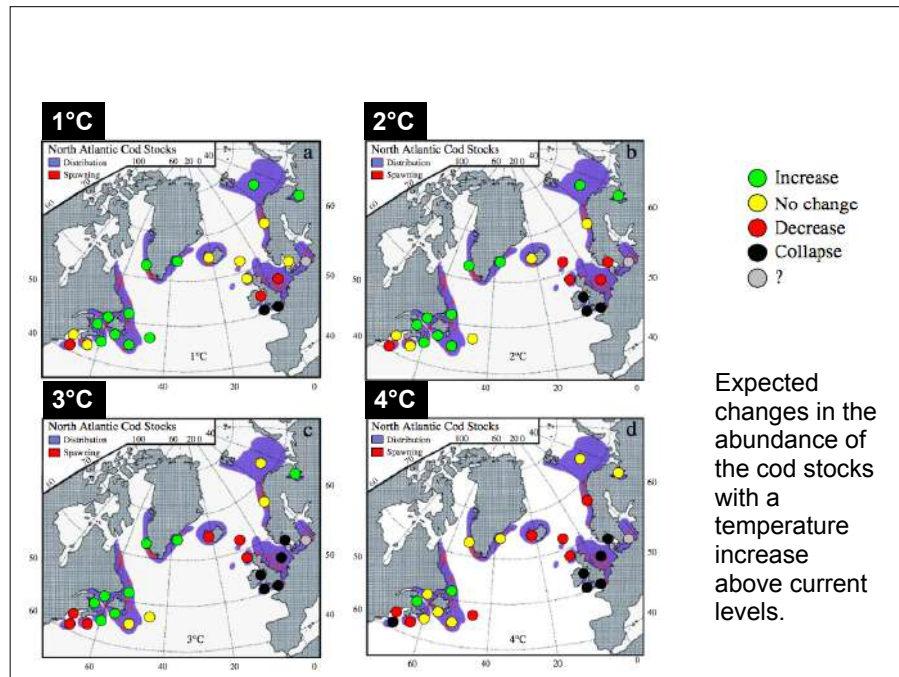
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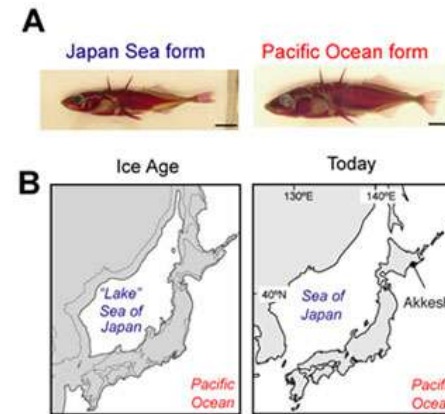
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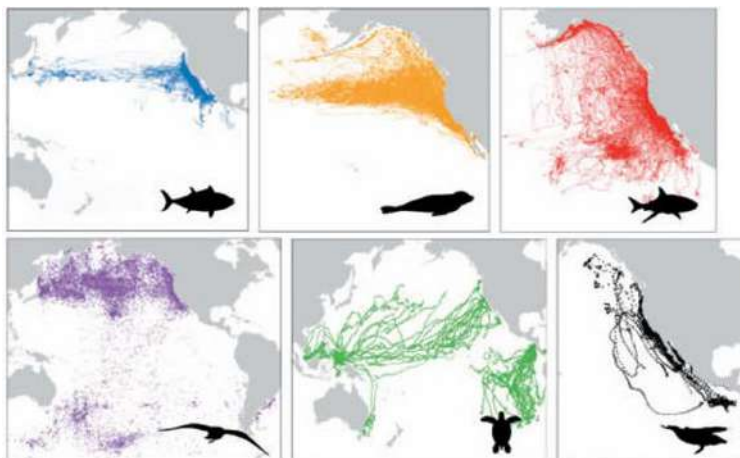


Spatial and temporal isolation leads to speciation

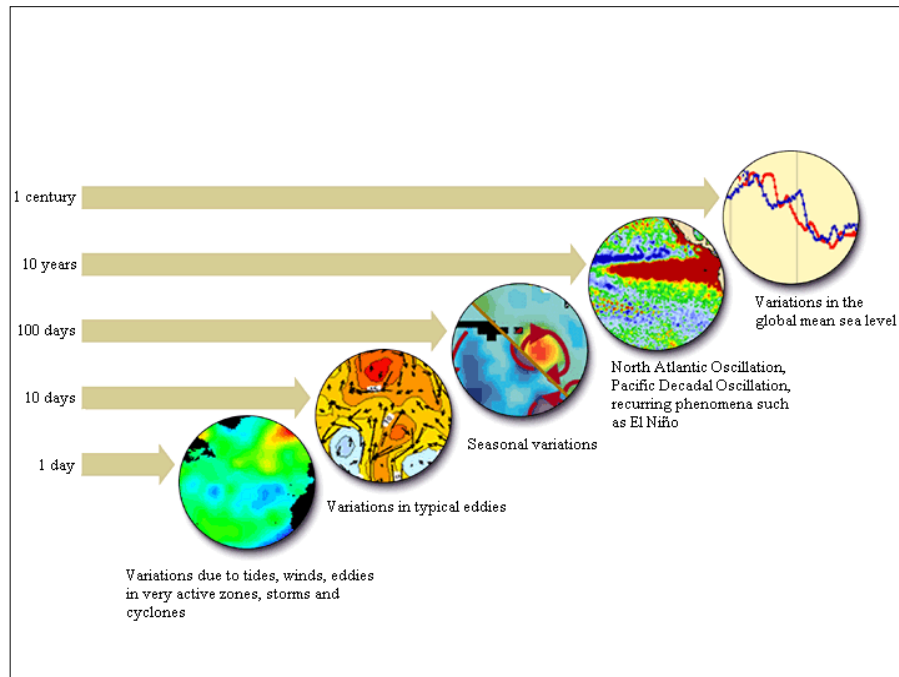


Ravinet et al. PLoS One in press

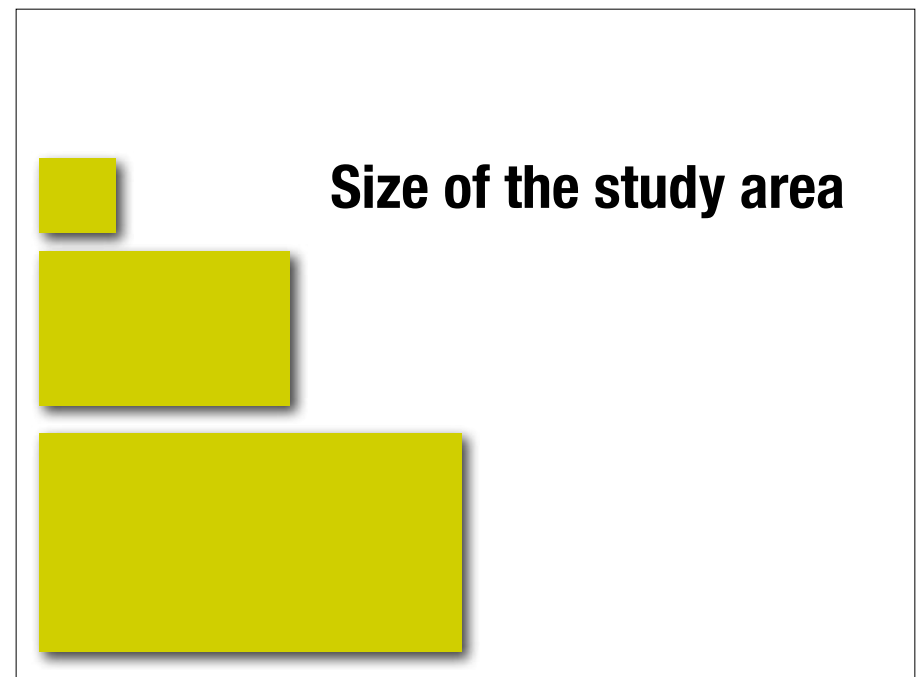
## Migratory movements



# SCALE

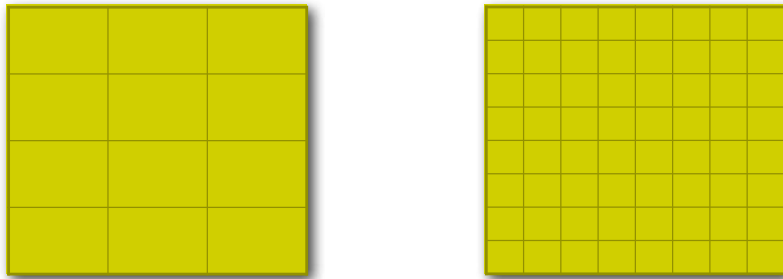


- **Spatial and temporal dimension of sampling and observation**
  - **Extent:** size of the study area or the duration of time under consideration
  - **Grain:** level of spatial resolution





## Level of spatial resolution

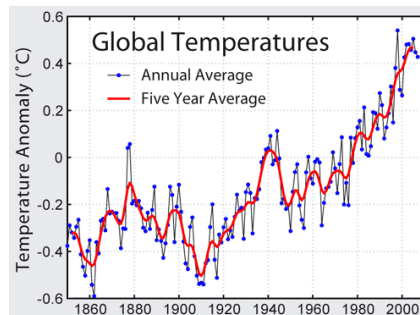


↔ 1 week

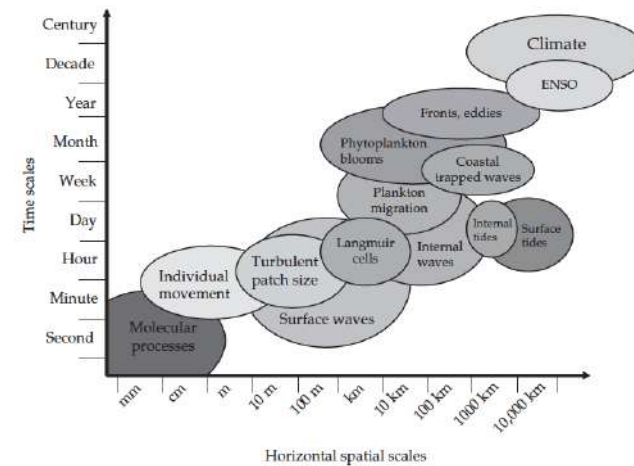
## Duration

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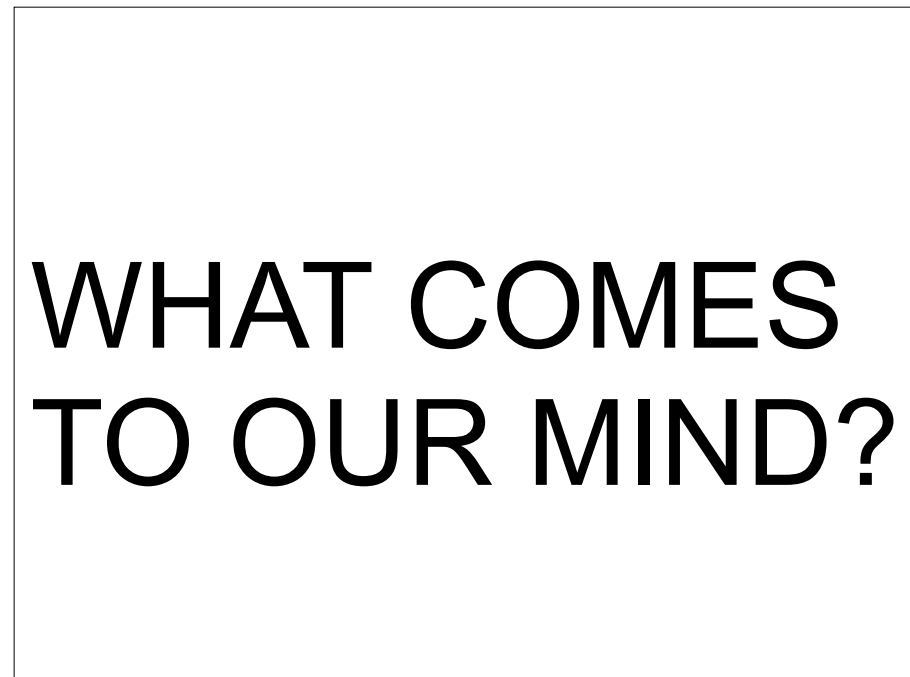
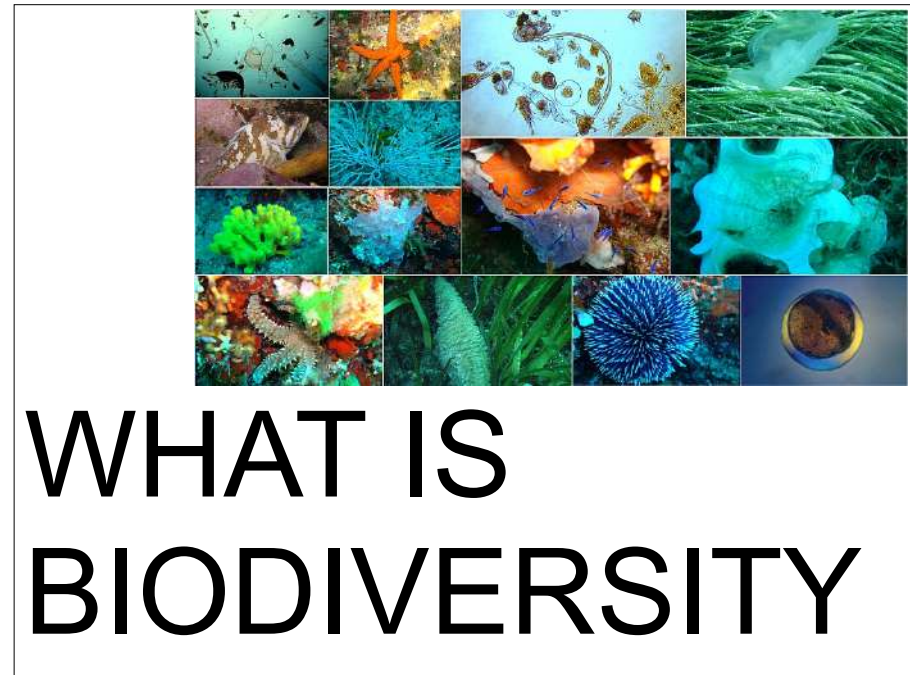
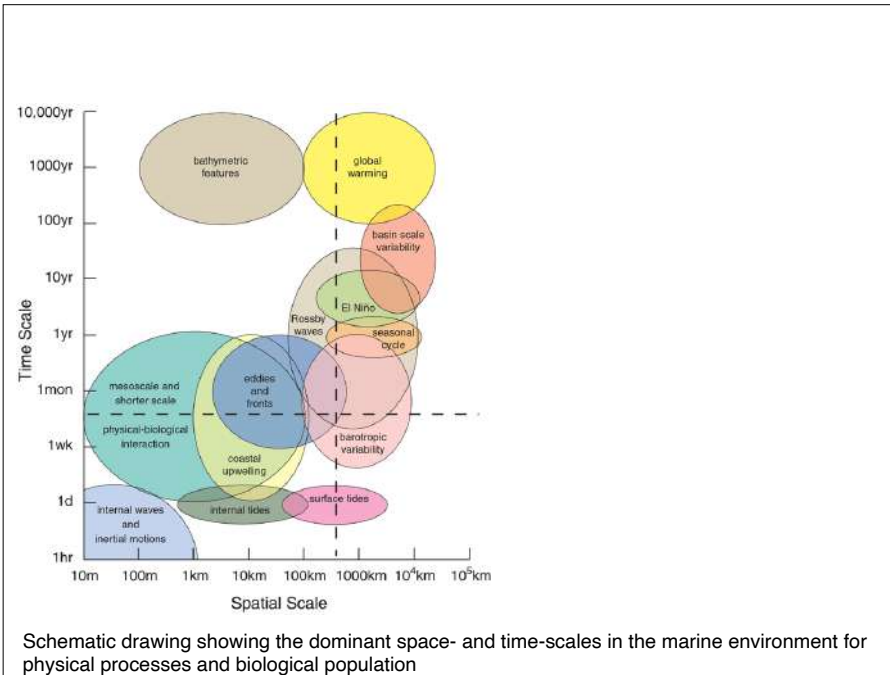
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Dickey, T. D., 2001, The role of new technology in advancing ocean biogeochemical research, *Oceanography*, 14, 417-425



Schematic drawing showing the dominant space- and time-scales in the marine environment for physical processes and biological population



“A definition of biodiversity that is altogether simple, comprehensive, and fully operation (i.e., responsive to real-life management and regulatory questions) is unlikely to be found”

Noss (1990)

“The total variability of life on earth”

(Heywood et al. 1995)

“The variety and variability among living organisms and the ecological complexes in which they occur”

OTA (1987)

“The variability of life from all sources, including within species, between species, and of ecosystems”

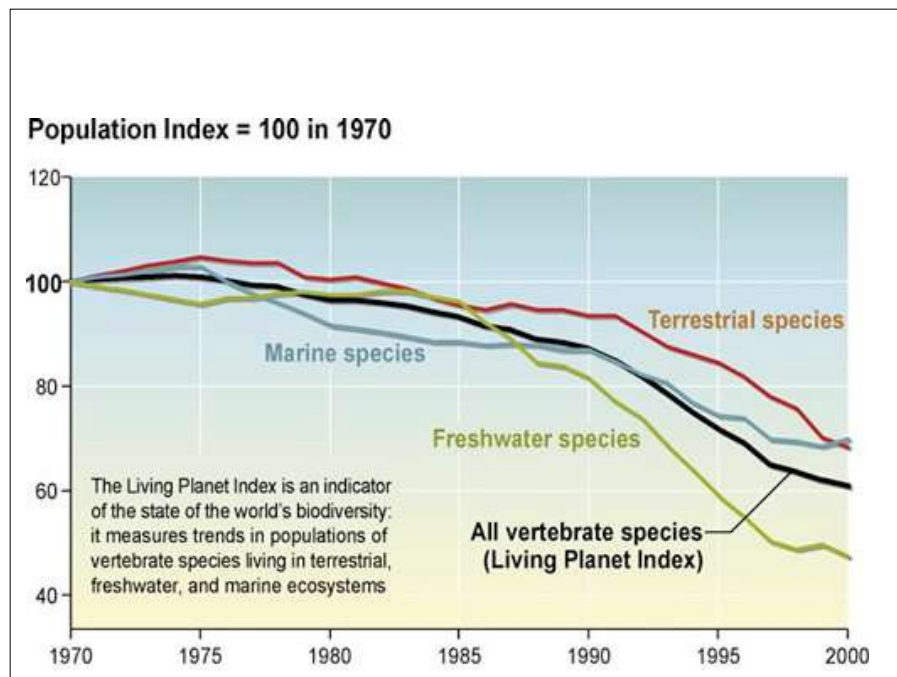
Whitaker and Fernandez-Palacios (2007).

“... the variety of life and its processes; ... the variety of living organisms, the genetic differences among them, and the communities and ecosystems in which they occur.”

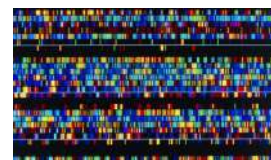
Keystone Center (1991)

“Biodiversity, simply stated, is the total expression of life on Earth”

Conservation International



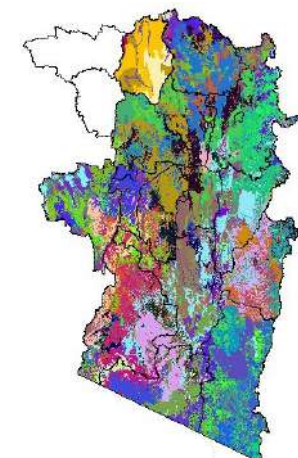
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Genetic Diversity



Species Diversity



Ecosystem Diversity

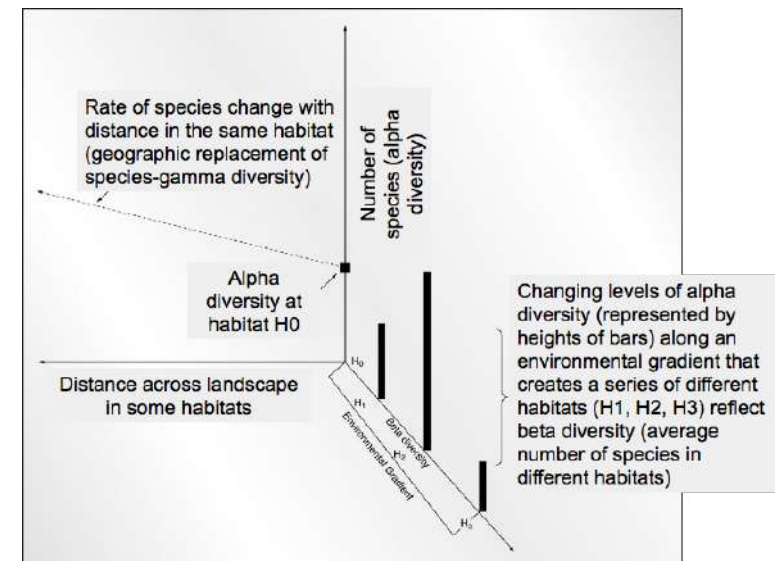
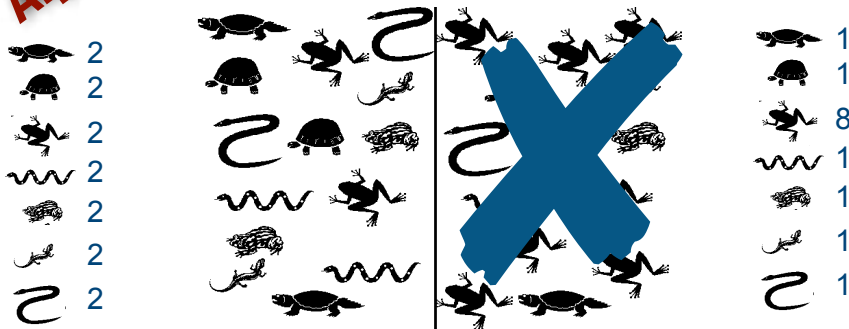
Genetic component	Spatial component	Temporal component
within individuals	communities	daily
within populations	ecosystems	seasonal
between populations	landscape ecoregions	annual
between species	biogeographic regions	geological or evolutionary

# Alpha diversity

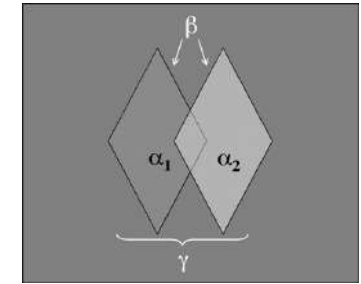
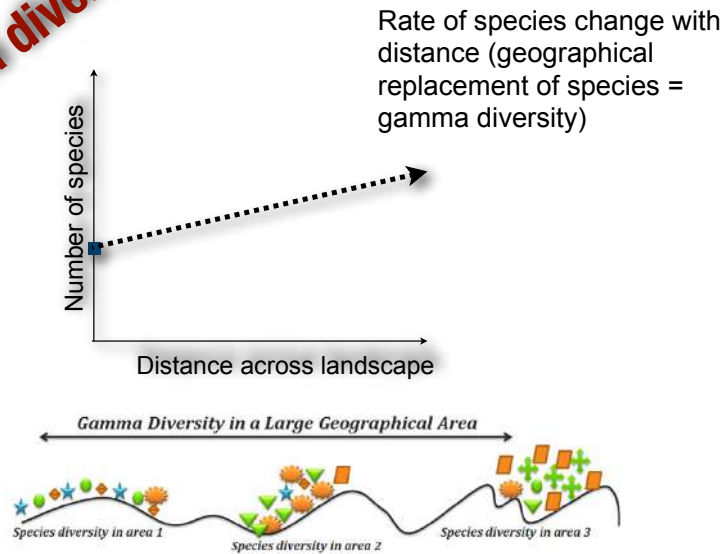
The number of species per unit.

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# Alpha diversity



# Gamma diversity



## Alpha-diversity

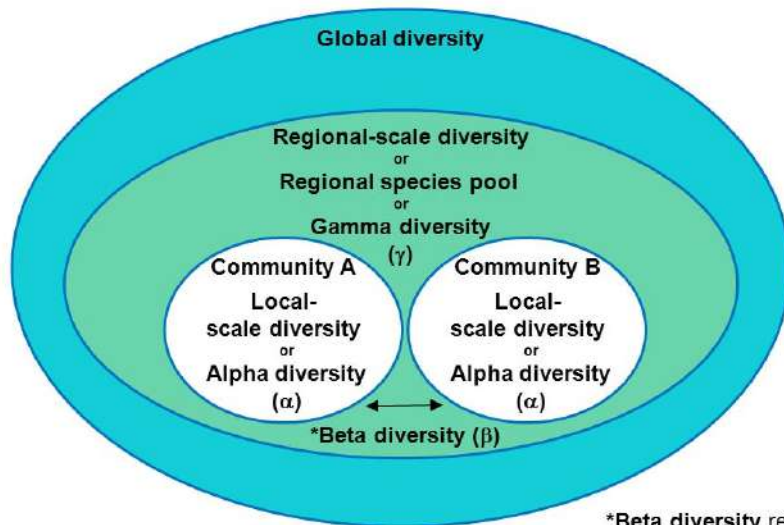
Measured locally, at a single site.  
Number of species in a local homogenous community.

## Beta-diversity

Measures the uniqueness; the difference between two sites.  
Species distributions among different habitats.

## Gamma-diversity

Measured over a large scale, same concept as alpha-diversity.  
Number of species in a region where there are no barriers to dispersal



Original concept from Whittaker (1975)

\*Beta diversity reflects species turnover

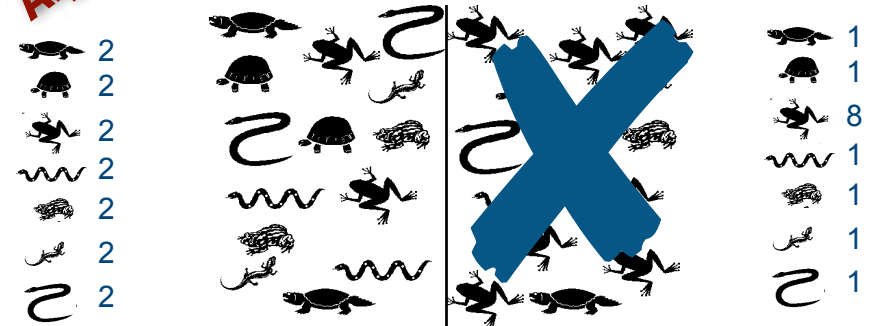
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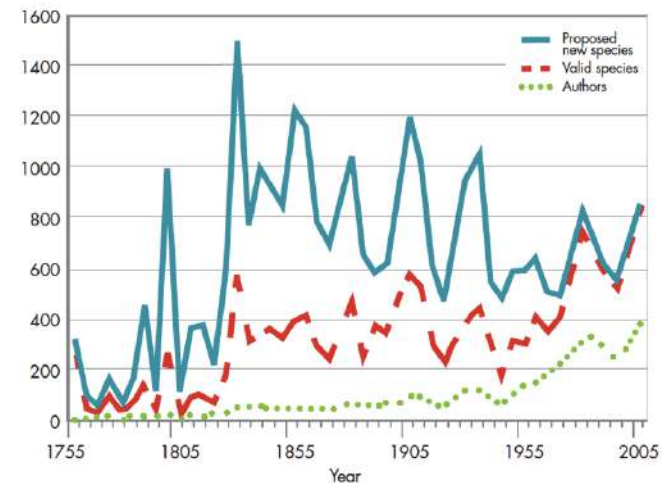
Evenness is a measure of the relative abundance of the different species making up the richness of an area.

2000-2001-2002-2003-2004-2005-2006-2007-2008-2009-2010



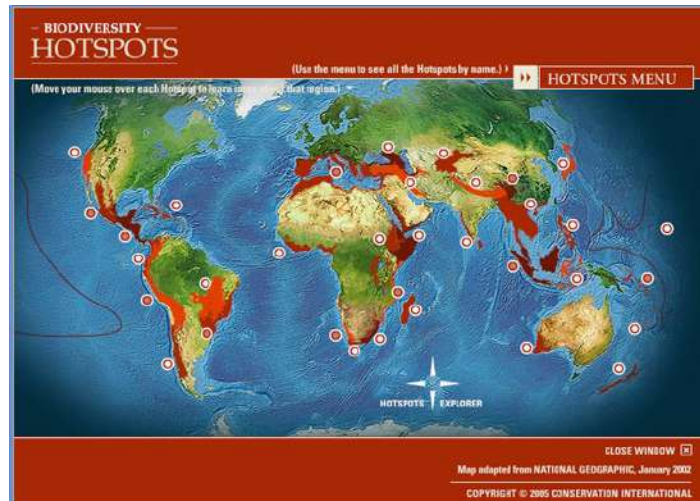
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Number of new marine fish species and subspecies by year





## Why is biodiversity important to biogeography?



# CORAL TRIANGLE

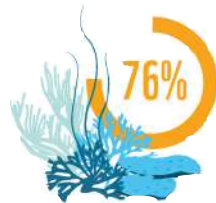


## Safeguarding a diverse coral habitat

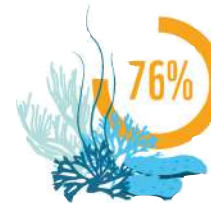


SOURCES: Coral Triangle Center; World Wildlife Fund; ESRI

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OF THE WORLD'S CORAL SPECIES  
ARE FOUND IN THE CORAL TRIANGLE

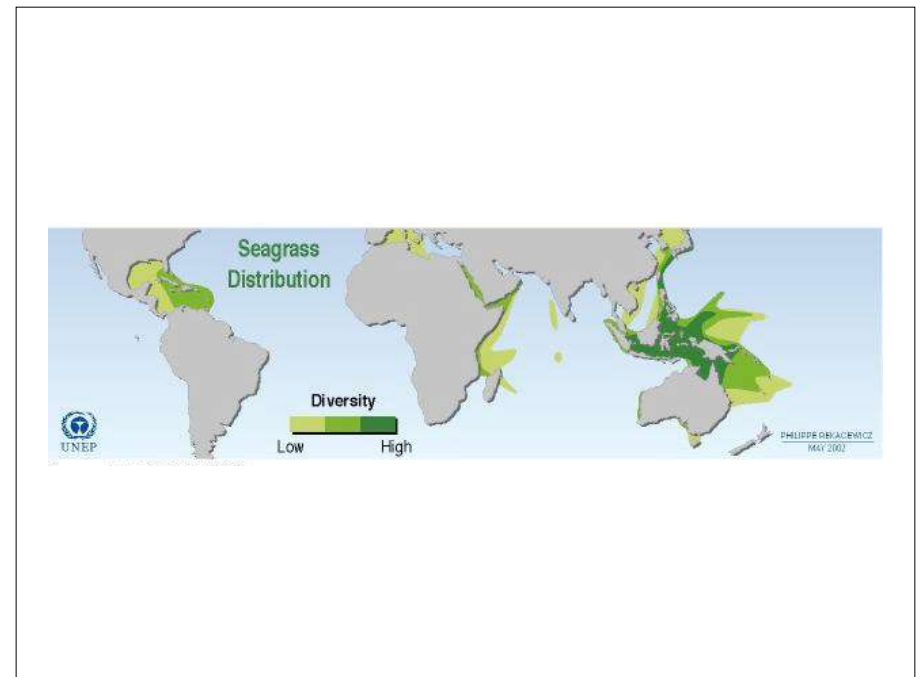
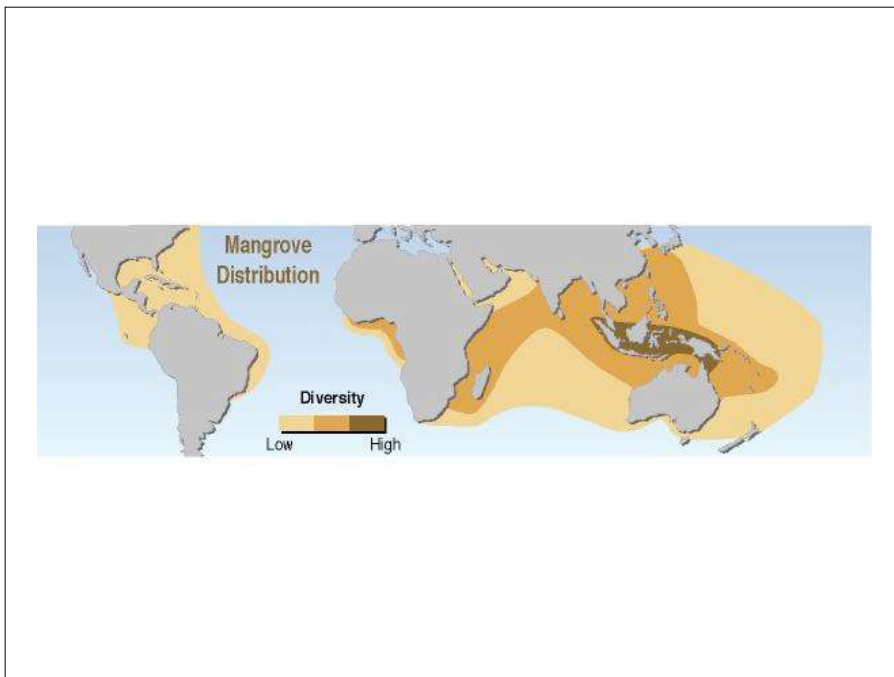
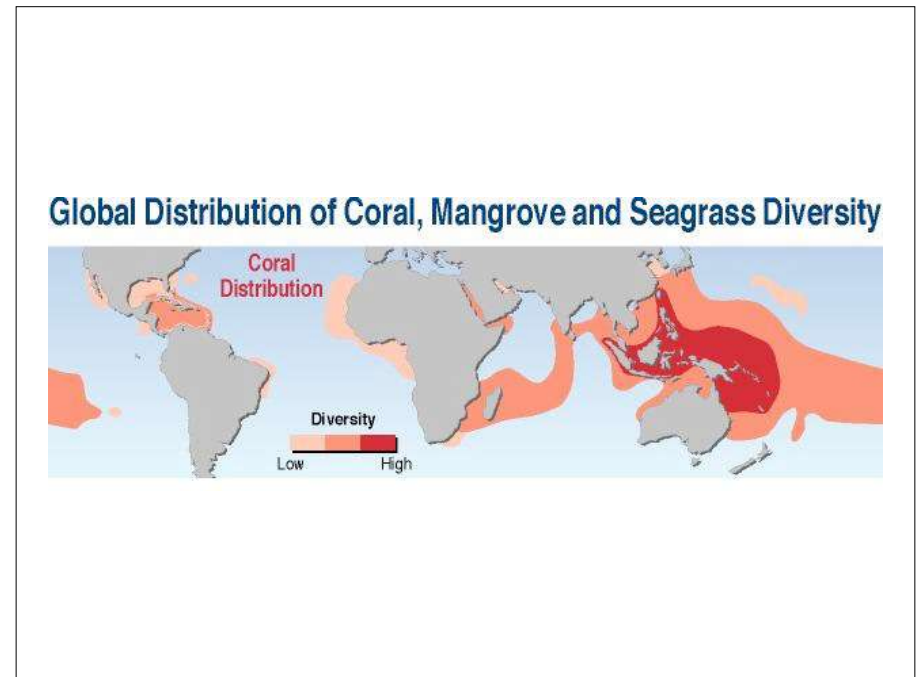
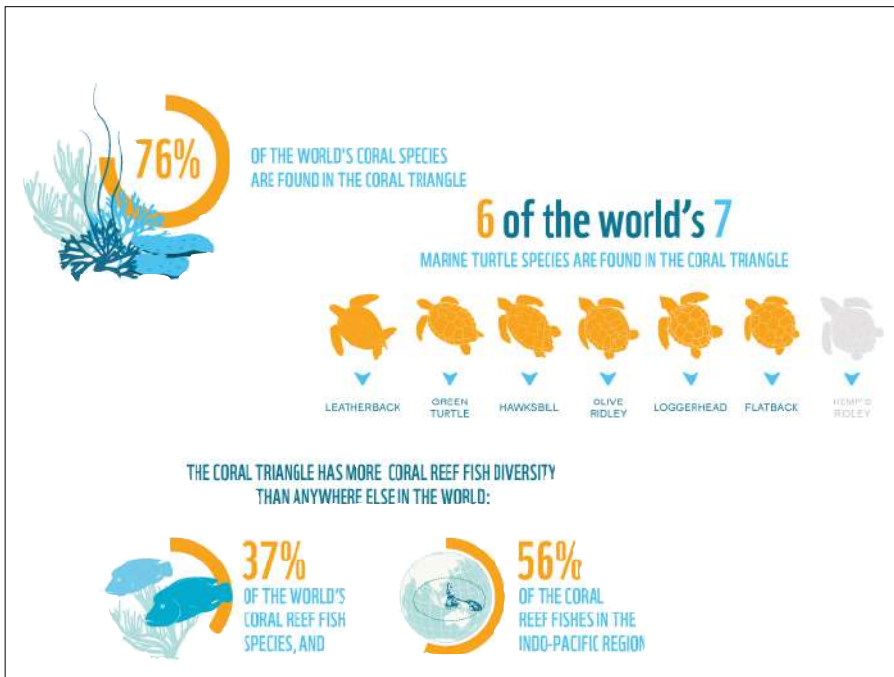


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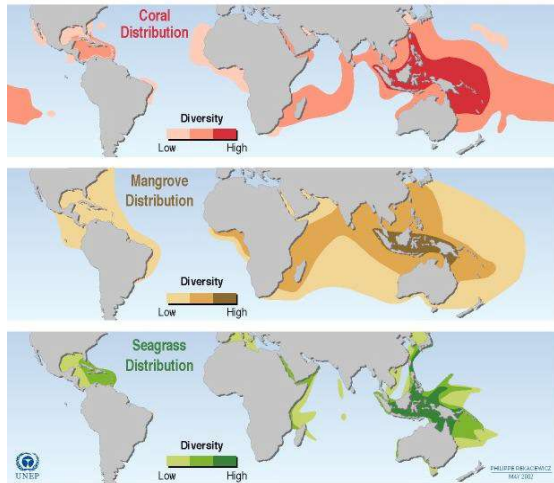
**6 of the world's 7**

MARINE TURTLE SPECIES ARE FOUND IN THE CORAL TRIANGLE





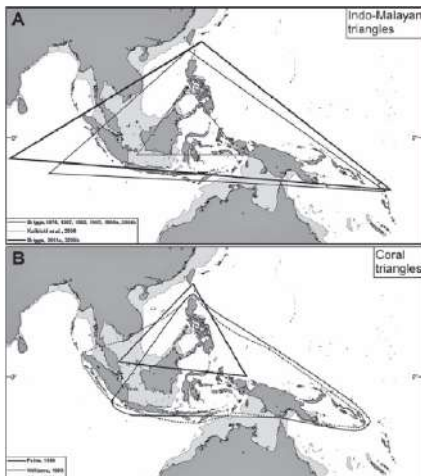
### Global Distribution of Coral, Mangrove and Seagrass Diversity



### Fungiidae



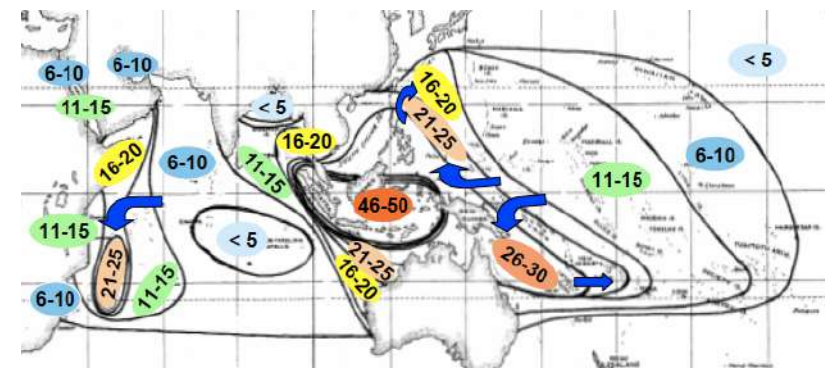
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(A) Briggs' (1974) Indo-Malayan centre of marine biodiversity depicted as the "East Indies Triangle" (Briggs, 1987). His later version (Briggs, 2005a) is slightly larger, including all of Sumatra, and therefore more similar to the Coral Triangle indicated by Allen (2002; Fig. 1B). Kulbicki et al. (2004) refer to a centre of fish diversity, which they call "the Philippines–South China Sea–Indonesia triangle";

(B) The centre of maximum diversity presented as coral triangles (Paine, 1988; Allen, 2002). The centre of reef-associated pennatulacean **octocorals** is also presented as a triangle (Williams, 1993).

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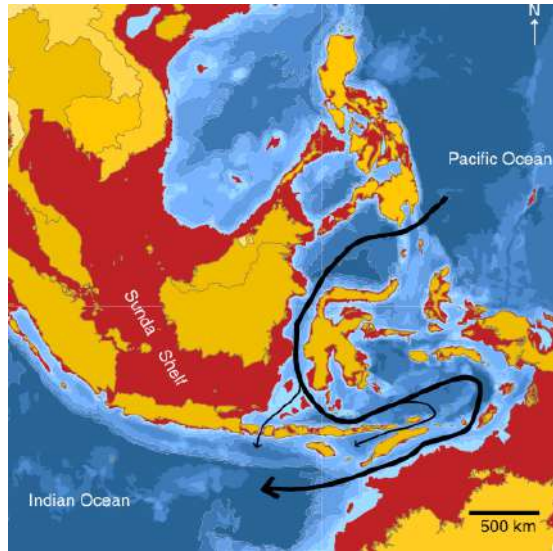
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**IN RED:**

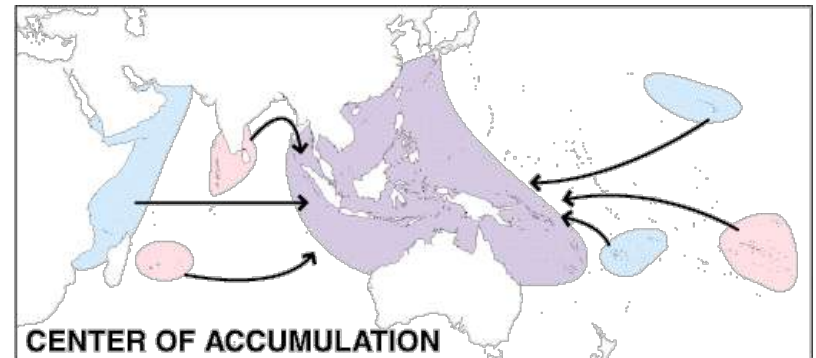
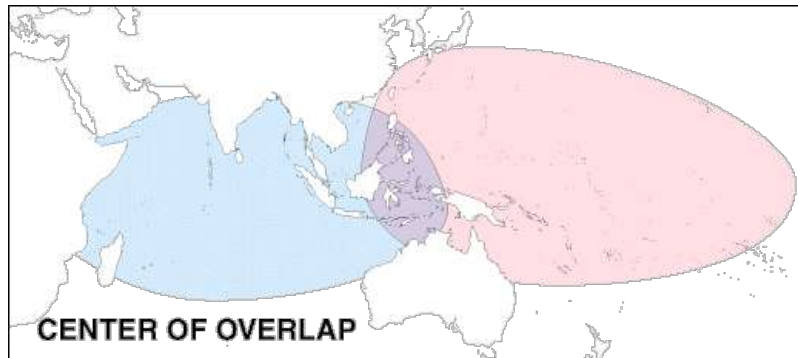
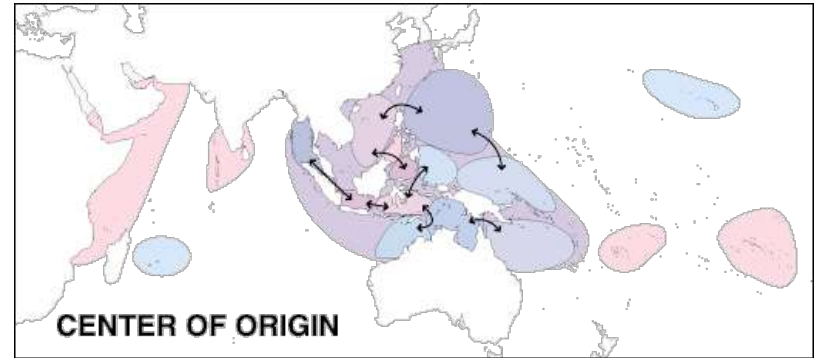
Shallow-water marine habitats (down to the -130 m contour) are highlighted in red, showing the maximum extent of seaway constriction during extreme low-stands in sea level.

**Black lines:**

The present day course of the Indonesian Throughflow is represented by black arrows, after Oppo and Rosenthal (2010).



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