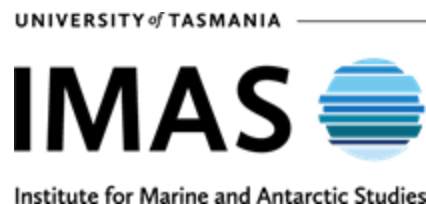


Climate Change Risks to Marine Ecosystems and Fisheries with a focus on projections for the North Pacific

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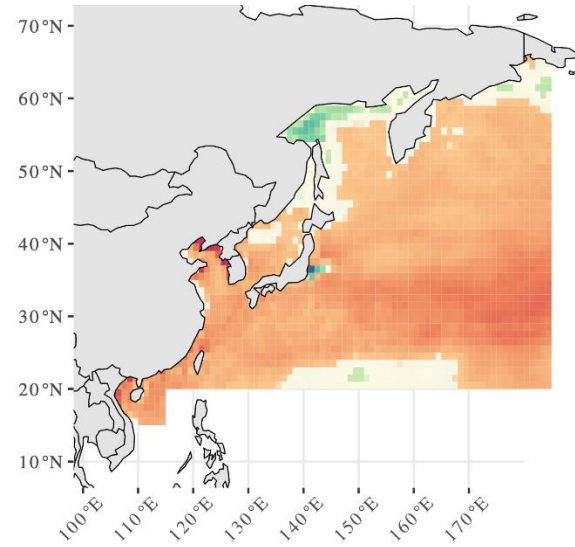
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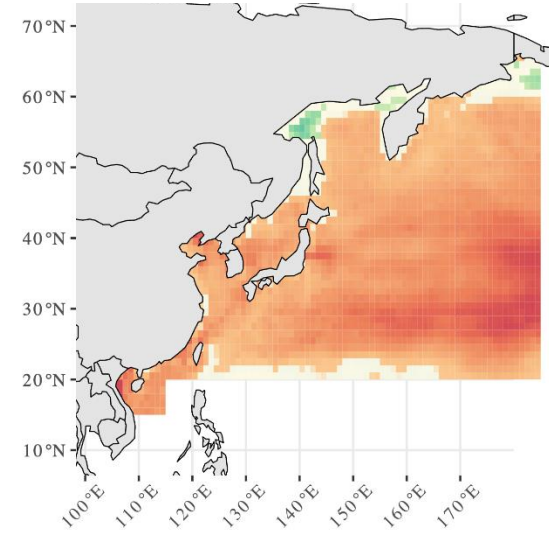
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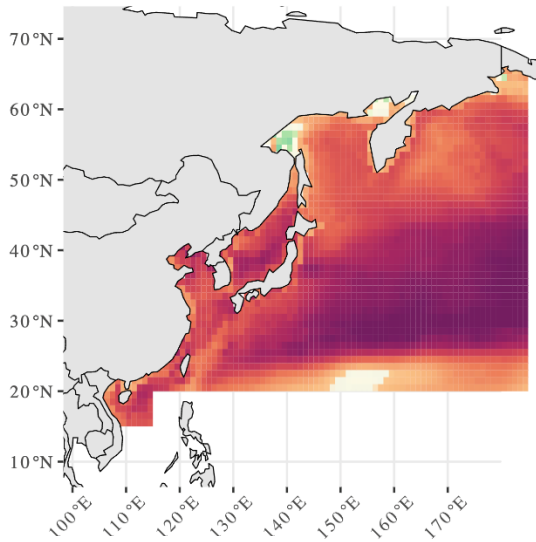
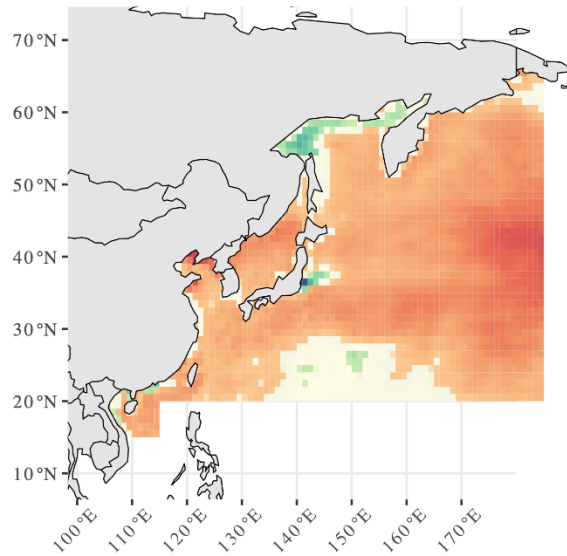
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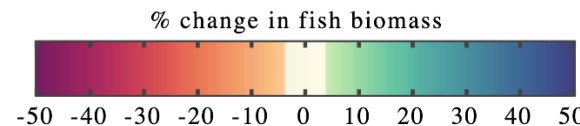
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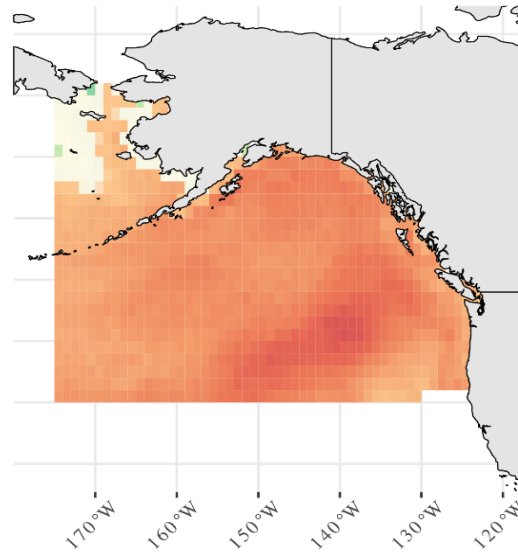
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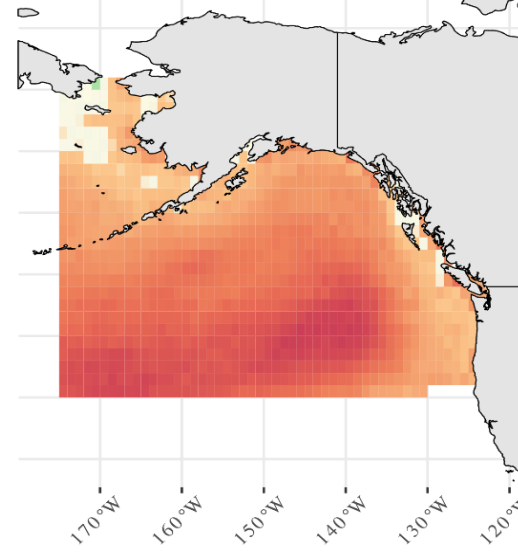
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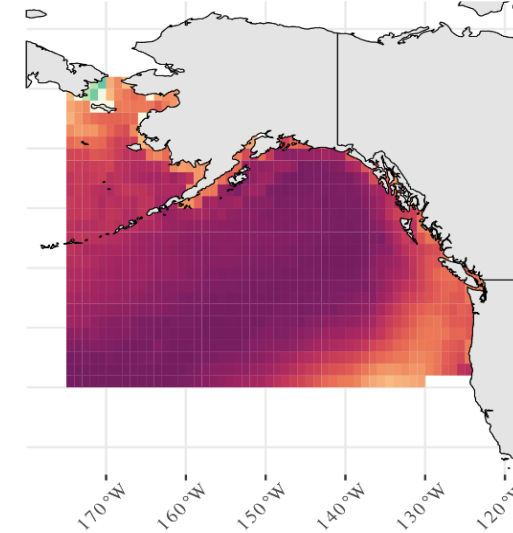
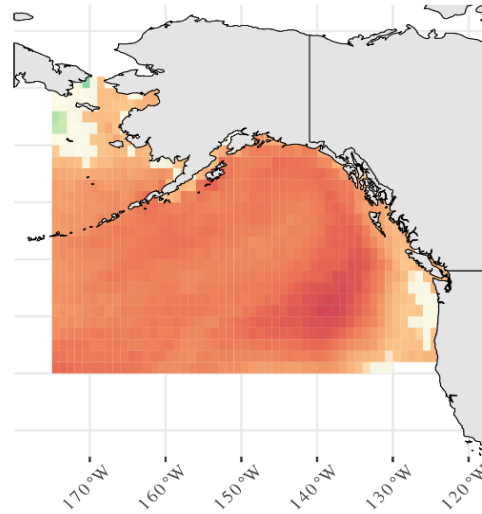
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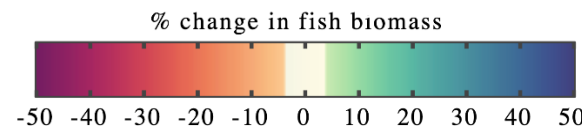
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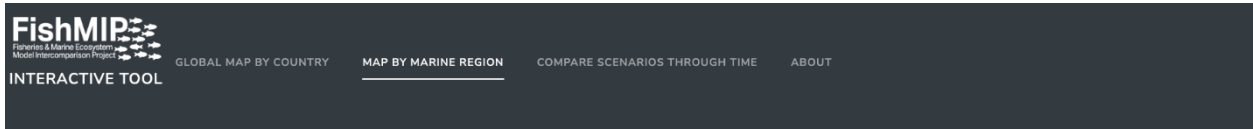
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FishMIP tools support national and regional climate risk assessments and adaptation plans



MAPS OF PROJECTED FISH BIOMASS CHANGE

Here we present the mean estimated changes in fish biomass across the entire FishMIP ensemble (including 10 ecosystem models) in relation to our reference period (mean between 2005-2014).

To see changes in the area of your interest, click on the group you want to visualise and select the area of your choice from the drop down list. You can also choose the emissions scenario and decade of decade of your interest.

Choose group you would like to visualise

☐ Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs)

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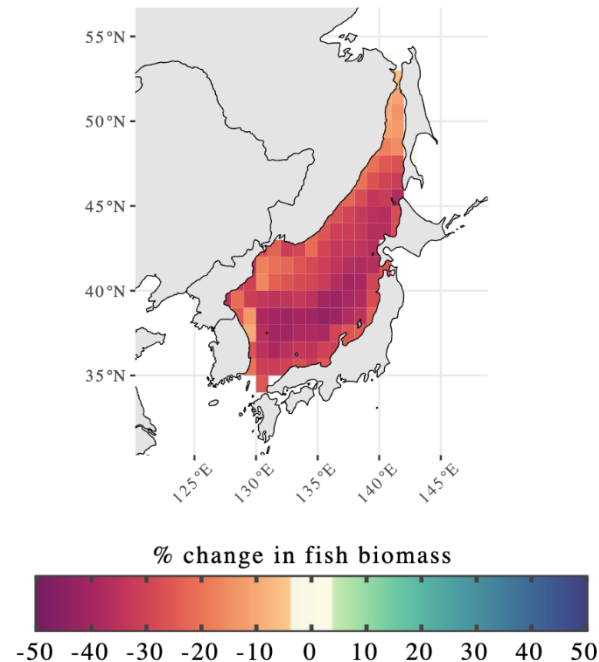
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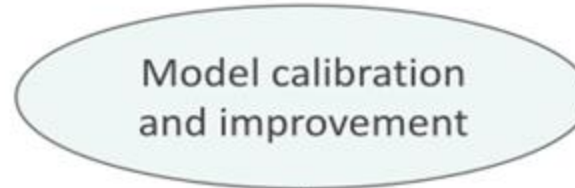
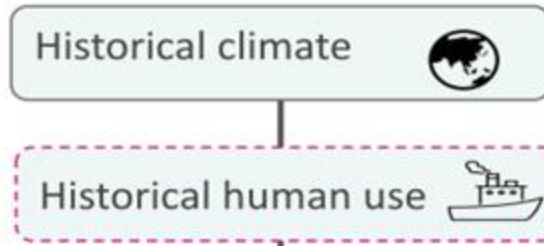
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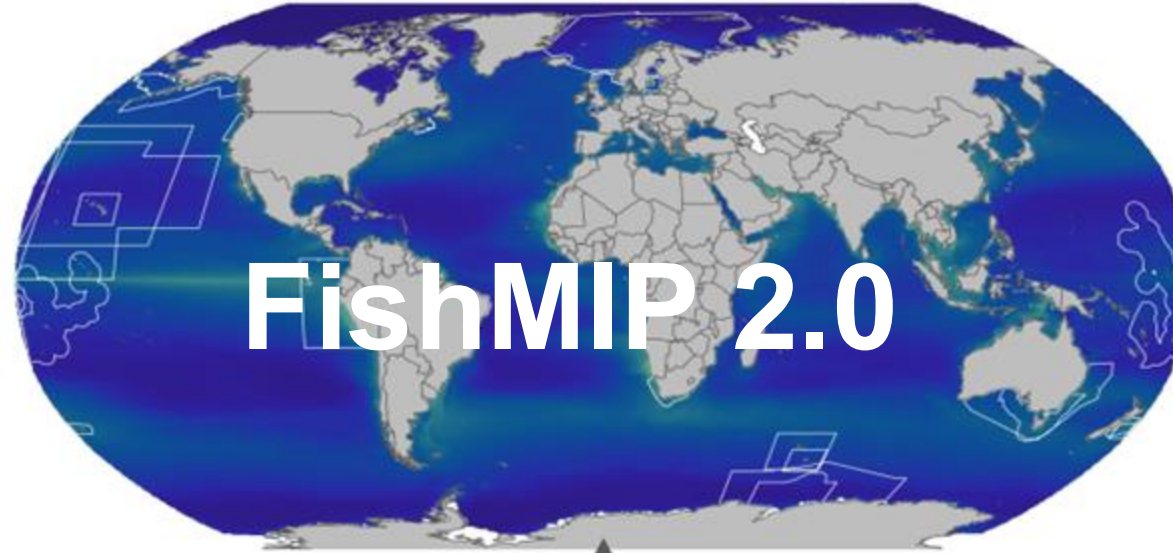


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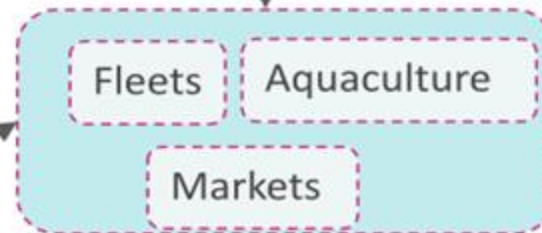
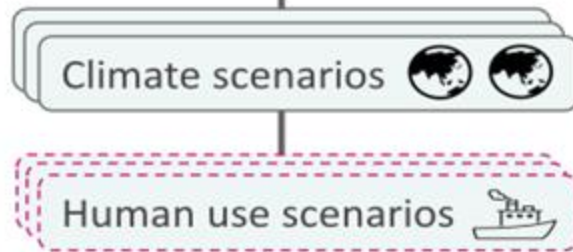
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- Evaluating model skill to reproduce past observations
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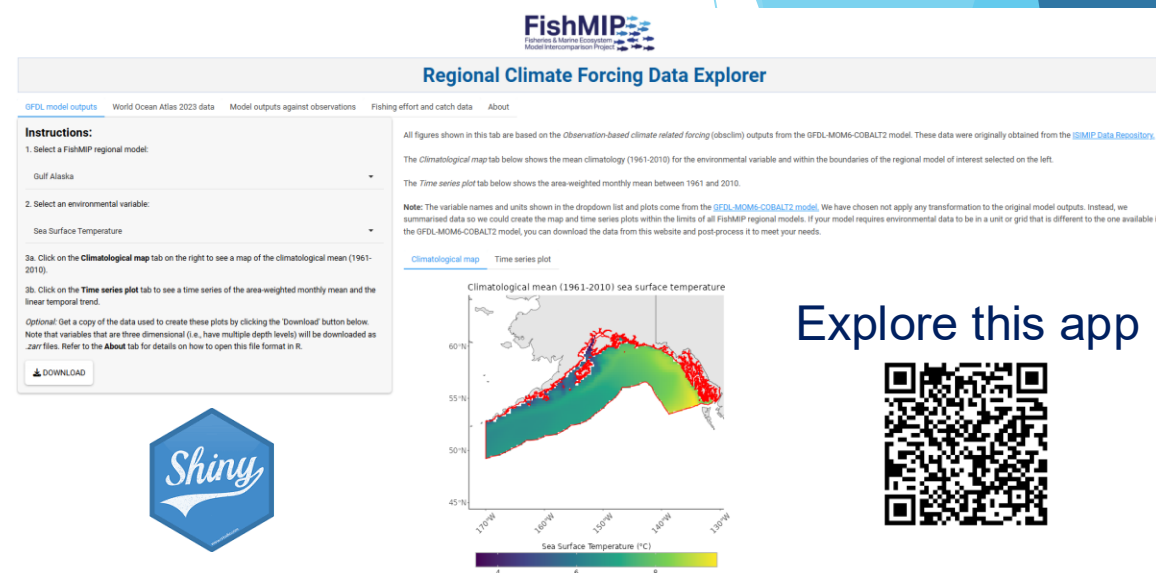
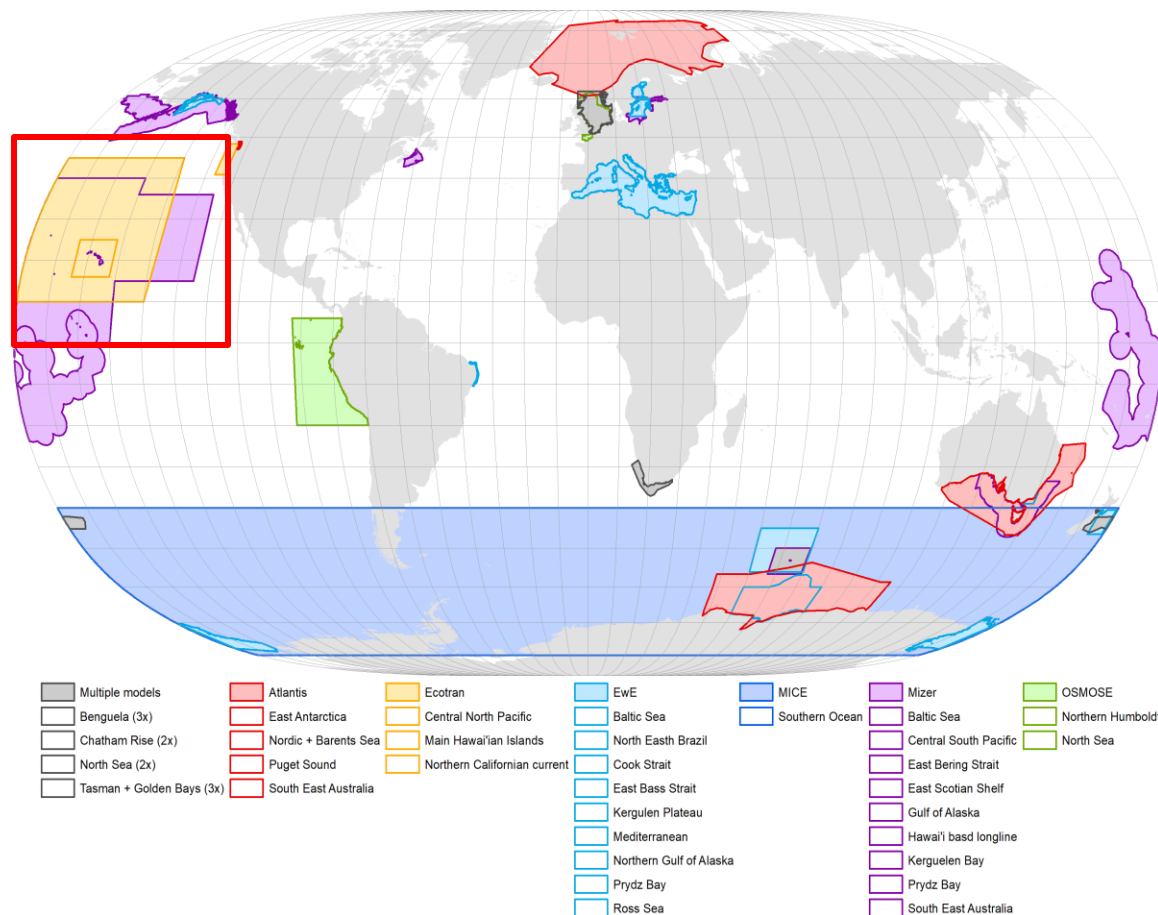


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- Future seafood production, ecosystem function, biodiversity
- Vulnerability, risk, and impact assessments
- Adaptation plans

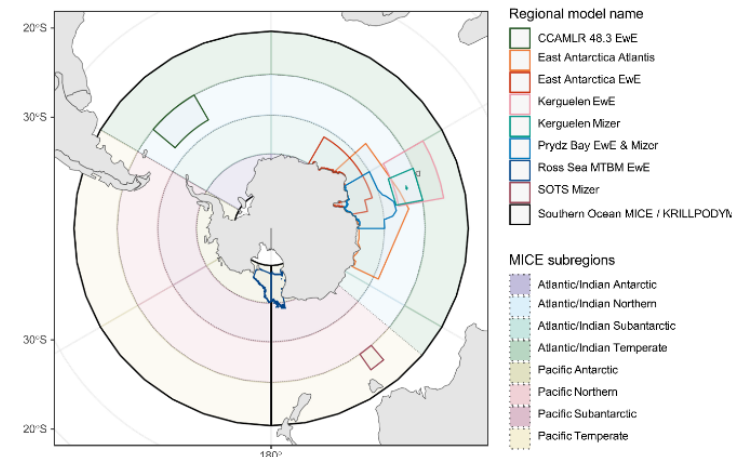
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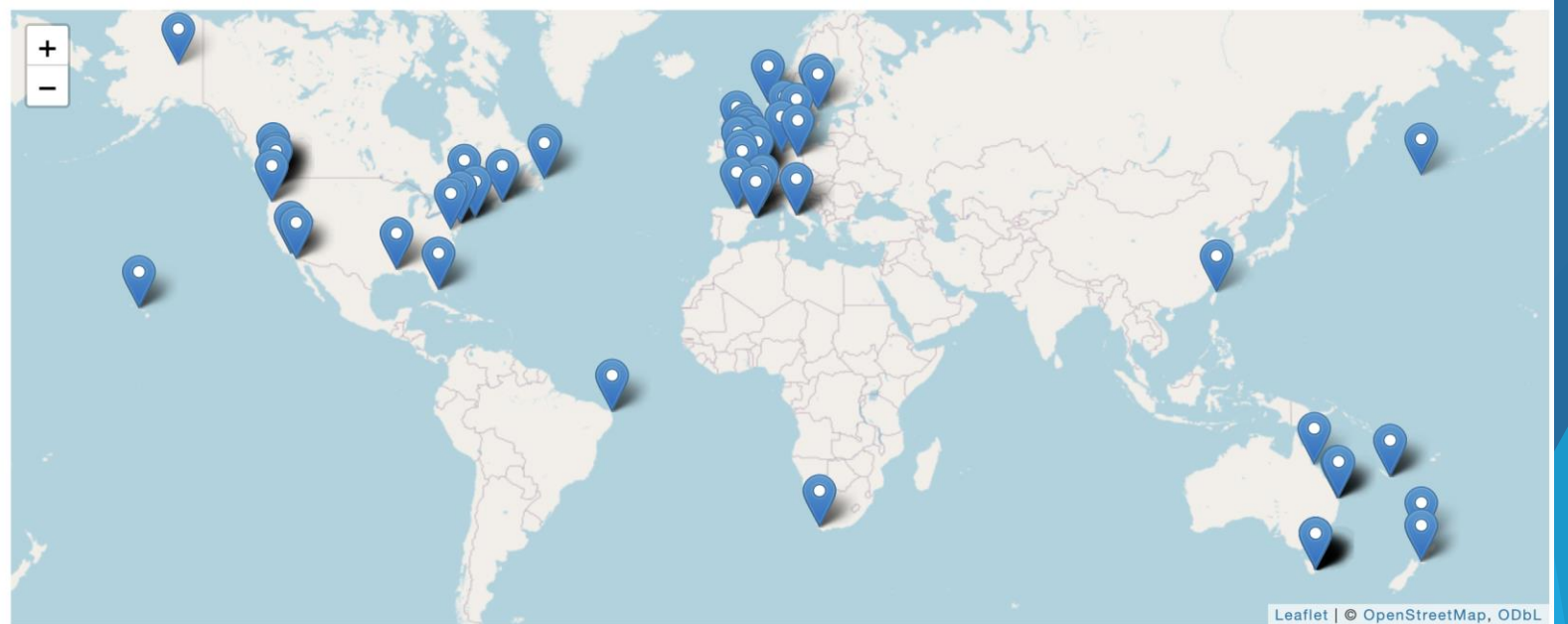
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Key messages

1. Widespread losses in fish biomass are projected under high emissions with strong benefits of reducing emissions. Urgent need for climate adaptation planning, across the North Pacific.
2. Our results are being used in risk assessments and wider economic models, to help guide scenarios and conversations about adaptation options. Use of our projections requires careful understanding and communication of limitations, assumptions, and uncertainties.
3. Significant opportunities for internationally coordinated climate impact modelling and assessment across North Pacific– support needed for regionally-focused working groups (NOMEME).

Thank you for your attention.

And to all FishMIP coordinators, members, and contributors



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