

# Deep-sea ecosystems in a changing ocean and the importance of basin-scale research for their long-term management and conservation

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The Deep sea Under Climate Change, 4 June 2018



# A story in three parts

1. The issues of global change in the deep sea
2. The challenge of Blue Growth
3. The ATLAS approach

Ocean  
Warming

Ocean  
Acidification

Reduced  
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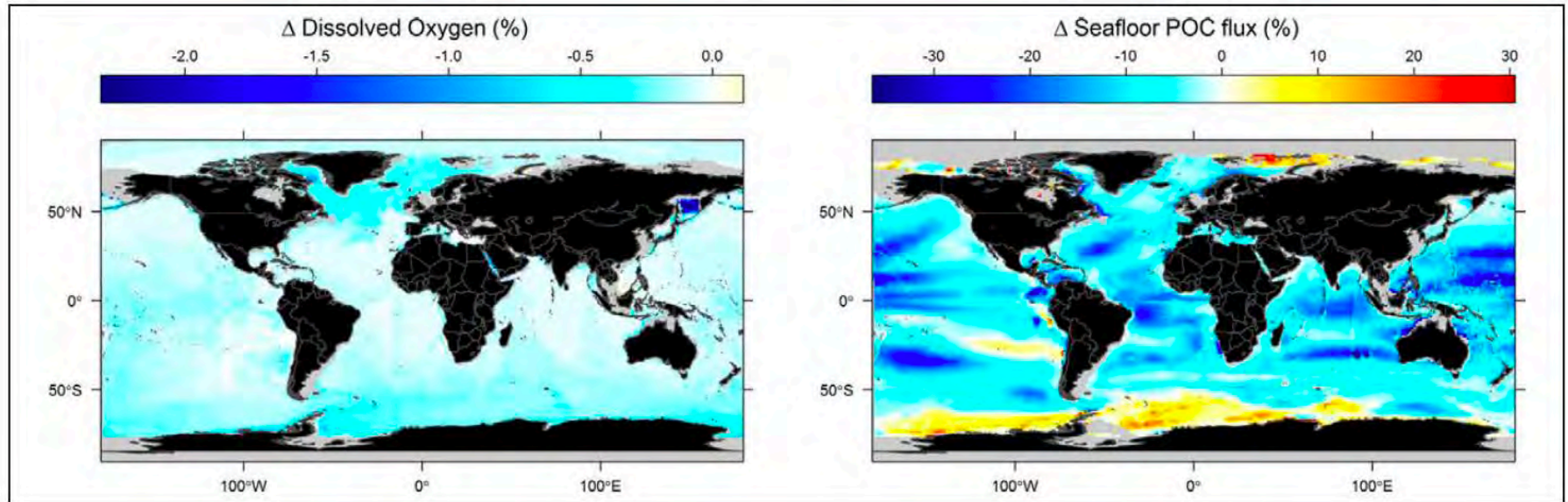
Hydrocarbon  
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REVIEW

Major impacts of climate change on deep-sea benthic ecosystems

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- Abyssal temp  $\uparrow$  1°C within 84 years
- O<sub>2</sub> declines in areas deep-water formation
- Up to 40-55%  $\downarrow$  in POC flux in some regions
- Rapid pH  $\downarrow$  at bathyal depths



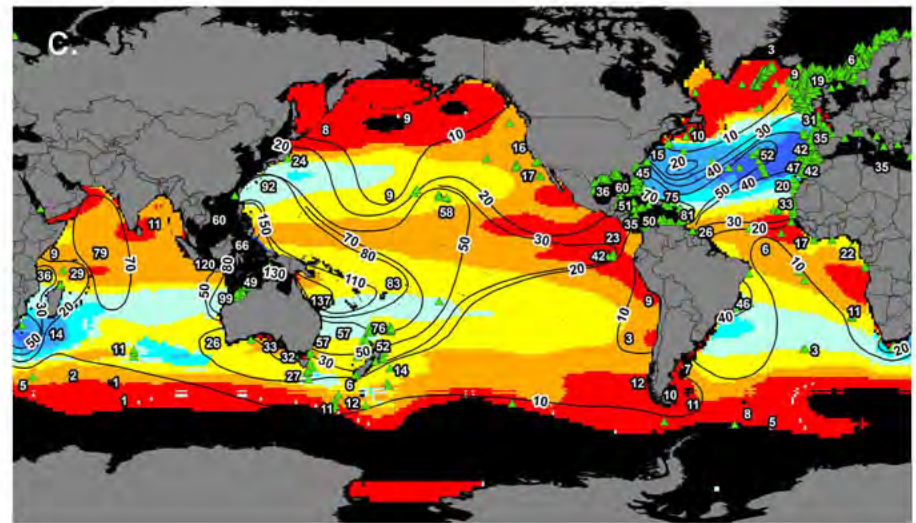
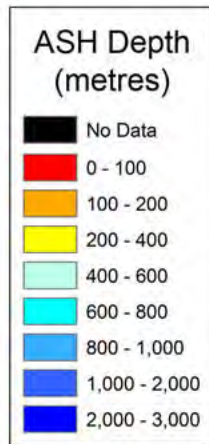
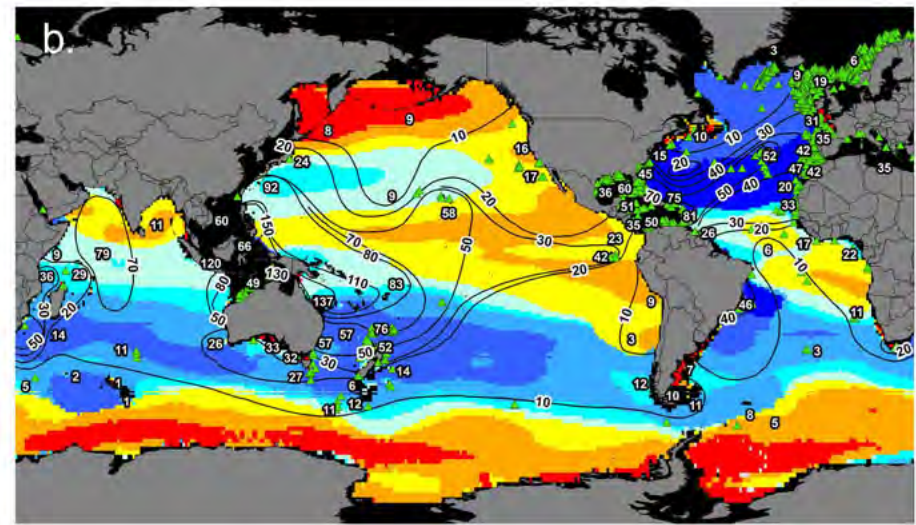
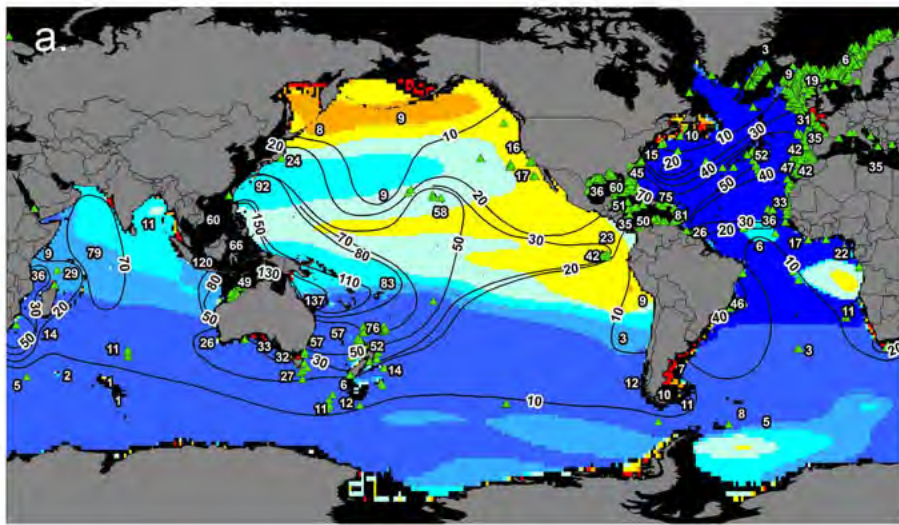
**Figure 3: Relative environmental changes at the deep seafloor in the year 2100.** Relative change (%) in dissolved oxygen (mL L<sup>-1</sup>) and seafloor POC flux (mg C m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>) conditions that could be seen at the deep (> 200 m) seafloor by 2100 relative to present-day conditions. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1525/elementa.203.f3>





Image: Rohan Holt



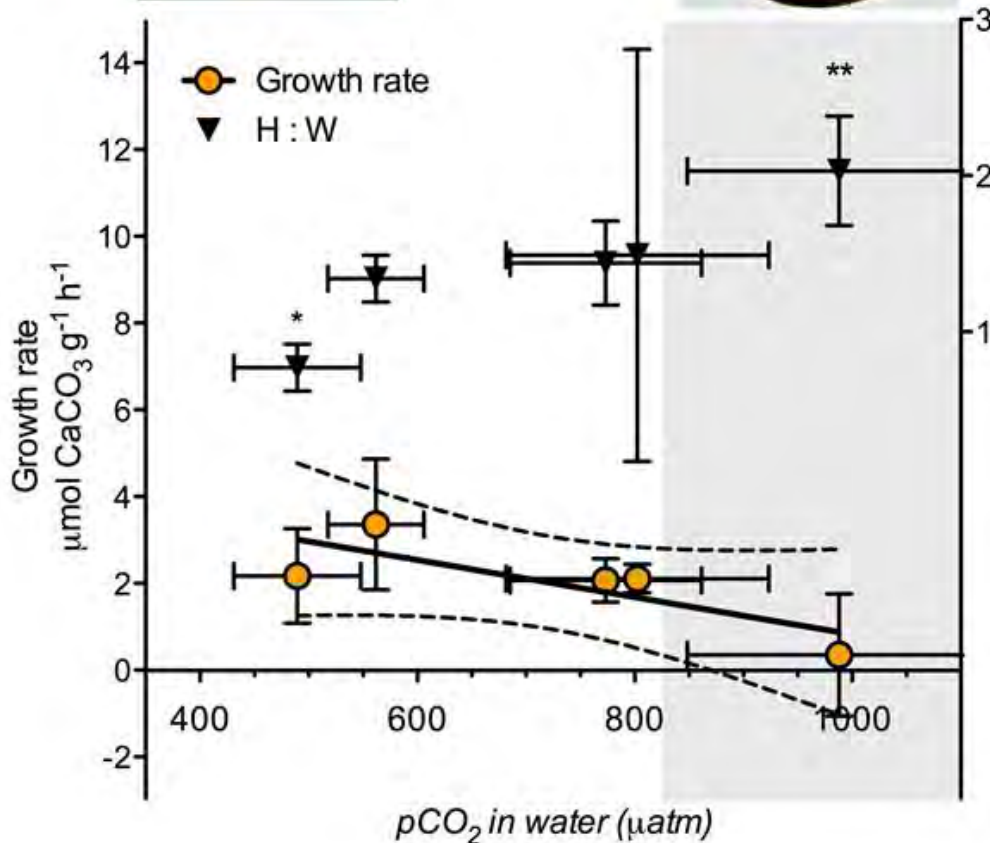


Modelled depth of the aragonite saturation horizon (a) for year 1765,  $p\text{CO}_2$  278 ppm; (b) for year 2040,  $p\text{CO}_2$  513 ppm; (c) for year 2099,  $p\text{CO}_2$  788 ppm. Green triangles show locations of reef framework-forming scleractinian cold-water corals. Lines are diversity contours for 706 species of azooxanthellate scleractinian corals (see Fig. 2.20, p. 00). Black areas appearing in previously coloured portions of the Southern Ocean and North Pacific in image (c) indicate areas where the ASH depth has reached the surface. Figures reproduced from Guinotte *et al.* (2006)

## Meridional overturning circulation conveys fast acidification to the deep Atlantic Ocean

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- Aragonite saturation horizon could shoal by 1000–1700 m in the subpolar North Atlantic within the next three decades.
- Present-day transport of carbonate ions towards the deep ocean is about 44% lower than in preindustrial times.
- Doubling CO<sub>2</sub> levels within next three decades could reduce the transport of excess of carbonate over aragonite saturation by 64–79 % of preindustrial times



**Growth rates:**

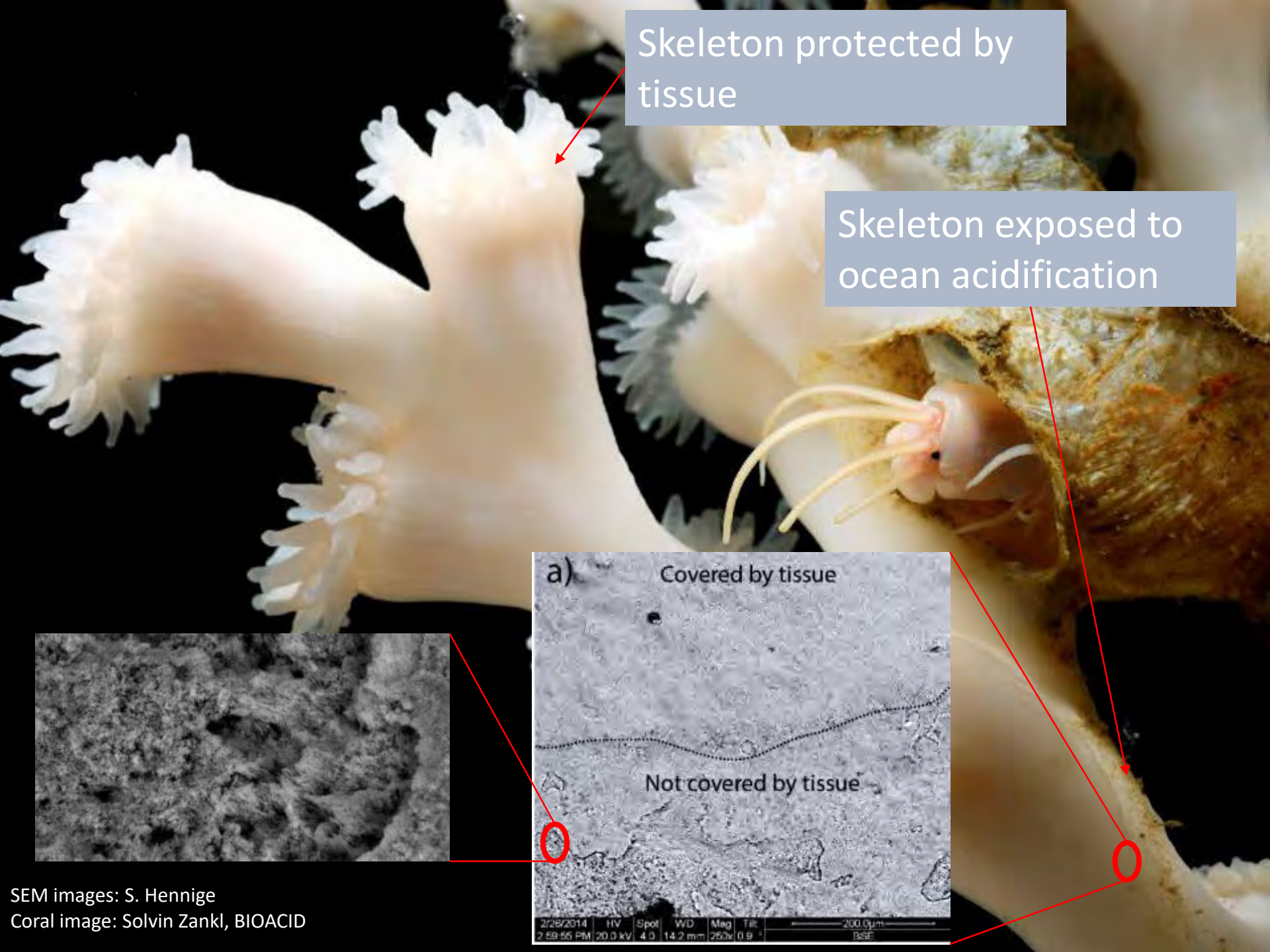
- Significant negative correlation with increasing CO<sub>2</sub>: Driven by dissolution in high CO<sub>2</sub> treatment

**Growth forms:**

- Growth form of new polyps significantly changes
- New polyps are longer and thinner under high CO<sub>2</sub>

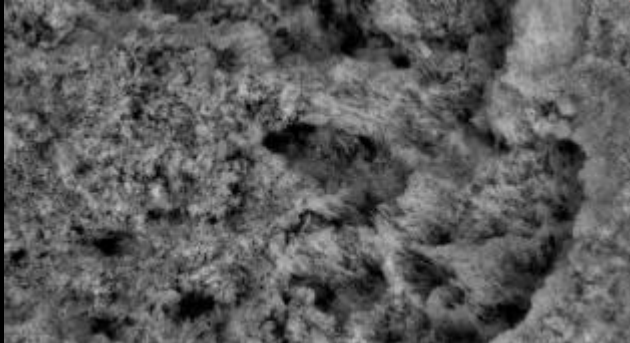
Polyp Height : Width





Skeleton protected by tissue

Skeleton exposed to ocean acidification



SEM images: S. Hennige  
Coral image: Solvin Zankl, BIOACID



# Climate change is likely to severely limit the effectiveness of deep-sea ABMTs in the North Atlantic

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Impacted

Low impact

No impact

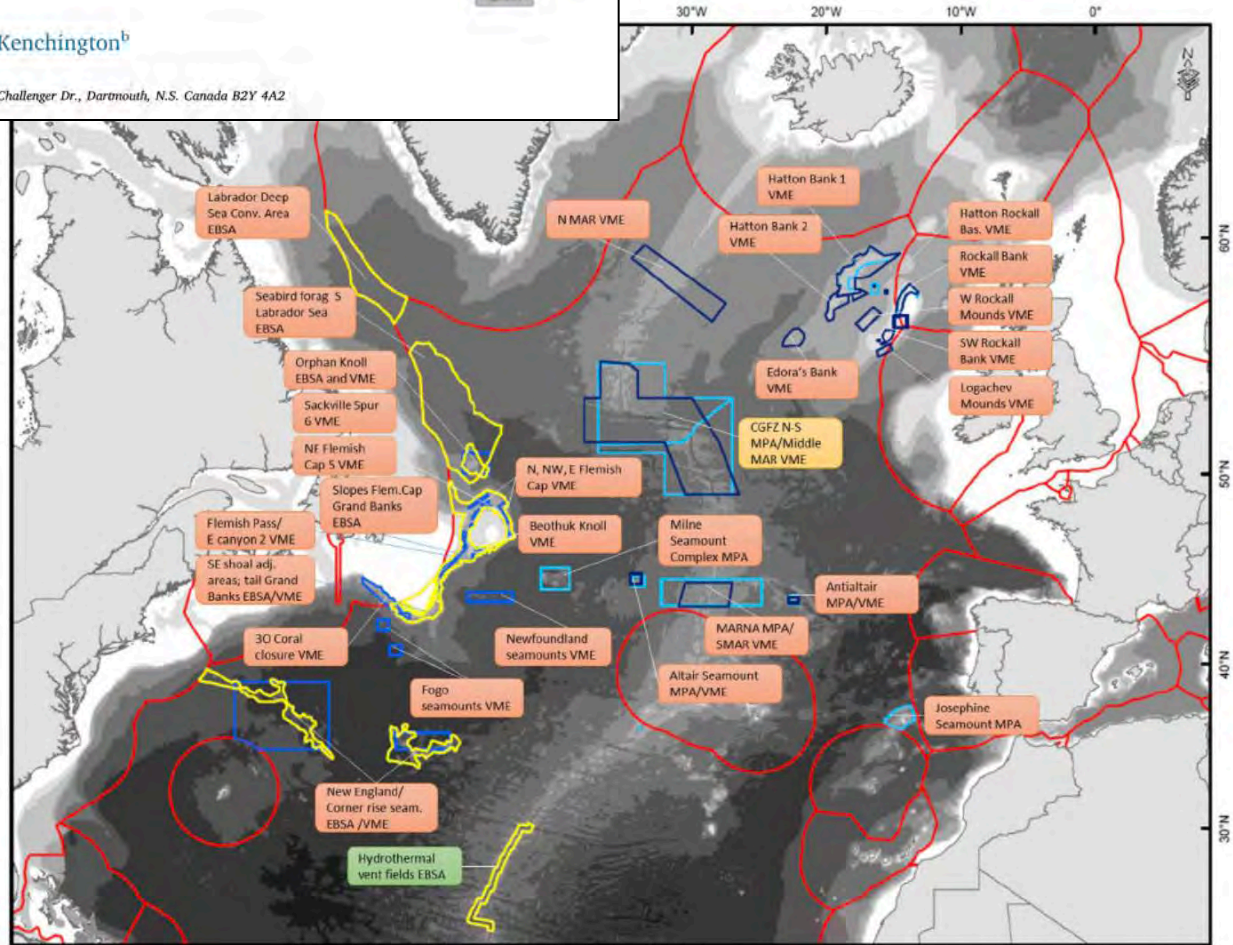


Fig. 2. Expected effect of changing environmental variables on main taxa listed in the conservation objectives for each North Atlantic ABMT in ABNJ. Green: no expected impact; Yellow: low expected impact; Orange: impacted. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)





# BLUE GROWTH

71%  
of the Earth surface  
is WATER

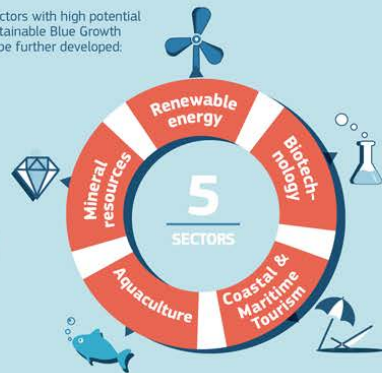
## Why?

Blue Growth is the European Commission's initiative to further harness the potential of Europe's oceans, seas and coasts for:



## Focus Area

Five sectors with high potential for sustainable Blue Growth are to be further developed.



other sectors of the blue economy crucial for value & jobs



## INFOBOX 1.1

### Blue Growth

[http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/policy/blue\\_growth/](http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/policy/blue_growth/)

Blue Growth (COM (2012) 494) is Europe's long term strategy to support sustainable growth in the marine and maritime sectors. As a maritime contribution to achieving the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, the Blue Growth strategy consists of three components:



- (1) **Development of sectors** that have a high potential for sustainable jobs and growth, such as aquaculture, coastal tourism, marine biotechnology, ocean energy and seabed mining.
- (2) **Provision of new knowledge,** legal certainty and security in the blue economy, such as improvement of access to information about the sea, maritime spatial planning that will ensure efficient and sustainable management of activities at sea and integrated maritime surveillance to give authorities a better picture of what is happening at sea.
- (3) **Development of sea basin strategies** to ensure tailor-made measures that will foster cooperation among countries.

Blue Growth aims to harness the potential of Europe's seas and coasts to create jobs and growth that will develop the blue economy, while making efforts to reduce negative environmental impacts of maritime activities, safeguard biodiversity and protect the marine environment.





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UNDERSTANDING DEEP ATLANTIC ECOSYSTEMS



A trans-Atlantic assessment and deep-water ecosystem-based spatial management plan for Europe





## At a Glance

**A trans-Atlantic assessment and deep-water ecosystem-based spatial management plan for Europe**

**Call:** EU Horizon 2020: BG-2015-2  
(Unlocking the potential of seas and oceans)

**Duration:** May 2016 – April 2020 (48m)

**Consortium:** 24 partners +1 linked 3<sup>rd</sup> party, from 12 countries

**Budget:** €9.3M

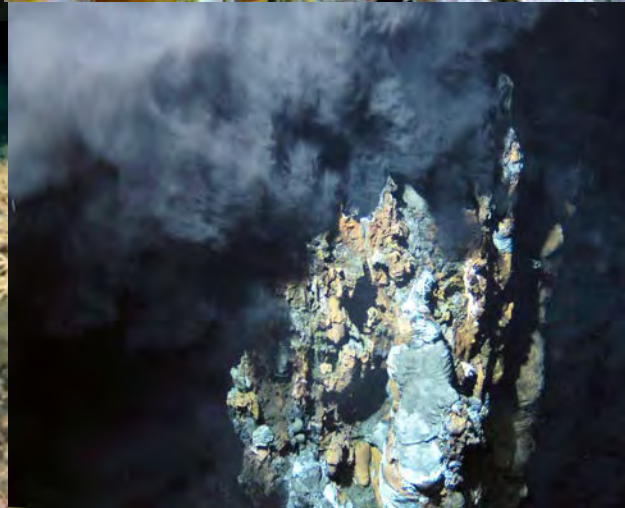
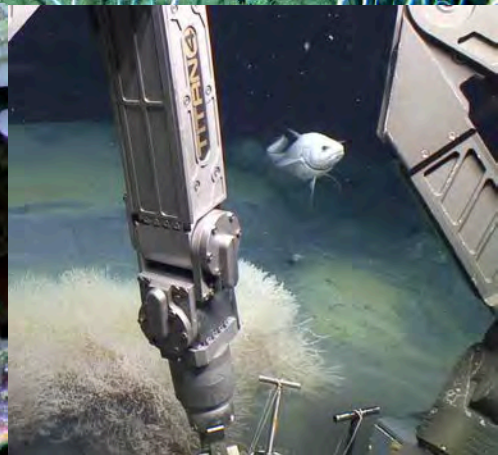
**Coordinator:** University of Edinburgh (UK)

**Focus:** Providing essential new knowledge of North Atlantic ecosystems through data gathering and synthesis

**Impact:** Discoveries and outputs will inform and facilitate stakeholder agreement on marine policy and regulation and spur Blue Growth

**Core activities:** 25+ research cruises investigating 12 case studies across the Atlantic





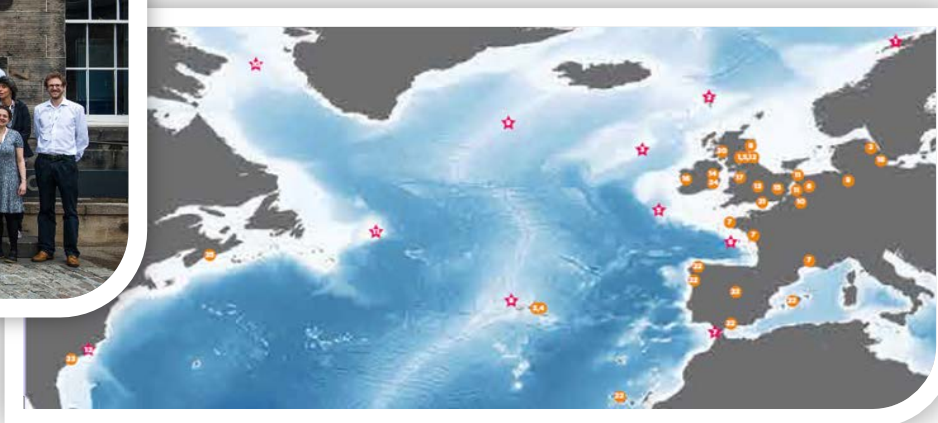




# Transatlantic collaboration



ATLAS kick-off meeting Edinburgh (June 2016)



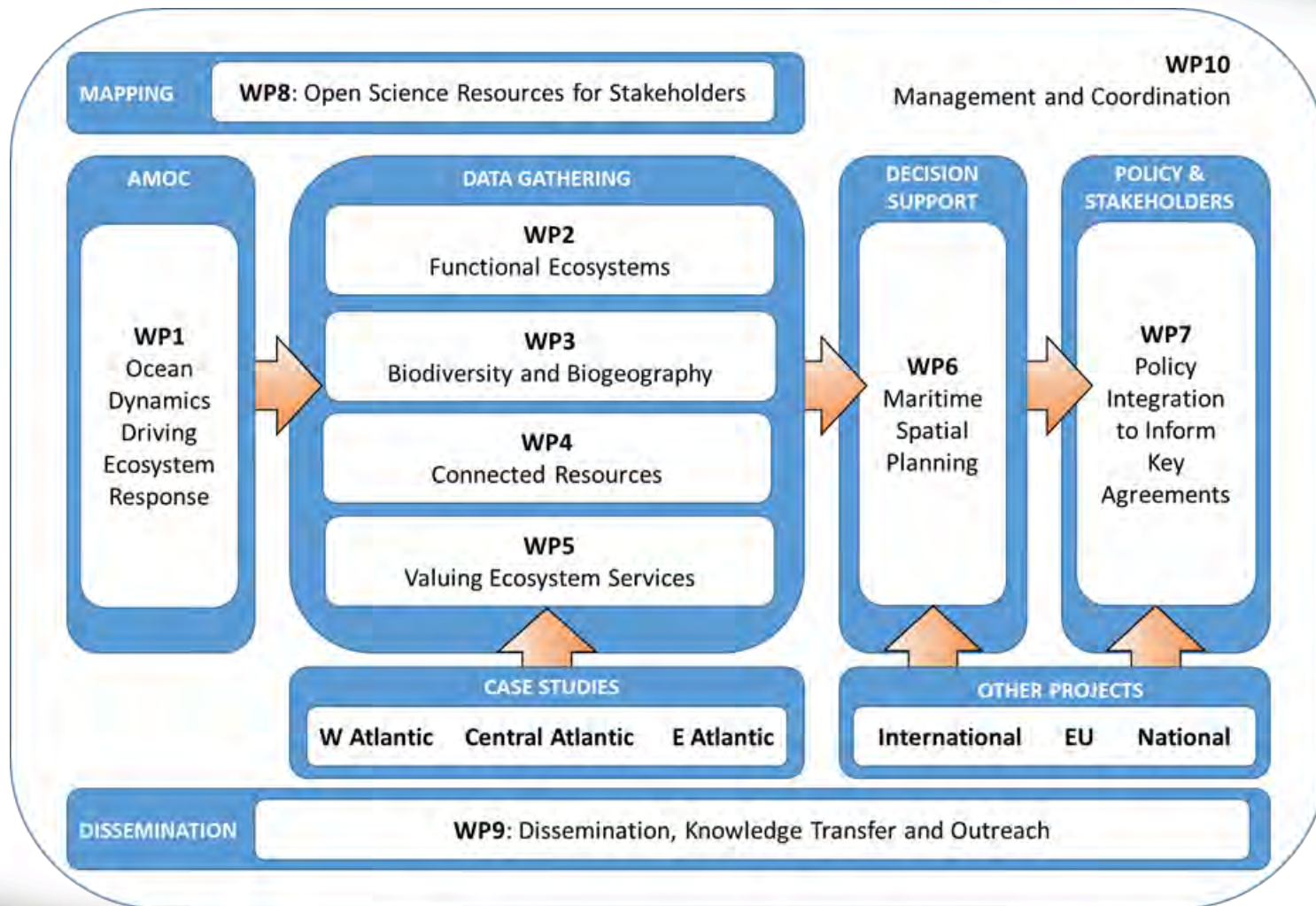
★ Case studies    ● Project Partners

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|---|--|---|--|
| 1 University of Edinburgh (UEDIN)                         | 5 British Geological Survey (BGS/NERC)                                   | 11 NIOZ Koninklijk Nederlands Instituut voor Onderzoek der Zee (NIOZ) | 19 UiT The Arctic University of Norway (UiT)         |
| 2 Aarhus Universitet (AU)                                 | 6 Gianni Consultancy (GC)  | 12 Dynamic Earth (DE)   | 20 Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS)    |
| 3 IMAR - Instituto do Mar (IMAR -Uaz)                     | 7 Institut Francais de Recherche pour L'Exploitation de la Mer (Ifremer) | 13 University of Oxford (UOX)   | 21 Seascope Consultants (SC)                         |
| 4 Secretária Regional do Mar, Ciência e Tecnologia (DRAM) | 8 Marine Scotland (MSS)  | 14 University College Dublin (UCD)                                    | 22 Instituto Español de Oceanografía (IEO)           |
|   | 9 Universitaet Bremen (UniHB)  | 15 University College London (UCL)                                    | 23 University of North Carolina at Wilmington (UNCW) |
|   | 10 Iodine (Iodine)   | 16 National University of Ireland, Galway (NUIG)                      | 24 AquaTT UETP Ltd (AquaTT)                          |
|   |  | 17 University of Liverpool (ULIV)                                     | 25 Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)                 |
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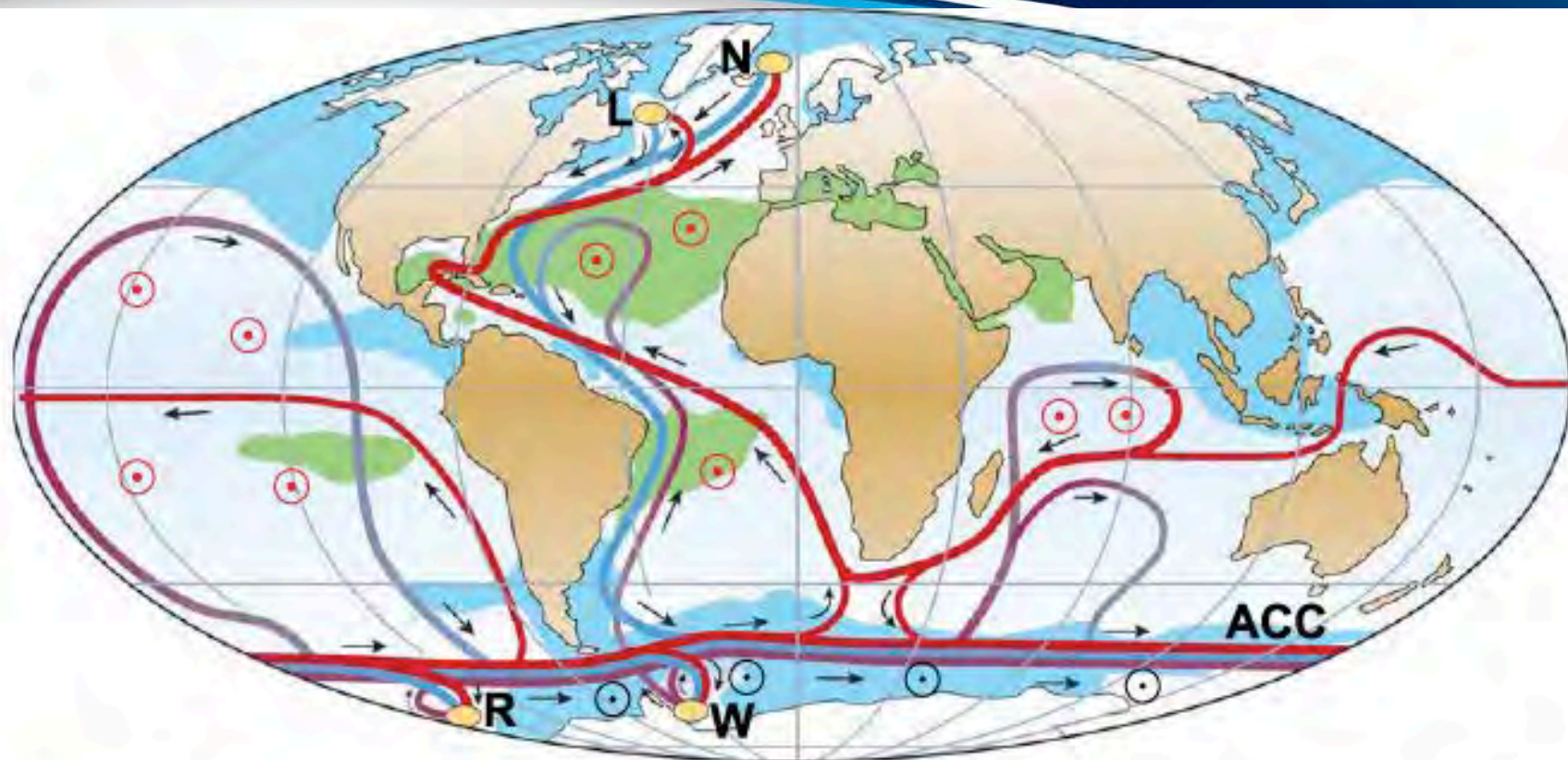


## Objectives

- **Advance** our understanding of deep Atlantic marine ecosystems and populations
- **Improve** our capacity to monitor, model and predict shifts in deep-water ecosystems and populations
- **Transform** new data, tools and understanding into effective ocean governance
- **Scenario-test** and develop science-led, cost-effective adaptive management strategies that stimulate Blue Growth



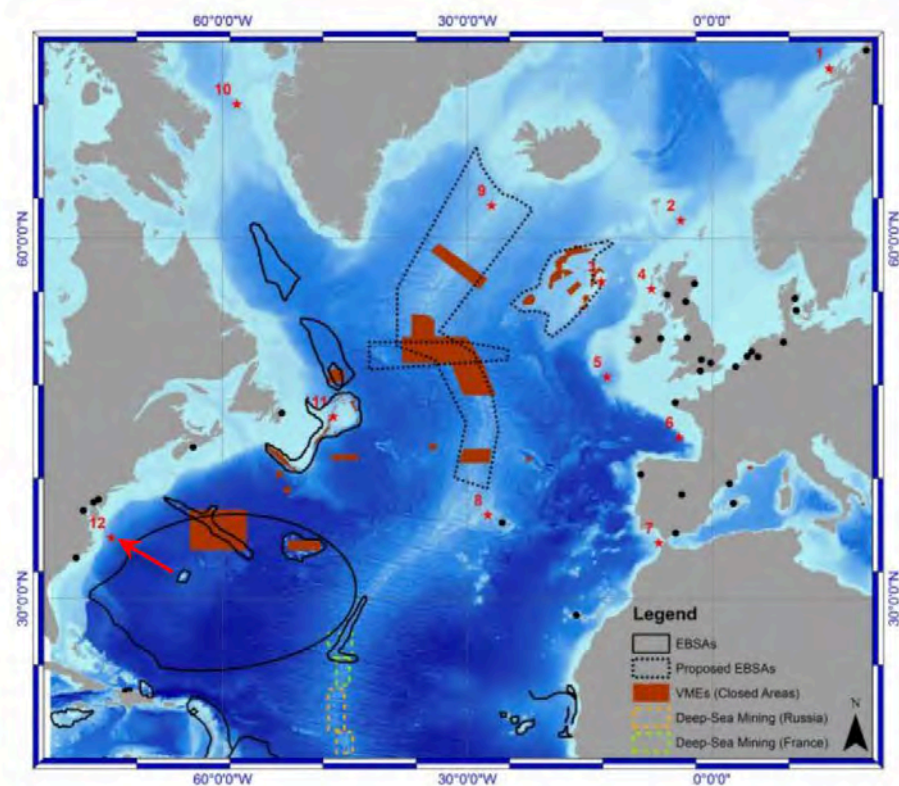
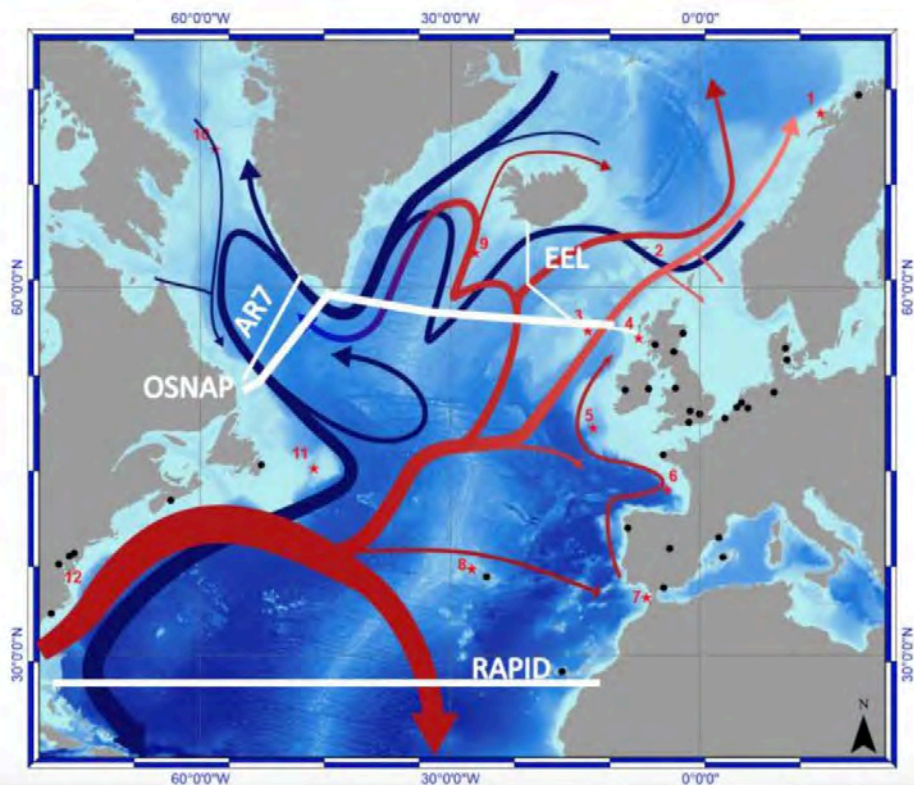




- Surface flow
- Deep flow
- Bottom flow
- Deep Water Formation

- Wind-driven upwelling
- Mixing-driven upwelling
- Salinity > 36 ‰
- Salinity < 34 ‰

- L** Labrador Sea
- N** Nordic Seas
- W** Weddell Sea
- R** Ross Sea







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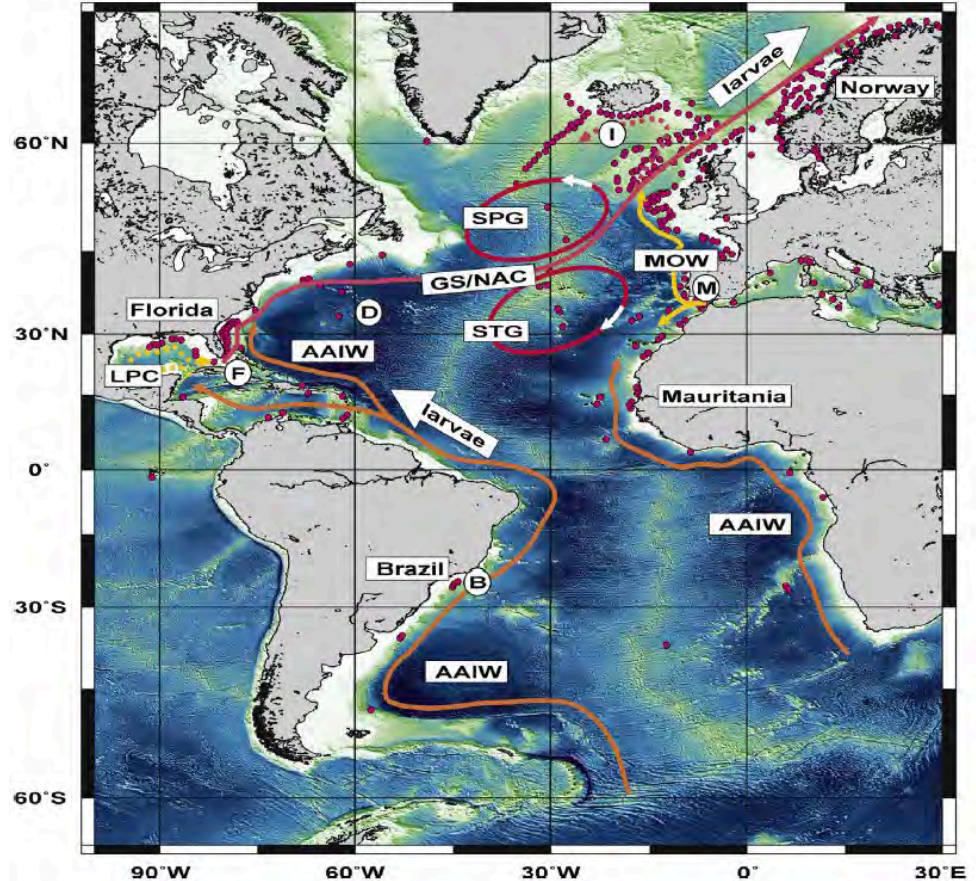
Global ocean conveyor lowers extinction risk in the deep sea

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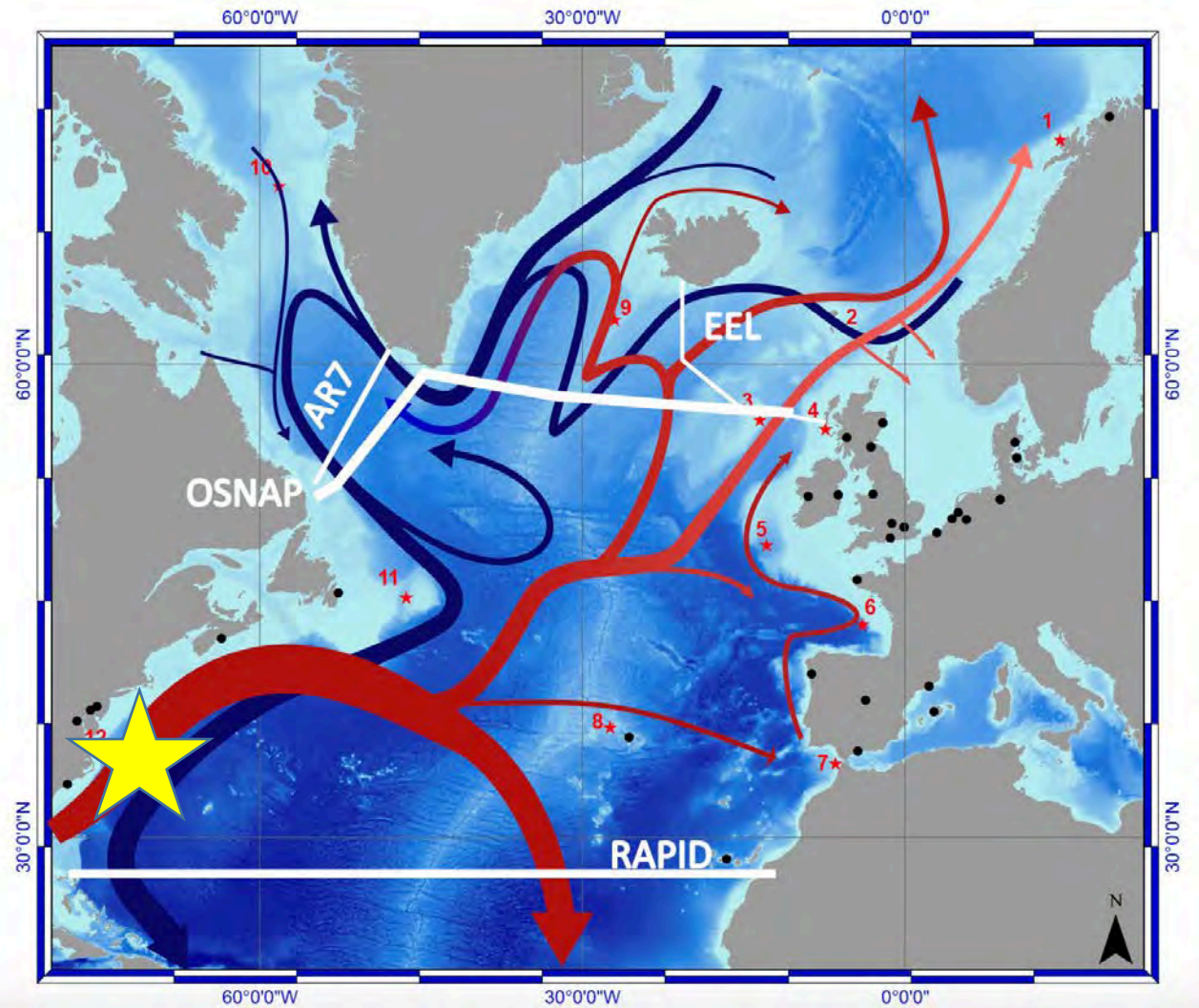
- Links paleo and genetic literature
- Role AMOC in driving rapid post-glacial range expansion in deep ocean
- 7500 km range expansion in <400 years
- *What are implications of future AMOC variability?*







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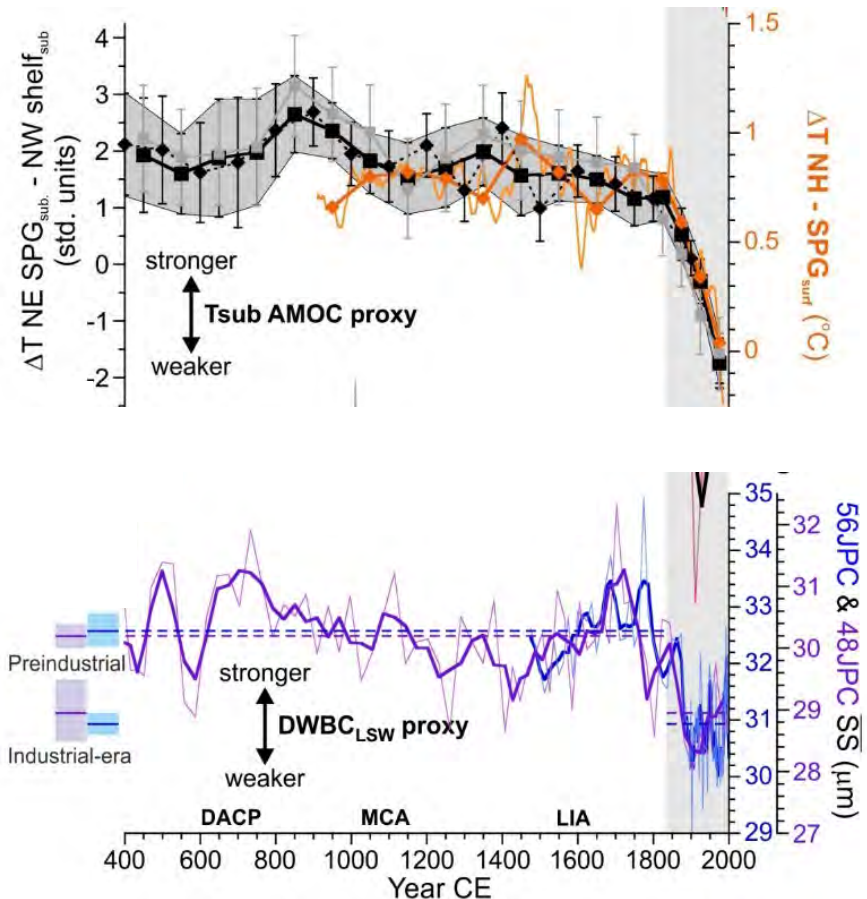




# AMOC strength over last 1600 years

- Proxy-records show anomalously weak AMOC strength over past ~150 years.
- Imply modern circulation atypical of longer term.
- Important when interpreting distribution & functioning of Atlantic ecosystems.

Thornalley et al. (2018) Anomalously weak Labrador Sea convection and Atlantic overturning during the last 150 years. *Nature*.



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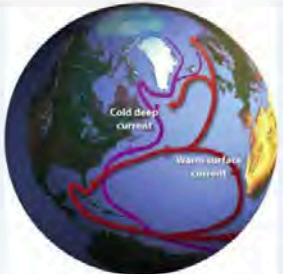
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### Climate change dials down Atlantic Ocean heating system

By Victoria Gill  
Science correspondent, BBC News

11 April 2018



The circulation system plays a "significant role" in regulating the Earth's climate by distributing the globe.

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## Climate change

### Gulf Stream current at its weakest in 1,600 years, studies show

Warm current that has historically caused dramatic changes in climate is experiencing an unprecedented slowdown and may be less stable than thought - with potentially severe consequences

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## Is the Gulf Stream about to collapse and is the new ice age coming sooner than scientists think?

Sam Gibbins Science Correspondent | 12 April 2018 | Thursday 12 April 2018 15:47 BST

- 1 What is the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation?
- 2 So is the Day After Tomorrow about to become a reality, and are we going to plunge into another ice age?
- 3 So how likely is it that those ocean currents will collapse?
- 4 If the AMOC isn't shutting down completely, what is going on?

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## World faces climate CHAOS because the circulation of the Atlantic Ocean is the weakest it has been in more than 1,500 years, warn scientists

- A key cog in the global ocean circulation system has not been running
- If the system continues to weaken, researchers say it may disrupt weather
- Experts believe the Atlantic began to warm near the end of the Little Ice Age

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## The oceans' circulation hasn't been this sluggish in 1,000 years. That's bad news.

By Chris Mooney April 11 Email the author

The Washington Post  
Democracy Dies in Darkness





## Bermuda to Atlantic Canada 28 July – 8 August 2016

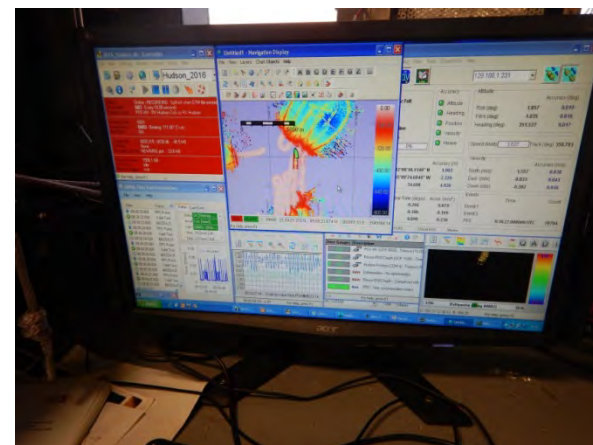
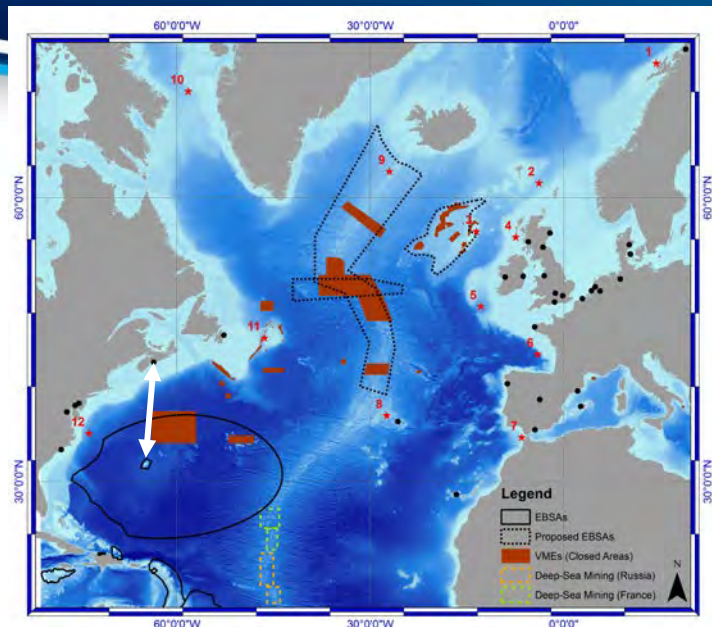
Deep-sea habitat mapping; Oceanographic profiling;  
Seamounts; Biodiversity; Geology and fossil history



CCGS *Hudson* in St. Georges' Harbour



CTD casts on 3 seamounts  
(Argus, Challenger and Bowditch)



Oceanographic seamount profiling



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21th September 2016 – 26th October 2016 (36 days; one scale in Azores)  
Research Vessel “Sarmiento de Gamboa” (CSIC)



RV Sarmiento de Gamboa (image: Joan Costa, CSIC)

- ROV “Liropus” Super Mohawk
- 2 CDT rosettes
- ADCP and EK-60
- Multibeam echosounder
- Sidescan sonar
- Box corer, Multicorer, van Veen grab

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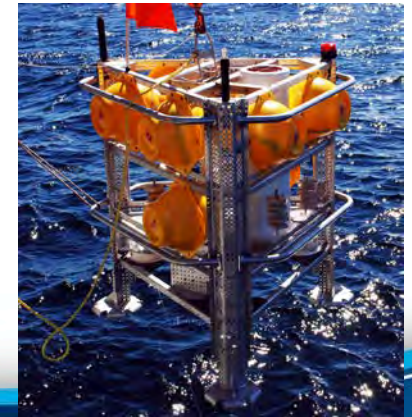
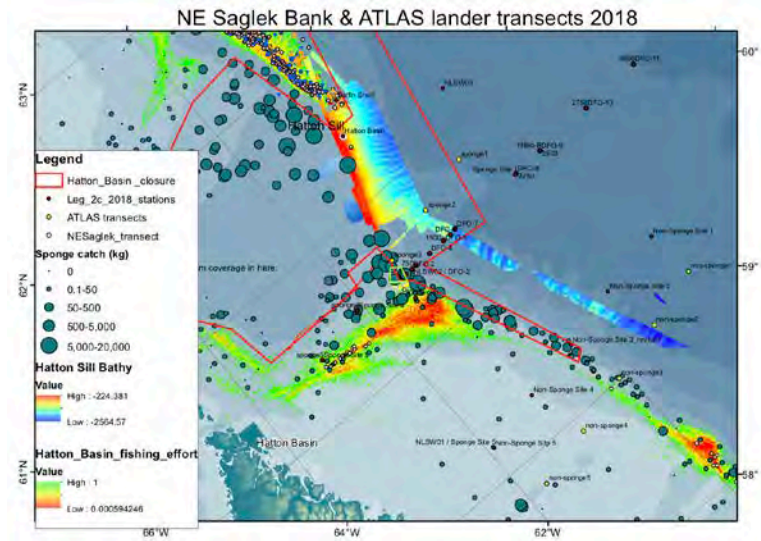
# RV Pelagia 2017 & 2018





## CCGS *Amundsen* cruise 2018

- Controls on deep-water sponges in Davis Strait
- CAN\$150k raised by DFO to support shiptime
- Work led by NIOZ with UEDIN, BGS, ULIV & UNCW
- Galway transatlantic alliance in action







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## SCIENTIFIC REPORTS

**OPEN** Ecosystem engineering creates a direct nutritional link between 600-m deep cold-water coral mounds and surface productivity

Received: 05 April 2016  
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Published online: 12 October 2016

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**frontiers in Marine Science**

Deep-Sea Mining With No Net Loss of Biodiversity—An Impossible Aim

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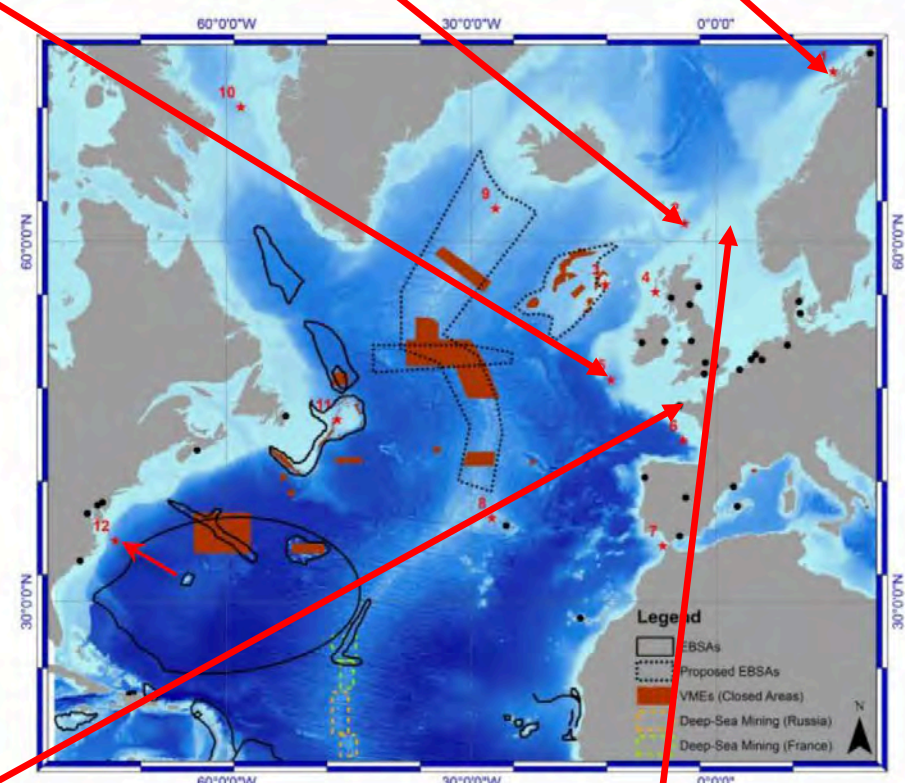
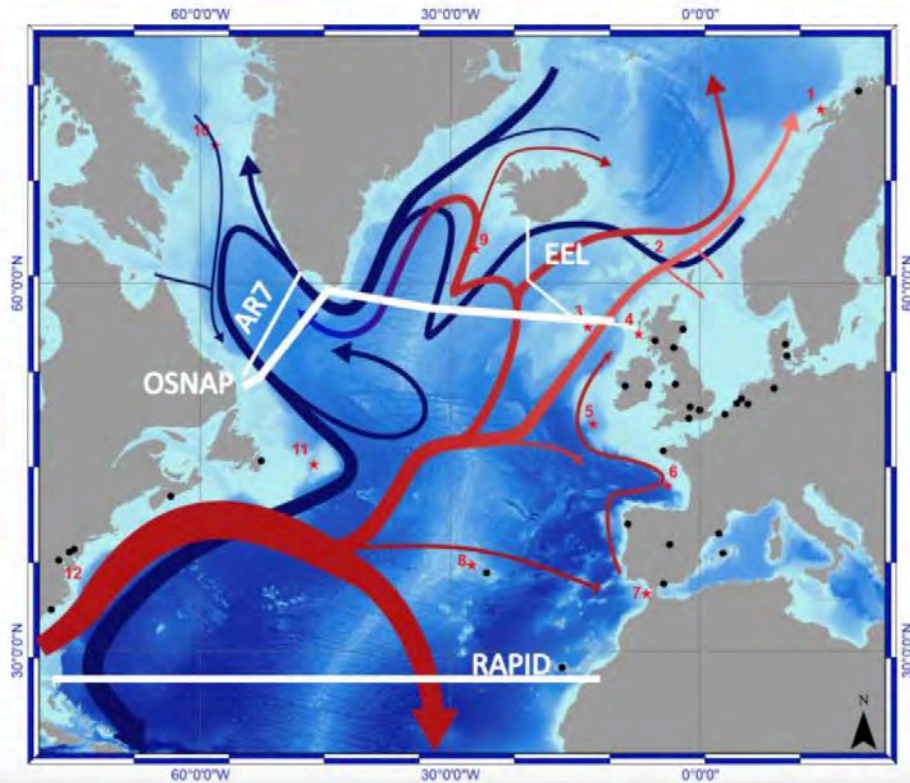
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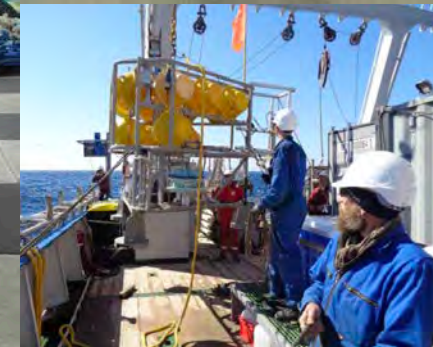
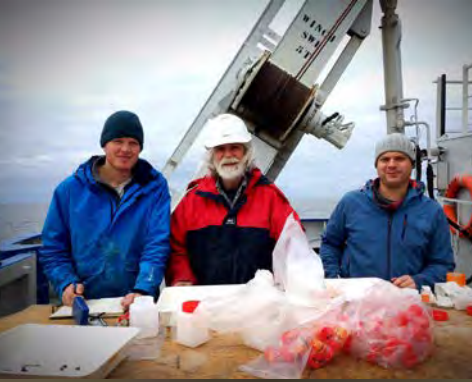
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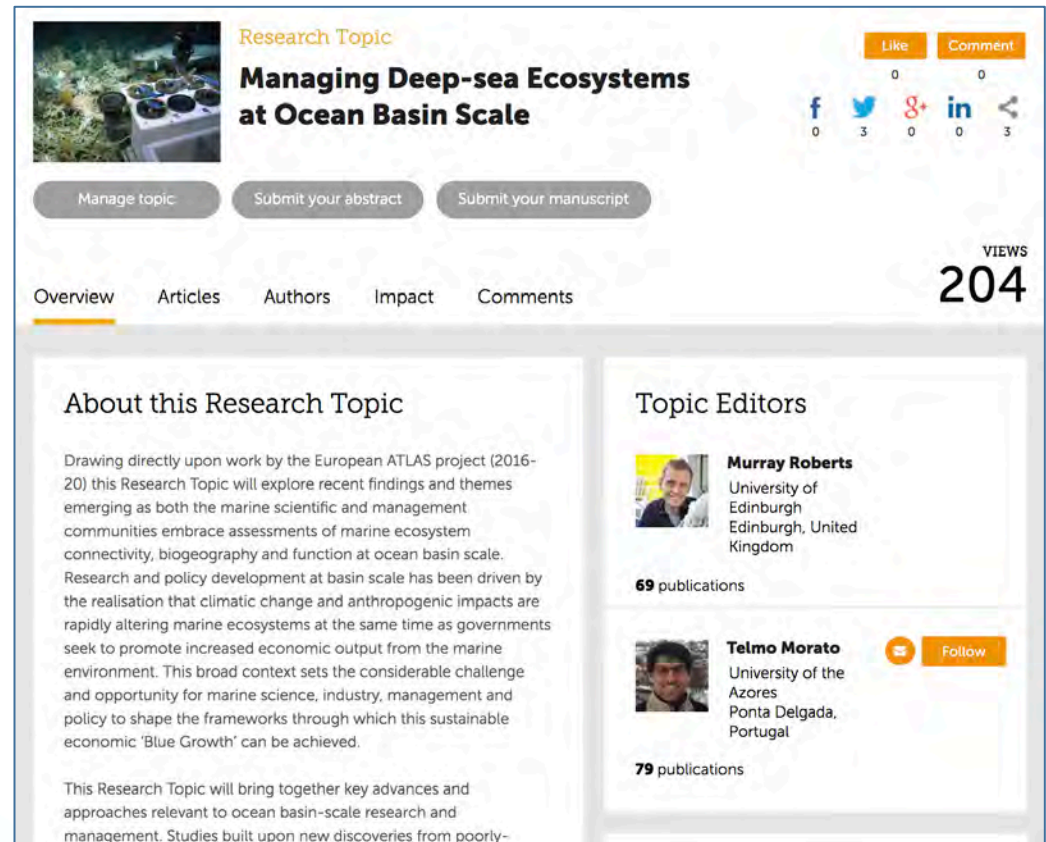




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