

# Sanctuary Ecosystem Update, new findings and next steps.

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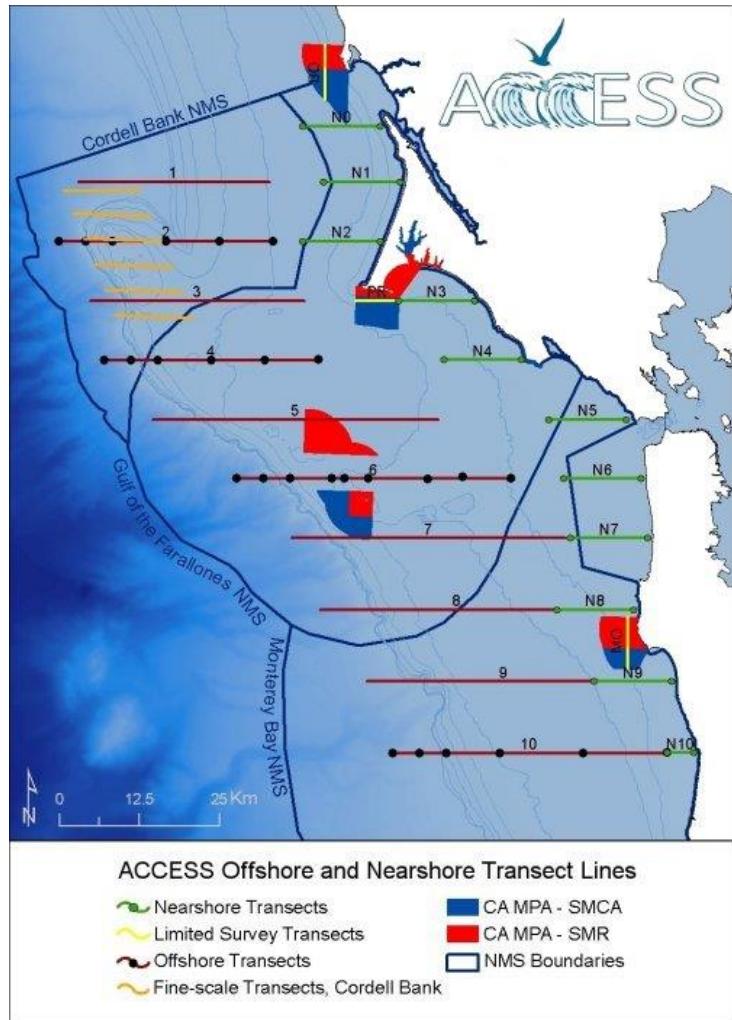


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Partnership that uses ocean research to inform resource managers, policy makers and conservation partners.

- Total 35 cruises completed
- 2004 – ongoing (10 years)



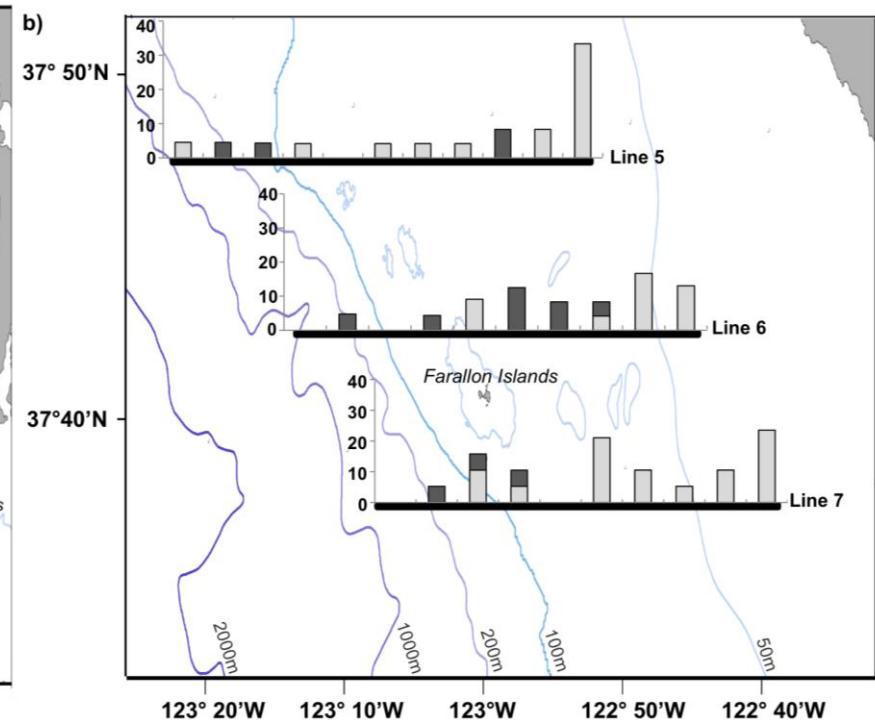
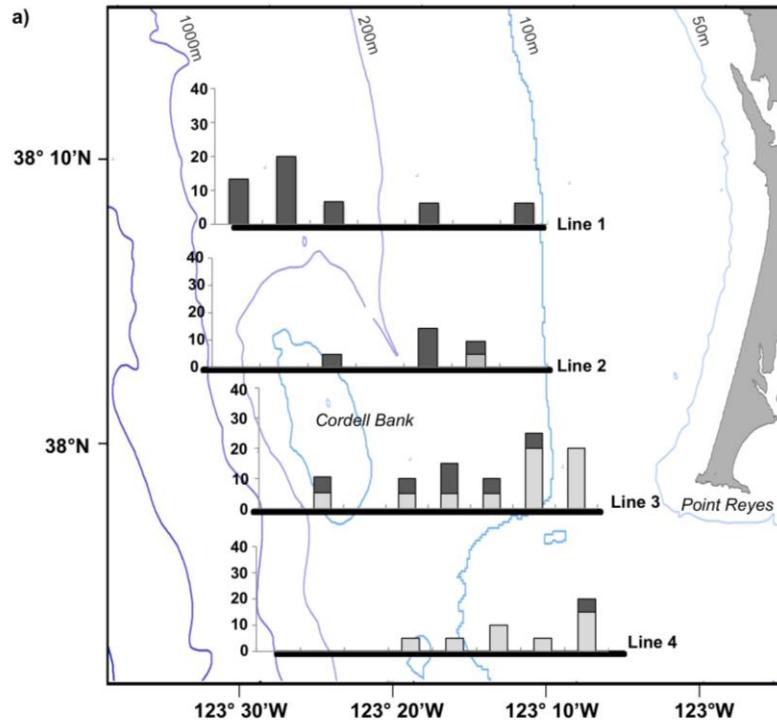
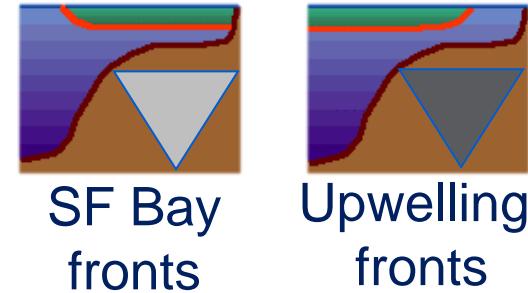
# Outline

- Status report
- Healthy oceans
- Ocean acidification
- Sensitive areas
- Ship strikes
- Socio-economics



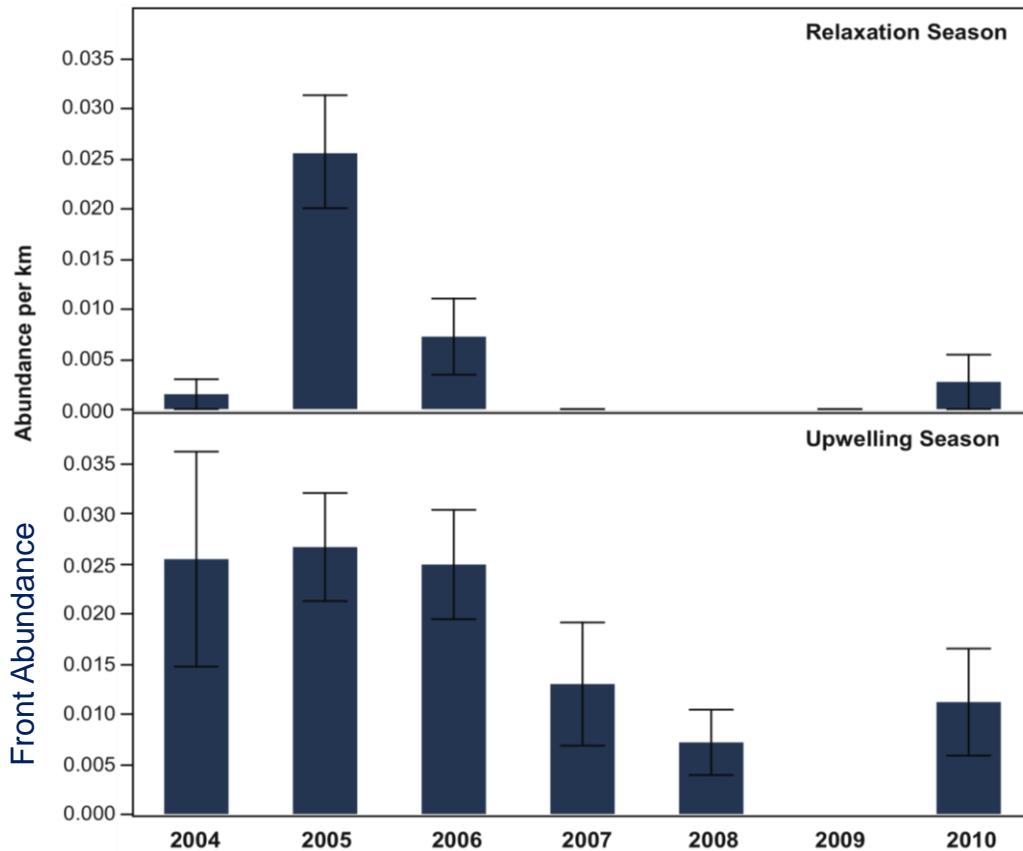
Healthy oceans

# Fronts are common



Healthy oceans

# Fronts don't last long enough



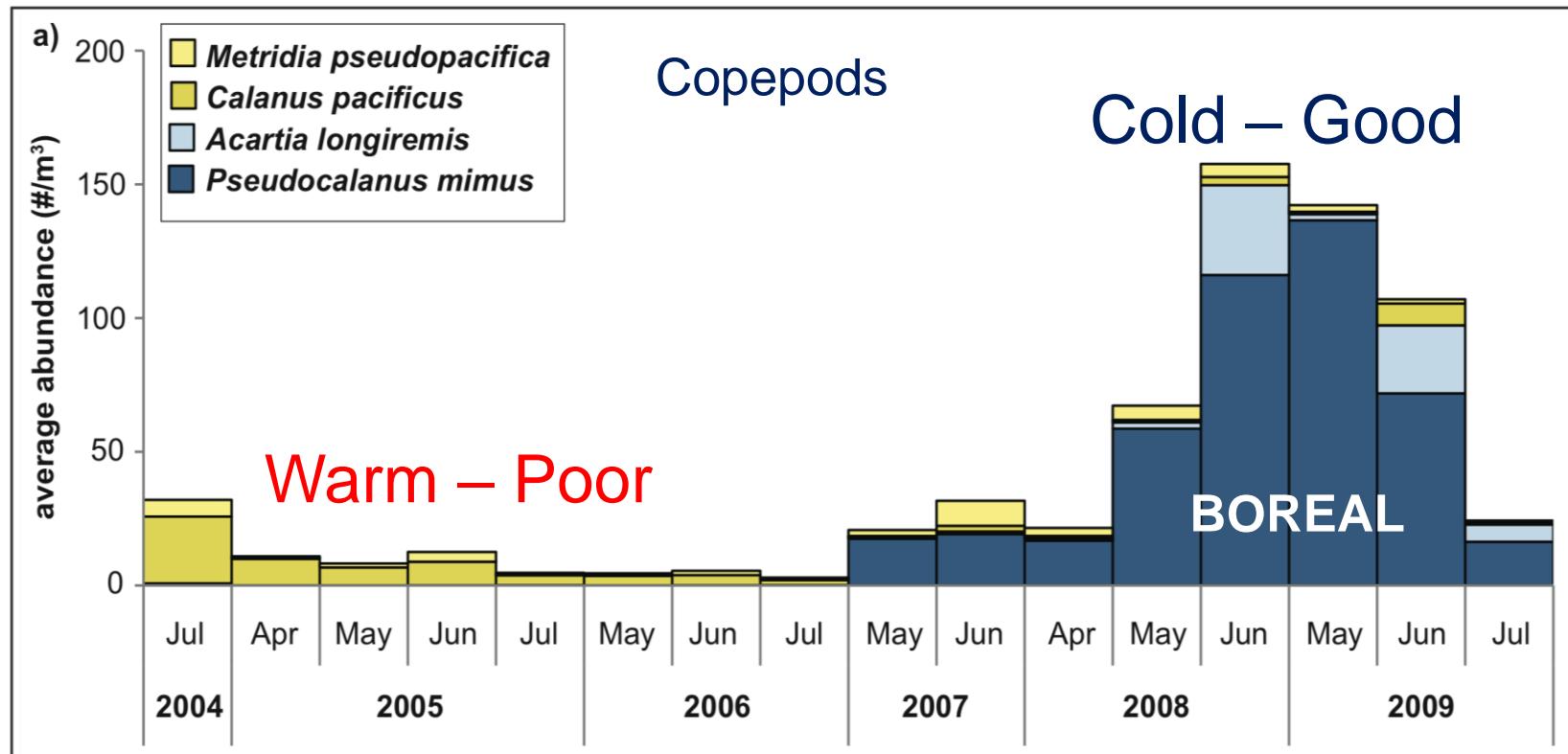
**Relaxation Season**  
(Jul to Oct)

**Upwelling Season**  
(Apr to Jun)



## Healthy oceans

# Strong upwelling brings rich prey



# Zooplankton in a dynamic coastal upwelling region. Rachel Fontana (2014) **Progress in Oceanography?**



## Ocean acidification

## Monitoring ocean acidification

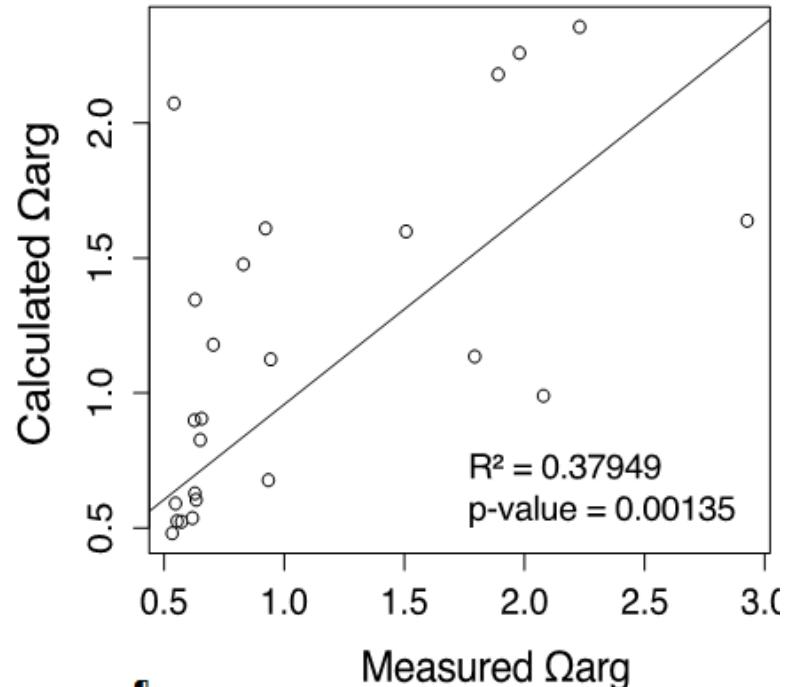
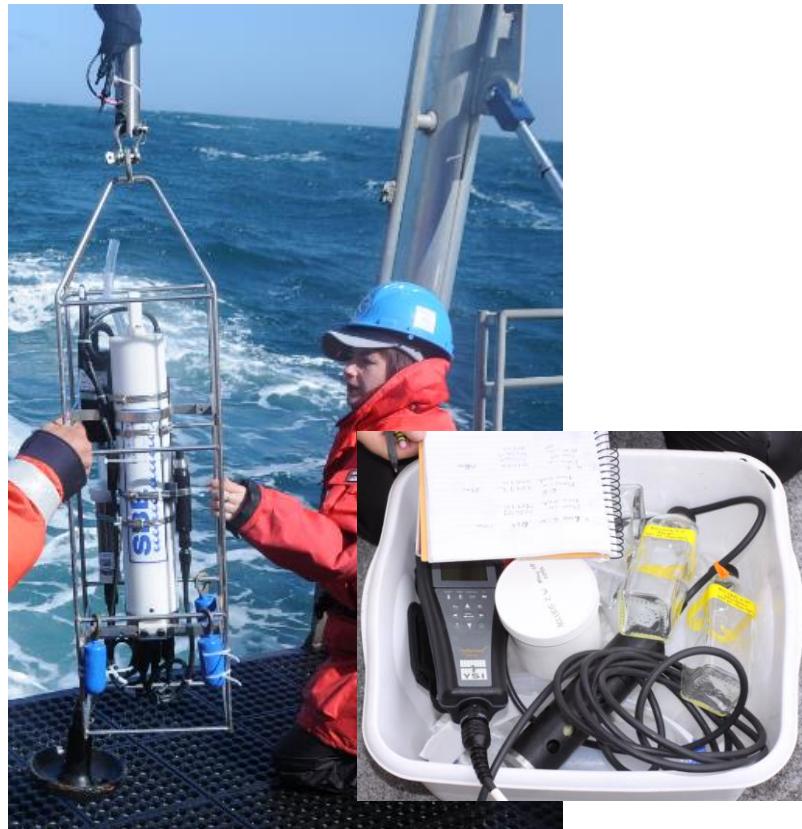
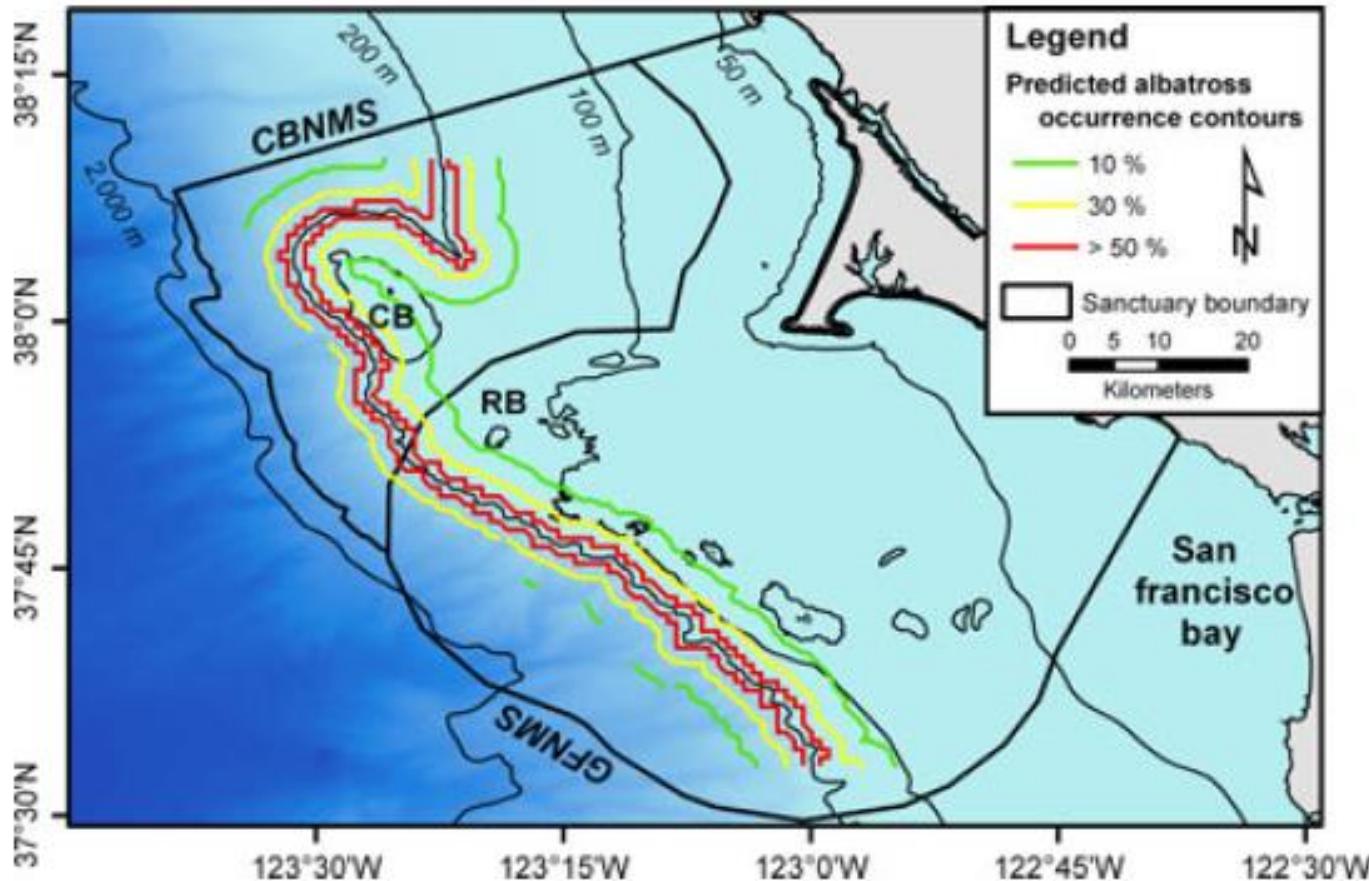


Figure 2. Relationship between measured  $\Omega_{\text{arg}}$  and  $\Omega_{\text{arg}}$  calculated according to the multiple regression model between  $\Omega_{\text{arg}}$ ,  $O_2$  and temperature proposed in Juranek et al. (2009).

## Sensitive areas

## Albatross hotspots



Black-footed albatross habitat use in central California  
Pamela Michael (2013) *Fisheries Oceanography*



## Sensitive areas

# Breeding seabird hotspots



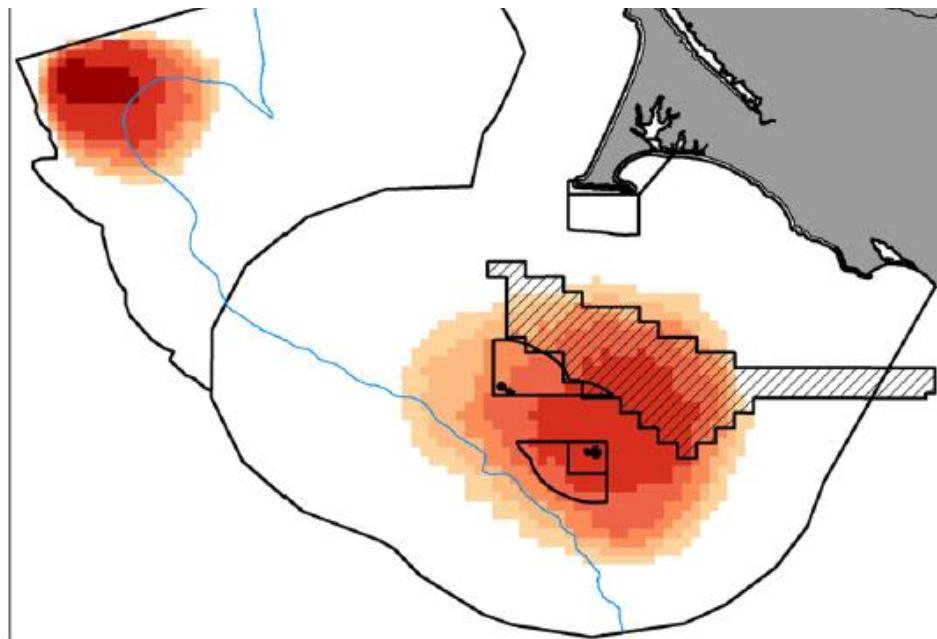
Murre

Auklet

Gull

Auklet

Cormorant

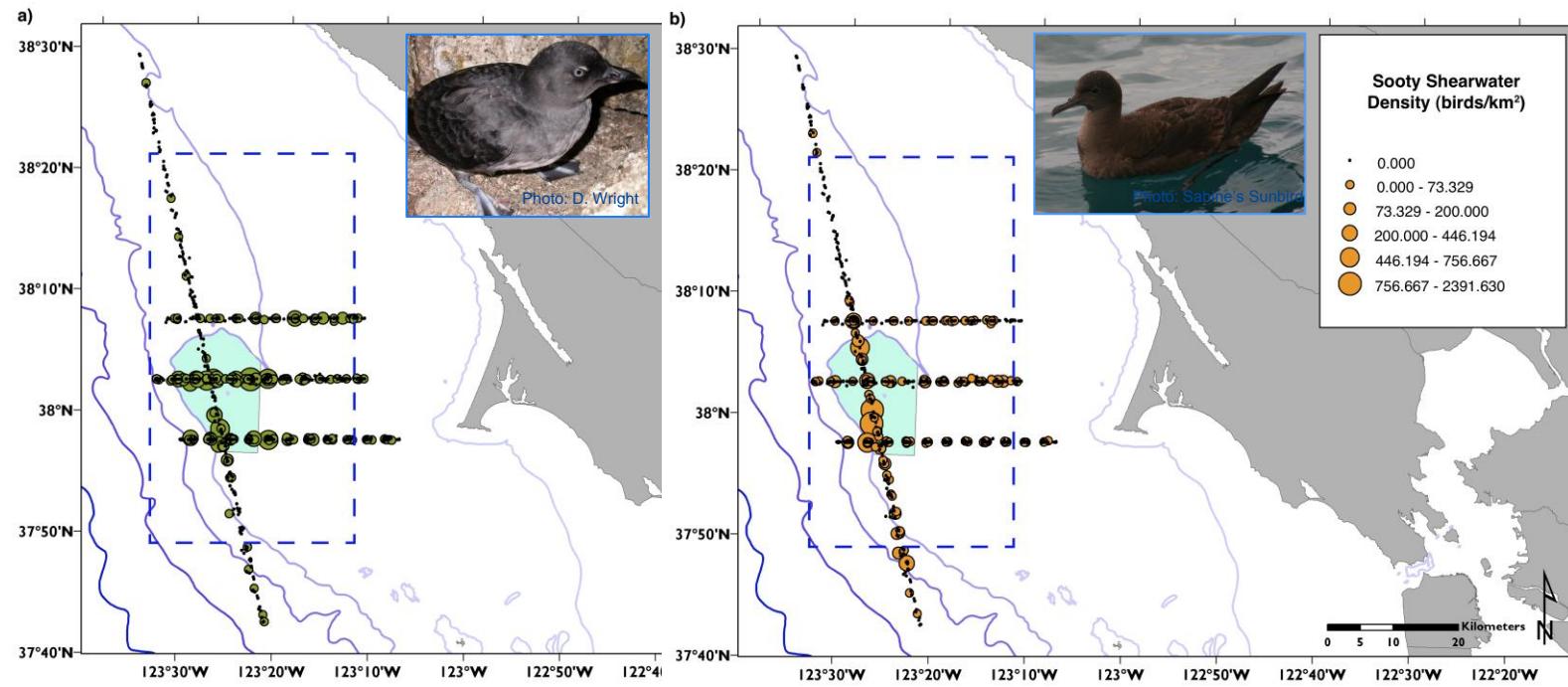


Modeling seabird habitat to inform ocean zoning within Sanctuaries.  
Jen McGowan (2013) **PLoS ONE**



## Sensitive areas

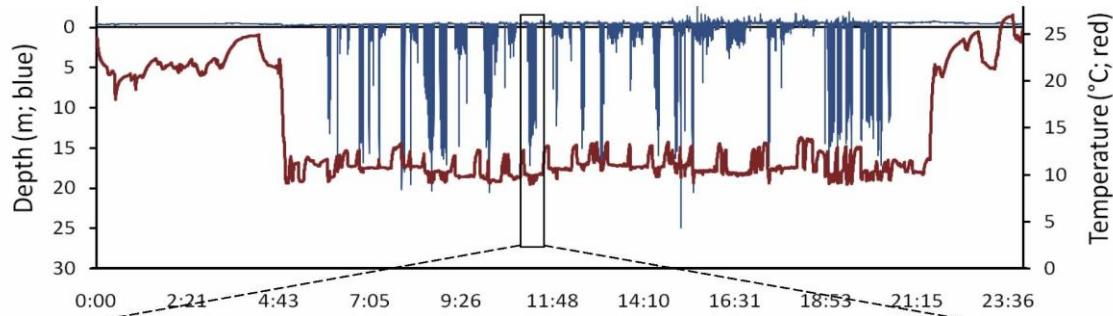
# Oceanography influences seabird foraging habitat



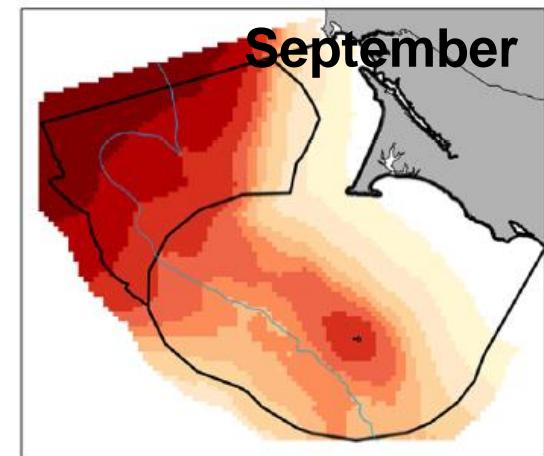
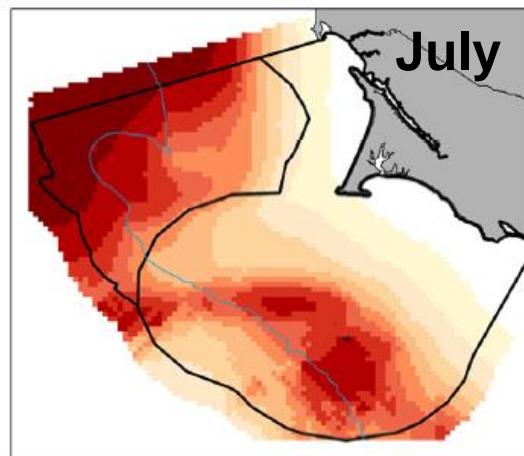
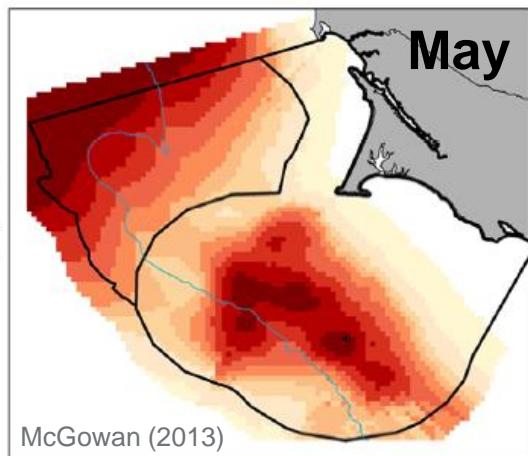
Environmental influences on auklets and shearwaters near Cordell Bank.  
Rachel Fontana (2015?). *Marine Ornithology*.

## Sensitive areas

# Cassin's auklets and krill



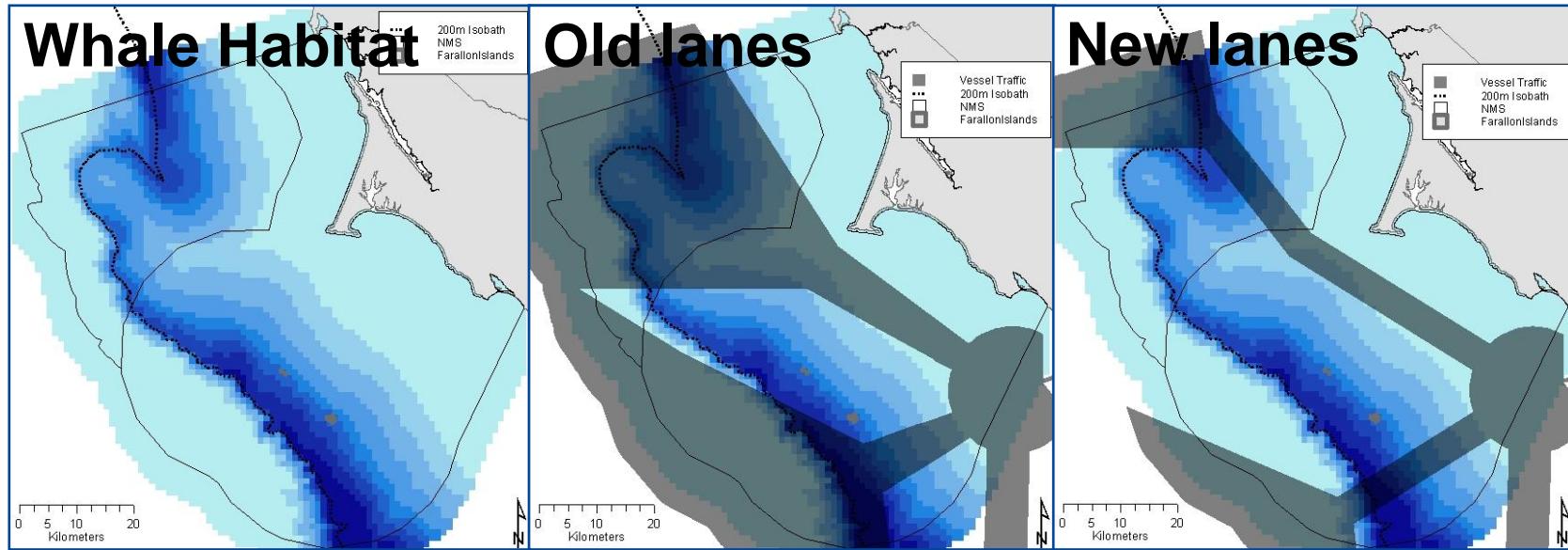
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Foraging ecology of Cassin's auklets in central California Sanctuaries  
Collaborators: Zach Brown and Nina Karnovsky

Sensitive areas & Ship strikes

# Humpback whale hotspots



Ship strikes

# Developing a whale monitoring network

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## PROTECT

Protect whales by increasing awareness about existing threats and actions we can take to help.

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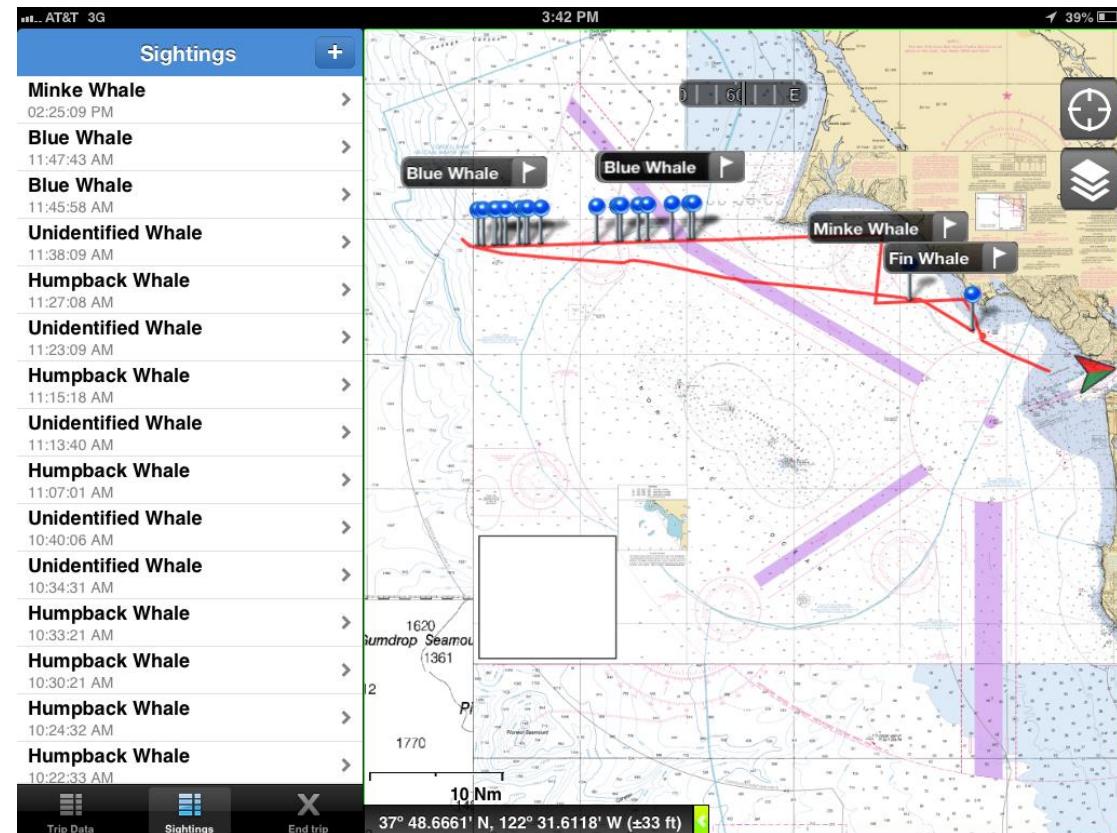
## Ship strikes

# Spotter Pro for data collection

iPhone



iPad



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# Summary

- Status report 2013 – using selected indicators
- Monitored the health of the ocean and hypoxia
- Monitored ocean acidification and biological impacts
- Contributed to ocean zoning, spill prevention and response by identifying sensitive areas
- Monitored whales and will help reduce ship strikes
- Will help assess the value of sanctuaries for wildlife and the community.



# Thank you!

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WHAT APP IS BEING DEVELOPED  
TO HELP PREVENT SHIPS FROM  
COLLIDING WITH OCEAN LIFE?

A DOLPHIN SPOTTER  
B REEF SPOTTER  
C SHARK SPOTTER  
D WHALE SPOTTER

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