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UNDERSTANDING DEEP ATLANTIC ECOSYSTEMS



## Influence of water masses on the biodiversity and biogeography of deep-sea benthic ecosystems in the North Atlantic at different spatial scales

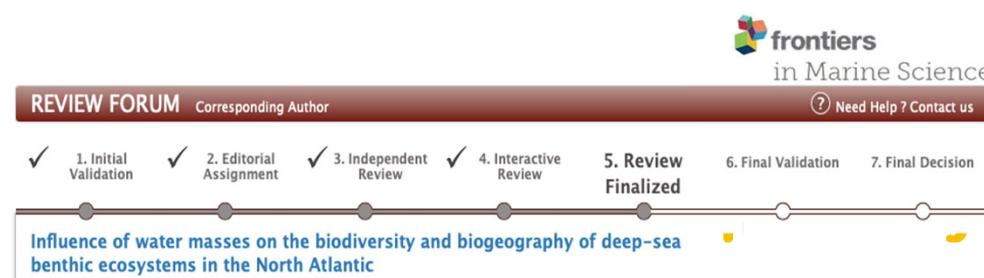
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# REVIEW effects of water masses on biodiversity and biogeography

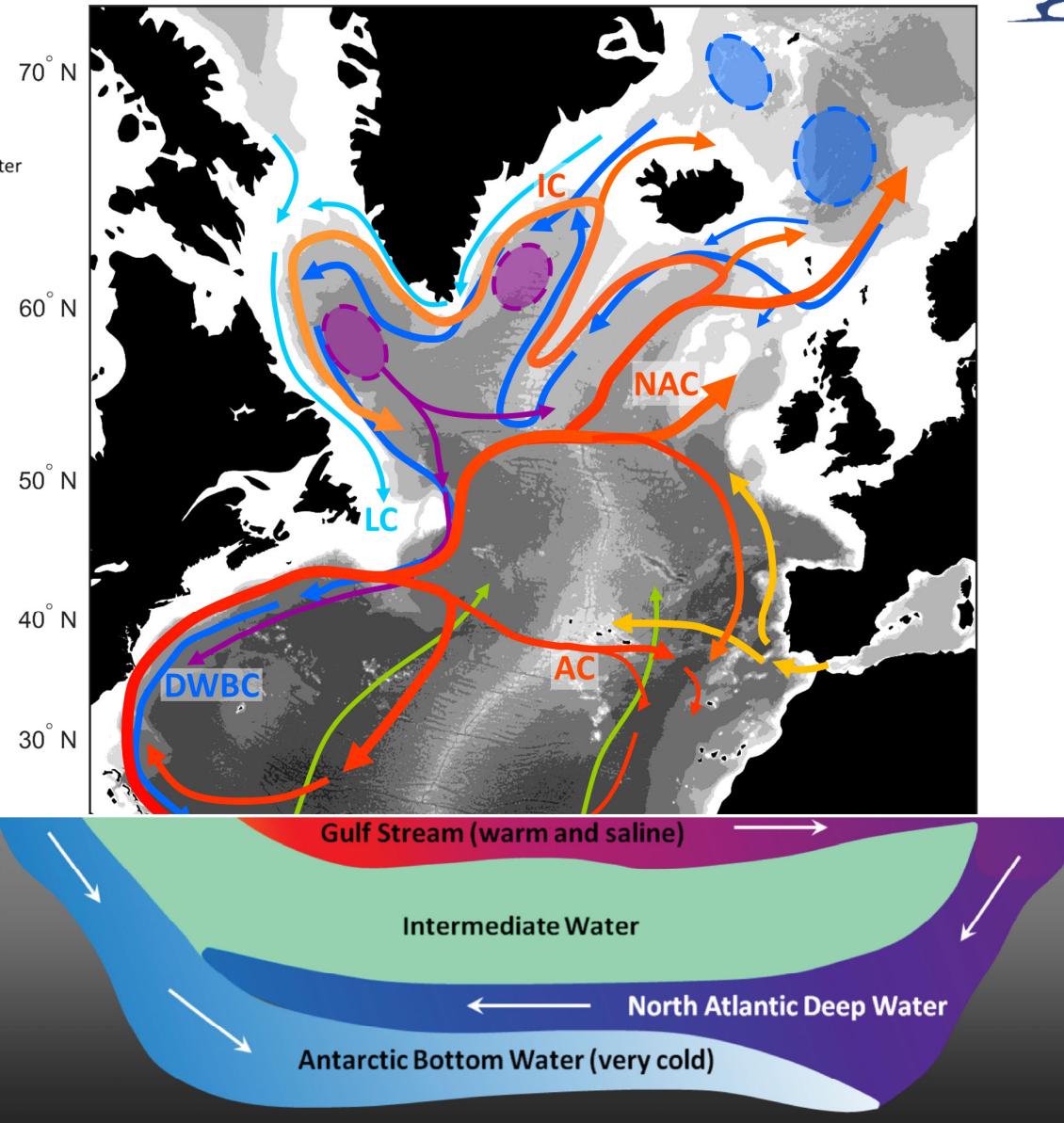


**NEW SPECIES to science discovered !!!**

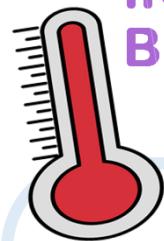
# NORTH ATLANTIC CIRCULATION



- Atlantic waters
- Mediterranean Outflow Water
- overflow waters
- deep \ intermediate water formation area
  
- Arctic waters
- Labrador Sea Water
- Antarctic waters



# CHARACTERISTICS OF WATER MASSES INFLUENCING BIODIVERSITY AND BIOGEOGRAPHY



## Temperature

- Distribution
- Metabolic rates
- Reproduction – connectivity
- Mortality

**MAGNITUDE  
EXPOSURE**

## Hydrodynamics



- Distribution
- Morphology / structure
- Abundance / feeding

**FOOD SUPPLY**

## Organic matter



- Distribution
- Biodiversity
- Abundance



## Salinity

- Distribution
- Biodiversity (MOW)
- Wide tolerance

**SCARCELY  
EXPLORED**

## Carbonate chemistry



- Depth distribution (ASH)
- Dissolution shells/skeletons
- Energy cost
- Long-term acclimation

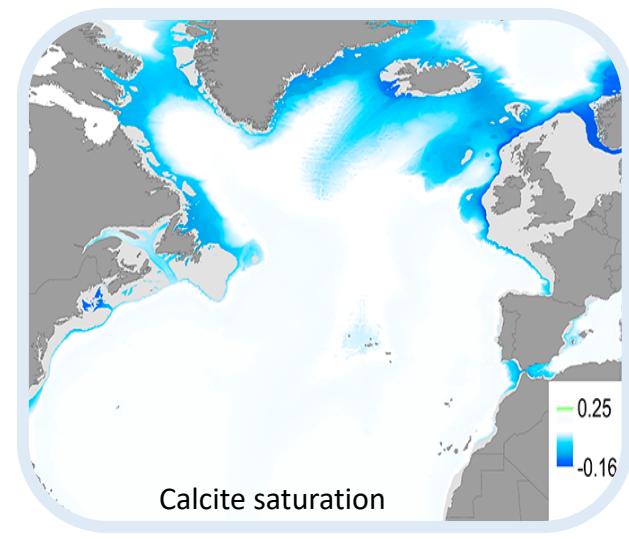
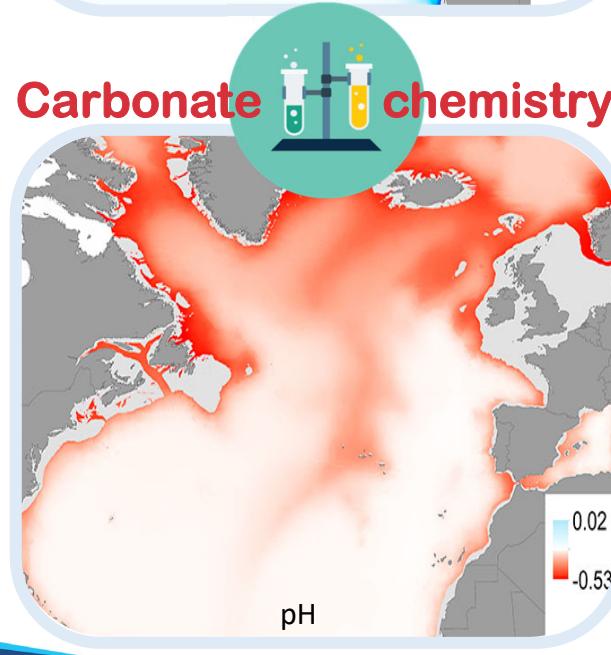
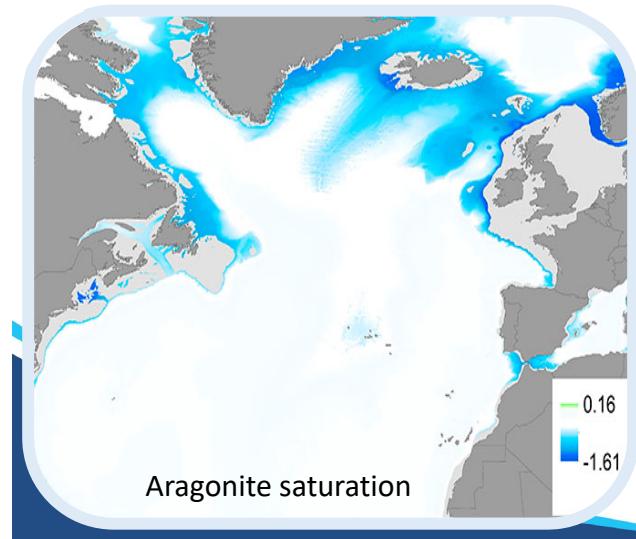
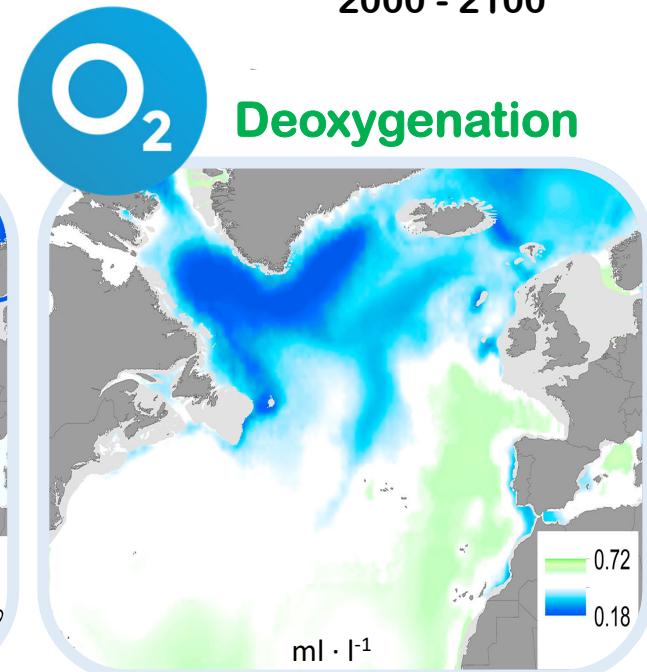
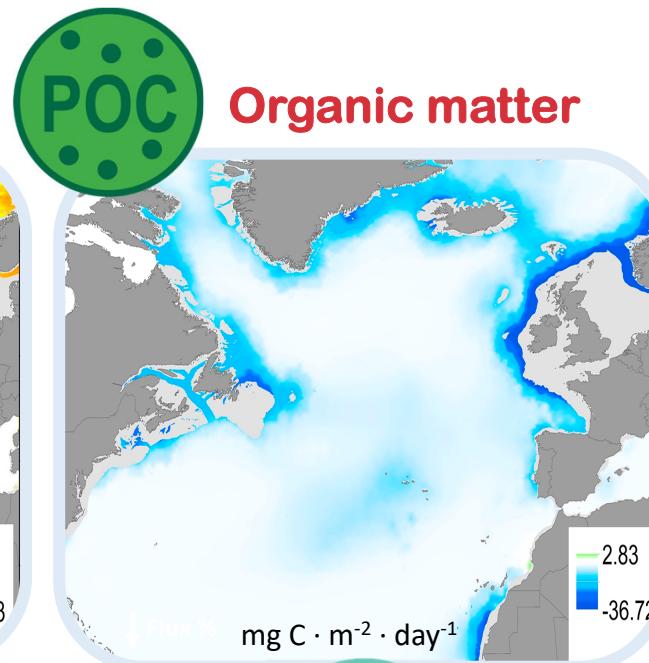
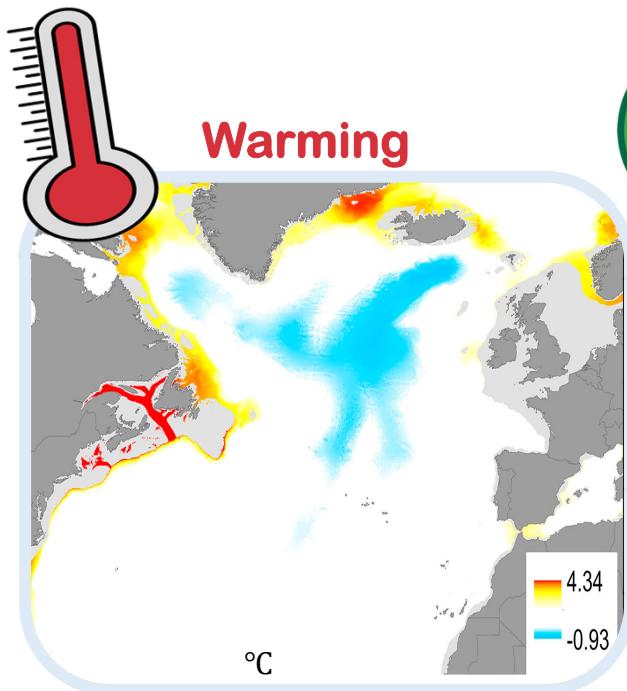


## Oxygen

- Limiting below threshold
- Oxygen Minimum Zones
- Species richness
- Disrupted distribution
- Disrupted connectivity

# FUTURE CLIMATE CHANGE SCENARIOS

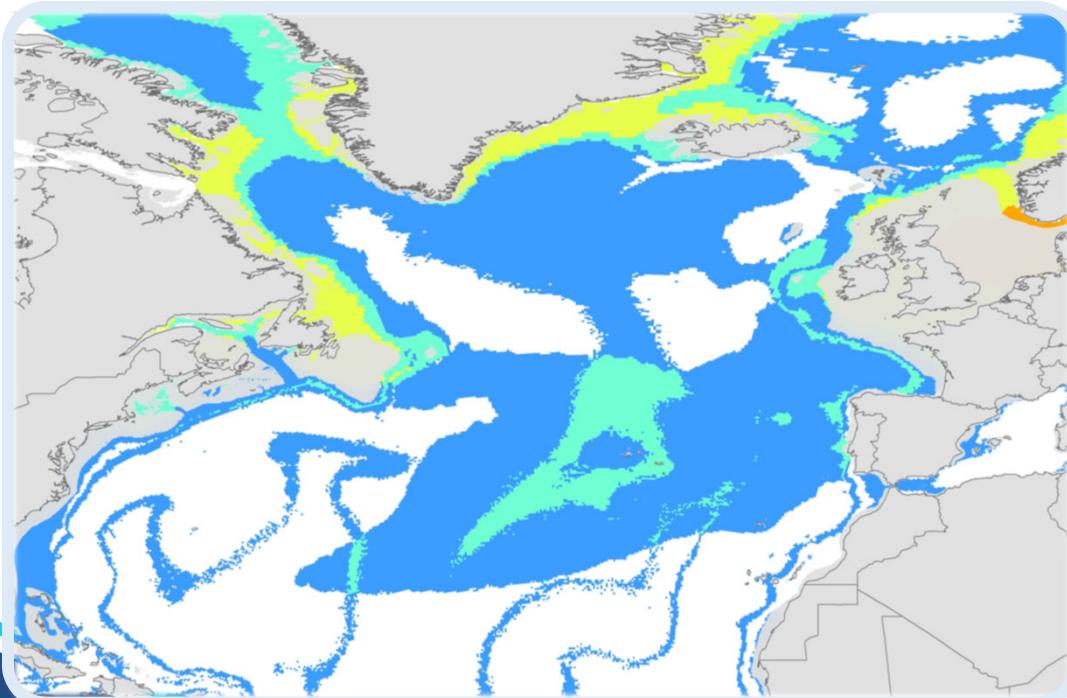
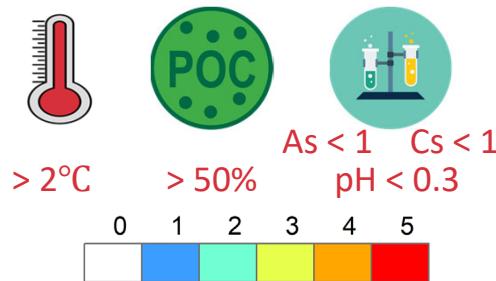
Changes  
2000 - 2100



# FUTURE IMPACTS ON BIODIVERSITY



Cumulative  
critical  
changes



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## IMPACTS

HIGH ENERGETIC COST

MORTALITY

DIMINISH REPRODUCTION

LOSS OF SUITABLE HABITAT

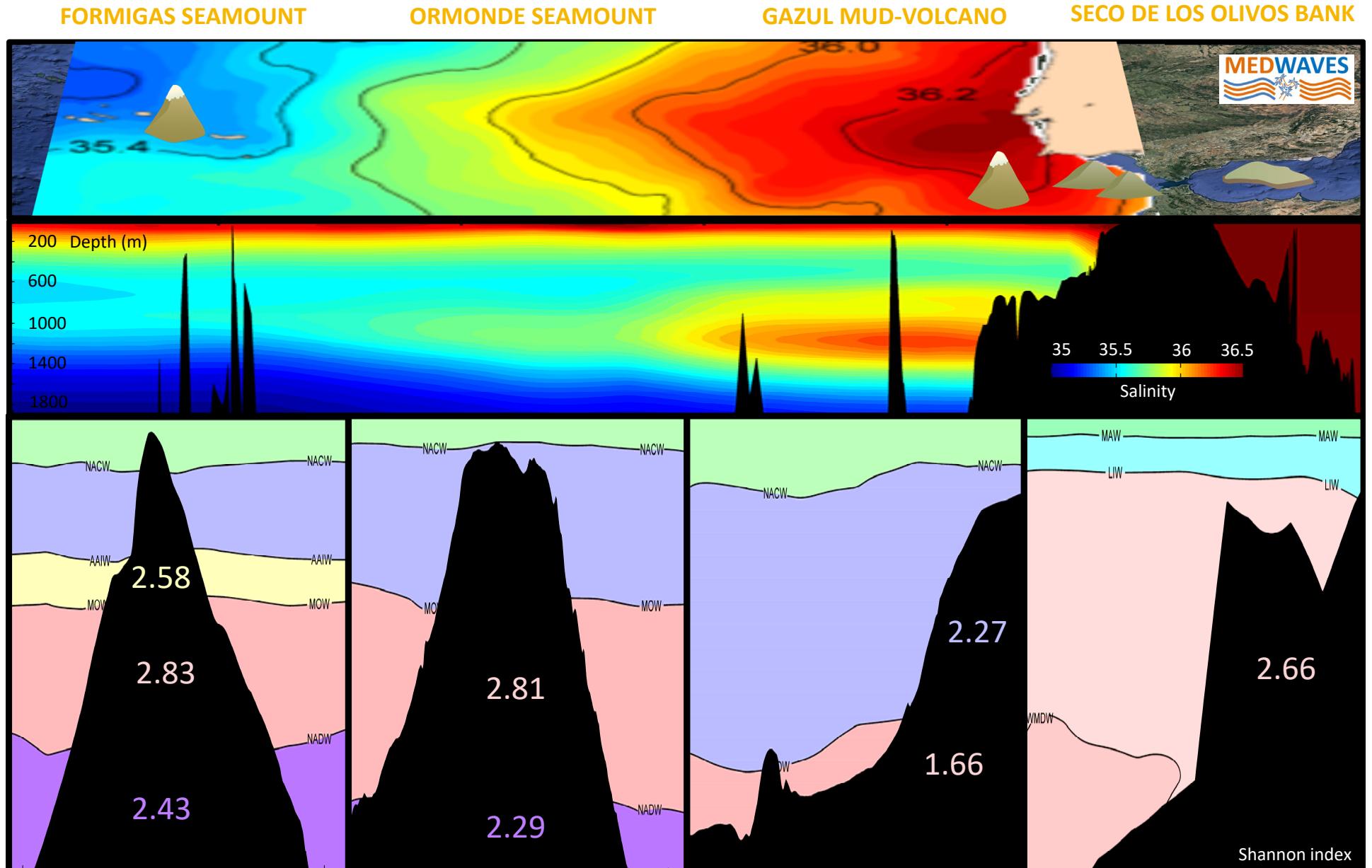
LOSS OF BIODIVERSITY

CONNECTIVITY

LOSS OF BIOMASS

ECOSYSTEM FUNCTIONING

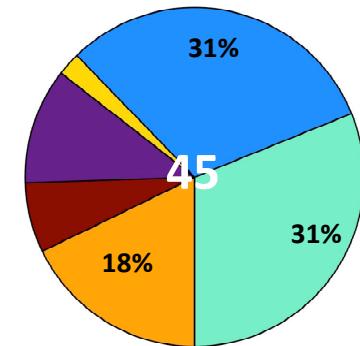
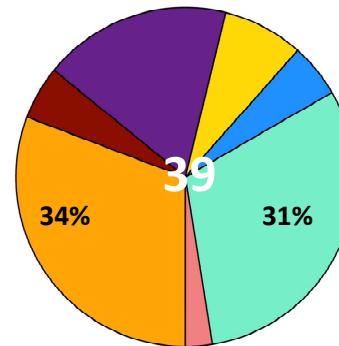
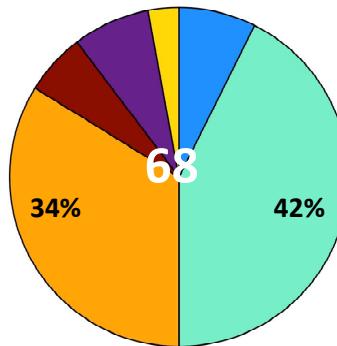
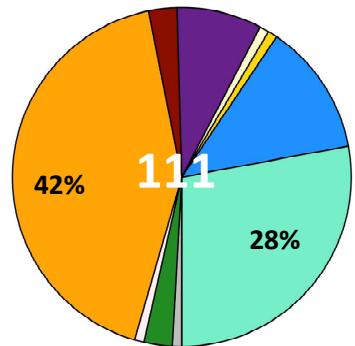
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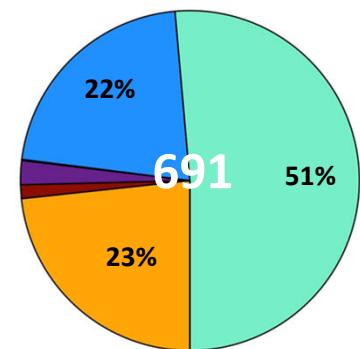
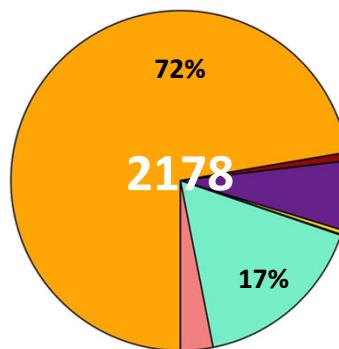
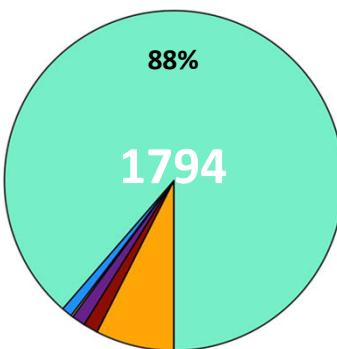
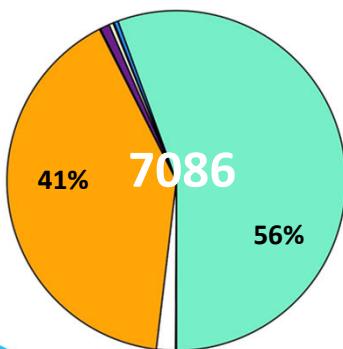
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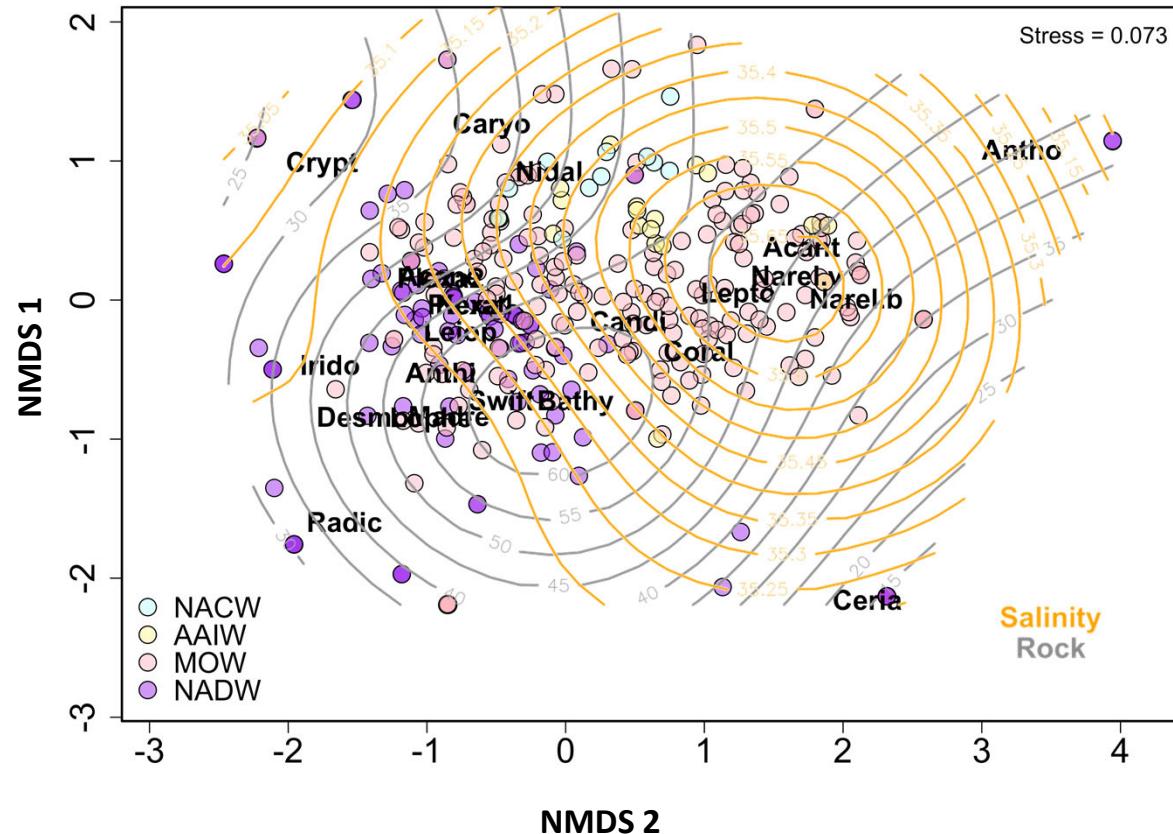
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TOTAL ABUNDANCE



# COMMUNITY STRUCTURE



*Lophelia pertusa*  
*Madrepora oculata*  
*Desmophyllum dianthus*  
*Leptopsammia formosa*  
*Enallopsammia rostrata*  
*Caryophyllia sp*

*Acanella arbuscula*  
*Candidella imbricata*  
*Acanthogorgia armata*  
*Keratoisis spp*  
*Swiftia sp*  
*Corallium tricolor*  
*Iridogorgia pourtalesii*  
*Narella bellissima*  
*Narella versluysi*  
*Placogorgia terceira*  
*Nidaliidae*  
*Plexauridae sp1*  
*Plexauridae sp2*  
*Radicipes gracilis*

SCLERACTINIA

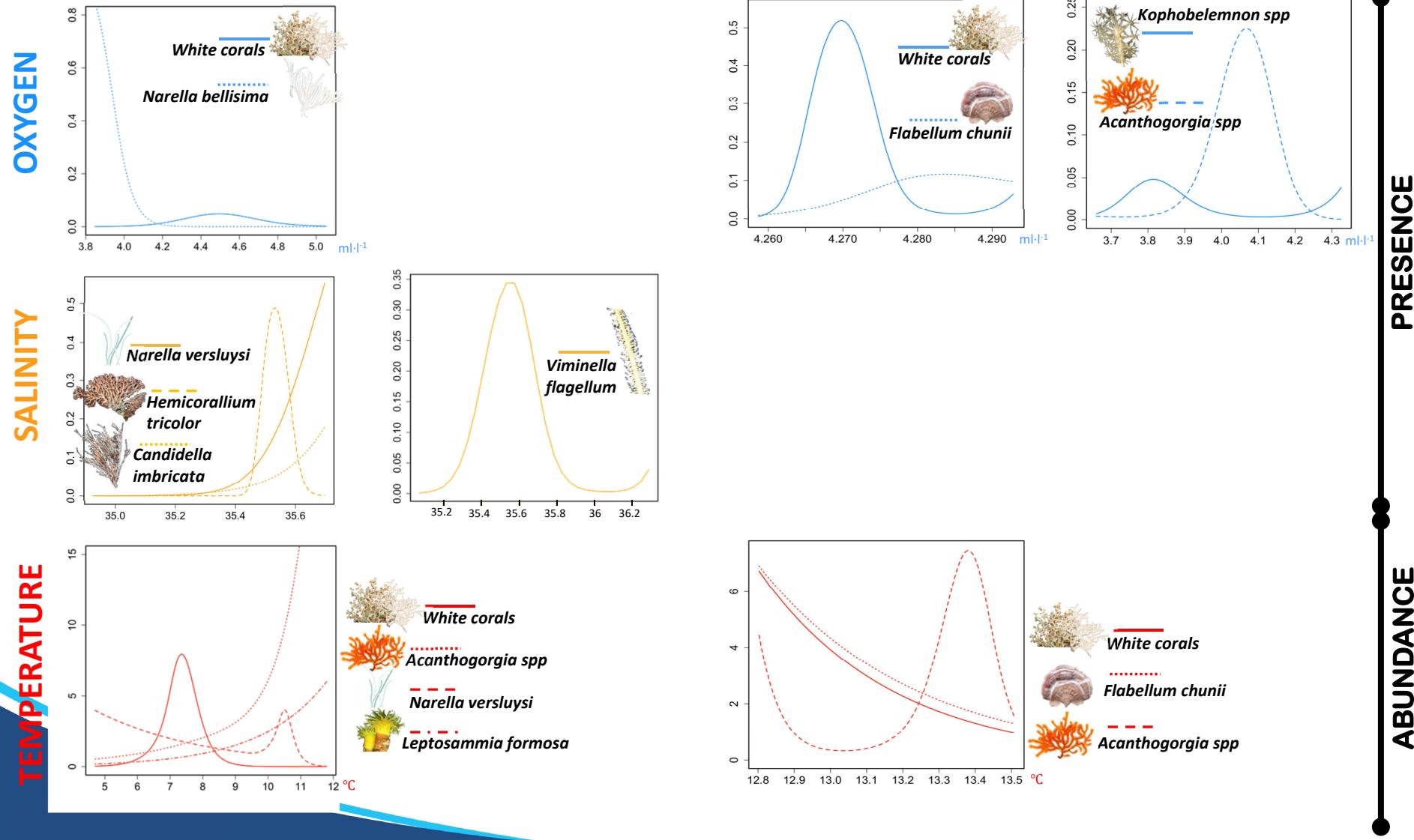
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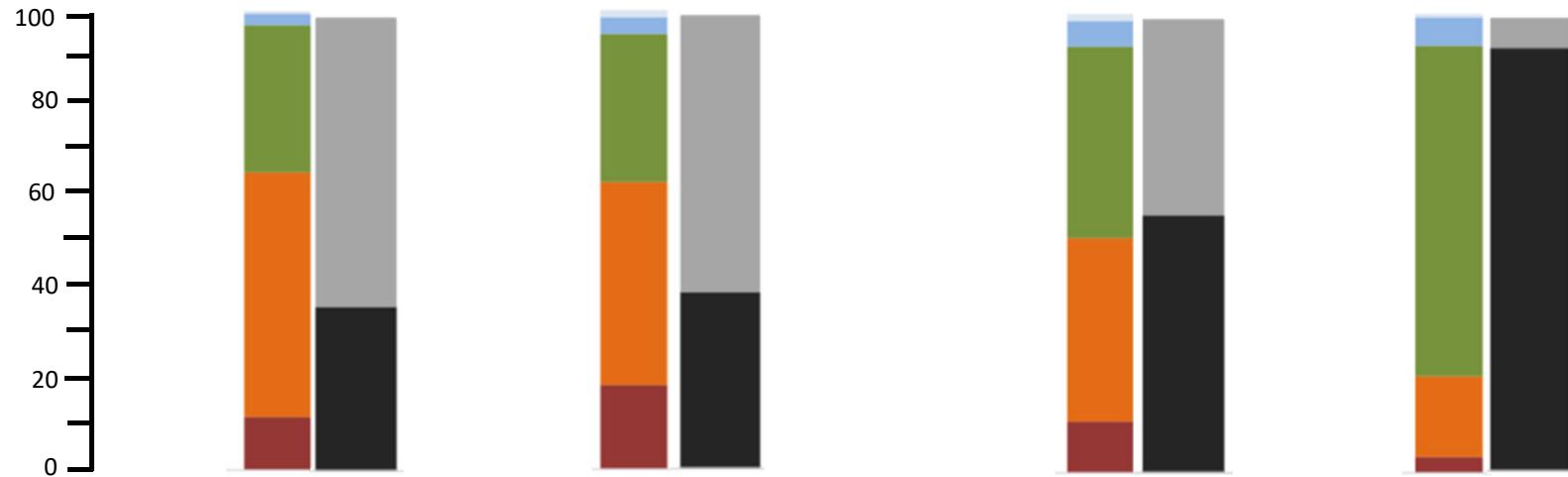
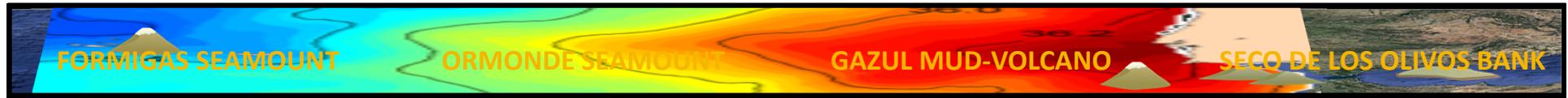


*Anthipathes dichotoma*  
*Bathyphathes patula*  
*Leiopathes glaberrima*

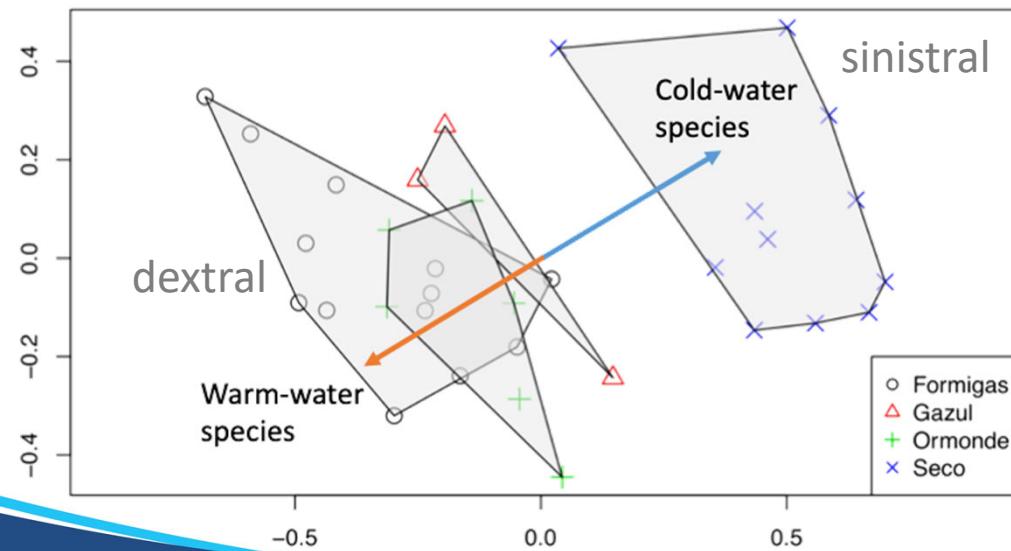
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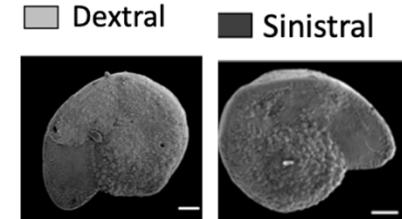
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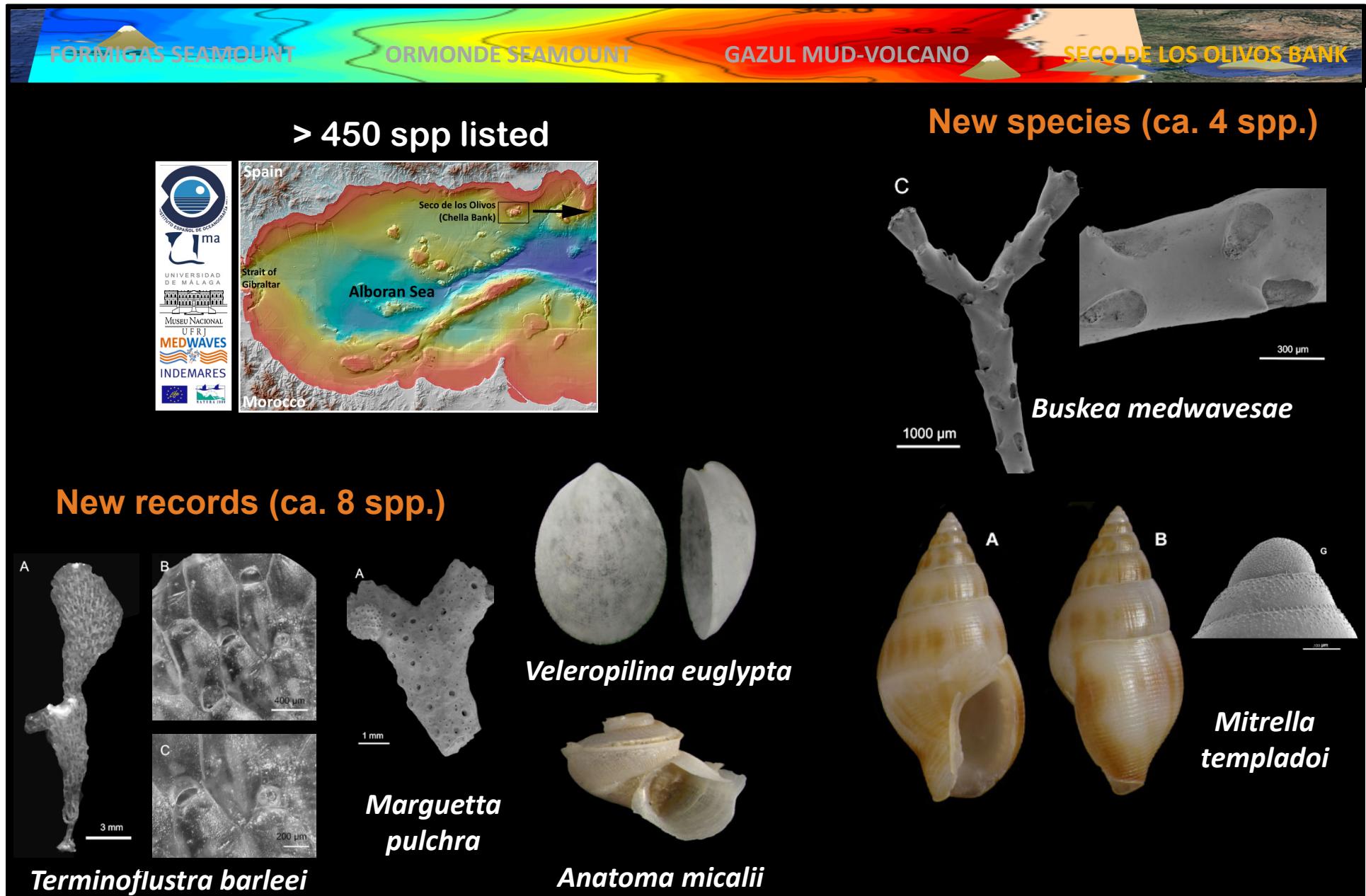
TROPICAL  
SUBTROPICAL  
TRANSITIONAL  
SUBPOLAR  
POLAR



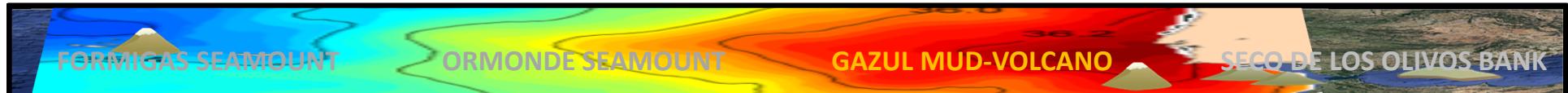
***Globotoralia truncatulinoides***



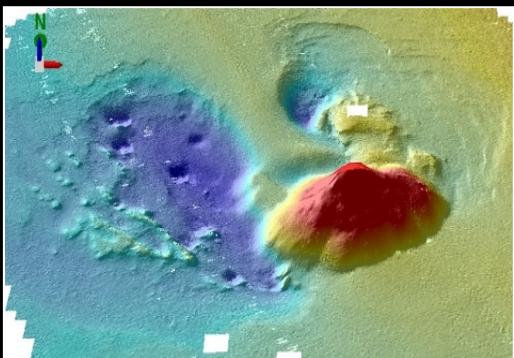
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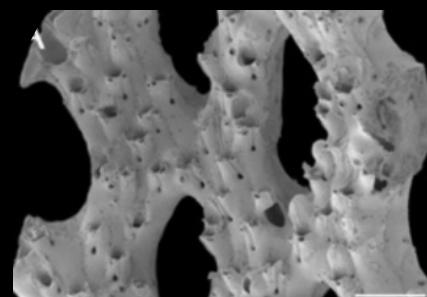
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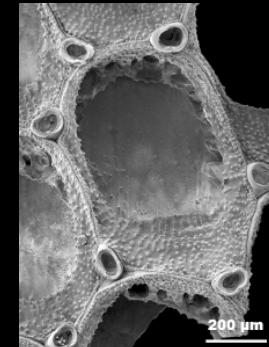
> 500 spp listed



New species (ca. 7 spp.)



*Reteporella victori*



*Antropora gemaritae*

New records (ca. 10 spp.)



*Hacelia superba*



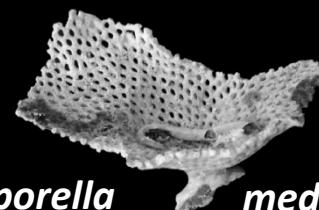
*Dentimargo  
aurata*



*Draculomya  
porobranchiata*



*Zenion hololepis*



*Reteporella  
mediterranea*

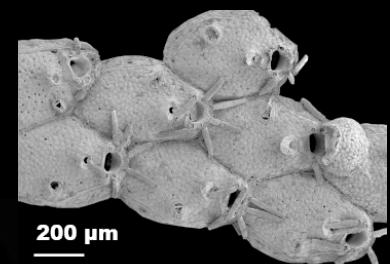


*Ophiothrix sp. nov?*



*Cuspidaria atlantica*

*Microporella funbioae*



*Onoba goyoi*



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