



# atlas

UNDERSTANDING DEEP ATLANTIC ECOSYSTEMS



## Progress towards a revised GOODS tool

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# Global Open Ocean and Deep Seabed (GOODS) Biogeographic Classification

ensures biogeographic units are globally well-represented in protected areas

UNESCO, 2009

temp, sal, O<sub>2</sub>, detritus, PP,  
SST, sediment thickness,  
bathymetry, plates,  
seamounts, vents, reefs

Watling et al.,  
2013

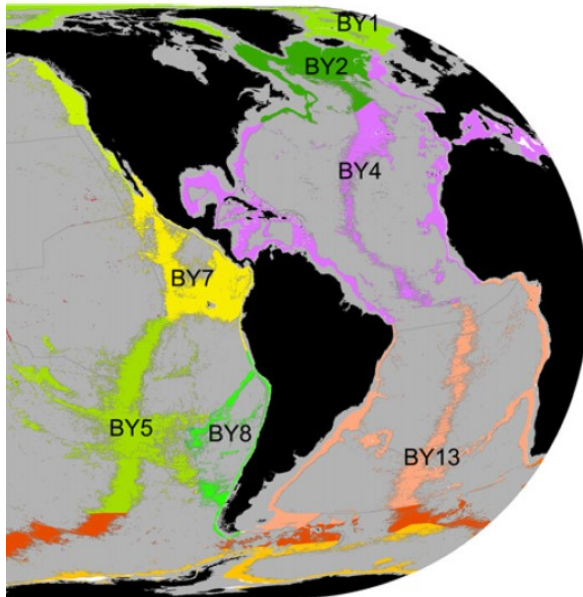
+ high-res hydrography &  
POC flux

ATLAS

+ VIKING20 outputs  
(MLD, water mass &  
larval trajectories,  
SDMs), others

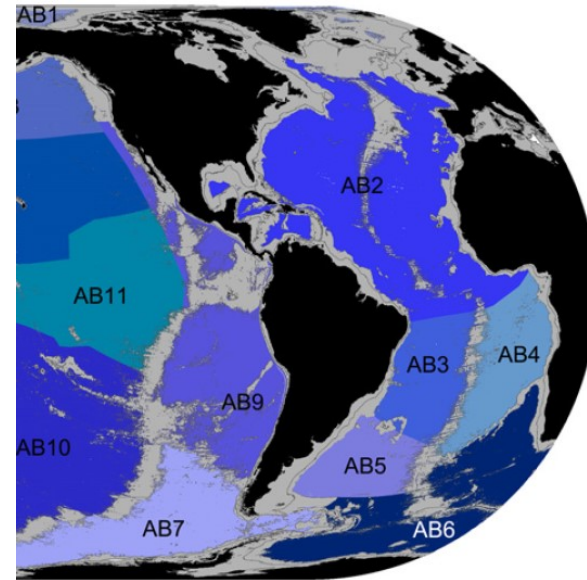
- Focus on areas beyond EEZs in waters >800m
- All approaches cover pelagic & benthic, and combine physiognomic & taxonomic data to some extent

## Starting point for North Atlantic: Watling et al., 2013



### Lower bathyal (801-3500m)

- BY1 Arctic
- BY2 Northern Atlantic Boreal
- BY4 North Atlantic  
(included MAR hydrothermal vents)



### Abyssal (3501-6500m)

- AB2 North Atlantic

\*Also 2 hadal provinces (Puerto Rico Trench & Romanche Fracture Zone)

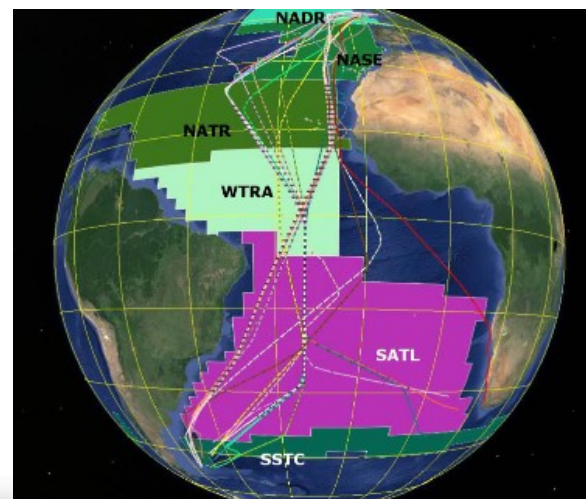
## Progress towards M30 – revised GOODS tool

- Review of environmental datasets used in UNESCO (2009) and Watling et al. (2013) searching for latest higher resolution data
- Scan for new data –



**1.** Esri's Ecological Marine Units (EMUs) based on 50yrs depth-resolved NOAA World Oceans Atlas data (temp, sal, DO, nitrate, phosphate, silicate)

**2.** From Smyth et al. (2017) 25 yrs *in situ* data from Atlantic Meridional Transect (AMT) and modelled satellite data







## Next steps (M12-24) before 3<sup>rd</sup> ATLAS ASM

- Review of environmental datasets used in UNESCO (2009) and Watling et al. (2013) searching for latest higher resolution data
- Scan for new data including outputs from ATLAS WP1 & WP2
- **Construct biogeographies for selected VME indicator taxa and fish (point data and species distribution models) and clip to GOODS domain (ABNJ, >800m)**
  - ✓ WP3 Data compilation and modelling
  - ✓ Calibrate with WP1 & WP4 trajectories and genetics
- Beyond M24 - Project GOODS into the future: SDMs with IPCC scenarios

**gracias/thank you**