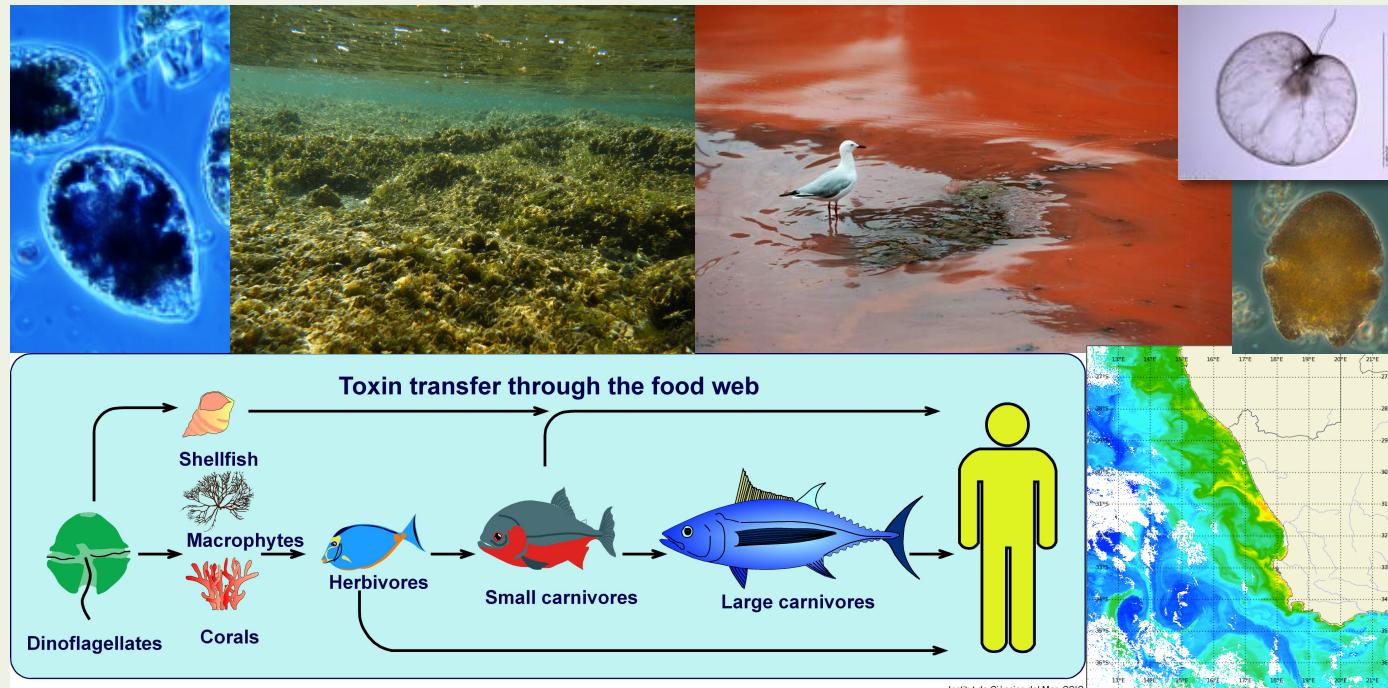


Multidisciplinary and coordinating initiatives to prevent and mitigate the impacts of Harmful Algal Blooms

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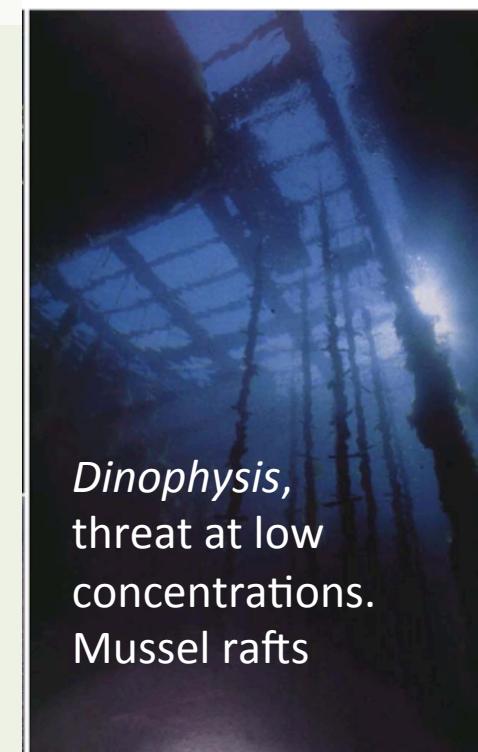
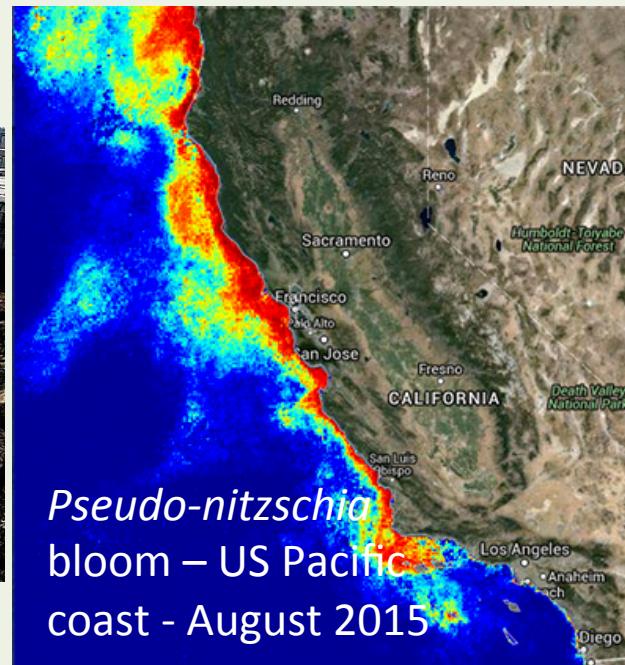


**Multidisciplinary and coordinating initiatives
to prevent and mitigate the impacts of
Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)**

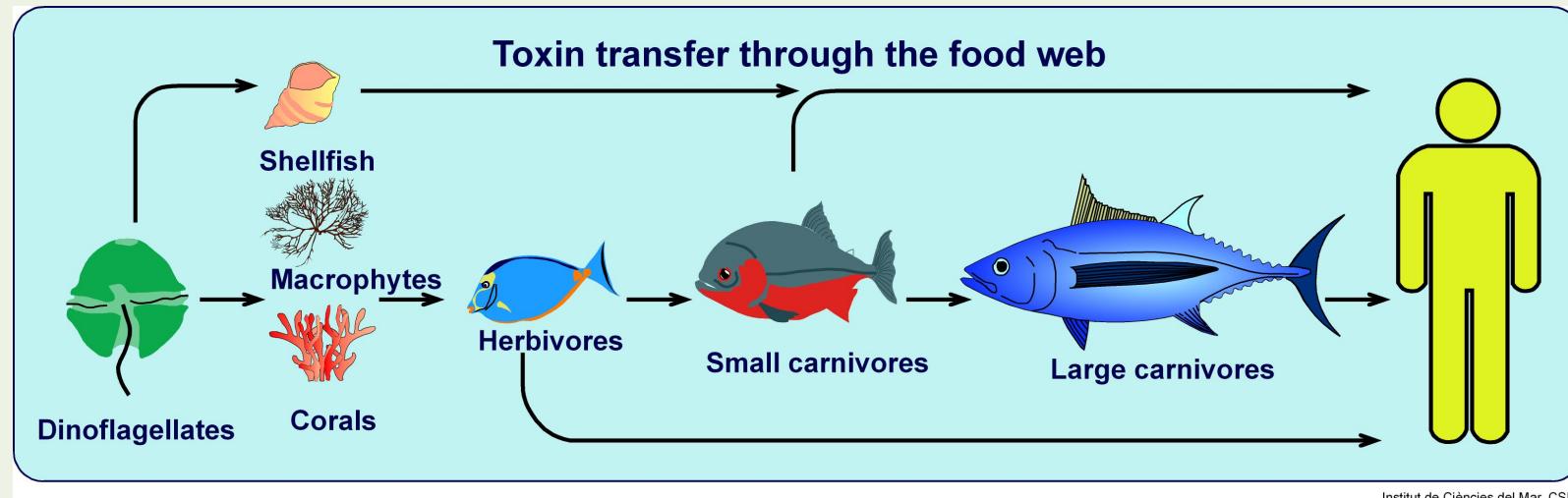
- 1. Why to prevent and mitigate impacts of HABs?**
- 2. How? Multidisciplinary initiatives.**
- 3. Example 1. *Ostreopsis* blooms: Local and Regional scale – Mediterranean**
- 4. Example 2. *Karenia brevis* blooms: Regional Case 1 – US**
- 5. International Coordination: GEOHAB & GlobalHAB**

Definition of HABs

- **HAB definition:** Discrete event associated with a “bloom” (proliferation) of microalgae, cyanobacteria or macroalgae **that is perceived by humans as harmful to their health or ecosystem services.**
- ‘Bloom’: **an increase in abundance relative to a normal background level** that may be low or high, depending on the organism.
- HABs are **present in nearly all aquatic environments** as naturally occurring phenomena.



Some microalgae produce toxic substances to humans and aquatic organisms



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Dinophysis,
Diarrheic Shellfish Poisoning,
Closure of shellfish harvesting



Gambierdiscus,
Ciguatera fish poisoning
Endemic in the tropics
Incidence 1:4 people
\$20 M loss p.a.



HABs events have different impacts on human health and wellbeing

The diagram illustrates the following impacts of HABs:

- Aerosols and contact may cause respiratory problems.** (Image: A person's arm with red, itchy rash.)
- Algae may accumulate causing visual discolouration and may result in hypoxia or declines in submerged aquatic vegetation.** (Image: Underwater view of dense green algae covering the seabed.)
- Foams may form on the surface.** (Image: A beach covered in white, foamy algae.)
- Shellfish may become contaminated with algal toxins.** (Image: A row of shellfish shells on a beach.)
- Closed to all shellfishing.** (Image: A red sign with white text and a crossed-out shellfish icon.)

Text labels in the diagram include:
www.algaltoxins.org
Foams may form on the surface.
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Shellfish may become contaminated with algal toxins.
CLOSED TO ALL SHELLFISHING
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Some HABs causing organisms

Ichtyotoxic, high biomass



*Cochlodinium
polykrikoides*

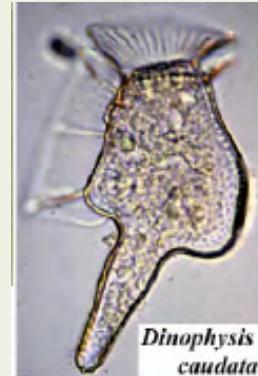


*Karenia
mikimotoi*



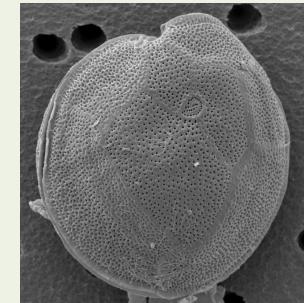
*Heterocapsa
circularisquama*

Diarrheic Shellfish Poisoning (DSP)



Dinophysis spp.

Ciguatera Fish Poisoning (CFP)



Gambierdiscus

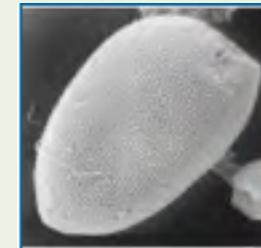
High biomass, hypoxia, non toxic



Noctiluca scintillans

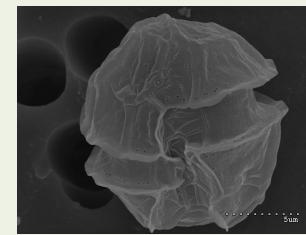


*Scrippsiella
trochoidea*

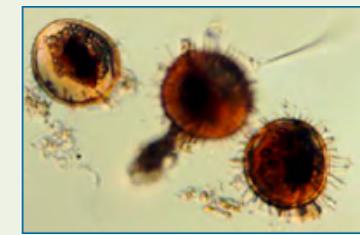


*Prorocentrum
donghaiense*

Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP)



*Alexandrium
minutum*

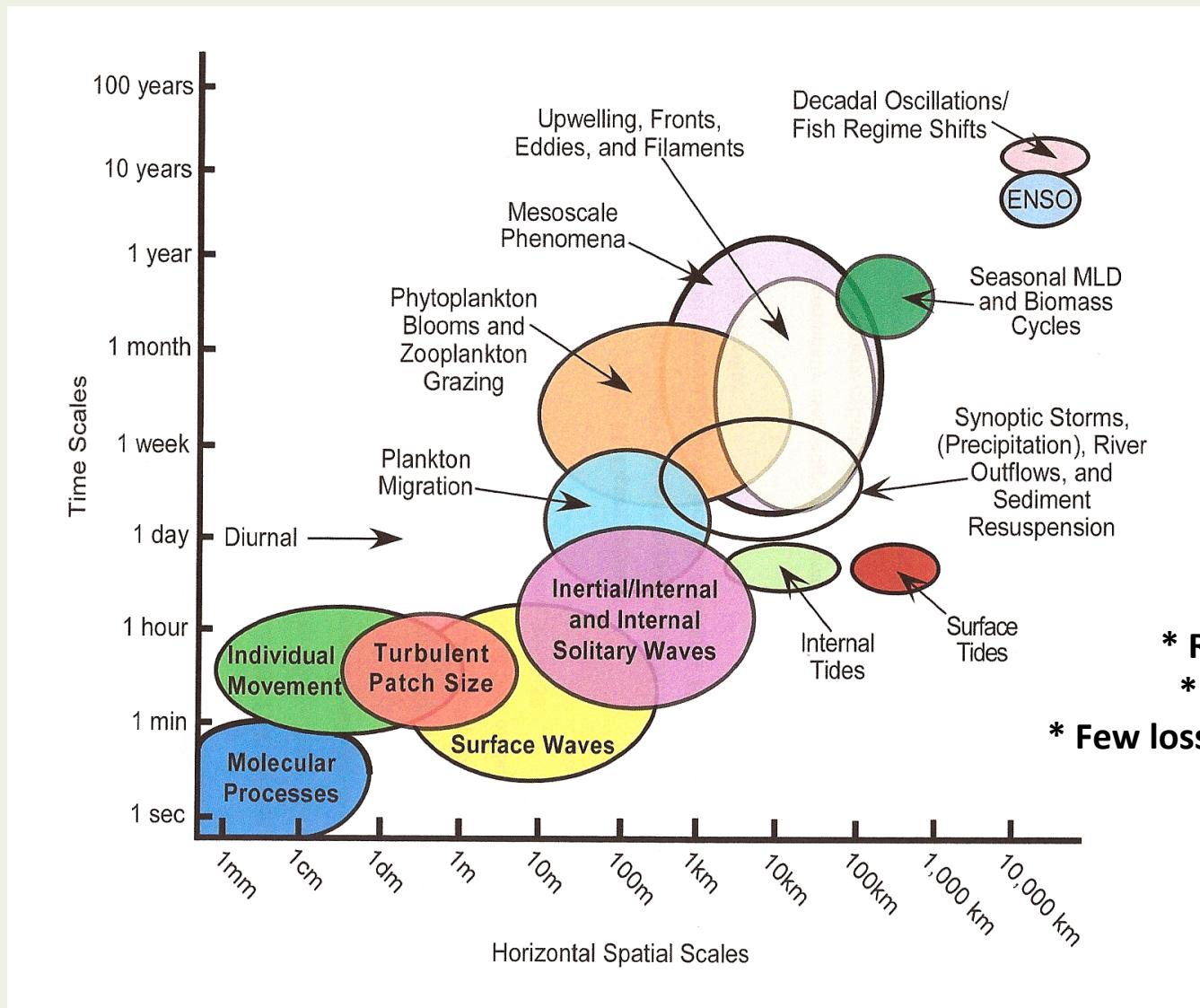


*Pyrodinium
bahamense v.
compressum*

Factors Controlling HABs

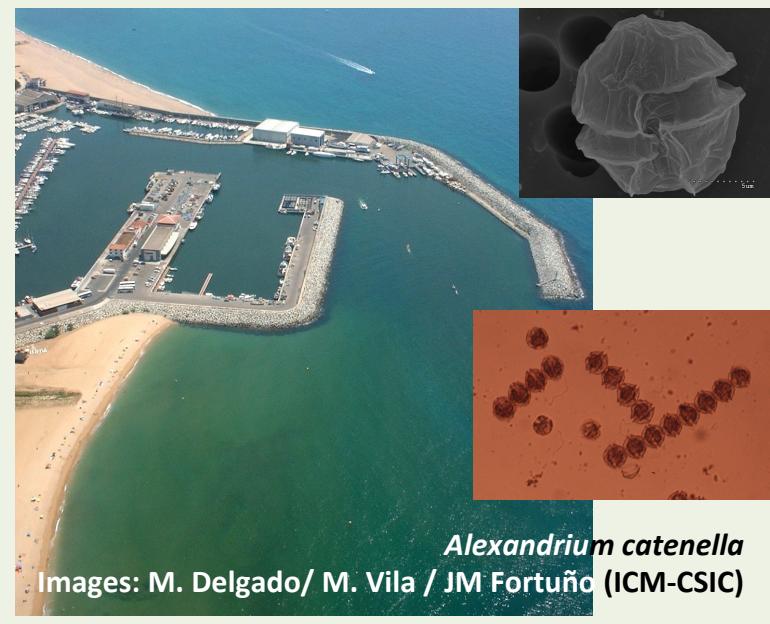
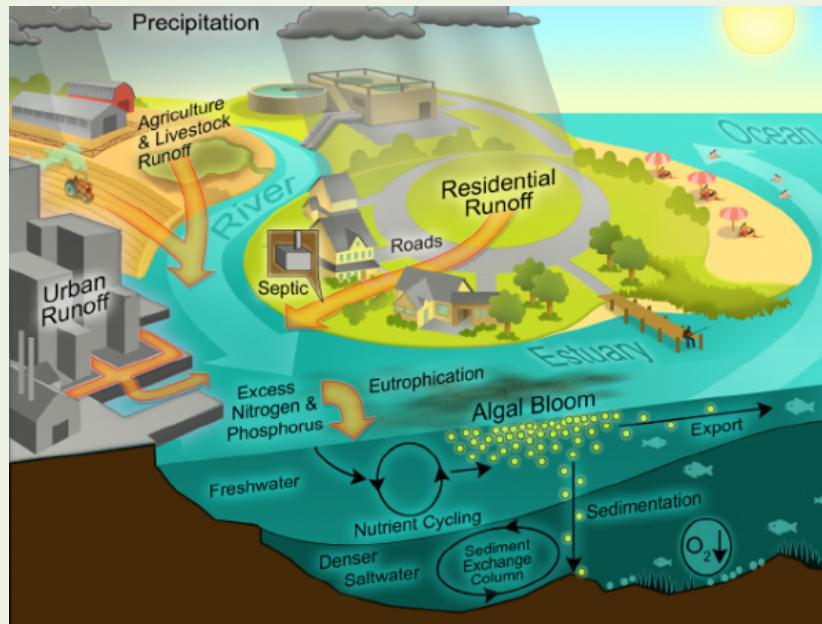
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Phytoplankton blooms result from the interactions of physical, chemical, ecological and biological processes that occur at different scales.



What Causes HABs?

- HABs are **natural phenomena**, controlled by the same factors than phytoplankton blooms.
- However, some human activities can favor them:
 - **Eutrophication**: anthropogenic nutrient enrichment leading to excess phytoplankton production that can result in undesirable disturbance to water quality and the balance of organisms.
 - **Alteration of water circulation** patters by harbors: retention areas that favor accumulation of vegetative and resting cell life forms
 - Spread of harmful organisms through **ballast waters or transport of cultured organisms**: blooms in areas not previously affected by (certain) HABs



Costs of HABs???

Conservative annual direct cost*

Marine HABs

USA ± US\$ 95 million

Europe > US\$ 850 million

Asia > US\$ 1 billion

Freshwater HABs

USA ± US\$ 4,6 billion

China ± US\$ 6,5 billion (1998, Lake Tai)

Australia ± US\$ 150 million

UK ± US\$ 150 million

South Africa ± US\$ 250 million

Sources: *Bernard et al., 2014, Developing global capabilities for the observation and prediction of harmful algal blooms. Oceans and Society: Blue Planet. PICES Scientific Report, No. 47.*

- Excluding cost on human health care.

* A comprehensive **global HAB observing and forecasting system:**

± 100 million / year = 1/10 of the direct cost

We need to know more about this!!!

Expected trend in the near future:

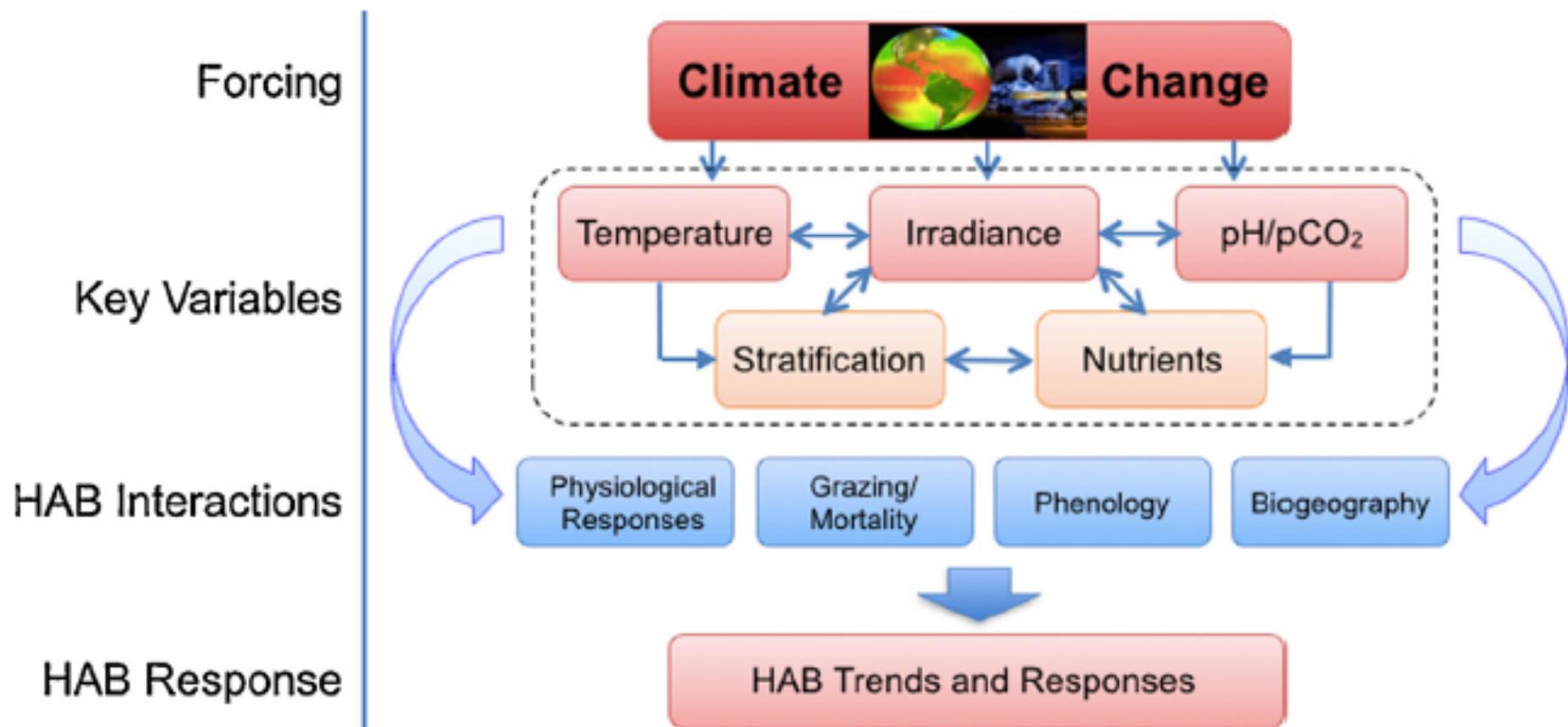
HAB-related costs are going to increase because the problem will become more severe with GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE and increased EXPLOITATION of coastal RESOURCES.

Future trends in HABs

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Many HABs are increasing in severity and frequency, and biogeographical range. Some of this expansion is attributed to climate change and global change... **But many uncertainties!!!**

M.L. Wells et al./Harmful Algae 49 (2015) 68–93



Global Expansion of Multiple HABs

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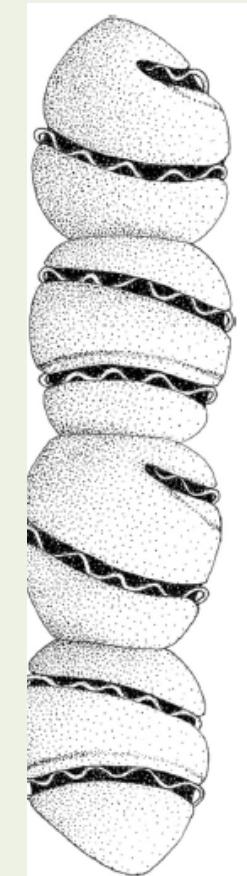
... also related to better detection methods of monitoring

R.M. Kudela, C.J. Gobler / Harmful Algae 14 (2012) 71–86

Pre-1990



2011



Cochlodinium

New toxin-producing species and new toxins ... but better techniques for toxin characterization

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*Azaspiracid Shellfish Poisoning (AZP):

T: Azaspiracid and its derivatives

O: Amphidomataceae (*Amphidoma languida*, *Azadinium spinosum*, *Azadinium poporum*, *Azadinium dexteroporum*)

S: Nausea, vomiting, severe diarrhoea, abdominal cramps; effects on mice tests include severe damage to the intestine, spleen and liver tissues in animal tests

E: Consumption of shellfish

A: Seafood poisoning reported from shellfish in Europe and North America

R: Twiner *et al.* (2008, 2012a, b, 2014); Klontz *et al.* (2009); Tillmann *et al.* (2009, 2014); Hess *et al.* (2014)

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Azaspiracid Shellfish Poisoning (AZP)



Azadinium spinosum

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BMAA extraction of cyanobacteria samples: which method to choose?

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Seafood intoxications related to market trade expansion and global warming?

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Fish Poisoning More Common Than Believed

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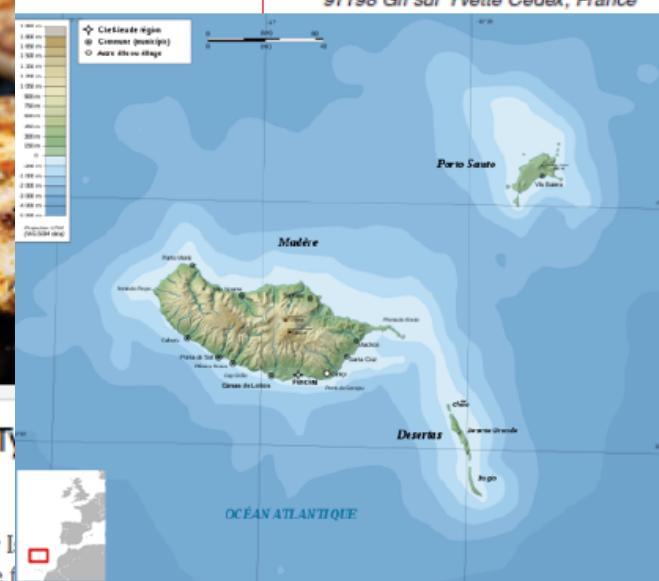


Ciguatera Germ



in Germany. Ty notes.

A Great Barracuda in the water near Singer Island, Florida. A leading epidemiologist recommended not eating the fish.



Anal. Chem. 2010, 82, 6032–6039

First Toxin Profile of Ciguateric Fish in Madeira Archipelago (Europe)

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Still Ciguatera Fish Poisoning is the most frequent cause of HAB-associated poisoning in tropical waters.



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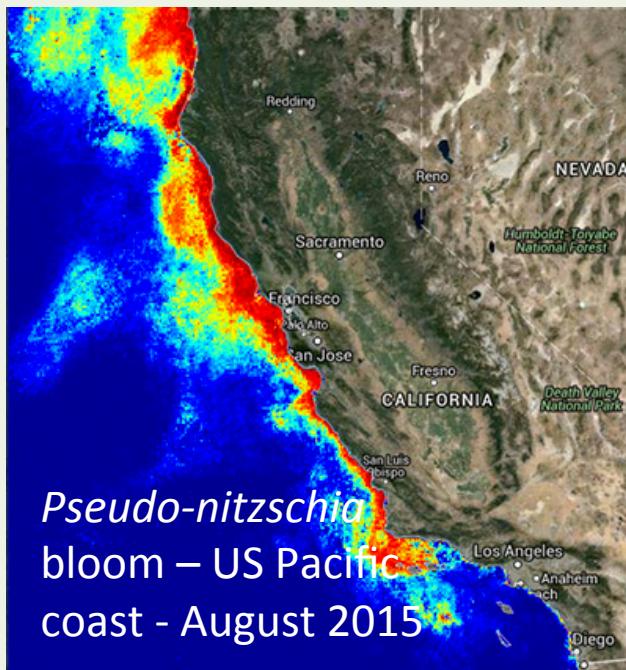
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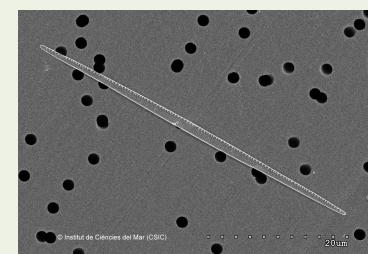
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2015: An Unprecedented Year in the Pacific coast of America. *Pseudo-nitzschia* bloom



- **Trophic Transfer:**
- Feb 16, 2016: California Requests Federal Disaster Relief

Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning (ASP) – domoic acid



Pseudo-nitzschia spp.

2016: An Unprecedented Year in the Pacific coast of America. *Pseudo-chattonella* bloom in Chile

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Chile salmon farms lose 23 million fish due to toxic algae bloom

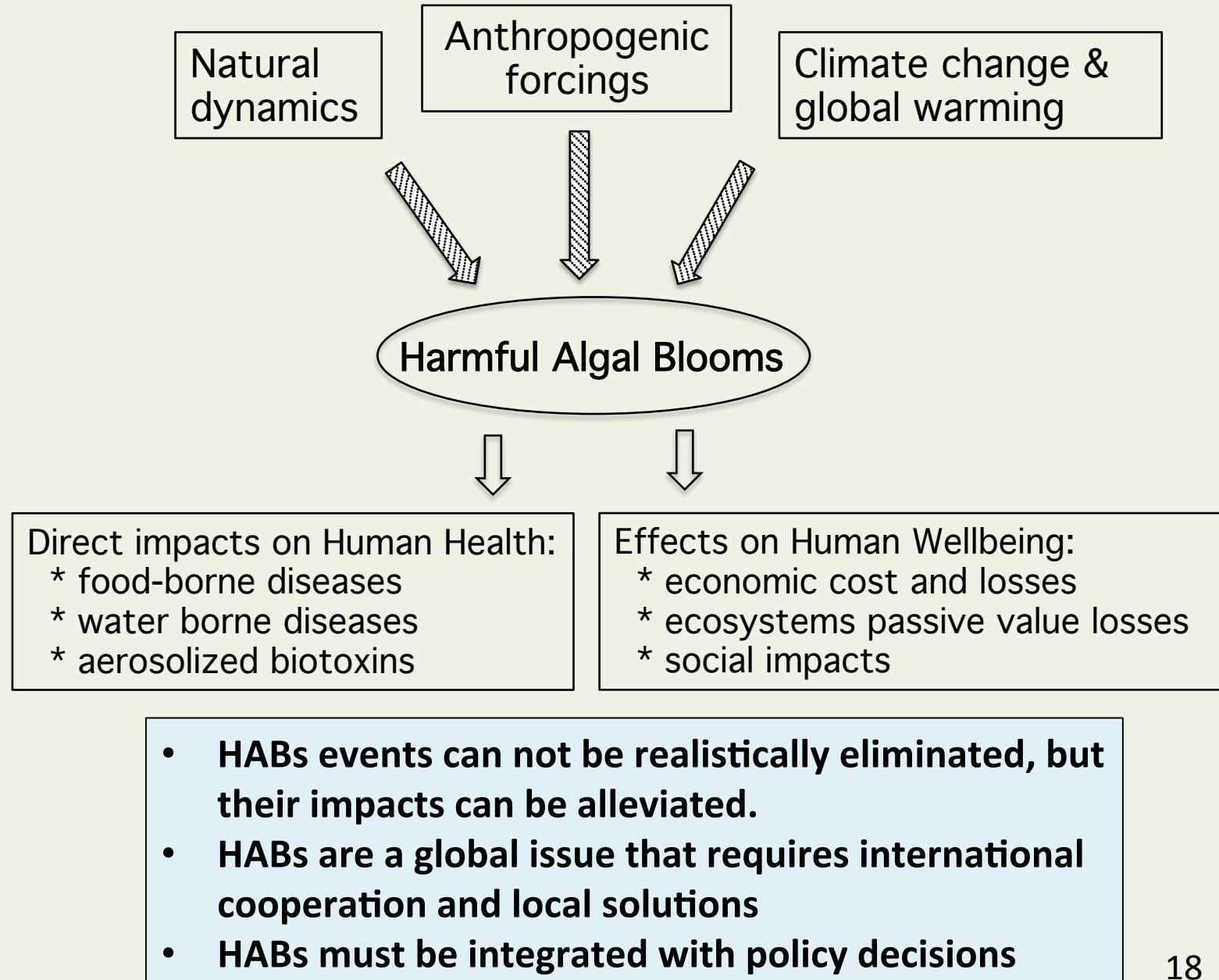
BY KAREN GRAHAM MAR 10, 2016 IN ENVIRONMENT

An ongoing and deadly toxic algae bloom off the coast of Chile, the world's second largest salmon exporter, has sent the country's salmon industry into a tailspin.



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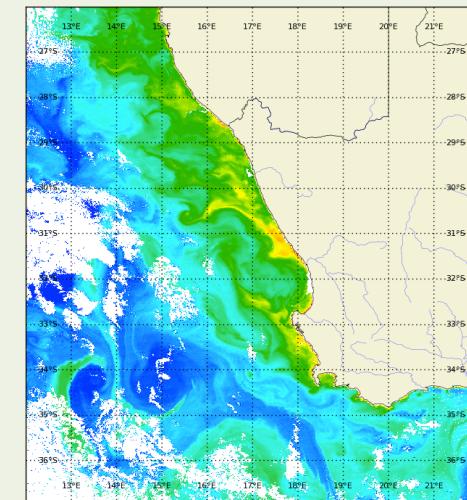
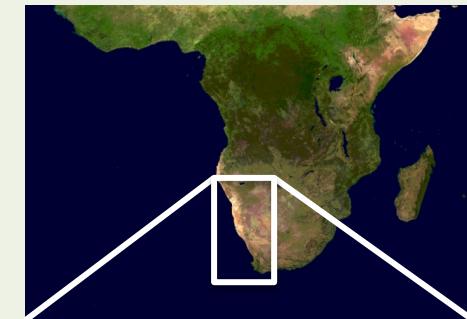
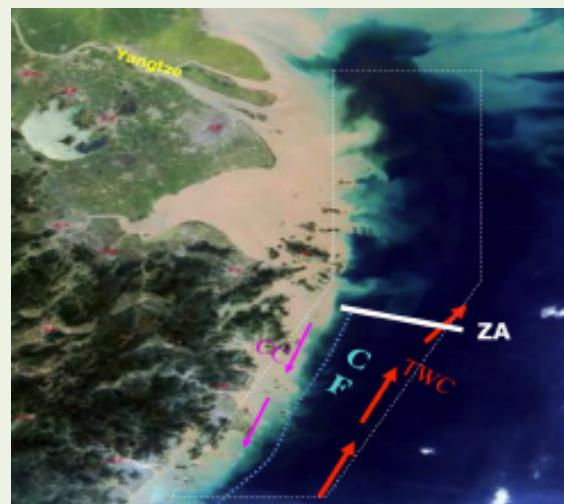
Generalities. Overview of the challenge



Available tools: Monitoring and management



- Information and alerts to the public about human and ecosystem health threats.
- Baseline information for understanding how HAB frequency and abundance are changing **in super-observing sites (GOOS-Bio)**
- Need to continue: long-term commitments at local, regional, national, and international levels.



Above: satellite image of chlorophyll concentration, tracking a phytoplankton bloom off the coast of South Africa. (Image: S. Bernard)

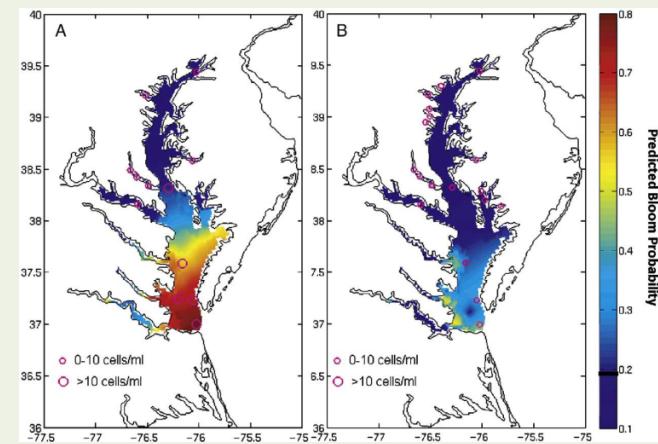
Available tools. Modeling and prediction



- Nowadays, a few HABs can be modeled and predicted on a regional scale with some success.

Needs:

- developing new models and new approaches
- integration with the broader community of researchers dealing with physical-biological interactions of algae populations.



Oceanographic models of water circulation allow monitoring and prediction of high biomass blooms and reduction of their impacts on fisheries. **Above:** distribution on toxic microalgae in the Chesapeake Bay (left) and modeled bloom abundances (right). From Anderson et al. 2010. J. Mar. Sys.

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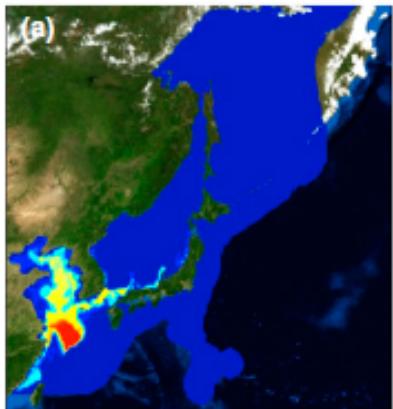


Potential effects of nutrient loading and climate change.

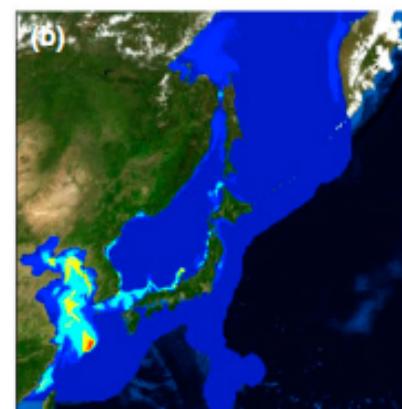
Projections in NE Asia: expansion in area and/or number of months annually conducive to development of *Prorocentrum* and *Karenia*.

***Prorocentrum* spp.**

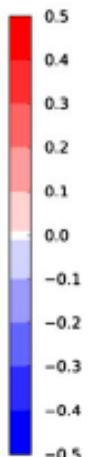
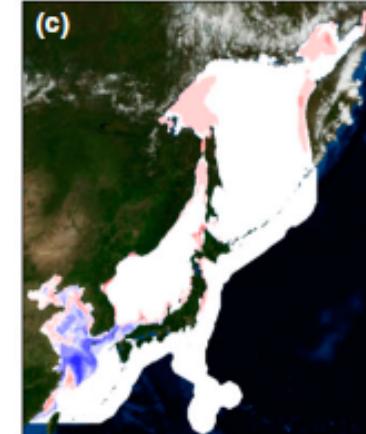
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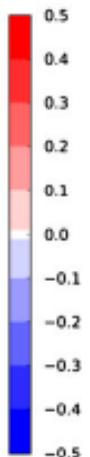
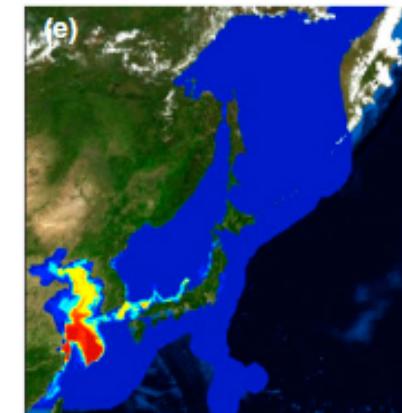
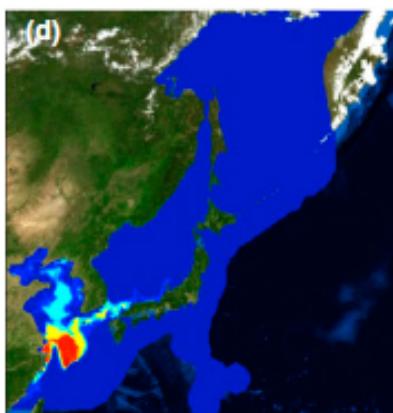
Future projection



Difference



***Karenia* spp.**



Available tool. Multidisciplinary Research



- HAB research has markedly progressed in recent years, in part with advances in technology.
- Continued support of research into:
 - ✓ HAB biology
 - ✓ fate of toxins (transference through the food webs)
 - ✓ ecology: physico-chemical-biological interactions
 - ✓ taxonomic identification of toxic organisms



The TurboMap-G (H Yamazaki, Japan) device allows us to understand the small-scale physical hydrodynamics that control the aggregation of toxic microalgae in thin layers in the water column. (Photo: H. Yamazaki).



The Environmental Sample Processor (MBARI, US) is a robotic biochemistry laboratory that detects some toxic microorganisms in the ocean in real time. (Photo: R. Kudela)

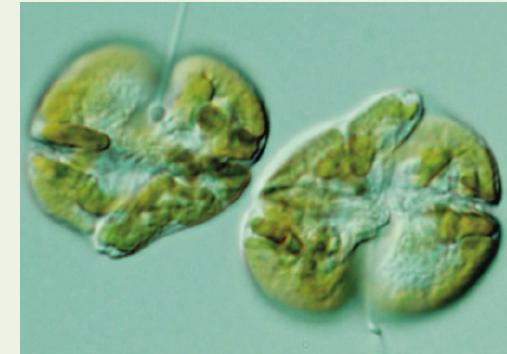
Karenia brevis blooms or “Florida red tides”



Gulf of Mexico and Florida

Multiple effects:

- Toxin accumulation in mussels: Neurotoxic Shellfish Poisoning (NSP)
- Respiratory diseases in beach users or nearby inhabitants: brevetoxin/sea water aerosols
- Mucilage production: massive fish killings
- Death of marine mammals and seabirds
- Foam accumulation in beaches: impacts on tourism
- Seabed high biomass accumulation: hypoxia/anoxia



Karenia brevis



Brevetoxins | Mini-Monograph**Overview of Aerosolized Florida Red Tide Toxins: Exposures and Effects**

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- Aerosolized Florida red tide toxins offer many opportunities to conduct interdisciplinary, synergistic research.
- More than 30 years of research characterizing the *K. brevis* organism and brevetoxins. Costly initiative, coordination of physicians, toxicologists, ecologists, stakeholders and end-users.
- When the neurologic activities of brevetoxins were identified, researchers began to understand the neurophysiology and the mechanisms of actions of the sodium channels in nerve cells.
- Advances in molecular biochemistry: isolation of the toxin.
- Relationships between the presence of *K. brevis* and brevetoxins in marine ecosystems and the generation of toxin-containing aerosols at the seawater–air interface.

Within the last 5 years, these collaborative efforts have resulted in

- a) identification of brevenal, a new brevetoxin antagonist elaborated by **K. brevis** itself;
- b) development of a highly sensitive brevetoxin ELISA, as well as refinement of existing analytical techniques, applicable to multiple substrates;
- c) characterization of the particle size distribution of the Florida red tide aerosol;
- d) measurement of complex mixtures of brevetoxin levels in ambient and personal breathing zone air;
- e) exploration of acute and chronic effects of the Florida red tide aerosols in rodent models and in an asthmatic sheep model;
- f) expansion of the understanding of the toxicology and physiology of the brevetoxins;
- g) initial evaluation of self-reported symptoms and objective measurements of physiologic respiratory changes in humans with recreational and occupational exposures;
- h) initial identification of readily available medications to prevent and/or treat the effects of exposure to the Florida red tide aerosols



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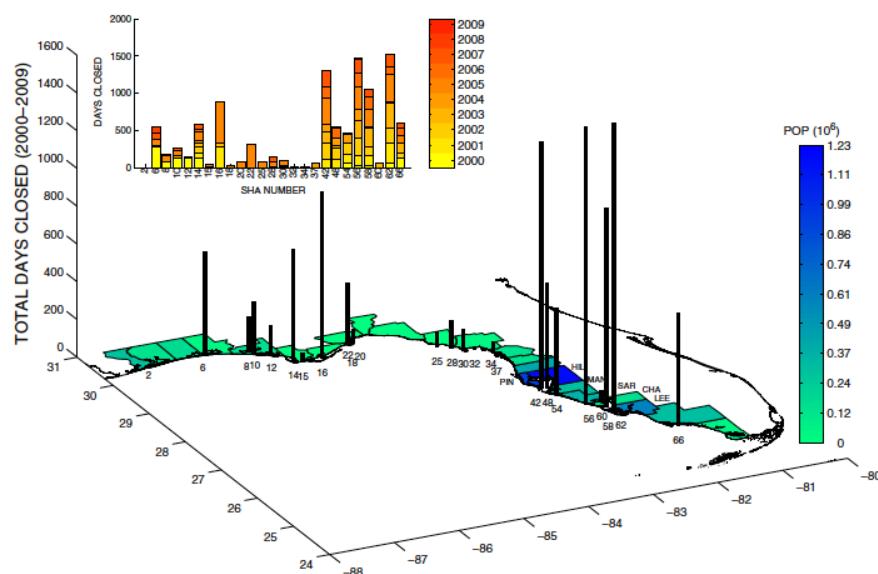


Fig. 1. Map showing the 2010 distribution of county resident populations along the Gulf Coast of Florida and the total number of days closed of closures occurring during 2000–2009 within two-digit shellfish harvest areas (SHAs) due to Florida red tides (Hoagland, 2014; data from FDACS and US Census Bureau).



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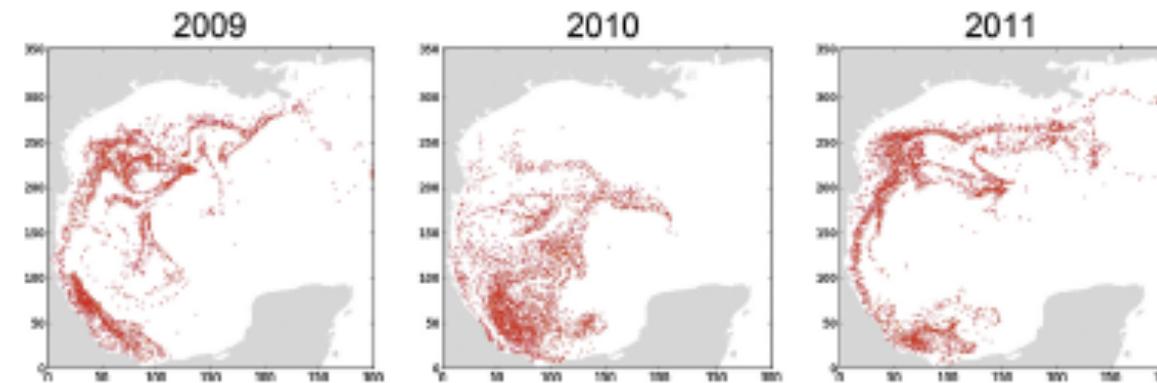


Fig. 5. Distributions of individual cells after 60 days from a single model run in forward time for each year highlight the differences between bloom years (2009, 2011) and the non-bloom year. Each red dot represents a single individual cell from the model.

Inland transport of aerosolized Florida red tide toxins

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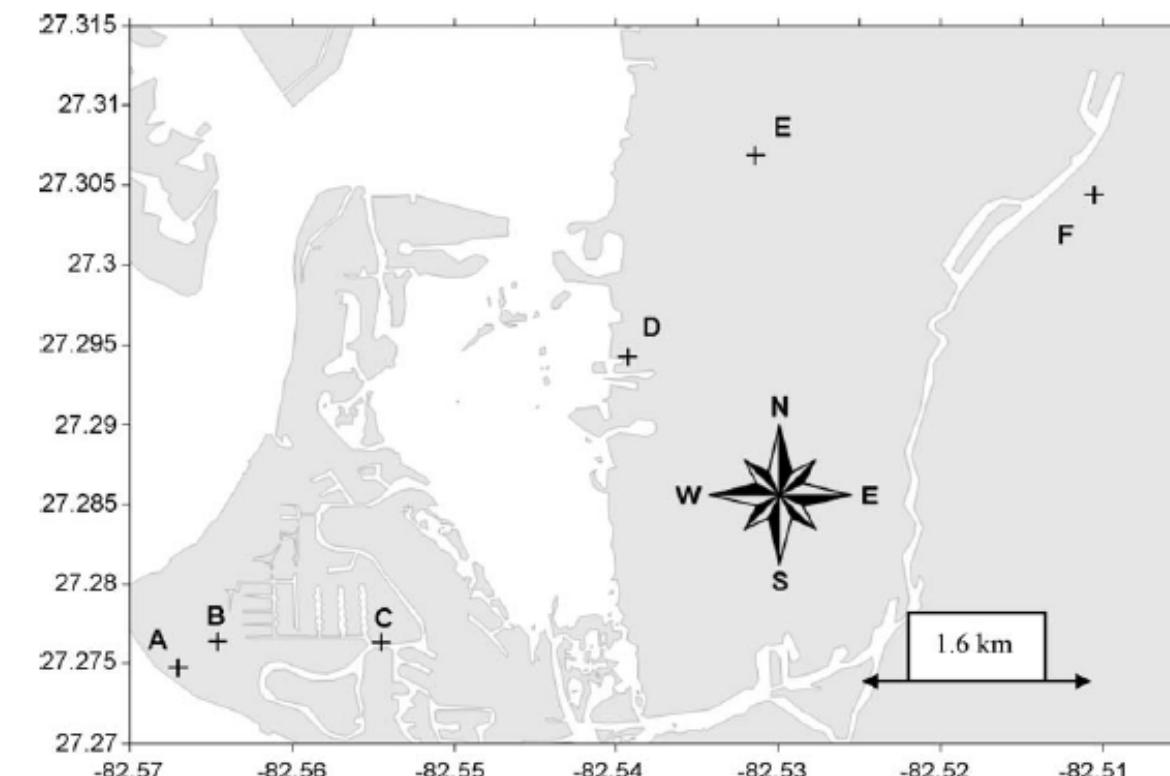


Fig. 1. Inland transect aerosol sampling locations.



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SHELLFISH HARVESTING AREA CLASSIFICATION MAP #62 (Effective: December 28, 1998)
Pine Island Sound (#62) Shellfish Harvesting Area in Lee County





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Three-dimensional structure of a *Karenia* bloom from gliders, satellites, and field measurements

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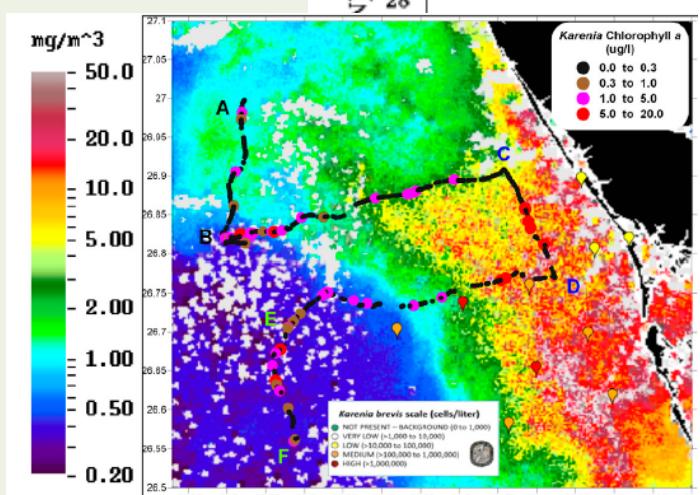


Fig. 5. (a) MERIS chlorophyll-a image on 14 October 2011 showing the *K. brevis* bloom concentrations measured by the BreveBuster glider (colored circles) and *K. brevis* cell count.

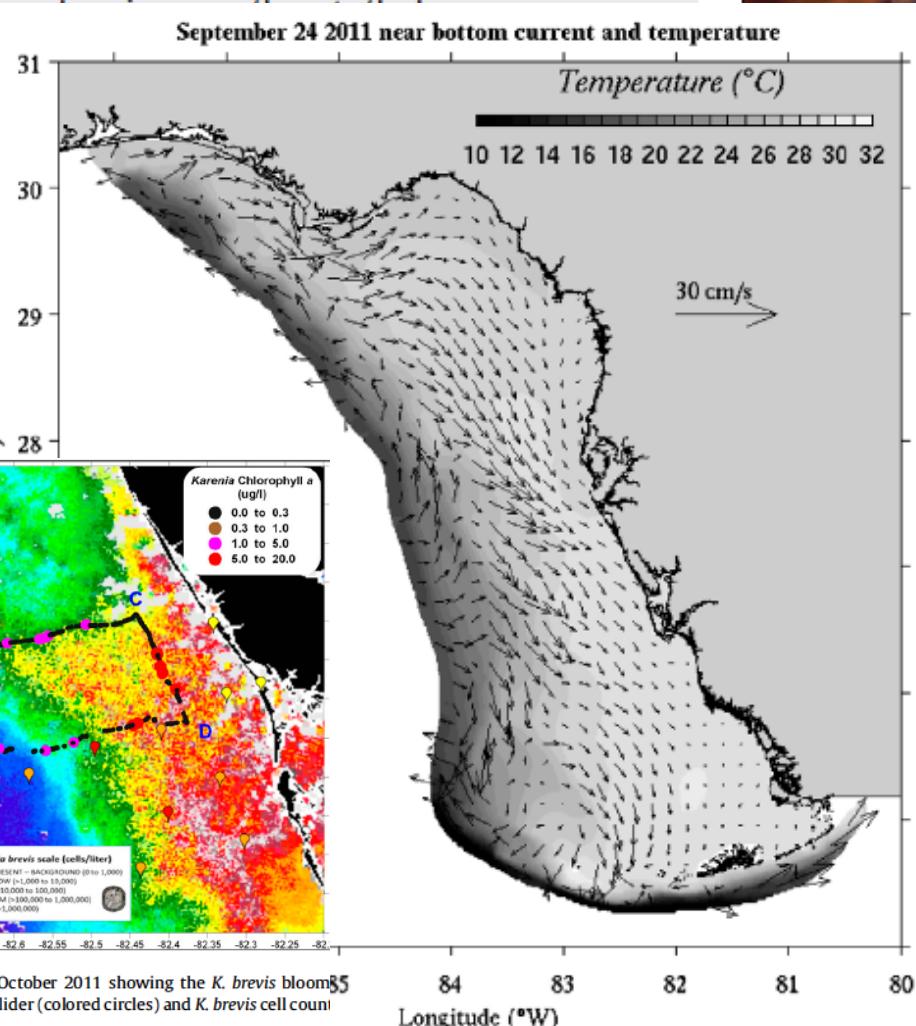


Fig. 6. Near-bottom velocity vectors superimposed on bottom temperature for 24 September 2011, derived from the FVCOM model.

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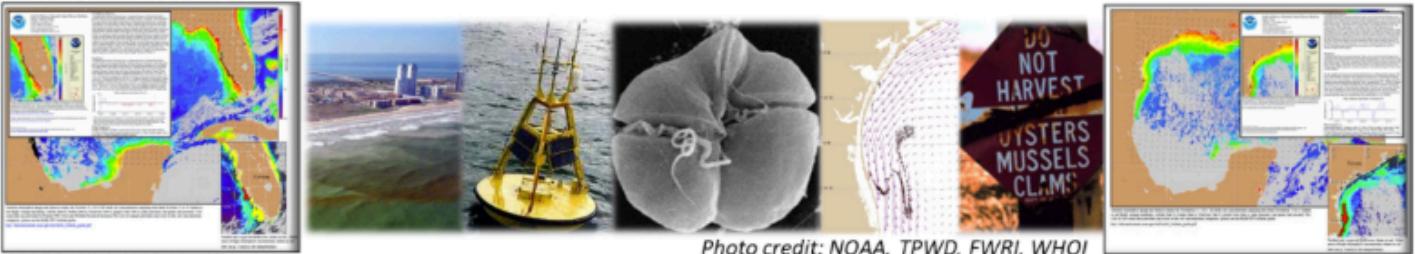


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Thursday, June 2, 2016

Karenia brevis (commonly known as Florida red tide) ranges from not present to background concentrations along the coast of southwest Florida, and is not present in the Florida Keys. No respiratory irritation is expected alongshore southwest Florida Thursday, June 2 through Monday, June 6.

Check
http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/beach_conditions.html
for recent, local observations.

Other Sources of Gulf of Mexico HAB Status Info:
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View map of cell counts and environmental data.



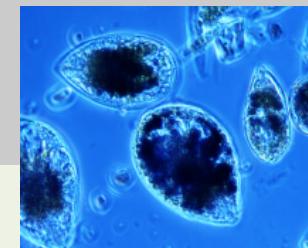
The interdisciplinary synergy within the red tide research group has generated considerable progress in understanding the exposures and potential impacts of Florida red tide aerosols.

We are advancing toward our goals:

- 1) understanding whether exposure to these aerosols represents a public health threat beyond the nuisance eye, nose, and throat irritation, and determining whether people who have underlying respiratory conditions such as asthma, should take special precautions when visiting the beach during a red tide.
- 2) Integrating this research program with ongoing oceanographic monitoring and modeling will help to establish Florida red tide **early warning systems to mitigate or even prevent exposure in susceptible human populations (both residents and tourists)**.
- 3) Finally, even though we have specifically applied the expertise in this research program to investigate Florida red tide aerosols, **our approach is a model for the study of other HAB-related toxins and for other aerosolized environmental contaminants.**

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Interactions between scientist, managers and policy makers in the framework of the French MediOs project on *Ostreopsis* (2008-2010)

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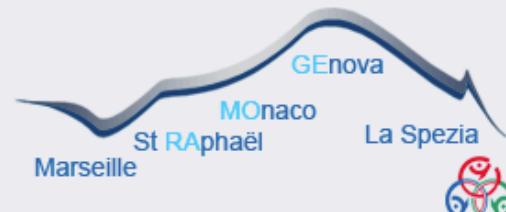


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Suivi de la problématique Ostreopsis

Ostreopsis ovata est une algue microscopique unicellulaire qui vit habituellement dans les eaux chaudes des mers tropicales. Le transport par les eaux de ballast des navires et des conditions climatiques très favorables ont permis à cette microalgue de se développer sous nos latitudes.

Ainsi, depuis quelques années, des phénomènes d'[efflorescence](#) impliquant cette algue ont été observés dans toute la partie nord-ouest de la Méditerranée et dans certains cas une toxicité sur l'homme a été observée.

Les effets toxiques se limitent habituellement à des **symptômes de type grippal** tels que fièvre, toux, nausées, rhume, conjonctivite, troubles respiratoires. Les personnes atteintes n'ont pas forcément été en contact direct avec l'eau ; il suffit d'inhaler les gouttelettes transportées par le vent pour que les symptômes se manifestent.

Avec le soutien de l'Accord RAMOGE, des recherches sont actuellement en cours sur les causes et effets de la toxicité de cette algue.

En 2010 une réunion regroupant des scientifiques et des autorités sanitaires des trois Etats a permis de faire le point sur le mode de surveillance de cette algue dans chaque Etat, sur leur gestion de la crise liée à une efflorescence ainsi que sur les problèmes sanitaires induits par cette algue et leur gestion.

En 2011, l'Accord RAMOGE a apporté son soutien à l'organisation du Congrès International sur l'algue Ostreopsis ICOD, organisé par l'Observatoire de Villefranche-sur-Mer, l'Université de Nice-Sophia Antipolis et l'Université de Gênes.

Durant la dernière décennie une grande attention a été portée sur le développement des espèces du genre *Ostreopsis* (dinoflagellés benthiques), dont certaines ont prolifié dans les mers tempérées. Ce Congrès International sur le Développement d'*Ostreopsis* a permis de dresser un bilan des connaissances sur :

- ▶ les aspects écologique, chimique et toxicologique en relation avec les espèces du genre *Ostreopsis*
- ▶ les méthodes écologique, économique et sanitaire liées à la gestion de ce problème.



Le congrès a été une grande réussite, avec 4 conférences plénier, plus de 25 communications orales et 20 communications affichées, concernant l'écologie, la biogéographie et les impacts d'*Ostreopsis* sur les écosystèmes côtiers, la toxicité des métabolites secondaires et la gestion environnementale, sanitaire et économique du problème.

Informative brochure In Italian, French, Catalan and Spanish

Quels sont les effets sur les écosystèmes ?

Par ailleurs, les différentes études menées en Méditerranée, au Brésil et en Nouvelle-Zélande ont montré que le développement de certaines espèces d'*Ostreopsis* peut être accompagné d'une mortalité chez certains invertébrés marins, comme les oursins, étoiles de mer, moules et crabes.



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Macro algues recouvertes d'un épais biofilm d'*Ostreopsis*.

Cette mortalité peut être aussi bien liée à la toxicité des micro-algues qu'aux effets indirects des efflorescences (comme une diminution de la teneur en oxygène de l'eau de mer suite à la dégradation des micro-algues par les bactéries).

Actions en cours pour mieux comprendre et gérer le phénomène *Ostreopsis*

Depuis les récents événements d'efflorescences d'*Ostreopsis* en mer Méditerranée, des programmes de surveillance ont été mis en place par les autorités et les chercheurs afin de surveiller les concentrations des micro-algues des zones de baignade les plus fréquentées pendant les périodes estivales.

Ces programmes de surveillance initiés en France, en Espagne, à Monaco et en Italie visent à réduire le risque d'intoxication et à mieux comprendre l'écologie et la dynamique d'*Ostreopsis*.

Des directives nationales ont également été édictées afin d'informer les populations locales sur les efflorescences d'*Ostreopsis* et de leur indiquer les comportements à adopter en cas d'efflorescence.

Numéro utile

En cas de symptômes pouvant être causés par une efflorescence d'*Ostreopsis*, alertez le poste de secours le plus proche sur la plage ou allez à la pharmacie.

Vous pouvez contacter le

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L'ALGUE OSTREOPSIS



Ostreopsis blooms

- Informative video
- In Italian, French, Catalan and Spanish
- In collaboration with M3-HAB project (next presentation by Rodolphe Lemée)



The OstreoRisk project (CTM2014-53818-R): a multidisiplinary approach to understand the impacts on human health of the *Ostreopsis cf. ovata* blooms



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Global Ecology & Oceanography of Harmful Algal Blooms

The GEOHAB programme (1998-2013)



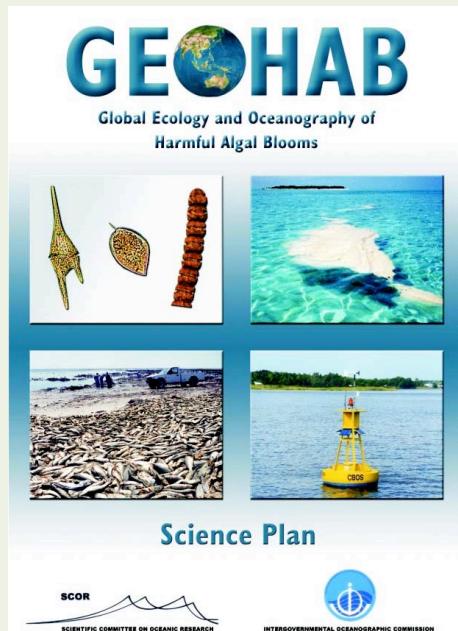
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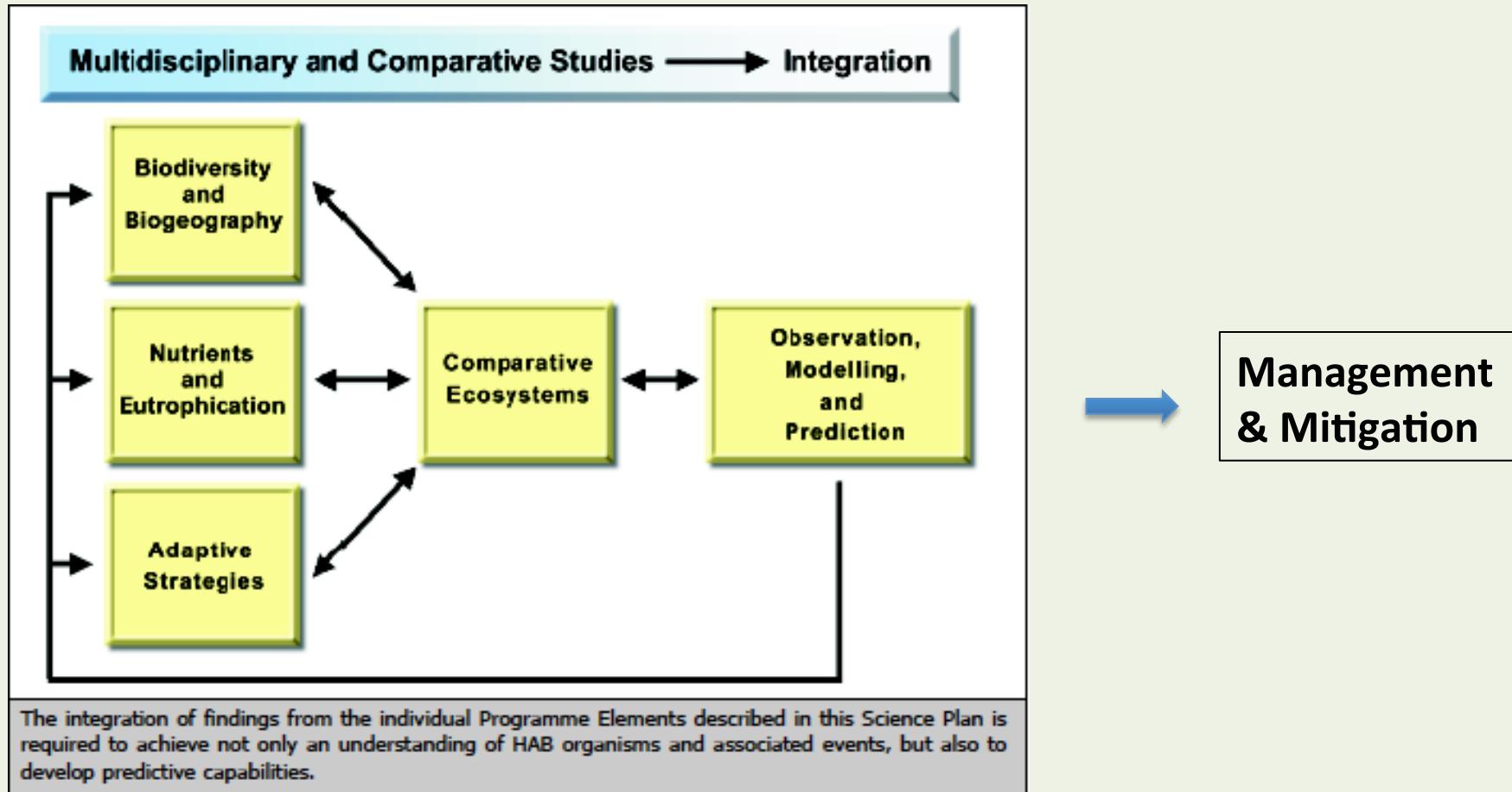
Overall Scientific Goal of GEOHAB:

“Improve prediction of HABs by determining the ecological and oceanographic mechanisms underlying their population dynamics, integrating biological, chemical, and physical studies supported by enhanced observation and modelling techniques.” GEOHAB Science Plan, p. iv



The mission of GEOHAB is to:

Foster international co-operative research on HABs in ecosystem types sharing common features, comparing the key species involved and the oceanographic processes that influence their population dynamics



The approach of the GEOHAB Programme is comparative, from the cellular to the ecosystem level. This approach is based on the view that the ecology and oceanography of HABs can best be understood through the study of causative organisms and affected systems in relation to comparable species and systems.

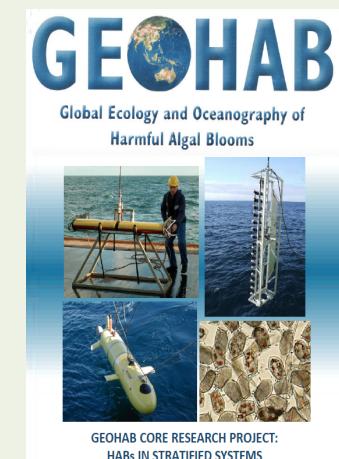
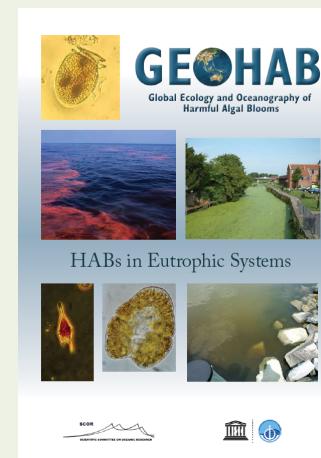
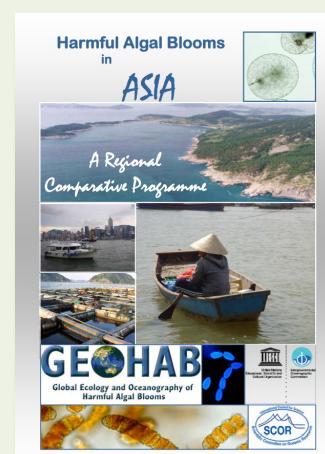
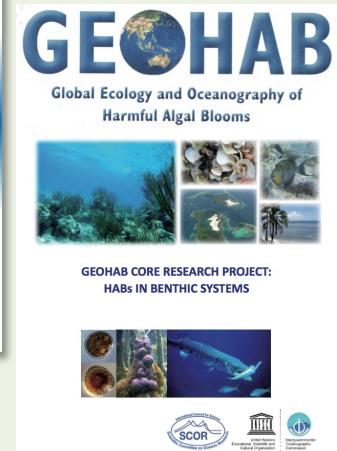
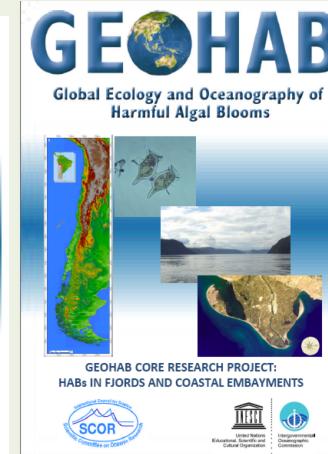
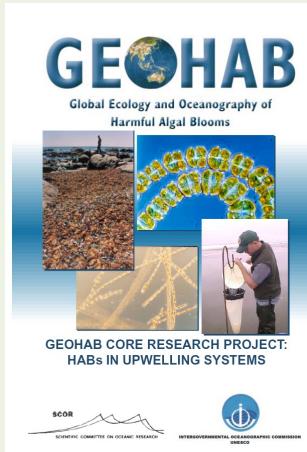
Some GEOHAB products

Core Research Programmes:

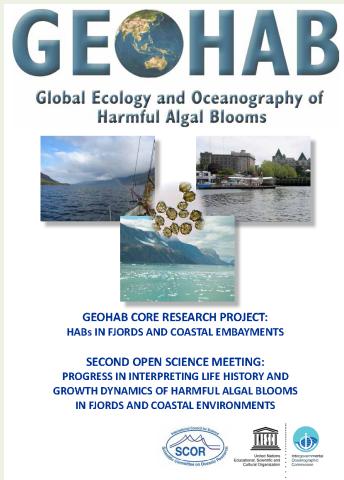
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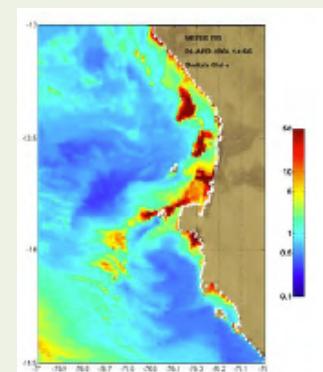
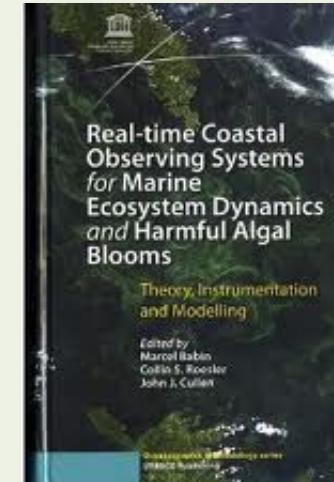
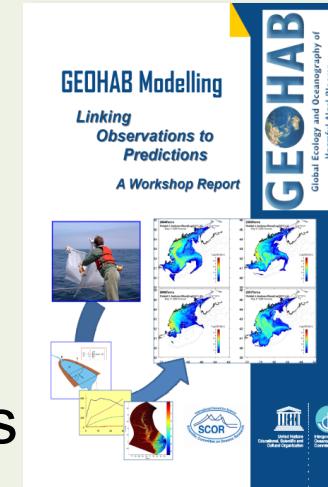
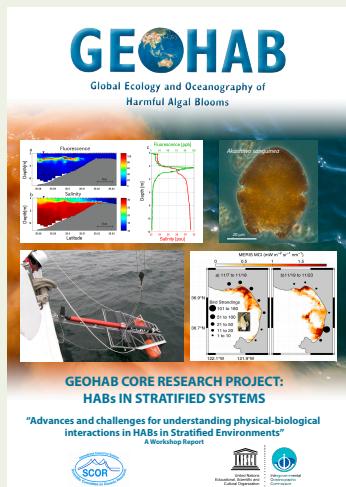
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Framework Activities:



- Intl. Coordination
- Modeling
- Observation systems
- Capacity Building
- Remote Sensing
- Outreach



Harmful Algal Blooms

A scientific summary
for policy makers



GEOHAB – Summary for Policy Makers

- HABs result from noxious and/or toxic algae that cause direct and indirect negative impacts to aquatic ecosystems, coastal resources, and human health.
- HABs are present in nearly all aquatic environments as naturally occurring phenomena.
- Many HABs are increasing in severity and frequency, and biogeographical range. Some of this expansion is attributed to climate change and global change.
- Research has improved understanding, leading to better prediction and monitoring, and potentially, mitigation.
- HABs are a worldwide phenomenon requiring international understanding leading ultimately to local and regional solutions.
- HABs must be integrated with policy decisions.

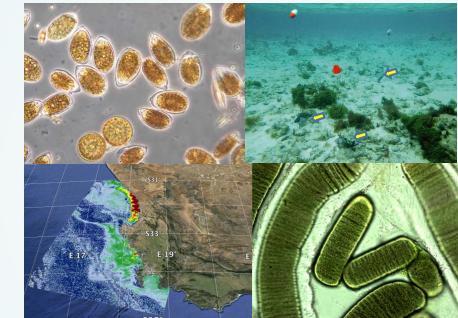
GEOHAB: Past, Present, Future Open Science Meeting, Paris 2013

“We all came to Paris because we recognize a fundamental problem (HABs), and cannot solve this problem in our individual laboratories. This requires an international approach.”



Main successful aspects of GEOHAB:

- establish and sustain global research groups on core research topics, sound science leading to better understanding and prediction of HABs;
- OSMs, Reports, and Workshops: HabWatch, Modeling Workshop;
- endorsing process;
- sponsorship of framework activities: technology development, capacity building, and training of young scientists



GEOHAB Synthesis Open
Science Meeting
Paris, April 2013

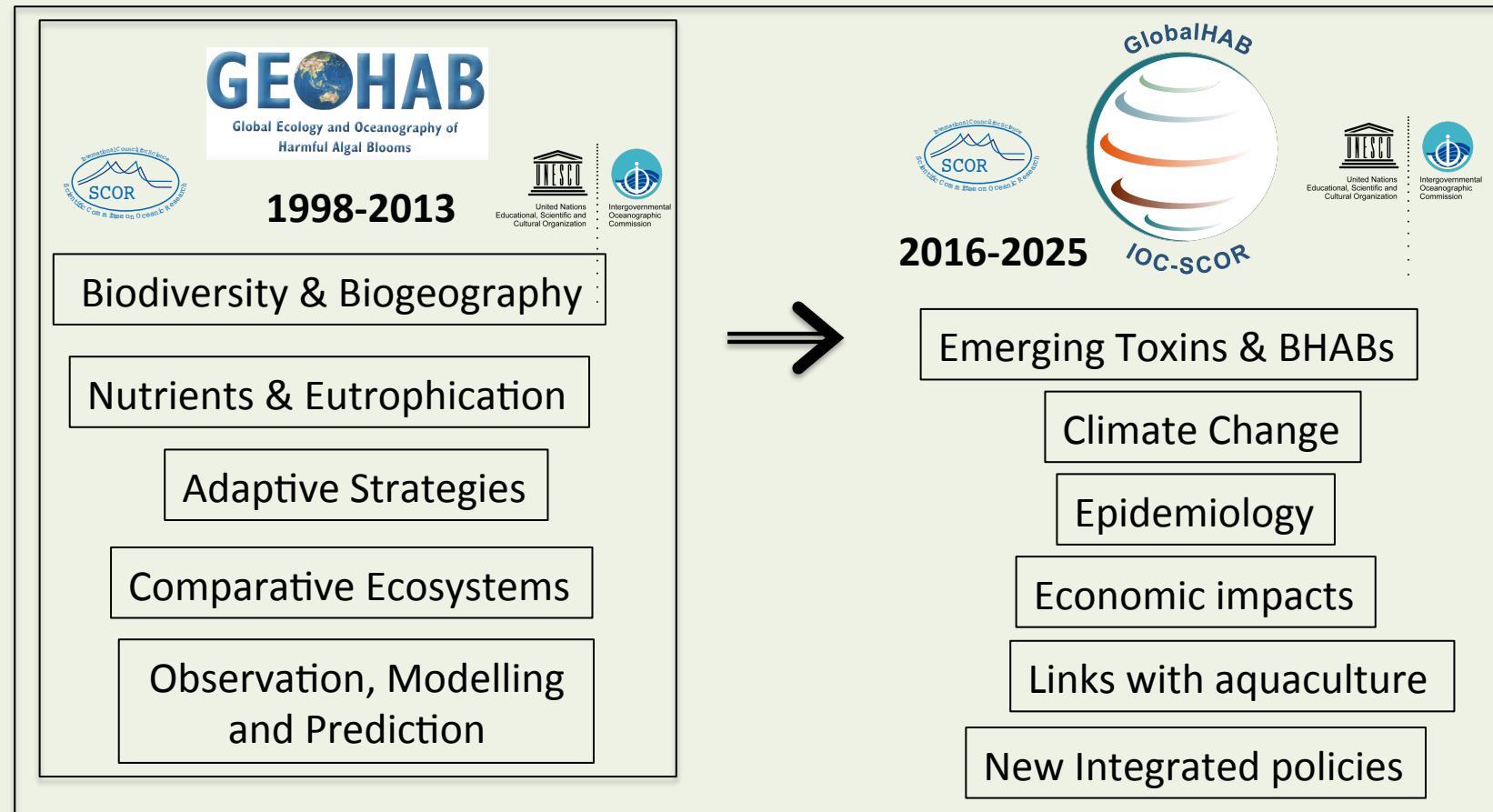


The ***GEOHAB Science Plan*** (GEOHAB, 2001):
a solid basis for another ten years of HAB research.

- ***GlobalHAB:***
 - new structures and mechanisms defined with clear goals, of relatively short duration,
 - able to produce useful documents for a broad scientific community and the society,
 - include new strategic research targets and approaches non present in the former GEOHAB, such as:

HABs are a worldwide phenomenon requiring international understanding leading ultimately to local and regional solutions

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- HABs Management and Mitigation
- Better Oceans and Human Health



GOAL

To improve understanding, prediction, management and mitigation of HABs in aquatic ecosystems.

MISSION

GlobalHAB will address the science and societal challenges of HABs, including the environmental, human health and economic impacts, in a rapidly changing world.

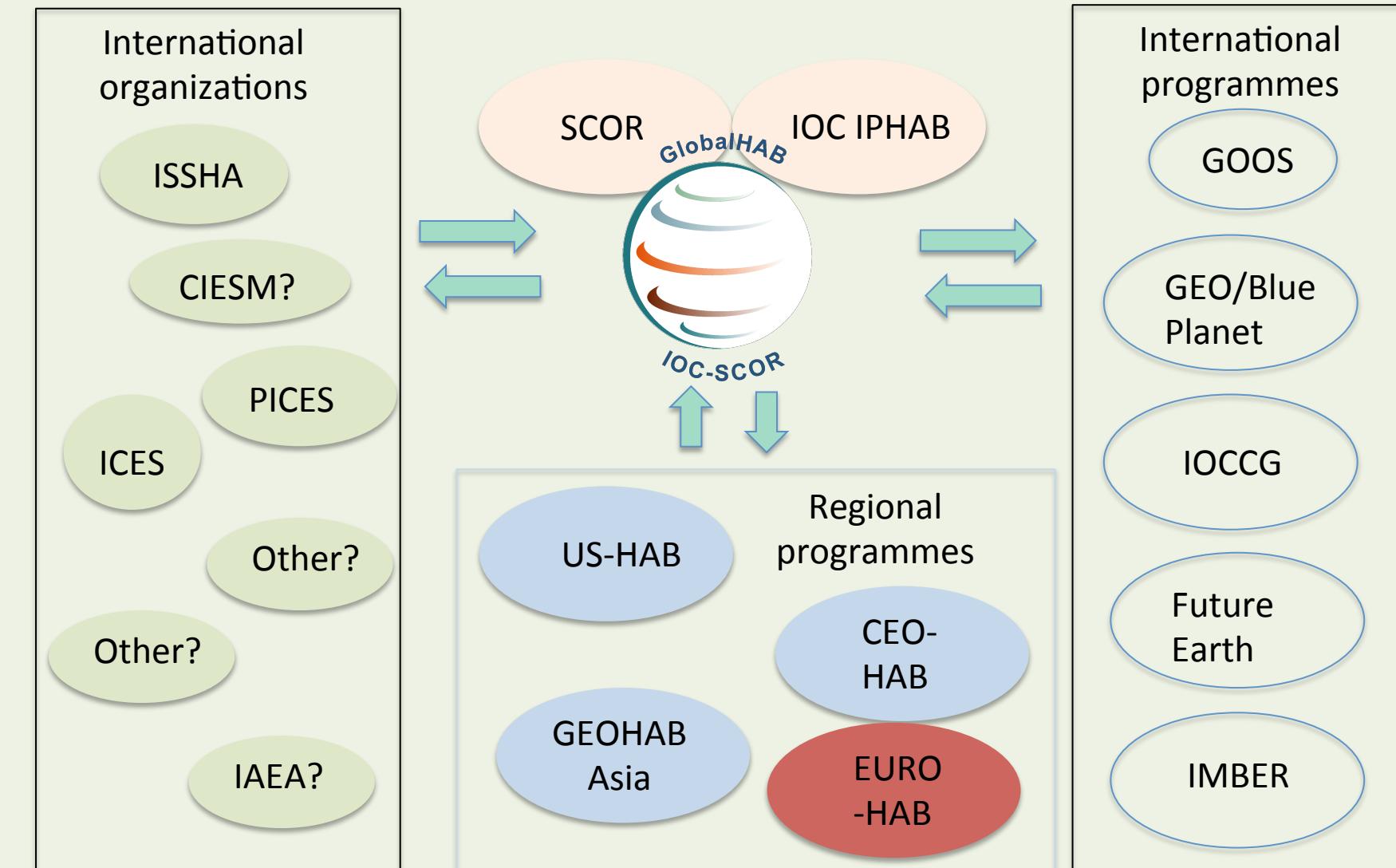
GH will consolidate linkages with broader scientific fields and other regional and international initiatives relevant to HABs.

GH will foster the development and adoption of advanced technologies.

GH will promote training, capacity building and communication of HAB research to society.

GlobalHAB will be the liaison between the scientific community, stakeholders and policy makers, informing science based decision making.

Interaction with international programmes that have HAB research as a term of reference is fundamental for the success of GlobalHAB





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Burford, Michele	Australia	Freshwater, CyanoHABs
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Active involvement of the scientific community studying HABs is fundamental for the success of GlobalHAB

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GlobalHAB Town Hall Meeting at ICHA17 (May 23, 2016)



If you plan to attend the ICHA17 meeting in October in Florianópolis, Brazil, then you may wish to attend the Town Hall meeting on GlobalHAB, the new international SCOR-IOC program for the study of HABs launched in January 2016.

GlobalHAB follows the legacy of the former GEOHAB program, incorporating new themes, as was recommended by the international scientific community at the GEOHAB Open Science Meeting in Paris, April 2013.

The overall goal of the new programme is to foster activities to stimulate scientific advances leading to a better understanding of harmful algal blooms and to contribute to the mitigation of their impacts. Members of the GlobalHAB SSC will present the programme and how it is expected to develop over the next decade, as well as the specific activities proposed for the next three years. **The international HAB research community is invited to actively engage in GlobalHAB.** Thus, the Town Hall is a fantastic opportunity to discuss the Scientific and Implementation Plan of the new programme, and to identify ways of dynamic participation.

The Town Hall meeting will:

- Highlight the main pressing issues that face the international harmful algal bloom (HAB) science community, including e.g. toxin-related challenges, impacts of aquaculture on HAB occurrences, the potential climate change impacts on HABs occurrence in freshwater and marine ecosystems, etc.
- Identify specific activities to address these topics
- Facilitate interactions among scientists interested in implementing GlobalHAB-related activities
- Discuss science/stakeholder forums to assess the potential socio-economic impacts of HAB occurrences and to engage the medical community to improve human health protection.
- Foster and develop links with existing international and regional initiatives that have HAB research among their priorities, fundamental for the implementation of GlobalHAB.

This session will help make the new programme relevant to contemporary and future research, funding, and management priorities, continuing to ensure an international approach based on science.

Conveners:

Elisa Berdalet (Chair), on behalf of the GlobalHAB Scientific Steering Committee (SSC), berdalet@icm.csic.es; Henrik Enevoldsen (IOC/UNESCO), henevoldsen@unesco.org

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- monitoring
- improve predictability

Prevention
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Policy makers

- prevention policies
- mitigation plans

Societies (in plural!):

- Communication
- Identify (local) needs and problems
- Jointly find strategies

We need HABs-activists!
Do you join GlobalHAB?



Thanks for your attention!!!