



Marine Ecosystems and Climate Change:

*It's more complex (and worse) than
you might think*

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- Ecosystem services
- Damaged oceans
- Marine climate change in Australia
- It's the pace, not magnitude
- It's the tail, not the peak
- Synergies
- Emergent properties

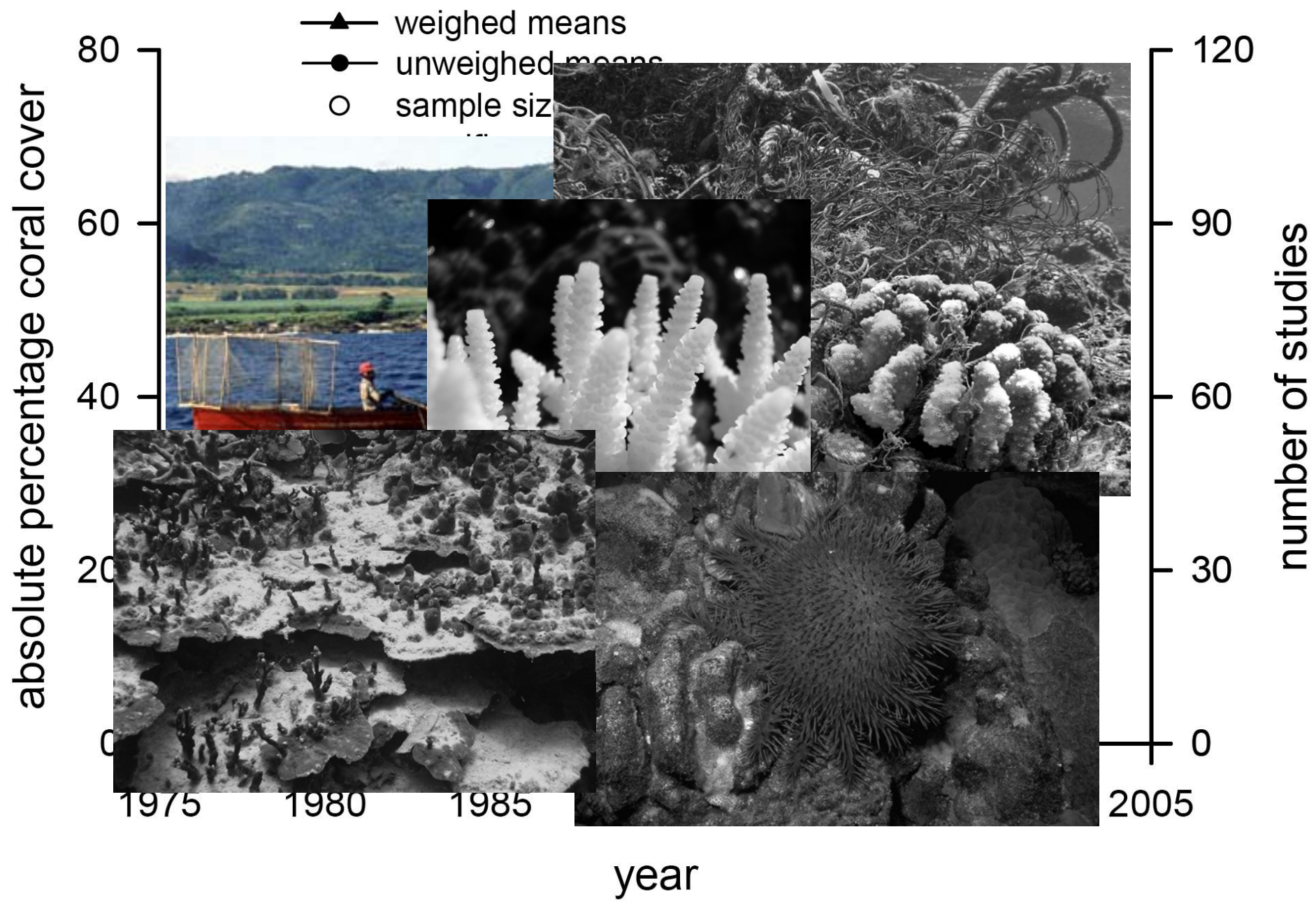


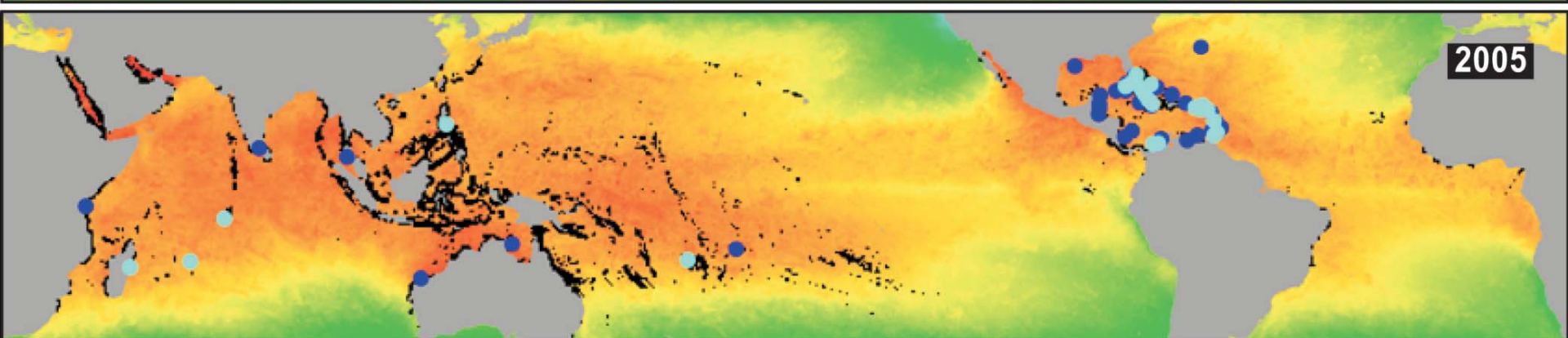
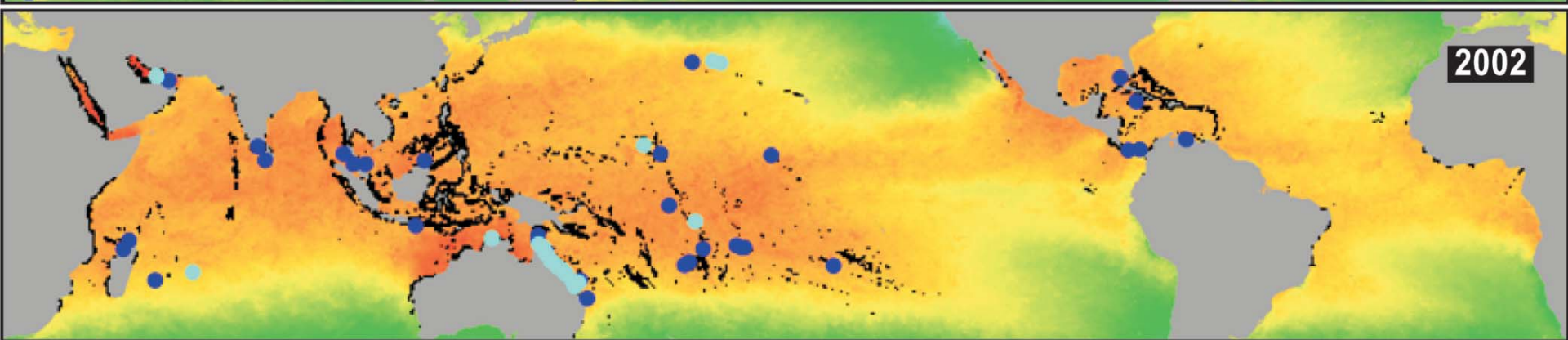
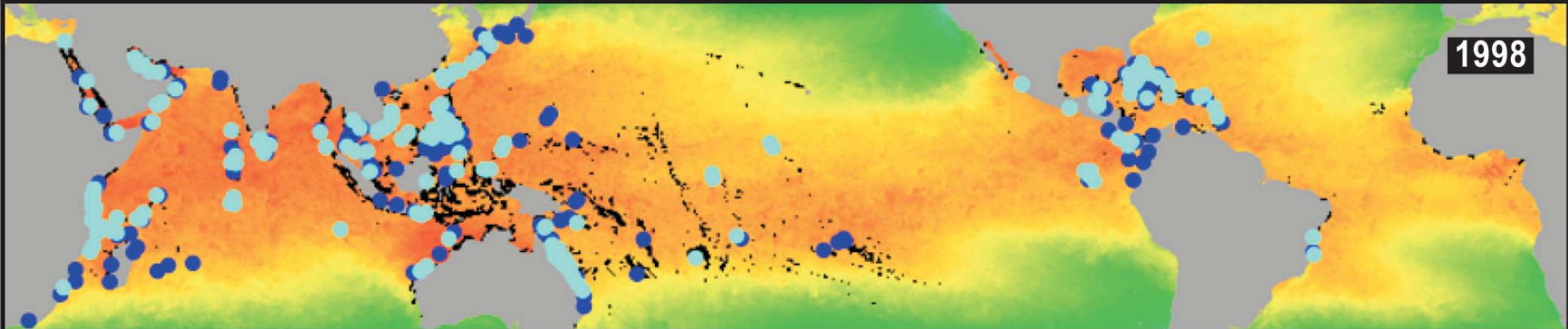
- Reduce desertification
- Maintain soils
- **Crop pollination** → €153 billion/year
- Seed dispersal
- **Food provision** → fisheries: €50 billion/year
- Water purification
- Fuel provision
 - €50 billion lost/year
- Fibre provision
 - Land-based ecosystem loss €545 billion by 2010
- Climate regulation
 - > €14 trillion/year lost by 2050
- Flood regulation
- Disease regulation
- Waste decomposition/detoxification
- Nutrient cycling
- Soil formation
- Primary production
- Pharmaceutical sources
- Cultural appreciation (aesthetic, spiritual, educational, recreational...)

Cost of Policy Inaction (COPI):
The case of not meeting the 2010 biodiversity target.
European Commission





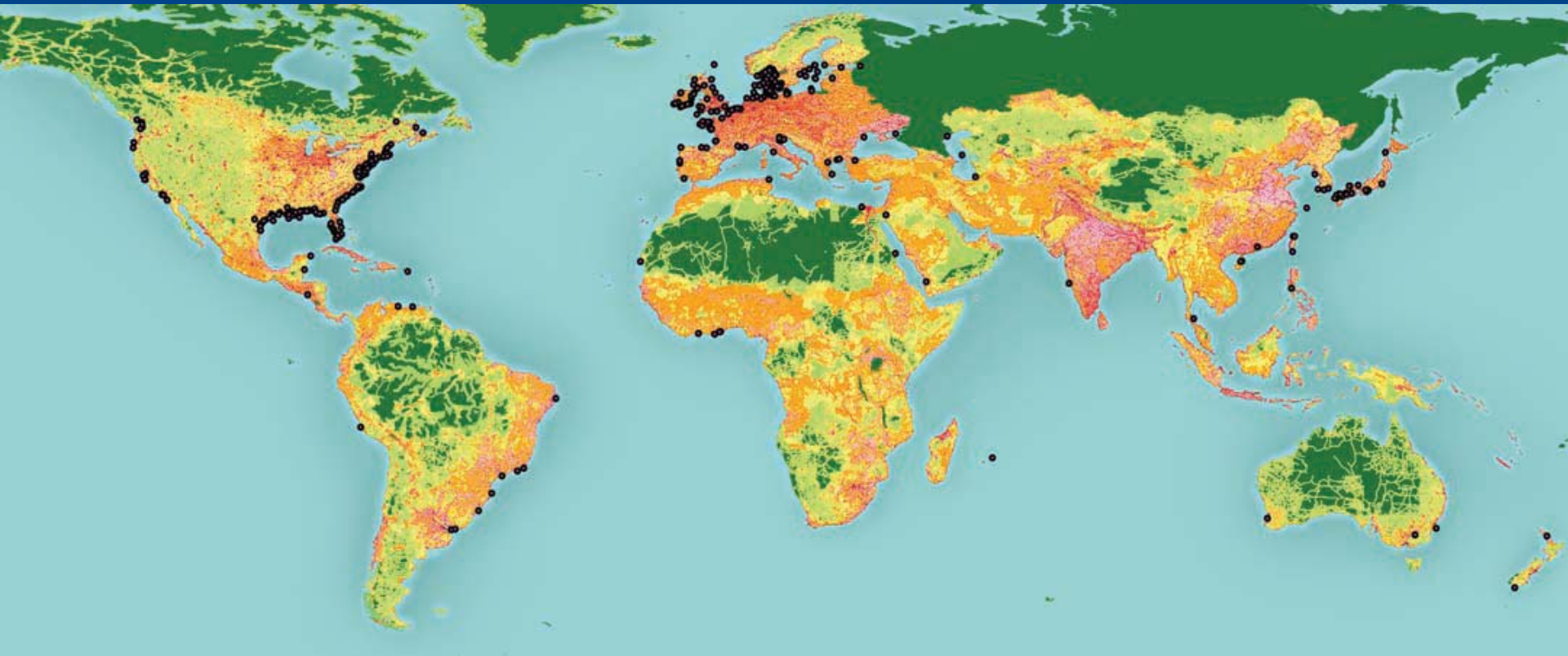




● Severe bleaching

● Low to medium bleaching

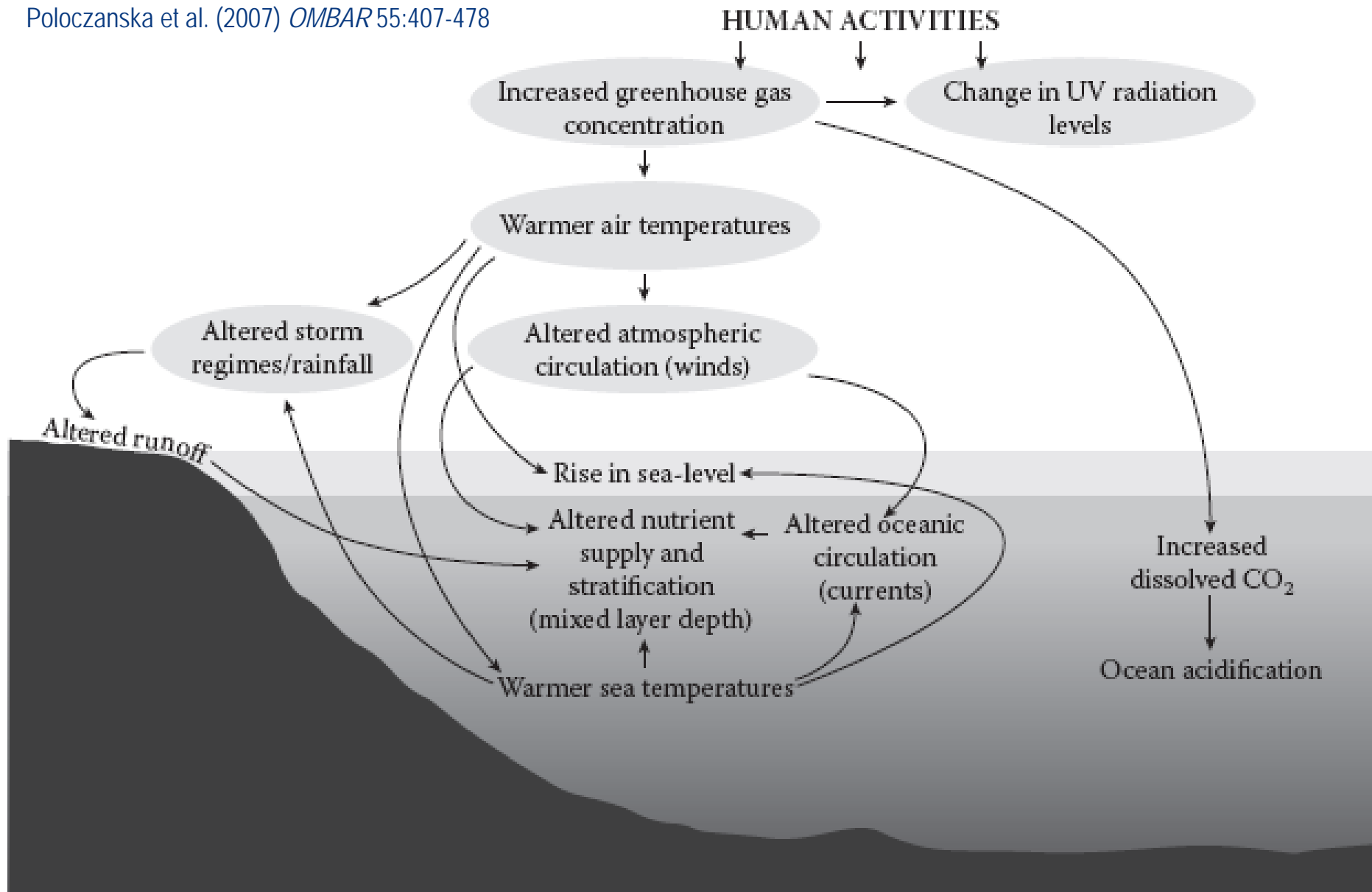
Marine Dead Zones

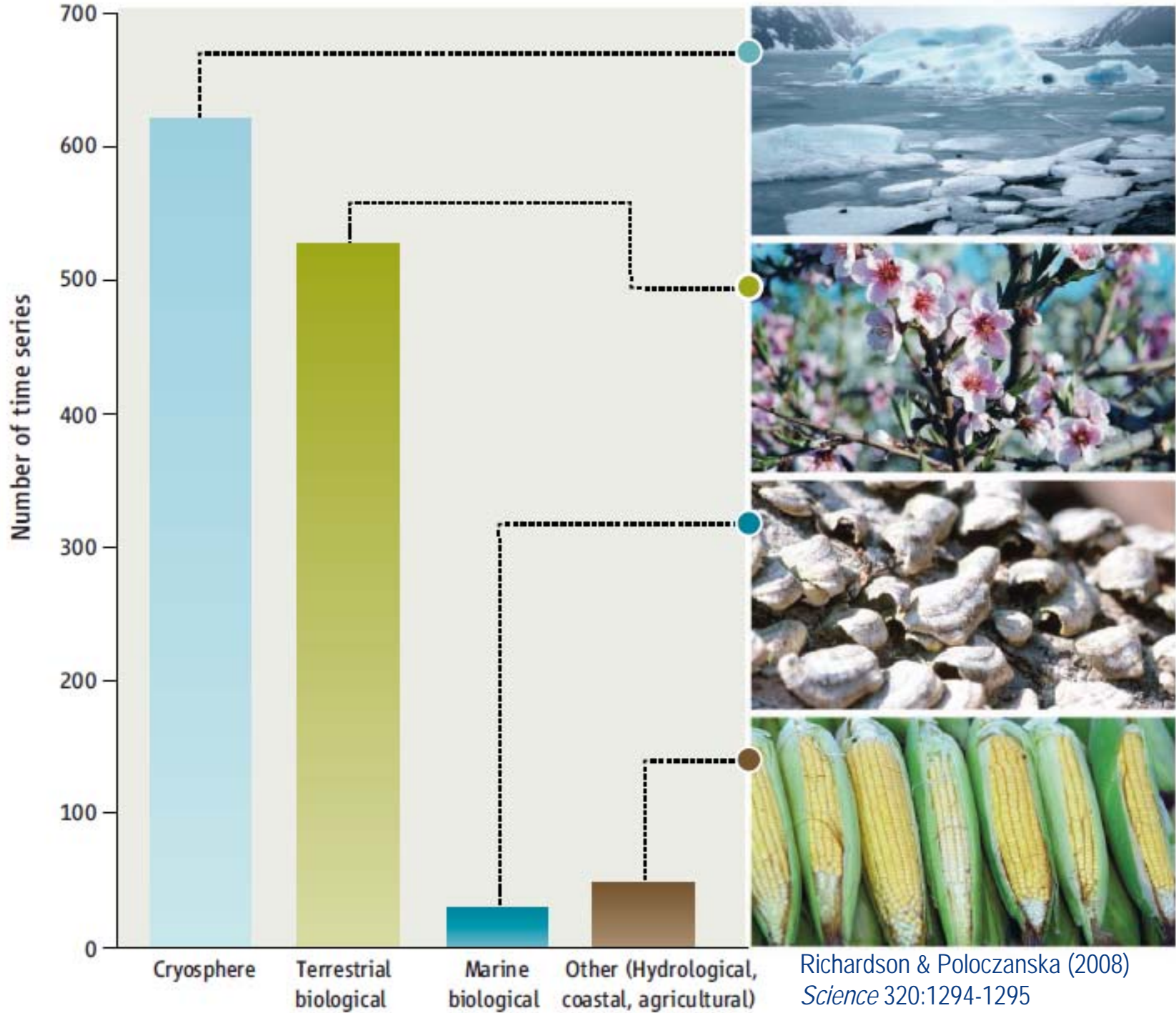






Ocean Damage Tour





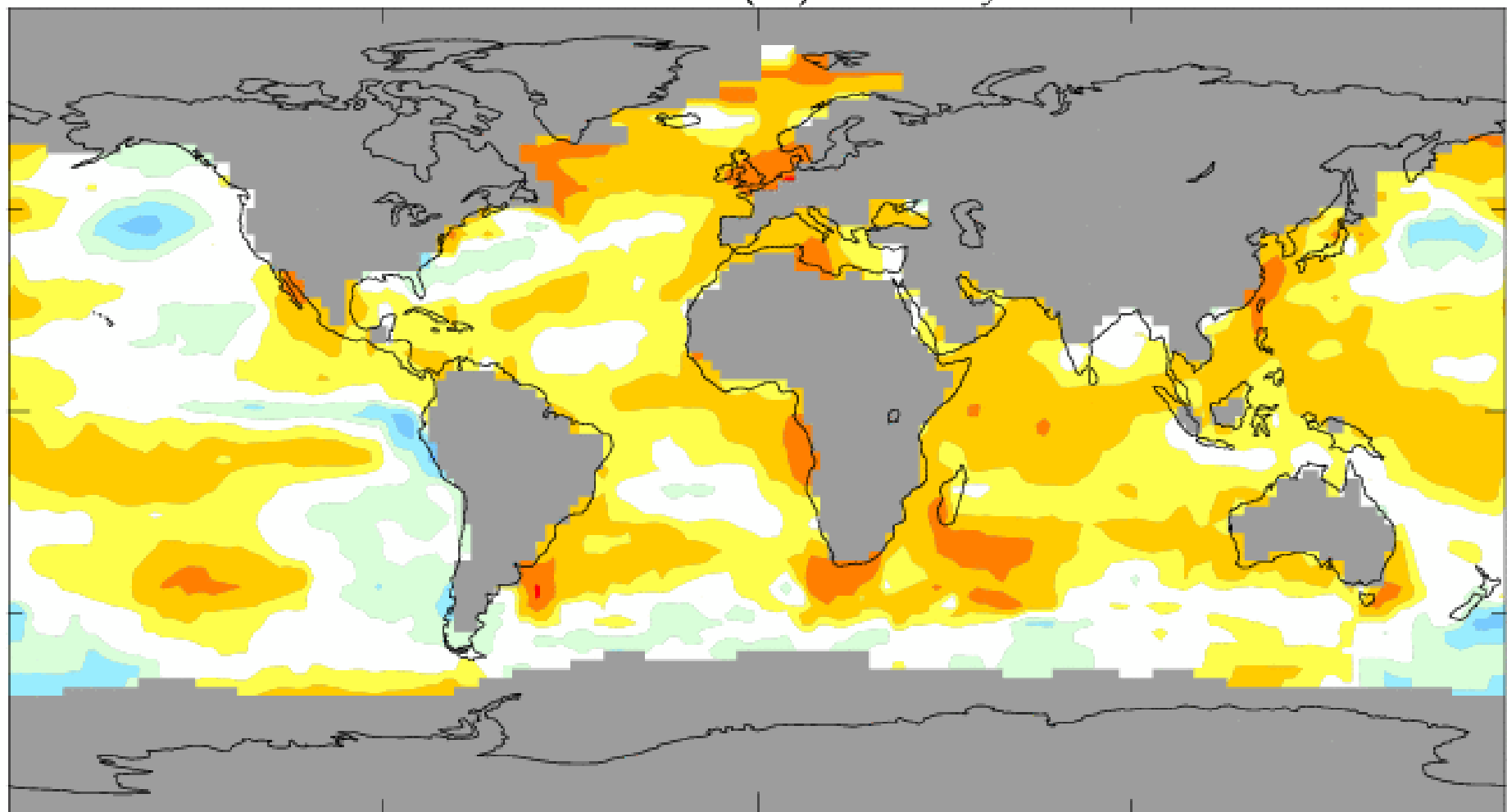
Richardson & Poloczanska (2008)
Science 320:1294-1295

Note: Gray areas signify missing data.

Nov-Oct 2007

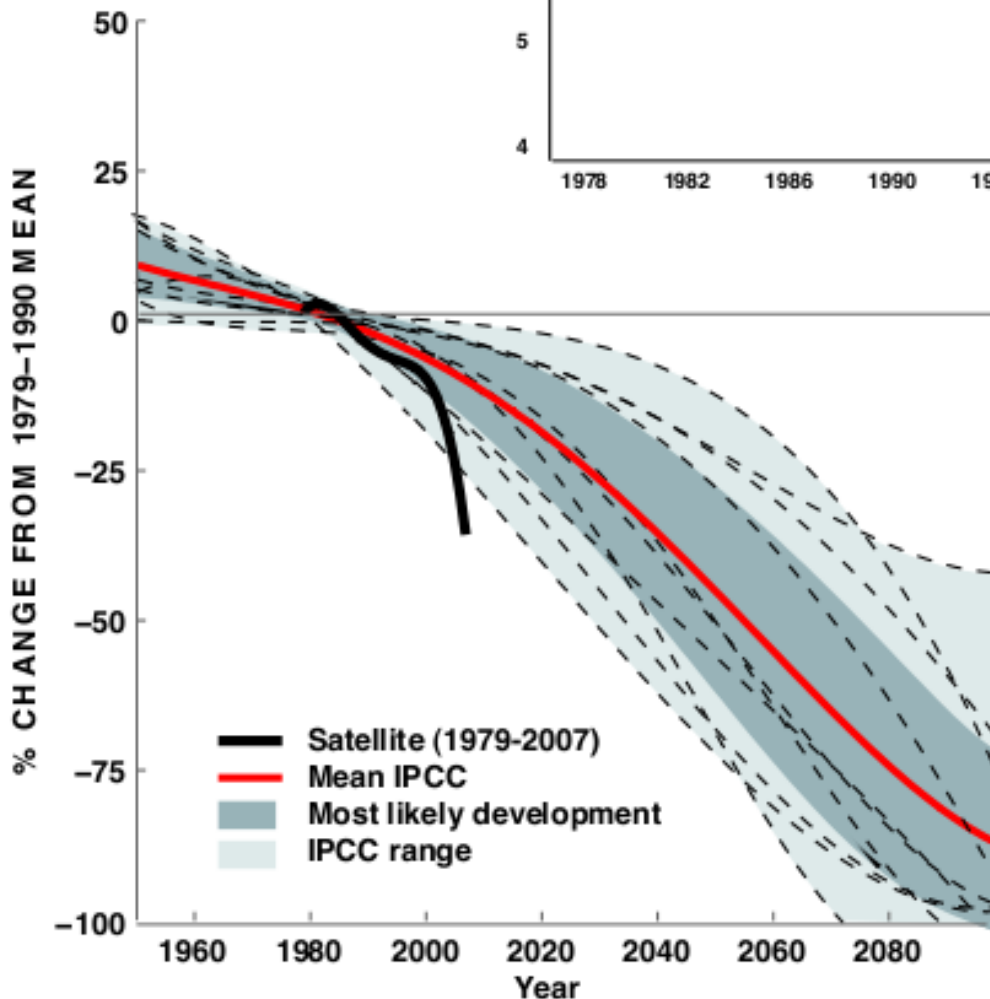
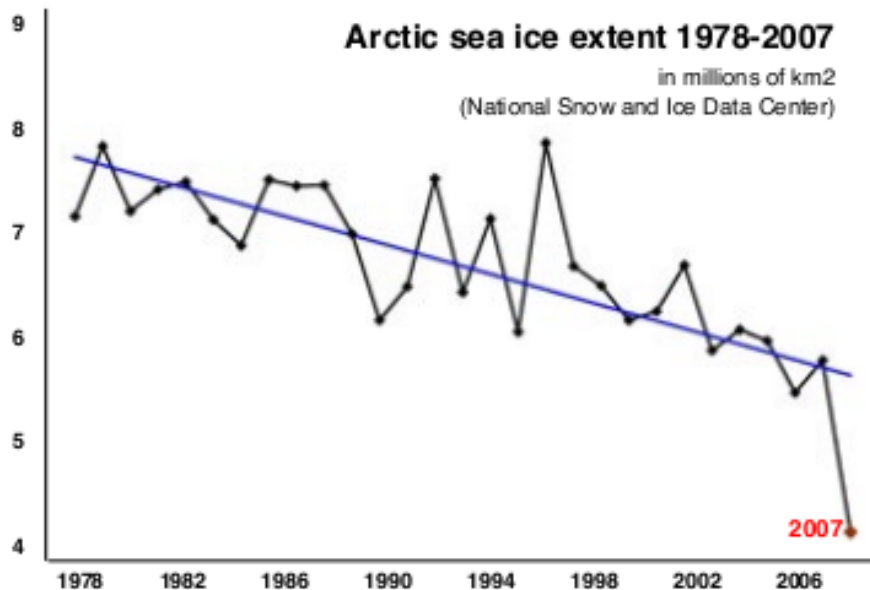
Tocn(°C) Anomaly vs 1951-1980

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Arctic sea ice extent 1978-2007

in millions of km²
(National Snow and Ice Data Center)

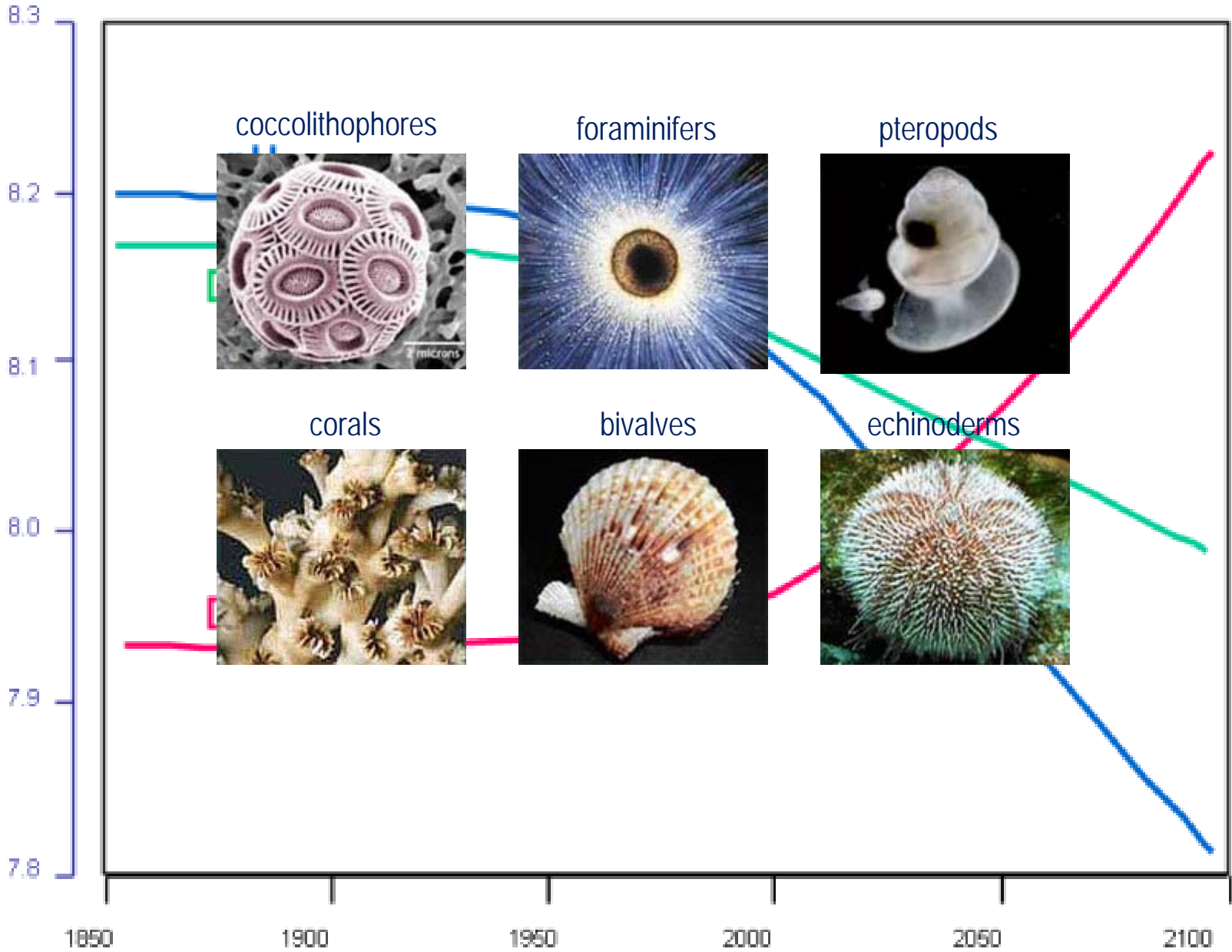


Arctic sea ice summer extent loss compared to IPCC projections

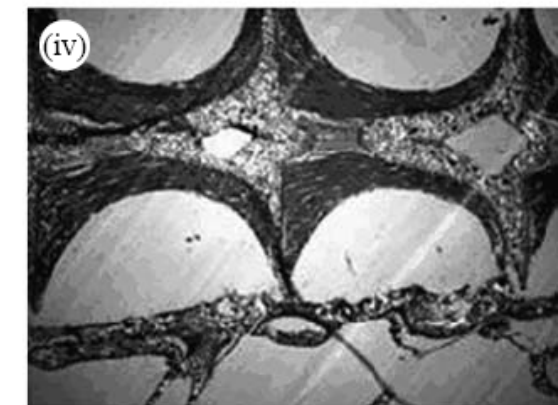
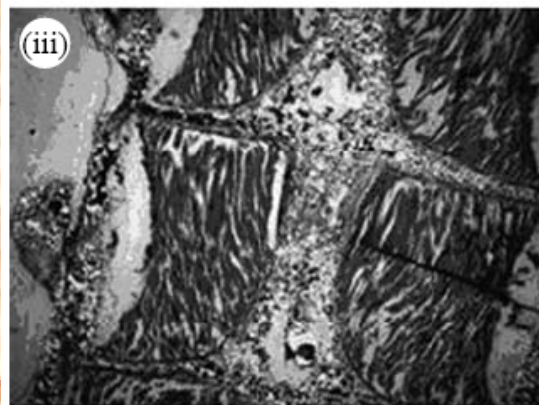
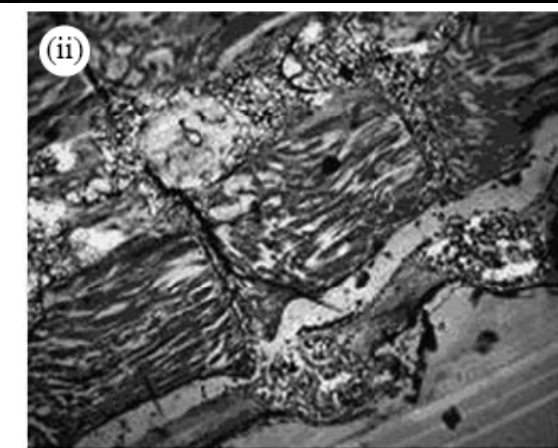
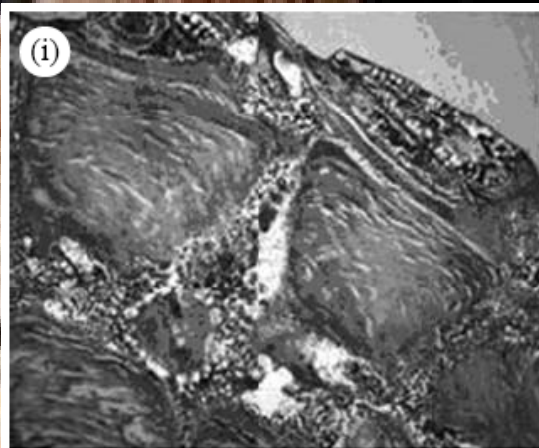
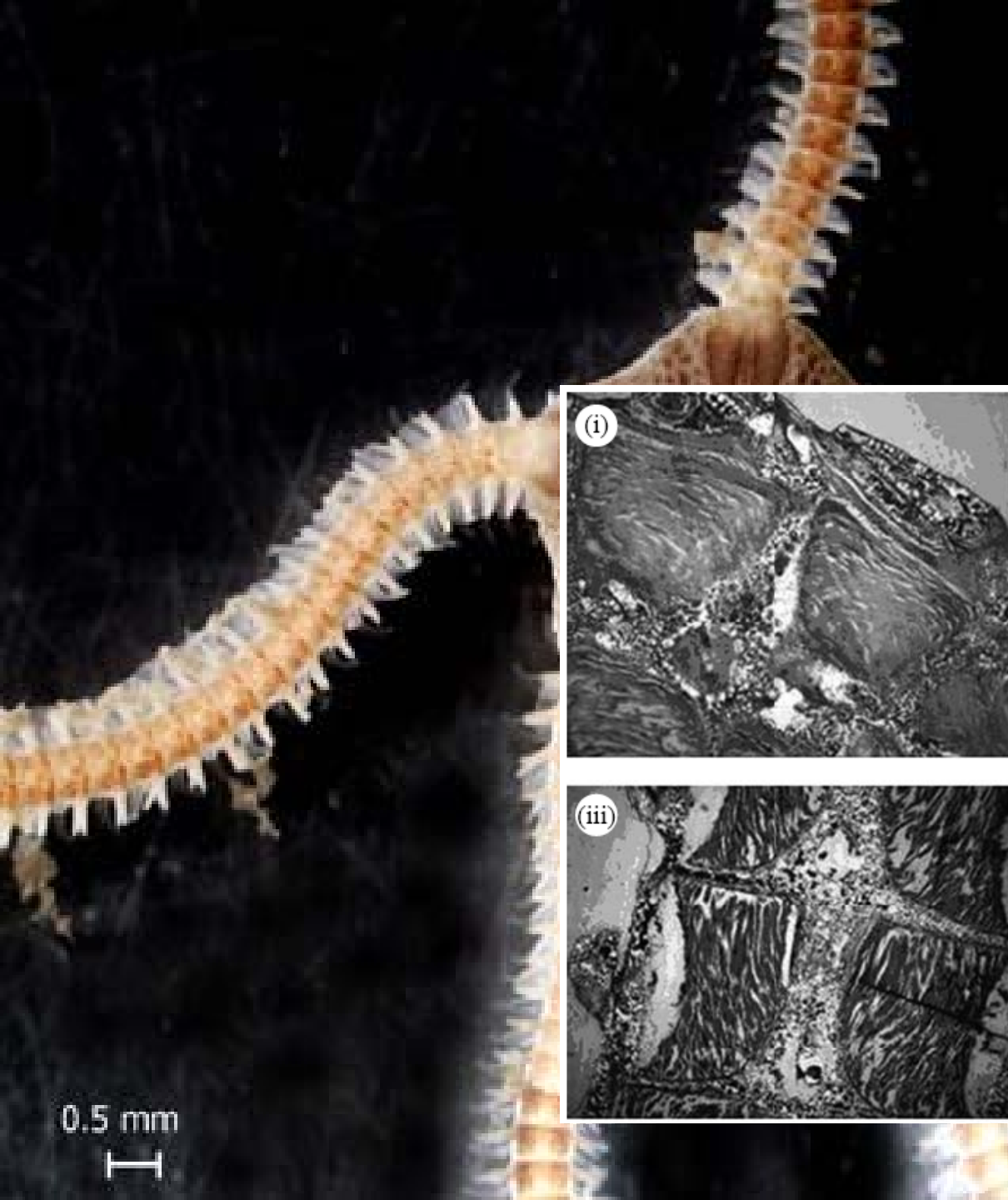
Arctic ice extent loss to September 2007 compared to IPCC modelled changes using the SRES A2 CO₂ scenario (IPCC high CO₂ scenario). September loss data from satellite observations. Data smoothed with a 4th order polynomial to smooth out the year-to-year variability. Chart courtesy Dr Asgeir Sorteberg, Bjerknes Centre for Climate Research and University Center at Svalbard, Norway.

pH

[CO₂] [CO₃]
(μmol l⁻¹)

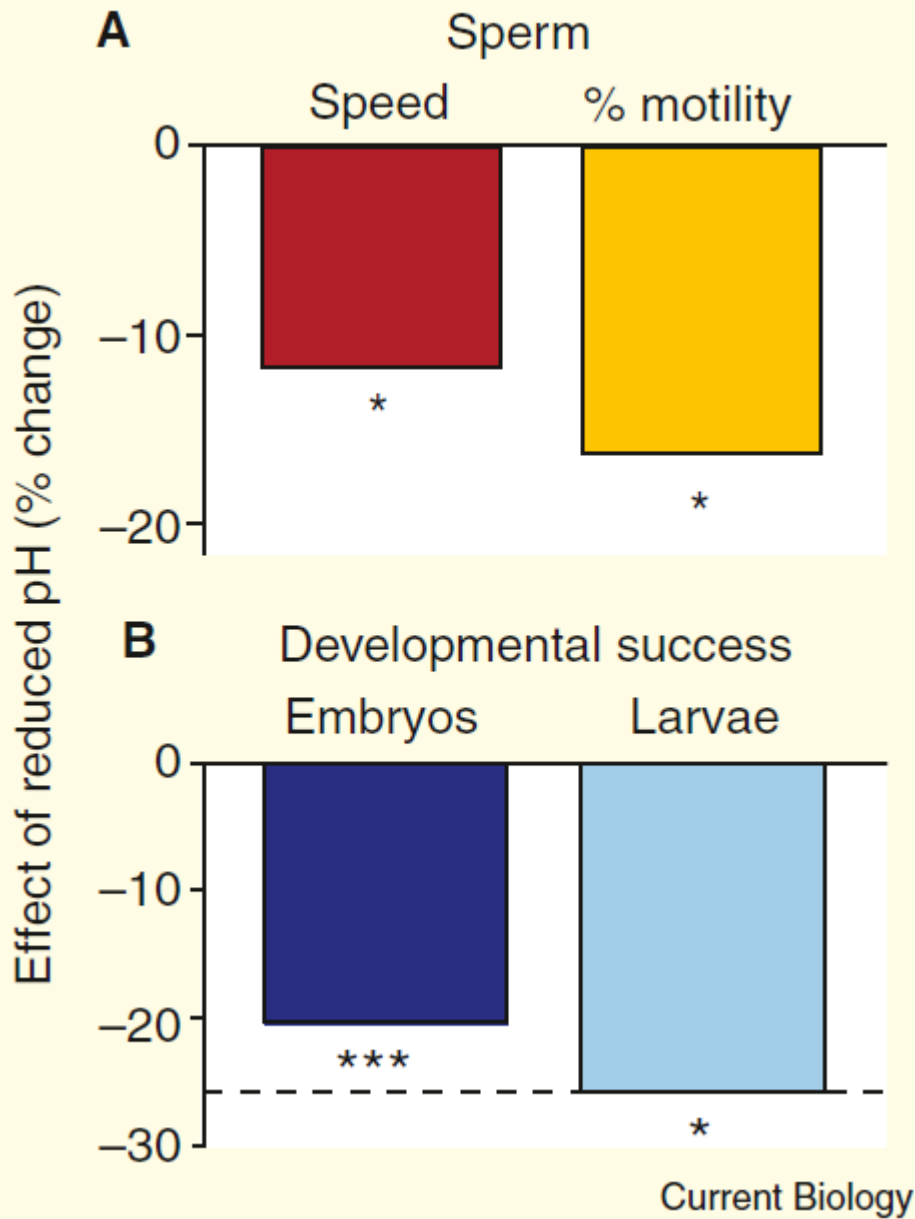


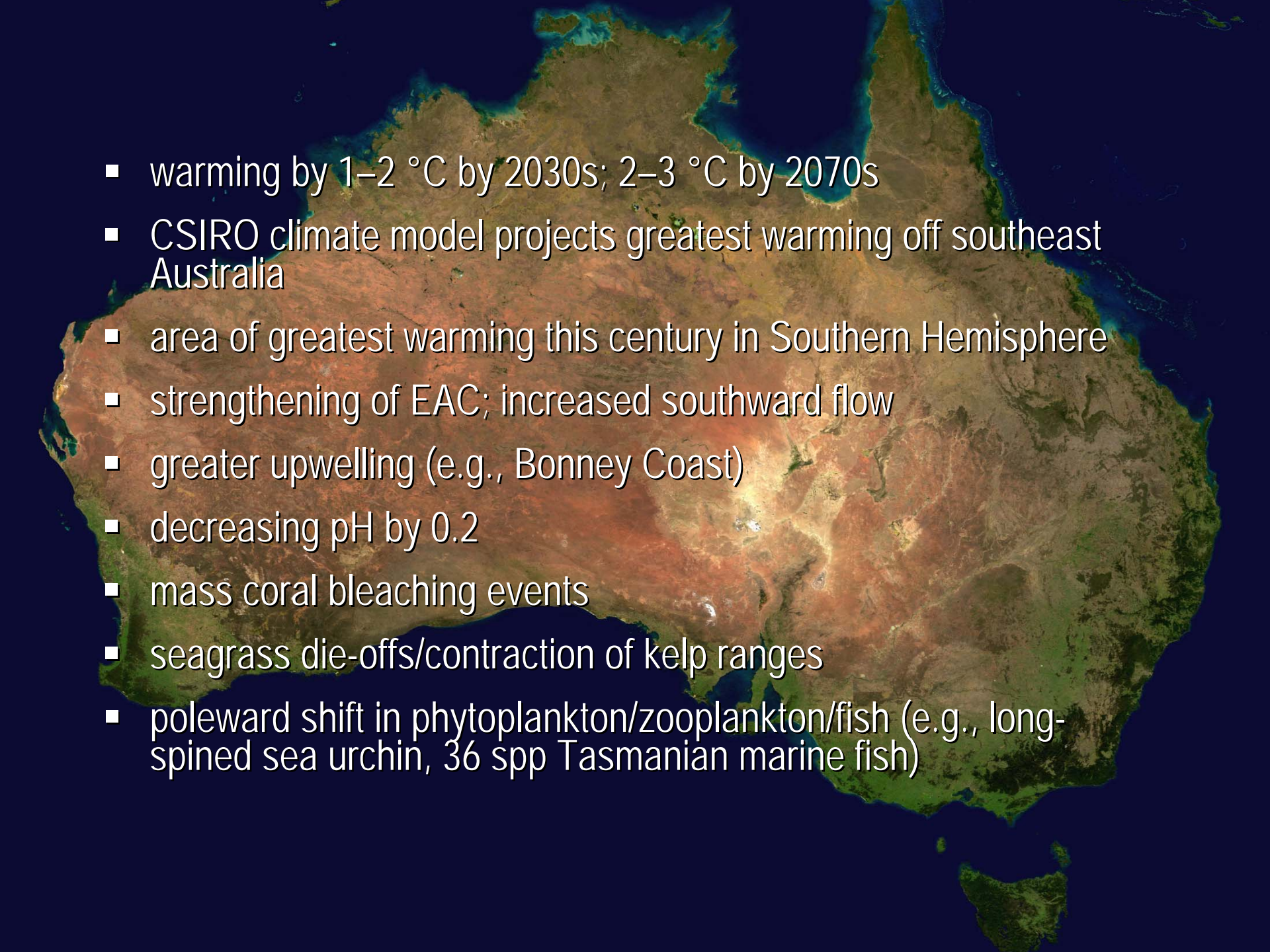
Jahr



0.5 mm
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Heliocidaris erythrogramma



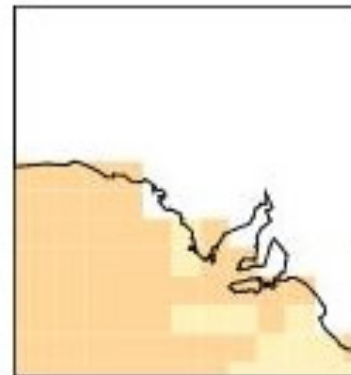
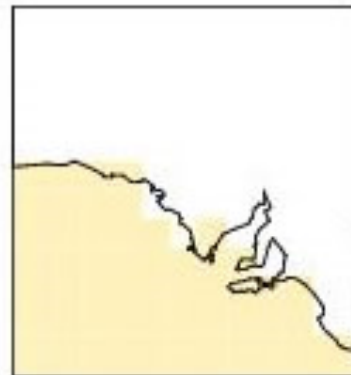
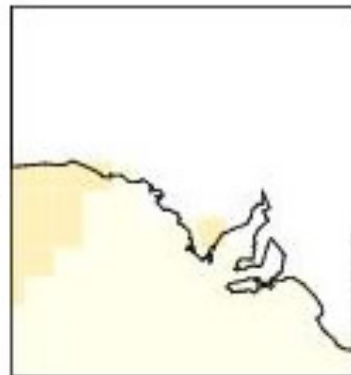
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- A satellite-style map of Australia is shown in the background. The map is overlaid with a list of projected climate change impacts. The text is white with a slight shadow, making it stand out against the darker colors of the map. The impacts listed include warming, sea level rise, ocean acidification, and shifts in marine ecosystems.
- warming by 1–2 °C by 2030s; 2–3 °C by 2070s
 - CSIRO climate model projects greatest warming off southeast Australia
 - area of greatest warming this century in Southern Hemisphere
 - strengthening of EAC; increased southward flow
 - greater upwelling (e.g., Bonney Coast)
 - decreasing pH by 0.2
 - mass coral bleaching events
 - seagrass die-offs/contraction of kelp ranges
 - poleward shift in phytoplankton/zooplankton/fish (e.g., long-spined sea urchin, 36 spp Tasmanian marine fish)

Low emissions

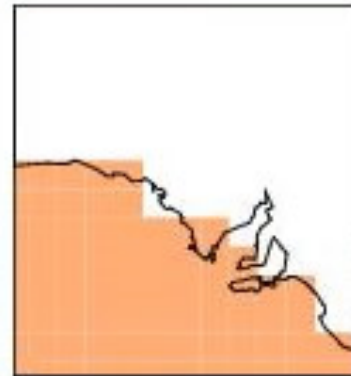
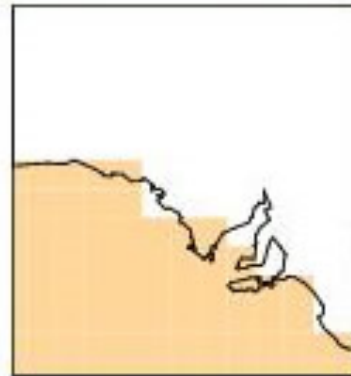
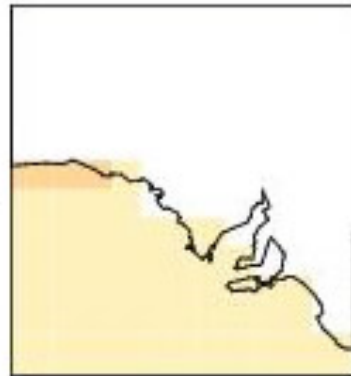
Medium emissions

High emissions

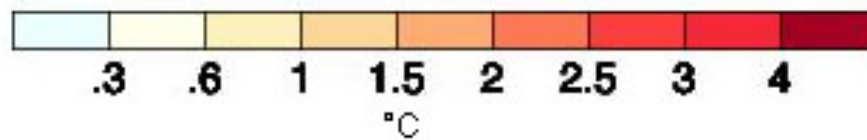
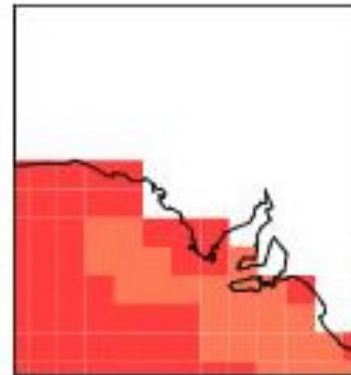
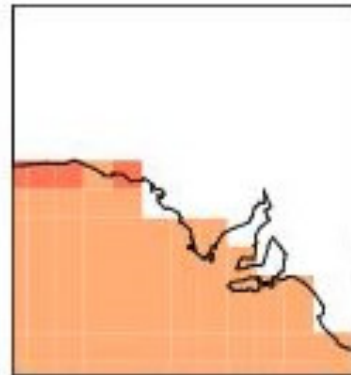
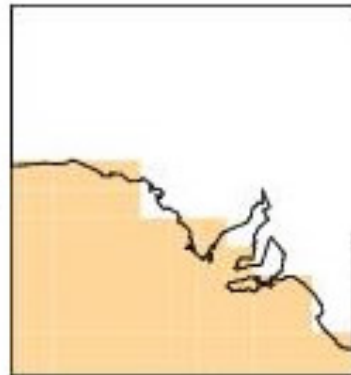
10th Percentile



50th Percentile



90th Percentile



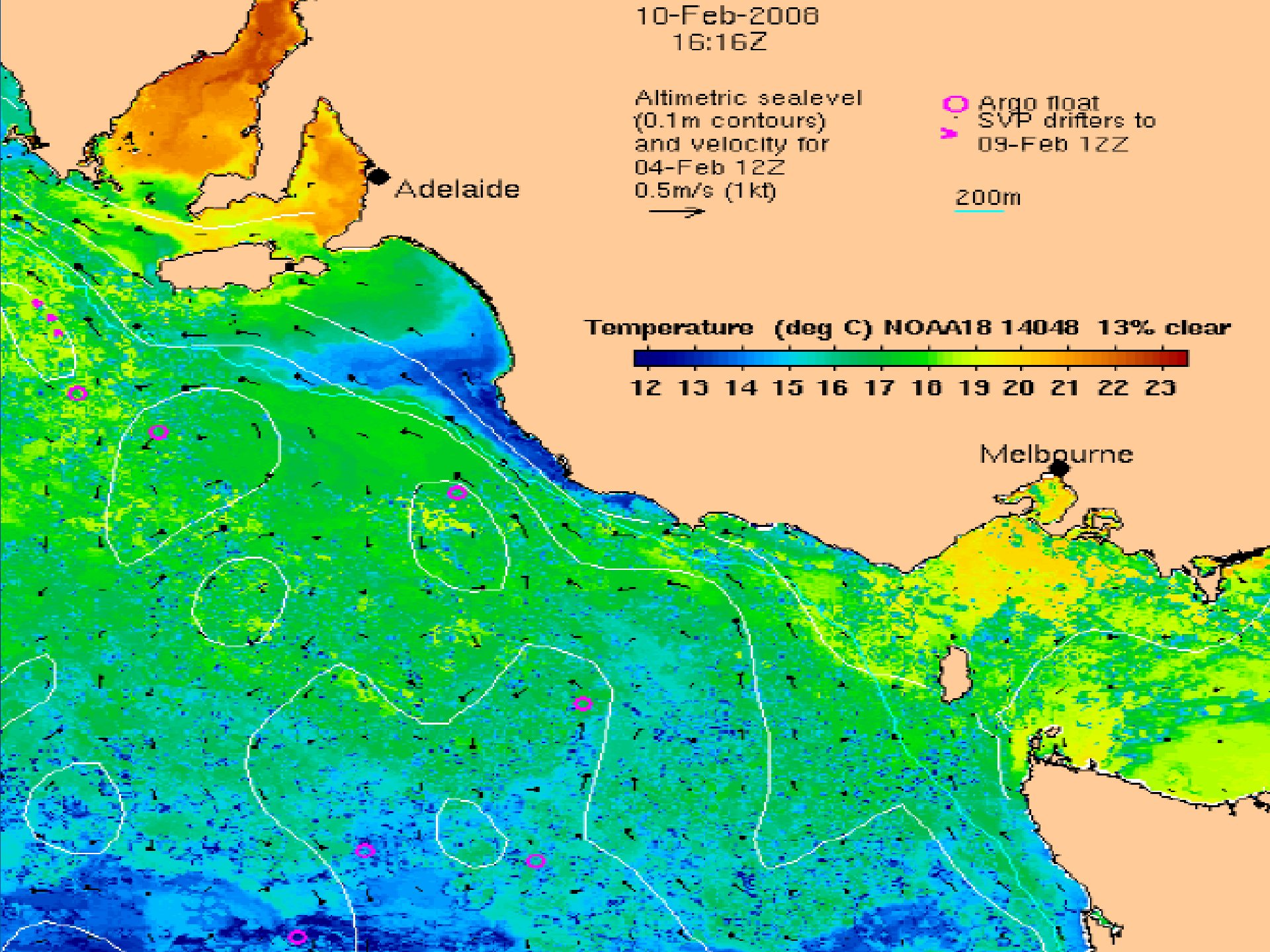
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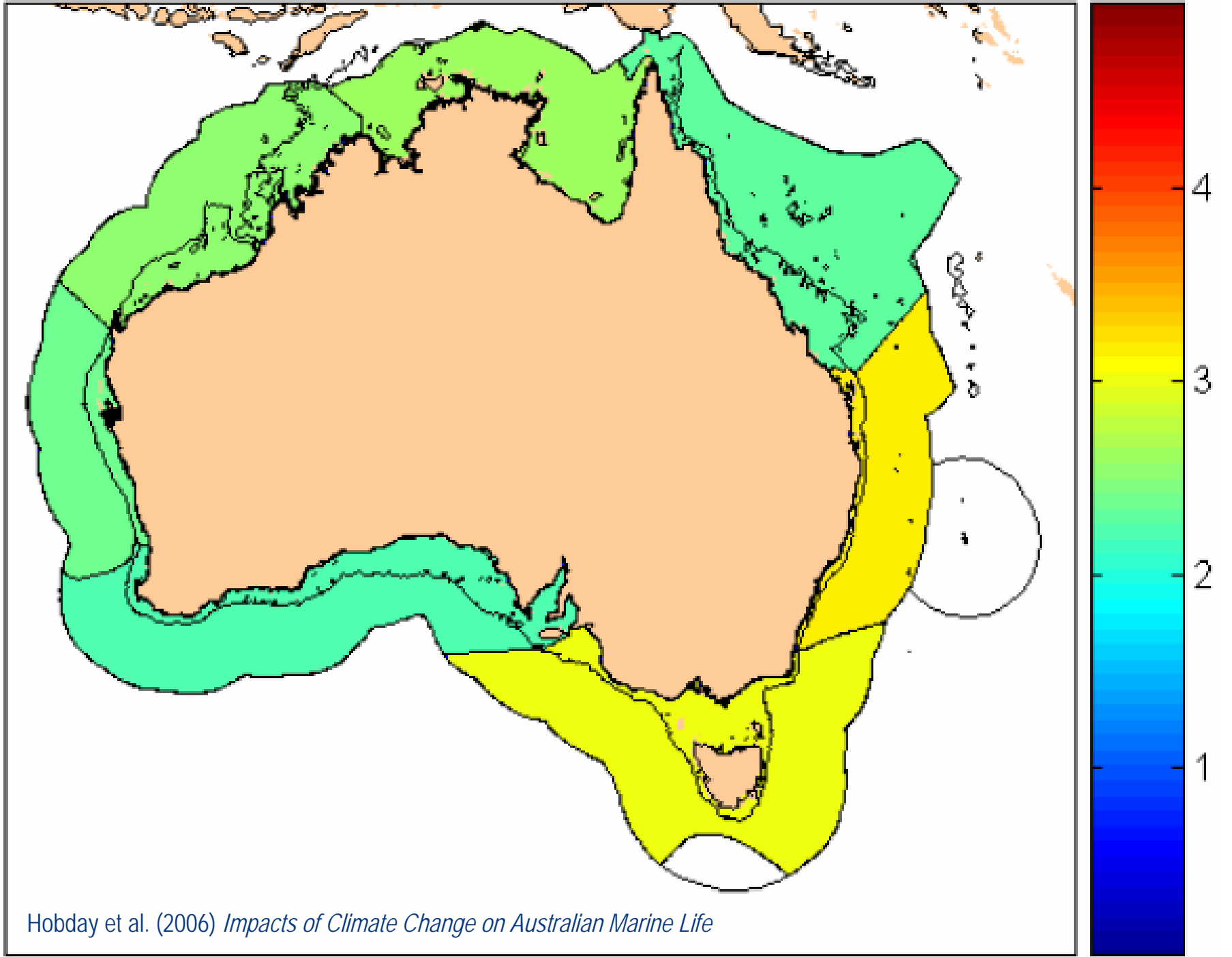
Altimetric sealevel
(0.1m contours)
and velocity for
04-Feb 12Z
0.5m/s (1kt)
→

○ Argo float
SVP drifters to
09-Feb 12Z

200m

Temperature (deg C) NOAA18 14048 13% clear
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23





Hobday et al. (2006) *Impacts of Climate Change on Australian Marine Life*

Phytoplankton & Zooplankton

- ↑ SST & EAC flow → southward movement
- ↑ abundance already, including toxic blooms
- ↓ abundance of calcareous species (e.g., coccolithophores)
- earlier phenology
- likely community changes through mixing
- ↑ jelly swarms



Seagrasses & Kelp

- \uparrow biomass through \uparrow CO_2
- shifts distribution southward
- Δ timing reproduction
- \uparrow destruction from \uparrow storms
- \downarrow UV-intolerant species
- Δ rainfall \rightarrow species Δ



Benthic & Demersal Fishes

- ↑ southward shifts (already)
- ↑ temperature will change abundance & distribution
- ↓ ranges where bounded in south
- synergies with fishing

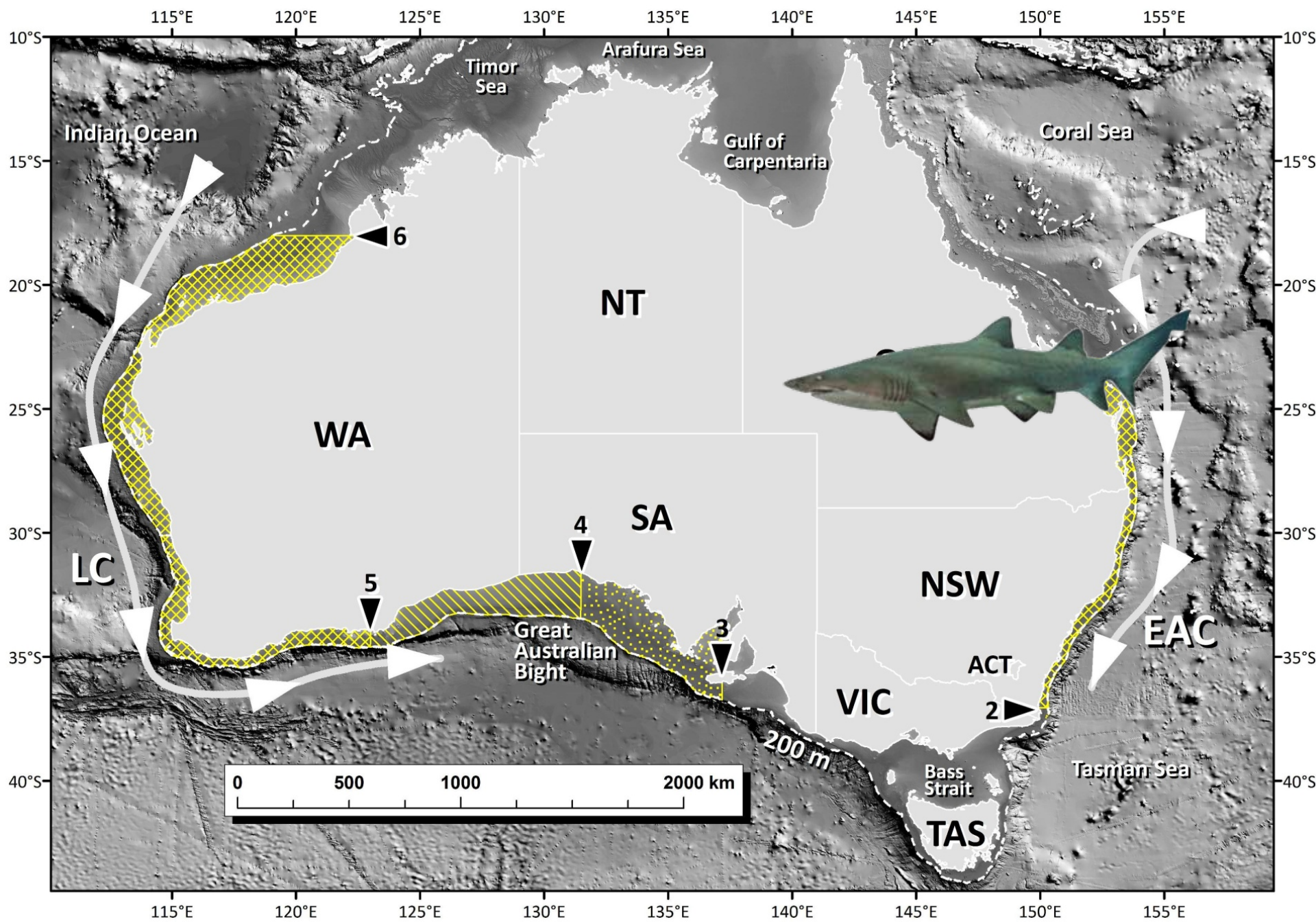


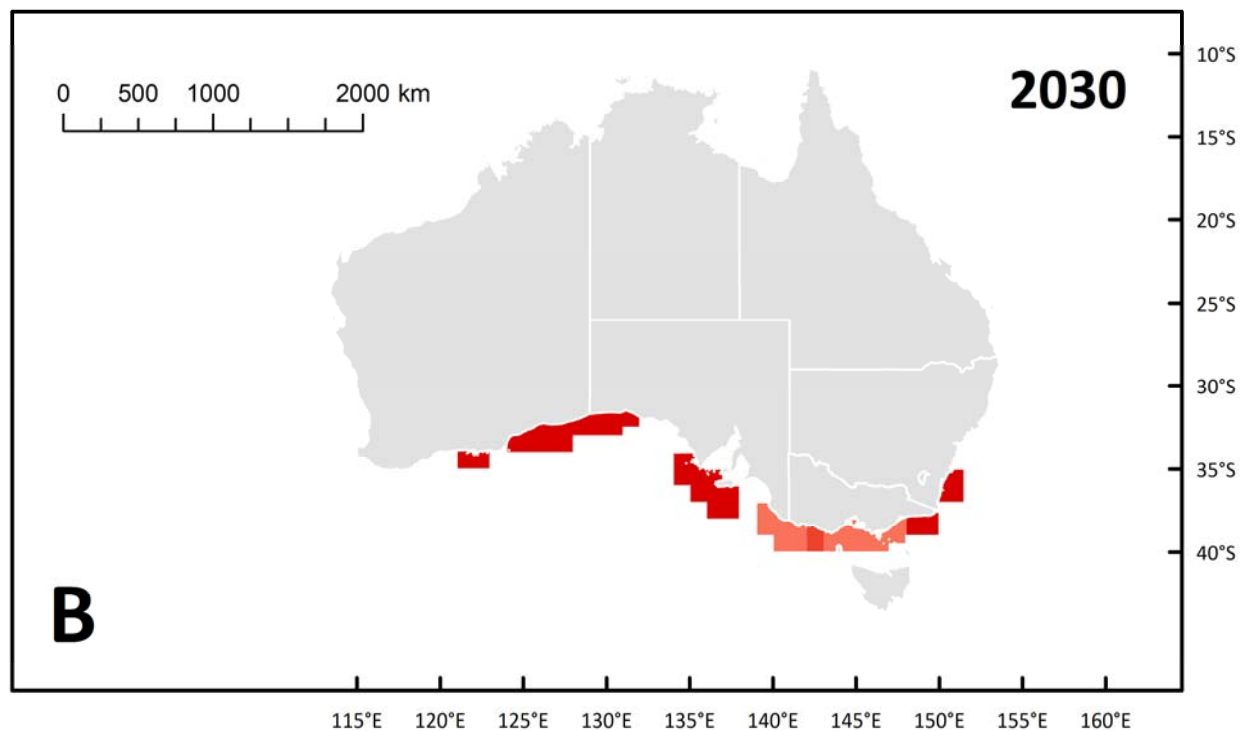
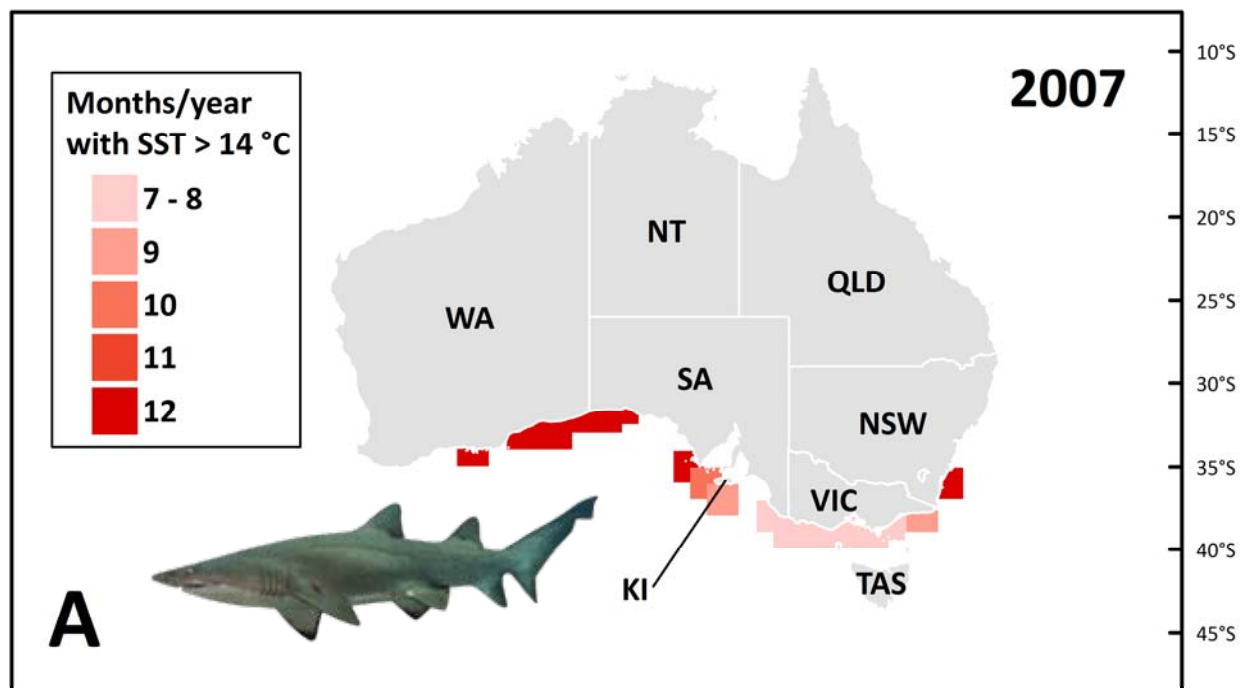
Pelagic Fishes

- ↑ southward movement
- Δ upwelling intensity affect mid-trophic pelagics (e.g., anchovy)
- larval transport





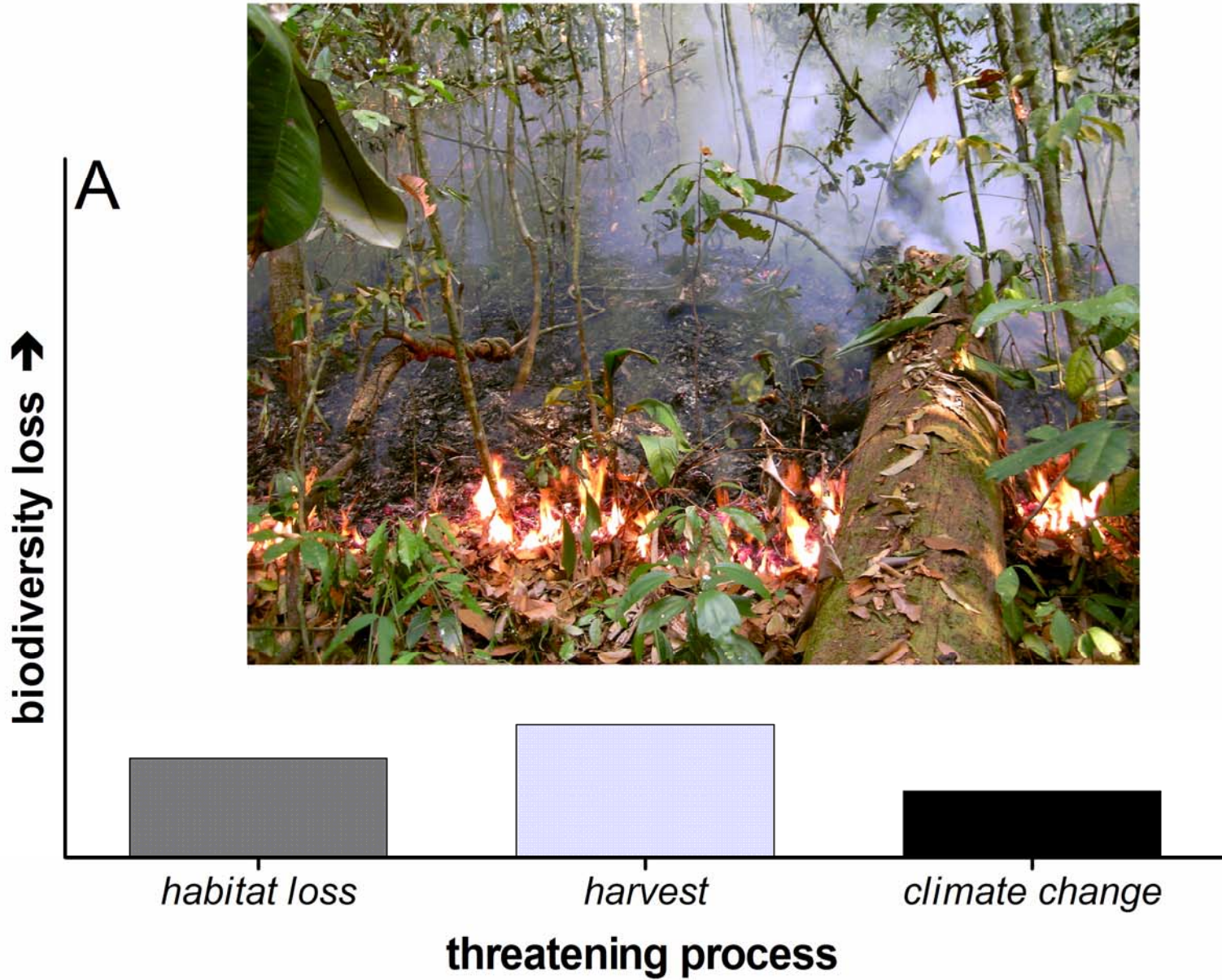


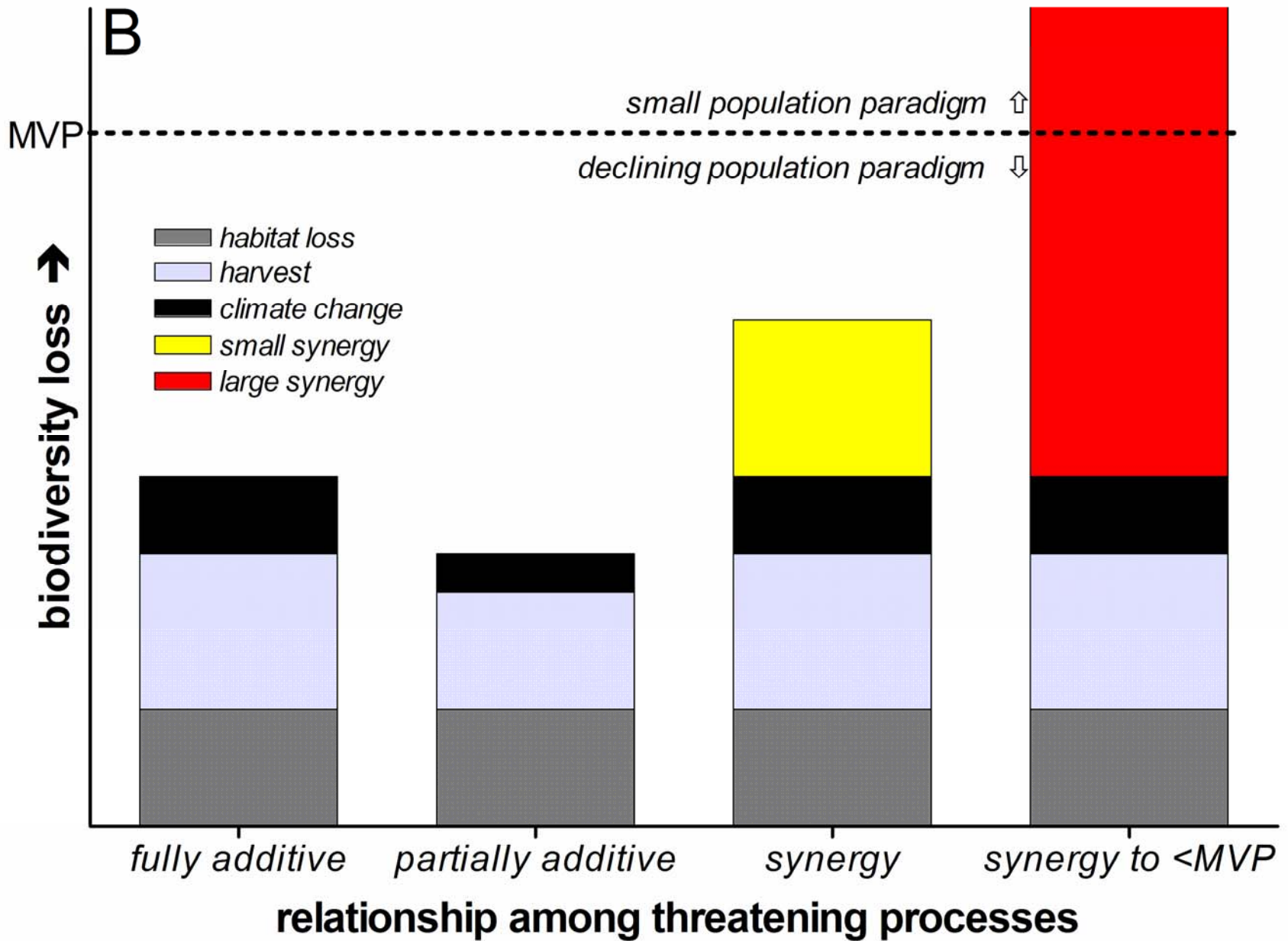


$r < 0$

<i>Inflation of current reported fishing rates</i>	<i>No connectivity MVP_{40G99}</i>	<i>No connectivity Pr($r < 0$)_{40G}</i>	<i>Connectivity MVP_{40G99}</i>	<i>Connectivity Pr($r > 0$)_{40G}</i>
R1 ×	4250	0.014	3750	0.015
R2 ×	6000	0.030	5350	0.054
R4 ×	7550	0.185	7200	0.227





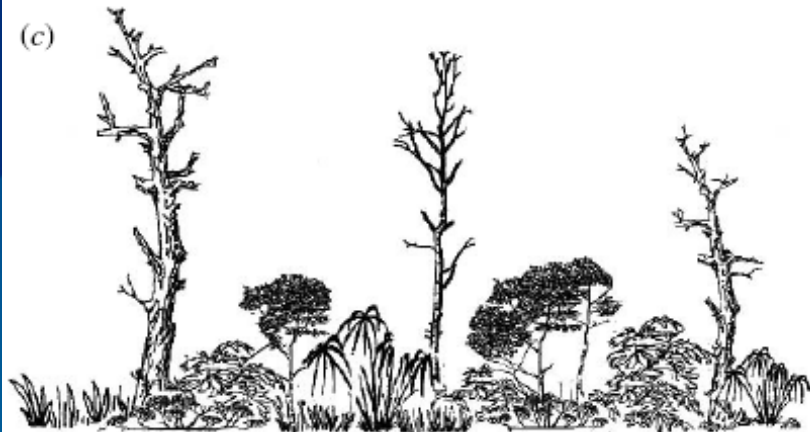




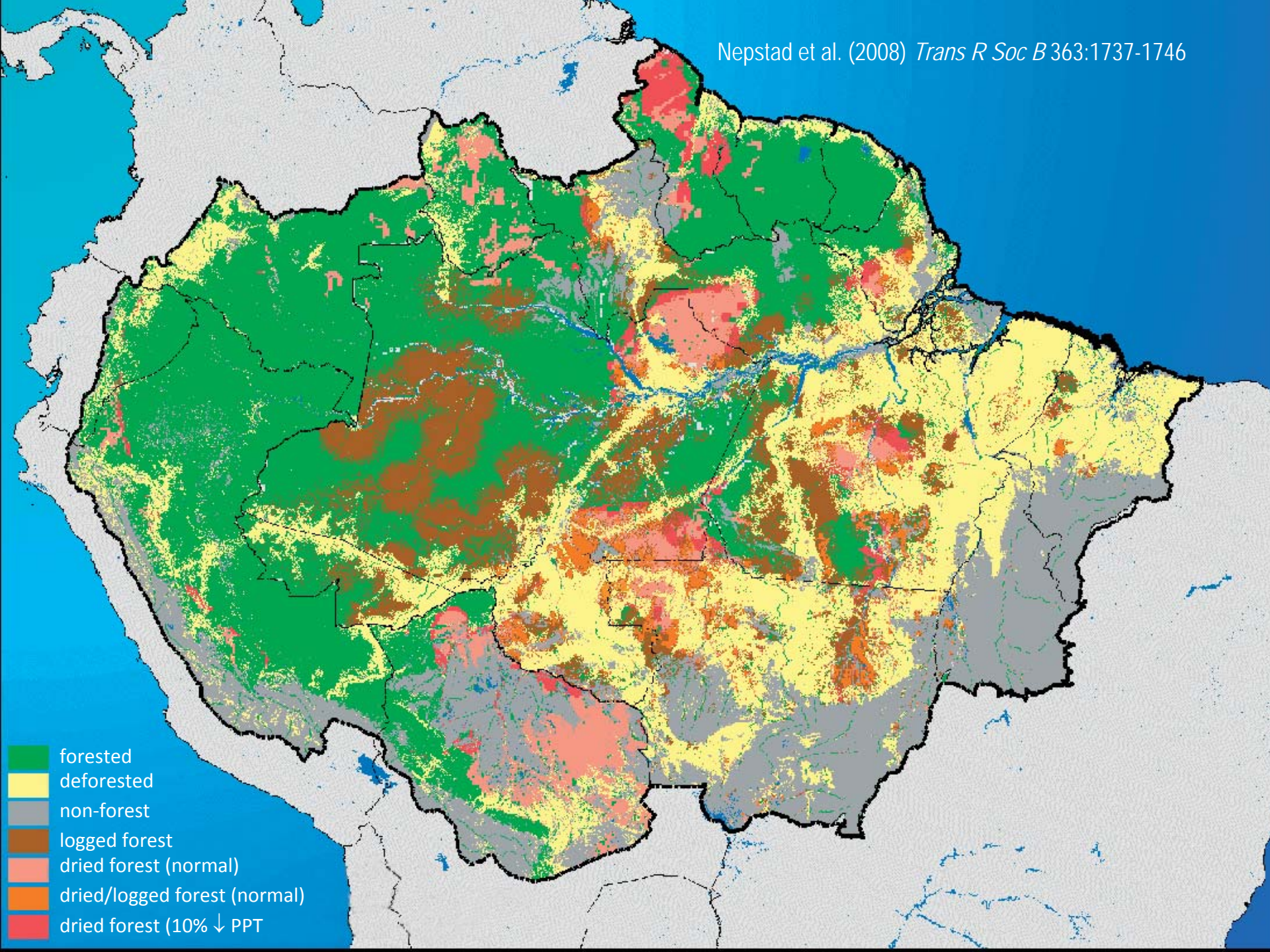
no fire



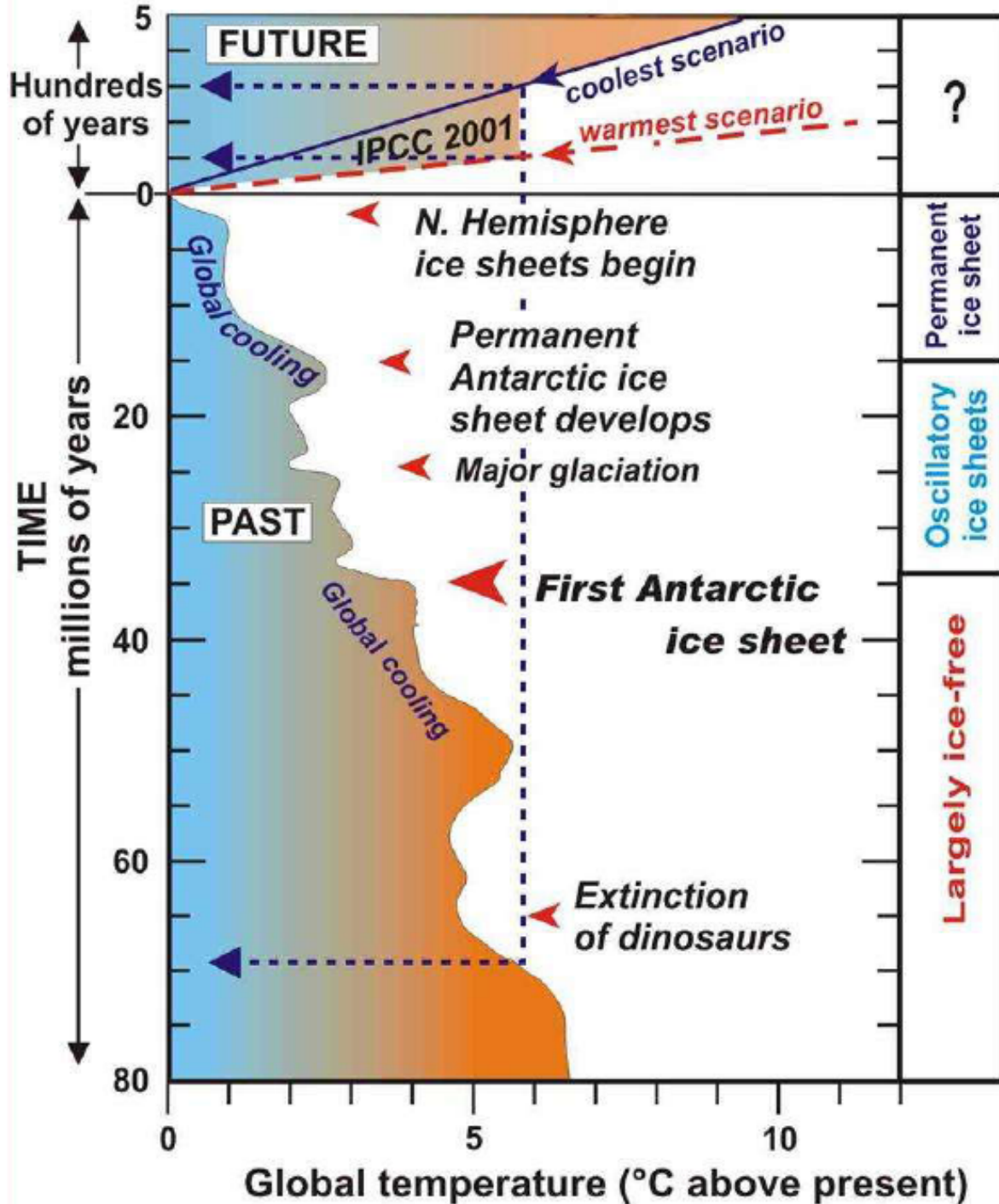
1 fire

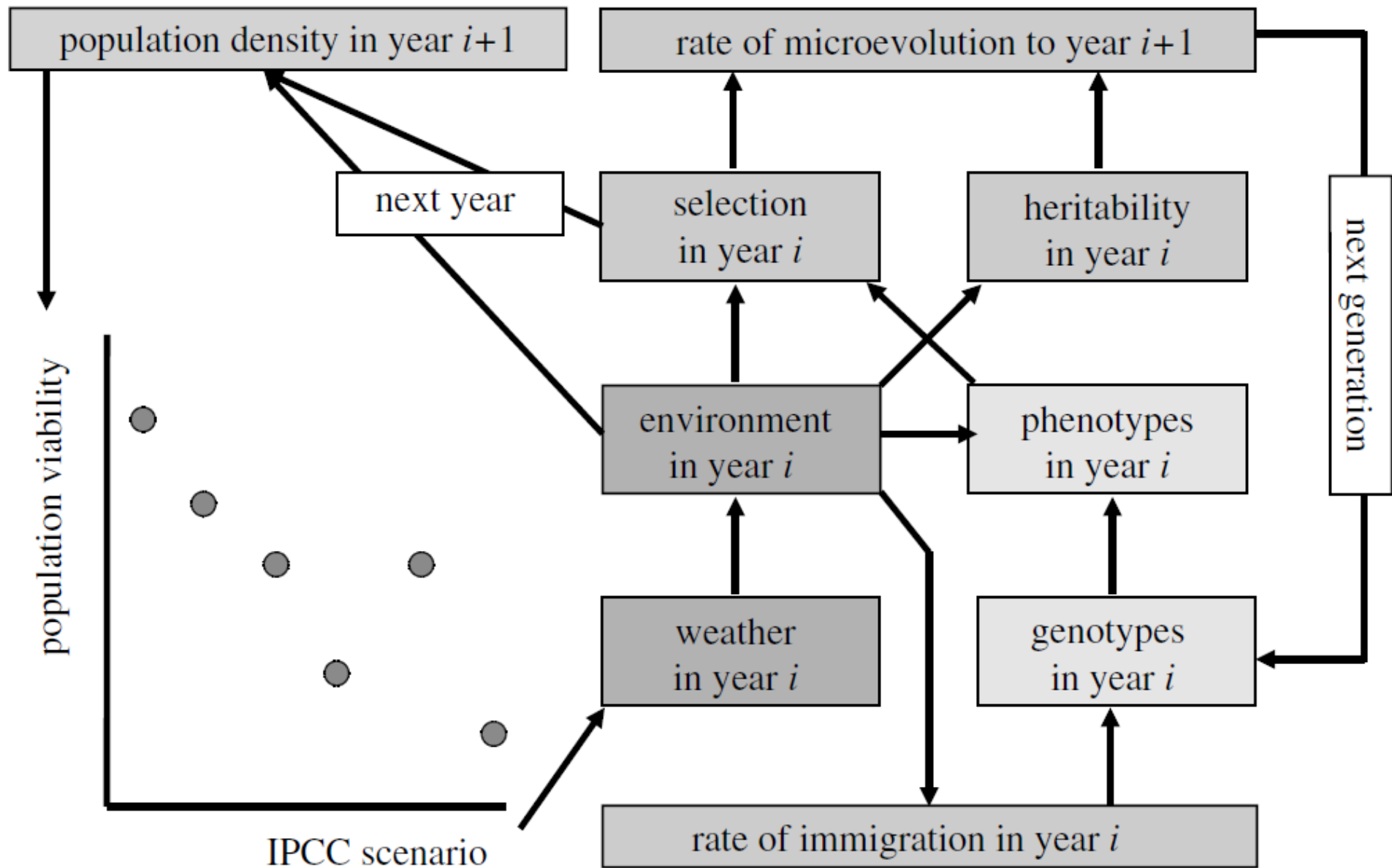


≥ 3 fires

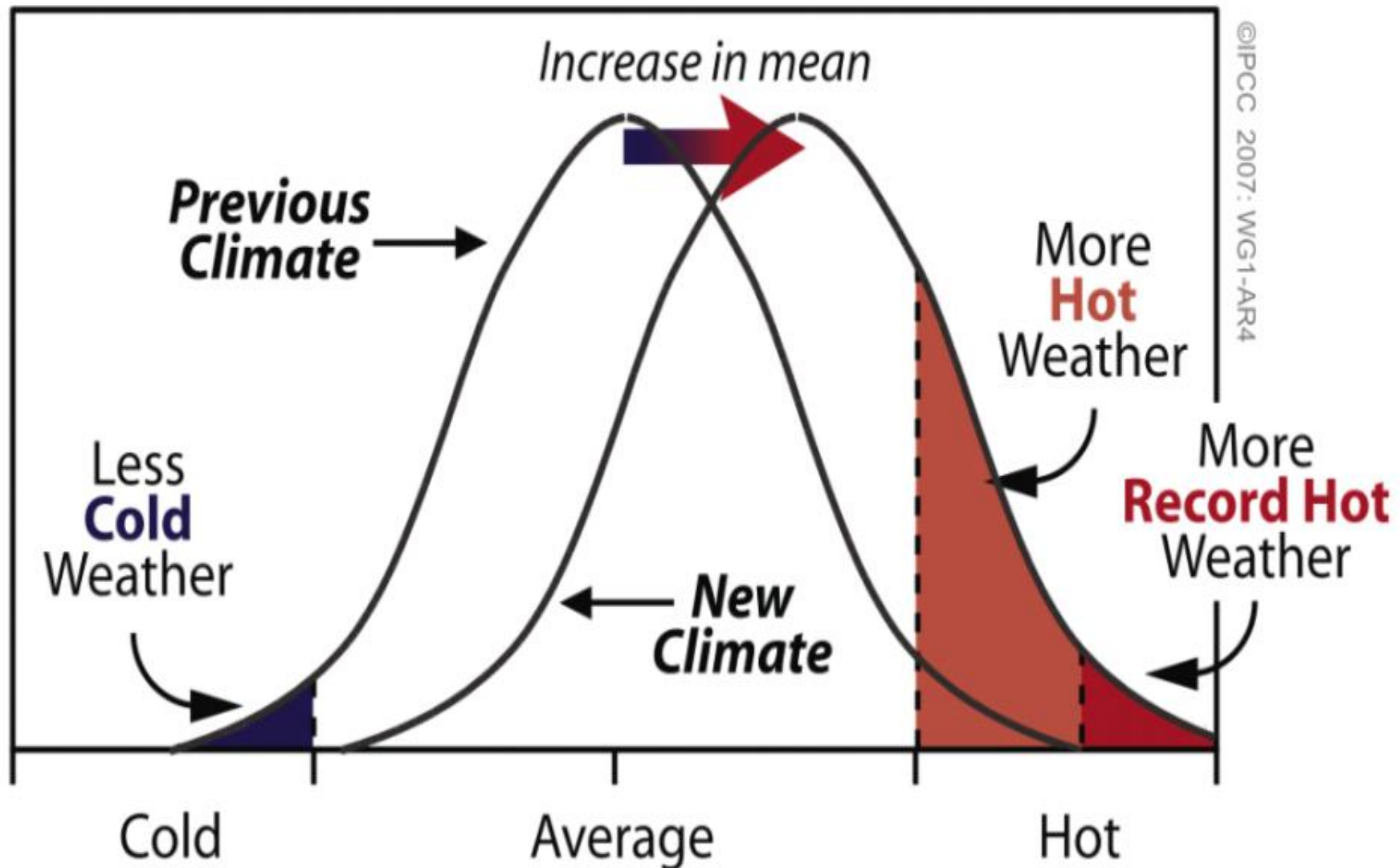


- forested
- deforested
- non-forest
- logged forest
- dried forest (normal)
- dried/logged forest (normal)
- dried forest (10% ↓ PPT)

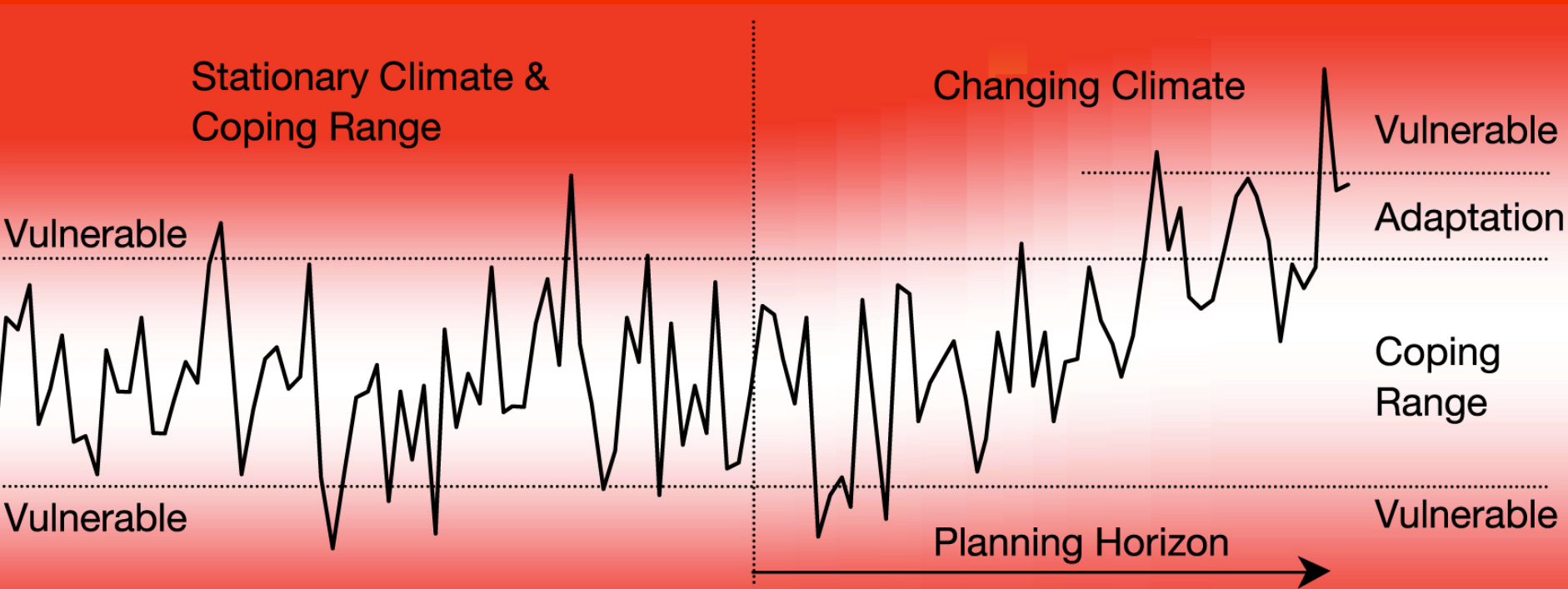




Probability of occurrence



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Stationary Climate & Coping Range

Changing Climate

Vulnerable

Vulnerable

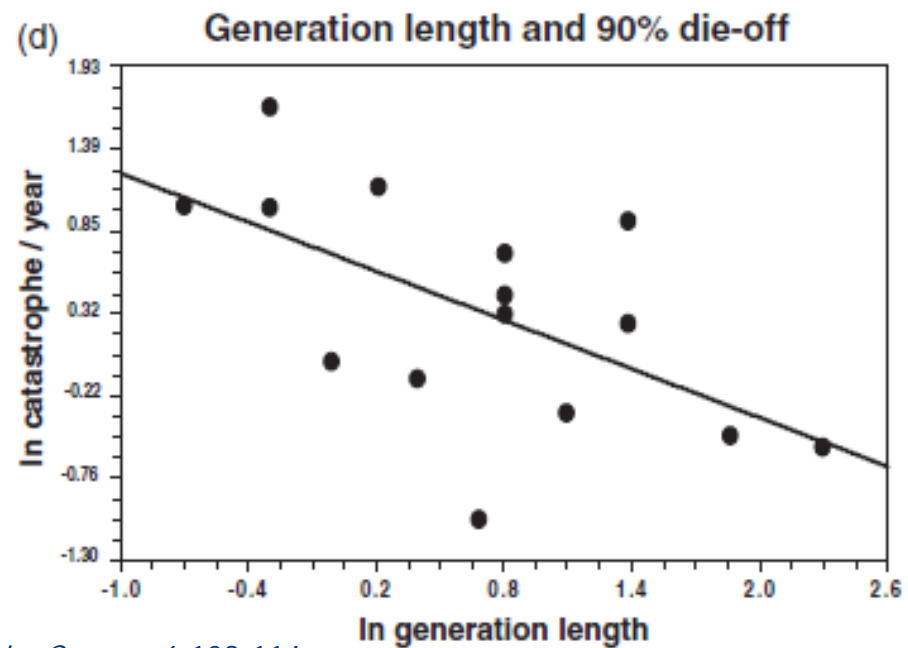
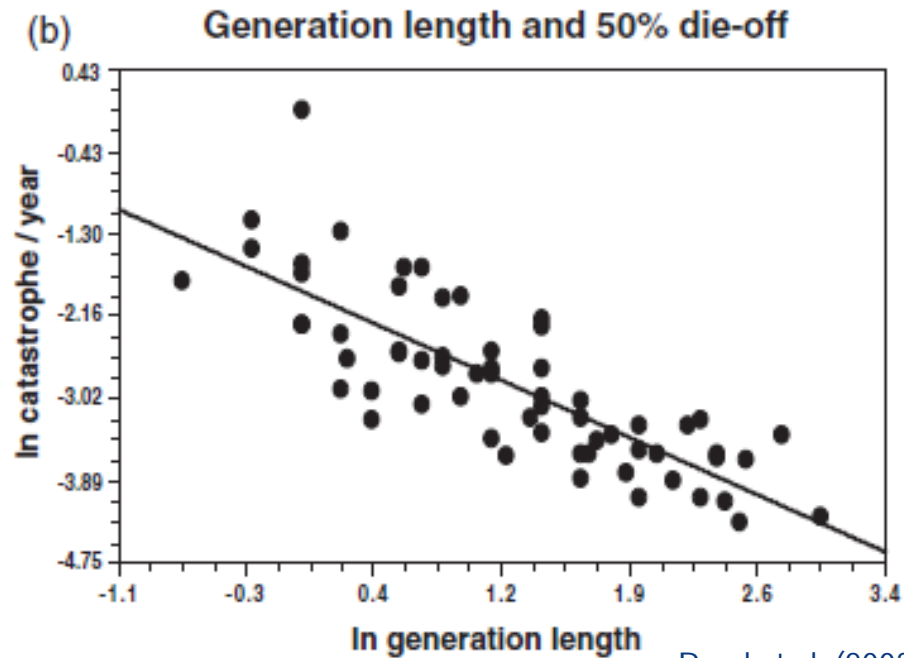
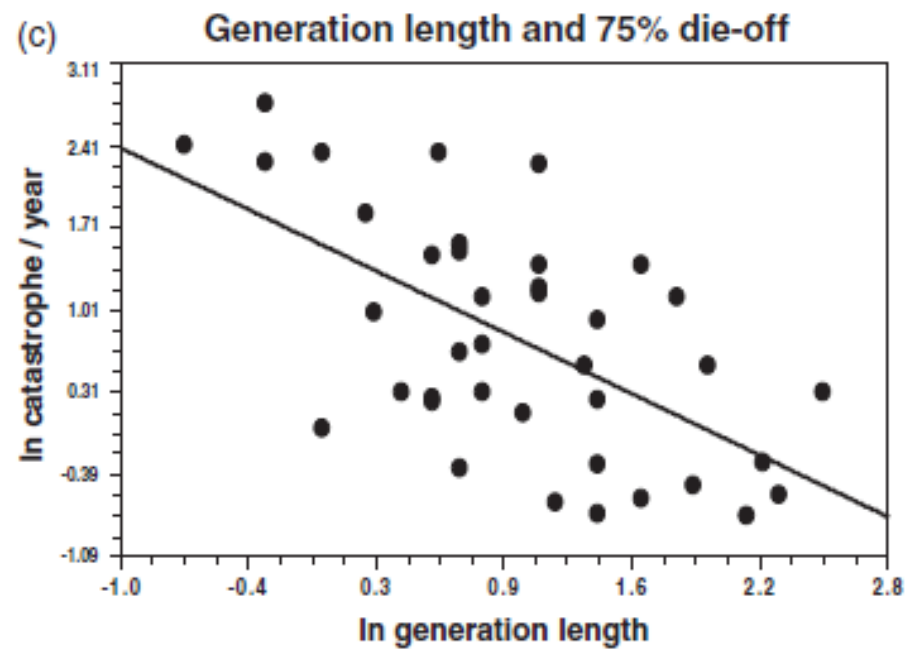
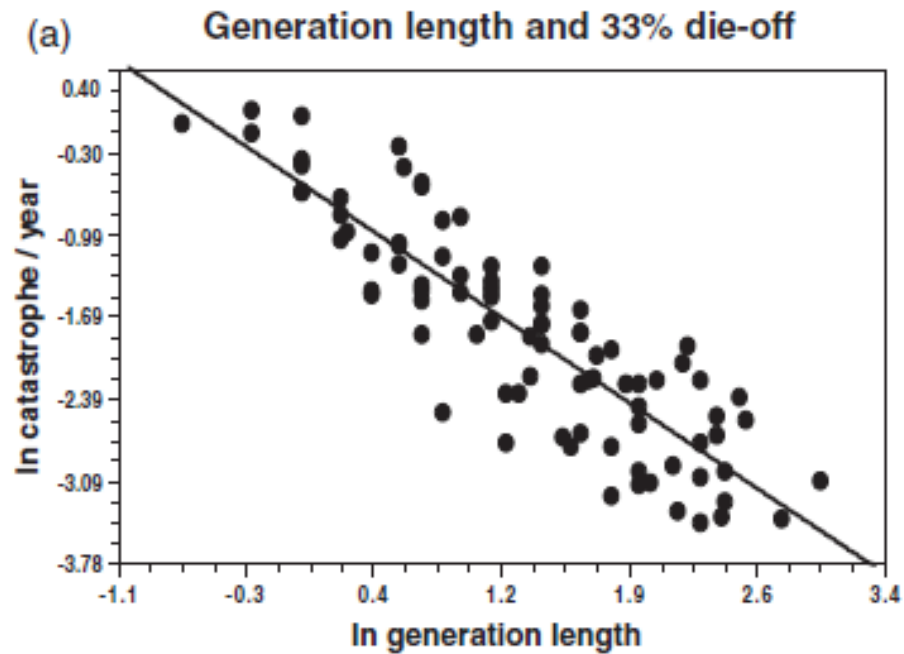
Adaptation

Vulnerable

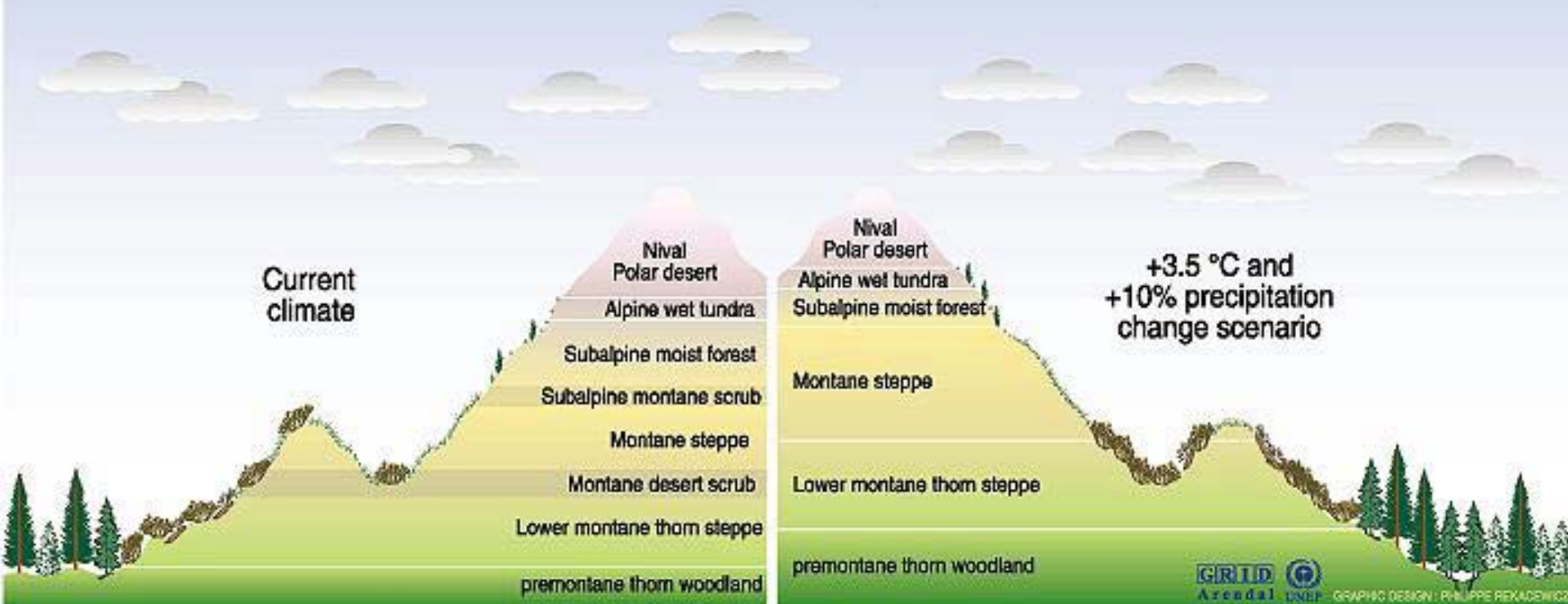
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Coping Range

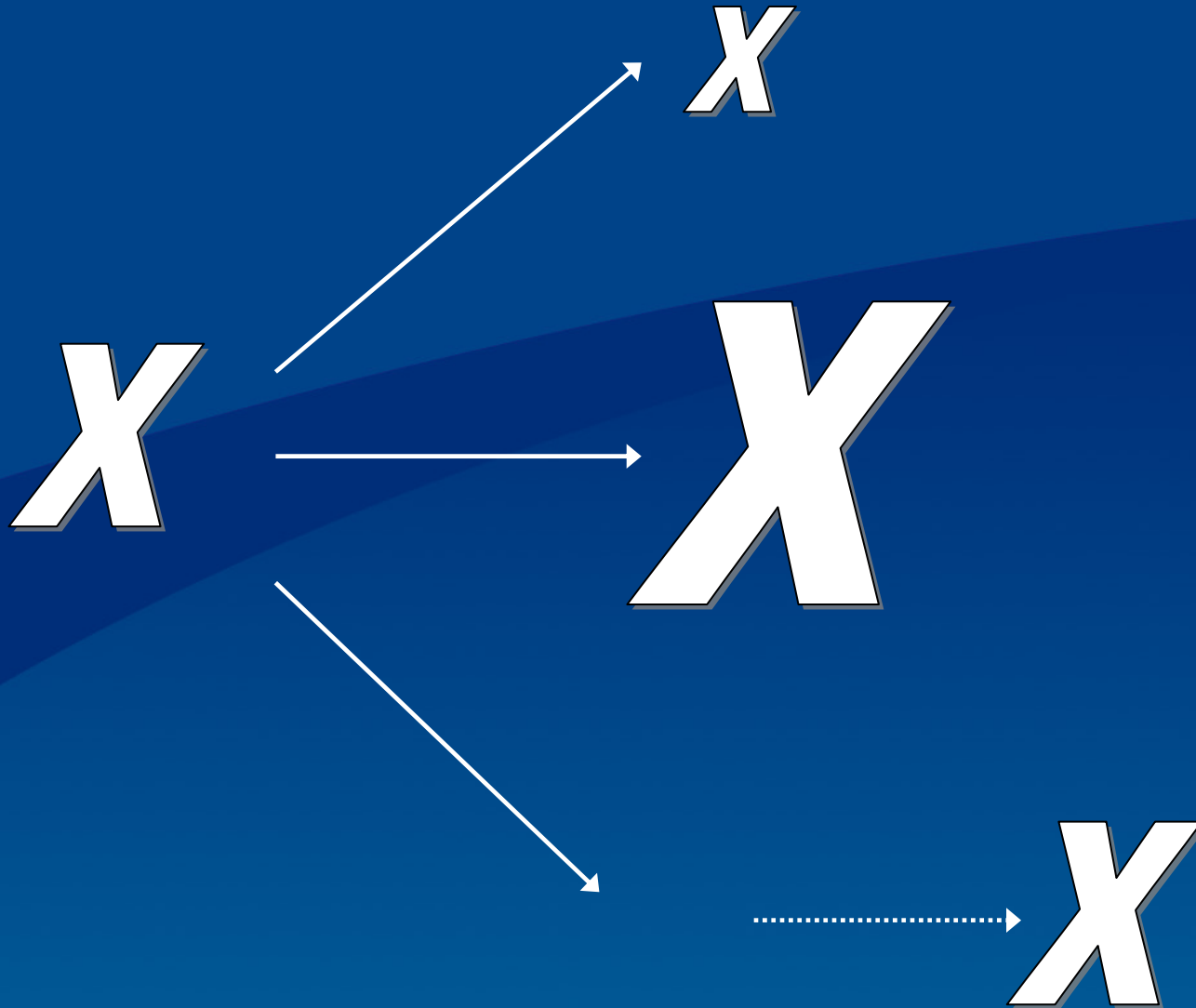
Planning Horizon

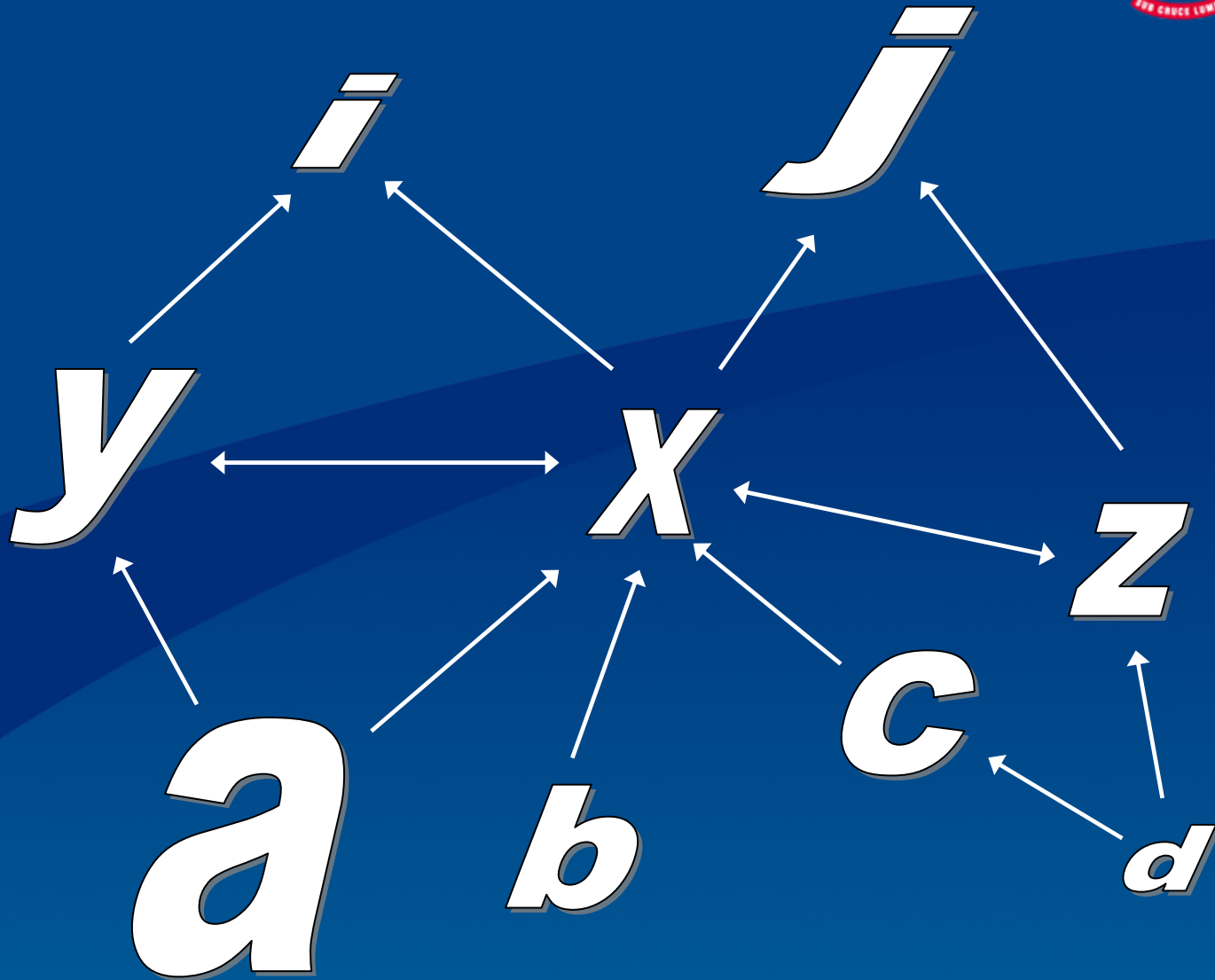


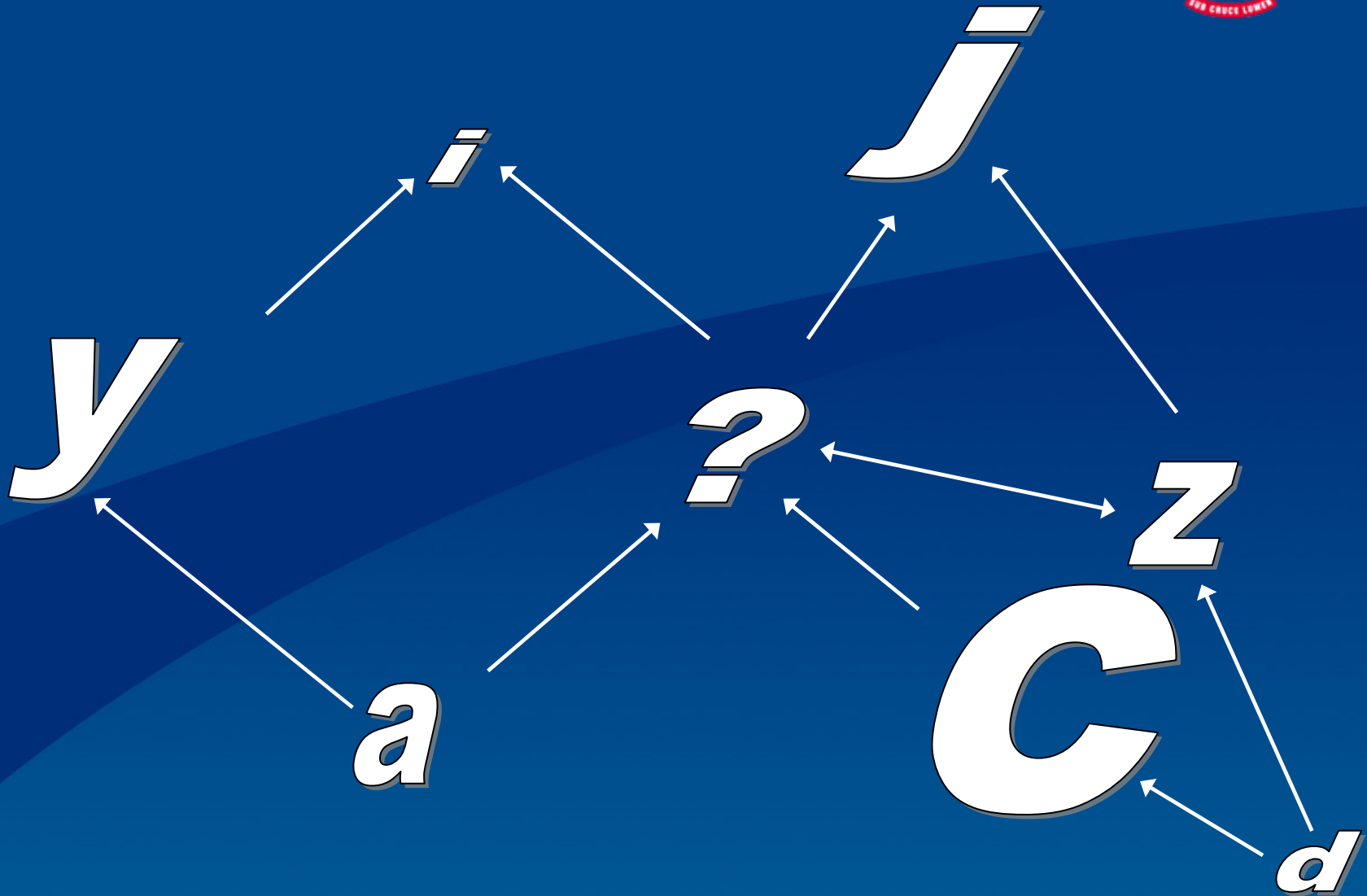
Impact on mountain vegetation zones

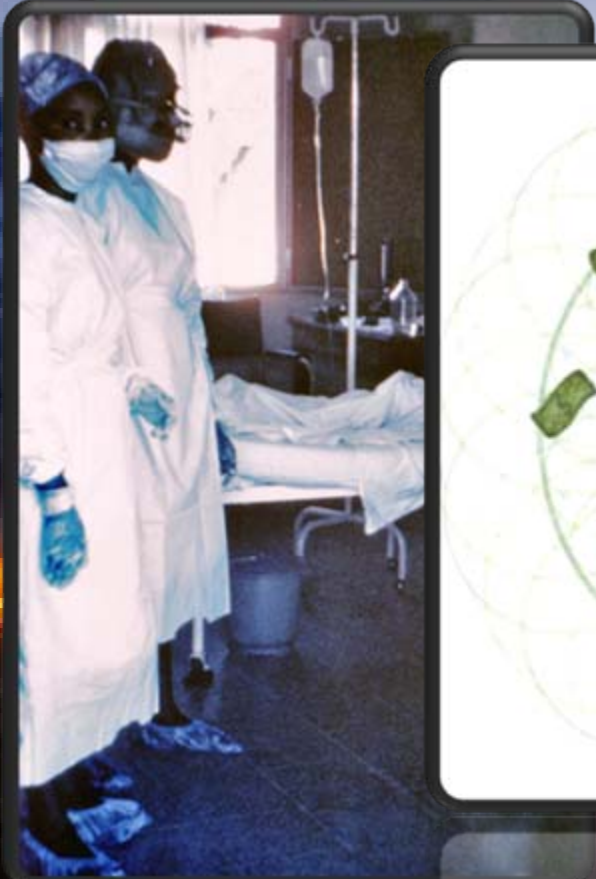
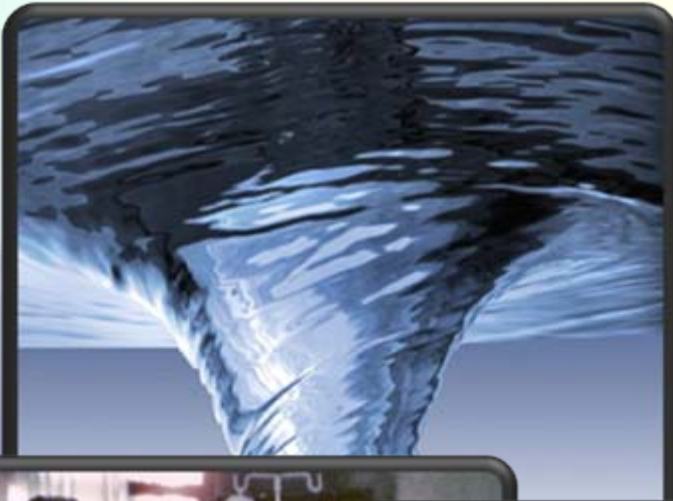


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