Leveraging 4-Dimensionally Mapped Ocean Biogeochemistry Data Products to Inform Species Distribution Modeling

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BGC-Argo has revolutionized our spatial and temporal view of ocean biogeochemistry



The biogeochemical landscape imposes constraints on suitable marine habitat and is critical to inform SDMs



Methods: leverage machine learning techniques to predict albacore 3D habitat utilization

Predictor Variables



Machine Learning Technique

Model Prediction

Classification





Particulate

organic carbon

(POC)





(CHL)



Chlorophyll-a



Presence Absence

Extreme Gradient Boosting (XGBoost)

Data Products: Roemmich & Gilson Temperature, GOBAI-O₂, and CMEMS Global Ocean 3D POC and Chl



Our model accurately captures albacore 3D habitat utilization and seasonal migratory movements



How do different environmental variables modulate predictions of 3D albacore habitat utilization?



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4-dimensionally mapped ocean biogeochemistry provides a new perspective to understand habitat utilization

- Four-dimensional biogeochemical data products provide a new perspective to identify biogeographic regimes and migratory patterns associated with environmental context
- 4D-mapped ocean biogeochemistry data products depend on the persistence and growth of the global BGC-Argo float array
- BGC Argo can be applied to countless ecological and fisheries questions to inform species distribution modeling

