

# **Impacts of climate change on the distribution of blue marlin (*Makaira nigricans*) as inferred from data for longline fisheries in the Pacific Ocean**

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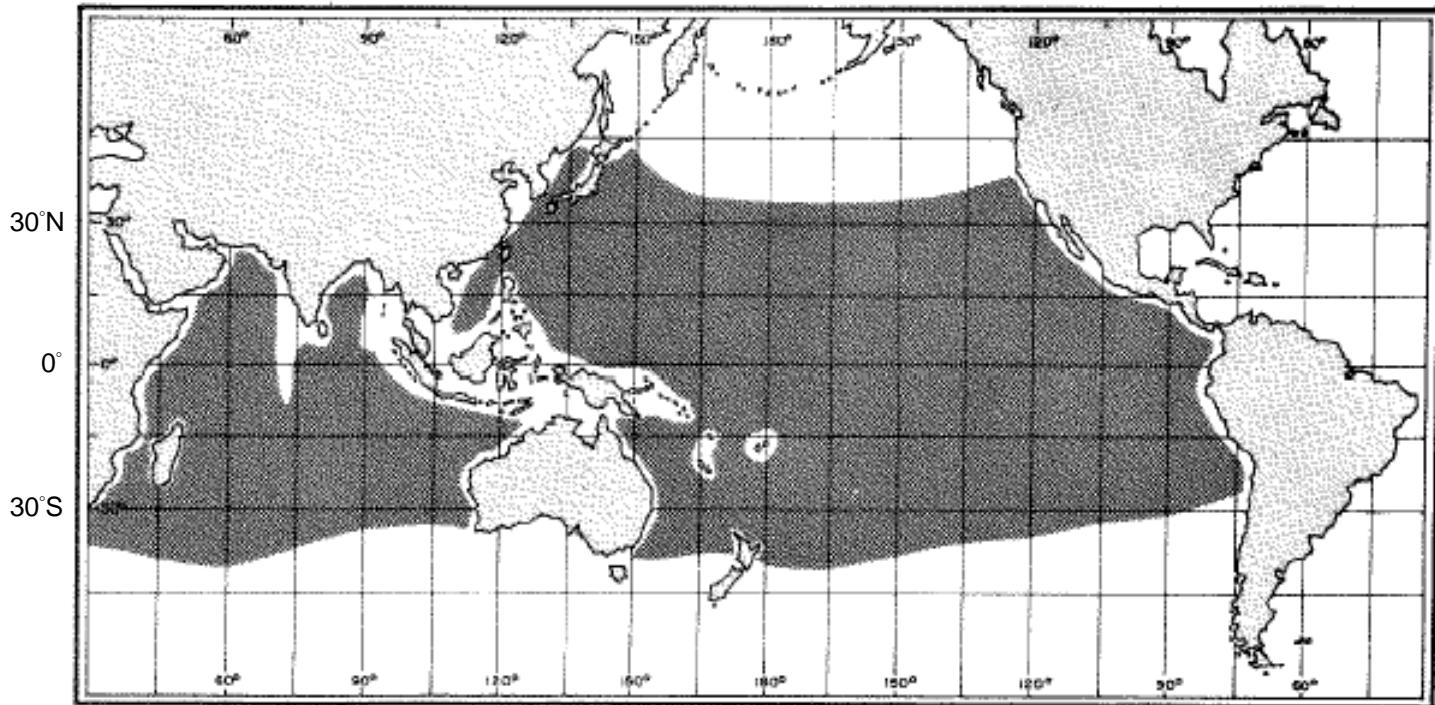
Blue marlin is a large, pelagic species



Source: NOAA

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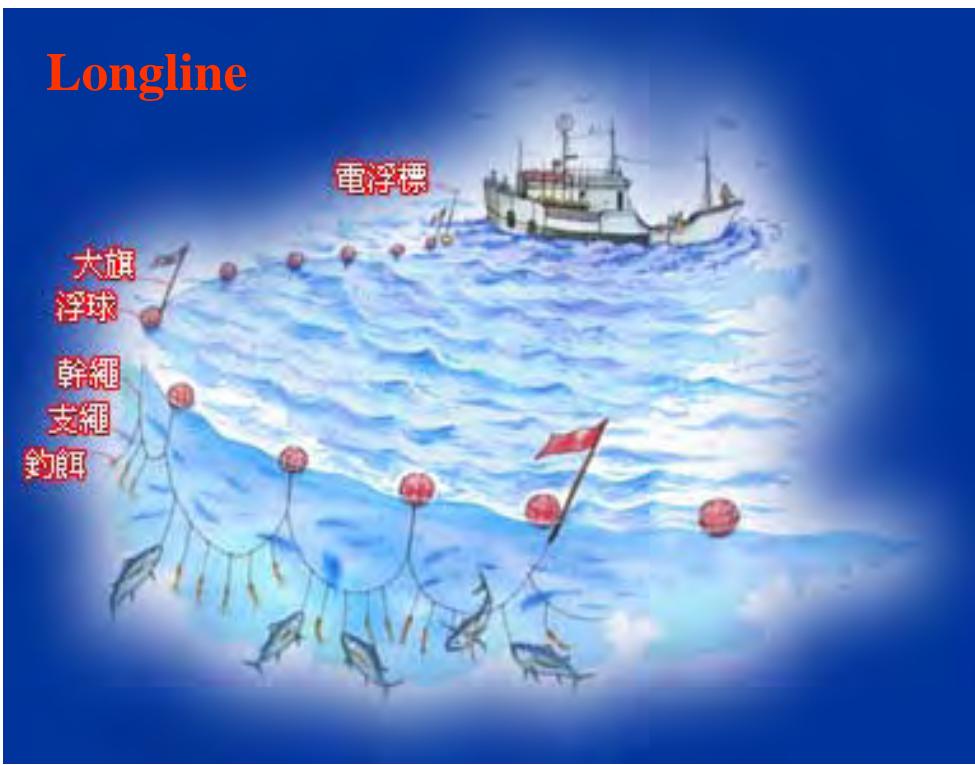
### Distribution



Source: Nakamura (1985)

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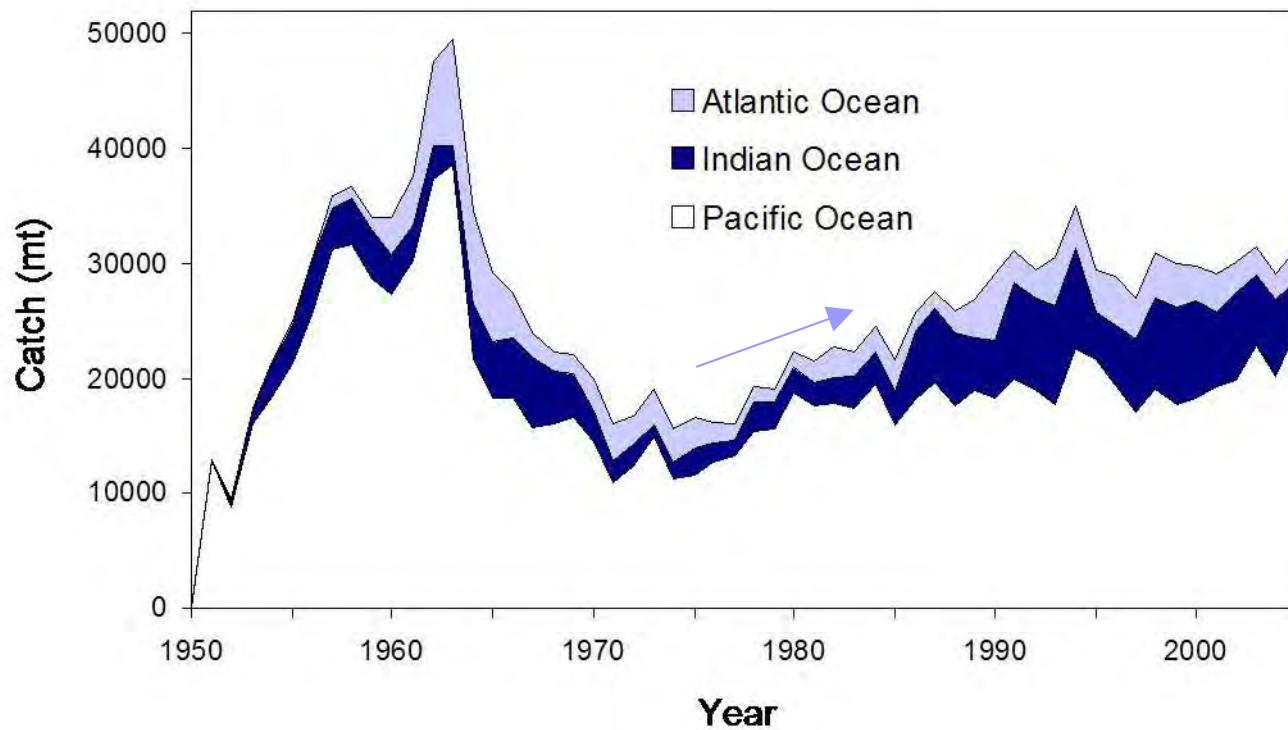
## Various fisheries



Source: TTA, CTW, MAFF

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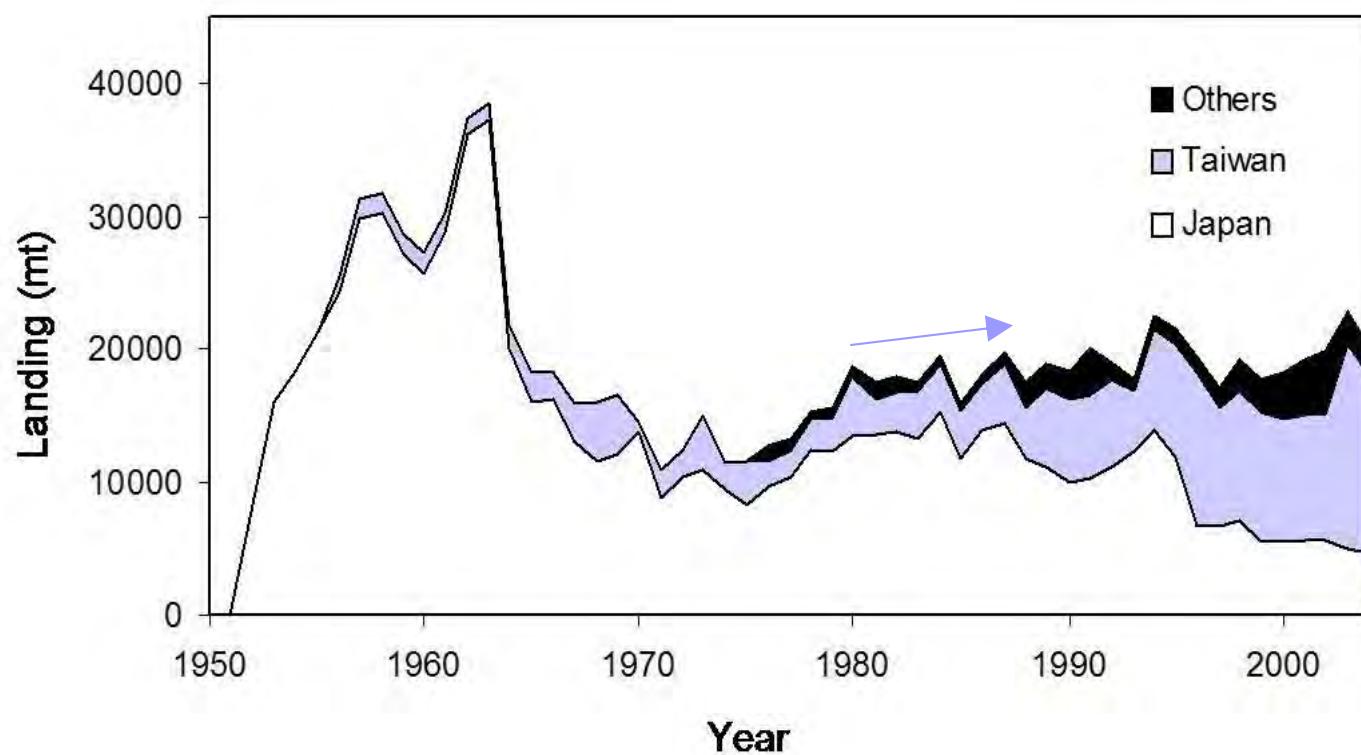
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Source: FAO

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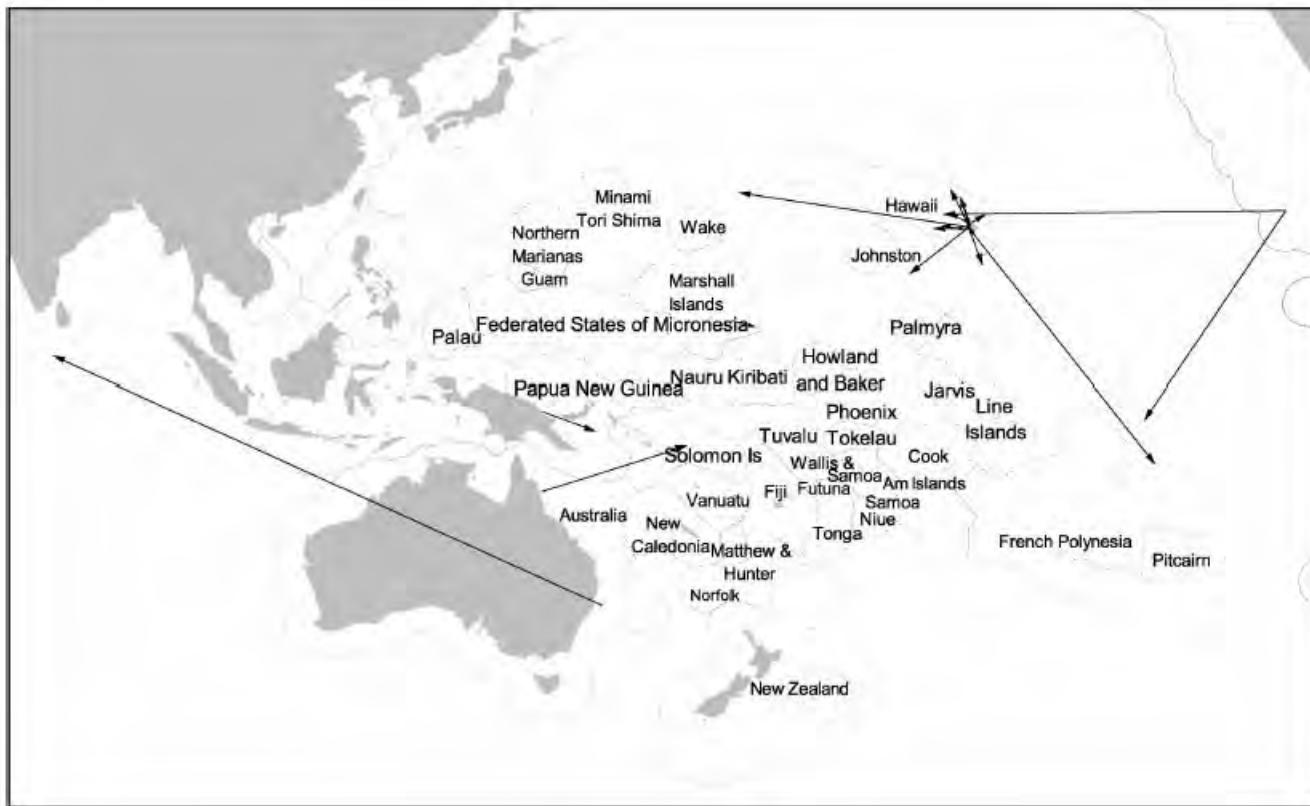
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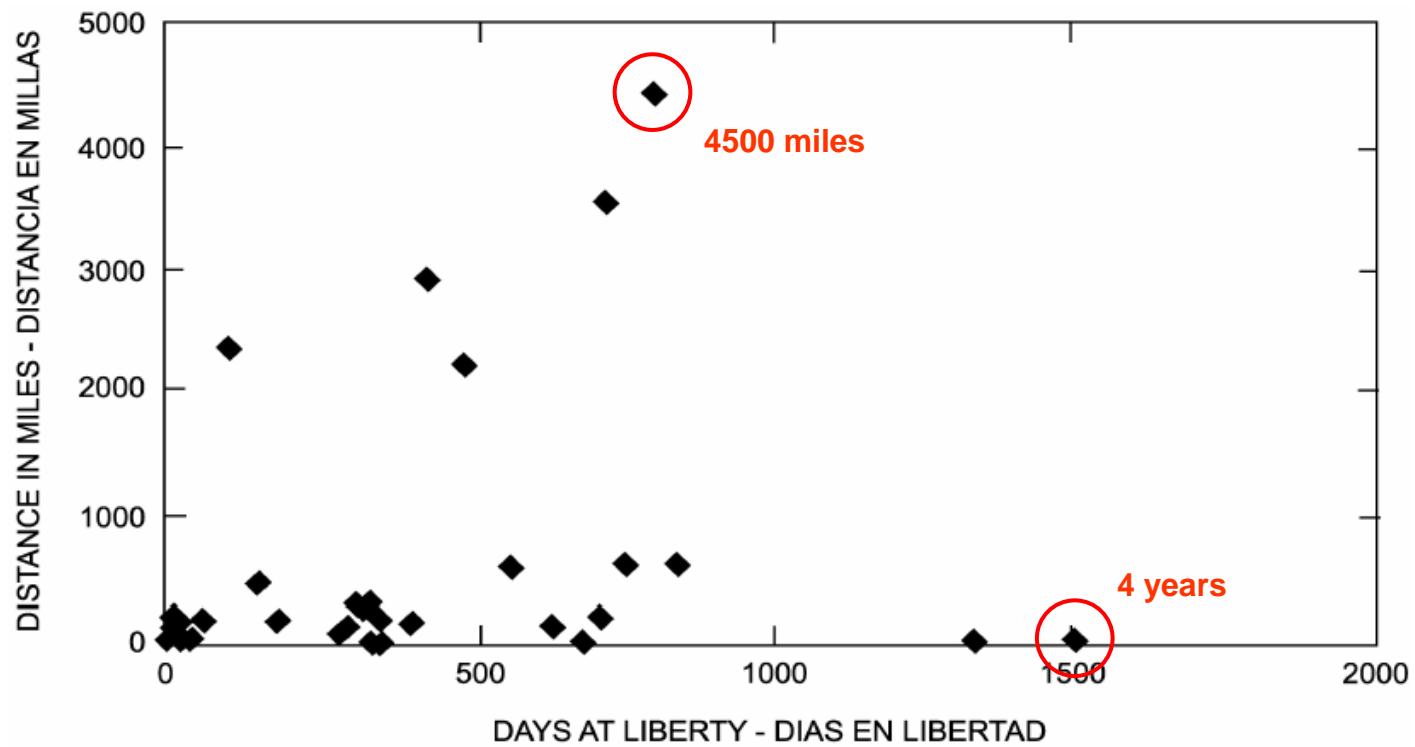
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Source: Hinton (2001)

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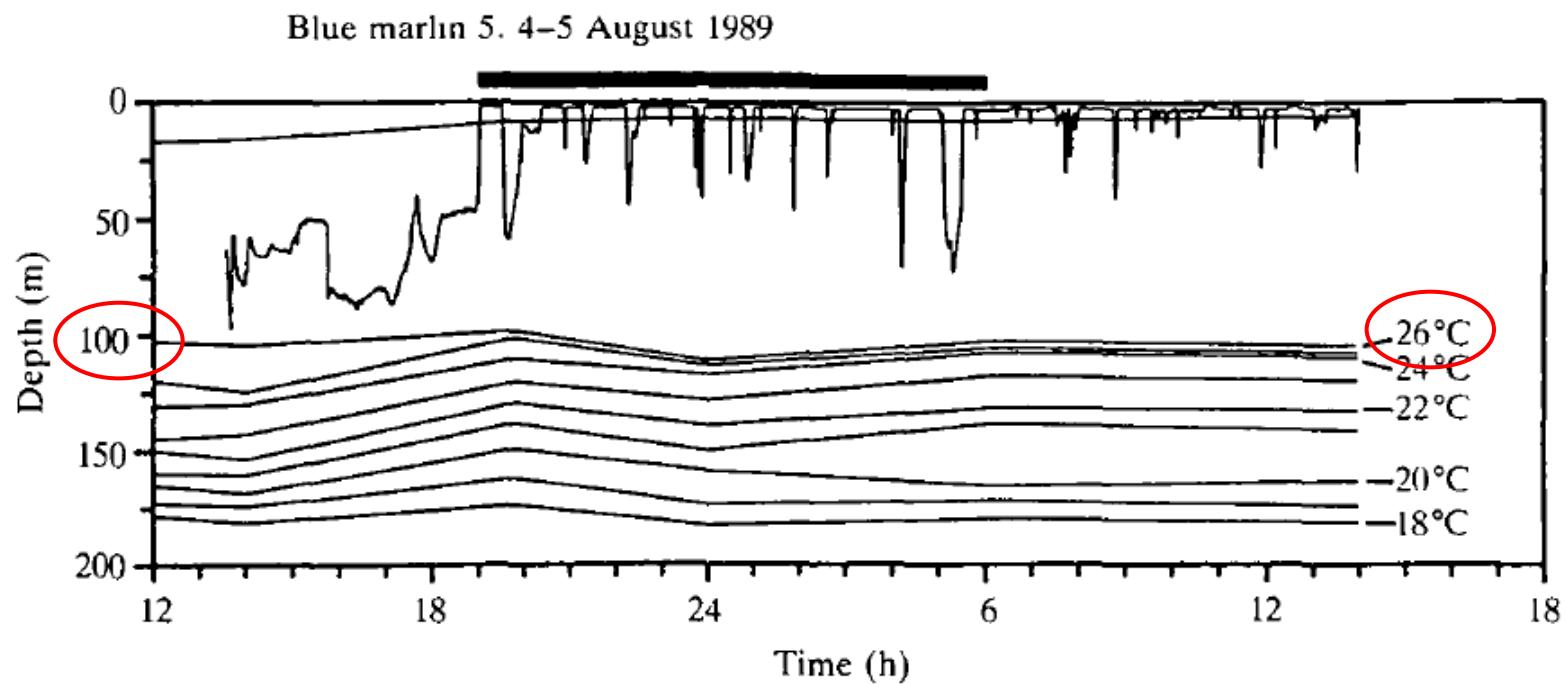
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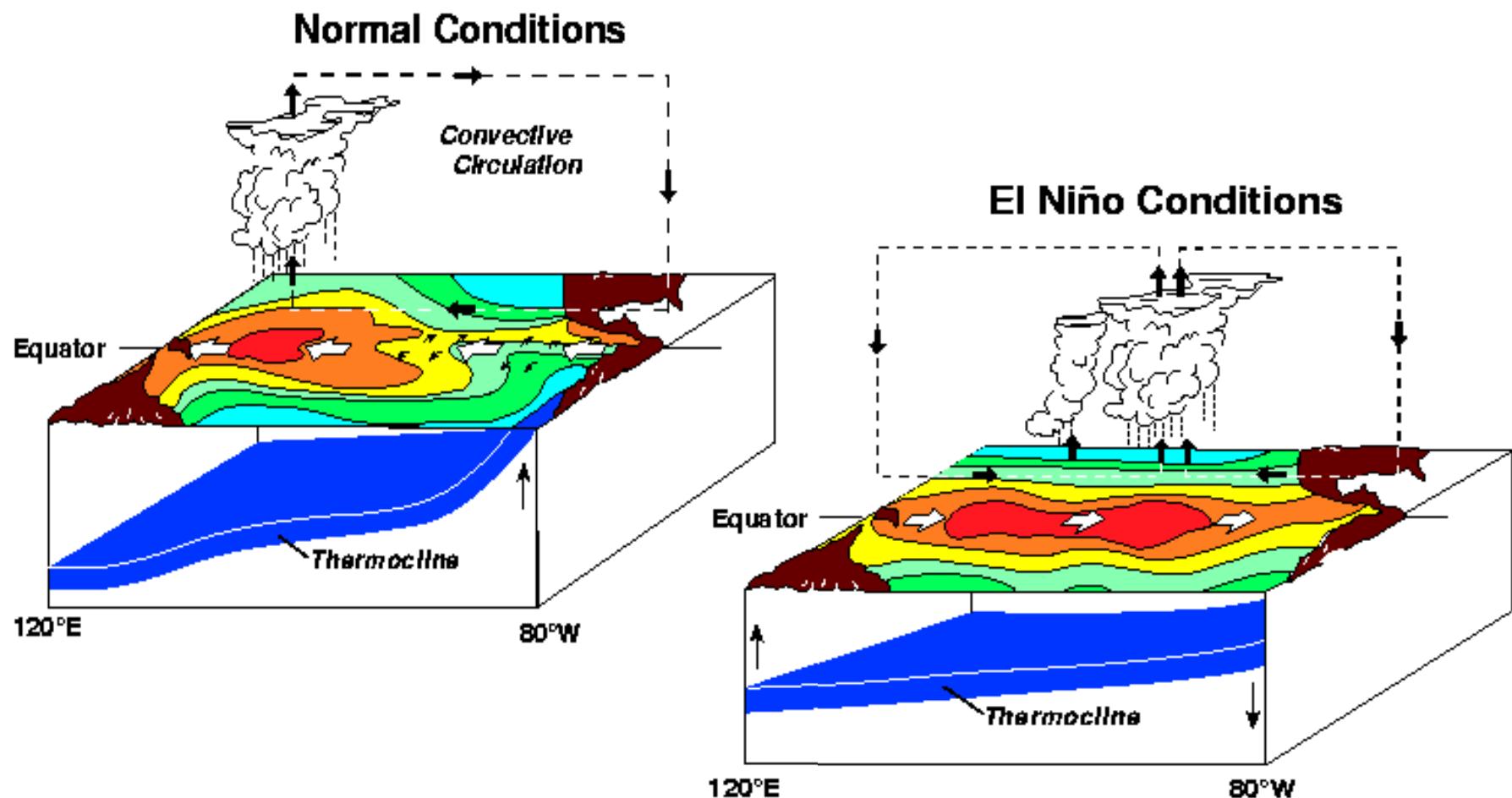
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## Tagging experiment



Source: Block et al. (1992)

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Source: Dr. Hsu HH, NTUAS

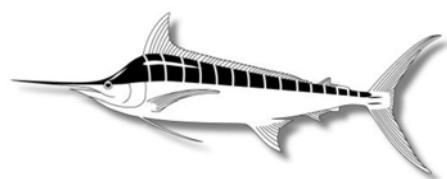
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Blue marlin inhabit certain preferred habitats in the open ocean. The preference of this species for particular habitats may impact its distribution and vulnerability to being caught.

We could infer relative density through catch-rate information.

### The objectives of this study

To examine 1) the relationship between spatial patterns of abundance and environmental factors, 2) the impact of climate change on the distribution of blue marlin, and 3) the potential influence on the catch-rates for the longline fisheries.



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## 2. Materials and Methods

Two fishery data sets of longline 5x5 grids

- a) SPC, aggregated over longline fisheries (**PLL**) for 1998-2004



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- b) OFDC, Taiwanese longline fisheries (**TLL**) for 1998-2007



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*Overseas Fisheries Development Council of The Republic of China*

Covariates: Year, Month, Lat, Lon, Fishing effort in hooks,  
and number of blue marlin caught

## 2. Materials and Methods

Four data sets of environmental factors for 1998-2007

a) chlorophyll a concentration (CHL): SeaWiFS



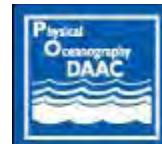
b) mixed layer depth (MLD): OSU



c) sea surface height anomaly (SSH): AVISO



d) sea surface temperature (SST): PODAAC



- Average to 5x5 grids to match the fishery data



## 2. Materials and Methods

### Statistical modeling

- delta GAM (Generalized additive model) 
$$g(\mu_i) = \mu + \sum_{j=1}^p f_j(X_i)$$

a) P/A (present/absent) model: 0 or 1, assuming binomial

$P/A \sim s(Year) + s(Month) + s(CHL) + s(MLD) + s(SSH) + s(SST)$   
 $+ s(Year, Latitude) + s(Year, Longitude) + s(Latitude, Longitude)$

b) CPUE (abundance) model: catch-rates > 0, assuming lognormal

$CPUE \sim s(Year) + s(Month) + s(CHL) + s(MLD) + s(SSH) + s(SST)$   
 $+ s(Year, Latitude) + s(Year, Longitude) + s(Latitude, Longitude)$

Diagnostic analysis: residual distribution and quantile-quantile plot

## 2. Materials and Methods

### Predict relative density

Consider both information from the P/A and CPUE models

Prediction = probability of present  $\times$  relative density given presence

### Predict the distribution of relative density

- a) temporally: 1998-2007 for each month
- b) spatially: 5x5 latitude and longitude grids



Define the hotspot areas, the relative densities in the top 5%

## 2. Materials and Methods

### Impacts of climate change

Track temporal variations of the hotspot areas

- by Latitude and Longitude

Remove yearly variations

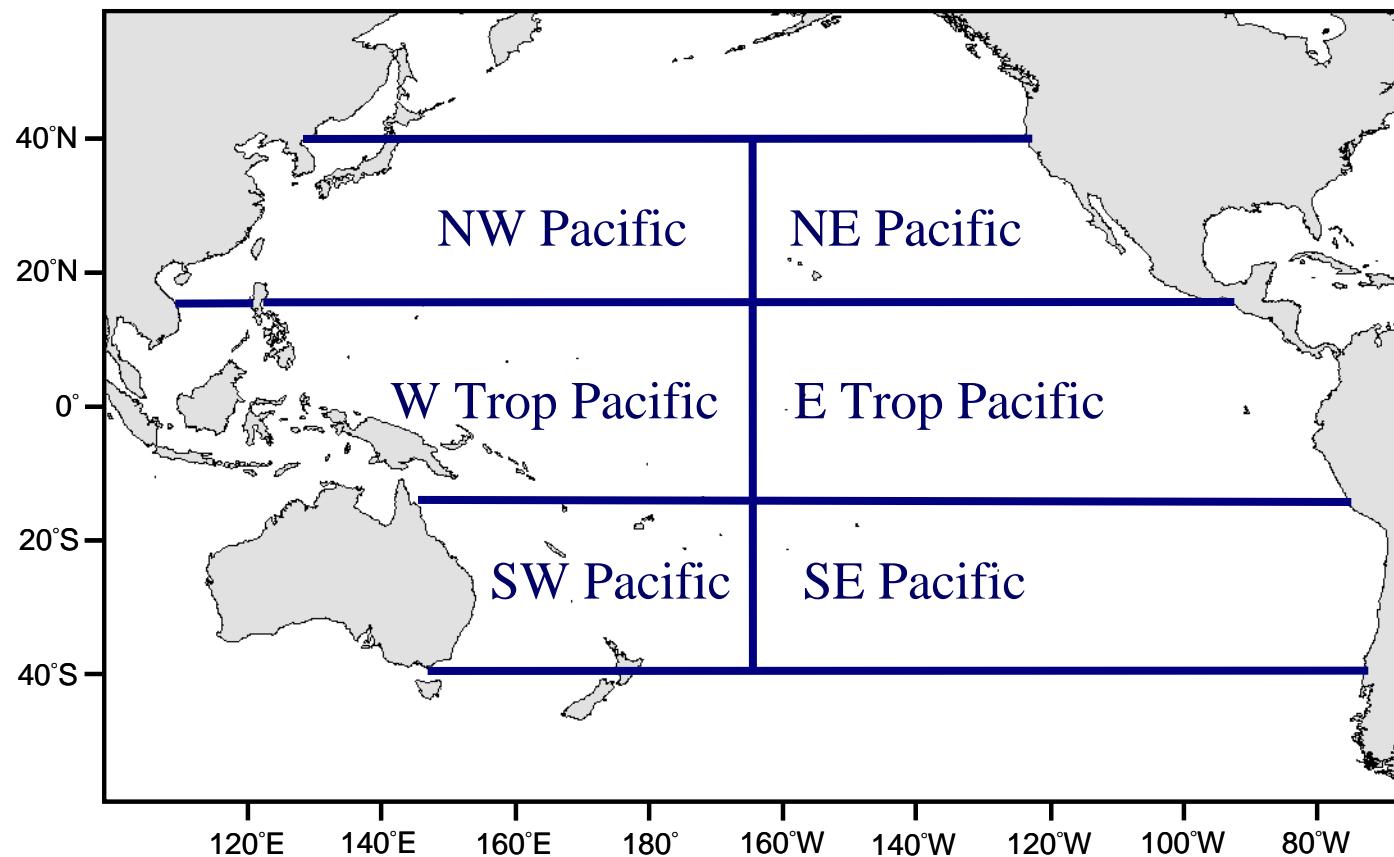
- medians of environment data in 1998-2007
- predict year-invariant relative density distribution

Examine climate impacts, by six regions

- separate the Pacific into temperate and tropical areas

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### The six regions of the Pacific Ocean



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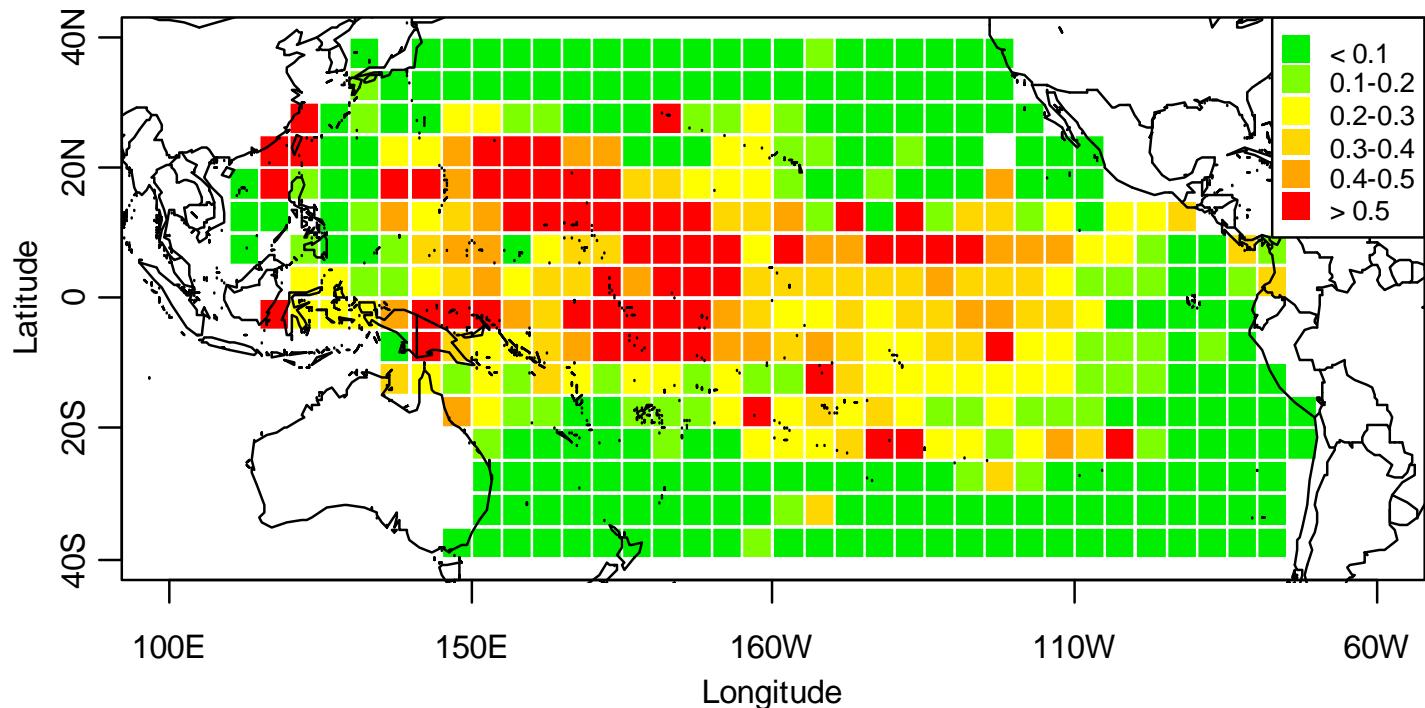


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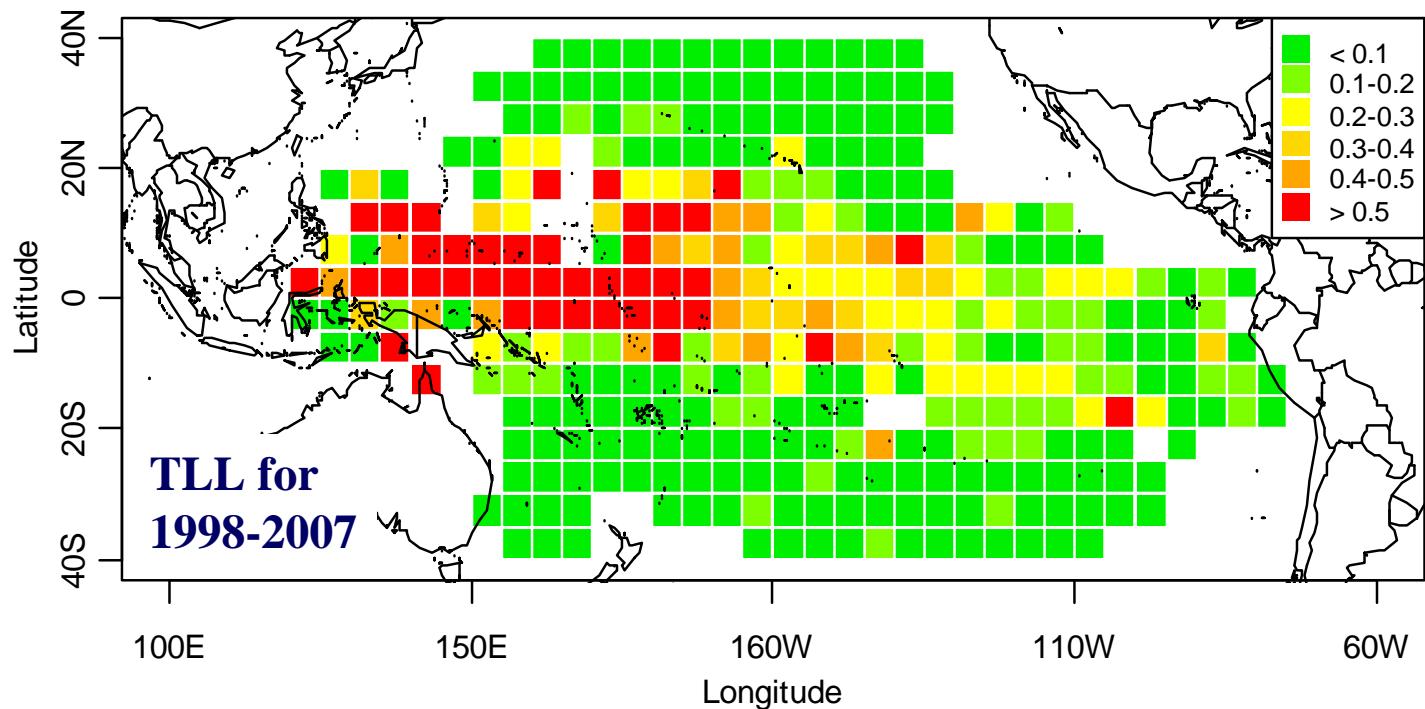
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#### Nominal CPUE of Pacific longline fisheries (PLL)



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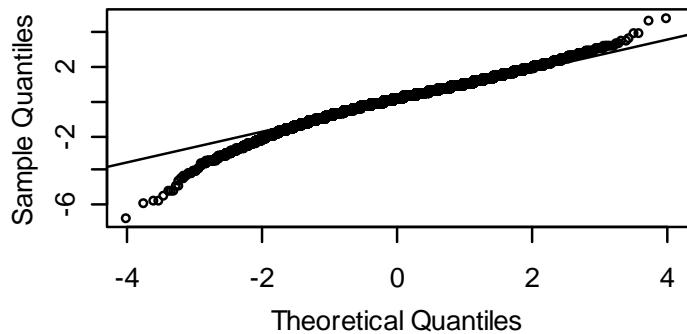
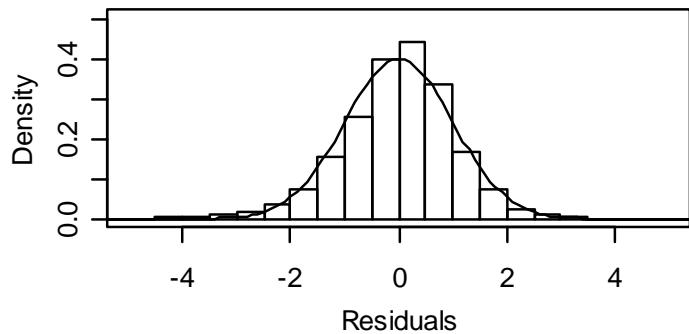
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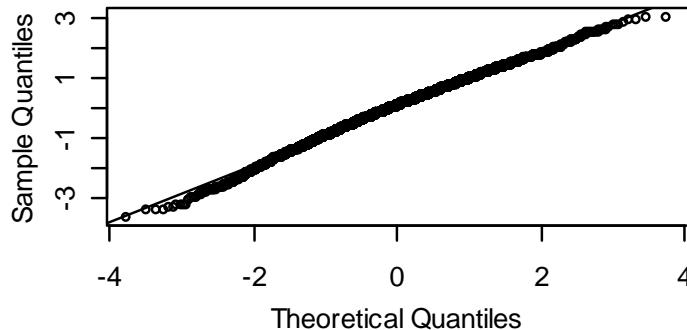
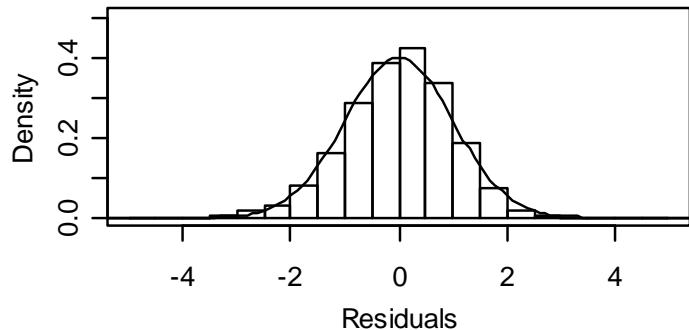
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#### Diagnostic analysis: residual and Q-Q plots

a) PLL for 1998-2004



b) TLL for 1998-2007



### 3. Results and discussion

#### ANOVA table of P/A models for PLL and TLL

	PLL for 1998-2004					TLL for 1998-2007				
	Resid dev	% dev explain	AIC	%AIC	P(Chi)	Resid dev	% dev explain	AIC	%AIC	P(Chi)
<b>PA model</b>										
NULL	24477		24479			13816		13818		
+s(Year)	24459	0.2%	24465	0.2%	<0.01	13566	14.8%	13575	15.6%	<0.01
+s(Month)	24415	0.5%	24426	0.5%	<0.01	13516	3.0%	13530	2.9%	<0.01
+s(CHL)	23953	5.6%	23971	5.6%	<0.01	13288	13.5%	13309	14.2%	<0.01
+s(MLD)	22593	16.5%	22622	16.7%	<0.01	13177	6.6%	13206	6.6%	<0.01
+s(SSH)	22448	1.8%	22483	1.7%	<0.01	13104	4.3%	13139	4.2%	<0.01
+s(SST)	18487	48.0%	18526	48.8%	<0.01	12641	27.4%	12682	29.3%	<0.01
+s(Year,Latitude)	17663	10.0%	17737	9.7%	<0.01	12380	15.4%	12454	14.6%	<0.01
+s(Year,Longitude)	16878	9.5%	16990	9.2%	<0.01	12243	8.1%	12348	6.7%	<0.01
+s(Latitude,Longitude)	16234	7.8%	16376	7.6%	<0.01	12128	6.9%	12255	6.0%	<0.01
Tot dev expl	33.7%					12.2%				

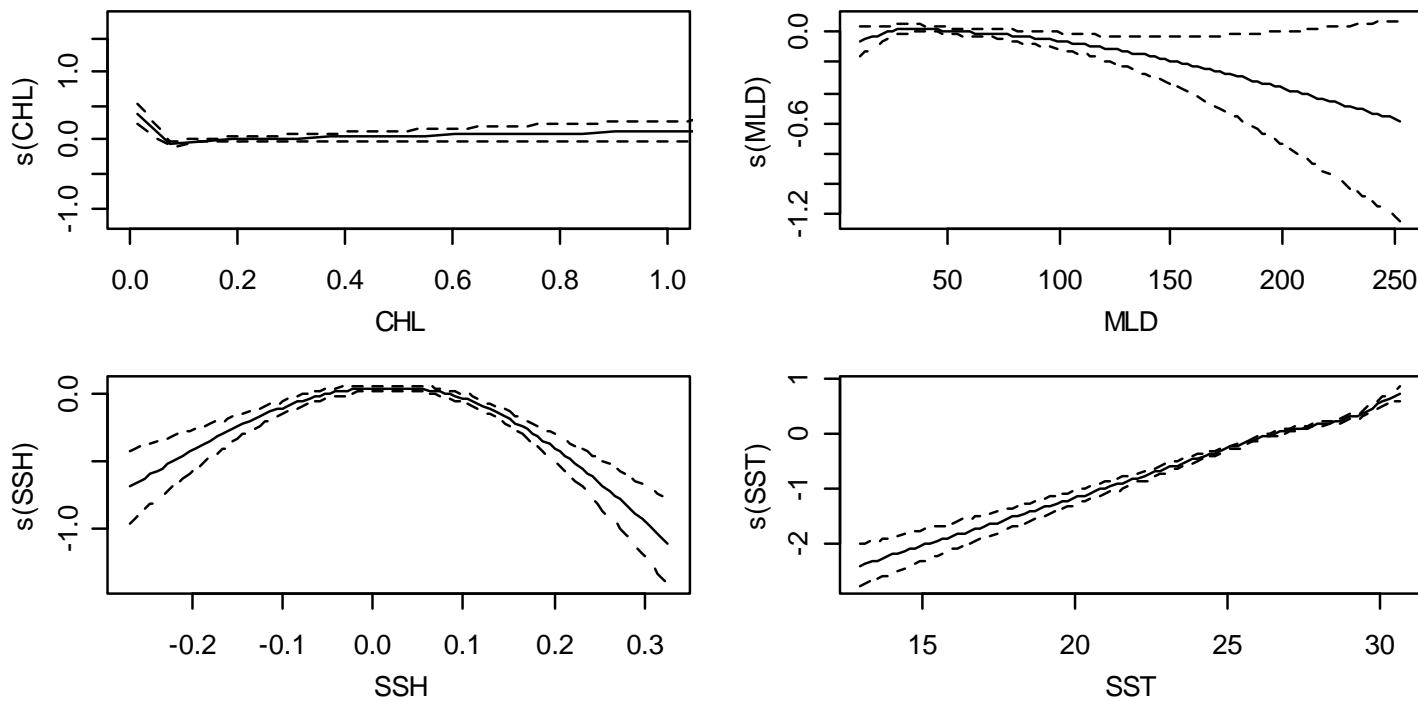
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NULL	27312		53497			6633		16923		
+s(Year)	27098	1.9%	53380	1.4%	<0.01	6529	7.2%	16840	6.5%	<0.01
+s(Month)	27036	0.5%	53349	0.4%	<0.01	6441	6.0%	16771	5.4%	<0.01
+s(CHL)	26469	4.9%	53022	3.9%	<0.01	6414	1.8%	16755	1.3%	<0.01
+s(MLD)	25190	11.2%	52248	9.1%	<0.01	6378	2.5%	16729	2.1%	<0.01
+s(SSH)	24966	2.0%	52114	1.6%	<0.01	6320	3.9%	16684	3.6%	<0.01
+s(SST)	18791	53.8%	47630	53.0%	<0.01	5963	24.5%	16358	25.7%	<0.01
+s(Year,Latitude)	17689	9.6%	46713	10.8%	<0.01	5512	31.0%	15953	31.8%	<0.01
+s(Year,Longitude)	17046	5.6%	46166	6.5%	<0.01	5356	10.7%	15822	10.3%	<0.01
+s(Latitude,Longitude)	15844	10.5%	45028	13.4%	<0.01	5177	12.3%	15651	13.5%	<0.01
Tot dev expl	42.0%					22.0%				

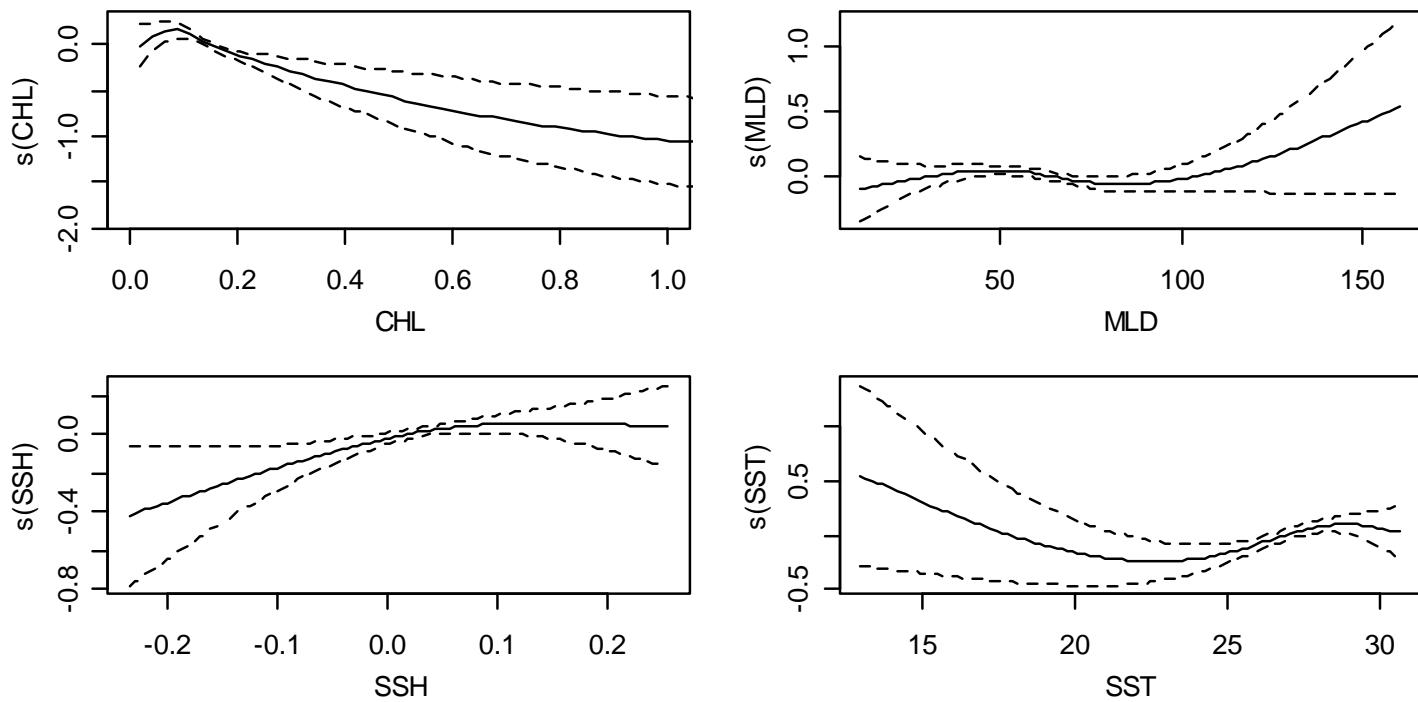
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#### Partial effects of environmental factors for PLL



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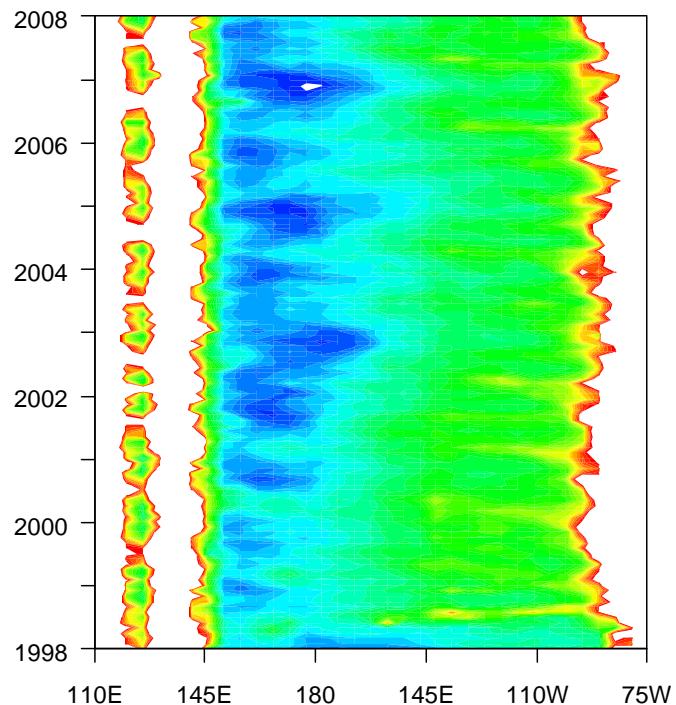
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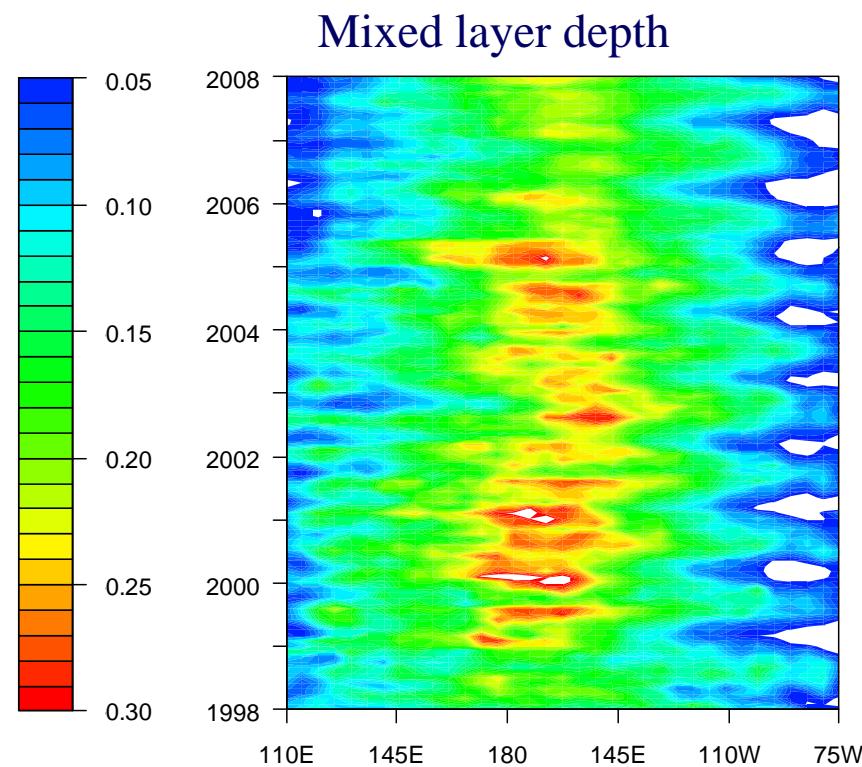
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**Chlorophyll a concentration**



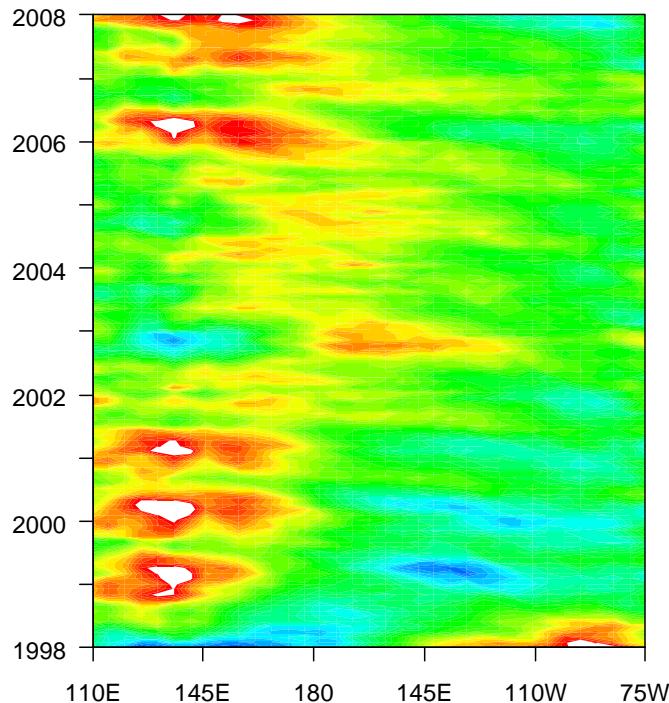
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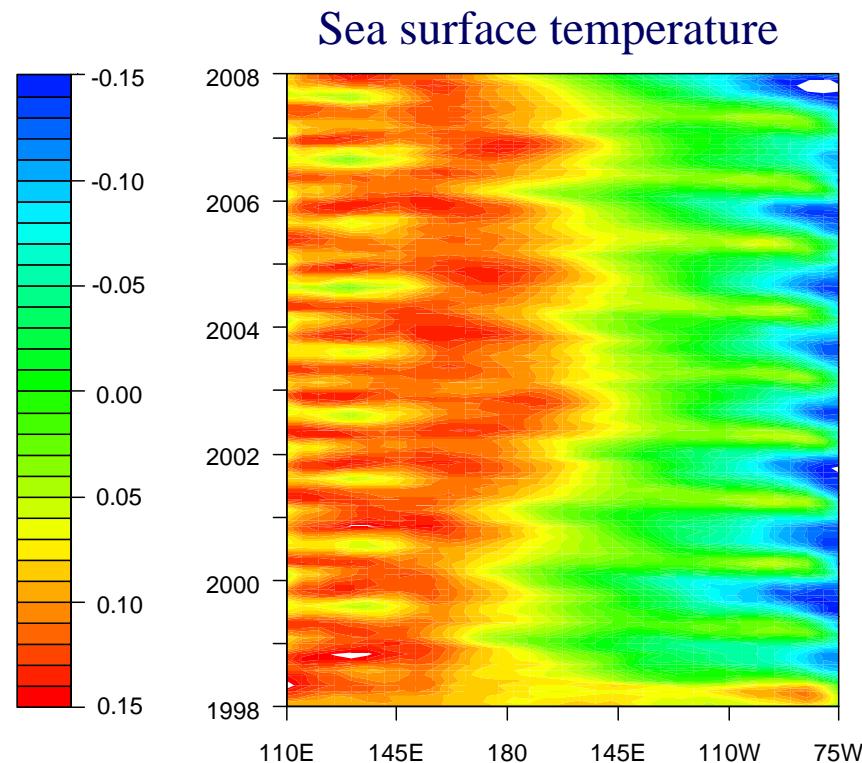
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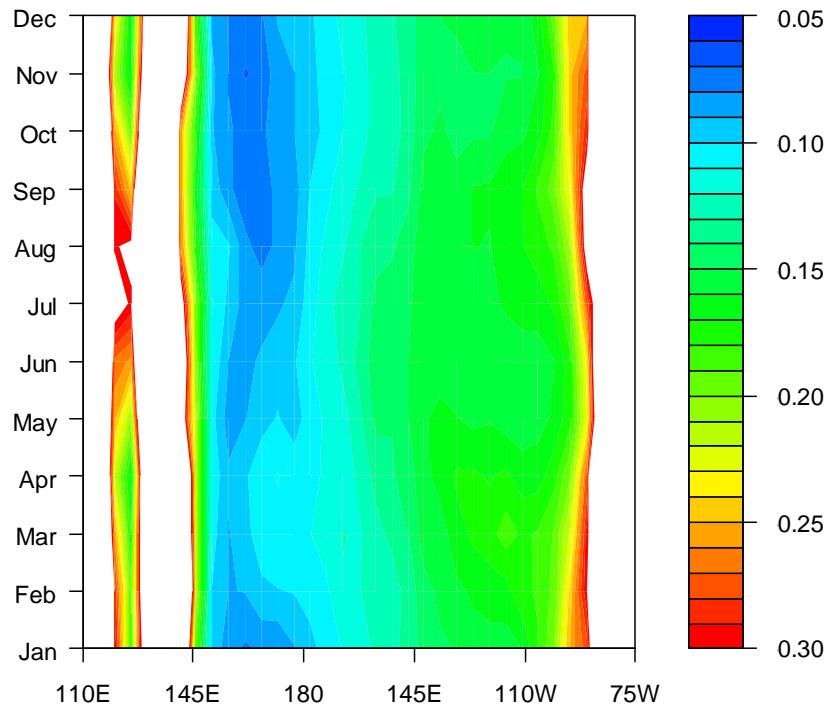
Sea surface temperature



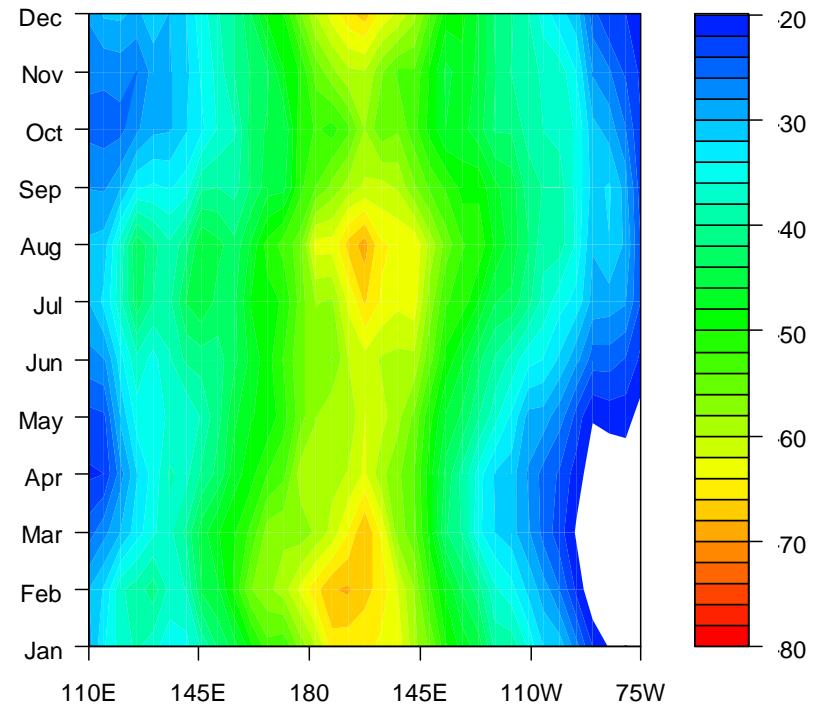
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#### Year-invariant environmental factor (median of 10 years)

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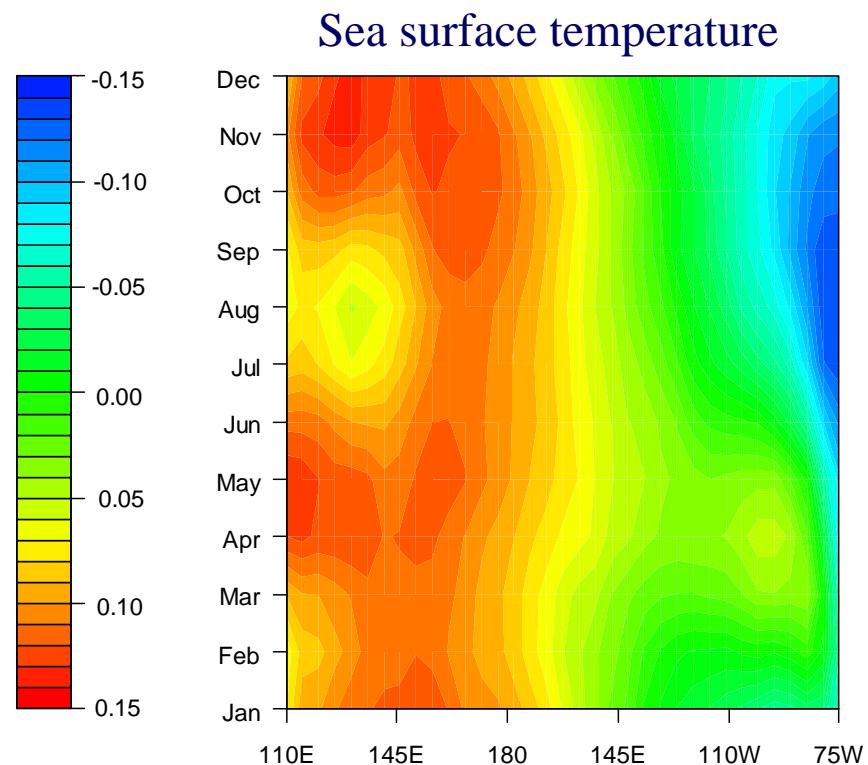
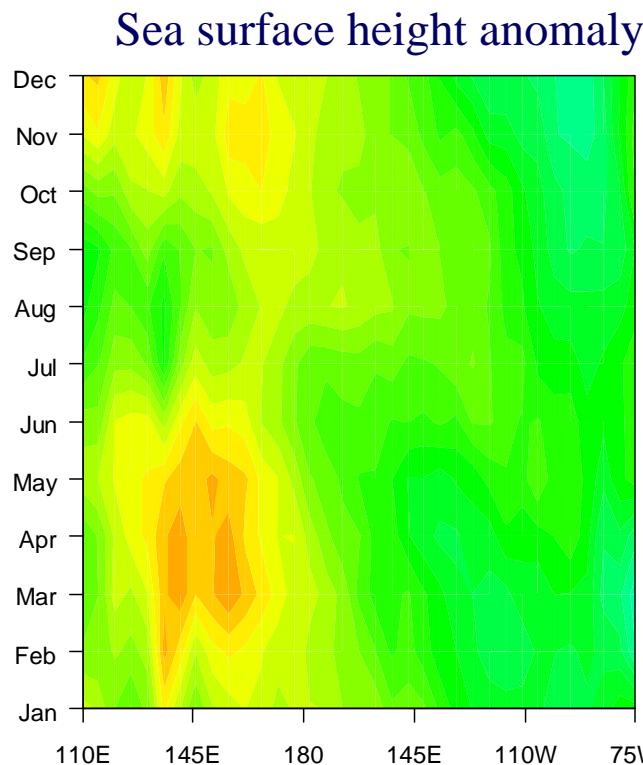


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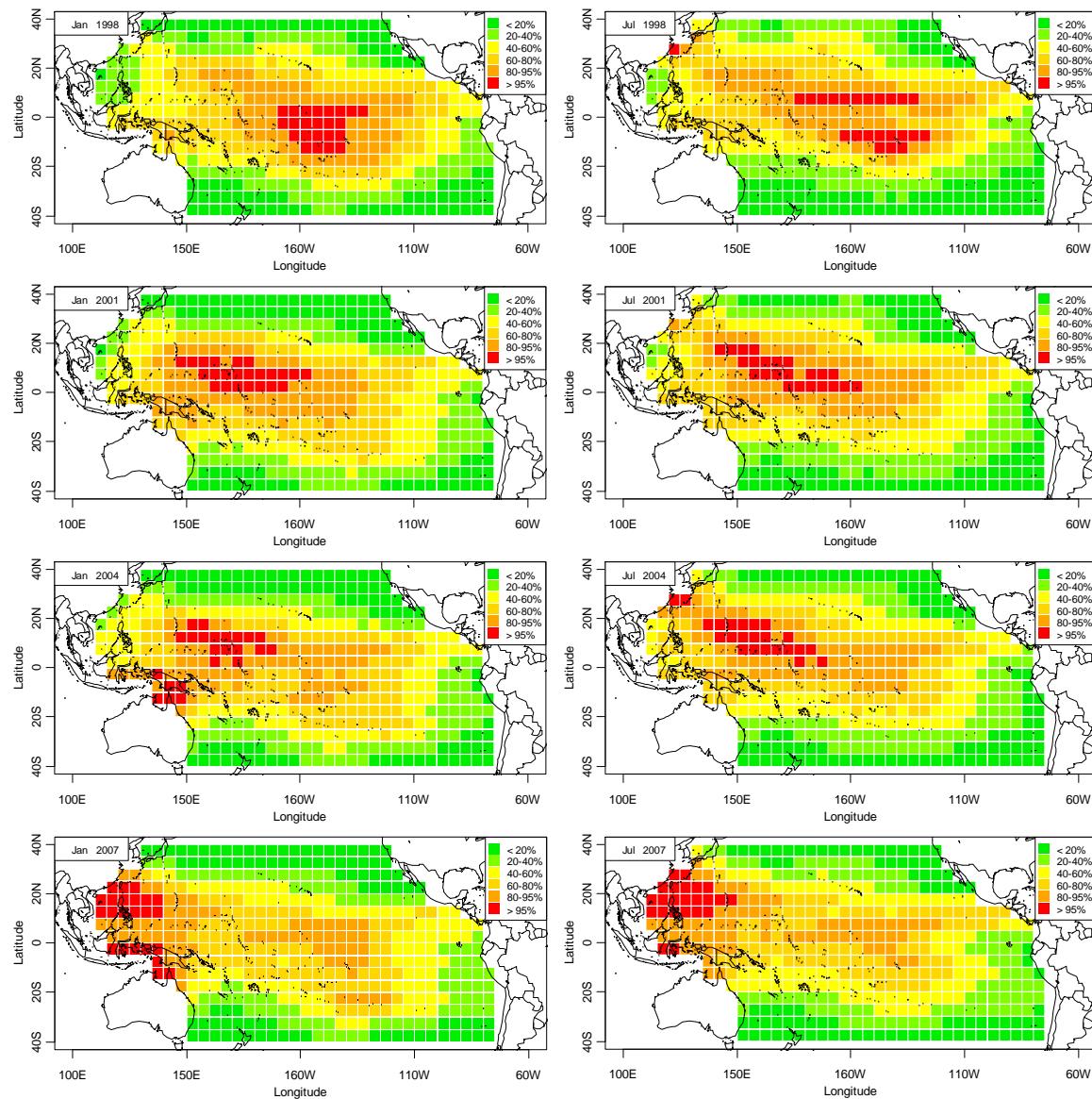
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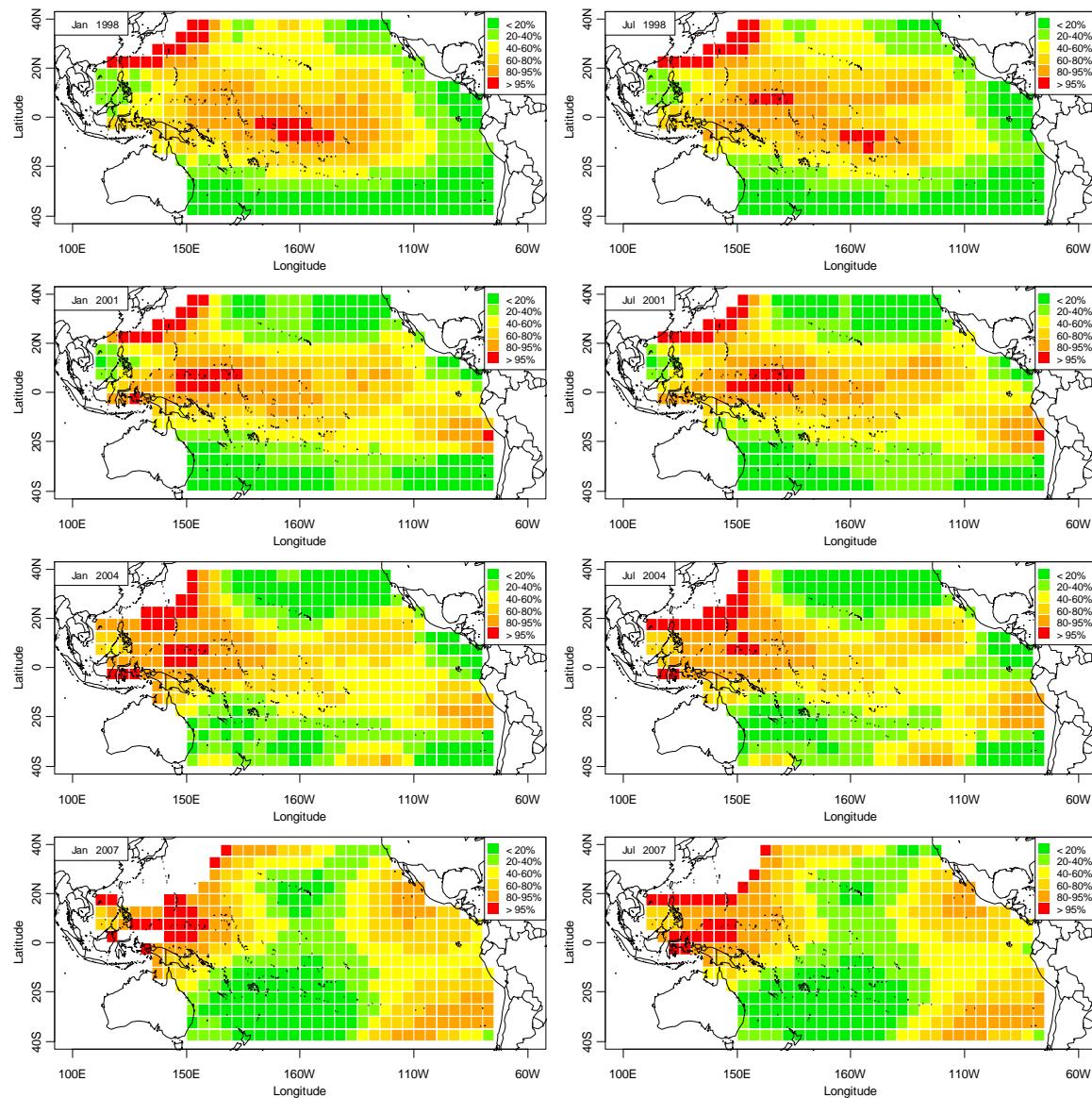
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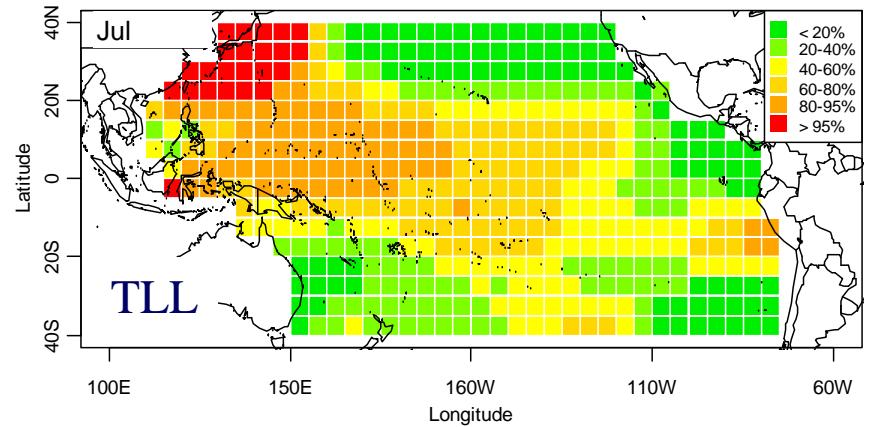
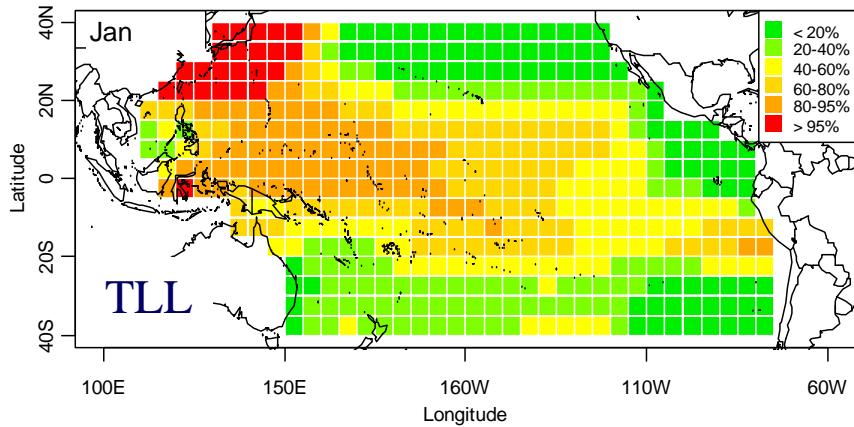
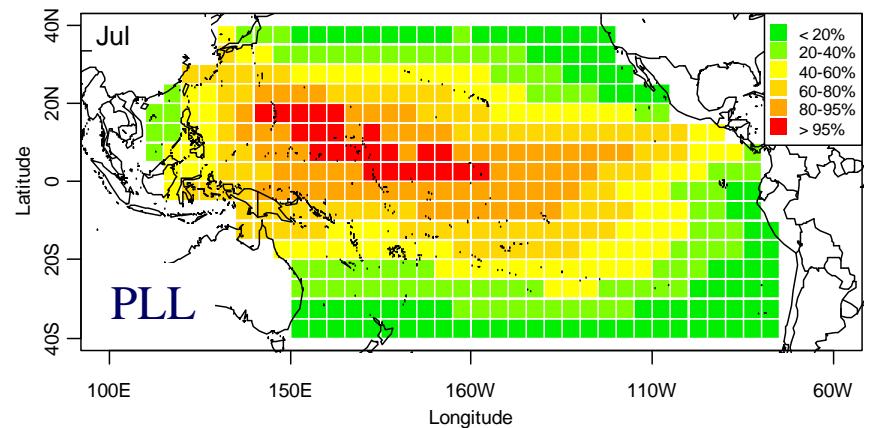
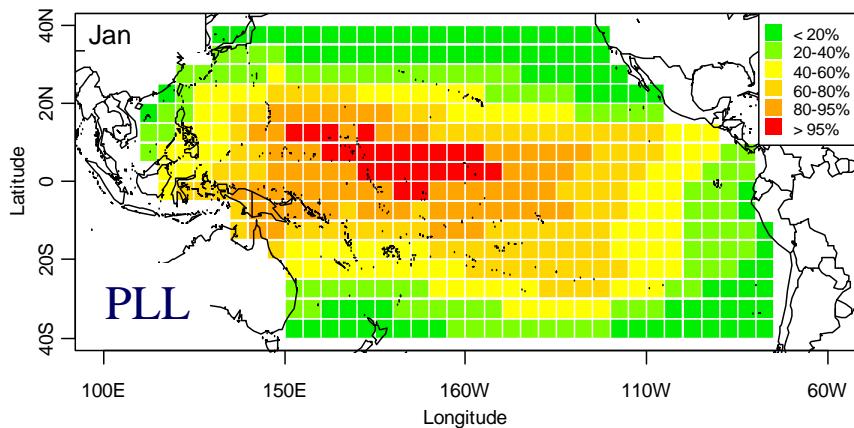
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TLL  
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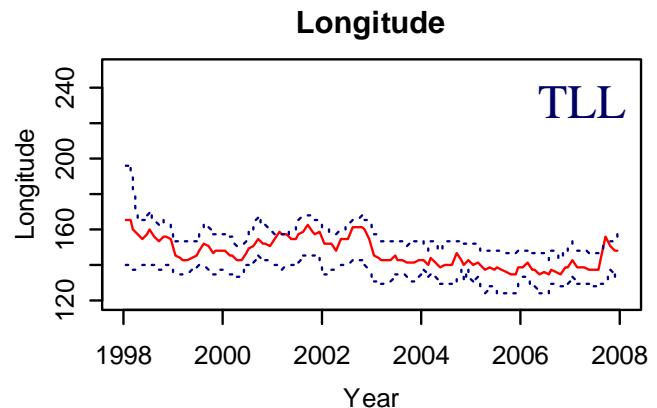
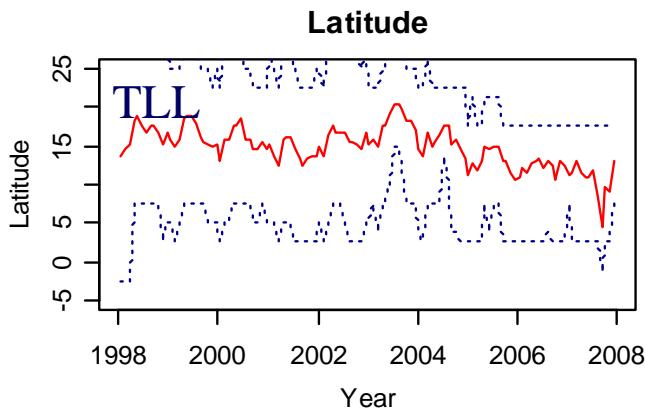
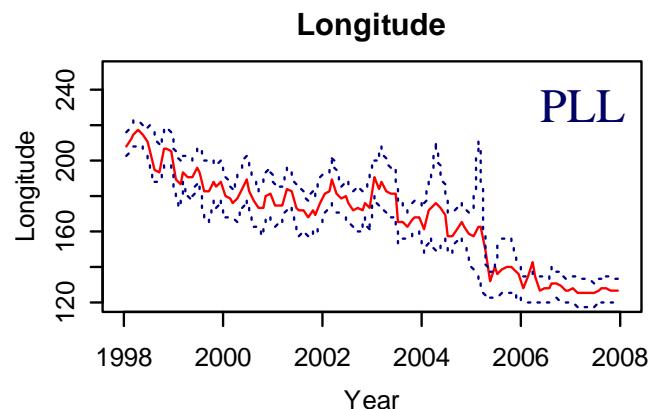
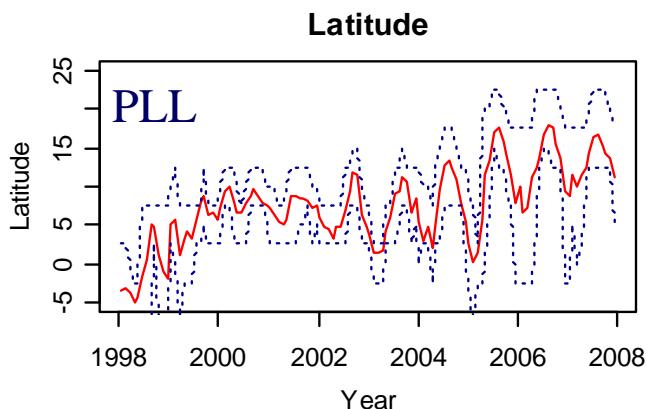
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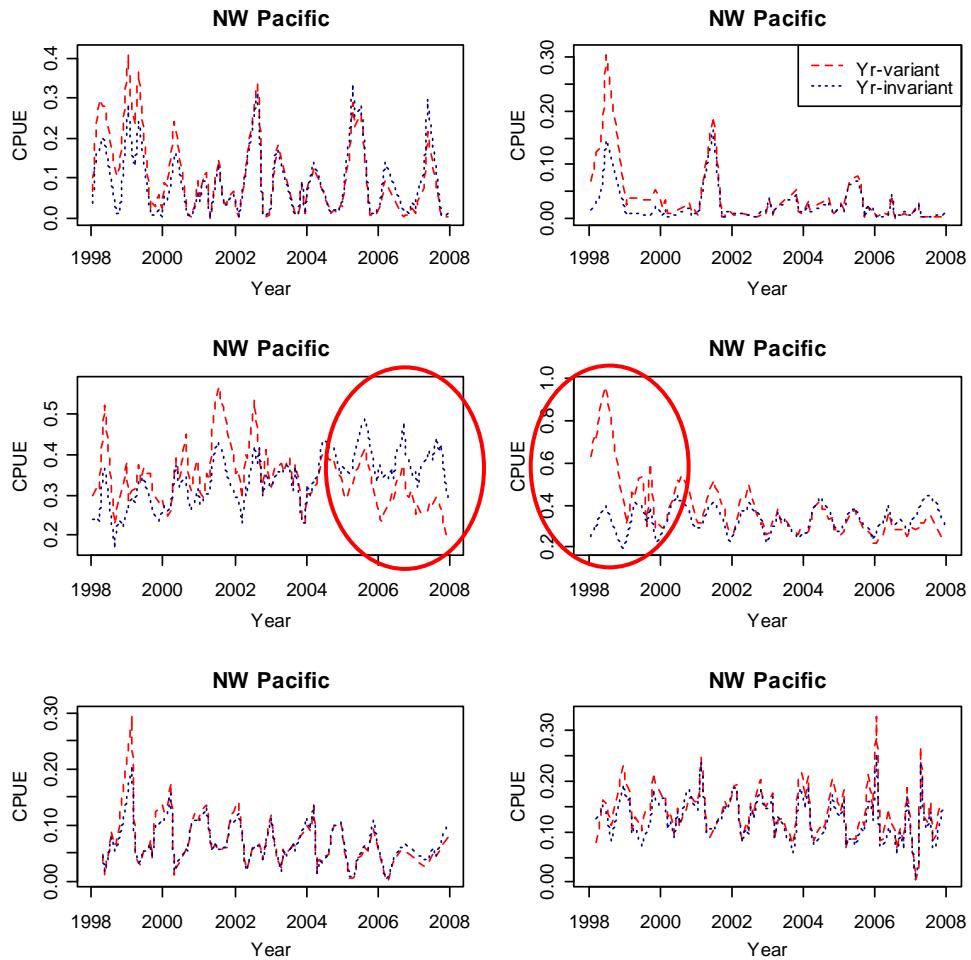
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Track the hotspot areas for PLL and TLL



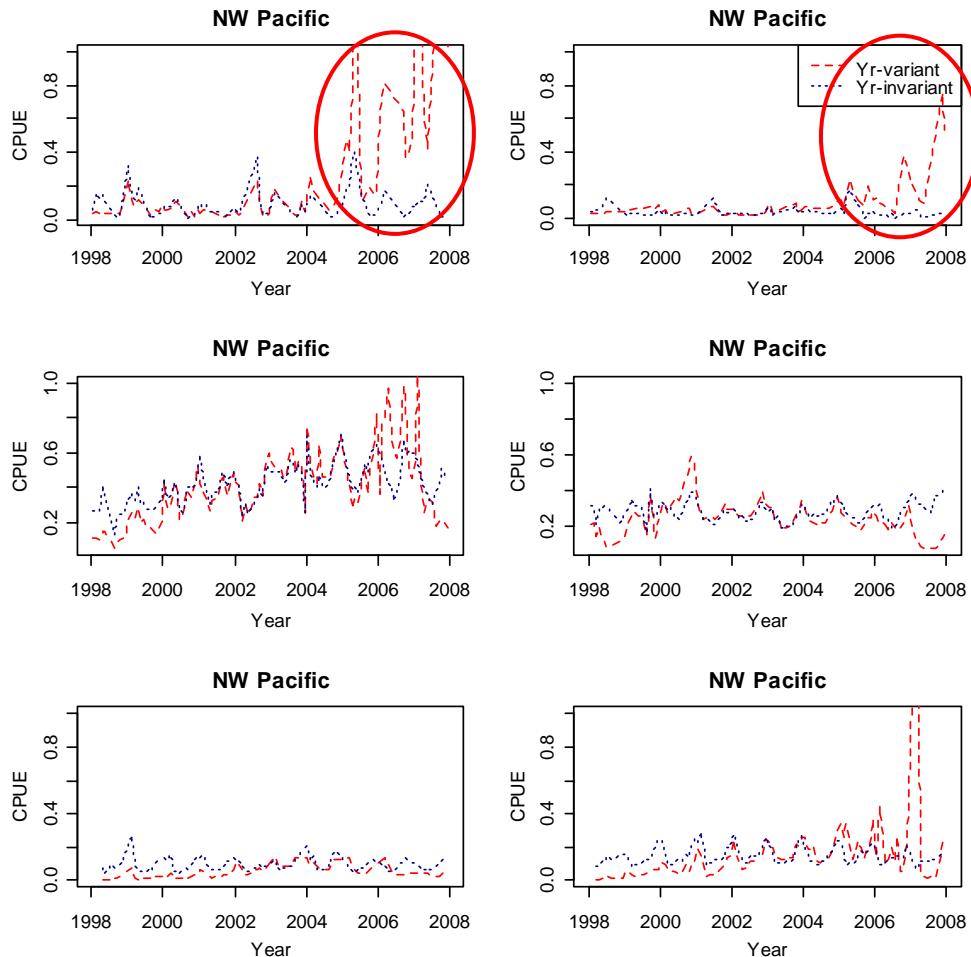
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#### Relative density by region for PLL



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#### Relative density by region for TLL



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#### Conclusions

- The blue marlin population apparently moved eastwardly during the 1997-1998 El Niño in the tropics
- Yearly patterns in distribution appear to be associated with the El Niño event and related to shifts in SST

#### Future directions

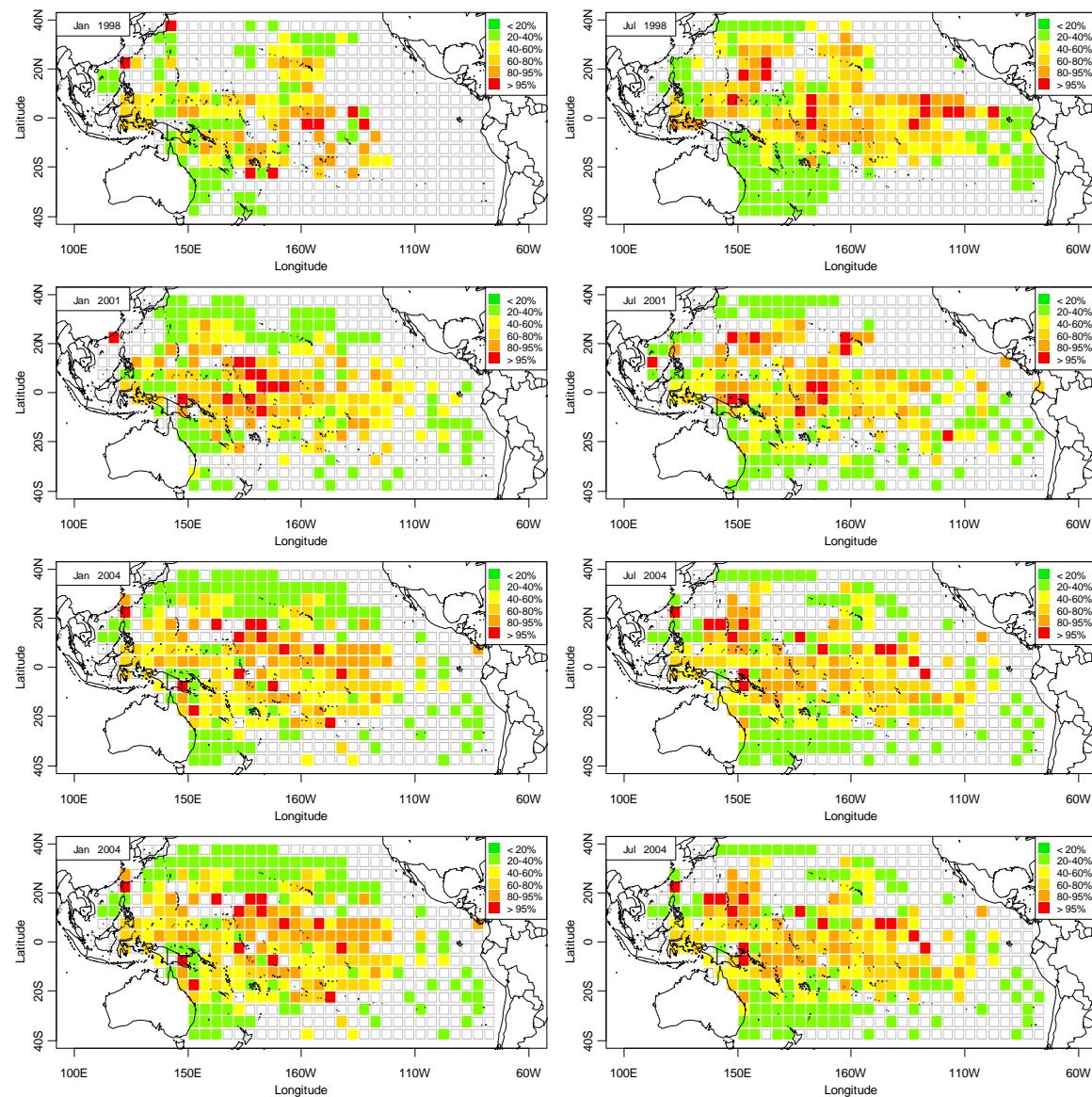
- Increase spatial and temporal coverage of data set
- Include more explanatory variables, e.g. fishing gear

**Thank you !!**



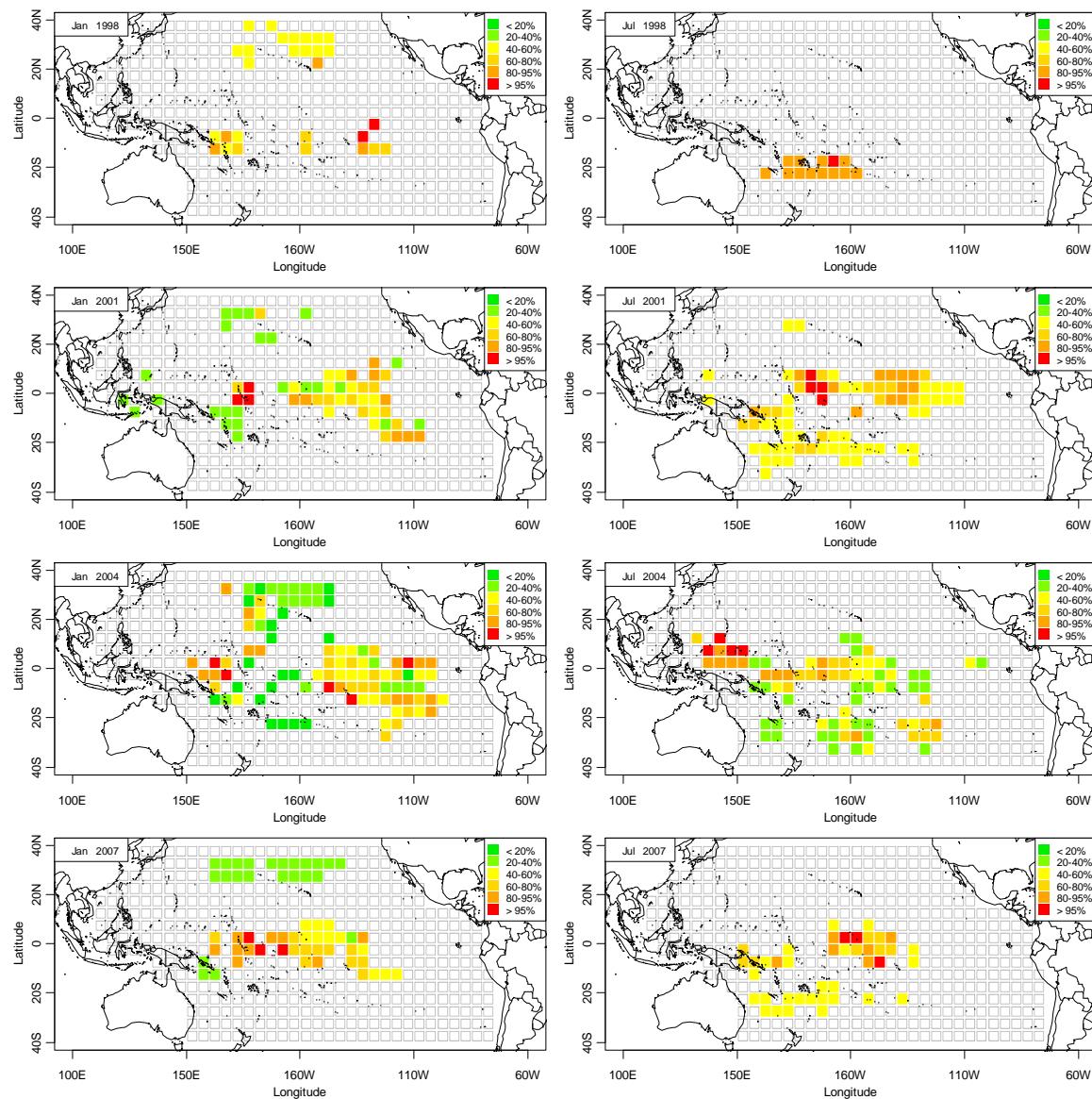
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PLL



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TLL



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**Predicted catch = predicted CPUE x observed fishing effort**

