# Cross-scale interactions in coupled socialecological systems:

An organizing framework for assessing climate impacts and adaptation in marine fisheries

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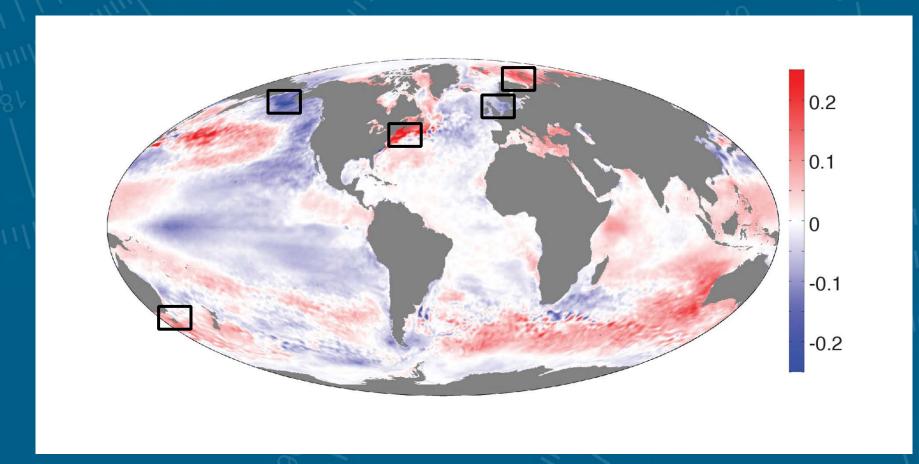






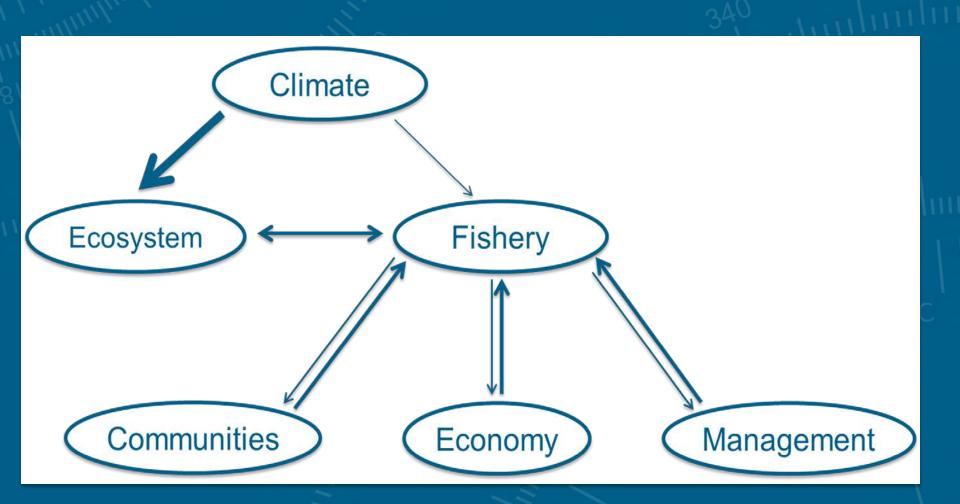
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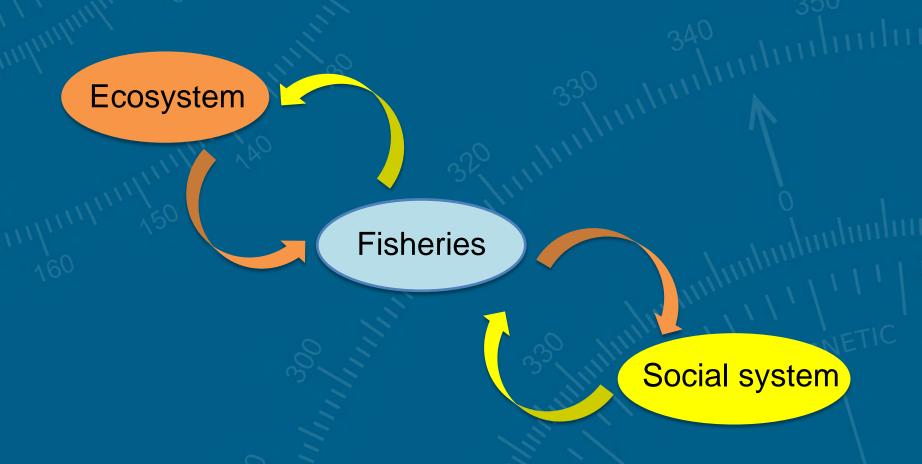
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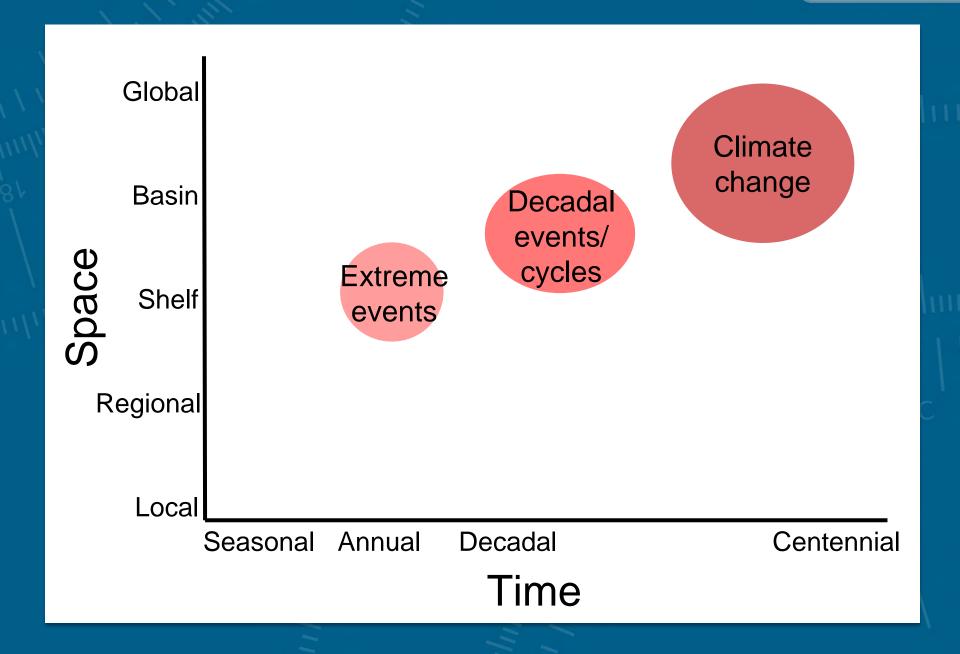


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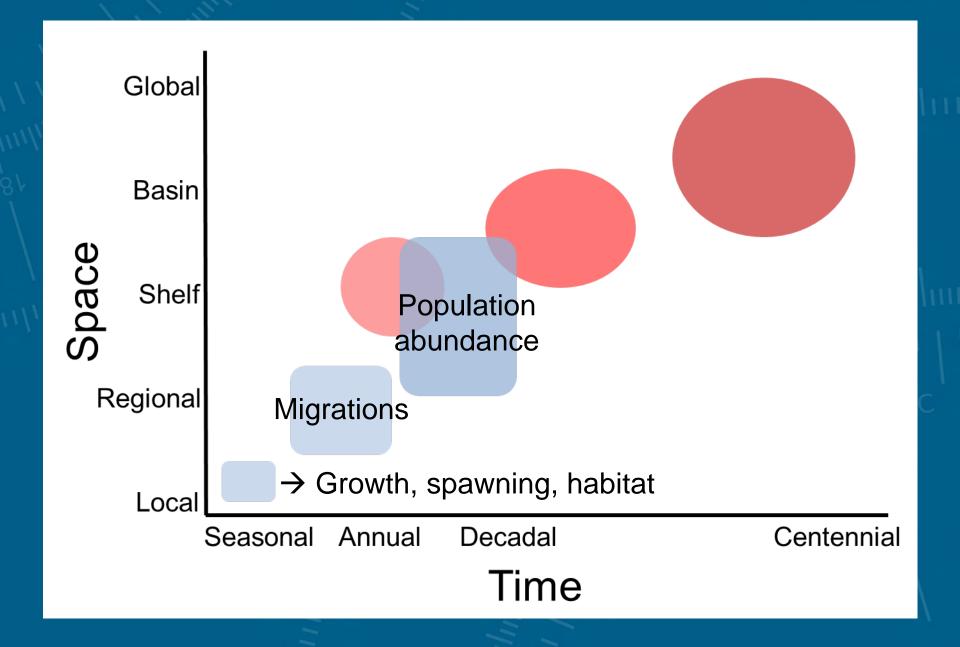
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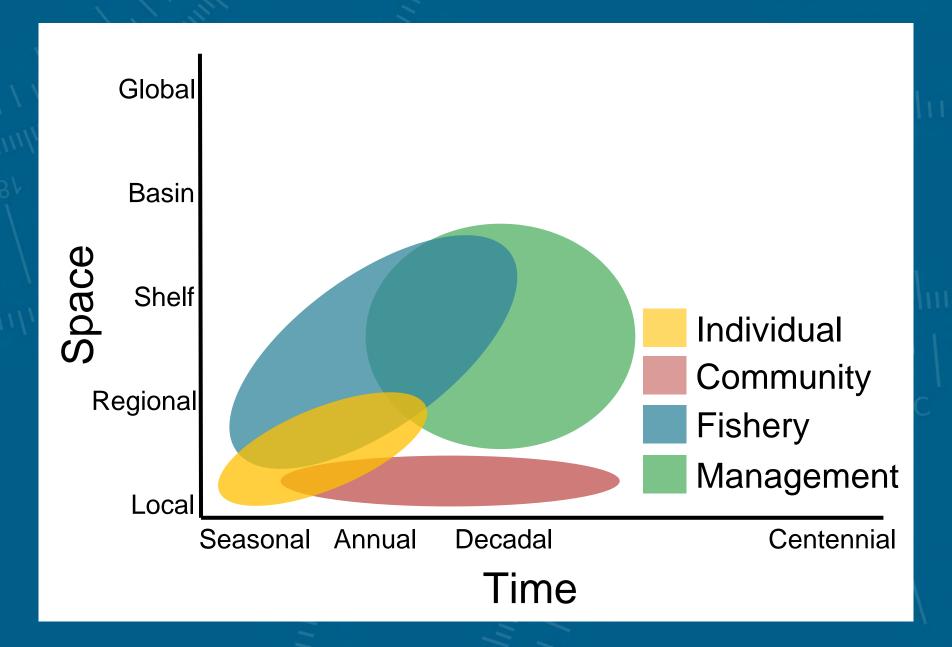




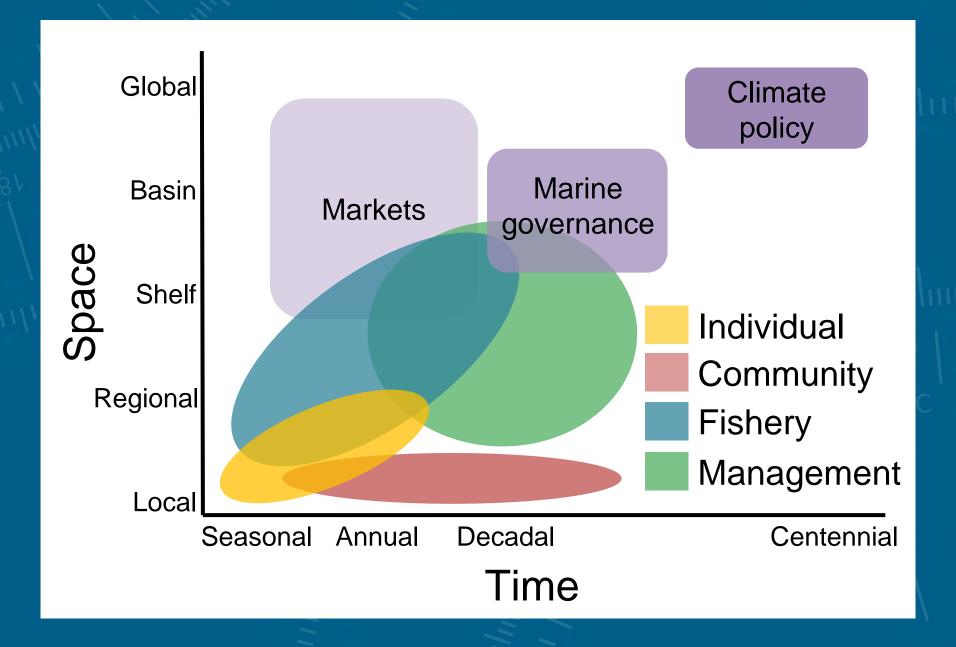












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- Multi-decadal shifts in distribution
  - Fishermen may switch to other species:
    - Do they have appropriate gear? vessels? shoreside facilities?
  - Fishermen may try to follow the fish:
    - Do they have access? How will equity issues with fishermen in new area be accommodated?
  - Accommodated in assessments and management?



Goal: Synthesis paper

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