

# Alteration of coastal productivity and artisanal fisheries interact to affect a marine food web

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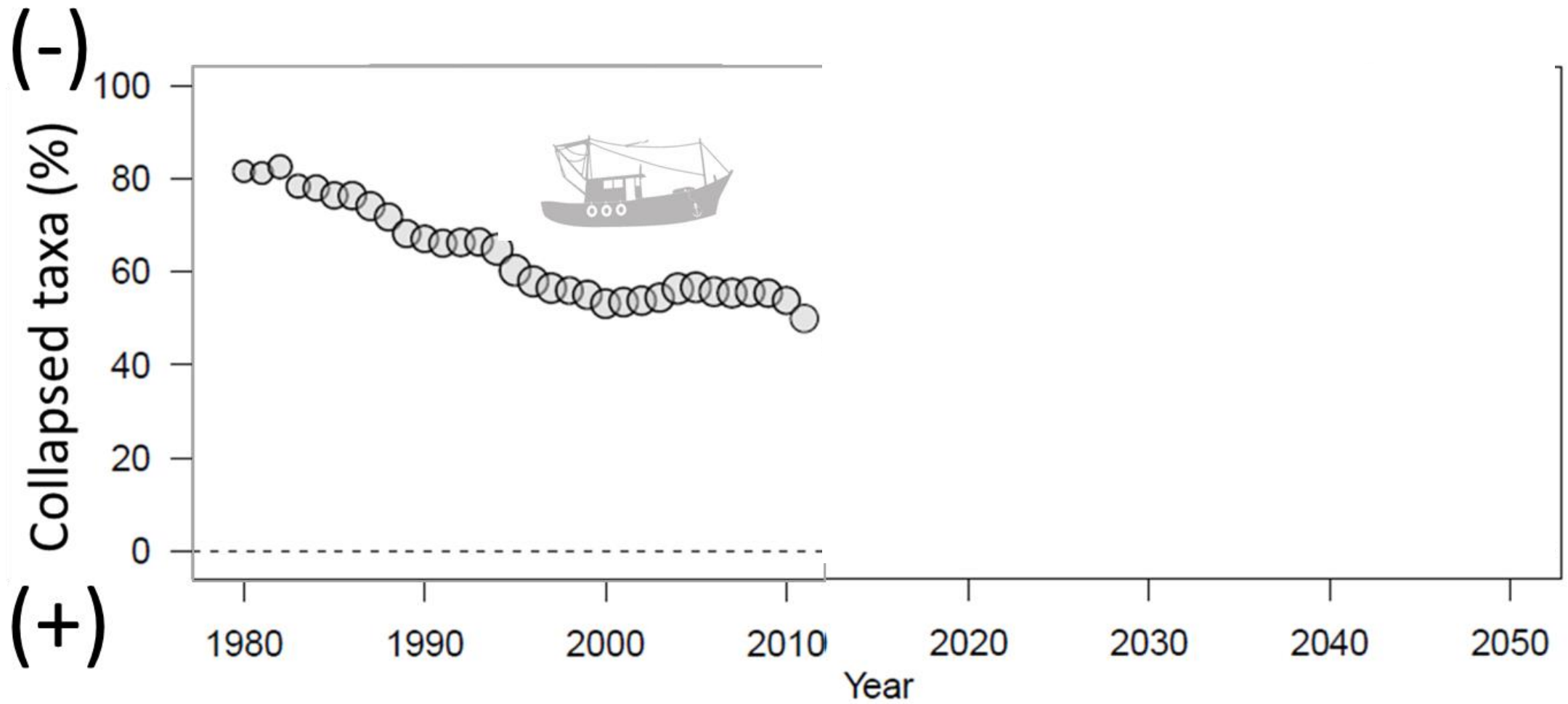
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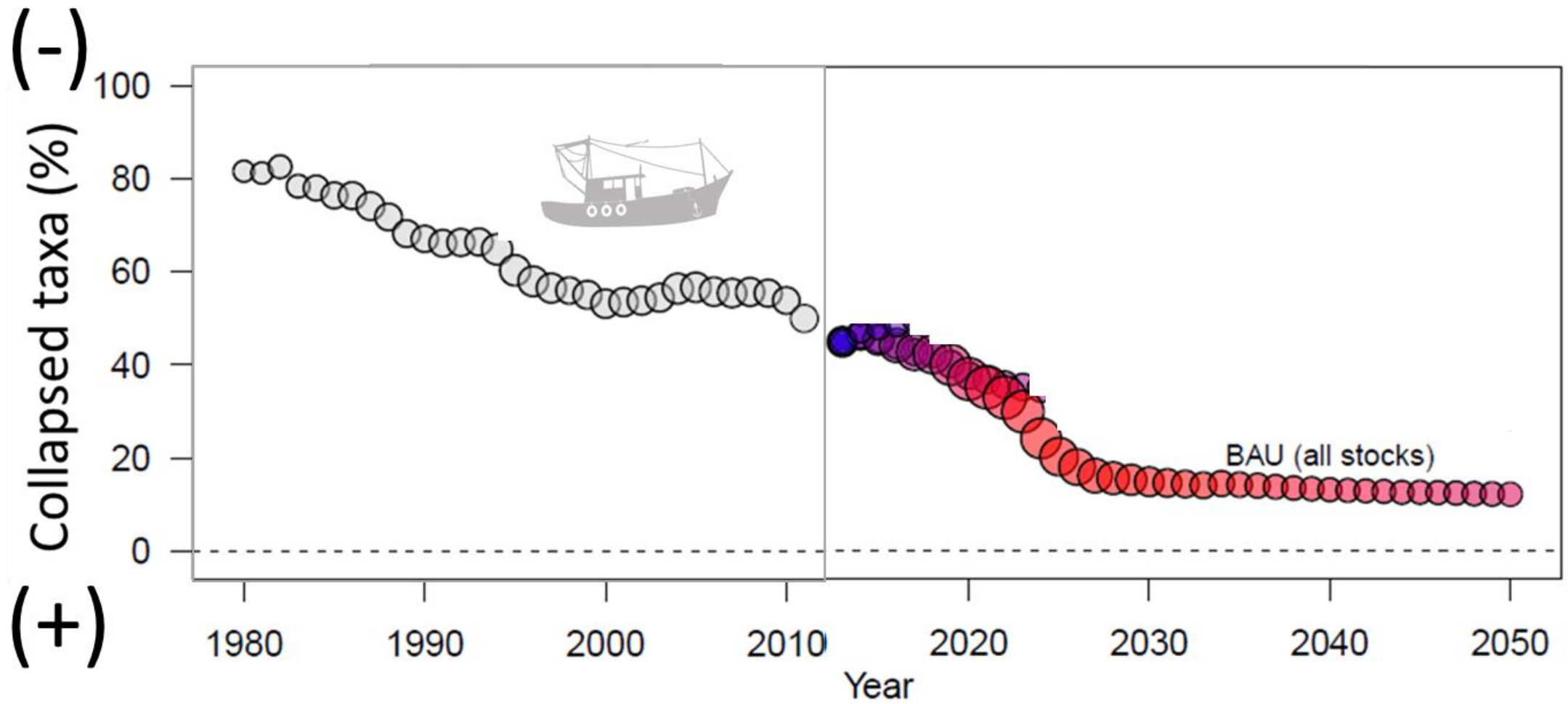


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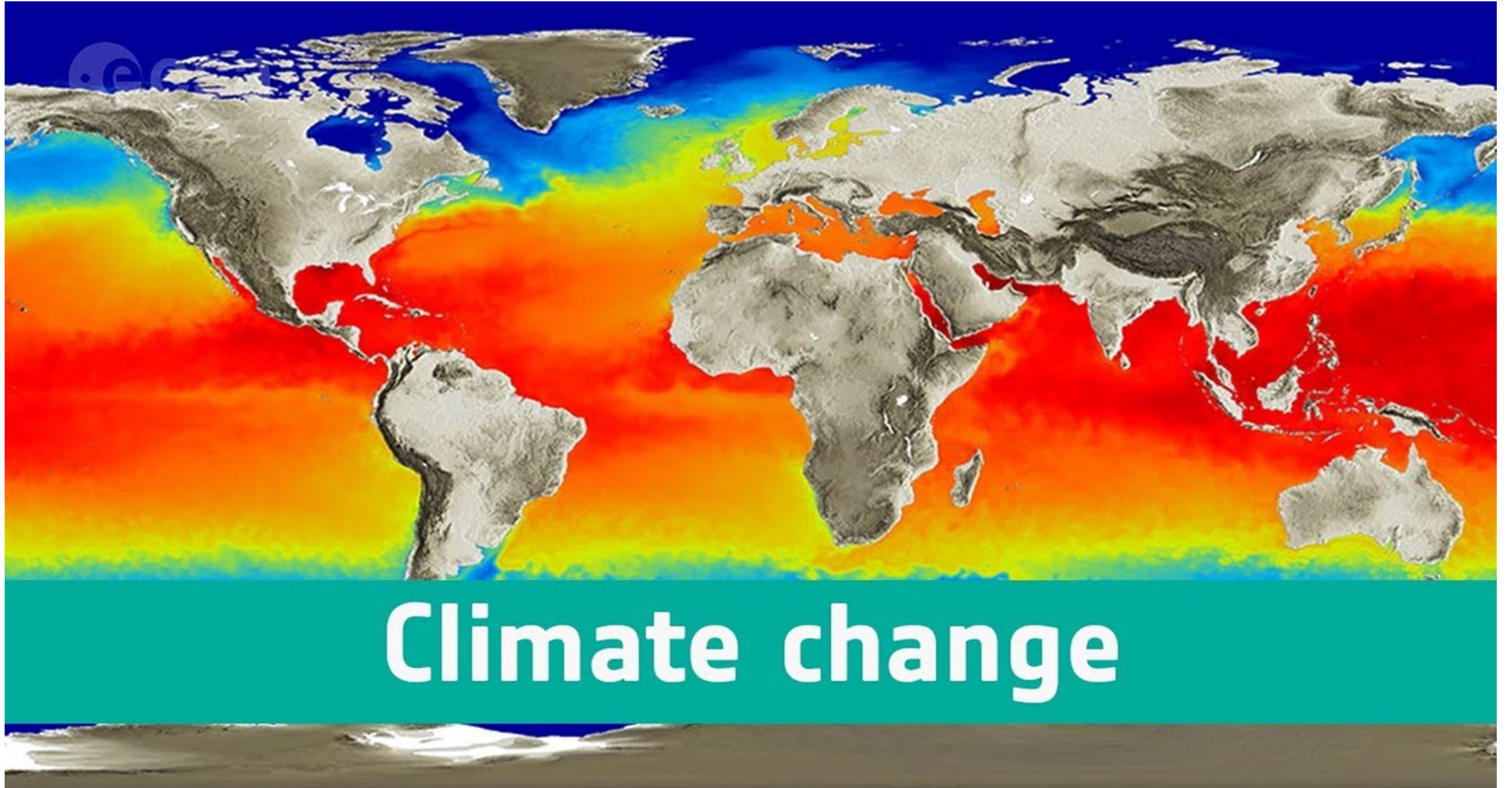
INTRODUCTION



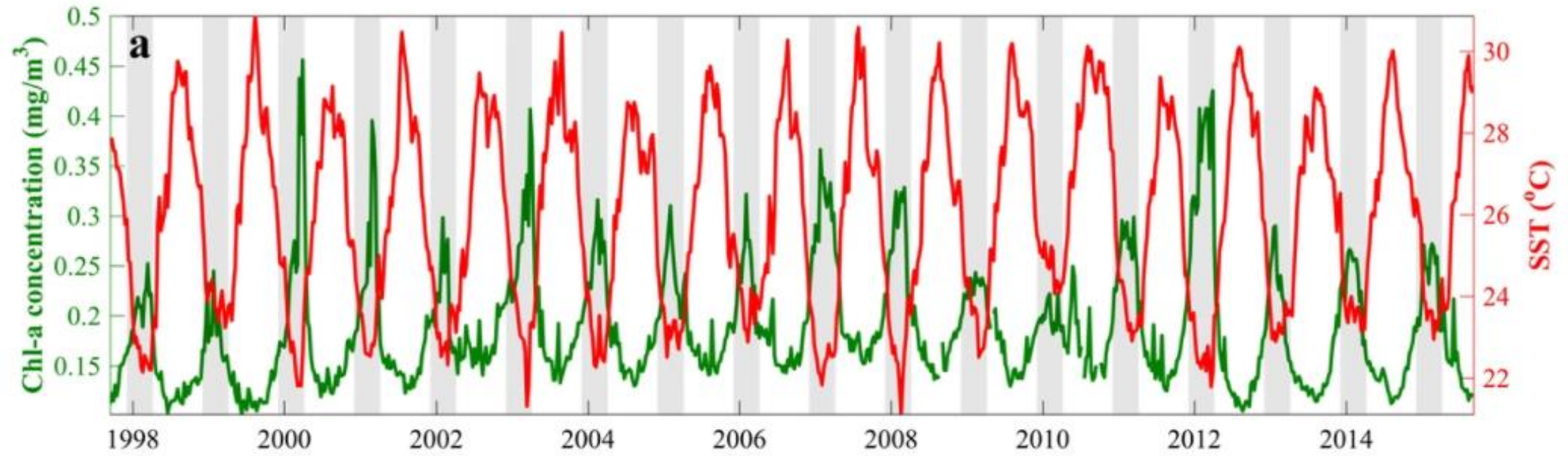
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- Sea surface temperature
- Ocean stratification
- Mixed layer depth
- Coastal water nutrients

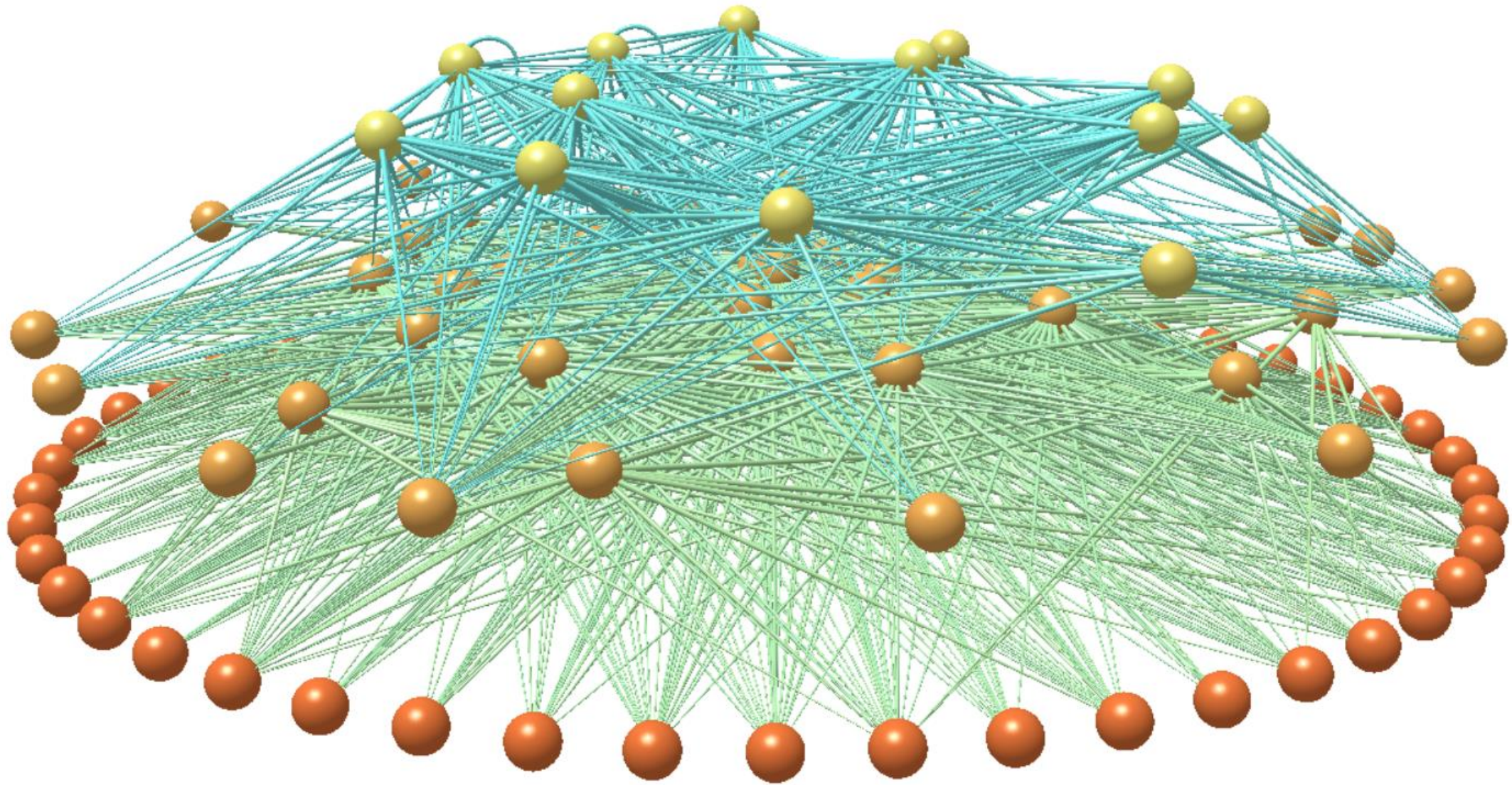


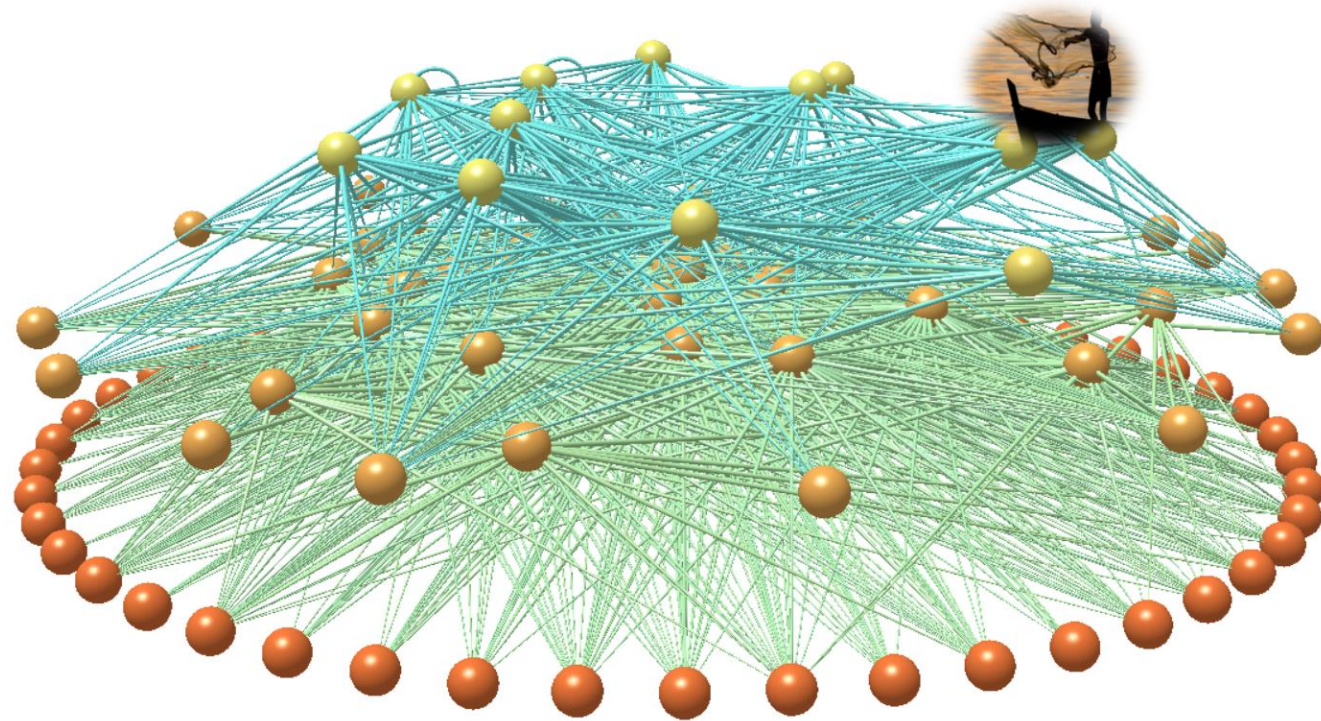
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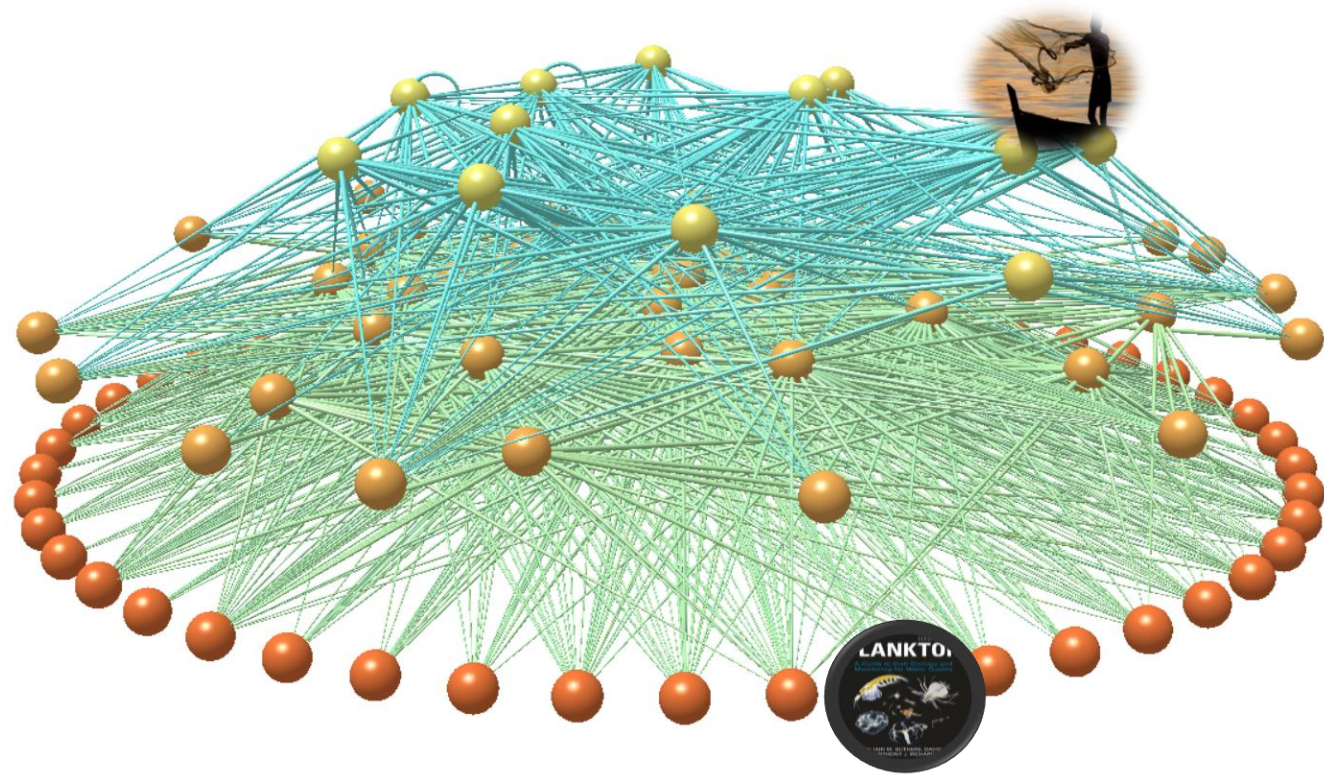




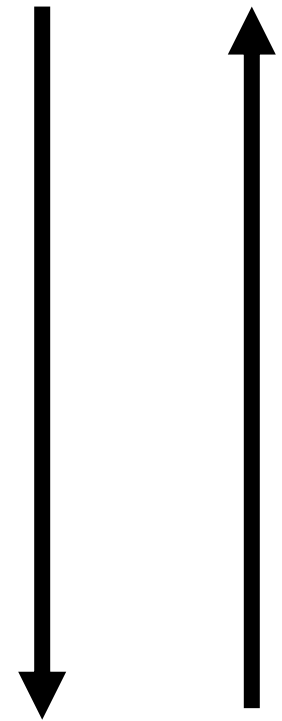


**Antropogenic  
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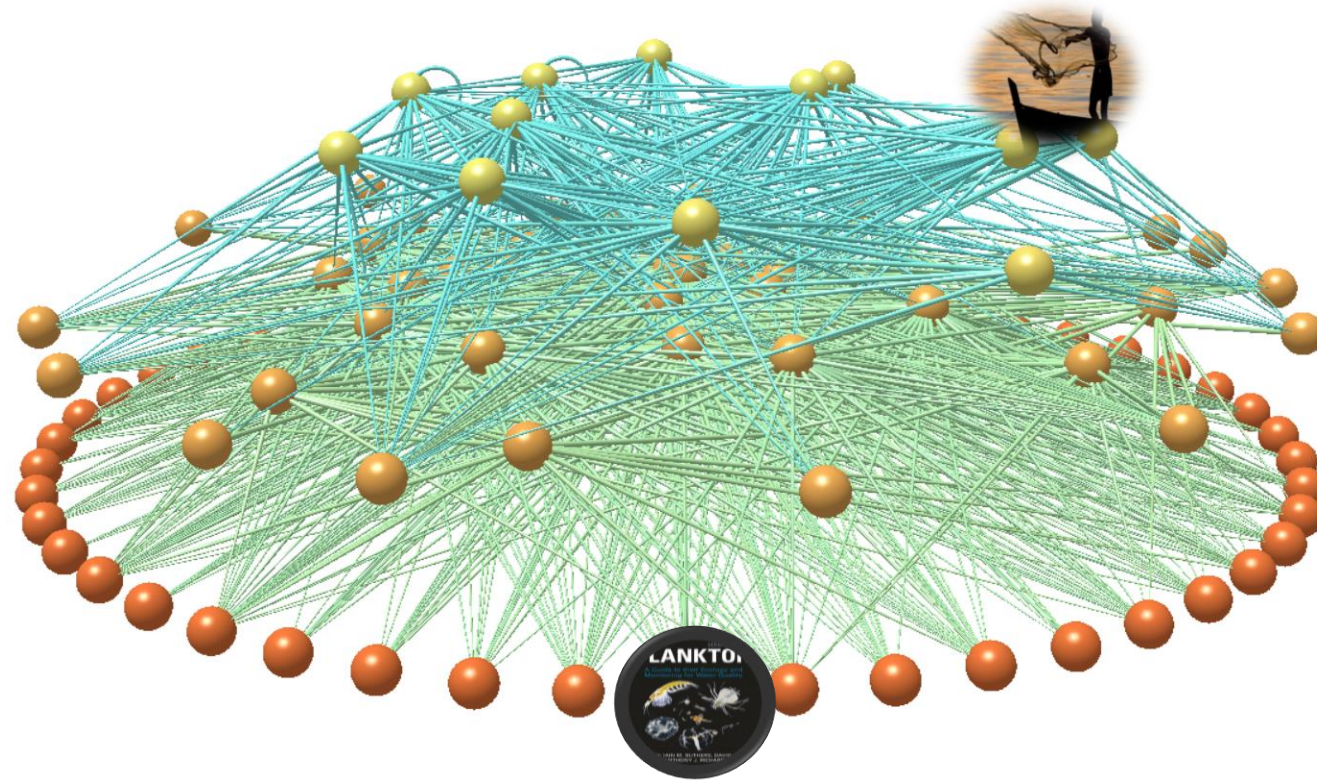


Antropogenic pressures



Climate-driven effects

# WE ASSESSED THE INDEPENDENT AND COMBINED EFFECT OF FISHERIES AND PLANKTON BIOMASS CHANGES ON FOOD WEBS





## Intertidal rocky shore

Kéfi et al. 2015



*Stichaster striatus* (sea star)



*Choncholepas concholepas* (Chilean abalone)



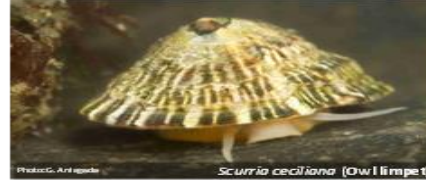
*Cinclodes nigrofumosus* (Chilean seaside Cinclodes)



*Acanthopleura echinata* (Chiton 1)



*Fissurella picta* (key hole limpet)



*Scurria cecilia* (Owl limpet)



*Tequila atra* (snail 1)



*Anthoos* sp. (Anemone 1)



*Austromegobalanus psittacus* (edible barnacle)



*Perumytilus purpuratus* (purpurata mussel)



*Phragmatopoma* spp. (worm)



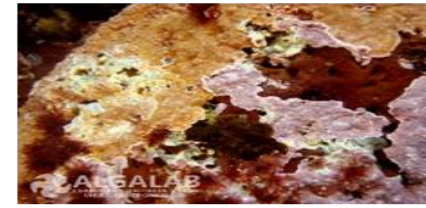
*Pyura chilensis* (Chilean sea squirt)



*Cladophora* spp.



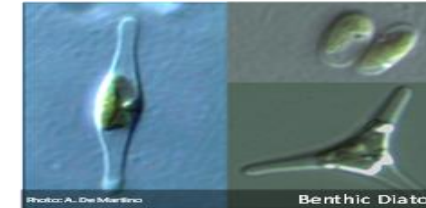
*Ulva rigida* (sea lettuce)



*Lessonia spicata* (giant grey weed)



Plankton



Benthic Diatoms

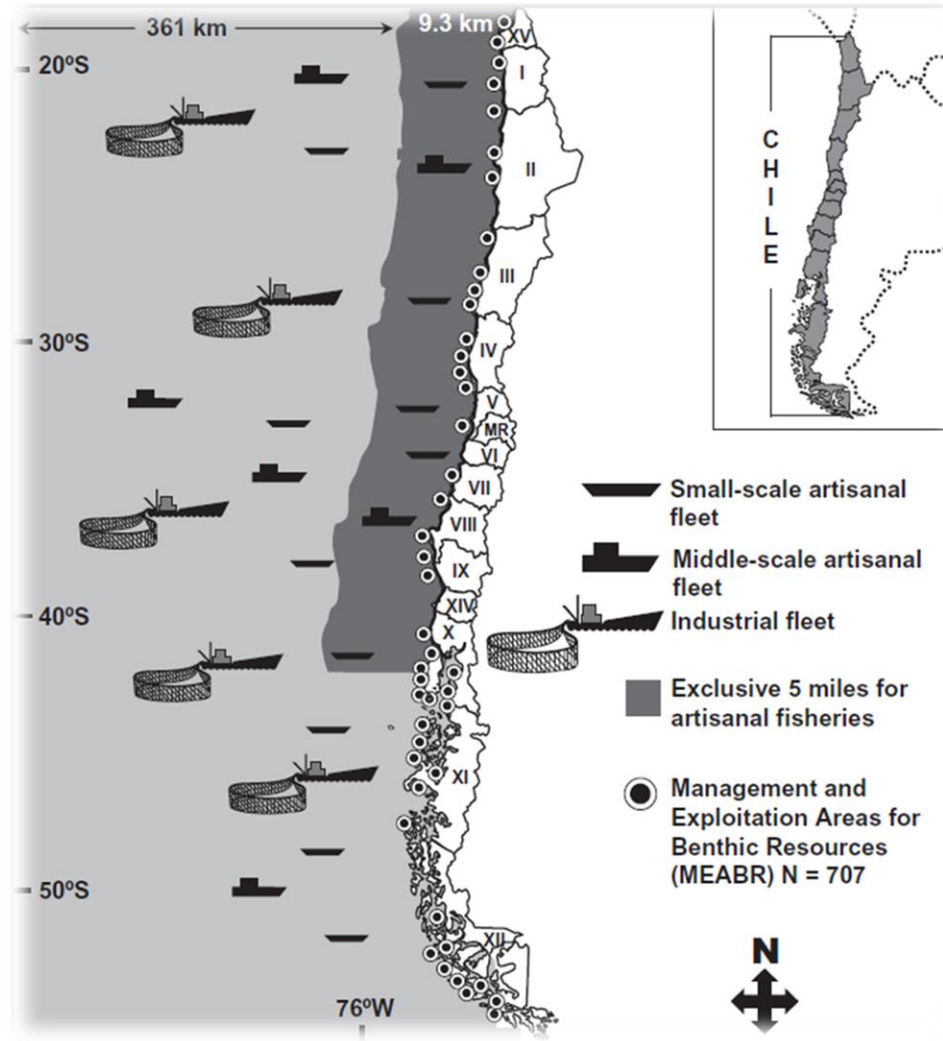


Harvested species



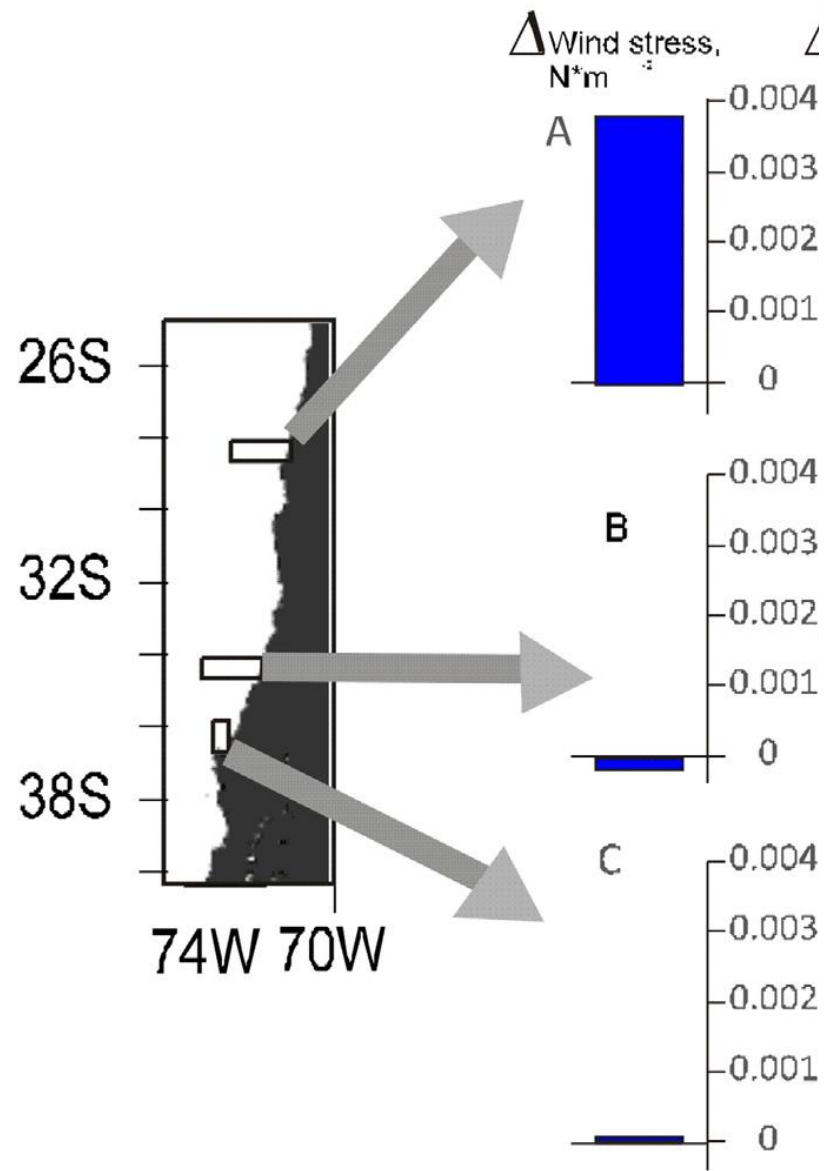
Chile

**Central Chile**  
**600 mi coastline**

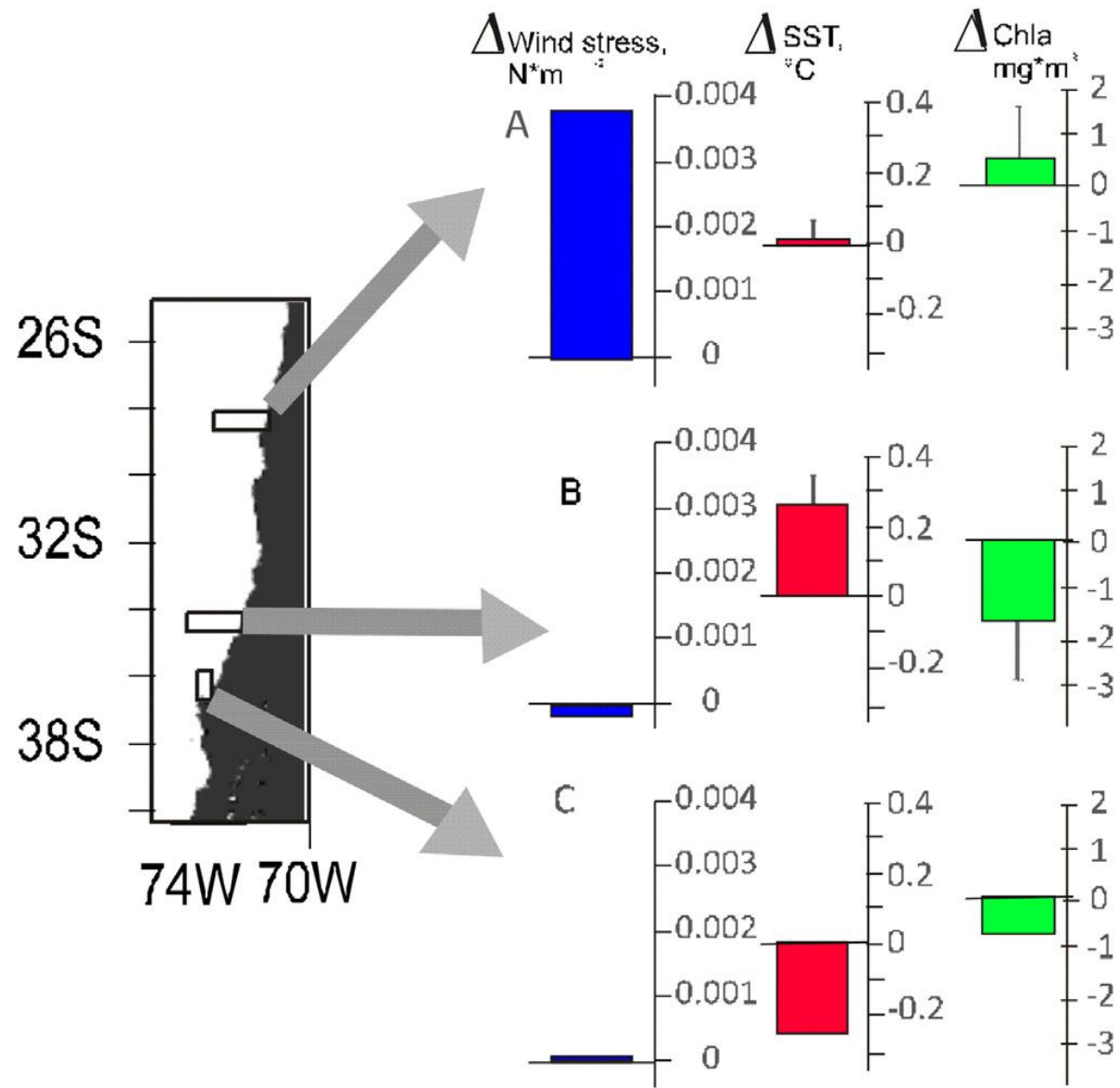


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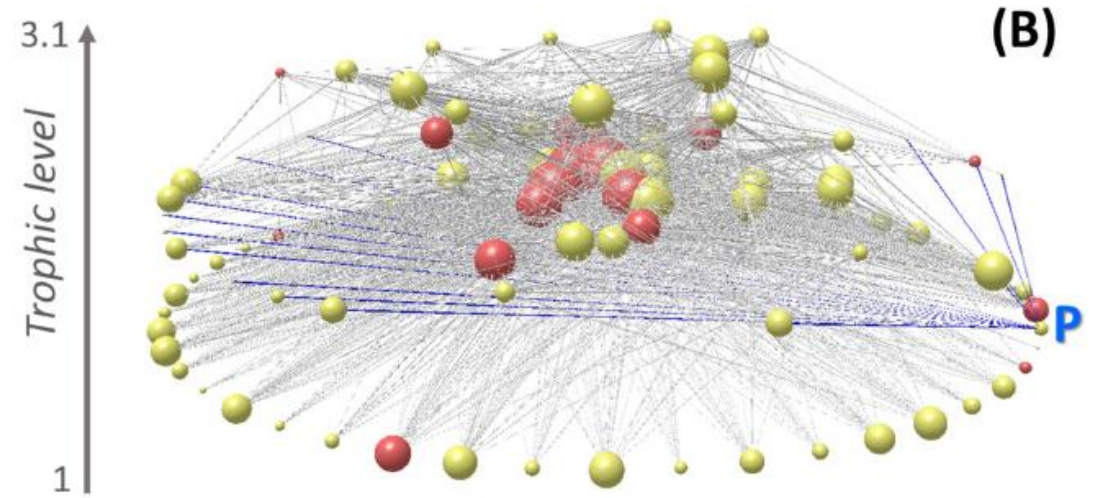
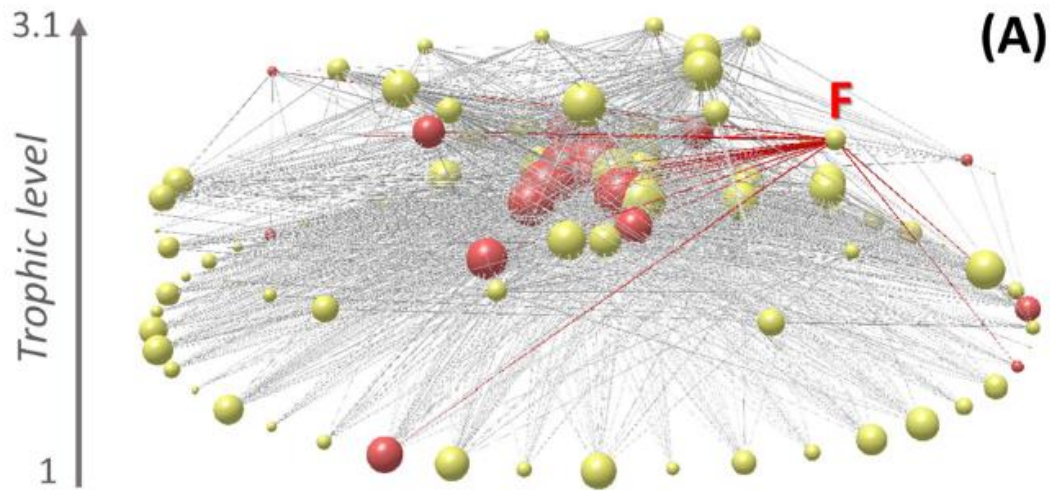


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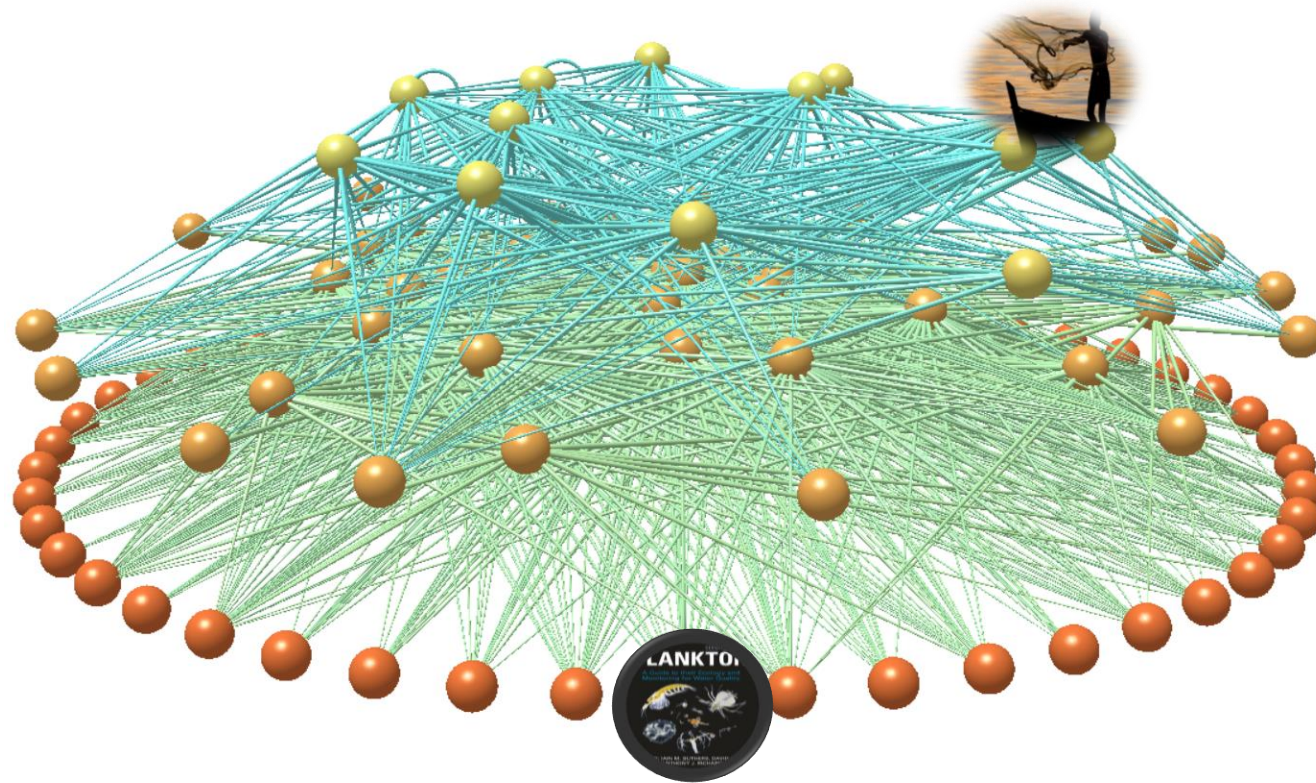
# Chilean intertidal rocky-shore food web



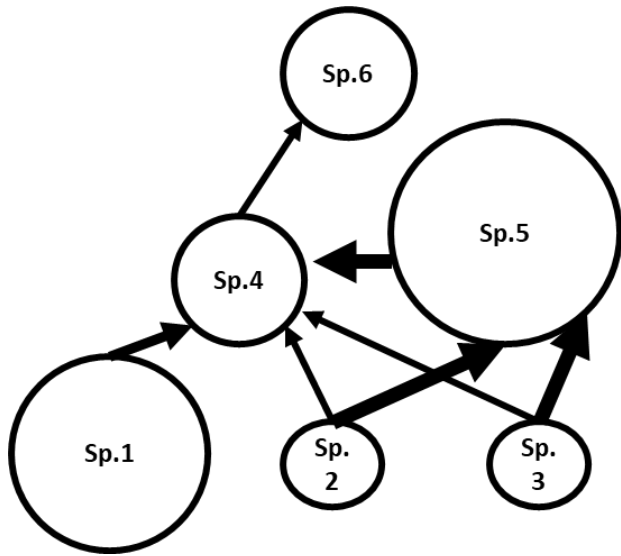
● Harvested species    ● Non-Harvested species

Ávila-Thieme et al. 2021

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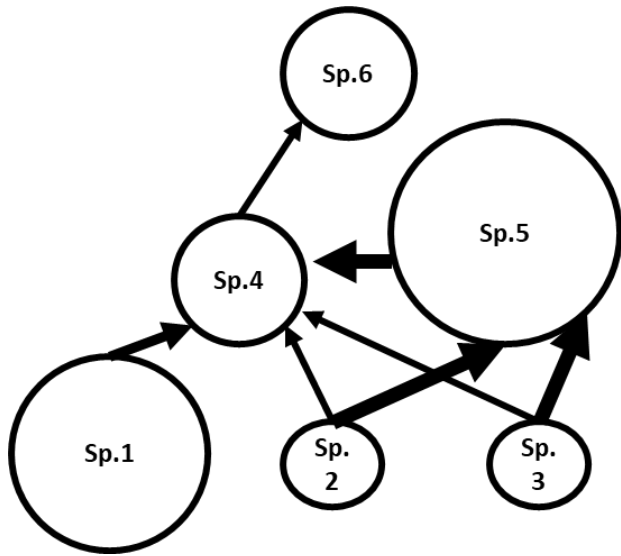
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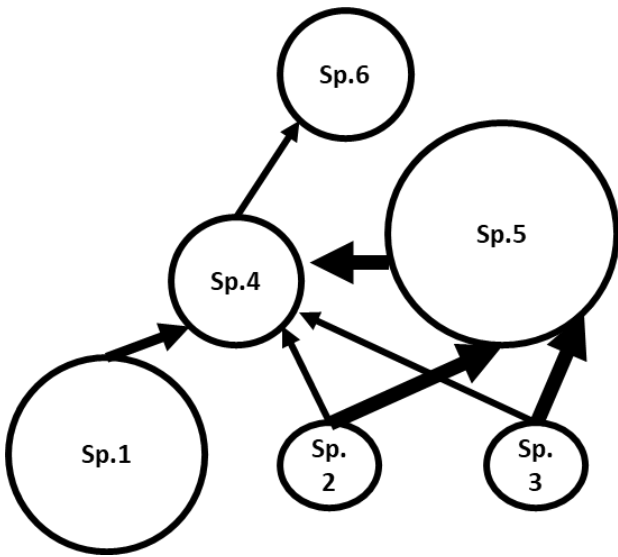
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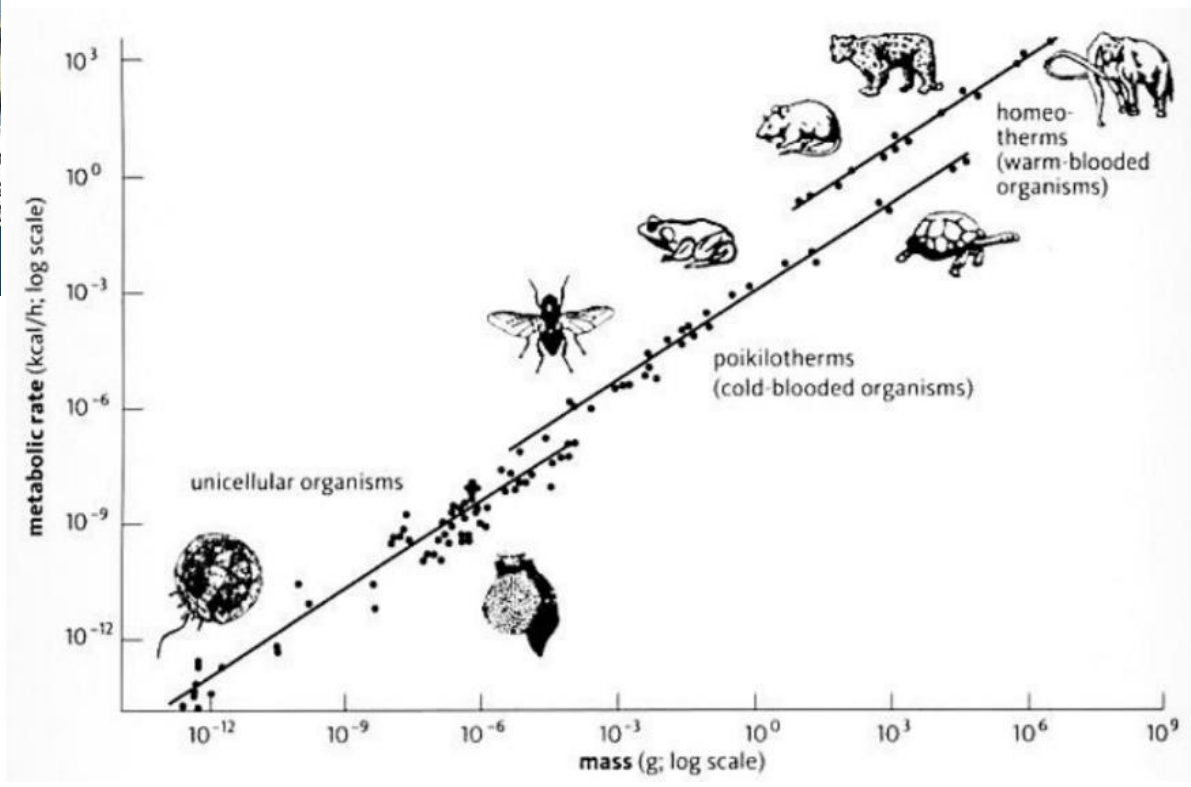
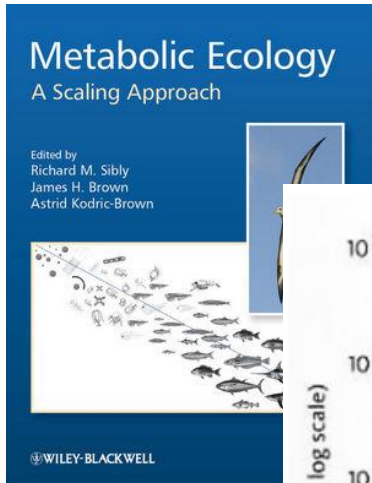
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$$\frac{dB}{dt} = d_{local} + S$$





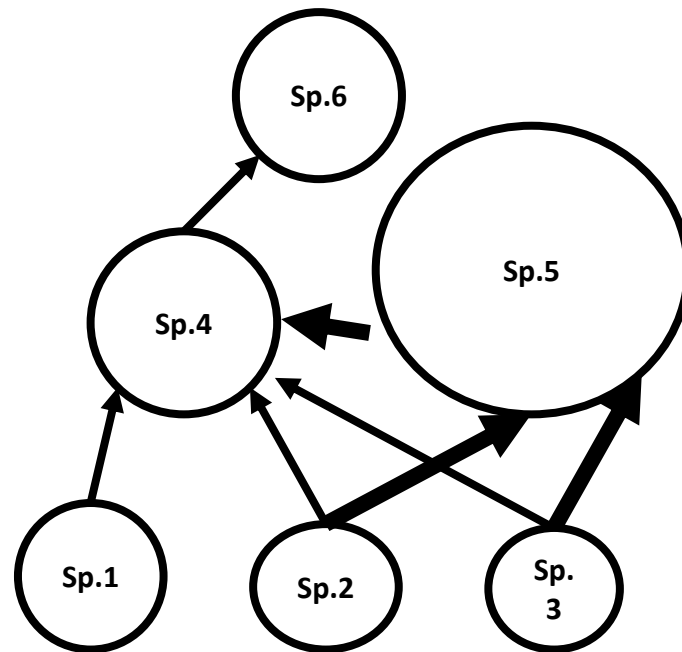
$$B \propto M^{3/4}$$

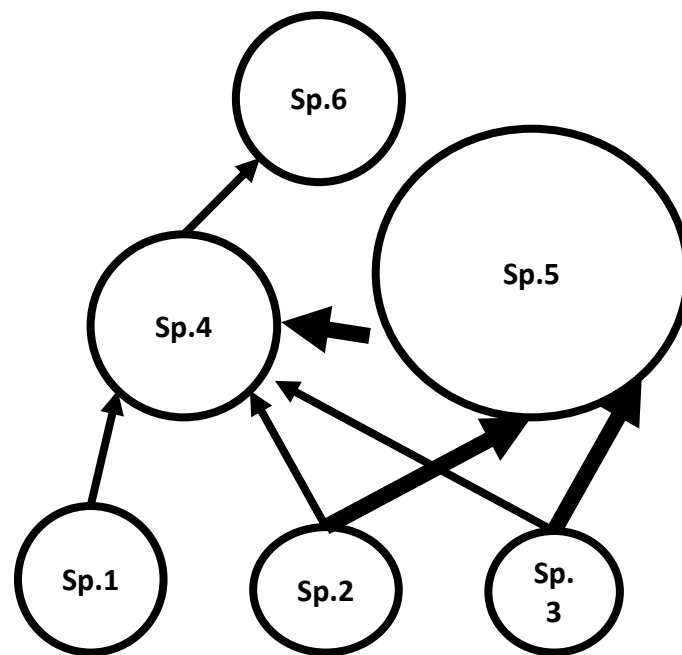
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  - Reproduction
  - Ingestion

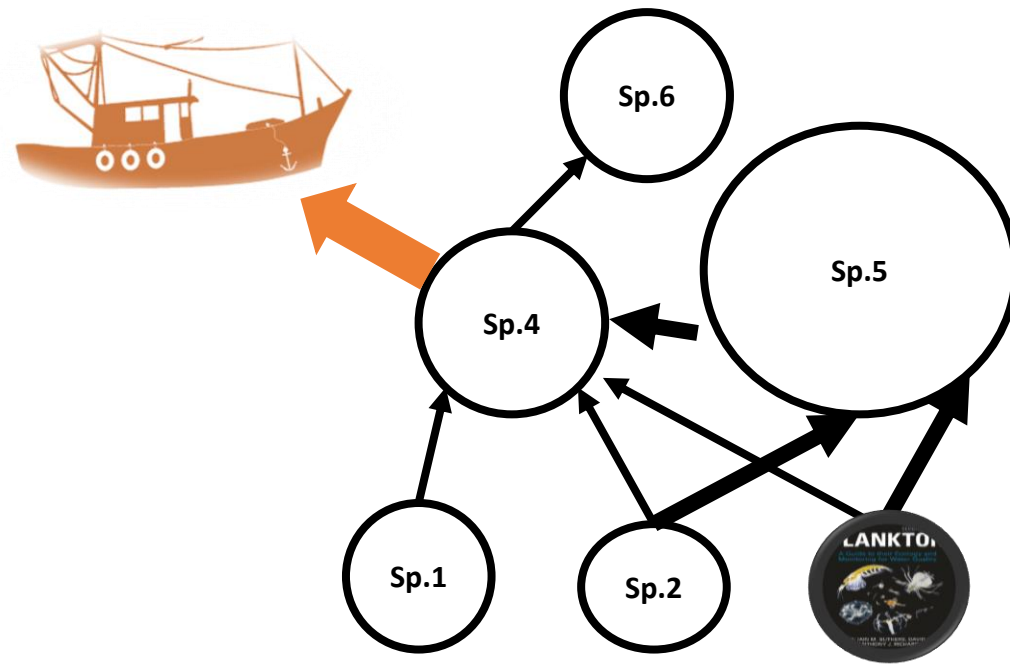
M = Body mass

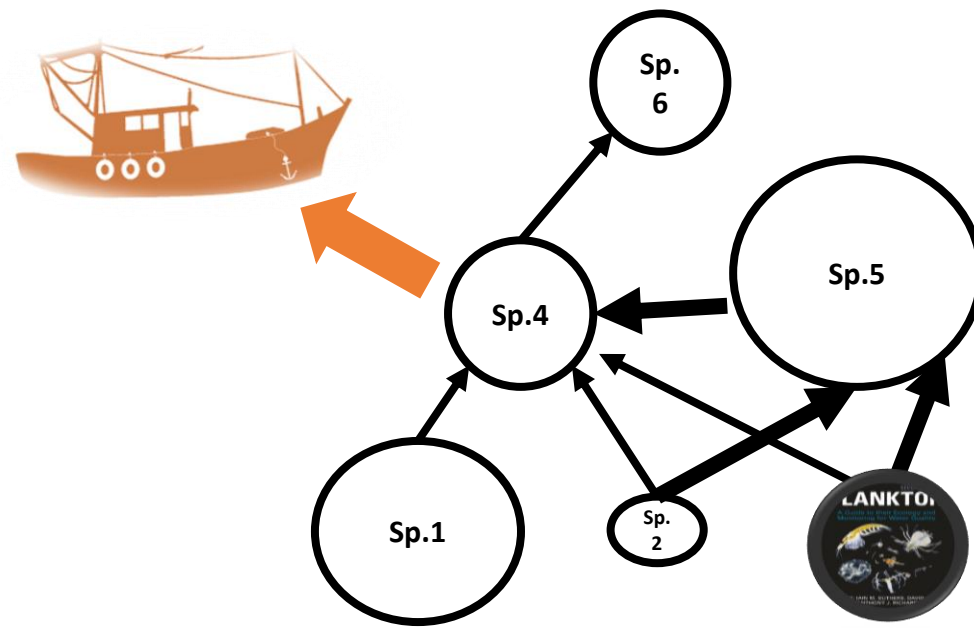
Brown et al. 2004. *Ecology*



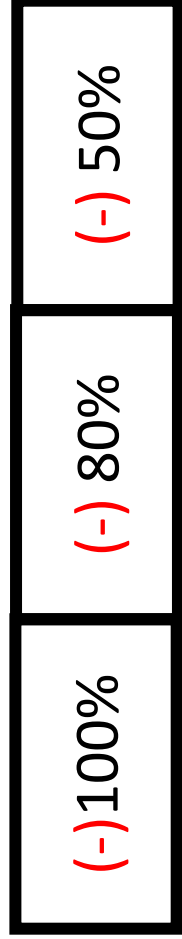




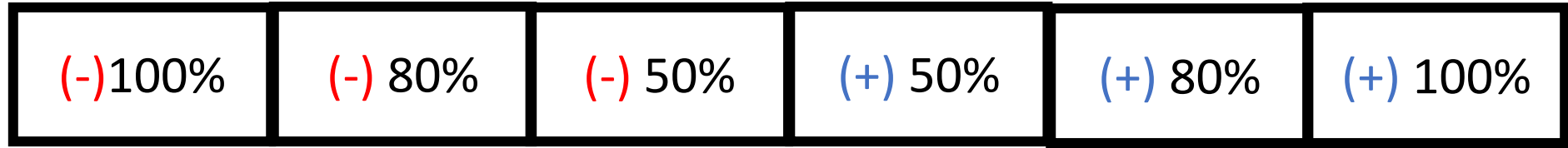




# FISHERIES



# PLANKTON SUBSIDY PERTURBATION

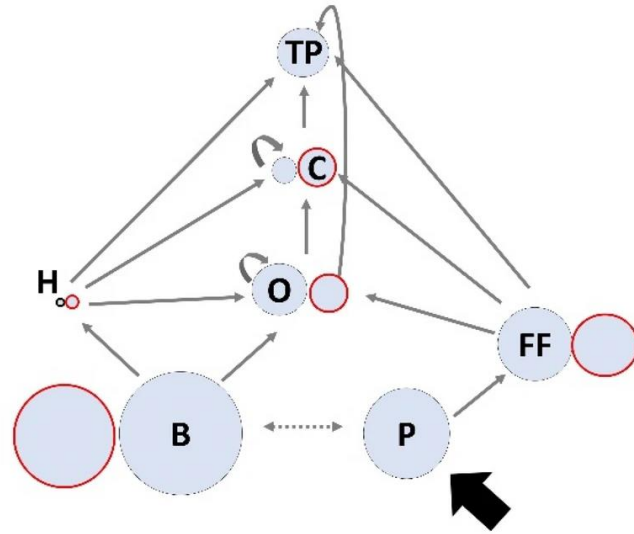


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FISHERIES



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**(C) Plankton decrease**

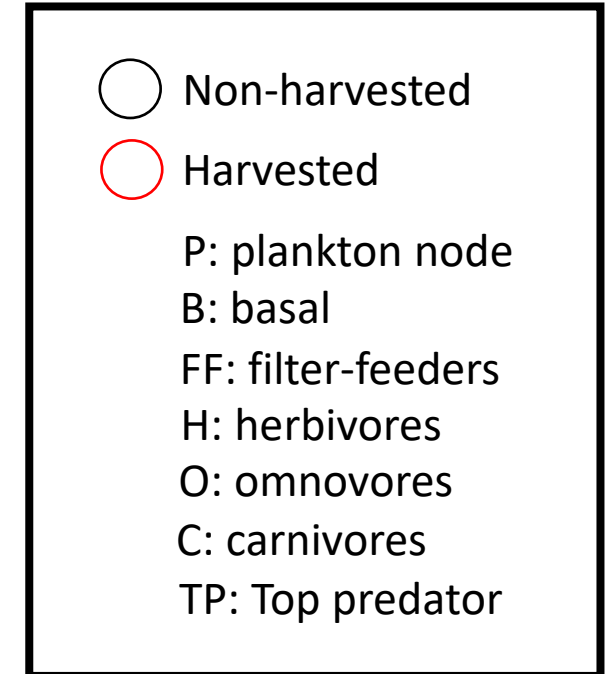
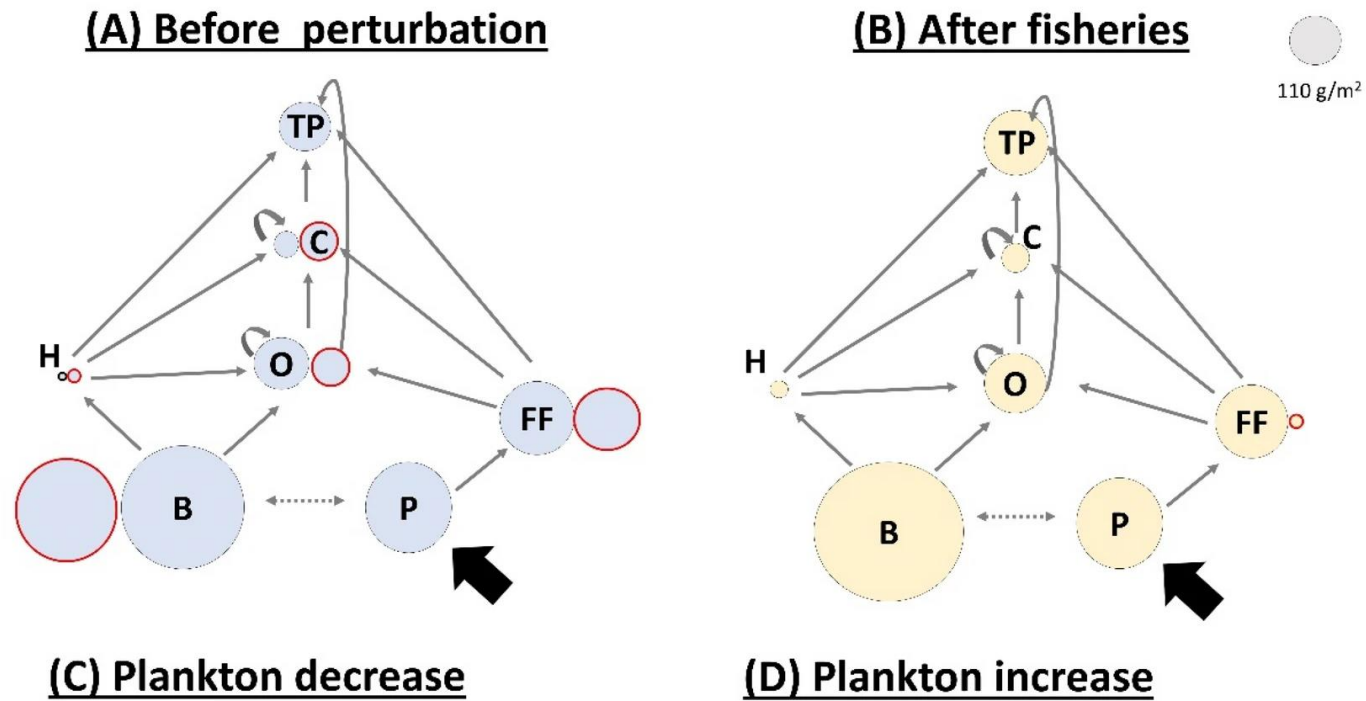
**(B) After fisheries**

110 g/m<sup>2</sup>

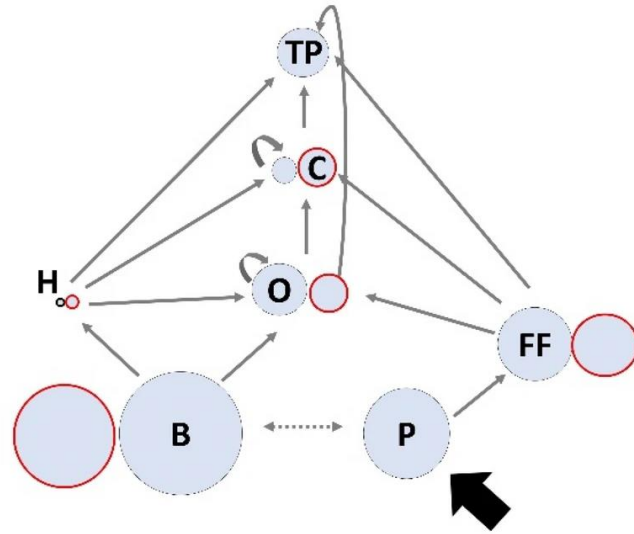
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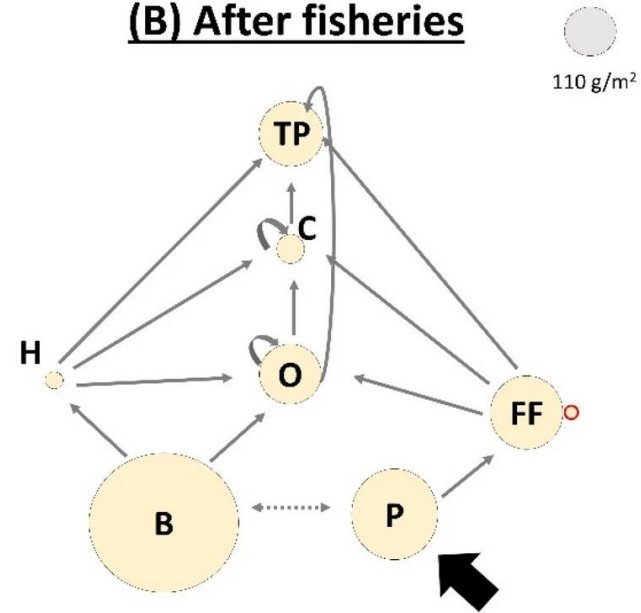




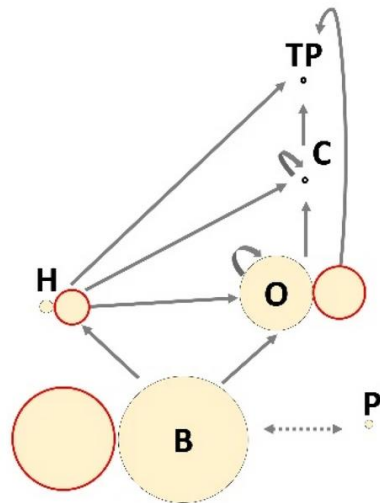
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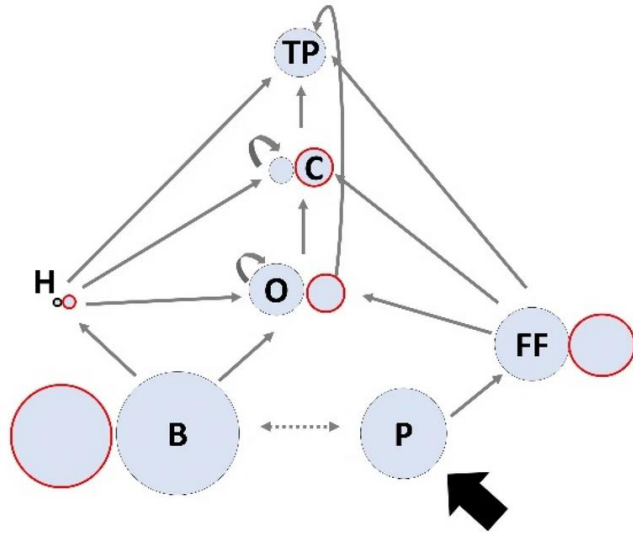


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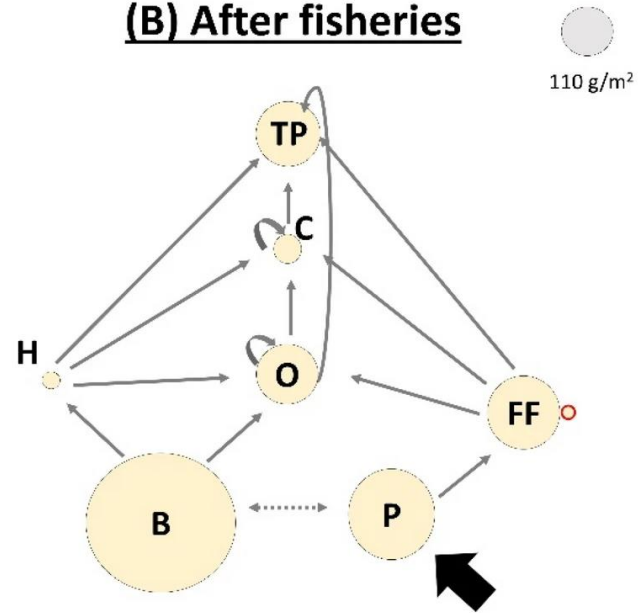
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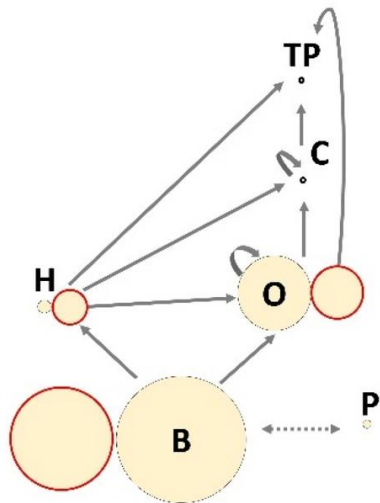
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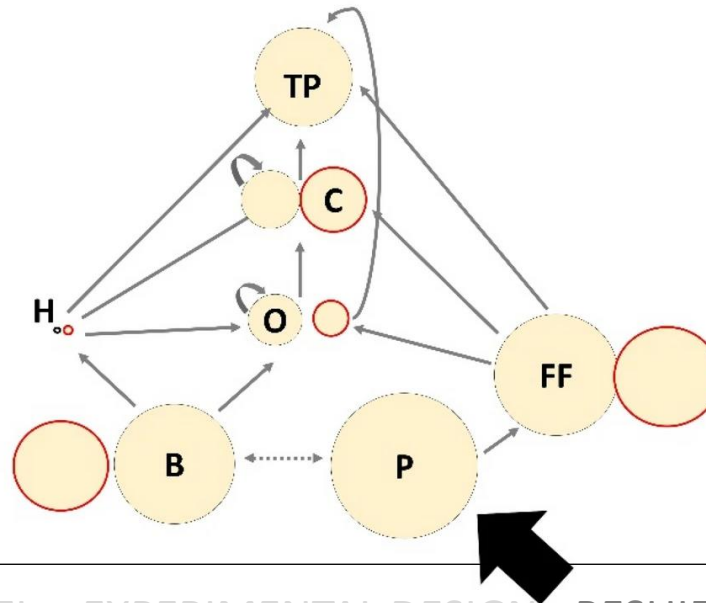
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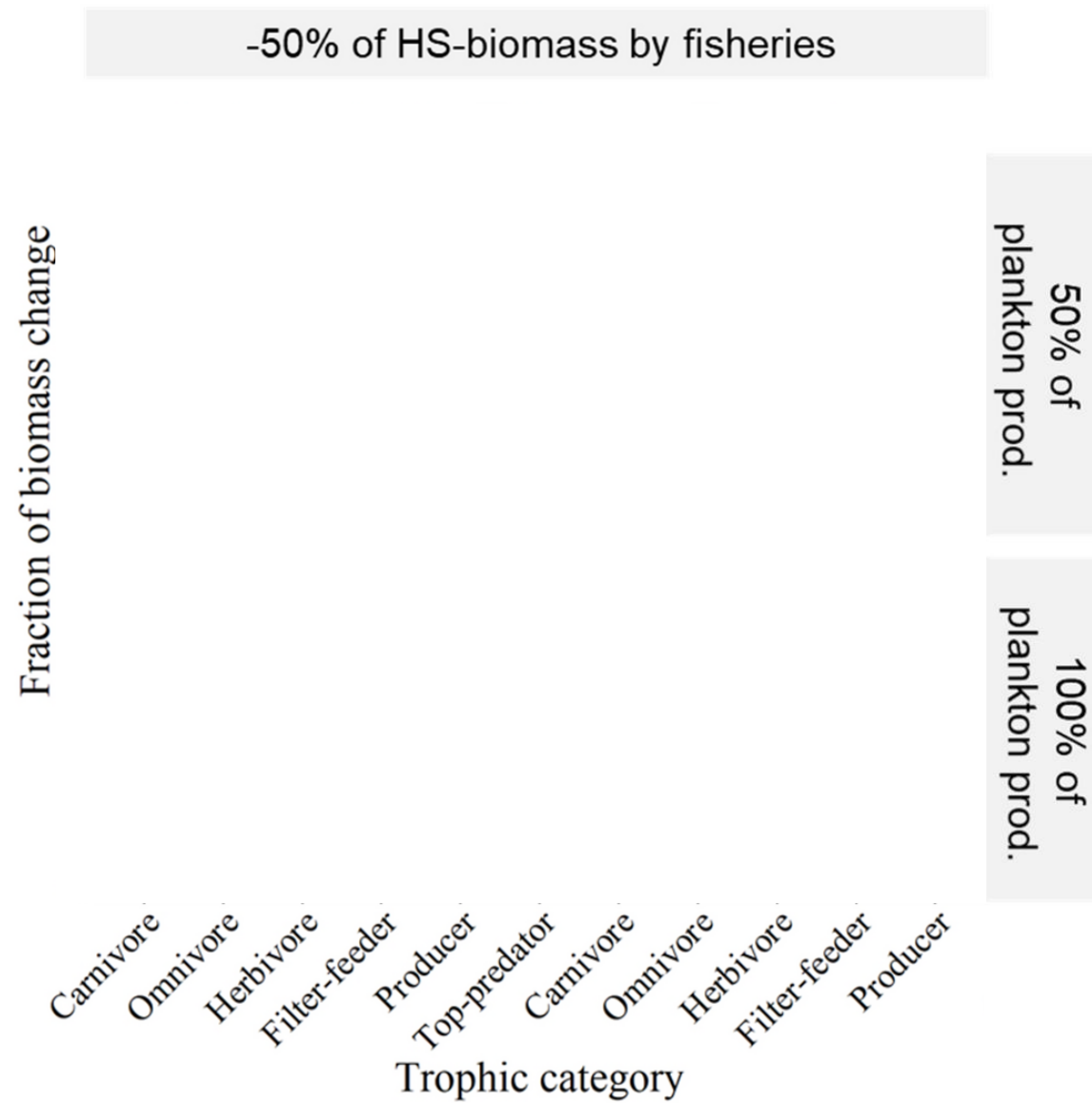
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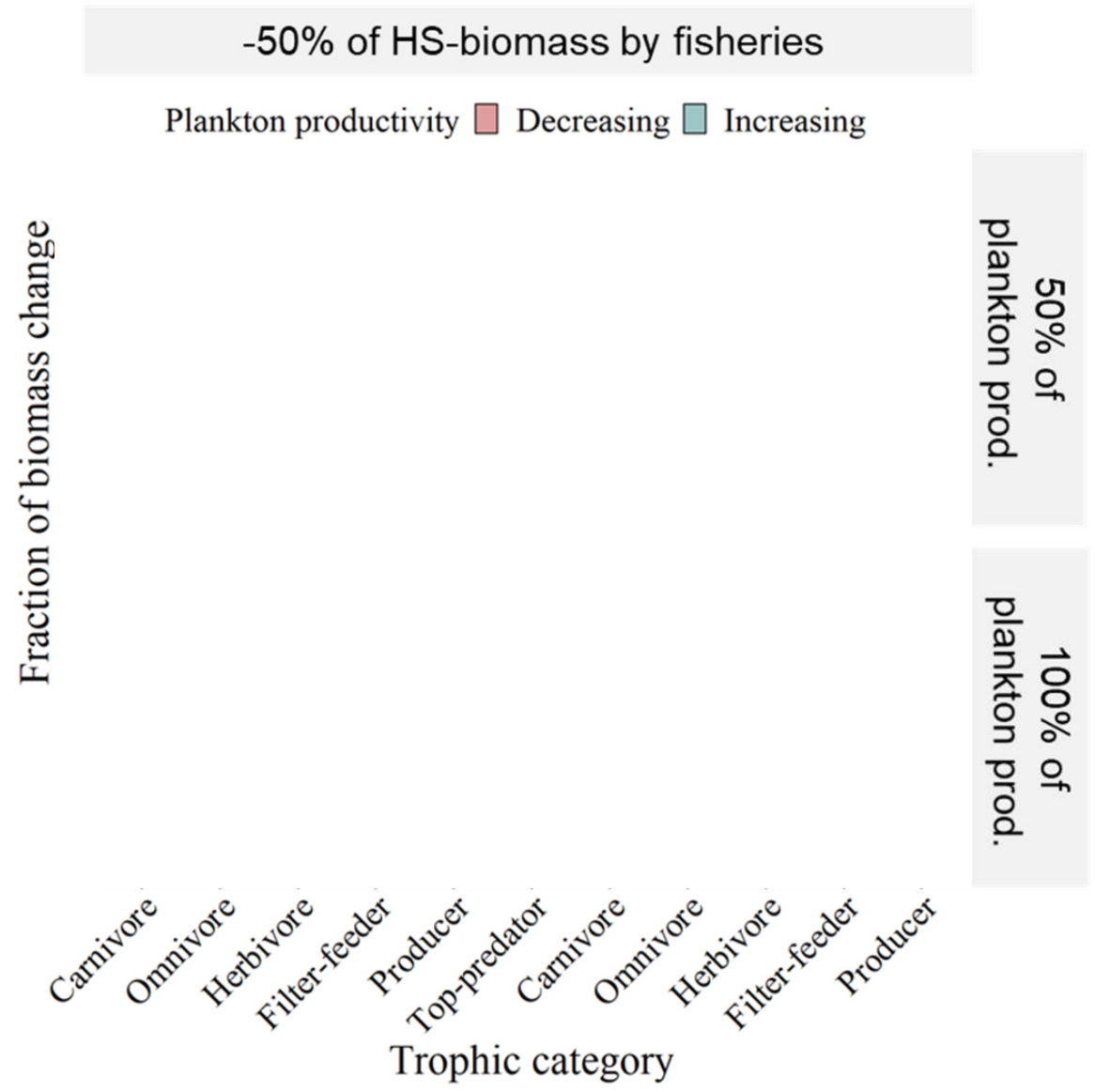
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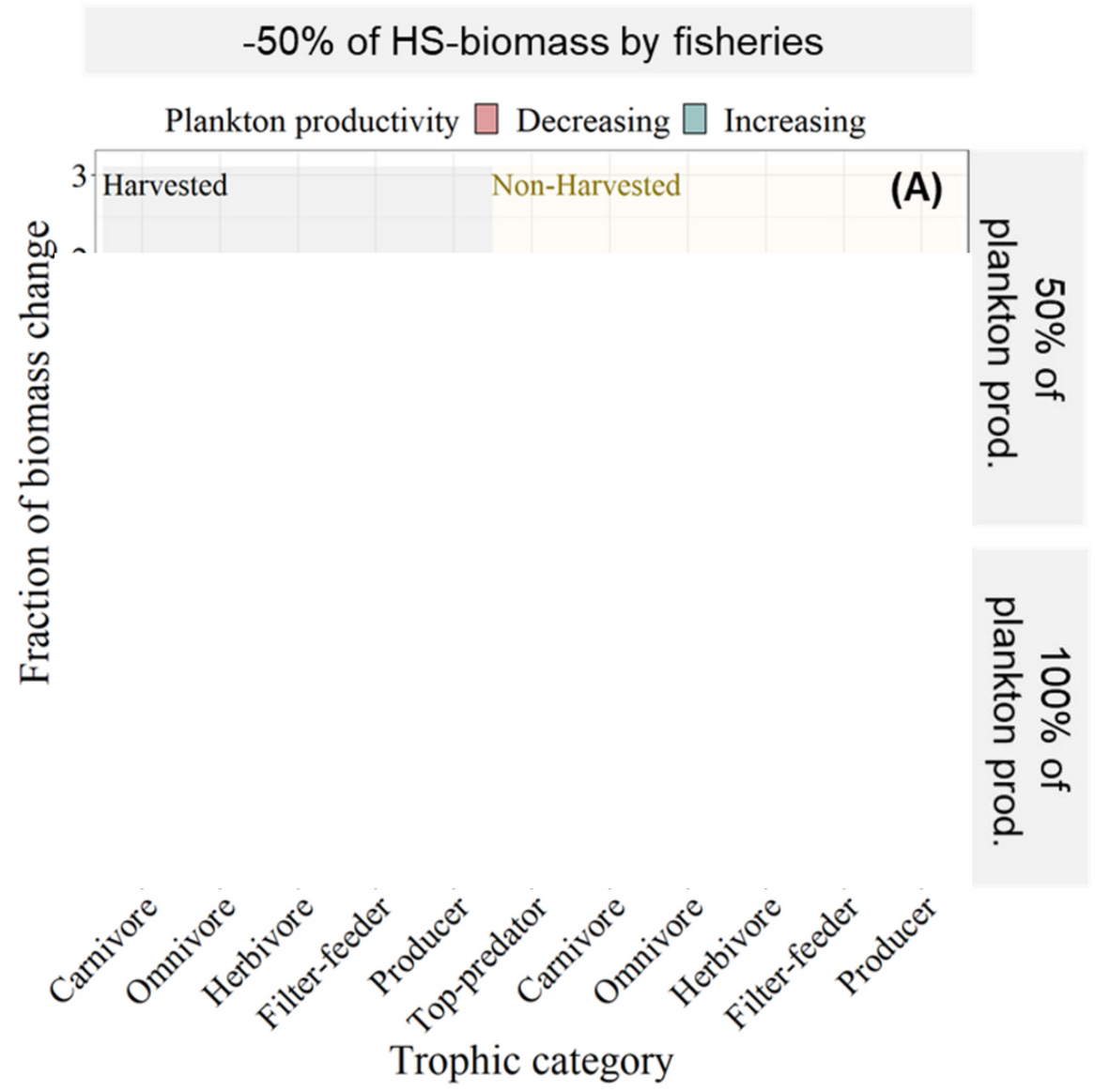
-50% of HS-biomass by fisheries

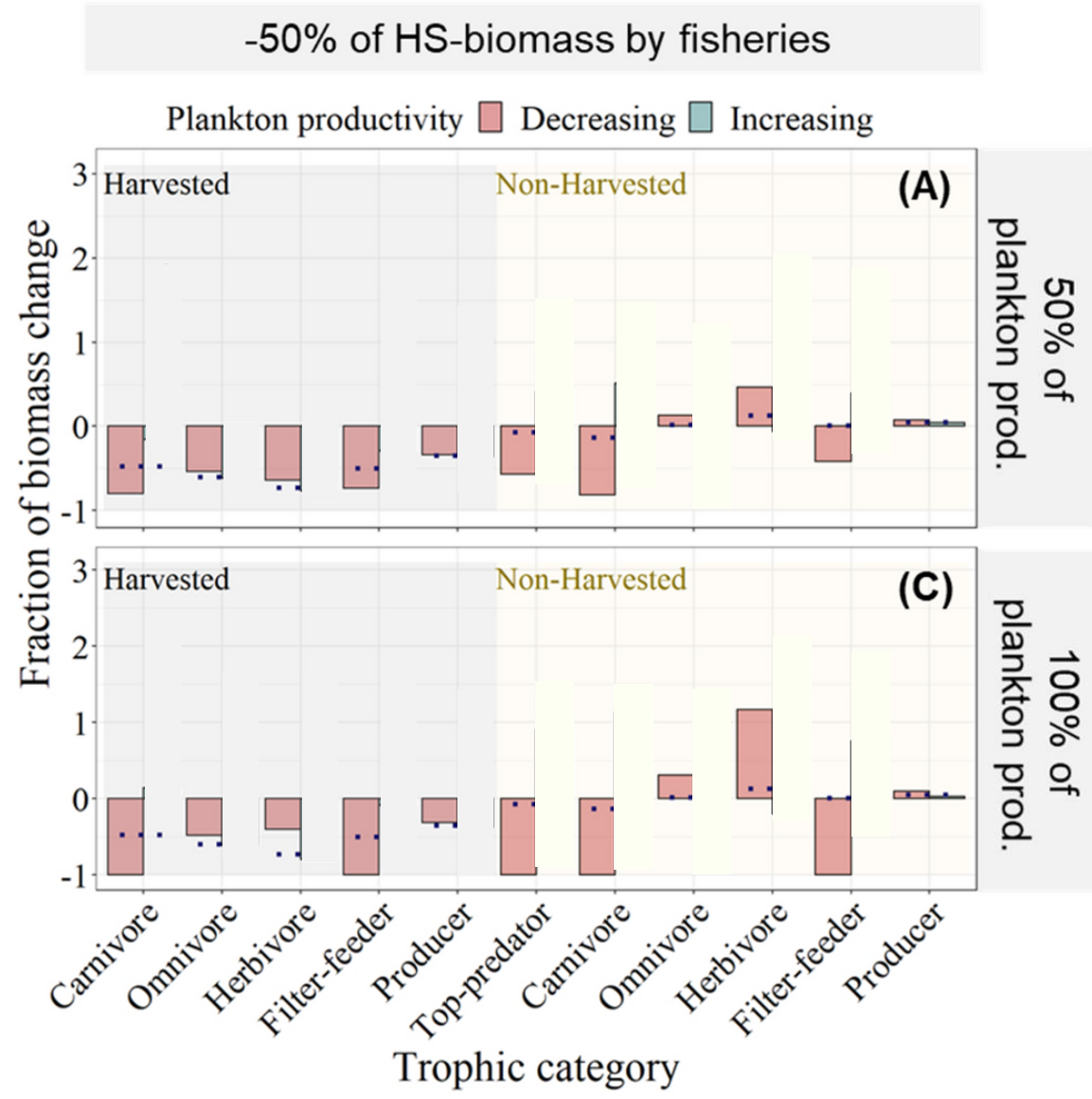
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100% of  
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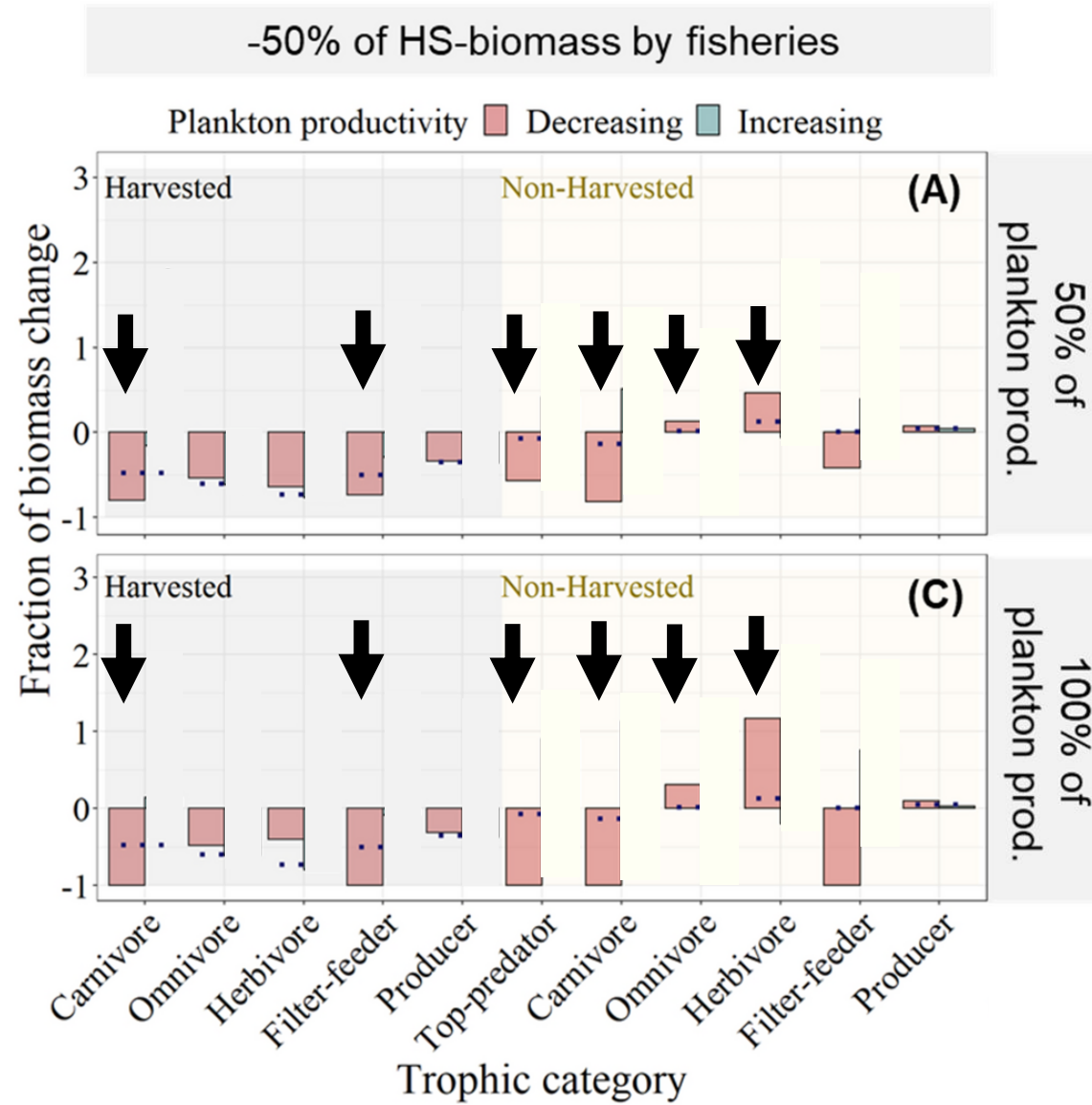


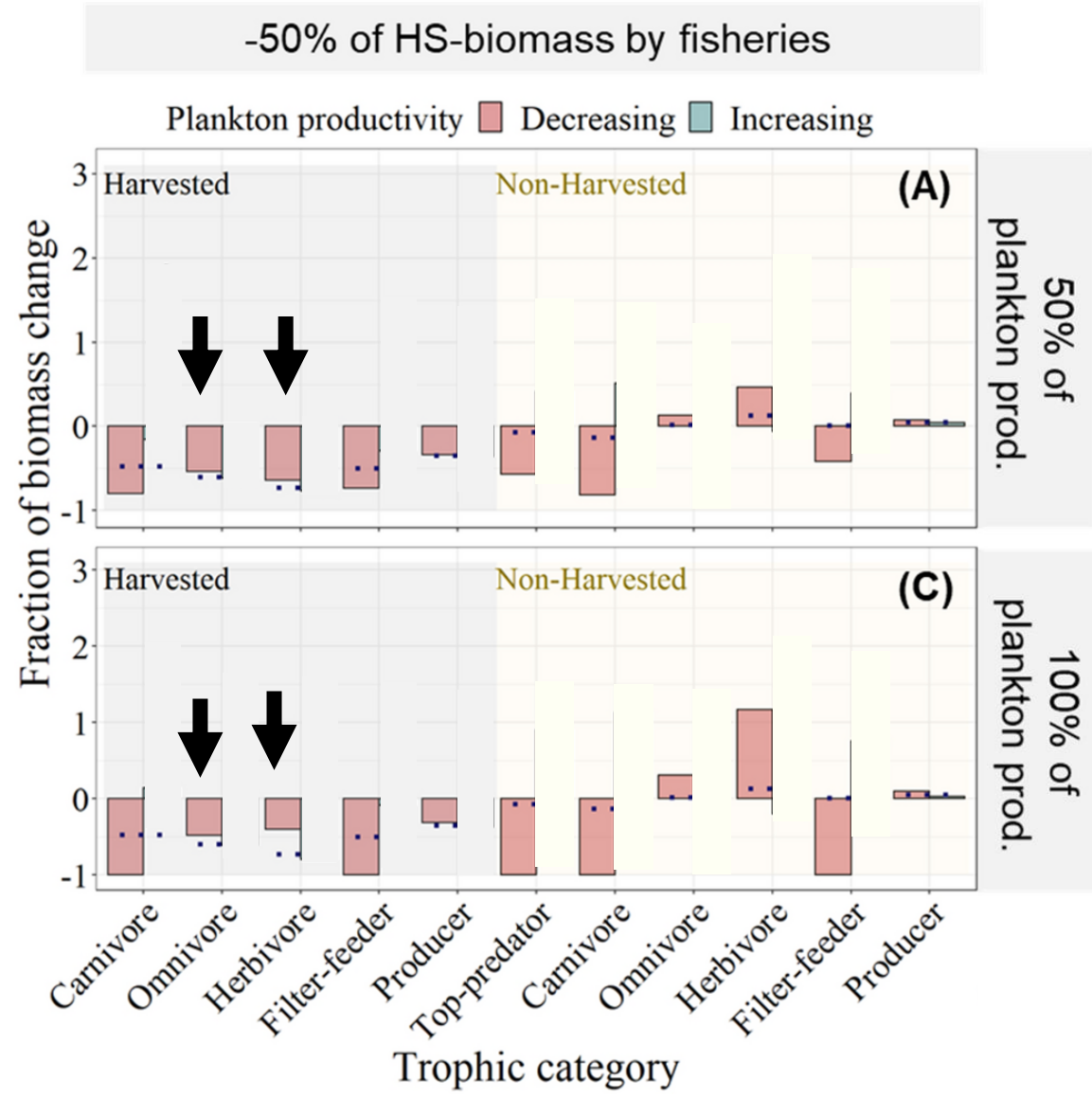


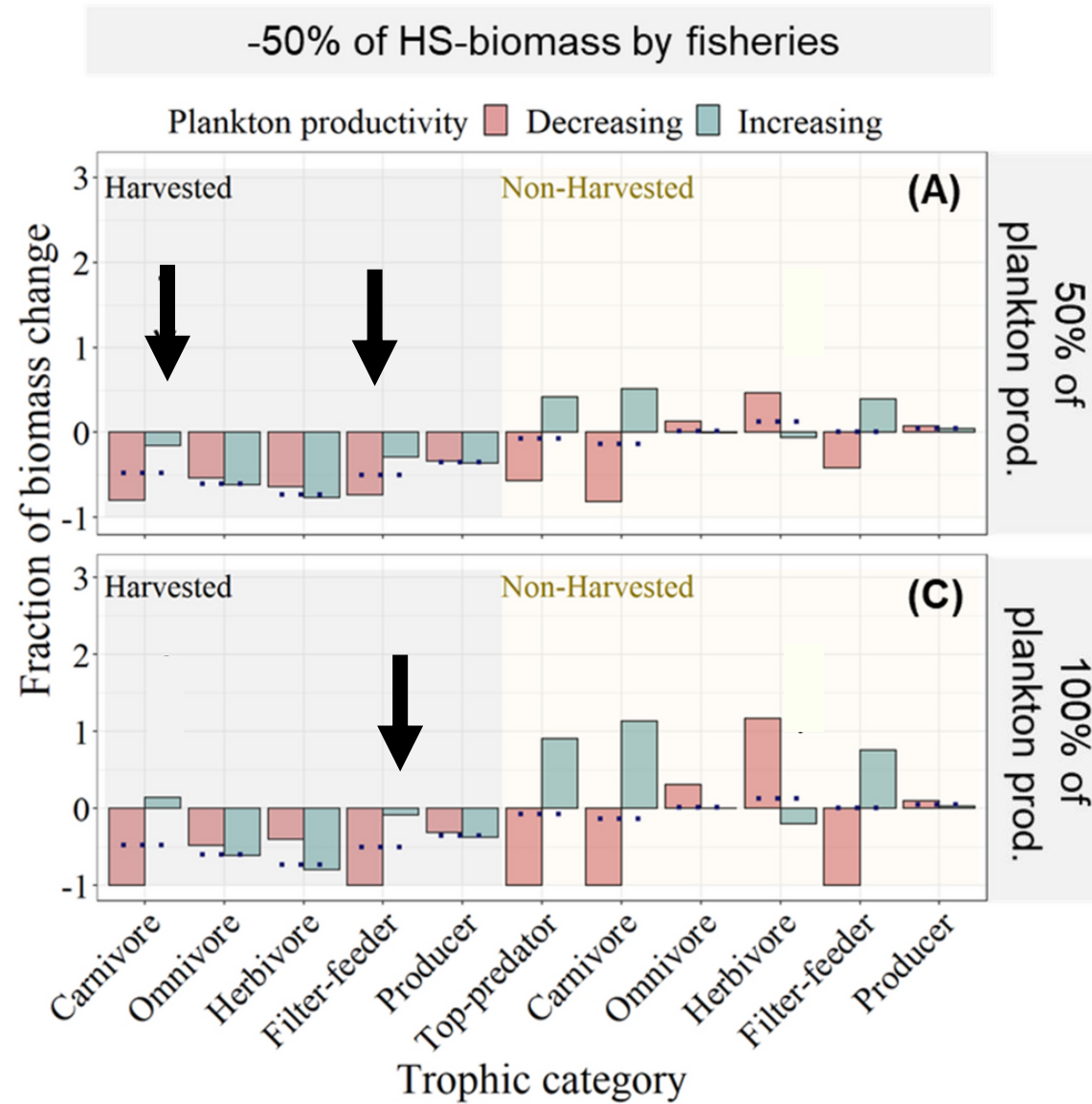


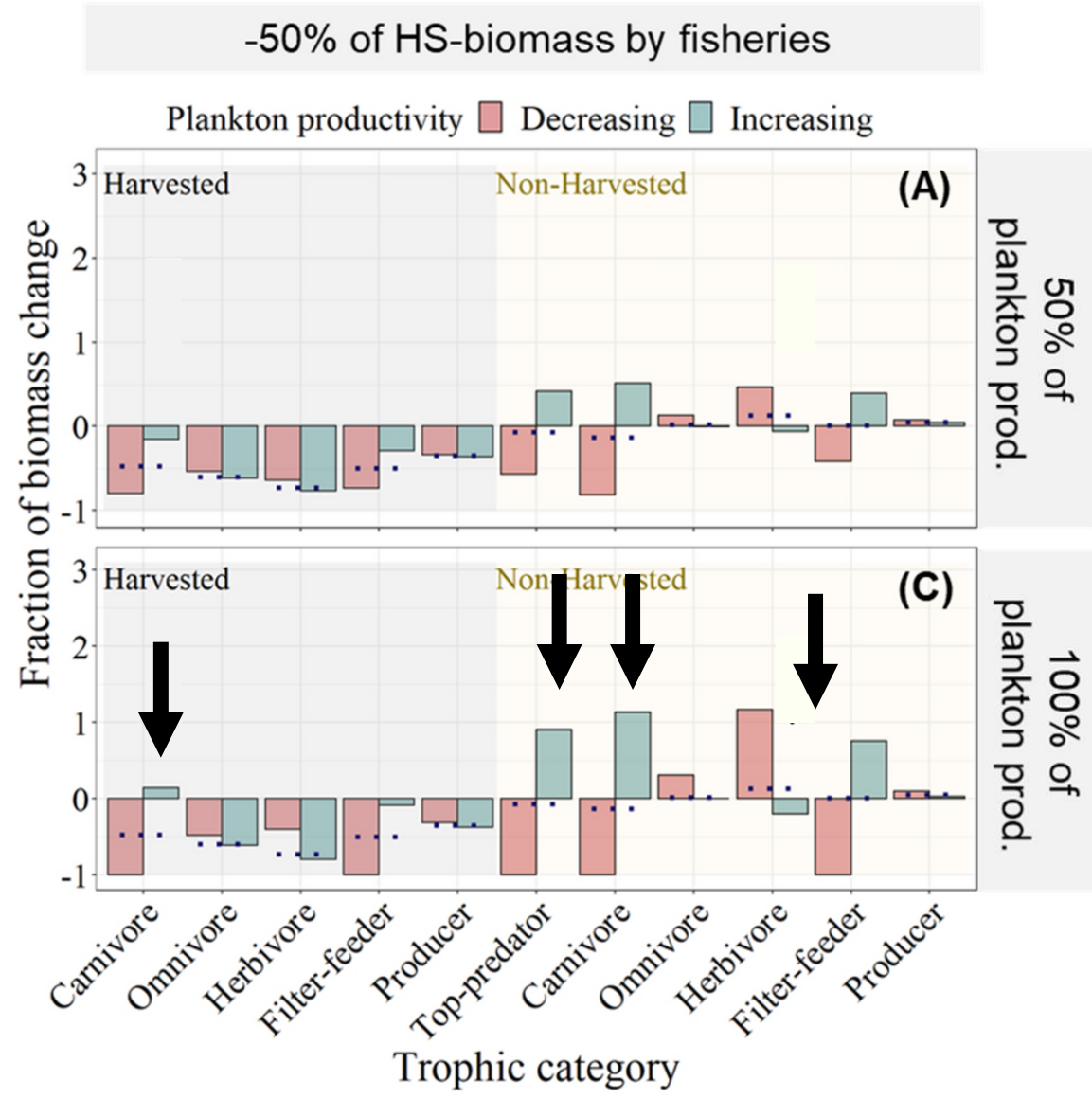












# Intertidal food-web

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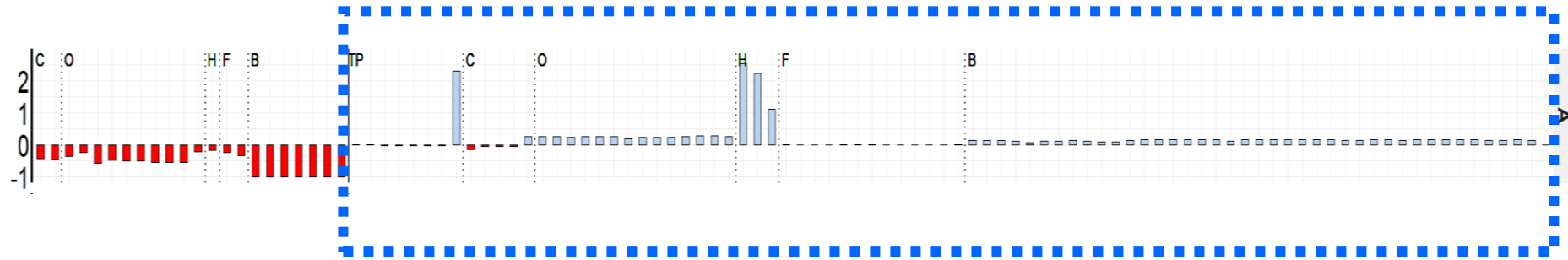


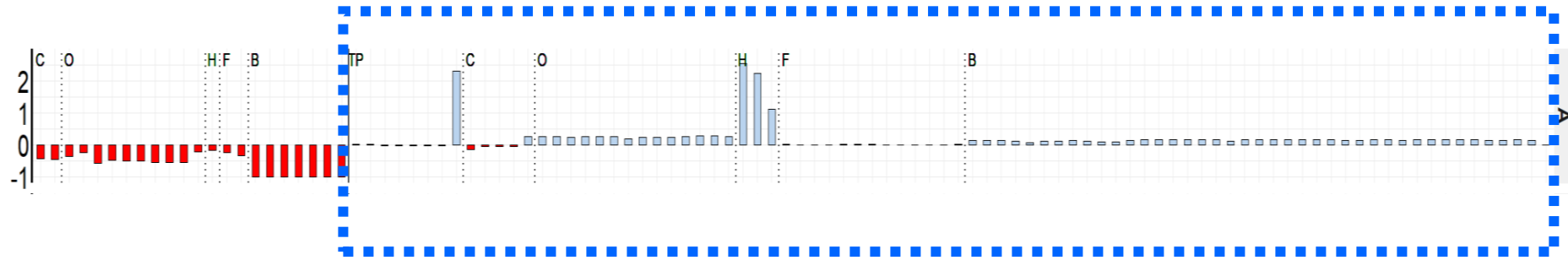
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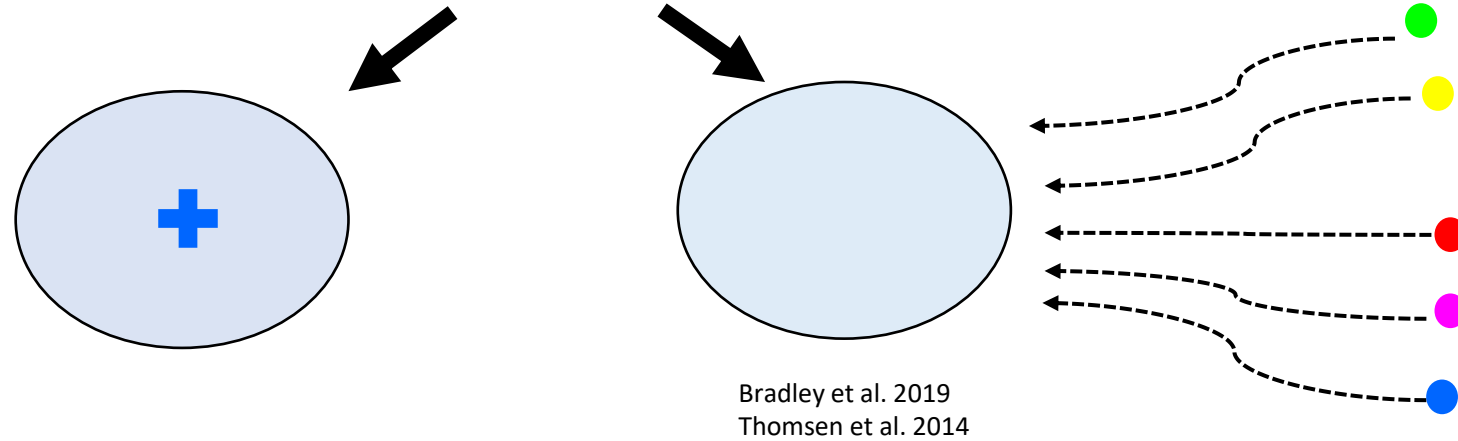
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ecological release Crowel 1962





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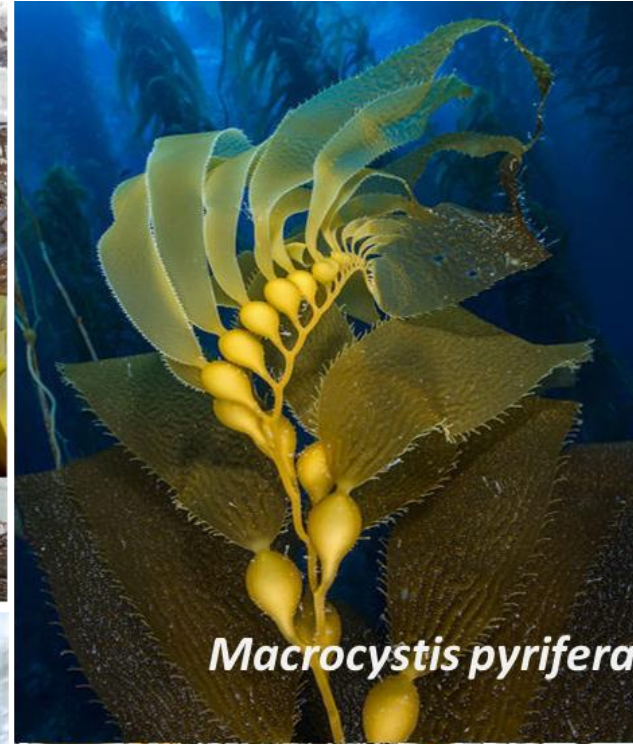
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*Durvillaea Antarctica* (bull kelp 1)



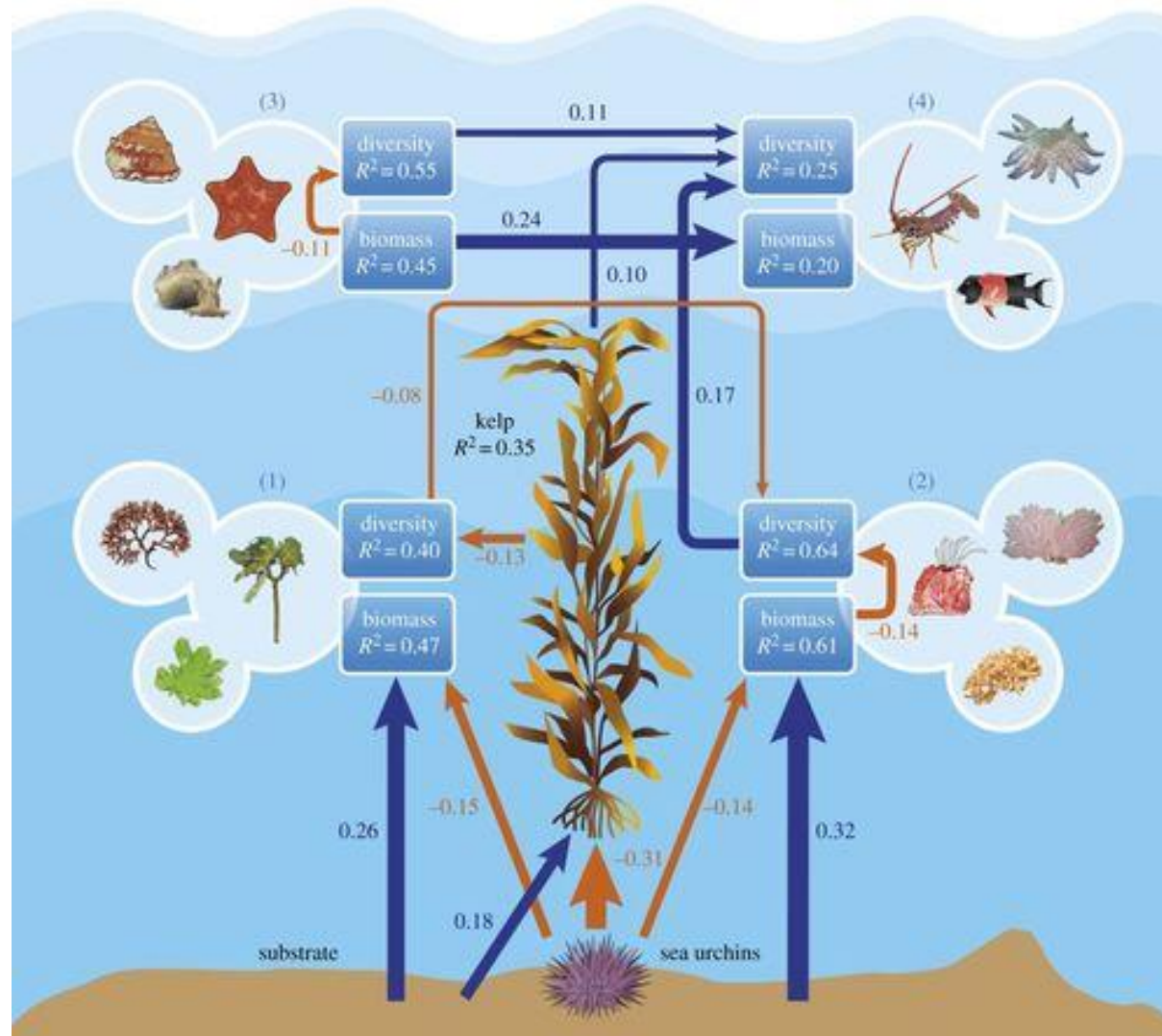
*Macrocystis pyrifera*



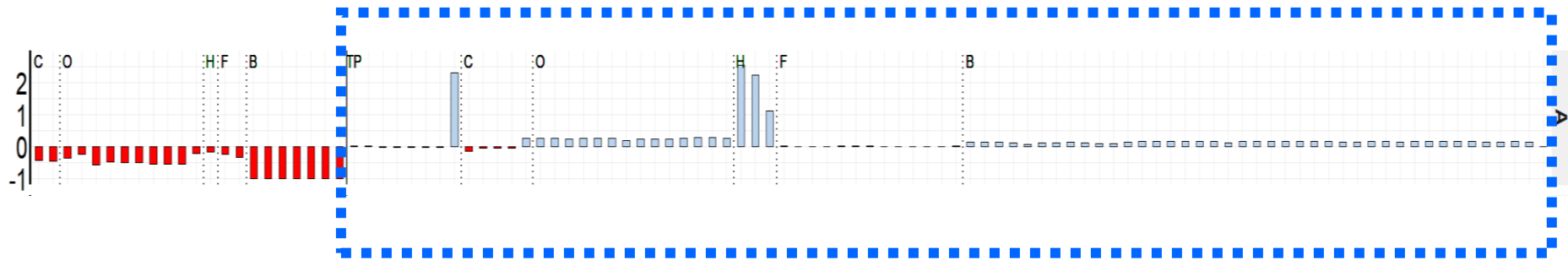
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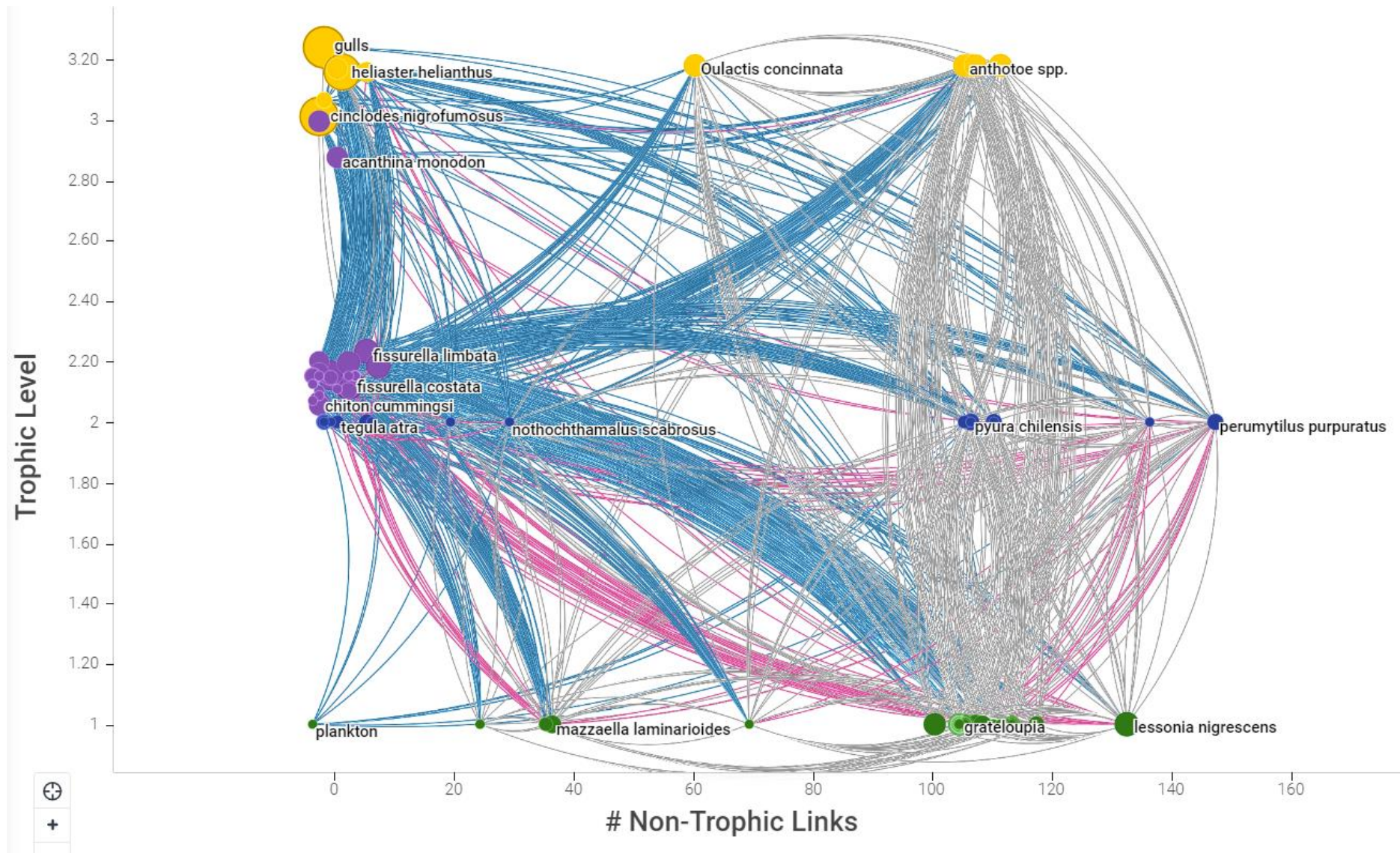


*Lessonia trabeculata*



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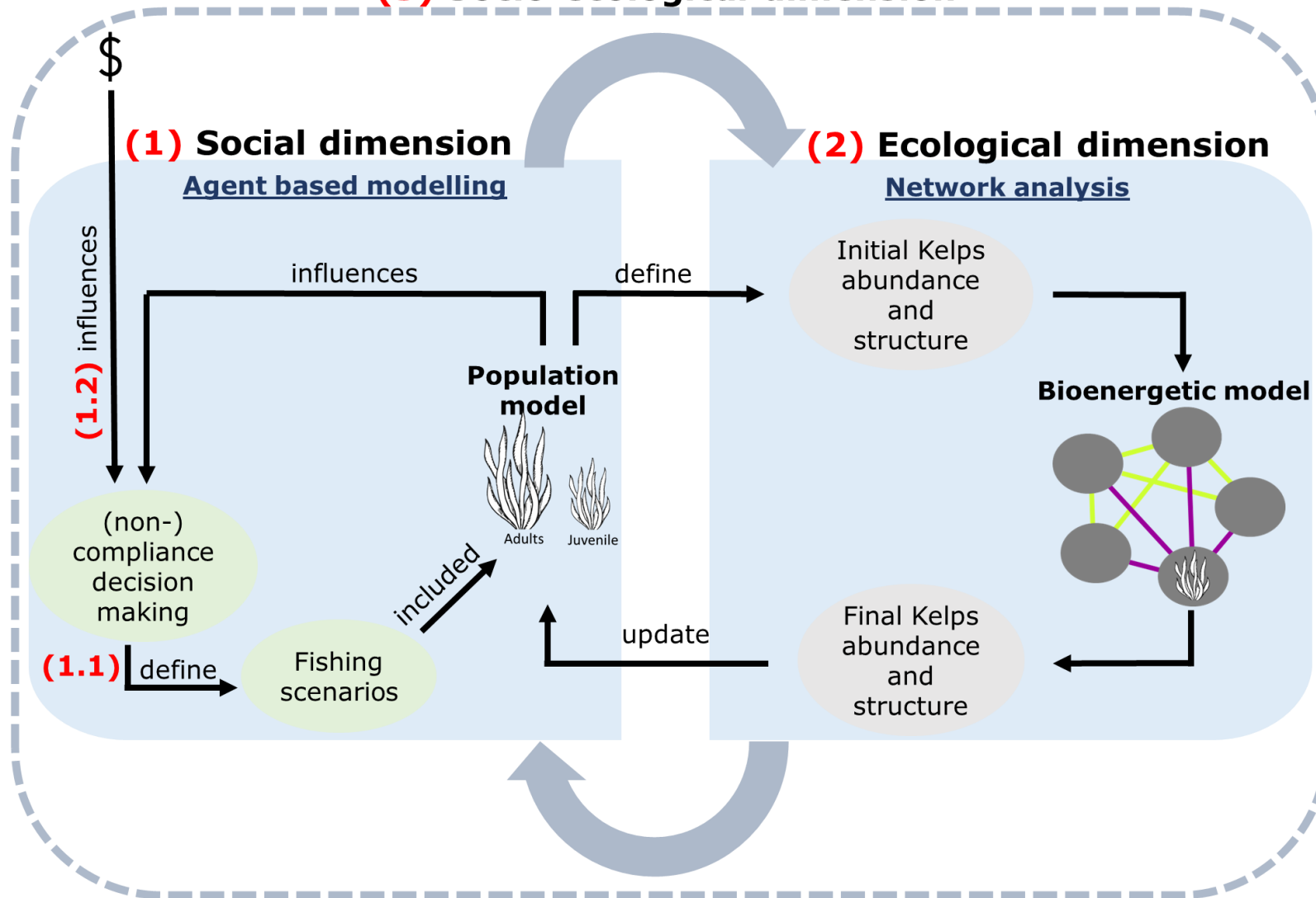
# Understanding non-compliance in kelps fisheries from a social-ecological perspective

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### (3) Socio-ecological dimension



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