



Australian Animal Tagging and Monitoring System:

AATAMS phase 2, biologging

‘time for us to grow up and share the data’

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Australian Animal Tagging and Monitoring System - AATAMS is part of Australia's Integrated Marine Observing System - IMOS



Australian Government

Department of Innovation
Industry, Science and Research

- IMOS is a National, Collaborative, Research Infrastructure Program



- Joins Australian universities & publicly-funded research agencies in marine and climate science
- It funds them to deploy ocean observing equipment
- **it makes all of the data freely available to the whole community**
 - I.e the data streams are the 'research infrastructure



Key Features of IMOS

- All data discoverable and accessible, for free
- Integrated from the open ocean, onto the continental shelf and into the coast
- Integrated across physics, chemistry and biology
- Linked to the Global Ocean Observing System
 - key role for Australia in the southern hemisphere
- National mandate
 - engages across Australian marine & climate science
- Funded from equipment purchase to data delivery
 - ‘data access’ vs ‘bricks and mortar’ view of infrastructure

11 IMOS Facilities

1. Argo Floats

- autonomous profiling floats-to 2000m

2. Ships of Opportunity

- repeat underway observing on volunteer ships
- physical, chemical and biological observations

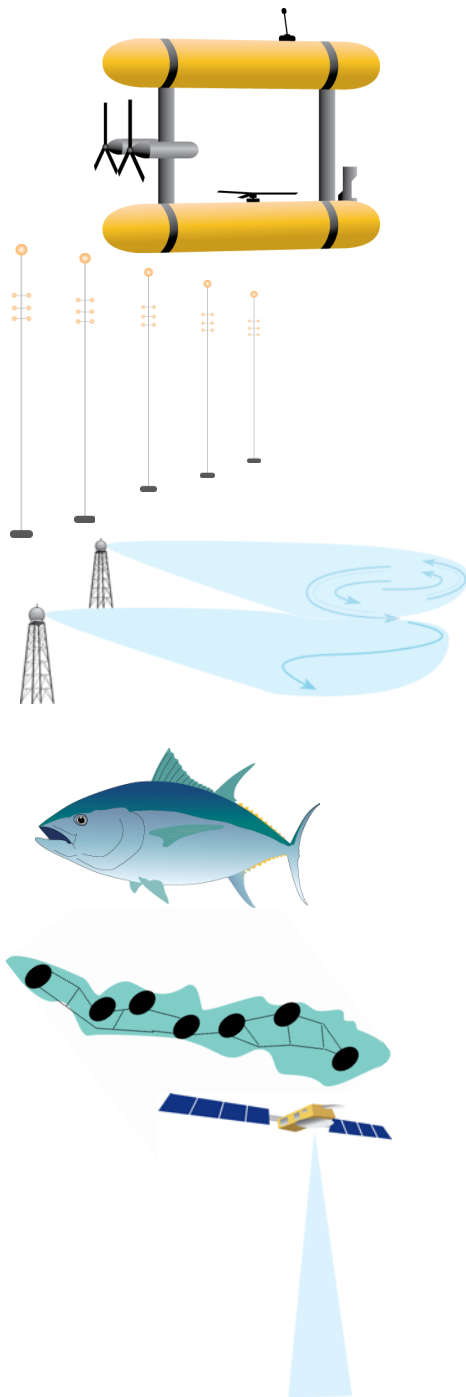
3. Deepwater Moorings

- existing: Southern Ocean Time Series (47°S)
- planned: Antarctic Coast (Adelie), Indonesian Through Flow, East Australian Current (26°S)

4. Ocean Gliders

- coastal and open ocean





5. Autonomous Underwater Vehicle

- benthic surveys

6. National Mooring Network

- National Reference Stations (nine)
- shelf moorings and arrays

7. Ocean Radar

- phased array and direction finding

8. *Animal Tagging and Monitoring

- Acoustic curtains and biologgers

9. Wireless Sensor Networks

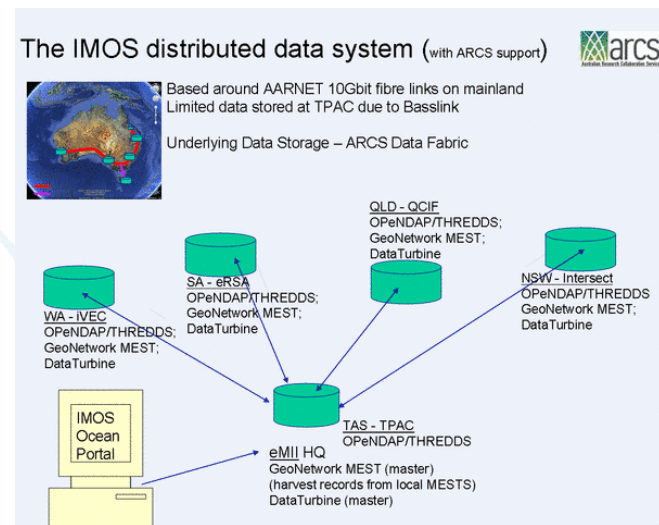
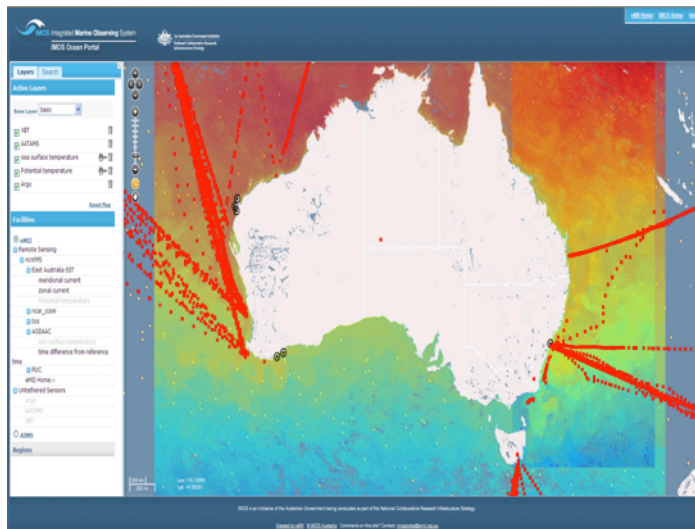
- Great Barrier Reef

10. Satellite Remote Sensing

- SST, altimetry and ocean colour

11. electronic Marine Information Infrastructure (eMII)

- Facility responsible for creating and developing the information infrastructure
 - to make all data discoverable and accessible
 - via the IMOS Ocean Portal <http://imos.aodn.org.au/webportal/>
- Now creating *Australian Ocean Data Network (AODN)*
 - providing access to IMOS and non-IMOS data
 - ‘publicly-funded data, publicly available’



Has Australian biologging benefited from accepting the Oceanographer's mantra

'publicly-funded data, publicly available'

ie by

'sharing the data, share in the benefit'

National science plan has set priorities for ocean observing

Five major research themes:

1. *Multi-decadal ocean change
2. Climate variability and weather extremes
3. Major boundary currents and interbasin flows
4. *Continental shelf processes
5. *Ecosystem responses - productivity, abundance and distribution

* biologgers part of the grand scheme

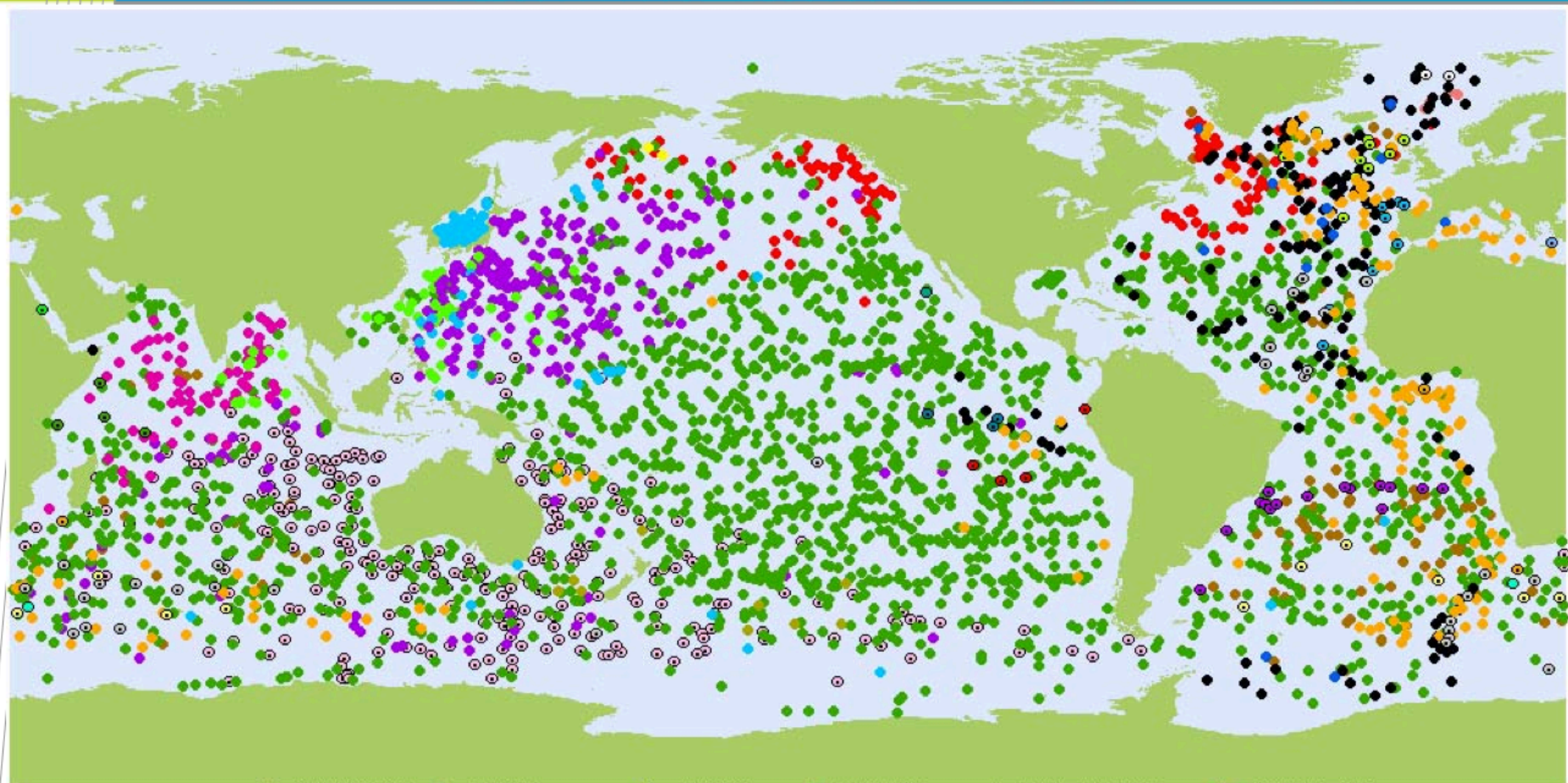


National science priorities:

TRACKING MULTIDECADAL OCEAN CHANGE

ARGO floats: sustaining established time series

Australia: 283 operating platforms in December 9%

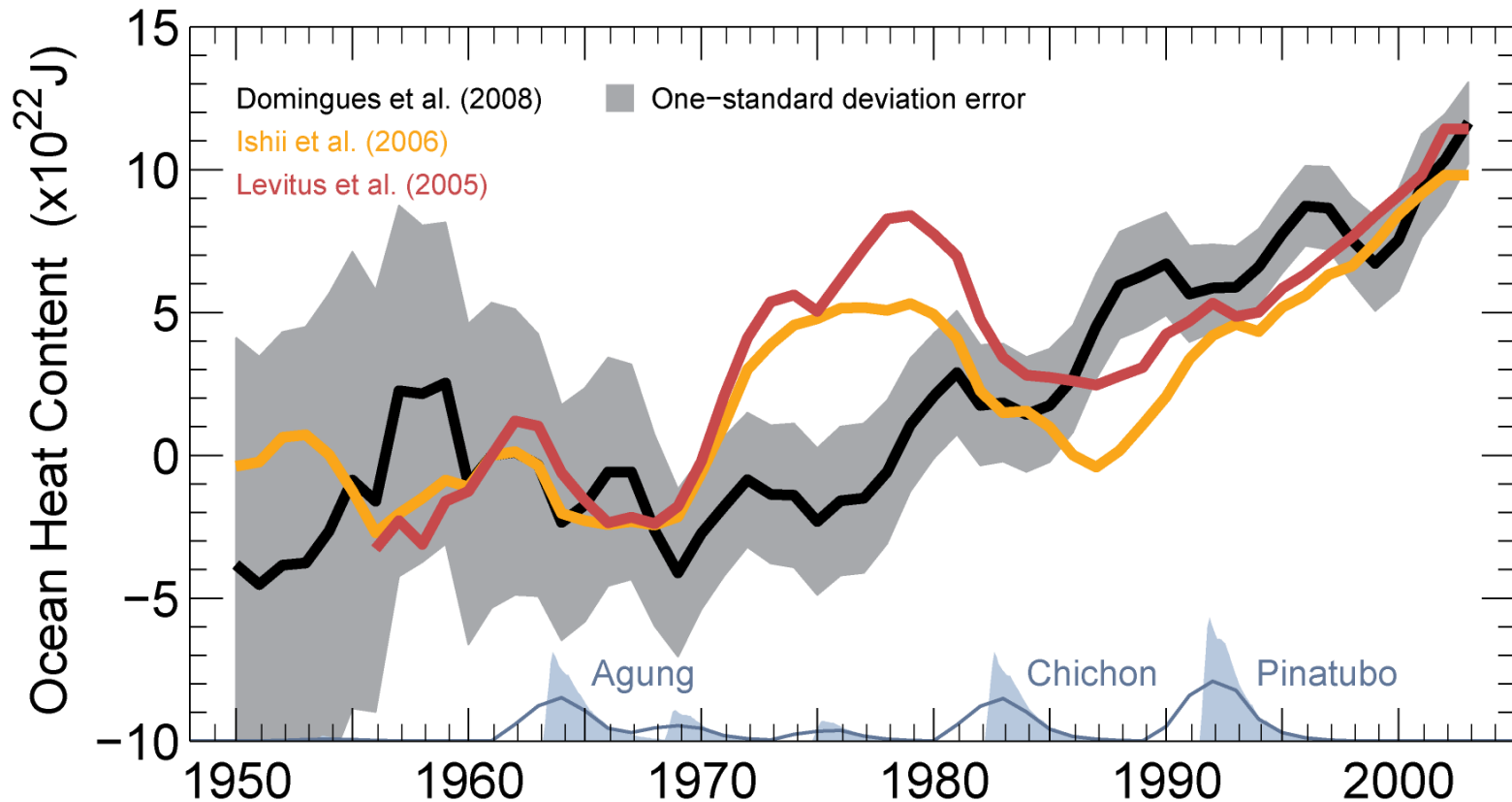


3256 Argo Floats

December 2010

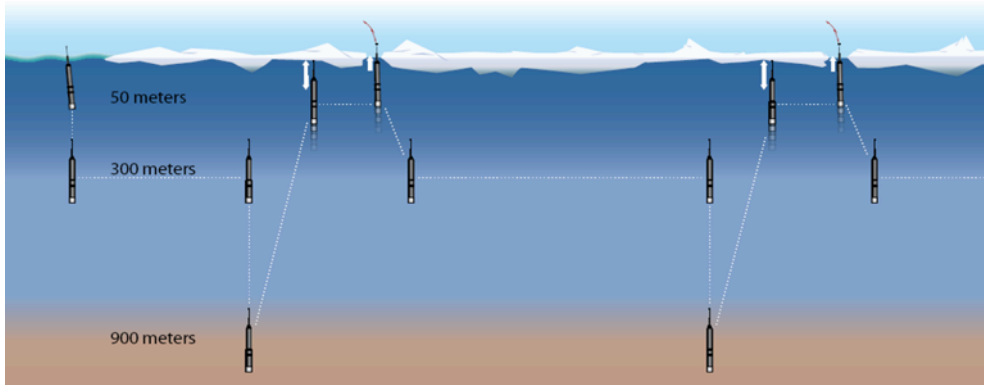
ARGENTINA (10)	CHINA (49)	GABON (1)	JAPAN (269)	NETHERLANDS (32)	SAUDI ARABIA (1)
AUSTRALIA (283)	ECUADOR (3)	GERMANY (158)	KENYA (4)	NEW ZEALAND (9)	SOUTH AFRICA (2)
BRAZIL (15)	EUROPEAN UNION (13)	GREECE (1)	SOUTH KOREA (91)	NORWAY (4)	SPAIN (11)
CANADA (129)	FINLAND (2)	INDIA (73)	MAURITIUS (2)	POLAND (0)	UNITED KINGDOM (109)
CHILE (4)	FRANCE (169)	IRELAND (10)	MEXICO (1)	RUSSIAN FEDERATION (2)	UNITED STATES (1799)

...for tracking Multi-decadal Ocean Changes



From: Catia Domingues and Susan Wijffels
(Domingues et al., 2008)

Expanding to high latitudes: Argo Under Ice.

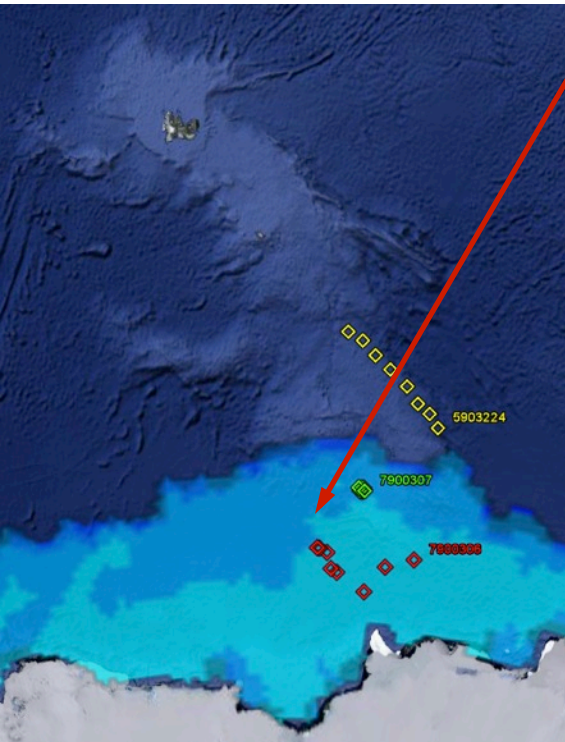


Use ice avoidance algorithms.

Challenges:

Limited deployment opportunities

Exact position of under ice profiles not known:

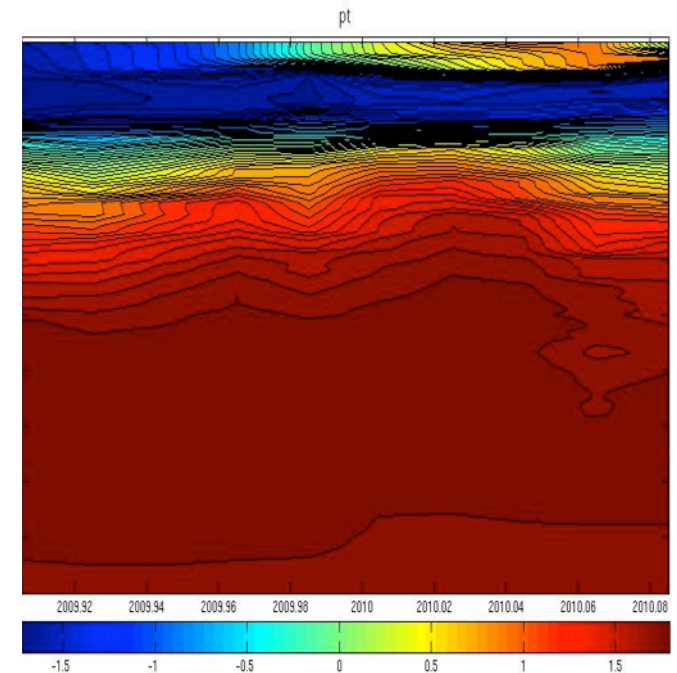


Float 7900306

deployed 26/11/2009,
drifting eastward

8 profiles in Princess
Elizabeth Trough

1st profile was completed
under ice, stored and
transmitted with the
second profile

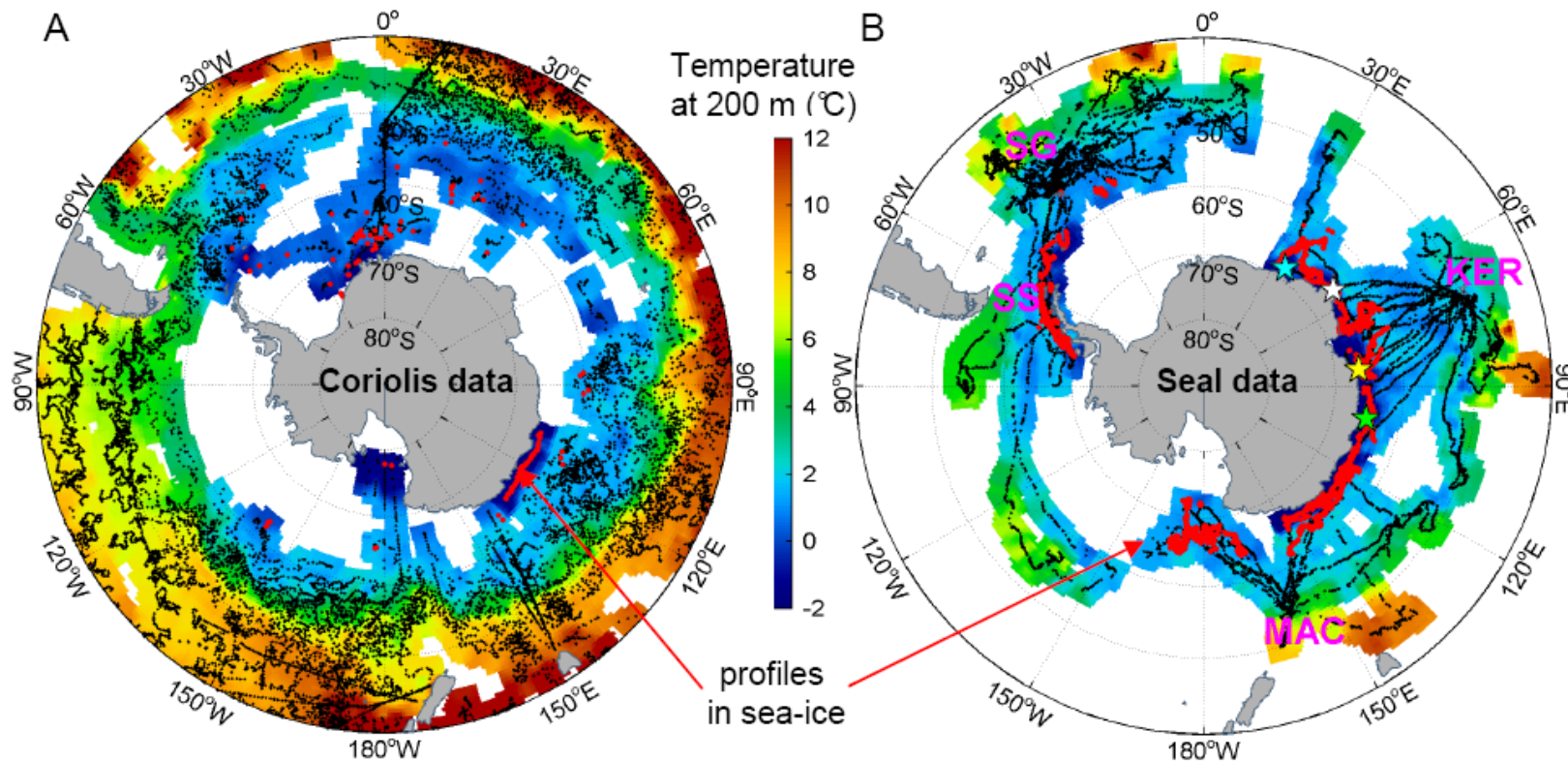


From: Susan Wijffels

Case put to IMOS: immense potential for sustained obs using CTD Tags on seals

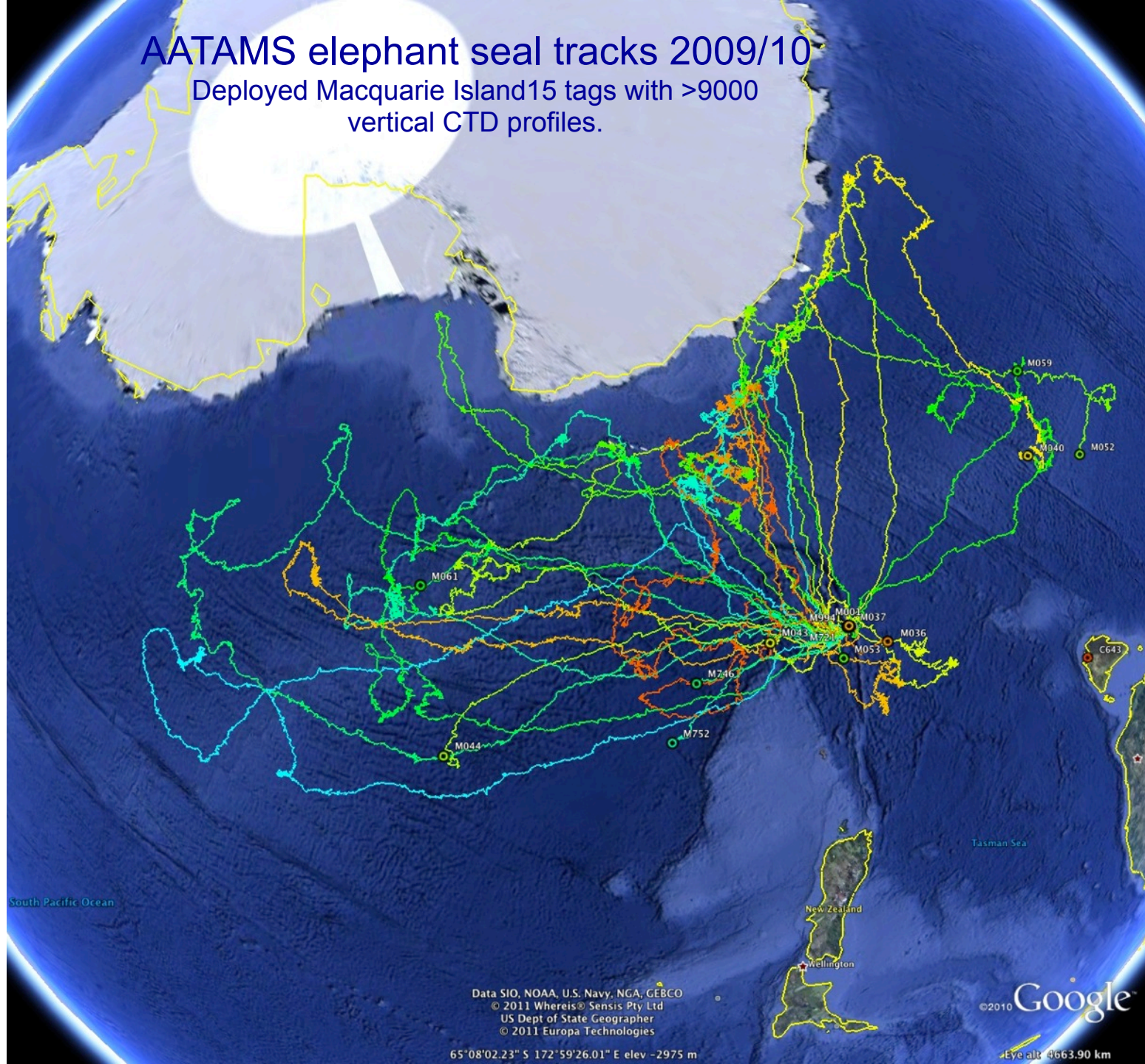
Multi-decadal change?

- Mapping under the sea ice to complement Argo

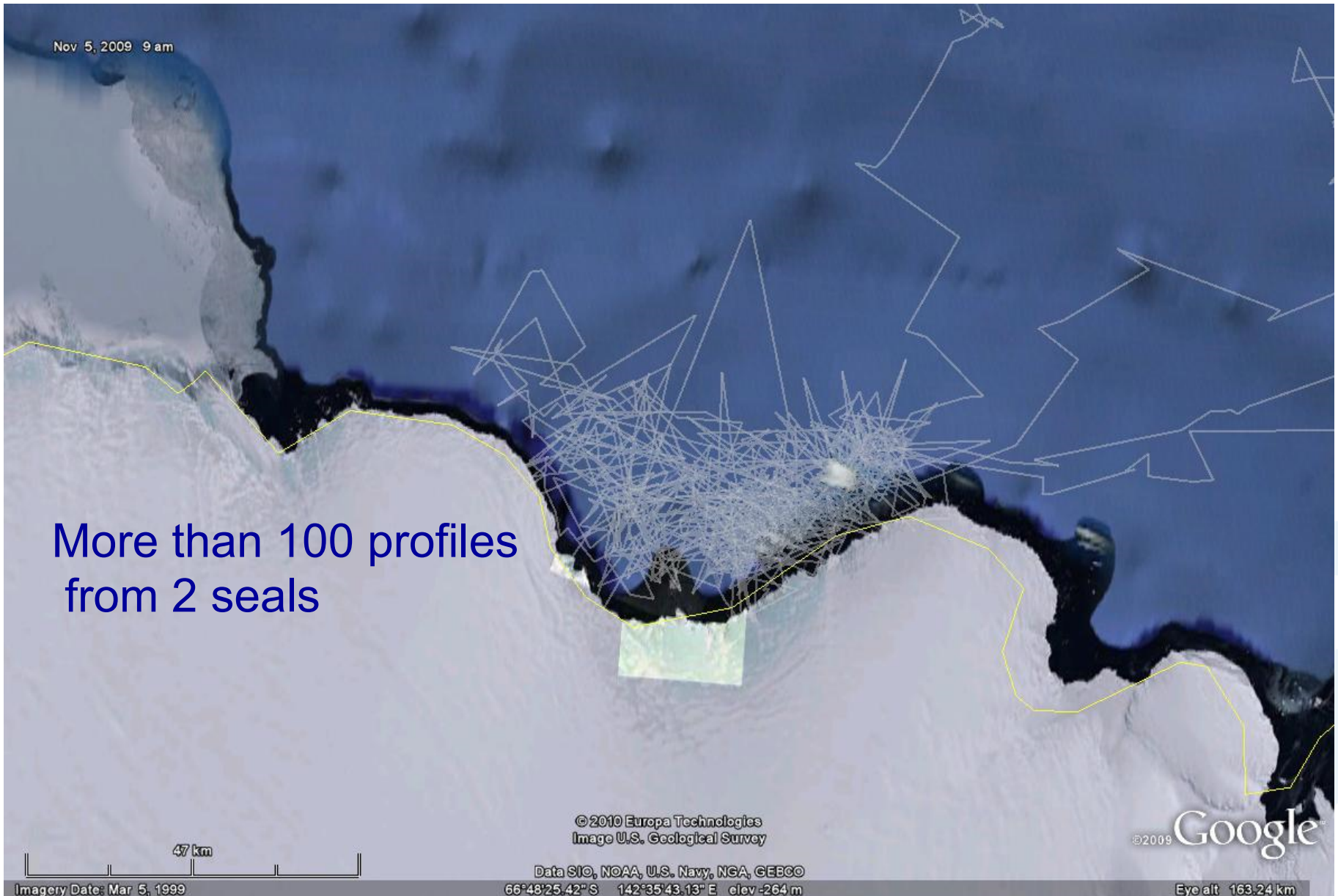


AATAMS elephant seal tracks 2009/10

Deployed Macquarie Island 15 tags with >9000 vertical CTD profiles.



Tracks 2009/10 Commonwealth Bay



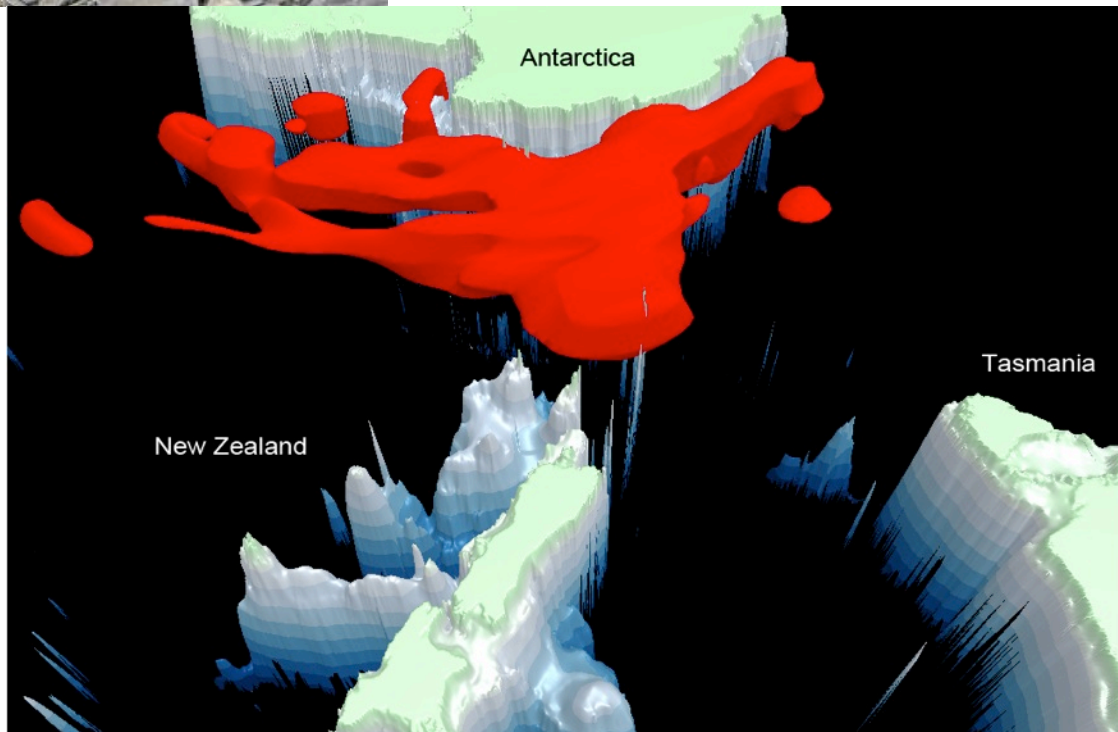
Multi-decadal change from sustained obs using seal CTDs?



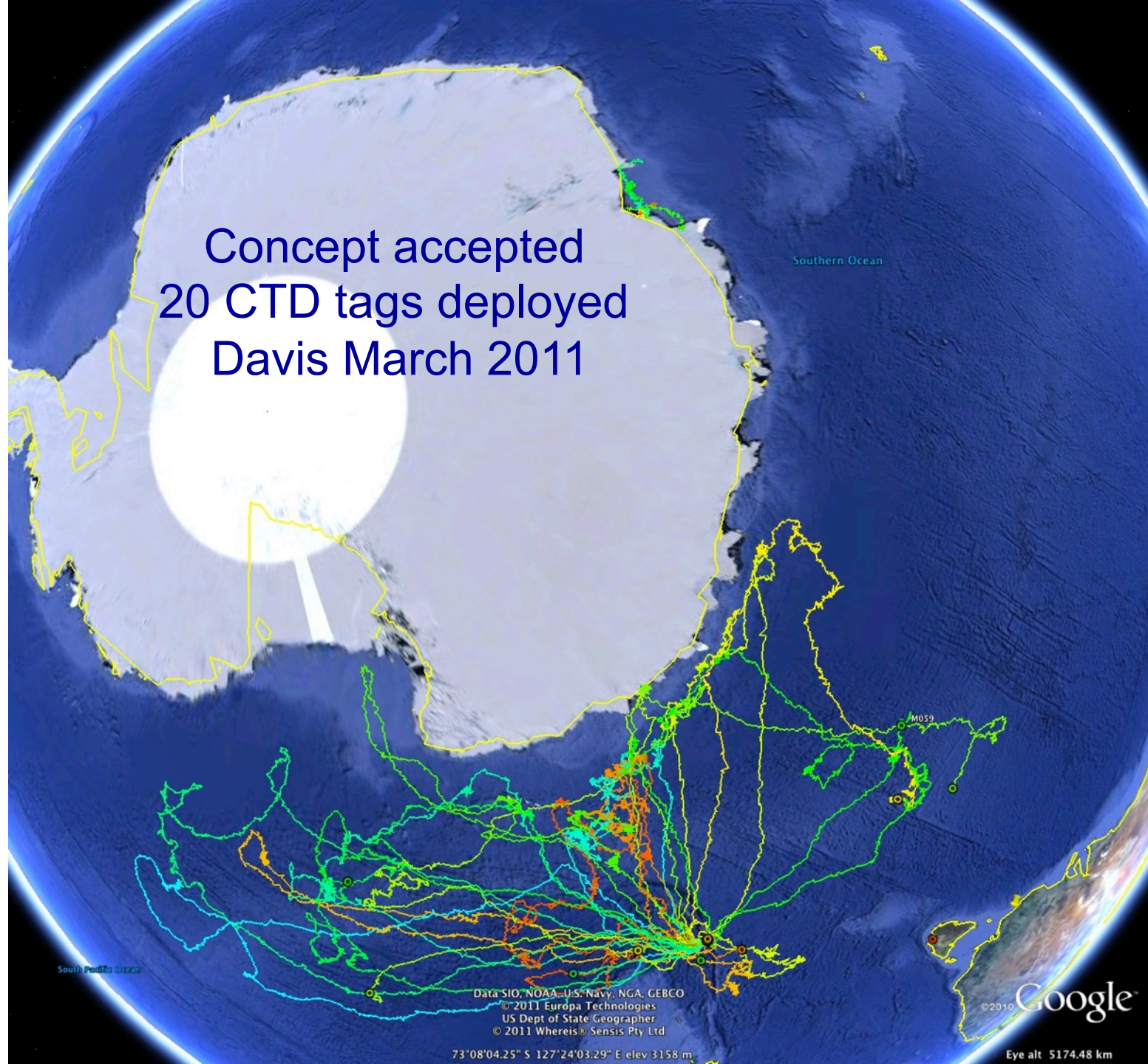
Outputs- interdisciplinary research eg

Williams, G. D., Hindell, M., Houssais, M.-N., Tamura, T, and Field I. C. 2010.

Upper ocean stratification and sea ice growth rates during the summer-fall transition, as revealed by Elephant seal foraging in the Adélie Depression, East Antarctica *Ocean Sci. Discuss.*, 7, 1913-1951



Concept accepted
20 CTD tags deployed
Davis March 2011

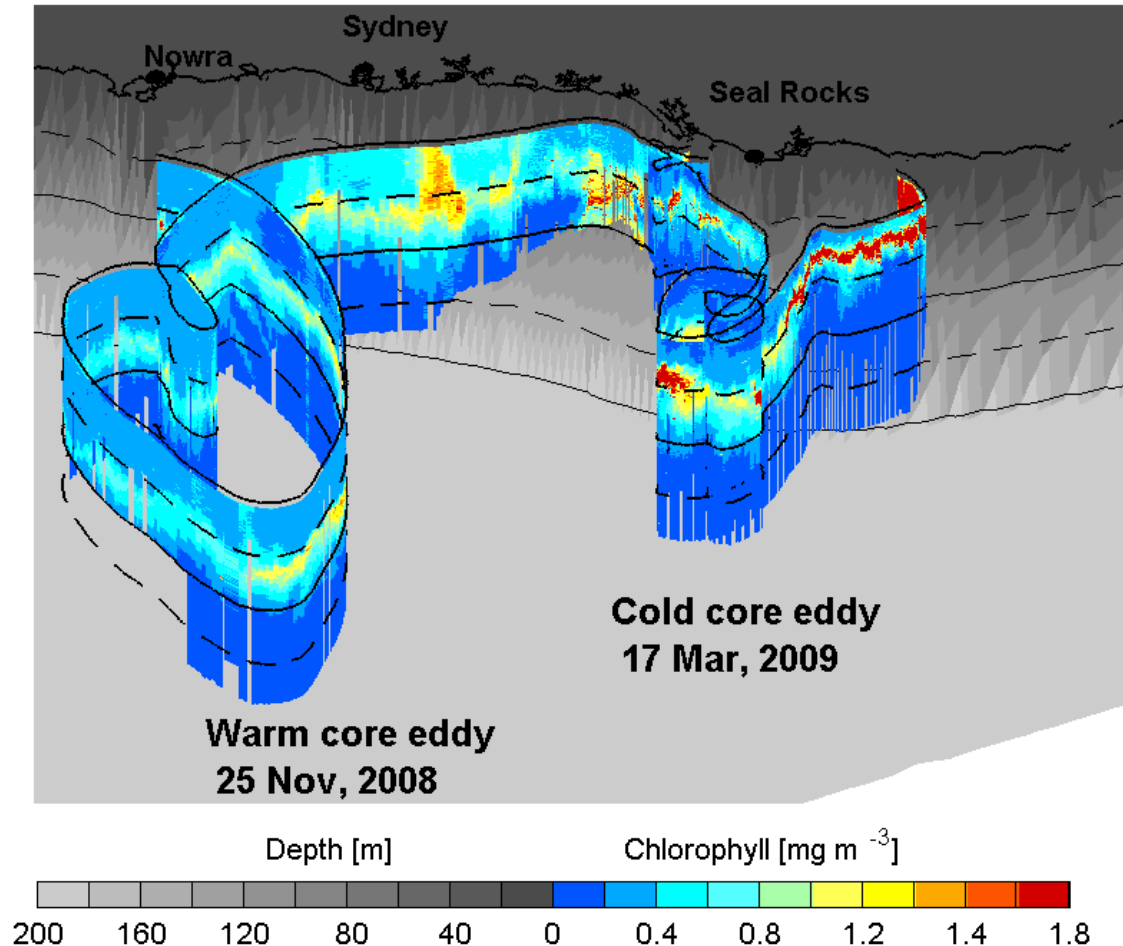


National Science Priorities

CONTINENTAL SHELF PROCESSES

Biophysical integration: Ocean Gliders for monitoring eddy biophysical processes

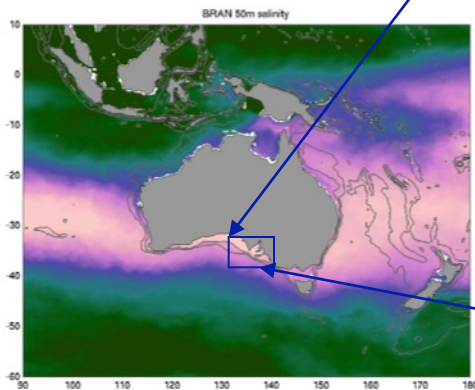
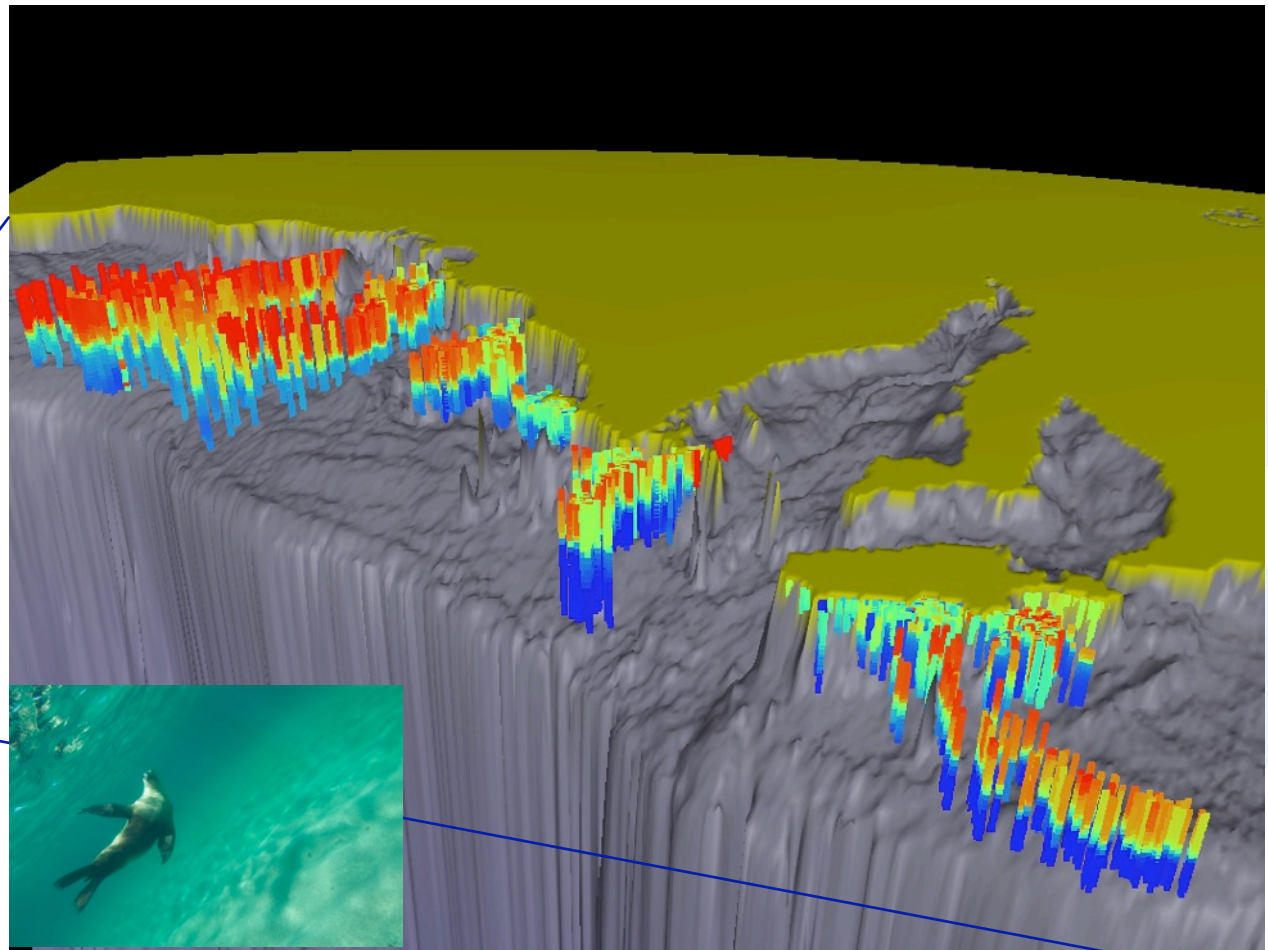
- East Australian Current (EAC) dominated by Eddies, and therefore a challenge to observe.
- Chlorophyll concentration along the path of two gliders in the mesoscale eddy field off NSW.
- Both show a sub-surface chl maximum within the eddy and elevated surface chl on the shelf and shelf break.
- The sub-surface chl associated with the cold core is a factor of 2 higher than the warm-core



From Iain Suthers and Mark Baird (UNSW)

Biologging and monitoring biophysical processes- male Australian sea lions

- 7 tags deployed on Australian sea lions produced cross-shelf transects with over 7000 vertical CTD Profiles November 2009 - May 2010
- 5 new deployments underway in Jan 2011



National Science Priorities

BIOLOGICAL RESPONSES

AATAMS1

Develop a national network for detecting changes in migratory movements and distribution of marine life by:

- Forming a national network of acoustic tracking researchers -nationally coordinated acoustic tag codes and data retrieval;
- Deploying and maintaining acoustic curtains or arrays
- Providing a pool of acoustic receivers to Australian research community
- Organising acoustic telemetry workshops
- Freely supply quality data via eMII

BUT- 3.5% of IMOS1

Map

Satellite

Hybrid

AATAMS Acoustic receivers

25 projects, 57 Species

34 Institutions

100+ researchers

29 PG Students

16 papers

Enhanced Ecosystem Observations

Lower trophic levels

 - Ocean and nutrients

 - CRP

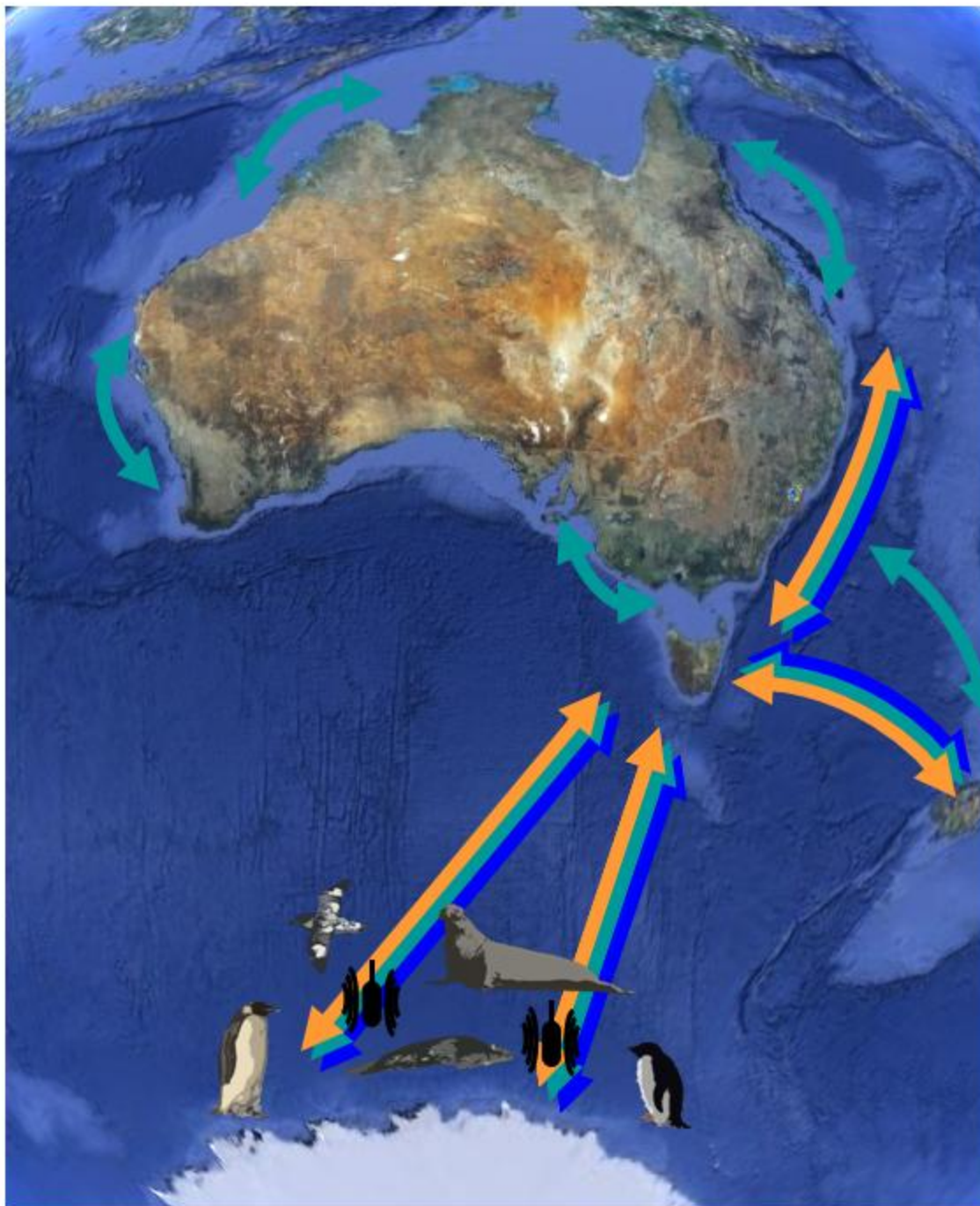
 - Bio acoustics

Higher trophic levels

 - SOSS

 - MAPSO

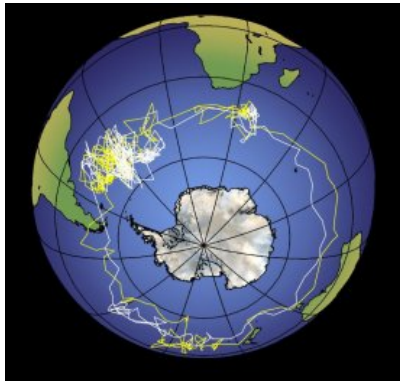
 - Passive Acoustics



IMOS-Apex predators and Areas of Ecological Significance

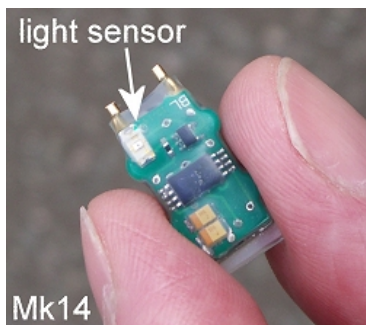
- Marine apex predators are sensitive to changes in the distribution and abundance of their prey, which in turn respond to changes in lower trophic levels and the physical environment.
- Pelagic apex predators forage in areas of relatively high food availability -areas of ecological significance (AES)
- Observing AESs provides information on the spatial and temporal variability of their prey and the influence of mesoscale features such as fronts and eddies
- Apex predators sensitive indicators of climatic perturbations in the Southern Ocean

AATAMS 2-Monitoring Apex Predators of the Southern Ocean



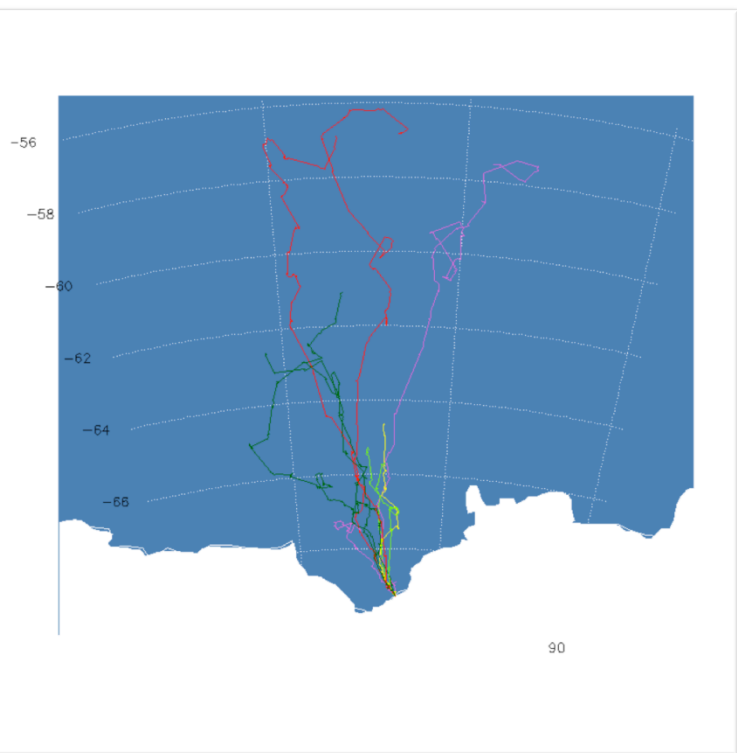
Data loggers* or PTTs

- Temperature and
- Geo-location



	•2010/2011		
Species	Davis	Casey	Mawson
<i>Southern Elephant seal</i>	10 (15)	15 (0)	
<i>Weddell Seal</i>	10 (20)	10 (0)	
<i>Adelie Penguin*</i>			30 (0)
<i>Emperor Penguin</i>	12		
<i>Snow Petrel*</i>	50 (10 + 10)	50 (0)	25 (14 + 10)
<i>Cape Petrel*</i>			
<i>Antarctic Petrel*</i>			
<i>Antarctic Fulmar*</i>			
<i>Short-tailed shearwater*</i>	40 (40- 22 now retrieved)		
Total	100 / 32	50/25	55

Monitoring Apex Predators of the Southern Ocean

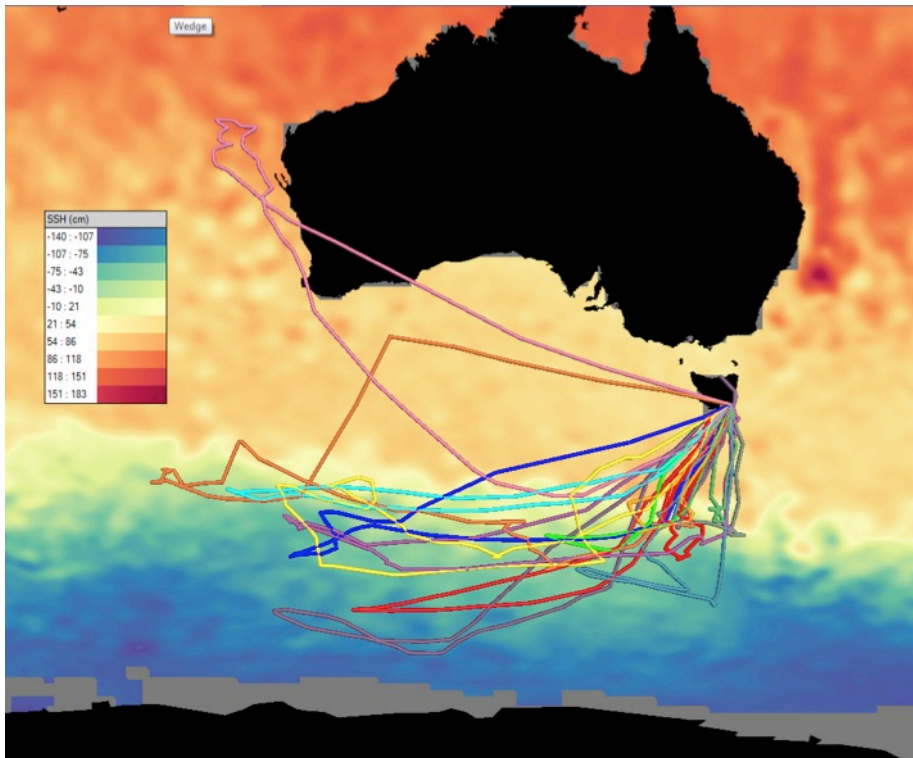


Emperor tracks 2010/11

	•2011/2012		
<i>Species</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Casey</i>	<i>Mawson</i>
<i>Southern Elephant seal</i>	10	15	
<i>Weddell Seal</i>	10	10	
<i>Adelie Penguin*</i>	50	50	50
<i>Emperor Penguin</i>		12	12
<i>Snow Petrel*</i>	50	50	50
<i>Cape Petrel*</i>	50		
<i>Antarctic Petrel*</i>	50	50	50
<i>Antarctic Fulmar*</i>	50		
<i>Short-tailed shearwater*</i>	50		
<i>Total</i>	300/20	150/37	150/12

Monitoring Apex Predators of the Southern Ocean

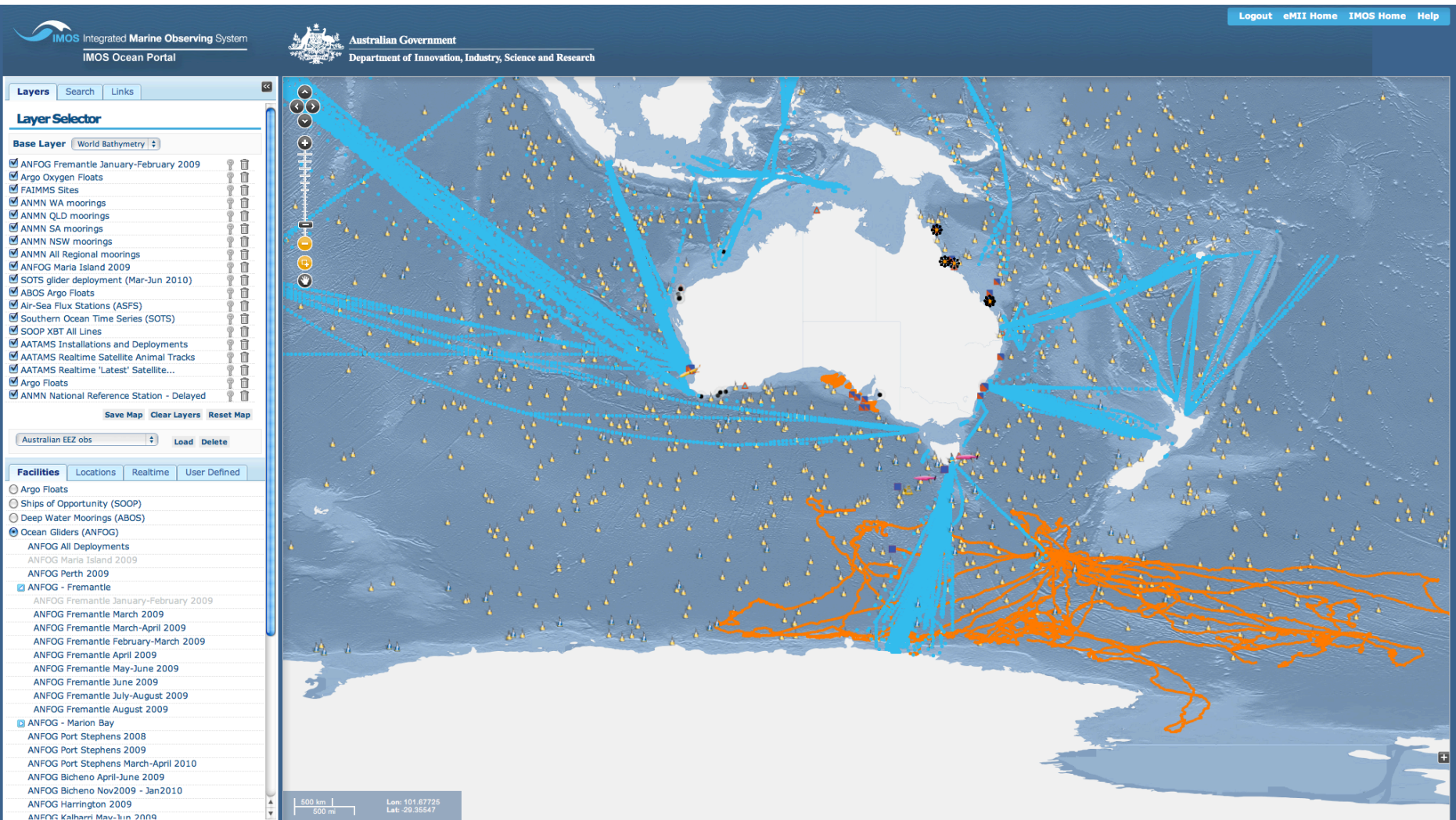
- 12 SRDLs deployed on Emperor penguins, Jan 2011
- **50 geolocators deployed on short-tailed shearwaters, 35 retrieved downloaded and 22 redeployed**
- 24 geolocators deployed on snow petrels



Individual STSW pre-breeding migrations from the Wedge Island colony. Jaimie Cleeland (dev from SSH)

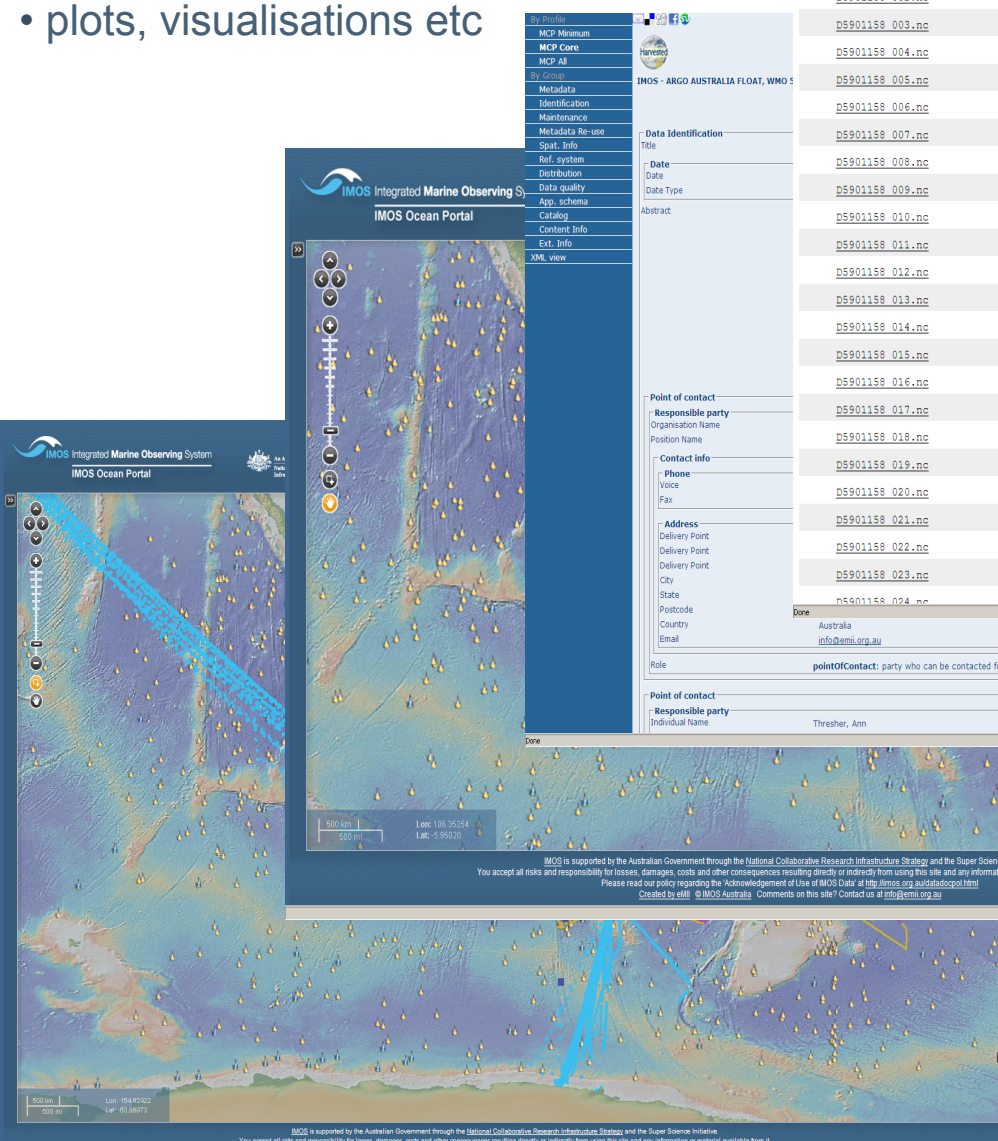


IMOS Portal- current deployments- strategic directions



IMOS Ocean Portal – not just dots on a map...

- information about deployments
- ISO-standard metadata
- access to the actual data
- plots, visualisations etc



Catalog /thredds/catalog/library/argo_aust

Dataset

profiles

D5901158_001.nc

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D5901158_004.nc

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Data Identification

Title

Date

Date Type

Abstract

Point of contact

Responsible party

Organisation Name

Position Name

Contact info

Phone

Voice

Fax

Address

Delivery Point

Delivery Point

City

State

Postcode

Country

Email

Point of contact

Responsible party

Individual Name

Date

Australia

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Role

pointOfContact: party who can be contacted for acquiring knowledge about or acquisition of the resource

Point of contact

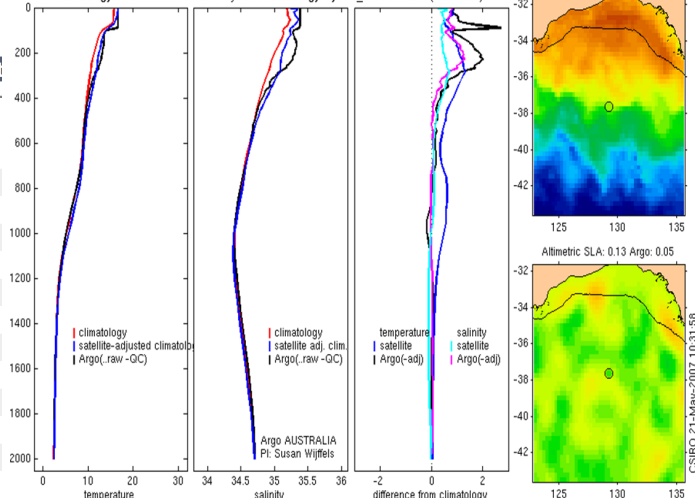
Responsible party

Individual Name

Thresher, Ann

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Argo profile: CS 5901158_40 11-May-2007 20070513_29 37.612S 129.258E
Climatology: CARS2006. Satellite-adjusted climatology: synTS_20070513.nc (1.3d later)



<http://imos.aodn.org.au/webportal/>



The challenge:

Public data **is** public data

1) All IMOS data is available to anyone to use- this includes our close colleagues and those we are less close to...

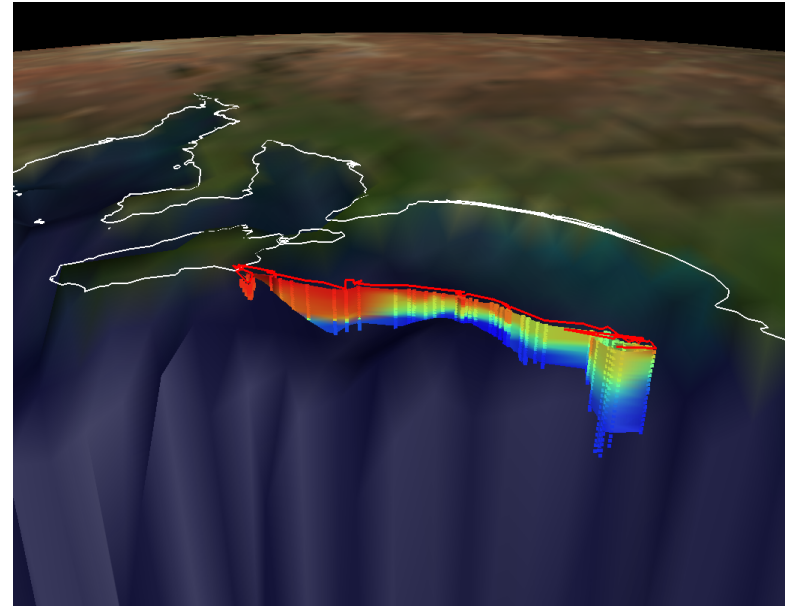
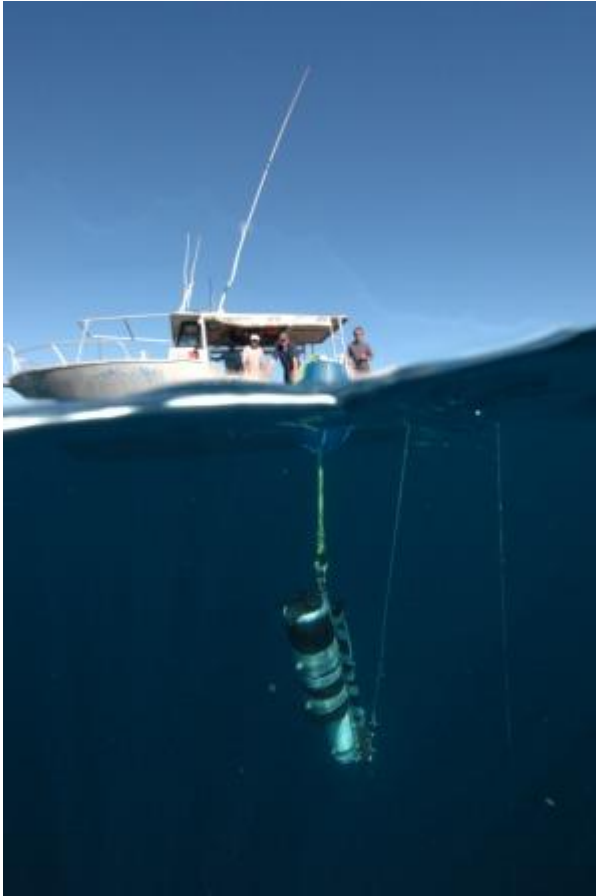
BUT

2) The net benefit to the community of sharing data is a demonstrable enhancement. IMOS has injected \$102M into Australian marine observing, with co-investment this reaches \$224M- the oceanographic community has embraced this and benefited from the lions share

We are starting to follow their lead, but with only 7% of the budget to date, we can only be advantaged by embracing that challenge....

SOOS.....

Questions?



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