

Phytoplankton functional types in marine services

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Phytoplancton Functional Types? ... depend on the function (IOCCG report#15)

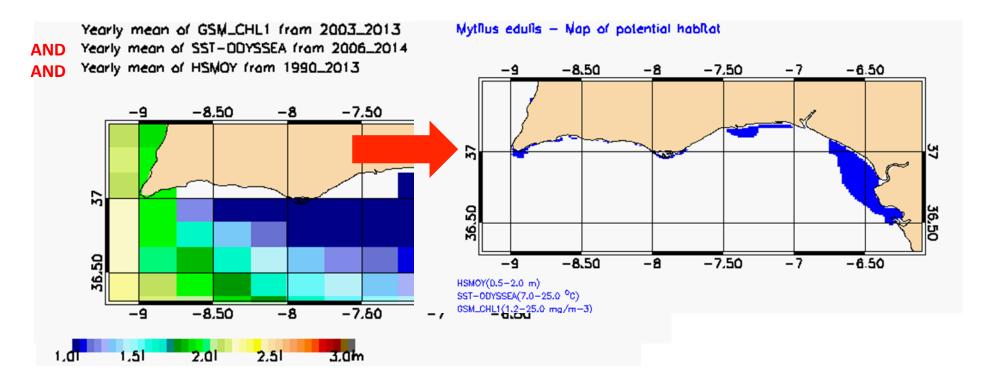
Pragmatically, we share into:

- PFT for global approach : climate, PP, acidification
- PFT for « biological » cycle and ecological « modelling » (habitats, recruitment, aquaculture..)
- PFT in environmental and hazards monitoring ((H)AB)
- PFT in BGC modelling (not used so far some attempts (Astrid))



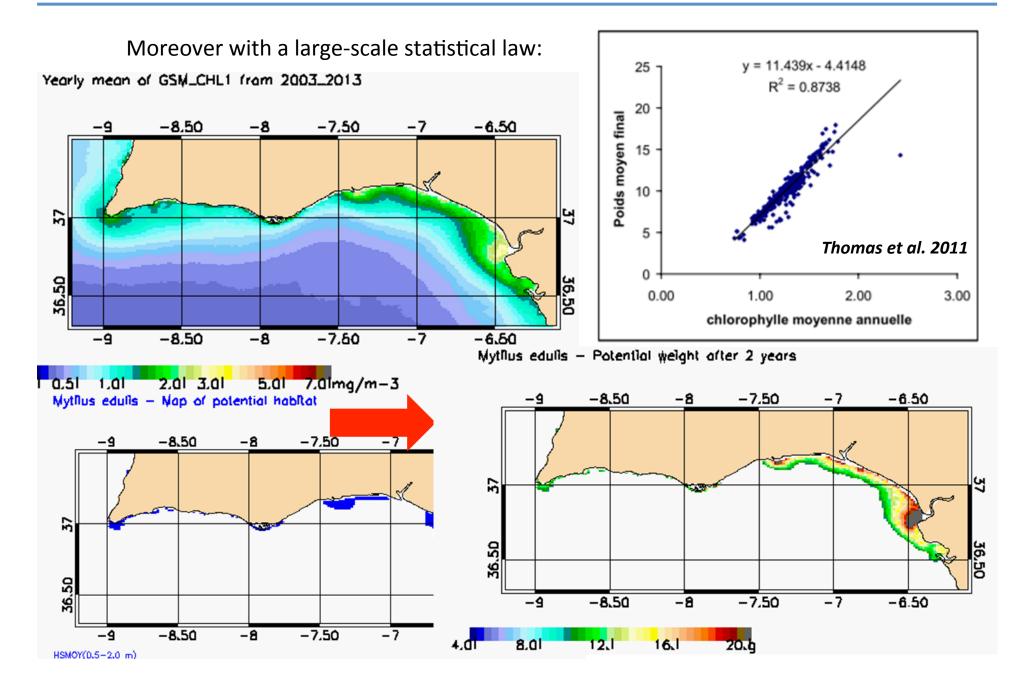
There is a very big potential to use "EO PFT" in ecological modelling.

This potential is emerging thanks to a number of project promoting EO (not only Ocean Color) for fisheries and aquaculture.



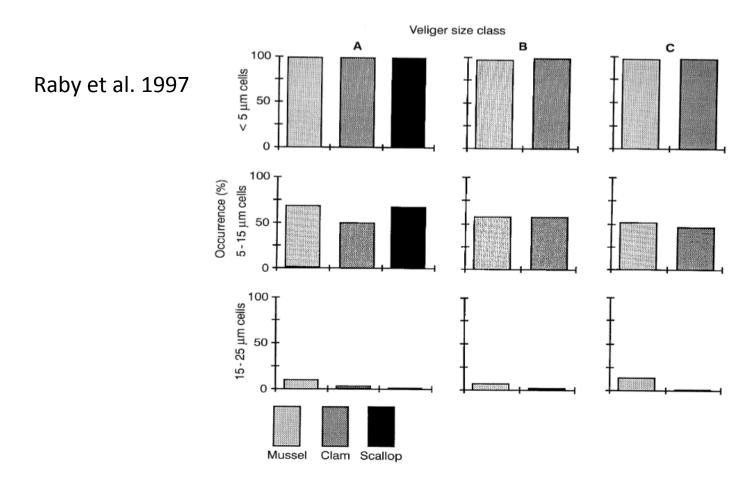
Example – SAFI – FP7-EU project







Life is not so simple, and a large number of research works have been carried out to make the link between maturity, fish farming location, ... and PFT



There is a large underuse of these results, and EO-PFT could get a good role in this type of « modelling »





The same observation can be done for oysters farming (Dupuy et al. 2000)

Table 5. Contribution of various taxonomic groups to the planktonic carbon resources available for oysters at the Thau lagoon Stn Z farming area from triplicate samples on 17

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| | Abundance (×10 ³ 1 ⁻¹) | Carbon resource (μg C 1 ⁻¹) | Contribution to total POC (%) |
|--------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| Picophytoplankton | 25000 | 2.4 | 1.3 |
| Microphytoplankton | 400 | 161.5 | 84.4 |
| <5 µm flagellates | 207 | 0.6 | 0.3 |
| >5 µm flagellates | 87 | 2.3 | 1.2 |
| Dinoflagellates | 11 | 16.6 | 8.7 |
| Ciliates | 7.2 | 3 | 1.6 |
| Zooplankton | 0.07 | 5 | 2.6 |
| Sum | 25712 | 191 | 100 |

Table 6. Phytoplankton gross growth rate and microzooplankton grazing rates. Data were collected from duplicate experiments

| Size class C | Gross growth rate <i>Ke</i> (d ⁻¹) | Grazing mortality $G(d^{-1})$ | G/Ke |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------------|------|
| Picoplankton (0.7 to 0.9 μm | 1) 2.58 | 3.32 | 1.29 |
| Picoplankton (1 to 2 μm) | 2.64 | 1.6 | 0.61 |
| Nanoplankton (2 to 4 μm) | 3.27 | 0.93 | 0.28 |
| Nanoplankton (>4 μm) | 2.65 | 0.83 | 0.31 |



Statement of under-use applies also for the recruitment and abundance of small pelagic (depending on phytoplancton abundance and seasonal size) for which (EO) PFT is not applied (yet) but could significantly (if reliable) improve the statistical biomass estimation for fisheries ... probably more complicated

Problems of transposability of these results to others areas is, however, open

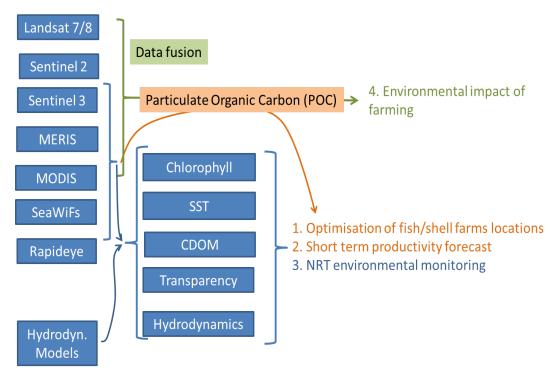


Several developments in POC retrieval (Loisel et al. 2015) open also the door to a better monitoring of the carrying capacity and of the environmental impact of fish/shrimp farming.

ESA supported project

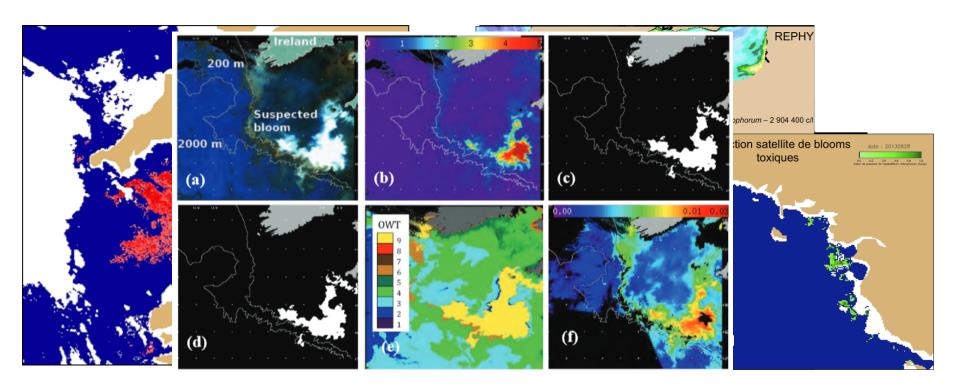


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An increasing number of (H)AB can be detected (and/or alert can be triggered) from Ocean Colour – this « characterisation » of waters is of prime importance for farming (site selection and operation), bathing, sanitary purposes, water quality regulation and characterisation of anthropic pressures at coast.



Karenia mikimotoi, Lepidodinium chlorophorum, Coccolithophore, Karenia Brevis ...



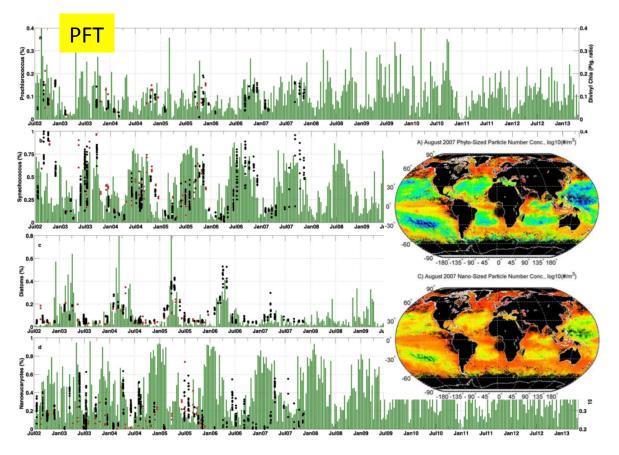
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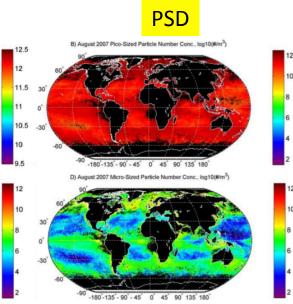
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GlobColour and OSS2015 dataset





Temporal percentage (green bars, left axis) of each phytoplankton group identified by PHYSAT-Med in the Ligurian Sea. Red and black dots (right axis) represent respectively the HPLC pigments ratio for DYFAMED and BOUSSOLE dataset in the first optical depth

Navarro et al. 2014



Number concentration (log scale) for phyto-, micro-, nano- and picoplankton classes

Kostadinov et al., 2009



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PFT in environmental and hazards monitoring ((H)AB)

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Maturity/Distribution; distributed through various services (e.g. MCGS, Asimuth)

PFT in BGC modelling

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Maturity/Distribution; through GlobColour (OSS2015)

No PFT products distributed today through the Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service - CMEMS



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Thanks for attention

