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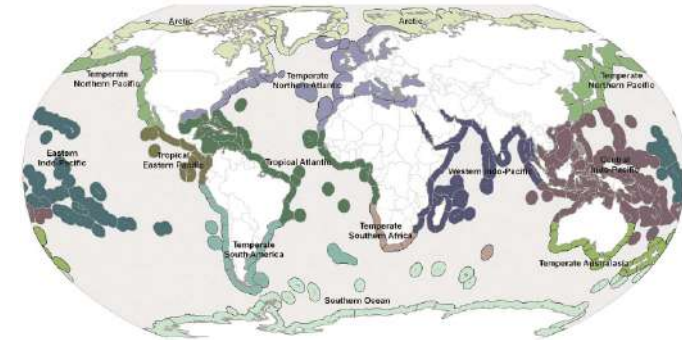
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# COURSE CONTENT

# Scope

Biogeography investigates the relationships between **patterns and processes** of geographic distribution of organisms

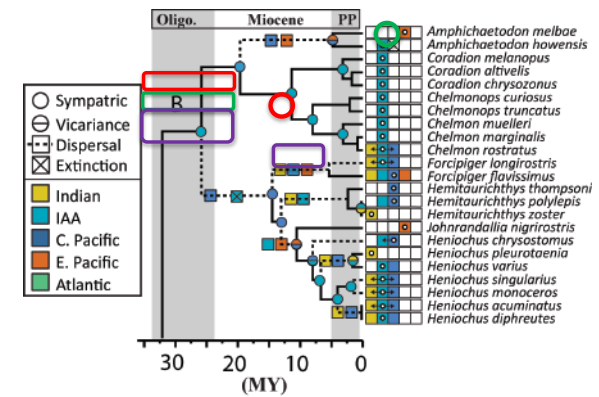


Spalding et al. 2007



# Scope

Reconstructing the **historical** development of lineages and biotas, including their origin, spread, and diversification



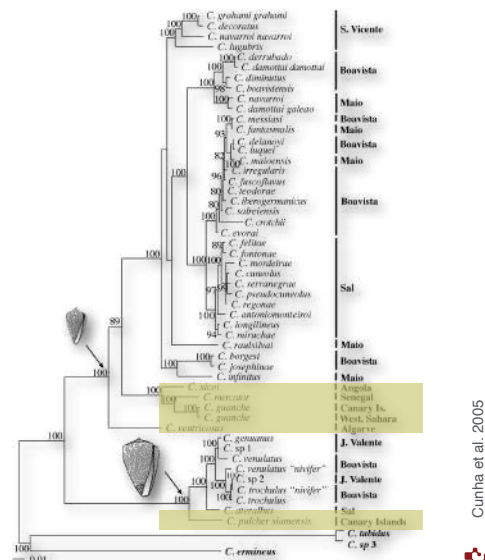
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Bannerfishes  
(Chaetodontidae)





Cunha et al. (2005) Syst. Biol.

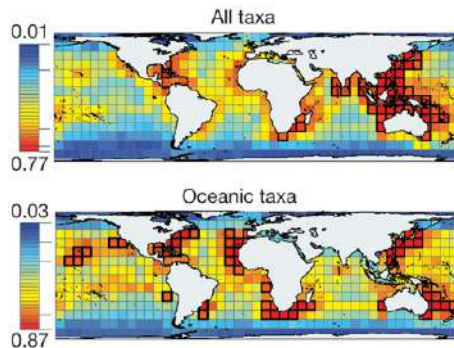


Cunha et al. 2005



## Scope

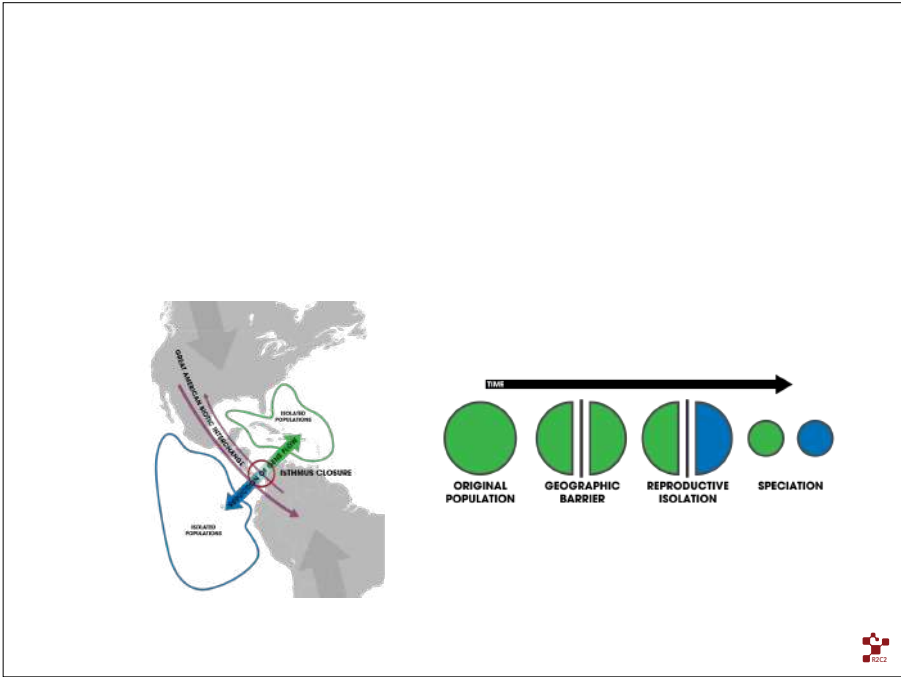
Explaining the differences in **numbers** as well as types of **species among** geographic areas, and **along** geographic gradients including those of areas, isolation, latitude, elevation, and depth



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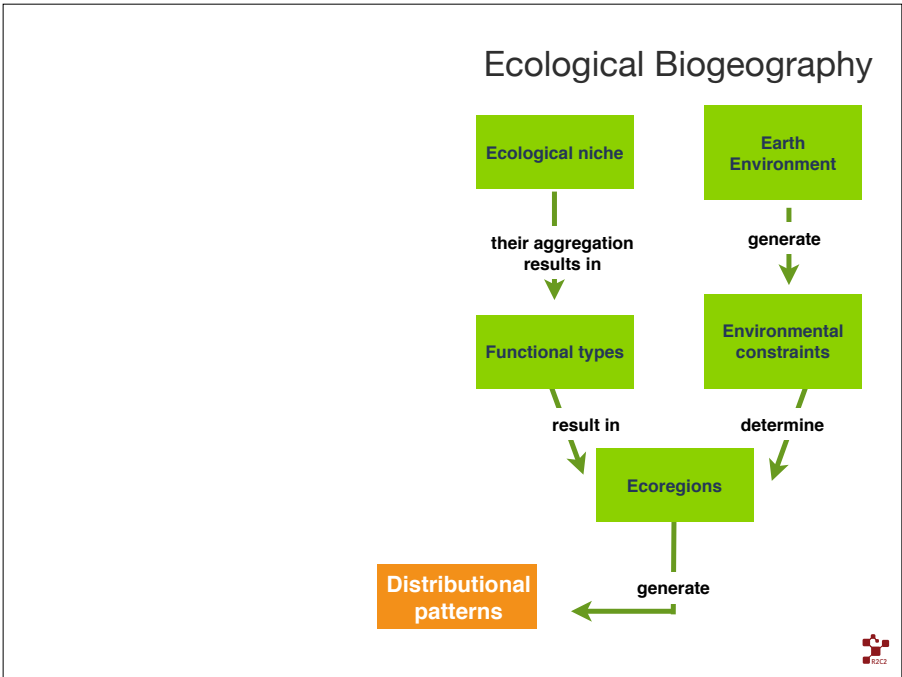
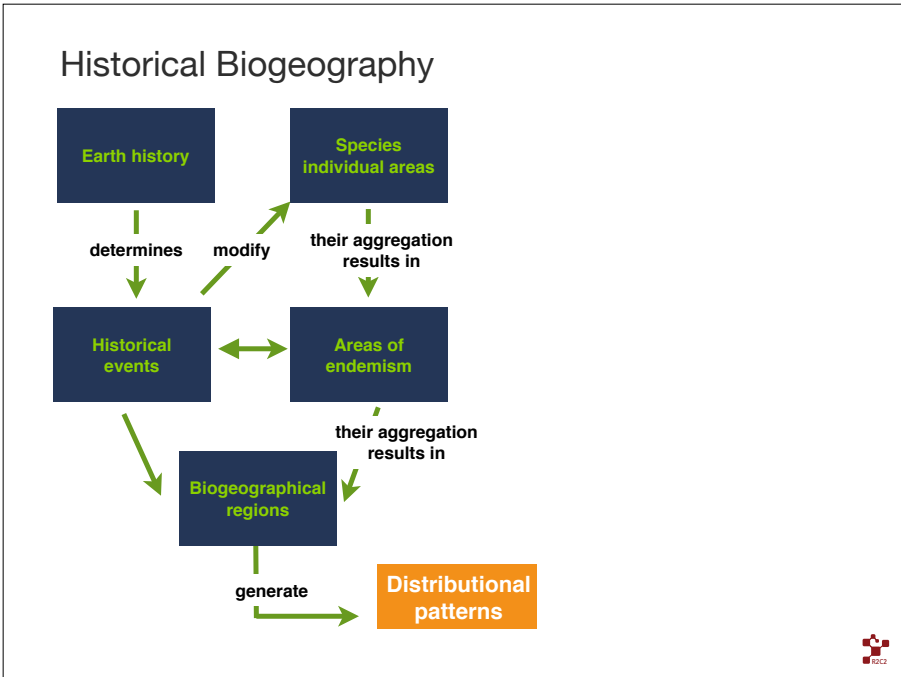
How have **historical events** shaped species' distribution?

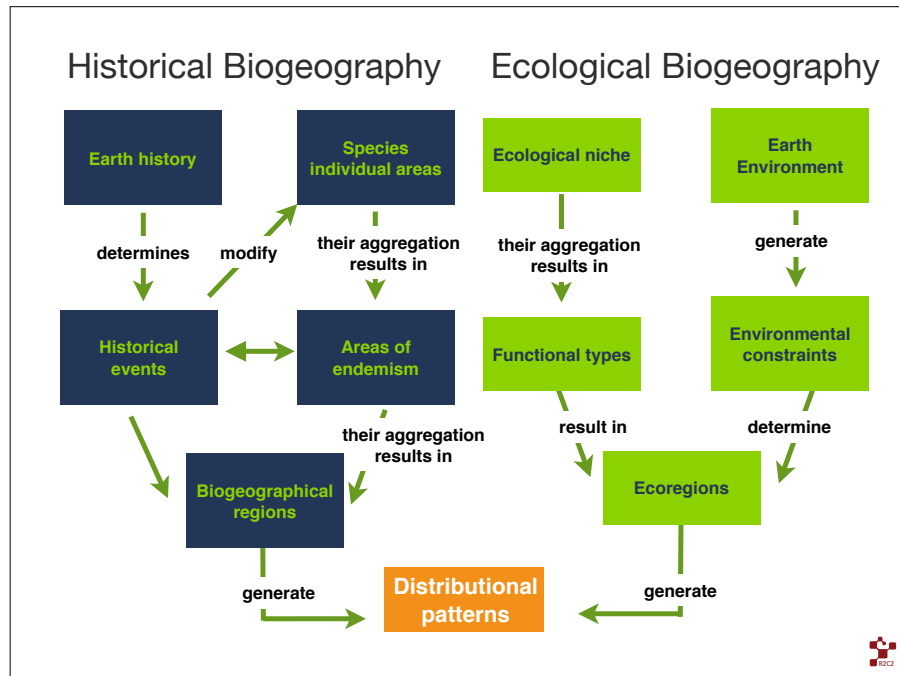




# Scope

Intra and inter-specific approaches, different time-scales,





## Goals

Explain the differences in **numbers** as well as types of **species among** geographic areas, and **along** geographic gradients including those of areas, isolation, latitude, elevation, and depth

## Techniques

Simulation modeling - GIS - Statistical Analysis - Remote Sensing - Submersible vessels - Automated ground-based data collection systems - Radioisotopes - Stable isotopes - Genetic tools

## Week 1

Introduction and a case study to setup the scene:

World-wide phylogeography of sardines

## Week 2

Historical and Ecological biogeography



## Week 3

Ocean Ecosystems  
Evolution of Coral Reef Fish  
Dispersal



## Week 4

Phylogeography  
Biogeographic and genetic consequences of the  
glaciations



## Week 5

Island Biogeography  
Case-studies



## Week 1

Learning insights

Publishing in science

Visualizing data: software, graphs, the use of color and shapes.



## Week 2

Area relationships

Part 1. Exploratory data session: summary of biodiversity and graph building



## Week 3

Area relationships

Part 2. Exploratory data session: area cladograms

Part 3. Presence records and plot



## Week 4

Area relationships

Part 4. Species distribution modeling



am I teaching  
 WHY THIS COURSE?

- 👤 Assistant Professor
- 👤 PhD Evolutionary Biology/Population Genetics (UK)
- 👤 Research in Evolutionary Biology/Population Genetics/ **Phylogeography**
- 👤 Classes: [Animal Diversity], [Bioinformatics], Evolution, Population Genetics applied to Fisheries

**R2C2 research group**

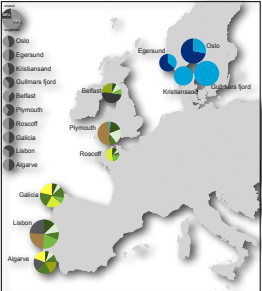
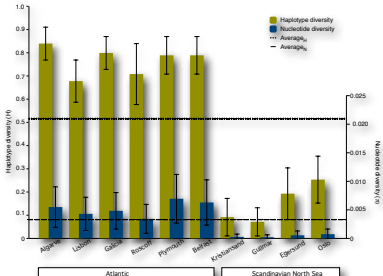
Resources  
 Ranges  
 Connectivity  
 Climate  
**R<sup>2</sup>C<sup>2</sup>**

**Ecology and Evolution**

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**Northern refugia and recent expansion in the North Sea: the case of the wrasse *Symphodus melops* (Linnaeus, 1758)**

Joana I. Robalo<sup>1</sup>, Rita Castilho<sup>2</sup>, Sara M. Francisco<sup>1,3</sup>, Frederico Almada<sup>1</sup>, Halvor Knutsen<sup>4,5,6</sup>, Per E. Jorde<sup>4,5</sup>, Ana M. Pereira<sup>1,7</sup> & Vitor C. Almada<sup>1</sup>


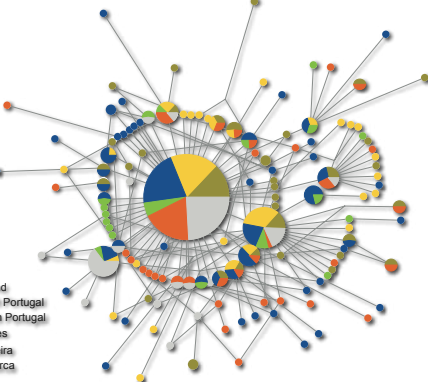



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**ORIGINAL PAPER**

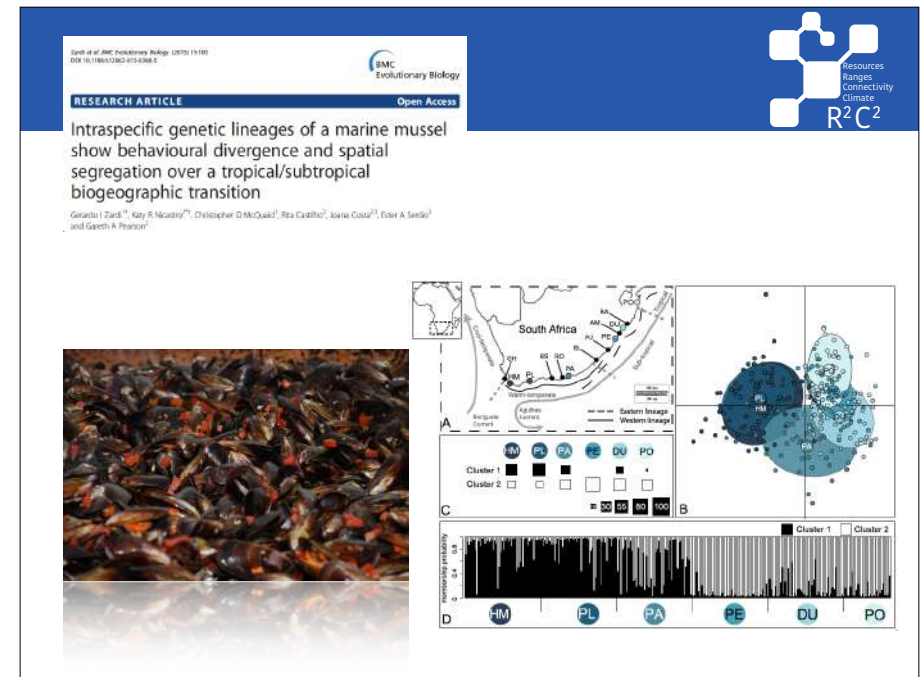
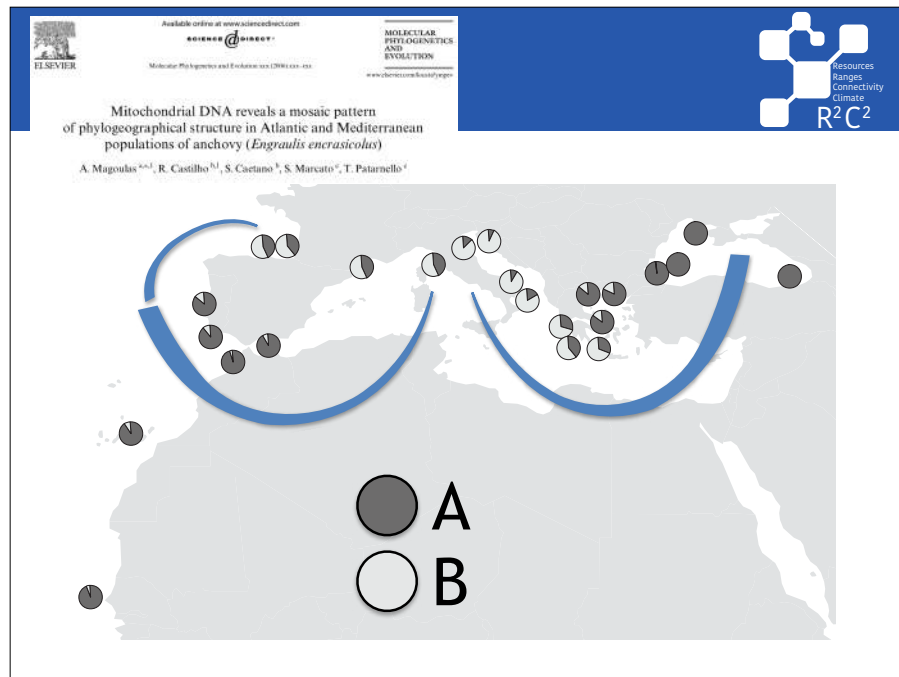
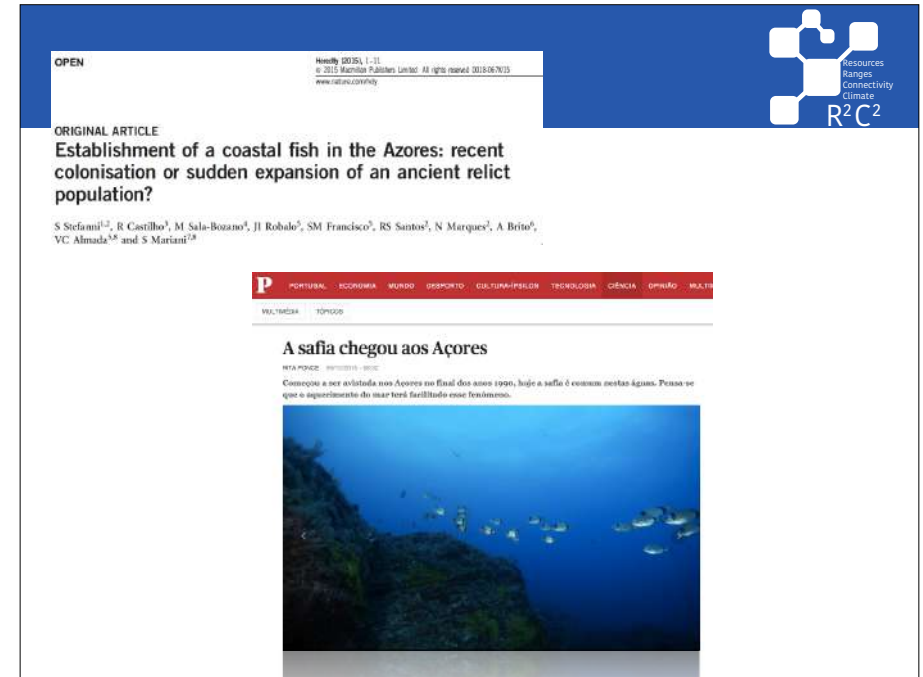
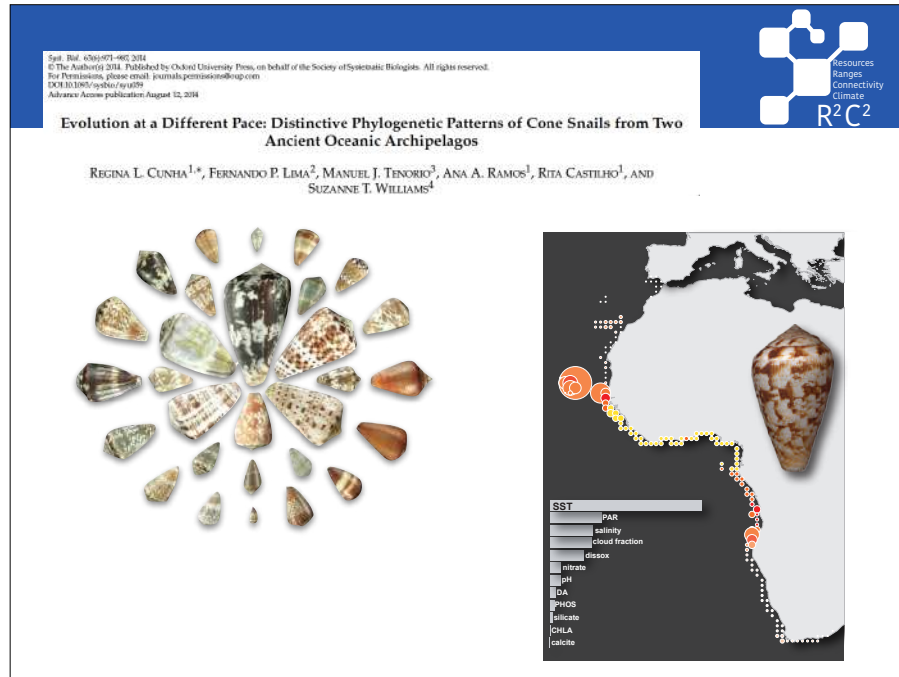
**Population structure and connectivity of the European conger eel (*Conger conger*) across the north-eastern Atlantic and western Mediterranean: integrating molecular and otolith elemental approaches**

Alberto T. Correia · Ana A. Ramos · Filipe Barros · Gonçalo Silva · Paul Hamer · Pedro Morais · Regina L. Cunha · Rita Castilho

Legend for network diagram:  
 Ireland (green), North Portugal (orange), South Portugal (red), Azores (blue), Madeira (yellow), Mallorca (grey)



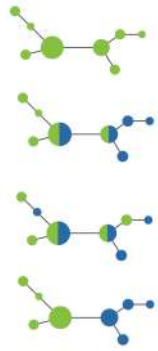
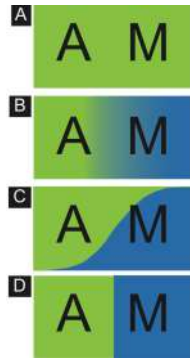


# Asymmetrical dispersal and putative isolation-by-distance of an intertidal blennioid across the Atlantic–Mediterranean divide

Rita Castilho<sup>1</sup>, Regina L. Cunha<sup>1</sup>, Cláudia Faria<sup>2</sup>, Eva M. Velasco<sup>3</sup> and Joana I. Robalo<sup>1</sup>



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**Hypothesis 1: Panmixia.**  
A panmictic population is one in which every individual has an equal chance of mating with another individual. There is no discernable population structure.

**Hypothesis 2: Isolation by distance.**  
Under models of isolation by distance, many neutral alleles will show cline patterns, especially along geographic axes with the least gene flow.

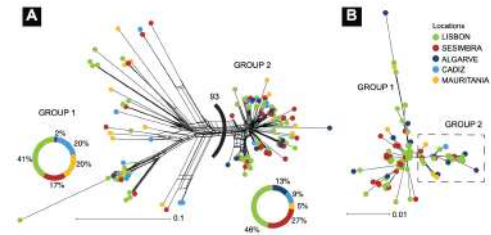
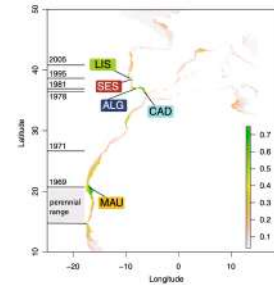
**Hypothesis 3: Secondary contact between populations of the two regions.**  
With secondary contact, neutral alleles will transiently show a cline pattern at the contact zone between the two populations. The clines along the secondary contact zone will form even if the allele frequency difference between the two populations is modest.

**Hypothesis 4: Genetic phylogeographic break between adjacent regions.**  
A sharp geographic boundary between two clades usually assumed to be a result of geographic barriers to dispersal, cryptic species boundaries, or recent contacts between historically allopatric populations.

# Against all odds: a tale of marine range expansion with maintenance of extremely high genetic diversity

Joana I. Robalo<sup>1</sup>, Sara M. Francisco<sup>1</sup>, Catarina Vendrell<sup>1,2</sup>, Cristina S. Lima<sup>1</sup>, Ana Pereira<sup>1</sup>, Benedikt P. Brunner<sup>1</sup>, Mamadou Dia<sup>1</sup>, Leonel Gordo<sup>2</sup> & Rita Castilho<sup>1,3,4,5</sup>

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**WHY THIS MASTER?**

# What term best describes your background?

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## What is your intended professional future

Academia (teaching +  
researching)

Researcher

Manager (conservation,  
fisheries, etc)

None of the above

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## Do you intend to pursue a PhD?

Yes

No

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D

None of the above

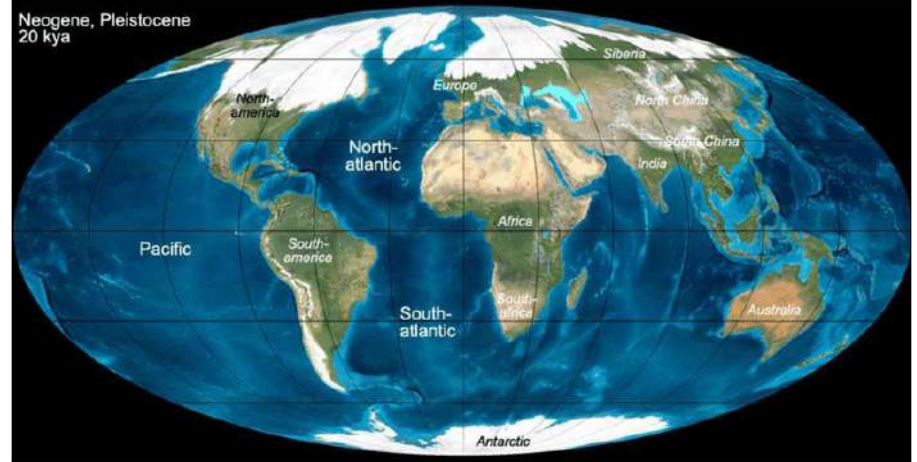
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# MAP EVOLUTION

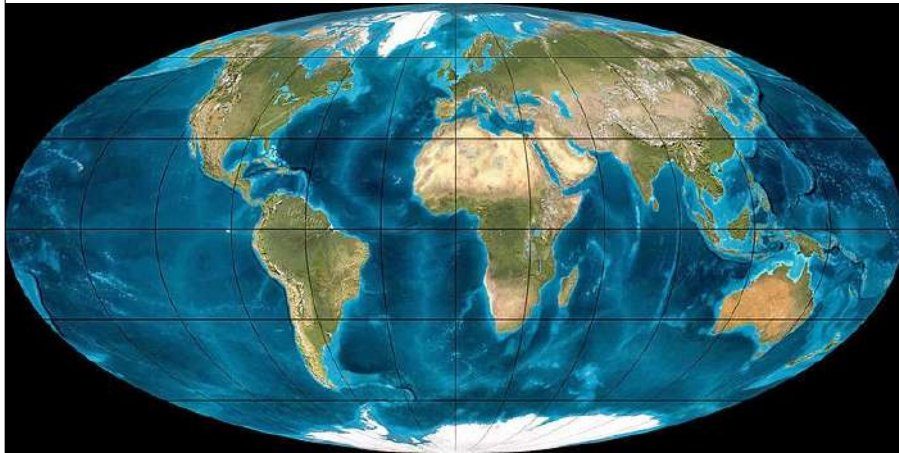


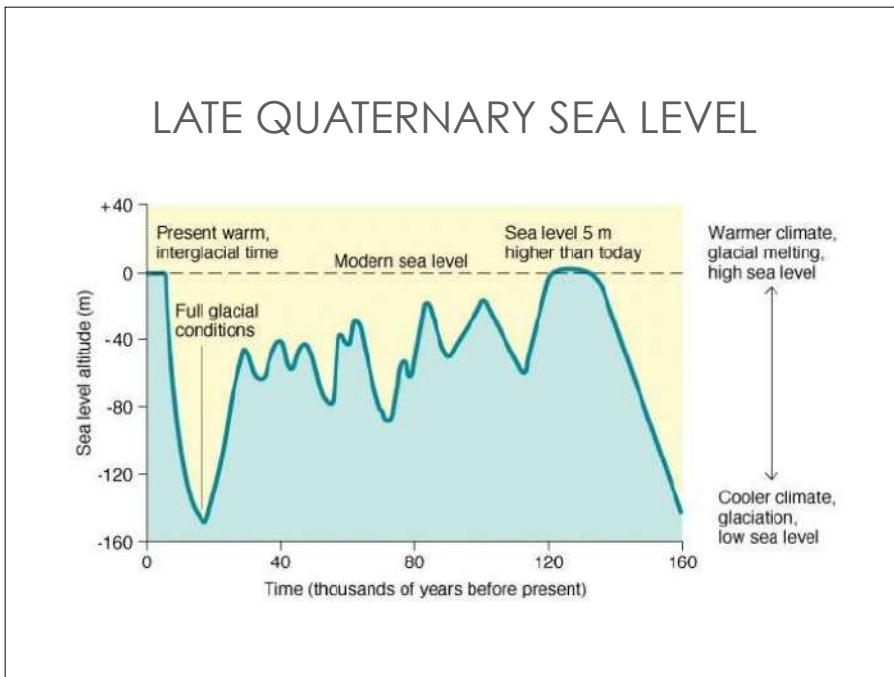
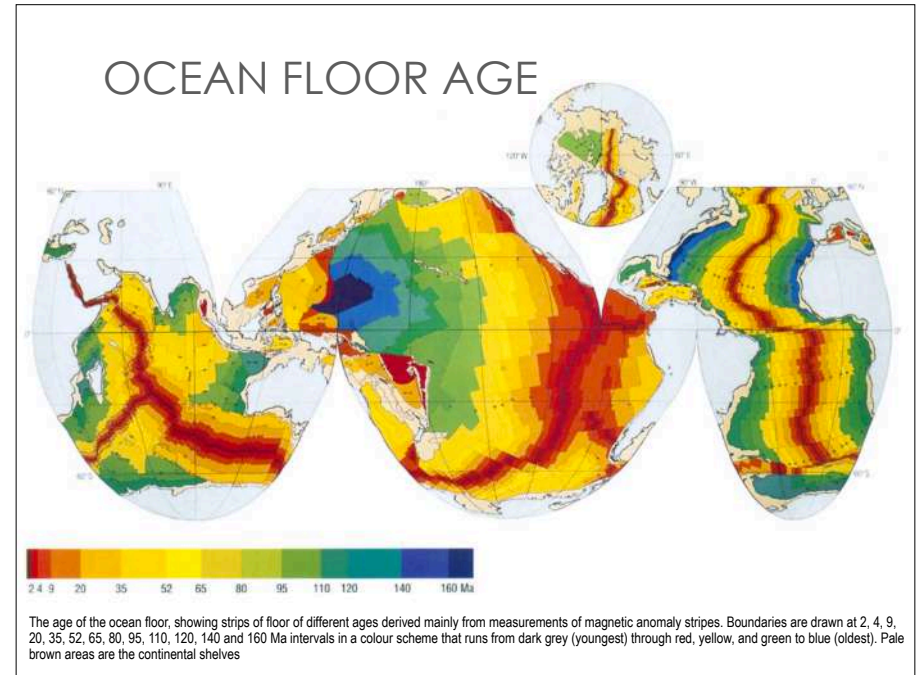
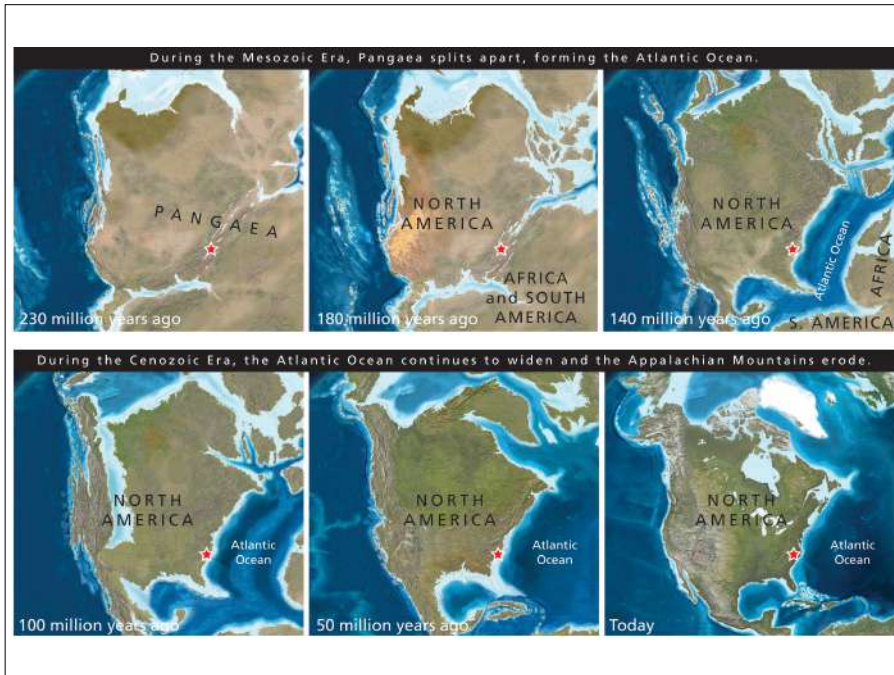
World map, c.1500, by Juan de la Cosa, pilot on Columbus's second expedition. Courtesy of Naval Museum, Madrid

500 YEARS LATER



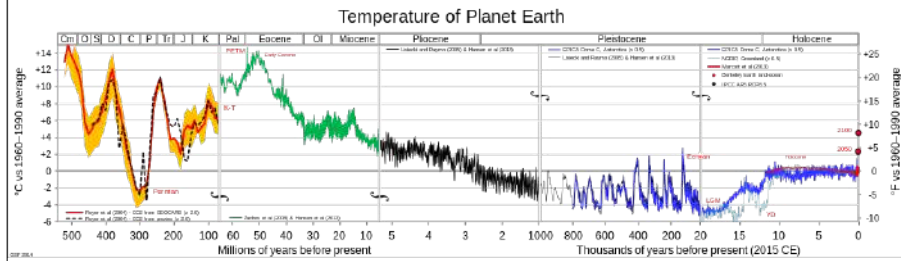
EARTH EVOLUTION





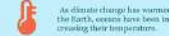
# CLIMATE CHANGES

# 500 MILLION YEARS OF GLOBAL TEMPERATURE



# CLIMATE CHANGE EFFECTS ON MARINE BIODIVERSITY AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

## OCEAN TEMPERATURE INCREASE



An climate change has warmed the Earth, oceans have been increasing their temperatures.

Climate change is affecting the world's oceans modifying their temperature, nutrient supply, water chemistry, wind systems, and ocean currents, dramatically impacting marine biodiversity. The situation is no different in the Mesoamerican Reef, the second largest reef in the world.

## OCEAN ACIDIFICATION



Increasing amounts of carbon dioxide (CO2) in the oceans combined with increasing production of ocean acid, increasing the acidity of the water.

Climate change is exacerbating anthropogenic (e.g., water pollution, land run off, overfishing) and natural (e.g., storms, coral disease) threatening the heart of Caribbean culture and economies.

## SEA LEVEL RISE



Climate change is causing the oceans to heat up, melting polar glaciers, resulting in rising sea levels.

## VULNERABILITY TO SEA LEVEL RISE

Numerous model predictions foresee a sea level rise of 1 additional meter by 2100, which would displace millions of people and would cause billionare losses in infrastructure.

## CHANGES IN OCEAN CURRENTS

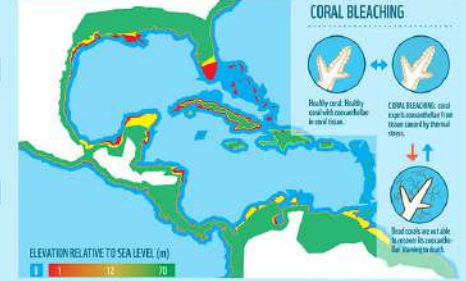


Increasing ocean temperatures and significant amounts of melting fresh water may result in a slowing of the ocean conveyor belt, altering oceanic current patterns, changing global weather conditions and disrupting marine food webs.

## EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS



Increasing sea surface temperatures increase evaporation and atmospheric moisture, creating and facilitating environmental conditions for severe storms to develop into larger and more powerful systems.



# A warming ocean

Since the 1970s, the Earth's ocean has absorbed more than 93% of the enhanced heating arising from human activities. This extra heat is causing changes in the ocean, which are beginning to alter species, ecosystems, and ecological processes.

## Global scale change

Change is being observed from polar to tropical regions, and from coasts to sea beds - not just coral reefs.

## Species on the move

Plankton, jellyfish, fishes, turtles and seabirds - especially those in the tropics - are being driven to the poles to keep within favourable environmental conditions. These shifts are putting global food security at risk.



## Disease outbreaks

Warming water temperatures are changing the distribution of pathogens around the world. There are early signs that these changes are impacting human health.

## Shifts in timing of key biological events

Changes in the seasonal availability of plankton mean that plankton food stocks are becoming more unpredictable for the marine life that feeds on them.

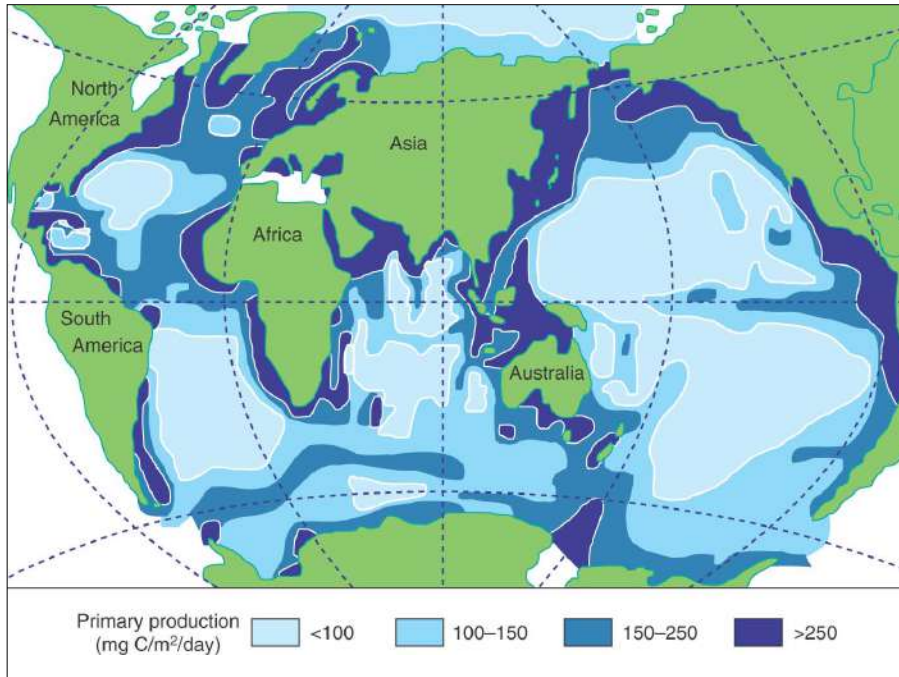
## Vulnerable societies

Mangrove, seagrass and coral reef ecosystems that provide vital coastal protection and food security for seaside communities are being lost or degraded, and making people less resilient to environmental change.

## Disappearing breeding grounds

Seabirds, turtles and other species are losing breeding grounds, which is reducing their breeding success.

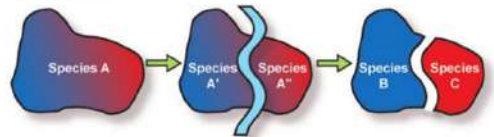




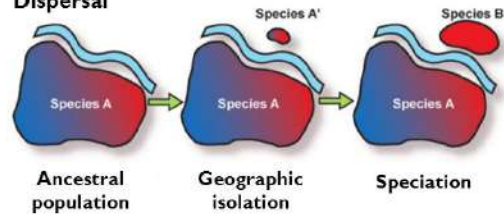
## ORGANISMS' MOVEMENTS

### VICARIANCE VS DISPERSAL

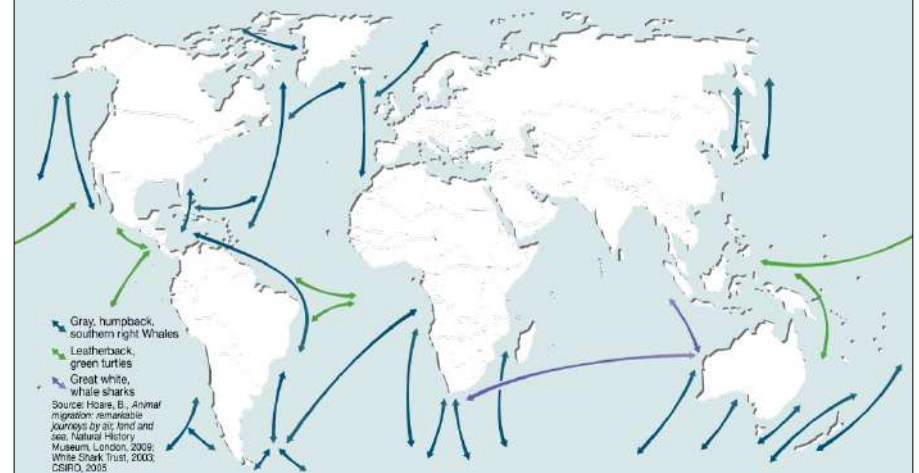
#### Vicariance



#### Dispersal



#### They swim... Migratory routes for selected marine animals

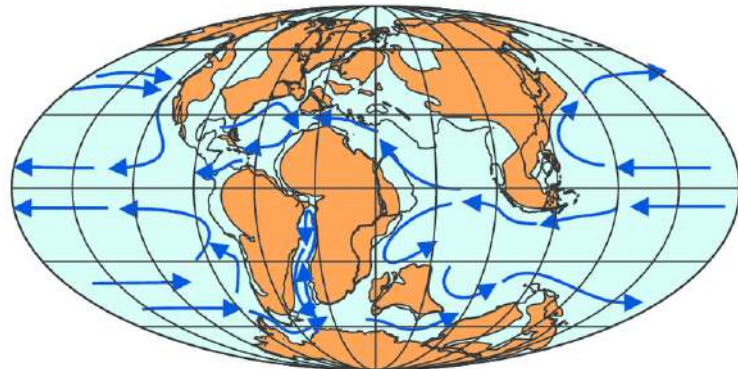




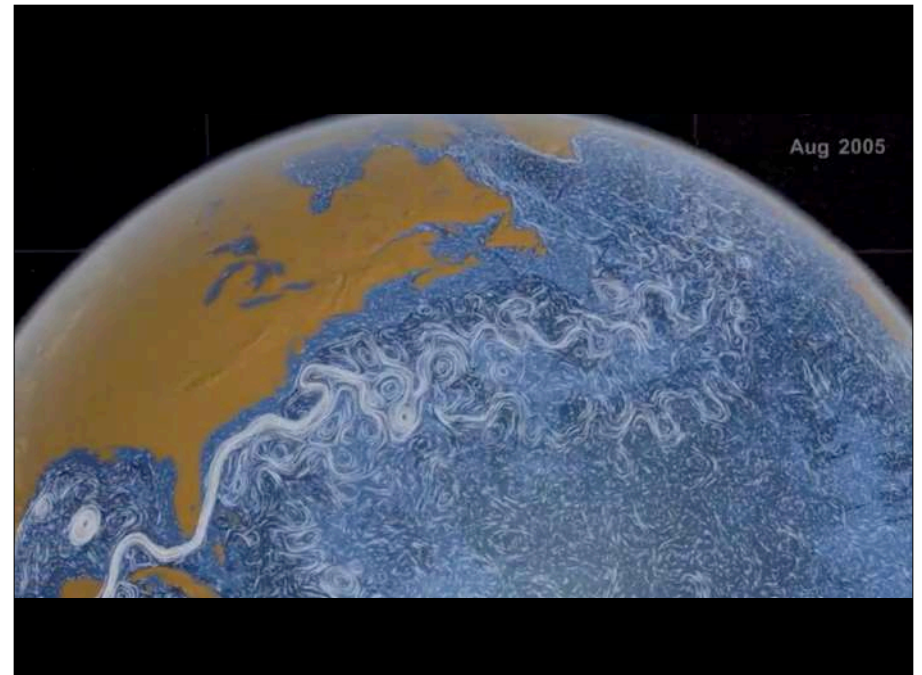
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# CURRENTS

## OCEANIC CIRCULATION IN THE MID-CRETACEOUS



from: Hay 2009, Cretaceous oceans and ocean modeling.





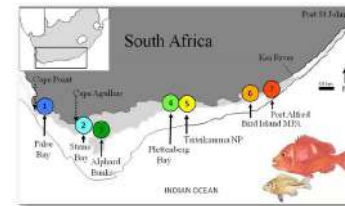
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## Basic information

### Course description

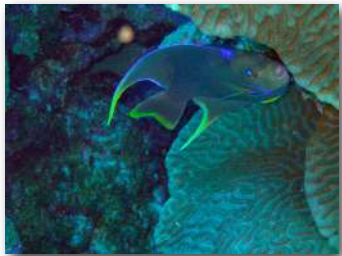
#### Marine biogeography:

study of the geographical distribution of marine organisms



- Origins of biogeography as an historical science,
- The biogeographic evidence that supports the theory of evolution.
- Continental drift.
- The relationship of phylogeny and biogeography.
- Basic concepts of evolution and biogeography
- Application of methods used to study evolution and biogeography
- Case histories to demonstrate the role of historical events

## Marine biogeography: study of the geographical distribution of marine organisms



- I. The **History** of Biogeography (the science of biogeography, philosophy and basic principles and approaches, pivotal biogeographers, examples of contemporary biogeography)
- II. **Phylogeography** - models of speciation, phylogenetic inference, molecular clock, historical demography.
- III. **Paleogeography** - dating events, geological time scales, continental drift, evolution of ocean basins (Tethys, Atlantic, Mediterranean), paleoclimates, past sea levels.
- IV. **Case studies**: the Atlantic/Mediterranean divide; coastal species, estuarine species; open ocean species and deep-sea species.

## WEB

<http://rcastilho.pt/MBE>

# Basic information

## Worktime



Contact time (hours)  
Theoreticals: 15h (10 sessions)  
Computer Labs: 24h (6 sessions)

Independent study: ca. 100h

# Basic information

## Teaching and learning methods



- I. Dedicated **webpage**, with all relevant information: chronogram of lectures, with reading materials available beforehand.
- II. **Audio-visual** subject presentation, with open discussion in class. Lectures will be mixed with discussions of assigned readings from the primary literature to stimulate critical thinking about the various topics.
- III. **Computer lab classes** with exercises available beforehand. Group discussion encouraged.

# Basic information

## Teaching and learning methods

### Computer lab classes

**Objectives**

**Work**

**Computers**

**Breaks**



# Basic information

## Expected learning outcome



- I. To understand and be familiar with the methods used to study the biogeography of marine organisms;
- II. To have a knowledge of the evolutionary history, life history, distribution patterns, speciation patterns of a number of marine organisms;
- III. To be able to critically evaluate current concepts of marine species and factors influencing speciation and distribution patterns;
- IV. To understand the applications of historical and ecological biogeographic analyses in the study of marine systems.
- V. Critically evaluate arguments and assumptions and interpret published data relating to marine biogeography and phylogeography in particular;
- VI. Utilize the scientific process to form hypotheses and design studies for gathering and analyzing data from which to draw scientifically valid conclusions

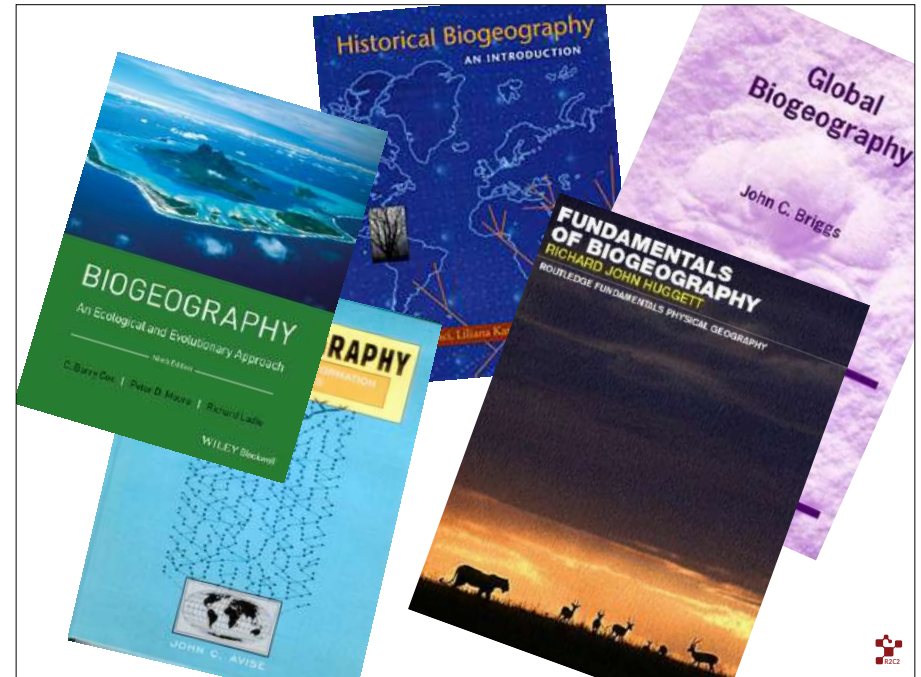
# Basic information



## EVALUATION

The evaluation will be based on:

- 1. written examination. 70%**  
Students scoring less than 10/20 on the written examination are required to have a re-sit exam.
- 2. Flash talk. 30%**  
Oral presentation in 3 minutes on a free topic related to biogeography.



# LET'S JUMP INTO A CASE STUDY