



The **least known** may tell the best story:
diversity, distribution, ecology and connectivity of
deep-sea crustacean Peracarida



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Small crustaceans – good model

- Peracarida: 25 000+ species
 - small (2-20 mm)
 - marine (5 orders)
 - benthic
 - cosmopolitan
 - underestimated (known < 5%)
- coral reefs, estuaries, mat of algae, canyons, seamount, hydrothermal vents, cold seeps, polymetallic nodules...



Small crustaceans – good model



peracarids

- Amphipoda
- Tanaidacea
- Isopoda
- Cumacea
- Mysida

• taxonomy

- ecology
- biogeography
- phylogenetic

methods

- morphology
- morphometry
- barcoding
- Sanger seq.
- NGS

CONSERVATION:

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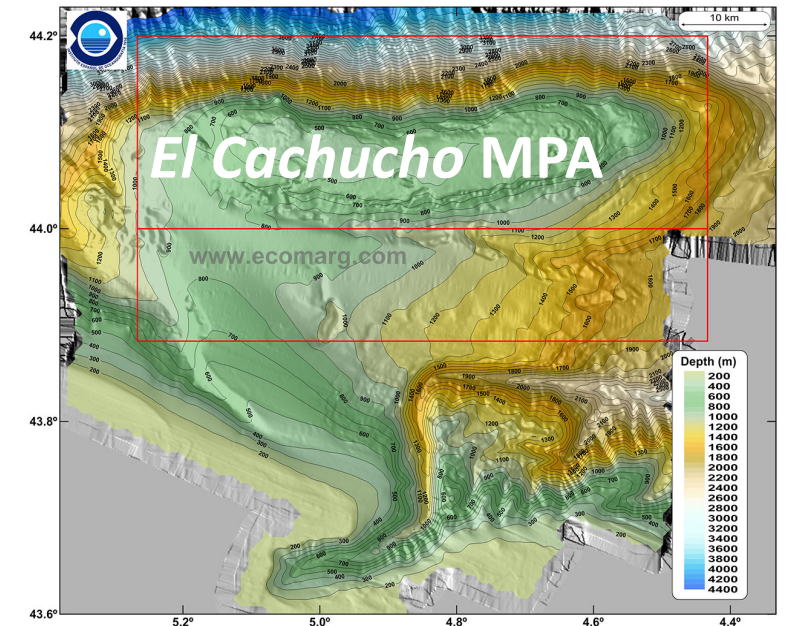
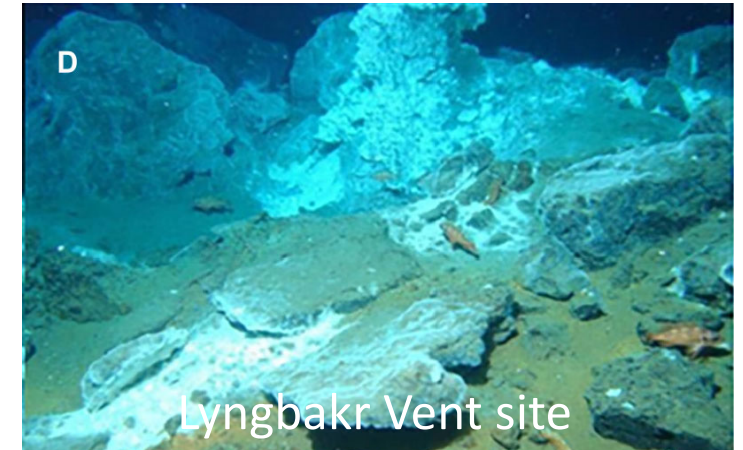
Vulnerable Marine Ecosystem (VME)



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Deep-sea canyons, seamounts, and vent fields are exceptional sites hosting high abundance and diversity of Peracarida

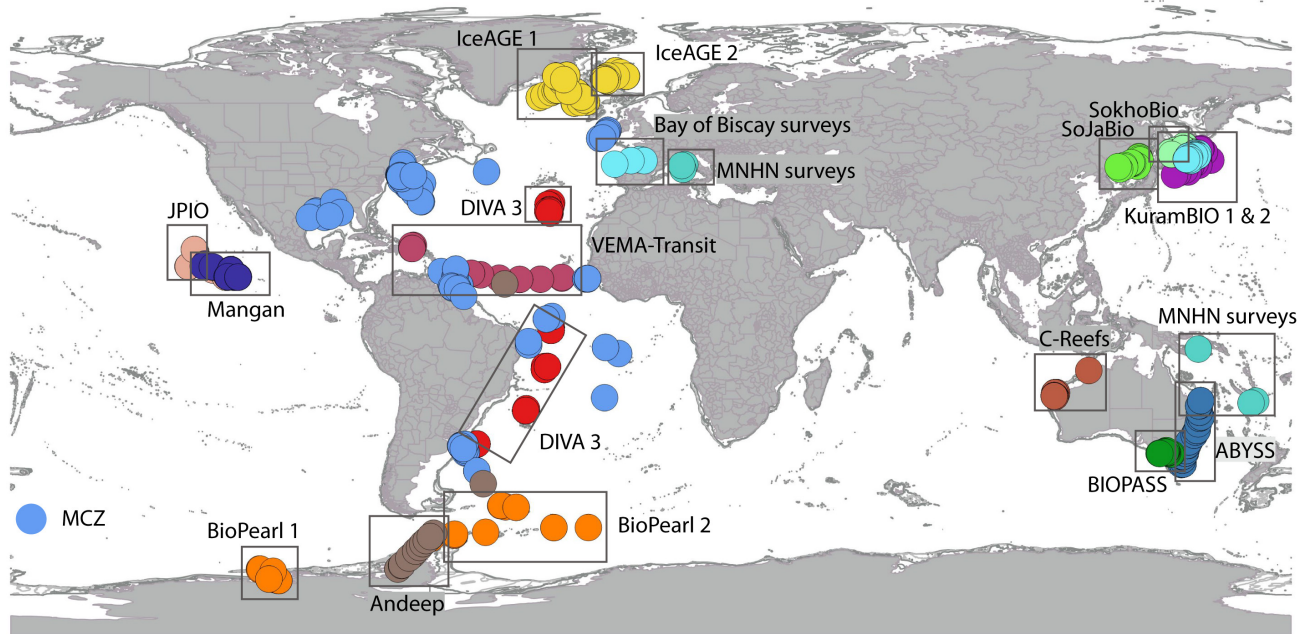


Materials

cooperation:

Senckenberg (Germany); Melbourne Museum (Australia); Museum of Natural History (France); Ifremer (France); Museum of Comparative Zoology (Boston, US); National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (New Zealand); University of Ghent (Belgium); Spanish Institute of Oceanography (Spain)

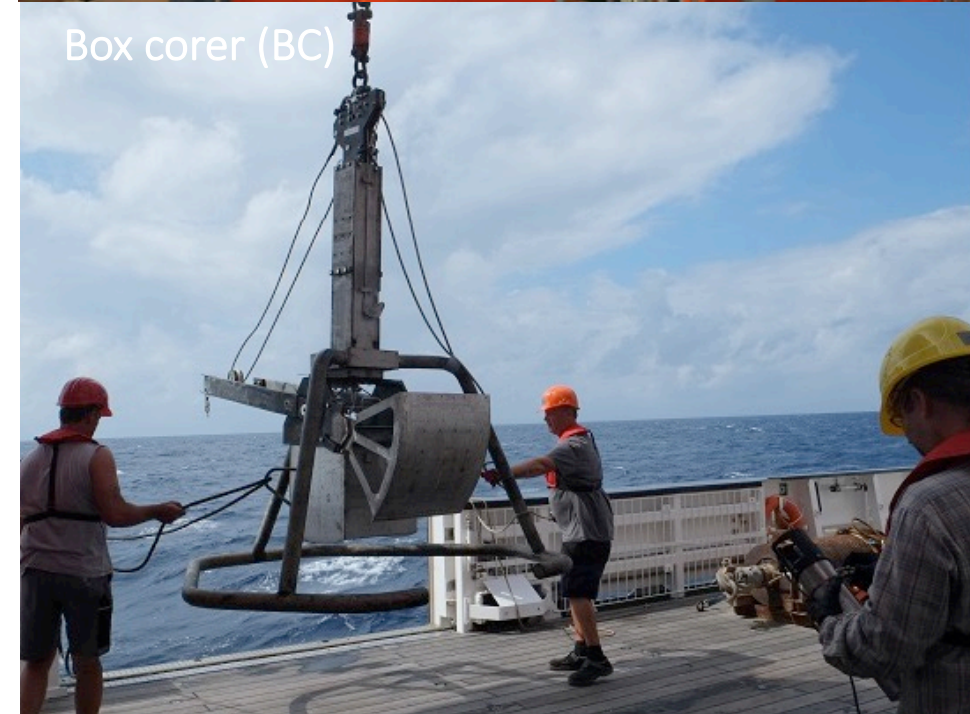
Samples collected with EBS and GKG



Epibenthic sledge (EBS)



Box corer (BC)



New taxa "factory"



Paranarthrurellidae fam. nov.



Oedicerina teresae n.sp.

3 new families
36 genera
>220 species



Typhlotanais grahami n. sp



AcanthoCOPE galaica n. sp.



Dorotea gen. nov.



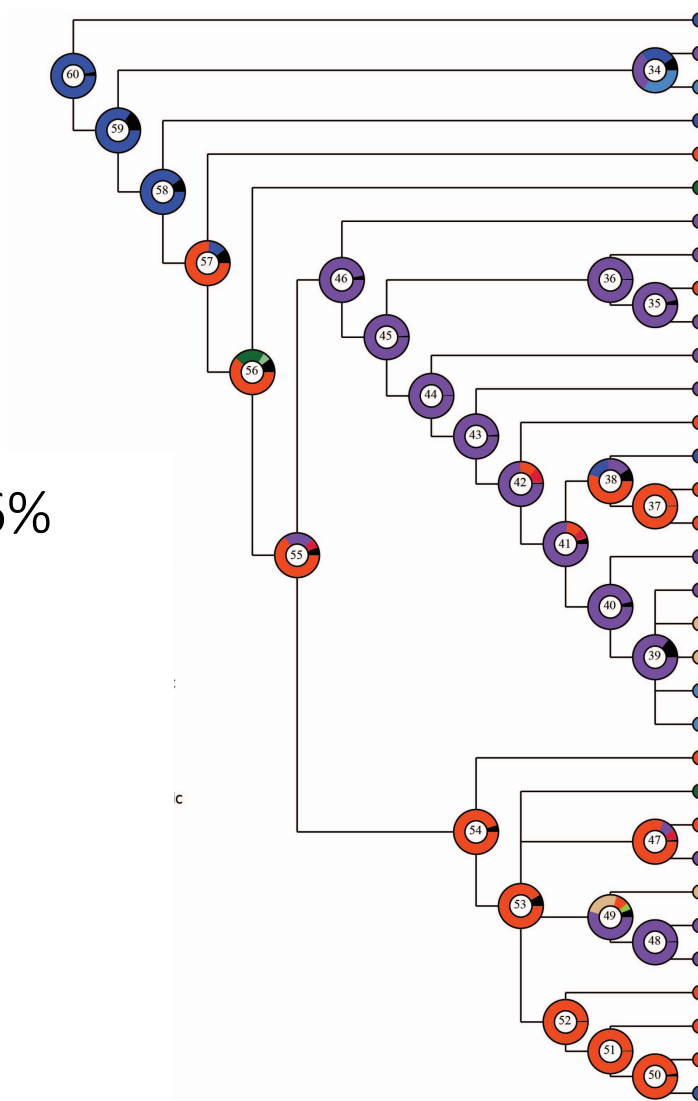
Stellamblyops gen. nov.

Ancestral state reconstruction

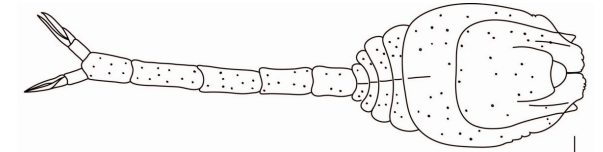
Cumacea: *Eocuma*

The South Africa indicated as ancestral state, with probability 86%

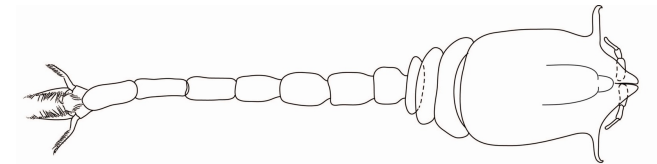
Two main places of radiation: the Tropical Atlantic and the Western Indian Ocean



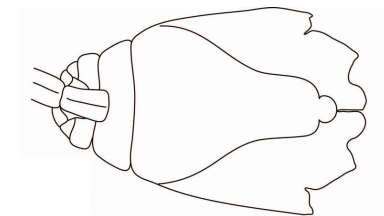
South Africa



Tropical Atlantic



Eastern Indo-Pacific



Small crustaceans – good model (brooders!)



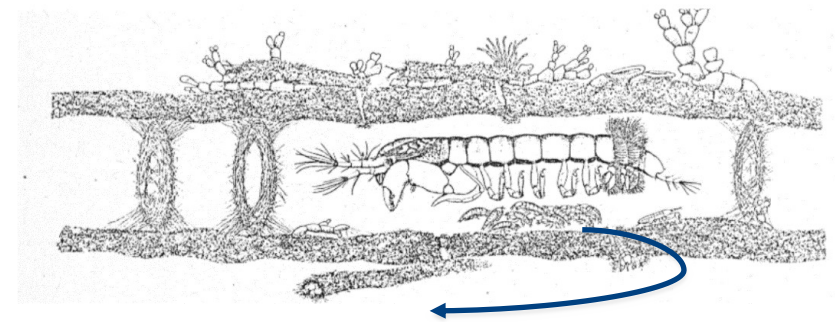
Amphipoda & Isopoda

- scavengers
- wide dispersal potential



Tanaidacea

- tube building life style
- immobile juvenile stage (manca)
- restricted dispersal potential

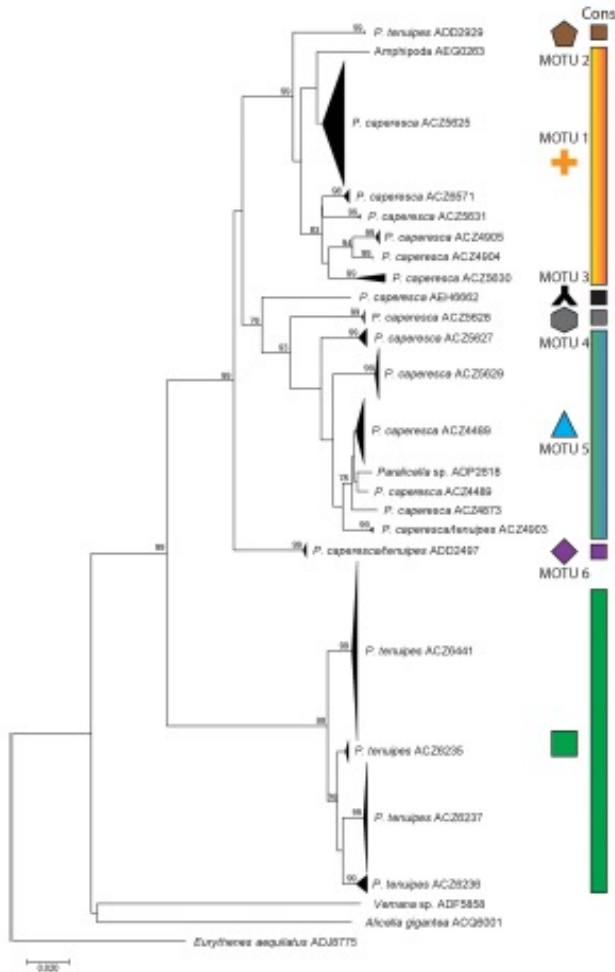


ideal indicators of the environmental conditions!!!



Hidden diversity within widespread species

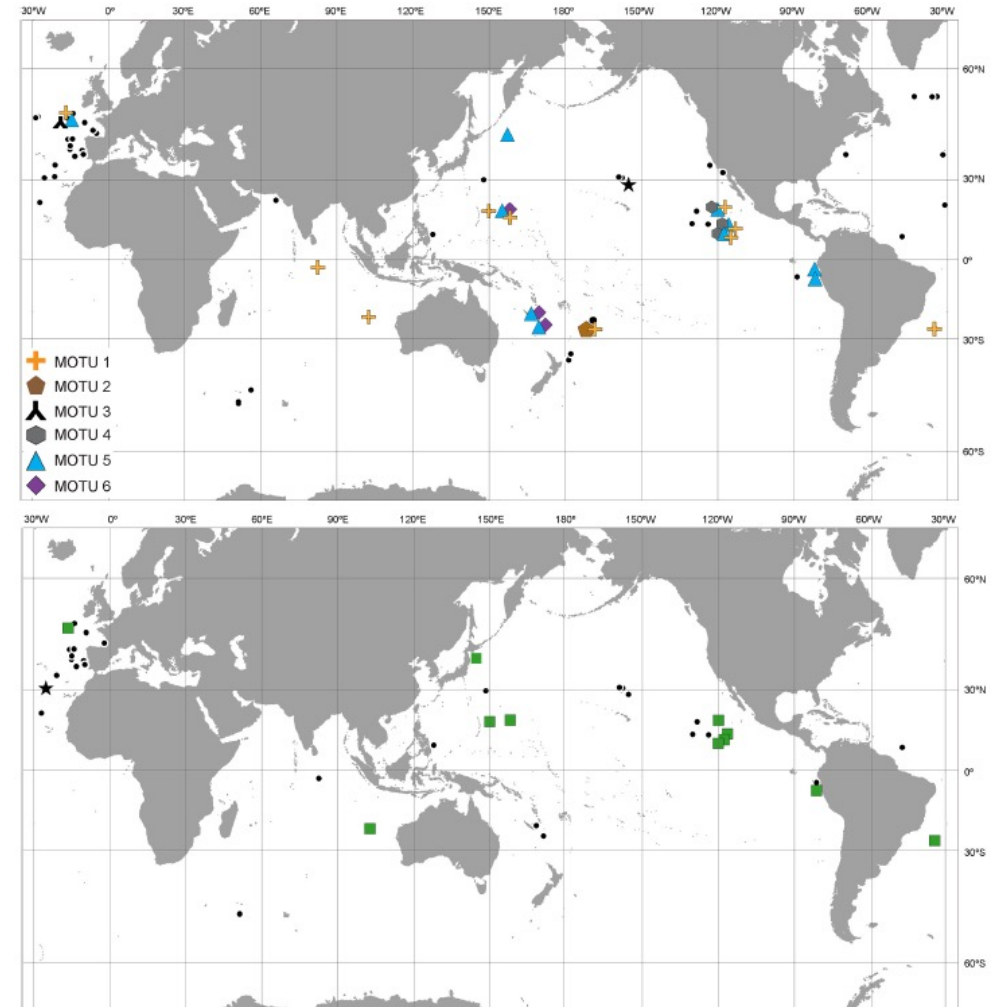
Amphipoda – *Paralicella caperesca* and *P. tenuipes*



Paralicella caperesca
six potential cryptic spp.,
some MOTUs widespread



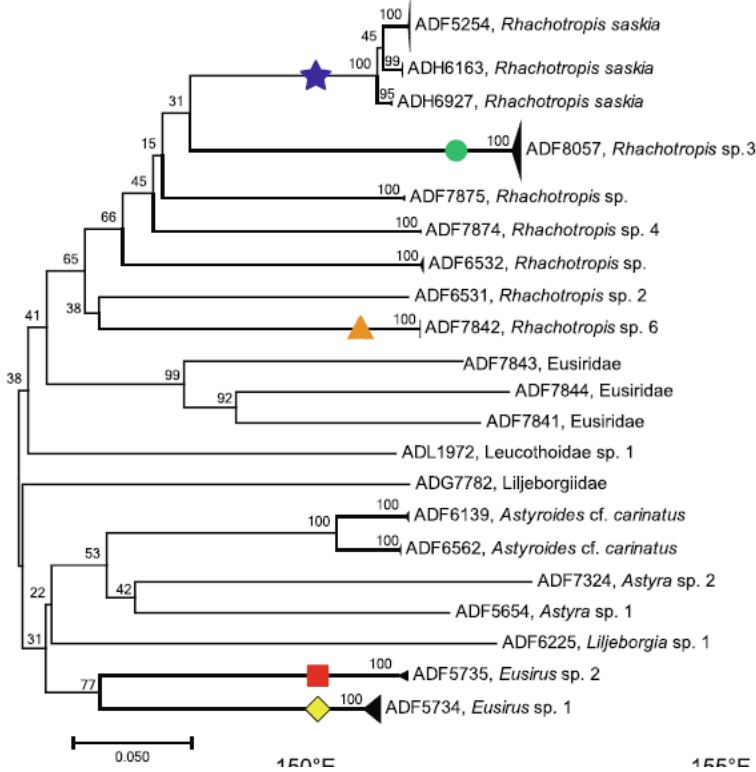
Paralicella tenuipes
one species only,
cosmopolitan distribution



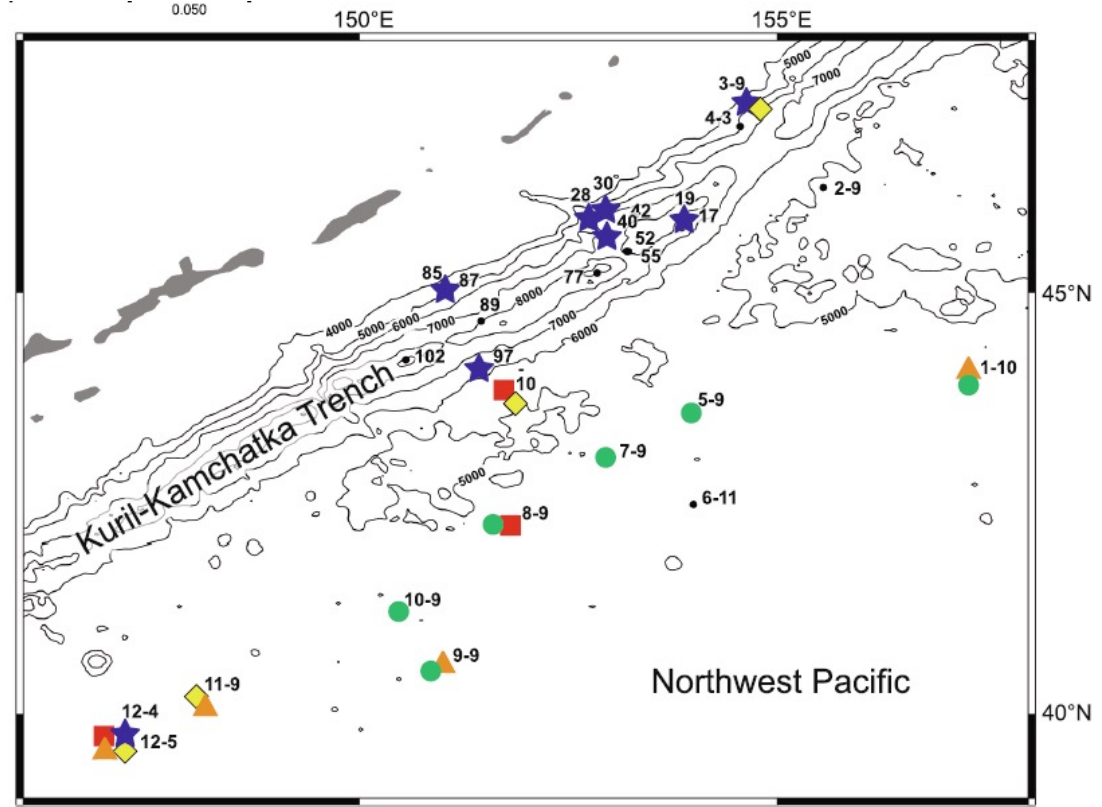


High diversity of NW Pacific Amphipoda

Amphipoda – family Eusiridae



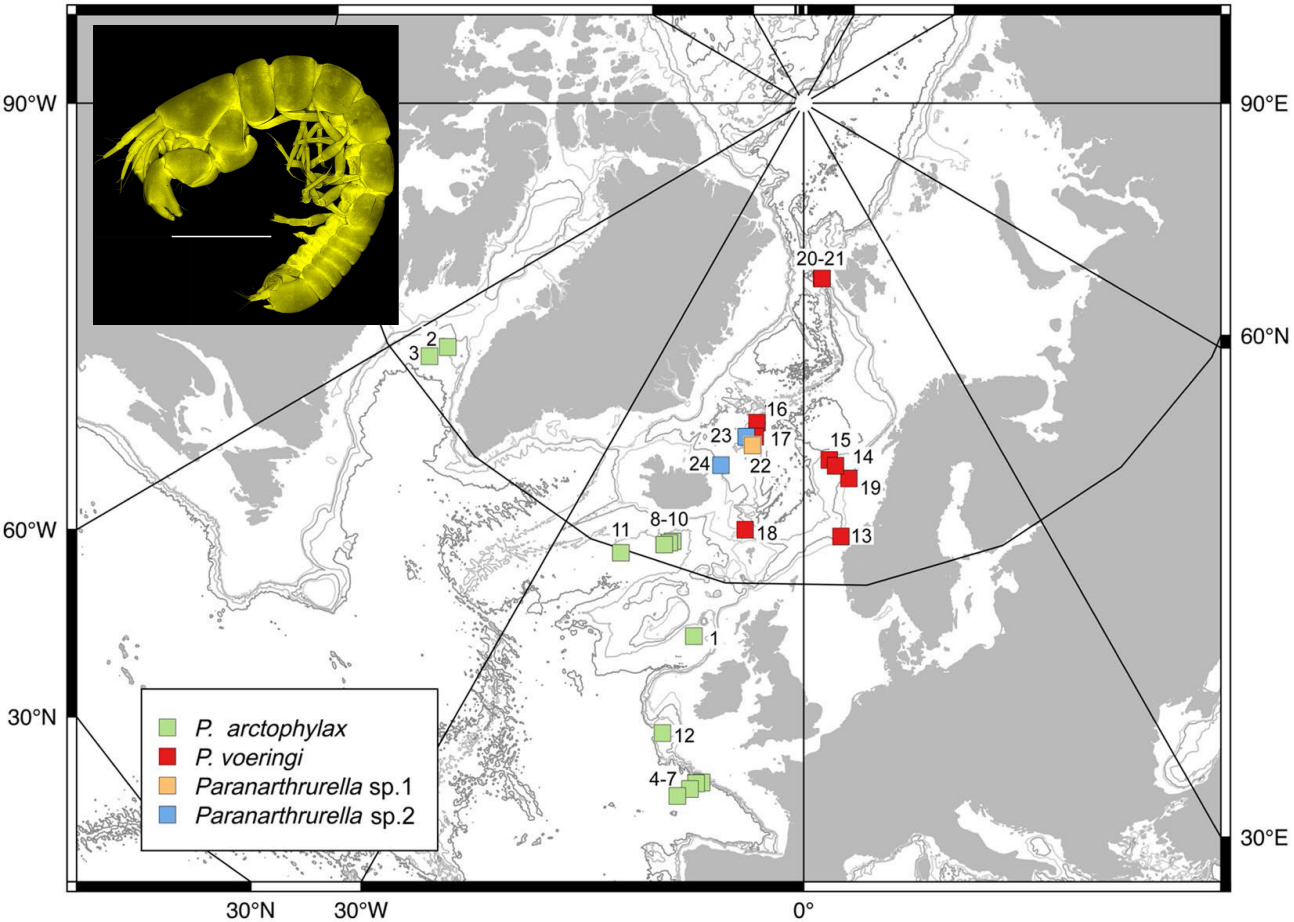
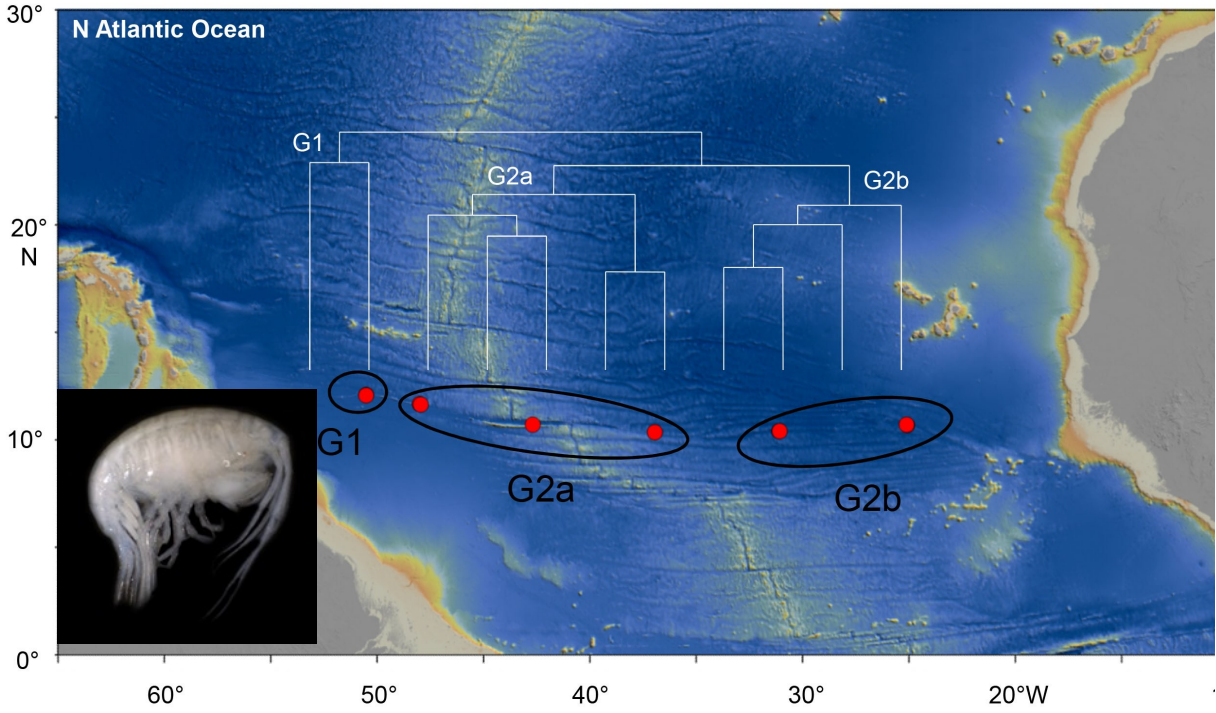
Eusirus sp. 1 – both sides of the KKT
Rhachotropis saskia – both sides of the trench, molecularly confirmed 3000 m depth range



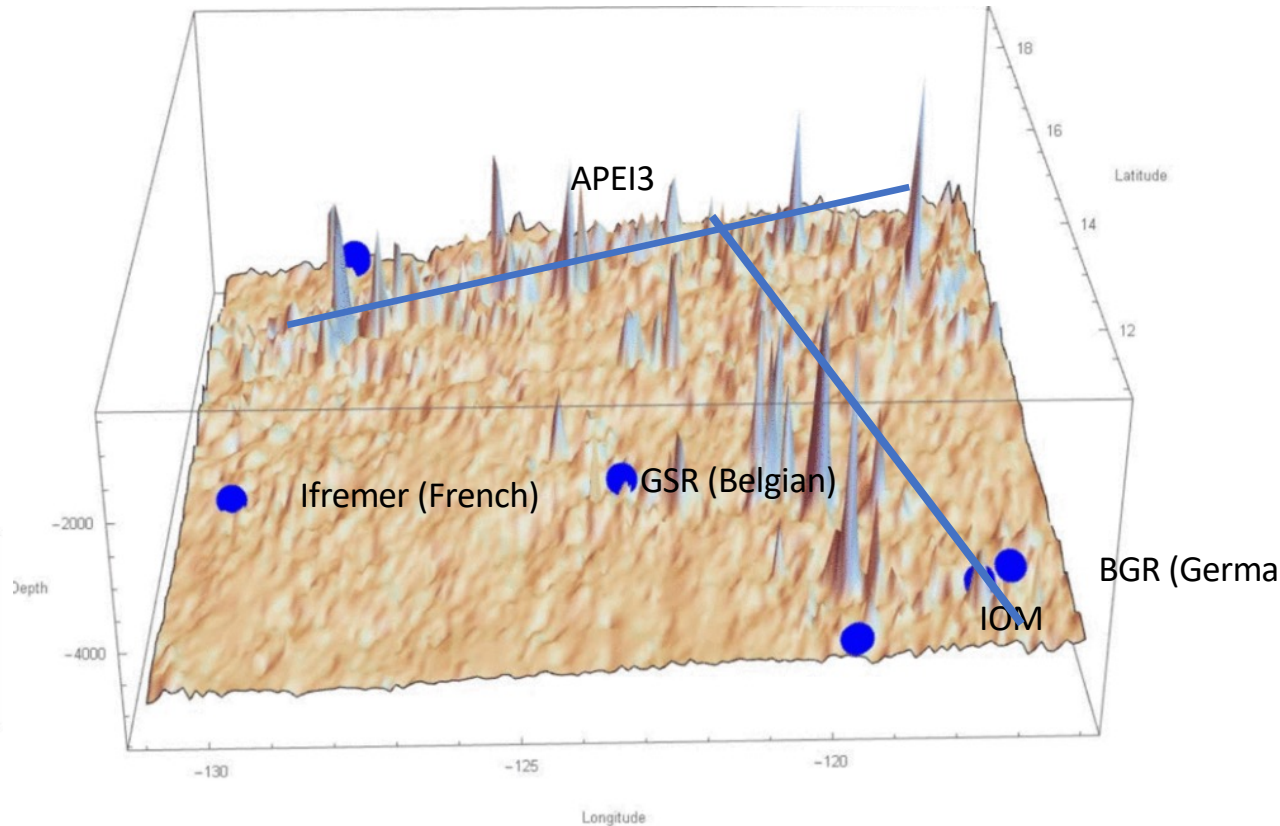
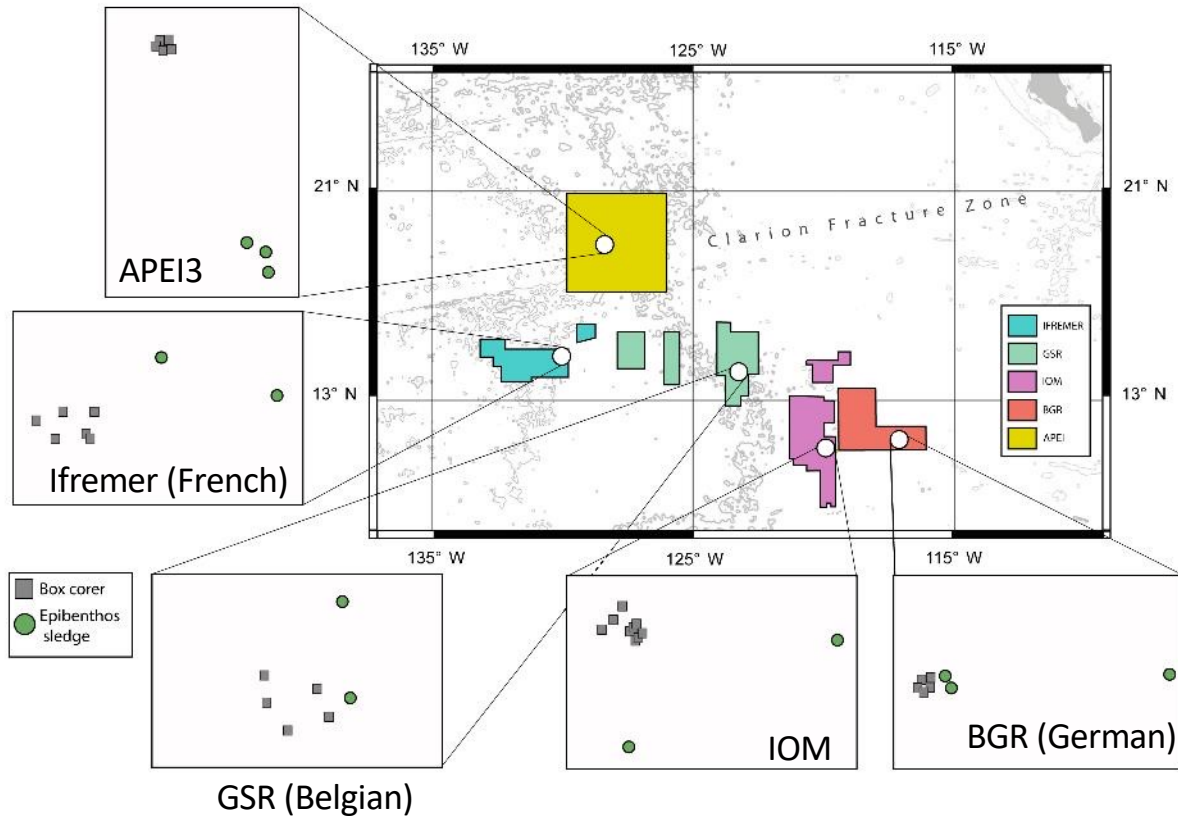
Deep-sea connectivity



Amphipoda and Tanaidacea: MAR is a distribution barrier



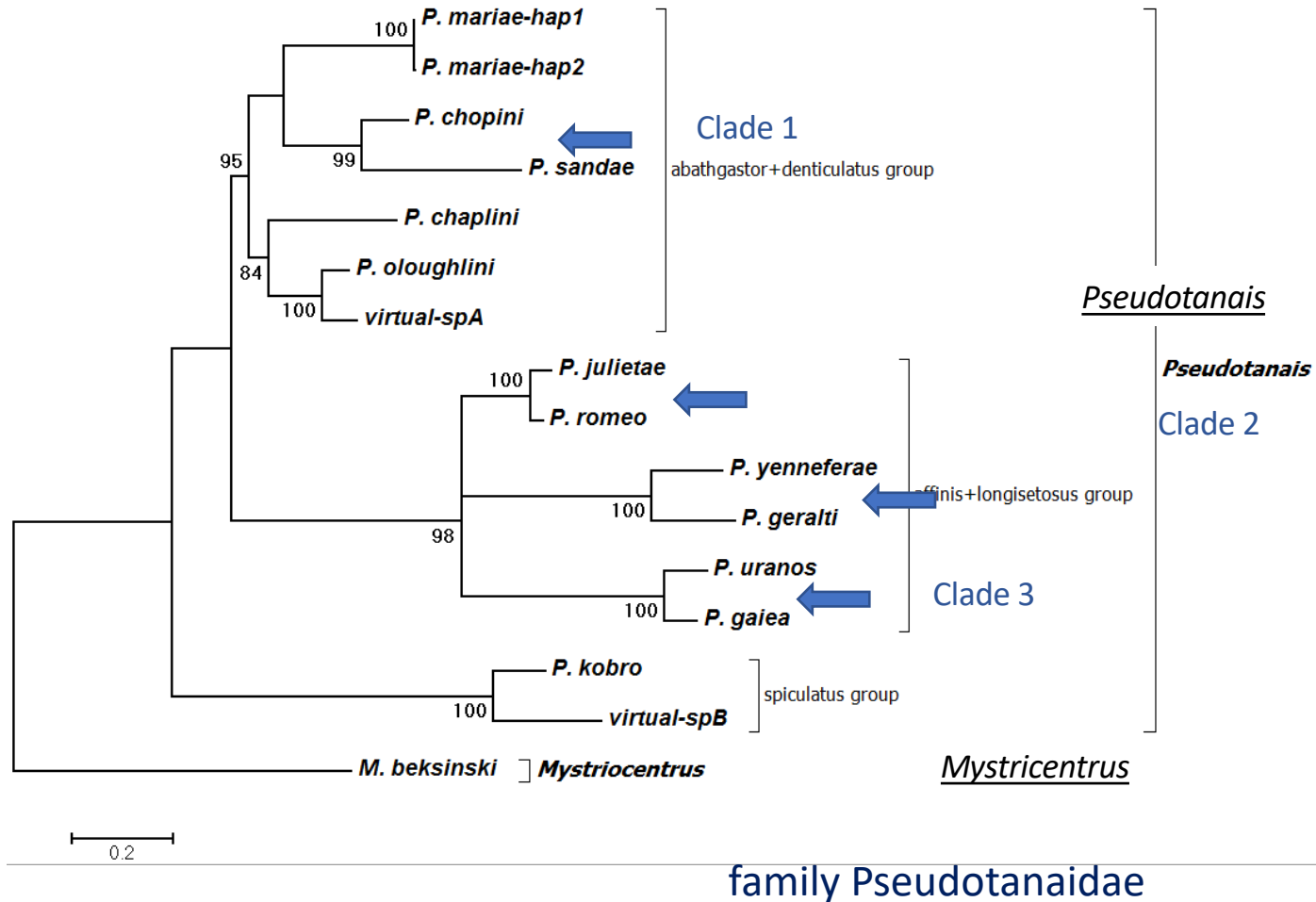
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Tanaidacea are very diverse in mining contracting area



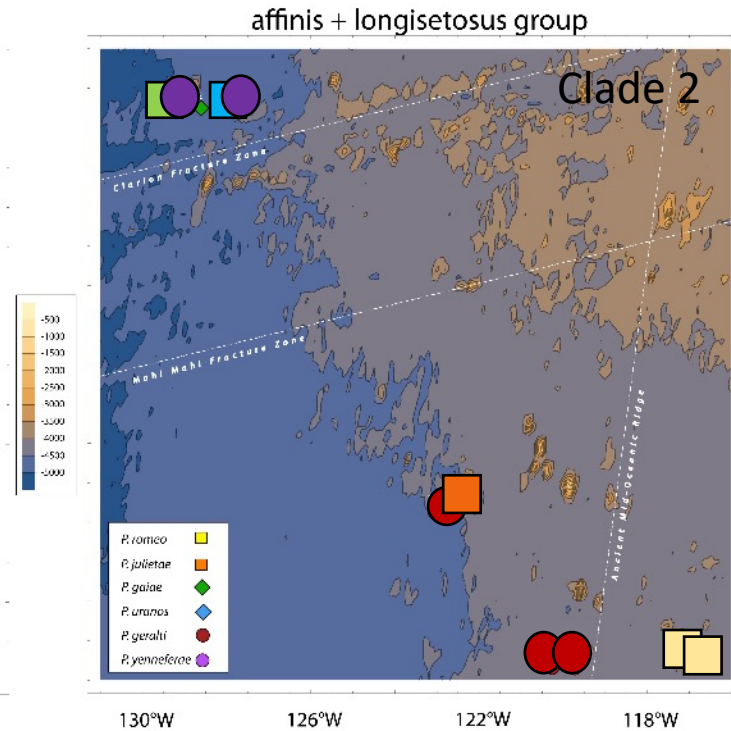
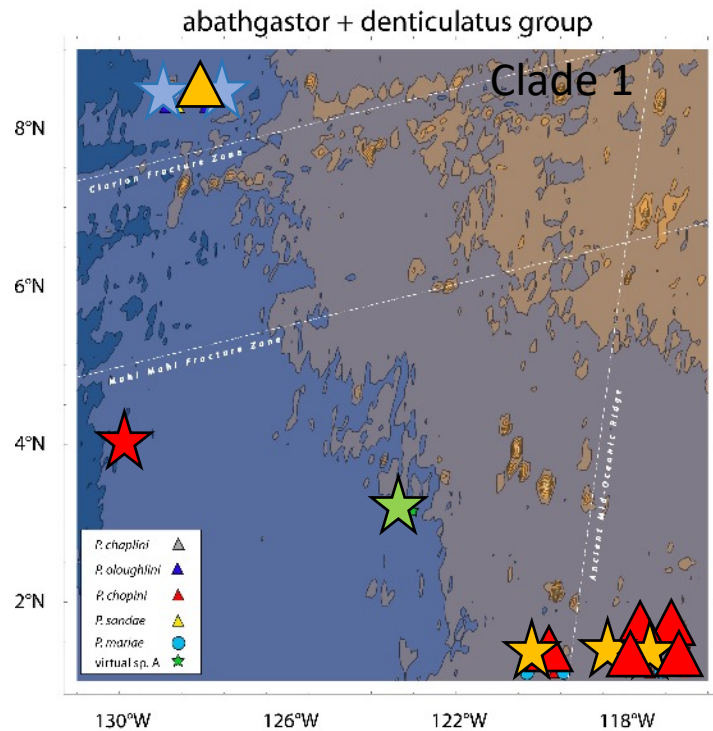
- 90 individuals
- 67 sequences
- COI: 611 bp
- 15 new species



High diversity in contract Area of Central Pacific

Tanaidacea fauna is:

- different from mining-contract area and Area of Particular Environmental Interest (APEI3)
- mining activity decrease diversity



- ★ *P. oloughlini*
- ★ *P. chaplini*
- ★ virtual sp. A
- ★ *P. mariaae*
- ▲ *P. chopini*
- ▲ *P. georgesand*
- *P. uranos*
- *P. gaja*
- *P. romeo*
- *P. juliette*
- *P. geralti*
- *P. yenefere*



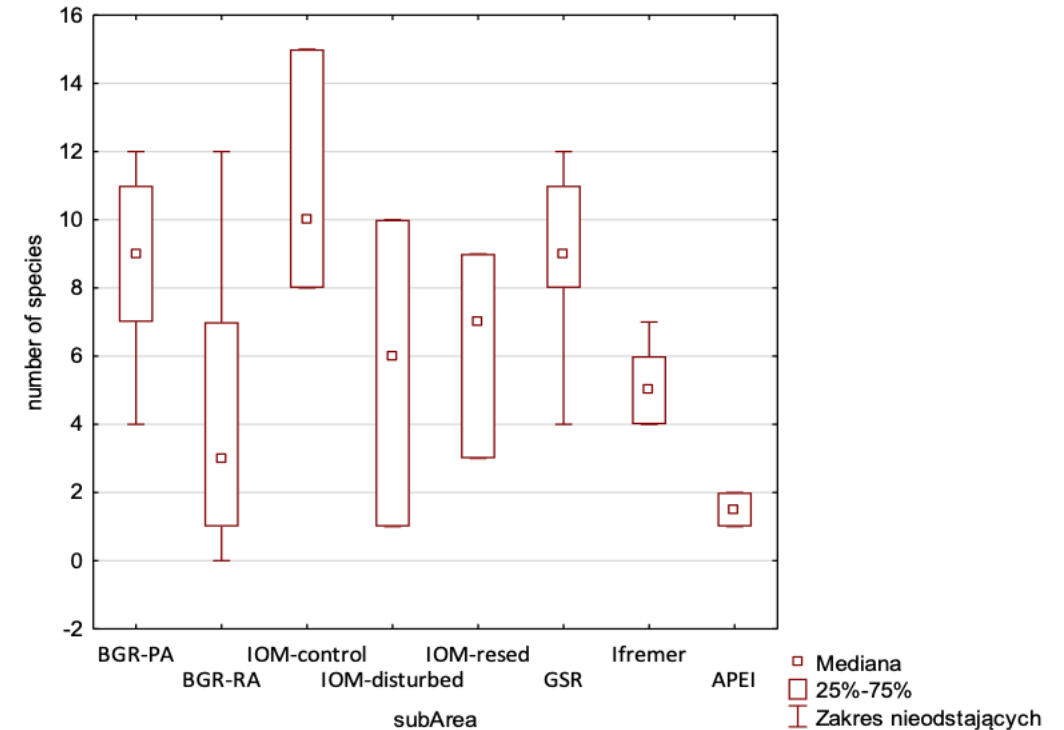
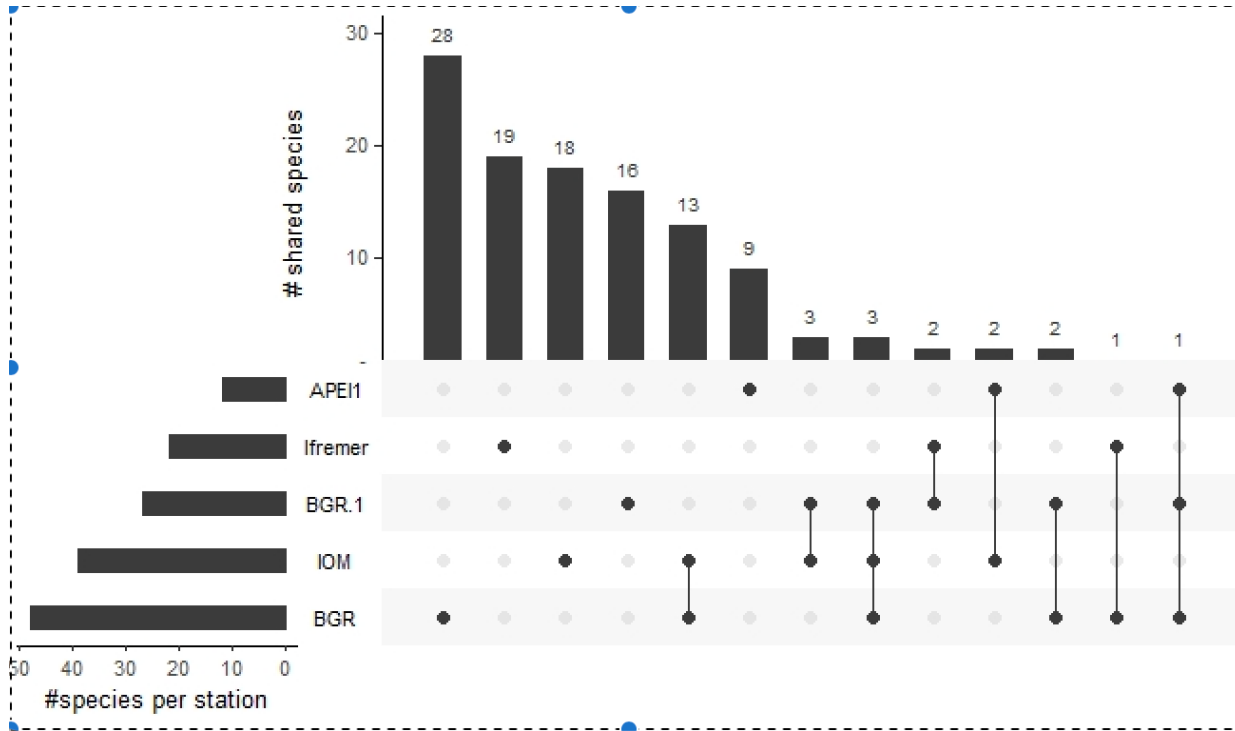
Tanaidacea – family Pseudotanaidea



High diversity of rare species in Central Pacific

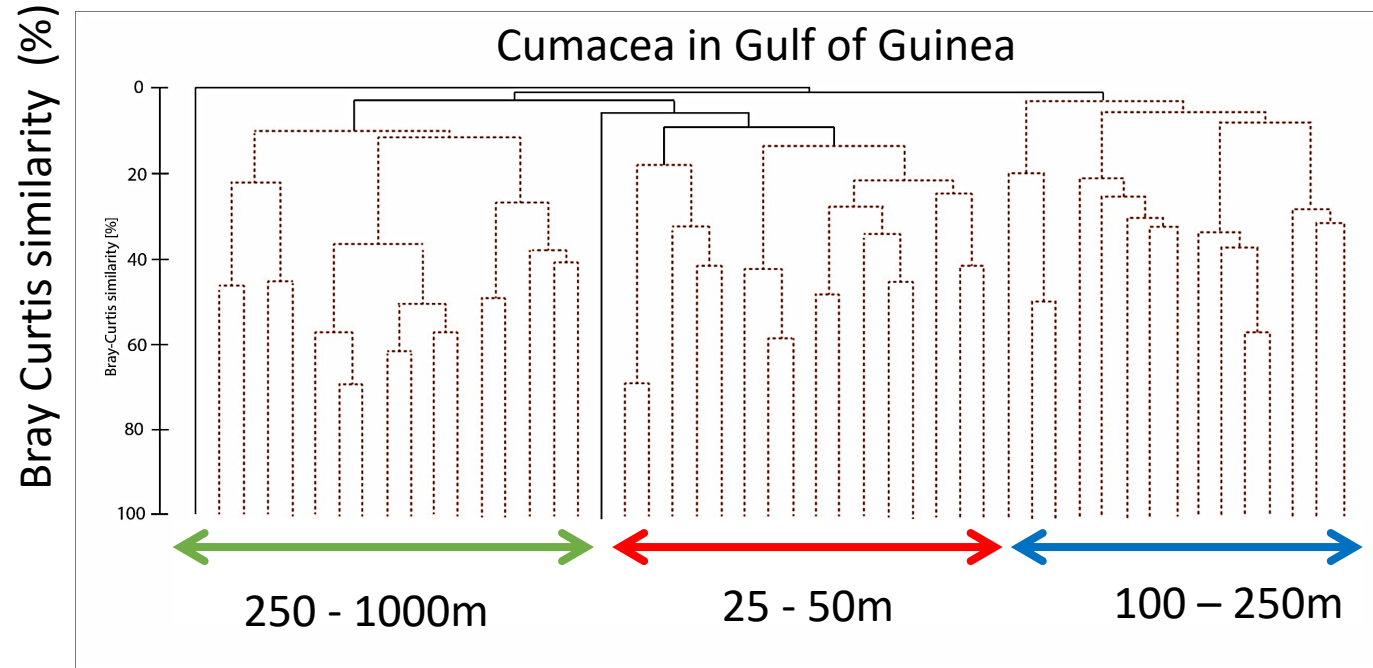
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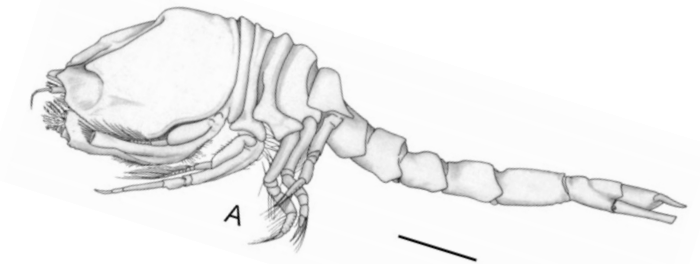
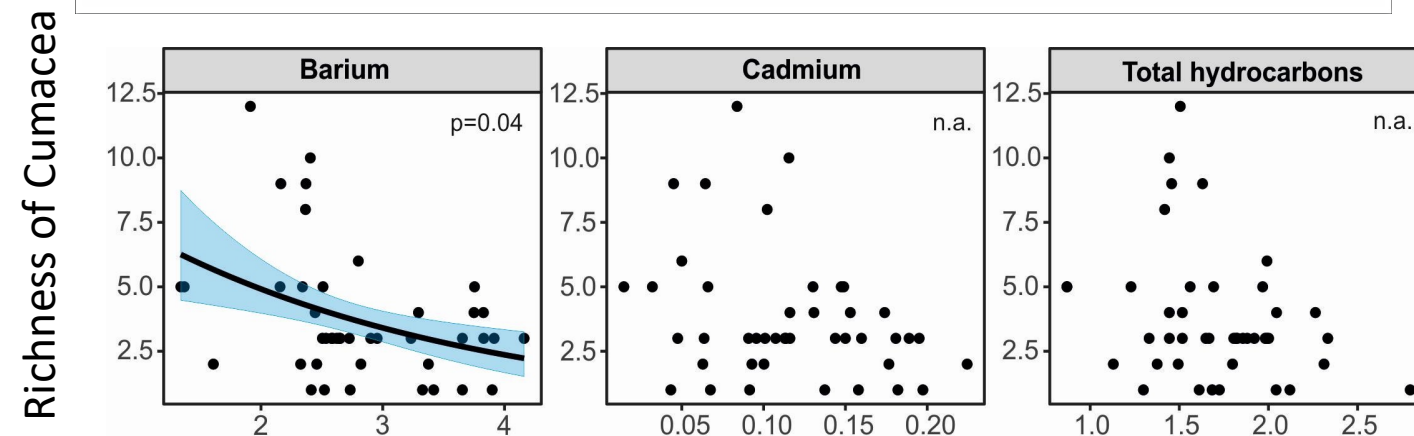
Indicators for environmental conditions



The highest species richness recorded in the shallows (25-50m) and on the slope (1000m).

Cluster analysis separated shallow water communities from deeper shelf and upper slope.

The most unique species composition was found at 1000 m



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