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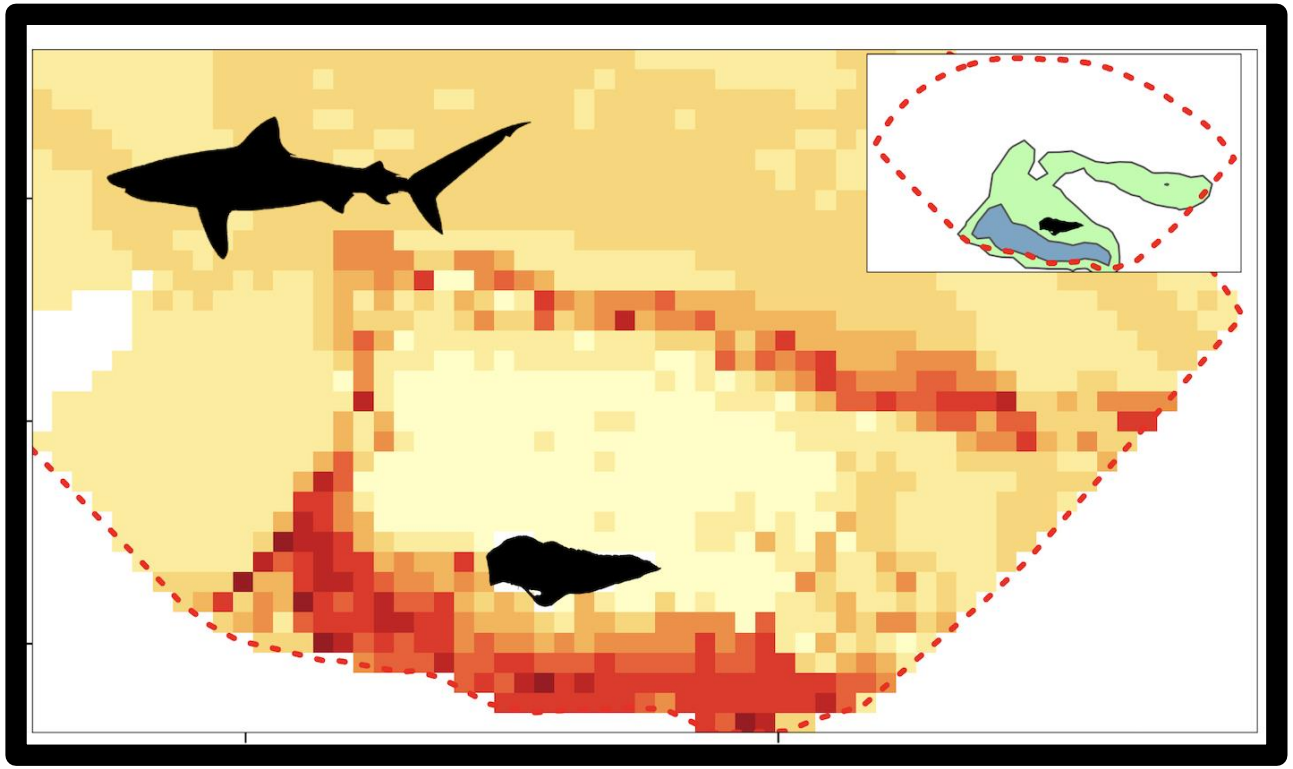

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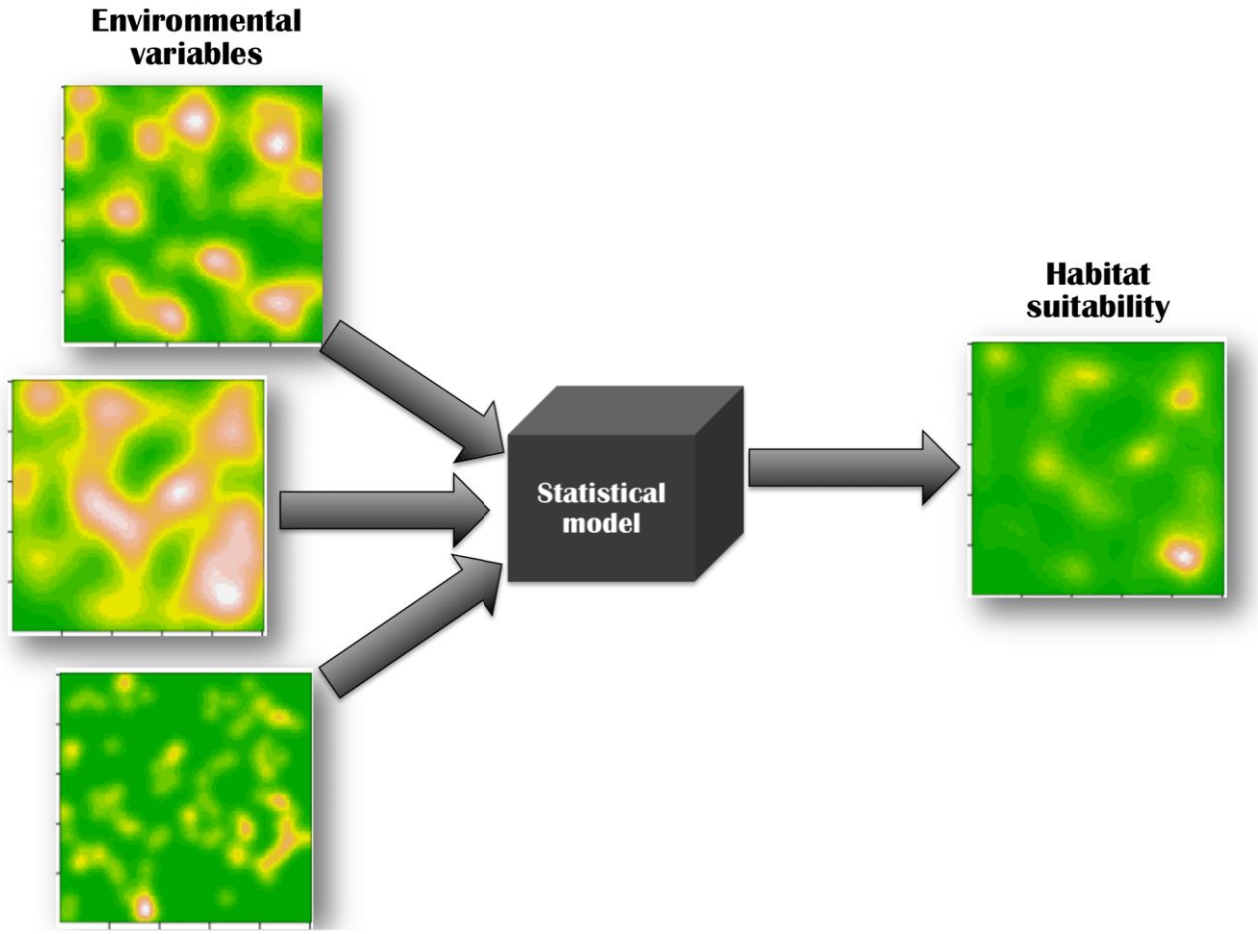
Roadmap for today

1. Modeling Habitat Selection
2. Terrestrial vs. Aquatic
3. Approach with Acoustic Telemetry
4. Considerations and Next Steps
5. Hands-on Code with Seatrout Example

What habitats do animals like or avoid?



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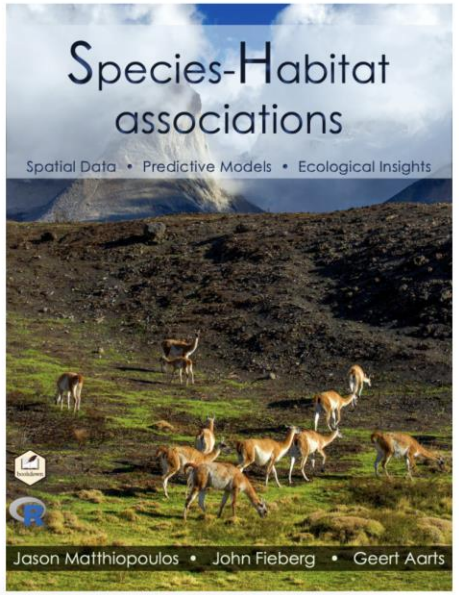

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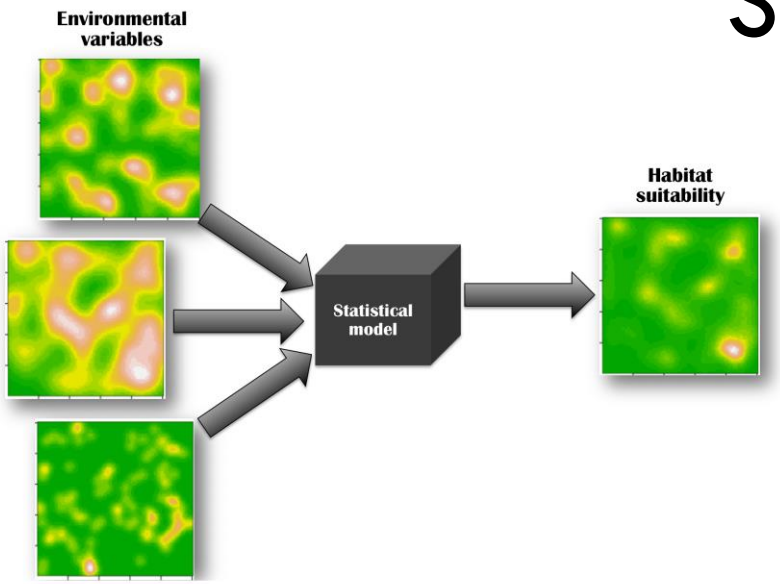
Species Distribution Models & Resource Selection Functions



Input

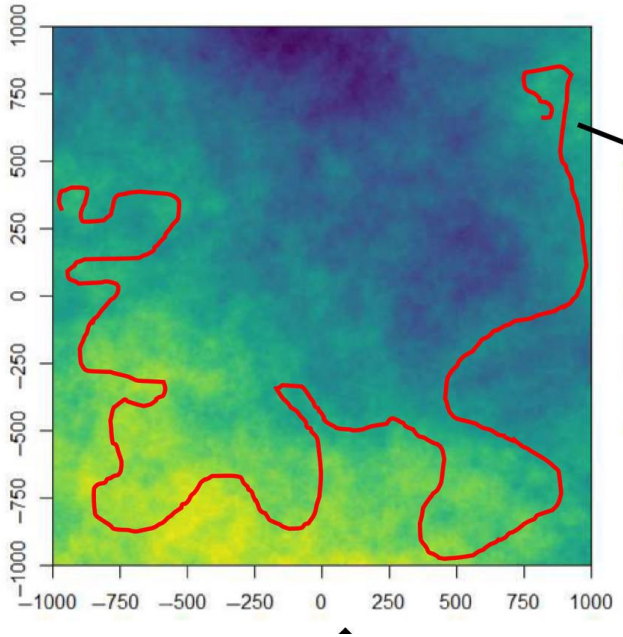
Locations of individuals

Random assignment of locations, also known as pseudo-absences

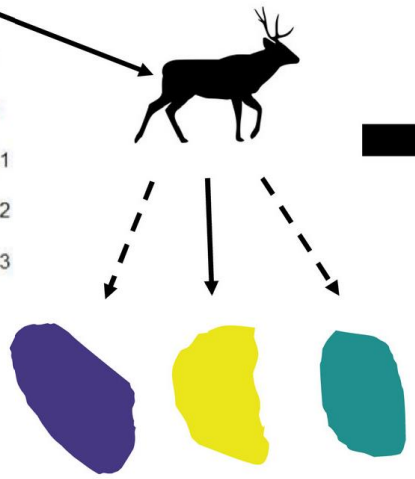
Output

Distribution as a function of resources, risks, conditions

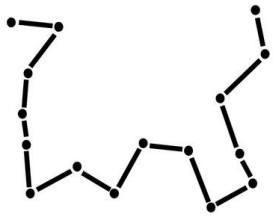
a) Continuous movement path overlaid on map of expected fitness payoff



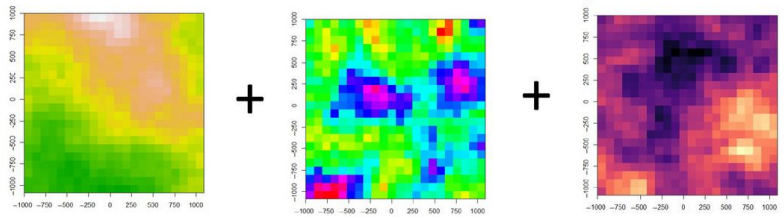
a1) Movement path is result of continuous selection from available habitat based on perceived fitness payoff



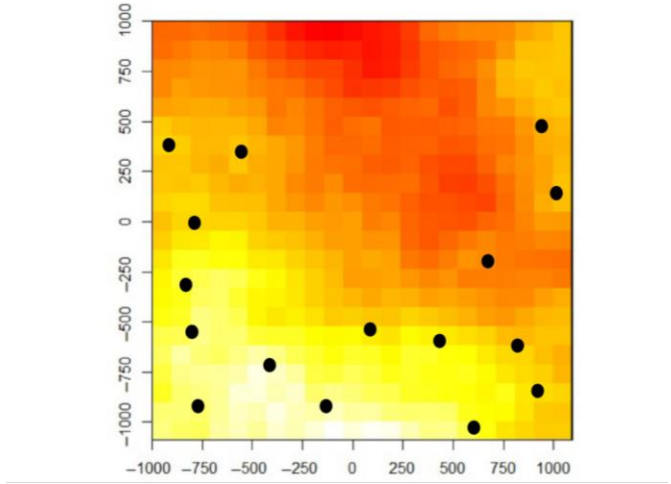
b) Habitat-selection process is sampled using telemetry, providing a sample from the distribution of used locations: $f^u(\boldsymbol{x})$



c) Environmental covariates are chosen to represent habitat. Can be in continuous or discrete space



d) Distribution of available habitat ($f^A(\boldsymbol{x})$) is approximated and sampled. Environmental covariates are extracted for used and available sample

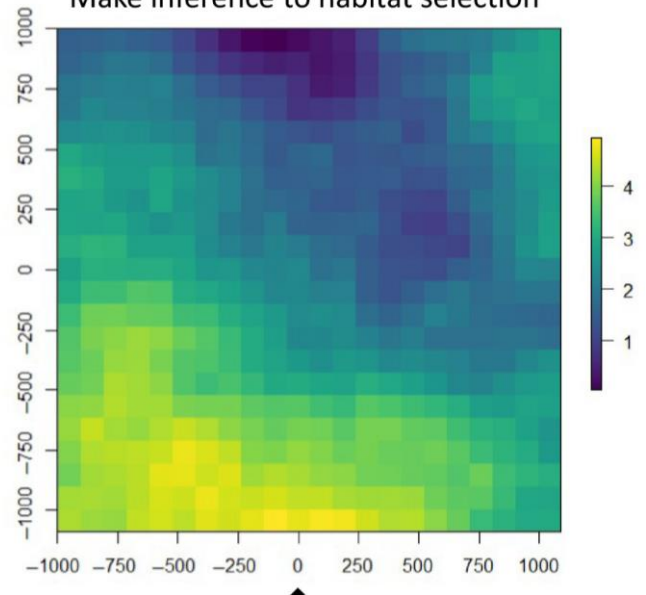


e) Fit selection functions [$w(\boldsymbol{x})$] to obtain estimates of coefficients from the weighted distribution

$$f^u(\boldsymbol{x}) = \frac{f^A(\boldsymbol{x})w(\boldsymbol{x})}{\int f^A(\boldsymbol{x})w(\boldsymbol{x})d\boldsymbol{x}}$$

$$w(x) = \exp(\boldsymbol{x}\boldsymbol{\beta})$$

f) Model selection, evaluation, validation, map. Make inference to habitat selection



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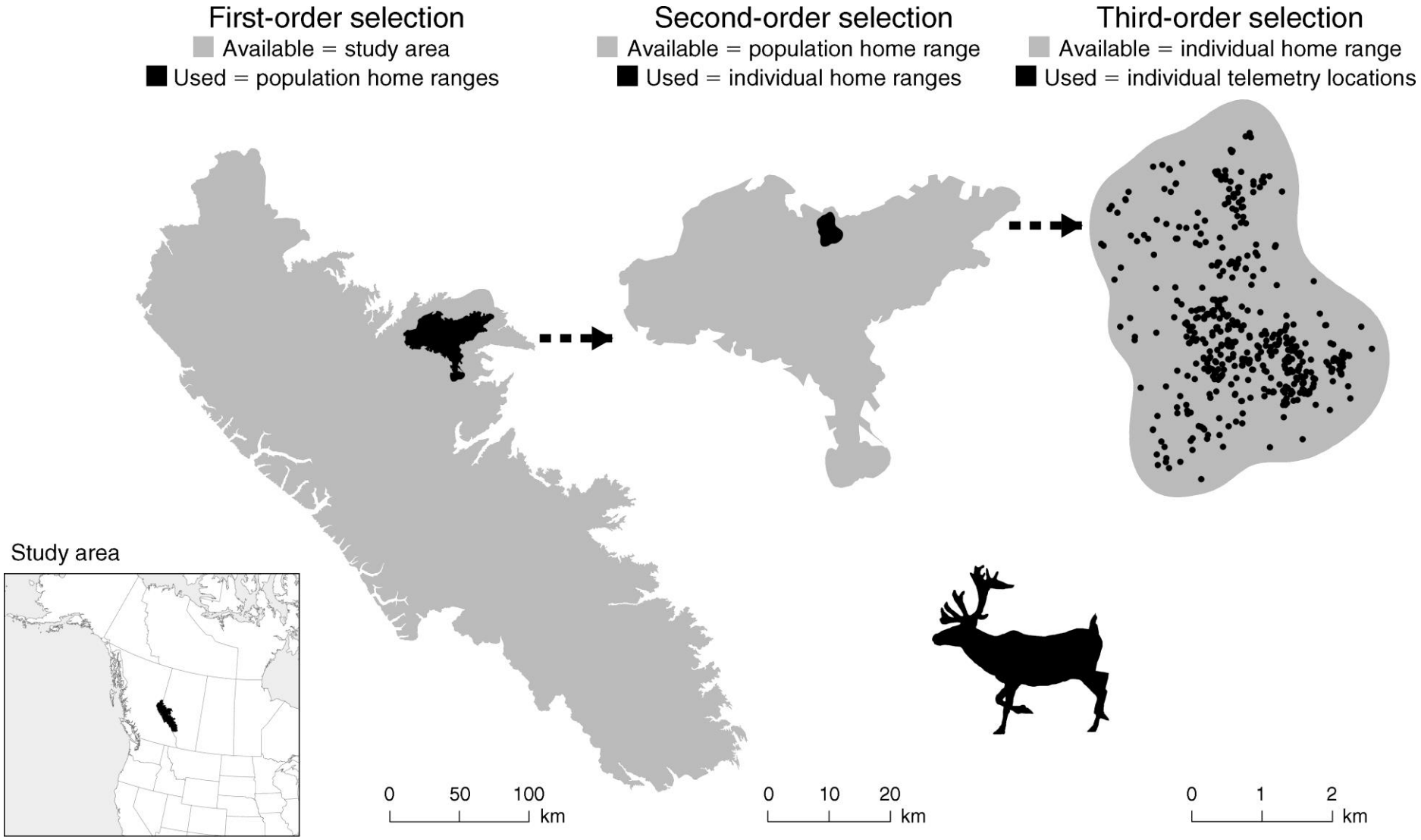

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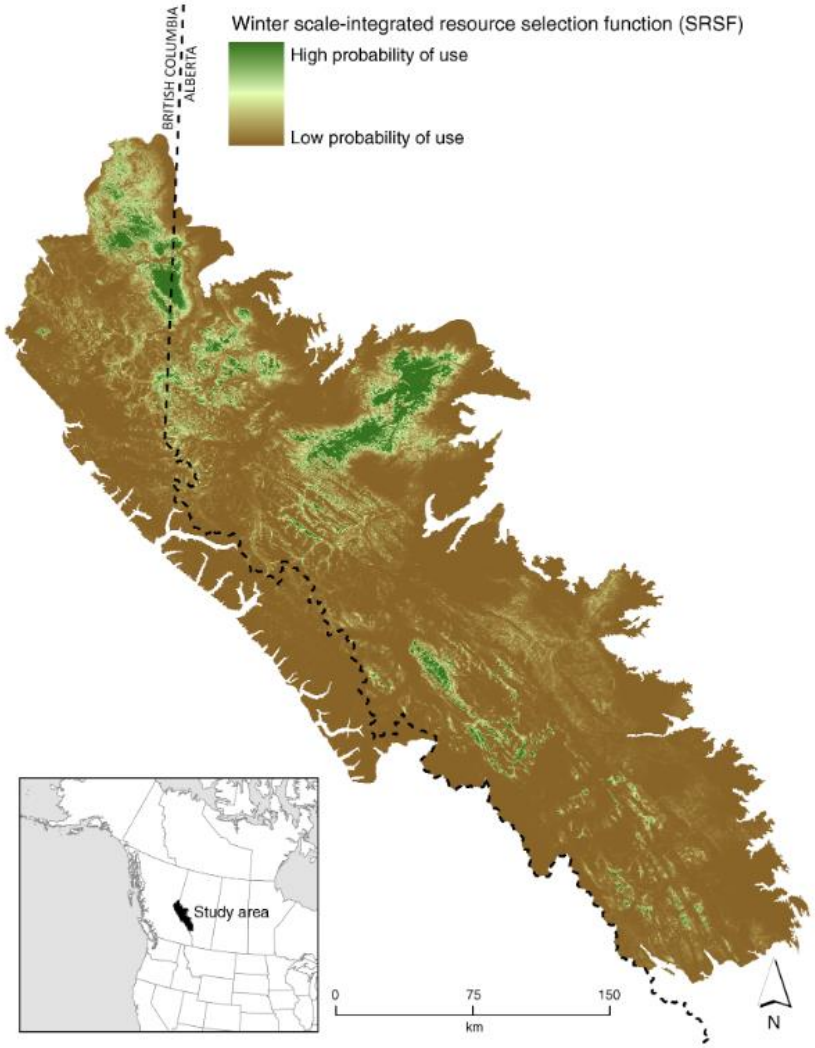

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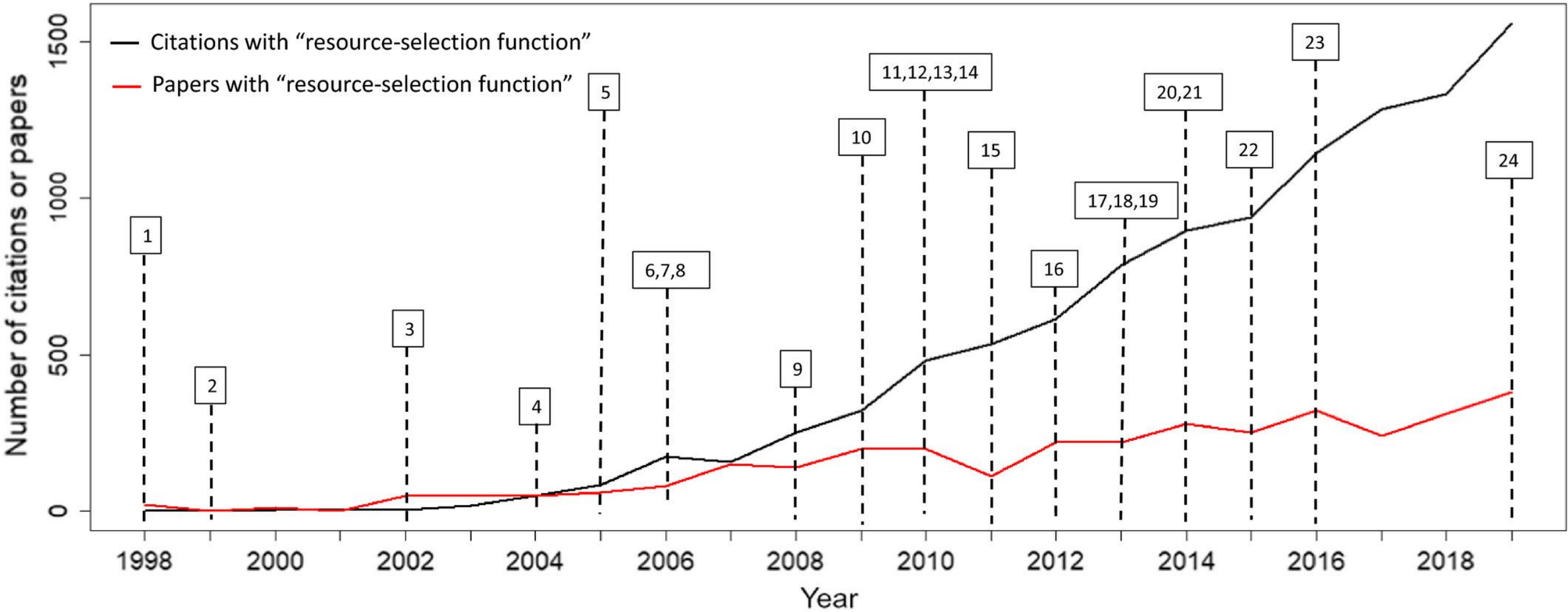

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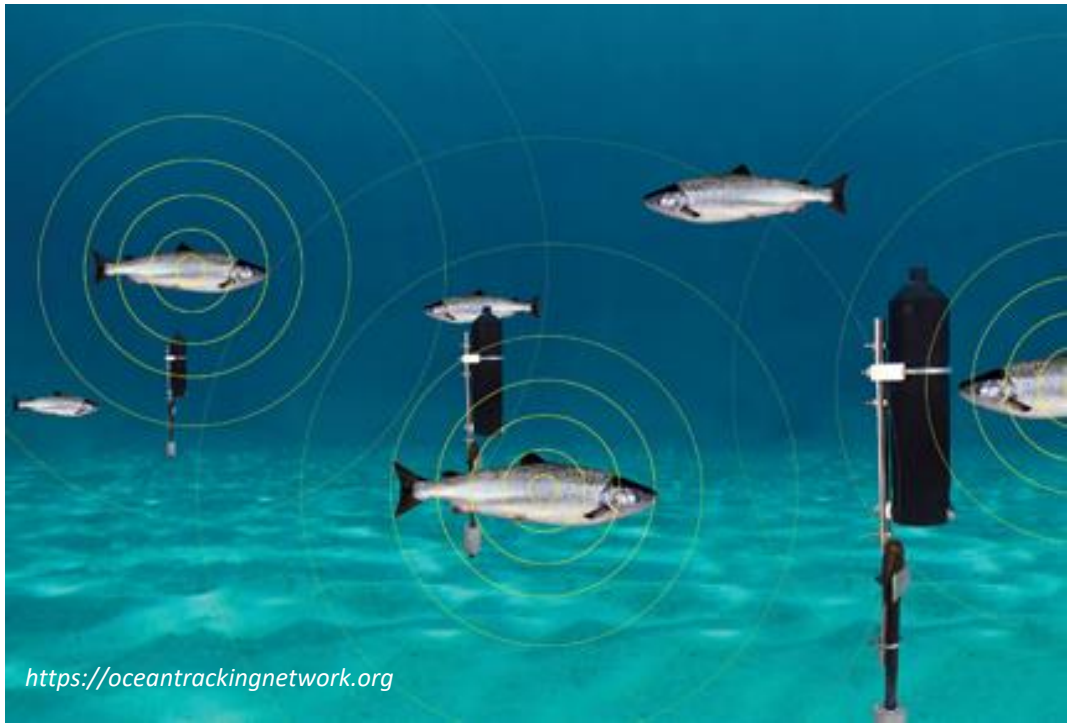

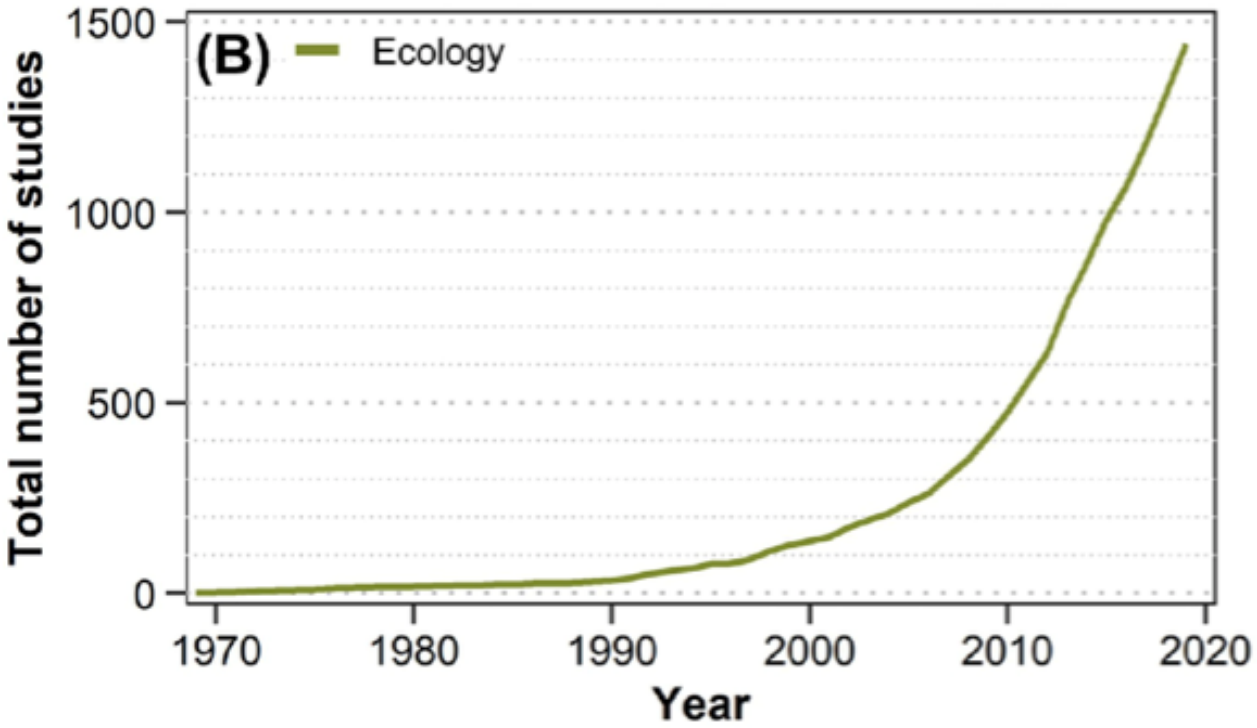

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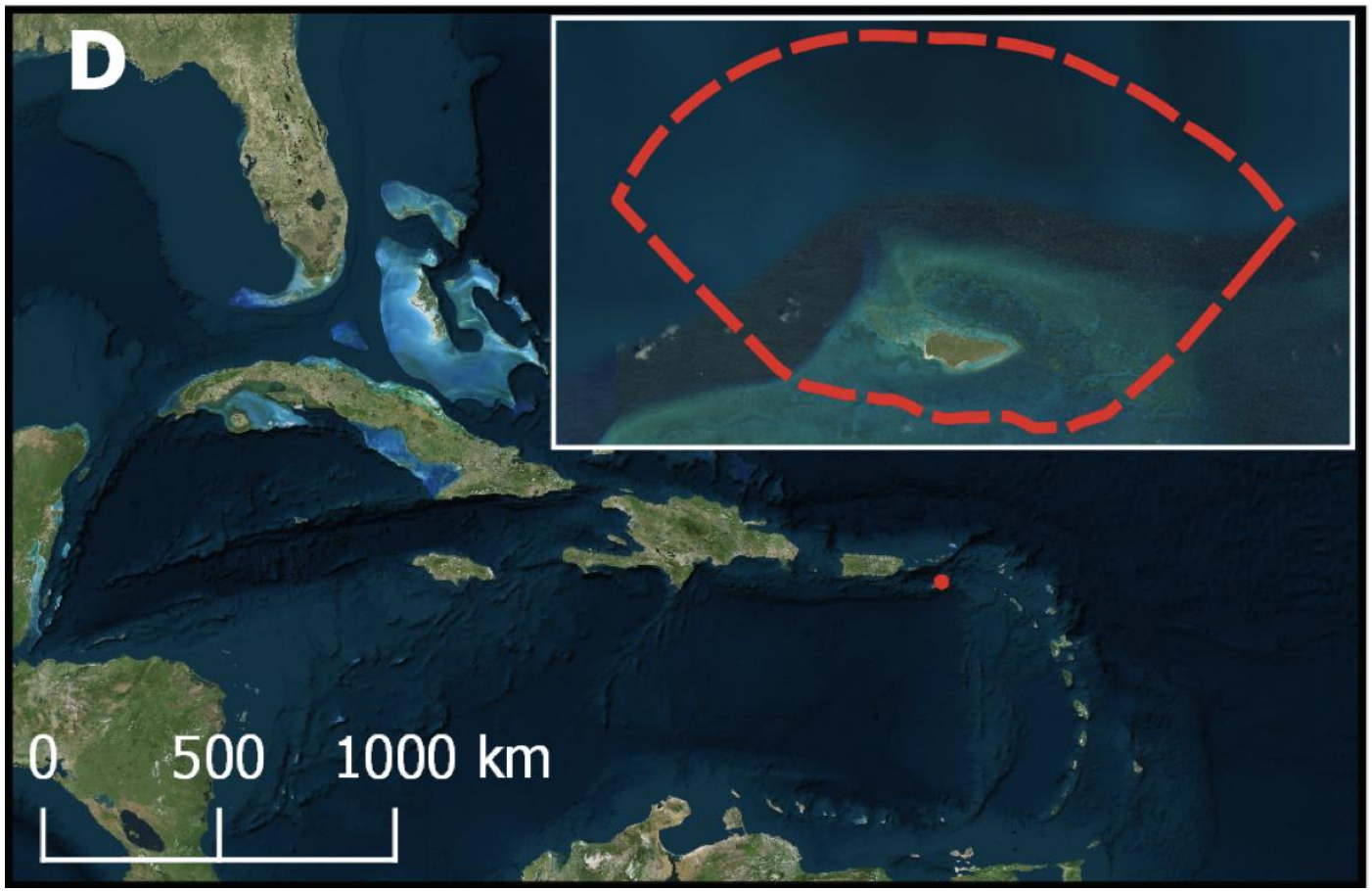

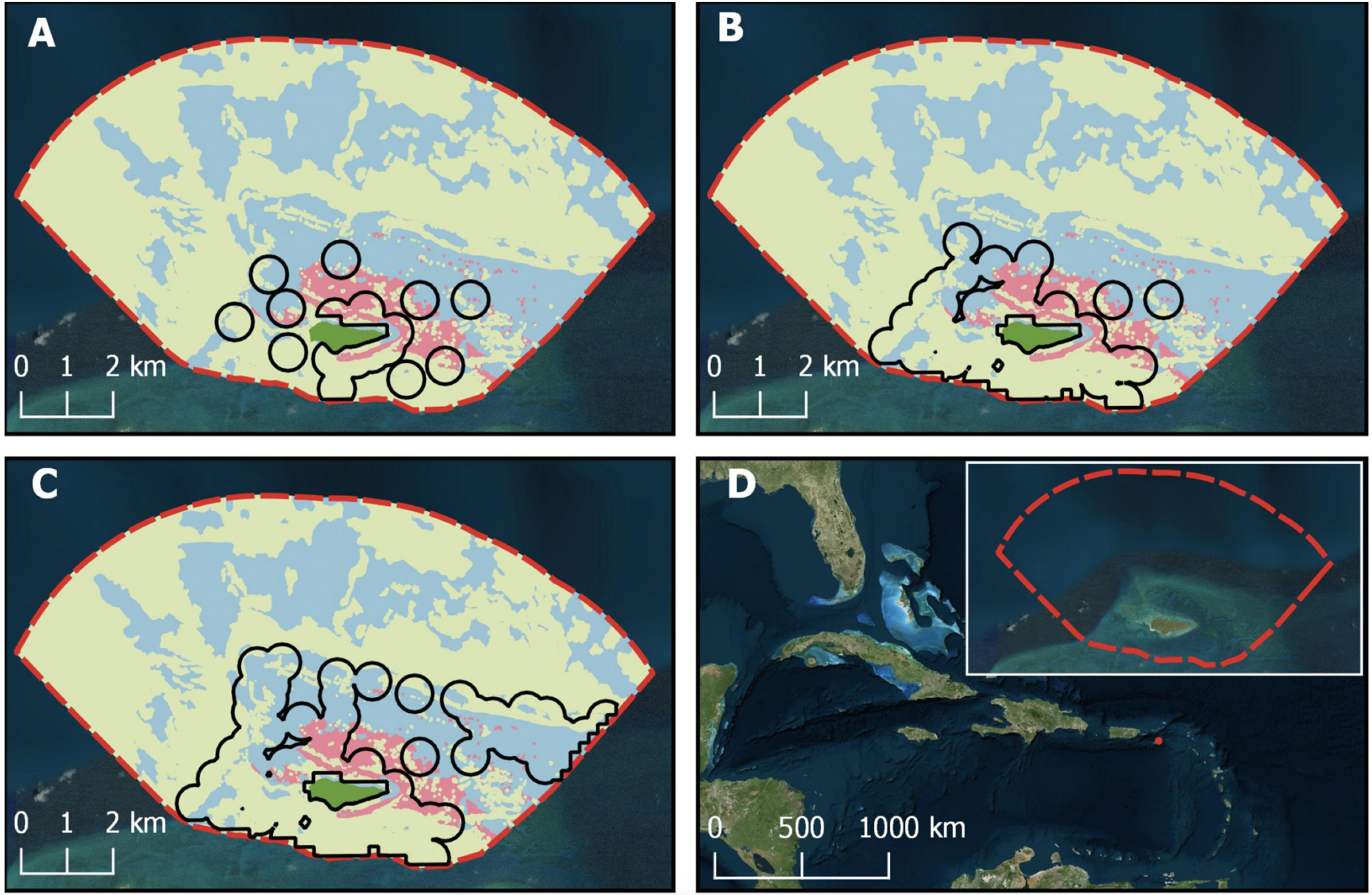

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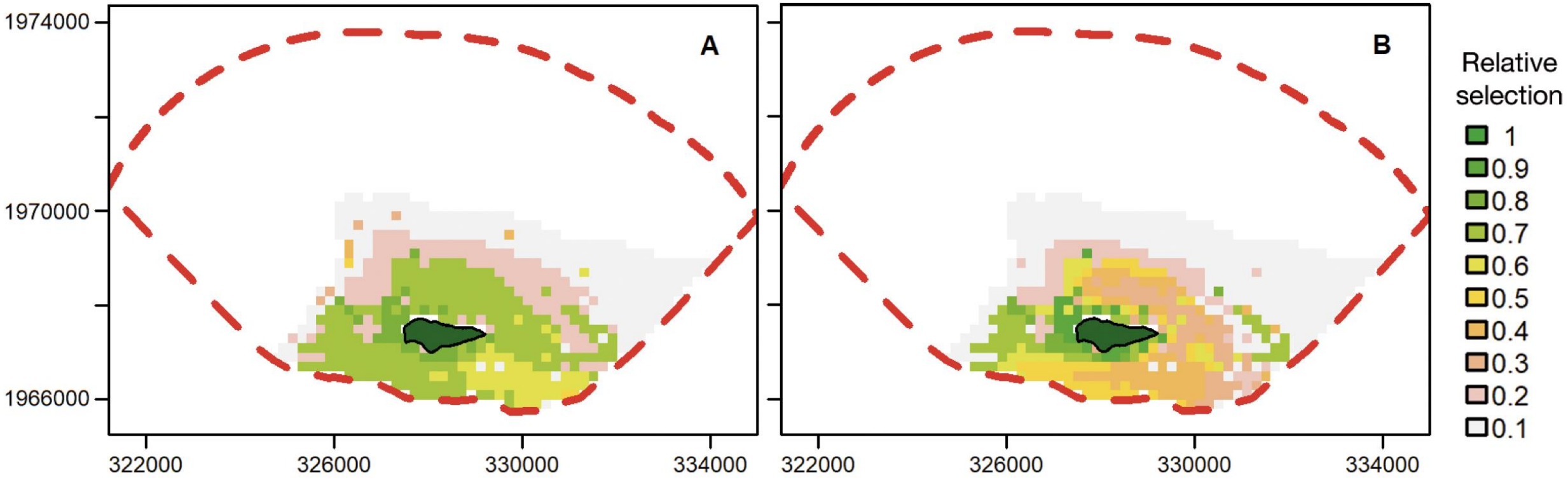
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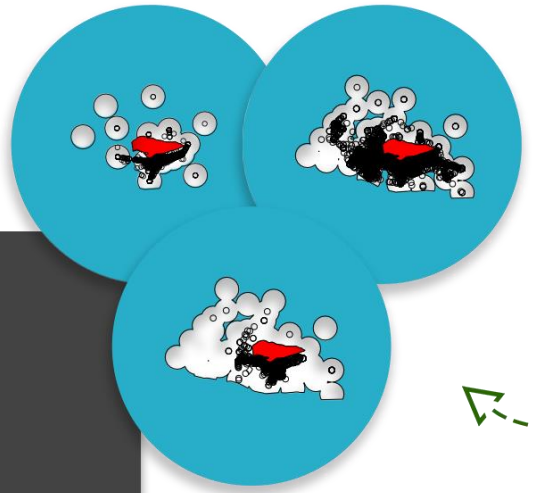

Calculated centers of activity (COAs) constrained to the available resource units.

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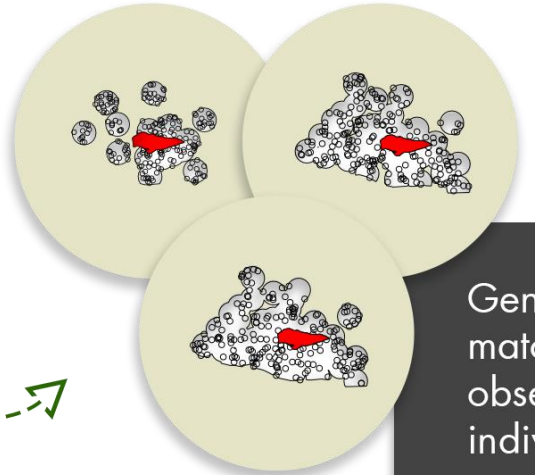

Generate random points matching the number of observed COAs at the individual, diel, and year level, constrained to the available resource units.

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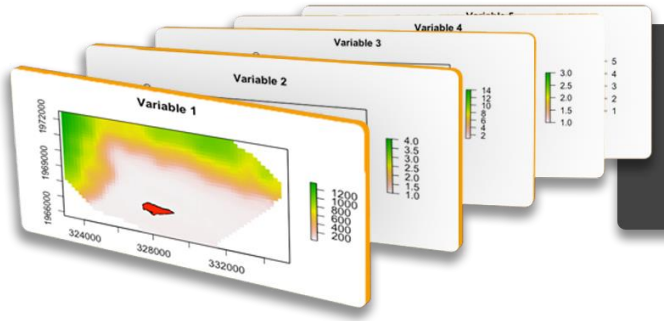

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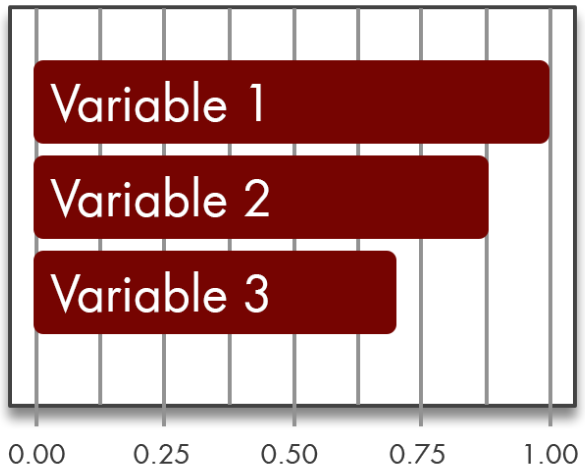

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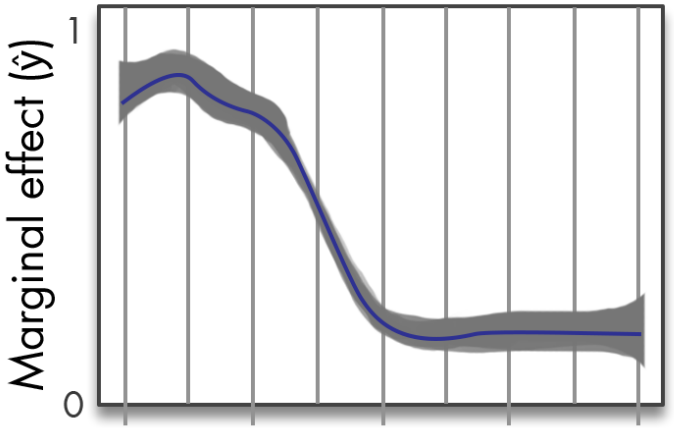

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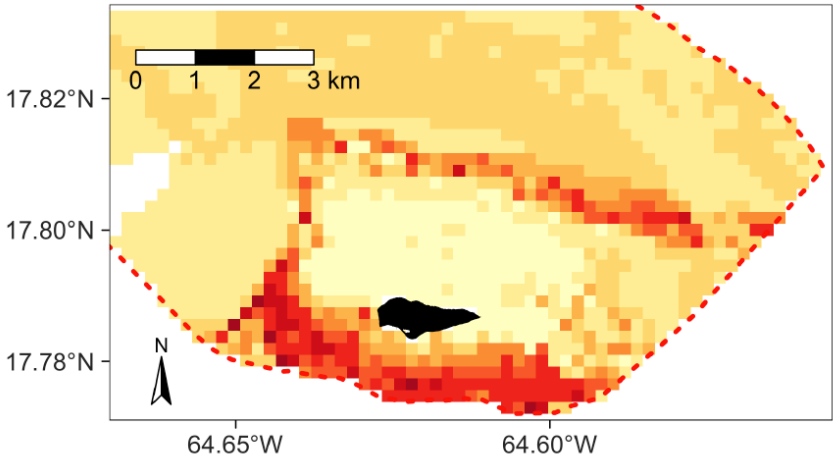
Trained model to predict and extrapolate across study area.



Considerations with RSFs and Acoustic Telemetry

Array Design

- Does it cover all representative habitats? Home range of animal?
- How does detection efficiency get incorporated?
- What's your available habitat delineation?

Deriving location data

- Centers of activity, correlated random walks, etc. (see *patter* package)

Location to pseudo-absence points ratio

Spatial and temporal autocorrelation

- Modeling approach
- Thinning the data

Habitat variables

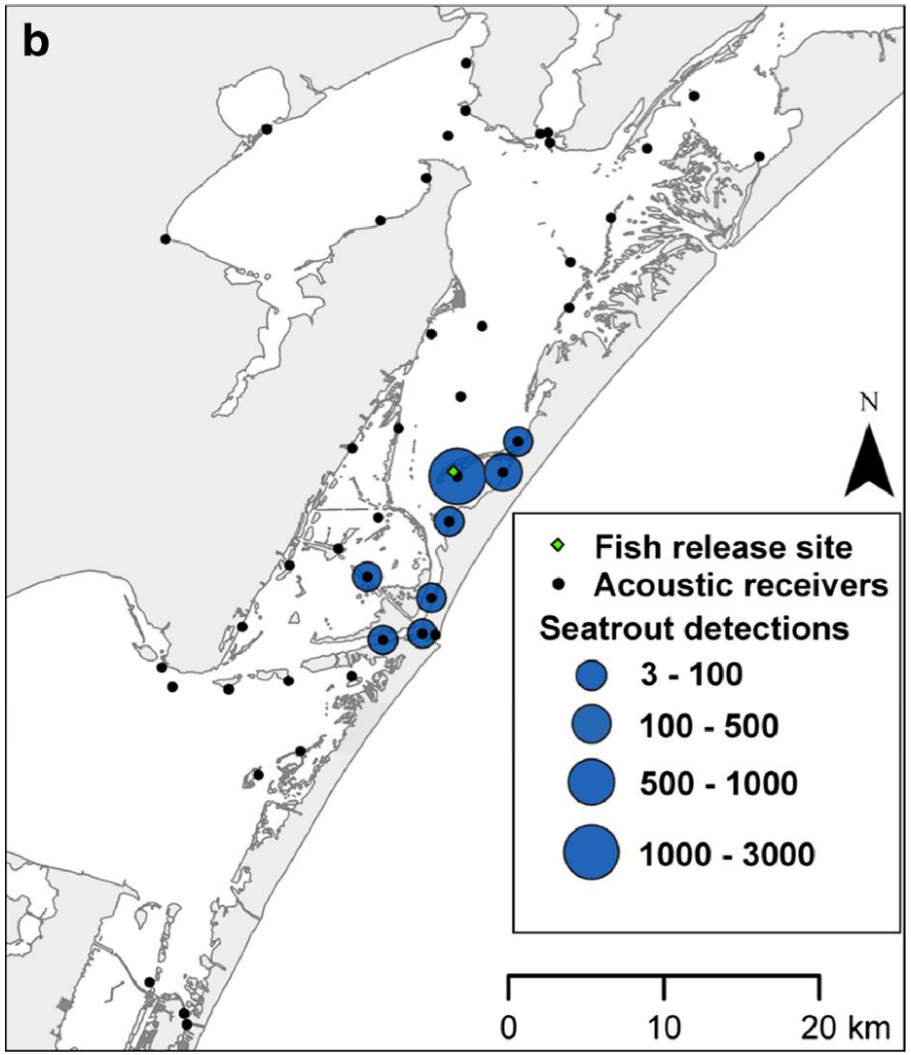
- Static vs dynamic
- Scales

Extrapolations:

- How robust are predictions into new systems (see *dsmextra package)*

Seatrout Example

Spotted Seatrout (*Cynoscion nebulosus*)



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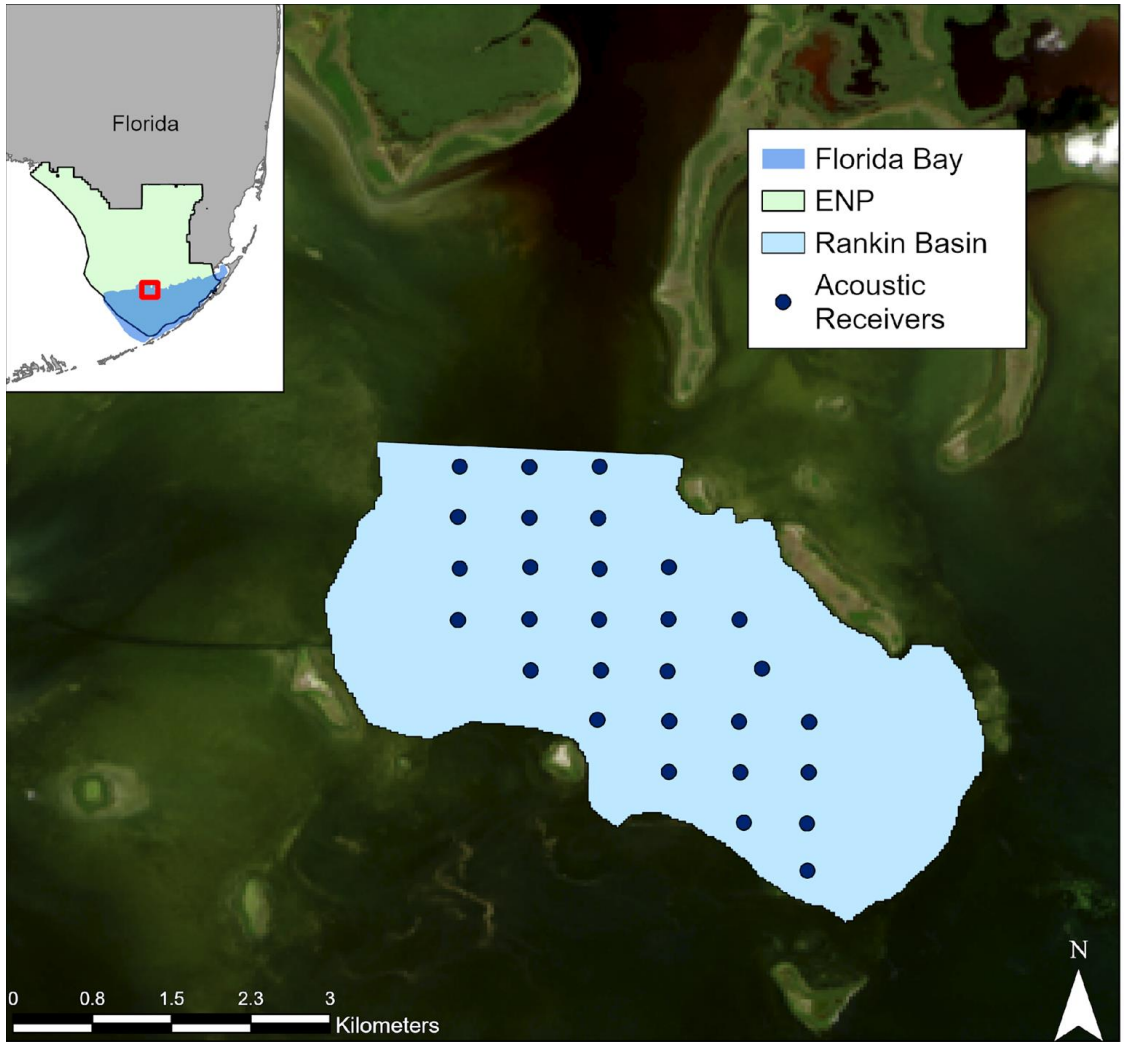

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- 151 tagged seatrout
  - Using a subset of 8 individuals

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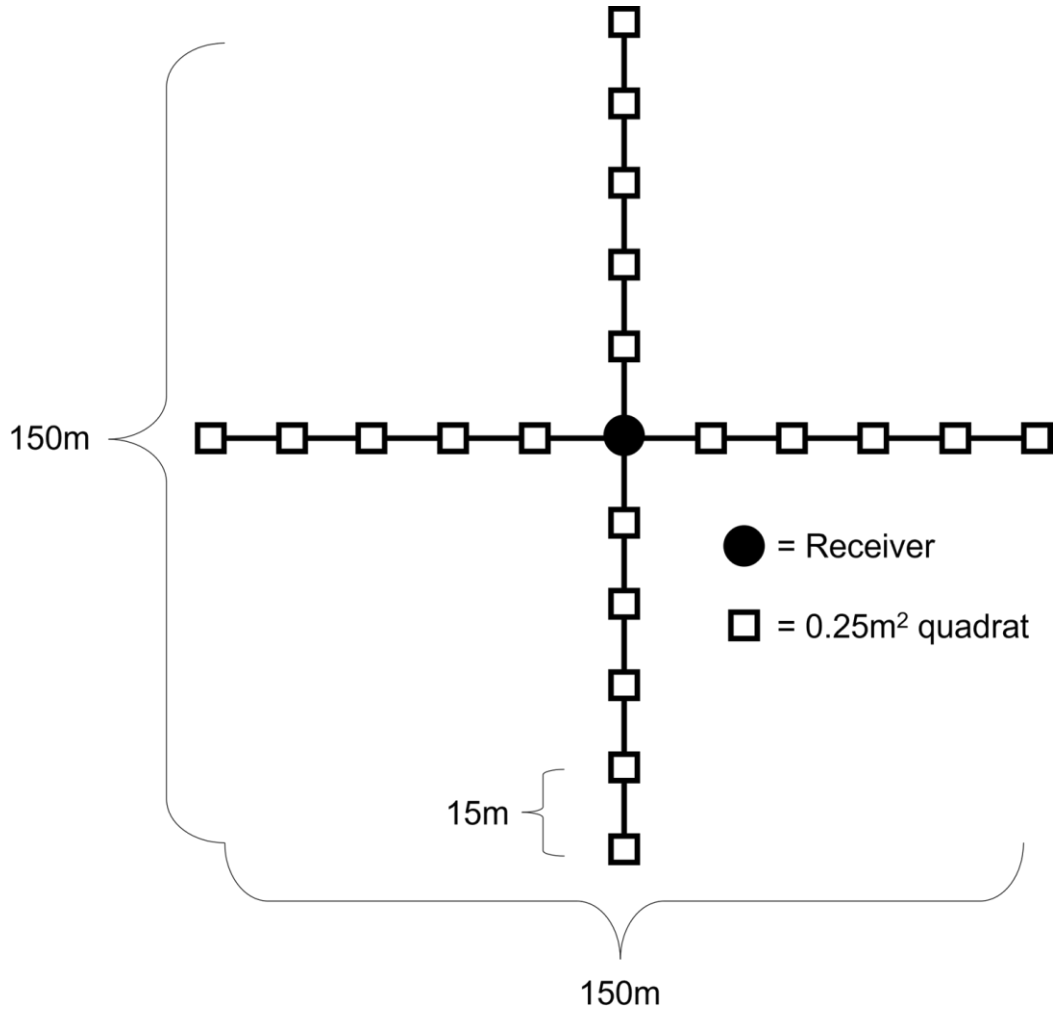

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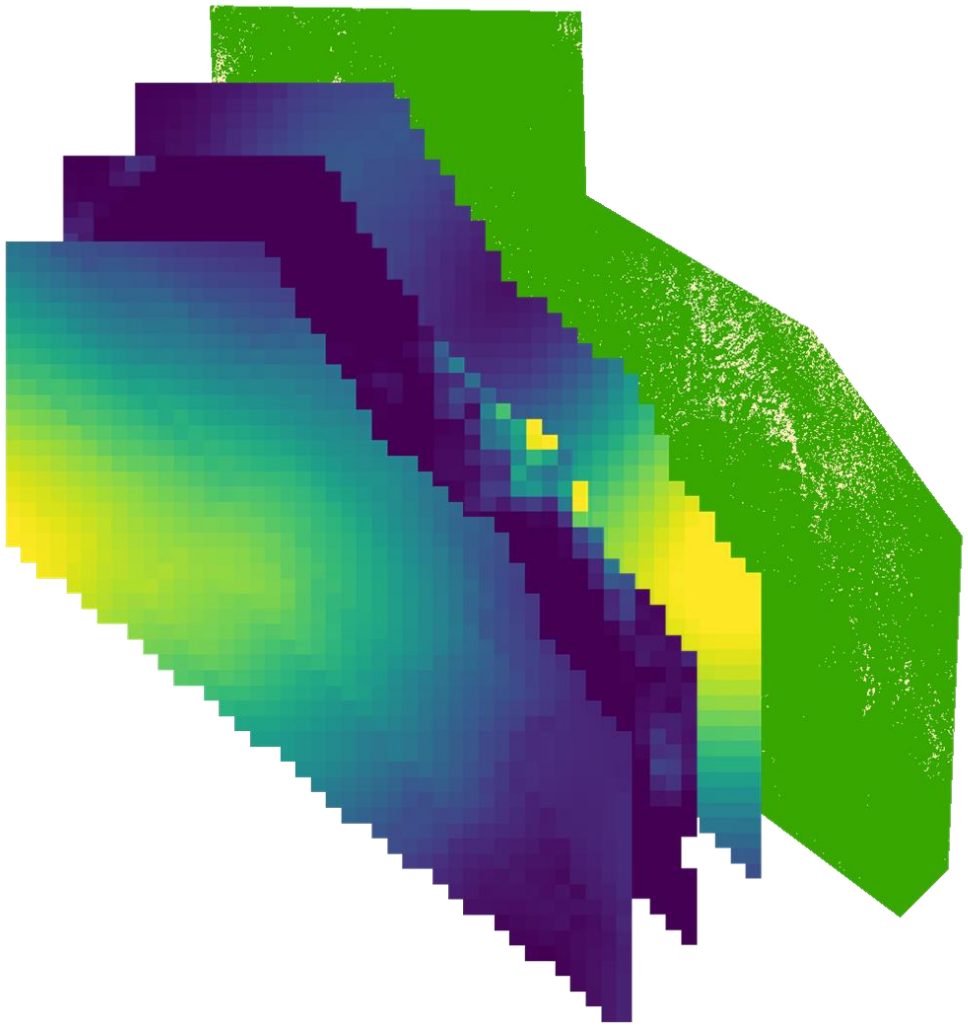

Receiver SAV surveys
FHAP SAV surveys
Aerial imagery

Methods

Acoustic data

Take out false detections, include only trout, calculate center-of-activity in 1 hour time bins

Random pseudo-absence points

1 across array for every presence

Extract habitat data

Extracted at each point

Random Forest Models

Training and testing datasets, model validation