

Routine monitoring of marine communities using 'omics approaches

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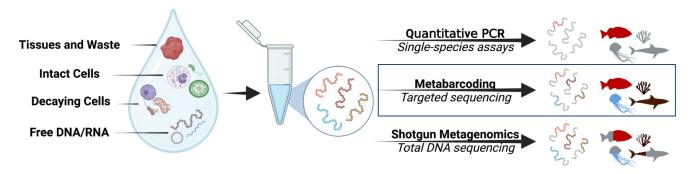
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What is eDNA?

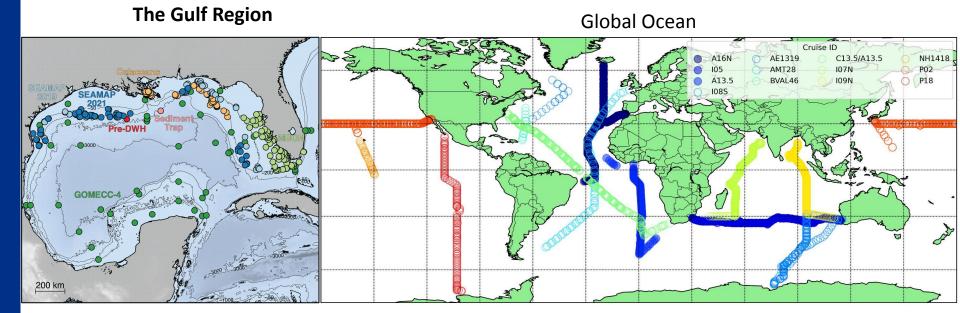
• **Environmental DNA (eDNA)** = DNA of whole/partial organisms, organismal traces (eg, skin, mucus, feces), plankton, or microbes in an environmental sample (eg, seawater).



Why eDNA for Monitoring?

- Non-Invasive: No nets, trawls, or visual surveys, minimizing disturbances to ecosystems & species.
- Enhanced Detection: Detect rare and elusive species.
- Comprehensive Biodiversity Assessment: Simultaneous detection of multiple species from a single water sample, spanning whole tree of life with multiple assays ("microbes to mammals").
- Cost-Effective: Opportunistic or autonomous sampling; sequencing costs dropping.

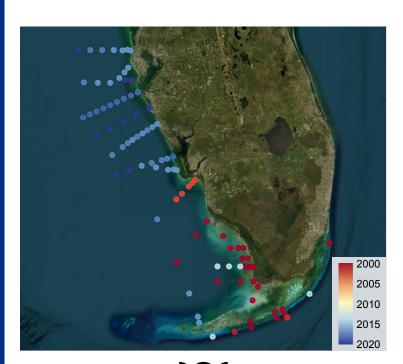
AOML 'Omics Global Reach



Standard sample and data processing for all eDNA monitoring projects that AOML works on.



SE US Marine Biodiversity Observation Network (MBON)

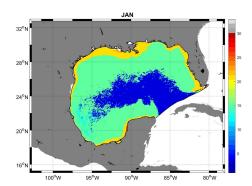


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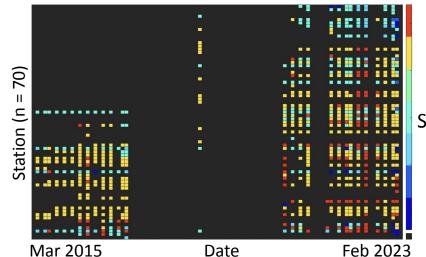




Regular monitoring of South Florida waters to efficiently detect biodiversity changes, water quality, and HABs.



eDNA sampling of S. Florida seascapes over a decade



Seascape class

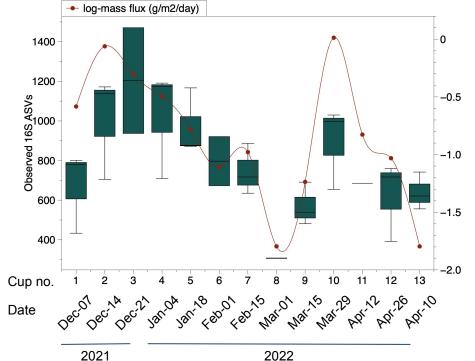


Northern Gulf of America Sediment Trap

Continuous collection of marine snow to catalogue the organisms in the biological carbon pump.



Sedimentation flux & microbial diversity over time





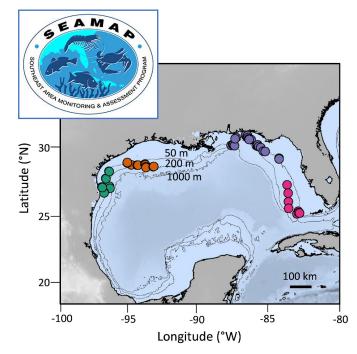


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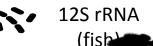
550 m

600 m

Fisheries eDNA Collaborations (SEAMAP/G-FISHER)

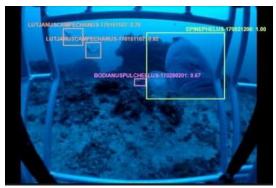


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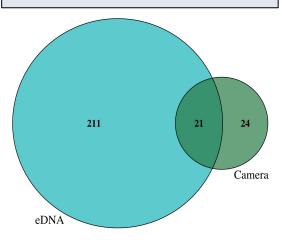








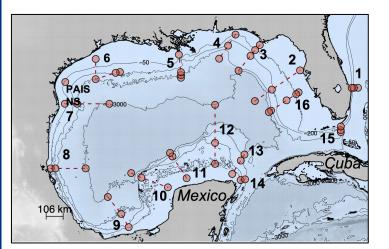
Comprehensive and efficient detection of fish species to inform sustainable fisheries.



eDNA enhances video survey with 5x more fish species detected

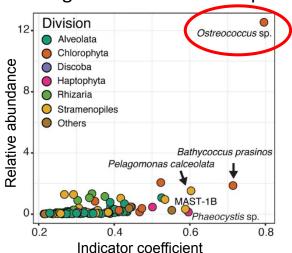


Coastal Ocean Acidification Cruises

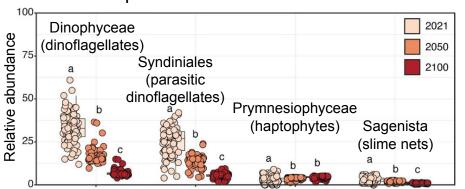


Unprecedented spatial genetic mapping of the Gulf to understand and predict the effects of ocean acidification.

Indicator taxa of high dissolved inorganic carbon and low pH

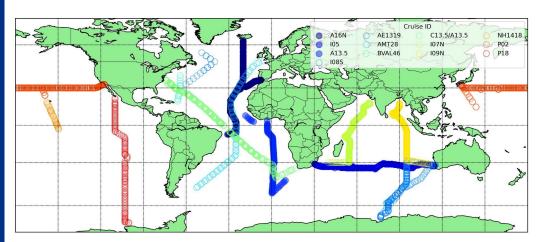


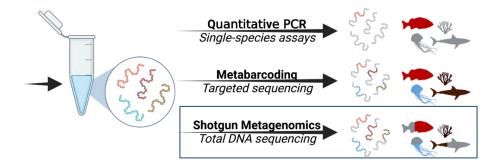
Predicted plankton relative abundance in future



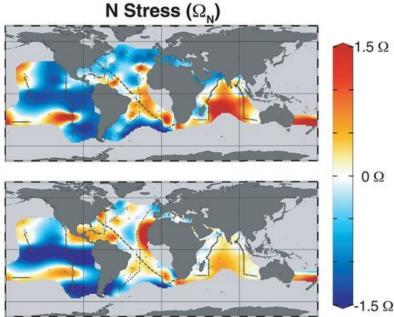


Global Ocean Monitoring (Bio-GO-SHIP)





Sustained observing of global ocean biology to reveal the organizing rules of plankton ecology.











eDNA Data Analysis for NOAA

Access to eDNA monitoring data for all users regardless of technical skill level.

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Processing on Northern Gulf Institute **High Performance Computing** servers



(3)
Environmental and sample
metadata in FAIR eDNA format





(1)
eDNA data from
NOAA Ship
Okeanos Explorer



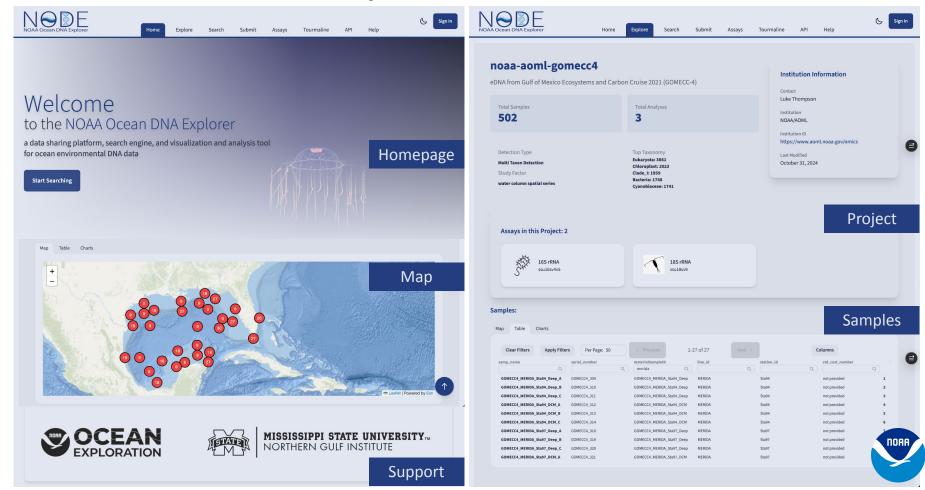


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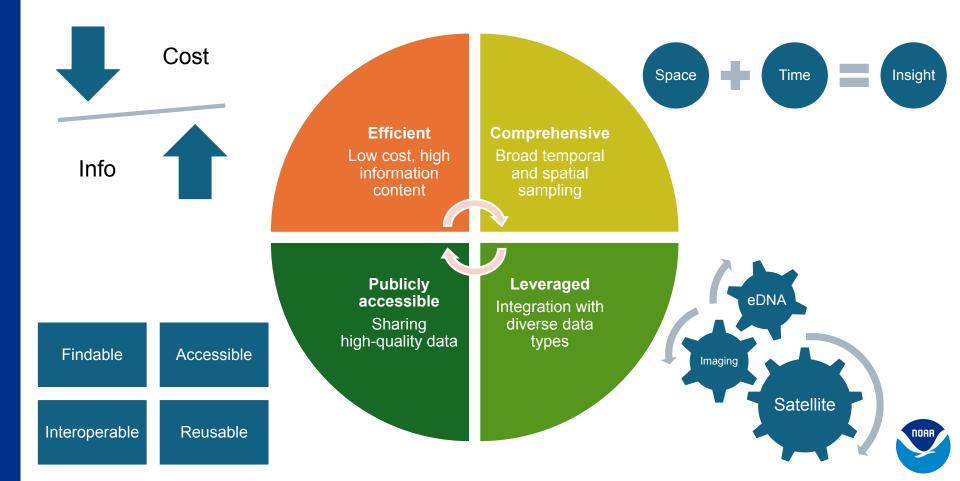
Data exploration and access on NOAA Ocean DNA Explorer



NOAA Ocean DNA Explorer



Benefits & Outcomes



Thank you

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