



TurtleWatch - reducing protected species interaction?

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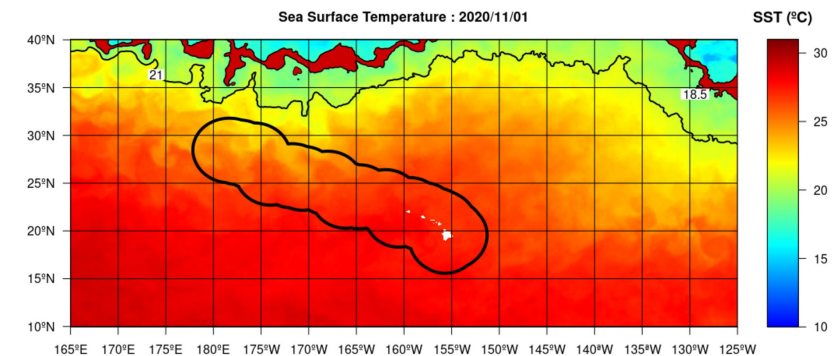
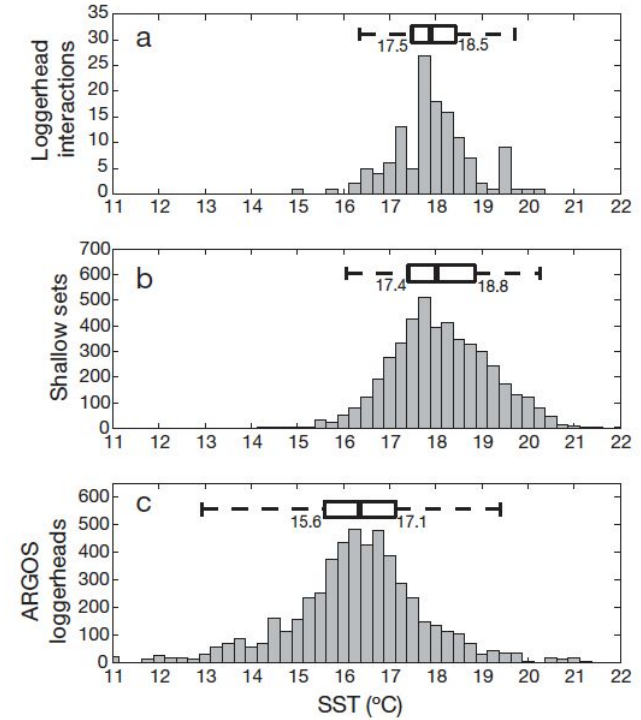
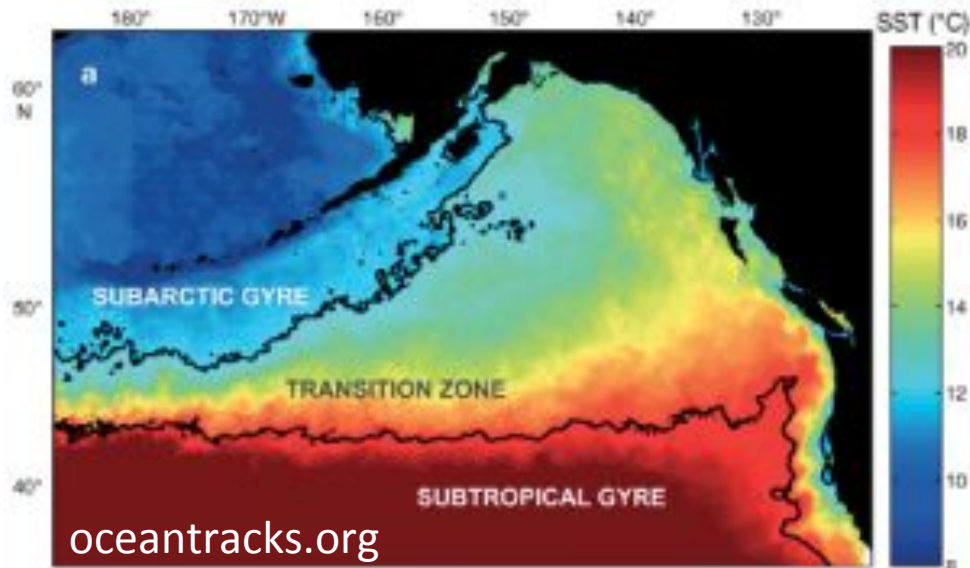
Contribution to the Theme Section 'Fisheries bycatch: problems and solutions'



TurtleWatch: a tool to aid in the bycatch reduction of loggerhead turtles *Caretta caretta* in the Hawaii-based pelagic longline fishery

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The 18°C winter isotherm identifies the North Pacific Transition Zone (NPTZ), which is associated with as the Transition Zone Chlorophyll Front (TZCF).



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TurtleWatch

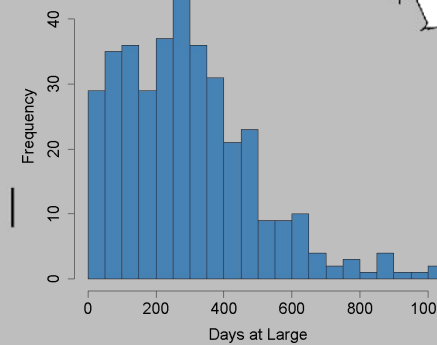


North Pacific Ocean DPS and Hawai'i shallow set longline MCHs

Loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*)

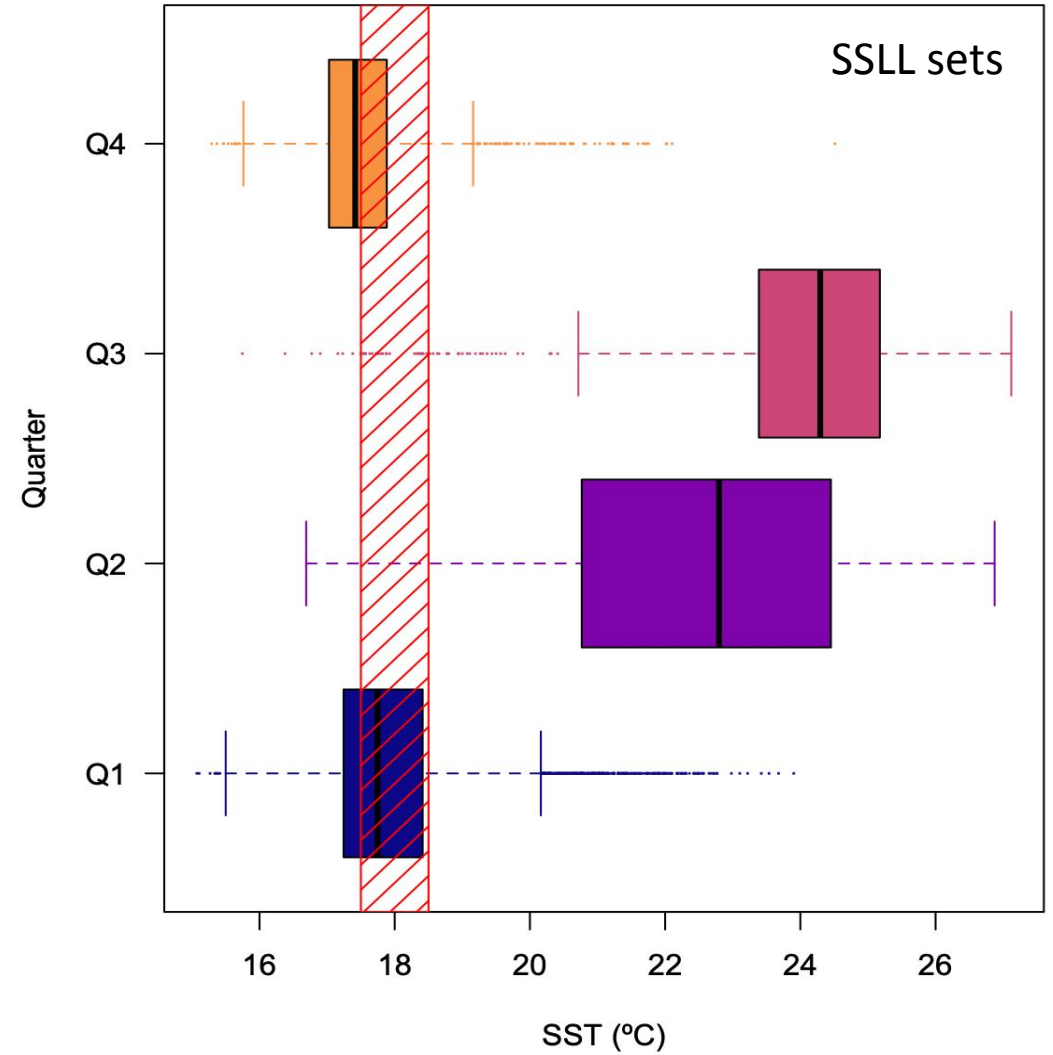
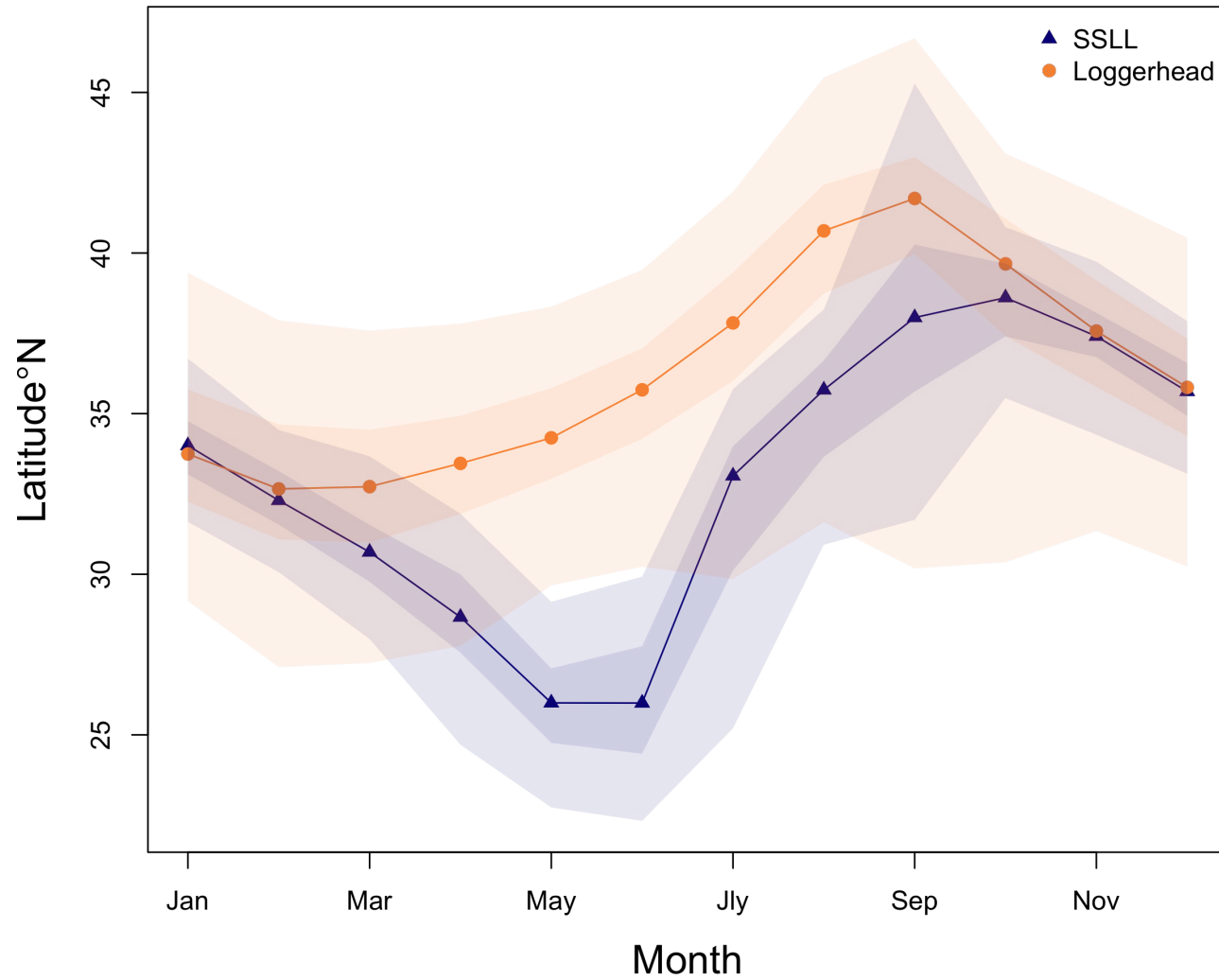


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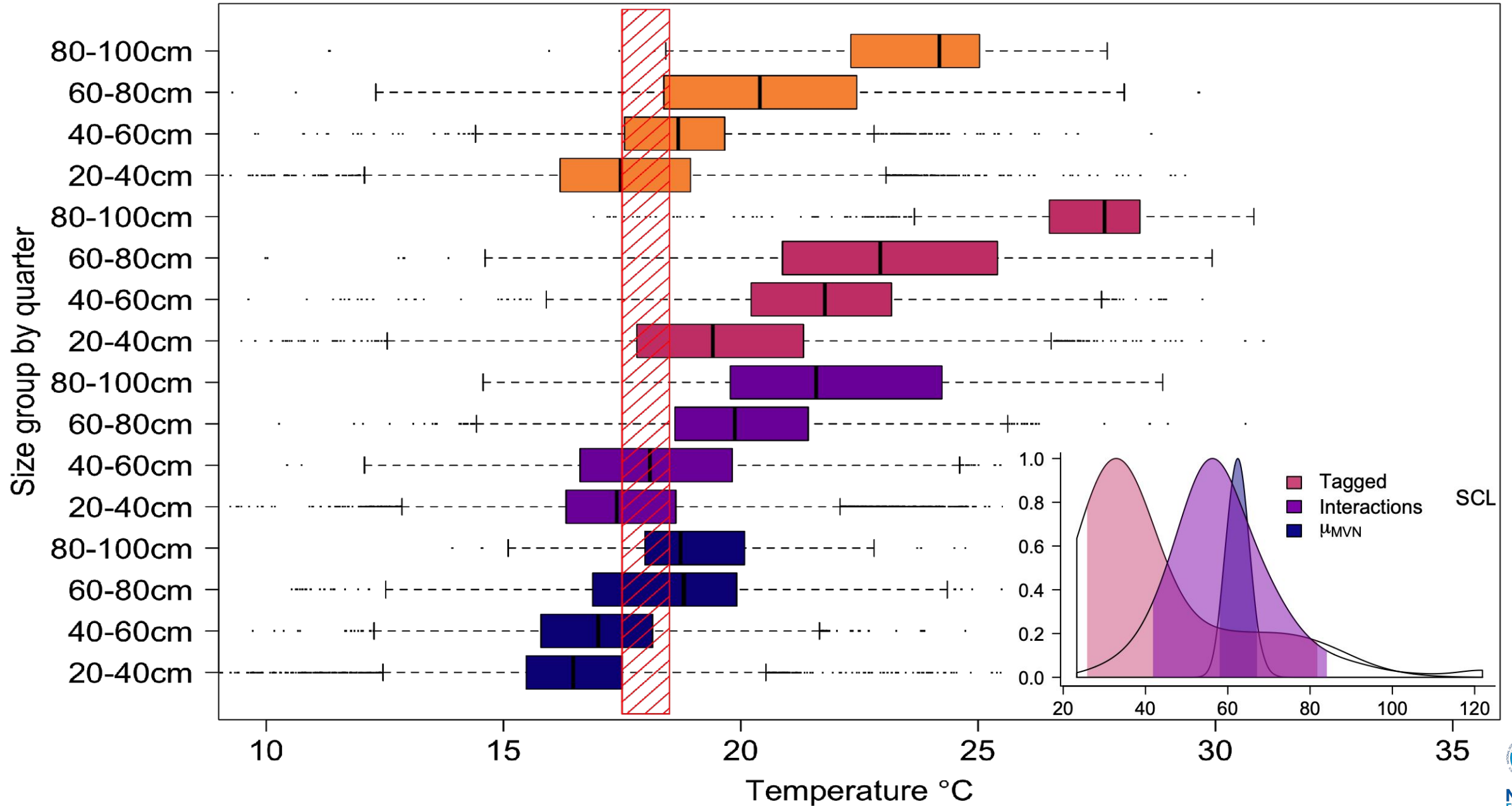


	% in	Sets	H/(km ² *hr)	Interactions	Per set	Per effort
● Q1	27.1	9166	810.39	143	0.016	0.18
● Q2	21.8	5680	700.54	17	0.003	0.02
● Q3	32.4	744	91.53	5	0.007	0.05
● Q4	5.8	2306	153.71	27	0.012	0.18

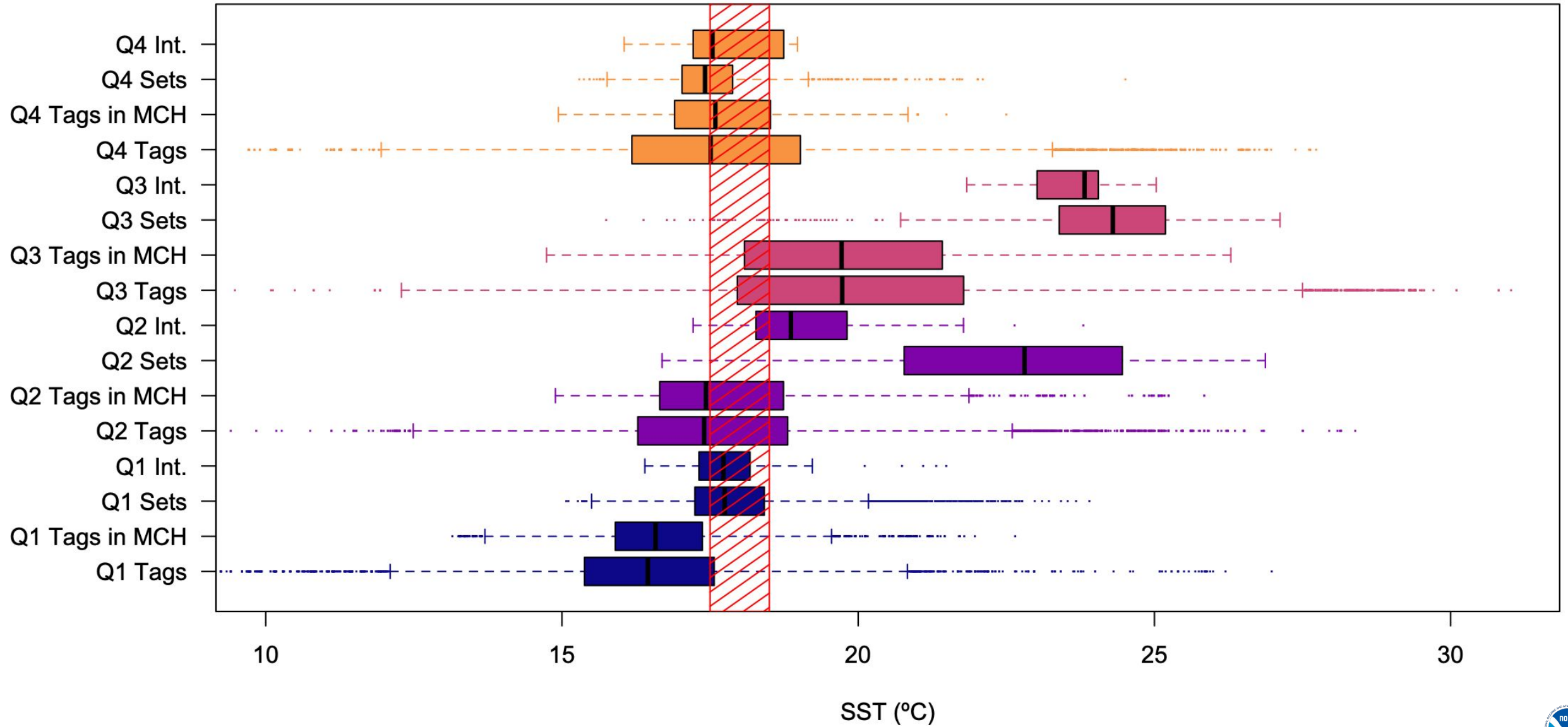
Seasonal movement of loggerhead and SSL



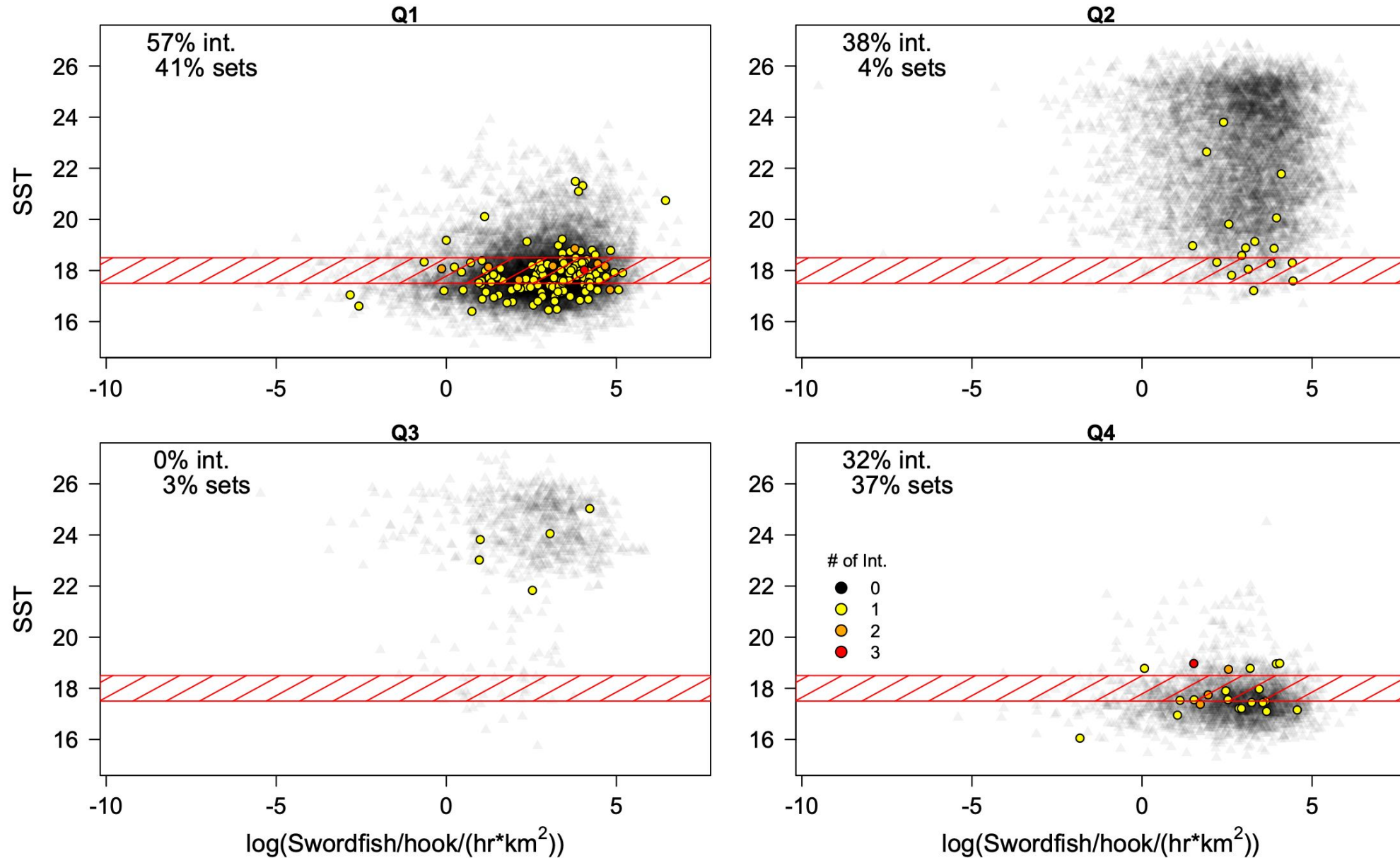
Loggerhead temperature distribution by size (SCL)



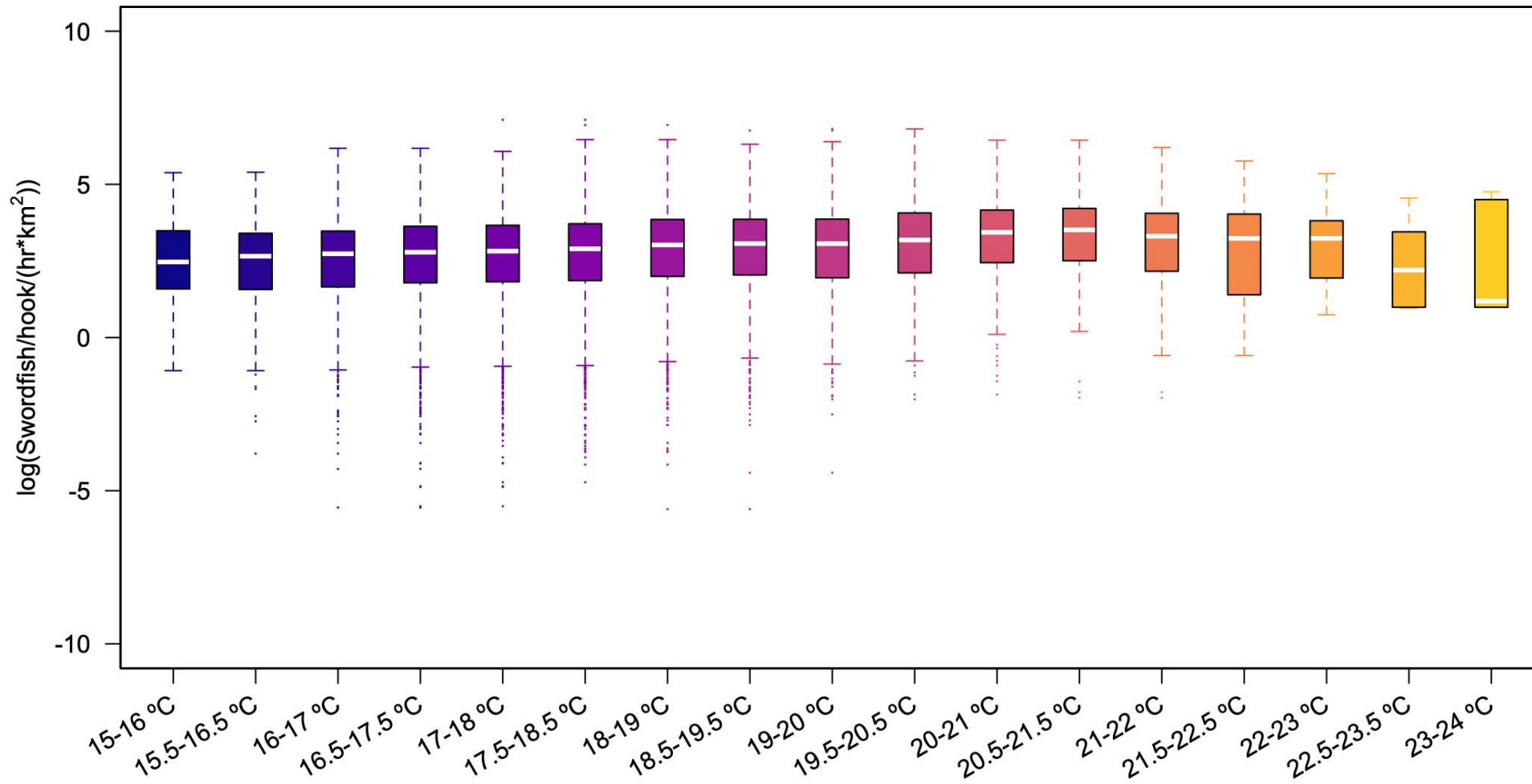
Quarterly temperature distribution of tags, sets and intercepts



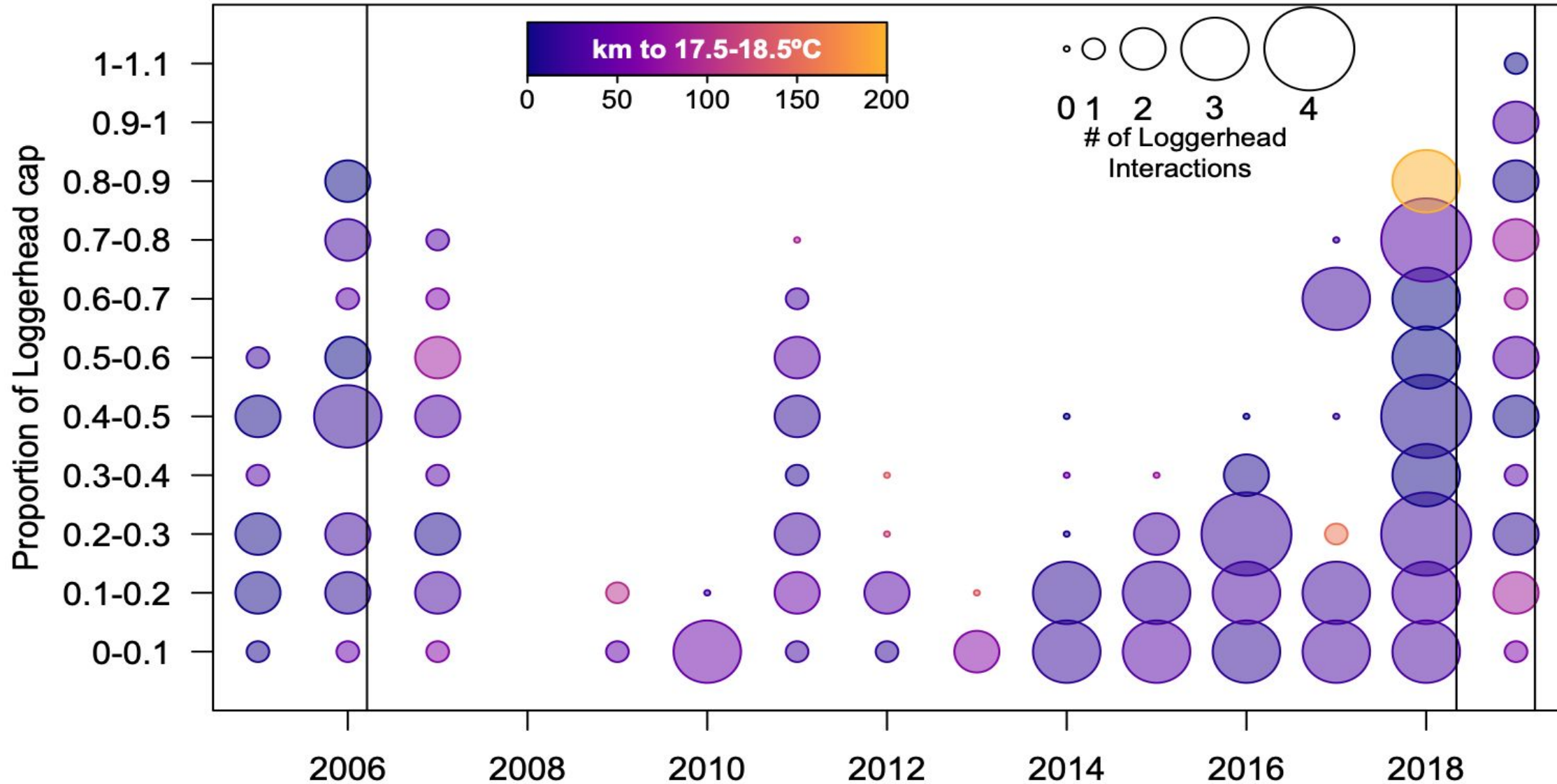
Swordfish catch rate by SST with loggerhead intercepts



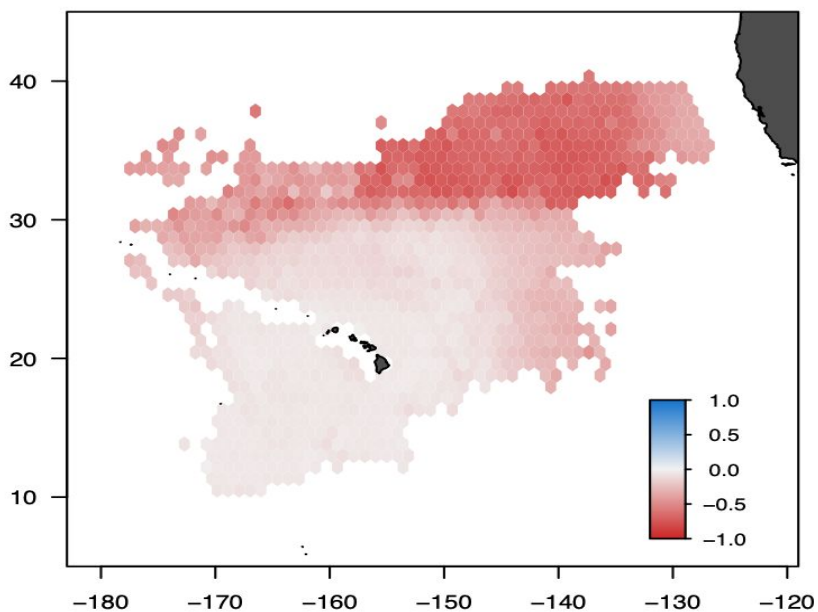
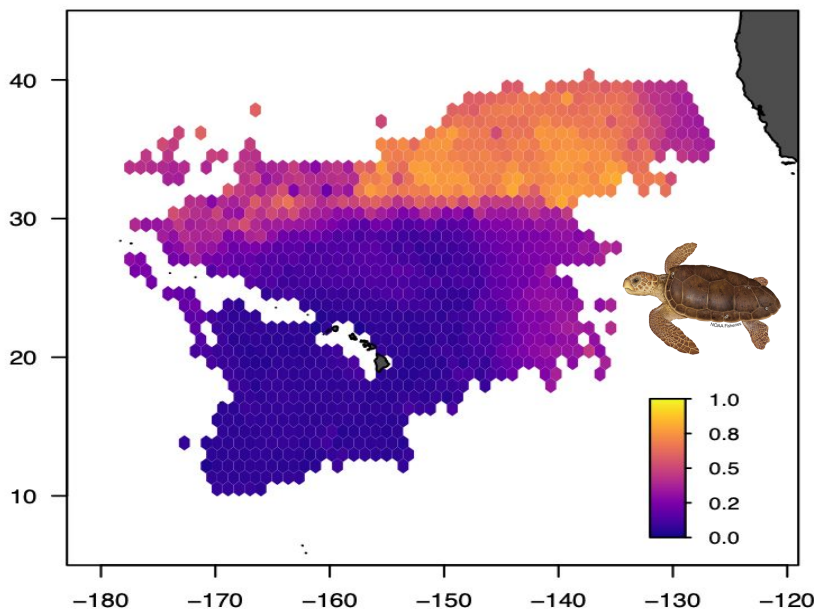
Swordfish Q1 catch rate by 1°C temperature band



Loggerhead interactions and distance to TurtleWatch band vs. proximity to cap

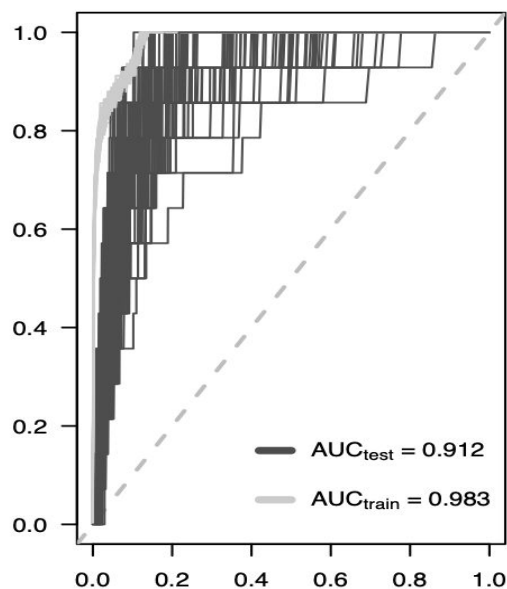


Beyond a single metric?



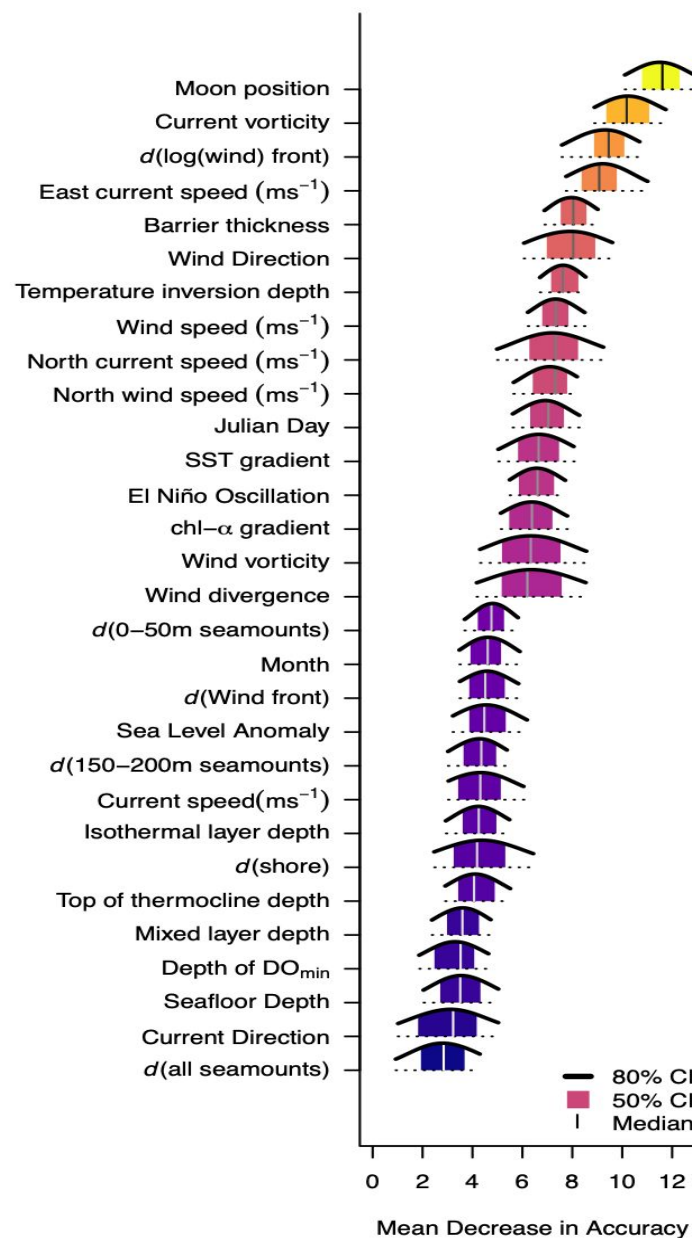
		Predicted	
		0	1
Observed	0	55212	9136
	1	0	139

** from mean predictions*



	Train	Test
Accuracy	0.858	0.859
Error	0.142	0.141
FPR	0.142	0.141
Sensitivity	1	0.822
Specificity	0.858	0.859
ϕ	0.113	0.091

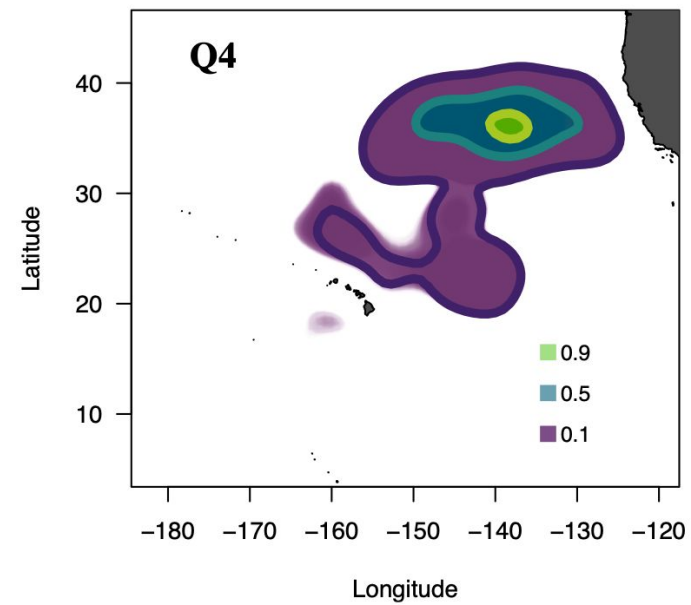
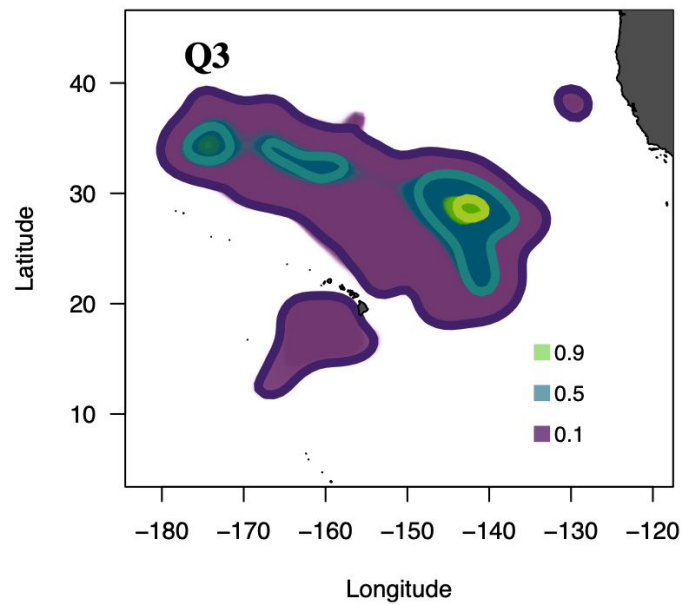
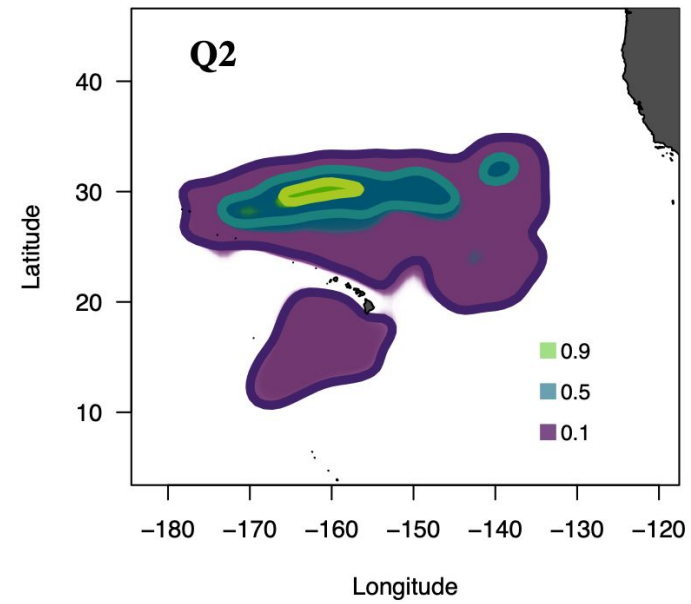
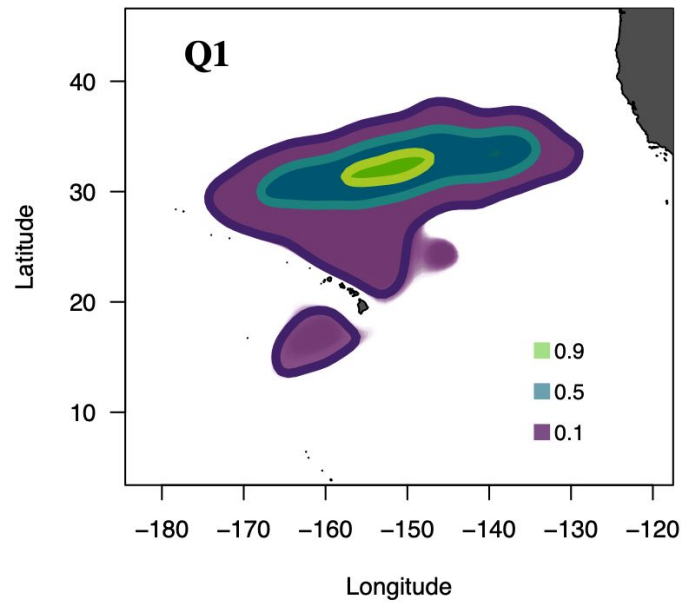
Ensemble Random Forest



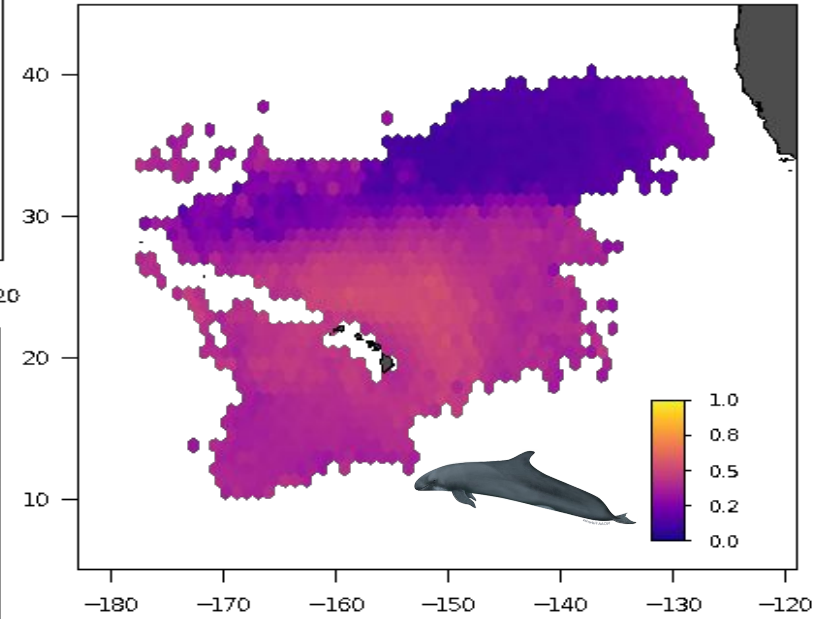
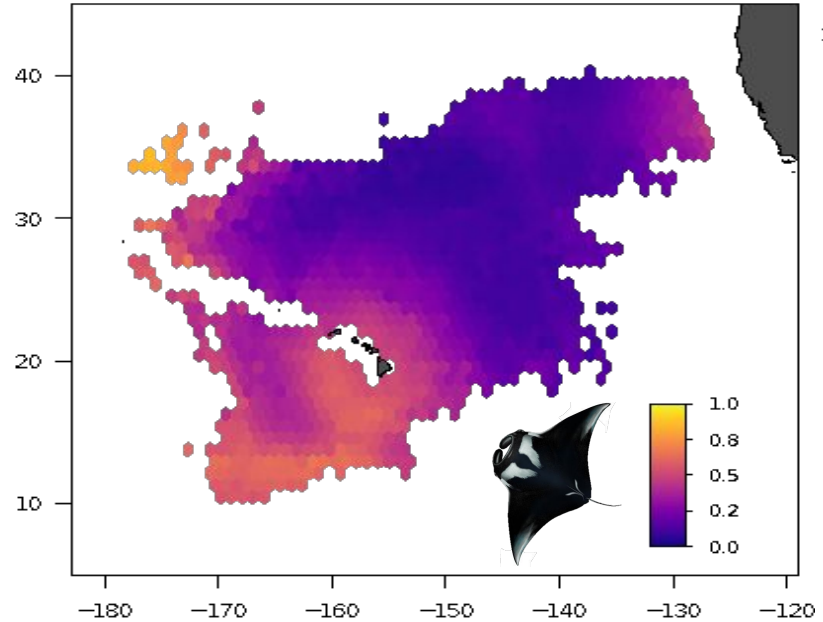
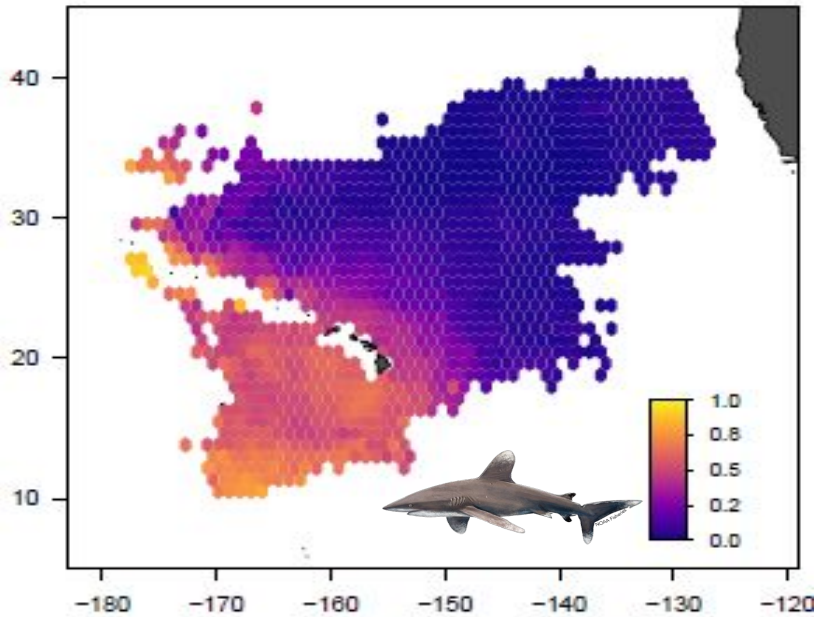
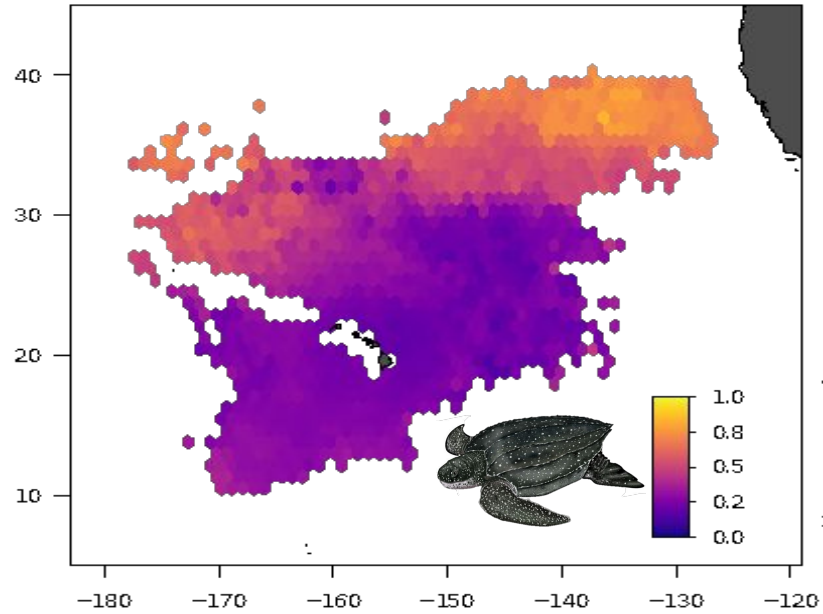
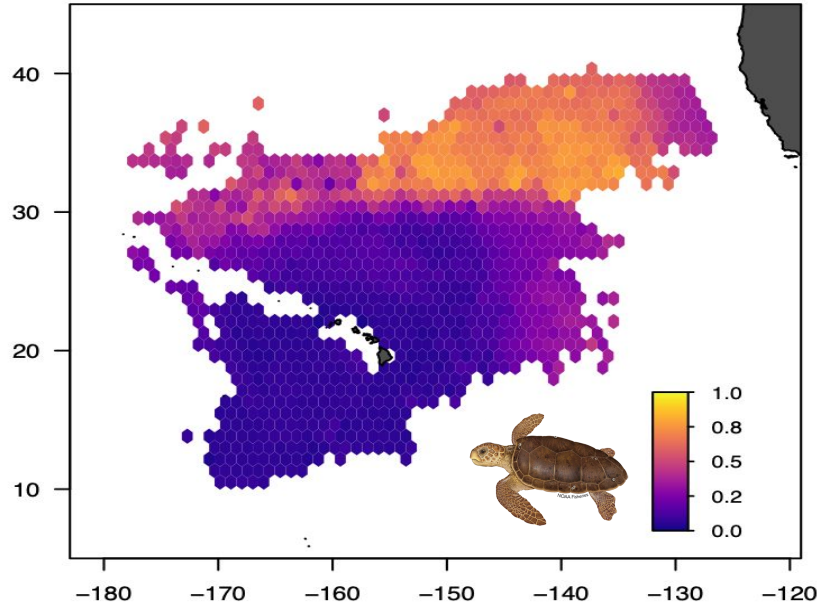
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Dynamic ocean management?

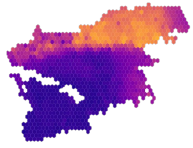
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Multiple species?



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Models of interactions

- Even with rare events predictive models can be developed – simple to complex
- The utility of these models will depend on the spatial correlation in the data.



Multiple Species?

- There may be synergistic options that reduce interactions with multiple species.
- There may not be.



Target species catch rate

- How will effort redistribute?
- How will this redistribution impact target species catch rates?

Dynamic observations?

- Consider the nature of the input data carefully.
- What time scale do predictions need to be made on?