



Integrated Biscayne Bay Ecological Assessment and Monitoring (IBBEAM): 6 Years of Everglades Restoration Monitoring on the Nearshore Ecosystem

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IBBEAM & Relationship to CERP

CERP

Comprehensive Everglades
Restoration Plan



RECOVER

Restoration Coordination
Verification



MAP

Monitoring and Assessment
Plan



Southern Coastal Systems
Module



IBBEAM



Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands ↓

IBBEAM & Relationship to CERP

Four components of IBBEAM:

Salinity Monitoring



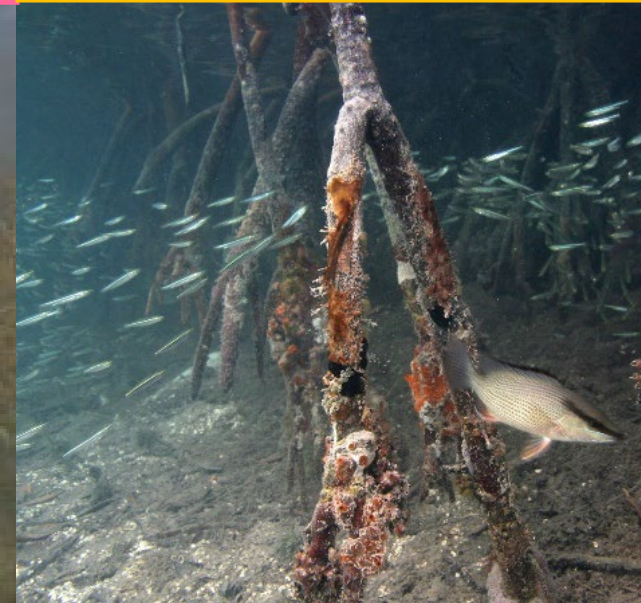
SAV Community



Epifauna Community



Mangrove Fish Community



Salinity Monitoring Network

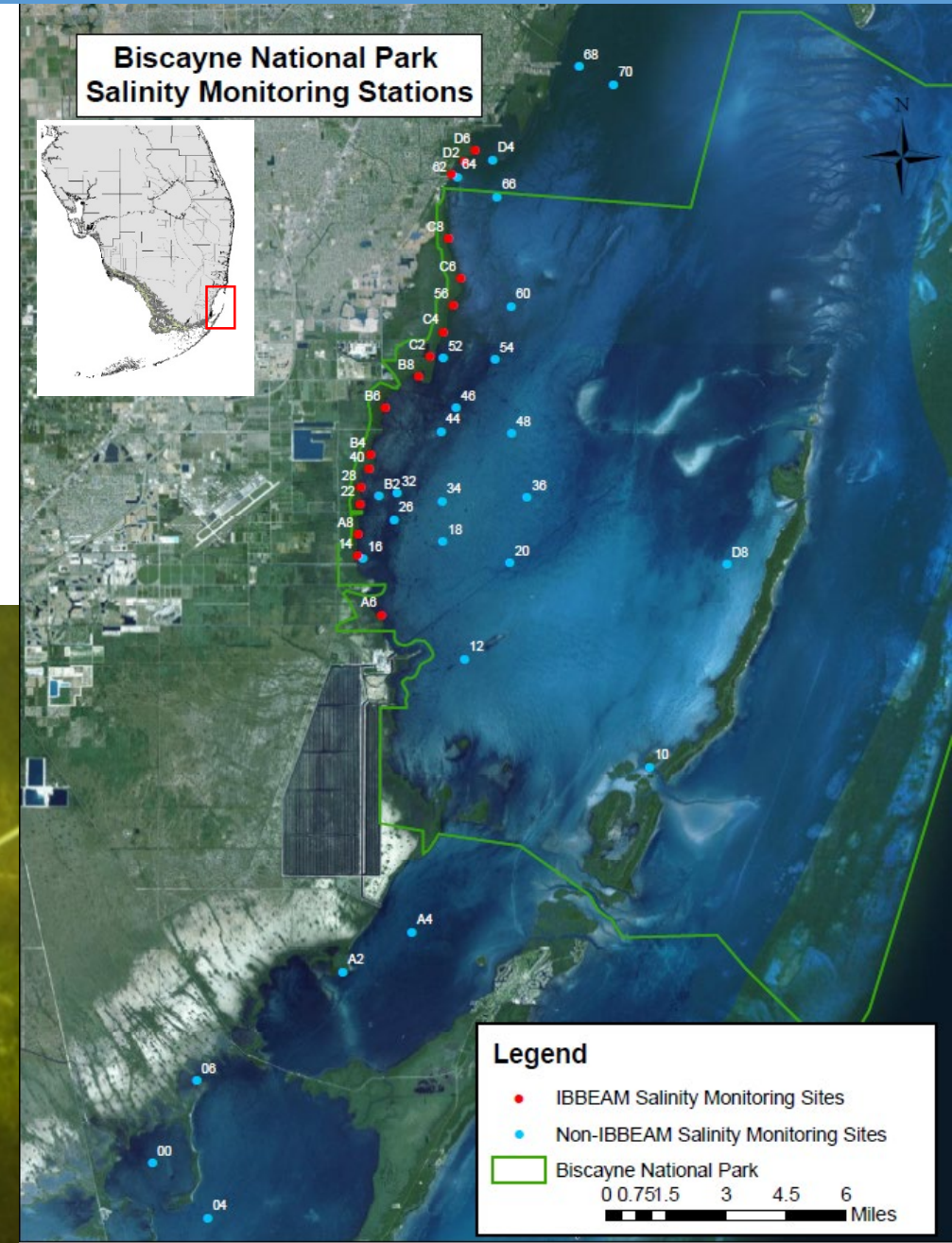
Designed to meet monitoring and modeling data needs as close as possible to the shoreline at specific features

Instruments:

- YSI 6600: paired 15 min recording 24 hr/365 d

Parameters:

- Water Depth
- Temperature
- Salinity



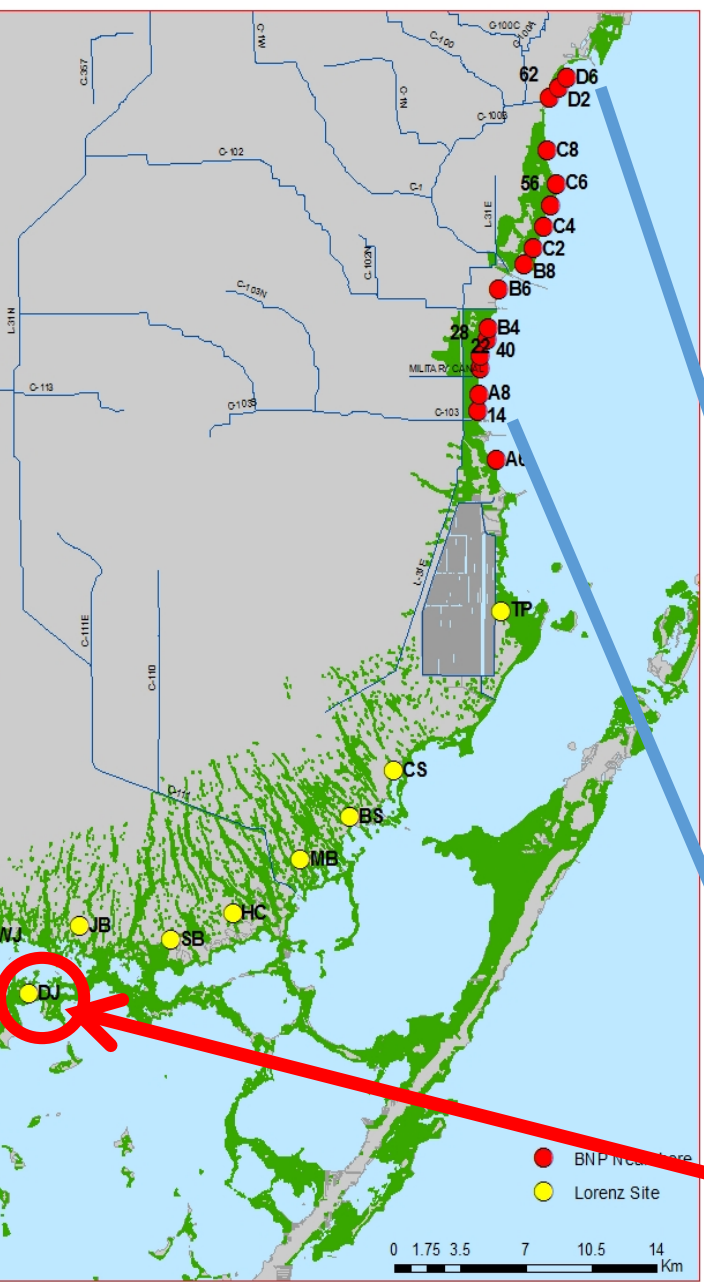
Salinity Monitoring Network

Mesohaline Index = proportion of salinity obs. Are between ≥ 5 and < 18 psu

Hyperhaline Index = proportion of salinity obs. >40

Salinity Variability Index = proportion of salinity obs. Where daily range is >5

Salinity Regime Suitability Index = composite of previous 3 mentioned

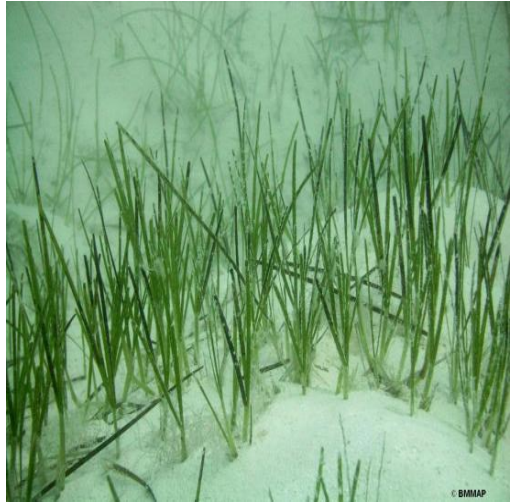


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D2			0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.07	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.01	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.09			0.04	0.01	
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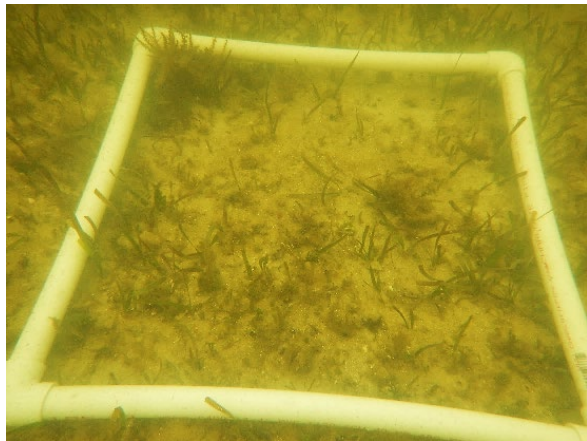
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Florida Bay Reference Site: DJ (Downstream Joe Bay)

SAV Community



Halodule wrightii ↑



↑ Benthic SAV habitat



↑ SAV survey

Survey Methods

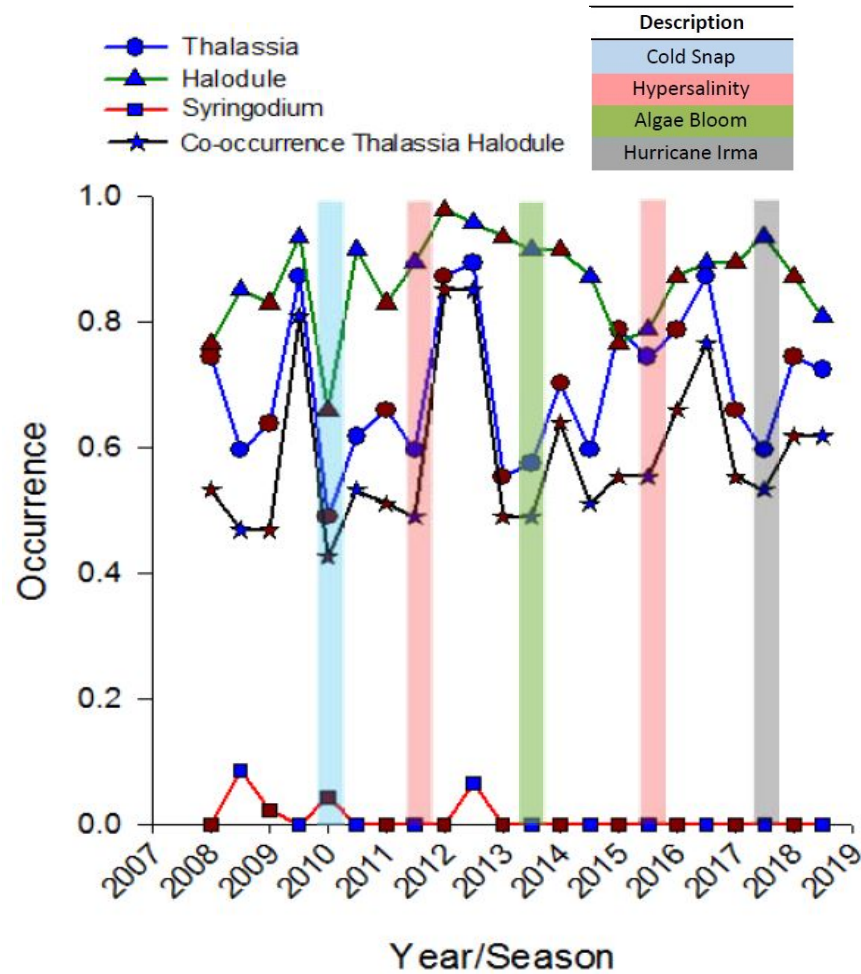
Designed to access submerged aquatic vegetation communities in nearshore habitats and quantify relationship with Salinity

- Every Wet Season
- 100-120 randomly sampled sites
- Water quality parameters measured at each site

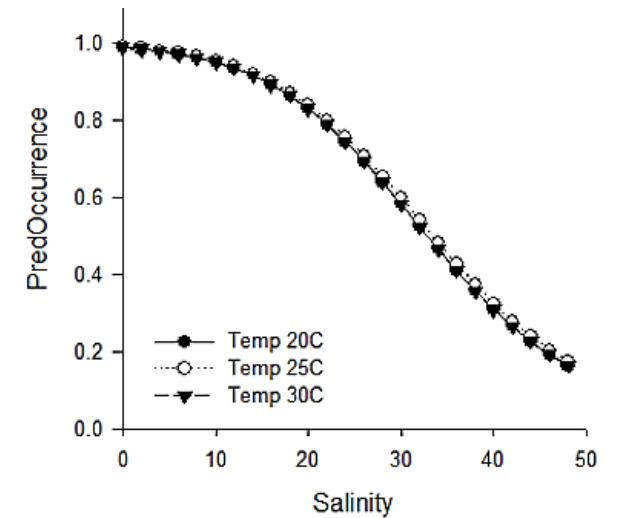
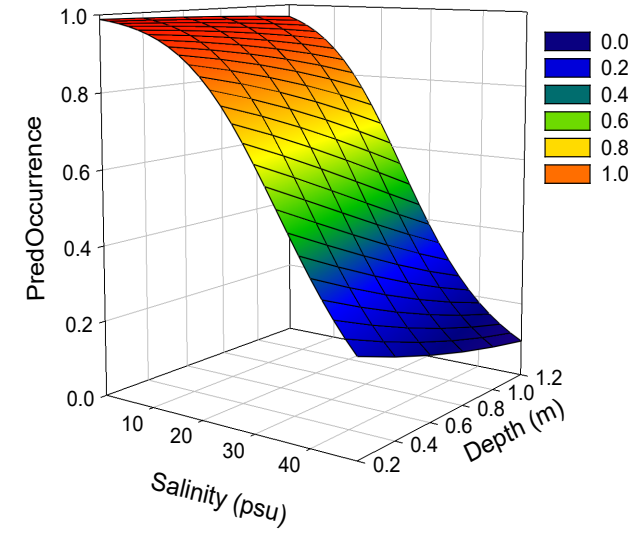
- Data from 10 quadrates per site including percent cover of:
 - Seagrass species
 - Algae
 - Sediment Depth
 - Canopy Height

SAV Community

Temporal Trajectory



Bio-Physical Relationships

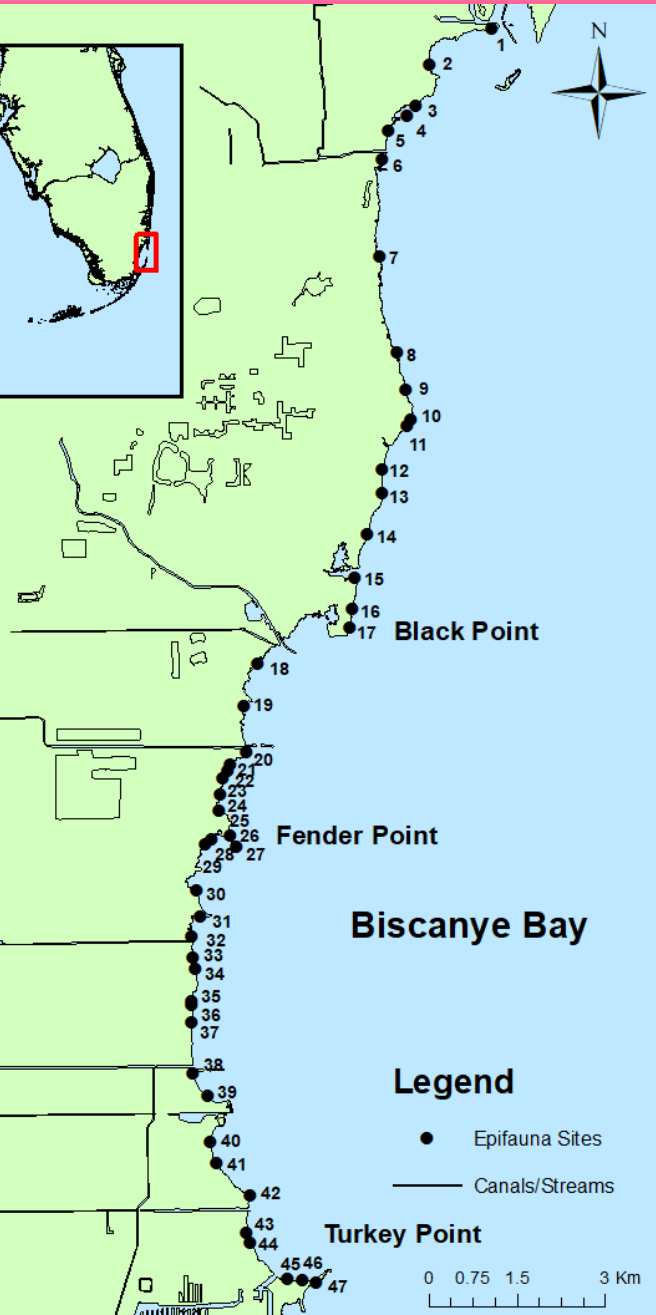


Multiple Regression Approach:

$$H. wrightii \text{ Occurrence} = \text{Sal} + \text{Depth} + \text{Temp} + \text{Sal}^2 + \text{Depth}^2 + \text{Temp}^2$$

$p \leq 0.05$

Epifaunal Community



↑ Throw trap sampling ↓



Survey Methods

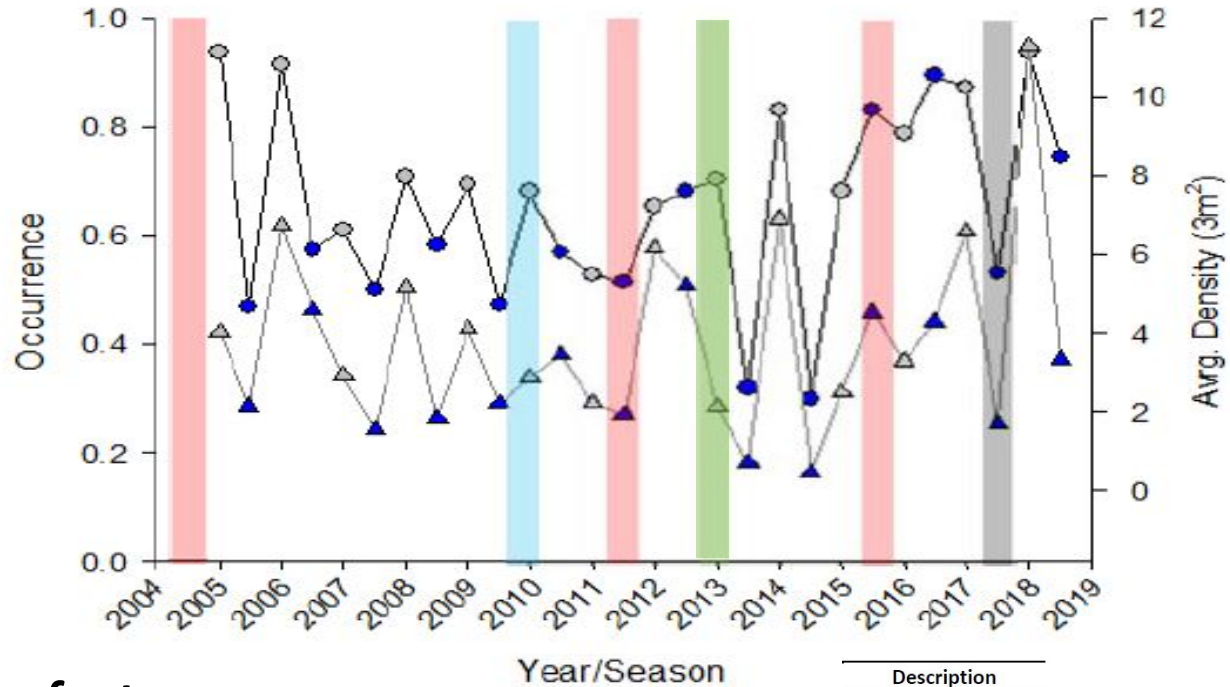
Compare past and present SAV associated epifauna to determine status and trends for before/after CERP comparison

Methods

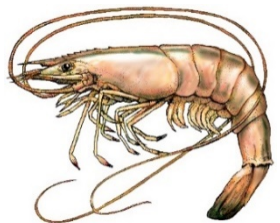
- Every wet and dry season (generally October and March)
- 47 sites
- Water quality parameters measured at each site
- 1-m² throw trap thrown 3 times
- Organisms identified, weighed, measured

Epifaunal Community

Temporal Trajectory



↓ *Farfantepenaeus duorarum*

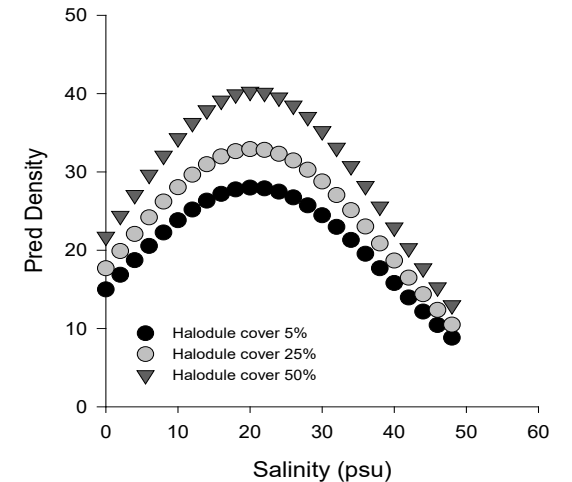
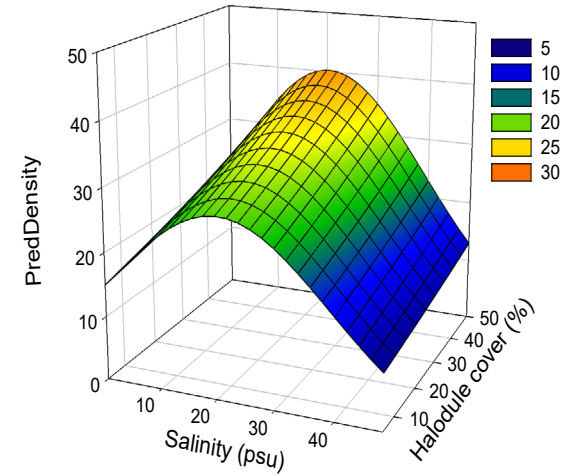


Multiple Regression Approach:

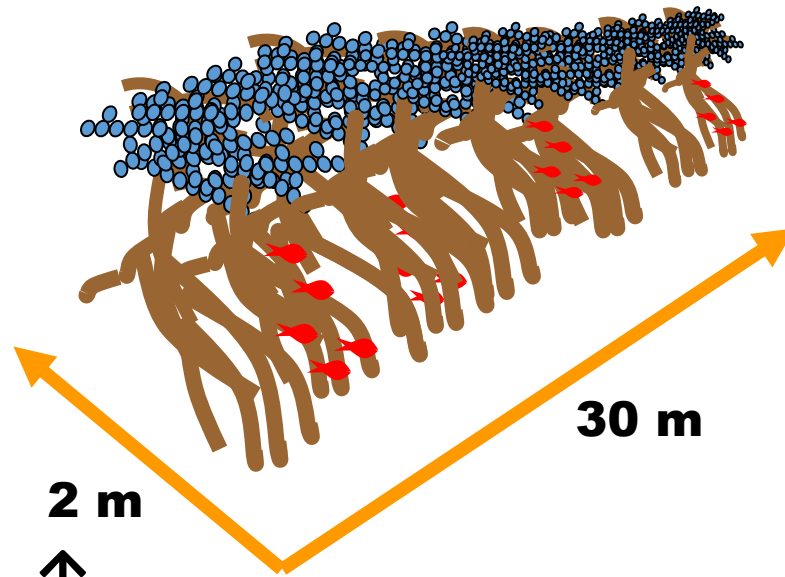
$$F. duorarum \text{ Density} = \text{Sal} + \text{Temp} + \text{TH} + \text{HA} + \text{Sal}^2 + \text{HA}^2$$

$p \leq 0.05$

Bio-Physical Relationships



Mangrove Fish Community



2 m

30 m

↑ Mangrove fish surveys →



Survey Methods

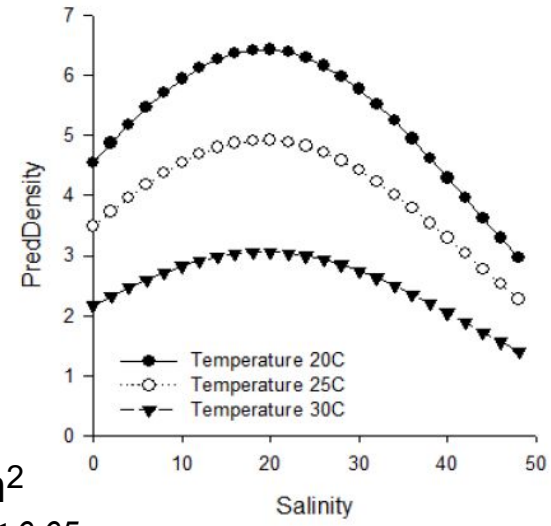
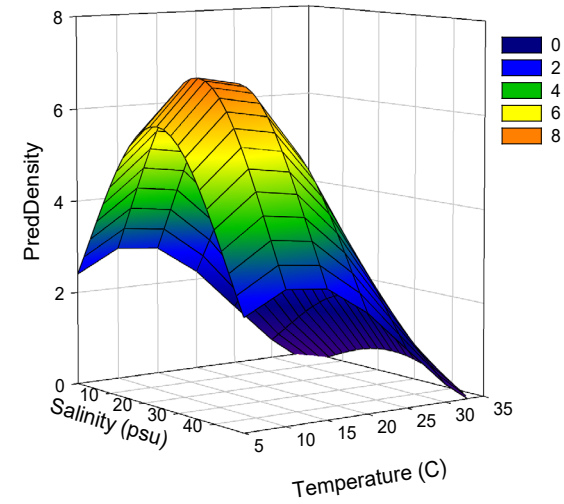
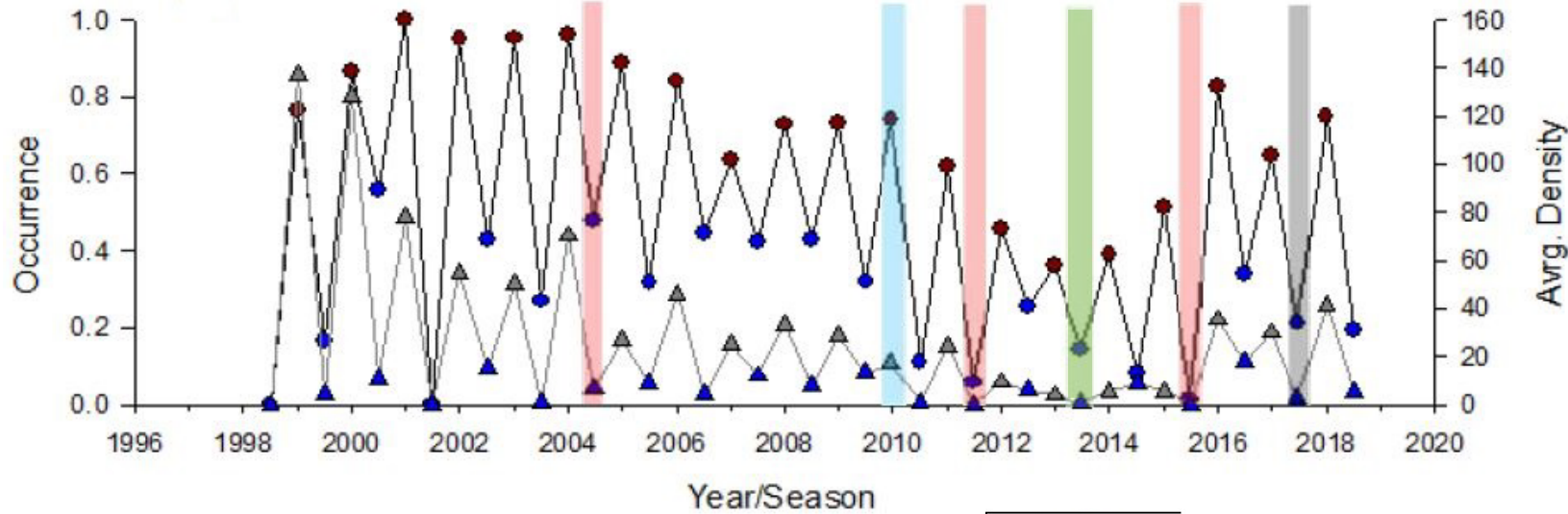
Compare and contrast mangrove associated fish for status and trends before/after CERP

- 30 m long belt-transect survey
- Data collected includes:
 - Water quality parameters at each site
 - Taxonomic identification
 - Number
 - Size structure (min, max avg. length)
 - Depth

Mangrove Fish Community

Temporal Trajectory

Bio-Physical Relationships



↑ *Flordichthys carpio*

Multiple Regression Approach:

$$F. \text{ carpio Density} = \text{Sal} + \text{Depth} + \text{Temp} + \text{Sal}^2 + \text{Depth}^2$$

$p \leq 0.05$

Salinity Network: Research



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research paper

Improved coastal hydrodynamic model offers insight into surface and groundwater flow and restoration objectives in Biscayne Bay, Florida, USA

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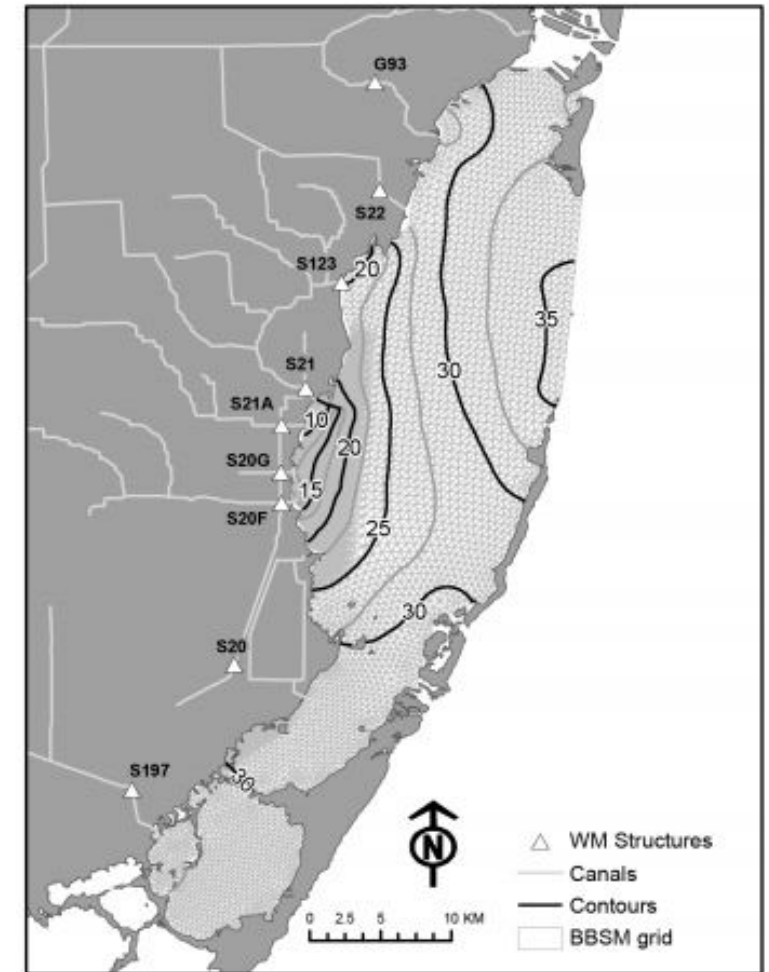
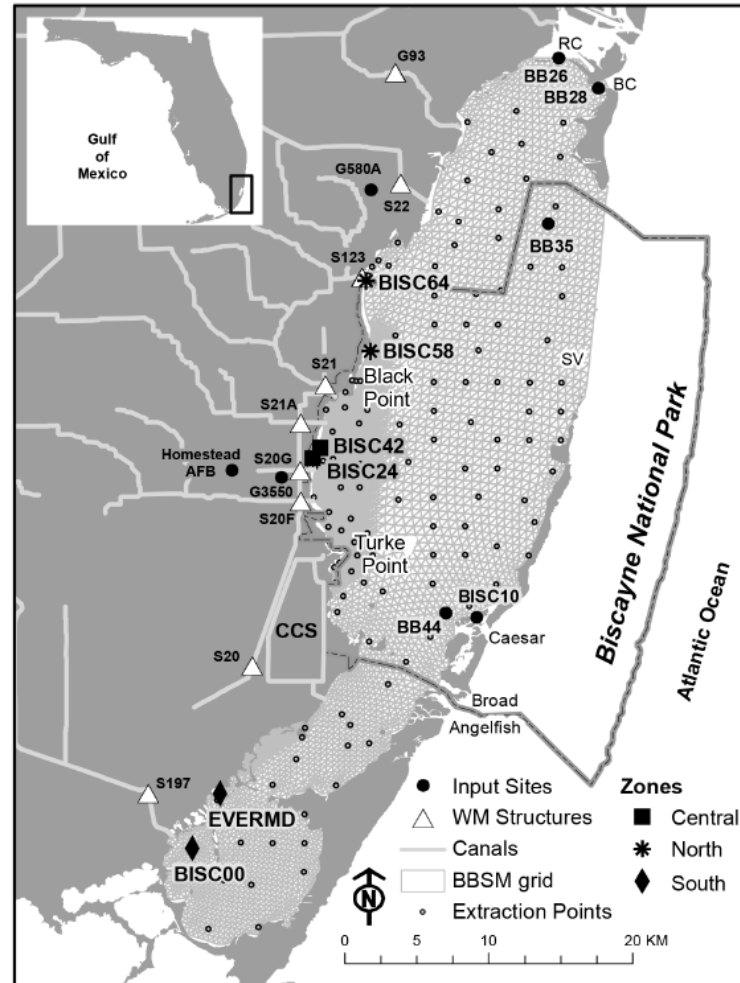
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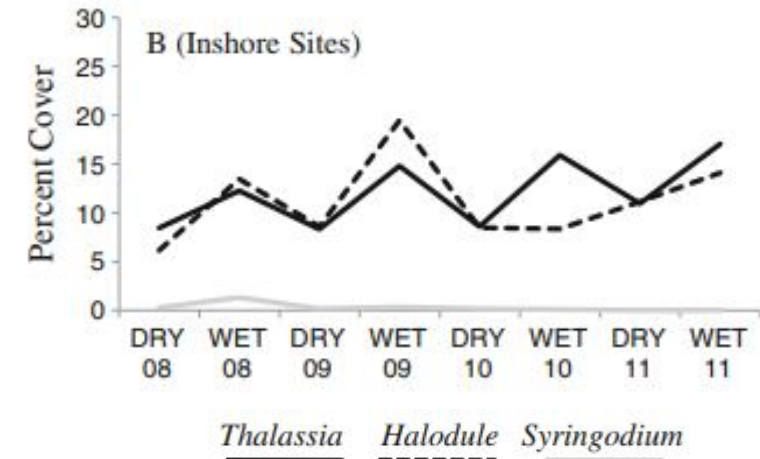
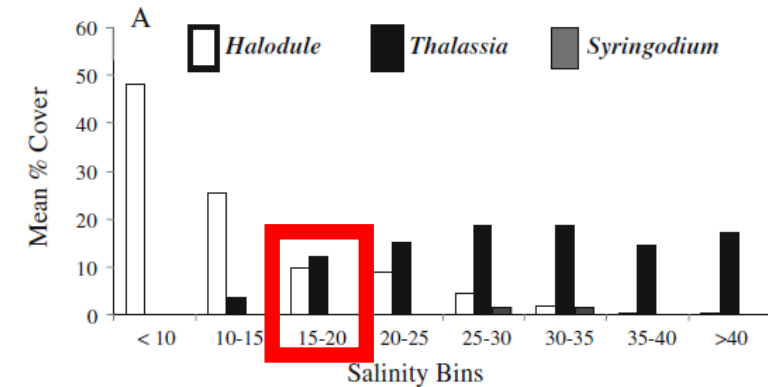
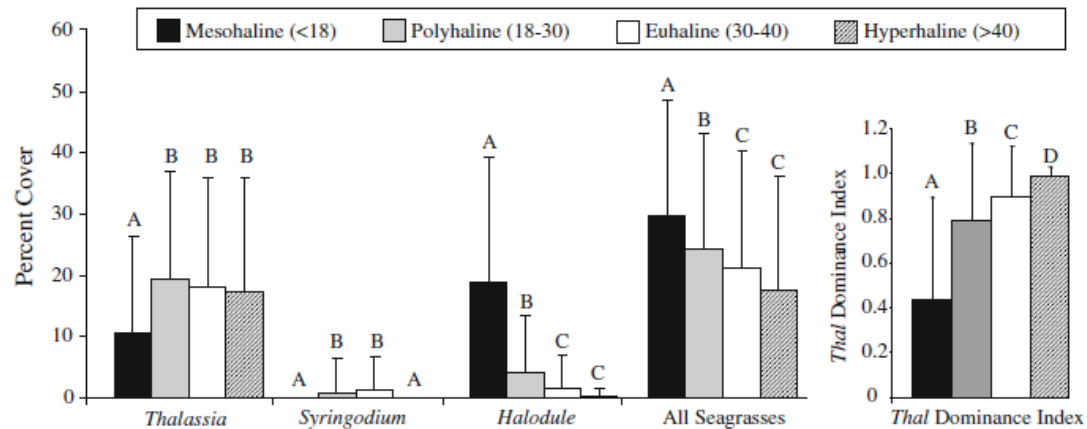
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SAV Community: Research

Estuaries and Coasts (2014) 37:1243–1255
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SAV Communities of Western Biscayne Bay, Miami, Florida, USA: Human and Natural Drivers of Seagrass and Macroalgae Abundance and Distribution Along a Continuous Shoreline

D. Lirman · T. Thyberg · R. Santos · S. Schopmeyer ·
C. Drury · L. Collado-Vides · S. Bellmund · J. Serafy



Other Publications:

Santos and Lirman 2012; Lirman et al. 2011; Santos et al. 2011; Collado-Vides et al. 2011; Lirman et al. 2008a, b

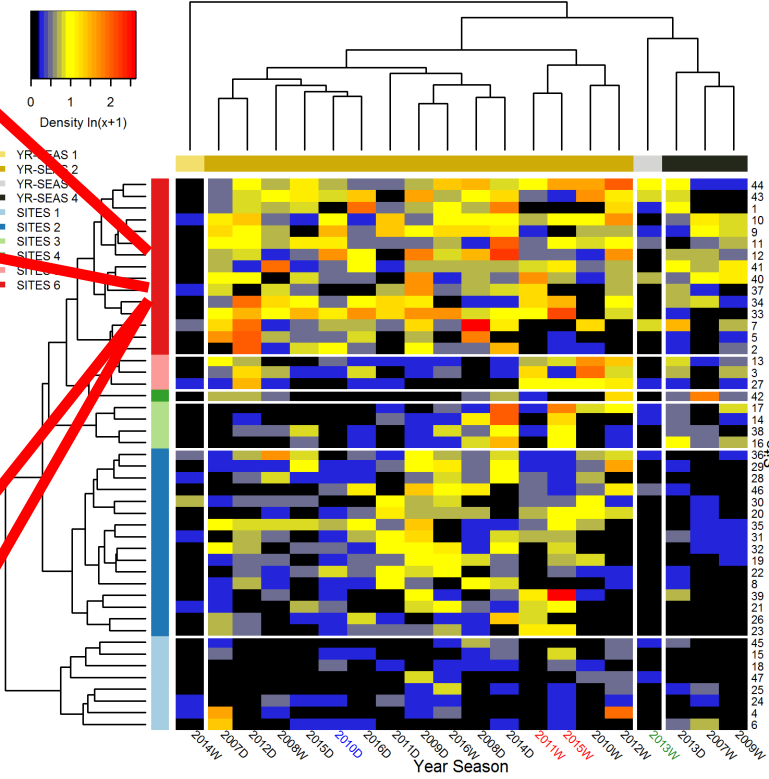
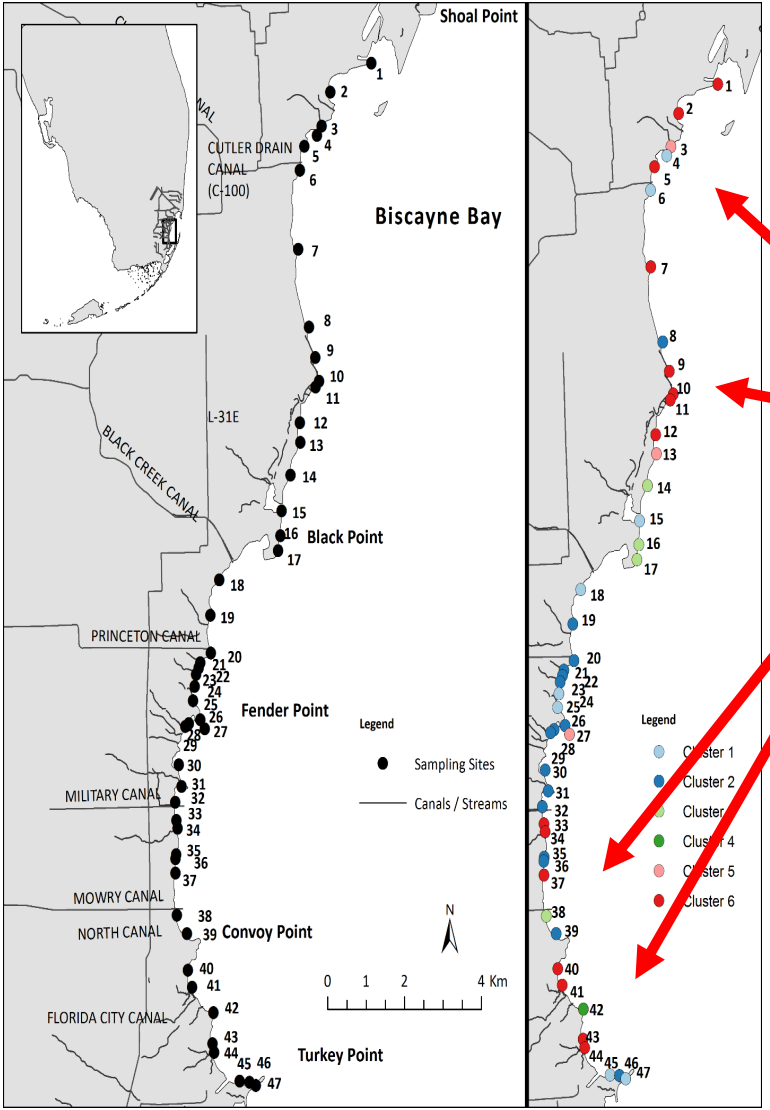
Epifauna Community: Research

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Pink shrimp *Farfantepenaeus duorarum* spatiotemporal abundance trends along an urban, subtropical shoreline slated for restoration

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Other Publications:
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↑ **Spatial Clustering of pink shrimp**

Mangrove Fish: Research

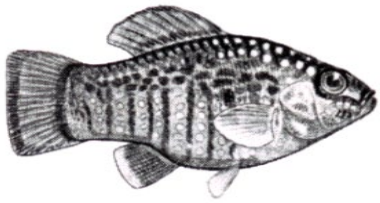
Killifish habitat suitability as a measure of coastal restoration performance: Integrating field data, behavioral trials and simulation

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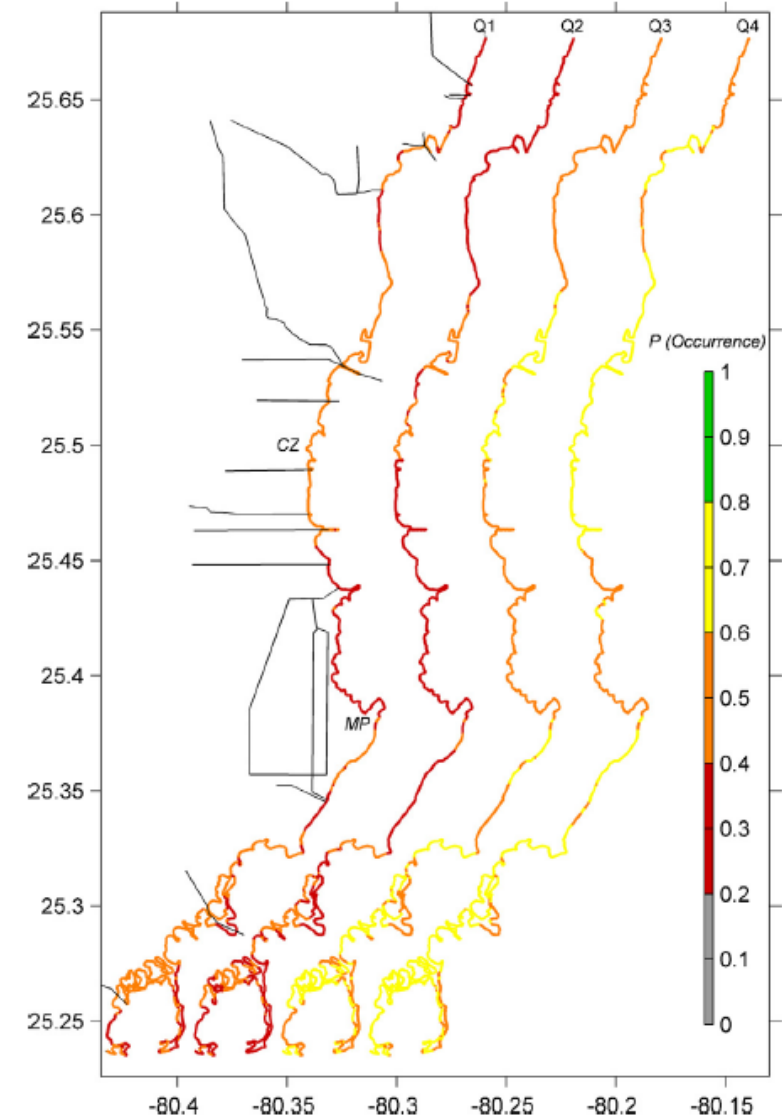
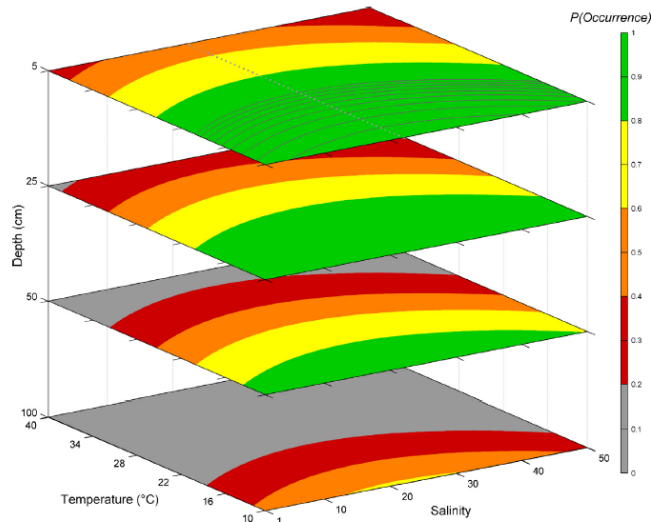
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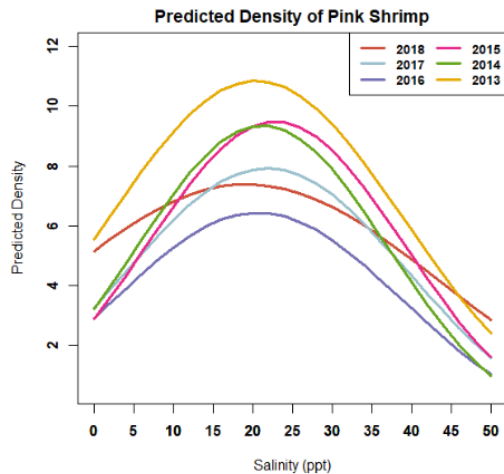
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IBBEAM – Lessons Learned



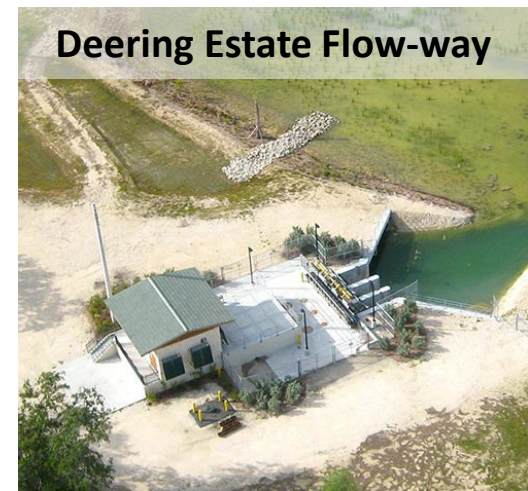
Seagrass target should be refined to consider mixed seagrass beds of *Halodule wrightii* and *Thalassia testudium* instead of only *H. wrightii*

Our baseline data has a variety of non-CERP related disturbances (rainfall/hurricanes, cold snaps, phytoplankton blooms and Sargassum ingressions etc.) that will be useful or analyzing responses post implementation



Epifauna key species relationships with salinity are statistically significant, and predictions (occurrence and density) from them become more consistent from year to year as more years of data are added

Still waiting to see true establishment of some estuarine flora and fauna



Thank you! Questions?

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3.2.4.7, and 3.2.3.6 of CERP RECOVER MAP
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