Aquaculture and its future under climate change

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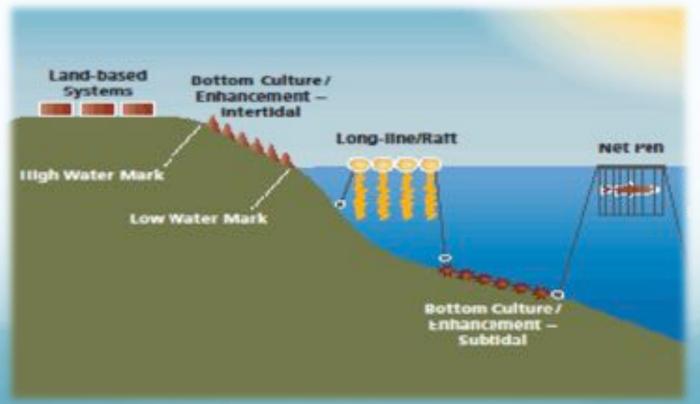




Aquaculture... the act of fish husbandary

Mariculture

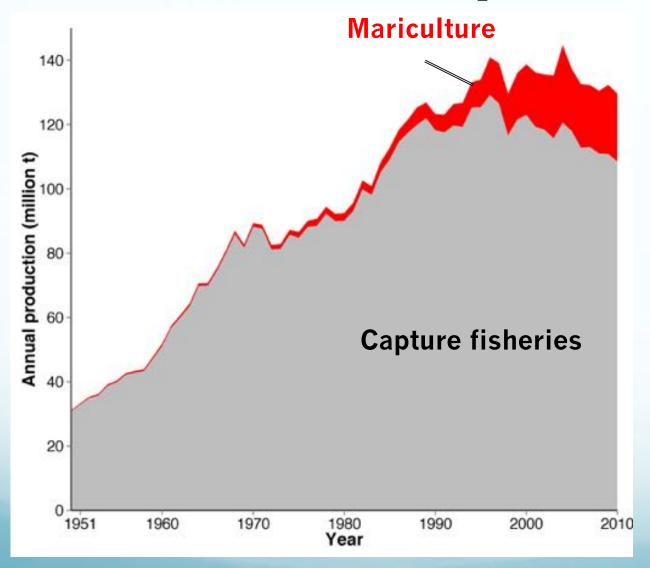
Cultivation of **aquatic** organism which the end product takes place in seawater, such as fjords, inshore and open waters, and inland seas or inland facility in which salinity generally exceeds 20 PSU.



Modify from DFO, 2012

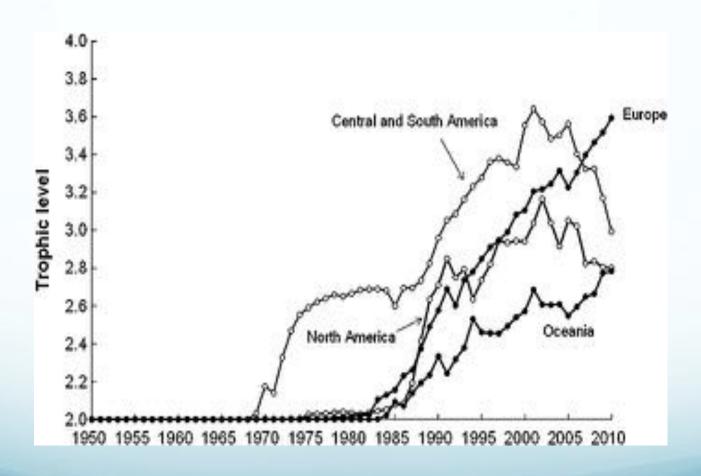


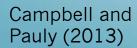
Global seafood production



Data source: Pauly & Zeller (2016); Campbell & Pauly (2013); Watson, Cheung et al. (2012)

Farming up the trophic level







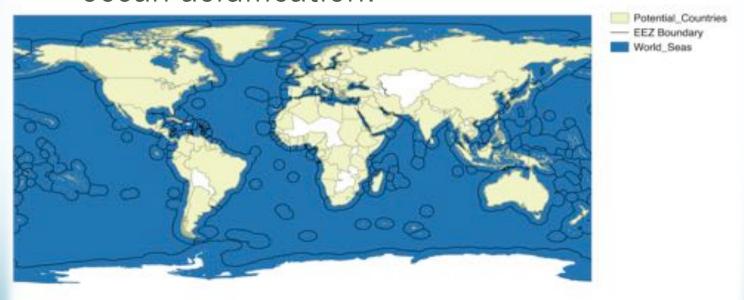
Desirable characteristics of organisms in aquaculture

- Biological traits e.g., fast growth, efficient conversion of food, high fecundity, artificial feed
- Disease resistance
- Ability to breed in captivity
- Wide range environmental parameter tolerance
- Consumer acceptability and economic variability
- Supporting system (technology)
- Suitable environment for culturing



Research questions

- What marine areas are suitable for farming existing cultured species at present?
- How would the suitability of these areas for mariculture affected by climate change and ocean acidification?

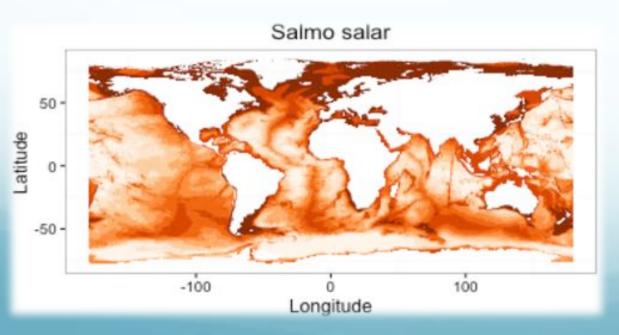


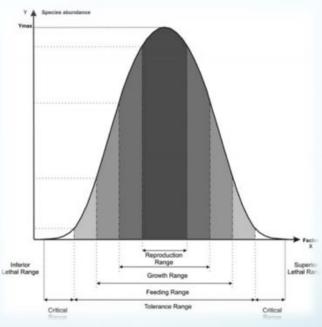
Map showing marine area available for mariculture



Species distribution models

 Predicting habitat suitability of marine areas for cultured species.

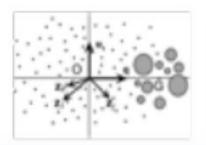




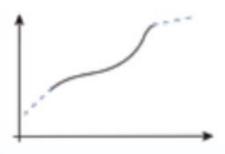


Use of four modeling approaches

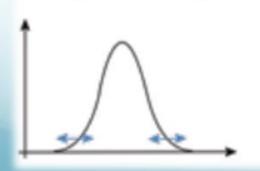
ENFA ecological niche factor analysis (based on PCA)

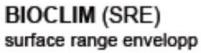


MAXENT maximal entropy modelling



NPPEN non-parametric ecological niche model







Input data

- Presence data of wild populations
 - IUCN, OBIS, GBIF, FishBase
- Presence data of farmed species (102)
 - SAU Global Mariculture Database
- Environmental data: NOAA, NASA, GEBCO
- Other biological and habitat information
 - FishBase, Encyclopedia of Life



Mariculture spatial location database

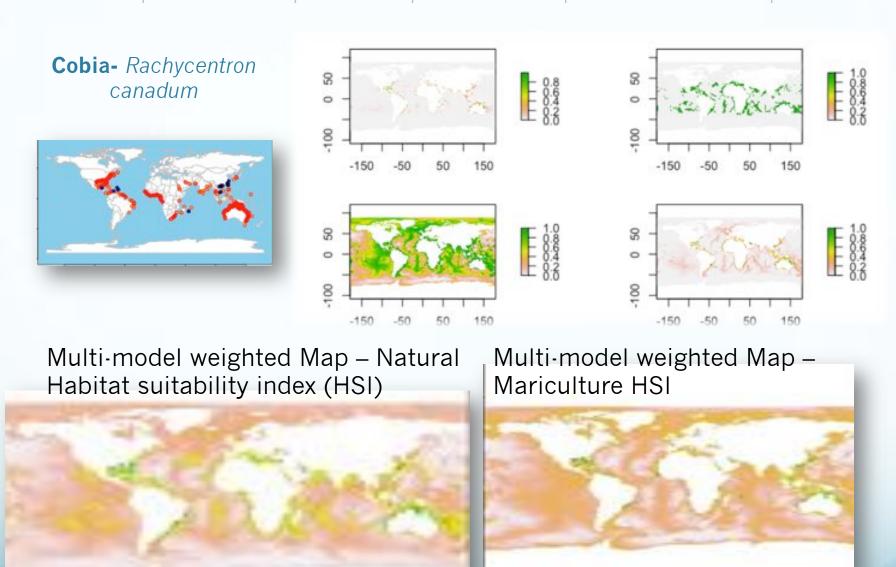






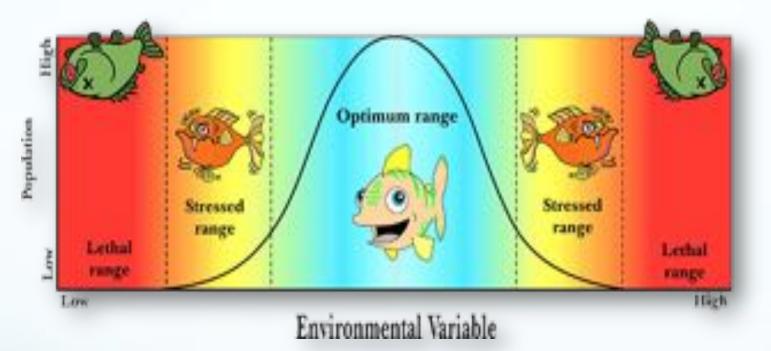
Google
Earth to
ground
truth
mariculture
location
within each
EEZ







Applying threshold of suitability



Predicted values for known mariculture location Predicted Value Background locations or absence(Natural Habitat)

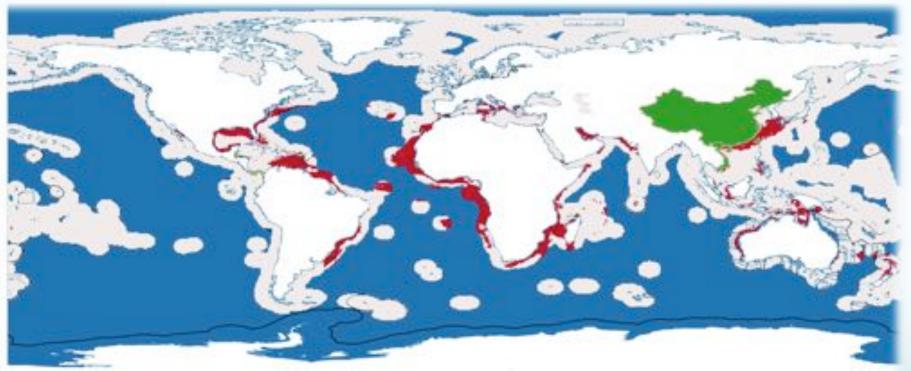


Potential Area Criteria

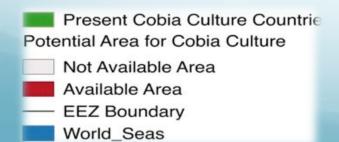
Criteria	Potential Area	Threshold
Boundaries	Within EEZ only	200nm (370.4km)
Favorable environment based on Habitat Suitability index	Area greater or equal to the prevalence value (i.e. modeled prevalence is closed to observed prevalence)	Derived for each species.
Conflicting use area	Areas outside protected areas	Potential areas exclude marine protected areas



Potential area for Cobia culture

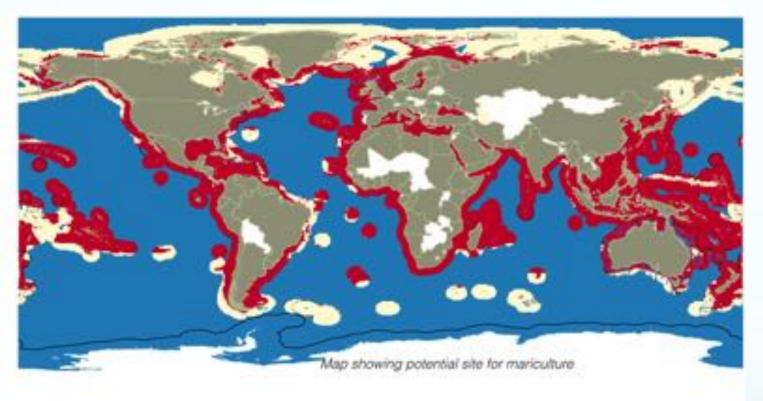


Map showing potential Cobia culture Area





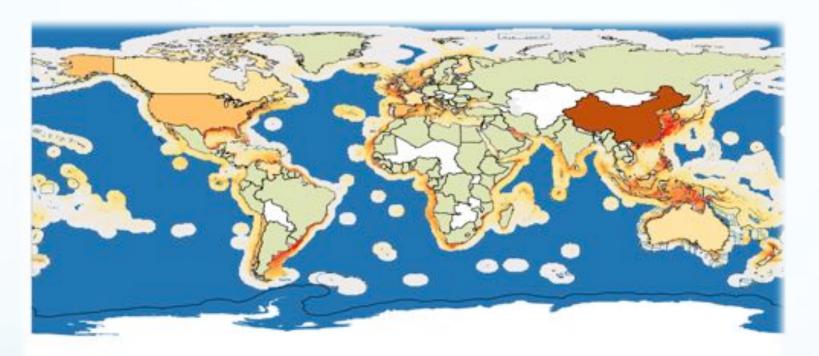
Total marine areas available for mariculture







Culture Species Richness (102 species)









Future works

- Predicting future changes in mariculture suitability under climate change;
- Apply species distribution model to predict the spatial range of pathogens and their overlap with the current and potential mariculture areas;
- Developing shared socio-economic pathways for aquaculture (SSPAs);
- Using bio-economic model to explore the potential socio-economic impacts of climate change on mariculture.







Ranking of Present Site

