

National Science Challenges

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Dynamic Seas
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What we do (Pg 7 in Research Booklet)

Themes

- Valuable Seas
- Sustainable Seas
- Tangaroa
- Vision Mātauranga
- Managed Seas
- Dynamic Seas

Using biophysical science to investigate how ecosystems work, are connected and how they respond to change; and providing an evidence-base for effective EBM.

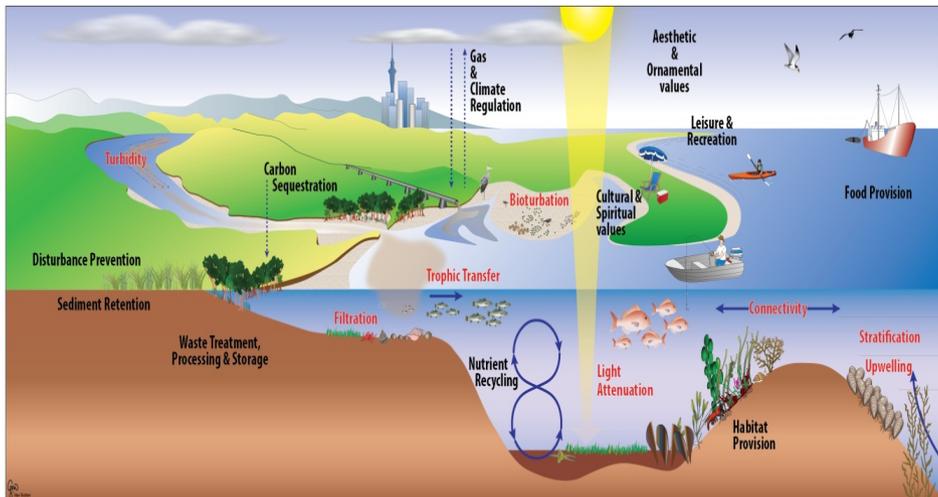
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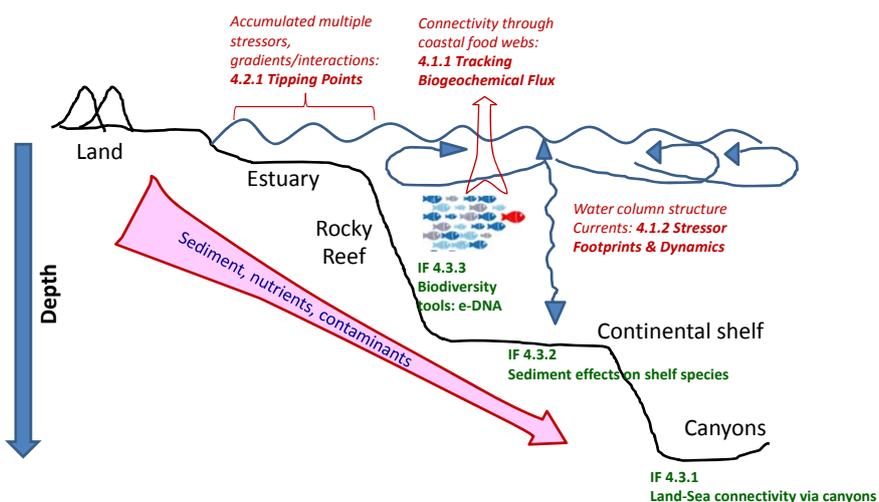
Why we do it



The Ocean as a highly connected 'Final Resting Ground' for accumulating contaminants & stressors

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What we are doing: the Projects



Progress Summary



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Ecosystem Connectivity: Biogeochemical flux



Biochemical fluxes in
bivalve communities

Material Dynamics in
Aquaculture Systems

Trophic dynamics of
fish communities



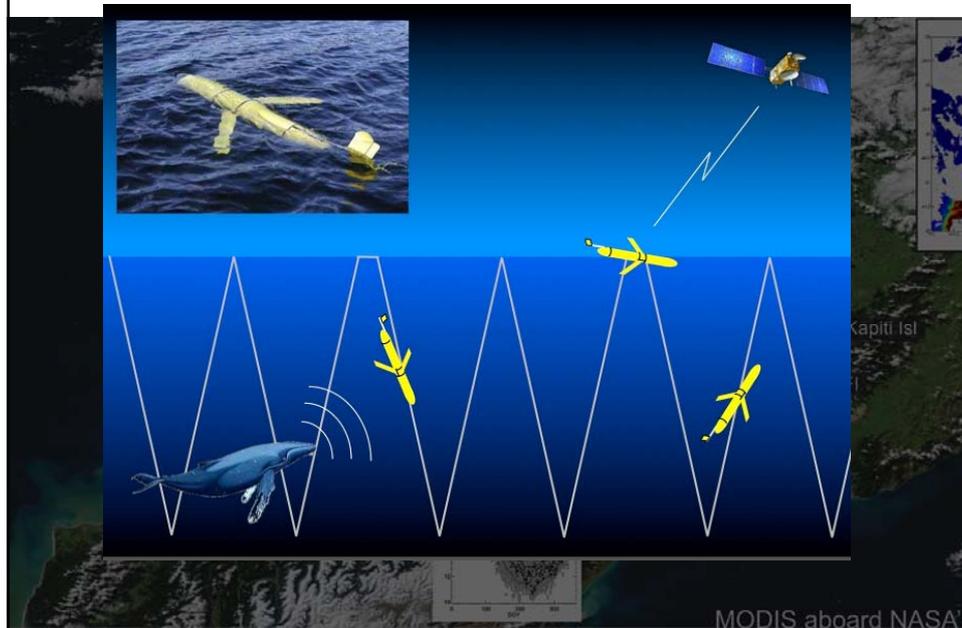
Jan-Feb 2017 voyage to case study
area, primary sampling and data
collections for 3 PhD projects

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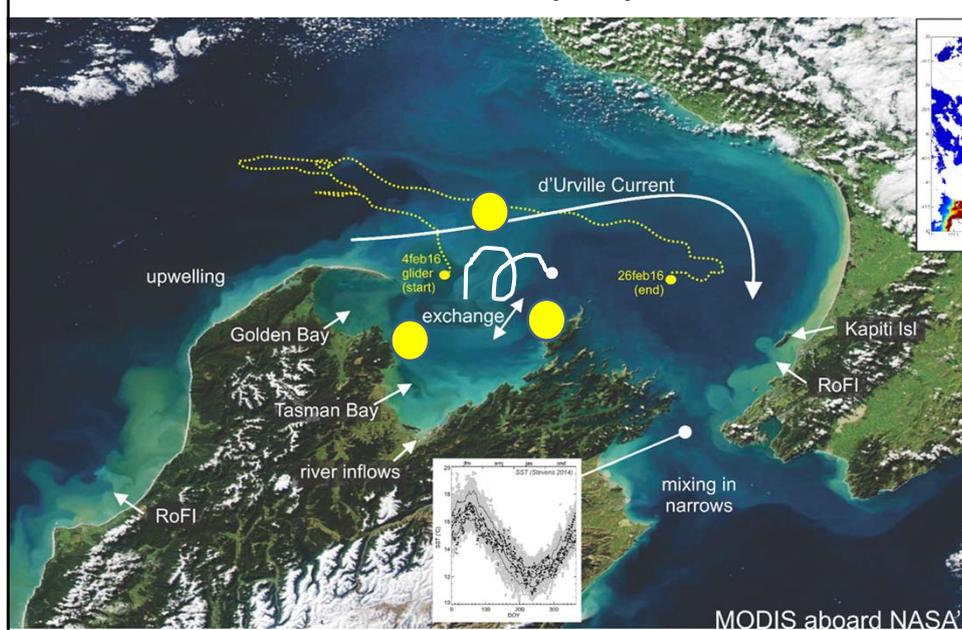
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Ocean Gliders to capture dynamics



Ocean Glider deployments



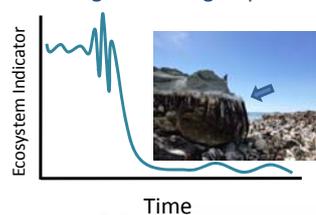
National Science Challenge – National Experiment



- 15 estuaries
- 22 sites
- Gradient in turbidity

Identification of Tipping Points
in Sediment X Nutrient
interactions along a latitudinal
gradient

+ Rocky Reef: Sediments and
light affecting kelp



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Linkages across the Domain

“the amount of engagement across the country needed to get this national experiment running was impressive - stakeholders, iwi, researchers across 6 organisations, etc. It would not have been possible without the Challenge”

Maori & VM

- Consultation on nationwide experiment in estuaries.
- VM workshop (Otago) bringing science to schools and communities
- Tipping Point workshop and planning experiments
- Cross-programme linkages through Our Seas, Valuable Seas and Tangaroa

Across Challenge

- 7 PhD students, 1 Msc (so far)
- Data/workshop interactions with all programmes
- Strong International Collaborations

Other Stakeholders

- Southland Regional Council (help with experiments)
- Auckland Council (planning experiments)
- Taranaki Regional Council (rocky reef data on sand deposition)
- Bay of Plenty Regional Council (estuarine data on nutrients and expansion of nuisance algae)
- Marlborough District Council (flux experiments, earthquake tipping points)
- King Salmon NZ (biochemical fluxes, salmon and mussel farming)

Outreach

- Newspaper (Our Blue Backyard)
- Radio discussions (Resilience and tipping points)
- Media interviews and Our Changing World (Kaikoura earthquakes)
- Seminars and public talks
- Scientific publications

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Dynamic Seas Project Leaders



Tipping Points
(Simon Thrush,
Conrad Pilditch)



Stressor footprints & dynamics
(Craig Stevens)



Connectivity and flux
(Steve Wing)

Innovation Fund Projects

Sediment effects on shelf species



Malcolm Clark

Land-sea connections in canyons



Daniel Leduc

Biodiversity, e-DNA



Michael Knapp

We've been busy!

