The Fate of Marine Protected Areas in our Future Ocean

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Marine Protected Areas = Resiliency

What are the effects of climate change?

- Warmer, sour, breathless ocean
- Sea-level rise
- Human health
- Economic implications



Our Home and a Destination

• 38 million people live in California

• 22 Million people live in Southern California

• Total direct travel spending in 2013 was \$109 Billion

3% increase from 2012

Beach usage in California higher than other 49 states combined

Benefits of Coastal Ecosystems

- Provide coastal protection
- Nursery habitats for many important fisheries and aquaculture
- Carbon sequestration
- Home and future of the Blue Economy

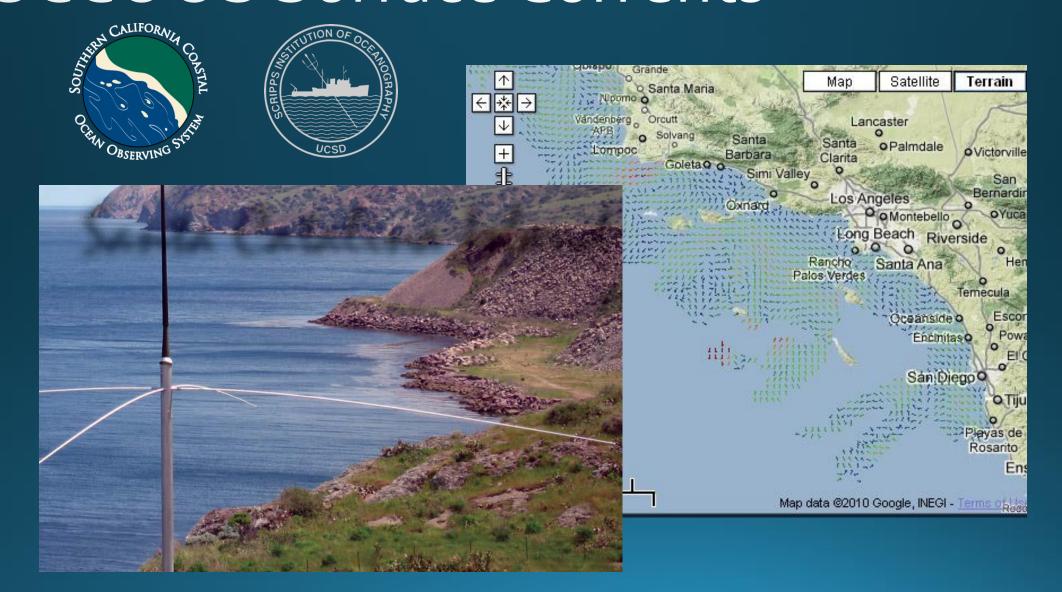
Benefits of MPAs

MPAs as a testbed for:
scientific research
new technologies

To inform:
fisheries management
coastal planning
local stakeholders



SCCOOS Surface Currents



Coronado

Scientific observations inform wastewater management San Diego Bay

Tijuana River after a Rain Event

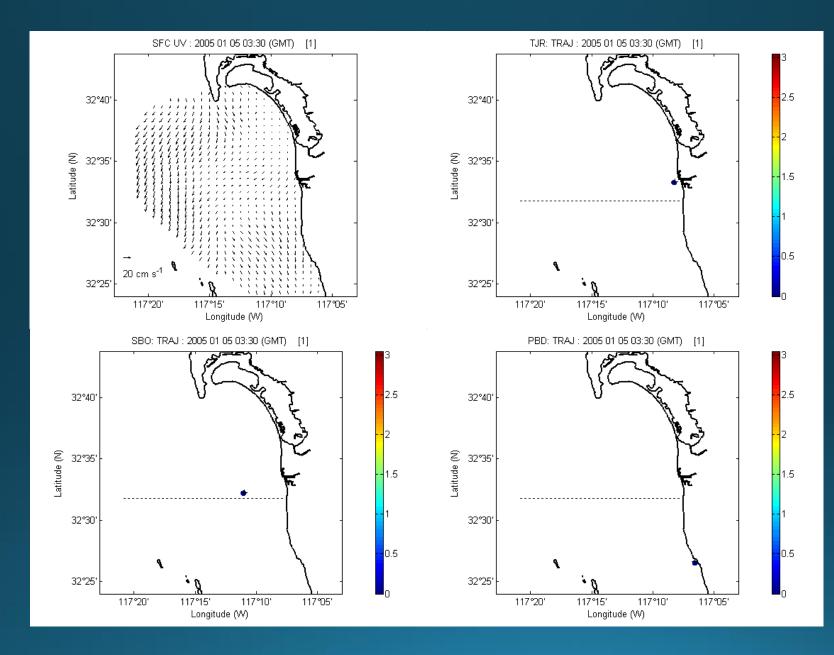
Tijuana River National Estuary Research Reserve

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Imperial Beach

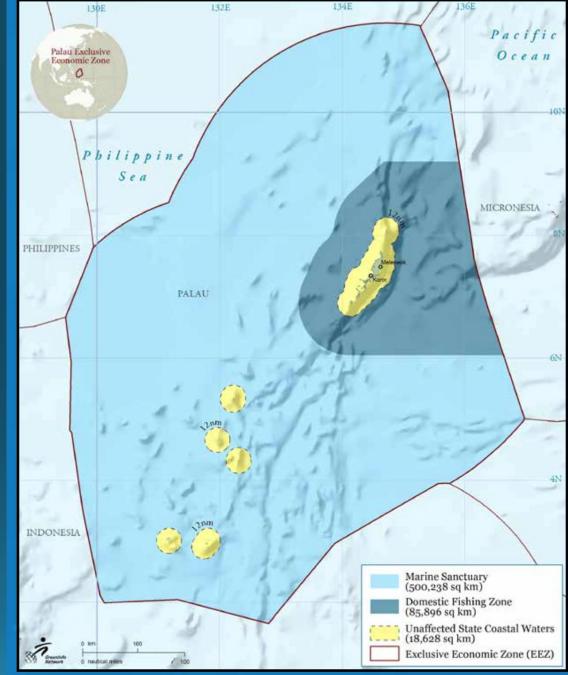






IUU Fishing in Palau



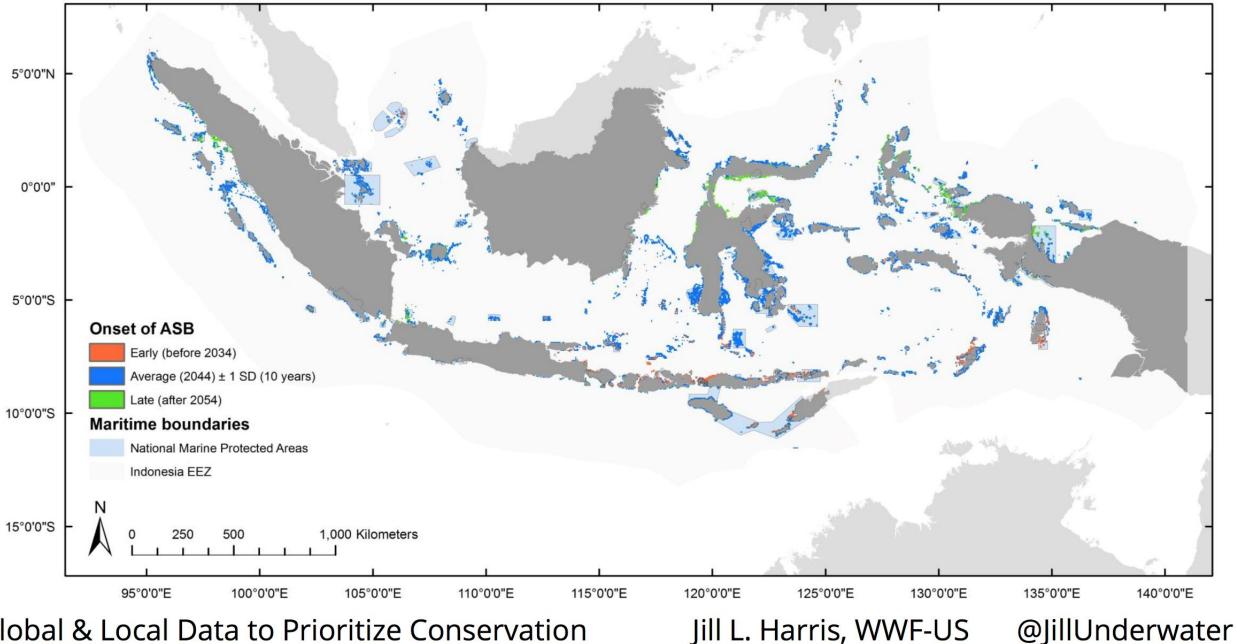


Coral mosaics: using photographs to document coral reef health in 3D

Sandin Lab, Scripps Institution of Oceanography 100 Island Challenge (http://100islandchallenge.org)

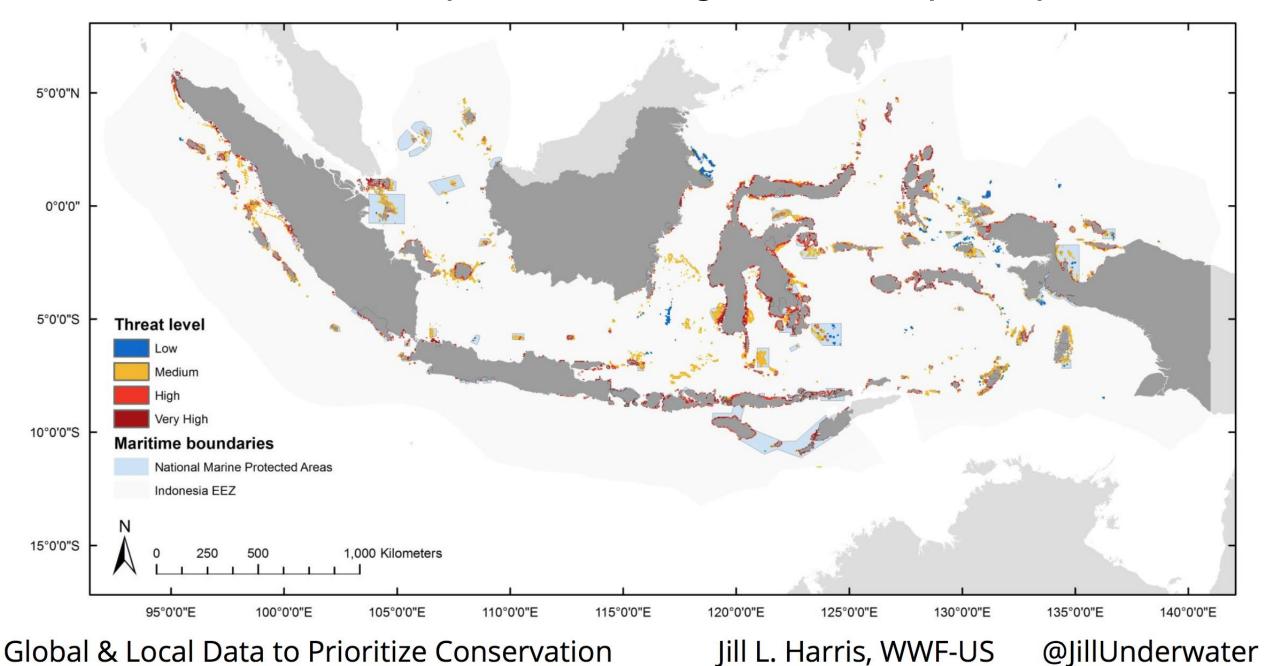


Climate Projections of coral reef resiliency in Indonesia

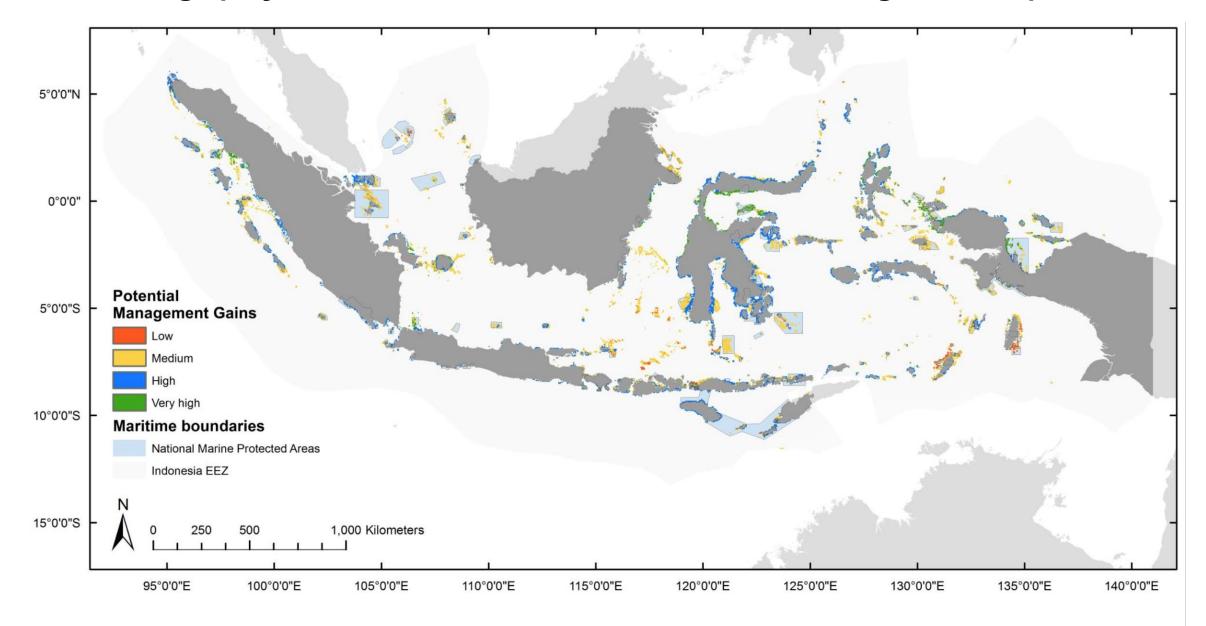


Global & Local Data to Prioritize Conservation

Local threats to coral reef ecosystems (overfishing, coastal development, pollution)



Climate change projections + Local threats = Potential for management impact



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Take Home Messages

• MPAs can be adaptation solutions to fight against climate change

• Technological advances can help inform MPA management

• Rigorous scientific data highlight new ways to manage MPA's

 Add your country to the "Because The Ocean" Declaration signed yesterday by several Heads of State