

## Linking Remote Sensing to Coastal Conservation

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### Informing protected area networks



#### • In situ

- Collaboration
  - Management agencies

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- NGOs
- Stakeholders
- Spawning site identification
- Habitat use
- Migration pathways
- Remote sensing
  - Larval transport
  - Habitat identification and mapping

### **Tarpon Regional Management**



#### • In situ

- Collaboration
  - Management agencies
  - NGOs
  - Stakeholders
- Adult migrations, diet, habitat

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- Juvenile habitats
- Genetic population structure
- Remote sensing
  - Larval transport

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## Florida Keys Tarpon Fishery



- Global Processes
  - Water Quality
  - Climate
- Habitat
   Description
- Biological
  - Vegetation
  - Prey
- Infrastructure
  - Wastewater Locations
- Transportation
  - Vehicle Traffic
  - Vessel Traffic





## **Current and Future Needs**

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### **Oceanographic-Coastal Processes**

- Ocean-coastal model integration
  - Larval transport
  - Terrestrial inputs
  - Fish biology connectivity

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## **Terrestrial-Coastal Linkages**

- Watershed-estuary integration
  - Landscape conservation approach
    - Terrestrial
      - Watershed delineation
      - Freshwater flows
    - Coastal habitat mosaic



## **Data Needs**

- Better data accessibility, useability, affordability
- Improved stakeholder/end-user integration
- Data continuity
- Improved inshore data
  - Dissolved oxygen, salinity, pH, Nutrients (NH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>4</sub>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, PO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup>)
  - Differentiate seagrasses from benthic macroalgae
- Higher resolution imagery
  - Dwarf mangroves
  - Boat traffic



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# Challenges



# Information Silos In Marine Fisheries Management

## **Information Silos**





Fish Habitats

• Nurseries

• Spawning

• Larval connectivity

• Water quality

• Ontogenetic habitat shifts

• Migrations

• Habitat connectivity



#### **Structural Challenges**

• Lack of spatial (habitat) integration in marine fisheries management

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- End users can't apply data to regulations
- Information and management silos
  - Within and between agencies
- Institutional capacity issues
  - Mission limitations
  - Institutional structure
- Education silos



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