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BIOSCAPE - Mapping of phytoplankton functional types (PFTs) from space in support of coastal resource management and decision support activities

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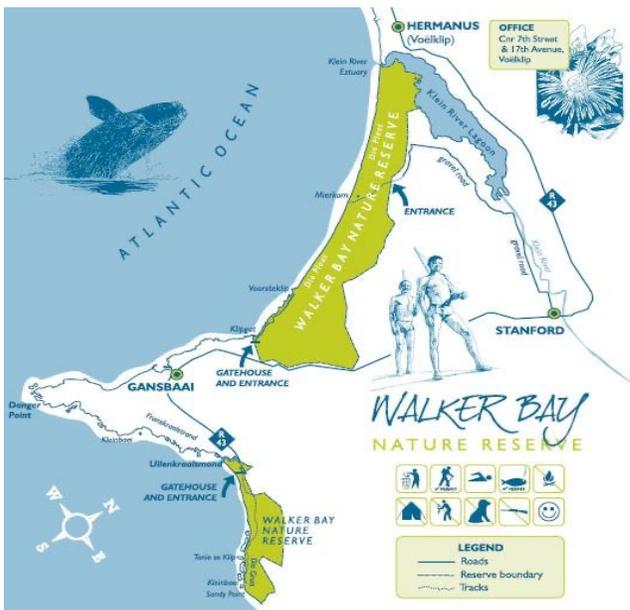
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Research Area

Walker Bay



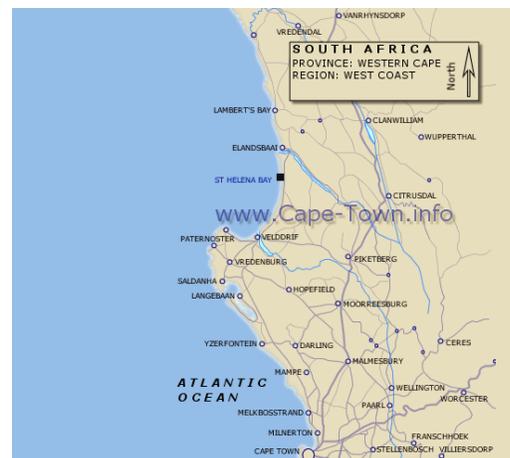
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St Helena

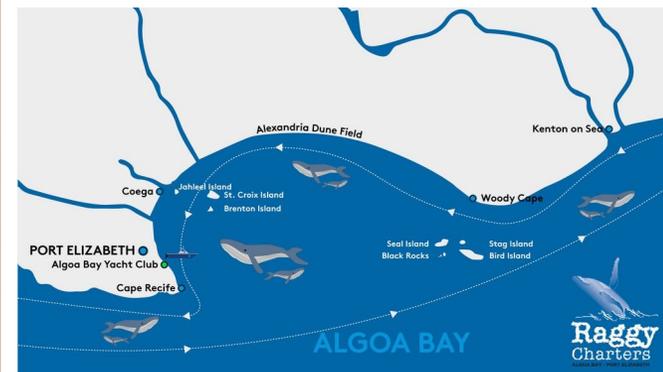


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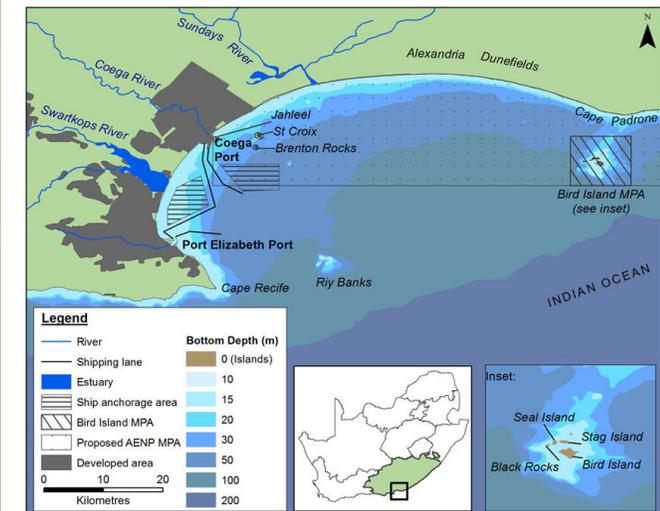


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Algoa Bay



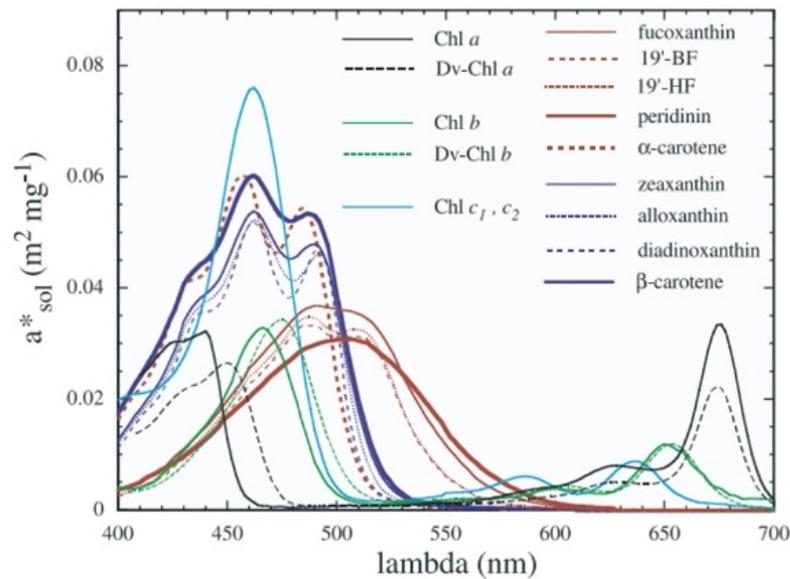
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(Dorrington et al, 2018)

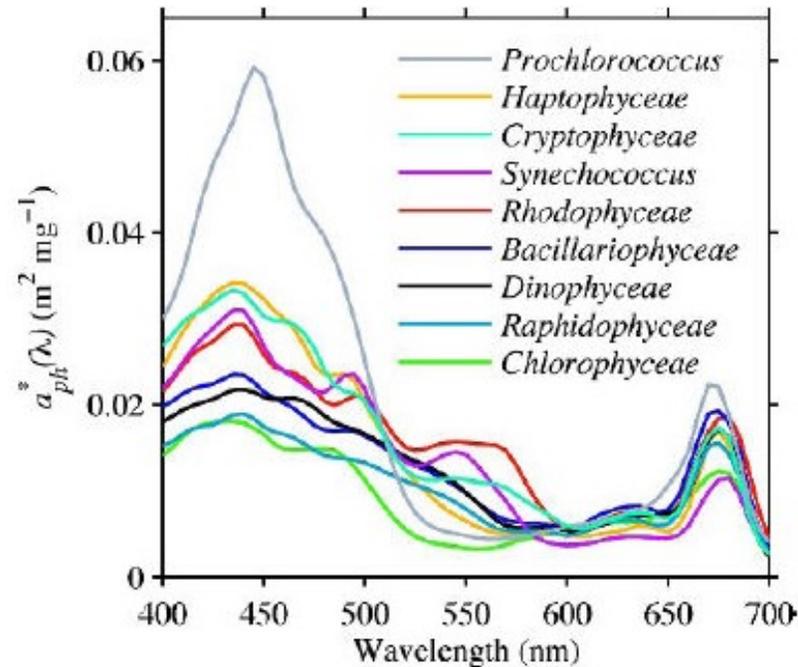
Goal

Develop a hyperspectral radiometric method to map the spatial distribution of **phytoplankton functional types (PFT)** across environmental gradients within these three ecologically distinct but socio-economically vital bays.

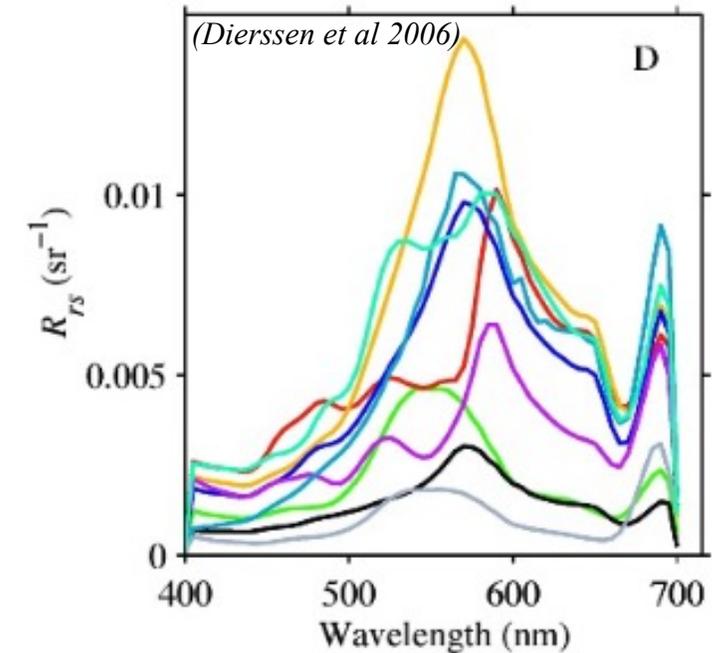


by Bricaud et al, 2004

Absorption of individual Pigments



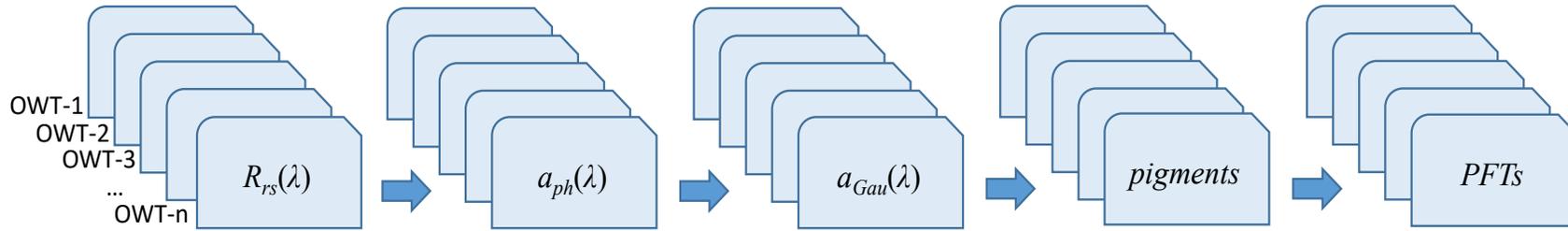
Aph of PFTs



Remote sensing reflectance (Rrs)

Method

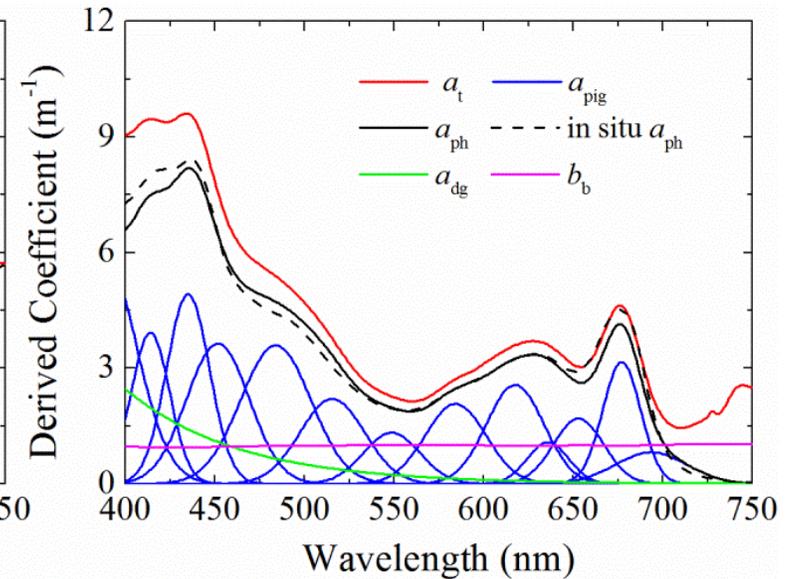
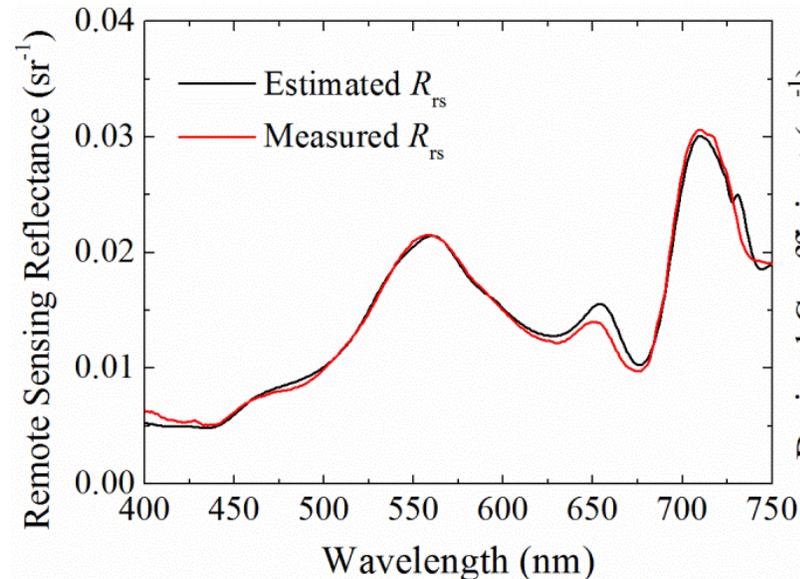
Multi-pigment inversion model (MuPI)



$$R_{rs}(\lambda) = f\left(\frac{b_b}{a_t + b_b}\right) = f\left(\frac{b_{bw} + 0.01(c_s - a_{ph}(\lambda))}{\sum_{i=1}^n a_{gaus}(\lambda_i) \exp\left[-0.5\left(\frac{\lambda - \lambda_i}{\sigma_i}\right)^2\right] + a_{dg}(\lambda_0) \exp(-S(\lambda - \lambda_0)) + a_w + b_{bw} + 0.01(c_s - a_{ph}(\lambda))}\right)$$

Where

- a_{gaus} and $s(\lambda)$ are the peak magnitude and width of the i^{th} Gaussian Curve
- $a_{dg}(\lambda)$ is absorption coefficient of detritus and colored dissolved organic matter
- $a_w(\lambda)$ is the absorption coefficient of seawater
- c_s is the beam attenuation coefficient
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Data Collection (NASA BIOSCape Oct 13rd- Nov 19th 2023)

○ Algoa Bay

- - Oct 25th
- - Oct 26th

○ St Helena Bay

- - Oct 30th
- - Oct 31st

○ Walker Bay

- - Nov 08th
- - Nov 09th

○ False Bay

- - Nov 12nd

Type	Property and/or description	Methods or instruments	Sampling mode
AOPs	R_{rs} : remote sensing reflectance	SVC Hri (Spectra Vista Corp)	On station at surface
	$Ed(z)$ and $Lu(z)$: vertical profiles of irradiance and radiance	HyperPro II (Satlantic)	On station depth profile
IOPs	a : total absorption coefficient	ac-s (WET Labs)	Depth Profile/Underway
	c : total beam attenuation coefficient; $b_p (=c-a-b_w)$: particle scattering	ac-s (WET Labs)	Depth Profile/Underway
	b_{bp} : particle backscattering coefficient	BB9 (WET Labs)	Depth Profile/Underway
	a_p, a_{ph} : of particles and phytoplankton,	Filter-pad & spectrophotometer (Shimadzu)	Discrete depth
Bio-optical	a_g : CDOM absorption coefficient	Spectrophotometer (Aqualog)	Discrete depth
	PFTs and PSCs	PFT-Imaging Microscopy (Nikon), FlowCAM (Fluid Imaging), PFT - Algal Online Analyzer (BBE), ALFA (Wetlabs), e-DNA (qPCR, Biomeme "Franklin")	Discrete depth/Underway
	Concentration of CHL and other pigments	Fluorometry (Turner Designs), HPLC (NASA), ALFA (Wetlabs),	Discrete depth/Underway/Profile
	PSCs and/or PSD	FlowCAM	Discrete depth/Underway
Bydrography Currents, Nutrient, Carbonate Chemistry	CDOM concentrations and slopes	Spectrophotometer	Discrete depth
	Temperature, Salinity, Oxygen, pH profiles, Curents, pCO ₂ , inorganic nutrients,	CTD, pH and DO Sensors (profiles, ADCP, Nutrients (discrete), pCO ₂ and pH underway,	Discrete depth/Underway/Flowthrough

**Algoa Bay
2023-10-25
(flight)**



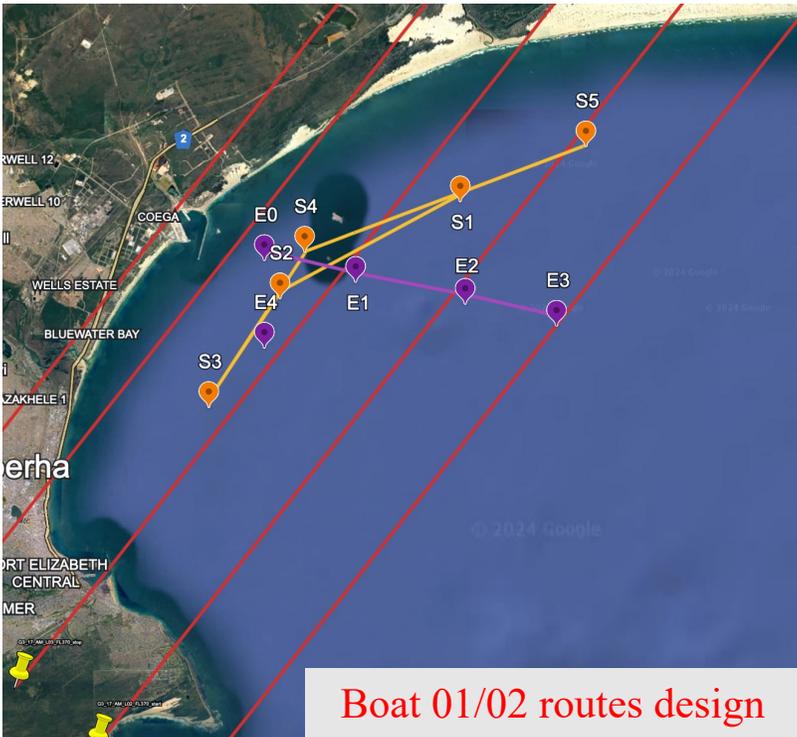
G-III flight routes design



G-III flight lines



Got you, G-III!



Boat 01/02 routes design



**Algoa_Bay_NASA_G-III_First
line_Picture**



Boat from SAEON



Handhold SVC (above water Rrs)



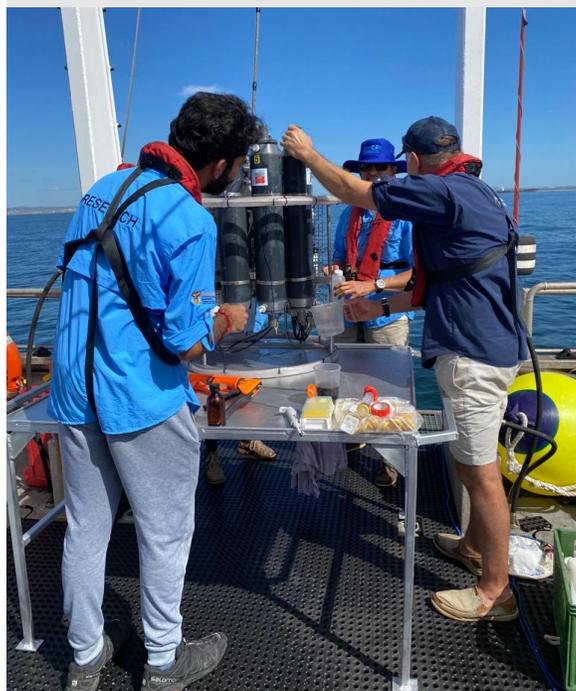
SBA (on water Rrs)



Algoa Bay
2023-10-25
(boat 1)

Optical
AOPs

CTD (T,S,P)



Gybe (Underway Rrs)



ALFA (Phytoplankton)



FiRe (Fv/Fm)



FlowCAM (Fluid Imaging for PFTs)



Algoa Bay
2023-10-25
(boat 1)

Biological

PP incubation



Zooplankton



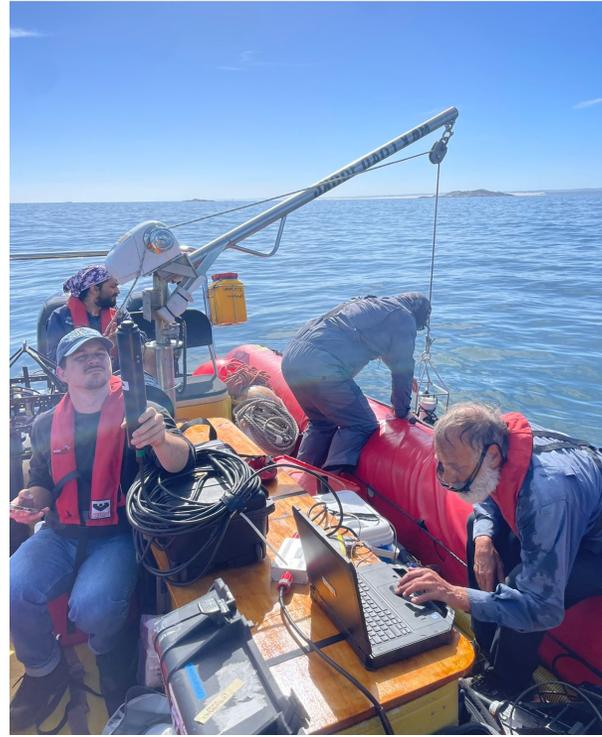
**Algoa Bay
2023-10-25
(boat 2)**

**Optical
AOPs & IOPs**

Handhold SVC (above water Rrs)



HyperPro (Profile Rrs)



IOPs (ac-s, bb9, CTD)



Profiler Boat 2

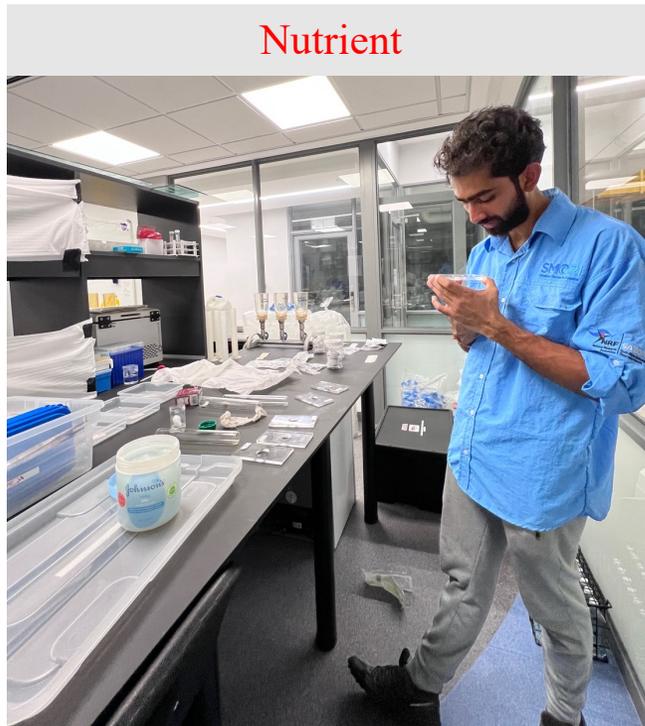


Hydrography



**Algoa Bay
2023-10-25
(laboratory work)**

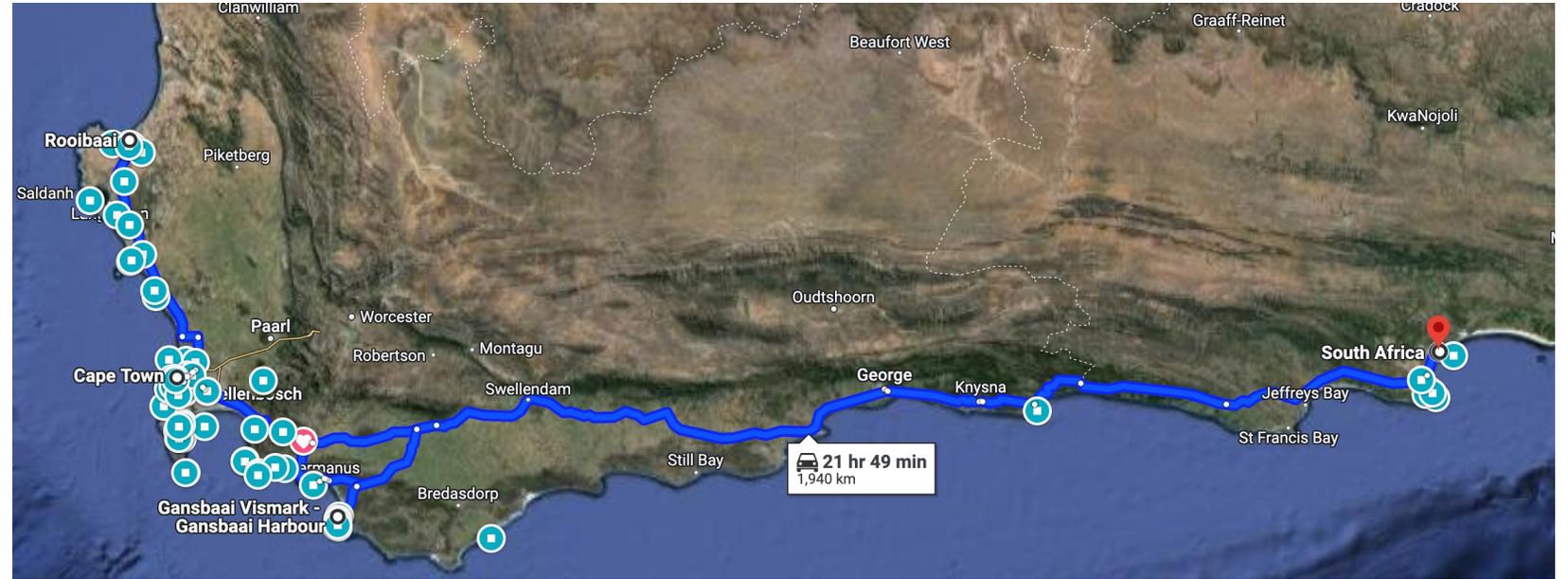
Bio-optical



Per-work / logistical challenges

2000km, > 20 boxes, one gear

- Port Of Coega , Harbour, Coega, C
- Cape Town, South Africa
- Rooibaai, Laaipek, Bergrivier, 73€
- Cape Town, South Africa
- Gansbaai Vismark - Gansbaai Ha
- Coega, Gqeberha, 6100, South Af



Per-work / logistical challenges

Algoa Bay



St. Helena Bay



Walker Bay

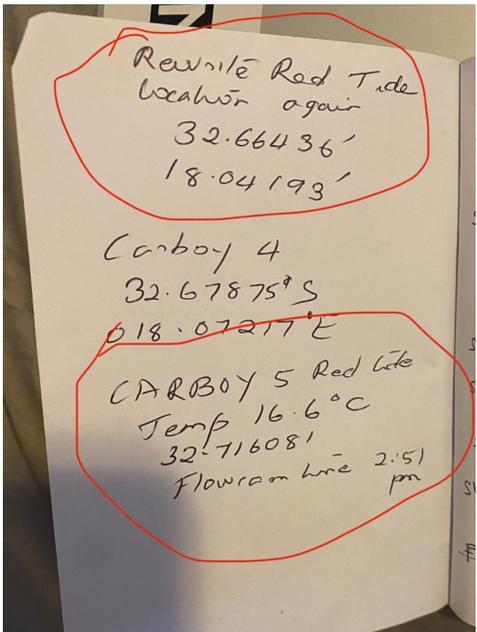


False Bay

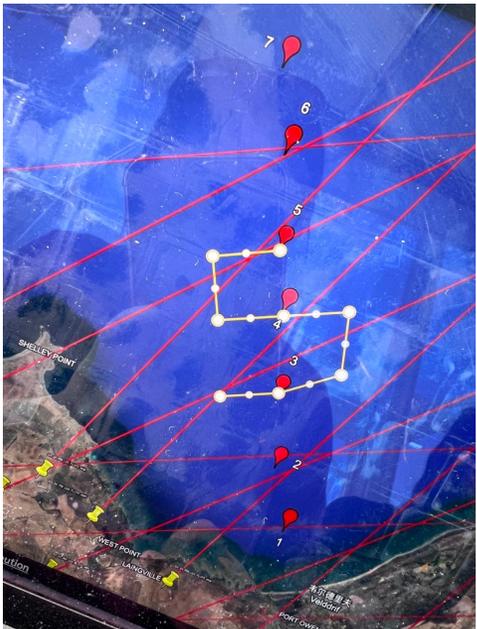


**2023-10-27
To
2023-10-30**

**Chasing
Red Tide**



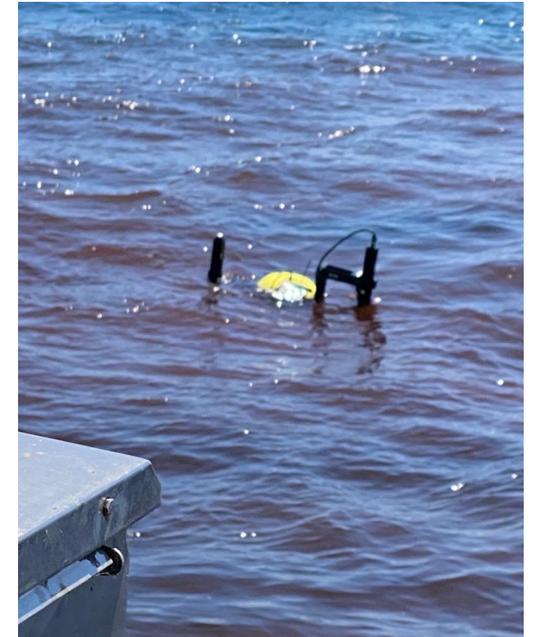
**First day of St.
Helena Bay
2023-10-30th**



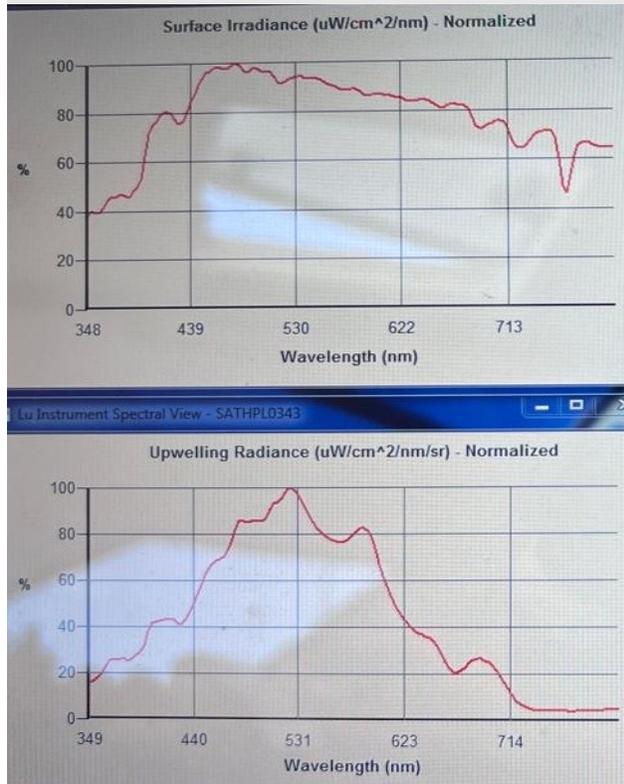
**St. Helena Bay
2023-10-31
(boat 1 & 2)**



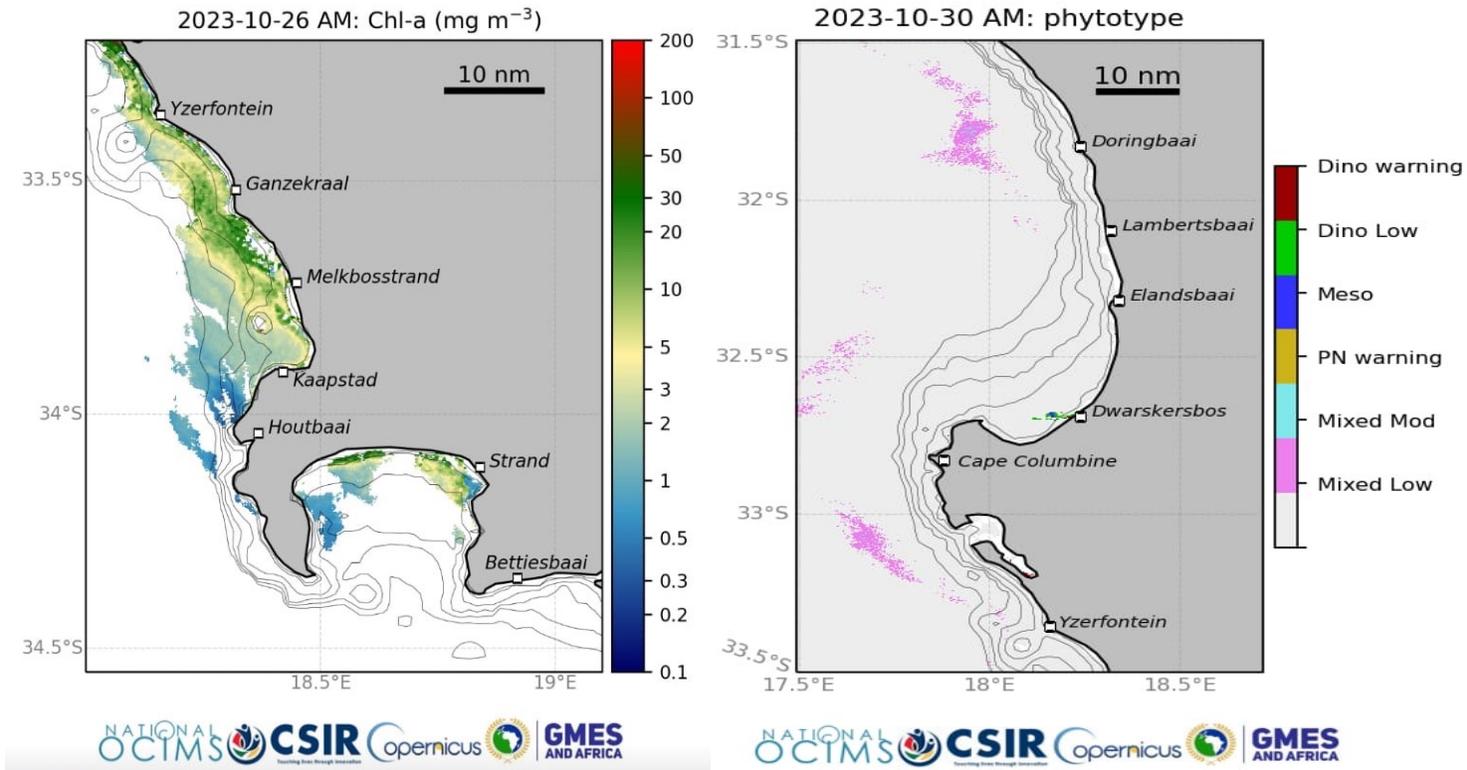
Red Tide



SBA (Huge Algae in red bands)

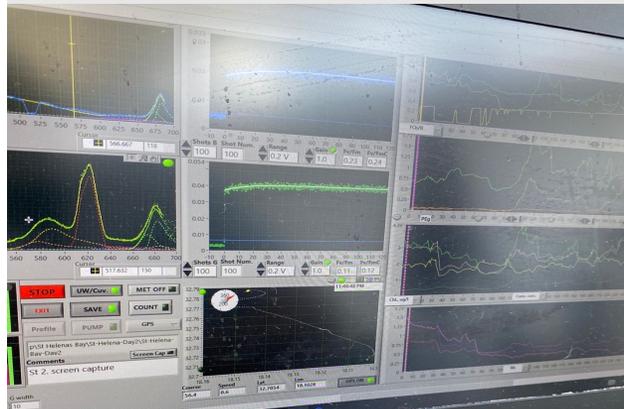


Local Report



**St. Helena Bay
2023-10-31
(Red Tide)**

ALFA (shows bloom)



FlowCAM (Red Noctiluca)





Noctiluca scintillans (dinoflagellate) --bioluminescence



Marine biological diversity



Aequorea crystal jellyfish
with amphipods



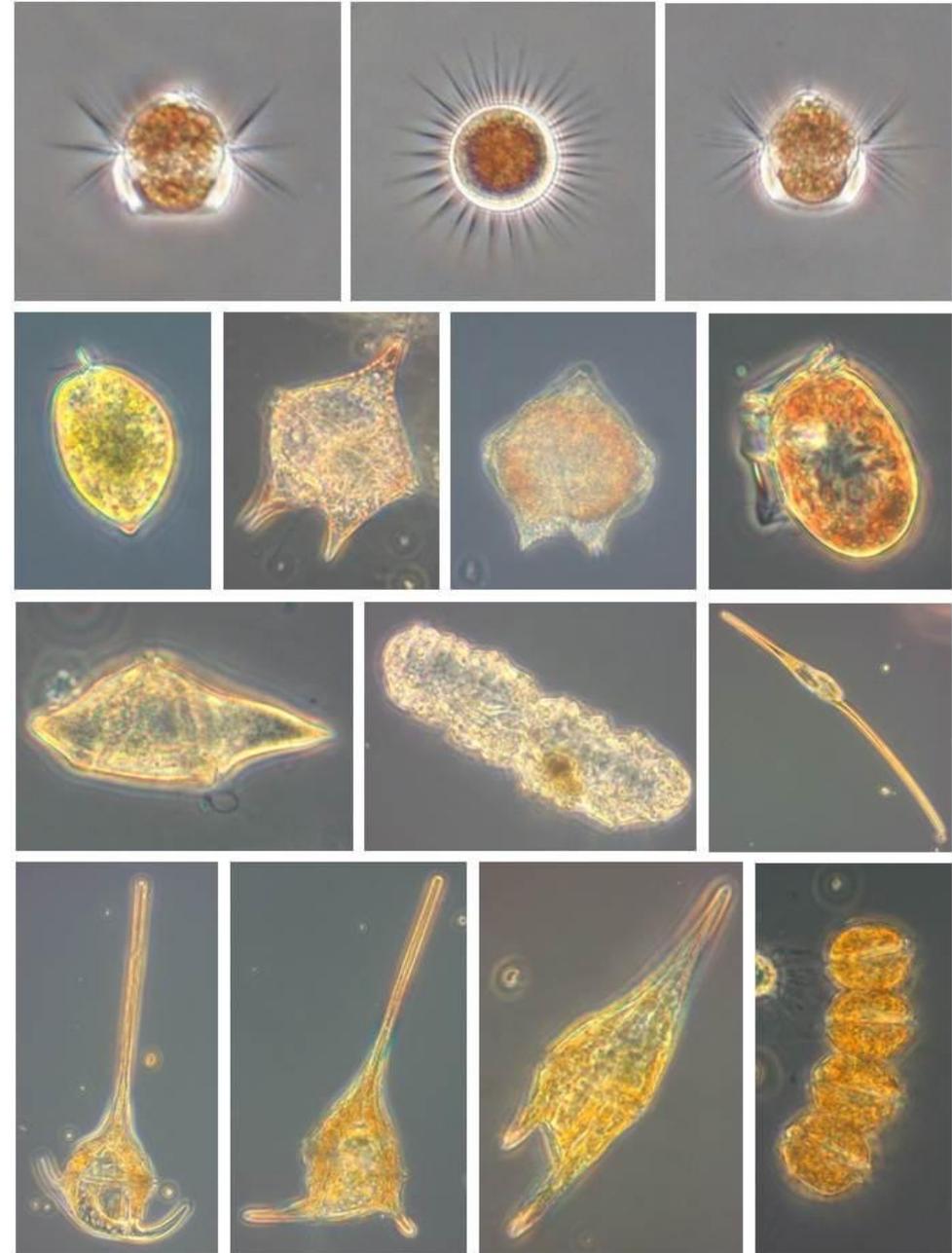
Pink Meanie Jellyfish
(*Drymonema larsoni*)



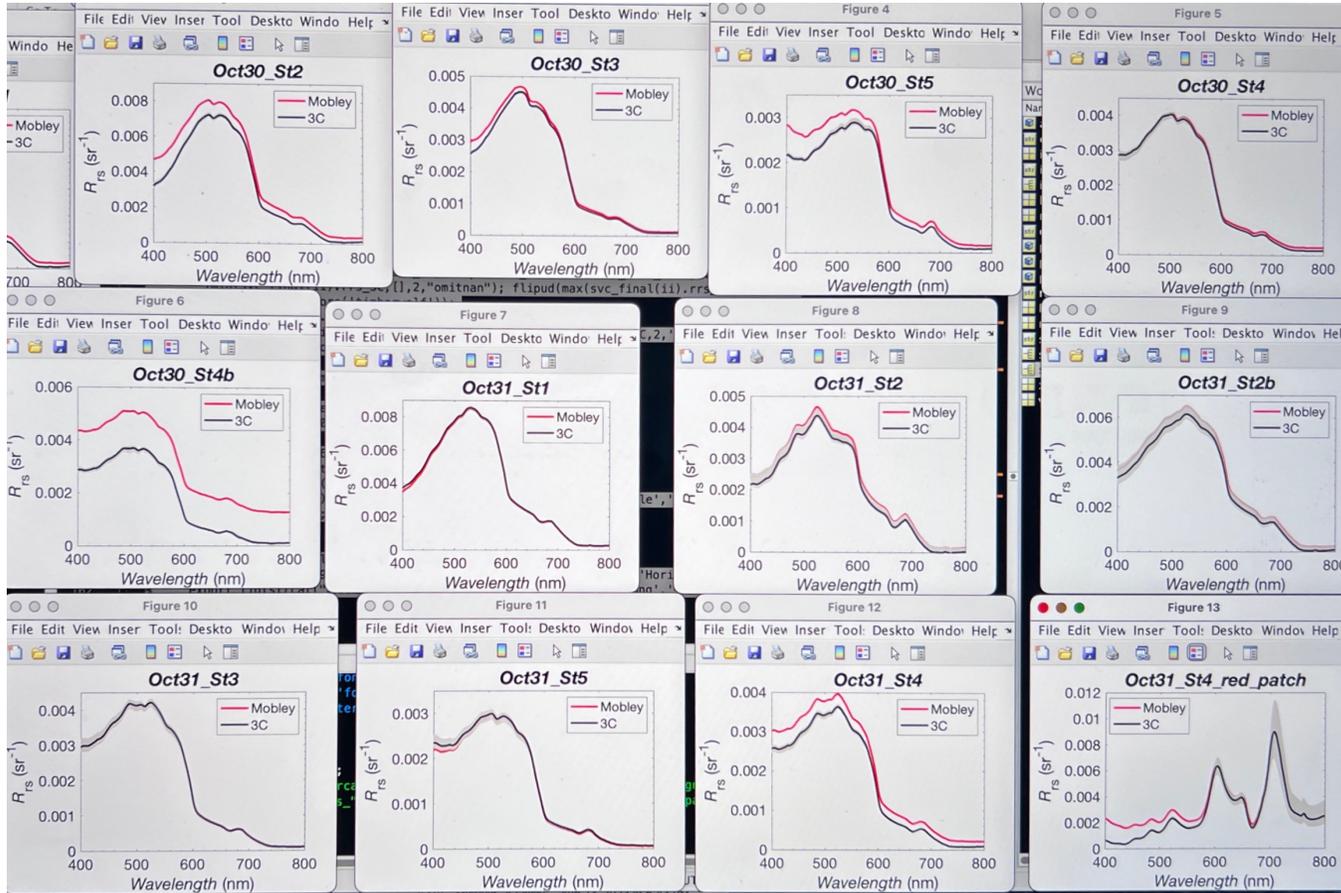
Diatom Plate (Algoa Bay)



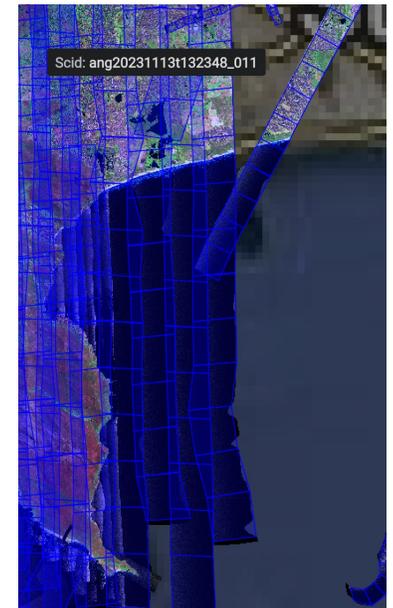
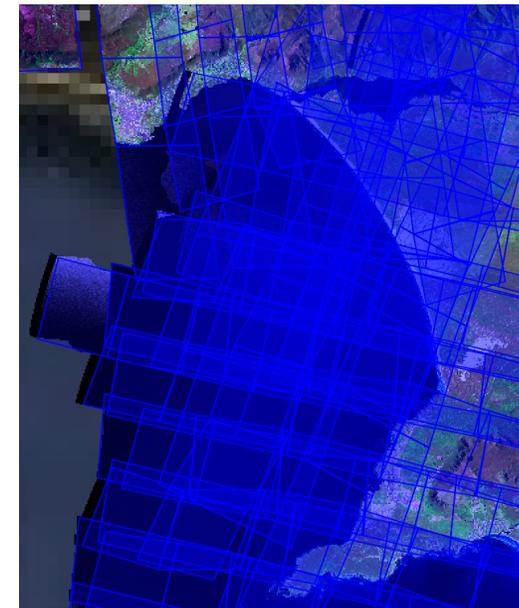
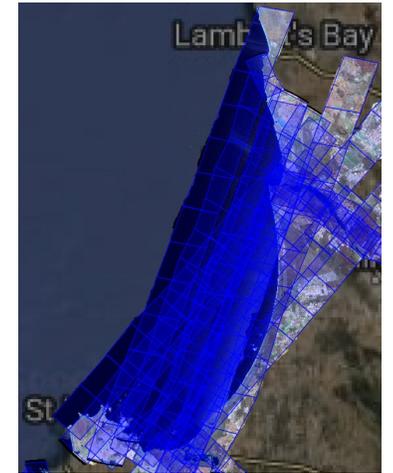
Plankton (St Helena Bay)



SVC Rrs

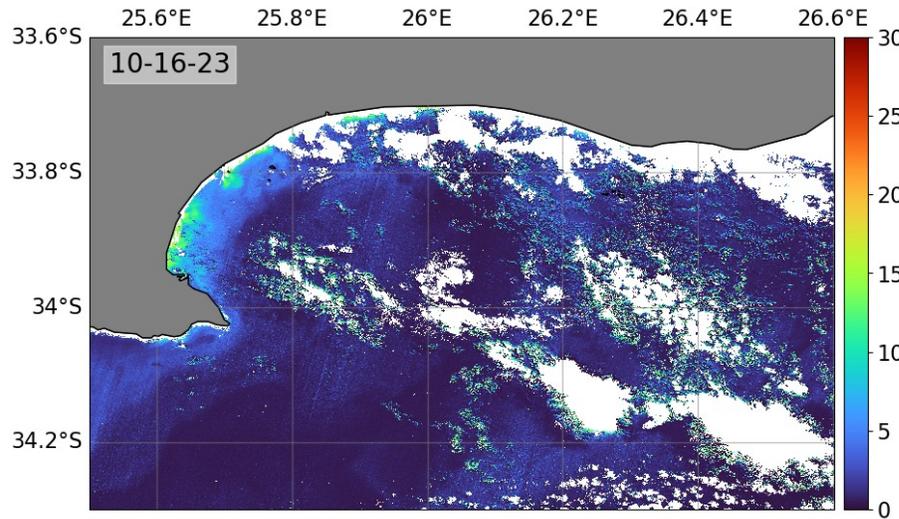


BioSCape AVIRIS-NG Data

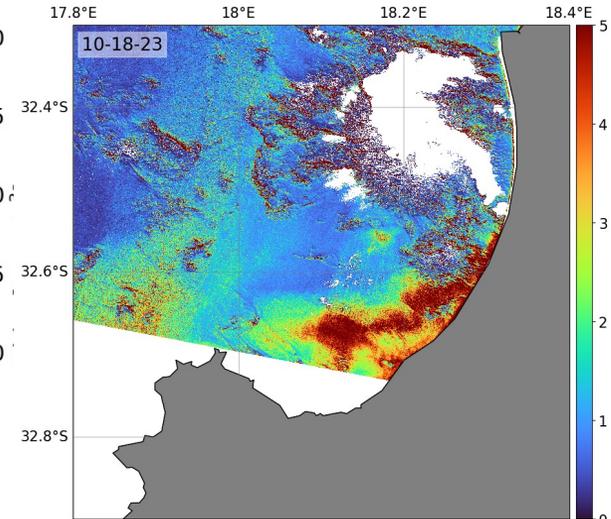


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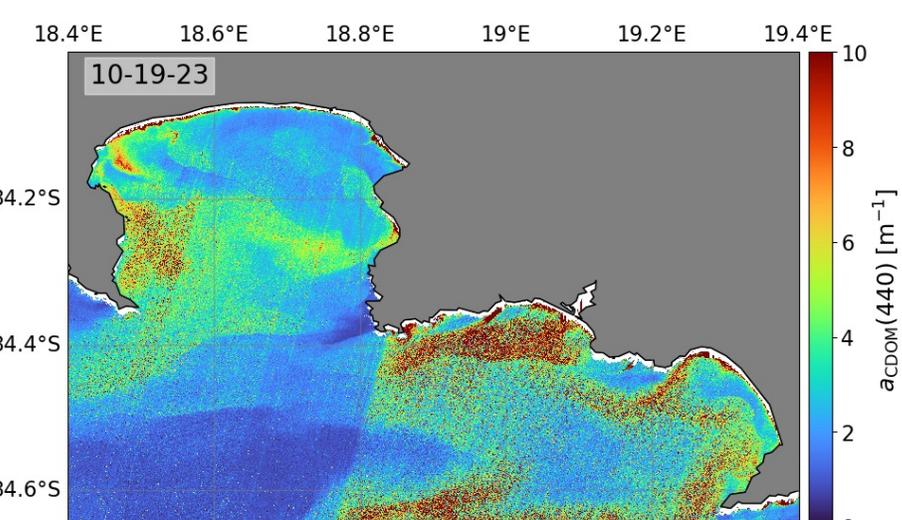
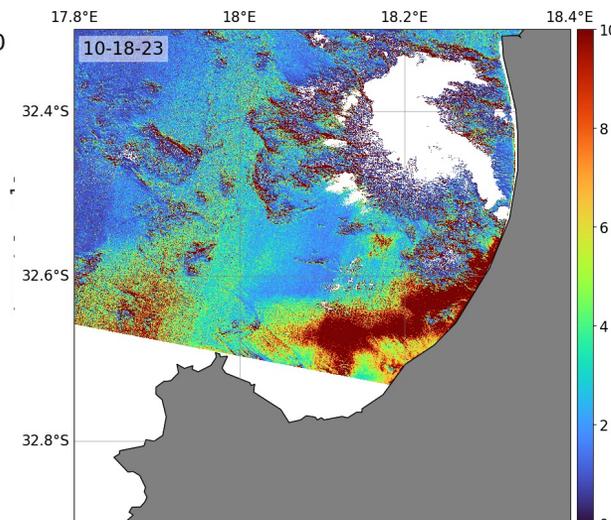
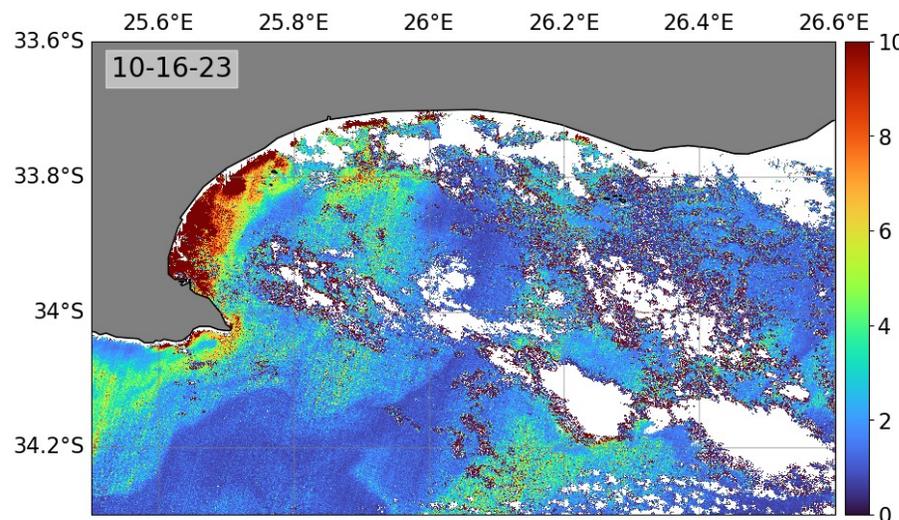
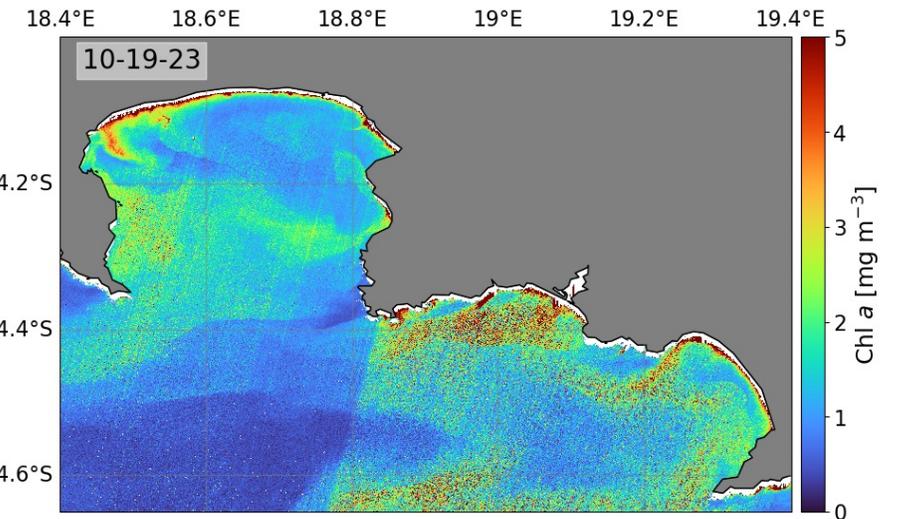
Algoa Bay



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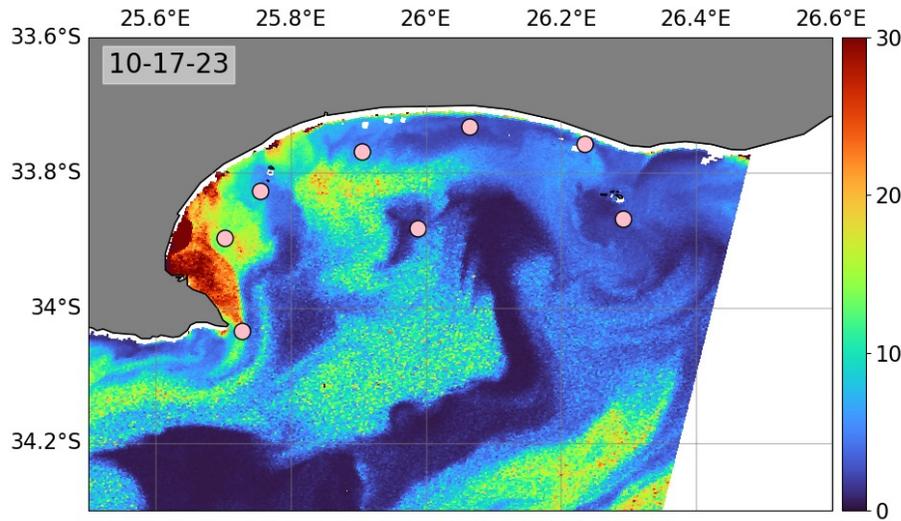


Walker & False Bay

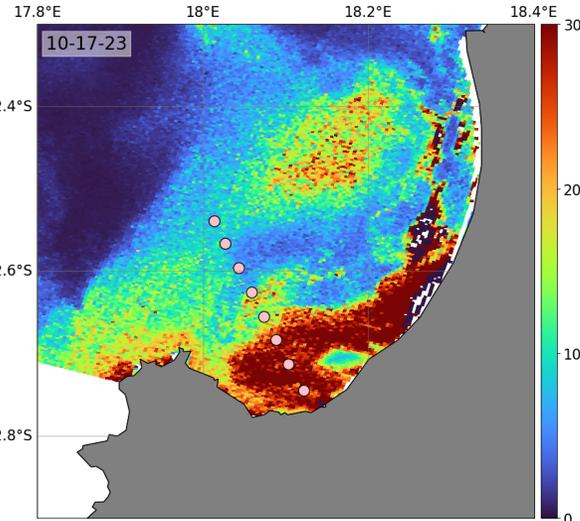


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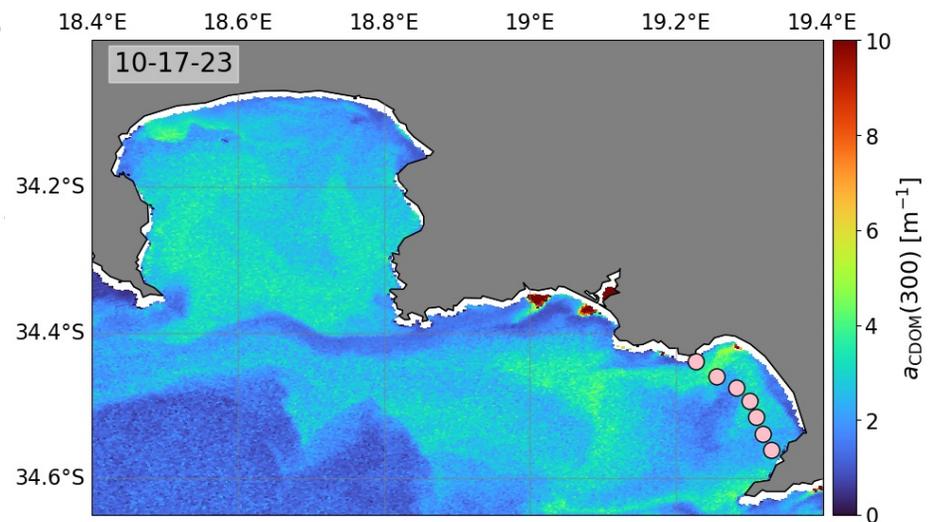
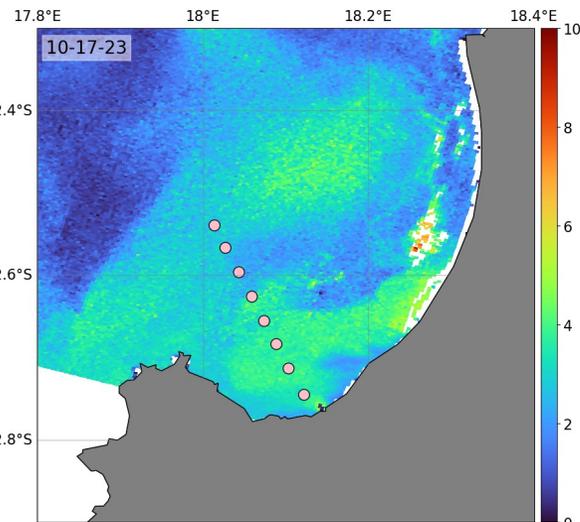
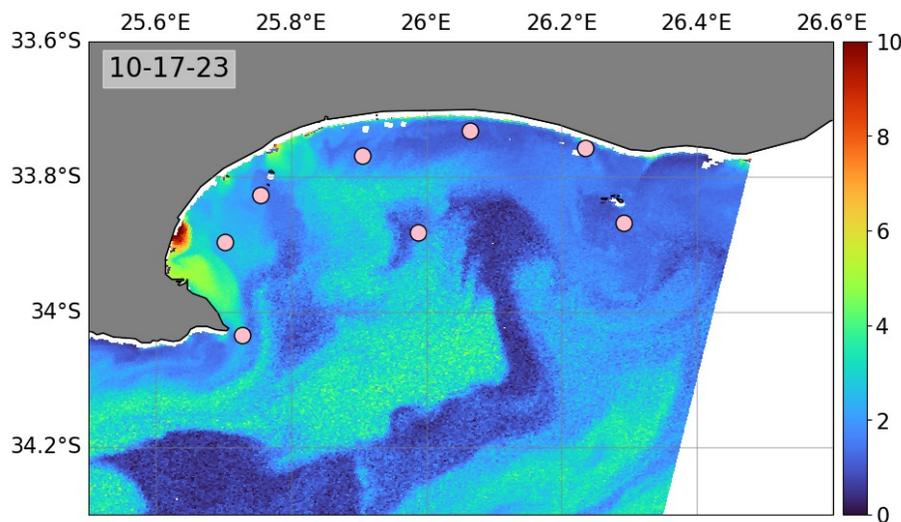
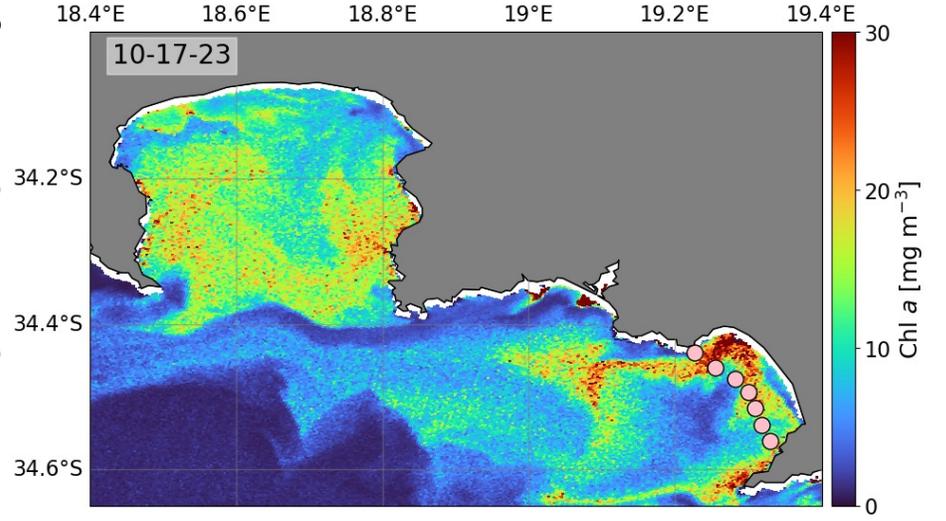
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Thank you~

