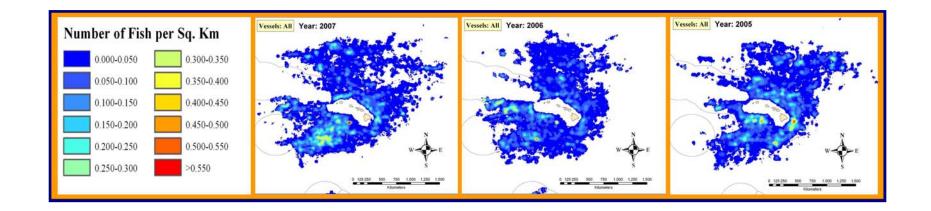
Fishery Analyst for ArcGIS 9.x









Background

- Although fishery positioning data are being collected often no explicit use of them is made
- Graphs and written report have been the main format to display and present fisheries data and statistics.
- There is often a lack of understanding of the spatial distribution of fishing activities even where fishing coordinates are collected
- GIS and Spatial Analysis techniques are used to analyze and display the entity, distribution and success of fisheries activities





Fishery Analyst

- Based on ESRI ArcGIS 9.x software and Spatial Analyst
- (Originally developed on ArcGIS 8.3)
- Customized interface developed using Visual Basic for Application and ESRI ArcObjetcs
- Routines for data retrieval, conversion, analysis and output production.



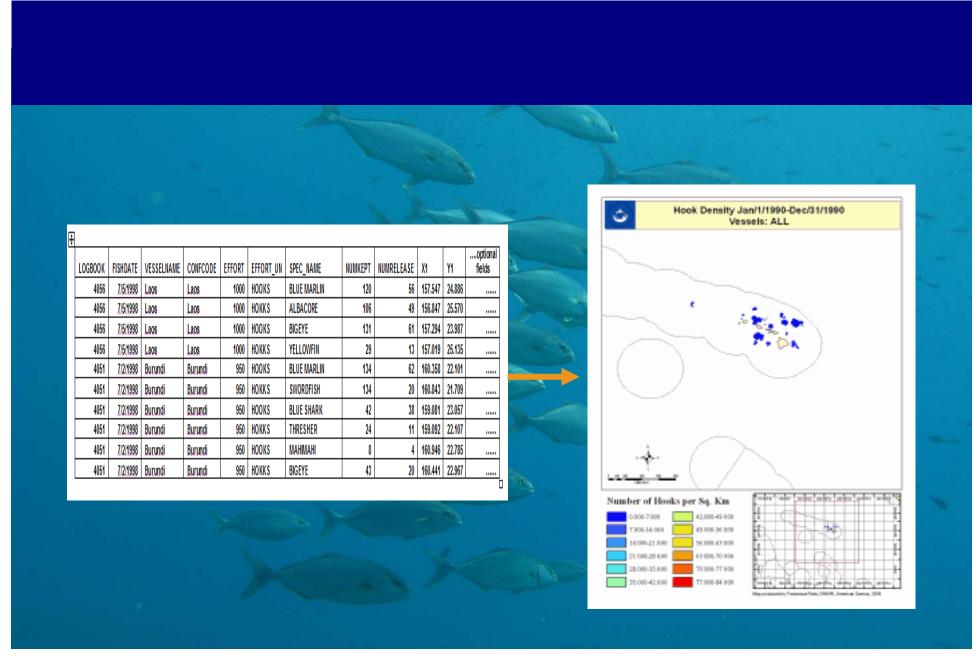


Main Functions

- Convert tabular data into GIS enabled datasets (e.g. vector shapefiles and raster GeoTIFFs)
- Quantitative estimation and visualization of catch, effort and CPUE
- Variation in space and time (time series animation)
- Asses fishing vessel utilization
- Data quality control
- Information on the location of important economical and threatened species.
- Handling of data confidentiality in output production to meet data policy during public outreach.











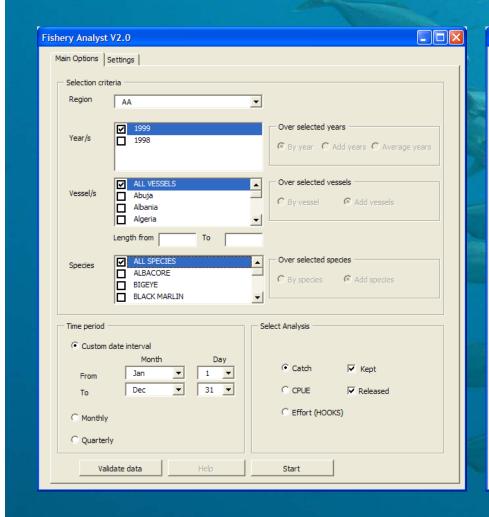
VBA/ArcObjects Routines

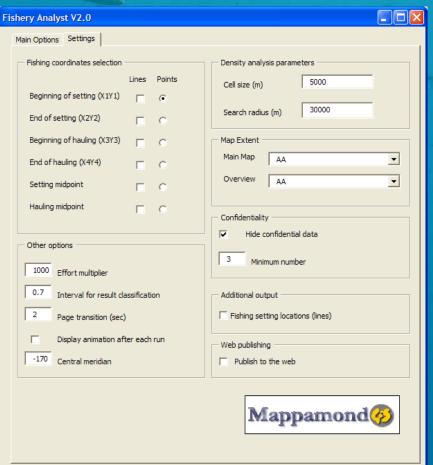
- Batch processing capabilities
- Convert raw tabular data to vector spatial datasets, points and line representation (SHAPEFILES)
- Perform catch, CPUE and effort calculation based on selection criteria
- Generate density analysis outputs in raster format (GeoTIFFS)
- Map layouts into graphic files (GIFs)
- Time series animations (PDFs)
- Handling of data confidentiality
- 3500 lines of code





INTERFACE

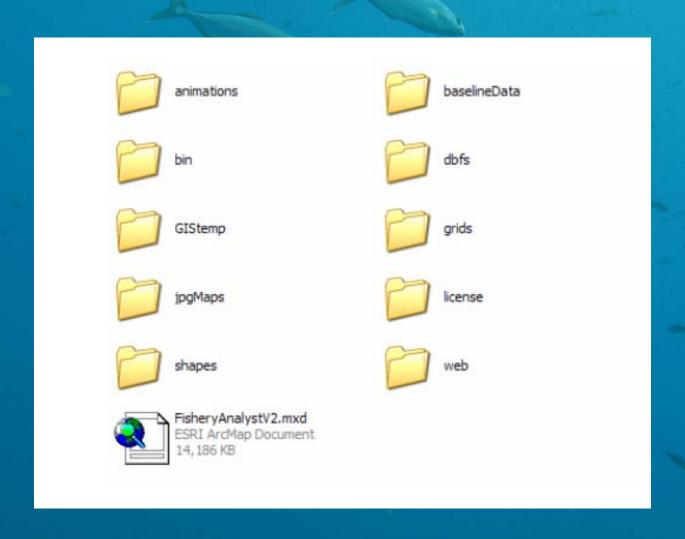








Directory structure







Fishery Data

- FA can be used on data from any fishery where geographic information is available.
- Example: Data collected as part of the US federal logbook system

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Fishery Data

Each record in the dataset represents the information for an individual fishing set (and logbook) and a specific species caught

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	4056	7/5/1998	Laos	Laos	1000	HOOKS	BIGEYE	131	61	157.294	23.987	
	4056	7/5/1998	Laos	Laos	1000	HOKKS	YELLOWFIN	29	13	157.019	25.135	
	4051	7/2/1998	Burundi	Burundi	950	HOOKS	BLUE MARLIN	134	62	160.358	22.101	
	4051	7/2/1998	Burundi	Burundi	950	HOKKS	SWORDFISH	134	20	160.843	21.709	
	4051	7/2/1998	Burundi	Burundi	950	HOOKS	BLUE SHARK	42	38	159.081	23.057	
	4051	7/2/1998	Burundi	Burundi	950	HOKKS	THRESHER	24	11	159.092	22.107	
	4051	7/2/1998	Burundi	Burundi	950	HOOKS	MAHIMAHI	8	4	160.946	22.785	
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Flexibility

- Once familiar with the logic behind the data processing it will be possible to use the available fields in a wider way then the one specified.
- These are just some examples: in the field NUMKEPT and NUMRELEASE the weight of the catch could be stored rather than the number of fish caught. In the SPEC_NAME it could be interesting to put fish size classes rather then species, etc.





Output







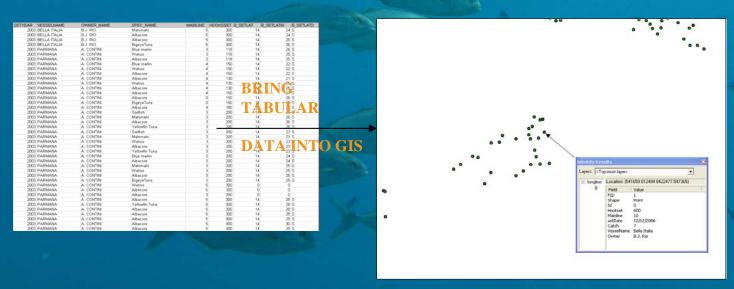
Vector output: Fishing set location

Points:

 Up to 6 coordinate choices (e.g. start and end of settings, start and end of hauling, setting midpoint, hauling midpoint)

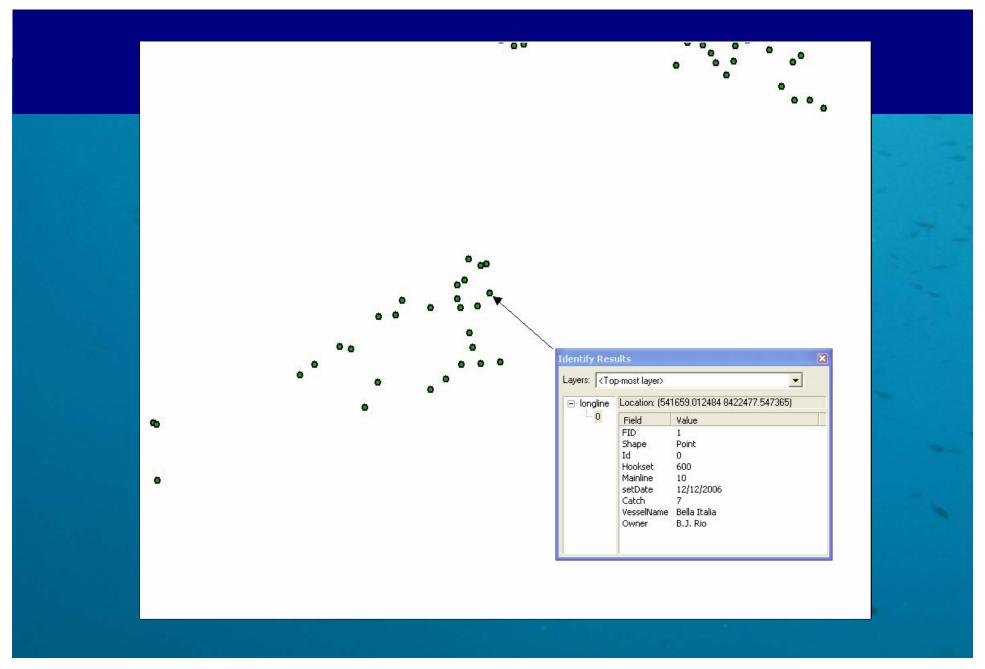
Lines:

- Combination of 2 or more (up to 6) coordinates for each fishing set







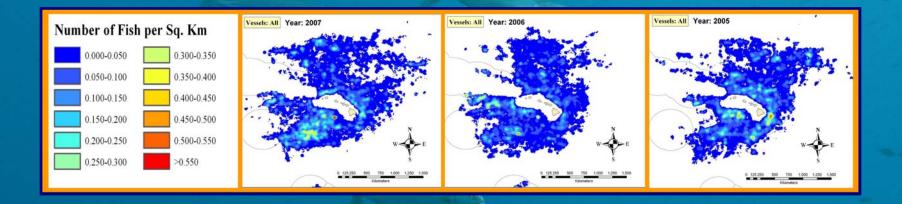






Raster output: Catch, Effort, CPUE

- Density analysis
- Map algebra







Density analysis

- The GIS analysis that can best represent the pattern of non-continuous phenomena (fishing is a discrete phenomenon in space and time) is the density analysis.
- A density analysis allows calculating and displaying the concentration of discrete features in space (e.g. density of fishing points) or also of a feature attribute



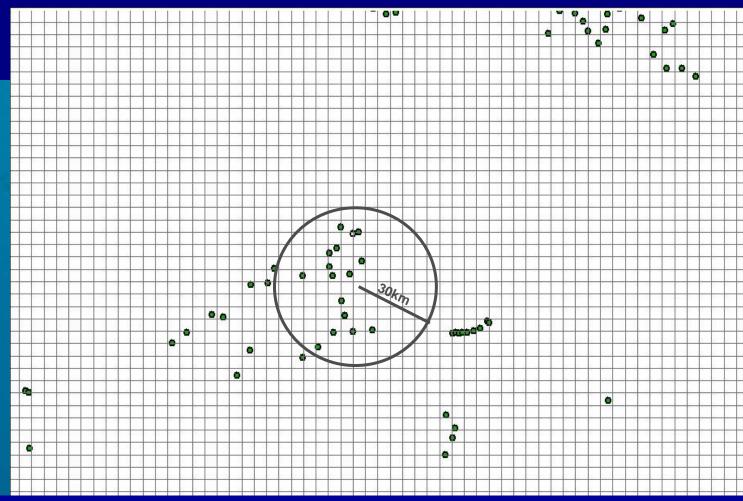


Density analysis

- Density surfaces are created in the GIS as a raster layer. This is a grid of cells where each cell is allocated a density value based on the number of features within an area around the cell center.
- The area around the cell is called neighborhood and is based on a search radius
- For each cell in the raster the GIS totals the number of features that fall within the neighborhood and divides that number by the area of the neighborhood and refers it to a chosen uniform area unit
- This results in a smoothed surface representing feature density



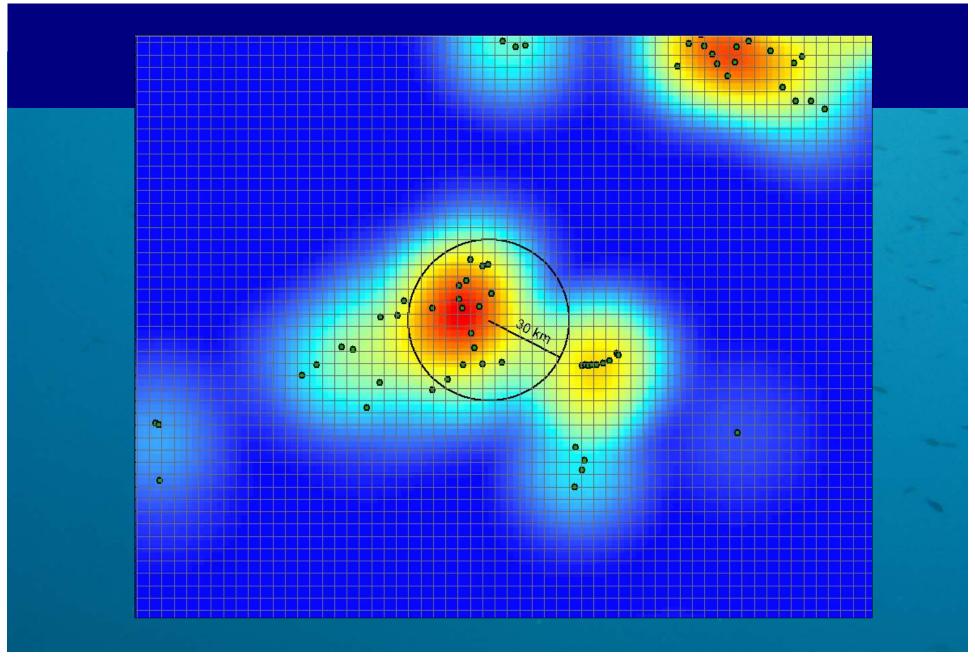




If we are mapping hook density based on the number of hooks deployed at each fishing point, the GIS would identify the fishing points that fall in the neighbourhood, sum the number of hooks associated to these fishing points and divide the number by the area of the neighbourhood.

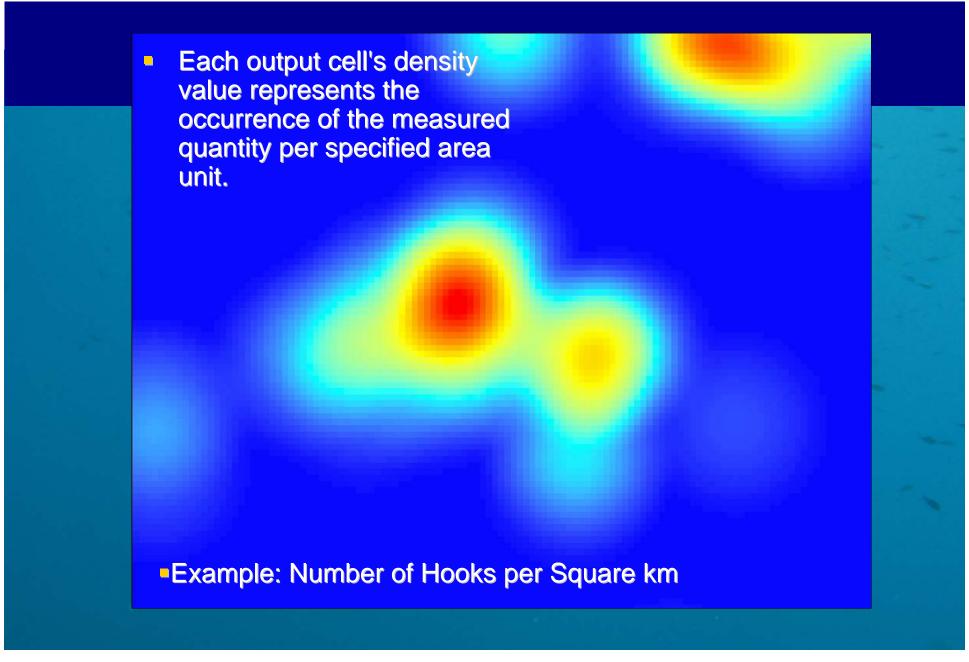














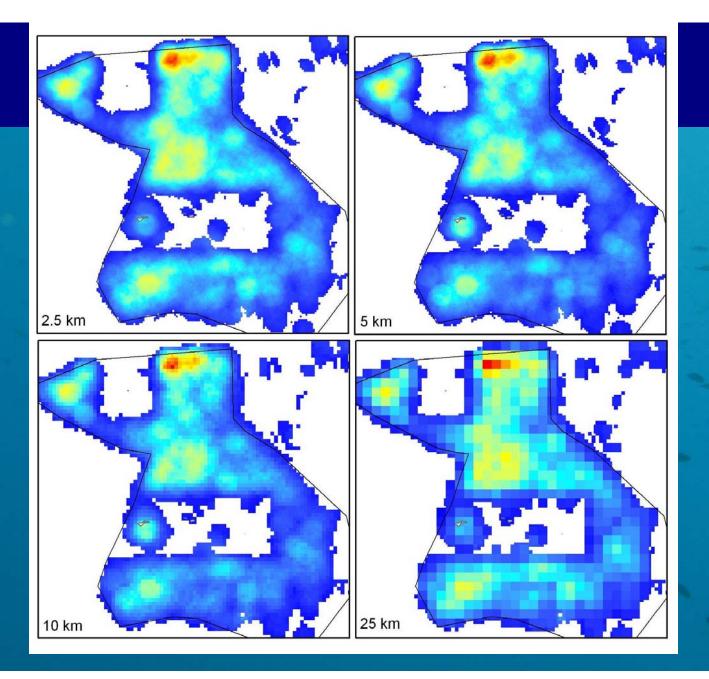


CELL SIZE

- Shall be based on:
 - Original data resolution (coordinates are stored in degree and minutes)/ minimum distance between points
 - Processing time
 - Desired smoothness of the results at the chosen scale (American Samoa EEZ)









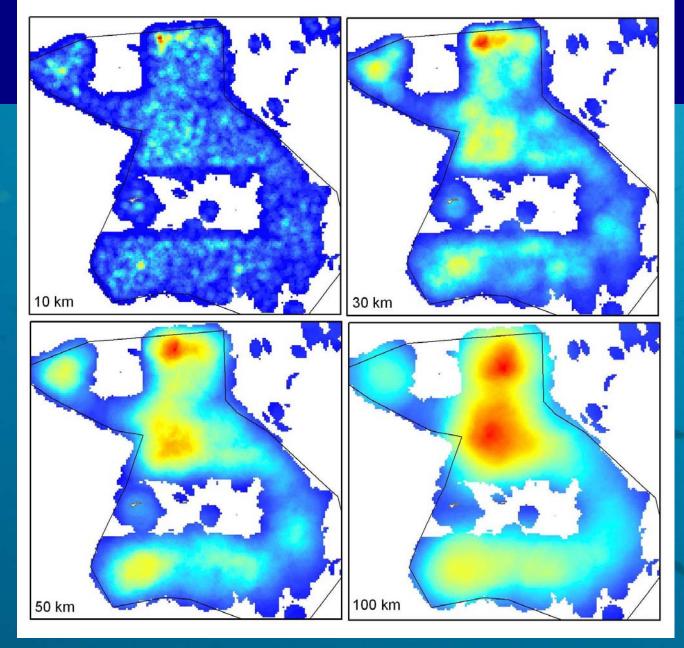


SEARCH RADIUS

- Smaller search radius highlight local variation
- Bigger radius generate a smoother surface and show more generalized patterns



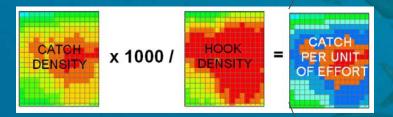




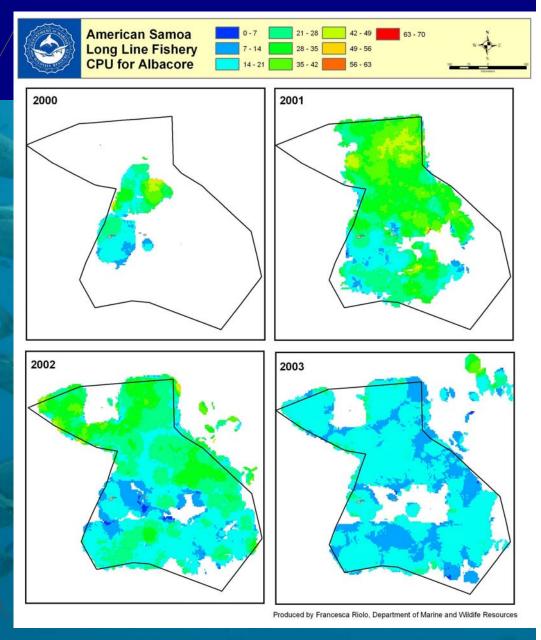




The density of fishes in each cell in the catch density raster is divided by the density of effort units in the correspondent cell in the effort density raster to obtain the catch per unit of effort raster.



Manipulating or combining information from one or more input rasters into an output raster, on a cell by cell base, is a GIS operation referred to as "map algebra".





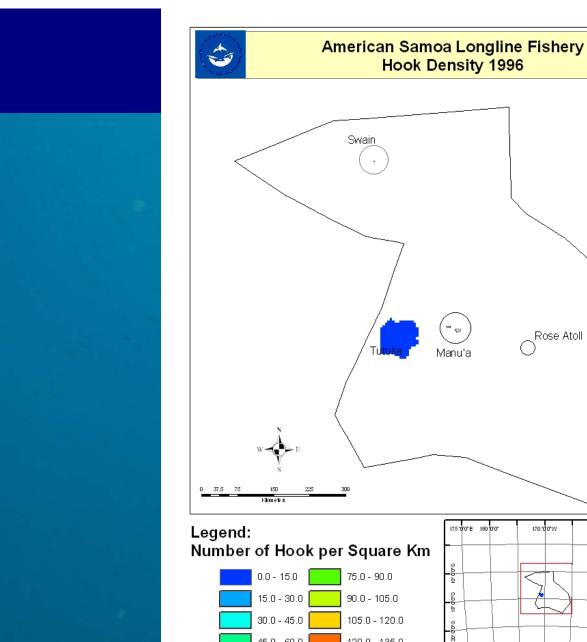


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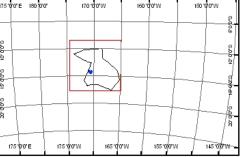








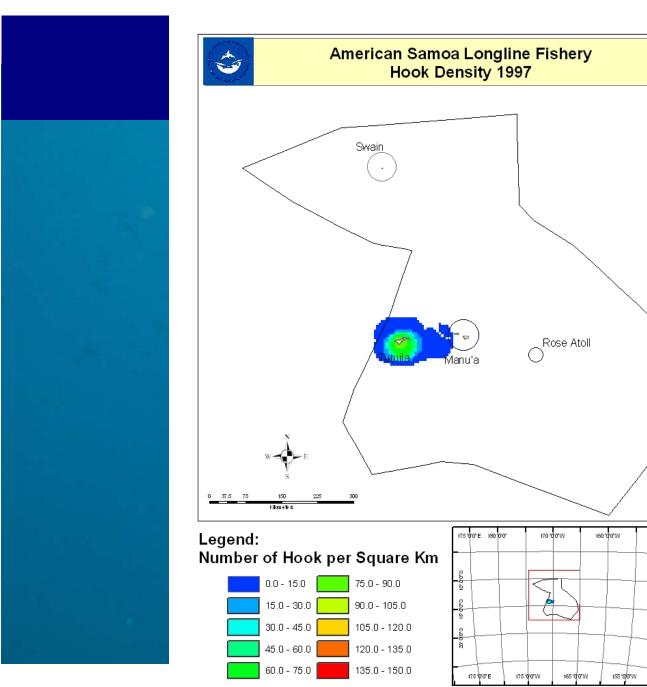




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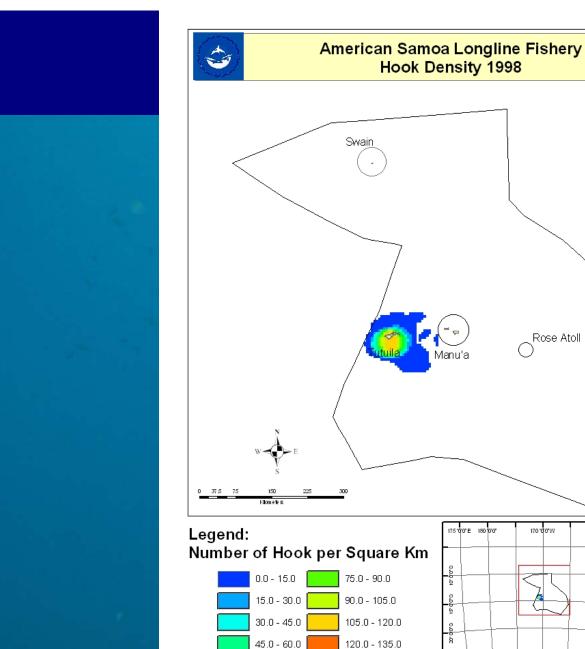








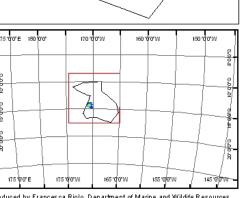
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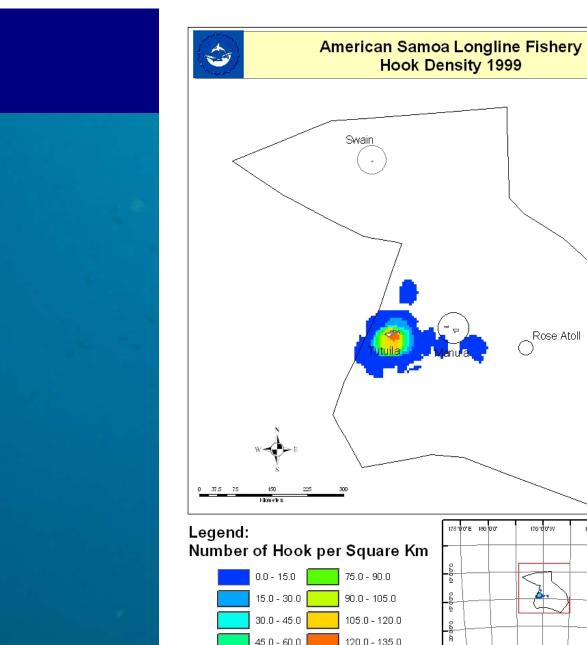














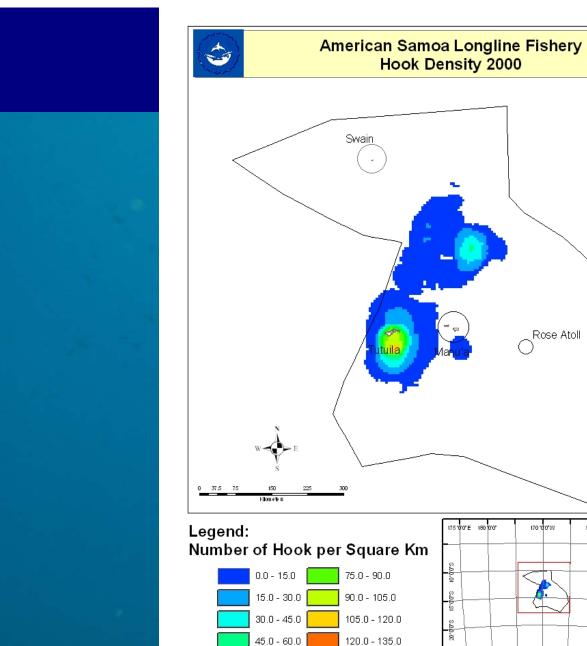




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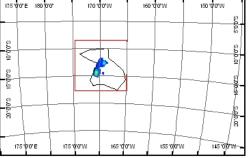


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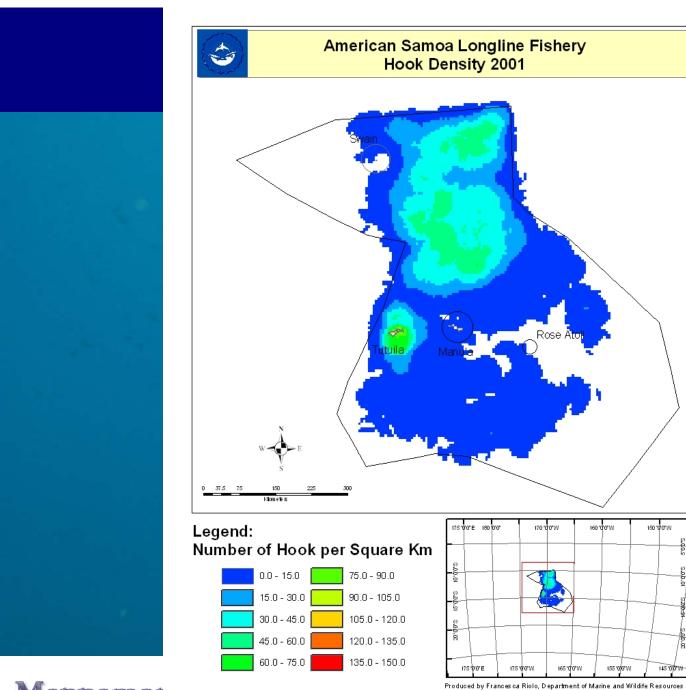






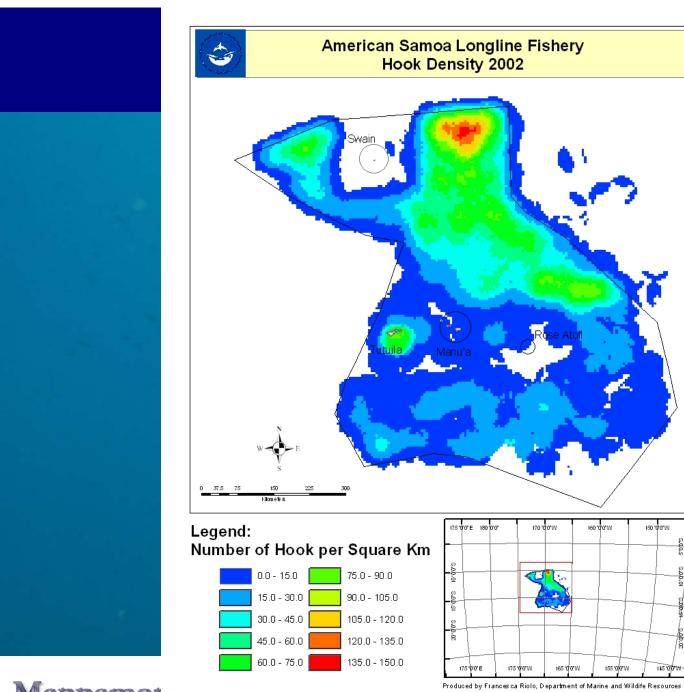
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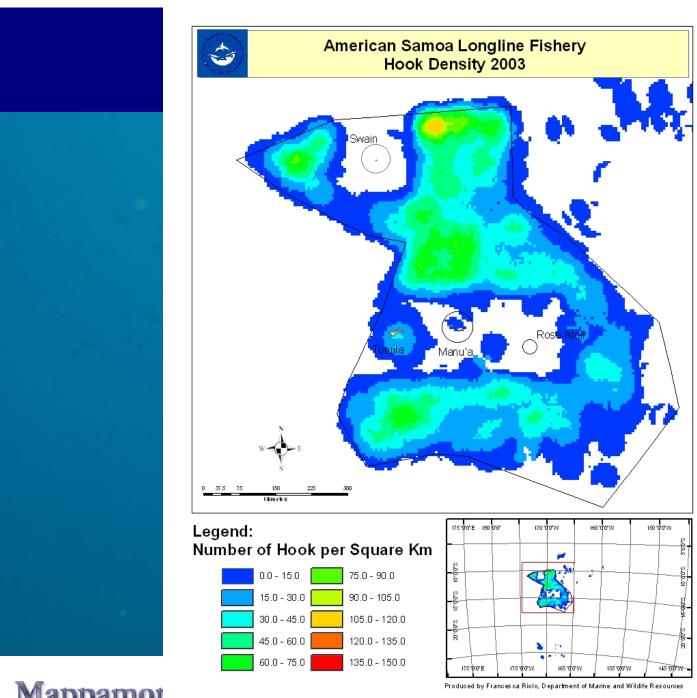








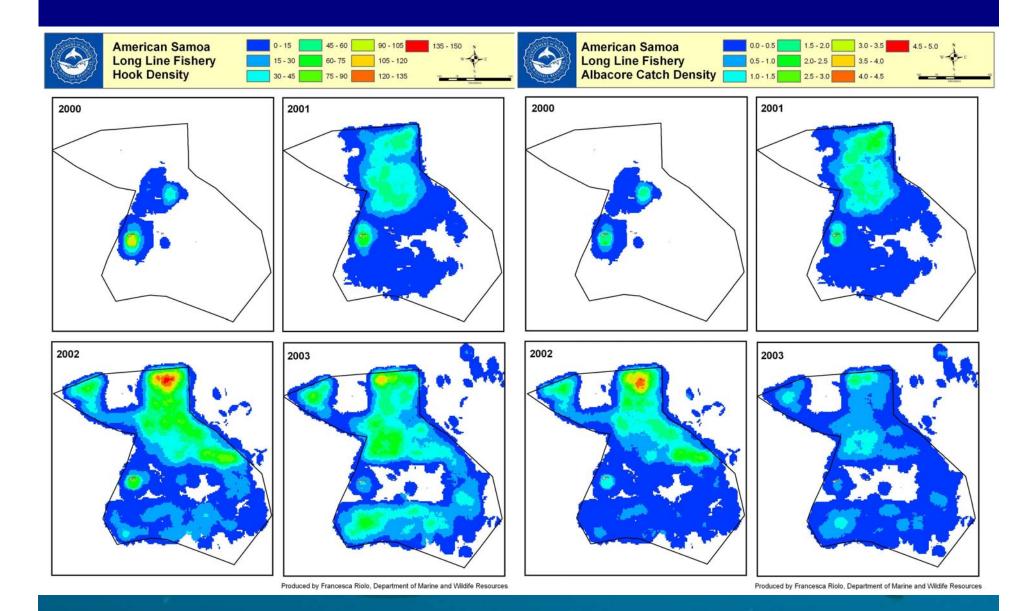






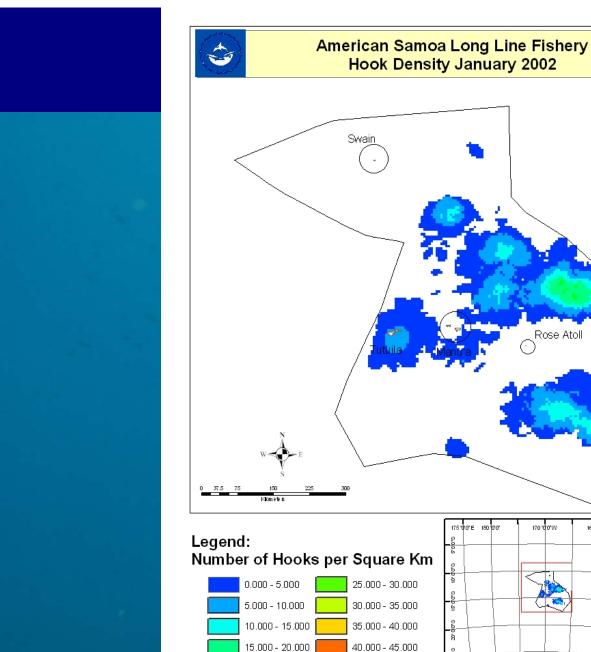






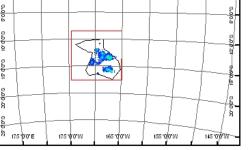








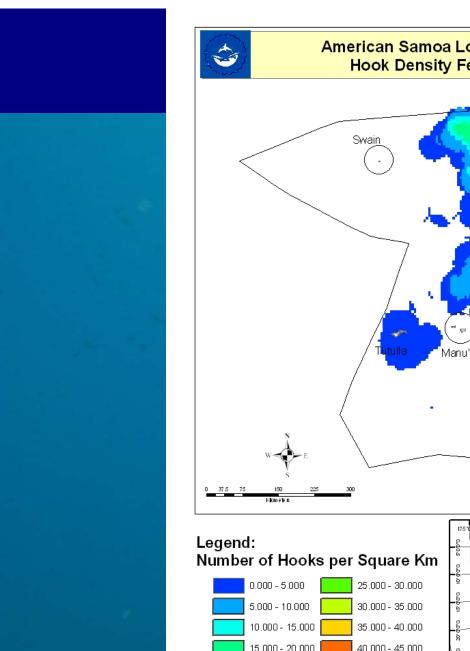


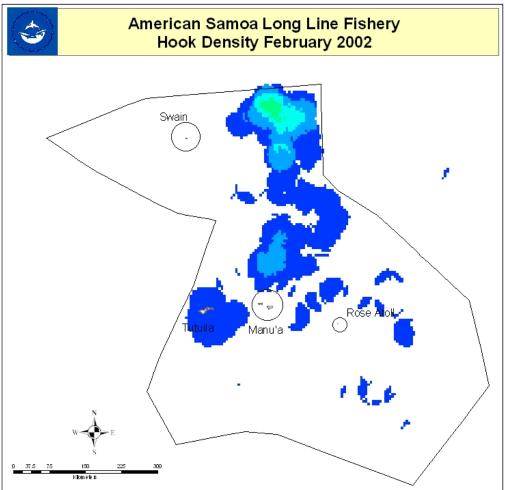


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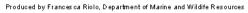








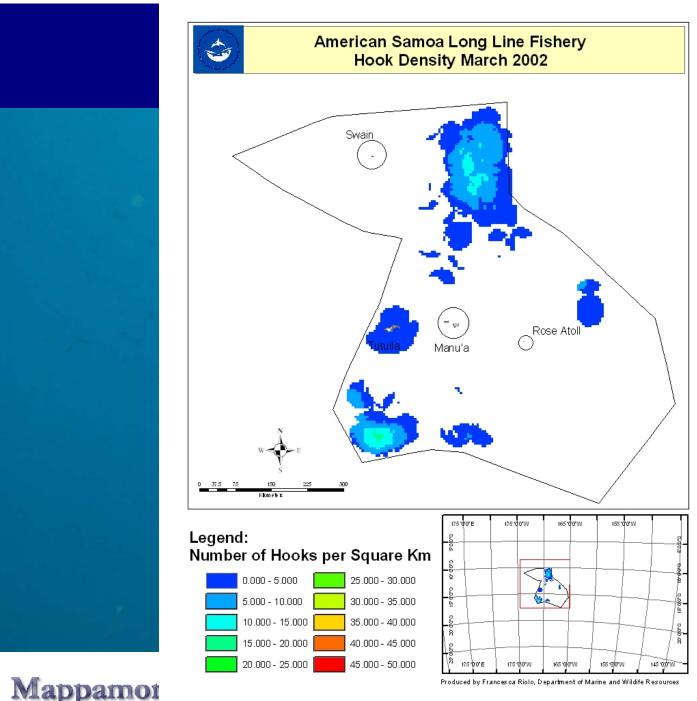
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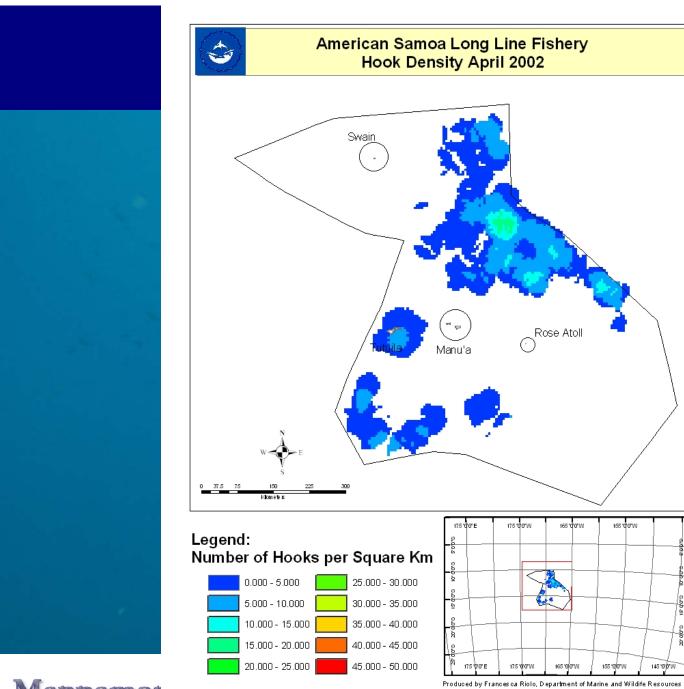








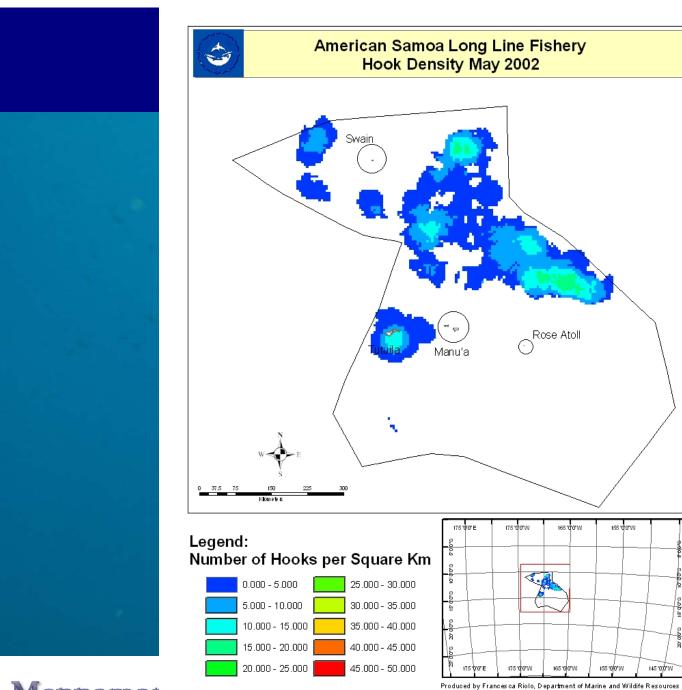






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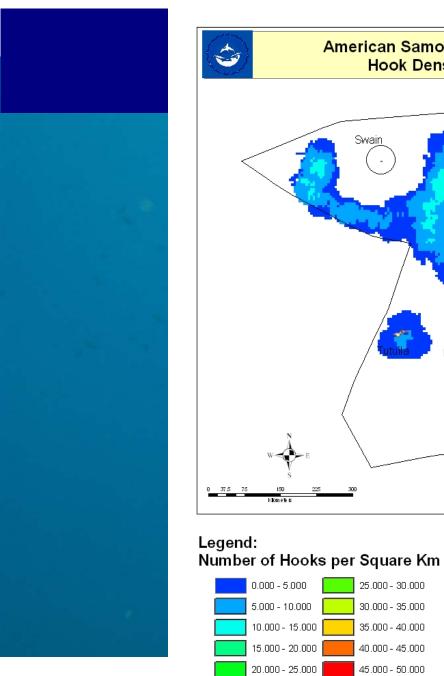


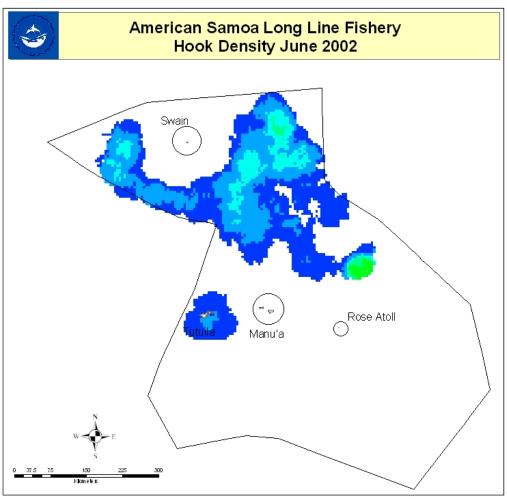




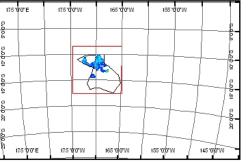


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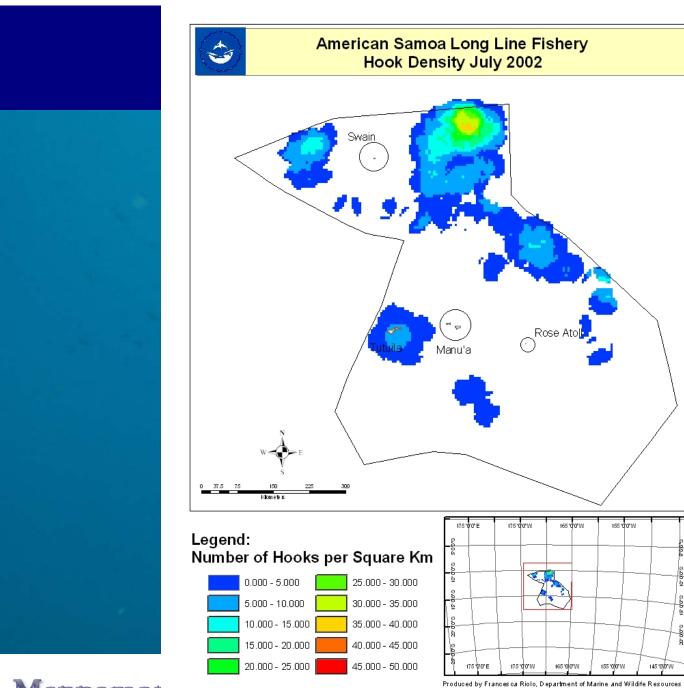




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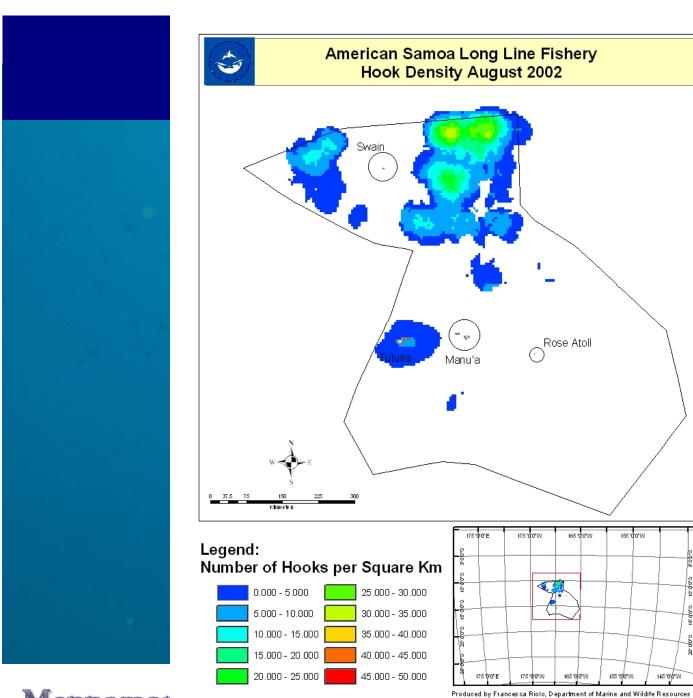






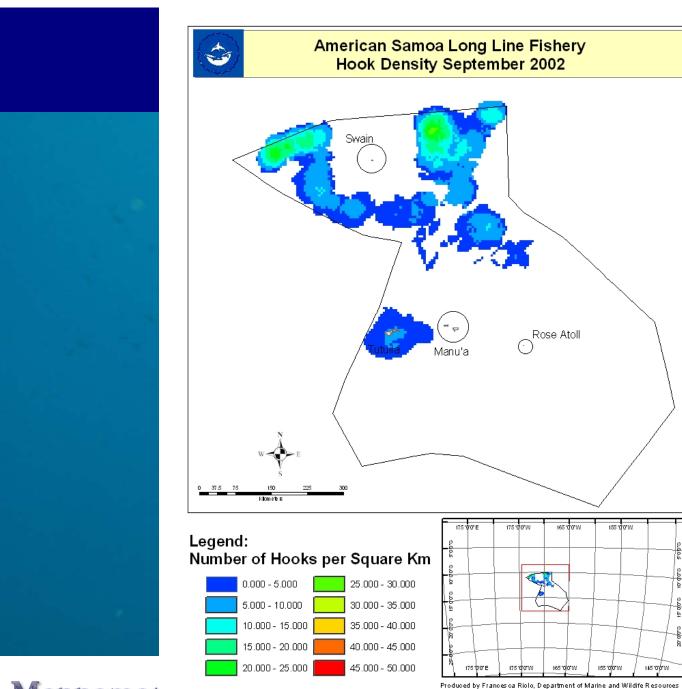






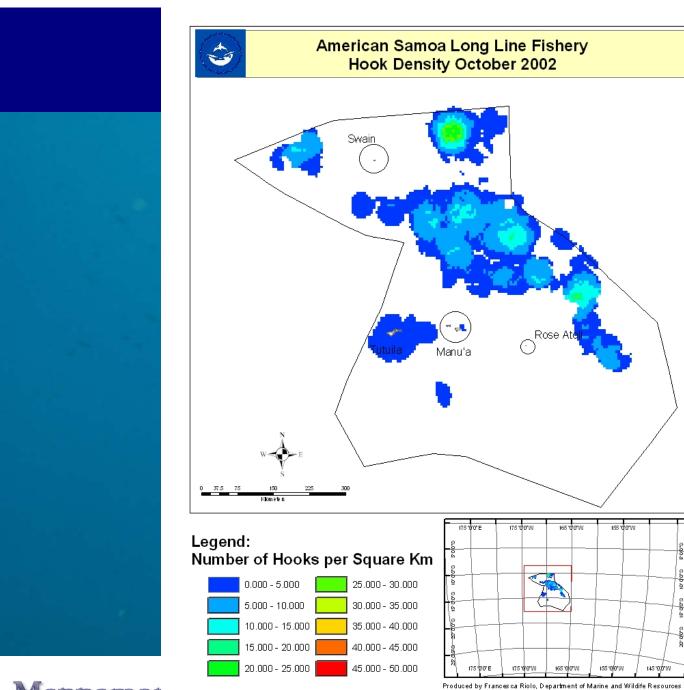








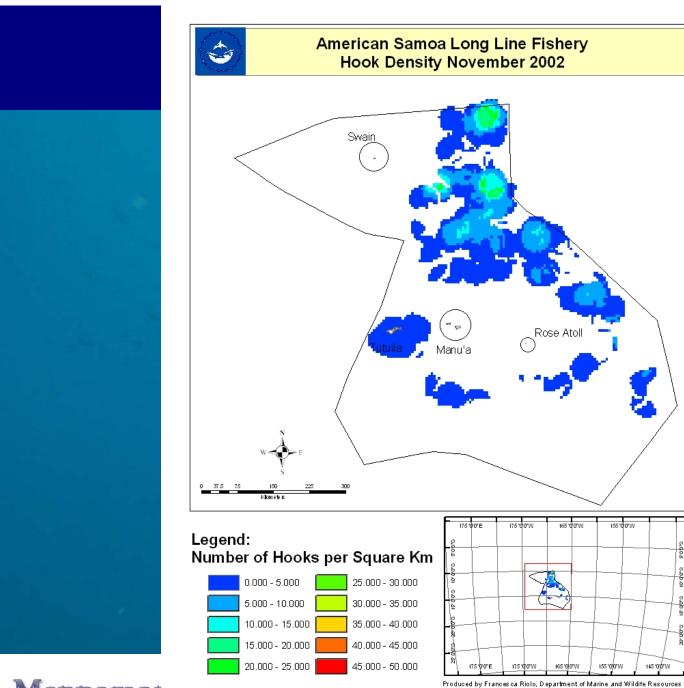






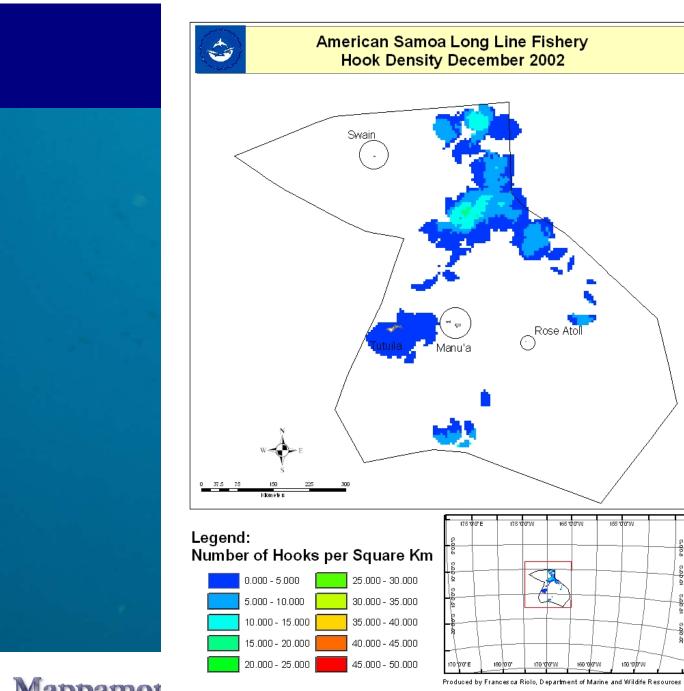


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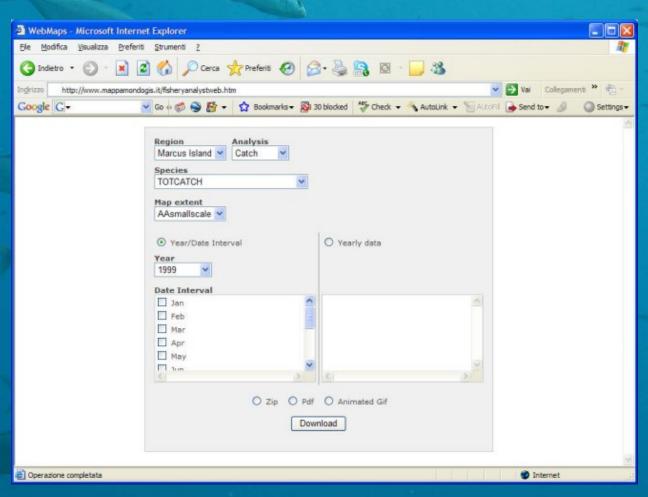






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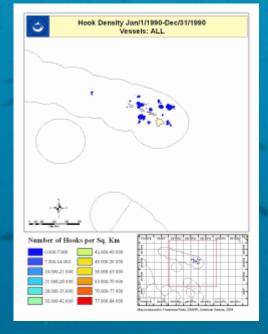
Who is using FA

The Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center/ NOAA Fisheries - Hawaii Wide variety of fisheries monitoring and research in the Pacific Islands Region and surrounding international waters.

National Institute of Aquatic Resources of the Technical University of Denmark study fisheries and stock spatial dynamics of key commercial species such as herrings, flounders and cod in the North Sea and North Atlantic.







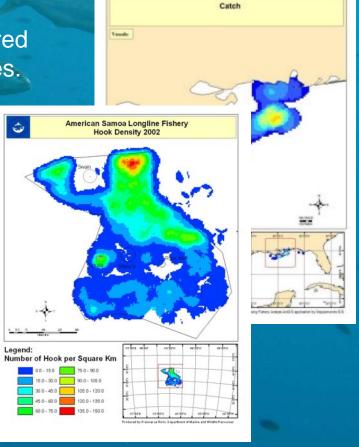




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Gulf of Mexico Sustainable Fisheries Division, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) - USA Fishery Analyst to analyse catch and effort data on red snapper, shrimp, reef fish and spiny lobsters fisheries.

Department of Marine and Wildlife
Resources - American Samoa
Spatial distribution of commercial longline fishery activities







CONCLUSIONS

- FA adds the intrinsic spatial component to the original data providing a powerful analysis and visualization tool to be used for scientific analysis and decision making processes.
- Rise interesting questions/answers
- Highlights patterns
- The system is flexible and able to answer several questions spanning several spatial and temporal scales





Example of further elaborations

 Study of the relation of fishery dynamics with other physical and biological parameters (e.g. Sea Surface Temperature and Ocean Color)

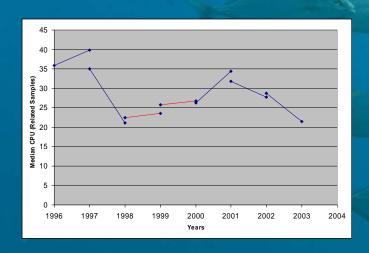


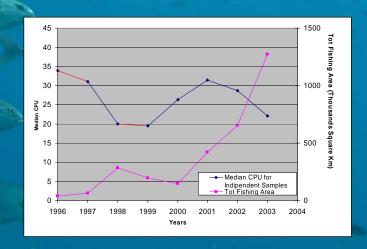


Additional reading

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Statistical Inference on CPU Trends, Fishing Area estimations









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