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### **Foreword**

The objective of GloFouling Partnerships when undertaking the 1st Research & Development Forum on Biofouling Management was to raise awareness of progress made on biofouling management thus far and to spur greater interest in the further development of emerging technologies. We believe we have successfully accomplished this goal: The Forum gathered more than 170 participants representing technology developers, the maritime industry, academia, several national governments and international and regional agencies from around the world. 74 speakers presented topics over 16 plenary sessions that covered all aspects of biofouling management, including IMO's impending review of the Biofouling Guidelines, the challenges for regulators, and perspectives from the private sector during an Industry Panel chaired by the World Ocean Council. These sessions also highlighted emerging technologies, risk assessment frameworks, the linkages between different maritime industries, and the need for collaboration and capacity building to enhance biofouling management in developing nations. The wide participation of eminent experts allowed for a productive discussion and was also a great opportunity to showcase new research on promising technologies.

This first edition of the R&D Forum has also made a positive contribution towards maintaining the global momentum to find optimal solutions and discuss the main aspects of biofouling management in shipping just before the review of the IMO Biofouling Guidelines commences in early 2020. The socio-economic and ecological costs of marine aquatic invasions around the world are already very significant, and while introductions by ship's ballast water and sediments have been addressed at the global level, the need for action is apparent for invasions via biofouling, to reduce both biosecurity risk and greenhouse gas emissions. The presentations and papers enclosed in this publication reflect the international interest in addressing biofouling which is of critical importance for the future of our marine environment.

The challenges ahead are undoubtedly still many in the case of biofouling, not least due to the cross-sectoral nature of the problem and the variety of interests at stake. In this sense, the Forum also serves as an opportunity for industry, biosecurity policy-makers and managers, and academic stakeholders to hear and learn from each other, harmonize efforts and promote innovative biofouling management practices and options that can cater to the various needs of the different maritime industries involved. We hope that this first edition of the Forum opens the way to increased collaboration between all sectors and interests involved and that the next Forum will be just as successful.

Before I end, I take this opportunity to congratulate the GloFouling Partnerships in its first year. This initiative between GEF, UNDP and IMO has already become a major catalyst to bring together the global community in a joint effort to develop new practices and technologies and bring the transformation of all maritime industries to contribute to their environmental sustainability and reducing their impact on marine ecosystems. I encourage all of you to

continue such dialogue and information exchange, which is significantly contributing to our common efforts to protect the marine environment.

Jose Matheickal Chief Department of Partnerships and Projects International Maritime Organization

## **Opening Speeches**



MS. LYN O'CONNELL

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Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

Australian Commonwealth

Lyn O'Connell started as Deputy Secretary in the department in October 2015 and is responsible for biosecurity, compliance, service delivery and oversees the Australian Chief veterinary and plant protection offices. Lyn was previously a Deputy Secretary at the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, a position she held for nearly seven years. Prior to that, Lyn held a number of senior executive positions in other government portfolios and the private sector. She has a Bachelor of Science degree (ANU); is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management. Lyn was awarded a Public Service Medal in 2014.

I value the opportunity to provide an opening address at this inaugural research and development forum for the GloFouling Project and the fourth ANZPAC biofouling workshop, for which we are proud to be a corporate sponsor. I'd like to thank the organisers and sponsors for pulling together a great program that I'm sure will promote discussion and collaboration.

We're really pleased that the first research and development forum for GloFouling is being held in Australia and I'd like to welcome all, especially those of you that have travelled a long way to be here. We highly value the benefits of the ANZPAC workshop and combining this with the first GloFouling research and development forum really does provide a wonderful opportunity for learning, sharing and solving mutual problems in the management of biofouling.

Biofouling on ships is well recognised as a major pathway for the introduction of marine pests and diseases. Unlike ballast water though, there is no international convention to set the rules. Without this, we must work together to achieve effective risk reduction in a consistent manner.

To put the biofouling issue in context for Australia, we have 59,700 kilometres of mainland and island coastline. We take biosecurity seriously. Marine biosecurity, in particular managing the pathways of biofouling and ballast water, are especially important in order to protect our unique marine environment, our marine industries and infrastructure.

We are an island nation, we rely heavily on our marine environment and industries for our food, our trade and our livelihoods. We must protect these through the prevention of introduction of marine pests and diseases.

In my department we work hard to manage biosecurity risks. As many of you would know, we are developing a biofouling policy consistent with the International Maritime Organization's biofouling guidelines. This policy was informed by many of you who provided input to our 2015 Review of National Marine Pest Biosecurity. The review recommended a focus on prevention, noting the difficulties associated with management and eradication of pests and diseases in the marine environment.

The review also recommended Australia implements biofouling requirements. Our preferred approach promotes proactive biofouling management practices. Following consultation on our regulatory impact statement earlier this year, we are in the process of refining our preferred policy based on feedback from stakeholders. We will be seeking government decision in the coming months. You will hear more detail about Australia's proposed biofouling requirements during this workshop from officers from my department's marine biosecurity team.

The IMO biofouling guidelines set the international standard for biofouling management. Having this standard is key to the development of internationally consistent biofouling requirements. In Australia, we have translated the IMO biofouling guidelines into a suite of sector specific guidelines.

We are working hard with fellow regulators from other governments to achieve consistency in biofouling requirements, and you will hear from many of those regulators this afternoon. This workshop is an excellent opportunity to further our collaboration and have important discussions. Through this we hope to harmonise biofouling requirements and provide the shipping industry with clarity about how to meet biofouling requirements in all parts of the world.

The upcoming review of the IMO biofouling guidelines is also critical to the successful implementation of biofouling requirements. We need to make sure biofouling management practices do not just focus on a clean hull for energy efficiency, but that they have an equal focus on managing biosecurity risks. This means turning our focus to the difficult problems, such as management of niche\* areas and determining minimum standards for effective biofouling management plans.

Together with our colleagues from New Zealand, we have been proactively working with many of our international colleagues through connections made at the IMO in the lead up to the review of the IMO Biofouling Guidelines. We are putting together submissions now and coordinating this work so that the review is conducted efficiently and delivers outcomes that enable greater uptake of the guidelines internationally.

We have also been pleased to take an active role in the IMO's GloFouling project. Our participation at the inception workshop and in-country workshops in Fiji, Tonga, Mauritius, Madagascar and the Philippines has enabled Australia to share our knowledge and understanding of biofouling and how to approach developing biofouling regulation. We have developed good connections with the project team and in-country leaders working on biofouling, and in doing so expanded our global network of biofouling regulators.

The GloFouling project provides a platform to promote the development of biofouling requirements more broadly, and provides much needed resources and expertise to facilitate this.

As a strategic partner in the project, we are committed to continue to work with the project team and lead partner countries to provide support and subject matter expertise, and importantly work to ensure that everyone working on biofouling is talking to each other. Those communications are essential if we hope to consistently implement the IMO Biofouling guidelines, and ensure industry does not face a patchwork of regulation across the globe.

Our work on biofouling has benefited greatly from the contributions and collaborations we have with our international colleagues, in particular those from New Zealand, California and Hawaii. Those interactions and your generosity in sharing what you have developed and learned is invaluable to us.

You may be aware that in February this year the Prime Ministers of Australia and New Zealand released a joint media statement affirming our commitment to consistency and collaboration in marine biosecurity. We have a long history of working collaboratively with our colleagues in New Zealand. In biofouling, we have worked on joint research projects, shared data and information and had many discussions on the assessment of biofouling risk and practical implementation of biofouling regulations. These discussions continue and now also include working together to build capacity in our region for managing marine biosecurity risks.

Indeed, we are working with many of you and others around the world. Some of our current projects are good examples of this collaboration. Projects such as vessel risk profiling, developing new methods for undertaking hull inspections including automated image analysis, and the development of an inwater cleaning standard are just a few examples of areas where we are working together.

I'd like to wish you all a very productive workshop.

I know each of you will have come here with a problem in mind that you are looking for others to help you solve, information to share, or in search of information to help you with your own work.

This is the time to make new connections, facilitate introductions, and develop new networks. I encourage you to approach the workshop with an open mind knowing that we are all here to further our own understanding.

I hope the discussions, collaborations and new friendships made this week prove useful in bringing us closer to the goal of effective, proactive and internationally consistent biofouling management.

Thank you and have a great workshop.



THEOFANIS KARAYANNIS

Head, Marine Biosafety

International Maritime Organization

Deputy Secretary O'Connell, ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure and privilege to address you here in Melbourne. On behalf of the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization, Mr Kitack Lim, I convey IMO's best wishes for a successful event and commend IMarEST and the Australian Department of Agriculture for their assistance with hosting and organising this prestigious Forum and Workshop.

I would like to express my special thanks to you, Secretary, for taking the time from your busy schedule to join us here today. I would also like to thank Mr John Lewis and IMarEST for accommodating the first Forum and for their enthusiasm to share our programme with the ANZPAC workshop.

As most of you are aware this is the first R&D Forum and Exhibition on Biofouling Management organized by the GloFouling Partnerships. The aim is to bring together scientific experts and academia with the maritime industry and leaders in technology development for biofouling management. As such, we hope the Forum will be instrumental in promoting information exchange and fostering dialogue between key stakeholders, which are vital facilitators for the harmonized implementation of IMO's Biofouling Guidelines.

Secretary, ladies and gentlemen,

Ships and other mobile structures in the ocean and our coastlines play an important role in our economies and our standard of living. However, as we all know only too well, these structures may also pose serious ecological, economic and human health threats due to the non-indigenous species that may be transferred from one marine ecosystem to another. The harmful impacts of established invasive species are often irreversible.

But the continued loss of biodiversity is not a simple environmental and economic issue. It risks undermining the achievement of most of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Biodiversity is central to development, through food, water and energy security. The loss of biodiversity can be a security issue in so far as loss of natural resources, especially in developing countries, can lead to conflict. It is an ethical issue because loss of biodiversity hurts the poorest people, further exacerbating an already inequitable world. And it is also a moral issue, because we have a responsibility to conserve the living planet – including for our own future generations.

The challenge is to transform our practices, many of which are unsustainable today, into ones that continue to facilitate the economic progress we need while conserving biodiversity.

Secretary, ladies and gentlemen,

Australia, with one of the longest coastlines in the world, bordering many different seas and climates, has not been spared from the impacts of invasive species. A series of high-profile marine pest detections in Australia in the 1980s and 1990s, including the northern Pacific seastar (*Asterias amurensis*), the Japanese seaweed (*Undaria pinnatifida*) and the black-striped mussel (*Mytilopsis sallei*), urged the creation of a national task force at the turn of the century to address the issue.

Since then, Australia has always played a catalysing role in biofouling management research and initiatives, and was the first country to report to IMO, in 2006, the harmful effects of unwanted species in ships' biofouling. It is therefore only logical that this R&D Forum takes place here in Melbourne at a time when the Biofouling Guidelines are going to be reviewed, starting from early 2020, at IMO's Sub-Committee for Pollution Prevention and Response.

IMO has done its part in supporting this process with committed work to facilitate the effective and globally uniform implementation of the Biofouling Guidelines. During the Forum we will have the opportunity to hear about the latest developments derived from the launch of GloFouling, the new initiative from IMO with the Global Environment Facility and the United Nations Development Programme created to sustain the global momentum in tackling the issue of the transfer of non-indigenous species. The Project was launched this year and is already working towards expanding government capacities; instigating legal, policy and institutional reforms at national level; developing mechanisms for sustainability; and driving regional coordination and cooperation. Today we, at IMO, can be proud to state that, in the context of the Project, 12 developing countries representing seven regions around the world have taken the step forward to address biofouling through the development and implementation of a national policy.

We are also appreciative of the wide range of support and the expectations that have been placed on this programme of work, including from different parts of the industry, to address one of the most serious threats to the world's oceans. We hope that the R&D Forum will be the flagship global event of this Project and I am particularly encouraged to see it following the example of similar forums organised by our previous project, GloBallast.

This brings me to the principal message I wish to convey to this Forum.

The significance of all this work must be understood in the wider context of growing concern about ocean health and marine biodiversity, in which context the issue of good governance of the world's seas and oceans is being pursued actively at the United Nations level.

From IMO's wider perspective, international shipping will continue to play a pivotal role in supporting world trade and helping to build and expand the maritime economic potential of developing countries – that is, a "blue economy" based on the huge development opportunities offered by the seas and oceans thus enabling less developed countries to realise their potential for growth and prosperity.

Secretary, ladies and gentlemen,

I wish to conclude by saying that the multi-faceted and complex nature of biofouling management has not deterred us from consistently working together to seek the most efficient as well as comprehensive solutions, through what is a truly global partnership, integrating biological requirements of diverse marine ecosystems, innovative engineering solutions, economic parameters of a modern shipping industry, and civil society's demands for stringent regulation to protect the marine environment.

A Forum such as this provides an excellent platform to push the boundaries of human ingenuity in a collaborative spirit. I know that all of you are committed to making your own, distinct contribution through knowledgeable debate and open information exchange in the coming days. I can assure you that IMO, on its part, remains fully committed to the task in hand and to doing its bit for a sound, global system of shared responsibilities for good ocean governance.

Thank you.

# **Programme**

Day 1 - Morning	Tuesday, 1 Oct 2019	
0900 - 0910	Welcome John Lewis, IMarEST / John Alonso, GloFouling Partnerships, IMO	
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0920 - 0930	Opening address Lyn O'Connell, Deputy Secretary, Australian Government Department of Agriculture, ACT	
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0930 - 0955	Ship biofouling: a novel habitat driving ecosystem change in the Anthropocene Ian Davidson, Cawthron Institute, NZ	
0955 - 1020	Impacts of biofouling in aquaculture Nina Blöcher, SINTEF, Norway	
1020 - 1045	Unintended consequences: Disease and pathogen spread in a global economy Sarah Culloty, University College Cork, Ireland	
1045 - 1115	Refreshment Break	
Session 2 - Invasive	e and Non-Indigenous Marine Species Chair: Richard Stafford-Bell	
1115 - 1135	Are all marine pests equal?  Jeff Ross, University of Tasmania, TAS	
1135 - 1155	What's at stake? Studies on the impacts of non-indigenous species on New Zealand's marine ecosystems Graeme Inglis, NIWA, NZ	
1155 - 1215	The Australian Priority Marine Pest List (APMPL) – its purposes, genesis, composition and shortcomings Richard Willan, MAGNT, NT	
1215 - 1235	National priority list of exotic environmental pests and diseases Jess Evans, ABARES, ACT	
1235 - 1250	Panel Discussion: Biofouling NIS impacts	
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Session 3 – Biofo	uling Regulations and Requirements	Chair: Sonia Gorgula
1330 - 1345	Australia's biofouling management requ Peter Wilkinson, Department of Agricul	uirements; minimising risk and regulatory burden ture, ACT
1345 - 1400	Evidence-based decision making to underpin New Zealand's CRMS for vessel biofouling Eugene Georgiades, Ministry for Primary Industries, NZ	
1400 - 1415	What's going on down under: verification requirements Tracey Bates, Ministry for Primary Indus	on and enforcement of New Zealand's biofouling stries, NZ
1415 - 1430	Lessons learned through implementing regulations Chris Scianni, California State Lands Cor	and enforcing California's biofouling management nmission, USA
1430 - 1445	Biofouling management of commercial Juliette Chausson, US Environmental Pr	vessels in the United States: from VGP to VIDA otection Agency, USA

1445 - 1500	The state of biofouling management in Canada Wendy Simmons, Transport Canada, Canada	
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1620 - 1640	Cup coral prevention and control actions adopted by the O&G industry Jane Mauro, Petróleo Brasileiro, Brazil	
1640 - 1700	Offshore vessel marine biosecurity – agreeing on best practice Angela Gillham, Maritime Industry Australia Ltd, VIC	
1700 - 1730	Panel Discussion: Offshore Biofouling	

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Posters	1-4 Oct 2019
P001	Ecological engineering of marine infrastructure for biosecurity Nina Schaefer, Sydney Institute of Marine Science, NSW
P002	Biological risk assessment approach for establishing in-water cleaning criteria of ship's hull fouling Min-Chiu Jang, Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology, Korea
P003	Combating biofouling through research. DST Marine infrastructure. Jim Dimas, Defence Science & Technology Group, VIC
P004	3D printed antifouling material and micro-UV LED for protection of marine optics Richard Piola, Defence Science & Technology Group, VIC
P005	In-water cleaning in NSW waters Melissa Walker, NSW Department of Primary Industries, NSW
P006	Wastewater from high-pressure water blasting is a toxic contaminant source on coastal non- target organisms? Jee Hyun Jung, Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology, Korea

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0910 - 0930	Effect of biofouling on ship performance and energy efficiency Yigit Kemal Demirel, University of Strathclyde, UK
0930 - 0950	Towards bio-fouling management and drag reduction Rey Chin, University of Adelaide, SA
0950 - 1010	Managing the underwater hull – challenges and opportunities Ralitsa Mihaylova, Safinah Group, UK
1010 - 1030	In-situ measurements of the ship hull drag penalty due to biofouling Jason Monty, The University of Melbourne, VIC
1030 - 1045	International collaborative research in ship drag penalty due to hull roughness Bagus Nugroho, The University of Melbourne, VIC
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1125 - 1145	Novel antifouling materials for 3D printing and additive manufacture Richard Piola, Defence Science & Technology Group, VIC
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1225 - 1245	A bug's life: liquid metals for biofilm removal – antimicrobial leading to antifouling solutions James Chapman, RMIT University, VIC
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1420 - 1440	Biofouling challenges for Australia's national shipbuilding enterprise Andrew Scardino, Defence Science & Technology Group, VIC	
1440 - 1500	NZDF biofouling management of Navy ships Sarah Strong, New Zealand Defence Force, NZ	
1500 - 1520	Reduction of biofouling on naval vessels in The Netherlands Job Klinjstra, Endures BV, The Netherlands	
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1640 - 1700	Next generation pro-active biosecurity management to mitigate the transfer of harmful aquatic species through biofouling Dave Abdo, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, WA	
1700 - 1720	Digital biofouling risk assessment using big data Ralitsa Mihaylova, Safinah Group & Richie Ramsden, AkzoNobel, UK	
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0920 - 0940	Threat of the Invasive Alien Species (IAS) introduced through biofouling in Sri Lankan waters Jagath Gunasekera, Marine Protection Authority, Sri Lanka
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0940 – 1000	Assessment of national publications on Biofouling/Bioinvasion in Brazil
	Ricardo Coutinho, Instituto Estudos Almirante Paulo Moreira, Brazil
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	Patricia Carbajal, Instituto del Mar del Peru, Peru
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	Anthony Talouli, Secretariat of the Pacific Environment Programme, Fiji
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1110 - 1130	ROVing around marinas: utility of mini ROVs in biofouling management
	Emily Jones, Ramboll Environ, NZ
1130 - 1150	Neat and innovative biofouling treatment options that actually work
	Mike Sierp, Aquatic Biosecurity, SA
1150 - 1210	
1130 - 1210	Fouling on recreational boats as a major spreading vector of non-indigenous species in the
	Mediterranean Sea
	Agnese Marchini, Universita di Pavia, Italy
Session 10b – Region	onal NIS Assessment Chair: Angela Gillham
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	Frank Stuer-Lauridsen, LiteHauz, Denmark
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	Prakash Mussai, Mauritius Oceanography Institute, Mauritius
1250 - 1330	
1230 - 1330	<b>Lunch</b> (sponsored by Melbourne Energy Institute, University of Melbourne)

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1430 - 1450	Mind the Gap Trecia Smith, Ministry for Primary Industries, NZ		
1450 - 1510	Steps towards an Australian standard for the in-water cleaning of biofouling Sonia Gorgula, Department of Agriculture, ACT		
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### Next generation pro-active biosecurity management to mitigate the transfer of harmful aquatic species through biofouling

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#### **Abstract**

Biofouling is widely recognised as one of the most significant pathways for the introduction of invasive marine species (IMS) that can cause severe social, environmental and economic impacts. Addressing IMS is not only a matter of ensuring the health and integrity of marine ecosystems but ultimately about safeguarding ecosystem services that sustain the livelihoods of coastal communities across the globe. We describe a global vessel risk assessment portal "Vessel-Check" to aid the maritime industry and governments in identifying actions that can as low as reasonably practicable mitigate the risk of vessels transferring IMS across the world's oceans. Focusing primarily on a vessel's management practices, the portal rapidly and consistently assesses a vessels biofouling management practices to ensure they are sufficient to mitigate the introduction of IMS. The early detection of vessel mediated biofouling risks through Vessel-Check allows for more effective risk management options by both developing countries that have limited capacity to effectively manage IMS risks, as well as developed counties where it can be used to enhance existing practices. Further, increased consistency between biofouling regulators provides certainty and Increased understanding of biofouling risk factors within the maritime industry. Vessel-Check provides the global solution to IMS risk mitigation via shipping; will make direct contributions to the targets set out in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)(e.g. SDG 13, 14 & 15), and will contribute to Convention on Biological Diversity and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets (e.g. Strategic Goal B, and Aichi Target 9).

#### Introduction

Exotic marine species invade marine habitats via numerous pathways. Using detailed inventories of marine invasions from different sources, Molnar et al. [1] and Davidson et al. [2] identified international shipping as the main human-assisted pathway for the introduction of invasive marine species (IMS). It is also a trade pathway that has been growing steadily over the last decade and will continue to do so into the future [3, 4].

Ballast water and vessel hull biofouling are key potential modes of introduction (MoI) contributing to the risk of spreading IMS along the shipping pathway. Through the adoption of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (BWM Convention), the Member States of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) made a clear commitment to minimising the transfer of invasive aquatic species through ships' ballast. However, biofouling is widely recognised as one of the most significant MoI for IMS that can cause severe social, environmental and economic impacts [5, 6, 7, 8].

The accumulation of aquatic organisms like microorganisms, plants and animals on immersed surfaces and structures exposed to the aquatic environment is known as biofouling [5]. When attach to the hard surfaces of vessels, sessile organisms (e.g. mussels, starfish, clams, fanworms) can be transported and subsequently establish at new locations [9]. This can lead to environmental impacts such as

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changes in biodiversity of marine habitats, erosion and alteration of physical habitat structures and of marine food webs [10].

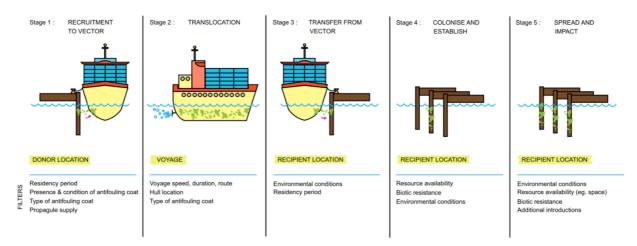


Figure 1: Stages of introduction of non-indigenous species by vessel biofouling [9].

Internationally, New Zealand and California have developed regulations to minimise the risk of transferring invasive marine species through the vessel biofouling Mol. New Zealand's 'Craft Risk Management Standard: Biofouling on Vessels Arriving to New Zealand' came into force on 15 November 2018 and was issued under the New Zealand Biosecurity Act 1993. In a world-first, this standard defines a "clean hull' and prescribes thresholds for long-stay and short-stay vessels. California's State Lands Commission has enforced biofouling management regulations to minimise the transfer of nonindigenous species from vessels arriving at California ports since 2017. Australia is moving to implement regulation with the recent release of the Australian Commonwealth Governments Biofouling Management regulatory impact statement for consultation in 2019, however, Australian jurisdictions have already implemented requirements for the management of vessel biofouling (e.g. Western Australia and Norther Territory)

The regulations being set globally are generally aligned between jurisdictions, and consistent with voluntary guidelines published by IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) for best-practise management of biofouling [5]. The MEPC's guidelines for the control and management of ships' biofouling stipulate that vessel owners should have a biofouling management plan for each vessel and keep a biofouling record book for documenting all inspections and biofouling management activities related to that vessel [5].

Here we describe a cloud-based solution to aid in the mitigation of transferring introduced aquatic species, which focusses on two key areas:

- 1. The ability to rapidly and consistently assess the risk associated with a vessel's biofouling on the basis of the vessel's biofouling management practices; and,
- 2. Effective pre-border communication and awareness with industry stakeholders outlining indicative risk profiles, and how the biosecurity risk can be managed appropriately to as low as reasonably practicable.

The Vessel-Check portal is designed for vessel owners/operators providing information to biosecurity management agencies, the portal does not rely on any specific questions — it effectively seeks what vessel biofouling management is being undertaken for a vessel and assesses whether the outlined management is sufficient to mitigate the transfer of invasive marine species (IMS) to as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP). The indicative risk provided by the Vessel-Check portal indicates the likely efficacy to mitigate the transfer based on the management practices being employed on a vessel.

The portal simplifies the process for vessels to provide information to biosecurity regulators (relating to biofouling management); brings in a level of automation through the use of AIS data, and improves storage and transfer of information both in a historical sense as well as across jurisdictional borders.

#### **Portal Methodology**

The portal provides an indicative risk assessment for a vessel, based on its indicated management practices to mitigate the transfer of an IMS. It follows the best practice set out by the IMO's guidelines for the management of ships biofouling [5]. In brief, the portal achieves this by allowing a vessel (Owner, operator and/or vessel agent of a vessel) to register on the portal (free to register and use). Associated users for a vessel (vessel company representative, vessel agent or vessel master/officer) supplies the requisite vessel biofouling management information and any associated documentation (i.e. copy of vessel's biofouling management plan etc). The required information, is outlined in the IMO biofouling management guidelines and covers:

- biofouling management practices employed for a vessel
- characteristics of the vessel
- operational details of the vessel.

The profile for a vessel is only created once, minimising the ongoing burden for vessels when moving between jurisdictions. A vessel only needs to provide updates (as needed/available) to any information (ex. implementation of management actions in the portals record book section) to ensure the vessels profile is up-to-date, and their indicative risk is accordingly current.

The Vessel-Check Portal (based on supplied information in vessel's profile) calculates an indicative risk associated with the vessel based on 10 metrics covering the vessels management practices, the implementation of its management practices and also its operational profile (Error! Reference source n ot found.). The overall indicative risk assessment for a vessel is the average of the individual metrics for a vessel.



Figure 2: Vessel-Check metrics used to assess the management practices employed by a vessel to mitigate the transfer of invasive aquatic species to as low as reasonably practicable

Nominations into jurisdictional waters are captured through the designation of the 'next port of call' in the AIS data for the vessel (e.g. vessel enters destination into AIS system). The portal identifies to regulatory user that a vessel is expected into their monitored port and provides the indicative risk of

the vessel to regulatory user (and vessel operator). To maintain the most up-to-date indicative risk profile for a vessel, the vessel operator need only update the record book information associated with the vessels profile to demonstrate the continued implementation of the vessels biofouling management practices.

#### Discussion

There is an increased international focus on the need for management of vessel biofouling to mitigate the transfer of invasive marine species, such as the International Maritime Organisation biofouling management guidance and legislation managing vessel biofouling risks (e.g. New Zealand's Craft Risk Management Standard, California's Biofouling Regulations and the proposed Australia Government Biofouling Regulations). To assist and encourage vessels in determining how best to mitigate their likelihood of transferring an invasive marine species, a decision support tool 'Vessel-Check' has been developed.

The Vessel-Check portal improves a vessels proactive management of biofouling risks by allowing a vessel the ability to self-assessment and undertake proactive management of biofouling risk when transiting between international jurisdictions and/or domestically between jurisdictions within a country (e.g. Australia). This means a small vessel owner/operator who may not have the same resourcing to appease various jurisdictional requirements can achieve a similar level of biosecurity conformity in its operations as larger operators who have more resources can (Error! Reference s ource not found.). From a regulatory perspective, the Vessel-Check portal provides an improvement in efficiency in service delivery to industry and an ability to prioritise resources according to risk. Smaller nations with developing biosecurity management can now achieve awareness and oversight of biofouling risk management issues for international and domestic vessel arrivals comparable to that of larger or more developed jurisdictions, creating a truly global solution to the impacts of transferring invasive aquatic species (Error! Reference source not found.). Early detection of biofouling risk management issues for international and domestic vessel arrivals will allow for more effective risk management options by biosecurity agencies ensuring a jurisdictions biosecurity while minimising impacts to industry.

Synergistically, implementing management of a vessels' biofouling through the Vessel-Check portal can also lead to benefits in a vessels' performance, as hull fouling leads to significant increases in vessel resistance through the water [11]. It is well known that vessel fouling has a large impact on the vessel's performance, consumption and thus operational cost [12]. Additionally, influences the emissions of air pollutants and greenhouse gases generated by the vessel. Therefore, biofouling management through the Vessel-Check portal can be an effective tool in enhancing energy efficiency and reducing air emissions for ships (Error! Reference source not found.). This has significant benefits f or both vessel owner/operators in ensuring compliance with GHG emission requirements, as well as jurisdictions by contributing to global sustainable development goals.

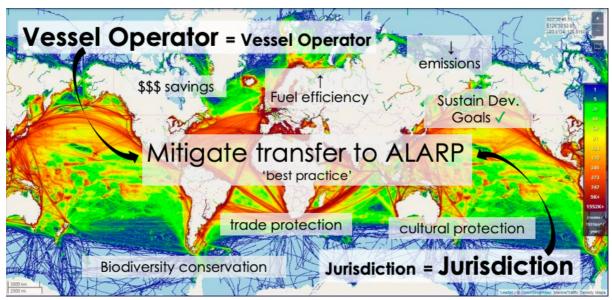


Figure 3: Benefits of implementing next-generation vessel biofouling management practices through the use of the Vessel-Check portal.

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#### **Antifouling solutions from seaweed biomimetics**

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#### **Abstract**

Since ancient times, human entrepreneurship has faced the seas, but biofouling has always imposed severe constraints to all maritime activities. The usual way to deal with the undesired growth of marine benthic organisms on man-made structures has been to employ the "biocide approach", such as the recently banned tributyltin (TBT), effective but harmful to marine life. Substitute biocides comprise a Pandora's box of different synthetic compounds, mostly with unknown environmental fate and toxicity. A paradigm shift is therefore urgent in order to deal with biofouling efficiently, but in an environmentally friendly way. The emerging field of biomimetics comprises the imitation of the models, systems and elements of nature to solve complex human problems. A biomimetic approach to deal with biofouling is based on the fact that seaweeds, as benthic, sessile organisms living in the euphotic zone, where fouling pressure is maximal, had billions of years to evolve antifouling defence, and different seaweeds are now known to dedicate energy and resources in the production, storage and release of natural antifouling (AF) compounds. In Brazil (Southwestern Atlantic), red and brown seaweed extracts and compounds exhibited strong and frequent AF activity. However, natural defence mechanisms are often multifaceted, and emerging evidence has accumulated concerning other macroalgal mechanisms to keep algal thalli devoid of undesired growth, such as oxidative bursts, epithallus sloughing, bacterial quorum sensing modulation and microtopography. Bioinspired antifouling approaches to some of these mechanisms already exist – such as AF microencapsulation, ablative, and low-adhesion paints - or are under investigation, such as engineered, bioinspired AF microtopographies and quorum sensing modulation. It seems likely that, in order to develop new solutions to this old problem, we need to learn from nature and develop bioinspired AF solutions that combine several mechanisms. A combined biotechnological approach, joining bioinspired chemical and physical AF defence is expected to start soon. Understanding not only the cellular and molecular dynamics of seaweed AF defence, but also the global patterns and mechanisms underlying the production of algal AF is a fundamental step toward this goal.

#### Introduction

Marine biofouling, the natural colonization and growth of micro and macro-organisms on any submerged surface, such as living or non-living natural (e.g., rocks) and man-made structures is an ubiquitous phenomenon in the marine environment. Communities inhabiting hard substrata make a significant contribution to the productivity and stability of coastal ecosystems. However, uncontrolled biofouling coverage on man-made structures is heavily detrimental for efficient operation and functioning of submerged man-made structures, such as ship hulls, offshore oil and gas platforms, oceanographic sensors, aquaculture farms, and even clean energy generation in the sea (Want & Porter, 2018).

Ship hull fouling increases significantly drag (Figure 1), and hence fuel costs and greenhouse gas emissions, in particular during long, transoceanic trips. Ship hull biofouling has also been recognized

as a major vector for the introduction of non-native organisms, which frequently become harmful bioinvasions in the new environments (Gollasch, 2002).



Figure 1. A boat rudder with a heavy cover of marine biofouling (photo: B.A.P. da Gama)

Past and present solutions to prevent or reduce biofouling involve a "biocide approach", i.e., using toxic compounds ('biocides') with adverse effects on marine life, such as TBT (tributyltin) in antifouling (AF) paints. TBT was banned in AF coatings in 2008 by the International Maritime Organization – IMO), following a wide set of evidence of adverse effects on non-target marine organisms, such as imposex in gastropod molluscs.

New biocide formulations have shifted towards using high volumes of copper and a plethora of other 'booster biocides', including herbicides such as Irgarol and Zineb. However, evidence is accumulating that these compounds show significant build-up - and negative effects - in marinas and harbours (Chapman et al 2014), which will probably lead to future restrictions or even a ban, as happened with TBT in AF paints.

A paradigm shift is currently under way, with attempts to develop new, non-biocidal AF technologies, such as fouling-release (FR) coatings. These attempts have somewhat succeeded with the development of polydimethylsiloxane elastomers (PDMSe). However, current commercial FR coatings suffer from a number of drawbacks and thus represent only a small proportion of the total marine coatings market (Callow & Callow, 2011).

There is an urgent need for the development of novel, non-toxic (or low toxicity) alternatives to keep man-made structures devoid of biofouling. Biomimetics is an interdisciplinary field that involves the imitation of the models, systems, and elements of nature for the purpose of solving complex human problems. The application of biomimetics to the biofouling problem is relatively new (Salta et al. 2010), and demands a certain degree of knowledge and understanding of the mechanisms that marine organisms have evolved to cope with epibiosis – fouling growth on living marine organisms – or AF defence mechanisms prior to the development of new bioinspired AF technologies.

A biomimetic approach to deal with marine fouling is based on the fact that seaweeds, as benthic, sessile organisms living in the euphotic zone, where fouling pressure is maximal, had billions of years to evolve mechanisms to deal with epibiosis, and different macroalgae are known to compromise energy and resources in the production, storage and release of natural AF compounds (Saha et al. 2018) or marine natural products (MNPs). Marine macroalgae as a whole are known to produce as many as 3600 secondary metabolites (from a total of ca. 15000 MNPs, according to Bhadury and Wright, 2004), most of which play ecological roles yet unknown. AF chemical defense in seaweeds and is probably an evolutionary response to the ecological disadvantages of epibiosis, particularly in photosynthetic organisms.

This study reports results from a wide scale project investigating the AF chemical defence mechanisms of marine macroalgae. This involved the sampling, extraction and testing of crude extracts and sometimes pure or semi-pure fractions or compounds from several seaweed species and populations. Results up to 2008 were already published (da Gama et al. 2008) and we will thus focus on a synopsis of new data up to 2019.

#### **Materials and Methods**

Sampling of marine algae and extract preparation

Seaweeds were collected by hand while SCUBA or free diving in the shallow subtidal zone in several localities along the Brazilian coast (Southwestern Atlantic), between 3 and 27°S. Seaweeds were immediately transferred to the laboratory in isothermic boxes, where they were gently washed in seawater, sorted, and cleaned from associated biota. Macroalgae were then identified and either freeze-dried or dried at room temperature to constant weight (dry weight). Selection of seaweed species was mainly on the basis of available biomass, which should be sufficient to allow laboratory and field testing with proper replication, and compound purification, where appropriate. Dried algae were grinded into a fine powder and then extracted exhaustibly (at least thrice) in a mix of 1:1 methanol:dichloromethane.

#### Antifouling bioassays

Filterpaper discs of 9 cm diameter were soaked in each extract and allowed to air dry for at least 24 hours prior to experiments. Extract preparation was always focused on obtaining natural concentrations, i.e., the same weight of dried seaweed was extracted and soaked into an equal filterpaper weight used in the experiments (usually ca. 4 g for 10 replicated discs per species). Controls were always prepared by soaking a similar set of 10 discs in the same organic solvents employed in seaweed extraction. Laboratory bioassays were performed using the 'mussel test' (da Gama et al. 2002, 2003), in which juvenile mussels (*Perna perna*) are exposed to natural concentrations of extracts or compounds in sterile Petri dishes containing extract-treated or control filterpaper discs in the bottom. After 12 hours the number of byssal threads produced is carefully counted and compared with controls in statistical analysis (factorial ANOVA).

#### **Results and Discussion**

In the first set of results (up to 2008; da Gama et al. 2008), 51 seaweed populations belonging to 42 species were sampled, extracted and tested in a laboratory and in some cases, in the field. The majority of the red seaweeds (55%) exhibited significant, strong (>80%) antifouling activity, while 14% of brown algae exhibited strong, significant AF activity, and only 27% of the green macroalgae exhibited significant, but moderate (<80%) AF activity. Among the 5 pure compounds tested, only 2, the halogenated sesquiterpene elatol (da Gama et al. 2003), from the red seaweed *Laurencia* 

dendroidea, and a dolabellane diterpene from the brown alga Dictyota pfaffii (Barbosa et al. 2007) exhibited significant AF activity, in both cases confirmed by further field testing.

From 2008 to 2019, a total of 60 seaweed species from 6 sampling sites along the Brazilian coast were sampled. Of this total, 21 (51%) belonged to the Ochrophyta (brown seaweeds = Phaeophyta) and 20 (49%) to the Rhodophyta (red seaweeds). 86% of the Ochrophyta and 70% of the Rhodophyta exhibited significant AF activity, in comparison to their respective controls. Green seaweeds (19 species) were sampled but not tested at this stage.

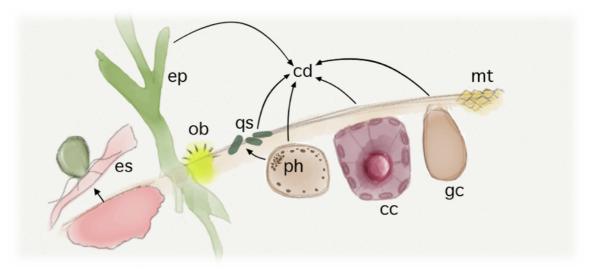
Despite our initial observations of a higher AF activity among red algae (<2008), the second set of data (up to 2019) revealed a more equitative distribution of AF activity among red and brown seaweeds, with even more activity among brown algae. This may be a result of (1) a more balanced sampling among these two algal divisions or (2) the specific identity of the seaweeds sampled. It is noteworthy, however, that other authors (e.g., Saha et al. 2018) also reported more activity among red macroalgae. This trend is likely a result of the unique chemistry in red algal compounds, resulting in halogenated MNPs, most of which exhibit interesting bioactivities, including AF activity, e.g., halogenated furanones in *Delisea pulchra* (de Nys et al. 2006), and sesquiterpenes such as elatol in several *Laurencia* species (e.g., Sudatti et al. 2008). On the other hand, research on AF compounds from brown algae seems to have been focused in phlorotannins (polyphenolic compounds), and other promising chemical types have been neglected until recently, such as glycolipids (Plouguerné et al. 2014).

Among reported seaweed AF defence mechanisms, chemical defence seems to play a prominent and more widespread role (da Gama et al. 2014). However, natural defense mechanisms are often multifaceted, and emerging evidence has accumulated concerning other macroalgal mechanisms to keep thalli devoid of undesired growth, such as oxidative bursts, epithallus sloughing (crustose coralline red algae), bacterial quorum sensing modulation and microtopography (**Figure 2**). Bioinspired antifouling approaches to some of these mechanisms already exist — such as microencapsulation (Price et al. 1992), oxidative bursts (Olsen et al. 2010), ablative, and low-adhesion paints — or are under investigation, such as bioinspired AF microtopographies (Chapman et al. 2014) and quorum sensing modulation by microorganisms (Dobretsov et al. 2013).

A promising biomimetic AF mechanism seems to be microencapsulation, emerging from new materials and bioinspired by the enclosure, in specialized cells or organelles, of AF compounds. This was recently observed in a number of red algae (Rhodophyta) of the subclass Rhodymeniophycidae, such as the *corps en cerise* in *Laurencia* (Sudatti et al., 2008), a prolific and varied genus belonging to the order Ceramiales, the 'gland cells' in *Delisea pulchra* (de Nys et al. 2006), *Asparagopsis armata* (Paul et al. 2006), and *Bonnemaisonia hamifera* (Nylund et al. 2013), all three species from the order Bonnemaisoniales, and the recently discovered 'mevalonosomes' in *Plocamium brasiliense*, a Plocamiales (Paradas et al. 2015). It is noteworthy that natural AF compounds from marine origin (the octocoral *Renilla*) and their analogs have already been microencapsulated in AF paints, with a resulting performance enhancement (Price et al. 1992).

Although our understanding of seaweed AF mechanisms has increased greatly in the last decades, research has probably been excessively focused on chemical defence, despite striking evidence that seaweeds possess large amounts of other compounds that can possibly elicit some sort of physical defence mechanism, such as sulphated polysaccharides. Seaweeds produce a variety of polysaccharides, such as alginate, k-carrageenan, agarose-6-sulfate, fucoidans, and ulvans. The common green seaweed Ulva has ca. 22.3% of sulphated polysaccharides, while the brown alga Fucus may have as much as 40.6% of sulphated polysaccharide yield (Reis, 2016). It seems likely that these polysaccharides, if released at the thallus surface, could significantly reduce the coefficient of friction ( $\mu$ ) thus hindering fouling adhesion. If confirmed, this hypothesis could, combined or not with chemical

defence, lead to rapid availability of bioinspired AF solutions, as seaweed polysaccharides are globally available at a commercial scale, as well as obtained and modified by synthesis.



**Figure 2**. Several seaweed mechanisms to deal with epibiosis. **es**: epithallus sloughing; **ep**: epibiont defence; **ob**: oxidative burst; **qs**: quorum sensing; **ph**: brown seaweed physodes; **cc**, **gc**: 'corps en cerise' and 'gland cells' from red seaweeds; **mt**: microtopography, and **cd**: chemical defence (da Gama et al. 2014).

New biomimetic AF solutions are expected to combine more than a single mechanism (e.g., physical and chemical mechanisms), providing a multilevel defence system against fouling (sensu Wahl & Mark, 1999). Such a system can comprise non-toxic, biodegradable chemicals bioinspired in seaweed AF natural products in coatings that also exhibit interactive surface properties (e.g., ablative, self-polishing, non-adhesive / fouling-release, low coefficient of friction, and/or microtopography features).

It seems likely that, in order to develop new solutions to this old problem, we need to learn from nature and develop bioinspired antifouling solutions that combine several mechanisms. Understanding global patterns and mechanisms underlying the production of algal MNPs with AF activity is therefore a fundamental step toward this goal.

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#### Occurrence of non-indigenous species in Danish harbours

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#### 1. Introduction

A recent report by Andersen et al. (2014) for the Danish authorities outlined a new monitoring programme for non-indigenous species (MONIS) suited to the obligations of the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive. This monitoring programme demonstrates a high level of utilisation of existing monitoring activities and is aimed at ports, other hotspots and baseline stations. Through a series of follow up studies we can now report the first nation-wide study of the occurrence of non-indigenous species in Danish harbours, called MONIS 4. The aims of the study were to:

- Monitor, assess and report occurrence of non-indigenous species in 16 selected Danish harbours mainly by eDNA.
- Apply full conventional method (Joint Harmonized Procedure, JHP) and using biomolecular methods for monitoring levels of environmental DNA (eDNA).
- Provide proof-of-concept regarding the Danish strategy of combining conventional and biomolecular methods.

The current paper is a summary of the presentation given by Frank Stuer-Lauridsen at the 4<sup>th</sup> ANZPAC meeting in Melbourne 2019, which included the 1<sup>st</sup> GEF-UNDP-IMO GloFouling R&D Forum and Exhibition on Biofouling Management. Data presented and more detailed analyses are submitted to peer reviewed journals.

#### 2. Methods

The sampling was carried out using both conventional monitoring and using biomolecular methods for detecting environmental DNA (eDNA) in water samples (e.g. Agersnap et al., 2017; Sigsgaard et al., 2016; Knudsen et al., 2019). There were two main objectives: (i) to monitor NIS using conventional monitoring schemes in 16 main commercial harbours and to (ii) assess the applicability of monitoring eDNA levels from non-indigenous species (NIS) using biomolecular methods on filtered water samples, using species-specific qPCR setups for detection of 20 target species. The method utilises DNA collected from the environment and species-specific test systems for 20 selected NIS species from the Danish Target Species List.

In two prioritised ports (Aarhus Harbour and Esbjerg Harbour, numbers 1 and 2 respectively in Figure 1), the eDNA results from analysed water samples were cross referenced with a comprehensive conventional sampling of plankton, soft- and hard-bottom communities and mobile epifauna (fish, crustaceans) in accordance with a dedicated sampling protocol (Andersen et al. 2017) exceeding the requirements of the Joint Harmonised Procedure (JHP) of OSPAR/HELCOM. The two ports were chosen because they are both relatively busy but have different characteristics: Esbjerg Harbour is a fisheries and offshore service port exposed to the North Sea and located close to the Wadden Sea; the port in Aarhus is a container hub located in the Kattegat/Baltic Sea area close to ecologically sensitive

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areas (Natura 2000 areas). In 14 harbours (numbered 3-16 in Fig. 1) conventional sampling was carried out with a reduced programme as outlined in Table 1.

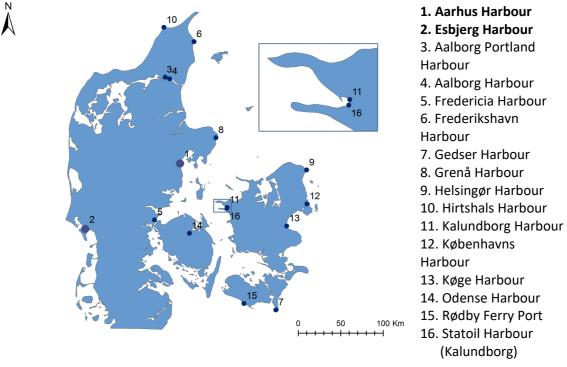


Figure 1. Location of the 16 ports sampled for non-indigenous species. Aarhus (1) and Esbjerg (2), in bold font, have particularly heavy ship traffic and are prioritized in this study.

The conventional sampling protocol applied in the JHP is based on the CRIMP methods devel-oped in Australia and aligned with the survey methods used in the HELCOM Maritime ALIENS 2 project. The eDNA programme covered 20 species, using a species-specific operational test system, applying quantitative polymerase chain reaction (qPCR) detection to water samples, like previous species-specific detection attempted in the Baltic Sea (Knudsen et al., 2019). The conventional sampling programme included grab samples for water and sediments, plankton nets, traps, fouling plates, scrape poles, fish nets, and visual observations by snorkelling.

Table 1. Conventional expanded sampling programme in two ports and reduced in 14 ports.

#### **Conventional sampling (two ports)** Reduced sampling (14 ports) Physical parameters (temperature, salinity, Snorkelling transects at night oxygen) and Secchi depth (fish, jellyfish, epifauna) Grab samples for water and sediment Fish nets (benthic infauna, epifauna) (Gill-net and Fyke-net) Plankton nets (phyto- and zooplankton) Traps (mobile epifauna). Scrape poles and fouling plates (fouling organisms) Fish nets (Gill-net and Fyke-net) All sampling was carried out in early Triplicates in each section of port summer (May-July) and autumn (Sept.-October) 2017

#### 3. Results for conventional sampling

The conventional monitoring detected 26 NIS and based on these results, we make the following conclusions regarding NIS in Danish harbours: 1) more NIS are found in the western parts of Denmark (North Sea region) than in the eastern parts (Baltic Sea), and 2) two new NIS in Danish marine areas were recorded, i.e. the two bristle worms *Eteone heteropoda* (fam. Phyllodocidae) and *Streblospio benedicti* (fam. Spionidae) in the western parts near the Wadden Sea.

#### 4. Results for the eDNA method

Thirteen NIS were recorded using eDNA-based methods. The eDNA methods could be applied in all ports (although suspended solids impaired detection limits in Esbjerg), and while species-specific qPCR detection of eDNA is limited to reporting only presence or absence of the target species, the eDNA results support the NIS reported by conventional sampling. Among the 20 eDNA-targeted NIS the rare species are not detected, most likely because these NIS are, fortunately, still infrequent in Danish seas. Four species restricted to fresh- and brackish waters were not detected, perhaps because water samples mainly comprised more brackish-saline waters. Five very common NIS are consistently found with both conventional monitoring and with the biomolecular method. The results from the seasonal sampling showed a higher level of agreement between the two methods in fall than in spring.

#### SPRING results:

- 188 good matches: 186 not found/no eDNA detection + 2 found/eDNA detection
- 37 poor matches: 32 found/no eDNA detection + 5 not found/eDNA detection

#### FALL results:

- 197 good matches: 183 not found/no eDNA detection + 14 found/eDNA detection
- 23 poor matches: 16 found/no eDNA detection + 7 not found/eDNA detection

#### 5. Findings regarding biofouling species

This study was not directed towards biofouling species *per se,* but a subset of data showed the identification by conventional methods of NIS generally considered as fouling species. Ten NIS were identified on the settling plates and from sub-sea substrates in the two ports prioritized for expanded sampling protocol, Aarhus and Esbjerg.

Table 2. NIS related to fouling found in two ports Aarhus and Esbjerg.

Group (common name)	Species
Anthozoa (sea anemones)	Diadumene lineata*
Ascidiacea (sea squirts)	Molgula manhattensis
	Styela clava
Cirripedia (barnacles)	Amphibalanus improvisus
	Austrominius modestus*
Bivalvia (mussels, clams)	Crassostrea gigas
Crustacea (crabs, shrimps)	Caprella mutica
	Hemigrapsus sanguineus
Rhodophyta (red algae)	Heterosiphonia japonica
	Neosiphonia harveyi*

<sup>\*</sup> NIS, but not considered invasive

The study also showed that a rapid assessment survey method gave insufficient results compared to settling plates deployed and the scraping of subsea structures.

This represents the first study of monitoring NIS in 16 Danish harbours using both conventional and biomolecular monitoring cf. Table 3. Twenty-six NIS were recorded using conventional sampling and 13 NIS were recorded using eDNA-based methods. Excluding overlapping records, we have recorded a total of 34 NIS in the 16 Danish harbours studied.

Table 3. Summary of the results of the MONIS 4 project.

Settling plates (PVC) and rope of fixed type and length	Scraping of subsea structures	Rapid assessment survey (RAS)
Nine units in Aarhus Port and nine units in Esbjerg Port	Eighteen locations in Aarhus Port and in Esbjerg Port	<ul><li>Submerged substrates:</li><li>floating buoys,</li><li>fender constructions,</li></ul>
Deployed from early to late summer (May to September)	Qualitative species identification under microscope	• ropes etc.
Semi quantitative identification		Examined at two sites within the three survey areas in both ports
Nine and six NIS found	Three and six NIS found	No NIS found

The occurrence of NIS in Danish harbours is systematically documented here using both conventional and biomolecular monitoring. The MONIS 4 project also provided a proof of concept with regard to eDNA-based monitoring of non-indigenous marine species in Danish marine waters. Hence, we suggest the following next steps for future monitoring:

- 1. The eDNA-based monitoring of non-indigenous species cf. the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive in Danish marine water should be executed and operationalized as planned.
- 2. Relevant international conventions such as HELCOM and OSPAR should be informed about the progress made and also invited to collaborate on development of relevant species-specific operational test systems for monitoring of eDNA.
- 3. A critical evaluation of the internationally coordinated and agreed joint monitoring protocols should be carried out in collaboration with neighbouring countries in order to focus future activities and to increase cost-effectiveness of monitoring protocols.

Further, we suggest that similar studies could be considered in other Danish harbours as well as in relevant hot spot areas such as the Wadden Sea and Limfjorden.

Regarding the applicability of biomolecular methods, the findings from the MONIS4 project provide a proof-of-concept for how the eDNA-based test systems developed can be used for NIS continuous monitoring. The results of the MONIS 4 project constitute a baseline for future studies in Danish ports and other hotspot areas in the Northeast Atlantic seas where NIS are thought to be present.

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#### **Digital Biofouling Risk Assessment Using Big Data**

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#### **Abstract**

<u>Objectives:</u> The objective of the paper is to demonstrate that digital risk assessments can be used for identifying ships that are likely to be carrying hull fouling. The risk assessment will allow relevant authorities to address the potential biosecurity risks in a proactive manner and to allocate resources effectively. This will benefit the environment by reducing the threat of invasive aquatic species while also facilitating efficient planning of port activities.

Results: The cumulative Fouling Challenge is obtained based on the historic activity profile of each vessel and the specific environmental conditions encountered during that period. The vessels can then be further examined in terms of biofouling management history to identify whether the challenge has been adequately managed. The Fouling Challenge of each individual vessel is combined with the effect of the known biofouling management strategy (Fouling Control Factors) to provide the relative risk a vessel poses in terms of the transport of hull fouling species. This paper presents a comparison between the output of a digital risk assessment system (PortShield) compared to the underwater hull condition of a range of commercial vessels. The condition of the underwater hull of the vessels was determined by visual inspections.

<u>Conclusions:</u> The case studies carried out to date indicate that digital risk assessment systems can effectively identify and rank vessels in terms of the risk of transporting hull fouling species. Such systems can be an effective low-cost solution for remotely monitoring and managing biosecurity risks associated with hull-borne species.

#### 1. Introduction

The management of risk related to invasive aquatic species (IAS) can be addressed by high resolution, species-specific dive inspections, however the volume of port traffic means a complimentary assessment system for high-level down selection - such as PortShield - is needed. This assessment system needs to be individual, per vessel, and based on actual operational values.

These two systems work in parallel - PortShield using large datasets, modelled Fouling Challenge and risk to identify likely fouled vessels, which can then be inspected by diver or ROV if required. This can also act as a feedback loop, improving down-selection by reinforcing selection via inspection results. The prioritisation of higher risk vessels allows resources to be focussed. The feedback loop can be seen in Figure 1.

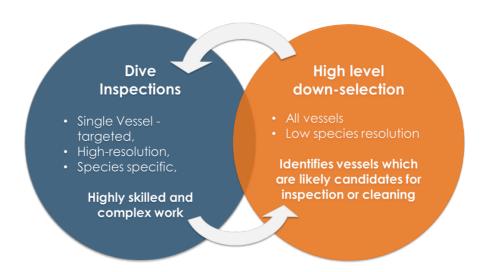


Figure 1. Complementary Approaches to Invasive Aquatic Species Risk Management

# **Risk Assessment**

In order to carry out a biofouling risk assessment for a vessel to assist users to understand whether closer scrutiny is needed, multiple data sources are brought together. It is assumed that the extent of fouling and abundance of fouling taxa present increase the risk of translocating invasive species. The risk assessment procedure follows a standard 'Hazard' and 'Likelihood' model.

In the case of biofouling risk, the hazard – Fouling Challenge – is generated from individual vessel movement data and global datasets of environmental data.

The likelihood factor – Fouling Control Factors (FCFs) - for this assessment takes into account:

- Fouling control coating types,
- Extended static periods,
- Hull husbandry events (such as in water cleaning or grooming).

# 1.1. Fouling Challenge

Fouling Challenge allows us to compare the relative rating of fouling environment experienced by vessels – the cumulative hazard.

Fouling Challenge reflects the environment a vessel is exposed to during operation, derived from global environmental data and ship movement data (AIS).

The metric takes into account biological productivity and environmental conditions. The metric also takes into account the vessel activity and speed derived from AIS data.

In order to calibrate this dimensionless number, the operational profiles and Fouling Challenge values for over 1000 vessels were extracted. The actual fouling level of these vessels was considered in order to enable calibration. A single vessel cumulative Fouling Challenge chart is shown in Figure 2. The point where the Fouling Challenge originates is the start of the dry-docking cycle for the particular vessel.

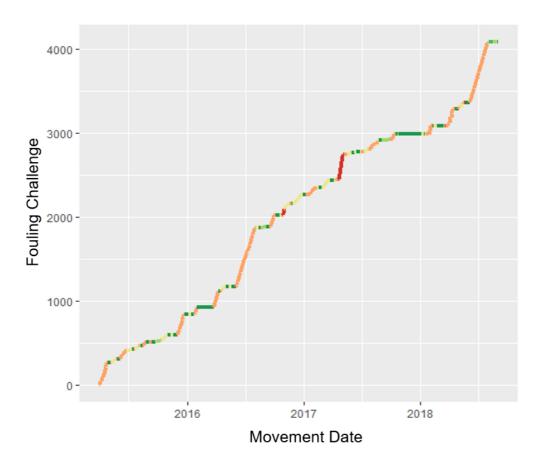


Figure 2. Fouling Challenge

Of these 1000 vessels, a calibration model can be fitted, however a vital part of model fitting is understanding the distribution. Normal Q-Q method of identifying outliers, which are extreme to the population distribution – a representation of which can be found in Figure 3, was used.

This analysis allowed identification of outliers that do not fit the defined population distribution. Investigating the identified outliers is key to prioritising vessels effectively in terms of biofouling accumulation.

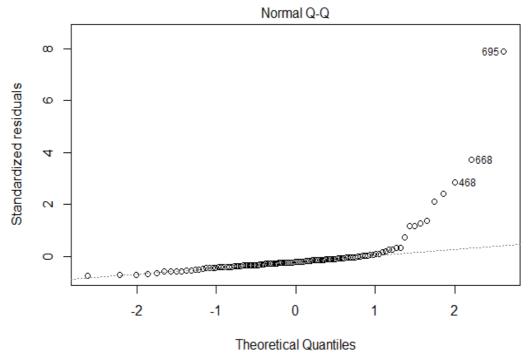


Figure 3. Identifying Outliers

Note: The numbers represented on the plot are the identifiers of the outliers within the sample.

# 1.2. Fouling Control Factors – Main Coating Related Assumptions

# 1.2.1. Type of Fouling Control Coating

If a vessel is operated in a manner consistent with the coating specification (optimal operating conditions), the general expectation is that it should be protected from accumulating significant amounts of fouling. Biofilm densities and micro- and macro-fouling settlement on different types of fouling control coatings have been investigated and there is evidence that the type of coating influences the likely extent and type of fouling accumulated under similar conditions (Callow, 1986; Cassé and Swain, 2006; Molino et al, 2009; Pelletier et al, 2009; Zargiel et al, 2011; Briand et al, 2012; Chen et al, 2013; Camps et al, 2014).

In order to take into account the performance of the type of fouling control coating, a number of commercially available products were examined and initially grouped into three broad categories intended to distinguish between expected long-term performance. The grouping is based on factors such as the type of technology (matrix ingredients), biocides content (weight, etc.), packages and release mechanism (if applicable).

The initial grouping was carried out based on a literature review on efficacy of different types of fouling control technologies (including information on static testing, test patches, efficacy against fouling taxa) coupled with focus groups comprising experts in carrying out failure investigations, specification reviews and/or with significant experience in coating formulation. Based on the literature review and focus groups, commercial products were grouped in three broad performance categories – 'Economical', 'Medium' and 'High' performance.

The groupings were then reviewed based on independent in-service performance data. Any discrepancies between the performance grade assigned to a product and the in-service data were reported back to the group of experts who participated in the initial grouping. The in-service results

were then reviewed in detail and potential changes of the performance grade assigned to the specific products discussed. The existing database on in-service performance of different coating technologies and commercial products administered by independent parties is growing. However, there are still certain challenges to be addressed such as limited data on: (1) less commonly used products (regional markets) and (2) new/novel products and technologies without a significant in-service performance track record. Therefore, continuous refinement is required, and a conservative view was adopted in terms of newly released products until sufficient in-service track record is available.

Once the initial grouping of products was finalised, the performance grades assigned to products were tested against a different set of in-service performance data as part of the preliminary calibration of the digital risk assessment system<sup>2</sup>. A Fouling Indicator<sup>3</sup> was constructed based on extent and type of fouling. Fouling Indicator of 0 to 2 is consistent with light to medium microfouling and up to 1% macrofouling coverage (L/M (1)) as per NACE SP21421. The higher the Fouling Indicator, the greater the extent of fouling and the likelihood of macrofouling presence. Figure 4 shows the relationship between coating product grade and the Fouling Indicator towards the end of the scheme life based on visual inspections of 174 commercial vessels.

Although the sample size is relatively small, there appears to be an indication that 'Economical' and 'Medium' grade products, which are expected to perform to a lesser extent over time in general, were found to have accumulated more fouling compared to 'High' performance products. A more interesting trend is that 'High' performance products were found to exhibit less of a scatter when it comes to fouling accumulation, which is an indication that their performance may be more consistent and predictable over time. Based on the calibration sample, the results from a Kruskal–Wallis test showed that 'High' performance grade products are significantly different than the other two categories (p<0.005). The difference between 'Economical' and 'Medium' grade products was not statistically significant although the median Fouling Indicator, represented as a horizontal line through the respective box, corresponding to 'Economical' grade products is higher, which implies higher extent of fouling.

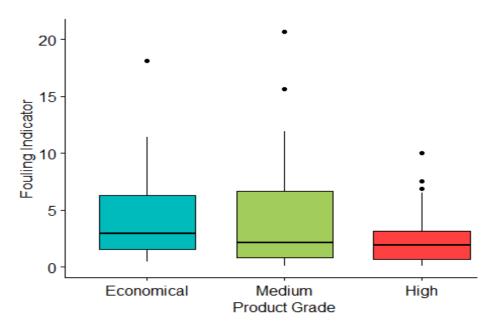


Figure 4. Relationship between Fouling Indicator and Coating Product Grade

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The sample used for the calibration, consisting of 174 ships, is referred to as the 'calibration sample'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Fouling Indicator and NACE SP21421: 0-2 ~ L/M (1); 2-5 ~ M (5); 5-20 ~ M/H (10-15+)

Although a detailed investigation including interactions between factors that could have an impact, such as ship types and sizes for example, based on larger representative samples is needed in the future, the current results seem to indicate that the initial grouping of technologies appears adequate in terms of expected antifouling efficacy/performance.

# 1.2.2. Extended Static Periods (ESPs) and Operational Profiles

Static periods, also referred to as residency periods or stationary periods, have been identified as a key factor in the colonisation and accumulation of biofouling (Railkin, 2003; Coutts and Taylor, 2004; Watson and Barnes, 2004; Davidson et al, 2018).

Extended static periods are periods that are in the range of or exceed static guarantees offered by coating manufacturers as it is assumed that the capability of coatings to deter the accumulation of biofouling has been significantly limited. The definition of 'extended static period' in terms of time varies by coating type as some technologies are more sensitive to static exposure than others. It should be noted that the static tolerance of fouling control coatings varies with environmental conditions - factors such as geographical location and seasonality impact performance. For the purposes of this preliminary study, however, extended static periods were defined as any static periods of 30 or more consecutive days.

In theory, the performance of fouling control coatings is optimal when the vessel is trading within a certain activity range, usually specified by the coating manufacturer. The activity of the vessel is a function of the time at sea and the time spent stationary.

Sylvester et al (2011) found that port duration and time at sea have a significant effect on determining propagule pressure.

As a result, the effects of extended static periods and operational profiles were investigated further in terms of in-service performance.

# 2. Risk Indicator: Preliminary Results

In order to investigate the effect of operational profiles, the calibration sample was split into four categories:

- Active ships (no ESPs and within recommended activity range);
- Ships with one or more ESPs (>30 days);
- Low activity<sup>4</sup> ships;
- Low activity ships with one or more ESPs.

Figure 5 shows the sample distribution by operational profile.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Low activity is defined as vessel activity below 60% in this instance.

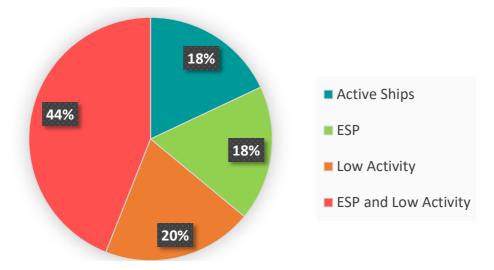


Figure 5. Sample Distribution by Operational Profile

In the case of the calibration sample, 44% of all vessels have had at least one extended static period (>30 days) and activity of less than 60% within the period from coating application to the date the inspection took place. Nearly half of the vessels have had at least one ESP and low activity, which is not surprising given the state of the shipping market over the last decade, but it is indicative of the fact that in reality vessel operation may deviate from the optimal operational conditions that coatings were specified for due to market pressures and other factors.

Figure 6 shows the relationship between fouling accumulation and operational profiles. According to Figure 6, active ships without significant interruptions to their operations, have on average the lowest fouling coverage, which is in line with expectations. It is worth noting that the outliers (the vessels with high Fouling Indicator ratings represented as dots above the respective boxes) are clustered in the other three categories and especially in the category of vessels that were not as active and had at least one extended static period (ESP and Low Activity) within their dry-docking cycle.

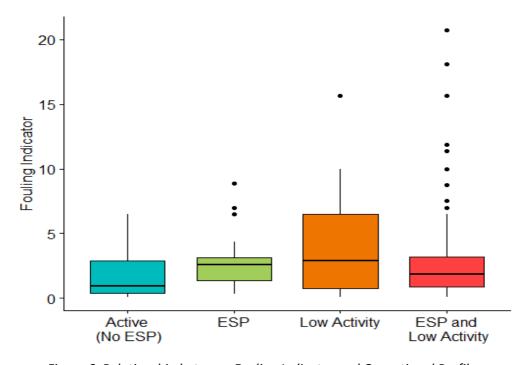


Figure 6. Relationship between Fouling Indicator and Operational Profiles

Figure 6 seems to indicate that predicting the rate of biofouling accumulation for vessels with irregular (not optimal) operational profiles is even more challenging due to the variation within these categories. One of the missing pieces of the puzzle in the current calibration of the risk assessment is the effect of biofouling management actions (hull husbandry events), which are likely to explain the relatively narrow spread for some categories. For example, it is possible that most owners/operators will ensure their asset's underwater hull is inspected after an extended static period and treated if the fouling present was found extensive and severe enough to have an impact on the hydrodynamic performance of the vessel. Such practices will explain the relatively narrow spread of Fouling Indicator ratings for the categories 'ESP' and 'ESP and Low Activity', where the outliers are ships with irregular operational profiles that may have not been subject to any hull-husbandry events prior to the visual inspection on which the Fouling Indicator rating was based.

Several case studies providing a more detailed representation of the condition of the underwater hulls of vessels with different operational profiles are shown in Appendix 1. The case studies were chosen randomly from the categories of vessels associated with different operational profiles within the calibration sample. Any vessel or coating product identifiers are kept anonymous.

# 3. Conclusions and Future Work

To obtain a representative and realistic assessment of risk of fouling in terms of extent and abundance, a number of factors related to operational and biofouling management histories of a vessel need to be taken into account. Carrying out detailed biofouling risk assessments for individual ships entering port requires dedicated resources and time.

A digital risk assessment system, such as PortShield, enables users to prioritise the vessels due to arrive in port and highlights the ones whose biofouling management history should be investigated in more detail. This will enable port authorities to contact vessels of interest prior to arrival and to request relevant information for a detailed biofouling risk assessment to be carried out. Once key events representing the most recent biofouling management history of the vessel are entered into the system, a risk indicator is generated. The whole process can be completed prior to arrival in port allowing for the relevant parties to plan and optimise any subsequent activities. The system is designed to store any previous events and data related to the biofouling management history of each vessel that may have been entered by other users. Users can also set a 'risk indicator threshold', which highlights all vessels whose risk indicator is above the set limit. The goal is to achieve the most comprehensive and representative assessment with minimum user input over time.

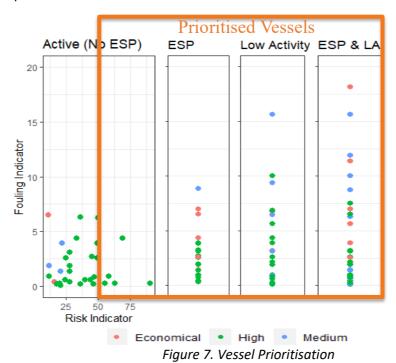
The work presented here is part of an ongoing large-scale study aimed to compare the output of a digital risk assessment system (PortShield) to the underwater hull condition of a range of commercial vessels.

The preliminary results link the grouping by coating type with biofouling accumulation rate and show that the groupings used behave as expected - i.e. 'High' performance coatings are associated with lower Fouling Indicator ratings (Figure 4). However, the preliminary results are based on a limited sample size (174 vessels) that was not controlled for factors such as ship type or operational patterns (routes).

The preliminary results also confirm that vessels with irregular operational profiles can be linked to significantly higher Fouling Indicator ratings (Figure 6 and Figure 7). Therefore, highlighting vessels with irregular operational patterns seems to be an adequate first tier prioritisation factor when dealing with assigning priority to vessels from a given population (i.e. the vessels entering a specific

port) in terms of biofouling risk assessments. This will help users focus on the biofouling management practices of prioritised vessels, which could optimise internal port processes and operations.

According to the preliminary results, the outliers in terms of fouling accumulation within the vessels with irregular operational profiles are mostly vessels with 'Economical' and 'Medium' grade products. It appears that coating type in combination with information on operational profiles can provide valuable insights on fouling accumulation and therefore improve the accuracy with which vessels are prioritised as part of the digital risk assessment. Assuming that data on coating type is already available in the system, the first tier prioritisation that a digital system can perform automatically with minimal user input becomes more accurate.



The next step in calibrating the output of the system will be replicating the study with a larger sample controlled for factors such as ship type and size to confirm the reliability of the preliminary results. As part of the calibration process, the effect of the remaining components critical to accurately assessing the risk of fouling accumulation, such as the effect of hull husbandry events and hull complexity (niche areas), will be investigated and compared to in-service performance data related to the condition of the underwater hull.

# **Appendix 1: Case Studies**

In this section several case studies, which aim to provide a more detailed representation of the hull conditions of vessels with different operational profiles, are included.

# Case Study 1: Example of a ship with one or more ESPs and low activity

The coating, a 'Medium' performance grade with 60 months scheme life, was applied in December 2013. The visual inspection on which the Fouling Indicator rating is based took place in January 2018. The activity of the vessel during the period was 51.4%.

Several months before the visual inspection the vessel had an extended static period of 66 days. Upon inspection, significant areas of the underwater hull were found to be covered by macrofouling.

Scheme Life: 60 months

Coating: Medium (SPC rosin)

Transport France Coating: Medium (SPC rosin)

Dec 2013

Jan 2018

66 days static

Figure 8. Case study 1: ESP and Low Activity

# Case Study 2: Example of a low activity ship

Activity: 51.4%

A 'High' performance coating (60 months scheme life) was applied in August 2009. The vessel was engaged in short-sea shipping mostly in the Sea of Marmara and surrounding areas. The vessel's activity is below 10%, which indicates that stationary periods (shorter than 30 days) and periods at ultra-low speeds dominate the vessel's operational profile.

The visual inspection on which the Fouling Indicator rating is based took place in April 2014. Upon inspection, significant areas of the underwater hull were found to be covered by slime and weed.

Activity: 7.5% Coating: High (Self-Polishing Copolymer) Apr 2014 Aug 2009

Scheme Life: 60 months

Figure 9. Case study 2: Low activity ship

# Case Study 3: Example of an active ship

A 'High' performance coating (60 months scheme life) was applied in July 2010. The vessel's activity remained above 70%. The visual inspection on which the Fouling Indicator rating is based took place in February 2015. The vessel's hull had limited fouling coverage.

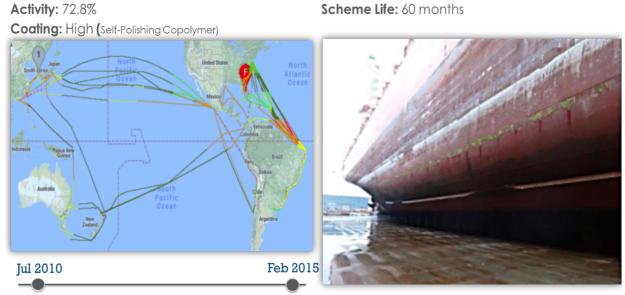


Figure 10. Case study 3: Active ship

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# Assessment of national publications on biofouling and bioinvasion in Brazil

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# **Abstract**

A bibliographyc survey of Brazil using key words was done on biofouling/bioinvasion as part of the action of the GEF-UNDP-IMO GloFouling Partnerships project.

Studies in these areas started about 20 years ago with focus on control of biofouling in ship hull by AFS and with the description of introduced IAS. The number of experimental studies is small but is increasing over the years specially on the subject of invasive species. A significant set of the studies in these two areas are not published in indexed journals. Our results suggested that future studies in Brazil should be focused on experimental type of work, monitoring the arrival of ISA and specifically should address the environmental/economic and social impact of biofouling and bioinvasion.

# Introduction

The introduction of Invasive Aquatic Species (IAS) in a new environment has been identified as a major threat to the world oceans and the conservation of biodiversity (Simberloff, 2011; Gilbert and Levine, 2013). The species transfer process involves multiple vectors, including the transport of species through biofouling in ship hulls (Williams et al, 2013). The increasing globalization and international trade intensified in the last decades contribute to aggravate the problem. Quantitative data shows that the rate of bioinvasions continues to increase at an alarming rate and new areas are being invaded all the time. Measures to reduce the transport of species by ship hulls are necessary and urgent in order to mitigate the environmental and economic impacts of IAS.

In order to develop these measures, it is important to know the state-of-the-art of research in these two areas, biofouling and bioinvasion, to allow the establishment of research guidelines to fill the gaps. The lack of knowledge in these areas, makes difficult to quantify impacts, preventive actions and define control strategies for bioinvasion problems at the regional and national levels. Due to the cases of bioinvasion clearly related to the transfer of biofouling, on July 15, 2011, IMO adopted ANNEX 26 of Resolution MEPC.207(62), which addresses the guidelines for the control and management of biofouling on ships, so that minimizes the transfer of species (IMO, 2011). The document includes new guidelines for handling the issue and suggests the implementation of biofouling management practices, including the use of anti-fouling systems and other operational management practices to reduce the development of fouling. More recently, IMO together with GEF-UNDP established a program similar to GloBallast, the GloFouling Project that deals with ships' hull bioinvasion and drives actions to implement the IMO Guidelines, which provide a globally-consistent approach on how biofouling should be controlled and managed to minimize the transfer of IAS via ships' hulls.

Twelve Lead Partnering Countries (LPCs), representing a mix of developing nations and Small Island Developing States, have been selected to spearhead the work of the GloFouling Project. Brazil is one of these countries and in the present study we make a survey of national scientific publication in Brazil on biofouling/bioinvasion as part of the activities under the GloFouling Partnerships Project. The objective of this survey is to establish priorities on the development of these areas in the country. Therefore, our study aims to answer the following questions: What is the state-of-the-art of biofouling and bioinvasion research in Brazil? How to define which research should be developed in biofouling and bioinvasion in Brazil? And which areas should be prioritized?

# Methodology

# A bibliometric analysis

A survey by scientific publication was carried out using several databases in June 2019. However, after a preliminary evaluation, only searches conducted from Google Scholar and Scientific Capes database were used in this analysis, using the terms "marine biofouling" and "Brazil" and "marine bioinvasion" and "Brazil" in both English and Portuguese. Theses dissertations, monographs and dissemination texts were not included in the analysis. The original search retrieved a high number of publications. However, after an inspection procedure and qualification, this number was significantly reduced. For example, in the case of biofouling, the first run shows a total number of 1,844 publications, the majority as false positive or non-indexed publications. For the purpose of our analysis only indexed articles were used.

There was no restriction in terms of date of the publication. In our survey we excluded articles in languages other than English or Portuguese, articles related to freshwater biofouling or bioinvasion, and articles that were not performed in the Brazilian territory.

# **Results and discussion**

Besides the mentioned studies and dissertations not included in the present analysis, several studies performed by the Institute of Marine Studies Admiral Paulo Moreira (IEAPM), in the Brazilian Navy Institute, were also not included since they are issued under security classification. Nevertheless, in the last three decades the IEAPM developed valuable studies in fouling control and management on Navy vessels. Among them we can mention several painting reports of ships and submarines of the Brazilian Navy, carried out to evaluate the performance of commercial antifouling systems (AFS), monitoring the biofouling in the hull, evaluation of the operational profile of the vessels, in-water hull inspection and monitoring of the environmental parameters in the anchoring areas of the vessels.

All those results are in an IEAPM database created to store this information and provide a tool for an objective management of Best Practices of biofouling organisms in the Brazilian Navy vessels.

Also, there are several studies on biofouling and bioinvasion done by oil companies in Brazil that were not published. Nevertheless, some of these results start to be communicated in the IMO documents (MEPC and PPR). In general, we could consider that biofouling and bioinvasion are recent science areas in Brazil. From our survey we observed a total of 142 articles published on biofouling starting in 1992 in Brazil and 118 bioinvasion articles from 2003 (Figure 1). There is a clear increase in the number of articles in the last 20 years in both areas. The increase on biofouling articles after 2003 may be associated with the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems (AFS) on ships, in October 2001, that called the attention for the control of biofouling on ships. Brazil was an active player in this Convention. The high number of studies observed after 2008 can also be related

to the banishment of TBT when the Convention entered into force. Nevertheless, it is clear that biofouling issues are an important topic in Brazil at the moment.

It is also important to observe that after 2010 there was an increase in articles on bioinvasion relative to biofouling, probably as a consequence of the high rate of introduction of IAS in the Brazilian coast. A first list of the IAS from the Ministry of Environment (Lopes, 2009) called the attention of Brazilian scientists about the problematic of the IAS.

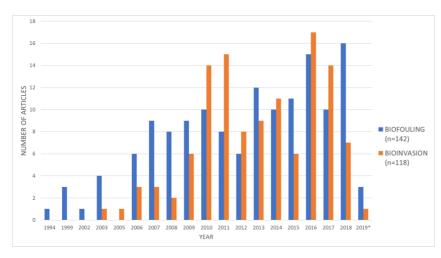


Figure 1 – Number of articles per/year of biofouling and bioinvasion \*until June/2019

Among the many different subjects related to biofouling, control and eradication are the majority areas of the studies being conducted in Brazil. This is probably because of tests or development paints to reduce the biofouling in submerged substrate (Figure 2).

Other important aspects were the interactions (biotic and abiotic) succession/taxonomy and fauna survey. Studies in these areas are traditional in Brazil because it is done by a large group of scientists specialized in different groups of marine organisms. On the other hand, there are only two studies that address the environment/economical/social impact of biofouling, and one on climate change, and no studies in genetic and dispersion, both highly important areas of biofouling.

The descriptive studies of succession/taxonomy and fauna survey were both the main topic found in the bioinvasion survey, followed by abiotic and biotic interaction, dispersion register, control, eradication and genetics. Therefore, most studies done in Brazil in the area of bioinvasion are related to new occurrence in the Brazilian coast or specific studies on the environmental conditions that allow the occurrence of such invasion. Again, like observed for biofouling, the environment/economical/social impact and climate change topics have virtually not been addressed in Brazil on bioinvasion.

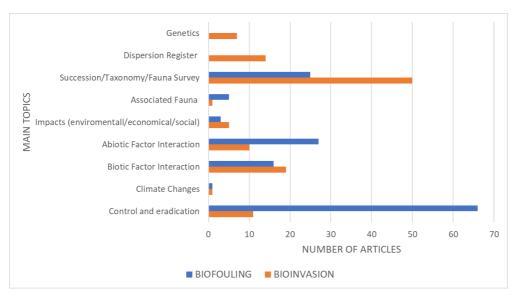


Figure 2 – Total number of articles by main topics on biofouling and bioinvasion

The analysis of the word cloud of biofouling shows that antifouling is the main focus in the studies in this area in Brazil. Several words in this subject also appear in the word cloud such as natural (compounds), paints, activity, defence, coatings, etc. Other words in relation to the survey and ecological studies can also be seen such as species, invertebrates, colonization, fouling, seaweed, etc.

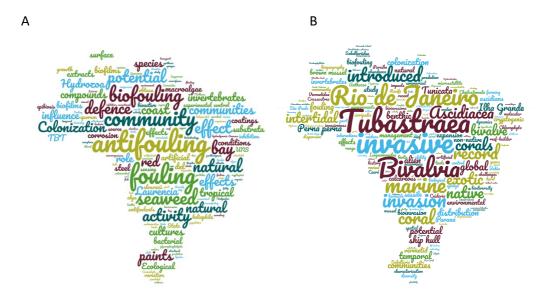


Figure 3 – Word cloud from survey on biofolouling (A) and bioinvasion (b) articles in Brazil

On the other hand, introduced species such as the sun-coral genus Tubastrea, and other invasive species like the Bivalve, Corals, Polychaeta and Ascidiacea are also the dominant words in the analysis. It is important to stress that most of the studies are located in the State of Rio de Janeiro (i.e., Ilha Grande), where a great number of studies (10% of the total) have been done with the invasion genero Tubastrea. Other words in relation to the ecological aspects (temporal distribution, fouling, effects, expansion and management) show low relevance in the word cloud.

In summary, studies on biofouling and bioinvasion in Brazil started about 20 years ago with the focus on control of biofouling on ships' hull by AFS and with the description of introduced IAS. The number of experimental studies is small but is increasing over the years, especially on the subject of invasive

species. A significant set of the studies in these two areas are not published in indexed journals. Nevertheless, the ones published in journals with impact factor have an average value of 2.53.

Based on the survey we suggested that the research in biofouling and bioinvasion in Brazil should be focused on experimental type of work, monitoring the arrival of ISA (e-DNA for example) and specifically should address the environmental/economic and social impact of Biofouling and Bioinvasion in the Brazilian coast.

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# **Conference Presentations**





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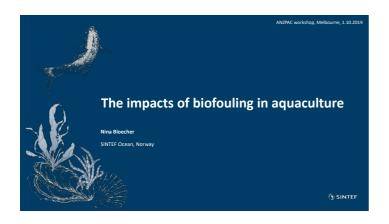
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# Impacts of biofouling in aquaculture

Biofouling is one of the main operational challenges that all marine aquaculture industries experience, independent of the cultured species. This talk will give an overview of how biofouling impacts finfish, shellfish, and seaweed culture and summarise recent avenues for mitigation. It will then focus in detail on the impacts of biofouling on salmon aquaculture, and the risks and challenges surrounding current in-situ net cleaning practices. Potential novel strategies for management of biofouling will be discussed, and current knowledge gaps will be identified to prioritise research needs.



# Biofouling in aquaculture

# Finfish culture

> Fouling of equipment

# Seaweed & shellfish culture

- > Fouling of equipment
- ➤ Fouling of culture species







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# **Prevention of biofouling**

- Choice of substrate/culture method
- · Stocking density
- Spatial & temporal avoidance
  - ightarrow Modelling of biofouling settlement & development
- Inherent AF metabolites can be enhanced
- AF shell coatings (→ novel natural AF compounds)
- Timing of husbandry strategies
- Resistant genotypes
- 'Clean' seed stock







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# Shellfish

- Pressure washing
- Silicon release coatings
- Abrasive medium





# Treatment of biofouling

- ightarrow Combinations of multiple treatments work best
  - > against a broader range of foulers
  - ➤ lower intensities & exposure times

BUT! Treatments can impact cultured species more than the biofouling!







# Biofouling on aquaculture nets



affects.

- Water exchange
- Cage stability
- Fish health ← pathogens
- Environment ← NIS
- Cleaner fish ??



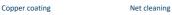
# Strategies against biofouling







Net exchange



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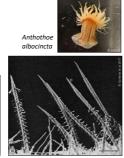


# Cleaning waste causes gill damage

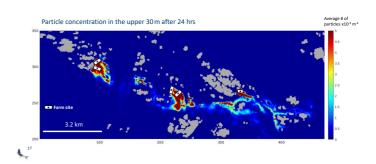
→ Gill damage visible for up to 7 days





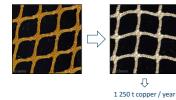


# Spreading of cleaning waste



# Pressure washing is abrasive

- > 1x net cleaning damages 31% of the coating
- > 35x net cleaning damages 90% of the coating





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# We need better biofouling management strategies!

1. Efficient antifouling without cleaning

2. Antifouling combined with intermittent cleaning

**3.** Grooming of nets without antifouling

# Options for future biofouling management strategies

1. Efficient antifouling without cleaning

- Advantages
   No cleaning-related impacts
- Predictable cost

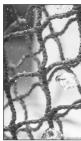
- Challenges
   Efficacy across taxonomic spectrum
- · Environmental toxicity
- Entanglement of drifting

Today's coatings may work in low-intensity regions

- R&D needs
   Develop novel coatings/net materials - Efficient

  - Benign Good leaching control

  - Highly robust



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# Options for future biofouling management strategies

2. Antifouling combined with intermittent cleaning

Advantages
• Reduced cleaning-related impacts

- Challenges
   Cleaning-related impacts
- Environmental toxicity

# Current status

- Copper alloy nets have potential but need more research
- Potential gentle cleaners: low pressure or cavitation

## R&D needs

Cleaning waste collection

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# Options for future biofouling management strategies

3. Grooming

of nets without antifouling

- Advantages
   No cleaning-related impacts
- No contamination

Challenges
• Energy efficiency

- Current status
   Durable nets are available
- Net grooming technology is available but needs validation

- Novel cleaning technology:
   Autonomous
   Good cleaning efficacy

- Energy efficient No impact on fish





# Biofouling in aquaculture: summary & outlook

- $\bullet \ \ \text{Balance benefit vs. costs of biofouling management} \leftarrow \text{More research needed!}$
- Monitoring and modelling tools are improving → predict and mitigate biofouling
- Combination of treatment methods is promising
- More research needed
  - Genetic resistance
  - Variety of culture species especially for finfish!
  - New habitats offshore, closed systems



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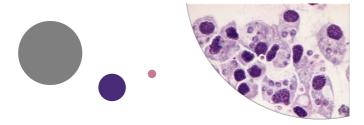
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Sarah Culloty has worked on shellfish pathology and diseases for over 25 years having started her career with a PhD, on an emerging disease in oysters, Bonamia ostreae, and its introduction to Ireland in the 1980s. Her work focuses on disease dynamics, epidemiology and understanding the drivers of disease development particularly in bivalve molluscs. In particular she has worked on factors that facilitate disease transmission such as transmission routes and the potential ways that disease can be incidentally transmitted and then maintained in introduced areas. Working at University College Cork she leads a team of PhD students and research staff working on a number of significant pathogens for shellfish. She has published over 100 papers, supervised over 40 masters and PhD students. She is currently Director of the Environmental Research institute at UCC.

# Unintended consequences: Disease and pathogen spread in a global economy

Disease events in the marine environment are increasing due to a range of factors including intensified activity, transport and a changing marine environment. The aquaculture industry has suffered some severe mortality events and losses as the industry has intensified, many due to pathogens and disease. Many of these diseases have been introduced to different regions via aquaculture practices and unintended transport of infected animals. Understanding how these diseases have developed and become established is a primary focus to enable control and eradication methods to be developed. In the shellfish industry in Europe, viruses, bacteria and a range of parasites have become established causing severe impacts. Many of these have spread to Ireland and understanding how they were introduced and established is a focus of the research. Our research has demonstrated that many factors are involved in the initial introduction of the parasite and its establishment. Many marine organisms in the vicinity of the disease can act as unintended carriers or reservoirs of infection, ensuring that the disease is maintained and becomes established in the area and may facilitate being unintentionally transported to new areas. Biofouling organisms due to their close association with aquaculture equipment can act as potential carriers of disease. In addition, invasive species are becoming an increasing challenge due to a changing environment and may facilitate the spread of new or current diseases. The current BLUEFISH project which is focussing on aquaculture and fisheries in the Irish Sea is understanding some of the drivers of infection in that region and consequences into the future for the industry.



Unintended consequences: Disease and Pathogen spread in a global economy

> th ANZPAC workshop on Biofouling management fo sustainable shipping Melbourne October 2019

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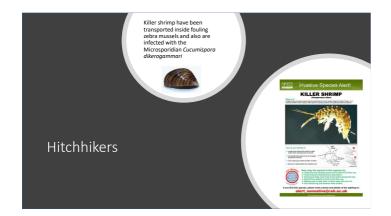


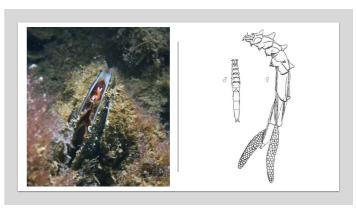


# Why is disease in the marine environment increasing?

- Increased activity in the marine environment:
  - Introduction of new host
  - Introduction of new parasiteChange in Host:Parasite interaction
- Habitat I are an atomic
- Habitat loss or stress
- Climate change







# Disease Spread – between geographical regions

- Green-lipped mussels Perna canaliculus
- Pathogenic Vibrio parahaemolyticus isolated from biofouling on commercial vessels and harbour structures





Role of biofouling organisms in transmission

☐They may have parasites ☐They may have no parasites;

☐ They can be parasites themselves;









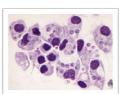
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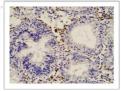














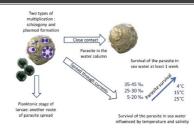




# Transmission of B. ostreae

- Oysters can be infected for months
- Brooding larvae can be infected
- Parasite v resilient externally
- Successful eradication has not been effected

# Bonamia life cycles Reservoirs? Carriers?



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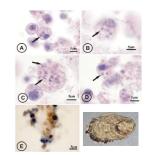


Shell cavity detection

# Reservoir hosts





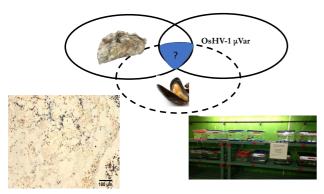


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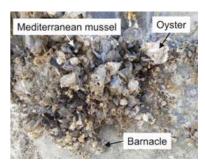
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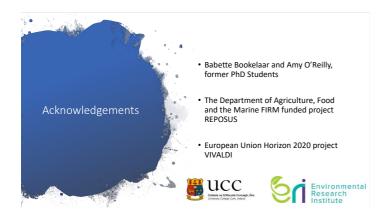














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Jeff is a Senior Research Scientist at the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS). Over the past decade his work has increasingly focused on understanding the environmental impacts and interactions of finfish aquaculture in Tasmania. However, he has a long history in marine pest research in Australia. Soon after his undergraduate and honours degrees at the University of Melbourne and Monash University he began working on marine pests. Initially working with Prof Michael Keough on a review of introduced fouling species in Port Phillip Bay, before moving to Hobart to undertake his PhD at UTAS/CSIRO (CRIMP) on the impacts of the introduced Japanese seastar Asterias amurensis. He then moved back to Melbourne to take up a postdoctoral position at the University of Melbourne investigating the effects of marine pests on key nutrient cycling processes in Port Phillip Bay. Along the way, this included participating in several CRIMP port surveys and conducting research on the impacts of a wide range of pests including Asterias amurensis, Sabella spallanzanii, Carcinus maenas, Maoricolpus roseus, Styela clava and many others. Another trip across Bass Strait has seen him settle in Hobart and although salmon research takes up most of his time, he has supervised several student projects investigating the impacts of marine pests and he is often called upon by government for advice in the event of any recent incursions.

# Are all marine pests equal?

In the mid- late 1990s the occurrence and threat of marine pests in Australian waters gained much attention. Establishing the impacts of our invasive species became an important research focus, notably for the high- profile invaders such as Asterias amurensis, Undaria pinnatifida, Sabella spallanzanii and Carcinus maenas. Fortunately, of the 250 introduced marine species known from Australian waters the majority have negligible impact. After the initial emphasis on determing the status and impacts of marine pests in Australian waters attention quickly shifted to biosecurity to minimise the risk of introductions, establishment and spread. In this talk I'd like to revisit some of our learnings on the impacts of our established pests, sharing the stories of three invaders to Tasmania that have similar origins and places of arrival but very different trajectories.

# Are all marine pests equal?



# Impacts of marine pests in Australia

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- · establishing the impacts of our invasive species became an important research focus
- high-profile invaders e.g. Asterias amurensis, Undaria pinnatifida, Sabella spallanzanii and Carcinus maenas
- fortunately, of the 250 introduced marine species known from Australian waters the majority have negligible impact.
- emphasis on prevention and surveillance
- what have we learnt about pest impacts in Australia





# European fan worm (Sabella spallanzanii)

- first discovered in Western Australia in 1965, since recorded in Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and NSW (found in New Zealand in 2008).
- found on both hard and soft substrates
- potential to compete with native filter-feeding organisms for food and space
- fouls infrastructure
- impacts documented on benthic assemblages in both hard and soft sediment habitats e.g. Holloway & Keough 2002; O'Brien, Ross & Keough 2007
  - on hard substrates recruitment of several sessile taxa affected including barnacles, bryozoans, and sponges
  - abundance of planktonic organisms, including larvae, was lower beneath fan worm canopies and water flow rates were decreased
  - impact typically when at high densities
- In Port Phillip Bay, Victoria, concern on effects on nutrient cycling processes, due to their high filtering capacity
  - > 100 introduced pests in Port Phillip Bay alone

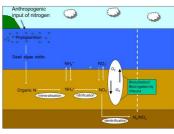




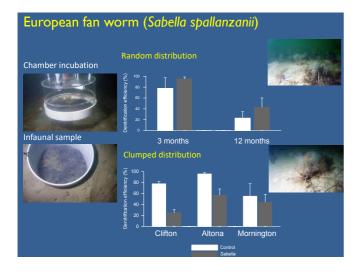
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# Nutrient cycling in Port Phillip Bay



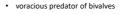


- Changes in infauna
- Assemblages living on tubes
- Shading of microphytobenthos
- decline in nutrient assimilation and oxygen availability
- Canopy effects on water flow
  - transport of nutrients at sediment-water interface altered
- Worm effects on nutrient processing
- metabolism and excretion into water column



# European Green Crab (Carcinus maenus)

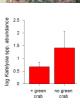
- first recorded in Victoria ca. 1900 but not discovered in Tasmania until 1993
- occurs in sheltered low energy embayment's
- highly abundant on east coast,
  - $-\,$  e.g. 100-200 per day per trap
- now occurs through south east, now in Macquarie Harbour on the west cost
- voracious predator of native crabs (e.g. Paragrapsus gaimaridi)



- mussels (small mussels = 14 per hour in lab trials)
   hard-shell clams (cockles = 5-6 per hour in lab trials)
- large scale negative correlation between Katelysia (and other bivalves) and green crab on east coast
- predation is size-specific
- Driver not tracker !!!!!

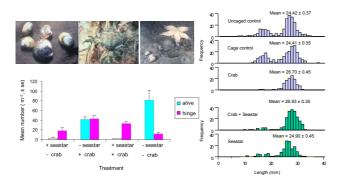






# European Green Crab (Carcinus maenus)

Interaction of two introduced predators in SE Tasmania: Impact of Asterias and Carcinus on the bivalve Fulvia tenuicostata



# The story of 3 pest species in Tasmania



- share the same origin North Pacific
- likely same place of arrival
- woodchip loading facility at Triabunna.
- shipments from Triabunna were exclusively woodchips for the Japanese market and international shipping occurred from the early 70s until the facility closed in
- Undaria first recorded in 1988, Asterias 1995 and Mya 2018
- · very different trajectories.....

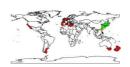


# Undaria pinnatifida

- first identified in 1988 near Triabunna
- First survey estimated at least 400 tonnes of the algae limited to the Triabunna-Rheban region (10 km of coast). By 1994 infestation had spread to over 80 km of coast,. Now found along the east and south east coast. Also found in Victoria and New Zealand
- based on the movement of outbreaks it is evident that human intervention is spreading the algae in Tasmania.
- In 1994 the Tasmanian Government acknowledged that eradication program was not feasible. As a control measure the Department made provision for three licences to wild harvest, process and sell *Undaria*







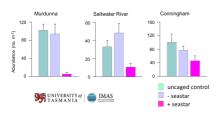
# Driver or tracker of ecological change? Dense monospecific stands indicated driver Observation: Undaria occurs at high densities at disturbed sites: urchin barrens' sallow subtidal wash zone sand scour zone on edge of reefs unstable substrata (especially Maoricolpus roseus) Sala Azeria Busash: part and

# Northern Pacific Seastar (Asterias amurensis)

- first detected in the Derwent Estuary, Tasmania in 1993 (PPB 1994)
- estimated arrival in 1980s, possibly Triabunna woodchip terminal
- soft sediment and rocky reef
- generalist predator with environmental tolerances

Common challenges in determining impacts:

- lack of baseline data prior to arrival/detection
- confounding with other anthropogenic stressors (e.g. port environment)
- limitations of single approach to impact assessment

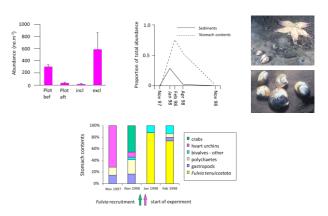




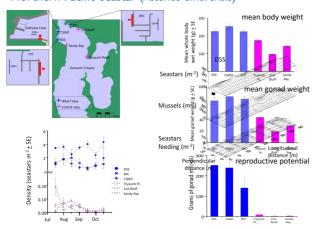


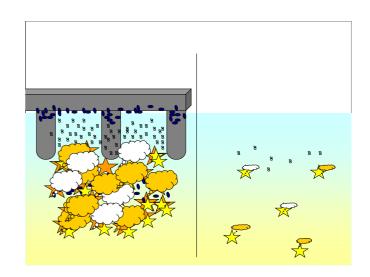


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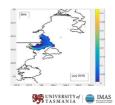
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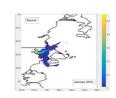
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# Soft-shell clam Mya japonica

- first detected at Prosser River, at Orford in 2018.
- first detection of this species, Mya japonica, in the Southern Hemisphere
- likely present in the waterway for some time -Mya shell found in the area in 2013  $\,$
- grow up to 150 mm living buried up to 50 cm deep.
- density up to 350 m $^{-2}$  was recorded at a depth of 3.5m and equates to a biomass of 10.7 kg m $^{-2}$ .
- CONNIE dispersion modelling









# Are all marine pests equal?

- information on the ecological interactions of many pest species remains limited
- fortunately the impacts are likely to be negligible for most (but not all)

# What about our high profile invaders:

- impacts now reasonably well known despite the challenges
- nature and magnitude of impacts variable and depends on: e.g. density, distribution, habitat, environment
- some are trackers and other are drivers of ecological change
   Implications for management
- trajectories often difficult to predict
- indirect effects of biofouling
- domestic challenges e.g. implications for aquaculture









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Graeme has published more than 140 peer-reviewed scientific papers, technical reports and popular articles and has provided training and technical advice on the management of invasive marine species in New Zealand, the Middle East, South East Asia, the Pacific, Europe, South America and Australia, including as a Technical Advisor to the GEF/UNDP/IMO Global Ballast Water Management Programme (GloBallast). His research has included developing tools to characterise, assess and manage risks from invasive species in shipping pathways and the design and implementation of post-border surveillance.

# What's at stake? Studies on the impacts of non-indigenous species on New Zealand's marine ecosystems

We view the impacts of non-indigenous species (NIS) and other changes to our natural environments through the lens of how they affect things that we value. Predicting the potential consequences of marine invasions is problematic because there is usually a high level of uncertainty about which species will arrive and be successful, the novelty of their interactions within the ecosystems that they invade and the complex and sometimes competing environmental, social, cultural and economic values that are at stake. In this presentation, I provide an overview of some of the outcomes from a 4-year study that examined the effects of a suite of non-indigenous species on New Zealand's marine ecosystems. Collectively, they reveal a range of different types of impacts on native species, important ecosystem services, industries and people. Some are subtle and indirect, some intermittent, while others are pernicious and persistent. Our results demonstrate why single-species assessments of risk are insufficient when dealing with complex, multi-species vectors such as biofouling and ballast water.



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# A perspective from Ngāi Tukairangi







# Risk assessment and the business case for management

- Single species assessments
- $\bullet$  Costs of prevention, eradication & control are calculable (and often large)
- Benefits of action often uncertain and less quantifiable
   Lack of available information

  - Variety of values held for marine environments
     Context-dependence of impacts



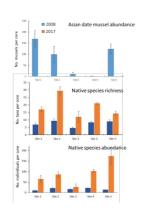






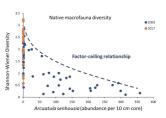
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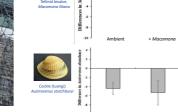
# Impacts on native biodiversity

- Large abundance of date mussels appears to limit diversity
- Effects vary in time and space with abundance
- Resilience varies among native species

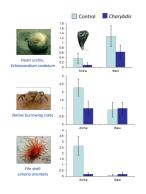




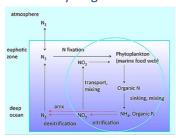
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Effects on nutrient cycling



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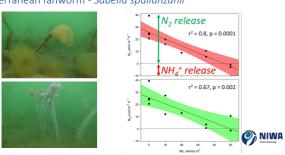


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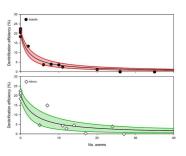
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# Changes in nutrient cycling

- Switched the system from net  $N_2$  release to net  $NH_4$  release
- Increasing density of worm tubes (real or fake) reduced denitrification



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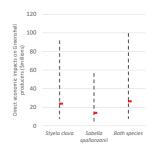
# Densities can be very large







# Economic impacts - competition with mussels

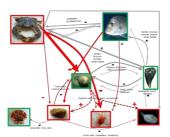




# Summary

- Impacts are difficult to anticipate
- Range of economic, environmental, social and cultural values that can be affected
   Effects are influenced by abundance of the invader (which varies in space and time)
- They can be direct, indirect and are cumulative
- Not all are easily quantified

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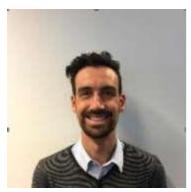












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# Australia's biofouling management requirements: managing risk and regulatory burden

The Australian Government Department of Agriculture (the department) is proposing policy changes to the regulation of biosecurity risks associated with biofouling on all vessels arriving into Australian waters. The department release a Consultation Regulation Impact Statement for full public consultation from 1 April 2019 to 31 May 2019. Feedback received is informing the development of a Regulation Impact Statement for government decision, with policy being proposed to more effectively, efficiently and consistently use statutory powers under the Biosecurity Act 2015 to manage biosecurity risks associated with biofouling. Policy options will seek to ensure all vessels arriving in Australian territory adopt biofouling management practices that address the biosecurity risks associated with biofouling. The department is working with stakeholders to progress towards a nationally and internationally consistent regulatory approach to biofouling management and to minimise regulatory burden associated with Australia's biofouling management requirements.



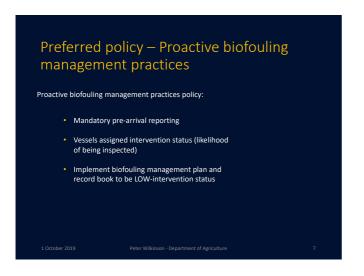


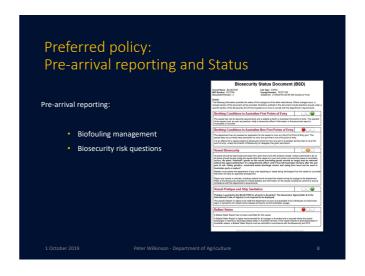






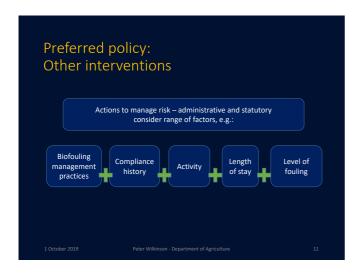






















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Eugene moved to the Ministry for Primary Industries, Risk Analysis Team in 2009 to work on marine biosecurity. In particular Eugene delivers the scientific advice underpinning the development and implementation of the world's first standard for vessel biofouling. Because of his background in both marine biosecurity and ecotoxicology, Eugene has led MPI's investigation of the efficacy and risks of tools for vessel biofouling prevention and its reactive management, particularly in-water cleaning.

#### Evidence-based decision making to underpin New Zealand's CRMS for vessel biofouling

Over the past two decades the Ministry for Primary Industries' (MPI) has been proactive in commissioning research and providing science and technical advice to investigate the risks associated with vessel biofouling, identify potential risk vessels and inform options to manage those risks. In 2010, MPI consulted on options to manage the biofouling risks on all vessels entering New Zealand waters, with mandatory requirements being the preferred option. In 2014, New Zealand became the first country to introduce mandatory biofouling requirements, albeit with a four-year lead-in period to enable communication of the requirements to facilitate stakeholder readiness and uptake. In parallel, MPI has commissioned further research to investigate proactive and reactive approaches to biofouling management and provided technical advice to inform stakeholders of what constitutes best management practice to meet these regulatory requirements. This presentation summarises MPI's commissioned research and science and technical advice to investigate the risk associated with vessel biofouling and its management, and the procedures followed to produce New Zealand's biofouling regulations.



#### New Zealand's resources may be at risk

- Non-indigenous species associated with biofouling pathway
  - New Zealand: 69-87% (Cranfield et al. 1998; Kospartov et al. 2008)
  - Coastal North America: 70% (Fofonoff et al. 2003)
  - Japan: 42% (Otani 2006)
  - Hawai'i: 74% (Eldredge and Carlton 2002)
  - Port Phillip Bay: 78% (Hewitt et al. 2004)



**Biosecurity New Zealand** 

#### Should we care? What do we value?

- - Isolation from other landmasses ~ 83 million years
  - Marine biodiversity "hotspot"
  - 80% native biodiversity
  - > 50% of marine species are endemic
- - Fisheries and aquaculture exports \$1.8 billion (2018)
- - Majority NZ live < 5 km from the sea
- Cultural

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- Integral to culture, identity, spirituality and mythology
- Food, hospitality, prestige



#### New Zealand government commissioned research

- > 3000 vessels annually

  - Merchant (70%), Recreational (20%),
     Fishing (3%), Passenger (3%), other (3%)
- Biofouling risk of each vessel type unknown
- Vessel biofouling research programme (2004 – 2007; 2009)
- Objectives
  - Identity, origin and extent of biofouling
  - Relationship between presence of non-indigenous species (NIS) and biofouling extent
  - Factors that influence the presence of NIS and biofouling extent



#### New Zealand government commissioned research

- Vessels sampled (n = 528)Merchant (270)

  - Passenger (50) Recreational (182)
  - Fishing (11)
  - Barges and slow movers (15)
- > 70% of sampled vessels were fouled
- NIS ~60% of vessels
- NIS not established in New Zealand on
  - > 30% of vessels

Inglis et al. 2010



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#### New Zealand government commissioned research

- All major vessel types likely to be fouled
- Common fouling species
  - Barnacles, bryozoans, tubeworms, macroalgae, bivalves
- Niche areas abundant and diverse fouling
- ↑↑↑ biofouling = ↑↑↑ likelihood of NIS
- Key indicators of NIS presence
  - > dry dock interval
  - > number of days in port

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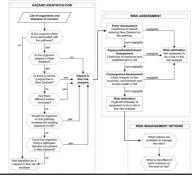
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#### Risk Analysis

- Informed by:
  - New Zealand Government commissioned research
  - International findings
- The Risk Analysis process
  - Hazard identification
  - Risk assessment
  - Risk management options

MPI (2006). Risk Analysis Procedures

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#### Risk Analysis

- Hazard Identification
  - > 2000 species vessel hulls
  - 20 broad taxonomic groups (traits)
- Criteria
  - - Components marine biofouling assemblages
    - Introductions to new locations
      Impacts to core values
- Risk = Likelihood x Consequence
- Risk estimation
  - Likelihood of entry
  - Likelihood of establishment
  - · Consequence assessment
- Risk management options

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#### Risk Analysis

- > 2000 species associated with vessel biofouling
- 12 of 20 groups identified as posing a non-negligible risk to New Zealand values
- Potential to modify ecosystem structure and function, or have economic impacts
  - Ecosystem change (e.g. bivalves, crustaceans, bryozoans, macroalgae, bristleworms)
     Predation (e.g. mobile pradators, crustaceans, bryozoans, macroalgae, bristleworms)

  - Predation (e.g. mobile predators crustaceans, gastropods, seastars)
    Smothering/competition (e.g. sea squirts, bryozoans, bristleworms, macroalgae, bivalves)

Risk taxa				
Amphipods and Isopods	Bryozoans	Gastropods		
Barnacles	Crabs	Hydroids		
Bivalves	Echinoderms	Macroalgae		
Bristleworms	Flatworms	Sea squirts		



#### Risk Analysis - Conclusions

Recommendations

Presence of biofouling (> slime layer) indicative of biosecurity risk

Consistent with antifouling system technology

Based on

- > 2000 species associated with vessel hulls
- Difficulties with in situ identification
- · Clearance of vessels at the border (rapid)
- ↑↑↑ biofouling = ↑↑↑ likelihood of NIS
- Not all NIS have measureable impacts
- Difficult to predict the identity of future NIS and their impacts
- Disease? Climate change?



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#### Draft standard

- Options for managing the biosecurity risk
  - Await international solution
  - Voluntary measures for arriving vessels
  - Mandatory requirements for arriving vessels
- - Highest net be
    Rapid change Highest net benefit to New Zealand
- Arrival into New Zealand with a "clean" hull
  - Clean = slime lav
  - Compliance achieved by following best practice (i.e. IMO Guidelines)

# 6 May to 16 June 2010



Consultation

- 29 submissions received
- 25 acknowledged MPI rationale for preventive approach
- 20 did not oppose mandatory requirement 8 opposed mandatory requirements
- 6 submitters requested cost-benefit analysis
- Is the slime layer standard achievable?

#### Cost Benefit Analysis

- Benefits of mandatory action outweigh costs within 10 years
- Net benefit (50 years): \$520 865 m
- Beneficiaries
  - Aquaculture (90% of benefits)
  - Recreational fishing (3%)
  - Recreational use of beaches (2.7%)
- Cost
  - Non-compliant vessels (77 83%)
    - Freight vessels (95% of above cost)



#### Evidence-based decision making - biofouling thresholds

- When does macrofouling become a biosecurity risk?
   Slime layer manages the biosecurity risks identified in the Risk Analysis
  - Presence of macrofouling on newly antifouled and well maintained vessels Niche areas (not antifouled or protected from drag)
- Can we manage biosecurity risk without penalising vessels using best practice?

#### Considerations

- Macrofouling type
   Ability of "
- Ability of the allowed macrofouling to establish (abundance, maturity) Vessel surfaces (wind/water-line, hull and niche areas)
- Vessel itinerary



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#### Evidence-based decision making - biofouling thresholds

#### **Rationale**

- Limit opportunities for successful reproduction
  - NIS too few or too far apartDifferent areas, different fouling pressure
- · Limit fouling maturity
- Vessel itinerary

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- ↑↑↑↑ stay ↑↑↑↑ spawning, drop-oft or escape
   Species likely encountered 4 week maturation
   4 weeks inclusive of travelling time









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#### Conclusions

- NIS arriving via vessel biofouling pose a non-negligible risk to NZ values
- All major vessel types likely to be fouled (unless proactive management undertaken)
- ↑↑↑ fouling = ↑↑↑ probability of NIS presence
- Niche areas prone to fouling ~ ↑↑↑ biosecurity risk relative to hull
- Fouling level approach
  - Protects from known and unknown NIS

  - Frotects from known and unknown has
     Less resource and expertise intensive (††† practically and feasibility)
     Aligned with ††† fuel efficiency, ↓↓↓ emissions, ↓↓↓ asset depreciation, ††† safety
- Decision making transparent, evidence-based and peer reviewed



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## What's going on down under: verification and enforcement of New Zealand's biofouling requirements

Vessel biofouling is one of the largest biosecurity risks to New Zealand's marine environments. On 15 May 2018, New Zealand became the first country in the world to begin enforcing national regulations to manage the biosecurity risks associated with vessel biofouling. The Craft Risk Management Standard for Biofouling (CRMS-BIOFOUL) requires vessels to provide evidence of biofouling management to the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) prior to arrival in New Zealand. The success of the CRMS-BIOFOUL depends on MPI's ability to identify vessels that pose potential biofouling risks. As biofouling cannot be adequately assessed during routine on board vessel inspections, MPI has developed a set of process to allocate resource, audit and enforce the CRMS on those vessels that cannot provide proof of biofouling management prior to arrival. This presentation summarises MPI's risk profiling and enforcement processes at the border, current approaches to tackling non-compliance, and directions moving forward.



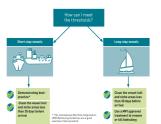
#### The CRMS for Biofouling

To reduce risk of biofouling by requiring operators to take preventative measures to manage biofouling <u>before</u> arrival into NZ.

Vessels must carry **documentation** showing that one of the three measures in the standard has been conducted:

- a) The vessel has been continually maintained following best practices\*, or
- b) The vessel has been cleaned <30 days prior to arrival, or
- c) The vessel is booked to be hauled out within 24 hours of arrival at an MPI-approved facility

\*following the IMO Biofouling guidelines is recognised as an example of best practice



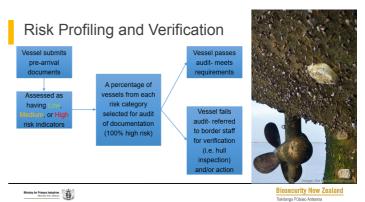
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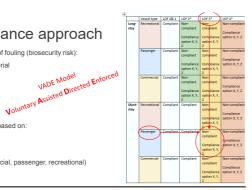
## MPI's compliance approach

Action taken based on level of fouling (biosecurity risk):

- Issuing educational material
- · Hull inspection
- Itinerary restriction
- Direction to leave NZT

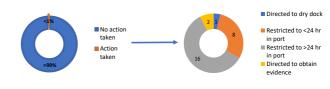
Internal processes to action based on:

- Itinerary
- · Class of vessel (commercial, passenger, recreational)



#### Fifteen months in: action taken

- · Compliance has been high
  - 27 Notices of Direction issued out of 3386 arrivals since CRMS went live
  - 2 Notices of Direction out of 704 recreational vessel arrivals







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The thresholds in an operational context

Standard has a biological "thresholds" to be met→ to limit likelihood of NIS introductions

MPI wants industry to focus on complying by continually managing biofouling

Used in situations where a vessel cannot provide evidence of compliance

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The thresholds in an operational context

- Do not need to ID specimens → faster decision making at the border
- · Robust if challenged
- · Account for unknowns





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## Lessons learned through implementing and enforcing California's biofouling management regulations

The California Legislature placed a mandate on the California State Lands Commission (Commission) in 2007 to develop and adopt biofouling management regulations for vessels arriving at California ports. These regulations were adopted and implemented in 2017. During the decade between mandate and adoption, Commission staff engaged in a lengthy, transparent, science-based, stakeholder-involved process to craft a set of regulations that are protective, practical, and that align with international efforts. The regulations became effective on October 1, 2017. As vessels incrementally fall under the jurisdiction of these regulations based on each vessel's dry-docking schedule, Commission staff continue to provide outreach and education to ease the transition to this new regulatory landscape. Commission staff also evaluate responses to mandatory reporting forms and inspect arriving vessels to assess compliance with the new regulations with an eye towards identifying successful biofouling management strategies and opportunities to improve the regulations in the future. Over the next decade, Commission staff will continue to collect and analyze data and collaborate with international regulatory, industry, and scientific partners to refine and align international biofouling management regulations.

# Lessons Learned: Implementing and Enforcing California's Biofouling Management Regulations

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# California's Biofouling Management Regulations



Approved 20 April 2017

Effective 1 October 2017



#### **Implementation**

1 October 2017: Annual Vessel Reporting Form

1 January 2018: Remainder of the regulations became effective

- · Phased-in implementation based on:
  - Regularly scheduled dry docking (or delivery) on or after 1 January 2018
- Why phased-in?
  - Effective biofouling management is dependent on Biofouling Management Plans and preventive practices best implemented in dry dock







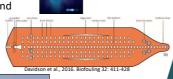
#### **Regulation Development Process**

- Legislative mandate in 2007
- Developed in consultation with stakeholders through a technical advisory group since 2010
- Informed by 8+ years of vessel-reported data on biofouling management and operational practices
- Informed by 10+ years of funded biofouling research
- Public process: three rulemaking actions



## Original Overarching Goals

- Consistency with IMO Guidelines
- Niche areas Forethought and management
- Extended residency periods





#### **Regulatory Components**

- Biofouling Management Plan and Biofouling Record Book
  - Consistent with IMO BFMP
  - Vessel-specific
  - Current as of most recent out-of-water maintenance (or delivery)
  - Expected effective coating lifespan
  - Niche area management practices (8 specific niches)



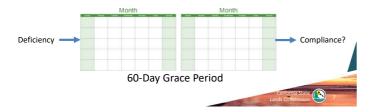






#### **Regulatory Components**

 Biofouling Management Plan and Biofouling Record Book





#### **Regulatory Components**

- · Annual Vessel Reporting Form
  - 24 hours in advance of the first California port arrival of a calendar year
  - Builds off 10-year dataset
  - Prearrival weighted risk assessment to prioritize inspections





#### **Regulatory Components**

- Biofouling management
  - Best Practices:
    - Ensure AF/FR within effective coating lifespan
    - Document biofouling management actions if outside of effective coating lifespan (follow up in Biofouling Record Book)
  - Specify biofouling management actions for 8 specific niche areas (follow up in Biofouling Record Book)





#### **Regulatory Components**

- Extended Residency Periods
  - 45+ days in the same location
  - Manage biofouling consistent with Biofouling Management Plan
  - Follow up in the Biofouling Record Book





**How are California Biofouling Regulations** 



## **Regulatory Components**

- Alternatives and Emergency Exemptions
  - Alternatives
    - Blueprint for how to petition for alternative approaches to achieve the goals of the regulations
  - Emergency Exemptions
    - Specific criteria for exemptions under emergency situations





## Inspections

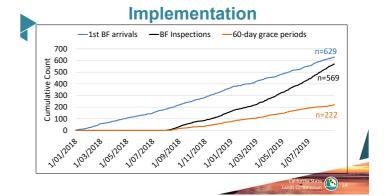
- What are we seeing?
- How often are we issuing 60-day grace periods?
- How steep is the learning curve?







#### **Implementation** —1st BF arrivals —BF Inspections 700 n=629 500 th n=569 Cumulative 200 100 100 0 1103/2018 1105/2018 21012019 710715018 1/1/2018 7103/2019 101/2018 710315018 105/2019



## Implementation

Up-To-Date Numbers (Through 31 August 2019):

- 222 Grace Periods granted
- 71 Re-inspected after 60-day Grace Period expired
- 3 violation after re-inspection





#### **Outreach: What Have We Already Done?**

- Guidance Document (Sept 2017):
   <a href="http://www.slc.ca.gov/Programs/MISP/48">http://www.slc.ca.gov/Programs/MISP/48</a>
   GuidanceDoc.pdf
  - Summary, FAQ, Example Biofouling Management Plan
  - Webinar (Sept 2017): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4r

     6Bi3Bfolc&feature=youtu.be
  - Customer Service Meetings (Sept 2017):
    - Southern and Northern CA
    - Shipping agents



#### **Outreach: What Have We Already Done?**

- Information sheets
  - Vessel crews
  - Management requirements: http://www.slc.ca.gov/Programs /MISP/InfoShts/BiofoulingBallast Water\_Management.pdf
  - Reporting and
     Recordkeeping:
     http://www.slc.ca.gov/Programs
    /MISP/InfoShts/Reporting\_RecordKeeping.pdf



#### Outreach: How to Address Gaps?

What were we missing?

- Outreach to Vessel ownership/management
- Crews aren't the ones developing Biofouling Management Plans







#### **Next Steps**

- Continue Outreach
- Implement weighted risk assessment for inspection prioritization
- Implement more detailed inspection process
- Data comparison with New Zealand MPI







#### **Lessons Learned**

- All vessels have BFMP/BFRB
- Better documentation



#### **Lessons Learned**

Different paradigm than ballast water

- Ballast Water
  - Crew is responsible for BW Management actions
- Biofouling
  - Ownership/management is responsible for developing BF Management Plan







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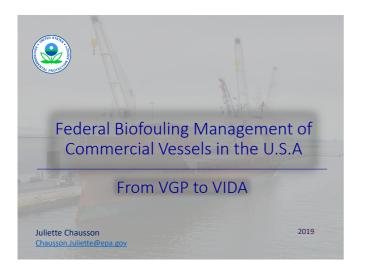
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#### Biofouling Management of Commercial Vessels in the United States: from VGP to VIDA

On December 4, 2018, the President of the United States signed into law the Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA). VIDA restructures the way U.S. Environmental Protection agency (USEPA) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) regulate incidental discharges from commercial vessels into waters of the United States and the contiguous zone. VIDA requires the USEPA to develop new national standards of performance for commercial vessel discharges by December 2020 and the USCG to develop corresponding implementing regulations two years thereafter. This talk will provide an overview of the shift in regulatory framework from the previous Vessel General Permit (VGP) to VIDA, and the implications of this regulatory shift for biofouling management of commercial vessels in the United States.



## Disclaimer The following EPA presentation is intended to provide information to the public on the recently enacted Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA) and currently in-force statutes, permits and regulations. Neither the slide presentation nor remarks of the presenter represent final agency decisions regarding implementation of VIDA.

# Overview Regulatory History • VGP: Biofouling Management Highlights VIDA: Overview VGP to VIDA

## History: U.S. Vessel Discharge Regulations • Numerous federal, state, and local requirements regulate discharges from vessels. • EPA regulation of incidental discharges from commercial

• Vessel General Permit (vessels > 79 ft) – issued 2008, 2013

• ~ 30 incidental discharges

• small Vessel General Permit (vessels < 79 ft) – issued 2014

#### **VGP: Incidental Discharges**

- Anti-Fouling Hull Coatings and Leachate
- Agueous Film Forming Foam Ballast Water
- Bilgewater/Oily Water Separator Effluent
   Hull Fouling and Cleaning

- Cathodic Protection Chain Locker Effluent
- Deck Washdown and Runoff
- Distillation and Reverse Osmosis Brine
- Elevator Pit Effluent
- Exhaust Gas Cleaning System Washwater
- Firemain Systems
- Fish Hold Effluent

- Gas Turbine Washwater
- Gravwater

- Boat Engine Wet Exhaust
   Inert Gas Scrubber Washwater
   Boiler/Economizer Blowdown Motor Gasoline Compensating Discharge
  - Non-Oily Machinery Wastewater
  - Oil-to-Sea Interfaces
  - Refrigeration and A/C Condensate
  - Seawater Cooling Overboard Discharge
  - Seawater Piping Biofouling Prevention
  - Sonar Dome Discharge
  - Well Deck Discharges

VGP: Biofouling Management **Highlights** 

#### **VGP Biofouling** Management: General

- "Vessel owners/operators must minimize the transport of attached living organisms when traveling into U.S. waters from outside the U.S. economic zone or between Captain of the Port (COTP) zones."
- Requires best practices to prevent and remove biofouling on the hull, in seawater piping, on anchor chains,
- Requires selection, use, and maintenance of antifouling systems, including antifouling coatings, biocides for coounter piping of the coornel piping for seawater piping, etc.



#### **VGP Biofouling** Management: Coatings

- Consider use of hull coatings with the lowest effective biocide release rates, rapidly biodegradable components, or non-biocidal alternatives
- Consider alternatives to copper-based antifoulant paints when spending 30+ days/ year in copper-impaired waters
- Prohibit discharge of tributyltin (TBT) from any source or any other organotin compound used as a biocide



#### **VGP Biofouling** Management: Cleaning

- Use cleaning tool with appropriate rigidity
- Use vacuum or other control technologie when available and feasible
- Minimize release of copper-based antifouling paints
- Prohibit cleaning of surfaces coated with copper-based antifouling paints in coppe impaired waters within the first year
- Conduct rigorous cleaning in drydock or at a land-based facility when possible



#### **VGP Biofouling** Management: Inspections

**Comprehensive annual inspections** of the vessel hull, including niche areas, for:

- · fouling organisms;
- flaking anti-foulant paint; and
- exposed TBT or other organotin
- Dry-dock inspection reports, including:proper cleaning of chain locker;
- inspection and cleaning vessel hull and niche areas; and
- proper application, maintenance, and/or removal of antifouling coatings.



Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA): Overview



#### What is VIDA?

- The Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA) of 2018 changes the U.S. framework for regulating incidental discharges from commercial
- Intended to streamline the patchwork of federal, state, and local requirements for the commercial vessel community.



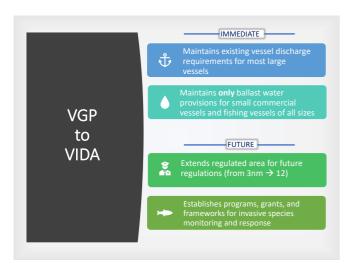


#### VIDA: Future EPA Regulations

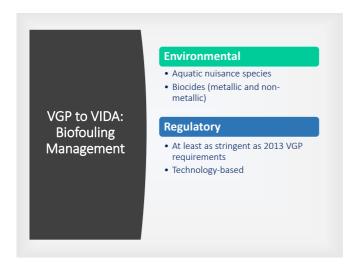
- Generally at least as stringent as the existing 2013 VGP requirements
- Technology-based
- Numeric, best management practices, or a combination of both
- May distinguish between class, type, size, and age of vessels

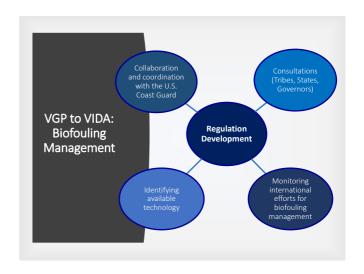












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The state of biofouling management in Canada

# Overview of Biofouling Management and Maintenance Practices and Technologies in Canadian Waters

4th ANZPAC Workshop on Biofouling Management for Sustainable Shipping

Melbourne, Australia October 2019



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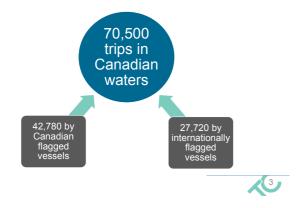
#### The Canadian Context

Canada has vast marine and freshwater resources, with the longest coastline in the world

- 557 port facilities, 882 fishing harbours and 126 recreational harbours all with different ownership and governance structure
- 3 Coasts
- Prior difficulties with AIS (like the Zebra Mussel)
- Commitment internationally and domestically to control and manage biosecurity risks of potential aquatic invasive species associated with Ballast Water



#### **Vessel Traffic in Canadian Waters**



#### Canada's 4 Action Pillars for AIS





#### Legislation in Canada Related to AIS

In Canada legislative jurisdiction is divided between the federal, provincial and territorial governments. There are:

- 34 pieces of Canadian legislation,
- · covering 26 different facets of AIS,
- created by 6 Federal Departments as well as 10 provincial and 3 territorial governments.

#### Federal Legislation and Regulations

- Fisheries Act
- Canadian Environmental Protection Act
- Pest Control Products Act
- Aquatic Invasive Species Regulations
- Vessel Pollution and Dangerous Goods Regulations
- Ballast Water Control and Management Regulations





#### **Transport Canada**

Transport Canada recognizes practices to control and manage biofouling are key to:

- reducing the risk of transferring new aquatic invasive species,
- improving ship efficiency and performance, which over time can lead to decreases in a ships greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, as well as other air emissions.

Transport Canada commissioned a study to provide an overview of biofouling management and maintenance practices and technologies in Canadian waters.



#### **Green Marine Study**

- Completed from May October 2018
- · Included a literature review
- Consists of 2 surveys: Shipowners & Ports
- Based on the IMO's Questionnaire for data collection (MEPC.1/Circ.811)
- Members of Green Marine were surveyed
- Provides a set of 10 recommendations



#### **Shipowner Survey Results**

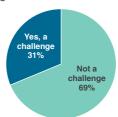


- Responses from 17 Canadian shipowners
- Unknown number of vessels represented
- 70% average response rate per question



#### **Biofouling Management Practices**

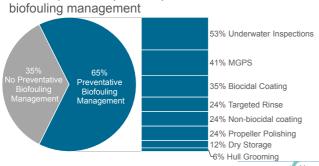
Biofouling is not seen as an operational challenge





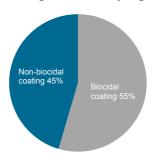
## **Biofouling Management Practices** in Canada

Most respondents practice preventative biofouling management



#### **Biofouling Management Practices**

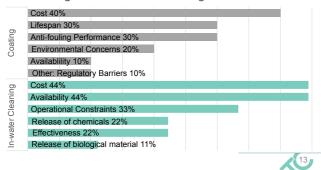
Biocidal coating use varies by region





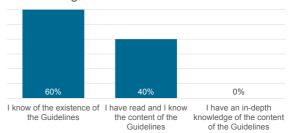
#### **Biofouling Management Practices**

Cost is the biggest challenge for both Coatings and In-water Cleaning



## Awareness of IMO Biofouling Guidelines

Respondents generally have basic knowledge of the Guidelines





#### **Biofouling Management Practices**

Most respondents do not keep Guidelines-recommended plans and record books



#### **Port Survey Results**

- 15 respondents
- Including 13 of 17 Canadian Port Authorities
- 93% average response rate per question





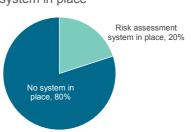
#### **Port Survey Results**

Low Awareness of IMO Guidelines



#### **Port Survey Results**

Most ports do not have a risk assessment system in place







#### **Port Survey Results**

· Practices amongst ports differ, even within the same geographical area.

Region	In-water cleaning NOT authorized	In-water cleaning authorized (restrictions may apply)	
Canada East Coast	2	4	
Great Lakes/St. Lawrence	5	0	
Canada West Coast	2	2	
Total	60%	40%	



#### **Port Survey Results**

 Just over half of ports do not monitor AIS introductions but some participate in monitoring programs led by external entities, such as DFO.

Monitor or recording of invasive species	Yes	No
Canada East coast	1	5
Great Lakes/St. Lawrence	3	2
West Coast	3	1
Total	47%	53%



#### **Port Survey Results**

 Comparing ports that monitor invasive species and also allow inwater cleaning

	East Coast	Great Lakes/ St. Lawrence	West Coast
Monitors for AIS	1	3	3
Authorizes in- water cleaning	4	0	2



#### Conclusions

The Green Marine report summarizes 10 recommendations for consideration focusing on:

- Further exploring the impacts of specific risk factors as well as environmental and operational cobenefits of managing biofouling
- Technologies and best practices
- Communications/collaborations and working groups with industry
- Call on experience and expertise gained in countries more advanced on this issue, and develop guidance domestically.



#### **Next Steps**

#### Internationally

- Canada is an active participant in the review the IMO 2011 Guidelines for the control and management of ships' biofouling to minimize the transfer of invasive aquatic species.
- Canada is a strategic partner in the GloFouling project.

#### **Domestically**

- Mapping out science advisory needs with federal partners
- Explore the development of an action plan based upon the recommendations

#### **Next Steps**

Government of Canada will be issuing a Request for Information (RFI) to solicit details on technical availability for in-water vessel cleaning services in Canada and abroad.





#### **Next steps**

Posting on Government Electronic Tendering System (GETS).

Buy and Sell GETS: https://buyandsell.gc.ca/procurement-data/tenders

Monitor for additional details on the Buy and Sell GETS (link listed above).

#### Thank you

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Tim Carter is a marine scientist with a Bachelor of Science (Marine Science) with First Class Honours. Tim has extensive experience in marine environmental management across offshore energy activities and coastal development projects in temperate and tropical waters of Australia. His career started in fish and fisheries research before moving into coastal planning and his first exposure to invasive marine species (IMS) management. The assessment and management of IMS risks continued to be a theme during Tim's time as a marine environmental consultant to the offshore petroleum and coastal development industries. In this role, Tim implemented and managed a large-scale marine environmental monitoring program, which included the design of invasive marine species detection programs for use in sensitive marine environments on the North West Shelf.

Tim currently holds the position of Environment Specialist at the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA). Since commencing in this position in 2012 Tim has completed technical assessments of environment plans and targeted environmental compliance inspections for offshore petroleum activities to ensure environmental impacts and risks are effectively managed. This assessment and inspection work has covered a broad range of topics and impact pathways, including the potential for invasive marine species introductions from vessels, rigs and facilities involved in offshore petroleum activities. In addition to this core regulatory work, Tim is also involved in promoting and advising on best practice invasive marine species management. This has included engagement with industry and State and Commonwealth marine biosecurity agencies to facilitate shared understanding of relevant legislative requirements and effective collaboration to enhance marine biosecurity management outcomes.

#### Regulation of biofouling risks in the offshore petroleum industry

The National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) is the Australian offshore energy regulator, with responsibilities for environmental and workforce protection, and facility integrity. The Environment Regulations that NOPSEMA administer require activity proponents to assess and manage invasive marine species (IMS) risks presented by vessels and facilities operating in this sector. The jurisdiction of NOPSEMA covers all petroleum activities in Australian Commonwealth waters seaward of State and Northern Territory coastal waters. Due to the extent of this area, NOPSEMA's jurisdiction overlaps numerous marine biosecurity jurisdictions and is very biodiverse. This complex jurisdiction, environmental and operational setting presents a number of challenges for effective marine biosecurity management.

Unlike other regulatory systems, NOPSEMAs regulations do not prescribe a 'one size fits all' approach to environmental management. Rather the regime provides flexibility for proponents of offshore petroleum activities to manage IMS risks based on particular activity circumstances. Proponents must demonstrate in an environment plan that the environmental management approach applies all practicable control measures and will be effective in reducing risks to acceptable levels.

An effective management approach requires proponents to have a clear and consistent understanding of different jurisdictional requirements, including the connections and where they exist, the gaps, among this suite of requirements. However, NOPSEMA has observed that this is not always the case and attempts are being made to demonstrate effective IMS management using legislative requirements that don't address all risk elements.

Challenges to effective IMS management, such as jurisdictional complexity, will be explored using specific case examples. Opportunities to address these challenges will be highlighted with a focus on identifying commonalities between different activity types and jurisdictions. This common ground provides an opportunity to cut through complexity, focus on areas of importance and facilitate more consistent and efficient demonstrations of effective IMS risk management.









- Key challenges IMS risk assessment and management
- Opportunities to streamline and improve IMS management

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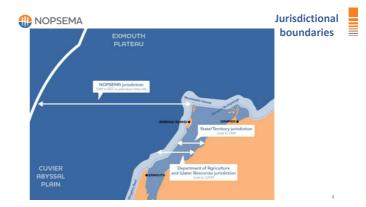
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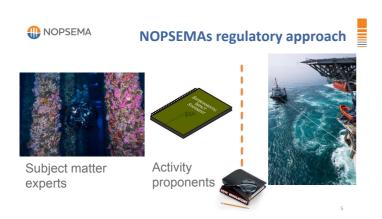
NOPSEMA — What, Who, Where

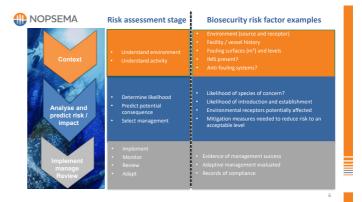
What: Administers Act and environment regulations, petroleum activities, ALL impacts and risks inc IMS

Who: Titleholders (not rig operators)

Where: only on title in Commonwealth waters











**Challenges – Activity Types** 





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#### Challenges – complex and changing requirements









- · Understanding and addressing all legislative/policy requirements
- Requirements are evolving
- Misunderstanding is common







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#### **Opportunities – Reduce complexity**



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#### **Opportunities - Common goal**



"Any darn fool can make something complex; it takes a genius to make something simple."

- Simple, but important factors:
  - The environmental protection goal
  - The IMS risk factors

- Environmental protection goal no introduction and establishment of invasive marine species
  - IMO Guidelines
  - National Biofouling Management Guidelines
  - State/territory policies & guidelines
  - Environment Plans



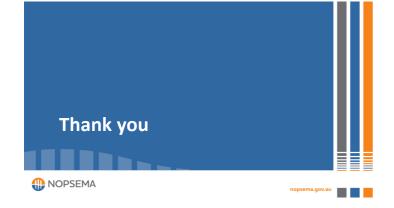
- The risk of IMS introduction from the biofouling pathway is determined by common risk factors
  - Operating history
  - Treatment history
  - Status of hull/wetsides
  - Environmental characteristics

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#### Opportunities - A simple, proactive approach

- Integrate biofouling management and record keeping into business as usual – a proactive approach will pay dividends.
- Benefits:
  - Readiness to engage in offshore petroleum activities
  - Readiness to comply with new requirements

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Johann Is currently the Senior Environmental Advisor for Chevron and, as part of the senior leadership group from the 'early days' of planning the Gorgon Gas Project, he was responsible for the planning, the environmental approval of the Gorgon Quarantine Management System (QMS) and the implementation of the QMS – a system that is designed to protect the conservation values of Barrow Island, an Class A Nature Reserve since 1908. This management system is the largest non-government biosecurity program in the world.

Prior to Chevron, was the Parks Director for South African National Parks (SANParks), an organisation responsible for the management of all the national parks in South Africa. Oversaw the largest expansion in national parks since its formation in 1926 by establishing 5 new national parks and expanding 8 existing national parks. Has a track record as a highly successful strategist and with successful completion of numerous mega-projects in conservation and tourism developments in Southern Africa, Southeast Asia (and lately in Australia).

Has also managed some of the world's largest invasive species clearing and some of the world's most virulent veterinary diseases including anthrax, bovine tuberculosis, foot and mouth disease and feline AIDS. Developed several successful world-class models involving sustainability in protected areas, tourism development and community upliftment, and also made significant contributions to the conservation of rare and endangered species, notably, white rhino, roan, cape mountain zebra, tiger fish and the breeding of disease-free buffalo.

Currently also leads an initiative that seeks to balance the co-existence of business and biodiversity — Harry Butler Legacy Initiative. Also a member of the Harry Butler Science Institute. Currently serves as a member of the CSIRO Health and Biosecurity advisory committee. Was a member of the Western Australia Biosecurity Council. Deputy Chair of the financial consultancy, FinUCAre. Was a member of WWF Southern Africa Executive Committee, The Peace Park Foundation, the African Science Centre, ex-officio-member of the South African Nation Parks Board as well as the National Parks Trust. Also a board member of the Northern Province Parks and Tourism Board, acted as an advisor to a strategic development initiative (BPAMP) for the World Bank in Southeast Asia, etc.

## Biofouling management: a shifting paradigm and the value of refocussing on critical safeguards in managing biofouling risk – an industry perspective

Shipping is the Achilles heel of any island nation. It is also the life blood of projects that unlock the economic potential of nations which improves the quality of life of many communities. Managing the diverse array of trading vessels, exploration vessels and construction fleets as potential pathways for the introduction of marine pests to national and state waters. The impact of such introductions are well published. What is not published is the impact that efforts to mitigate the likelihood of such introductions. The past decade witnessed many attempts to construct a shared marine pest list and yet no consensus on the way forward, nor any evidence that such a list would contribute to preventing the

introduction of an invasive marine species. In this presentation an industry perspective on a novel yet proven alternative is presented, namely the focus on critical safeguards that addresses biofouling in general that achieves and acceptably low level of risk.



#### Agenda



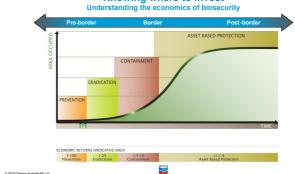
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#### Chevron

## **Barrow Island**A special place home to the Gorgon natural gas facility



#### Knowing where to invest



#### Understanding our risks Risk pathways on Barrow Island

Chevron has identified 13 high risk pathways through which risk material could reach Barrow Island.



#### Understanding our risks

Safety is embedded in everything we do. We do it safety or not at all, and there is always time to do it right.

We focus on preventing high-consequence incidents and impacts by understanding and mitigating risks and maintaining and assuring safeguards.

Chevron recognises the importance of biodiversity conservation globally and understands the long-term and high-consequence risks associated with biosecurity.

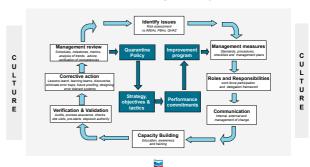


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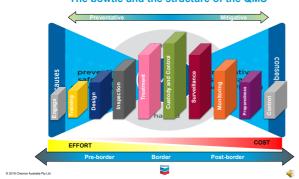
#### **Understanding our risks**

Introduction	Survival	Detection	Eradication	Level
Infection is extremely remote, highly unlikely	Cannot survive	Virtually certain to detect early enough to consider eradication	Virtually certain to eradicate without significant impacts	
Infection is remote, unlikely	Highly unlikely to survive	Very high likelihood of detection early to consider eradication	Very high likelihood of eradication without impacts	
There is a slight chance of infection	Unlikely to survive	High likelihood of detection early to consider eradication	High likelihood of eradication without significant impacts	3
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An occasional number of infections expected yearly	Environment suitable for a number of species	Medium chance of detecting early enough	Low chance of eradicating without significant impacts	5
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Infection will occur continuously	Will definitely survive	Cannot detect early enough to consider eradication	Will not eradicate	10

#### **Quarantine Management System**



#### The bowtie and the structure of the QMS



#### Marine vessel safeguards



- Neutral ballast water in clean tanks
- Manage secondary fouling
- · Focus on antifouling paints
- Vessel history
- Drydocking
- Schedules
- Passages
- · Events at sea • Port history past 12 months
- Insistence on dive reports if slipping was not possible

#### **Barrow Island**

Vessels at BWI >7d must depart origin <7d of deslipping and new AFC

30 day rule

Vessels discharging cargo from Australia or approved ports. Desktop assessment or inspection <1 month

90 day rule
Vessels mobilise 8-31 days discharging cargo. Must be cleaned in water or re-slipped. Also inspected.

#### 180 day rule

Re-inspected and free from secondary biofouling.

#### What did we learn?

681 vessels risk assessed and 6935 vessel movements by end of 2018

- Premobilisation checks
  Gateway dreger: A. Improvisus and B. pulcheilus. Cleaned in Singapore.
  Cornelius Zanen: Several Perna viridis. Systems treated and re-inspected.
  Bluefin 1: B. pulcheilus. Cleaned out of water.
  Westsea 99: P. viridis. Apr. 2013. Cleaned out of water.

#### Post-mobilsation under 7, 30 & 90 day rules

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#### refocussing on critical safeguards

- Ballast water there is no change
- Clean and free from secondary fouling at the 'start of your life' with Gorgon
- Drydocking, cleaning and reapplication of correct antifouling is always preferred
- Role for in-water cleaning
- Type of antifouling relating to type of vessel and nature of work
- Plimsol line maximum load line
- The Barrow Island 'Rules' for marine vessels
- Notifiable events
- Marine pest list/s are counterproductive and does not guide our thinking
- Early warning monitoring and surveillance of our ports
- High level of preparedness to respond



#### What did we learn?

Early detection key to eradication

Species Action Plans 6 plans: Perna viridis, Sargassum muticum, Balanus spp., Hemigrapsus spp., Hydroides spp., Mytilopsis sallei

Refocussing on critical safeguards



#### Conclusion









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#### Offshore vessel marine biosecurity – agreeing on best practice

The cross jurisdictional nature of marine contractor operations in Australia's offshore petroleum industry means that vessel operators need to comply with both State, Northern Territory and Commonwealth legislation, as well as additional, and sometimes more stringent requirements imposed by titleholders. Given the diverse and dynamic nature of offshore vessel operations, regulating for marine biosecurity in this sector is challenging. Gaps in scientific understanding of marine biosecurity risk in relation to the interaction between offshore installations and vessels servicing them, and information opacity regarding reasons behind these requirements exist. As a result, confusion and duplication occurs, which can result in either noncompliance, increasing the risk of marine pest introduction or 'overcompliance', leading to management practices and processes that go well beyond what might be considered reasonable to reduce marine biosecurity risk, resulting in perverse outcomes, project inefficiencies and cost blowouts for contractors. Maritime Industry Australia Ltd is coordinating work to collaborate across the Australian offshore petroleum industry and regulators to develop best practice guidance for marine biosecurity management of vessels servicing offshore petroleum industry. The guidance will take the form of a 'Reference Case' for titleholders to address marine biosecurity issues within their Environment Plans, and as a guide to marine contractors on what ballast water and biofouling management measures are required to reduce marine biosecurity risk to as low as reasonably practical (ALARP).



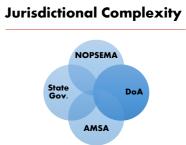












### **Unique Challenges** Variable activity Relatively unknown **Unscheduled drydocks** Uncertainty leading to 'Hypervigilant' approach



Consistency - Clarity - Certainty

- Industry wide agreement on best practice – environment plan content
- Multi jurisdictional acceptance

#### Environment Plans (EP's)

- Required to be produced by titleholder /accepted by NOPSEMA
- Identifies environmental risks, controls and mitigation, measurement
- Activities must be conducted in accordance with EP
- Marine biosecurity aspects heavily reliant on risk assessment tools



#### Offshore **Reference Cases**

- · Identify common content across EP's
- Reduce duplication in effort, reduce inconsistency
- Increase overall industry efficiency
- Developed by industry / accepted by NOPSEMA
- Able to be simply referenced on EP's





#### **Environment Plan Reference Case**

Marine Biosecurity Management of Vessels Servicing the Offshore Oil and Gas Industry

#### Working group participants / Review group

- Titleholders: Woodside, Inpex, Shell, Chevron, Quadrant
- Vessel Operators: DOF, Solstad, Swire Pacific Offshore Maersk Supply, MMA
- Government: NOPSEMA, Dept. Agriculture, WA, NT, Victoria

Agreement on best practice – adoption of BFMP and Record Book



- Finalisation of reference case
- Public consultation and regulatory review (NOPSEMA)
- NOPSEMA acceptance and adoption by industry 2019



#### HAOLIANG CHEN

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Predicting and monitoring the impact of fouling control coatings on vessel efficiency and emissions

### Predicting the impact of fouling control coatings on vessel efficiency and emissions

Oct 2019

Haoliang Chen; Barry Kidd







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#### Strategies to improve vessel efficiency

One reference (of many), DNV GL "Eco Retrofit" highlights 4 areas commonly reviewed which can provide the highest impact and best return on investment:

- Bow shape
- · Engine and auxiliary systems
- Propeller
- Energy-saving devices (ESDs) and appendages

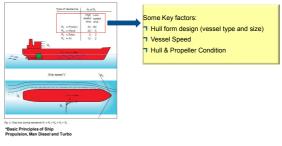
#### Other potential options include:

- Air lubrication systems
   Flettner rotors
- Etc



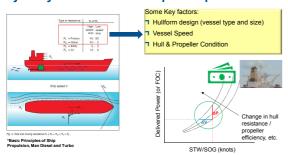


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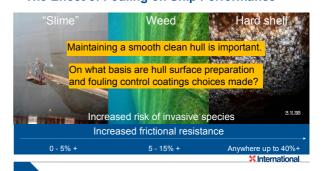


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## **AkzoNobel** Hydrodynamics...Let's keep it simple



## AkzoNobel The Effect of Fouling on Ship Performance



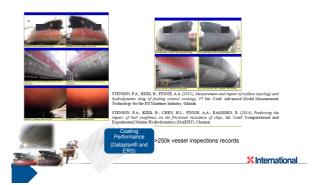
#### **AkzoNobel Towards a Better Decision of Fouling Control Coatings Choices**

- Key factors:
   Global fouling challenge
  - Operational profile of the vessel
    Vessel type and size

  - Choice of fouling control coating and scheme selection
  - Substrate preparationHull husbandry

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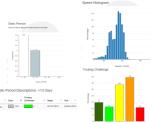
#### **AkzoNobel New Coating Performance Models**



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#### **Understanding Ship Operations** Intertrac



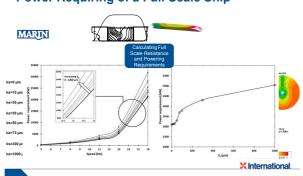


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#### **AkzoNobel Understanding Ship Operations**



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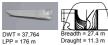


## **AkzoNobel Developing predictive** models MARIN Predictive models

#### **AkzoNobel**

#### **Prediction Case Study**





Operational Profile = Europe - Mediterranean

Prediction Parameters: Average Speed = 12 kts

Vessel Activity = 60%

FOC: 22 MT/day
Fuel costs = \$500 MT

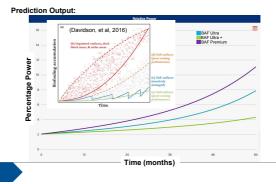
resser Activity - 60 %

SMM = 5.256

Question: What is the relative predicted difference between 3 different fouling control coating choices?

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#### **Prediction Case Study**



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#### **Prediction Case Study**

Relative predicted output over 60 months:

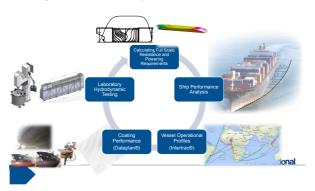
	Power / FOC (%)	Speed (kn)	CO2 emissions (MT)	Accumulated FOC Cost Saving (\$)
BAF Premium			Baseline	
BAF Ultra	-3.2	+0.7%	-900	-105,000
BAF Ultra +	-6.8	+1.9%	-1650	-200,000

Please note: this prediction is specific!
A balanced drydock investment is needed



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#### **Integrated Data Analytics**



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#### **Ship Performance Analysis**



#### **Reviewing Vessel Performance**

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#### **A Holistic Process**



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#### **Summary**

- ☐ Choosing and correctly applying the optimal fouling control coating can, through a clean, smooth hull
  - □ Save money for the whole industry; which will reduce costs for everyone
  - Reduce emissions (CO<sub>2</sub>/NOx/SOx)
  - ☐ Minimise the risk of invasive species
- ☐ It is vital to have a right coating choice for a right ship; there are many factors to consider we can help
- ☐ Better prediction and management of hull and propeller condition is a holistic process





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#### Effect of biofouling on ship performance and energy efficiency

Marine biofouling is an increasing problem from both economic and environmental points of view in terms of increased fuel consumption, increased GHG emissions and transportation of harmful non-indigenous species. The fuel consumption of a ship is strongly influenced by her frictional resistance, which is directly affected by the roughness of the hull's surface, i.e. biofouling. Increased hull roughness leads to increased frictional resistance, causing higher fuel consumption and CO2 emissions. It would, therefore, be very beneficial to be able to accurately predict and quantify the effects of biofouling on ship performance and energy efficiency. However, it is a major challenge to relate fouling-control coatings and the effect of biofouling, to full-scale ship resistance and powering, in order to accurately evaluate their effects on energy efficiency, fuel consumption and hence CO2 emissions. The answers to the question, "How might the roughness of biofouling and fouling- control coatings be related to full-scale ship resistance and powering?" will be discussed thoroughly. The state- of-the-art and novel experimental and numerical methods will be presented, along with the future directions in research on the issue.



## Effect of biofouling on ship performance and energy efficiency

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4th ANZPAC Workshop on Biofouling Management for Sustainable Shipping

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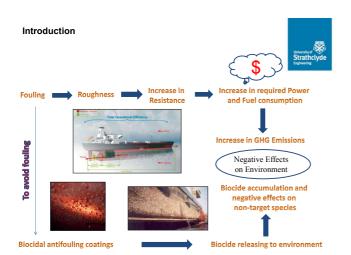


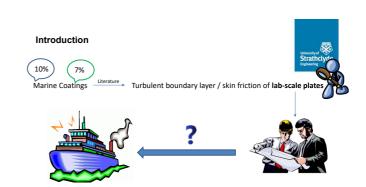
"Beard swimming cap launched after men blame facial hair for slow speeds in the water"



Source: https://www.mirror.co.uk/incoming/gallery/innovative-swim-cap-bearded-men-58095

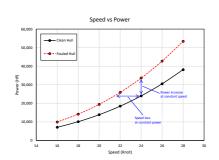
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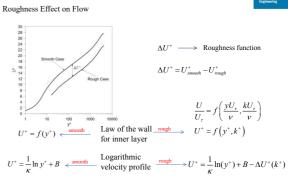
"How might the roughness of coatings and biofouling be related to full-scale?"

#### Introduction



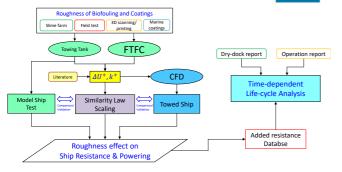
#### Introduction





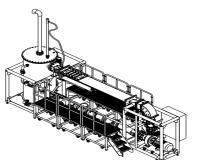
#### Methodology for predicting the roughness effects of marine coatings and biofouling on ship resistance



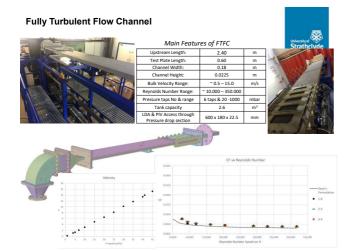


#### **Fully Turbulent Flow Channel**

We have designed and recently commissioned a Fully Turbulent Flow Channel (FTFC) at
the Kelvin Hydrodynamics Lab' which allow us to measure flow and drag characteristics of
various surfaces covered with different control fouling systems as well as drag reduction
mechanisms including the effect of marine biofouling

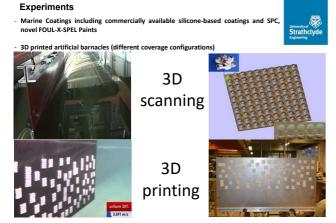


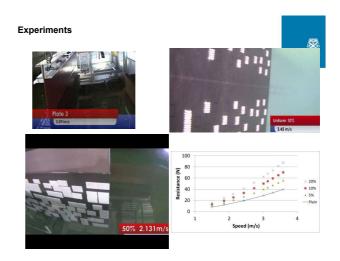


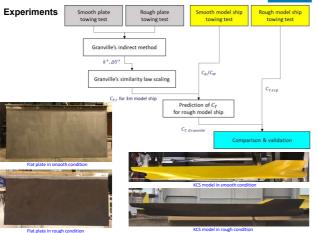




- Towing tank at Kelvin Hydrodynamics Laboratory
  - Dimensions of 76m x 4.6 m x 2.5 m
  - Carriage speed: up to 5m/s
  - High-performance multi-flap active absorbing wave-maker





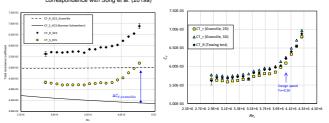


#### Experiments

- Total resistance coefficients were predicted using the Granville's extrapolation & smooth model ship result
  - 2D method
  - $C_{T\_Rough} = C_{T_{Sm}}$  3D method  $+\Delta C_{F.Granville}$

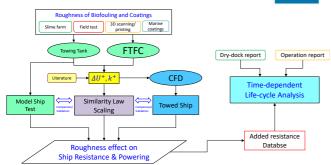
  - $C_{T\_Rough} = C_{T_{Smooth}} + (1+k)\Delta C_{F,Granville}$ Compared with rough model ship result

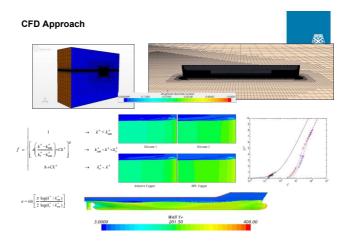
    - a 3D method shows better agreement compared to 2D method
      Can be attributed to the roughness effect on viscous pressure resistance
      3D method shows slightly higher CT than the experiment, which is in correspondence with Song et al. (2019a)

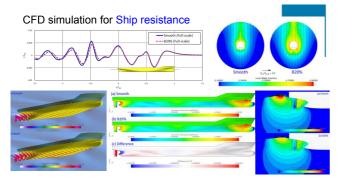


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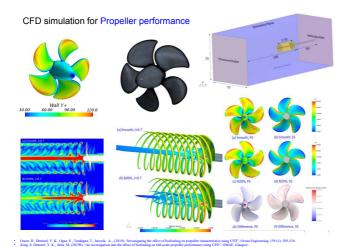


- Up to 93% and 60% increase in  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathit{F}}$  and  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathit{E}}$  observed
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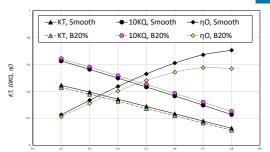
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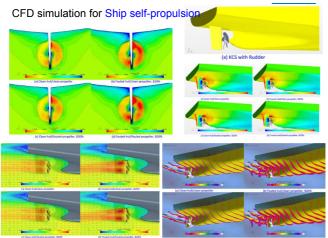
- 40% increase in effective power,  $P_E$ , due to 'heavy slime'
- 130% increase in effective power,  $P_E$ , due to 'heavy calcareous fouling'
- 68% increase in effective power,  $P_E$ , due to 'small barnacles, 50% coverage'
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- 93% increase in effective power,  $P_E$ , due to 'big barnacles, 20% coverage'



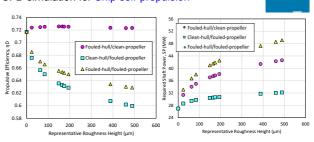
#### CFD simulation for Propeller performance



- Due to 'big barnacles with' 20% coverage'
  - Up to 11.1% thrust loss
  - Up to 10.8% torque increase
  - Up to 19.3% efficiency loss



#### CFD simulation for Ship self-propulsion

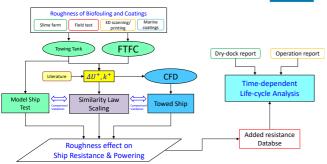


- · Effect of hull and/or propeller fouling
  - 23% increase in required shaft power due to the mildest condition (S10%)
  - $-\ \,$  81.8% increase in required shaft power due to the most severe conditon (B20%)

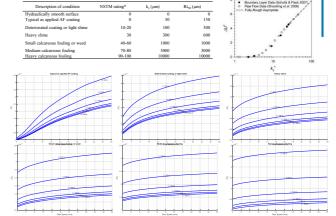
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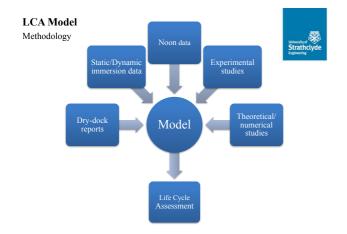
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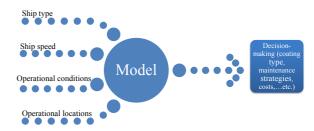


#### Granville's similarity law analysis





#### LCA Model User Input



#### LCA Model

Stages

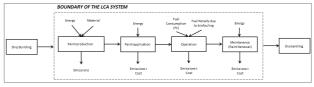


#### Major stages of LCA of an AF coating.

	Stage	Activities	
1.	Production of AF coatings	Activities related to the extraction and acquisition of natural resources, including mining non-renewable material required to produce the different system components and transporting this materials to processing facilities.	
2.	Application	Application of antifouling coatings on ship hulls.	
3.	Operation of ships with AF coatings	Extra fuel is consumed due to the effects of antifouling coatings/fouling	
4.	Maintenance of ships (Hull cleaning and recoating)	System maintenance activities (dry-dock and in water hull cleaning).	
5.	End-of-Life	Dismantling of a ship	

#### LCA Model





- A representation of voyages and anchorages of the ship in question. The representation should describe the time and location of the ship over its lifetime.
   Model of temperature-dependent and time-dependent growth of fouling.(1)

- 3. Model of variation of sea-temperature with location.(1)
  4. Model of the costs and effects of hull maintenance activities.(2)
- 5. Model of fuel-consumption behaviour of the ship.(1)

#### **Case Studies**



An existing handy-size bulk-carrier was operated in 3 real bulk carrier operations.

Table I. Ship characteristics

Vessel type	Bulk-carrier
Deadweight	40 k ton
Length	179 m
Breadth	28 m
Design draft	10.6 m
Wetted surface area	7350 m <sup>2</sup>
Engine power	6.6 kW
Endurance	25k NM
Fuel type	HFO
FO consumption(t/day)	20.4
@design draft and speed	

#### **Case Studies**

#### Ship operating profiles and ship routes



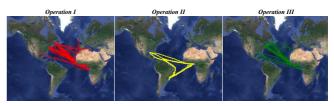
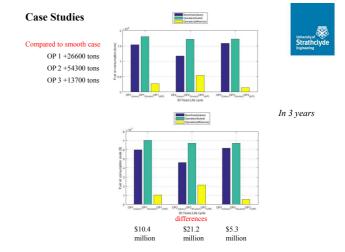


Table II: Ship operation data

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Data	Operation 1	Operation 2	Operation 3	
Idle days including port stays in 3 years (day)	326	507	284	
Average speed (knot)	14	14	14	
Sailing day in 3 years	769	588	811	
Operating days in 3 years	1095	1095	1095	

## **Case Studies** 326 Idle days ~37% ~86% ~20%

In 3 years



#### Conclusions

- It is not as simple as it looks!
- Holistic Approach is needed = Multidisciplinary research is needed
- Ship operating profile and ship route are significant parameters that need consideration before selecting a coating.
- The real impact of a coating can only be assessed through LCA of the coating systems in question.
- This approach may be used to decide the best maintenance and/or hull cleaning activities and/or intervals.
- More input means more accurate results. Let's work together!

## Q&A





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#### Managing the Underwater Hull - Challenges and Opportunities

The management of the underwater hull of ships has relied on four key factors:

- Regular dry-docking and refurbishment of the underwater hull
- Effective fouling prevention coatings with predictable performance
- Relatively high levels of vessel activity with few prolonged static periods
- Underwater hull and propeller cleaning/polishing.

The established regime has been challenged in recent years as fewer and fewer ports have allowed underwater hull cleaning to take place, vessel activity has generally reduced, and slow steaming and prolonged static periods have become more common. The TBT ban resulted in the need to develop/adopt alternative technology solutions for fouling prevention. In recent years, newer solutions have faced increasing challenges due to H&SE regulations, such as restrictions in relation to the use of biocides, that in some cases have led to a reduction in the perceived performance predictability of fouling prevention systems; challenges to formulations; increasing reliance and interest in UW hull cleaning and/or Grooming concepts.

The above, combined with two real environmental concerns, namely greenhouse gas emissions from ships and the risk of hull-borne invasive species, with emphasis on niche areas on the underwater hull, will challenge the accepted current practice of dry-dock work interspersed with some form of hull cleaning/grooming.

The marine industry is facing a considerable double threat that requires a re-assessment of the management of the Underwater Hull. This paper aims to review the current status/best practice and to identify key challenges and opportunities the industry must face or take advantage of to ensure effective and efficient transportation against an ever-increasing demand for seaborne trade.







The need for managing the underwater hull has been understood for many years

- Portuguese ships in the spice trade took 1 year to Sail to India, by which time the wooden hulls were riddled by fouling damage.
- Admiral Collingwood at the battle of Trafalgar broke the enemy lines ahead of the rest of the fleet because he had a recently cleaned and re-furbished underwater hull.

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Careening of a ship - An Old Whaler Hove Down For Repairs, Near New Bedford, a wood engraving draw by F. S. Cozzens and published in Harper's Weekly,



## Managing the UW hull: Dry-Dock Process

- Dry-docking is the significant event for the UW hull coating restoration
- Application: time constraints can lead to less than perfect application
- Support blocks effect



#### Managing the UW hull: In-water Hull Cleaning

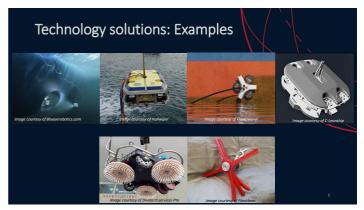
- Increase in frequency
- Key activities:
  - Vertical side
     Flat bottom
- Key areas (biosecurity):
- Niche areas

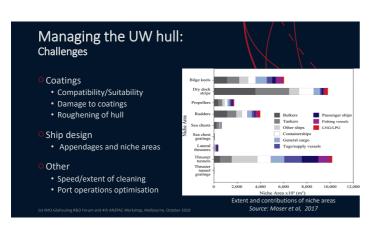


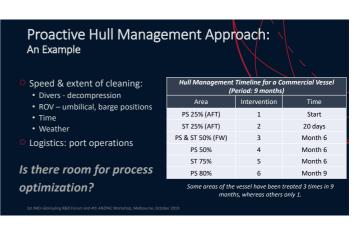
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#### Conclusions

- In order to produce effective best practice recommendations in relation to UW hull management from vessel performance/emissions perspective more research is needed:
- Hull cleaning patterns
   Impact on coatings (functional specifications; long-term effect of cleaning equipment)
- - Review of potential design solutions to minimise biofouling accumulation
  - Technology solutions tailored to niche areas
- Optimal vessel performance and biosecurity: best practice recommendations going forward should serve/address both objectives.

## Thank you

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In-situ measurements of the ship hull drag penalty due to biofouling

## *In-situ* measurements of the ship hull drag penalty due to hull roughness

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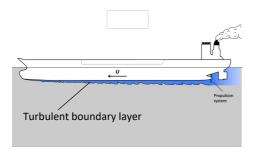
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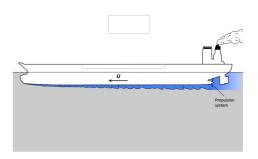
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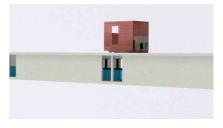
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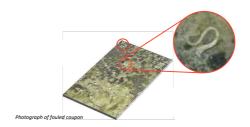
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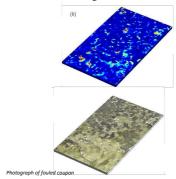
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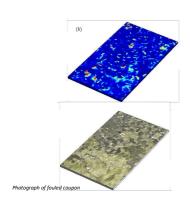


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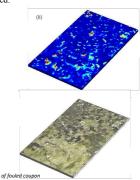
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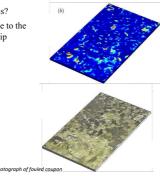
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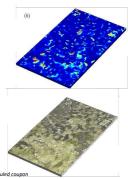


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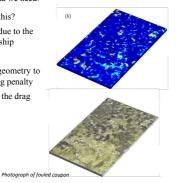


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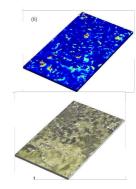


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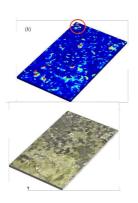


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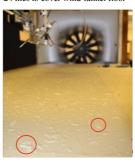


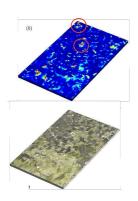


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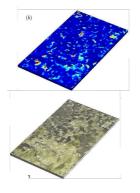


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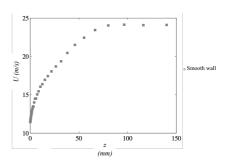
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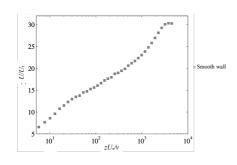
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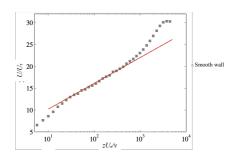
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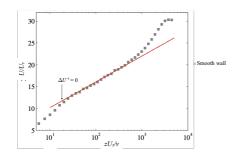
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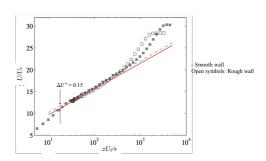
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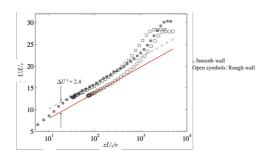
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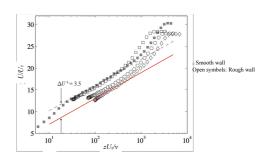
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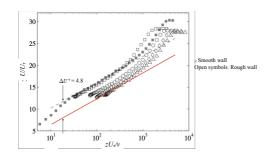
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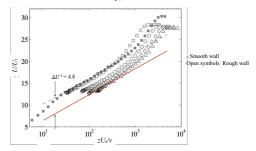


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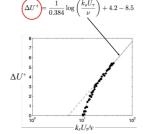
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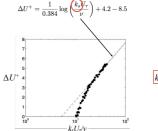
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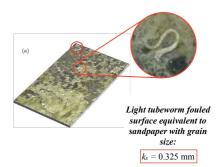
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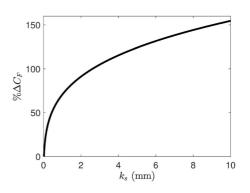
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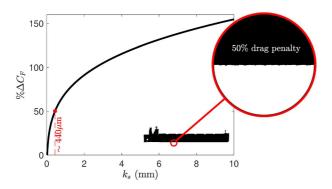
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#### **Summary**

Given a surface condition (surface scan or fouled coupon) we can reproduce in the wind-tunnel and test to find  $k_s$ 

Can be used to predict drag on a full-scale ship with the ONLY assumption being a **universal mean velocity profile** 

This work can be found in

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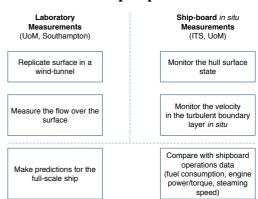
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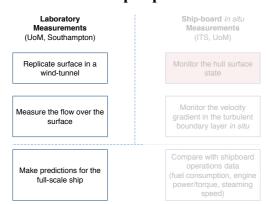
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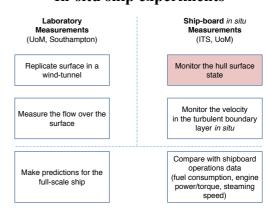
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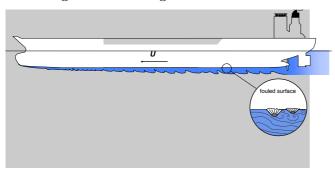
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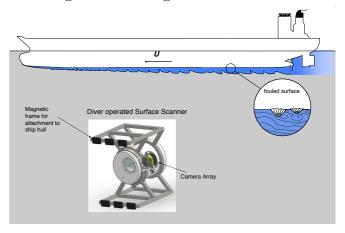
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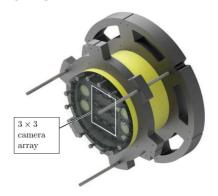
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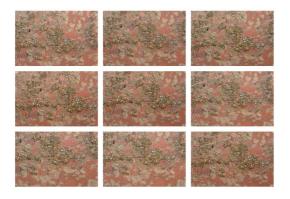
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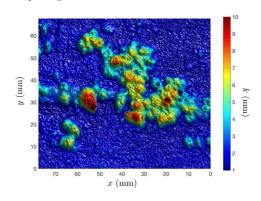
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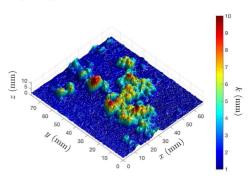
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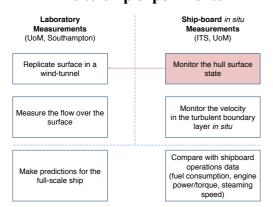


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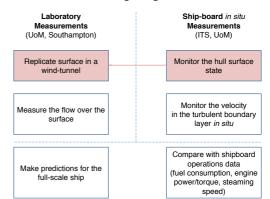
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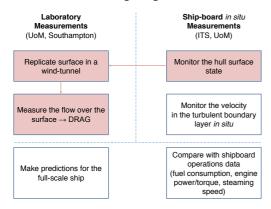
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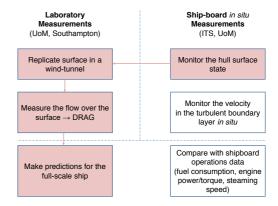
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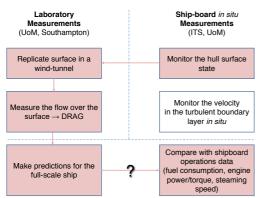
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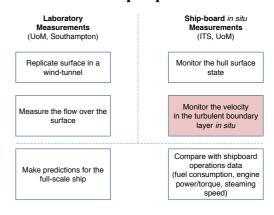
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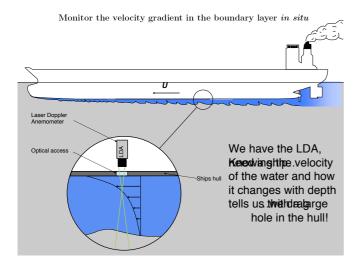


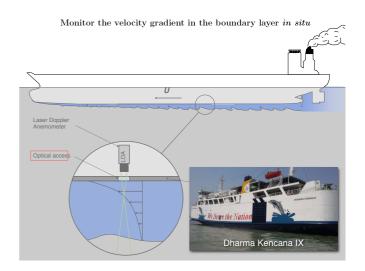
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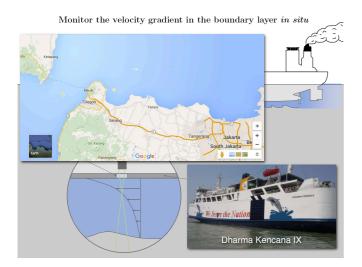


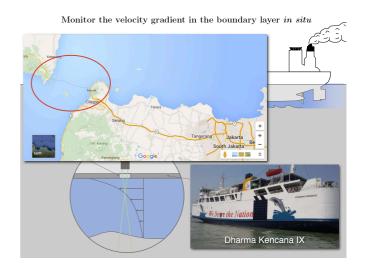
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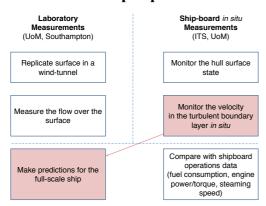




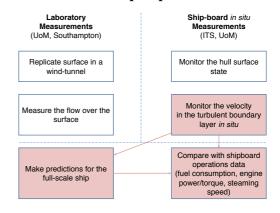




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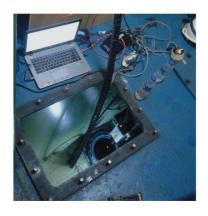
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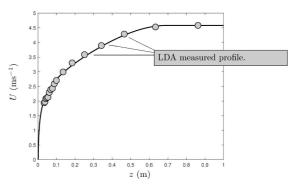


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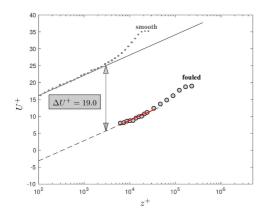


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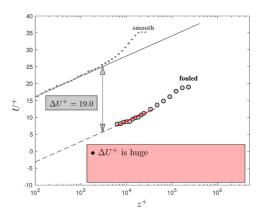
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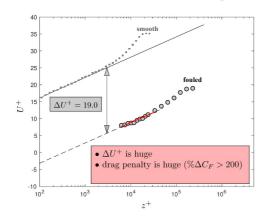
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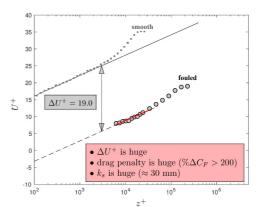
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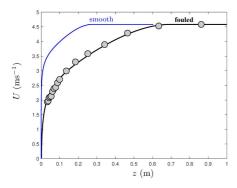


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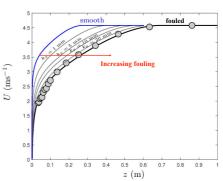
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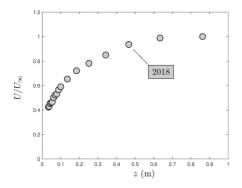
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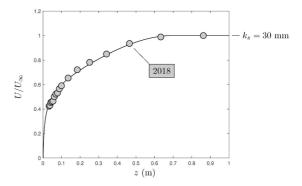
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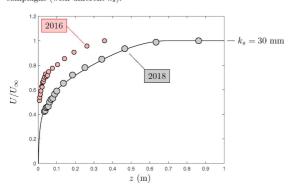
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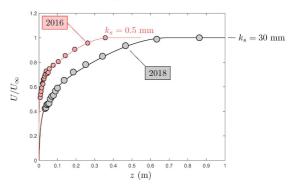
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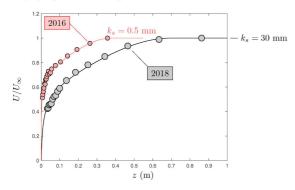
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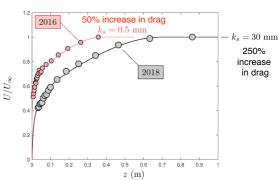
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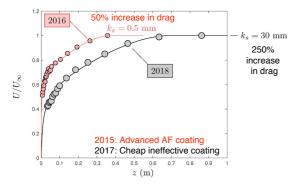
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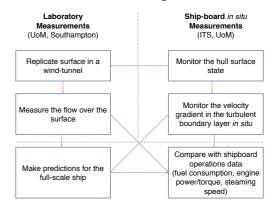


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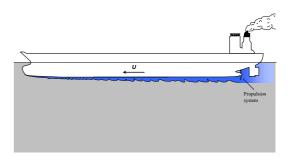
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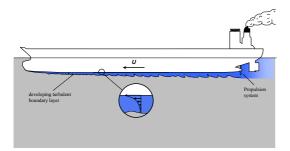
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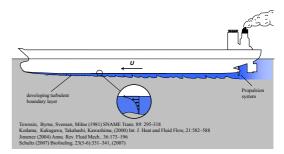


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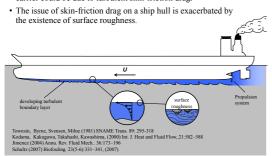
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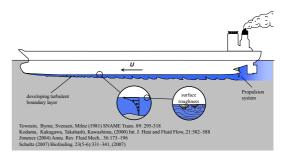
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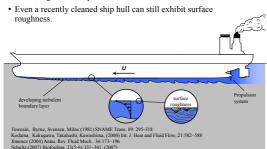
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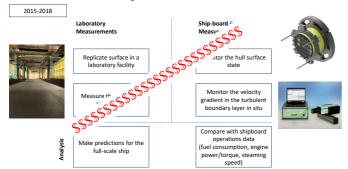
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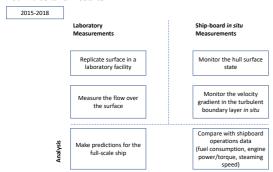


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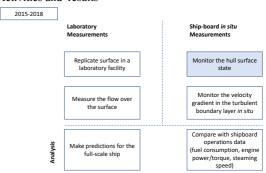




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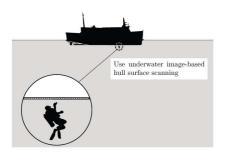


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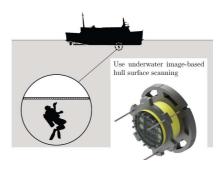


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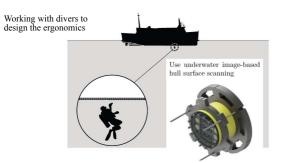
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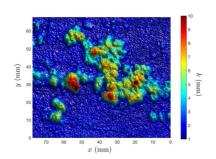
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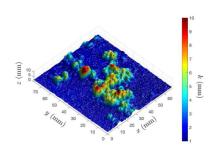


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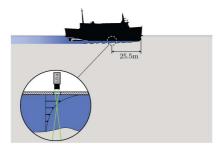
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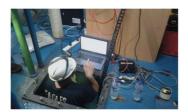
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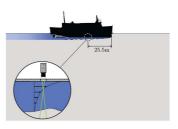


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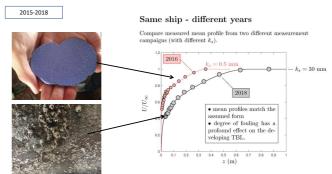
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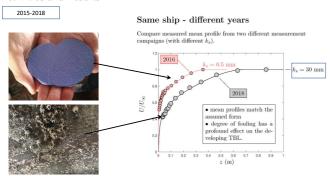
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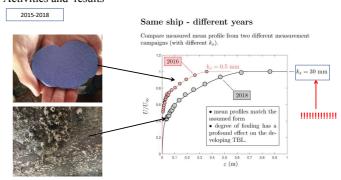
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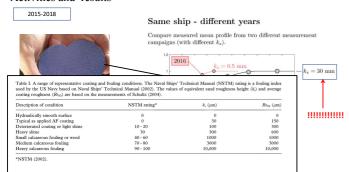
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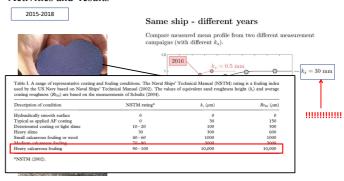
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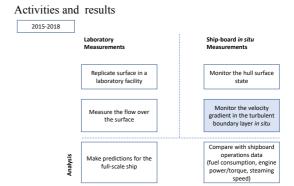
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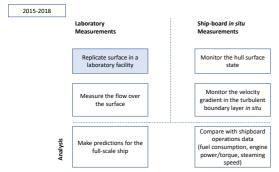
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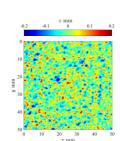
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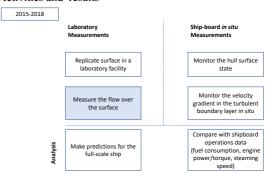
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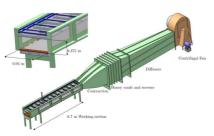
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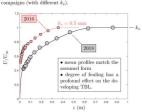
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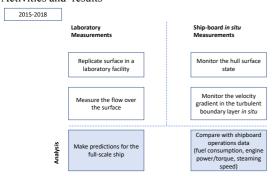
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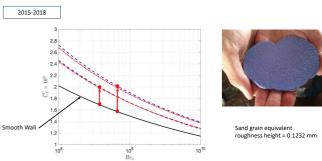
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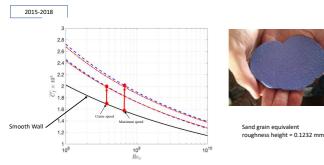
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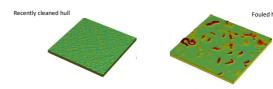
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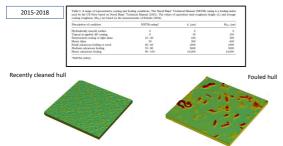
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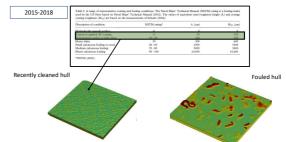
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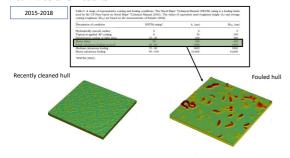




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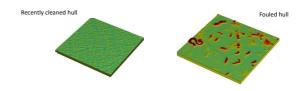


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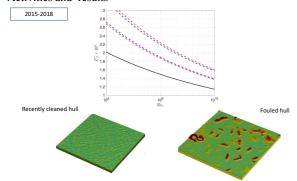


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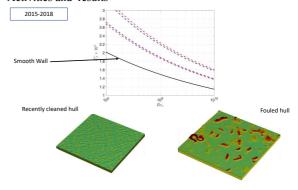
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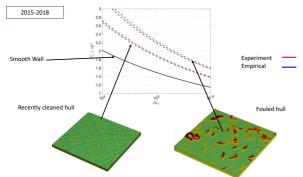


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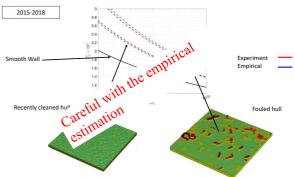


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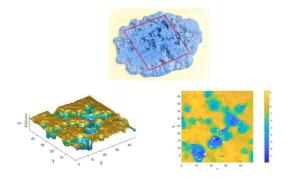




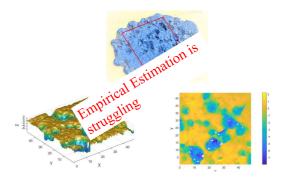
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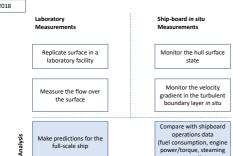


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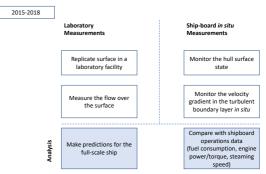
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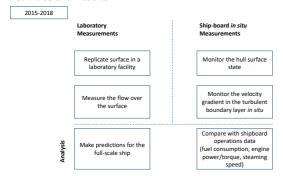
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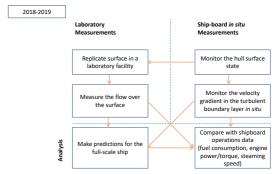
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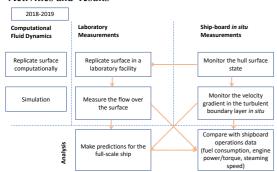
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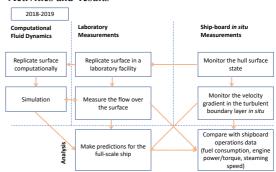
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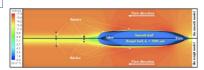
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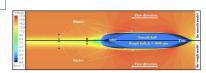
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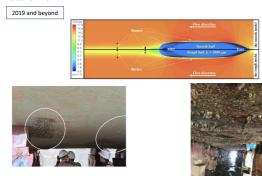
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#### Antifouling solutions from seaweed biomimetics

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Since ancient times, human entrepreneurship has faced the seas, but biofouling has always imposed severe constraints to all maritime activities. The usual way to deal with the undesired growth of marine benthic organisms on man-made structures has been to employ the "biocide approach", such as the recently banned tributyltin (TBT), effective but harmful to marine life. Substitute biocides comprise a Pandora's box of different synthetic compounds, mostly with unknown environmental fate and toxicity. A paradigm shift is therefore urgent in order to deal with biofouling efficiently, but in an environmentally friendly way. The emerging field of biomimetics comprises the imitation of the models, systems, and elements of nature to solve complex human problems. A biomimetic approach to deal with biofouling is based on the fact that seaweeds, as benthic, sessile organisms living in the euphotic zone, where fouling pressure is maximal, had billions of years to evolve antifouling defense, and different seaweeds are known to dedicate energy and resources in the production, storage and release of natural antifouling compounds. However, natural defense mechanisms are often multifaceted, and emerging evidence has accumulated concerning other macroalgal mechanisms to keep thalli devoid of undesired growth, such as oxidative bursts, epithallus sloughing, bacterial quorum sensing modulation and microtopography. Bioinspired antifouling approaches to some of these mechanisms already exist - such as microencapsulation, ablative, and low-adhesion paints - or are under investigation, such as engineered antifouling microtopographies and quorum sensing modulation. It seems likely that, in order to develop new solutions to this old problem, we need to learn from nature and develop bioinspired antifouling solutions that combine several mechanisms. A combined biotechnological approach joining chemical and physical antifouling defense is expected to start soon. Understanding global patterns and mechanisms underlying the production of algal antifoulants is a fundamental step toward this goal.



#### The biocide approach to antifouling



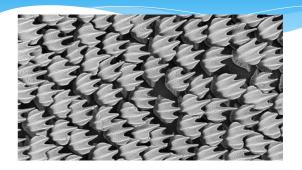
- Problem: marine biofouling
- Affects not only navigation but all human-made affairs in the sea – including clean energy generation
- Fouled ships transport exotic species to new sites where they may turn into bioinvaders
- Past and present solutions involve a "biocide approach", using toxic compounds with adverse effects on marine life
- TBTs, copper and a plethora of other 'booster biocides'

#### **Biomimetics**

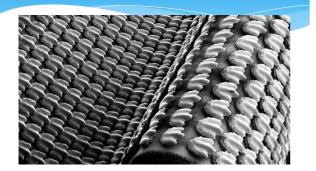
- Imitation of the models, systems, and elements of nature
- Purpose: solving complex human problems
- Marine life has always been a source of inspiration!



#### **Biomimetics**



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#### Biomimetics & Antifouling

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Review

#### Designing biomimetic antifouling surfaces

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Hydrodynamic interactions - Reynolds number variation for biological systems with respect to speed.

# Why seaweeds?

- Sessile and restricted to the euphotic zone
- Face the same problems due to biofouling / epibiosis
- Best chemists in the sea
- Emerged 2.8 billion years ago\*
- Selected for AF defenses over a long evolutionary timescale!

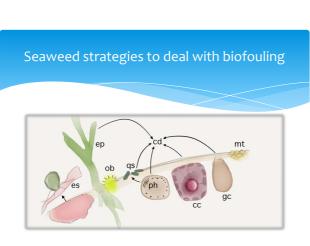


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# Algae became fouled





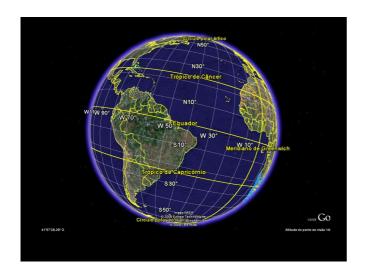


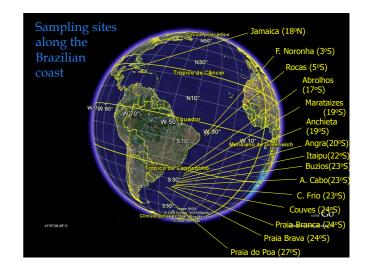


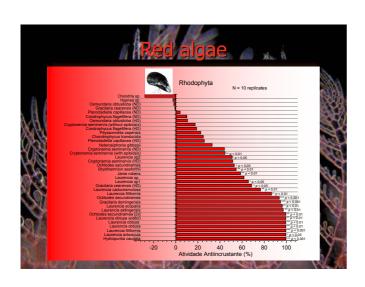
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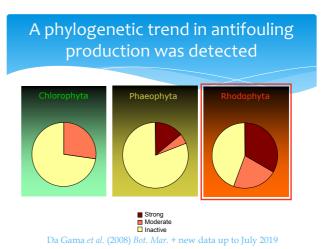


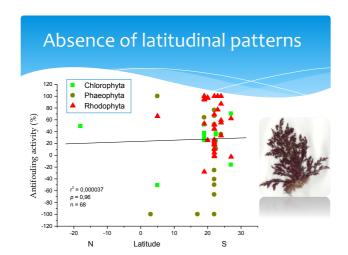














Is the Mussel Test a good Indicator of Antifouling Activity? A Comparison Between Laboratory and Field Assays

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# **Coefficient of Friction Hypothesis**



- \*  $\mu$  = 0,07 (coefficient of friction varies from 0 1)
- Rough surfaces have higher values
- \* Seaweed polysaccharides may reduce μ, thus hindering adhesion

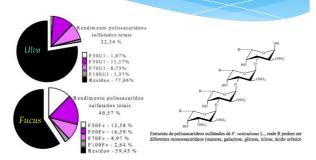
# Seaweed polysaccharides



- (a) alginate
- (b) k-carrageenan
- (c) agarose-6-sulfate
- (d,e) fucoidans
- (f,g) ulvans

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#### Seaweed sulphated polysaccharides



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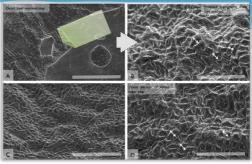
# Other seaweed AF strategies: microtopography





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## Seaweed microtopography



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#### New biomimetic antifoulants

- Combine more than one mechanism (e.g., physical and chemical) multilevel defense system
- Non-toxic, biodegradable chemicals in coatings with interactive surface properties (ablative / self-polishing coatings, non-adhesive coatings, AF microtopographies)
- Microencapsulation of natural product analogues or even "oxidative burst" emulation
- Quorum-sensing inhibitors or "live paints"
- Glycolipids as AF compounds in brown algae\*
- \* Plouguerné et al. (2014) Frontiers Cell. & Inf. Microbiol. / Plouguerné et al. (2019) in prep.

#### New biomimetic antifoulants

- Cast light upon the mechanisms underlying AF defence in seaweeds
- Multivariate matrix with satellite-gathered data (SST, chl-a, etc.) + AF activity + known natural product composition + known bioactivities
- Provide a basis for new biomimetic antifoulants from macroalgal origin / inspiration
- A combined biotech approach joining chemical & physical AF defence is expected to start in 2020
- Commercially available macroalgal products may lead to fast availability of new biotech AF technologies



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#### Warships and biofouling: a comparison with commercial ships

As with any ship, warships are prone to biofouling, both of external voids and niches and of internal seawater circulation systems. What is different in comparison with typical merchant ships, however, is the accentuated susceptibilities of warships due to factors such as design, equipment configurations, and typical operating and maintenance profiles. Warships and commercial ships are designed, built, operated and maintained for different purposes and with different operating imperatives, and this is reflected in their differing biofouling risk characteristics. As well as the general biofouling penalties related to fuel efficiency and marine invasive species transfer risks common to all ships, warships also have unique, and mission critical, tactical and operational reasons to better manage biofouling, internally and externally, to ensure that they attain and remain at peak operational efficiency.

This presentation will consider biofouling vulnerabilities of warships - addressing surface combatants, submarines, and naval auxiliaries - and how these differ from those pertaining to archetypal ships in routine commercial service. The presentation will concentrate upon the key and distinct features of the design, equipment fit, and patterns of employment of warships and naval auxiliaries, and how these stand them apart from commercial ships in terms of both their susceptibility to biofouling and the associated challenges of effective management.























#### **Fouling Facts: The Fundamentals**

- Every vessel has some form of fouling (external and/or internal).
- Biofouling is difficult to predict and is an integrator of:

  - vessel design and construction;
     maintenance, cleaning and anti-fouling coating status; and
     usage patterns and history of operations.

What are the factors that set warships apart?

















Warship Biofouling Risk Profiles: Underlying Themes

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- How is it best to manage warship biofouling?
  - how and why is this different to merchant ships

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#### Ship Biofouling Vulnerability Indicators

- Many and/or complex niches.
- Extended periods of inactivity or low-speed operations, particularly in coastal waters.
- Work in contact with bottom.

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#### **Warship Biofouling Risks**

Warships are more prone to hull-fouling than most ships because of their:

- Extensive range and variety of voids and niches (ie. areas of minimal flow)
- Regular, extended periods alongside (>2 weeks)
- Unique (and extensive) seawater intake requirements









#### **Size Matters?**

An estimate of the total wetted surface area (WSA) of ship arrivals into a port or region is essential to determine the potential scope of biofouling and to inform management strategies to reduce the future invasions.

(Moser et al. 2015)

.... and many others.





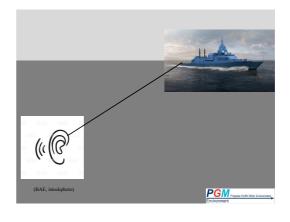




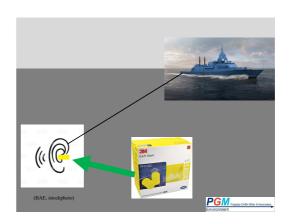


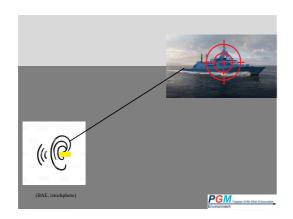


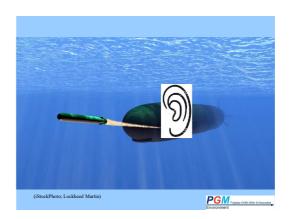












# Warship Biofouling: Operational Imperatives Conventional SMs: - fouling 1 - platform self noise 1 - battery endurance 1 - snort regularity and duration 1 - indiscretion ratio 1 - platform effectiveness as low noise listening platform 1 • Signature (visual) ?



















# Warship Biofouling: Force Protection Considerations

Biosecurity management responses can:

- Result in ship being sent to sub-optimal berth/anchorage.
- Require isolation of seawater intake systems, with implications for:
  - system availability / redundancy
  - firefighting capacity







# Warship Biofouling Risks

In operational terms, biofouling can:

- Reduce hull and propulsion hydrodynamic efficiency, with resultant decease in endurance, requiring more regular refuelling (external fouling) – merchant ship issue?
- Reduce hull and propulsion hydrodynamic efficiency, with resultant increase in ship self-noise and lowering of cavitation inception speed (external fouling) – merchant ship issue?
- Degrade platform's effectiveness as a low self-noise acoustic sensor platform (external fouling) merchant ship issue?



# Warship Biofouling Risks (cont.)

- Degrade sonar performance, via absorption and scattering of acoustic energy by fouling of sonar transducer windows (external fouling) – merchant ship issue?
- Degrade combat capability via degradation of seawater cooling systems servicing propulsion units, auxiliaries, and weapons, sensors and communications systems (internal fouling) – merchant ship issue?
- Reduce air conditioner efficiency, with subsequent degradation of ship habitability and crew efficiency (internal fouling) merchant ship issue?



# Warship Biofouling Risks (cont.)

- Block or impede flow in seawater pipes, with resultant implications for ship safety and survivability (internal fouling) – merchant ship issue?
- Impose increased maintenance and repair costs (internal/external fouling) merchant ship issue?
- Compromise platform availability and utility due to realised or potential concerns regarding marine pest transfers (internal/external fouling) merchant ship issue?
- Require ship to berth/anchor in designated location and/or isolate internal seawater circulation systems, with implications for Force Protection posture (internal/external fouling) merchant ship issue?

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# **Submarine Biofouling Risks**

In operational terms, SM fouling can also specifically:

- Cause deterioration of indiscretion ratio (external fouling: conventional boats).
- Compromise visual signature (external fouling).



# **Comparative Biofouling Profiles**

MERCHANT SHIPS (typical)	WARSHIPS
Mostly underway at sea	Regular, extended periods alongside
Slab sides and flat bottoms – simplifying protection, inspection and cleaning	Curved hull form, with many projections
Minimal no. of seachests and other voids and appendages	Large number of seachests, and often numerous other voids and appendages
Simple internal seawater circulation systems	Complex, intricate and operationally vital seawater circulation systems
Seek to improve hydrodynamic efficiency and manage biosecurity risks	Need to maximise endurance, minimise self-noise, ensure effective operation of seawater circulation systems and manage biosecurity risks
Not regularly concerned with protecting against terrorist attacks / sabotage	Significant Force Protection imperatives

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# **Biofouling Management Objectives and Drivers**

	WARSHIPS
Reduce (fuel) operating costs	Maintain / enhance operational effectiveness
Demonstrate regulatory compliance	Ensure platform availability
	Maintain Force Protection posture
	Reduce maintenance burden and costs
	Reduce (fuel) operating costs
	Demonstrate regulatory compliance

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# (Some) Warship Biofouling Considerations

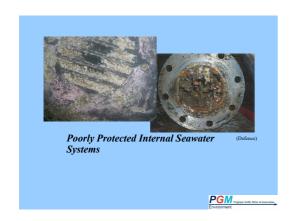
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# **Design Options**

- Seachests and pipework can be oversized to limit the effects of biofouling:
  - this design response only exacerbates biosecurity risks and compounds their management



## **Biofouling Controls in Design** (External)

- Elimination of external fouling niches and voids.
- · Simplification of voids and niches to facilitate maintenance and inspection.
- Design of grates and other voids (eg. seachests, A/EPU housings) to permit access by divers for in-water inspection and maintenance:
  - consistent with Force Protection imperatives



# **Biofouling Controls in Design**

(External)

- Tailored application of effective AFCs.
- Application of appropriate AFCs to areas not traditionally coated, such as screws.



### **Biofouling Controls in Design** (Internal)

- Inclusion of <u>effective</u> marine growth prevention systems (MGPS) in internal seawater systems.
- Design of internal pipework to facilitate maintenance and inspection and decrease biofouling vulnerabilities.
- Using materials considered less vulnerable to fouling, such as cupro-nickel.
- Consideration of alternatives to seawater cooling systems, such as closed circuit freshwater cooling systems with seawater heat exchangers.

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# **Biofouling Controls in Operations**

- Comprehensive navy biofouling management policy and technical standards.
- Identification of extended periods where ship/s stationary, and resultant implications for biofouling condition.
- Implementation of appropriate evaluation / inspection program, with tailored 'tools'.
- Periodic, focused in-water cleaning, as warranted: ensuring that cleaning tools and techniques are suitable for the more complex hull shapes and multitude of underwater fittings typical of warships.







# Warships cf Merchant Ships

- Compared with (typical) merchant ships, warships have far greater proclivity for biofouling, and far greater need and diversity of reasons to manage multiple forms of biofouling.
- Generic merchant ship biofouling control concepts, management and risk reduction measures only have limited application in terms of effective biofouling management for warships.

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# Thank you.



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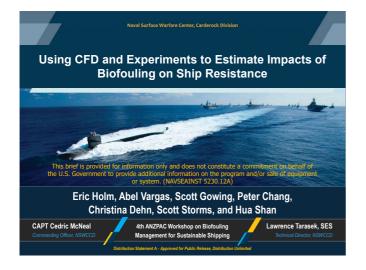
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# Using CFD and experiments to estimate impacts of biofouling on ship resistance

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We have been using computational fluid dynamics (CFD) and experiments to estimate, for a typical US Navy hull, the impact of biofouling on resistance. Biofouling roughness was expressed as equivalent sandgrain roughness (ks), and incorporated into the roughness wall model of the NavyFOAM viscous flow solver. Two- phase, unsteady Reynolds-averaged Navier-Stokes (RANS) simulations utilizing the modified wall model were validated against results from experiments. We then used this approach to examine the effects of varying levels of biofouling homogeneously and heterogeneously distributed across the hull. Biofouling roughness values were obtained from existing literature, as well as from models generated by additive manufacturing and evaluated in a flow channel. The ship hull was divided into sections defined by Navy technical documents. Resistance was evaluated for ks distributed homogeneously across the hull, and changes in skin friction quantified both for the entire hull and for each section. The divided hull was then used to explore the effects of heterogeneous biofouling by assigning different ks values to the various sections. Results from simulations such as these can be used to construct cost-benefit analyses for new biofouling control technologies, or to plan or initiate hull maintenance activities such as cleaning.



# **Biofouling Control and the US Navy**



# Primary means of control - antifouling coatings

- > Commercial-off-the-shelf systems
- $\succ$  Ablative technology, copper and copper-free

**Problem:** Biofouling-control coatings are formulated to satisfy the needs of commercial operators, and those needs don't always match those of the Navy

- > Low operational tempo
- ➤ Long dry docking cycles (8-12 years)

### Result:

- > Regular in-water hull cleaning
- > Potential for operations with biofouled hulls/significant fuel wastage
- ➤ No easy solutions

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## What are the economic consequences of our control strategy?



- > The economic consequences appear to be almost completely associated with the impact of biofouling on ship performance
- > Exact size (in terms of \$\$) is difficult to know
  - · Measurement of impacts
  - Relative contribution of various practices or technologies to the
- Need better understanding of the nature and size of the problem in order to implement cost-effective solutions



# **Experimental/Computational Approach to Estimating Impacts**



- Develop computational fluid dynamics approach for quantifying the impact of hull biofouling on ship performance
- > Transition the modeling approach to a tool or tools that provide a hydrodynamic basis for making maintenance decisions, or evaluating the efficacy of novel biofouling control processes or technologies



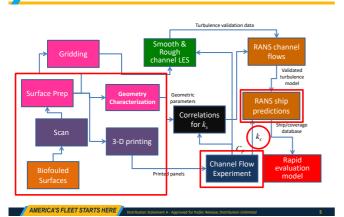






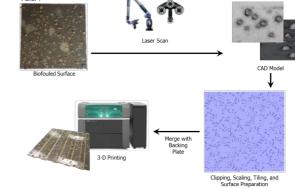
# **Project Structure**





# Obtaining $k_s$ Experimentally

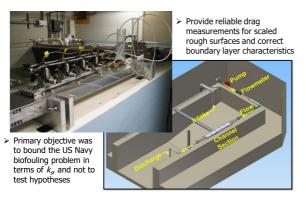




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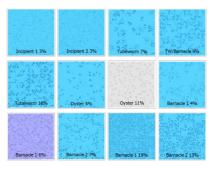




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# $k_c$ at Full Scale





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# **Computational Fluid Dynamics**



- > Utilized NavyFOAM, CFD code developed at NSWC-Carderock from OpenFOAM
- $\succ$  NavyFOAM is routinely used for vessel design, and predicting resistance, maneuvering, seakeeping, and acoustic signatures
- > Biofouling roughness was incorporated by modification of wall functions
- > Validated against results from flat plate/water tunnel and towed flat plate, differences range from 0.5% - 1.5%









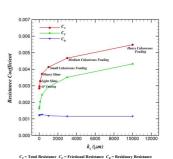
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# **Resistance of a Biofouled Hull**



- > Ship hull model: DTMB S415 (DDG 51)
  > Length between Perpendiculars: 142.0 m
  > Wetted Area: 2976.2 m²
  > Froude Number = 0.28
  > Fixed sinkage and trim
  > No appendages

- > Changes in Total Resistance driven by increases in Frictional Resistance associated with biofouling
- > Biofilms increase Total Resistance by 10%-25% relative to clean/painted condition
- ➤ 'Heavy Calcareous Fouling' increases Total Resistance by 85% relative to clean/painted condition

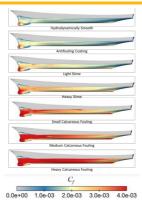


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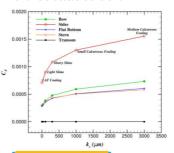
- > Local values of frictional resistance are heterogeneously distributed across the hull even when biofouling is homogeneously distributed
- > Decrease in frictional resistance from bow to stern
- > Regions of high resistance extend further aft as  $k_s$  increases
- > Frictional resistance varies not only in streamwise direction, but also from waterline to keel
- > Effect was suggested previously by hull cleaning studies

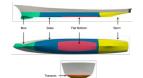


# **Resistance of a Biofouled Hull**



- > Hull model divided into sections corresponding to diver inspection plan
- Allows for evaluation of impacts of biofouling on different sections of the hull



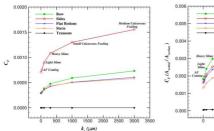


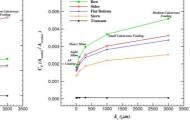
- > The majority of the frictional resistance is generated by biofouling on the side of the hull
- The transom makes no contribution to total frictional resistance
- The hull bottom and stern generate similar levels of frictional resistance

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# **Resistance of a Biofouled Hull**





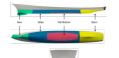


The bow section generates more frictional resistance than any other section of the hull when normalized by the sectional area

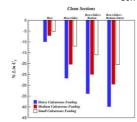
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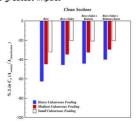
# Heterogeneous Biofouling - Hull Cleaning





- Biofouling of a given level applied to all sections of the hull
- Once cleaned, hull returned to 'Light Slime' condition
- On a per-unit-area basis, cleaning of the bow has greatest impact





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# Heterogeneous Biofouling - Hull Cleaning



- Benefit from cleaning multiple hull sections depends on initial biofouling condition
- For 'Small' and 'Medium' calcareous biofouling, cleaning of bow and sides returns ship to resistance level comparable to 'Heavy Slime'
- For 'Heavy' calcareous biofouling, bow, sides, and bottom must be cleaned to attain the same level of
- 0.005

  0.005

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# **Conclusions**



- We now have a CFD method that allows us to simulate the effects of homogeneous and heterogeneous biofouling accumulations on ship resistance and thus, ultimately, ship performance
- We are working on a simpler, less computationallyintensive approach that can be incorporated into a pier-side or desk-top tool

## What can we do with it?

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# Conclusions



- Fleet-wide estimates of fuel penalties due to biofouling − can better associate USN Fouling Rating Scale with k<sub>s</sub>, apply that k<sub>s</sub> estimate to individual ship inspections, and combine with operational tempo, speed-time profile, and plant alignment data, for all ship classes. Provides baseline/framework for evaluating:
  - Decision-making for hull maintenance
  - Costs and benefits of existing maintenance or control practices or technologies
  - Scope for implementation of improved control technologies

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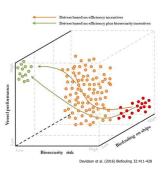
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# **Performance vs. Biosecurity Risk**



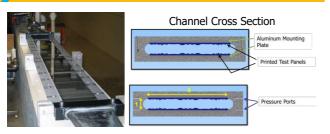
- > Davidson et al. (2016) suggested some degree of mismatch between biofouling control objectives related to vessel performance vs. biosecurity
- Mismatch attributed to biosecurity risks associated with biofouling in vessel niche areas, which may have little impact on ship performance
- Given new understanding of draggeneration by common macrofoulers, mismatch associated with biofouling on flat hull surfaces may also be important
- To what extent will performance monitoring systems be able to detect presence of low-form macrofouling that may be of biosecurity interest?



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# **Channel Flow Facility**





Questions?

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- > Transition and channel are 3.45 m long (80H)
- $\succ$  1700 Lpm max flow, Re<sub> $\tau$ </sub> = 500-2000
- > Channel has 8:1 width/height ratio (203.2 mm x 25.4 mm)
- > Use change in pressure over length of channel to obtain friction coefficients

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# $k_s$ at Full Scale



- > Effects of organism type, size, and coverage
- > Results for incipient fouling are comparable to 'slime'
- > Values for tubeworm biofouling are comparable to 'slime' at lowest levels of cover, about double that at higher levels of cover
- > Values for oysters fall between those for tubeworms and barnacles
- > Even relatively low levels of barnacle cover can generate large sand grain roughnesses
- > Need more data from compliant organisms, mixtures of organisms (size, shape, compliance)
- > What are the important aspects of biofouling that generate drag?

Biofouling Type	k <sub>s</sub> (μm)	
Deteriorated Coating/Light Slime <sup>1</sup>	100	
Incipient Fouling 1 (3%, 0.6 mm)	150	
Incipient Fouling 2 (3%, 0.7 mm)	200	
Tubeworm (7%, 0.9 mm)	250	
Heavy Slime <sup>1</sup>	300	
Tubeworm <sup>2</sup>	325	
Tubeworm (51%, 0.9 mm)	500	
Tubeworm + Juv. Barnacle (9%, 1.8 mm)	517	
Tubeworm (18%, 0.9 mm)	560	
Oyster (5%, 4.4 mm)	570	
Oyster (11%, 4.4 mm)	770	
Small Calcareous Fouling/Weed <sup>1</sup>	1000	
Barnacle 1 (4%, 6.6 mm)	1090	
Barnacle 1 (6%, 6.6 mm)	1710	
Barnacle 2 (7%, 8.7 mm)	1800	
Medium Calcareous Fouling <sup>1</sup>	3000	
Filamentous Algae 2 <sup>3</sup> (35%, < 58 mm)	3300	
Barnacle 1 (19%, 6.6 mm)	4490	
Filamentous Algae 1 <sup>3</sup> (50%, < 71 mm)	4600	
Barnacle 2 (13%, 8.7 mm)	5080	
Heavy Slime/Streamers <sup>4</sup>	8800	
Heavy Calcareous Fouling <sup>1</sup>	10000	
Values from Schultz (2007) Biofouling 23:331-341		
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# Roughness Wall Function for k-ω Model



- Based on Knopp et al. (2009)
- > The model modifies  $\omega$  to account for transitional roughness values
- User inputs equivalent sand grain roughness  $k_s$
- Log law for smooth wall:  $u^+ = \frac{1}{\kappa} ln(y^+) + C$   $\kappa = 0.41$ ,  $C = 4.9 (\sim 5.1)$ Log law for fully rough wall:
- $\frac{u}{u_{-}} = \frac{1}{\kappa} ln \left( \frac{y}{k_{-}} \right) + B$   $\kappa = 0.41, B = 8.5$  for fully rough (Nikuradse, 1933)

Let  $d_0 = exp(-B\kappa)k_s$  where B depends on the nature of roughness:

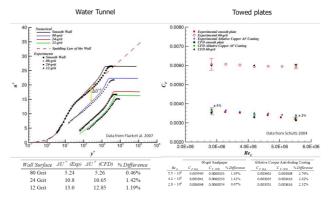
$$B = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 + \frac{1}{n} h(k_x^*) \\ h(k_y^*) \end{bmatrix} - \lim_{k \to \infty} (h/2) + 8.5 \sin(\pi h/2)$$

$$\begin{cases} h(k_x^* / k_{x,x}^*) \\ h(k_{x,x}^* / k_{x,x}^*) \end{cases} \cdot k_{x,x}^* < k_{x,x}^* < k_{x,x}^* \end{cases}$$
Transitional regime
$$h = \begin{cases} 1 & k_x^* > k_{x,x}^* \\ 1 & \text{Fully rough regime} \end{cases}$$

If  $d_0 \ll y$  then the Nikuradse's log law can be written as:  $\frac{u}{u} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \left( \frac{y + d_0}{d_0} \right)$ 

# **Validation of Roughness Model**

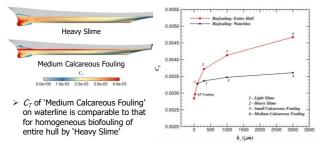




# Heterogeneous Biofouling - Waterline



- > Biofouling is often heavier on a ship's waterline
- > What impact does a fouled waterline have on the total resistance?
- Zone from waterline to 6' deep (23% of total wetted hull area), with a homogeneous distribution of biofouling against a background of 'Light Slime'



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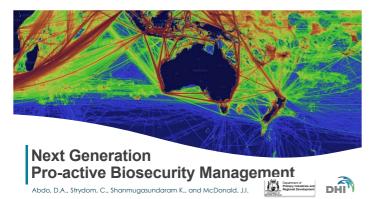
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# Next generation pro-active biosecurity management to mitigate the transfer of harmful aquatic species through biofouling

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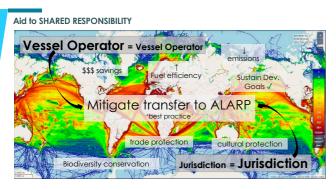
Biofouling is widely recognised as one of the most significant pathways for the introduction of invasive marine species (IMS) that can cause severe social, environmental and economic impacts. Addressing IMS is not only a matter of ensuring the health and integrity of marine ecosystems, but ultimately about safeguarding ecosystem services that sustain the livelihoods of coastal communities across the globe. We describe a global vessel risk assessment portal "Vessel-Check" to aid the maritime industry and governments in identifying actions that can as low as reasonably practicable mitigate the risk of vessels transferring IMS across the world's oceans. Focusing primarily on a vessel's management practices, the portal rapidly and consistently assesses a vessels biofouling management practices to ensure they are sufficient to mitigate the introduction of IMS. The early detection of vessel mediated biofouling risks through Vessel-Check allows for more effective risk management options by both developing countries that have limited capacity to effectively manage IMS risks, as well as developed counties where it can be used to enhance existing practices. Further, increased consistency between biofouling regulators provides certainty and Increased understanding of biofouling risk factors within the maritime industry. Vessel- Check provides the global solution to IMS risk mitigation via shipping; will make direct contributions to the targets set out in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)(e.g. SDGs 13, 14 & 15), and will contribute to Convention on Biological Diversity and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets (e.g. Strategic Goal B, and Aichi Target 9).











# **Vessel-Check - Key Focus Areas**



# Vessel Owner / Operato

- User friendly online solution to capture biofouling information.
- Align with IMO guidelines
- Management reporting & notification
- Integrated processes to request and track cleaning & inspections

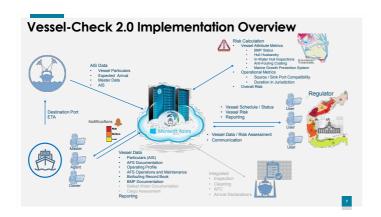
## Biosecurity Risk

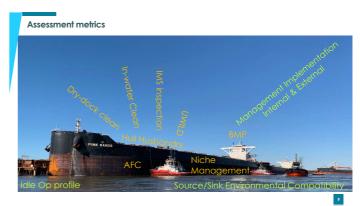
- Consistent and transparent approach to calculate risk

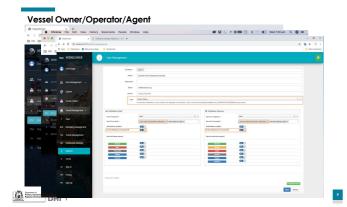
- Ability to track risk history.
- Real-Time risk reporting

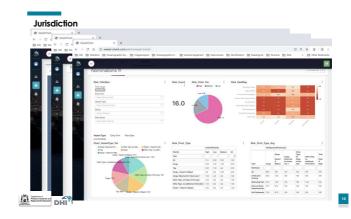
# Regulator

- Integrated with AIS for automated nominations.
- Ability to asses and modify risk assessment / communicate with vessel Real-time risk assessment / Reporting
- Account for various marine biosecurity risks (Biofouling, ballast water and concealment in/on cargo).















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# Digital biofouling risk assessment using big data

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<u>Objectives</u>: The objective of the paper is to demonstrate that digital risk assessments can be used for identifying ships that are likely to be carrying hull fouling. The risk assessment will allow relevant authorities to address the potential biosecurity risks in a proactive manner and to allocate resources effectively. This will benefit the environment by reducing the threat of invasive aquatic species while also facilitating efficient planning of port activities.

Results: The cumulative fouling challenge is obtained based on the historic activity profile of each vessel and the specific environmental conditions encountered during that period. The vessels can then be further examined in terms of biofouling management history to identify whether the fouling challenge has been adequately managed. The fouling challenge of each individual vessel is combined with the effect of the known biofouling management strategy to provide the relative risk a vessel poses in terms of the transport of hull fouling species. This paper presents a comparison between the output of a digital risk assessment system (PortShield) compared to the underwater hull condition of a range of commercial vessels. The condition of the underwater hull of the vessels was determined by visual inspections.

<u>Conclusions:</u> The case studies carried out to date indicate that risk assessment systems can effectively identify and rank vessels in terms of the risk of transporting hull fouling species. Such systems can be an effective low- cost solution for remotely monitoring and managing biosecurity risks associated with hull-borne species.

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# Two Complementary Approaches to Biofouling Risk Management



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# Prioritising vessels for greater scrutiny - down selection



**Risk Indicator** 

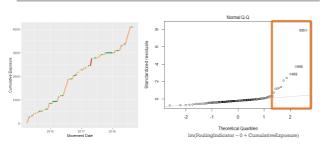
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# Exposure allows us to compare the relative rating of fouling environment experienced by vessels

- Exposure is a measure reflecting the environment a vessel is exposed to during operation
- · Takes into account productivity and environmental conditions
- · Activity and speed of a vessel as well as location from AIS data
- Over 1000 vessel fouling inspections extracted
- Distribution of vessel observations analysed

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# Identifying outliers to expected operation and exposure is vital to prioritising vessels



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# **Main Coating Related Assumptions**

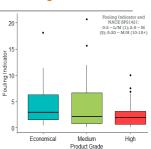
# Types of Coating Technologies

- Grouped by long-term expected performance based on type of technology, biocides content and packages (if applicable), etc
- New technologies/products conservative view until sufficient in-service track record
- Long-term in-service performance being analysed to inform coating technologies expected performance assumptions – continuous process.

## Impact of Extended Static Periods (ESPs)

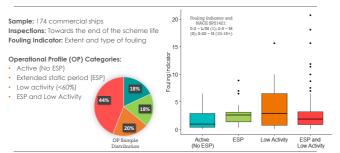
 Assumed that any ESP not followed by a wellexecuted hull intervention neutralises the fouling mitigating effect of the coating

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# **Risk Indicator: Preliminary Results**



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# Case study 1 - Extended Static Period



# Case study 2 – Low Activity



# Case study 3 – Low Risk



# Conclusions and Future Work

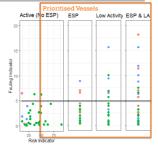
## Conclusions:

- Lower activity and extended static periods have a significant impact on fouling
- Coating effect is evident
  Digital risk assessments can be an
  effective tool for prioritising vessels
- Calibration work: ongoing

- Future Work:

   Stratification by operational profiles

   Effect of hull husbandry events
- Niche areas and the impact on risk



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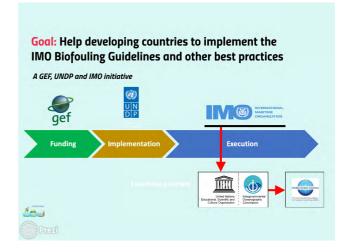
# Overview of the GEF-UNDP-IMO GloFouling Partnerships Project

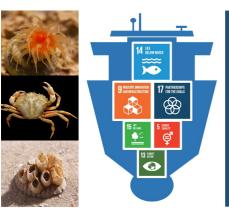
The GloFouling Partnerships project is a new collaboration between the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and IMO, focused on helping developing countries to prevent the transfer of non-indigenous species which can build up on ships' hulls and other mobile marine structures. Apart from shipping, the GloFouling Partnerships will also address other maritime industries, such as ocean renewable energy, aquaculture, ocean instruments, offshore oil and gas and deep-sea mining. The project includes implementing partners such as the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO and the World Ocean Council. During its first eight months of existence, the GloFouling project has already set in motion a number of initiatives at the global, regional and national level, that are expected to help increase the implementation of the IMO Biofouling Guidelines and other relevant best practices for biofouling management.





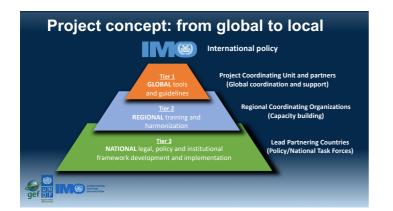














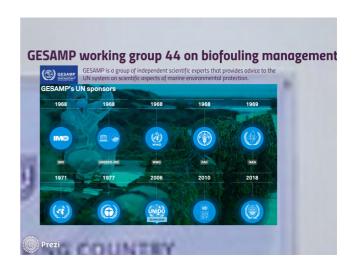


Our progress so far and next steps

























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# Threat of the Invasive Alien Species (IAS) introduced through biofouling in Sri Lankan Waters

Biofouling on vessels is considered as an important mechanism for the inadvertent transfer of nonindigenous marine species around the world. The risk of invasive species introduced through the vessel fouling has a significant impact on developing island nation such as Sri Lanka which import and export mainly rely on shipping and economy vastly rely on the marine environment and maritime industries. However, the impact of invasive alien species and control measures so far has not studied well and understood in developing countries. This paper describes presently available introduced fouling species in commercial ports in Sri Lanka and control measures adopted to prevent this nature invasion. The biological port baseline surveys were carried out in four commercial ports in Sri Lanka namely Colombo, Hambantota, Galle and Trincomalee to identify introduced fouling species. Eight known invasive biofouling species namely Musculista senhousia, Balanus amphitrite, Elminius modestus, Mytilus galloprovicialis, Perna viridis, Crassostrea gigas, Ostrea edulis, and Carcinus maena recorded from the Colombo port. The second-highest number, six species of biofouling invasive species recorded from Trincomalee Galle port. Five known invasive species were recorded from the Hambantota port. However, further studies are being carried out to evaluate the invasiveness of the above species. So far, the impact of marine invasive species is not well studied and well understood. Any of the high-level policies or strategies have not adopted to control the introduction and dispersion of biofouling related invasive species, add-hock measures such as the prohibition of underwater hull cleaning. More comprehensive and stringent policies and strategies should be adopted in line with the regulatory regime and best management practices to prevent the spreading of these silent invaders of the sea to protect Biosecurity and to ensure the sustainability of the marine environment-related industries.

# Threat of the Invasive Alien Species (IAS) introduced through biofouling in Sri Lankan waters

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# **Outlines**

- Background
- · Port baseline survey project and result
- Control measures and way forward

# **Background**

# GEOGRAPHICAL IMPORTANCE FOR SHIPPING

- ☐ Sri Lanka Located at Strategic location in the Indian ocean- central point of the east and west.
- ☐ One of the busiest international shipping lanes pass through the Southern coast of Sri Lanka just 5 nm from land



# **Close to major shipping routes**



# India Maritime Zones Maritime from Seasoline (Sq.)Km) Territorial 12 21700 Sea Contiguous 24 22600 Zone EEZ/PPZ 200 465800

Maritimes Zones of Sri Lanka

and Pollution Prevention Zone





# **Fishing Activities**

- More than 2000 Multiday boats and these boats are fishing international waters
- Heavy threat of fouling organism introduction through hull fouling





# Shipping activities development and threat marine

- Development shipping activities pose a high risk on bio security
- This matter has not considered as priority issue. Terrestrial invasive species are well known, impacts are visible
- Legislations and other mechanisms are available
- Marine Invasive species are not studied well, impact not visible and no legislation and control mechanism.

  The country is lacking information regarding not only IAS but also highly needed baseline data in the marine environment.

# Port Biological baseline survey project

- · conduct biological surveys to review the existing marine biological characteristics of the selected ports.
- evaluate the taxonomic composition of the biota to identify native species and species that may have been introduced.
- investigate for globally known marine invasive species in the



# Plankton sampling and analysis

• Horizontal phytoplankton samples were collected using a 20 µm mesh size plankton net.



 Horizontal phytoplankton samples were collected using a 100 µm mesh size plankton



# Mobile and Sessile fauna

Mobile and sessile fauna

- the shallow areas with the naked eye and from photographs.
- · Qualitative data were collected by underwater visual senses through snorkeling and SCUBA diving using underwater photographs
- At selected sub sites, 25m of Video transect method was conducted to record sessile benthic characteristics
- Additional Sampling techniques –Fishery net s and baited traps



# Hard Substrate (Fouling) fauna and flora & Benthic fauna

Hard Substrate (Fouling) Fauna &

- roral reefs piles, banks, submerged structures, breakwaters and rock-wall facings, other rocky surfaces, floating devices and boat hulls using a locally fabricated scraper with a long arm. Also deployed settlement plates
- High depth samples were collected with the assistance of SCUBA divers.
- Still photographs were taken using an underwater camera before the scraping of samples.
- Samples were collected in to plastic bottles and plastic zip bags and preserved in 70% alcohol for further analysis and identification.

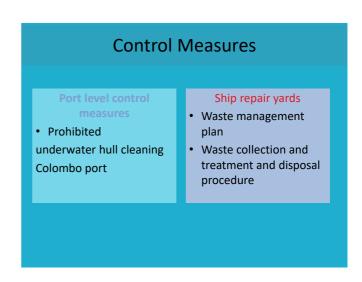
- Sediment samples were collected using bottom dredges and grab sampler.
- Collected samples were placed in a plastic sealer bags and preserved with 4% formalin and stored in a refrigerated at 4 °C until further analysis.



Invasive species found in surveys			
Port	No of invasive species (fouling)	species ( fouling)	
Colombo		Musculista senhousia –Asian date mussel Balanus Amphitrite- Stripped Barnacles Elminius modestus - Australia acorn barnacle Mytilus galloprovicialis – Mediterranean mussel Perna viridis - Asian Green Mussel Crassostrea gigas - pacific Oyster Ostrea edulis -European flat oyster	
Galle	4	Perna viridis- Asian green mussel Crassostrea gigas- Pacific Oyster Balanus Amphitrite -Stripped Barnacles Clathria prolifera – Red beard sponge	
		Halamas entrolates  Halamas entrolates  Halamas entrolates	

Port	invasive species ( fouling)	Species -Fouling	
Trinco	5	Perna viridis- Asian Green Mussel Crassostrea gigas- Pacific Oyster Ostrea edulis -European Flat Oyster Balanus Amphitrite- Stripped Barnacles Clathria prolifera- Red beard sponge	
Hamban ota	8	Rapana venosa -Asian Rapa whelk Phallusia nigra —Black sea Squirt Perna perna - Brown Mussel Brachidontes pharaonis - mussel Balanus Amphitrite- Stripped Barnacles	
Cla	thria prolifera	Balanus reticulates – Reticulated striped barnacl Balanus trigonus – Tringle barnacle Schizoporella errata- Encrusting bryozoan	











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# Assessment of national publications on Biofouling/Bioinvasion in Brazil

A survey of bibliography of Brazil using key words and Impact factor was done on biofouling/bioinvasion. No studies addressing economic and social aspects related to the biofouling were observed. Bioinvasion studies were concentrated in descriptive works, with lack of environmental and economic impact assessment.





# Assessment of national publication on Biofouling/Bioinvasion in Brazil

Ricardo Coutinho Instituto de Estudos do Mar Almirante Paulo Moreira (IEAPM)

> 1st GEF-UNDP-IMO GloFouling R&D Forum and Exhibition on Biofouling Management, 1-4 October, Melbourne, Australia

# Objective

Make a survey of scientific publication of Brazil on biofouling/bioinvasion in order to establish priority on the development of this area

**Biofouling Brazilian Navy** 

## Main questions

How to define which research should be developed in biofouling and bioinvasion in Brazil?

What is the state of the art of biofouling and bioinvasion research in Brazil?

Which areas should be prioritized?

How to convince the Brazilian government to support these areas of research?

# Methodology:

- Bibliographical survey by keyword.
- Quality analysis by classification of Impact Index or Journal Citation Research

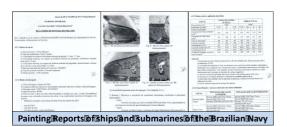
# Historical of fouling control : Brazilian Navy

Biofouling research carried out by the Institute of Marine Studies Admiral Paulo Moreira (IEAPM) included :

- a manual for fouling species identification
- a database to store all the information about fouling presence in the ship hull
- Development of a tool for an evaluation of the performance of commercial antifouling systems (AFS).



- From 1983 to 2007, we analyzed 320 Painting Reports of ships and submarines of the Brazilian Navy
- Over the years, several aspects were integrated for best practices, such as the evaluations the operational profile of the vessels and the environmental parameters of the anchoring areas of navy vessels.



- From 1997 to 2008, we report the fouling occurring in 57 vessels of the Brazilian Navy (BN)
- including mainly Patrol Ships, Corvettes, Frigates and Submarines,
- In specific reports for each vessel, the antifouling effectiveness of the paints applied to the hulls was evaluated.



In addition to the results obtained in the paint reports, several ship hulls were sampled during the docking period and we did the survey of fouling species







2003 Between and 2004, IEAPM tested 10 new paints from 6 companies, with the aim of replacing the Tributil Tin (TBT) biocide, which was banned because highly toxic to the environment



Experimental structure with plates with 10 TBT inks tested in Guanabara Bay, RJ



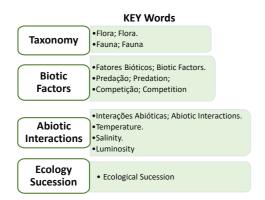
Plates with efficient formulations antifouling performance after 2 years of testing in Guanabara Bay

Since 2007, the IEAPM has been testing new anti-fouling paints without TBT manufactured by different companies, aiming to homologate the most efficient formulations to be used by the ships and submarines of the Brazilian Navy

Paints tested in Guanabara Bay and in the IEAPM experiment site at Arraial do Cabo City, (better anti-fouling performances)



**Biofouling results** 





Base de dados	Palavra Chave	Português	Inglês
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# Exclusion Criteria

- Non-marine biofouling
- Natural products
- Aspects not related to the theme of Biofouling

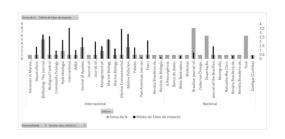
Total number of studies: 67



# Assessment of economic and social impacts of biofouling

Just 5 articles addressed economic and social aspects related to the biofouling were identified  $\,$ 

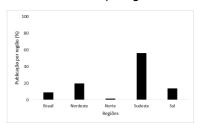
# Number of publication /impact factor of journal



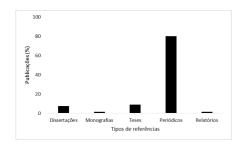
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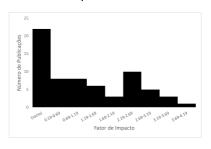
# Publication per region



# Type of publication



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# Bioinvasion Survey

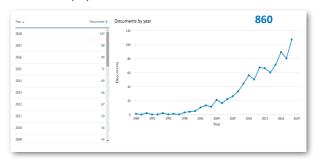
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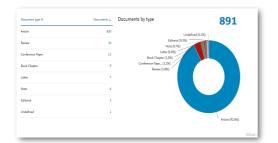
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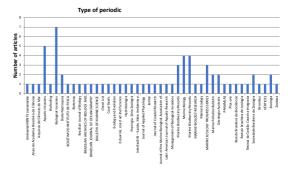
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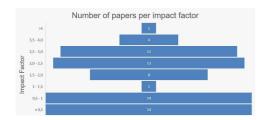


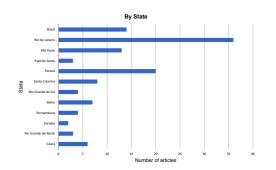
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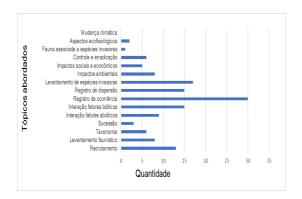


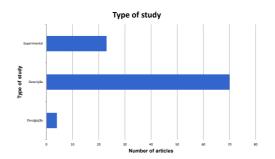












#### Some conclusions

We need to improve the studies about economic and environment impact assessment in both: biofouling and Bioinvasion

Marine bioinvasion is a recent science in Brazil - (first work of our survey is from 2004)

Most Biofouling studies are concentrated in the Brazilian Navy (IEAPM)

Higher number of papers concentrated in the Southeast and South regions of the country

Tubastrea coccínea and Isognomon bicolor are the main species studied, but other species should also be

 $Most\ descriptive\ works, however, the number\ of\ experimental\ works\ has\ been\ growing\ in\ recent\ years$ (since 2006)

No studies evaluating invasive species in scenarios of climate change in Brazil and environmental DNA delay in relation to other countries  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{2}$ 

GloFouling Program may help Increase Biofouling and Bioinvasion studies





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#### State of knowledge of non-indigenous marine species along Peruvian waters

The introduction of invasive and non-indigenous species (NIS) species by vessel hull fouling constitutes a threat to ecosystems and economic activities in coastal areas. This paper presents a diagnosis of the current status of knowledge on NIS along the Peruvian coast and provides information about national regulations. With respect to other latitudes, the finding of NIS in the Peruvian sea is still scarce, which could be explained by the regional oceanographic conditions, as well as the lack of studies in this topic. There has been deliberate introductions of three marine species for cultivation purposes ("turbot" Scophthalmus maximus, "Pacific oyster" Crassostrea gigas, and "red abalone" Haliotis rufescens), and also an accidental introduction of the green seaweed Caulerpa filiformis during bivalve aquaculture activities, leading to an expansion of the distribution range of this algae and adverse effects in this industry. Other NIS observed so far, include barnacles, ascidians, polychaetes, bryozoans and macroalgae, among other taxa reported in publications, and recently observed during different research projects. IMO Biofouling Guidelines have not yet been implemented and National regulations are in early stage, based on a National Strategy on Biological Diversity and a List of Invasive Alien Species. We conclude that it is urgent to establish scientific guidelines and strengthen the national regulatory framework to avoid the possible impact of NIS introductions by biofouling in the Peruvian marine ecosystem.



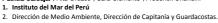
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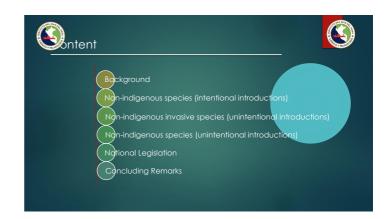


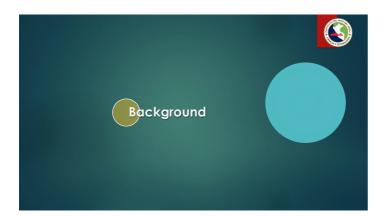
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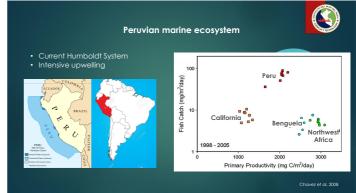


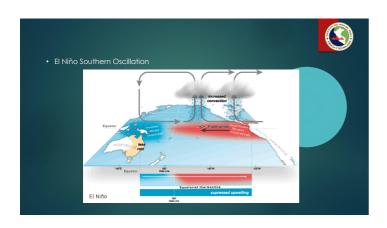


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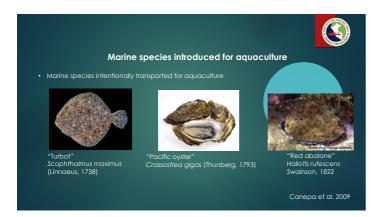


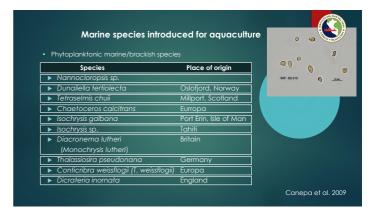




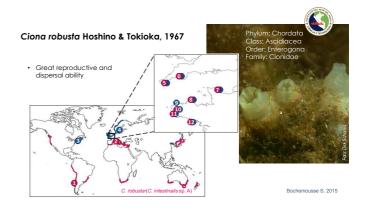


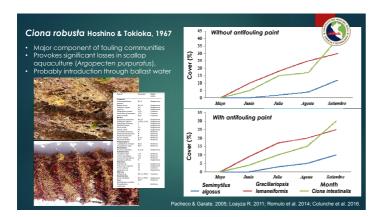






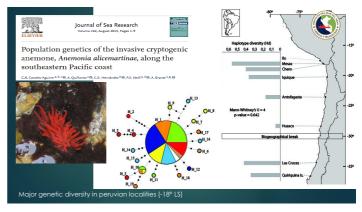


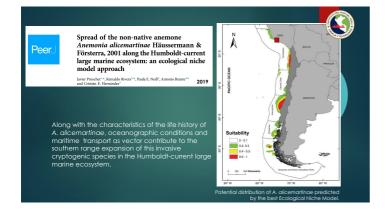




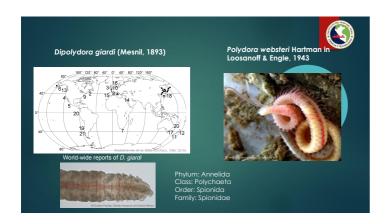


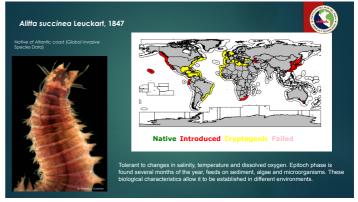


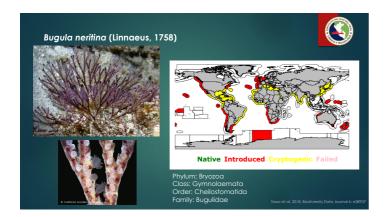




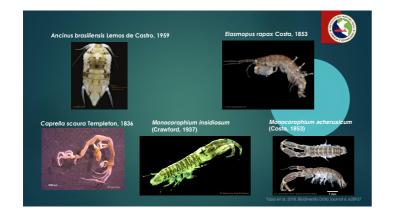




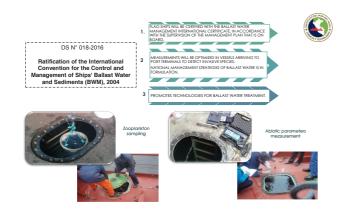


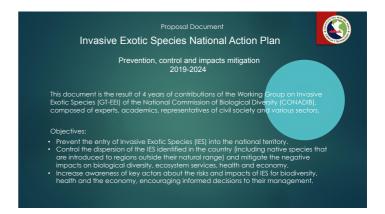






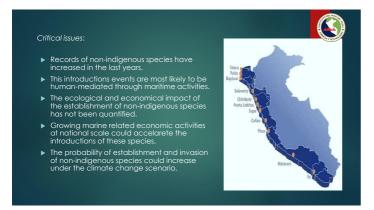




















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The Pollution Adviser role involves strategic programme and project coordination, implementation and management. Particularly with respect to the management of terrestrial and marine pollution under the overarching framework of the Integrated Waste and Pollution Management Strategy 2016- 2025 (Cleaner Pacific 2025) and Pacific Oceans Pollution Prevention Programme (PACPOL) Strategy 2015-2020 in the Waste Management and Pollution Control Programme at SPREP.

Part of this role is managing the marine environment protection aspect of the International Maritime Organization Technical Cooperation Programme in the region as well as being the custodian of the Pacific Regional Marine Spill Contingency Plan (PACPLAN). Both of these roles assist countries in responding to marine oil spills. Another large part of the role is implementing the Pacific Marine Litter Strategy and Action Plan (in draft) as part of the UN Environment Regional Seas and Global Partnership on Marine Litter addressing marine plastics both from marine as well as terrestrial sources. The other part of the role involves implementing the regional strategy to address shipping related invasive marine pests in the Pacific islands (SRIMP-Pac) in collaboration with the IMO. On a day to day basis the role involves providing technical advice, support and assistance to member countries particularly with regards to funding and resourcing that addresses oil, hazardous chemicals, marine debris and plastics, as well as ship sourced pollution.

Anthony has an engineering background. He has been at SPREP for the last 10 years and previous to that, 10 years in the oil industry with Shell company.

#### Working towards a strategic regional strategy for addressing invasive aquatic species

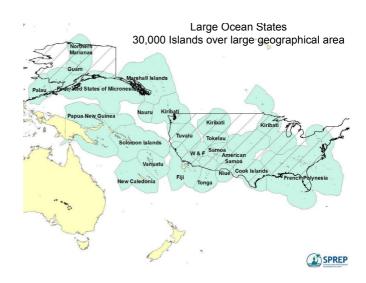
In a region with 98% covered by ocean, with over 12Million people, 21 Pacific island countries and territories, 30million square kilometres the ocean is more important to the Pacific islanders than the global average. As such the health of the marine environment is fundamental to the health of all aspects of the entire Pacific island region. Invasive aquatic species (IAS) is a major concern for Pacific islands. There are 2 vectors in which IAS are brought into the Pacific region through aquaculture and through shipping by ballast water and hull bio-fouling with hull bio-fouling being the greatest threat. The Pacific is a net exporter of ballast water.

SPREP has a regional strategy to address shipping related invasive marine pests in the Pacific region (SRIMP- Pac) that was adopted by the SPREP Meeting in 2006. Although the strategy is dated the strategy identifies several priorities for the region that are still valid. These priorities will be addressed in the GloFouling project through SPREP as a regional coordinating organisation (RCO) and Fiji and Tonga as pilot lead countries.



#### **Working Towards a Strategic Regional** Strategy for Addressing Invasive Aquatic **Species**

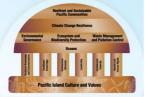
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#### **About SPREP**

Strategic Plan 2017 - 2026



- · Region's primary intergovernmental environmental organisation
- Promotes cooperation and provides assistance in environmental protection and improvement in the Pacific islands region
- 26 Member governments 21 Pacific island countries and territories: 5 metropolitan countries (Australia, France, NZ, UK, USA)



#### Pacific Leader's Decisions



- ➤ Climate Change is the single biggest critical issue facing the Pacific
- ➤ Recognise importance of waste and Pollution management for the Blue Pacific



#### **Current Work**

- · Invasive Species is a key component of SPREPs work
- · Leadership of invasives shared by SPC/SPREP
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# Invasive Species Focal Area SPREP Strategy 2017-2026

#### **Strategy Vision**

Significantly reduce the socioeconomic and ecological impact of invasive species on land and water ecosystems and control or eradicate priority species.



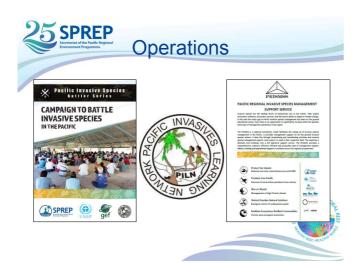


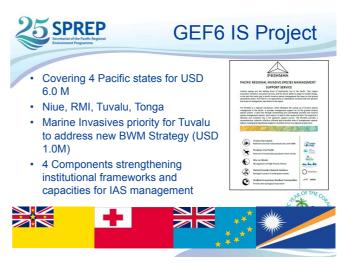
#### **Pacific Thematic Priorities**

- · Institutional Arrangements
- Legislation and Regulation
- · Communication and Awareness
- Risk Assessment
- · Surveys and Monitoring
- Port State Control
- · Ballast Sediment Management
- · Training and Capacity Building
- · Incursion Response and Control
- Transit Shipping
- Information Management













- SPREP RCO
- · Fiji & Tonga LPC
- Regional Workshop June 2019
- BWM, AFS, GloFouling
- National inception workshops June 2019

















- Low Carbon Transportation
- GMN 5 Centre's
- · Collecting Data from 7 PICs
- · Centers in 2 PICs Fiji & Samoa
- Energy Efficiency Ship Operations, Solar, propeller fin cap
- Reduction 40% by 2030, work towards 100% by 2050







#### Other Projects

• EDF11 PacWaste Plus



**USD 19 M** 

Aust. POLP



**AUD 16 M** 

France AFD



EURO 3 M

• Japan JPRISM2



USD 10 M

• GEF7 ISLANDS





USD 20 M





### Summary

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- Hull Fouling, GHG, AFS
- Integrated Holistic Approach Review of regional strategies





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#### ROVing Around Marinas: Utility of Mini ROVs in Biofouling Management

Recognising the potential threat of non-indigenous marine species to the region's economy and natural systems, Auckland Council has instituted a programme of regular hull surveys of biofouling on recreational and small commercial vessels. The main aim of this surveillance programme is to capture the current state of hull biofouling across the region's marinas and mooring areas to inform ongoing management. Surveillance was conducted on behalf of the Council by Ramboll in the southern summer of 2019 and will be repeated during the summer of 2019/2020. Over 600 vessels were examined from March to May 2019 using a combination of diver and remote-operated vehicle (ROV) surveys. The dive team, highly experienced in biofouling assessments with several thousand spot surveys conducted over the last few years, focussed on operations at mooring areas and anchorages, while Ramboll's biosecurity scientists used a BlueROV2 to survey vessels in marinas. In this presentation we discuss and compare the usefulness and limitations of using this ROV and diver inspections for biosecurity hull surveillance in New Zealand marinas.



1 The efficiency of the ROV vs divers

The project – vessel hull surveillance in Auckland

05 Final thoughts

1 The utility of the mini ROV







The current state of hull biofouling across the region

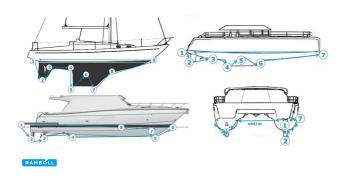
Biofouling on recreational and small commercial vessels

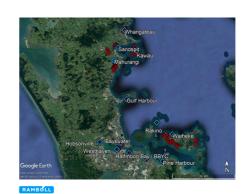
Marinas, moorings, anchorages

Level of Fouling (LoF) on vessel hulls

609 vessel inspections







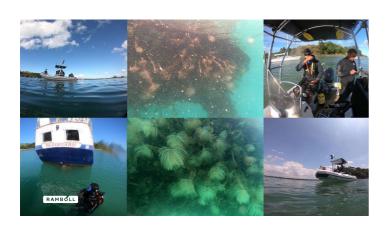






















Small size and low weight
Easy to learn and use

Unlikely to see inside some types of niche areas



Portable, rapid mobilisation Video/still records

1 Influenced by currents and passing vessels



Needs only 2 people for operation
Easy to move between sites





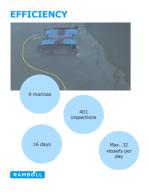
Good resolution on flat hulls and some niche areas BUT



Not yet tested in open water or on vessels larger than 25 m

















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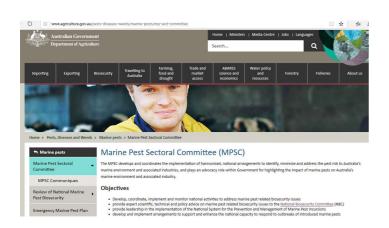
Michael is currently the Managing Director of the private consulting company Aquatic Biosecurity Pty Ltd. He is National Secretary for the Australasian Institute of Marine Surveyors AIMS, a RecFishSA Board Director and S.A. State Manager for OzFish Fisheries Habitat development programs. Previously Michael was employed as Marine Biosecurity Manager for the South Australian Government with a focus on fisheries, maritime and the environment where he was elected Chair of the national Marine Pest Sectoral Committee MPSC. He currently undertakes biofouling inspections, marine surveying, commercial diving and fisheries habitat restoration projects here and internationally. He also likes candlelit dinners and long walks on the beach.

#### Neat and innovative biofouling treatment options that actually work

An informative talk on innovative real time examples in poisoning, dissolving, encapsulating, burning and blowing marine pests up including 5 different tools to kill oysters. These have been applied mostly with success and sometime on vessels.















Type of organism	Species	Treatment	Conditions to achieve LD <sub>100</sub>	Reference	
Macroalgae: sporophytes and gametophytes	Undaria pinnatifida	Freshwater immersion	8 hours @ 18 °C 10 mins @ 35 °C 45 secs @ 45 °C 05 secs @ 55 °C	(Forrest & Blakemore 2006) (Gunthorpe et al. 2001)	
		Acetic acid (4%)	1 min.	(Forrest & Blakemore 2006) (Forrest et al. 2007)	
		Air drying	3 days @ 10 °C (55-85% humidity) 1 day @ 20 °C (55-85% humidity) 8 weeks @ 10 °C (> 95% humidity) 6 weeks @ 20 °C (> 95% humidity)	(Forrest & Blakemore 2006)	
		Bleach solution a	1 hour @ 2% concentration	(Gunthorpe et al. 2001)	
		Detergent (DECON 90) b	> 30 mins @ 2% concentration > 18 °C	(Gunthorpe et al. 2001)	
Crabs and other decapod crustaceans	Carcinus maenas	Bleach solution a	4 hours @ 2% concentration	(Gunthorpe et al. 2001)	
		Detergent (DECON 90) b	> 8 hours @ 2% solution > 18 °C	(Gunthorpe et al. 2001)	
Bivalve molluscs	Mytilopsis sallei	Water temperature	120 mins ⊕ 40 °C 30 mins ⊕ 50 °C 30 mins ⊕ 60 °C	(Bax et al. 2002)	
		Copper sulphate	38 hours @ 1 mg/L	(Bax et al. 2002)	
		Chlorine	111 hours @ 12 mg/L chlorine 90 hours @ 24 mg/L chlorine	(Bax et al. 2002)	
		Chlorine/copper sulphate solution	48 hours @ 12 mg/L chlorine, followed by 48 hours @ 1 mg/L copper	(Bax et al. 2002)	
	Perma viridis	Water temperature	5 hours @ 39 °C 30 mins @ 60 °C	(Azanza et al. 2005) (Rajagopal et al. 2003b)	
		Chlorine	48 hours @ 10-15 mg/L chlorine	(Rajagopal et al. 2003a)	
Sea stars	Asterias amurensis	Bleach solution a	1 hour @ 2% concentration	(Gunthorpe et al. 2001)	
		Detergent (DECON 90) b	> 2 hours @ > 18 °C	(Gunthorpe et al. 2001)	
		Quicklime	2 weeks	(Goggin 1998)	
		Freshwater immersion	> 2 hours immersion @ > 18 °C (Gunthorpe et al. 20		
Ascidians	Styrela clava	Air-drying	> 7 days @ ambient temperature	(Coutts & Forrest 2005)	
		Freshwater immersion	> 24 hours @ ambient temperature	(Coutts & Forrest 2005)	











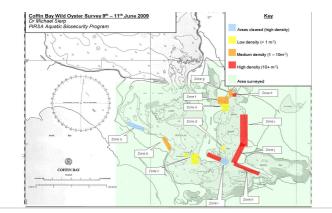


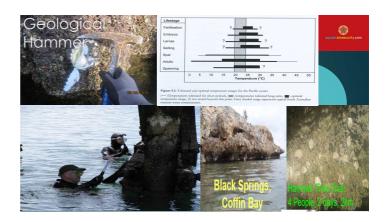


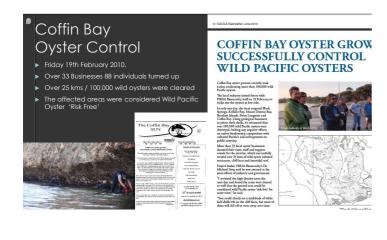




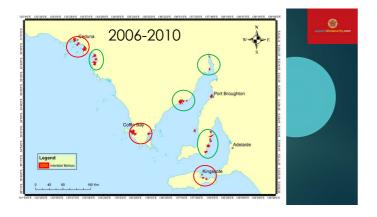


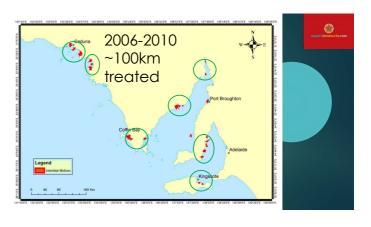


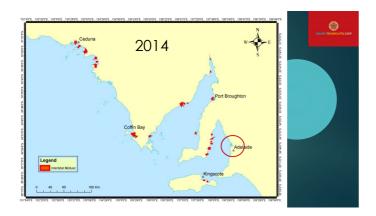










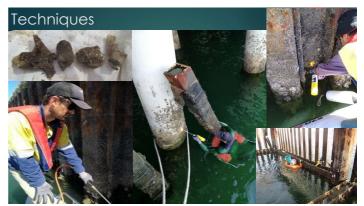
















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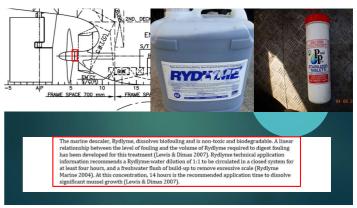
55KM CLEARED

NO FURTHER POMS INFECTION IN OTHER REGIONS 2018 -2019





















AGNESE MARCHINI
Senior researcher
University of Pavia, Italy

Agnese Marchini graduated in Biology in 2000 and obtained a PhD in Experimental Ecology in 2004 at the University of Pavia, Italy, with a study about fouling communities in the Lagoon of Venice.

She has been a visiting fellow at the University of Aveiro, Portugal, where she trained on taxonomy of marine amphipods, and a post-doc fellow at the Universities of Pavia and Ferrara, Italy, where she participated to several national and international projects. In particular, she has worked on benthos collected from man-modified habitats (ports, marinas, lagoons) of the Mediterranean Sea, Red Sea, Macaronesia and North-Eastern Atlantic, and has gained a vast experience on nonindigenous species occurring in the fouling communities. Since November 2016, Agnese Marchini is Senior Researcher in Ecology at the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Pavia, where she supervises PhD and master theses and internships for incoming international students.

She has served as a reviewer for 40 international journals of ecology, marine biology, environmental monitoring, modelling and management, as well as for national and international funding programs. She is member of several scientific boards, including the Working Group on Invasive Alien Species (WGIAS) of the European Commission's Directorate General for Environment (DG Environment); the "Allochtonous species group" of the Italian Society of Marine Biology (SIBM), where she has been coordinator of the Horizon Scanning Exercise on marine alien species for Italy. Agnese Marchini has authored or co-authored 60 peer-reviewed articles and four book chapters; her researches have been presented at 70 scientific conferences. Her researches are covered by several national and international newspapers and she also writes educational articles for Italian magazines and blogs.

## Fouling on recreational boats as a major spreading vector of non-indigenous species in the Mediterranean Sea

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This is the first large-scale study addressing the spreading of non-indigenous species (NIS) on recreational boats in the Mediterranean Sea, which is both the global hotspot for marine bioinvasions and a highly- attended destination for boating traffic. We collected fouling invertebrates from 50 marinas spanning 7 countries from Spain to Turkey, and from about 600 boat hulls, also interviewing their owners.

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The surveyed marinas had between 2 and 27 NIS, whose richness was related to sea surface temperature, number of berths, proximity to Suez Canal, aquaculture sites or commercial harbours, absence of pontoons, biogeographic sector and climate type. Interestingly, 71% of sampled hulls, including those that had recently been cleaned professionally, hosted from 1 to 11 NIS. Boats with high NIS richness strongly correlated to home marinas with high NIS richness. The surveyed boaters travelled considerably (on average, 67 travel days and 7.5 visited marinas per year), showing high potential for spreading NIS.



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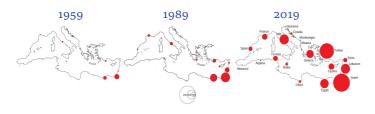


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... and about 800 multicellular marine NIS





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## The reality

- Very initial phase of biofouling monitoring
- No biofouling prevention
- No biofouling control





#### Recreational Boating in the Med



- 20% global boat fleet (about 1.5 millions boats)
- world leader of global super yacht production (Italy)
- numerous boatyard / haulout facilities



### Understanding the role of recreational boating as vector of NIS introduction and dispersal

- Understanding the role of recreational marinas as 'hotspots' of introduction
- Identifying the factors that correlate with high NIS richness and NIS composition in marinas
- Investigating biofouling on Mediterranean recreational boats, with a focus on NIS
- · Understanding the patterns of recreational boating in the Mediterranean (interviews)
- Understanding level of awareness of boaters on





## Methods

- Ports surveyed by modified rapid assessments /
- Boat hulls surveyed by snorkeling/dive/at the boatyard
- · Questionnaires submitted to boat owners regarding
- travel history
- maintanance
- · Species identification\* and NIS assessment

\* only macrofauna; no algae, no unicellular taxa







#### Methods

#### **Abiotic factors:**

- Environmental factors- salinity, sea surface temperature on sampling date, Koppen-Geiger climate classification, primary productivity, chlorophyll concentrations, biogeographic sector,
- Marina factors- # berths, marina size, total pier length, presence of shipyard, enclosement length, presence of floating pontoons,
- · Proximity to other vectorsaquaculture, commercial harbours, Suez Canal





## Study area(s)

- 50 marinas sampled between 2012 and 2016
- 7 countries: Spain, France, Italy, Malta, Greece, Cyprus, Turkey
- 2 PhD students







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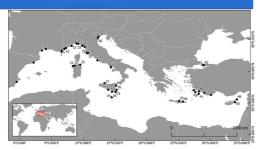
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- North-western Italy + Sardinia
- 5 harbours + nearby marinas





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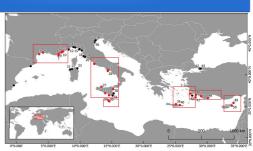
- 2) Abiotic factors correlated to NIS richness and composition in marinas
- Whole dataset: 50 marinas & their abiotic factors



### Study area(s)

### 3) NIS occurrence on boat hulls

- 6 countries
- 25 marinas
- ~ 25 boaters interviewed **per marina** and hulls inspected underwater
- ~ 600 boats interviews and boat samples collected

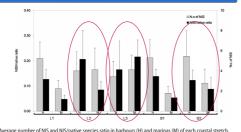




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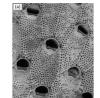


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Taylor & Francis

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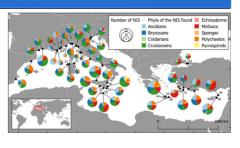
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Species	%	Species	%	
Styela plicata	74	Branchiomma bairdi	30	
Hydroides elegans	66	Paraleucilla magna	24	
Amathia verticillata	62	Ascidiella aspersa	22	
Caprella scaura	58	Arcuatula senhousia	22	
Celleporaria brunnea	52	Watersipora arcuata	18	
Paranthura japonica	52	Ciona robusta	16	
Brachidontes pharaonis	34	Tricellaria inopinata	16	
Hydroides dirampha	32	Stenothoe georgiana	16	
Mesanthura romulea	30	Dendostrea folium	16	
Paracerceis sculpta	30	Magallana gigas	16	

The most widespread NIS found in marinas (% of marina distribution).

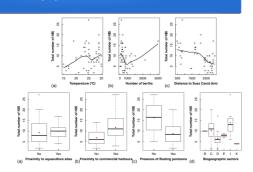
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Cleaning mode: D=dry; IW=in water



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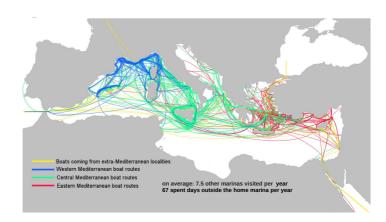
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0.006	0.001	<.001	28.72
0.015	0.004	<.001	17.88
-0.016	0.006	<.01	11.77
0.006	0.003	<.05	10.75
0.003	0.001	<.05	10.52
0.001	0.001	<.05	9.73
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Alien species spreading via biofouling on recreational vessels in

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1) Awareness







z-Laiz et al., 2019. Marine Pollution Bulletin



## Management challenges

- 2) Monitoring





Standard protocols, taxonomy skills



## Management challenges

- 3) Prevention 4) Control





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Monitoring marine alien species in ports with the SERC protocol







# FOULING ON RECREATIONAL BOATS AS A MAJOR SPREADING VECTOR OF NON-INDIGENOUS SPECIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

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- is frequently a member of the Danish delegation to the MEPC as technical advisor;
- has on several occasions been consultant to the IMO Marine Division; and
- he was for three years a member of the GESAMP ballast water working group

Frank has a professional background as researcher at the Danish National Environmental Research Institute (1990-1996), and senior consultant and chief project manager at the consultancy company COWI (1996-2005). He was later responsible for R&D as Head of Innovation at DHI Denmark until 2007 when he founded LITEHAUZ. He has published a dozen well cited academic papers.

#### A baseline study of the occurrence of non-indigenous species in Danish harbours

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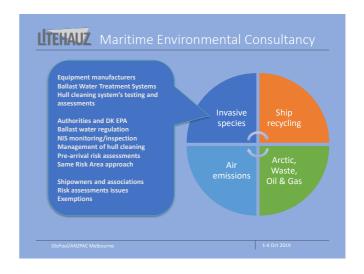
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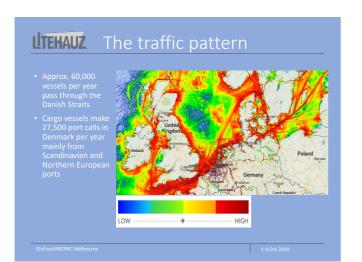
We report the first nation-wide study of the occurrence of non-indigenous species (NIS) in Danish harbours. The sampling was carried out using both conventional and biomolecular methods (eDNA) pursuing two main objectives: to monitor NIS in 16 main commercial harbours and to assess the applicability of eDNA in NIS monitoring. The two largest harbours in Denmark, Esbjerg and Aarhus, were covered with intensive sampling and 14 harbours with a reduced programme. The eDNA programme covered 20 species with a species-specific operational test system (qPCR) and the conventional sampling programme included grab samples for water and sediments, plankton nets, traps, fouling plates, scrape poles, fish nets, and visual observations by snorkelling.

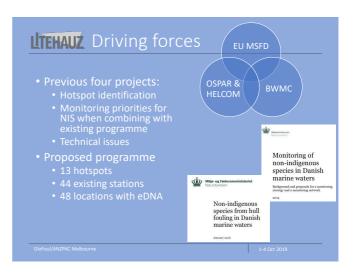
Using conventional sampling 26 NIS were recorded and 13 NIS were recorded using eDNA-based methods, in total 34 NIS excluding overlaps. The eDNA could be applied in all ports (although suspended solids impaired detection limits in Esbjerg), and while eDNA can obviously only report on the species targeted, eDNA results are in agreement with conventional sampling: Rare species are not found, the four fresh water species are not found in the brackish-saline waters sampled and five common species are found by both methods.

Based on the results, we conclude the following on NIS in Danish harbours: 1) more non-indigenous species are found in the western parts of Denmark (North Sea region) than in the eastern parts (Baltic Sea), and 2) two new NIS in Danish marine areas were recorded, i.e. the two bristle worms *Eteone heteropoda* (fam. Phyllodocidae) and *Streblospio benedicti* (fam. Spionidae). Regarding the applicability of biomolecular methods, we provide a proof-of-concept of the eDNA-based test systems developed for NIS monitoring. The results constitute a baseline for future studies in Danish ports and other hotspot areas.

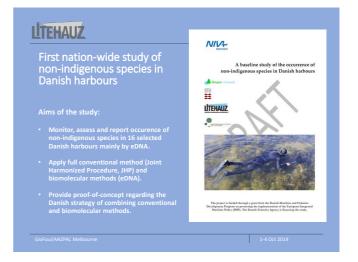






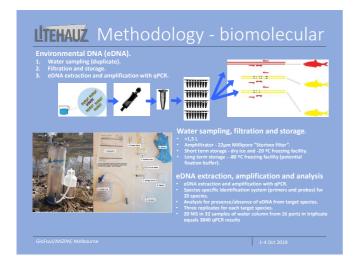


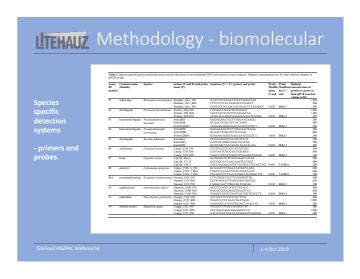


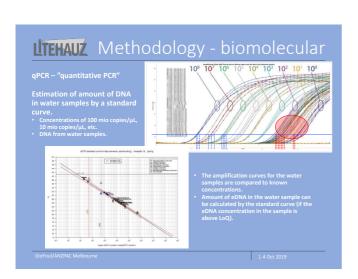


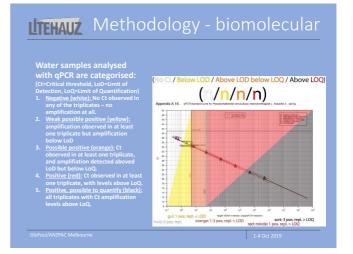


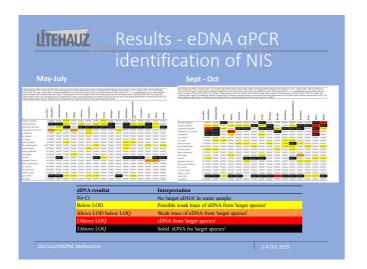


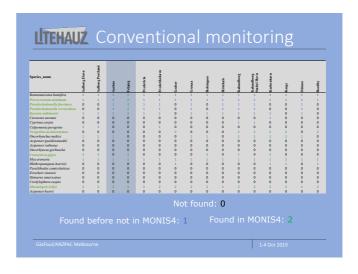


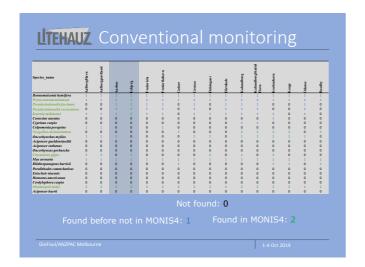


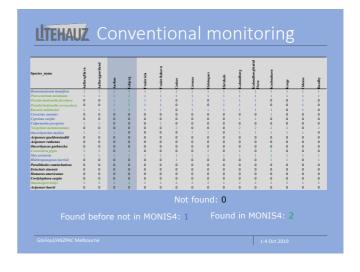


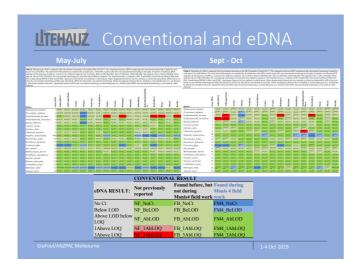


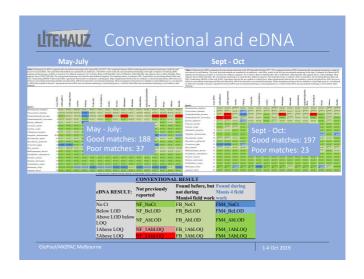


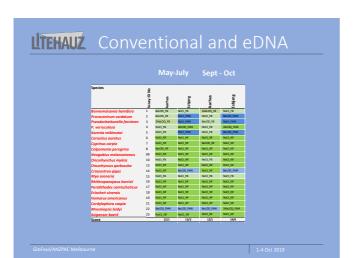


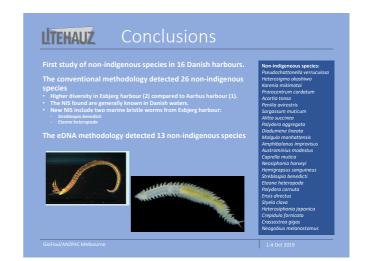












### LITEHAUZ Conclusions - hard substrate

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Maintain Danish monitoring strategy (but prepare for eDNA through selected applications).





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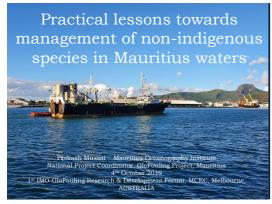
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### Practical lessons towards management of non-indigenous species in Mauritius waters

The Republic of Mauritius is actively working towards the sustainable development of its ocean economy. Mauritius has heavily invested for the development of a vector management approach to prevent introduction and spread of Non-Indigenous Species (NIS), with a particular focus on shipping activities. The major foundation relied on capacity building of individuals and institutions; and accounted for 50% of the investment. Furthermore, the risk-based management approach allowed for the development of a First- generation management decision support system. A first port biological baseline survey (PBBS) of Port Louis (Mauritius Island) was held in 2012, whereby, ten likely introduced marine species were identified. The first PBBS of Port Mathurin (Rodrigues Island) was completed in 2018 and the analyses are still under process.

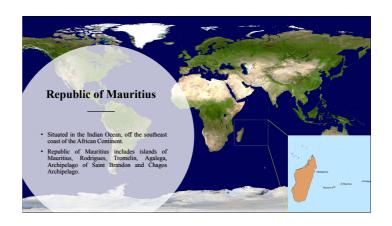
The current work on biofouling builds on a decade of past experience gained on NIS management through previous ballast water projects. Also, funded by the government of Mauritius the Ships' biofouling project comprises of three phases and encompasses several scientific activities. Half of the sum will be allocated towards further capacity build-up. The first two phases entail the development of a Biofouling Risk Assessment Decision Support (BRADS) tool and the development of a standardised hull sampling protocol for surveying of ships arriving at Port Louis harbour. While, the third phase of the project aims at the quantification of the levels of antifouling biocides persistent in the aquatic environment of Port Louis harbour. The ballast water management and biofouling management projects of Mauritius will contribute in the development of necessary regulations to mitigate, control and manage NIS in local waters.

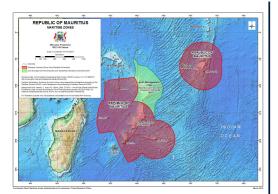


### Republic of Mauritius

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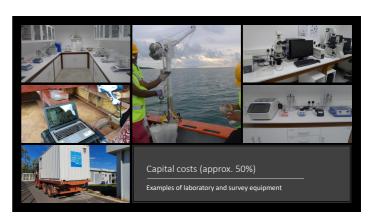


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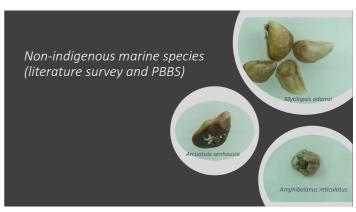












### Non-indigenous marine species



Scientific name	Organism Type	Status
Crassostrea commercialis	Oyster	Introduced
Crassostrea gigas	Oyster	Introduced
Crassostrea virginica	Oyster	Introduced
Ostrea edulis	Oyster	Introduced
Metapenaeus monoceros	Prawn	Introduced

### Non-indigenous marine species

Intentional introduction for Aquaculture

Scientific name	Organism Type	Status
Melicertus latisulcatus (syn: Penaeus latisulcatus)	Prawn	Introduced
Penaeus monodon	Prawn	Introduced
Chlorella sp.	Plankton	Introduced
Treselmis sp.	Plankton	Introduced
Brachionus plicatilis	Rotifer	Introduced

# Findings previous studies

### Non-indigenous marine species

Scientific name	Organism Type	Status
Halophila stipulacea	Sea Grass	Crytogenic
Acanthaster planci	Crown of Thorns Starfish	Crytogenic
Acanthophora spicifera	Red alga	Crytogenic
Gracilaria salicornia	Alga	Crytogenic
Tubastraea coccinea	Orange-cup coral	Crytogenic

# baseline survey (2012)

### Non-indigenous marine species

	Organism Type	Status
Mytilopsis adamsi	Mussel	Introduced
Arcuatula senhousia	Mussel	Introduced
Amphibalanus reticulatus	Barnacle	Introduced
Amphibalanus amphitrite	Barnacle	Introduced/crytogenic
Amphibalanus sp.	Barnacle	Introduced

Of these, some are of concern: especially Mytilopsis adamsi and Arcuatula senhousia

# baseline survey (2012)

### Non-indigenous marine species

Scientific name	Organism Type	Status
Megabalanus coccopoma	Barnacle	Introduced
White Balanid Sp.	Barnacle	Likely Introduced
Calyptraeid	Limpet	Likely Introduced
Spirobranchus sp.	Fanworm	Likely Introduced
Marphysa sp.	Polychaete worm	Crytogenic

The Port baseline survey – 10 additional Non-Indigenous Species (Total of 25)

# 1<sup>st</sup> Port Mathurin survey (2019)

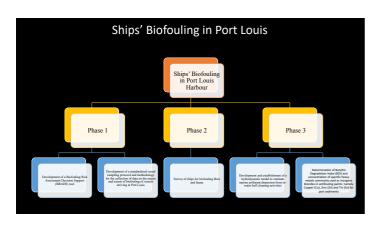
- The Port baseline survey:

  1. No presence of indigenous marine species

  2. Additional taxonomic assessment required

### Non-indigenous marine species





### Biofouling team









BW Risk Assessment & Decision Support (BWRADS) System 1<sup>st</sup> Generation

### **Decision Support Tool**

- With means available, we are aiming to decide which higher-risk vessels to target for inspection. Rather than inspecting all vessels
- Inspection would then be initial in all cases, only followed by detailed inspection.
   User interface (dependent)
- - · Generates vessel operational profile
- · Based on international best practice
  - Includes exemptions/incentives for well managed compliant vessels
- Permit hased?
- Highlights vessels requiring initial inspection
- Web-based platform
   Merge BWRADS with BRADS?

Development of a Biofouling Risk Assessment Decision Support Referred as "BRADS", at this stage





### **Biofouling sampling protocol** (overview)

- · Vessel access and permissions must be granted and arranged.
- Contact with the vessel should be maintained once on-site, and communications continued as communications continue appropriate throughout the sampling process.
- Sampling team briefings and preparations should be conducted prior to arrival at the site, and again at the site, as necessary.
- All appropriate safety protocols (e.g. boating, diving, sample handling, preservation, etc.) must be observed and communicated accordingly.

Development of a standardised vessel sampling protocol

### **Biofouling sampling protocol** (overview)

### Step 1: Initial inspection

- $\bullet$  Dive team conducts the  $1^{\text{st}}$  dive to assess the state of biofouling.
- · Level of Fouling (LoF) designations are noted for each area inspected.
- Divers then return to the surface and liaise with the topside team (preferably on-board a small boat).

### LoF determination

State of hull	LoF designation
Clean hull, no visible fouling or slime layer	0
Presence of slime layer/biofilm, no	1
macrofouling	
Light/patchy macrofouling, 1-5% cover	2
Moderate/patchy macrofouling, 6-15% cover	3
Extensive macrofouling, 16-40% cover	4
Very heavy macrofouling, 41-100% cover	5

Development of a standardised vessel sampling protocol Current status





Development of a standardised vessel sampling protocol Current status





Development of a standardised vessel sampling protocol Current status

### Biofouling sampling protocol (overview)

### Step 2: Determination of sampling activity

- The topside sampling team will note the LoF designations from the divers, using the field sampling form.
- Based on the designations as assessed by the dive team, determinations will be made and communicated regarding the sampling to be conducted.
- The appropriate number of fine mesh sample bags, each containing pre-filled labels, will be issued to the dive team(s), along with the instructions as to where and how samples are to be taken.
- Dive teams will have the appropriate sampling equipment, including scrapers (plastic if possible), quadrat, u/w camera.

Development of a standardised vessel sampling protocol Current status

### Step 3: Collection of biological specimens

- The  $2^{nd}$  dive will be made by between 1 to 4 dive teams (depending on numbers of available, qualified divers). Each dive team will be allocated a specific set of sampling locations to target.
- · Samples will be collected into 0.5mm mesh bags using appropriate scraper or dive knife.
- Special attention will be paid on maintaining the integrity of the biological specimens, as well as the hull coating of the vessel.



- Step 4: Topside sample transfer

   Sampling managers collect sample bags (fine mesh size)
- from divers.

  Sample contents, including label, are transferred into ziplock bags, jars or equivalent. These are then stored on ice in an appropriate container.

  All samples collected are allocated a sampling number and captured on the field sample log.



Development of a standardised vessel sampling protocol Current status

Development of a standardised vessel sampling protocol Current status





Development of a standardised vessel sampling protocol

Current status







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# An independent performance evaluation of a vessel in-water biofouling cleaning and capture system

Like all substrates placed in natural waters, the external wetted surfaces of commercial vessels are quickly colonized by a succession of diverse sessile or sedentary micro- and macro-organisms. This biofouling of ships has been a long-standing challenge for vessel owners and operators because it can interfere with operations and may result in increased corrosion, drag, fuel consumption, and greenhouse gas emissions. Vessel biofouling has also been recognized as a significant (if not the most dominant) vector for the global-scale transfer and introduction of non-indigenous or invasive marine species. A range of in-water biofouling cleaning technologies are evolving to prevent macrofouling growth and/or to remove and capture existing macrofouling and removed antifouling coating biocides, thus increasing vessel in-service efficiencies while minimizing biosecurity risks.

In 2018, the Alliance for Coastal Technologies (ACT) and Maritime Environmental Resource Center (MERC) collaborated with several partners to carry out the first-ever independent and comprehensive evaluation of an in-water cleaning system. In 2019 ACT/MERC also held a workshop on in-water cleaning systems and the assessment of their performance. Our goals were to: (a) quantify the performance of an in-water macrofouling removal and capture system (and thus help facilitate its transition into routine operations), (b) work internationally to refine in-water cleaning testing approaches and protocols, and (c) build broad regulatory and permitting agency awareness on the issues

associated with vessel biofouling and in-water cleaning. As with all new innovations designed to address specific environmental concerns or regulations, independent, standardized and rigorous evaluations to quantify the performance of in-water cleaning systems to prevent and/or remove macrofouling from vessel wetted surfaces (hulls and niche areas) effectively and safely, are essential. This presentation will summarize our work to date, initial lessons learned and consensus on testing approaches and challenges, and our plans for next steps.

## An Independent Evaluation of a Vessel In-Water Biofouling Cleaning and Capture System







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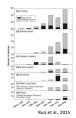
### **Vessel Biofouling**

- · Vessel Operations:
- Macrofouling resulting in increased roughness, drag, fuel consumption and exhaust emissions
- Macrofouling can interfere with water systems
- Current vessel hull husbandry based on antifouling coatings (biocide & non-stick) and <u>in-water cleaning</u>

### · Biosecurity Regulations:

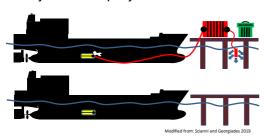
- 2011 IMO Guidelines for the Control and Management of Ships' Biofouling to Minimize the Transfer of Invasive Aquatic Species
- 2017 Biofouling Management to Minimize the Transfer of Nonindigenous Species from Vessels Arriving at California Ports (management reporting)
- 2018 Biofouling on Vessels Arriving to New Zealand (excessive biofouling can be ordered to leave)
- · 2019 IMO established GloFouling Program





### **Vessel In-Water Cleaning**

- Continuum from reactive in-water cleaning to <u>remove</u> biofouling to proactive in-water cleaning to <u>prevent</u> biofouling
- How well do they clean?
- · How well do they reduce biosecurity risks?
- · How well do they reduce water quality risks?



### **Independent Technology Evaluations**

















### **Evaluations of In-Water Cleaning Systems**

- Removal Technology/Service Providers:
  - · CleanSubSea Envirocart
  - ECOsubsea
  - SGS EnviroHull
     SGS Whala Char
  - SGS Whale Shark
  - SinkuTecHullClean

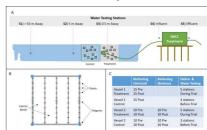


- Prevention Technology/Service Providers:
  - HullWiper
  - SeaRobotics HullBUG



### **Evaluation Test Protocols**

- · Biofouling removal efficacy
- Macrofouling and biofilms
- No live vs dead
- · Capture/retention efficacy
- Treatment and debris removal efficacy
  - Copper, zinc, other biocide
  - TSS and PSD
  - Environmental conditions



### **Evaluations of a Removal and Capture System**



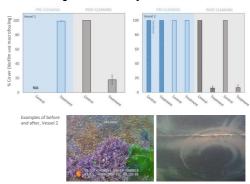






### **Evaluations of a Removal and Capture System**

· Biofouling removal efficacy



### Workshop: Evaluating In-Water Cleaning Systems

- · 24 international experts, 23-24 April 2019, Honolulu, Hawaii
- Develop an understanding of the current state of science regarding test methods and approaches for evaluating in-water cleaning systems – lessons learned, what are the challenges, and what is feasible
- Build consensus on comprehensive but practicable test protocols for verification of in-water cleaning systems performance, which meet the needs of both the shipping industry and regulatory authorities – vessel operations, biosecurity and chemical contamination



### **Conclusions and Recommendations**

- Rigorous, independent and standardized evaluations of inwater cleaning systems are possible
- Standardize test protocols are important for acceptance, approvals and cross comparisons
- Current systems may be able to address vessel operational needs, but biosecurity goals and water quality issues (e.g., copper discharge) may still be a challenge



### **Conclusions and Recommendations**

- In-water cleaning systems are currently designed for hull and not niche surfaces
- · Need for uniform terminology removal and prevention
- Impacts on coating and internal biofouling are distinct and need specific testing protocols
- Unit of replication should be the individual test vessel (when possible – different ship types, fouling ratings, coatings, etc.)
- Biofouling surveys can be conducted in low visibility water, and on niche areas with diver observations (but photo/video documentation needed)
- Sampling for water quality impacts should include analyses for both biocides and microplastics

### **Conclusions and Recommendations**

 Important variables that can impact the performance and testing of in-water cleaning systems



- Not feasible to test all but a few key variables should be prioritized.
- All important variables should be kept in mind when granting permits, approvals and/or certifications

### **Next Steps**

- 2019 Submit publication on initial evaluation of in-water cleaning removal system
- 2019 Initiate evaluations of in-water cleaning prevention systems
- · 2020 Initiate process of evaluations of traditional manual diver in-water cleaning
- 2020 Explore in-water cleaning removal systems for use on off-shore
- 2021 Additional series of in-water cleaning evaluations





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# When Theory Meets Reality: Evaluation of Protocols for Assessing Reactive In-water Cleaning & Capture Systems

The Ministry for Primary industries contracted Ramboll to evaluate the utility of protocols to assess the efficacy of reactive in-water cleaning and capture (RICC) systems to manage biosecurity and environmental contamination risks. After an extensive review of RICC systems available globally, two were chosen to undergo field evaluations. This presentation focuses on the first of those trials which was conducted in July of this year. We provide here an evaluation of the challenges faced in conducting RICC system evaluations in a dynamic commercial setting, and particularly in matching theoretical expectations with the reality of working in operationally hazardous environments.



WHEN THEORY MEETS REALITY: PROJECT UPDATE: EVALUATION OF PROTOCOLS FOR **ASSESSING REACTIVE IN-WATER CLEAN & CAPTURE SYSTEMS** 



**RATIONALE** 

The NZ Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has proposed a testing framework and performance criteria for biosecure reactive in-water clean and capture (RICC) systems

The CRMS (Biofouling) went live on 15 May 2018

 ${\it Urgent}$  need for in-water cleaning tools that will meet NZ's biosecurity and environmental standards



- **OBJECTIVES** i. Identify and test the efficacy of RICC systems on vessels > 40 m in length, fouled, that are painted with biocidal antifouling coatings;
  - ii. Complete modelling of chemical contamination caused by the application of the RICC systems according to the New Zealand port scenarios using the MAMPEC model, and;
  - Provide an assessment of the utility of the testing framework (MPI 2017) and chemical sampling plan.

### **PROGRESS**



### SELECTION CRITERIA



### **CANDIDATE SYSTEMS...**

System Name	Developer/Owner	Website
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### **IN-WATER CLEAN AND CAPTURE**

Pro-active In-water Cleaning & Capture (PICC)

- Hull maintenance focus
- Minimise fouling loads for improved operational efficiency
- Predominantly aimed at preventing or controlling slime layer (e.g., microfouling, biofilms)
- Regularly scheduled routine maintenance
- Manageable and minimal impact on vessel operations.



### **IN-WATER CLEAN AND CAPTURE**

Reactive In-water Cleaning & Capture (RICC

- Rapid response focus
- Removal of heavier fouling loads
- 'Soft' and 'hard' macrofouling
- Non-routine: unscheduled to unexpected
- Can interrupt routine vessel operations





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### **CHOSEN SYSTEMS**

Two very similar RICC systems chosen:

- High volume suction
- Diver-operated cart systems for the planar hull surfaces
- Shrouded hand tools/containment systems for niche area cleaning
- Micro-level ultra filtration with post-process treatment
- Wharfside or barge mountable

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### **SAMPLING**

Vessel and RICC system sampling (imagery, seawater samples, biofouling and paint scrapes) prior to, during, and immediately after hull cleaning operations

- Digital still and video imagery is used (documentation of success)
- Seawater samples collected at discreet intervals (contaminants particulates, suspended solids)
- Biofouling scrapes collected prior to cleaning (contaminants)
- Leach layer scrapes collected prior to cleaning (contaminants)

**SAMPLING BEFORE** 

**CLEANING** 

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### SAMPLING PLAN

Timing	Sample Type	No.
Prior to Cleaning	Digital stills and video imagery Biofouling samples Seawater samples (contaminants) Biofilm scrapes Leach layer (paint) scrapes	As required 12 40 (per vessel) 12 (per vessel) 12 (per vessel)
During Cleaning	Digital stills and video imagery Seawater samples (contaminants) Process water (contaminants, particulates, TSS) Dye tests (video imagery) Volumetric calculations	As required 54 18 9 9
After Cleaning	Digital stills and video imagery Physical samples of any remaining biofouling	As required 12 As required
	Subtotal per RICC system (3 reps)	496

### **Prior to Cleaning**

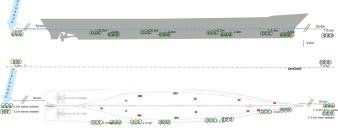
Divers to collect discrete water samples for contaminants (Zn, Cu) and total suspended solids (TSS) analysis  $\left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{1}$ 

Timing	General location	Specific location/interval	Samples for contaminants	Samples for TSS
Prior to cleaning	a: > 50m from hull and proposed discharge point	0.5m below surface	3 (1 subdivided for QC) = 4	3
(once per vessel)	b: > 50m from hull and proposed discharge point	0.5m above seabed	3 (1 subdivided for QC) = 4	3
	c: < 0.5m from hull	0.5m depth	4 locations, 3 replicates = 12	2 locations, 3 replicates = 6
	d: < 0.5m from hull	2.0m above seabed	4 locations, 3 replicates = 12	2 locations, 3 replicates = 6
	e: proposed discharge point	0.5m below surface	3 (1 subdivided for QC) = 4	3
	f: proposed discharge point	0.5m above seabed	3 (1 subdivided for QC) = 4	3
Subtotal - prior			n = 40	n = 24

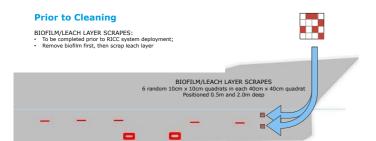
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### **Prior to Cleaning**

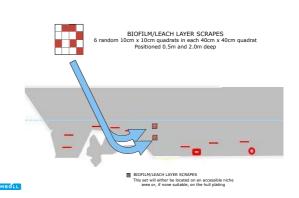
Divers to collect discrete water samples for contaminants (Zn, Cu) and TSS analysis



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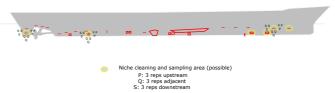
# SAMPLING DURING CLEANING

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### **During Cleaning**

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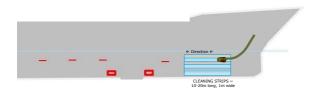
Divers collect discrete water samples adjacent to the system for contaminants (Zn, Cu, TSS) analysis; digital still and video recordings also made



### **During Cleaning**

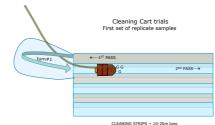
CLEANING CARTS:

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### **During Cleaning**

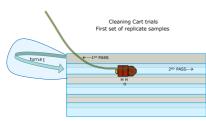
CLEANING CART TRIALS: First set of replicate samples



G: 0.5m upstream of unit (3 reps,  $1^{st}$  of 3 locations)

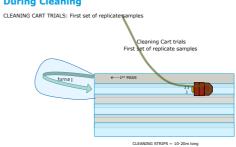
### **During Cleaning**

CLEANING CART TRIALS: First set of replicate samples



CLEANING STRIPS ~ 10-20m long H: 0.5m adjacent to unit (3 reps, 1st of 3 locations)

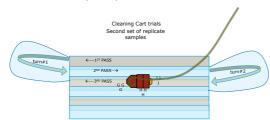
### **During Cleaning**



3: 0.5m downstream of unit (3 reps, 1st of 3 locations)

### **During Cleaning**

CLEANING CART TRIALS: Second set of replicate samples

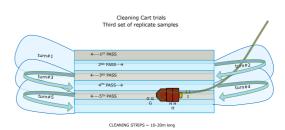


CLEANING STRIPS ~ 10-20m long

G: 0.5m upstream of unit (3 reps, 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 locations) H: 0.5m adjacent to unit (3 reps, 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 locations) 3: 0.5m downstream of unit (3 reps, 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 locations)

### **During Cleaning**

CLEANING CART TRIALS: Third set of replicate samples



G: 0.5m upstream of unit (3 reps, 3rd of 3 locations) H: 0.5m adjacent to unit (3 reps, 3rd of 3 locations) J: 0.5m downstream of unit (3 reps, 3rd of 3 locations)

### THE TESTING...

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### **THEORY & REALITY**

Modifications / Additions to Testing Protocols

- Added sampling for chemical contamination
- Reduced pre-clean sampling to once per vessel tester
- Pre-field work plan further modified when onsite
- Sampling sequenced to suit vessel configuration



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### **THEORY & REALITY**

### Reality Check # 1:

- Timing: last minute vessel operations can impact sampling
- Changes in vessel availability / substitution often at las minute
- Changes in scheduling personnel flexibility and redundancy
- Commercial implications of sampling

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### **THEORY & REALITY**

### Reality Check # 2

- Commercial implications
  - Vessel operations costly and subject to external factors (commercial/operational needs, weather)
  - Testing is time consuming (vessel immobilized for 3-4 days)
  - Cleaning system components are costly (individual components may cost \$00s to \$000s, with limited/no shelf life once used)
  - Cleaning operations are costly (8-10 person teams, typically >12h days onsite)
  - Contaminants analyses are costly

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### THEORY & REALITY

### Reality Check # 3

- System Reliability
  - Extremely sophisticated systems: nothing is 100% reliable
- Breakdowns/disruptions can occur anywhere in a very long system chain
- Contingency planning critical to success

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### **THEORY & REALITY**

### Reality Check # 4

- Collecting discrete samples from mobile cleaning systems
- RICC systems typically designed to cover a large surface area
   middly (officiently as possible (companying delice))
- HSE challenges associated with collecting discrete samples as the system approaches
- Working close to/under vessels requires surface supply entanglement risk is high; protocols modified to suit
- Tightly choreographed sampling program leads to increase HSE and sample integrity risks
- Continuous sampling using pumps may be more effective some circumstances but have limitations

### **THEORY & REALITY**

### Reality Check # 5:

- Coordination of sampling from the filtration system can be problematic
  - System volumetric calculations are not straightforward
  - Flow rates vary during sampling
  - Coordination of sample timing at the cleaning head and discharge point problematic.
  - Collecting samples "downstream" subject to vagaries is current regime -very location dependent

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### **THEORY & REALITY**

### Reality Check # 6:

- Vessel configuration and operations can have a major impact on design
  - Presence of hull appendages, anodes, sensors, stabilisers etc affects distribution of sampling effort
  - 'Turning areas' may be limited, requiring amendments to the sampling design
  - Late schedule changes may impose restrictions on sampling



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### **Theory: Cleaning Plan**

Three separate trials, different locations on the vessel



### **Reality: Cleaning Plan**

 $\label{thm:configuration} \mbox{Hull configuration (appendages, anodes and other interruptions to the planar surface of the hull)} \mbox{ affects operation of the RICC system}$ 



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### Reality: Cleaning Plan

Three separate trials, different locations on the vessel but sequentially ordered



### THEORY & REALITY

### Reality Check # 7

- Different system types (mobile or fixed) may require different sampling methods
  - Disturbance of water flows adjacent to mobile or fixed systems
     both by operators and samplers can influence results.
  - Dye testing should be used to inform sampling points
  - Tools for testing need to be modified to suit conditions and for



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### **THEORY & REALITY**

### Reality Check # 8:

- As noted in the Protocols, components must be assessed individually and collectively.
  - · Often different subsystems are used during cleaning, e.g.
    - hand tools used to prepare areas for adherence by fixed location cleaning subsystems
    - fixed area and mobile systems both used to clean whole vesser
    - hand tools used to 'mon up' areas after treatment by cart systems

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### ...DID ANYTHING ACTUALLY WORK??

### Yes!

- Despite challenges, sampling for biosecurity/containmen efficacy is relatively straightforward
  - Assessment of cleaning efficacy is readily achievable
  - Dye testing should be used to identify potential 'leak' poin' across the entire system
  - All system components should be tested as a unified packa
  - Be prepared to think on your feet and be flexible



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### **QUESTIONS?**



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### Cleaning up the clutter: How is in-water cleaning currently regulated in California?

The motivations for, and regulation of, in-water cleaning (IWC) of vessels in California have evolved considerably since 2008. Operational efficiency was the primary driver for IWC activities prior to 2008. These activities were largely unregulated because vessel discharges were exempted from the federal Clean Water Act. A new paradigm focused on IWC for efficiency and environmental protection emerged in 2008 as biofouling management and IWC became elevated as regulatory priorities for federal, state, and local agencies. The regulatory environment went from minimal to a complex, intertwined web of interjurisdictional oversight over the course of a year. The regulatory landscape has become even more complex in the decade since, as IWC service providers now must obtain a state or local permit in addition to receiving further oversight at the federal, state, and local levels for nonindigenous species purposes. To improve clarity and address the complexity surrounding the current regulation of in-water cleaning in California, State Lands Commission staff are pursuing the following three related actions: 1. Engagement with state and local water quality agency partners to ensure that concerns about nonindigenous species introductions are a part of their permit application review. 2. Working cooperatively with regional partners through the Coastal Committee of the Western Regional Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species to develop a regional IWC regulatory framework to standardize requirements across the U.S. Pacific states. 3. Participation in a collaborative program to independently test IWC systems under the leadership of the Alliance for Coastal Technologies to ensure that robust, independent data are available to demonstrate the level of effectiveness for IWC service providers applying to operate in different waterways.

# A Regulator's Perspective on In-Water Cleaning





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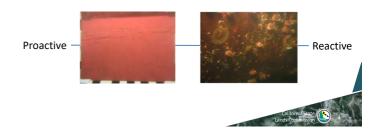
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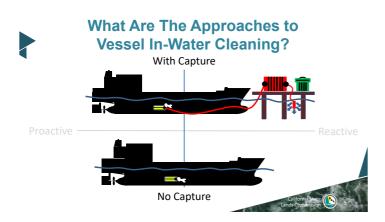


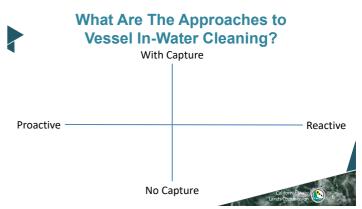
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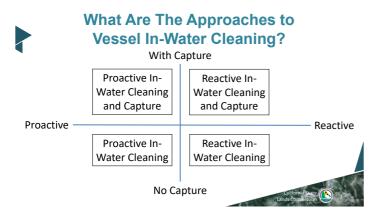


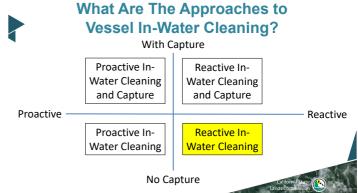
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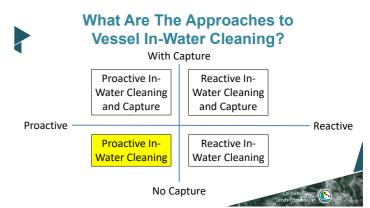




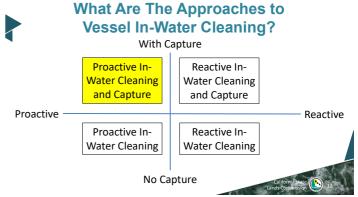












# What Are The Approaches to Vessel In-Water Cleaning? Proactive In-Water Cleaning and Capture Acceptable Biosecurity Risk? Acceptable Water Quality Risk? \*Assuming system appropriately minimizes risks

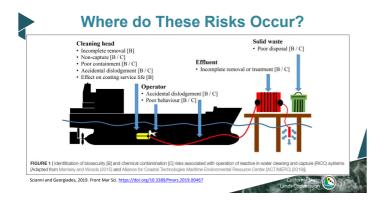


# What Are The Approaches to Vessel In-Water Cleaning?



### Is it ever acceptable to not capture?

Fouling Type	Coating Type	Biosecurity	Water Quality	Result
Microfouling	Biocide-Free	No Capture	No Capture	No Capture
Wilcrofouring	Biocidal	No Capture	Capture	Capture
Macrofouling	Biocide-Free	Capture	No Capture	Capture
iviaciorouiirig	Biocidal	Capture	Capture	Capture



### What Do We Need to Know?

- How well do they clean?
- How well do they reduce biosecurity risks?
- · How well do they reduce water quality risks?



### How is this *currently* regulated in California?



### Without Capture

- U.S. EPA Vessel General Permit requirements
  - California-specific conditions
  - Essentially not allowed in impaired waterbodies

\*\* DISCLAIMER: This represents my understanding



### With Capture

• National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

How is this *currently* regulated in California?

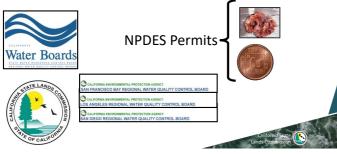
- U.S. Clean Water Act
- Implemented by the State Water Resources Control Board







# What's Our Role?



### **Final Thoughts**

- Vessel Incidental Discharge Act uncertainty
- · Other pollutants of concern
- How well do systems reduce risks?





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### Mind the Gap

Robust science, targeted research and clear objectives are essential to getting good outcomes, but how do we get good policy to achieve those outcomes?

In New Zealand, we are fortunate to have a community of excellent researchers working across public and private spheres to make sure decision makers have the information they need to make good decisions. However, sometimes there can be a gap between what the science and research is telling us, what people want (or need) and the regulatory frameworks. MPI through its operational research fund is working on understanding what is happening at the 'front line' of in-water cleaning.

Decision making is split between local and central government, with a number of regulatory regimes in play. In the marine area, there are multiple interests including Māori, aquaculture, shipping, industry providers, fishers, and recreational users to take into account. In-water cleaning is part of the tool box for reducing the spread of marine pests – but the methods and the nature of the material removed affects the risks being managed at a site level.

MPI wants to understand stakeholder's perceptions, needs, concerns or barriers, as well as any opportunities to improve awareness and biosecurity outcomes. As the work is still underway we will present a background to in water cleaning from a policy perspective and outline the approach taken to the research

### Mind the Gap

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### What is (good) policy?

- Achieving goals
  - · Connectivity & complexity
- Analysis
  - Evidence, incl. research
- Advice
  - Free & frank
- Not political
- Action

  - Decision making process
    Regulatory tools (or not)
    Implement (faithfully)





Policy in action...

... in the real world(s)...

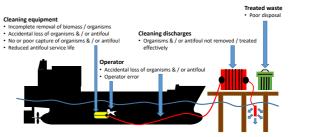
ng the Science-Policy Interface: A gap analysis (2017)

### Context... marine biosecurity in New Zealand



- Roles
  - Crown
  - Māori
  - Councils
  - Service providers
- Different values & aspirations
- Legislation, regulation & plans
- Range & mix of tools

### In-water cleaning ... where are the risks?



### In-water cleaning ... what do we know?



- Multiple regimes (managing different risks)
- · Different practice communities
- Science / research, coastal / marine policy, risk management, regulators
   Vessel operators & service providers
- · Antifouling & In-water Cleaning Guidelines (uptake?)
- Different approaches have evolved e.g. Kermedecs
- · Risks are contingent on
  - State of the hull, operating profile, voyage history
    Site values e.g. high biodiversity or working ports
- Types & uses of in-water cleaning systems • Mixed understanding of issues & ways forward
- Increasing demands

### What do we want to find out?

- · What is happening across the system
  - Māori, Crown, local government & key stakeholders
- Awareness of approval / consent processes
- Perceptions, needs, concerns or barriers
- Opportunities to improve awareness & practice
- · Biosecurity benefits from other regulatory regimes



### Operational research – filling the gaps



- Workshops & hui
  - Range of people around the country
  - Māori experts
  - · Wide ranging discussions
- What was discussed
  - Roles/responsibilities
  - Ways to improve understanding and training
  - National approaches
- Work in progress
  - Draft report before the end of the year

### What is good policy?

- Achieving goals
  - · Minimising the spread of marine pests
- Analysis
  - · Impacts, values at risk
- Advice
  - Effects on Māori, vessels, industries, communities - costs / benefits
  - System(s) settings, tools Understanding options / trade offs
- Complementary tools (systems & scales)
- Implementing, monitoring, reviewing...



### How do we get there?



- Fill the gaps
  - Robust evidence & analysis
  - Participatory processes during the analysis stage



- Understand the range of risks & any unintended consequences
- Seek opportunities & produce outputs that fit (multiple) needs



- Build capacity & share information (thanks ANZPAC & GloFouling!)
- · Ongoing dialogue & participation

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Career highlights include running the prevention program for marine biosecurity for the State of Hawaii during 2011-2014, which included coordination of Hawaii's response to marine debris landings across the islands. In this role she also chaired working groups such as the Alien Aquatic Organism Task Force and the Coastal Sub- committee of the Western Regional Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species, the latter which resulted in the identification of consistent approaches for biofouling management across the US Pacific North-West Coastal States. Highlights while working in the department include finalizing an initial approach for the regulation of biofouling via a 2011 Regulation Impact Statement, overseeing a species-based risk assessment that resulted in an exotic biofouling species list for Australia and the finalization of biofouling management guidelines for the Offshore and Petroleum Sector. In a short role at the Primary Industries and Regions South Australia she also helped develop an approach to marine pest risk assessment, for population of a national priority marine pest list.

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### Steps towards an Australian standard for the in-water cleaning of biofouling

The Australian Department of Agriculture (the department) is developing supporting arrangements to ensure the effective and efficient implementation of future biofouling management requirements under the *Biosecurity Act 2015*.

Proactive in-water cleaning to minimise the accumulation of biofouling is recognised as a pragmatic solution to minimise marine biosecurity risks. However, all in-water cleaning activities have the potential to present unacceptable biosecurity and contaminant risks when adequate controls are not in place. In 2013 the Australian and New Zealand Governments released the *Antifouling and In-Water Cleaning Guidelines*, which contain biosecurity thresholds to support decision making regarding inwater cleaning activities. A 2018 review of the Guidelines and their effectiveness identified the need for increased clarity on the approval processes for acceptable in-water cleaning practices in Australia. Concurrently, requests for in-water cleaning in Australia have increased, particularly with recent technological advancements and the adoption of mandatory biofouling requirements for vessels operating in New Zealand, California and impending Australian requirements. The department is developing a national standard to provide a mechanism for consistent decision making and facilitate inwater cleaning activities that adequately minimise biosecurity and contaminant risks.

The standard is intended to be robust, achievable, effective and, to the extent possible, consistent with international standards that are also under development. This presentation will outline the proposed approach and opportunities for collaboration and engagement in the finalisation of the standard during 2020.





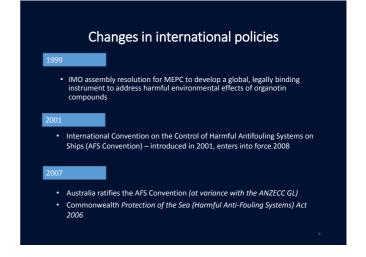
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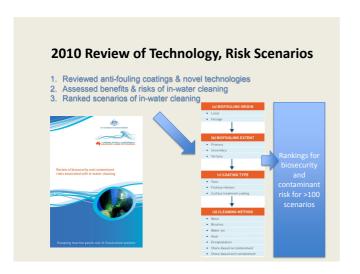
- · The role of the Department
- A brief history on in-water cleaning policy
- · The 2015 Guidelines and their review
- · Current policy development, challenges and opportunities
- · Options for national in-water cleaning standards



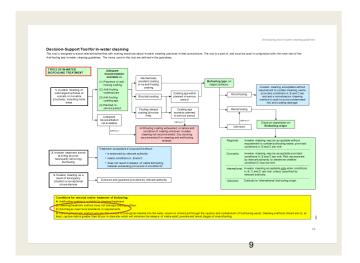






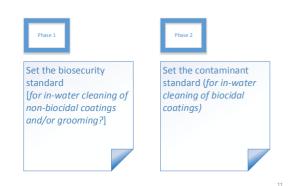








### Steps for developing the standard



# Objectives of a proposed Australian In-Water Cleaning Standard

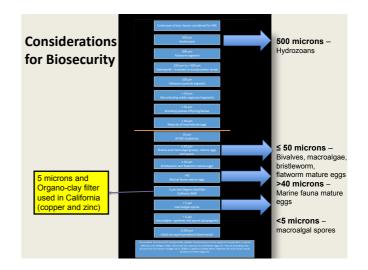
- 1. Achievable
- 2. Based on science
- 3. Consistent with IMO Guidelines (minimise macro-fouling)
- 4. Considers best available technology and future advancements
- 5. Is reviewed periodically

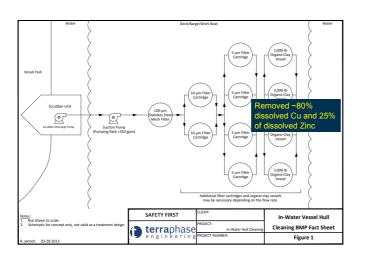
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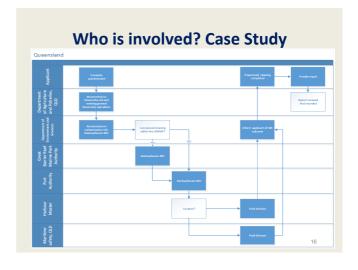
- 1. Include requirements to monitor and mitigate risk
- 2. Establish auditing arrangements
- 3. Agree on how the technology can be used and at which locations

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# Challenges Defining in-water cleaning Independent verification of technologies to meet the standard Maintaining currency and consistency Auditing to facilitate and secure approvals Determining appropriate locations in Australia Time constraints Determining the decision-makers, roles and process



### **International Engagement**

- Strategic Partner of GloFouling Partnerships' Programme (since 2018)
- Leading coordinated input to the review of the 2011 IMO Biofouling Guidelines. Co-sponsored submission with New Zealand and the Netherlands that established the review in 2018.
- Australia and New Zealand co-chair an informal IMO biofouling correspondence group (est. 2018) in the margins of MEPC.
- Engaging with BIMCO, New Zealand and California in the development of In-Water Cleaning Standards







### **Timelines**

Exact timings are currently being determined.

- 2019-20 financial year
- Literature review of minimum viable propagule size
   Identify and conduct additional science and technical input
- Engagement on a draft standard during early-mid 2020
   Ideally implementation commences concurrently with a new Australian Biofouling policy in late 2020









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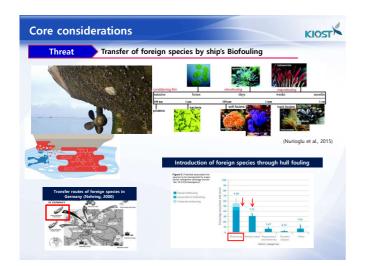
### Development for assessment and management of the risk arising from the wastes considering in- water hull cleaning activity

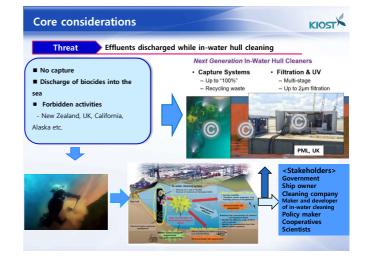
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The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has recognized the risk of hull fouling and announced '2011 Guidelines for the control and management of ship's biofouling to minimize the transfer of invasive aquatic species' and is planning international regulations to enforce them in the future. In this study, to effectively respond to future international regulation, we have developed the biological risk assessment techniques for in- water cleaning by referring to the study results of Australia and New Zealand, which are the leading countries in hull fouling management. First of all, 40 codes of in-water cleaning scenarios considering Korea's port environment were made and then Risk Priority Number (RPN) scores were calculated based on the four subject matters that affect intrusion of alien species during in-water cleaning. Ranking of the scenarios by RPNaverage scores was estimated using expert judgment and its results showed that the groups of four highest-risk scenarios all involve cleaning of macrofouling on the international vessels with no waste capture system. We also performed in-water cleaning for R/V EARDO (domestic vessels and spot fouling) vessel at Busan's Gamcheon Port in Korea and found as a medium risk due to the RPN value was <1,000. Therefore, considering the results of biological risk assessment, it was evaluated as possible for in-water cleaning in the port only if inwater cleaning was carried using an appropriate capture system. Consequently, these studies will help to establish the regulation of ship's hull fouling management in the port.





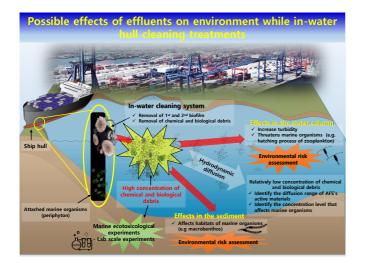


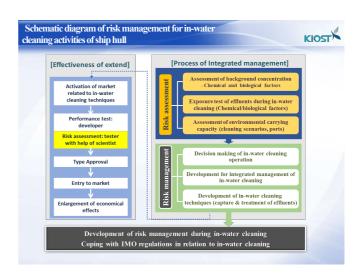


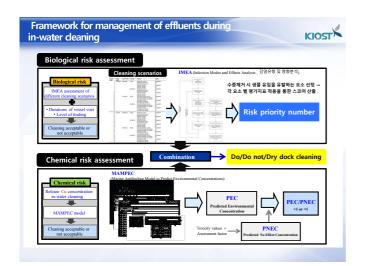


# Management measures for in-water cleaning 1. "Cleaning scenarios and capture efficiency" - Appropriate for specific coatings or organisms and optimum frequency and device of cleaning - Mesh size of filtration while capturing of effluents from in-water cleaning 2. Risk assessment of effluents discharged during in-water cleaning - Chemical contaminants (dissolved effluents including active substances and heavy metals including solid debris) - Biological debris (soft, motile and hard types of attached invertebrate) In-water cleaning system

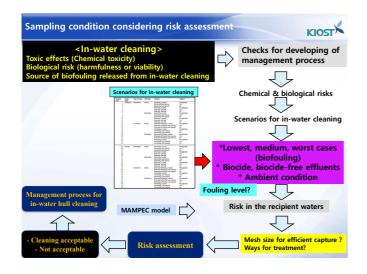
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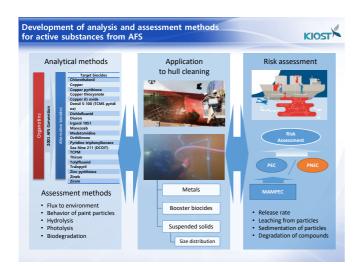


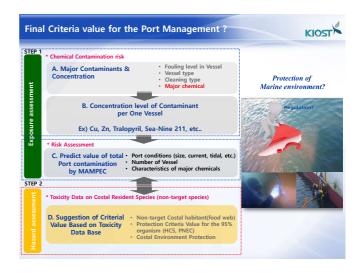




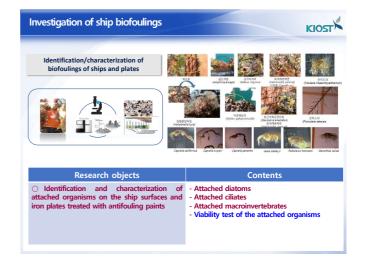


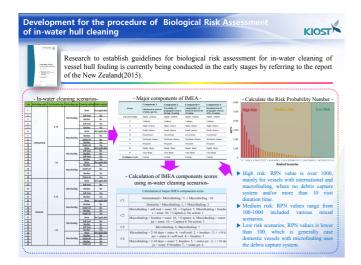


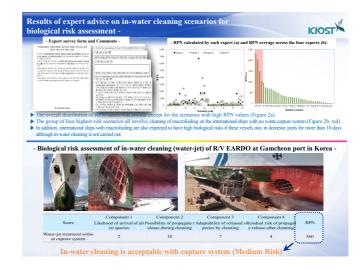


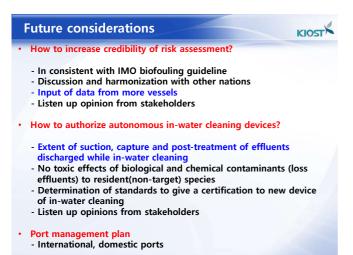


















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### In-Water Grooming to Maintain Ship Hulls: from Research to Reality

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Ship hull grooming is being developed as a proactive method to manage the long-term performance of fouling control coatings. The concept is to develop autonomous underwater vehicles equipped with grooming tools that can be deployed on the ship hull at a frequency that maintains the surface in a smooth and fouling free condition without creating a discharge that needs capture and treatment. The project may be divided into three distinct topics; grooming tool development, vehicle requirements, and control and navigation. The grooming tool development has focused on the design of low power vertically rotating self-attaching brushes that are designed to exert sufficient force to remove silt, biofilm and incipient fouling without damaging the surface. Long term data applying these tools to ablative copper and fouling release systems has demonstrated that fouling can be controlled with no increase in wear, discharge or roughness to the coating.

The vehicle requirements are to provide sufficient power and attachment to move the grooming tool over the hull of the vessel and to incorporate a control and navigation system that enable a large degree of autonomy. Several different remotely operated vehicles have been evaluated and developed during the trials. The present design includes a tracked skid which attaches to the hull using a v-ram with a top mounted power, propulsion, navigation and control module. The vehicle will be equipped with sensors and control systems will be developed that enable grooming to proceed with minimum operator requirements.



### In-Water Grooming to Maintain Ship Hulls

from Research to Reality

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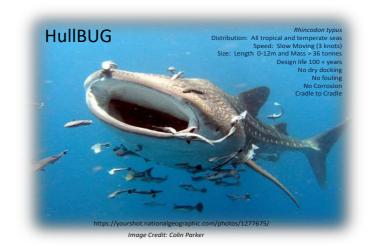
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### Outline

- Drivers
- Definition
- Test Facilities
- Grooming
- Cleaning
- Reality





### **Drivers**

### US Navy DDG-51 Frigate

• Navy ships spend 40-60% of their time pier-side when fouling pressure greatest.

- · Criteria to trigger a full hull clean
  - 081-2.1.4 ABLATIVE AND SELF-POLISHING PAINTS Fouling of FR-40 or greater, over 20 percent of the hull, exclusive of docking block areas and
  - 08.1-2.1.5 FOULING RELEASE COATING SYSTEMS Fouling of FR-50 or greate is observed over 10 percent of a hull coated with a fouling release coating system contact NAVSEA Code 00C. Cleaning advice for ships coated with fouling release coating systems on a case basis.
- Primary costs of hull fouling is due to increased fuel
- Savings of \$12M/ship over 15 years if hull condition maintained at FR-10 (deteriorated coating/light slime).







### **Drivers**

### Is there a Better Way to Manage Biofouling?

The best way, it's simple, clean more often! Wendy Simmons Oct 1, 2019

### Grooming Concept (Dr Stephen McElvany)



- Applied by small inexpensive fully autonomous vehicles
- Acts synergistically with hull coatings
  - removes silt, organics and incipient fouling
  - maintains coating function
  - does not degrade the coating
  - develop coatings that are designed to be groomed
- · Does not require capture and disposal
  - No risk of invasive species
  - · No risk from biocide free coatings
  - No increase in output of active ingredients
- Incorporated as a part of ship operations Frequency to match operational schedule
- Removes divers from the water
- Extended time between dry docking (8-12 years)













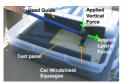


### Early Research



### **Grooming Mechanism Fouling Release**





Ероху	95% Barnacles
Teflon	25% Barnacles
Silicone	Biofilm
Copper	None

IS 700 Ероху BRA 640

Adhesion Strength Mature fouling and High Force for Removal 250 300 Time (days)

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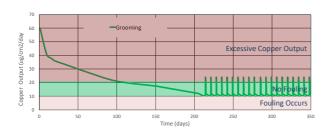


### **Grooming Mechanism Ablative Copper**



### **Grooming Brush Development**









 Operation Tip speed Normal force Translation rate



### **Brush Development**



Standard Grooming Brush

> Hybrid Grooming Brush

Fouling Release Grooming Brush











### Large Scale Test Facility Port Canaveral 2012 - present









### Method

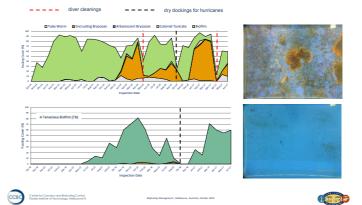


### **Results Fouling Release**



- Three 8ft x 15ft Floating steel panels coated with
  - International Interspeed BRA640
  - Intersleek 1100
- Groomed with a remotely operated vehicle equipped with a grooming tool.
- DFTs and roughness measured yearly, and when dry docked for hurricanes
  - ~500 DFT measurements taken over whole surface, templates used to take repeat measurements in same locations
  - ~400 rt50 measurements taken over whole surface (TQC Hull Roughness Analyser)





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# Pry Film Thickness Coating Roughness Coating Roughness Coating Roughness

### Results Cleaning Fouled Coatings Interspeed Ablative Copper Pre-cleaning

Aggressive Cleaning 4,000 to 28,000 μg/cm² 200 to 1,400 days at 20 μg/cm²/day







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### **Grooming vs Cleaning**

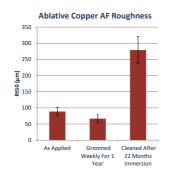


### **Copper Release Rate Calculations**







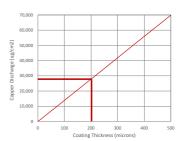


### ISO 10890

Paints and varnishes — Modelling of biocide release rate from antifouling paints by mass-balance calculation

### $M = L*a*w*\rho*DFT/NV$

- M = Mass Biocide Released (micrograms/cm2)
  L = 100 (Percent Biocide Released)
  a = 0.86 (mass fraction of biocide in biocidal ingredient)
  w = 41.79 (% by mass content of biocide in paint)
  ρ = 2.26 (density of paint g/cm3)
  DT = ?? (dry flim thickness (um))
  NV = 58.03 (volume solids content of paint)









### Copper Release Rate Grooming vs Cleaning

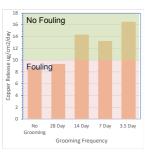




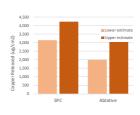
### **Grooming Other Coatings**



### Grooming



### Aggressive Cleaning

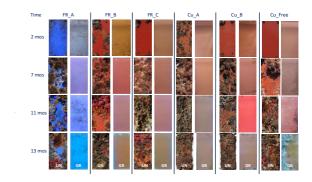






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### **Summary**



### Grooming



Specifications	Grooming	Mini Pamper
Vehicle and Tool Weight (kg)	25	130
Power (W)	300	29,800
Cleaning Swath (m)	0.6	0.7
Cleaning Velocity (m/s)	0.2	0.7
Efficiency (%)	70	67.2
Grooming Rate (m2/min)	227	1,100
Time to groom DDG-51 (hrs)	13	2.7

- Proactive
- Gentle Grooming Tools
- No Divers
- No Fouling
- Coating Longevity
- Minimum Discharge
- Prevents Invasive Species
- **Reduced GHG Emissions**



Reactive

Powerful Brushes or Water Jets

- Divers Usually Required
- Fouling Penalty Coating Damage
- Treatment for Discharge
- Increased GHG Emissions
  - Risk of Invasive Species

### To Reality



Large scale testing has demonstrated that grooming can maintain fouling control coatings in a smooth and fouling free condition

### **Remaining Questions**

- What is the optimum grooming frequency?
  - Requirements at different locations
  - Requirements for different operational schedules
  - Requirements for different coatings
- What is the optimum grooming tool design and operation?
  - · Requirements for coating type
  - Priority areas of a ship















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### Technical Advances to make Grooming Operational

- Hardening of grooming tool design
- Vehicle selection
- Incorporate Greensea OPENSEA navigation and control system
- Incorporate feature based navigation.
- Testing at ship scale

### Regulations for discharge



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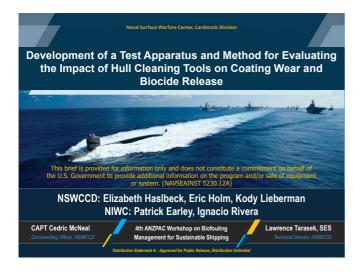
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Development of a test apparatus and method of evaluating the impact of hull cleaning tools on coating wear and biocide release







### Primary means of control is by coatings

- > Biocide-containing
  - Heavy metal biocides
- · Organic biocides
- > Biocide-free · Fouling-release
- > Hybrid coatings

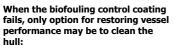
### **Problems:**

- > Regulatory concerns
  - Volatile organic content (VOC)
  - Biocide inputs
- > Coating performance
  - · Operational profile
  - Operational area
  - Niches

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### **Hull Cleaning**



- ➤ In dry dock
  - Expensive
  - Time consuming
  - Possibly limited by dry dock availability
- > In the water
  - Inexpensive
  - Quick





In-water Cleaning – the US Navy Experience NAVSEA





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### In-water Cleaning – the US Navy Experience NAVSEA



- > 1970's and 1980's
  - Cleaning implemented to extend service life of vinyl copper-based coatings
    - o Rotating brush tools
    - Removed cupric compounds (salts) from coating surface
    - o Extended service life from 1-2 years to 3+ years
- > 1980's and 1990's
  - Cleaning implemented to extend service life of ablative copper-based coatings
    - o Rotating brush tools
    - Removed leached layer, reduced diffusion path length
    - Supported extension of intervals between dry-docking from 3-5 years to 5-7 years, and later to 8-12 years





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Benefits of in-water hull cleaning



### **Hull cleaning practices**

- > Tools primarily rotating brush (limited use of waterjets)
- ➤ Triggers for cleaning
  - · Inspection and performance criteria
  - Ships have an opportunity for inspection as frequently as quarterly
    - Realized inspection frequency is twice per year
  - Decision to clean is based primarily on the fouling (rating) condition at the time of inspection
    - Antifouling coatings fouling rating of 40 over 20% of the
    - Fouling-release coatings fouling rating of 50 over 10% of the hull

-	Fouling Rating	Organisms
	10-20	Slime/diatorr
	30	Soft macrofouling
	40-50	Small calcareous
	60-100	Larger forms and/or mixed





### In-water Hull Cleaning – Costs and Benefits NAVSEA

### Unintended consequences of in-water hull cleaning

> Exceptionally cost-effective means of restoring vessel operating

- $\succ$  Can restore efficacy of biofouling-control coating
- > Discharge of paint components (biocides, particulates)
- > Impact on coating integrity/efficacy/service life (paint thickness, surface properties)
- > Release of attached biofouling
- Regulatory scrutiny



efficiency





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### **Finding the Right Solution**



### Hull Biofouling UW Ship Coatings Husbandry **M**onitoring Constraints Area of Op

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### **Knowledge and Capability Gaps**



- > We currently lack the comprehensive understanding of the impact of in-water cleaning necessary to support development of regulations, or compliant devices or practices, that balance benefits, impact on coatings, and environmental inputs
  - · Environmental inputs
    - o Chemical
    - Biological
  - · Impact on coatings
    - Thickness
    - Damage
    - Subsequent efficacy
  - As affected by the type of coating antifouling vs. fouling-release vs. hybrid
  - As affected by the type of cleaning tool contact vs. non-contact
  - As affected by the cleaning strategy reactive vs. proactive

A standard method is needed for efficiently testing cleaning tools, and measuring their impacts and environmental inputs.

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### **Options for Testing**



Existing standard methods are not directly applicable.

- > Elcometer Washability Tester
  - ASTM D2486, D4828, D4213, D3450
  - DIN methods
  - ISO methods
- > Advantage: High quality data, reproducible
- > Disadvantages:
  - Focus is architectural and not biofouling control
  - Adaptation of relevant cleaning tools is limited at best
  - No ability to measure environmental inputs

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### **Options for Testing**



### > Non-standard methods

- On-ship evaluation
- · Quantify decrease in paint thickness with various cleaning
- · Advantage: Application of fullscale tool
- · Disadvantages:
  - o Limited ability to resolve small changes in paint thickness
  - o Limited ability to measure environmental inputs
- o High risk to ship (possibility of coating failure)







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### **Options for Testing**



- Non-standard methods
  - Panel tests coated panels mounted in a raceway
  - · Advantages:
    - o Application of full-scale tool
    - o High data quality o No risk to a ship
  - Disadvantages:
    - High cost
    - Limited ability to measure environmental inputs











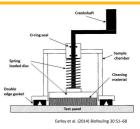


### **Options for Testing**



### In-water hull cleaning sampling device (Earley et al., 2014)

- · Quantify inputs of biocides following 'surface refreshment'
- · Advantages:
  - o Addresses biocide inputs
  - o Mimics simple, hand-held cleaning tools used on small craft by divers
- · Disadvantages:
  - o Does not replicate full-scale cleaning tools used on large vessels
  - Not focused on impacts to the coatings



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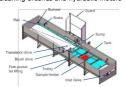
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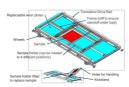
### **Standardized Device and Method**



In order to address weaknesses of other methods, we are developing a device and standard process to evaluate the impact of in-water cleaning tools on hull paints, and associated biocide inputs.

- > Cleaning tools applied to test surfaces (painted panels) in such a way as to match operational characteristics as used in field – transit speed, rotation rate, normal force
- > Materials chosen to minimize introduction of chemicals into sample water that may interfere with measurement of biocides or other paint components
- 20+ detailed design requirements including logging of operational parameters (brush rotation rate, translation rate, torque); designed for easy swapping of cleaning brushes and hydraulic motors



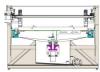


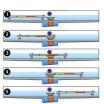
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### **Standardized Device and Method**



- > Single pass of coated test panel over cleaning tool
  - Cleaning head is adaptable to multiple tools types
  - Currently configured to handle brushes
- · 7 brushes in initial test (USN qualified) > Quantify changes in paint thickness or surface properties
- > Captured volume of water, subsample for follow-on water quality analysis
  - Dissolved metals
  - · Particulate matter
  - · Copper, zinc (currently)
- > Currently no analysis of biological inputs
  - Would require waiting for antifouling coatings to foul or use of inert substrate





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### **Conclusions**



- > In-water hull cleaning is a cost-effective means of restoring coating and ship performance
  - Regulators are challenged regulations on coatings may conflict with regulations on cleaning, need to find appropriate balance between benefits and
- > In-water cleaning impacts coatings
  - There is a poor quantitative understanding of these impacts
  - Paint thickness and coating system service life
  - Environmental inputs
  - Improved understanding may aid regulators, technology developers, and end
- > A standardized tool and method may help inform the problem
- > Could use to evaluate inputs of biological material into the environment
  - Efficacy and post-cleaning survival
  - Impact on BoD

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**Biofouling Control** 



### ➤ Efficiency

- · Cost of operations
- Profit
- Operational efficacy
  - Speed
  - Range
  - Refueling frequency
  - Signature
- Other
  - Environmental regulations
  - · Interval between dry-docking





### In-water Cleaning is Subject to Regulation NAVSEA



Hull Husbandry - USA	ІМО	US EPA	CALIF	ME#	MASS#	Class SOC.^
Out-of-water Hull Maintenance		Υ	Υ		Υ	Υ
Underwater Hull Cleaning	Υ*	Υ*	Y@	Υ	Υ	Υ
Underwater Cleaning – Sea Chest and Niche Areas	Υ					
Propeller Polishing	Υ		Υ			
Anchor Chain Washing/Rinsing		Υ				

- \* Remove macrofouling growth. Minimite release of blocides, coating debris, and viable macrofouling. @ California does not allow cleaning of copper-based antifouling coatings in impaired waters

  Class Societies: opplies to merchanf less deersal Permit 401 certification

  If Maine (ME), Massachusetts State Vessel General Permit 401 certification

  Massachusetts: Probleto docknieges associated with in-water cleaning (specifically removal of blockniege) in waters within 5 nm

### > Other regulations

- International
- National
- Regional

Adapted from: USEPA, 800-R-11-004, November 2011, Underwater Ship Husbandry Discharges

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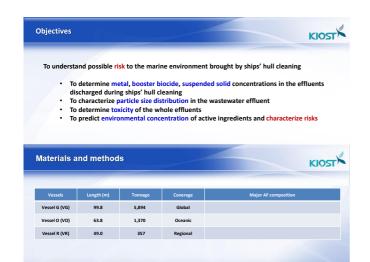
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### Chemical Compositions and Toxicity Potentials of Antifouling Biocides released during Ship's Hull Cleaning

Uncontrolled release of the effluent generated during ship's hull cleaning as a biofouling measure can be of great concern to the environment. As a worst-case scenario of the release, wastewater from ship's haul-out cleaning by hydroblasting was collected and analyzed to understand the potential impacts of the release to the marine environment. Metals and booster biocides in the effluents from three ships covering from regional to oceanic voyages were analyzed. Total suspended solids and particle size distribution in the wastewater were also characterized. Copper and zinc were the most abundant metals in the wastewater, with the ranges of 6.24 - 87.4 ppm and 78.3 - 511 ppm as total concentrations, respectively. Dissolved copper and zinc concentrations ranged from 1.44 to 9.11 ppm and from 1.80 to 22.6 ppm, respectively, exceeding local regulatory discharge standards and NOEC or LC50 values of almost all test species reported in the ECOTOX database. Zinc pyrithione and copper pyrithione were the most abundant booster biocides, exceeding the LC50s of 35 – 60% of test species, based on the database. Particle size distributions differ among hull cleaning cases, with most particles in the size range of less than 50 µm. Risk assessment based on the MAMPEC revealed that adverse effects on the marine environment are expected by the release of the wastewater without further treatments. The results were also compared with those acquired during in-water cleaning operations by divers for the same vessels. These chemical and toxicological characterizations of wastewater from ship's hull cleaning will give insights to the biofouling management in terms of chemical hazard concerns.

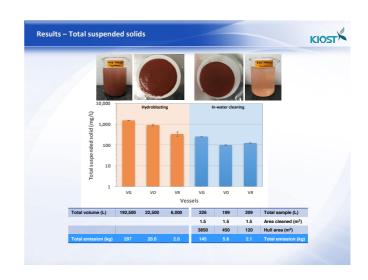


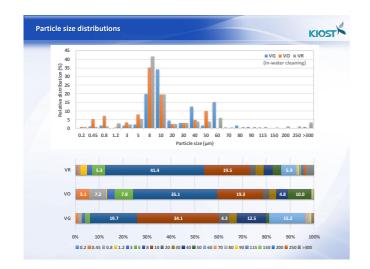




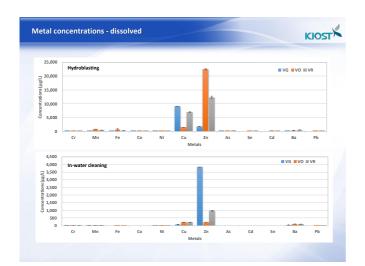


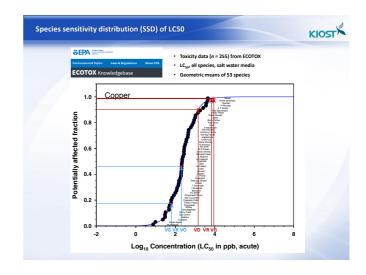


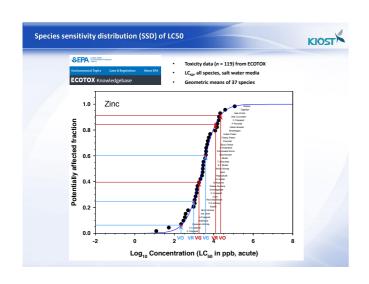


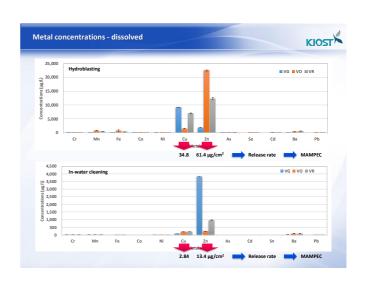


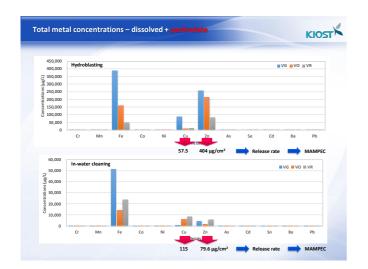




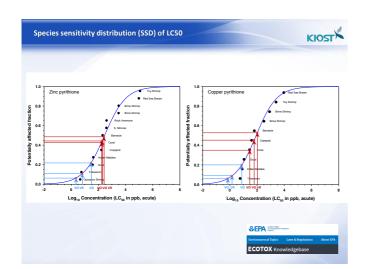


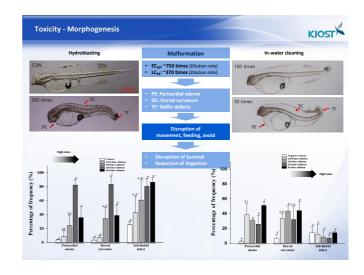


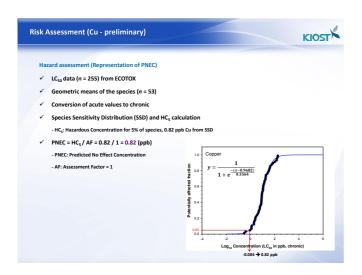


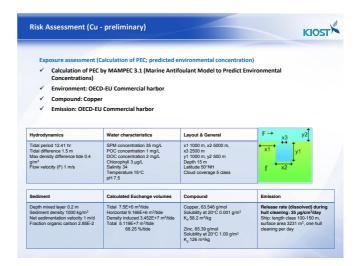


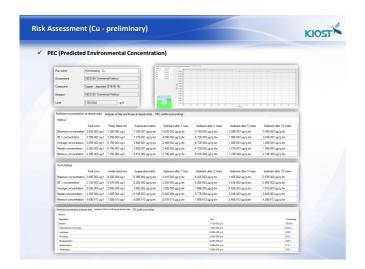


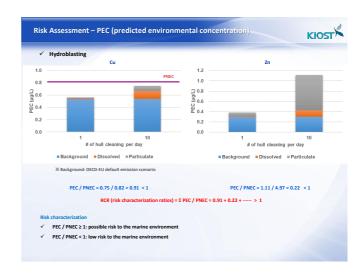


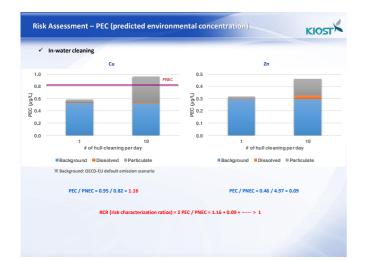












Wastewater generated during hull cleaning was highly contaminated with metals and booster biocides at toxic levels of concern.

Particle size distributions: generally, 8 – 10 µm size fraction consists of the majority of the particles.

A single hull cleaning seems not to clearly damage marine environment but the number of cleaning should be regulated based on the risk assessment, considering background concentrations, vessel size, and release rate from the cleanings......

It is expected that wastewater discharged into the water column without further treatment will affect the marine environment depending on the strength of hull cleaning activities.









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### Exploring vessel in-water cleaning as a source of ocean microplastics

In-water removal of vessel biofouling has long been employed to increase ship in-service efficiencies and new innovations in clean and capture technologies show promise to both address vessel operational needs and biosecurity risks. While it has long been recognized that in-water vessel cleaning must avoid or minimize the release of coating biocides (e.g., copper and zinc) to the environment, to date, the release of microplastics has received little attention. Ocean microplastic pollution is a significant international environmental concern, yet a large proportion of anticorrosive and antifouling marine coatings employ microplastics as binders. These binding agents (e.g., cellulose ester, thermoplastic alkyl resins, and polyurethane) often represent approximately 40% of the coatings and it is estimated that over 450 ktons of microplastics per year are used in marine coatings worldwide. While microplastics are released from commercial ships and recreational boats during normal operations and use, the expansion of in-water cleaning to minimize the potential for transporting invasive species may also have the unintended consequence of increasing ocean microplastics pollution. In-water cleaning operations are also typically conducted in ports or nearshore anchorage areas, resulting in potentially more serious localized microplastic pollution (compared to the slow, distributed wearing of coatings). Our presentation will focus on a description of the problem and our new experimental approach to assessing the potential release of microplastics as a result of vessel in-water biofouling cleaning.

### **Exploring In-Water Cleaning as a Source** of Ocean Microplastics







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### **Ocean Plastics Pollution**

- · Plastics are one or more high molecular mass polymers formed in manufacture of the polymer or fabrication into a product (MARPOL, MEPC74.WP10)
- Widely recognized significant global environment concern
- Between 4 and 12 million metric tons of plastic enter the ocean each year
- Plastics can include or absorb toxic compounds and are entering the food web of marine systems
- Slow breakdown, on the scale of hundreds to thousands of years
- Discharging plastics from ships into the sea is prohibited under MARPOL, IMO and Administrations are considering further actions





### **Ocean Microplastics**

- Particles < 5 mm (generally accepted)
- Greater biological availability
- Two main ways microplastics are formed and enter the ocean
  - Secondary: degradation (mechanical, photo and/or biological) of larger pieces into smaller fragments
  - Primary: manufactured pellets/ microbeads for personal care products (terrestrial), fibers (terrestrial) and coating binding agents (marine)





### **In-Water Cleaning and Microplastics**

- Current vessel hull husbandry based on antifouling coatings (biocide and non-stick/fouling release) and in-water cleaning
- ~ 40% of most marine coatings are microplastics as binding agents (e.g., cellulose ester, thermoplastic alkyl resins, and polyurethane) with over 450 ktons per year of microplastics used worldwid
- The polymeric backbone as binding agents of biocidal coatings are designed to release biocide by dissolution/erosion (free-association paints), hydrolysis reaction with seawater (self-polishing coatings) or a combination (hybrid)





### **In-Water Cleaning and Microplastics**

- IUCN (2017) reports that marine coatings account for 3.7% of releases of primary microplastics in the world oceans
- IMO (2019 and others) report 6 to 7% of marine coating lost directly to the sea during lifetime of a vessel and little is know about in-water cleaning
- Scianni and Georglades (2019) describe the in-water cleaning continuum from removal to prevention of biofouling, using divers or ROVs, applying brushes or water jets, and some with debris capture and treatment
- While microplastics are released from vessel during normal operations, which may be a relatively small direct source of microplastics the expansion of in-water cleaning may significantly increase localized microplastics pollution



### **In-Water Cleaning and Microplastics**

- · Evaluations of in-water cleaning systems
  - How well do they clean?
  - How well do they reduce biosecurity risks?
  - How well do they reduce water quality risks?



### Water Quality Sampling for Evaluations of In-Water Systems



- Copper, zinc, or biocide of concern
- TSS and PSD
- Microplastics



### Water Quality Sampling for Evaluations of In-Water Systems

- · Continuous, time-integrated sampling during cleaning
- Discrete, replicate sampling one day before, one hour before, one hour after and one day after for variability in ambient background conditions
- Additional samples of local <u>surface waters</u> and <u>sediments</u>
- · Sample volumes of minimum 4 liters, in glass containers







### **Quantifying and Characterizing Microplastics**

- Yonkos et al. 2014; Masura et al. 2015
- Microplastics sample processing:
- Water samples are filtered to concentrate the solid material
  - Captured material is dried and treated to digest and eliminate biota and particulate organic matter
  - Density separation (floatation) is used to isolate plastic from other inorganic solids
- Microplastics sample analyses:
  - Particle sizes and shapes (fragments, fibers, films, etc) can be quantified microscopically and concentrations reported as microplastics per volume (water) or mass (sediment)
  - The molecular composition of plastic polymers can be determined using a variety of methods (e.g., C:H:N analysis, gas chromatography and mass spectrometry, Raman spectroscopy, and Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy)

### **Quantifying and Characterizing Microplastics**

- · For evaluations of in-water cleaning systems, we propose:
  - Documentation of coating type(s) and associated microplastics (coordination with vessel and coating companies)
  - 2. Water and sediment samples will be filtered to ≤ 50 µm
  - 3. Captured solid material will be digested by wet peroxide treatment (≤ 30% H.O.)
  - Density separation will be used to separate plastics from other inorganic solids by immersion in a hypersaline brine solution (density 1.3 mg/mL) or ZnCl<sub>2</sub> solution (density 1.7 mg/mL)
  - Plastic shapes will be determined by microscopic assessment and size distribution will be characterized by digital microscopy using ImageJ software
  - Molecular composition of plastic polymers will be determined by micro-Raman or micro-FTIS spectroscopy and compared to know coating binding agents



### **Long-Term In-Water Cleaning Monitoring**

- Periodic measure of ambient water quality in locations of in-water cleaning activities to monitor for possible increases of coating biocides and microplastics (likely permitting requirement)
- Establish Mussel Watch Program in locations with and without in-water cleaning operations to monitor of bioaccumulations of coating biocides and microplastics (e.g., NOAA's National Center for Coastal Ocean Science)





### **Summary**

- Ocean plastic pollution is a critical global environmental concern
- While microplastics release from marine coatings makes up a small percentage
  of the total plastics entering the oceans, it is still as significant source
- In-water cleaning is a rare example of new innovations to address a significant market need (reduce ship fuel consumption) that can also directly help address a critical global environmental need (prevention of invasive species)
- In-water cleaning itself must also not cause harm to the environment
- Rigorous, standardized and independent testing of in-water cleaning systems is needed to ensure environmental safety and should include direct measure of microplastics releases in areas of operation



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### Vessel biofouling as a route for transmission of pathogens

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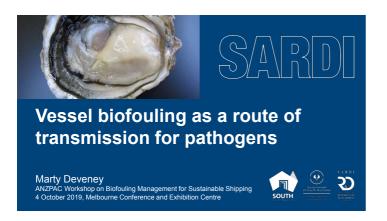
The contribution of biofouling communities on vessels as vectors for aquatic diseases has long been suspected but few data are available to understand relative risk. Some important shellfish pathogens have broad, discontinuous ranges that are not linked oceanographically and have no mechanism other than shipping that could parsimoniously be responsible for their distribution. The recent detections of OsHV-1 microvariant and *Bonamia ostreae* in the Southern Hemisphere suggest strongly that vessel biofouling can translocate diseases, particularly in areas where vessels, susceptible hosts and human activities such as fishing and aquaculture are co-located.

Following detections of OsHV-1 microvariant in the Port of Hobart prior to outbreaks in commercial oyster farms in Tasmania, in biofouling from a construction barge towed from Sydney Harbour to Port Adelaide and of *Bonamia* in biofouling from several vessels, we surveyed biofouling for these pathogens. Detections were common and prevalence and intensity indicate that biofouling is carrying infectious loads of these important pathogens.

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On every new thing there lies already the shadow of annihilation

W.G. Sebald 'The Rings of Saturn'

### **Molluscs**

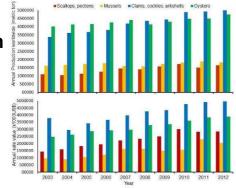
- Economically, socially (nutritionally), environmentally important
- Huge production 15.2 million T/year (2014)
- Massive value \$5 billion/year (2012)
- Important for subsistence
- Historical social significance



### Taxa (FAO 2014) Clams cockles, arishells 33.9% Diverse Intertidal, subtidal Inshore, offshore Sustainable Potential for expansion Clams cockles, arishells 33.9% Clams cockles, arishells 33.9% Freshwater molluscs swikles, conche 2.2% Abalones, winkles, conche 2.2% Miscellaneous marine molluscs 8.9% Scallops, pectens 10.9%

Production and value (FAO 2012)

15.2M tonnes (2014)

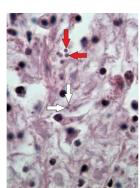


### **Delicious**



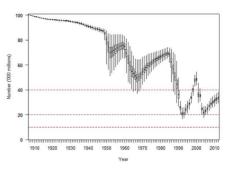
### Mollusc diseases

- Control recruitment wild populations
- Limit aquaculture production
- Socially pervasive
- Bonamia
  - B. ostreae in European, Pacific oysters
  - B. exitiosa in Bluff, Ariak, Suminoe, Argentine, Stentine, Sydney rock, Pacific oysters
  - B. perspora in Stentine oysters
  - Bonamia spp. in other hosts



### Bonamia exitiosa in NZ

- Bluff oyster fishery stable at ~100M/year to 1950
- 1950 on population controlled by B.exitiosa
- Recruitment inverse density dependant
- High density areas suffer B. exitiosa mortality



### Bonamia ostreae in Europe

- Production O. edulis ~100,000t 1970
- 1970s B. ostreae outbreaks
- Switch to Pacific oysters
- No production recovery ~40 years

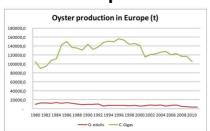


Figure 1. Production of oysters (European Flat oyster and Pacific oyster) in Europe, from 1980 to 2010. ovsterecoverv.eu

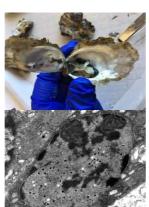
### Bonamia spp. distribution Engelsma et al. 2014



### OsHV-1

- Malacoherpesvirus
- Asia, Europe, NZ, Australia, USA
- Reference strain hatchery mortality
- Microvariant(s) summer mortality in spat, juveniles and oysters
- 50%+ losses where it occurs
- Notifiable in Australia
- Outbreaks NSW 2010, 2013; TAS
- Substantial threat to \$30M SA oyster industry

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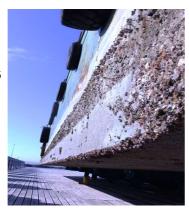
### **Port River**

- Urban waterway near Adelaide
- Commercial port
- Highly contaminated



### **Barge arrival**

- NSW to Port Adelaide July 2016
- ~5,000 Pacific oysters
- 1/56 OsHV-1 microvariant +
- 1.8% (0.01-2.9%) prevalence
- ~100 infected oysters



### Post-barge arrival

- · Oyster surveys
- 95% confidence <1% prevalence
- 600 samples 4800 tests
- No OsHV-1 detected 2016





### OsHV-1 environmental surveillance

- Hobart/Derwent River port samples January 2016
- Tested after February 2016 OsHV-1 outbreak
- 3 confirmed positives from 30 samples
- Assess utility of environmental surveillance





- Adelaide remained negative from 2016 to the end of 2017
- But then . . .
- One environmental sample indeterminate (1/2 tests positive) re-tested negative (0/4)
- 600+ oyster samples 2400+ tests negative
- Possibilities:
- Non-OsHV-1 target
- Test malfunction
- Dead virus
- Contamination?

### That dreaded sample

- SARDI eDNA extraction produces 150  $\mu L$  DNA
- OsHV-1 assay uses 2 μL per test
- First re-test negative
- · Continued to re-test
- Every sixth 2 μL subsamples tests positive (CT~38)



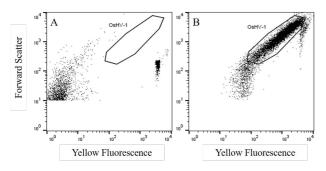


### February 2018 – OsHV-1microvariant outbreak in Pacific oysters

Sample Date	Detections	Samples	Oyster prevalence	Vessel oyster prevalence	Bulk biofouling prevalence
21-Feb-18	16	25	64.0%	26%	5%
02-Mar-18	143	208	68.8%	25%	3%
24-Apr-18	16	32	50.0%	19%	3%
28-May-18	17	32	53.1%	18%	ND
26-Jun-18	12	31	38.7%	12%	ND
14-Aug-18	12	32	37.5%	14%	ND
12-Sep-18	11	37	29.7%	11%	ND
23-Oct-18	6	46	13.0%	ND	ND
26-Nov-18	13	33	39.4%	21%	3%
20-Dec-18	23	32	71.9%	34%	5%
22-lan-19	7	36	19.4%	8%	5%

Bayesian LCM Martenot and Jenkins tests 'or' rule

### OsHV-1 flow cytometry (water)



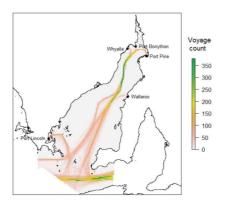
### **Transmission**

- Infection model
- Cohabitat biofouling Pacific oysters with naive Pacific oyster spat
- · Raise temperature
- Biofouling oysters transmit OsHV-1 >50% if CT<30, 5-30% if CT >30



### **Shipping model**

- Voyage count
- · Voyage distance
- · Voyage origin
- Infection
- Season
- Infectivity
- Port Adelaide 1.5-25 years to infection from emergence

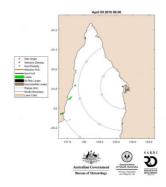


### Risk or inevitability?

- Pacific oysters on 90+% of Port Adelaide moored vessels
- Pacific oysters common in domestic and international biofouling
- Distance from farms to ports
- Dis/continuity of farmed and feral Pacific oyster populations
- Environmental suitability for disease
- Secondary transport



### Currents



### **Conclusions**

- Pathogens are common in biofouling
- Biofouling transmits aquatic animal diseases and is the best fit to describe a range of pathogen distributions
- These diseases pose an ongoing threat to uninfected industries
- Infected biofouling oysters can transmit pathogens



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When biosecurity works, nothing happens



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In the Marine Biosecurity Unit Tim has been working on policy for ballast water, biofouling and inwater cleaning as well as project management to support the decision-making framework that underpins key policy documents.

### Understanding environmental detection of aquatic pathogens to inform vessel management policy in Australia

The Australian Department of Agriculture (the Department) is responsible for regulating ballast water on internationally arriving and domestically operating vessels. The Department is now working towards establishing regulations for biofouling on internationally arriving vessels, to ensure the biosecurity risk associated with these vessels is comprehensively managed.

Biofouling and ballast water present a risk of spreading aquatic diseases which can have devastating effects on local businesses and the environment. It is however very difficult to obtain the information required to make the informed management decisions required to reduce this risk. To make these informed decisions a reliable method for determining if an aquatic pathogen is present in the environment is required.

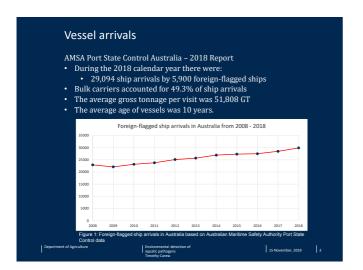
The Department has funded a project to develop robust and repeatable methods for environmental DNA detection of pathogens in the marine environment. The aim of the project is to develop the required tools for determining the presence/absence of aquatic pathogens in the environment, this information can inform management decisions regarding the transmission of aquatic animal disease via ballast water and biofouling.

The initial stage of this project was to determine the diagnostic sensitivity and specificity of quantitative PCR tests for white spot syndrome virus and Ostreid herpesvirus-1 in environmental samples. The Department aims to use this capability going forward to determine if an aquatic disease is present in a port environment and inform risk ratings for domestic ballast water transfer as appropriate.

The Departments approach to implementing this tool to inform risk-based management decisions to prevent the spreading of aquatic animal diseases will be discussed.







### What's the risk?

Increase in shipping movements, change in shipping patterns



### What are we doing about it?

### Biosecurity Act 2015

International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments

Biofouling Management Requirements for Internationally arriving vessels

### **Ballast water management requirements**

Why do we need to do port surveillance?

Management options:

- Ballast water exchanges Ballast water treatment
- Risk-based exemption domestically

The Australian Ballast Water Risk Assessment (BWRA)
• Environmental matching risk assessment

- Species' biogeographical risk assessment
   Species-specific risk assessment
   7 species used



### Australian Sourced Ballast Application Risk Based Exemption

### Low Risk Voyage

- · Determined by the port of uptake and discharge
- · What risks have been identified in port of uptake
- Times of the year
- · Don't need to manage ballast

### High Risk Voyage

- · Vessels must manage ballast
- · Record all ballast water managements in BWRB
- May be subject to a domestic ballast water inspection



http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/avm/vessels/mars

### **Existing Research:**

Risk of waterborne virus spread - review of survival of relevant fish and crustacean viruses in the aquatic environment and implications for control measures

The role of the mussel Mytilus spp. in the transmission of ostreid herpesvirus-1 microVar

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### 2016 White Spot Syndrome Virus Outbreak in Brisbane

Estimated total loss of \$49.5 million (Ridge Partners 2017)

- The Department retrospectively tested environmental samples using qPCR's
- Indeterminate results

How can we be sure though?
• Sent the samples to Korea for confirmation by NGS

What can we do next?



### **Detection of environmental** pathogens

### Project aim:

Assess feasibility of existing qPCR and nPCR / cPCR assays for viral pathogen detection and confirmation for environmental samples.

### Three stages:

- 1. Laboratory component
- 2. Field validation
- 3. Confirmatory tests and field test performance





### Stage 1 - Initial Laboratory Component

Aim: Test existing environmental samples to better understand the limit of detection

- Spike environmental samples with irradiated virus
- · Extract DNA from spiked samples
- · Test samples using qPCR and nPCR/cPCR
- Determine the extraction efficiency and level of detection for each of the assays



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### Stage two - Field Sampling and Field Validation

Test samples from known positive and known negative sites.

- · These samples will be tested using the same methods. qPCR and then cPCR and Sanger sequencing for positive results.
- · This aims to determine the diagnostic specificity and sensitivity of the assays.
- · Understand the viral distribution in the environment to inform survey sensitivity
- · Provide confidence in the likelihood of absence of the virus provided by negative results from a given approach



### Stage Three - Confirmatory tests and field test

Aim: To provide additional higher sensitivity confirmatory tools for qPCR detections in plankton samples.

- · Improve confirmatory tests
- Test high Ct qPCR positive samples using different platforms
- Refine sample techniques and survey design



### How can we use this tool?

The Department needs to make regulatory decisions to minimise the spread of a quatic diseases.  $\,$ 

- · Need is to establish risk areas
- Therefore we need to:
  Have confidence in negative results
  Have confidence that positive result is a positive result
- Early warning system to help direct sample efforts in adult populations
- If we can confirm the presence of a disease in a port environment, then we can use the risk tables to rate voyages as high risk.
- · Biofouling?

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### Difficulties we are facing

- Environmental samples are very different from animal tissue samples
- Plankton samples contain many different sources of DNA and therefore increases the chance of inhibition
- Developing suitable confirmation tests
- · Sampling large areas



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As an engineer in agronomy and a researcher in marine biology, she is interested in how science can be used to help manage aquaculture.

#### Biofouling and aquatic pathogens: The case study of the Ostreid Herpesvirus 1

Ostreid Herpesvirus 1 (OsHV-1) has caused massive mortalities in Pacific oysters (Crassostrea gigas) in Europe since 2008, and in Australia and New Zealand since 2010. While movements of infected Pacific oysters associated with the aquaculture activities are a well-known mechanism of OsHV-1 spread to other growing regions, additional pathways of OsHV-1 spread have yet to be elucidated. Therefore, the Ministry for Primary Industries, New Zealand, commissioned a proof of concept project to investigate the risk of translocating OsHV-1 via biofouling organisms commonly associated with vessels and aquaculture equipment.

Laboratory experiments were undertaken to investigate the potential to transfer OsHV-1 from infected Pacific oysters to uninfected Pacific oysters, Sydney rock oysters (*Saccostrea glomerata*), or Mediterranean mussels (*Mytilus galloprovincialis*) via cohabitation. The potential for transmission of OsHV-1 from the exposed bivalves to naïve Pacific oysters was evaluated in subsequent cohabitation experiments. Field experiments are underway to investigate the risk of OsHV-1 transmission from a broader range of biofouling organisms than those examined in the laboratory.

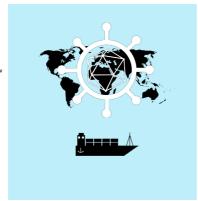
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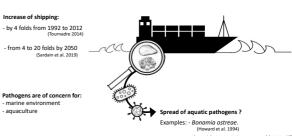
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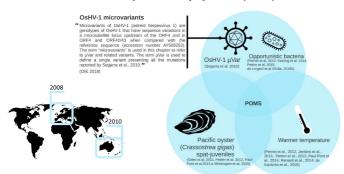


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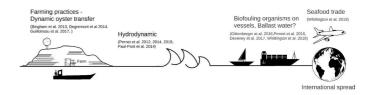


- Ostreid Herpersvirus type 1 (OsHV-1)? (Deveney et al. 2017, Rodgers et al. 2018, Whittington et al. 2018)

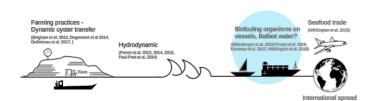
#### What is the Pacific Oyster Mortality Syndrome (POMS) ?



#### Transboundary spread of OsHV-1: How is it possible?



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#### Vessels – Possible pathways for OsHV-1 spread?





#### Aims of the study

This **proof of concept research** investigates the risk of translocating OsHV-1 via biofouling organisms associated with vessels, or equipment associated with aquaculture industry.

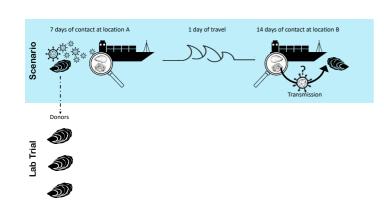
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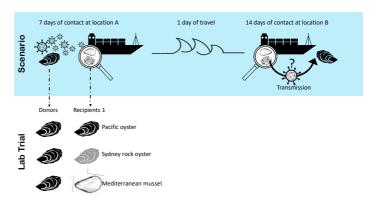
- Experiment 1: Laboratory testing for OsHV-1 viability in Sydney rock oysters (Saccostrea glomerata) and Mediterranean mussels (Mytilus galloprovincialis) after cohabitation with Pacific oysters (Crassostrea gigos) injected with OsHV-1 and subsequent potential for transmission to naive Pacific oysters.
- Experiment 2: Field surveillance for OsHV-1 in a Pacific oyster farm from the Georges River and collection of biofouling organisms to be tested for OsHV-1 and viral viability.

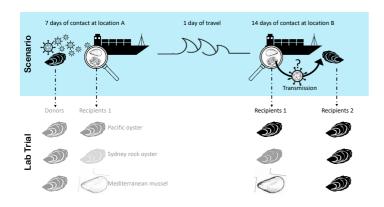


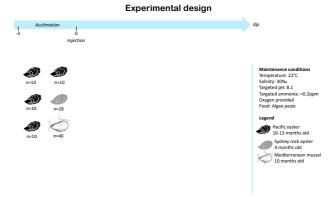


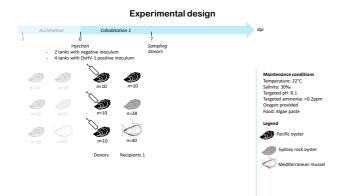


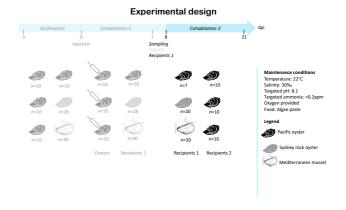


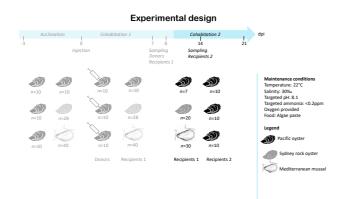


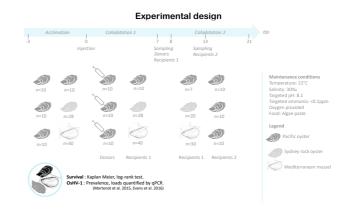








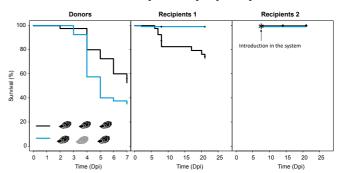




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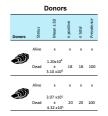
Non-challenged with OsHV-1 Survival 90-100% Samples all negative to OsHV-1 by qPCR

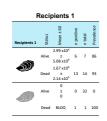
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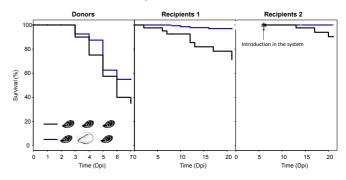
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#### Results: Pacific oyster and Mediterranean mussel

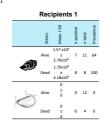


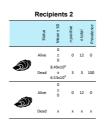
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#### Challenged with OsHV-1

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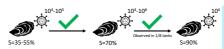
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	Status	Mean ± SD	n positive	n total	Prevalence
	Alive	×	×	×	×
<b>W</b>	Dead	4.23x10 <sup>5</sup> ± 4.72 x10 <sup>5</sup>	20	21	95
	Alive	1.89×10 <sup>4</sup> ± 2.65×10 <sup>4</sup>	2	2	100
<b>W</b>	Dead	5.69x10 <sup>5</sup> ± 7.92x10 <sup>5</sup>	18	18	100





#### Results - Discussion

What to keep in mind for transmission of OsHV-1 in our study context?



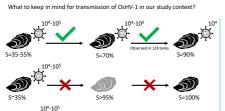
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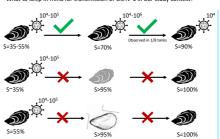
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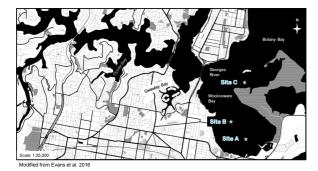
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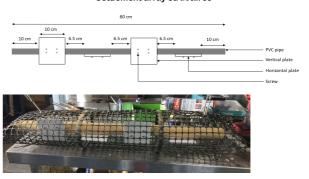
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Interspecies transmission suggested.
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Mytilus galloprovincialis is resistant to
OsHV-1 due to Myticin C.
(Novoa et al., 2016)

#### Study location – The Georges River, south of Sydney, NSW



#### Settlement array structures



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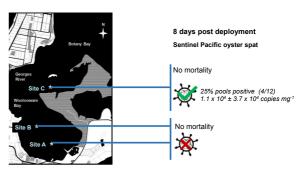


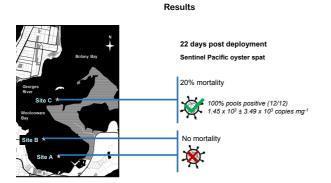
Structures deployed in the Georges River the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019,

Deployment of sentinel Pacific oysters (4 months old), nearby the settlement array structures the  $10^{\rm th}$  April 2019, n=3 socks of 500 oysters per sites.

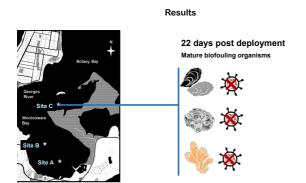
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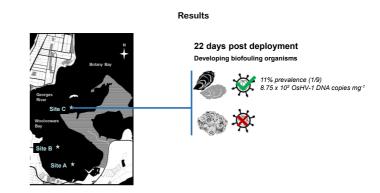
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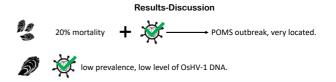










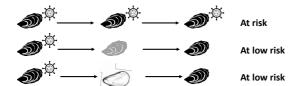


# **Results-Discussion** 20% mortality + POMS outbreak, very located. low prevalence, low level of OsHV-1 DNA.



#### Take home message





 $POMS \ is a multifactorial \ disease. \ Thus, there \ may \ be other scenarios \ of exposure \ resulting \ in potential \ translocation.$ 

Take home message

**Results-Discussion** 

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20% mortality + POMS outbreak.

In other studies?

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#### Experiment 2

POMS outbreak observed in the Georges River in May 2019.

→ Not of a high intensity.

→ Low OsHV-1 prevalence in the surrounding Pacific oysters.

→ No detection of OsHV-1 DNA in other oyster species or other taxa.

POMS is a multifactorial disease.

What is next? To better control the infection, we will challenge developing biofouling organisms in laboratory conditions.

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#### NZ's Shellfish Aquaculture Research Platform – integrated biofouling management

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Biofouling is an enduring operational problem in shellfish aquaculture that can reduce productivity, impede operations, and damage infrastructure. New Zealand's shellfish aquaculture industry is supported by ongoing government investment in Cawthron Institute's 'Shellfish Aquaculture Research Platform'. The platform provides underpinning science to secure and grow the industry, and part of this work is to develop an approach for integrated biofouling management. The case study is the \$NZ350 million per annum Greenshell<sup>TM</sup> mussel aquaculture industry, which has been increasingly impacted by unwanted and often invasive biofouling pests. This talk will overview the operational challenges biofouling poses in shellfish aquaculture, remedial approaches currently available to the industry, and our own work to develop an integrated framework for biofouling management. Our holistic approach to biofouling management encompasses a range of complementary and interrelated approaches:

- Ecological knowledge of the distribution, population dynamics, and impacts of 'functional groups' of pests on different stages of shellfish production to define economically appropriate action thresholds and intervention strategies.
- Realistic monitoring frameworks for industry surveillance of pest arrival and proliferation onfarm to provide baseline and continuing data required to operate and optimise intervention strategies.
- Proactive tools and treatments to prevent or avoid proliferation of harmful biofouling pests, including data-driven husbandry and spatial management approaches such as timed avoidance strategies, dispersal fire breaks, and fallowing.
- Reactive tools and treatments to apply when biofouling populations on crop reach potentially harmful levels and to decontaminate aquaculture gear before re-use or transfer within or between farms.

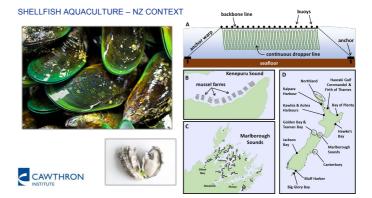
In this way, our goal of integrated pest management for shellfish aquaculture is not a single control method, rather a series of management evaluations, decisions, and tools. An integrated management framework underpinned by ecological knowledge will ultimately enable industry to manage biofouling risks in a cost-effective manner whilst ensuring desirable environmental outcomes.



#### NEW ZEALAND'S SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE RESEARCH PLATFORM INTEGRATED BIOFOULING MANAGEMENT

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#### SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE RESEARCH PLATFORM

'The purpose of the Strategic Science Investment Fund is to support longer-term, underpinning infrastructure and programmes of mission-led science critical to the future of New Zealand's economy, environment, and wellbeing'

### Grow existing shellfish industries

Enable new shellfish aquaculture industries

Secure shellfish aquaculture production





#### ON-FARM BIOFOULING RISKS AND ISSUES

- Biofouling 'marine pests' can be exotic (+) and/or native
- Impacts can be considerable but are hard to predict and manage
- Synergies of operational management and biosecurity







#### ON-FARM BIOFOULING RISKS AND ISSUES

- Spat retention is constraining the industry and (likely) confounded by fouling
- · But pests also impact later crop stages, processing, and LTO



#### 'BIOFOULING MANAGED'

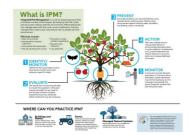
'Develop tools and understanding to enable proactive management of risks to aquaculture production from biofouling'





#### 'INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT'

'Use ecological knowledge of pests and the environment to inform judicious application of available control methods for optimal production outcomes'





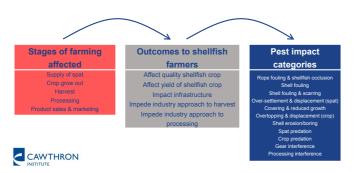
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#### ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE



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Functional Group	Taxonomic groups	Impact type	Process stage impacted	Sentinel species
Canopy Algae	e.g. kelps and fucoids	Overtopping & displacement (crop)	Crop grow-out, crop retention, harvest, product processing	Undaria pinnatifida
Inderstory Algae	e.g. red, brown algae	Rope fouring & shellfish occlusion; Shellfish fouling; over-settlement & displacement (spat)	Supply of spat; crop grow-out	Colpomenia spp
ilamentous Algae	Filamentous green algae	Processing interference; Gear interference; Shell fouling	Harvest, Product processing	Cladophora
essile hard encrusting	barnacles, calcareous tubeworms, bryozoans	Shellfish fouling & scarring; processing interference	Product processing; product sales & marketing	Amphibalanus trigonus, Pomatocerus
Sessile soft encrusting	hydroids, colonial ascidians, sponges	Shellfish fouling; Covering & reduced growth;	Crop grow-out, product processing	Didemnum vexillum, Diplosoma
Sessile hard aggregating	mussels, bivalves	Rope fouring & shellfish occlusion; over- settlement & displacement (spat); Overtopping & displacement (crop); shellfish fouling; processing interference	Supply of spat; Crop grow-out, Harvest;	Mytilus galloprovincialis
essile soft aggregating	polychaetes*, solitary ascidians	Covering & reduced growth; Overtopping & displacement (crop); Gear interference Processing interference	Crop grow out; Harvest; product processing	Styela clava, Ciona intestinalis, Sabella spallanzanii
enthic mobile predating	crabs, seastars	Spat predation Adult predation	Supply of spat; crop grow out; harvest	Asterias amurensis, Carcinus maenus
elagic mobile predating	fish	Spat predation Adult predation	Supply of spat; crop grow out; harvest	Spotties, snapper
lioeroders	sponges	Shell erosion/boring; shell fouling; shell fouling & scarring	Crop grow-out;	Cliona
Macroscopic Endobiont/ Parasitic	peacrabs, bivalve-inhabiting hydroids	endobiont & reduced growth	Crop grow out; Product sales & marketing	Pea crab, Eutima

#### ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE - DISTRIBUTION AND DYNAMICS

Field survey of crop lines and natural hard substrate habitats

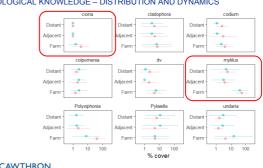
- Adjacent to farm
- · Distant from farm (no farms in bay)

- Long and short dispersalnuisance pests:
   Cladophora ruchingeri (horsehair weed)
   Didemnum vexillum (sea squirt)
- Colpomenia sp. (bubble weed)
- Undaria pinnatifida (Asian kelp) Ciona robusta (sea squirt)
- Mytilus galloprovincialis (blue mussel)
- Pylaiella sp. (filamentous algae)
- Codium sp. (dead mans fingers)





#### ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE - DISTRIBUTION AND DYNAMICS





Feb 18 Sep 18 season

#### ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE - IMPACTS

- Identify gaps in impact assessment for functional groups Experimental assessments to fill gaps

Space competition - Colpomenia vs spat

Feeding competition – size filtering (Sabella/Styela)

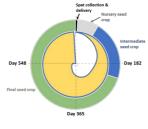
Predation - flatworms vs spat and adults

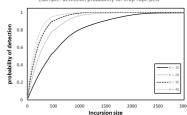
Sessile/soft-bodied/aggregating – adherence not resolved by tumblers/rinsing





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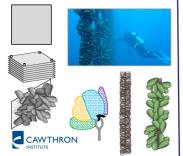




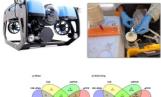
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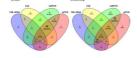
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#### Traditional approaches









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http://cawthron-data.upshift.co.nz/wheres-our-plastic-going

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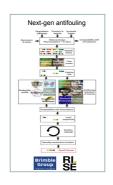


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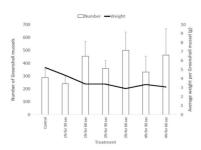


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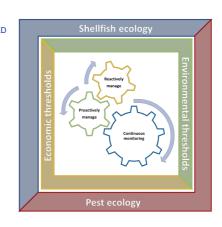


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#### Managing Corrosion and Biofouling of the Offshore Monopile Supports for Wind Turbines

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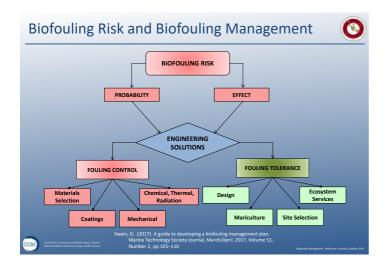
In 2018 there were 4,543 grid connected offshore wind turbines representing over 17.5 Gigawatts cumulative installed capacity active in European waters of which over 70% used monopiles for their substructure and foundation (windeurope.org). The US offshore wind energy has a technical potential of over 2,000 gigawatts with a total project pipeline as of June 2018 of 25.4 gigawatts. For many of the present monopile installations there have been corrosion problems within the interiors of the structures. This research investigated the concept for the design of monopiles with perforations that enable the free circulation of seawater, corrosion control by conventional cathodic protection design and the creation of a habitat for marine life.

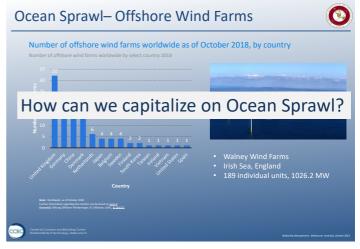
Partially submerged hollow steel pipes with different treatments were deployed at Port Canaveral, Florida. The results demonstrated that a cathodically protected perforated monopile structure creates an environment with more favorable corrosion mitigation and water chemistry compared to a sealed structure. Furthermore, the perforated cathodically protected pipe created a habitat for marine life and recruited a diverse population of settled and mobile organisms.

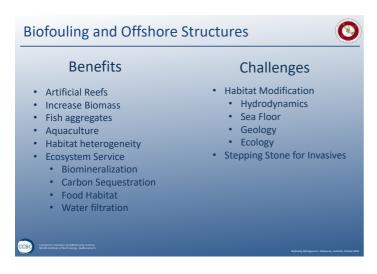
At a time when there is increasing debate about "Ocean Sprawl", there is an opportunity to manage monopiles for offshore wind turbines in a manner that enables them to provide ecosystem services in terms of fisheries, nutrient cycling and carbon fixation. However, they may also displace existing ecosystems and provide surfaces to which invasive species may spread and colonize new areas.

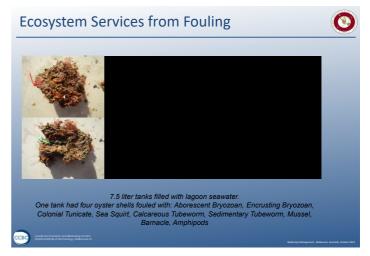




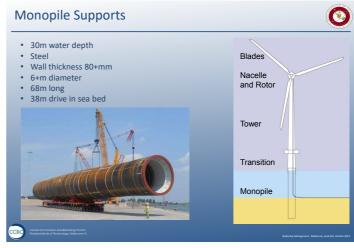


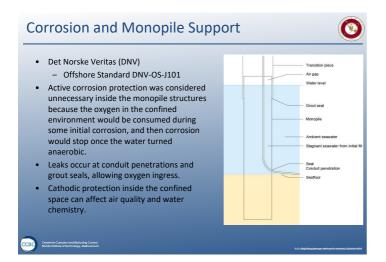


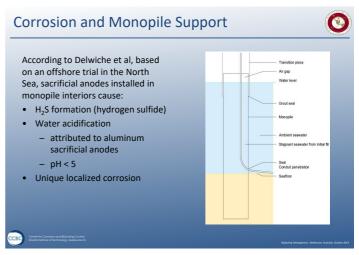


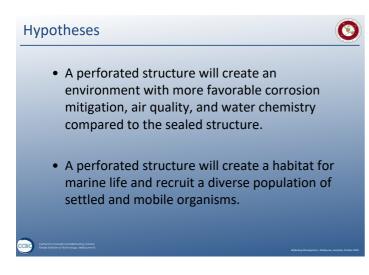


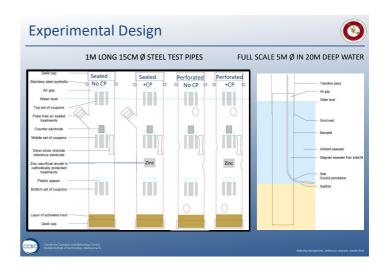


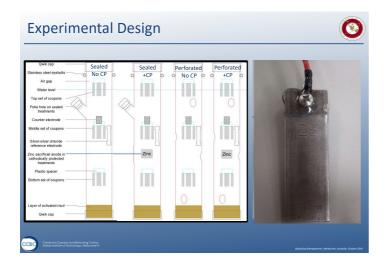




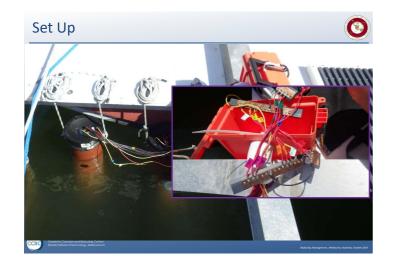


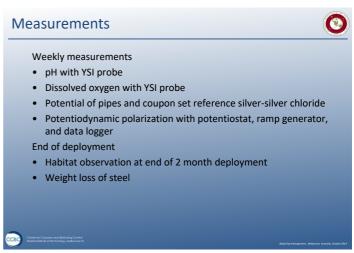


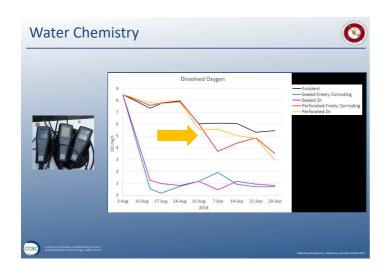


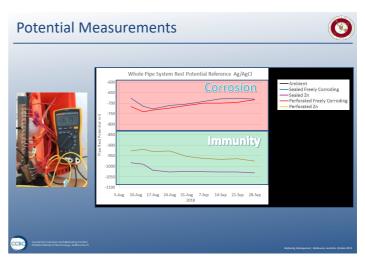




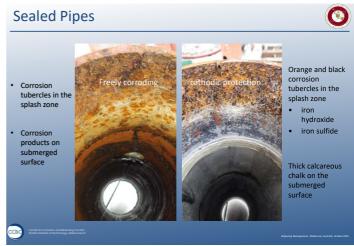


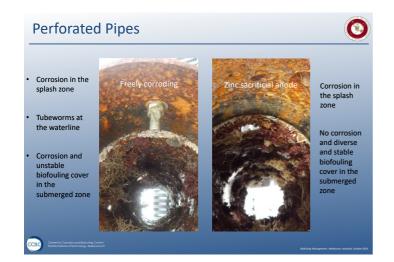


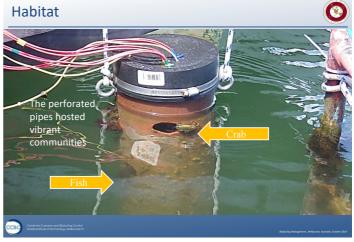






















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Dr Andrew Want is a marine ecologist with specialist expertise in biofouling and hard substrate epifaunal assemblages, including barnacles and macroalgae in high-energy habitats targeted by the Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) sector. Andrew is currently Assistant Professor at the Orkney campus of Heriot-Watt University in Scotland. His research background in biofouling includes developing and leading the international Biofouling in Renewable Energy Environments (BioFREE) project, as well the numerous other projects such as Forensic Decommissioning of Tidal Energy Converters (FoDTEC) study.

In addition to these biofouling projects described above, he has: conducted numerous surveys of offshore energy infrastructure; worked with local fisheries in improving ecological functioning of marine infrastructure; researched genetic connectivity of isolated algal populations in the North Atlantic; and, surveyed Marine Protected Areas and priority marine features for governmental regulators. Through this research and collaborations, he has built strong connections throughout the biofouling and ORE sectors, and with marine subcontractors and regulatory bodies.

Dr. Want has extensive teaching experience at postgraduate and undergraduate level, and regularly presents at international conferences. Recent peer-reviewed papers have been published in journals including: Biofouling; Ocean and Coastal Management; Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews; and, International Journal of Marine Energy.

#### Monitoring biofouling, and testing antifouling coatings, in the offshore renewable energy industry

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Britain's seas are being targeted for deployment of offshore renewable energy (ORE) devices, i.e. wave, tidal, and offshore wind technologies, as part of UK governmental plans to decarbonise electricity generation. Biofouling affects ORE device performance by increased drag, accelerated corrosion, and additional loadings on moorings and other infrastructure. Ecological concerns exist regarding the role that these structures might play in the transfer of invasive aquatic species (IAS), as ORE deployments are happening in areas where structures have not been previously installed (e.g. extreme tidal flow areas), and where biofouling studies are uncommon.

In the BioFREE project, a collaboration between Heriot-Watt University and the European Marine Energy Centre, we designed a novel system for monitoring biofouling in any depth within the water column at high- energy wave and tidal ORE target sites. This system has been used to characterise biofouling in Orkney (UK), Chile, Japan and the USA. It also provides a platform to test anti-fouling coatings applied to materials relevant to the industry.

Results indicate that major biofouling species differ between sites owing to hydrodynamic conditions, water depth, substrate type, and deployment timing. Species exhibit contrasting patterns of seasonal reproduction, settlement, and growth. These studies did not find evidence of IAS at high-energy exposed sites. It is possible that hydrographic barriers prevent successful recruitment of IAS in these locations. However, the transfer of IAS into harbours is more likely with increased traffic of industry support vessels. Our findings inform site- specific guidance to regulating bodies and the ORE industry regarding anti-fouling strategies, including scheduling deployment and maintenance of devices and infrastructure to times when settlement of IAS is minimal or their removal least costly.







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# Monitoring biofouling, and testing antifouling coatings, in the offshore renewable energy industry



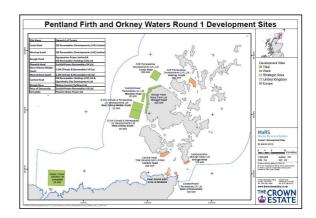
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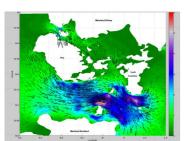
GloFouling
Partnerships

With partners: Dr. Joanne Porter, Dr. Robert Harris, and Caitlin Long





#### Pentland Firth and Orkney Waters:





Phase 1A: 4 x 1.5 MW tidal turbines
Phase 1B: 8 x 1.5 MW tidal turbines
Phase 1C: 57 x 1.5 MW tidal turbines (85.5 MW)

#### What is the problem?

- Increased roughness and weight thereby impacting drag and energy capture
- Accelerating corrosion of components, i.e. subsea connectors, etc.
- Removal of fouling/antifouling strategies are costly, requiring additional operational 'down-time'









#### Is this a new problem?

Yes, there are several issues unique to the Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) sector:

- Novel components/materials used in the sector
- Devices are being placed in poorly understood habitats
- Sensor accuracy is compromised leading to inaccurate determination of device performance and resource assessment

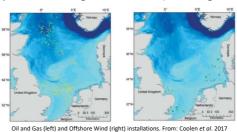






... the hydrodynamic and mechanical consequences of biofouling organisms on moving structures are of particular concern, to industry...

Providing surfaces on artificial structures in the marine environment may create 'stepping-stone' habitats for the spread of fouling communities (including non-native species)









Scientists are working closely with test site personnel, device developers and engineers to gather data, share knowledge and formulate expertise on biofouling most relevant in helping develop the Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) industry

#### Objectives:

- Gather data from poorly-studied, high-energy habitats targeted by the ORE sector
- Develop a biofouling monitoring and testing system designed for deployment at extreme-energy wave and tidal sites
- Testing of materials used by the ORE industry and anti-fouling strategies
- Provide guidance to better manage fouling...



Guidance to better manage fouling in the ORE sector...

- Lowered Levilized Cost of Electricity generated by ORE sector;
- Biofouling management plans/protocols for ORE sector;
- · Biosecurity and marine planning.

#### **Data Collecting Opportunities:**









Clockwise from top left: map of survey locations in Orkney; settlement panels - EMEC infrastructure; waverider buoy survey; evidence of gregarious settlement and coating preference; test panels (Whitford Ltd.) - Stromness Harbour.

Survey Date	Device	Substrate	Site	Dominant fouling organisms		
20-Dec-17	ADCP	HDPE/steel	FW	Anomia ephippium	n/a	n/a
27-Feb-18	WRB	Steel	BC	Ectopleura larynx	Petalonia fascia	Hincksia hincksia
27-Feb-18	WRB	Steel	BC	Hincksia hincksia	Petalonia fascia	Lomentaria clavellosa
27-Feb-18	WRB	Steel	SF	Petalonia fascia	Semibalanus balanoides	Jassa falcata/marmorata
01-Apr-18	WEC moorings	Fiberglass	BC	Chirona hameri	Metridium dianthus	Anomia ephippium
20-May-18	WEC Cable End	Steel	BC	Chirona hameri	Balanus balanus	n/a
29-Jun-18	WEC	Steel	SF	Balanus crenatus	Electra pilosa	n/a
16-Aug-18	WEC Moorings	Mixed	SF	Balanus crenatus	Balanus balanus	Spirobranchus triqueter
18-Sep-18	ADCP	HDPE/steel	SF	Spirobranchus triqueter	Metridium dianthus	Mytilus edulis
09-Oct-18	TEC subunit	Steel	FW	Ciona intestinalis	Chirona hameri	Ascidiella aspersa
15-Oct-18	WRB	Steel	BC	Semibalanus balanoides	Amphisbetia operculata	Mytilus edulis
17-Oct-18	WRB	Steel	SF	Chordaria flagelliformis	Ulva lactuca	Semibalanus balanoides

Key fouling species on ORE substrates in Orkney waters include (from left): the Saddle Oyster Anomia ephippium; barnacles, such as Balanus balanus; macroalgal turf (including Chordaria flagelliformis, Petalonia fascia, and Ulva lactuca); and the sea anemone Metridium dianthus.



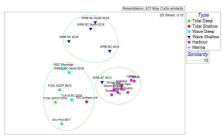




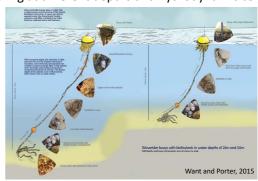


#### Analysis of Biofouling Survey Data:

- 200+ species recorded
- 7 NNS (in harbours/marinas)
- PRIMER software
- Bray Curtis similarity to explore differences in species between locations
- ANOSIM algorithm to see which species most responsible for the differences
- MDS plot to show differences visually in species suites, between locations



#### Biofouling at different depths and hydrodynamic conditions:











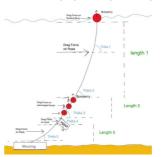


#### **BioFREE Monitoring and Testing System:**

- Monitoring of fouling organisms at different depths and energy levels
- System allows testing of different materials and anti-fouling coatings
- · Allows easy deployment and retrieval for regular access
- · Physically and statistically robust



- Minimise drag allowing deployment in high-flow areas Provide buoyancy necessary to maintain position





Site	Depth (m)	Height (m)
Billia Croo	45	3
Fall of Warness	40	15
Scapa Flow	25	3
Shapinsay Sound	25	5



A: NNMREC - Oregon, USA B: MERIC – Las Cruces, Chile\*
C: EMEC – Orkney, UK D. FEM – Bretagne, France\* E: OMST – Nagasaki, Japan



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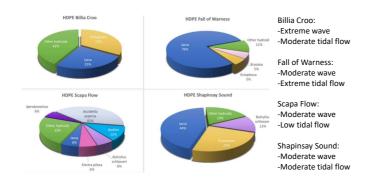




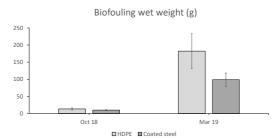
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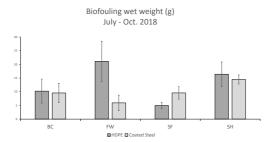


#### Substrate and Biofouling



Mean wet weight (g) of biofouling on HDPE and coated steel panels (n = 8) deployed at EMEC test sites from July 2018 to March 2019 ( $\pm$  S.E.).

#### Test site and Biofouling



Mean wet weight (g) of biofouling on replicate panels deployed at EMEC test sites from mid-July to mid-October 2018. BC: Billia Croo; FW: Fall of Warness; SF: Scapa Flow; and, SH: Shapinsay Sound (± S.E.).

# Growth of Biofouling HDPE: Biofouling Wet Weight (g) July 18 - March 19 July 18 - March 19 SS FW BC SF SS FW BC SF

Mean wet weight (g) of biofouling on replicate panels deployed at EMEC test sites from July 2018 to March 2019. BC: Billia Croo; FW: Fall of Warness; SF: Scapa Flow; and, SS: Shapinsay Sound (± S.E.).

# Seasonality and Succession Scapa Flow October 2018 January 2019

#### General findings/comments:

- Proven success of BioFREE monitoring and testing system which can be used to provide detailed characterisation anywhere and at any chosen placement within the water column
- ORE fouling organisms are highly specific to location

■ Oct 18 ■ Mar 19

- ORE fouling varies depending on water depth and substrate type
- ORE fouling assemblages are predictable based on hydrodynamic conditions
- Orientation (relative to flow) may be an important variable in ORE fouling
- Anti-fouling coatings may be most effective at preventing fouling in high current flow conditions
- Accurate assessment of biofouling impacts is essential for maximising ORE capture, i.e. lowering electricity generating costs

#### Seasonality and Succession:

- Evidence gathered has provided examples of profound levels of fouling occurring over a relatively short period of time, depending on seasonality and succession
- Marked seasonality of fouling suggest that scheduling deployment and maintenance operations in a targeted manner may be an effective means to minimise fouling impacts and mitigate risk of



#### Non-native Species (NNS): Orkney



Note: no NNS have been recorded at ORE sites in Orkney



Forensic Decommissioning of Tidal Energy Converters







• Dive surveys

Biofouling studies

• Structural inspection of recovered components

Metallurgical analysis









#### Connectivity of Hard Substrate Biofouling in the North Sea

- Using the Scottish Shelf Model (MSS/De Dominis et al., 2018) improved through validating data collected by monitoring and genetic studies
- Decommissioning/derogation of Oil and Gas installations; deployment of Offshore Wind Farms

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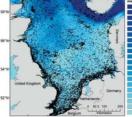
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Steering Group: -Oil and Gas Innovation Centre; -Joint Nature Conservation Con

-BP: -Aquatera Ltd.





**Further Information:** 

**ETHYS** 



https://tethys.pnnl.gov/events/biofree-biofouling-renewable-energy-environments







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Craig Sherman is a molecular ecologist based at Deakin University and has experience working on a number of marine and terrestrial species. Craig's research uses a combination of ecological and molecular approaches to address fundamental and applied questions in the fields of invasive species biology, genetic adaptation, and ecosystem resilience. Craig is a collaborative researcher working with academics, industry and government agencies to find management solutions to complex environmental issues facing coastal and marine ecosystems.

#### The use of environmental DNA for detecting the presence and spread of invasive species

The unprecedented spread of invasive species worldwide is recognised as one of the leading threats to global biodiversity and ecosystem function, especially in inshore marine ecosystems where rates of species introductions are accelerating due to the increase in commercial shipping on a global scale. Worldwide there is an increasing demand for new innovative marine biosecurity tools allowing for early detections of new pest incursions, and timely responses that prevent species spread and proliferation. Environmental DNA (eDNA) is one such tool that provides a cost-effective and non-invasive survey method with unparalleled sensitivity for determining species presence via the detection of extracellular genetic material in environmental samples. Although the technology has the potential for assisting the Australian marine biosecurity sector, the application of eDNA tools for monitoring Australian marine pests has been limited to date. Here we report on the use of species specific TaqMan RT-qPCR assays to test for the presence of invasive marine pests in Victorian ports and coastal waters. We also test the sensitivity of eDNA assays by assessing the rates of eDNA decay and the spatial limits of eDNA detection around a known source population. Our study shows that eDNA provides a highly sensitive tool that provides high temporal and spatial resolution for the detection of invasive species.

# The use of eDNA for detecting the presence and spread of invasive species







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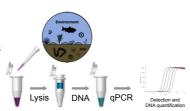
#### **Environmental DNA (eDNA)**

- Detects traces of DNA shed into the environment
- Allows species detection by taking a simple environmental sample
- Emerging tool for biological monitoring



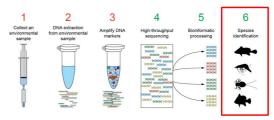
#### Two main eDNA approaches

- Targeted probe (qPCR or ddPCR)
  - DNA is amplified using fluorescently labelled species specific genetic probes (TaqMan®)
  - confirms species presence/absence
  - Great if you know what you are looking for!



#### Two main eDNA approaches

- · Metabarcoding
  - Broader survey of taxonomic groups



http://www.sixthresearcher.com/amplicon-sequencing-and-high-throughput-genotyping-metagenomics

#### **Current eDNA projects in marine biosecurity**

- · Identify new incursions
- Determine mechanisms of range expansion
- · Assess detection limits and decay rates
- · National Marine Pest Reference project







#### **Northern Pacific Seastar**

Native to China, Japan, Korea and Russia





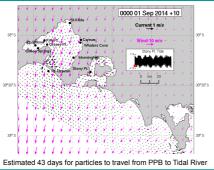
#### **Northern Pacific Seastar**



#### Determining source and mechanisms of range expansion



#### Larval dispersal model



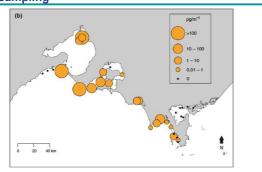
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#### eDNA sampling



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#### Northern Pacific Seastar returns to Wilsons Prom



#### eDNA surveys: Waratah Bay



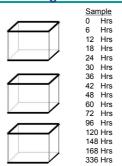


#### eDNA surveys: Waratah Bay



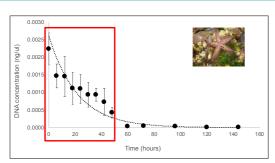


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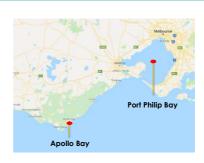




#### eDNA decay trials



#### Japanese kelp – Undaria pinnatifida





#### Japanese kelp – Undaria pinnatifida

- · Determine spatial and temporal detection sensitivity of the assay
- Test for species presence in selected Victorian ports and harbours





#### Study location - Apollo Bay Victoria

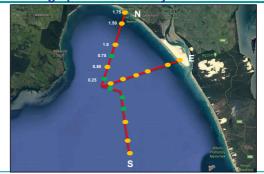




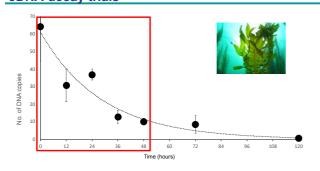
**Determining spatial sensitivity** 



**Determining spatial sensitivity** 



#### eDNA decay trials



#### **Applying assay to surveys of Victorian Ports**



Victorian Ports: Portland, Warrnambool, Hastings, Port Albert, Port Franklin

#### Positive detections at three new locations





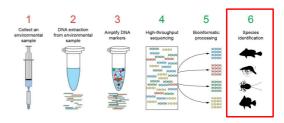
**Portland Harbour** 

Warrnambool

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#### eDNA metabarcoding approaches

Broader survey of taxonomic groups



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#### Fish biodiversity surveys



#### **Genomic reference resources for marine biosecurity**

National Marine Pest Reference project

- Aim: Develop genomic reference resources for invasive and closely related native taxa (64 samples)
- Skimseq: Low coverage genome sequencing (61 samples)







#### **Genomic reference resources for marine biosecurity**

- · Recover full mitochondrial genomes
- · Partial nuclear genomes







#### Genomic reference resources for marine biosecurity

- What makes a good reference resource/database
- Robust taxonomic identification (yes we still need taxonomists)
- Sequence invasive reference samples
- Sequence native reference samples
- Need good taxonomic resolution
- Provide a publicly available resource for monitoring



#### **Collaborators**

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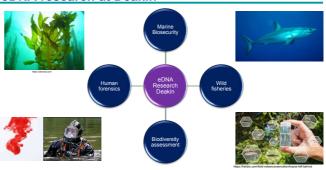








#### eDNA research at Deakin





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Rowan is a Father, a Scientist, an Optimist and an Entrepreneur. As a Father of two, Rowan is responsible for providing a better future for the next generation and the generations that follow.

As a Scientist, Rowan is fascinated by the challenge of meeting global demand of a growing population in the context of the global climate emergency. As an Optimist, Rowan believes that together we will meet, and that the answer lies in the rapid adoption of existing and emerging technologies at speed and at scale to eliminate repetitive, task orientated workflow to liberate human potential and unlock the creative capacity required to meet the climate emergency with the urgency it demands. As an Entrepreneur, he is excited by the scope and scale of the opportunity to re-invent the global industrial ecosystem. Never before has an opportunity so massive presented itself on a timeline so minute, driven by an imperative so existential.

He is the founder and CEO of rise-x technologies in Australia building the DIANA Platform for the great industrial re-invention and the co-founder and CEO of QuayChain, based in Singapore using the DIANA Platform to automate bunkering in the maritime industry. Prior to starting his companies, Rowan worked At Accenture and Deloitte in their energy strategy business, where he had the privilege of working with the world's largest and most admired companies in geographies around the world.

## Introduction to BioPass, a simple, pragmatic solution designed to manage biofouling for the international shipping industry

Marine growth on the hull of ships, or biofouling, is now recognised by the IMO as a major vector for bio-invasions, presenting a risk to biogeographic regions which is equal to if not greater than the threat posed by improper treatment of ballast water.

To address this global issue, the international maritime organisation (IMO) have developed global guidelines for the control and management of ships' biofouling. The Guidelines (resolution MEPC.207(62)) are intended to provide a globally consistent approach to the management of biofouling.

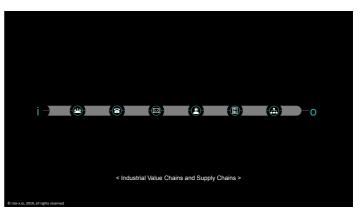
BioPass is a novel technology platform designed to support the implementation of the IMO biofouling guidelines while also enhancing stakeholder and institutional cooperation to reduce the risk bioinvasions while also reducing the costs associated with managing this risk.

BioPass is an intuitive management system designed to capture data from in water survey, inspection and hull cleaning apparatus. BioPass captures data about the condition of the ship's hull during the process of inspection or cleaning using novel IoT enabled devices to capture real time video information. Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence (AI) identify potential invasive marine species (IMS) and eDNA testing is used to confirm and or determine the presence of invasive marine species.

Data captured during the in-water hull cleaning process is stored and maintained in a permissioned blockchain to allow Ship Owners to easily share their biofouling management plan, biofouling maintenance records and information (Collectively referred to as their BioPass) with Port Authorities across multiple jurisdictions, allowing for frictionless vessel entry under controlled conditions.

BioPass will (a) dramatically improve the biosecurity of global marine environments, (b) reducing the cost to operate for marine vessel owners and operators, (c) reduce the cost of compliance with incoming IMO biofouling regulations, and (d) reduce the cost of managing compliance for Australian and international port authorities.



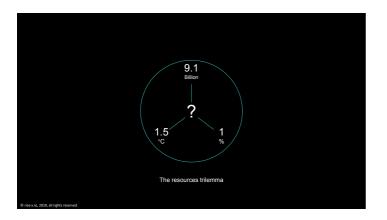


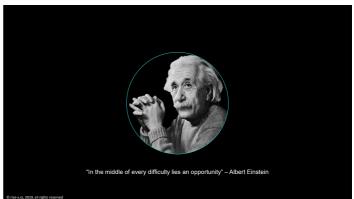






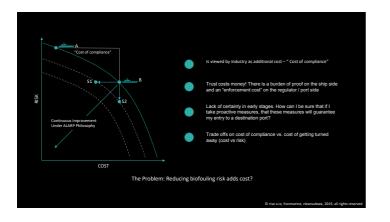


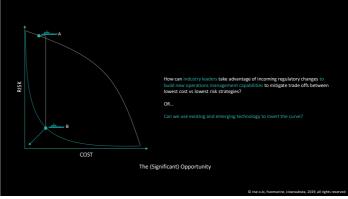


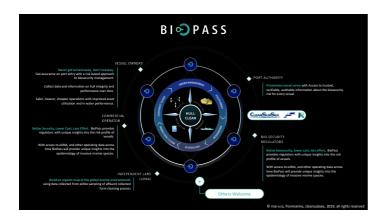


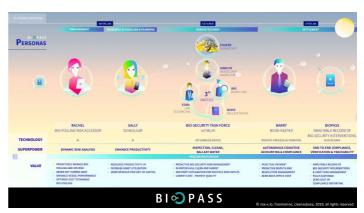


















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#### Biosecurity communications - driving behaviour change to minimise risk

M. Walker, V. Greentree NSW Department of Primary Industries, Nelson Bay, NSW

NSW Department of Primary Industries Aquatic Biosecurity, in collaboration with Behaviour works at Monash University, conducted a social research project to identify the best ways to; communicate with our stakeholders, identify what drives their behavior and find strategies to encourage behavior change. The project was focused on the behavior we most want the recreational fishing community to adopt, ie washing boats and equipment after use and between waterways to minimize the spread of aquatic pests and diseases.

The project had four components, a literature review, a review of current communication tools, telephone interviews and a state-wide online survey.

The survey results have been analysed and a subsequent project will be delivered to implement the learnings on stakeholder behavior and preferred communication methods. The presentation will describe some of the key lessons learned in the social research project and relate these to the biosecurity outcomes required for biofouling management by small boat and vessel owners in the marine environment.



# **Biosecurity Communications**



Behaviour change to minimise risk

Melissa Walker NSW DPI

Acknowledgement: Vic Greentree



Biosecurity: A shared responsibility

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#### Communication is the key

- Getting buy-in
- Compliance
- · Getting behaviour change
- Ownership

- Managing stakeholder expectations
- Build relationships
- · Creating trust

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#### Social Research Project Behaviourworks @ Monash University

# Literature review

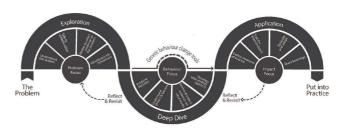
Communication Tools review



- Objectives

  > Identify best ways to communicate with stakeholders
- > Determine behavioural drivers
- > Develop strategies for behavioural change
- Identify subgroups of stakeholders and most effective communication methods

#### Literature Review



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#### Communication tool review



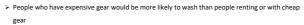
- Lack of incentive to pick up
- They didn't always have the important information first
- Too much text
- Information not relevant to the behaviour

General advice....

> Headings should reflect target behaviour

The outcomes were as follows

- > People wash their gear to maintain it, not for biosecurity reasons
- > Make messages simple, and behaviour easy
- ➤ No negative beliefs (no DON'T messages)



Know your audience: ask them about the behaviour...

15 stakeholders were contacted by Monash University and asked a series of questions in regards to their beliefs about washing down their gear

# Know your audience:

#### Four clusters of audience (426 respondents)

- Coastal Boaters and Fishers
- Bay and inlet fishers Fishing enthusiast
- Drivers of washing down equipment
- Maintain gear
- Stop the spread of pests and disease in oceans and waterways



**Online Survey Outcomes** 

#### Project outcome: Target your messages

- > Recreational fishers and boaters respond to signs at boat ramps, retail fishing/boating outlets and information with licences
- Communications need to be targeted, relevant and concentrated on behaviours more than excessive information
- > DPI needs to tailor information differently for different target groups
- > Focussing on benefits to small vessel owners/fishers and their drivers such as maintaining gear, fuel efficiency, or protecting fisheries populations







#### Take home messages

- What is the biosecurity behaviour we want to achieve?
- · Understand your audience
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#### What next?

- NSW DPI part way through a subsequent project, to develop and revise current materials to ensure messaging is improved
- Commonwealth / Australian messaging?
  - Do the national biofouling guidelines and advisory messages meet the



### Best practice, communicating biofouling management to non-commercial vessels

- > Describe what behaviour we want > Not what not to do!
- > Describe how it benefits stakeholders
- > Need to understand behaviour drivers and barriers
  - ? Fuel efficiencies
  - ? Maintain green/clean image

  - ? Greenhouse gas ? Gear lasts longer
  - ? Reduced maintenance costs





## Review of current materials

- · What's in... what's out...
- Language
- · Relevance
- · Address behavioural drivers
- · What's in it for me?





#### Better biosecurity communications

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Building stronger scientific understanding on the dynamics and pathways of marine invasive species introductions via biofouling - a case for international scientific cooperation on ocean observations, data management, capacity development and technology transfer

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The GEF-UNDP-IMO GloFouling Partnerships Project includes interventions at the global, regional, national and local levels. Based on its initial focus in 12 developing countries in 7 maritime regions. Taking into consideration that the pathways for the transfer of Invasive Aquatic Species (IAS)through biofouling are not restricted to the shipping industry, but also to other ocean industries such as mariculture, ocean energy, oil/offshore, ocean instrumentation, any efforts made towards preventing the transfer of IAS through biofouling should therefore include these other industries. To achieve this holistic and harmonised approach, the IMO is partnering with the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO, the Ocean Science body within the UN. IOC- UNESCO will be an Executing Partner of the GloFouling Partnerships Project and will take the lead in delivering activities on the non-shipping aspects, including contributions from other relevant international organizations, such as FAO, WMO, or ISA, that would play a supporting role in the review of biofouling management practices in non-shipping pathways such as aquaculture, fisheries or deep-sea mining. In parallel, and to coordinate contributions and participation from private sector companies outside the shipping industry (non-shipping pathways), the World Ocean Council (WOC) has been identified as an international, multi sectoral institution, that is placed in a good position to focus on long-term private sector engagement.

On 13 September 2019, the 10 United Nations agencies that are a member of the Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection (GESAMP) established a new GESAMP working group on biofouling with the aim to build a broader understanding on the introduction and spread of AIS via biofouling across all maritime industries as well as study the (negative) impacts of AIS on biodiversity and economy. This new GESAMP Working Group will be led by IOC-UNESCO and is co-sponsored by IMO and UNDP.

Through its Ocean Biogeographic Information System (OBIS) and in collaboration with the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS), IOC-UNESCO also plans to develop an early-detection/early-warning monitoring system for AIS based on novel observing technologies (e.g. DNA metabarcoding).

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The IMO Secretariat, partnering with the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), launched a new project in January 2019, the GEF-UNDP-IMO GloFouling Partnerships, to develop suitable tools and provide capacity building on biofouling management in twelve developing countries and Small Island Development States.

The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC- UNESCO) has joined the three agencies to provide scientific guidance and coordinate efforts to address non-shipping pathways, in collaboration with the World Ocean Council.

#### Project outputs in relation to Non-Shipping pathways:

- Sustained national and regional capacity in place for reducing the introduction of IAS through biofouling
- Best practice guidance documents and tools developed
- Awareness-raising campaign designed and implemented
- Public-private partnerships developed to incentivise the development of cost-effective management and technological solutions for managing biofouling IAS



- · Increased investment in biofouling management innovation, solutions and technology
- mproved information base available to countries to develop appropriate national strategies and advocacy
- Enhanced cooperation between stakeholders to ensure holistic and harmonised approach to biofouling management

#### GESAMP Working Group on biofouling management and nonindigenous species APPROVED

Lead agency: IOC-UNESCO
Sponsoring agency: IMO & UNDP (GEF-UNDP-IMO GloFouling

Partnerships)
Budget: USD 114,000
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  Scientists and engineers who have studied marine and/or coastal structures and their potential impacts; and Social scientists with expertise including environmental and/or natural resource economics.



#### **PACIFIC ISLANDS** MARINE BIOINVASIONS **ALERT NETWORK**



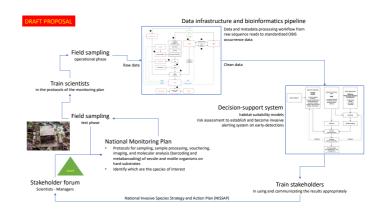
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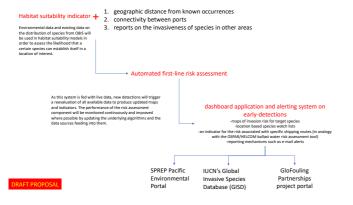
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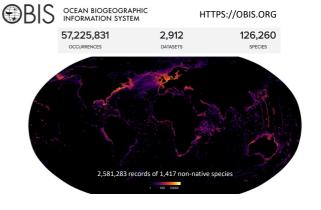
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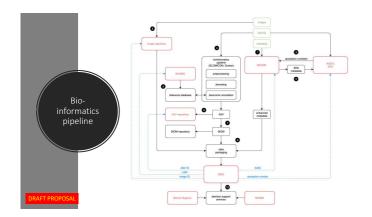
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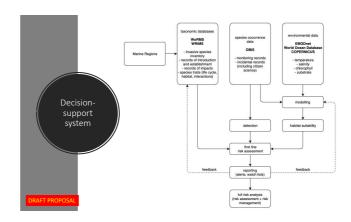
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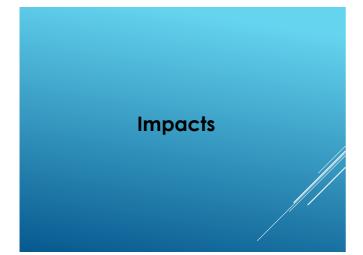
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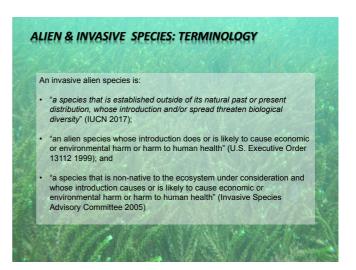
After completing honours and Masters degrees in marine botany at the University of Melbourne, John went on to spend 30 years working as a scientist in the Defence Science & Technology Organisation in Melbourne. His principal research interests at DSTO were in marine biofouling and its prevention and, prior to his departure in mid-2007, he led a team investigating new, environmentally acceptable methods of biofouling control, biofouling and marine invasive species management, environmental compliance of naval vessels, and other environmental aspects of navy operations. John now works as a private consultant with ES Link Services, primarily on biofouling impacts, antifouling technologies, invasive marine species identification and management, and ship emission indexing. He also continued his academic interests in marine botany through an honorary position in the School of Botany at the University of Melbourne and marine invertebrate taxonomy as an Honorary Associate at Museum Victoria. John is a Fellow of the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology and is Co-Chair of the IMarEST Biofouling Management Special Interest Group.

The way forward: thoughts & discussion points

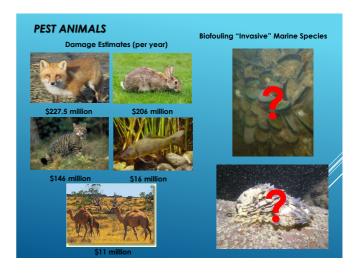


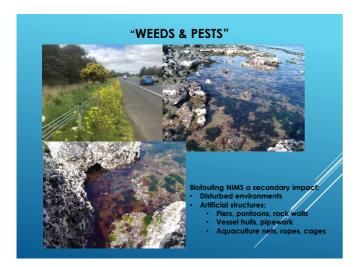


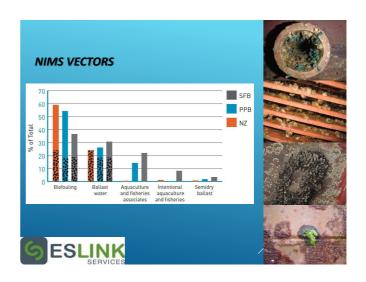


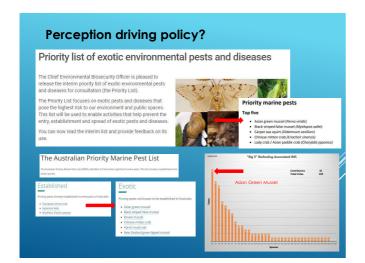














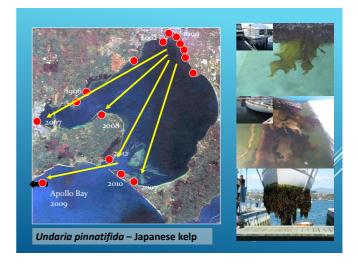
















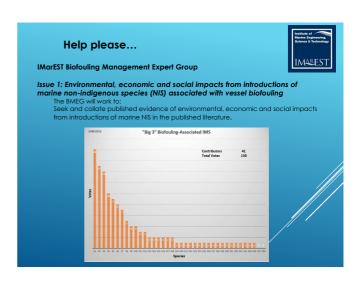




























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