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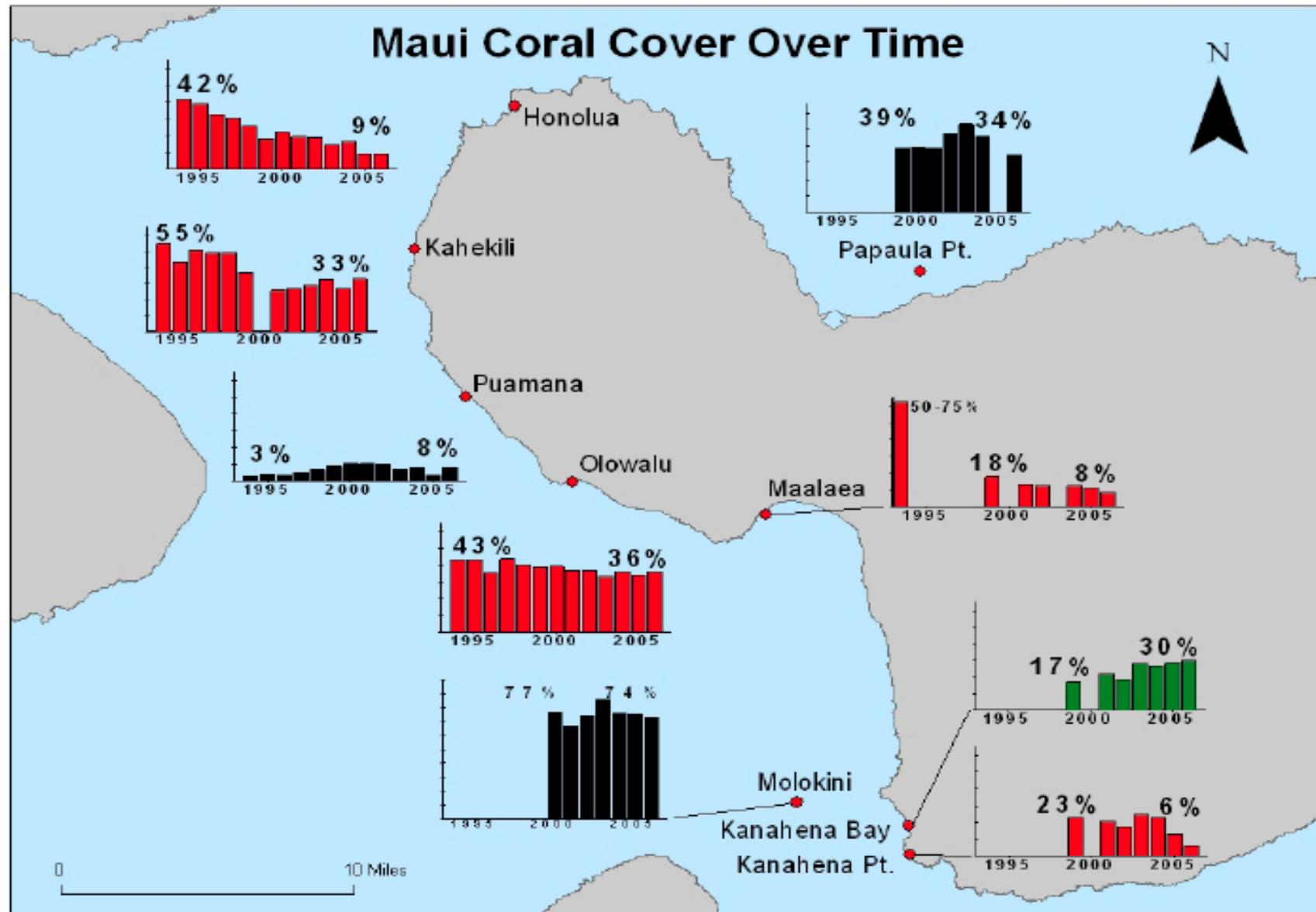
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# Maui Coral Cover Over Time



Trends in coral cover at 9 long-term monitoring stations. **Red** indicates >5% decline over monitoring period, **green** indicates >5% increase, **black** = no change (<5%)

# Using $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values in algal tissue to map locations and potential sources of anthropogenic nutrient inputs on the island of Maui, Hawai'i, USA

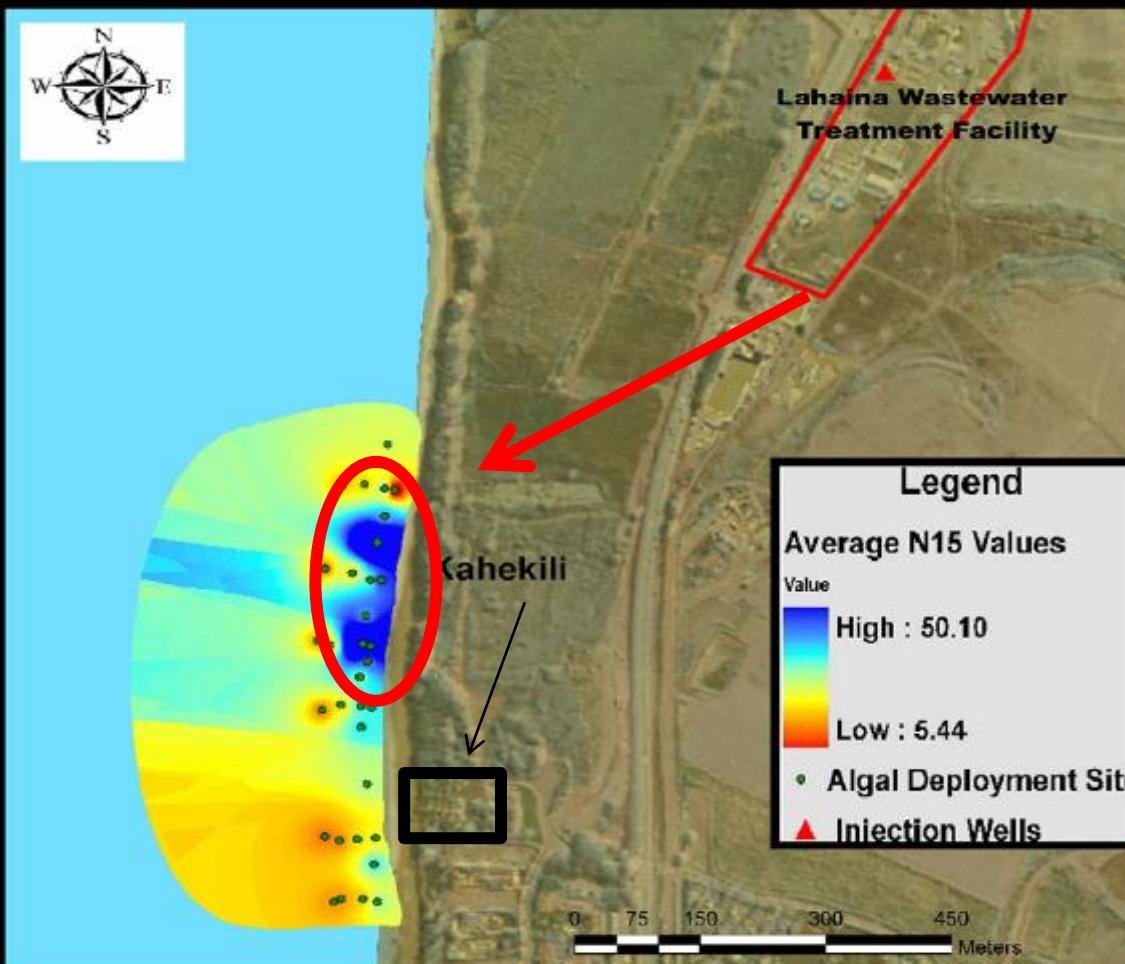
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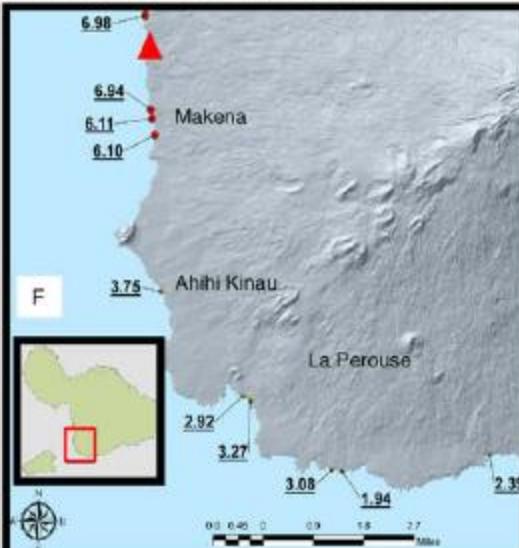
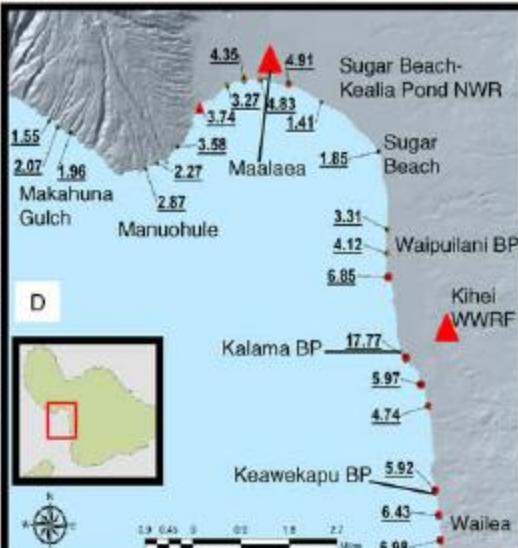
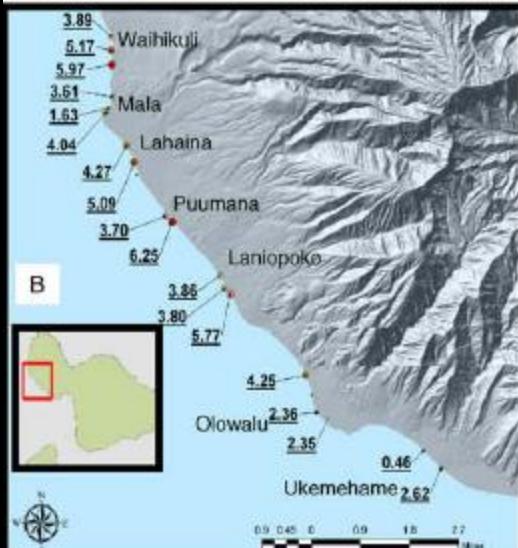
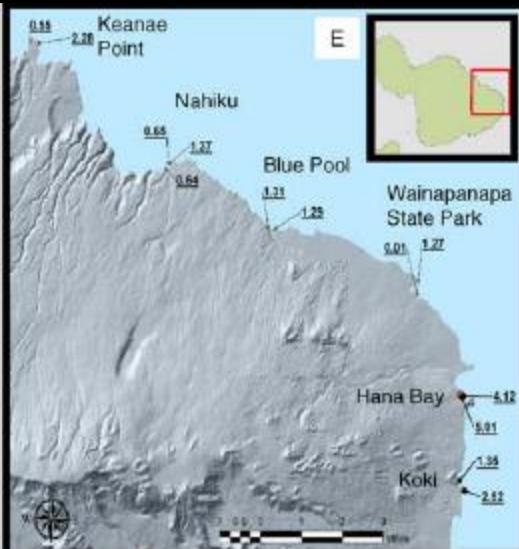
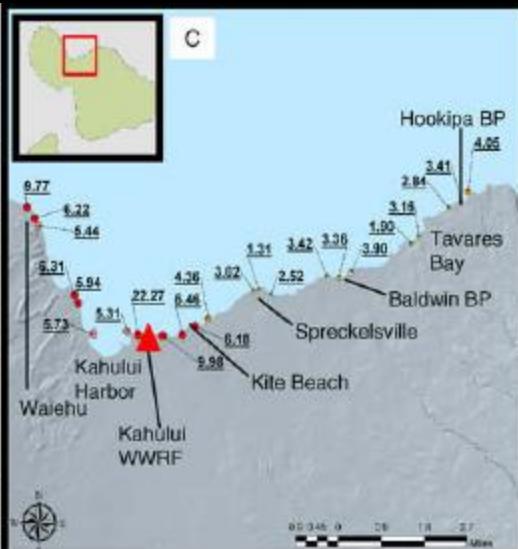
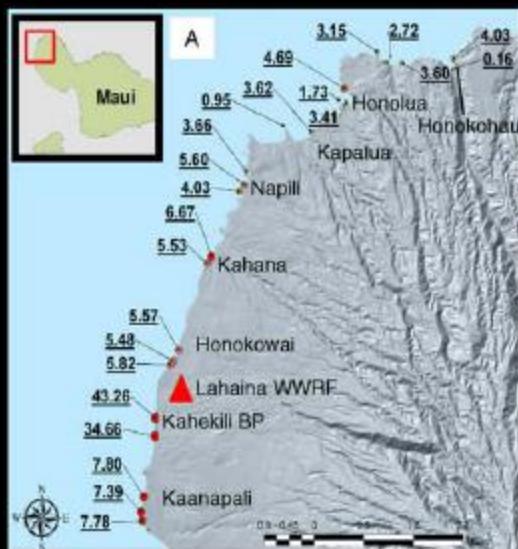
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## Sewage Injection Wells

- 2,000,000,000 gal/yr
- 30,000 kg N/yr
- X 3 major wells (many smaller)
  - Lahaina
  - Kihei
  - Kahului



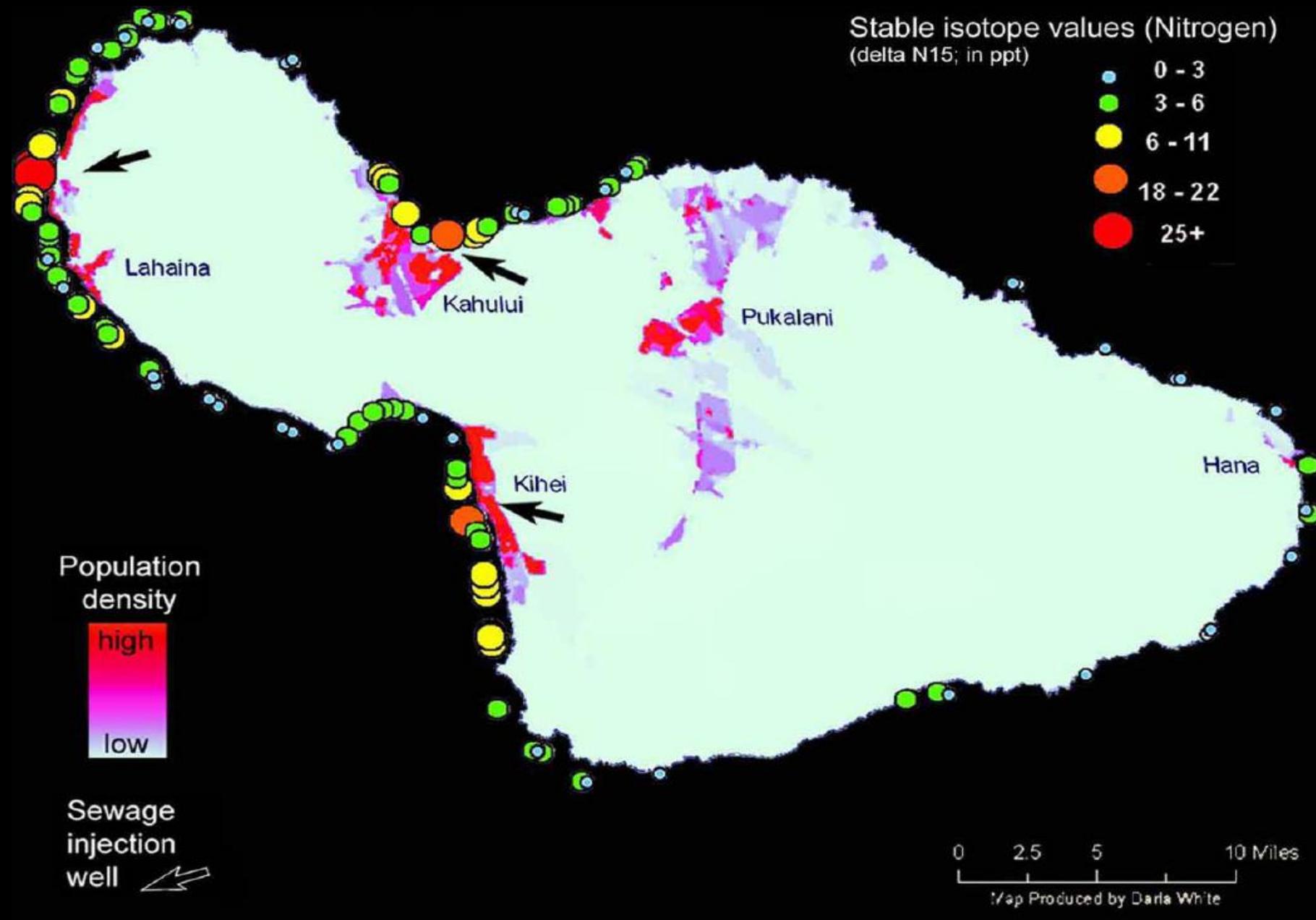


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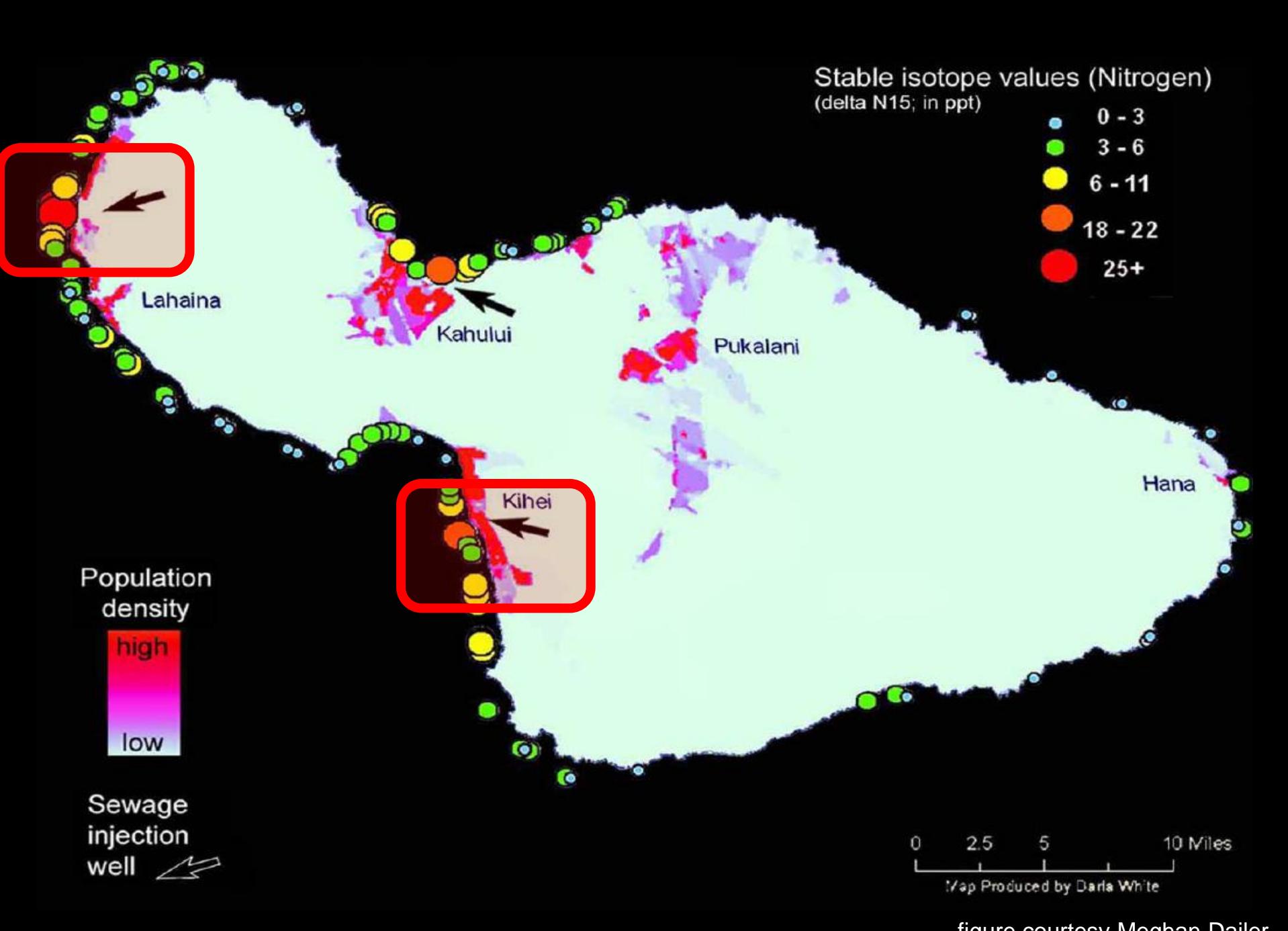
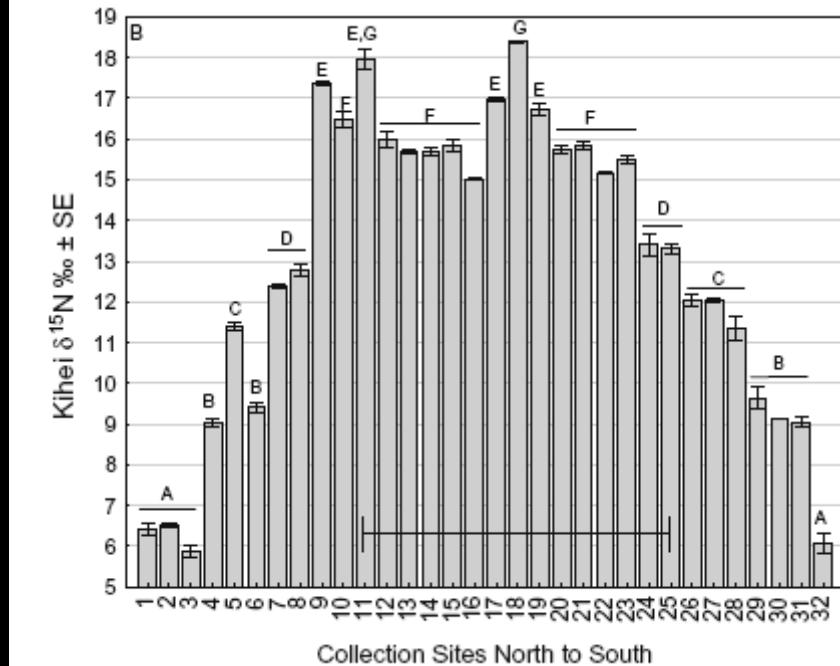
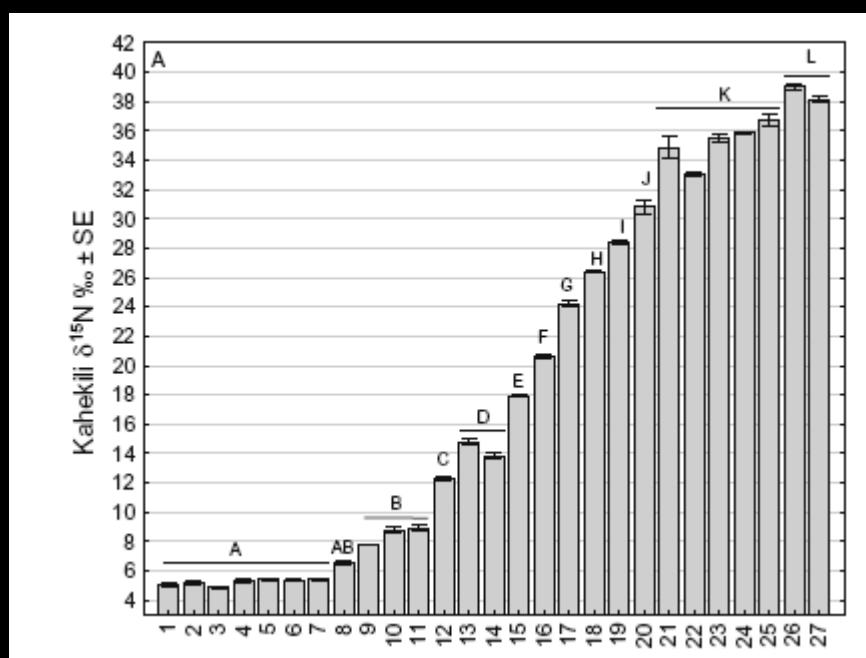
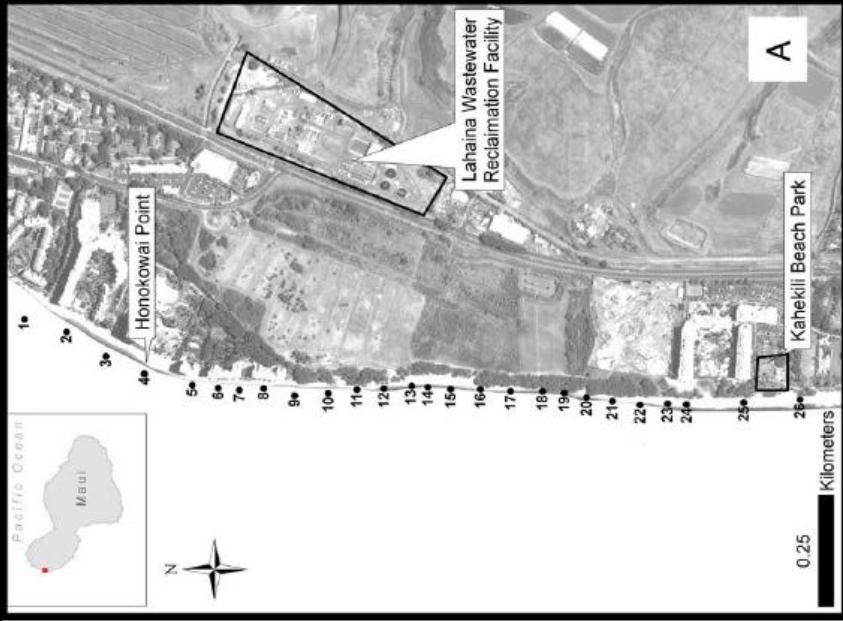
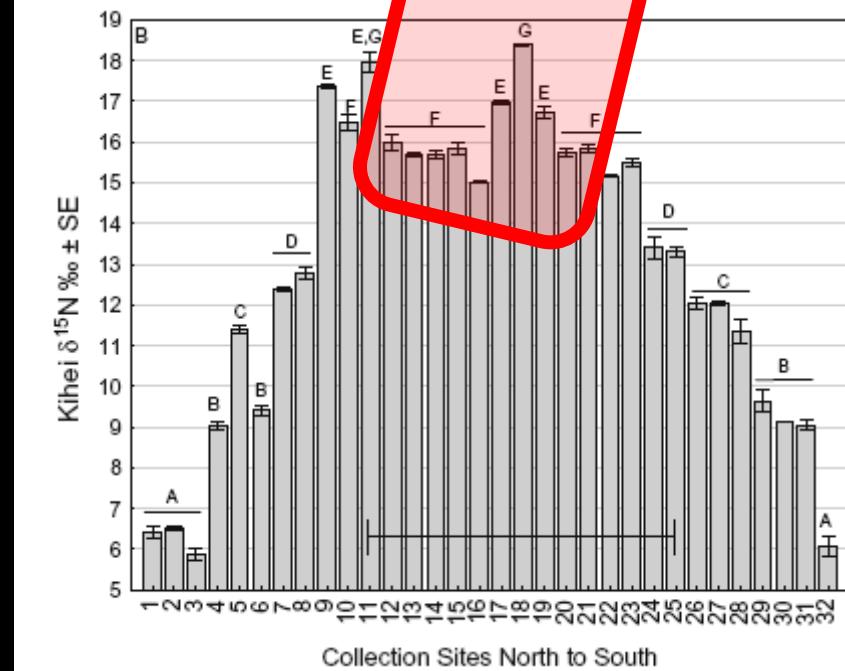
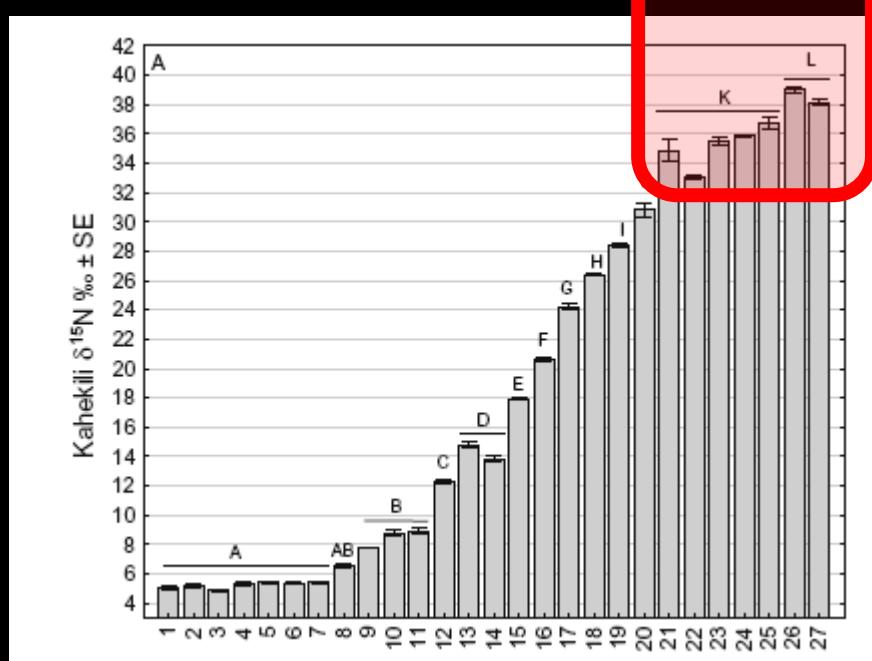
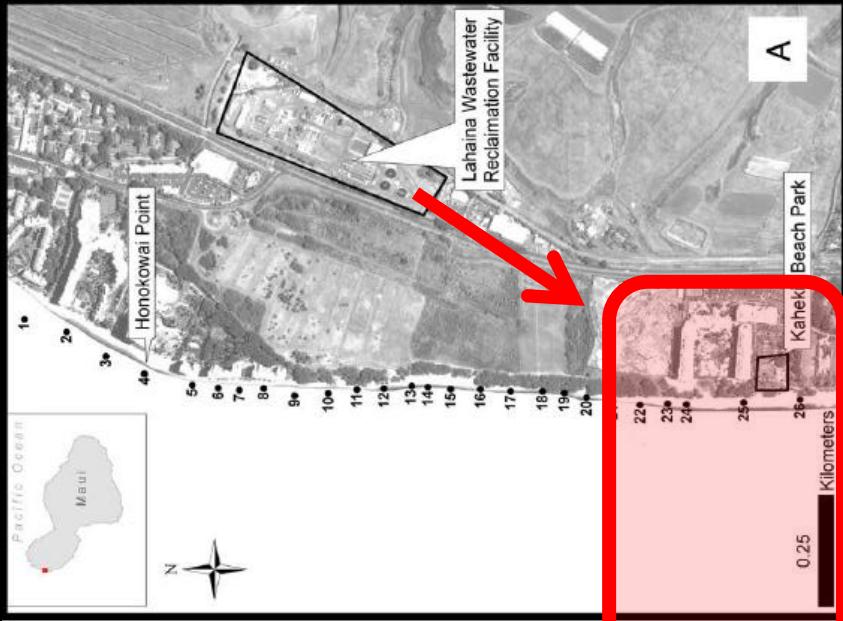


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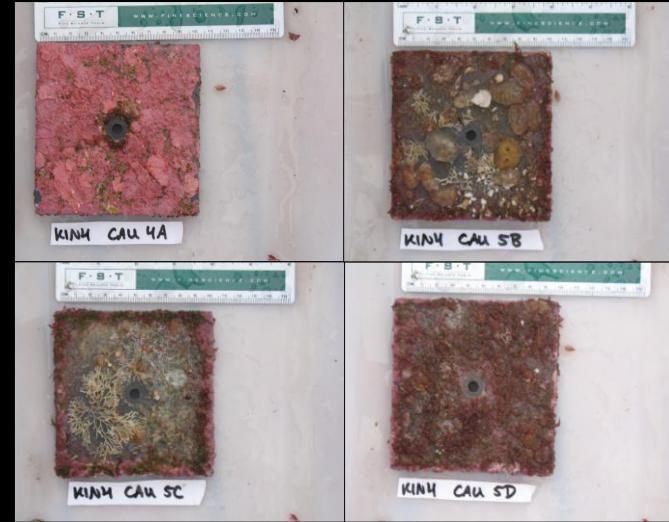
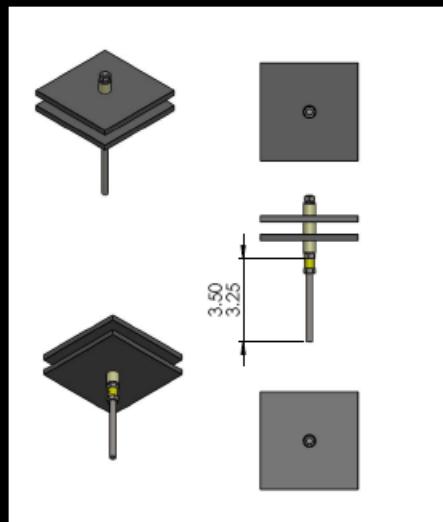
- Tracers indicate strong human influence.
- What does this mean biologically?



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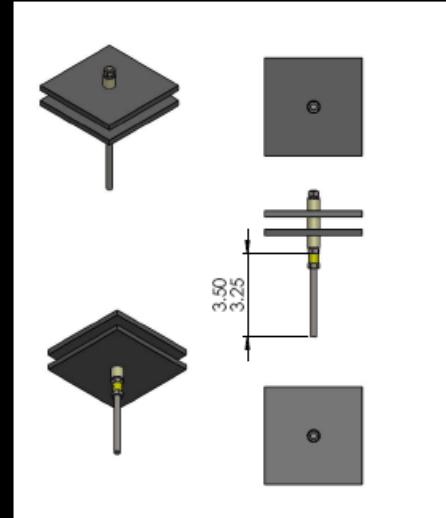
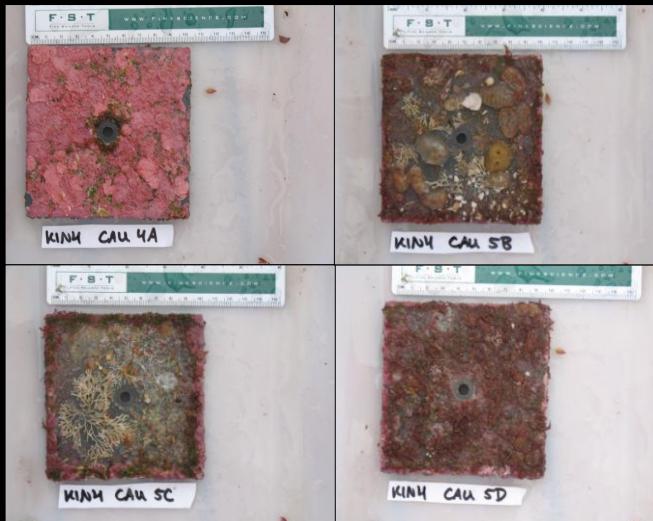
# General Approach

- A. Use “calcification/accretion units” (CAUs) to explore succession & accretion adjacent to, and distant from, areas affected by sewage injection wells (Dailer 2010); and in habitats that are protected/unprotected from fishing.
  
- B. Use caged and “free range” CAUs to explore the effects of herbivory.



# General Approach

1. Stratify CAUs by (a) proximity to inj. wells and (b) *protected status*
2. Cage  $\frac{1}{2}$  of CAUs using  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. clear plastic mesh
3. Assess water chemistry parameters & herbivore densities
4. Collect CAUs @ 3 mo. and 12 mo.
5. Evaluate succession (*in situ photographs?*) & accretion (std. methods)
6. Use regression model to asses most important factors



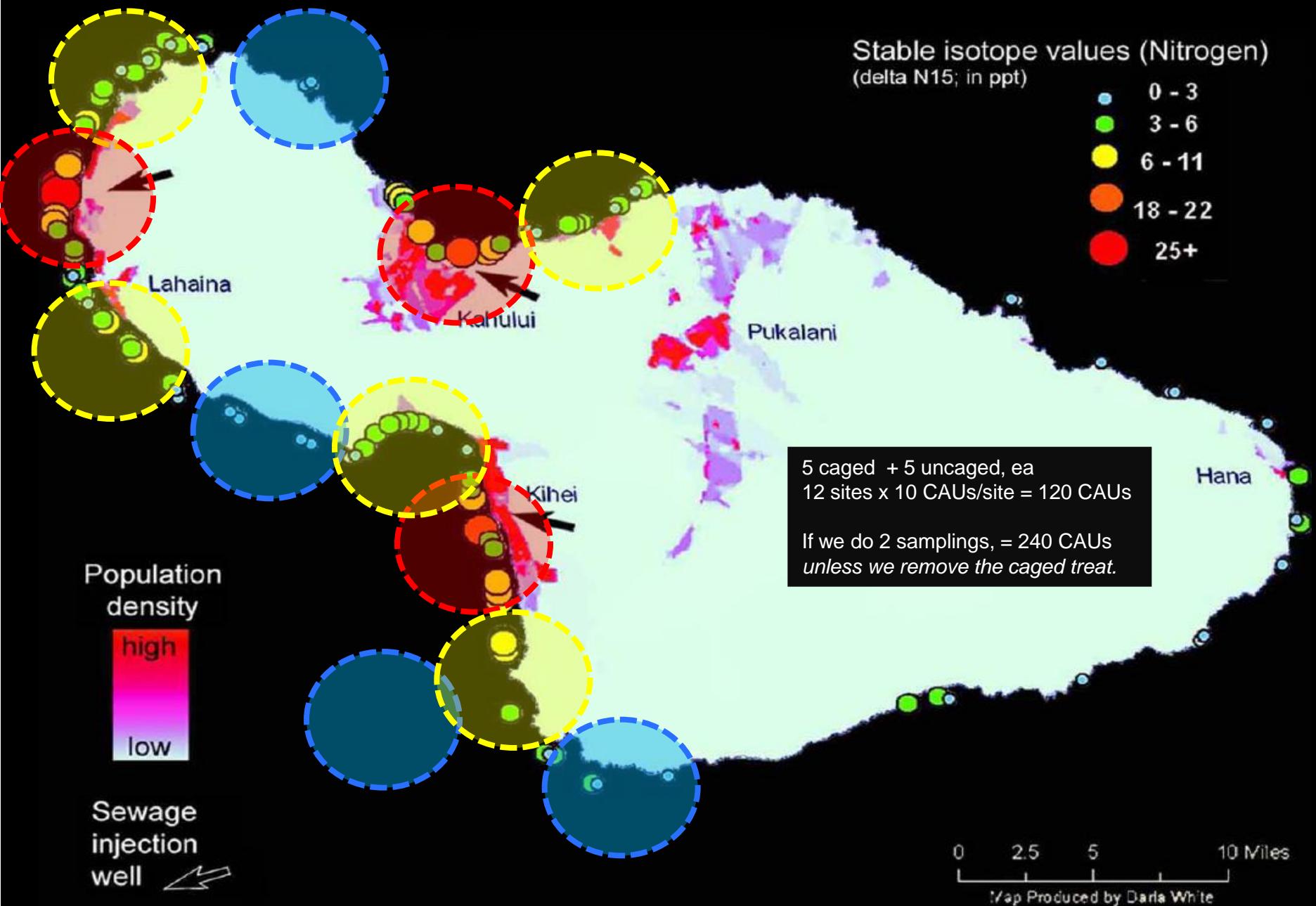
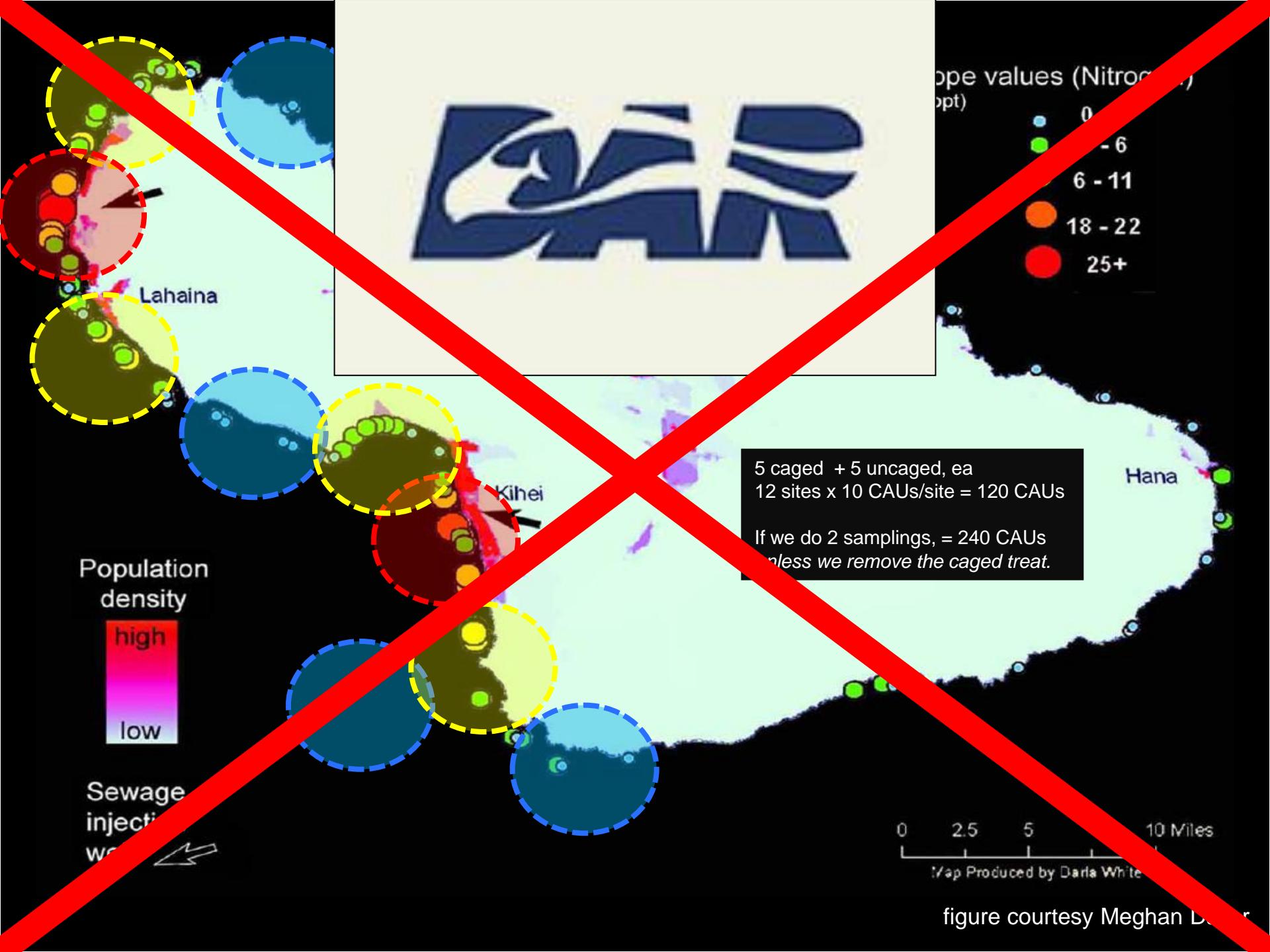
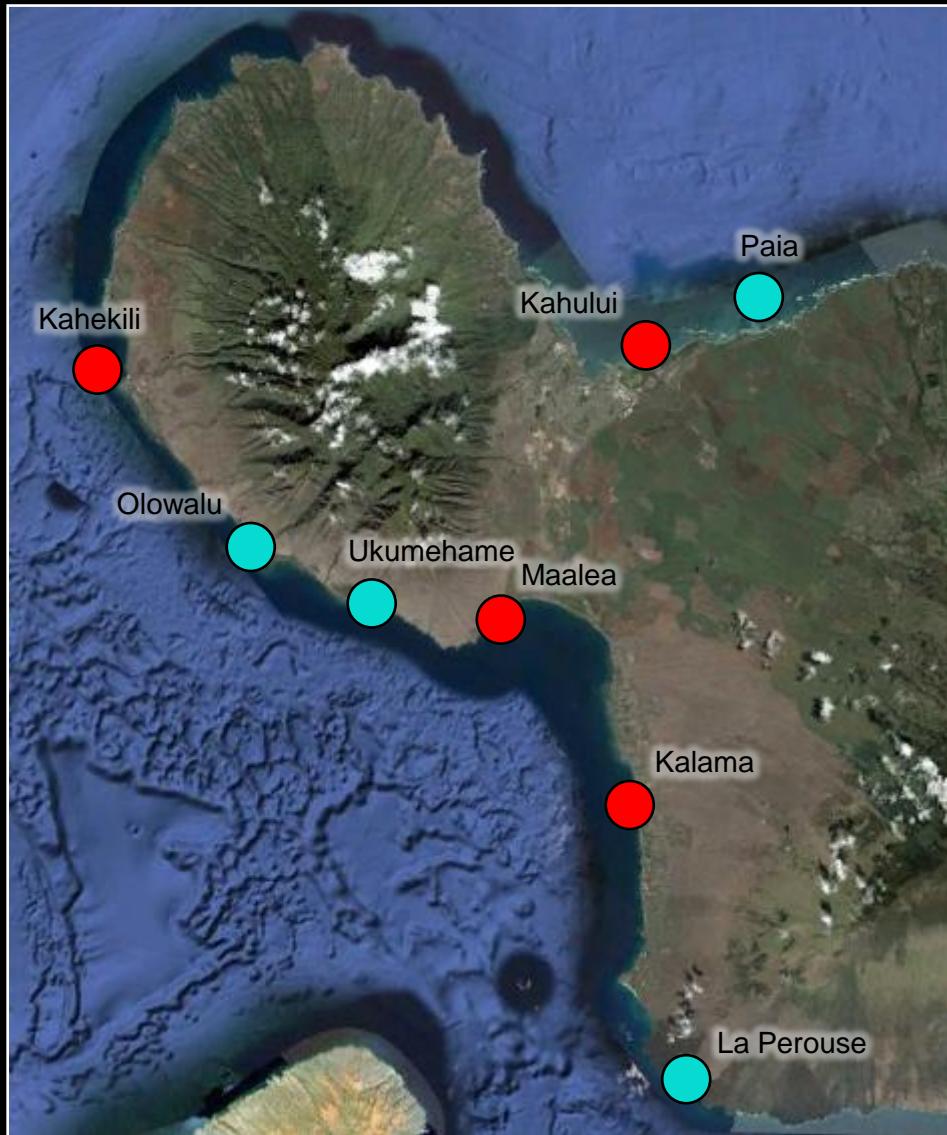


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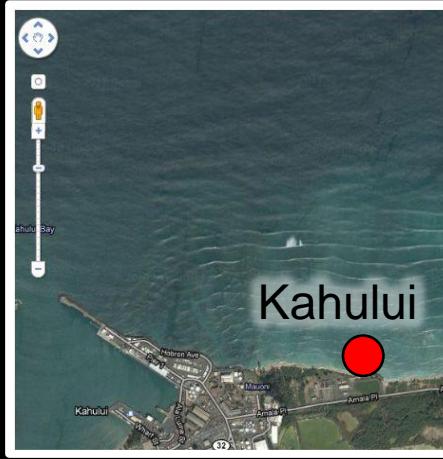
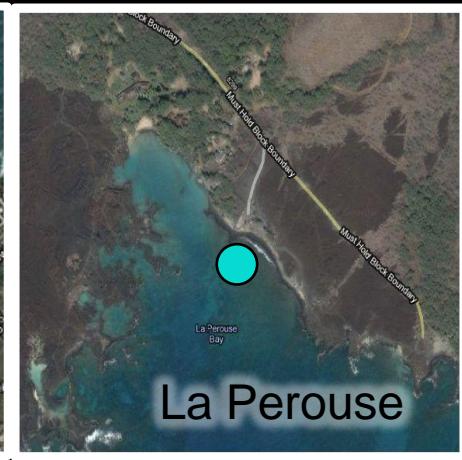


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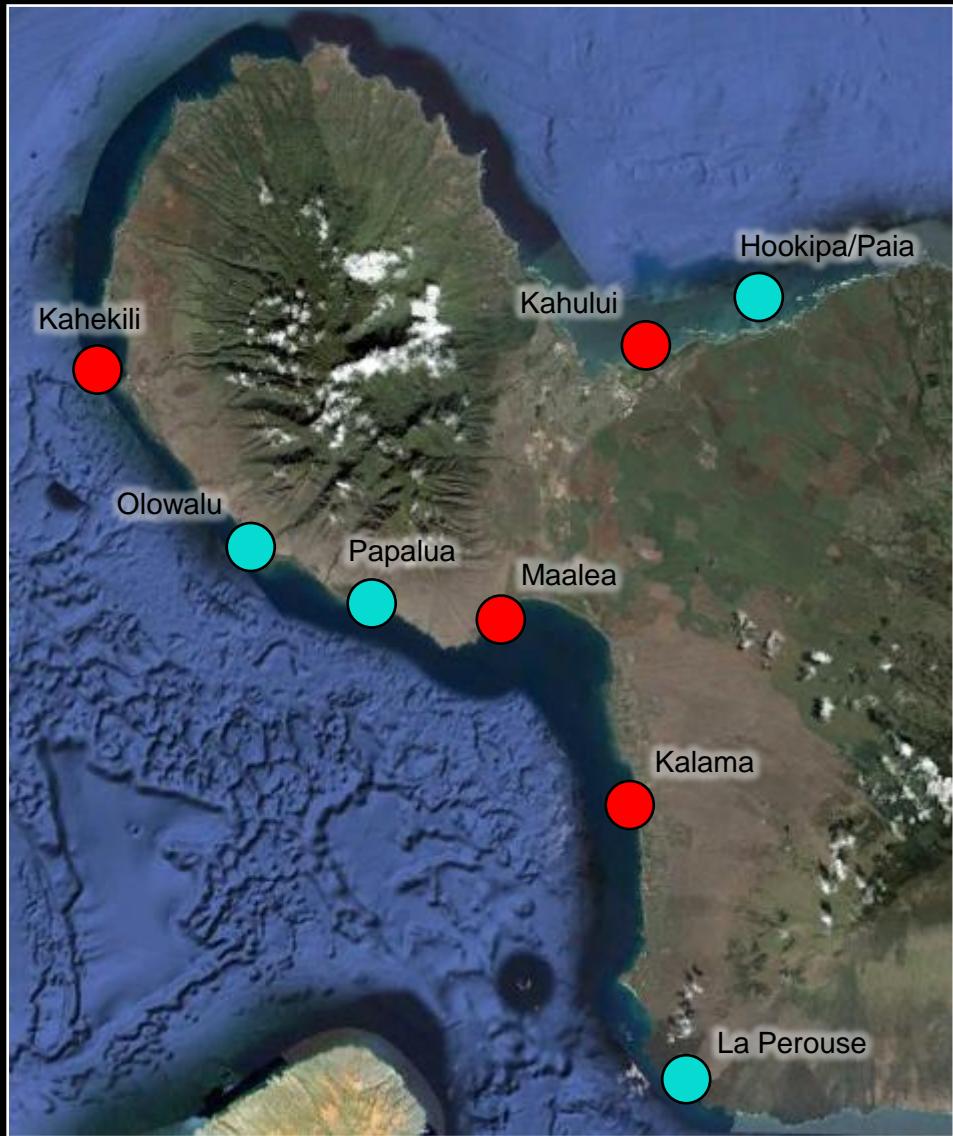


- Reduced to 4 regions
  - Southwest
  - Southcentral
  - Southeast
  - Northcentral
- Paired “high” & “low” impact areas
- 20 CAUs ( $\frac{1}{2}$  caged)
- No MPAs included (all low herb?)
- $\frac{1}{2}$  collected @ 10 wks
- $\frac{1}{2}$  collected @ 12 mo.

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- Regression Design (N=12 → 8)

*(too many columns, too few rows?)*

- pH (2 units, 3-7 d, time stratified)
- Nutrients (weekly bottles N/P)
- Salinity (weekly YSI)
- Temperature (cont. Hobo)
- Flow (1 wk. plaster clod cards)
- Light (cont. Hobo)
- Fish/No Fish (cages)

- ANOVA Design (N=4)

*(lose power to compare factors?)*

- compare all parameters (# one-ways)

# Analyses

## 1. Proximity to Sewage Injection Wells

- Water chemistry
- calcification/accretion/succession

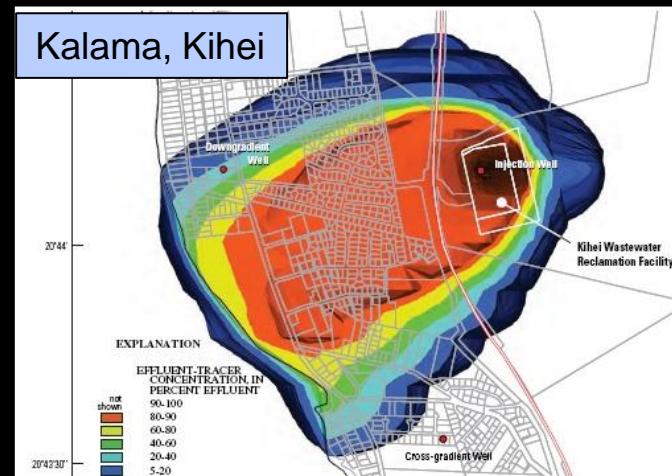


## 2. Effects of Herbivory

- caged/uncaged

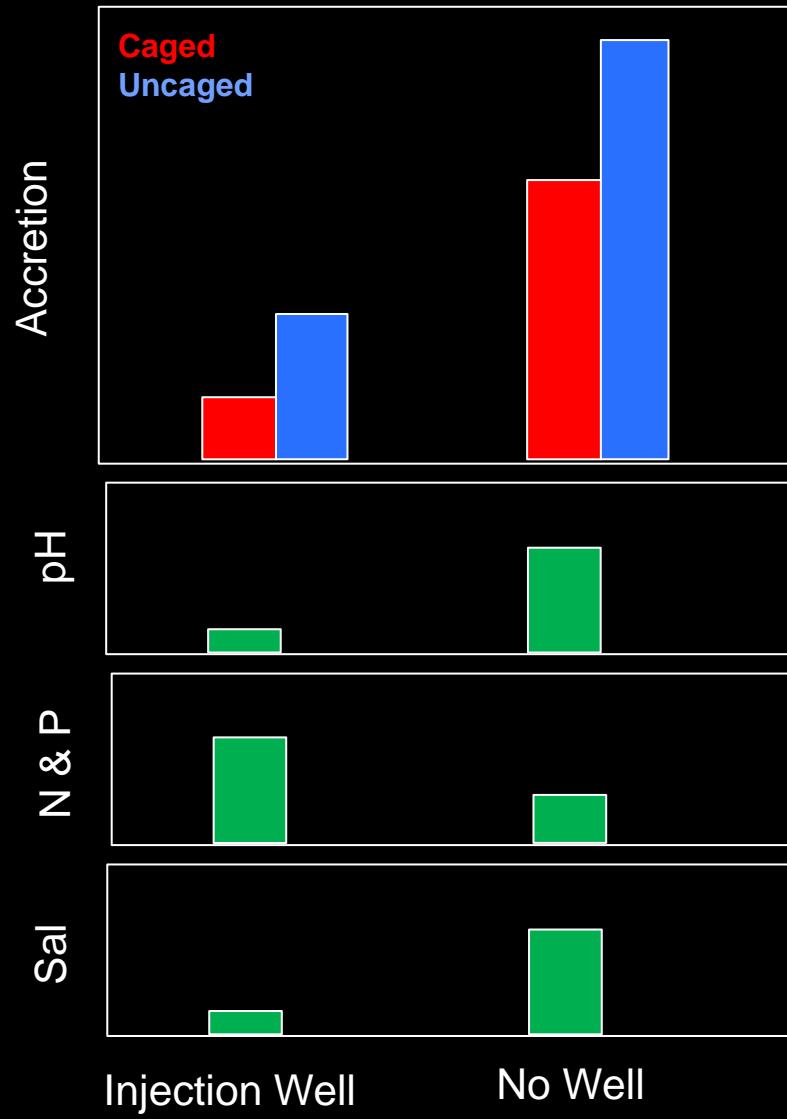
## 3. Data Generated

- overall settlement & accretion rates in Maui (can be compared to Line Islands?).
- high-res shall reef water chemistry & effect of injection well proximity
- effects of water quality & herbivory on benthos
- further inference of ecological effects of injection wells (Dailer 2010)

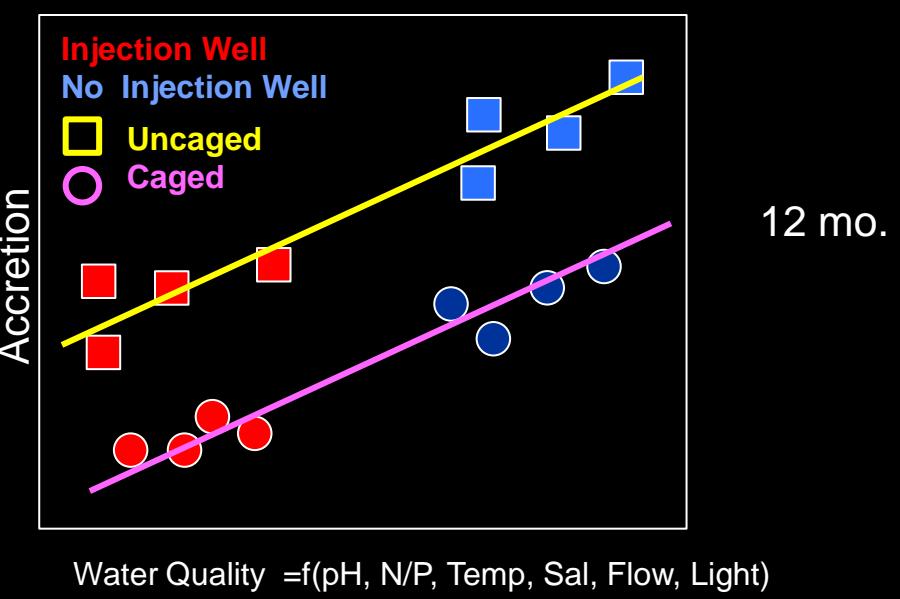
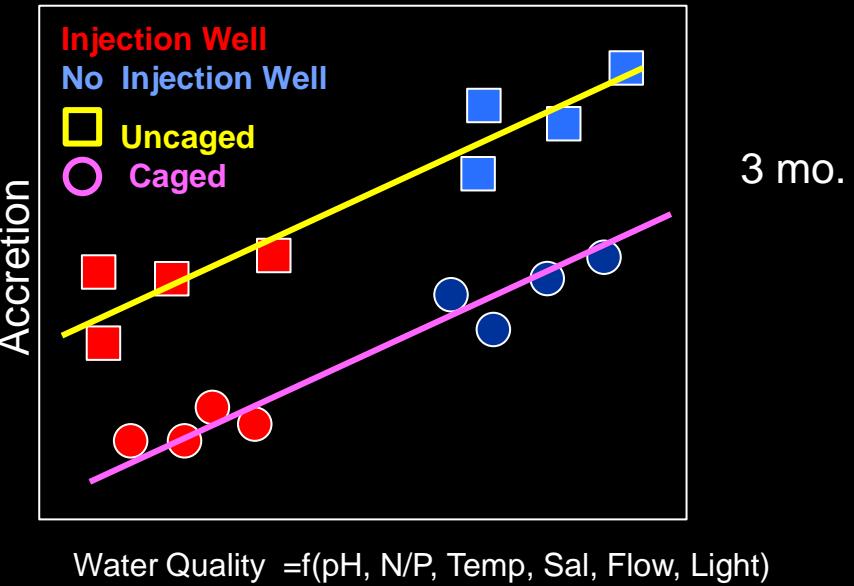


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# Summer Schedule

## DIVE ASSISTANTS

June: Jacki T.

July: Leah S.

August : Javi C.

Sept: Amanda N.

June 8	<b>Levi &amp; Jacki arrive in HI</b>
June 8-20	<b>Setup urchin diversity experiments</b>
June 20	<b>Yui arrives</b>
June 20-July 5	setup CAU experiment, begin water chem samples
June 28	<b>Yui touring Maui (departs 7-4)</b>
July 5	<b>Jacki departs</b>
July 5-10	<b>NEED DIVER</b> , Water Chem & CAU experiment
July 10	<b>Leah Arrives</b>
July 10-July 31	Grazing assays, invert series, water chemistry, experiment maintenance
Aug 1	Emily departs, <b>Javi transitions to my project</b>
Aug 1-30	Grazing assays, invert series, water chemistry, experiment maintenance
Aug 30	<b>Javier departs, Amanda Netburn arrives</b>
Aug 30-Sep 10	Grazing assays, invert series, water chemistry, experiment maintenance
Sep 10-20	Collect data & remove urchin diversity experiment
Sept 20-30	Collect CAUs, pack up house, ship samples home
Sept 30	<b>Levi &amp; Amanda N. return to SD</b>

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