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Title: Stable isotopes as natural tracers in fish and fisheries ecology

Abstract: The distribution of stable isotopes of carbon nitrogen and oxygen in biogenic materials has a long history as tracers of ecological, climatological and biogeochemical processes. However, many variables and processes can influence the distribution and fractionation of stable isotopes within the ecosphere. Effective use of geochemical tracers in biological and ecological systems requires a blend of geochemical, biochemical and ecological understanding which can be difficult to achieve.

In this talk I will outline recent work quantifying and explaining spatiotemporal distributions of stable isotope tracers in marine ecosystems at regional and global scales. I will show how this knowledge can be used to study marine animal migration, to build new tools for spatial traceability in complex marine food supply networks, and to improve our understanding of thermal and metabolic drivers influencing the distribution and persistence of fish species under climate chance projections.



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