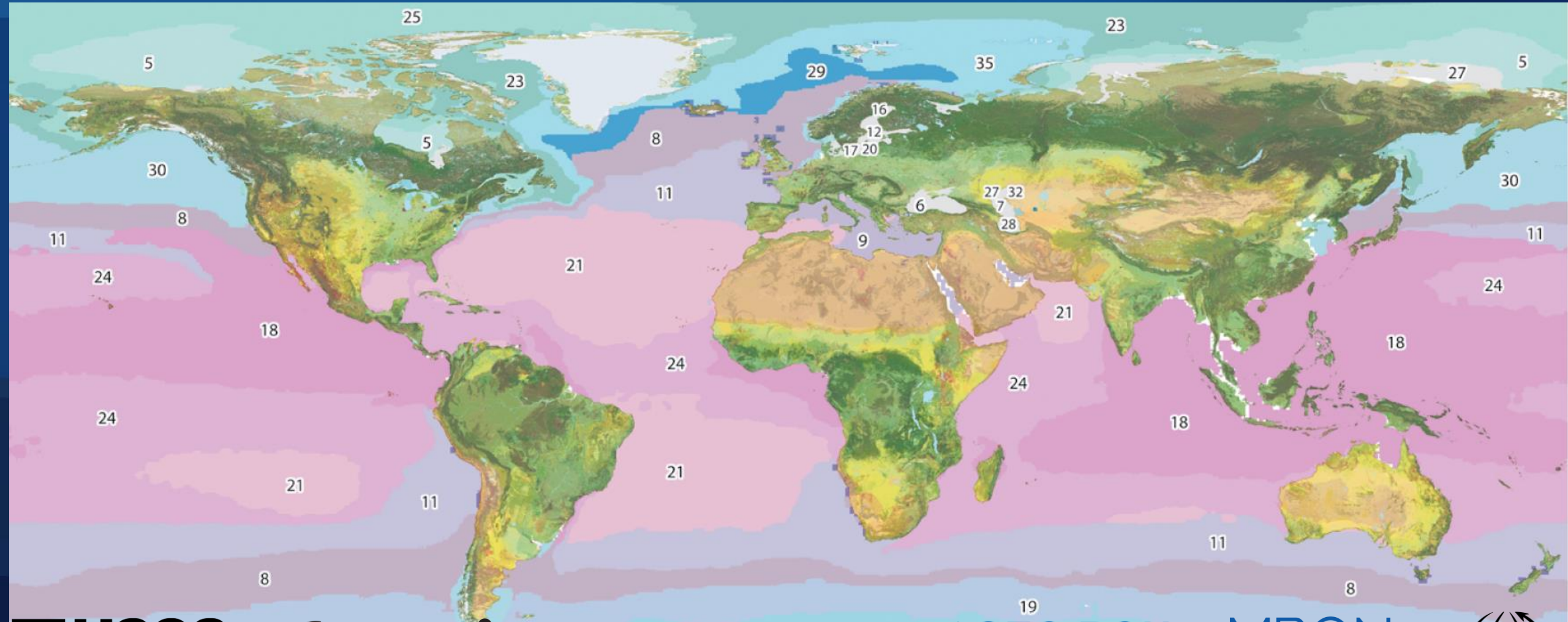


A NEW MAP OF GLOBAL ECOLOGICAL MARINE UNITS (EMUs)

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- Develop a standardized, robust, and practical global ecosystems classification and map for the planet's *terrestrial*, *freshwater*, and *marine* ecosystems.
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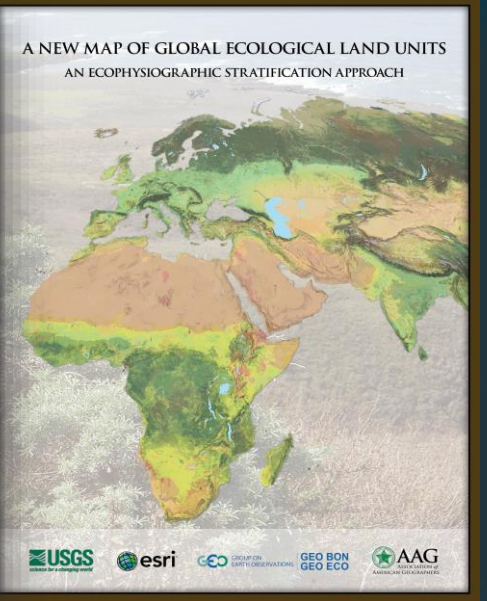
Global Ecological Land Units (ELUs)

Globally comprehensive

~4000 ELUs

Climate/Landform/Geology/Vegetation

250 m spatial resolution



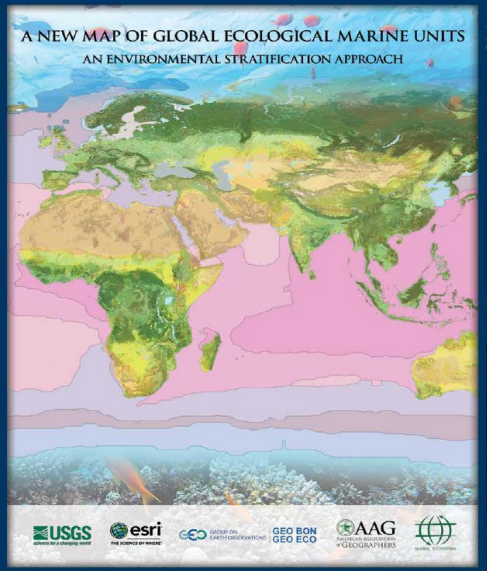
Global Ecological Marine Units (EMUs)

Globally comprehensive and true 3D

37 EMUs

Temperature/Salinity/Oxygen/Nitrate/Phosphate/Silicate

27 km m spatial resolution



A Three-Dimensional Mapping of the Ocean Based on Environmental Data

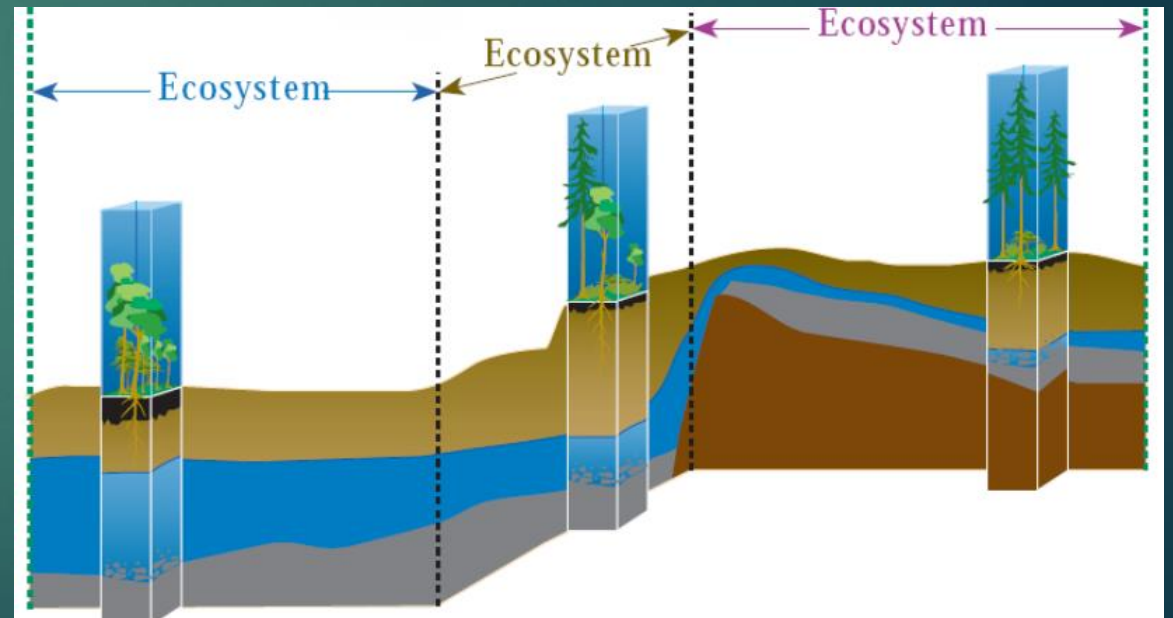
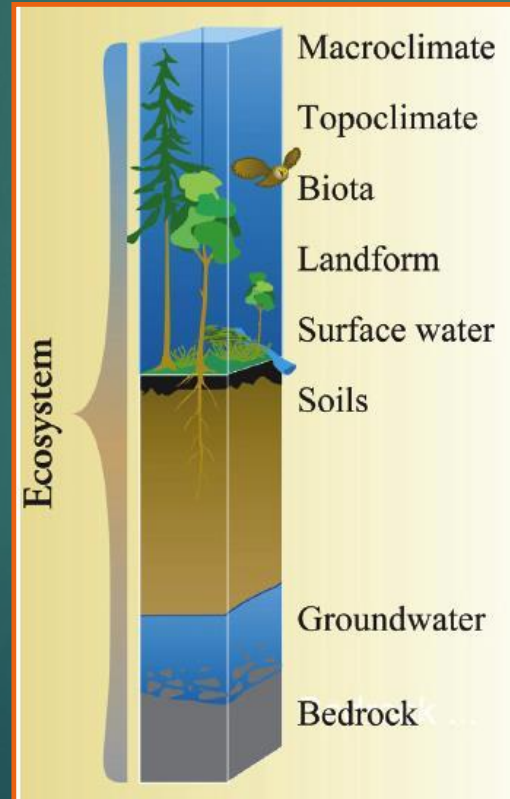
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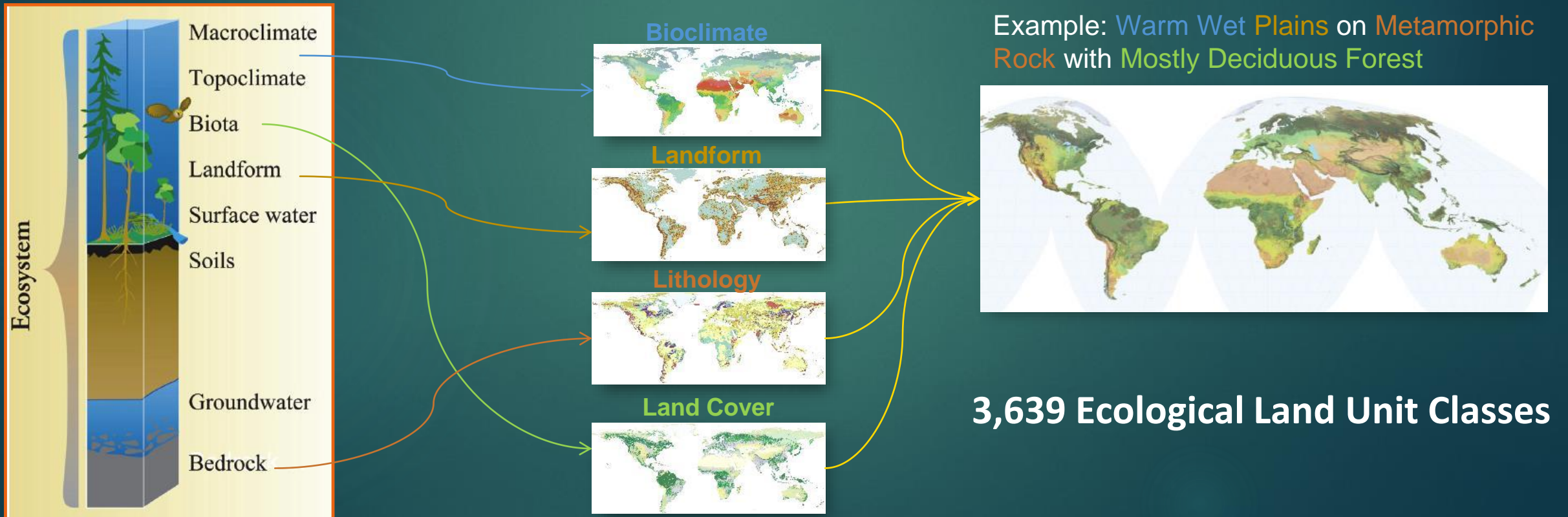
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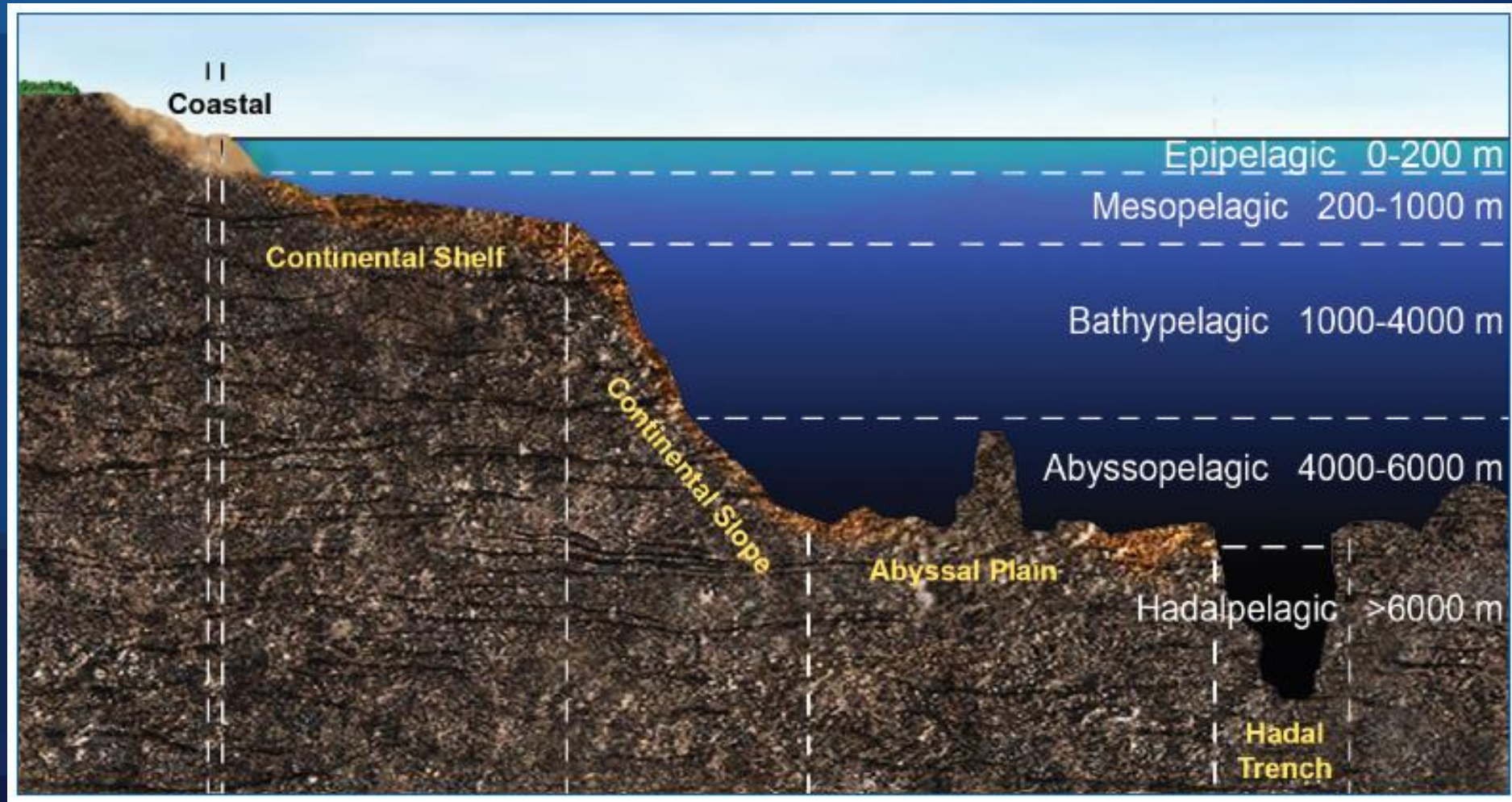


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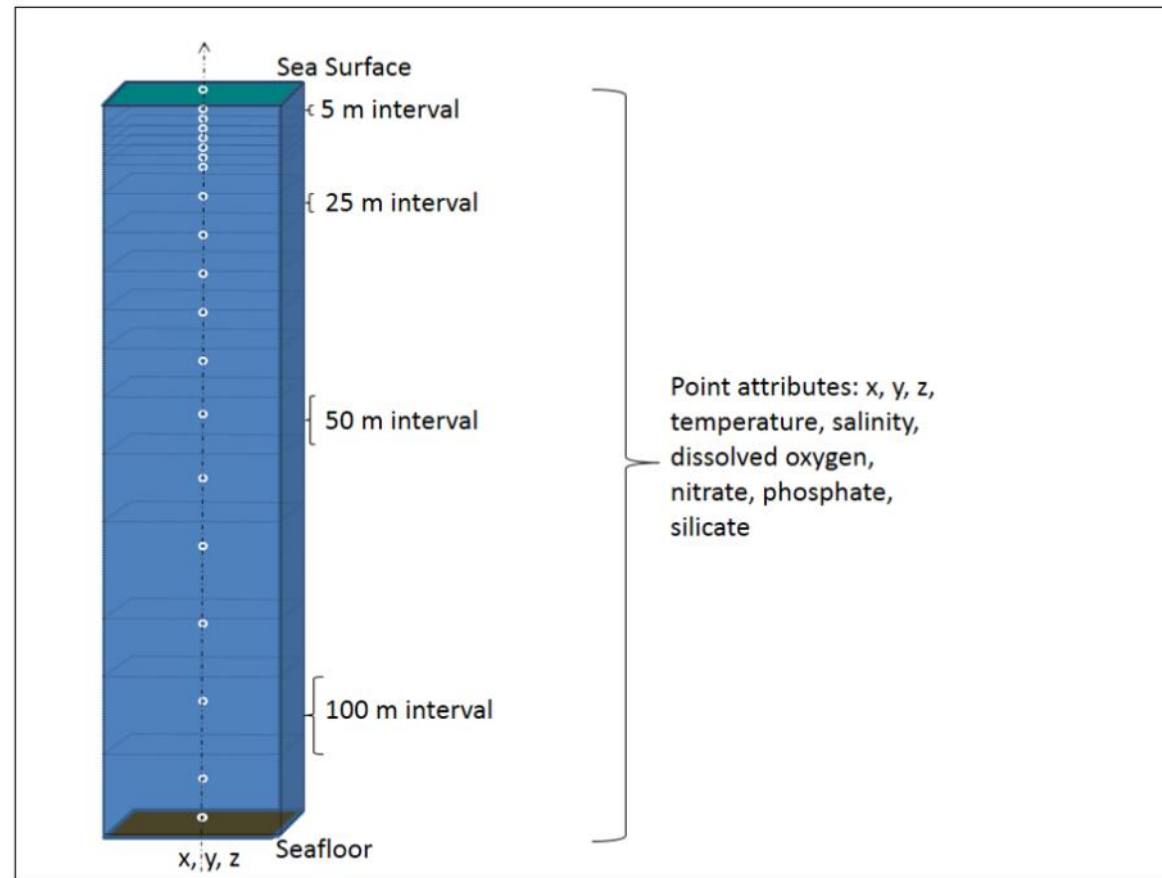


Global Ecological Marine Units (EMUs) - Physically and Chemically Distinct Volumetric Regions

Globally comprehensive ✓

Top-to-bottom true 3D ✓

Objectively derived from
data ✓

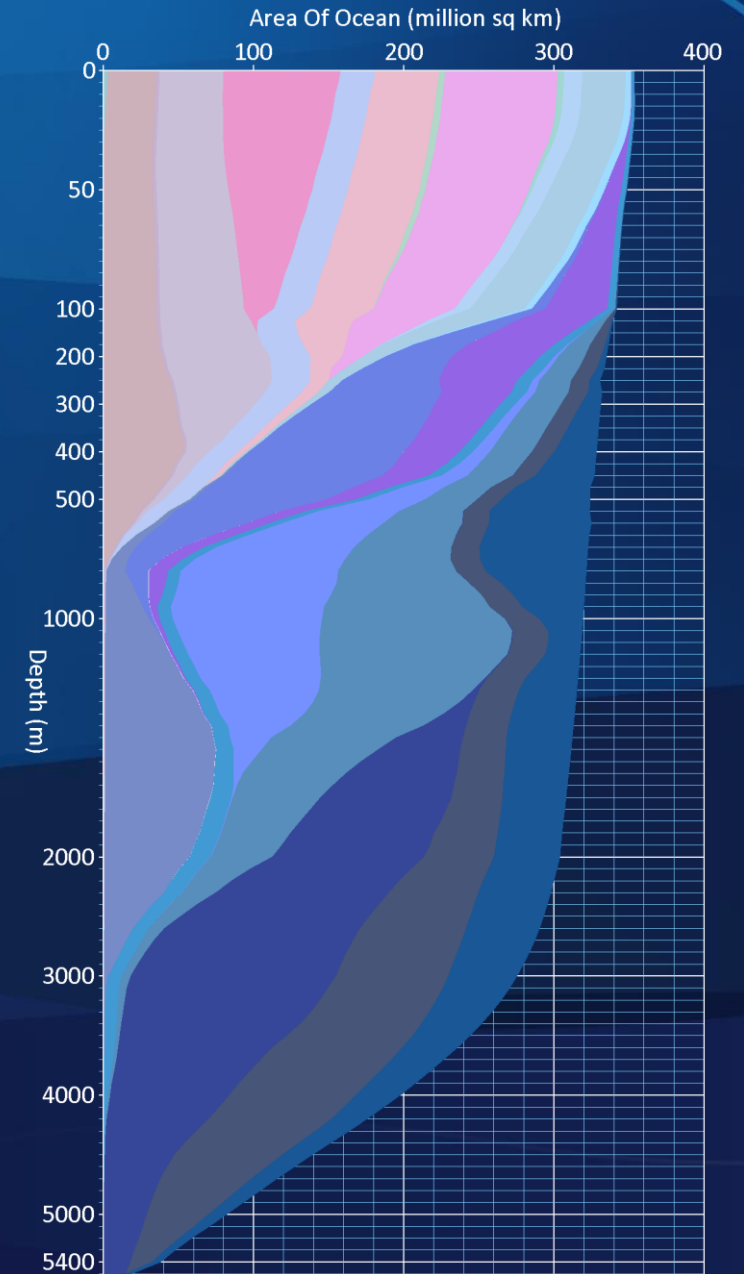
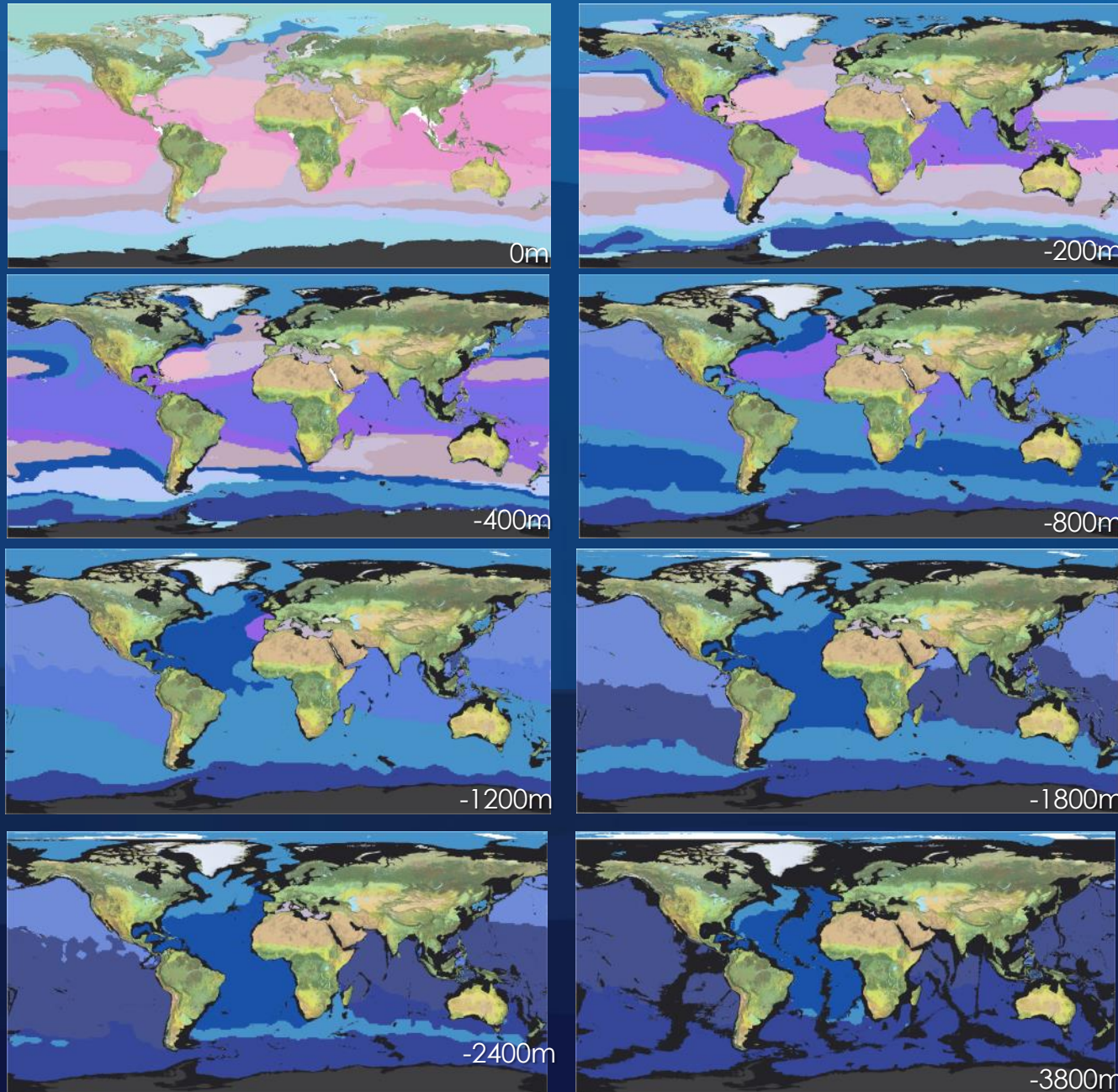


52 million points from NOAA's World Ocean Atlas (WOA 2013) database
k-means statistical clustering in 3D

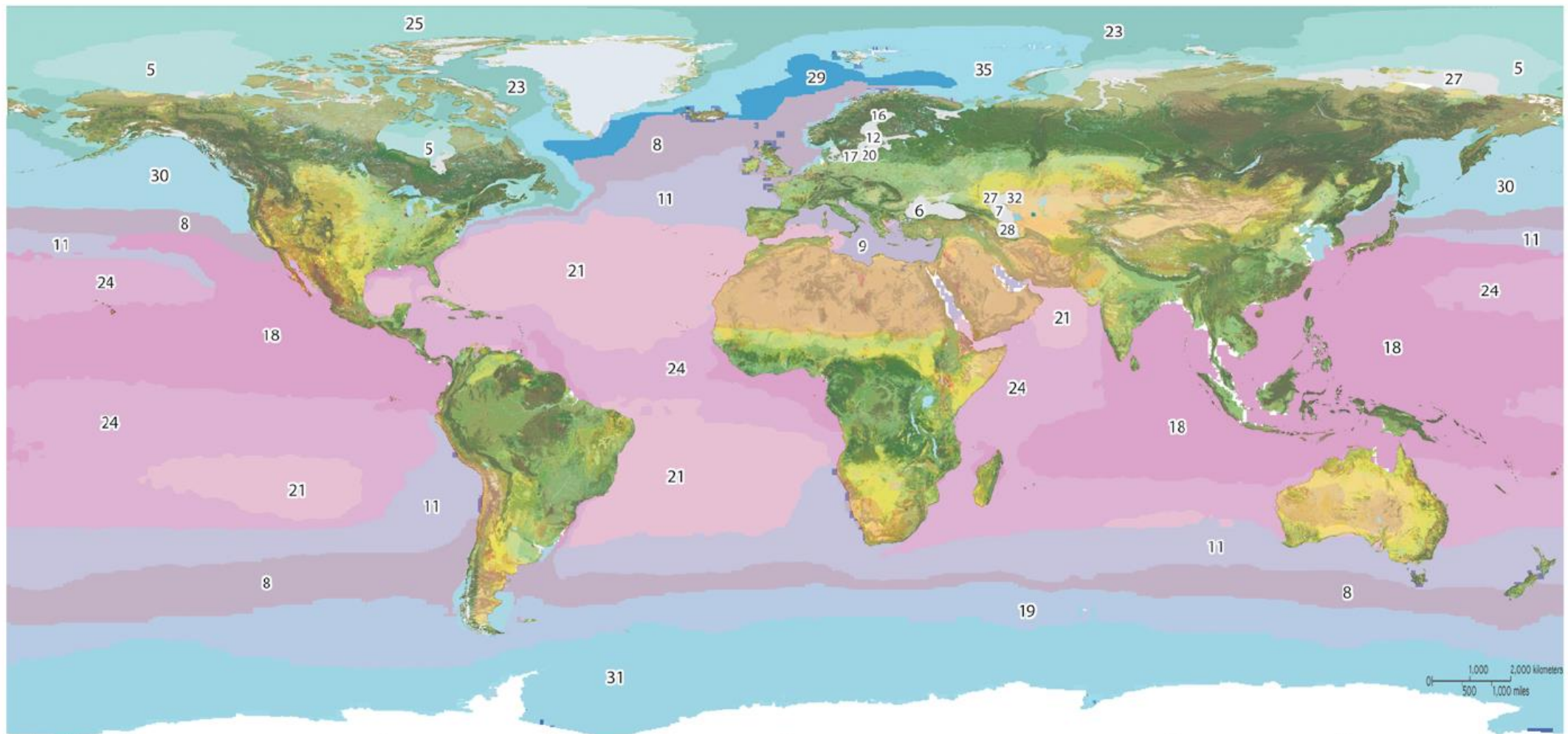
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Global Ecological Marine Units (EMUs)



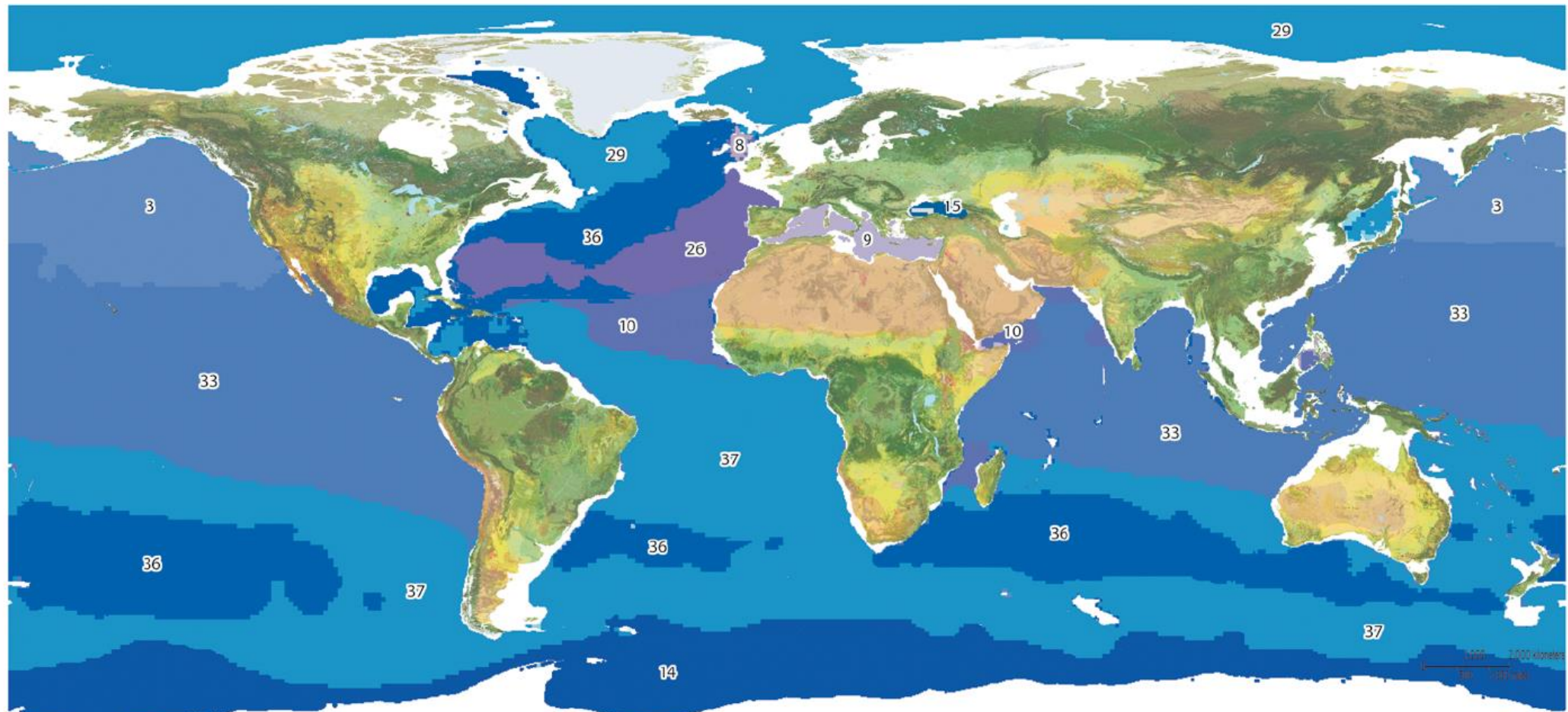
Surface-occurring EMUs



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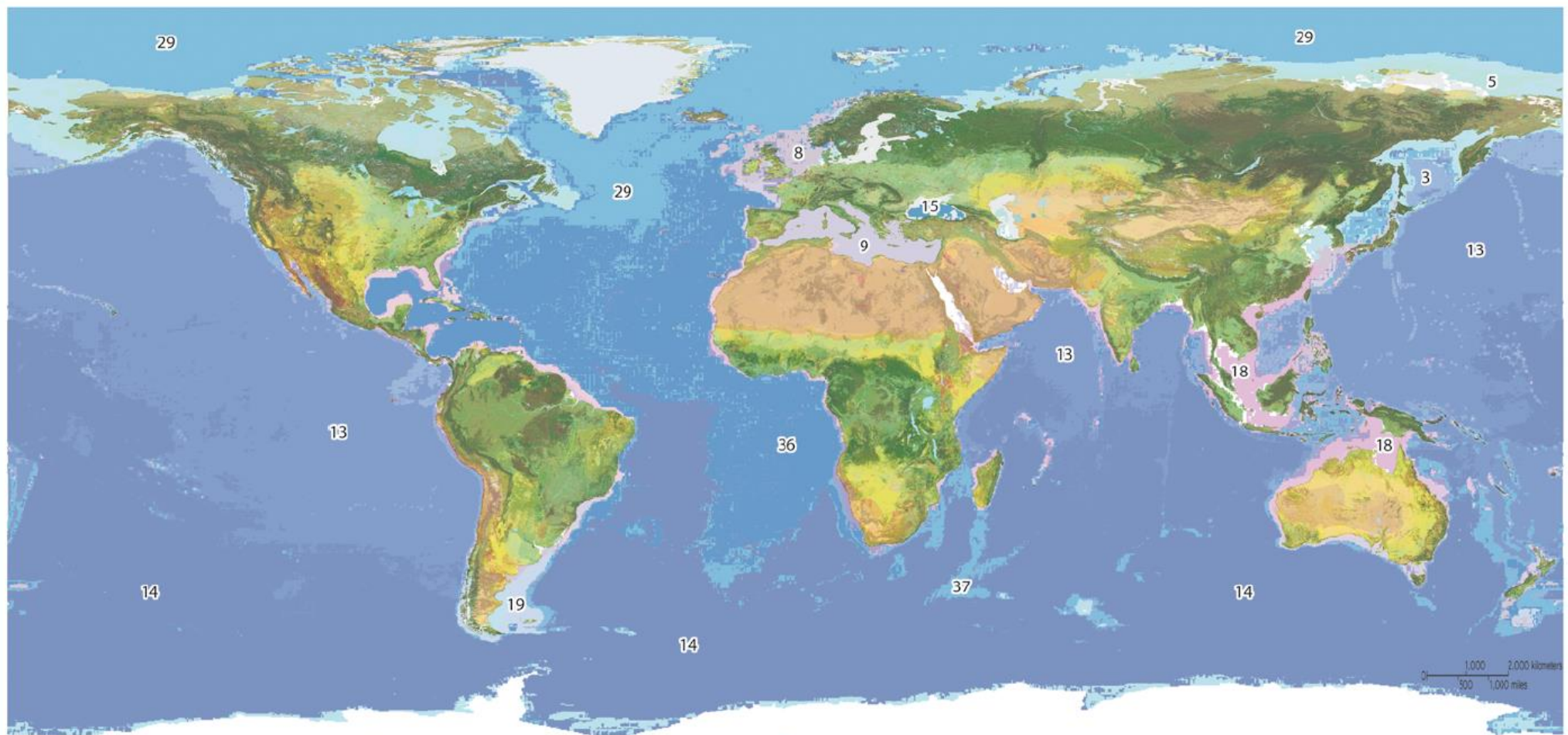
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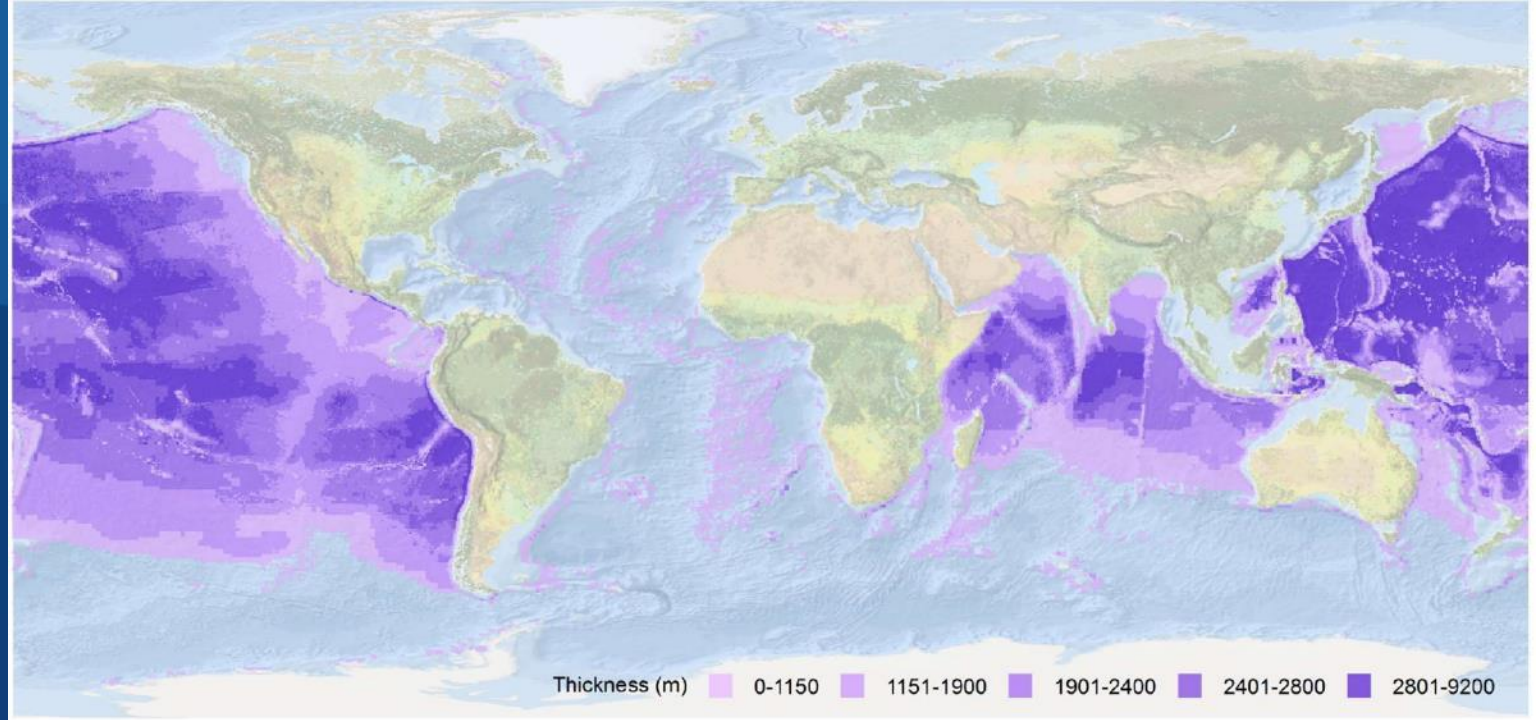
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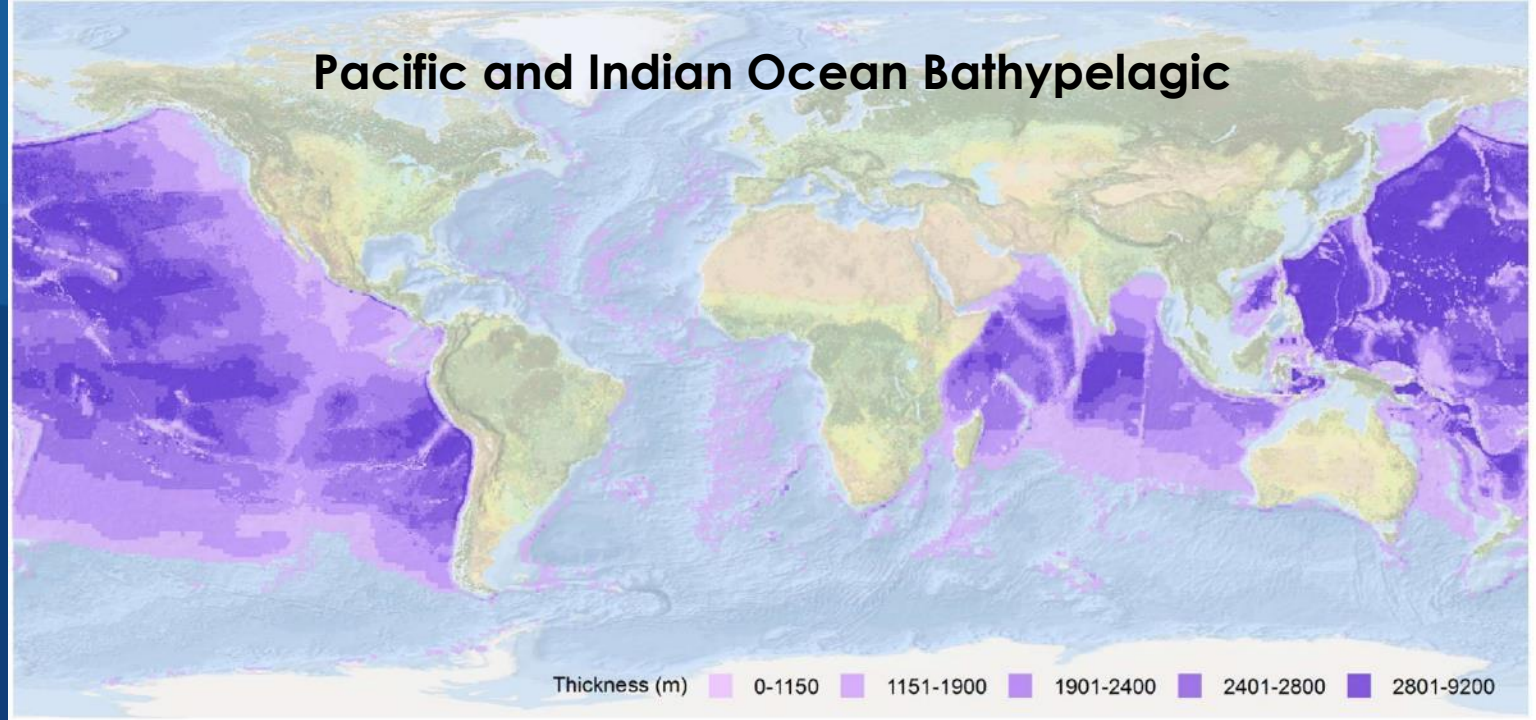
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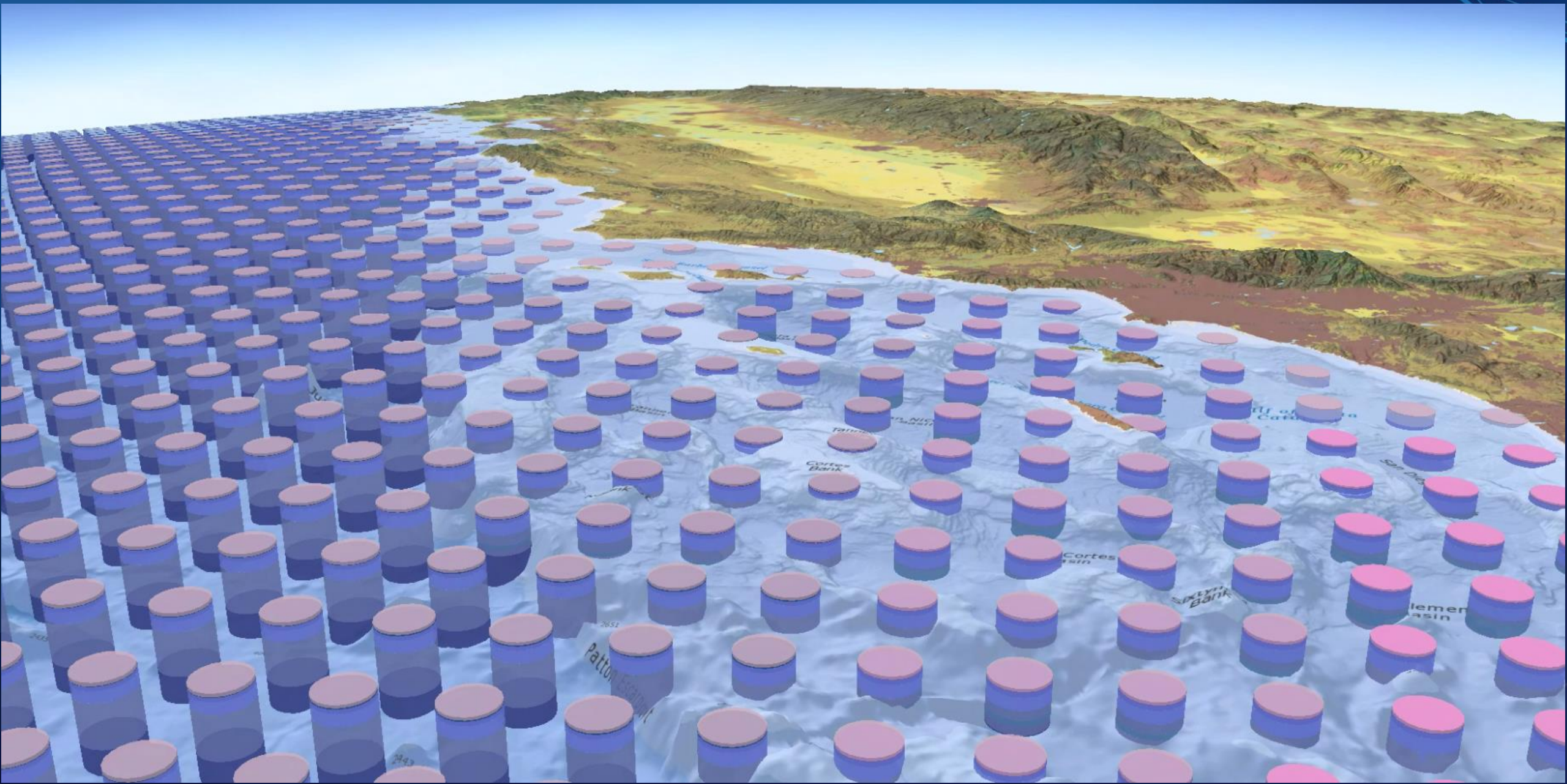
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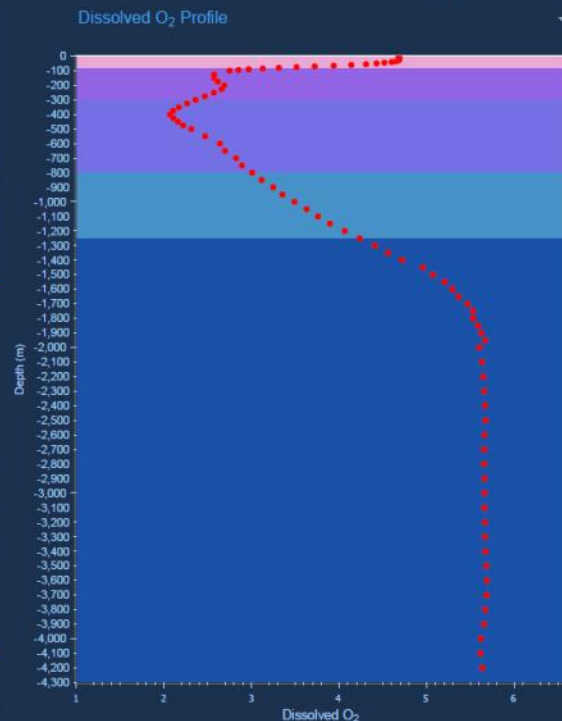
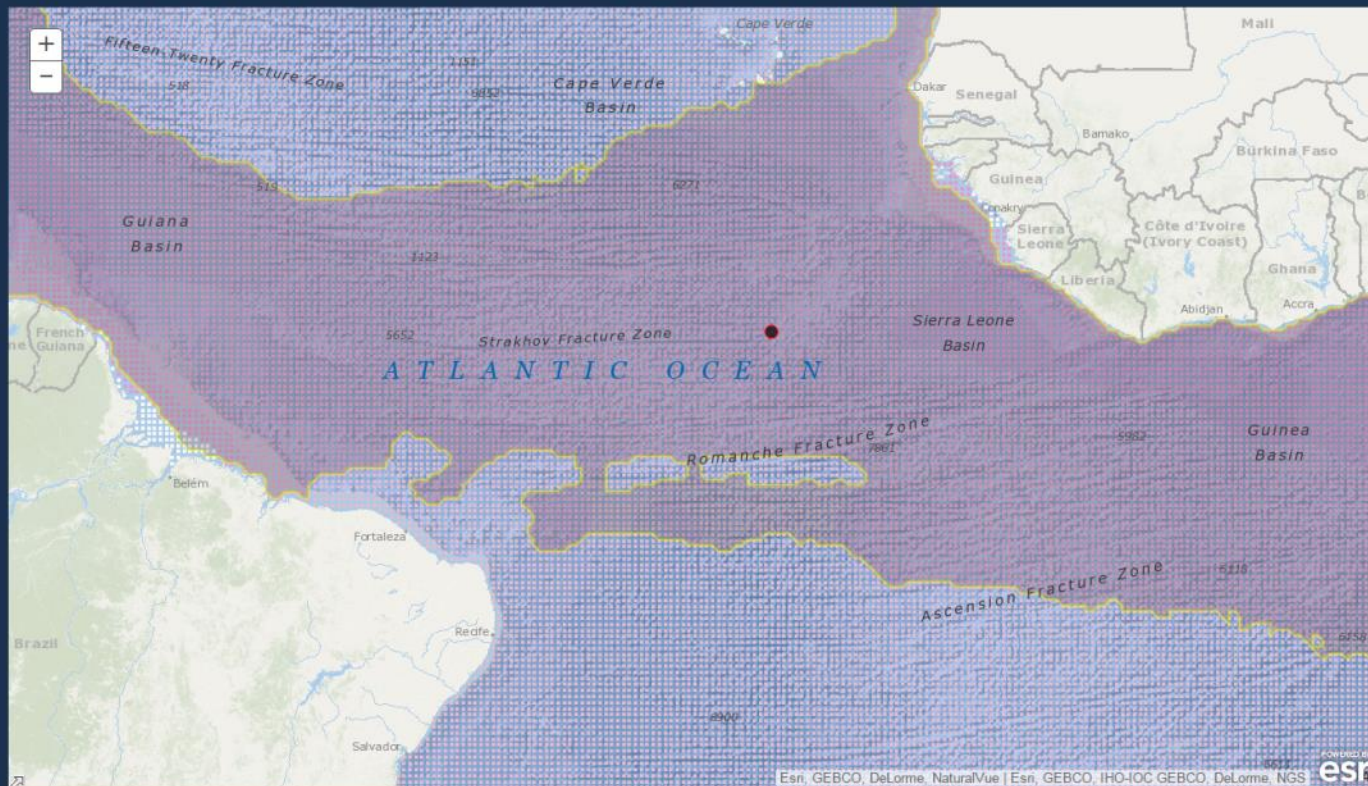
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Visualizing ELUs and EMUs



Ecological Marine Unit Explor



EMU: **24**
 Volume: **0.85%**
 Euhaline-Oxic-Warm to Very Warm-Epipelagic with (Low Nitrate-Low Silicate-Low Phosphate) Nutrients

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Minimum	18.78	34.73	1.76	0.00	0.01	0.25	5.00	-250.00
Maximum	29.54	36.26	5.51	15.01	1.40	17.58	25.00	0.00
Average	24.77	35.39	4.58	2.05	0.31	2.95	7.40	-56.42
SD	2.52	0.30	0.43	2.67	0.23	1.94	6.50	43.14

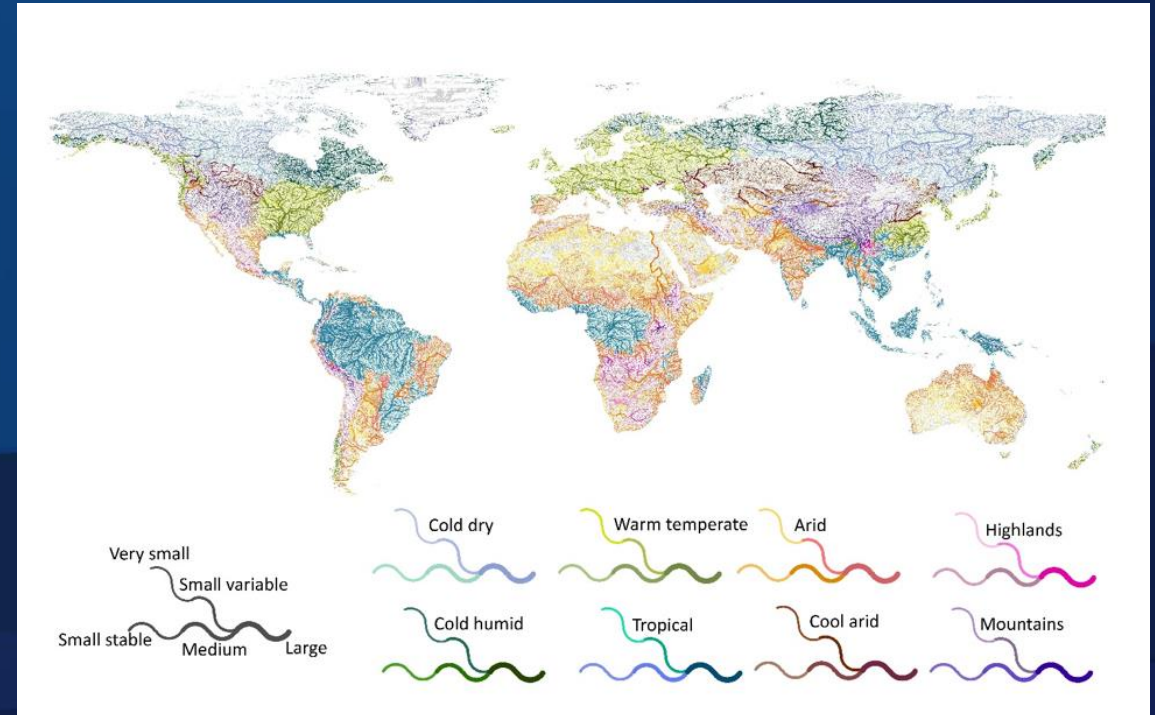
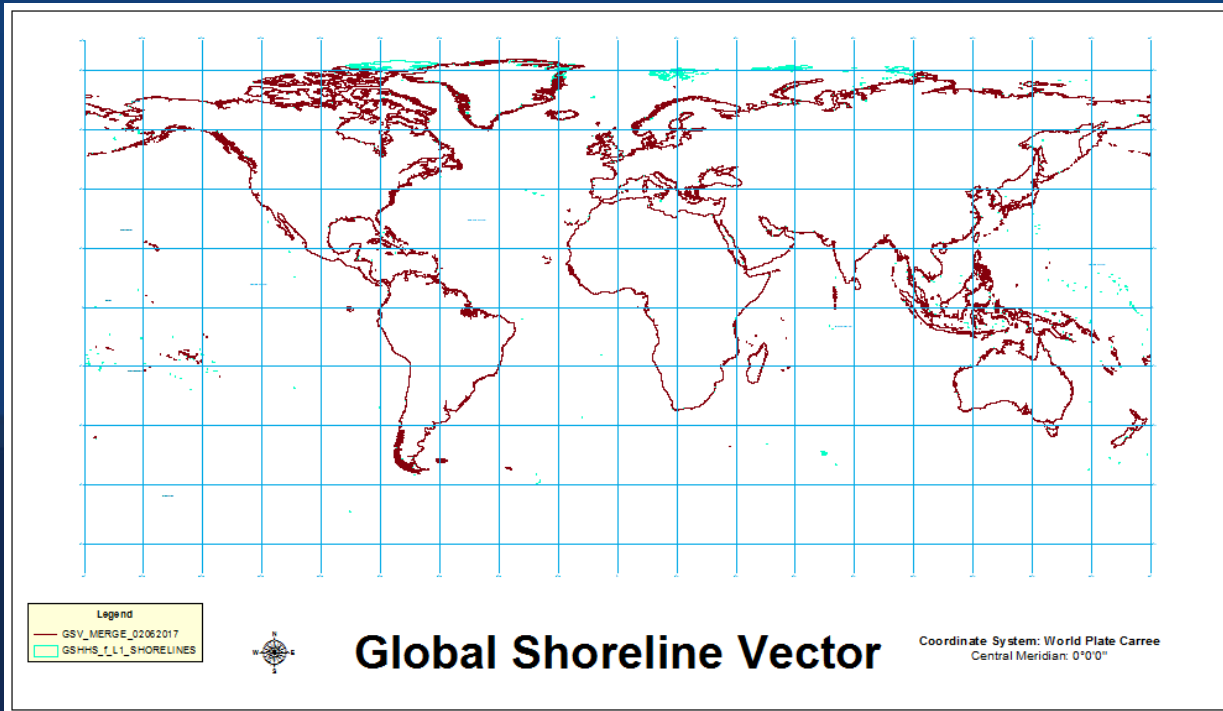
EMU	Unit Top (m)	Thickness (m)
24	0	80
26	-80	220
10	-300	500
37	-800	450
18	-1100	1000

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Next Set of Global Ecosystem Maps: ECUs and EFUs

Ecological Coastal Units (ECUs)

Ecological Freshwater Units (EFUs)



Data

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Pubs

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