# Smartphone applications (FishGIS, HydroColor)

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## Background

- The marine environment has changed dramatically in recent years.
- There are lots of needs from small-scale fishers (SSFs) for a platform and/or tool to report and share information on the ocean conditions and realities with stakeholders in order to adapt to ocean climate changes.

#### Workshop with young adult fishers (June, 2019)





Fishers' realities for ocean climate changes in Japan



Takemura et al., (2022)

## Challenges for adaptations to climate change in data-limited SSFs management

- 1. to **detect** changes in the ocean ecosystem
- 2. to **share** this information rapidly among stakeholders
- 3. to use it for decision making on adaptation measures

ICT tools such as smartphones are expected to be a breakthrough in

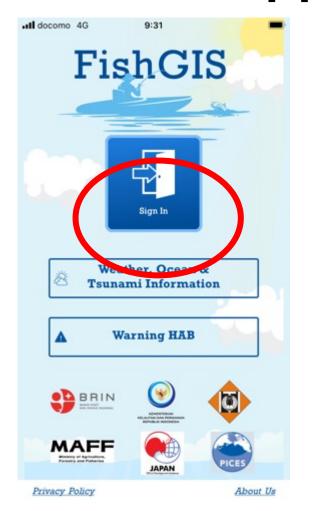
solving these challenges.





https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Supercomputer

## FishGIS App (target users: local fishers)





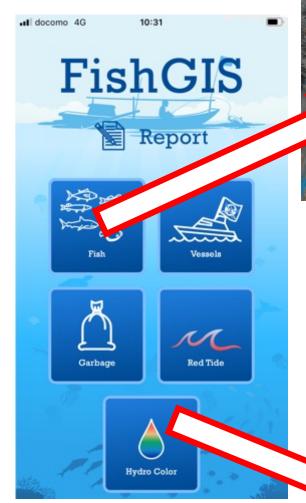




Photo of Fish

#### Photo of watercolor



Capture

How the ocean is changing?

→ Tools for reporting photos of ocean conditions

## FishGIS can be installed from Apple Store and Google Play!!

iOS (iOS10 or later)
Search for "FishGIS" in Apple Store

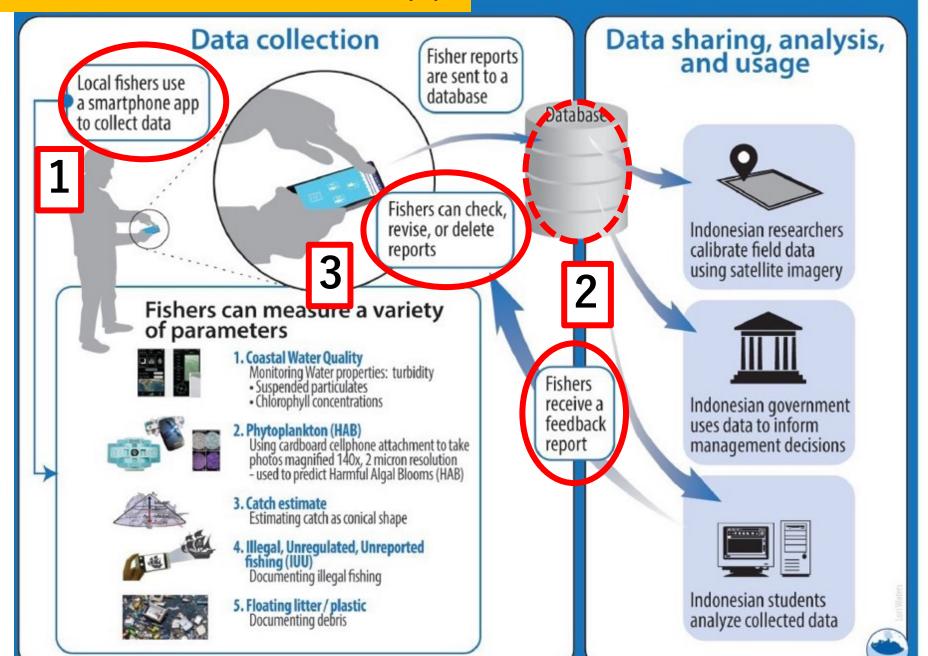


Android (Android7 or later)
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### Three functions of FishGIS App



## Examples of fish photos collected by the FishGIS App

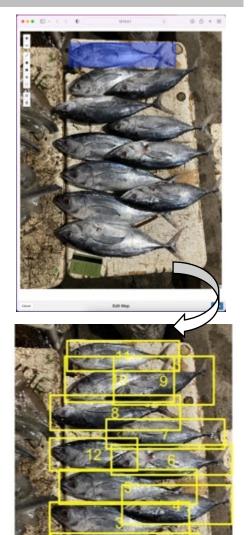


#### Report images



Work time per image: less than 1 minute

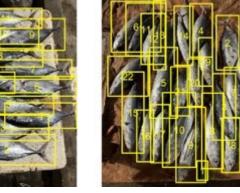
#### Identify fish species

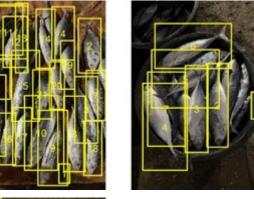


Work time per image: about 5 minutes

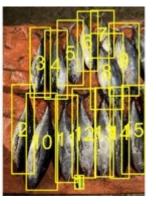
#### Measuring total length from images





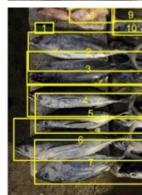




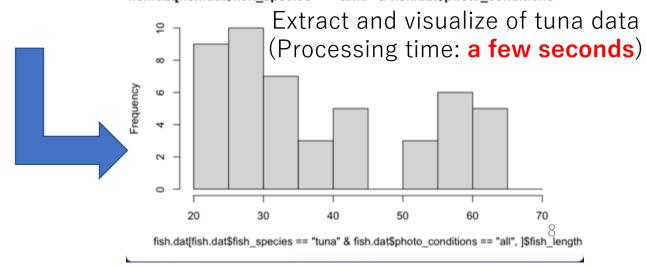








fish.dat[fish.dat\$fish\_species == "tuna" & fish.dat\$photo\_conditions == ":



#### <mark>tuna</mark>









bonito



mackerel scad



#### dogtooth tuna



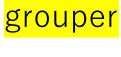
snapper





yellowtail blue snapper

double-lined fusilier



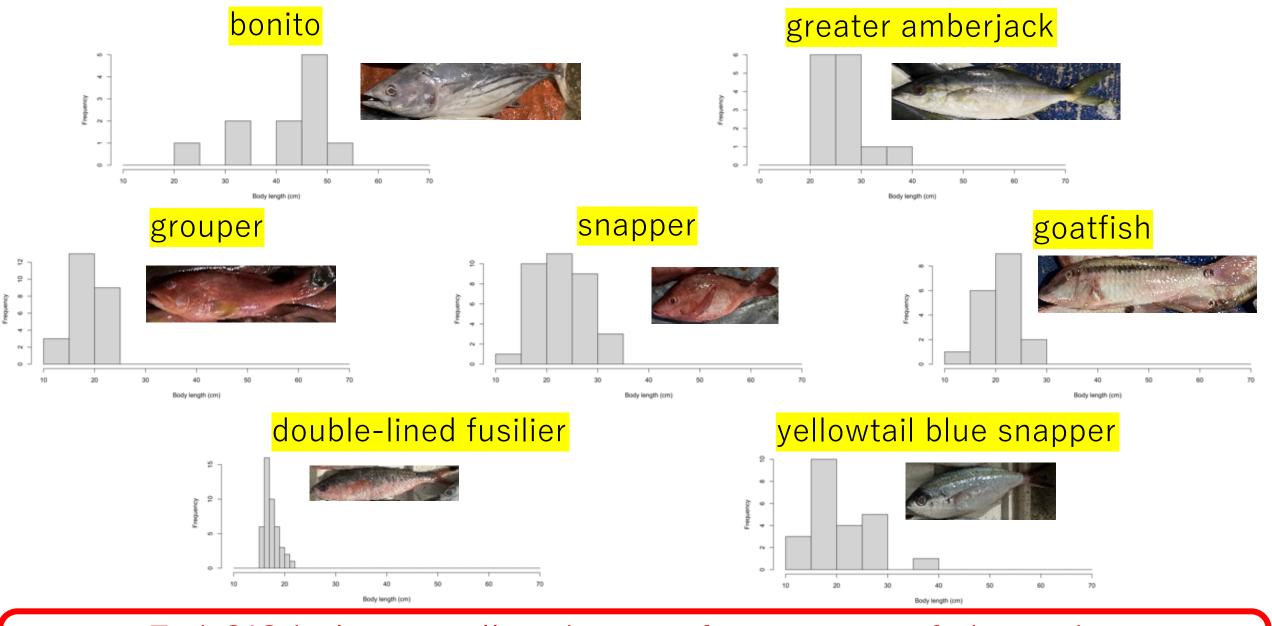


goatfish



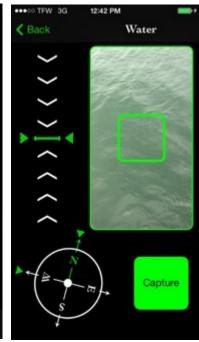


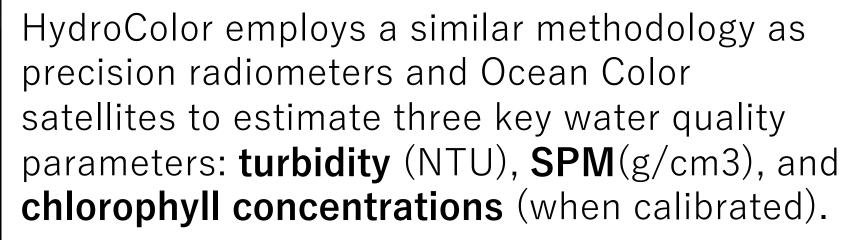




## Examples of data collected by the *HydroColor* App

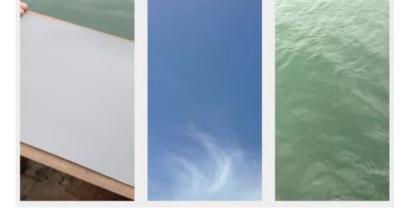






Three images are collected using a smartphone.

- 18% photographer's grey card
- the incoming (**sky**) radiation
- the light leaving the water surface.



Details are shown in Leeuw and Boss (2018).

## Examples of data collected by the *HydroColor* App

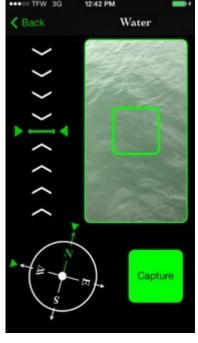
Our research teams collected data.

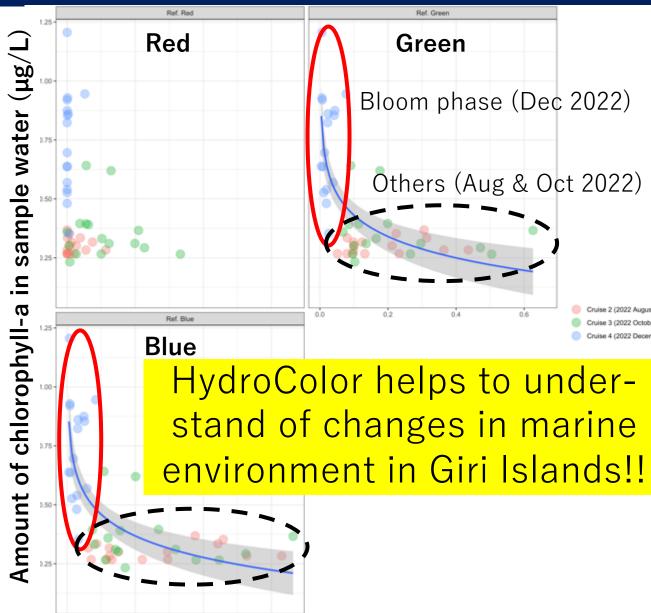
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Estimated reflection of RGB (sr<sup>-1</sup>)

## Summary and Conclusion

- ICT tools are expected to be a breakthrough in solving challenges for adaptations to ocean climate change in data-limited SSFs management.
- The FishGIS app is a tools for reporting images of ocean conditions.
  - > Fish images help to collect basic information about fish stocks.
  - → Watercolor images (HydroColor) helps to understand of changes in the marine environment.

- A future challenge is not only a collecting data but also establishment of a mechanism for local stakeholders to actively participate in data accumulation.
  - → Would you like to join our research team?