



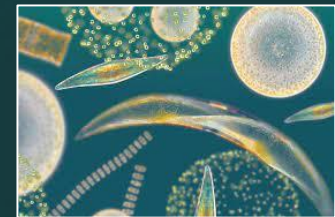
# From plankton to Sardine

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## Spatial patterns in the trophic transfer of essential nutrients

Revealed by taxonomic and fatty acid analysis

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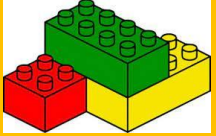
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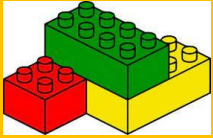
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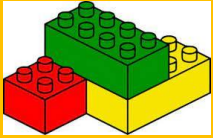


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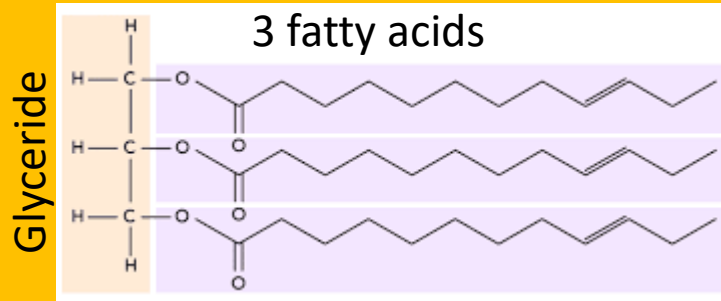


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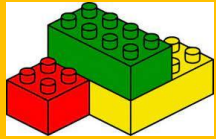


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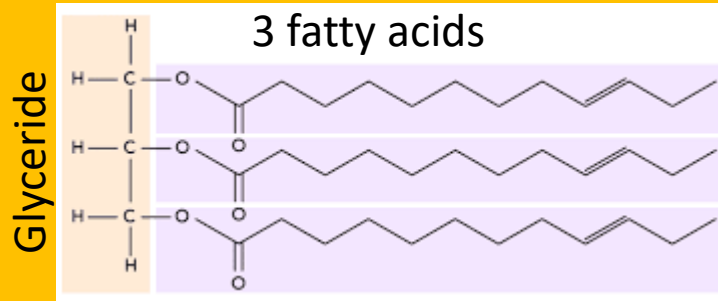


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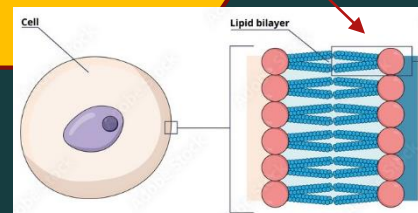


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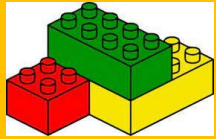
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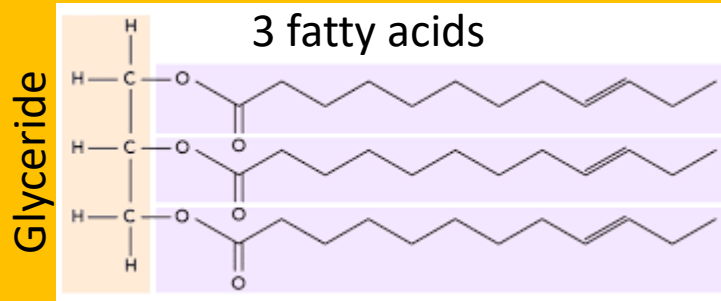


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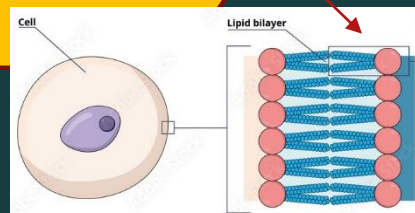
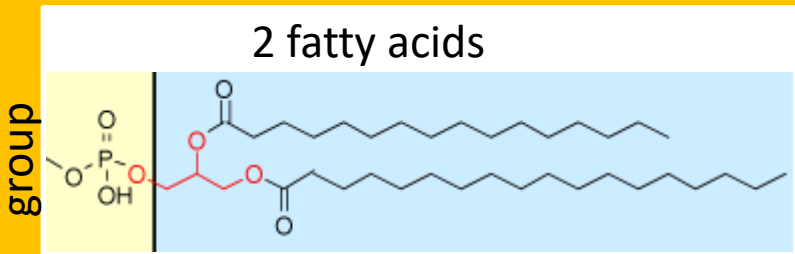
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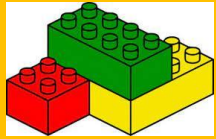


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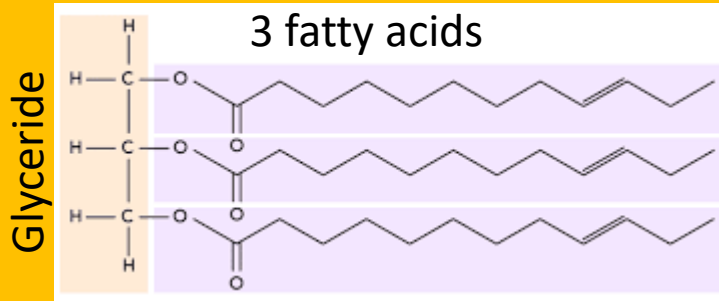


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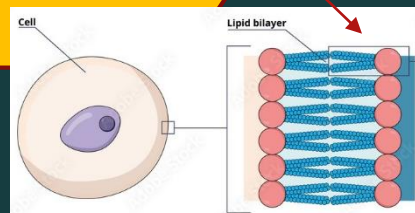
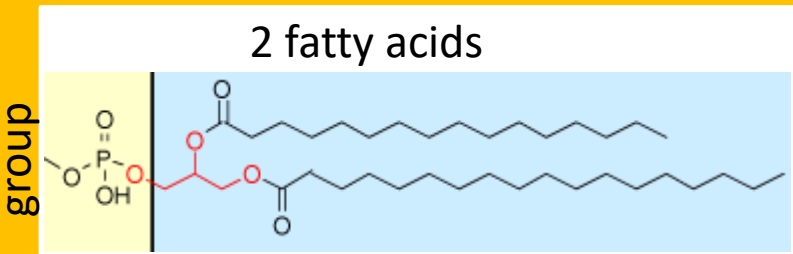
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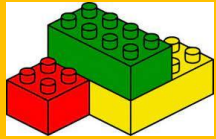
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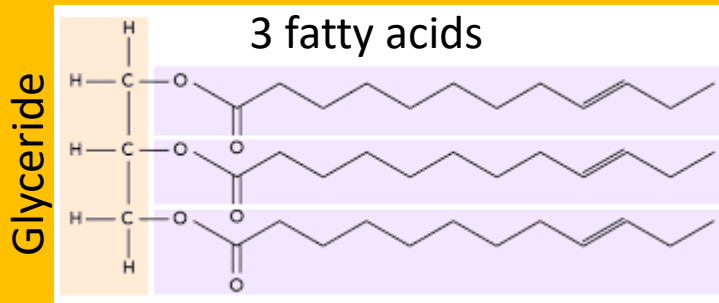


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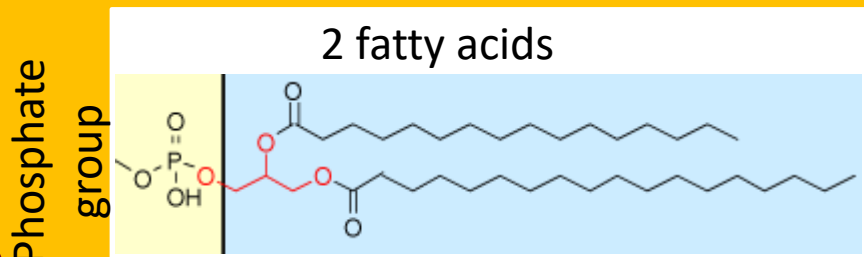


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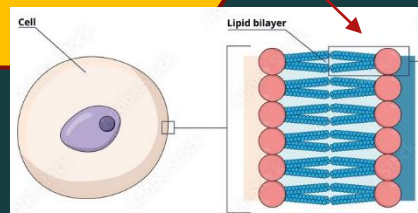


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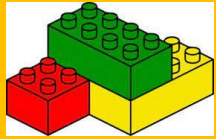


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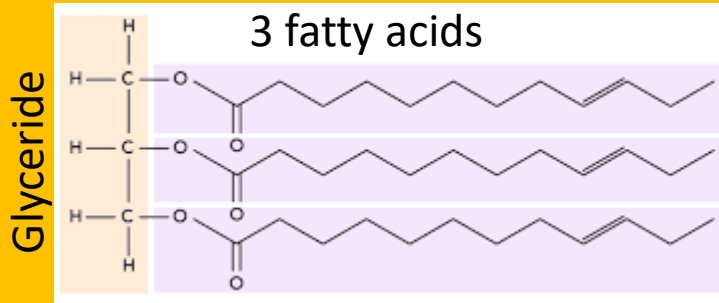


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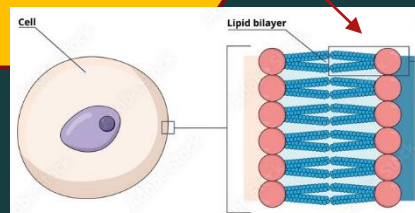
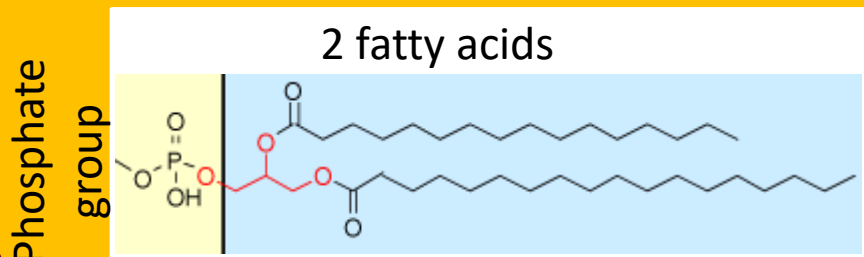


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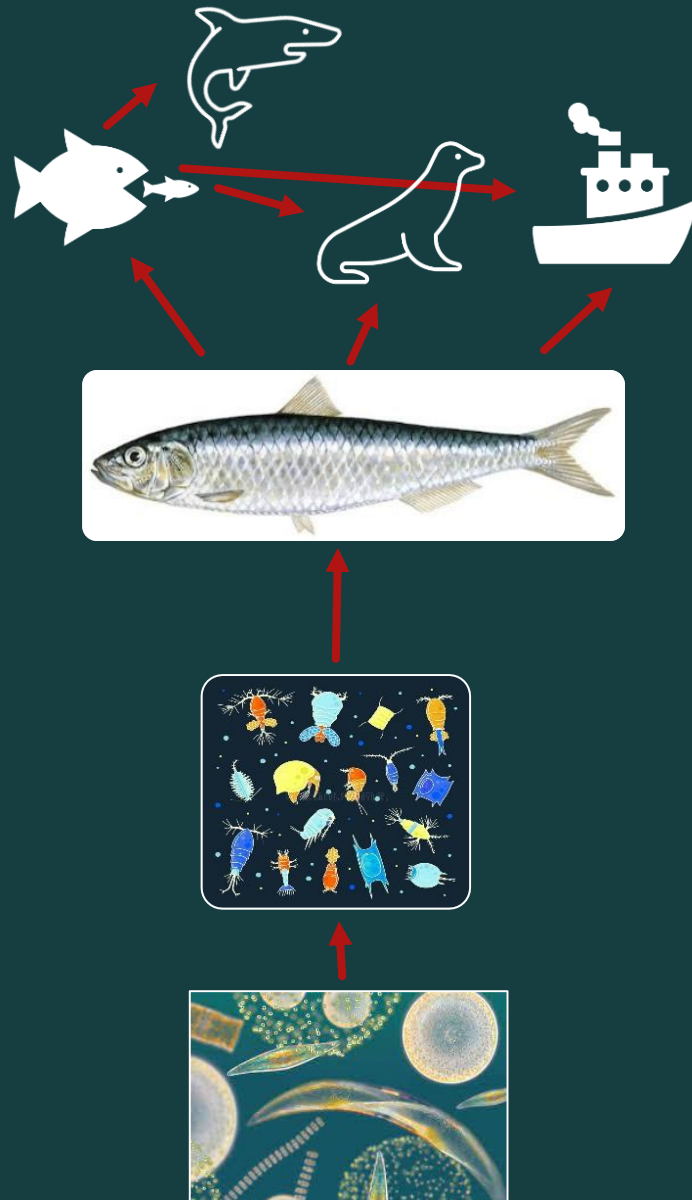


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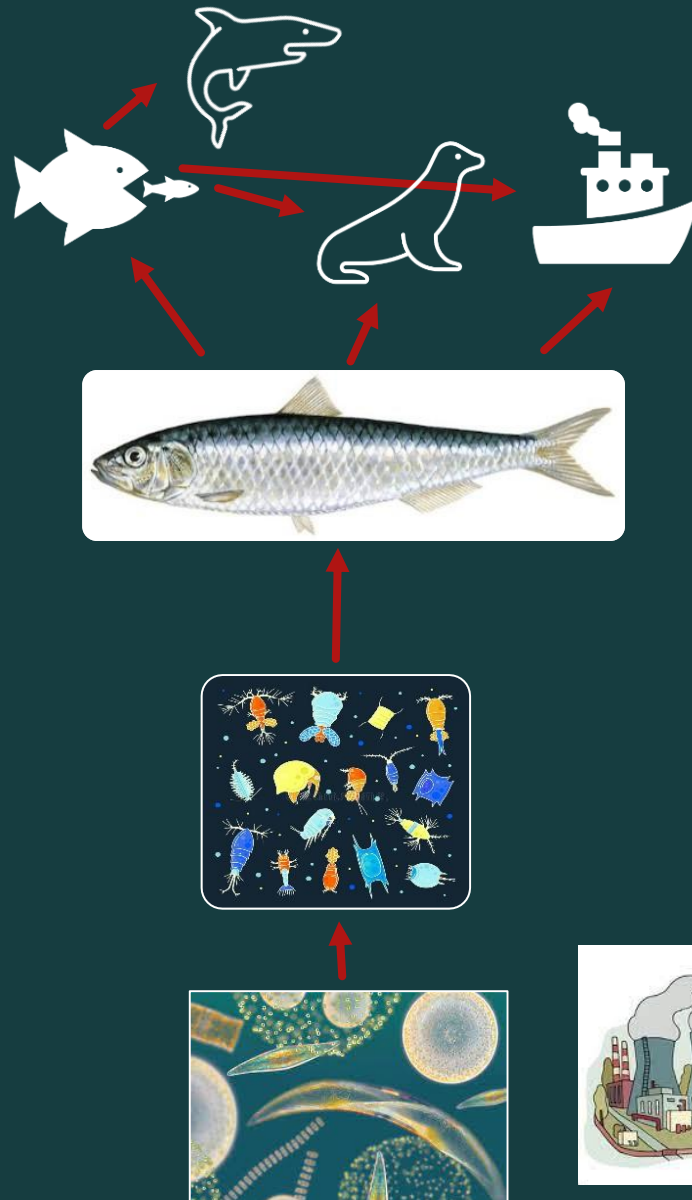


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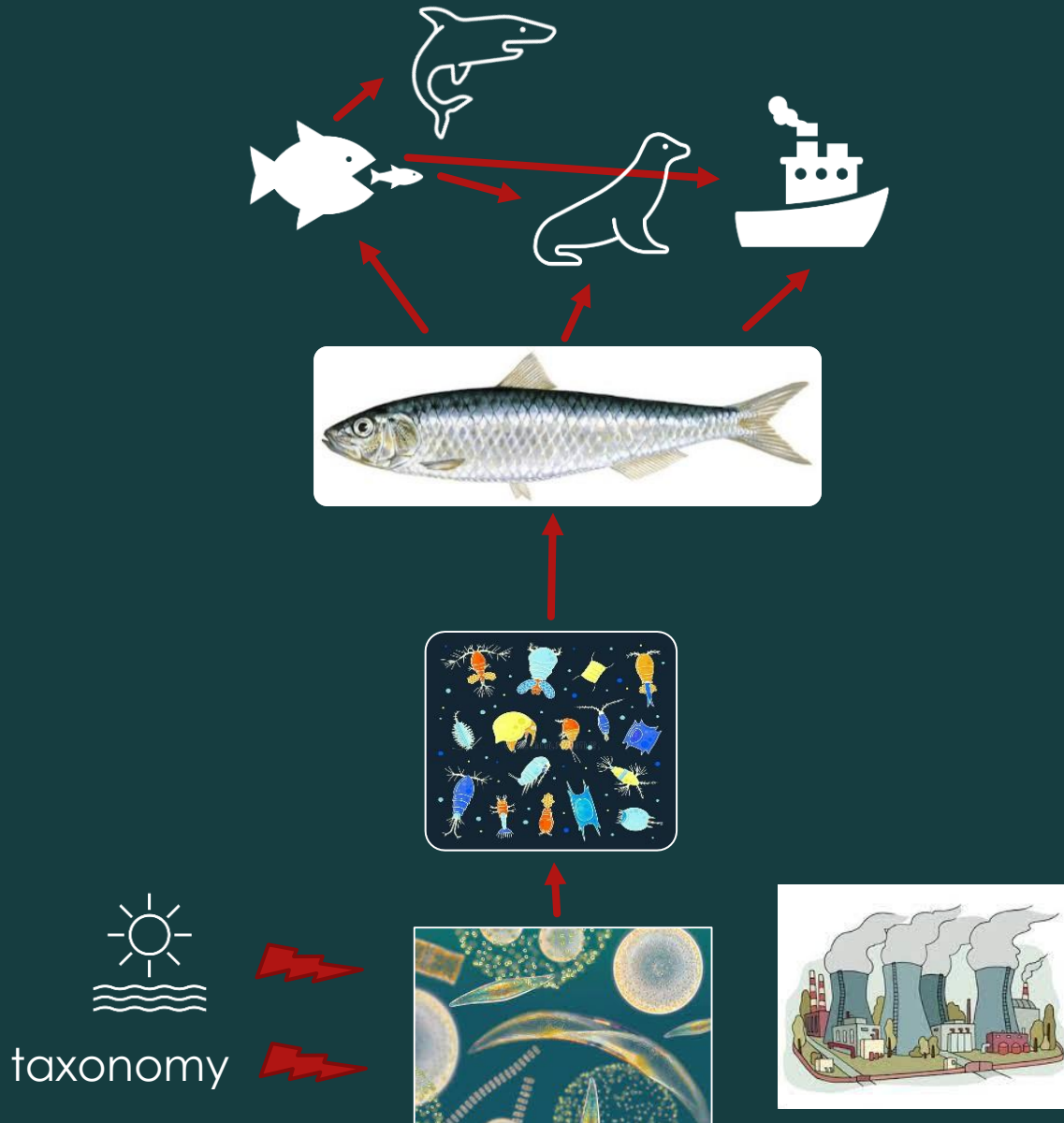
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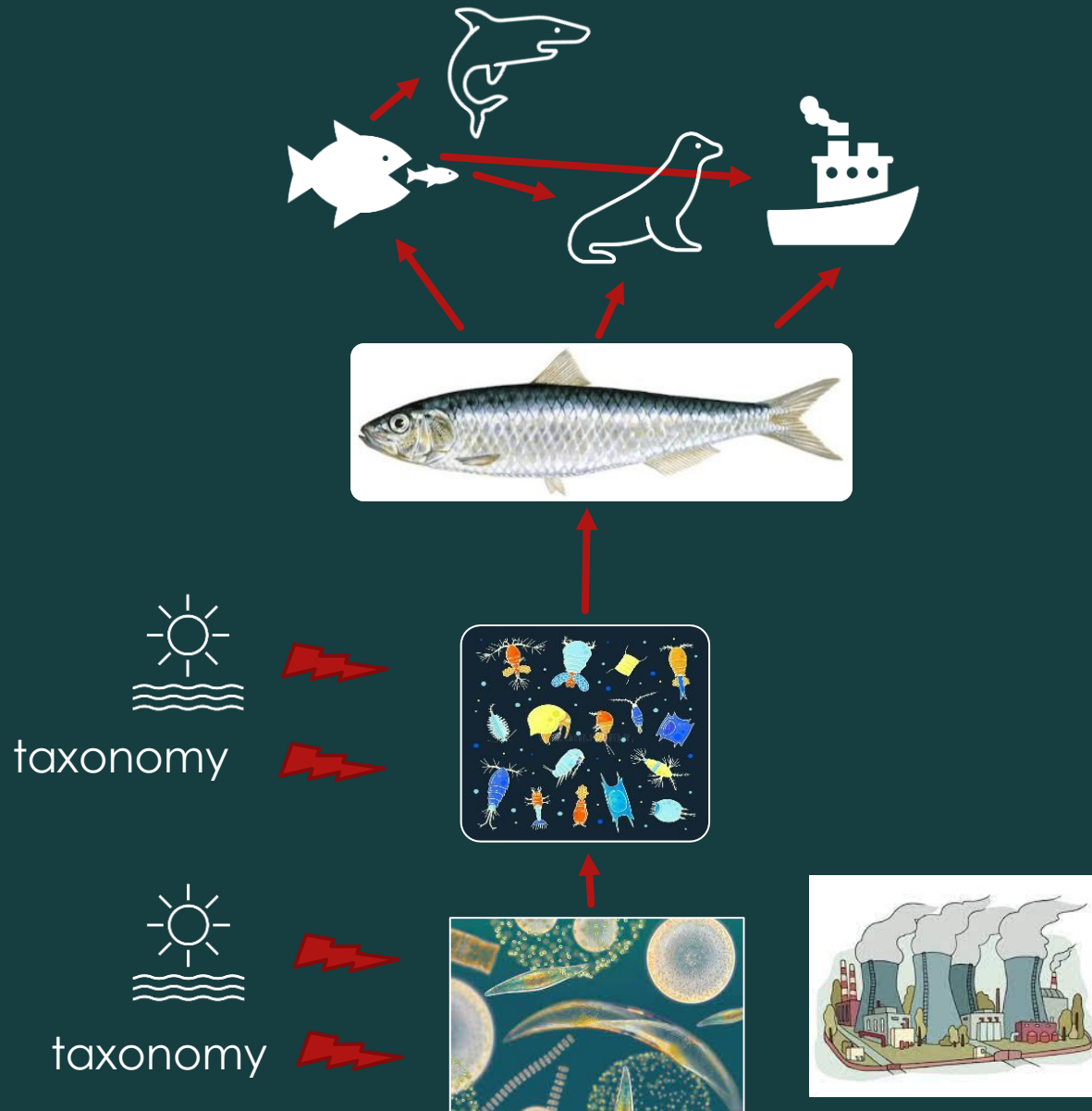
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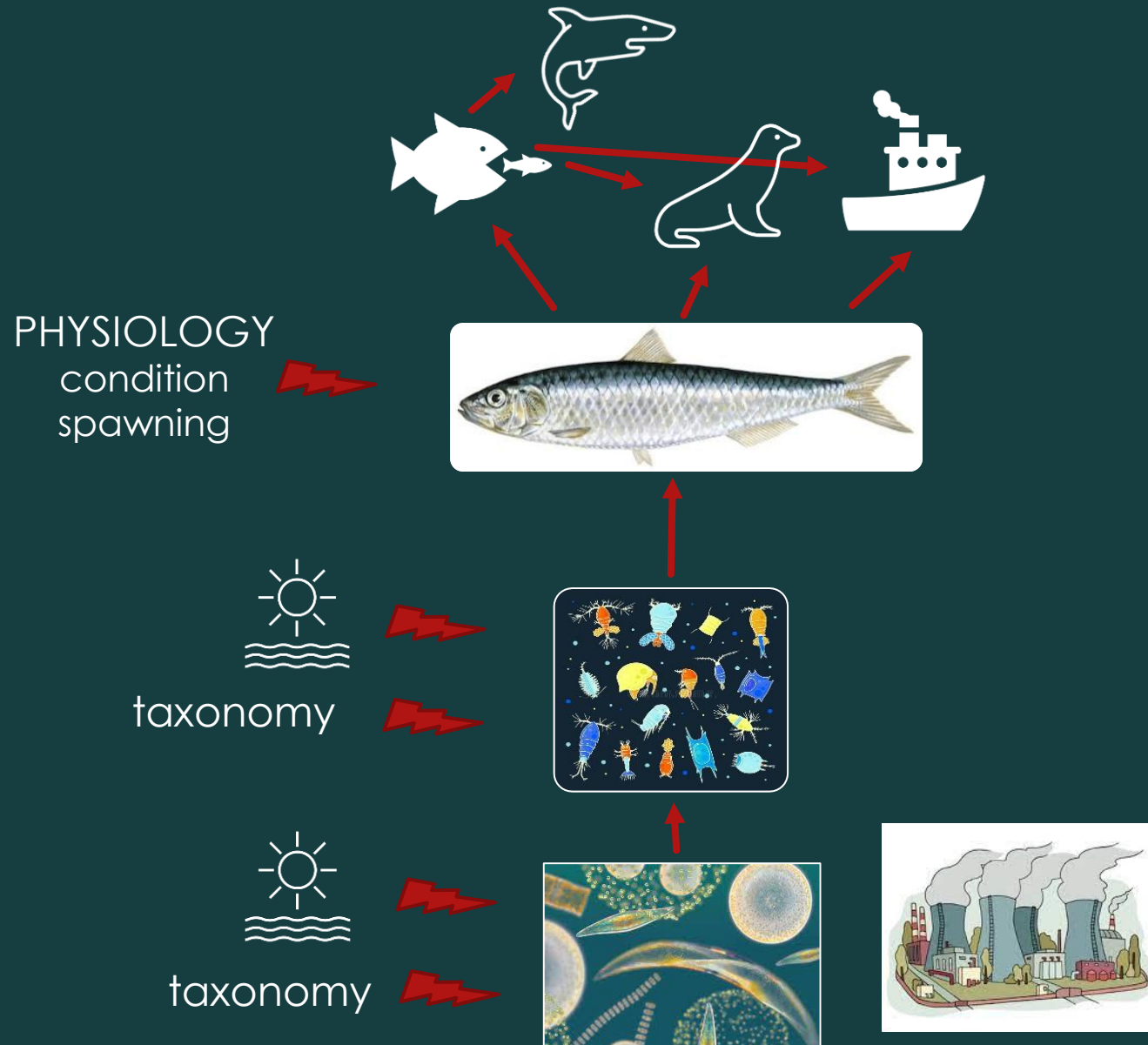
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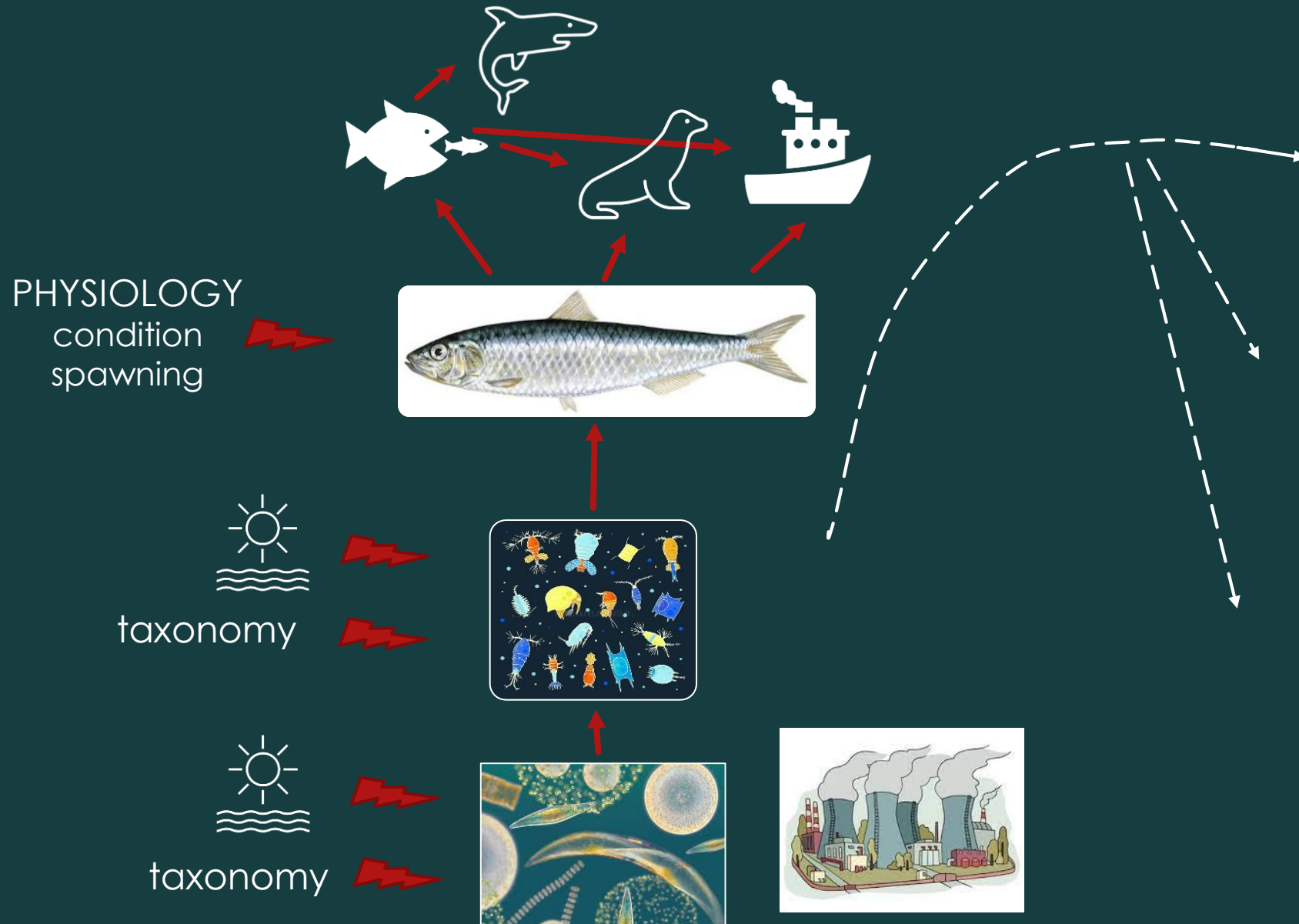
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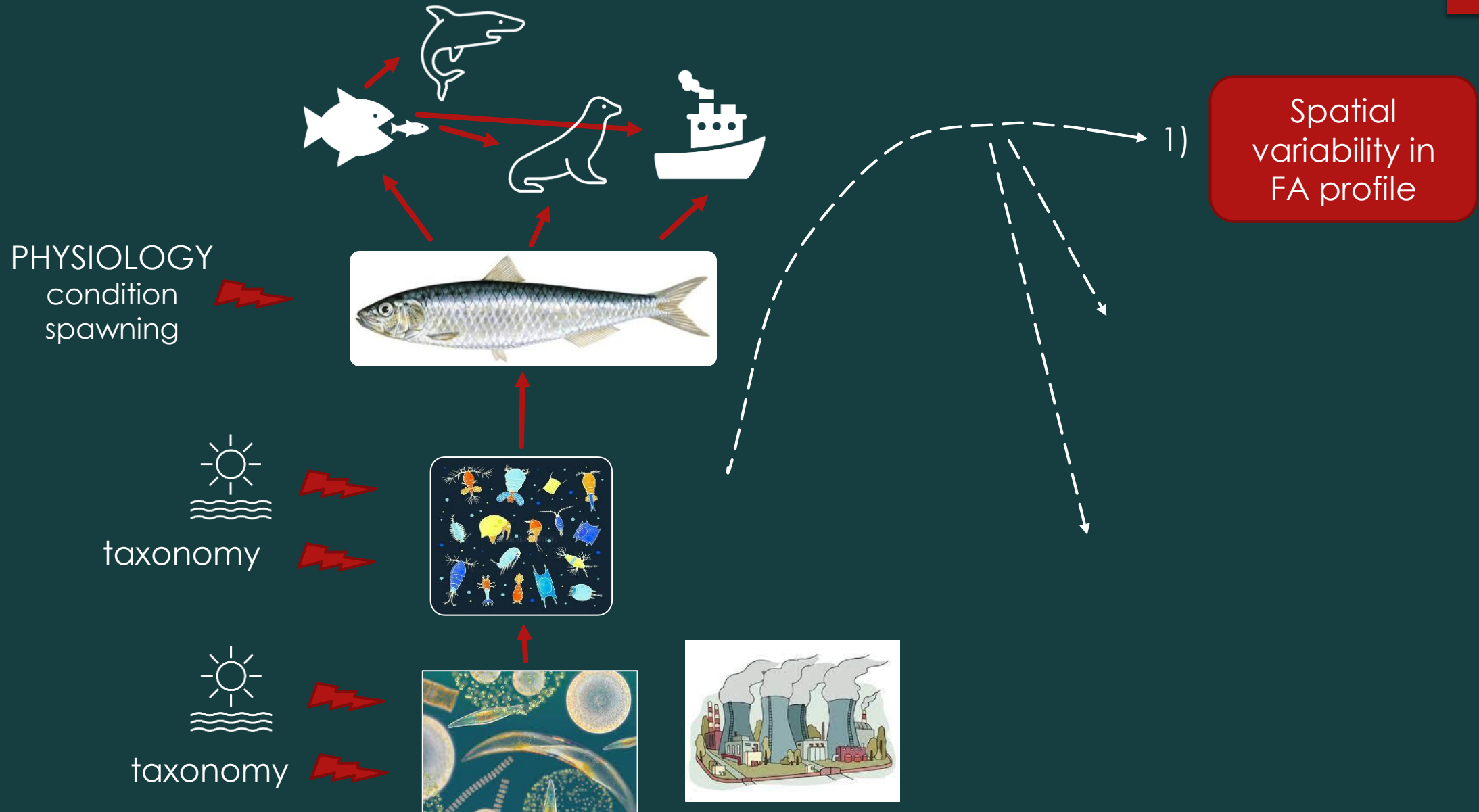


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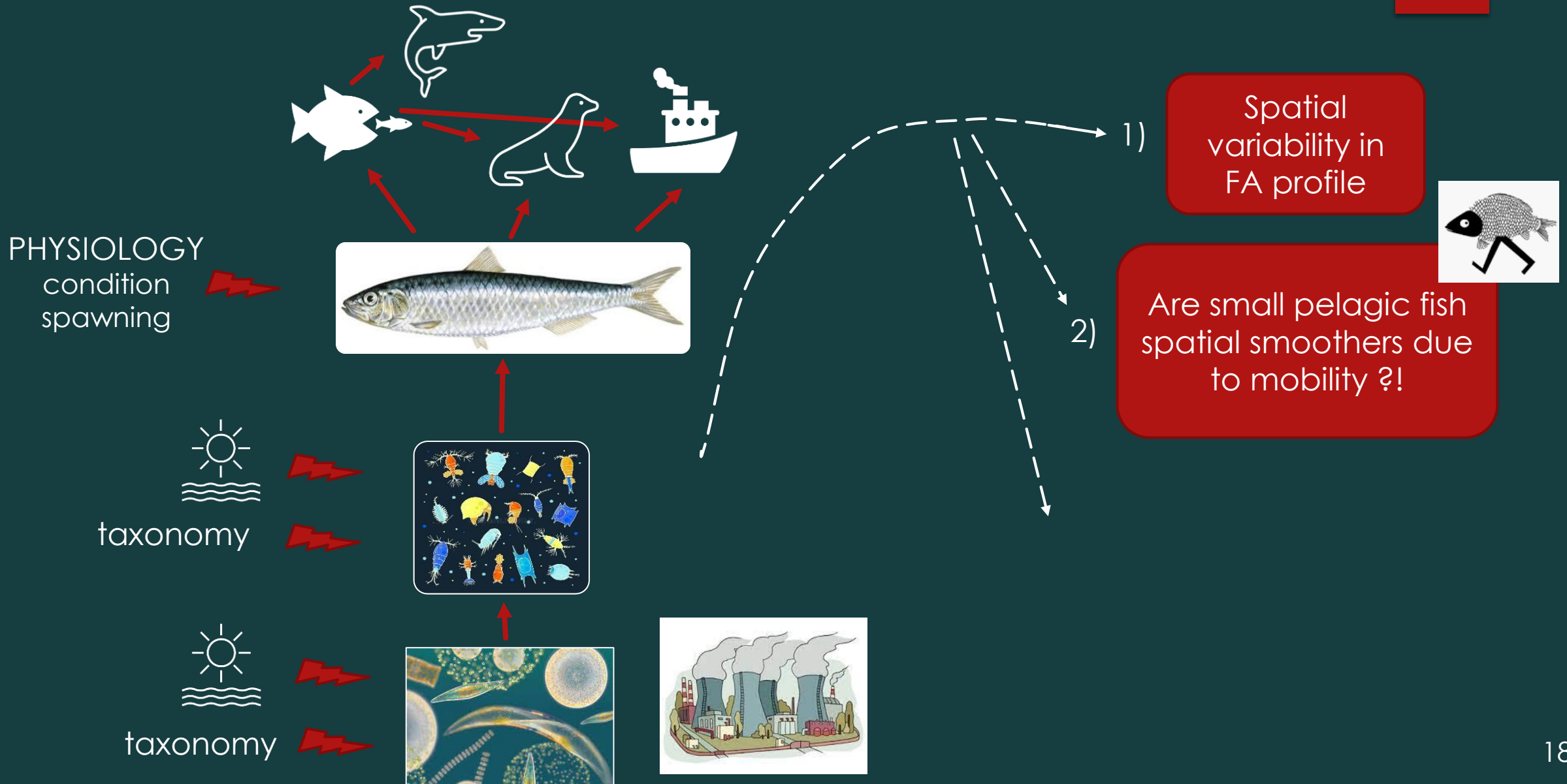




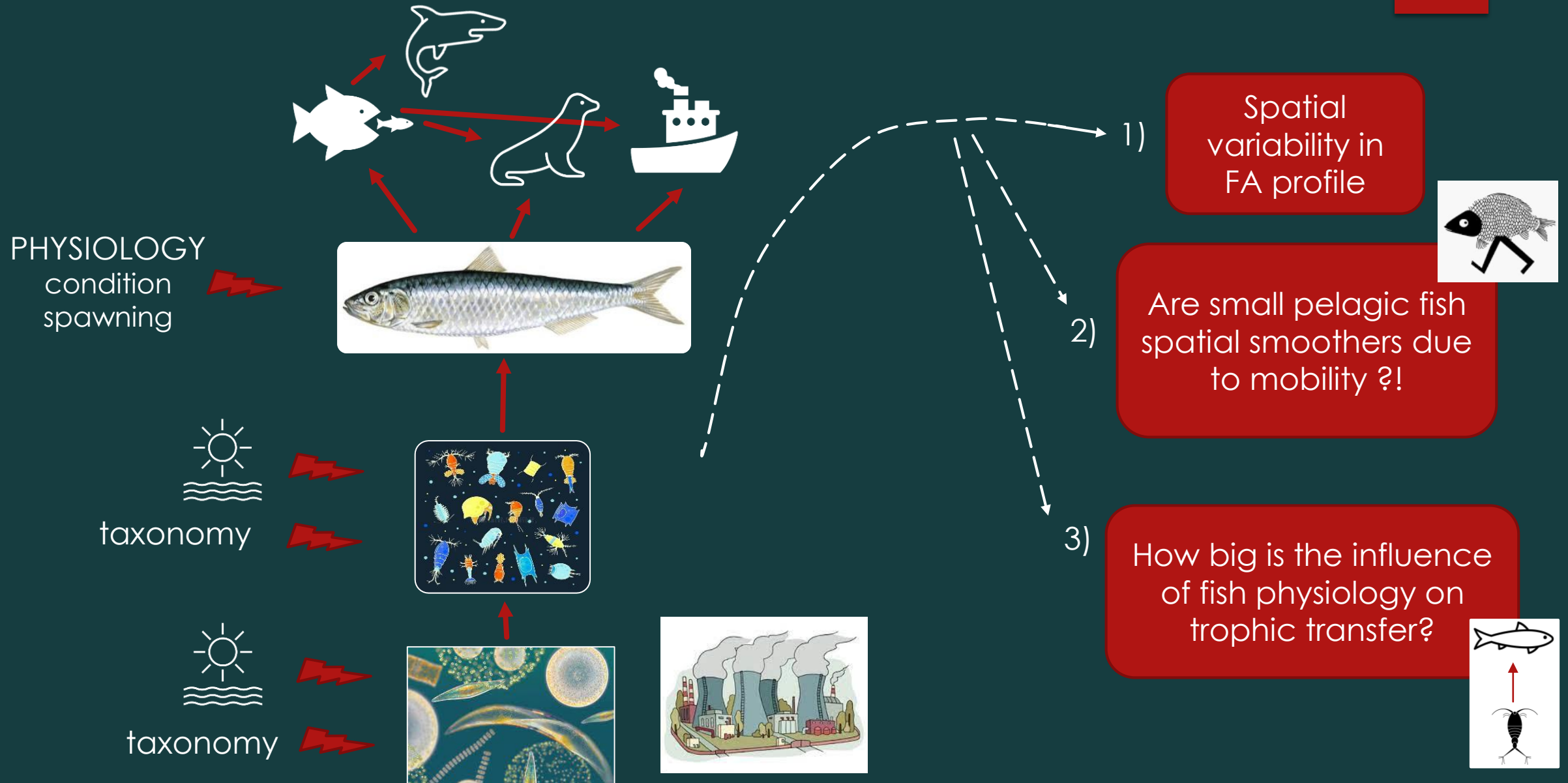
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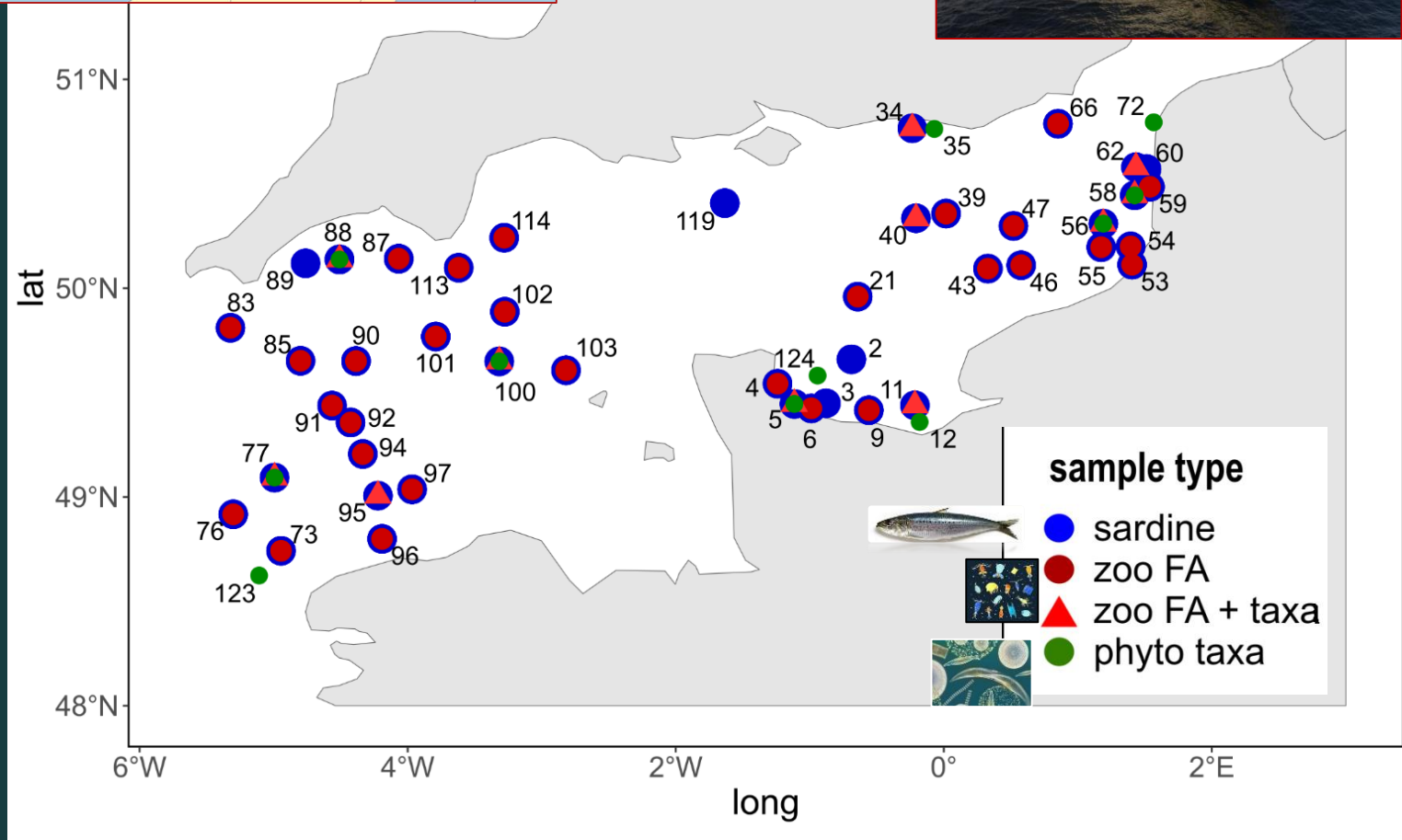




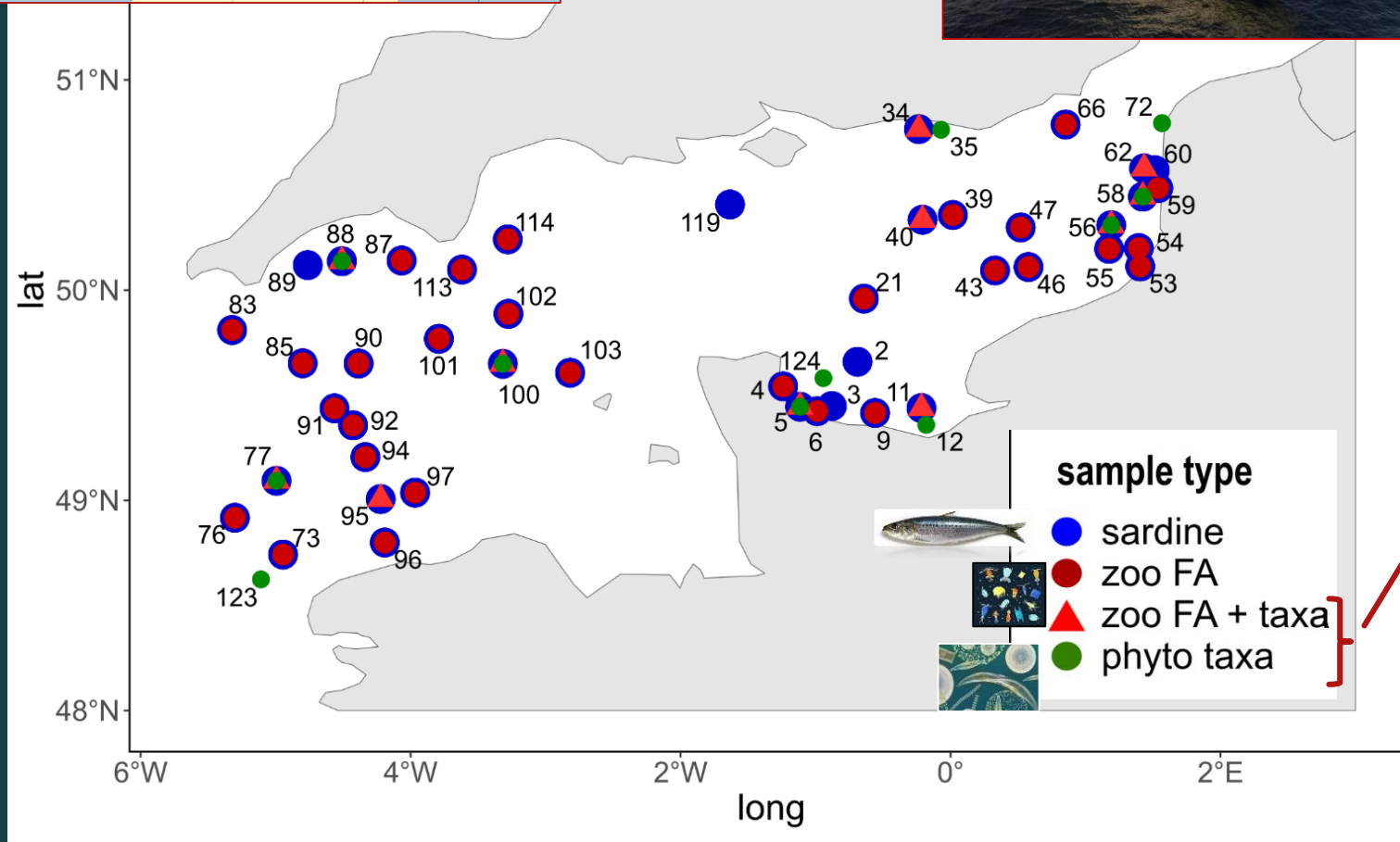
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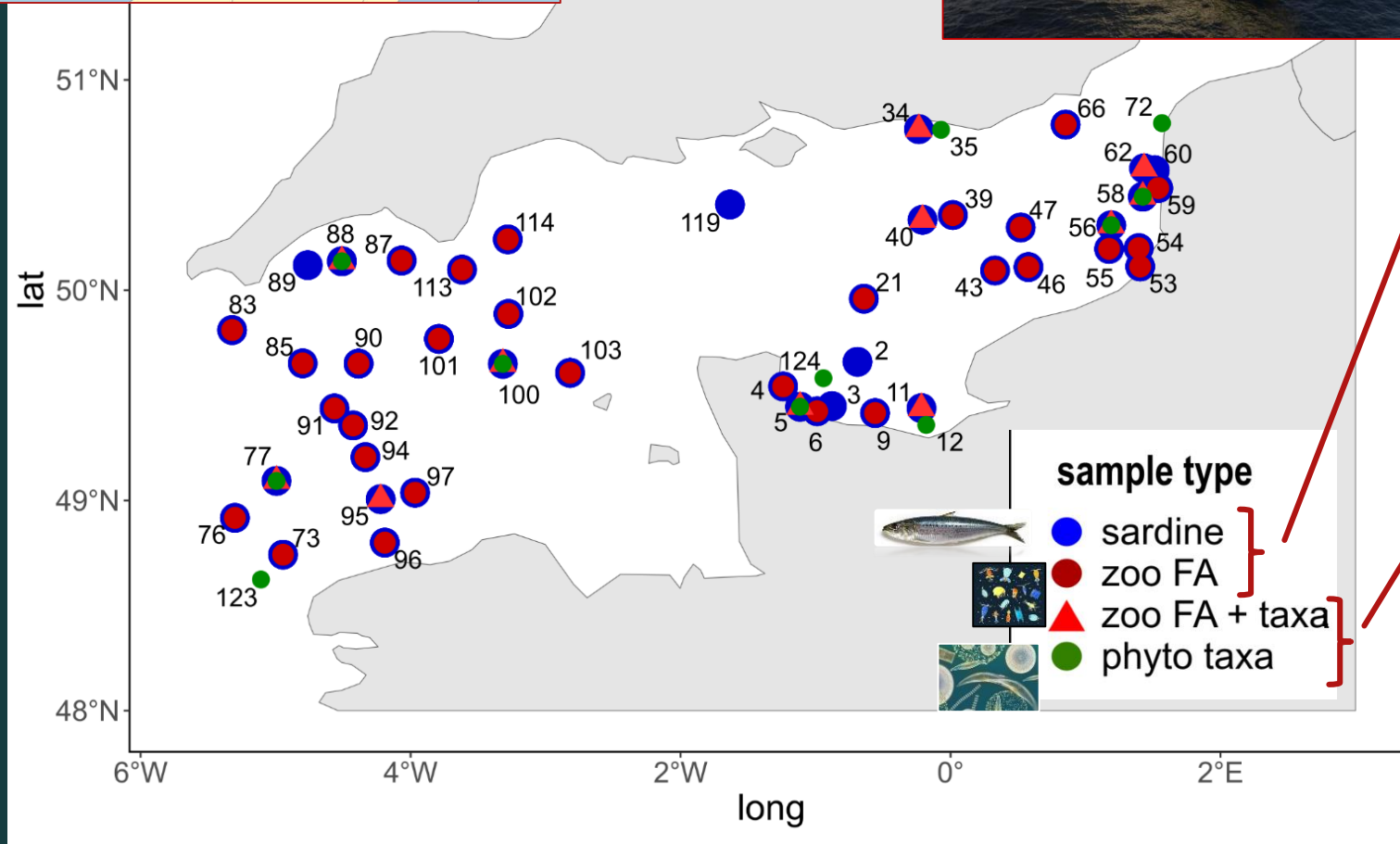
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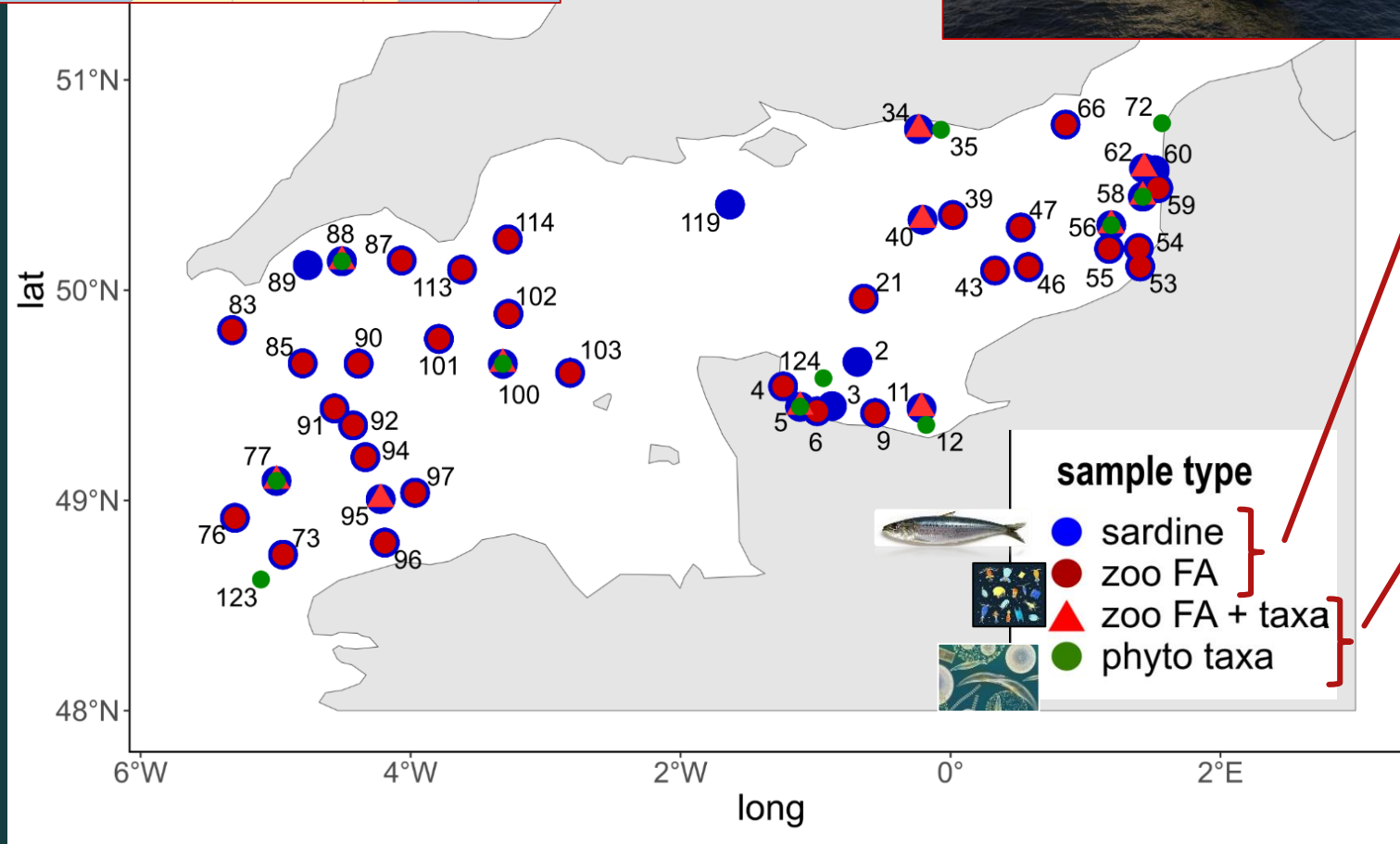
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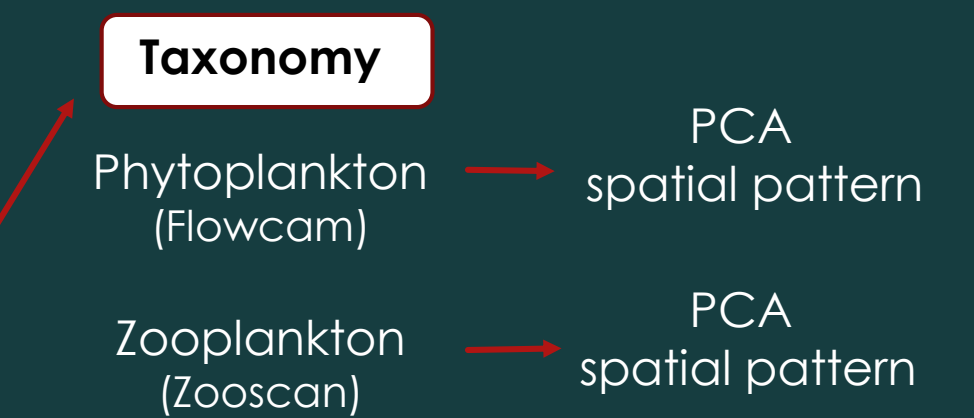
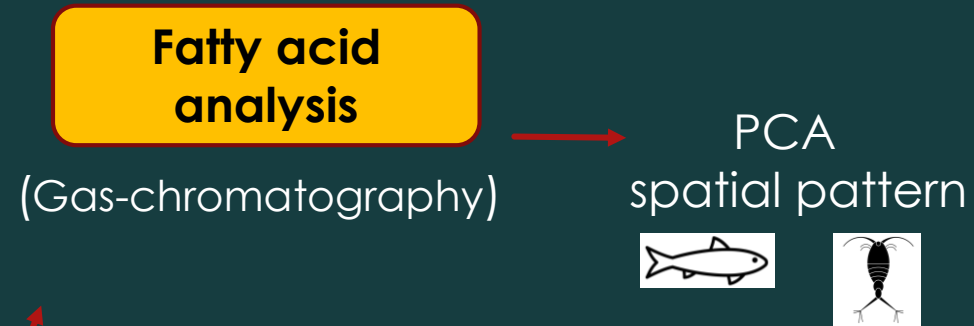
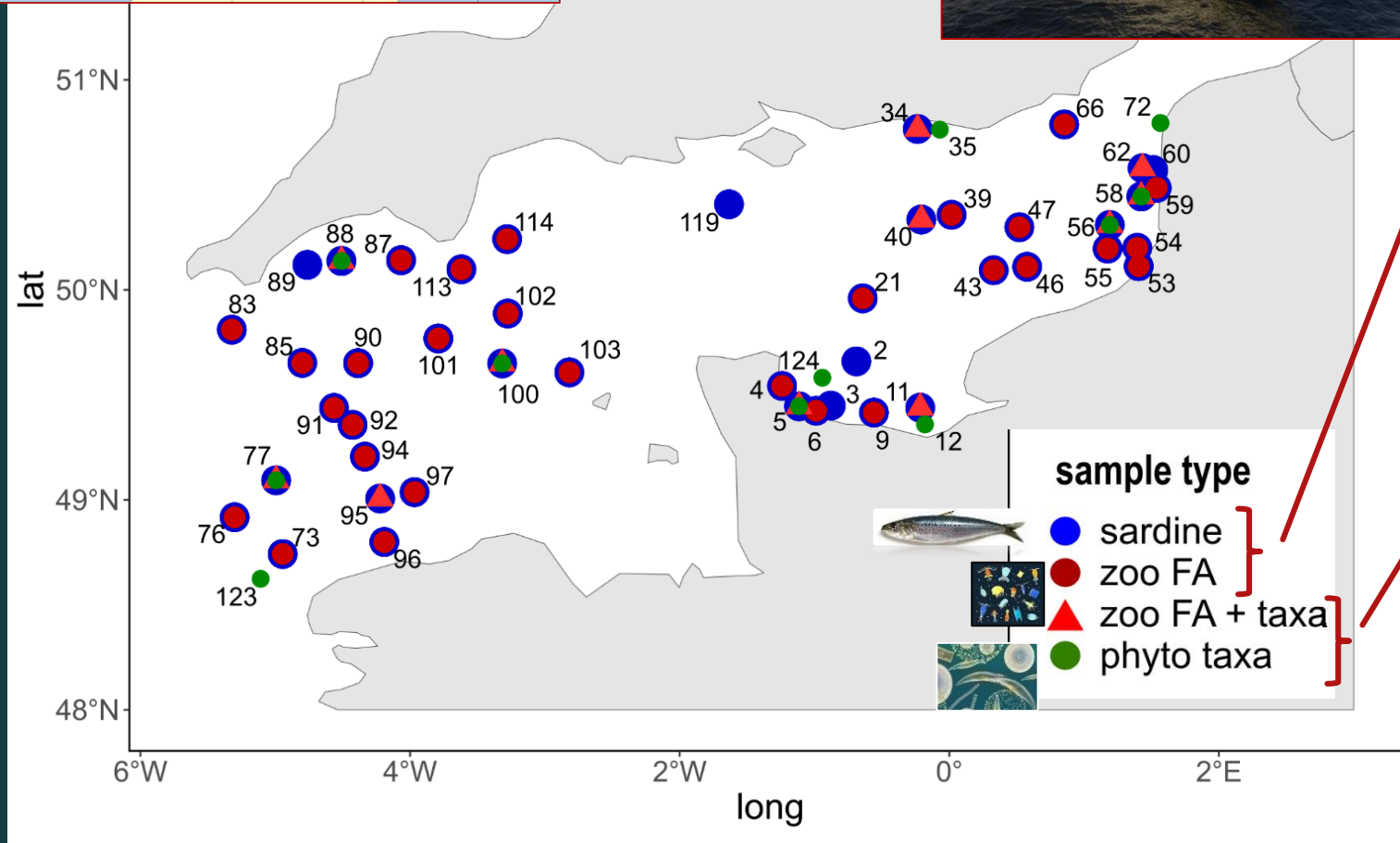
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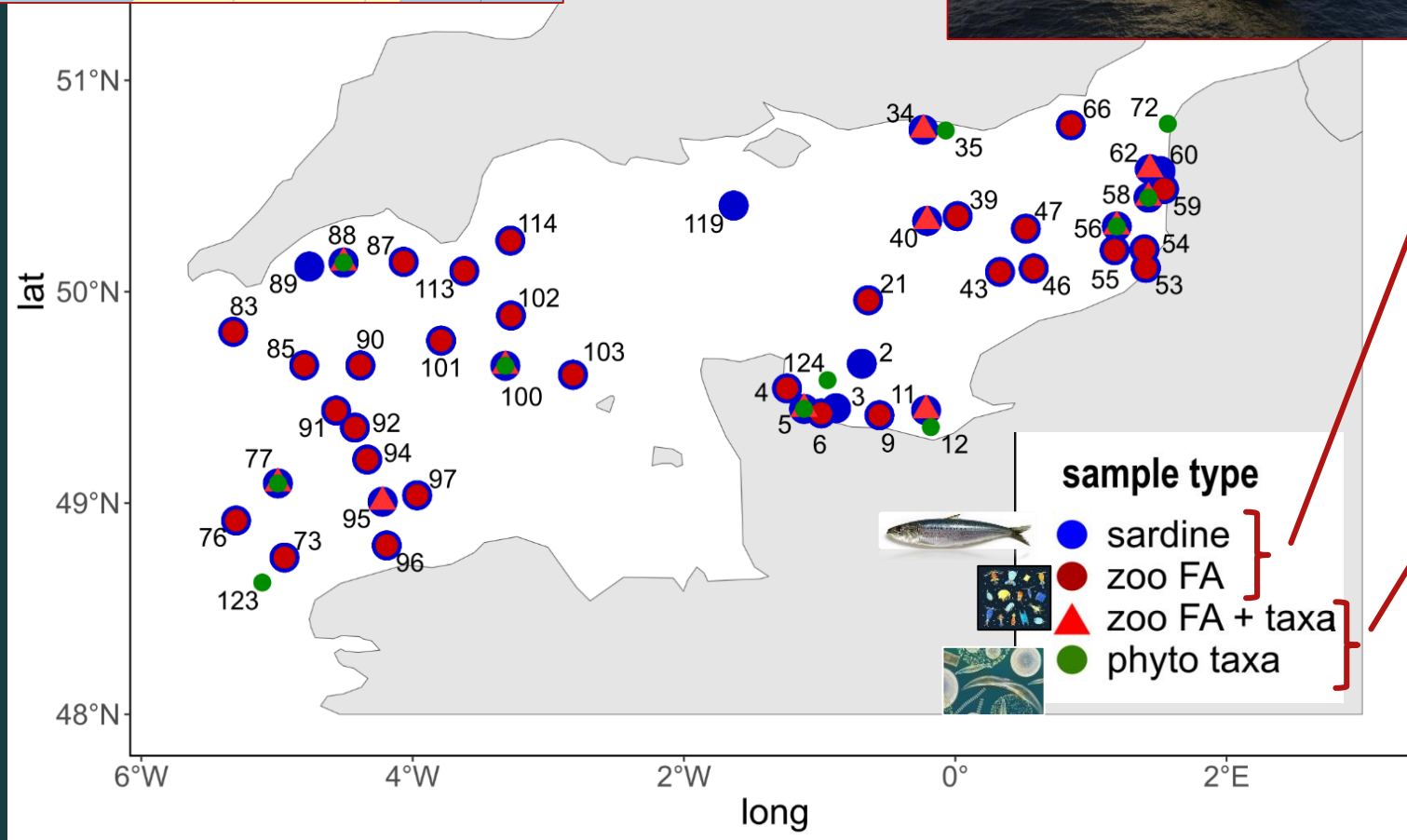


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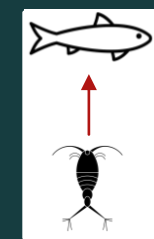
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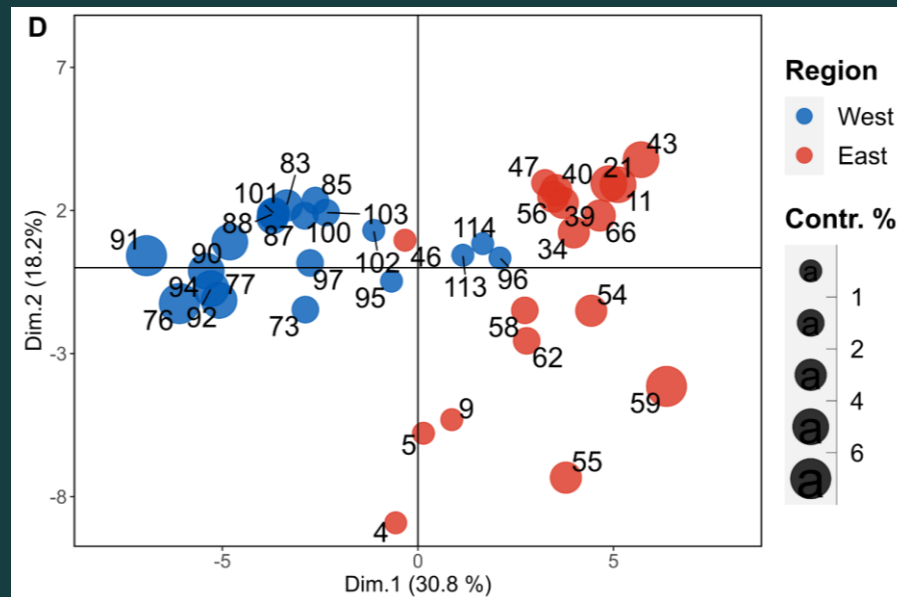
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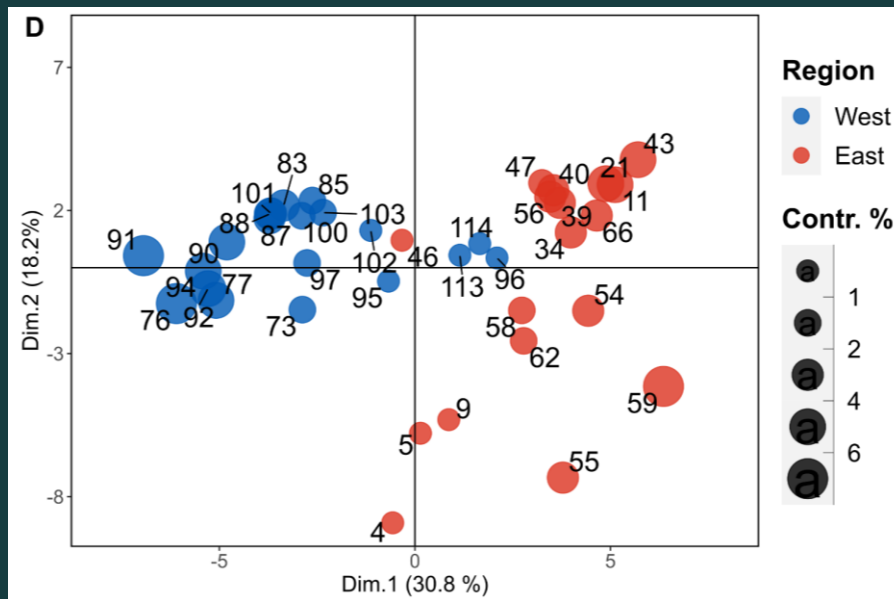


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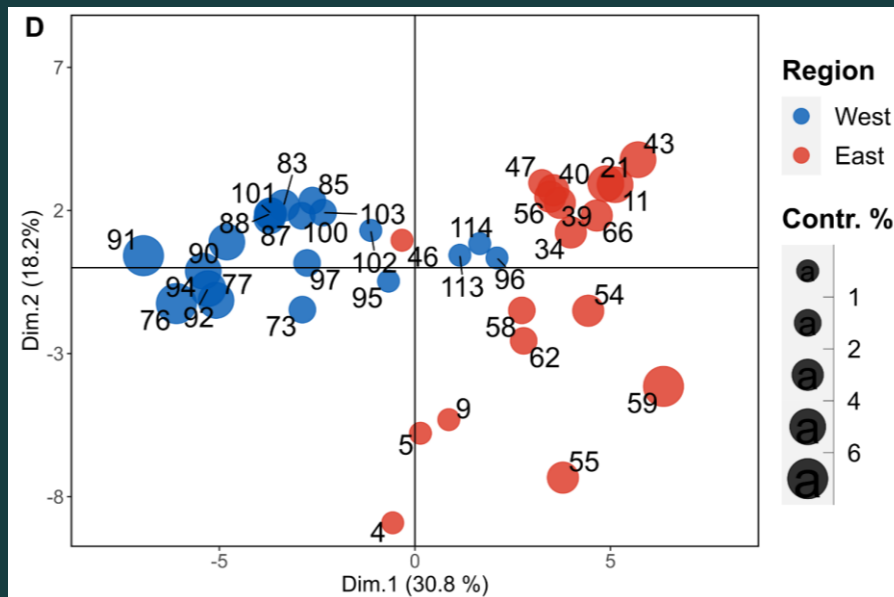


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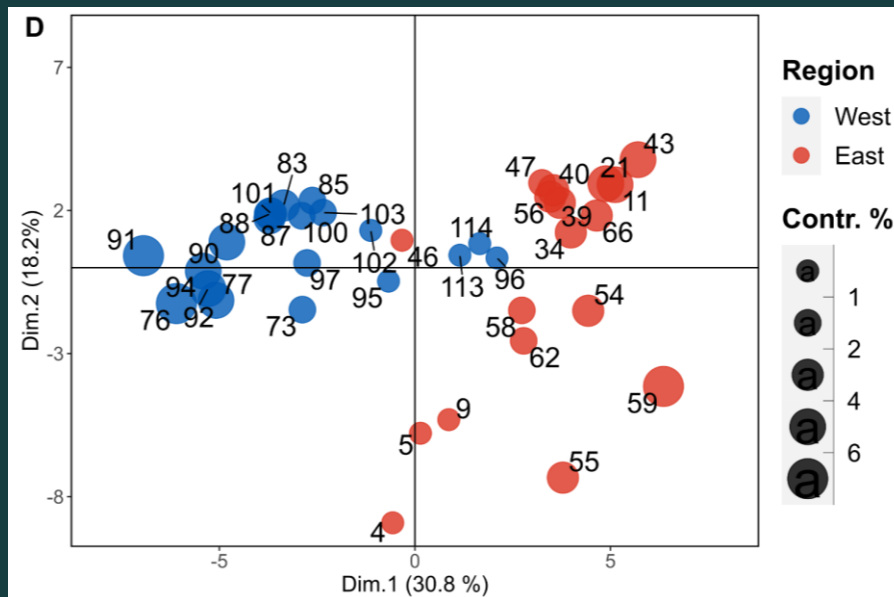
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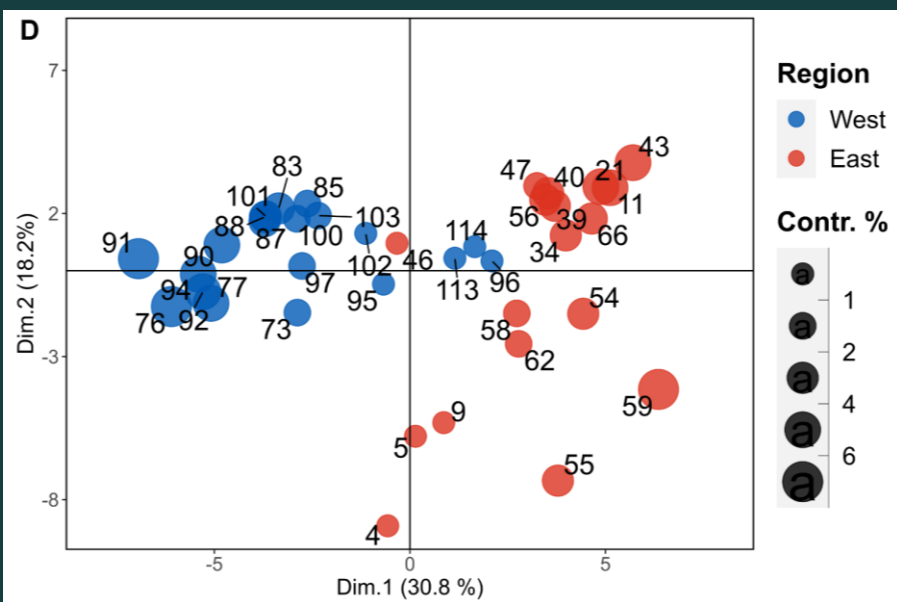
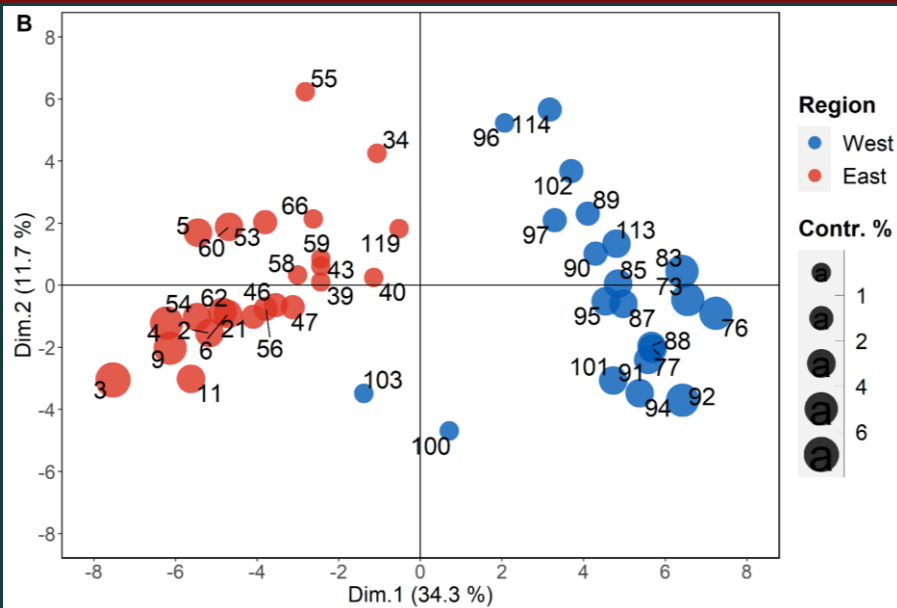
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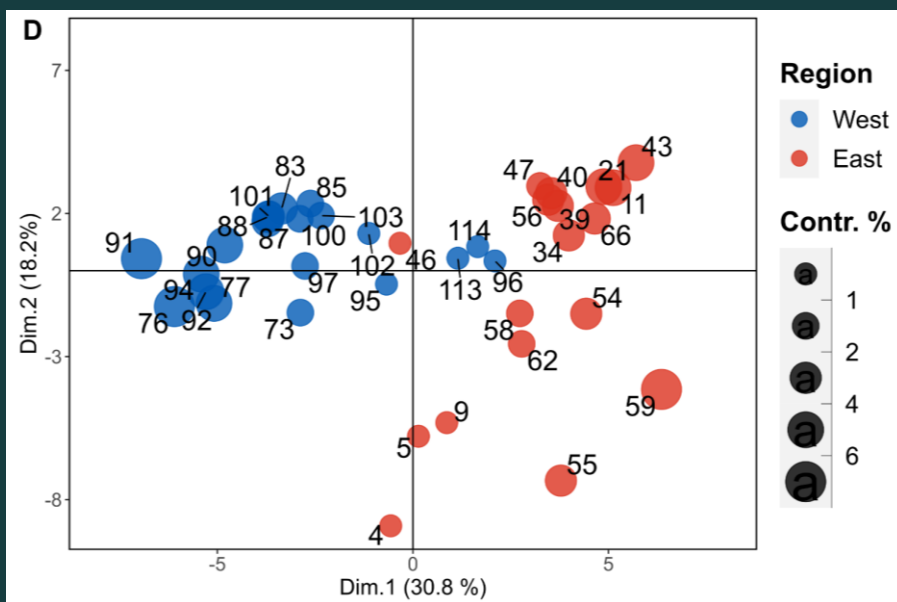
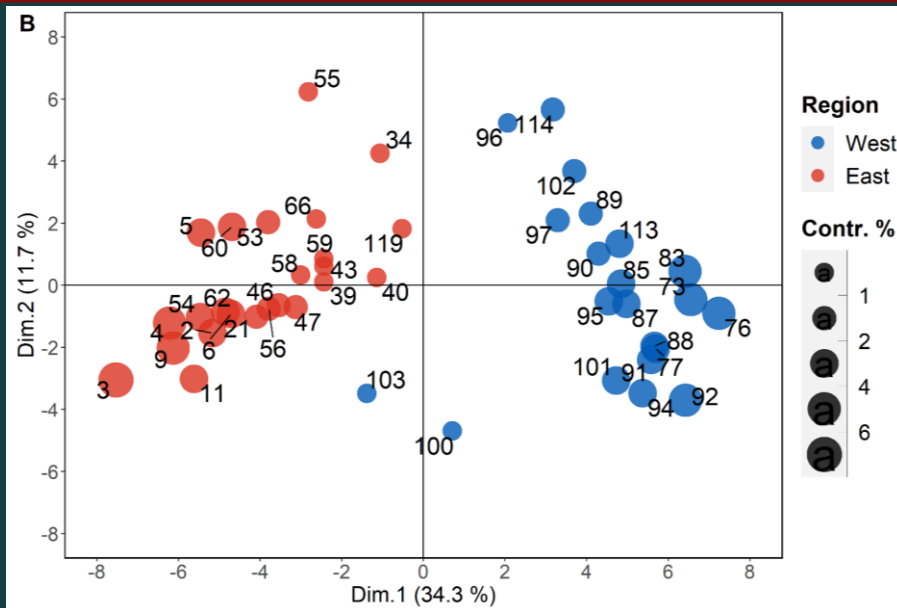


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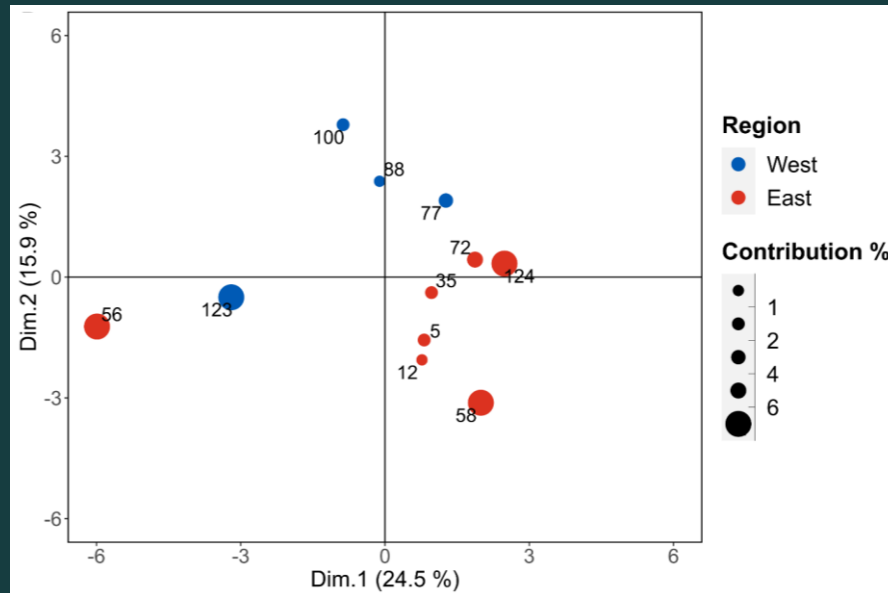
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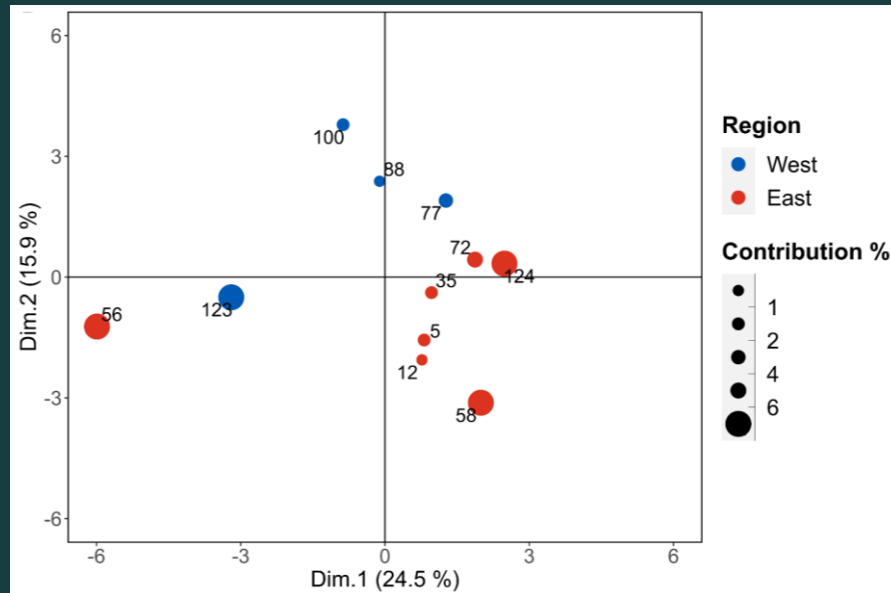


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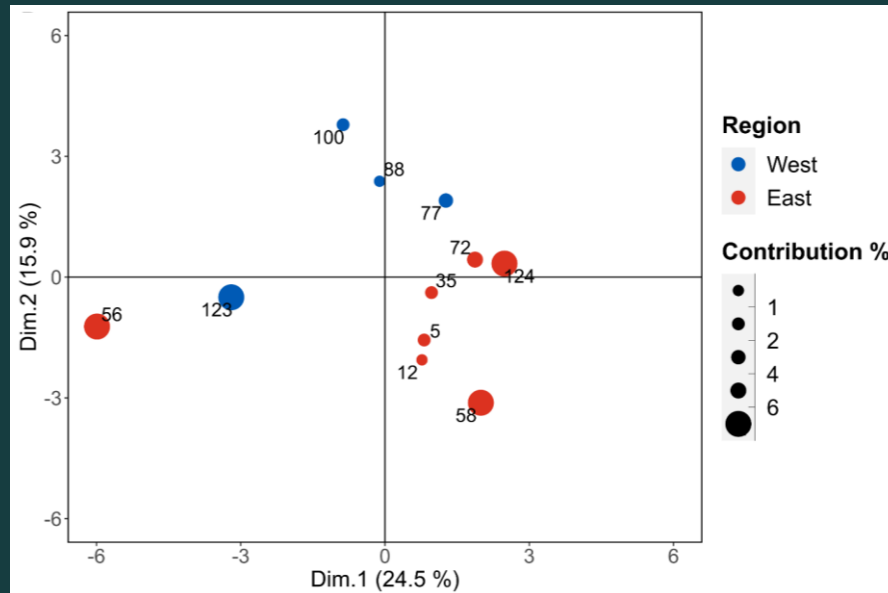


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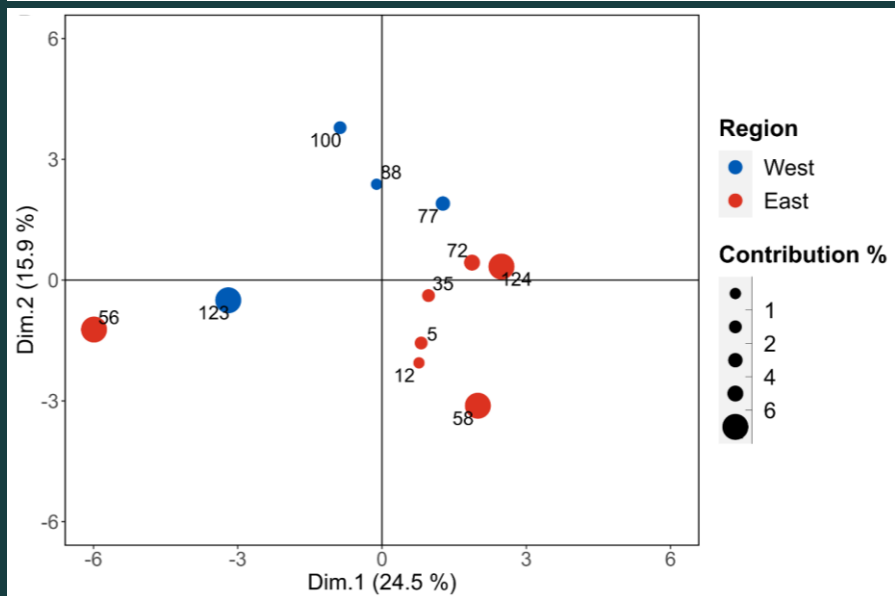
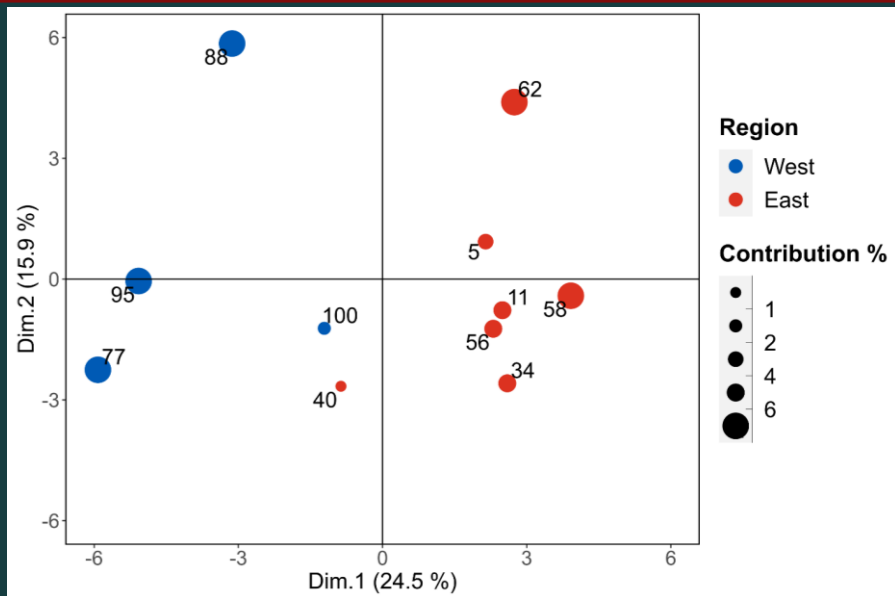


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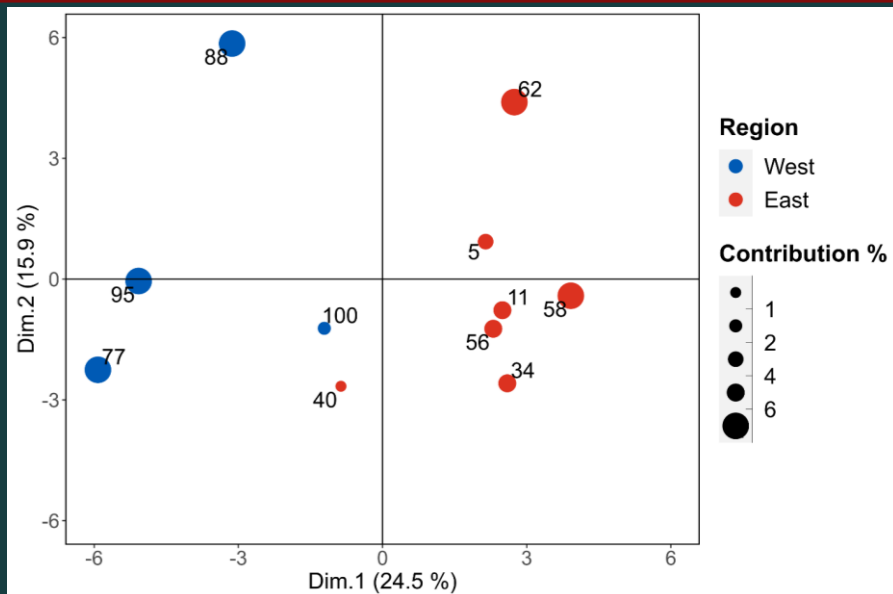


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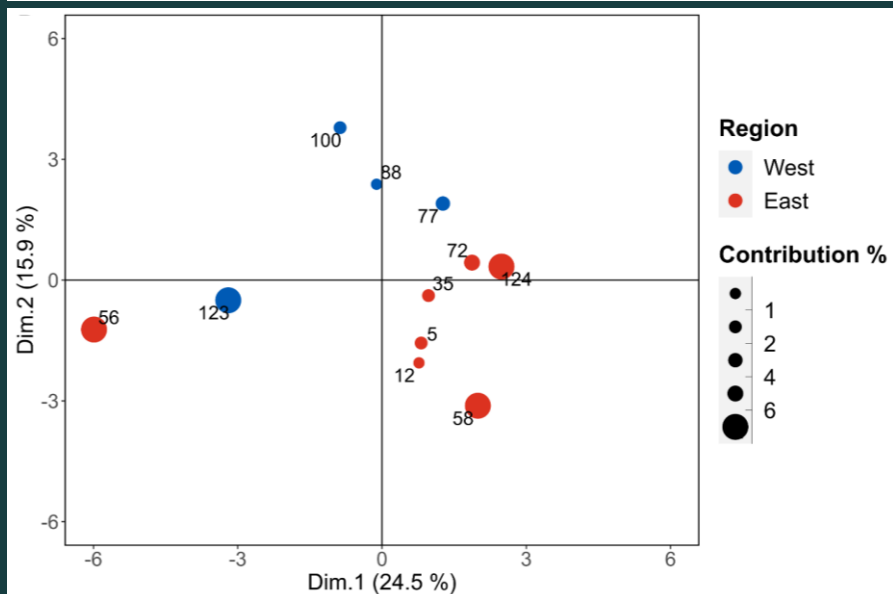
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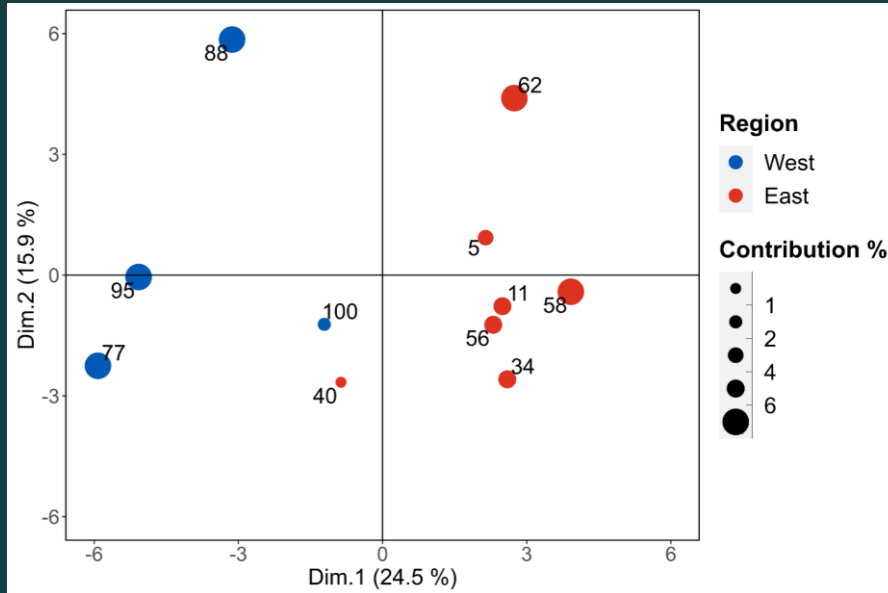
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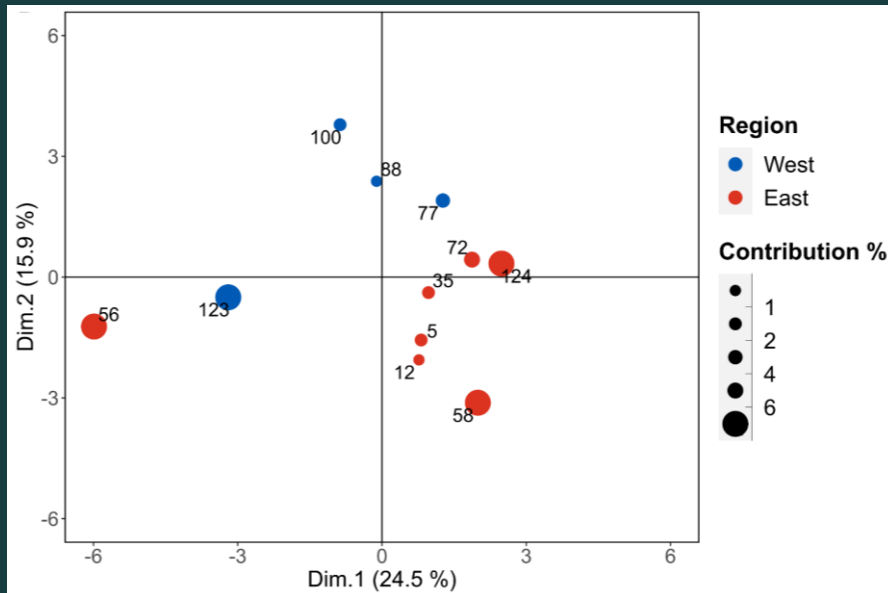
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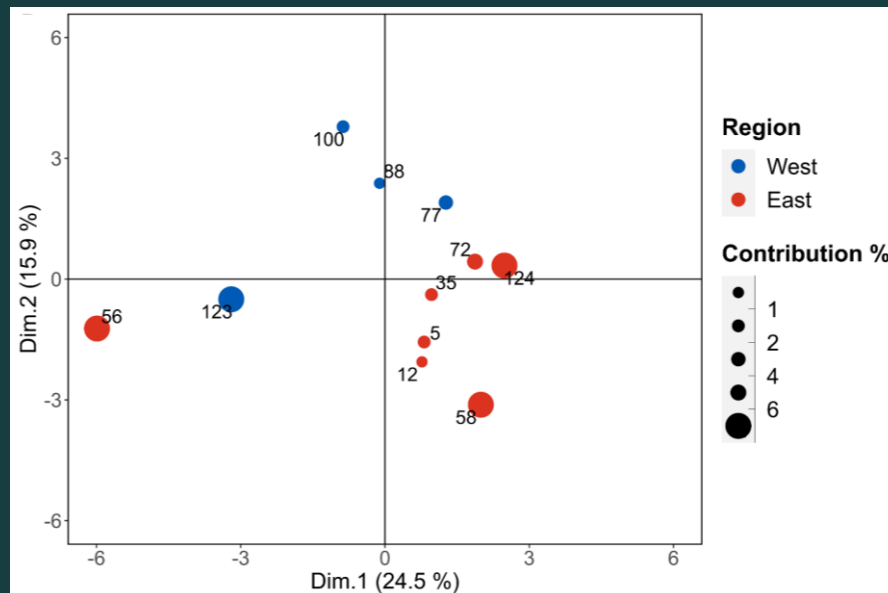
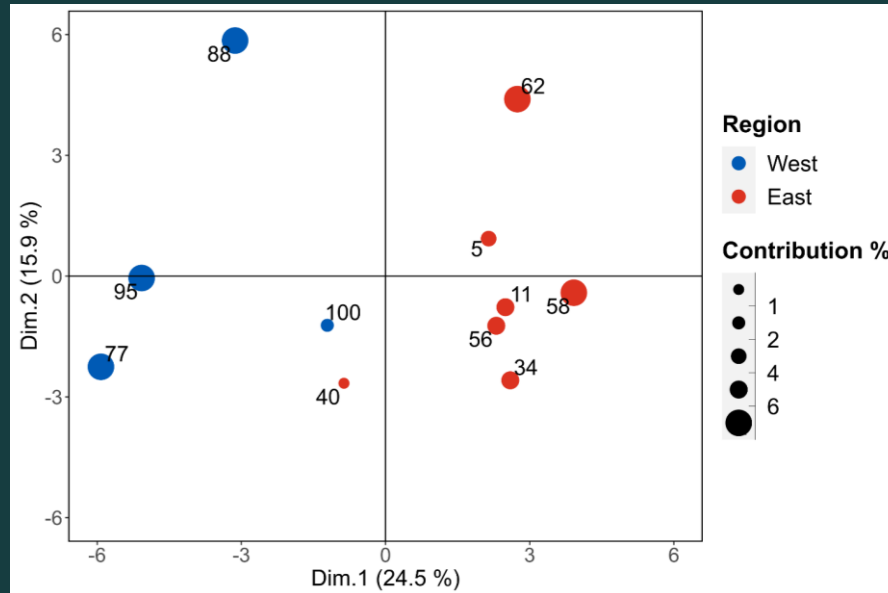


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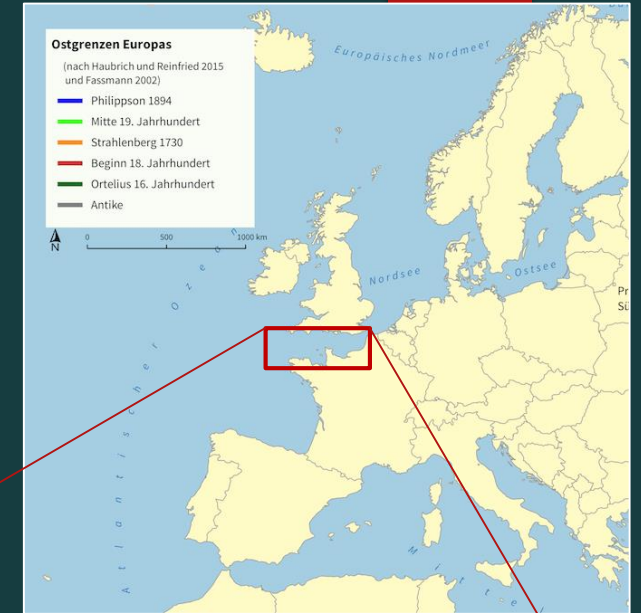
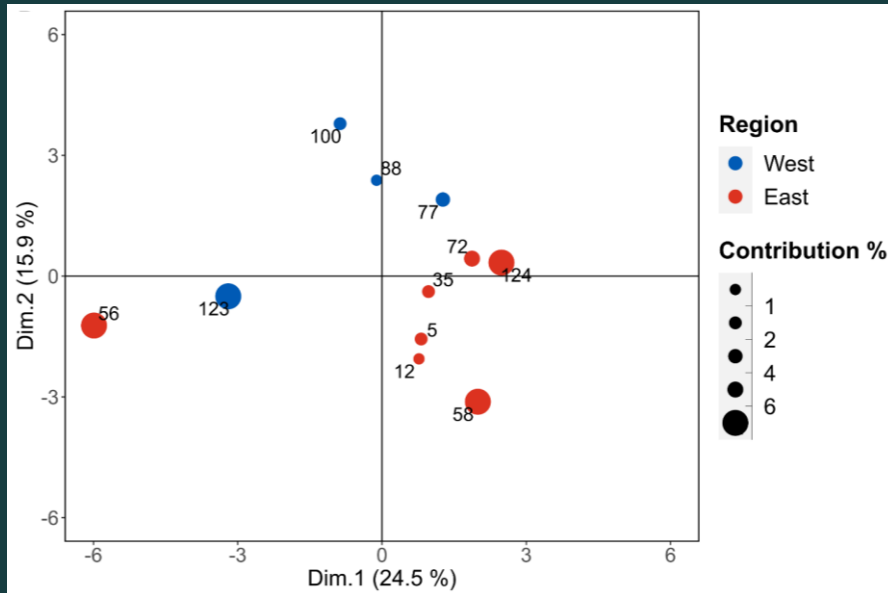
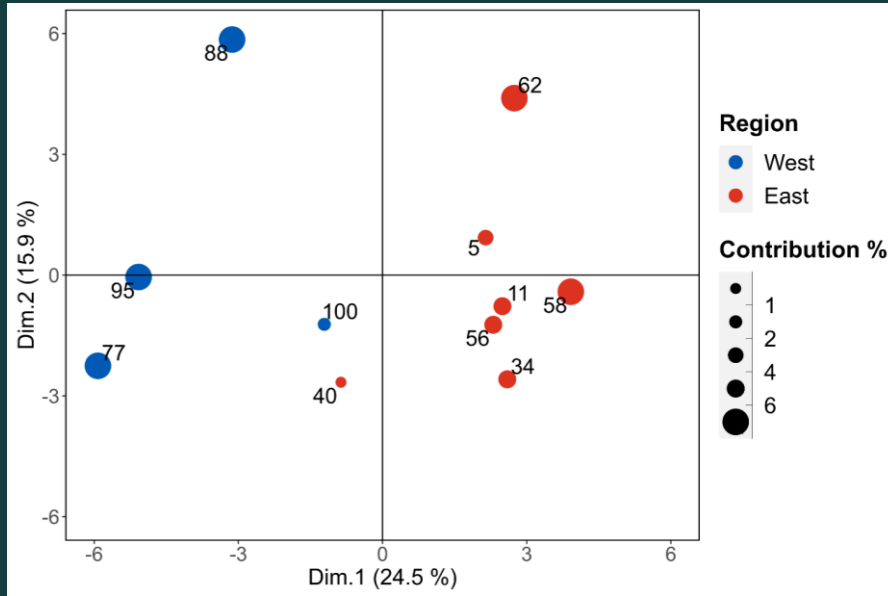


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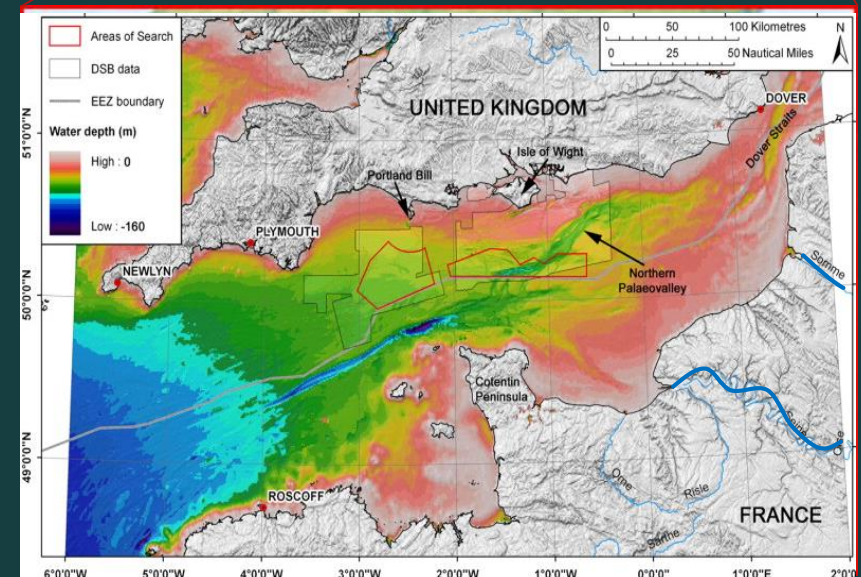
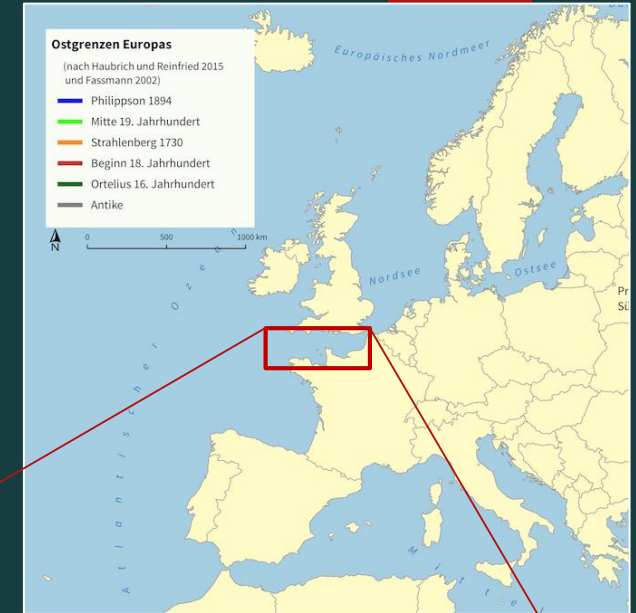
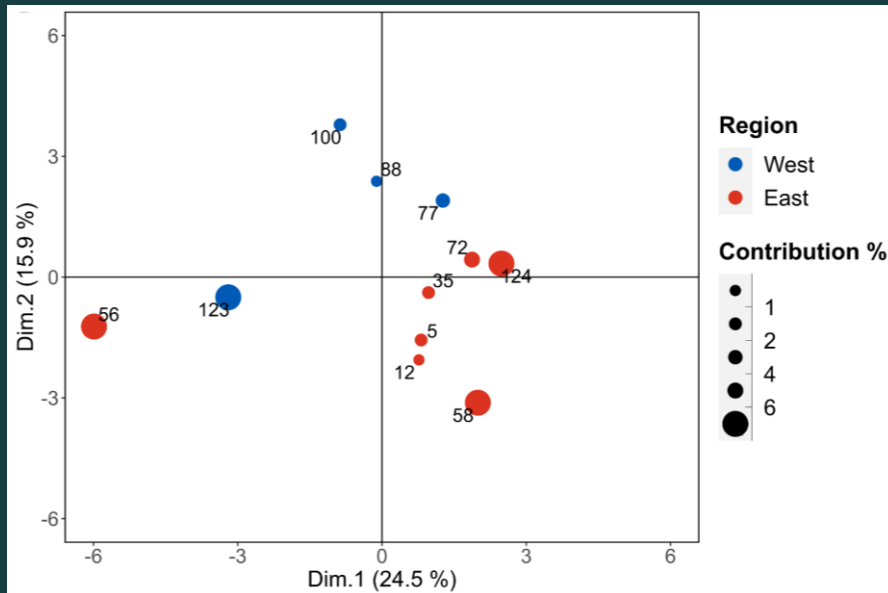
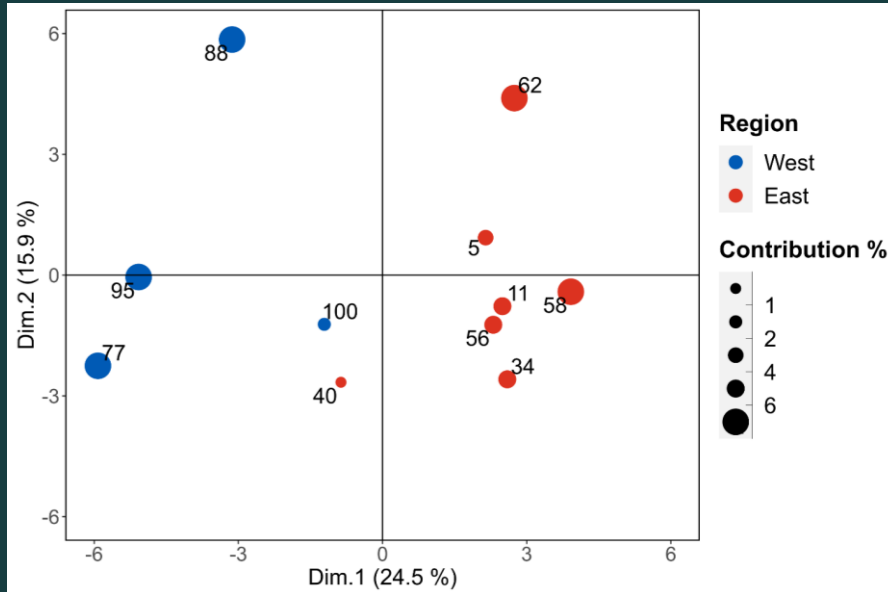


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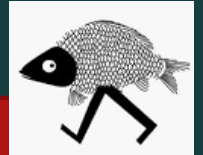
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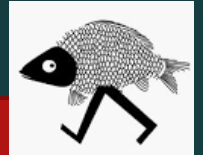
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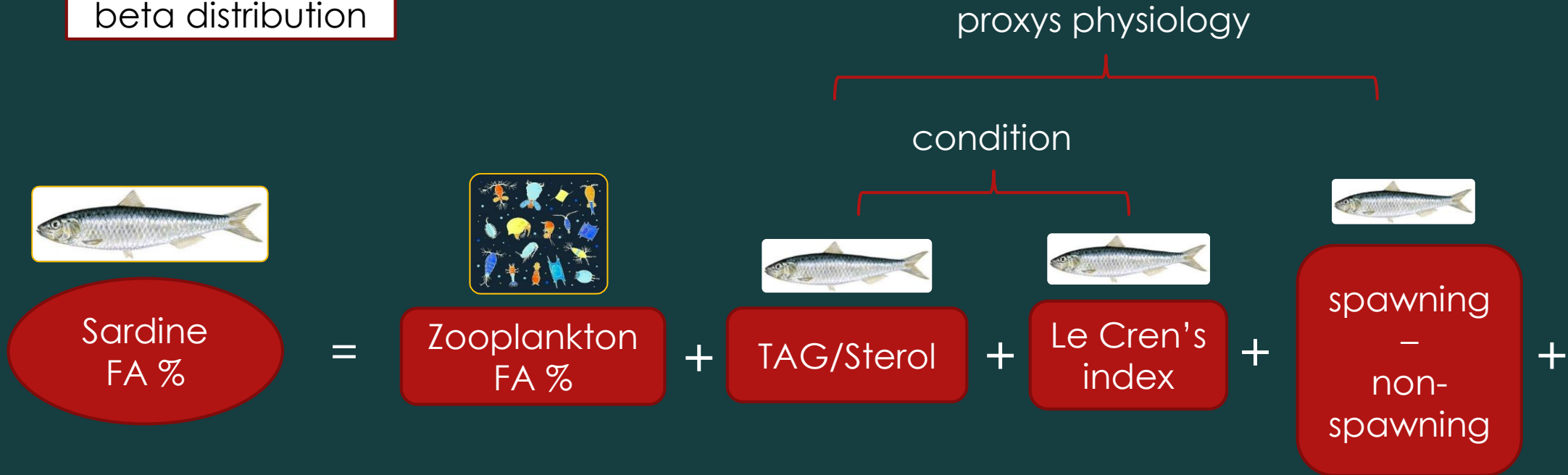


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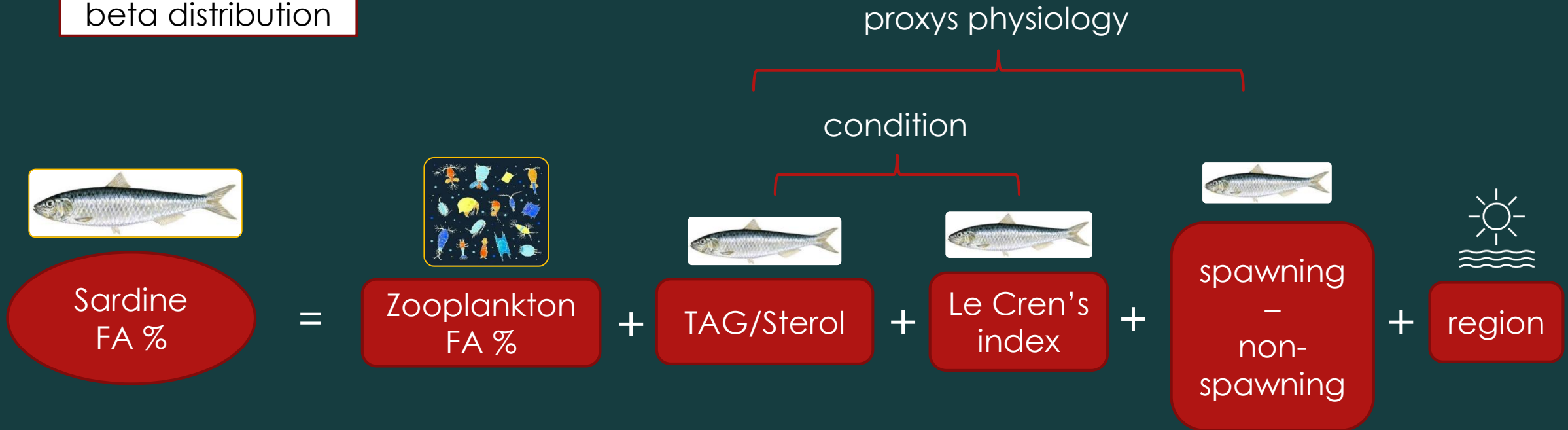
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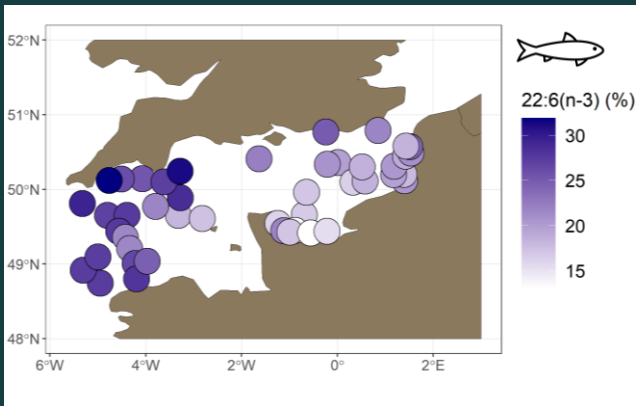
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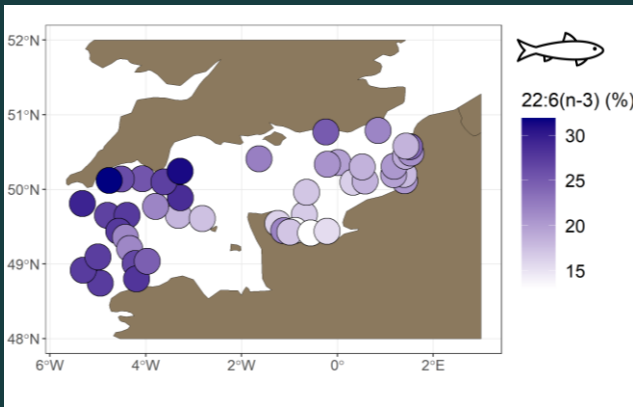
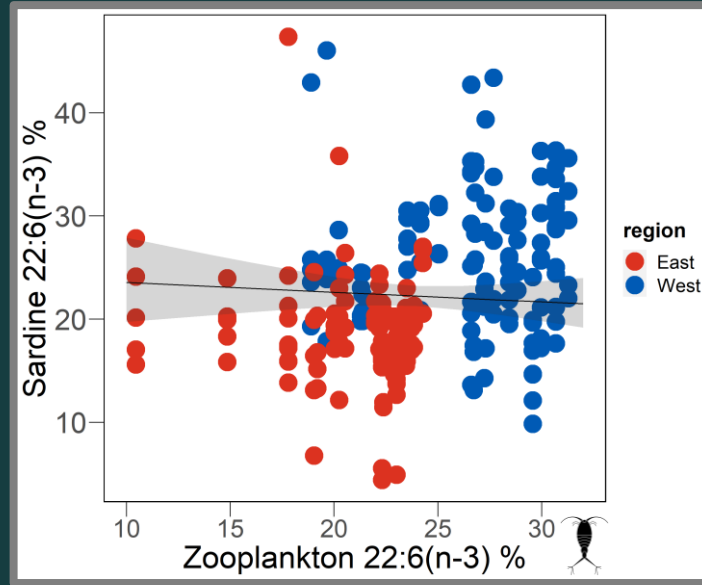
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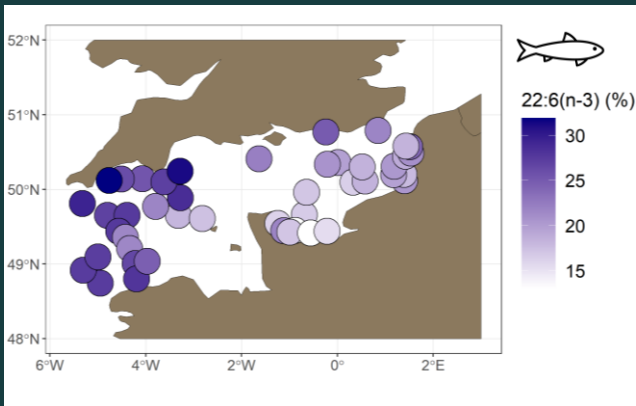
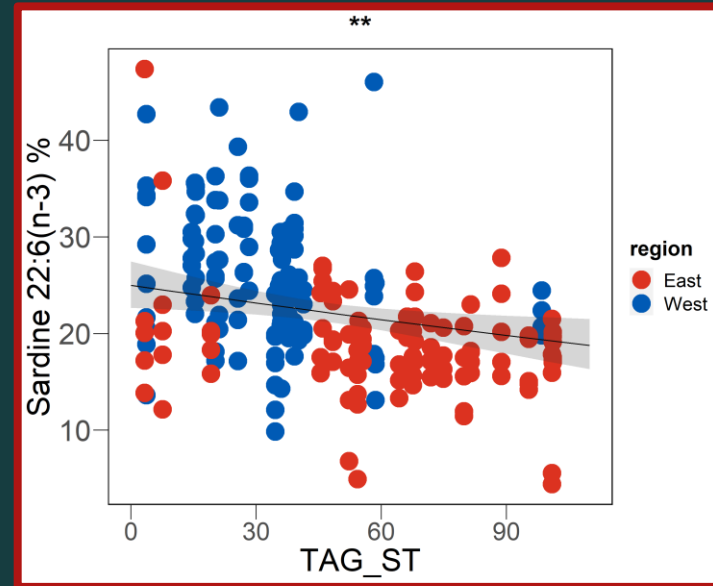
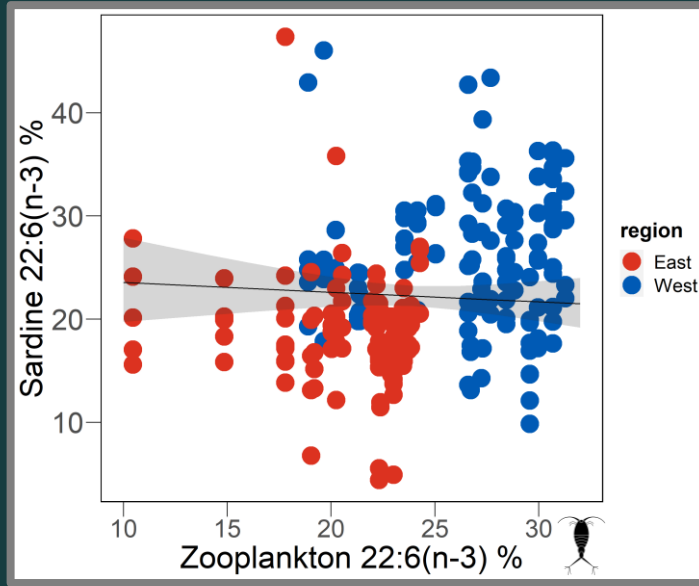
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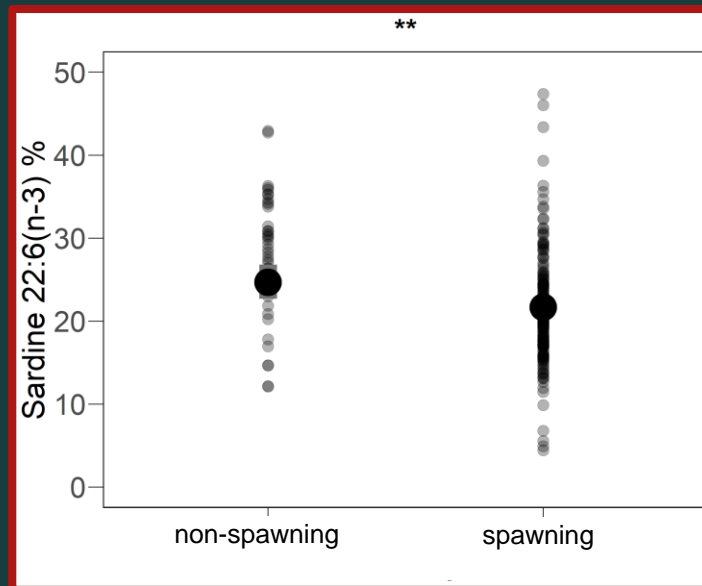
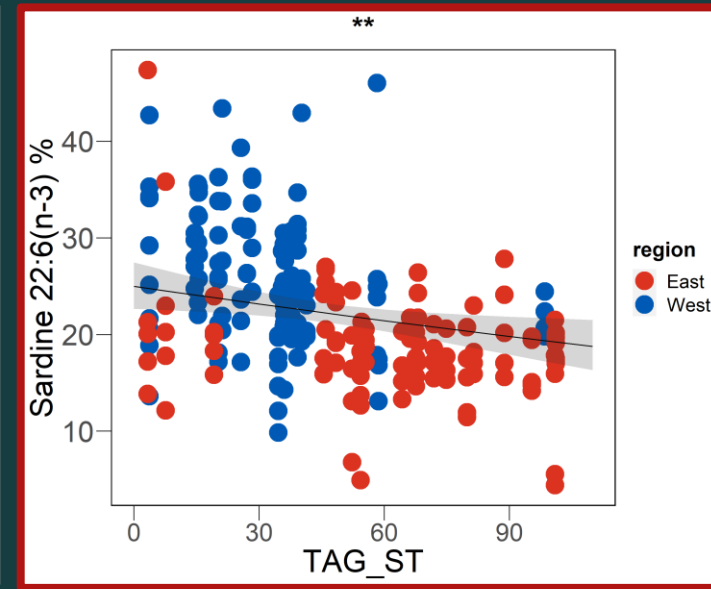
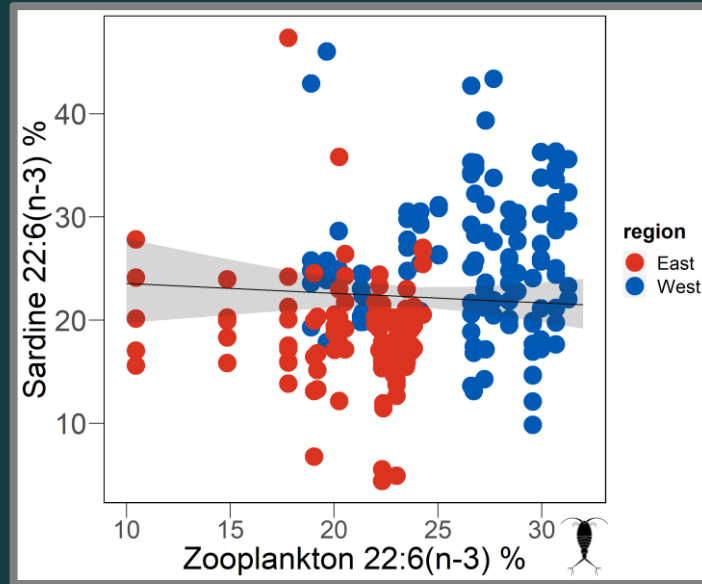
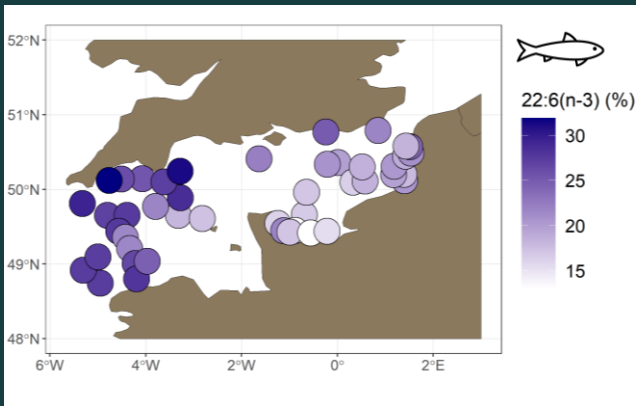
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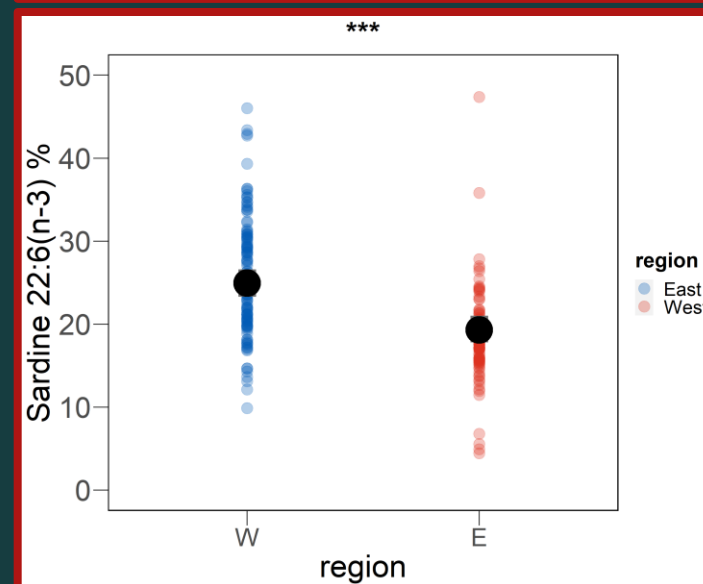
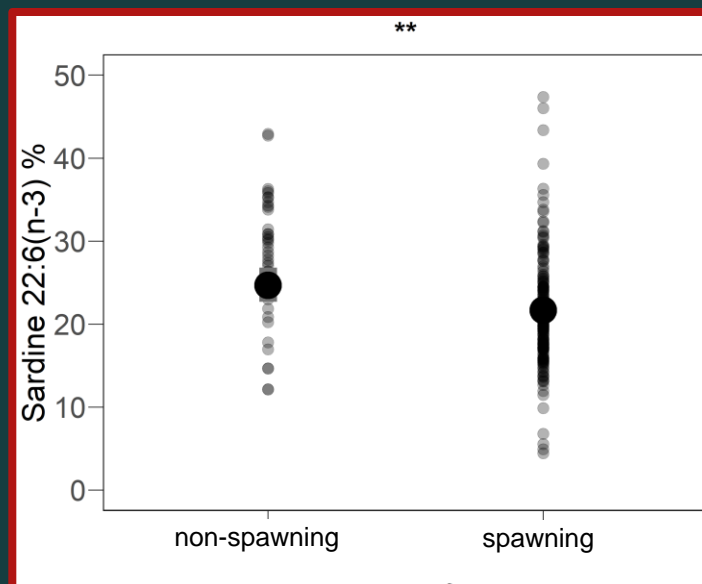
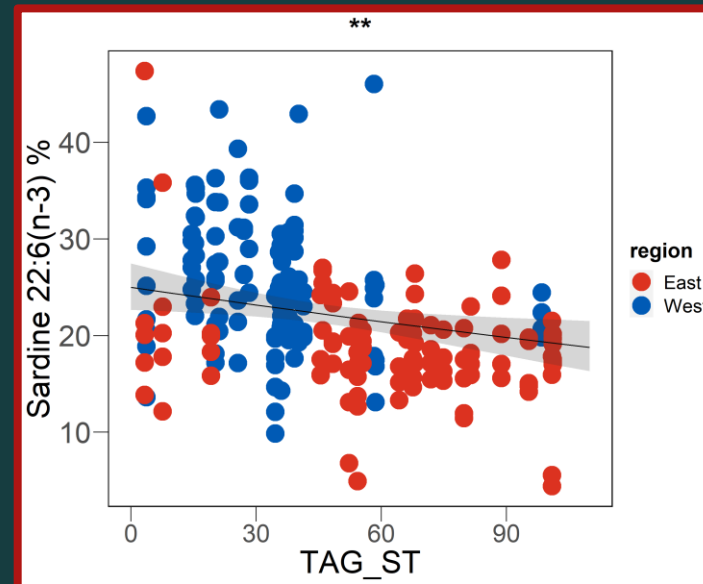
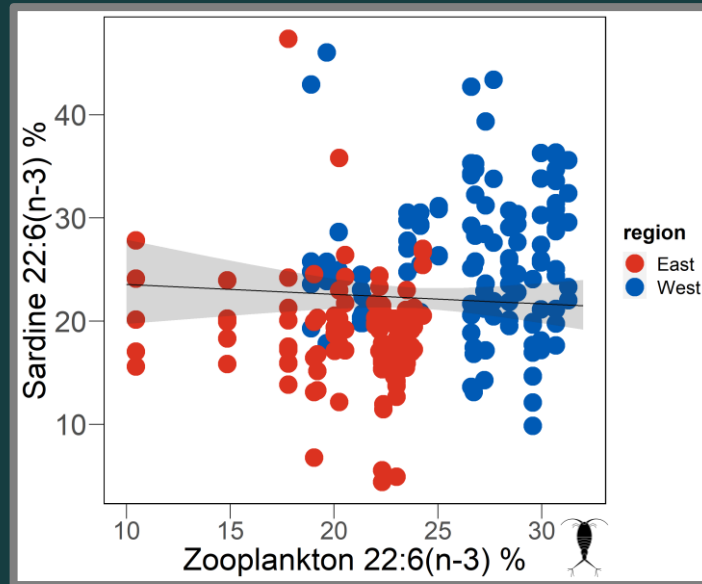
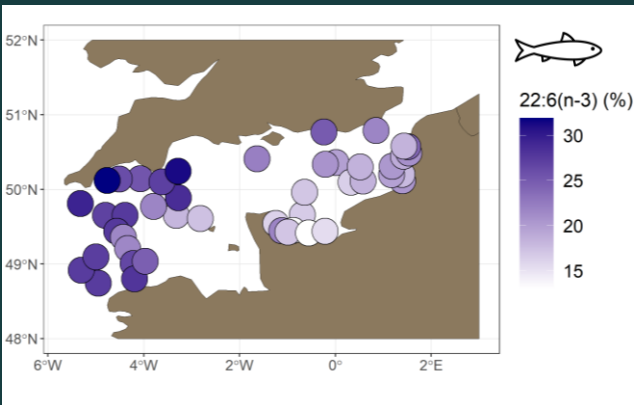
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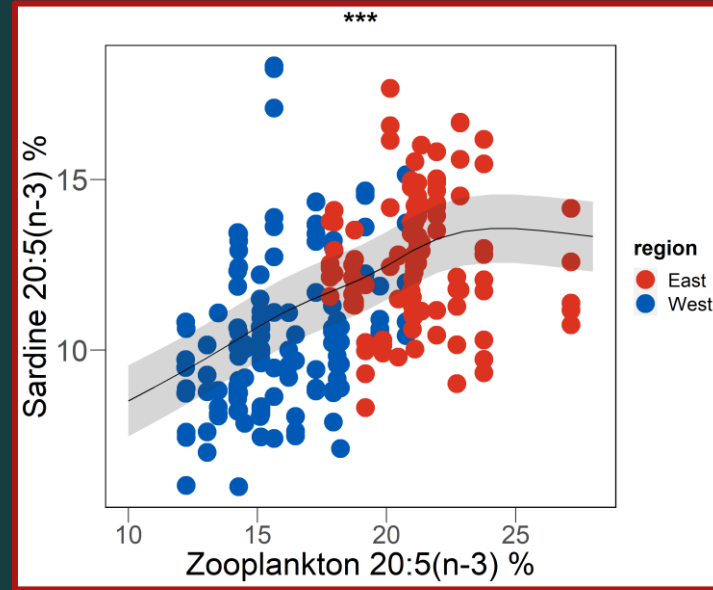
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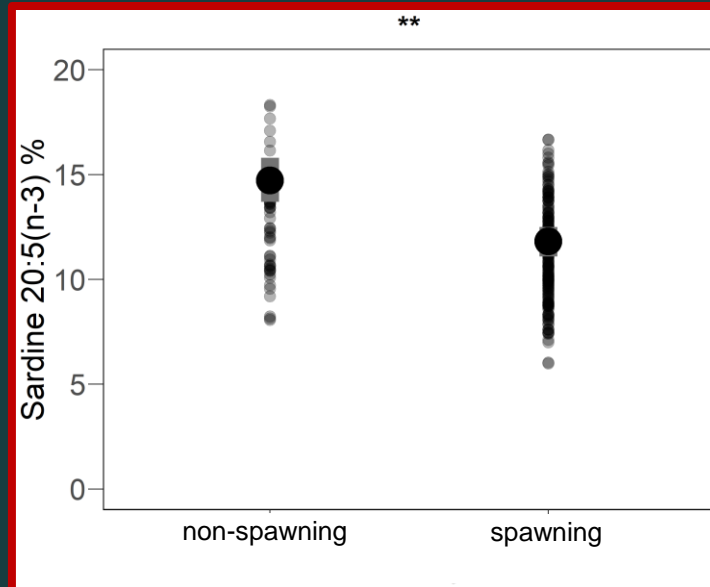
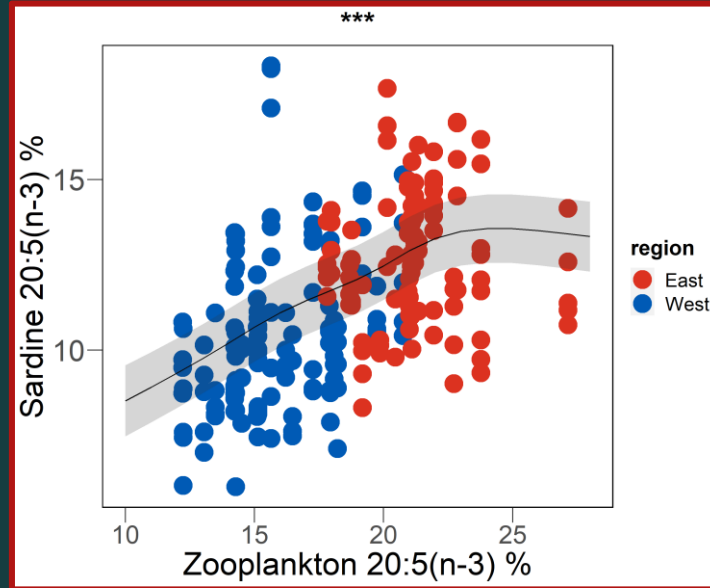
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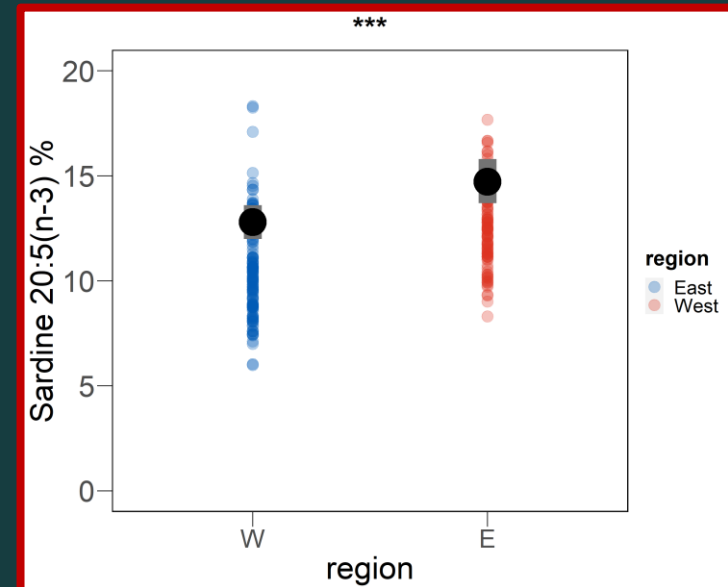
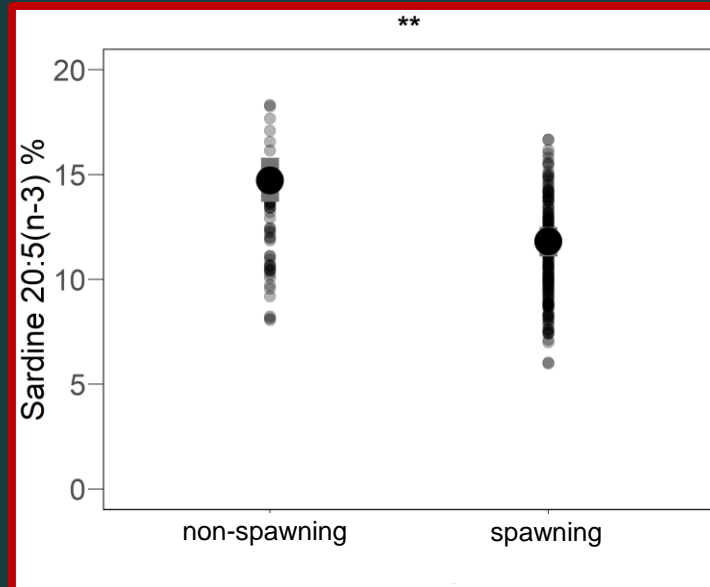
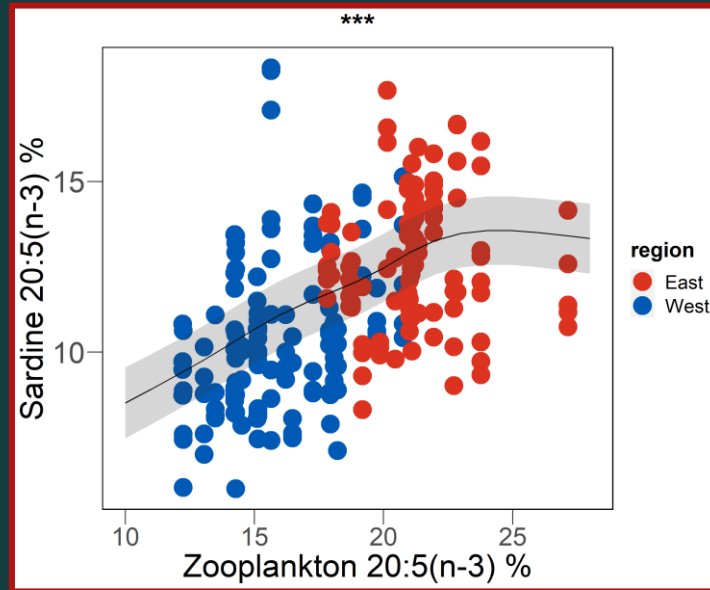
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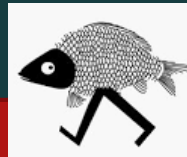
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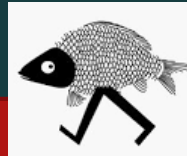
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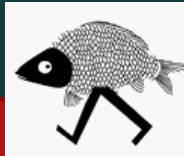
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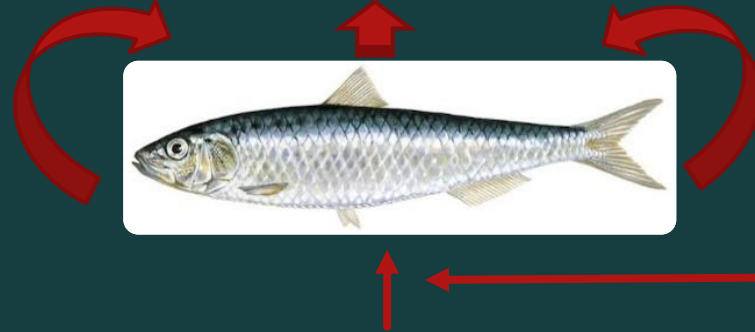


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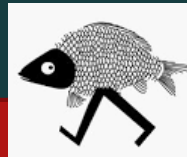
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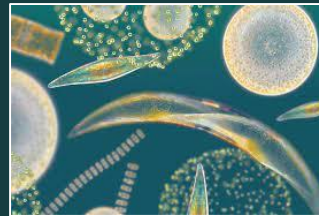
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Thank you for your  
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Questions?



**I am searching a post-doc  
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