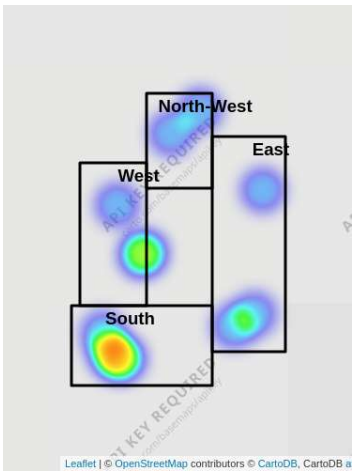
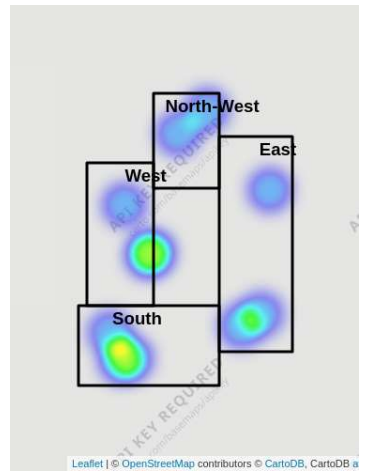


Diarrhetic Shellfish Toxins



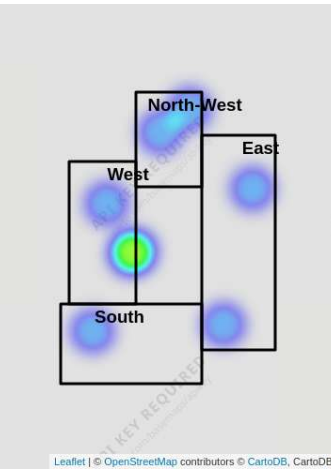
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Azaspiracid Shellfish Toxins



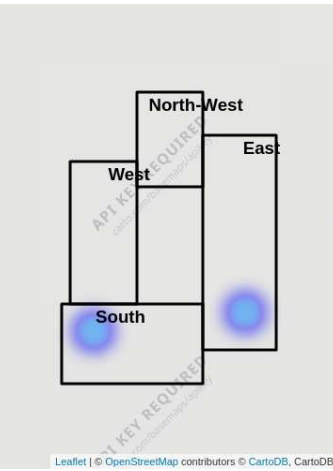
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Amnesic Shellfish Toxins



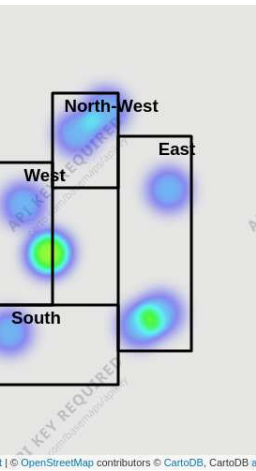
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Paralytic Shellfish Toxins



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Analysed Sites	4

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Toxic Sites	0
Analysed Sites	31

AST: (Amnesic shellfish toxin) Low Risk: *Pseudo-nitzschia* species cell levels are observed on all coasts. Caution advised.

AZA: (Azaspiracid toxin) Low/Medium risk. Quantifiable AZA of up to 0.04 observed in Bantry Bay sites from Week 39. Azadinium spp. counts indicate presence and spread of potential cells on all coasts especially SW & SE Coasts. Caution advised.

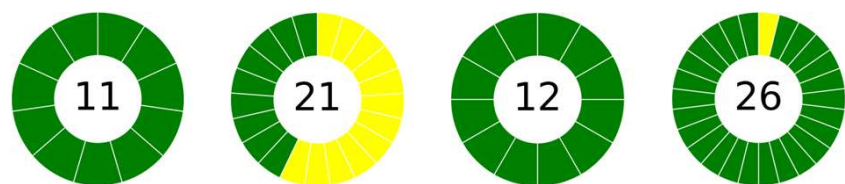
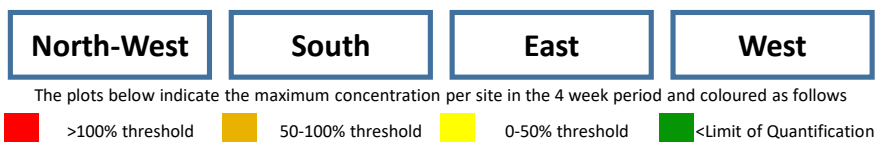
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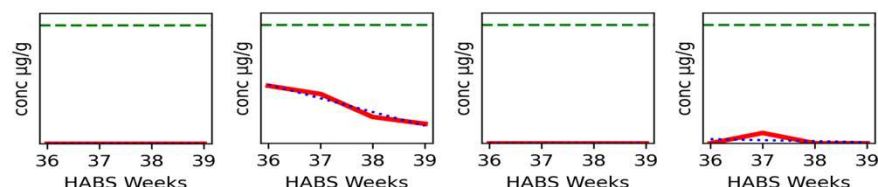
Diarhetic Shellfish Toxins & *Dinophysis* species

Regional 4-Week Trends 30/08/26 - 26/09/26

In this 4 week period there were 181 Samples tested for DST. These samples were collected at 70 Sites around the country. Resulting in 0 Site(s) with values above the regulatory limit of 0.16 µg/g



--- indicates the regulatory threshold. These plots show the max value per week for the previous 4 weeks.



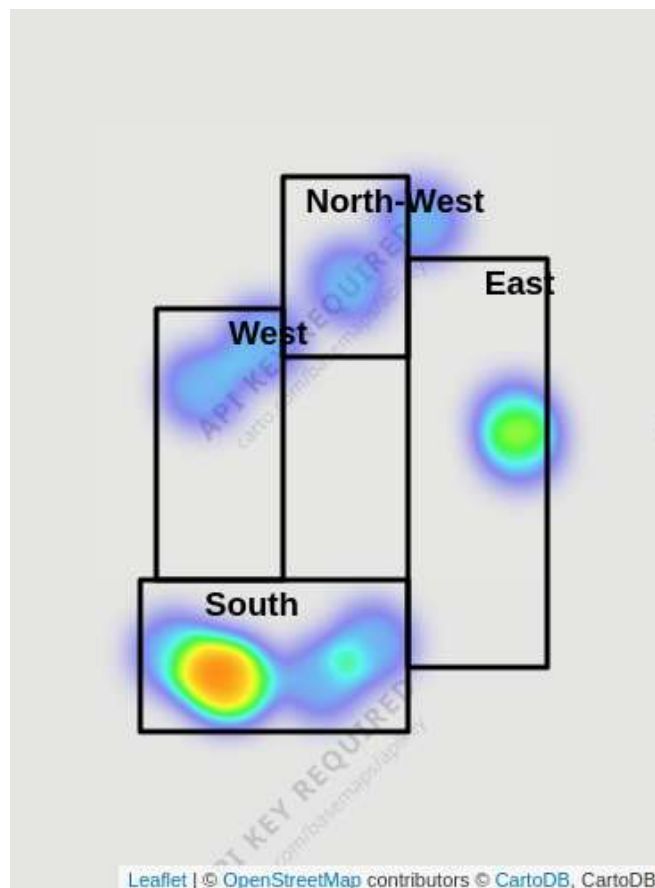
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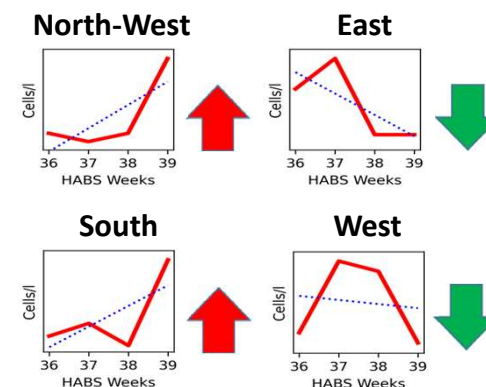
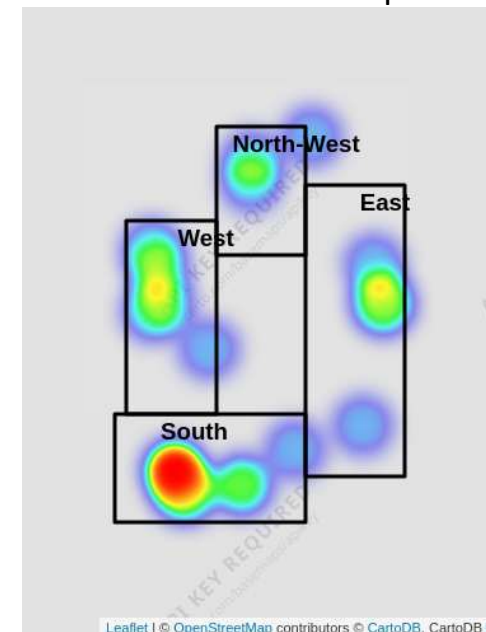
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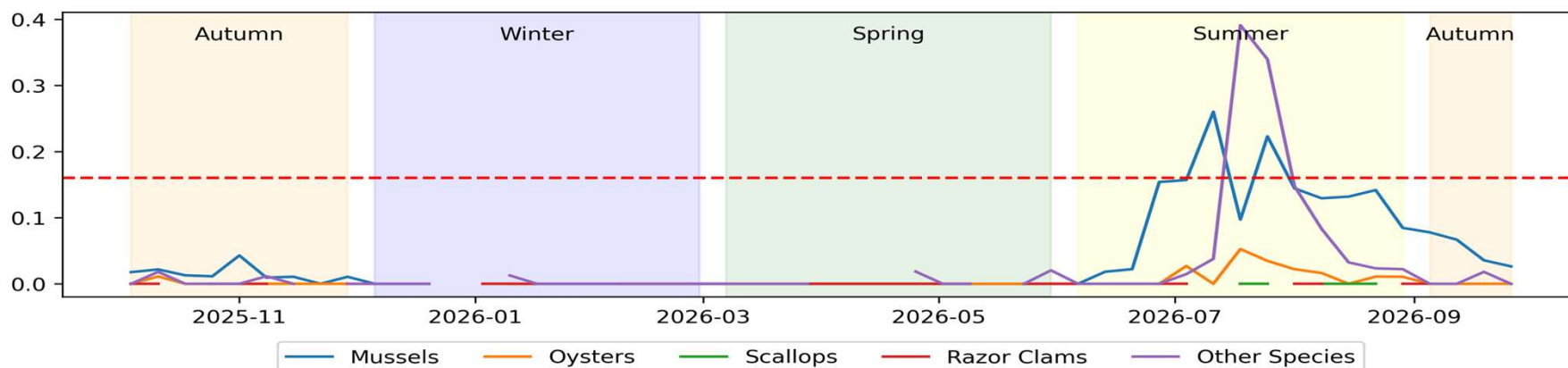
Diarhetic Shellfish Toxins National 4-Week Heatmap



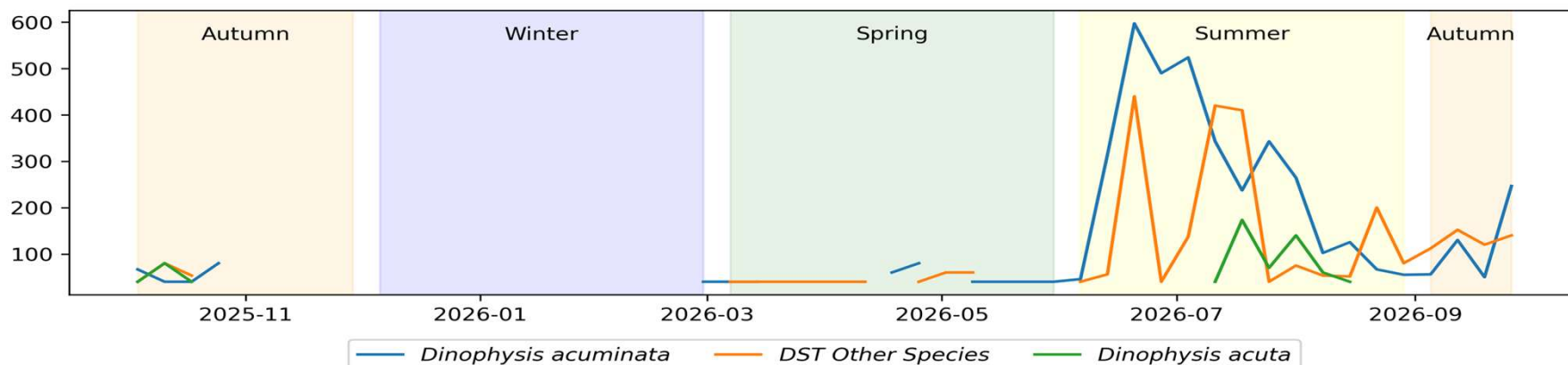
Phytoplankton *Dinophysis* spp. 4 Week Heatmap



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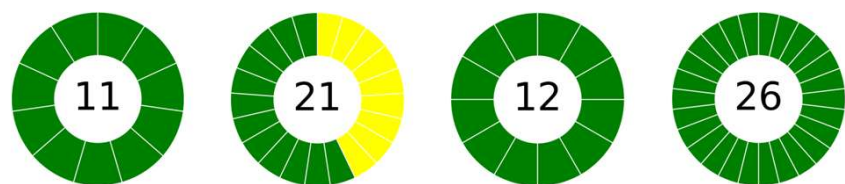
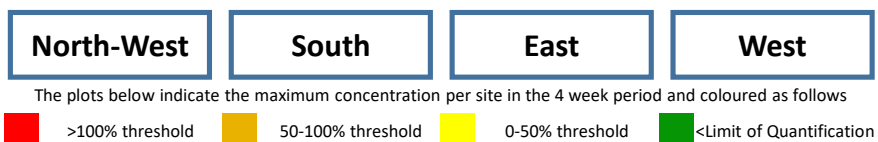
Trend of
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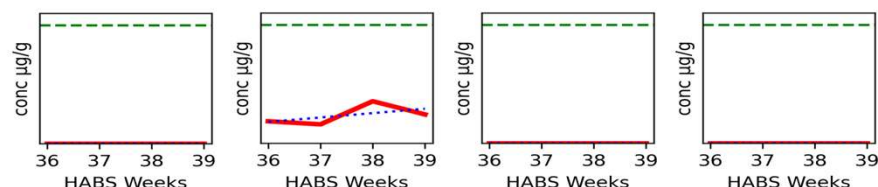
Aspiracid Shellfish Toxins & *Azadinium* species

Regional 4-Week Trends 30/08/26 - 26/09/26

In this 4 week period there were 181 Samples tested for AZT. These samples were collected at 70 Sites around the country. Resulting in 0 Site(s) with values above the regulatory limit of 0.16 µg/g



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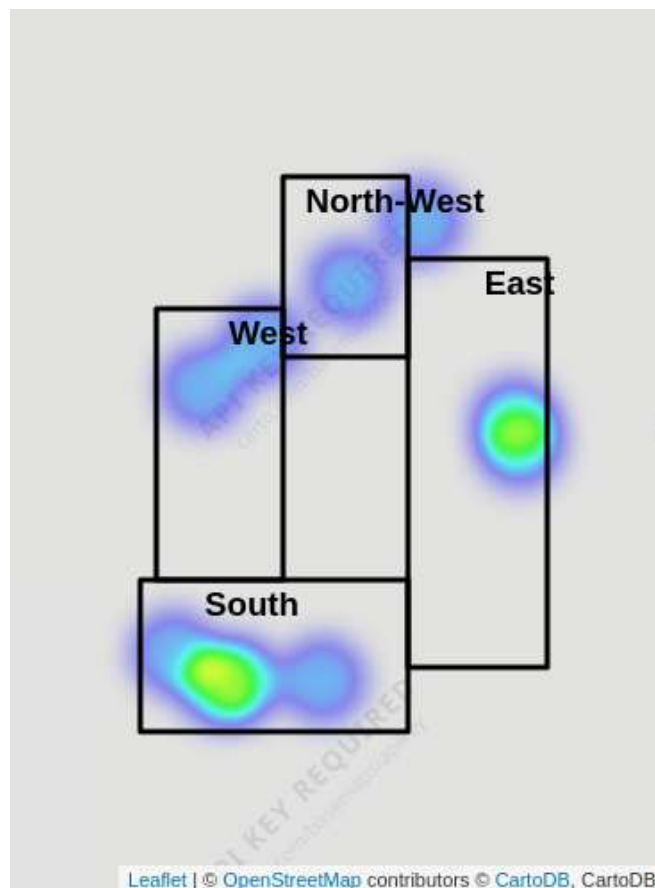
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Trend:

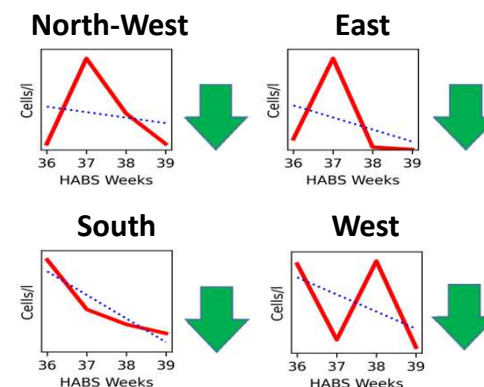
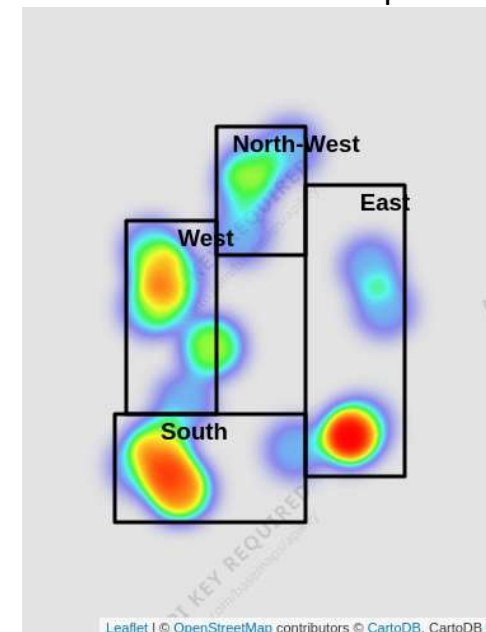
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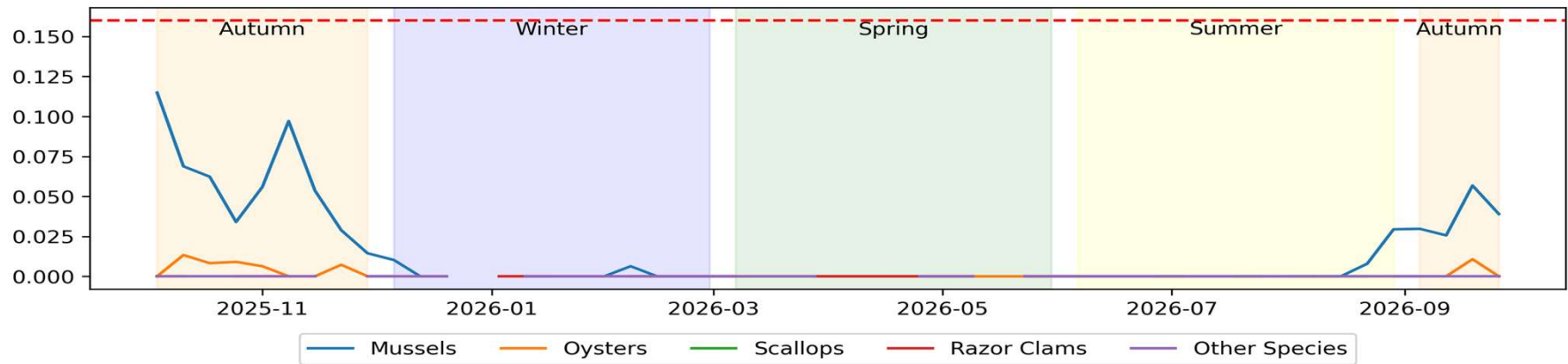
Aspiracid Shellfish Toxins National 4-Week Heatmap



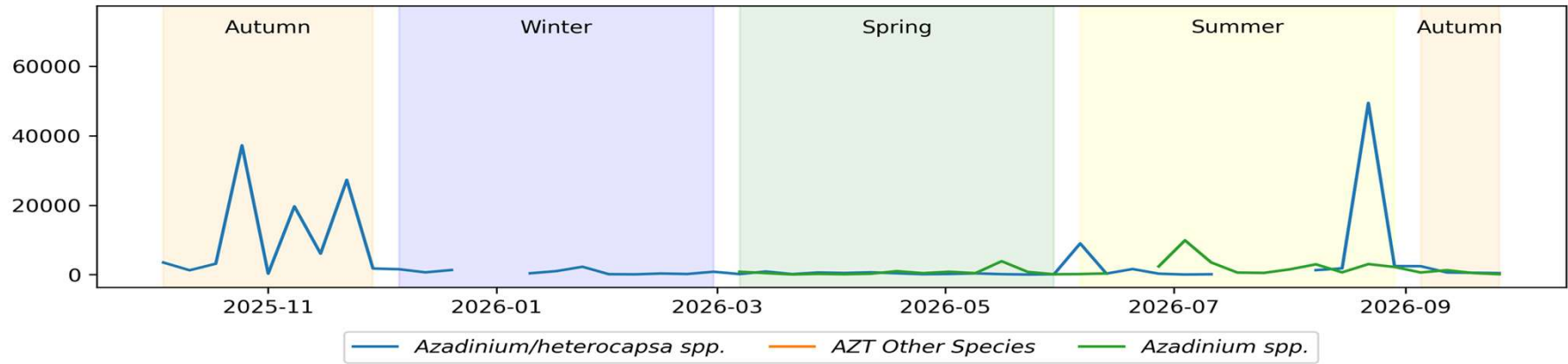
Phytoplankton *Azadinium* spp. 4 Week Heatmap



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Species
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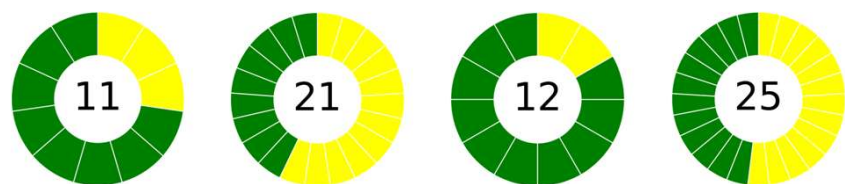
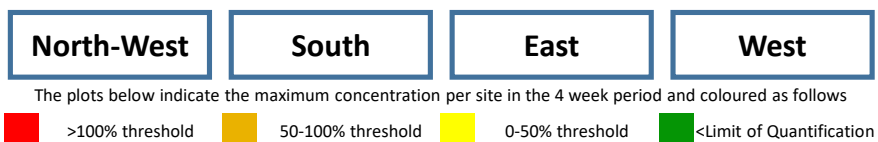
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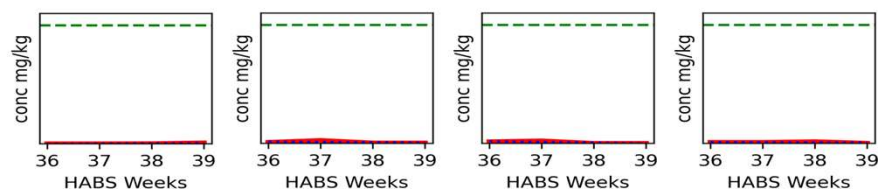
Amnesic Shellfish Toxins & *Pseudo-nitzschia* species

Regional 4-Week Trends 30/08/26 - 26/09/26

In this 4 week period there were 181 Samples tested for AST. These samples were collected at 69 Sites around the country. Resulting in 0 Site(s) with values above the regulatory limit of 20.0 mg/kg



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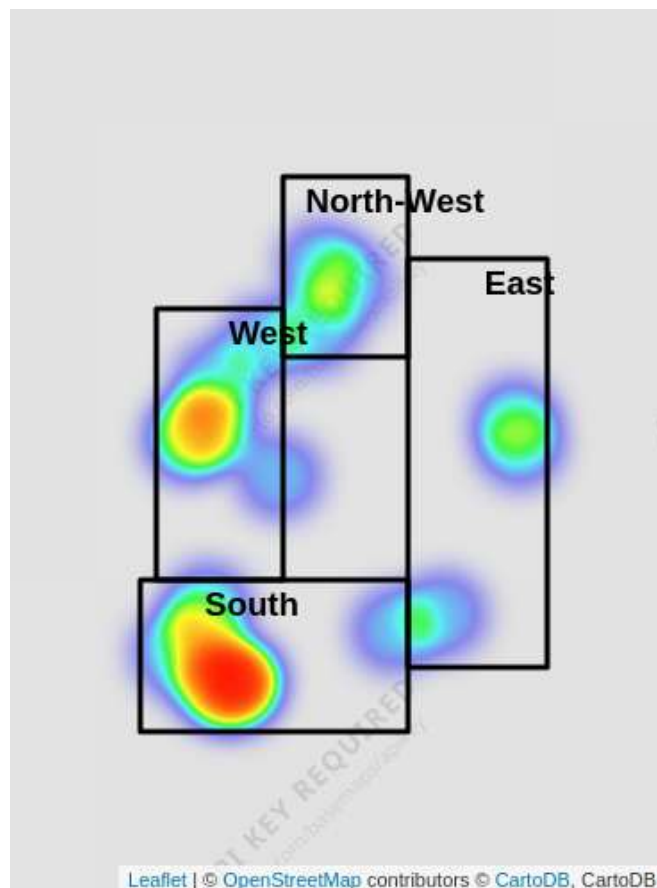
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Trend:

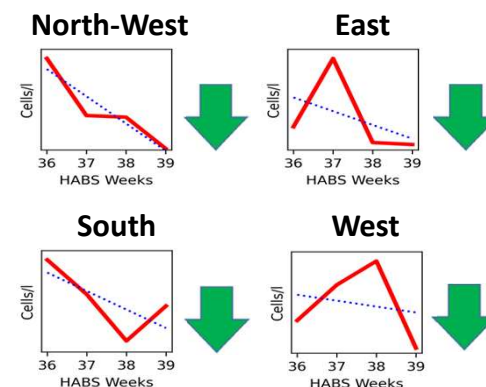
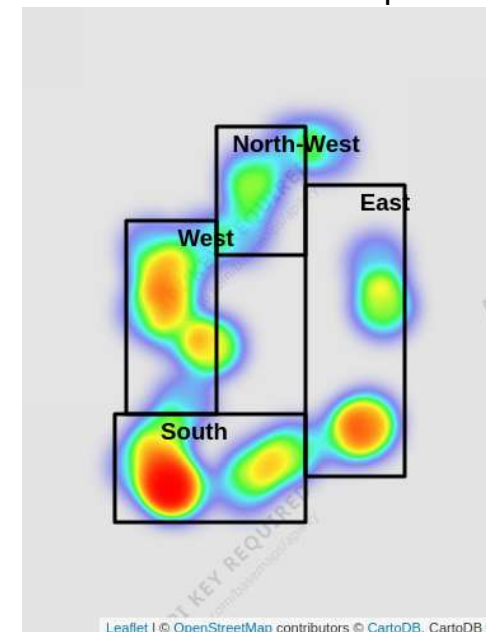
Low Risk:

Pseudo-nitzschia species cell levels are observed on all coasts. Caution advised.

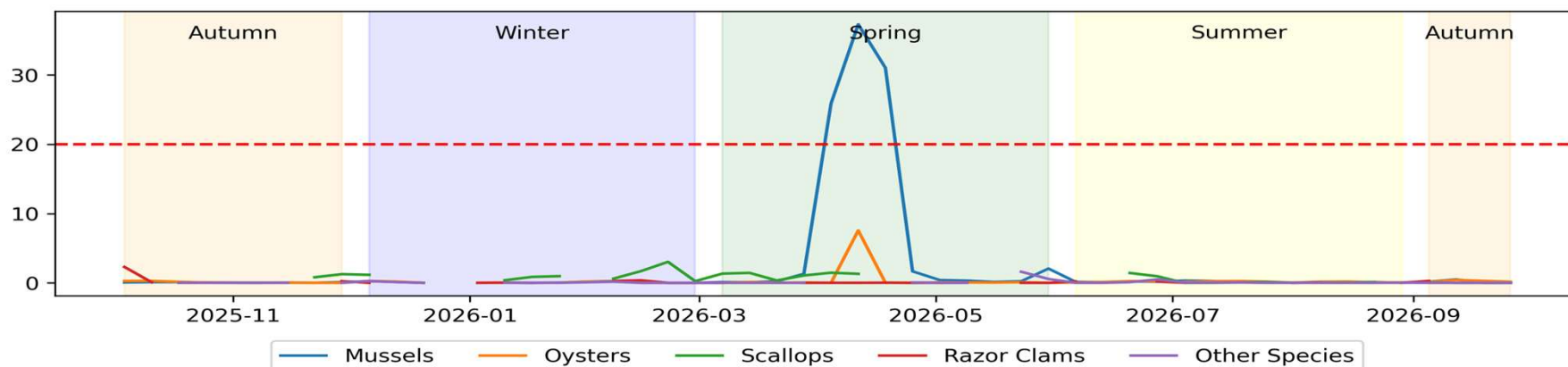
Amnesic Shellfish Toxins National 4-Week Heatmap



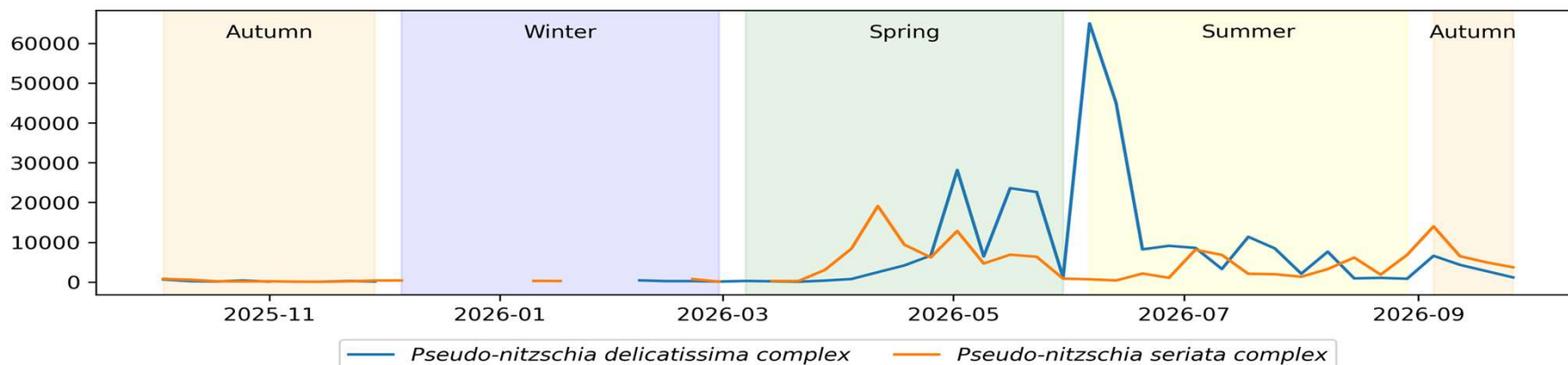
Phytoplankton *Pseudo-nitzschia* spp. 4 Week Heatmap



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Species
(measured in
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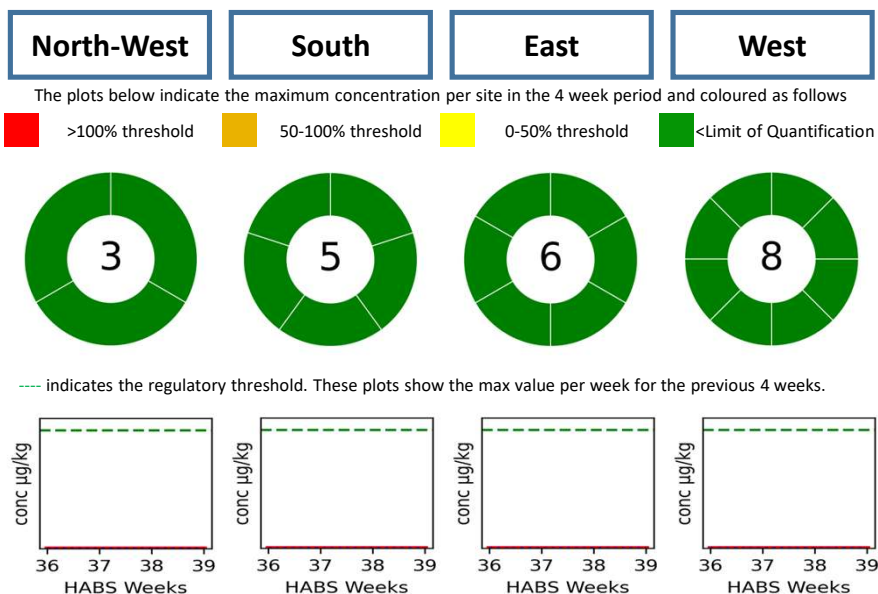
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Paralytic Shellfish Toxins & *Alexandrium* species

Regional 4-Week Trends 30/08/26 - 26/09/26

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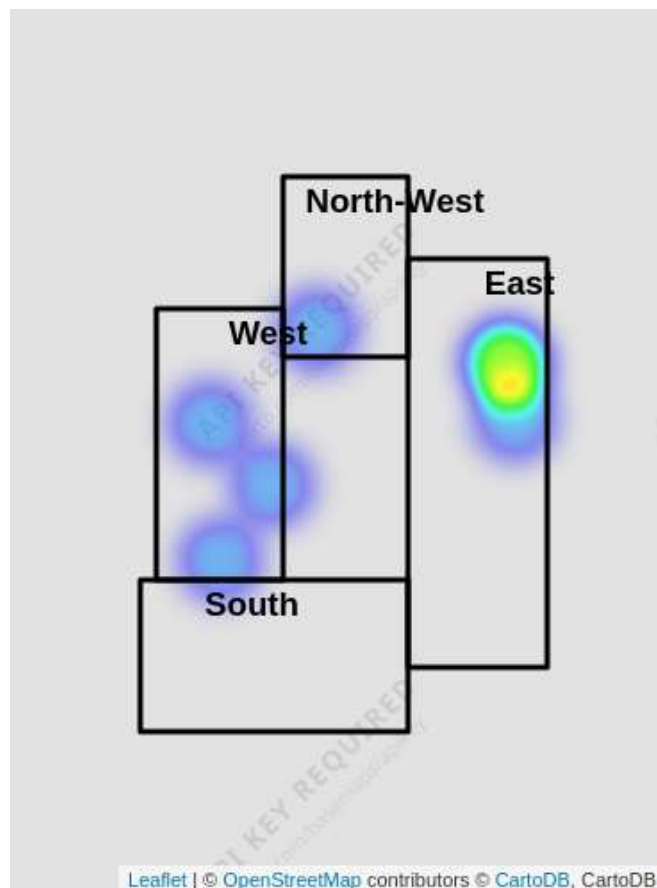
Risk: **Low** **Low** **Low** **Low**

Trend:

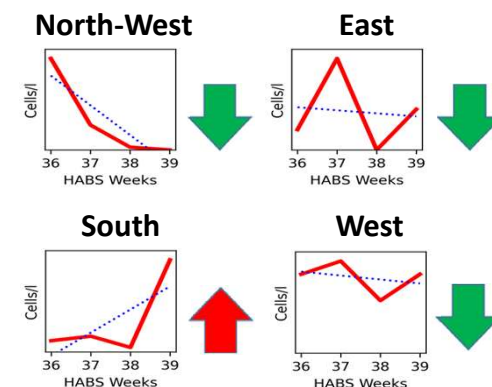
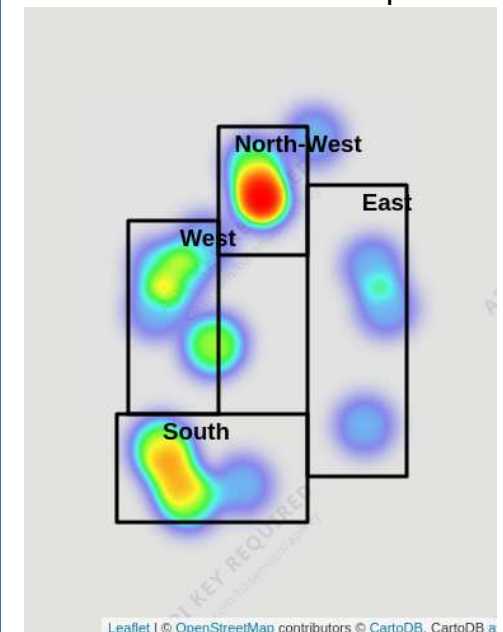
Low Risk:

Alexandrium spp. cells observed at low levels on all coasts. Caution still advised as they could still return in a secondary bloom in both Cork Harbour & Castlemaine Harbour.

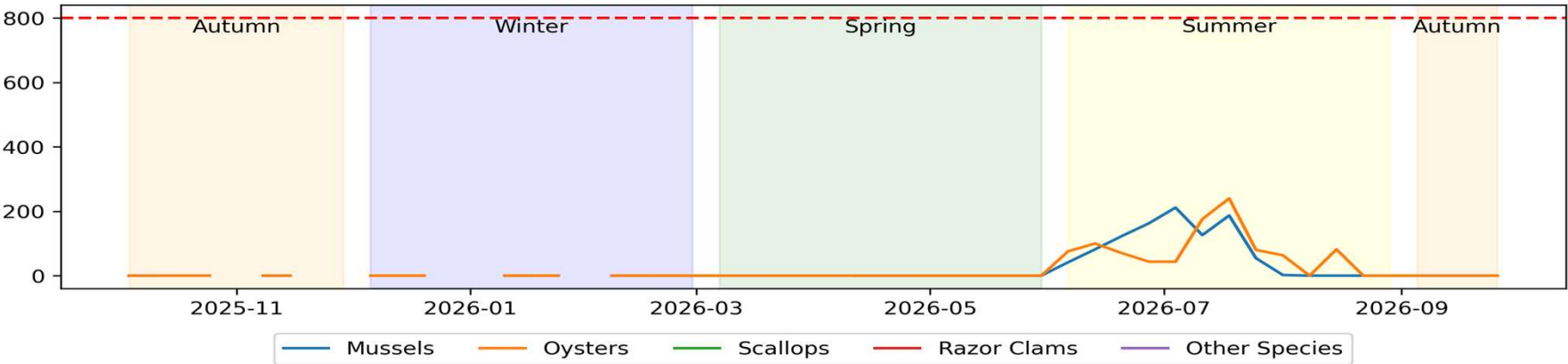
Paralytic Shellfish Toxins National 4-Week Heatmap



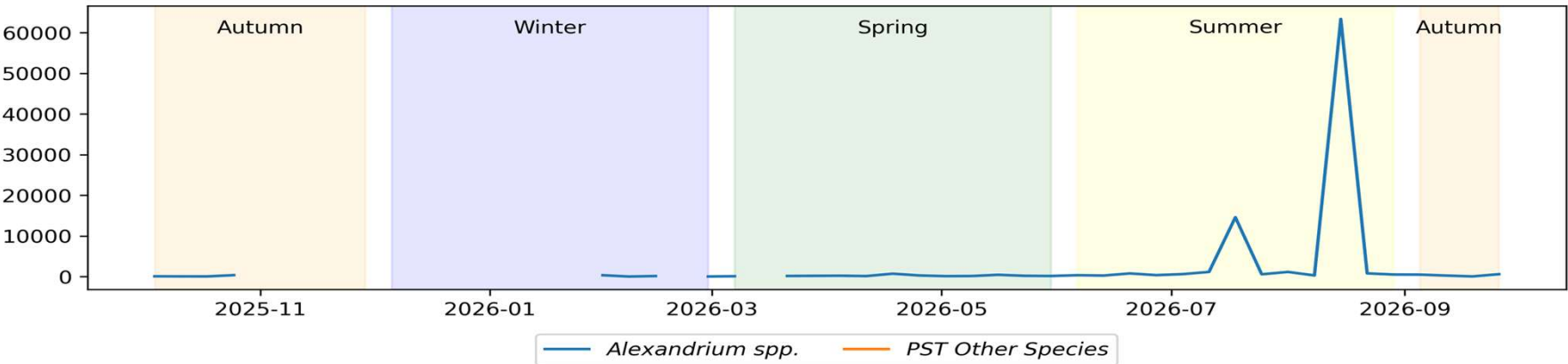
Phytoplankton *Alexandrium* spp. 4 Week Heatmap



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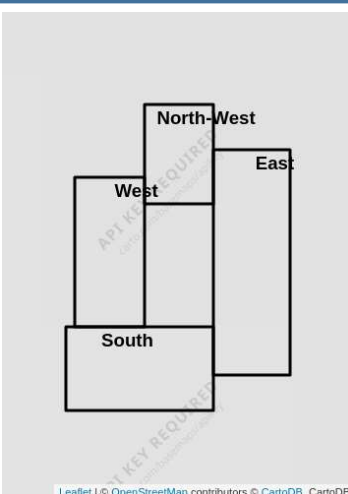


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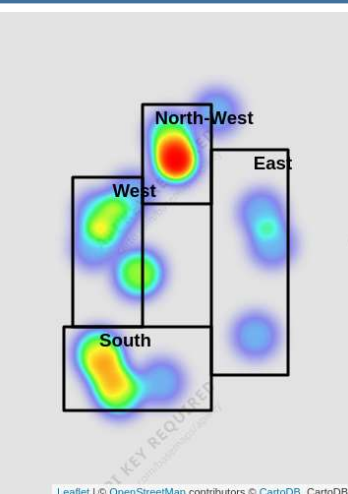


Fish Harming Phytoplankton

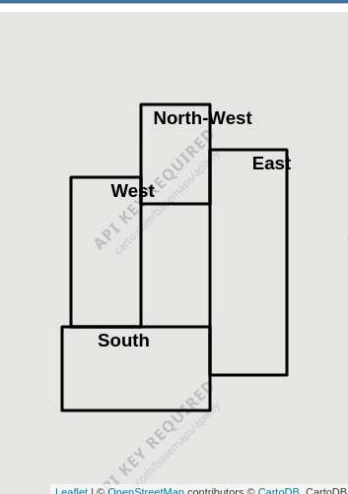
National 4-Week Analysis: 30/08/26 to 26/09/26



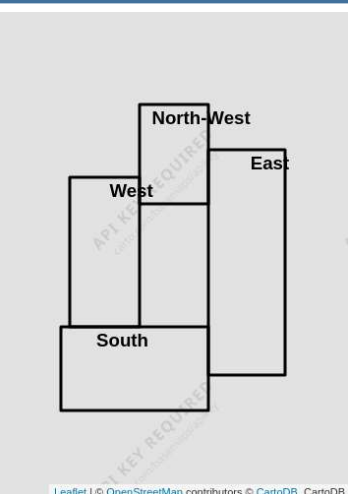
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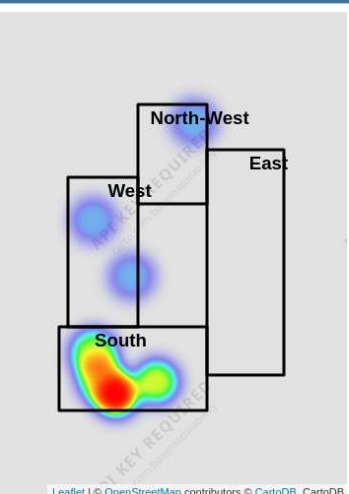
Alexandrium sp.



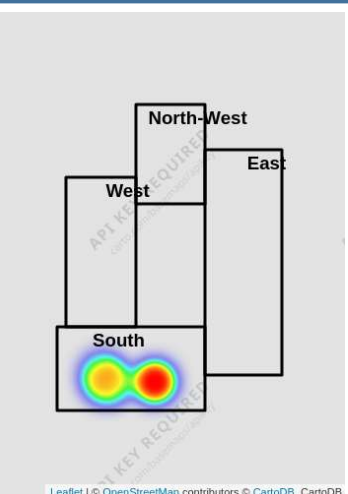
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Phaeocystis sp.

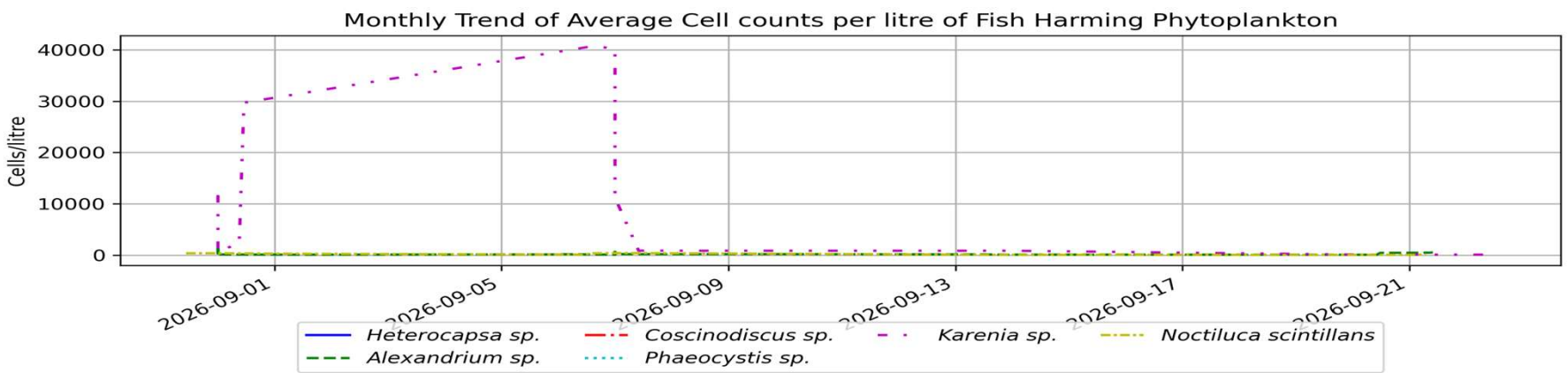


Karenia sp.

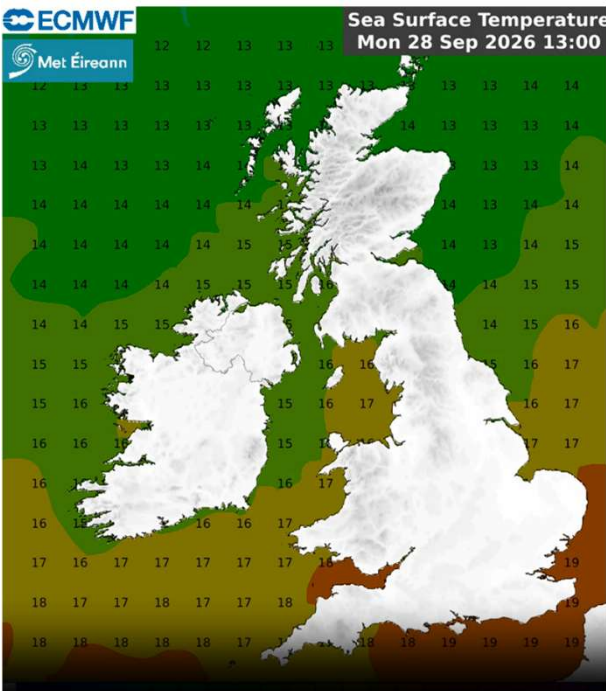


Noctiluca Scintillans

Phytoplankton cell levels are in line with this time of the year. Offshore Sea water temperatures reducing & light levels are at early Autumn levels. Offshore transportation potential higher likelihood of occurrence as insitu risk levels of HABs growth increasing significantly. Any Phytoplankton species at sufficient numbers may cause temporary issues in water quality which could impact specific areas over the course of a tidal cycle or for a period of days while specific suitable conditions prevail. Please note some blooms can occur rapidly and acutely. If concerned about a problematic or toxic species level please check specific site information updates at www.marine.ie.



Sea Surface Temperature (°C)



Sea water temperatures reducing to Autumn levels offshore areas with onshore movements & light levels decreasing. *Dinophysis Spp.* & *Azadinium Spp.* still observed in the Southwest. *Alexandrium spp* observed on all western coasts. Please check specific area information for local activity.

Chlorophyll Concentrations (mg/m3)

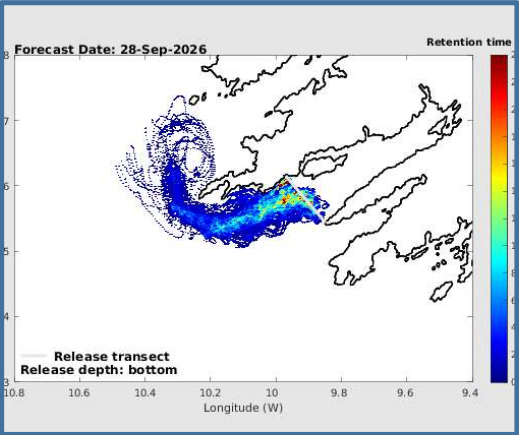


Marine Institute Data Buoy – Temperature Data

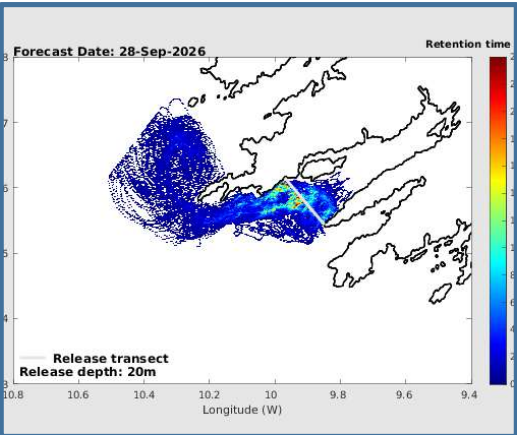


- M4: No buoy data available this week
- SW Coast (M3) Average SST of 16.32 Celcius: Increase of 1.12 Celcius over the historic Weekly Average
- SE Coast (M5) Average SST of 16.5 Celcius: Increase of 1.3 Celcius over the historic Weekly Average

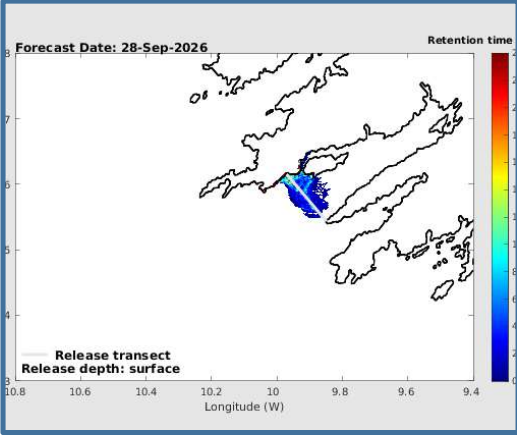
The maps show the **most likely transport pathways for the next 3 days of phytoplankton** found along the **presented transects** (black lines off Mizen Head and the Mouth of Bantry Bay) and **water depths** (bottom, 20 metres and surface).
Reddish colours represent areas where phytoplankton remain longest. **Cooler colours represent areas where phytoplankton remain for shorter periods**



Bottom water



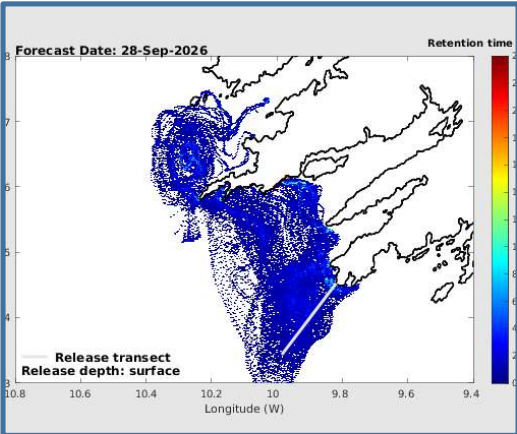
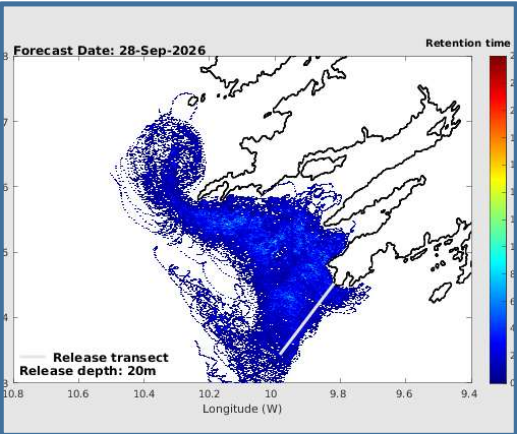
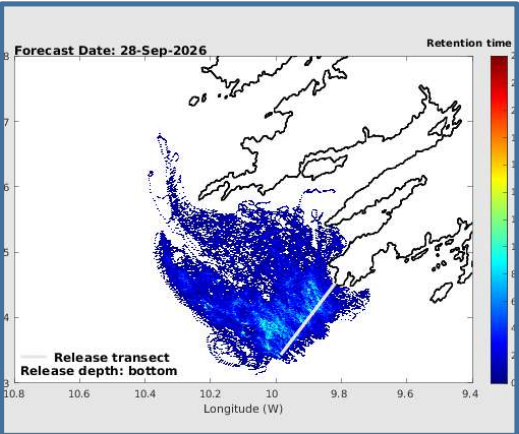
Water @ 20 metres



Surface water

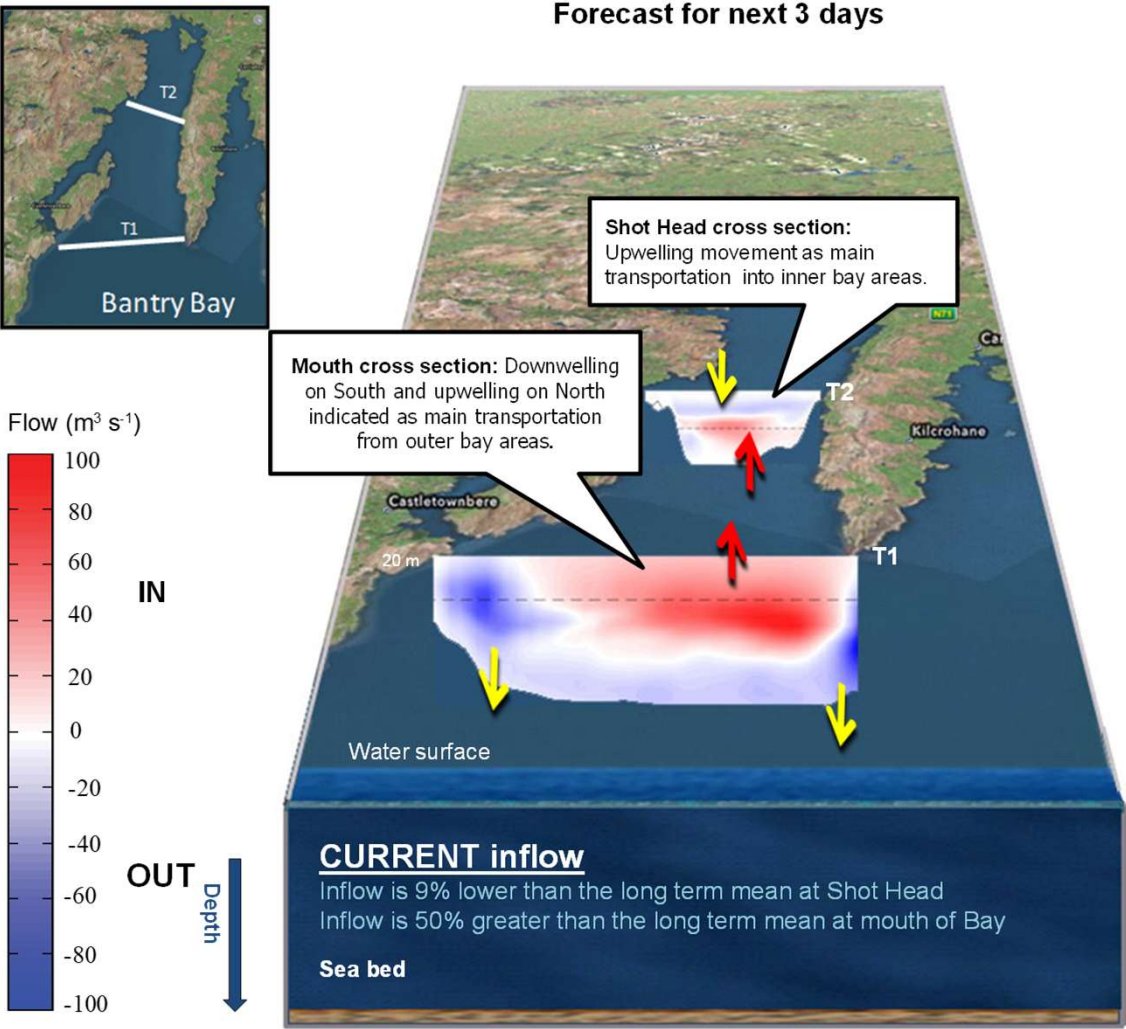
Mouth of Bantry Bay:

Downwelling possible as inshore water transportation into bay areas.



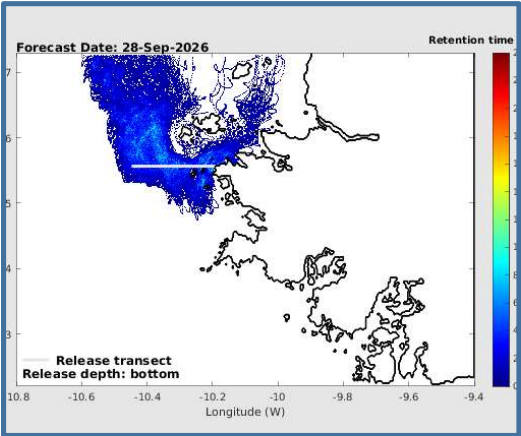
Mizen Head:

Change to Northern water movements dominate in mid water and surface depths.

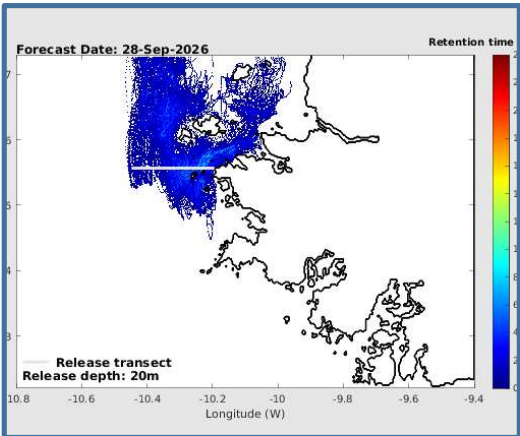


The maps show the **most likely transport pathways for the next 3 days of phytoplankton** found along the **presented transects** i.e. white lines off Aughrus Point and the Mouth of Killary Harbour, and **water depths** (bottom, 20 metres and surface).

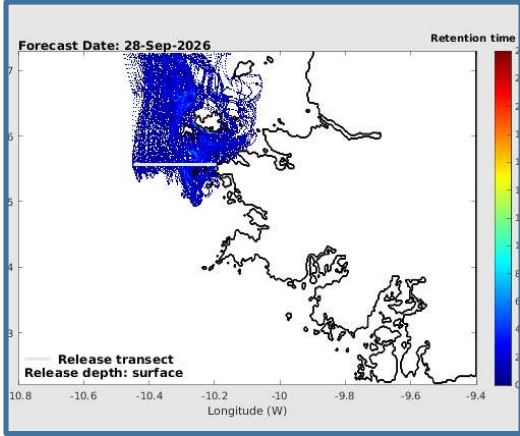
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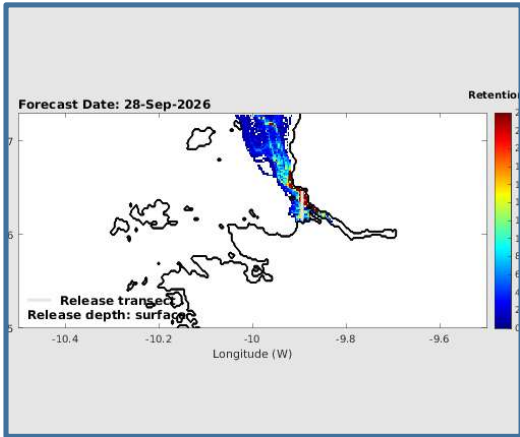
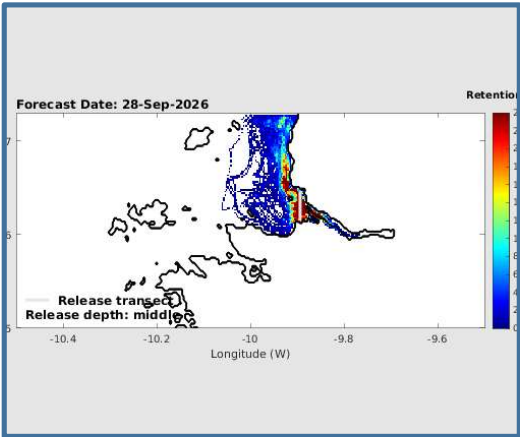
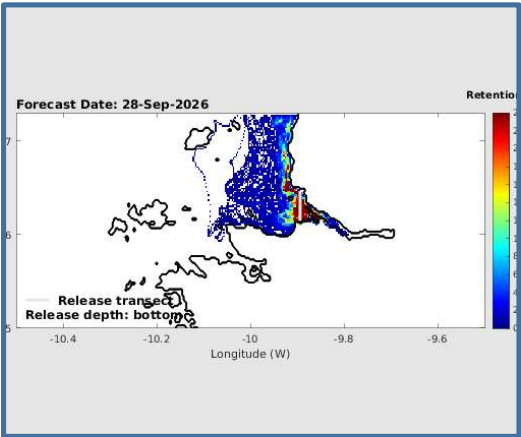
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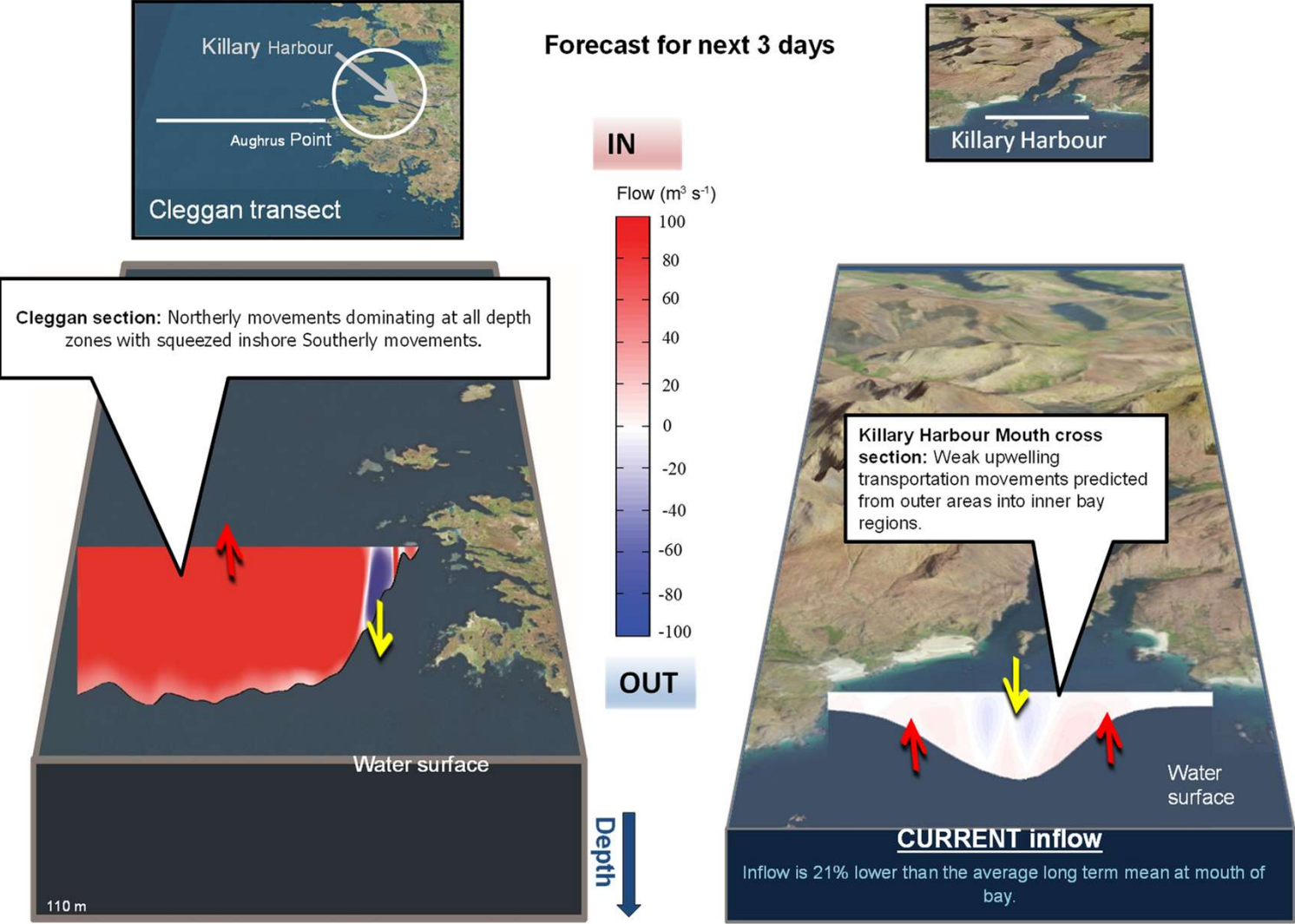
Cleggan

- Northerly transportation as dominant direction affecting all depths.



Killary

- Upwelling of offshore water remains as main inshore transportation.



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In-situ Data

- Biotoxin and Phytoplankton data is provided by National Monitoring Programmes from the HABs database (Marine Institute)
- Heat map images – Leaflet.

Remote Sensing Data

- Sea Surface Temperature Data Product: SST_NWS_SST_L4_NRT_OBSERVATIONS_010_003 (ODYESSA L4 SST from Copernicus CMEMS MCS).
- Chlorophyll image data is provided by: EUR-L4-CHL-ATL-v01 (IFREMER/ DYNECO and CERSAT).
- Sea Surface Temperature observations: Irish weather buoy network (Marine Institute).

Hydrodynamic modelled data

- Particle Tracking Simulation data: The downscale models of areas of particular interest (Bantry Bay, Killary Harbour and Cleggan Bay) incorporate online particle tracking with virtual particles released at pre-defined transects at the start of each model. The operational model produces an estimate of the ocean state once a week and a daily 3-day forecast of the dominant regional physical processes that result in water exchange events between the bay and its adjacent shelf (Marine Institute).
- Hydrodynamic model data: Hydrodynamic nowcast/forecast models show the latest 3-day volumetric flux forecast for vertical transects at the mouth and mid-bay. The results are plotted graphically on a map of the area.

Definitions

- A toxic site is defined as a site that had at least 1 result in the time period indicated greater than the regulatory limit.
- Heat maps represent relative distribution and patterns, and should not be interpreted as indicative of the maximum or absolute concentrations of a toxin in a region.
- Risk levels are calculated based on internal logic applied to measurements captured over the period, along with any additional information available to the evaluator. These risk levels are to be regarded as advisory only.
- Trends are calculated based on average or maximum values per week over the period of time and the slope of the line connecting these points.

Disclaimers

The predictions and comments produced within this bulletin are based on our expert opinion on the datasets and sources as outlined above. The Marine Institute cannot accept any responsibility for business and risk management decisions on harvesting and husbandry based on this report.

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