

# COEXIST

**The COEXIST project, some lessons learned on MSP  
with emphasis on aquaculture management**  
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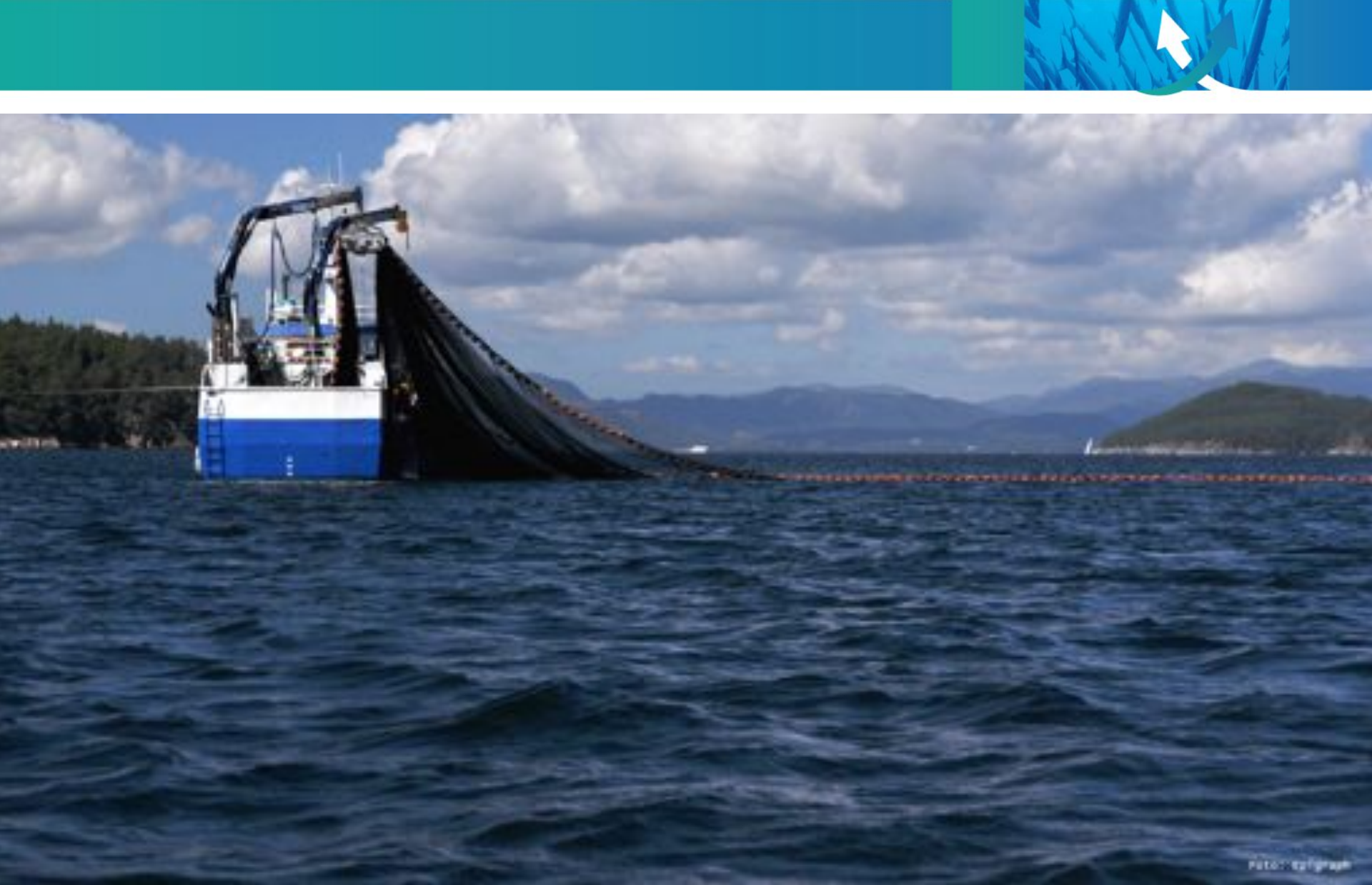
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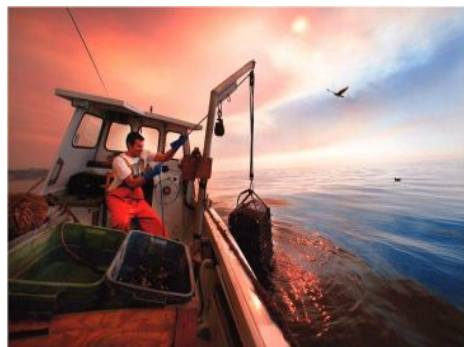
# Coastal zones – competing claims

- ✓ Aquaculture – increased pressure
  - ✓ Increasing globally
  - ✓ NOT increasing in the EU
- ✓ Fisheries – stagnant at best
  - ✓ Conflicts with other users
- ✓ Tourism
  - ✓ Conflicts with other users
- ✓ Windfarms, wavefarms
  - ✓ Extreme growth potential
- ✓ Marine Protected Areas (MPA), conservation





Aquaculture



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Fisheries

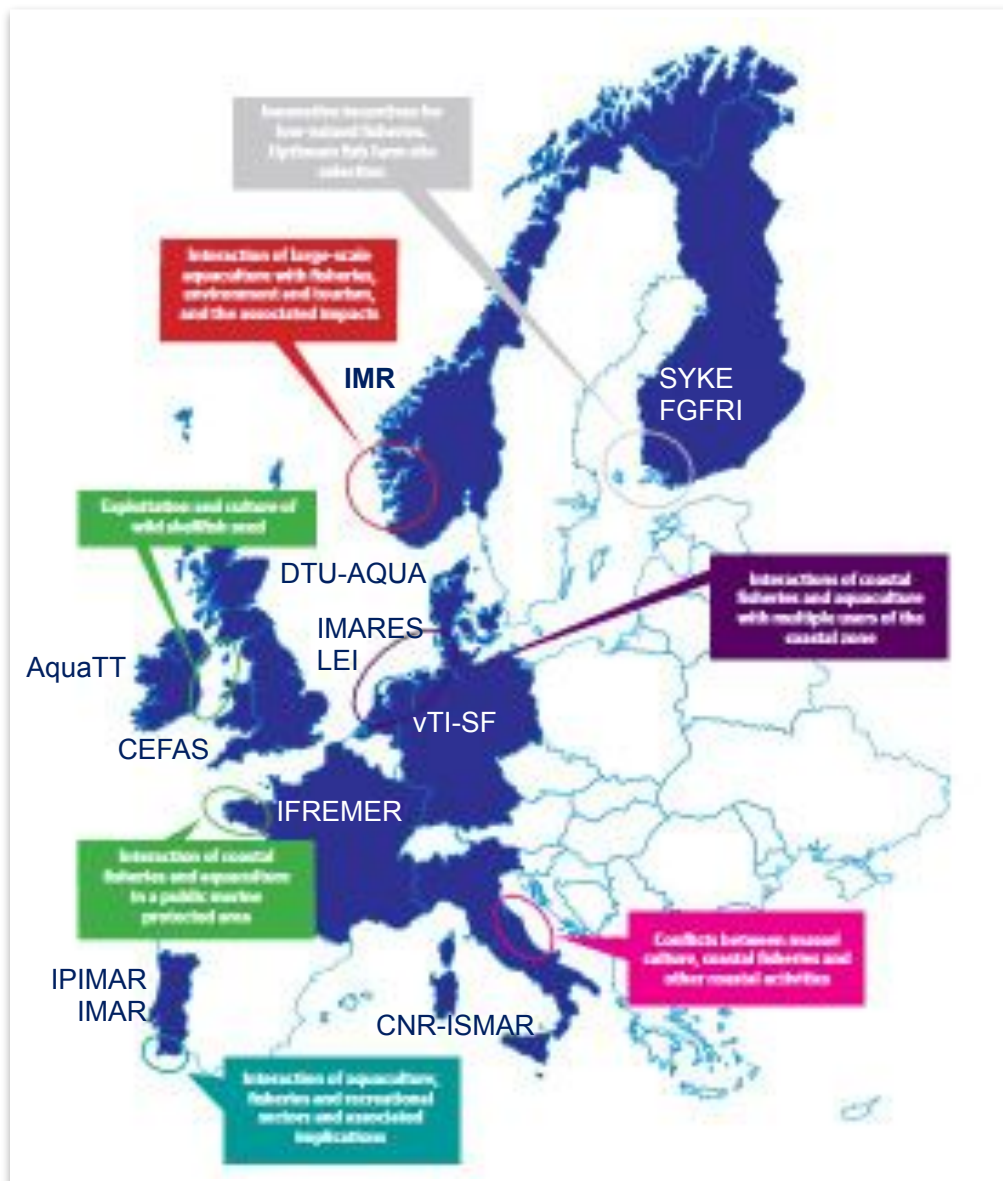
Energy, Transport,  
Tourism,  
Environment, etc.





# Consortium and Case Studies

1. **HARDANGERFJORD – LP:IMR**
2. **ATLANTIC SEA COAST - LP: UCC**
3. **ALGARVE COAST - LP: IPIMAR**
4. **ADRIATIC SEA COAST – LP: CNR-ISMAR**
5. **COASTAL NORTH SEA – LP: vTI-SF**
6. **BALTIC SEA – LP: FGfri**







# Multi-Criteria Analysis - what is it?

Most MCAs incorporates the following steps:

- ✓ Define and structure the problem
- ✓ Identify relevant alternatives (possible solutions)
- ✓ Identify relevant objectives/ criteria (interests/ values/ aspects)
- ✓ Identify scores for each alternative
- ✓ Identify weights (preferences)
- ✓ Compare results
  - By looking at the MCA matrix, or
  - By aggregating with a suitable MCA techniques



# Evaluation of spatial management tools

**Objective:** To **assess the existing spatial management** tools for each selected case study and propose improvements to those tools

**Outcomes:** Framework for multi-objective quantitative and qualitative evaluation of marine spatial management of coastal zones





# Aquaculture – impact on pathogens

Pathogen reservoirs in wild organisms -

Pathogens proliferates in aquaculture

Movement of cultured organisms: vectors for pathogens





# Disease

- ✓ Most significant limiting factor in aquaculture
- ✓ Direct impact: mortality
- ✓ Pathogens can be amplified within farm, causing significant infection pressure towards wild stocks
- ✓ Aquaculture and coastal management practices influence the transmission and impact of pathogens







# We do know:

Diseases are an integral part of nature

Pathogens are subject to evolution, thus diseases are, too

There is no such thing as a disease-free wild population

- 1. Absence of pathogens: a situation only existing in an imaginary world of some environmental NGO's.*
- 2. Human behaviour affect proliferation and distribution of pathogens in the wild*



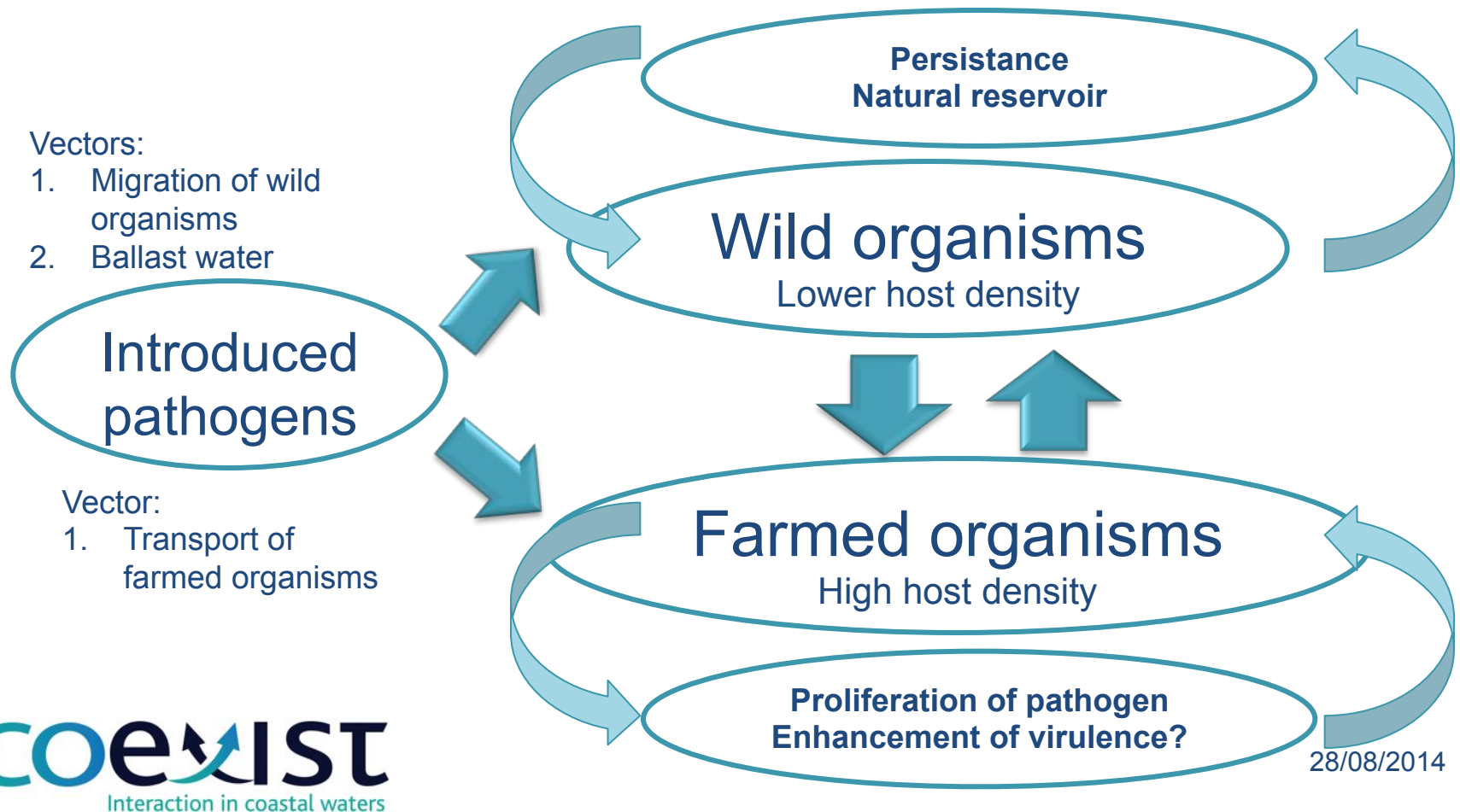
# Lessons learned

- Knowledge based on experience
  - Often very expensive "learning"
    - ✓ Introductions of diseases.
    - ✓ Uncontrolled proliferation of diseases
- Models learned from culture of other species
  - Adapt the models
    - ✓ to the marine environment
    - ✓ to bivalves



# Exchange of pathogens wild-farmed

## Integration of models and processes





# Compartment-based models:

Individuals transcend through a series of states

- ✓ Susceptible
- ✓ Infected
- ✓ (potentially) back to susceptible

Maximum host carrying capacity – **critical threshold**  $N_t$

- ✓ = maximum number of susceptible individuals
- ✓ - total number of individuals is  $N$

In aquaculture  $N_t/N$  can be **manipulated**





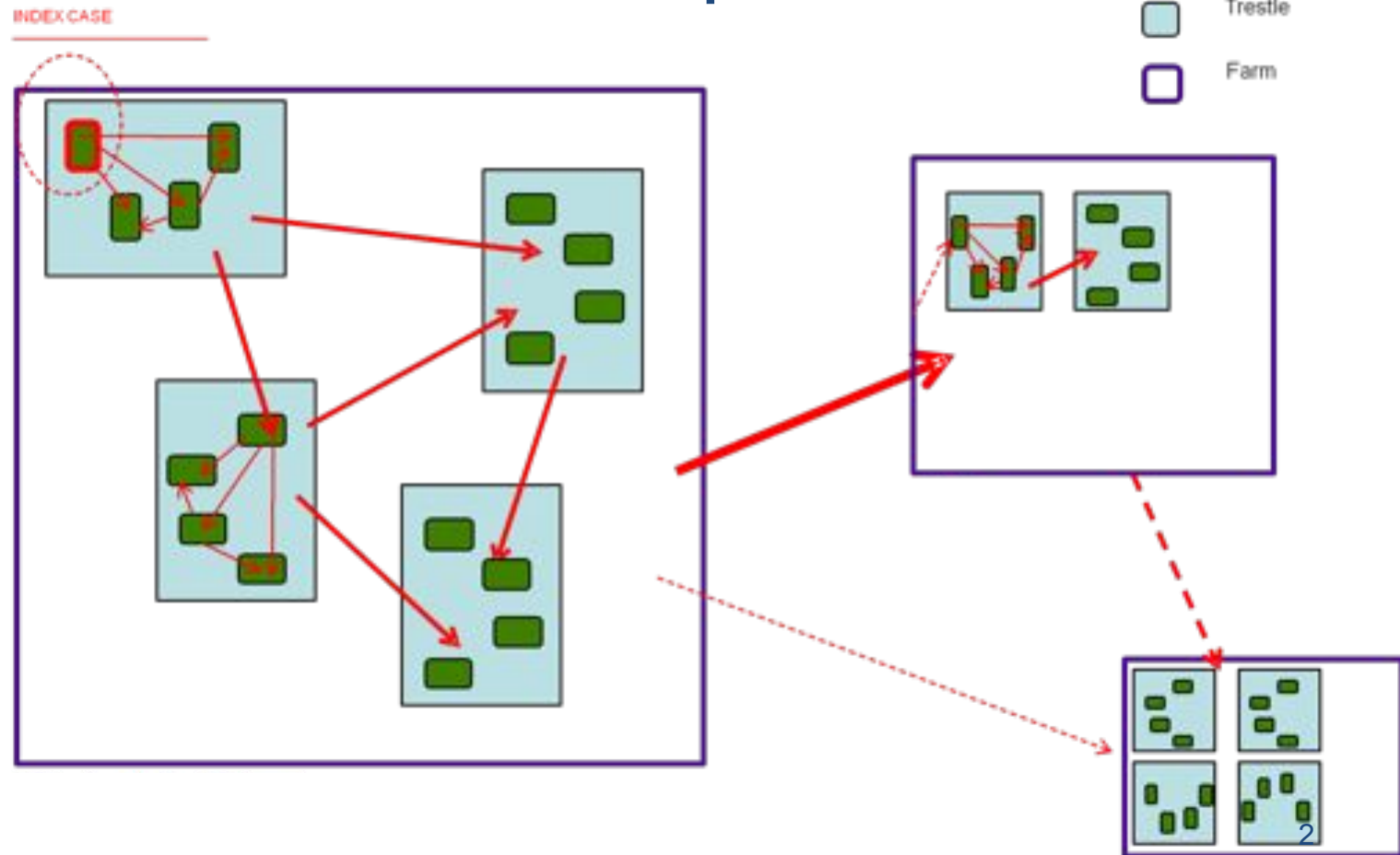
# Network-based models

Take into account the **contacts between populations** that actually DO take place:

- ✓ Movement of populations
- ✓ Movement of people
- ✓ Movement of equipment
- ✓ Movement of water
- ✓ Movement of other vectors



# Network models working at different scales in time and space







# Examples of tools

- Distance between farms
- Maximum amount of animals per farm
- Maximum impact on environment
- Fallowing
- Restriction on movement of animals
- Restrictions on sources of juveniles
  - Specific-pathogen-free quality
  - Screening for pathogens



# Impact from aquaculture 2012

Escapees – RED LIGHT

- Wild salmon stocks vulnerable

Salmon Louse – RED LIGHT

- Affecting wild trout and salmon

Pharmaceuticals – Yellow light

- Antibacterials: Green, Antiparasitics: RED

Eutrophication – green light

- Coastal current from Baltic dominates area

Other diseases – n.a., Shellfish n.a.



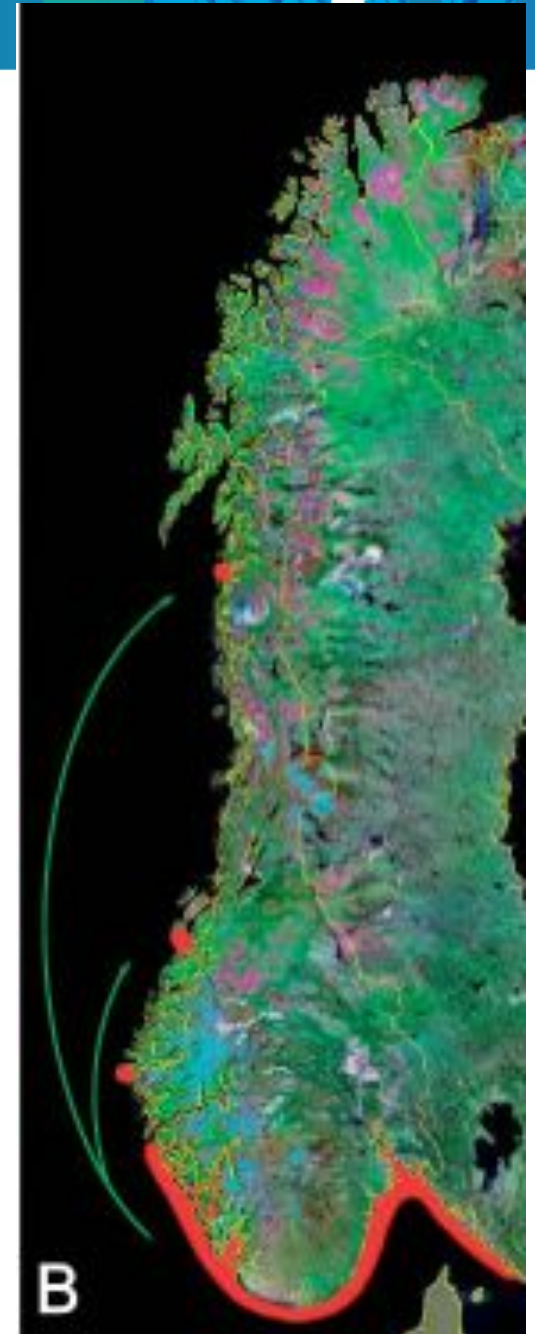
# Why is disease linked to temperature?

- ✓ Diseases may define the geographical distribution of hosts
- ✓ Interaction between immune defence and certain pathogens
  - Well known in terrestrial systems
  - Complex coevolution parasite-host
  - Dynamic relationship in a changing environment

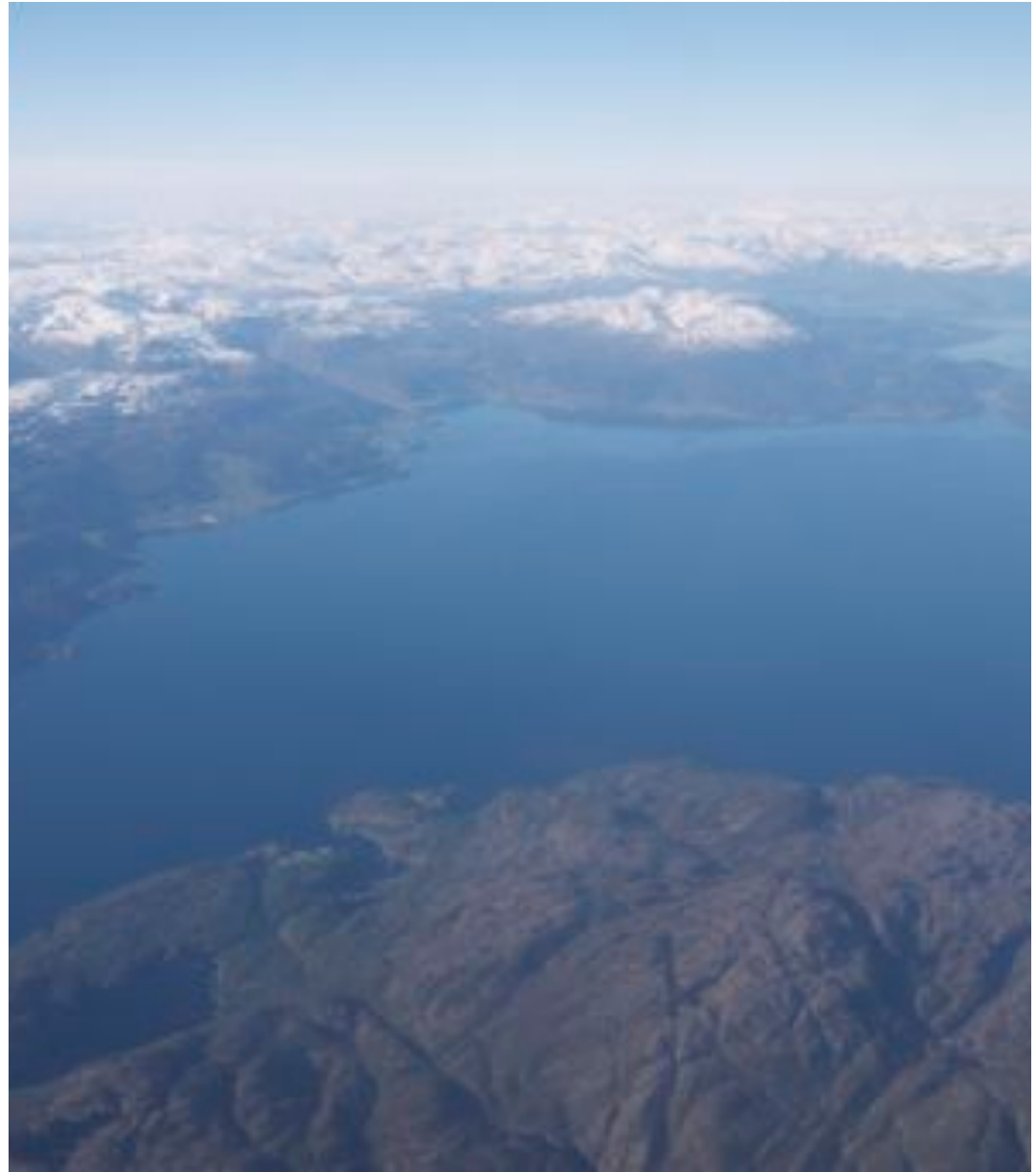


# Pathogens defining habitats of their hosts?

Do *Francisella noatunensis* take part in defining the southern borders of the habitat of Atlantic cod?









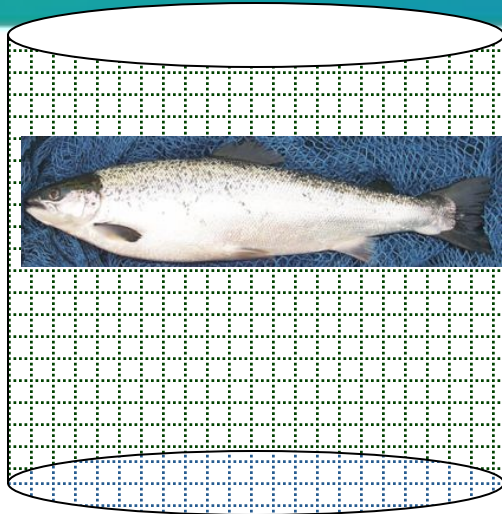
# coexist

Salmon/rainbow trout:

n=300 000 000

Wild salmon/sea trout

n=1,5-2 000 000



0.5 lice/fish

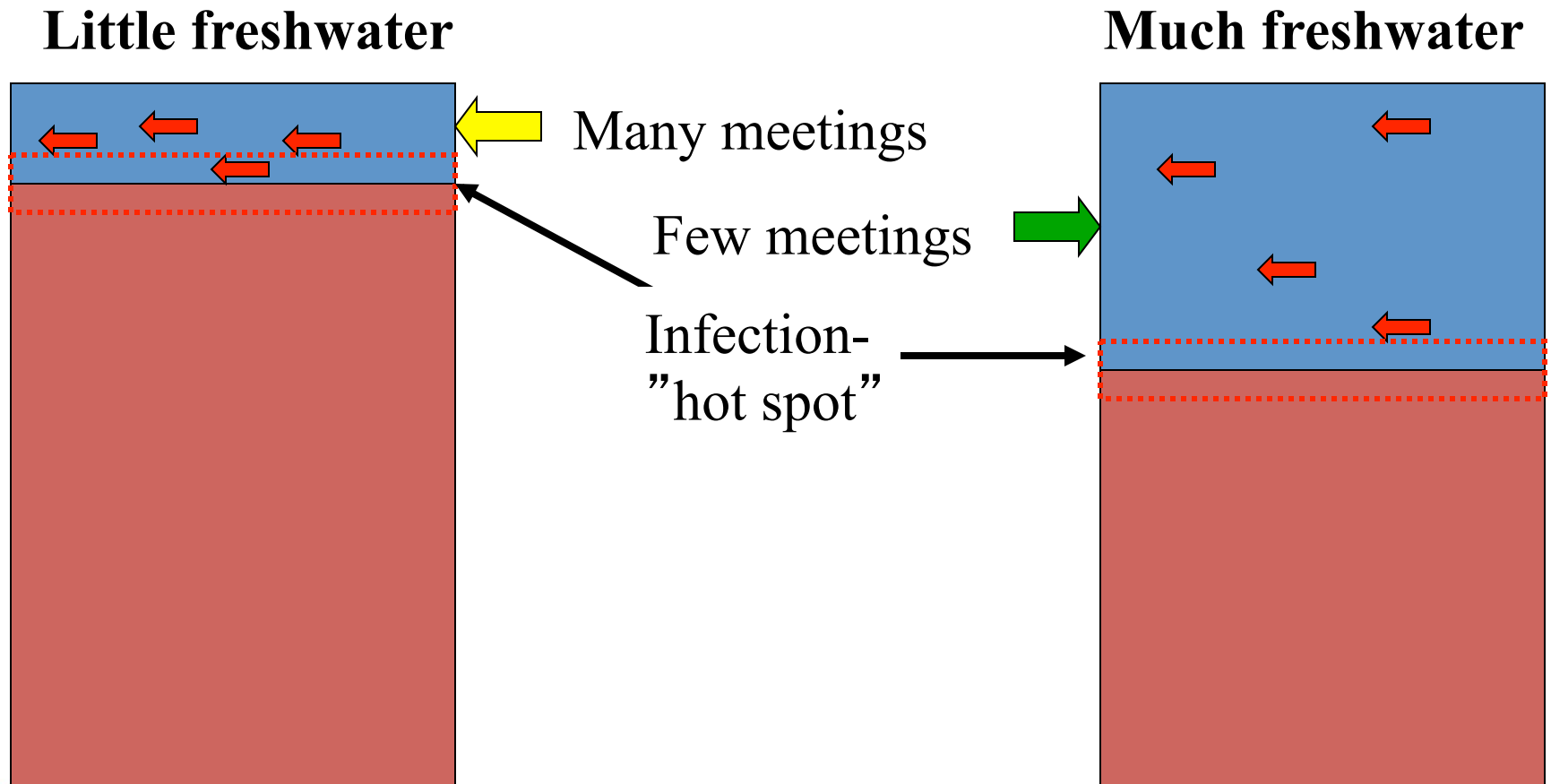
**150 000 000 lice**



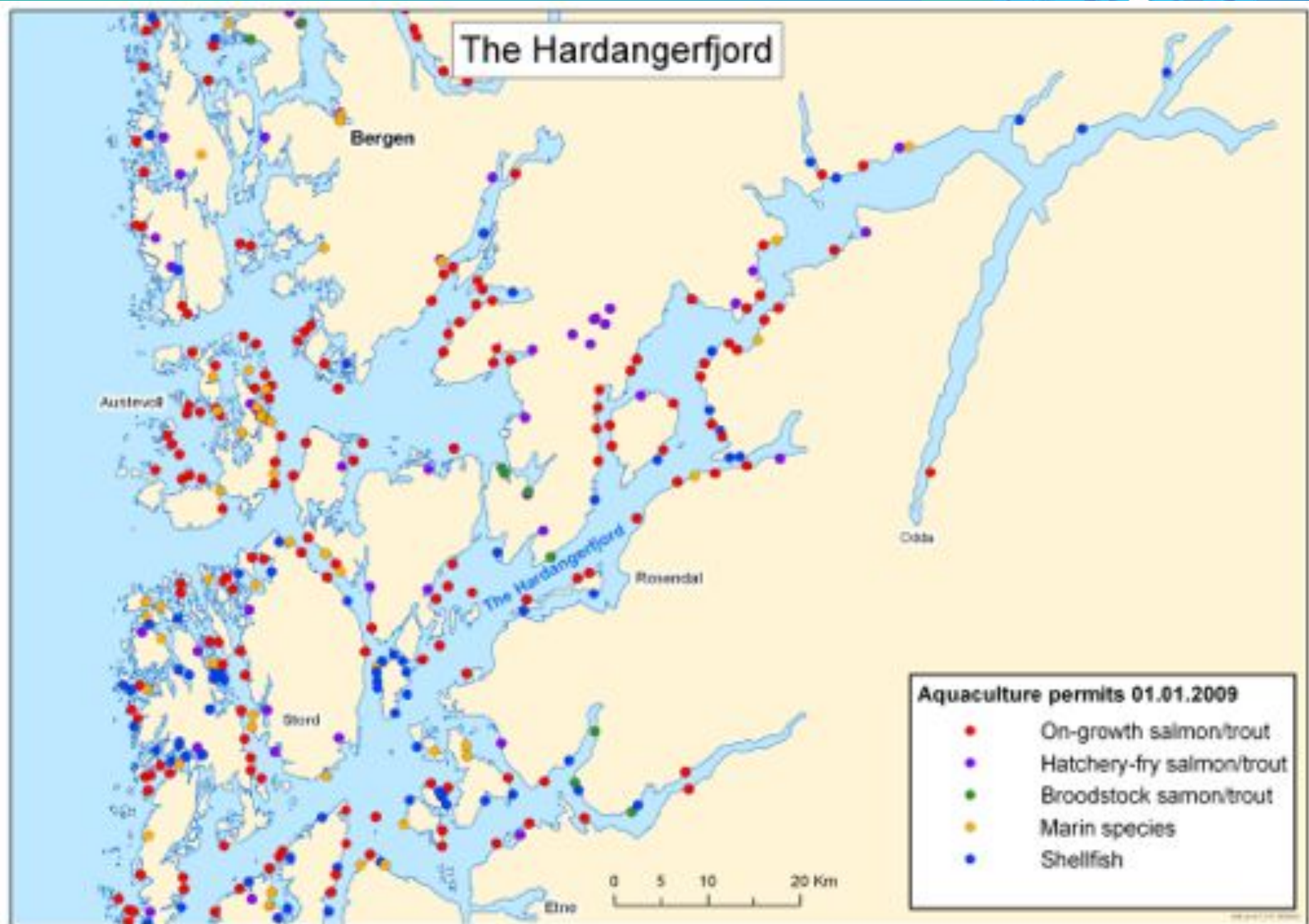
**20 000 000 lice**



Hydrodynamic models: the amount of freshwater in a fjord has impact on the frequency of salmon-lice contact

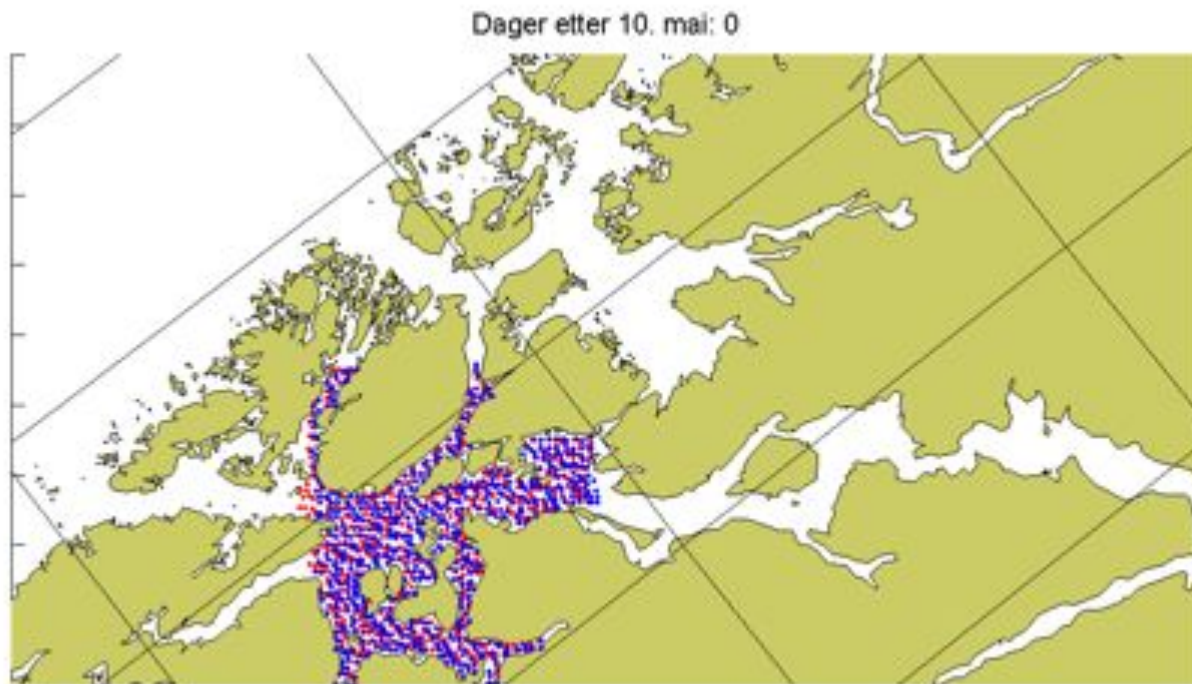






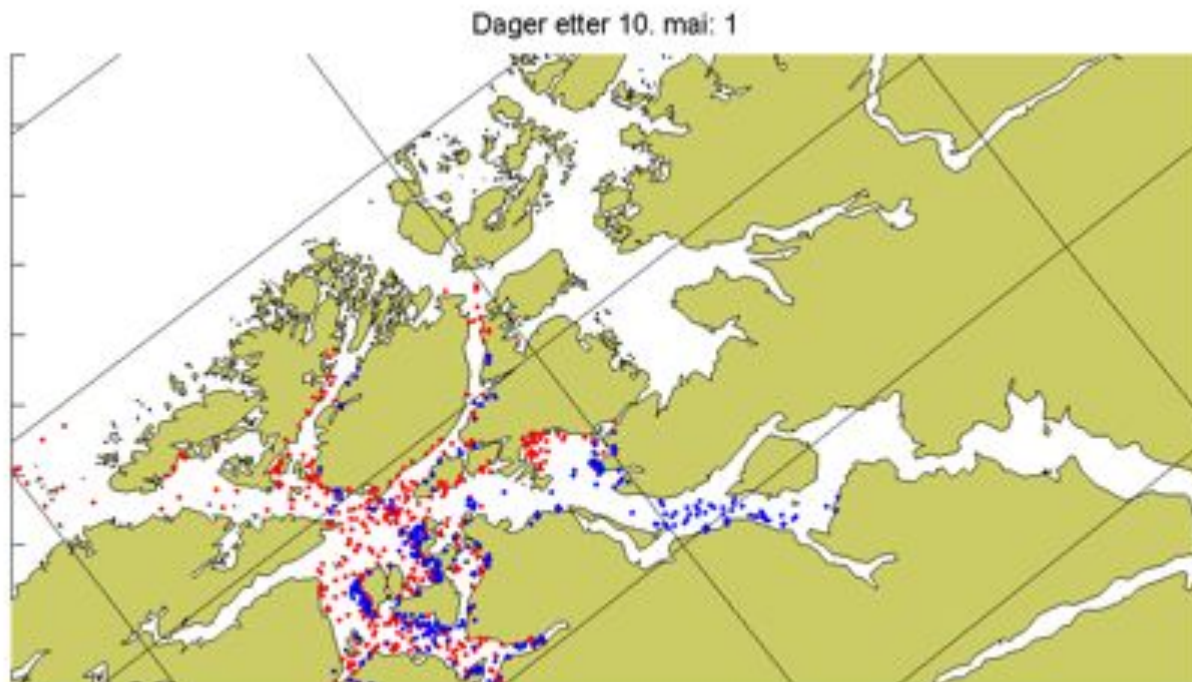


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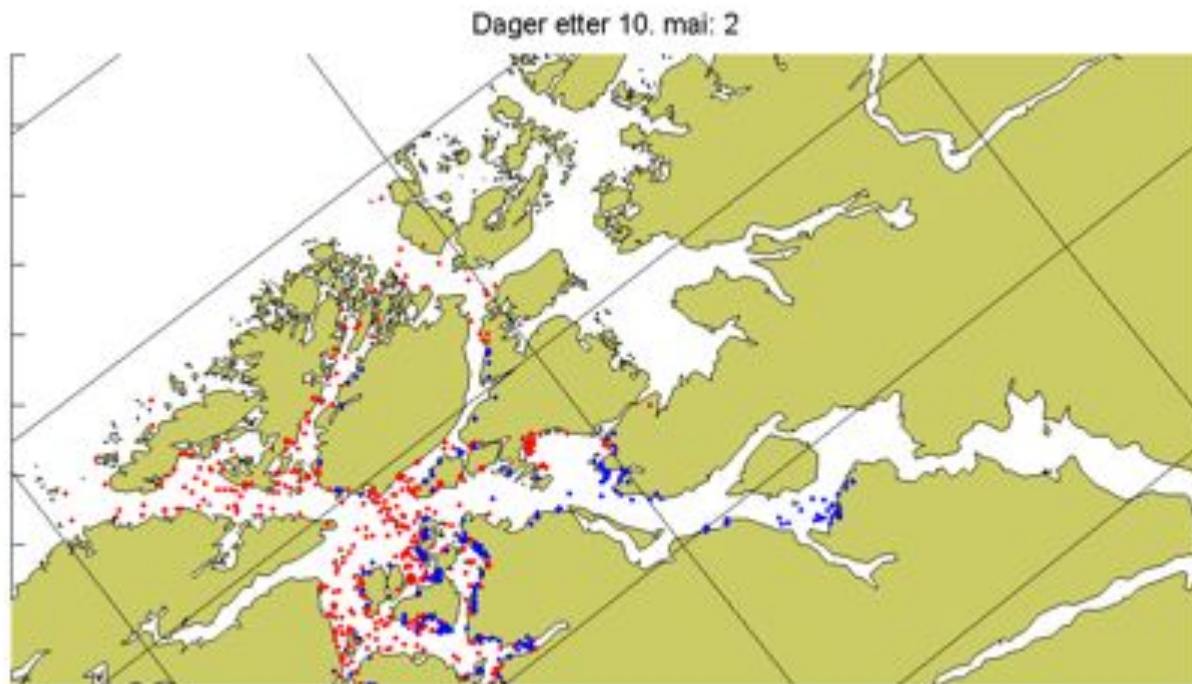


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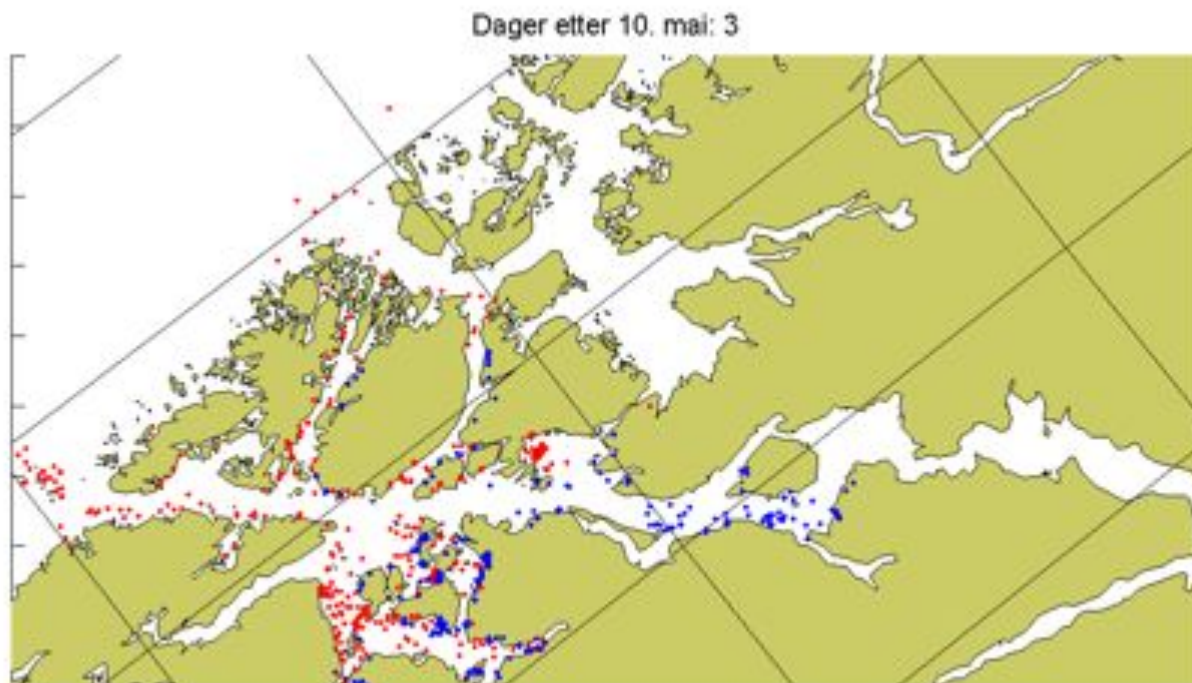


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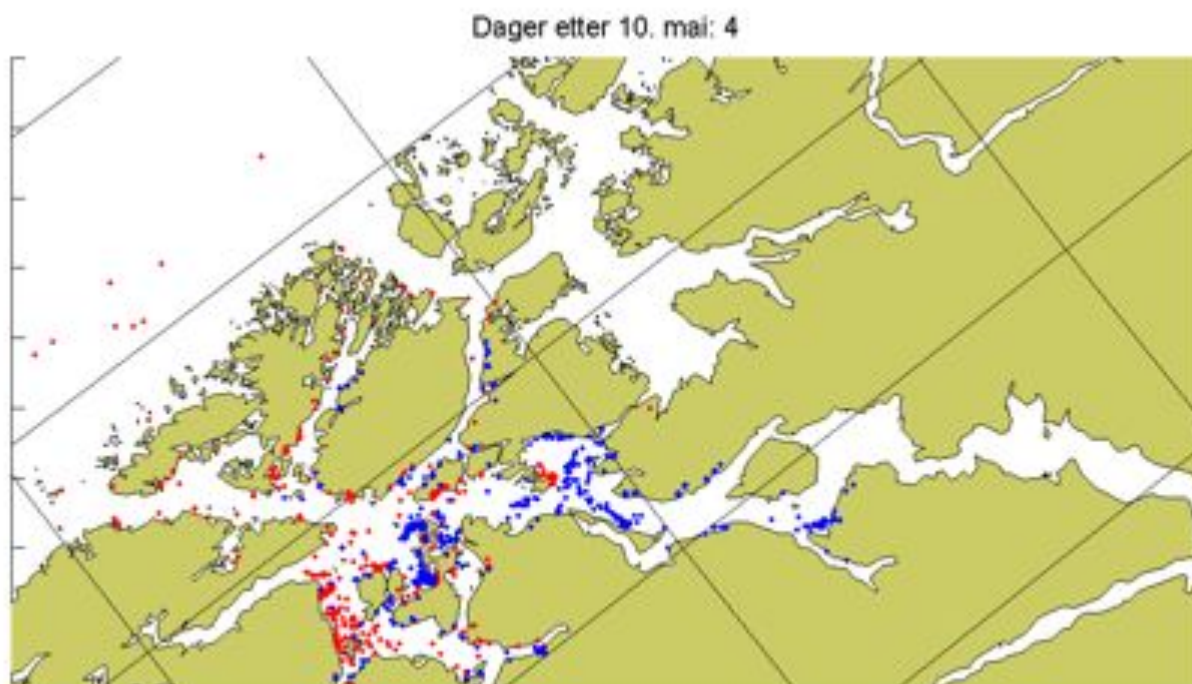


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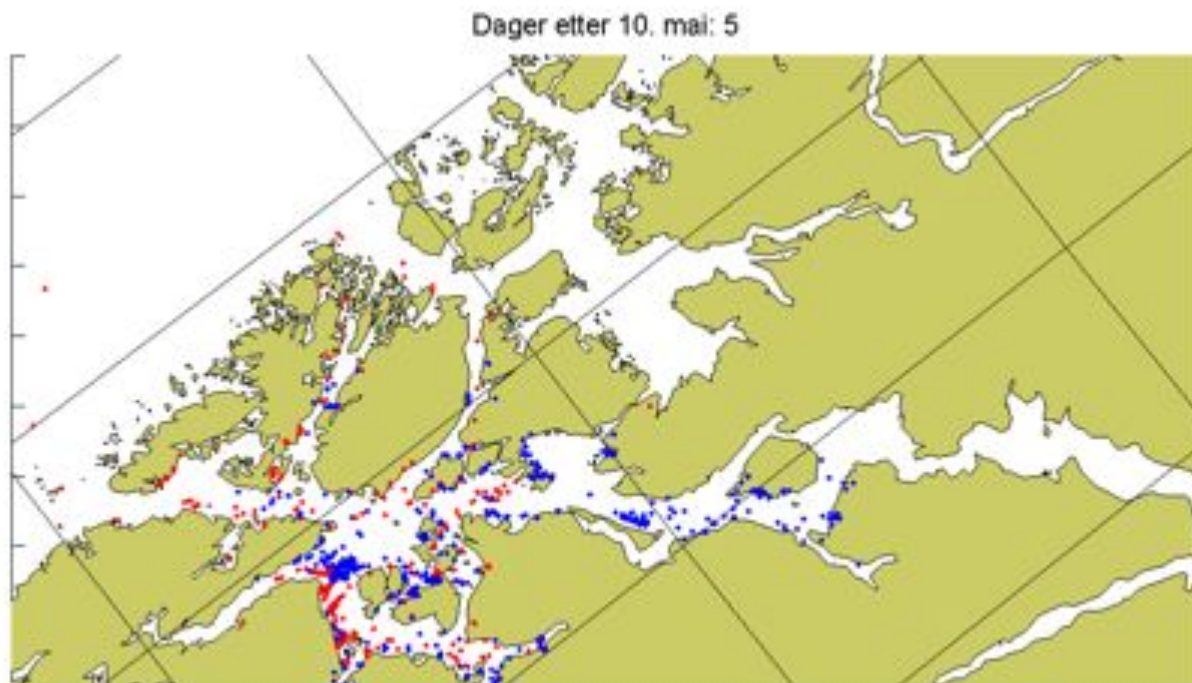


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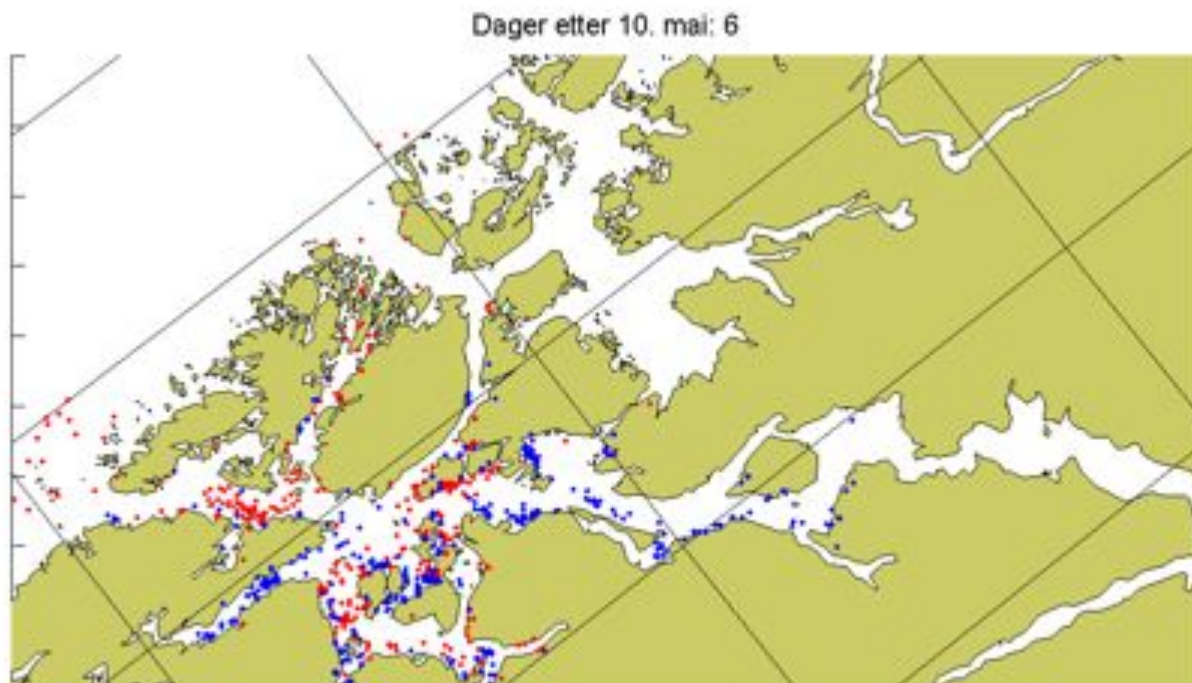


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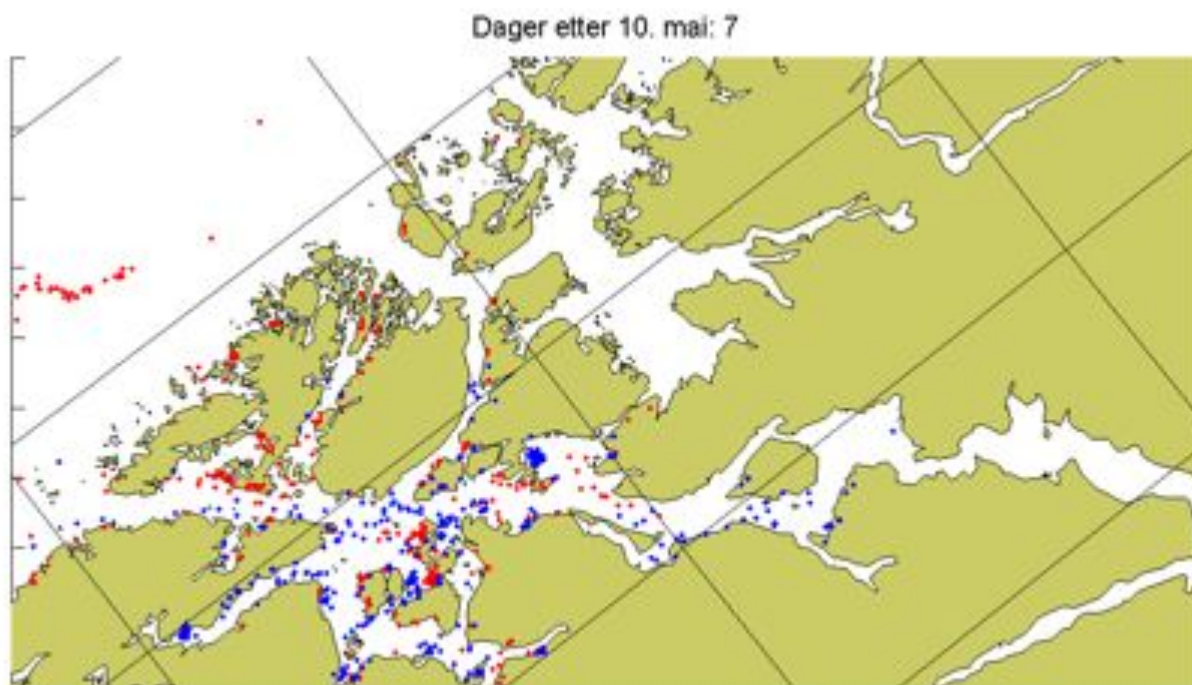


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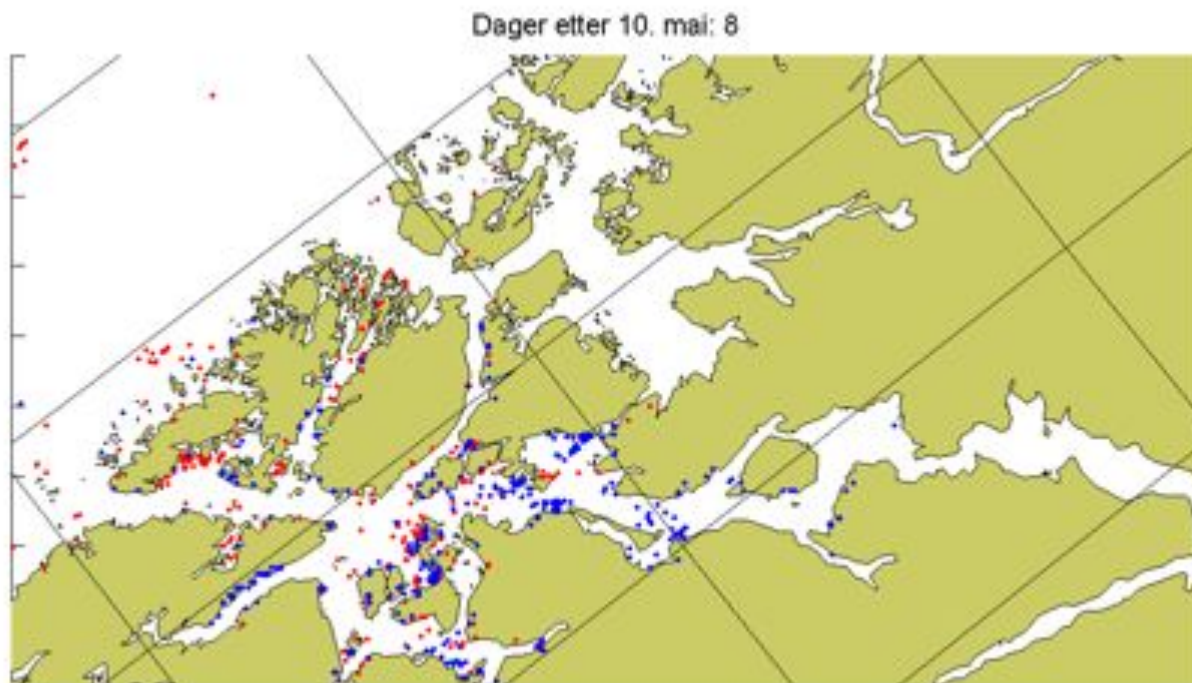


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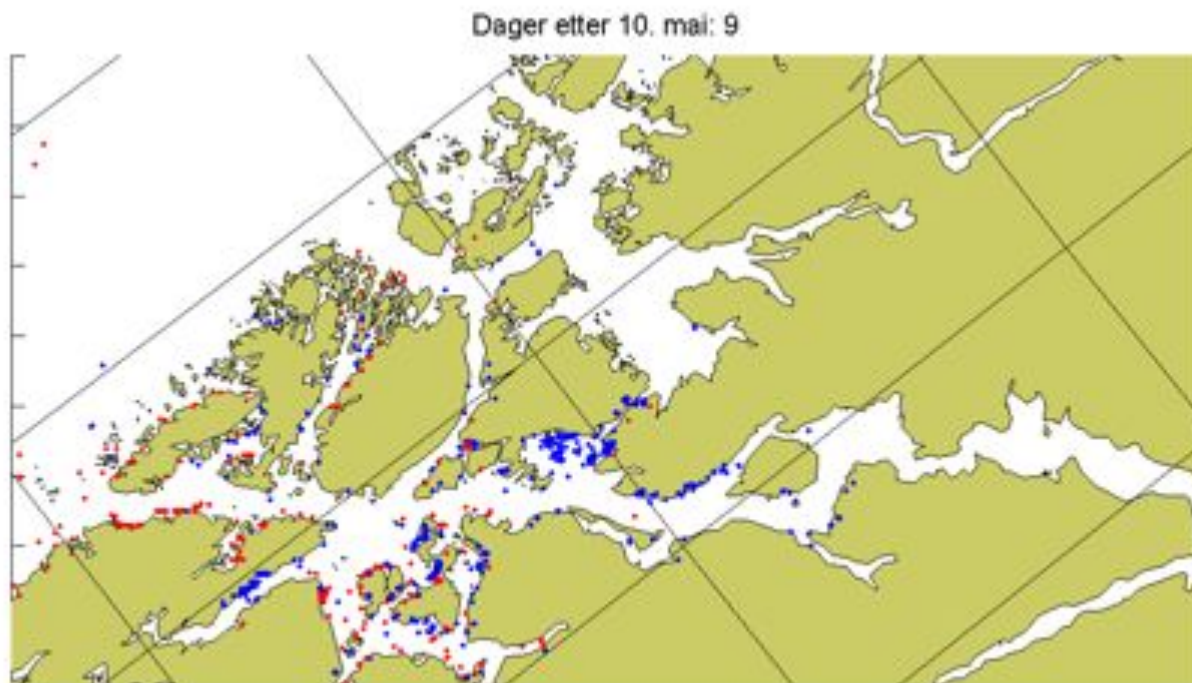


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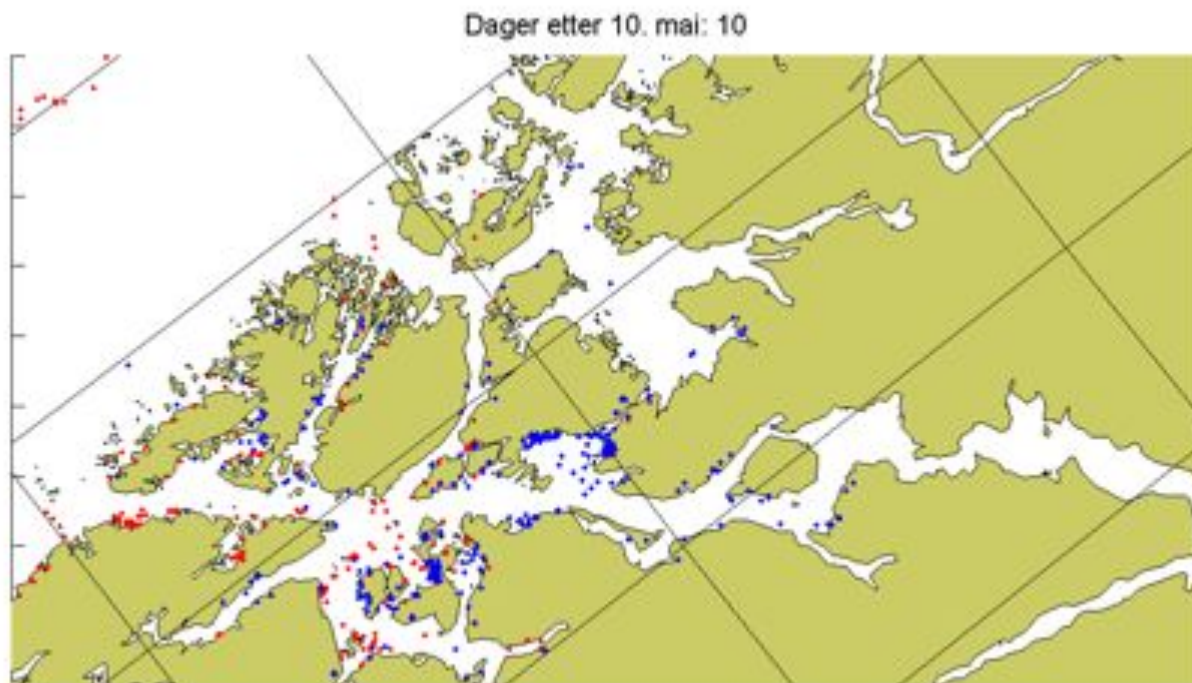


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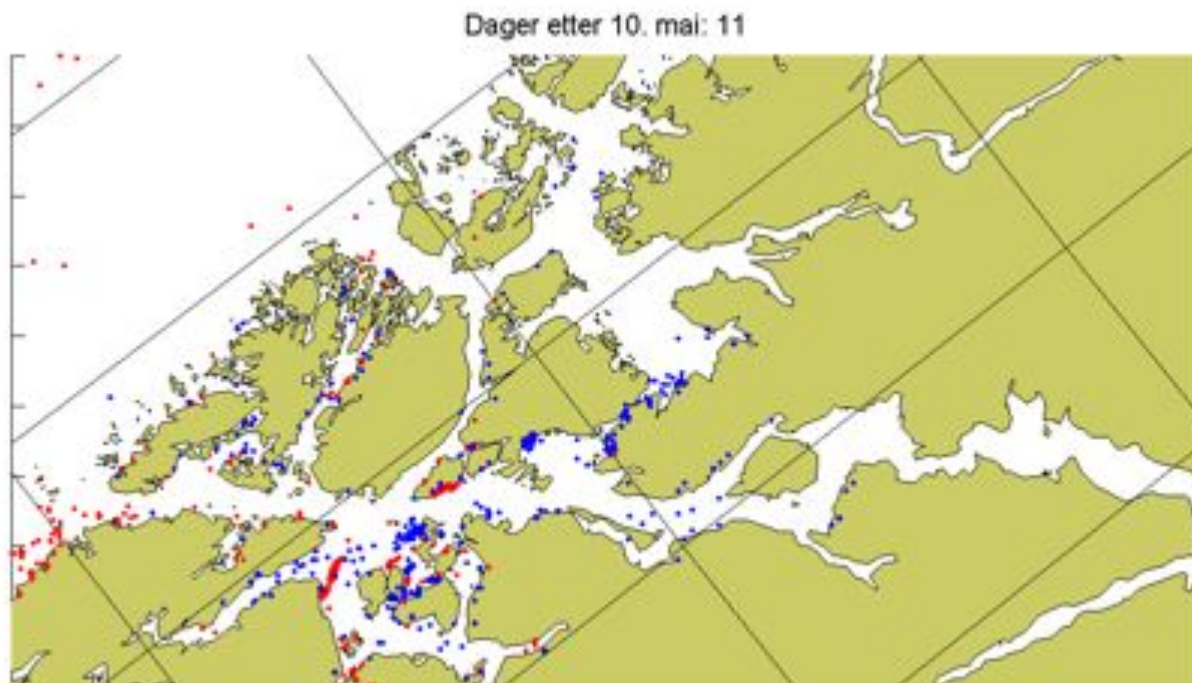


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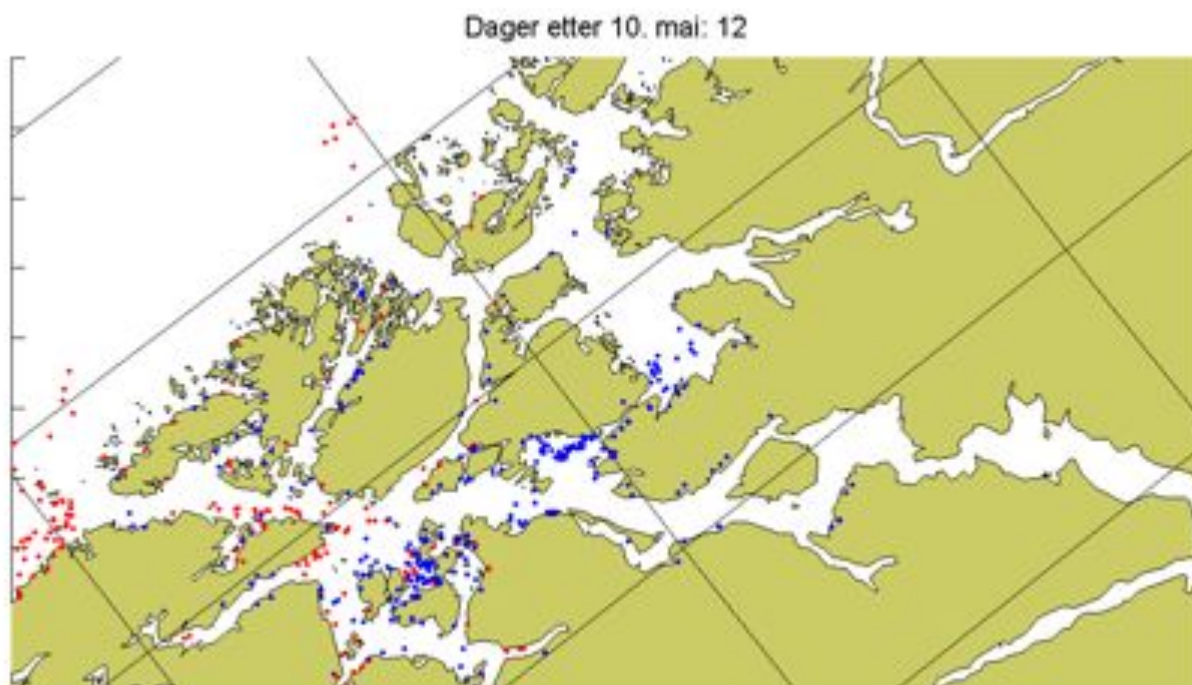


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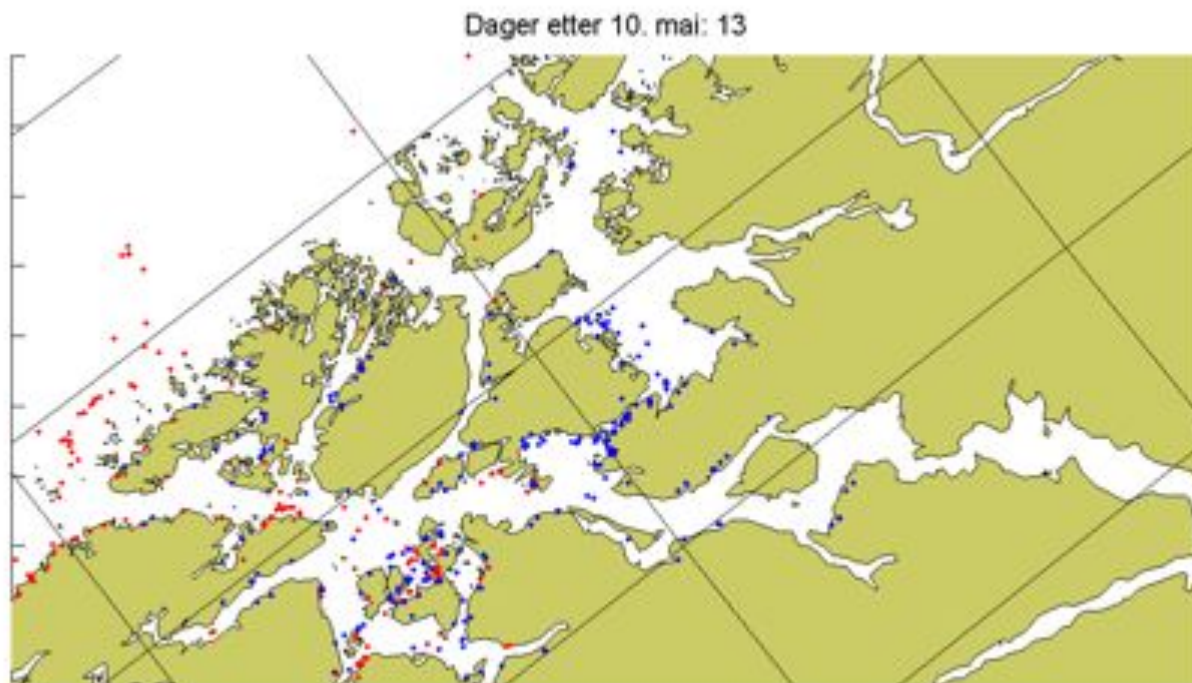


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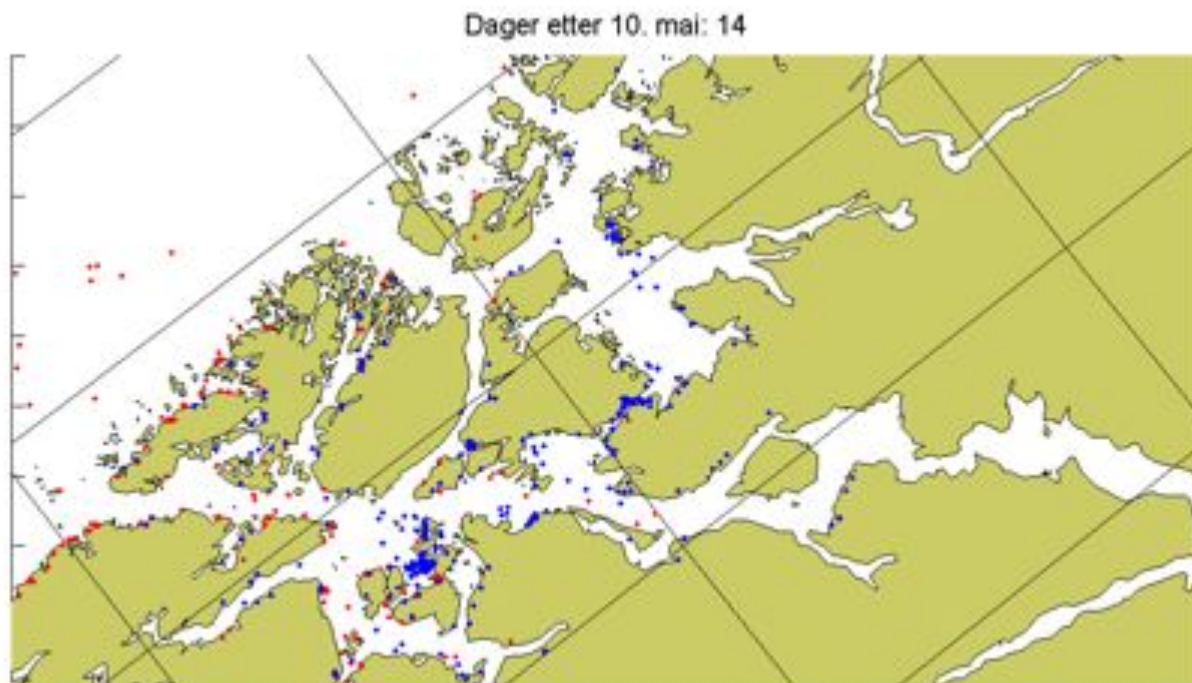


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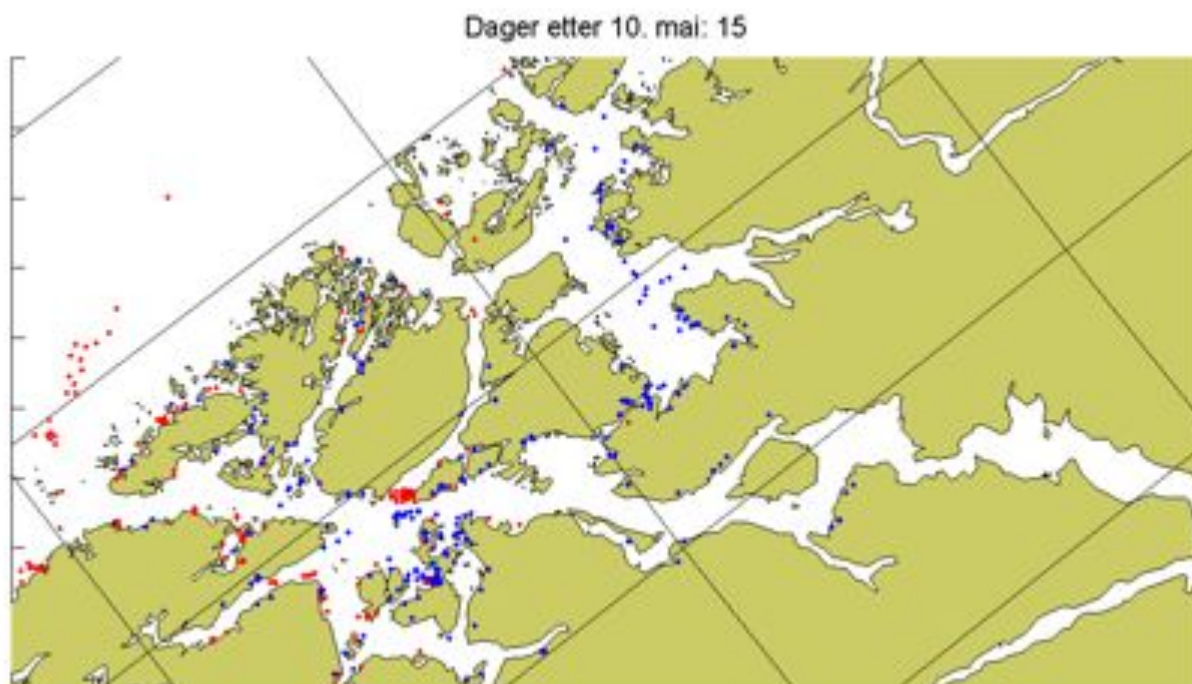


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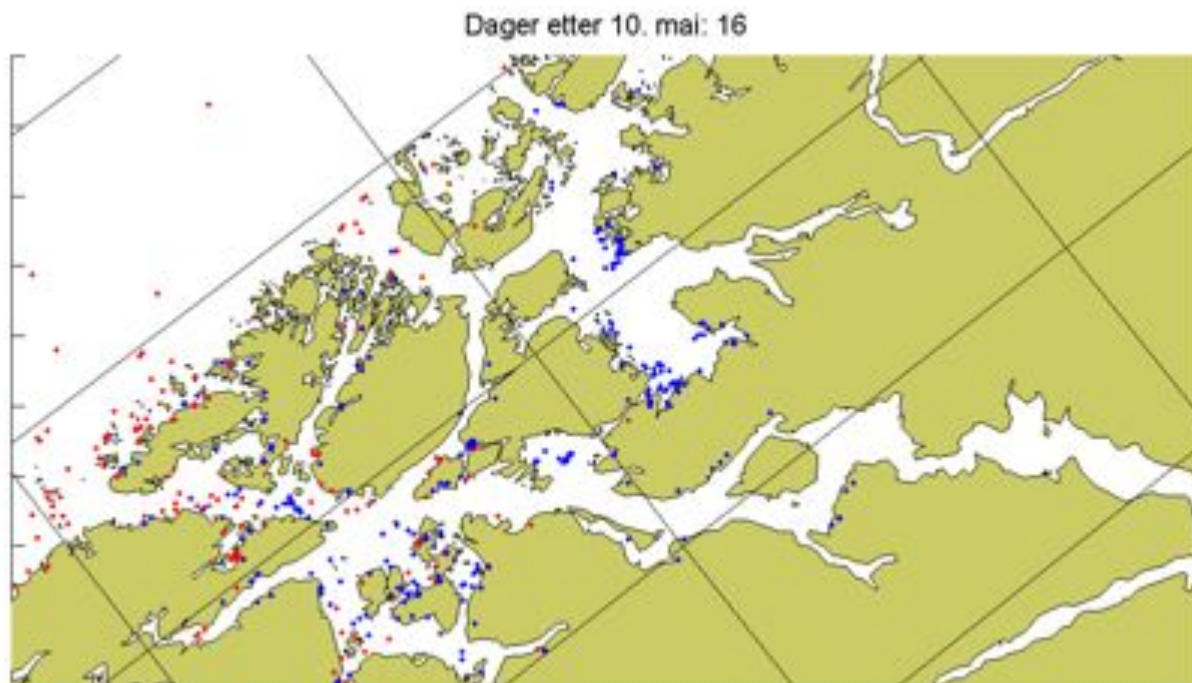


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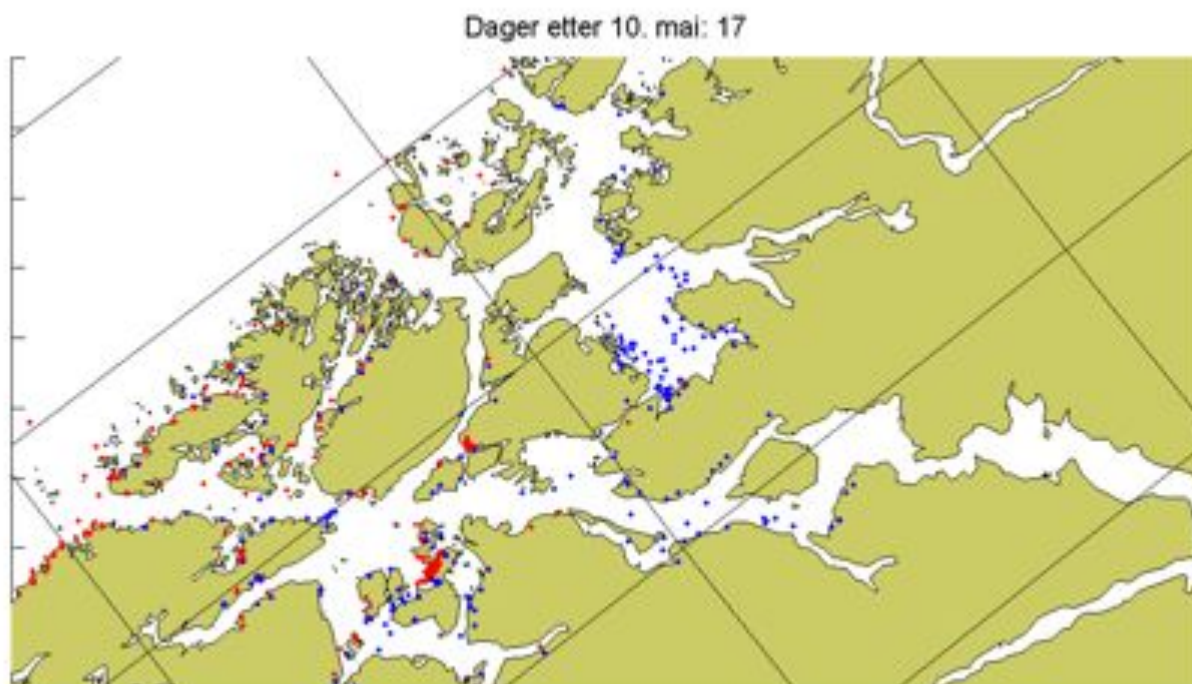


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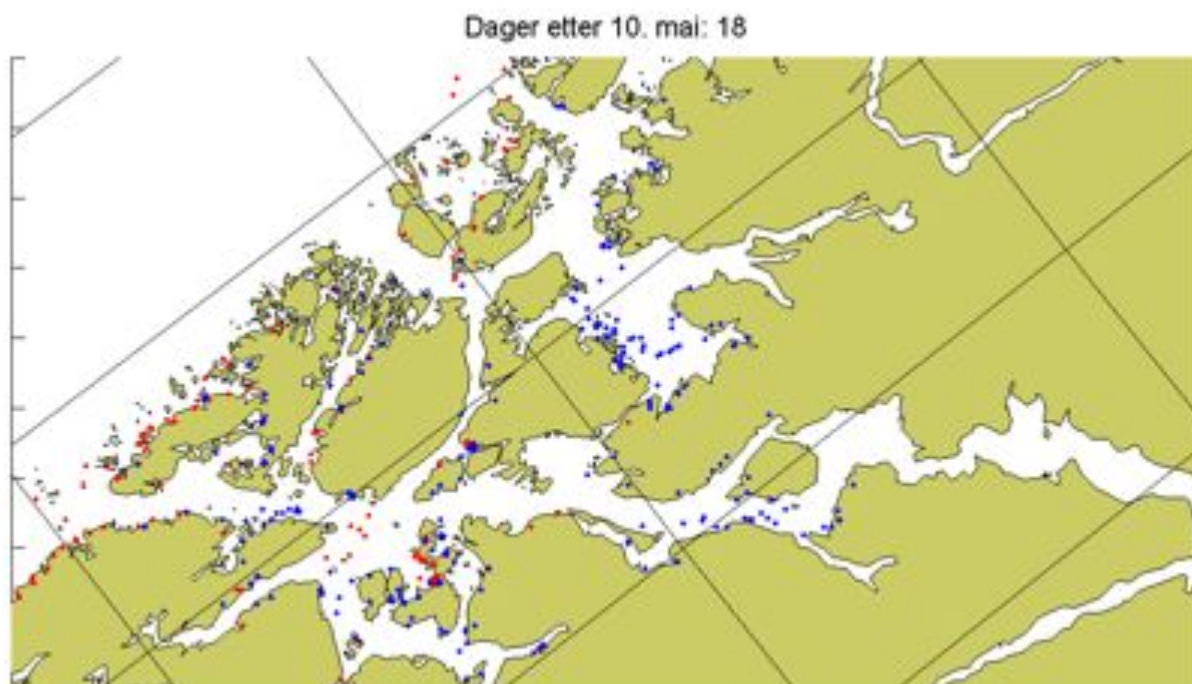


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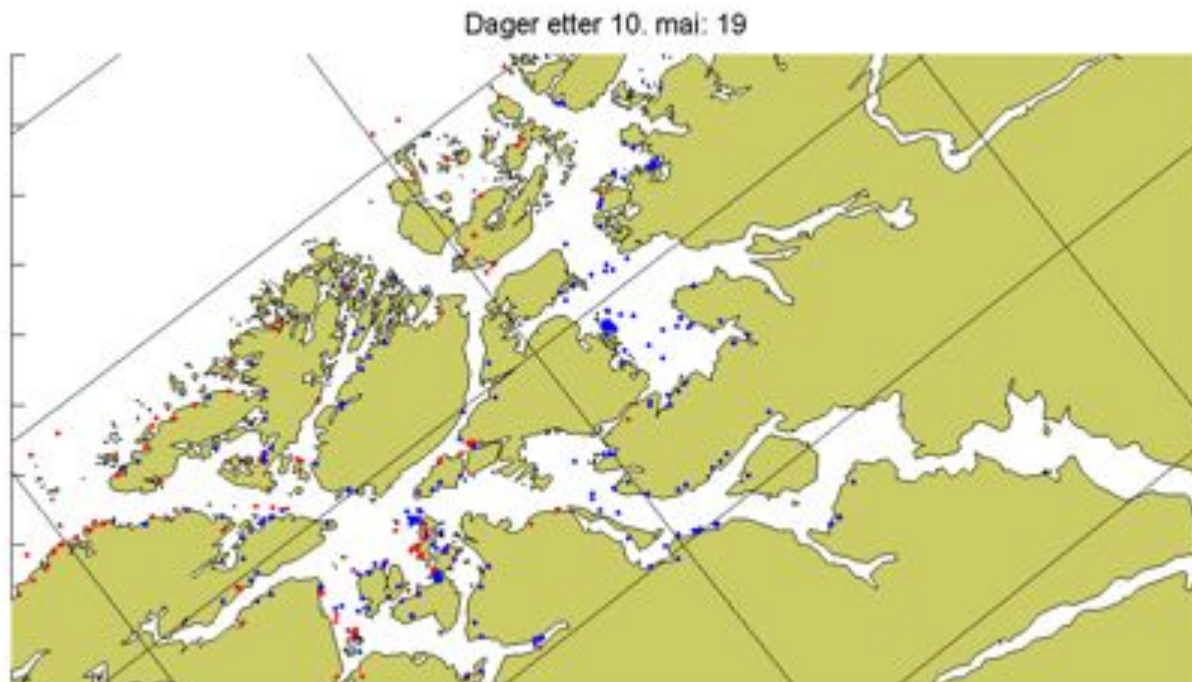


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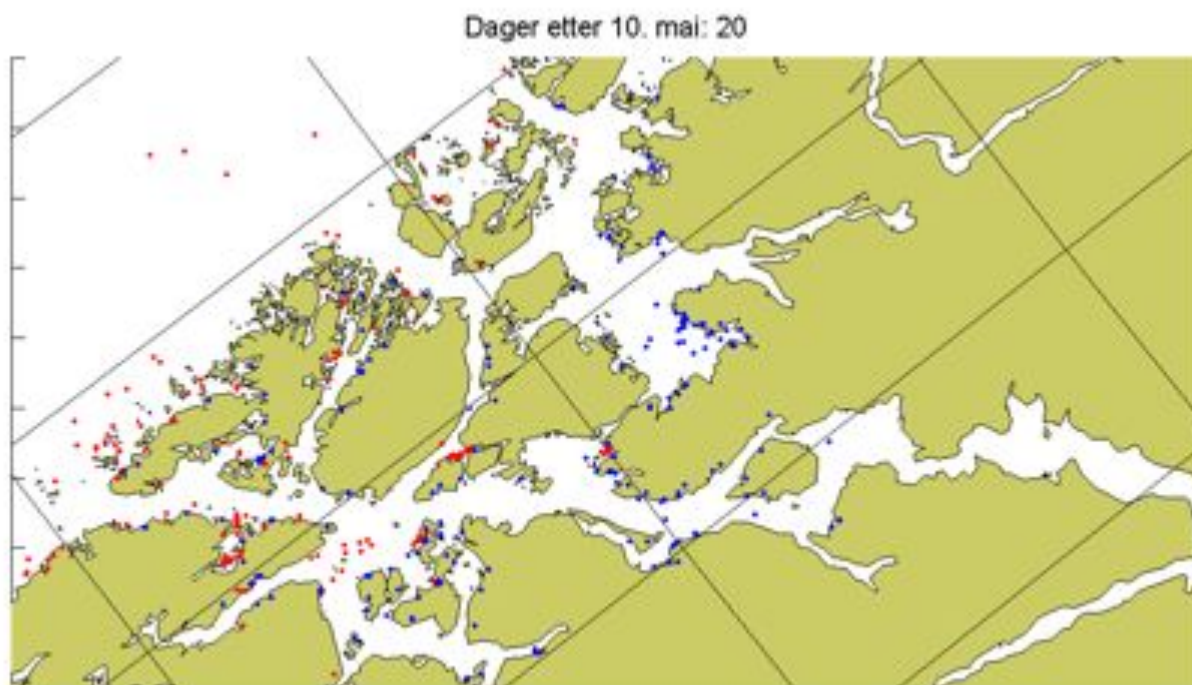


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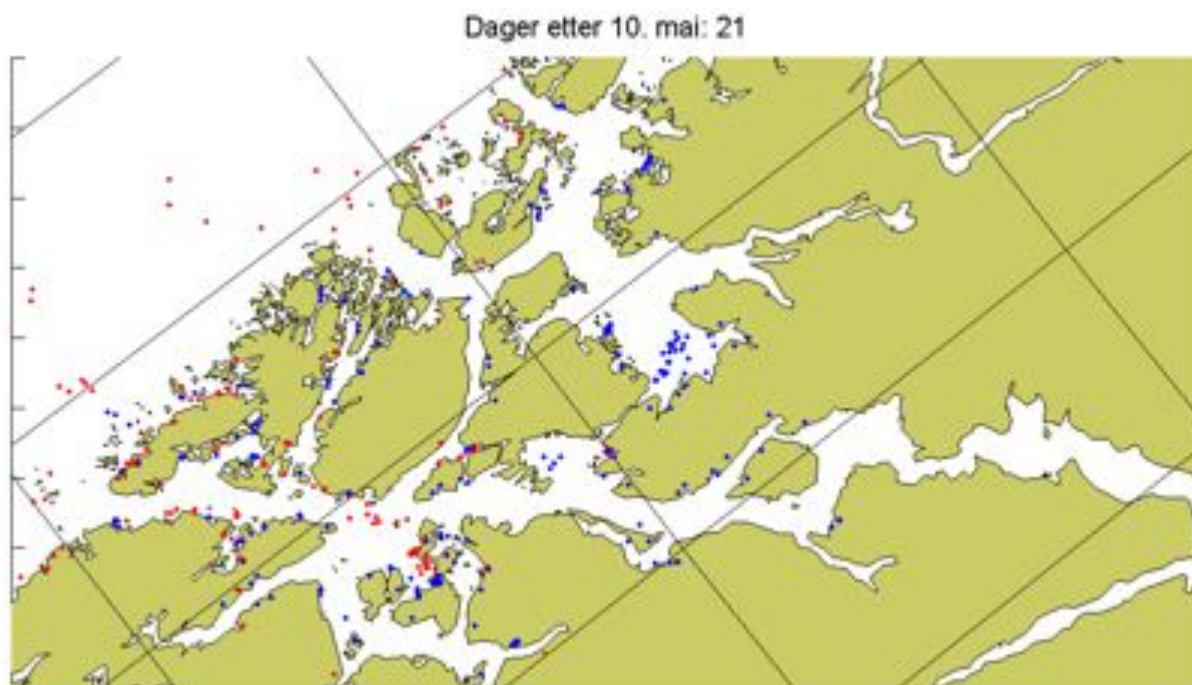


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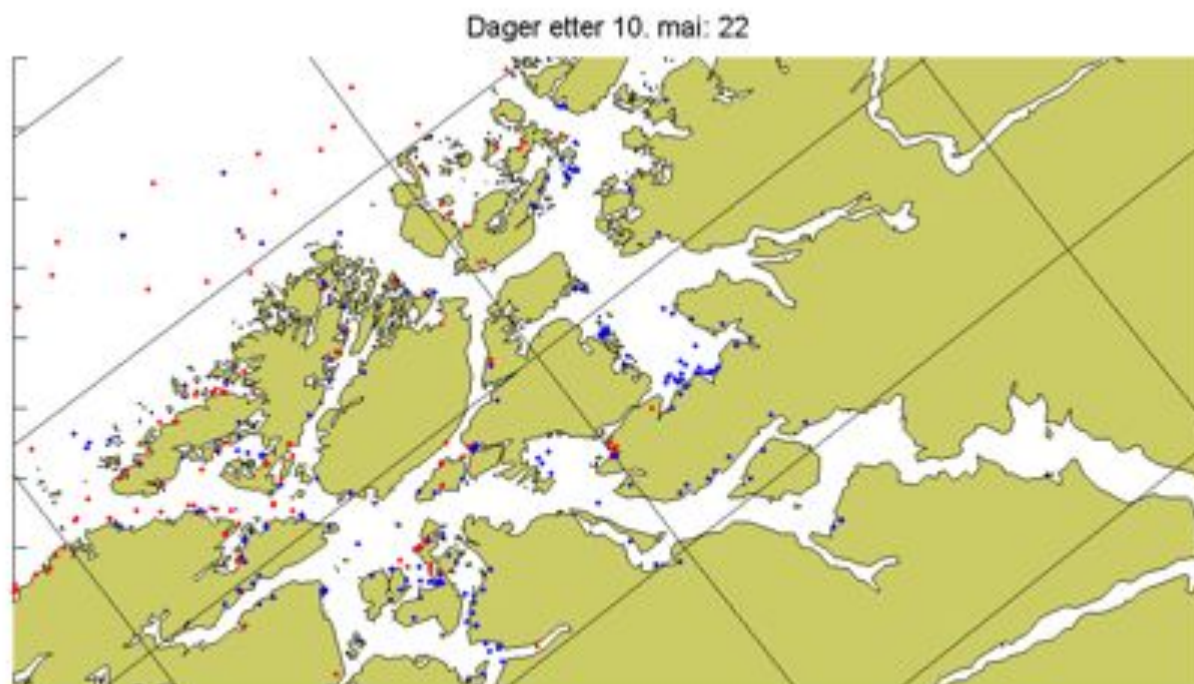


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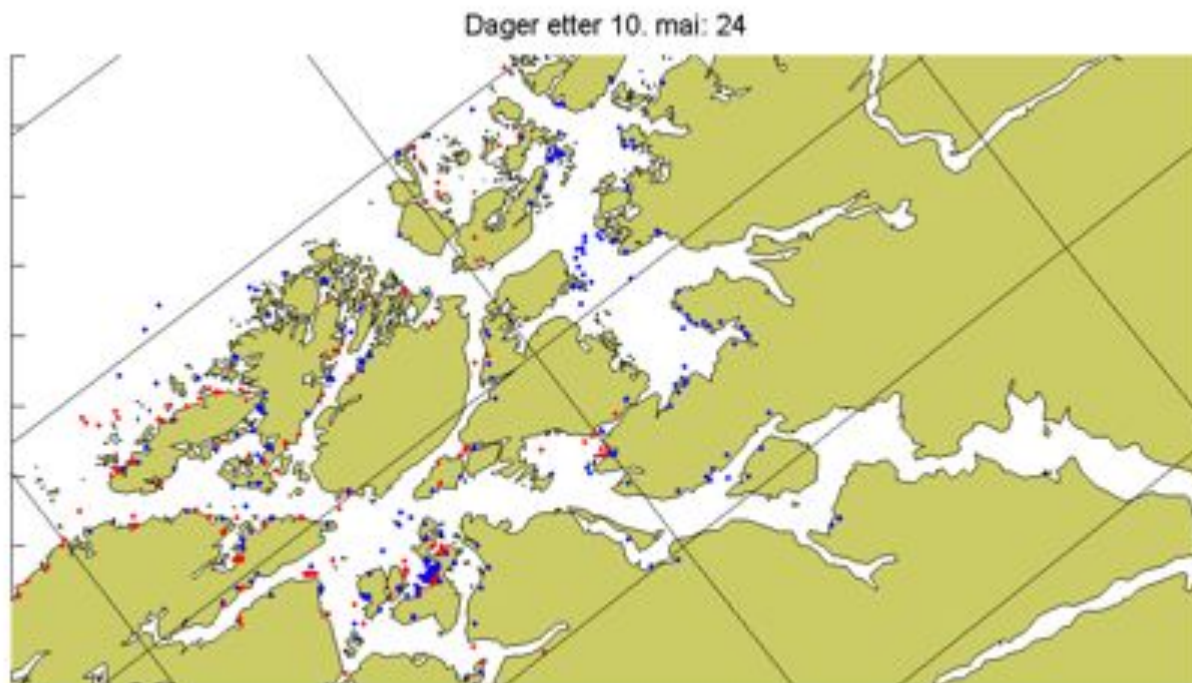


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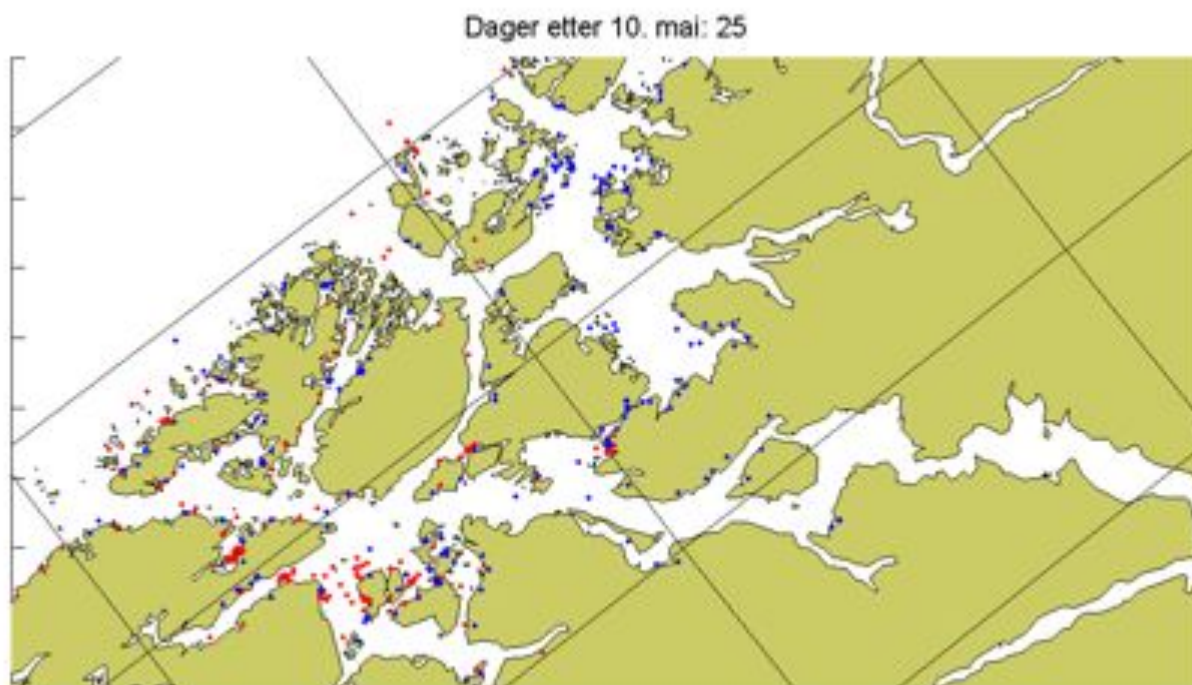


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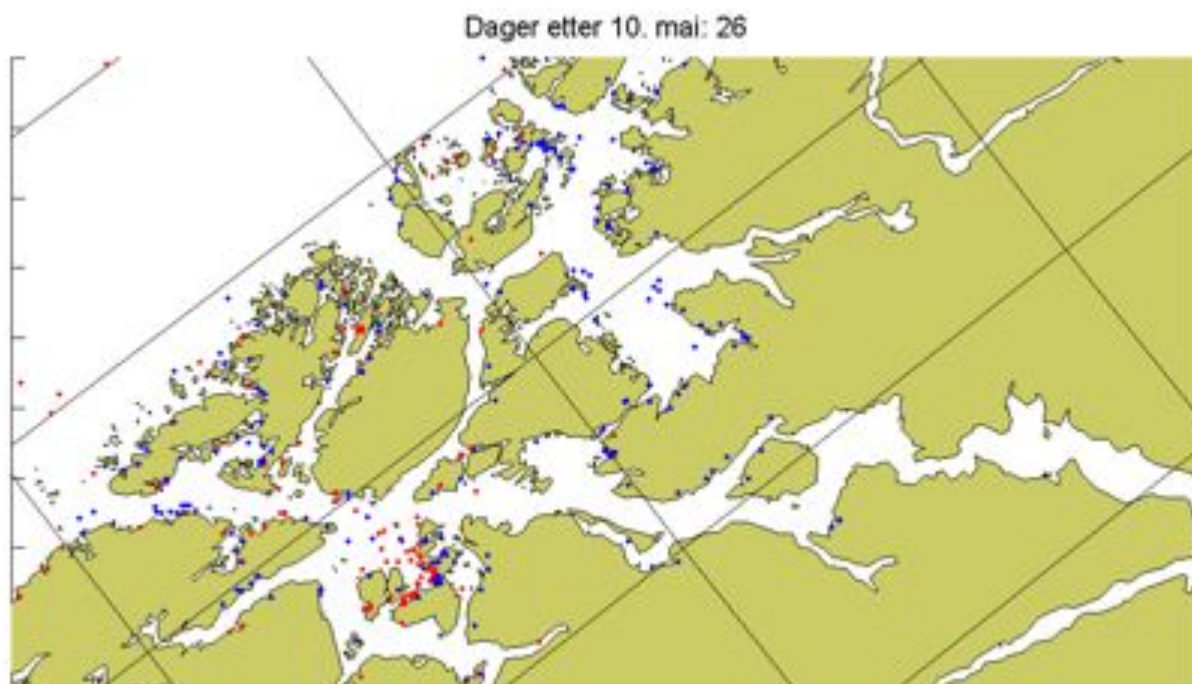


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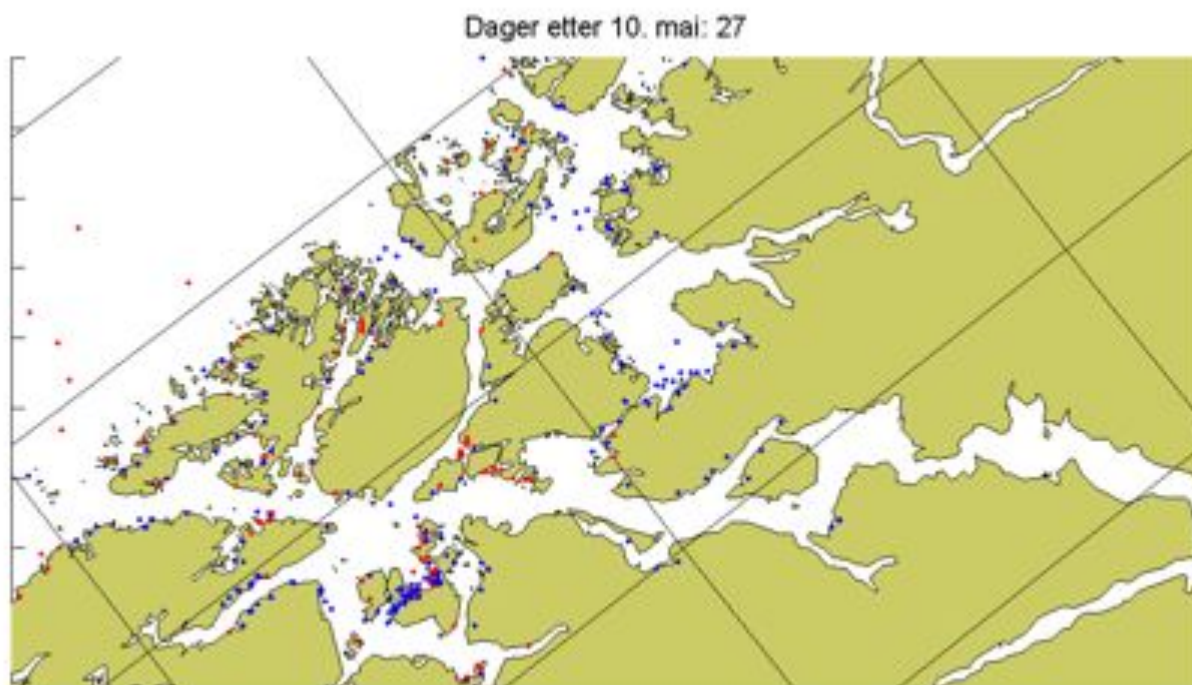


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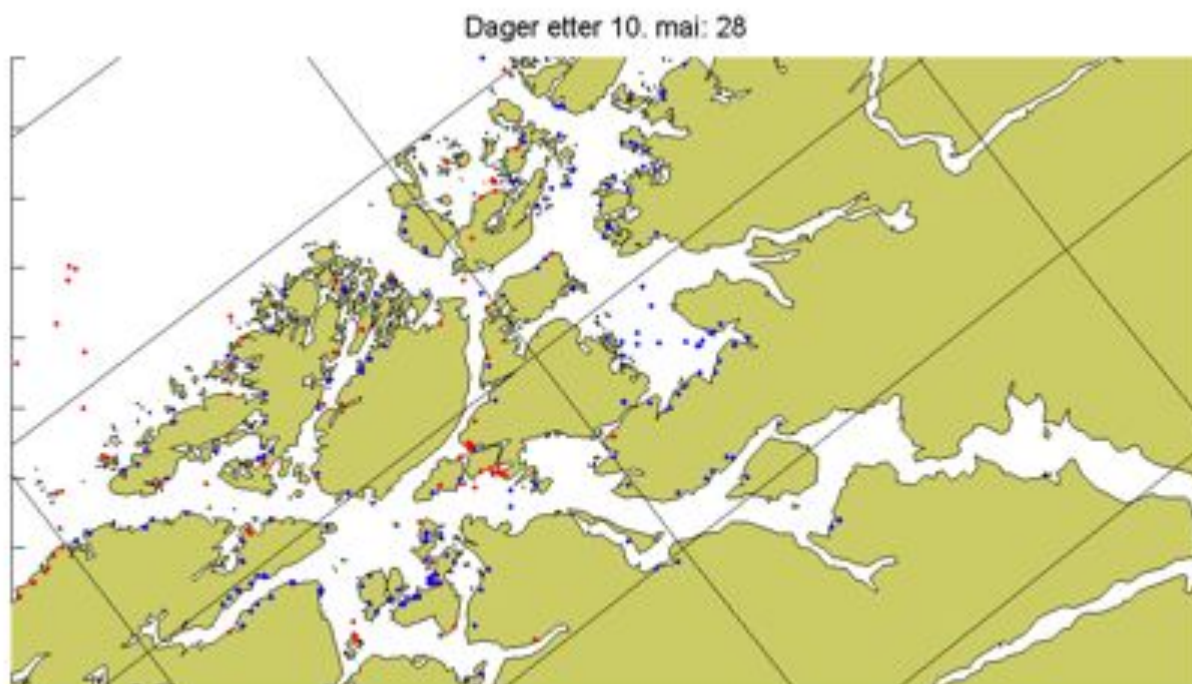


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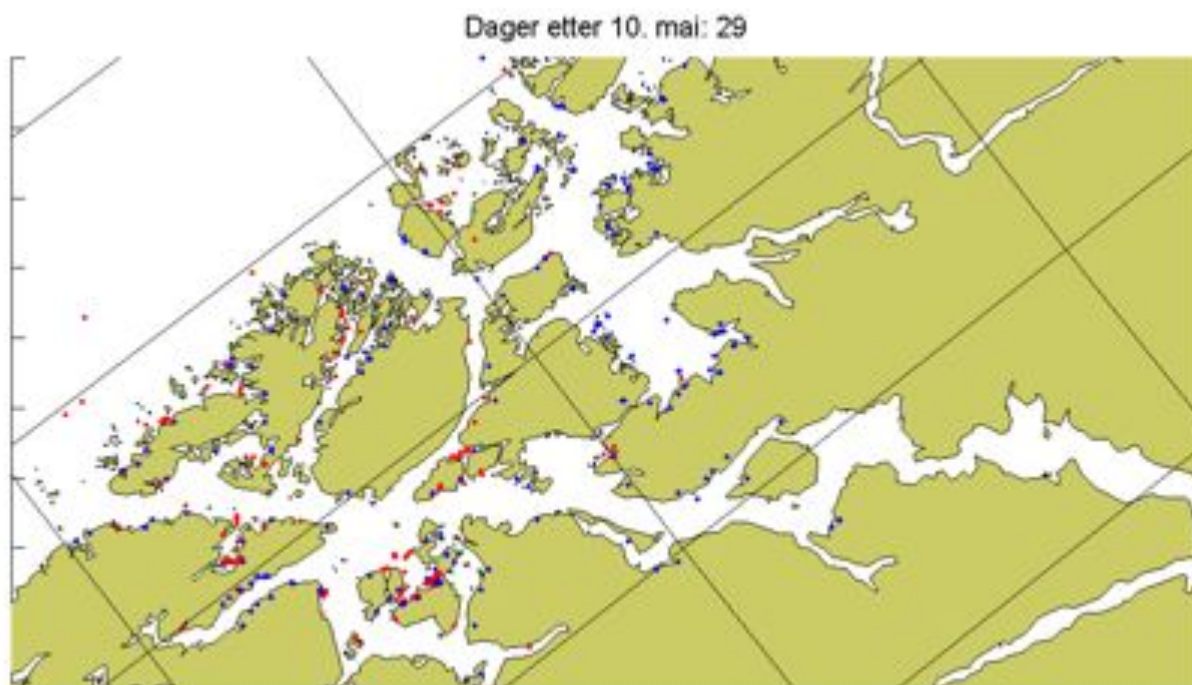


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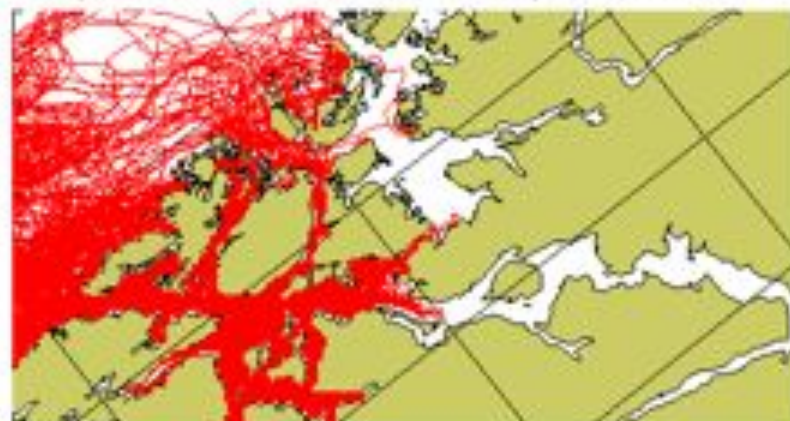


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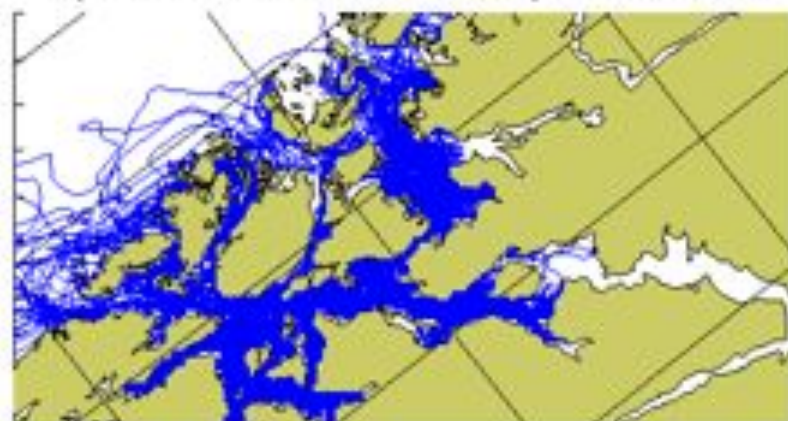




Trajectories for salmon lice movement from May 10 to June 10, 2001



Trajectories for salmon lice movement from May 10 to June 10, 2003







# Consequences for management:

- ✓ Spreading of highly specialized pathogens may be very efficient
- ✓ Management plans on farm level are not sufficient
- ✓ Management plans must be extended to the level of municipalities or even counties.
  - synchronized treatments
  - Mandatory, synchronized, prophylaxis
  - Synchronized fallowing
  - *"All in – all out"* principle





# General considerations

- ✓ Appoint biosecurity managers
- ✓ Appoint veterinary health contacts
- ✓ Provide staff training in animal health
- ✓ Identify risks for contact and spreading
  1. Movements
  2. Site procedures
- ✓ Risk limitation measures
- ✓ Monitor the plan
- ✓ Contingency planning



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