

# WHY WE NEED TO MONITORING EDDY CURRENTS VARIABILITY IN THE INDONESIAN SEAS: TOWARDS NATIONAL COLLABORATION BETWEEN MET-OCEAN RESEARCH AND OPERATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

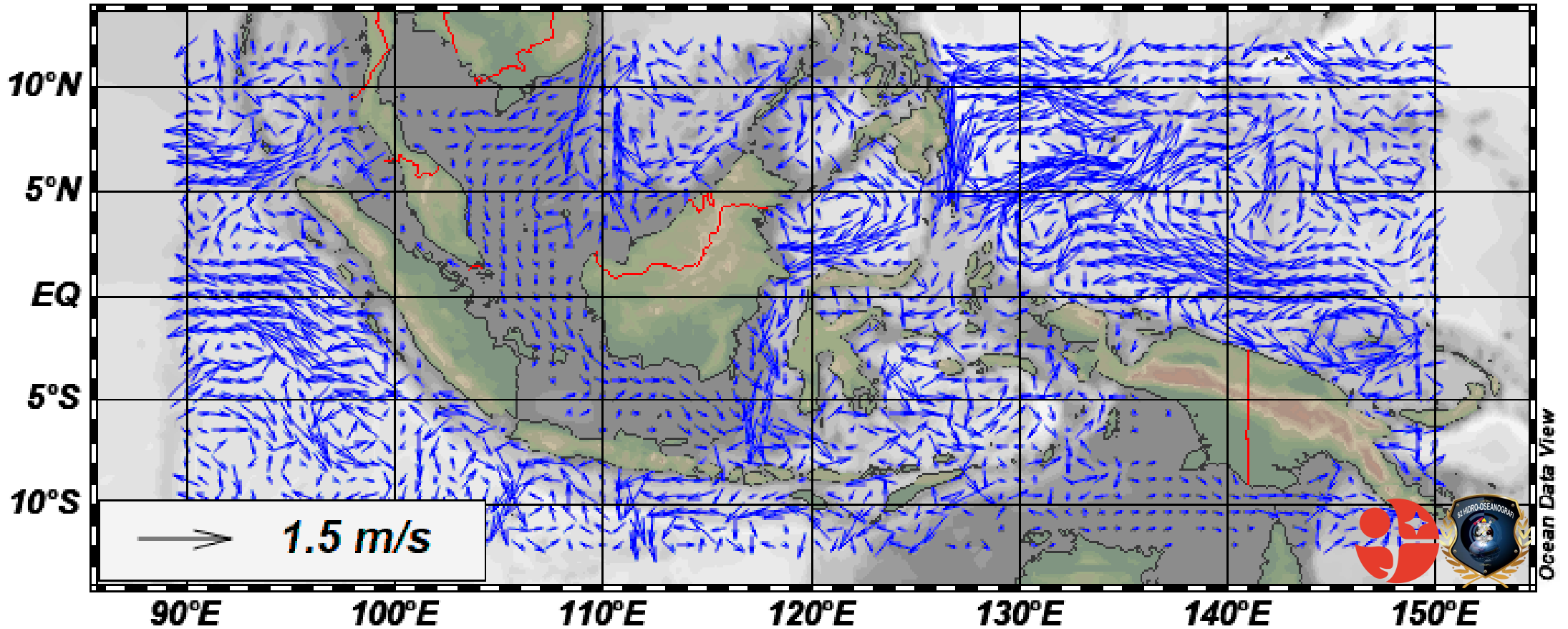
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# Sea Surface Current in Indonesian Seas



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The complexity of its ocean circulation is generated by:

- Bathymetric features
- Coastlines
- Tidal
- Monsoonal winds
- River discharges
- Ocean teleconnections (ENSO & IOD)

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\vec{v}(h + H)) = 0$$

Continuity equation  
Momentum equation

$$\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + \underbrace{(\vec{v} \cdot \nabla) \vec{v}}_{\text{Advection term}} + \underbrace{f \times \vec{v}}_{\text{Coriolis term}} + \underbrace{g \nabla h}_{\text{“Pressure gradient”}} + \underbrace{\frac{C_d \vec{v} |\vec{v}|}{\rho(h + H)}}_{\text{Bottom friction}} - \underbrace{\nabla \cdot (A_h \nabla \vec{v})}_{\text{Viscosity term}} = 0$$

Advection term

Coriolis term

Bottom friction

Viscosity term

“Pressure gradient”

Ocean Data View



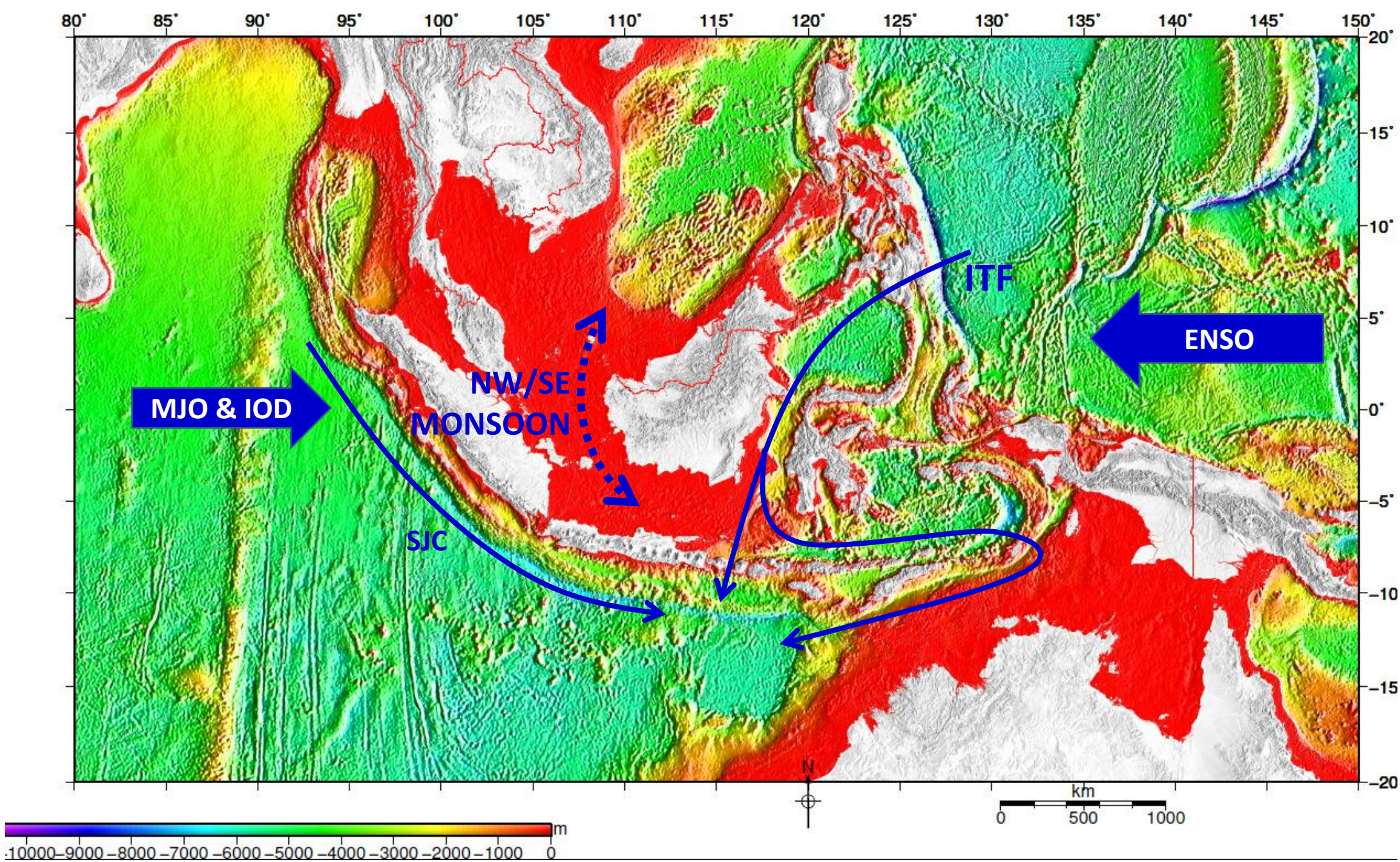
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Bathymetry GEBCO 30 arcsec



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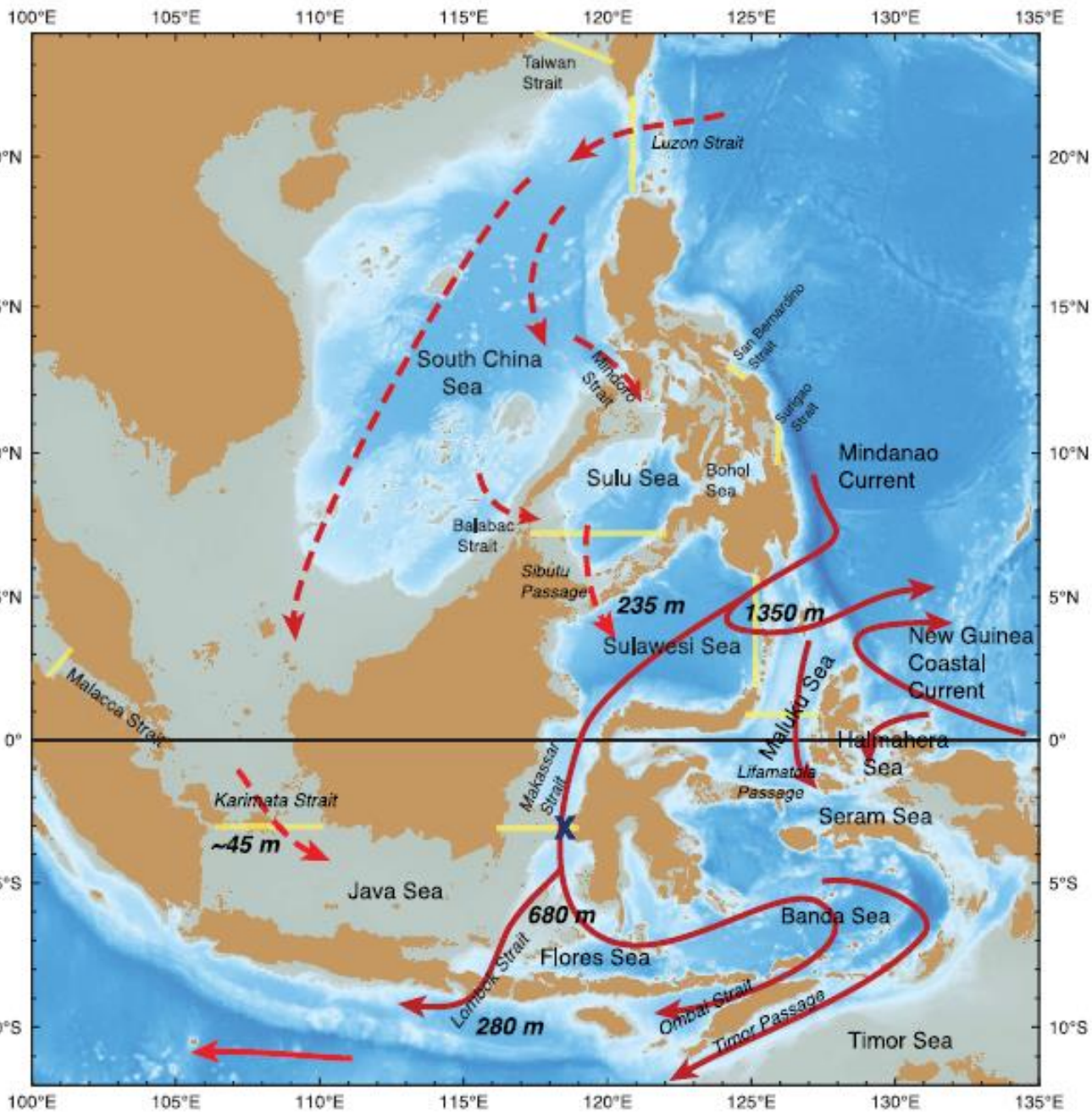


Figure 1. Schematic of the South China Sea throughflow (dashed red arrows) and the Indonesian throughflow (solid red arrows) circulations. Topographic sill depths are given in black italics. The X indicates Makassar Strait mooring site.

## INDONESIAN THROUGH-FLOW (ITF)

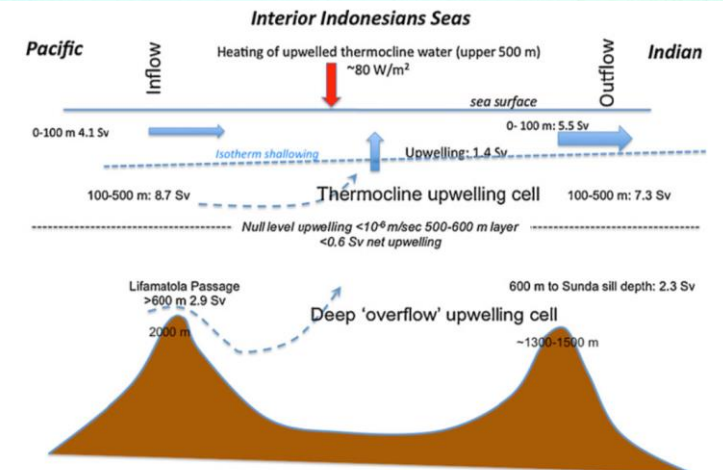
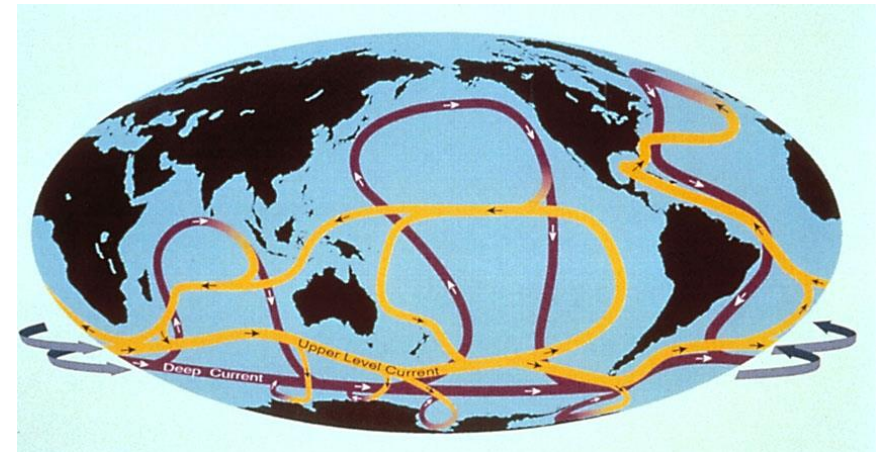


Fig. 4. Schematic of the Indonesian Throughflow inflow/outflow pattern within the interior Indonesian Seas and resulting upwelling inferred from the 2004–2006 INSTANT observations.

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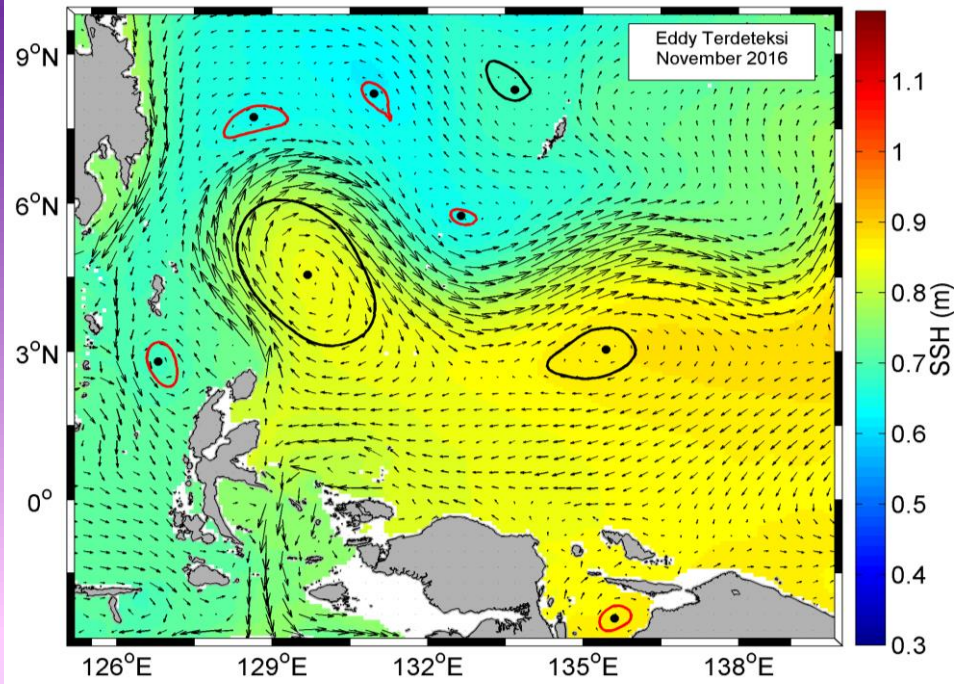
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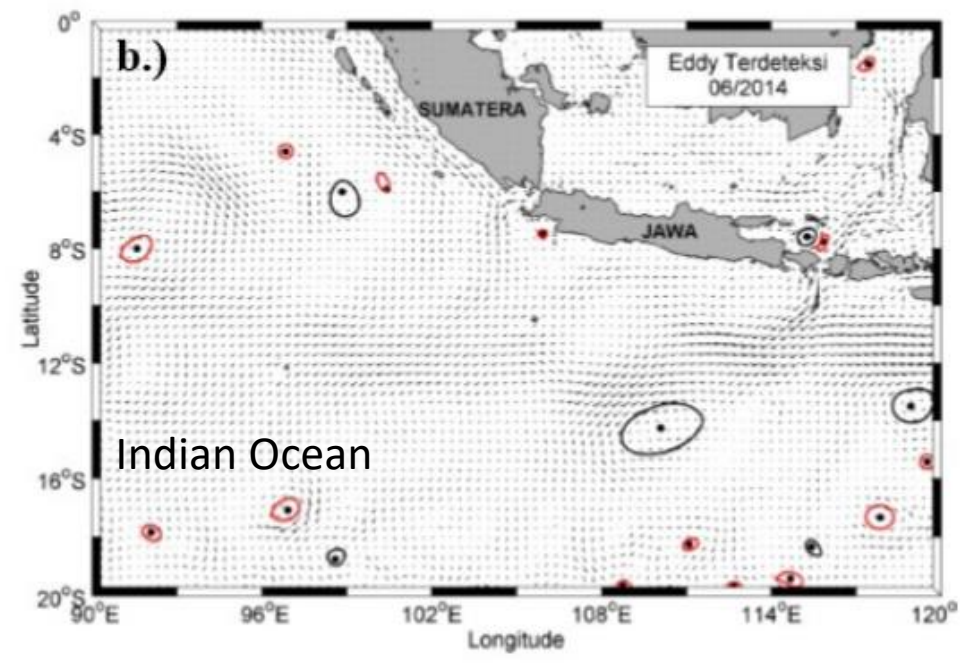
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### Northern Hemisphere

- Red Circle : Cyclonic Eddies Current  
**Counter clockwise**
- Black Circle : Anti-cyclonic Eddies Current  
**Clockwise**

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### Southern Hemisphere

- Red Circle : Cyclonic Eddies Current  
**Clockwise**
- Black Circle : Anti-cyclonic Eddies Current  
**Counter Clockwise**

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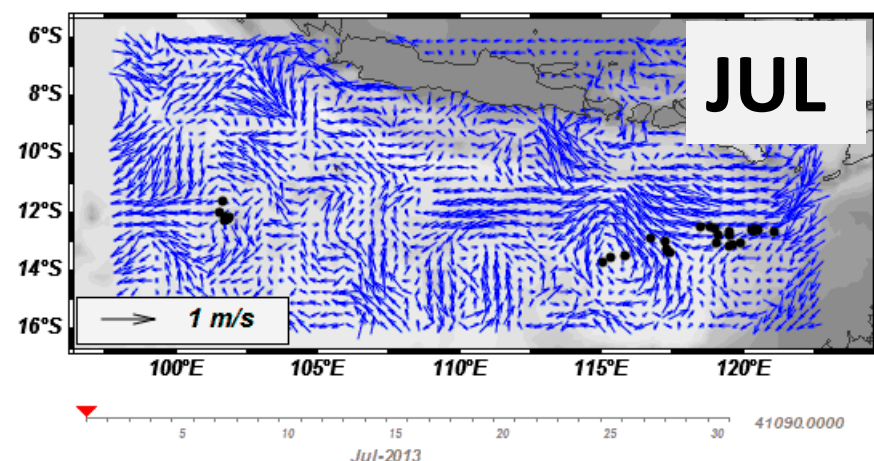
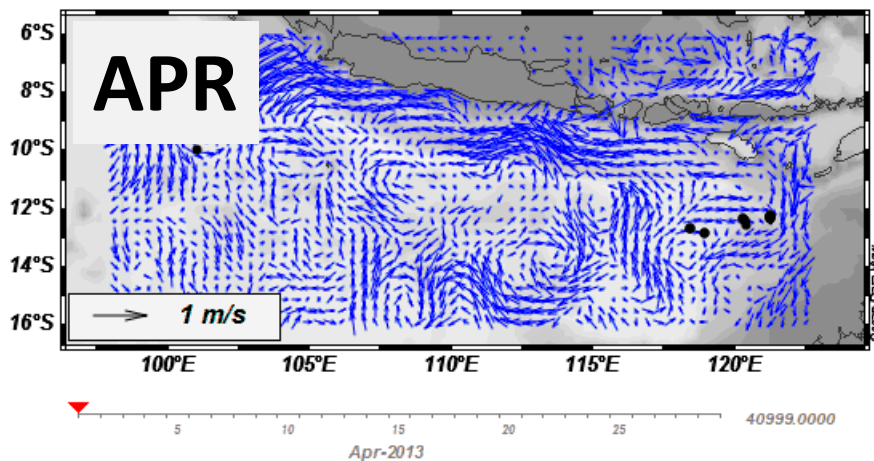
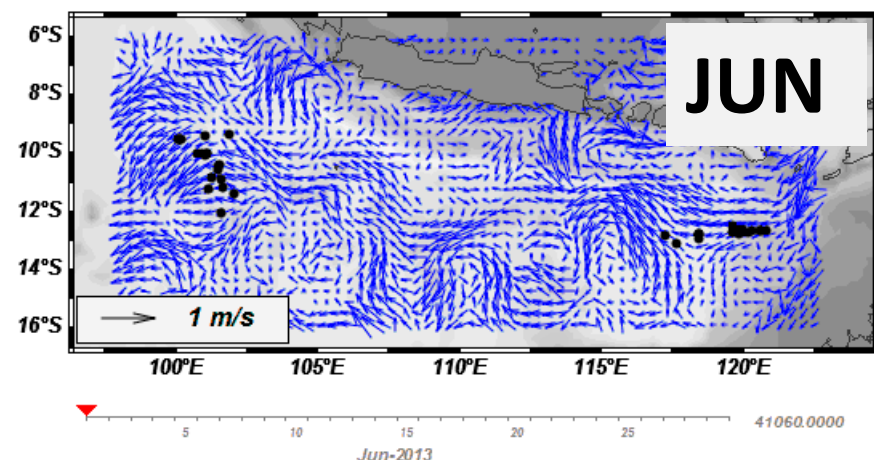
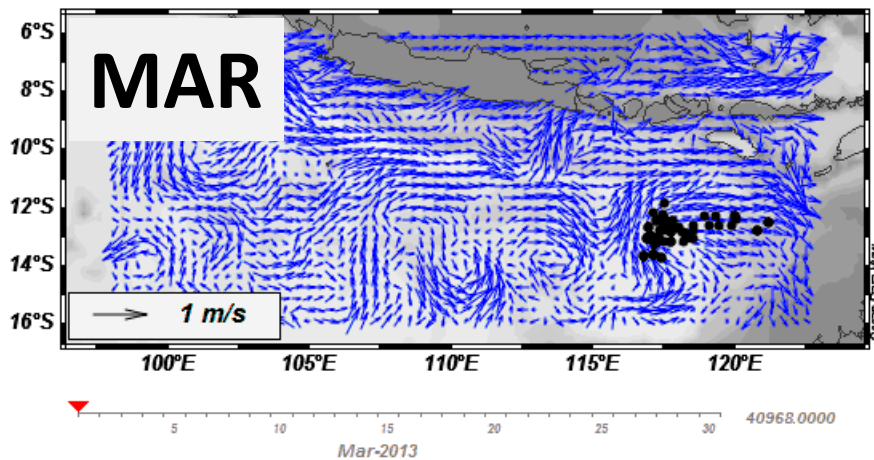
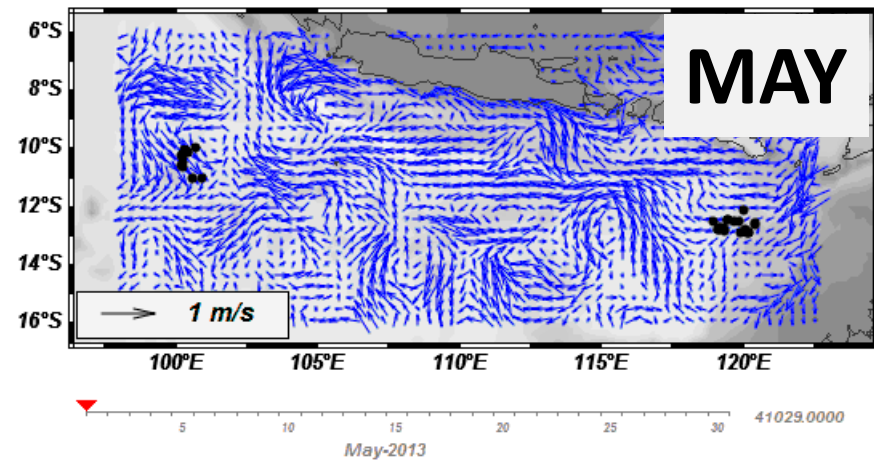
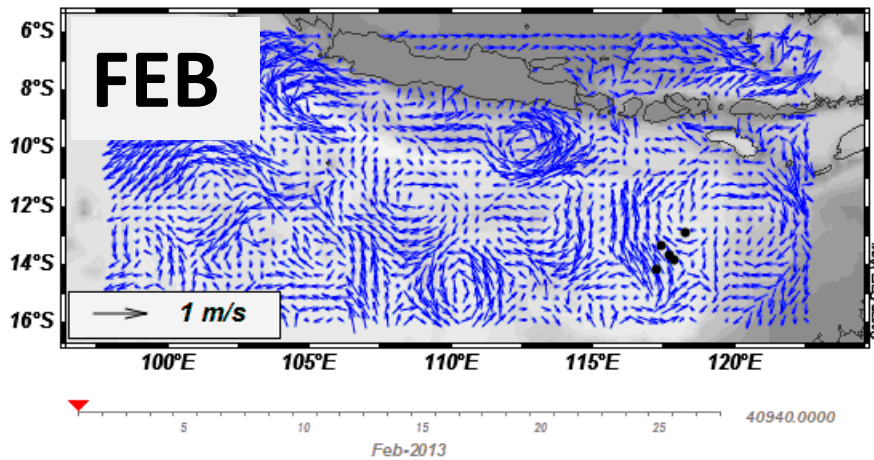
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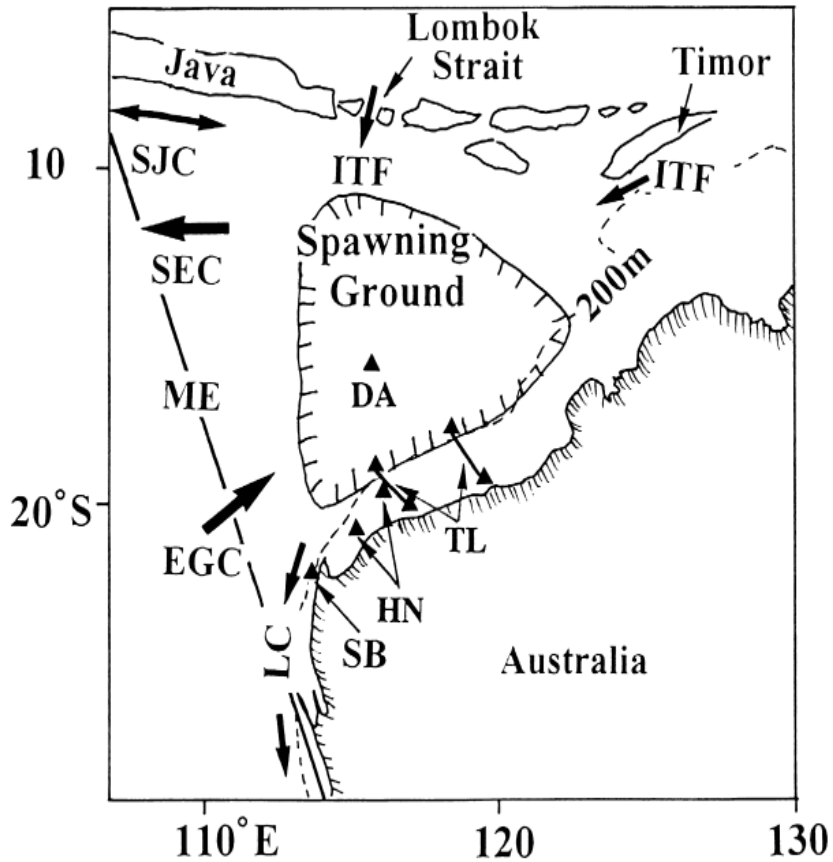
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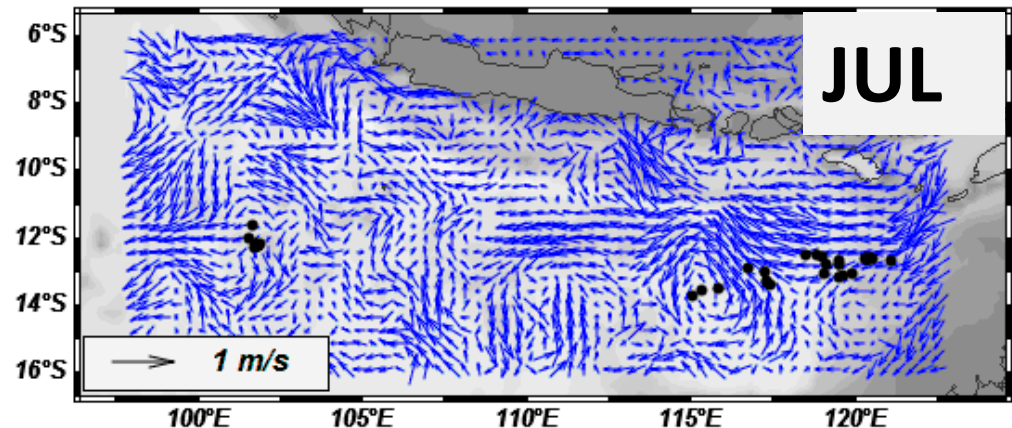
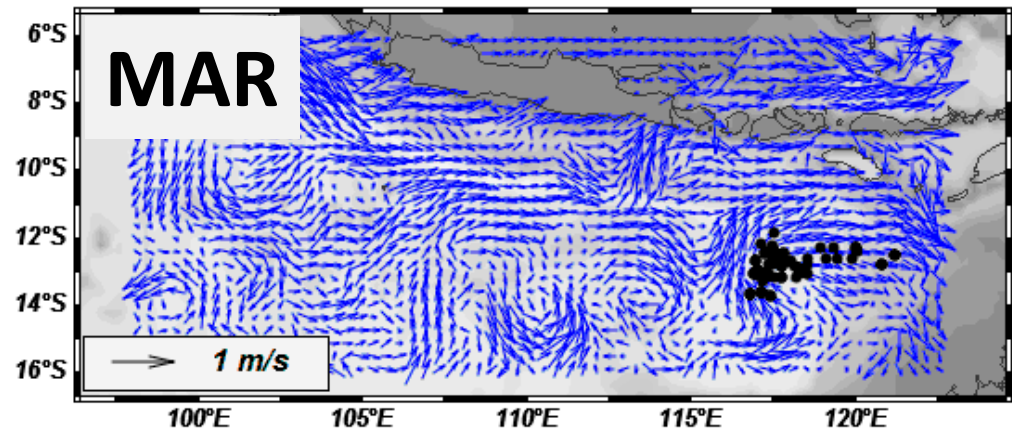
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A location of the Southern Bluefin Tuna (SBT) spawning ground southern of Java-Nusa Tenggara (Matsuura et al., 1997). Thick arrows indicate major surface currents. Solid triangles and lines indicate positions of observations of past research. ITF (Indonesia Through-Flow), SJC (South Java Current), SEC (South Equatorial Current), EGC (Eastern Gyral Current), SB (Mooring), LE (Leeuwin Current), HN (Current Meter), DA (Surface Drifter), TL (CTD & Water Quality), ME (XBT).



Tuna vessels (black dots) are mostly fishing in the eddies currents zone. Coordinate tuna vessels collected by LPPT, while ocean current is derived from HYCOM archive dataset.

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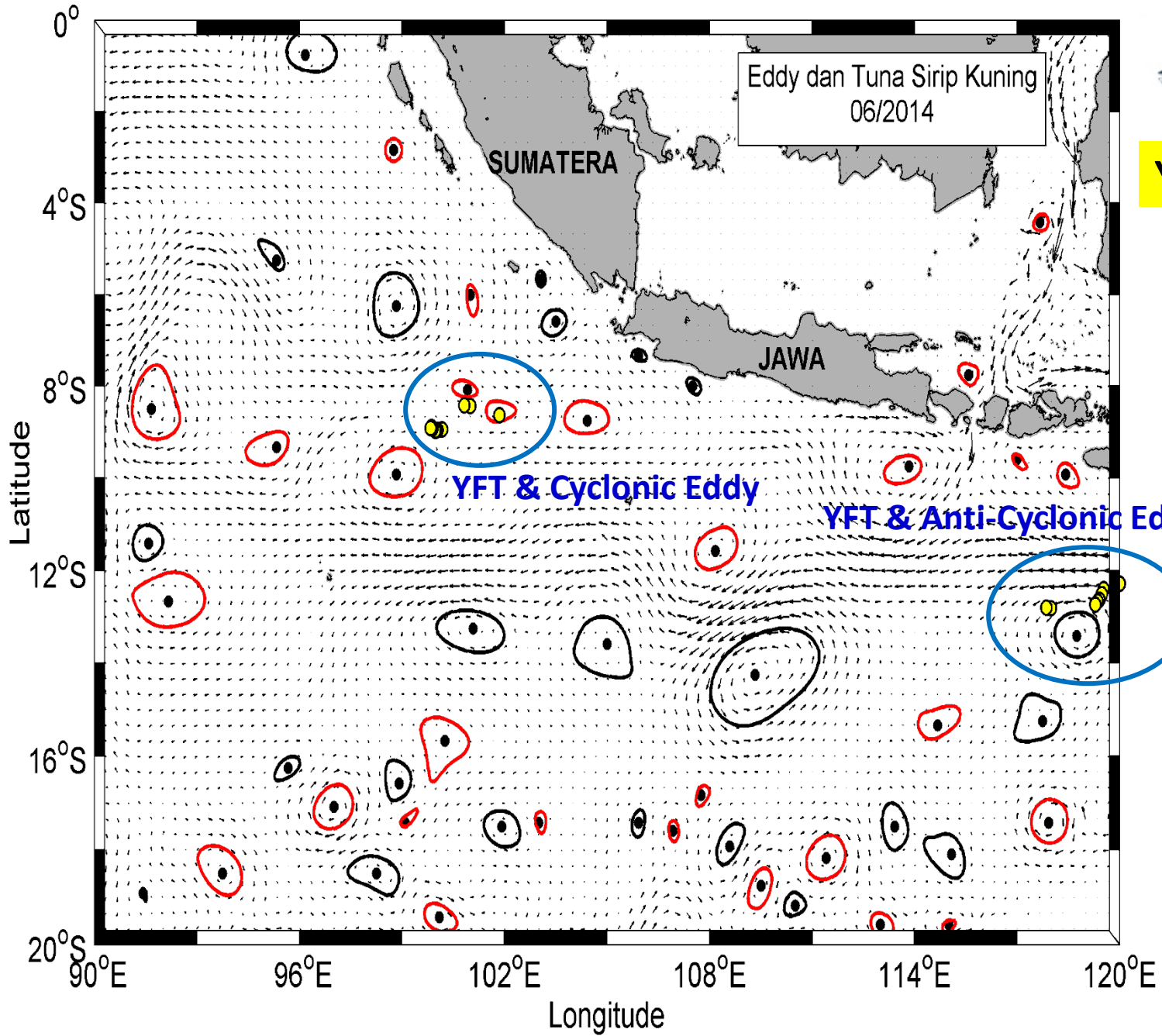
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Yellow dots = Yellow Fin Tuna

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# Argo Float Preparation & Deployment

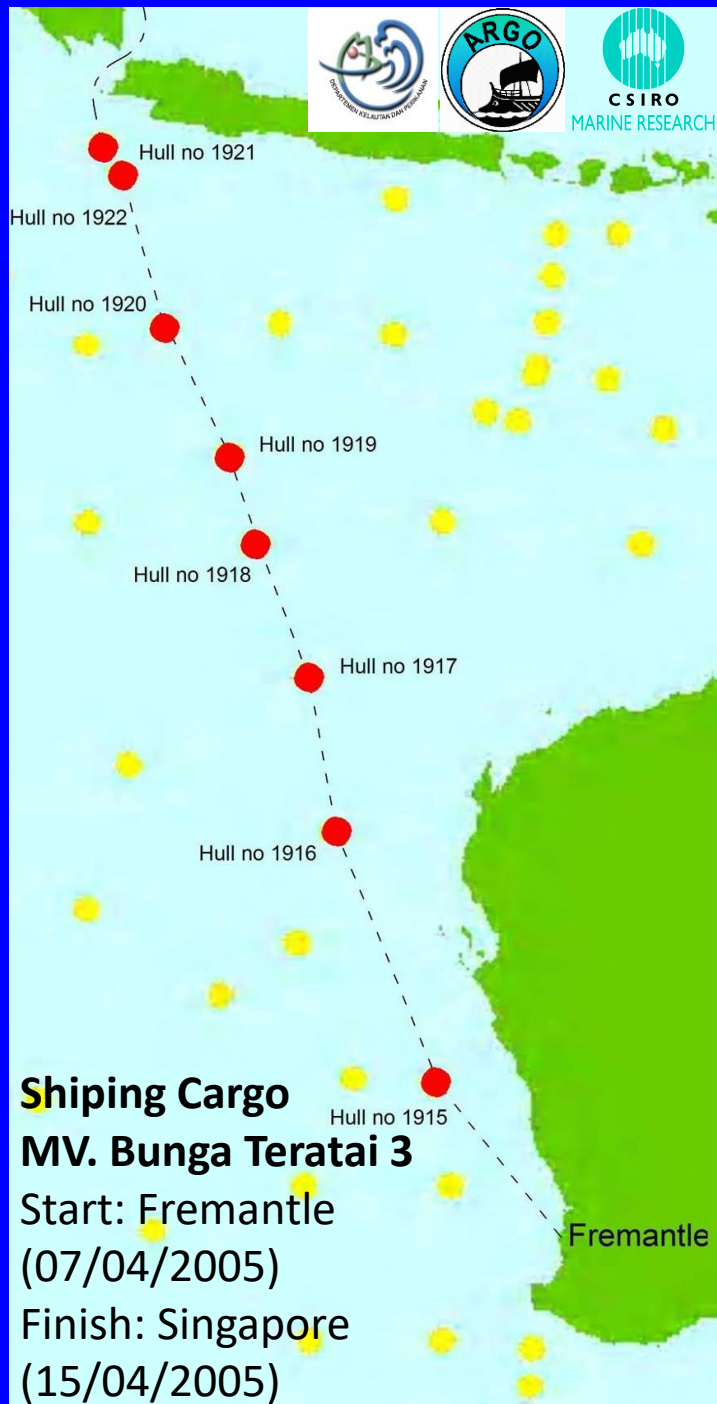
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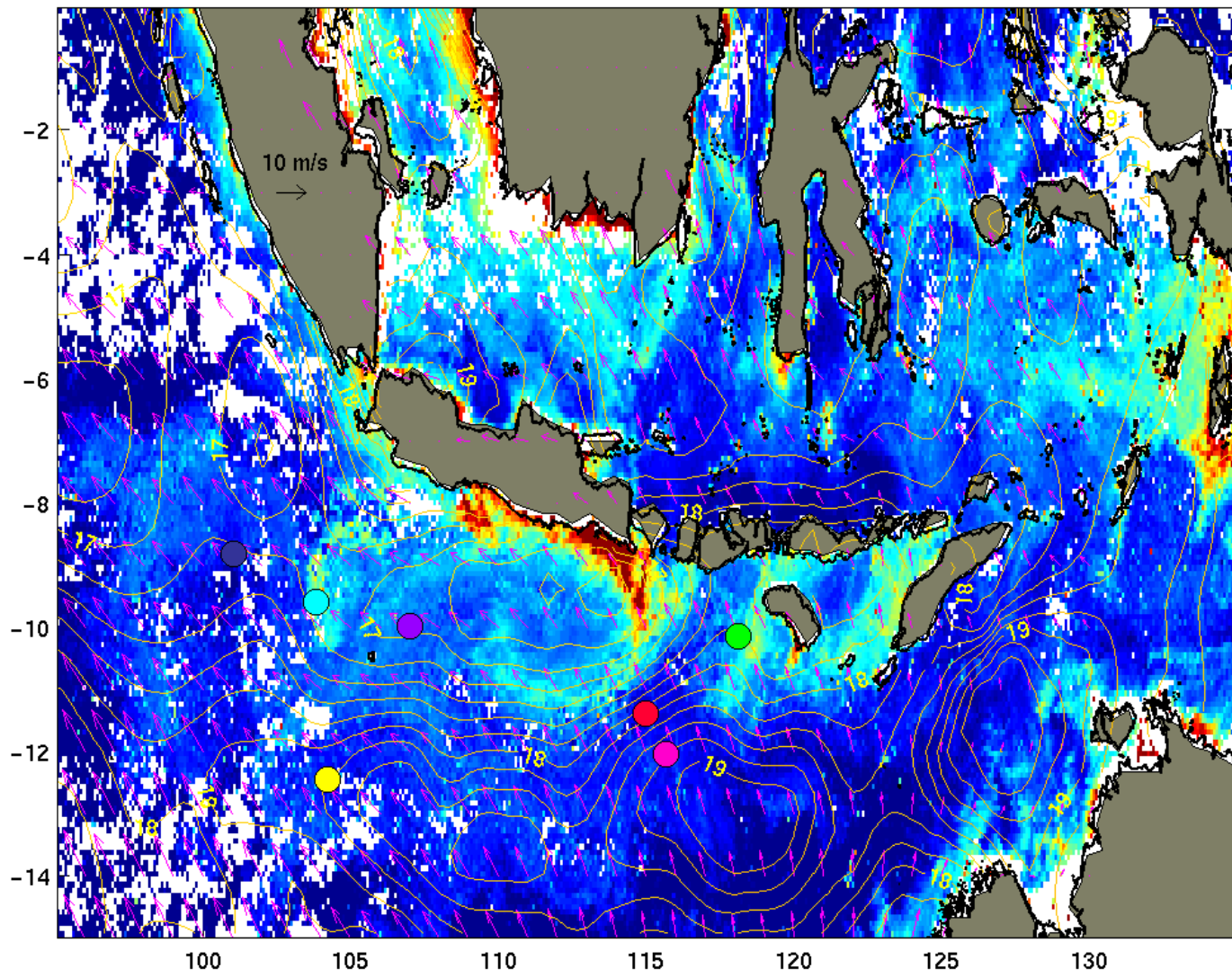
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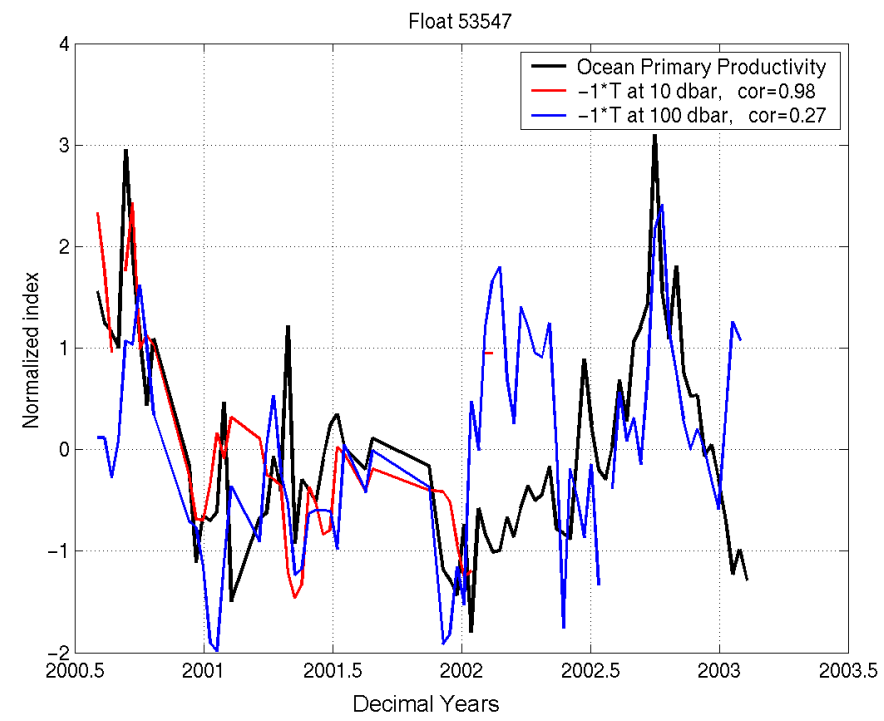


# Wind, SSH, SST, Chlorophyll

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## Ocean Primary Productivity & Temperature @ ~10 m [Correlation = 0.98]



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Figure 3. GERNED Design.

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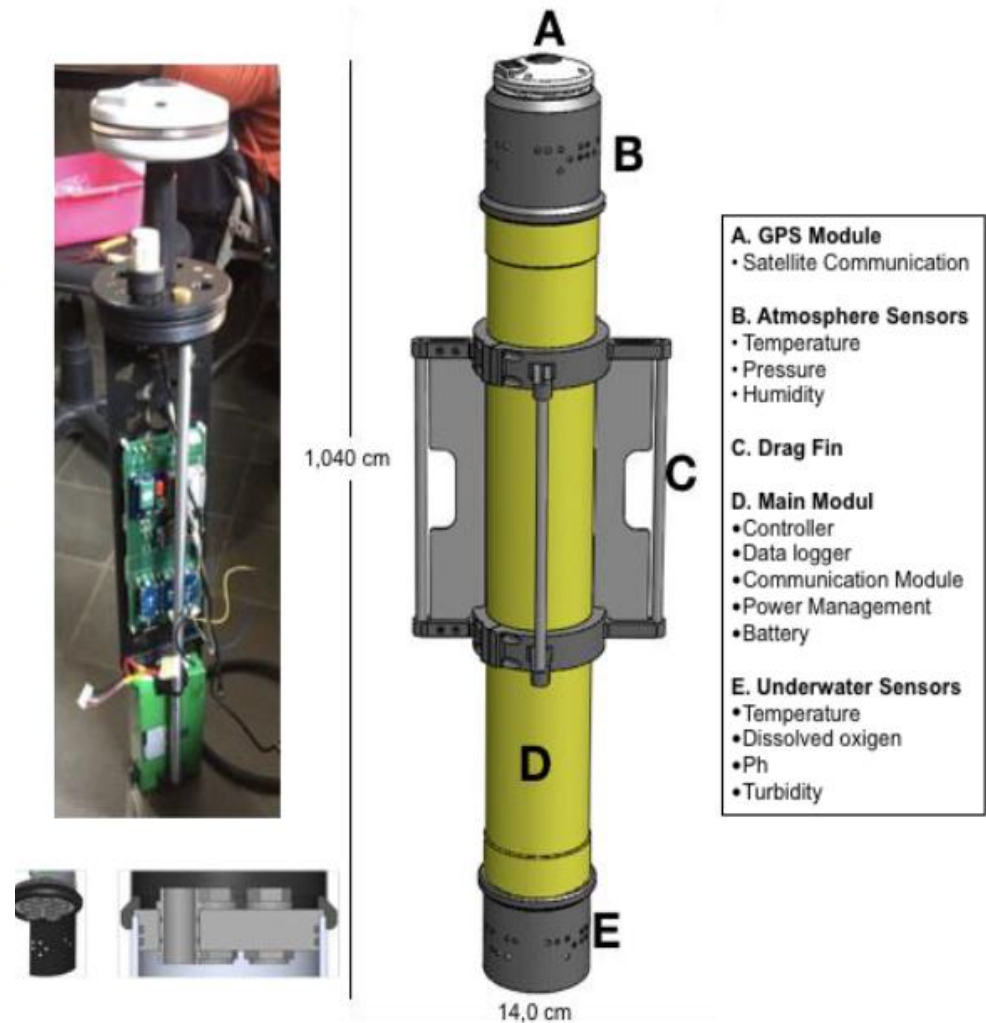


Figure 1. RHEA Design (top) sensor location, housing, and atmospheric sensor, (bottom) structure of water sensor

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# Conclusion Remarks

- **Eddy currents** are important because it can be **associated with upwelling** which **correlated with primary productivity** to support the fisheries sector, and it can be also **related to navigation/shipping safety**.
- Up to now, there is not any operational meteorology-oceanography existed in Indonesia that specifically monitors and provides information about the eddy currents.
- The progress that has been achieved so far is still in the level research studies of eddy current and its modeling, partial in several seas in Indonesia.
- **The national level requires collaboration among institutions and universities**. The collaboration can be conducted by releasing drifters/floats (**in South Java, West Sumatra, North Papua, Natuna Sea**), improvement the drifter/floats made in Indonesia, improvement of the eddy currents modeling, and sharing its information from drifters/floats directly to public who have an interest in activities in the Indonesian seas (**in South Java, West Sumatra, North Papua, Natuna Sea**).



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