

# **Valuation of ecosystem services and identification of conservation and fisheries management options protecting those services in Sekisei Lagoon, southwest Japan**

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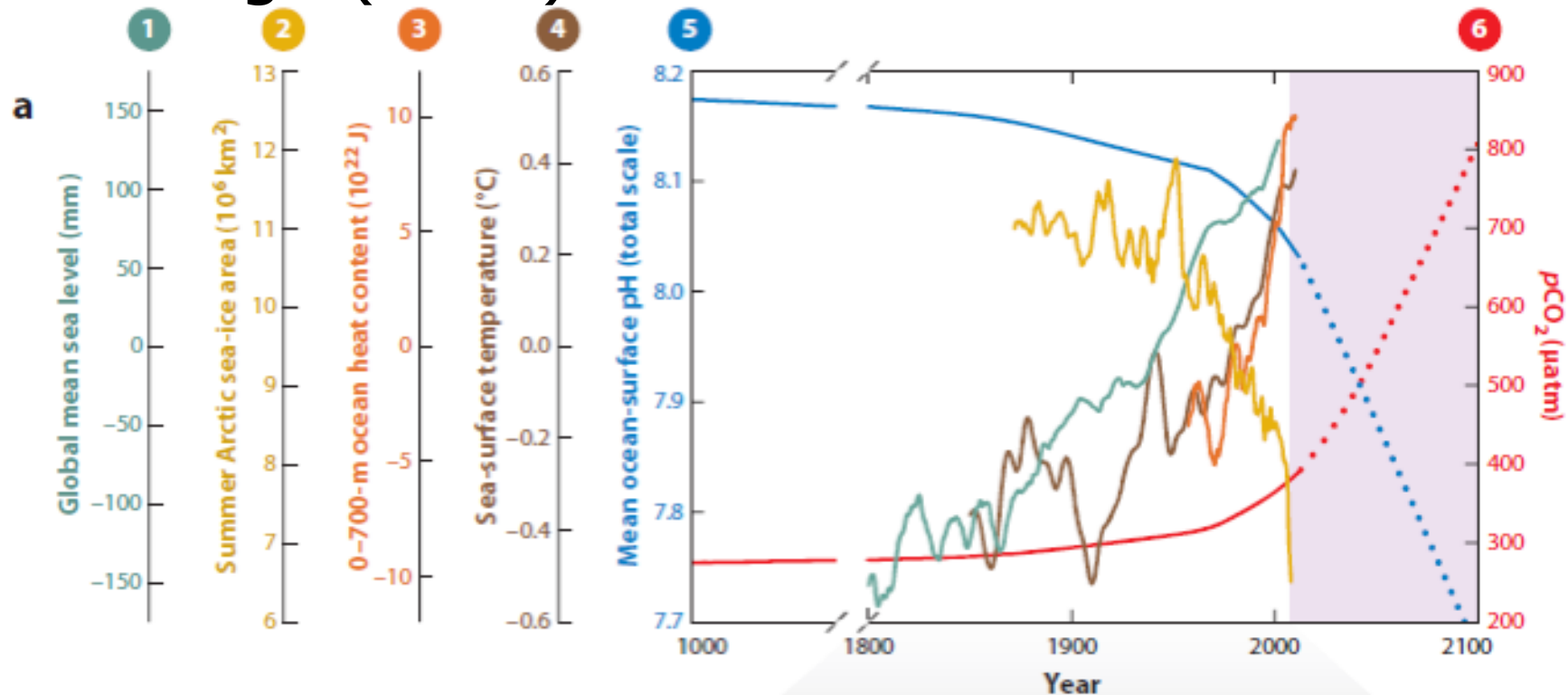
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- Climate change and related stressors are projected to have large impacts on natural capital and ecosystem services on marine ecosystems under the scenarios of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)



(Doney et al. 2012, Annu Rev Mar Sci)

- Important to develop mapping and evaluating methods of natural capital and ecosystem services

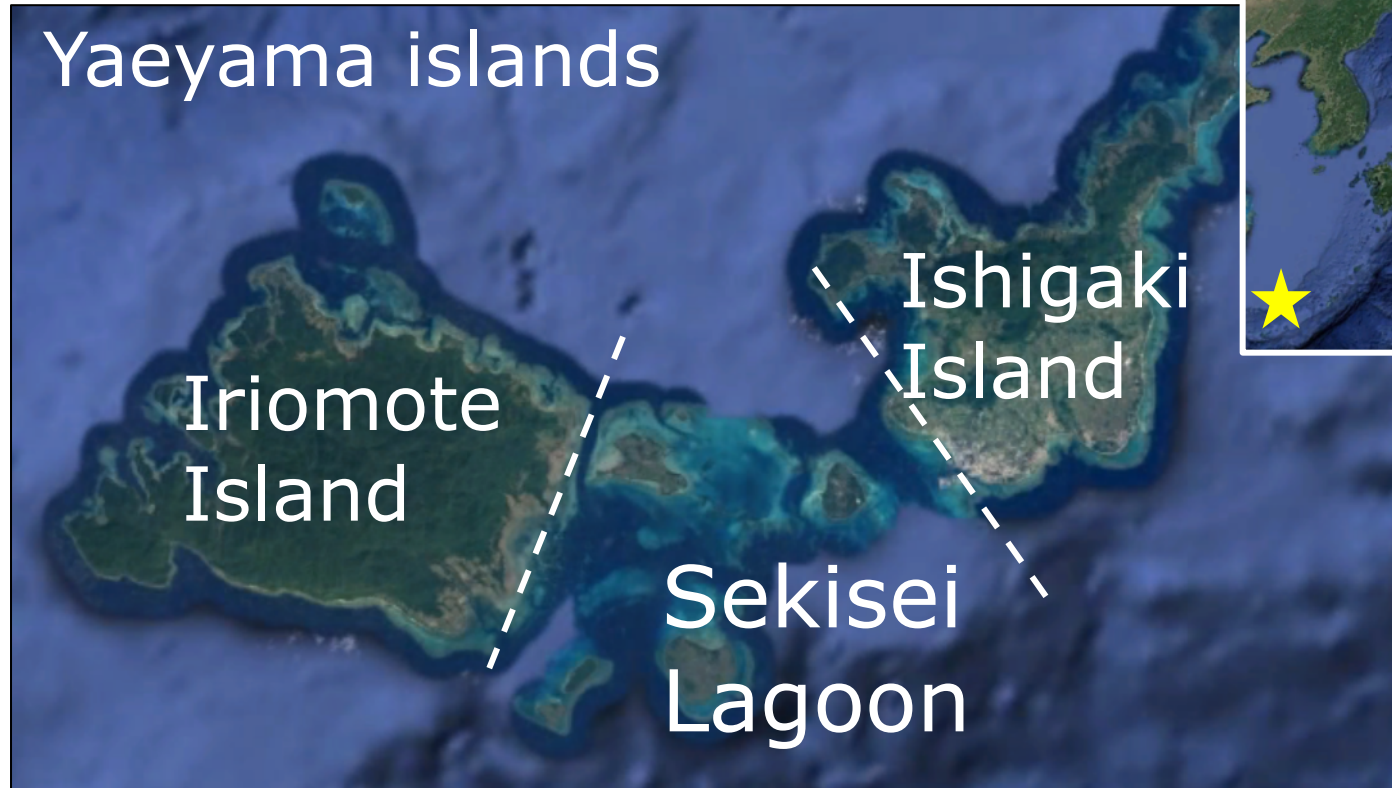


Useful for

- Future scenario analysis
- Setting appropriate management options

# Sekisei Lagoon

- Largest coral reef in Japan
- Quantitative information regarding natural capital and ecosystem services is limited there



# Objectives

1. Mapping values or quantity of ecosystem services in Sekisei Lagoon using the distribution data of fishes (natural capital)
2. Evaluating how much current management options protect ecosystem services in Sekisei Lagoon



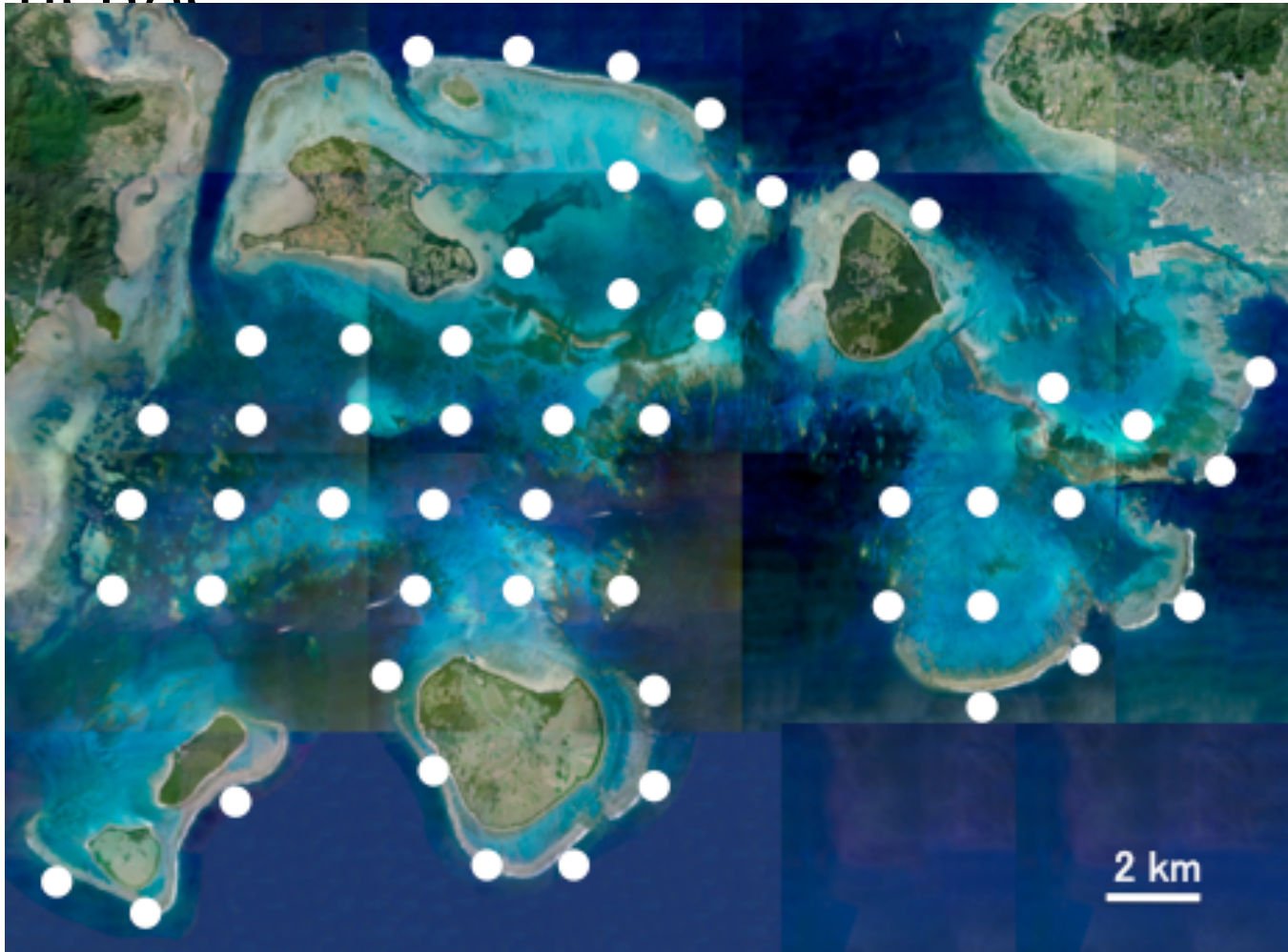
Pomacentridae in Sekisei Lagoon  
(<http://tida-ishigaki.com>)



Crown of thorns starfish (oni-hitode) removal (Yaeyama mainichi newspaper)

# Mapping ecosystem services

Transect survey sites for coral reef fishes



This picture from Ministry of the Environment

# Mapping ecosystem services

Materials and methods

## Target species

Chaetodontidae Pomacanthidae



Scaridae



Siganidae



Pomacentridae



Labridae



Pictures from "Grand Atlas of Fish Life Modes (Tokai University Press)" and <http://fishesofaustralia.net.au/>

# Calculating the value of ecosystem services

- Value of provisioning service

Fishery production (Scaridae) : Market value per kg  $\times$  weight at each site



Aquarium fish production (Chaetodontidae and Pomacanthidae): Store value per ind.  $\times$  density at each site

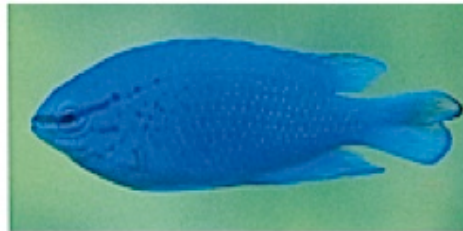


# Calculating the value of ecosystem services

- Value of cultural service

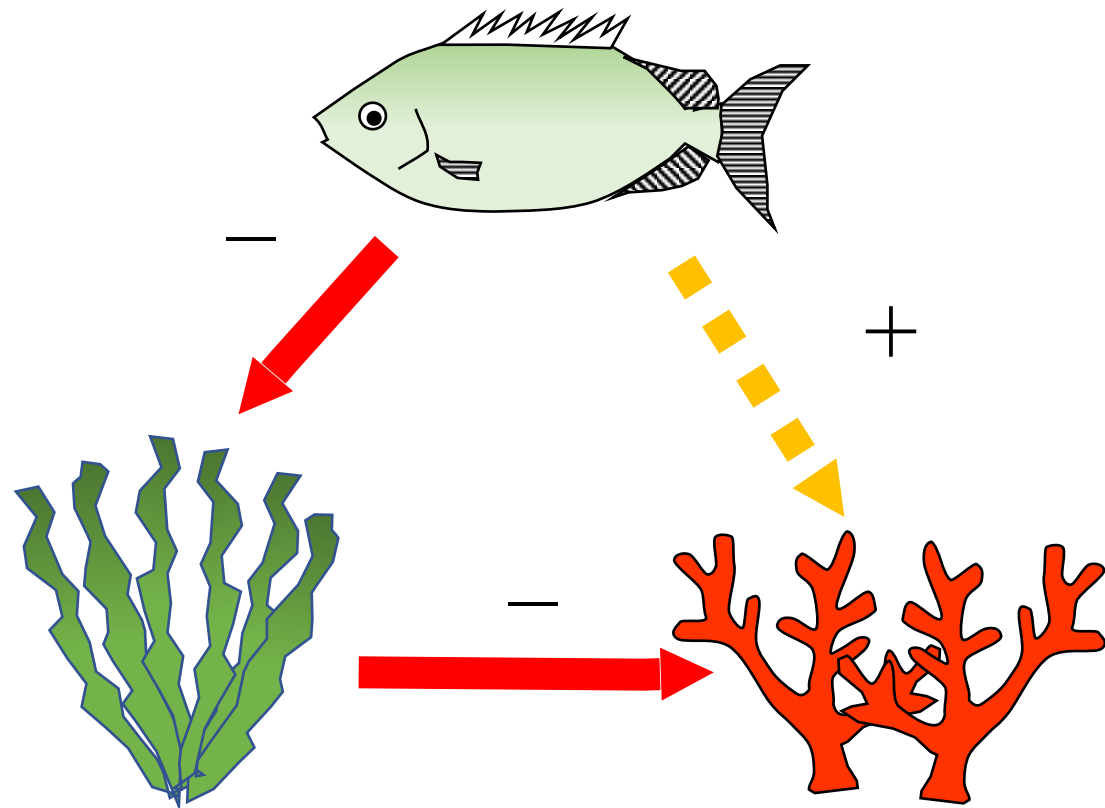
Recreational diving opportunity (Chaetodontidae, Pomacanthidae, Pomacentridae and Labridae):

1. Calculating total sum of payment for diving tours in Sekisei Lagoon by tourists per year
2. Distributing 1 to each survey sites based on the species richness of diving target fish (a site with higher species richness has more value of this service)

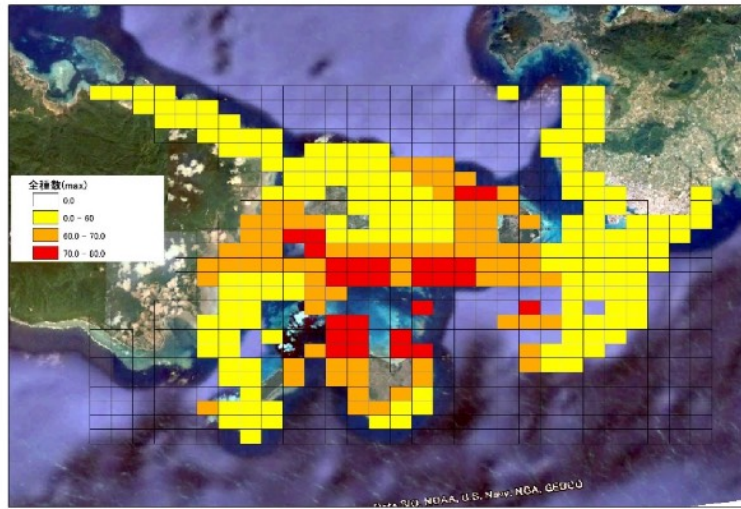


# Calculating the quantity of ecosystem services

- Quantity of regulating service  
Seaweed removal by herbivores (Siganidae):  
Feeding rate per ind.  $\times$  density at each site



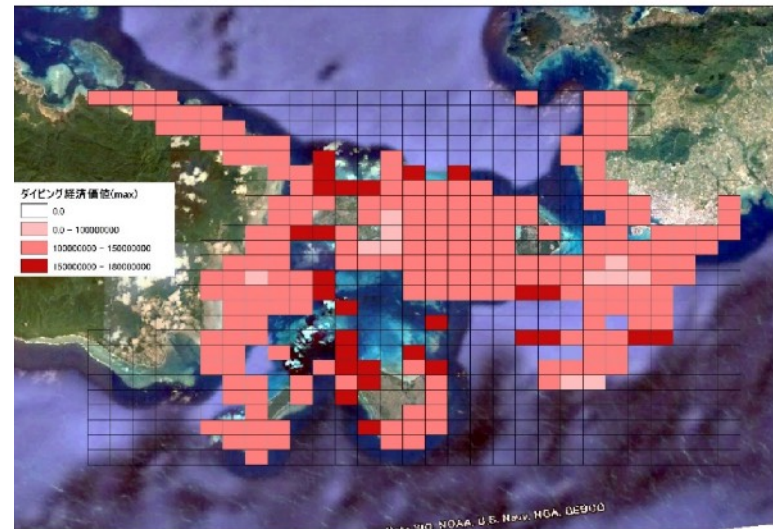
# Mapping the potential value or quantity of ecosystem service in the whole lagoon



Data of fish density or species richness

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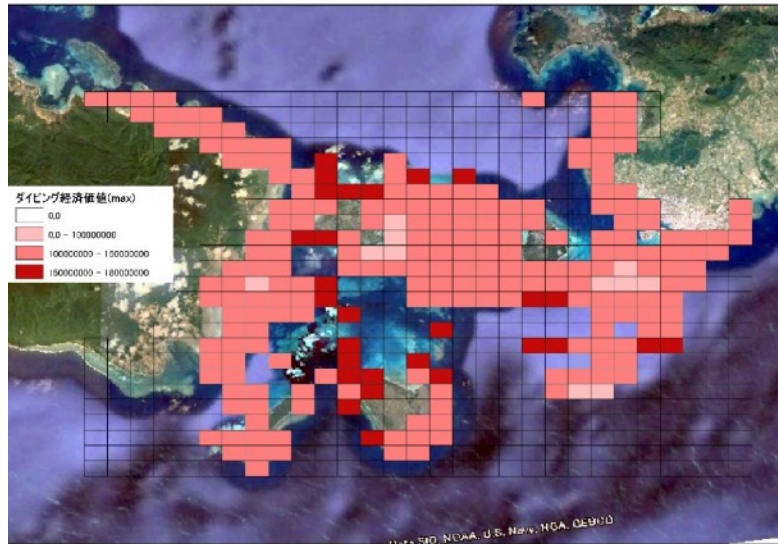
Calculation of ecosystem services



Potential map of ecosystem service

# Evaluating management options

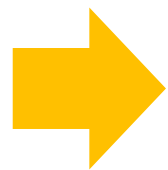
## Overlay



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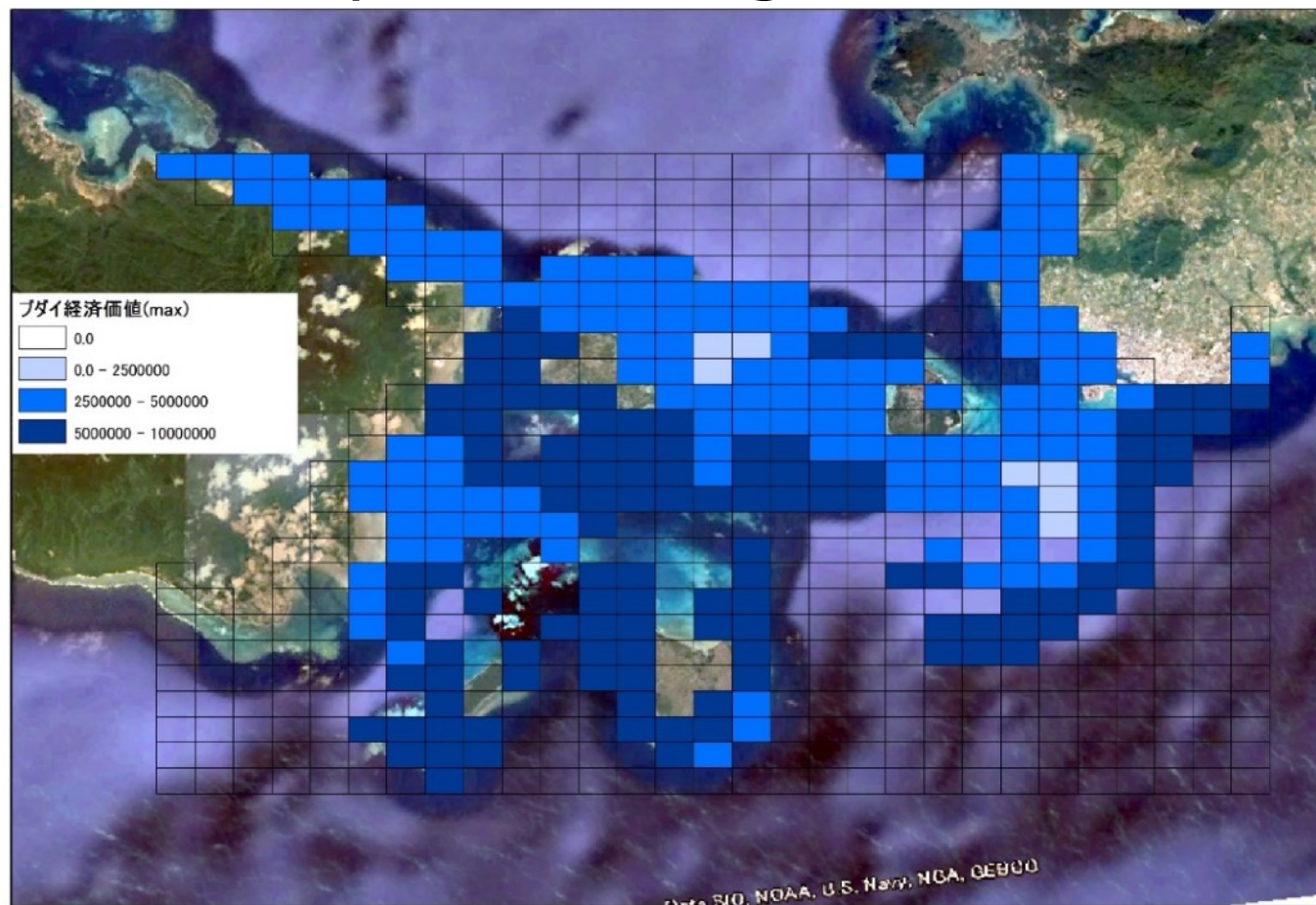
Potential ecosystem service      Management option  
e.g. national marine park



How much a management option protects the value or quantity of each ecosystem service?

# Mapping potential values of ecosystem services

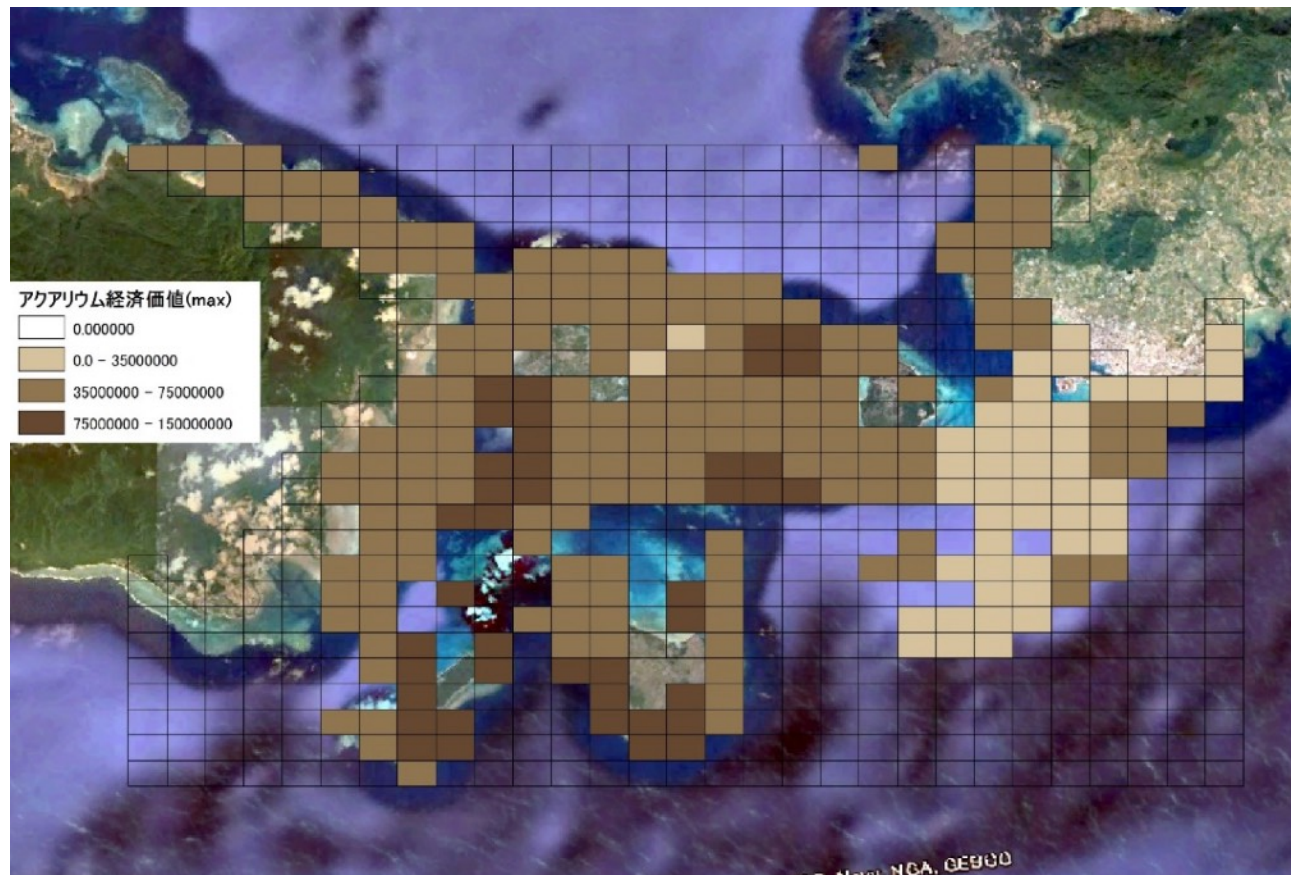
## Value of provisioning



Fishery production: \1.35 billion (€10 million)

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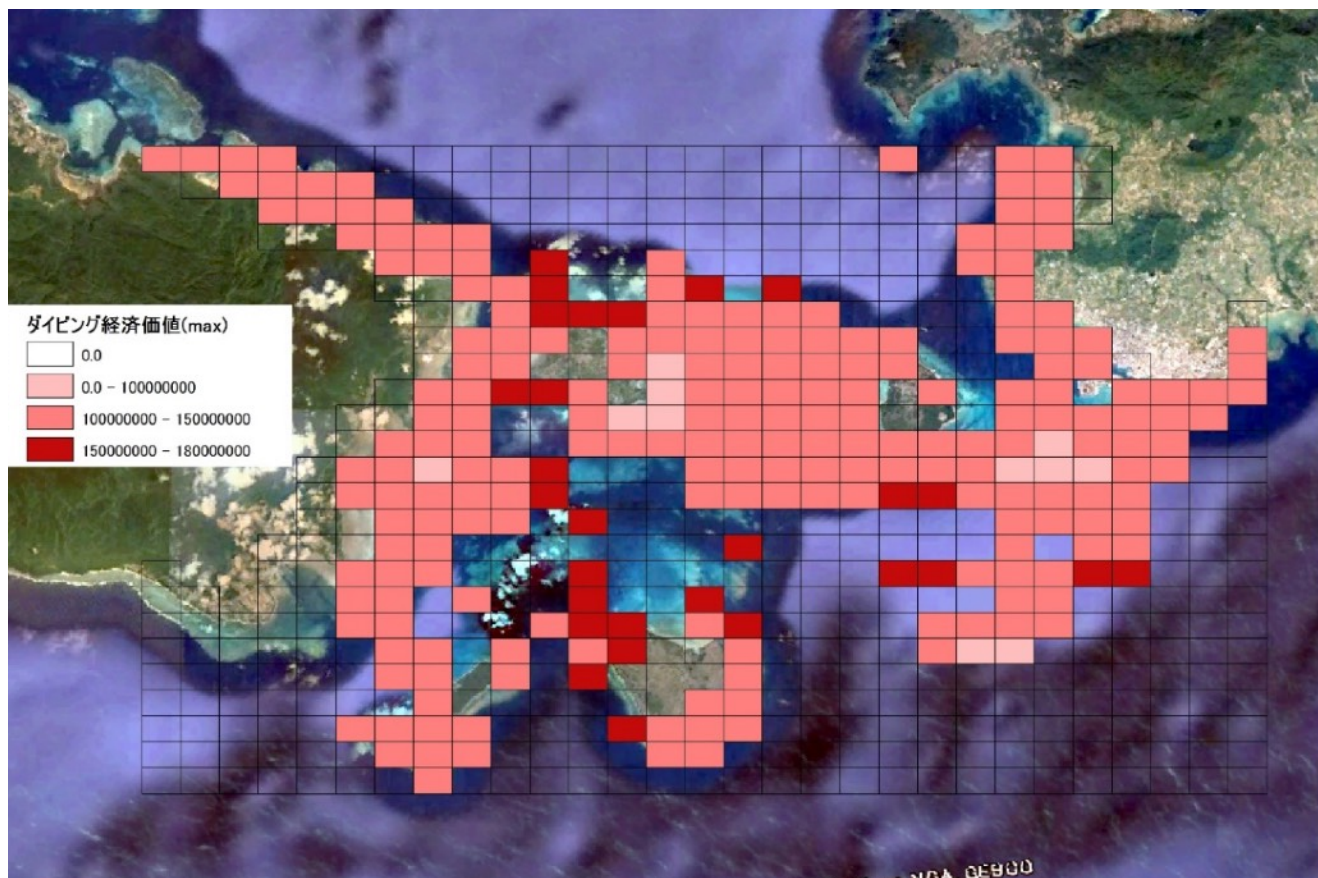
## Value of provisioning service



Aquarium fish production: \14.5 billion (€ 110 million)

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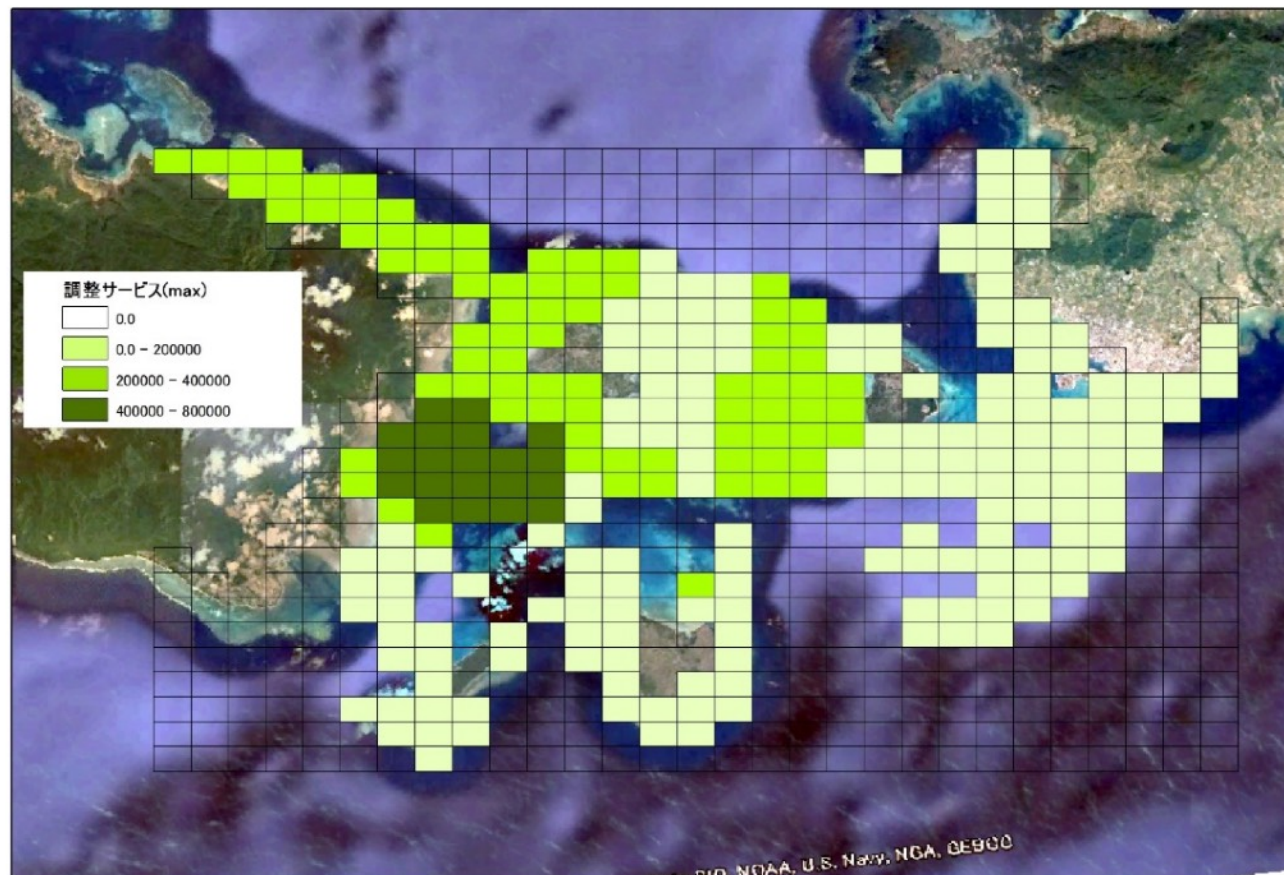
## Value of cultural service



Recreational diving opportunity: \35.5 billion  
(€269 million)

# Mapping potential values of ecosystem services

## Quantity of regulating service



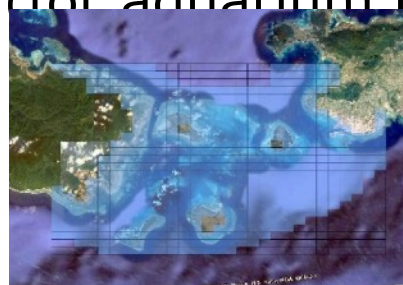
Seaweed removal by herbivores

# Evaluating management options

Protected proportions of each ecosystem service by each management option

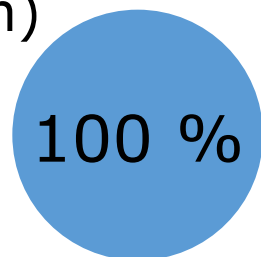
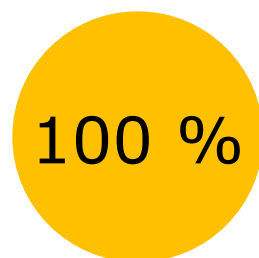


National marine park  
(for aquarium fish)

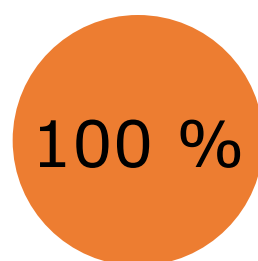
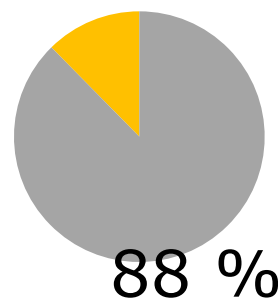


Regulation of fisheries gears by Okinawa pref. (for all fish)

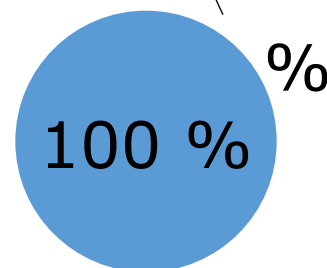
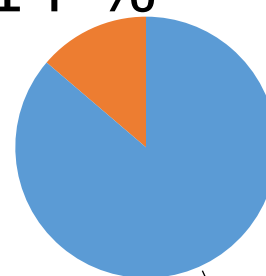
Fishery production



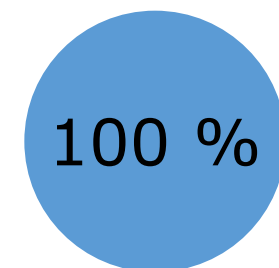
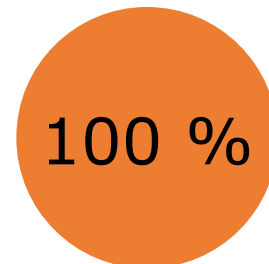
Aquarium fish production



Recreational diving



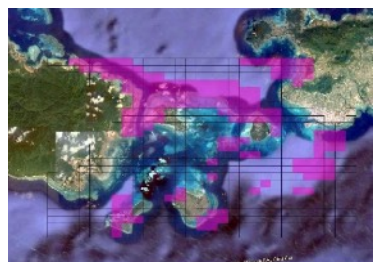
Seaweed removal



(protected  , not protected  )

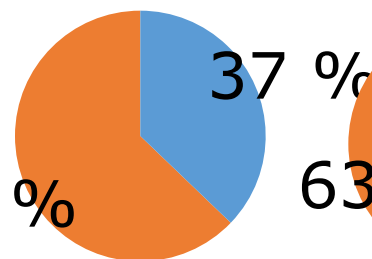
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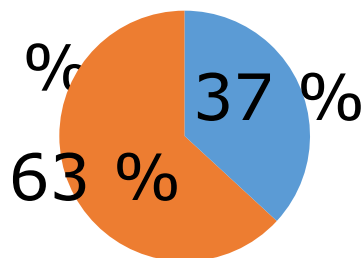


Extermination of crown of thorns starfish (for all fish)

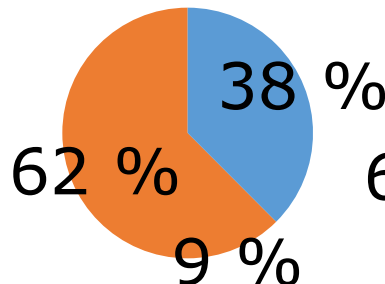
Fishery production



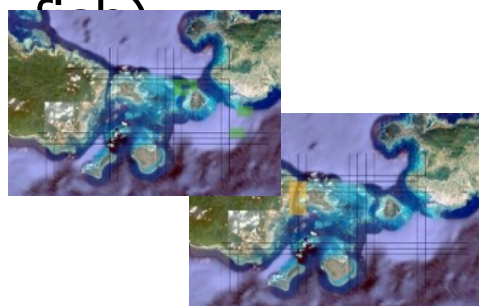
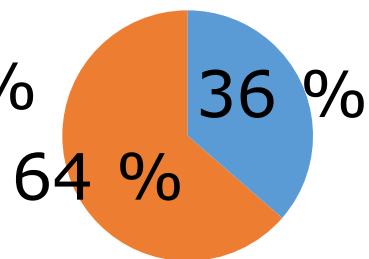
Aquarium fish production



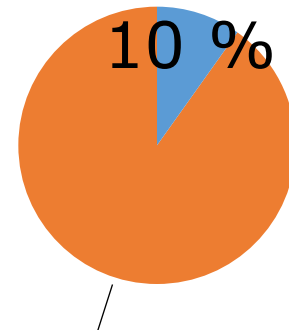
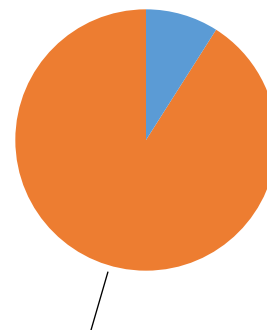
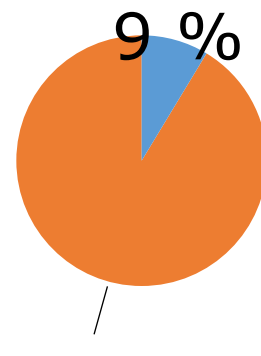
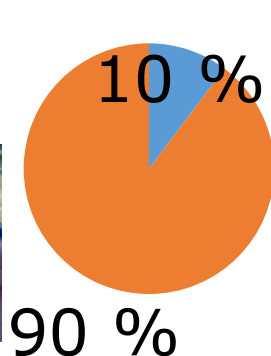
Recreational diving



Seaweed removal



Marine protected areas by local fisherman unions (for all fish)

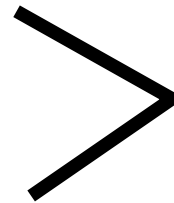


(protected 1%, not protected 91%)

90%

# Potential values of ecosystem services

The values of aquarium fish provision and recreational diving opportunity (\14.5 and \35.5 billion) are higher than that of fishery production (\1.35 billion) in Sekisei Lagoon.

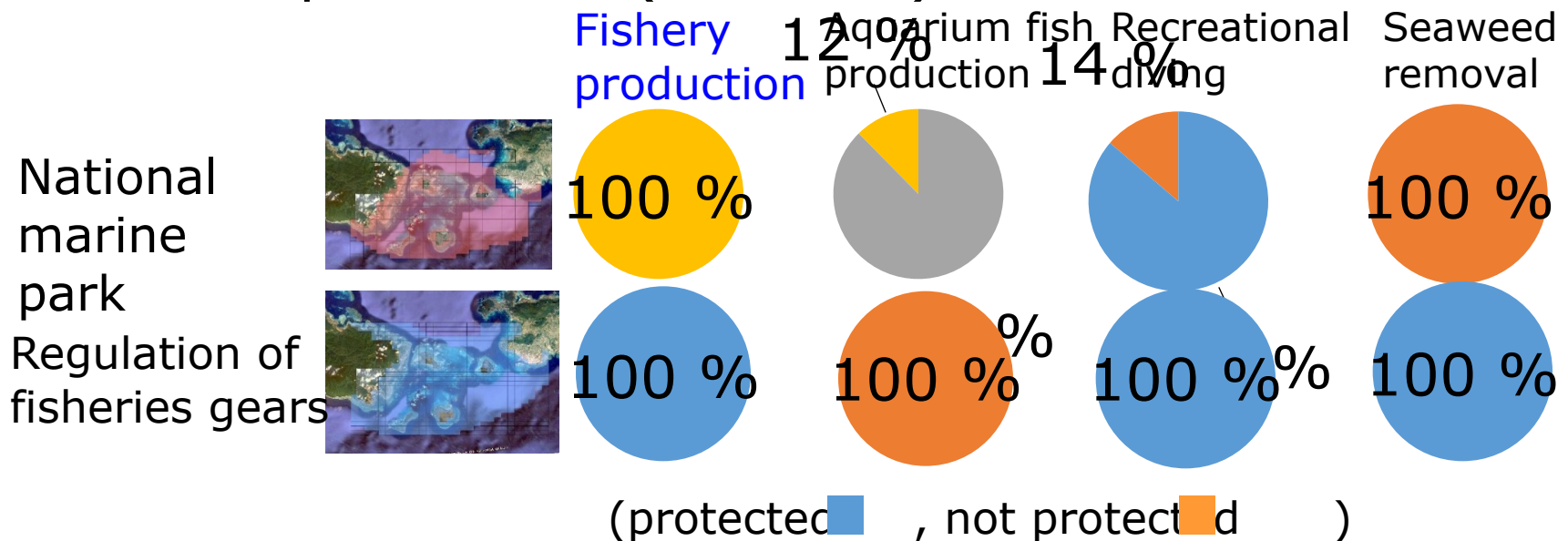


But our target species of fishery production is only Scaridae, and we cannot include next steps of a value chain of fisheries production such as a selling of fish from markets to restaurants or food processing

# Evaluating management options

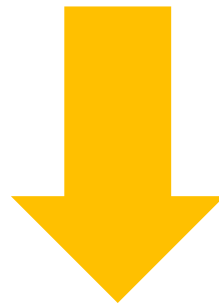
A protected proportion of **fishery production** (Scaridae) by national marine parks and regulation of fisheries gear is lower than that of other ecosystem service.

→ Additional management options or enlarging area of the current options are necessary for protecting fisheries production (Scaridae).



# Conclusion

Our mapping and evaluating methods are useful to provide baseline data of natural capital and ecosystem services



Useful for

- Future scenario analysis (e.g. under IPCC scenario)
- Effective setting of management options and environmental policy

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