# Invasive Alien Species: Terminology and Definitions



## Background and motivation

#### What is biodiversity?

- Refers to the numbers, variety and variability of living organisms and ecosystem
- Includes all terrestrial, marine and other aquatic organisms

CONSERVATION



## Background and motivation

#### Major biodiversity threats:



Habitat destruction



Invasive species



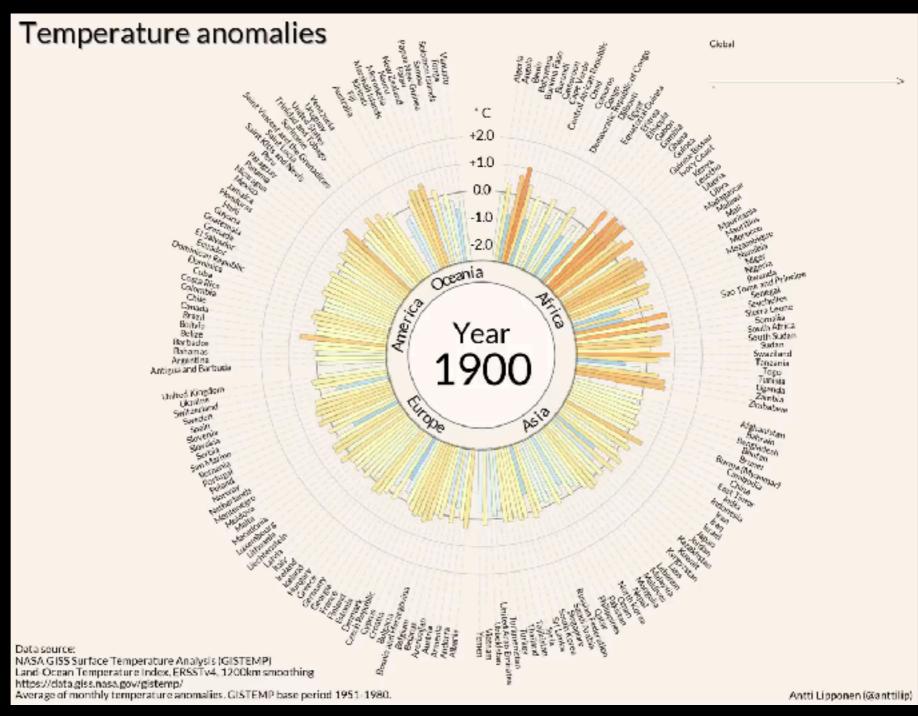
Marine litter



Overexploitation

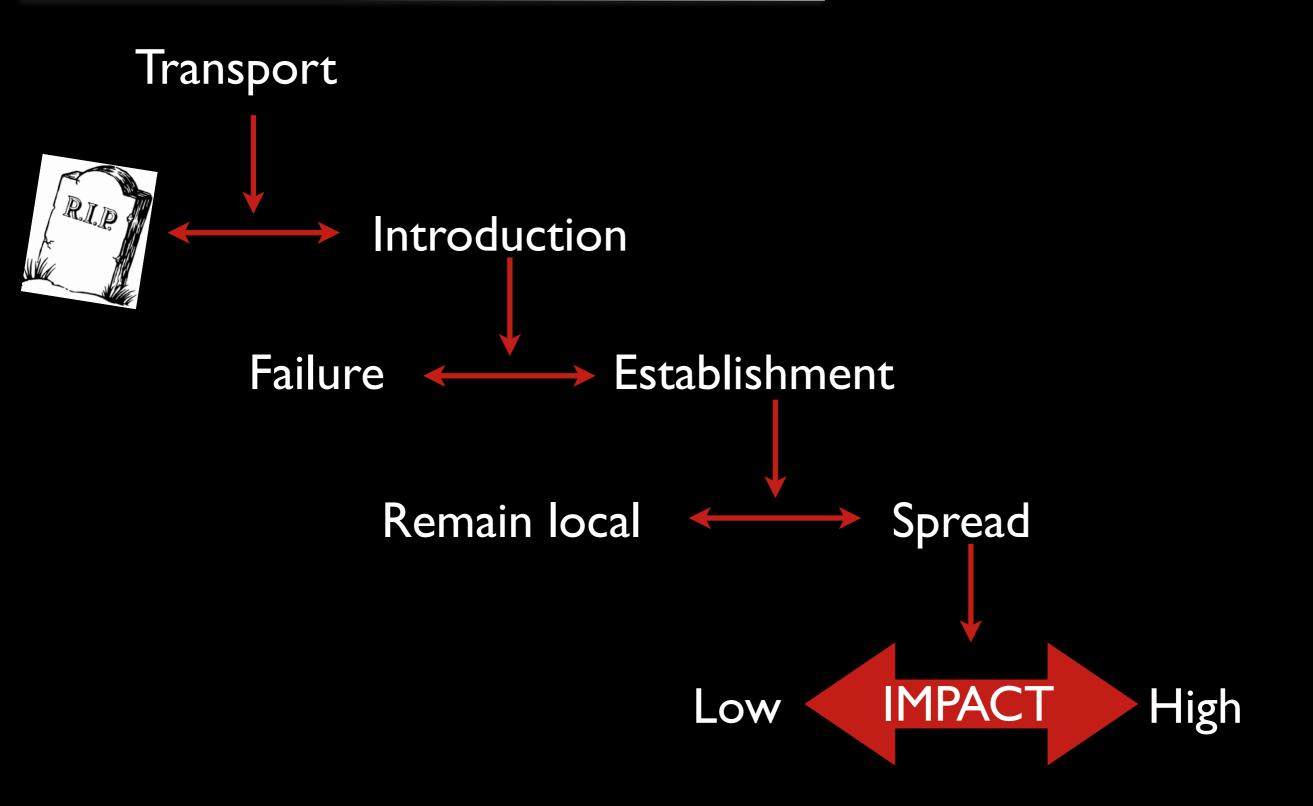
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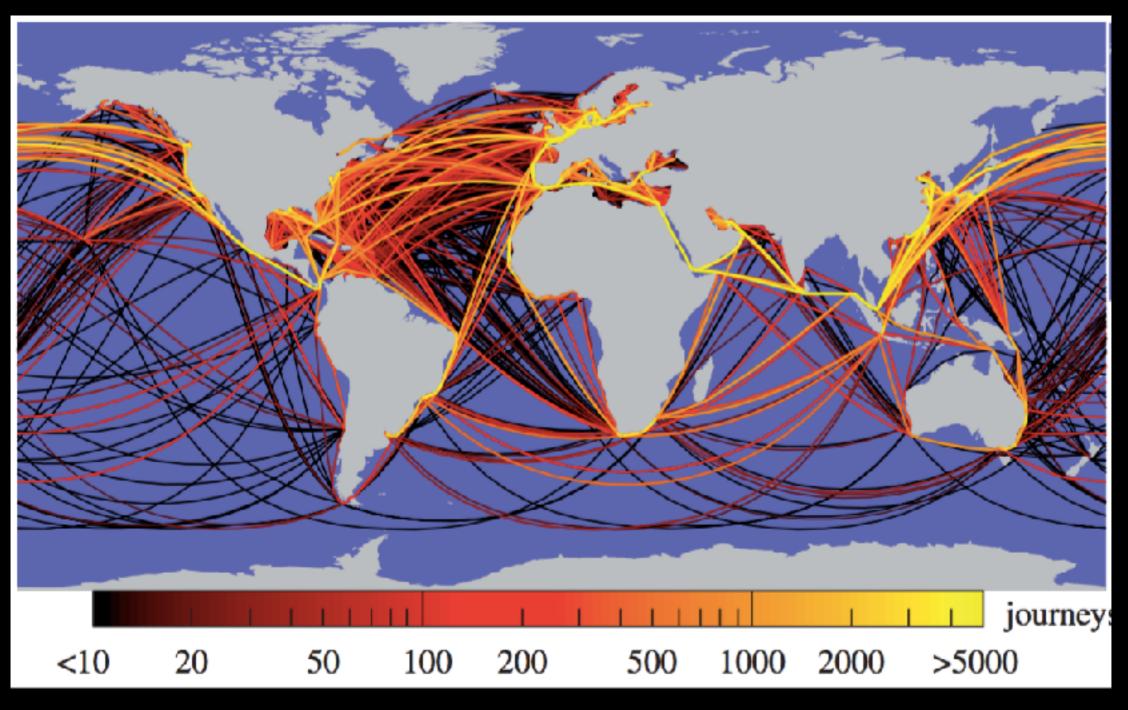


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#### The Invasion Process



# 1. Shipping



The complex network of global cargo ship movements

## I.I. Hull fouling



### I.2. Ballast water



## 2. Aquaculture





## 3. Public Aquaria



# 4. Drilling platforms

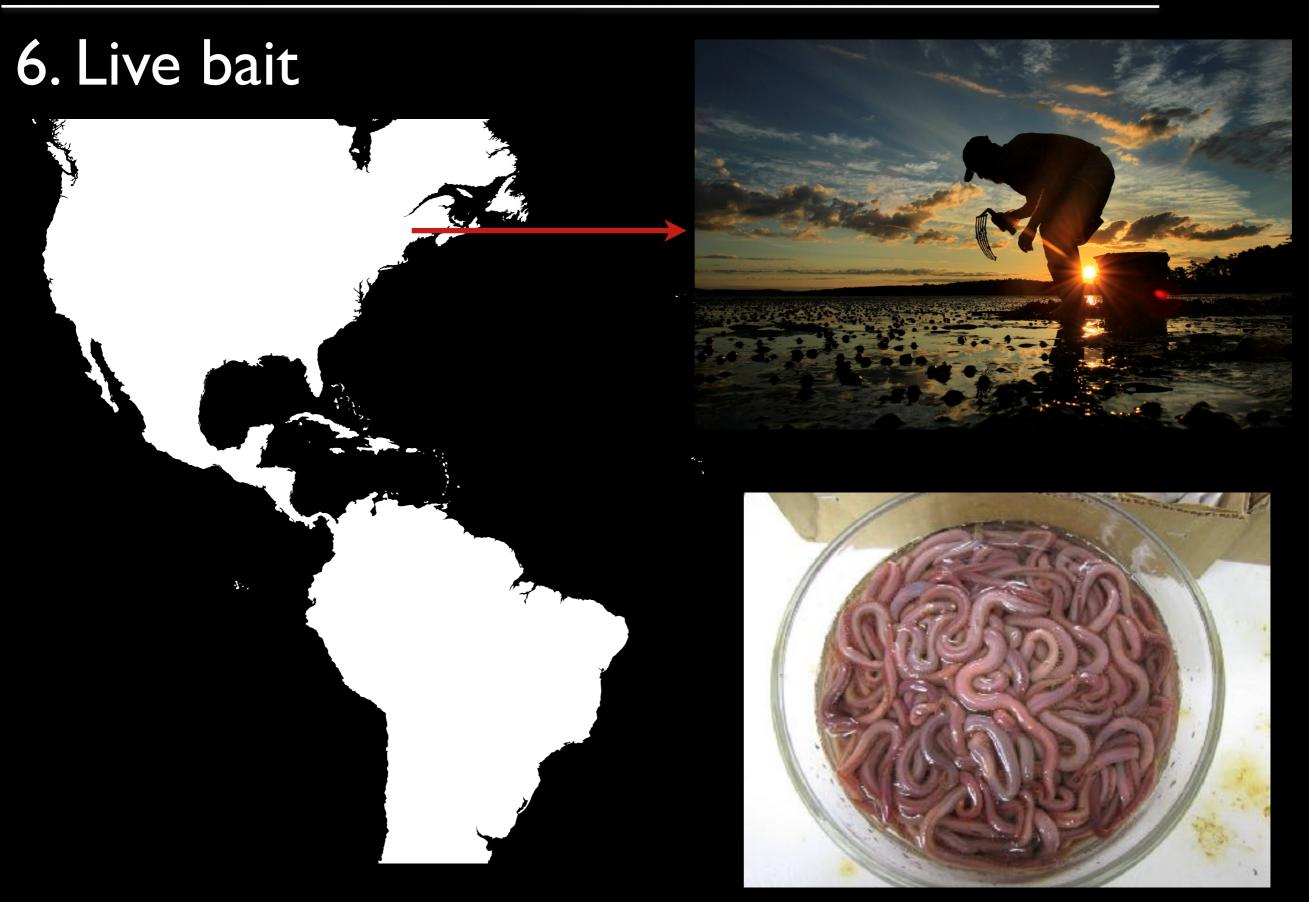




## 5. Canals



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manchester\_Ship\_Canal



### 6. Live bait



Ascophyllum nodosum Fucus spp.



#### 7. Research



8. an unthinkable vector (2011, Japan)



- Earthquake 9.0 magnitude
- Epicentre at 72 km of the coast
- 6 minutes of destruction
- Tsunami, waves >30m
- → 15.883 casualties....
- <u>→ 2600 missing....</u>
- → 6.000 injured...
- Billions of dollars in impact



Question: What is the possible relationship between the Japanese tsunami and NIS proliferation?

- April 2012, in Alaska
- May 2012, in BC
- > 5000 km







- June 2012, in Oregon
- → 20 m long
- 6 m high

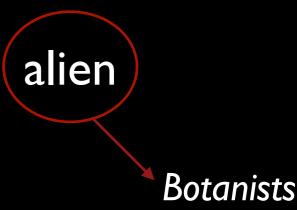




## What is an Alien species?



non-native



Non-Indigenous Species (NIS)

Invasive

Interest and Subscription to the science of biological invasions has increased vastly

Hits on Google Scholar:

	Jan 2011	April 2014	Oct 2018
Non-indigenous	61,000	154,000	361,000
Biological invasions	27,000	56,300	111,000
Invasive species	59,500	190,000	1,320,000

Inevitably, this proliferation of literature leads to enduring and growing complications and challenges in the uniform understanding and interpretation of basic concepts

Between 1984 and 2018 (to date), in English alone,

106 papers and book chapters\* have been published on
the language and terminology of biological invasions,
from the perspectives of,

- science
- environmental history
- cultural anthropology
- sociology
- economics
- management (prevention / control)

88% of these appeared in 2000-2018

(47% since 2005)

\*Since 2005, more than 100 books have been published on biological invasions

In case you lost track ... invasive means:

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impact (pests)
Usher
            1986
                   impact (biodiversity)
CBD
             1993
                   spread/abundance increasing
Pysek
            1995
                   impact (multiple levels of harm)
US Exec
            1999
                   spread (not impact!)
Richardson 2000
                   widespread and impact ("dominant")
Colautti
            2004
            2007 spread (not impact!)
Ricciardi
            2008 impact (harm)
Beck
Blackburn 2011 spread (it's not impact!)
            2011 impact
Mooney
         2014 impact, not spread
Piraino
Guy-Haim 2018 very much includes impact
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....THERE IS NO CONSENSUS IN INVASION TERMINOLOGY! (Probably it never will.....)

BUT..... LET'S TRY.....

- Non-indigenous species species that was moved outside its usual geographical range via anthropogenic actions (this could be intentional or accidental), irrespective of its impact on native species and native ecosystems.
- <u>Invasive species</u> an invasive species by definition must be a NIS, but one that has caused demonstrable impact, both in ecological and economic terms.
- <u>Cryptogenic species</u> a species of unknown origin or a species that is neither undoubtedly native nor NIS.
- <u>Biological Invasion</u> This is a very broad term that refers to the introduction of NIS into new ecosystems/area/regions via human actions but also considers natural range expansions.
- Range Expansions consist of dispersal by natural mechanisms into a region where the species did not formerly exist
- Propagule Pressure the introduction effort, i.e. the pool of individuals introduced in a new ecosystem/area/region and the number of times it is released.

#### Islands have been used for:



ourney stops



Lighthouses



**Farming** 



Destroying natural ecosystems and introducing Non-Indigenous Species (NIS)

NIS
Introductions
in islands

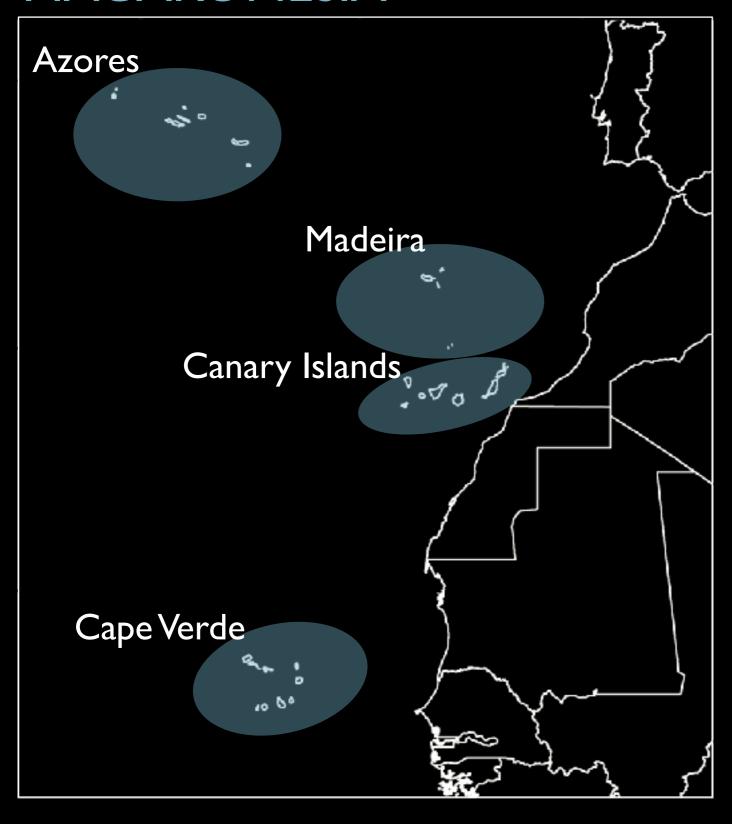
Terrestrial realm (well documented)

Marine realm (rarely studied)

#### Exceptions:

- New Zealand (Pacific Ocean)
- Hawaiian Islands (Pacific Ocean)
- Guam (Pacific Ocean)
- Azores and Madeira (North Atlantic)

#### MACARONESIA



- Volcanic origin, 27 islands.
- Portugal, Spain & Cape Verde
- Climate ranges from Mediterranean in Madeira and Azores and more arid in Canary islands and Cape Verde
- Laurel forest ('Laurissilva') Subtropical forest, high humidity



## Main goals:

- First comprehensive NIS list in Macaronesia (what is there?)
- Detect differences in NIS numbers and NIS composition across island systems
- Understand whether human activities are related with NIS numbers in each island

#### 2 - Methods

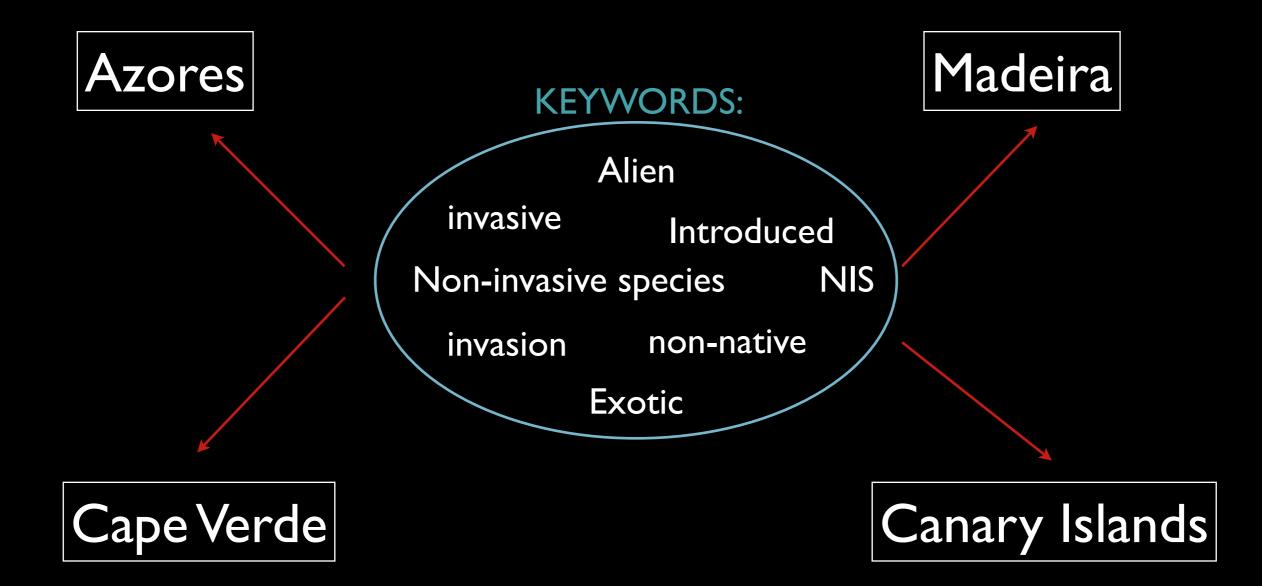
Literature search: Scopus

Web of science Scopus Google scholar







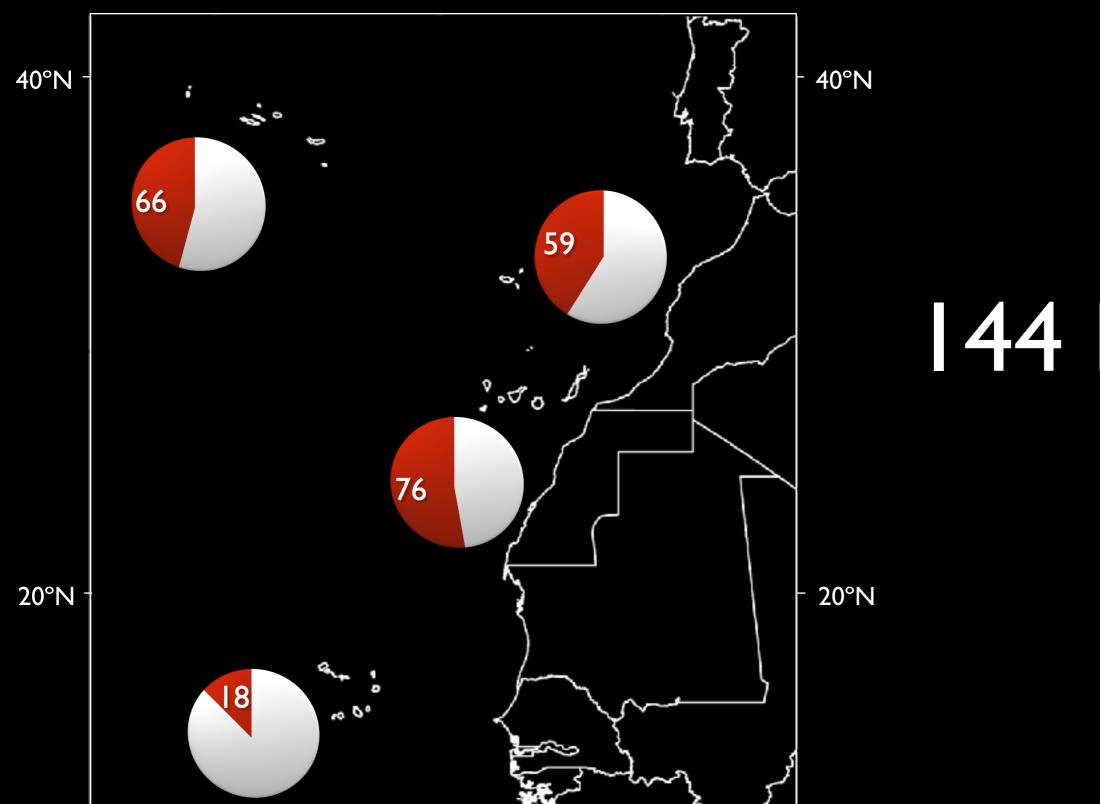


#### 2 - Methods

scientific papers books ~200 documents book chapters (1884 - 2020)theses scientific reports NIS Each inhabited island (n=27) - Island / island system - Multivariate analysis NIS Geographic and demographic variables numbers - Coastal development variables - Shipping data

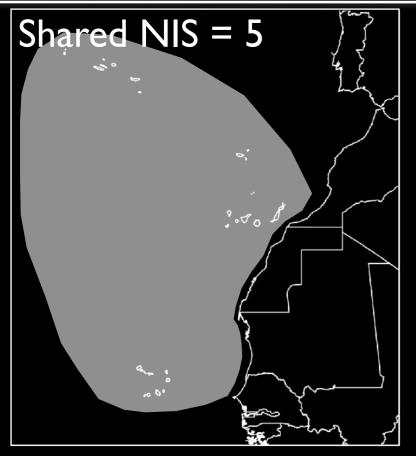
Negative binomial regression

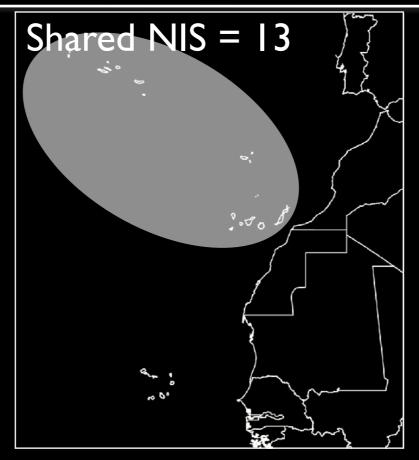
#### NIS richness

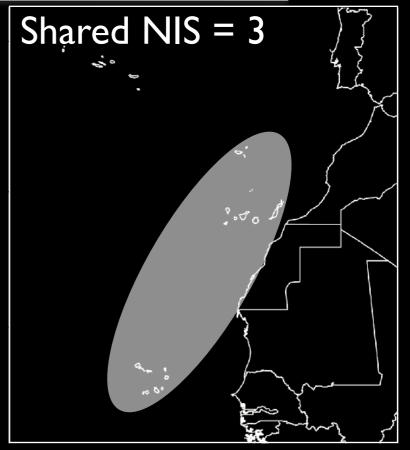


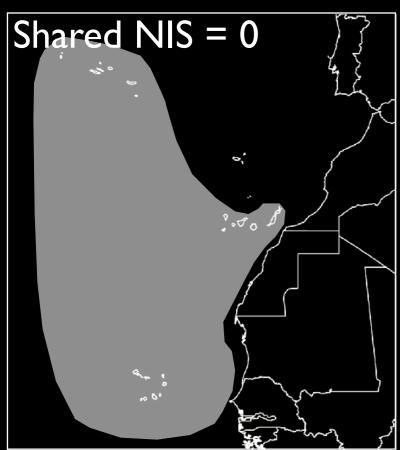
144 NIS

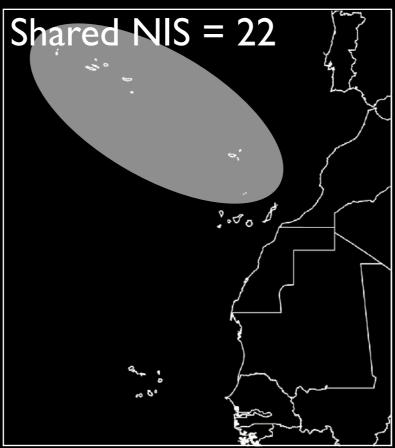
## 3 - Results

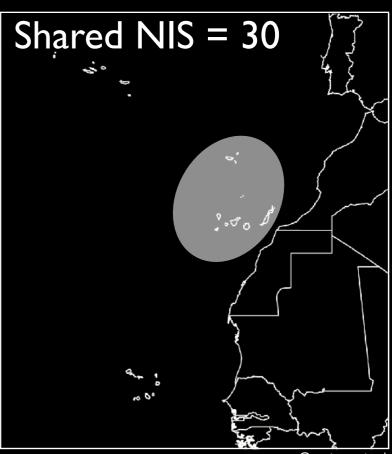




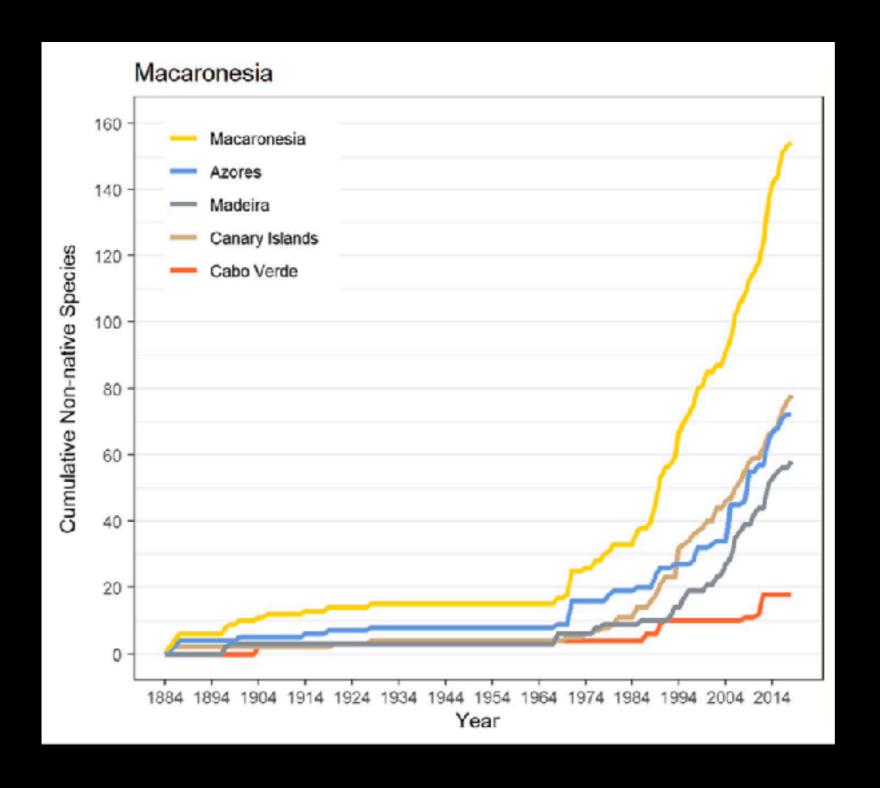




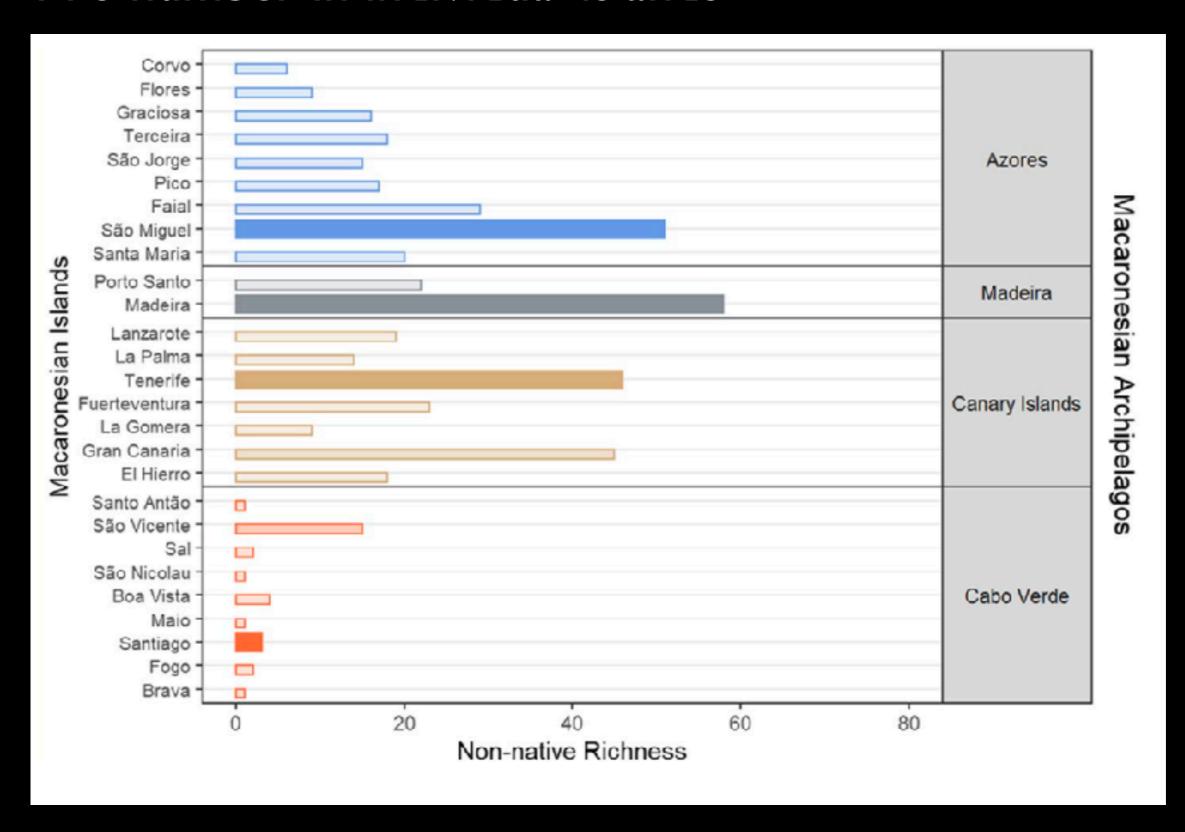




#### Accumulated NIS number over time



#### NIS number in individual islands



#### Species composition

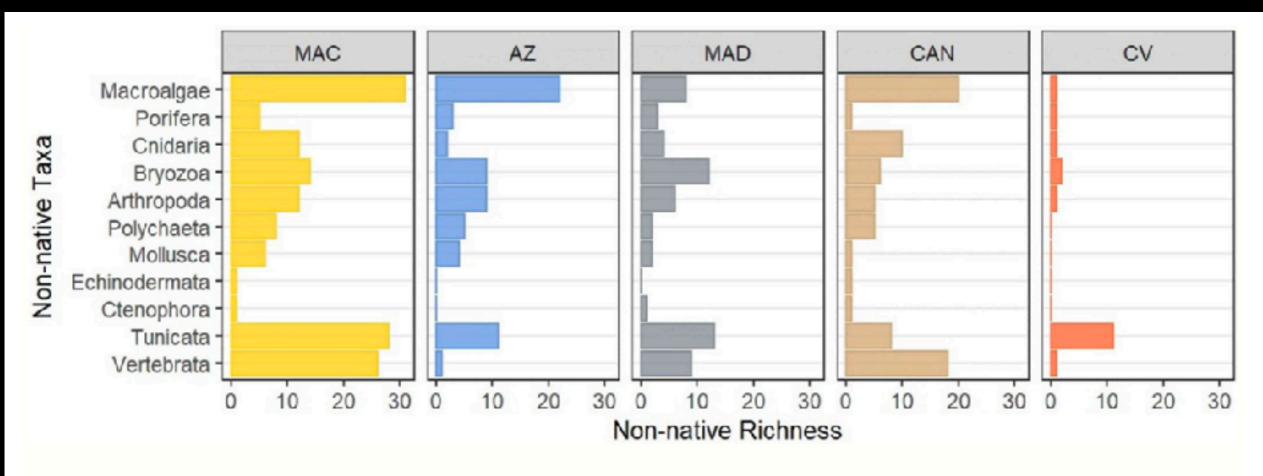


FIGURE 3 Most representative taxonomic groups for non-native species (NNS) in Macaronesia and each archipelago system (MAC—Macaronesia; AZ—Azores; MAD—Madeira; CAN—Canary Islands; CV—Cabo Verde)

#### Negative Binomial GLM

TABLE 1 Estimated regression parameters, standard errors, z-values and p-values for the best Negative Binomial (NB) General Linear Model (GLM) presented regarding non-native species (NNS) richness as a function of anthropogenic, demographic and geographical variables

	Estimate	Std. error	z value	p-value
Intercept	5.458	0.7387	7.390	<.001
Mindist	-0.002	0.001	-3.849	<.001
Archipelago_ codeCan	-1.562	0.382	-4.077	<.001
Archipelago_ codeCV	-3.121	0.437	-7.142	<.001
Archipelago_ codeMad	-1.112	0.365	-3.063	<.01
Total_marina_area	0.001	0.001	-3.589	<.001
Total_harbors_ marinas	0.020	0.003	5.788	<.001

Note: The estimated value for Theta is  $402 \pm 3050$ .

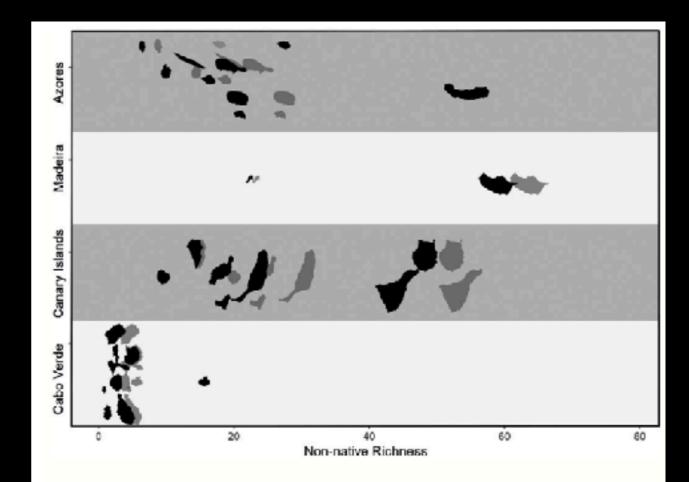
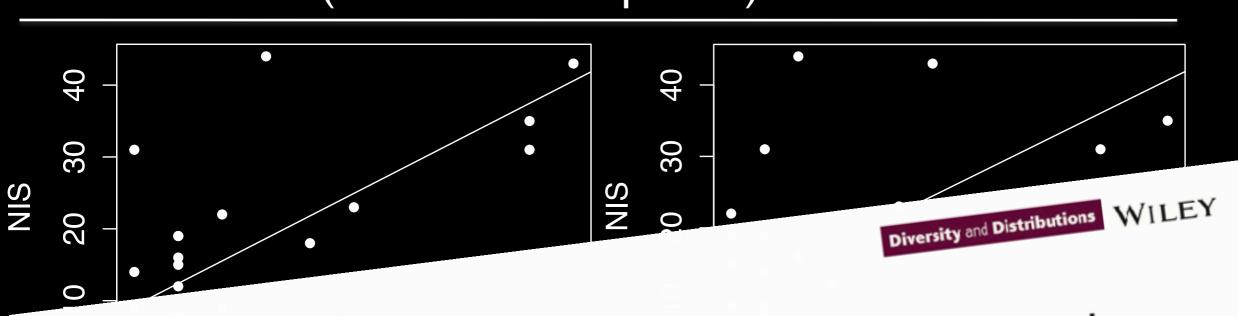


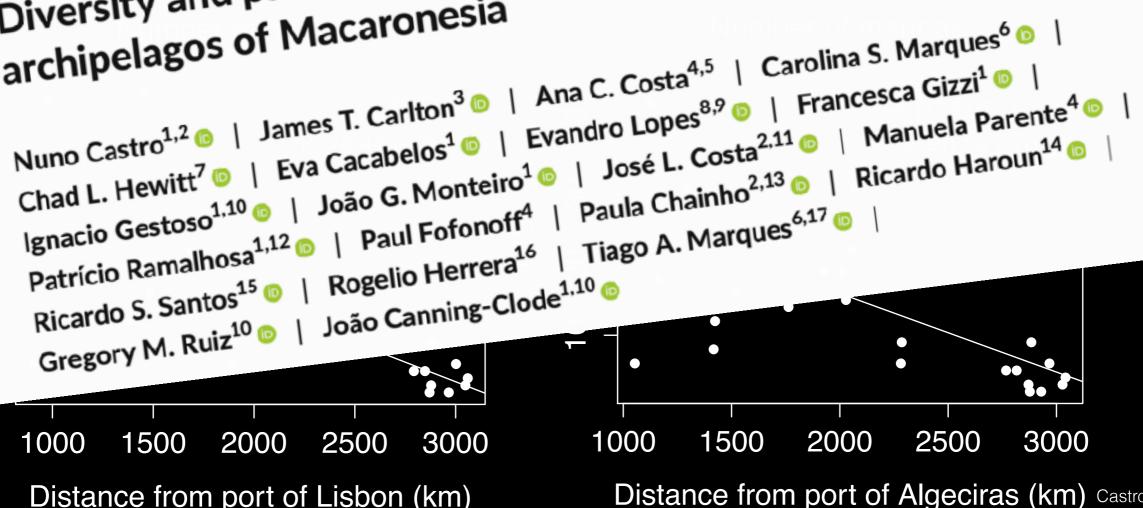
FIGURE 7 Non-native species (NNS) detected in the present study (black colour) and by the output results predicted by the selected Negative Binomial (NB) model (grey colour) for each island of the four Macaronesian archipelagos. When the models' prediction (grey colour) is not visible, the observed value (black colour) overlaps the predicted value. Predictions close to observed values might, therefore, not be visible





RESEARCH ARTICLE

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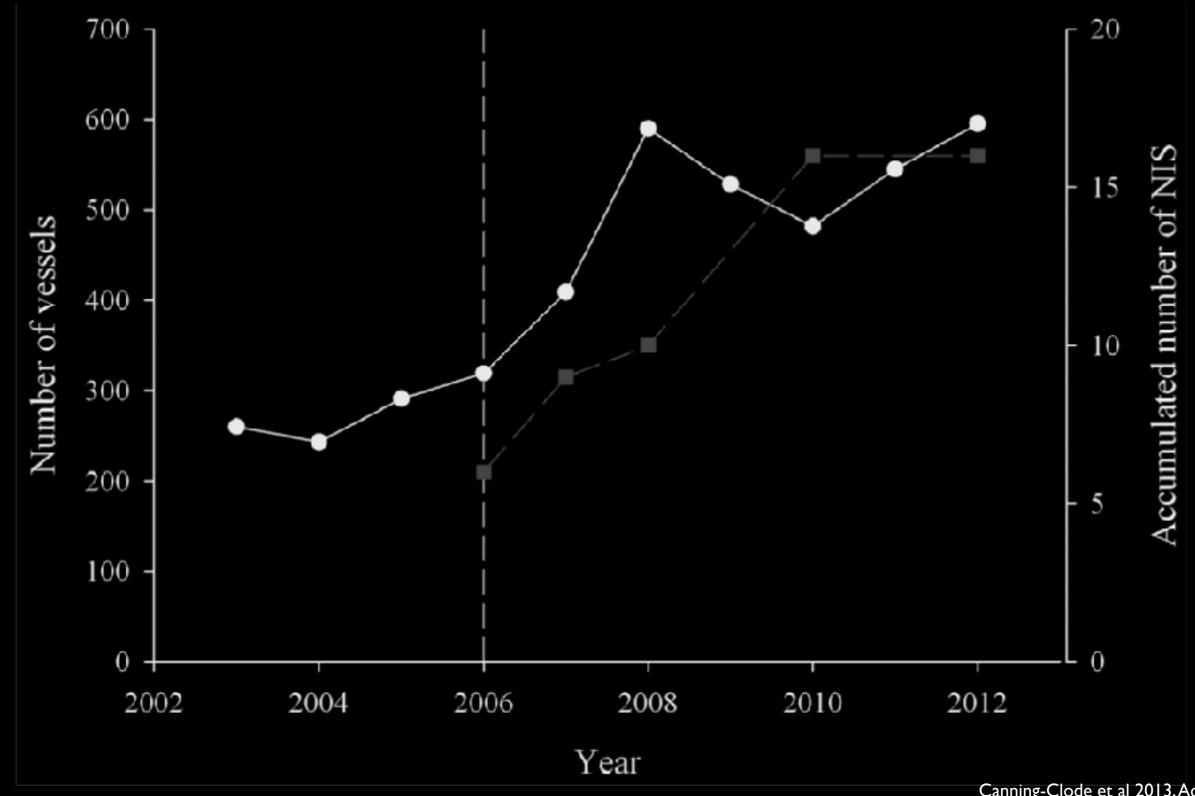


Distance from port of Lisbon (km)

Distance from port of Algeciras (km) Castro et al., 2022

## 3 - Results

# Ship traffic



#### 4 - Conclusions

- NIS > Canary Islands > Azores > Madeira > Cape Verde
- Closer island systems: Azores and Canaries, Madeira and Canaries, Madeira and Azores (shared NIS) —— perhaps closer shipping history
- Cape Verde seems very distant from remaining island systems (NIS numbers and composition)
- Probably more NIS in all islands
- Search effort may play a role in these patterns

## 6 - Acknowledgements

