

How does seagrass succession affect prey species biomass distribution in Florida Bay?

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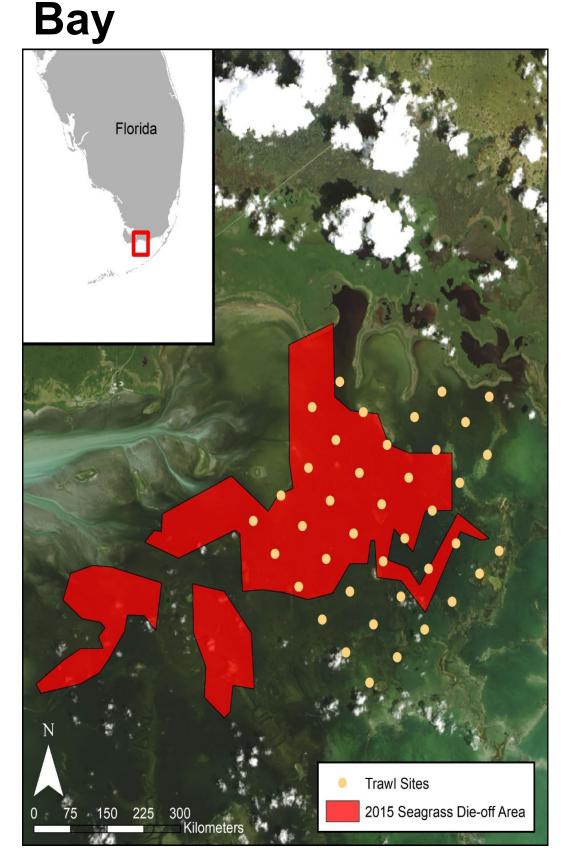
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BACKGROUND

2015 seagrass die-off event caused by drought and increased salinity in Florida





<u>2014</u>



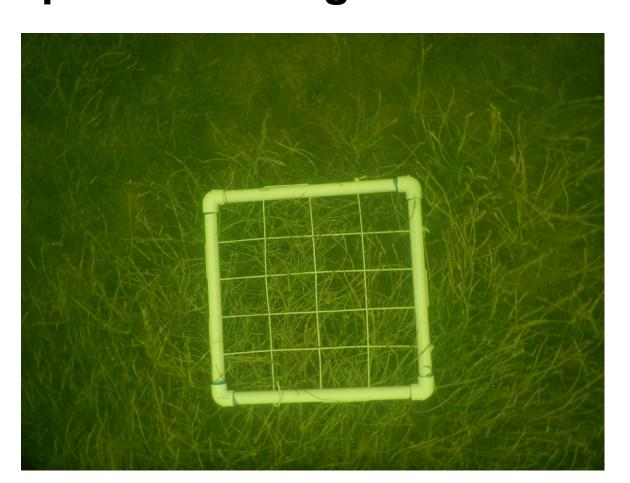
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METHODS

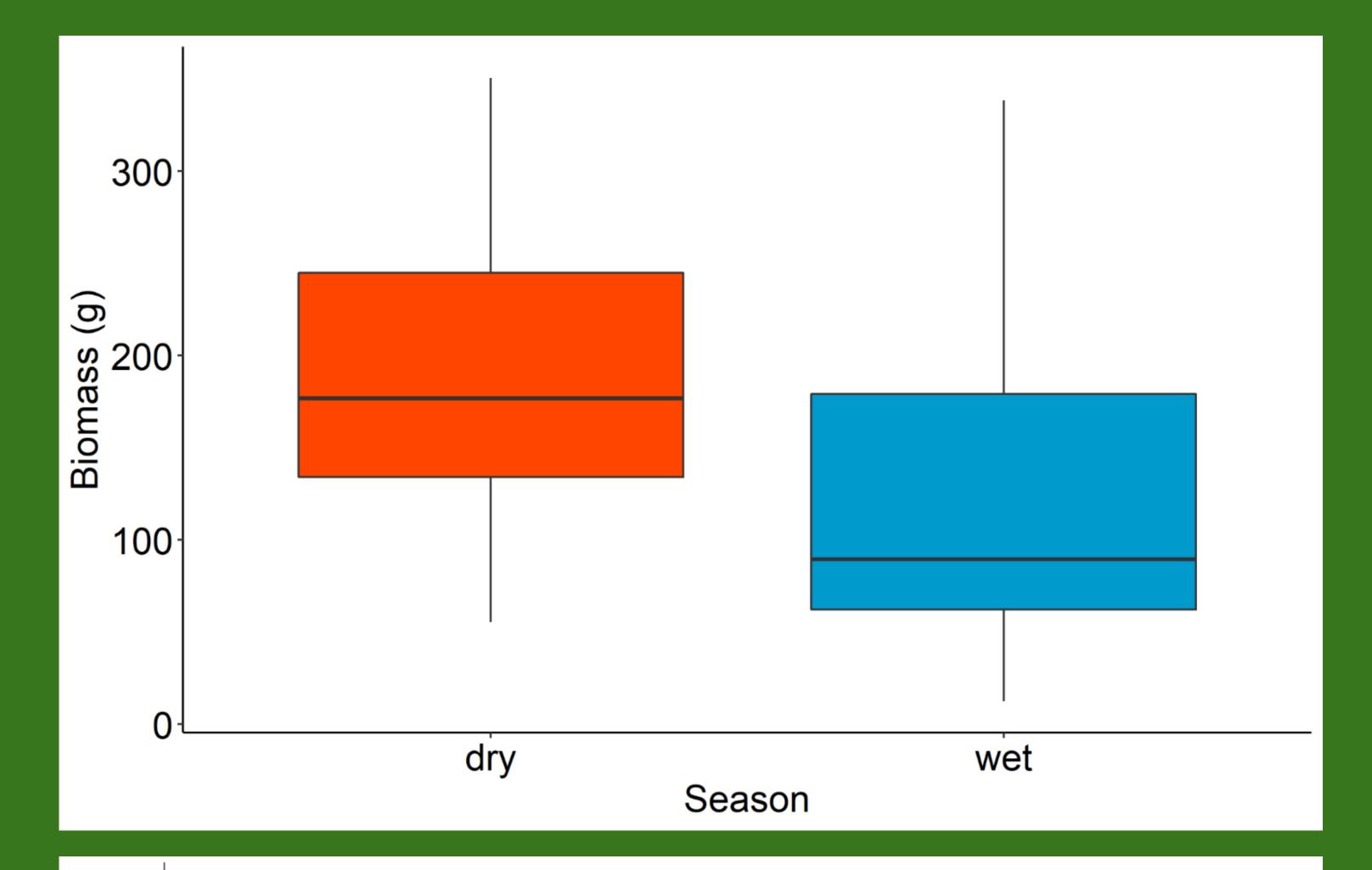
- 1. Trawling completed in Wet 2019 and Dry 2020
- 2. Each individual weighed and measured

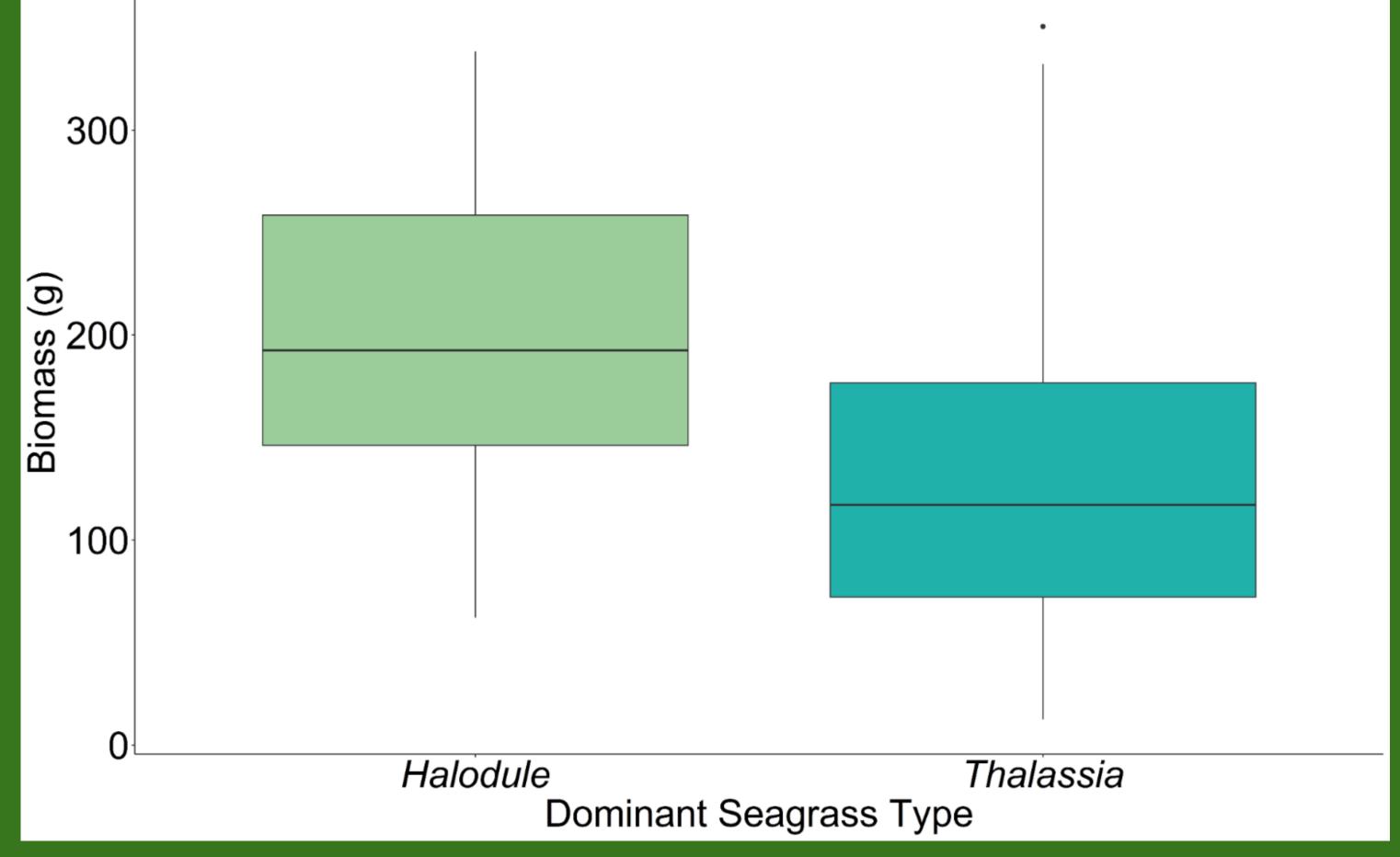


3. Seagrass surveys completed with quadrats along transect lines

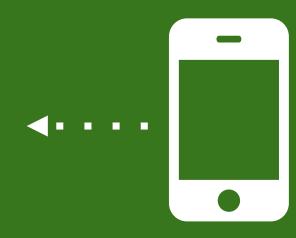


Higher biomass of prey in Dry season and *Halodule* seagrass





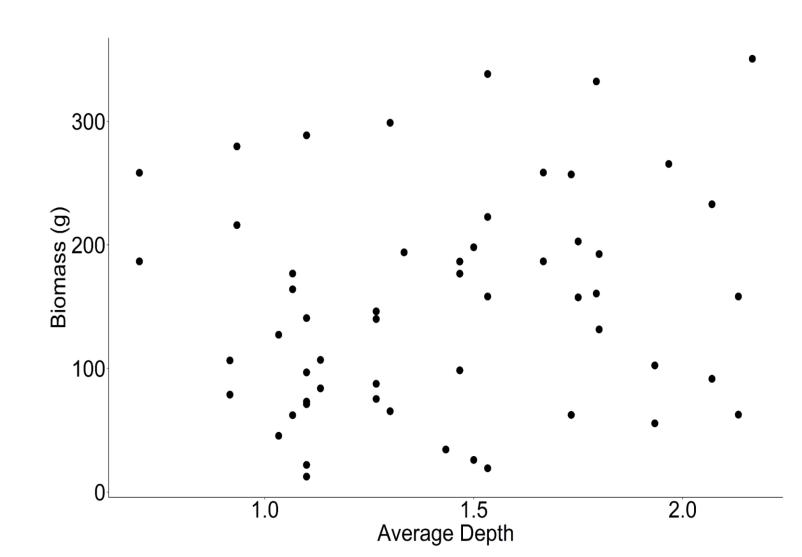


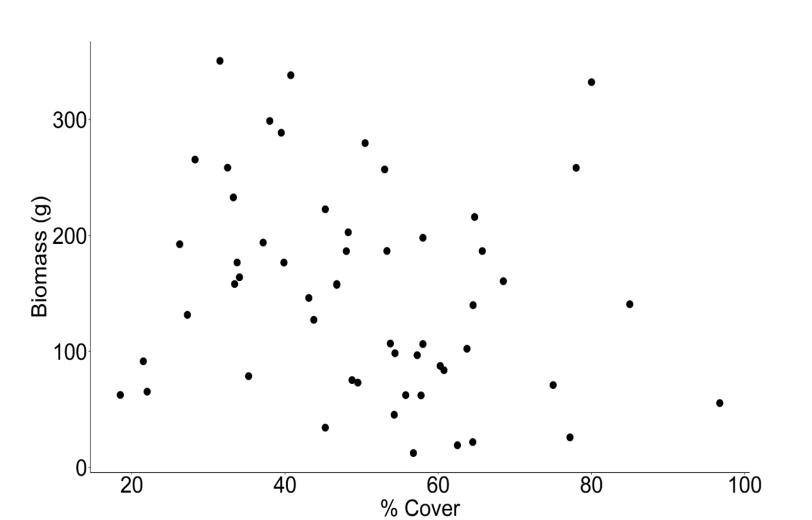


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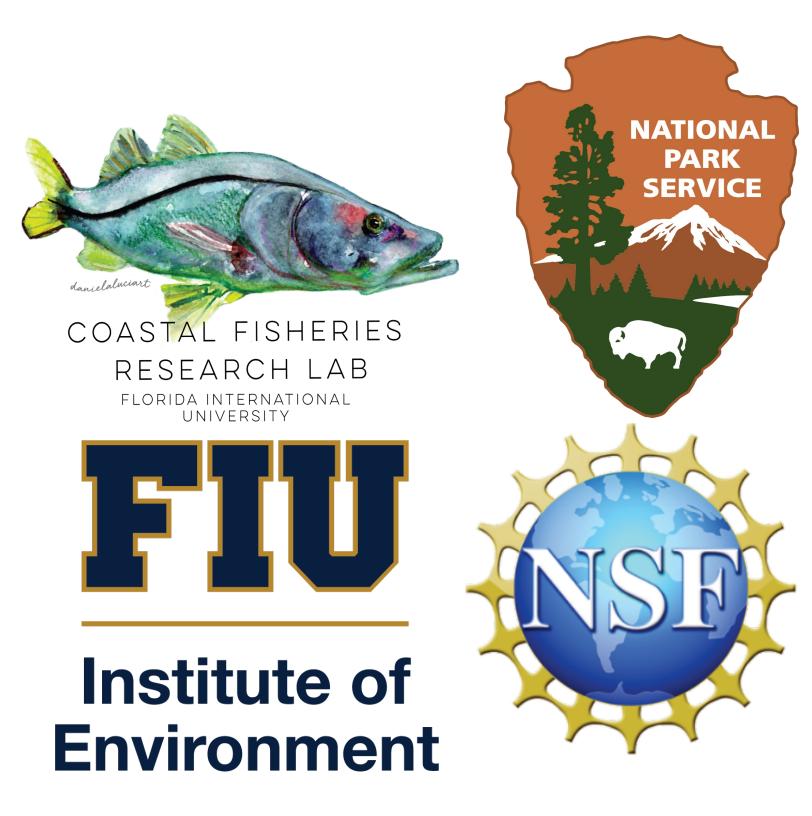
Biomass is not correlated with depth or Percent Coverage of seagrass in a fine scale analysis





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