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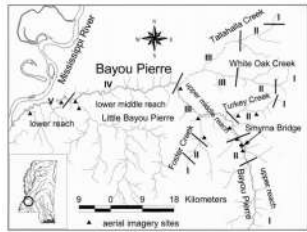


TABLE 2. MOVEMENT OF THE KNIPOPOINT AT SITE L42 ON THE UPPER REACH OF BAYOU PIERRE (nd = NO DATA). DATA FROM 1994 ARE BASED ON FIELD OBSERVATIONS.

	Year						
	1991	1994	1995	1996	1997		
Distance (m) between knickpoint and Snyrna bridge	-1115	-2056	-1433	122	975	1500	3000
Average knickpoint migration rate (m-yr)	nd	-45	124	222	171	383	750

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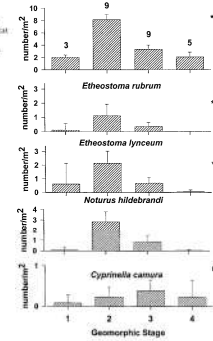


FIG. 4. Densities of all riffle-inhabiting fishes and the four numerically dominant species in 1993-1994 enclosure samples from Bayou Pierre. Vertical lines are 95% CI; asterisks indicate significant differences. Differences for total riffle fishes tested with ANOVA ($F = 4.04, P = 0.012$); differences for individual species tested with K-W with α corrected for multiple comparisons (*Etheostoma rubrum*, $\chi^2 = 12.5, P = 0.006$; *Etheostoma lyneum*, $\chi^2 = 11.4, P = 0.010$; *Noturus hildebrandi*, $\chi^2 = 12.0, P = 0.002$; *Cyprinella camura*, $\chi^2 = 1.9, P = 0.592$).

Pressures on Fishes – Introduced Species



- Intentional introductions – aquaculture, mosquito control, vegetation control, game fish
- Unintentional introductions – aquaculture, ornamentals, ballast water
- Reservoirs often facilitate invasions by modifying local habitat, causing local extirpation of native species

- Impacts on natives
 - Predation
 - Competition
 - Hybridization
 - Disease

- Assessing impacts

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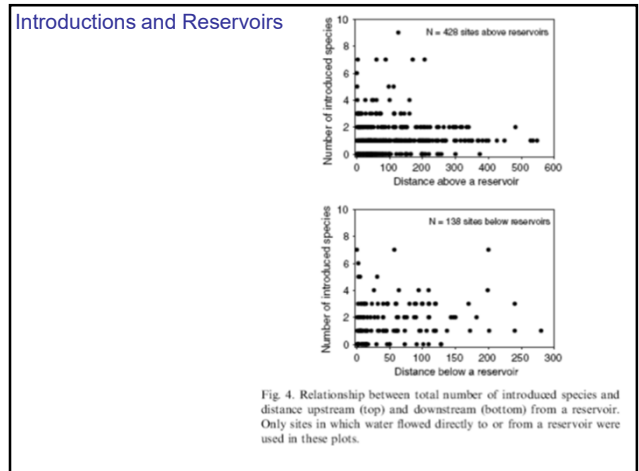
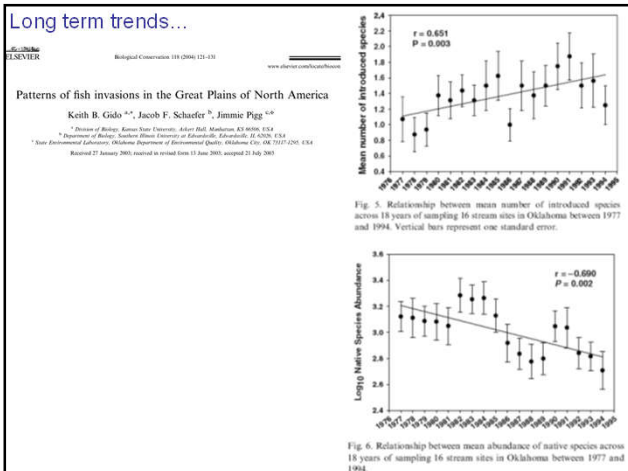
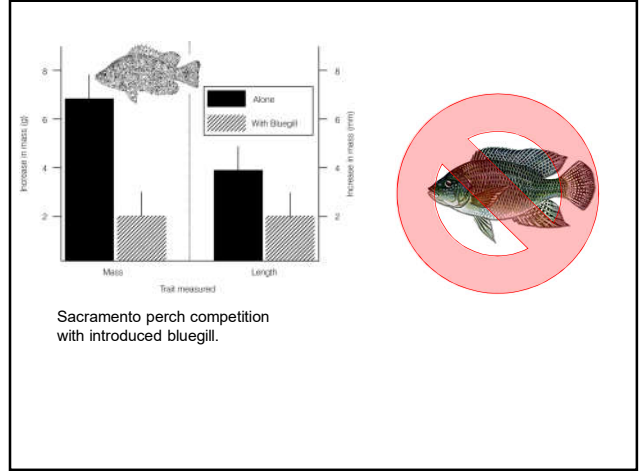
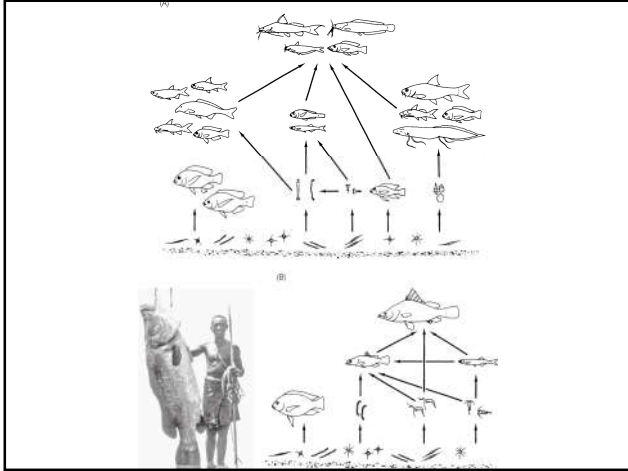
Species	1968-71	1981	1982	1983
	510 hauls ca. 510 hrs	127 hauls 144.5 hrs	191 hauls 223.4 hrs	283 hauls 269.5 hrs
Haplochromis spp.	668.20	543.30	284.34	270.84
Oreochromis esculentus	29.79	0.15	0.04	0.01
O. variabilis	1.04	8.70	1.97	1.07
O. niloticus	3.36	13.60	6.56	5.03
O. leucostictus	0.18	0.11	0.02	-
Tilapia zillii	-	-	-	-
Bagrus docmak	33.26	4.09	8.37	11.24
Clarias mossambicus	32.60	15.07	7.16	4.32
Protopterus aethiopicus	22.08	2.66	1.09	2.23
Lates niloticus	0.96	5.02	42.08	57.47
Symodotis victorae	4.77	0.91	0.27	0.35
S. ahluwaliani	0.10	0.01	0.00	0.01
Other species	2.56	0.32	1.40	2.69
Total	796.72	694.94	363.30	355.28

Source: Okamoto et al. (1984)

Cascading Effects of the Introduced Nile Perch on the Detritivorous/ Phytoplanktivorous Species in the Sublittoral Areas of Lake Victoria

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Conservation Biology, Vol. 7, No. 3, (Sep., 1993), pp. 686-700.

- (1) Lates replaced 109+ species of haplochromine piscivores and the piscivorous catfishes (*Bagrus docmak* and *Clarias gariepinus*).
- (2) *Oreochromis niloticus* replaced the indigenous *O. esculentus* and *O. variabilis*.
- (3) The zooplanktivorous cyprinid *Rastrineobola argentea* replaced 20+ species of zooplanktivorous haplochromines.
- (4) *Cardina* replaced the detritivorous haplochromines.



Reservoirs – combined threats

- Habitat alteration
- Hydrograph alteration
- Barrier to migration
- Source for introduced species
- Spurs urban development



Climate Change and range contractions

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Thermal range predicts bird population resilience to extreme high temperatures

Range retractions and extinction in the face of climate warming

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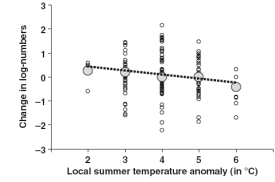
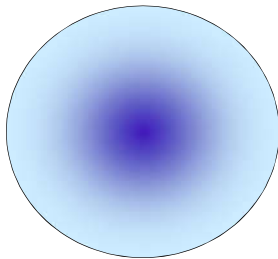


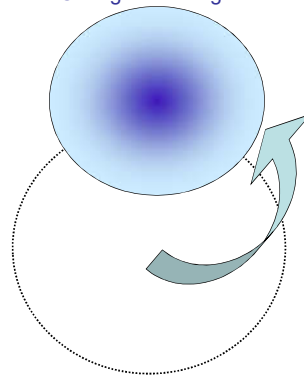
Figure 1 Example of the response of 2003–2004 local population growth rates to 2003 temperature anomalies in the Rook *Corvus frugilegus* (L.), showing a negative linear trend with summer temperature anomaly (in °C). Small circles represent each site where the species was recorded during the breeding bird survey, large grey circles are mean values, and the dashed line shows the linear response of growth rate to the temperature anomaly. The local growth rate (y-axis) shown here is the change in log-numbers between 2003 and 2004.

Climate Change and range contractions



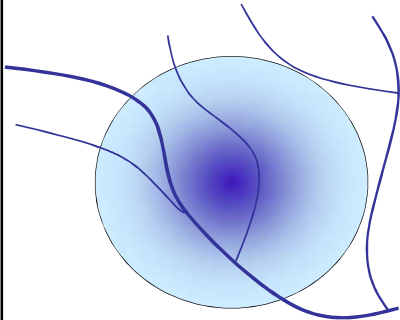
Core theory – conditions at the core of a species range are ideal. Optimal conditions deteriorate linearly from the core. Species are least fit on the edges of their distribution.

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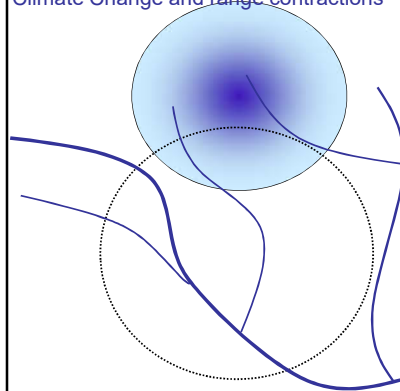


Climate change will shift species range, move the core and potentially shrink the range.

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Population Genetics

- Critical tool for conserving species
 - Identify what to conserve
 - Connectivity between populations
 - Indicators of bottlenecks
 - Effective population size
 - Genetic diversity
 - Local adaptation

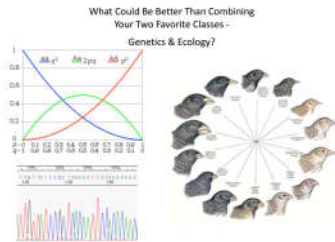
Population Genetics

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Prerequisite = Genetics

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Population genetics is concerned with the processes that affect the patterns of genetic variation within a species (i.e. how evolutionary changes occur).

Topics will include:

- sources of variation, population structure, genetic drift, inbreeding, selection, molecular evolution, systematics, conservation genetics and quantitative genetics.

Yazoo Darter – All known Localities

