



What it means to be a part of the network....

MigraMar is a collaborative network of independent scientific groups working on connectivity of pelagic organisms in the Eastern Tropical Pacific.

1. Those groups working with ultrasonic arrays agree to maintain their arrays at least until the end of 2011. All groups agree to maintain a list of all ultrasonically tagged organisms within the region. If a monitor pertaining to one group registers a tag pertaining to another, the former will provide the latter with the raw data pertaining to that tag, and the position of the monitor. New members will include their monitors as part of the region-wide array.
2. Each group working with satellite tracks will provide a list of dates and positions of each tracked individual for the animated map to be designed for the Results page. This information can be provided in real time, once the track is complete, or once the information is published, depending on the discretion of the owner.
3. New studies on the theme of pelagic connectivity are welcomed – such as genetic studies, baited underwater cameras or high seas fisheries observer programs. MigraMar scientists will collaborate where possible (obtaining samples etc). Each project should consider an appropriate section to be added to the website.
4. The MigraMar network will meet (via teleconference, skype or in person) every 4 months, and will carry out one annual joint planning meeting to coordinate regional priorities, technical advice to respective governments and possible joint funding opportunities. At least one member from each participating institution should attend the annual meeting.

MigraMar promotes the following:

- Interchange of scientists on field trips
- Manuscript revision
- Mutual training
- Development of online joint databases
- To maintain and update the website
- To coordinate outreach programs with stakeholder communities in the region

Authorship

For regional-focus peer review articles, we suggest that the leading author contact the main investigators at each relevant site for permission to use unpublished data and to reach consensus on authorship order and tasks for the article.