

An operational ocean configuration on the Indonesian seas: Mid-long term performances of the biogeochemical component

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Context

> The INDES solution

- Build and operate an operational center for monitoring and forecast
- Implement an ambitious capacity building plan
- Develop result-oriented downstream applications

> In this context, an **Operational Ocean Forecasting center** has been developed to undertake activities on a weekly routine basis in order to:

- Monitor the state of the Indonesian seas: ocean physics, biogeochemistry and fish population dynamics
- Assess how Indonesian seas can be healthy, safe, clean and productive

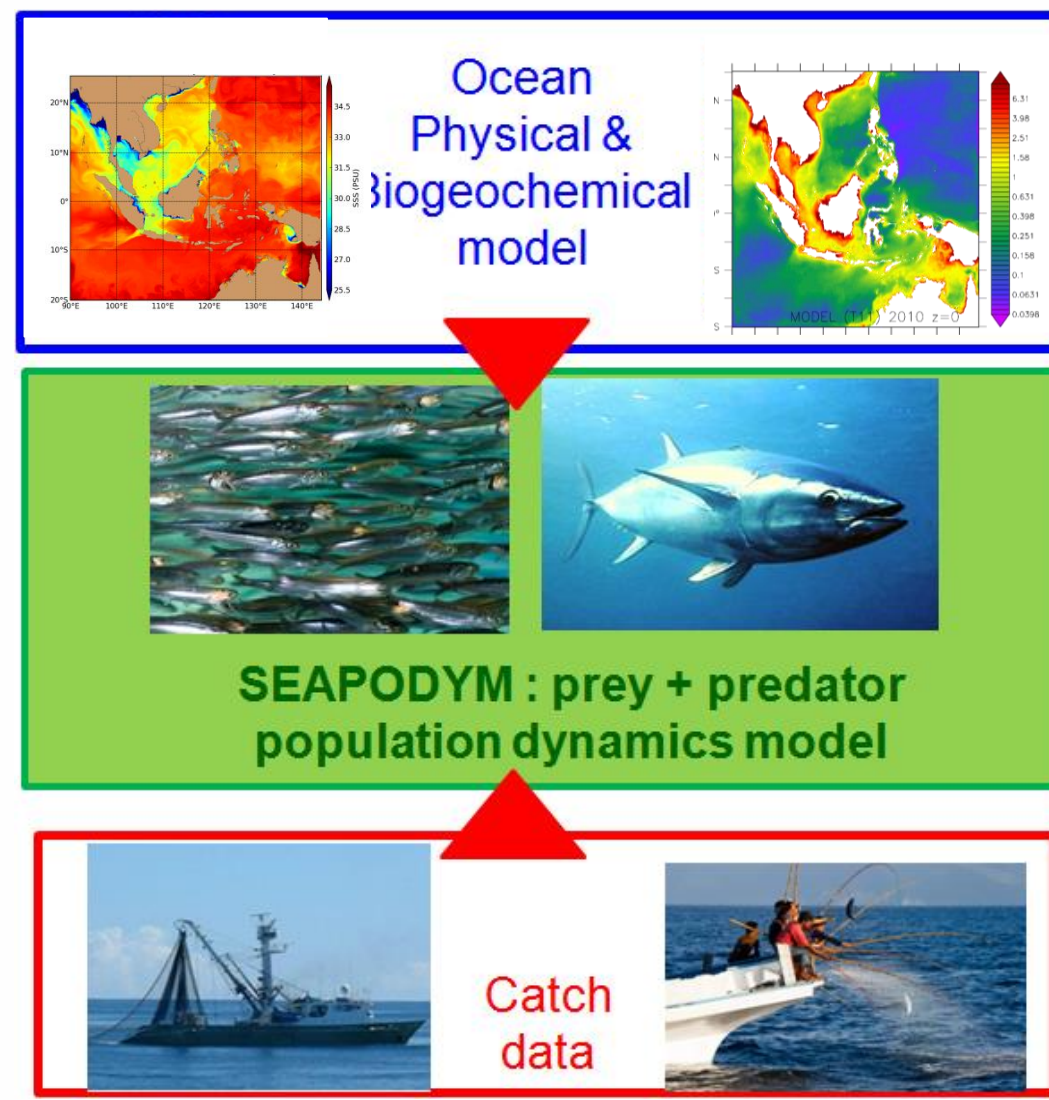
Suite of models

> The Numerical models suite consists of :

- ocean physics,
- biochemistry
- fish population dynamics

The suite of models :

→ Fully operational in Perancak (Bali) since September 2014



Physical/biogeochemical coupled model

> The Ocean model :

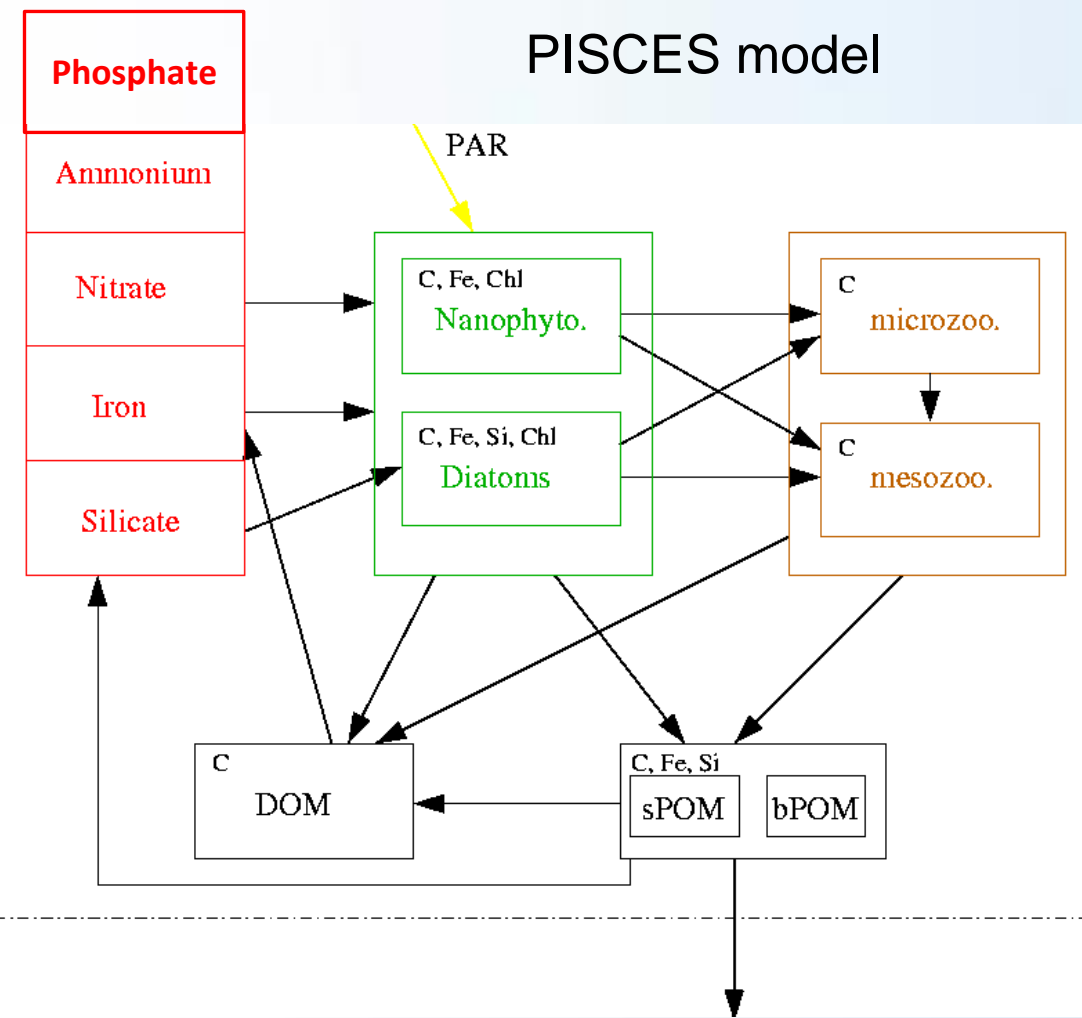
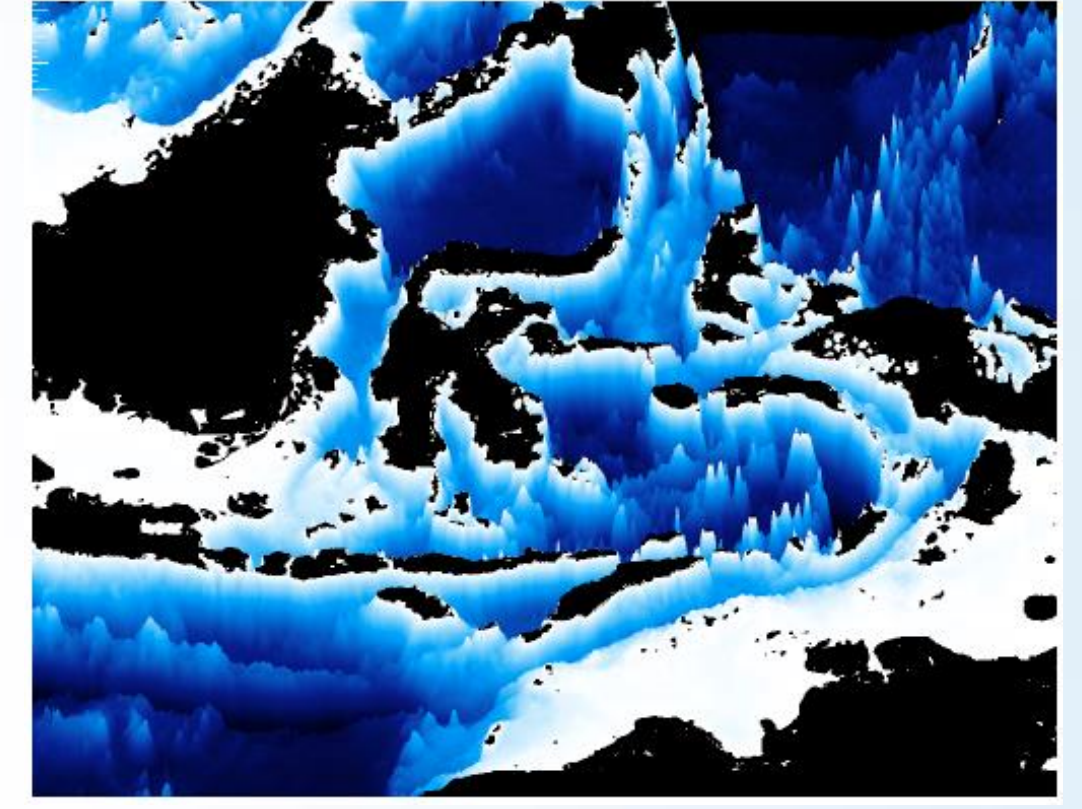
- Based on NEMO2.3 for regional seas
- ORCA grid, 1/12° (9 km), 50 vertical levels, centered on Indonesian sea
- Bathymetry : ETOPO2V2g 2' + GEBCO 1' + changes in main straits
- Explicit tides
- Free surface: Explicite time-splitting
- Vertical mixing : k-ε + mixing due to waves
- Tidal mixing (Koch-Larrouy, 2007)

> The Biogeochemical model PISCES:

- (Aumont and Bopp, 2006)
- marine biological productivity.
- biogeochemical cycles of carbon and nutrients.
- Dissolved oxygen content and carbonate system.
- online-coupling at 1/12°

> Initial and Open Boundary Conditions:

- Physics: 03/07/2007 + daily boundaries from the Global Ocean Forecasting System at 1/4 of Mercator Ocean (PSY3V3R3)
- Biogeochemistry: climatologies, global models or analytical value
- External forcings:
 - Atmospheric forcing : 3h dynamic and radiative fluxes from ECMWF at 1/8°
 - Tidal forcing : Astronomical from TPX0.7 (Egbert and Erofeeva, 2002).



Biogeochemical performances

1/ Chlorophyll-a variability:

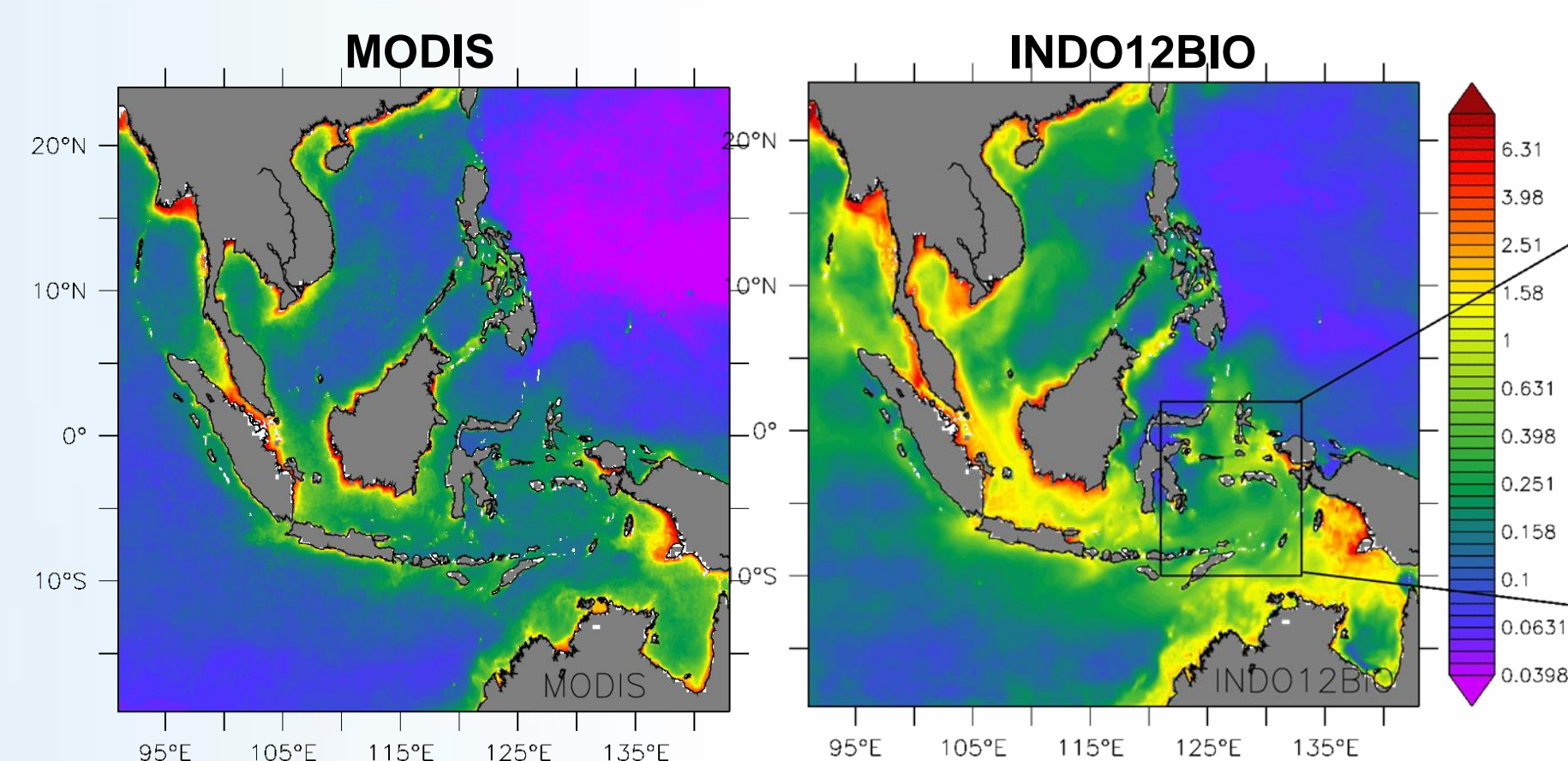


Fig. 1: Annual mean (2011) of surface chlorophyll-a (mg Chl m⁻³).

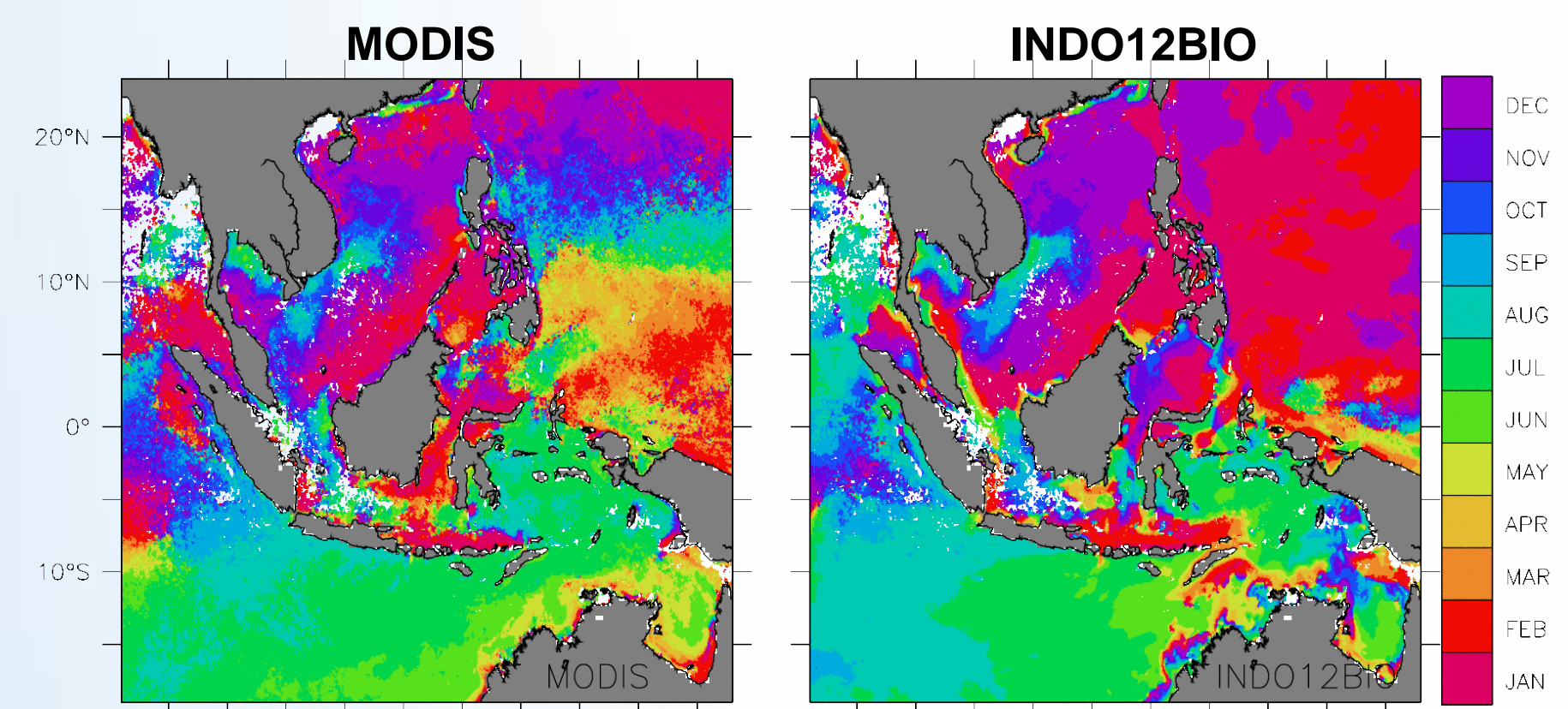


Fig. 2: Month of surface chlorophyll-a maximum.

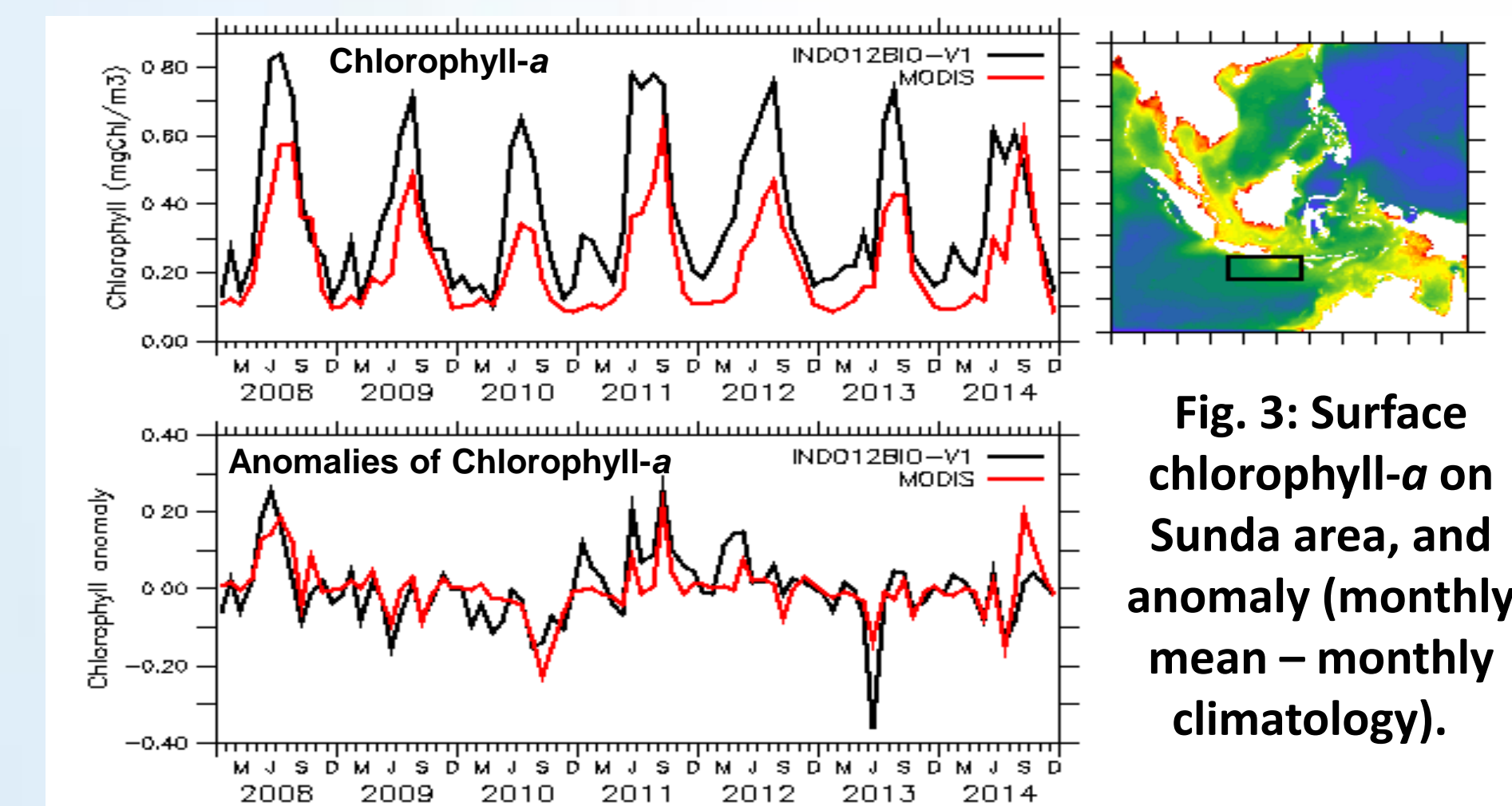


Fig. 3: Surface chlorophyll-a on Sunda area, and anomaly (monthly mean - monthly climatology).

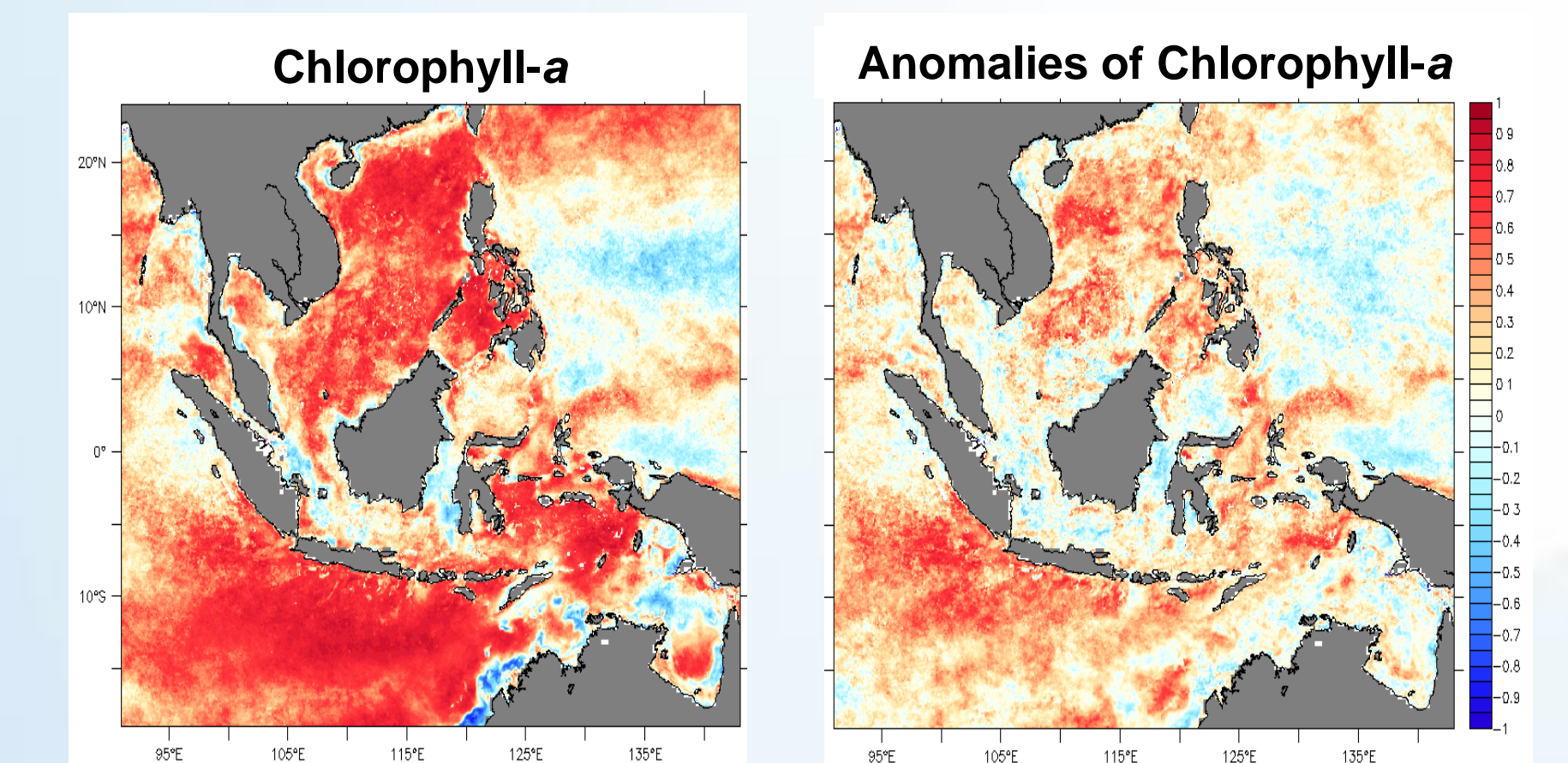


Fig. 4: Temporal correlation between the INDO12BIO and MODIS, between 2008 and 2014.

2/ Link with climate indexes (ENSO, IOD):

Correlation

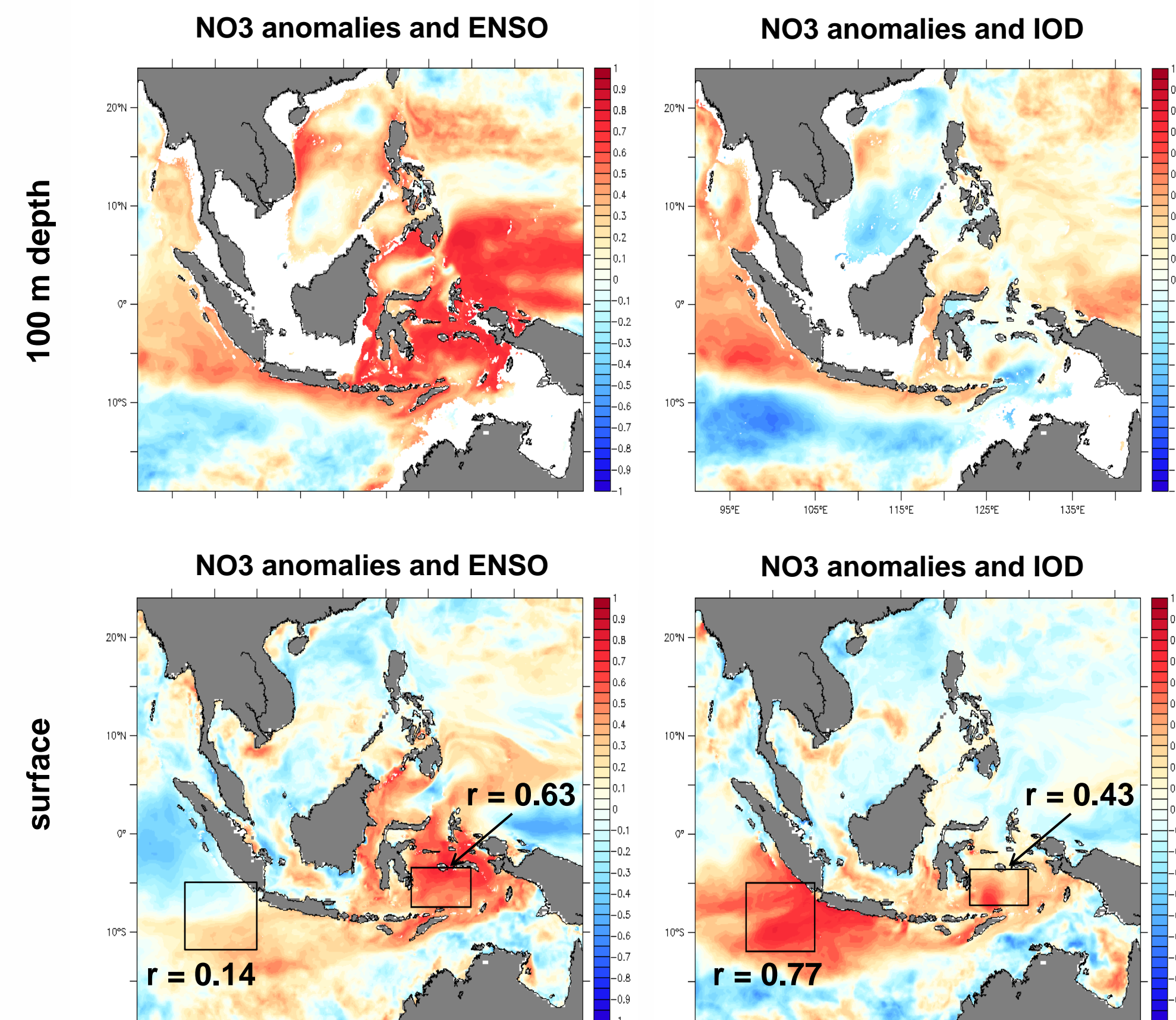


Fig. 5: Temporal correlation between anomalies of nitrate and ENSO (left), and IOD (right) indexes at 100m and to the surface, between 2008 and 2014.

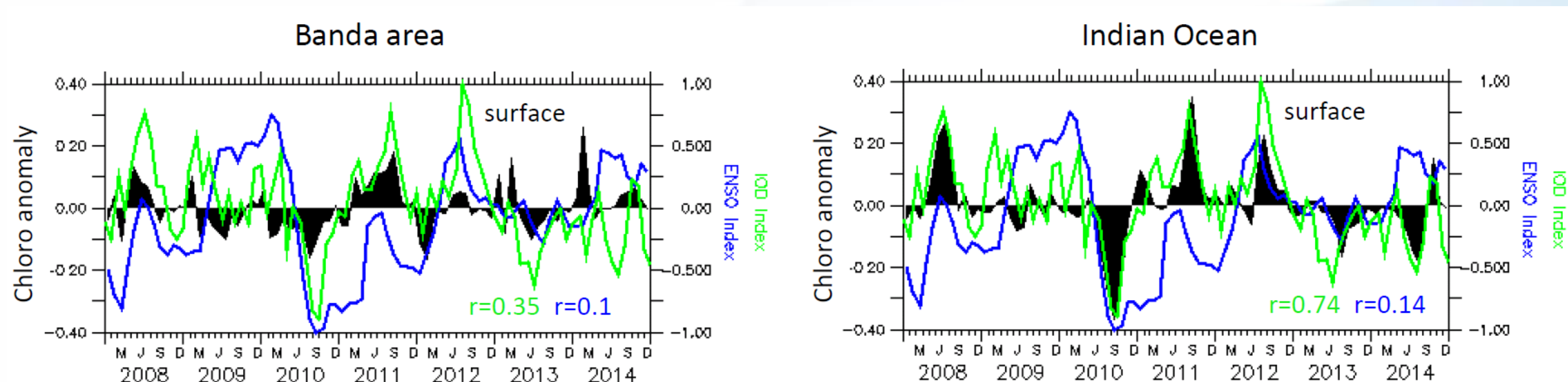


Fig. 6: Anomalies of chlorophyll-a at the surface on Banda (left) and Indian (right) areas. ENSO index is in blue, IOD in red.

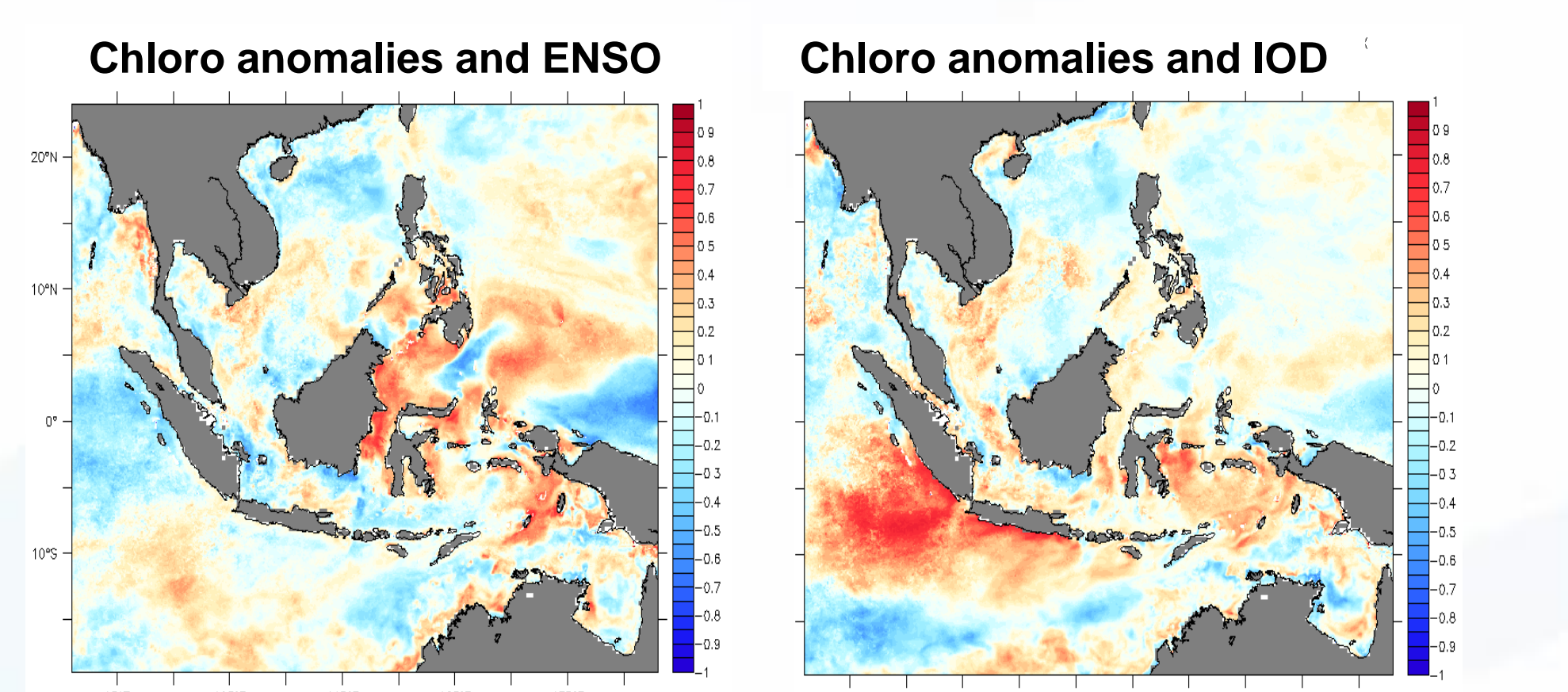


Fig. 7: Temporal correlation between the anomalies of chlorophyll-a and ENSO (left), IOD (right) indexes, between 2008 and 2014.

Same correlation using MODIS ocean colour product.

Seasonal cycle and interannual variations of chlorophyll-a
→ in agreement with satellite observations (amplitude and phase)
Expect in Pacific part

Seasonal cycle
→ driven by the monsoon system

Interannual variations
→ driven by climate phenomena (ENSO, IOD)

Impact of interannual phenomena on the nutrient content:

ENSO → Western Pacific ocean (sub-surface) and Archipelago (first hundreds of meters due to vertical mixing)

IOD → Eastern Indian Ocean (first 30m)

Correlation:

Index	NO3 0m	Chloro 0m
IOD - Indian	0.77	0.74
- Banda	0.43	0.35
ENSO - Indian	0.14	0.14
- Banda	0.63	0.1

IOD :

- + index: - SST anomaly in the Eastern Indian due to stronger coastal upwelling (Java, Sumatra)
- + NO₃
- phytoplankton bloom
- IOD only affects the surface layer but spreads the first levels of the food chain

ENSO:

- affects hundreds of meters of the water column (nitracline in the Pacific, and up to surface in the archipelago due to mixing)
- But no straight effect on chlorophyll-a

Quid limitation by another nutrient ?