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Two Pieces of the Same Puzzle: Active and PASSIVE Acoustics for Cross-Trophic Marine Ecosystem Monitoring

Acoustics play a central role in our interactions with others and with the environment. Passive listening to the ocean acoustic landscape, or ocean soundscape, informs us about biotic (sounds produced by animals), abiotic (wind, waves, precipitation), and anthropogenic (shipping, pile driving) processes from tectonic plate movement to ecosystem status and health. Passive acoustic monitoring (PAM) of sound generated and utilized by marine life has dramatically increased worldwide to enhance understanding of ecosystem dynamics. Here we discuss the concept of the underwater soundscape in terms of a measured physical property that can be selectively decomposed and visualized to gain a greater understanding of the sources and environmental dynamics contributing to and shaping the temporal and spatial patterns of the measured sound. New software for processing soundscape data into standardized data products will be demonstrated and available for participants to process their own data. The MANTA (Making Ambient Noise Trends Accessible) software combines contemporary processing guidelines into a freely available, standalone program without the need to code in Matlab or Python.