

**South Carolina
Marine
Artificial Reef
Program**



Artificial Reefs –What are They?



Opinions Varied

- **Productive bottom**
- **Fish attractors**
- **Management tools**
- **Popular dive sites**
- **Research tools**
- **Essential fish habitat**
- **Train wreck in the Yosemite**



Essential Fish Habitat or Free Lunch?



Whatever we make them...



Habitat Modification



Additional Hard-bottom Habitat



Permitted Marine Artificial Reefs as of 1998

- **North Carolina - 46**
- **South Carolina - 43**
- **Georgia - 26**
- **Florida (Atlantic) - >112**



Total area permitted > 155 nm²



Large/High Profile Structures





Small/Low Profile Structures



Artificial Reef Research

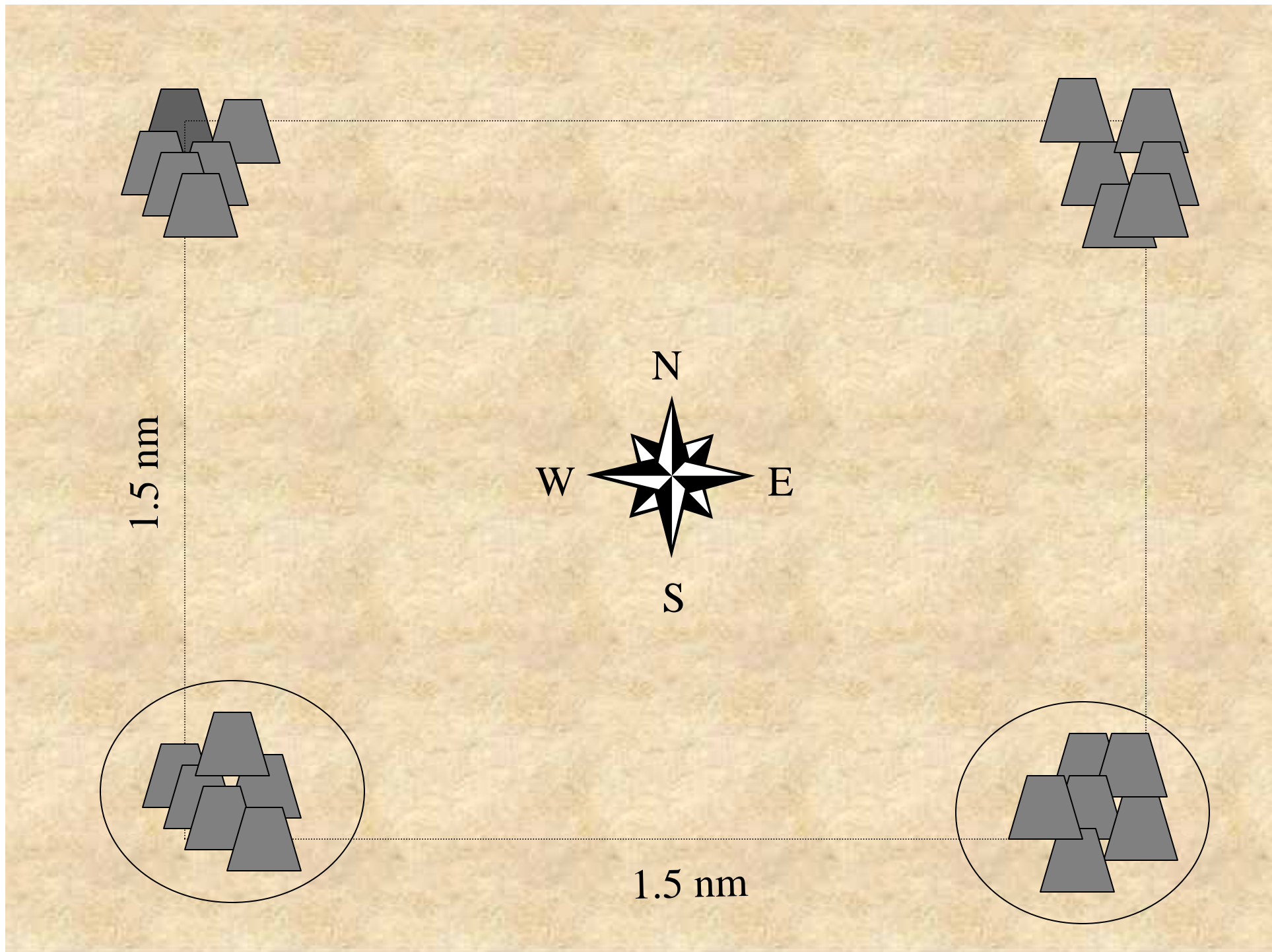
- **Programs exist**
- **Current goals varied**
- **New goals & partnerships needed**
- **Widely adaptable**
- **Comparable methods & results**

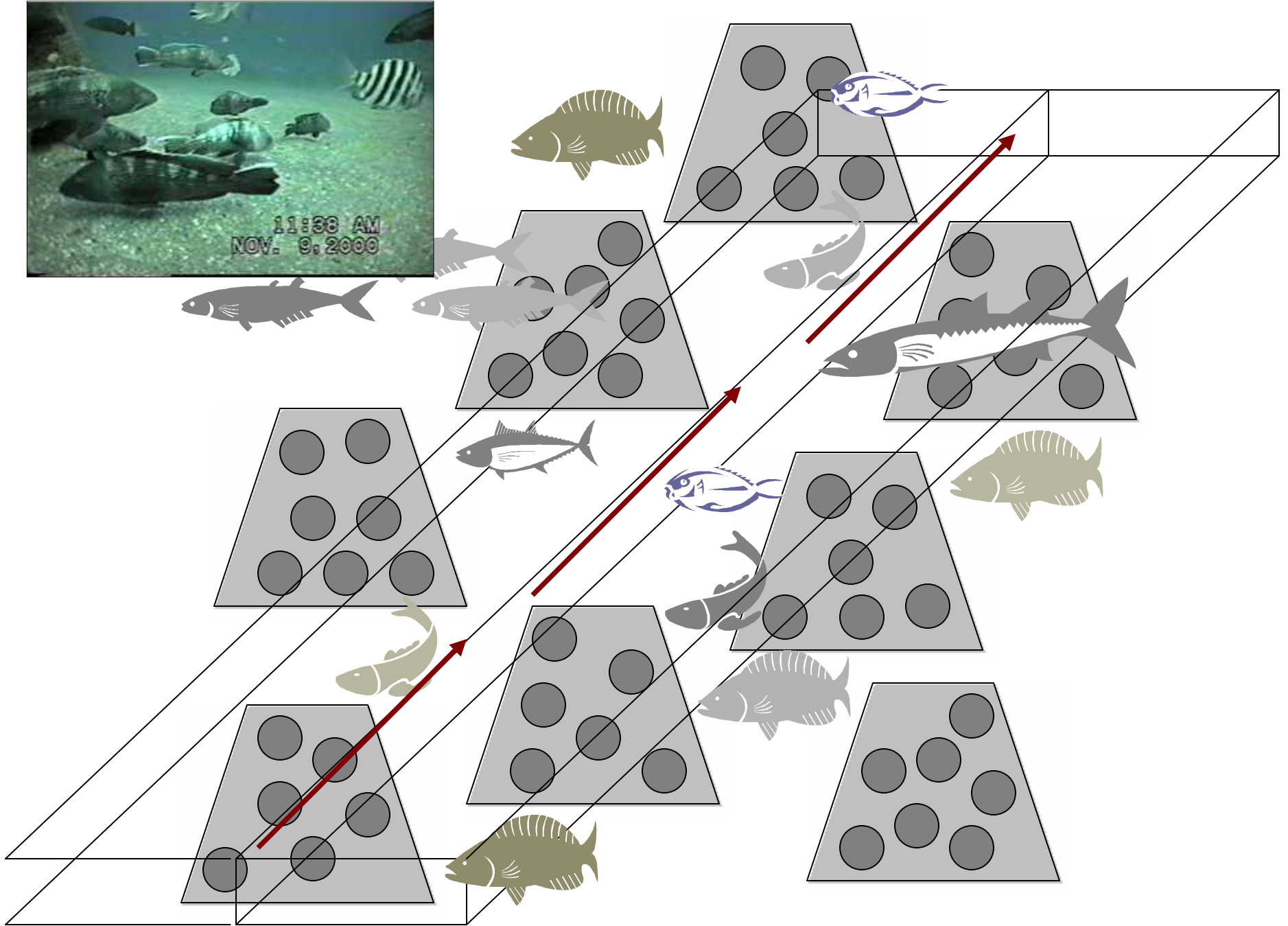


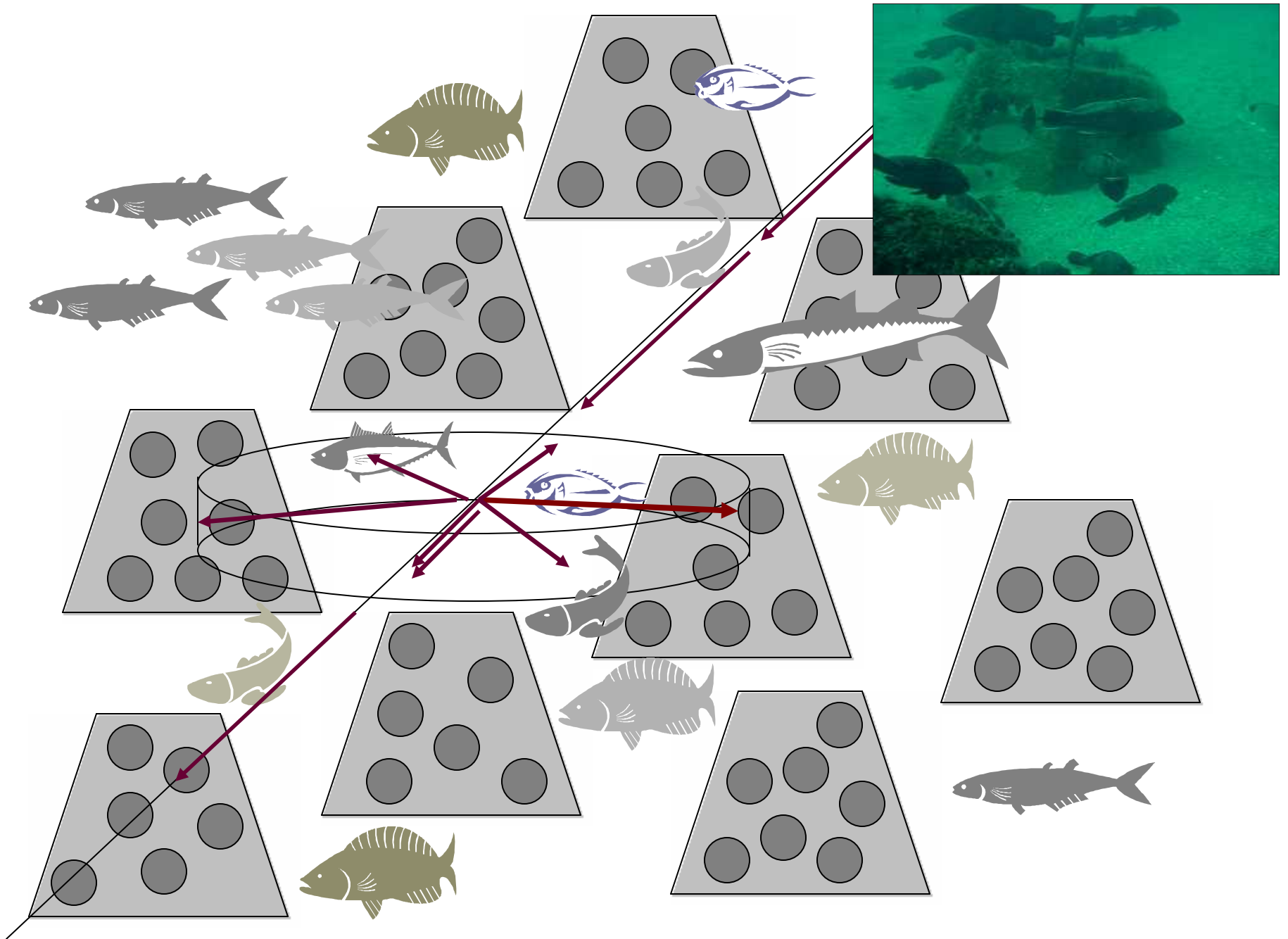
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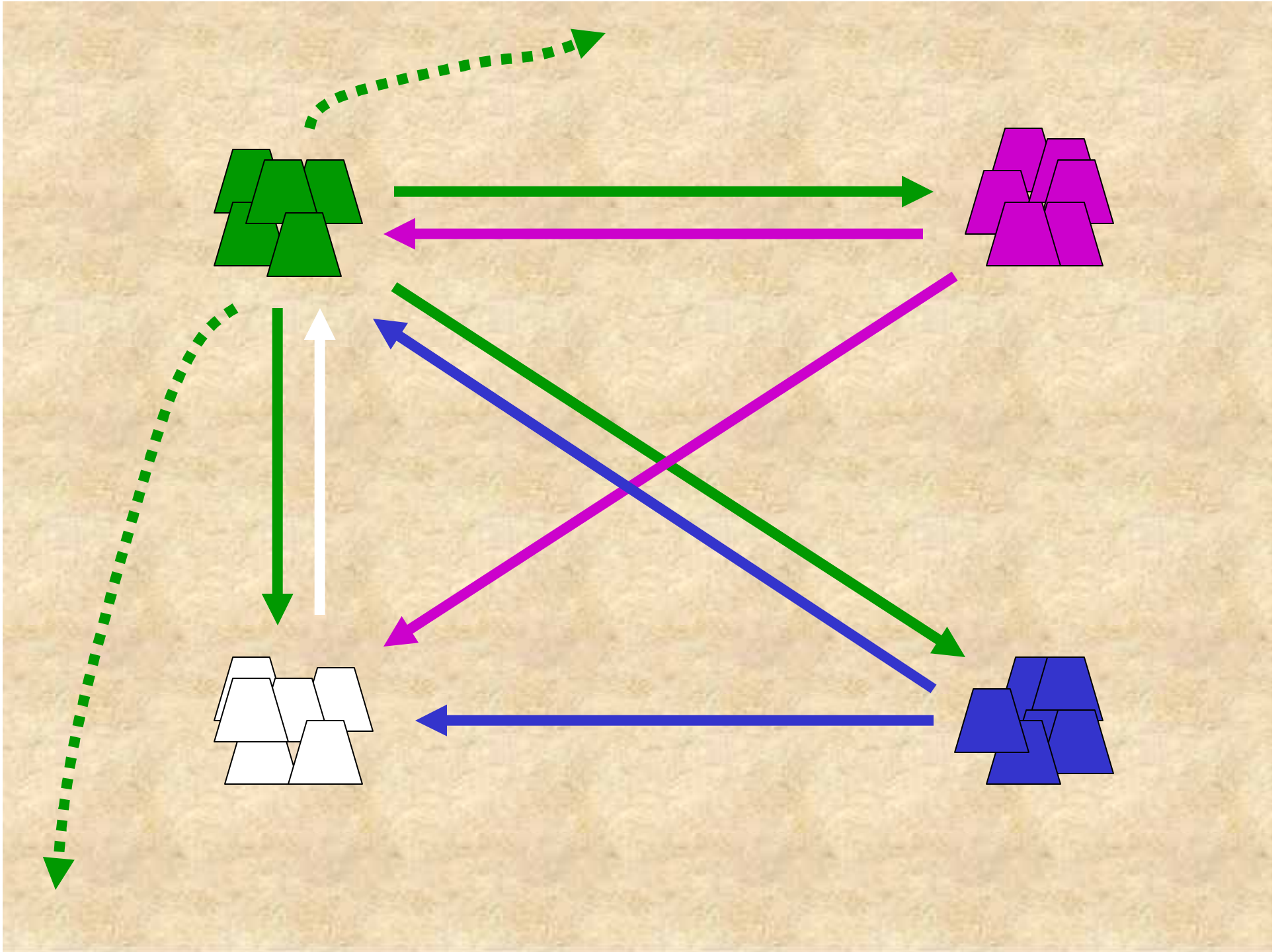
- **Reasonable proxies**
- **Un-fished sites possible**
- **Public buy-in possible**
- **Must think OTB**

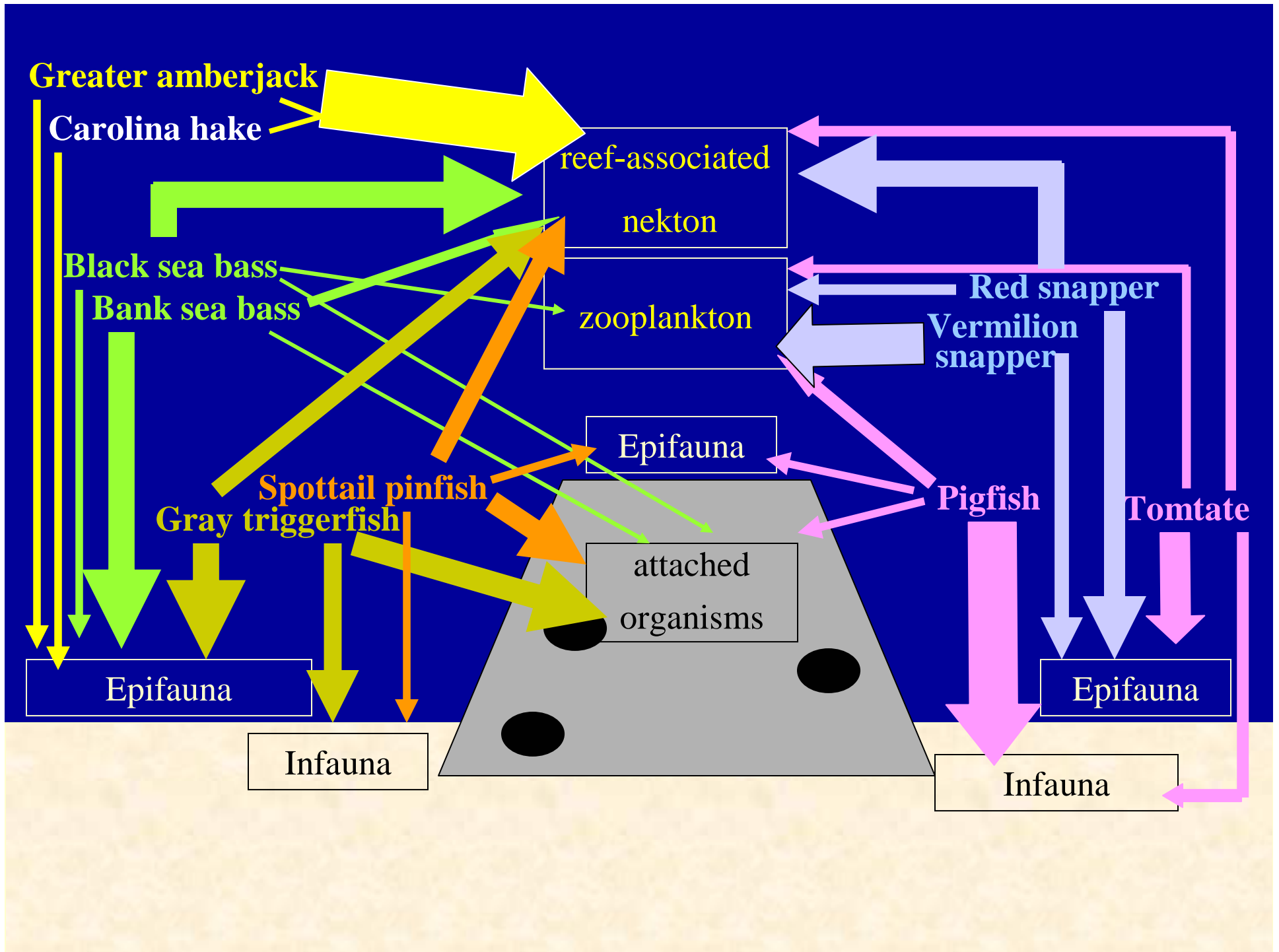












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