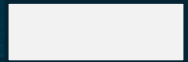


GREAT SOUTHERN REEF & SEA URCHIN TASK FORCE BRIEFING



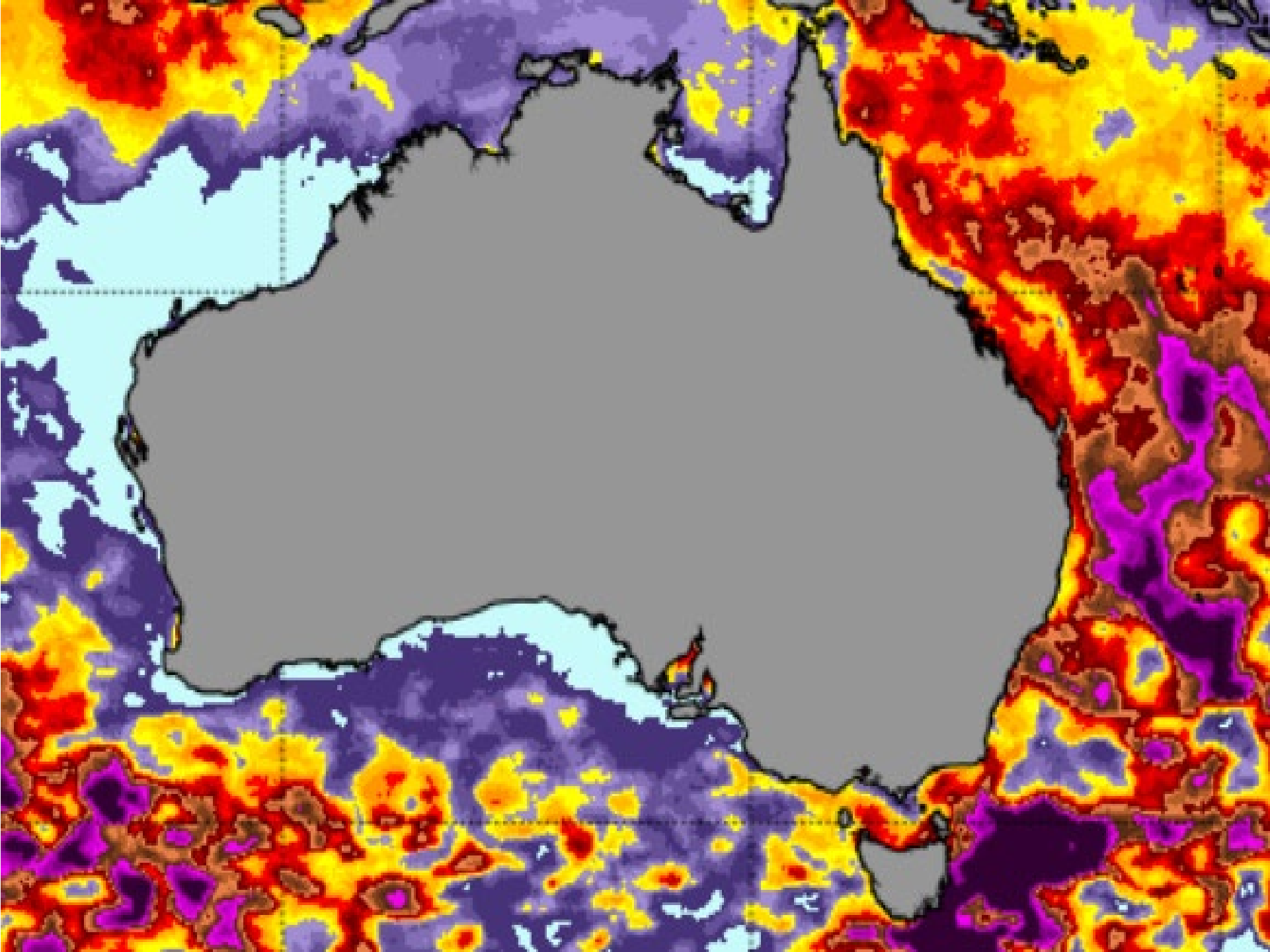
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Healthy kelp forests

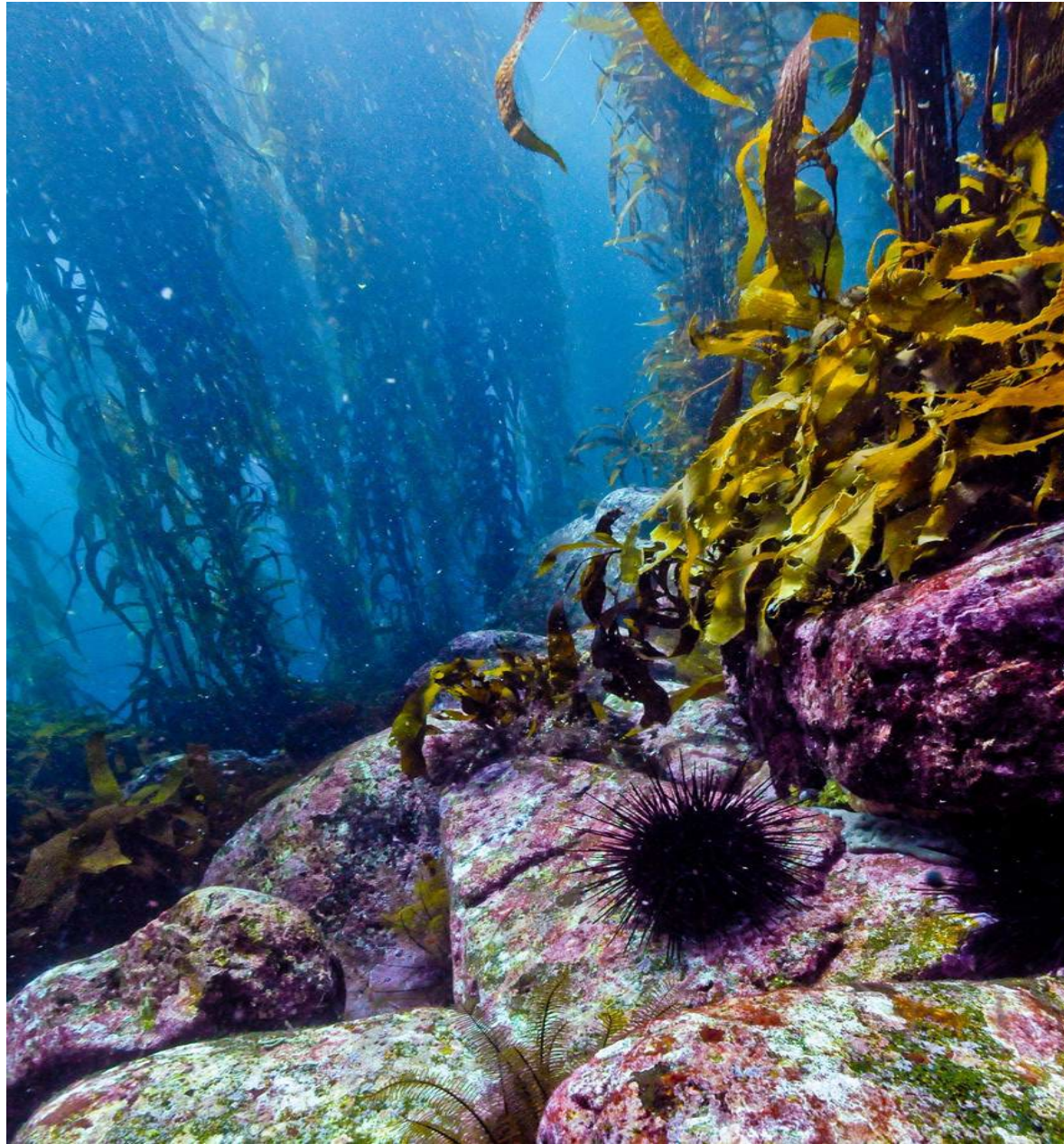


Healthy kelp forests





Overgrazing collapse of kelp forests



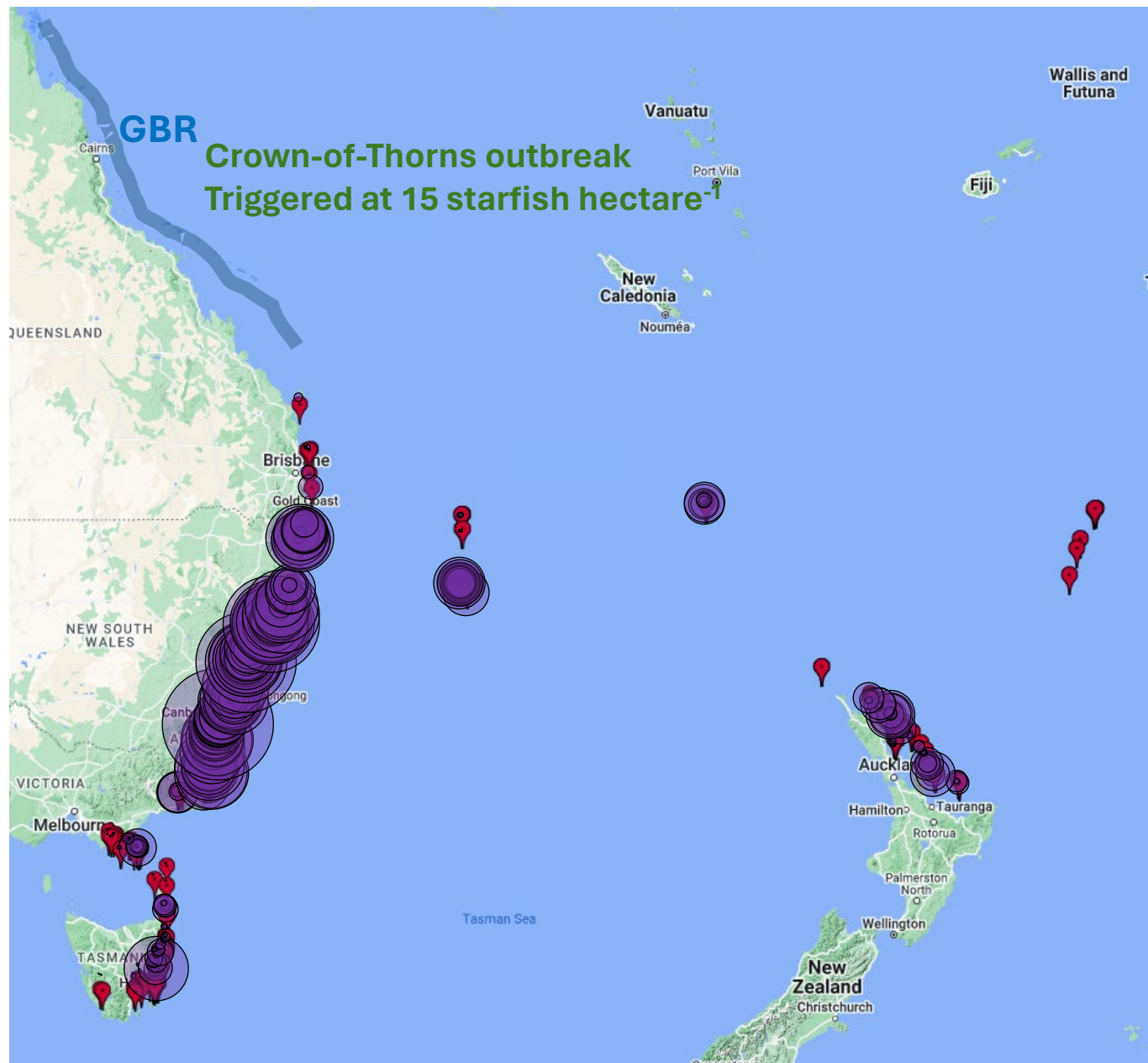


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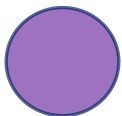




Scale of the urchin population explosion

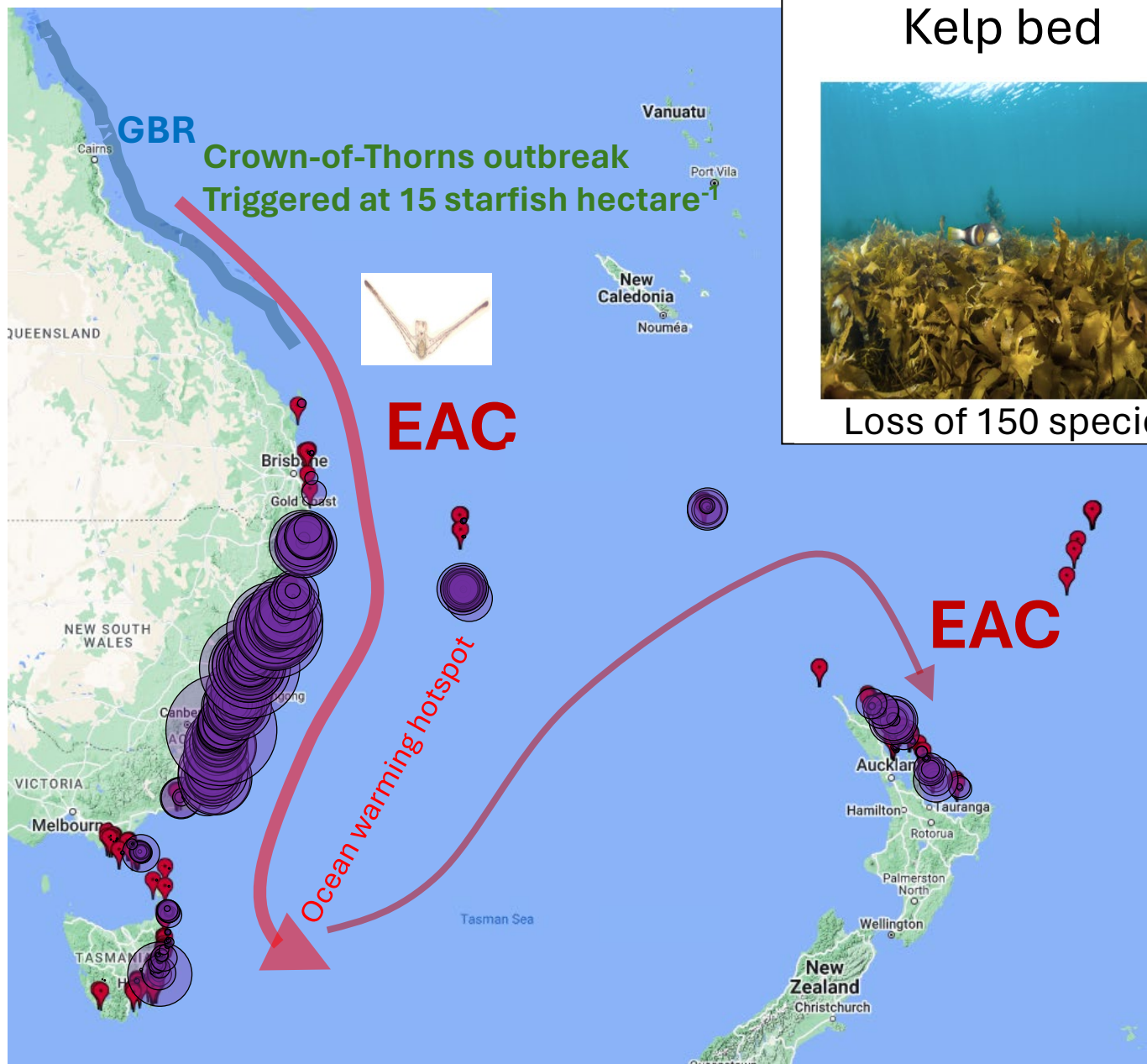


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Scale of the urchin population explosion



Kelp bed



Urchin barren



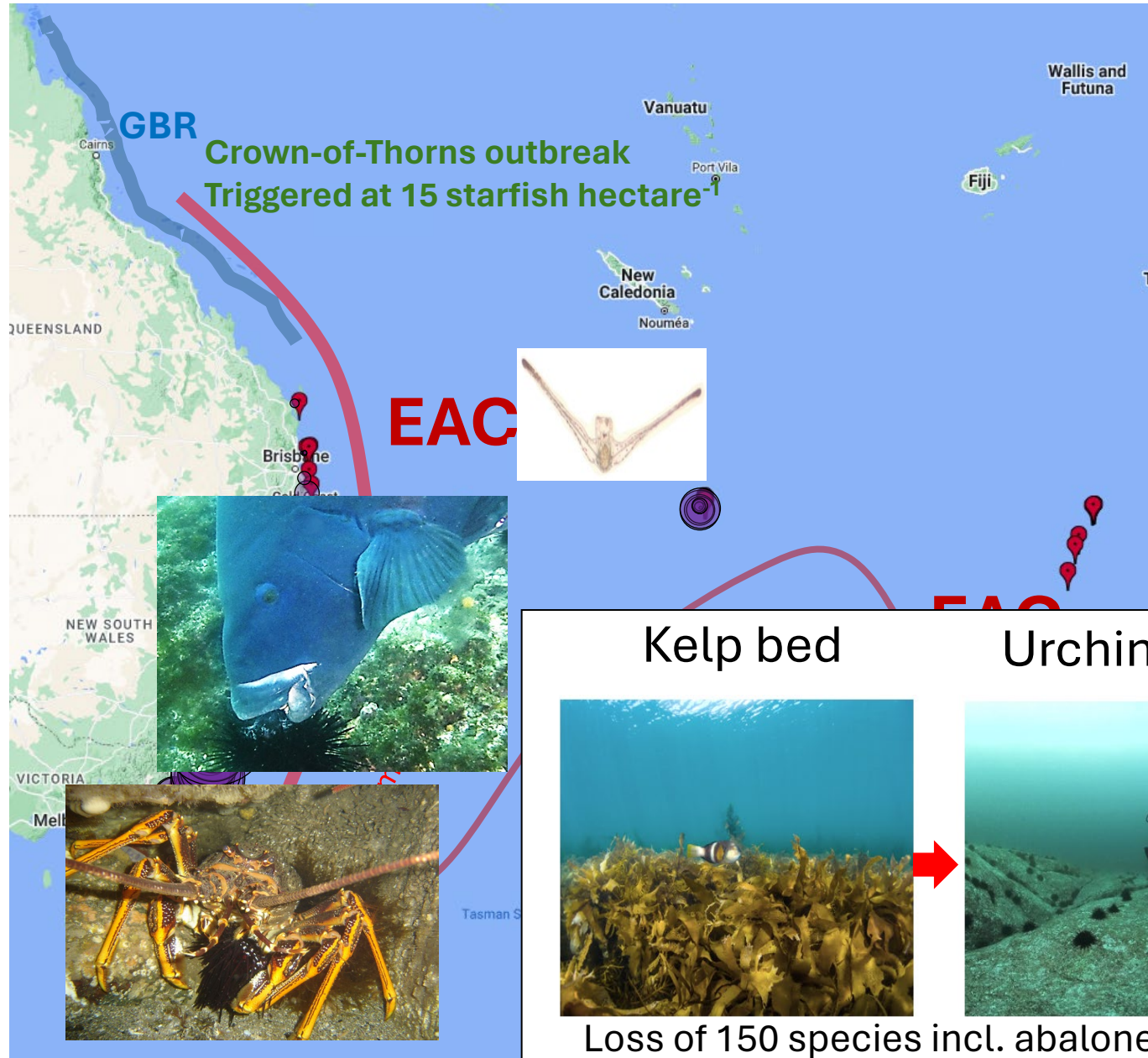
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Overgrazing collapse of kelp habitat





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