Future Fisheries in a Changing World
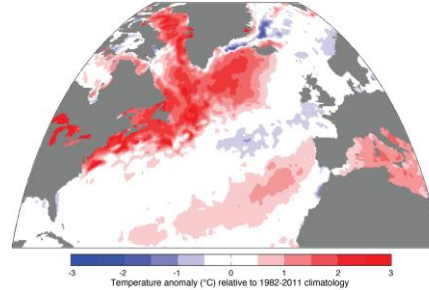
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Challenge

- Marine fisheries provide food, income, jobs, and cultural identity for millions of people.
- Future fisheries face multiple stressors, including climate change.

Approach

- Distributed transdisciplinary research nodes:

  - Understand climate effects on marine ecosystems, fisheries, communities
  - Evaluate fishery management and adaptation options to buffer climate impacts and capitalize on opportunities
  - Develop approaches for enhancing resilience in fishery systems

- Working group to coordinate and synthesize insights across research nodes

Transdisciplinary Science

- Scientific advances integrating multiple dimensions will be needed to devise effective strategies for climate resilient fisheries.

  - Climate science
  - Oceanography
  - Ecology
  - Economics
  - Social sciences
  - Decision science

Transformative Impact

- Define forward-looking sustainability objectives
- Support climate-ready fisheries management
- Enhance business and community climate adaptation
- Sustain resilient marine ecosystems and fisheries and equitable flows of benefits from them

Temperature anomaly (°C) relative to 1982-2011 climatology