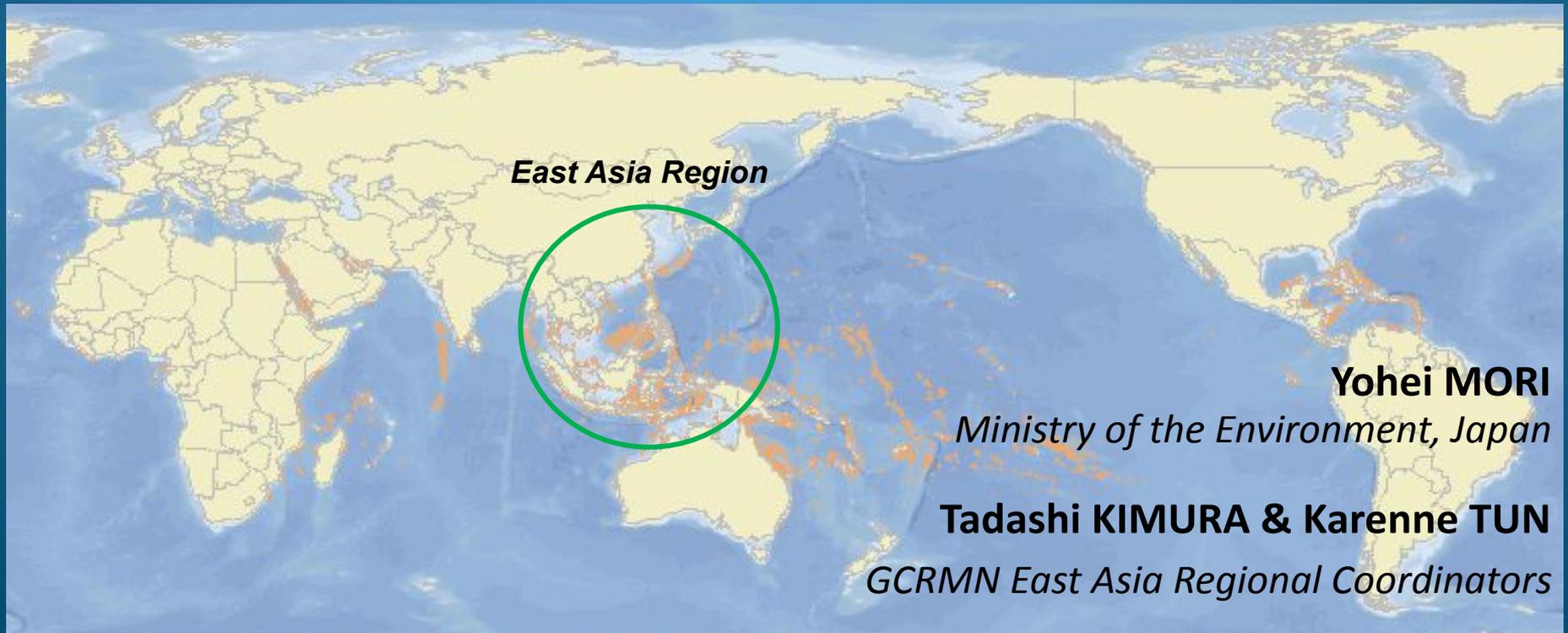


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# **Status and Trend of East Asian Coral Reefs**



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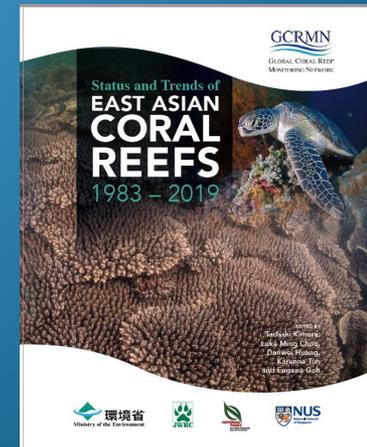
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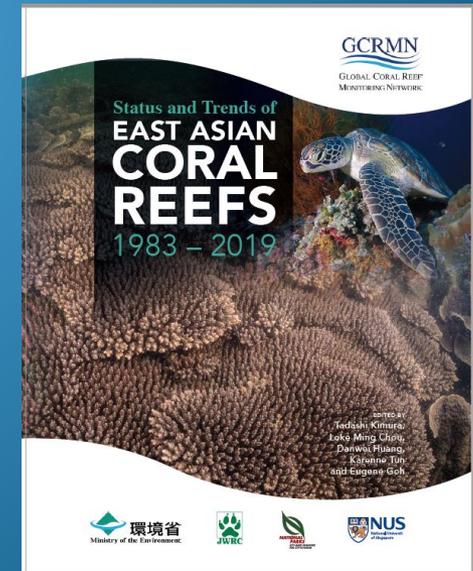


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- dataset: 24,365 transects
- time scale: 1983-2019
- collaborators: >100 individuals

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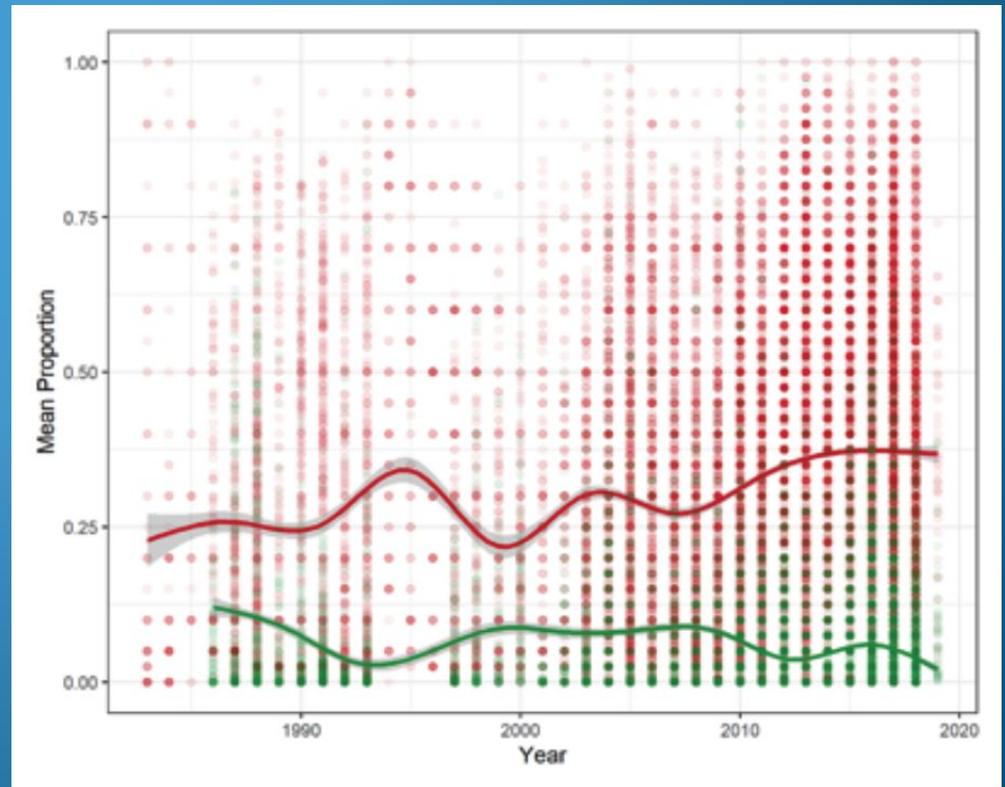


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*“a lack of clear decline in coral cover from the late 1980s to present day”*

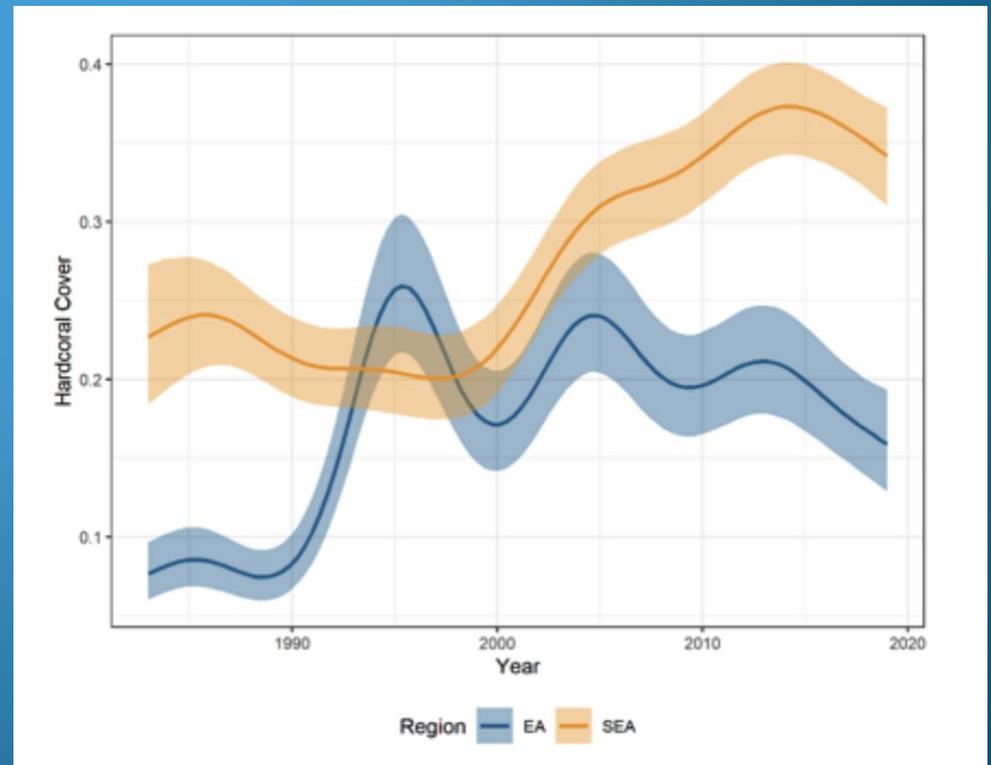
*This could be attributed to an already shifted baseline, the averaging of trends across different reef scales, mitigation by the diversity of reefs in the region, or more likely an interplay among all the above factors.*



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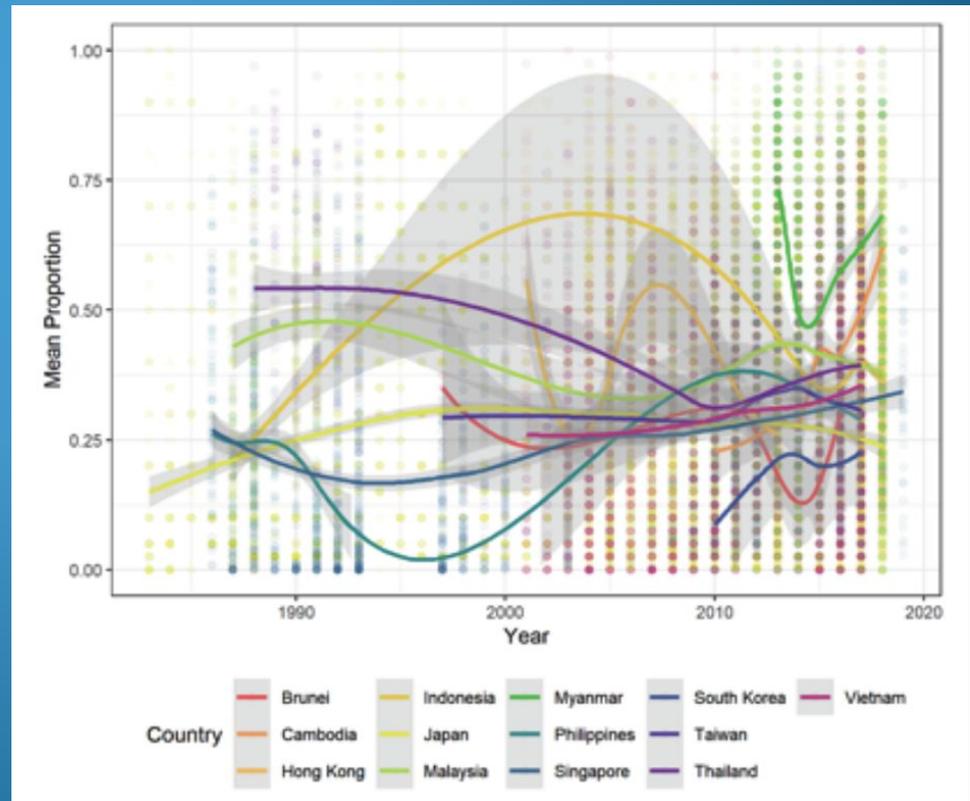
*“coral bleaching was recorded in all Southeast Asian countries, mostly coinciding with the El Niño-associated global coral bleaching events (GCBE) in 1998, 2010 and 2016, whereas bleaching was more localized and less severe in Northeast Asian sites”*



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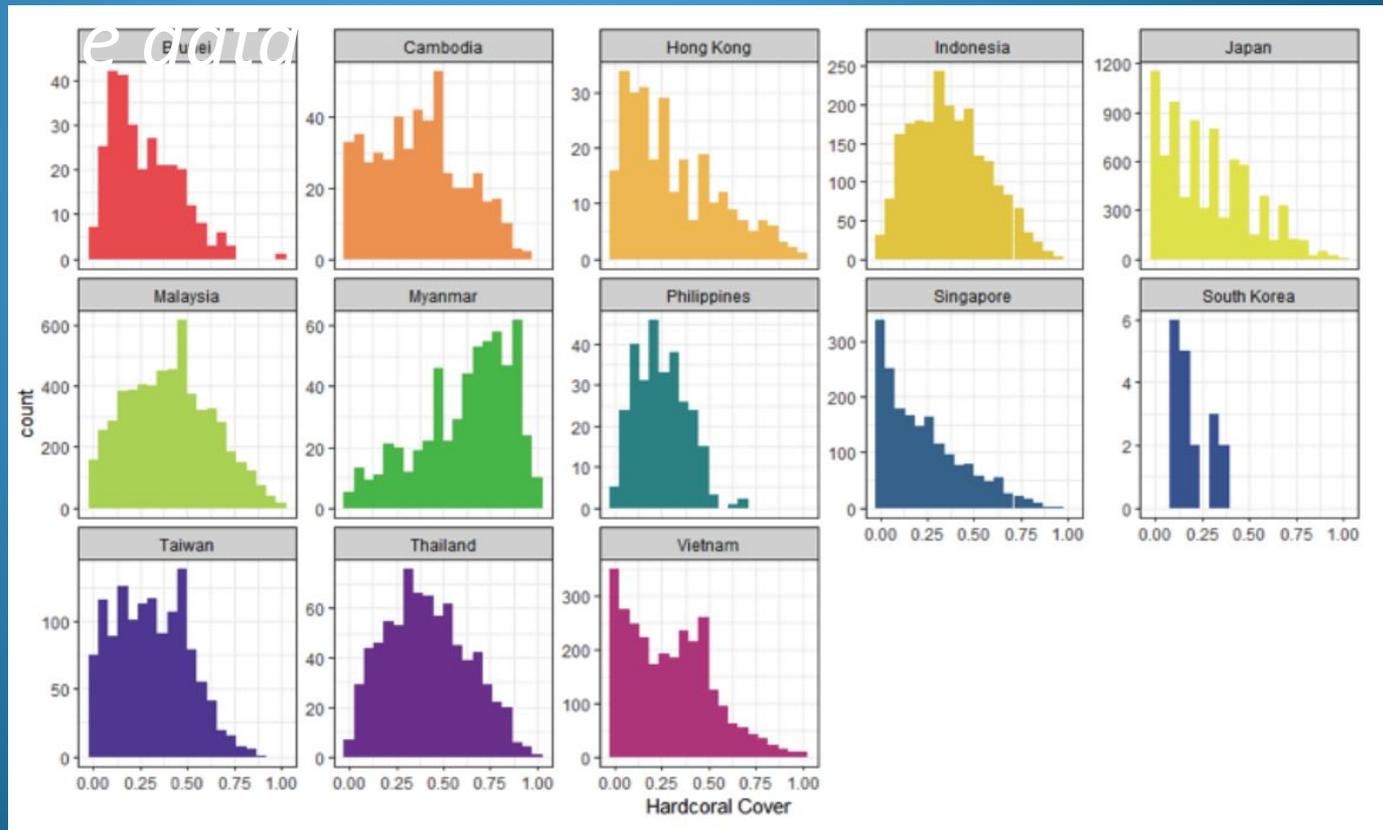
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## Recommendation

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  - *long term storage, civil scientists*
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  - *remote sensing, socio-economic data*
- *Needs for reef conservation/management!*

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