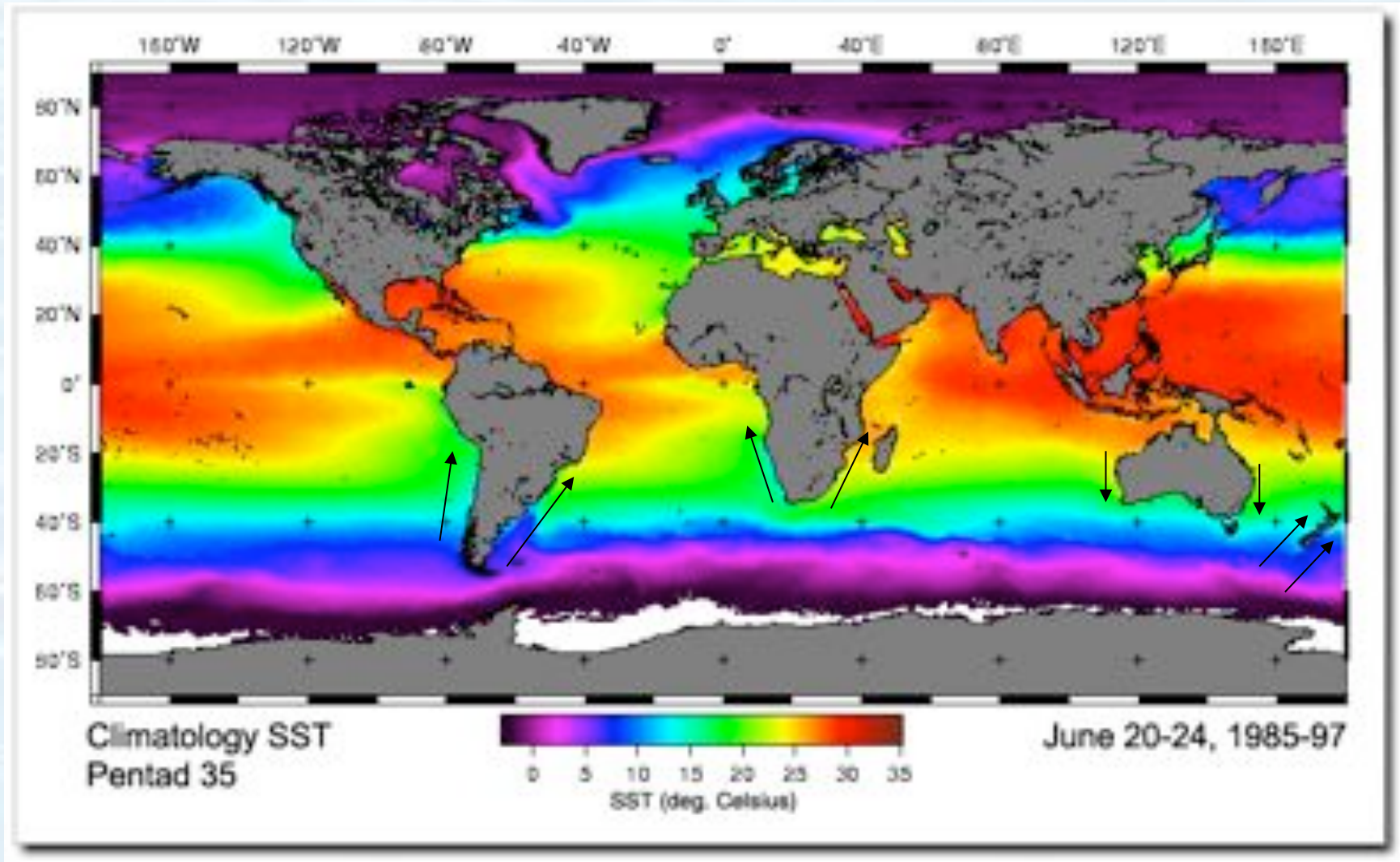


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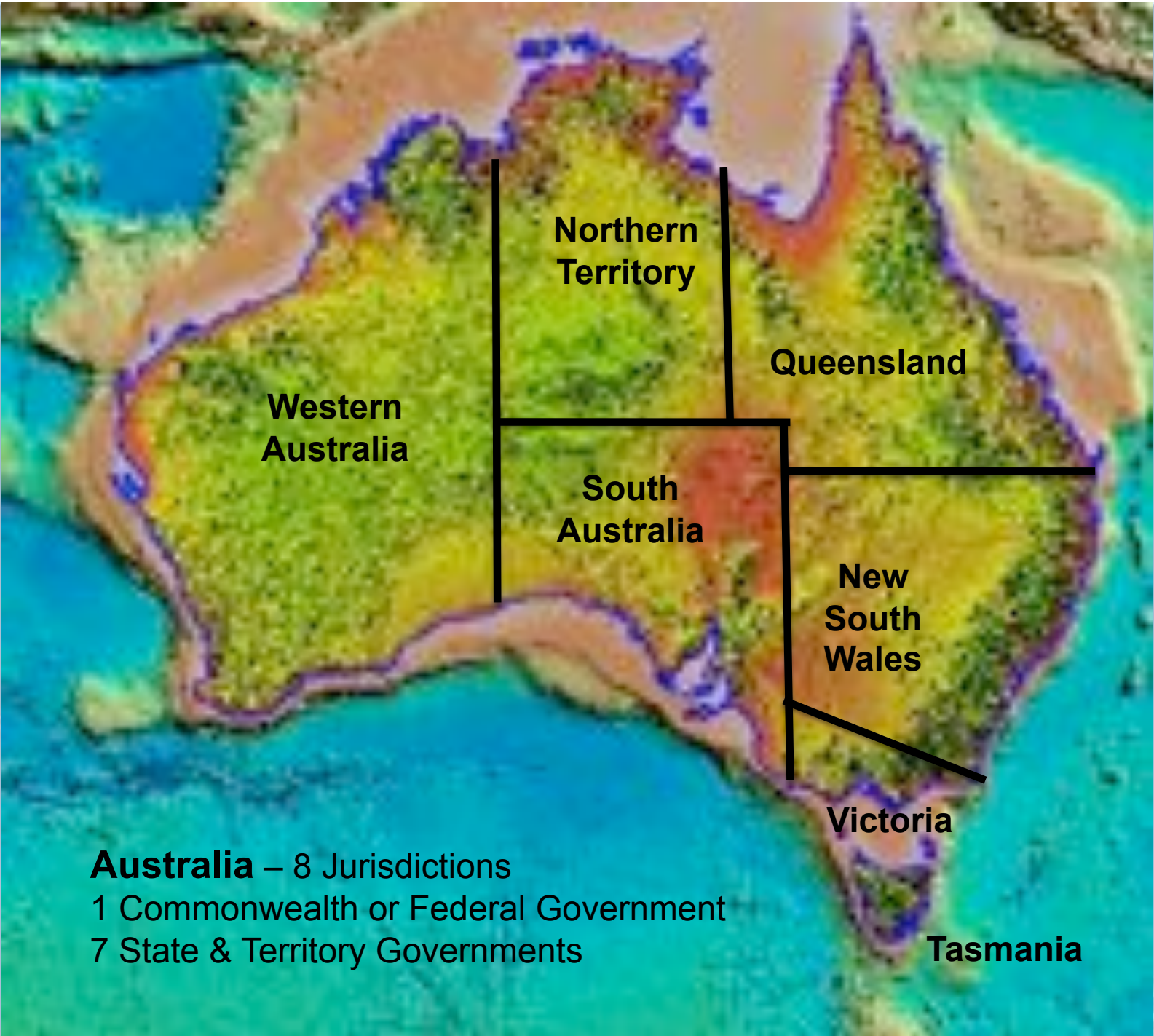
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Sea Surface Temperature



Courtesy NOAA/NASA AVHRR Oceans Pathfinder

Fish for the future



Australia – 8 Jurisdictions
1 Commonwealth or Federal Government
7 State & Territory Governments



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**South
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**New
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Independent Allocation Panels

Allocation between Commercial, Recs & Non-consumptive sectors

Commercial Allocation

– what we've learnt

- Allocation is needed to transition from open access fisheries into management with tradable access systems.
- Allocation is a once-off process to restart the fishery in new system.
- Allocation processes must focus on preserving the relative equity positions in the fishery.
- Independent processes work best.
- Later management decisions are taken to change fishing intensity (catch or effort levels).
- Internal re-structuring or rationalization then occurs through a market place which should be regulated.

Allocation between Commercial, Recreational & Non-consumptive – what we are learning ...

- Living out the 1960s & 1970s
- Equity still important, but
- Allocation to Recs & Non-consumptive more difficult
- Data limits Allocation to Recreational Sector
- Champions of Recreational and Non-consumptive users often do not understand the need for rights based management and often prefer to use political process
- Destabilizing effect on existing FMPs
- Recent Federal policy mandating compensation for MPAs