

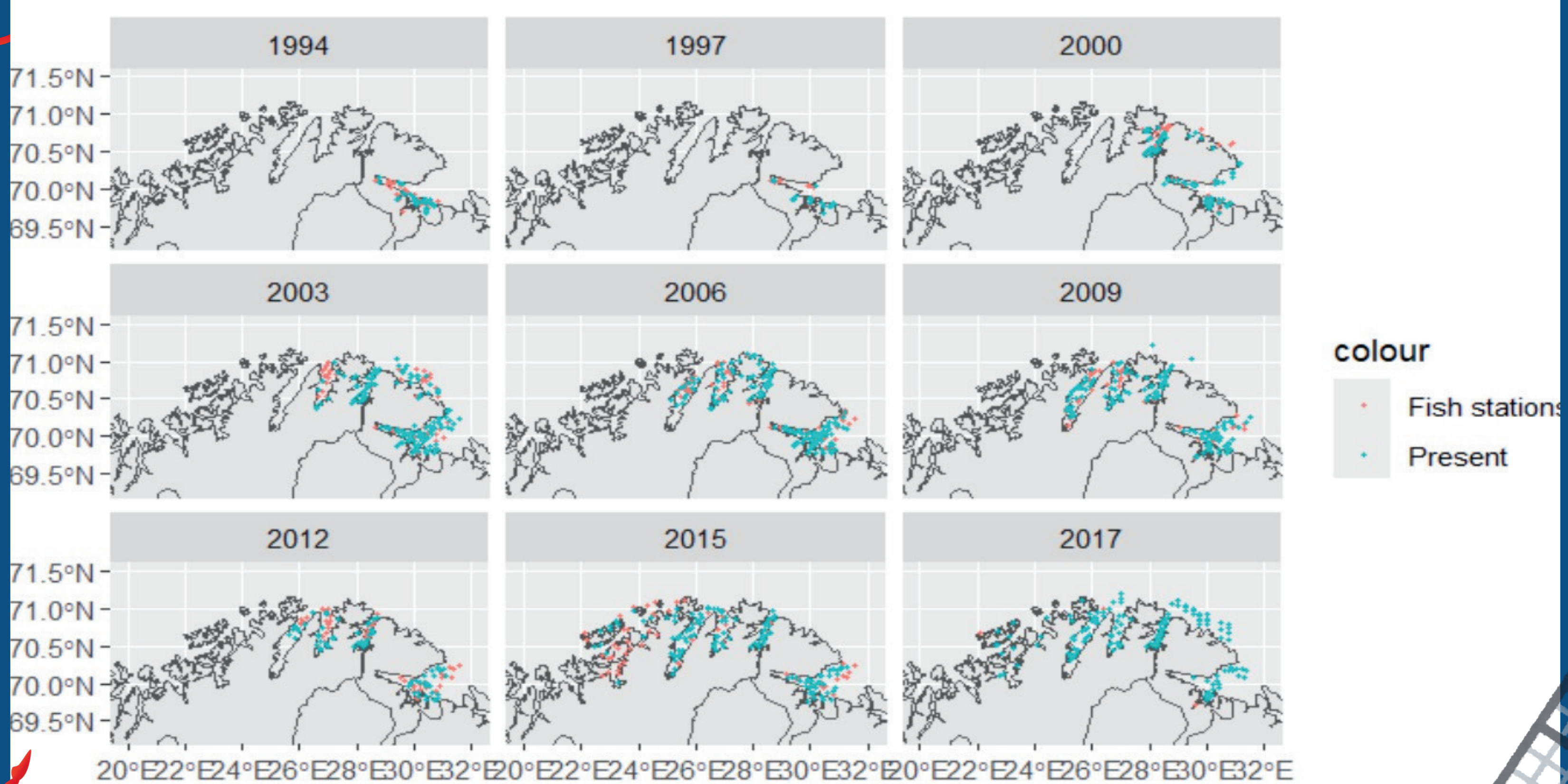
# INVASION OF RED KING CRAB IN FINNMARK

WHAT CAN OBSERVATIONAL RED KING CRAB DATA TELL US ABOUT ITS MIGRATION PATTERN?

## BACKGROUND

- First recorded in 1976 in Varangerfjorden
- Invasive species in northern Norway, threatens the biodiversity in marine ecosystems
- Top down predator that outcompetes local species

## RESULTS



## METHODS

- Observational data from 1994 to 2017 by IMR
- Traps, trawls, nets and diving
- Data plotting and statistical analysis

## MAIN FINDINGS

- Trend shows that red king crab is moving west
- Increasing abundance in sampled regions
- Close to 100% presence in 2017



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