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USA in the early mid 1960s Since then employed by a series of agencies that have successively been assigned a role in fisheries research in New Zealand I have been able to explore very widely the natural history of that fauna Studies of the fishes of other warm to cold temperate southern lands have followed particularly southern Australia New Caledonia Patagonian South America the Falkland Islands and South Africa and in many ways have provided the rather broader context within which the New Zealand fauna is embedded in terms of geography phylogeny and evolutionary history and knowing this context makes the patterns within New Zealand all the clearer An additional stream in these studies in substantial measure driven by the behavioural ecology of these fishes round the Southern Hemisphere has been exploration of the role of diadromy regular migrations between marine and freshwater biomes in fisheries ecology and biogeography and eventually of diadromous fishes worldwide

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