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Phase V final meeting [D1.4.1]



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Phase V final meeting

The last meeting for EMODnet Biology Phase V took place in Carthage, Tunisia on Monday May 12th 2025. The hybrid meeting was hosted by the Institut National des Sciences et Technologies de la Mer (INSTM) and counted with about 19 partners attending in presence and another 11 online.

The consortium was represented by at least one person per organisation, which contributed to fruitful and varied discussions. The sections that follow summarise the information on participants, agenda and WP presentations, followed by the main topics of discussion. A few consortium members were not available to attend online or on site and their contribution to Phase V was also not shared. The colleagues were from Instituto Português do Mar e da Atmosfera (IPMA), International Ocean Data Exchanged (IODE-UNESCO) and Ukrainian Scientific Center of Ecology of the Sea (UkrSCES).

1 Participants

The list of participants that attended the meeting is included in the table below:

Name	Organisation
Joana Beja	Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ)
Leen Vandepitte	Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ)
Ruben Perez Perez	Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ)
Bart Vanhoorne	Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ)
Benjamin Weigel	Institut National de Recherche pour l'Agriculture, L'Alimentation et l'Environnement (INRAE)
Marina Lipizer	Istituto Nazionale di Oceanografia e di Geofisica Sperimentale Trieste (OGS)
Oliver Williams	Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS)
Dimitra Mavraki	Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR)
Ioannis Rallis	Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR)
Carlos Pinto	International Council for Exploration of the Sea (ICES)
Maria Makri	International Council for Exploration of the Sea (ICES)
Alejandro Isla	Instituto Español de Oceanografía (IEO)
Elvira Ramos	Instituto de Hidráulica Ambiental de la Universidad de Cantabria (IH Cantabria)
Jose Antonio Juanes De La Peña	Instituto de Hidráulica Ambiental de la Universidad de Cantabria (IH Cantabria)
Felien Festjens	Institute for Agricultural and Fisheries Research (ILVO)
Arnfinn Morvik	Havforskningsinstituttet Institute of Marine Research (IMR)
Chloe Figueroa	Marine Biological Association (MBA)
Peter Tjisse	Marine Information Service (MARIS)

Oana Vlas	National Institute for Marine Research and Development "Grigore Antipa" (NIMRD)
Laura Boicenco	National Institute for Marine Research and Development "Grigore Antipa" (NIMRD)
Astrid Wittmann	Pangaea- University of Bremen
Willem Stolte	Stichting Deltares
Tom Webb	University of Sheffield
Anders Torstensson	Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI)
Mikael Hedblom	Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI)
Henrik Nygard	Suomen ympäristökeskus - Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)
Sirpa Lehtinen	Suomen ympäristökeskus - Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)
Charles Troupin	Université Liège
Karline Soetart	Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (NIOZ)
Jonas Rømer	Aarhus University

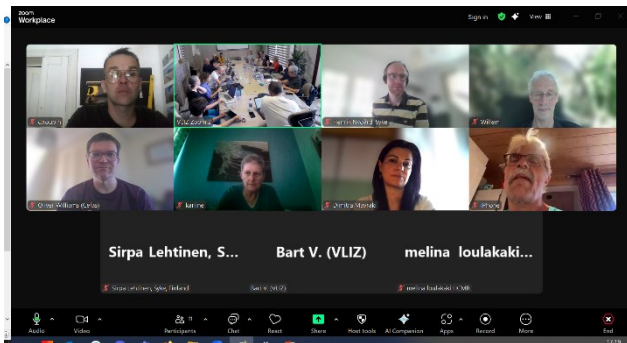


Figure 1: Photos of the meeting participants, online and on site

2 Agenda

The meeting took place over two days, at NIMRD in Constanta. All Work Package leads had a 30-minute slot to present the WP objectives, expectations, deliverables and deadlines. There were various slots for Q&A from the participants and also a 1.5h slot for WP breakouts and well as a report on the status of the work by the various partners. The agenda is included in the table below:

Time	What
09:00-09:30	Registration
09:30-10:00	Welcome / WP1
10:00-10:30	Partner's feedback (10 min pitch) VLIZ, INRAE, OGS
10:30-11:00	WP2
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
11:30-11:40	Q&A
11:40-12:10	Partner's feedback (5min pitch) Aarhus, CEFASDeltares, HCMR, ICES, IEO
12:10-12:40	WP3
12:40-13:00	Q&A
13:00-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-14:30	Partner's feedback (5min pitch) IFREMER, IH Cantabria, ILVO, IMR, IPMA, MARIS
14:30-15:00	WP4
15:00-15:30	Partner's feedback (5min pitch) MBA, NIMRD, NIOZ, Pangaea, SMHI, Syke
15:30-15:50	Q&A
15:50-16:20	Coffee break /Group photo
16:20-16:50	WP5
16:50-17:15	Partner's feedback (5min pitch) ULiege, U Sheffield, UkrSCES
17:15-17:35	Q&A
20:00	Group dinner

3 Main Topics discussed

The main topics discussed relate to concerns raised by the consortium members and are summarised below:

- Provenance: more specifically the loss and degradation of provenance when the metadata are harvested by other catalogues. A clarification was given that all information included in the metadata records is available to any initiatives or projects that harvest the catalogue. It was also noted that conversion from original metadata standard to INSPIRE causes a provenance degradation/loss and that there are some actions in place to ensure that the information is visible both on the website and on the XML files.
- Citations: it was clarified that all metadata records have citations and that users should include them in their work, papers, reports, assessments but currently there is no simple way to capture the number of citations. This is a long-standing discussion among the data community and solutions have not yet been found.
- Support for Regional Sea Conventions: this is a sensitive topic as consolidation of dialogue and practical engagement requires dedicated resources and commitment on RSC side, in some cases even formal agreements, as well as a better understanding of stakeholder needs. The secretariats are also not always available to follow up on our actions, in the wider organisations, it was clear that there is a general lack of knowledge and/or understanding of the work that EMODnet does and how EMODnet Biology can support their work.

4 Work Package Presentations



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WP1 status update

Joana Beja, VLIZ

12-13 May 2025 (Carthage, Tunisia)



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WP1 Objectives



- General project coordination and supervision
- Budget Management
- Responsibility to deliver the reporting deliverables to the Commission
- Organisation of project meetings
- Liaise with external organisations on behalf of the project consortium
- Operate the helpdesk

WP1 Deliverables




- D1.1.1 Quarterly Progress reports
 - ☑ 15 Jul 2023
 - ☑ 15 Oct 2023
 - ☑ 15 Jan 2024
 - ☑ 15 Apr 2024
 - ☑ 15 Jul 2024
 - ☑ 15 Oct 2024
 - ☑ 15 Jan 2025
 - ☑ 15 Apr 2025
 - ☐ 15 Jul 2025
- ☑ D1.1.2 Interim report 10 May 2024
- D1.1.3 Final Report 10 May 2025



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- D1.2.1 Update of EMODnet Biology data products via the EMODnet CP catalogue
 - ☒ 10 May 2024
 - ☒ 10 May 2025
- D1.3.1 Monitoring user feedback via EMODnet JIRA
- D1.3.2 Operation of the EMODnet CP helpdesk
- D1.4.1 Minutes from the three project meetings (kick off, annual and final)
 - ☒ [08 Jul 2023](#)
 - ☒ [10 Jun 2024](#)
 - ☐ 10 Jun 2025
- D1.5.1 Participation in the EMODnet Steering Committee meetings
- ☒ D1.5.2 Participation in the EMODnet Open Conference
- D1.6.1 Appropriate mechanisms and guidelines for handover 10 May 2025
 - Accompanies final report

WP1 Partners

Organisation	WP	Who	Logo
VLIZ	1	Joana Beja	 VLIZ pioneer in marine science
	2	Leen Vandepitte/Ruben Perez Perez	
	5	Bart Vanhoorne	
INRAE	3	Benjamin Weigel	
OGS	4	Marina Lipizer	 OGS National Institute of Oceanography and Applied Geophysics

Payments

- Last payment is done upon approval of the Final Report
- VLIZ will send you an email when you can submit your invoices.
This will likely happen in September
- CINEA must approve submitted documents and pay within 60 days of report submission.
If CINEA has remarks, they will send them to VLIZ and the time limit for payment gets suspended. VLIZ has 30 days to make amendments or submit additional information or new report version. CINEA reviews and gives approval within remaining time (60 - x days)
- ~~Non-compliance with proposed work/contract might result in payment being suspended or decreased~~



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EMODnet Biology information

Where to find published documents

- Reports: <https://emodnet.ec.europa.eu/en/reports>
 - select Biology in the EMODnet component and interim, final, quarterly in the Publication type
- Deliverables: <https://emodnet.ec.europa.eu/en/reports>
 - select Biology in the EMODnet component and the Deliverables in the Publication type
- Use cases: <https://emodnet.ec.europa.eu/en/use-cases>
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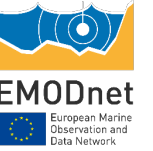
Events attended

(May 2023 – May 2025)

- By the coordinator:
 - Attended => 60
 - Organised => 11
 - Presentations given => 23
- By consortium organisations:
 - Not always clear
 - We need to collect this information for reporting purposes

Other contributions to EMODnet Biology activities

Requested from consortium



- Please provide your input for published publications in the project's Google document 'EMODnet Biology Reporting-Partners Input'
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IGCcl0NZxgyvMDnJPLRZTRbGWR_mtxoev3Yn4UFlVvs/edit?usp=drive_link
- Organising Workshops/Training? We can boost the outreach
- Attending Events/Meetings wearing the EMODnet Biology hat -> information can be added to project's Google Drive document 'Meetings/Events attended/held'
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1K4h7i5-GJqFXc5Il0rjwMvrUD45Ws5M2vE6tcmsIS8E/edit?usp=sharing>
(until end of May 2024)

WP1 Status Update

- Phase V ended on May 9th, extension period started on May 10th and runs until May 9th 2027
- Contracts are being drafted and will be sent
- Interested in receiving key EMODnet information? Sign up via <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/EMODnetConsentForm>
- EMODnet Vision 2035 Drafting Group (EMODnet-VDG)
 - Not yet presented publicly
 - Webinar date->
- EMODnet Jamboree and Open Conference
 - Week of November 24th
 - Brussels
- World Conference on Marine Biodiversity
 - November 2026, Bruges
 - Who is planning to attend?

A few metrics

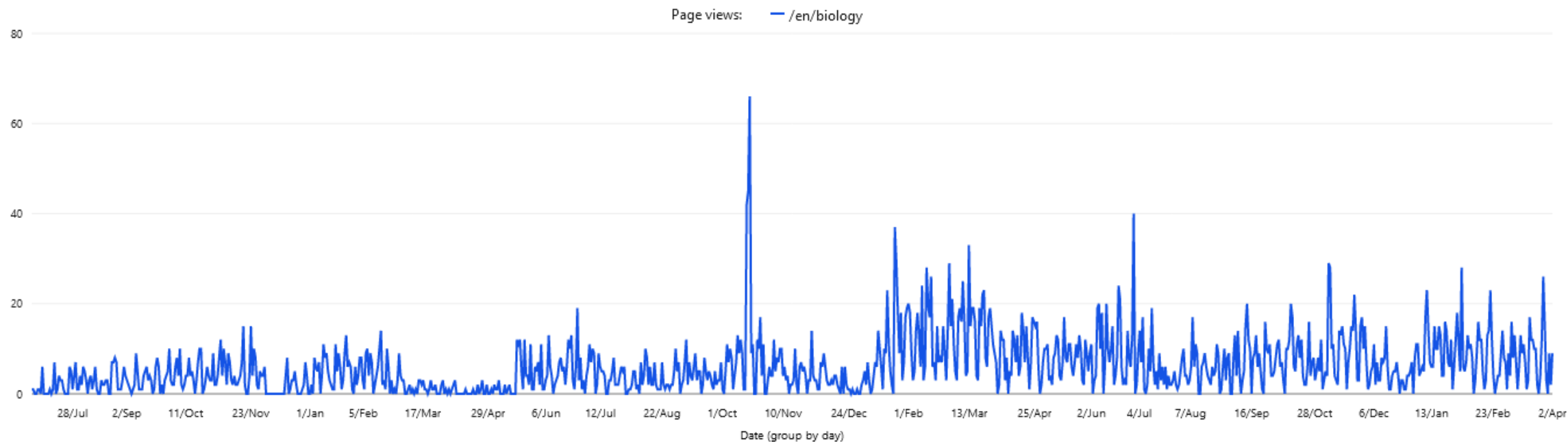
Most visited use cases since tracking was implemented in the CP

	Use case	# Sessions
2	Distribution of reef-building benthos in the North Sea	161
10	EMODnet Biology datasets enriched with standardized associated media information	97
14	Holistic, standards-based access and interoperability for marine biodiversity data	75
20	Linking peer-reviewed publications with standardised eDNA derived occurrence data	38

A few metrics

Page views since 2021-07-01

Daily number of page views (i.e. the number of times a page was visited) of EMODnet Thematic entry pages 📈

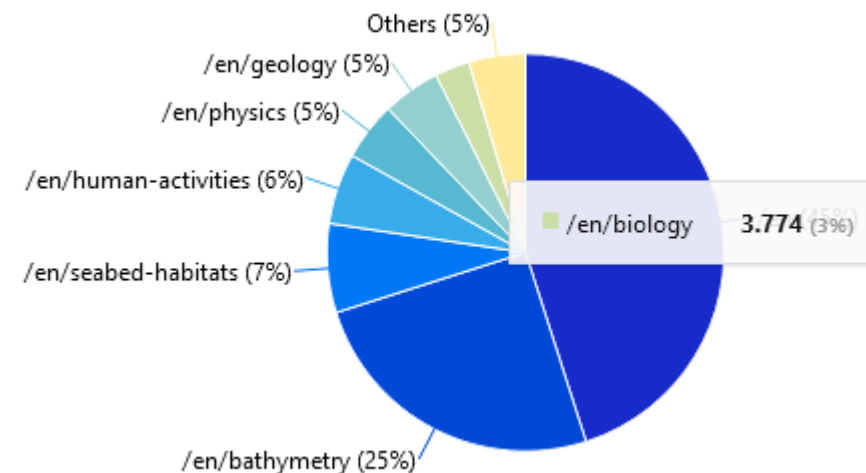


A few metrics

Metrics evolution for static pages

	Date	# Visitors	#Pageviews	#Unique Pageviews	% Returning visitors
CP Portal home page	2021-07-01 to 2024-04-02	60.020	10.7443	87.693	23.96%
Biology static page	2021-07-01 to 2024-04-02	3.774	6.121	4.940	34.66%
CP Portal home page	2023-02-01 to 2024-04-02	29.589	53.790	44.246	27.77%
Biology static page	2023-02-01 to 2024-04-02	2.304	3.867	2.967	31.86%

Quarterly # visitors to EMODnet home page
and thematic entry pages





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WP2 status update

Ruben Perez Perez, Flanders Marine Institute
Leen Vandepitte, Flanders Marine Institute

12 May 2025 (Carthage, Tunisia)



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WP2 Partners

- Lead: VLIZ;
- Partners: OGS;
- Subcontractors: Aarhus, Deltares, HCMR, ICES, IEO, IH Cantabria, ILVO, IMR, IPMA, MARIS, MBA, NIMRD, NIOZ, Pangea, SMHI, SYKE, Ifremer



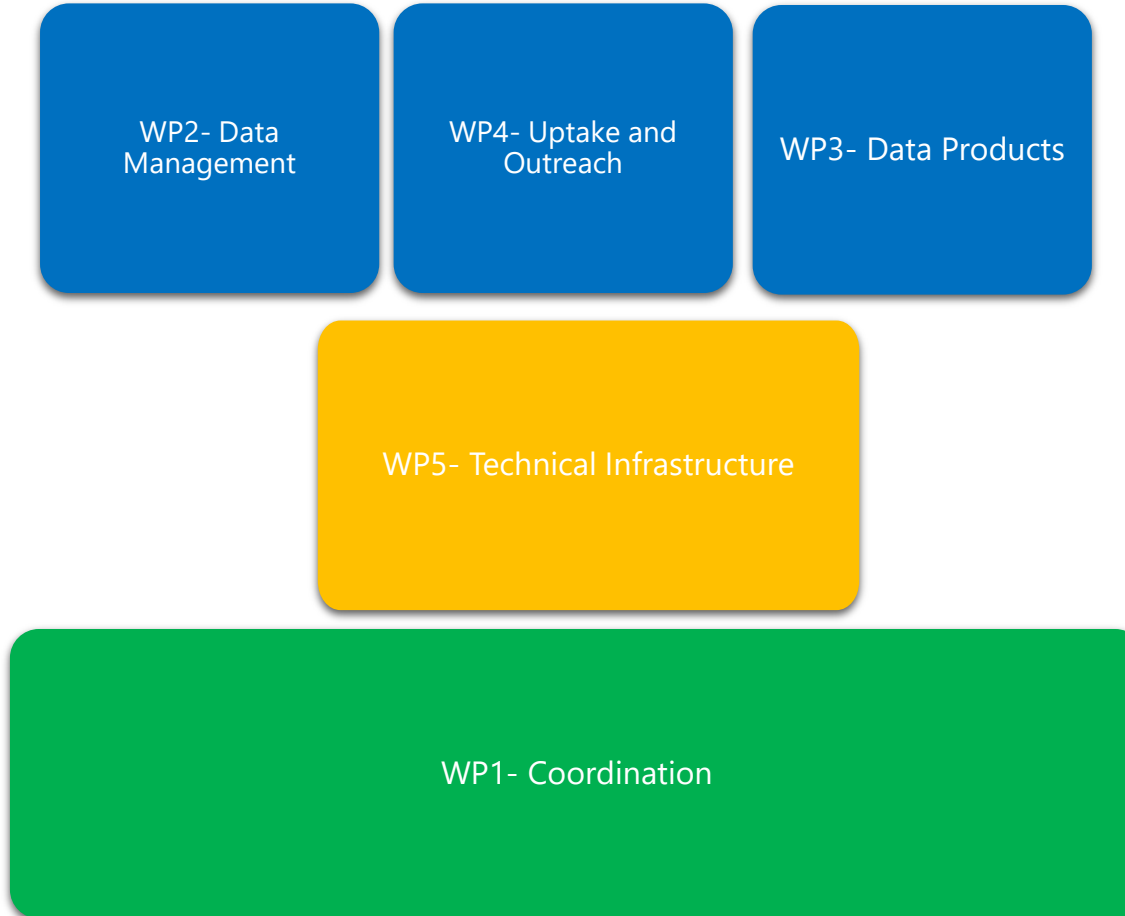
WP2 Objectives

Task 1: Maintain and improve a common method of access to data held in repositories.

- European seas: Water column, seabed & coastline
 - Arctic, Atlantic, Baltic, Black, Mediterranean & North Sea
 - Barents Sea
 - Jurisdictional waters of Member States, UK & Norway for the Northeast Atlantic
 - *Celtic Seas*
 - *Iberian coast*
 - *Bay of Biscay*
 - *Macaronesia*
 - *Norwegian Sea*
 - *Caribbean Sea*
- European projects
 - *Horizon2020*
 - *Horizon Europe*
 - *Mission Ocean*

=> active support towards data sharing through EMODnet
- *Also: focus on under-represented areas & species groups*

WP2 Objectives



WP2 Deliverables

#	Description	Due	Responsible
D2.1.1	Maintenance of adequate mechanisms to ensure data are interoperable	M0-M24 ✓	VLIZ
D2.1.2	Report on the standardisation and integration of datasets published during the Phase	M24 ✓	VLIZ
D.2.2.1	Summary on consortium data flows	M6 ✓	VLIZ
D2.3.1	Plan to optimise procedures to make restricted data available to users	M0-M24 ✓	all
D2.4.1	Workshop on use of Zooniverse for data digitisation through citizen science	M6 ✓	HCMR + VLIZ
D2.4.2	Data training workshop for Mediterranean organisations	M6 ✓	HCMR + VLIZ
D2.4.3	Report on the availability of data following the workshops	M22 ✓	HCMR
D2.5.1	Guidance for data management practices applied to omics data	M0-M24 ✓	VLIZ

Support to data providers

(Meta)data management

- Helpdesk at bio@emodnet.eu (proactive)
- Data Forum at MicrosoftT Team "project_EMODnet-Biology"
- Monthly Data Laundry Q/A Sessions

Resources

- OceanTeacher training [course](#)
- Biocheck [tool](#)

Data providers commitment

Expected activities

- Quality delivery of all proposed new and updated datasets following the agreed data format and quality standard.
- Proactive communication and responsiveness towards data delivery within the agreed deadlines.

Reminder

- Data delivery is only completed upon its acceptance by the EMODnet Bio DMT
- WP2 budget allocation depends on delivery of the proposed data.

WP2 Status Update

Partner	New	Updates	Delivered
Aarhus	-	1	1
Deltares	4	2	6
ICES	1	7	(8) 39
IEO	2	2	(4) 6
IFREMER	13	-	(13) 1
IHCantabria	1	2	3
ILVO	2	7	12
IMR	-	5	5
IPMA	-	5	(5) 4
NIMRD	2	-	3
NIOZ	3	-	3
OGS	4	4	8
SMHI	2	12	14
SYKE	-	3	3
UniHB	5	-	5
VLIZ	1 + TBD	TBD	172
MBA	1 + TBD	TBD	7
HCMR	6 + TBD	TBD	11
MARIS	-	-	-

Datasets for Phase V :

⇒ 222 new datasets

⇒ 87 updates of datasets

Currently delivered

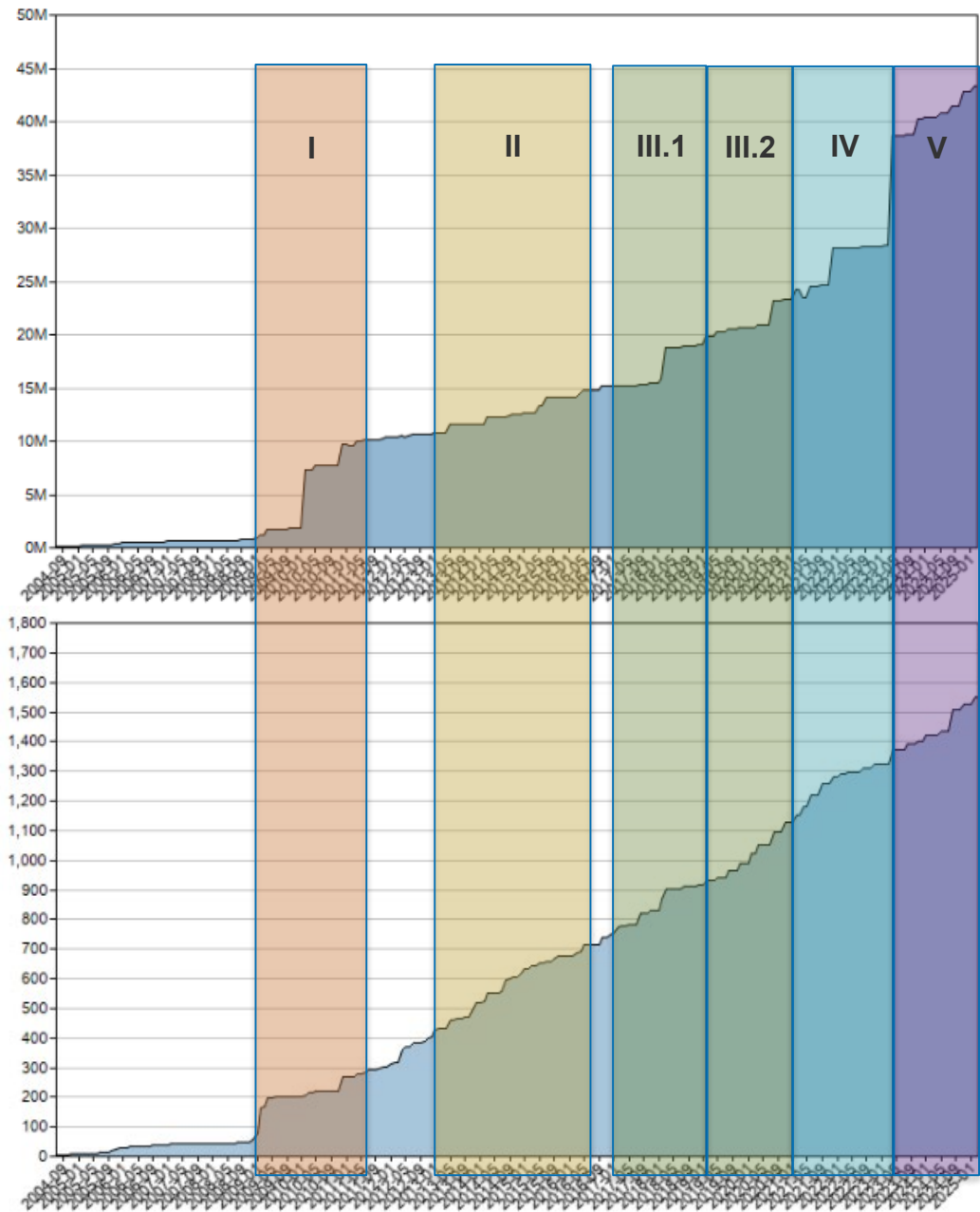
⇒ 273% of proposed datasets

Covering:

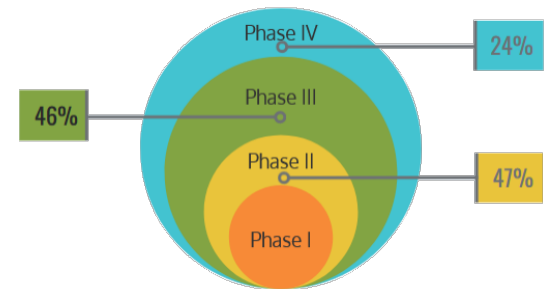
- All functional groups
- All geographic regions

WP2 Status Update

Occurrence
records



Datasets



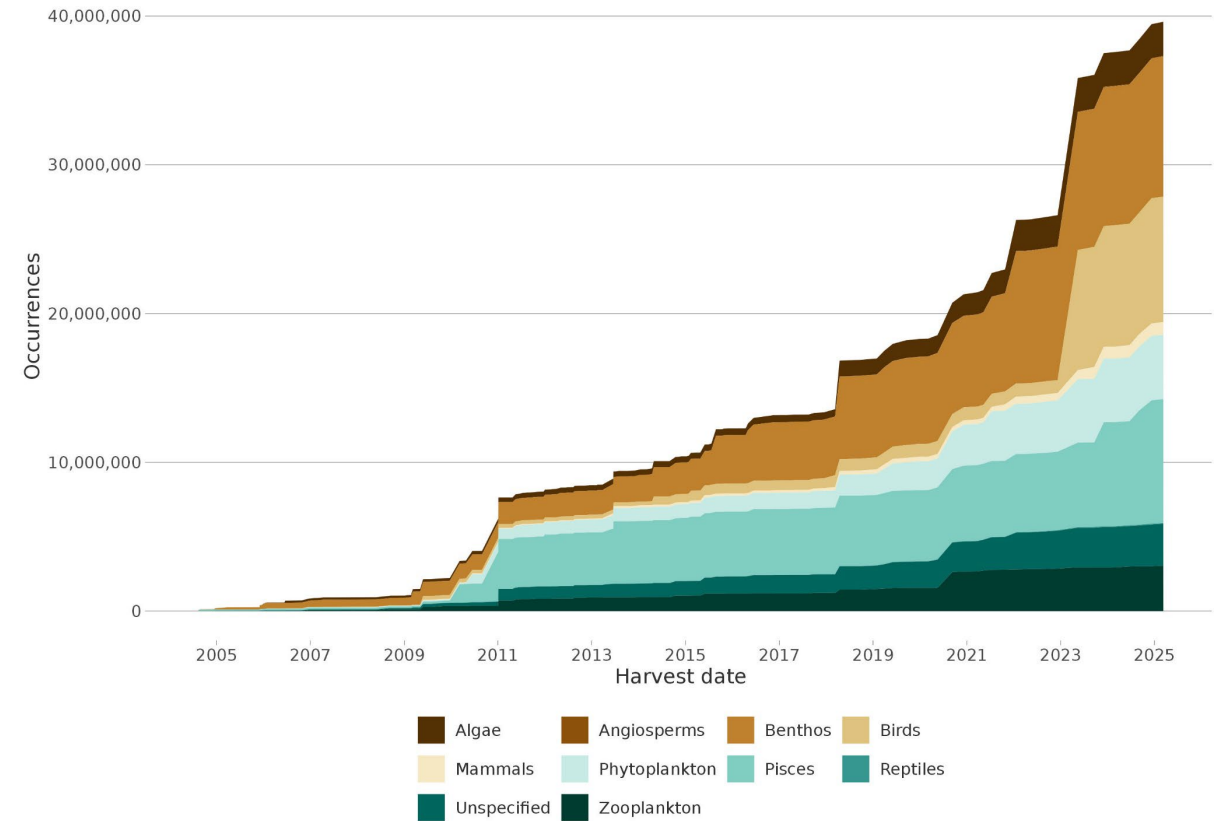
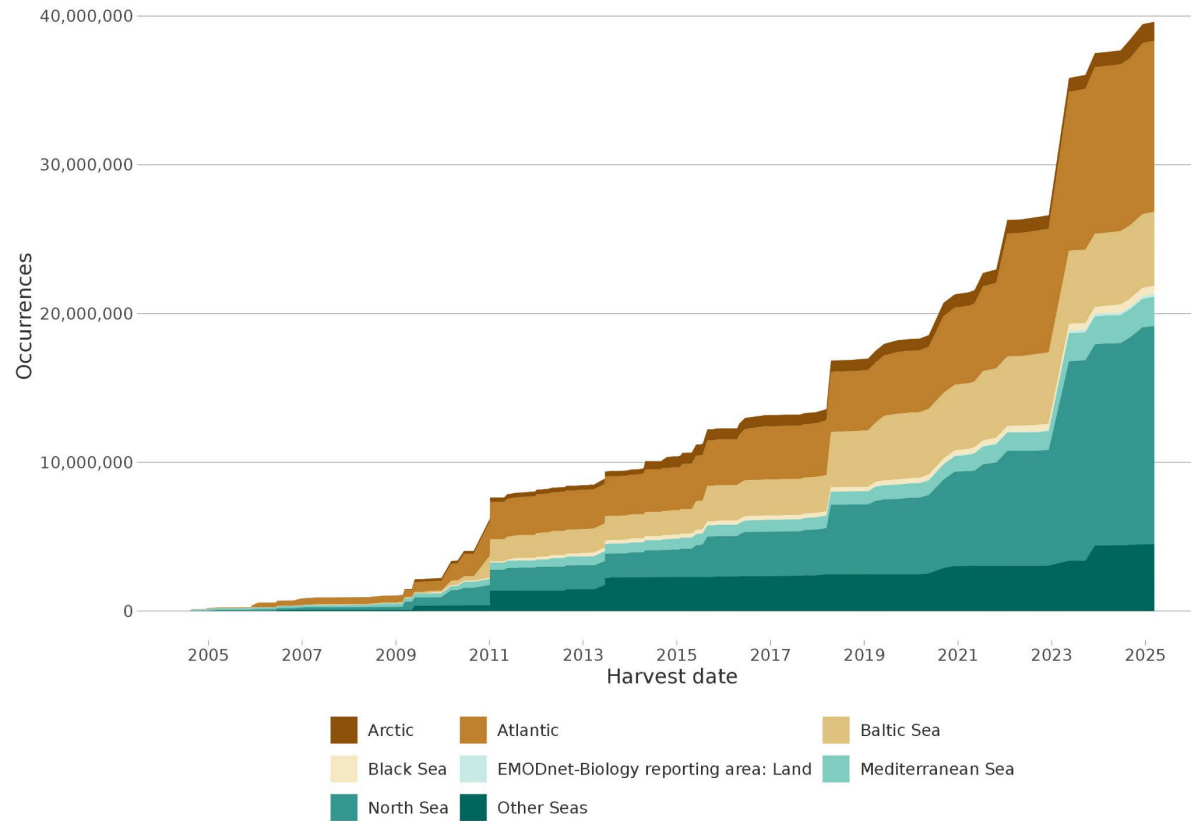
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EMODnet Bio II: 9/2013 – 9/2016
EMODnet Bio III - (1): 4/2017 – 4/2019
EMODnet Bio III - (2): 4/2019 – 4/2021
EMODnet Bio IV: 4/2021 – 4/2023
EMODnet Bio V: 5/2023 – 5/2025

	End of: <i>(April-May)</i>	Bio III (1)	Bio III (2)	Bio IV	Bio V
	2019	2021	2023	2025	
Datasets	899	1077	1280	1446	
Mill. Occ. rec.	24.8	26.1	35.68	39.75	
% QC'd	87%	86%	86%	90%	
Mill. eMoF rec.	-	30.7	92.1	52.27	
Species names	80,202	98,024	103,613	94,833	
Acc species names	62,220	75,658	73,029	75,387	

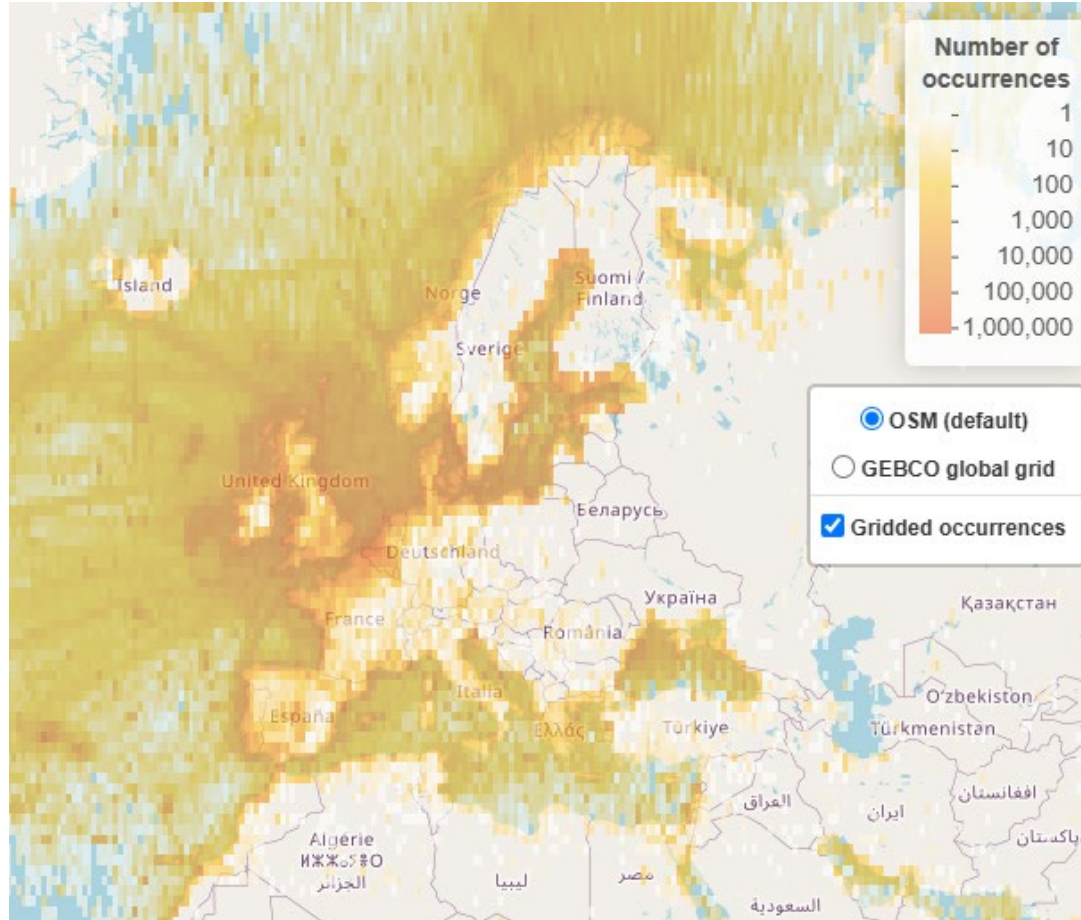
!!! More than just EMODnet Biology datasets... !!!

WP2 Status Update

Evolution of the available occurrence records in EMODnet Biology



WP2 Status Update



Data Downloads

EMODnet CP:

⇒ 15K records (since March 2025)

OBIS:

⇒ 14M records (since 2023)

GBIF:

⇒ 26B records (since 2023)

* Billion representing a thousand millions



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WP3 Objectives

- **Maximize uptake of existing and new data products by end-users**
 - raising awareness of existing products
 - provide training materials in form of tutorials to manipulate and visualize EMODnet products using the existing R packages developed in Phase III and IV
 - co-creation of data product needs with stakeholders (e.g., RSCs, environmental agencies of member states)
- **Products targeting species migration routes**
 - identify and contact experts and relevant stakeholders
 - assessing data sources of existing external products and indicators and the possibility of hosting these external products in EMODnet Biology
 - Liaison with external entities and experts
- **Continue creating distribution maps**
 - **Data products targeting groups of species, as well as presence/absence maps, both of which can be queried, subset and downloaded via the EMODnet Central Portal viewer**

WP3 Deliverables

- **3.1.1 Internal WP3 and WP4 Workshop (M4)**

Cross WP communication and knowledge exchange to achieve best possible outcomes for this phase

- to facilitate cross-WP collaboration and awareness of previous work done by WP3 and WP4
- to discuss the best possible ways of how EMODnet can support Regional Sea Convention (RSC) needs in the future.
- precursor for RSC workshop of WP4 (M12)

- **3.2.1 Quarterly community calls (M3-M24)**

Space for discussion of WP internal progress, challenges, feedback, sharing information

- each community call produces one summary report (meeting-minutes)

3.3.1 Liaison with external entities targeting seabird and cetacean migration outputs (M0-M24)

- data products should now be especially linked to temporal changes of species distributions due to coastal infrastructure considering cetaceans and migratory sea birds

3.3.2 Data product creation (M0-M24-M19)

WP3 Deliverables

... and what cannot happen again!



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WP3 – Deliverables and Deadlines

- Internal Workshop WP3 and WP4 10.09.2023 (M4)
 - Discuss RSC needs and involment
 - Evaluation of data products from previous phases
- Quarterly community calls M3 – M24
- Liaison with external entities targeting seabird and cetacean migration outputs M0 – M24
- Data product creation latest by December 2024 (M19)

WP3 Deliverables



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WP3 Deliverables

To ensure timely submission of deliverables

New requirements:

- Product development time-line to be submitted around the first community call
- Mid term evaluation of product development to ensure mid term payment

New-contract likely to include a section specifying that submissions after December 2026 result in breach of contract and therefore no payment


WP3 Status Update

Deliverables

3.1.1 Internal WP3 and WP4 Workshop (M4)

Delivered: September 2023


Report is available on EMODnet webpage



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3.2.1 Quarterly community calls (M3-M24)

8 delivered on time:

June, September, December **2023**

March, April, July, October **2024**

January **2025**

Reports are available in the Drive



3.3.1 Liaison with external entities targeting seabird and cetacean migration outputs (M0-M24)

Efforts are undergoing to establish collaboration with seabird and mammal experts, e.g. by offering to host any existing products that address the impact of coastal human infrastructures in migrating species.

WP internal: ongoing investigation of possibility to create seabird sensitivity maps for wind parks in the North Sea.

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Deliverables

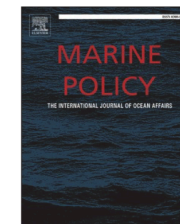
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Realising the potential of interoperable data products to improve the outlook for marine biodiversity: Lessons from the European marine observation and data network



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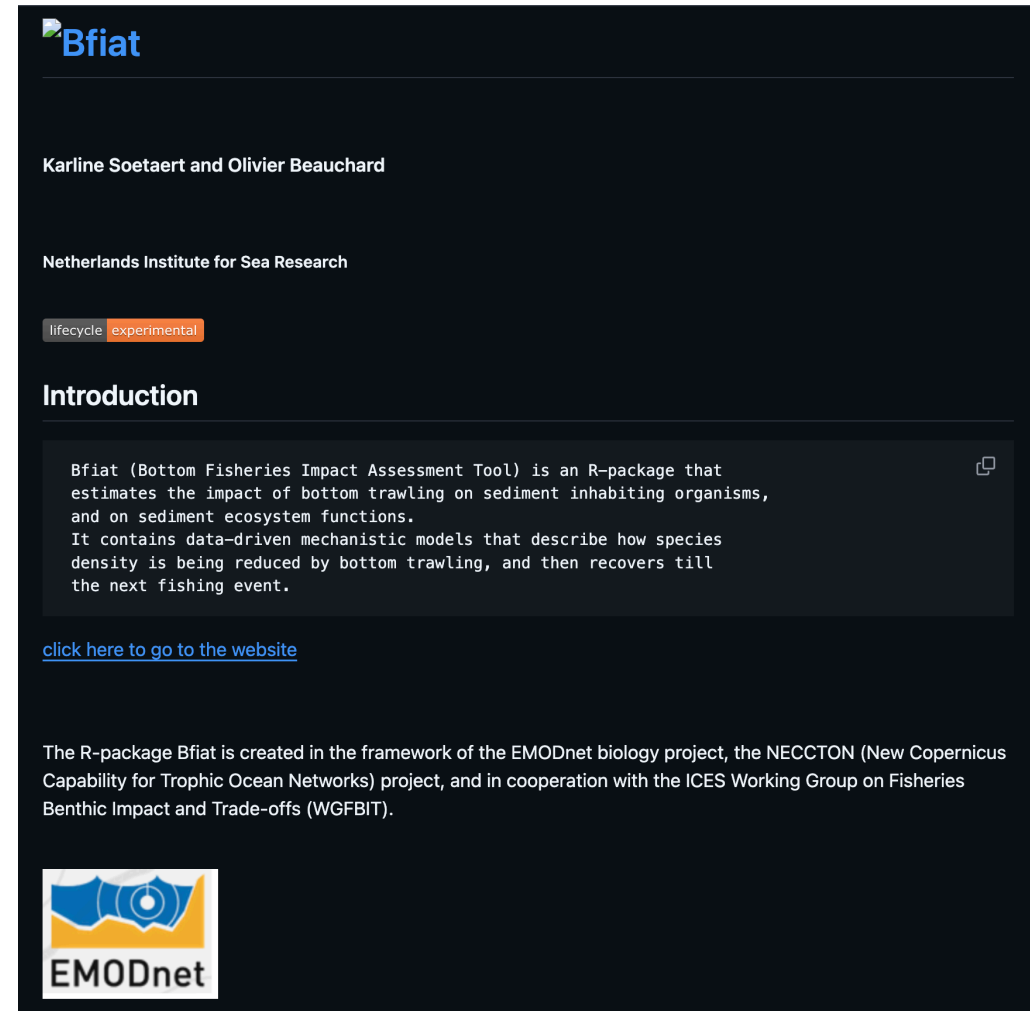
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New software tool to model the impact of bottom trawling on the benthos



Bfiat

Karline Soetaert and Olivier Beauchard

Netherlands Institute for Sea Research


lifecycle experimental

Introduction

Bfiat (Bottom Fisheries Impact Assessment Tool) is an R-package that estimates the impact of bottom trawling on sediment inhabiting organisms, and on sediment ecosystem functions. It contains data-driven mechanistic models that describe how species density is being reduced by bottom trawling, and then recovers till the next fishing event.

[click here to go to the website](#)

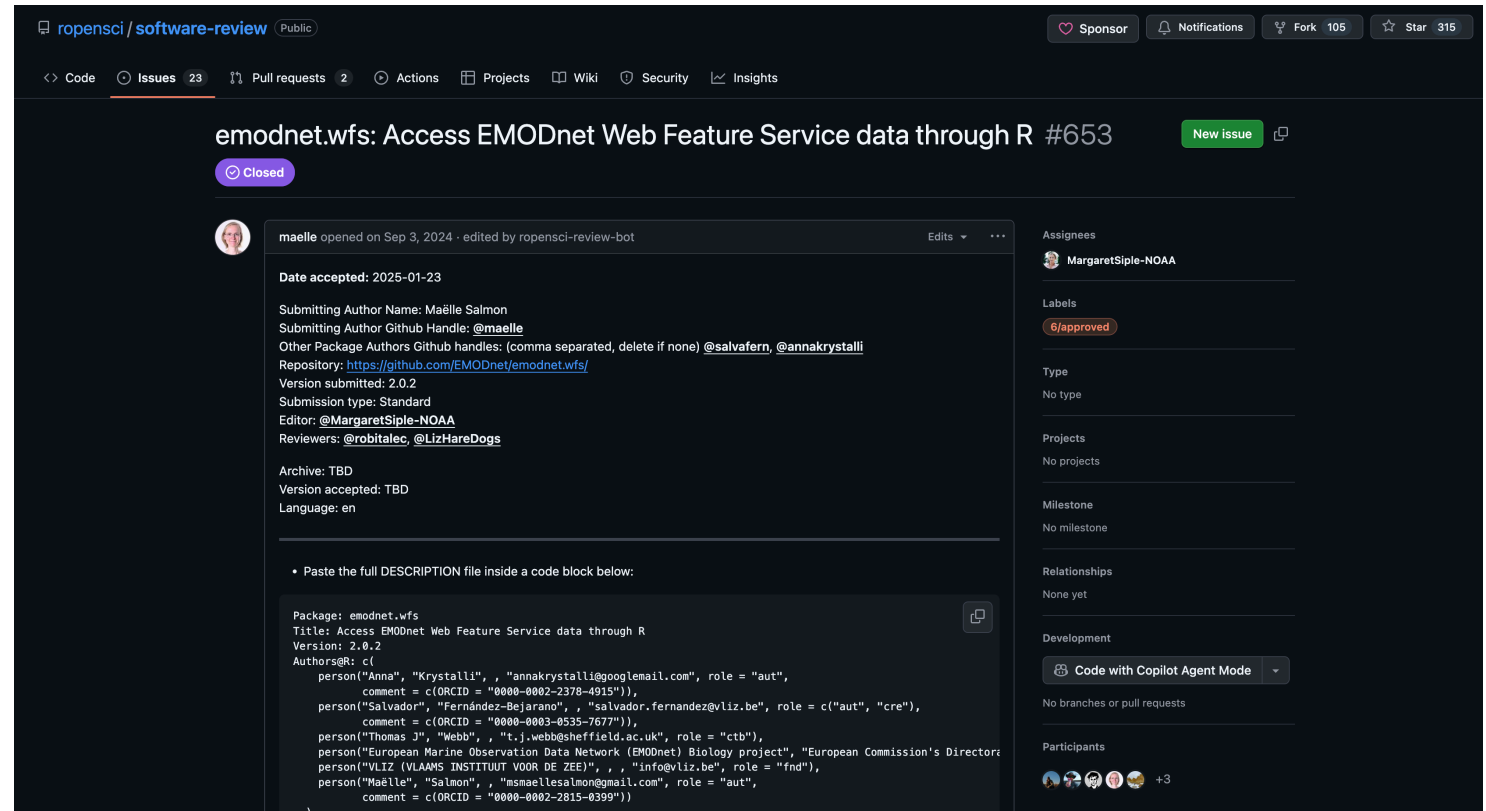
The R-package Bfiat is created in the framework of the EMODnet biology project, the NECCTON (New Copernicus Capability for Trophic Ocean Networks) project, and in cooperation with the ICES Working Group on Fisheries Benthic Impact and Trade-offs (WGFBIT).



WP3 Status Update

Deliverables

emodnet.wfs R package
fully revised and reviewed
(ROpenScience)
ready to be publish on
CRAN



The screenshot shows a GitHub issue page for the repository `ropensci/software-review`. The issue is titled "emodnet.wfs: Access EMODnet Web Feature Service data through R #653" and is marked as "Closed". It was opened by user `maelle` on September 3, 2024, and edited by the `ropensci-review-bot`. The issue details include:

- Date accepted:** 2025-01-23
- Submitting Author Name:** Maëlle Salmon
- Submitting Author Github Handle:** @maelle
- Other Package Authors Github handles:** (comma separated, delete if none) @salvafern, @annakrystalli
- Repository:** <https://github.com/EMODnet/emodnet.wfs/>
- Version submitted:** 2.0.2
- Submission type:** Standard
- Editor:** @MargaretSiple-NOAA
- Reviewers:** @robitalec, @LizHareDogs
- Archive:** TBD
- Version accepted:** TBD
- Language:** en

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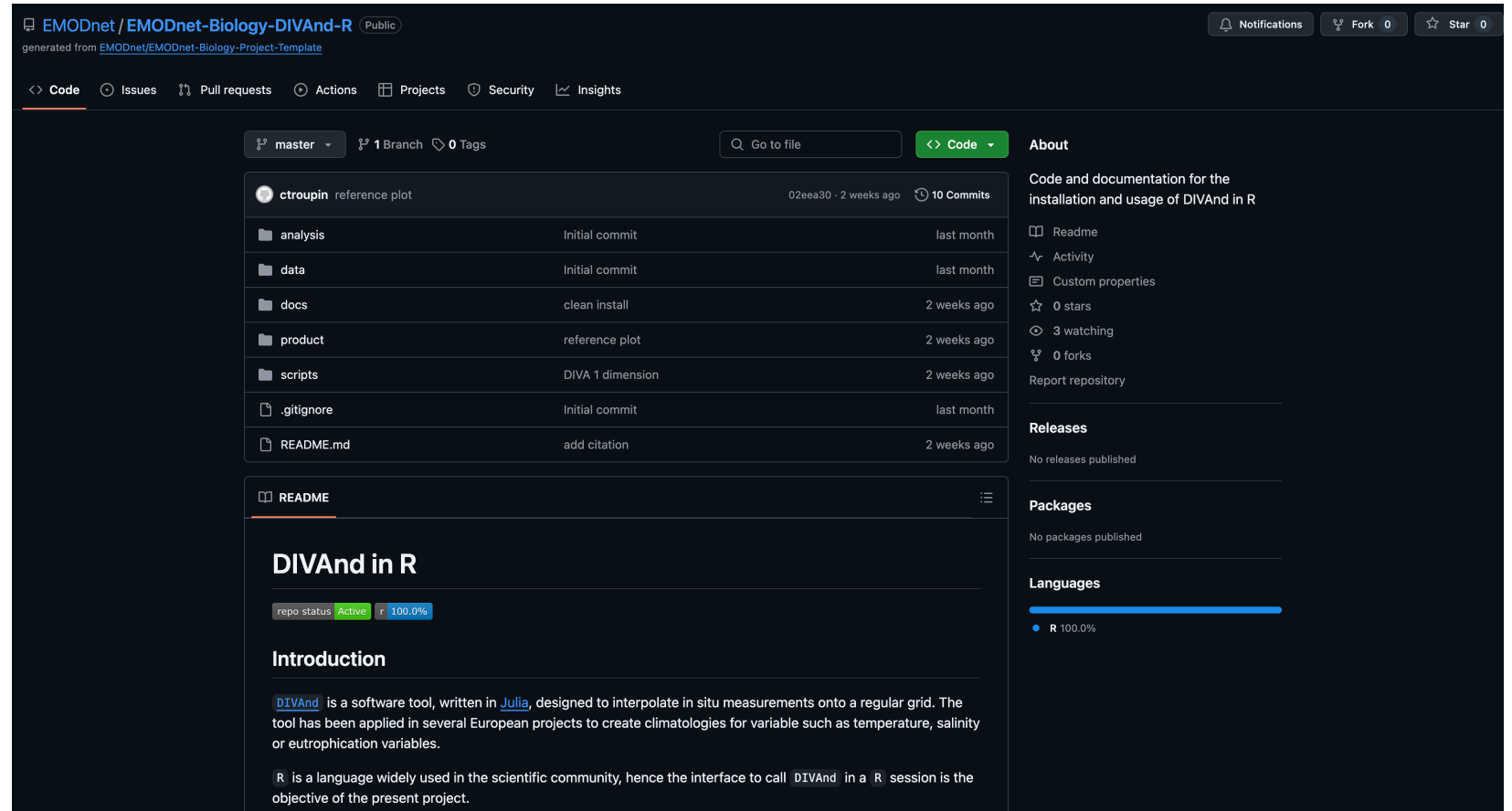
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  person("VLIZ (Vlaams Instituut voor de Zee)", , "info@vliz.be", role = "fnd"),
  person("Maëlle", "Salmon", , "msmaellesalmon@gmail.com", role = "aut",
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WP3 Status Update

Deliverables

- **DIVAnd-R implementation**



The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for `EMODnet / EMODnet-Biology-DIVAnd-R`. The repository is public and was generated from the `EMODnet/EMODnet-Biology-Project-Template`. The main branch is `master`, with 1 branch and 0 tags. The repository contains a file tree with the following files and their commit history:

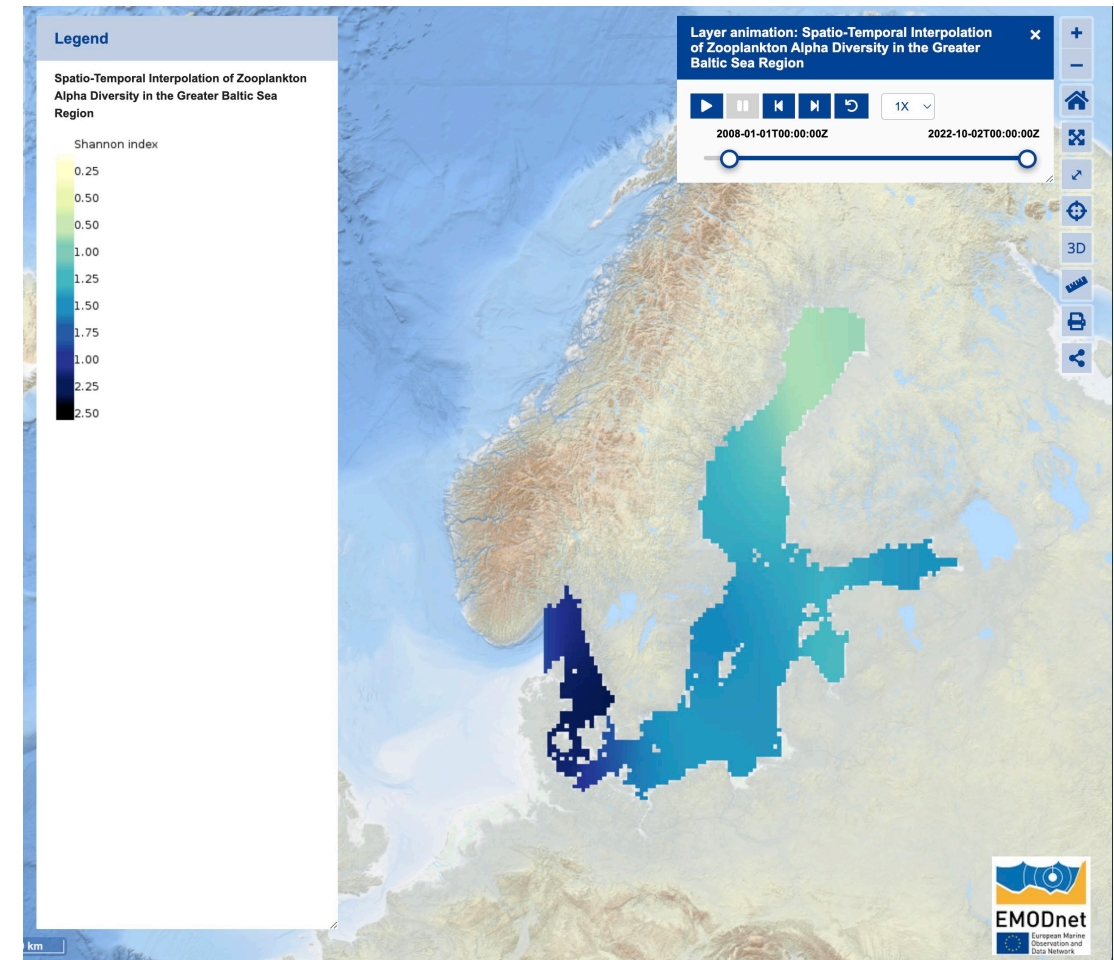
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<code>data</code>	Initial commit	last month
<code>docs</code>	clean install	2 weeks ago
<code>product</code>	reference plot	2 weeks ago
<code>scripts</code>	DIVA 1 dimension	2 weeks ago
<code>.gitignore</code>	Initial commit	last month
<code>README.md</code>	add citation	2 weeks ago

The `README` file is selected, showing the title `DIVAnd in R` and the repository status: `repo status Active` and `r 100.0%`. The introduction text states: `DIVAnd` is a software tool, written in `Julia`, designed to interpolate in situ measurements onto a regular grid. The tool has been applied in several European projects to create climatologies for variable such as temperature, salinity or eutrophication variables. `R` is a language widely used in the scientific community, hence the interface to call `DIVAnd` in a `R` session is the objective of the present project.

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Spatio-Temporal Interpolation of Zooplankton Alpha Diversity in the Greater Baltic Sea Region

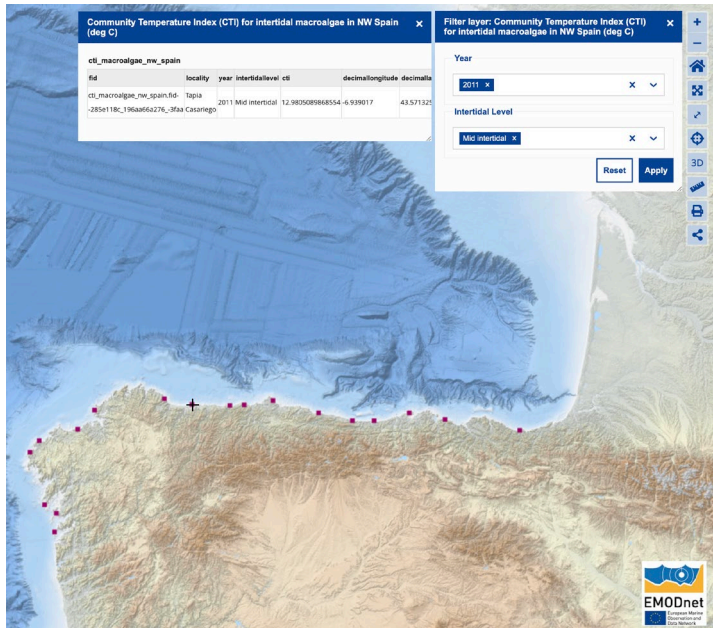
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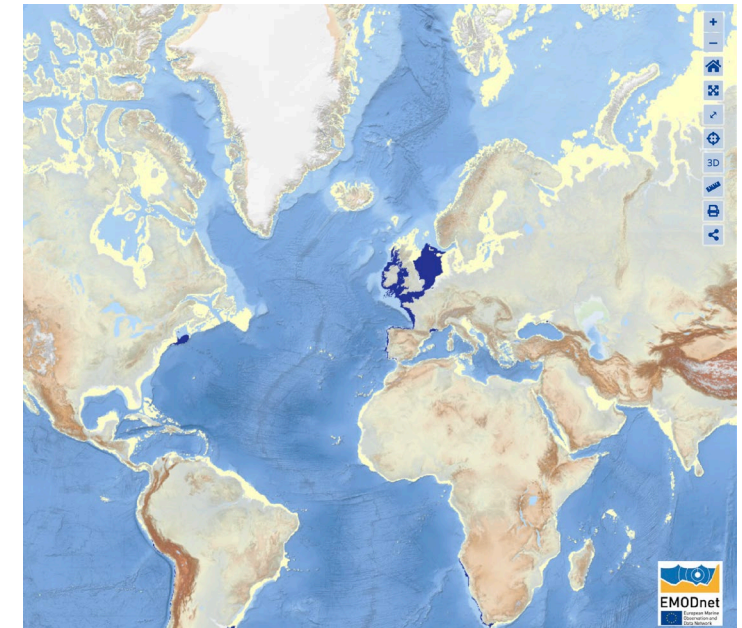
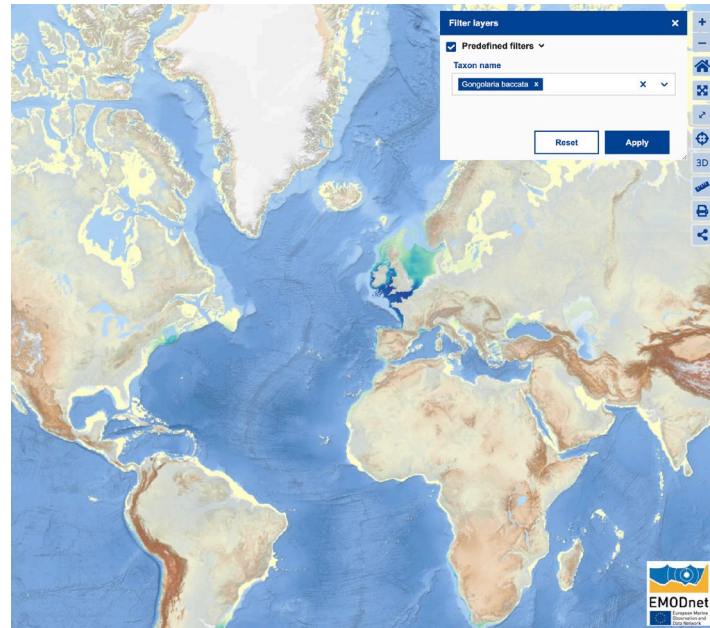
WP3 Status Update

Deliverables

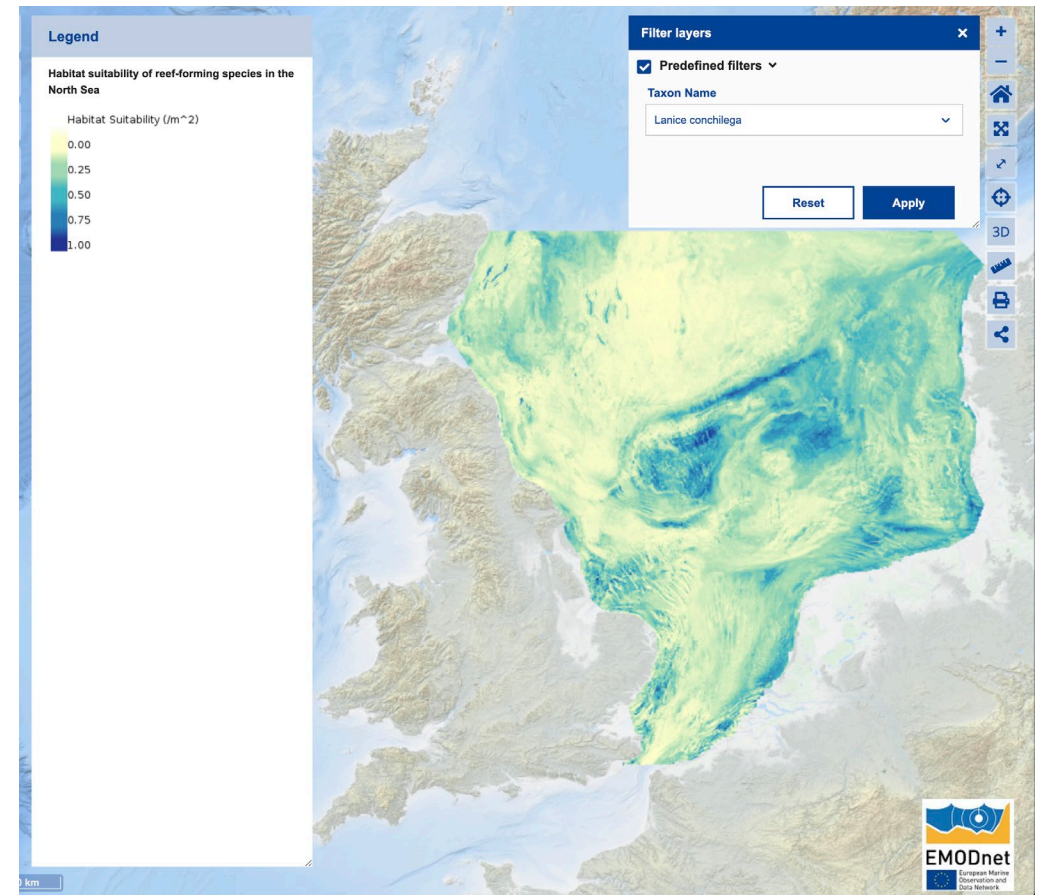
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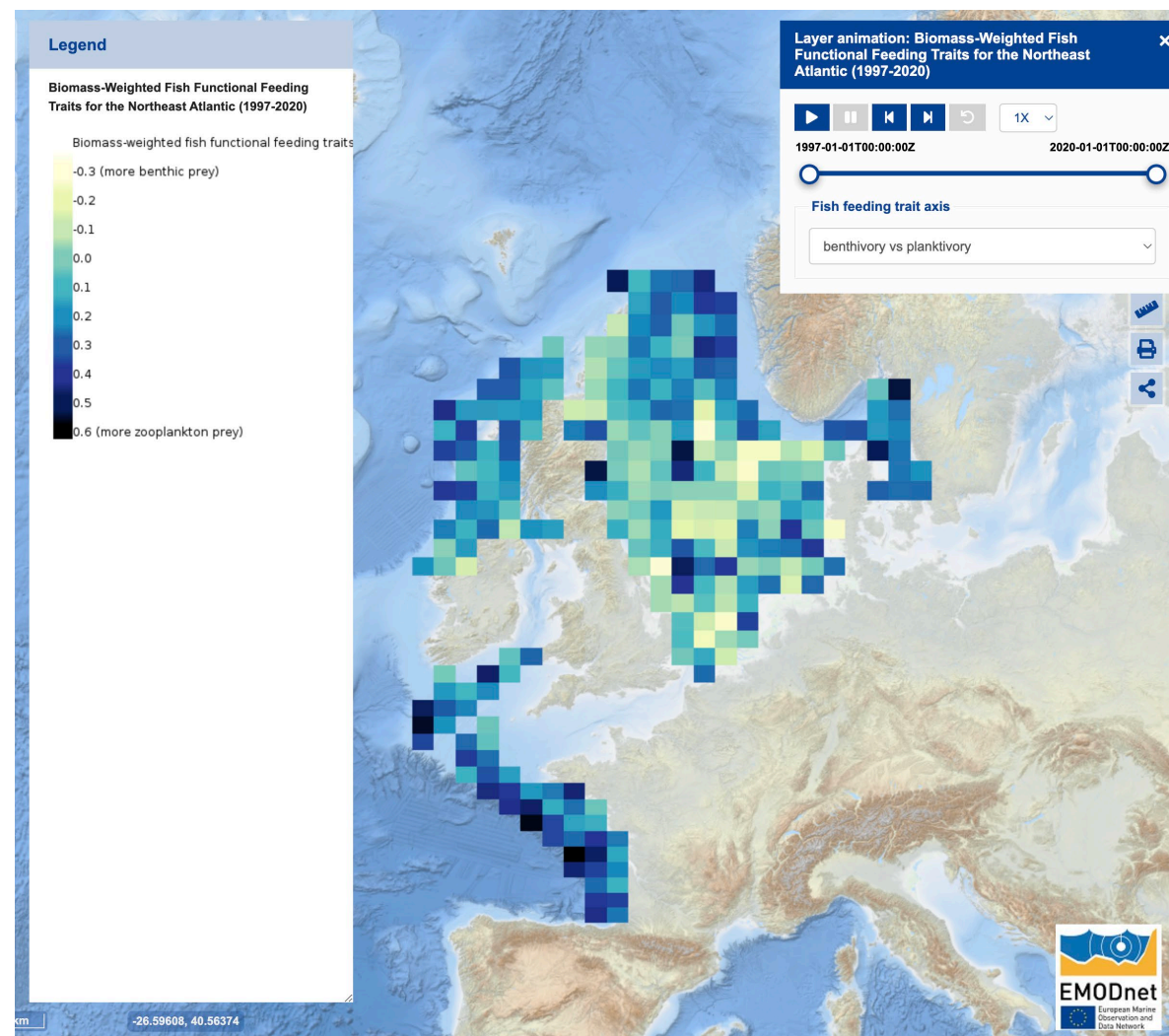
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Habitat suitability of reef-forming species in the North Sea



Biomass-Weighted Fish Functional Feeding Traits for the Northeast Atlantic (1997-2020)

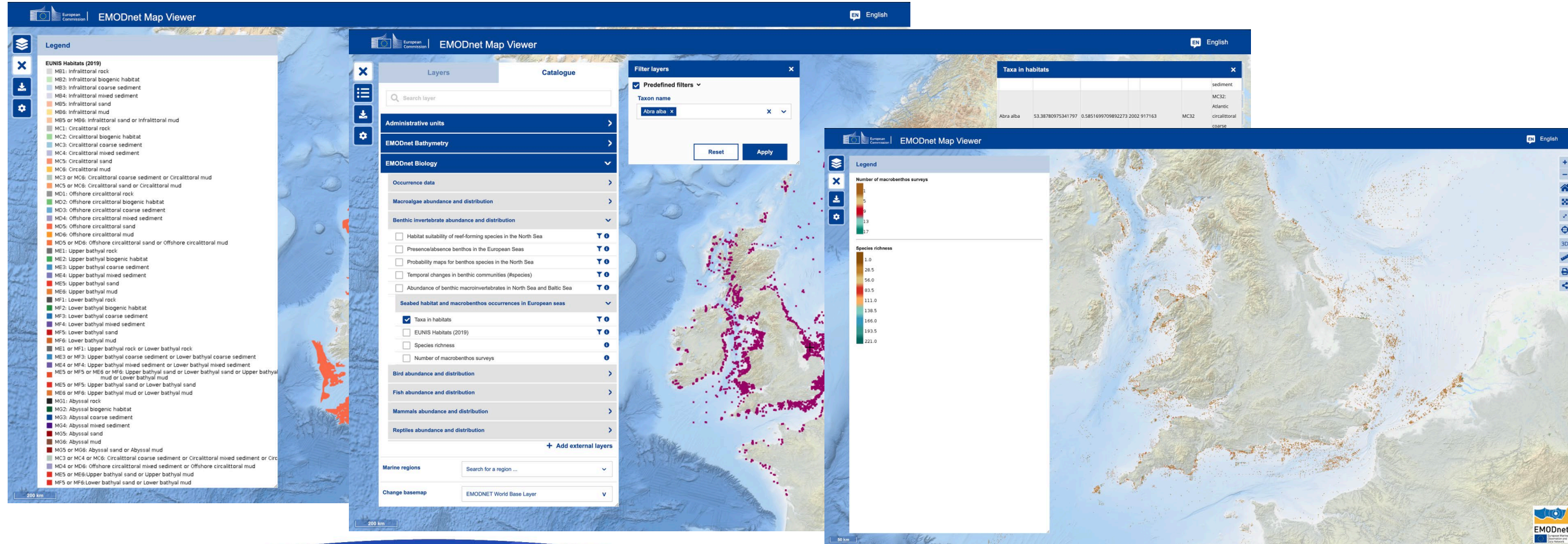


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Deliverables

Biodiversity of European macrobenthos by EUNIS seabed habitat types

- A cross lot product with Seabed habitats

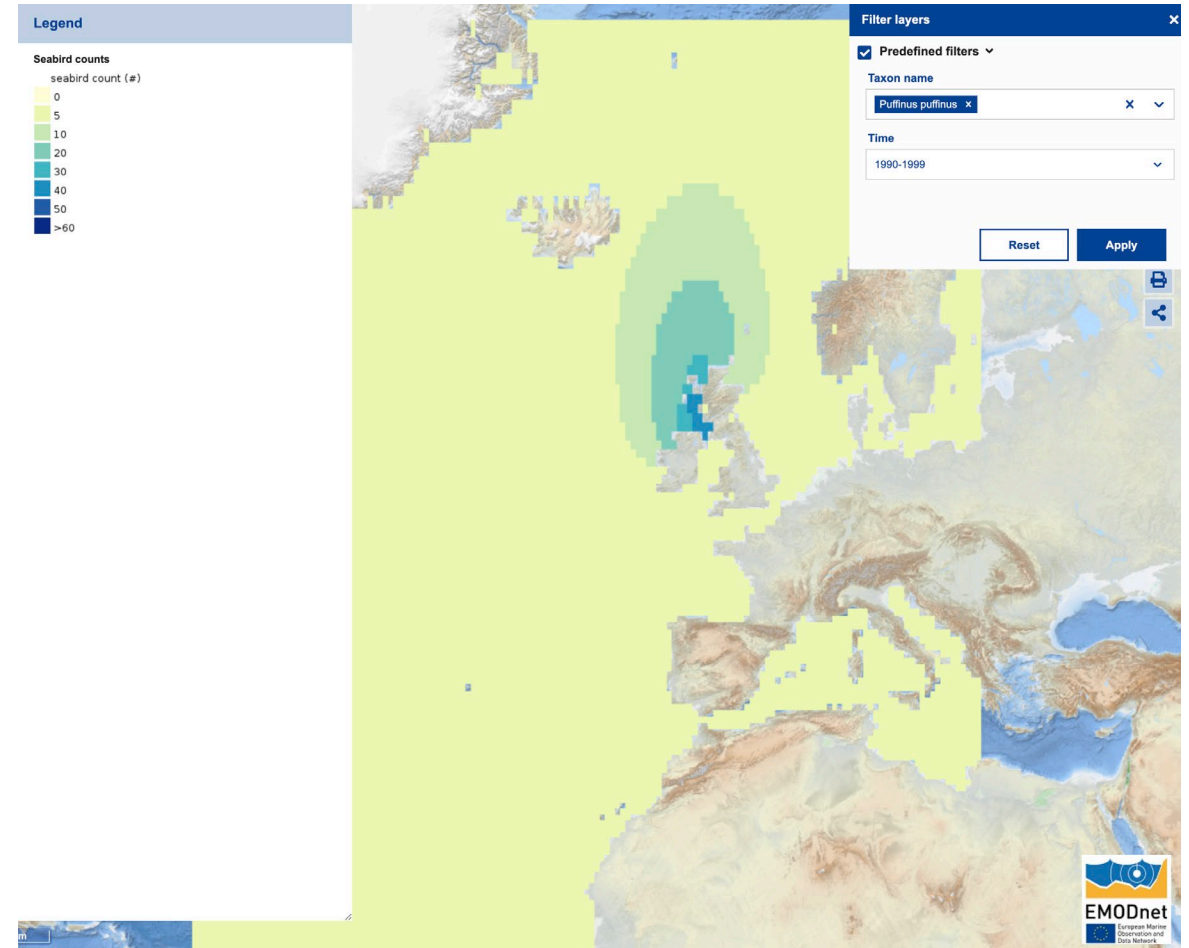


WP3 Status Update

Deliverables

Count maps of sea birds in European Seas (first bird product!)

Created with DIVAnd



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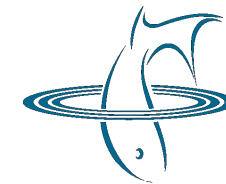
Willem Stolte

Luuk van der Heijden



Charles Troupin

Alexander Barth



Cefas

Murray Thompson

Oliver Williams



Maëlle Salmon

WP3 Summary

- Nice uptake of new products in terms of downloads
- Multiple products have been published
 - analytical tools
 - maps of distribution changes for species and functions (benthos, zooplankton, macrophytes, fish and birds)
- RSC workshop highlighted that our products are relevant
- RSC workshop also provided feedback on future needs we need to follow
- Position paper now published, highlighting the value of biological data products to marine research and management

WP3

Reflection on phase V and lessons for the continuation

- Quarterly community calls seemed to have worked well and will be continued.
- We may consider a monthly window for opportunities to chat in addition to the community calls. Open zoom channel one can call in if need be.
- Product development needs a stricter time line with mid-term evaluations to ensure payments
- Future products need to be envisioned so they can be implemented in the EMODnet Viewer
- Future products need to highlight their relevance for RSCs following the lessons learned from the RSC workshop

Thank you all in WP3 for you hard work and excellent output





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WP4 Uptake and Outreach Status update

Marina Lipizer, OGS



12-13 May 2025 (Carthage, Tunisia)



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WP4: What we were required to do

❖ **WP Objectives:** to promote EMODnet Biology data (WP2), products (WP3) and services (WP5), to engage relevant actors (e.g. RSC, EU projects) and contribute to implementation of EU legislation

❖ WP Tasks & Actions

☐ Task 5: Contributing static content to dedicated spaces in the Central Portal

Action 4.1 Provide and update content to the EMODnet Central Portal

☐ Task 6: Ensure the involvement of Regional Sea Conventions RSC

Action 4.2 Interaction with the RSCs and ICES

☐ Task 7: Contribute to the implementation of the EU legislation and broader initiatives for open data

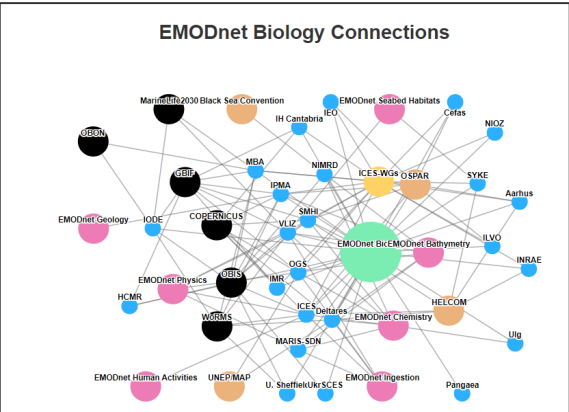
Action 4.3 Liaison with relevant EU initiatives, projects and parties


Action 4.4 Ensure compatibility with INSPIRE Directive

Task 5: Contributing static content to dedicated spaces in the Central Portal

Action	Deliverable	Participants:	Timeline	Status
4.1 Provide and update content to the EMODnet Central Portal	4.1.1 Update connectivity maps and identification of stakeholder community	VLIZ, INRAE, OGS, Aarhus, CEFAS, Deltares, HCMR, ICES, IEO, IH Cantabria, ILVO, IMR, IPMA, MARIS, MBA, NIMRD, NIOZ, Pangea, SMHI, SYKE, UkrSCES, U Liège, U. Sheffield	M4	done
	4.1.2 Informative material based on 4.2.2 published in the EMODnet CP	OGS, VLIZ, ILVO, MBA, NIMRD, SYKE, UkrSCES	M12	done
	4.1.3 Informative material based on the 4.2.3 outcomes	OGS, VLIZ, ILVO, MBA, NIMRD, SYKE, UkrSCES	M14	done
	4.1.4 Informative material based on the 4.3.1 outcomes	OGS, VLIZ	M24	done
	4.1.5 Publication of four Use Cases	IODE, ILVO, NIMRD, SYKE, UkrSCES, OGS	M6, M12, M18, M24	1 pending
	4.1.6 Publication of written documents			done

Based on:
Survey (4.1.2)
RSC Workshop (4.1.3)
Workshop for EU projects (4.1.4)





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CINEA/EMFAF/2022/3.5.2/SI2.895681

Start date of the project: 10/05/2023 - 09/05/2025 - (24 months)

EMODnet Phase V

4.1.2 Informative material based on 4.2.2 (questionnaire)

Reporting period: 10/05/2023 - 09/05/2024

10 Jan 2024

Biology

Facts and figures on the importance of UNESCO World Heritage Marine Sites for marine biodiversity

UNESCO and IUCN used EMODnet assessment on the status of UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

SOCIETY (CIVIL SOCIETY, CITIZENS)

Continue reading

06 Jun 2024

Bathymetry **Biology**

Modelling the distribution of conservation action

MPA Europe project (https://mpa-europe.eu) is using a holistic approach to assess the impact of species to ecosystems, in order to identify areas for Marine Protected Areas will be prioritised using software, which enables multiple scenarios and planning. OBIS (https://obis.org) species distribution in Europe

Top number of visualizations: 102

25 Feb 2025

Bathymetry **Biology** **Human Activities** **Seabed Habitats**

EMODnet data supporting the MSP Challenge, a tool to help stakeholders manage the blue economy and marine environment


The Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) Challenge is an open-source platform developed by Breda University of Applied Sciences. It helps users manage the blue economy and marine environment by simulating the impact of decisions on energy, shipping, and marine life. The simulations encourage users to utilize the best available data for assessing the current status and planning the future development of sea space. The data includes EMODnet services, which were used in an MSP Challenge to map bathymetry, biology, human activity and seabed habitat data for a simulation game supporting educational and stakeholder engagement.

GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Task 6: Ensure the involvement of Regional Sea Conventions RSC



Action	Deliverable	Participants:	Timeline	Status
4.2 Interaction with the RSCs and ICES	4.2.1 Engagement plan for each RSC	OGS, ILVO, NIMRD, SYKE, UkrSCES	M6	done
	4.2.2 Questionnaire to inform about what data & products EMODnet Biology offers and to collect stakeholder needs	OGS, ILVO, MBA, NIMRD, SYKE, UkrSCES,	M6	done
	4.2.3 Workshop with RSCs to understand major needs	OGS, ILVO, NIMRD, SYKE, UkrSCES	M12	done
	4.2.4 Report on progress for the publication of fisheries survey data	VLIZ, ICES	M24	done



BIOLOGY

Dive into data on Europe's marine life

☒ Save a backup on your local computer (disable if you are using a public/shared computer)

Invitation to contribute to the EMODnet Biology stakeholder questionnaire


Fields marked with * are mandatory.

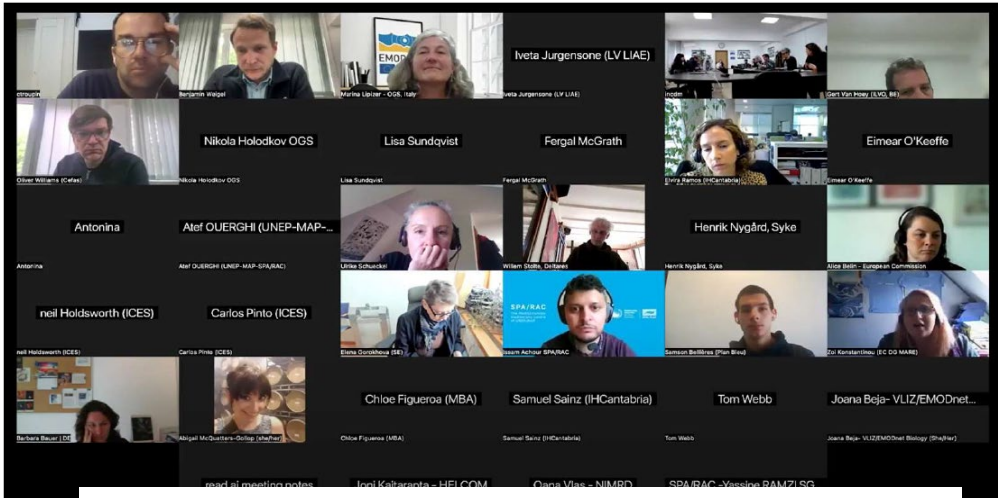
Disclaimer

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Anonymous mode

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- All RSC involved
- Useful feedbacks
- Indication of gaps & needs



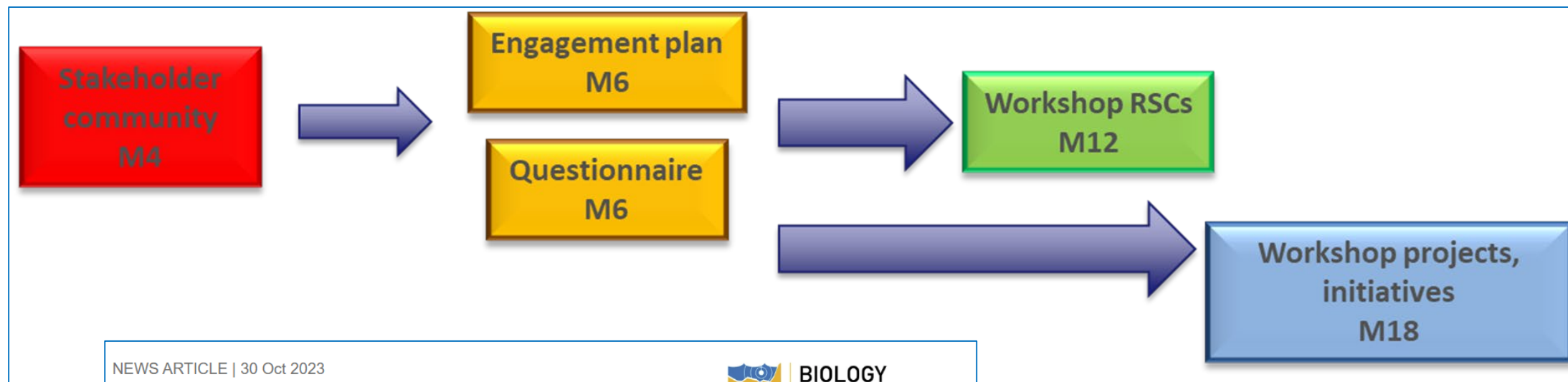
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EMODnet Phase V

D4.2.4: Report on progress for the publication of fisheries survey data

Task 6: Ensure the involvement of Regional Sea Conventions RSC



NEWS ARTICLE | 30 Oct 2023

EMODnet Biology invites input to stakeholder survey

A questionnaire was prepared to collect feedback from stakeholders that develop work within the marine biodiversity domain. This includes, primarily, those involved in the Regional Sea Conventions working groups, ICES working groups, European Union Technical Groups and Horizon projects. We welcome responses via this link until the end of 2023.



Additional Questionnaire M16

NEWS ARTICLE | 04 Sep 2024

EMODnet Biology launches new survey targeting EU funded projects working on biodiversity

EMODnet Biology has launched a survey aimed at EU-funded projects working on biodiversity to gather valuable feedback and insights. This information will help the EMODnet Biology consortium plan an online workshop in mid-November. The workshop will provide an overview of EMODnet Biology, the resources available to data providers, and explore how the consortium can support projects in submitting their outputs—particularly data and products for (re)hosting in EMODnet.

Task 6: Ensure the involvement of Regional Sea Conventions RSC – SWOT analysis

Strengths

- Consolidated connection with some RSC
- Better awareness of EMODnet

Questionnaire: sent to 70 stakeholders,
25 answers collected

Opportunity

- Task to be consolidated in the next phase
- Next EMODnet Open Conference as a new opportunity to engage RSCs

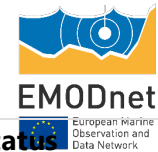
Weakness

- Low participation to surveys
- Weak follow-up activities close to first engagement
- Not clear needs from RSC
- Not clear what EMODnet offers to RSC

Threats

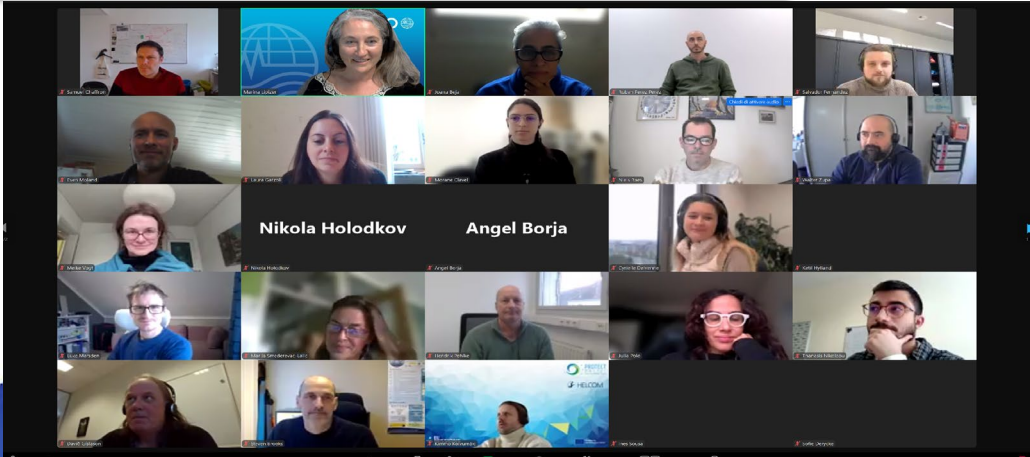
- Change in RSC contact persons which requires establishment of connections (*ab initio*)
- Limited (no?) resources/commitment on RSC side


Task 7: Contribute to the implementation of the EU legislation and broader initiatives for open data



Action	Deliverable	Participants:	Timeline	Status
4.3 Liaison with relevant EU initiatives, projects and parties	4.3.1 Workshop with representatives of major recent and current European Research Projects and initiatives to share experience and knowledge in biodiversity monitoring and assessment and in data, tools and services	VLIZ, INRAE, OGS, Aarhus, CEFAS, Deltares, HCMR, ICES, IEO, IH Cantabria, ILVO, IMR, IPMA, MARIS, MBA, NIMRD, NIOZ, Pangea, SMHI, SYKE, UkrSCES, Ulg, U. Sheffield, UkrSCES	M18	done
	4.3.2 Participation in TG DATA meetings	VLIZ, ICES	M0-M24	done
4.4 Ensure compatibility with INSPIRE Directive	4.4.1 Ensure compatibility with INSPIRE Directive (data, metadata, data products)	VLIZ	M0-M24	done
	4.4.2 Report on the activities to support EU Member States regarding their reporting obligations	OGS, VLIZ,	M24	

○ Need to design follow-up activities close to first engagement (EU Projects)





EMODnet Thematic Lot n° V- Biology


CINEA/EMFAF/2022/3.5.2/SI2.895681


Start date of the project: 10/05/2023 (24 months)

Centralisation Phase

Informative material based on the 4.3.1 outcomes (Workshop for EU Mission Ocean Projects) [D4.1.4]

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EMODnet Thematic Lot n° V – Biology


CINEA/EMFAF/2022/3.5.2/SI2.895681

Start date of the project: 10/05/2023 (24 months)

Operational Phase

D4.4.2 Activities to support EU Member States regarding their reporting obligations

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Lessons learned:

Main contribution EMODnet can provide:

- Promote use of **standard** metadata and dataset formats which are interoperable with international frameworks (such as DarwinCore), **clear licence** conditions and **open data** principles, to support the **FAIR** data principles
- Provide necessary skills to manage data and ensure that it adheres to community standards through **outreach, training, workshops**

Main gaps & needs perceived:

- Limited **resources** for data management
- Limited **expertise** on data management
- Data already available in **multiple systems**
- **Lack** of data availability in some areas
- **Formal agreement** for data sharing

Way forward

In order to improve data sharing, following actions need to be addressed:

- ❖ organization of capacity building initiatives to support data management and curation,
- ❖ facilitate the overall data management process
- ❖ ICT development to support data management, exploiting the use of Artificial Intelligence to facilitate data management and Quality Control
- ❖ consolidate interoperability and data flow among major infrastructures (e.g. ICES, OBIS, etc)
- ❖ a governance aspect which involves dedicating specific funding to assure financial and human resources dedicated to data management
- ❖ establish formal agreements between countries, RSCs and EMODnet Biology in order to overcome current data sharing constraints

WP4 Partners: Thank you!



Deltares



ILVO

6/7/2023

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WP5 status update

Bart Vanhoorne (VLIZ)

12-13 May 2025 (Carthago, Tunisia)



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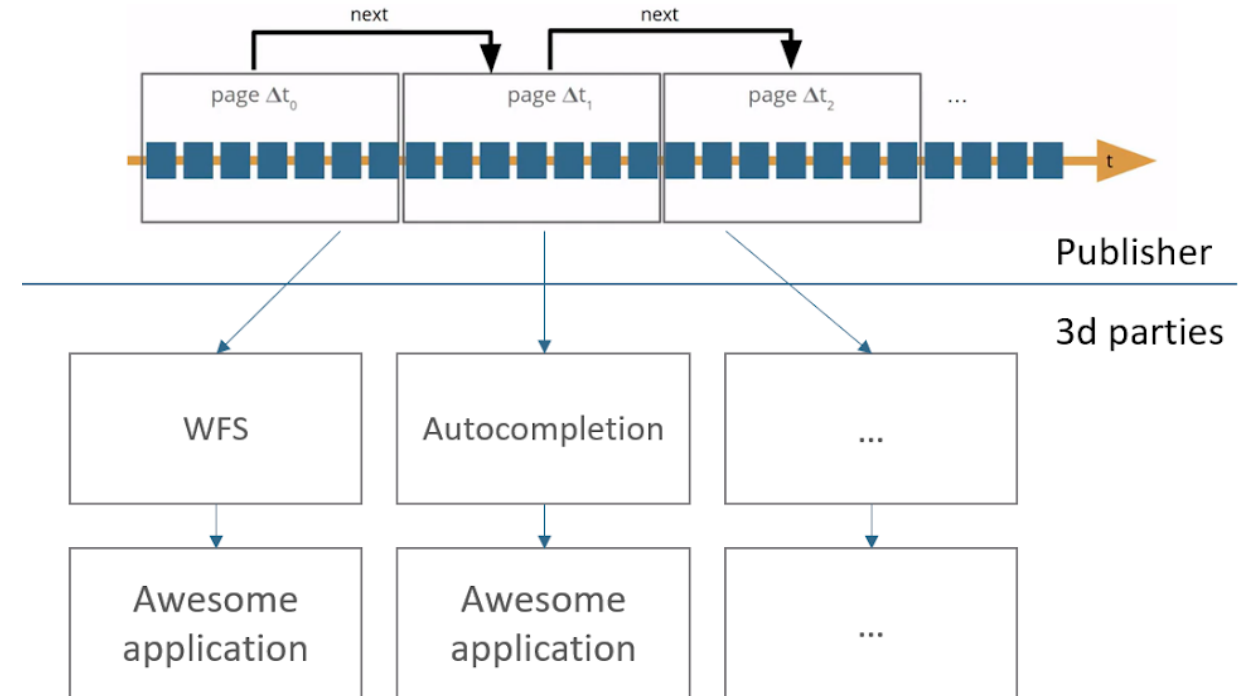
5.1 Extend interoperability and data types (Lead: VLIZ, Subcontractor: MARIS)

Item	Summary	Details
New data types	Integration of omics and image data.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Using (DwC) standard extensions- Investigate how to store and track remotely linked large data blobs- Needs to link up to initiatives like the OBIS eDNA EMO-BON and eDNAQuaPlan
Alignment with other projects	Incorporation and implementation of other projects' outputs in EMODnet Biology	DTO Bio Flow, MAREGRAPH, ARMS (EMOBON), tracking data (ETN), plankton images, acoustics and developing a data model and ontology for the EurOBIS database
Interoperability	Set of agreed standards and techniques for extending the interoperable exchange of information within and outside EMODnet	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Extending OGC standards with semantically annotated data and metadata- Link with i.e. Ocean InfoHub- Using the knowledge gathered within other projects, e.g. ENVRI, EOSC Life, FAIR Ease, EOSC interoperability framework, Open Data Directive, ...

5.1 Status Update

Semantic Alignment 1/3 "LDES feeds"

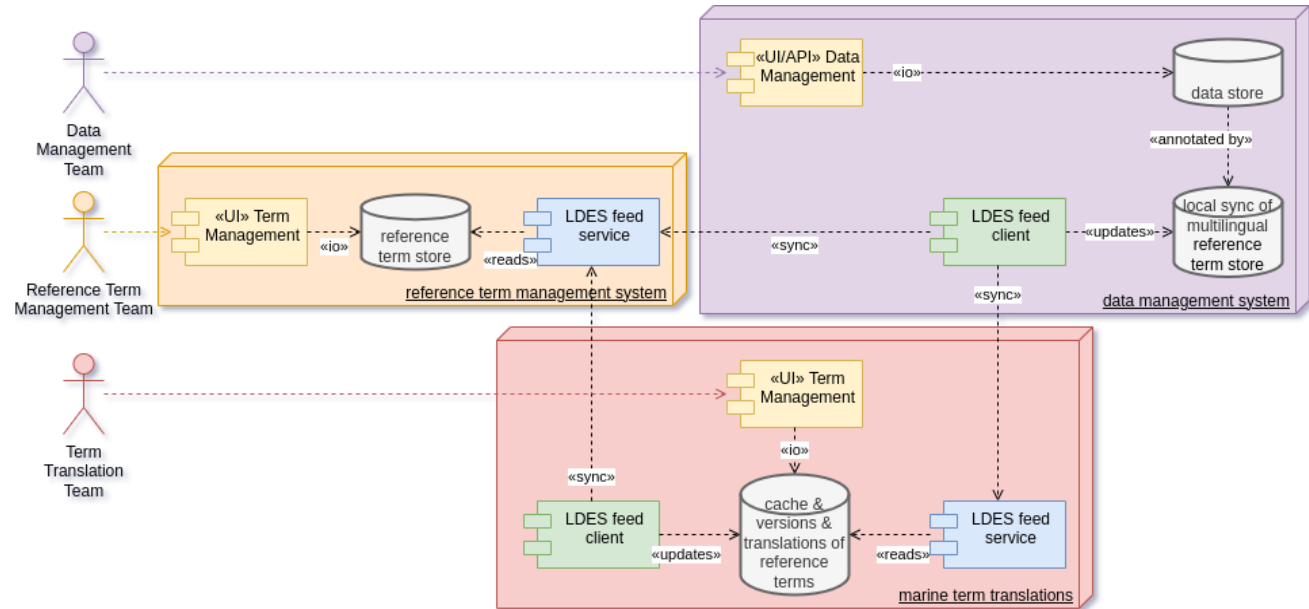
- LDES, Linked Data Event Stream
 - Open standard
 - Goal: synchronise with remote data changes
 - Tuned to "semantic-web-technology"
- Applied to core Marine Vocabularies
 - http://vocab.nerc.ac.uk/ldes/{collection_id}/
 - <https://edmo.seadatanet.org/ldes/feed>
 - <https://edmerp.seadatanet.org/ldes/feed>
 - <https://marineregions.org/feed>
 - <https://aphia.org/feed>
- Some minor sidewise cleanup in the process
- Submitted to LDES-registry
 - <https://imec-int.github.io/ldes-registry/>
- Next steps: more vocab feeds to be added



5.1 Status Update

Semantic Alignment 2/3 "Translation Management"

- Approach & supporting code to coordinate term-translations
- I/O: LDES feeds
- Open translation repositories based on GIT
 - Transparent change tracking
 - Open to integration
- Next steps
 - Deployment
 - Actual use
 - Dedicated presentation and invitation in Marine Community
 - Setup / coordination Network of Translation Communities
 - Fine tuning & support



<https://github.com/marine-term-translations/>

5.1 Status Update

Semantic Alignment 3/3 "Best Practice Guide"

- Integral part of deliverable
Streamlining semantic interoperability [D5.1.1]
- Objectives:
 - improve our semantic web applications
 - Establish quality level in semantic web content for Marine Domain
- Approach:
 - Basic foundational principles & technical components
 - Contextualised to marine data management.
- Next steps:
 - Translate to effective tools for self-help and automated coverage.
 - Assess 'Semantic Web'-level in Marine Domain.
 - Identify concrete areas for further improvement.

5.2 Implement m2m connections to data and products (Lead: VLIZ)

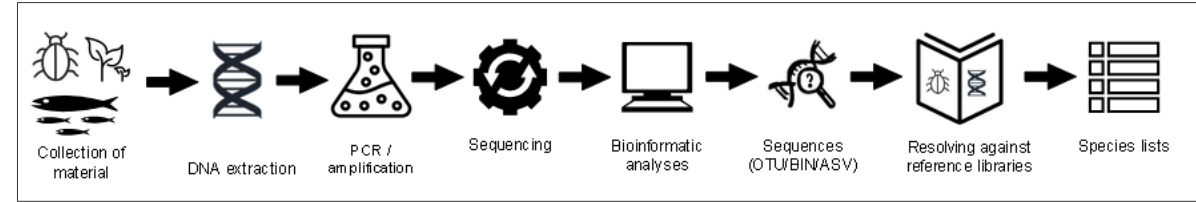
- ⦿ Maintain & **upgrade OGC stack** (EMODnet standard)
- ⦿ New **API endpoints for new data types (images, eDNA)**, so they can easily be queried via the EMODnet Central Portal and external machines
- ⦿ Find ways to **represent new data types** (i.e. on geoviewer)
- ⦿ **Client packages** (R, Python) will be further developed and maintained, so users can easily access the data without barriers (i.e. no login, registration, form, ...): FAIR

5.2 Status Update

Implement m2m connections to data and products

- **Software stack upgrades**

- 12x Geoserver version upgrades 2.22->2.27
- 5x IPT version upgrades 2.3->3.1



- **Media & DNA-derived extension data available** in dedicated Geoserver layers

- Required major changes in harvester/EurOBIS database & exports scripts
- Will allow for download via toolbox & central portal
- Simple yes/no query option will be added to central portal filter

- Different **R packages have been added/updated** to the EMODnet github.

- Mainly for products (WP3)
- Using templating system developed in WP3
- Documentation auto-generated via Github actions
- Also general purpose R library: *emodnet.wfs*

5.3 Technical Infrastructure maintenance and operational management (Lead: VLIZ)

- ④ The main objective of this task is to keep the current **infrastructure and services operational**
- ④ New **microservices tech.** (i.e. Docker), using modern pipelines (i.e. CI/) + test framework (s)
- ④ Further **develop the IPT harvest system** that is flexible and quicker in dealing with new data types (images, omics + possible others)
- ④ Tuning of the procedures and debugging of the code used to reformat the data from **BIO-ODV to DwC**

5.3 Status Update

Implement m2m connections to data and products






















- Kept service **operational**: close to 100%
- Prepared infrastructure for **more microservices**:
 - GeoNetwork instance on docker
 - ERDDAP instances on docker
 - Start centralizing all SQL scripts for QC in Gitlab repository
- Added to Darwin Core (DwC) Harvester**:
 - Harvest media/images
 - Harvest DNA data (GBIF DNA extension)

Type	Name	Status	Reliability
Web Coverage Service (WCS)	EMODnet Biology (WCS) Biology	✓	99.98%
Web Feature Service (WFS)	EMODnet Biology (WFS) Biology	✓	99.99%
Web Map Service (WMS)	EMODnet Biology (WMS) Biology	✓	100.0%

harvest.eurobis.org/queue/

Darwin Core Harvester Harvest Queue Data Providers Processing Rules IPT base URL List Archives

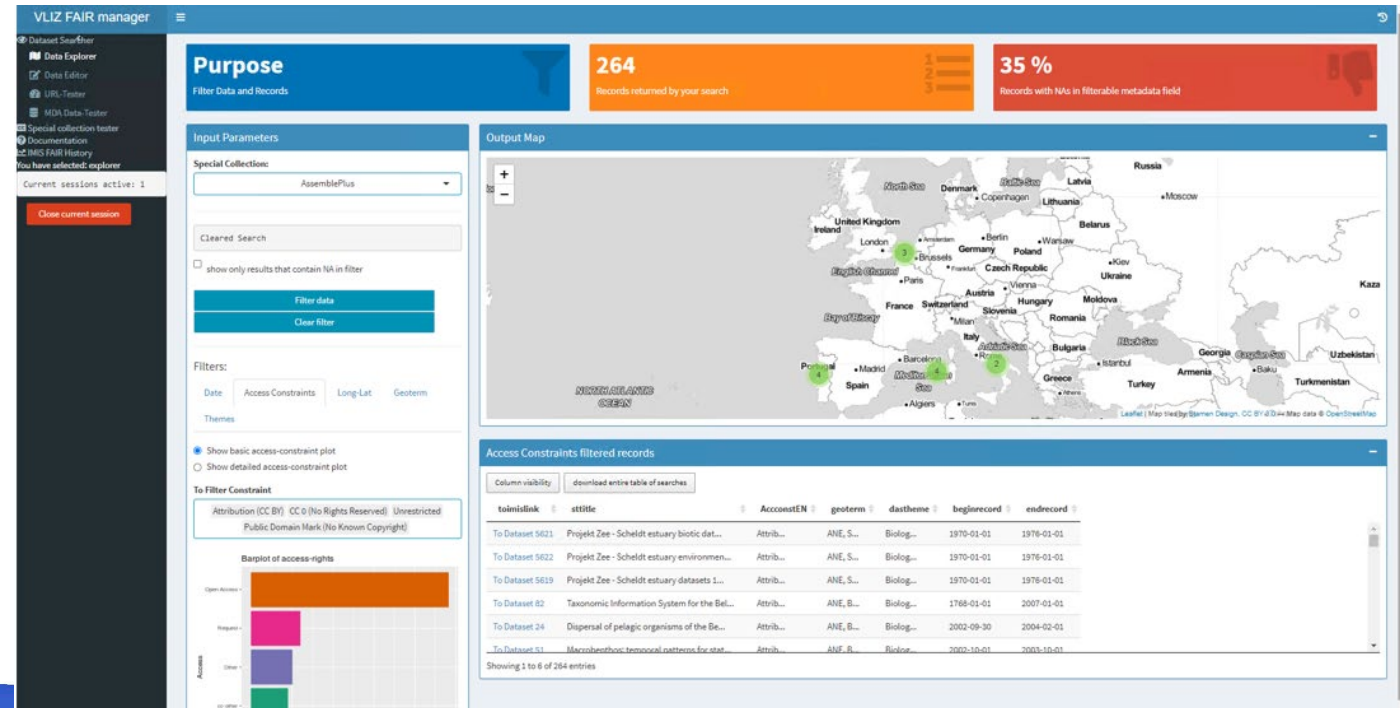
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5.4 Contribute data, data products and content to EMODnet Central portal (Lead: VLIZ)

- Improve automated **synchronizing metadata** (from IMIS) to the EMODnet CP catalogue (GeoNetwork) and share with others e.g. the EU Open Data Portal, EOSC, EDITO-Infra, ...)

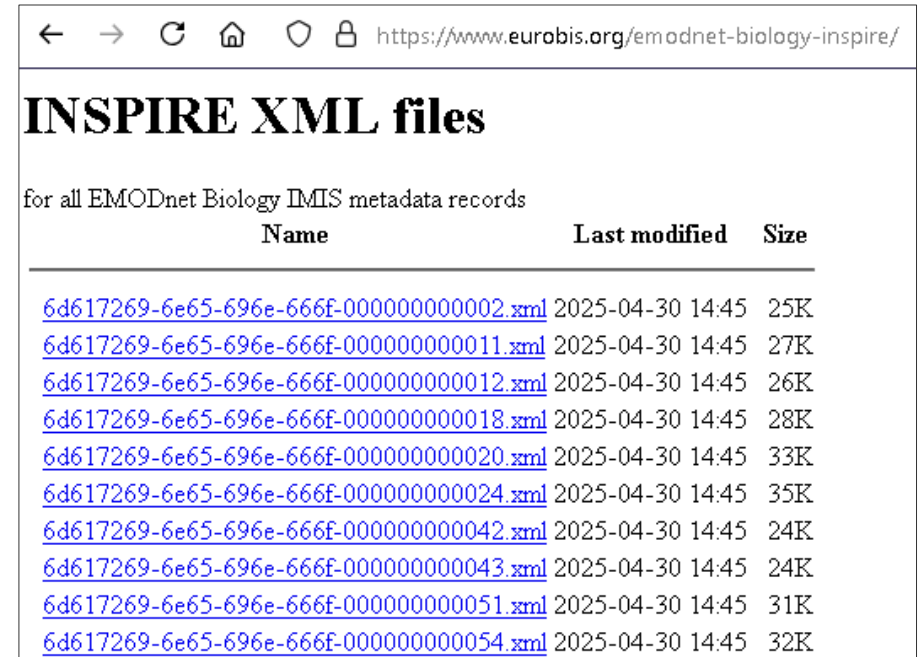
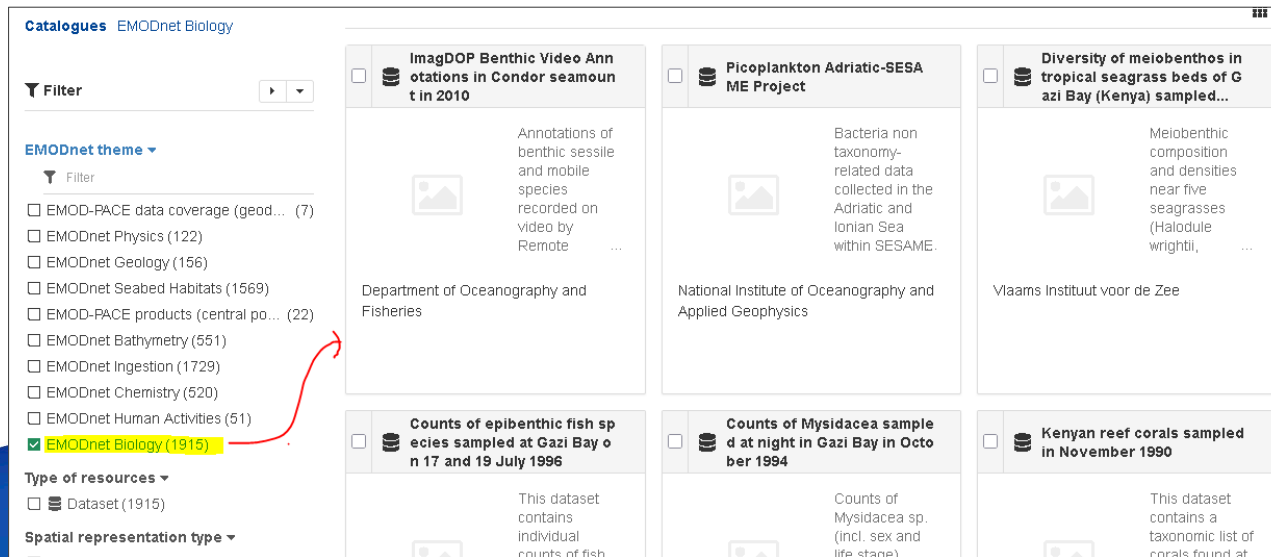
- Via the **EOSC FAIR checker**, ensure FAIRness of existing metadata is improved



5.4 Status Update

Contribute data, data products and content to EMODnet Central portal

- **IMIS metadata** now synchronized properly to EMODnet portal
 - For both EurOBIS datasets & EMODnet Bio products
 - Fully INSPIRE compliant
 - In an automated way, i.e. after each harvest/new product
 - Picked up by EMODnet portal GeoNetwork
 - Published as part of central metadata catalogue
- EOSC/EMODnet central portal INSPIRE/FAIR checker
 - Still under construction



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5.4 Contribute data, data products and content to EMODnet Central portal (Lead: VLIZ)

• **INSPIRE compliance** will be maintained and improved (Central Portal checker)

• **Expand data filters**
Central Portal (CP) geoviewer
to accommodate
for more options.
(i.e. the available
seabed habitat
point data,
data source, species
attributes, etc.)



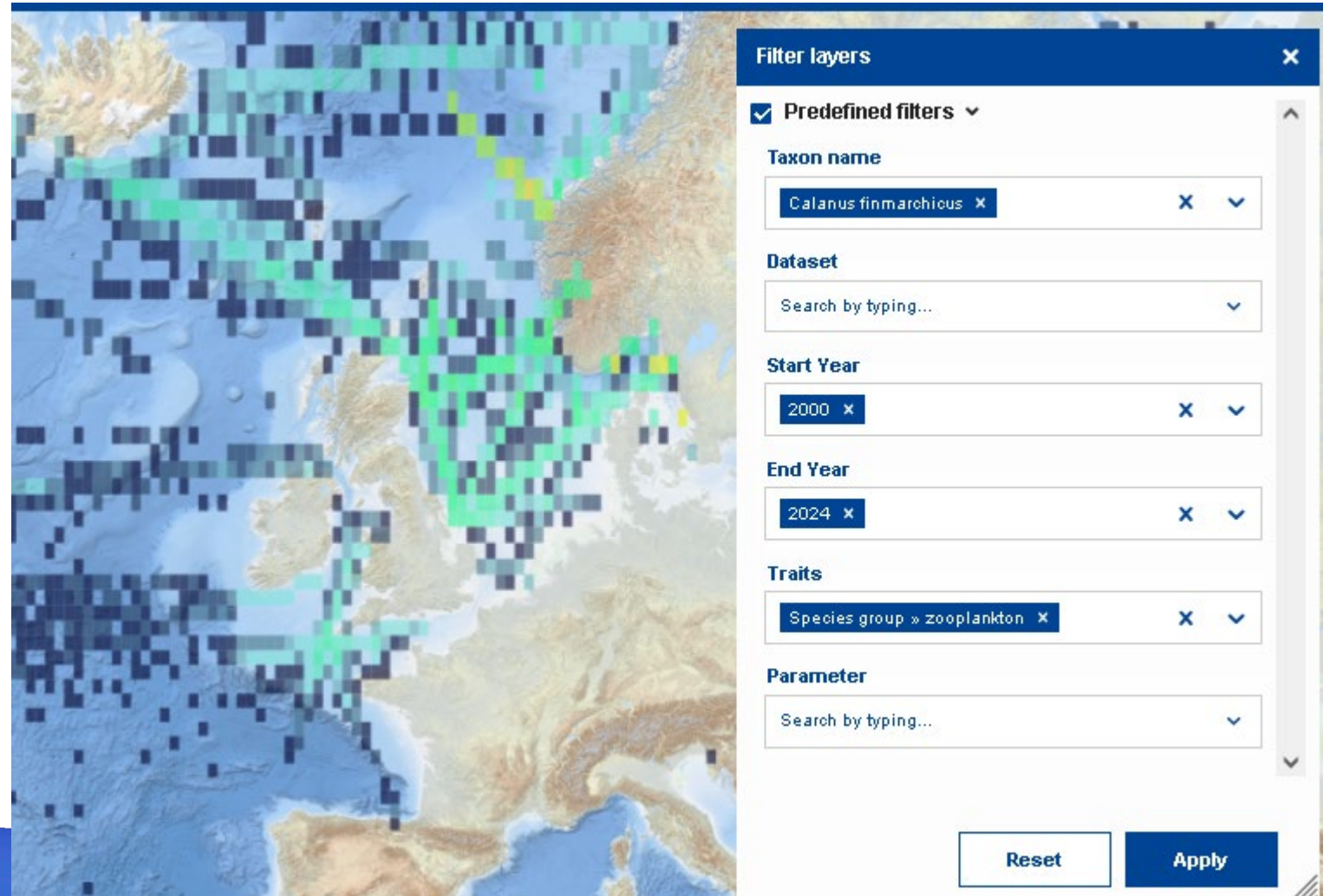
Filters, development in progress

- Traits
- Dataset source

5.4 Status Update

Contribute data, data products and content to EMODnet Central portal

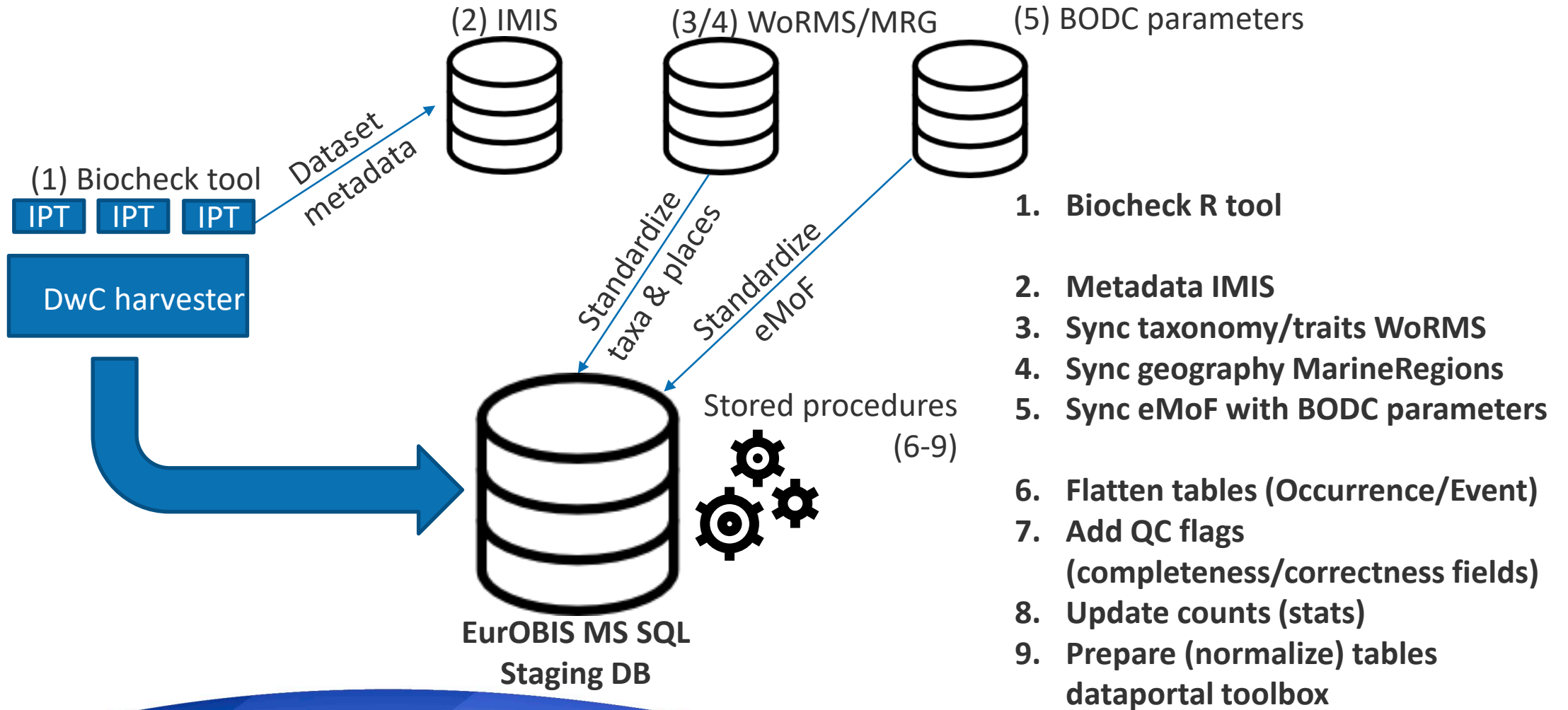
- Most common filters on Biodiversity records (EurOBIS) layer now implemented



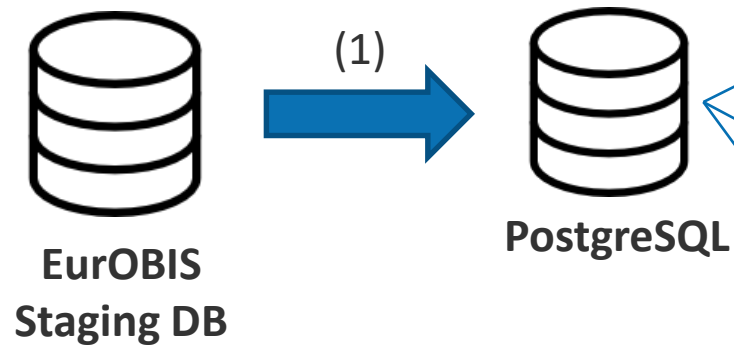
Overview deliverables (12)

Task	Action	Deliverable	Consortium Organisation	Timeline
Task 3: Develop procedures for machine-to-machine connections to data and data products	5.1: Extend interoperability and data types	5.1.1 Streamlining semantic interoperability	VLIZ, MARIS	M0-M20
		5.1.2 Integration of omics data into the data model		M16
		5.1.3 List of agreed standards and techniques		M24
	5.2: Procedures for machine-to-machine connections to data and data products	5.2.1 M2M communication plan and solutions, including new data types	VLIZ	M0-M24
Task 4: Contribute data, data products and content to EMODnet Central Portal that allows users to find, view and download data and data products	5.3: EMODnet Biology Technical Infrastructure maintenance and operational management	5.3.1 Operational web services	VLIZ	M0-M24
		5.3.2 Technology stack upgrades: microservices, CI/CD & testing		M24
		5.3.3 Technical maintenance of procedures for ingestion of data from the data providers		M0-M24
		5.3.4 Development and implementation of procedures to publish omics data		M24
	5.4: Contribute data, data products and content to EMODnet Central Portal that allows users to find, view and download data and data products	5.4.1 Synchronisation of all data and data products metadata to the EMODnet CP catalogue (GeoNetwork)	VLIZ	M0-M24
		5.4.2 All data and products available through the EMODnet CP		M2-M24
		5.4.3 Participation in the EMODnet TWG meetings		M0-M24
		5.4.4 Maintenance and development of API used to query EMODnet Biology layers available via the EMODnet CP viewer		M0-M24

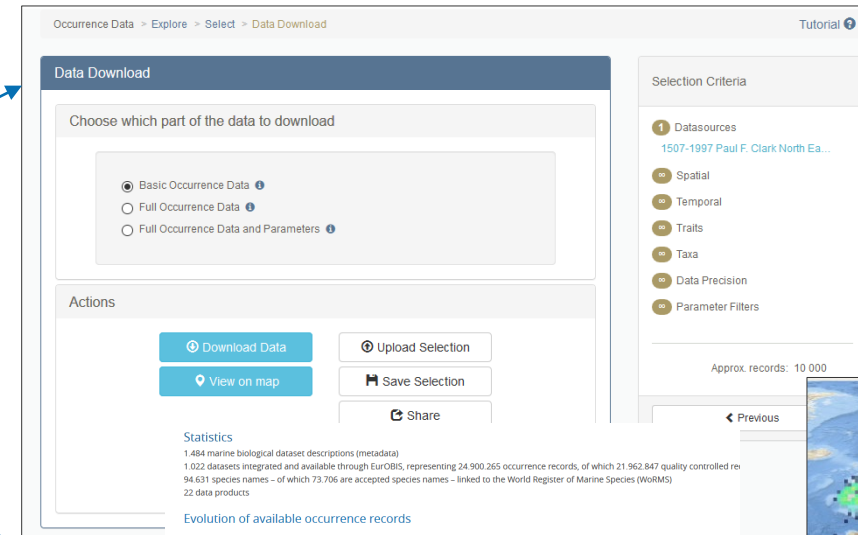
Reminder: harvest & standardization process (1/2)



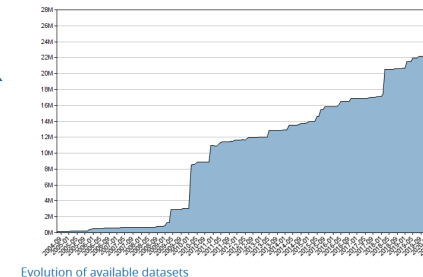
Reminder: migration to production/PostgreSQL (2/2)



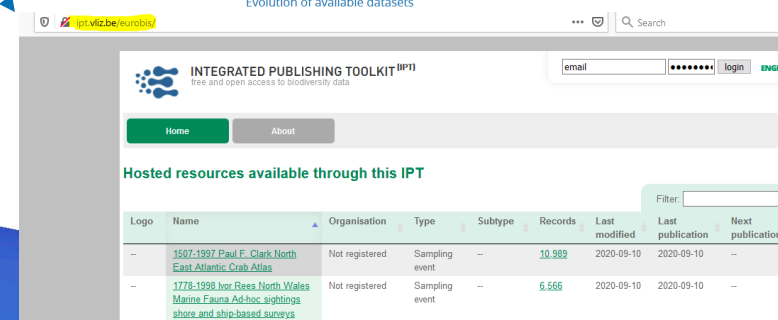
1. Migrate MS SQL to PostgreSQL
(Geoserver => Dataportal => Central Portal viewer filter)
2. Update statistics & graphs
3. Bulk export to IPT (OBIS/GBIF)
4. Update IMIS metadata URLs
5. Update reporting tool



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Free and open access to biodiversity data

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Logo	Name	Organisation	Type	Subtype	Records	Last modified	Last publication	Next publication
	1507-1997 Paul F. Clark North East Atlantic Crab Atlas	Not registered	Sampling event	--	10,989	2020-09-10	2020-09-10	--
	1778-1998 Ivor Rees North Wales Marine Fauna Ad hoc sightings shore and ship-based surveys	Not registered	Sampling event	--	6,566	2020-09-10	2020-09-10	--

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5 Consortium member Presentations



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VLIZ status update

VLIZ

12-13 May (Carthage, Tunisia)



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Activities within WP2

- Data publication
 - Publication of 172 datasets
 - VLIZ
 - EU funded projects
 - OBIS nodes
 - EMODnet Ingestion
- Data search
 - IPT updates watcher script
 - GBIF scanning script
 - SeaDataNet pipelines
- Biocheck QC tool [maintenance](#)
- Communication
 - Data Laundry Q/A sessions
 - OBIS-GBIF representation
 - Outreach
 - Workshop for EU funded projects
 - News items
 - Use cases
 - Twitter/Bluesky
- WP2 Deliverables

Activities within WP3

- Publication of (external) data products

Name	Who	Status	Notes
3D habitat suitability maps of the 30 main commercial fish species from the Atlantic Ocean	AZTI	Published in 2024	Mission Atlantic project
Density of Loggerhead Turtles in the Mediterranean Sea	US Navy	Published in 2024	
Modelled projections of habitat for commercial fish around North-western Europe under climate change, 2020 to 2060	CEFAS	Published in 2024	
Modelled projections of habitat for fish species feeding guilds around North-western Europe under climate change, 2010 to 2095	CEFAS	Published in 2024	
Decadal abundance of calanoid copepods within the North Atlantic		Published in 2024	Mission Atlantic project
Day and Night zooplankton abundance maps in the North Atlantic from 1960-2019	MBA	Published in 2024	Mission Atlantic project
Plankton Genomics Output	Ifremer	Pending	
Distribution maps of cetacean and seabird populations in the North-East Atlantic	Bangor University	Pending	
Potential catch biomass summed up along the water column for the 30 main commercial fish species from the Atlantic Ocean	AZTI	Pending	
Important Marine Mammal Area Knowledge Product	IMMA	Pending	IUCN MMPATF Important Marine Mammal Area
Harbour porpoise habitat suitability maps	Aarhus	Pending	GE4SEAS project/OBAMA-NEXT

- Publish consortium data products (see WP3 presentation)
 - Support for all WP3 members
- OpenSeaLab 4.0 Hackathon
 - Participated as coaches
 - Jupyter Notebook for UN Decade Webinar in January 2025: <https://github.com/EMODnet/EMODnet-Biology-UN-Decade-webinar>

Activities within WP4

- Submission [news items](#) to EMODnet newsletter
- Supported the publication of use cases (see WP4 presentation)
- Announcement of consortium partner's organised [events](#)
- Deliverables publication
 - <https://emodnet.ec.europa.eu/en/reports> (select Biology from the EMODnet component and Publication type = Deliverable)
 - Contributed to the drafting of various deliverables from WP2 and WP4
- Co-organisation of the workshop for EU Mission Ocean funded projects
- Participation in TG DATA meetings
- Participation (and presentation) in various workshops/webinars/conferences



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INRAE status update

Benjamin Weigel



12-13 May 2025 (Carthage, Tunisia)



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Activities within WP1

Member of the Coordination Board

- Providing status **reports and updates of WP3**
- Drafting of **Quarterly Progress Reports** concerning WP3 activities
QR25, QR26, QR27, QR28, QR29, QR30, QR31
- Drafting **Interim Report** concerning WP3 activities
- Drafting **Final Report** concerning WP3 activities




WP lead

- **coordinating WP** activities, tasks, and deliverables
- organizing, hosting and reporting of WP **Community Calls**
- **representing WP3** (e.g. EMODnet open conference, annual meetings, conferences)

Activities within WP3


- Joint organisation and hosting (with WP4 lead) of
Deliverable 3.1.1 Internal WP3 and WP4 Workshop
- Writing and publication of Deliverable



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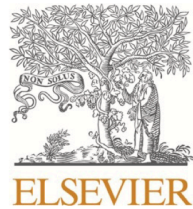
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Activities within WP3

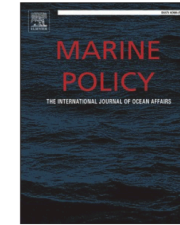
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Realising the potential of interoperable data products to improve the outlook for marine biodiversity: Lessons from the European marine observation and data network

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Contribution to deliverables:

- **4.2.2 Questionnaire to inform about what data & products EMODnet Biology offers and to collect stakeholder needs**
Participation in preparation meetings and contributing to questionnaire creation
- **4.2.3 Workshop with RSCs to understand major needs**
Participation in planning meetings
Participation and presentation in RSC workshop



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National Institute for Oceanography and Applied Geophysics (OGS) status update

Nikola Holodkov, OGS
Marina Lipizer, OGS

12-13 May 2025 (Carthage, Tunisia)



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Activities within WP2 - Data Management

OGS Data contribution:

Datasets

- Macrozoobenthos-North Adriatic-Gulf of Trieste, C1-LTER time-series 2014-2018
- Microzooplankton-North Adriatic-Gulf of Trieste, C1-LTER time-series 1987-1990
- Microzooplankton-North Adriatic-Gulf of Trieste, C1-LTER time-series 1998-2010
- Relative abundance of potentially pathogenic bacteria in treated wastewater and coastal water, Adriatic Sea time-series 2019-2020
- Phytoplankton in the North Adriatic, C1-LTER time-series 2010-2020

Citizen science

- **Gelatinous** validated sightings reported in the Mediterranean Sea from 2021-2022 by avvistAPP users
- **Dolphins** validated sightings reported in the Mediterranean Sea from 2021-2022 by avvistAPP users
- **Sea turtles** validated sightings reported in the Mediterranean Sea from 2021-2022 by avvistAPP users

avvistAPP: how citizens can contribute to the monitoring of marine animals with smartphones <https://doi.org/10.13120/h127-9v54>

Activities within WP3 - Products


Participation to WP3-WP4 meetings to tune outreach & uptake

Activities within WP4 - Uptake and Outreach

Coordination of WP4 and realization of all deliverables indicated in the proposal

In particular:

1. Stakeholder mapping for questionnaire, for workshops
2. Design, distribution and analysis of Stakeholder questionnaire (1)
3. Definition of Engagement plan
4. Organization of RSC workshop: April 18, 2024



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Invitation to contribute to the EMODnet Biology stakeholder questionnaire


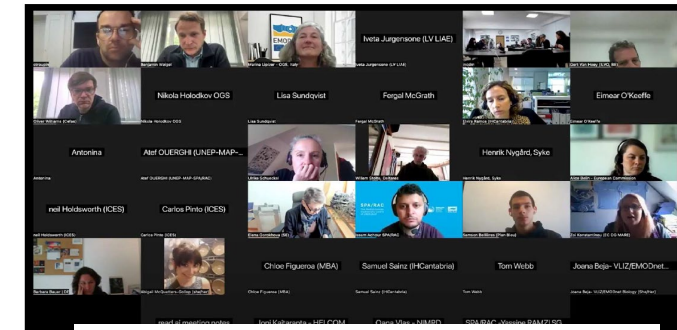
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Anonymous mode

The anonymous option has been activated. As a result, your contribution to this survey will be anonymous as the system will not save any personal data such as your IP address.

EMODnet Biology Stakeholder inventory

Date of information delivery	Contacting partner*	Stakeholder information		Stakeholder Role	Geograph. Relevance	Geographic focus	Additional information	Organization Name*	Address	Country	Contact person name*
		Institution role	Type of Institution								
10/6/2023	OGS	Regional Sea convention	International Institution	Coordinators	sea-basin	Mediterranean		UNEP-MAP-PAP/RAC	Kraj Sv. Ivana 11, HR-210	Croatia	Marko Prem
10/6/2023	OGS	NGO	Network		sea-basin	Mediterranean		MedPAN		France	Marie Romani
27/7/2023	NIMRD	Regional Sea convention	International Institution	Coordinators	sea-basin	Black Sea		Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea	256, Maslak Mahallesi, E Turkey		Irina Makarenko
27/7/2023	NIMRD	NGO	Network	Lobbyists	sea-basin	Black Sea		Black Sea NGO Network (BSNN)	11, Ivan Drasov St.,	Bulgaria	Emma Gileva
27/7/2023	NIMRD	Observing system/moni	National Institution	Experts/providers	national	Black Sea		Institute of Oceanology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (IO-OAS)	9000 Varna, 40, Parfi may St., PO	Bulgaria	Kremena Stefanova
27/7/2023	NIMRD	Data infrastructure	National Institution	Coordinators	national	Black Sea		Institute of Marine Sciences, Middle East Technical University (IMS-METU)	Box 152 08000 Yanya 770 Box 28, 55731,	Turkey	Banç SALHOĞLU
27/7/2023	NIMRD	Experts	NGO	Lobbyists	international	Black Sea		International Center for Black Sea Studies (ICBS)	19-21 Arachovis Str. &	Greece	Georgia Chantzi
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27/7/2023	NIMRD	Experts	University/Research	Experts/providers	national	Black Sea		National Administration of Romanian Waters (ANAR)	900527 Constanta 9, Edgar Quinet St., Sector 1, RO-010018,	Romania	Marius Skolka
27/7/2023	NIMRD	Decision makers	National Institution	Implementers	national	Black Sea		Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests	Bucharest, 12, Blvd. Libertății,	Romania	Elena Tuchiu
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Activities within WP4 - Uptake and Outreach

5. Design, distribution and analysis of additional questionnaire
6. Organization of workshop for EU projects (11.2024)
7. Preparation of Informative materials (del. 4.1.2, 4.1.3, 4.1.4)

NEWS ARTICLE | 04 Sep 2024

EMODnet Biology launches new survey targeting EU funded projects working on biodiversity

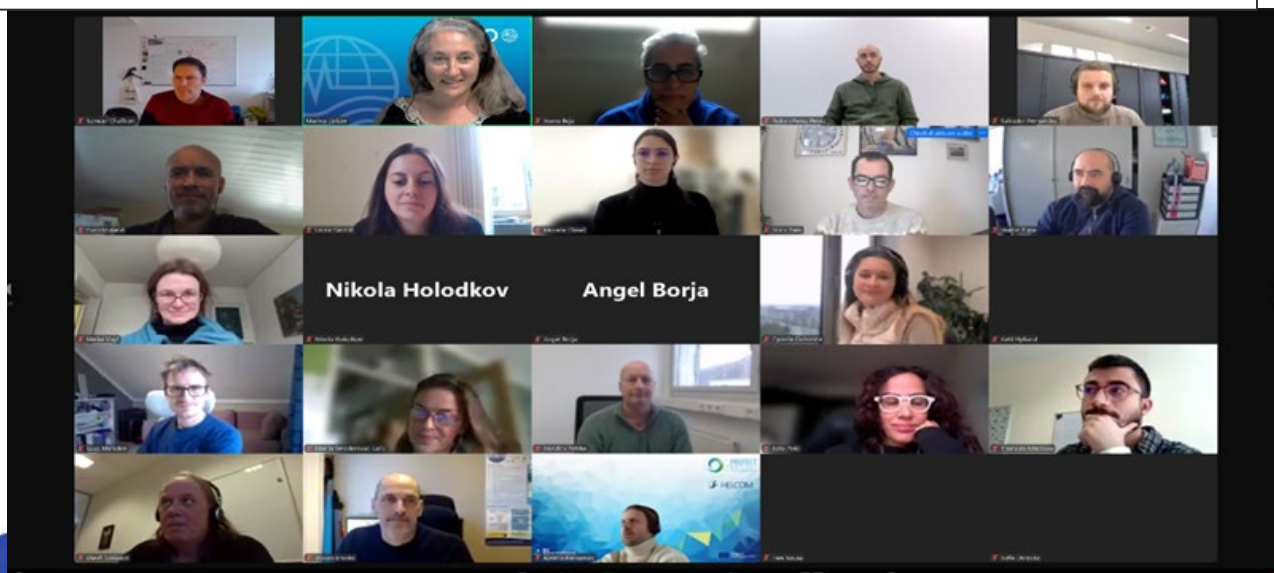
EMODnet Biology has launched a survey aimed at EU-funded projects working on biodiversity to gather valuable feedback and insights. This information will help the EMODnet Biology consortium plan an online workshop in mid-November. The workshop will provide an overview of EMODnet Biology, the resources available to data providers, and explore how the consortium can support projects in submitting their outputs—particularly data and products for (re)hosting in EMODnet.



NEWS ARTICLE | 28 Nov 2024

EMODnet Biology workshop for European Research and Innovation, and Mission: Restore our Ocean and Waters biodiversity projects

EMODnet Biology hosted an online workshop on 19-20 November, with more than 40 representatives from EU projects, EU project officers and DG MARE. The focus was on projects that collect biodiversity data or create products based on these data.



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Start date of the project: 10/05/2023 - 09/05/2025 - (24 months)

EMODnet Phase V

4.1.2 Informative material based on 4.2.2 (questionnaire)

Reporting period: 10/05/2023 - 09/05/2024



EMODnet Thematic Lot n° V- Biology

CINEA/EMFAF/2022/3.5.2/SI2.895681

Start date of the project: 10/05/2023 (24 months)

Centralisation Phase

Informative material based on the 4.3.1 outcomes
(Workshop for EU Mission Ocean Projects) [D4.1.4]

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Aarhus University status update

Jonas Rømer, Hans Jakobsen. Aarhus University, Ecoscience

12-13 Maj 2025



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Activities within WP2-5

Delivering Danish National Benthos Monitoring Data

I only joined the project recently. Take over from a colleague and provide data technical expertise. First task, to prepare and deliver Benthos monitoring data from Danish national databases to emodnet biology.

- Reviewing our databases and involving the right specialists to explain the data.
- Rewriting sql scripts to extract data. We have migrated some of our databases to a new system.
- Working with VLIZ, Ruben Perez, Cyril Radermecker, others - thanks for assistance!
- We now work with Darwin Core Archives DwC-A
 - Integrated Publishing Toolkit (IPT).
 - Easy to use with GUI and various tools

Dwc-A: We are better prepared to deliver future updates and new datasets for this and other projects. Integrated Publishing Toolkit

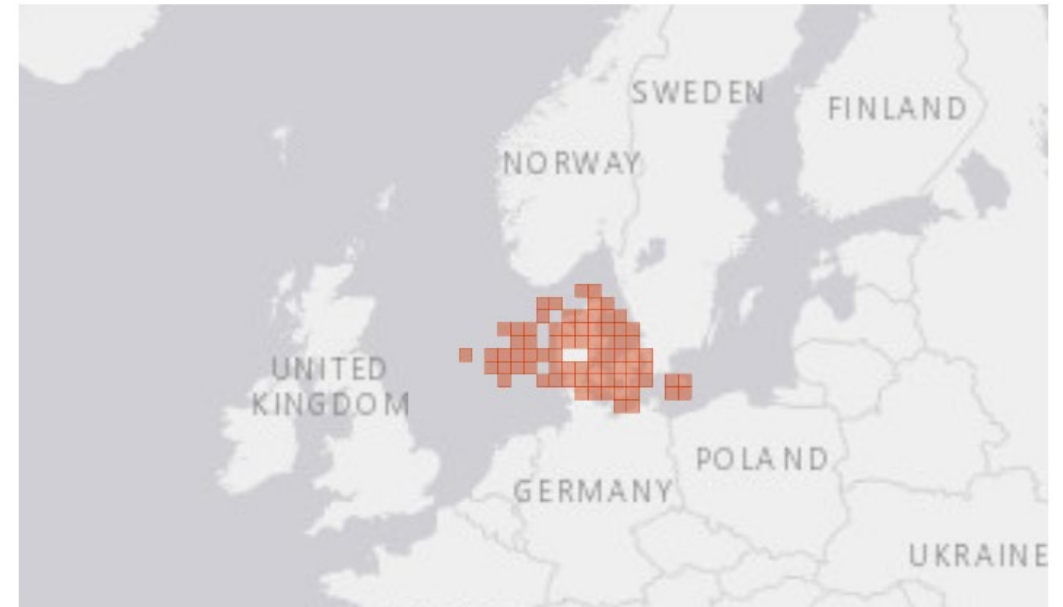
Activities within WP2-5

Dataset: Danish benthic marine monitoring data from ODAM

Data from 1911-2024. <https://obis.org/dataset/ec9df3b9-3b2b-4d83-881b-27bcbcd57b95> :



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Cefas status update

Oliver Williams, Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science

12 May 2025



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Activities within WP2

Continue towards Business as Usual Data Flows



- Engage and train Cefas Scientists on EMODnet



- Raise awareness of EMODnet and Darwin Core – within Cefas and at UK Level



- (In partnership with DASSH) - continue to promote Darwin Core as a Biodiversity Data exchange format, allowing easy flow of data to EMODnet



- Help facilitate flows of future Benthic and Plankton Monitoring Data Cefas > DASSH > EMODnet – watch this space!

Activities within WP3

Modelled projections of habitat for fish species feeding guilds around North-western Europe under climate change, 2010 to 2095

- Bayesian Additive Regression Tree model annual predictions for habitat suitability of marine fish species across a range of body sizes and belonging to different feeding guilds from 2010 to 2095
- Can be used in combination with OBIS data to inform and compliment research on a range of domains including fisheries, food webs and ecosystem assessments.
- <https://emodnet.ec.europa.eu/geonetwork/srv/eng/catalog.search#/metadata/6d617269-6e65-696e-666f-000000008598>





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Deltares status update

Willem Stolte, Luuk van der Heijden

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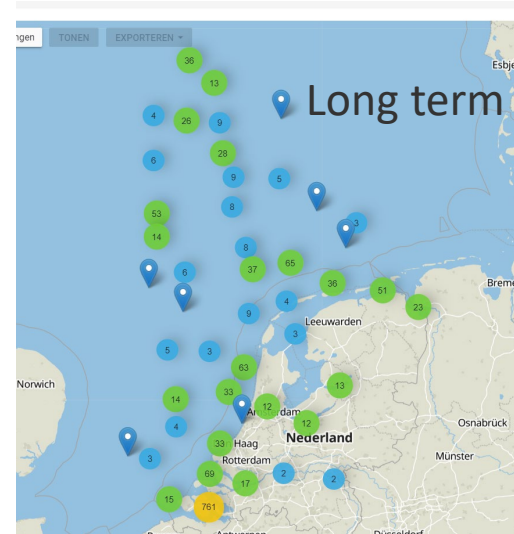
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Activities within WP2

Biological datasets

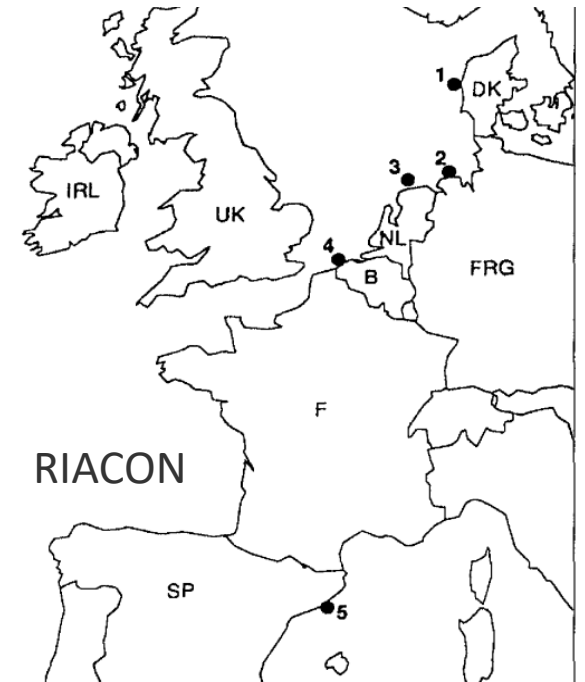
Existing datasets Dutch EEZ (North Sea and Wadden Sea)

1. Long term phytoplankton – update (to 2022) and extension (also estuaries)
2. Long term macrobenthos – Update dataset(1989 - 2024) now also including estuaries. (only occurrences at this moment)



New datasets (project monitoring)

3. Natuurlijk Veilig: benthos
4. Natuurlijk Veilig: RIACON (benthos)
5. Natuurlijk Veilig: Castricum & Egmond (surf zone benthos)
6. Benthos Zuid-Westelijke Delta – now included in (2)
7. Benthos Waddenzee – now included in (2)



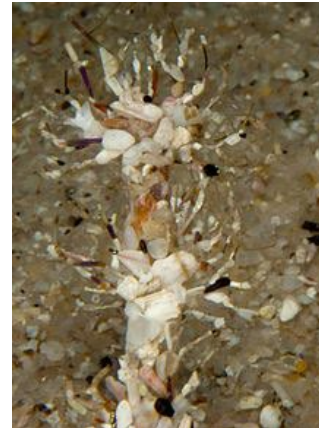
Activities within WP3

Habitat suitability maps of reef-forming species

- *Sabellaria spinulosa*
- *Modiolus modiolus*
- *Lanice conchilega*
- *Ostrea edulis*



www.ospar.org



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lanice_conchilega



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Modiolus_modiolus



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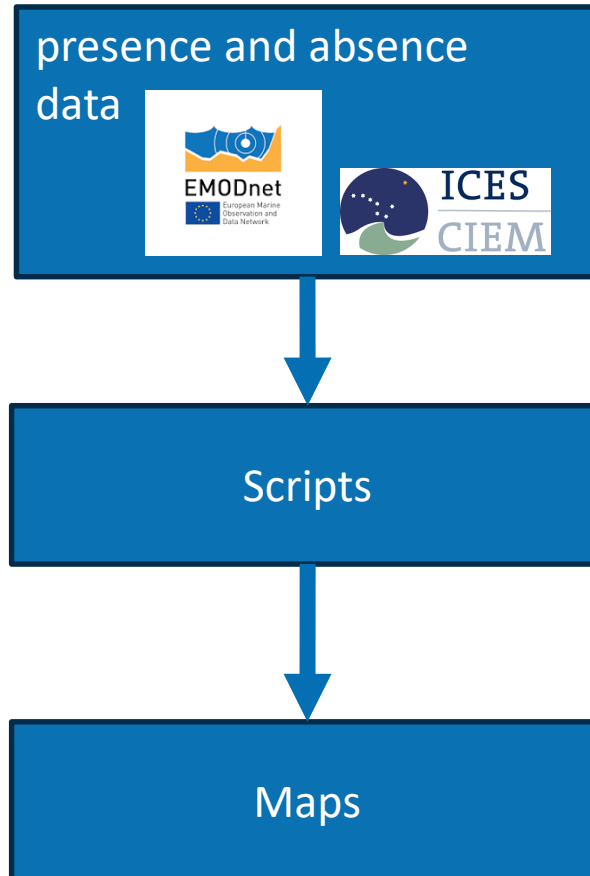
Full report:

P.M.J.Herman, and F.F. van Rees. 2022. "Mapping Reef Forming North Sea Species."

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Activities within WP3

Habitat suitability maps of reef-forming species



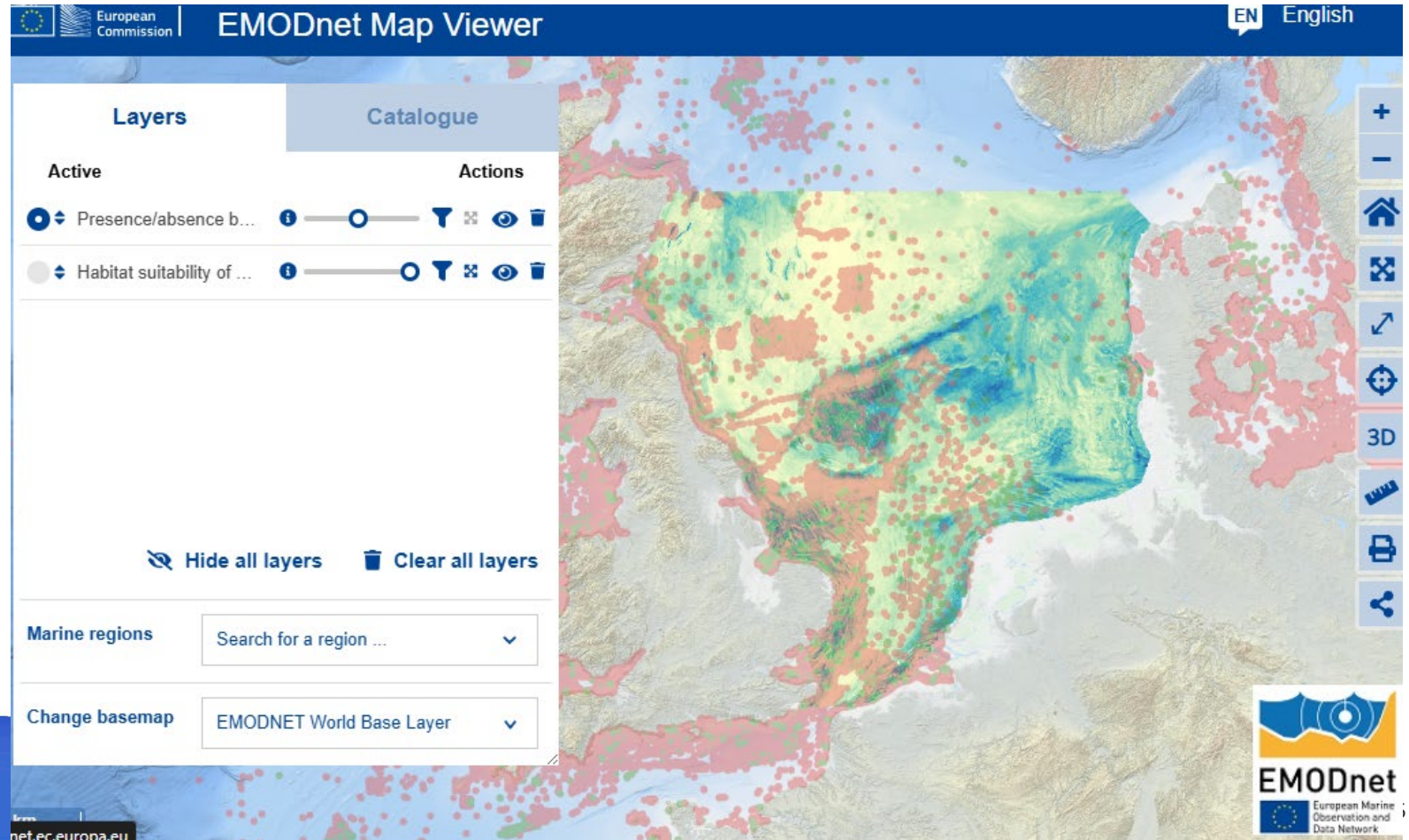
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Depth at 178 m resolution	EMODnet
Bathymetric Position Index 5 km	vdReijden2018
Bathymetric Position Index 10 km	vdReijden2018
Bathymetric Position Index 75 km	vdReijden2018
Bottom shear stress from currents	DCSM-FM
Mean Salinity	Copernicus
Mean Temperature	Copernicus
Temperature Difference over the year	Copernicus
Fraction gravel in sediment	Stephens2015
Fraction Mud in sediment	Stephens2015
Fraction Sand in sediment	Stephens2015
Intensity beam trawling for plaice	vdReijden2018
Intensity beam trawling for sole	vdReijden2018
Intensity otter trawling for mixed species	vdReijden2018

Activities within WP3

Habitat suitability maps of reef-forming species

Status

- Scripts made suitable for EMODnet Biology
- Correct output format
- Uploaded to EMODnet Viewer



Activities within WP3

Other ideas for products

Existing products to be added to EMODnet map viewer

- Wind farm sensitivity maps for birds in the North Sea (and underlying products).
Owner: Wageningen Marine Research, Netherlands
- *Status: Easy to incorporate in viewer (WMS/WFS). Metadata still needed. Possibly new version*

Wal, J T Van der, et al. 2010. "Spatial Deployment of Offshore Wind Energy in Europe (WINDSPEED). Calculation Rules for the DSS."

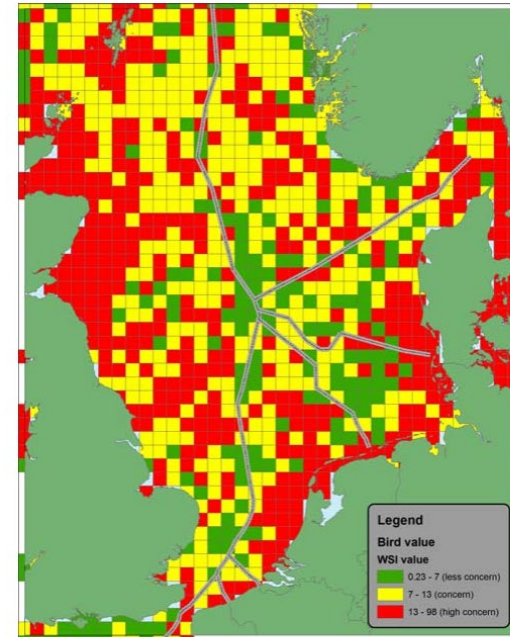
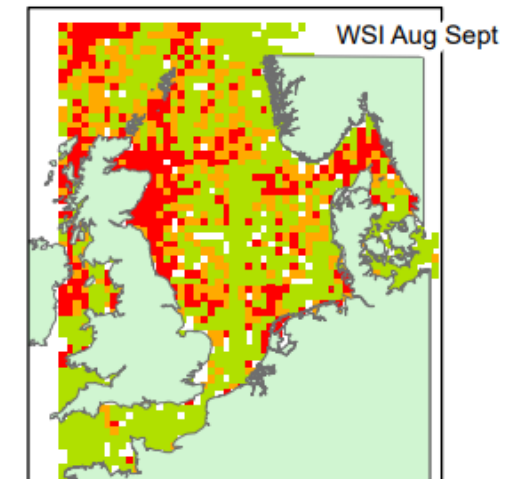
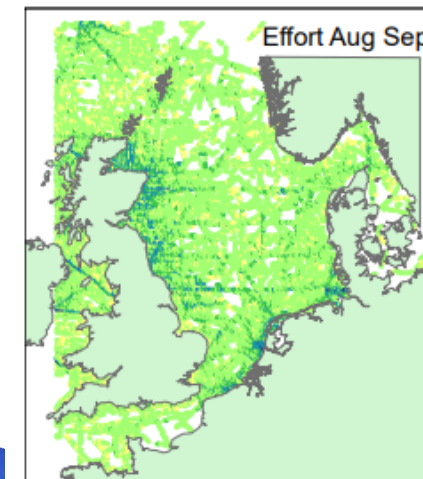


Figure 9 Windturbine Sensitivity Index map of the Windspeed study area for Birds. Details on this map can be found in Appendix 1 (Leopold and Dijkman, 2010) to this report

Windturbine sensitivity all birds included

ESAS ship surveys 1979-2009



Activities within WP4

Uptake and outreach

Regular knowledge exchange with

- Greater North Sea Basin Initiative (GNSBI)
 - EMODnet (Biology) maps used in their viewer
- Northern European Basins project (NESBp)
- Offshore wind ecological programme (WOZEP)
- The 'Nature Strengthening and Species Protection Monitoring Survey' (MONS) – North Sea Agreement
- North Sea Energy Program (<https://north-sea-energy.eu/nl/home/>)
- Dutch National Marine Information and Data Centre
- Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management



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HCMR's status update

Dimitra Mavraki, Data Manager, Environmental Scientist, MSc
Ioannis Rallis, Environmental Biologist, PhD candidate
Melina Loulakaki, Computer Scientist

12-13 May 2025 (Carthage, Tunisia)



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Activities within WP2

New and updated Datasets

New Datasets

Molluscs from two rocky shores (infralittoral zone) of the North coast of Crete, collected for the NaGISA project 2007-2008

Tunisian Polychaetes by 2022

List of marine species observed during diving in Monastir area, Tunisia, 2023

Biodiversity of the upper-mesophotic octocoral habitats at Sporades Archipelago (Aegean Sea)

TunSea, 2023. Cryptogenic, Rare and Non-indigenous marine species in Tunisian coastline, recorded by Citizen Scientists

Quantitative data of a molluscan community living in Posidonia oceanica at the south coast of Crete, Greece, 2017

Citizen Science based jellyfish observations along the Israeli Mediterranean coast in 2011-2024

Yellow legged Gull nesting in Kuriat Island in 2022, Tunisia

Seagrass meadow and macrofauna communities in Southern coast of Algerian Basin (El Mellah Lagoon), 2019

Marine impactful cryptogenic and alien species in the Greek Seas: A georeferenced dataset (1893-2020)

Historical Datasets

Expedition of Melita 1892, Molluscs collected on the coasts of Tunisia and Algeria

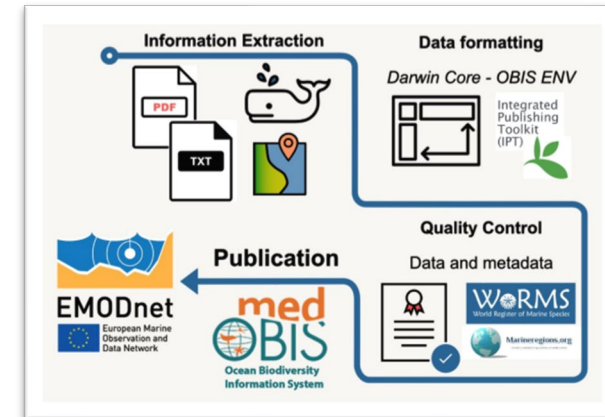
"Pola" Expedition: Mollusks, in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Adriatic Sea, 1890-1894

Updated Datasets

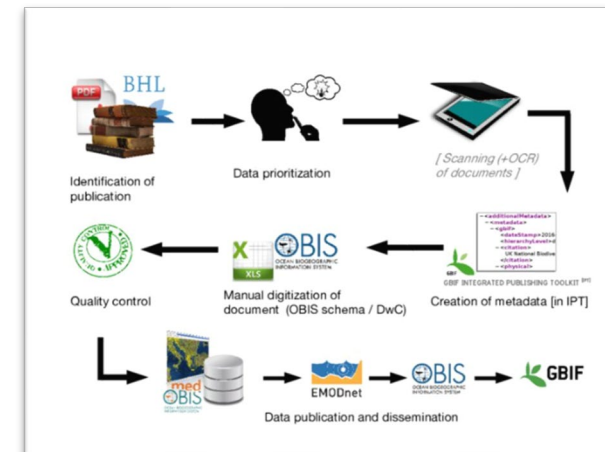
Polychaetes and Amphipodes from major ports in Greece in 2020-2021

Syllidae (Polychaeta) from the North Mediterranean Coast of Egypt

Benthic communities and environmental parameters in three Mediterranean ports (Sardinia, Crete, Tunisia)



MedOBIS workflow for New Datasets



MedOBIS workflow for Historical Datasets

Activities within WP2

Autumn Data School, Lecce November 2023



- medOBIS team took on the responsibility of organising, with the support from VLIZ and LifeWatch ERIC, a dedicated Data Workshop gathering researchers mainly from the southern part of the Mediterranean, which is one of the marine areas with the most important data gaps in the Mediterranean basin.
- The Workshop took the form of an “Autumn Data School”. The first two days were organized as a DATathon , while the third day focused on teaching participants how to use Citizen Science platforms, such as Zooniverse and the LifeWatch Citizen Science Platform.
- According to the poll conducted during the Autumn Data School, researchers from North African countries highlighted the critical importance of sharing data management practices to facilitate data collection and dissemination.
- Report “EMODnet Thematic Lot n° V – Biology D2.4.3 Report on the availability of data following the workshops” available at https://emodnet.ec.europa.eu/sites/emodnet.ec.europa.eu/files/public/reports/D2.4.3_Report_on_availability_data_workshop_0.pdf

Workshops / Conferences / Hackathon/ Internal meetings

- and several Institutional Meetings



EMODNet Biology has been actively involved in the critical task of rescuing historical biodiversity data, which holds immense value as it offers a unique glimpse into past ecosystems, challenging to replicate. Simultaneously, Citizen Science plays a significant role both at fostering environmental awareness and at contributing valuable data to the scientific community. In an innovative endeavor within the EMODNet Biology framework, a coordinated pilot effort was initiated to involve citizens in rescue of historical data. This pioneering project, titled "digging up the oceans' past" was developed by the Data Management Team of the Hellenic Centre for Marine Research. It was based on the 1908 document "Danish Oceanographical Expedition to the Mediterranean and adjacent seas". This project was developed and hosted on the Zooniverse Platform, the world's largest collection of online citizen science projects, and garnered the participation of 23 volunteers who conducted a total of 73 data classifications. The derived results were used for the curation of the dataset, which is now available through the MedOBIS IPT platform. This initiative not only enhances our understanding of marine biodiversity but also empowers citizens to contribute to scientific research. We warmly welcome and encourage all interested scientists about the EMODNet Biology project, enabling contributions from people outside the project consortium. We firmly believe that such projects will yield even more profound insights into ocean conservation and the wider story of the near future.

The Biodiversity Heritage Library (BHL) currently offers an extensive collection of historical datasets related to marine species, comprising over 1600 documents, each encompassing data on 100 or more taxa. This abundance of resources presents a substantial potential for future data rescue activities.

Poster Theme:
EMODnet innovations in data, data products and service

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WP2 ICES

Carlos & Maria, ICES

12 May 2025 (Carthage, Tunisia)



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WP2 List of Datasets

ICES Biological datasets

- Stomach content data
- Database of Trawl Surveys (DATRAS)
- Marine Environment (DOME) – Community data
- Marine Environment (DOME) – Contaminants and Biological Effects Data
- Joint Cetacean Database Programme (JCDP)
- Eggs And Larvae Datasets
- Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (VME)
- European Seabirds At Sea (ESAS)



Main objective for WP2

Deliver the data in DwC format

To deliver the data, the following tasks were performed across all datasets:

- Identify Occurrences and Events
- Create database views to convert ICES formats to DwC (Events, Occurrences, and EMOFs)
- Develop APIs for each dataset to deliver data in the required DwC format
- Extract the transformed data
- Upload the files to the IPT server
- Register the datasets and confirm successful upload
- Await feedback and address any required adjustments



Challenges Encountered

Lessons from Challenges Faced

- Although an API was developed for the data, manual extraction and submission were still required.
- During file uploads, the server was full, preventing data submission.
- Due to large file sizes, datasets had to be split into hundreds of smaller files.
- Strings were too long to be accepted by the system.
- The EMOF table contained too many properties, complicating the submission process.
- Server performance degraded significantly, taking more than one day to upload 1 GB of data.



Possible solutions

Using the GBIF IPT server

- GBIF offered to receive data directly
- By using a web service, we can point to a text file on the server.

Advantages

- Automatic submissions
- No file size limits
- Enable more frequent updates





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IEO-CSIC status update

Alejandro Isla
IEO-CSIC, Gijón. Spain

12-13 May 2025
(Carthage, Tunisia)



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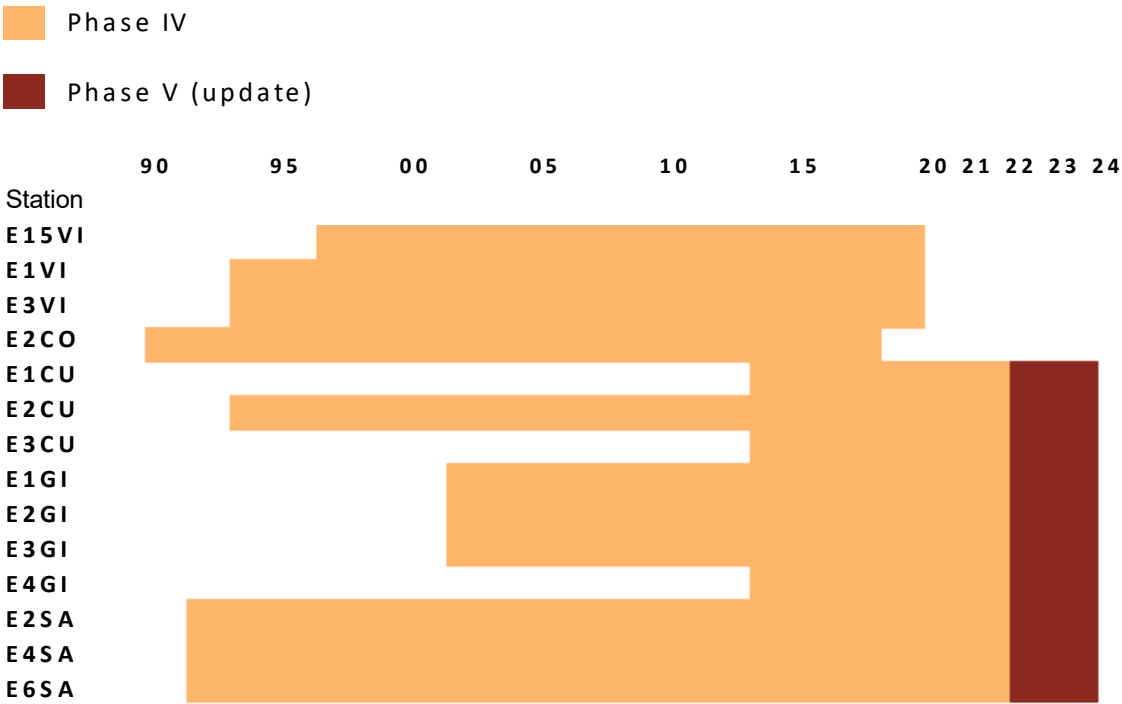
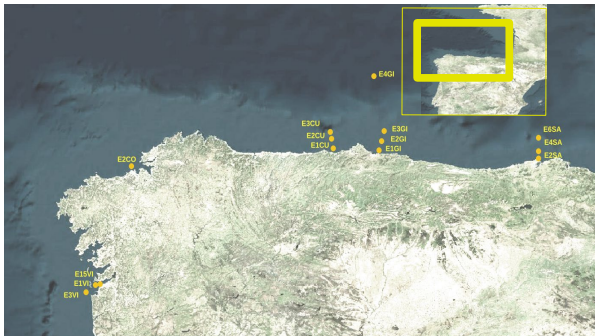
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RADIALES NW Spain Zooplankton	Abundance and biomass	> 500	2021-2023	Cantabrian Sea (Southern Bay of Biscay)	Update
RADIALES NW Spain Ichthyoplankton	Abundance	> 5000	2005-2019	Cantabrian Sea (Southern Bay of Biscay)	New
FAMOSO Zooplankton	Abundance and biomass	> 500	2009	Gul of Lion (NW Mediterranean)	New
PELACUS Seabirds	Sightings	> 32000	2007-2022	NW Iberian Peninsula waters & Bay of Biscay	New
PELACUS Cetacean	Sightings	~ 1000	2007-2022	NW Iberian Peninsula waters & Bay of Biscay	New

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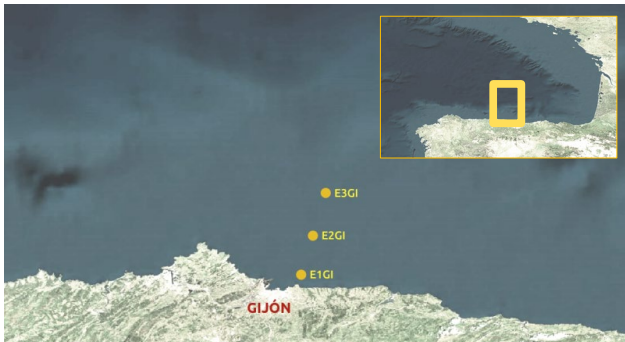
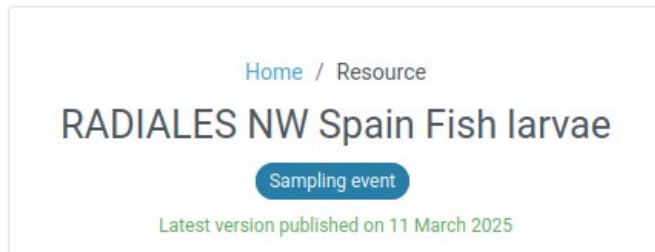
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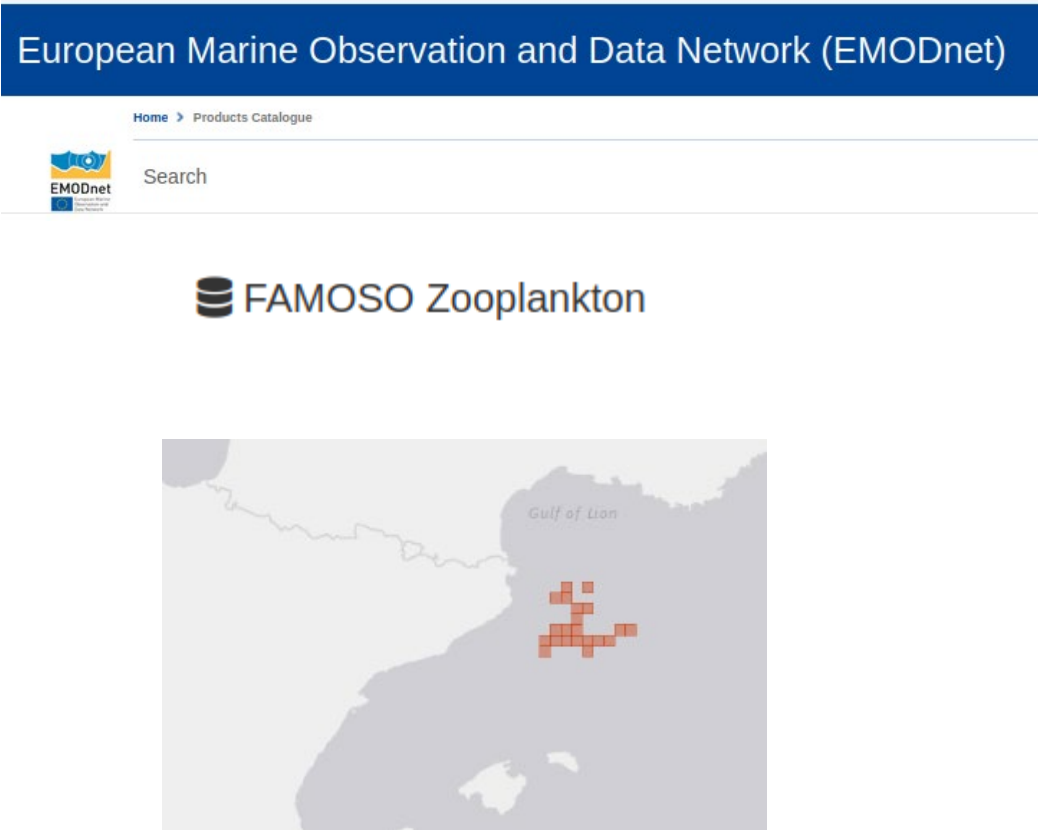
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Occurrence records	5370
Species level	82 %
Taxa	129
Species	107
Time range	2005 - 2019

Activities within WP2

Datasets provided during Phase V



Occurrence records	534
Abundance	374
Biomass	160
Taxa *	10
Time range	2009

* Major groups: Copepoda, Euphausiacea, ...


Activities within WP2

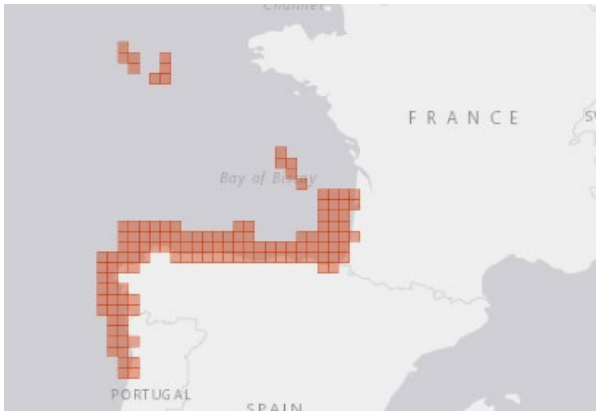
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 Seabirds sightings of PELACUS surveys: Continental shelf of Galicia and Bay of Biscay - Database of the Spanish Institute of Oceanography (IEO-CSIC)



Occurrence records	32369
Species level	91 %
Taxa	50
Species	39
Time range	2007 - 2022


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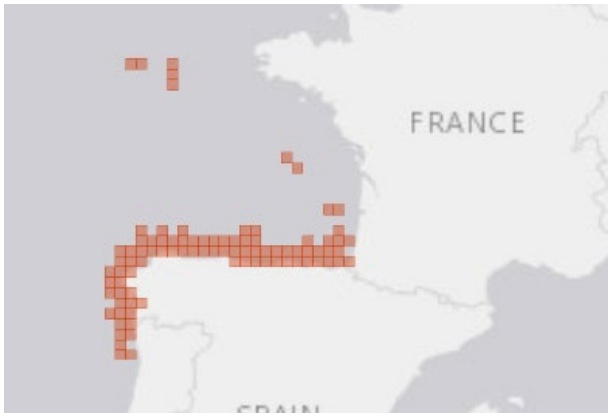
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Occurrence records	951
Species level	91 %
Taxa	16
Species	11
Time range	2007 - 2022

Activities within WP2

Datasets to be delivered during Phase V Extension

Quantity Primary Data EXTENSION

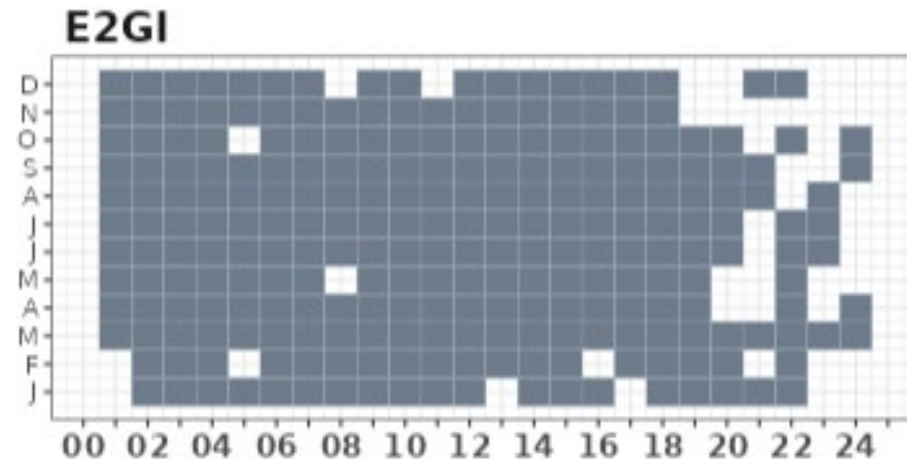
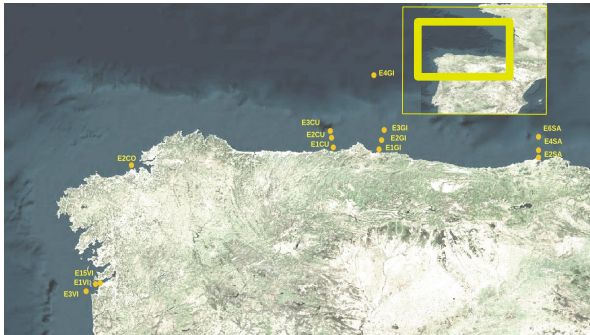
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MEDIAS Cetacean and seabirds sightings	~ 2000	2021-2024	New

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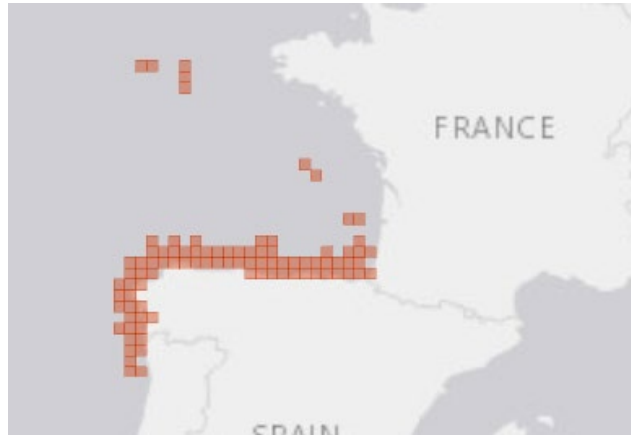
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Activities within WP2

Datasets to be delivered during Phase V Extension

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PELACUS Cetacean and seabirds sightings	~ 2000	2023-2024	Update



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Activities within WP2

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Activities within WP2

Datasets providers

IEO-CSIC, Gijón (RADIALES, FAMOSO)

Isla A, González-Quirós R, Rodríguez JM, Latasa M, Scharek R

IEO-CSIC, Vigo (PELACUS)

Álvarez-González M, Vázquez JA, Saavedra C

Thank you



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Ifremer status update

Jérôme Detoc, Clémence Cotten, Ifremer

16-17 April 2025 (Constanta, Romania)



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Activities within WP2

1st experience as a data provider

- Ifremer was involved in Emodnet biology a few year ago but via another department (Oceanography and Ecosystem Dynamics Department).
- For the end of this phase, Ifremer's Research Infrastructures and Information Systems Department decided to take over Ifremer's participation in Emodnet biology
- Feed-back:
 - Data set provided : [Biological samples from the french oceanographic fleet's deep-sea cruises](#)
 - Standardization to DwC format was carried out manually by following the MOOC "Contributing datasets to EMODnet Biology" in order to fully understand the format and requirements of Emodnet biology :
 - Good experience to really take the time to understand the DwC format thanks to Emodnet's financement and the help provided by the VLIZ team
 - Working through GBIF's national IPT has enabled us to be autonomous in our publications.
- Next years, our objective is to transfer this knowledge of the format of data managers to developers in order to create a tool for automatically formatting Ifremer's basic data in DwC that can be managed in Emodnet.



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IHCantabria status update

Elvira Ramos, Samuel Sainz, Araceli Puente, José A. Juanes, IHCantabria



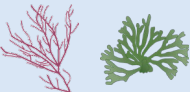
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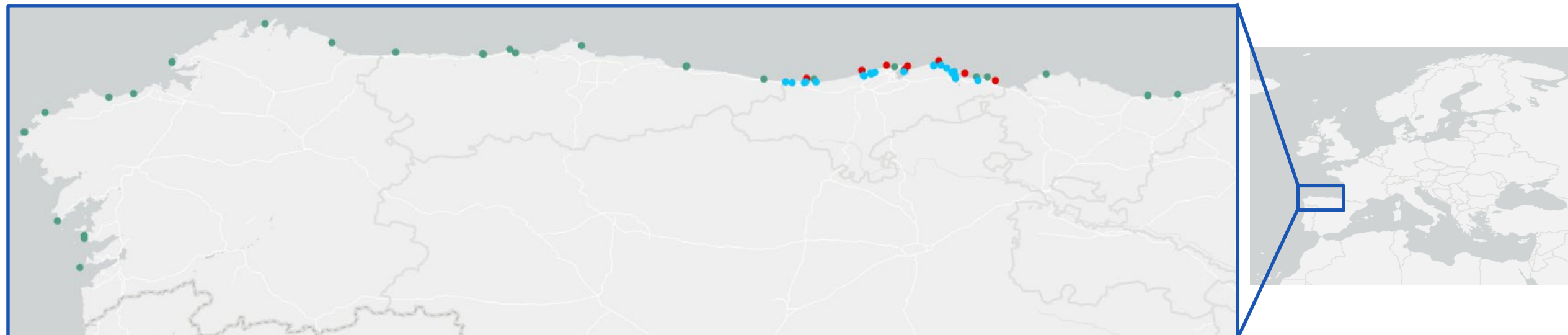


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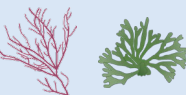


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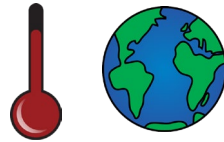
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Data product: (1) Community Temperature Index (CTI)

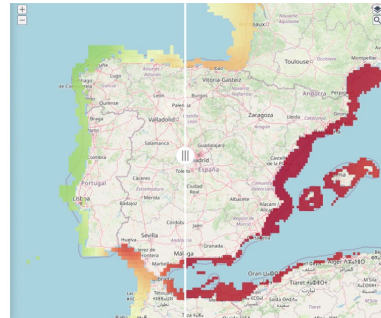
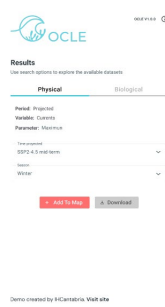
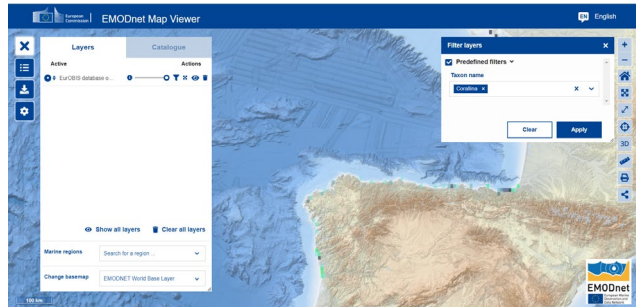
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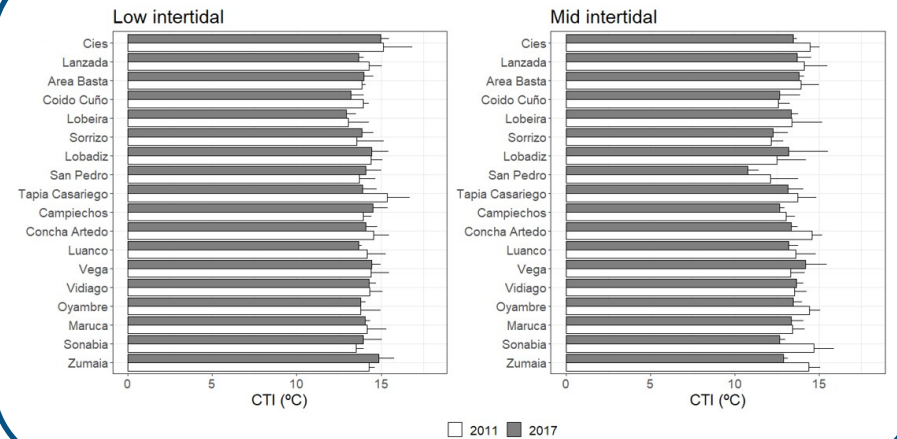
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METHODOLOGY

$$CTI = \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \frac{STI_i w_i}{\sum w_i}$$

RESULT

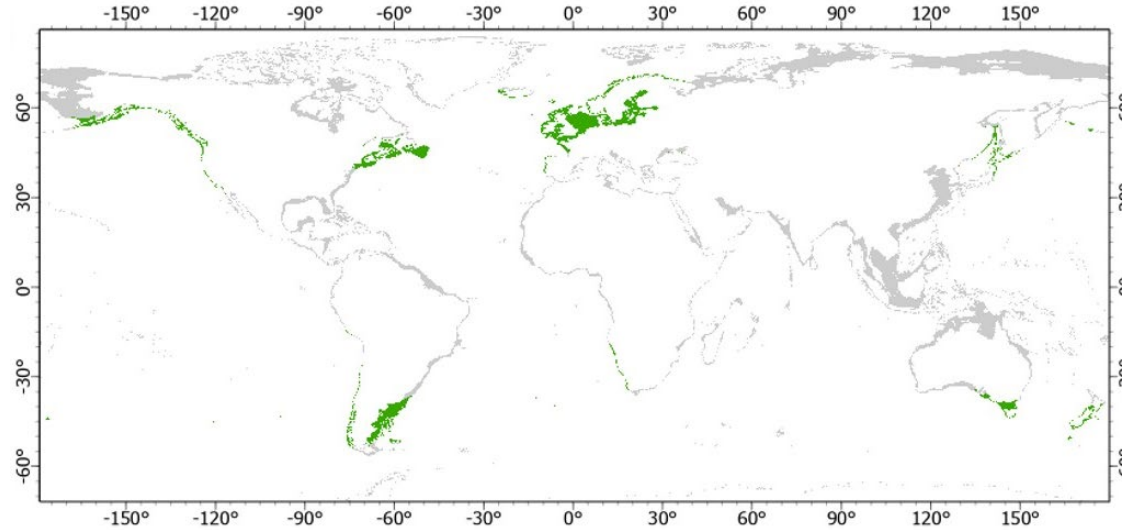


Activities within WP3

Data product: (2) Species Thermal Affinities

- Intermediate Step: Species Distribution Modeling (MaxEnt) for Each Species Using Maximum and Minimum SST
- Result: **Thermal Affinities of 85 Species**

Example: Thermal distribution of *Ahnfeltia plicata*



Activities within WP3

Data product: (1) Community Temperature Index (CTI) & (2) Species Thermal Affinities



github.com/EMODnet/EMODnet-Biology-CTI-macroalgae

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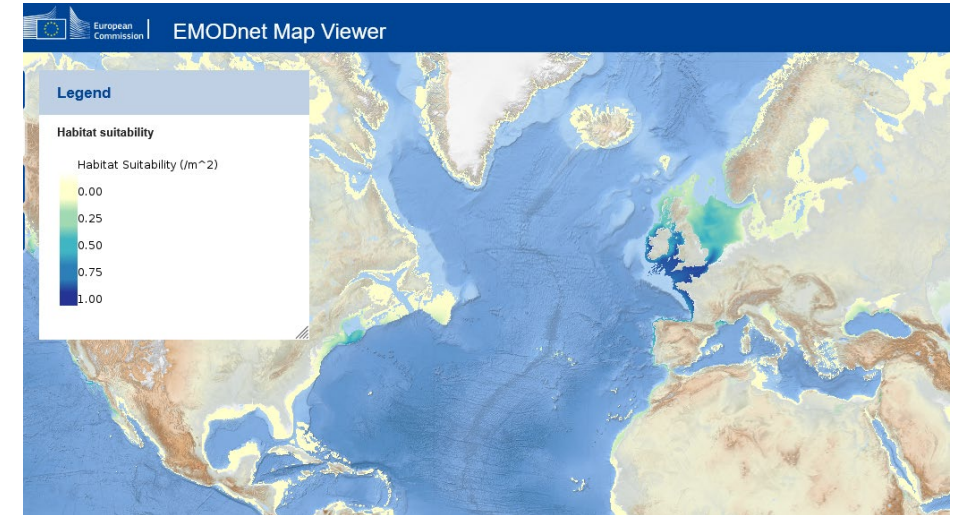
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Community Temperature Index (CTI) for intertidal macroalgae in NW Spain.

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Ocean warming is expected to drive quick shifts in marine species distributions modifying coastal communities. Previous research has shown how the southern Bay of Biscay is particularly affected and the canopy-forming subtidal



Community Temperature Index (CTI) for intertidal macroalgae in NW Spain (deg C)

cti_macroalgae_nw_spain

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cti_macroalgae_nw_spain.fid--741876a3_195d718d43f_5d28	Luanco	2011	Low intertidal	13.8215311877699	-5.780795	43.611677
cti_macroalgae_nw_spain.fid--741876a3_195d718d43f_5d29	Luanco	2011	Mid intertidal	12.9802834851445	-5.780795	43.611677
cti_macroalgae_nw_spain.fid--741876a3_195d718d43f_5d2a	Luanco	2017	Low intertidal	13.6874164280245	-5.780795	43.611677
cti_macroalgae_nw_spain.fid--741876a3_195d718d43f_5d2b	Luanco	2017	Mid intertidal	13.1909037820802	-5.780795	43.611677

Activities within WP4

Uptake and outreach

- Update connectivity maps and identification of stakeholder community. ✓
- Workshop targeting the Regional Sea Conventions. ✓



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ILVO status update

Felien Festjens

12-13 May 2025 (Carthago, Tunis)



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Activities within WP2

ILVO data

- Update of 7 existing datasets
 - Macrobenthos (3)
 - Epibenthos & fish (4)
- Addition of 5 new genomic datasets
 - eDNA (4)
 - bulkDNA (1)

				2025	2023	2021
Name	Organization	Type	Subtype	Records		
Macrobenthos monitoring at long-term monitoring locations, period 2001-ongoing	No organisation	Sampling event	--	1,917	1498	-
Macrobenthos monitoring in function of the aggregate extraction activities	Test Organisation #1	Sampling event	--	2,285	1921	1510
Macrobenthos monitoring in function of dredge disposal activities	Test Organisation #1	Sampling event	--	2,092	1757	1110
Epibenthos and demersal fish monitoring at long-term monitoring stations in the Belgian part of the North Sea	No organisation	Sampling event	--	454	419	306
Epibenthos and demersal fish monitoring in function of aggregate extraction	No organisation	Sampling event	--	290	257	182
Epibenthos and demersal fish monitoring in function of wind energy development	No organisation	Sampling event	--	332	278	-
Epibenthos and demersal fish monitoring in function of dredge disposal monitoring	No organisation	Sampling event	--	394	351	239

(Event records, not occurrences)

DNA ILVO datasets to EMODnet Biology V

gbif-uuif	title	published_by	comments
https://www.gbif.org/dataset/652ac1af-3907-4fd3-a509-2151a00bccc2	eDNA from water column to characterise fish and invertebrate communities from 30 sites in the Belgian Part of the North Sea -COI	INBO IPT	extra dataset
https://www.gbif.org/dataset/8afcc57c-5d2b-4349-add6-29bfc33ed5cb	Vertical and horizontal environmental DNA (eDNA) patterns of fish in a shallow and well-mixed North Sea area	INBO IPT	extra dataset
https://www.gbif.org/dataset/8fd84a4f-bbed-490b-9ca4-c0a3d0aea079	eDNA from water column to characterise fish and invertebrate communities from 30 sites in the Belgian Part of the North Sea -12S	INBO IPT	extra dataset
https://www.gbif.org/dataset/8ddac24b-e022-46df-8883-11e4f222142b	12S eDNA from seawater samples collected within the coastal zone of the Belgian part of the North Sea	MDT	replacement of unsubmitted dataset: "16S metabarcoding data of sediment in function of sand extraction"
https://www.gbif.org/dataset/537ba214-794b-4d7e-9a8b-60e196cab40	BulkDNA macrobenthos from sandextraction sites in the Belgian part of the North Sea	MDT	renamed from original title: "COI metabarcoding of bulk macrobenthos samples in function of aggregate extraction"

Activities within WP2

ILVO data

Macrobenthos monitoring at a longline mussel infrastructure	3300	2020-2022	Belgium
Macrobenthos monitoring in the IJzer estuary	1000		2018 Belgium
Macrobenthos monitoring in function of impact assessment of pulse fi:	2400	2018-2019	Belgium

- To come (phase II):
 - Update of the existing datasets
 - 2-3 new datasets of macrobenthos, finished standalone projects
 - Group current genetic datasets under 3 general datasets as is done for macrobenthos & fish
- Note: updates of the existing datasets are subject to the availability of the Belgica or other research vessel, which is uncertain at the moment → hence third new dataset in case of lack of new trawling data

Activities within WP4

Outreach

Phase I:

- Contributed to the 2 outreach workshops (Regional seas + EU projects)

Phase II:

ILVO responsibility (proposed in new workplan, to be finalised at meeting)

- ILVO & ICES: Inventory of biodiversity data in ODIMS-OSPAR (also verifying what is in ICES & EMODnet Biology) (this may also, at the end, lead to a proposal to establish a data flow (maybe part of WP2) (ask for suggestions of alternatives).

ILVO & SYKE: 1 workshops for EU funded projects linked with events of international relevance (to jointly evaluate when is the best time): Same as in phase I? What end product?



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IMR status update



12-13 May 2025 (Cathage, Tunisia)



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Activities within WP3

Updates of datasets 2025

- MAREANO Beamtrawl
 - Occurrence model
 - Added 2500 occurrences
 - Total 32446 occurrences
 - Data until end 2021
- MAREANO Grab
 - Occurrence model
 - Added 5000 occurrences
 - Total 62407 occurrences
 - Data until end 2021
- MAREANO Sledge
 - Occurrence model
 - Added 900 occurrences
 - Total 19521 occurrences
 - Data until end 2021

Activities within WP3

Updates of datasets 2025

- Red King Crab
 - Event model
 - Added 195 occurrences
 - Total 8052 occurrences
 - Data until end 2024
- IMR Fish
 - Event model
 - Added 35496 occurrences
 - Total 502927 occurrences
 - Data until end 2024



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MARIS status update

Peter Thijsse, MARIS

12-13 May 2025 (Carthage, Tunisia)



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Activities within WP2

Data management, supporting actions 2.1, expanding data flow

- Maintenance of the API to facilitate the flow of SeaDataNet BioODV datasets to EMODnet Biology system
 - Ready, in use by VLIZ
 - Several API improvements during the year (plus support)
- This facilitates expansion of the amount of data published by partners (and non-partners) via SeaDataNet CDI (continuous progress)
 - Could e.g. be increased after work in Data Ingestion or other initiatives.
 - Also restricted data, released for EMODnet Bio products could be released this way.

Activities within WP5

Technical infrastructure - Supporting work in Action 5.1: Extend interoperability and data types

- **Participation of Semantic Interoperability working group (led by VLIZ) for biological data**
 - To increase the use of vocabularies, and map existing vocabs (in EuroBIS/DarwinCore) to other vocabularies
- Make use of commonly gained experience (DCAT/RDF) in FAIR-EASE and other projects.
- Expanded Sparql endpoints serving RDF LOD for SeaDataNets EDMO (organisations) and EDMERP (projects) with LDES feeds. (BODC did the same for SeaDataNets NERC Vocabulary Services)
 - Linked data event stream: signaling updates of the feeds
- Meetings taken place for knowledge exchange/solution alignment and check action progress
- Services now all upgraded.
- Work will be continued in next period (also towards CSR and CDI).



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Marine Biological Association status update

Chloe Figueroa Ashforth, Data Manager

12-14 May 2025 (Carthage, Tunisia)



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Activities within WP2

Data submissions

3rd party data flowing through the MBA to EMODnet:

- **Sea Watch Foundation Marine Megafauna Sightings (1930 to 1970): batch_1**
 - Accepted
- **Sea Watch Foundation Marine Megafauna Sightings: 1971 to present**
 - Submitted
- **Data associated with 'A 17-year time-series of fungal environmental DNA from a coastal marine ecosystem reveals long-term seasonal-scale and inter-annual diversity patterns', DOI: 10.17031/6530ebf28a2e7**
 - Submitted, pending corrections

Activities within WP4

- **D4.3.1 Workshop for EU Mission Ocean Projects in November**

Relevant projects:

- **DTO-Bioflow**
 - WP2 – Increasing the flow of relevant biodiversity data
 - WP3 – Enabling sustained flows of biodiversity monitoring data into the DTO
 - WP4 – Demonstrator use cases for an end-to-end approach for biodiversity monitoring
- **MARCO BOLO**
 - WP1 – Data digitisation and access, and delivering Essential Biodiversity Variables
 - WP6 – Stakeholder engagement and community integration



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National Institute for Marine Research and Development “Grigore Antipa”, Constanta, Romania

Oana VLAS, NIMRD

May 12th to May 13th 2025, Carthage, Tunisia



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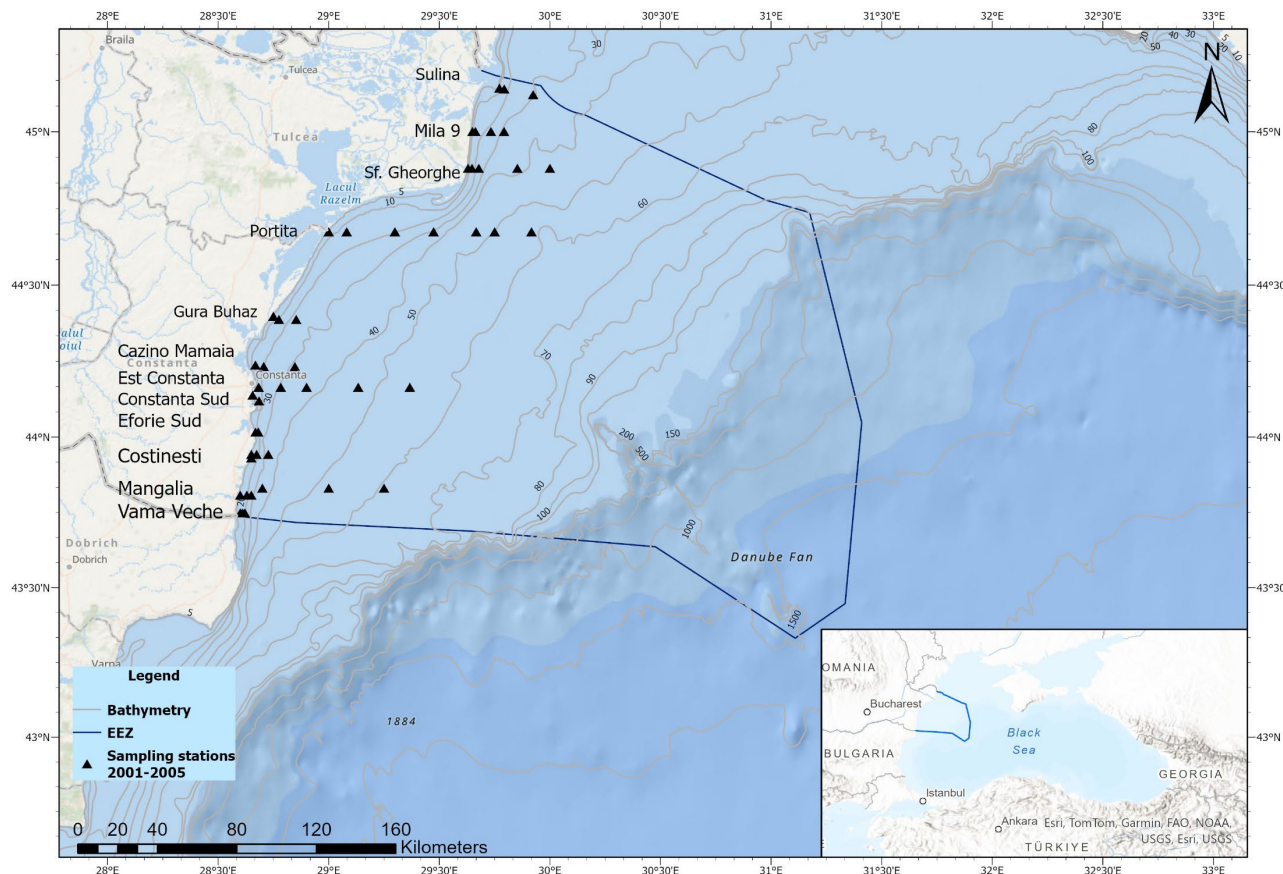
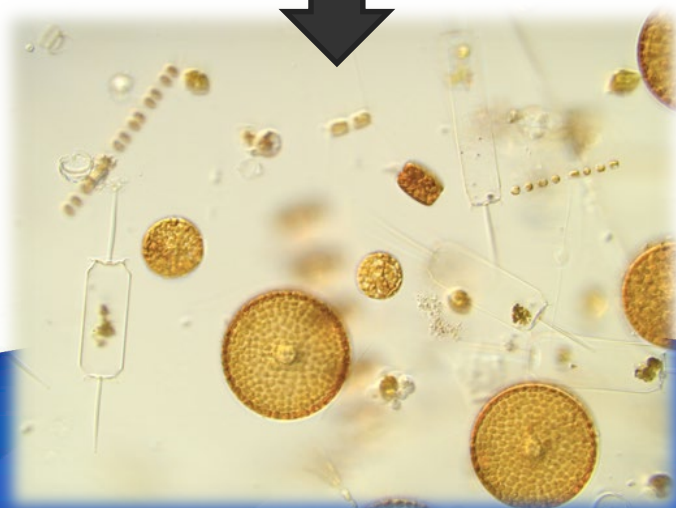
Black Sea Phytoplankton Data

Team: E. Pantea, O. Vlas, L. Boicenco

Dataset: Romanian Black Sea Phytoplankton data from 2001 to 2005

- The dataset covers **5 years**
- **990 samples** were collected from **55 stations**
- The total number of records for this dataset is **18011**

Data source: microscopic identification of samples.



Type of data: abundance (cells/L) and biomass (mg/m³) data for each individual phytoplankton taxa.

Activities within WP2

Black Sea Phytoplankton Data

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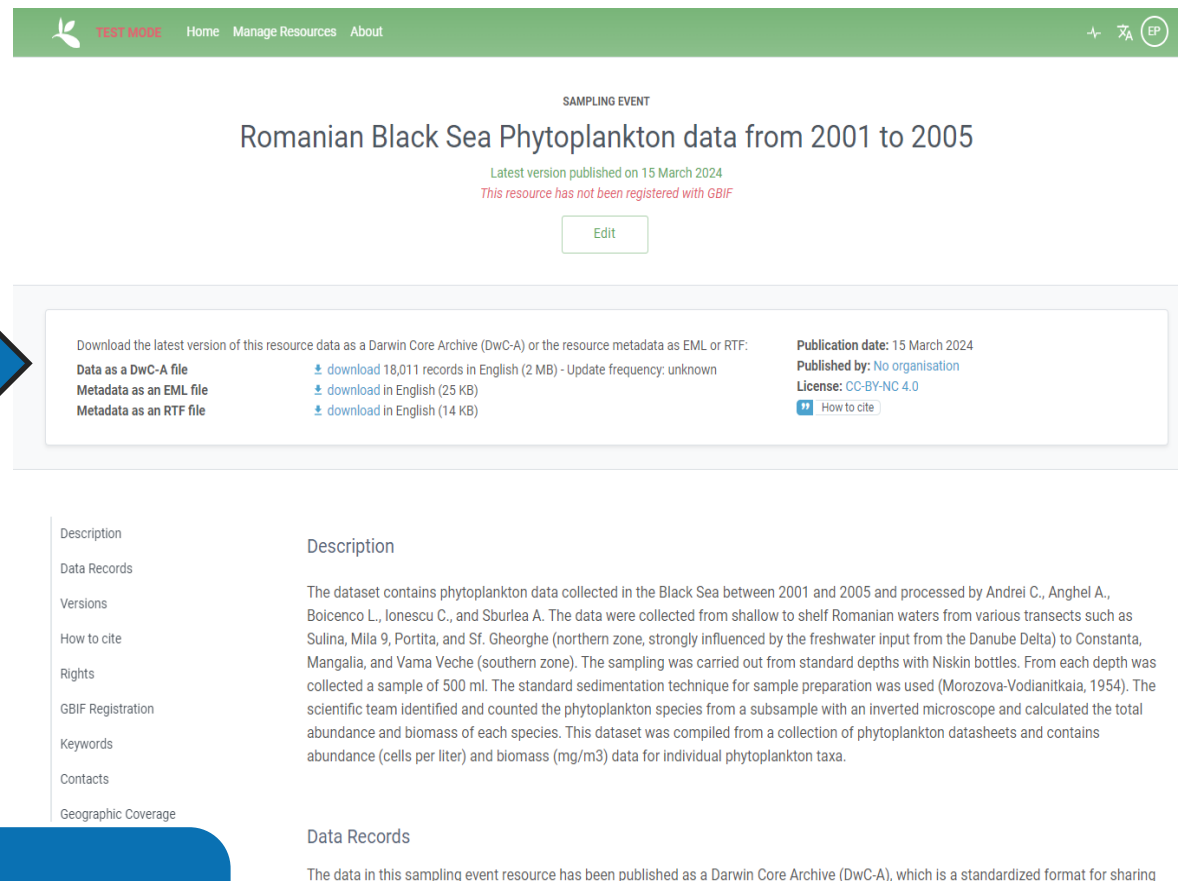
Brief description of work carried out:

Dataset formatted according to Darwin Core terms

IPT resource of the dataset created and published

Metadata file created

Quality check done (Biocheck Tool) and errors corrected.



SAMPLING EVENT

Romanian Black Sea Phytoplankton data from 2001 to 2005

Latest version published on 15 March 2024
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Description

The dataset contains phytoplankton data collected in the Black Sea between 2001 and 2005 and processed by Andrei C., Anghel A., Boicenco L., Ionescu C., and Sburlea A. The data were collected from shallow to shelf Romanian waters from various transects such as Sulina, Milla 9, Portita, and Sf. Gheorghe (northern zone, strongly influenced by the freshwater input from the Danube Delta) to Constanta, Mangalia, and Vama Veche (southern zone). The sampling was carried out from standard depths with Niskin bottles. From each depth was collected a sample of 500 ml. The standard sedimentation technique for sample preparation was used (Morozova-Vodianitkaia, 1954). The scientific team identified and counted the phytoplankton species from a subsample with an inverted microscope and calculated the total abundance and biomass of each species. This dataset was compiled from a collection of phytoplankton datasheets and contains abundance (cells per liter) and biomass (mg/m3) data for individual phytoplankton taxa.

Data Records

The data in this sampling event resource has been published as a Darwin Core Archive (DwC-A), which is a standardized format for sharing

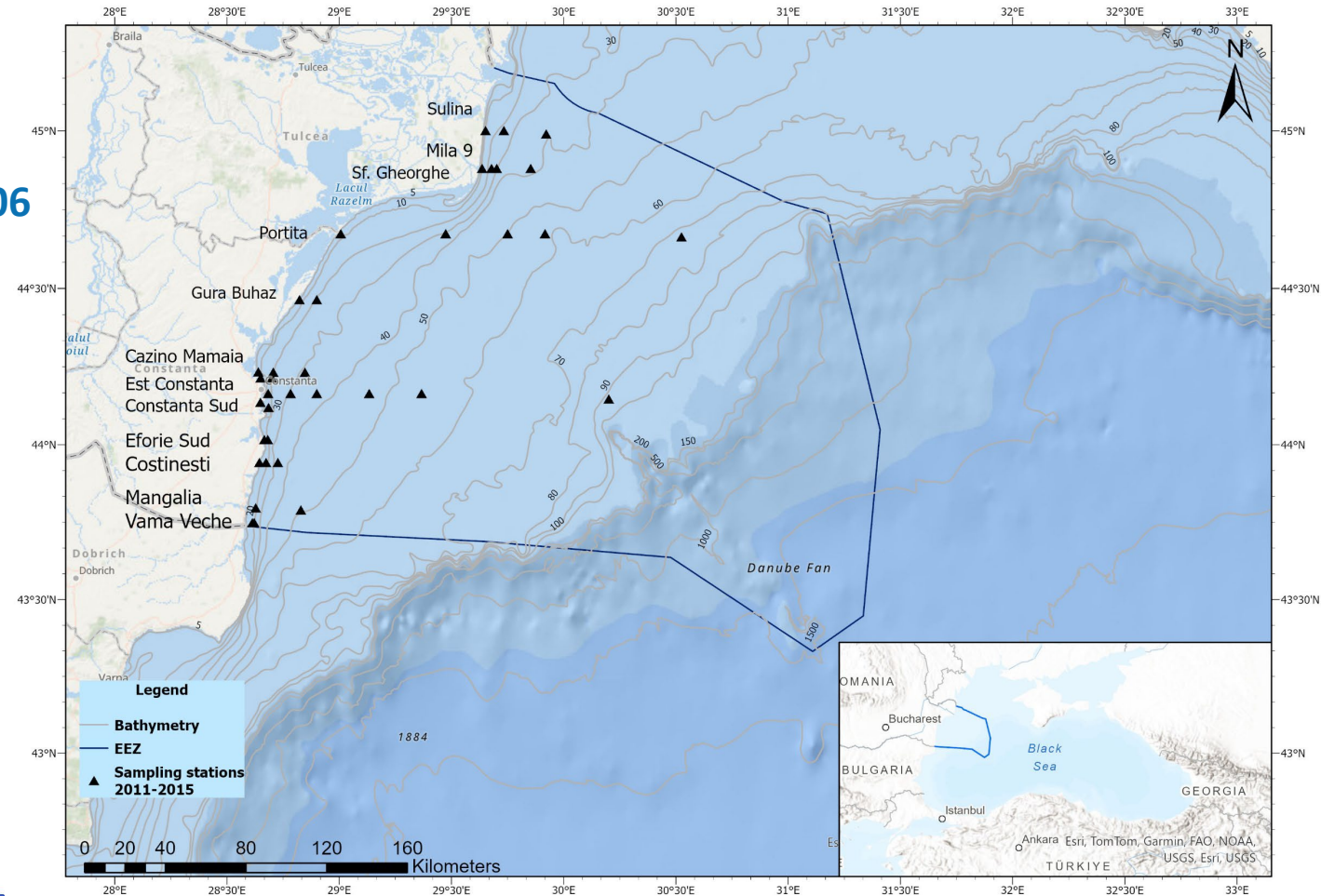
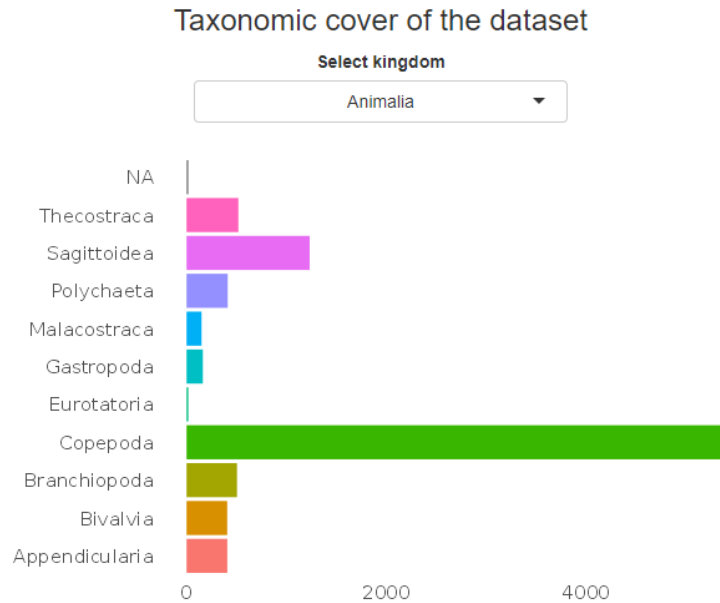
Acknowledgment: In the process of publishing the dataset, we received support from VLIZ (Ruben Perez)

Activities within WP2

Black Sea Zooplankton Data 2011 to 2015

Zooplankton team: G. E. Harcotă, E. Bişinicu, C. Tabarcea, F. Timofte

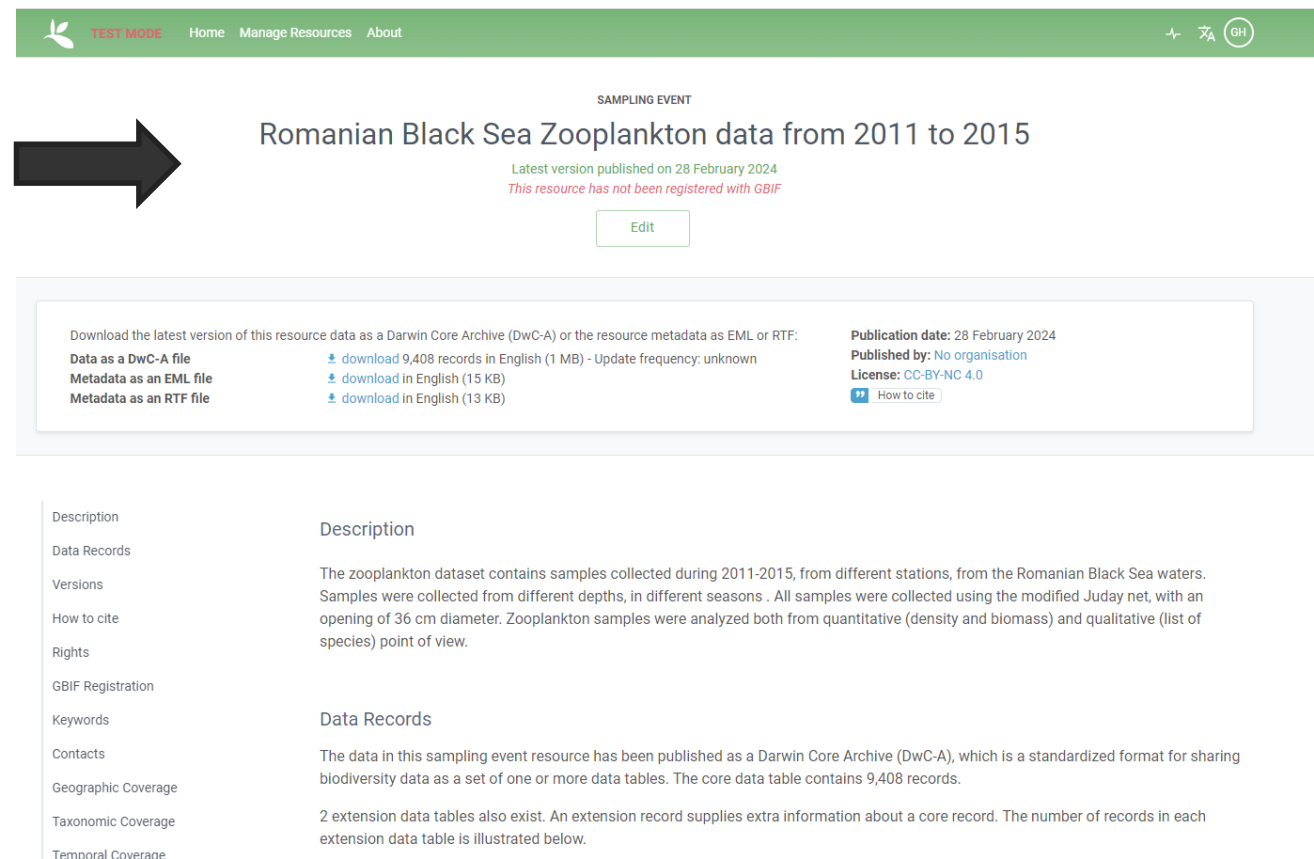
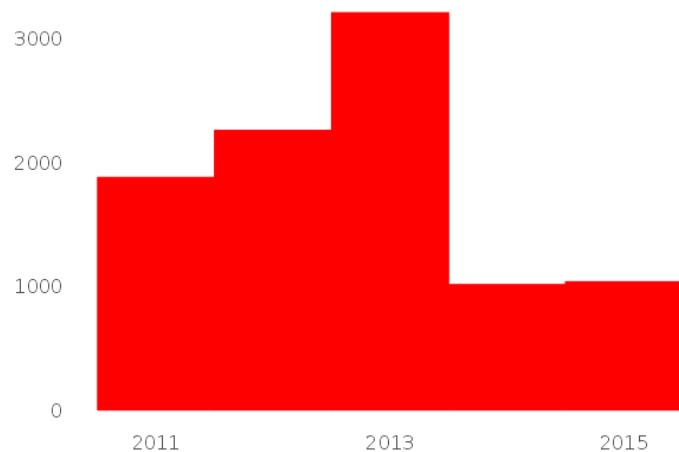
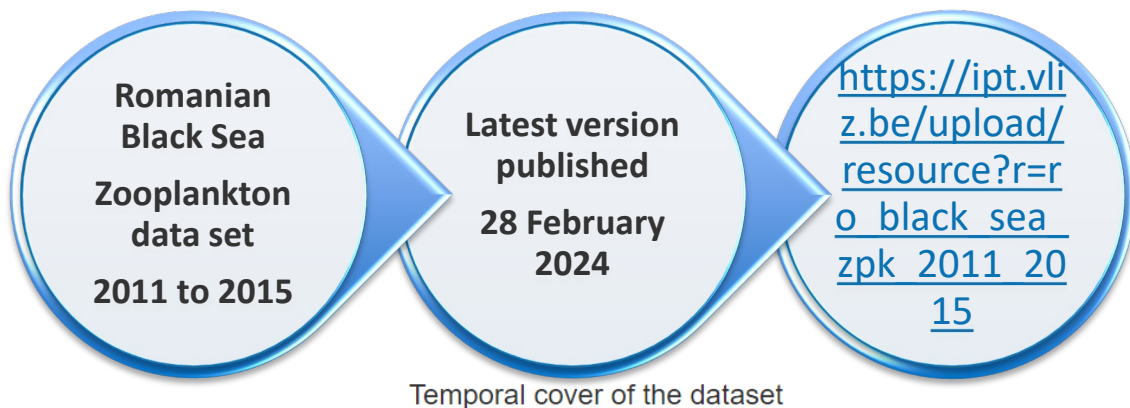
- The dataset covers **5 years**
- **257 samples** were collected from **43 stations**
- The total number of records for this dataset is **9406**



Activities within WP2

Black Sea Zooplankton Data 2011 to 2015

Zooplankton team: G. E. Harcotă, E. Bișinicu, C. Tabarcea, F. Timofte



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Romanian Black Sea Zooplankton data from 2011 to 2015

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Description

The zooplankton dataset contains samples collected during 2011-2015, from different stations, from the Romanian Black Sea waters. Samples were collected from different depths, in different seasons. All samples were collected using the modified Juday net, with an opening of 36 cm diameter. Zooplankton samples were analyzed both from quantitative (density and biomass) and qualitative (list of species) point of view.

Data Records

The data in this sampling event resource has been published as a Darwin Core Archive (DwC-A), which is a standardized format for sharing biodiversity data as a set of one or more data tables. The core data table contains 9,408 records.

2 extension data tables also exist. An extension record supplies extra information about a core record. The number of records in each extension data table is illustrated below.

- Description
- Data Records
- Versions
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- Rights
- GBIF Registration
- Keywords
- Contacts
- Geographic Coverage
- Taxonomic Coverage
- Temporal Coverage

Activities within WP2

Problem solved

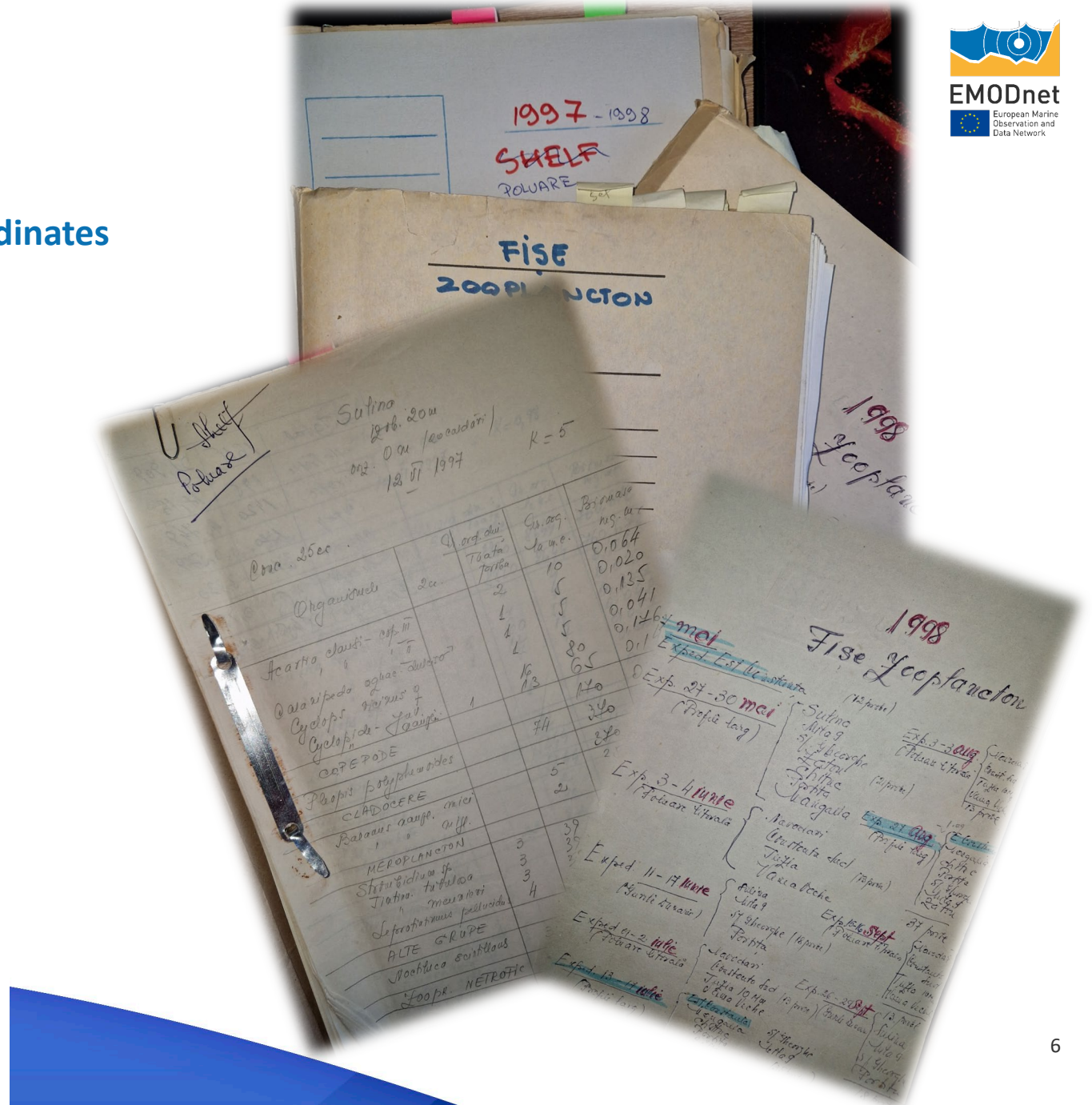
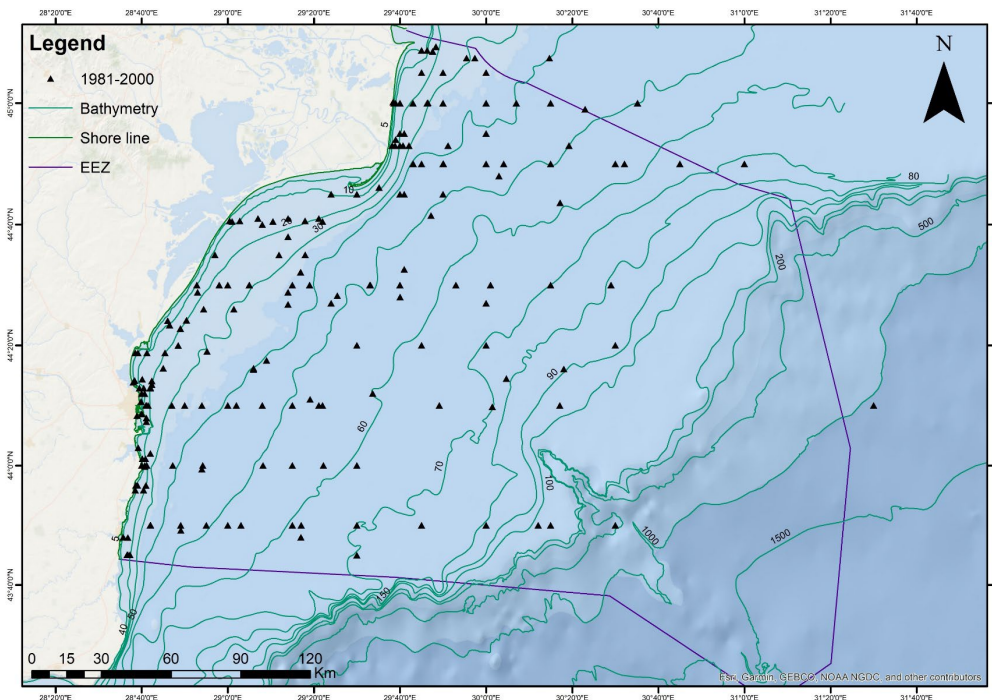


1981-2000



Missing coordinates

- ✓ The coordinates problem was solved by searching for the missing coordinates in the institute's archives.
- ✓ This consisted of identifying the stations, data, and areas where the samples were collected.





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(NIOZ - NWO) status update

NIOZ, Karline Soetaert

May 2025 (Tunis)



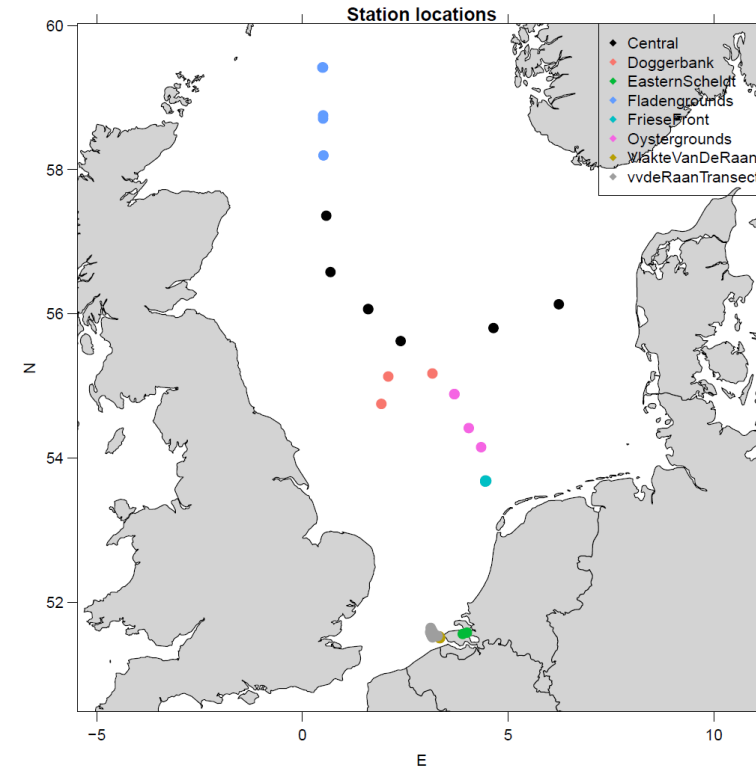
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Activities within WP2

Uploading new data from the Northsea

- Macrofauna density and biomass

- Frieze Front
- N-S Transect
- Vlake van de Raan
- Sandwave area



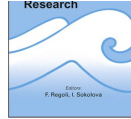
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Experimental bottom trawling finds resilience in large-bodied infauna but vulnerability for epifauna and juveniles in the Frisian Front

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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Small-scale macrobenthic community structure along asymmetrical sand waves in an underwater seascape

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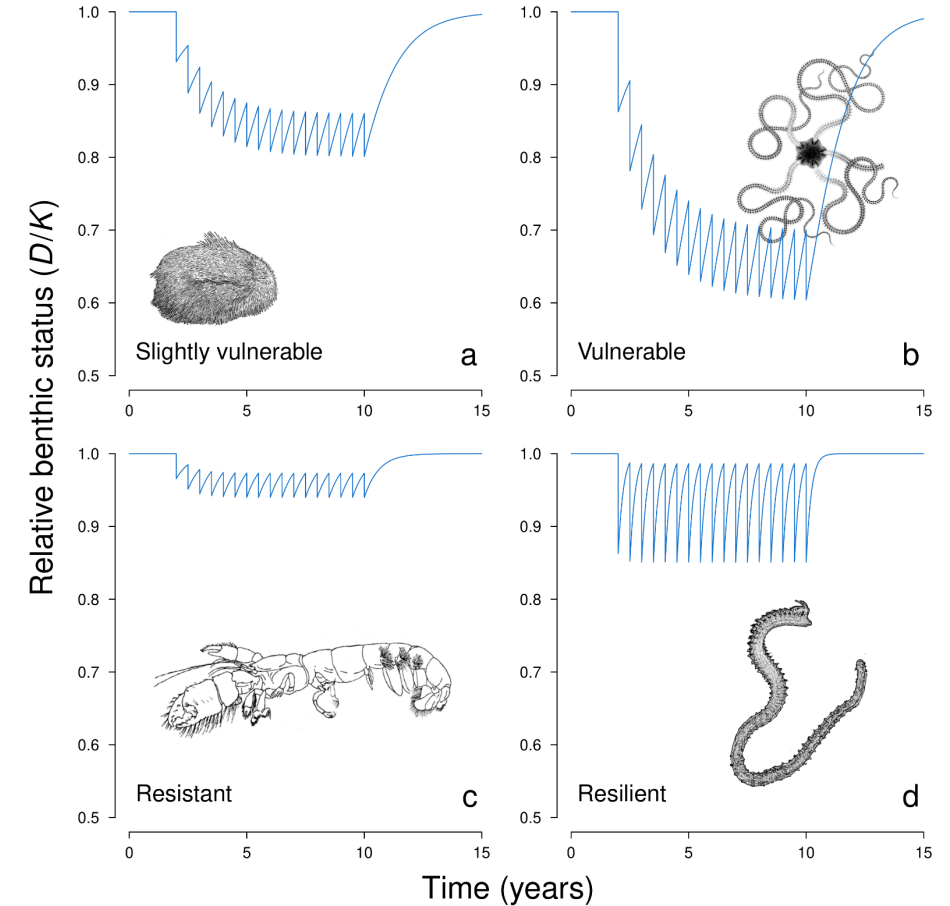
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Trawling effects on biogeochemical processes are mediated by fauna in high-energy biogenic-reef-inhabited coastal sediments

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Activities within WP5

- Finalising R package “Bfiat”
(predicting benthos response to trawling)
- Preparing model outputs
for the North Sea



Activities within WP5

NewsItem

NEWS ARTICLE | 07 May 2025

EMODnet Biology publishes a New software tool to model the impact of bottom trawling on the benthos

Bottom trawl fisheries are recognised to be a global threat to marine biodiversity and an important driver of sea floor ecosystem change. We provide a toolbox that enables the prediction of trawling impact on benthic organism densities, and to assess the species' vulnerability to trawling.



Manuscript submitted for publication

Activities within WP5

<https://github.com/EMODnet/Bfiat>

<https://emodnet.github.io/Bfiat/>

Bfiat

Karline Soetaert and Olivier Beauchard

Netherlands Institute for Sea Research



lifecycle experimental

Introduction

Bfiat (Bottom Fisheries Impact Assessment Tool) is an R-package that estimates the impact of bottom trawling on sediment inhabiting organisms, and on sediment ecosystem functions. It contains data-driven mechanistic models that describe how species density is being reduced by bottom trawling, and then recovers till the next fishing event.

3 package vignettes (manuals)

- General
- Impact on benthos density in Northsea
- Impact on ecosystem functioning

 functions  github

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Software.

Data requirements

Running the fishing impact model

The bioturbation and bio-irrigation
potential

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University of Bremen (PANGAEA) status update

Astrid Wittmann, University of Bremen
(now AWI-PANGAEA)

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Activities within WP2

Converting from PANGAEA to EurOBIS data model

Contributed 5 published PANGAEA datasets

- Four datasets on counts of Atlantic top predators, **ca. 2,100 events, 288,600 occurrences total**
- One global dataset on seagrass occurrences, cover and biomass, compiled from the literature **ca. 1,300 events, 13,500 occurrences** (incl. subcomponents), **14,000 emof** (excl. subcomponent relations)

Challenges

- Atlantic top predators: Replacing some common names with taxonomic terms, then new matching with WoRMS taxonomy
- Seagrasses dataset
 - > 370 literature references
 - Manual assignment of BODC terms in emof table
 - Parent-child relation of occurrenceIDs of subcomponents

Semi-automatic approach using Python scripts

- Pangaeapy
 - PanDataSet: retrieve dataset from PANGAEA
 - PanDarwinCoreArchiveExporter: write PANGAEA metadata to eml.xml
- Pyworms: taxon match and retrieve lsids
- Pandas & Plotly express: restructure, map DwC terms, write meta.xml, plot events

➤ **Successfully transformed biodiversity data of 5 datasets to DwC-A as planned**





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SMHI status update

Anders Torstensson, Mikael Hedblom, SMHI

12-13 May 2025 (Tunis, Tunisia)



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Activities within WP2

Status update on the mobilization of data from SHARK (SMHI)



Description of dataset	events	Coverage	Status	IPT
SHARK - National and regional marine environmental monitoring of Picoplankton in Sweden since 2002	3 569	Baltic Sea, Kattegat, Skagerrak	Update	2024-01-17
SHARK - National environmental monitoring of Grey seal in Sweden since 1989	28 580	Baltic Sea, Kattegat, Skagerrak	Update	2024-07-08
SHARK - National environmental monitoring of Harbour seal in Sweden since 1988	21 710	Baltic Sea, Kattegat, Skagerrak	Update	2025-04-07
SHARK - National marine environmental monitoring of Bacterioplankton in Sweden since 1989	19 780	Baltic Sea	Update	2023-06-21
SHARK - National marine environmental monitoring of Phytoplankton in Sweden since 1983	13 818	Baltic Sea, Kattegat, Skagerrak	Update	2024-07-10
SHARK - National marine environmental monitoring of Ringed seal in Sweden since 1995	17 708	Baltic Sea	Update	2025-04-07
SHARK - National marine environmental monitoring of Zoobenthos in Sweden since 1971	3 706	Baltic Sea, Kattegat, Skagerrak	Update	2025-04-10
SHARK - National marine environmental monitoring of zooplankton in Sweden since 1979	7 667	Baltic Sea, Kattegat, Skagerrak	Update	2024-06-17
SHARK - Regional marine environmental monitoring, recipient control and monitoring projects of Phytoplankton in Sweden since 1985	23 656	Baltic Sea, Kattegat, Skagerrak	Update	2024-07-10
SHARK - Regional marine environmental monitoring, recipient control and monitoring projects of Zoobenthos in Sweden since 1972	501	Baltic Sea, Kattegat, Skagerrak	Update	2025-04-10
SHARK - Regional marine environmental monitoring and monitoring projects of Epibenthos in Sweden since 1994	78 499	Baltic Sea, Kattegat, Skagerrak	Update	2024-06-25
SHARK - National marine environmental monitoring of Epibenthos in Sweden since 1992	56 174	Baltic Sea, Kattegat, Skagerrak	Update	2024-06-25
SHARK - National environmental monitoring of Harbour Porpoise in Sweden since 2015	40 900	Baltic Sea, Kattegat	New	2024-05-06
SHARK - National environmental monitoring of Jellyfish in Sweden since 2007	1 007	Skagerrak	New	2024-02-07
SHARK - National marine environmental monitoring of Seal pathology in Sweden	4 524	Baltic Sea, Kattegat, Skagerrak	Additional	2024-05-07
SHARK - Phyto- and Microzooplankton Data Collected by Imaging FlowCytobots (IFCB) in Swedish and Adjacent Waters	17 731	Baltic Sea, Kattegat, Skagerrak	Additional	2025-02-28

Metadata for all datasets have been updated during Phase V

Activities within WP2

Dissemination of Marine Data under Swedish Law (2016:319)

- The legal process for handling data dissemination permits under Swedish law (2016:319) regarding **geographic information** in the SHARK database remains unclear.
- While the investigation is ongoing, SMHI has **restricted access** to marine data in certain geographical areas:
 - **Data outside Swedish maritime territory** (beyond 12 nautical miles) has been **approved for distribution**.
 - **Data within Swedish maritime territory** is still **under review** to determine what can be released.
- **Impact on data submissions during Phase V:**
 - Two zoobenthos datasets submitted after December 2024 have been **significantly reduced**:
 - National monitoring: **8.9%** of event records retained
 - Regional monitoring: **0.8%** of event records retained
- Further information is expected during **Phase VI** of the investigation.

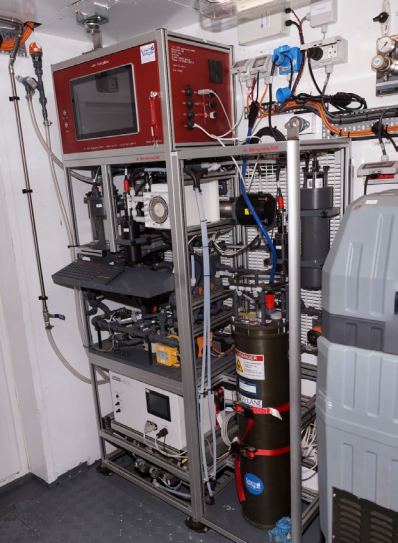


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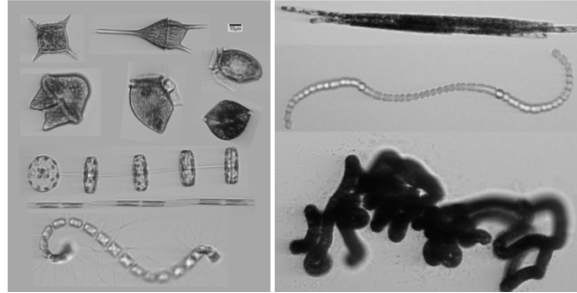
Integration of high-resolution plankton imaging data through the DTO-BioFlow project



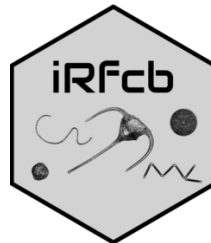
High frequency observations of plankton diversity
and biomass including HAB
> 5 million images of plankton



Imaging FlowCytobot (IFCB)
on R/V Svea, plankton samples every 25
minutes

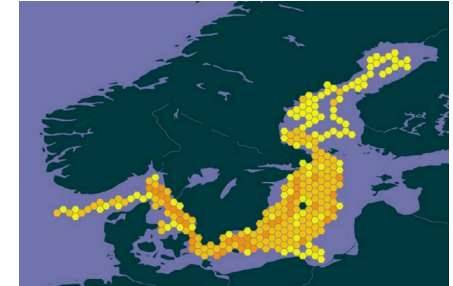


AI assisted
identification
of plankton



NODC Sweden
SHARK Data Pipeline

IFCB suggested
data standard includes
Darwin core



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DTO-BioFlow
Integration of biodiversity monitoring
data into the Digital Twin Ocean

Activities within WP3

Zooplankton alpha diversity in the greater Baltic Sea area

Datasets:

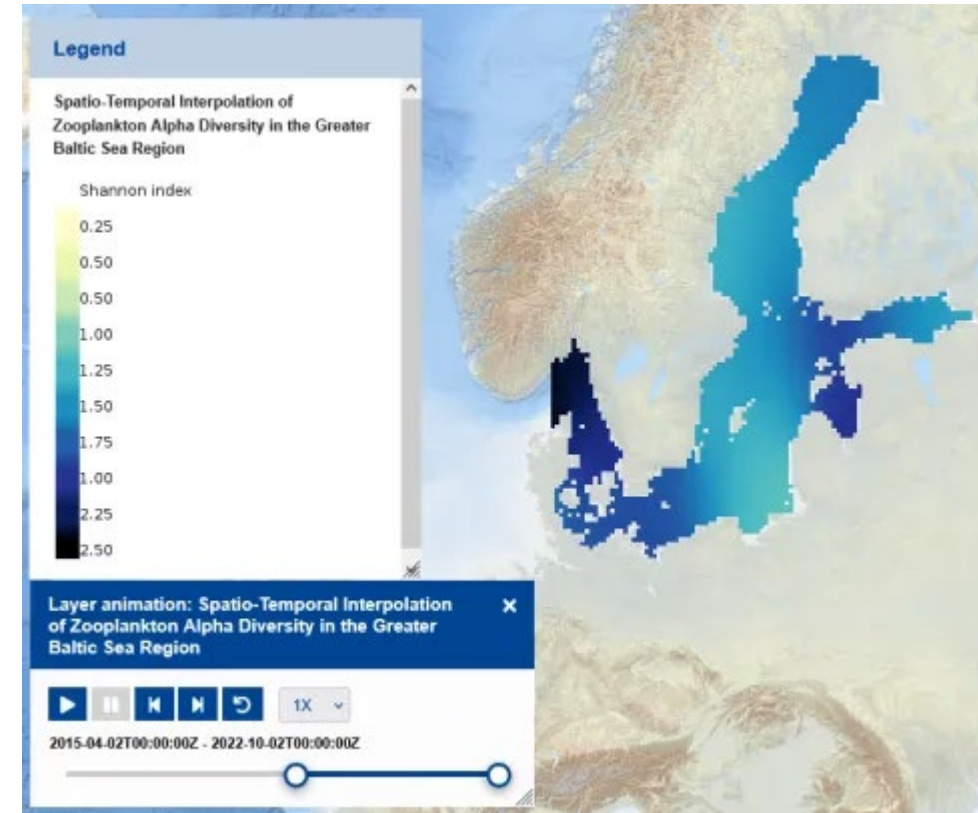
- SHARK - National marine environmental monitoring of zooplankton in Sweden since 1979
- Finnish Baltic Sea zooplankton monitoring

Data processing:

- 2006–2022
- Rarefy abundances of mesozooplankton
- DIVAnd Interpolation
- Land and error mask

Product:

- 3-dimensional (lat, lon, season) raster
- Zooplankton Shannon index





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Finnish Environment Institute (Syke) status update

Henrik Nygård & Sirpa Lehtinen, Syke



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Finlands miljöcentral
Finnish Environment Institute

12-13 May 2025 (Carthage, Tunisia)



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Activities within WP2

Dataset updates in Phase V

- Zoobenthic data, dataset "Finnish Baltic Sea benthic monitoring, POHJE database"
 - Update submitted in January 2024
 - Temporal coverage: 1964-2023, Geographical coverage: Baltic Sea
 - Now including >124 000 occurrences, >386 000 eMoF records
- Zooplankton data, dataset "Finnish Baltic Sea zooplankton monitoring"
 - Update submitted in February 2024
 - Temporal coverage: 1964-2023, Geographical coverage: Baltic Sea
 - Now including >59 000 occurrences, >390 000 eMoF records
- Phytoplankton data, dataset "Finnish Baltic Sea phytoplankton monitoring, KPLANK database"
 - Update submitted in October 2024
 - Temporal coverage 1963-2023, Geographic coverage: Baltic Sea
 - Now including >322 000 occurrences, >999 000 eMoF records

Activities within WP2

Planned dataset submissions in Phase V extension

Dataset updates:

- Zoobenthic data, dataset "Finnish Baltic Sea benthic monitoring, POHJE database"
 - ~3 000 new occurrence records per year (+abundance, biomass etc.)
- Zooplankton data, dataset "Finnish Baltic Sea zooplankton monitoring"
 - ~600 new occurrence records per year (+abundance, biomass, developmental stages etc.)
- Phytoplankton data, dataset "Finnish Baltic Sea phytoplankton monitoring, KPLANK database"
 - ~10 000 new occurrence records per year (+biomass, carbon content, trophic type etc.)

New dataset:

- Algaline semiquantitative phytoplankton data
 - Samples collected with a ferry-box system 1993-2011 from the Baltic Sea
 - ~150 000 occurrence records

Activities within WP4

Uptake and outreach

- 4.3.1. Workshop with European research projects on data sharing
 - Preparation of questionnaire and analysis of the results
 - 2-day workshop + reporting

Phase V extension:

- Task 6: *Ensure the involvement of Regional Sea Conventions RSC*
- Task 7: *Contribute to the implementation of the EU legislation and broader initiatives for open data.*



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Charles TROUPIN

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1. New "sea bird" product for more than 200 species
2. Pluto notebook interface to prepare interactively gridded maps
3. Interface to call DIVAnd in R



1. Download and extraction of data locally
2. Setting of parameters (user)
3. DIVAnd interpolation (loop on the thesis)
4. Writing of final netCDF
5. Creation of plots

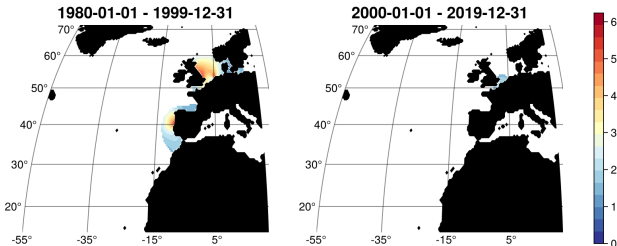
Available in <https://emodnet.ec.europa.eu/geoviewer/>

 <https://github.com/EMODnet/EMODnet-Biology-Interpolation-SeaBirds>
(file `create_bird_products.jl`)



Provide more interactivity to users:

- ⦿ Selection of species
- ⦿ Setting of time periods for comparison



🔗 <https://github.com/EMODnet/EMODnet-Biology-Interpolation-SeaBirds>
(same repository, file `create_bird_products_pluto.jl`)



Users can now perform DIVAnd interpolation in R but
it is not (yet) a R package!

 <https://github.com/EMODnet/EMODnet-Biology-DIVAnd-RR> Ian



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University of Sheffield status update

Tom Webb, University of Sheffield

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Activities within WP3

Macrobenthos occurrences by EUNIS habitat types

- A new data product was created which links macrobenthic species occurrences to seabed habitat
- This uses two existing EMODnet products:
 - Macrobenthos presence-absence in European seas (EMODnet Biology)
 - European Broad Scale Seabed Habitat Map (EUSeaMap) (EMODnet Seabed Habitats)
- The product enables users to obtain:
 - For each EUNIS habitat classification, or for each habitat patch (~0.5km grid cell), the number of benthic samples, and number and identity of benthic macroinvertebrates with recorded occurrences
 - For each benthic macroinvertebrate species, a list of EUNIS habitat types in which it has been recorded to occur, together with its relative prevalence within each type

Activities within WP3

Macrobenthos occurrences by EUNIS habitat types – via <https://emodnet.ec.europa.eu/geoviewer/>



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EMODnet Map Viewer

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EMODnet Bathymetry

EMODnet Biology

Occurrence data

Macroalgae abundance and distribution

Benthic invertebrate abundance and distribution

☐ Habitat suitability of reef-forming species in the North Sea

☐ Presence/absence benthos in the European Seas

☐ Probability maps for benthos species in the North Sea

☐ Temporal changes in benthic communities (#species)

☐ Abundance of benthic macroinvertebrates in North Sea a...

Seabed habitat and macrobenthos occurrences in European seas

☒ Taxa in habitats

☒ EUNIS Habitats (2019)

☐ Species richness

☐ Number of macrobenthos surveys

Bird abundance and distribution

Fish abundance and distribution

Mammals abundance and distribution

Reptiles abundance and distribution

Phytoplankton biomass and diversity

Macroalgae biomass and diversity

Marine regions

Change basemap

+ Add external layers

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Activities within WP3

Macrobenthos occurrences by EUNIS habitat types – via GitHub

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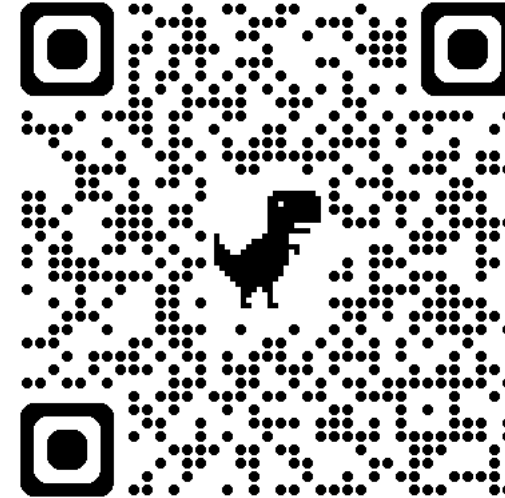
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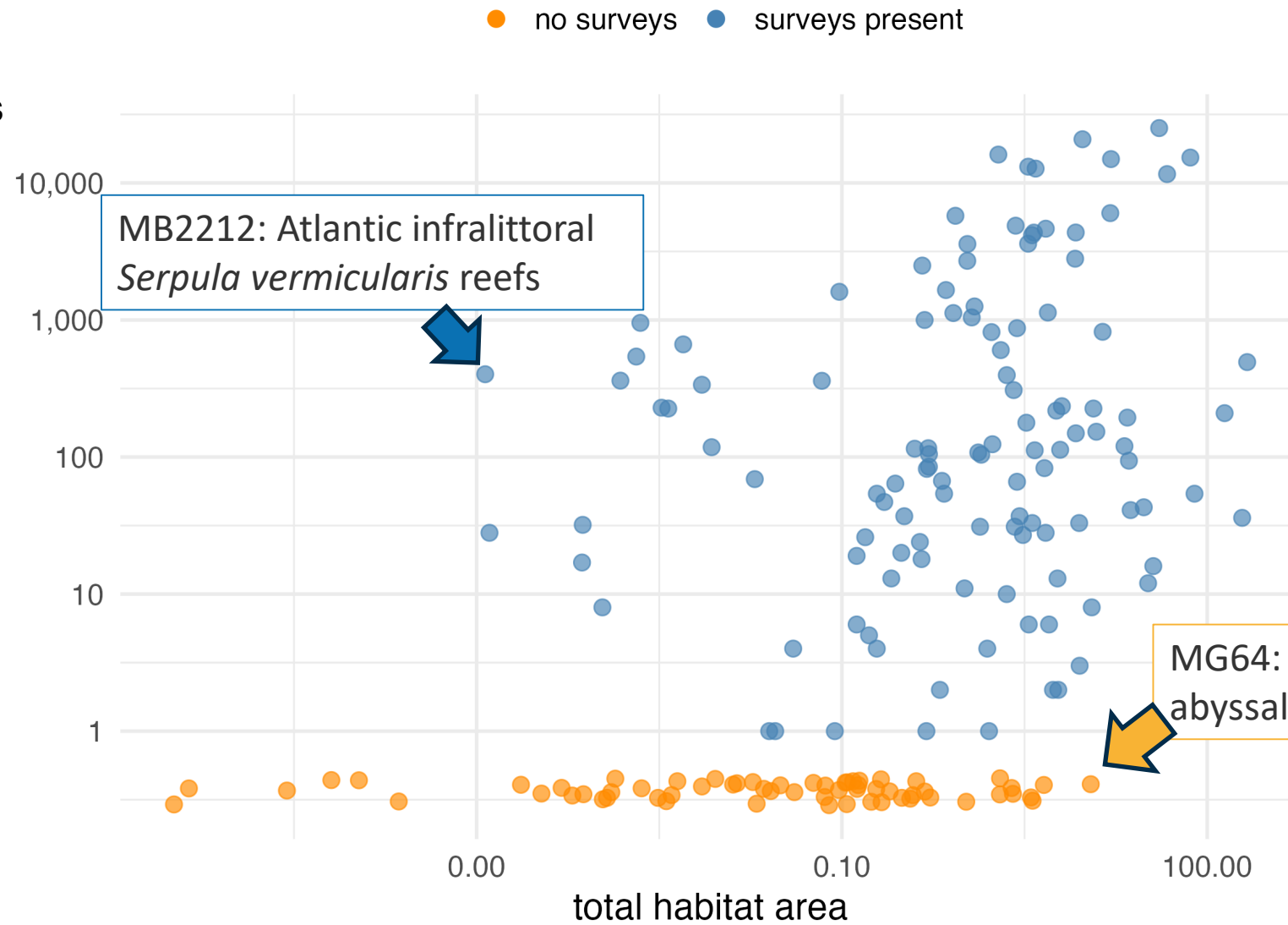
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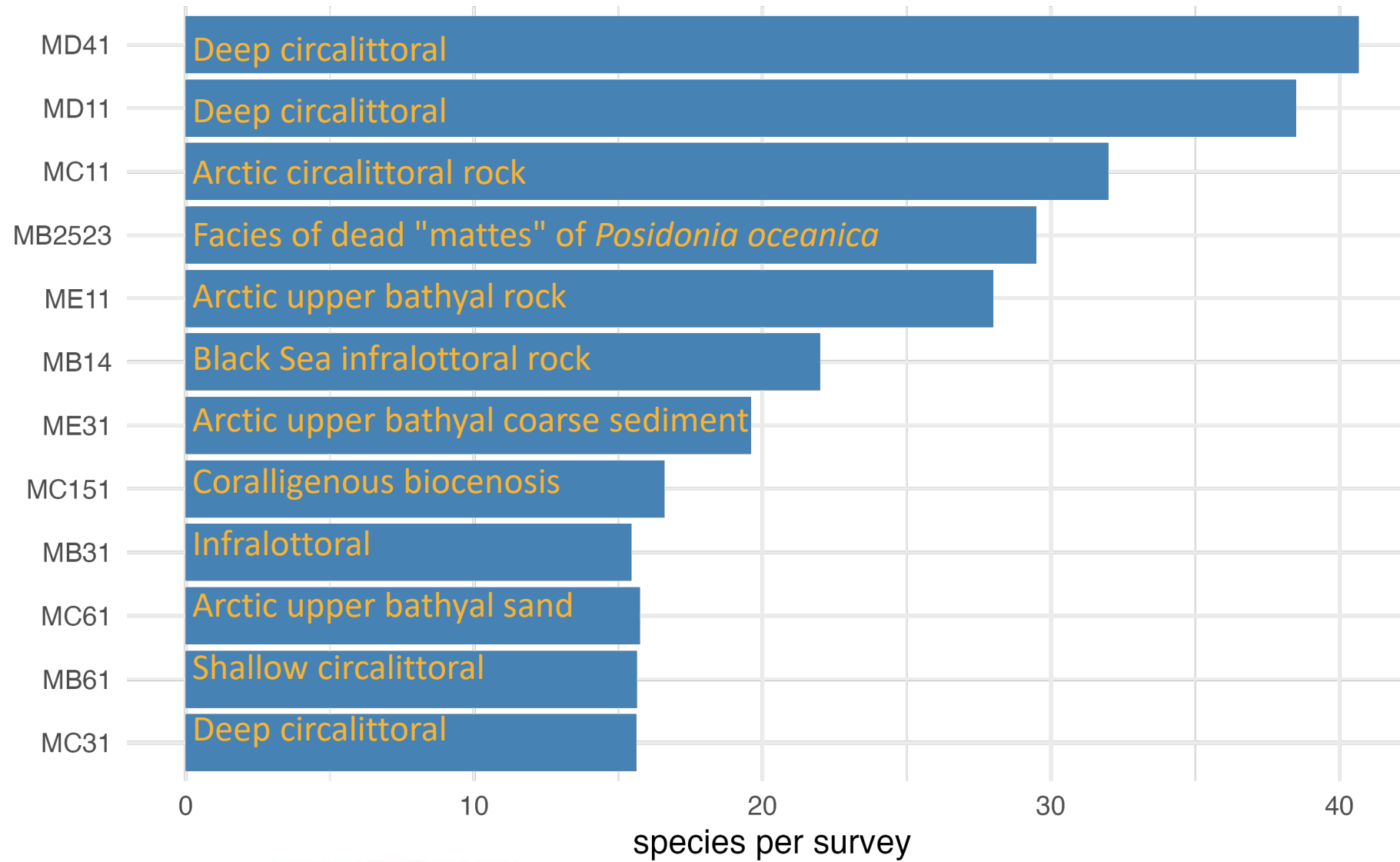
This product is built from two existing EMODnet data products. It uses the [EUSeaMap product created by EMODNet Seabed Habitats](#) and the [Presence/absence data of macrozoobenthos in the European Seas product created by EMODnet Biology](#) to obtain lists of all macrobenthic species occurring in all [EUNIS seabed habitat types](#). For the purposes of this product the seabed habitat map is summarised on a grid at approx. 500m resolution, with each grid cell assigned to the dominant EUNIS code present within it. Summaries of benthic diversity are created for each grid cell, as well as more synthetic summaries by EUNIS category.



https://github.com/EMODnet/EUNIS_benthos_species

number of surveys





Activities within WP3

Realising the potential of Biology data products: Update on deliverable from Phase IV

- Our paper *Realising the potential of interoperable data products to improve the outlook for marine biodiversity: Lessons from the European marine observation and data network* was published Open Access in Marine Policy in March 2025
- This was a collaborative effort across WP3 members
- Please read, share, and cite! <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.marpol.2024.106578>





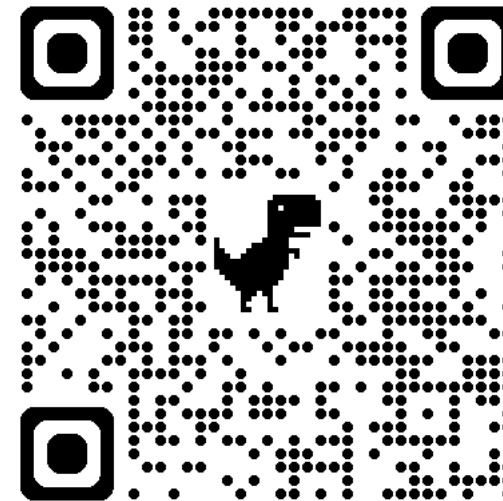
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