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# DTO-BioFlow

Integration of biodiversity monitoring  
data into the Digital Twin Ocean

DTO-BioFlow data training  
workshop:

Introduction to  
EMODnet Biology



# What is EMODnet ?

**EMODnet**  
SERVICE OFFER

**EMODnet Data**

EMODnet offers marine data derived from *in situ* ocean observations of the state and dynamics of oceans and marine organisms, together with data on human activities at sea. The offer spans the coast to open ocean and the surface to the seafloor. (see detailed key for thematic groups and examples of key data layers and products)

EMODnet's open and free marine knowledge is offered at pan-European scale. EMODnet serves diverse users, providing the evidence-base to support EU Policy implementation e.g., Marine Spatial Planning Directive and the Marine Strategy Framework Directive, stimulating Research and Innovation, and providing baseline information on European seas and bordering seas to empower the Blue in its green transition, and to underpin decisions towards nature restoration and climate-smart management of ocean space. Explore EMODnet today, and see what it can do for you!

**7 THEMATICS**

- BATHYMETRY
- BIOLOGY
- CHEMISTRY
- GEOLOGY
- HUMAN ACTIVITIES
- PHYSICS
- SEABED HABITATS

**BATHYMETRY**

1. Bathymetry (seafloor depth) survey data (integrated from diverse sources)
2. Digital Terrain Model (EMODnet high-resolution bathymetry OTM)
3. Microalgae
4. Angiosperms
5. Benthos
6. Birds
7. Fish
8. Mammals
9. Phytoplankton
10. Reptiles
11. Zooplankton

(info includes occurrence data, abundance and distribution, biomass and diversity, presence/absence, habitat suitability maps, etc.)

**BIOLOGY**

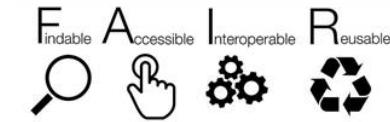
12. Chemical ocean parameters
13. Acidity/pH
14. Chlorophyll-a as proxy for phytoplankton
15. Dissolved gases
16. Beach litter
17. Fertilisers
18. Hydrocarbons
19. Heavy metals
20. Pesticides
21. Silicates
22. Polychlorinated biphenyls
23. Coastal behavior
24. Geological events (e.g., earthquakes, submarine landslides) and probabilities
25. Marine minerals
26. Seabed substrate
27. Seafloor geology
28. Submerged landscapes
29. Blue economy multi-sector operations at sea
30. Aggregate extraction
31. Algae production
32. Aquaculture
33. Cities
34. Cultural heritage
35. Oil/gas
36. Energy
37. Environment (e.g., Marine Protected Areas, Nature 2000)
38. Fisheries
39. Main ports
40. Military areas
41. Oil
42. Gas
43. Pipelines
44. Waste disposal
45. Vessel/vessel docking
46. Route density
47. Maritime Spatial Planning
48. National EU Member State MSPs
49. Other forms of area management
50. MSFD Reporting Units, International/Regional Conventions
51. Seawater alkalinity
52. Currents
53. Dissolved oxygen
54. Meteorological
55. Optical properties (suspended matter)
56. River outflow
57. Sea ice
58. Sea level
59. Temperature in the sea water column
60. Underwater sound
61. Water salinity and conductivity
62. Waves
63. Winds
64. Seabed habitats (habitat survey data, environmental variables)
65. EUSeaMap broad-scale seabed habitat map for Europe

**PHYSICS**

**SEABED HABITATS**

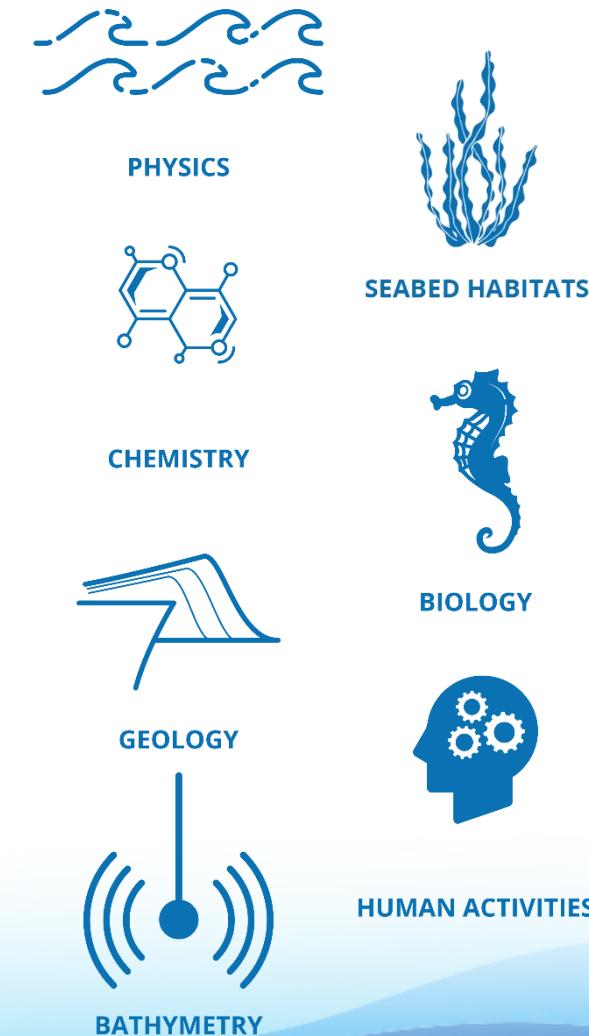


Services
Standards that implement XML, Remote Procedure Call and the HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP).
3D Portrayal Service
Table Joining Service
Web Feature Service
Web Map Tile Service
Web Services Security
Location Service (OpenLS)
Web Coverage Service
Web Map Service
Web Service Common



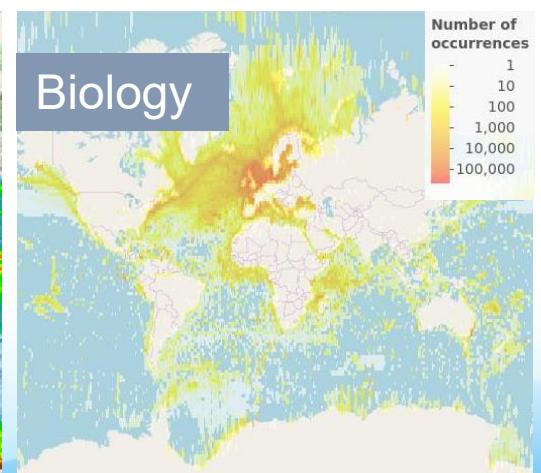
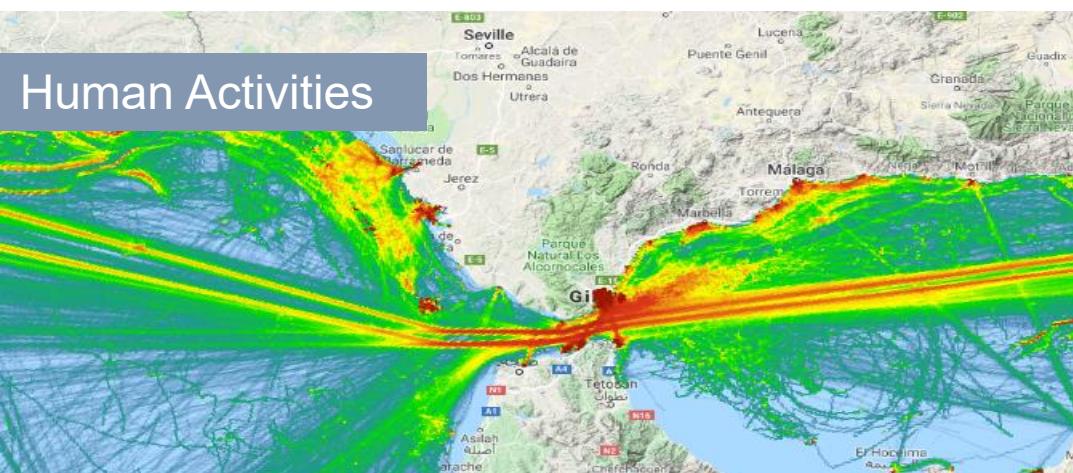
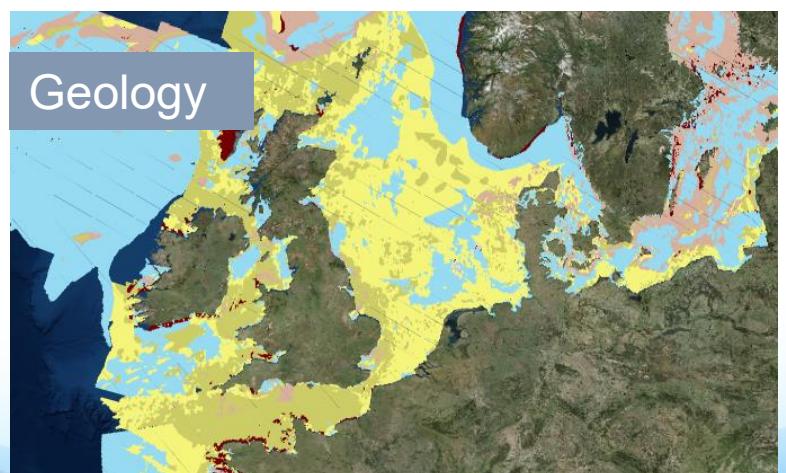
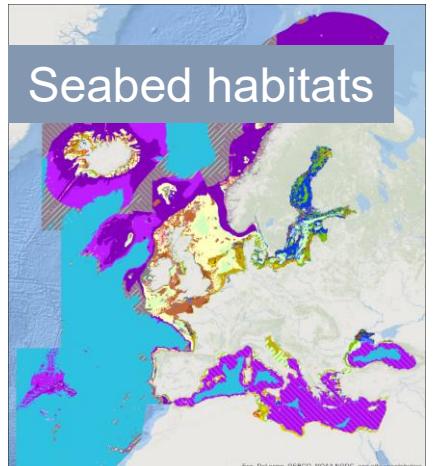
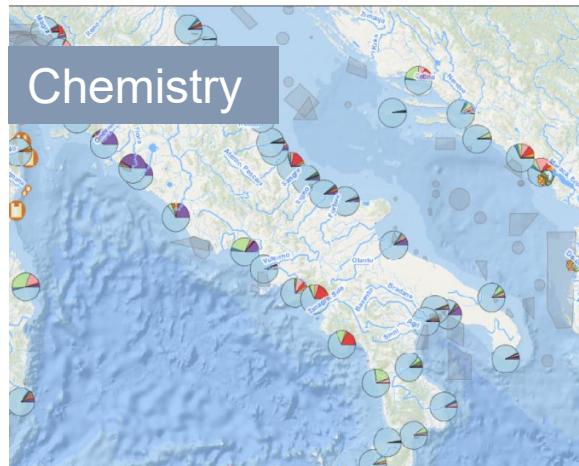
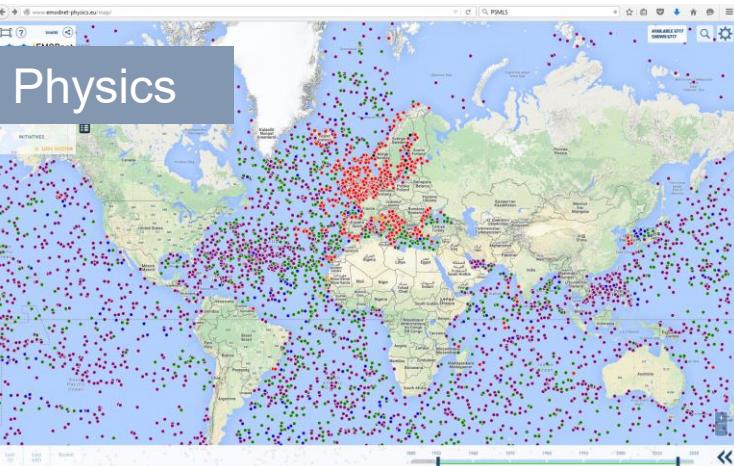
# Context: EMODnet

- European Marine Observation and Data Network
- Mission
  - Observe 
  - Standardise 
  - Disseminate 
- *Collect once, use many times*





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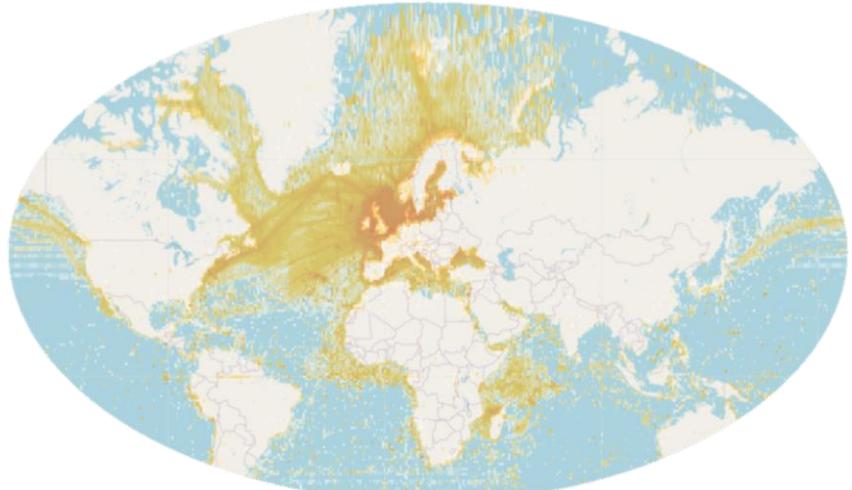
Focus on European Seas but we accept data from anywhere in the world's oceans

Target primarily data from 9 sub-themes



Data types: Observations, acoustic, tracking, imaging, ... and **genomics**

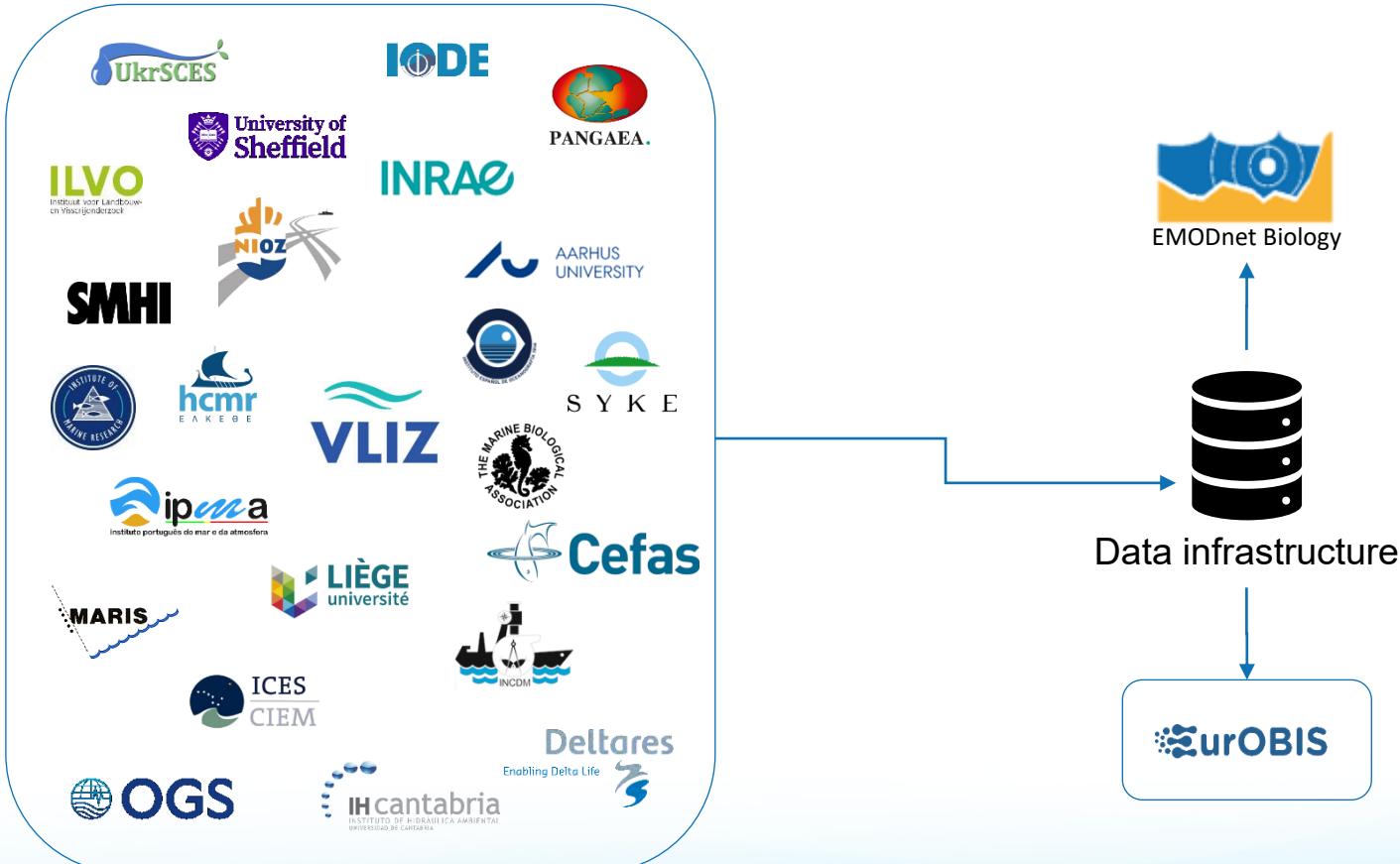
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- 1400+ datasets
- 48M+ occurrence records
- 198M+ measurements or facts

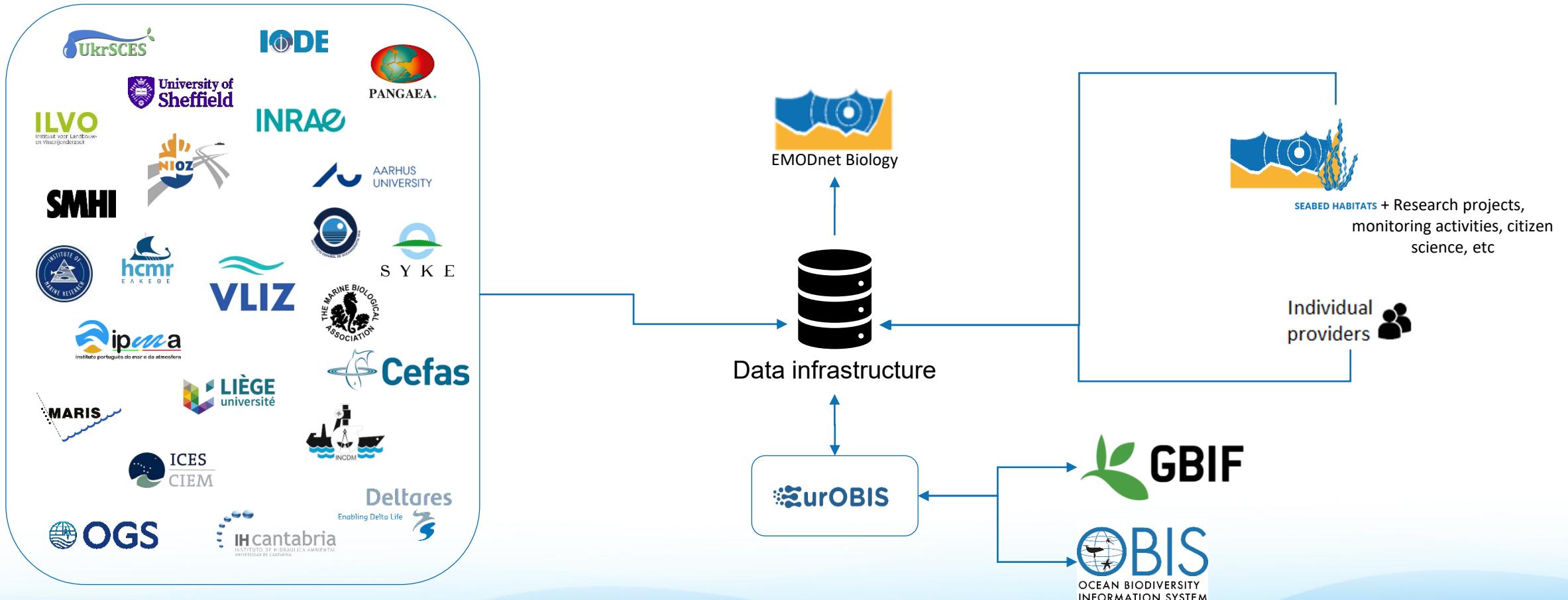
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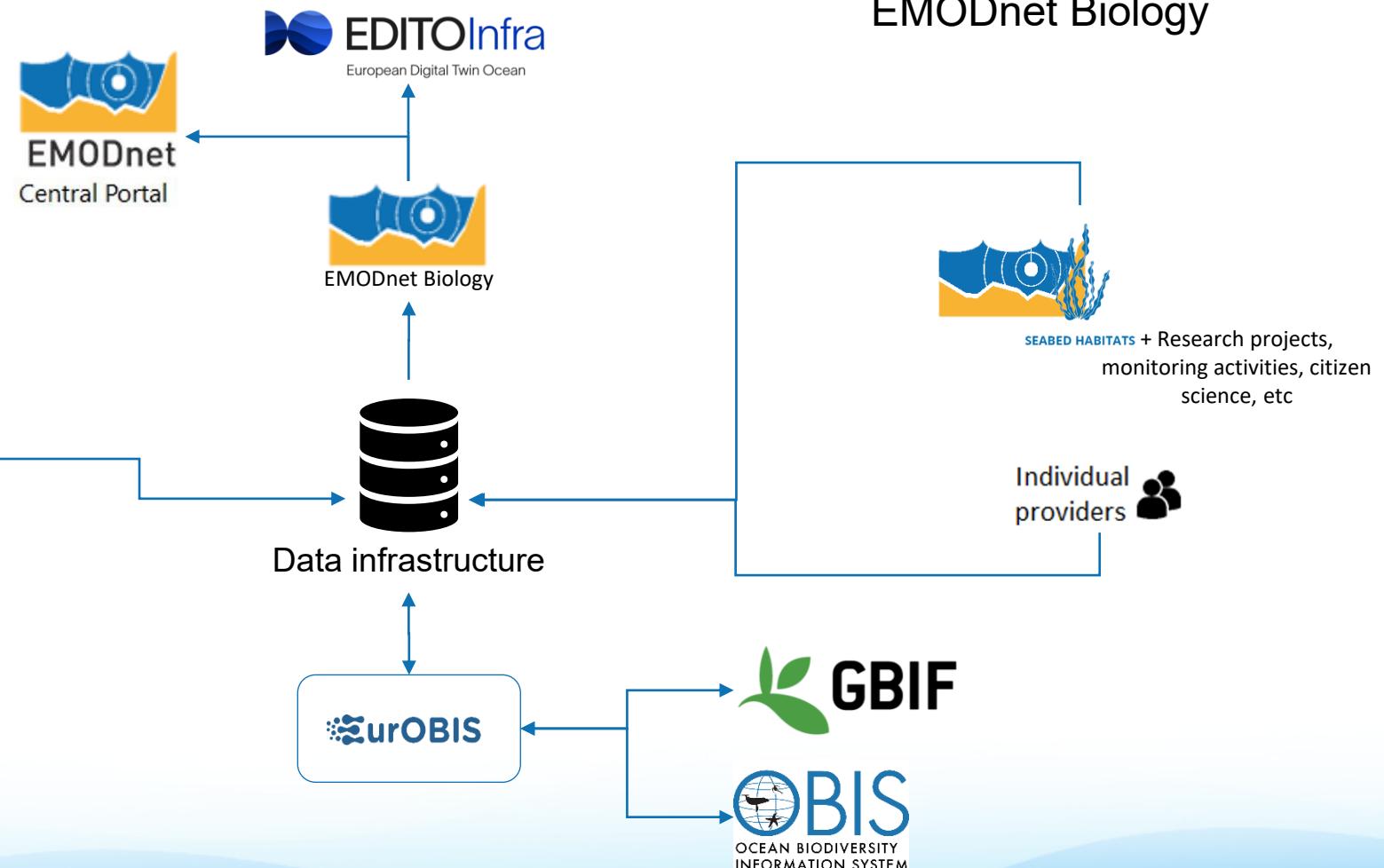


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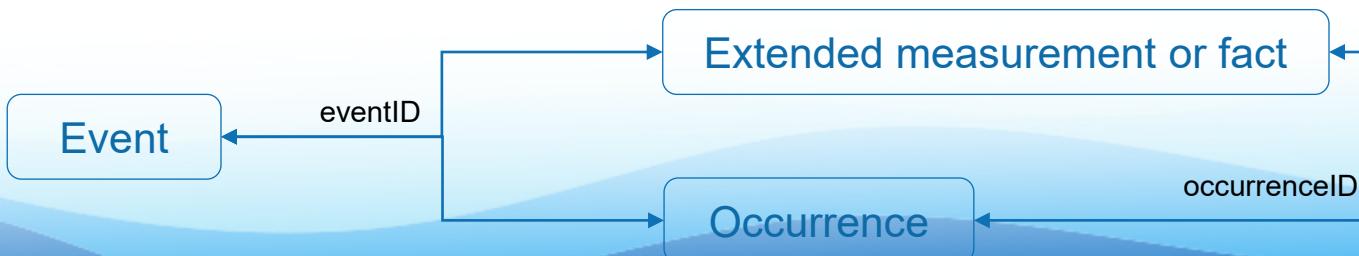
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## Controlled vocabularies

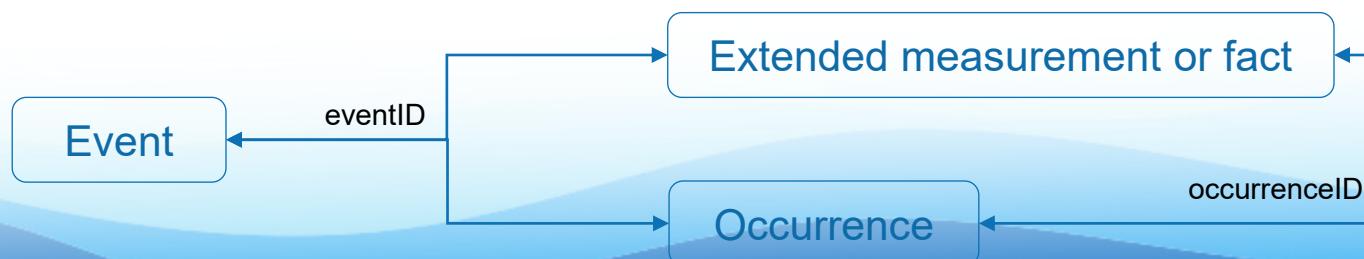
- WoRMS – taxonomy



- Marine Regions – geography

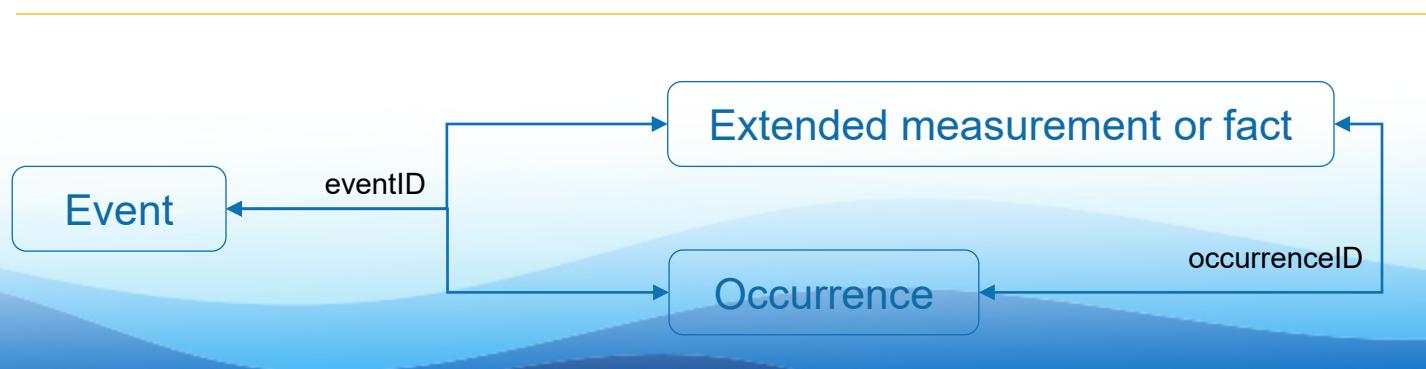
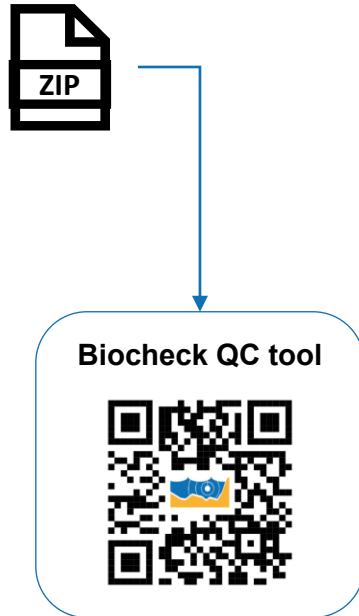


- BODC - parameters



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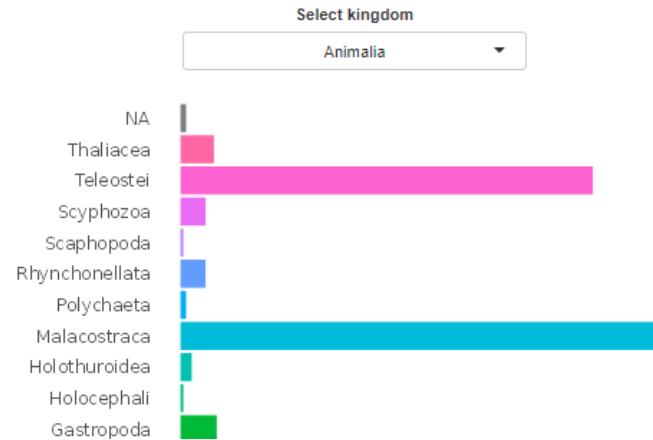


## Overview

Biocheck QC tool



Taxonomic cover of the dataset



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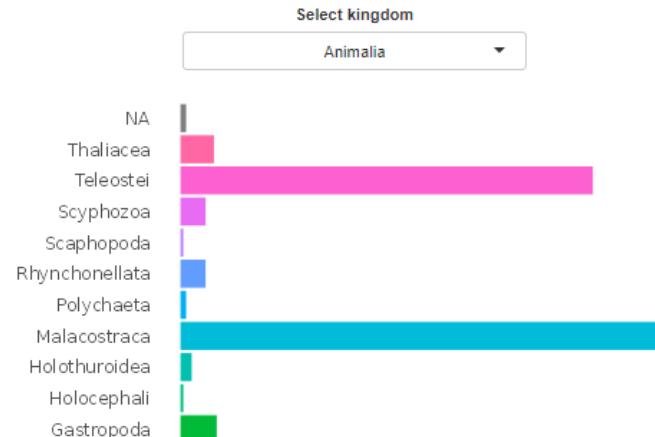


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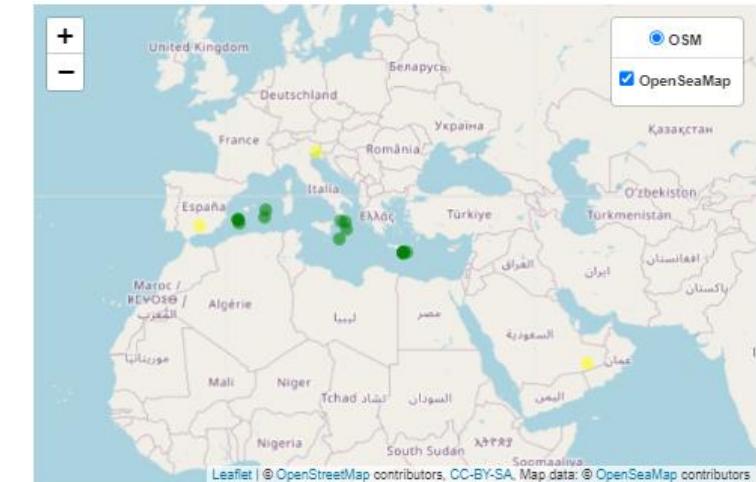
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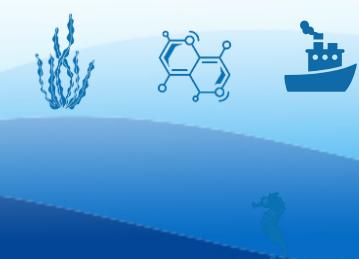
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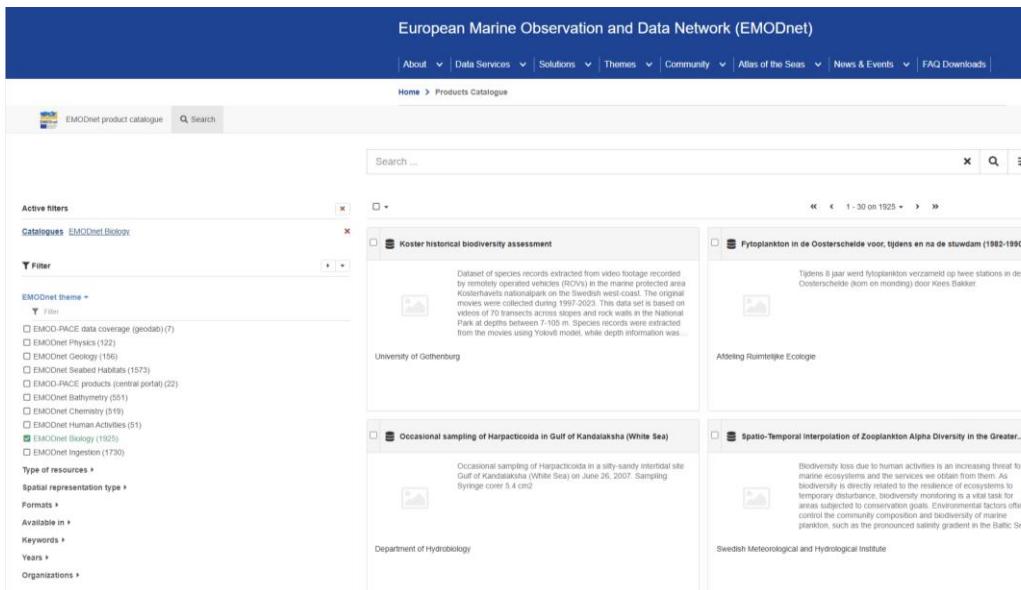
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- Format and integrity
- Taxonomy
- Biogeography
- Parameters



# Services: Data search and access

## Data catalogue



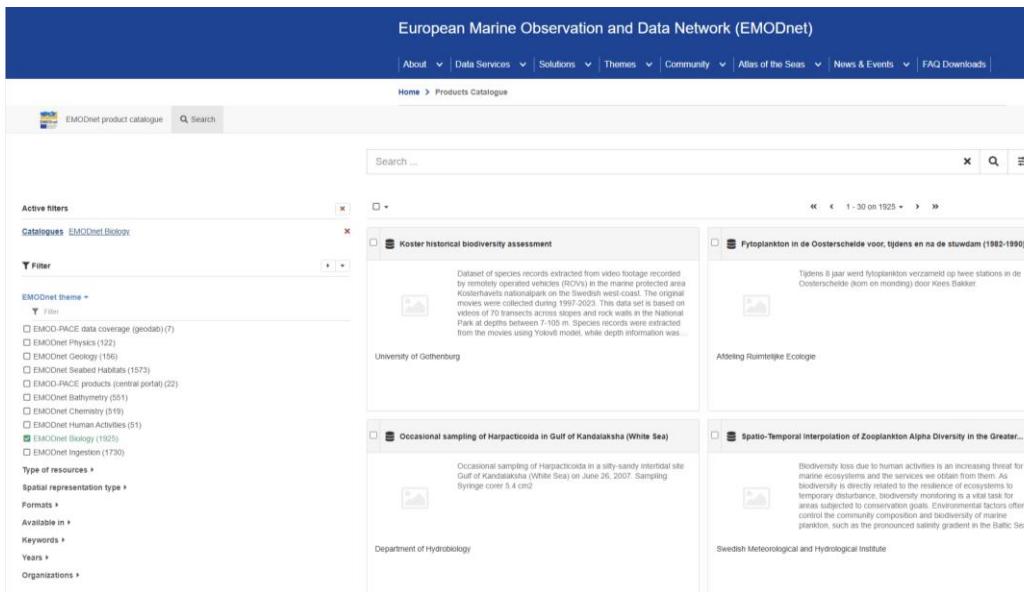
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- Koster historical biodiversity assessment: Dataset of species records extracted from video footage recorded by remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) in the marine protected area Kosterhavets nationalpark on the Swedish west-coast. The original material consists of 10 hours of video, which were used to extract short video clips of 70 transects across slopes and rock walls in the National Park at depths between 7-105 m. Species records were extracted from the movies using Yolevi model, while depth information was...
- Pytoplankton in de Oosterschelde voor, tijdens en na de stuwdam (1982-1990): Tijdens 8 jaar werd fytoplankton verzameld op tien stations in de Oosterschelde (kom en monding) door Kees Bakker
- Occasional sampling of Harpacticoids in Gulf of Kandalaksha (White Sea): Occasional sampling of Harpacticoids in a silty-sandy Intertidal site Gulf of Kandalaksha (White Sea) on June 20, 2007. Sampling Byrange cover 3-4 cm2
- Spatio-Temporal interpolation of Zooplankton Alpha Diversity in the Greater...: Biodiversity loss due to human activities is an increasing threat for marine ecosystems. As the services we obtain from marine biodiversity is directly related to the resilience of ecosystems to temporary disturbance, biodiversity monitoring is a vital task for areas subjected to conservation goals. Environmental factors often control the distribution of marine organisms, such as the zooplankton, such as the pronounced salinity gradient in the Baltic Sea.

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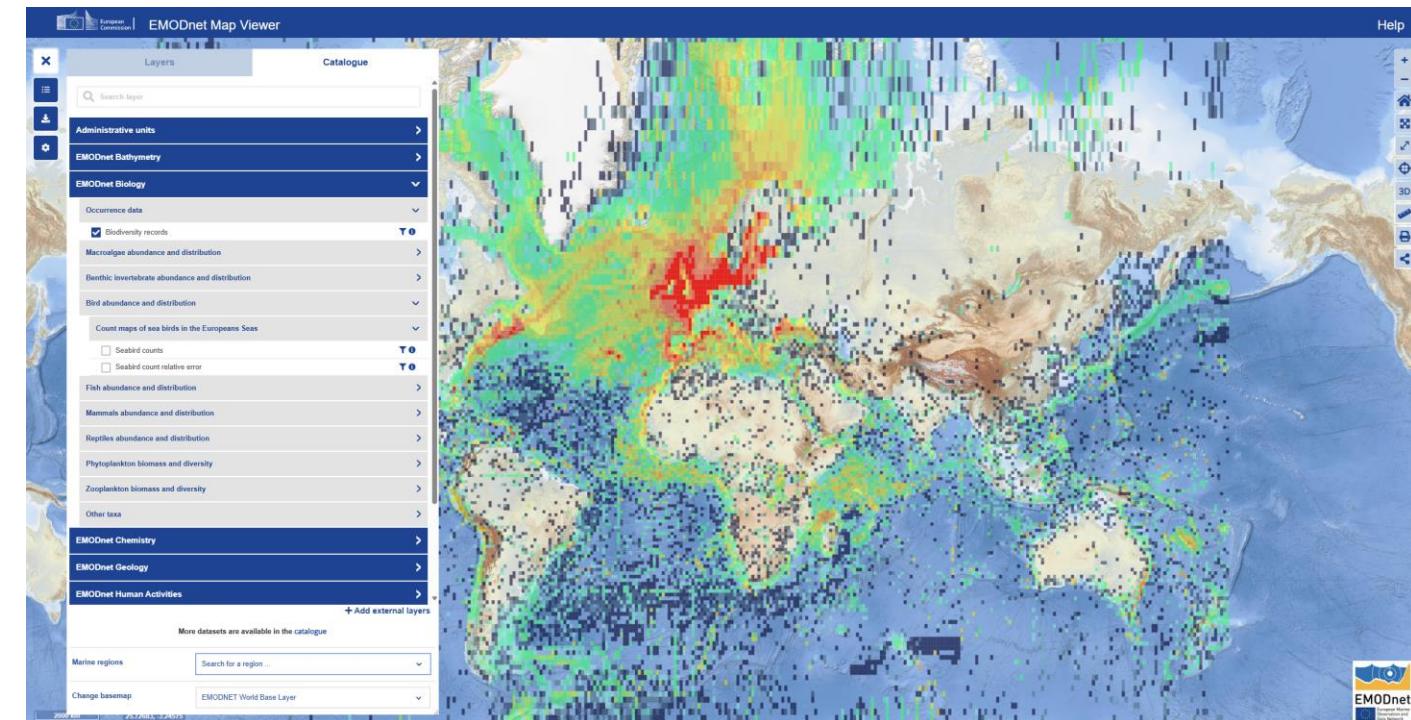
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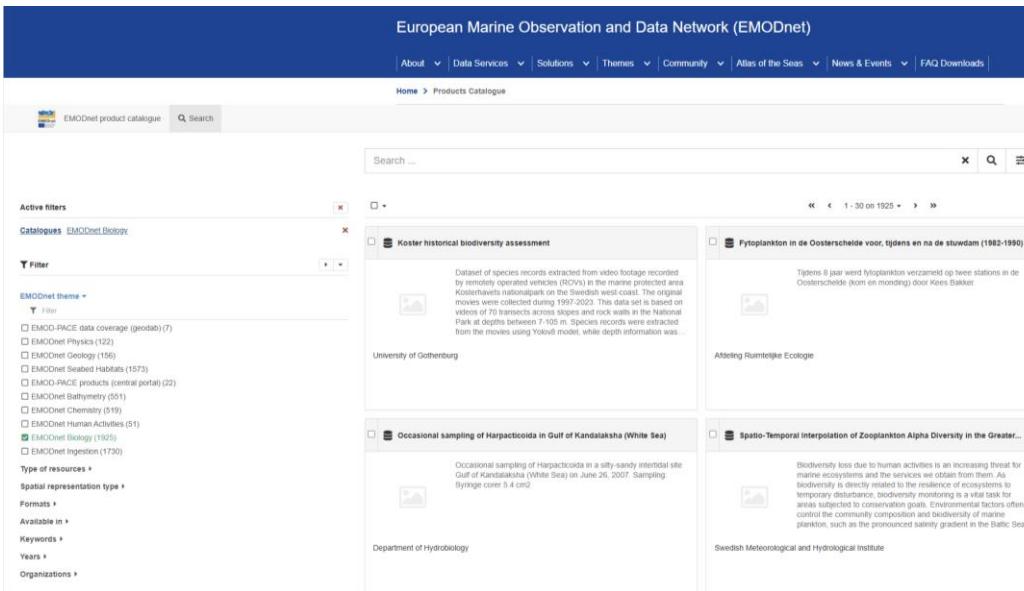


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European Marine Observation and Data Network (EMODnet)

About | Data Services | Solutions | Themes | Community | Atlas of the Seas | News & Events | FAQ Downloads |

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EMODnet product catalogue Q Search

Search ...

Active filters

Catalogues EMODnet Biology

Filter

EMODnet theme +

- EMOD-PACE data coverage (geodab) (7)
- EMODnet Physics (122)
- EMODnet Geology (156)
- EMODnet Seabed Habitats (1573)
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- EMODnet Bathymetry (551)
- EMODnet Chemistry (519)
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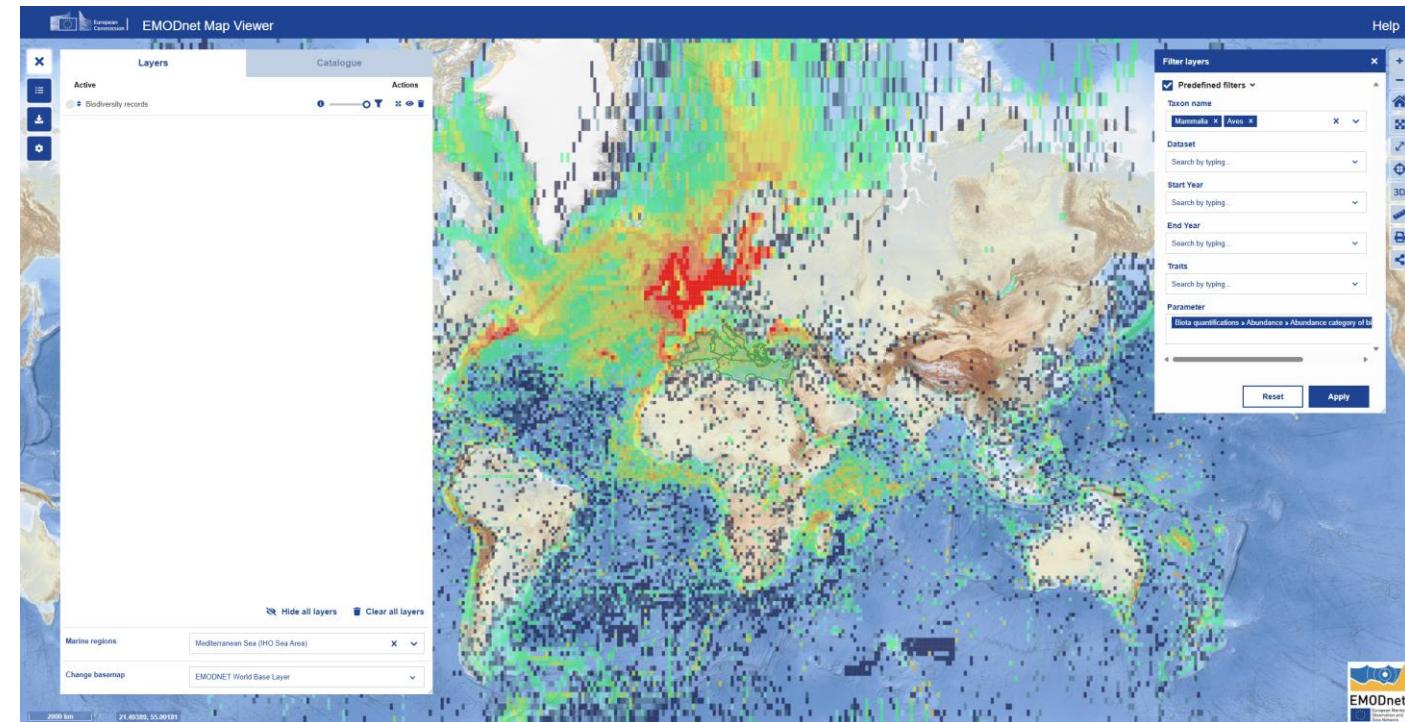
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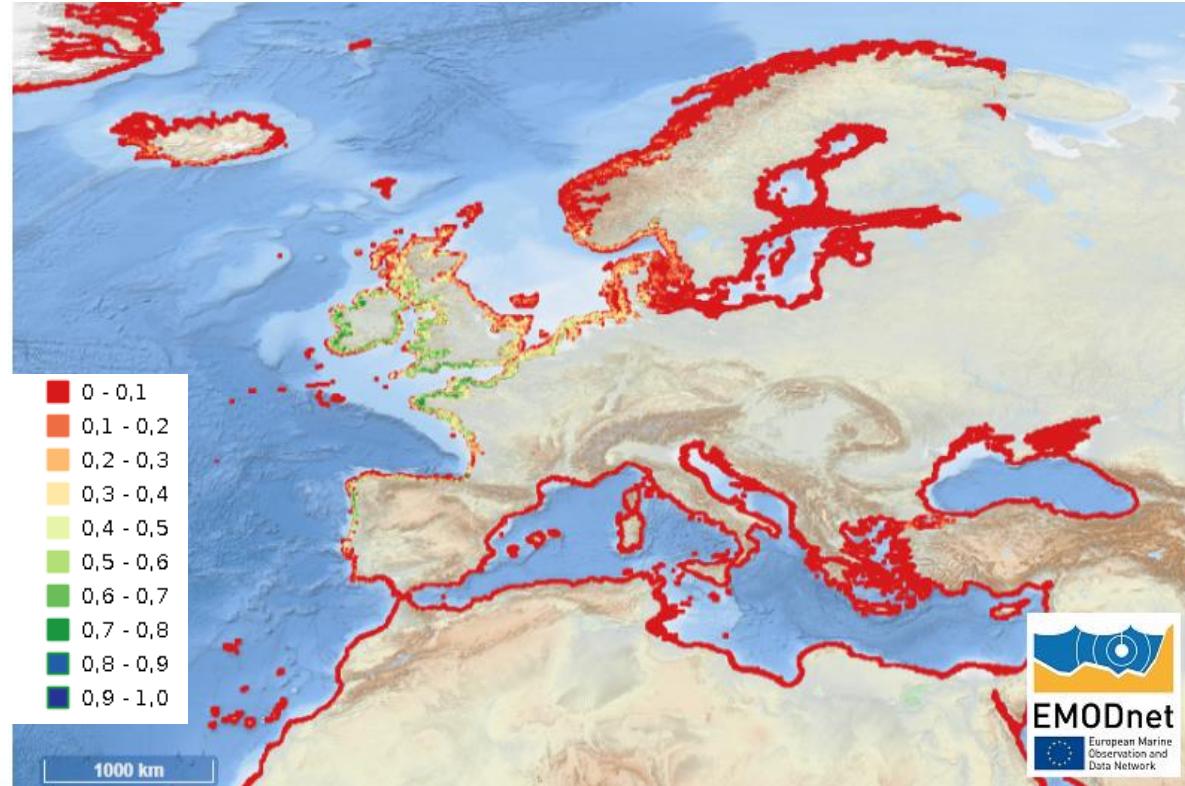
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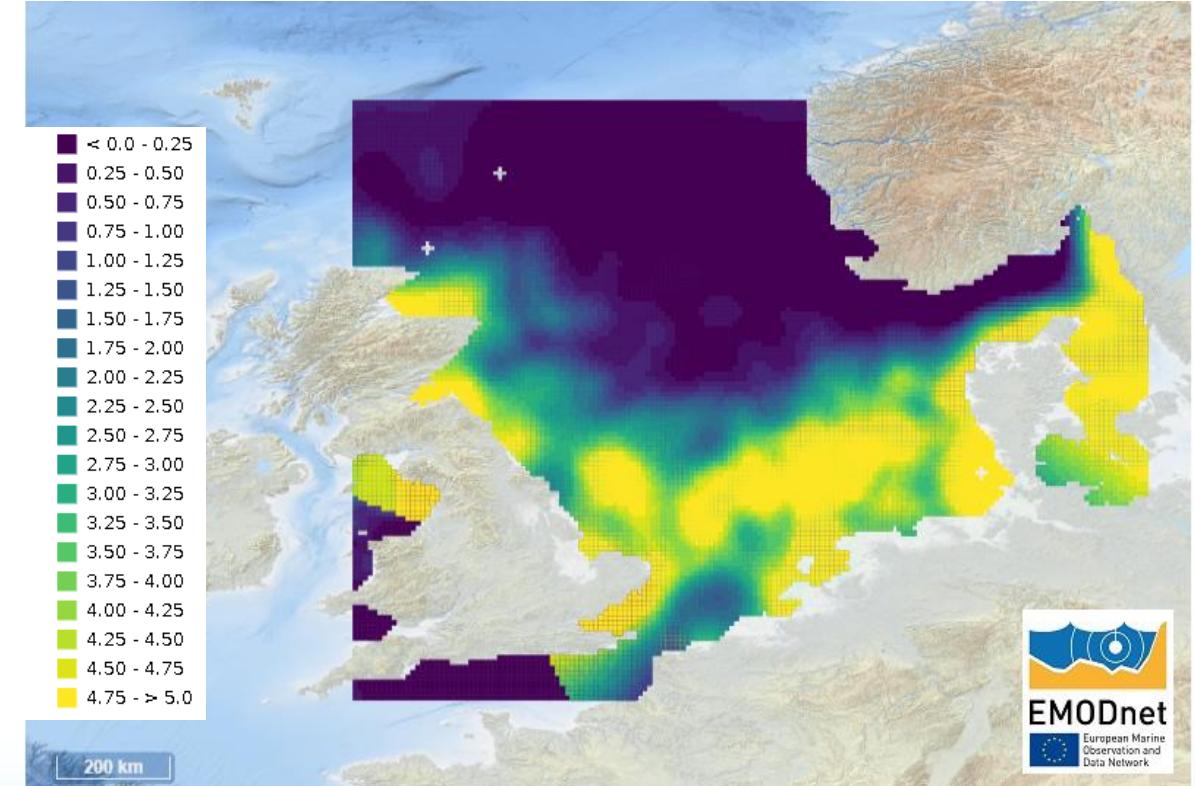
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# Services: Data products

Habitat Suitability Maps for *Asparagopsis armata*, *Caulerpa Taxifolia*, *Sargassum muticum* and *Undaria pinnatifida*



Relative abundance by taxon - *Sprattus sprattus* (European sprat)

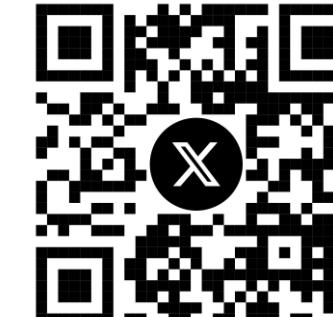
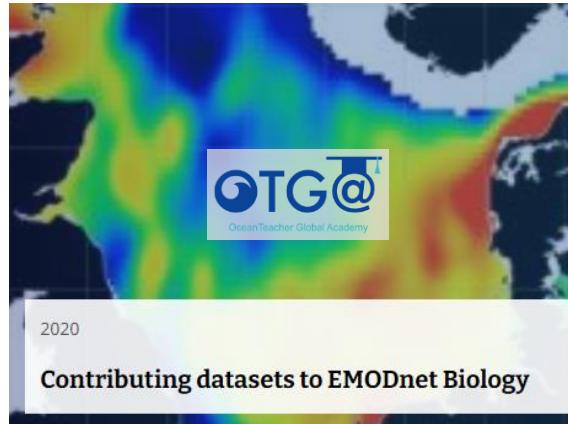


EMODnet Biology Data products catalogue



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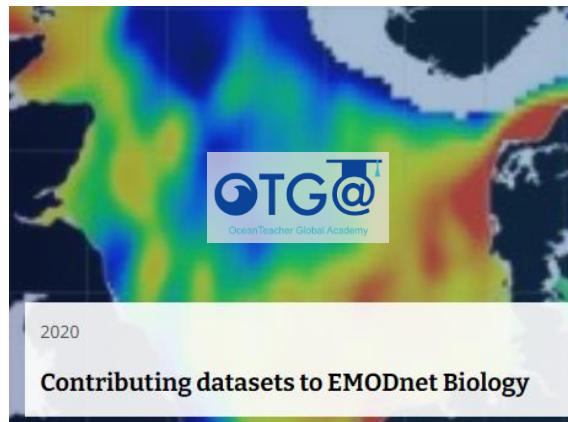


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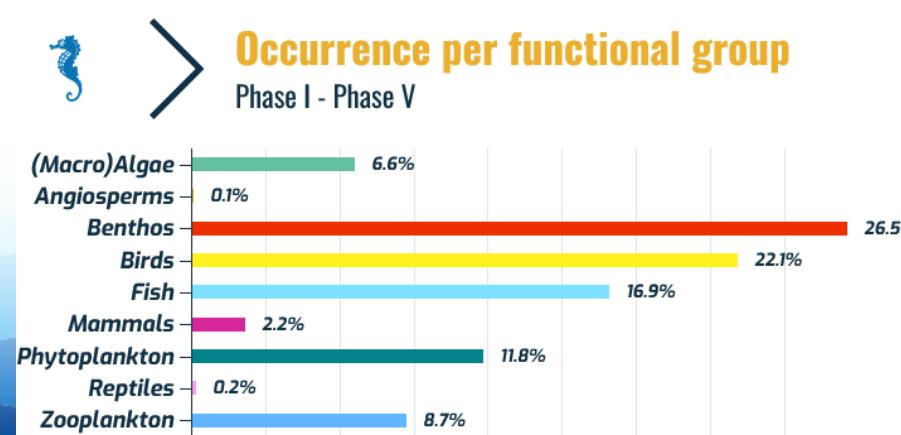


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- Data search and Gap analysis



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