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GOOS BioEco Panel & OBIS

Session 4: Mapping the current situation

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GEO BON/MBON – GOOS BioEco – OBIS partnership
Building a globally coherent, consistent and coordinated
sustained global ocean observing system to assess the state of
the ocean’s biological resources and ecosystems



Cooperation agreement signed on Dec 2016

Products,
Indicators,
Assessments

Data & Products

OBIS
OCEAN BIOGEOGRAPHIC
INFORMATION SYSTEM

- Open data sharing
- Data integration
- Data quality control
- Data harmonization
- Tools for data exploration, visualization and analysis

Requirements

Biology & Ecosystems

- Focus on sustained observations
- Bring selected EOVs from pilot to mature
- Link with platforms and observing systems of GOOS and GRAs

Observations

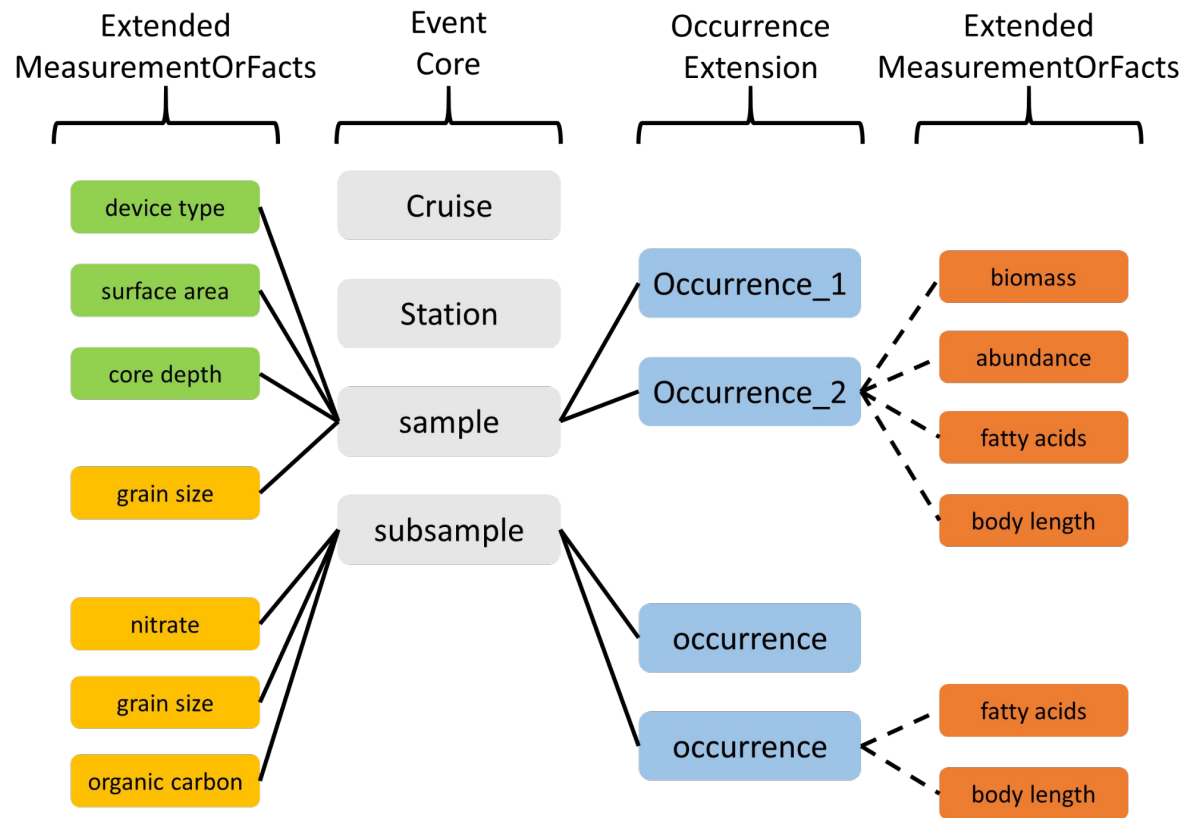
GEO BON
MBON

- R&D focus
- Bring new EOVs from concept to pilot
- Assist with the establishment of national and regional BONs

IODE/OBIS-ENV-DATA pilot project (2015-2017)



More than species occurrences



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Research Article

Toward a new data standard for combined marine biological and environmental datasets - expanding OBIS beyond species occurrences

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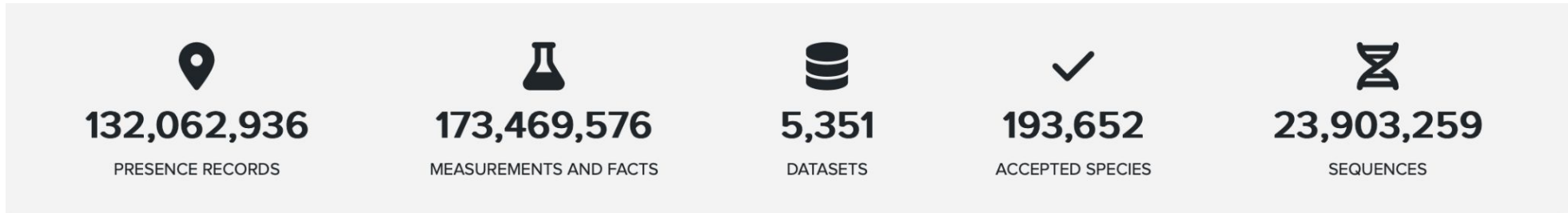
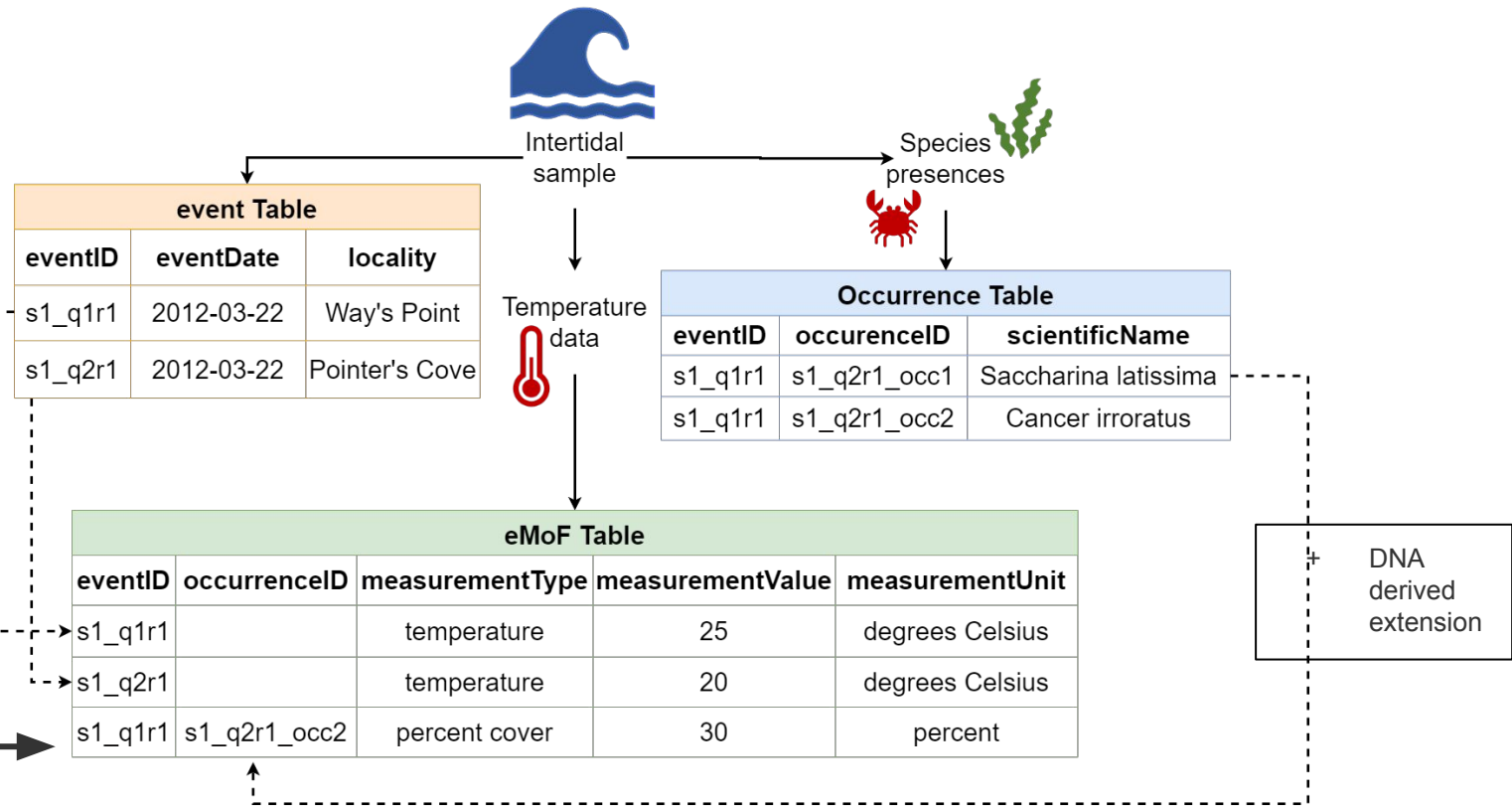
OBIS-ENV-DATA

Controlled vocab developed with BODC (OBIS Vocab TT)

Development of decision trees and training resources (manual, YouTube)

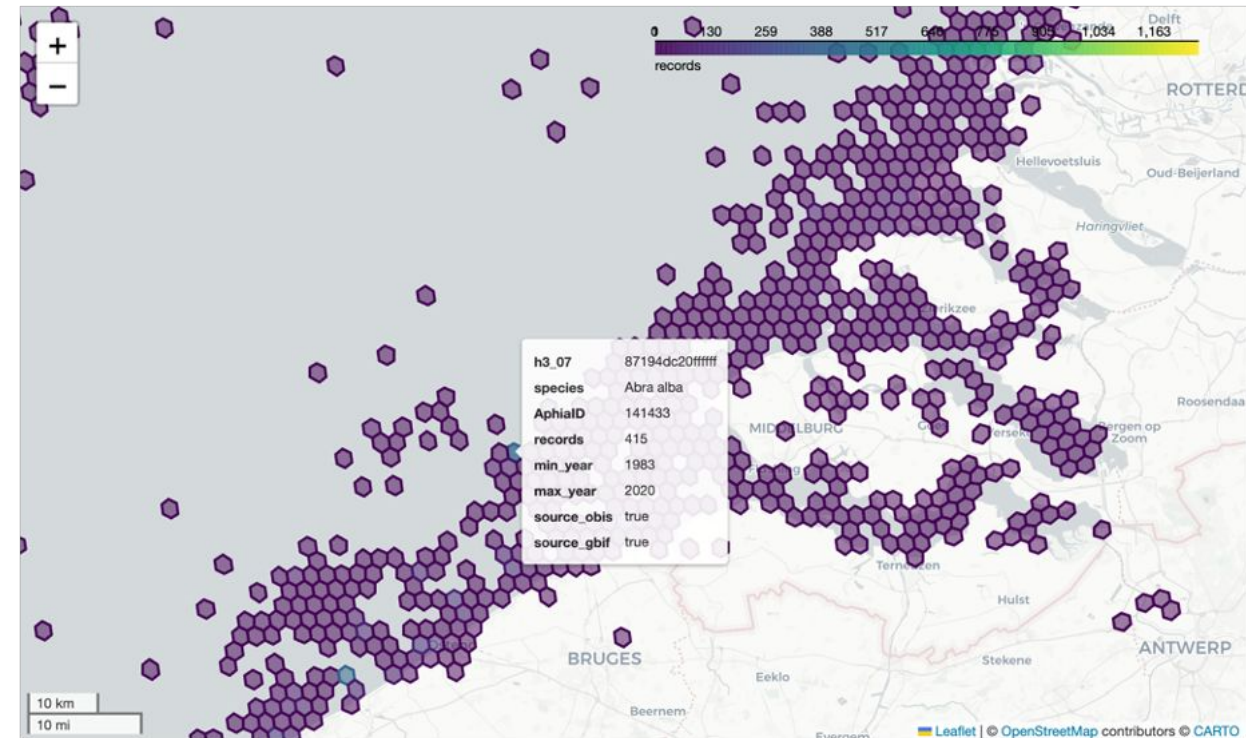
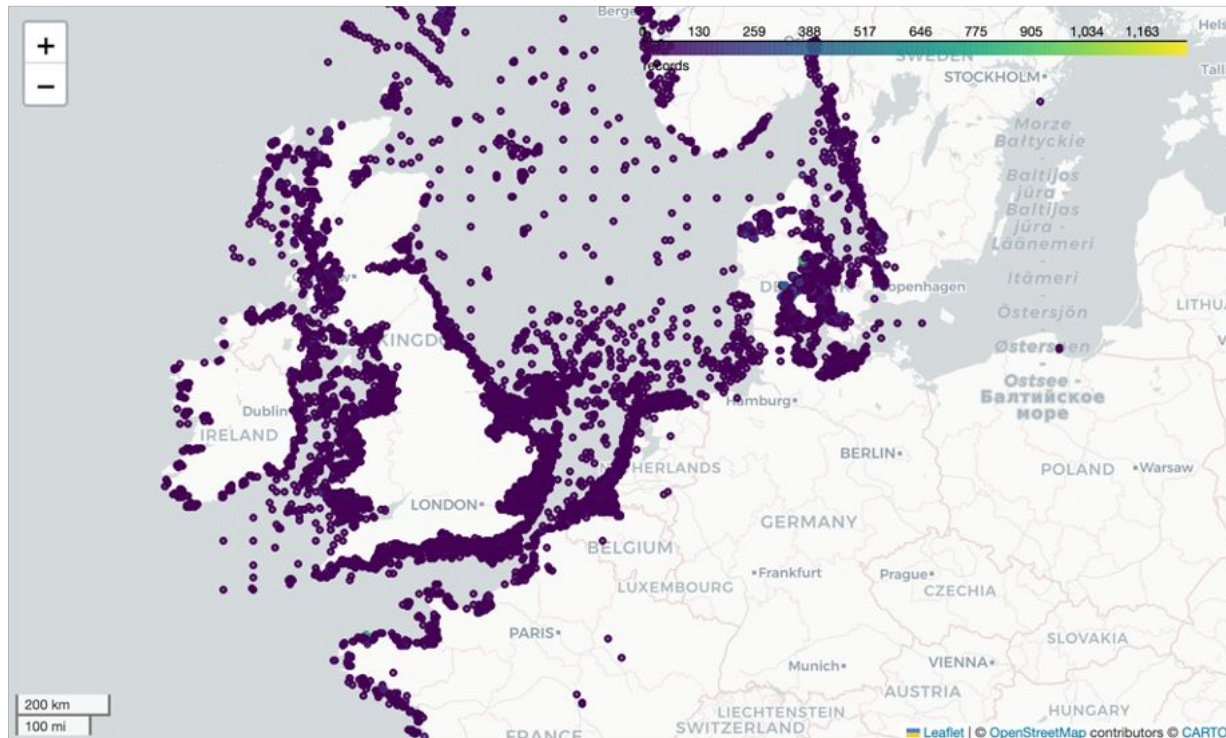
BioEco EOVS subvariables & supporting variables

Data section in EOVS spec sheets



Species grids product (speciesgrids)

- Supports H3 and geohash grids
- Source OBIS/GBIF, number of records, date range
- Lightweight GeoParquet output, partitioned by quadkey



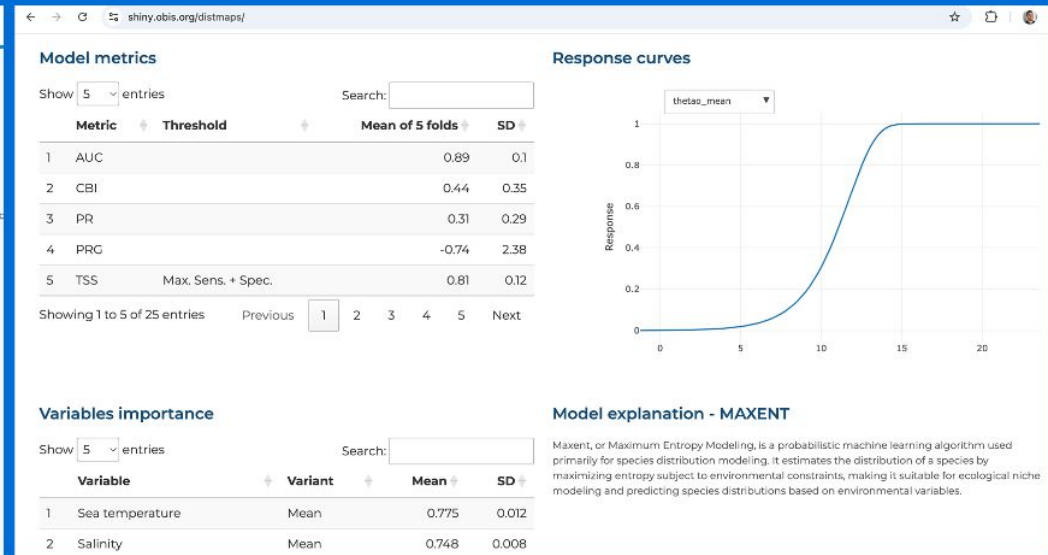
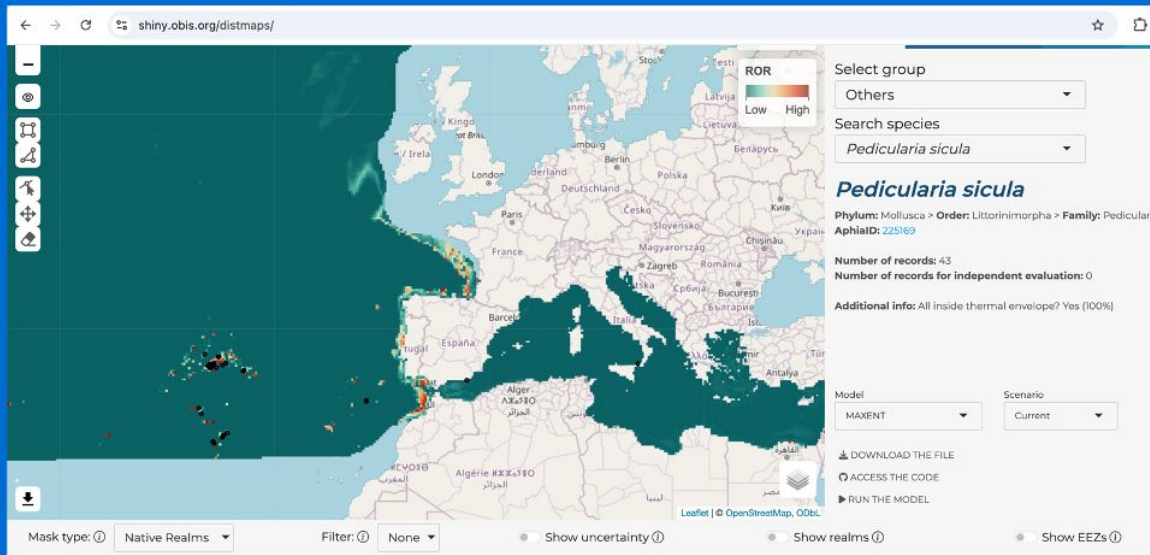
SH distribution models and biodiversity metrics

<https://shiny.obis.org/distmaps/>

https://iobis.github.io/mpaeu_docs/



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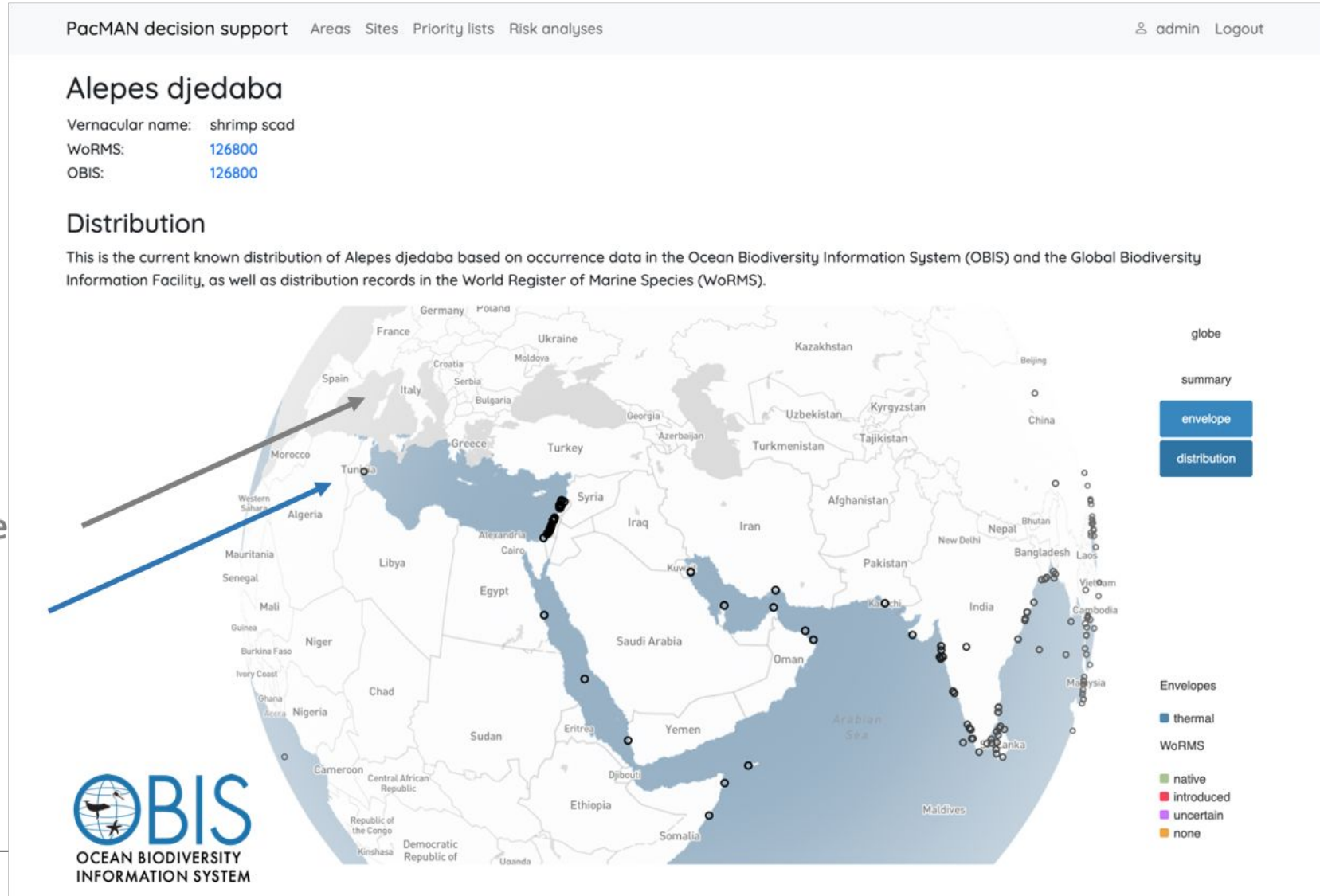


OBIS invasive species Decision Support Tool includes risk analysis based on thermal niche modeling

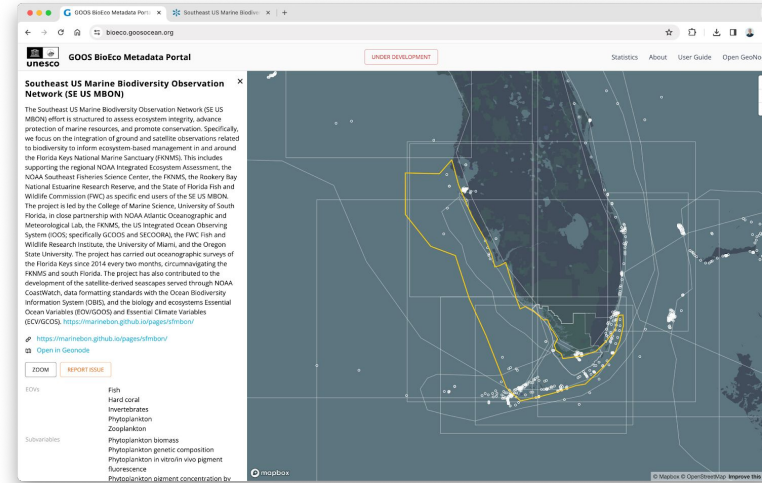
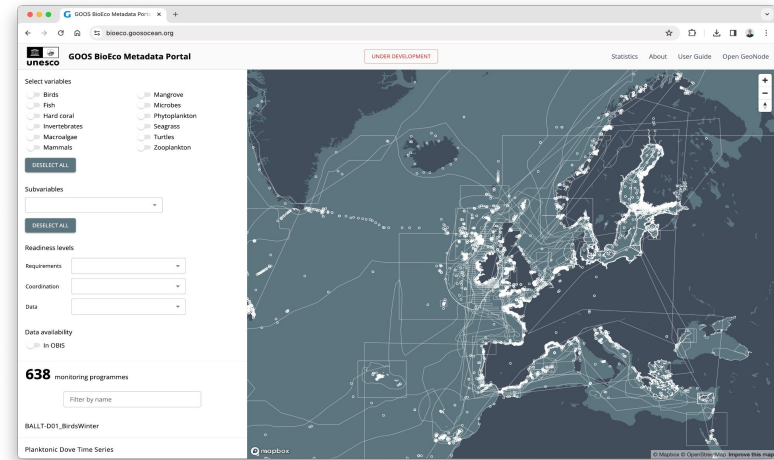
First most Western detection made by Seawatchers Marine Citizen Science Platform in 2012

Outside thermal range

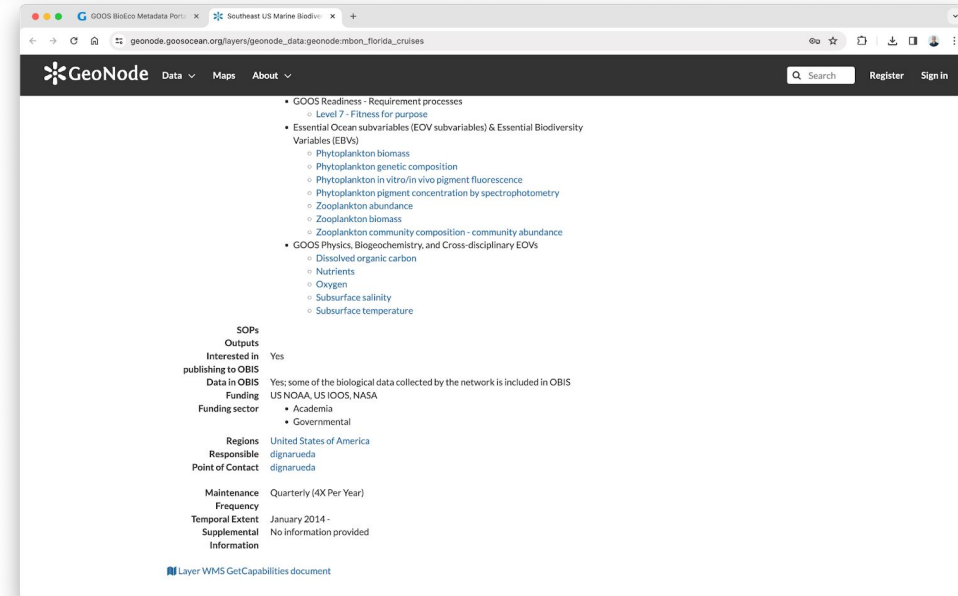
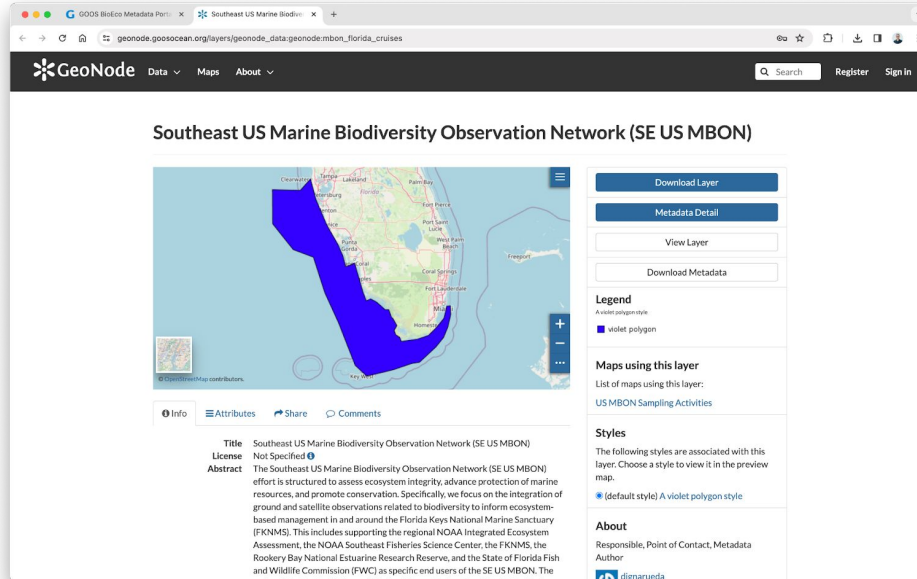
Within thermal range



OBIS/BioEco Portal/connections across GOOS

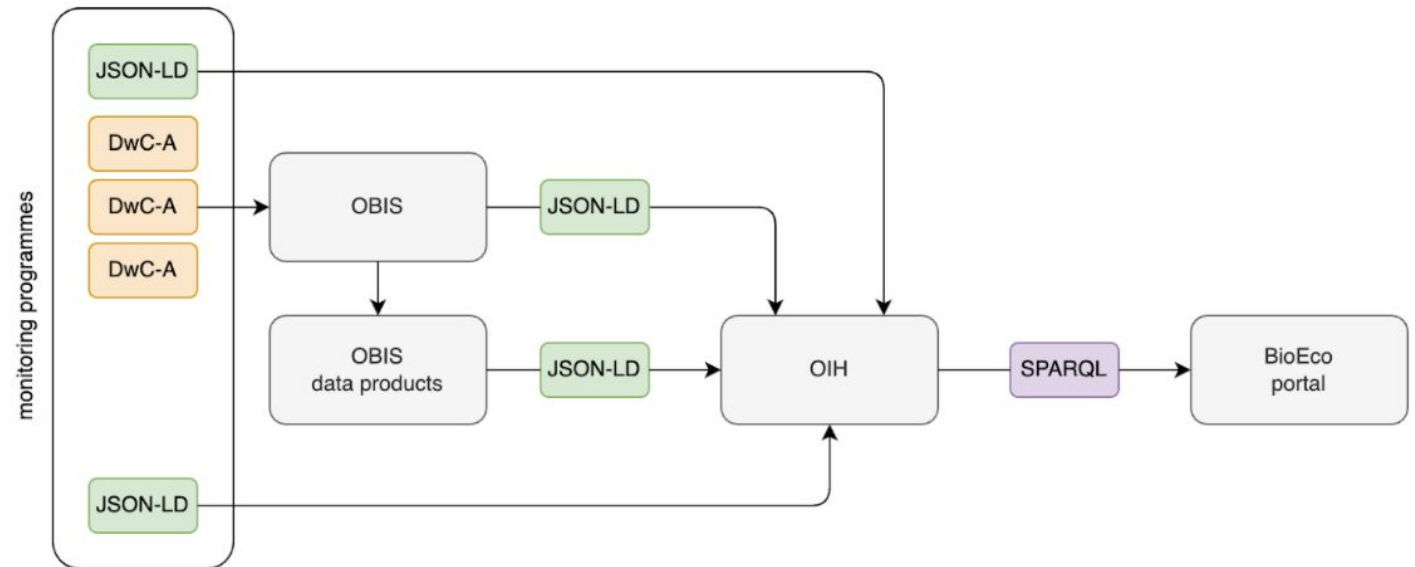


Portal allows you to discover what programmes are collecting what EOVs, where (600+ programmes)



BioEco Portal

Planned – automated
Easy upload of
metadata scripts –
ensures consistency
in metadata standards



Through EU funding, OBIS now has 1.5 FTE to support GOOS BioEco to develop a set of (minimum) data and metadata requirements, data schemes, data control checks and vocabularies for interoperable dataflows

Essential Ocean Variables for Biology and Ecosystems

Functional Groups



Microbes

Diversity and biomass



Phytoplankton

Diversity and biomass



Zooplankton

Diversity and biomass



Benthic invertebrates

Abundance and distribution



Fish

Abundance and distribution



Sea turtles

Abundance and distribution



Seabirds

Abundance and distribution



Marine mammals

Abundance and distribution

Habitat State



Seagrass

Cover and composition



Macroalgae

Cover and composition



Mangrove

Cover and composition



Coral

Cover and composition

Across discipline



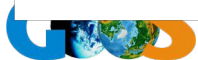
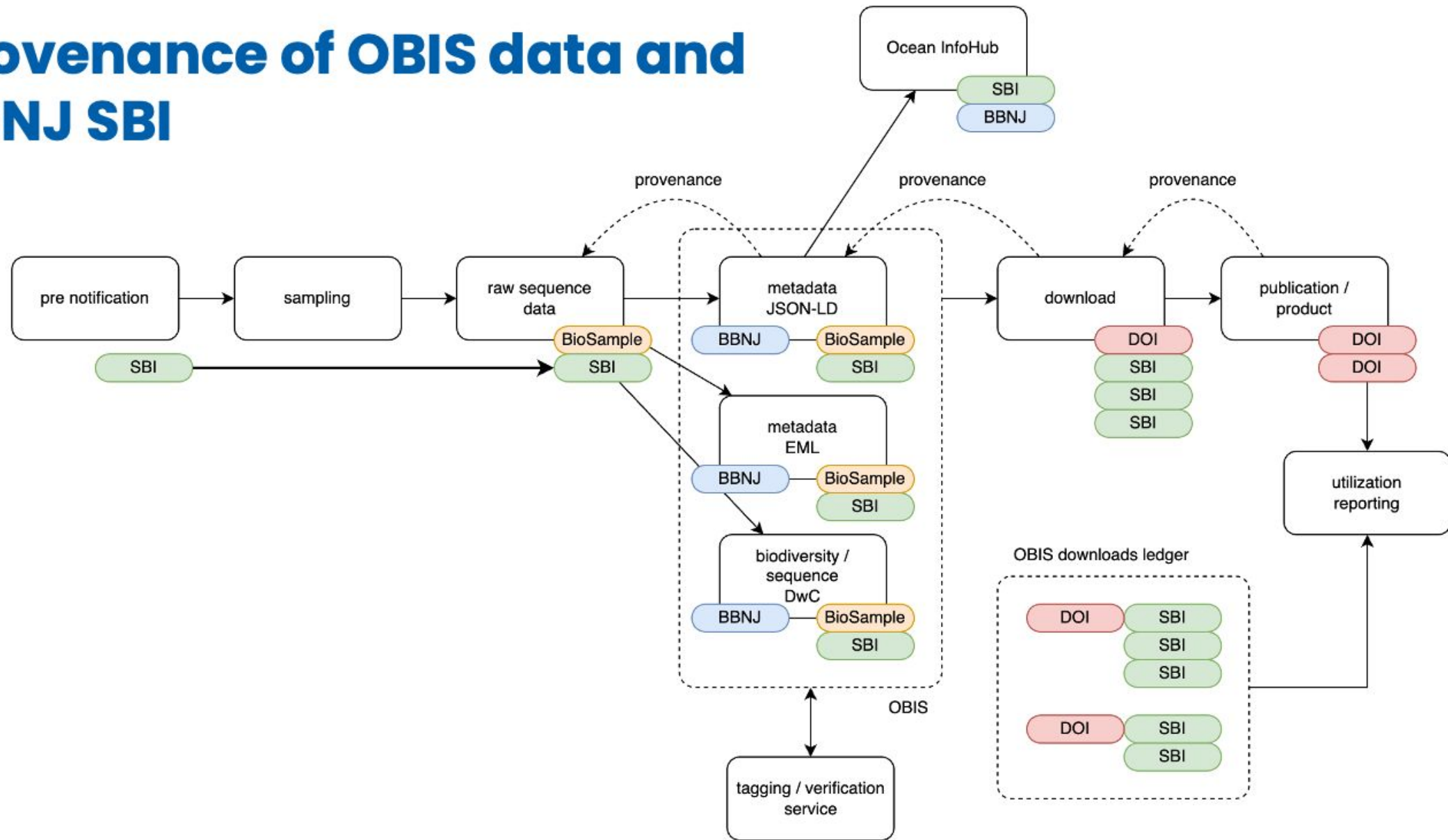
Ocean Colour



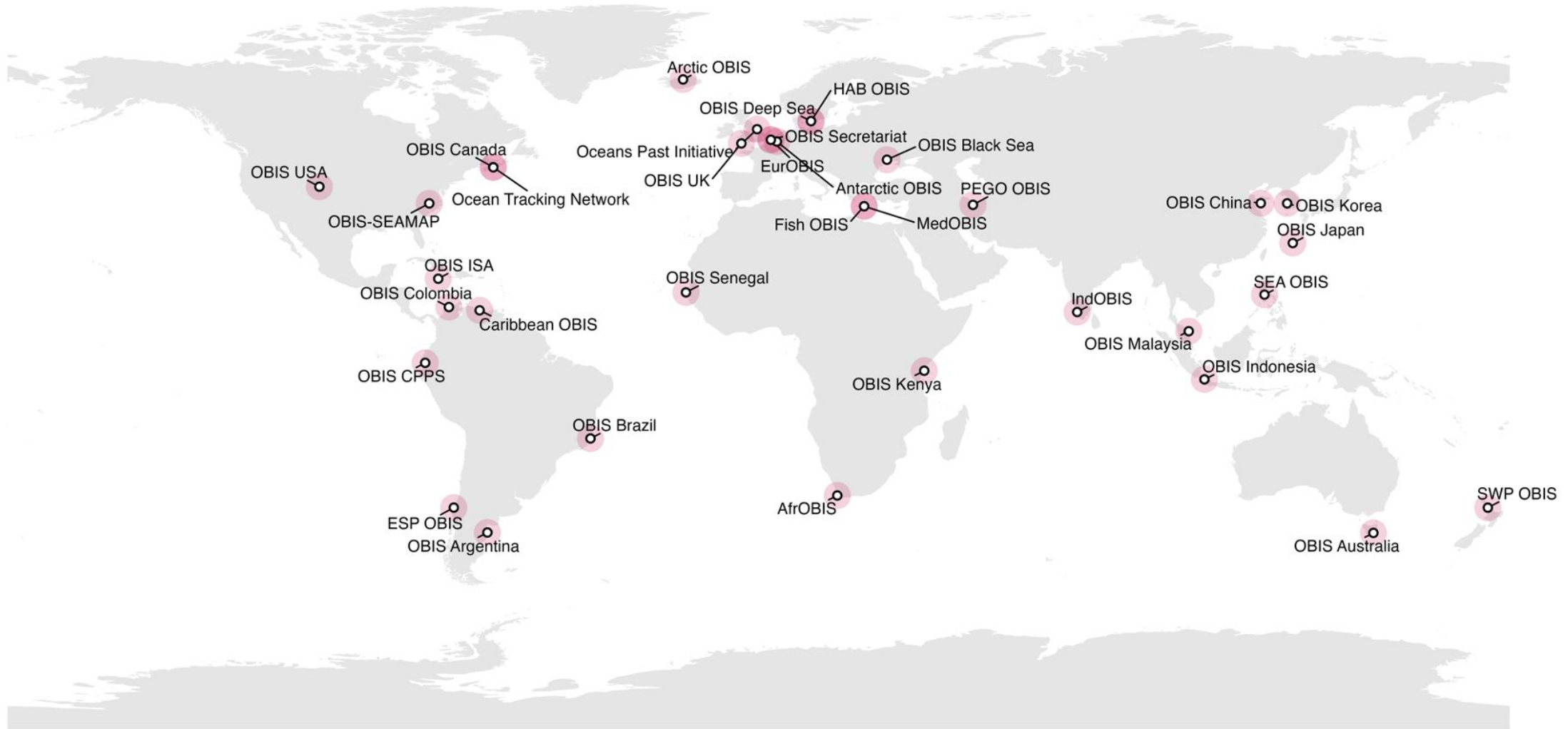
Ocean Sound

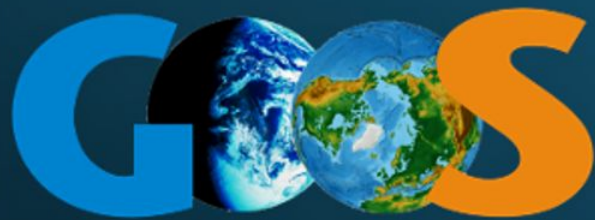


Provenance of OBIS data and BBNJ SBI



OBIS Nodes



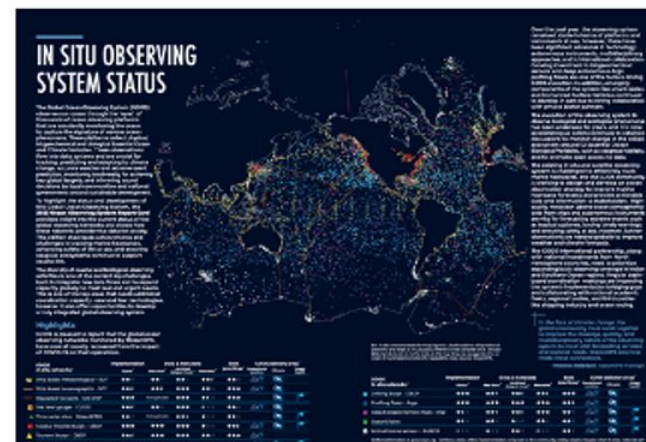


Ocean Biodiversity Observing Monitoring System



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Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission



Support monitoring the implementation of the CBD Global Biodiversity Framework

GOOS BioEco Metadata Portal

Select variables:

- Marine
- Microbes
- Phytoplankton
- Seagrass
- Turtles
- Zooplankton

Convention on Biological Diversity

THE BIODIVERSITY PLAN
For Life on Earth

638 monitoring programmes

Filter by name

Website: bioeco.goosocan.org



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Any questions?

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