

# The Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service and its use for marine resource applications

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# Copernicus Marine Service

Organization, products & services,  
users and applications

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## SATELLITES

(S1, S3, Jason-3, S6, S2)



## SERVICES



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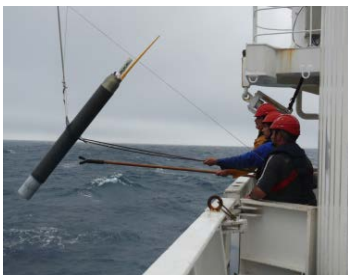
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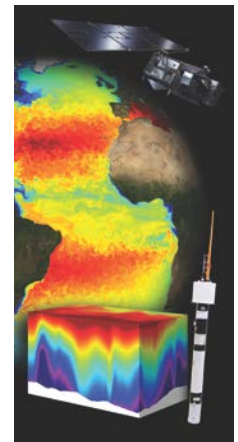
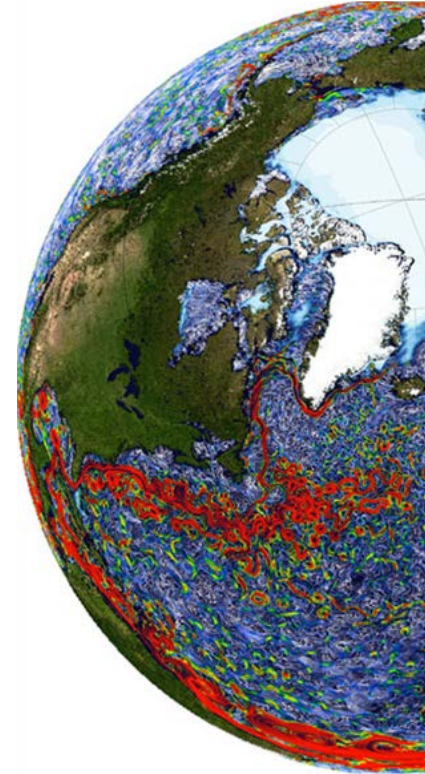
# The Copernicus Marine Service

## Pressing/increasing needs to monitor the oceans:

- to understand and predict the evolution of our weather and climate.
- for a better and sustainable management of our oceans and seas.

**Copernicus Marine Service Vision:** “A world-leading marine environment and monitoring service, supporting blue growth and the blue economy, for maritime safety, effective use of marine resources, healthy waters, informing coastal and marine hazard services, and supporting climate services”

*Operational Oceanography integrated (observations, models, user services) and science based approach*

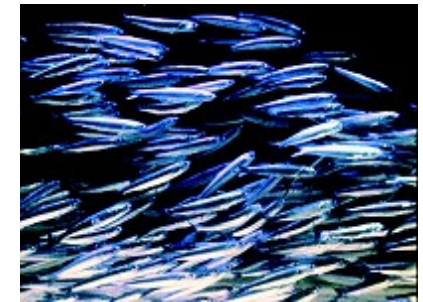
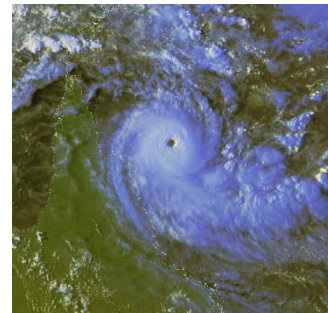




# COPERNICUS MARINE SERVICE DRIVERS : CLIMATE + OCEAN HEALTH + OCEAN SERVICES



Climate, decadal and seasonal forecasting  
Weather forecasting and extreme events



Fishery management  
Aquaculture



Renewable marine energy



Offshore Industry



Maritime Security,  
Marine Safety



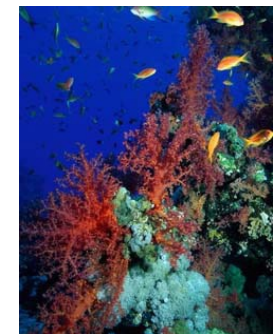
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Coastal applications, water quality, environmental monitoring and reporting/regulation, coastal hazards



Ocean, climate and ecosystem research

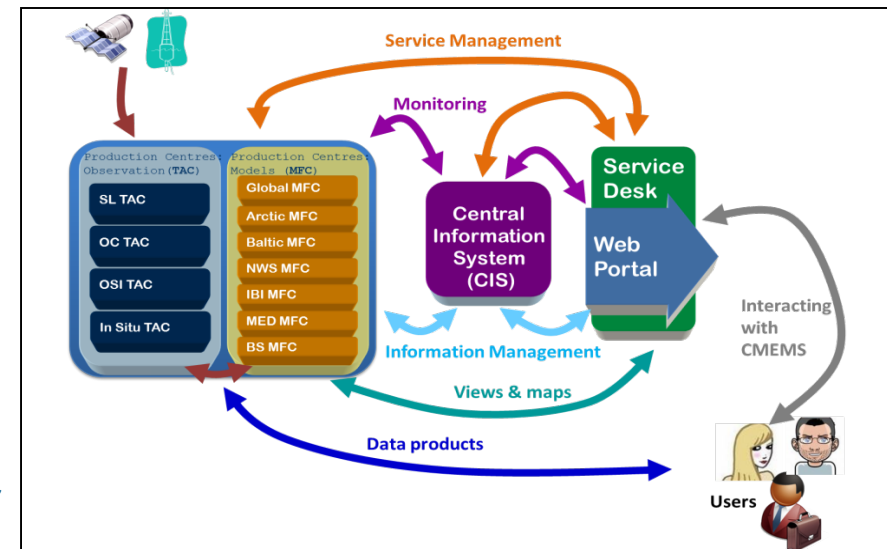


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# The Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service

## A long-term EU Marine Service:

- **Operational** and **scientifically assessed**
- **Observations** (satellite, in-situ) and **models** (analyses/forecasts)
- **Physics** (e.g. sea level, currents, temperature, sea ice) and **Biogeochemistry** (e.g. oxygen, primary production, nutrients)
- A **network** of European producers
- A **unique catalogue**: **Worldwide** and **European-wide** coverage
- A **central information system** to search, view, download products and monitor the system
- A **service desk** to support users who relies on a network of technical & marine experts
- **Generic** to serve a **wide range** of **downstream applications**. More than **9200** registered users



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# The Copernicus Marine Service

Observations  
and Models

REPROCESSING  
REANALYSES  
30 years



REAL-TIME  
Daily,  
hourly

FORECAST  
2 to 10  
days



- 1 Global
- 2 Arctic
- 3 Baltic
- 4 NWS
- 5 IBI
- 6 Med Sea
- 7 Black Sea

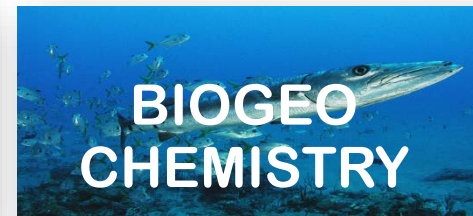
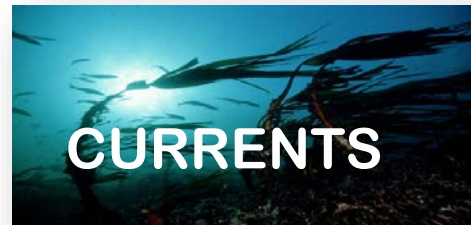
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## ESSENTIAL OCEAN VARIABLES



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OCEAN FORECASTERS

# Copernicus Marine Service Evaluation of product quality



**SCIENTIFIC VALIDATION  
METHODS / METRICS BASED ON  
INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS**

**PRODUCT AND PRODUCT  
QUALITY DOCUMENTATION FOR  
ALL PRODUCTS**

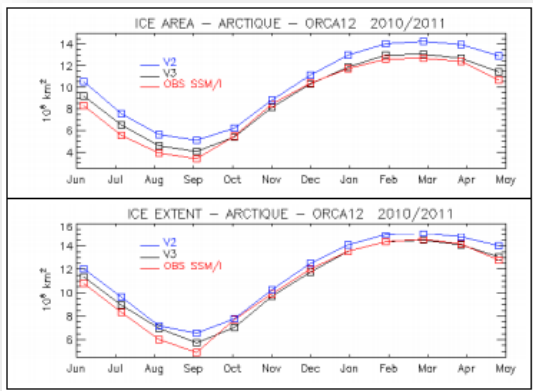


Figure 23: Sea ice area (upper panel,  $10^6$  km<sup>2</sup>) and extent (lower panel,  $10^6$  km<sup>2</sup>) in the Arctic in HR global products V2 (blue line), HR global products V3 (black line) and SSM/I observations (red line) for a one year period ending in June 2011

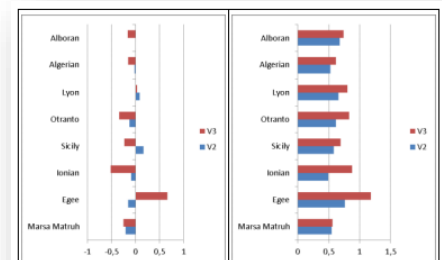
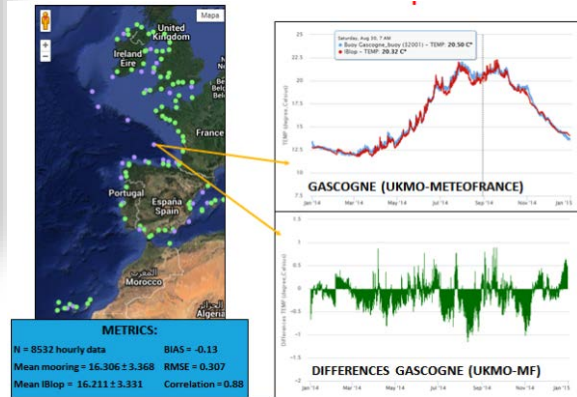


Figure 11: Comparison of SST data assimilation forecast scores (left: average mist in K, right: RMS mist in K) averaged on calibration period in the Mediterranean MED region. For each region, the bars refer respectively to V2 (blue) and V3 (red). The geographical location of regions is displayed in the annex



# CMEMS Annual Ocean State Report

*State of the global ocean and the European seas, highlighting changes occurred during the previous year. Value added information based on CMEMS products (reprocessing, reanalysis) and scientific expertise. Published in a peer-reviewed journal (Journal of Operational Oceanography).*



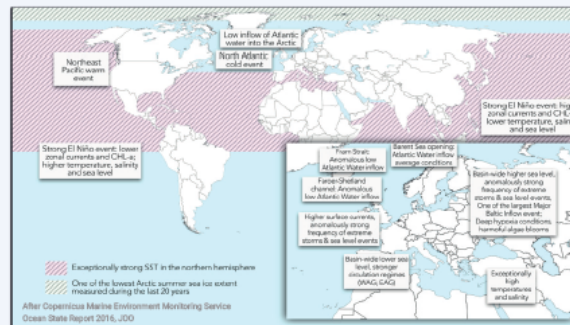
Written by 80 scientific experts from more than 25 European institutions, the first Ocean State Report is a step forward into the development of regular annual reporting on the state and health of the global ocean and European regional seas based on Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service products.

This document is a comprehensive summary of the Copernicus Marine Service "Ocean State Report" and aims at providing its major findings.

## PRINCIPAL FINDINGS

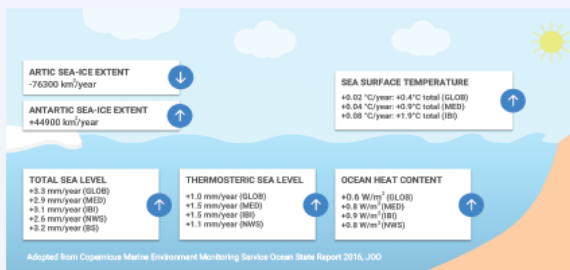
Principal findings of the first Ocean State Report focus on the fundamental role of the oceans in the Earth's climate system; as an energetic and biogeochemical buffer affecting the ocean's physics and chemistry; and as regulator through its ability to absorb and transport large quantities of heat, moisture, and biogeochemical gases around the planet.

### Changes in 2015



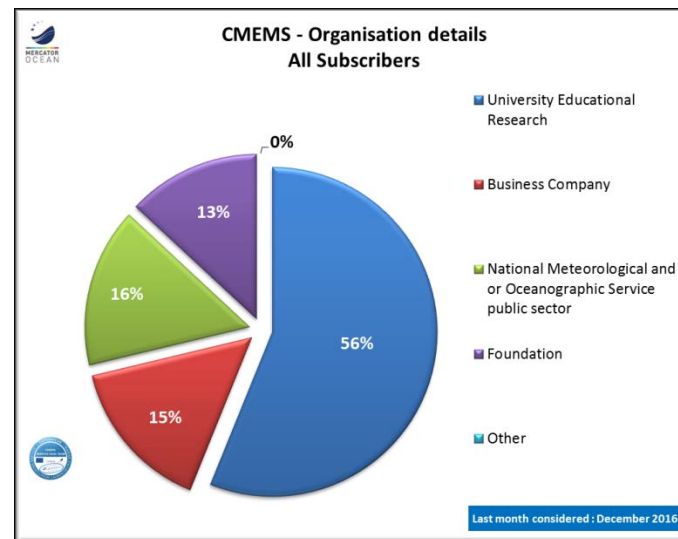
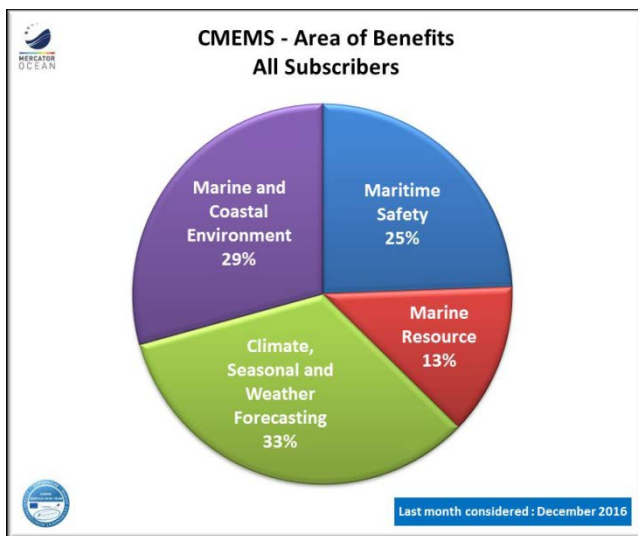
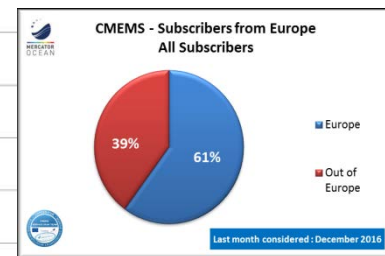
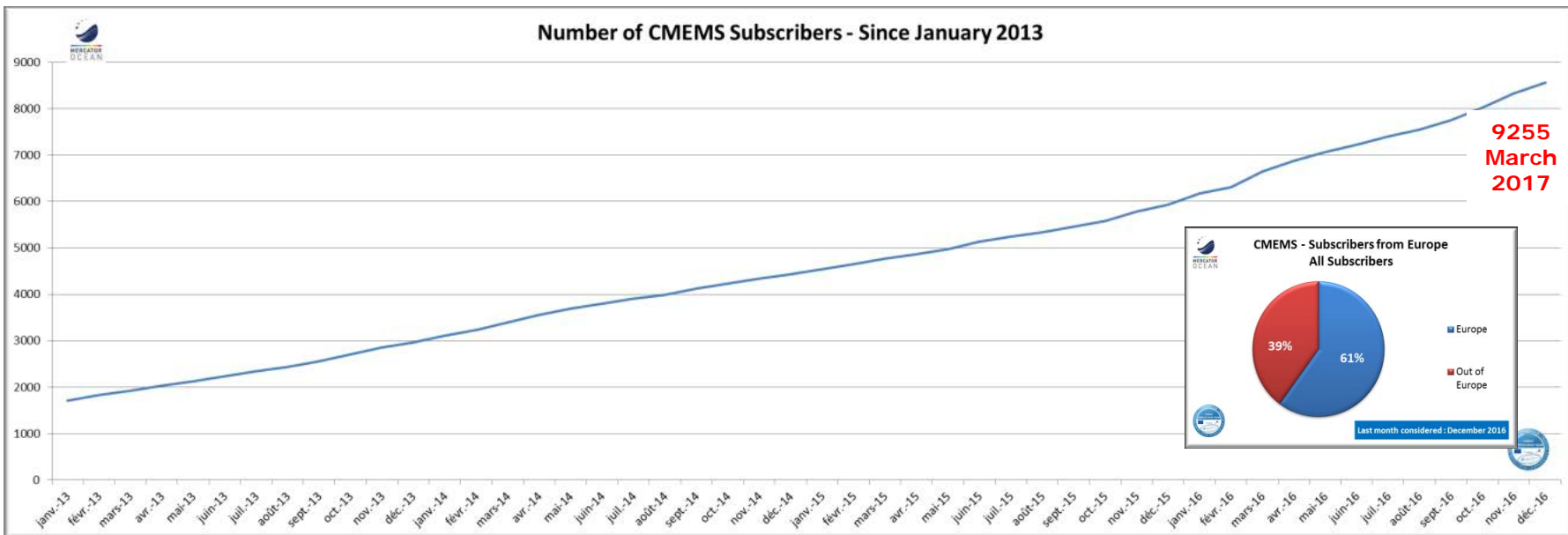
Anomalous changes are reported for the year 2015 relative to the reference period 1993-2014, using parameters such as ocean temperature and salinity, sea level, ocean heat, sea ice extent, chlorophyll and oxygen.

### 1993-2015 trends

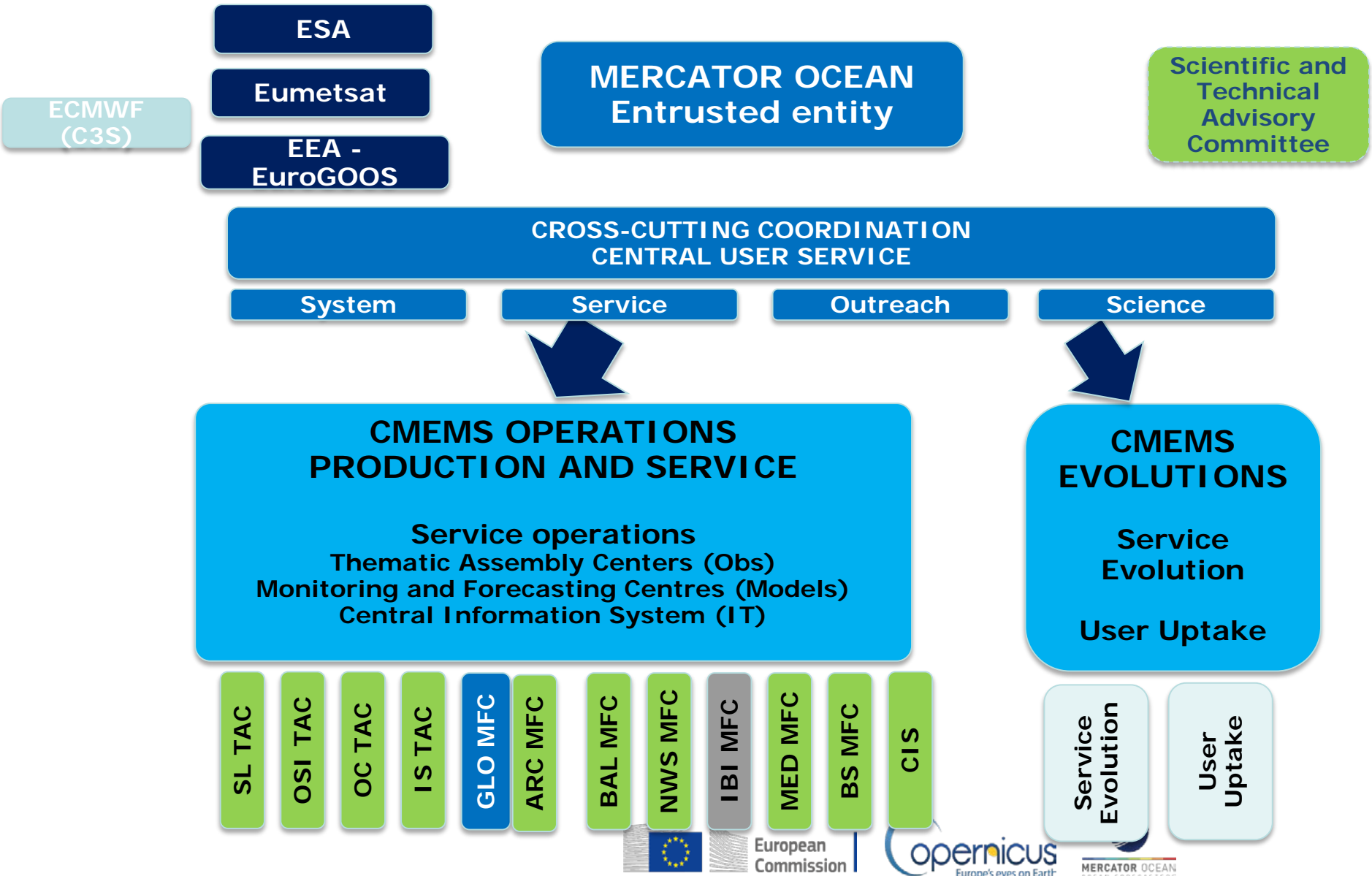


The first issue reports on a number of trends, including decreasing Arctic and increasing Antarctic sea ice extent, global and regional sea level rise, sea surface temperature rise and the warming of the global and European regional seas.

# CMEMS Subscribers



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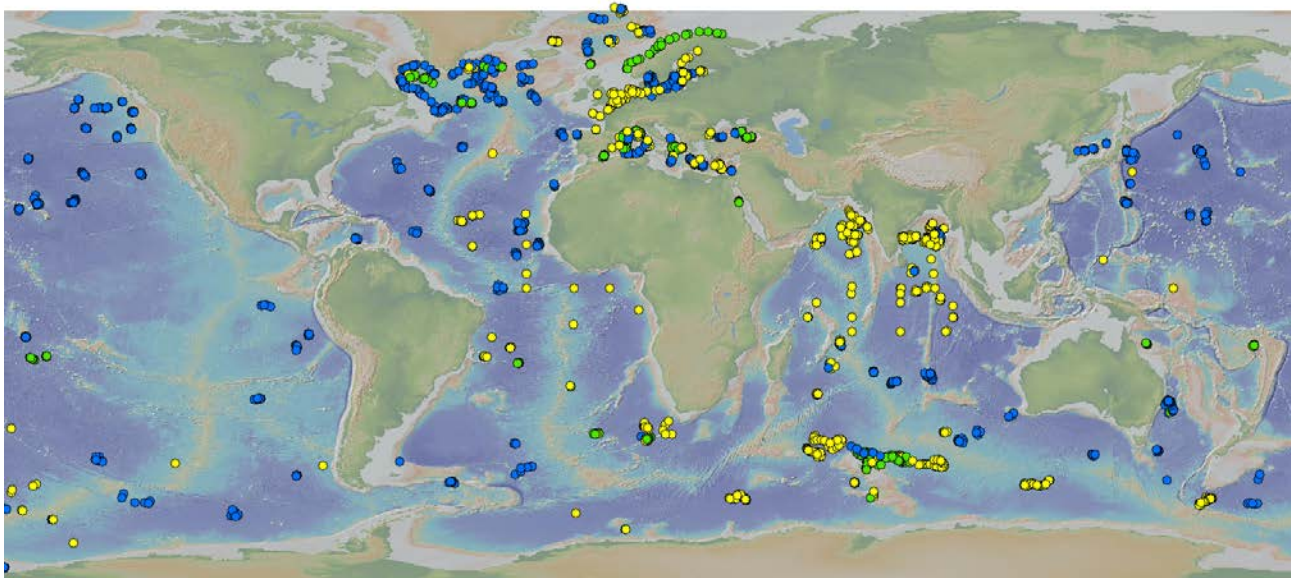
## Monitoring of the « green » ocean



# Biogeochemical In Situ data (In-Situ TAC)

## In Situ observations from CMEMS in-situ Thematic Assembly Center (TAC)

- ~ 5% of the 22000 platforms that are collecting every month measure BGC parameters
- Variables: Chla, Oxygen, BBP, CDOM, PAR (NO<sub>3</sub>, pH)
- Catalogue:
  - NRT (near real time) product: mainly automatic platforms. Automatic QC
  - REP (reprocessed) product: covering 1990 – 2015, low amount of observations in Global Ocean before BGC floats. More historical data in marginal seas.



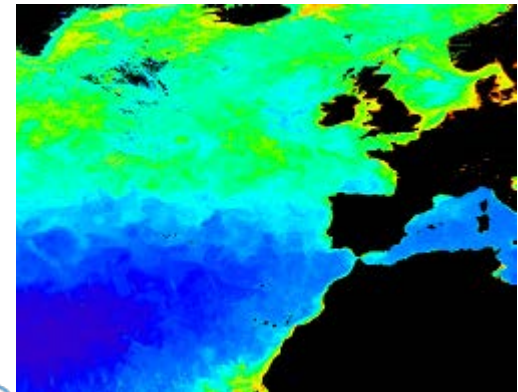
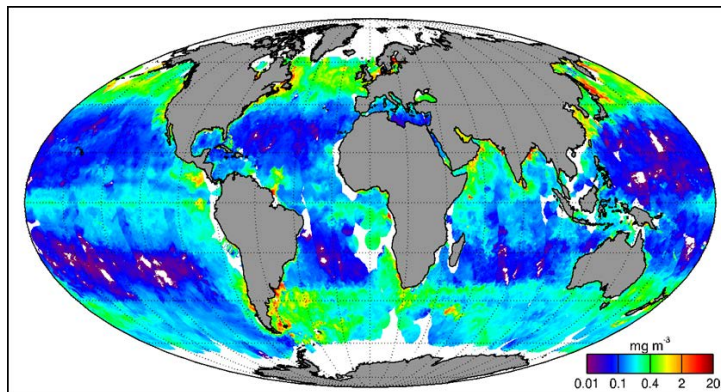
Map of BGC in situ obs. : **Oxygen**, **Chlorophyll**, **Others**



# Biogeochemical Satellite data

## Satellite observations from CMEMS Ocean Color TAC

- ★ Variables: Chla, BBP, attenuation coef., reflectance
- ★ Catalogue:
  - L3 & L4 global and regional single/multi sensors products
  - Sensors: Seawifs, Meris, Modis, VIIRS, OLCI (will be released in mid 2017)
  - Global REP & NRT products at 4 km resolution, (REP: 1997-Aug-2016 period)
  - Regional REP & NRT products at 1 km resolution
- ★ Use of OC products:
  - For modelling quality assessment
  - For data assimilation
  - Indicators to monitor the marine environment (eg. MSFD) for the management of marine resources



# Biogeochemical Models (MFC)



## Global Ocean

**Variables:** Chla, NO<sub>3</sub>, PO<sub>4</sub>, Si, Fe, O<sub>2</sub>, Phyto. Biomass, Primary Production

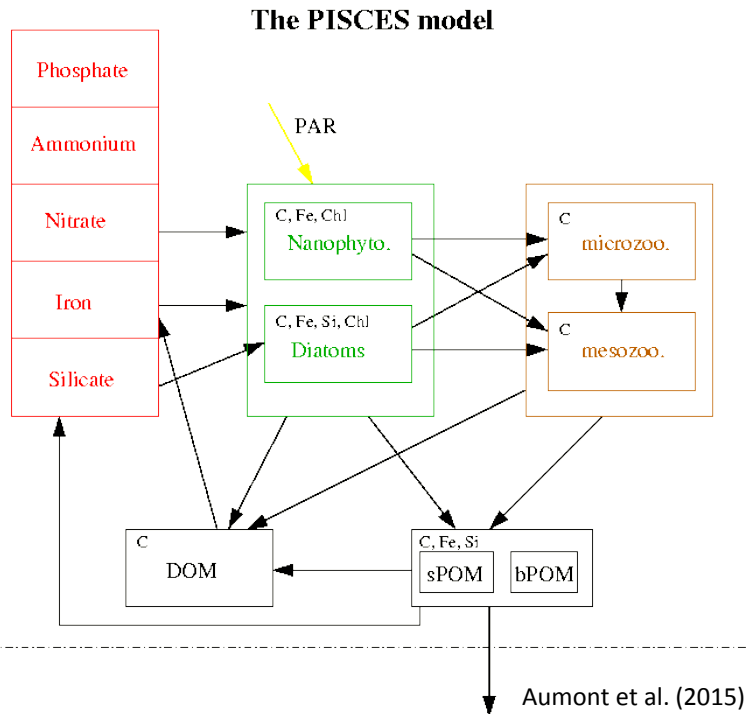
### Catalogue:

Features	Near Real Time NRT	Common	Reanalysis/Hindcast RAN
<b>BGC Model:</b>		<b>PISCES</b>	
<b>Resolution:</b>		1/4° (~25km)	
<b>Vertical levels:</b>	50 levels		75 levels
<b>Time coverage:</b>	2012 – Present		1998 -2014
<b>Atm. Forcings:</b>	ECMWF analyses		ERA-Interim
<b>Ocean dyn.:</b>	NEMO NRT 001_024		NEMO Free RAN 001_025
<b>Assimilation:</b>	Phy: <b>SST, SLA, In Situ T&amp;S</b>		No assimilation
<b>Assimilation scheme:</b>	<b>SEEK and bias correction</b>		
<b>Coupling BGC-Phys:</b>	Offline, daily freq.		
<b>Outputs:</b>	Weekly mean		Monthly mean



# The PISCES model

## Global Ocean



### Basic Features

- ✓ PISCES = ecosystem model of the low trophic levels embedded in a model of ocean circulation
- ✓ 24 prognostic variables, 5 limiting nutrients, 2 phytoplankton and zooplankton species, 3 detritus compartments
- ✓ Ocean dynamics (mostly vertical transport) put together/split nutrients and light (inversely distributed in the water column) which allow phytoplankton to do photosynthesis

**Community model**  
Available on the NEMO platform:  
<http://www.nemo-ocean.eu/>

### Advanced features

- Redfieldian model for C/N/P ratio
- variable C / Chl, C/Fe, C/Si ratios
- Carbon and oxygen cycles
- No feedback of chlorophyll concentration on temperature profile

- Mixed Monod/Quota model (Monod, 1942): no diurnal cycle
- Balance between external inputs and losses in the sediments after particule sinking
- External inputs: rivers (Fe, Si, and P), dust (Fe, Si and P) and sedimentary iron





# Biogeochemical Models (MFC)



## Regional / Med Sea

**Variables:** Chla, NO3, PO4, O2, Phyto. Biomass, pH, pCO2

### Catalogue:

**Features**

**NRT**

**Common**

**RAN**

**BGC Model:**

**BFM**

**Resolution:**

1/16° (6 km)

**Vertical levels:**

72 levels

**Time coverage:**

2013 – Present

1999 – 2014

**Atm. Forcings:**

Med. product

**Ocean dyn.:**

NEMO NRT 006\_001

NEMO RAN 006\_009

**Assimilation:**

SST, SLA, In Situ T&S, OC Chl

**Assimilation scheme:**

3D-Var

**Coupling BGC-Phys:**

Online

**Outputs:**

Daily mean

Monthly mean

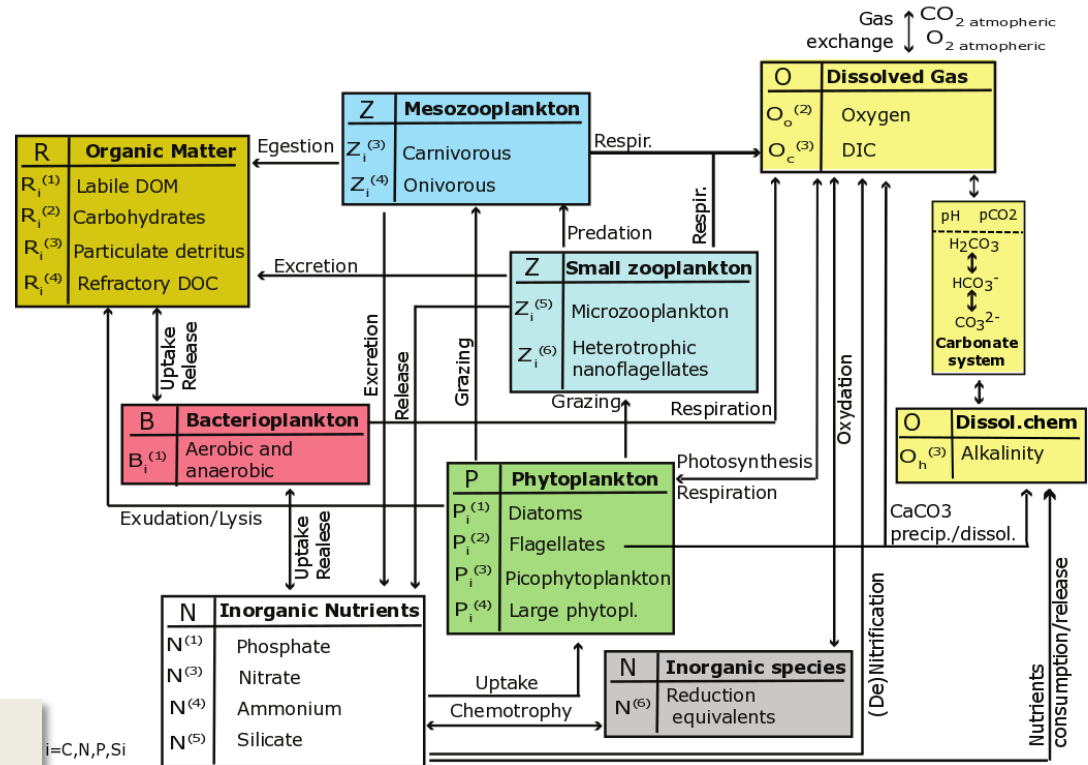


# Biogeochemical Models (MFC)

## Med. Sea: BFM

### Features

- 51 variables;
- Cycle of C, N, P, Si, O;
- Carbonate system
- Plankton Functional Types formulation
- 4 phytoplankton & 4 zooplankton species, 1 bacteria
- Variable stoichiometry



Community model  
Available on the BFM platform:  
<http://bfm-community.eu/>



# Status on CMEMS BGC Data Assimilation developments

Already implemented
Work in Progress
None

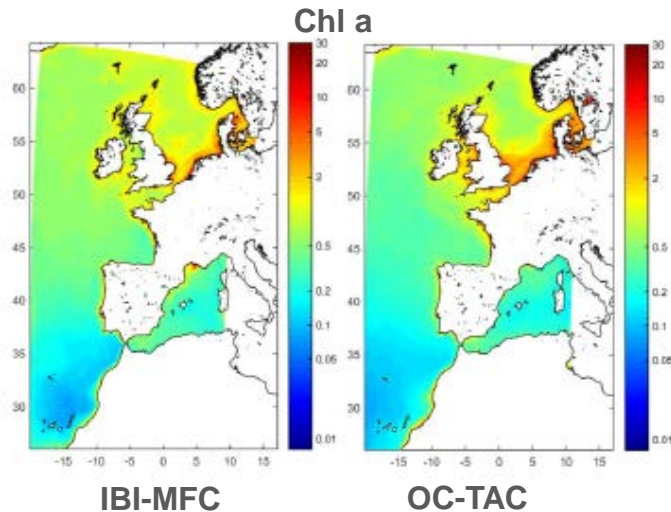
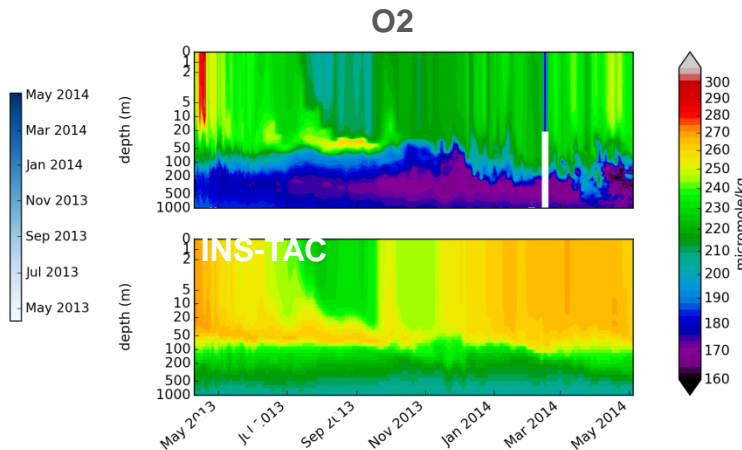
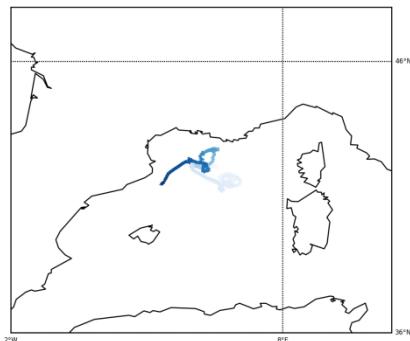


For most MFCs, BGC DA is an ongoing work, with various progress stages according to the different working groups.

ARC-MFC	Configuration	HYCOM (physic) + online ECOSMO (BGC) 12.5km, RAN at 30 km
	NRT	no DA
	RAN	2007-2010 <b>with OC DA</b> in NORWECOM (Simon <i>et al.</i> 2015) 2007-2014 <b>with OC DA</b> in ECOSMO (ongoing)
	Work in Progress	Adaptation of DA tunings were necessary during integration because changes of OC obs properties on the period
BAL-MFC	Configuration	HBM (physic) + online ERGOM (BGC) 1nm, RAN at 2nm
	NRT	no DA
	RAN	DA of nutrient profiles (N, P, O) → ends in 1999, no longer disseminated
BS-MFC	DA is not implemented so far	
IBI-MFC	Configuration	NEMO 1/36° + PISCES at 1/12°.
	NRT / RAN	no DA - DA is not expected to be implemented so far
GLO-MFC	Configuration	¼° NEMO (physic) + offline PISCES (BGC) global model at ¼° - Weekly products
	NRT / RAN	No current DA
	Work in Progress	Implementation of <b>assimilation of satellite surface Chla</b> at global scale – SAM2 Reduced Order Kalman Filter
MED-MFC	Configuration	BFM model at 1/16°
	NRT / RAN	<b>DA of Chla</b> in pelagic area (z>200m) estimates from MODIS satellite data from OC TAC ESA CCI ocean color observation are assimilated in the RAN
	Method	3DVar
NWS-MFC	Configuration	NEMO + ERSEM
	NRT / RAN	no DA
	Work in Progress	Assimilation of Chl-a already done at UK-MetOffice with FOAM (Hemming <i>et al.</i> , 2008), adaptation currently going on for NWS

# Validation & Quality assessment

- Common work concerning validation with new sensors/instruments (e.g. BGC Argo, Ferry-Boxes, Moorings)
- Validation/Verification/Qualification and Performance assessment of the operational centres are performed for:
  - Chl against in-situ and satellite data, climatologies
  - NO<sub>3</sub>, PO<sub>4</sub>, Si, O<sub>2</sub> against in-situ data, climatologies
  - DIC, Alkalinity against climatologies
- Monitor performance on key physical parameters for BGC variables (e.g. MLD)





# Copernicus Marine Service

## Applications for marine resources management

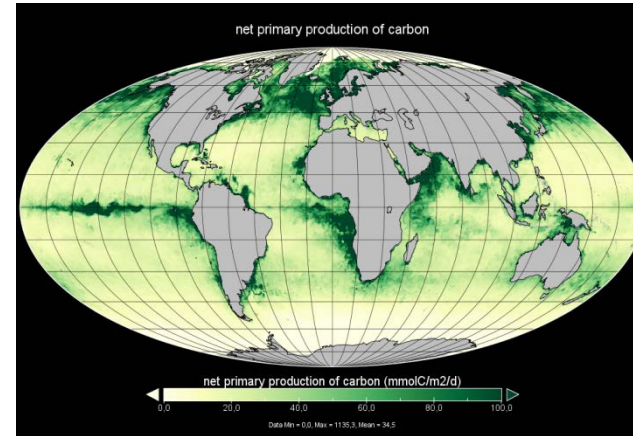
*Production of key ecosystem variables (zooplankton and micronekton) using CMEMS products and application to exploited fish population population dynamics (CLS)*

*Monitoring of pelagic habitats in support of high trophic level modelling and fisheries management (JRC)*

*Services for Aquaculture in the Mediterranean Sea (ACRI)*

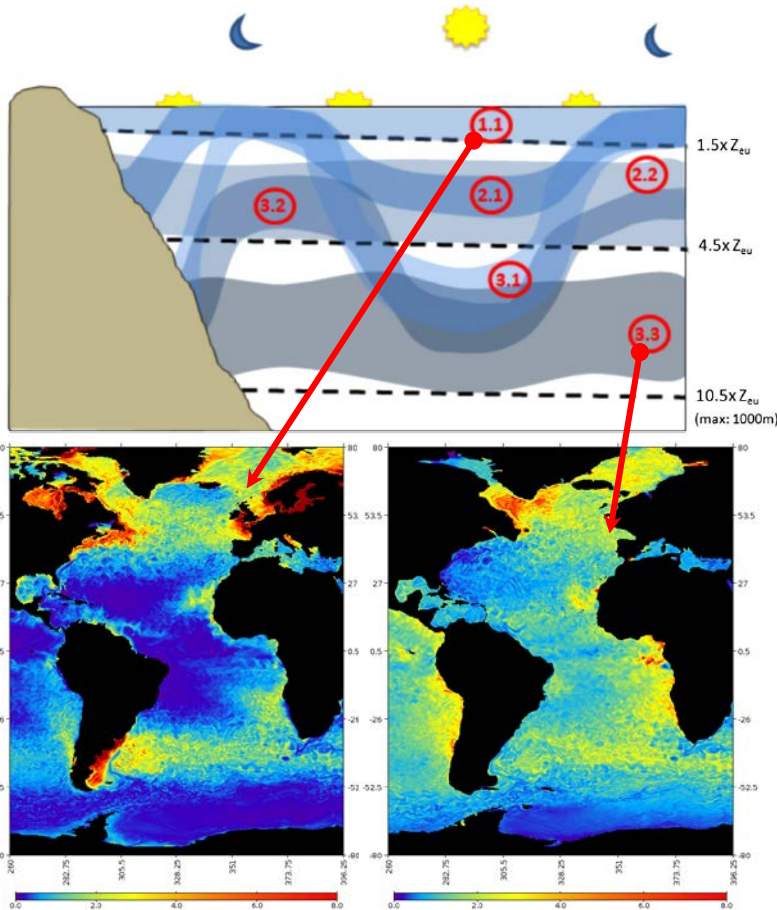
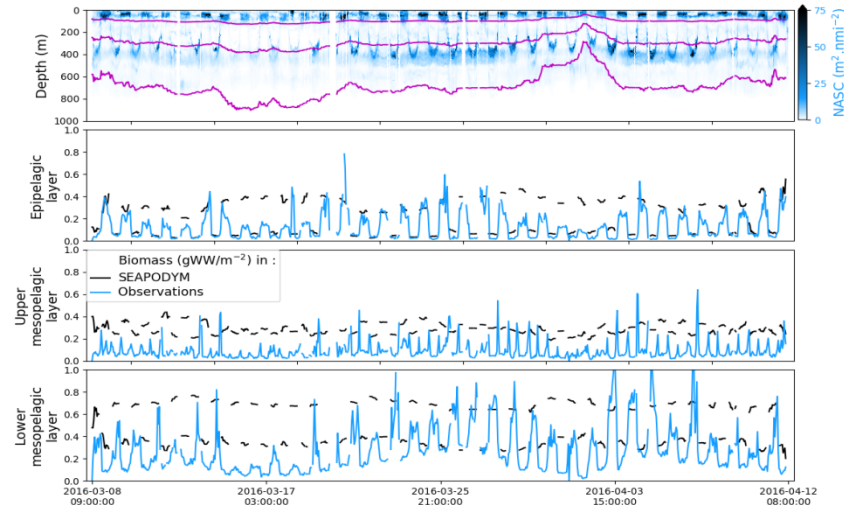
# Use of CMEMS products to force the SEAPODYM model. SEAPODYM includes mid-trophic functional groups (zooplankton & micronekton) representing the intermediate levels of the oceanic food web and detailed fish population dynamics (P. Lehodey, CLS)

The model requires ocean temperature, currents and Primary production (PP) as forcing



PP is provided by biogeochemical models or derived from satellite Ocean colour data

Zooplankton and micronekton outputs are optimized (model parameters) and validated (model outputs) using in situ data (zooplankton net sampling and bio-acoustic transects (38kHz)

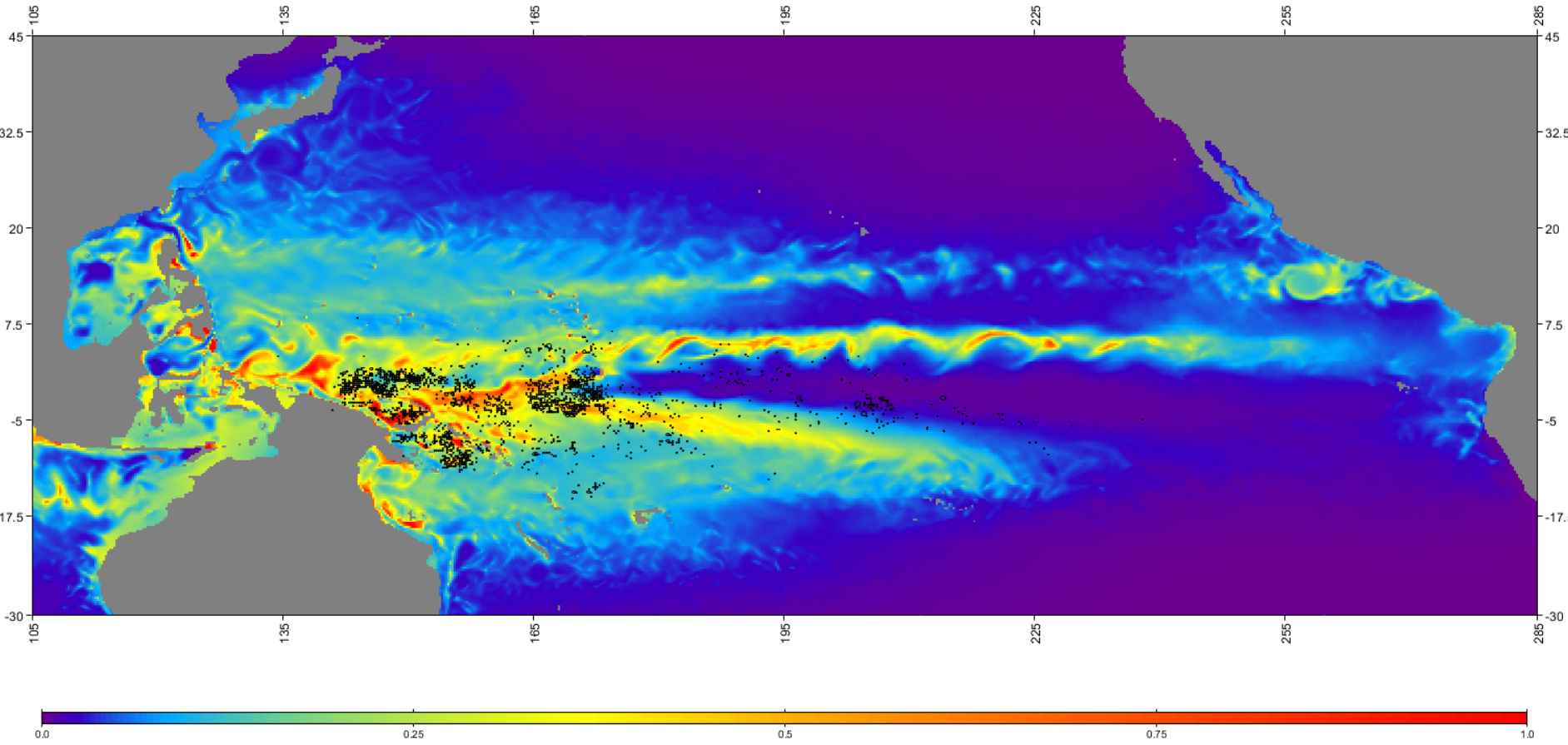


One zooplankton and 6 micronekton functional groups between surface and ~1000m depth with PP as the energy source, and temperature and currents driving the dynamics.

# Validation after downscaling of optimized parameters at resolution 1/4° x week using GLORYS2v4 (free run)

Predicted exploitable (30-70 cm FL) skipjack density (t/km<sup>2</sup>) at resolution 1/4° x week (2013-2015) and observed total catch (monthly)

P. Lehodey, CLS

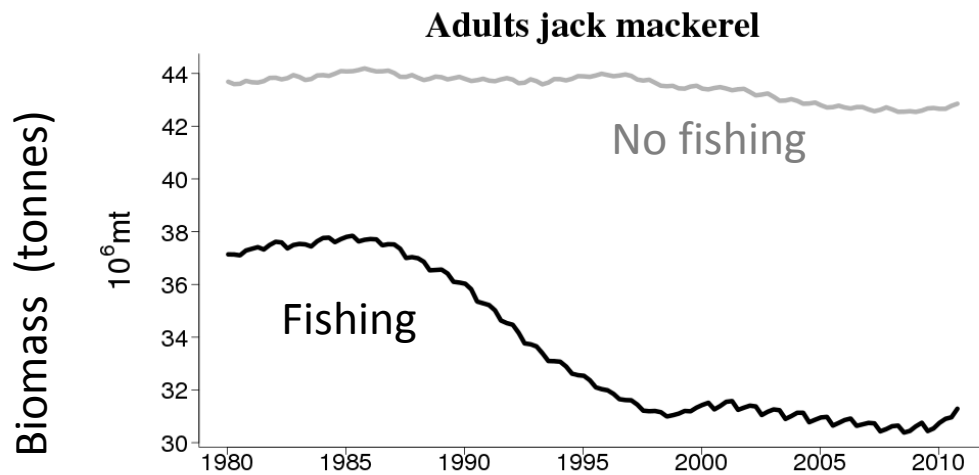
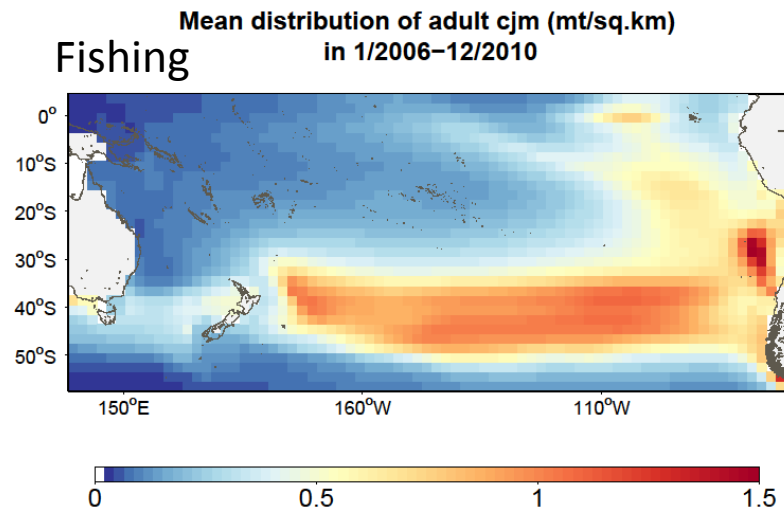
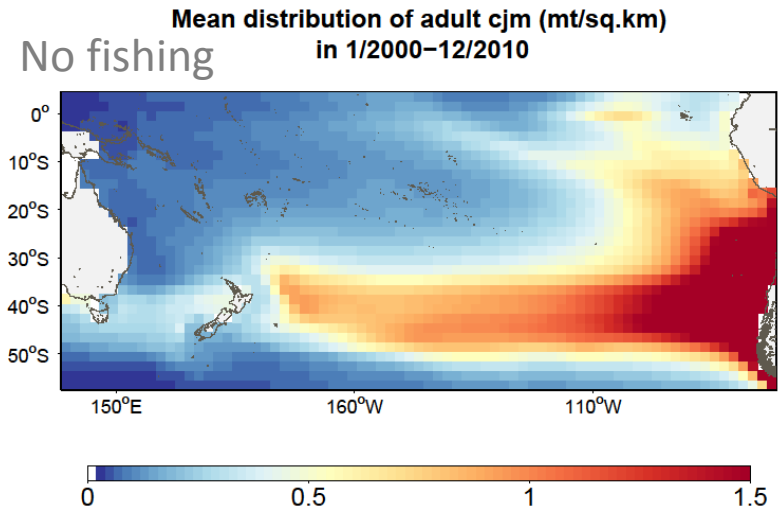




Since the 1970's, South Pacific jack mackerel (*Trachurus murphyi*) is one of the world's most important commercial exploited fish stock.

Hindcast simulation of coupled NEMO-PISCES physical-biogeochemical models provides historical data set of environmental variables (temperature, currents, primary production, dissolved oxygen) needed to run a fish population dynamics model to estimate stock and fishing impact.

P. Lehodey, CLS



Dragon et al., in press. Modelling South Pacific Jack Mackerel spatial population dynamics and fisheries. *Fisheries Oceanography*.



# Forecasting and management center for marine resources



## Objectives

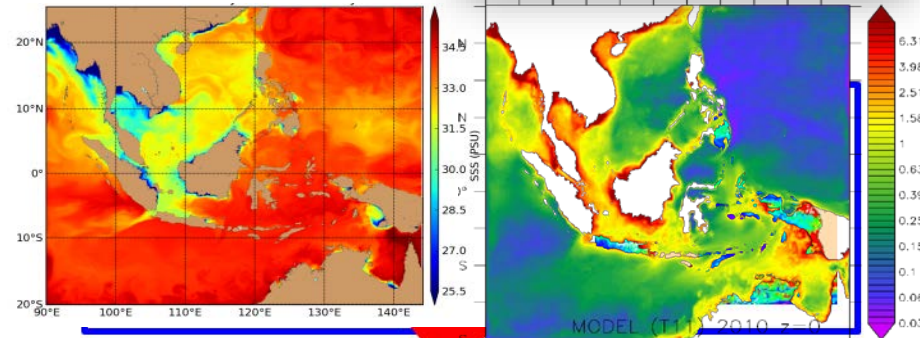
- Predict changes in fishery resource
- Protect them from illegal fishing
- Develop the fish stock on a sustainable way

The Numerical models suite consists of :

- ✓ Physics (Mercator Ocean and CMEMS)
- ✓ Biochemistry (Mercator Ocean and CMEMS)
- ✓ Fish population dynamics (from CLS)

The suite of models :

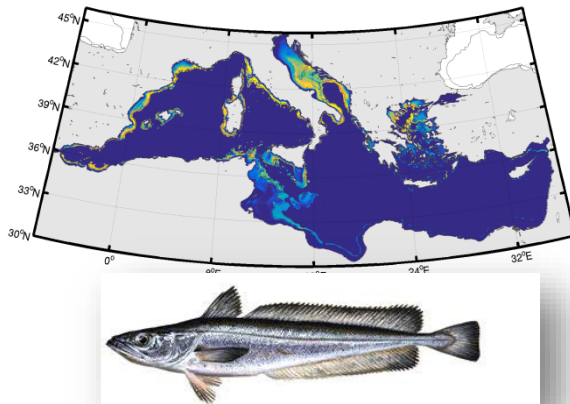
→ Fully operational in Perancak (Bali) since September 2014



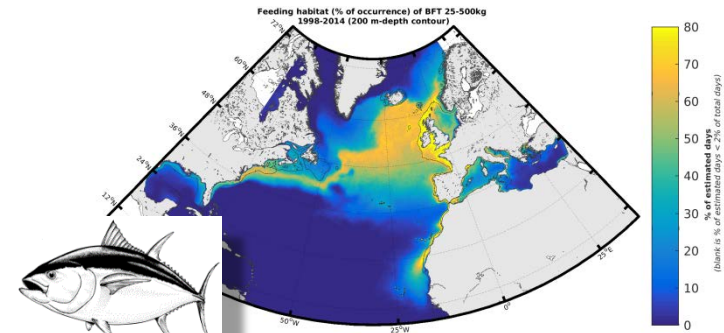


# Core feeding habitat of marine species: Daily satellite chl-a+physics from EU Copernicus Marine Service

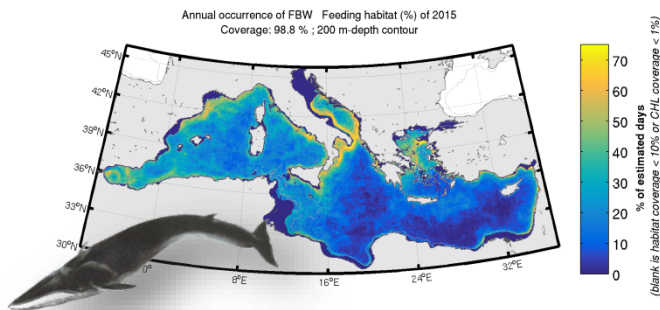
## Hake nurseries (*Druon et al 2015*)



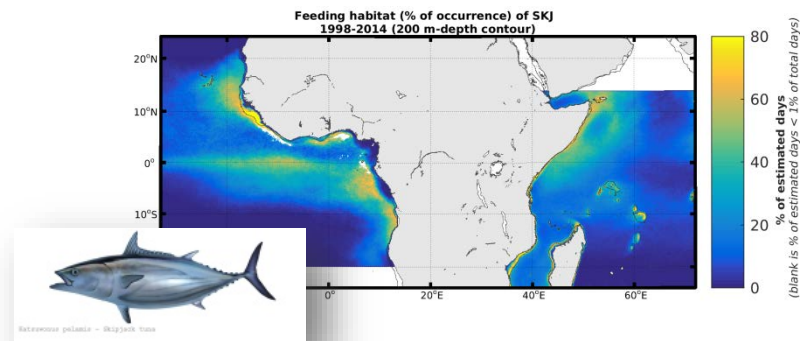
## Atlantic bluefin tuna (*Druon et al 2016*)



## Fin whale (*Druon et al 2012*)



## Skipjack tuna (*Druon et al 2016*)



**J.N. Druon, Joint Research Center**  
**Monitoring of pelagic habitats in support of high trophic level modelling and fisheries management**

(daily update at 16.00 Central European Time)

Real-time mapping of bottom trawling preferable avoidance

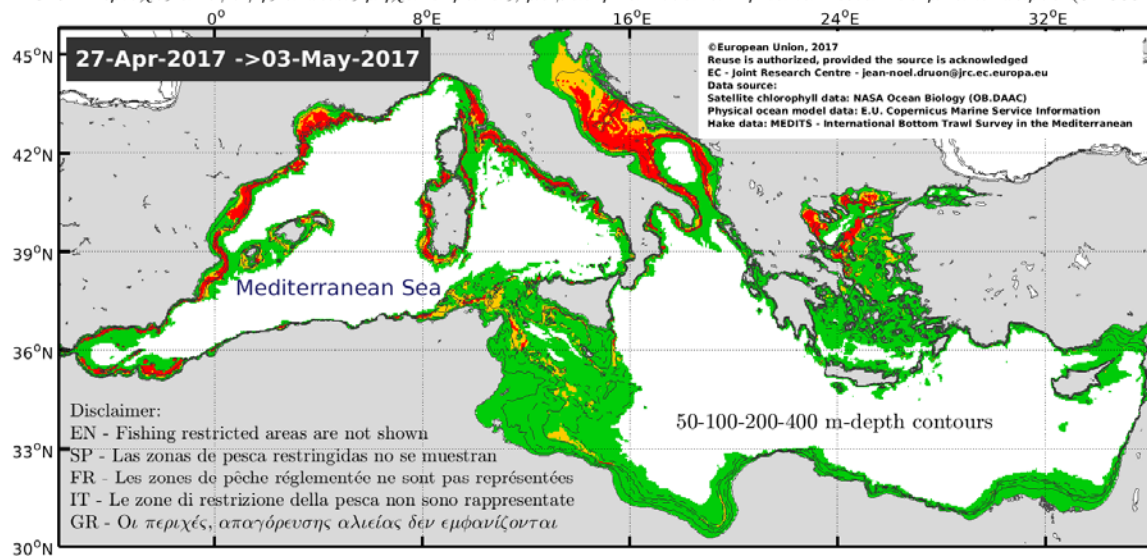
based on habitat estimation of hake nurseries ([Druon et al. 2015](#))

# REAL-TIME AVOIDANCE OF HAKE NURSERIES



<http://fishreg.jrc.ec.europa.eu/fish-habitat>

- EN - Bottom trawling avoidance areas derived from hake nurseries potential distribution (0-1000 m)
- SP - Zonas de arrastre de fondo a evitar derivadas de la distribución potencial de las áreas de cría de merluza (0-1000 m)
- FR - Zones de chalutage de fond à éviter établies depuis la distribution potentielle des nourriceries de merlu (0-1000 m)
- IT - Zone a strascico di fondo da evitare stabilite dalla distribuzione potenziale dei giovanili di nasello (0-1000 m)
- GR - Περιοχές αποφυγής αλιείας μηχανότρατας, με βάση τα πιθανά νηπιακά πεδία του μπακαλιάρου (0-1000 m)



- EN - Bottom trawling: Preferable area / Preferable avoidance/ Absolute avoidance
- SP - Arrastre de fondo: Zona preferible / A evitar preferiblemente/ A evitar absolutamente
- FR - Chalut de fond: Zone préférentielle / A éviter préférentiellement / A éviter absolument
- IT - Strascico a fondo: Zona preferibile / Da evitare preferibilmente / Da evitare assolutamente
- GR - Μηχανότρατα: Επιθυμητή περιοχή / Επιθυμητό να αποφεύγεται / Να αποφεύγεται παντελώς

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- [daily](#) variability (.gif),
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# Supporting Aquaculture and Fisheries Industries in the Mediterranean Sea

## SAFI Indicators



Bathymetry for shallow waters	→ Sentinel-2
Sea Surface Temperature Fronts	→ SST
Harmful Algal Bloom Detection	→ Ocean Colour
Mussel Farming Site Selection	→ Ocean Colour, SST, met
Mussel Growth Indicators	→ Ocean Colour, SST, met
Salmon Aquaculture Site Selection	→ Ocean Colour, SST
Sea Bass/Sea Bream Aquaculture Site	→ Ocean Colour, SST, met
Small Pelagic Spawning	→ SST, met
Bivalve Maturation Indicators	→ Ocean Colour, SST, met



Use of ocean colour and Sea Surface Temperature CMEMS data to support aquaculture and fisheries industries

**SAFI downstream service (ACRI)** to support Aquaculture and Fisheries industries.

Free, open and sustained access, of CMEMS model outputs and satellite data. Single portal for an easy access to all products.



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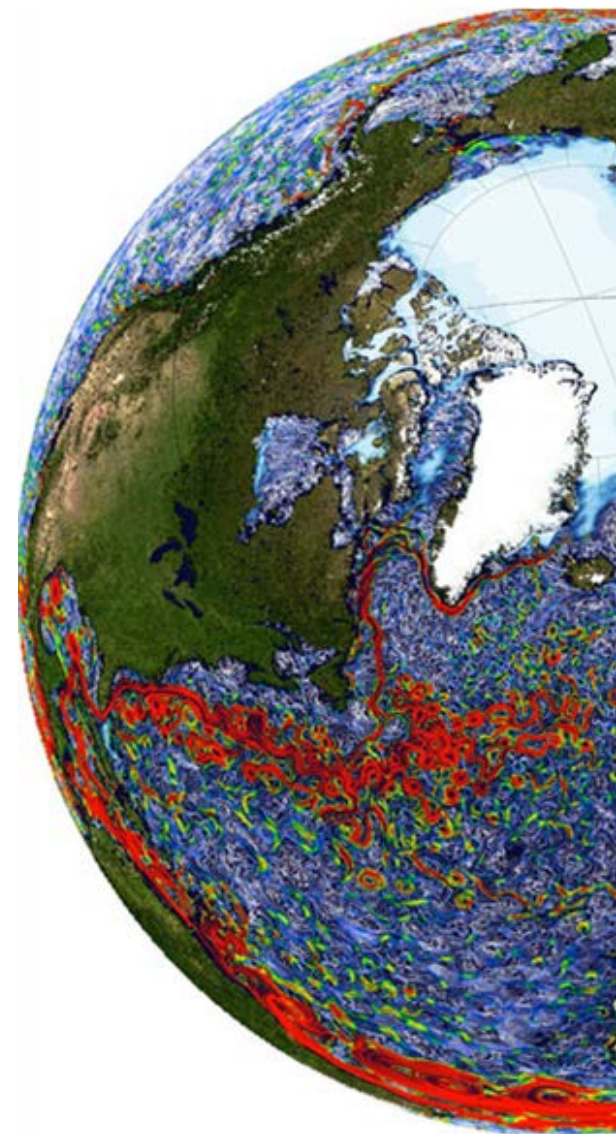
# Conclusion (1)

- ❑ CMEMS is a major achievement for the development of operational oceanography in Europe.
- ❑ Open & free, validated, operational and long-term service.
- ❑ Core service : physics and biogeochemistry observation (in-situ & satellite) and modeling products, real time and multi-year (reprocessing/reanalyses).
- ❑ Has allowed the development of an increasing number of downstream applications and services.



# Conclusion (2)

- ❑ **Green ocean monitoring and marine resources applications**
  - **Still an emerging field and application area.** Requires working with intermediate & end users (e.g. agencies in charge of fish stock management, aquaculture industry). Essential role of R&D to improve the core/downstream offer (e.g. BGC modeling and data assimilation, long-term reanalyses, coastal, higher trophic level, projections).
  - **Requires major improvements of the in-situ ocean observing system.** Improving “green” component is key (e.g. BGC Argo, coastal observations).



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