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Marine Biodiversity  
Observation Network

A global partnership  
for the systematic  
study of life in the sea  
...from microbes to whales

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(Monterey Bay Research Institute/MBARI)

# Life in the Sea



Biodiversity: the variety of life and habitats

- number of species,
- abundance, biomass, and distribution
- interactions (organisms & environment),
- variability of habitat

*These 'Essential Biodiversity Variables'  
are really basic, but are very difficult to make*

# Why measure biodiversity?



## Biodiversity benefits:

ecosystem function & resilience,

chemical cycles,

human health (food, materials, chemicals, recreation)

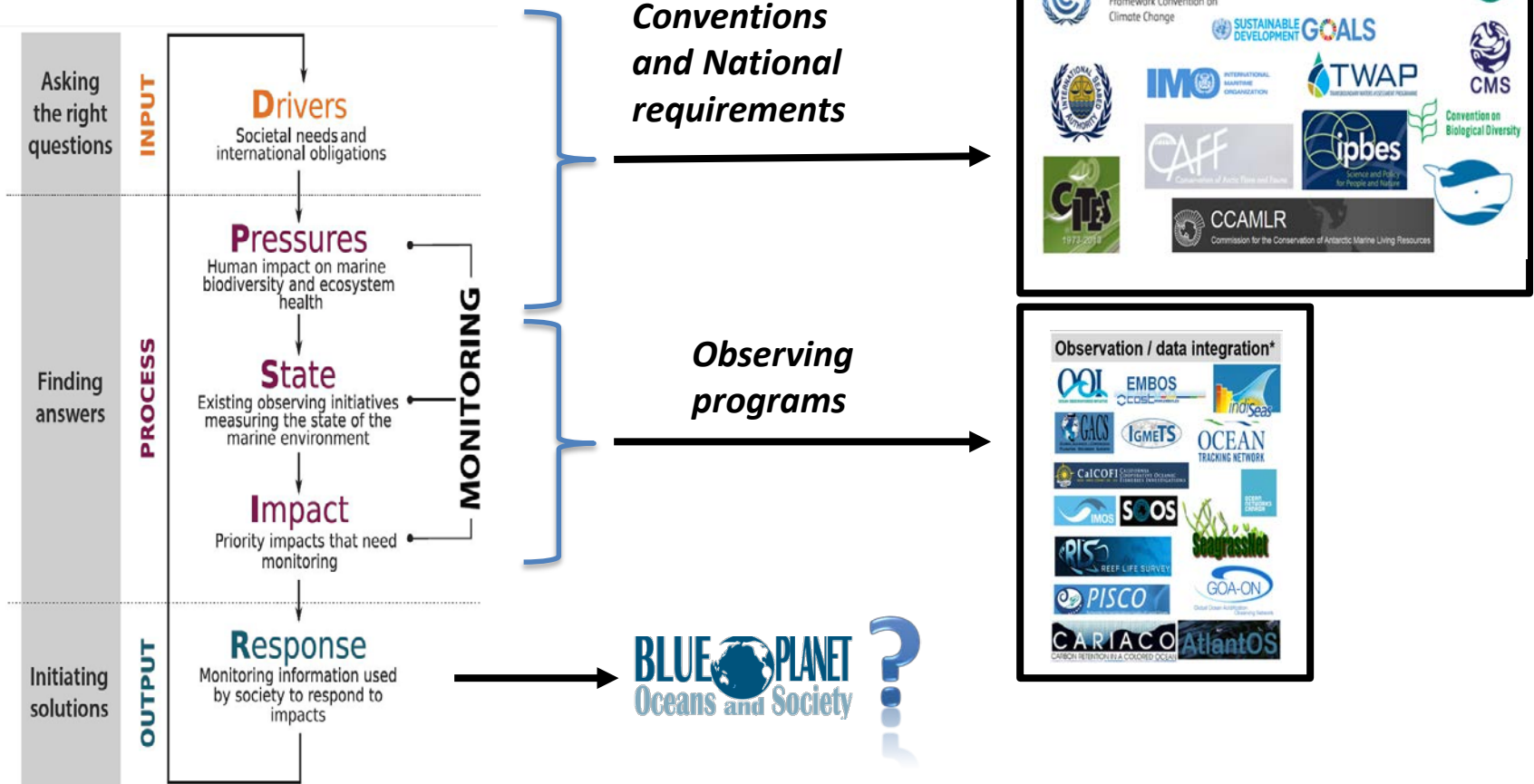
Understanding life and why it has evolved on Earth



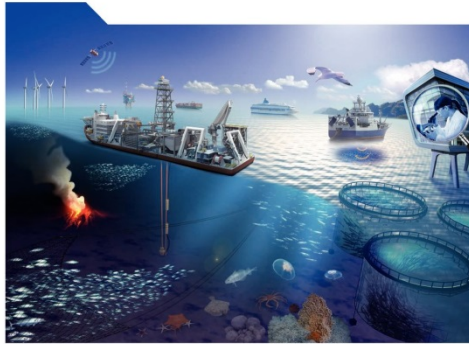
Bio-Eco Panel

# Defining Essential Ocean Variables: *Biology EOVS*

Based on the Framework for Ocean Observing (OceanObs '09):



Courtesy of Nic Bax and Patricia Miloslavich



# Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

OECD 2016  
The Ocean Economy in 2030  
DOI:10.1787/9789264251724-en

## I. AN OVERVIEW OF THE OCEAN ECONOMY: ASSESSMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS – 23

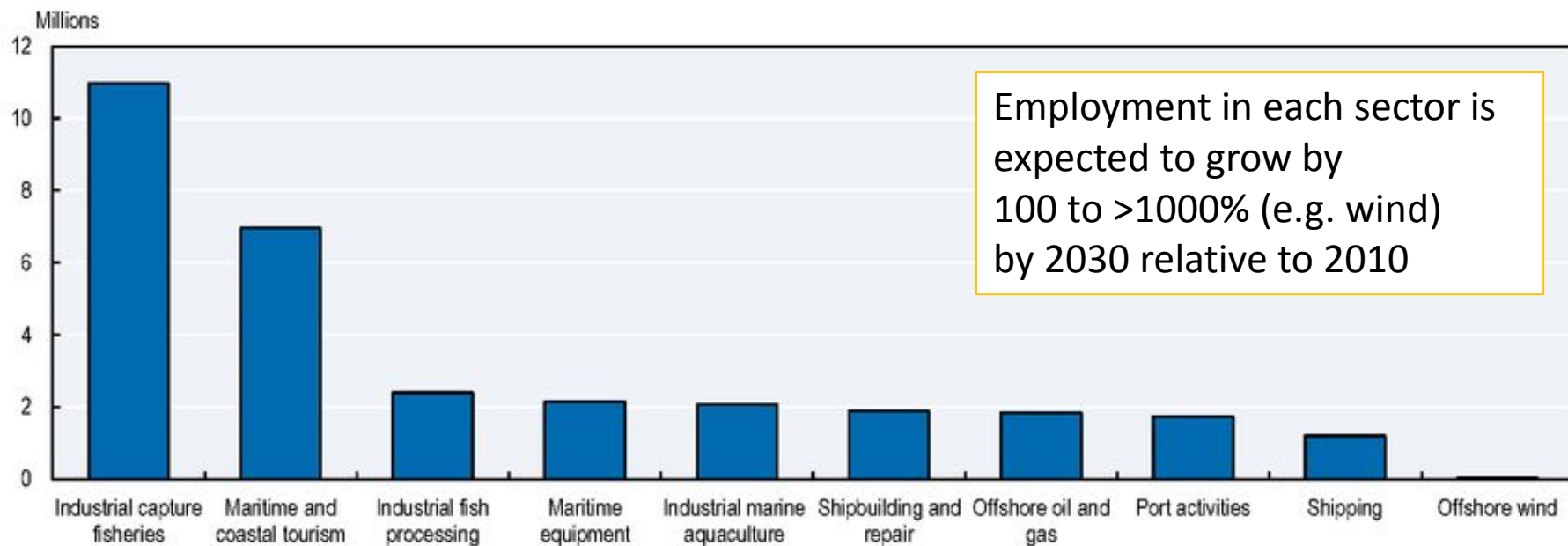
Table 1.1. Established and emerging ocean-based industries

Established	Emerging
Capture fisheries	Marine aquaculture
Seafood processing	Deep- and ultra-deep water oil and gas
Shipping	Offshore wind energy
Ports	Ocean renewable energy
Shipbuilding and repair	Marine and seabed mining
Offshore oil and gas (shallow water)	Maritime safety and surveillance
Marine manufacturing and construction	Marine biotechnology
Maritime and coastal tourism	High-tech marine products and services
Marine business services	Others
Marine R&D and education	
Dredging	

2010:  
US\$ 1.5 trillion

2030 Ocean  
economy:  
US\$ 3 trillion

Figure 1.3. Employment in the ocean-based industries in 2010 by industry



Employment in each sector is expected to grow by 100 to >1000% (e.g. wind) by 2030 relative to 2010

StatLink  <http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/888933334627>

Note: Artisanal fisheries are not included in this overview.

Source: Authors' calculations based on OECD STAN, UNIDO INDSTAT, UNSD, World Bank (2013); IEA (2014); OECD (2014); and various industry reports.

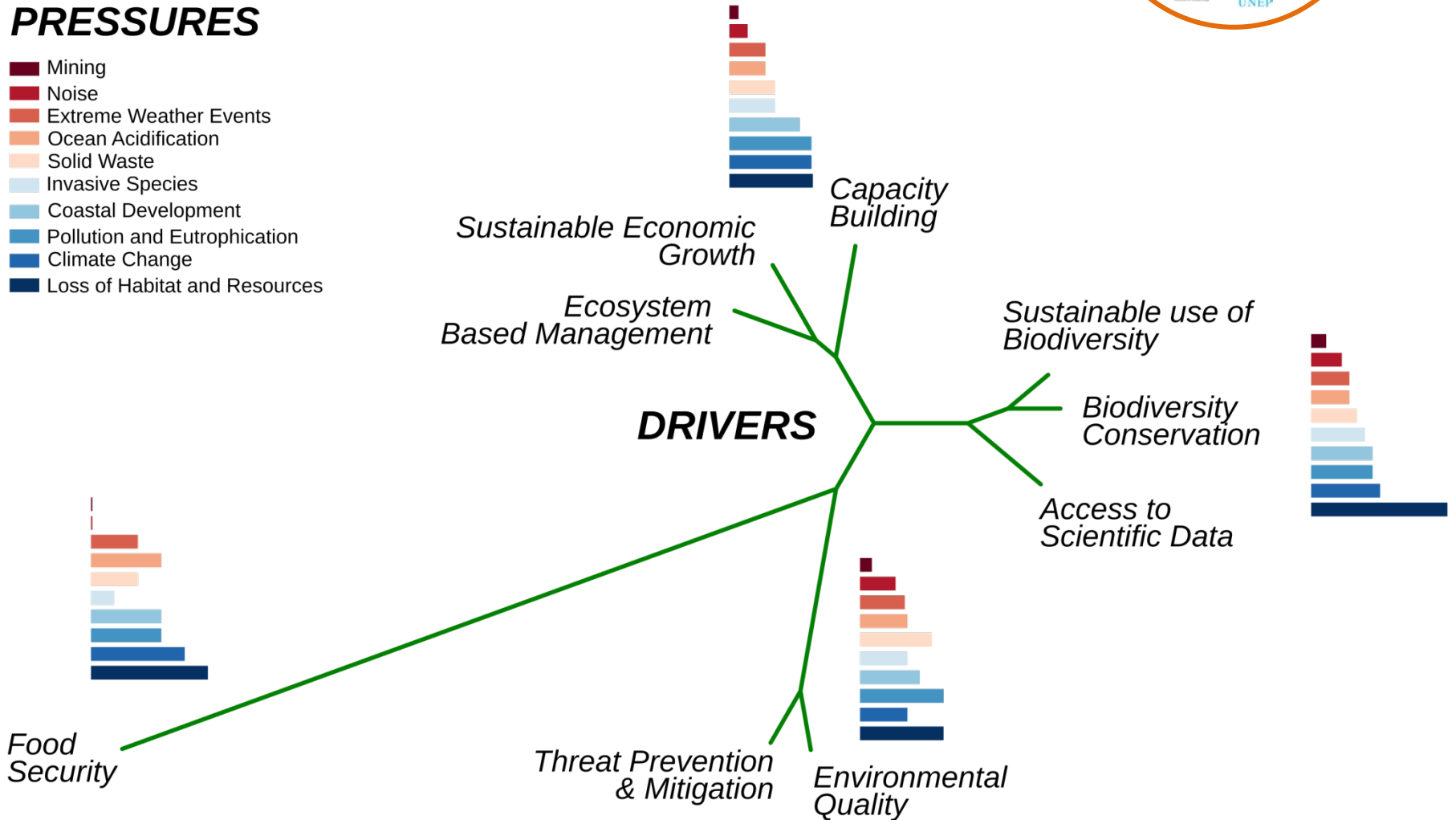


**Societal drivers and pressures  
(from international conventions)**



**PRESSURES**

- Mining
- Noise
- Extreme Weather Events
- Ocean Acidification
- Solid Waste
- Invasive Species
- Coastal Development
- Pollution and Eutrophication
- Climate Change
- Loss of Habitat and Resources



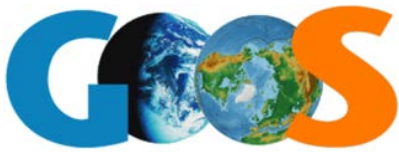
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# Why measure biodiversity?



Everything we do to stimulate the ocean economy affects life in the sea ... including our own





# Essential Ocean Variables (EOVs)

## PHYSICS

- Sea state
- Ocean surface vector stress
- Sea ice
- Sea surface height
- Sea surface temperature
- Subsurface temperature
- Surface currents
- Subsurface currents
- Sea surface salinity
- Subsurface salinity
- Heat flux / radiation

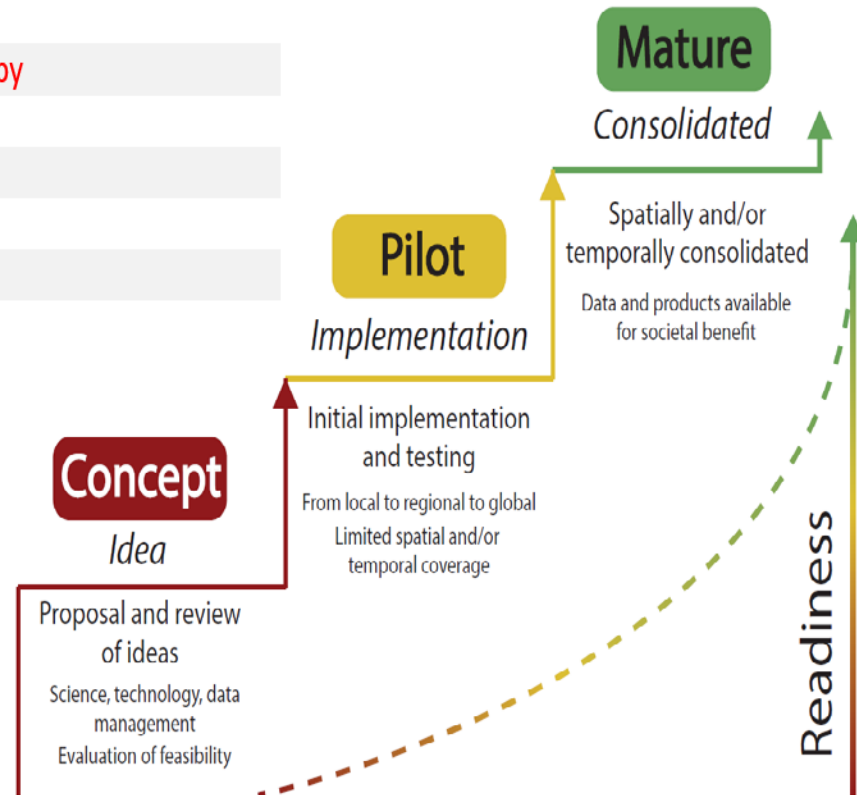
## BIOGEOCHEMISTRY

- Dissolved Oxygen
- Inorganic macro nutrients
- Carbonate System
- Transient tracers
- Suspended particulates
- Nitrous oxide
- Carbon isotope (<sup>13</sup>C)
- Dissolved organic carbon

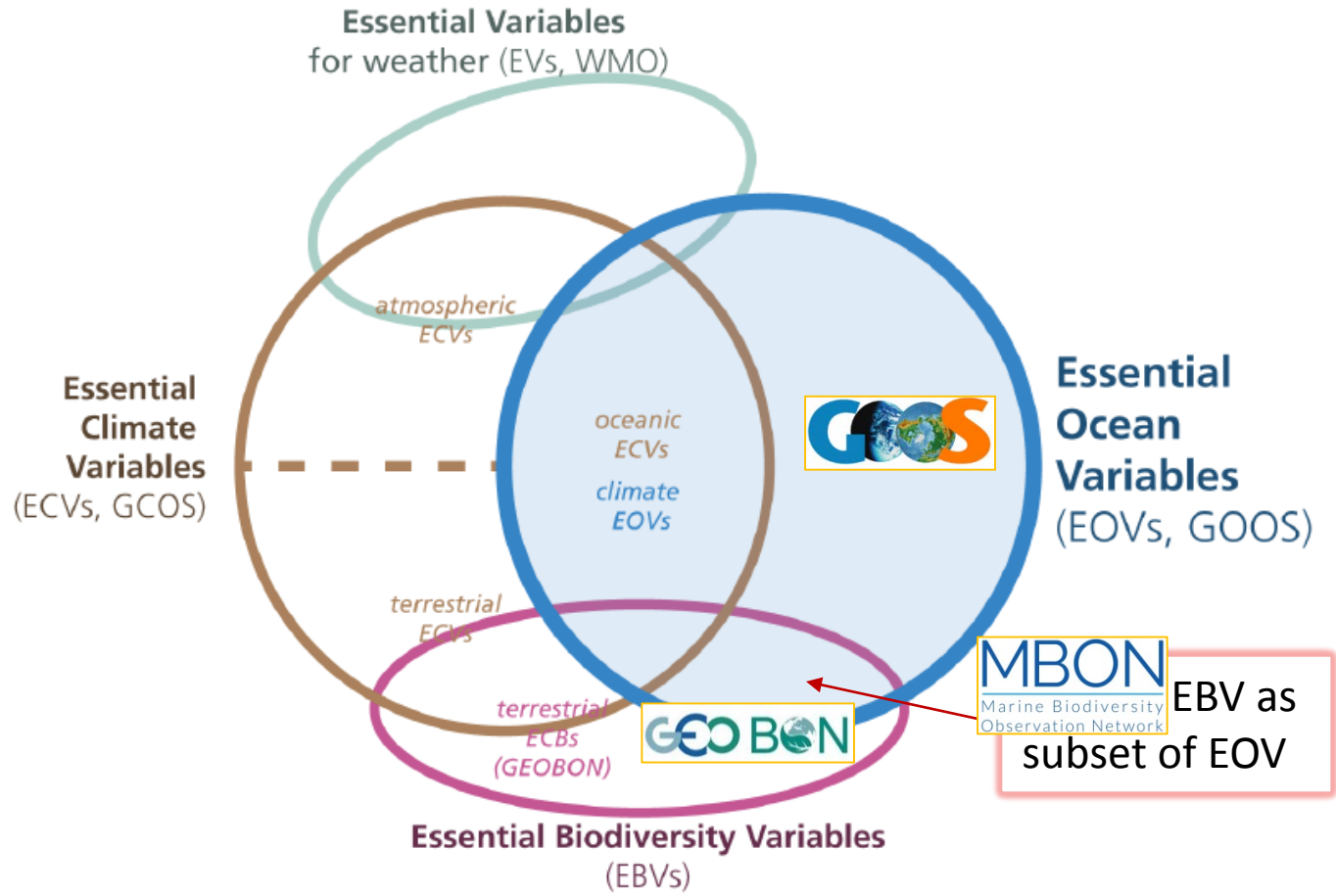
## BIOLOGY AND ECOSYSTEMS

- Phytoplankton biomass and diversity
- Zooplankton biomass and diversity
- Fish abundance and distribution
- Marine turtle, bird and mammal abundance and distribution
- Live coral
- Seagrass cover
- Macroalgal canopy
- Mangrove cover

Readiness level: **CONCEPT** | **PILOT** | **MATURE**



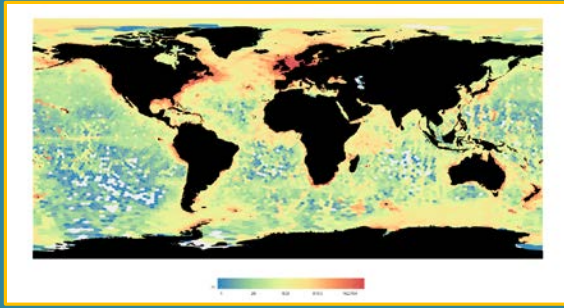
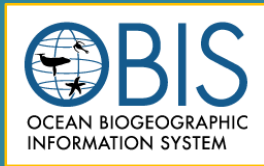
# Essential Biodiversity Variables (EBVs) and EOVS



- GOOS: GOOS panels (EOVS)
- Group on Earth Observations (GEO): GEOBON – MBON
- National / academic programs

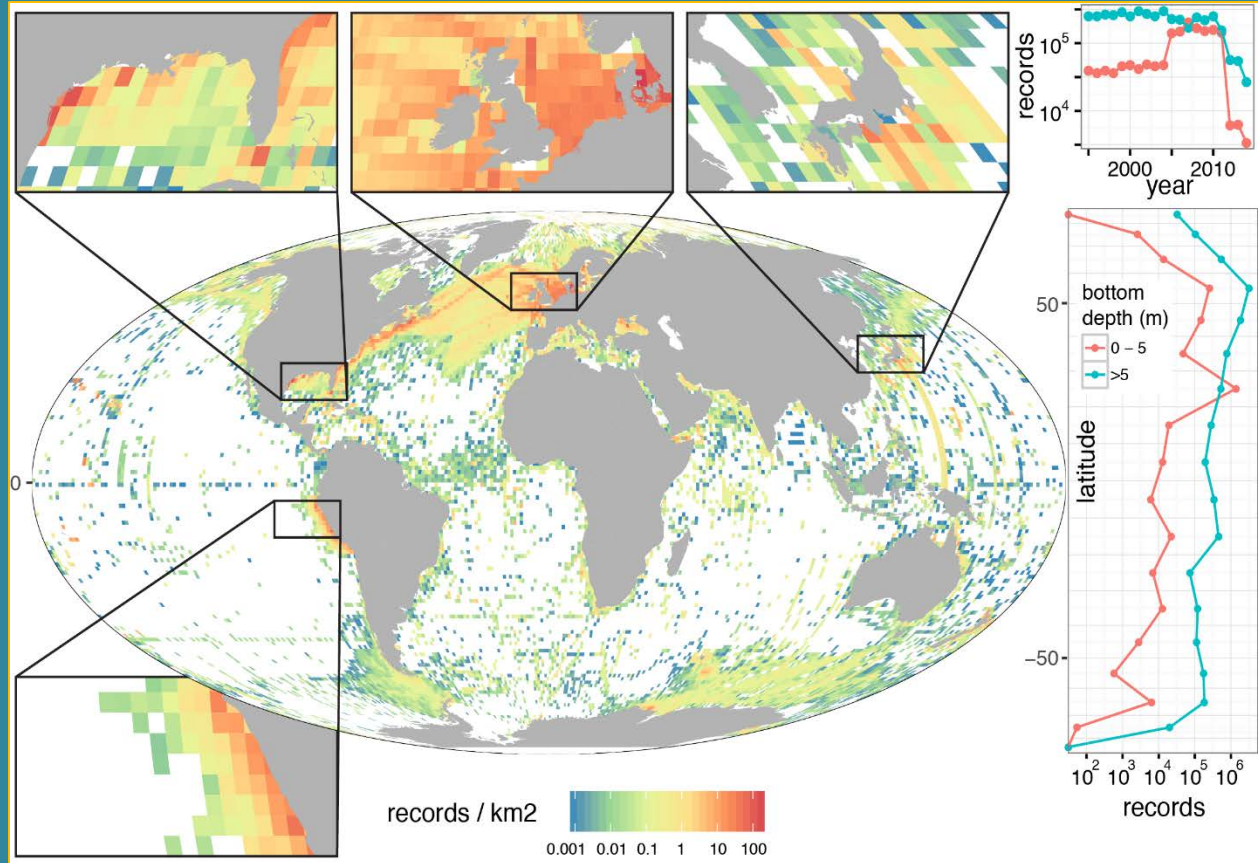
} Need to be linked, and enabled to measure life

# The state of marine biodiversity monitoring



OBIS: 47 million records  
(water column to benthos)

Data  
needed to  
satisfy  
'Drivers'



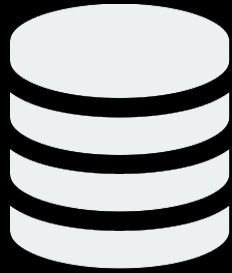
## Near-surface taxonomic records (<20 m)

- Many areas have no records
- Less records in last 10 years:  
lag in reporting data to OBIS

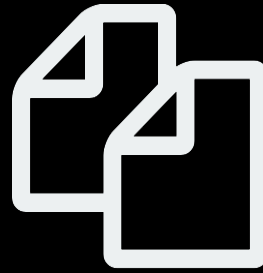
A collaborative NETWORK that links



Data  
collection



Databases



Datasets

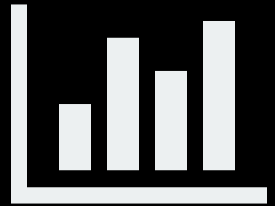


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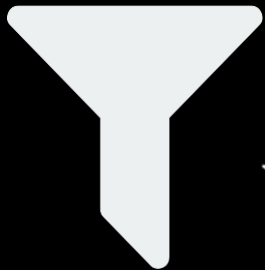
Maps



Abundance



Trends



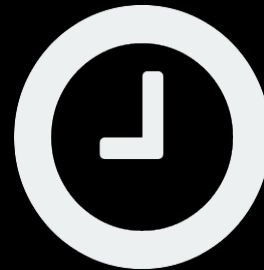
Filters:



Taxa

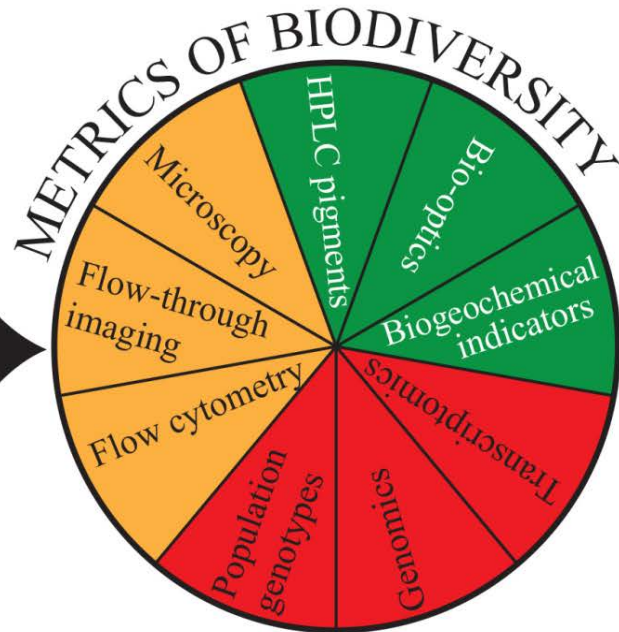
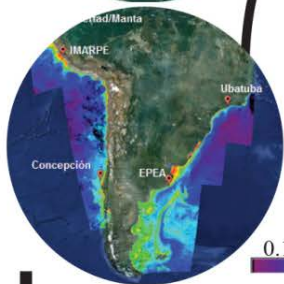
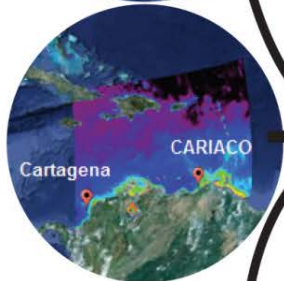


Space



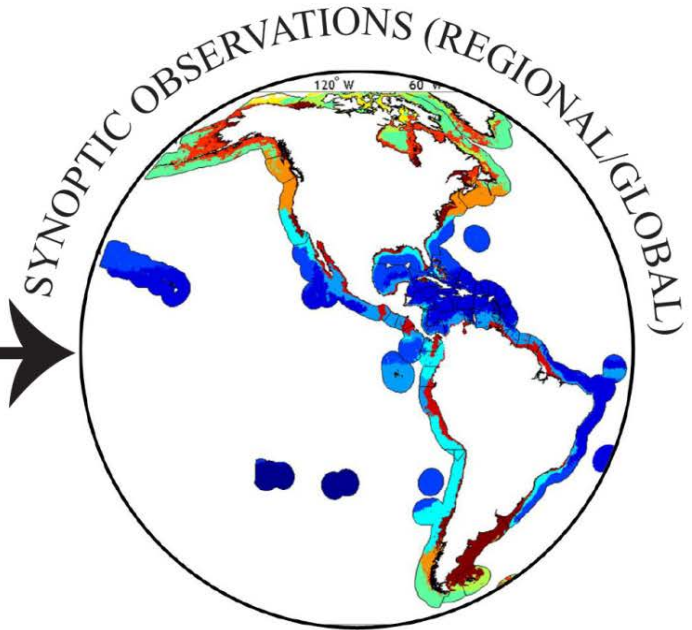
Time

## Time-Series



TAXONOMIC DIVERSITY  
GENOMIC DIVERSITY  
FUNCTIONAL DIVERSITY

## Seascapes



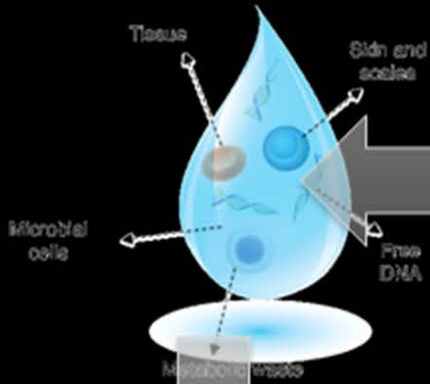
COLORS CORRESPOND TO DISTINCT SEASCAPES

## INTEGRATION

Assessment of impacts of disturbances on coastal biomes

# Environmental Data Integration

## eDNA testing



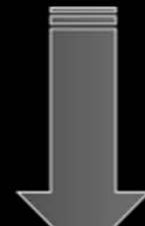
Autonomous eDNA sensor



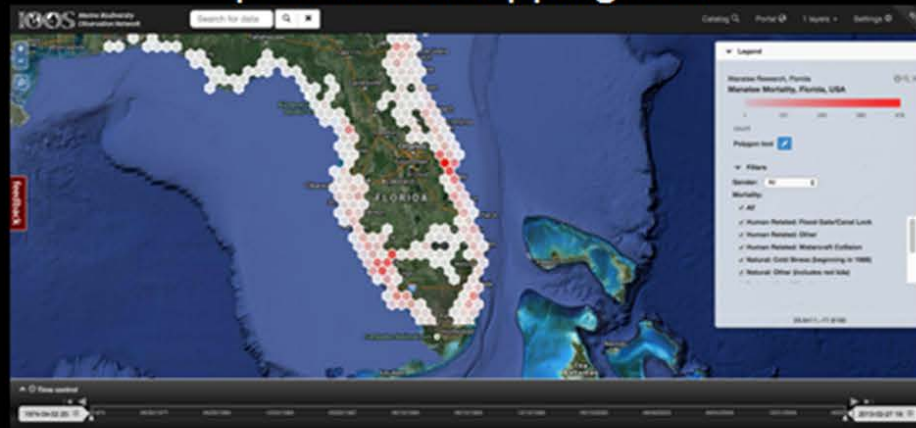
## Case Studies

- Integration of 20y+ environmental and biological datasets
- In situ data collection

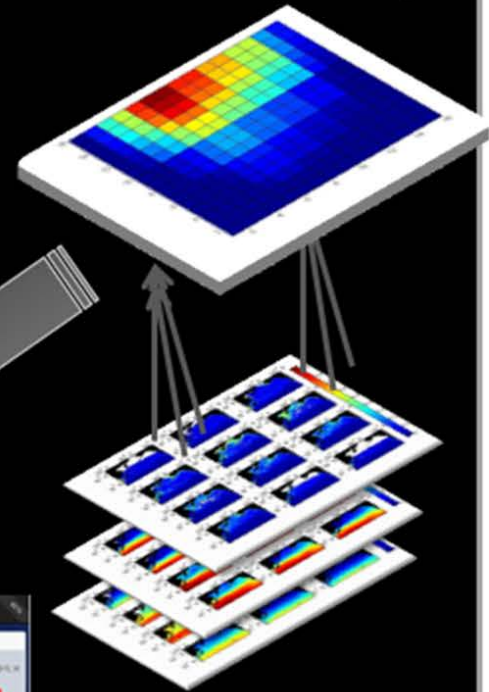
- E&O
- Socio-economics
- Ecosystem Valuation



MBON data portal and mapping tool



## Ecological Marine Units Satellite Seascapes

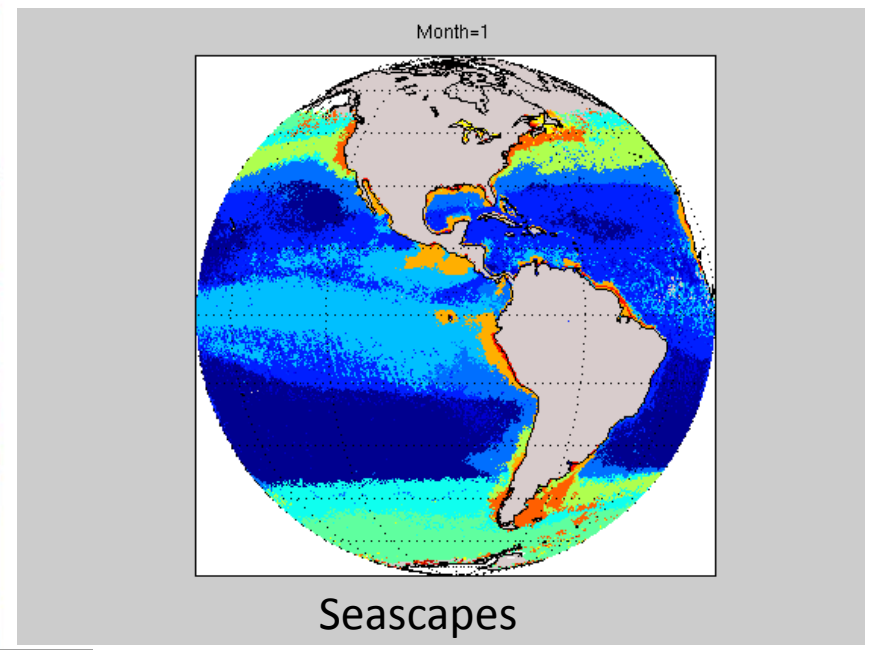
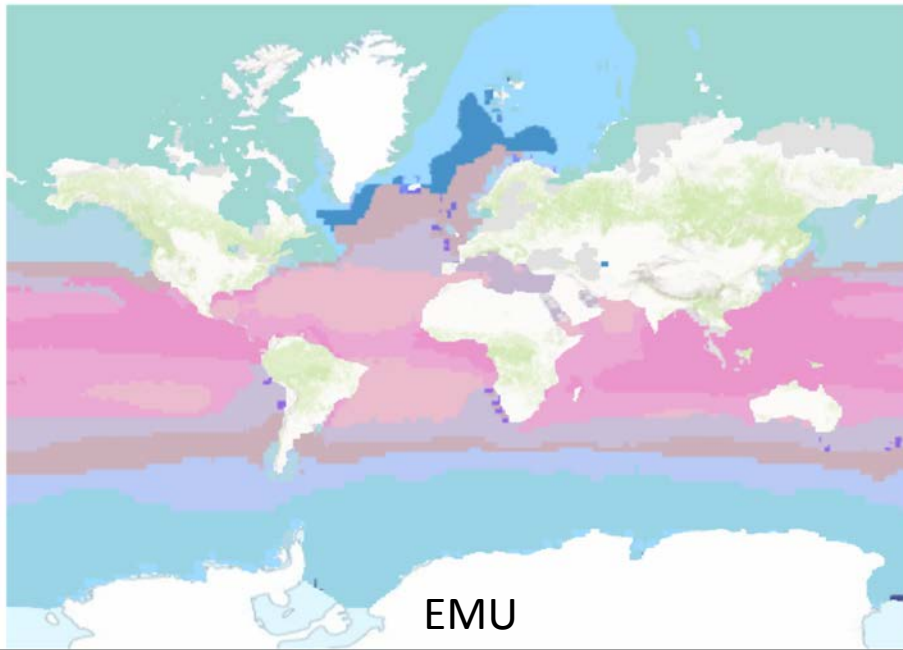


# MBON



- A community of practice: share protocols, information, (capacity building)
- Promote development of technologies to observe life (in situ, remote sensing, analysis and synthesis)

# GEO Activity: Collaboration with USGS and ESRI Ecological Marine Units (EMU) and Seascape comparisons



Esri, FAO, NOAA | Esri, USGS, NOAA, NASA,

- 1) Surface EMUs classified from interpolated NOAA WOA data
- 2) Seascape classified from satellite derived SST, chl-a, NFLH, PAR

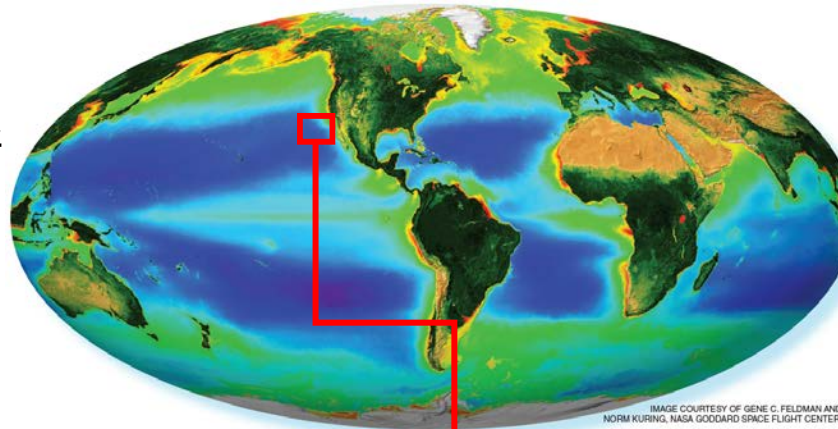


# Conceptual Models of Major Habitats

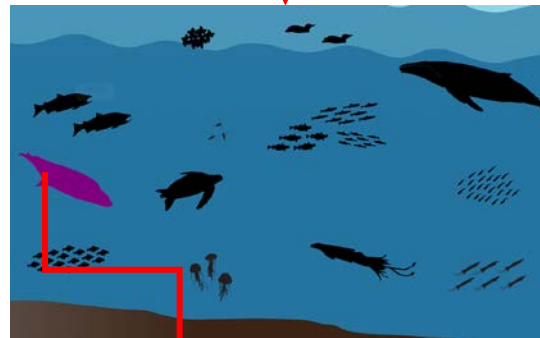
## NCEAS Global Marine Ecosystems layers:

- Beach
- Coral Reefs
- Deep Hard Bottom
- Deep Soft Benthic
- Deep Waters
- Hard Shelf
- Hard Slope
- Intertidal Mud
- Kelp
- Mangroves
- Rocky Intertidal
- Rocky Reef
- Salt Marsh
- Seagrass
- Seamounts
- Soft Shelf
- Soft Slope
- Sub-tidal Soft Bottom
- Surface Waters
- Suspension-Feeder Reef

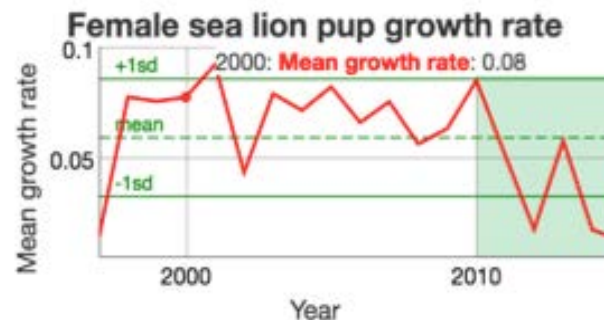
Note: Abyssal-Hadal layers to be created



NASA, other regional/global data



Infographic of local habitats (EEZ, LME)

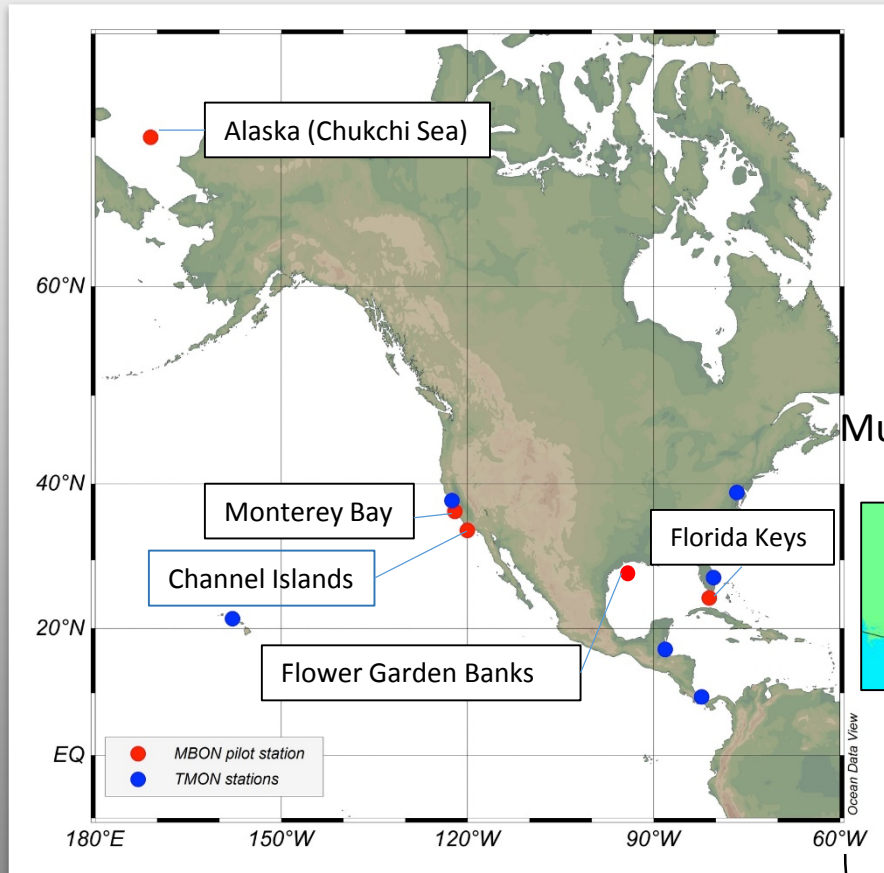


Local data/time series

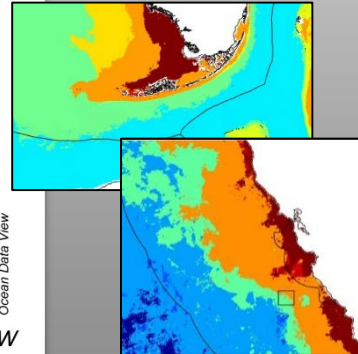
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# Data collection and aggregation

## The U.S. MBON pilot projects



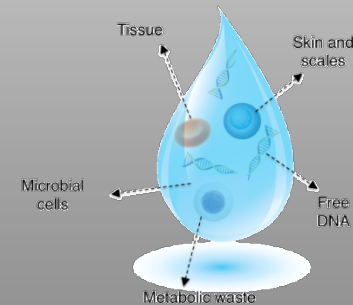
Multivariate seascape analysis



Data Integration:

- IOOS/GOOS
- I-OBIS
- GEO BON

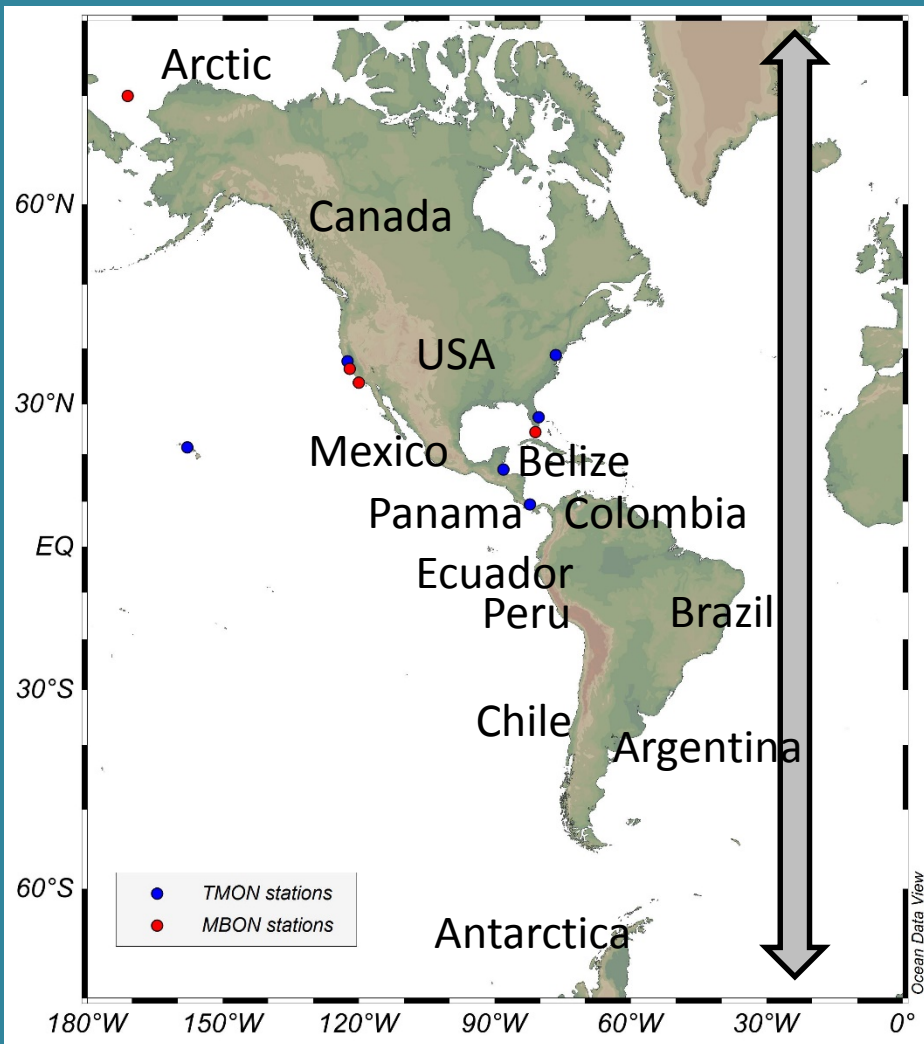
eDNA



Web-based information system

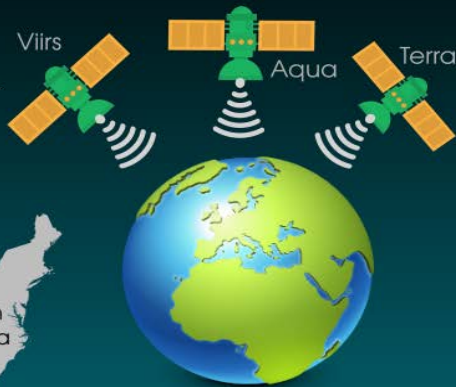
- Sanctuary Condition Reports
- Resource managers and policy makers
- Scientists and educators

# Pole-to-Pole MBON of the Americas



- GEO Plenary, Mexico (2015)
- Convention of Biological Diversity (Montreal, Apr 24, 2016)
- GEO BON Open Science Meeting (Leipzig, Jul 4-6, 2016)
- Pole-to-Pole in the Americas Workshop (Puerto Morelos, Mexico, Sep 26-30, 2016)
- GEO-XIII Plenary (St Petersburg, Russia, Nov 9-10, 2016)
- Animal Telemetry Netw. – Mar'17
- AmeriGEOSS –Jul 2017 Costa Rica
- OBIS Workshops
- GEO Plenary-Oct 2017

# SATMO - Sistema Satelital de Monitoreo Oceánico



NASA

Corrección  
atmosférica

Detección automatizada y  
alertas para

Florecimientos algales

blanqueamiento corales

Invasión de sargazo

en 4  
horas

algoritmos de  
geoprocesamiento

datos listos  
para análisis

Análisis y  
detección de  
eventos

Anomalías y  
alertas

Acceso público  
para consultar  
alertas

Acceso público para  
investigación científica



# Example: Mexico/CONABIO



Al servicio  
de las personas  
y las naciones



CONABIO  
COMISIÓN NACIONAL PARA EL  
CONOCIMIENTO Y USO DE LA BIODIVERSIDAD



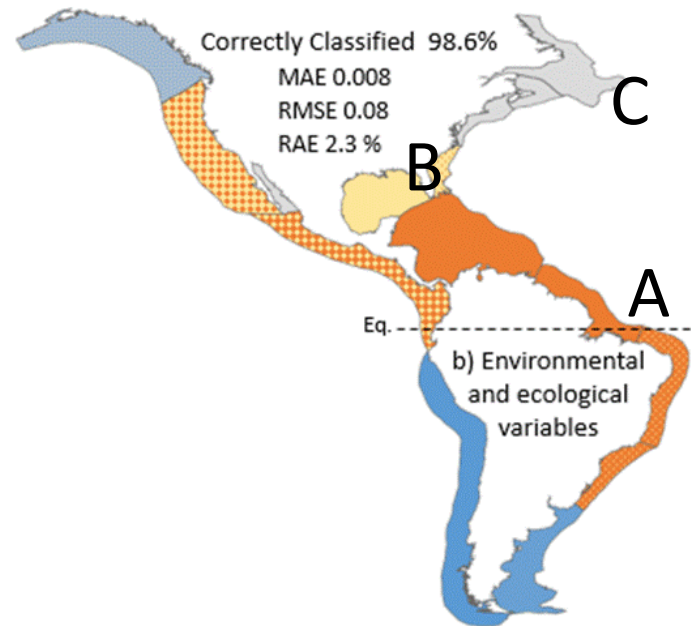
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# Example: diversity of fisheries and satellite seascapes (SST, CHL, productivity) in Large Marine Ecosystems (LME)

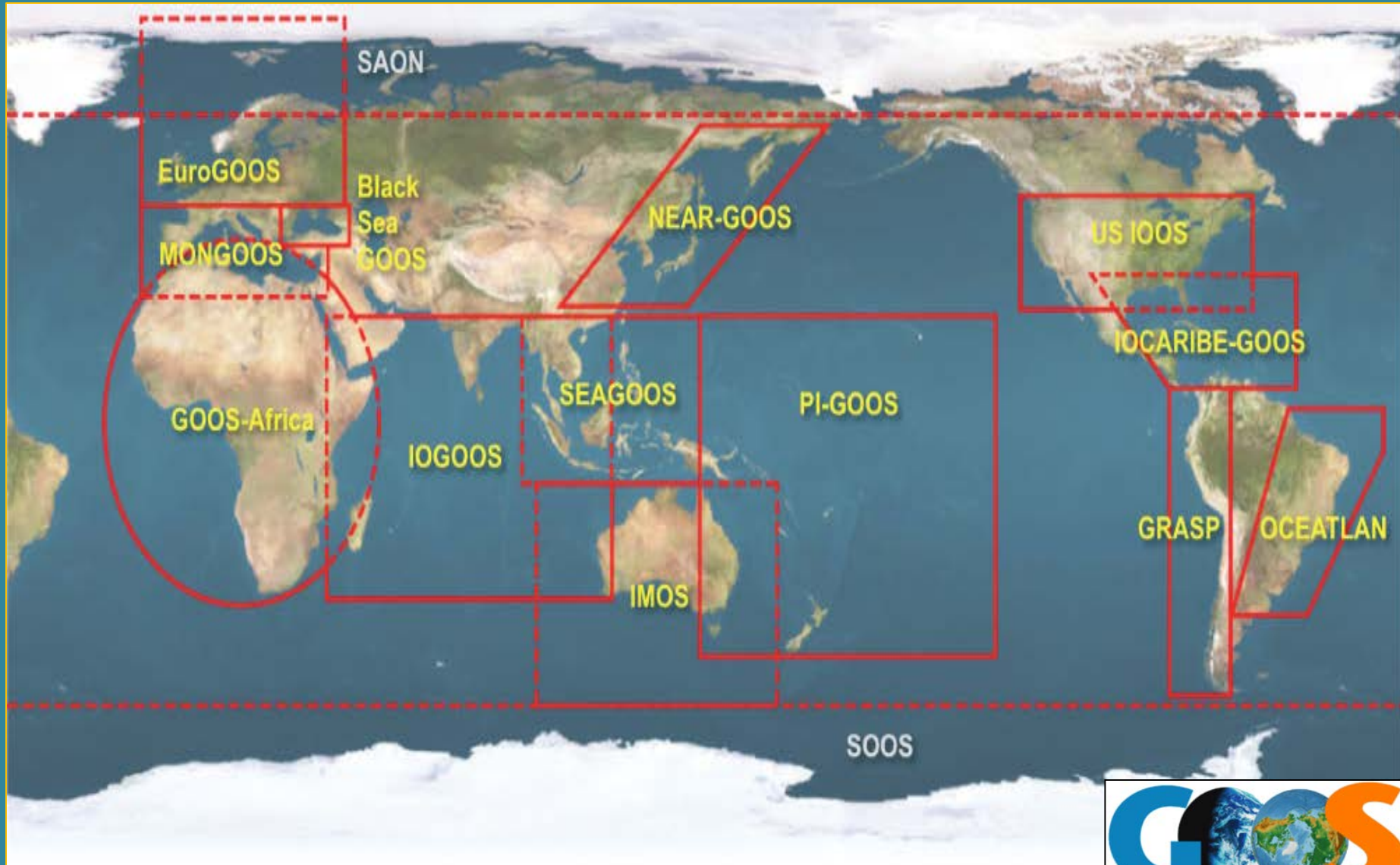
## Results:

Three megaregions (A, B, C)

Between 1982 and 2010, *seven LMEs diversified their fisheries*



# 15 GOOS Regional Alliances



# A Global Collaboration: OBIS + GOOS (IOC) and MBON

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**

Requirements



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

Observations



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

Data & Products



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

Products,  
Indicators,  
Assessments

e.g.: <http://iobis.org/2016/12/15/goosgeobonobis/>

Ongoing/Developing Collaborations:

OBIS-GOOS-MBON

NSF OceanObs Network RCN

Animal Telemetry Network (ATN)

Ocean Acidification Network

Other IOOS RA's

MarineGEO (Tennenbaum)

...



OBIS-GOOS-MBON Partnership: Belgium, Dec 2016



# MBON Workshops – 2016-2017

6 - 7 July, 2016, Leipzig,  
Germany: All Hands  
Meeting sessions on the  
GEO MBON – GEO BON



27-29 September, 2016, Playa  
del Secreto, México: Pole-to-  
Pole MBON in the Americas  
Workshop – US MBON



15-17 March, 2017, St  
Petersburg, Florida: SDG14  
product development – US  
MBON



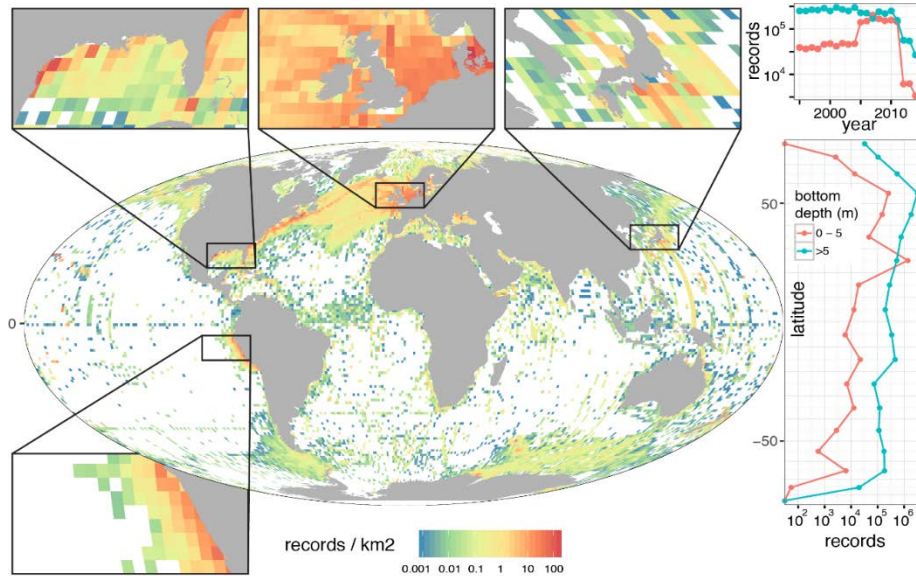
31 Jul-4 Aug 2017  
AmeriGEOSS Costa Rica

Aug 2017 – Monterey CA

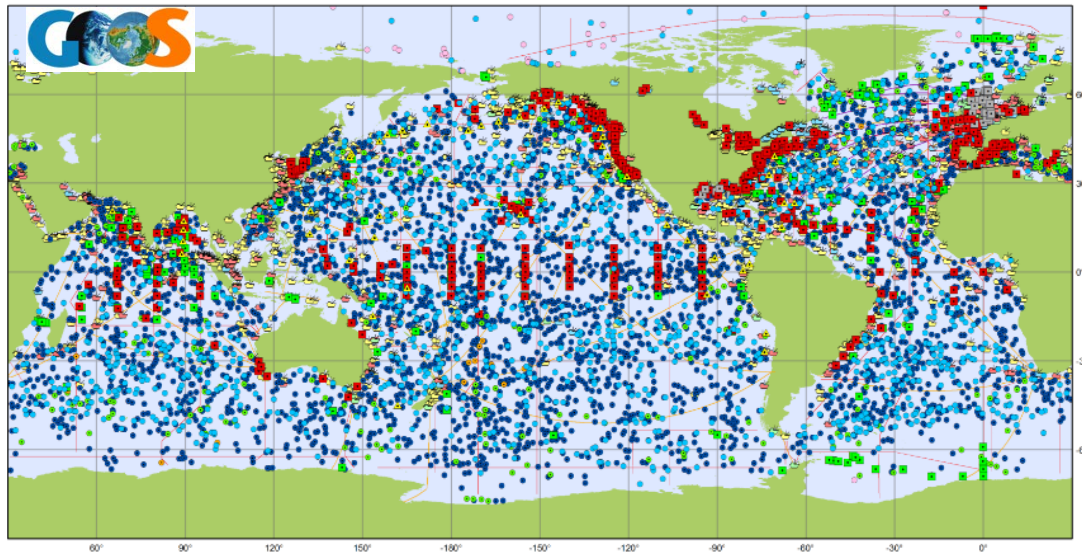
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Washington, DC

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Present to Future



Main in-situ Elements of the Global Ocean Observing System

June 2016

## GOAL:

**Increase  
observations of  
marine life**

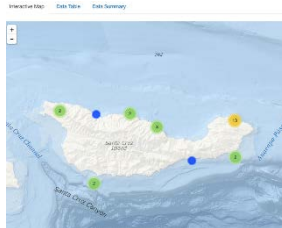
building on GOOS,  
OBIS, and other  
networks:

- MarineGEO/Tennenbaum
- UNEP WCMC
- Americas (AmeriGEOSS)
- EuBON
- AsiaPacific
- Coral/GCRMN
- Africa
- CAFF (Arctic)
- National programs
- etc.

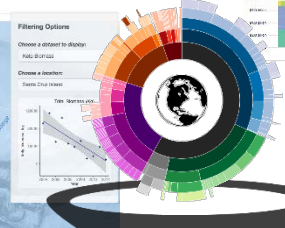
# BLUE PLANET MBOON

Oceans and Society Marine Biodiversity Observation Network

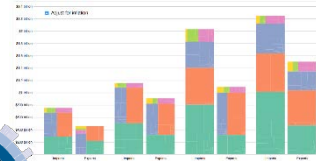
Mapping tools



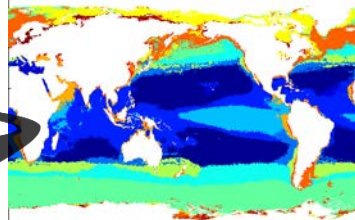
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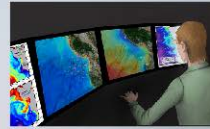
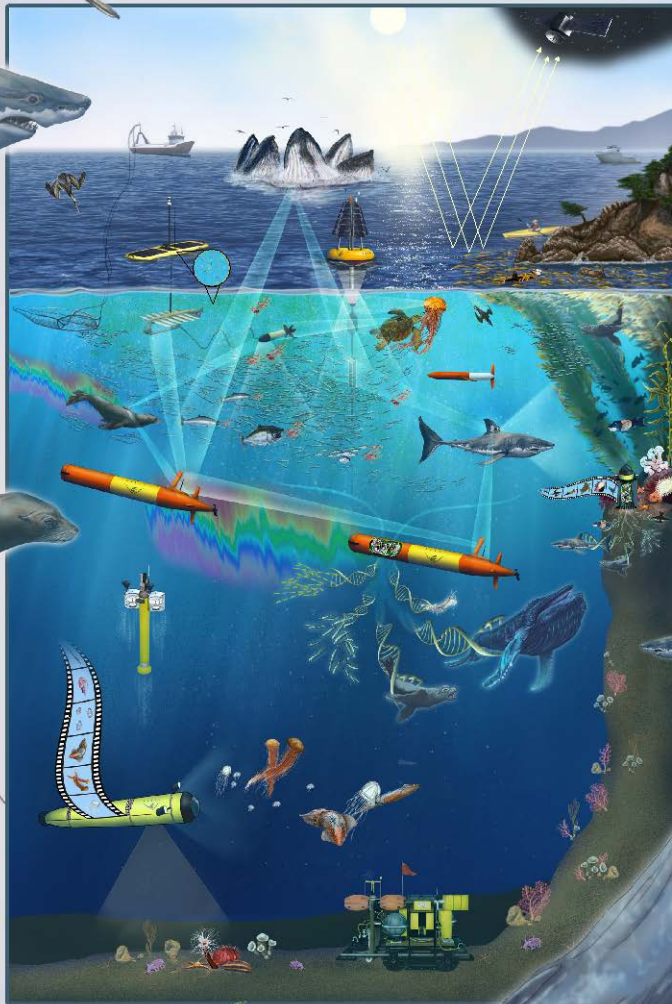
Time series



Satellite seascapes



# Observing Life in the Sea



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**BACKUP**

Acronym	Full name	Key activity
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity	Aichi Targets
IMO	International Maritime Organisation	Protection of biodiversity and detection of invasive species
IUCN (WCPA, SSC)	International Union for the Conservation of Nature	World Commission on Protected Areas, Species Survival Commission
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora	Protection of biodiversity
IPBES	Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	Assessments of biodiversity



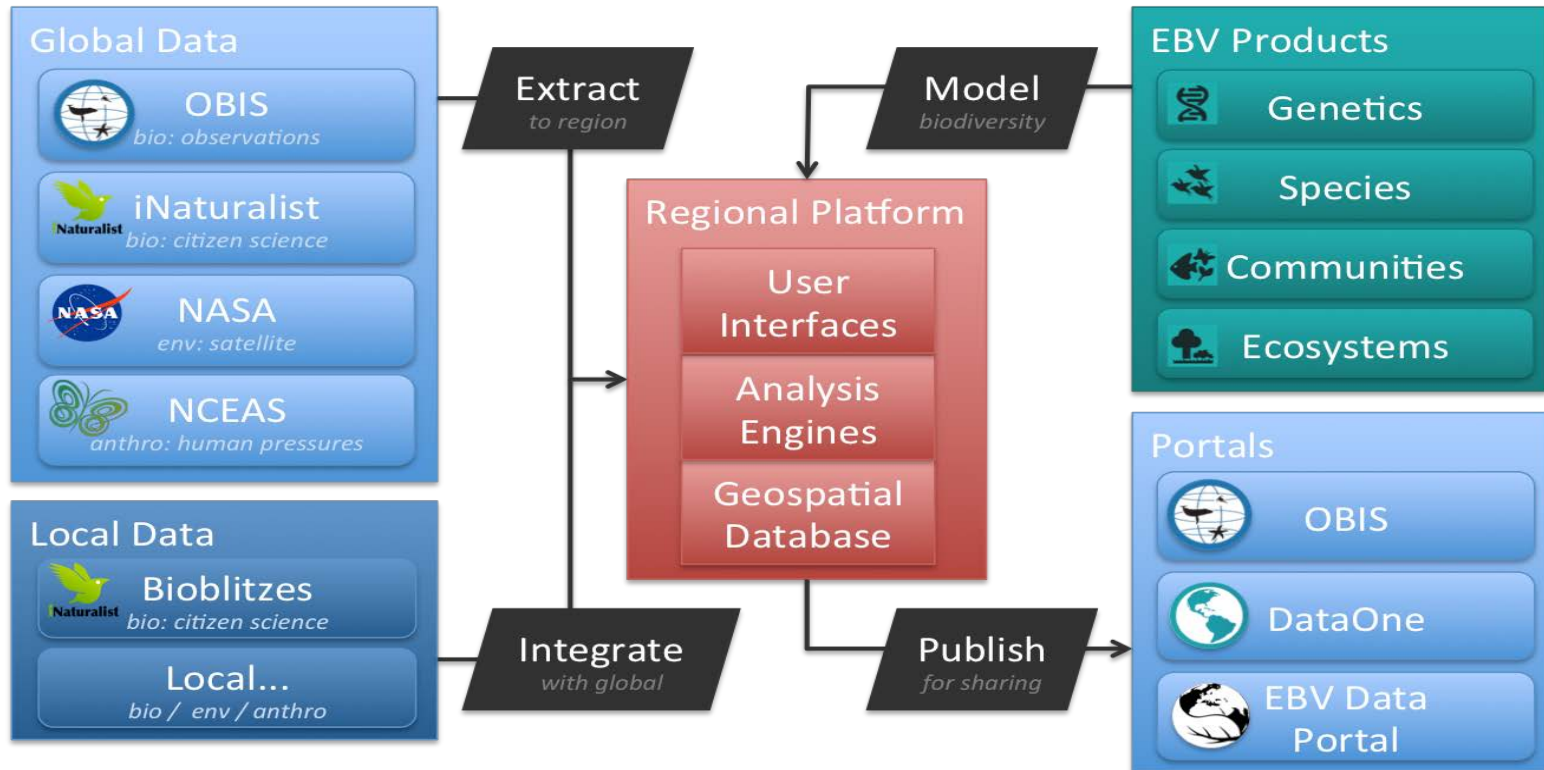
### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 14

Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development



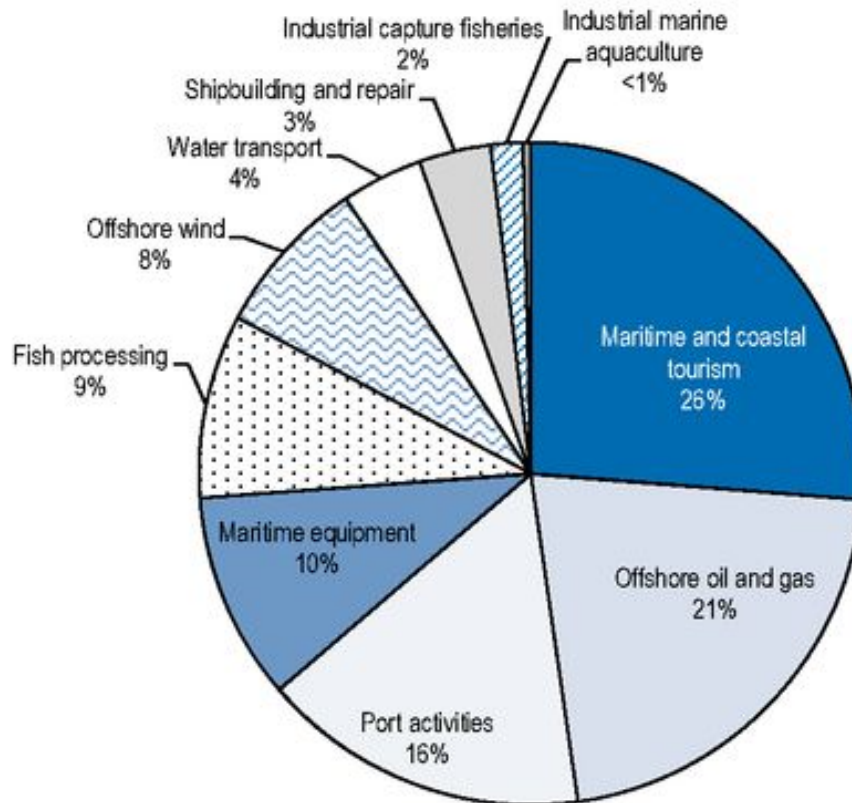
10 targets that require scientific information and capacity building on biodiversity

# Preliminary concept for Platform for Biodiversity Analyses



- Public global datasets are extracted for a region of interest
- Integrated with local datasets (bio, env, socio-economic...)
- Web-based interfaces
- Interactive geospatial apps (R, Python)

Figure 1.6. Value added of the ocean economy in 2030 in the business-as-usual scenario



Ocean Economy  
 value:  
 >US \$3 trillion  
 in 2030

StatLink  <http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/888933334632>

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