



**biodiversa+**

European Biodiversity Partnership

## BiodivMon Kick-off meeting

Improved transnational monitoring of biodiversity and ecosystem change for science and society

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Tallinn - 17 April 2024



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# Welcome words

*Dr. Magnus Tannerfeldt, Co-chair of Biodiversa+, FORMAS, Sweden*

*Dr. Anu Noorma, Director General, ETAG, Estonia*

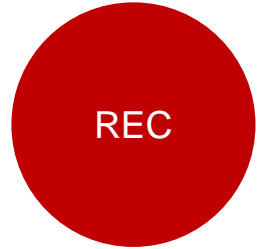
**# BiodivMonTallinn**

**Posting about the  
BiodivMon kick-off on  
social media?**

**Don't forget to tag  
[@BiodiversaPlus](#)**



## Some general information



- This meeting is being recorded
  - The recording and slides will be shared on the Biodiversa+ website  [biodiversa.eu](https://biodiversa.eu)

- We expect...



# Agenda

9:00	Introduction
9:30	<b>KEYNOTE TALKS and PANEL DISCUSSION</b>
Coffee break 10:45–11:25 EEST / 9:45-10:25 CEST	
11:25	<b>FUNDED PROJECTS – 1</b>
Lunch break 12:10–13:30 EEST / 11:10-12:30 CEST	
13:30	<b>FUNDED PROJECTS – 2</b>
14:10	<b>BiodivERsA Prize for Excellence and Impact - GloBAM project</b>
14:20	<b>FUNDED PROJECTS – 3</b>
Coffee break 15:05–16:00 EEST / 14:05-15:00 CEST	
16:00	<b>FUNDED PROJECTS – 4</b>
16:50	<b>FOLLOW-UP &amp; life of funded projects: what is expected from funded projects?</b>
17:05	<b>CAPACITY BUILDING</b> and collaboration for project communication
17:20	Concluding words

# Welcome words by the European Commission

***Bastian Bertzky, DG Research & Innovation – Policy Officer***

***Caroline Pottier, DG Environment – Research team leader in the unit “Green Knowledge  
And Research Hub, Life”***

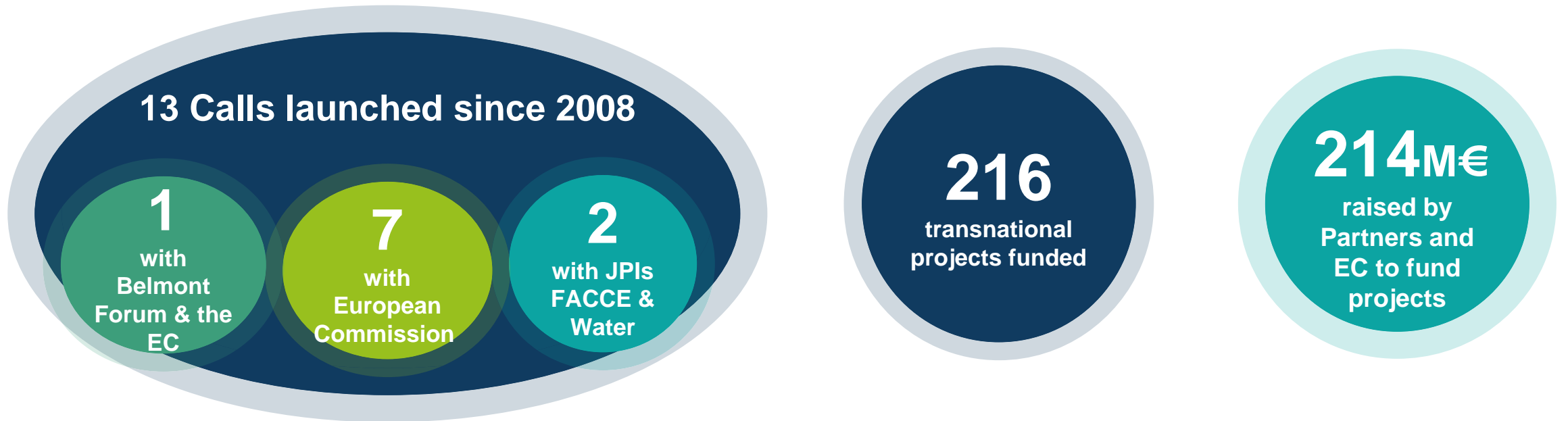
## General introduction to Biodiversa+ and our biodiversity monitoring activities

*Magnus Tannerfeldt, Biodiversa+ Co-chair, FORMAS, Sweden*

*Léa Riera & Marie Pierrel, task leaders in the Work Package on “promoting and supporting transnational biodiversity monitoring”, OFB, France*

# What is Biodiversa+?

- The **European biodiversity Partnership** co-funded by the European Commission under Horizon Europe
- **Supporting excellent research on biodiversity with an impact for policy and society**





# Who is Biodiversa+ ?



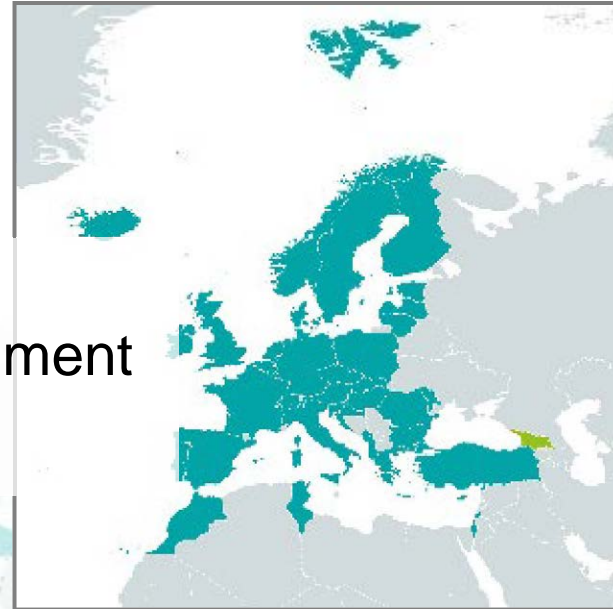
## Research actors

- Ministries in charge of research
- Research funding organisations



## Policy actors

- Ministries in charge of the environment
- Environment protection agencies



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Countries

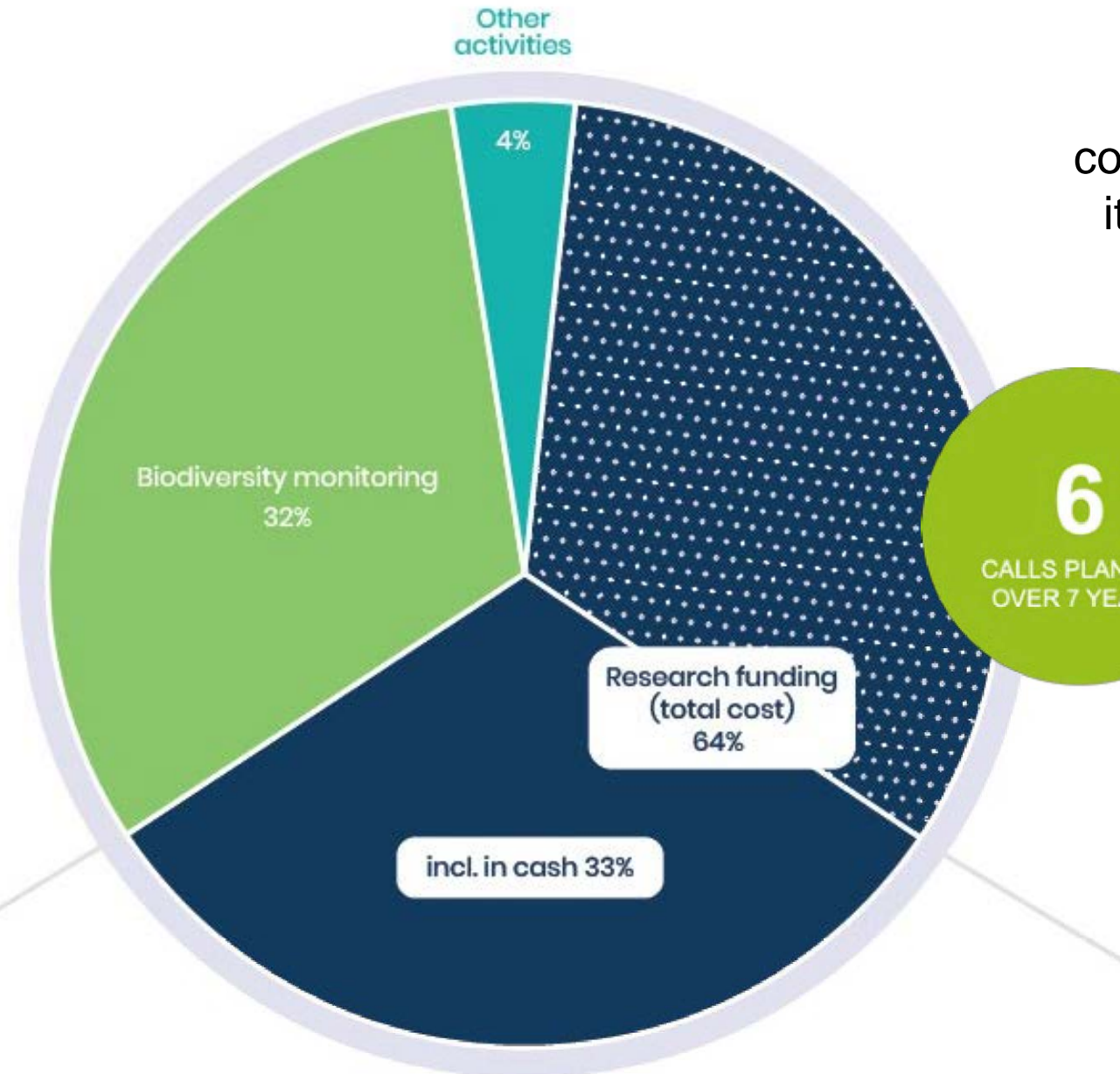
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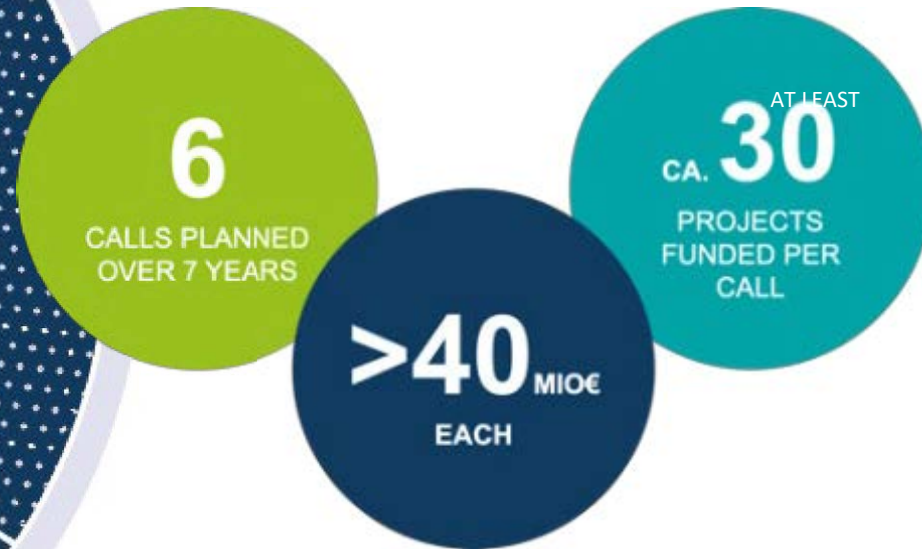
# Portfolio of activities



# Portfolio of activities and budget amplitude

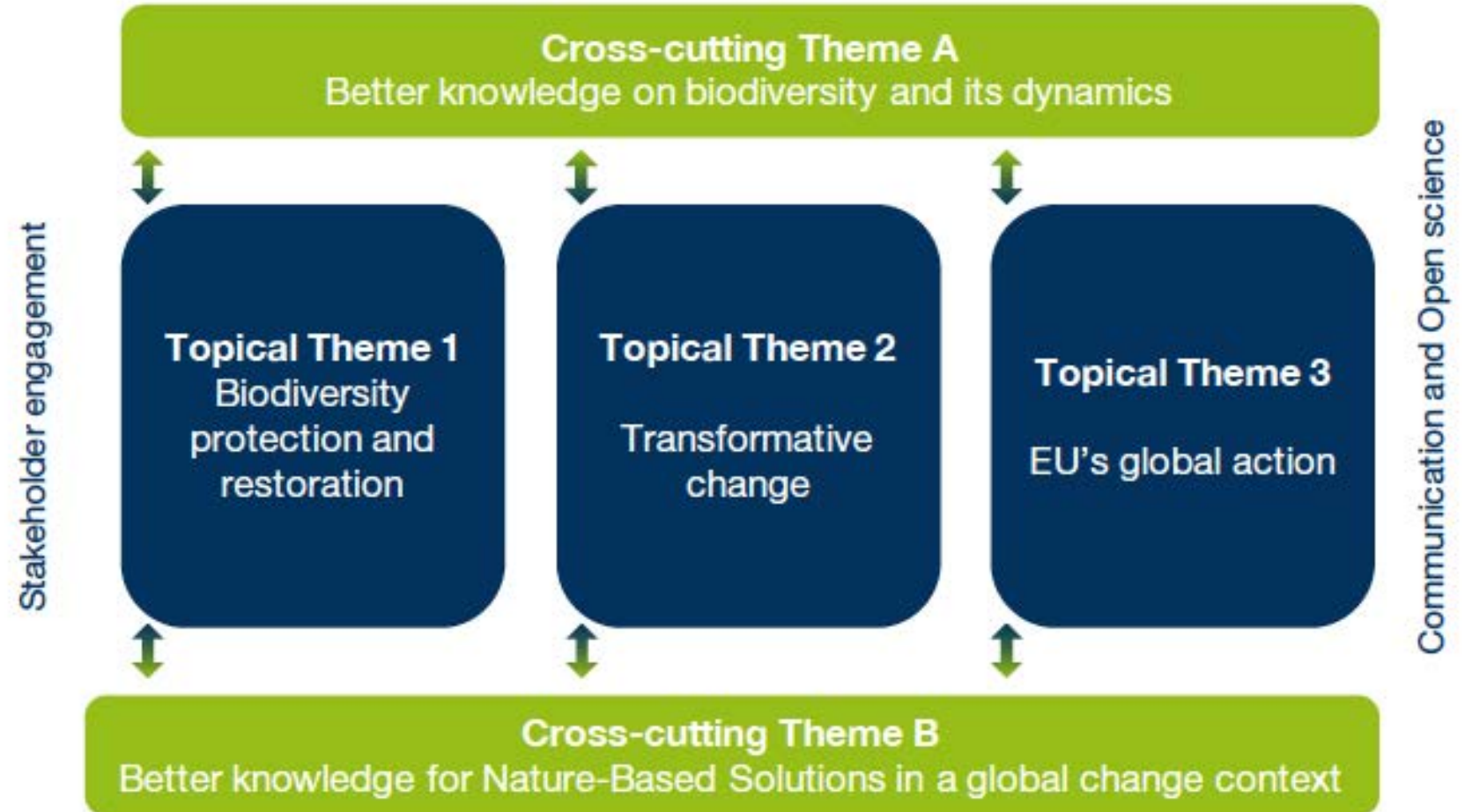
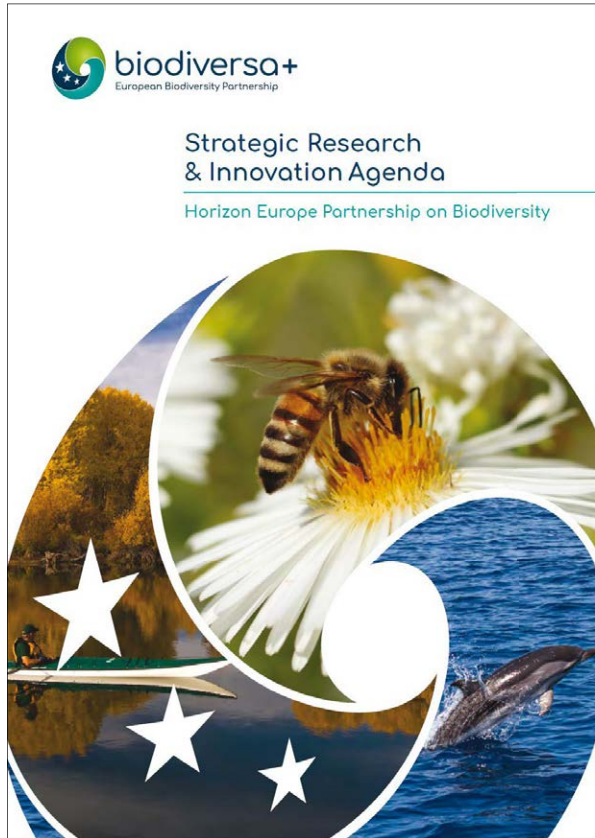


Budget of **>800 Mio€ over 7 years**, combining in-cash and in-kind resources from its Partners and including 165 Mio € by the European Commission



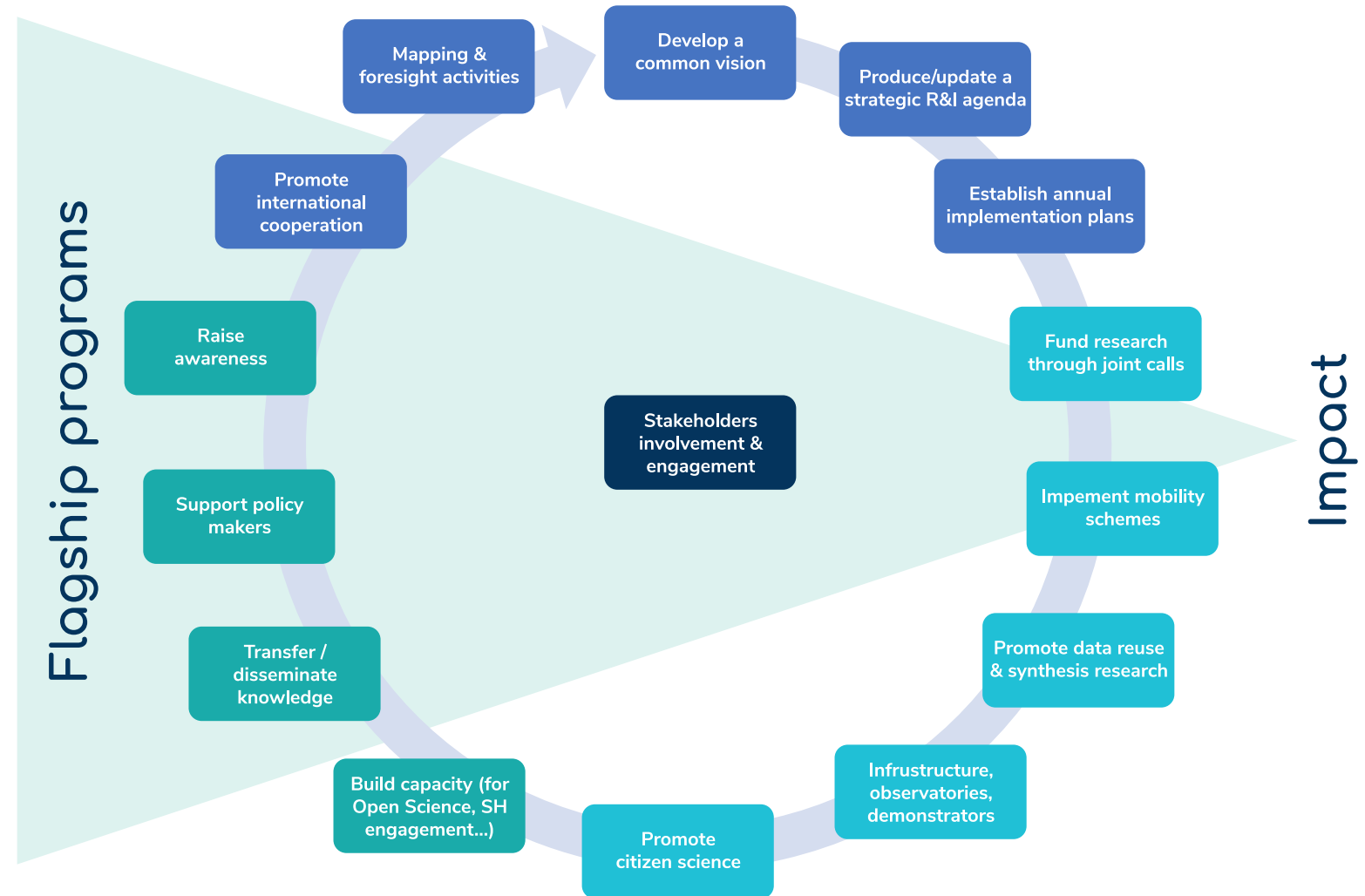
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# The Biodiversa+ Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda



# The Biodiversa+ flagship programmes

- **Protection**  
→ *Sept. 2021 | Call*
- **Biodiversity monitoring**  
→ *Sept. 2022 | Call*
- **Nature-based solutions**  
→ *Sept. 2023 | Call*
- **Societal Transformation**  
→ *Sept. 2024 | Call*



# Building on existing and new initiatives



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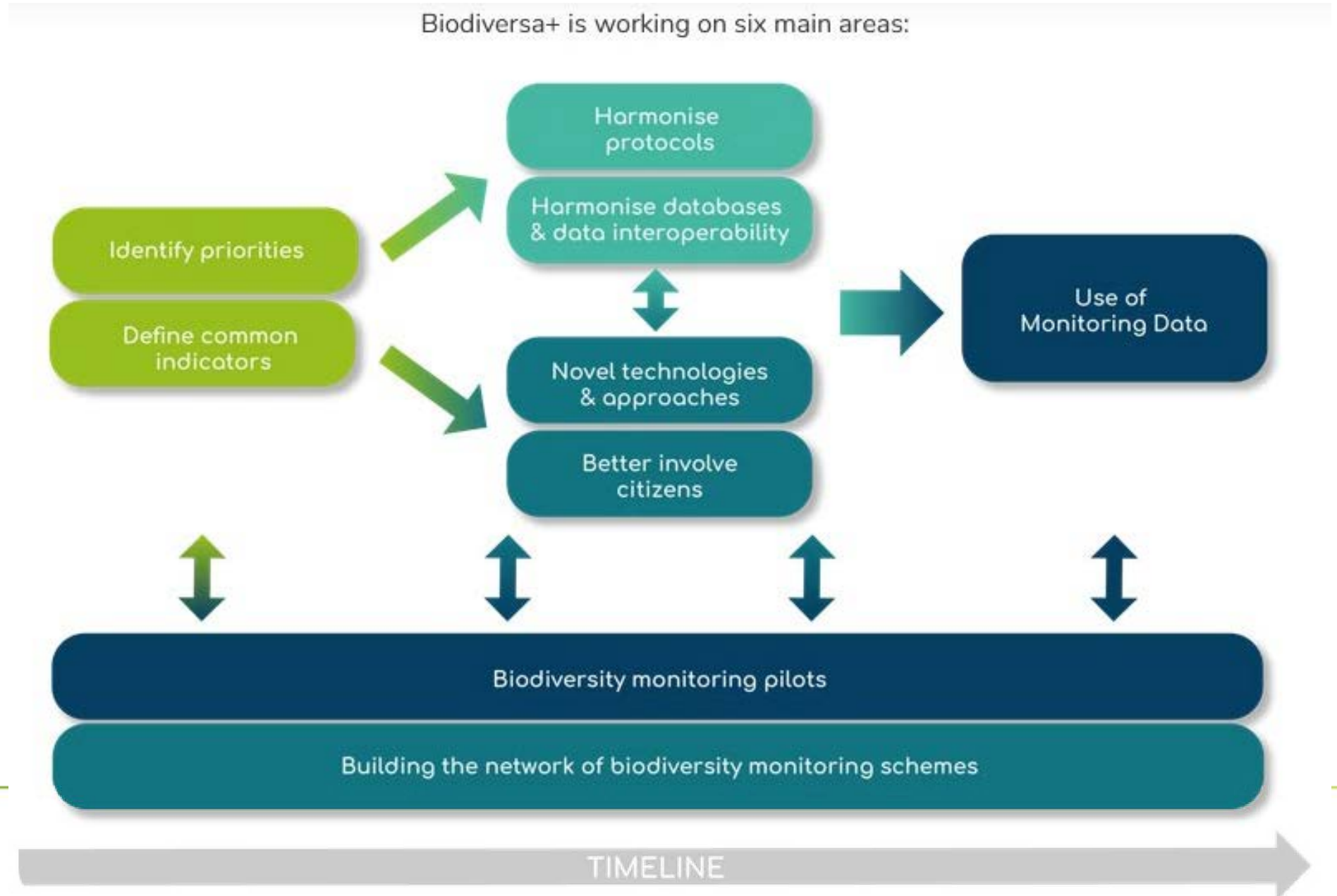
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... and many more!



# Biodiversa+ Work Package 2: Promoting and supporting transnational Biodiversity monitoring





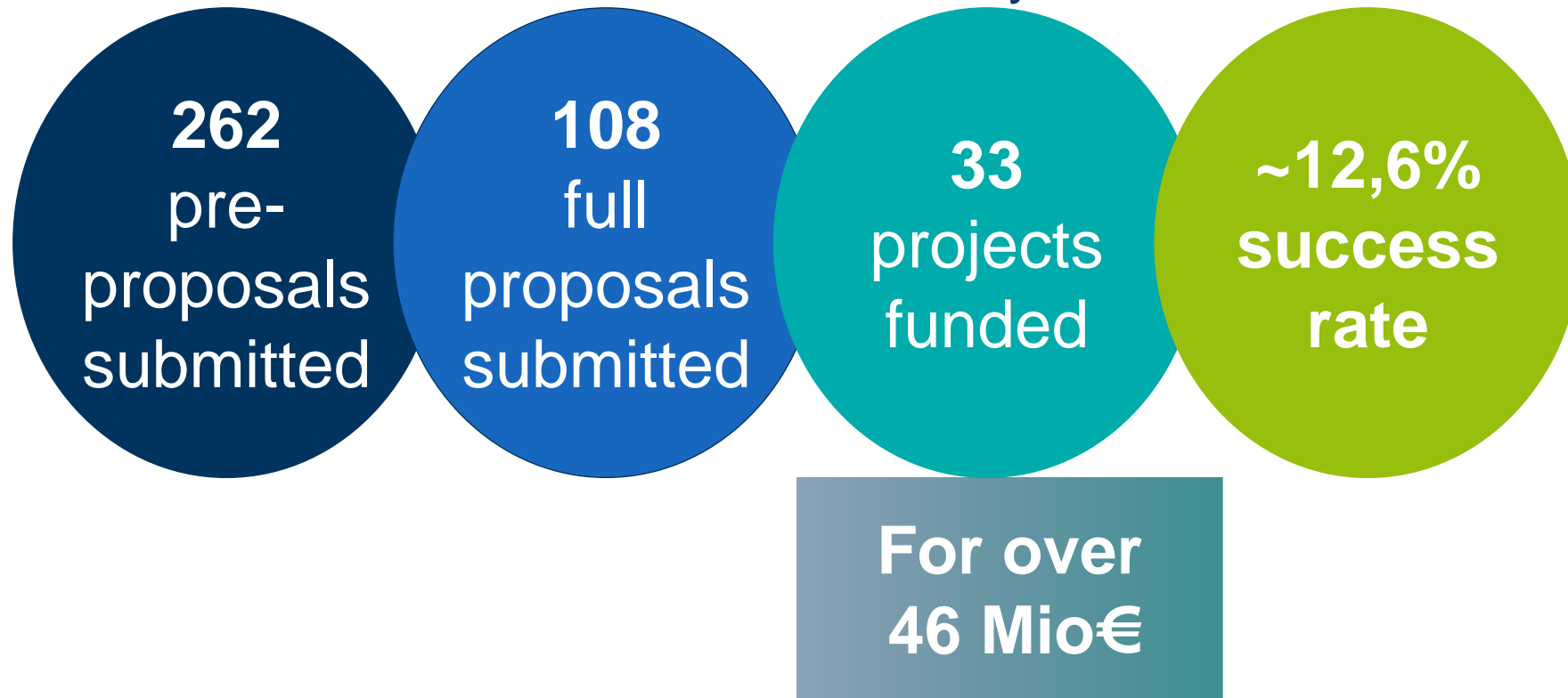
# General impressions on the BiodivMon call

*By **Judy Fisher**, Fisher Research Pty Ltd Director, University of Western Australia Associate Professor & Policy/Management member of the BiodivMon Evaluation Committee*



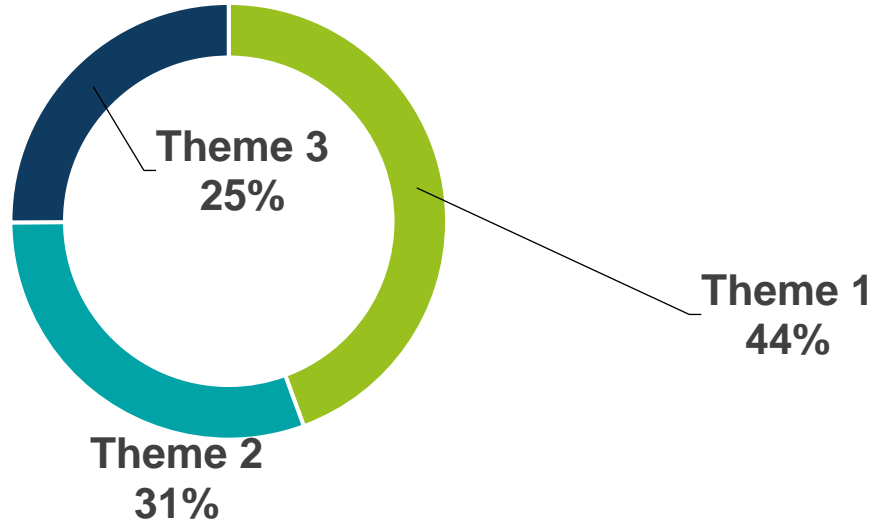
# Overview of the results of the Call

Second Biodiversa+ joint co-funded call on  
“Improved transnational monitoring of biodiversity and ecosystem change for  
science and society”



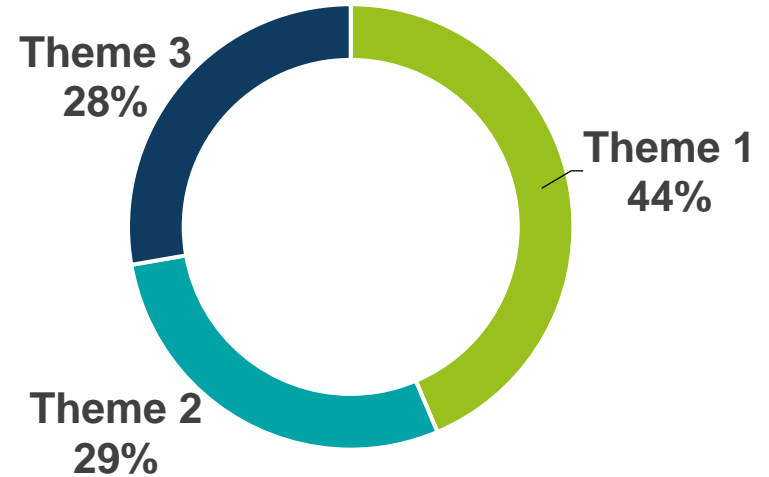
# Studied themes

## Submitted full proposals



**Theme 1:** Innovation and harmonisation of methods and tools for the collection and management of biodiversity monitoring data.

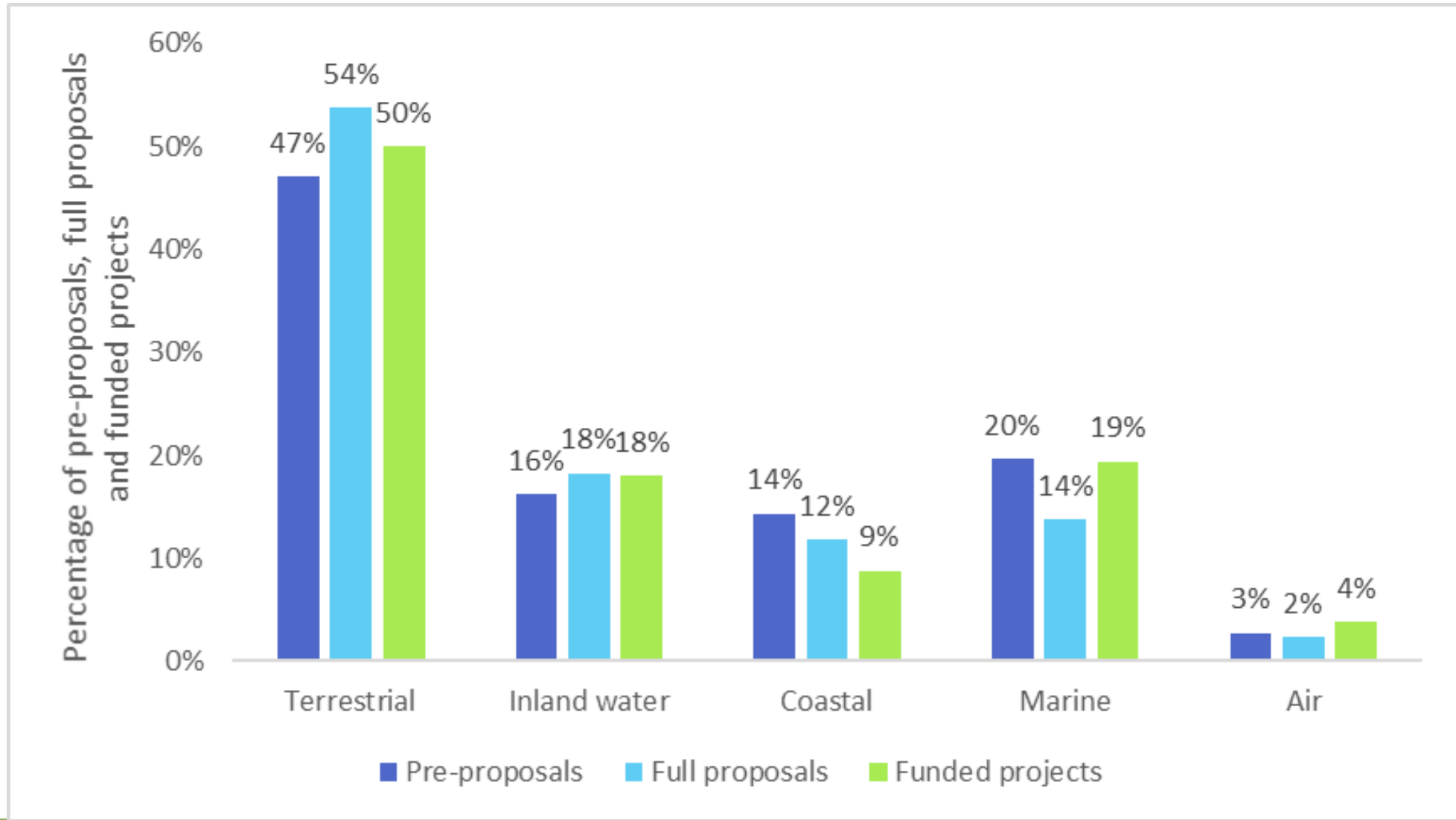
## Funded projects



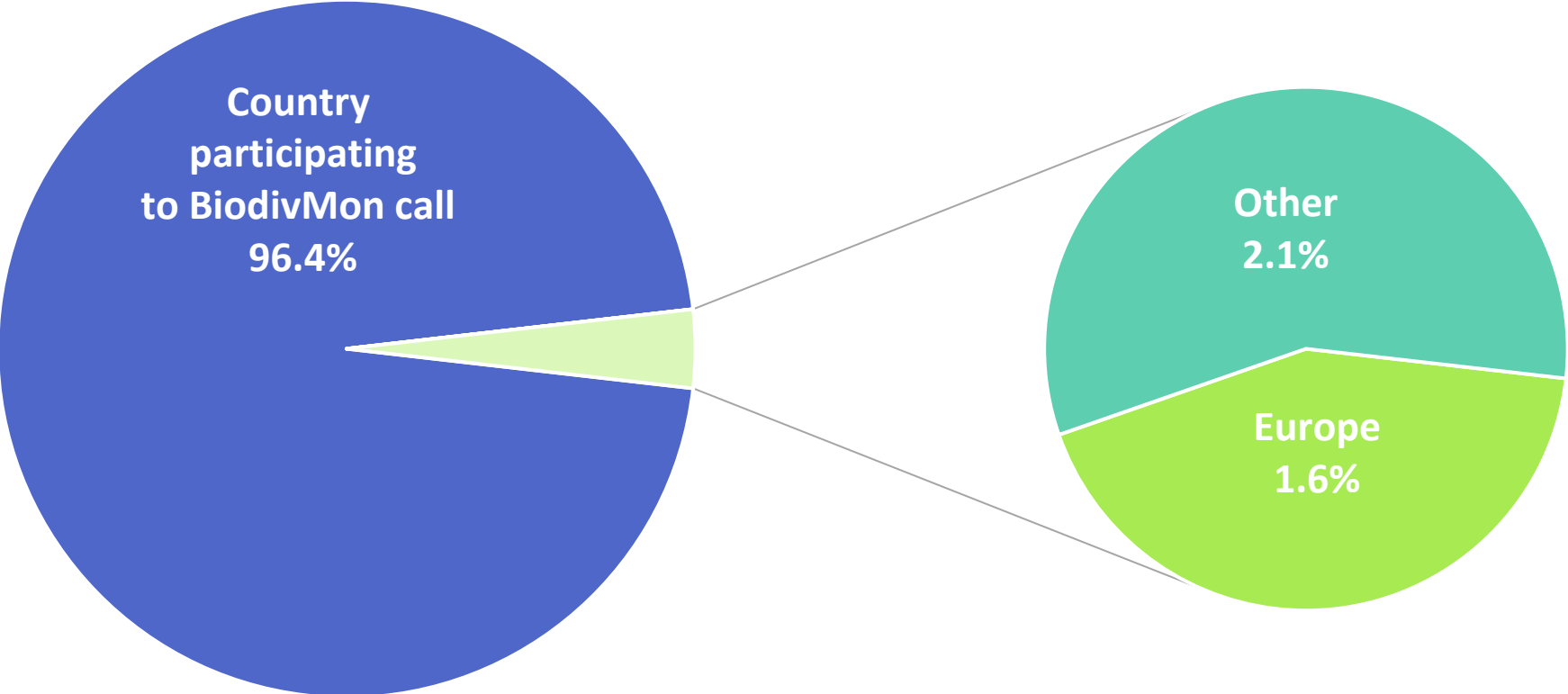
**Theme 2:** Addressing knowledge gaps related to biodiversity status, dynamics, and trends in order to reverse biodiversity loss.

**Theme 3:** Making effective use of available biodiversity monitoring data

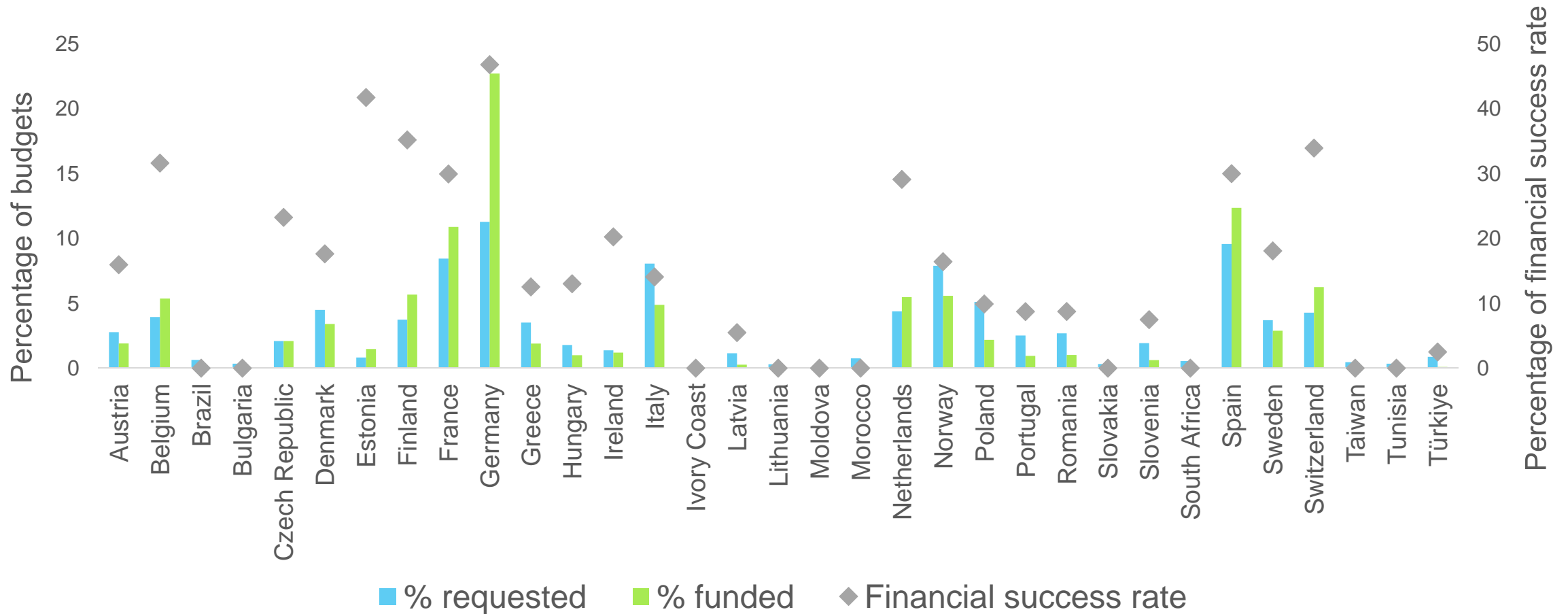
# Studied environments



# Origin of the applicants (step 1)

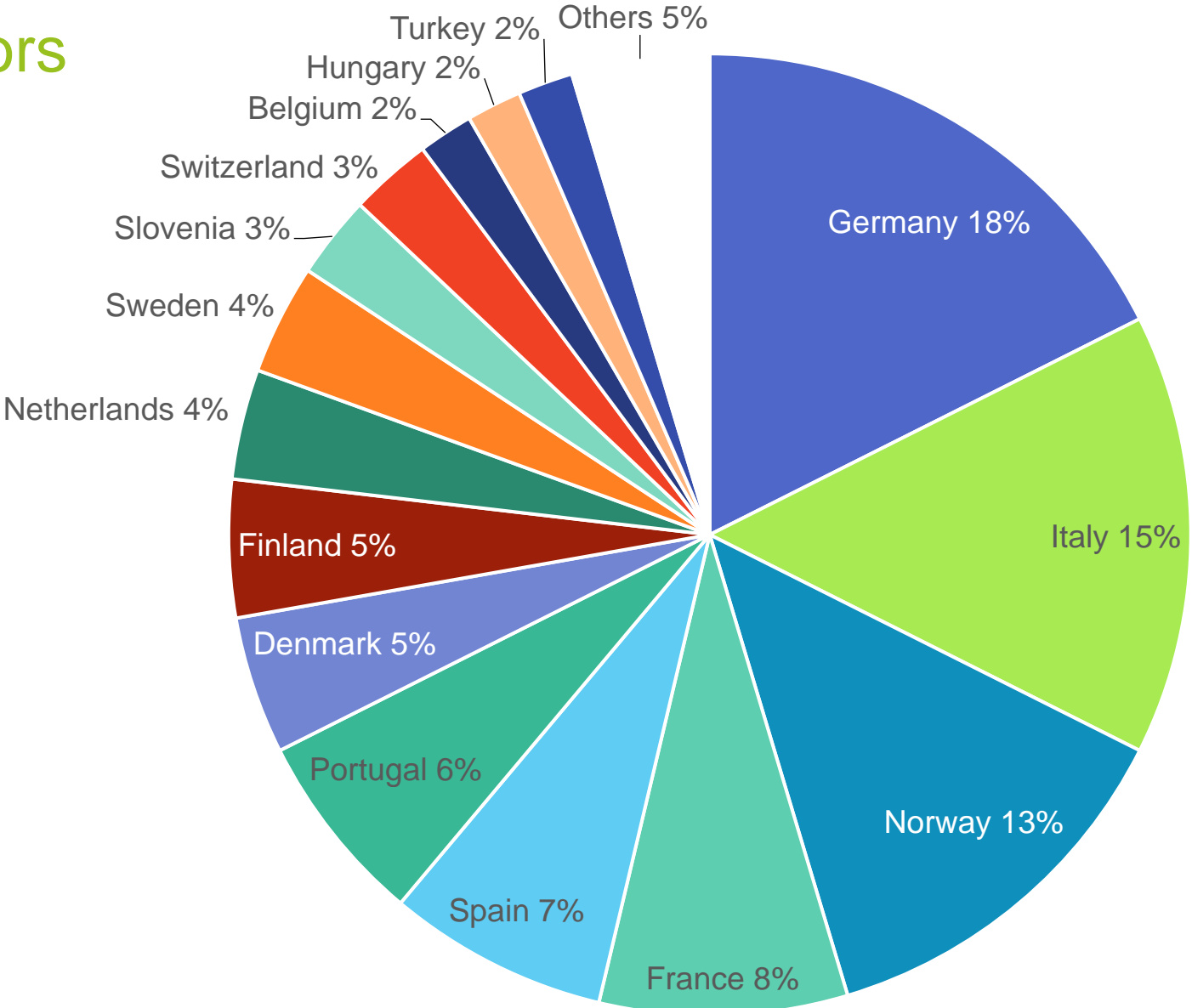


# Comparison of budgets between step 1 and 2 and success rate



# Origin of the coordinators

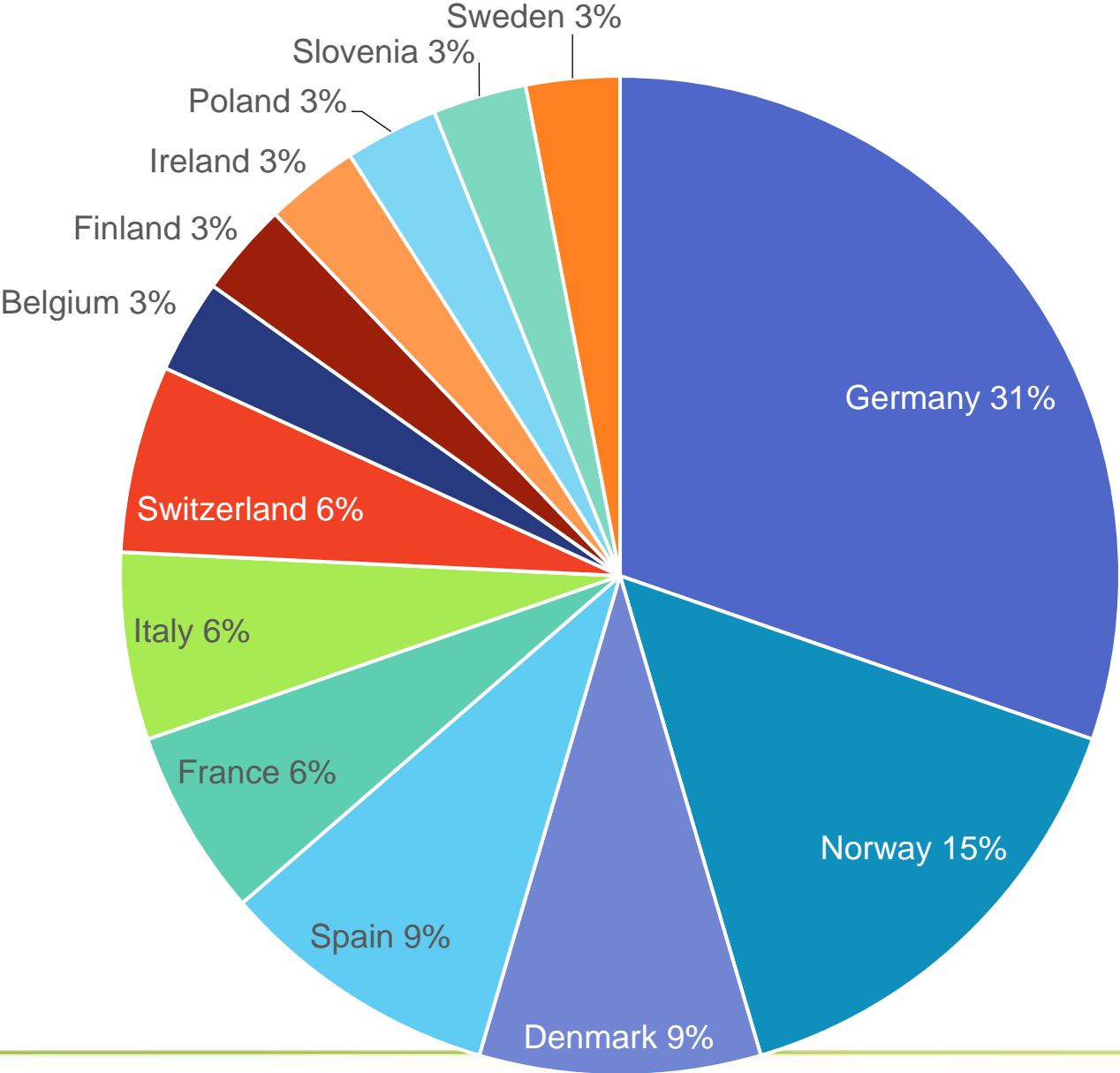
## Submitted full proposals



Others =  
Austria 0,93%;  
Ireland 0,93%;  
Ivory Coast 0,93%;  
Poland 0,93%;  
Romania 0,93%

# Origin of the coordinators

## Funded projects



# Brochure of the Call



**More information on the BiodivMon Call process and overview of the [33 projects](#) in the Brochure**

➤ **You can download it on the [www.biodiversa.eu/links](http://www.biodiversa.eu/links)**



# Examples of funded projects

## **ANTENNA –**

Making technology work for monitoring pollinators (DE, NL, DK, ES, GR, IE)



## **CoForFunc –**

Toward a biome-scale monitoring of the Congo basin  
FORest FUNctional composition (FR, DE, ES, BE, CM, CG)



## **FunDive –**

Monitoring and mapping fungal diversity for nature conservation (DK, EE, ES, BE, IT, CZ, HU, DE, PT, FR, NO, FI, PL, CH, GR, NL)

# Evaluation Committee Members - Countries of origins

## Scientific

Australia, Austria  
Canada, Colombia, Czech Republic  
Germany  
Ireland, Italy  
Kenya  
Mozambique  
Poland, Portugal  
Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland  
Taiwan, Türkiye  
United Kingdom, United States of America

## Policy/management

Australia  
Colombia, Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Germany  
Hungary  
India, Italy  
Kenya  
Lebanon  
Netherlands, Norway  
Spain, Sweden  
United Kingdom

# Composition of the Evaluation Committee

28 Scientific EvC members

**CHAIR. Nathalie Pettorelli**, Zoological Society of London, UK

1. **Kofi Akamani**, Southern Illinois University, USA
2. Peter Arcese, University of British Columbia, Canada
3. Fernando Ascensão, Ce3C – Centre for Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Changes, Portugal
4. Clement Atzberger, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Austria
5. Isabelle Aubin, Great Lakes Forestry Centre, Canadian Forest Service, Natural Resources Canada, Canada
6. **Yu-Chung Chiang**, National Sun Yat-sen University, Taiwan
7. Nicola Clerici, Universidad del Rosario, Colombia
8. Richard Gregory (step 1 only), Royal Society for the Protection of Birds /University College London, UK
9. **Grant Hamilton**, Queensland University of Technology, Australia
10. Stephanie Hampton, Carnegie Institution for Science, USA
11. Ferenc Jordan, University of Parma, Italy
12. Dave Kendal, University of Tasmania, Australia
13. Hojka Kraigher, Slovenian Forestry Institute SFI, Slovenia
14. Anne Magurran, University of St Andrews, UK
15. **Frank Masese**, Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Sciences, University of Eldoret, Kenya
16. **Louise McRae**, Zoological Society of London, UK
17. Lina Mtwana Nordlund, Uppsala University, Sweden
18. **Zuzana Musilova**, Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague, Czech Republic
19. **Piotr Nowicki**, Institute of Environmental Sciences, Jagiellonian University, Poland
20. Nessa O'Connor, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
21. Michael Pocock, UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, UK
22. **Natasha Ribeiro**, Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique
23. **Oguz Turkozan**, Aydın Adnan Menderes University, Türkiye
24. Davnah Urbach, Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment, Switzerland
25. **Yeqiao Wang**, University of Rhode Island, USA
26. Monika Wulf, Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research, Germany
27. **Alexandra Zieritz**, University of Nottingham, UKPA/IUCN, UK

*\*at Step 1 only*

# Composition of the Evaluation Committee

**CHAIR. Simon Gardner, UK**

**25 Policy/management EvC members**

1. [Mora Aronsson, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden](#)
2. Johnny Berglund, County Administrative Board of Västerbotten, Sweden
3. Karma Bouazza, Lebanon Reforestation Initiative, Lebanon
4. Peter Bridgewater, The Australian National University, Australia
5. Claire Brown, UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre, UK Francisco
6. Miguel Cortés Sánchez, Centro de Estudios y Experimentación de Obras Públicas, Spain
7. Roberto Crosti, Institute for Environmental Protection and Research, Italy
8. [Judy Fisher, Fisher Research Pty Ltd, Australia](#)
9. Adriana Ford, Imperial College London, UK
10. Frederik Forsberg, SEGES Innovation P/S, Denmark
11. [David Gutiérrez, Red Cantábra de De Desarrollo Rural, Spain](#)
12. [Colin Hindmarch, Independent Consultancy, UK](#)
13. Katia Hueso-Kortekaas, ICAI / Comillas Pontifical University, Spain
14. Peter Koncz, Duna-Ipoly National Park Directorate, Hungary
15. Manuel Lago, Ecologic Institute, Germany
16. Maria Cecilia Londono Murcia, Instituto Humboldt / GEO BON, Colombia
17. Ivone Pereira Martins, European Environment Agency, Denmark
18. [Vinod Bihari Mathur, National Biodiversity Authority of India, India](#)
19. Angela Morgado (step 1 only), Nature Portugal Association (ANP) – Contact WWF Portugal, Portugal
20. [Nicholas Ozor, African Technology Policy Studies Network, Kenya](#)
21. Simona Polakova, Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic, Czech Republic
22. Christian Prip, The Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Norway
23. Sunandan Tiwari (step 1 only), ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, World Secretariat, Germany
24. [Wouter Vanneuville, European Environment Agency, Denmark Boetekees - FSC International, Netherlands](#)

# Evaluation process at Step 1

## **STEP1:** *Pre-proposal stage; closed 9 November 2022*

*Eligibility check by Call Secretariat and Funding Organisations*

### **EVALUATION COMMITTEE (EvC)**

Each pre-proposal (5-page project description) was evaluated by :

- **2\* scientific members**
- **2\* policy/management members**

\* one as rapporteur and one as reader

### **Evaluation Criteria**

*For Scientific EvC members*

- **Fit to the scope of the call (Yes/No)**
- **Novelty of the research (1-5; threshold: 3)**

*For Policy/Management EvC members:*

- **Societal and policy impact** (incl. contribution to society and/or policy and Transnational added value) **(1-5; threshold: 3)**

# Evaluation process at Step 2

## **STEP2:** *Full proposal stage; closed 5 April 2023*

*Eligibility check by Call Secretariat and Funding Organisations*

### **EXTERNAL REVIEWERS**

Each proposal was in evaluated by at least:

- **2 scientific external reviewers**
- **1 policy/management external reviewer**

### **EVALUATION COMMITTEE (EvC)**

Each proposal (16-page project description) was evaluated by:

- **2\* scientific members**
- **2\* policy/management members**

\* one as rapporteur and one as reader

### **Evaluation Criteria**

*For Scientific EvC members and external reviewers*

- **Excellence** (incl. fit to thematic priorities and scientific excellence)(1-5; threshold: 3.5) / weight 7
- **Quality and efficiency of the implementation** (1-5; threshold: 3) / weight 3

*For Policy/Management EvC members and external reviewers:*

- **Impact** (incl. societal / policy relevance and approaches to stakeholder engagement) (1-5; threshold: 3) / weight 6

→ **Stricly following the ranking list, 33 projects recommended for funding by the call funders**

# Outcomes

- **Reviewers brought a high level of expertise and collegiality.** There was a high degree of consistency between rapporteurs and readers in their evaluations for both Scientific and Policy Management Committees.
- The funded projects address topics across **all three non-exclusive themes** and will contribute knowledge **across diverse ecosystems:** terrestrial ecosystems, inland waters and coastal and marine ecosystems.
- The selected proposals are both **innovative** and **trans-disciplinary**, and will require close working relationships internationally as well as between scientists and stakeholder communities.
- The selected proposals will deliver **scientific research relevant to policy makers** at regional, national and international levels.

**3-year  
transnational  
research  
projects**

# Outcomes

- BiodivMon research outcomes will provide transnational and societal evidence to support Policy and National and European **implementation of the Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework** which states:
  - “Success requires:
    - political will
    - stakeholder input to policy
    - recognition at the highest level of government
    - cooperation by all levels of government and all actors of society”
- Successful project proponents for BiodivMon have incorporated processes for **strong transnationality** and **stakeholder involvement** throughout research development, implementation and dissemination which can provide research outcomes incorporating these key success factors to assist Europe and National countries to successfully implement the GBF.



# Added value of science–society-policy collaborations from BiodivMon

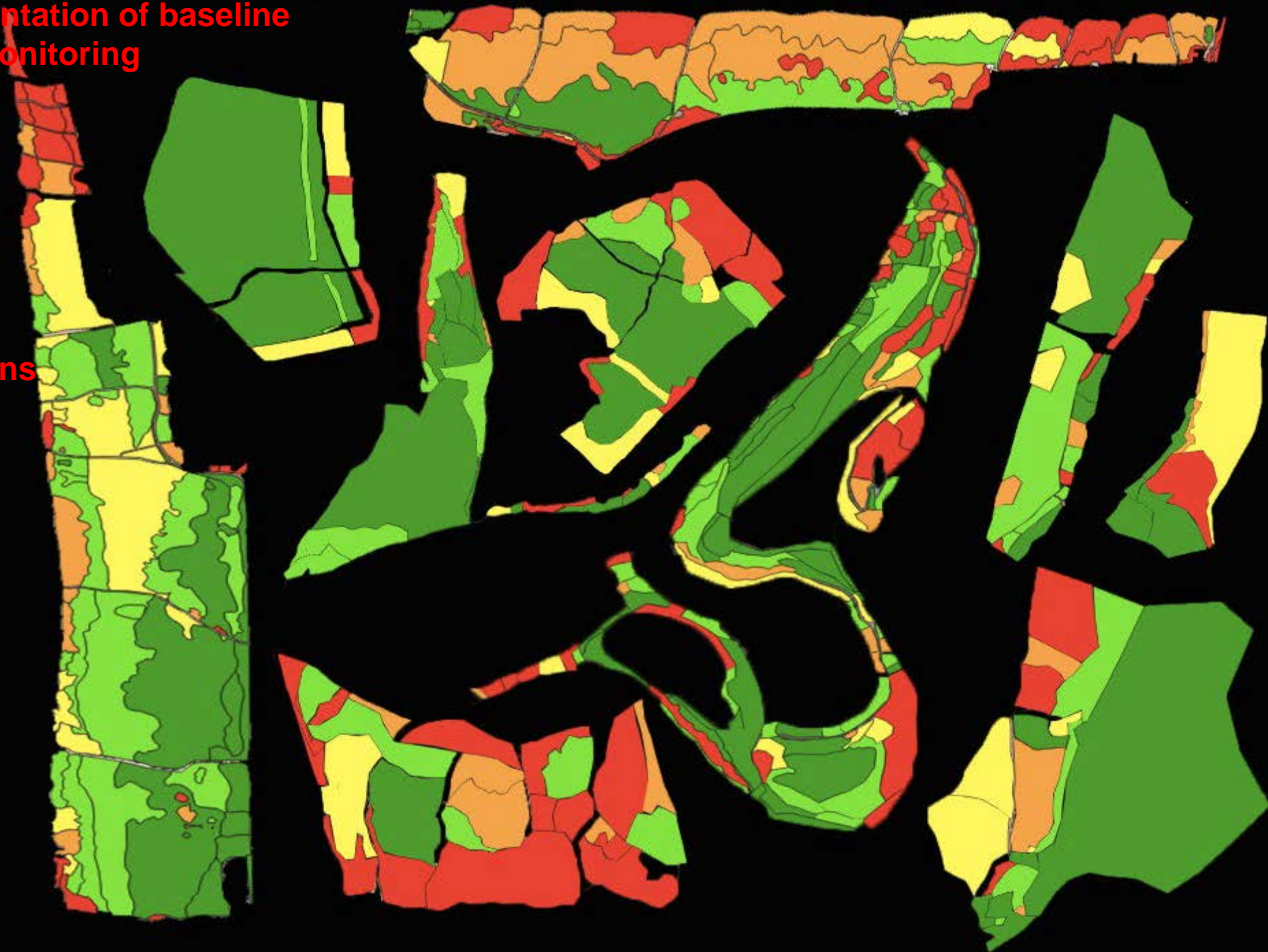
## Accurate and coordinated Biodiversity Monitoring is critical to ensure countries can implement the Targets of the Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

To enable this, it is critical that policy makers, stakeholders and society understand:

- **why** monitoring is important
- **how they can contribute** to the rapidly expanding science of biodiversity monitoring
- **the needs for biodiversity monitoring to effectively implement new legislation**
- the rapidly growing **demands for biodiversity outcomes**, such as **nature positive and natural capital** which require **robust and accurate biodiversity monitoring, which is easily understood and implemented across a diversity of expertise levels**
- **governance and decision-making requirements** for accurate and repeatable biodiversity monitoring
- biodiversity monitoring outcomes which can be **easily and visually understood without deep scientific knowledge**
- **The BiodivMon funded projects through their policy/society components add these values**

**Visual representation of baseline  
biodiversity monitoring  
variety of  
ecosystems  
Perth  
Western  
Australia**

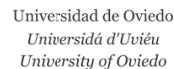
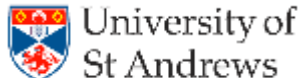
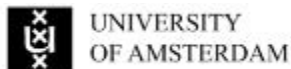
**Stakeholder  
communications**



## Co-designing the European Biodiversity Observation Centre and Network

Henrique M. Pereira et al.

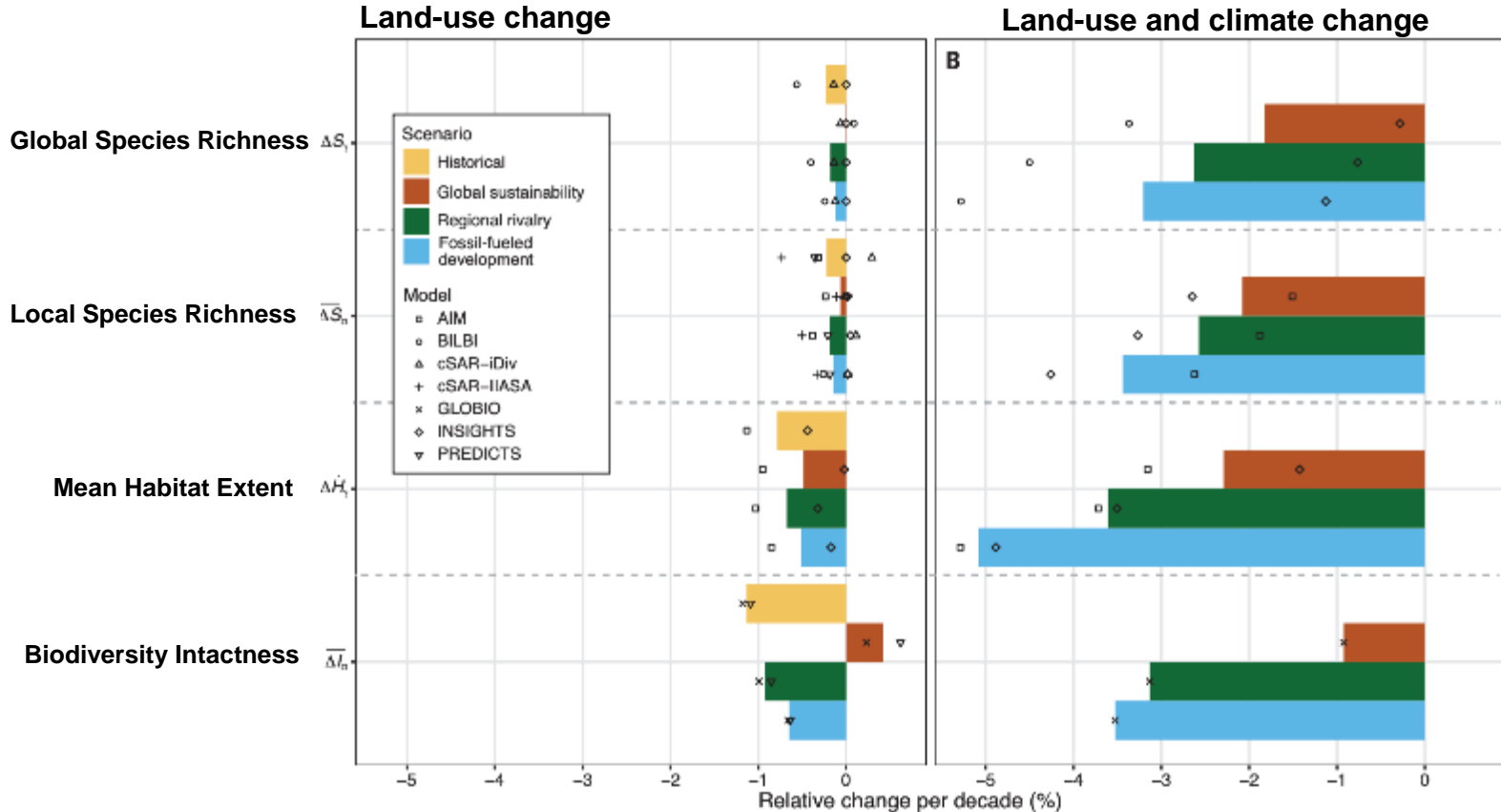
17 Apr 2024, Biodiversa+ Kickoff meeting of the BiodivMon Call , Tallin



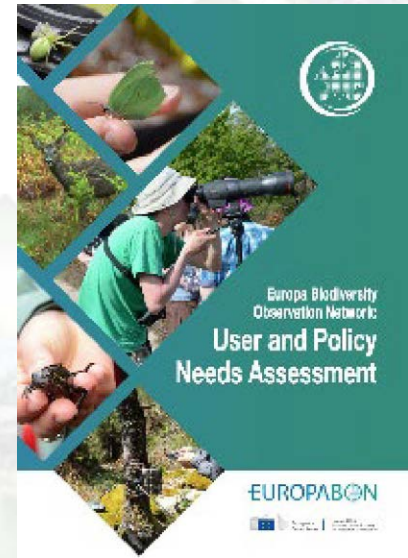
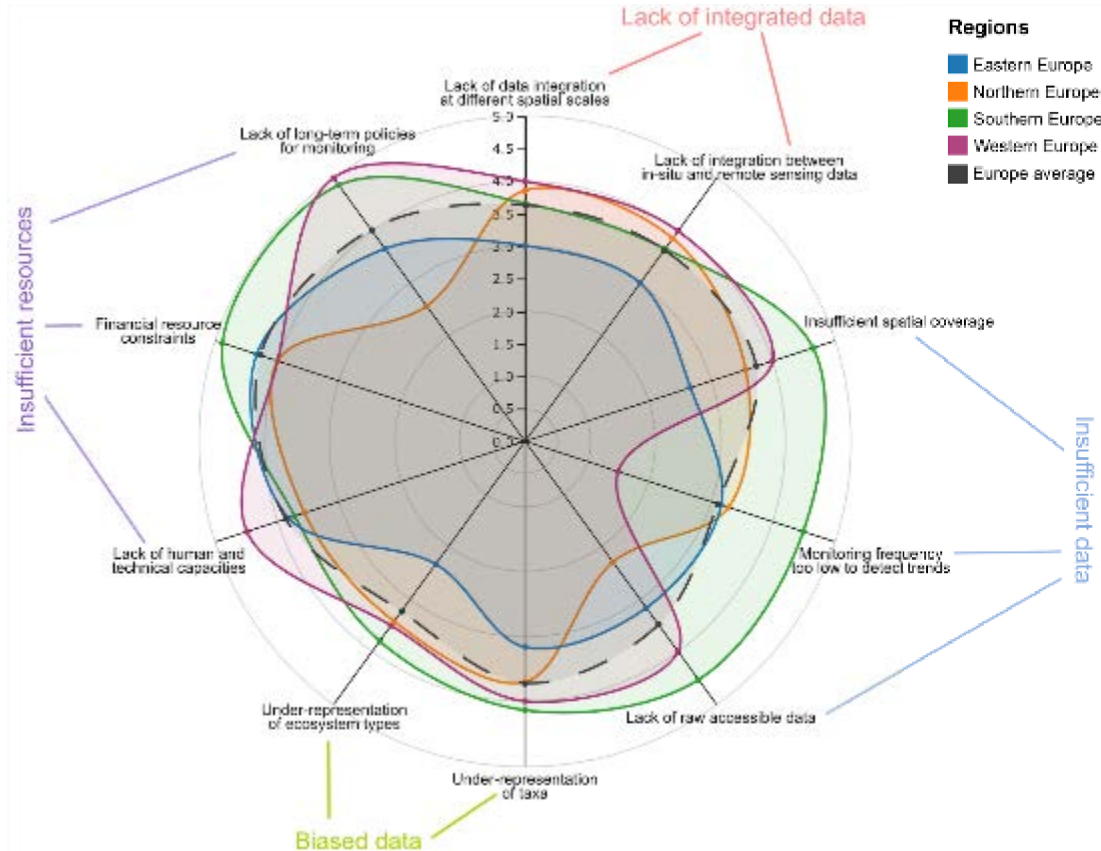
This project receives funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 101007492.



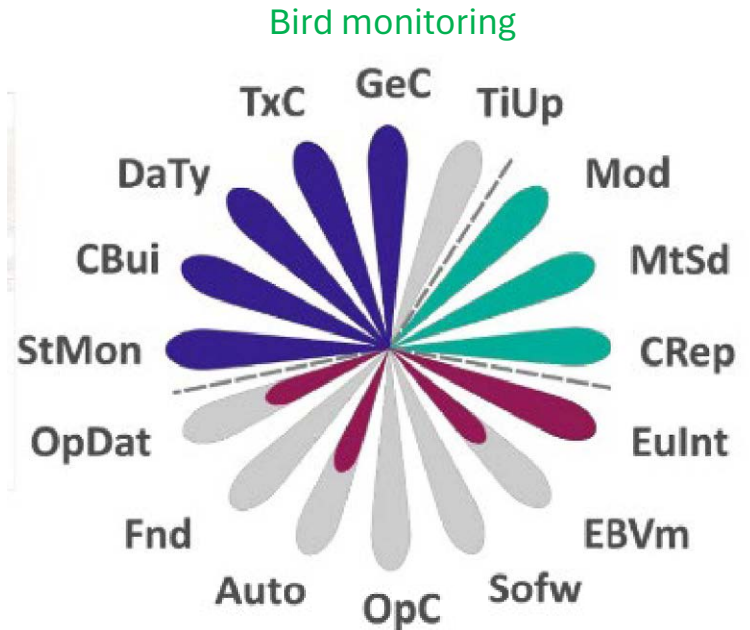
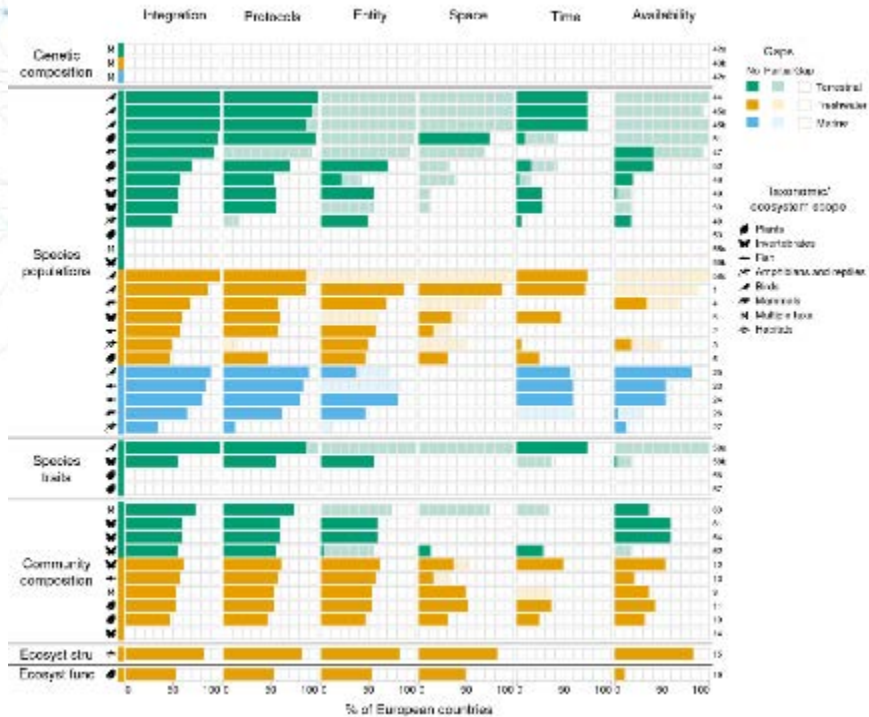
# Global historical trends in biodiversity (1900-2015) and future scenarios (2015-2050)



# The problem with biodiversity data



# Assessing existing biodiversity monitoring



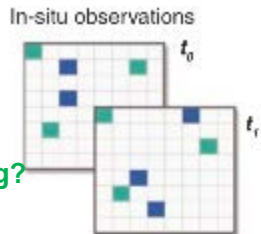
- Data collection & sampling
- Models, Interoperability, IT infrastructure
- Data Integration
- Bottlenecks

Report on gaps and important new areas for monitoring in Europe:  
<https://preprints.arphahub.com/article/103657/>  
 Identification of current monitoring workflows and bottlenecks:  
<https://preprints.arphahub.com/article/103765/>

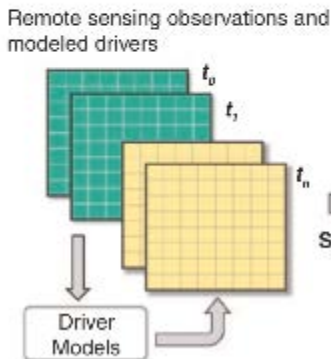
# Designing a Biodiversity Observation Network with Essential Biodiversity Variables

## Monitoring design

(1) How to design sampling?



(2) What models to use?



## EBV Selection

(1) Which EBV are needed for each policy question?

## EBV Specification

(1) What taxa and ecosystems?

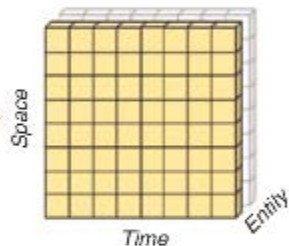
(2) What is the desired spatial and temporal resolution of EBV?

Calibration and Validation  
(State variable)

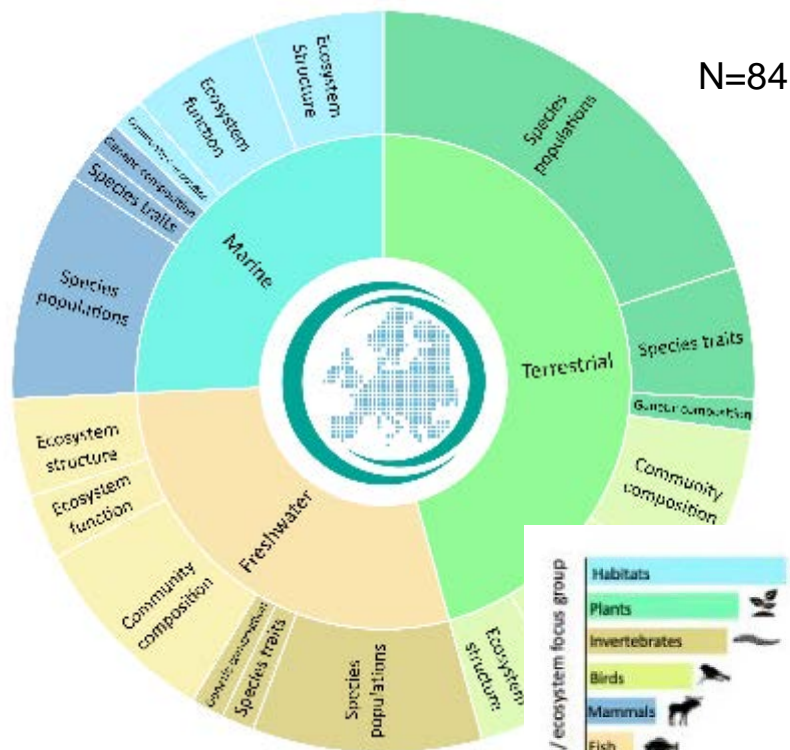
Biodiversity model

Spatiotemporal predictors

Estimated EBV



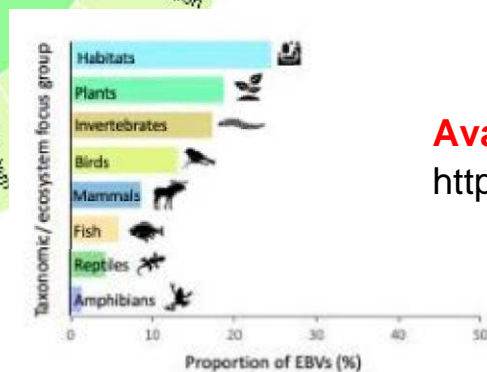
# A balanced EBV selection: realms, EBV classes, taxa



Species level variables mostly addressing questions **about status of species of conservation interest** (Habitats, Birds Directives), and some species groups for which enough interest exists.

Ecosystem level variables mostly addressing questions about **trends in ecosystem condition and restoration**, across a range of taxonomic groups.

Some species level variables and some ecosystem level variables important to estimate **ecosystem services, ecosystem risks, and status of invasive species**



**Available on GitHub**

<https://github.com/EuropaBON/EBV-Descriptions/wiki>



# EBV workflows

## 1 Data collection & sampling

### Existing monitoring methods

- Structured surveys (e.g. transects counts) or opportunistic observations
- Trait or DNA sampling (e.g. phenology records)
- Airborne or satellite remote sensing (e.g. radar, hyperspectral, LIDAR)



### National or EU-wide monitoring initiatives

- PanEuropean Common Bird Monitoring Scheme (PECBMS)
- Water Information System for Europe (WISE)
- Copernicus Land Monitoring Service



### Emerging tools

- Digital sensors (e.g. cameras, sound devices)
- Citizen science apps
- eDNA sampling (e.g. soil, water)



## 2 Data integration

### Standardizing field data



- Standardized sampling & data entry protocols
- Data aggregation & harmonization
- National or EU-wide integration nodes

### Data exchange and automation



- Data transfer mechanisms (e.g. APIs) and exchange formats
- Automated, end-to-end data streams

### Computational integration



- Centralized data repositories
- Data access and machine readability
- Integration of ground truth and remote sensing data (training points)

## 3 Modelling

### Statistical modelling & extrapolation

Regression & machine learning (e.g. species distribution models)



### Models for trend analysis & forecasting



Biodiversity change indicators



Short-term ecological forecasts

### Artificial intelligence

AI for species detection, tracking, classification & segmentation



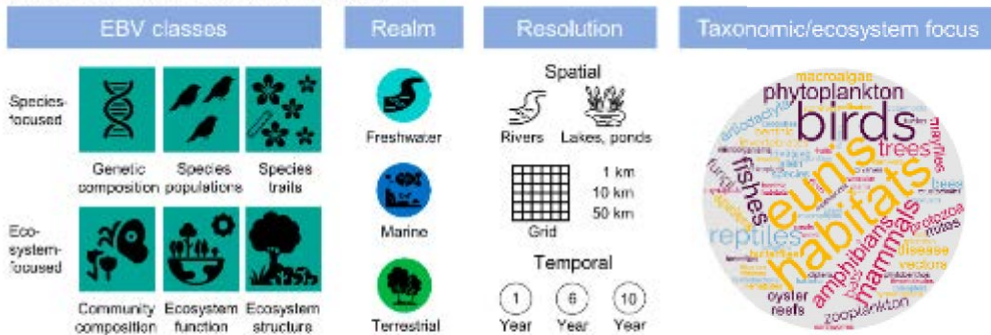
### Spatiotemporal ensemble modelling



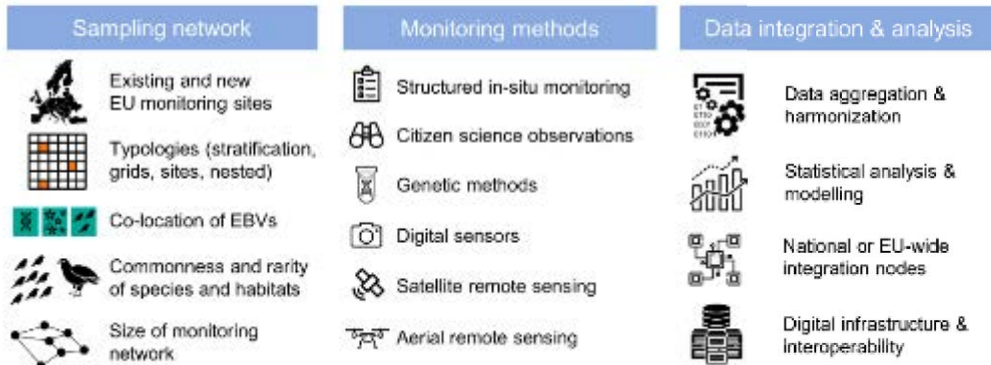
Multi-model comparison, parameter optimization, meta-learners

# Data collection and sampling

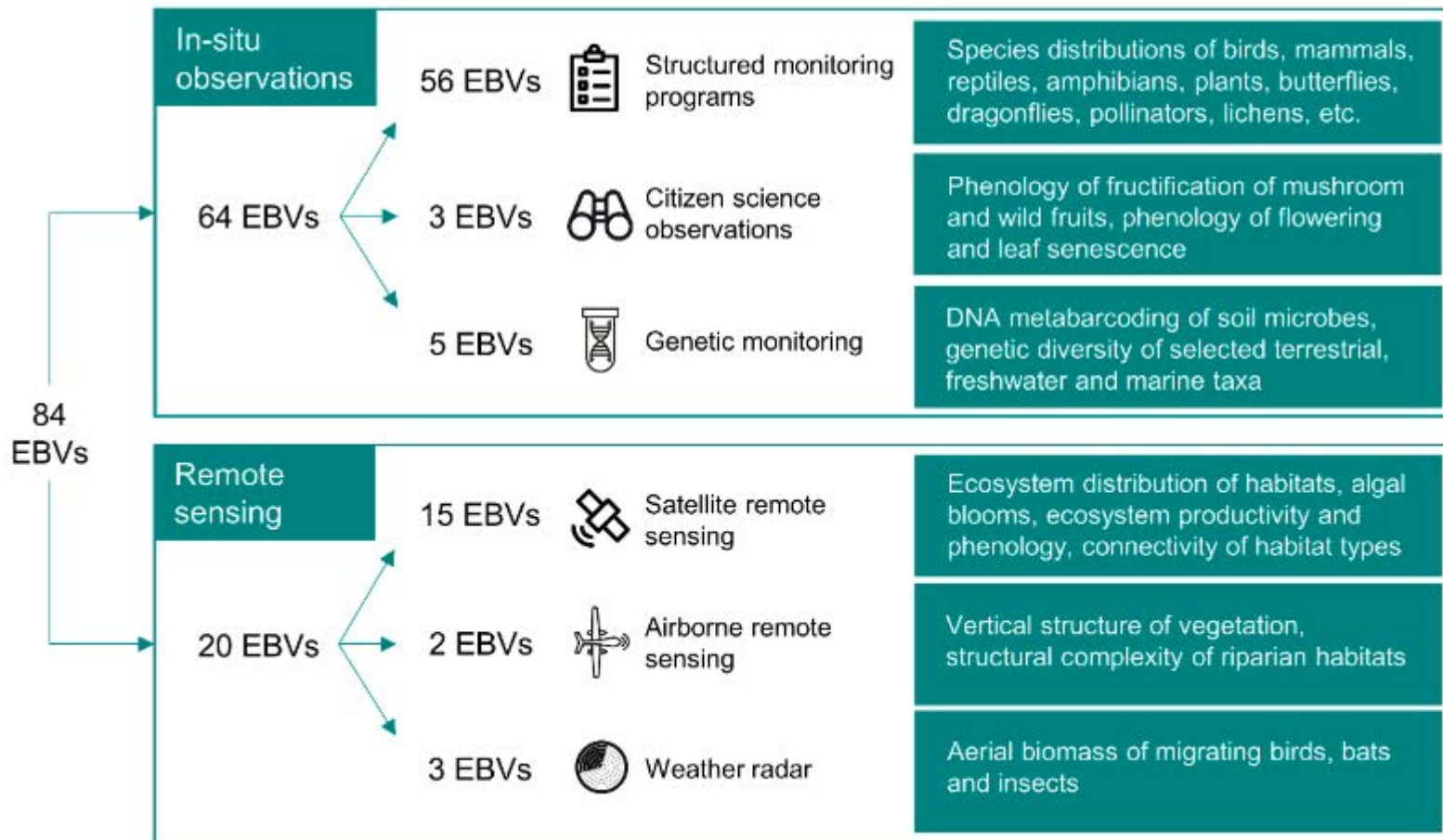
## (b) Essential Biodiversity Variables



## (c) Monitoring design criteria



# How to collect the data



# Where to collect the data

## a) Nearly non-monitored EBV's (<20% EU-MS)

### *Genetic composition*

- Genetic diversity of selected freshwater taxa
- Genetic diversity of selected marine taxa
- Genetic diversity of selected terrestrial taxa

### *Species populations*

- Species distributions of lichens (as indicators of pollution)
- Species abundances of selected terrestrial disease vectors
- Species abundances of selected terrestrial crop pests
- Distributions of marine turtle species nesting grounds

### *Community composition*

- Ecological Quality Ratio (EQR) of freshwater zooplankton

### *Species traits*

- Phenology of fructification of mushrooms and wild fruits
- Phenology of flowering and leaf senescence

## b) EBVs with major monitoring gaps (20-60% EU-MS)

### *Species populations*

- Species distributions of amphibians and freshwater reptiles
- Species distributions of terrestrial reptiles
- Species distributions of freshwater mammals
- Species distributions of marine mammals
- Species distributions of all terrestrial mammals
- Species distributions of terrestrial priority invertebrates and key pollinators
- Species abundances of selected terrestrial mammals
- Species abundances of terrestrial migratory birds
- Species abundances of butterflies

### *Species traits*

- Phenology of the emergence of butterflies

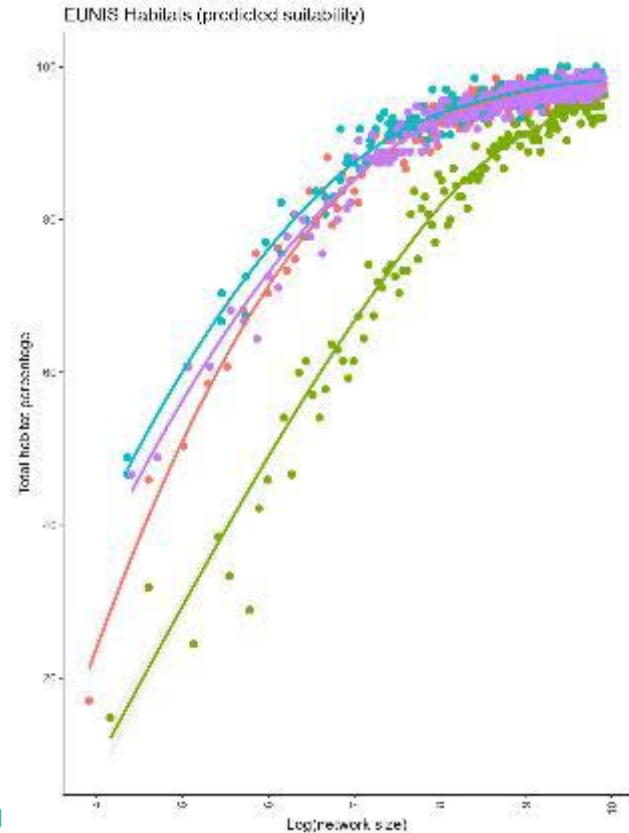
### *Community composition*

- Community abundance and taxonomic diversity of pollinator insects
- Aerial biomass of migrating birds, bats and insects

## c) Highly monitored EBVs (60-80% EU-MS)

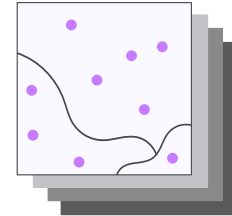
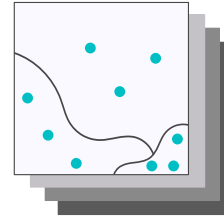
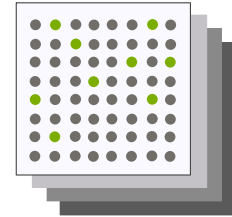
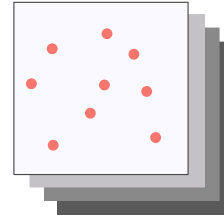
Candidates for co-monitoring across a network of European sites

# Assessing different spatial distributions of monitoring sites

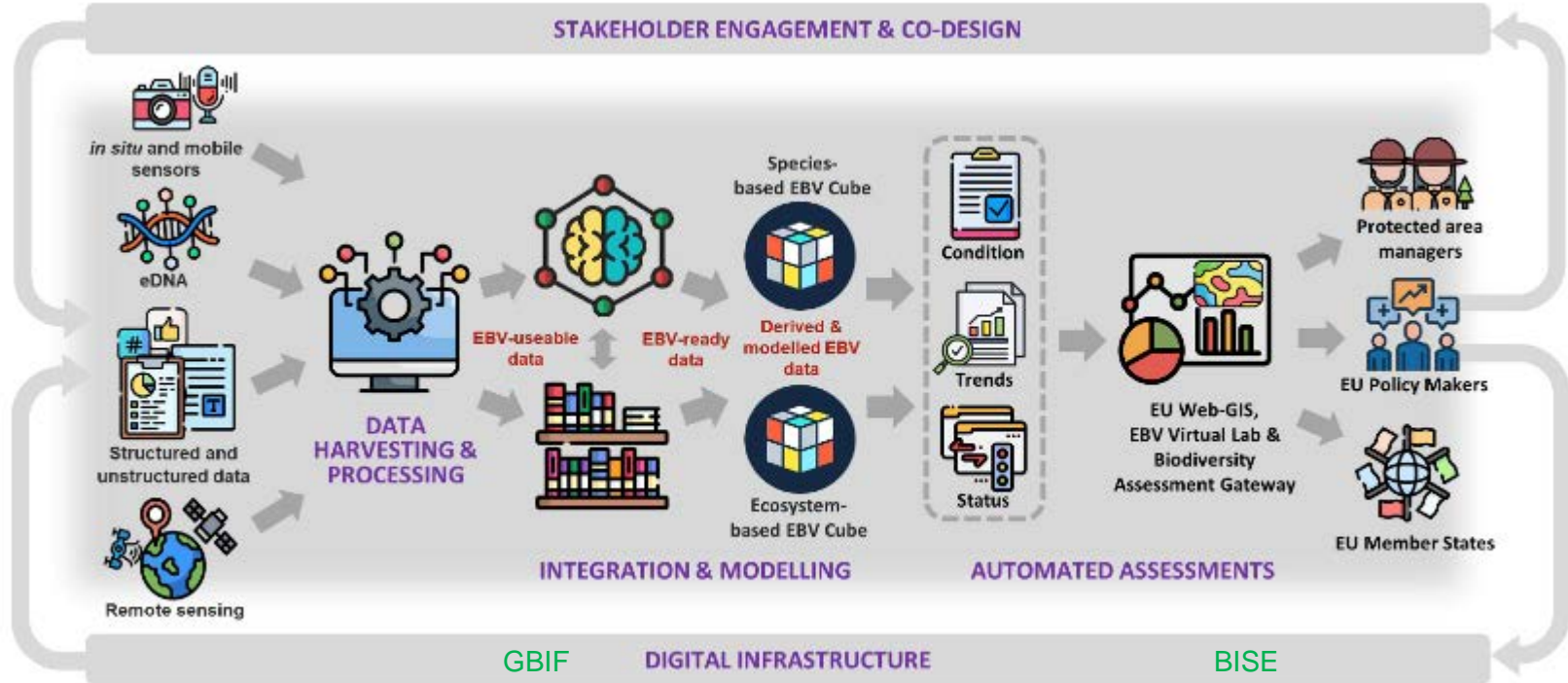


Sampling design

- Random
- Regular
- Stratified
- Stratified proportional



# Data integration and modelling



# Implementing EBV workflows across realms

## Species abundances of butterflies



## Ecosystem distribution of marine seagrass habitats

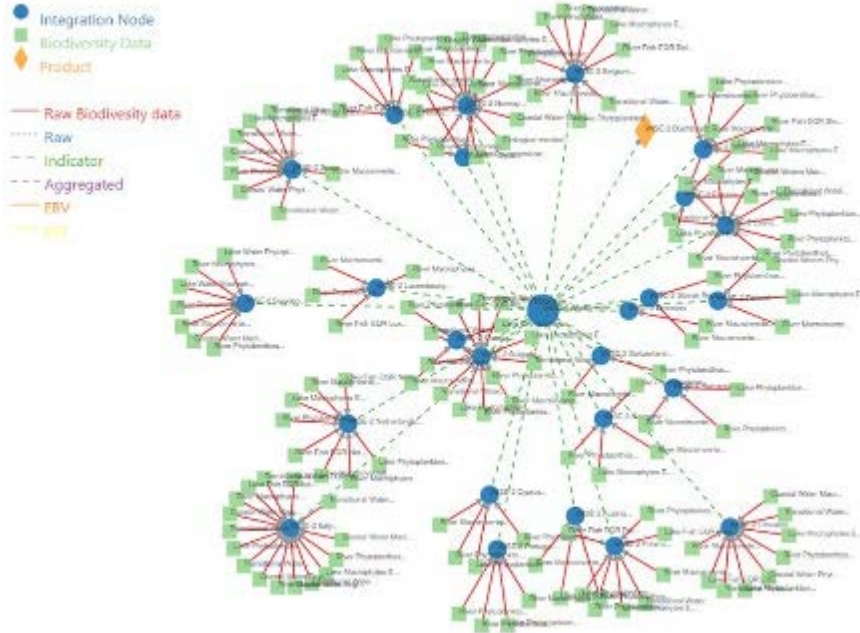


## Community composition of phytoplankton

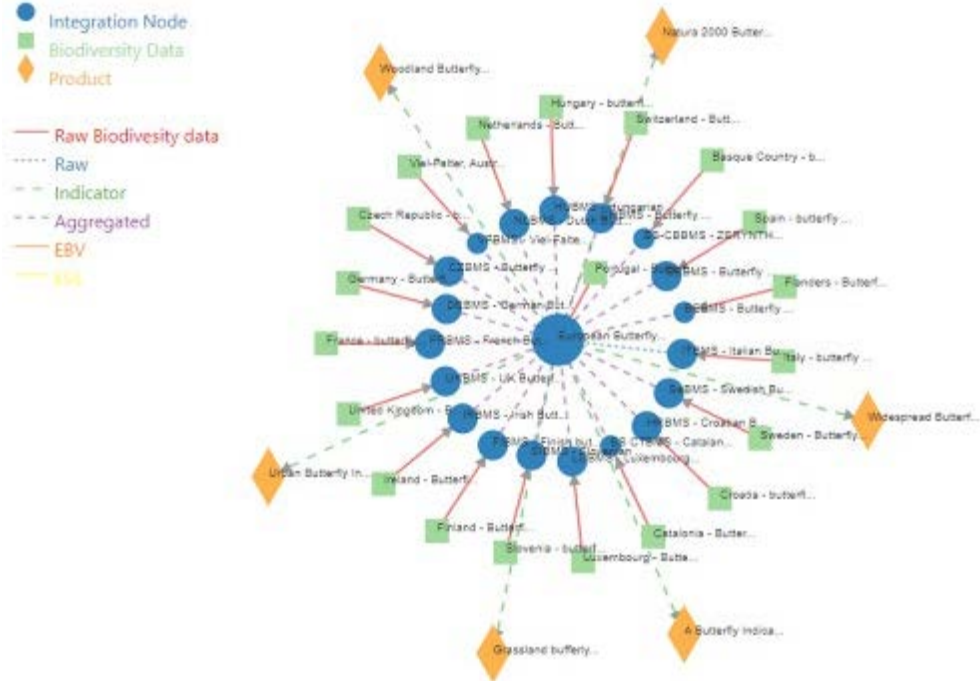


# Different approaches to integration

## Freshwater monitoring

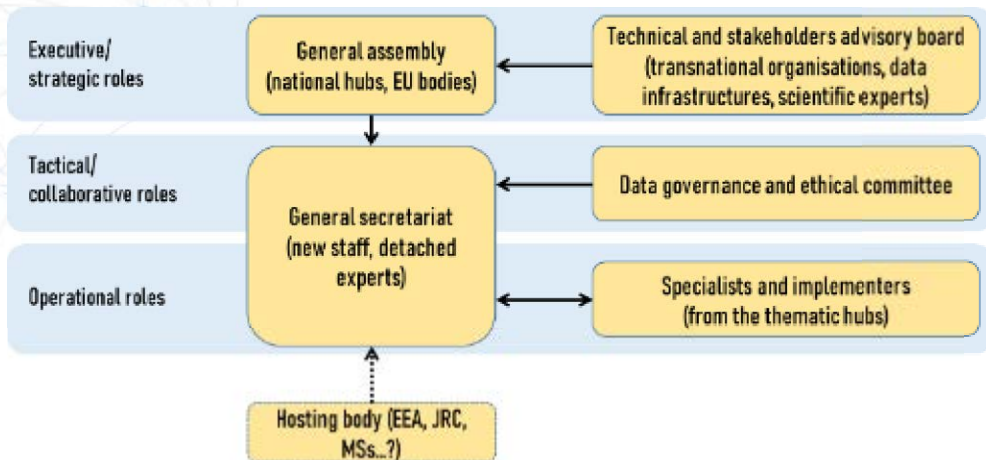


## Butterfly monitoring

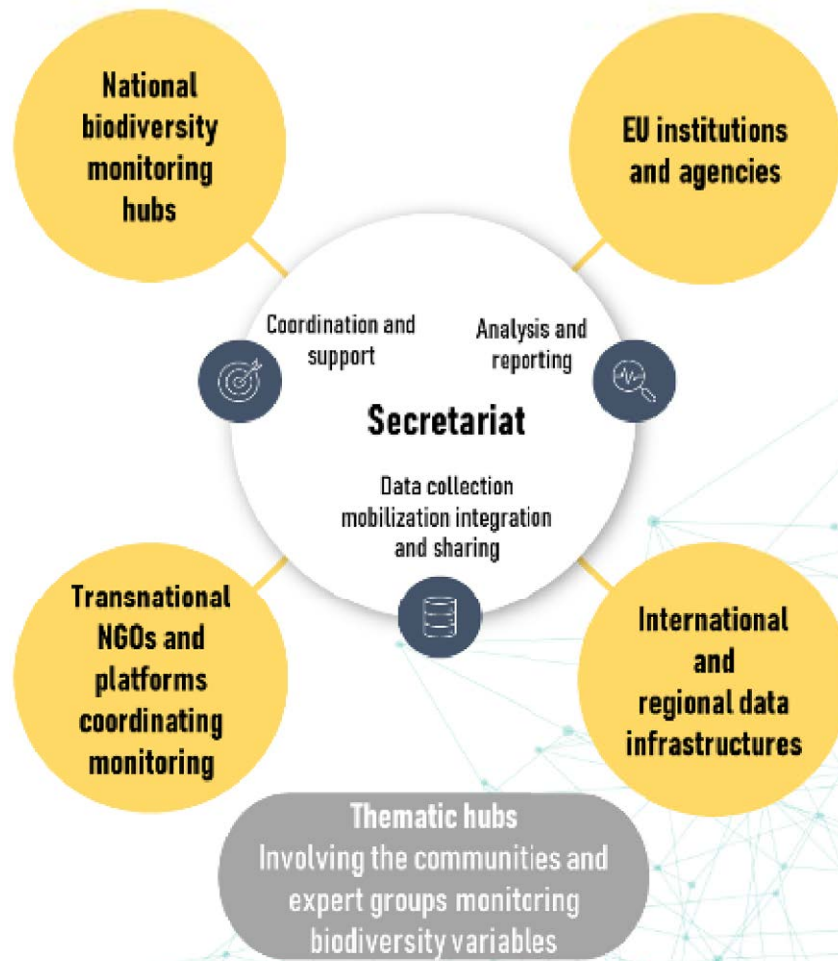




# The EBOCC



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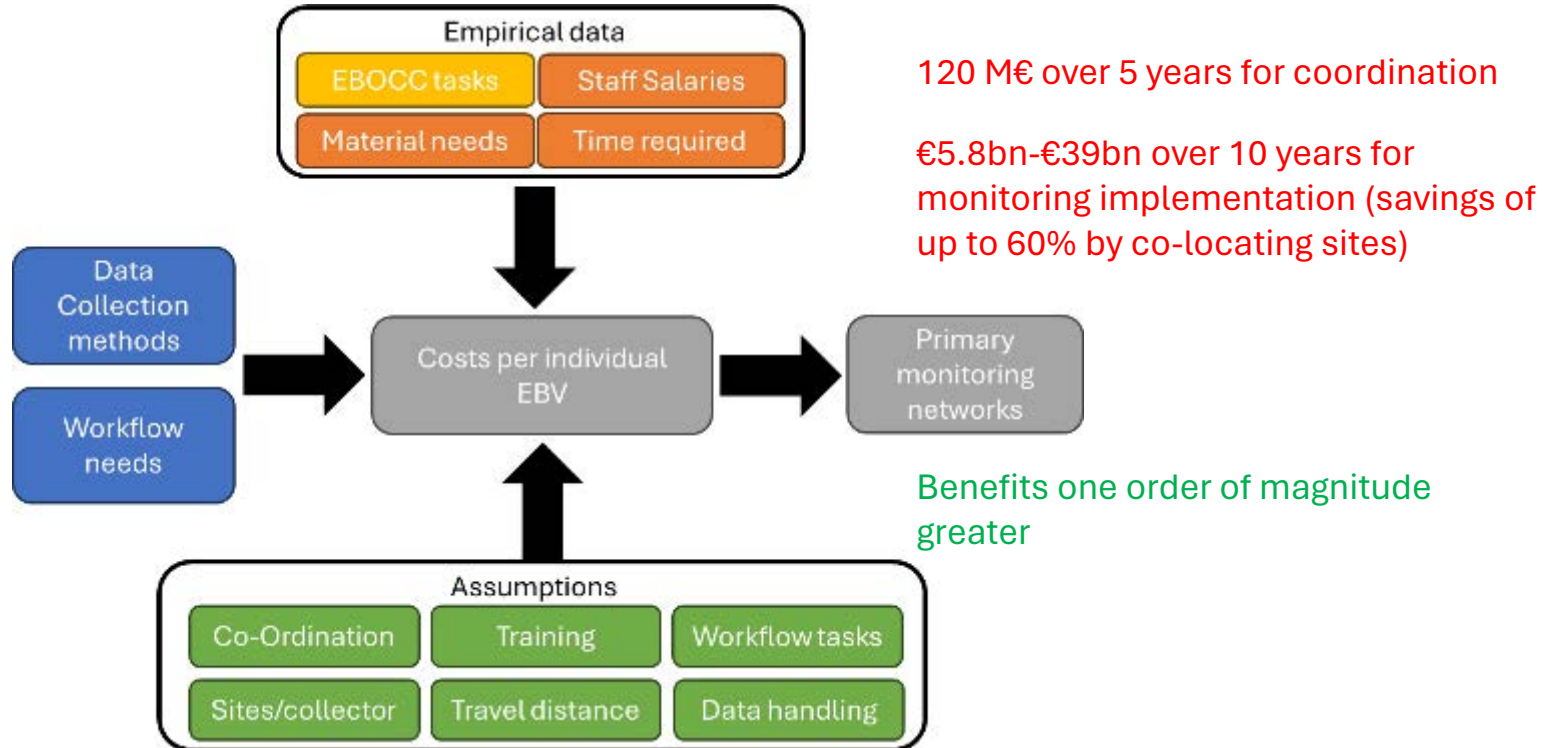


# Prioritisation of tasks for the EBOCC

<b>Coordination and support functions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Support coordination between Member States and institutions</i></li> <li>• Collaborate and engage with external knowledge holders</li> <li>• Capacity building on data exchange, analysis and standardization</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other capacity building (e.g. data collection, design of monitoring schemes, new techniques, financing options)</li> </ul>
<b>Data collection, mobilization, integration and sharing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Data mobilization, integration and harmonisation</i></li> <li>• Data infrastructure and tools</li> <li>• Develop data access and data sharing policies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Improved sampling designs and standardization of data collection</i></li> </ul>
<b>Analysis and reporting to support stakeholders</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gap analysis, both on monitored data and on information</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statistical analysis and visualization</li> <li>• FAIR principles and justice/transparency</li> </ul>

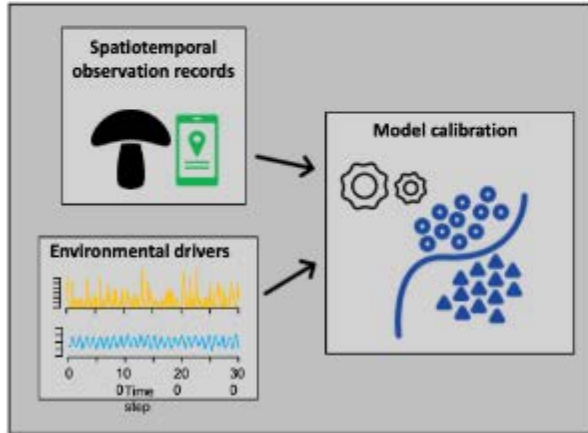
- EBOCC urgent tasks for >80 EBVs proposed by EuropaBON would cost **120M€ for 5 years**.
- **Not** part of this cost estimate: data collection + associated costs by Member States or other organisations

# Costing the implementation of the EBOCC



# Bring biodiversity monitoring benefits to society

## Forecasts of the fructification of wild mushrooms



Capinha et al (in press) Bioscience

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Sustained monitoring of marine biodiversity and ecosystems to distinguish global change from regional and local scale impacts – 100 years of observations in the English Channel

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# Sustained monitoring of marine biodiversity and ecosystems to distinguish global change from regional and local scale impacts - 100 years of observations in the English Channel

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Ghosts of Fischer-Piette, Crisp, Southward, Lewis



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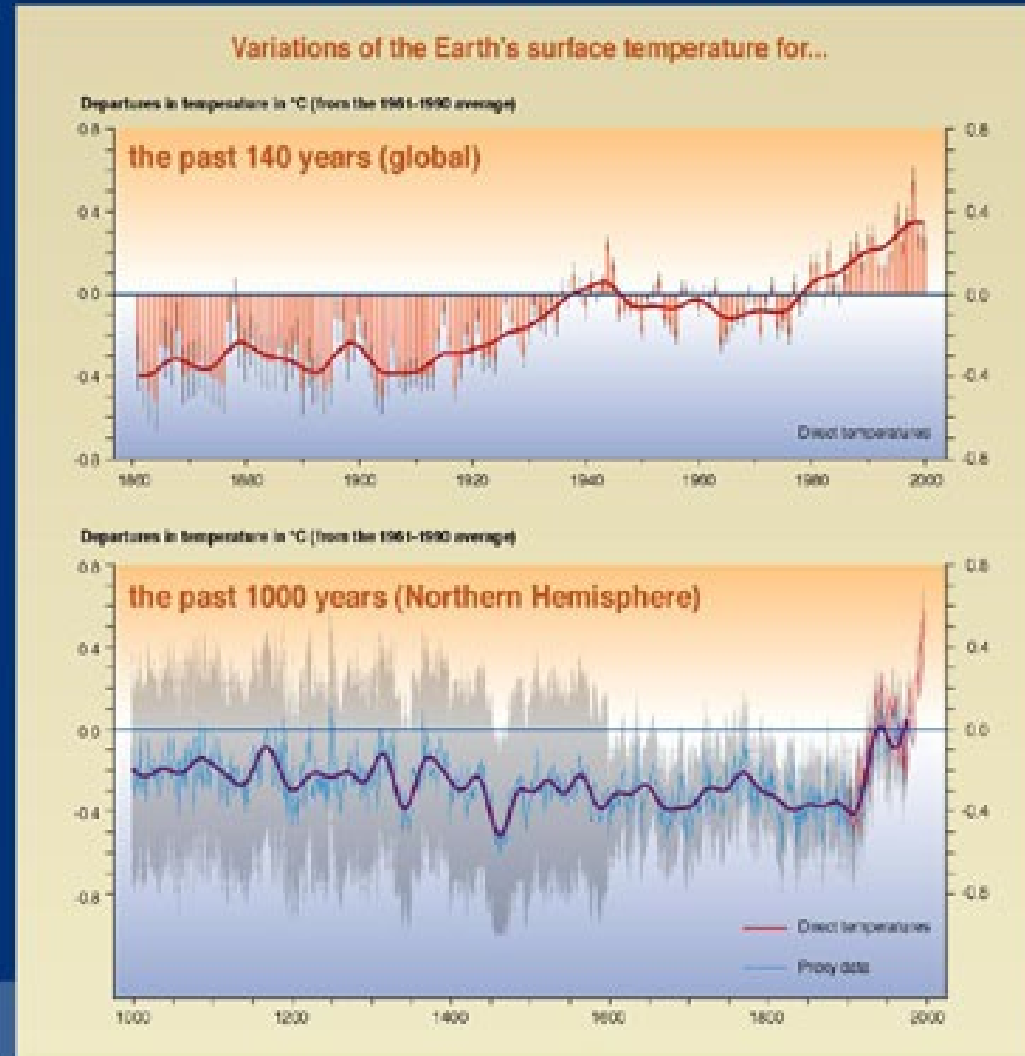


# Outline of Talk

- Twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss

# Global temperature trend

World  
is  
getting  
warmer



But not  
a  
straight  
line...

SYR - FIGURE 2-3



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# Local artisanal to global industrial ocean use



Sardines (pilchards)



Short-supply chains



West  
Cornwall  
1890s

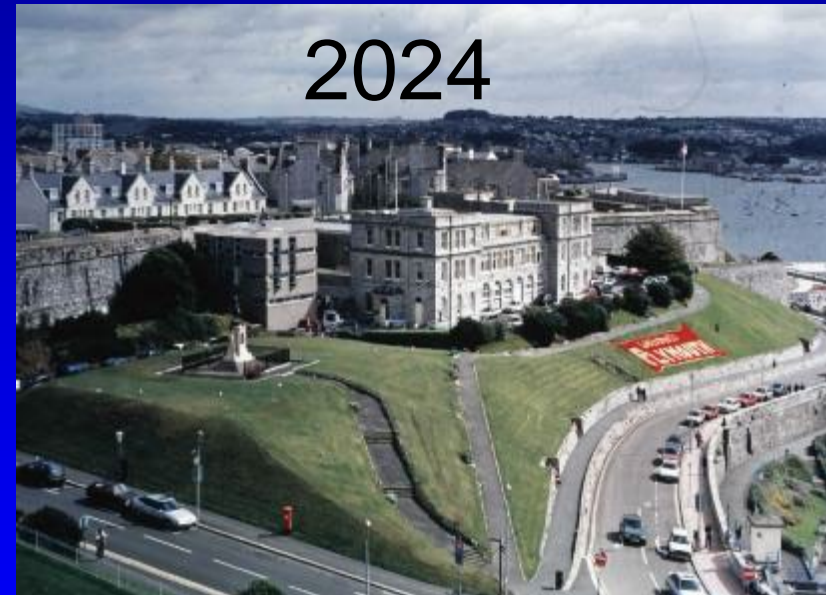
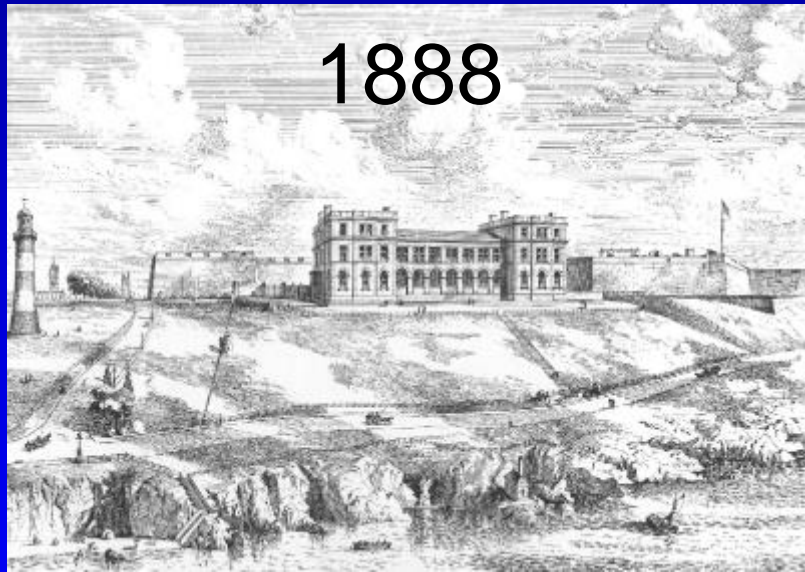
From old  
postcards



# Outline of Talk

- Twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss
- The MBA: sustaining observations for over 100 years
- Fluctuations and recent rapid change in the English Channel
- Sensitivity of marine biodiversity of the British Isles and Ireland to climate change
- Interactions fishing and climate – bottom fish
- Rocky shores as sentinels to detect change
- Take home messages – managing interactions of climate change with regional and local scale impacts for resilience of biodiversity

# The Marine Biological Association of the UK



**Long-term observing/monitoring**

# MBA Time Series: English Channel

## Western Channel Observatory from 2007 PML/ MBA/SAHFOS – 2015 **now in hiatus**

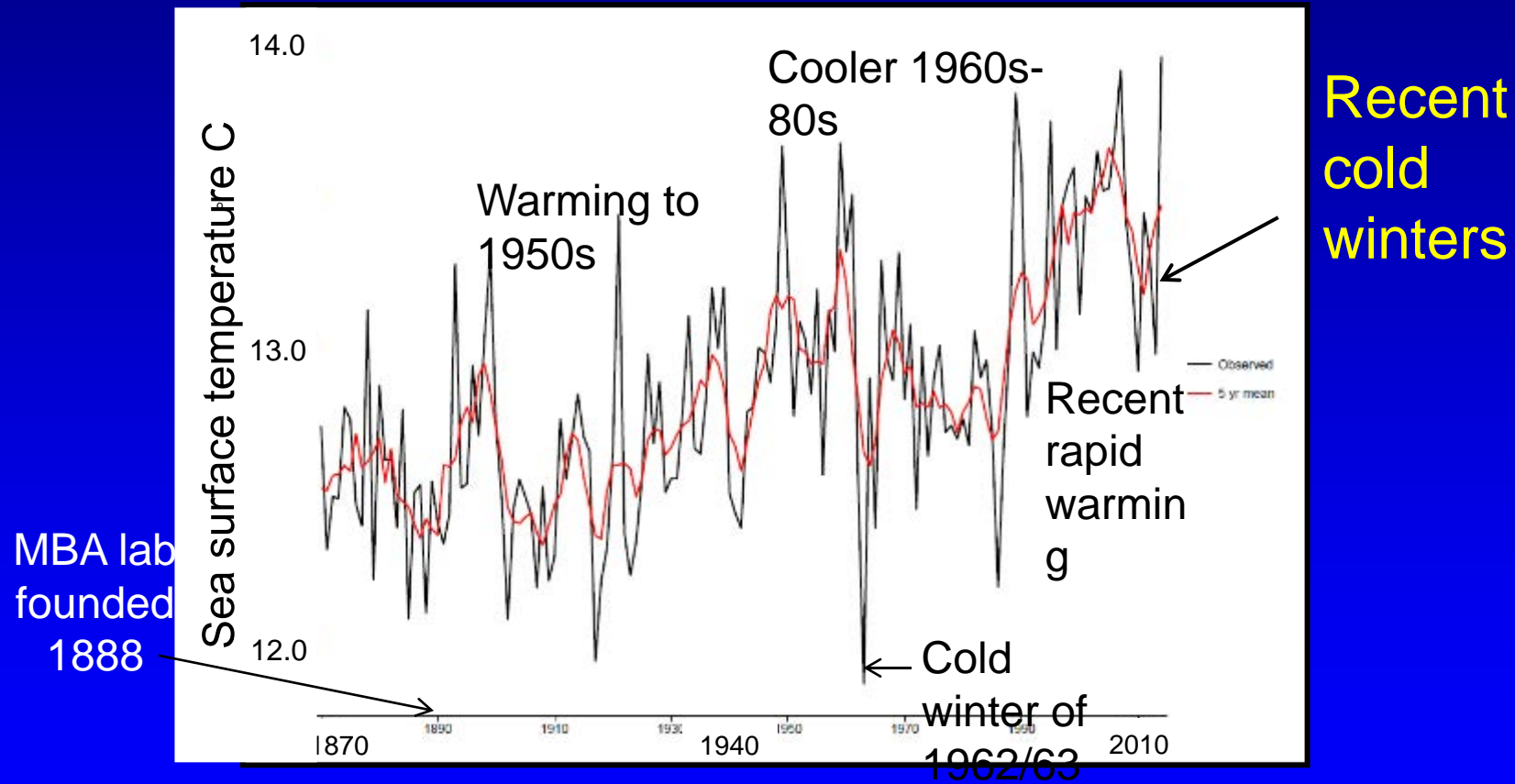
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Planktonic larval fish	E1, L5	1924-1987, 1995-1998, 2002-
<i>Demersal fish</i>	L4	1913-1986, 2001-2015
<i>Rocky Intertidal organisms</i>	various	1950-1998, 1997/2001-2024
Infaunal benthos (intermittent)	L4	1922-1950, 2003
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PML time series: plankton & hydrography at L4 since 1987

n.b. There are many gaps in these series,

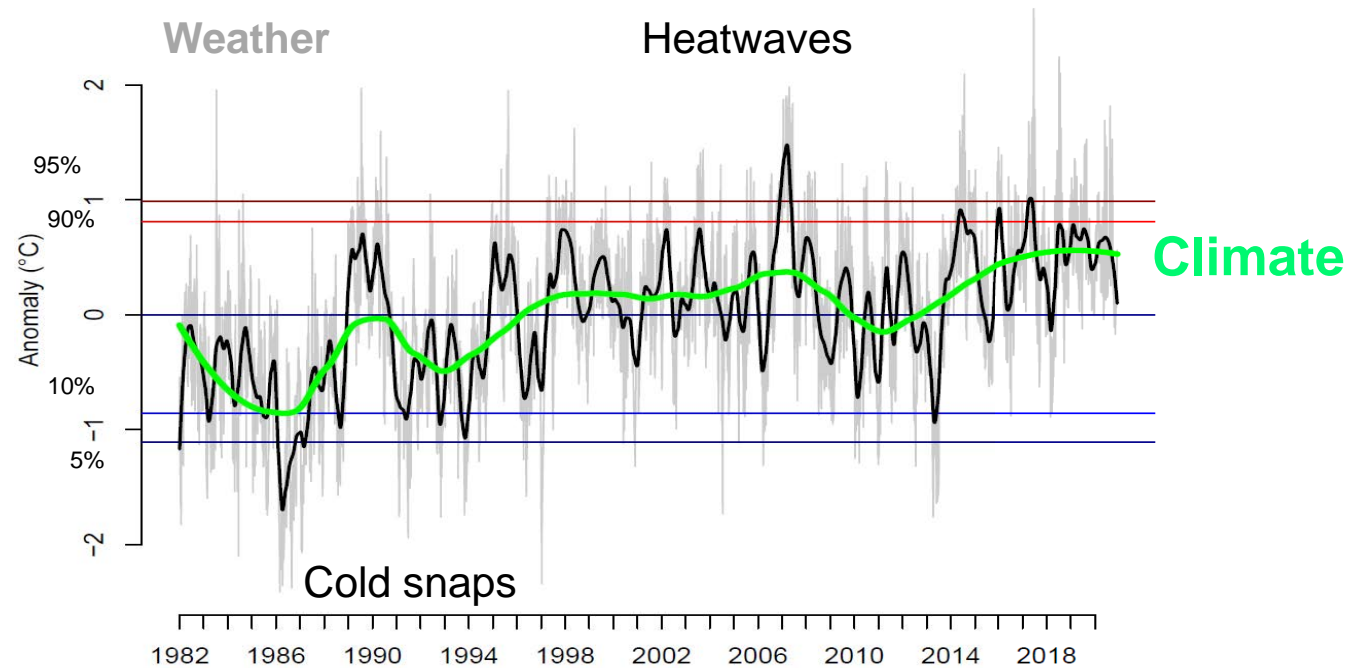
**Defra & Agg. levy funded restarts in red**

# Climate fluctuations and recent change off Plymouth



Mean annual sea surface temperature (SST) 1870 - 2014 off Plymouth, UK  
(Data source: Meteorological Office Hadley Centre; collected by MBA/PML)

> Disturbance frequency – not only temperature but storms and precipitation  
Increased frequency of **extremes**



The SST daily anomaly values for off Plymouth, UK derived from daily SST averaged across 49-53N and 6W to 0E. From <https://coastwatch.pfeg.noaa.gov/erddap/>. Anomalies were calculated as the difference between daily SST and average SST for that day of the year

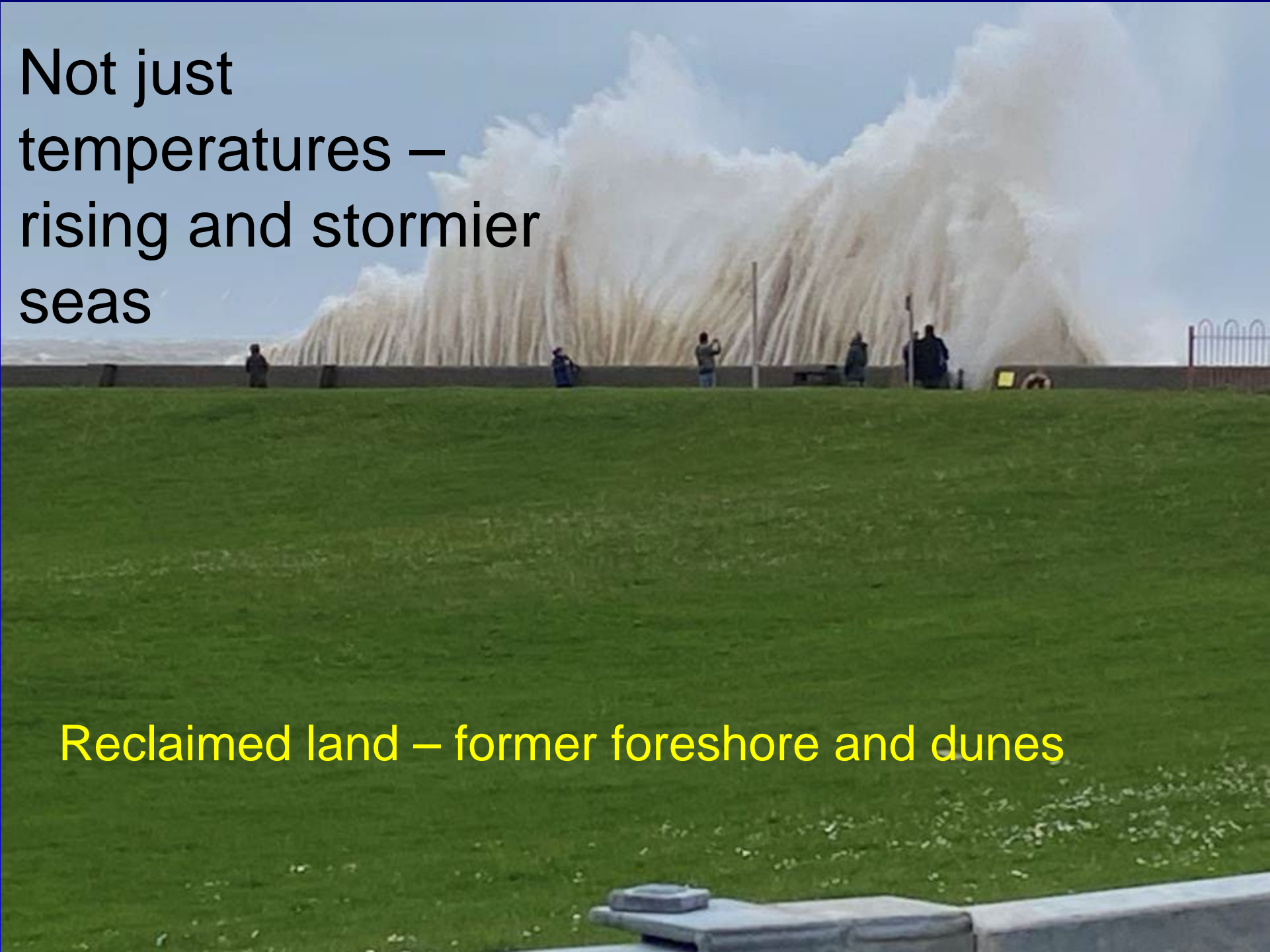
based on Hawkins, Burrows and Mieszkowska 2022 Global Change Biology

Commentary article on [Extreme heatwave drives topography-dependent patterns of mortality in a bed-forming intertidal barnacle, with implications for associated community structure](#) AV Hesketh, CDG Harley

Global Change Biology 29 (1), 165-178 – about the 2021 extreme heatwave.



Not just  
temperatures –  
rising and stormier  
seas



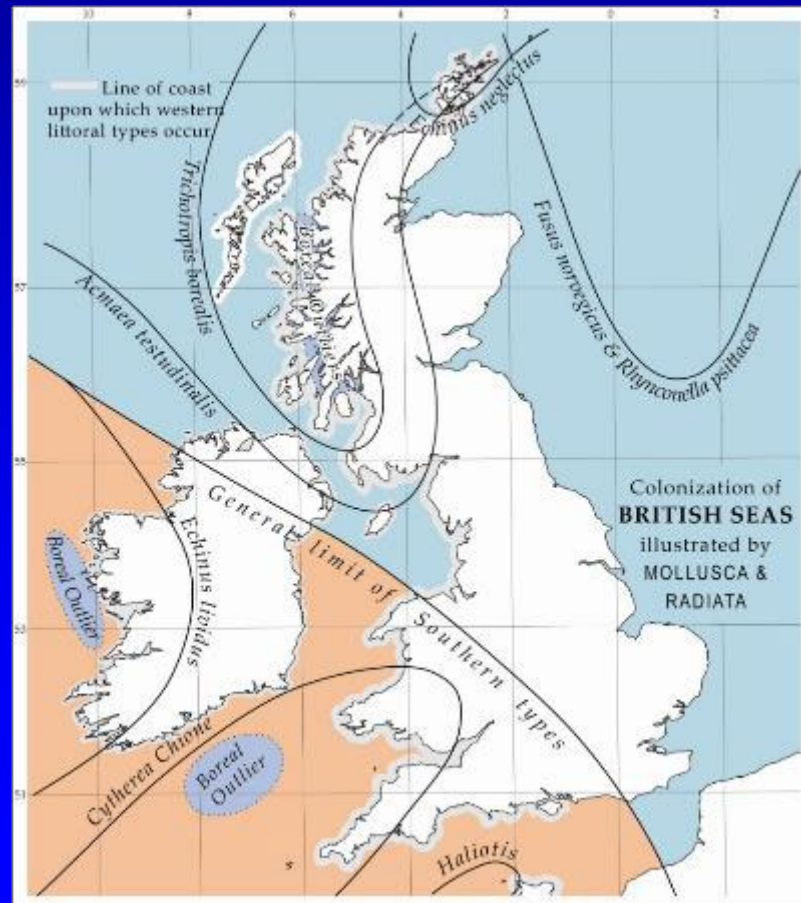
Reclaimed land – former foreshore and dunes

# Why are the British Isles & Ireland sensitive?

Britain and Ireland straddle a biogeographic boundary, resulting in species with northern and southern biogeographic distributions co-existing.

Also multiple range limits

From  
Forbes  
1858

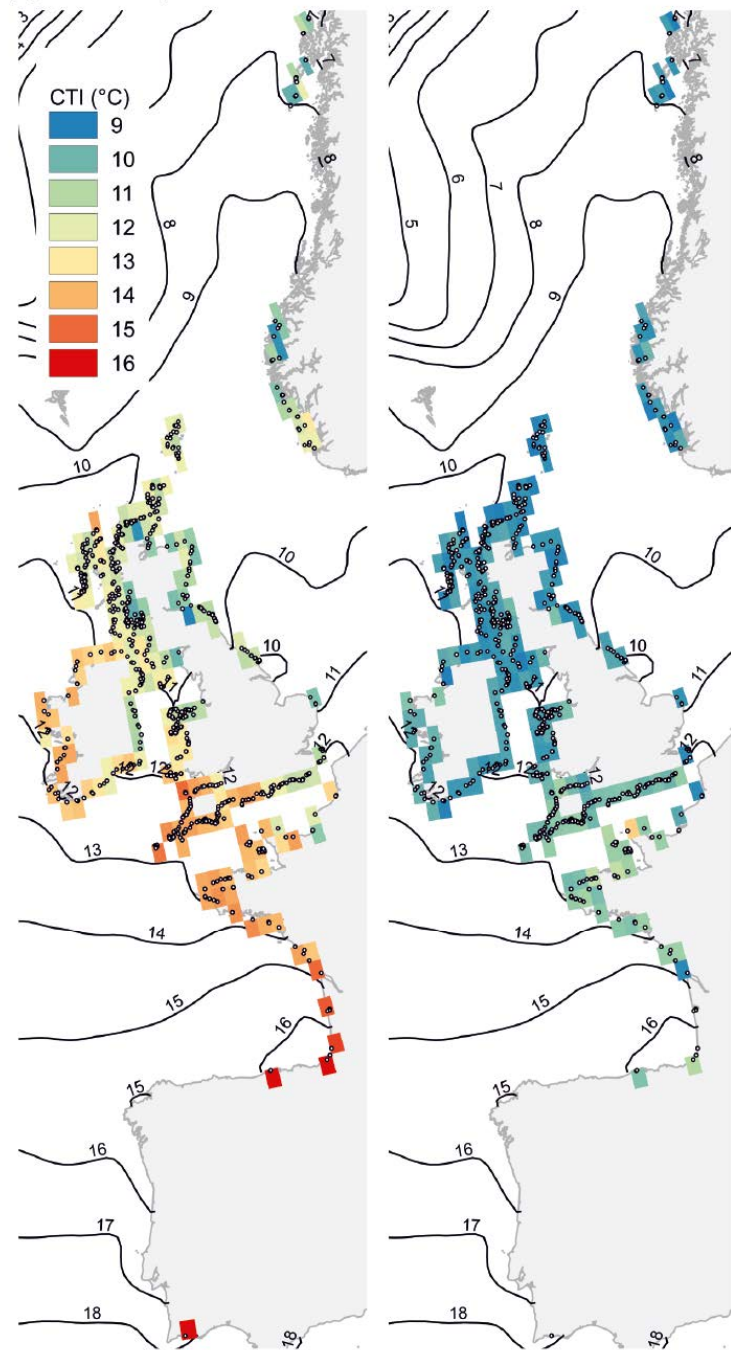


Forbes, 1858. A.K. Johnson's Physical Atlas.

Reproduced in Hiscock et al 2004 Aquatic Conservation

Hiscock, K., Southward, A., Tittley, I., Hawkins, S.J., 2004. Effects of changing temperature on benthic marine life in Britain and Ireland. *Aquatic Conservation, Marine and Freshwater Ecosystems*, 14: 333-362

(a) Animal species: aCTI (b) Algae and plant species: mCTI



# A more quantitative version of Forbes 1858

## Using Community Temperature Index for 60-70 regularly surveyed species

Burrows, M. T., Hawkins, S. J., Moore, J. J., Adams, L., Sugden, H., Firth, L., & Mieszkowska, N. (2020). Global-scale species distributions predict temperature-related changes in species composition of rocky shore communities in Britain. *Global Change Biology*, 26(4), 2093–2105.

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Interaction of overfishing and climate:

bottom fish

From standard MBA research trawls from 1900s

*-with many gaps....*

# Data archaeology

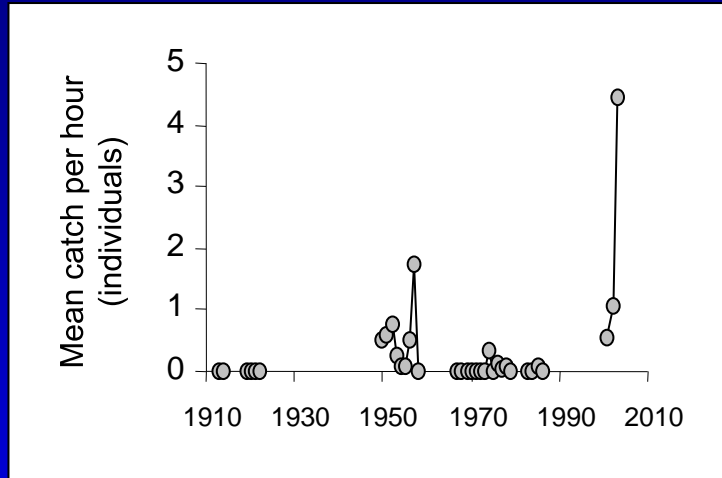
- Old notebooks, hard copy data sheets, magnetic tapes, very floppy discs
- Fishing log of crew member of RV *Sarsia* (1950s -1970s)
- Restart in 2001
- Data rescue and re-use for new policy needs (Hawkins et al 2013, Marine Policy)

Sims et al 2001 Proc Roy Soc B (Squid Phenology), J Anim Ecol 2004 (Flounder migrations).

Genner et al 2004 Proc Roy Soc B, 2010 Global Change Biology (fish assemblages); Genner et al 2010 J. Plankton Res (fish larvae)

# Plymouth inshore demersal fisheries

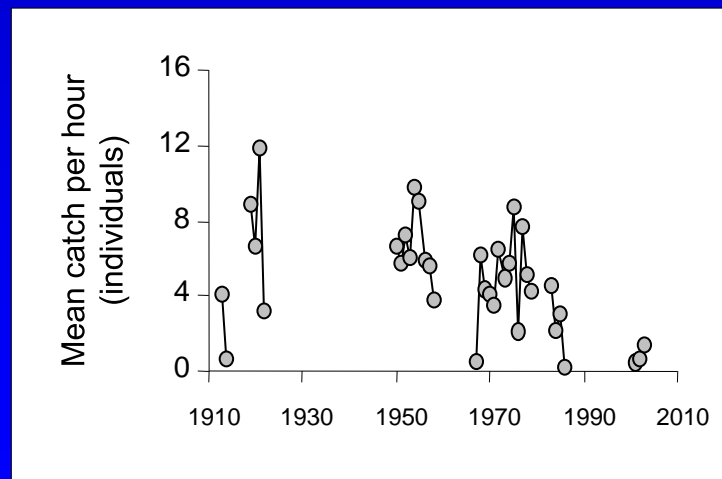
## Climate change



## Breams (Family Sparidae)



Warm  
water  
family  
of fish



## Rays (Family Rajidae)



Vulnerable to  
overfishing:  
low fecundity,  
slow growth

## Fishing pressure

*Genner et al., unpublished*

# MBA Trawls: fewer large fish species in catches due to fishing

October 1963

November 2001

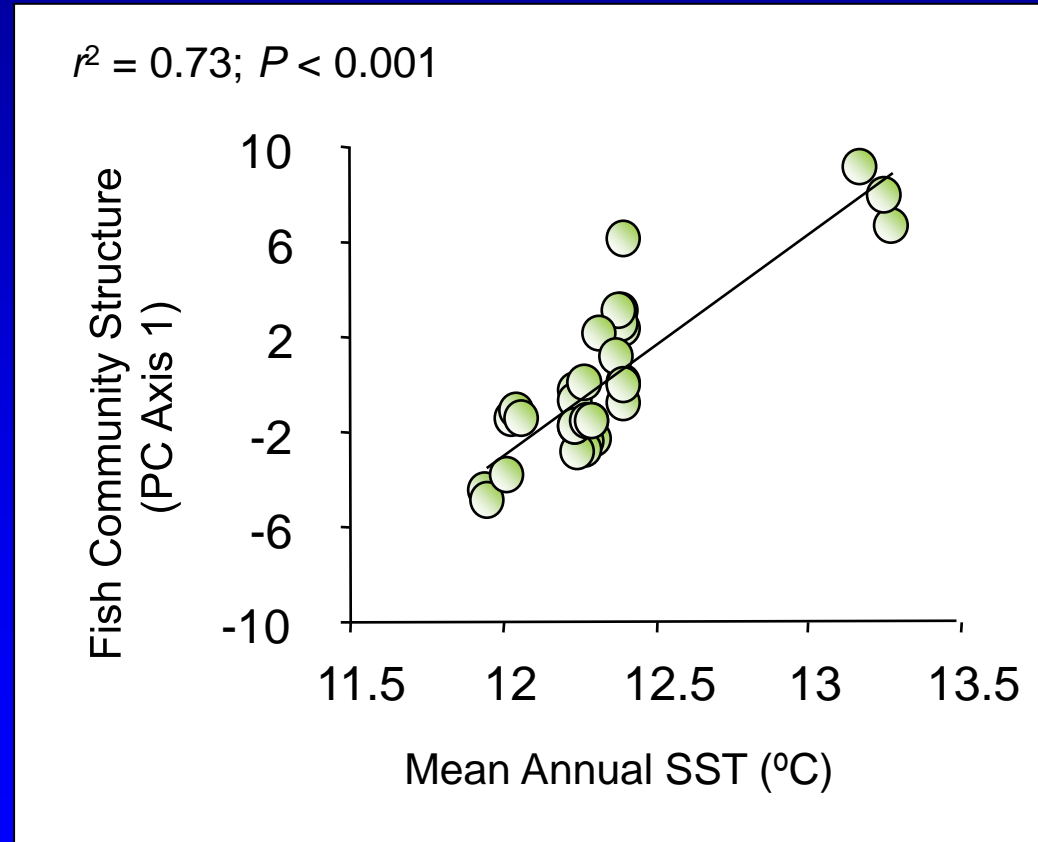


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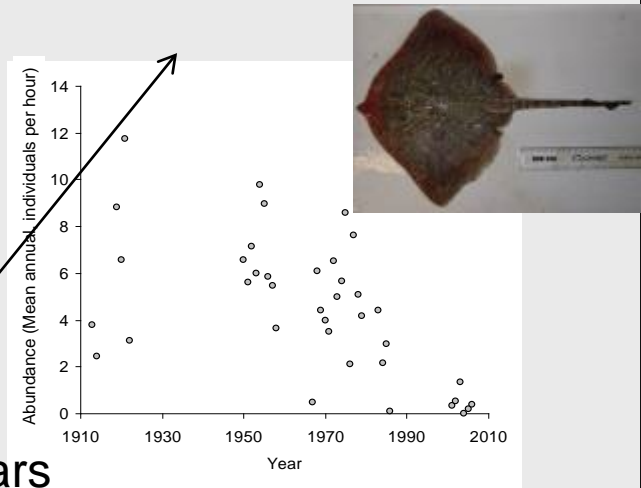
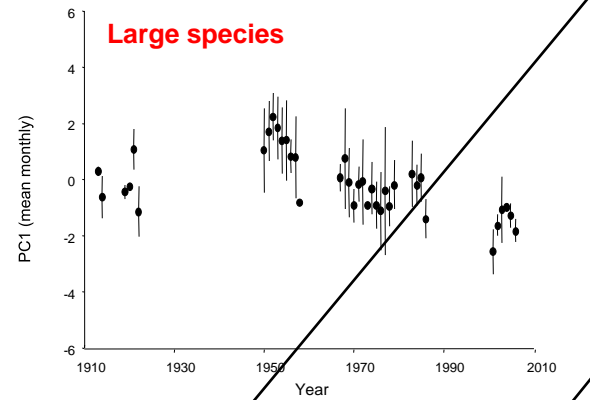
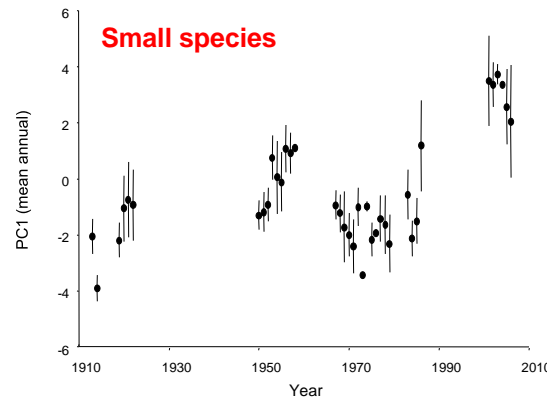
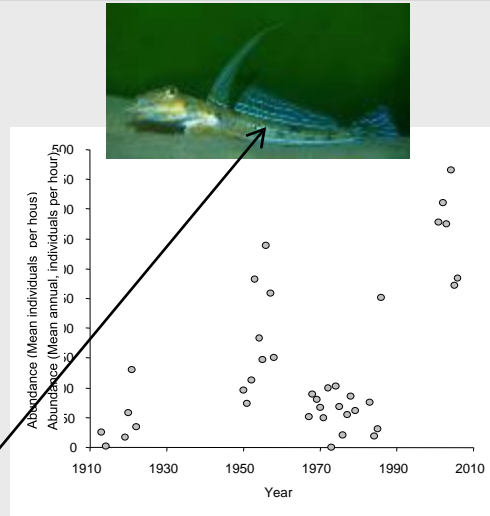
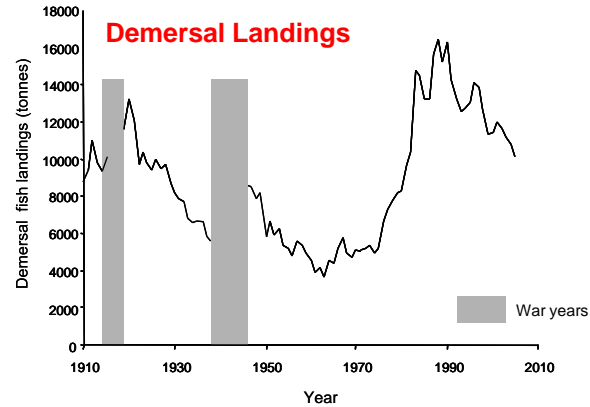
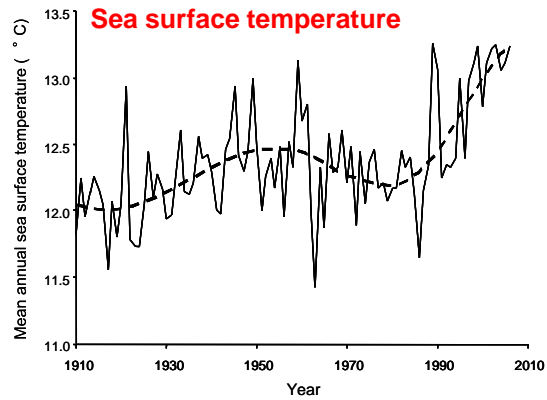
Sharpest declines seen in large species:  
skate & ray, brill, conger eel

# PC1, an index of community-level change, correlates with sea temperature





# English Channel fish assemblages

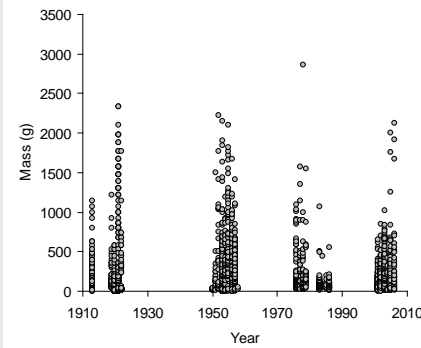
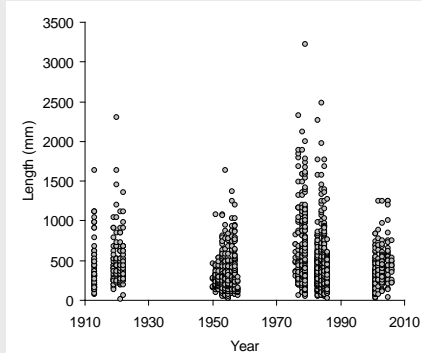


Small species – follow climate change

Large species - abundance declines over the last 50 years

# English Channel fish sizes 1913-2006

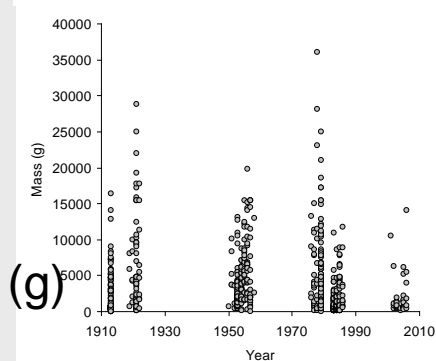
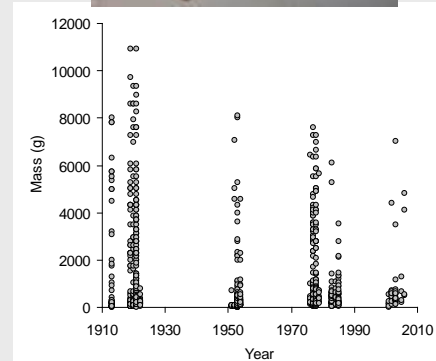
Plaice



John Dory



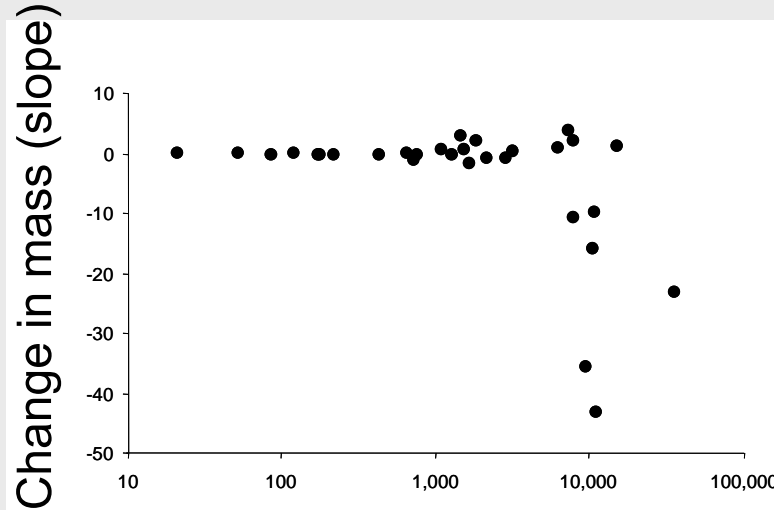
Rays



Monkfish



Small and medium species – no change  
Large species – fewer large individuals



Maximum body mass of species (g)

# Fish populations in the English Channel

- **Massive changes in bottom assemblage composition over 100 years**
- **Interaction of climate & fishing driving changes in demersal fish**
- **Climate influenced advance of southern species**
- **Overfishing over-rides climate in bigger fish spp**
- *Also - Good evidence of climate responses of pelagic species : cold-water Herring to warm-water pilchard(sardine) switches back to 13<sup>th</sup> century (Southward et al. 1988 JMBA, Hawkins et al 2003 STOTEN)*

**SHIFTS IN RANGE and  
CHANGES IN ABUNDANCE  
ON ROCKY SHORES – a  
sentinel system for the seas**

**Update on Hawkins et al  
2009 MEPS, 2019 (CUP book on  
Interactions in Marine Benthos, Chapter  
on NE Atlantic)**

# Rocky shores as sentinels for monitoring global change and its interaction with regional and local scale impacts

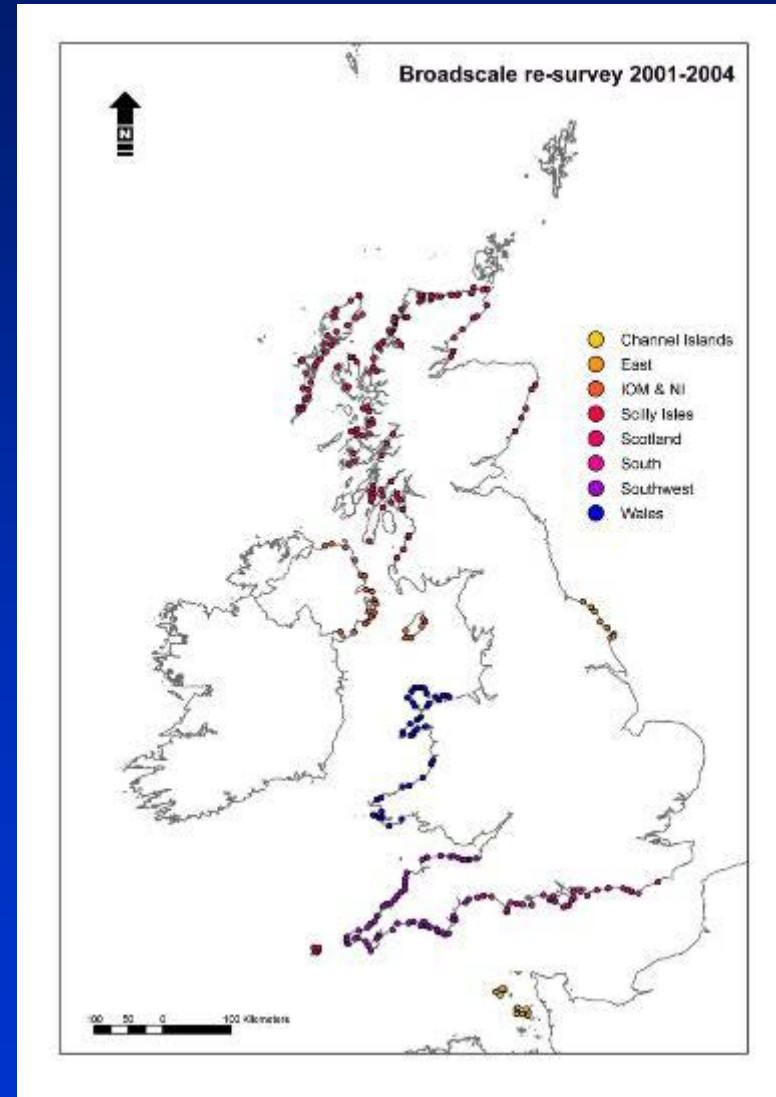
- Easily accessible and sampled as 2- dimensional
- Local patterns well-described and processes well-understood from experimental ecology (fruit-fly of ecology) Hawkins et al 2020 JMBA 100
- NO major taxonomic problems in Europe, good ID guides
- Excellent baselines from 1940s and 1950s
- N and S pairs of species
- INEXPENSIVE
- Changes on the shore reflect those offshore (Southward et al 1995; 2004)

# Rocky shore: long-term & broadscale surveys

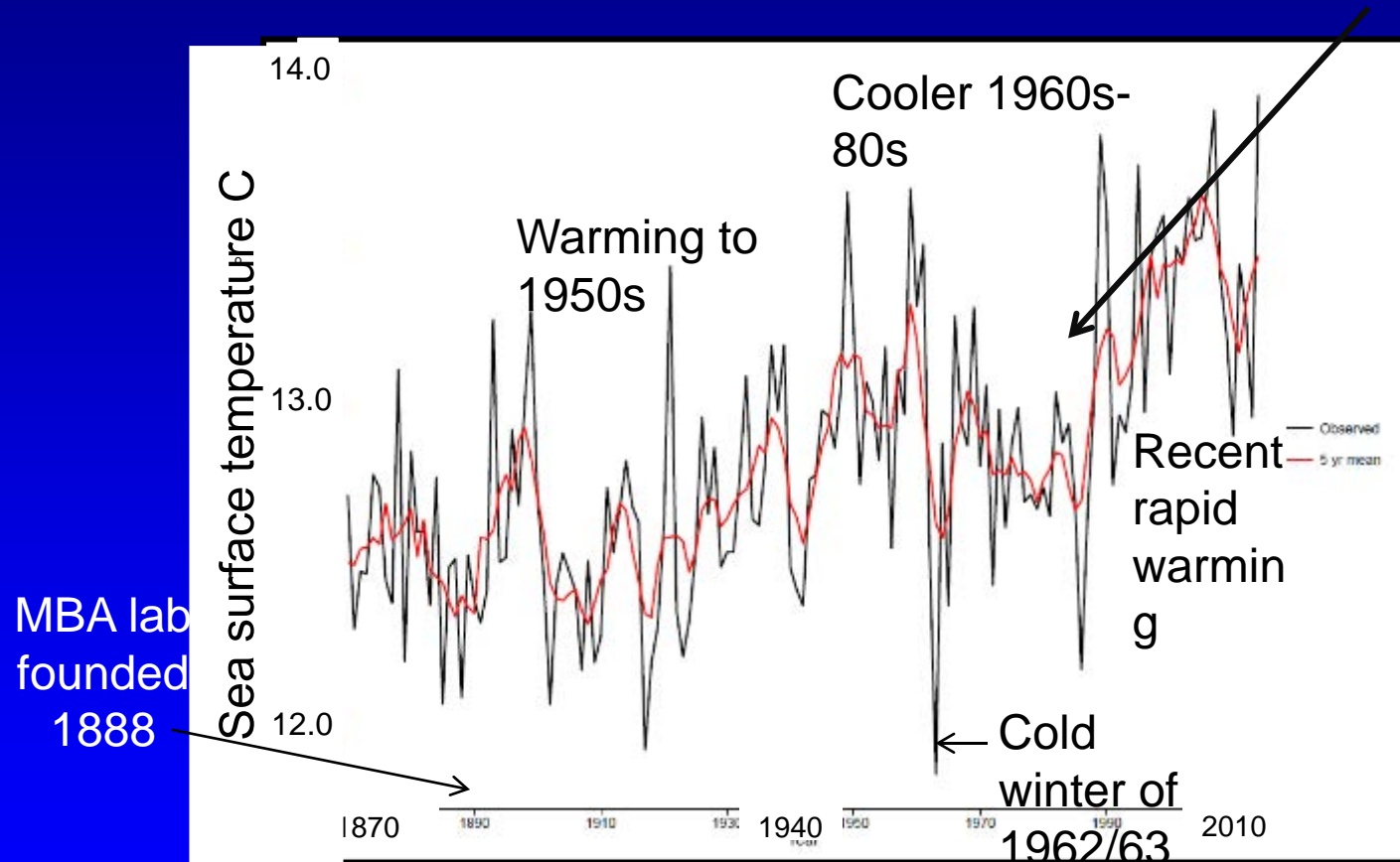
- Building on surveys of Crisp, Southward and Fischer-Piette in 1940s and 1950s – questions on biogeographic patterns and causes
- Time-series by Southward (1950s-1987), Hawkins (1980-2024), Mieszkowska, Hawkins et al (2001-2024 Marclim), on shores in South-west England - questions on climate fluctuations and more recent anthropogenic climate change

# MarClim resurvey locations (2000s and to date)

- Building on the Crisp and Southward baseline from 1950s
- over 400 sites surveyed
- sites beyond range edges
- Irish team established 2003
- 70 Irish sites surveyed by Crisp and Southward in 1950s re-visited in 2003-2005
- intercalibration in N. Ireland of UK and Irish teams



## Rapid warming from late 1980s onwards

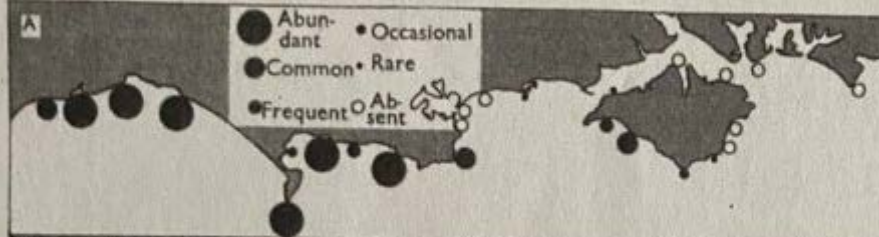


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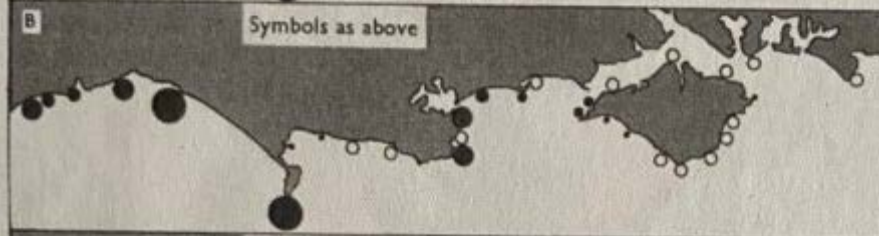


# 1950s baseline – Crisp and Southward 1958 JMBA

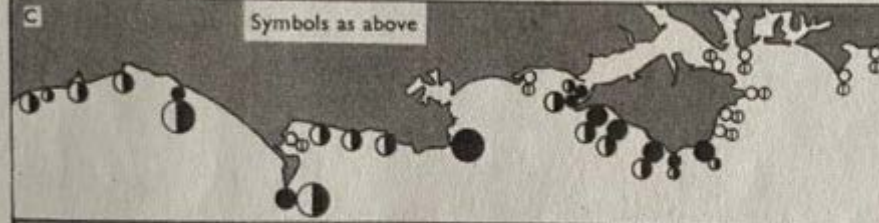
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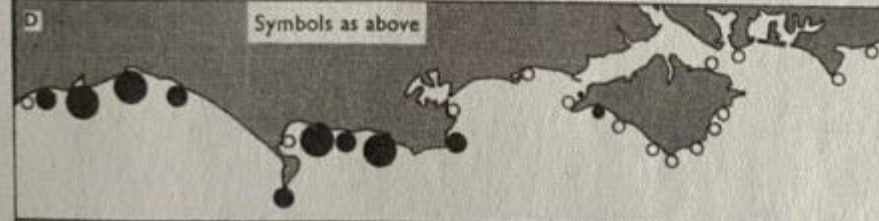
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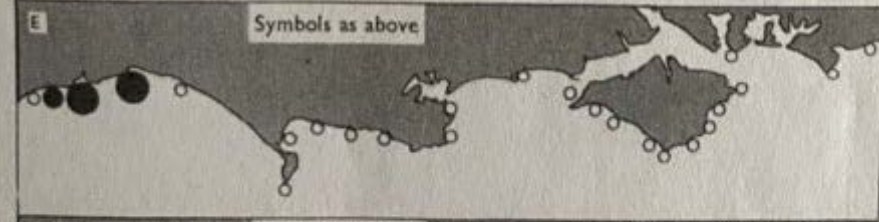
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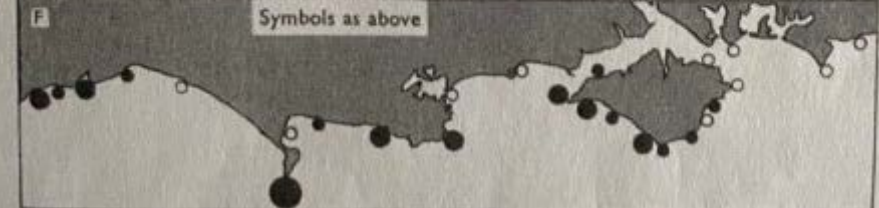
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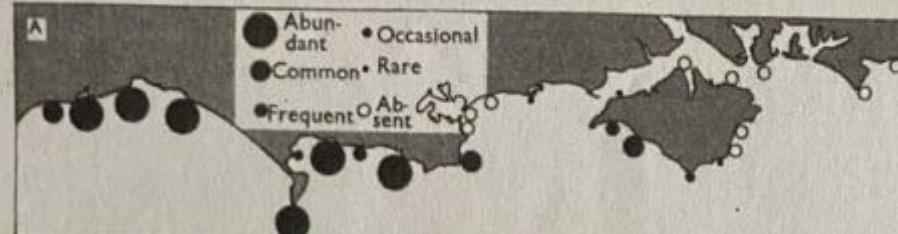


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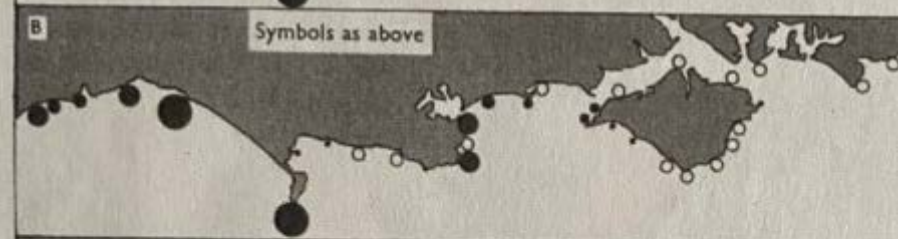
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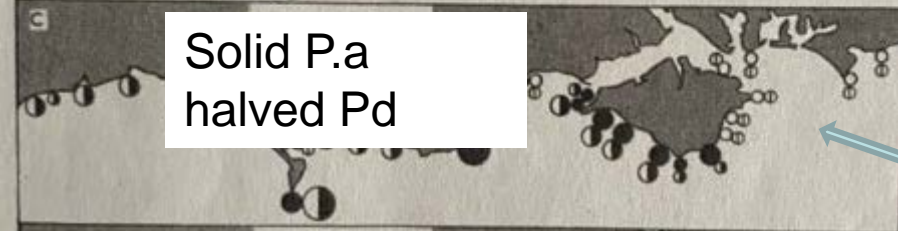
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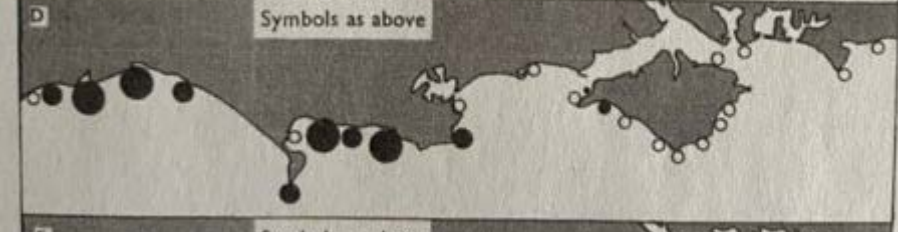
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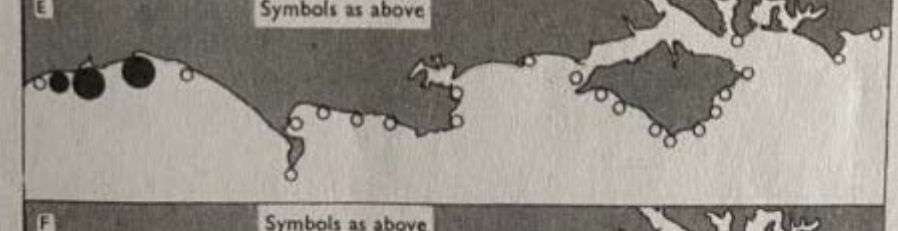
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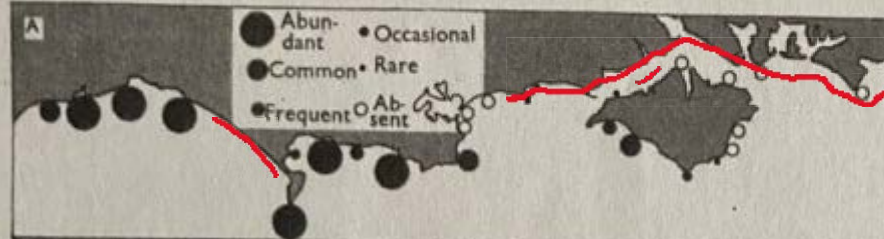


No real changes up to early 1980s in most species in terms of range.

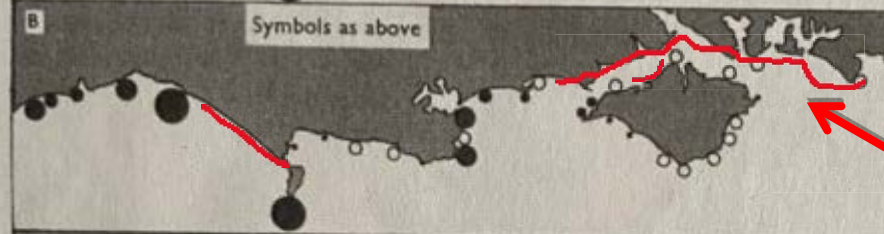
Range edges between Portland and Isle Of Wight (mostly)

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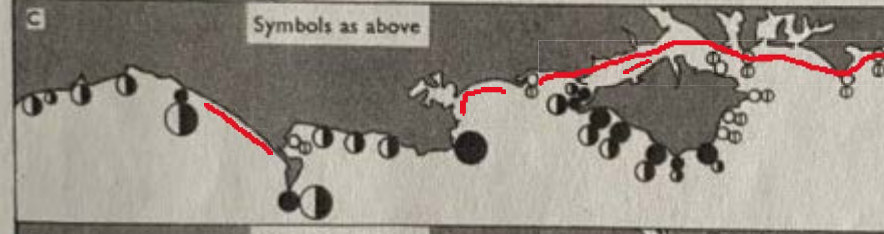
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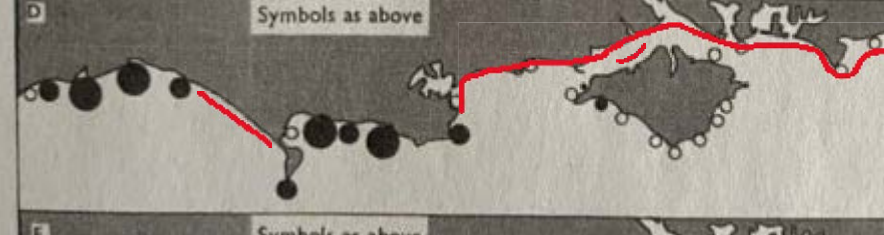
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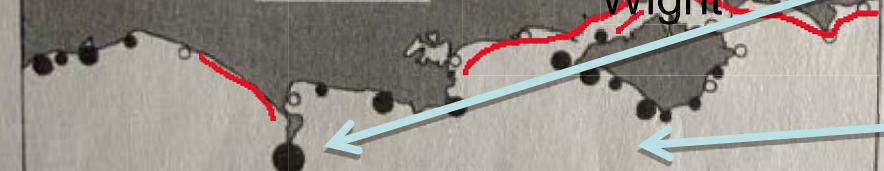
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*Monodonta lineata*



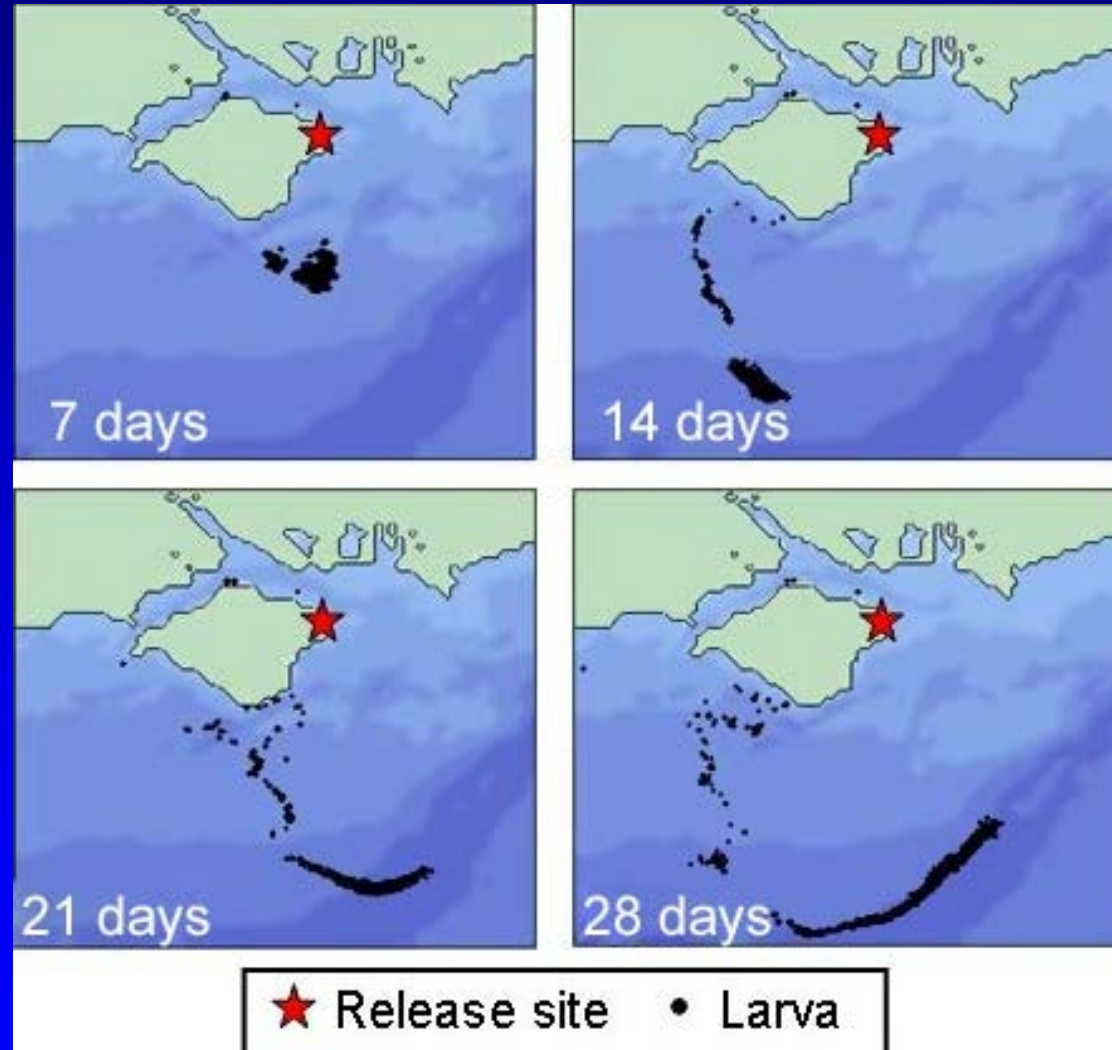
*Littorina neritoides*



Unsuitable soft habitat – only artificial e.g. piers and sea walls.

Hydrographic barriers at Portland and off Isle of Wight

# The Isle Of Wight as a barrier



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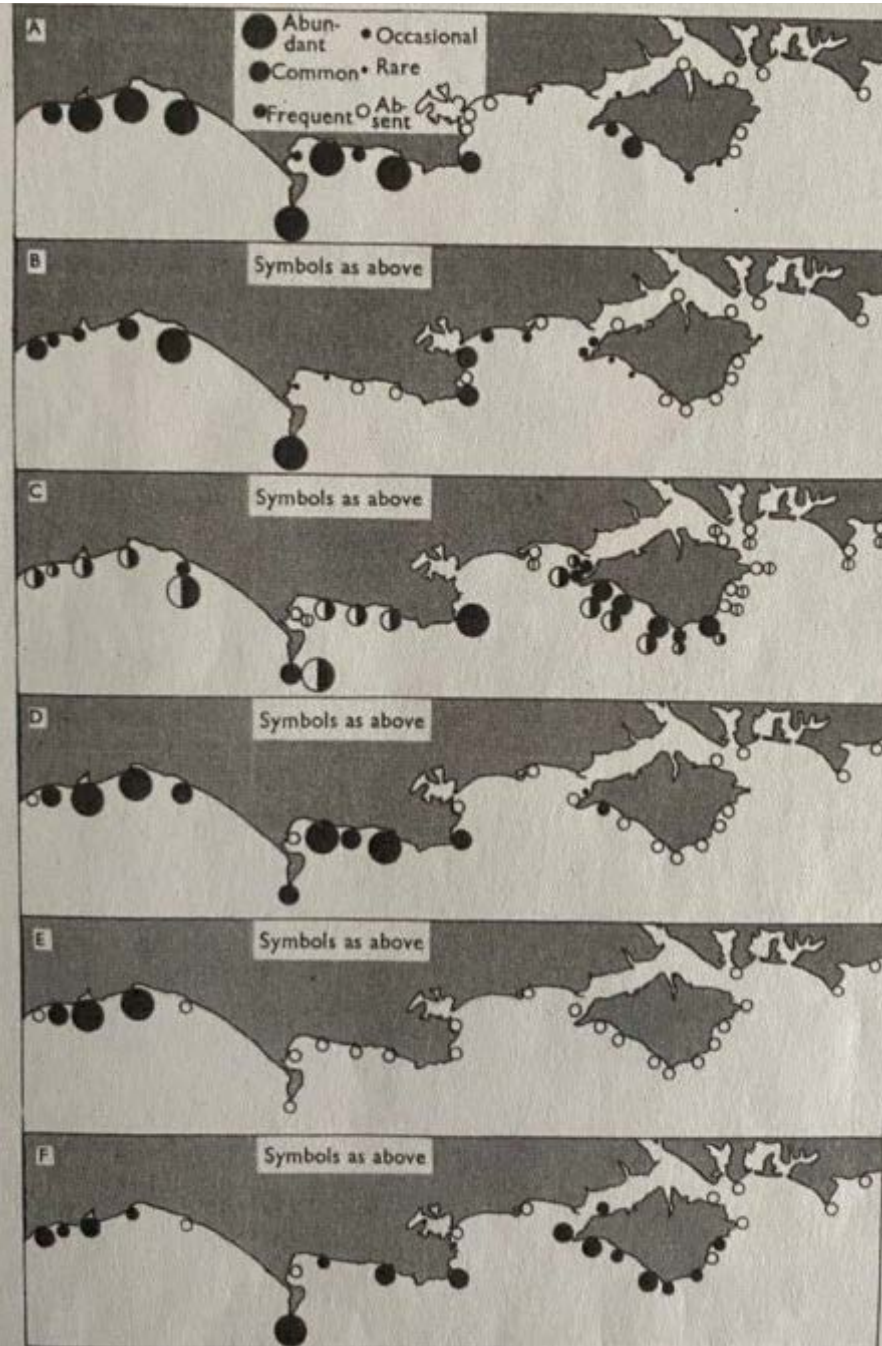
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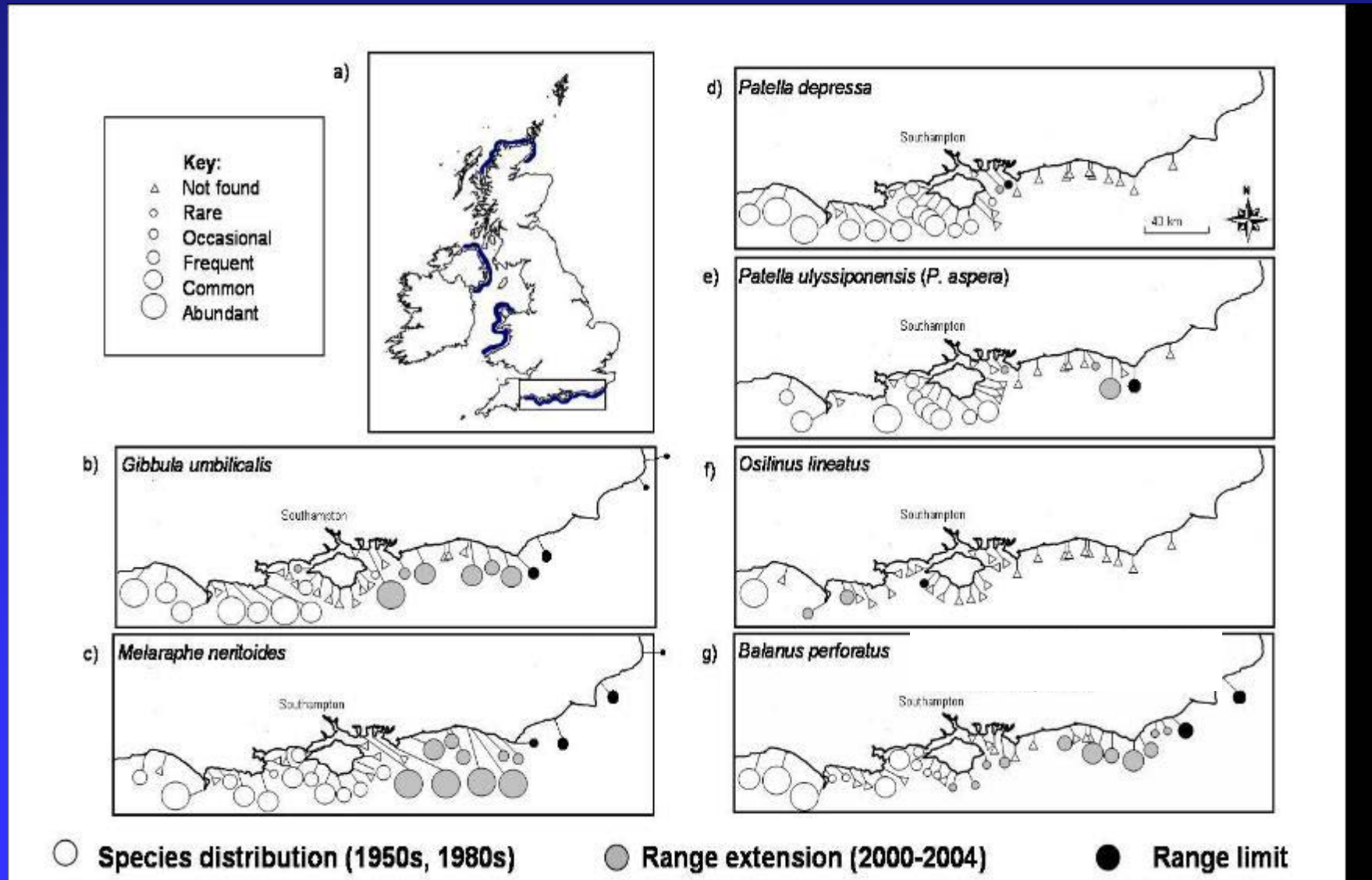
*Monodonta* (*Osilinus*  
and then *Phorcus*)  
*lineata*

*Littorina* (now  
*Melaraphe*) *neritoides*



What's  
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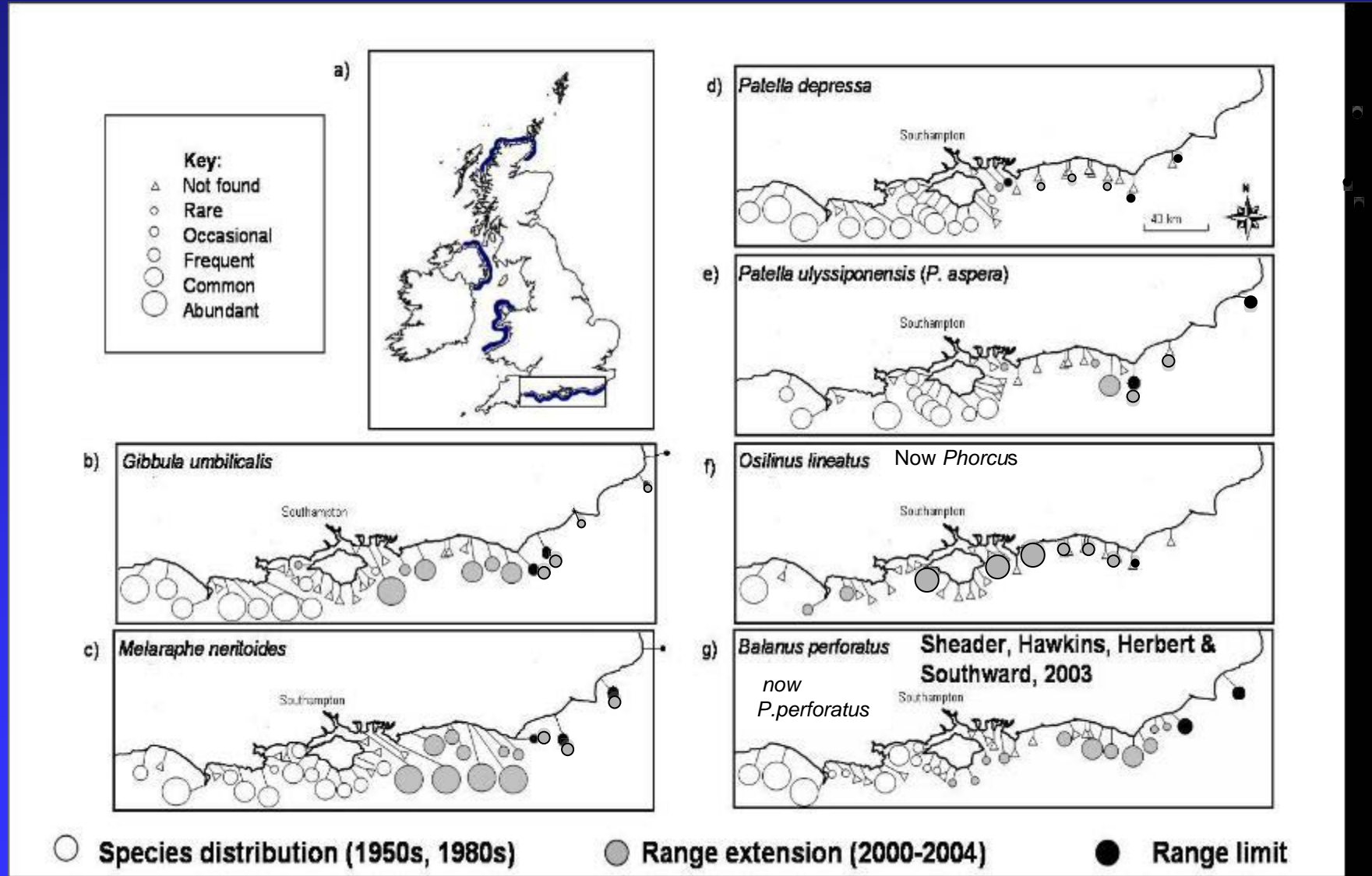
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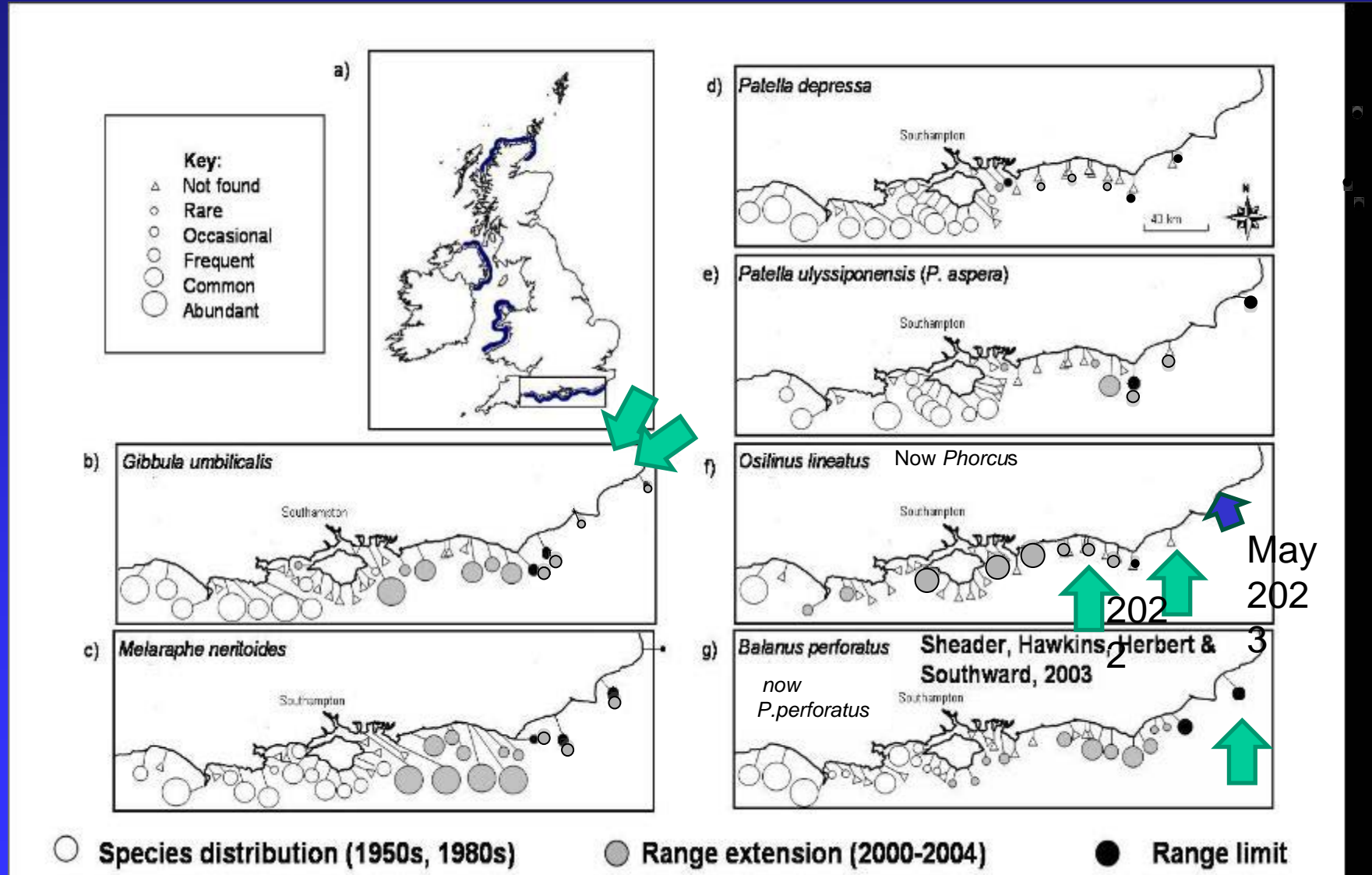
Hawkins, Mieszowska, Herbert, Moschella new data, 2006

# Range edge distribution of intertidal species in the English Channel (2010-2020)



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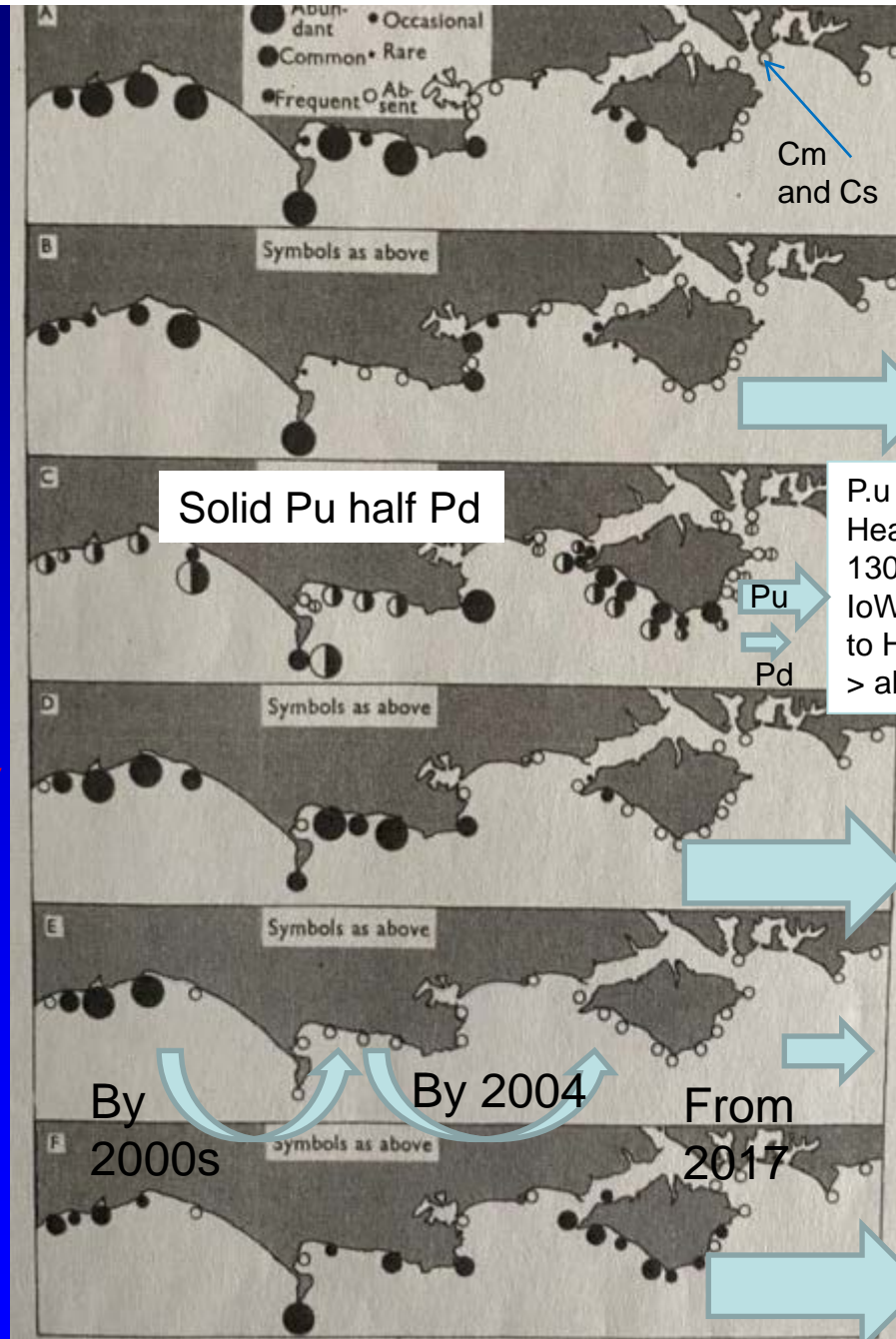
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No major change in range but more abundant Herbert et al 2007 MEPS, 2009 JMBA

Major range extension by early 2000s – 150km Herbert et al, 2003 JMBA

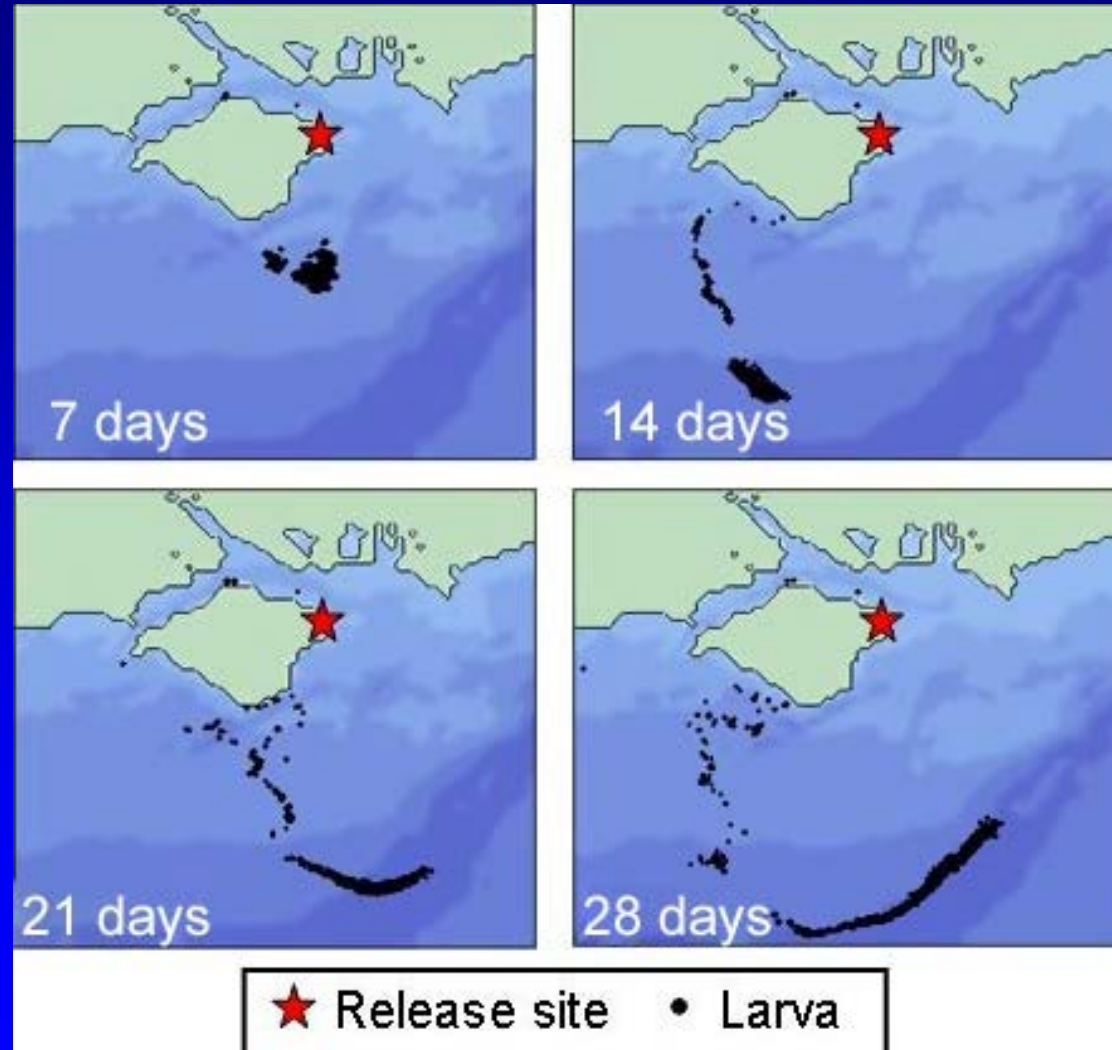
P.u breeding pops east to Beachy Head (100 km, individuals beyond 130km ); P.d. breeding pops along loW to Southsea (20km), individuals to Hastings since 2010(130km). Both > abundance within range.

Major spreader since early 2000s, now on N.Kent coast (250km)

Early 2000s beyond Portland, one loW 2004. One individual Beachy 2017. Rapid increase since 2019 along to Hastings. Meiszkowska et al, 2008 JMBA

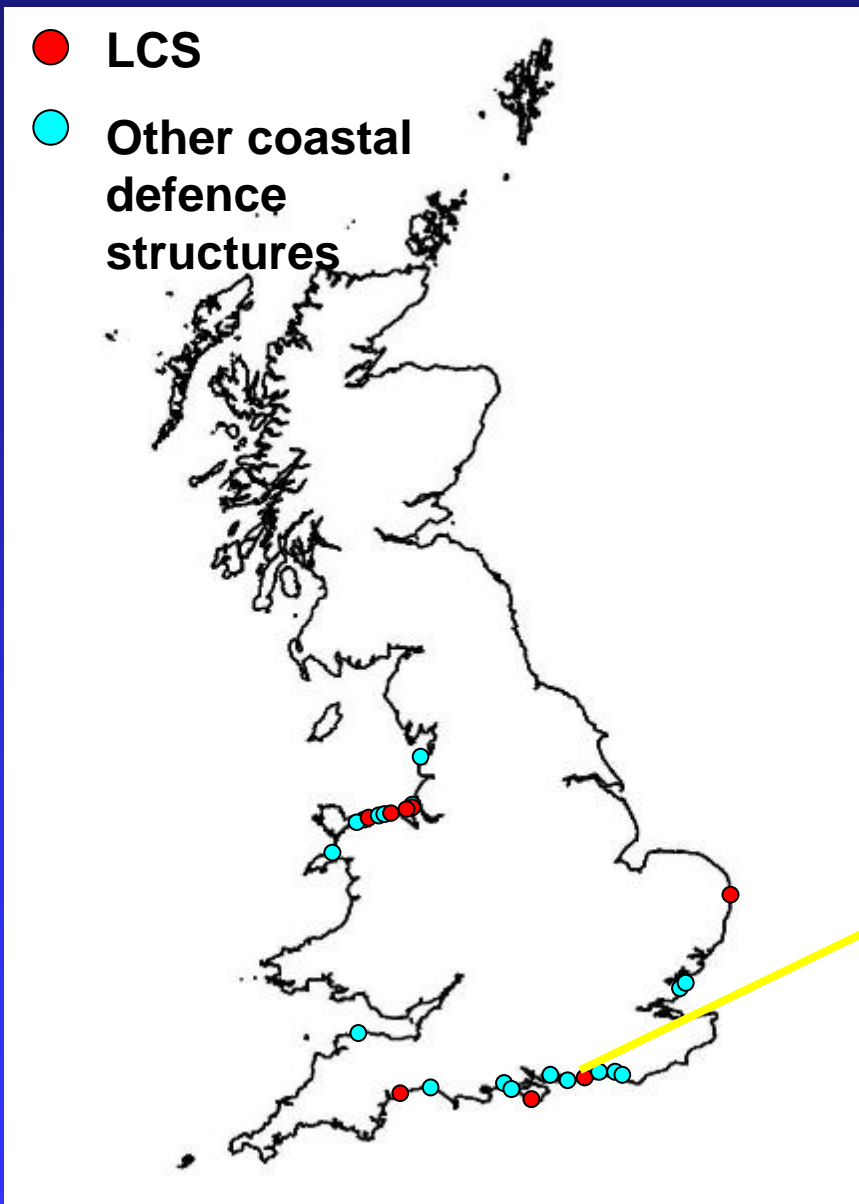
Now all around British Coast, on high shore artificial structures – spread into cooler N.Sea from North and East along Channel

# The Isle Of Wight as a hydrographic barrier



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# Broad-scale modification of coastline



**Elmer defence  
scheme**

*Semibalanus balanoides* (northern species)



*Chthamalus montagui*

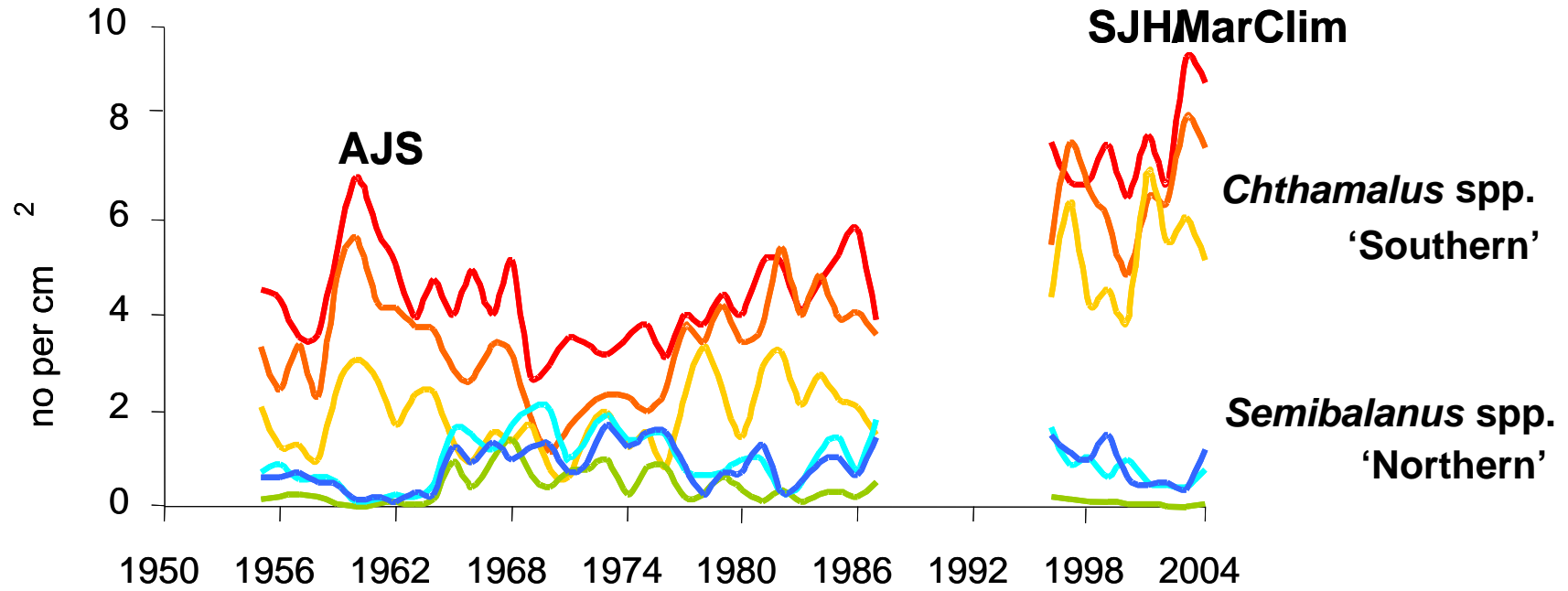
(southern species)

*Chthamalus stellatus*

# MBA time series: abundance of barnacles in S.W. England (8 sites south-west coast)



*Chthamalus* spp. — HWN — MTL — LWN  
*Semibalanus balanoides* — HWN — MTL — LWN

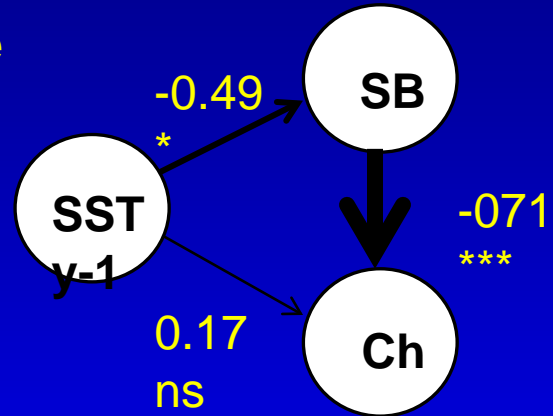


1997-2003 NERC small grant

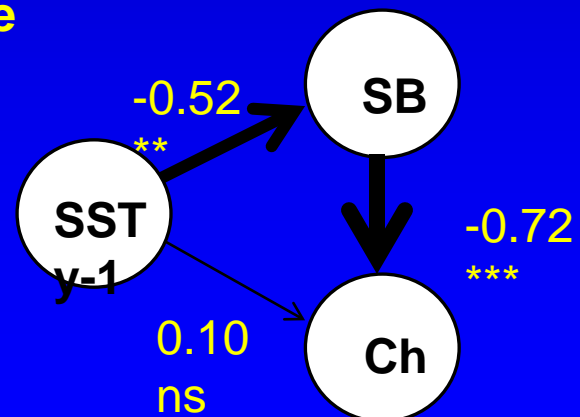
Southward (1967, 1980, 1991) then Hawkins;

# Is climate acting on each species directly or is climatic influence mediated by the presence of a competitor?

High Shore



Mid Shore



## Causal Path Analysis

- SST the previous June directly influencing adult *S. balanoides* abundance only
- *S. balanoides* abundance influences adult *Chthamalid* abundance
- The influence of climate on *Chthamalids* is mediated by the presence of *S. balanoides*, the dominant competitor, in SW England

# Model Output

## Hypothesis 1

*S. balanoides* recruitment driven by SST

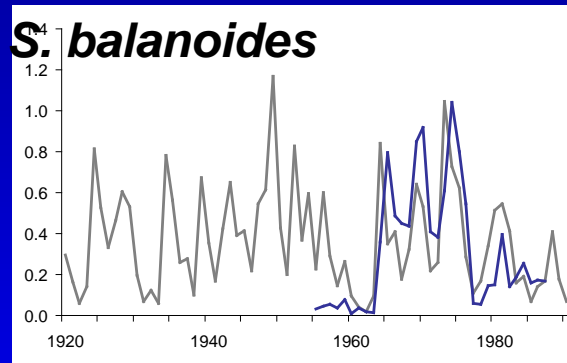
Historical  
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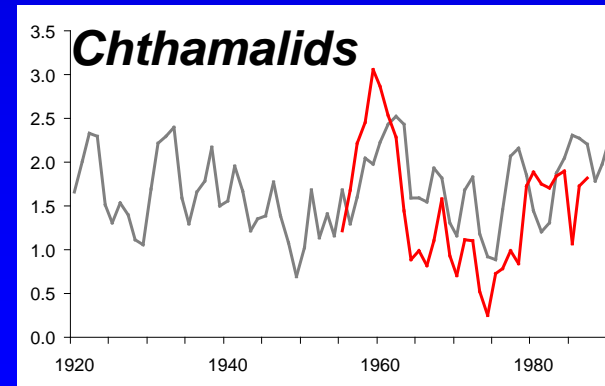
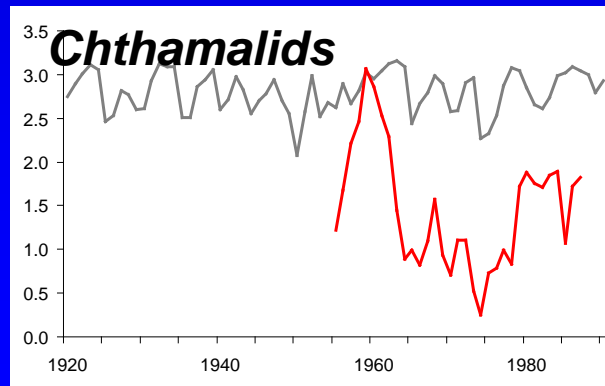
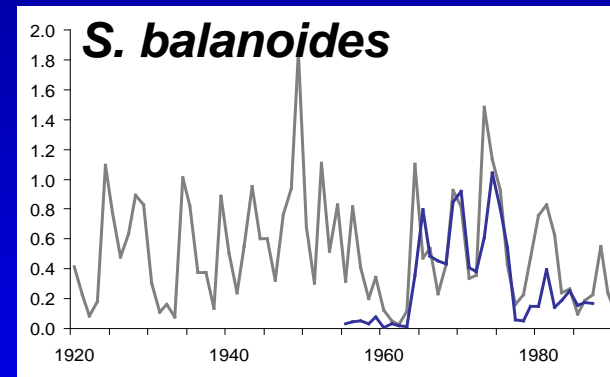
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## Hypothesis 3

*S. balanoides* recruitment driven by SST

Interference competition between  
juvenile *S. balanoides* and  
Chthamalids



# Model output Hypothesis 3: 1955 - 2100

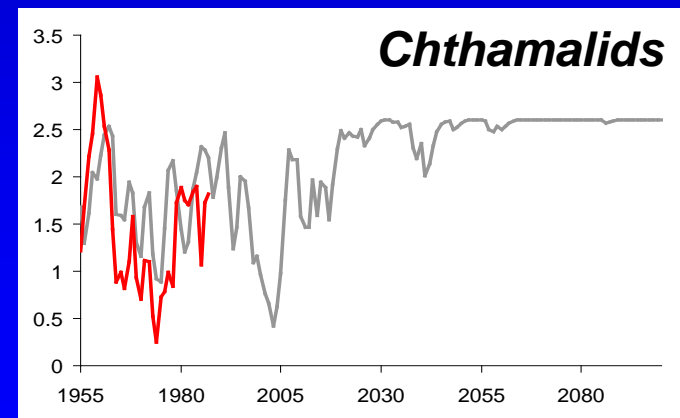
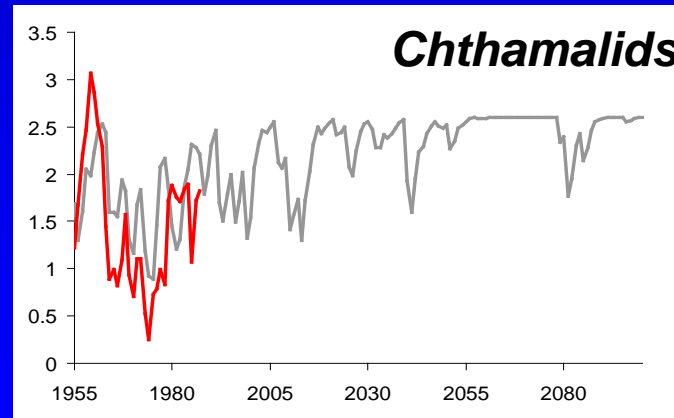
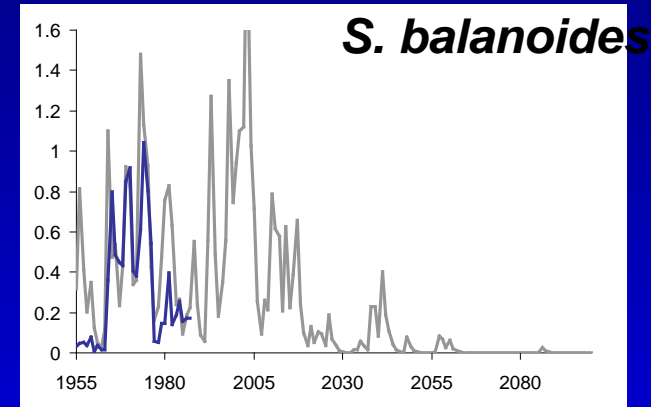
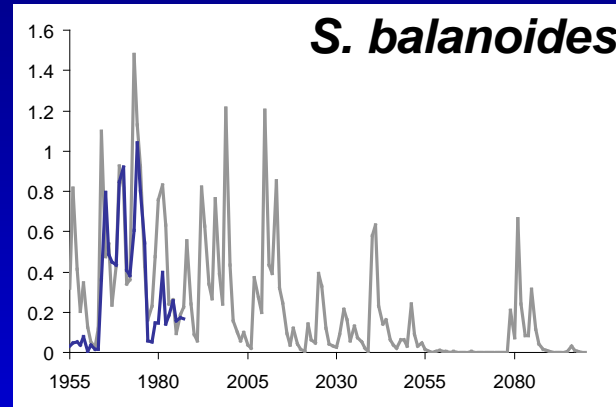
Historical abundance *S. balanoides*

Model output

Historical abundance *chthamalids*

Low emissions

High emissions



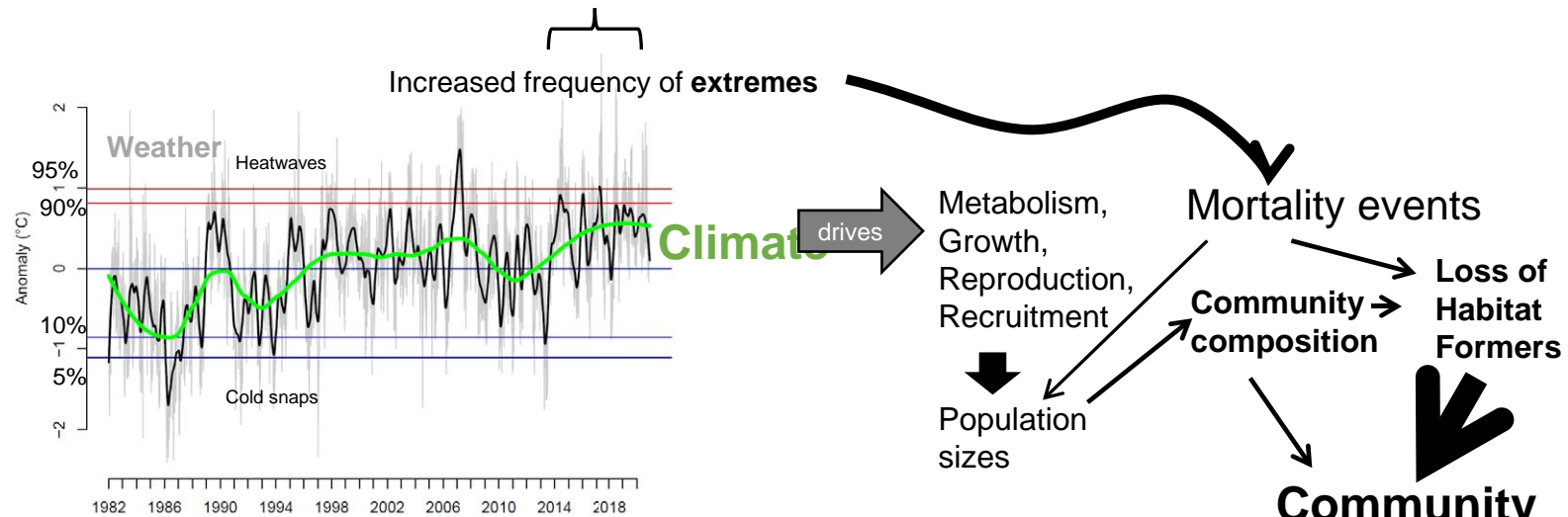
Poloczanska et al: Ecology 2008 NERC grant and MarClim project



# Main messages

- Climate change is not a monotonic line
- Species responses are idiosyncratic – depending on life-histories, dispersal and habitat requirements, coastal hydrography
- Modified by biological interactions
- Ultimate factors such as temperature drive patterns but proximate effects like hydrographic barriers to dispersal very important

> Disturbance frequency – not only temperature but storms and precipitation



The SST daily anomaly values for off Plymouth, UK derived from daily SST averaged across 49-53N and 6W to 0E. From <https://coastwatch.pfeg.noaa.gov/erddap/>. Anomalies were calculated as the difference between daily SST and average SST for that day of the year

based on Hawkins et al 2022 Global Change Biology



Isle of Man July 2018 – top shore *Pelvetia* limited damage, *Fucus spiralis* badly affected throughout zone



Isles of Scilly, September 2020 *Pelvetia* damaged at top of zone, *F. spiralis* badly affected. Some damage to *F. vesiculosus* and *Ascophyllum* at top of zone



# Artificial habitats seem particularly badly affected



# Tackling the twin challenges of biodiversity loss and climate change needs the ability to separate climate driven change from regional and local scale impacts on biodiversity and ecosystems

We are stuck with climate change for the next 50 -100+ years due to inertia in the Earth-system, even as we rapidly switch to low-carbon economies

*So for next 25-50 years up to net zero and beyond:*

*Manage interactions of climate change with those things we can control:*

- Climate with global: non-native species (NZ leader in biosecurity)
- Climate with regional: overfishing and eutrophication, sediment loading
- Climate with local: pollution, inappropriate coastal development (habitat degradation)
- Ensure that climate change mitigation (renewables) and adaptation (sea-defences, flood barriers, reservoirs and irrigation) is biodiversity compatible

# Things to discuss over the day?

- Question/issue driven – otherwise busy work
- Need for strategic sustained observing/monitoring to inform statutory monitoring and defining GES
- Build on what you have
- Use new techniques but blend with classics and intercalibrate
- In parallel experimental research and modelling to understand changes and make forecasts (predictions??)
- One size fits no-one – tailored to aims and questions
- Need careful survey design to ensure rigour and power
- Engaging citizens – but with care and consideration
- Never too late to start a time-series or repeat a broadscale survey....

*TIME SERIES ARE VERY FRAGILE – no-one likes funding long-thin science*

# Panel discussion

*Moderation by* Magnus TANNERFELDT, Co-Chair of Biodiversa+, FORMAS (Sweden)

## Panellists:

- **Judy FISHER**, Fisher Research Pty Ltd Director, University of Western Australia Associate Professor & Policy-management member of the BiodivMon Evaluation Committee
- **Simon GARDNER**, Policy-management Co-Chair of the BiodivMon Evaluation Committee, Independent Consultancy, UK
- **Henrique PEREIRA**, Professor of Biodiversity Conservation at iDiv, University of Halle-Wittenberg (Germany), Invited Chair at CIBIO, University of Porto (Portugal)
- **Steve HAWKINS**, Marine Biological Association of the UK, Plymouth, Emeritus Professor in the School of Ocean and Earth Science, University of Southampton, NOC Southampton, Scientific member of the Biodiversa+ Advisory Board (United Kingdom)

Let's take a break!





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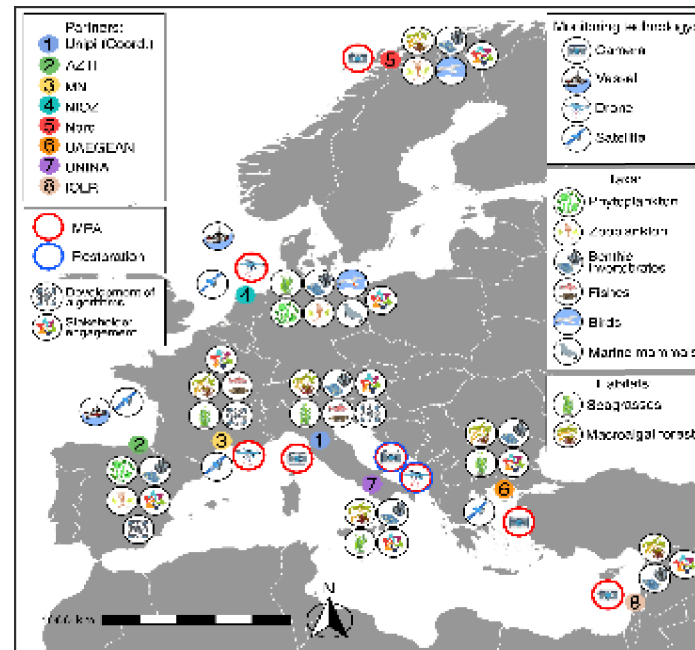


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# BioBoost+ - Boosting the Frequency and Scale of Marine Biodiversity Monitoring Using Digital Imagery and Artificial Intelligence

By Lisandro Benedetti-Cecchi  
(lbenedetti@biologia.unipi.it)

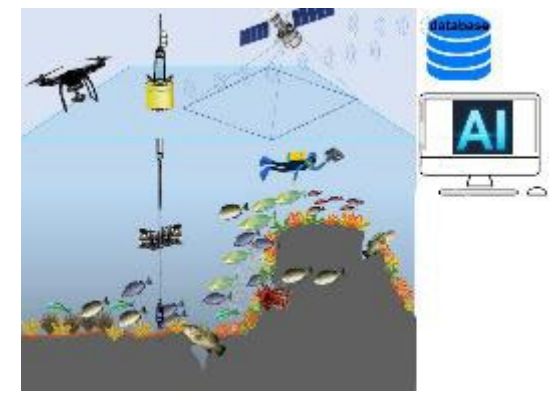
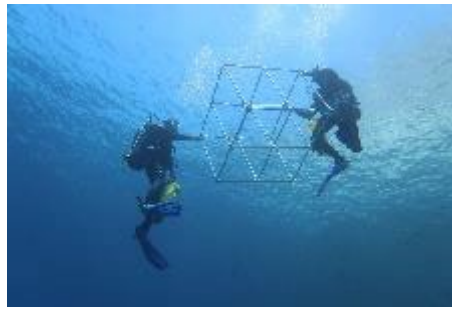


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# BioBoost+

## Objective

Improve non-invasive, cost-effective, and high-frequency sampling and identification of marine plants and animals



## Impact

Improved biodiversity monitoring will allow a better understanding of large-scale phenomena, improve the capacity to predict the impacts of multiple stressors, and to develop better indicators of marine ecosystem health.

## Approach

State-of-the-art AI technology & digital imagery



## Taxa

Habitat-forming species, indicator species (ecological and economic importance, e.g., coastal fish, lobsters, shorebirds), invasive species, and understudied groups.

## Where

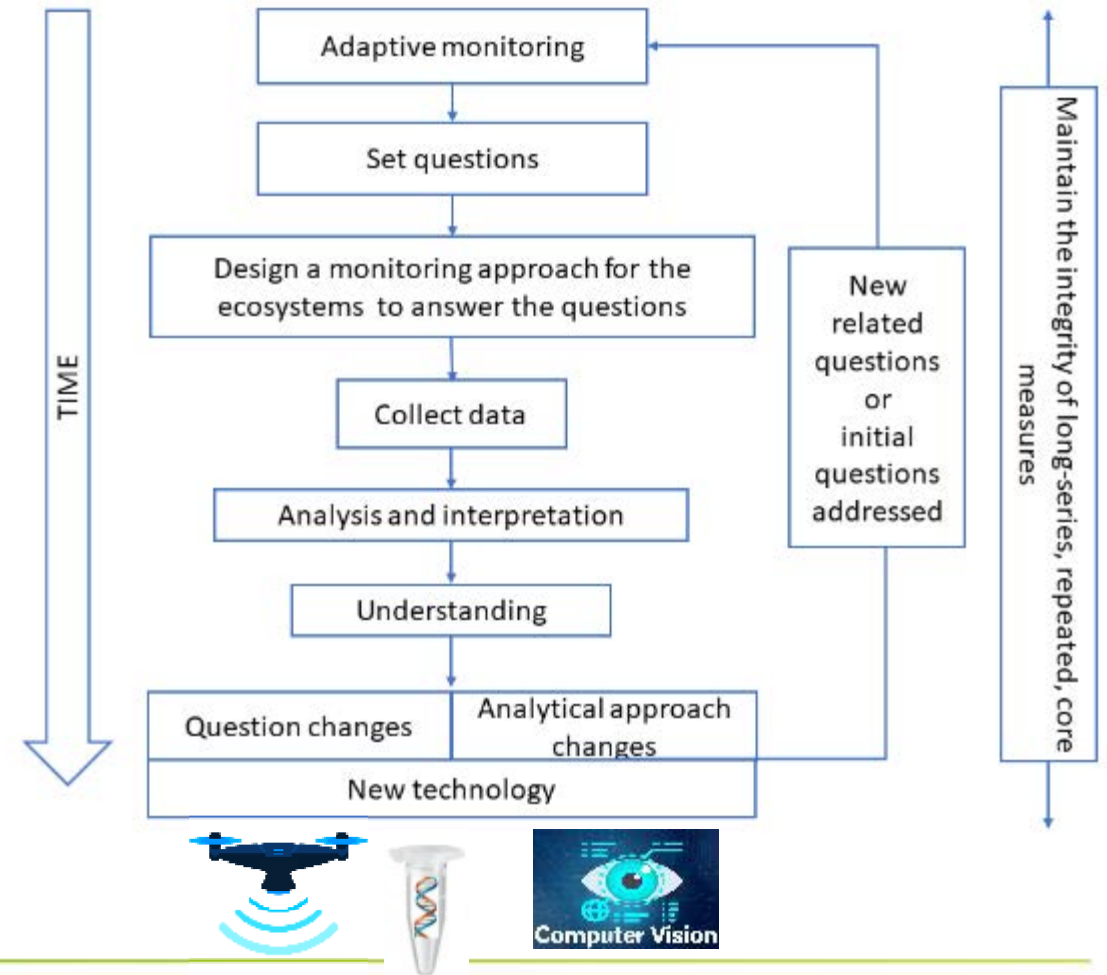
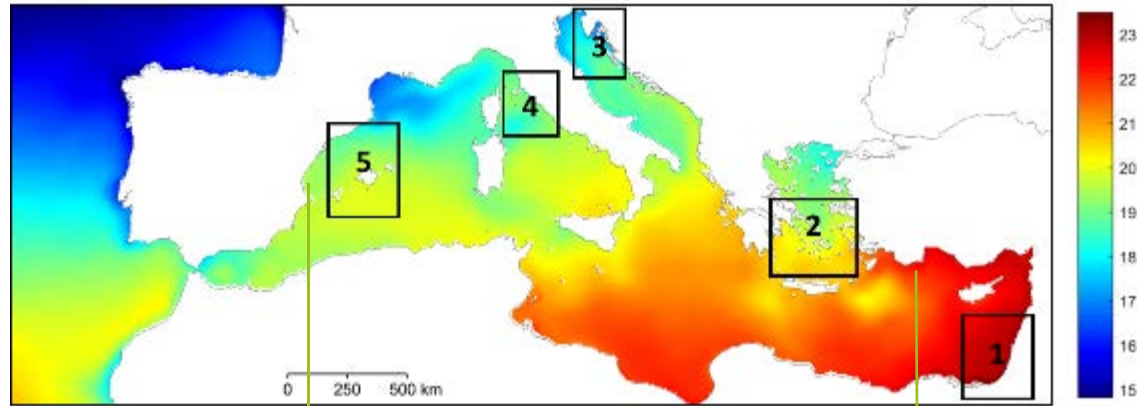
European regional seas from the Mediterranean to Norwegian Seas; focus on habitat restoration projects and Marine Protected Areas (MPAs).

# CAMBioMed: Coordinated and Adaptive Monitoring of Biodiversity change across Mediterranean rocky ecosystems

By *Sylvaine Giakoumi*,

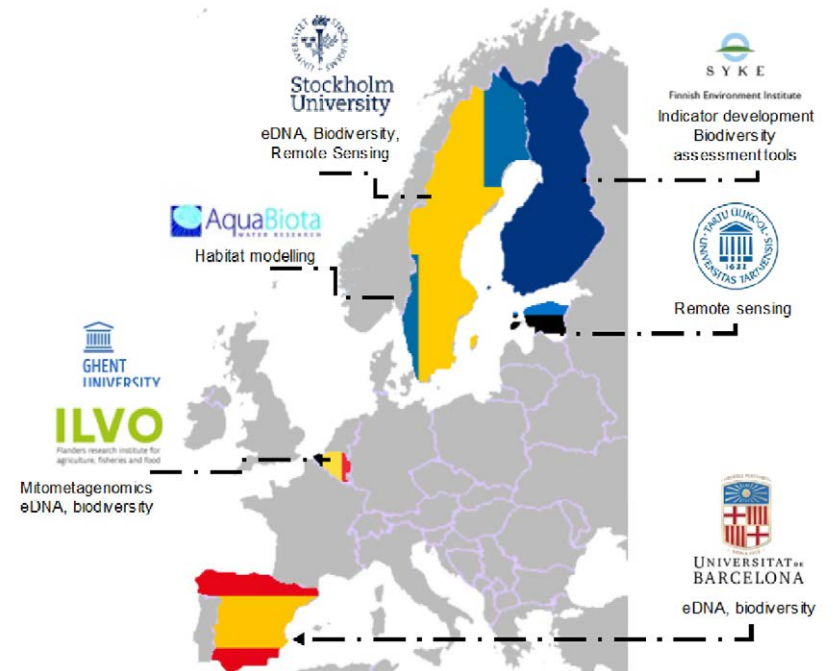
*Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn (Italy), University of the Aegean (Greece), CSIC (Spain), Delft University of Technology (Netherlands), University of Pisa (Italy), University of Vigo (Spain), Israel Oceanographic & Limnological Research Institute, Institute Ruder Boskovic (Croatia), Stockholm University (Sweden)*

# Develop an adaptive monitoring framework with stakeholders and propose a novel toolkit for monitoring changes in Mediterranean rocky ecosystems



# From gene to landscapes: development of environmental impact assessment tools for marine biodiversity monitoring using eDNA and remote sensing techniques- (DNASense)

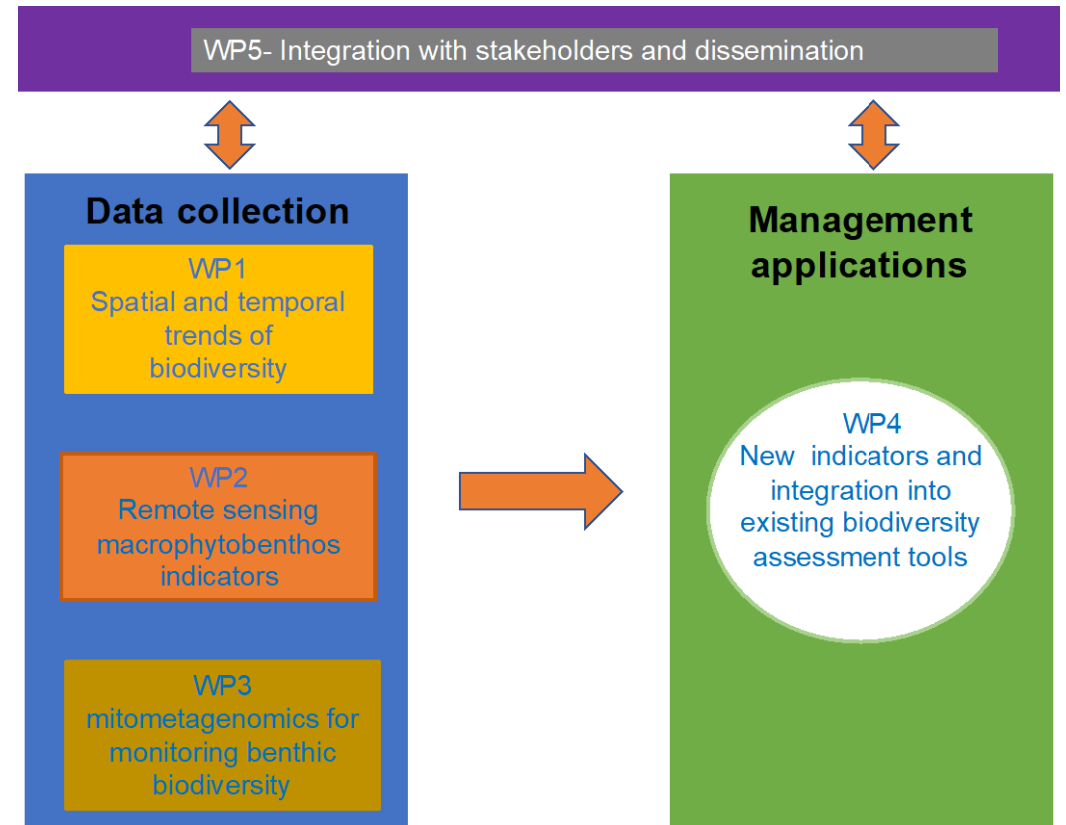
By *Francisco Nascimento, Stockholm University, Sweden*



# How can we capitalize on new technologies to assess marine biodiversity?



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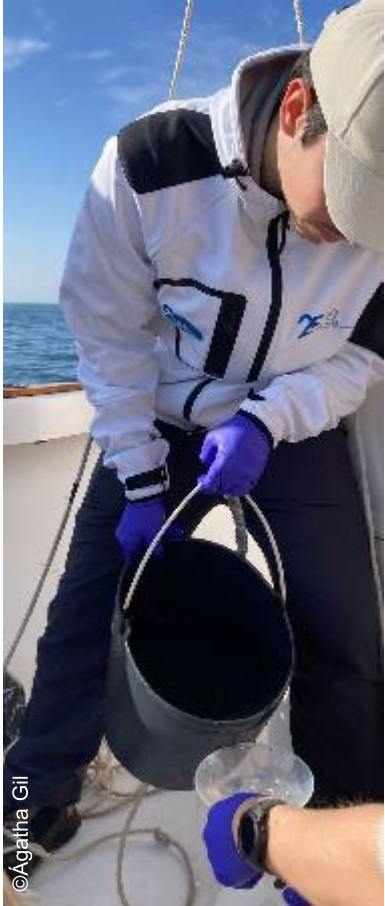


# EMPHATIC – eDNA, Microbiomes, Photogrammetry and Hormones – Assessment Techniques in Cetaceans

By *Raul Valente*



# Save our Oceans and make Earth a better place



eDNA



Blow sampling



Photogrammetry



Analytical Methodologies



Necropsy



Public awareness

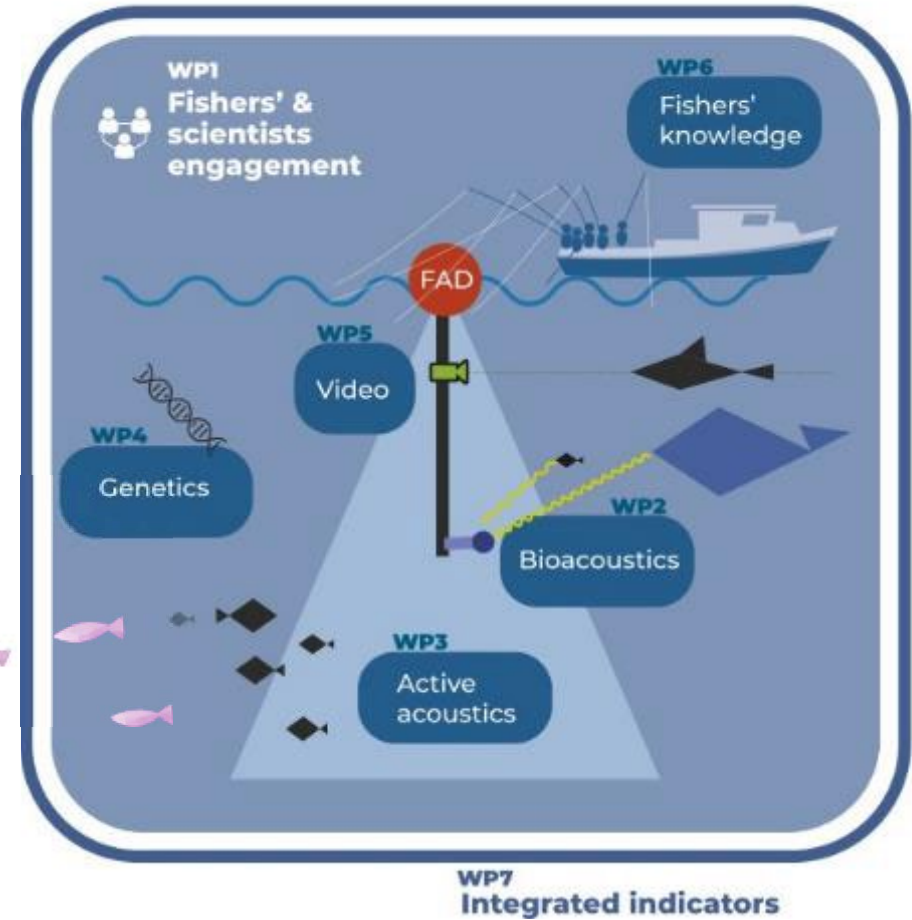
# MOOBYF

## (Monitoring Open Ocean BiodiversitY with Fishers)

By Dr. Annette Breckwoldt (ZMT Bremen, Germany)

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# Using Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) as scientific platforms to observe the open ocean in collaboration with fishers in Indonesia, the Maldives & Mayotte

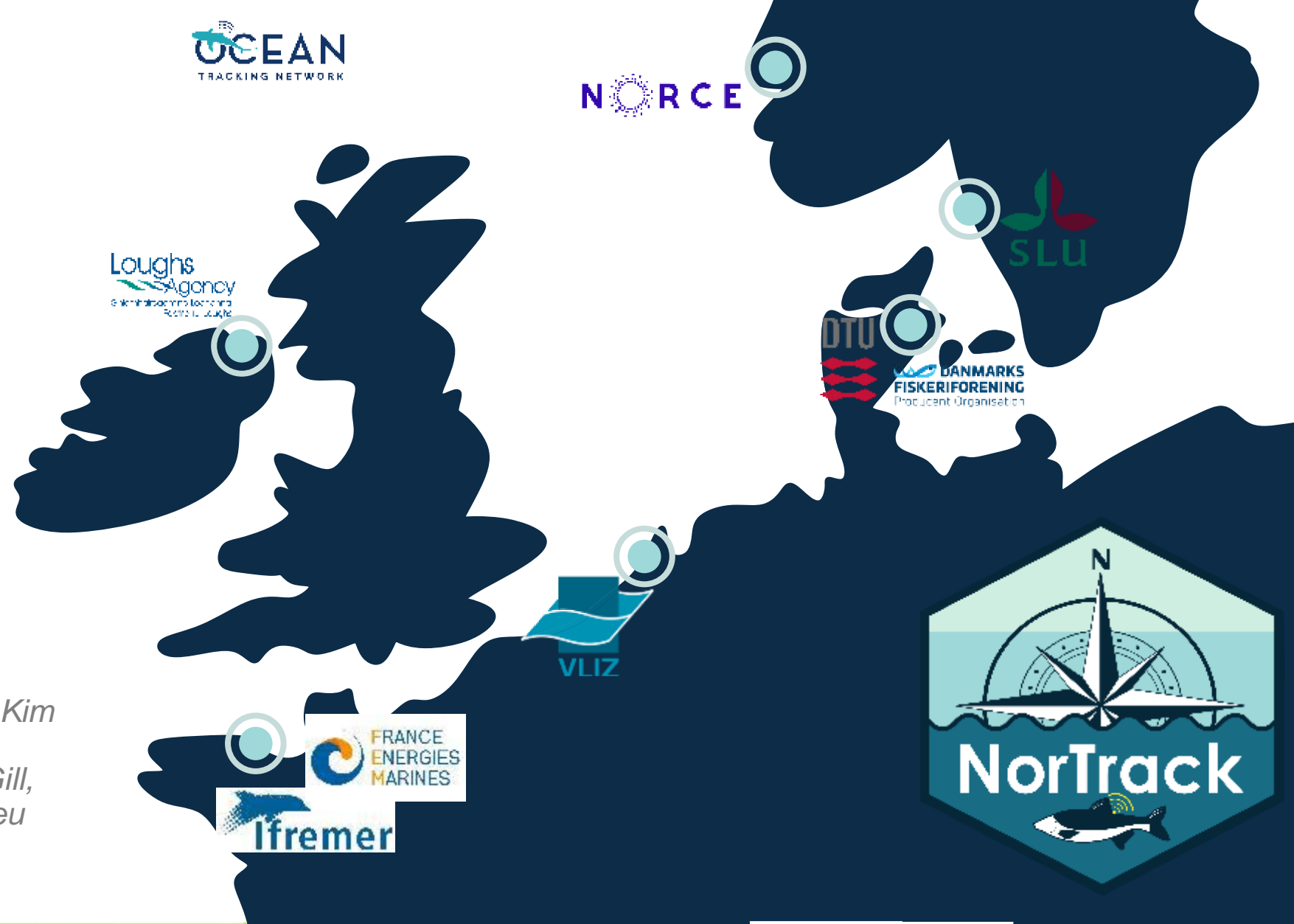




# NorTrack: the Northeast Atlantic Marine Tracking Network

By Sarah McLean

Our team *Kim Aarestrup, Saron Behre, Kim Birnie-Gauvin, Lydie Couturier, Gustav Hellström, Robert J. Lennox, Ross McGill, Claudia Meneses, Jan Reubens, Mathieu Woillez*



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# We share the Northeast Atlantic with its biodiversity

- Biodiversity needs
- Human needs
- NorTrack



# Weddell Sea Observatory of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Change (WOBEC)

By *Hauke Flores*



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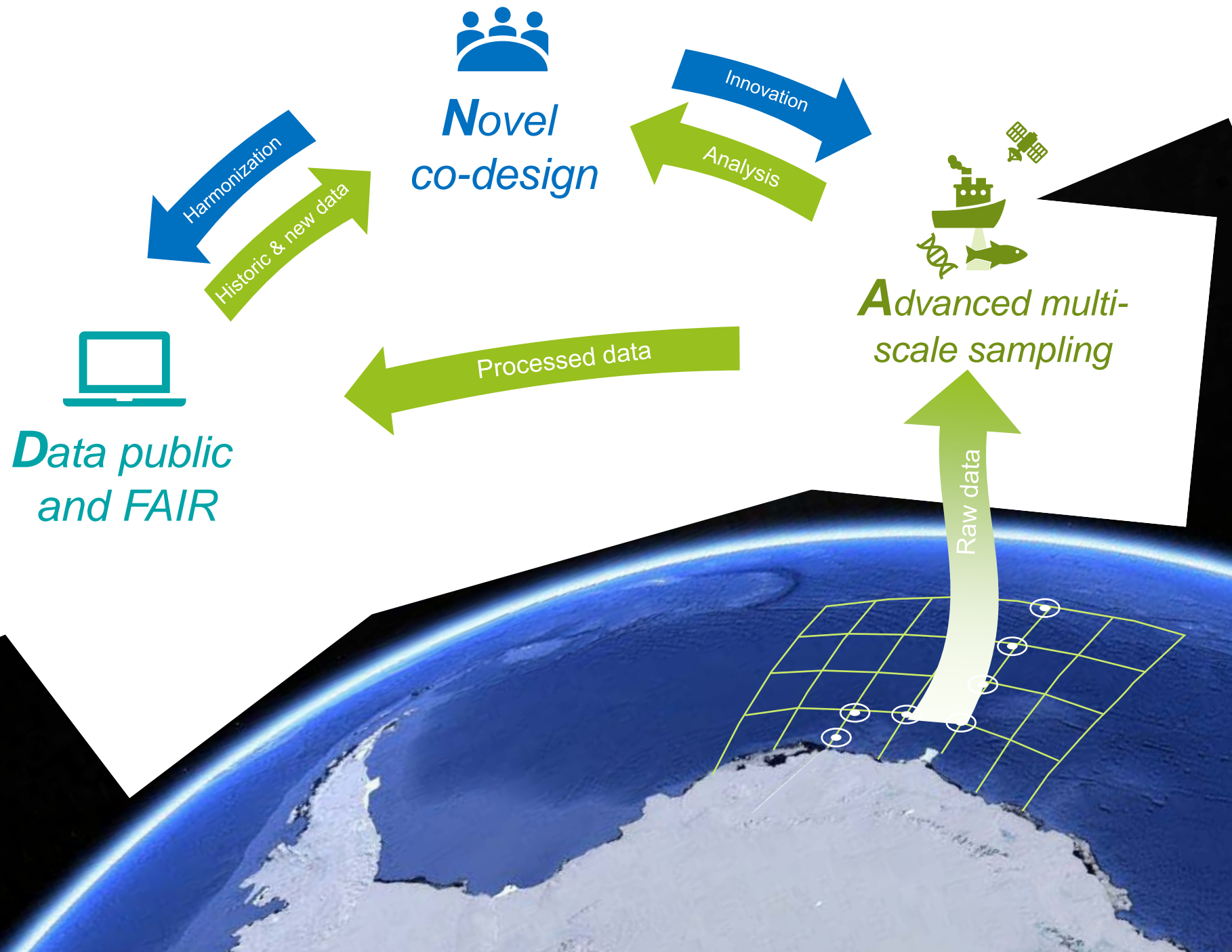
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# “DNA” of a long-term observatory in the Eastern Weddell Sea





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**Time for lunch**

Let's start again at 1:30



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## Funded projects presentation – Session #2

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- SEAGHOSTS, Raül RAMOS
- TABMON, Carolyn ROSTEN
- DESTRESS, Jes Jessen RASMUSSEN
- DNAqualIMG, Florian LEESE
- IMPACT, Rachel PATERSON
- MoSTFun, Andreas BRUDER
- Sub-BioMon, Maja ZAGMAISTER
- TRANSPONDER, Thomas DAVIDSON

# Harmonizing and integrating Radar-based approaches for monitoring Aerial bioDiversity

By **Silke Bauer** – Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research (WSL) Switzerland

**Judy Shamoun-Baranes**, Bart Kranstauber, Bart Hoekstra – University of Amsterdam

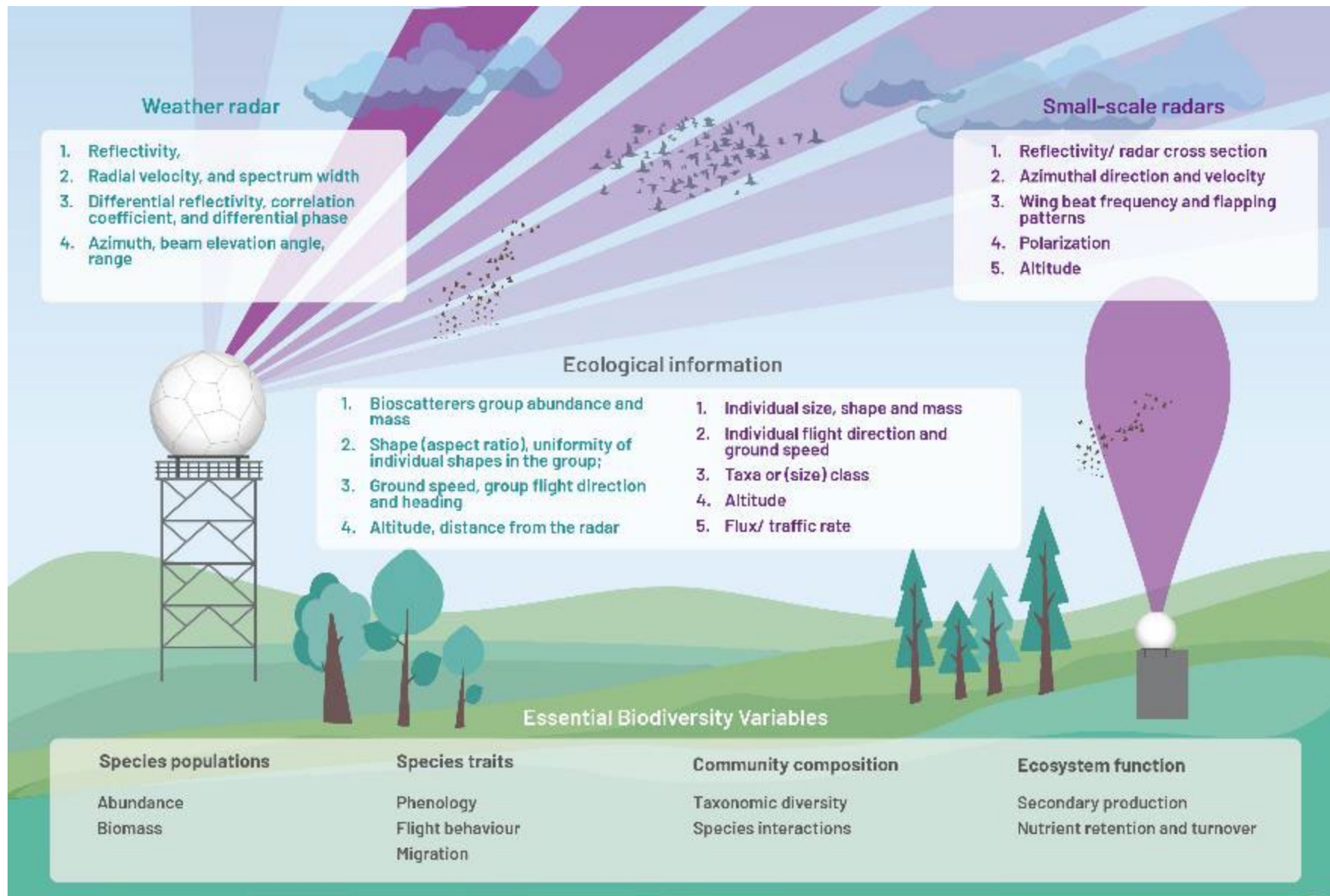
**Peter Desmet**, Pieter Huybrechts – Institute for Nature and Forest, Belgium

**Nadja Weisshaupt** – Finnish Meteorological Institute, Finland

**Eva Knop**, Benjamin Rutschmann – Agroscope, Switzerland

Felix Liechi – Swiss Birdradar Solutions, Andrew Farnsworth – Actions @EMBF, Isabel Metz – DLR, Hans van Gasteren – Royal Netherlands Airforce, Thibault Desert – Meteo France, Birgen Haest, Baptiste Schmid – Swiss Ornithological Institute

- Portal for access to, and
- Software tools for analysis of radar-data
- Harmonization
- Proof of concept biodiversity monitoring: birds and insects
- Tools and products for stakeholders



# Winged ghosts wandering the oceans:

*the global spatial ecology and conservation of the world's smallest and elusive seabirds, the storm petrel*

**By Raül Ramos (Universitat de Barcelona)**

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*Universitat de Barcelona & Universitat de les Illes Balears from **Spain** (2x)*

*FCiências-Lisbon & Okeanos-Azores from **Portugal** (2x)*

*Università degli Studi di Palermo, di Milano & ISPRA from **Italy** (3x)*

*Hellenic Ornithological Society from **Greece***

*Bretagne Vivante from **France***

*University College Cork from **Ireland***

*Aarhus University from **Denmark***

*Justus Liebig University Giessen from **Germany***

*Norwegian Institute for Nature Research from **Norway***

*South Iceland Nature Research Centre from **Iceland***

*World Seabird Union from **USA***

*Environment and Climate Change Canada from **Canada***



# *Spatial distribution and trophic ecology of poorly researched taxa, the storm petrels*



- Understanding the **ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION**, migratory connectivity and at-sea behaviour of storm petrel populations **INHABITING EUROPEAN SEAS**
- Establishing the **CONSERVATION UNITS** for the storm petrels that breed in **EUROPE**
- Evaluating impacts of **HUMAN ACTIVITIES AT SEA**
- Practical toolkit for **IMPROVING CONSERVATION of storm petrels** at colony sites





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## Towards a Transnational Acoustic Biodiversity Monitoring Network

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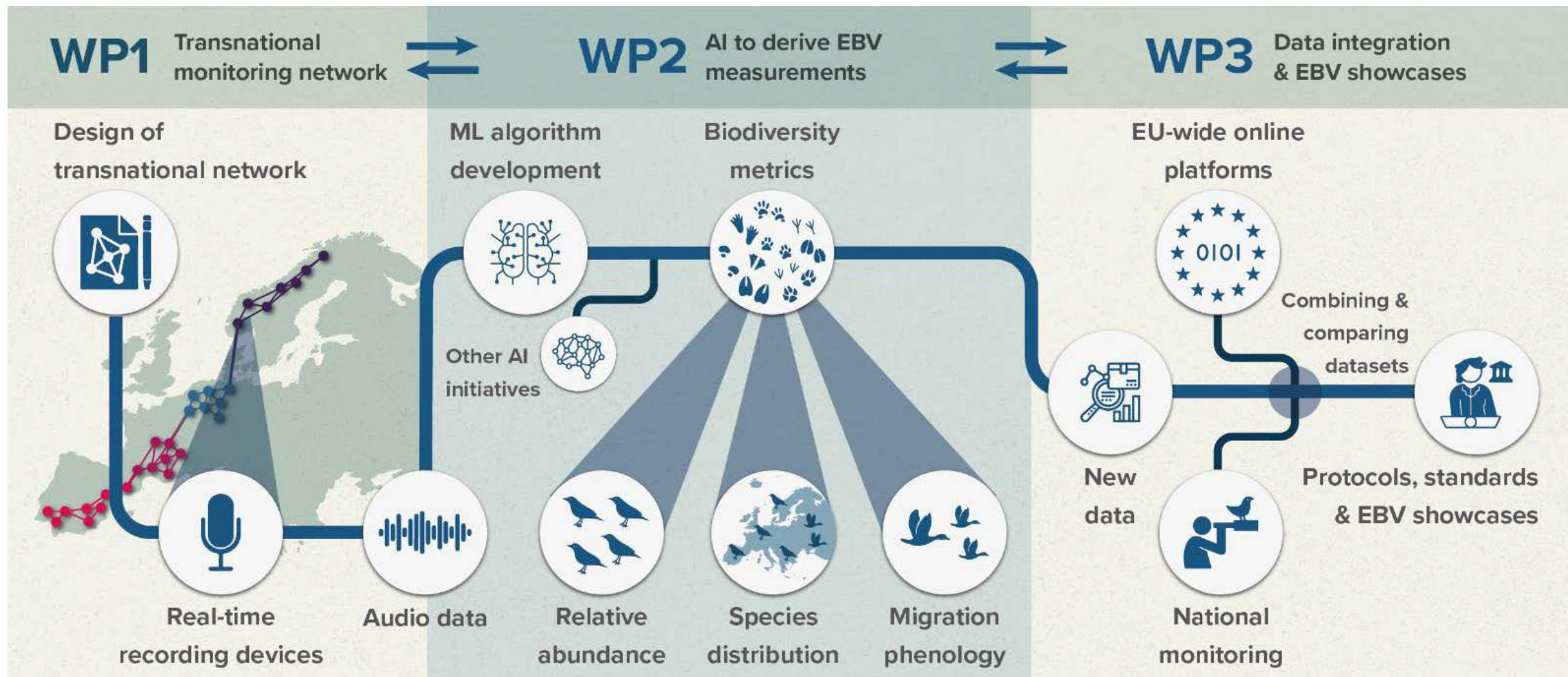


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# TABMON main objectives



# **DESTRESS – DE**ciphering temporal trends and safe operating spaces for river biodiversity within the context of multiple **STRESS**ors

By Jes Rasmussen (NIVA)

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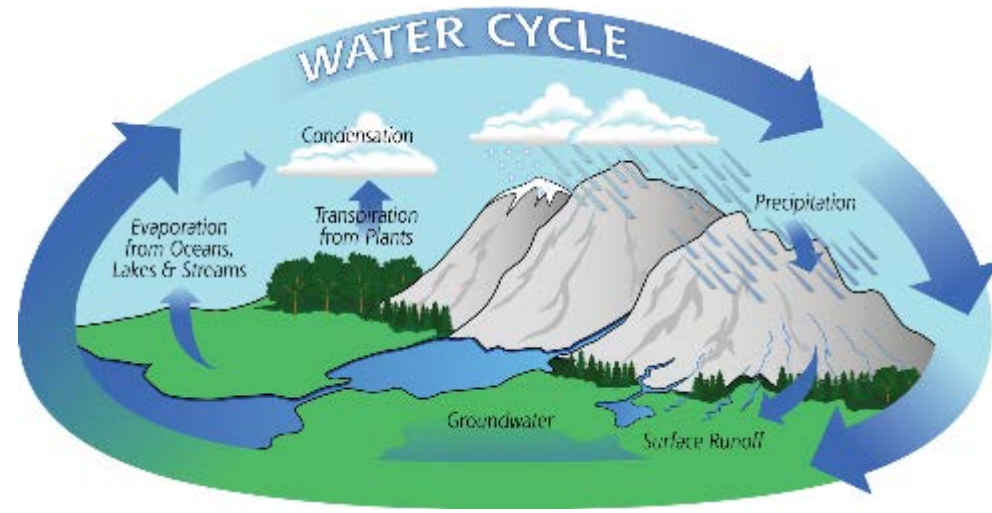
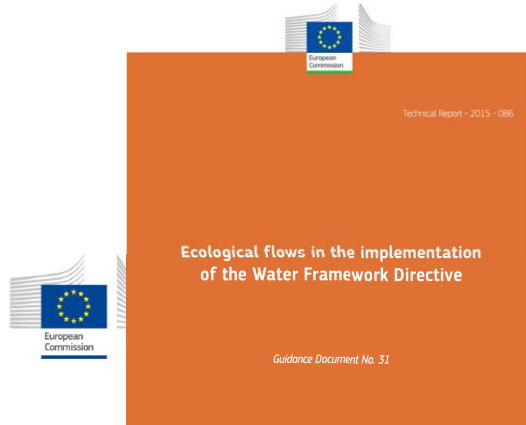
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Prof Dennis Trolle (Water iTech – Denmark)



# The water cycle/circus



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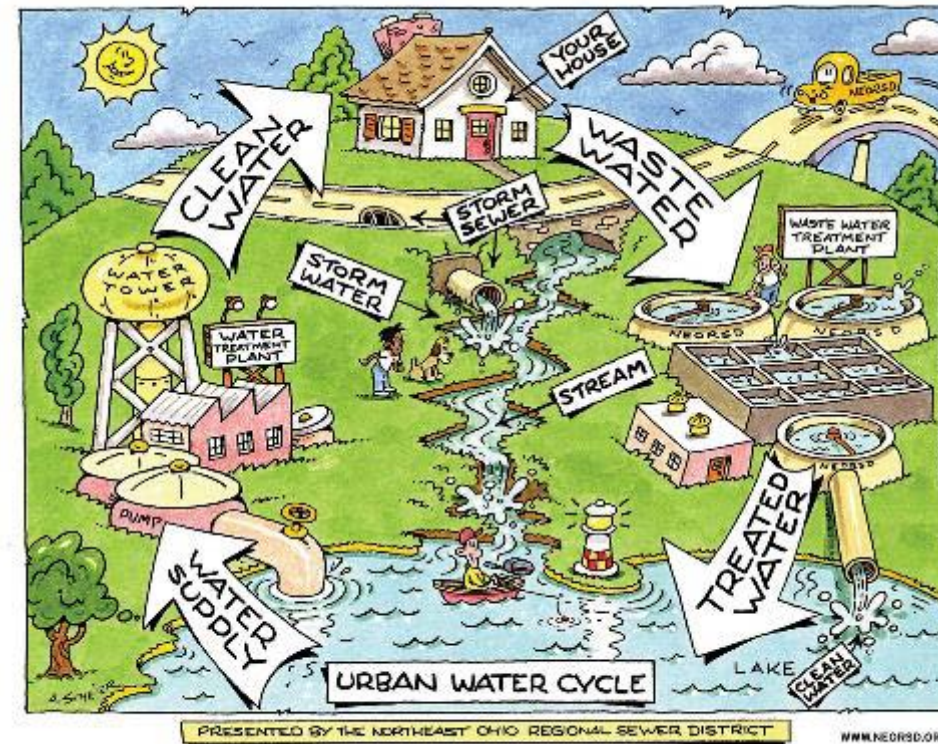
## Implementation of e-flows in the EU Final report

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Framework Contract 'Water for the Green Deal' - Implementation and development of the EU water and marine policies

Specific Contract "Support to the Commission on water quantity management - follow up to the Fitness Check of EU water law conclusions, EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change and Common Implementation Strategy Work Programme for the water directives (2022-2024)"

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September 2023



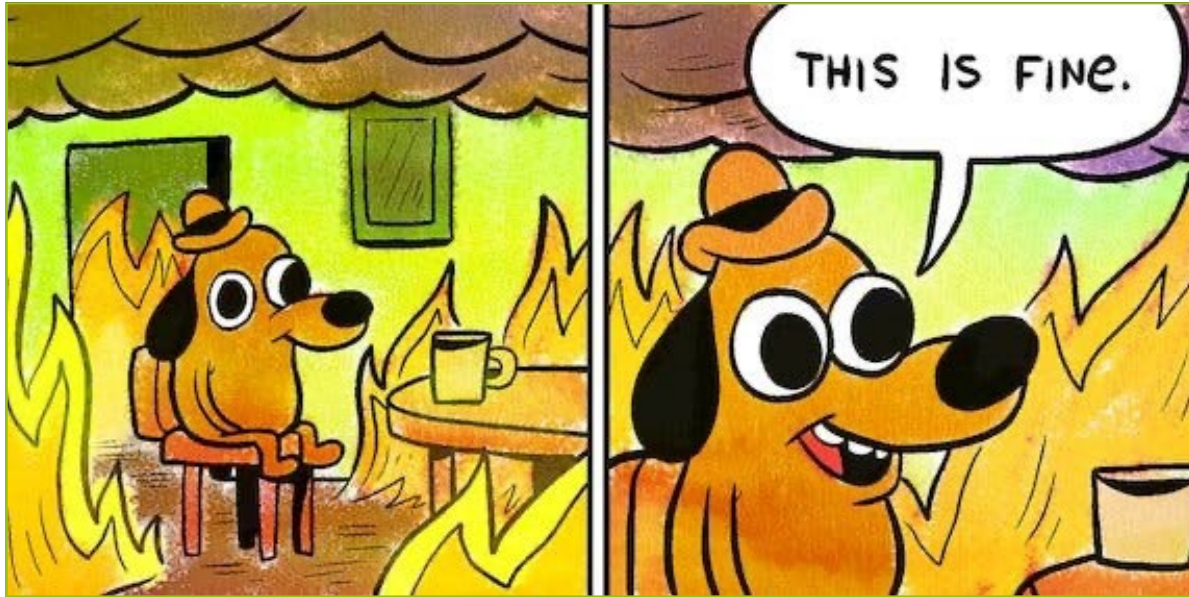
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# DNAqualMG - Innovating transnational aquatic biodiversity monitoring using high-throughput DNA tools & automated image recognition

By Florian Leese (University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany)

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 <b>CUAS</b> , Carinthia Univers. of Applied Sciences	 <b>SYKE</b> , Finnish Environment Institute	 <b>BGBM</b> , Botanical Garden & Botanical Museum Berlin	 <b>CIBIO</b> , Research Centre in Biodiversity & Gen. Resour.	 <b>SLU</b> , Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
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# Transnational freshwater biodiversity monitoring in increasingly challenging times? Pareto Optimization!



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- 1. Use & refine what exists:** Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC) – fully operational across countries
- 2. Add innovative novel methods:** Focus on those that can be scaled at reasonable costs
  - DNA-based monitoring
  - AI-based image recognition
- 3. Test, validate, develop roadmap:** Link biomonitoring & biodiversity monitoring for freshwater systems in Europe involving relevant stakeholders

# IMPACT: Integrated Monitoring of Parasites in Changing Environments

*By Rachel Paterson – Norwegian Institute for Nature Research, NO*

*Isabel Blasco-Costa - Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle de la Ville de Genève, CH*

*Joëlle Salomon Cavin - University of Lausanne, CH*

*Tomáš Scholz - Biology Centre of the Czech Academy of Sciences, CZ*

*Bernd Sures & Florian Leese - University of Duisburg-Essen, DE*

*Juan Antonio Balbuena - Universitat de València - Estudi General, ES*

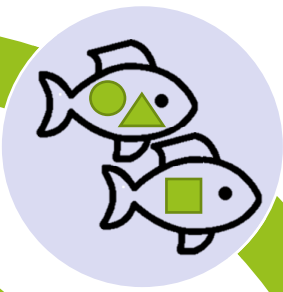
*Katie O'Dwyer - Atlantic Technological University, IR*

*David Thieltges - NWO I - Royal NIOZ, NL*

*Christian Selbach - UiT The Arctic University of Norway, NO*



# Parasites in biodiversity monitoring & policy



Status & trends



Genetic diversity



eDNA



Governance & society



# MoSTFun: Monitoring Strategies and Tools to address knowledge gaps on aquatic Fungal biodiversity

SUPSI (CH)	<i>Andreas Bruder, Isabel Fernandes, Red Calore</i>
GEO BON (CA)	<i>Katie Millette</i>
CNR-IRSA (IT)	<i>Laura Garzoli, Ester Eckert, Emanuele Ferrari, Diego Fontaneto, Stefano Mammola, Michela Rogora</i>
IGB Stechlin (DE)	<i>Hans-Peter Grossart, Solvig Pinnow, Jason Woodhouse</i>
SLU (SE)	<i>Jennifer Anderson, Blaize Denfeld</i>
UiT (NO)	<i>Teppo Rämä</i>
ICM-CSIC (ES)	<i>Albert Reñé, Esther Garcés</i>
Uni of Tartu (EE)	<i>Veljo Kisand, Kristel Panksep, Victoria Prins, Leho Tedersoo</i>
NINA (NO)	<i>André Frainer</i>
GCSS (USA)	<i>Monika Böhm, Catia Canteiro</i>



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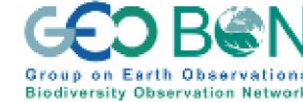
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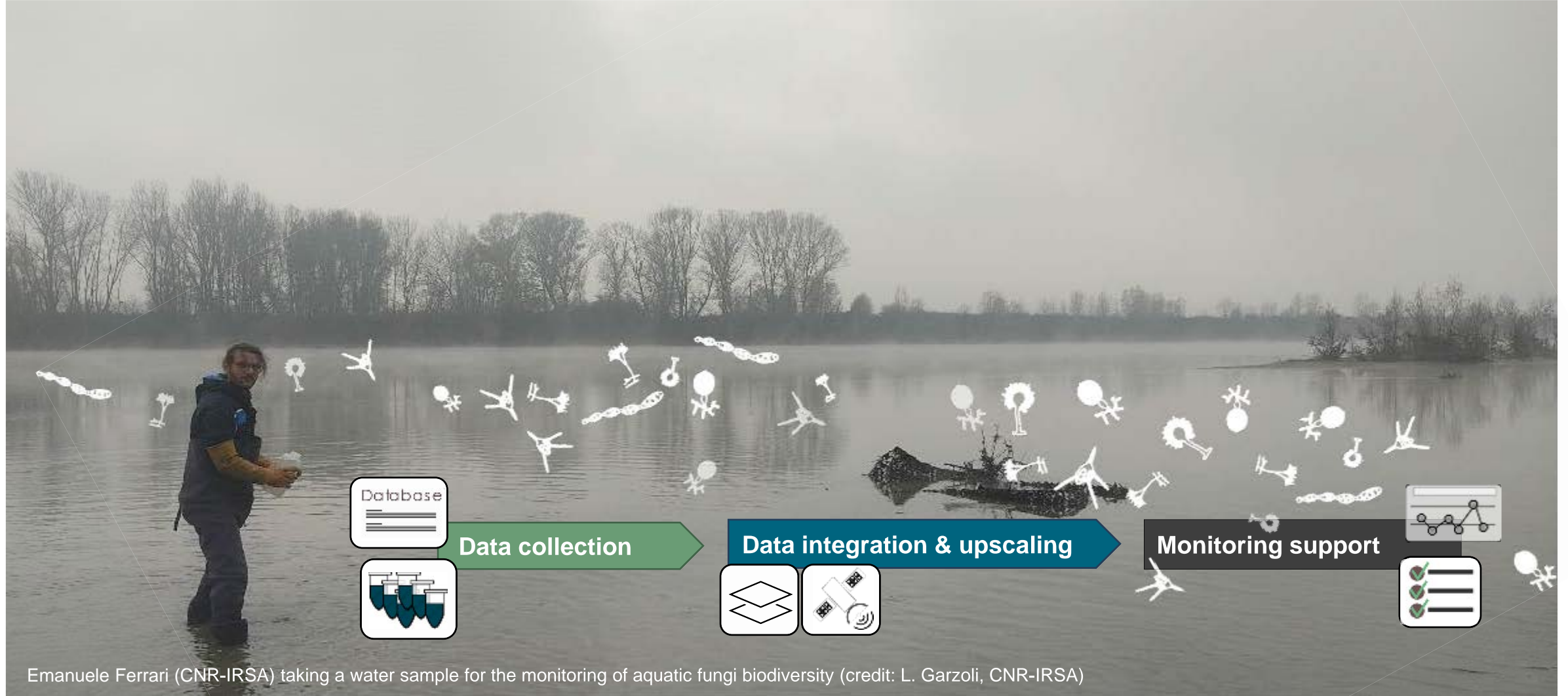
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# Have you seen AQUATIC FUNGI recently?



# Sub-BioMon - Developing and testing approaches to monitor subterranean biodiversity in karst

By Maja Zagmajster



## PARTNER ORGANISATIONS:

**University of Ljubljana**, Biotechnical Faculty, Dept. of Biology, SubBioLab, **Slovenia**

**Université Libre de Bruxelles**, Faculty of Sciences, Depr. for Biology of Organisms, **Belgium**

**University of L'Aquila**, Dept. of Life, Health and Environmental Sciences, **Italy**

**Eötvös Loránd University**, Dept. of Systematic Zoology and Ecology, **Hungary**

**Romanian Academy Cluj Branch**, "Emil Racovita" Institute of Speleology, Cluj Napoca, **Romania**

**National Museum of Natural History Luxembourg**, **Luxembourg** (self-financed partner)

The subterranean species of karst areas in Europe represent an important part of the continent's biodiversity. The Sub-BioMon will provide the much-needed scientific basis for standardized biological monitoring of this hidden natural treasure.

Selection of monitoring sites



M. Zagmajster

Field sampling protocols



E. Premate



E. Lunghi



T. Delić



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Species identification and detection (DNA barcoding, eDNA)

# TRANSPONDER

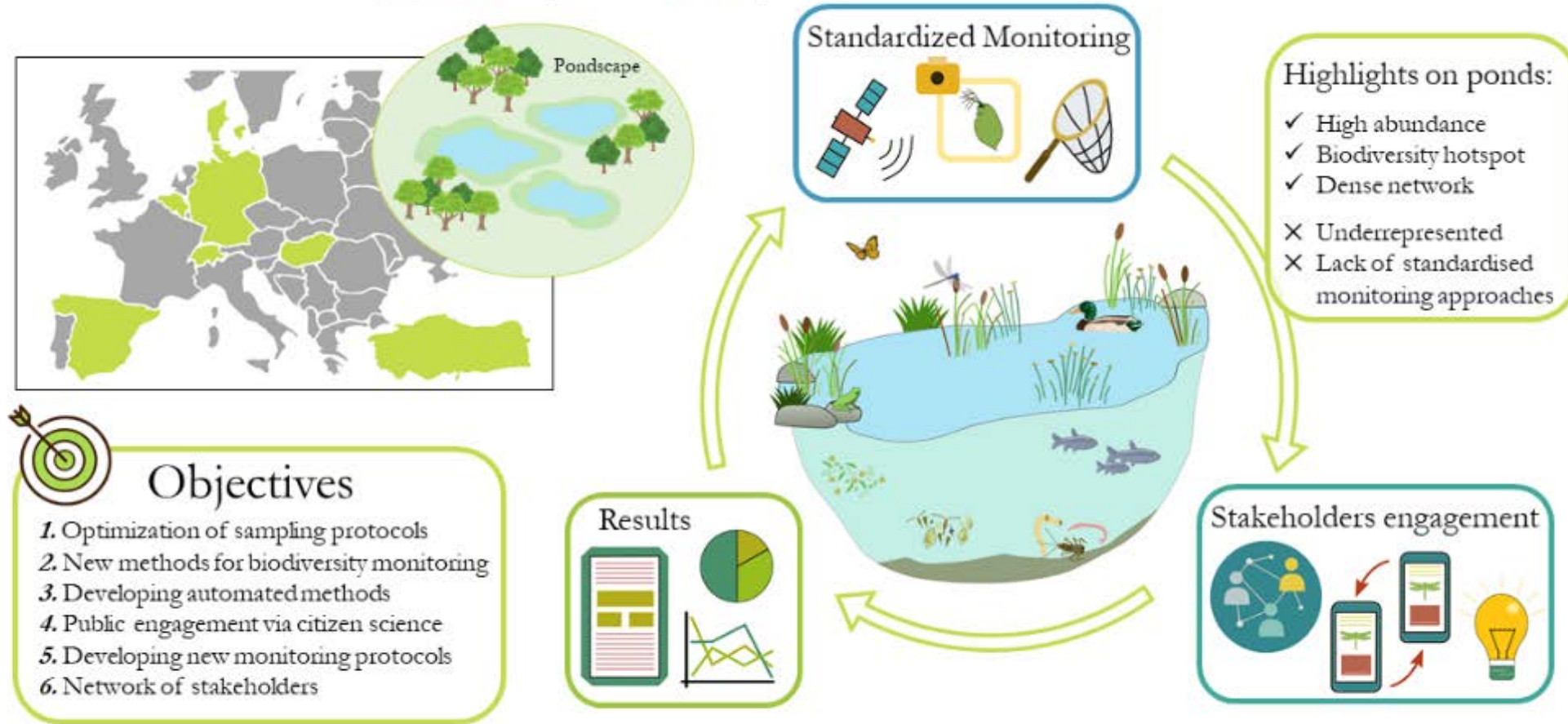
**TRANSnational biodiversity and ecosystem assessment approaches for PONDscapes in EuRope**

By *Thomas Davidson*

*Aarhus University, Denmark; KU Leuven, Belgium; University of Vic, Spain; Haute Ecole Spécialisée de Suisse Occidentale, Switzerland; IGB, Germany; Centre for Ecological Research, Hungary; Middle East Technical University, Turkey; WWF Deutschland*

# TRANSPONDER

**TRANS**national biodiversity and ecosystem assessment approaches for **POND**scapes in **EuRope**



## Panel discussion

*moderated by Wouter VANNEUVILLE, European Environment Agency (Denmark)*

- HiRAD, Silke BAUER
- SEAGHOSTS, Raül RAMOS
- TABMON, Carolyn ROSTEN
- DESTRESS, Jes Jessen RASMUSSEN
- DNAqualMG, Florian LEESE
- IMPACT, Rachel PATERSON
- MoSTFun, Andreas BRUDER
- Sub-BioMon, Maja ZAGMAISTER
- TRANSPONDER, Thomas DAVIDSON

# The Biodiversa+ Prize for Excellence and impact Highlight on the GloBAM project

*By **Frédéric Lemaître**, Operational Manager for Society and Policy Impact, FRB  
(France)*





## Funded projects presentation – Session #3

- ANTENNA, Oliver SCHWEIGER
- BIG\_PICTURE, John LINNELL
- ENABLElocal, Florian SCHNEIDER
- FunDive, Jacob HEILMANN-CLAUSEN
- MonitAnt, Heike FELDHAAR
- SEPPI, Tiffany KNIGHT
- SoilRise, Martin POTTHOFF
- WildINTEL, Nuria Selva FERNANDEZ

# ANTENNA - Making Technology work for Monitoring Pollinators



Quentin Geissmann



Koos Biesmeijer



Jessica Knapp



Oliver Schweiger



Javier Galeano Prieto



Thomas Tscheulin

Ignasi Bartomeus



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# Our framework

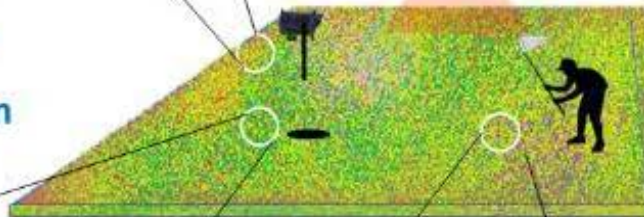
## Improve and test new monitoring technologies (WPs1,2)

### Computer vision

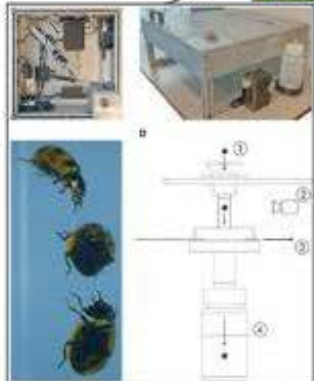
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### Advanced habitat characterisation

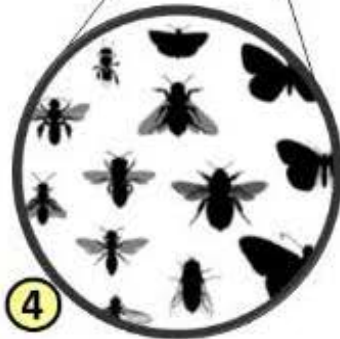


- ✓ High temporal frequency
- ✓ Cameras with weather sensors
- ✓ Enhanced by AI
- ✓ Allows near-term predictions



### Automated sorting and barcoding

support



### Traditional sampling methods

## Integrative modelling (WP3)

### Stakeholder involvement



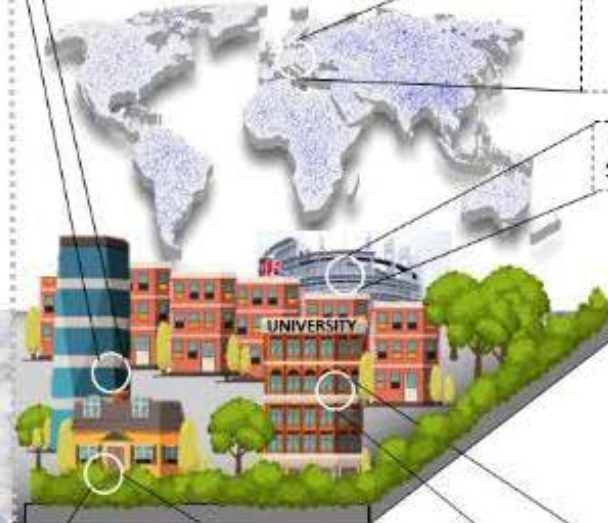
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- ✓ Near real-time modelling
- ✓ Early warning systems
- ✓ Identification of uncertainties

## Large-scale implementation (WPs4,5)

Near-time interactive pollinator map and forecasting tool

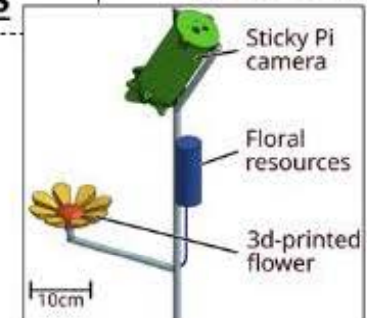
Science-policy impact



Autonomous pollinator camera trap ready for citizen scientists

Automated sorting platform

- ✓ Ready-to-use technology
- ✓ Pipelines for upscaling



# **BIG\_PICTURE:** Developing data management and analytical tools to integrate and advance professional and citizen science camera-trapping across Europe.

By *John Linnell*

*17 partner institutions from Norway, Sweden, Germany, France, Spain, Belgium, the Netherlands, Italy, Slovenia, Poland*



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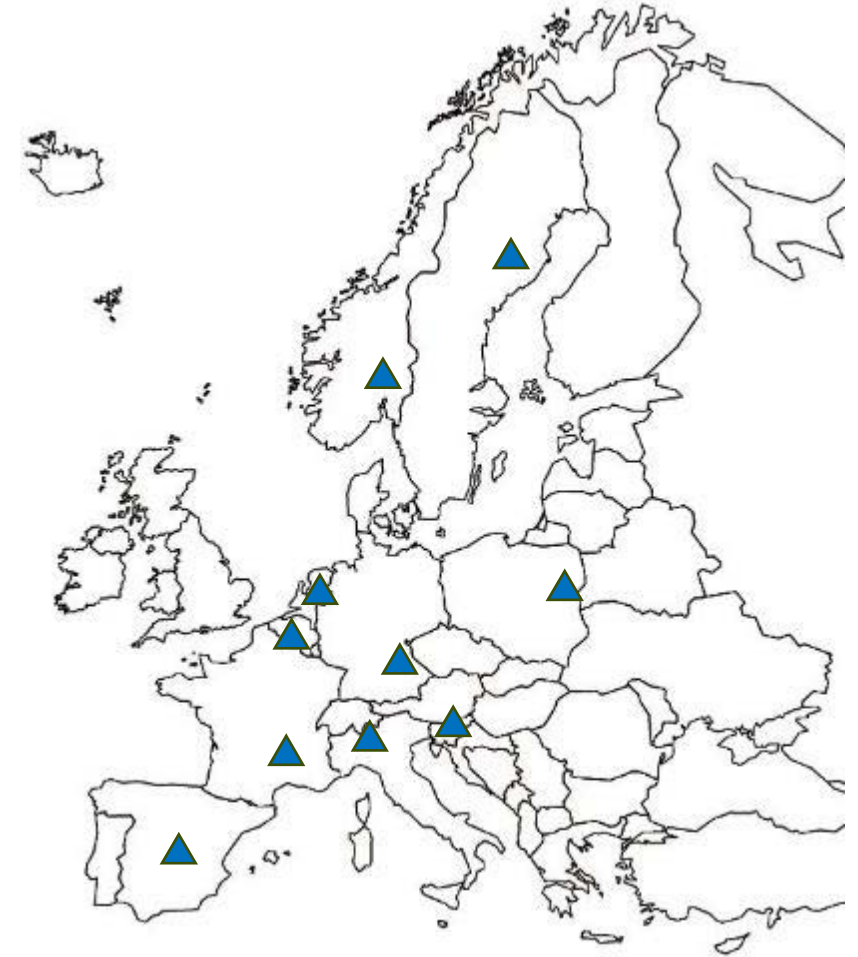
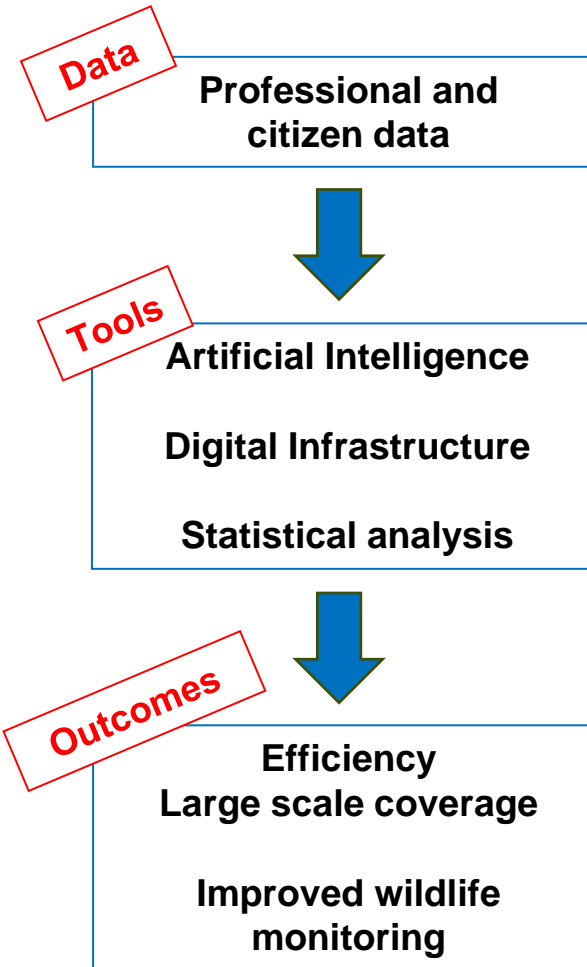
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# BIG\_PICTURE: Sharing camera-trap data to improve wildlife monitoring





**ENABLE<sup>local</sup>** Enabling use of biodiversity  
monitoring data in local conservation management

By *Florian D. Schneider, ISOE – Institute for social-ecological research*



*Florian D. Schneider,  
Deike Lüdtkke, Marion  
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Eliška Tichopádová, Simona Zvěřinová,  
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*Maj Rundlöf, Maria von Post,  
Henrik Smith, Hakim Abdi*

# ENABLE<sup>local</sup> Enabling use of biodiversity monitoring data in local conservation management

- project goal: facilitating data flows (horizontally and vertically) to enable evidence based decision making
- transdisciplinary approach: integrating stakeholder perspectives in three case studies



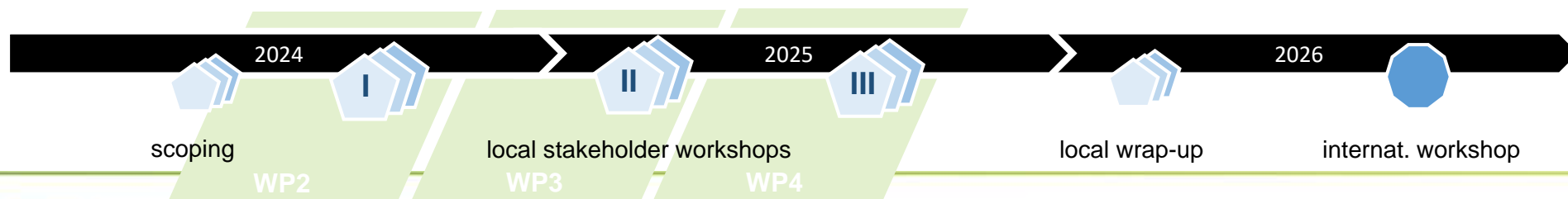
Biosphere reserve Křivoklátsko (CZ)



Hotspot areas for threatened solitary bees on sandy soils (SE)



Extensive orchard meadows (DE)

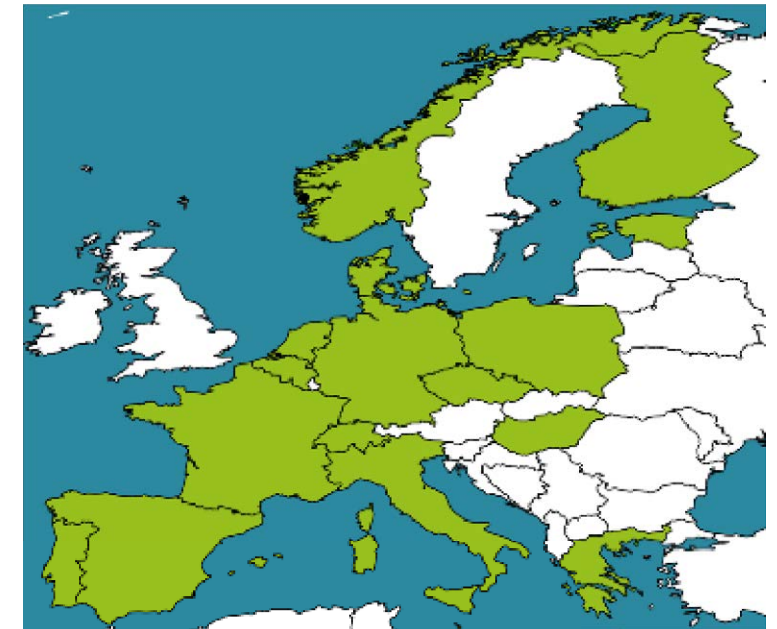




# FunDive - Monitoring and mapping Fungal Diversity for nature conservation

By Jacob Heilmann-Clausen  
University of Copenhagen

26 partners  
18 countries



# FunDive in a nutshell



Empower & involve citizen scientists



Fine-tune eDNA based sampling



Picture recognition apps



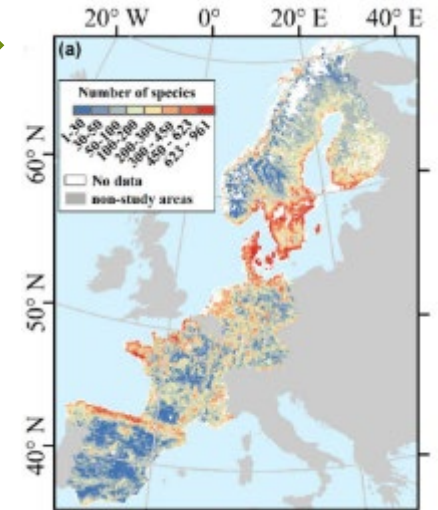
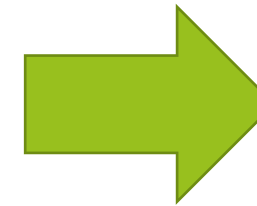
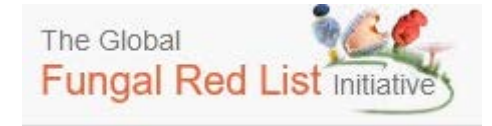
Recording & sequencing missions

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Inocybaceae	Symbiotroph	Ectomycorrhizal	OTU78	
Laccaria	Symbiotroph	Ectomycorrhizal	OTU1159	
Scleroderma	Symbiotroph	Ectomycorrhizal	OTU201	
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Tomentella	Symbiotroph	Ectomycorrhizal	OTU1480	■
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DNA barcoding and annotation

Evaluate conservation status



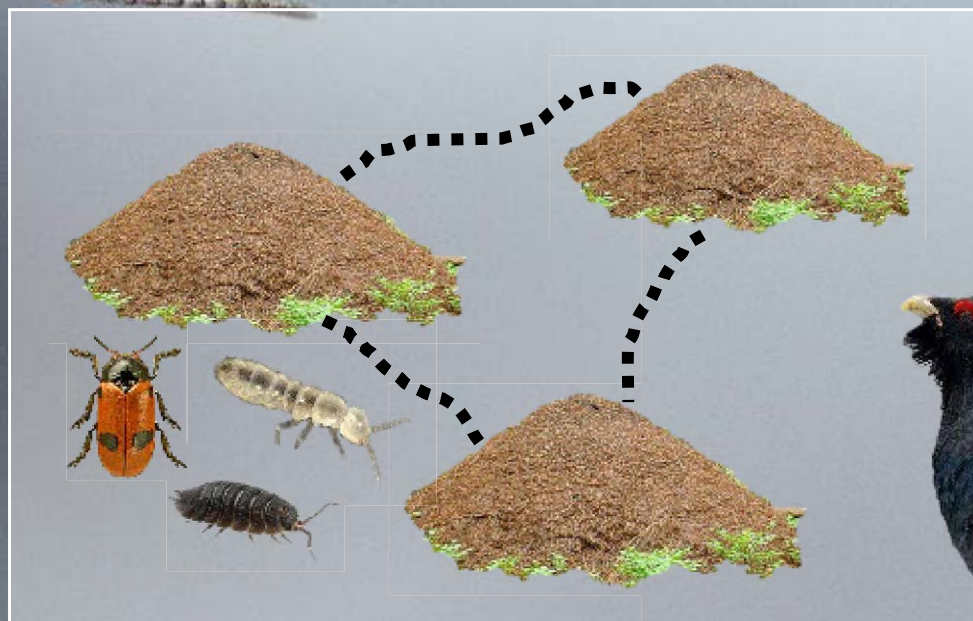
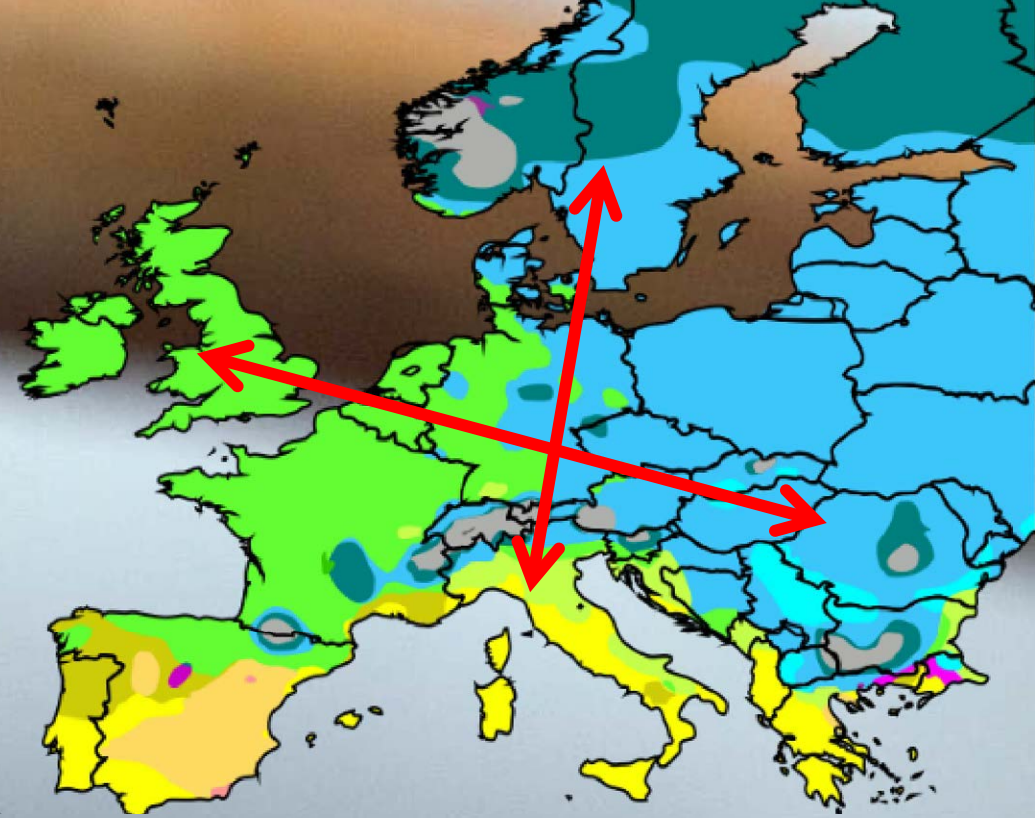
Investigate biodiversity patterns



## MonitAnt: Developing a European-level Monitoring strategy for mound-building *Formica* Ants and symbiont communities residing in nest mounds

By Heike Feldhaar (U Bayreuth, Germany)

Wouter Dekoninck (RBINS, Belgium), Elia Guariento (EURAC, South Tyrolia)  
Balint Marcó (U Cluj-Napoca, Romania), Thomas Parmentier (U Gent, Belgium)  
Elva Robinson (U York, UK), Giacomo Santini (U Firenze, Italy),  
Jouni Sorvari (LUKE, Finland), Jiri Tuma (CAS, Czech Republic)



# Standardized European monitoring of plant-pollinator interactions (SEPPI)

Tiffany Knight (Germany)

Hans Jacquemyn (Belgium)

Jana Jersakova (Czech Republic)

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Peter Batáry (Hungary)

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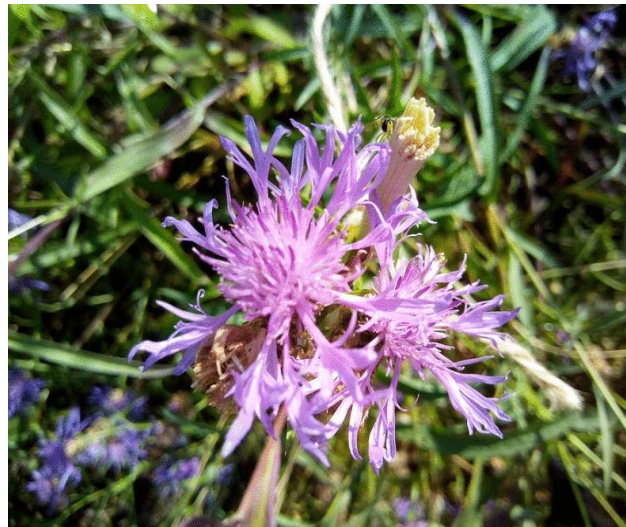
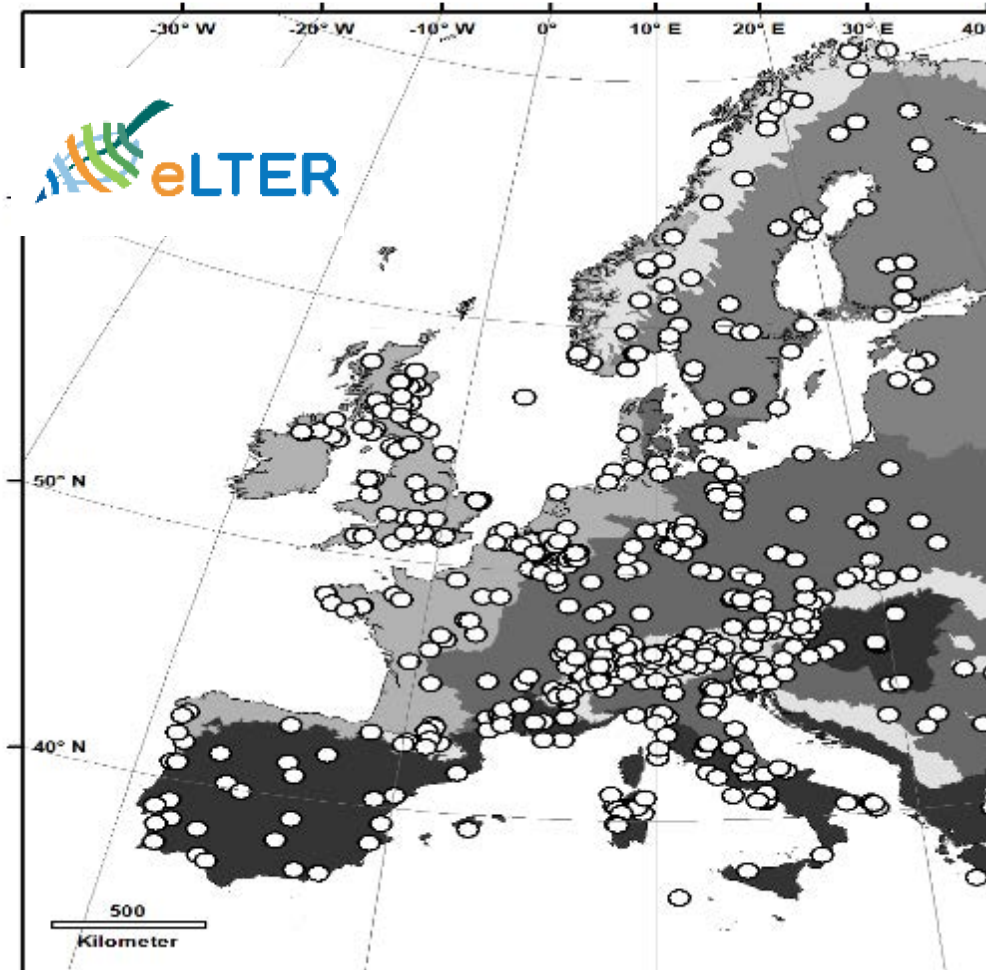
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# Vision: transform monitoring of pollinators, pollination



## Does it work?

...to detect spatial changes in:

- Pollinator biodiversity
- Pollinator composition
- Pollination

## Is it cost effective?

Does it create actionable knowledge?

# SoilRise

Monitoring of Soilbiota by Citizen Science

## SoilRise –

Raising awareness for soil biodiversity and  
multiplying monitoring by student-based  
Citizen Science

*Martin Potthoff*



***Martin Potthoff***  
***Oliver Gailing***  
University of  
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***Pia Euteneuer***  
***Johann Zaller***  
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Vienna

***Daniel Cluzeau***  
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***Annegret Nicolai***  
***Morgane Herve***  
Living lab Clef  
Plélan-le-grand



***Agnieszka Józefowska***  
University of Agriculture  
Krakow

***Olaf Schmidt***  
University College  
Dublin



## Barcoding

Improving monitoring data

Valuation of keys and taxonomic uncertainties

## Citizen Science

Tutorial supervision of CS activities

Bridging university, stakeholders and society

CS networks represent different land use patterns

## Raising awareness

Change of attitudes towards soil and soil life of people in CS networks

Comparing CS groups of different perspectives like farmers, gardeners and urban planners



# WildINTEL- Building a scalable WILDLife monitoring system by integrating remote camera sampling and artificial INTELLIGENCE with Essential Biodiversity Variables

By *Nuria Selva*



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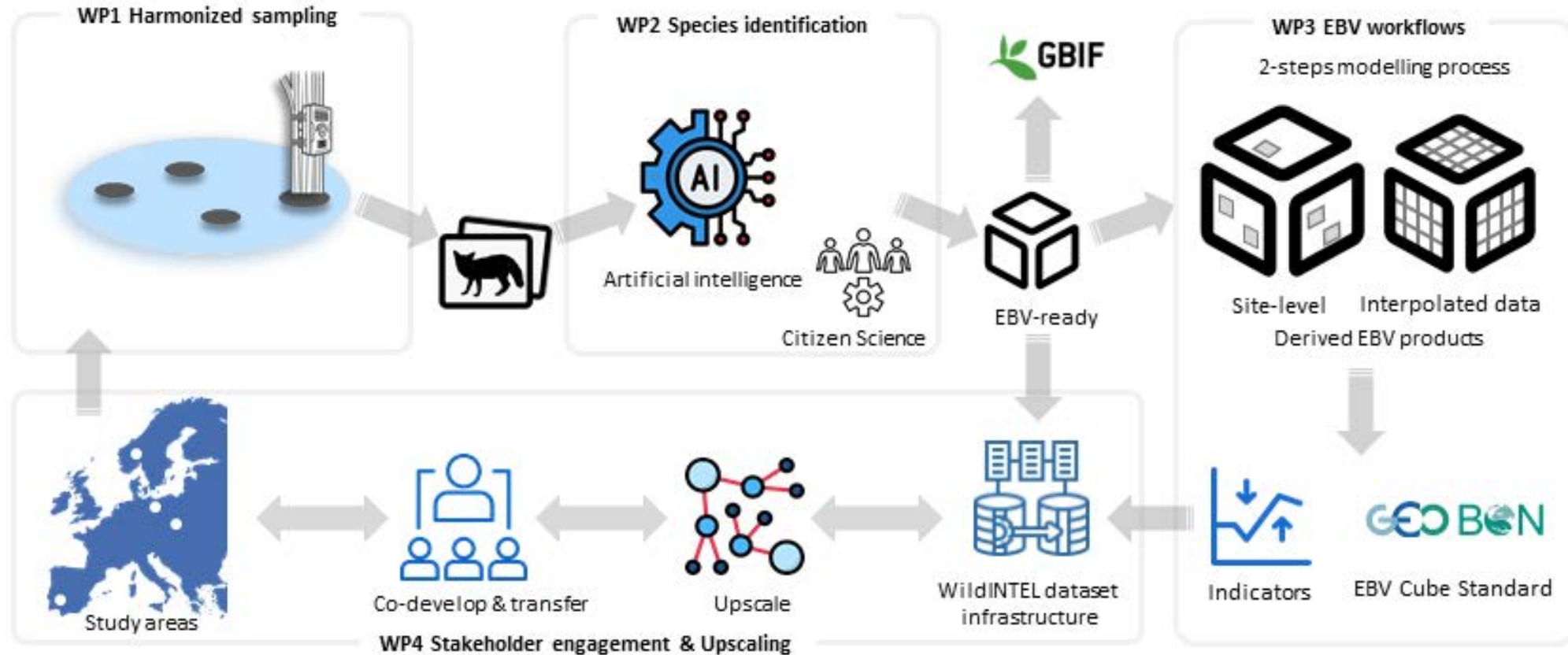


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# Building a scalable wildlife monitoring system by integrating remote camera sampling, citizen science, AI and hierarchical modelling for the semi-automated production of Essential Biodiversity Variables (EBVs)



## Panel discussion

*moderated by* Alexandra ZIERITZ, University of Nottingham (United Kingdom)

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Let's take a break!



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**Posting about the  
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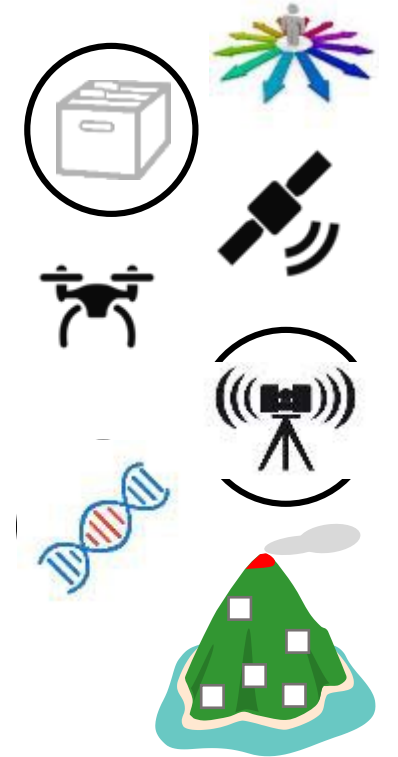
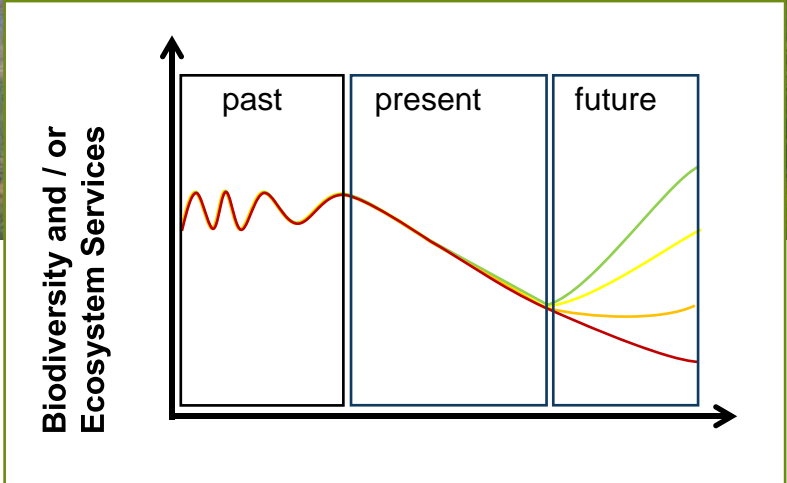
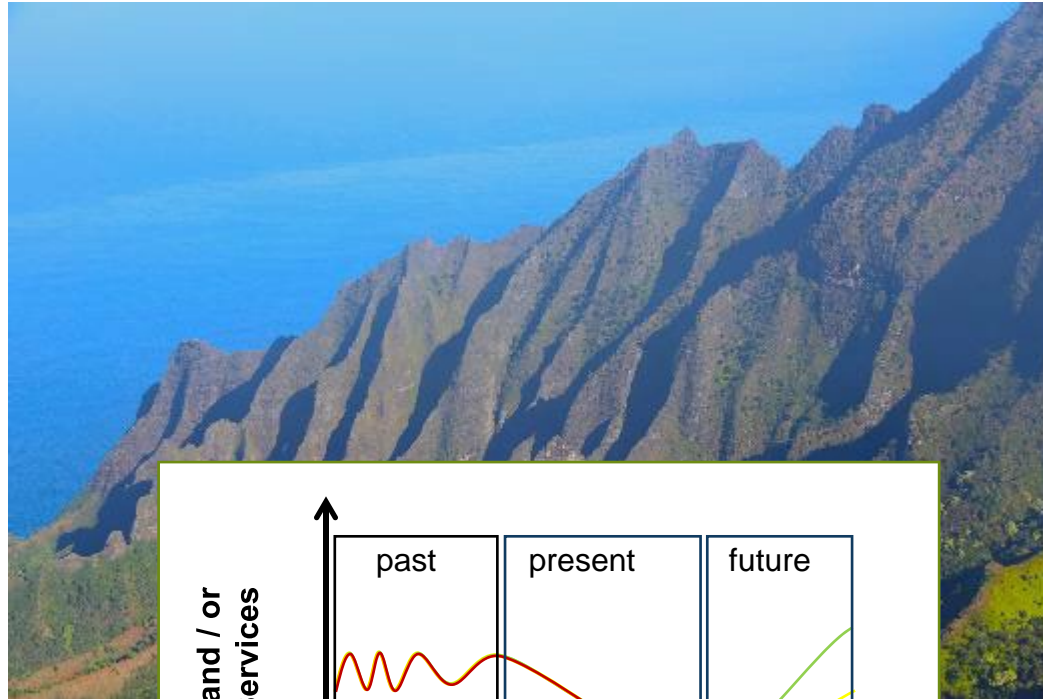
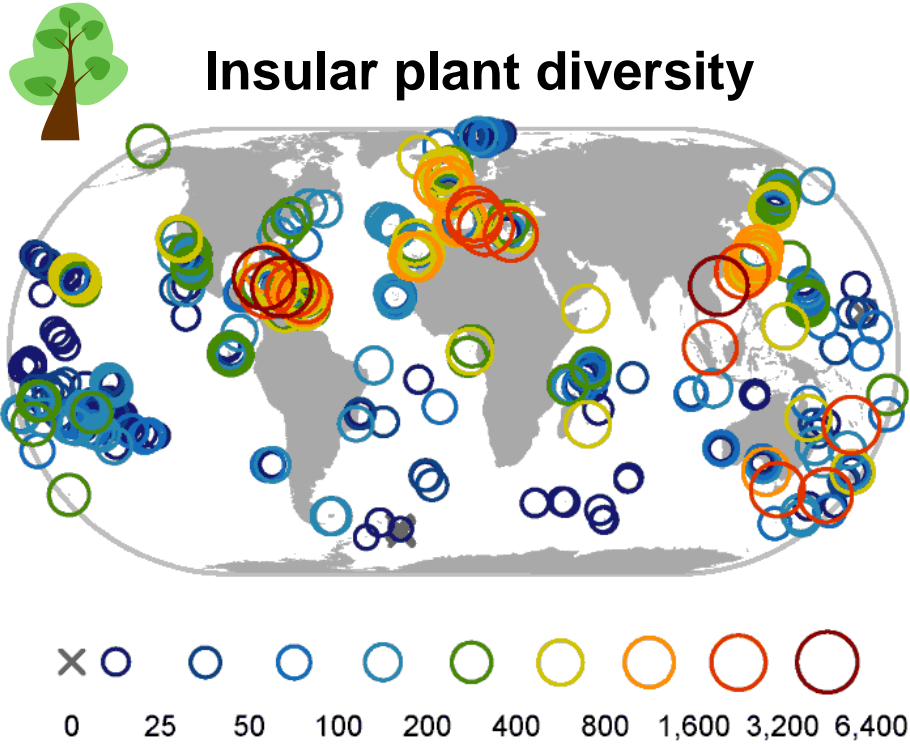
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- CoForFunc, Raphaël PELISSIER
- ForBioMon, Kris VERHEYEN
- Forest-Web-3.0, Robert LEWIS
- GINAMO, Christina HVILSOM
- GRASS4FUN, Pablo Garcia PALACIOS
- METAPLANTCODE, Birgit GEMEINHOLZER
- MiDiPeat, Krista PELTONIEMI
- MOTIVATE, Ute JANDT

# BioMonI: Biodiversity monitoring of island ecosystems

by Holger Kreft, University of Göttingen, Germany

University of Vienna, Austria; University of La Réunion, France; Universidade dos Açores, Portugal; University of La Laguna, CSIC, Spain; University of Neuchatel, Switzerland;

# BioMonI: Biodiversity monitoring of island ecosystems



## Expected outcomes

- Historical archives
- BioMonI-Plots
- Optimized protocols
- Scaling-up
- Future scenarios

**Islands**  
Outstanding biodiversity & imminent threats

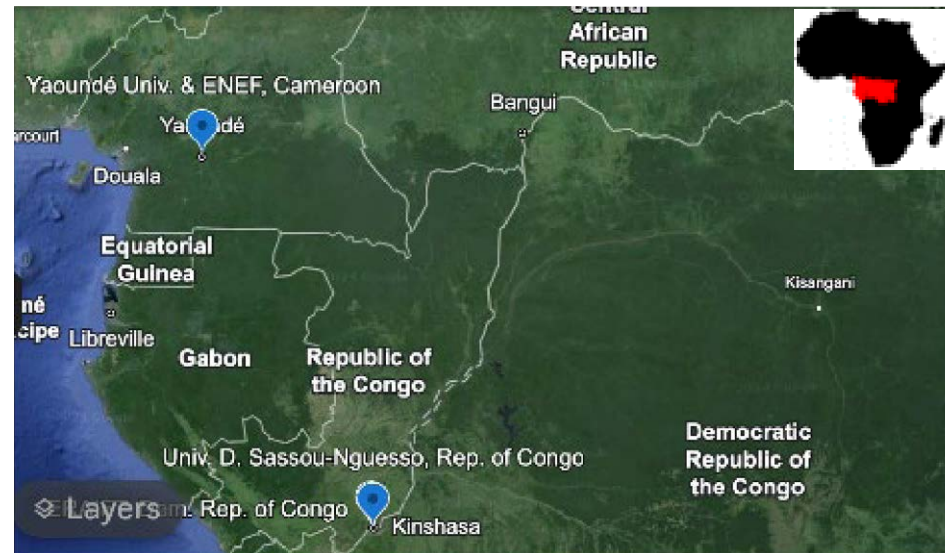
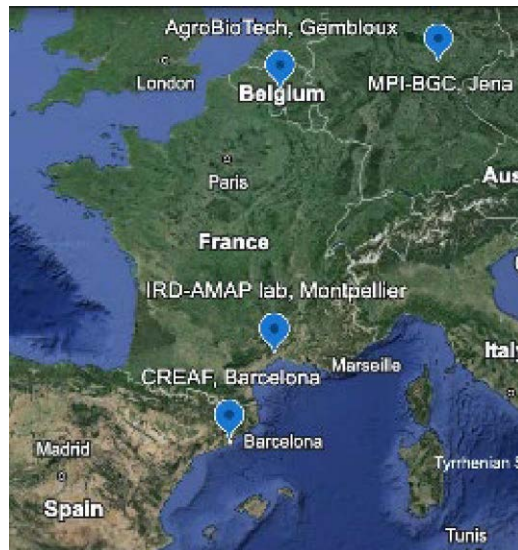




# CoForFunc – Toward a biome-scale monitoring of the Congo basin forest Functional composition

By Raphaël Pélissier (IRD-AMAP Lab, Montpellier, France)

4 Funded European partners



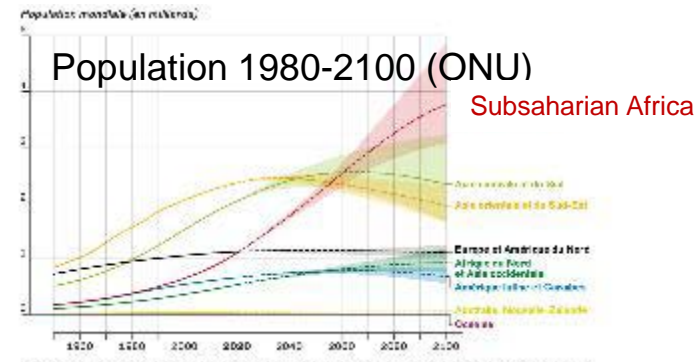
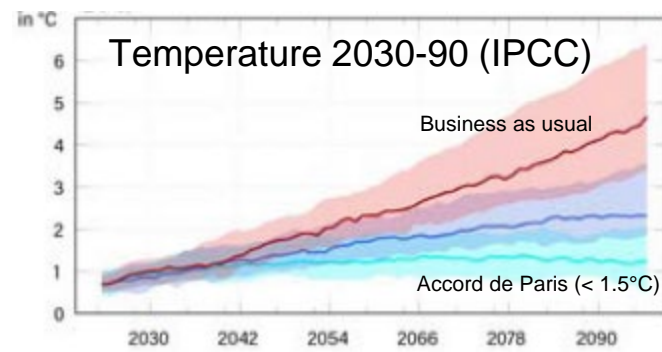
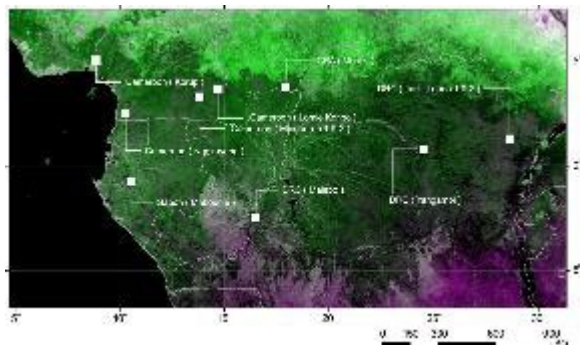
4 Non-Funded African partners

(Cameroon, Rep. Congo, Dem. Rep. Congo + collab Gabon)

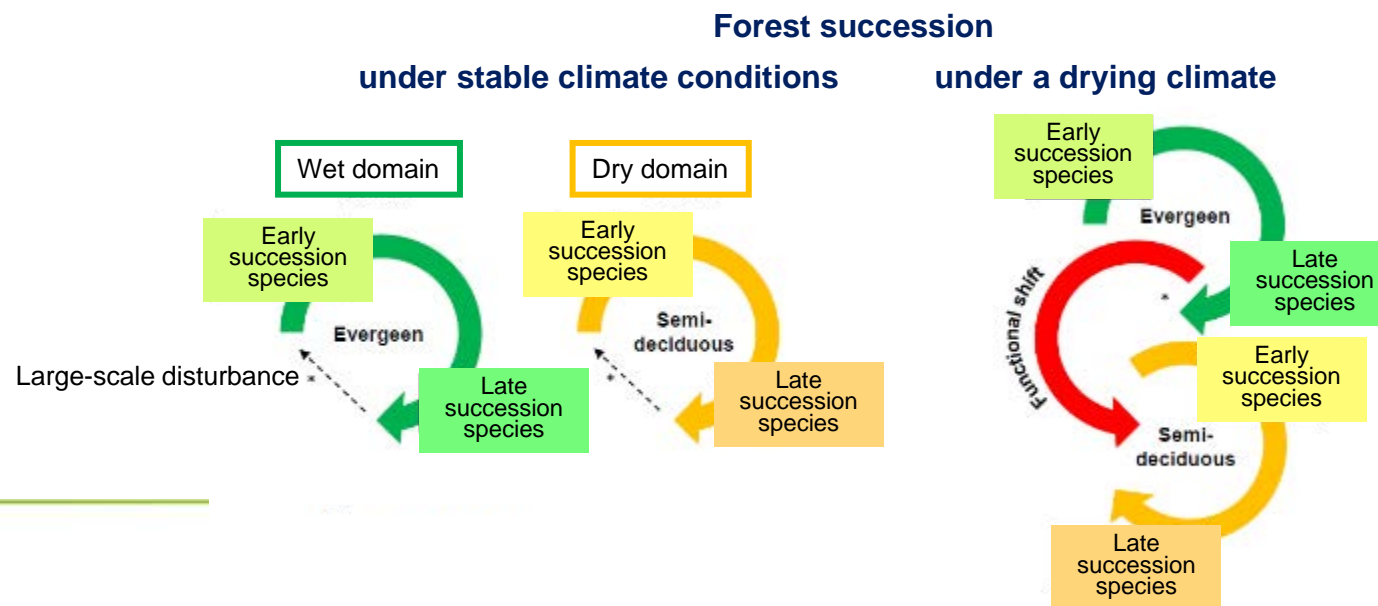
# Context & Hypothesis

## Accelerating socio-environmental changes in Central Africa ...

Bastin et al. 2015

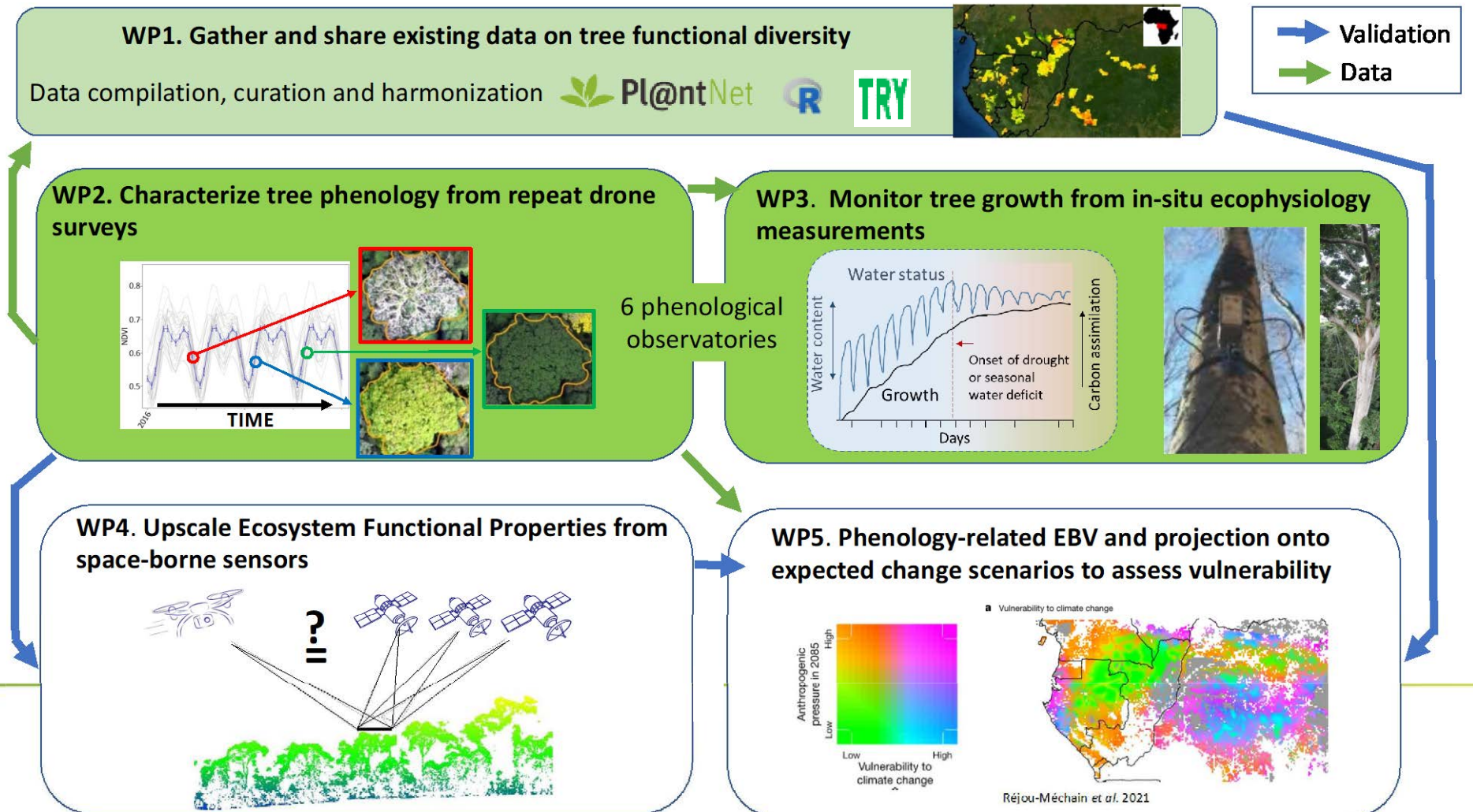


... are expected to cause **functional shifts** in forest composition



# Objective & Organisation

Monitor **tree functional diversity** of the Congo Basin Forests to support the biome-scale assessment of their **vulnerability to global change**

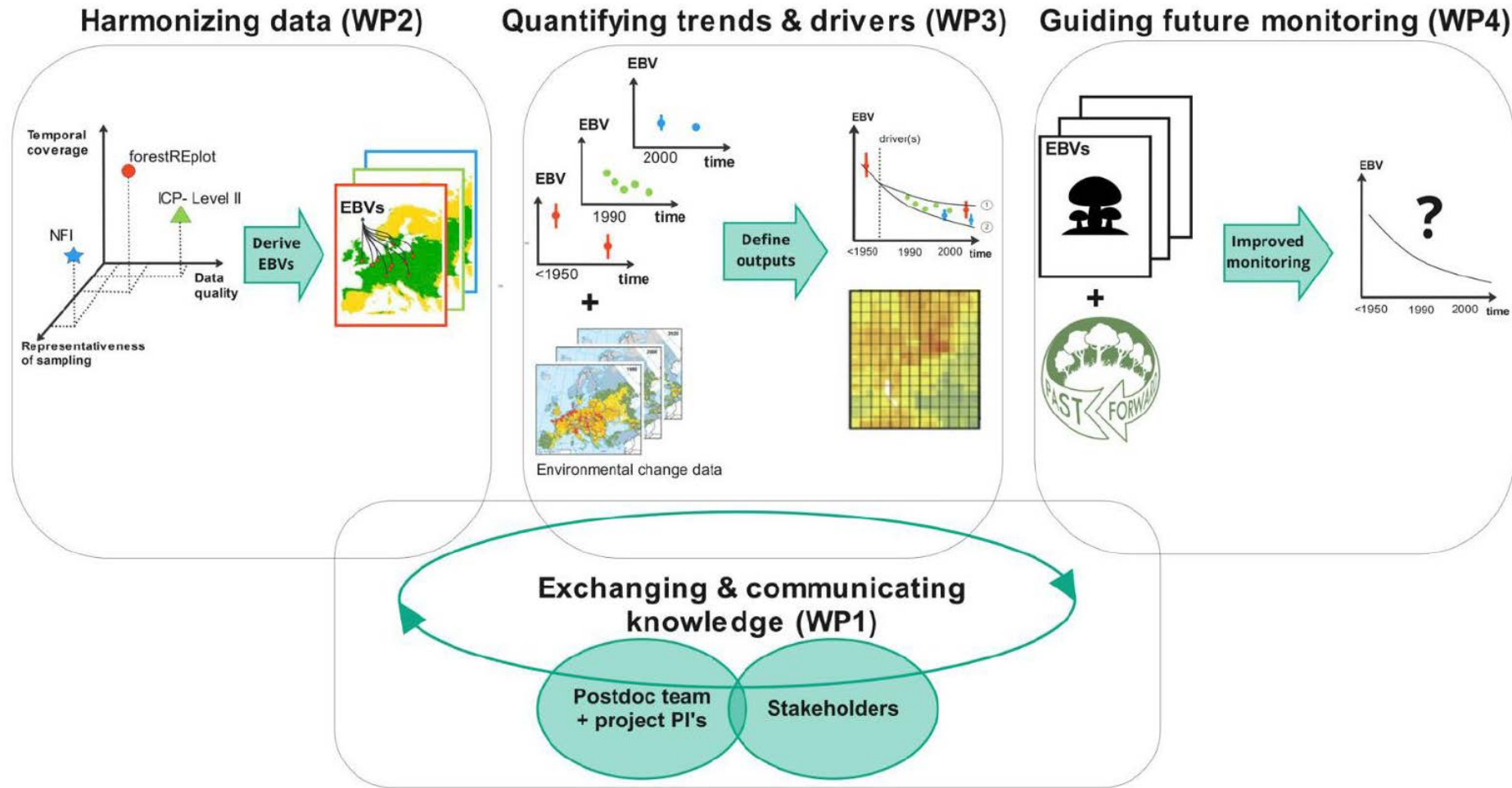


# ForBioMon: Boosting FORest BIOdiversity MONitoring in Europe through smart combination of existing data

By *Kris Verheyen (UGent, BE)*

*and by Lander Baeten, Pieter De Frenne, Haben Blondeel (UGent, BE), Markus Bernhardt-Römermann, Liping Wei (Friedrich Schiller University Jena, GE), Tord Snäll, Eva Lindberg (SLU, SE), and Radim Hédl, Peter Tkáč, Péter Szabó, Jiří Malíček (Czech Academy of Sciences, CZ)*

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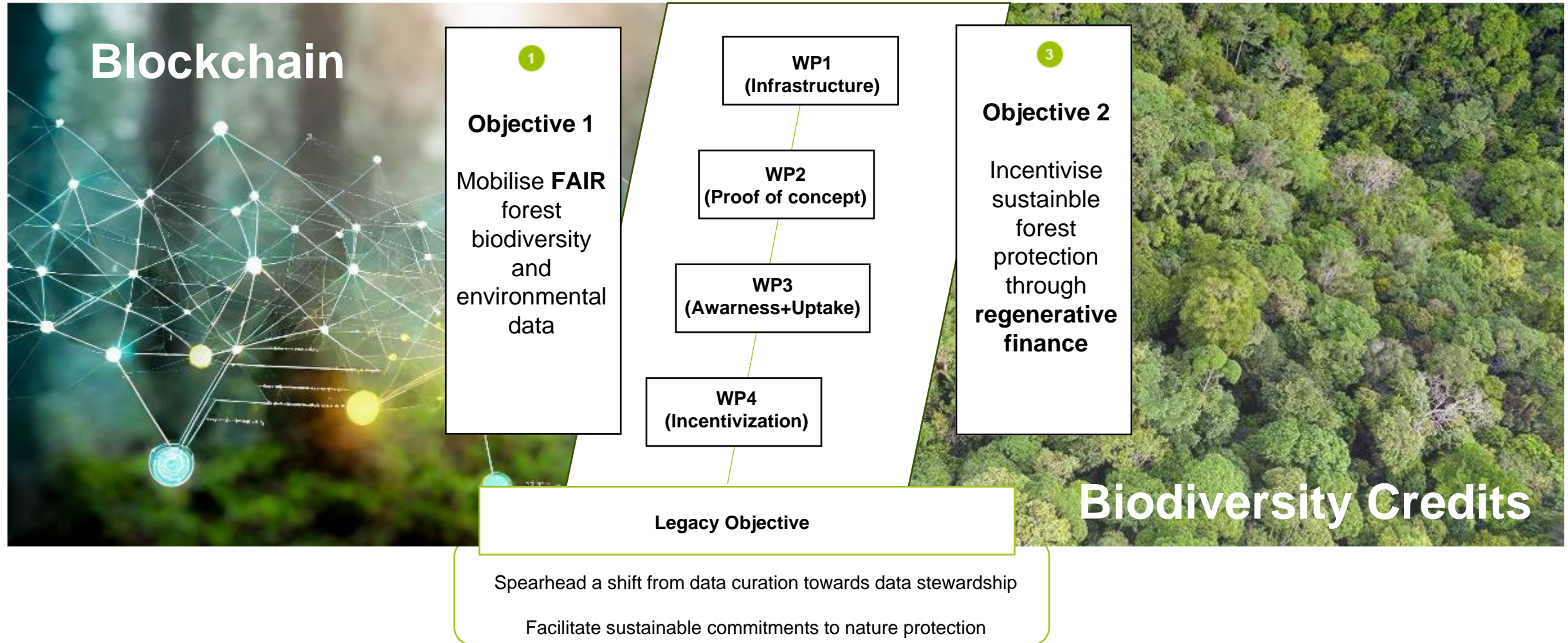
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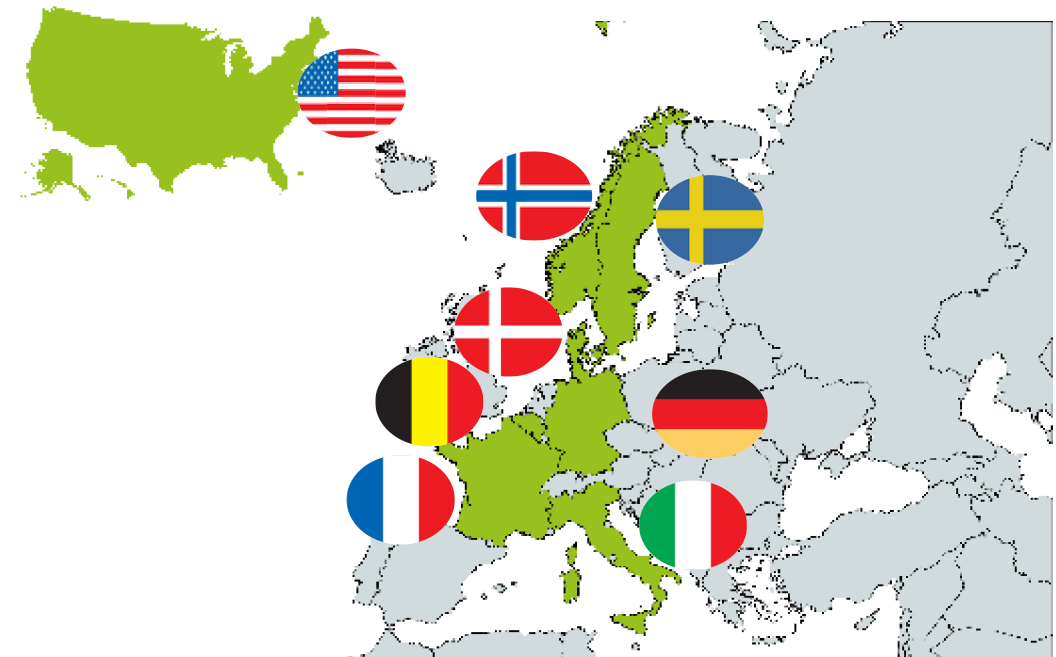
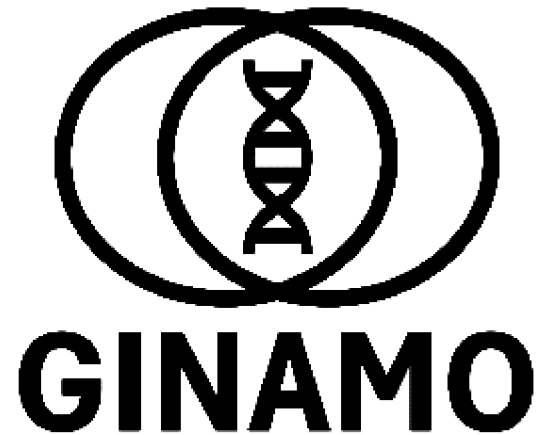
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# Forest-Web-3.0





# Genetic Indicators for NAture MOnitoring



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## GRASS4FUN

Monitoring the contribution of European grasslands to the conservation of soil biodiversity and ecosystem function under multiple global change stressors

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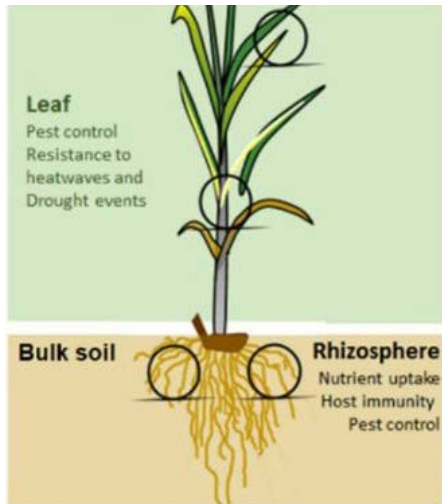
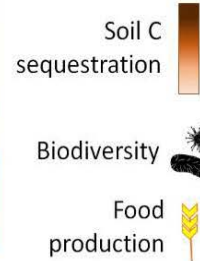
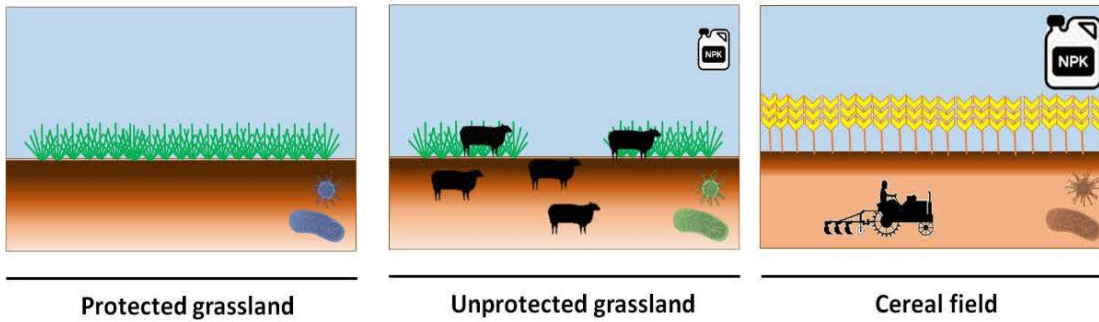


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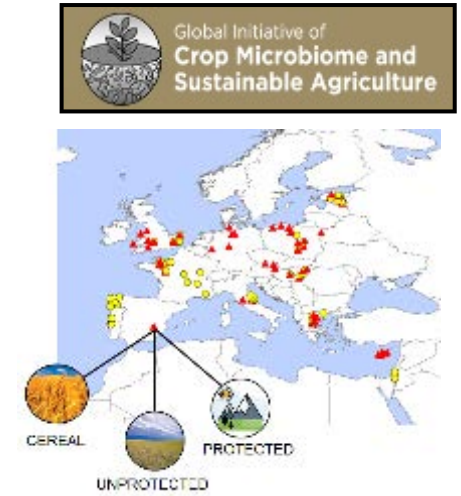
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# Soil biodiversity, ecosystem function & global change in grasslands



*Plant microbiome*  
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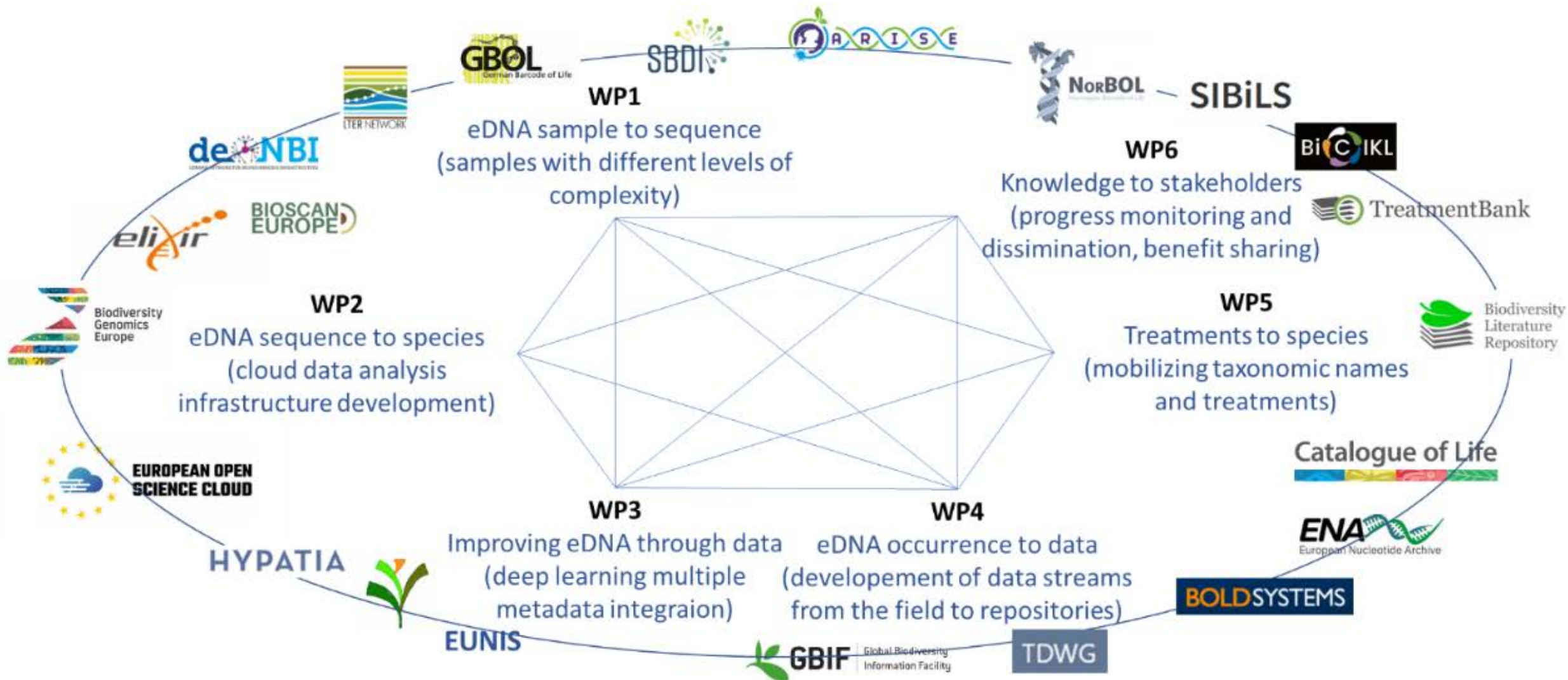
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By Birgit Gemeinholzer



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# MiDiPeat: Monitoring of peat microbial diversity through vegetation properties and its implication for carbon dynamics across European peatlands

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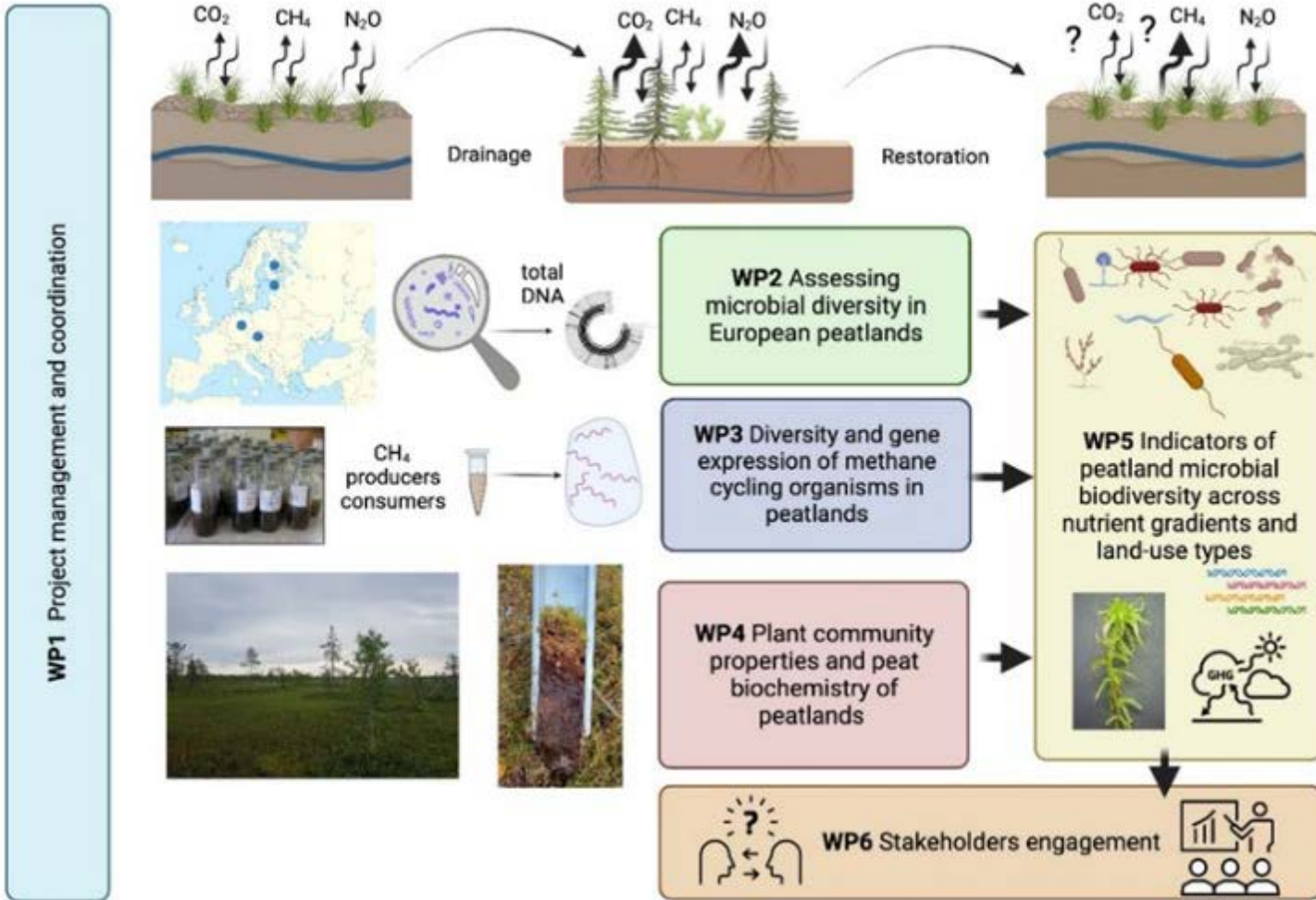
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# Objectives of the MiDiPeat



# MOTIVATE: Monitoring Of Terrestrial habitats by Integrating Vegetation Archive Time series in Europe



By Ute Jandt

## Funding organizations:



## Consortium of 8 partners



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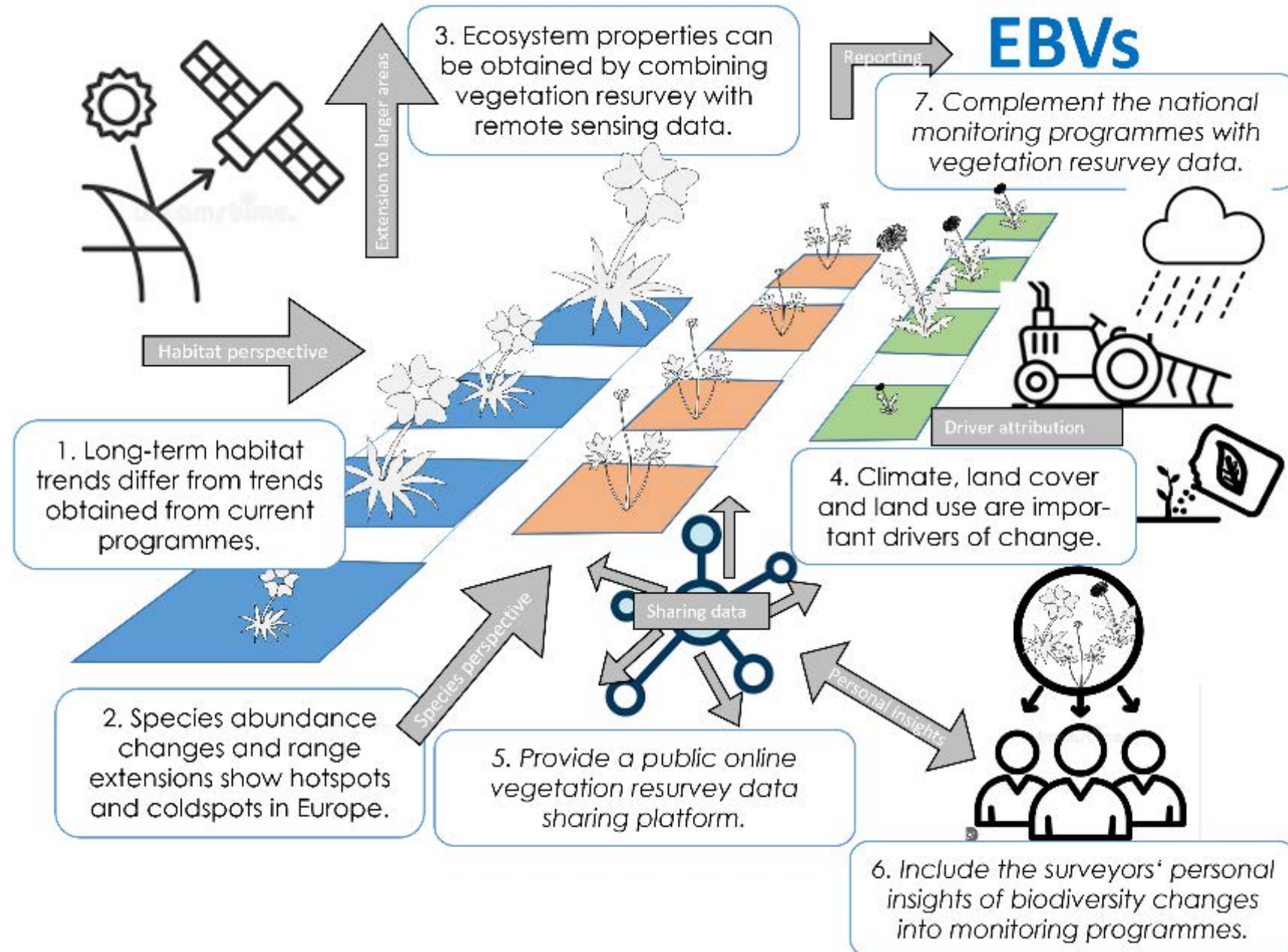
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# MOTIVATE Monitoring Of Terrestrial habitats by Integrating Vegetation Archive Time series in Europe

Overarching hypotheses (WP 1-4) and general objectives (WP 5-7 in italics)



## Workpackages

**WP 1** Habitat trends

**WP 2** Species trends

**WP 3** Trends in habitat quality and ecosystem properties

**WP 4** Attribution of drivers and scaling-up

**WP 5** Vegetation resurvey database, data sharing platform and gap analysis

**WP 6** Participation of experts and non-experts

**WP 7** Involvement of national agencies

# Panel discussion

*moderated by Zuzana MUSILOVA, Czech University of Life Sciences (Czech Republic)*

- BioMonI, Holger KREFT
- CoForFunc, Raphaël PELISSIER
- ForBioMon, Kris VERHEYEN
- Forest-Web-3.0, Robert LEWIS
- GINAMO, Christina HVILSOM
- GRASS4FUN, Pablo Garcia PALACIOS
- METAPLANTCODE, Birgit GEMEINHOLZER
- MiDiPeat, Krista PELTONIEMI
- MOTIVATE, Ute JANDT

# Follow-up & life of funded projects: what is expected from funded projects?

*By **Mateusz SOBCZYK** and **Anna KOTARBA**, BiodivMon Follow-up Team, NCN (Poland)*

## A few general information

- All 33 projects should have started now  
Start dates: between December 2023 & early April 2024 at the latest
- Within one project, all partners should preferably have the same start and end dates
- Projects' duration: **36 months**

**Reminder:** Biodiversa+ funds transnational projects. Even if you have slight difference in start/end dates within your project, you should still **act as a transnational project** and not as a mosaic of national projects.

**A real collaboration between research teams and integration of research carried out is expected**, and this should lead to co-publications between the different research teams, and more particularly between the different countries, involved in the project.

# What to do in case of a change in your project?

- Any **important change** in the project (e.g. changes in the consortium) **has to be requested by the coordinator on behalf of the consortium**
- **What is the process to request a change?**
  1. Send a **short note explaining** the requested change to the BiodivMon Follow-up Team
  2. The **Call Steering Committee** will assess and take a decision on the request
  3. You'll be notified on the decision of the CSC by the BiodivMon Follow-up Team
  4. Each research partner should then contact her/his respective funding organisation to **finalise the process at the national/regional level** (e.g. PIs may need to submit a formal request at national level in line with their national/regional funding rules)
- **Important:**
  - The **coordinators** are the **main contact points** for the Follow-up Team
    - The coordinators are responsible to communicate the information given by the Follow-up team to their consortia and to coordinate their requests to the CSC via the Follow-up Team on behalf of the whole consortia.

# Reporting: what do we expect

## **MID-TERM REPORTING: ~1 ½ year after the start dates of the projects**

- Mid-term reports will be assessed by a Follow-up group (composed of experts)
- A summary of the review is sent to the coordinators, with recommendations or requests for clarifications, when needed.

Ca. Oct. –  
Dec. 2025

## **FINAL REPORTING: at the end of all the projects**

- Final reports will be assessed by a Follow-up group (same as for mid-term reports as far as possible)
- A summary of the review is sent to the coordinators, with recommendations or requests for clarifications when needed.

A priori  
April 2027

- Autumn 2024 | Coordinators will receive the report templates from the follow-up team
- Ca. 2 month before the deadline | Coordinators will be reminded to submit your reports (using the online platform)
  - Some national/regional funding organisations may also require specific reports

# The follow-up toolkit, your reference documents

- You will be provided with a **follow-up toolkit** containing:
  - The **reporting** templates
  - **Logos** of all Call funding organisations, Biodiversa+ and European Commission, and instructions on how to use the Biodiversa+ logo
  - **Acknowledgment guidelines**
- When can you expect the toolkit?
  - **April 2024** | Logos and acknowledgement guidelines (already sent)
  - **Autumn 2024** | Reporting templates

# A few words on acknowledgment requirements

**FOR ALL WRITTEN MATERIALS**, including papers published in scientific journals and policy briefs, indicate the following sentences:

*„This research was funded by Biodiversa+, the European Biodiversity Partnership, in the context of the **[Project Name]** project under the 2022-2023 BiodivMon joint call. It was co-funded by the European Commission (**GA No. 101052342**) and the following funding organisations: [Funding organisation 1], [Funding organisation 2]...”*

Please check with the relevant funding organisations if you need to indicate further details (e.g. ID number, acronym, etc.)

In addition, IN ANY VISUAL (PowerPoint, poster, social media visual, video, project's website...) use the **Biodiversa+ logo** (see the guidelines in Toolkit) & **EU emblem**, as well as the **logos of the relevant funding organisations**.



# Upcoming opportunities

During your lifetime, you'll have several opportunities to network, participate to capacity building activities, etc.

A few examples

- 18 April 2024 | Networking & clustering Workshop
- 6-7 June 2024 | Data management and capacity building on Darwin Core Standard workshop **SAVE THE DATE**
- Autumn 2024 | Capacity building related to communication
- Autumn 2024 | Science policy interface capacity building workshop (including CBD processes)
- 2024-2026 | clustering workshop follow-up, citizen science master class trainings, summer school on science policy interface, IPBES and GBF/MEAs webinars, etc.
- 2027 | Final conference of your funded projects

## Your main contact: the BiodivMon Follow-up team

- **Follow-up Team** is in charge of the follow-up of the BiodivMon funded projects
- It is based at **NCN**, Poland
- Main contact point: **Anna Kotarba & Mateusz Sobczyk**  
[biodiversa.projects@ncn.gov.pl](mailto:biodiversa.projects@ncn.gov.pl)



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# Capacity-building and collaboration for project communication

*Phong HOANG, Communication officer, BELSPO (Belgium)*



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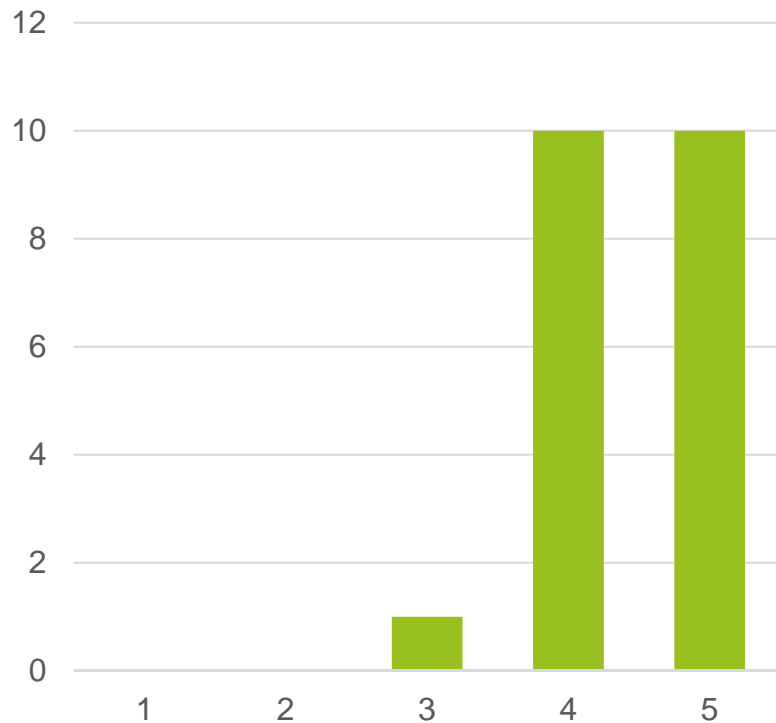
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# Summary

- How important is communication?



The screenshot shows the biodiversity+ website homepage. At the top left is the logo "biodiversa+ European Biodiversity Partnership". To the right is a navigation menu with links: Home, About us, Action areas, Research funding, Actionable knowledge, Engagement, and Resources. Below the navigation is a large circular graphic containing images of a bee, a white bird, and a dolphin, with the European Union flag stars overlaid. To the right of this graphic is the text: "The European Biodiversity Partnership supporting excellent research on biodiversity with an impact for society and policy." Below this is a statistics section with four icons and corresponding data: a bar chart icon for "800 M€ Overall budget", a coin icon for "165 M€ EU Contribution", a handshake icon for "81 Partners", and a globe icon for "40 Countries". Two red arrows point upwards from the "81 Partners" and "40 Countries" data points towards the main heading.

# Summary

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- How to?

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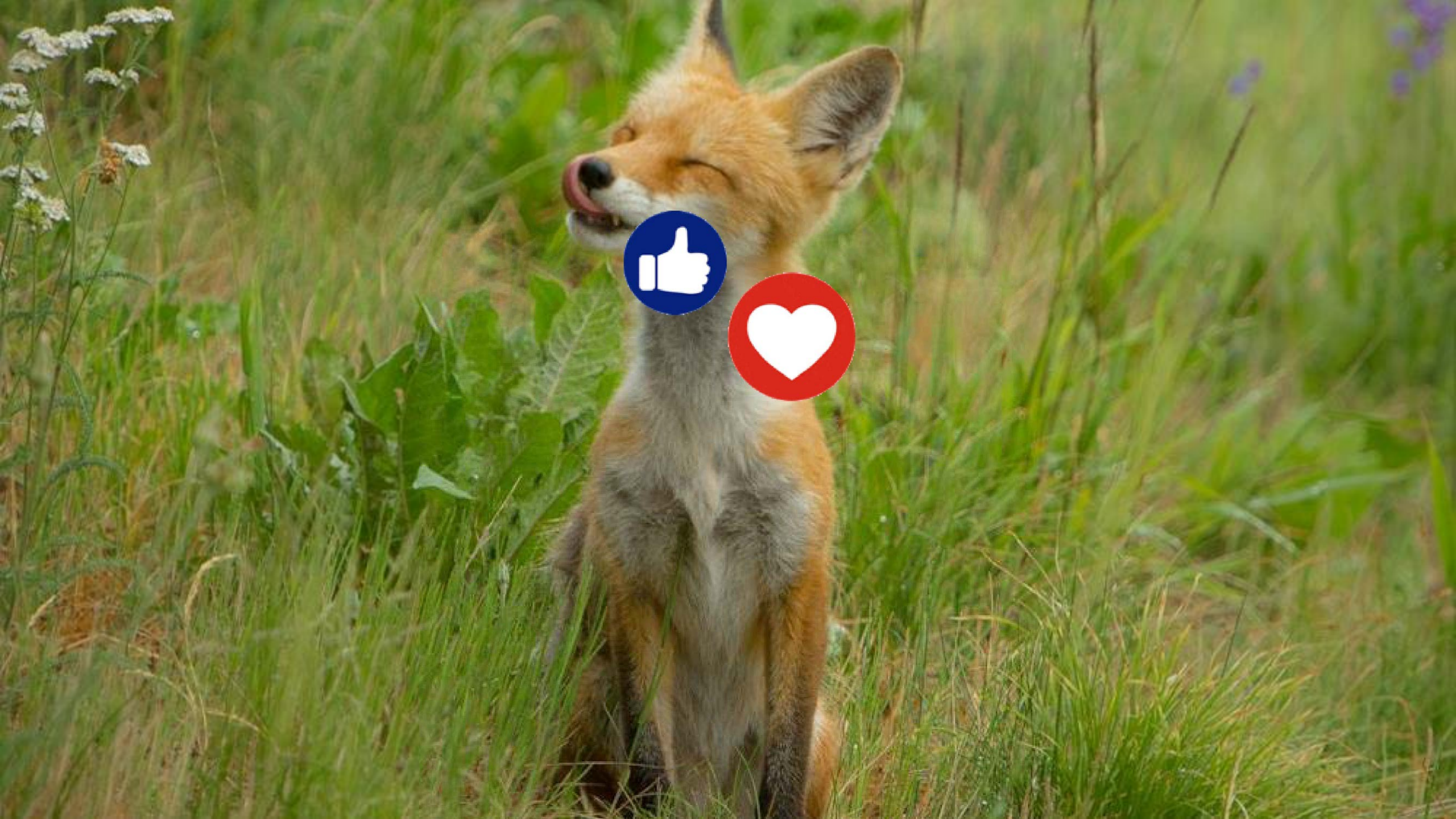
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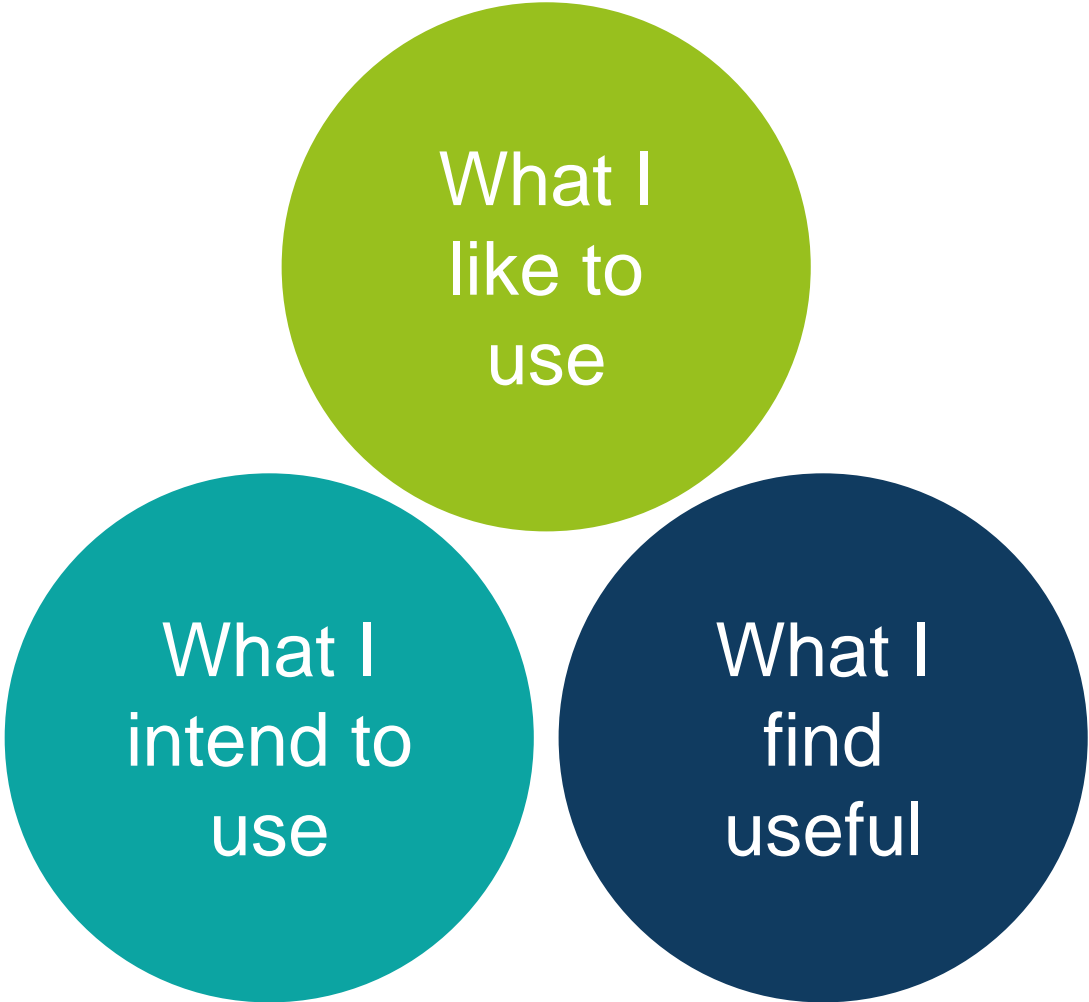








# Communication channels: A Venn diagram



## Top goals

- Engage stakeholders and foster collaboration (95.2%)
- Influence policy or decision-making (76.2%)
- Increase awareness about project goals and activities (71.4%)

# Primary target audiences

- Researchers/scientists (90.5%)
- Policymakers (76.2%)
- Practitioners (67.6%)

# Challenges

- Time constraints (71.4%)
- Reaching the right audience (52.4%)
- Lack of training or resources (52.4%)

# Paths?

- Guides and handbooks
- Intranet and Open access platform
- Networking effects (pooling, best practices, success stories...)



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1. What? **Communication!**
2. So what? **It's important/hard/strategic/...**
3. Now what? **Think about it! Talk about it!**



# Concluding words

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& **Margit SUUROJA**, Biodiversa+ Networking and Clustering Task Leader, ETAG  
(Estonia)

# Soon available on the Biodiversa+ website

- The **recording** of the webinar
- The **presentations**
  - Should you disagree or need to make a change in your presentation before it's published, let the Follow-Up Team know by tomorrow

The screenshot shows the Biodiversa+ website's 'News and events' section. At the top, the Biodiversa+ logo and navigation menu (Home, About us, Action areas, Research funding, Actionable knowledge, Engagement, Resources) are visible. The main heading is 'News and events' with a 'View all news' button. Three news items are displayed in a carousel:

- Apr 14 2023:** Science-Policy Forum and BiodivProtect kick-off. Text: 'Last days until our Science-Policy Forum and BiodivProtect Kick-Off! We are all set to welcome you next week for our Science-Policy Forum and the BiodivProtect kick-off...' [Read more](#)
- Mar 30 2023:** Launch of key collaboration between Biodiversa+ and Alternet!. Text: 'Alternet is now officially a key collaborator of Biodiversa+! In February 2023, Biodiversa+ and Alternet officially became...' [Read more](#)
- Mar 29 2023:** New publication – Mapping organisations funding and steering biodiversity monitoring. Text: 'Biodiversa+ is pleased to present its mapping of national and sub-national organisations funding and steering biodiversity monitoring...' [Read more](#)

## Dinner Venue

**Guided Tour** 18:00 – 19:30 Visit of the Old Town (meeting point: Original Sokos Hotel Viru)

**Dinner** 19:30 (local time)  
Restaurant Peppersack, Vana Turg 6, Tallinn (medieval-experience in Old Town)



# What's next ?

**Tomorrow from 9:00** | Closed session  
for clustering & networking





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