

Download and prepare data from the Copernicus
Marine Environment Monitoring Service
(CMEMS)

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About

This is a short tutorial explaining how to download and prepare data from the Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service (CMEMS).

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Chapter 1

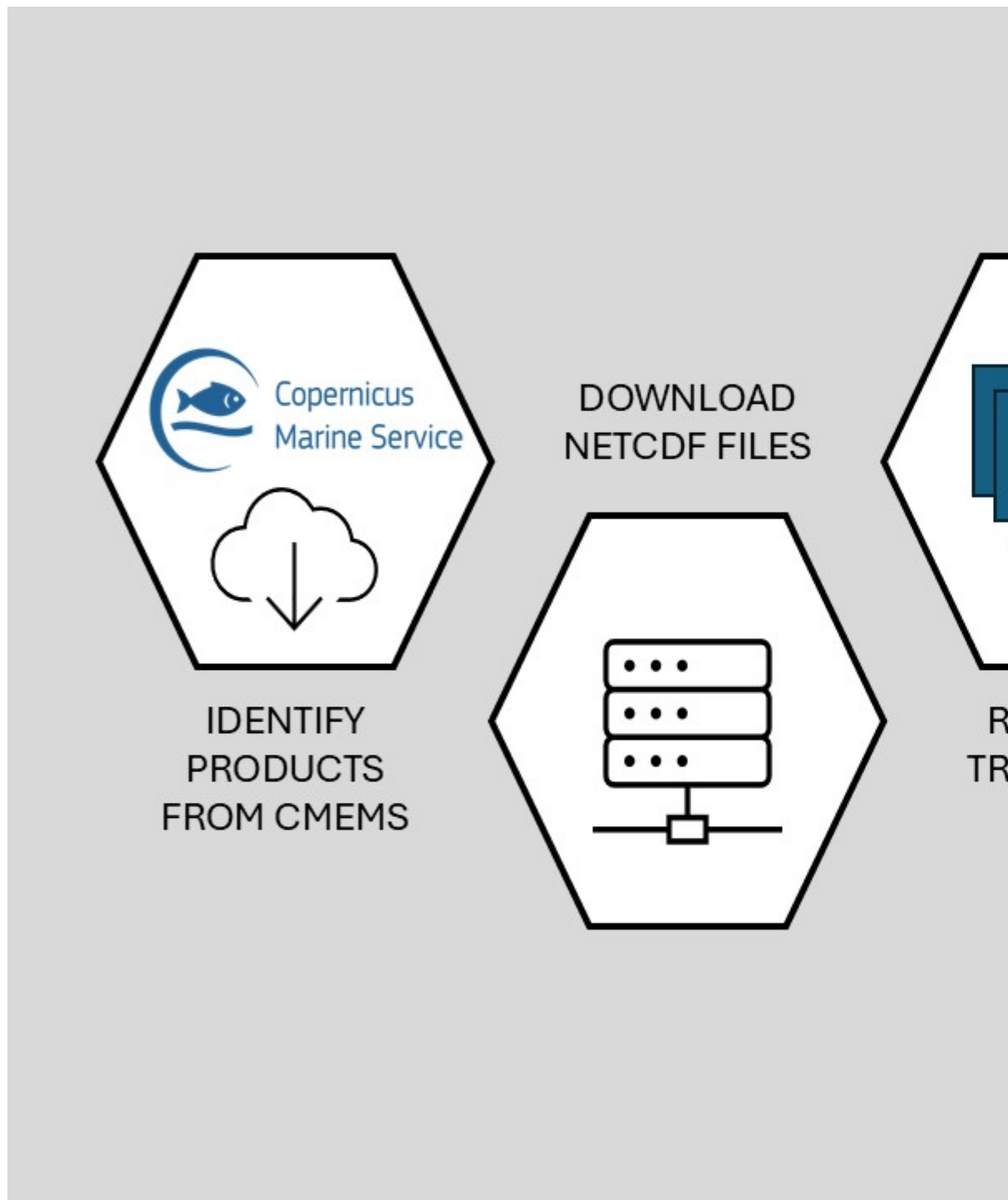
Introduction

The Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service (CMEMS) provides a wide range of data products for the global ocean. The data is available through the CMEMS website, but can also be accessed programmatically using the CMEMS API.

The Copernicus Marine Toolbox is a free and easy-to-use tool that interoperates with the Copernicus Marine Data Store intending to cover any use case, from retrieval of metadata to a complete dataset, or just a subset, for any type of product: numerical models, satellite and/or in situ observations. It is written in Python, but

All the data available are in NetCDF format. We provide examples of how to read and work with these files and merge them with other data sources.

```
library(ggplot2)
```



Chapter 2

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The Copernicus Marine Toolbox is written in Python, but it can be used in R through the `reticulate` package. For more information on how to use the Copernicus Marine Toolbox in R, see the official documentation.

2.1 Installation

First, we need to install the `reticulate` package:

```
install.packages("reticulate")
```

Then, the package can be loaded:

```
library("reticulate")
```

Now we create a dedicated Python virtual environment for the Copernicus Marine Toolbox. Using a separate environment ensures a clean, isolated space where the package and its dependencies won't interfere with other projects. The virtual environment has been created in

```
virtualenv_create(envname = "CopernicusMarine")  
virtualenv_install("CopernicusMarine", packages = c("copernicusmarine"))  
use_virtualenv("CopernicusMarine", required = TRUE)
```


Chapter 3

See structure of NetCDF files

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Chapter 4

Read and work with NetCDF files

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Chapter 5

Extract the information from the NetCDF files

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