



# The Swedish ASV Portal for Molecular Biodiversity Data

Making eDNA data open and FAIR

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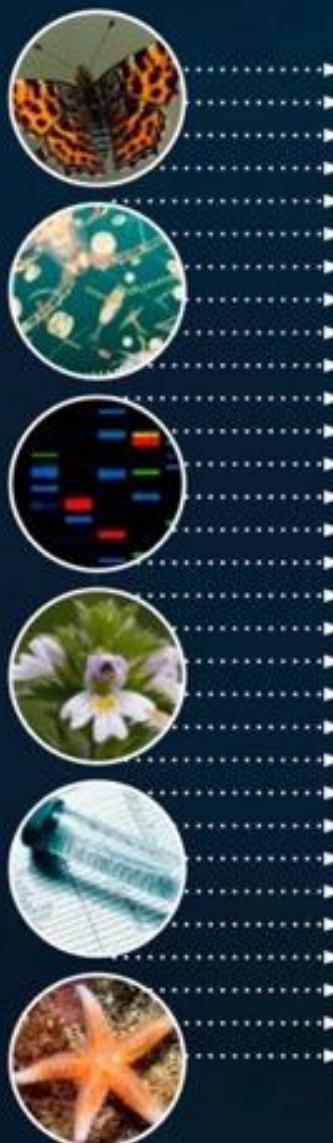


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Data

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Outcome



Share

# SBDI

Data harvesting and publishing  
Data access and mobilisation  
Tools for researchers  
Support



Find • Synthesise • Analyse

Research



# Access to Biodiversity Data and Tools

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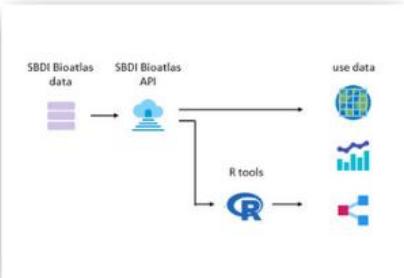
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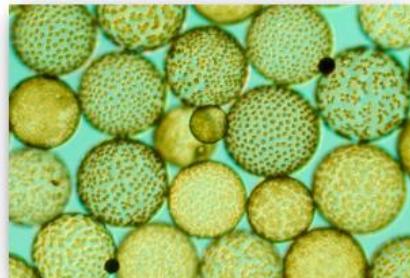
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Searching and Mapping



R Tools and APIs



Molecular Biodiversity Data



Systematic Monitoring and Citizen Science Tools



Marine Data Tools



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Archaeological Biodiversity Data Tools

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an interface to sequence-based observations in SBDI



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Search for ASVs and Bioatlas  
records using Basic Local Alignment  
Search Tool (BLAST)

Search for ASVs and Bioatlas  
records using filters on sequencing  
details and taxonomy

Submit your metabarcoding dataset  
to the ASV database and SBDI  
Bioatlas

Download ASV occurrence datasets,  
in Darwin Core format, from IPT  
GBIF-Sweden

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A dedicated interface for accessing and analyzing sequence-based biodiversity observations through SBDI

- **Curated database** with user-friendly web interface
- **Automated analysis tools:** nf-core pipeline for denoising & taxonomic annotation
- **Submission support:** streamlined workflow for depositing raw data to ENA

21 datasets have been published so far!

- [CO1 Amplicon Sequence Variants of soil and leaf litter arthropod communities collected at Malaise traps from the Insect Biome Atlas project in Sweden](#)
- [CO1 Amplicon Sequence Variants of bulk arthropod samples \(mild lysis\) collected with Malaise traps from the Insect Biome Atlas project in Sweden](#)
- [Fungal Diversity Survey Sweden ITS-LSU rDNA](#)
- [COI data from: Invasive species detection along coastal harbours in northern region of Vastra Gotaland 2024](#)
- [COI Metabarcoding Genetic Observations of Marine Species in the Port of Wallhamn, Sweden \(2022\)](#)
- [18S Metabarcoding Genetic Observations of Marine Species in the Port of Wallhamn, Sweden \(2022\)](#)
- [16S data from: Diversity of Pico- to Mesoplankton along the 2000 km Salinity Gradient of the Baltic Sea \(Hu et al. 2016\)](#)
- [Kungsängen soil microbial communities](#)
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- [Environmental long read amplicons of soil fungi across Podzol soil profile](#)
- [Soil fungal communities of ectomycorrhizal dominated woodlands across West Africa](#)



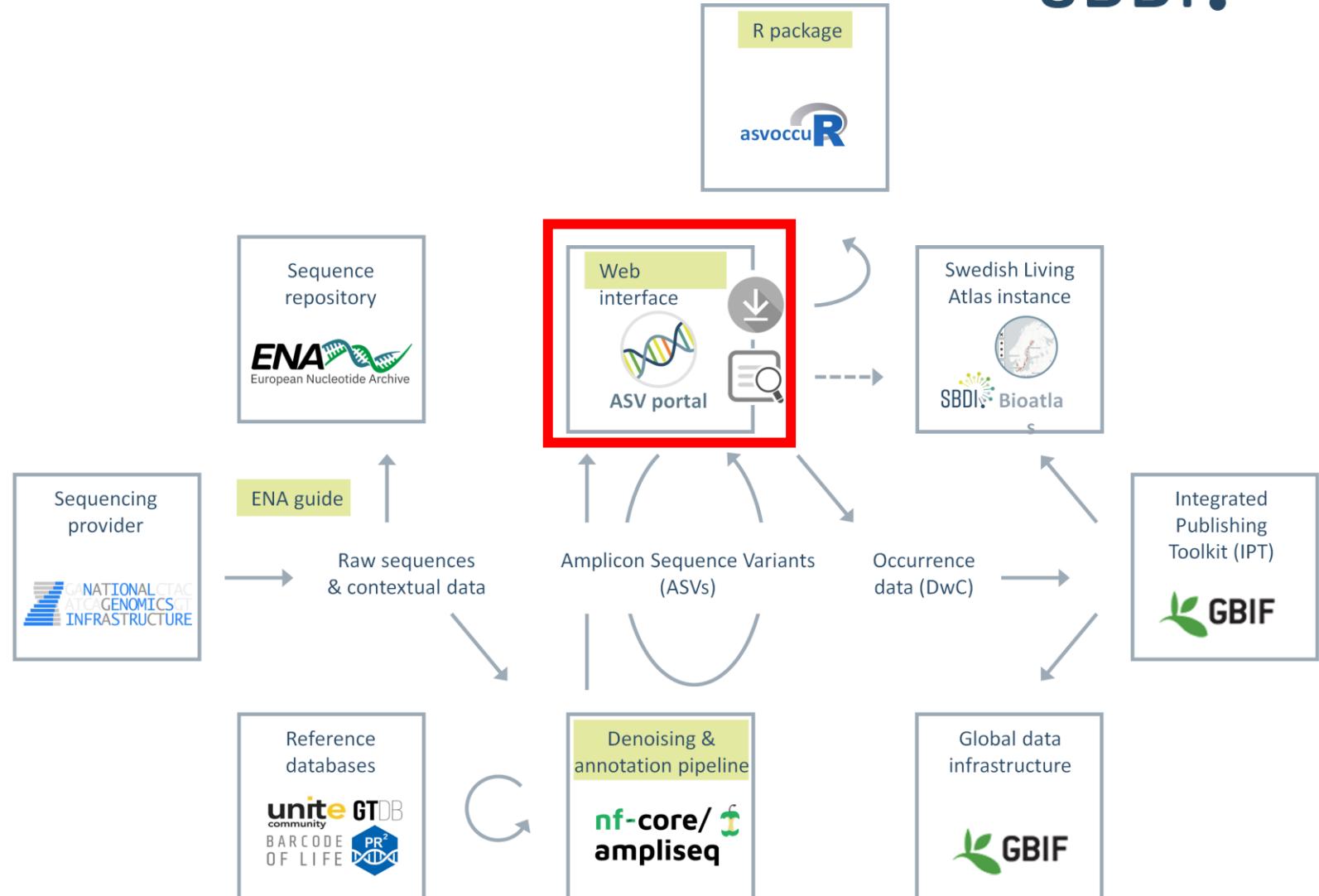


# Swedish ASV

## - publishing and accessing metabarcoding data



- **Sequencing**
  - A service provider (e.g. **NGI**) delivers sequencing data to the user.
- **Submission to ENA**
  - The user uploads **raw sequencing data and contextual metadata** to the **ENA** (*see our guide*).
- **Data Processing**
  - The user **denoises the data** using tools such as **nf-core/ampliseq**.
- **Submission to ASV Portal**
  - **Denoised data** are submitted to the **SBDI ASV Portal** for integration and access.
- **Data Access & Use**
  - Metabarcoding data can be **searched and downloaded** via the **ASV Portal**.
  - **Downloaded datasets** can be further analyzed using the **asvoccur R package**.





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## ASV portal: an interface to DNA-based biodiversity data in the Living Atlas

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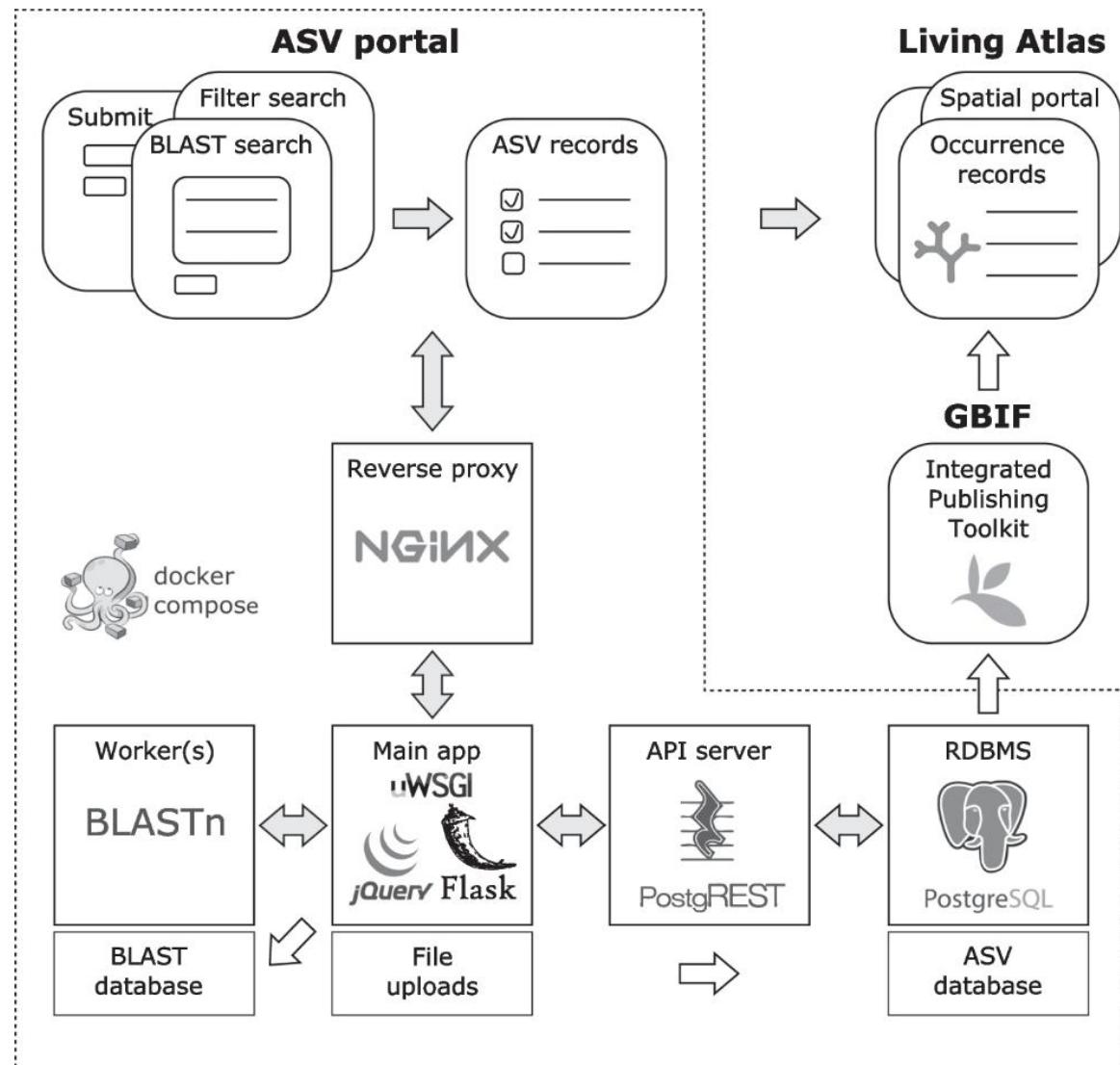
### Abstract

**Background:** The Living Atlas is an open source platform used to collect, visualise and analyse biodiversity data from multiple sources, and serves as the national biodiversity data hub in many countries. Although powerful, the Living Atlas has had limited functionality for species occurrence data derived from DNA sequences. As a step toward integrating this fast-growing data source into the platform, we developed the Amplicon Sequence Variant (ASV) portal: a web interface to sequence-based biodiversity observations in the Living Atlas.

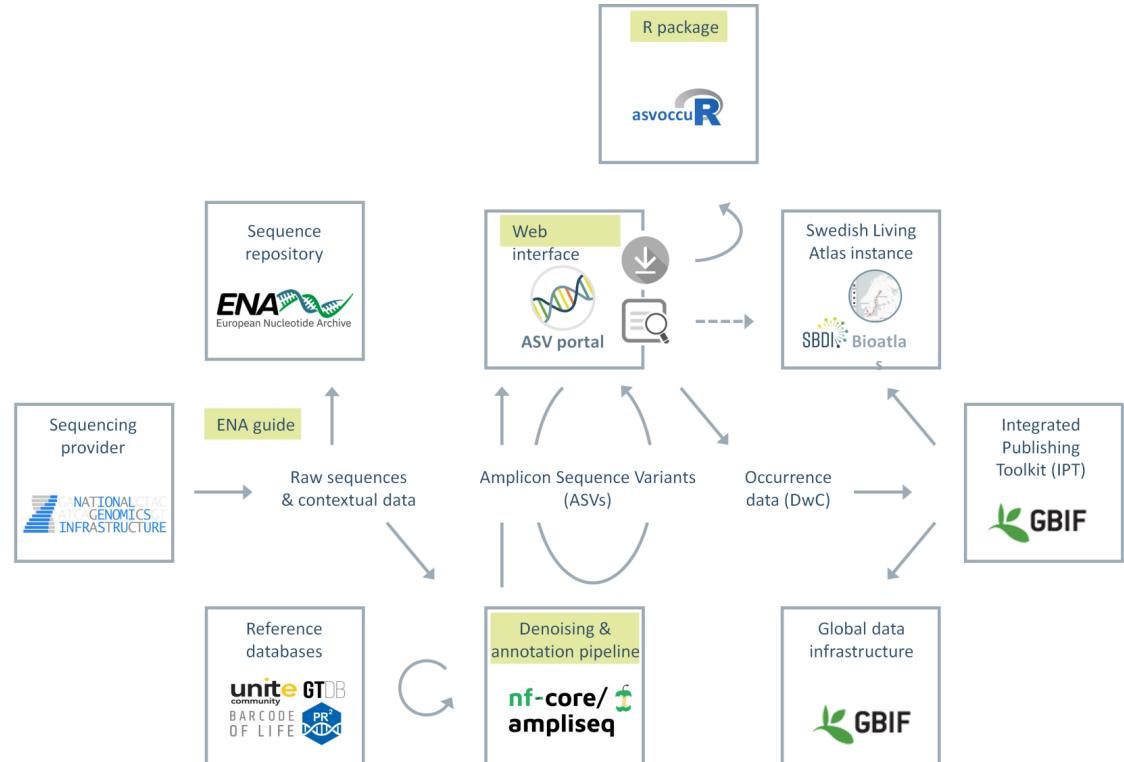
**Results:** The ASV portal allows data providers to submit denoised metabarcoding output to the Living Atlas platform via an intermediary ASV database. It also enables users to search for existing ASVs and associated Living Atlas records using the Basic Local Alignment Search Tool, or via filters on taxonomy and sequencing details. The ASV portal is a Python-Flask/JQuery web interface, implemented as a multi-container docker service, and is an integral part of the Swedish Biodiversity Data Infrastructure.

**Conclusion:** The ASV portal is a web interface that effectively integrates biodiversity data derived from DNA sequences into the Living Atlas platform.

**Keywords:** Biodiversity informatics, Species occurrence, Darwin core, Amplicon sequencing, Metabarcoding, eDNA, BLAST



- **ASV storage** and dynamic approach to **taxonomic annotation**
- **BLAST search**
- R package: **asvoccur**





- Submitted data files are curated and imported into **ASV database**
- A **standard taxonomic annotation** is applied to each ASV using up-to-date **classification algorithms** and **reference databases**.
- It allows for successive re-annotations, enabling improved taxonomic accuracy and resolution as reference database develop.
- The **database structure** supports **successive re-annotations**, improving taxonomic accuracy and resolution as reference databases evolve.
- Each **DwC (Darwin Core) occurrence** is assigned a **unique taxon ID** for traceability and consistency.



# Swedish ASV- BLAST search

[SWEDISH ASV PORTAL](#)[BLAST SEARCH](#)[FILTER SEARCH](#)[SUBMIT DATA](#)[DOWNLOAD DATA](#)[ABOUT](#)[LOG OUT ANDERS](#)**Query sequence(s)**

Nucleotide sequence(s), in fasta format, to compare against ASVs (subject sequences) in reference database

830/50000 characters

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**Minimum identity (Id %)**

Share of exact matches in alignment

**Minimum query coverage (Cov %)**

Share of aligned query bases

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## Sequencing details

**Target gene**Select option(s)**Target subregion**Select option(s)**Forward primer**x 341F: CCTACGGGNGGCWGCAG**Reverse primer**x 805R: GACTACHVGGGTATCTAATCC

## Taxonomy

**Domain or Kingdom**x Bacteria**Phylum**x Verrucomicrobiota**Class**x Lentisphaeria**Order**Select option(s)**Family**Select option(s)**Genus**Select option(s)**Specific epithet**Select option(s)Read more about ASV taxonomy in SBDI [here](#).[FILTER](#)[CLEAR](#)



HOME > SEARCH: (TAXON\_ID:&QUOT;ASV:7B96F2B934D8EEC9E9F839A6DBA6C85A&QUOT; OR TAXON\_ID:&QUOT;ASV:908695AA321BA9450C642533C1F96E61&QUOT;) | OCCURRENCE RECORDS | SWEDISH BIODIVERSITY DATA INFRASTRUCTURE

## Occurrence records

[Customise filters](#)

3 results for (taxon\_id:"ASV:7b96f2b934d8eec9e9f839a6dba6c85a" OR taxon\_id:"ASV:908695aa321ba9450c642533c1f96e61")

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Narrow your results

Taxon

Scientific name

Victivallaceae (2)  
 Victivallales (1)  
[choose more...](#)

Occurrence

Year

2013 (3)

Record

Record type

MaterialSample (3)

Miscellaneous

Institution

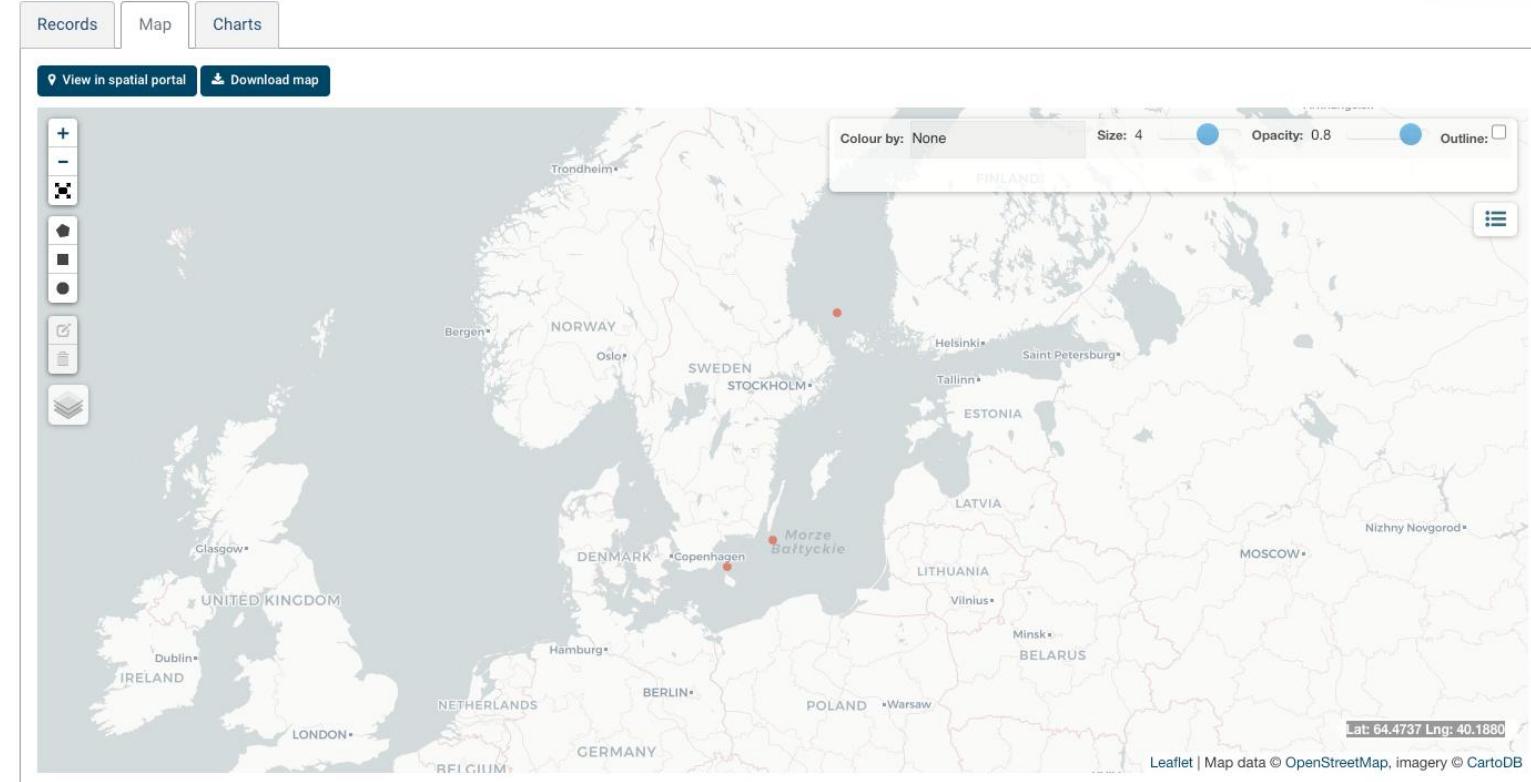
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Collection

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Data resource

16S data from: Diversity of Pico- to Mesoplankton along the 2000 km Salinity Gradient of the Baltic Sea (Hu et al. 2016) (3)



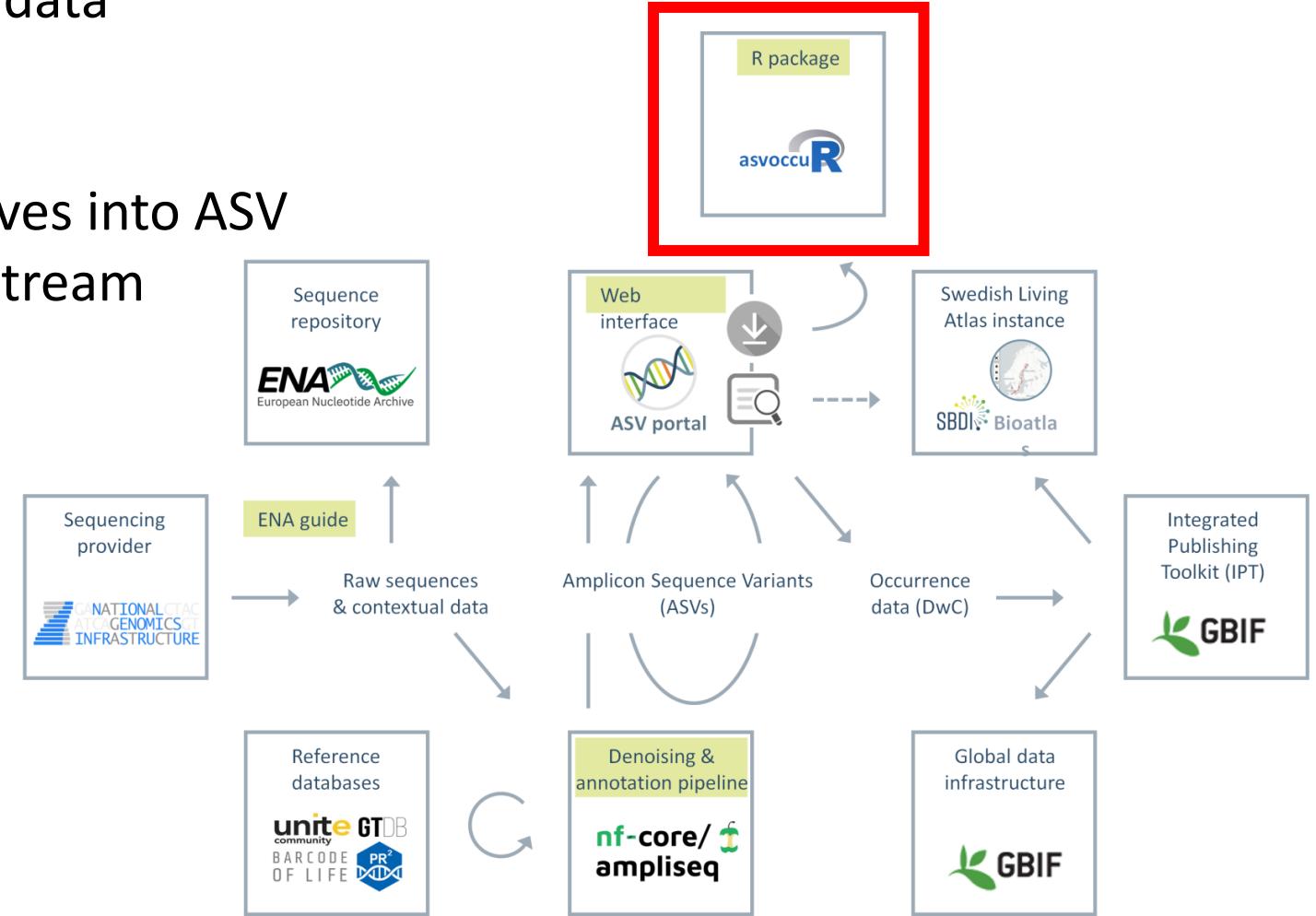


R package for processing occurrence data downloaded from the ASV portal.

It converts the condensed DwC archives into ASV table format, which facilitates downstream analysis in R.

The package includes functions:

- loading and merging datasets
- aggregating ASV counts across taxonomic ranks





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## Any questions?

Contact support: <https://docs.biodiversitydata.se/support>



# Thank you!

*A heartfelt thank you to the **ASV Working Group** – your dedication and expertise have been the driving force behind SBDI's progress in the metabarcoding world.  
We wouldn't be here without you!*