

Linkages to the Intergovernmental
Oceanographic Commission, Ocean Obs 19 and
the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable
Development (2021-2030)



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

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To understand local change in a regional context, MBON:

- Promotes a global **Community of Practice** for the observation of marine biodiversity
 - **Best practices** for marine biodiversity observation
 - IOC/IODE Ocean Best Practices repository (field, lab, metadata)
- Supports **monitoring efforts** in country or region
- Promotes **open-access databases** (e.g. Ocean Biogeographic Information System/OBIS)
- Promotes integration of biological observations with regional observing (e.g. Global Ocean Obs. System)
- Promotes capacity building

*The NOPP Sanctuaries MBON Pilot:
Primary Goals of Cooperative Agreement*

- Export the MBON concept globally
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Our Approach:

Networking networking networking

Respecting/enhancing identity of
observer groups and stakeholders

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INTERNATIONAL LINKAGES

OBSERVING LIFE IN THE OCEANS FOR SOCIETAL BENEFIT

(- INFORMATION FLOW -)



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization



Intergovernmental
Oceanographic
Commission

Global Ocean Observing System



GOOS: ESSENTIAL OCEAN VARIABLES

Focus on EOVS driven by societal needs

- Global implementation -



GROUP ON EARTH OBSERVATIONS

Biodiversity Observation Network (BON)



Marine Biodiversity
Observation Network

ESSENTIAL BIODIVERSITY VARIABLES

Focus on EBVs driven by science questions
and other user needs (policy, societal)

- National and regional implementation -

MARINE OBSERVATION NETWORK

National — Regional — Global — Thematic

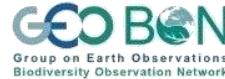
National Governments ● Non Government Organizations ● Agencies ● Institutions ● Citizen Science

Data integration and dissemination



+ other national, international data
systems

- ✓ National Governments and Organizations
- ✓ International Organizations
- ✓ Non Government Organizations
- ✓ Research Institutions
- ✓ Citizen Scientists



Group on Earth Observations
Biodiversity Observation Network

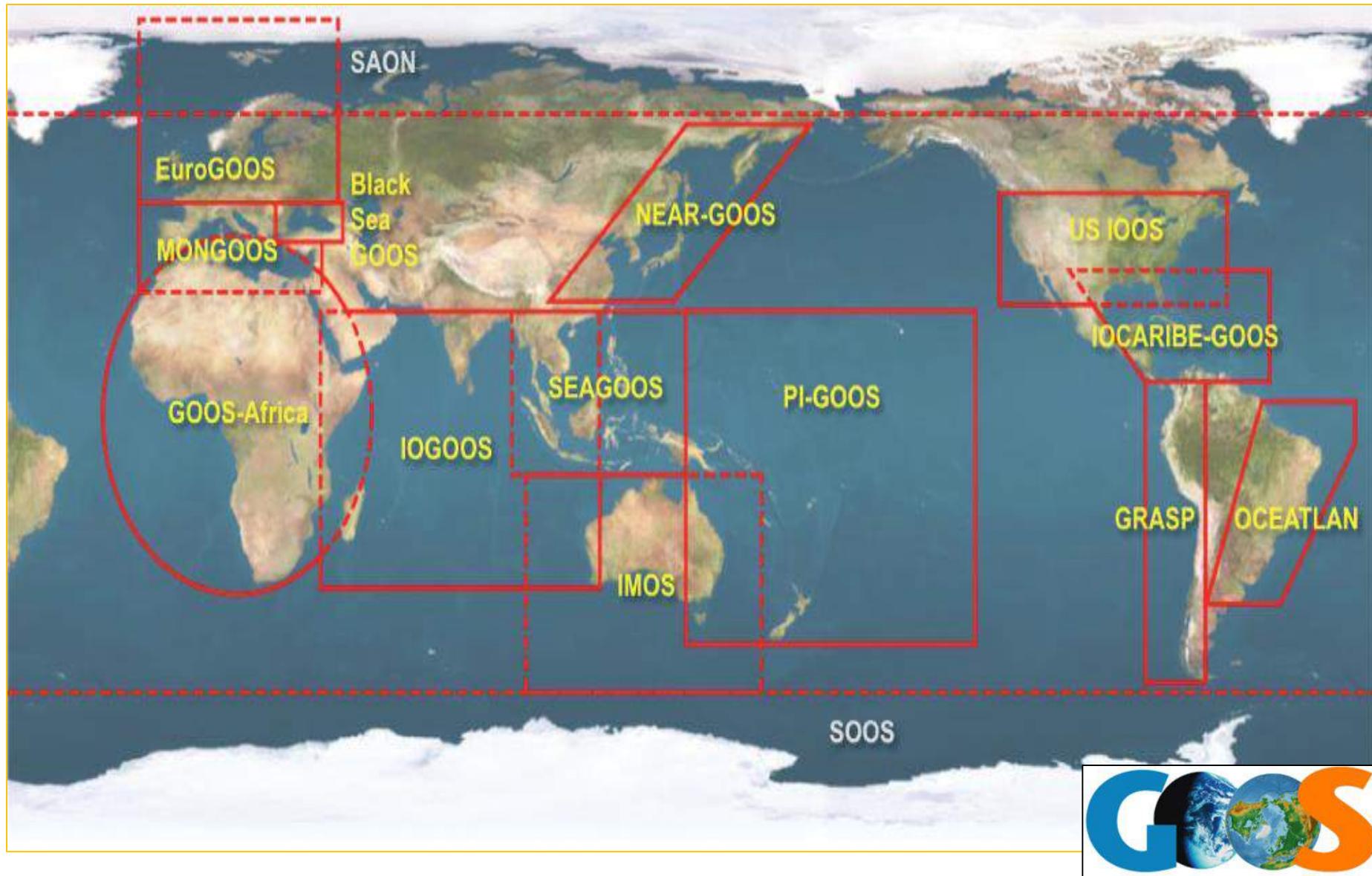


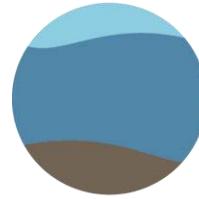
OTHER DATA PROVIDERS AND USERS



Convention on
Biological Diversity

15 GOOS Regional Alliances





DEEP OCEAN
OBSERVING
STRATEGY

www.depoceanobserving.org

An international, community-based group focused on developing a roadmap that will lead to an improved understanding of the state of the deep ocean with respect to baseline conditions, response to climate variability and response to human disturbance.



The Global Ocean
Observing System



DEEP-OCEAN STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVE

Smithsonian MarineGEO Partnership

Our infrastructure is people



- **Vital signs:**
*coastal seabed focus
diversity time series*
- **Diagnostic tests:**
Coordinated exp'ts
- **Capacity building**

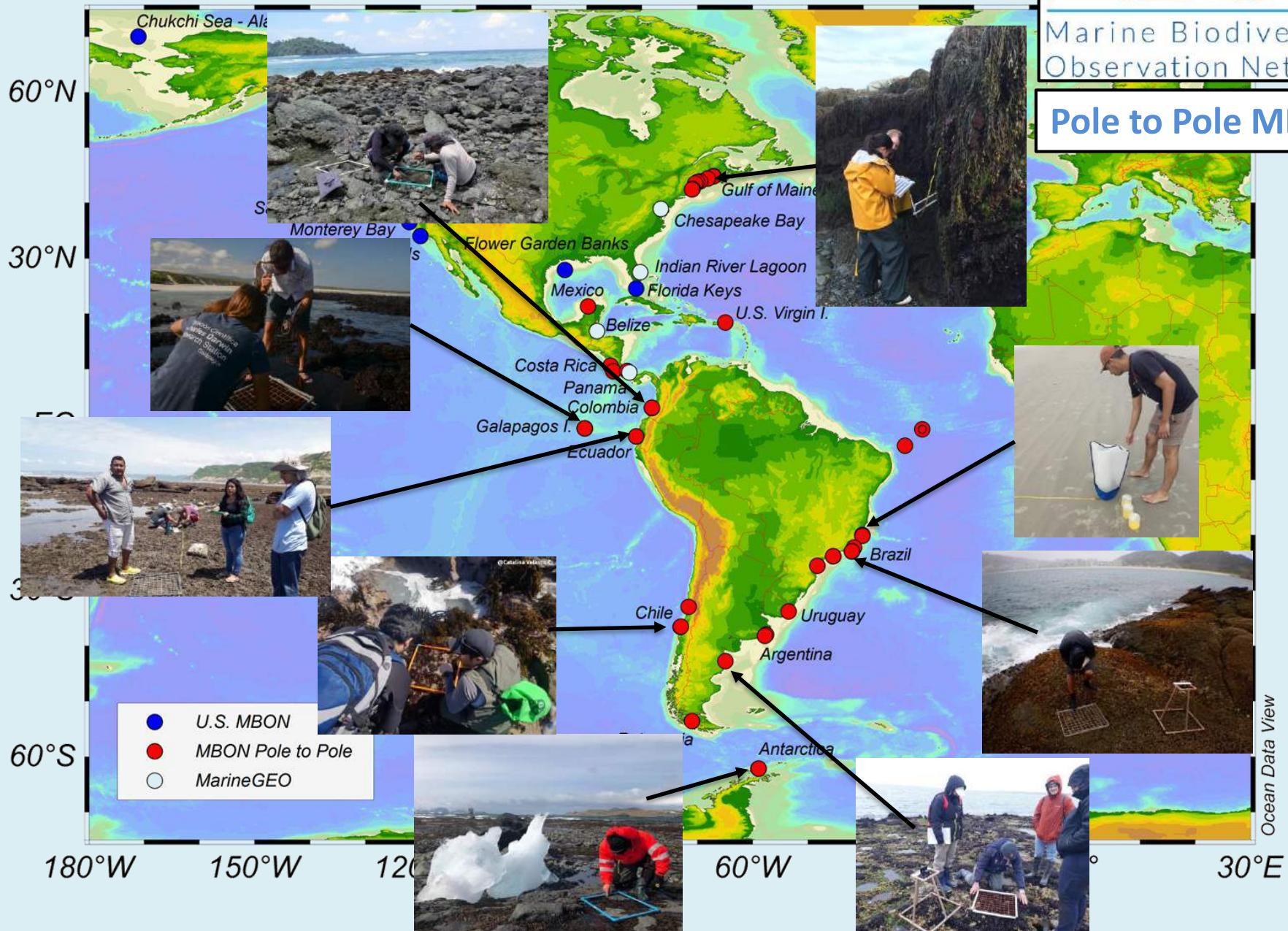


Capacity Building – Field sampling

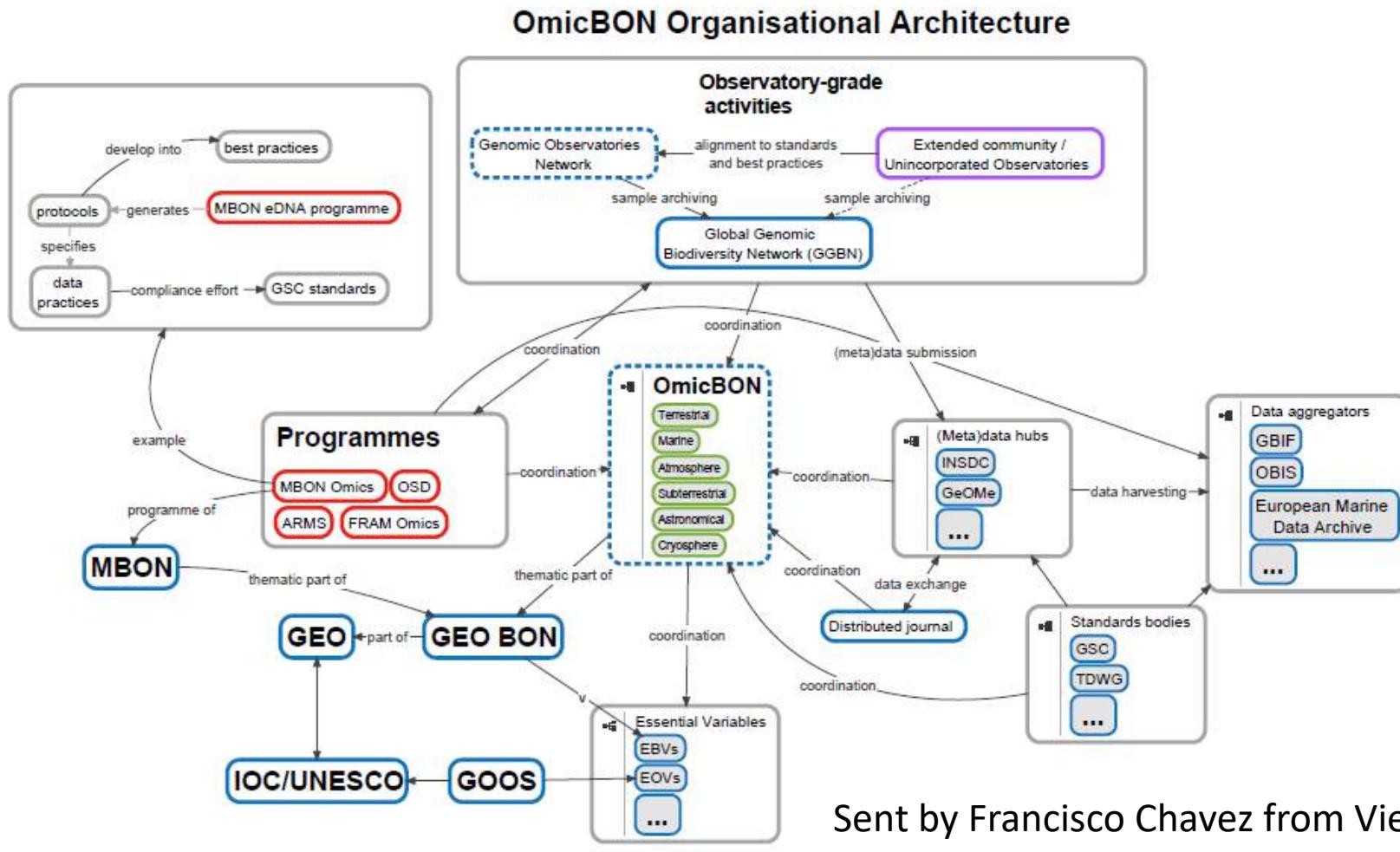


Marine Biodiversity
Observation Network

Pole to Pole MBON



MBON and the Genomics Standard Consortium



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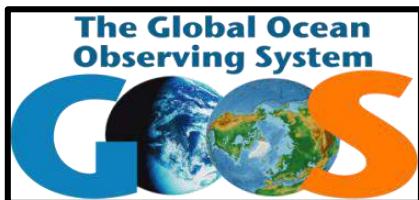
OCEAN OBS'19



AN OCEAN OF OPPORTUNITY

September 16-20, 2019

Honolulu, Hawaii



Substantial MBON involvement

In partnership with

NSF OceanObs RCN:

- ***Intellectual sponsor***
- ***Program Committee***
- Participation:
 - Speakers and panelists
 - Breakout sessions
- **Post OO19 activities planned**
 - AGU fall Meeting
 - Ocean Sci. Meeting

<http://www.oceanobs19.net/>

Conference Objectives



IMPROVE OCEAN OBSERVATION

(advocacy, funding, best practices, etc.)

Information: how do we meet future user needs? And how can we better communicate among observing systems to deliver products for users that follow usability and other best practices across the globe?

Innovation: how can we spur innovation in observing technologies, products, and user services?

Integration: how can we balance user and operator needs, capabilities, and knowledge worldwide? And how can we improve sharing and access of capabilities internationally? How can different actors from academia, the public and private sector work together.

Governance: how can we improve ocean observing governance at the global and basin scale? How can we register commitments and deliver against agreed objectives?

UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)

Martin Visbeck
GEOMAR und Kiel University



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Intergovernmental
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Commission

2021
2030

United Nations Decade
of Ocean Science
for Sustainable Development





On 5 December 2017, the **UN General Assembly** proclaimed the **Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)**.

Resolution A/72/L.18 calls upon the IOC to prepare an **Implementation Plan** for the Decade in consultation with:

- **Member States;**
- **UN partners;**
- **Institutional partners;**
- **Other relevant stakeholders.**

And to report to the UN Secretary-General about the implementation of the Decade.

Resolution A/72/L.18 also invites **UN-Oceans** to collaborate with IOC.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



2030 AGENDA

UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)

Biological Diversity/Aichi Biodiversity targets (CBD)

Law of the Sea (UNCLOS + BBNJ + UNFSA)

SIDS Action (SAMOA Pathway)

Disaster Risk Reduction SENDAI Framework

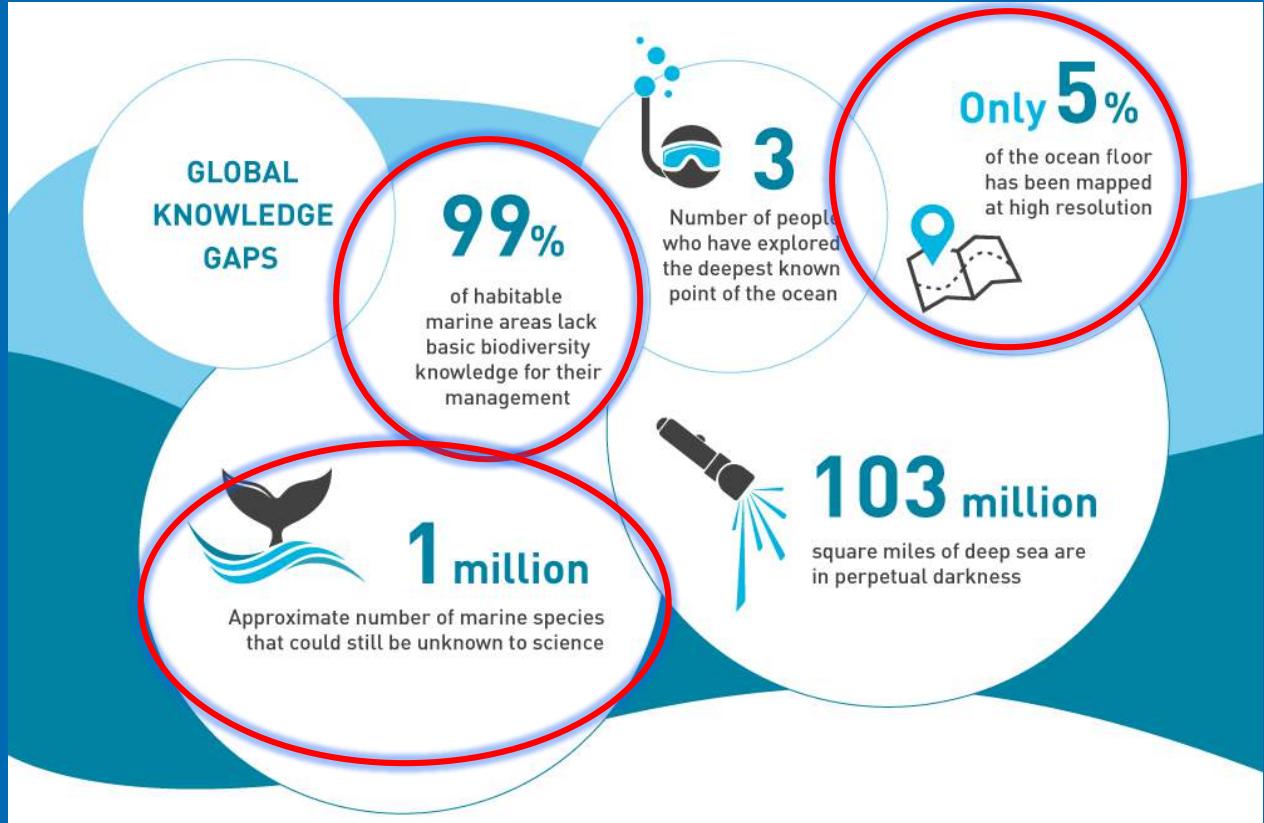
Climate Change/Paris Agreement (UNFCCC)

A global framework that will ensure Ocean Science can help governments and societies achieve the major goals of our generation





A global collective research and investment framework to close the knowledge gaps





Research & Development Priority Areas



Map the entire ocean floor and processes

Bolster ocean observation systems in all basins

Conduct an inventory of ecosystems and their functioning

Develop a data and information portal

Establish an integrated multi-hazard warning system

New integrated models for ocean prediction

Strengthen capacities and accelerate technology transfer and ocean literacy





Preparatory Phase: 2018-2020



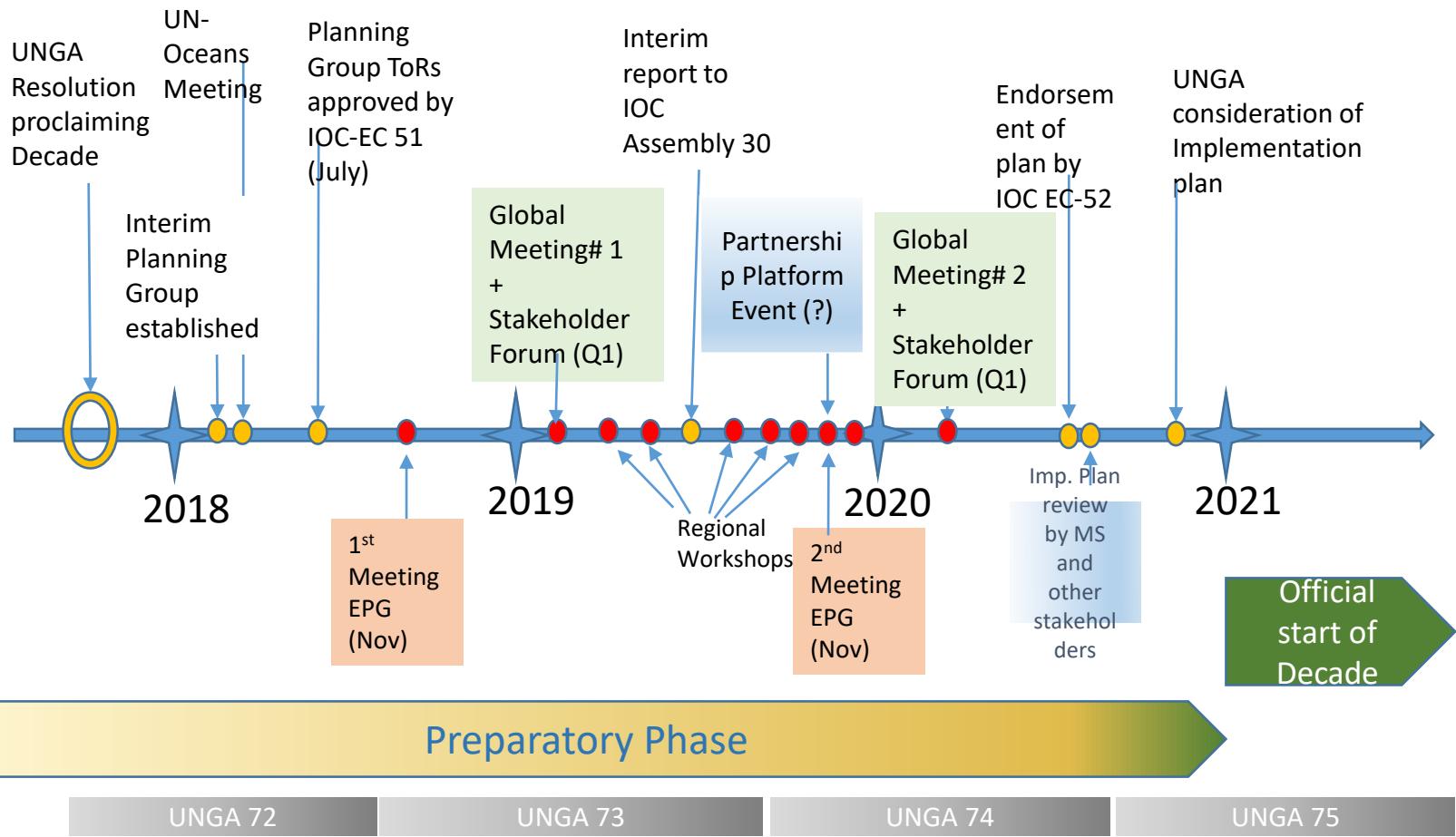
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Preparing for the Decade: Next Steps



Executive Planning Group

serves as an advisory body to the IOC governing bodies



**2021
2030** United Nations Decade
of Ocean Science
for Sustainable Development

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The Science We Need for the Ocean We Want



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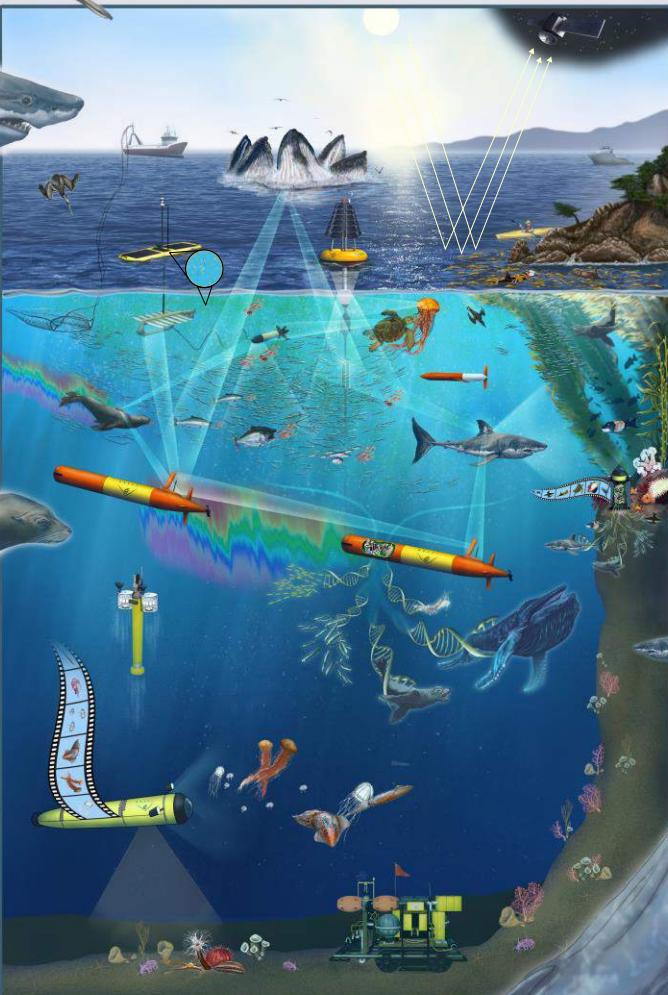


2021-2030 United Nations Decade
of Ocean Science
for Sustainable Development

The United Nations
Decade of Ocean Science
for Sustainable Development
(2021-2030)

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for Sustainable Development.

Observing Life in the Sea



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Marine Biodiversity
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...we can
...do this now!

<https://mbon.ioos.us/>

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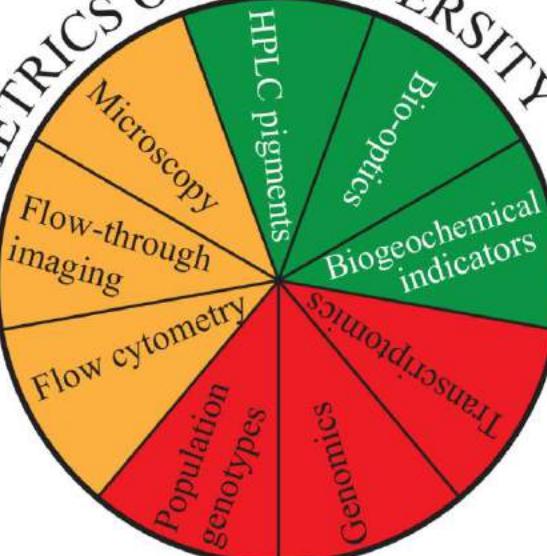
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STRATEGIES

Time-Series



METRICS OF BIODIVERSITY

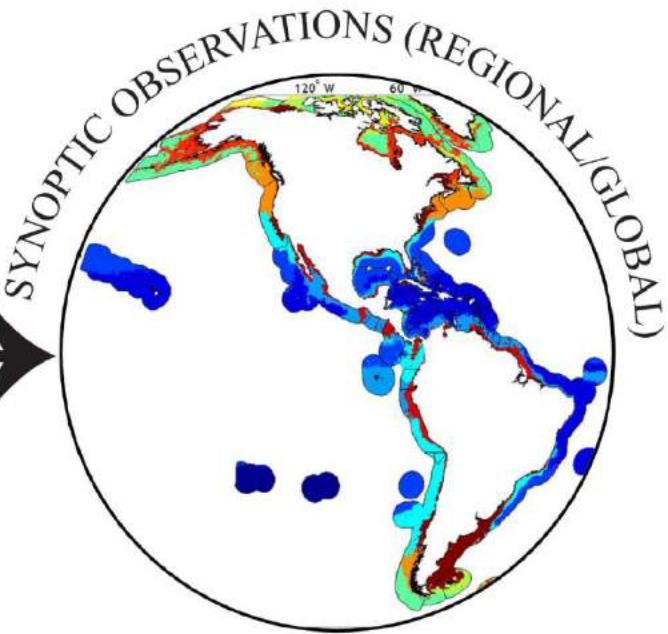


TAXONOMIC DIVERSITY
GENOMIC DIVERSITY
FUNCTIONAL DIVERSITY

INTEGRATION

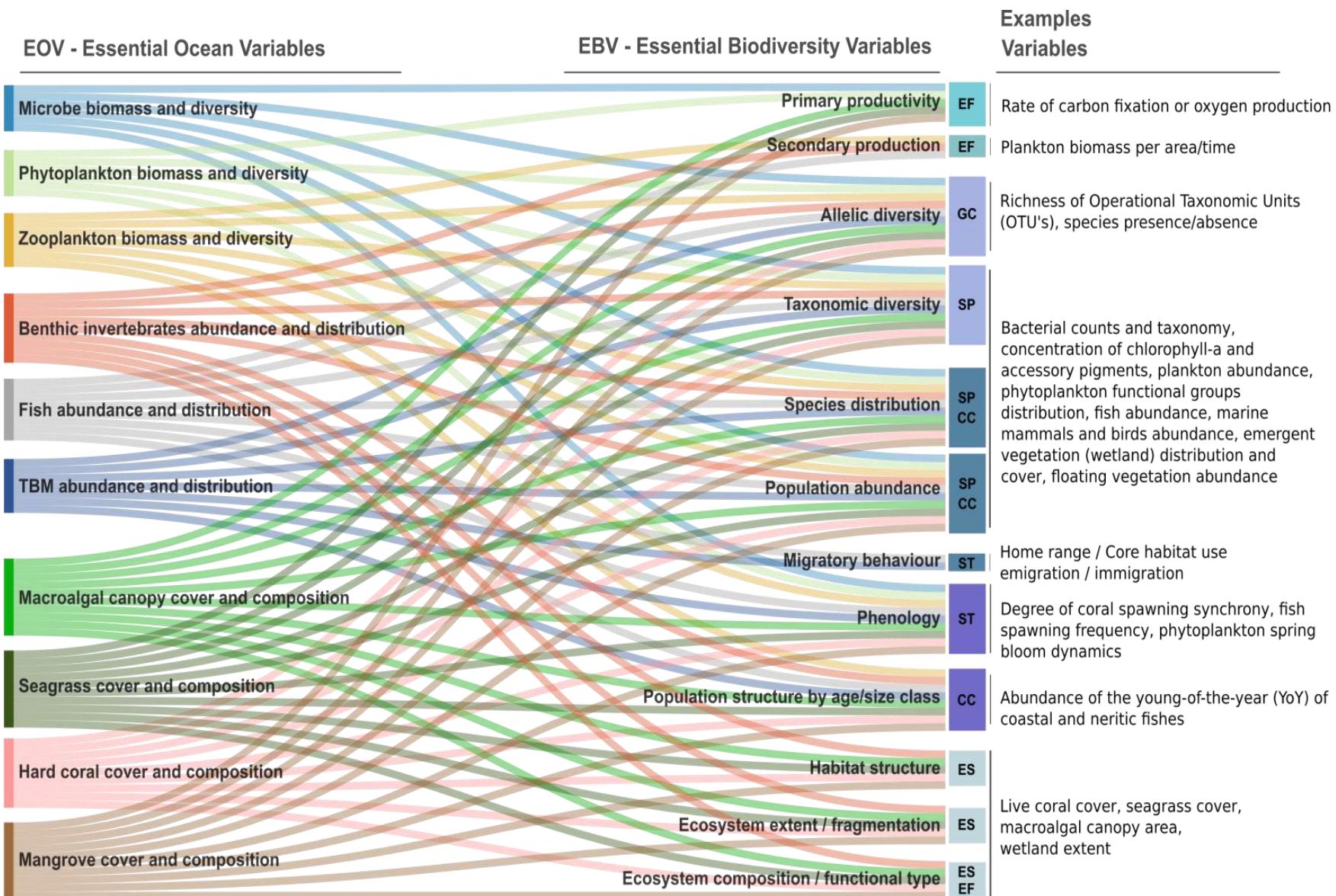
Assessment of impacts of disturbances on coastal biomes

Seascapes



COLORS CORRESPOND
TO DISTINCT SEASCAPES

EBV and EOVS are Complementary



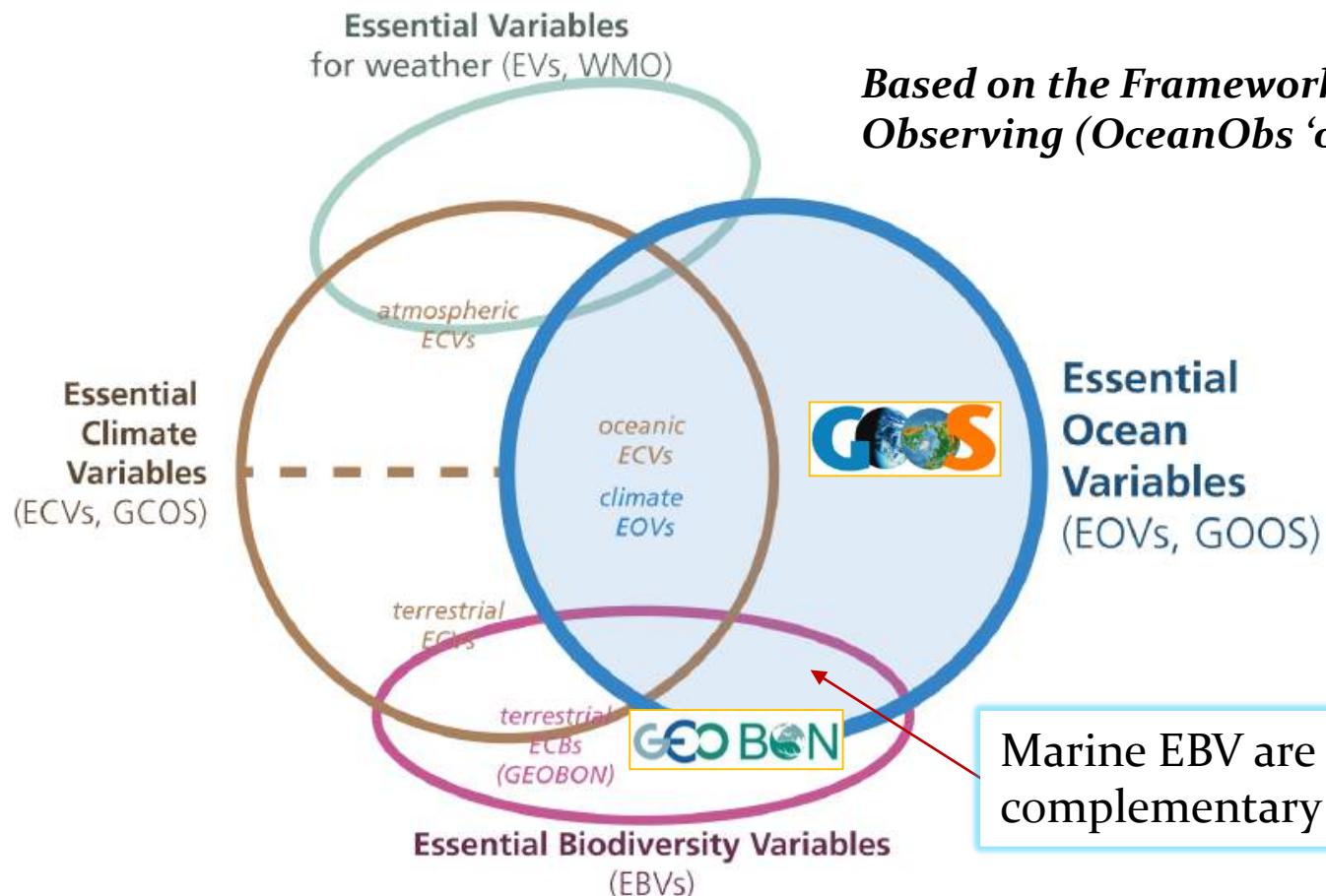
Ongoing/Developing Collaborations:

OBIS-GOOS-MBON
NSF OceanObs Network RCN
Animal Telemetry Network (ATN)
Ocean Acidification Network
Other IOOS RA's
MarineGEO (Tennenbaum)

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Linking Essential Biodiversity Variables (EBVs) and Essential Ocean Variables (EOVs)



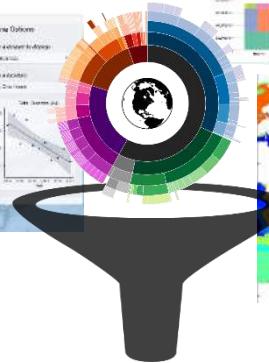
EOVs are central to GOOS strategic planning and implementation
EBVs are central to GEO BON strategic planning and implementation



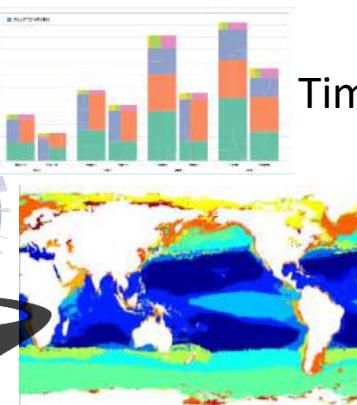
Mapping tools



Taxa



Time series

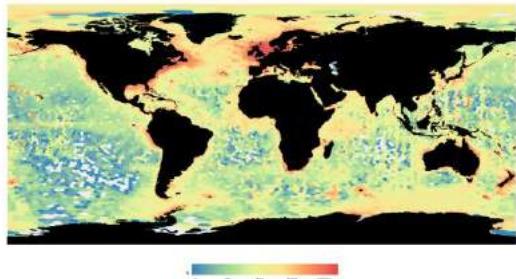
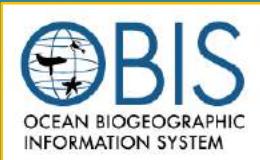


Satellite seascapes

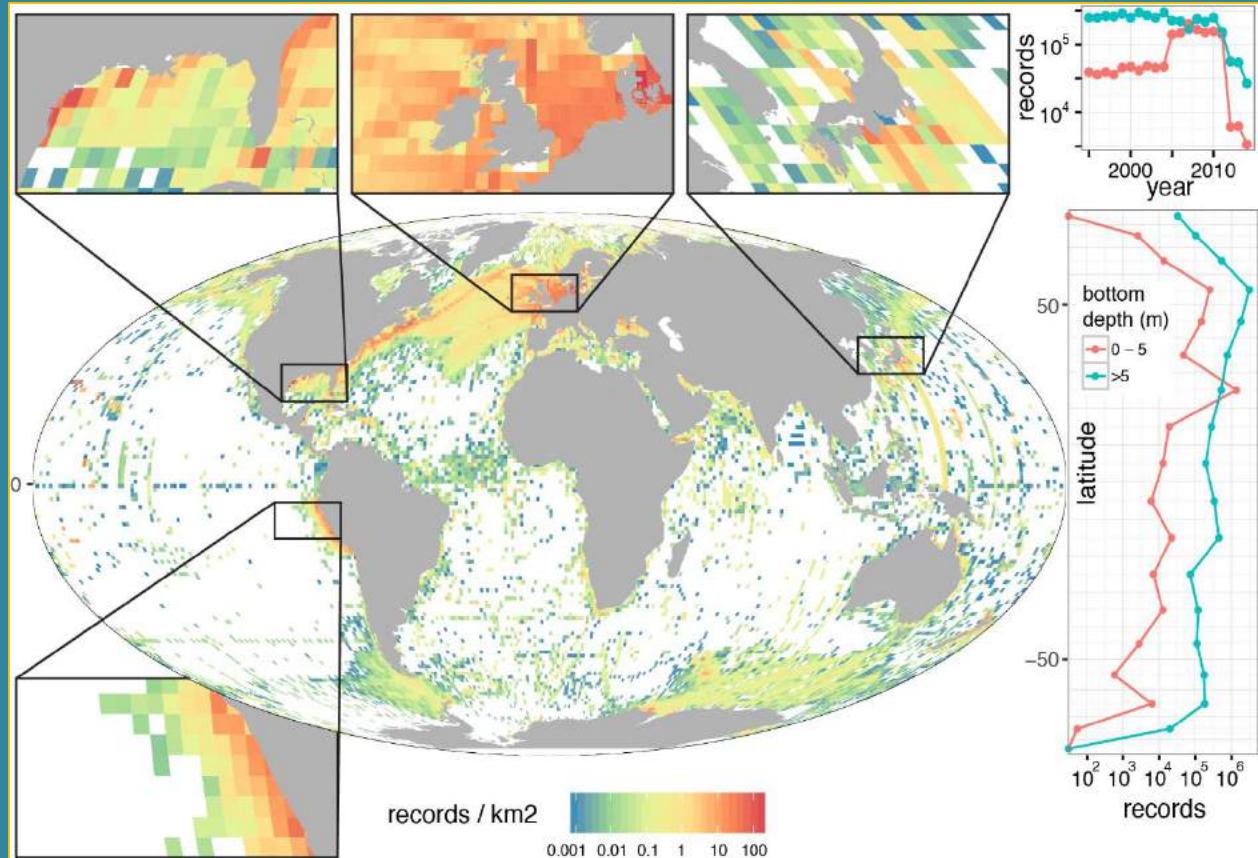


SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The state of marine biodiversity monitoring



OBIS: 47 million records
(water column to benthos)



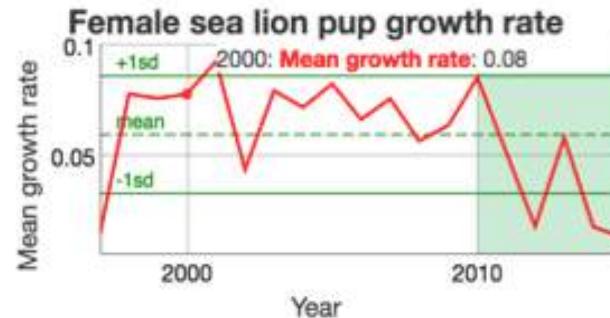
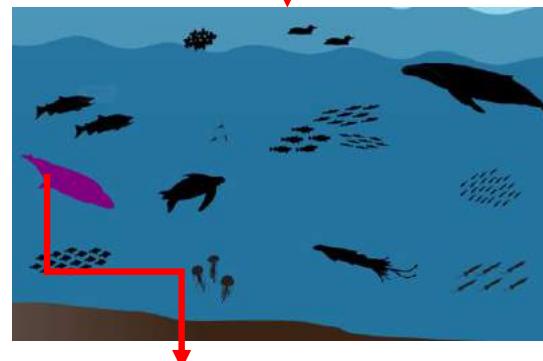
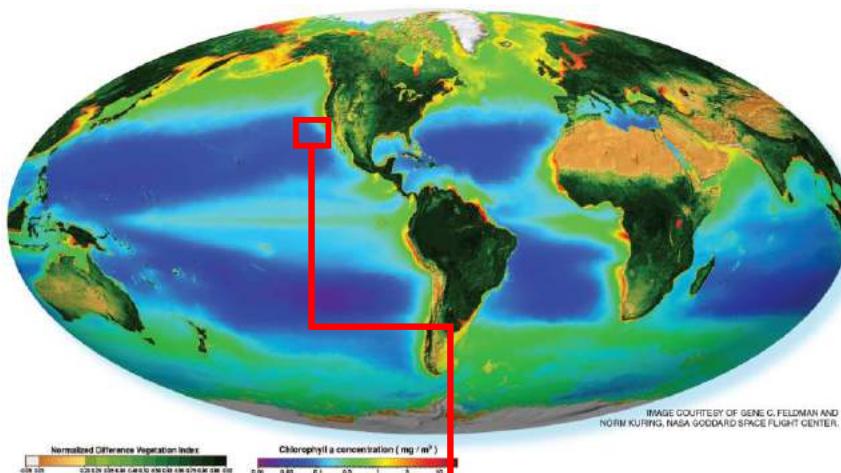
Data
needed to
satisfy
'Drivers'

Near-surface taxonomic records (<20 m)

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

NCEAS Global Marine Ecosystems layers:

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



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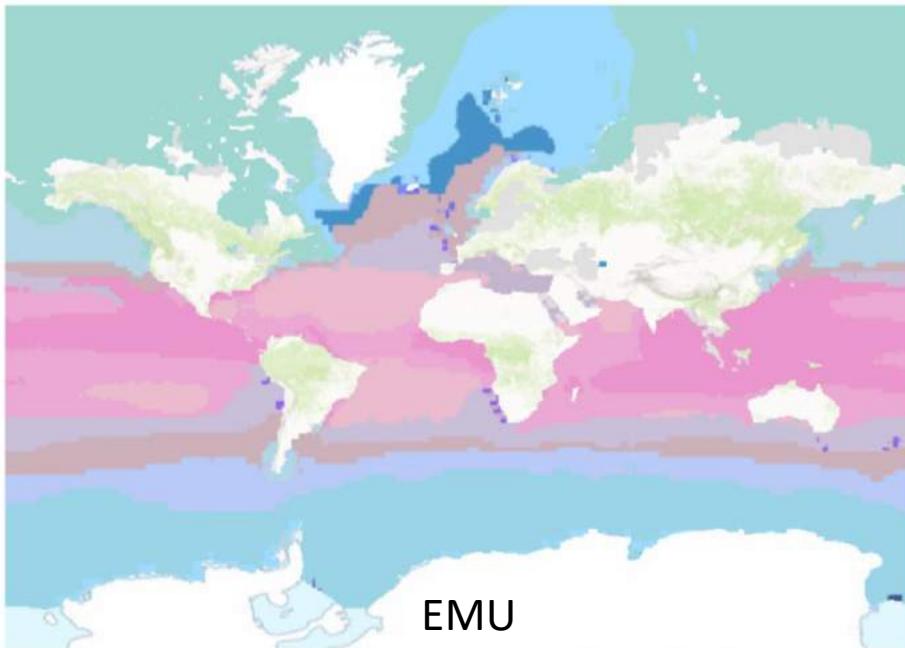
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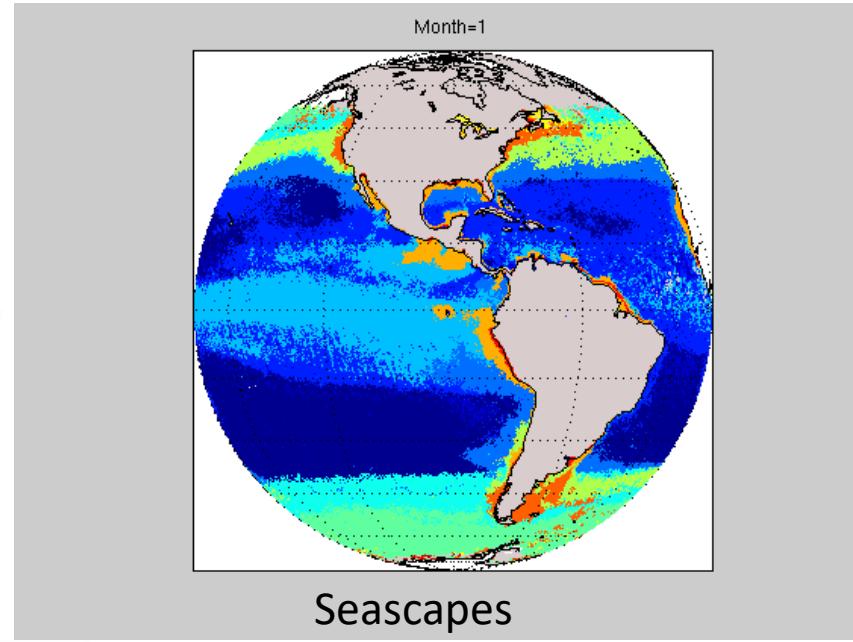


ig on biodiversity

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



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



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

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

Results:

Three megaregions (A, B, C)

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

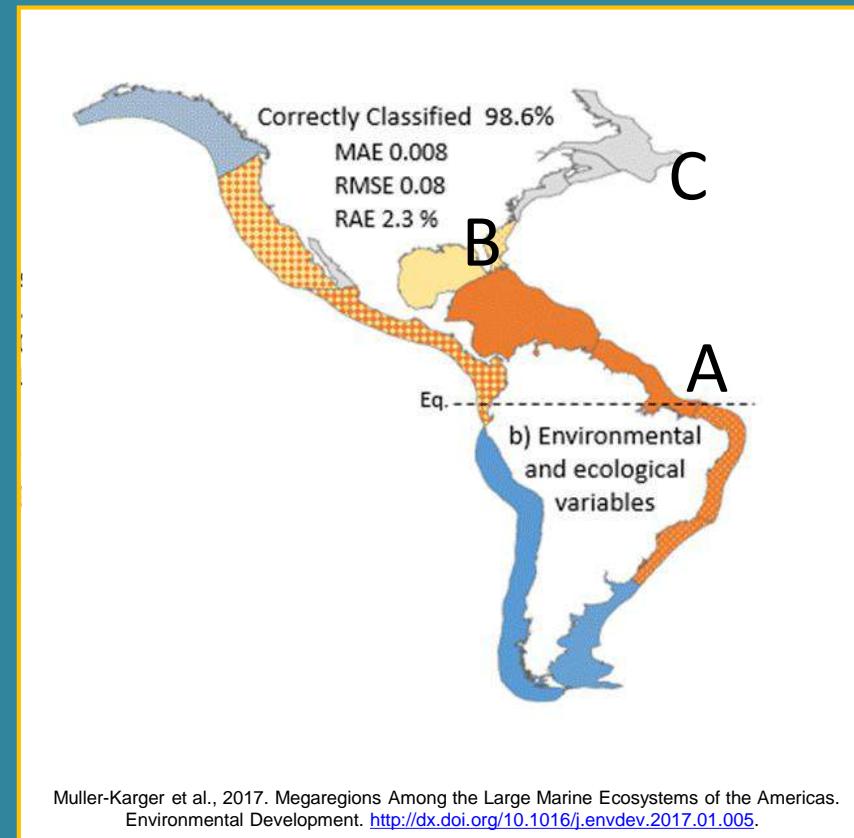
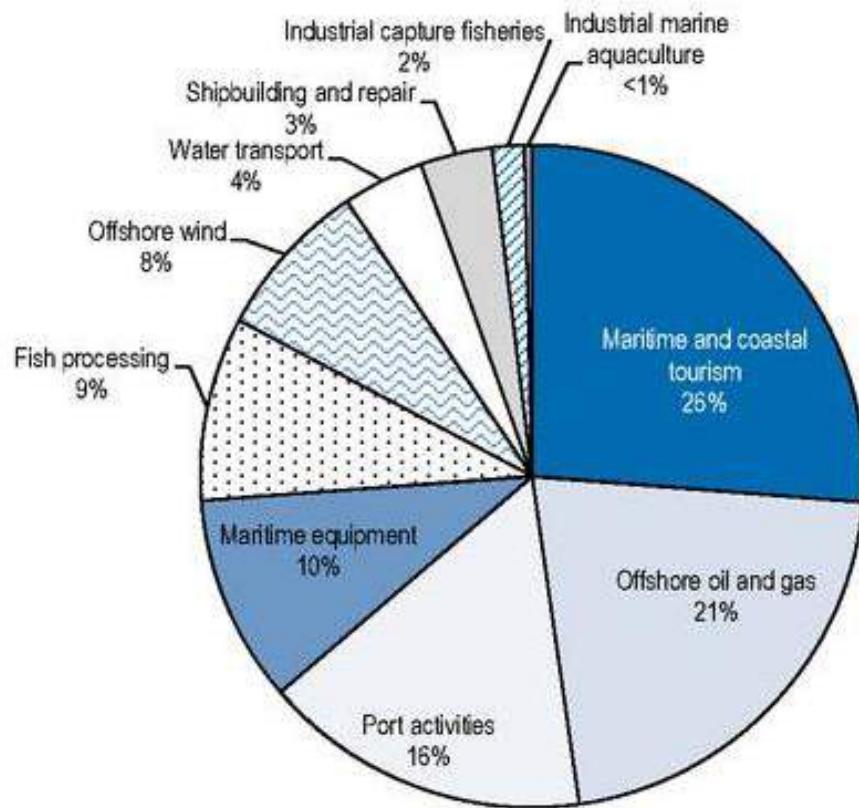


Figure 1.6. Value added of the ocean economy in 2030 in the business-as-usual scenario

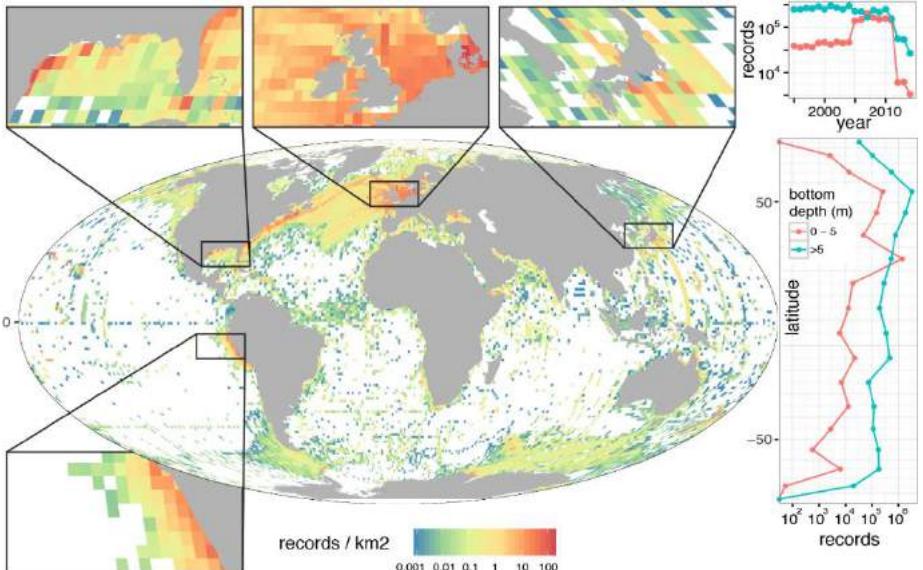


Ocean Economy
value:
>US \$3 trillion
in 2030

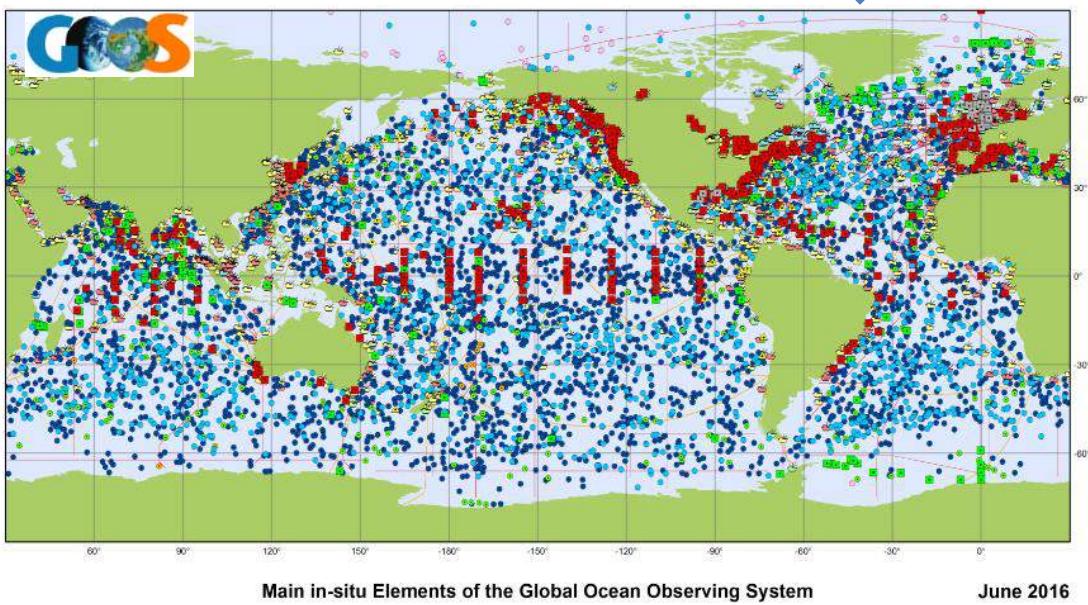
StatLink  <http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/888933334632>

Note: Artisanal fisheries are not included in this overview.

Source: Authors' calculations based on OECD STAN, UNIDO INDSTAT, UNSD; Lloyd's Register (2014; 2013); World Bank (2013); IEA (2014).



Present to Future



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Marine Biodiversity Observation Network

GOAL:
Increase
observations of
marine life

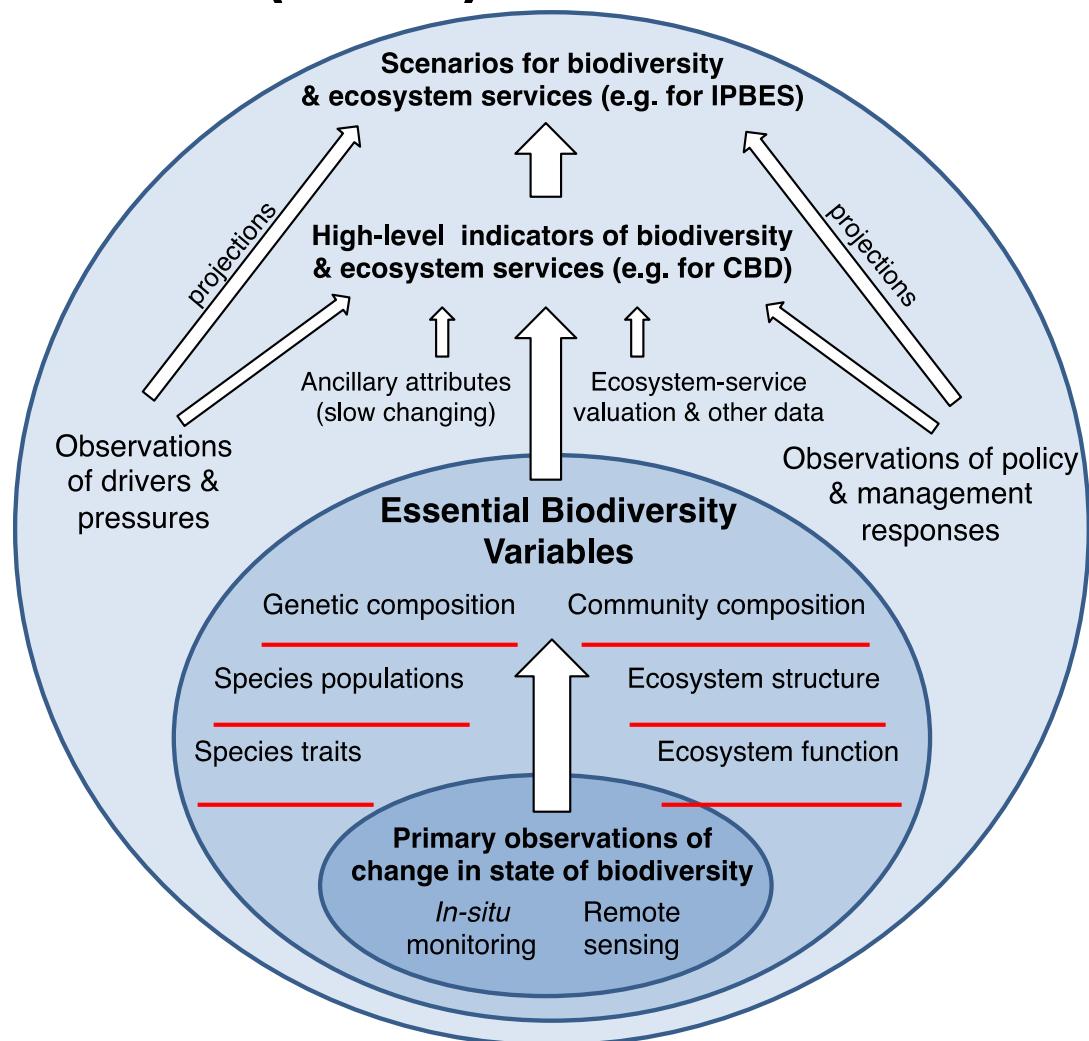
building on GOOS,
 OBIS, and other
 networks:

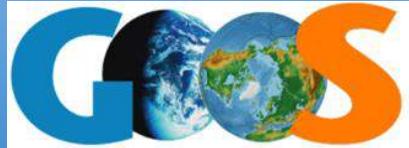
- MarineGEO/Tennenbaum
- UNEP WCMC
- Americas (AmeriGEOSS)
- EuBON
- AsiaPacific
- Coral/GCRMN
- Africa
- CAFF (Arctic)
- National programs
- etc.

Essential Biodiversity Variables (EBV)

Biodiversity:
the variety of life and habitats

- number of species,
- abundance, biomass, distribution
- interactions
- variability of habitat





Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS)

Essential Ocean Variables (EOVs)



PHYSICS	BIOGEOCHEMISTRY	BIOLOGY AND ECOSYSTEMS
Sea state	Oxygen	Phytoplankton biomass and diversity
Ocean surface stress	Nutrients	Zooplankton biomass and diversity
Sea ice	Inorganic carbon	Fish abundance and distribution
Sea surface height	Transient tracers	Marine turtles, birds, mammals abundance and distribution
Sea surface temperature	Particulate matter	Hard coral cover and composition
Subsurface temperature	Nitrous oxide	Seagrass cover
Surface currents	Stable carbon isotopes	Macroalgal canopy cover
Subsurface currents	Dissolved organic carbon	Mangrove cover
Sea surface salinity	Ocean colour (<i>Spec Sheet under development</i>)	Microbe biomass and diversity (*emerging)
Subsurface salinity		Benthic invertebrate abundance and distribution (*emerging)
Ocean surface heat flux		