

Using Copernicus Marine Service spatial data

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Select, visualize and download datasets through the MyOcean online Copernicus tool

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Summary:

- Marine Copernicus Catalogue and selection of products
- Spatial-temporal scales of products
- MyOcean online visualization
- How to access data and download

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- Oxygen 26
- Plankton 75
- Salinity 38
- Sea ice 37
- Sea surface height 50
- Surface density 2
- Temperature 90
- Velocity 54
- Wave 38
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AREA

- Global Ocean 102
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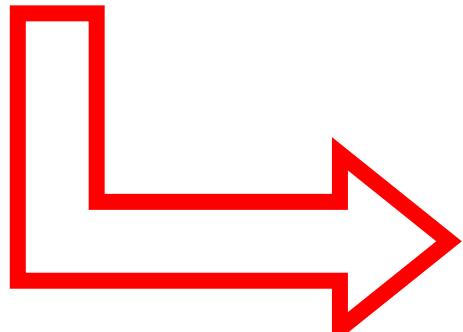
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Input variables for EwE:

Chlorophyll

Carbon biomass of phytoplankton

Primary Production

Carbon biomass of zooplankton

Oxygen

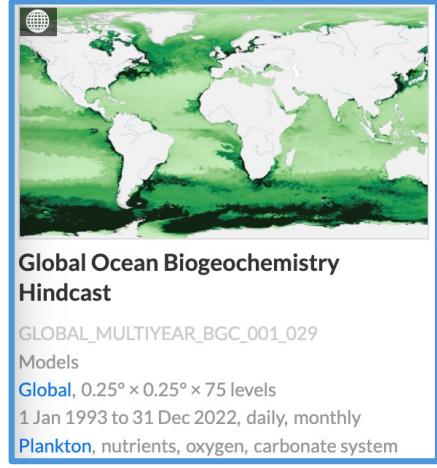
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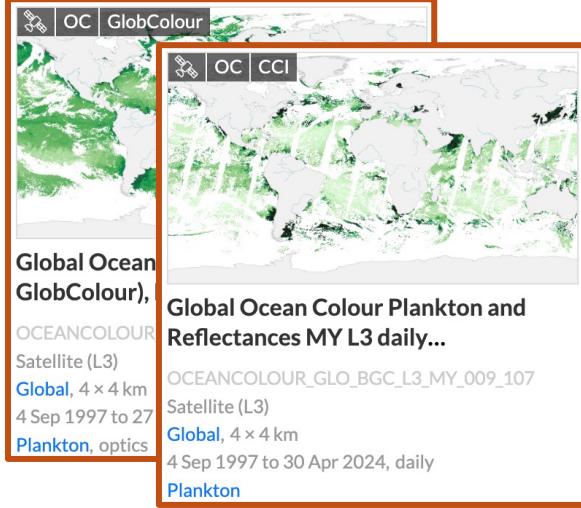
Currents

how many products for chlorophyll for a particular region (e.g. Mediterranean Sea)?

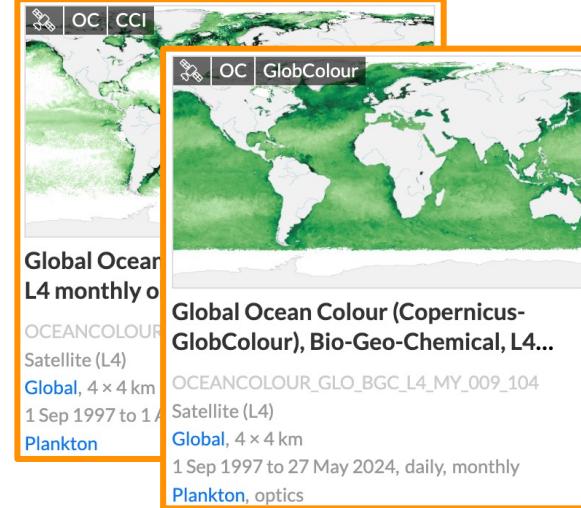
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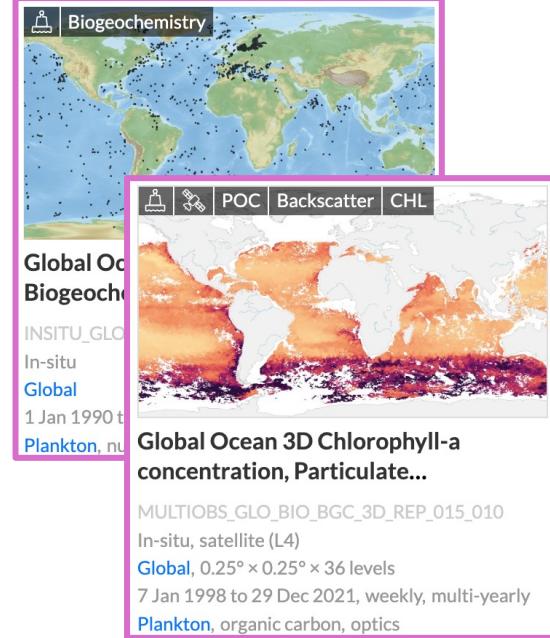
satellite L3



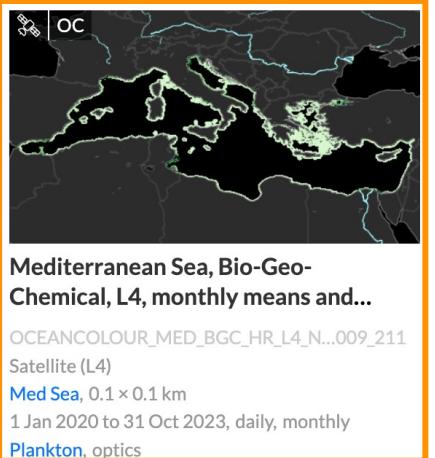
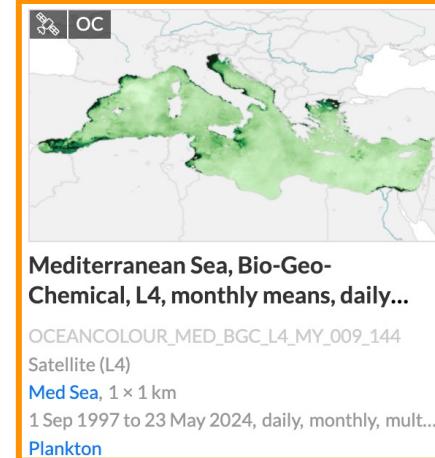
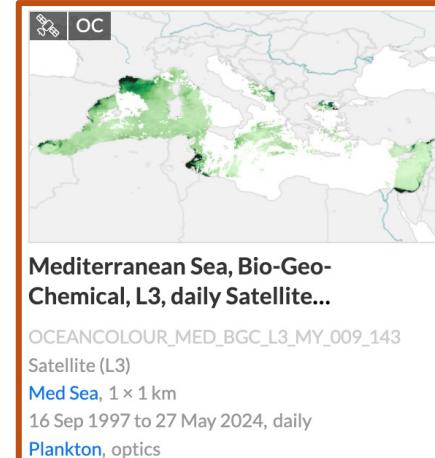
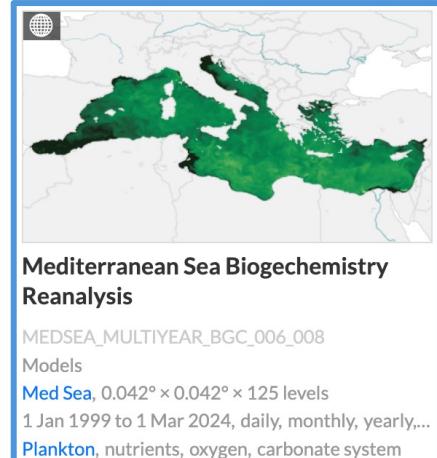
satellite L4



insitu and data driven models



regional products



In landscape ecology scale is defined as “resolution (grain) and extent” of phenomena, observations/sampling and analysis

Dungan et al., 2002

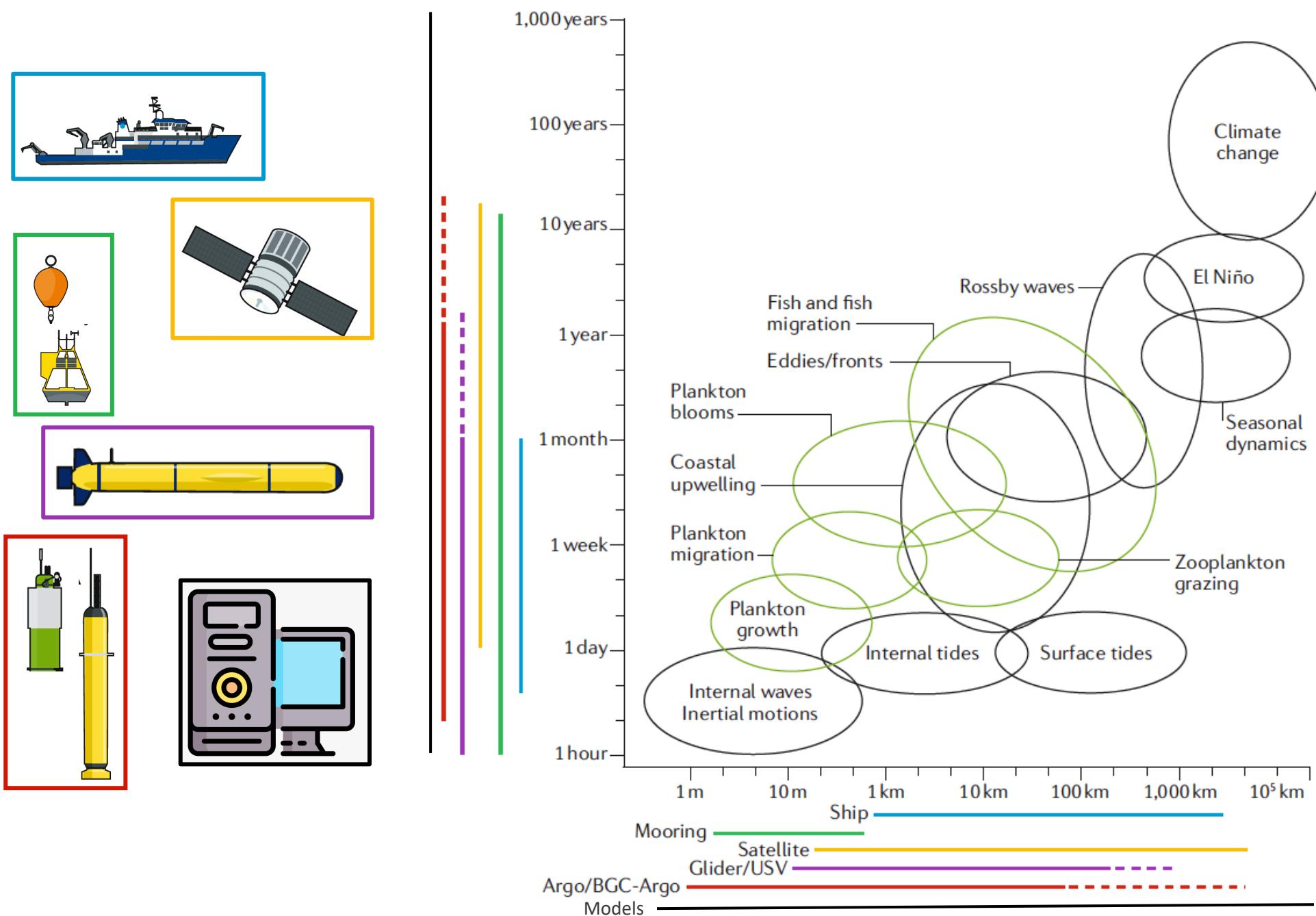
resolution refers to the size of the smallest possible feature (sampling unit or grain size) that can be detected

remote sensing images and model are composed of a matrix of picture elements (pixels), which are the smallest units of an image. Image pixels are normally square and represent a certain area on an image

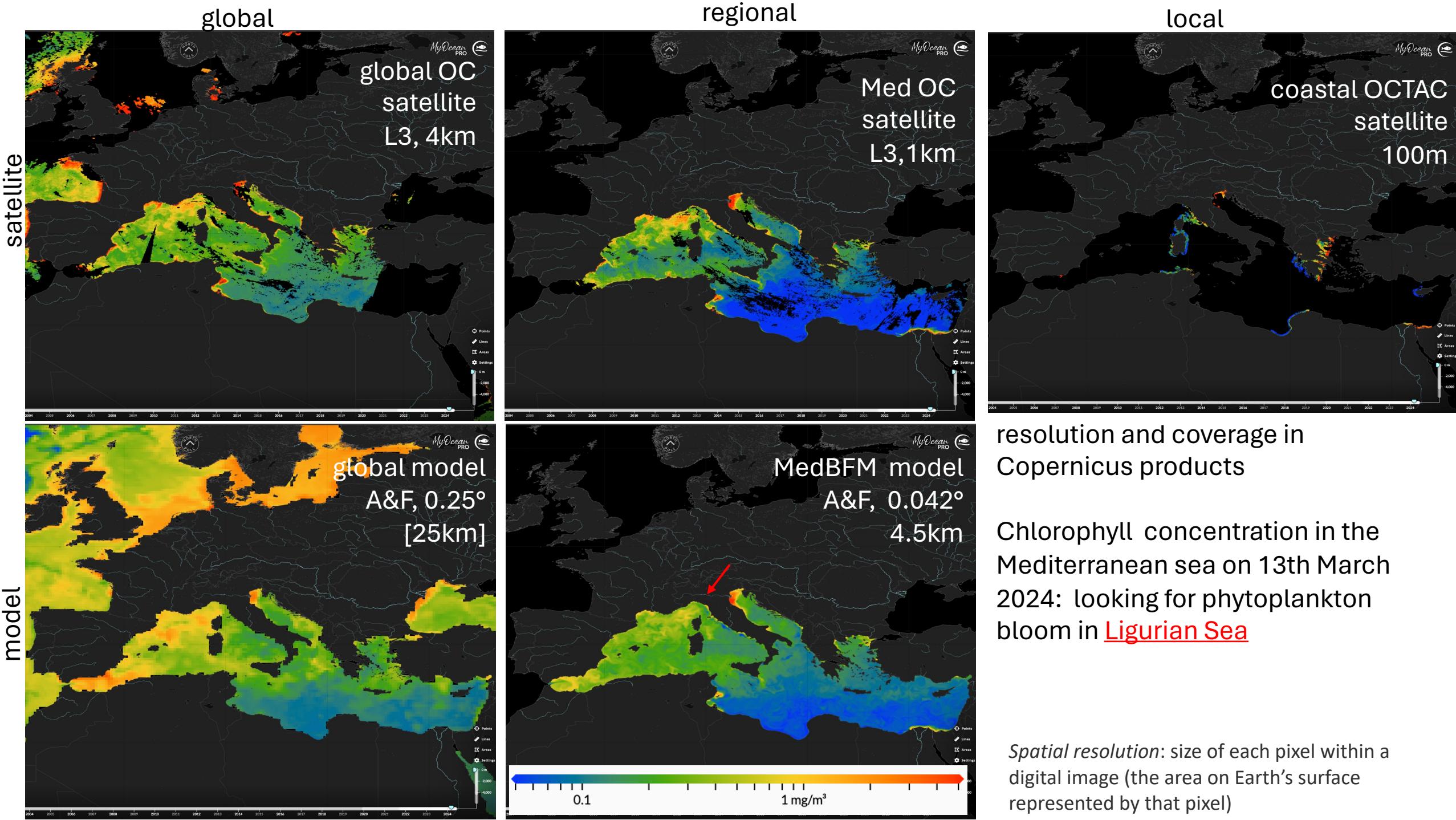
extent refers to the area/volume/period of time included in the phenomena or observed/analysed by sensors/dataset/model

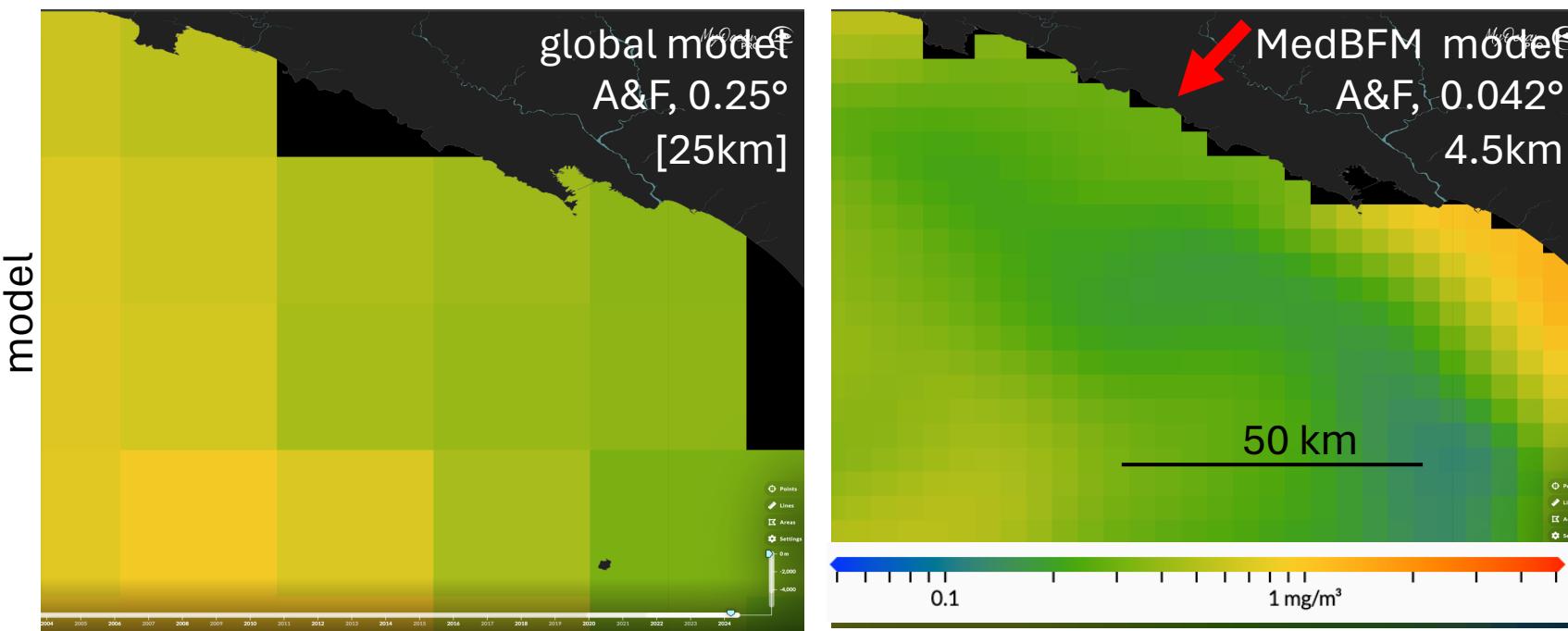
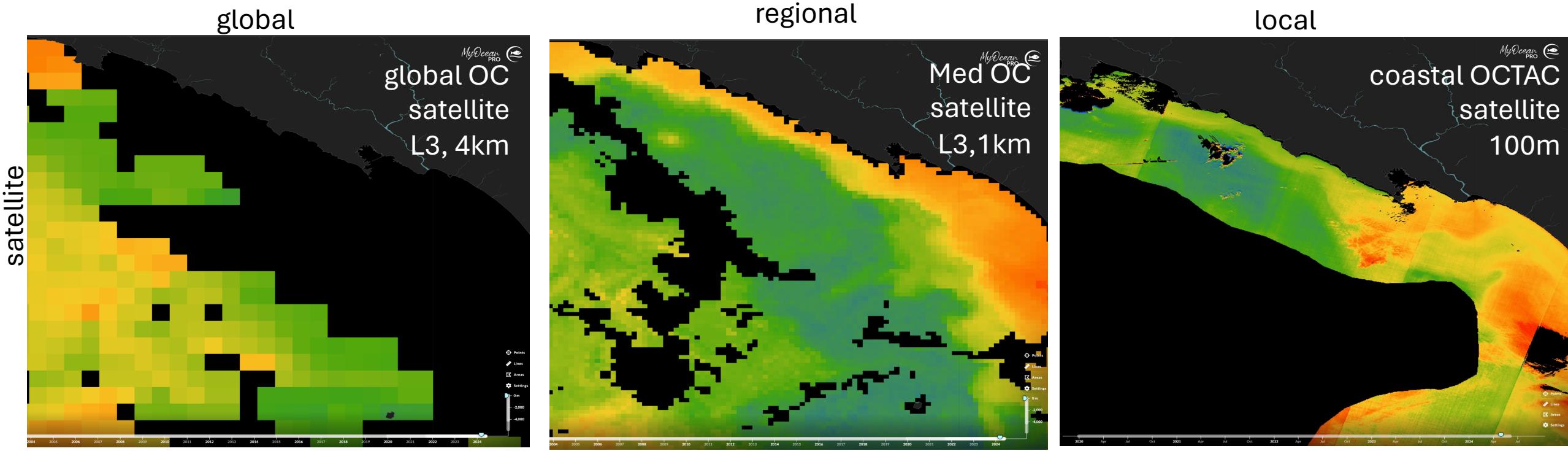
*area or period of time encompassing a phenomena
model domain
composite of satellite images*

spatial and temporal scales of ocean processes and coverage of the different platforms



modified from Chai et al., 2020





resolution and coverage in Copernicus products

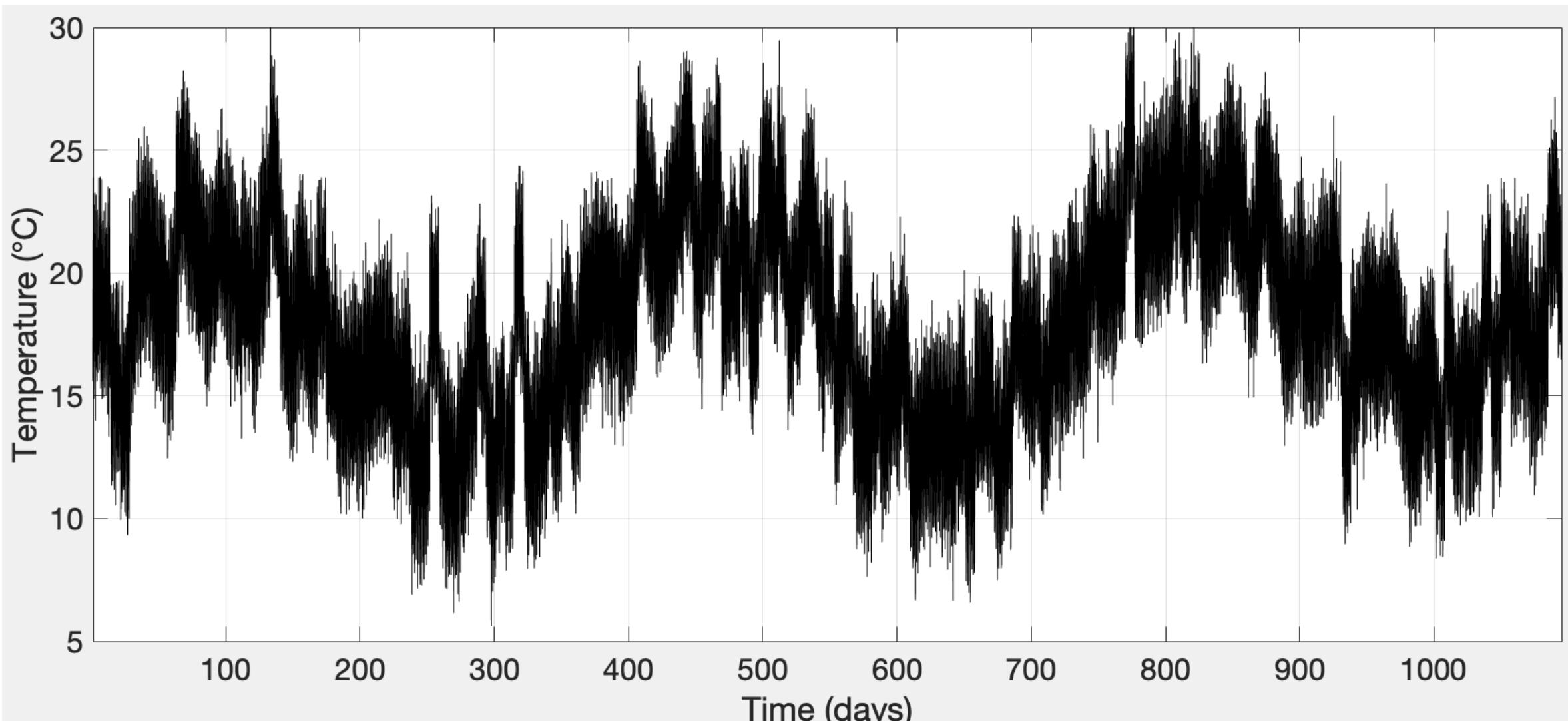
Chlorophyll concentration in the Mediterranean sea on 13th March 2024: looking for phytoplankton bloom in [Ligurian Sea](#)

Spatial resolution: size of each pixel within a digital image (the area on Earth's surface represented by that pixel)

Temporal resolution is time two subsequent data for the exact same location

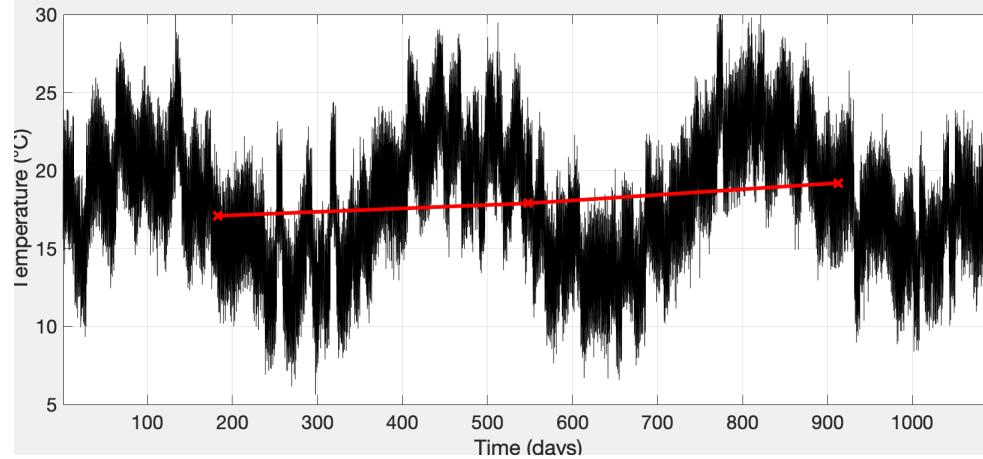
time series data represent a mixture of variation at different time scales

Example of hourly temperature with multiannual trend, seasonal cycle, monthly/weekly signals, daily cycle and random noise

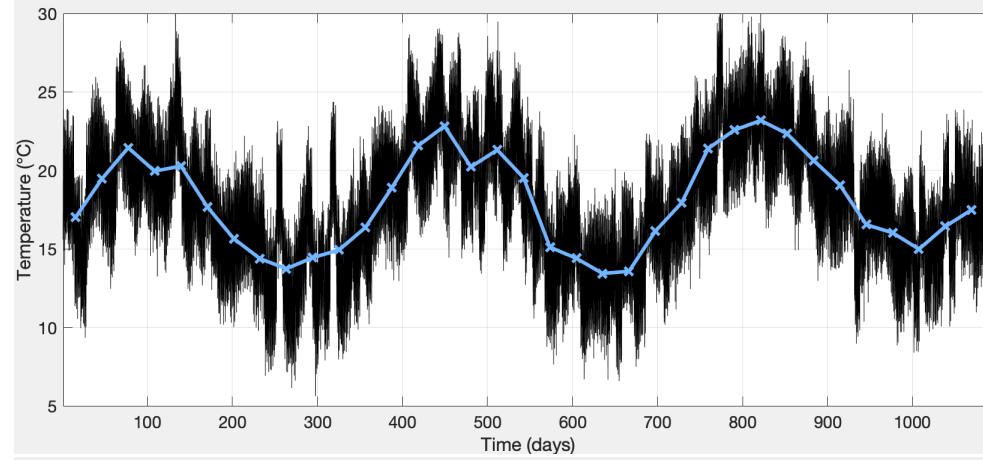


Temporal resolution: averaging and instantaneously sampling at different frequencies

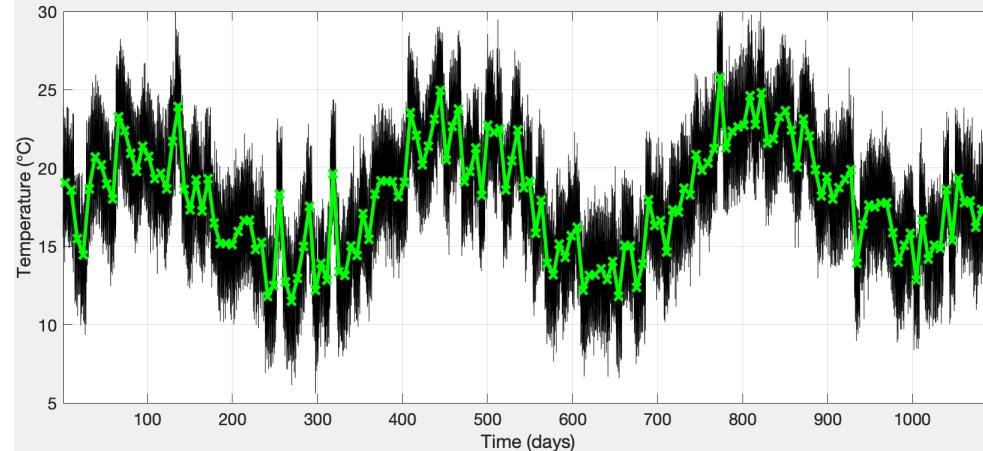
annual means



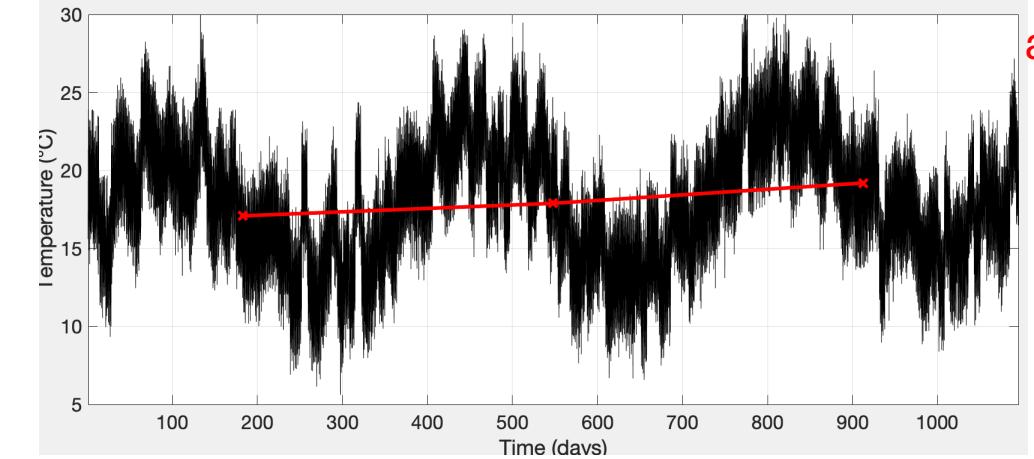
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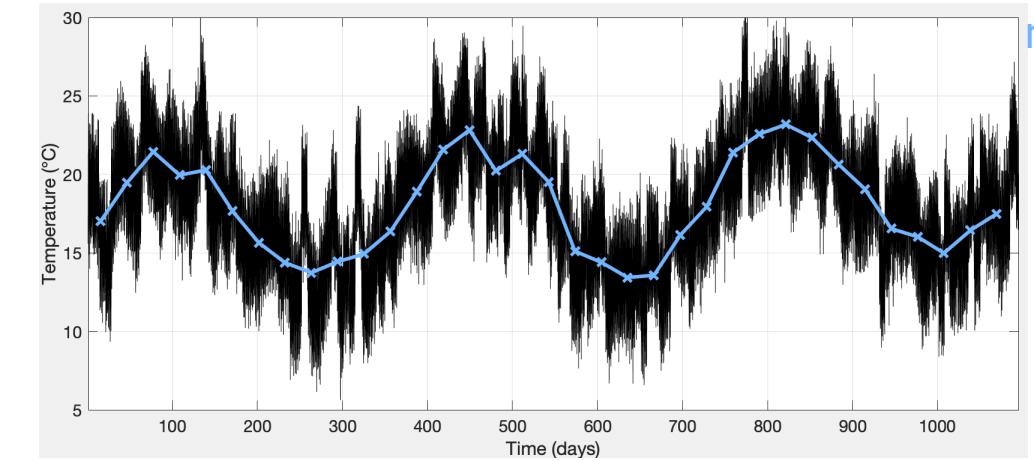
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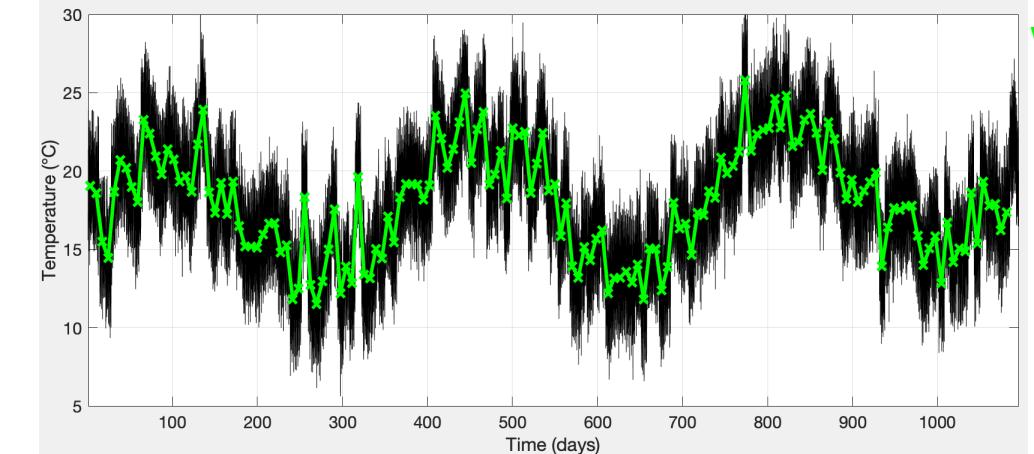


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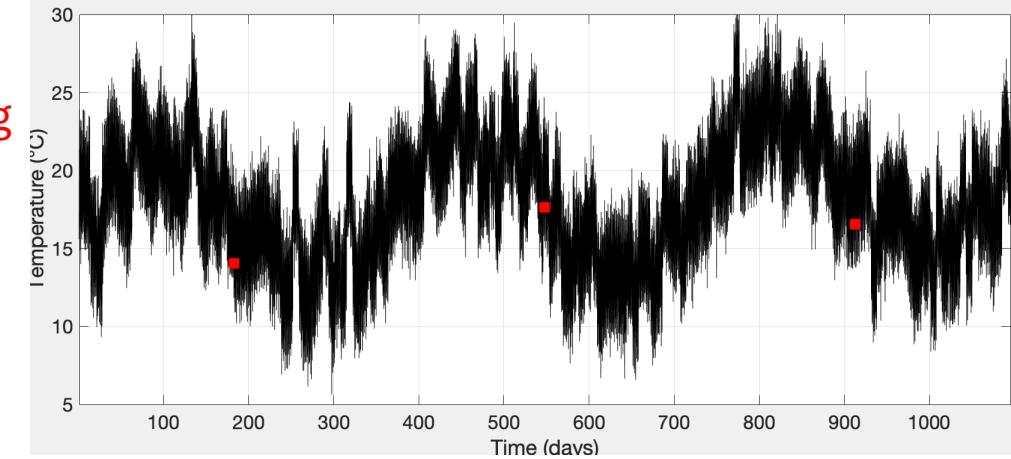
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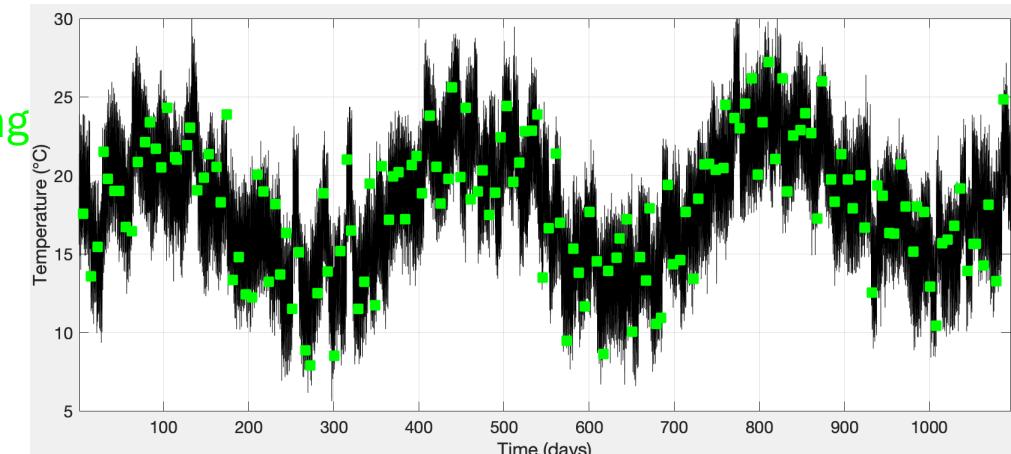
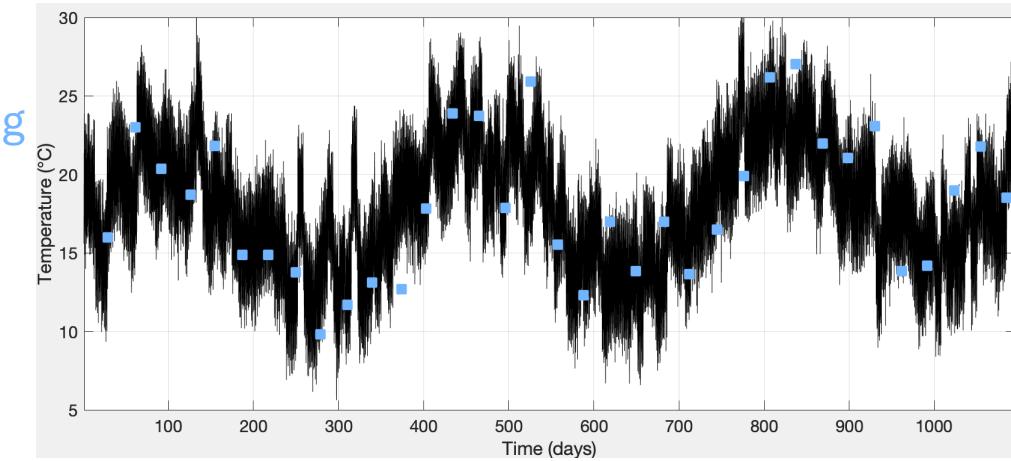


weekly means

weekly sampling



annual sampling



How to access and dive into products and variables: Myocean viewer

The screenshot shows the Copernicus Marine Service website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Resources, News, Events, Contact, a Register button, a search icon, and a language selection for English. Below the navigation is the Copernicus Marine Service logo and a banner for the MyOcean service.

MyOcean Viewer Interface: On the left, a map of the Mediterranean Sea displays chlorophyll concentration (chl) and sea water potential temperature (thetao) data. Three specific locations are highlighted with callouts: 36.081N, 10.165E; 37.477N, 17.990E; and 39.398N, 14.717E. Each location has its own detailed plot window showing time series data for chl and thetao over a period of about a year (2020-2021).

Ocean Visualisation Box: A red-bordered box on the right contains the following text:

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MyOcean Viewer: 3 tools of online visualization
What will we see? how to select a product and a dataset; how to plot a variable; how to customize a plot; how to subset a region and download data
What do you need?
A connection to the web and nothing more ... maybe curiosity

Credits: <https://vimeo.com/891402984>

Step by step

1. data search and select product

Chlorophyll (1) in the Mediterranean Sea (2) in the filter menu'

2. select the product (e.g., reanalysis of the Mediterranean Sea (3))

data.marine.copernicus.eu/products?facets=colors~Green+Ocean--mainVariables~Plankton--areas~Mediterranean+Sea

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DEPTH RANGE   

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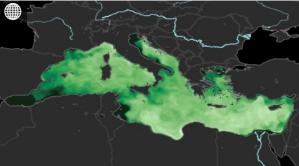
TEMPORAL RESOLUTION  Instantaneous 1
Daily 8
Monthly 5
Yearly 1
Multi-yearly 2

SOURCE  Numerical models 2
In-situ observations 1
Satellite observations 9

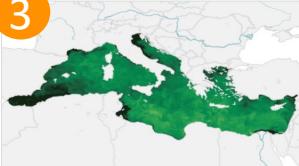
PROCESSING LEVEL

EU DIRECTIVE

Products 12

  Mediterranean Sea Biogeochemistry Analysis and Forecast

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Models
Med Sea, 0.042° × 0.042° × 125 levels
1 Jan 2020 to 18 May 2024, daily, monthly
Carbonate system, nutrients, optics, oxygen, plankton

 Mediterranean Sea Biogeochemistry Reanalysis

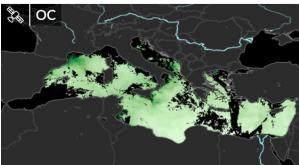
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 Mediterranean Sea, Bio-Geo-Chemical, L3, daily observation

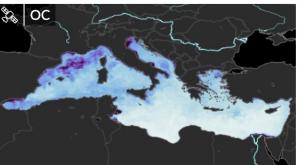
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Satellite (L3)
Med Sea, 0.1 × 0.1 km
1 Jan 2020 to 8 May 2024, daily
Optics, plankton

 Mediterranean Sea, Bio-Geo-Chemical, L4, monthly means and...

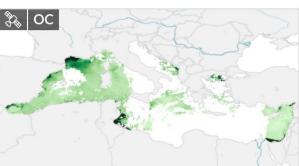
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1 Jan 2020 to 31 Oct 2023, daily, monthly
Optics, plankton

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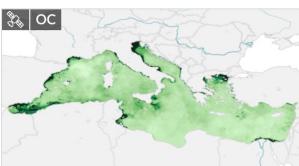
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Satellite (L3)
Med Sea, 1 × 1 km
29 Apr 2023 to 9 May 2024, daily
Optics, plankton

 Mediterranean Sea, Bio-Geo-Chemical, L4, monthly means, daily...

OCEANCLOUD_MED_BGC_L4_NRT_009_142
Satellite (L4)
Med Sea, 1 × 1 km
1 Jan 2022 to 9 May 2024, daily, monthly
Optics, plankton

 Mediterranean Sea, Bio-Geo-Chemical, L3, daily Satellite...

OCEANCLOUD_MED_BGC_L3_MY_009_143
Satellite (L3)
Med Sea, 1 × 1 km

 Mediterranean Sea, Bio-Geo-Chemical, L4, monthly means, daily...

OCEANCLOUD_MED_BGC_L4_MY_009_144
Satellite (L4)
Med Sea, 1 × 1 km

 Mediterranean Sea- In-Situ Near Real Time Observations

INSITU_MED_PHYBGCWAV_DISCRET...013_035
In-situ
Med Sea

3. access to the product information

Analysis and Forecast biogeochemical model product

(1) documentations: User Manual, Quality Information Documents, Synthesis Quality Overview ...
DOI

In the **Notifications** tab (2), you have access to all the maintenances, incidents and news about the product.

The **Data access** tab (3) displays all the datasets of the product and the different data access mechanisms available (**Subset, Files and Maps**)

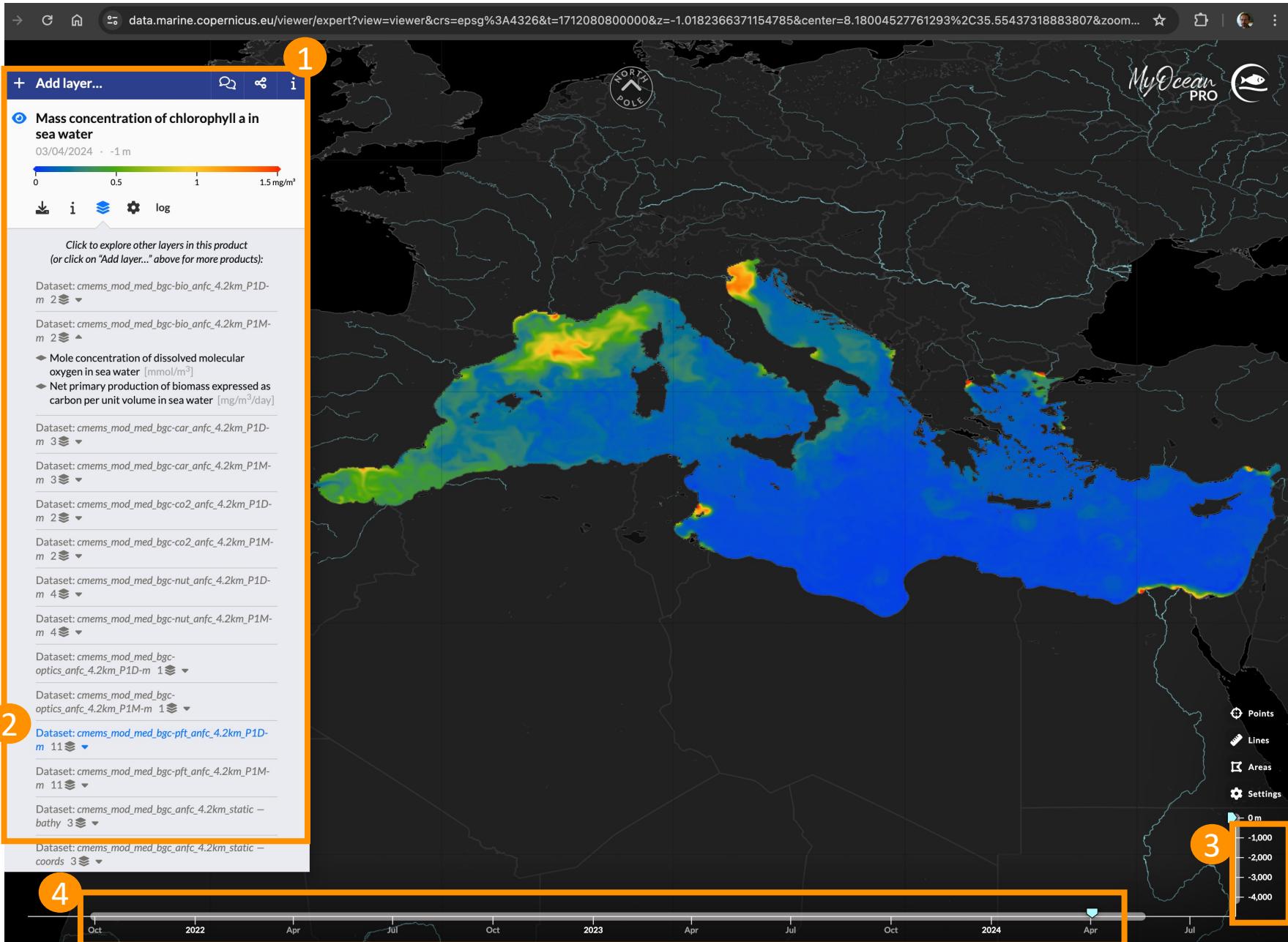
use **MyOcean viewer** (4) to plot variables

The screenshot shows the product page for the "Mediterranean Sea Biogeochemistry Analysis and Forecast". The top navigation bar includes links for Resources, News, Events, Contact, Log out (gcossarini1), a search bar, and a user menu. The main content area features the title "Mediterranean Sea Biogeochemistry Analysis and Forecast" with social sharing icons. Below the title is a breadcrumb navigation: Home > Marine Data Store > Product. On the left, a sidebar menu lists: Description (1), Notifications (2), Data access (3, updated), Contact, DOCUMENTATION (User Manual, Quality Information Document, Synthesis Quality Overview, Licence, How to cite), and DOI (10.25423/cmcc/medsea_analysisforecast_bgc_006_014_medbfm 4). The main content area has an "Overview" section describing the model's components and assimilation scheme, followed by a citation. To the right is a map of the Mediterranean Sea showing chlorophyll concentration, with depth contours and a color scale from 0 m to 4,000 m. A legend indicates "Settings" and a timeline from 2020 to 2024. At the bottom, a call-to-action button says "Explore in MyOcean Pro" with a number 4.

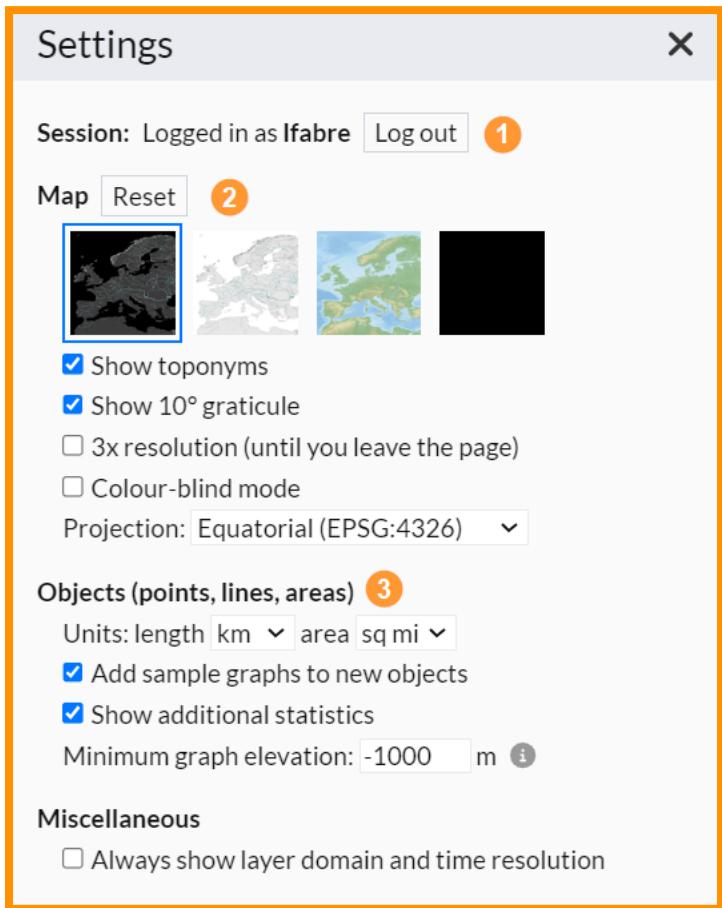
4. access to the list of all the datasets and variables you want to add on the map from the **layer panel**

the **layer menu** allows to select data and modify the appearance (1):

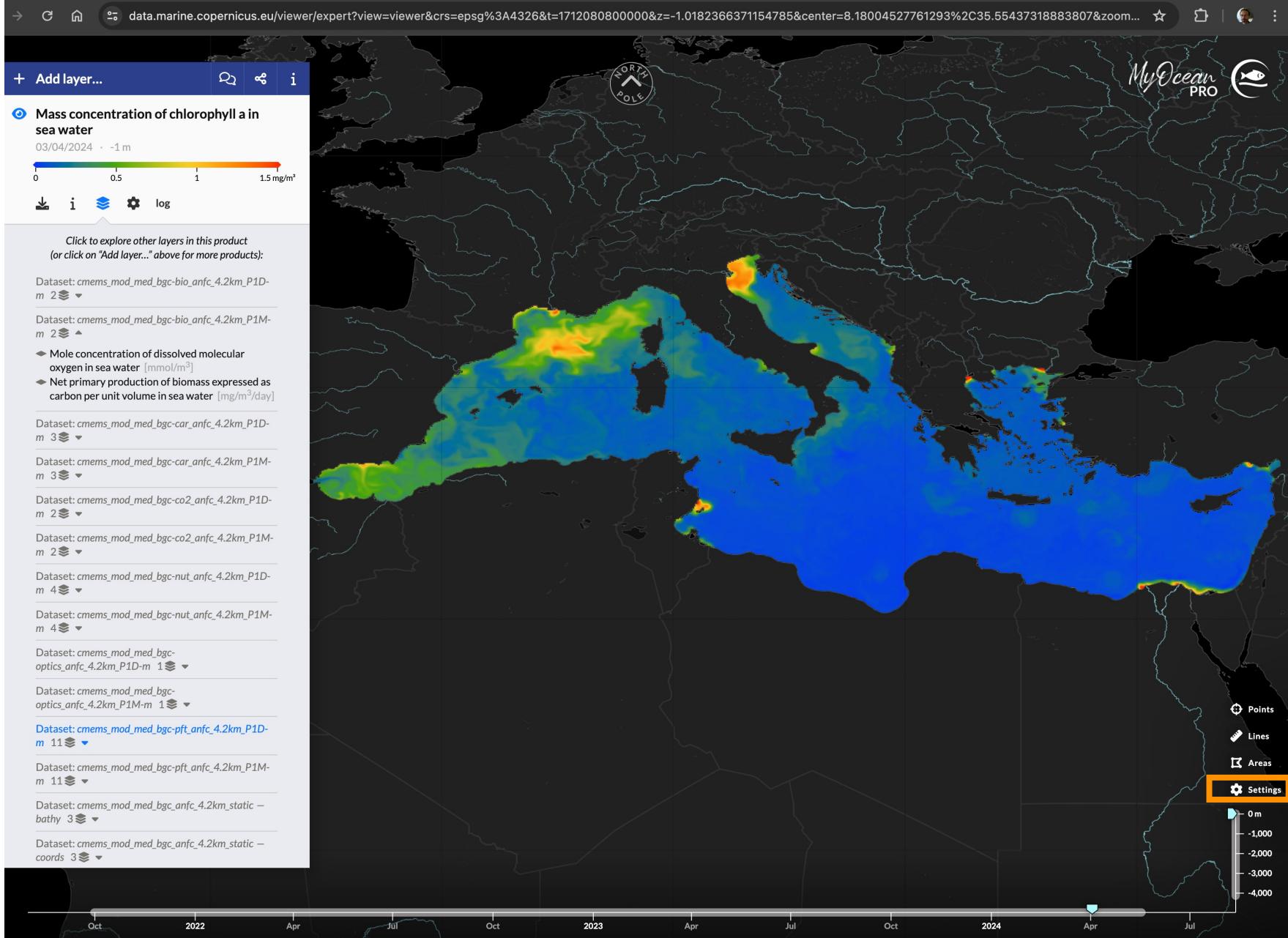
selecting **chlorophyll daily data** (2) and visualize the data according to a depth (3) and a date (4):



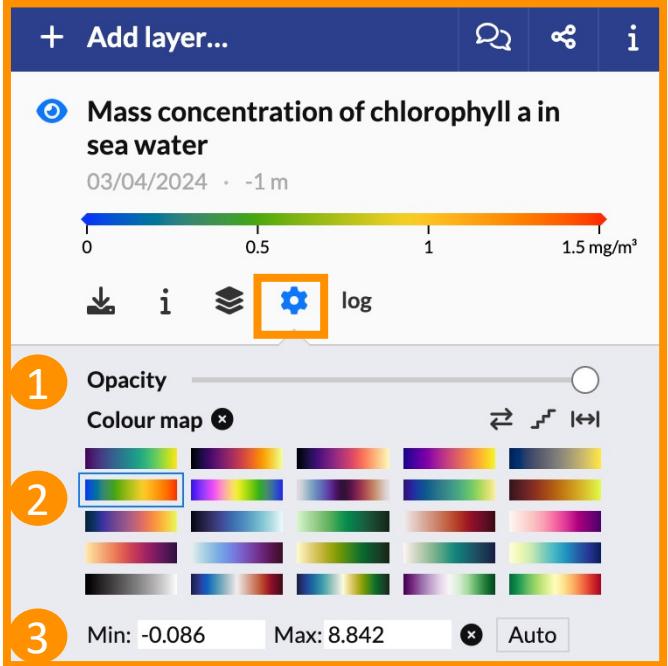
5. change setting of the map



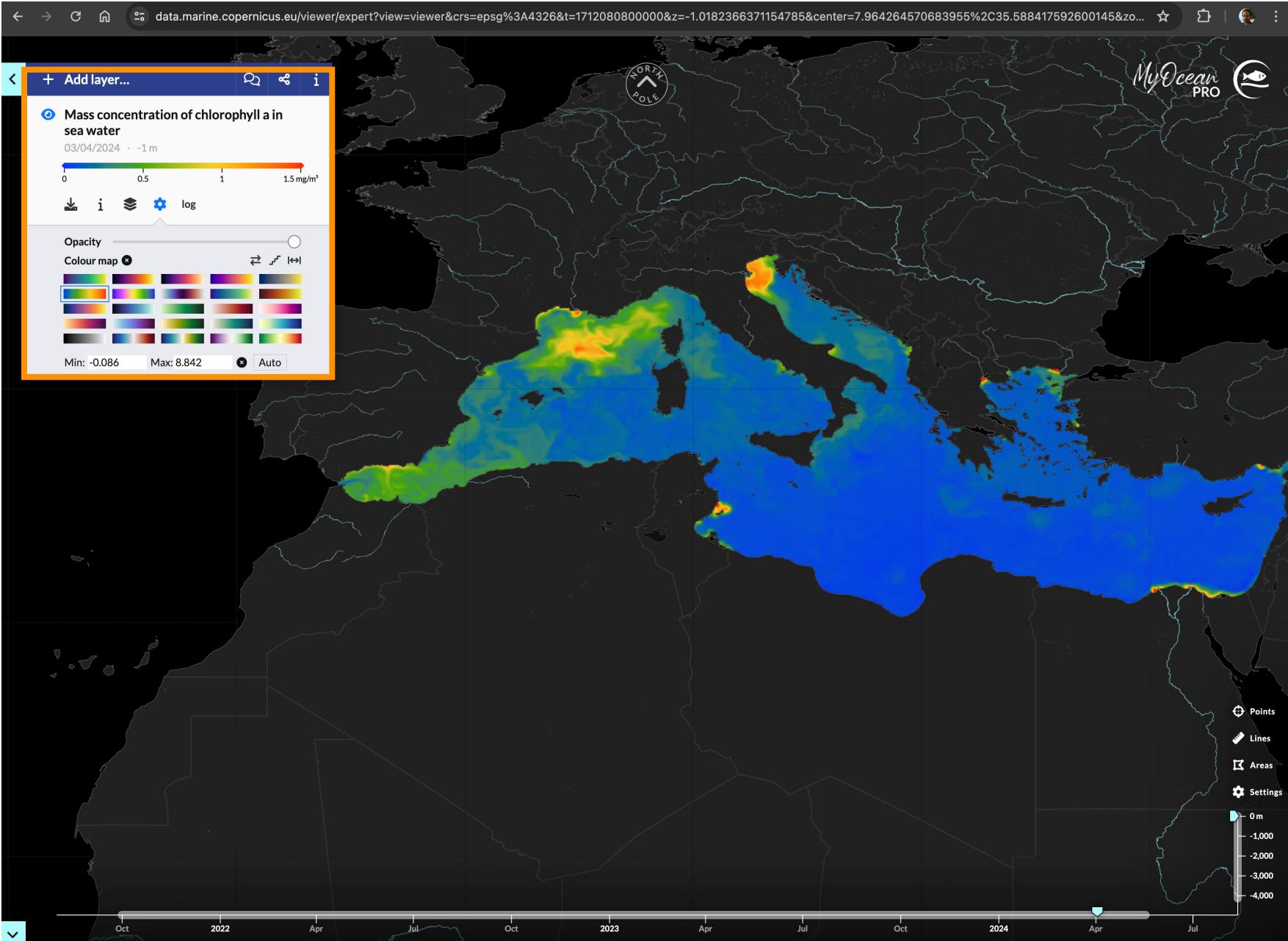
- login/logout to your Copernicus Marine account **(1)**
- change the map and projection settings **(2)**
- change object units **(3)**



6. in the layers panel, you can open the **layer configurations** by clicking on the gear icon



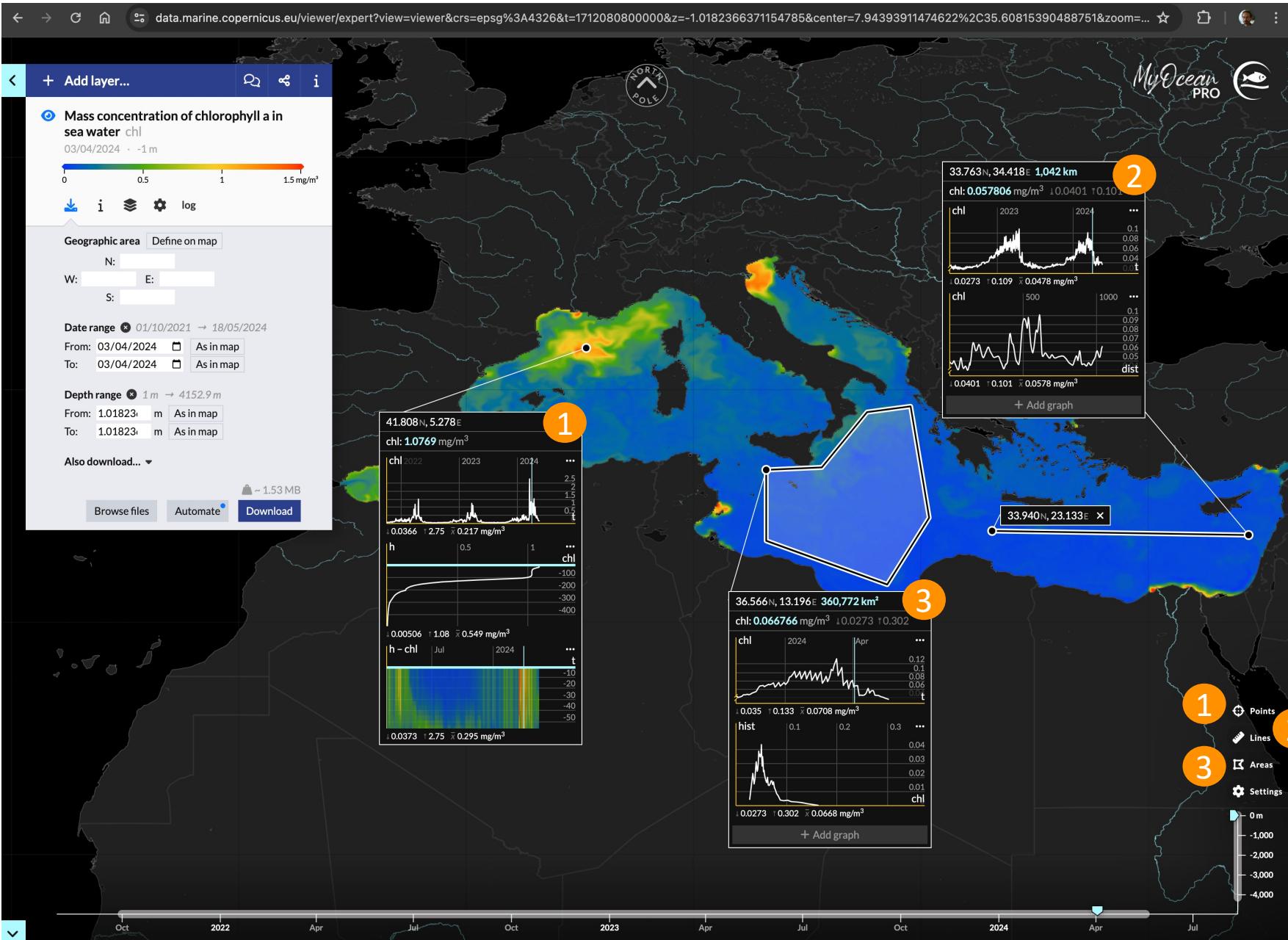
and change the **opacity (1)** of the layer, the **color map (2)** and the **minimum and maximum values** to consider (3)



7. Data exploration

add objects on the map:

- create time evolution, profile and ZT plots for a given **point (1)** in the map
- create time evolution and line plots for a transect using the **line object (2)**
- create a time evolution plot and a histogram of data frequency for a **geographic area of interest (3)**



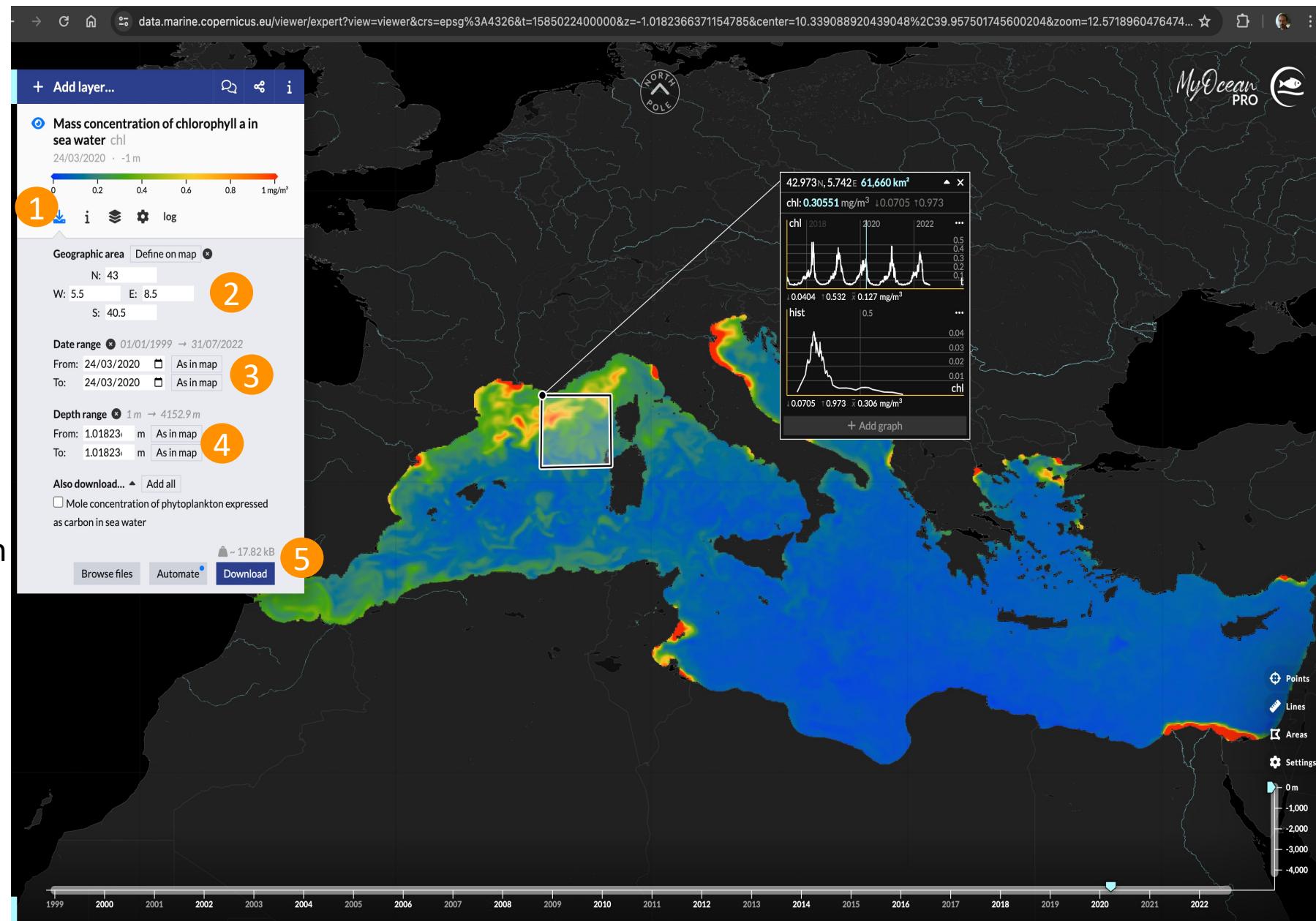
8. download data from the viewer

The **download icon (1)** allows you to define the request parameters in order to download a subset:

- geographic area **(2)**: it can be selected manually or through “define on map”
- temporal range **(3)**
- depth range **(4)**

Three download options:

- download the selected data **(5)** with indication of its size (limit 1Gb)



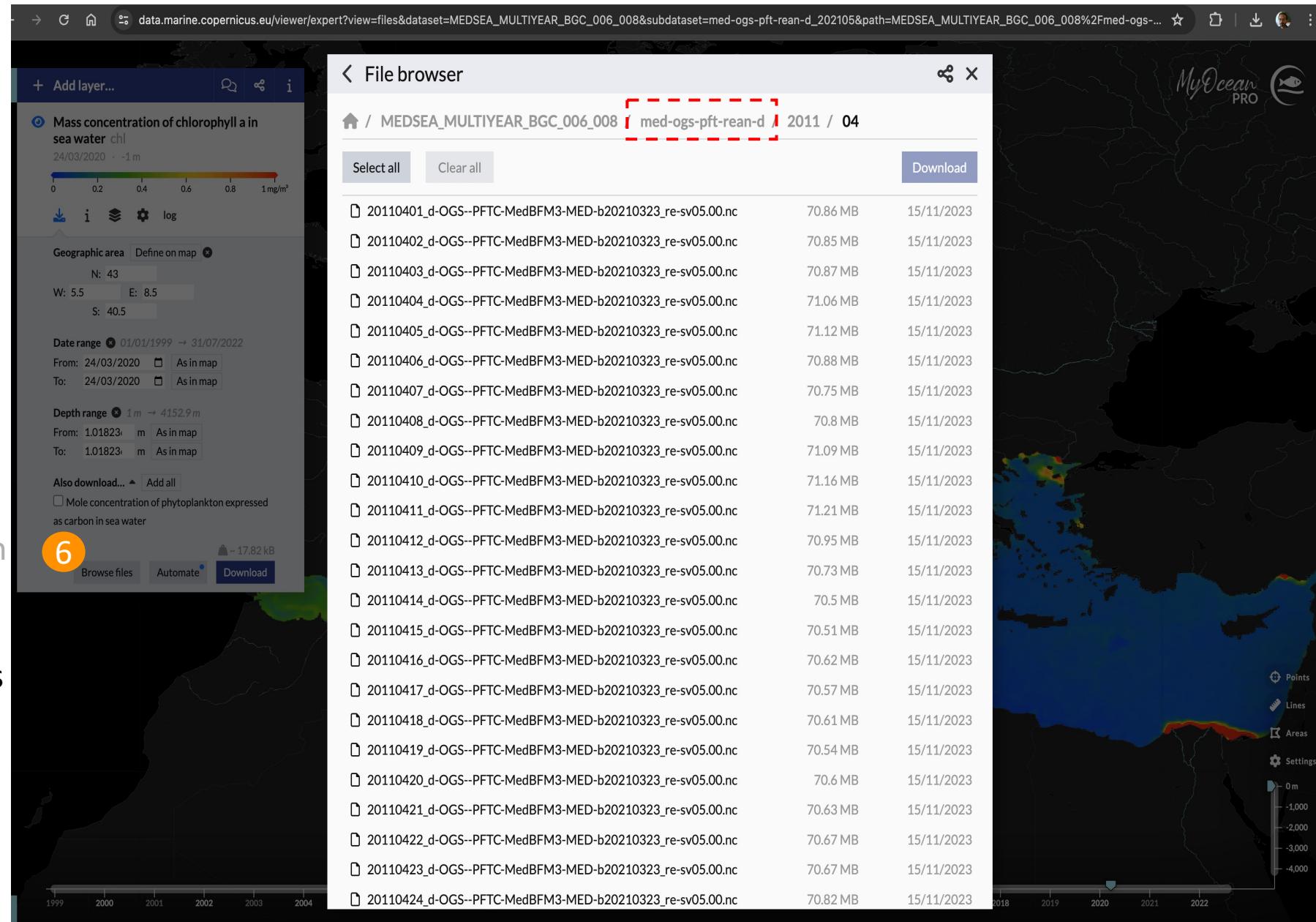
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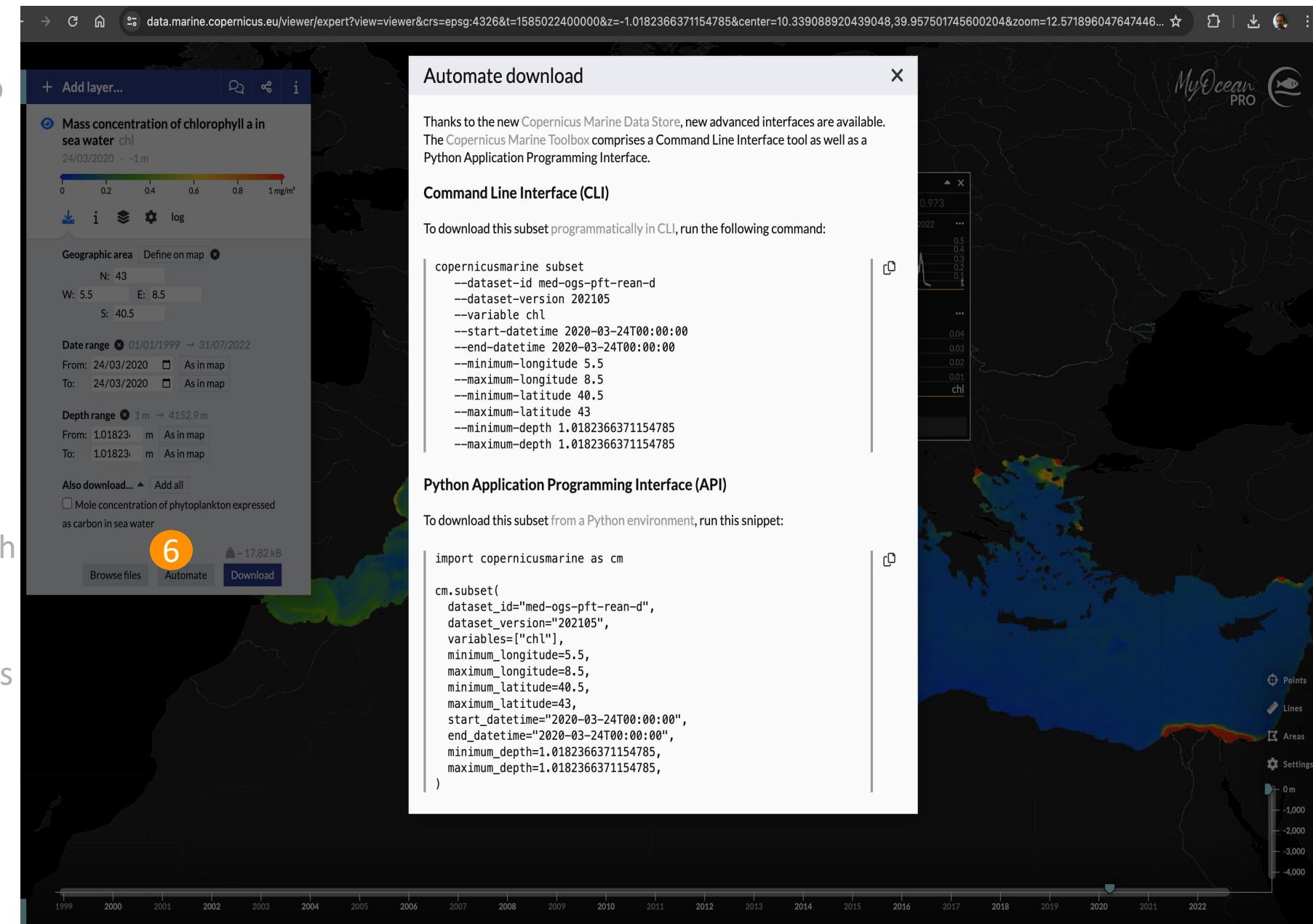
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- by clicking on Automate (7), you can display the CLI and Python command lines of the Copernicus Marine Toolbox request [next lecture]





Take home messages:

- many overlapping products in the Marine Copernicus catalogue
- fit-for-purpose of products
- myocean viewer as an exploratory tool to dive into products
- documentation in an essential part for an informed and effective use of free and open data

thank you

