





La synthèse des connaissances sur la biodiversité : introduction aux méta-analyses et revues systématiques – 2024

Recherche de littérature : Bases de données & Equation de recherche

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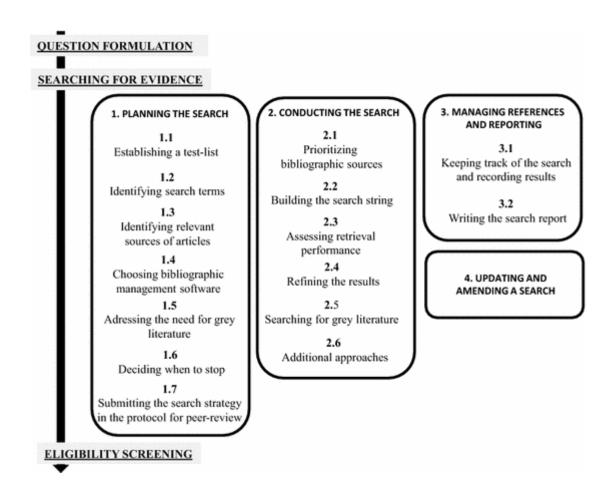
The search strategy

The goal:

Find the relevant bibliographic references!

The search strategy:

- 1. The search string
- 2. The bibliographic sources
- 3. The test-list



A guide to the planning, conduct, management and reporting of the searching phase of systematic reviews and systematic maps (after Livoreil et al. 2017).

https://environmentalevidence.org/information-for-authors/4-conducting-a-search/

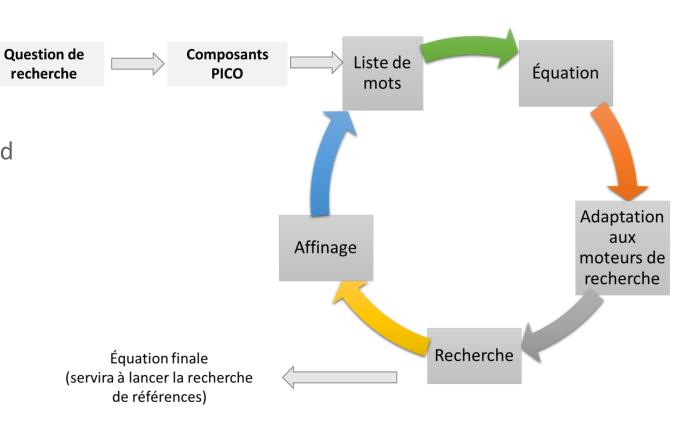




The search strategy

Starting with the research questions Define the search string

search terms encompasses individual or compound words used in a search to find relevant articlessearch string is a combination of search terms combined using Boolean operators







PICO/PECO elements (Richardson et al. 1995)

Population: effect on what?

Intervention / Exposure : effect of what ?

Comparator: compared to what? to what reference?

Outcome: effect measured by what?

(Context: what type of study?)

Question element	Definition			
Population (of subjects)	Unit of study (e.g. ecosystem, species) that should be defined in terms of the statistical populations of subject(s) to which the intervention will be applied.			
Intervention/exposure	Proposed management regime, policy, action or the environmental variable to which the subject populations are exposed.			
Comparator	Either a control with no intervention/exposure or an alternative intervention or a counterfactual scenario.			
Outcome	All relevant outcomes from the proposed intervention or environmental exposure that can be reliably measured			







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My PICO

Any unplanned/uncultivated taxon

Any agricultural practice

Agricultural witness or natural environment of ref.

Effect-size representing a biodiv metric.

Meta-analyses only







Establish the list of words that will be used to construct the search equation

My search terms

biodiversity, soil fauna, birds, butterflies

tillage, fertilization, pesticides

croplands, forest

species richness, biomass, Shannon's entertainment

meta-analyses



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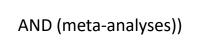
My search string

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AND (tillage OR fertilizers OR pesticides)

AND (croplands OR forest)

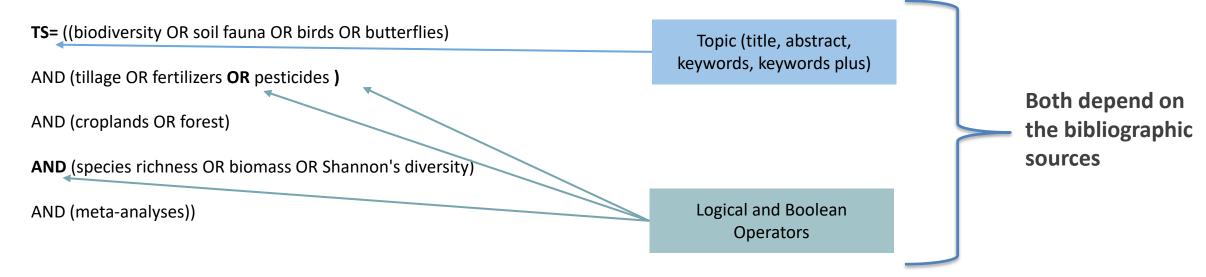
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Exact Expression

"soil fauna"

Truncations

pesticide*, pesticide\$

Exclusion

NOT (medical science OR economics)

Thematic

soil fauna OR (earthworms OR spiders OR collembola OR springtails)

Beware of database variations in the search equation!!!

- Some use a different language for searching
- For example, \$ instead of *.
- Additional options (inside or nearby)

- Help files are useful!
- Check the options
- Seek specialist help if necessary
- SAVE EVERYTHING







Test the search string

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200 results is not enough! 20,000 results is too much! Refinement needed...







Refine the search string

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Iterative process that can (must?) be long

Ex: Foo et al. (2021)

Add inclusion terms 2
4,360 results

Edit inclusion term 3
493 results

Add inclusion terms 4
2,489 results

Change inclusion term 5
1,819 results

Delete

1,155 results

Add inclusion

1,429 results

Add exclusion

1,141 results

Initial search string

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Pilot 100 papers to check hit rate. 6% hit rate. Continue refining.

Final search string TS = ((("terminal investment" OR "reproductive effort" OR "fecundity compensation" OR "reproductive compensation" OR "reproductive investment" OR "reproductive success" OR "Ife History Trade-Off*" OR "Phenotypic* Plastic*" OR "pre-copulatory NEAR/5 trait*" OR "sexual NEAR/5 was never a "sexual NEAR/5 trait*" OR "ejaculate quality" OR "sperm quality" OR "mating effort" OR "parental care") AND ("immune challeng*" OR "immunochalleng*" OR "infect*" OR lipopolysaccharide OR Ips OR phytohemagglutinin OR pha OR "sheep red blood cells" OR srbc OR implant* OR vaccin* OR nylon OR sephadex)) NOT (load OR human OR people OR men OR women OR infant* OR rat OR rats OR mouse OR mice OR pig* OR pork OR beef OR cattle OR sheep OR lamb* OR chicken* OR calf* OR norse* OR infective))

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Bibliographic sources capture any source of references, including electronic bibliographic databases, those sources which would not be classified as databases (e.g. the Internet via search engines), hand searched journals, and personal contacts.

- Bibliographic
- eg WoS, Scopus, Pubmed
- Web search tools
- eg Google, Google Scholar
- Grey literature sources
- Organizational websites
- Thesis repositories





WEB OF SCIENCE















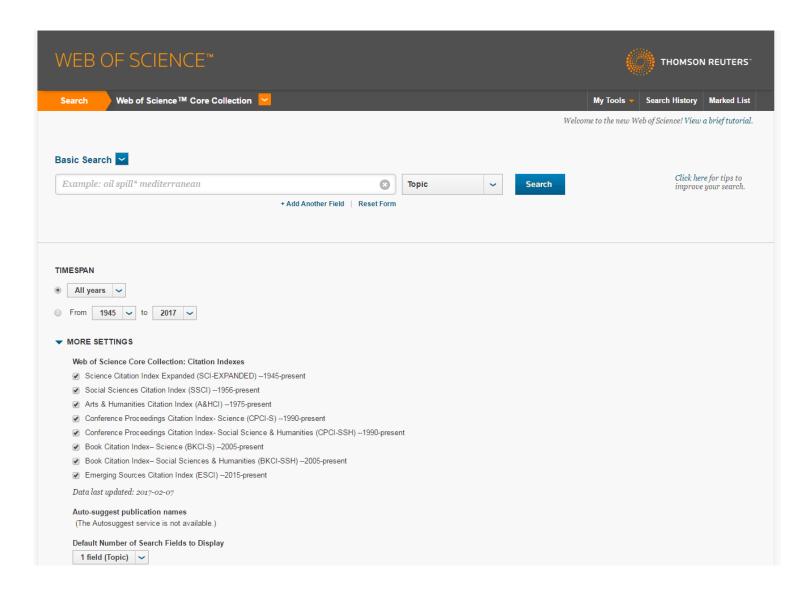


Bibliographic databases

- Web of Science
- Scopus
- Agricola
- AGRIS (FAO)
- Academic Search Premier
- Biological Abstracts
- CAB Abstracts
- etc.

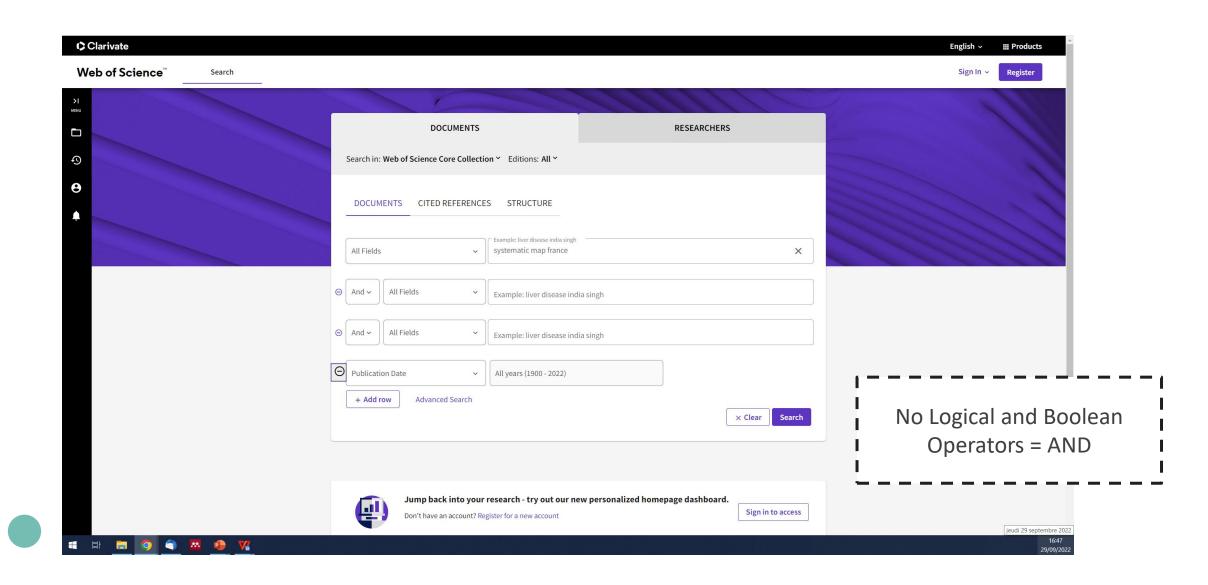






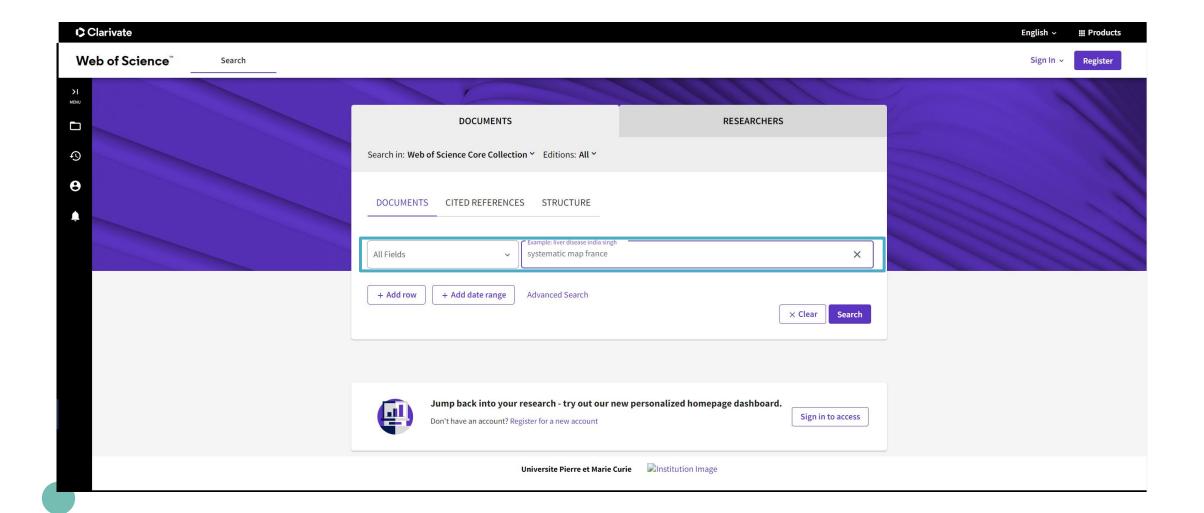


https://www.webofscience.com/wos/woscc/basic-search



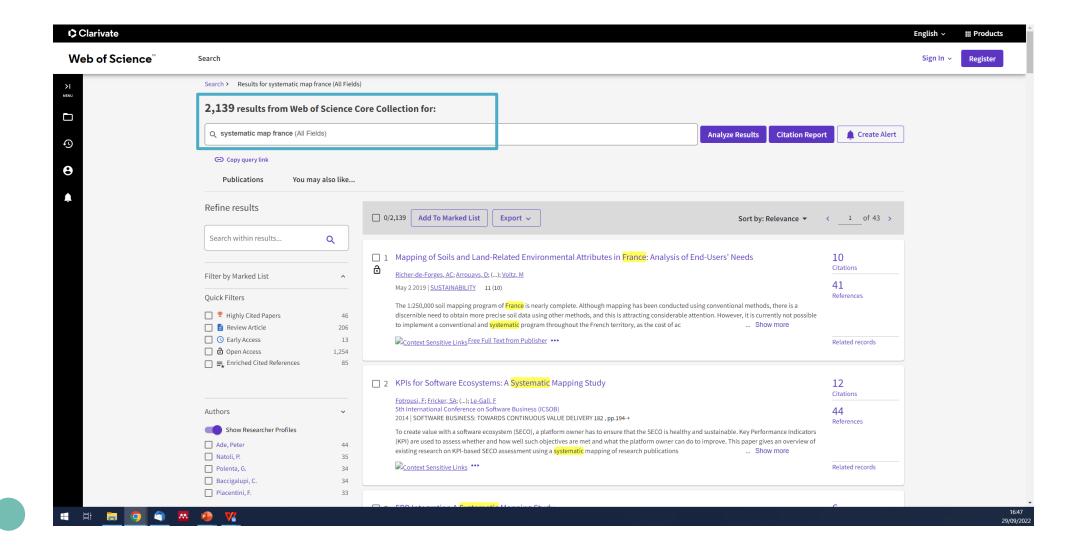






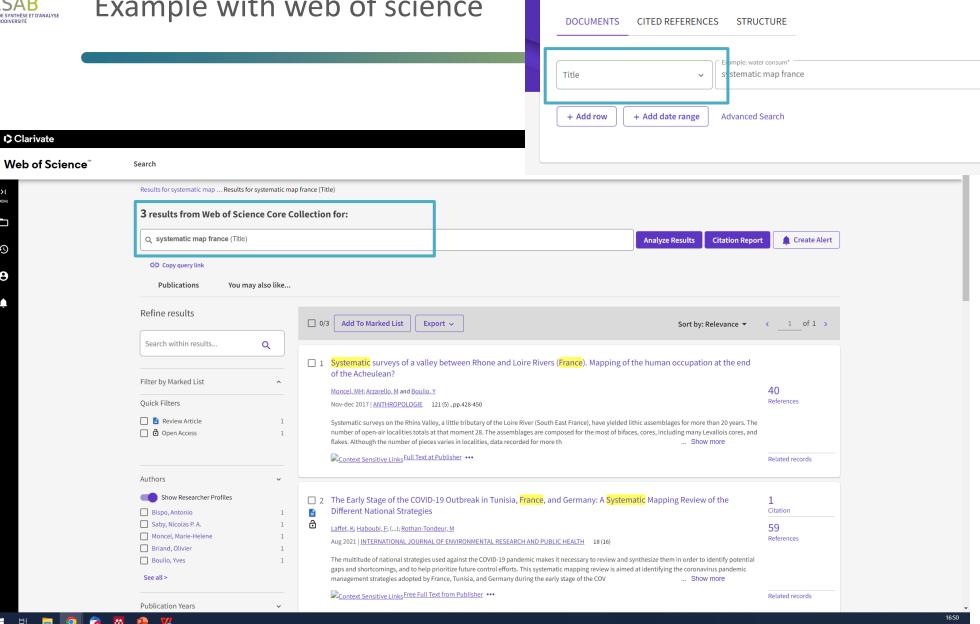










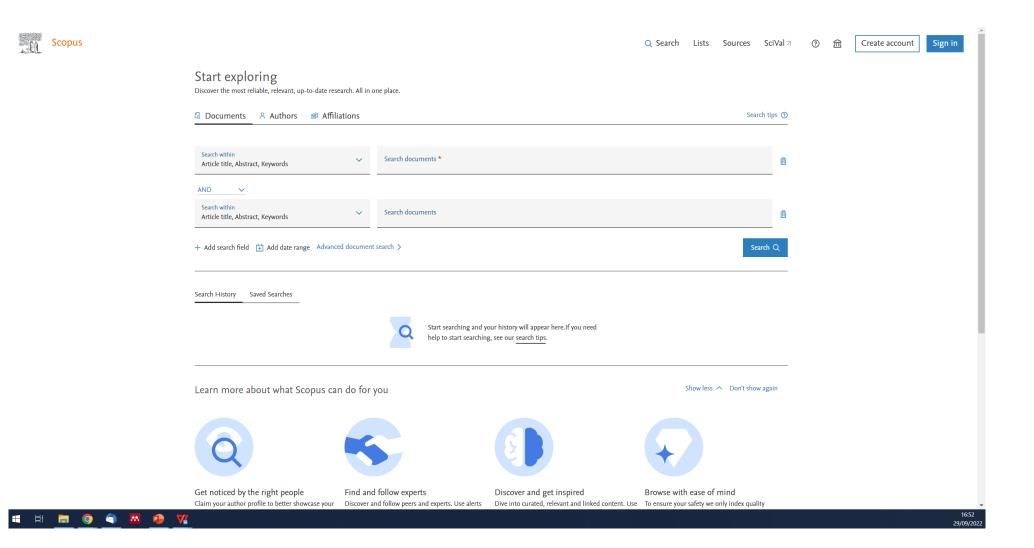


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Example with Scopus







Web search tools

- Google
- Ecosia
- Bing
- DuckDuck Go

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!!! Depend of connection parameters!!!!





Grey literature sources

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How to find them?

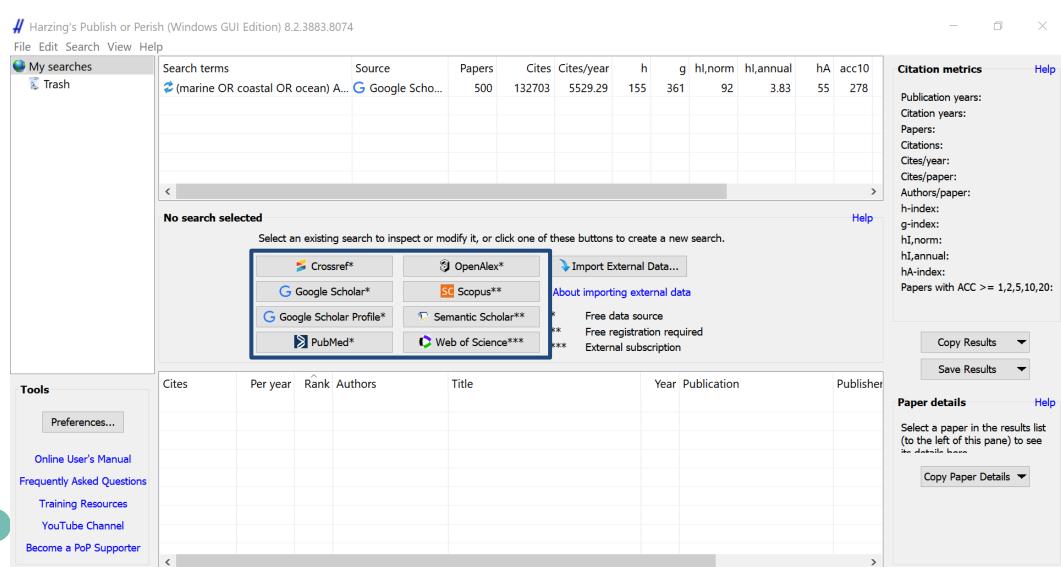
- Calls for evidence (social media, networks)
 - Thesis databases (eg eThOS)
 - Google Scholar, Google
 - Pre-print servers (eg ArchivX)
 - Organizational websites





Example with Publish or Perish



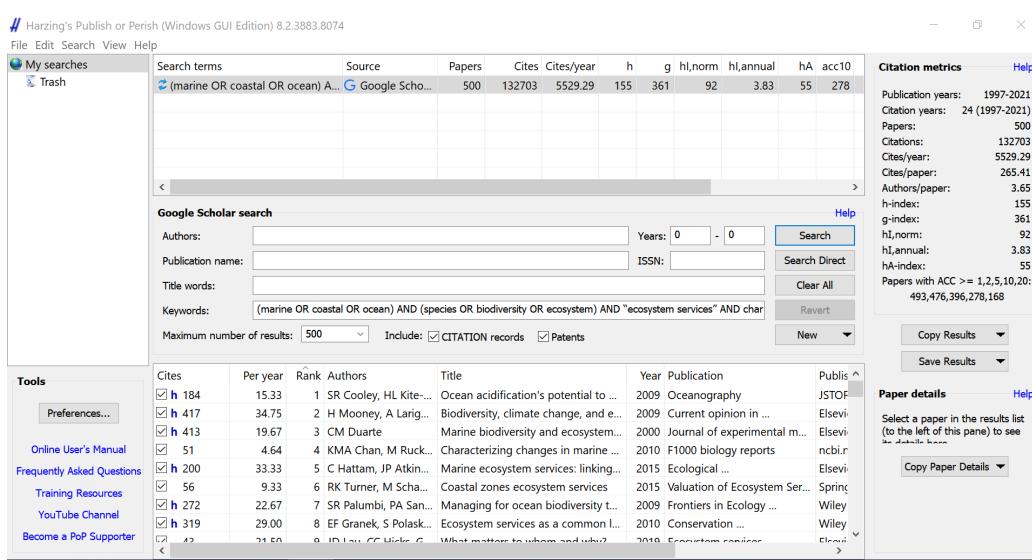






Example with Publish or Perish









Example of search strings depending on the bibliographic sources

	Name	Search field	Search string	Search hits	Date of search (DD/MM/YYYY)
LITERATURE DATABASES	Web of science	TS	((marine OR coast* OR ocean OR sea OR littoral OR maritime) AND (species OR biodiversity OR ecosystem OR ecological) AND ("ecosystem service\$" OR "contribution to people" OR "ecosystem function\$" OR "ecosystem	17329	20/07/2021
	Scopus	TITLE-ABS-KEY	process" OR "landscape service\$" OR disservice\$ OR "provisioning service\$" OR ((provision OR production OR exploitation) AND (food OR fisher* OR macroalgae\$ OR molecules)) OR "biomass for nutrition" OR "biomass for materials" OR "genetic materials" OR "raw materials" OR "maintain* food webs" OR "life cycle maintenance and habitat protection" OR "habitat provision" OR "nursery function" OR "regulation service\$" OR "climate regulation" OR "carbon sequestration" OR "weather regulation" OR "atmospheric composition and conditions" OR "air quality regulation" OR "coastal protection" OR "water retention" OR "nutrient regulation" OR "nutrient cycling" OR "pathogen regulation" OR "pest and disease control" OR "mediation of waste" OR "mediation of mass" OR "cultural service\$" OR "intellectual interaction" OR "physical interaction" OR "experiential interaction\$" OR tourism OR recreation OR amenity OR aesthetic OR heritage OR symbolic OR "cognitive effect\$" OR "knowledge production" OR education) AND (dynamic\$ OR impact\$ OR effect\$ OR variation\$ OR interaction\$ OR evolution OR change\$)).	24051	20/07/2021
ONLINE SEARCH ENGINE	Google Scholar	keywords	(marine OR coastal OR ocean) AND (species OR biodiversity OR ecosystem) AND "ecosystem services" AND change	300	22/07/2021
	FAO	Language: "English"	fishery	50	27/08/2021
ORGANIZATIONAL WEBSITES	UNESCO	Filter: language: "English" - source: "UNESCO" - AuthoCorporate-en-s: "Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission" - nature of content: "guide" AND "manuals and handbooks"	marine ecosystem service	50	19/08/2021
	UNEP	Filters: "Reports and publications" AND "Publication" AND "Report", "Ecosystems and biodiversity" AND "oceans and seas"	marine ecosystem service	50	19/08/2021
	US NOAA		ecosystem service	15	19/08/2021
	EEA		marine ecosystem service	7	19/08/2021
	IUCN		ecosystem service	32	27/08/2021

Ex: Campagne et al. (2023)





The test list

<u>Test-list</u>: studies that you wish to include in your systematic review and which you know meet the inclusion criteria.

- → Discuss the list (involve partners/co-authors/colleagues) to construct it and then consolidate it
- → Extract metadata
- → Order of magnitude, ca. 30 items

Interest: verify the capacity of a research equation to capture studies corresponding to the aim of our systematic review.

→ Calculate the miss rate = the % of items belonging to the test list not captured by the equation

It must be minimized, ie the equation must approach 100% of the captured test-list... Refinement possible.





The test list

Example of test list

Campagne et al. (2023)

DOI	References			Retrieved	Retrieved	Retrieved by google
501	Kererences			by WOS	by Scopus	scholar
10.3389/fevc	Belgrano et a	Mapping and evaluating marine $\boldsymbol{\rho}$	1	oui		
10.3389/fma	Cavanagh et	Future risk for Southern Ocean Eq	2	oui		
10.3354/mer	Cheung, W.W	Application of macroecological th	3	oui		
10.1093/ices	Cheung, W.W	Integrating ecophysiology and pla	4	non	oui	
10.1016/j.glo	Cinner et al.	Vulnerability of coastal communi	5	oui		
10.1016/j.ecc	Cook et al. (2	Towards marine ecosystem based	6	oui		
10.5670/ocea	Cooley et al.	Ocean acidification's potential to	7	oui		
10.1088/174	Cooley, S.R. a	Anticipating ocean acidification's	8	oui		
10.1111/gcb.	Fernandes, J.	Modelling the effects of climate of	9	oui		
10.1007/978	Marcos et al.	Reviewing the ecosystem service:	10	oui		
10.1002/lno.	Orcutt et al. (Impacts of deep-sea mining on m	11	oui		
10.1890/070	Palumbi, S.R.	Managing for ocean biodiversity t	12	oui		
10.1007/s111	Roessig et al.	Effects of global climate change c	13	non	non	non
10.1016/j.jnc	Roncin, N., A	Uses of ecosystem services provide	14	oui		
10.1126/scie	Worm B., E.B	Impacts of biodiversity loss on oc	15	oui		
10.1016/j.oce	Kermagoret,	How does eutrophication impact	16	oui		
10.17159/saj	Arabi, S., Nah	Impacts of marine plastic on ecos	17	oui		
10.2307/234	Depellegrin, I	Integrating ecosystem service val	18	oui		
10.1016/j.ecc	Broszeit, S., B	What can indicators of good envi	19	oui		
10.1371/jour	Pendleton, L.	Estimating global "Blue Carbon" ϵ	20	oui		
10.1042/ETLS	Hall-Spencer,	Ocean acidification impacts on co	21	oui		
10.1016/j.ma	Potts, T., Bur	Do marine protected areas delive	22	oui		
10.1016/j.jen	Lemasson, A.	Linking the biological impacts of c	23	oui		
10.3389/fma	Pouso, S., Bo	An Interdisciplinary Approach for	24	oui		
10.1016/j.oc	Song, J., Zhar	Changes in ecosystem services va	25	oui		
10.1016/j.en	Yim, J., Kwon	Analysis of forty years long chang	26	oui		
http://www.	Hicks, C.C., N	Trade-offs in values assigned to e	27	oui		
10.1016/B97	Leenhardt, P.	The Role of Marine Protected Are	28	NOT in WoS	non	oui
10.1007/s101	Selim, S.A., B	Direct and indirect effects of clim	29	NOT in WoS	oui	
10.3391/ai.20	Katsanevakis	Impacts of invasive alien species	30	NOT in WoS	oui	
				25 out of 30	28 out of 30	29 out of 30
				83,3%	93,3%	96,7%
				Only in WOS		
				25 out of 27		
				92,6%		





The search strategy

Complementary measures of the efficiency of the equation

- *Miss-rate*: thanks to the test-list, must be minimized
- Hit-rate: Percentage of relevant articles, calculated on a sample (for example, on 100 randomly selected results)
 - \rightarrow aim for at least 10%
- *Number of results*: Aim for between 1000 and 3000.

Adapt depending on the search engine used and/or the strategy employed.







Thank you for your attention !!!

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