

Marine Genetic Resources in Patent Data

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Analytics

Image: Available GBIF coordinates for 3,432 marine species appearing in patent data

The Problem of Scale

- Patents provide a window into human innovations involving biodiversity but present challenges of scale;
- An estimated +1.2 million accepted species and 8.7 million predicted species (+/-1.3 million) (Mora 2011). 219,714 marine accepted species in WoRMS;
- Over 60 million patent documents in multiple languages;
- Digital data in the form of taxonomic databases (GBIF) and electronic patent data provide a means to map and monitor activity involving marine biodiversity;

Mora et al (2011) How Many Species are There on the Earth and in The Ocean? PLoS Biology.

GBIF is the key international data depository for taxonomic data and linked to the CoL and EOL

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Access 396,026,747 data records (345,561,101 with coordinates) shared via the GBIF network.

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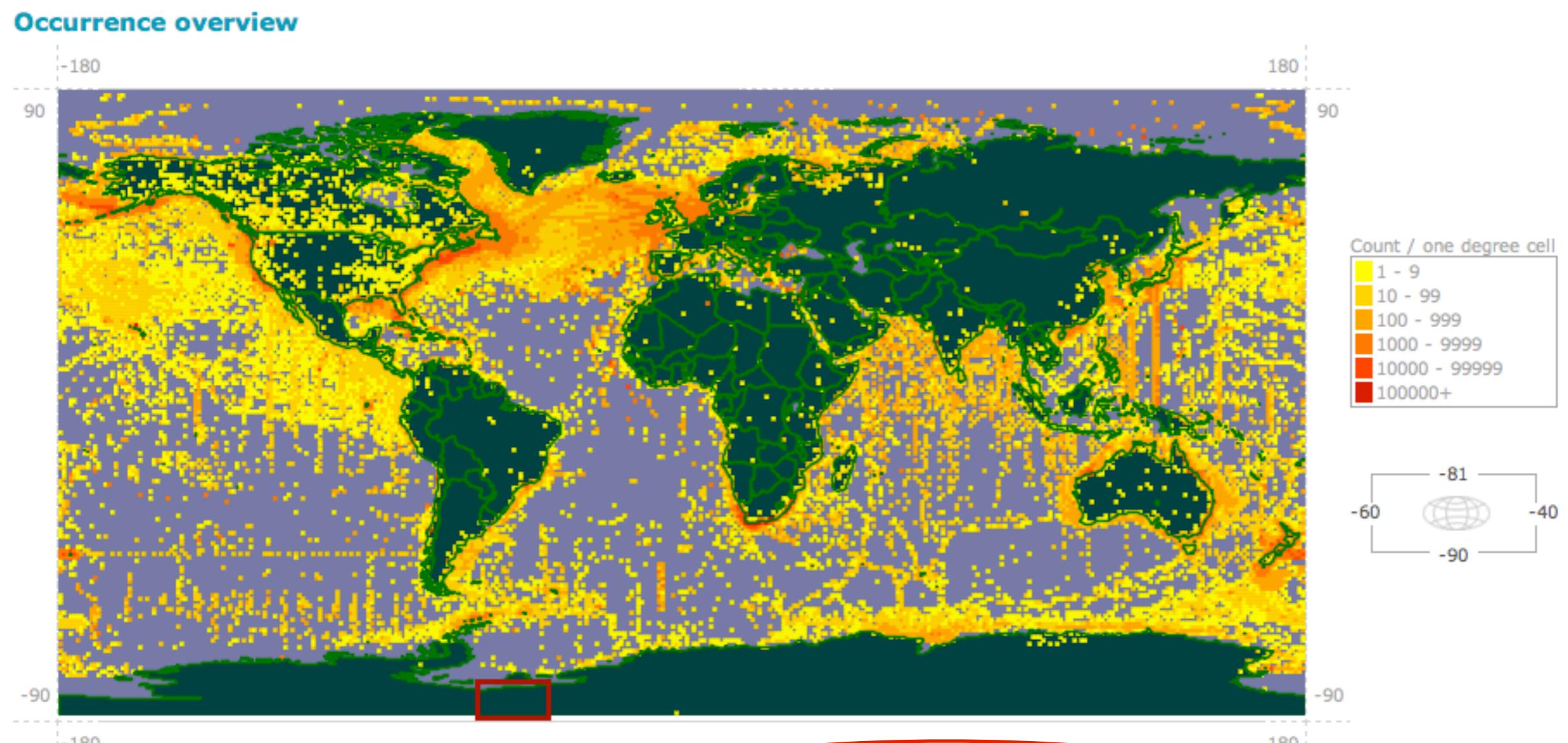
Data Network: Ocean Biogeographic Information System

Actions for Ocean Biogeographic Information System

Explore: Occurrences

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Marine data from
OBIS. Provides
access to
geographical
occurrences



This map only shows records with coordinates (11,764,053 records from a total of 11,849,451 records).

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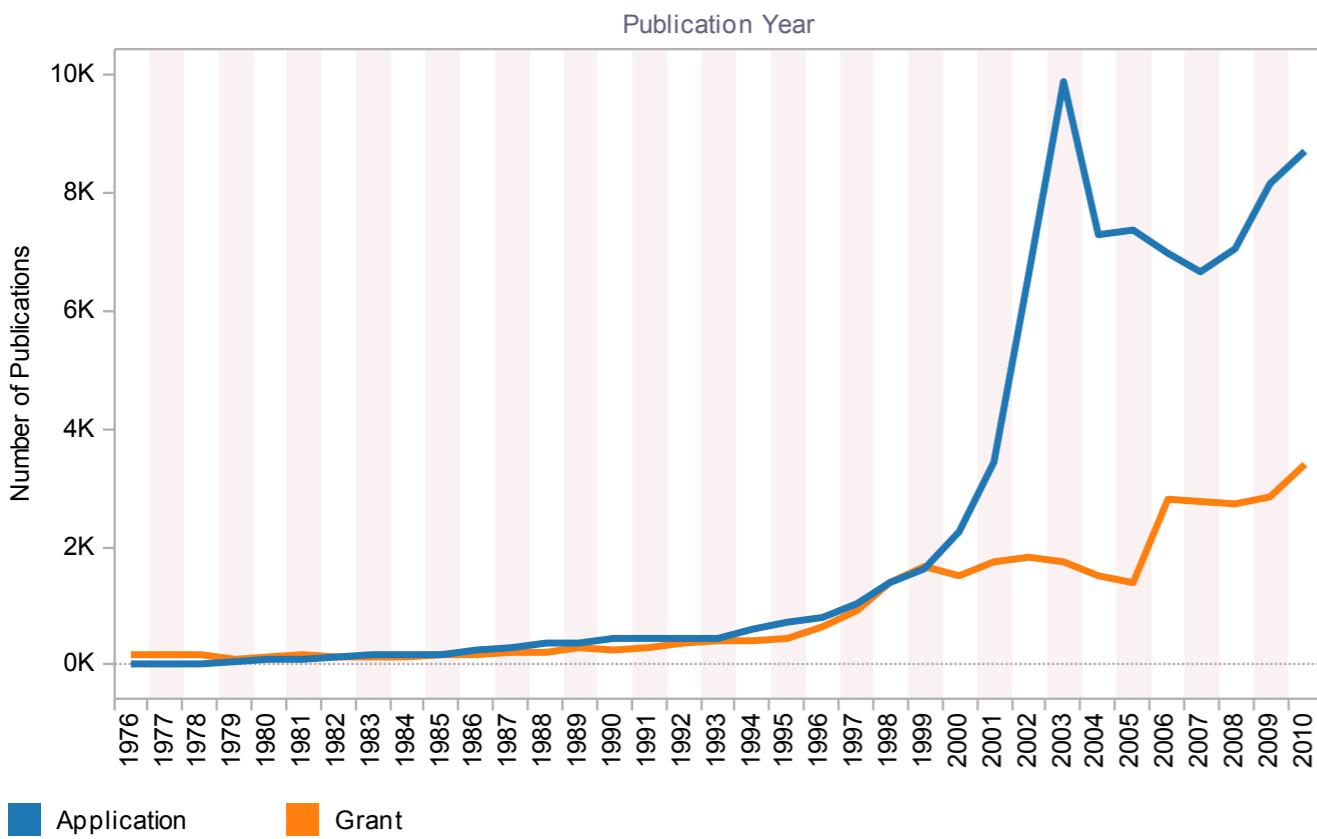
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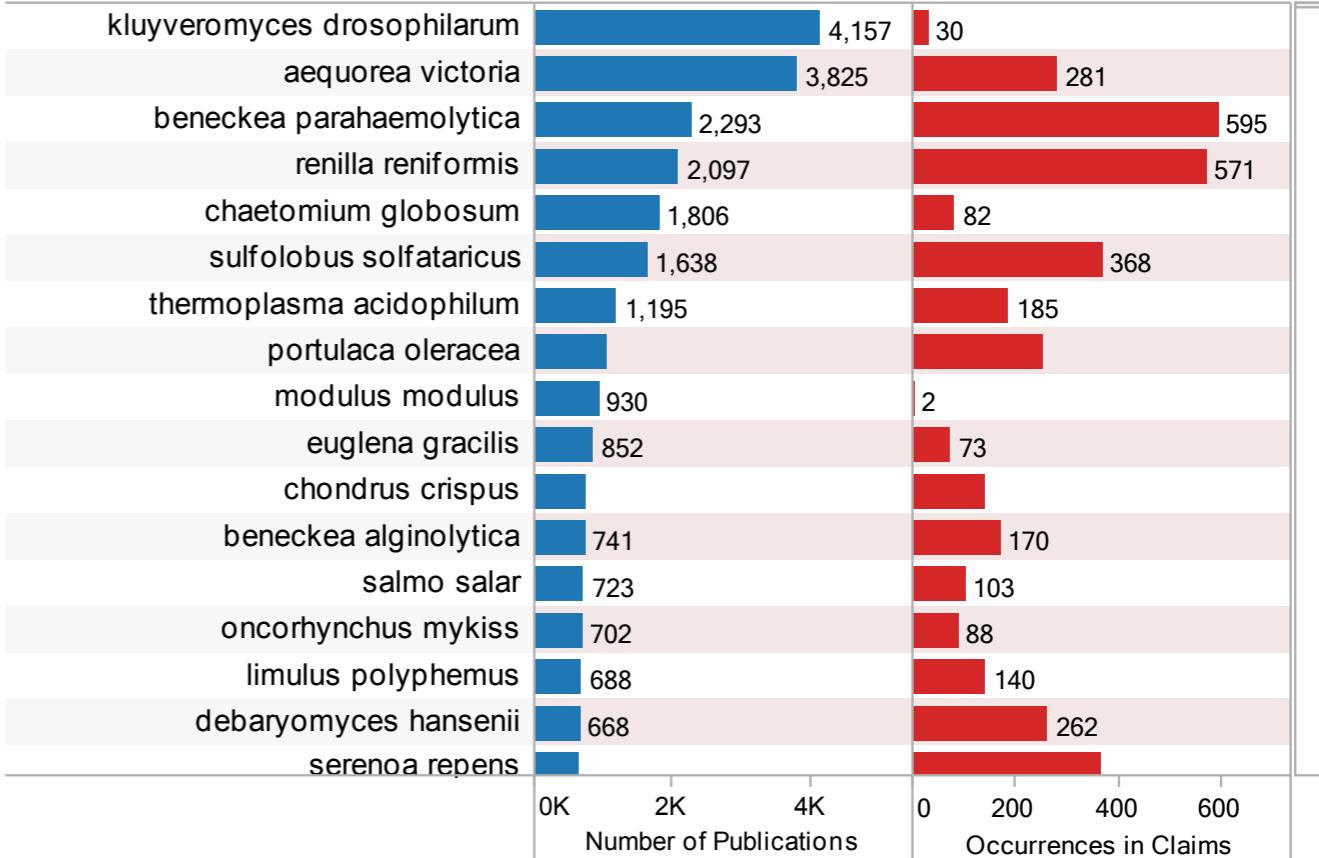
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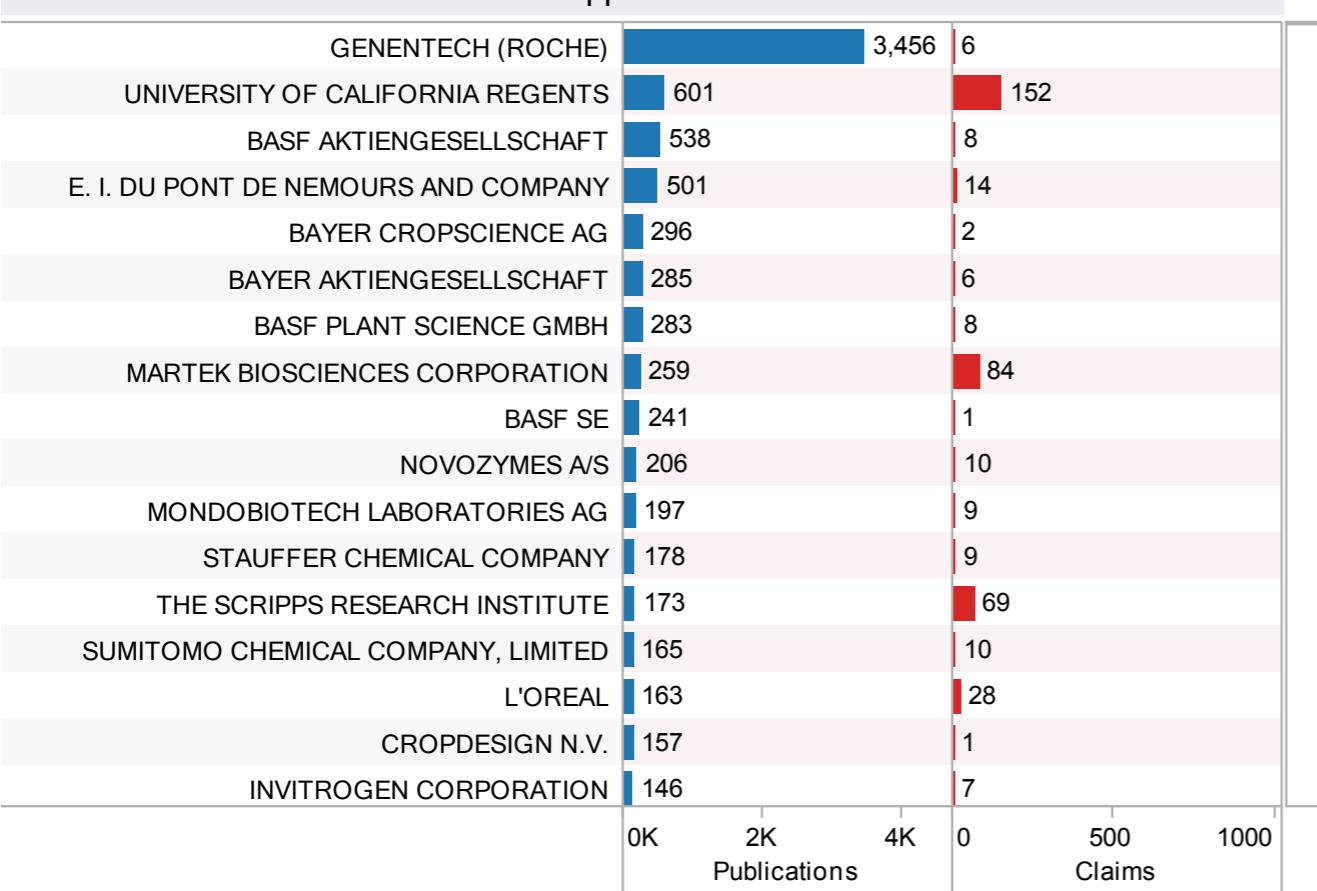
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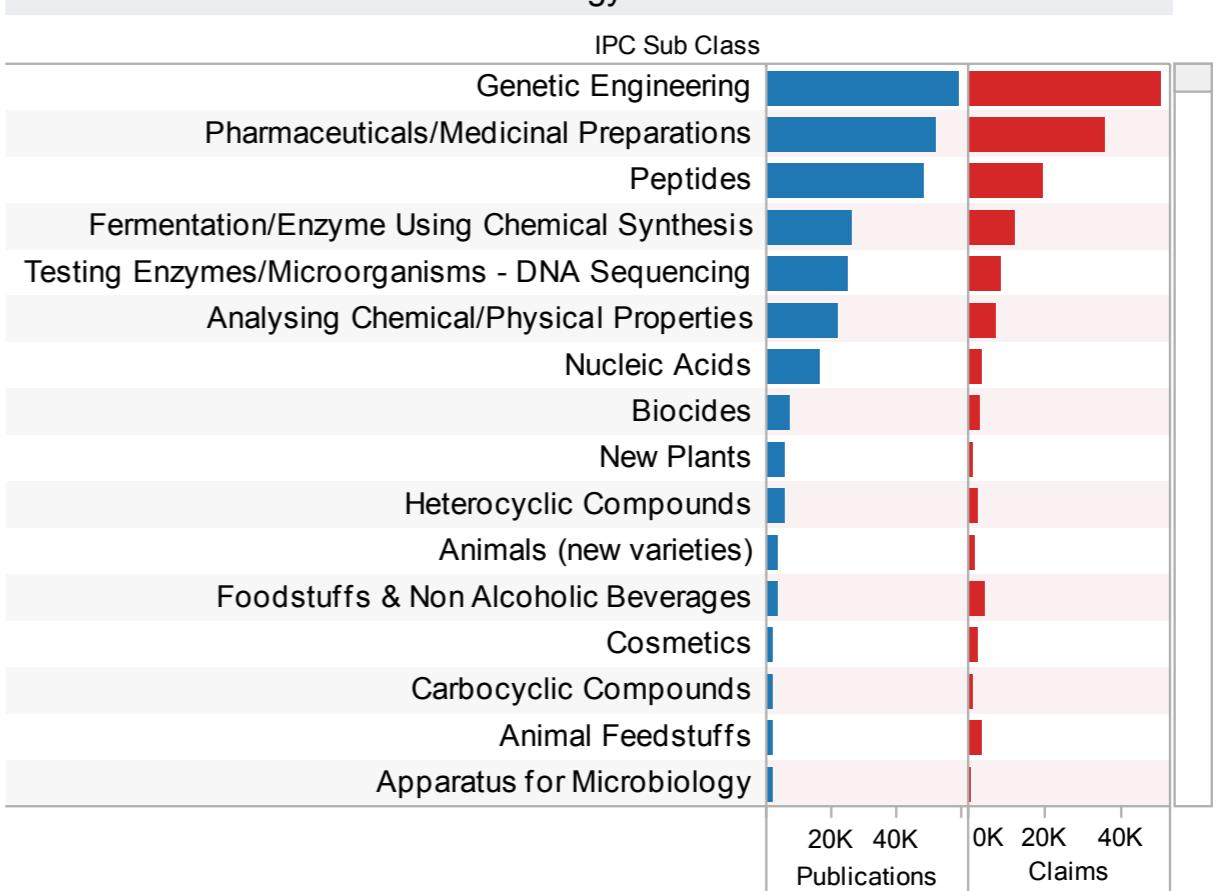
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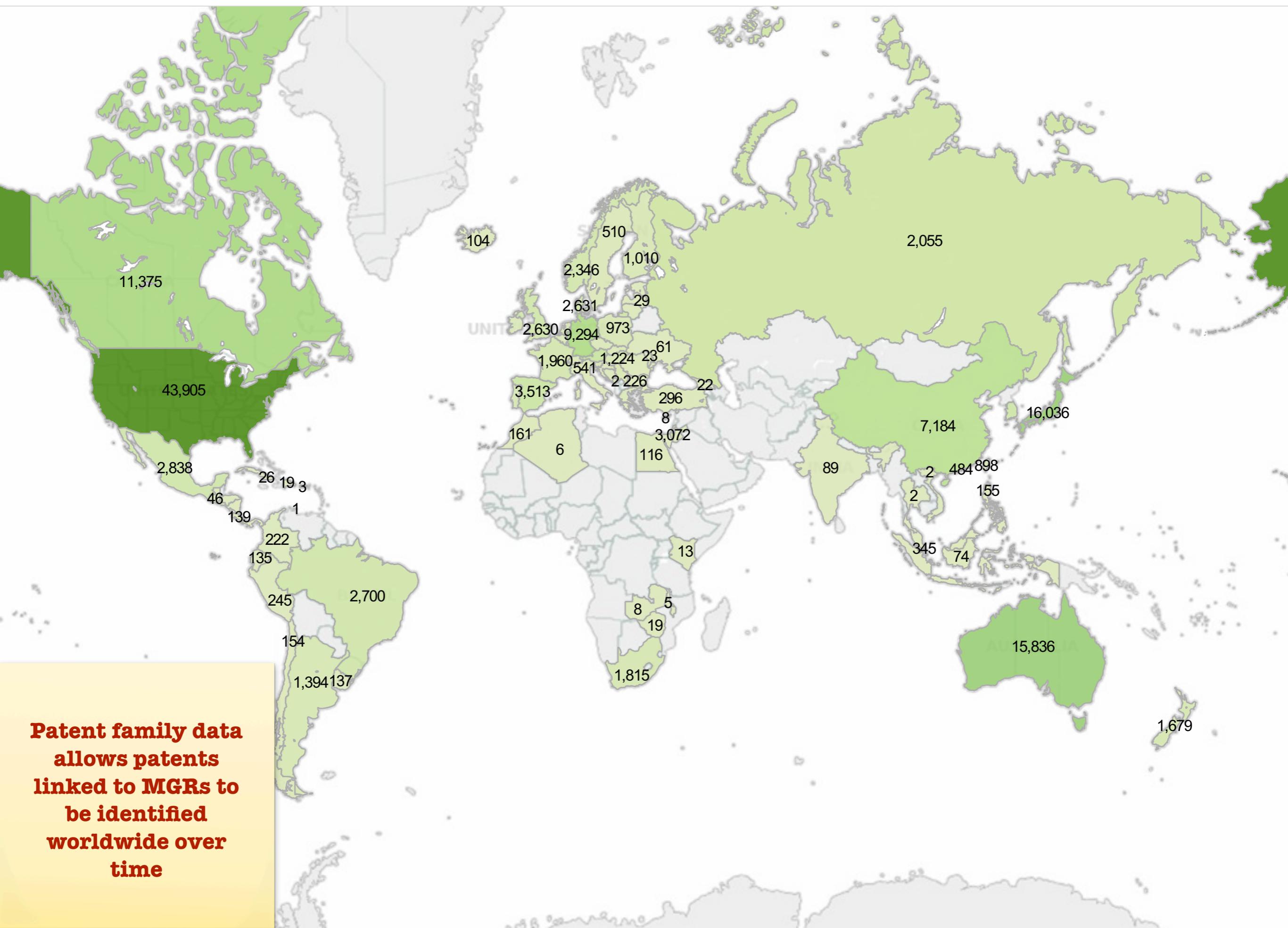
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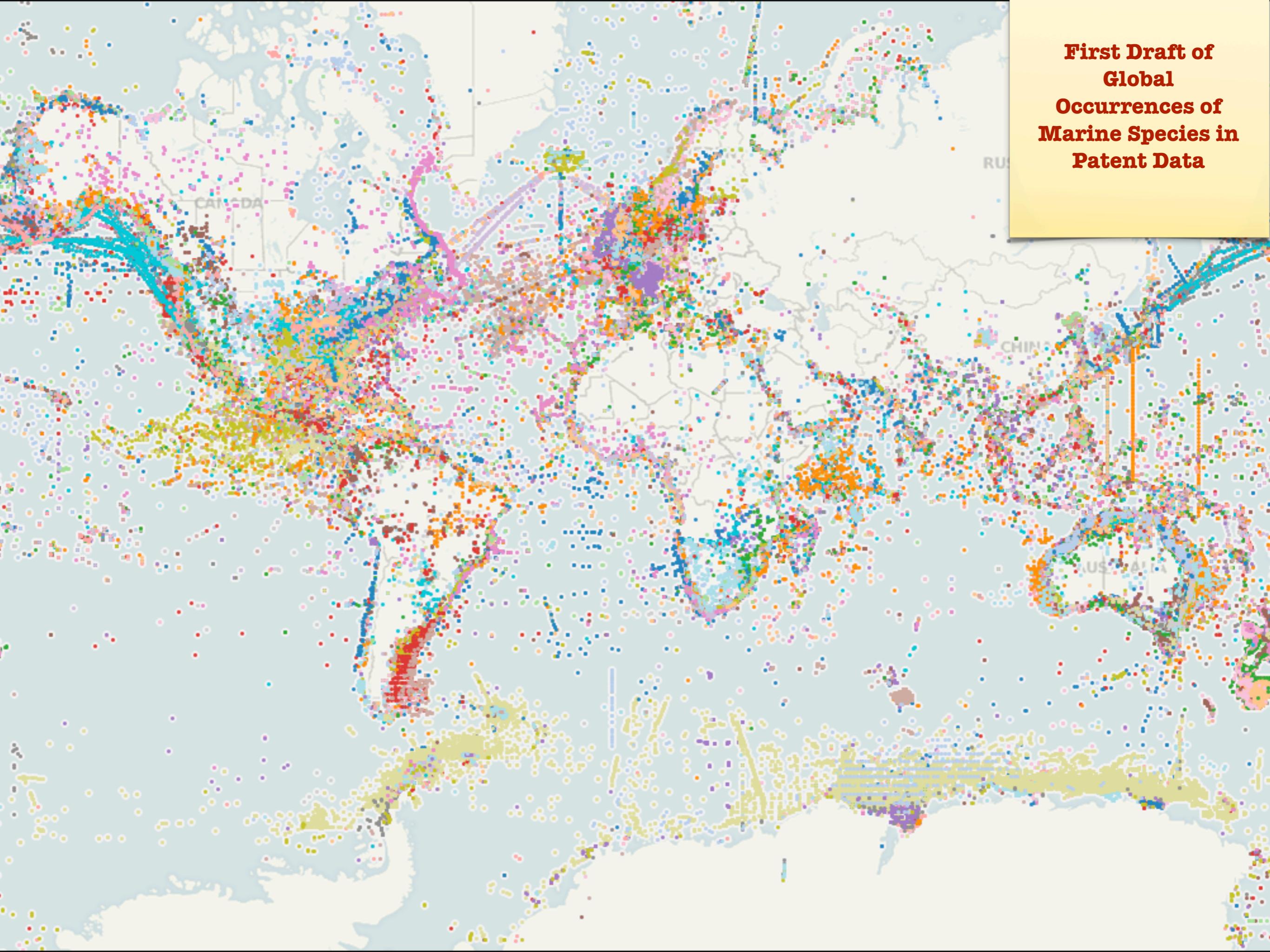
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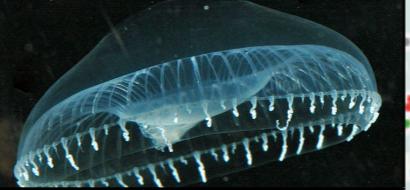


Global Patent Family Data involving references to Marine Genetic Resources - Draft (Source: Thomson Innovation)



**First Draft of
Global
Occurrences of
Marine Species in
Patent Data**

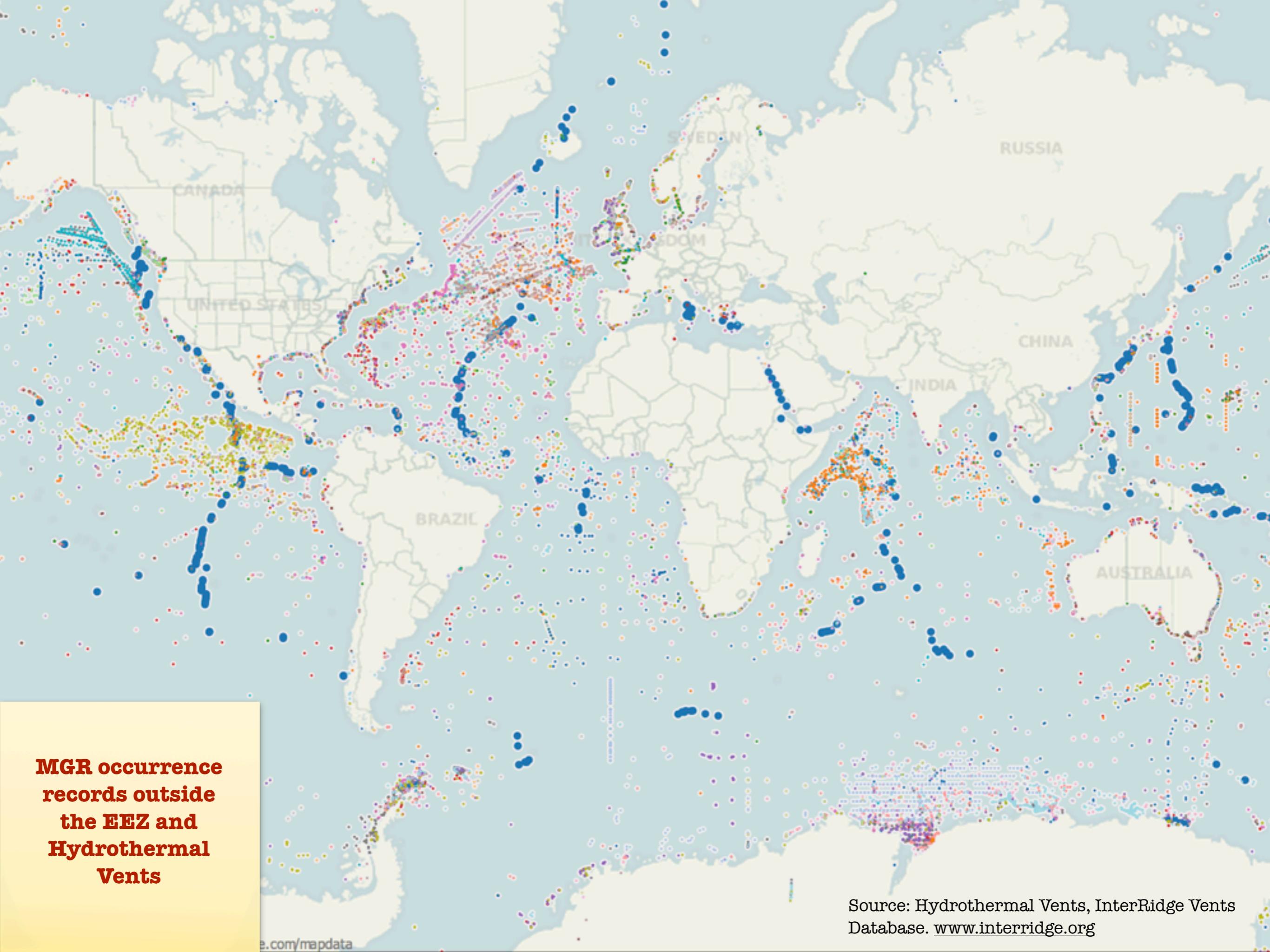


Species Name: Aequorea victoria	Kingdom: Animalia	
Brief Description of the species: A bioluminescent jellyfish		
Occurrences in Claims: 281		Number of Publications: 3825
A bioluminescent jellyfish found along the western coast of north America including Vancouver Island. A species most noted for the production of Green Fluorescent Protein. The primary source of GFP which is used as a reporter of gene expression.		

Species Name: trichodesmium erythraeum	Kingdom: Bacteria	
Brief Description of the species: 'Sea Sawdust', a marine filamentous cyanobacteria that is nitrogen fixing.		
Occurrences in Claims: 62		Number of Publications: 119
They are among the most important of the marine varieties of nitrogen fixing bacteria, and are being extensively studied for their role in nutrient cycling in the ocean. Trichodesmium is thought to fix nitrogen on such a scale that it accounts for almost half of the nitrogen-fixation within marine systems on a global scale. Occurs between China, Japan, South Korea and tip of western Australia.		

Species Name: Riftia pachyptila	Kingdom: Animal	
Brief Description of the species: Giant Tube Worm		
Occurrences in Claims: 4		Number of Publications: 25
Large tubeworms which live around hydrothermal vents. With sunlight not available directly as a form of energy, the tubeworms rely on bacteria in their habitat to oxidize hydrogen sulphide using dissolved oxygen in the water for respiration. Occurs off coast of Ecuador & Galapagos, Pacific Coast of Mexico		

Species Name: Euphausia superba	Kingdom: Animal	
Brief Description of the species: Antarctic Krill.		
Occurrences in Claims: 33 (Krill = 337)		Number of Publications: 109 (Krill = 2234)
The keystone species for Antarctic ecosystems. The waters around the Antarctic continent harbour possibly the largest plankton assemblage in the world upon which the krill feed. The biomass of Antarctic krill is estimated to be 125 to 725 million tonnes.		



**MGR occurrence
records outside
the EEZ and
Hydrothermal
Vents**

Source: Hydrothermal Vents, InterRidge Vents
Database. www.interridge.org

Identifying Origins

- Disclosure of origin debates involve two issues:
- a) Technical disclosure of the origin or source of genetic resources in a patent application;
- b) The consequences of disclosure or a failure to disclose;
- In practice samples may be obtained from sources such as: commercial suppliers, public collections, genomics databases (in silico), universities, or through in situ collection.

Oldham & Burton (2010) Defusing Disclosure in Patent Applications.
UNU study. UNEP/CBD/COP/10/INF/44

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2. Related Background Art

The view of evolution in which all cellular organisms are in the first instance either prokaryotic or eukaryotic was challenged in 1977 by the finding that on the molecular level life comprises three primary groupings (Fox, G. E., et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 74:4537 (1977); Woese, C. R. & Fox, G. E., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 74:5088 (1977); Woese, C. R. , et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 87:4576 (1990)): the eukaryotes (Eukarya) and two unrelated groups of prokaryotes, Bacteria and a new group now called the Archaea. Although Bacteria and Archaea are both prokaryotes in a cytological sense, they differ profoundly in their molecular makeup (Fox, G. E., et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 74:4537 (1977); Woese, C. R. & Fox, G. E., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 74:5088 (1977); Woese, C. R., et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 87:4576 (1990)). Several lines of molecular evidence even suggest a specific relationship between Archaea and Eukarya (Iwabe, N., et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 86:9355 (1989); Gogarten J. P., et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 86:6661 (1989); Brown, J. R. and Doolittle, W. F., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 92:2441 (1995)).

The era of true comparative genomics has been ushered in by complete genome sequencing and analysis. We recently described the first two complete bacterial genome sequences, those of *Haemophilus influenzae* and *Mycoplasma genitalium* (Fleischmann, R. D., et al., *Science* 269:496 (1995); Fraser, C. M., et al., *Science* 270:397 (1995)). Large scale DNA sequencing efforts also have produced an extensive collection of sequence data from eukaryotes, including *Homo sapiens* (Adams, M. D., et al., *Nature* 377:3 (1995)) and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Levy, J., *Yeast* 10:1689 (1994)).

M. jannaschii was originally isolated by J. A. Leigh from a sediment sample collected from the sea floor surface at the base of a 2600 m deep "white smoker" chimney located at 21 ° N on the East Pacific Rise (Jones, W., et al., *Arch. Microbiol.* 136:254 (1983)). *M. jannaschii* grows at pressures of up to more than 500 atm and over a temperature range of 48-94° C., with an optimum temperature near 85° C. (Jones, W., et al., *Arch. Microbiol.* 136:254 (1983)). The organism is autotrophic and a strict anaerobe; and, as the name implies, it produces methane. The dearth of archaeal nucleotide sequence data has hampered attempts to begin constructing a comprehensive comparative evolutionary framework for assessing the molecular basis of the origin and diversification of cellular life.

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M. jannaschii genome. Univ Illinois, TIGR, Univ John Hopkins 2003. Granted only for gene fragments

**SELECTED POLYNUCLEOTIDE AND
POLYPEPTIDE SEQUENCES OF THE
METHANOGENIC ARCHAEOON,
METHANOCOCCUS JANNASHII**

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED
APPLICATIONS**

This application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/024,428 filed on Aug. 22, 1996, which is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety.

**STATEMENT AS TO RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS
MADE UNDER FEDERALLY-SPONSORED
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Part of the work performed during development of this invention utilized U.S. Government funds. The U.S. Government may have certain rights in the invention—DE-FC02-95ER61962; DE-FC02-95ER61963; and NAGW 2554.

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The present invention also relates to recombinant vectors, which include the isolated nucleic acid molecules of the present invention, host cells containing the recombinant vectors, as well as methods for making such vectors and host cells for *M. jannaschii* protein production by recombinant techniques.

The invention further provides isolated polypeptides encoded by the *M. jannaschii* ORFs. It will be recognized that some amino acid sequences of the polypeptides may differ from the amino acid sequence of the corresponding protein encoded by the *M. jannaschii* ORFs due to differences in codon usage between the *M. jannaschii* genome and other genomes, or due to post-translational modifications.

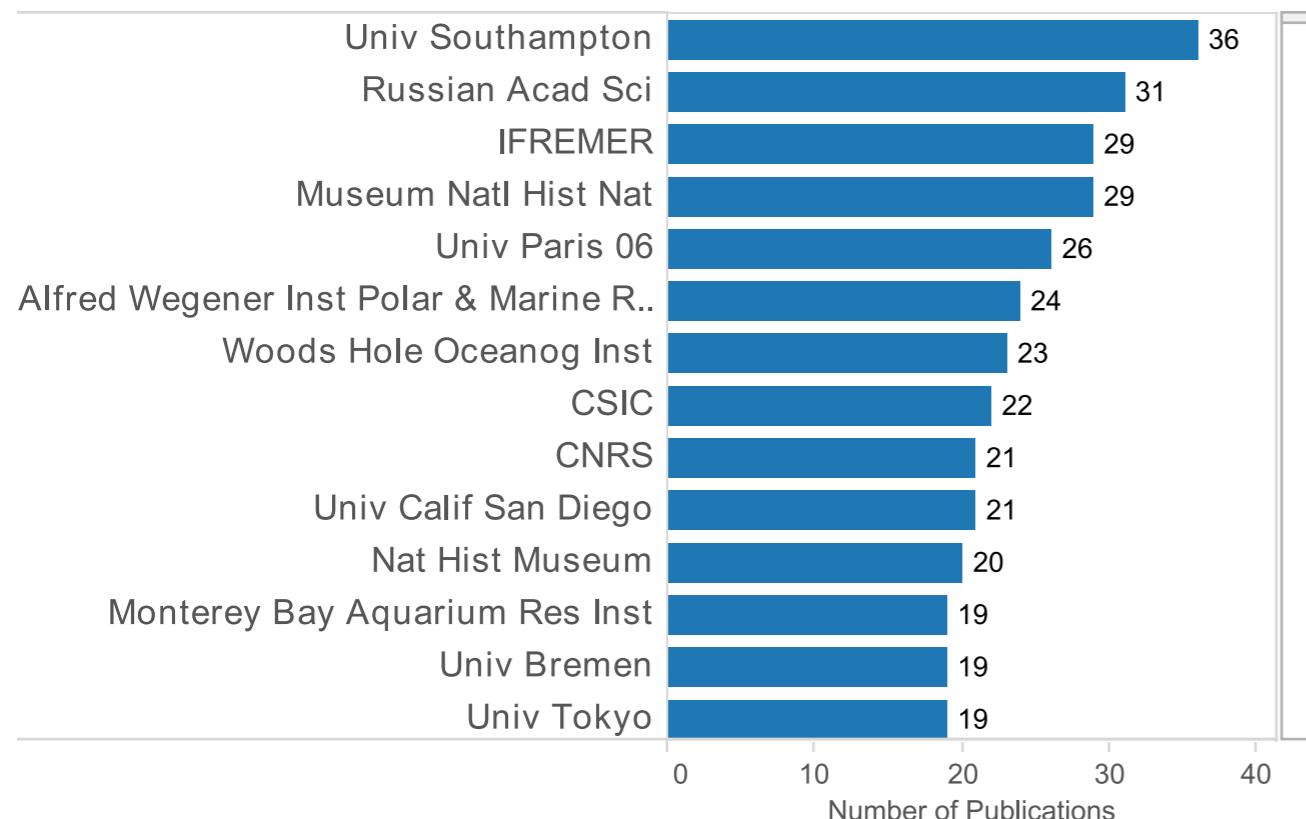
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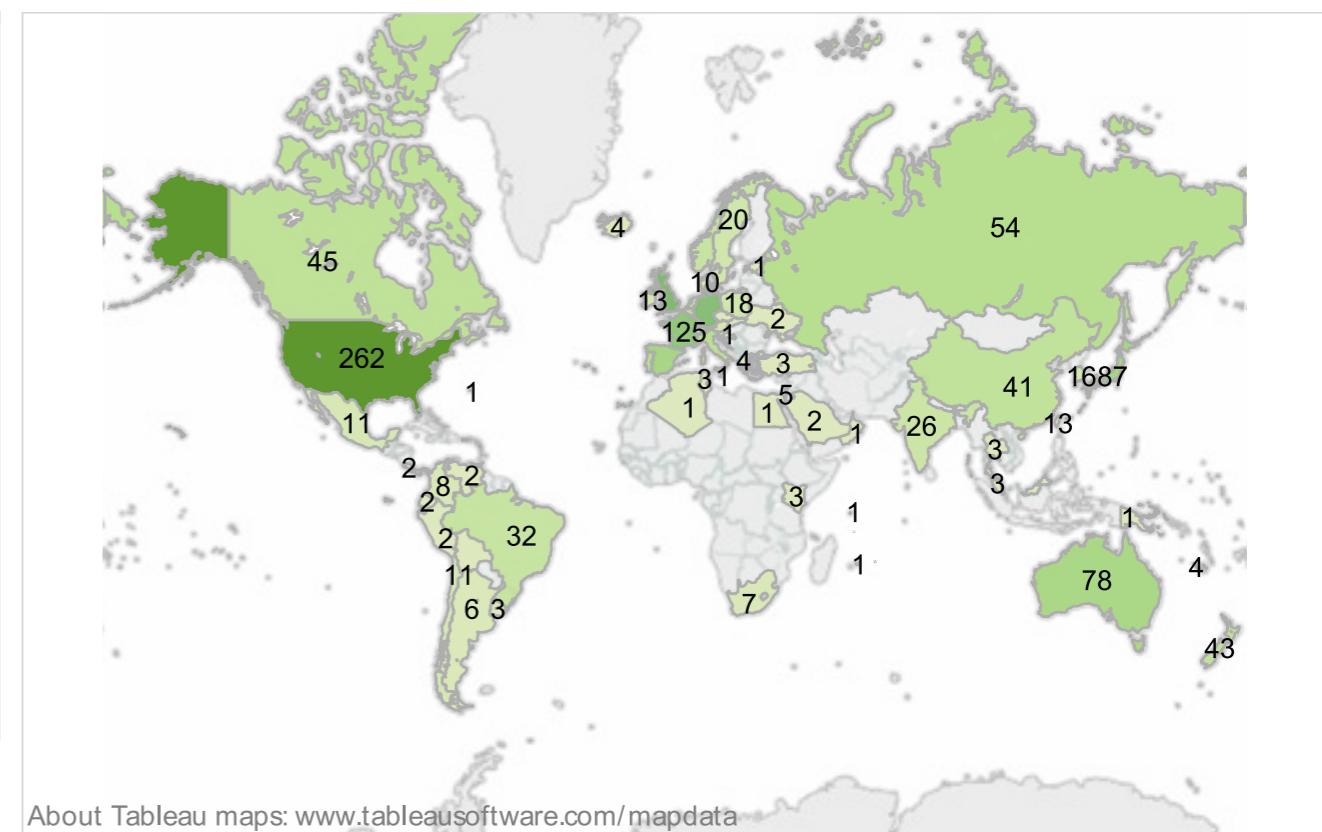
- Patents provide a good proxy indicator for intended commercial research and development;
- In debates on access and benefit-sharing considerable emphasis is also placed on non-monetary benefit sharing. However, this is difficult to quantify and to ‘see’;
- A way forward is provided by examining the data that accompanies scientific literature to reveal networks of collaboration, knowledge transfer and funding in scientific research on marine genetic resources.

Monitoring and Mapping the Scientific Literature for Marine Genetic Resources (Test Data)

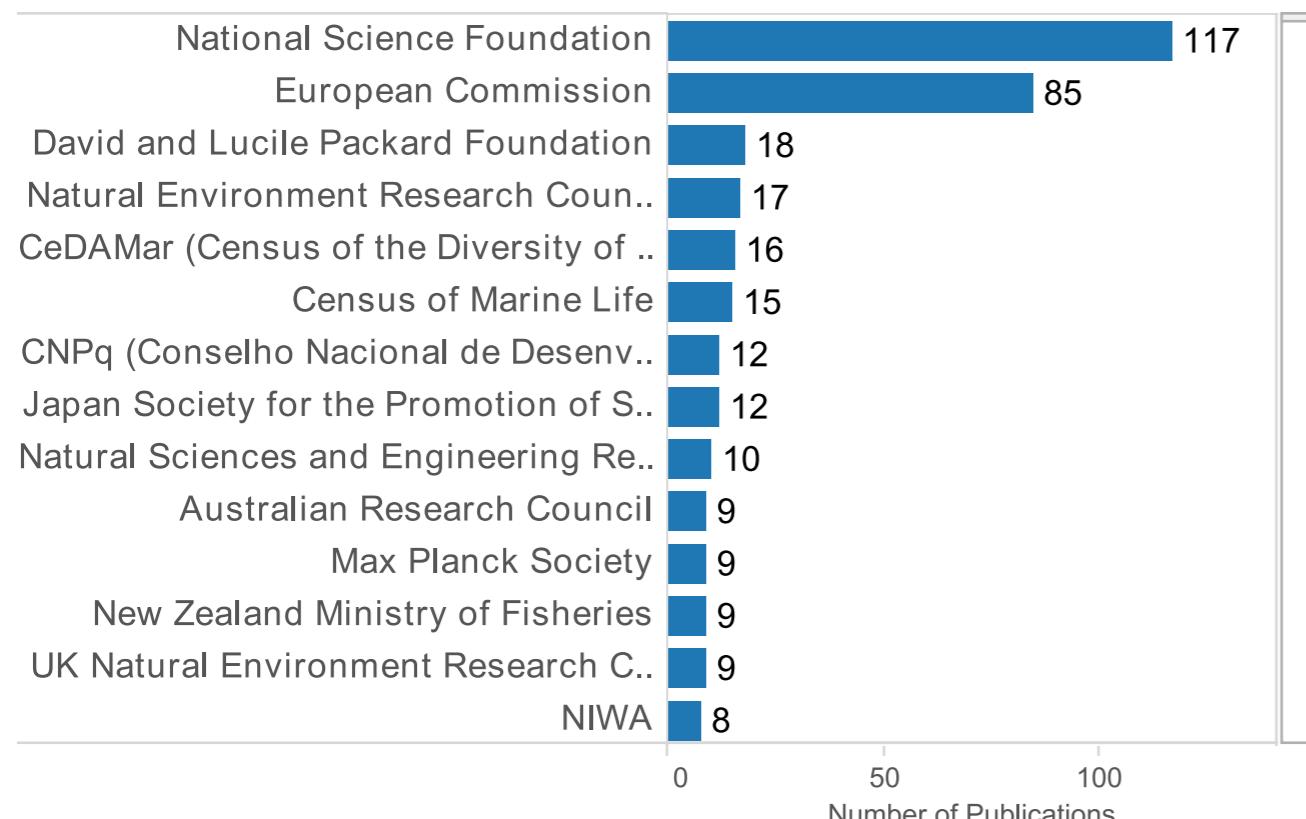
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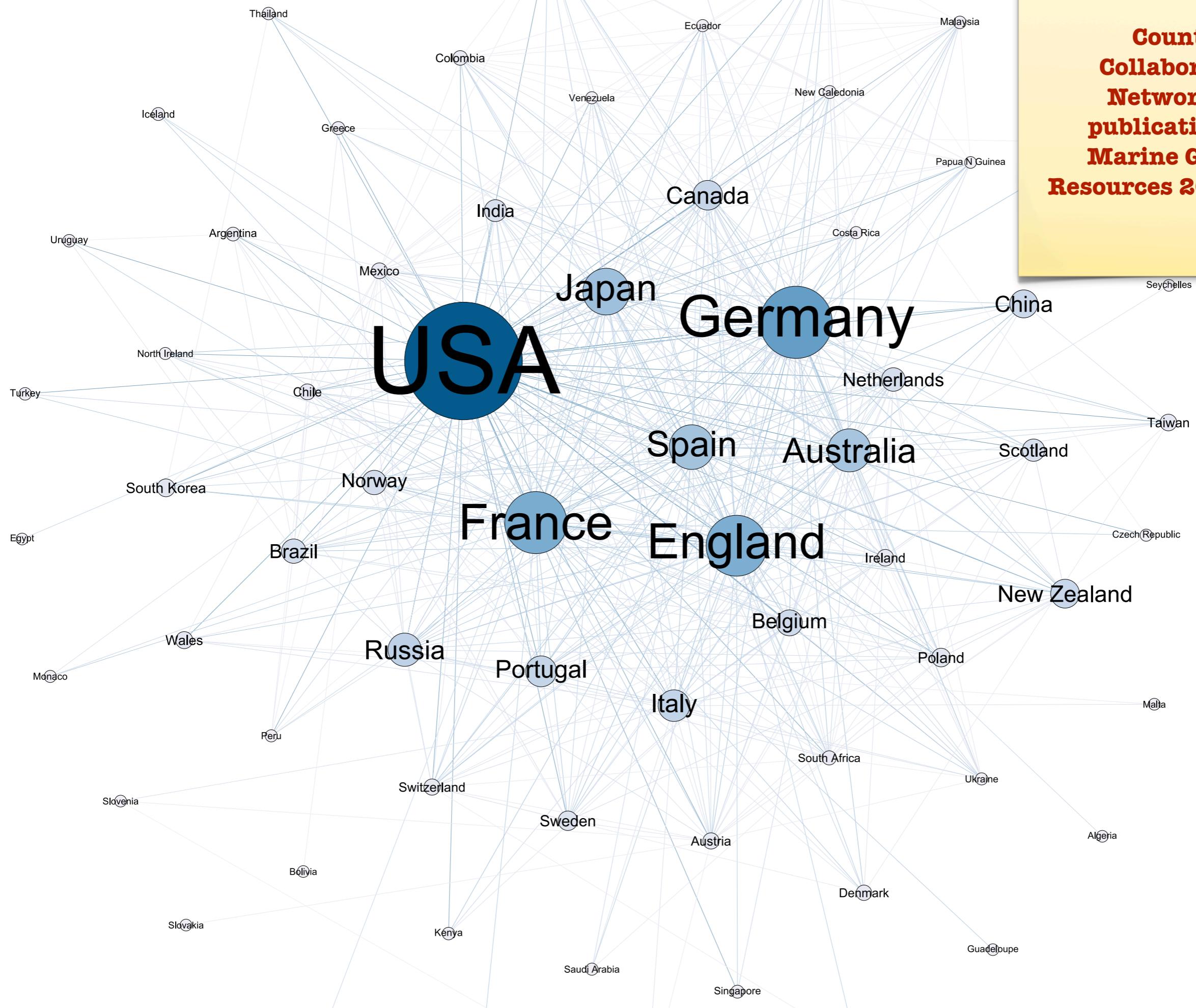
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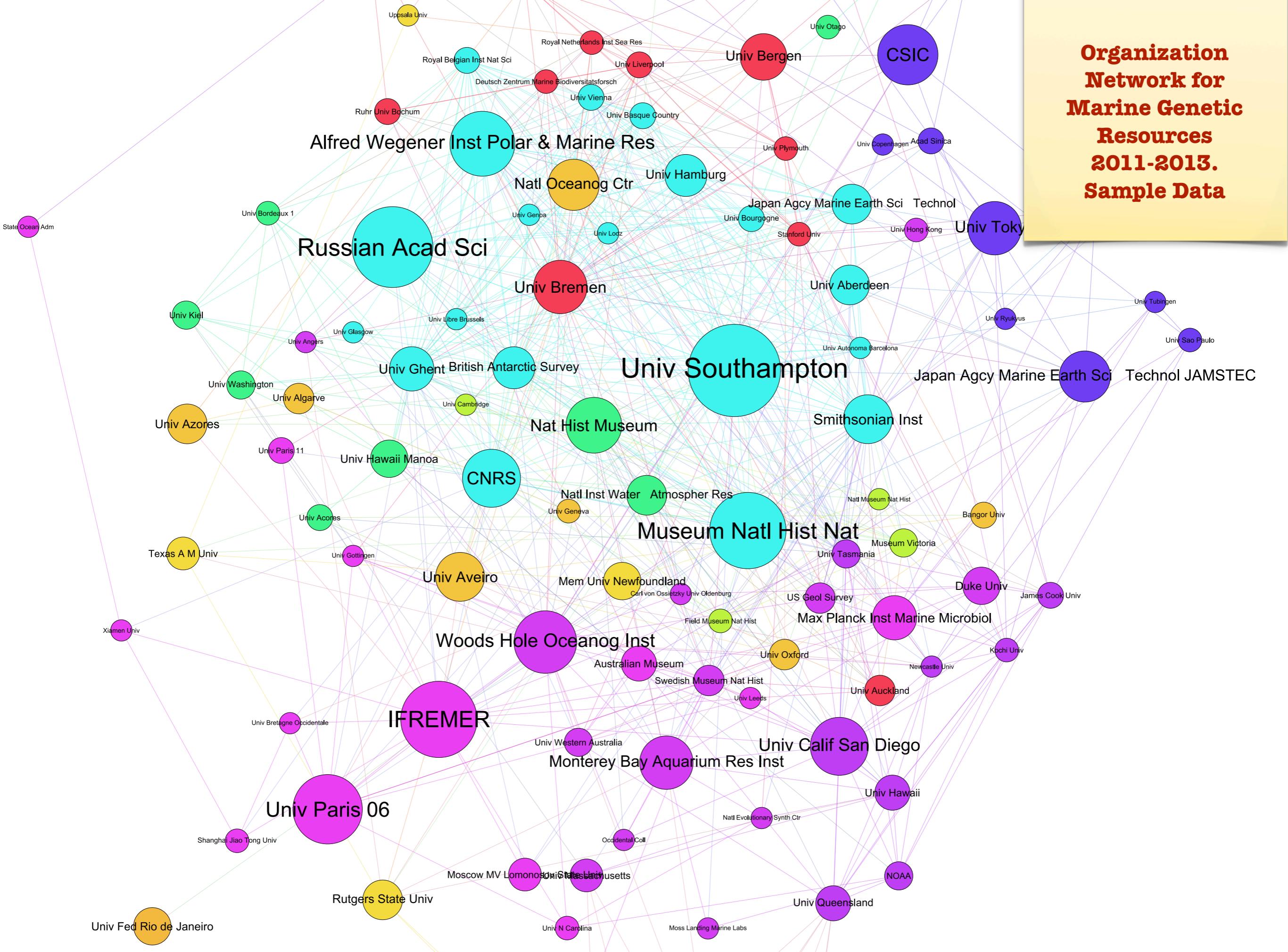
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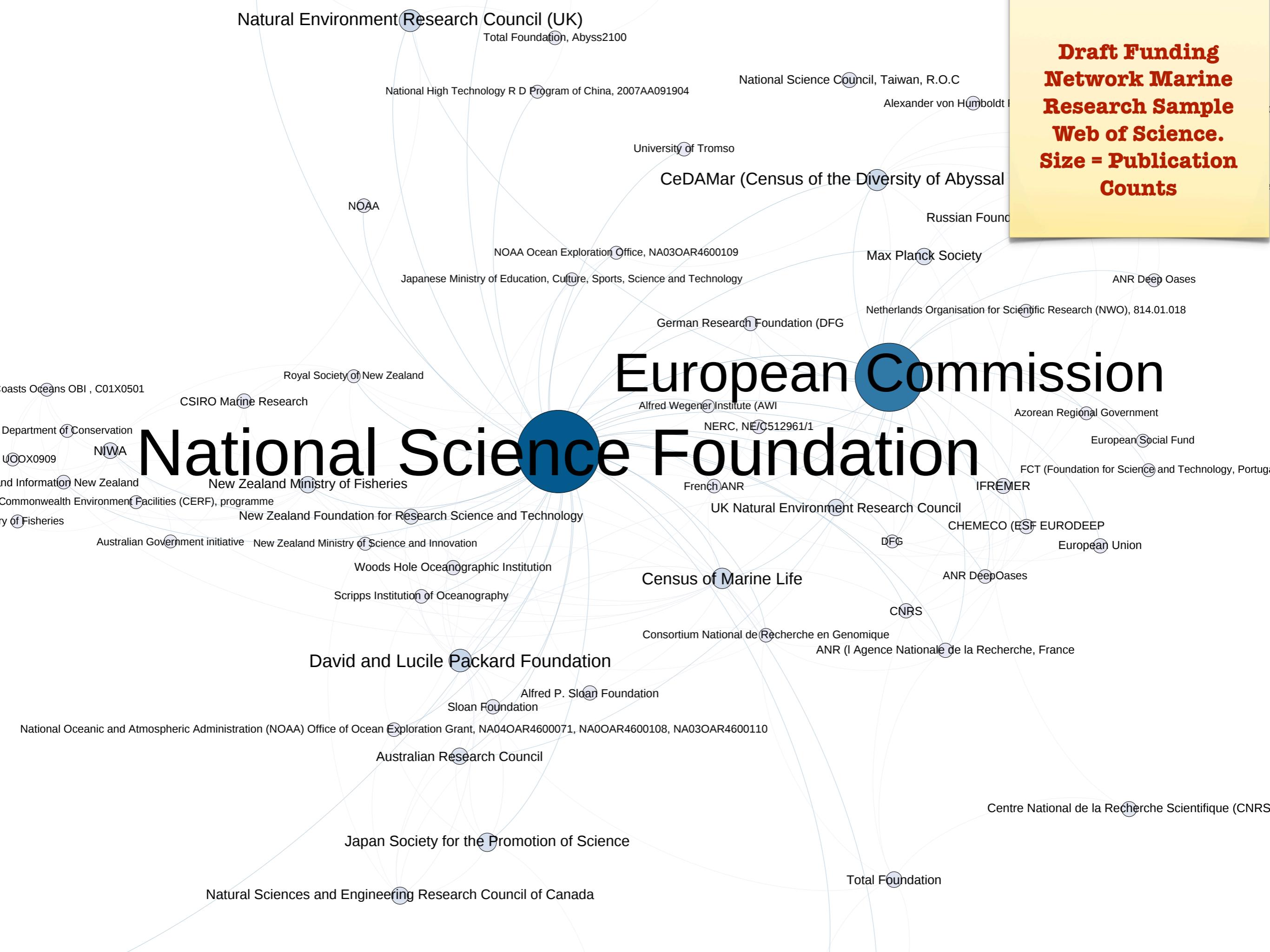
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Best Practices for Monitoring

- Improving coverage of marine species in analysing patent data (i.e. using WoRMS);
- Evidence based analysis of origins/sources in patents;
- Improving coverage & validating geocoding in GBIF data to remove noise;
- Using existing geocoded resources for deep sea locations;
- Using existing best practice and technical advice in patent analysis from the WIPO Patent Landscaping Group;
- Making indexed data available in an accessible and useful format;

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