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DETECTING ILLEGAL FISHING ACTIVITIES USING AIS DATA



The Problem area:

- Severe **environmental** impacts due to indiscriminate net fishing that catches all species.
 - Endangers ecosystems, economies, and species, and is linked to other illegal practices.
- Threatens the **socioeconomic stability** of many regions globally.
 - Particularly affects developing countries reliant on fishing for food
 - Estimated **\$34 billion annual economic loss** globally due to IUU fishing.



THE SOLUTION

DATA SCIENCE



The approach:

- Develop a **predictive model to identify illegal fishing activities.**
- Utilize AIS (Automatic Identification System) data and related datasets.
- Focus on **analyzing vessel behaviour** to detect illegal activities.



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THE IMPACT

- Protect and Conserve Marine Ecosystems: Reduce **illegal fishing**.
- Ensure Sustainable Fisheries: Support the long-term sustainability of fish stocks by **reducing overfishing**.
- Support Socioeconomic Stability: Help communities dependent on fishing for their livelihoods by ensuring **legal and sustainable fishing practices**.
- Global Cooperation: Foster **international cooperation** in combating IUU fishing through shared data and insights.

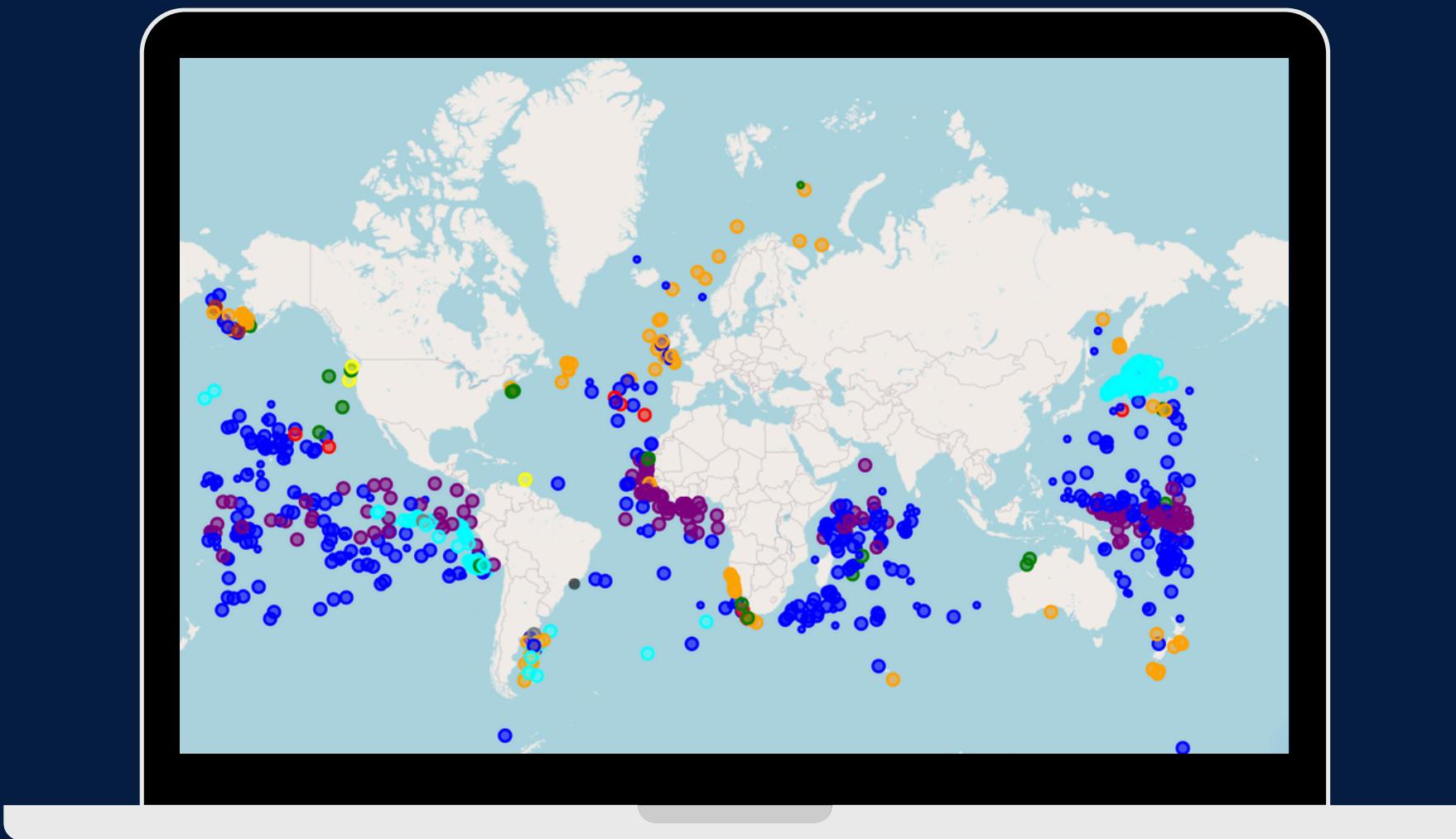
THE DATA

Challenges:

- Creation of a Custom Data set
- Over 13 different Data Sets analyzed and 200 million Data points
- Main Source:

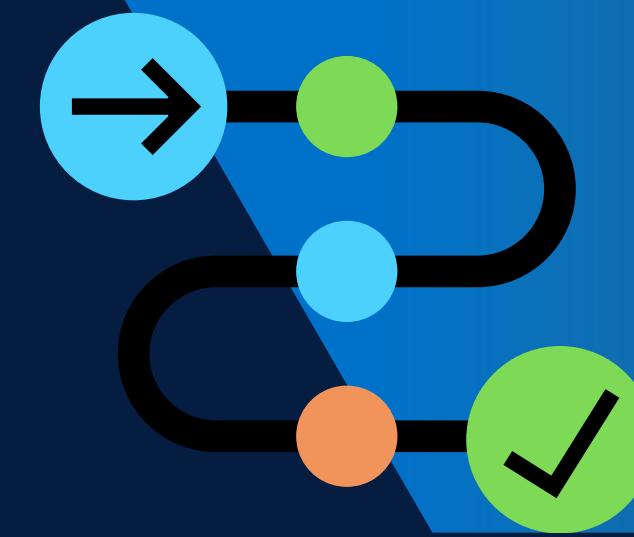


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NEXT STEPS



- Implementation Steps
 - EDA and Data Preprocessing
 - Understand the data distributions and relationships.
 - Clean and preprocess the data.
 - Create new features to enhance model performance.
- Model Selection and Training
 - Split the data into training and test sets.
 - Train multiple models to compare performance.
- Model Evaluation
 - Evaluate models using metrics such as accuracy
 - Define hyperparameters to improve model performance.
- Reporting
 - Report and deploy the best-performing model for predictions.



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