

A GLOBAL OPEN-ACCESS DATA AND INFORMATION  
CLEARING-HOUSE  
ON  
MARINE BIODIVERSITY  
FOR  
SCIENCE, CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

CCLME workshop 5.5.2022

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# OBIS: Free, accessible and detailed marine data



**100,048,316**

PRESENCE RECORDS



**180,704,301**

MEASUREMENTS AND FACTS



**4,468**

DATASETS

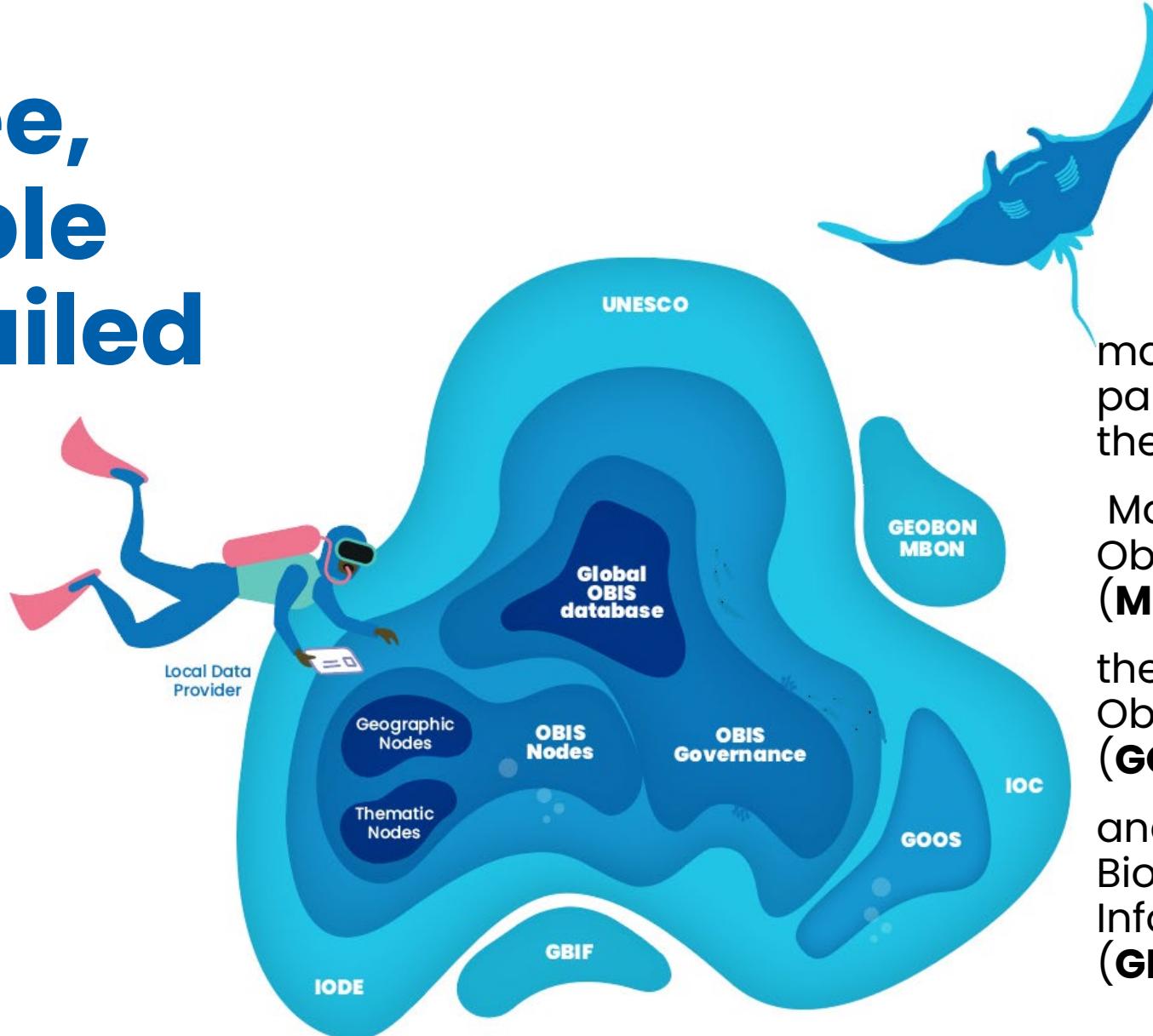


**160,068**

ACCEPTED SPECIES

# OBIS: Free, accessible and detailed marine data

- OBIS operates as a collaborative network of **regional and thematic nodes**
- More than 20 nodes
- 600 institutions



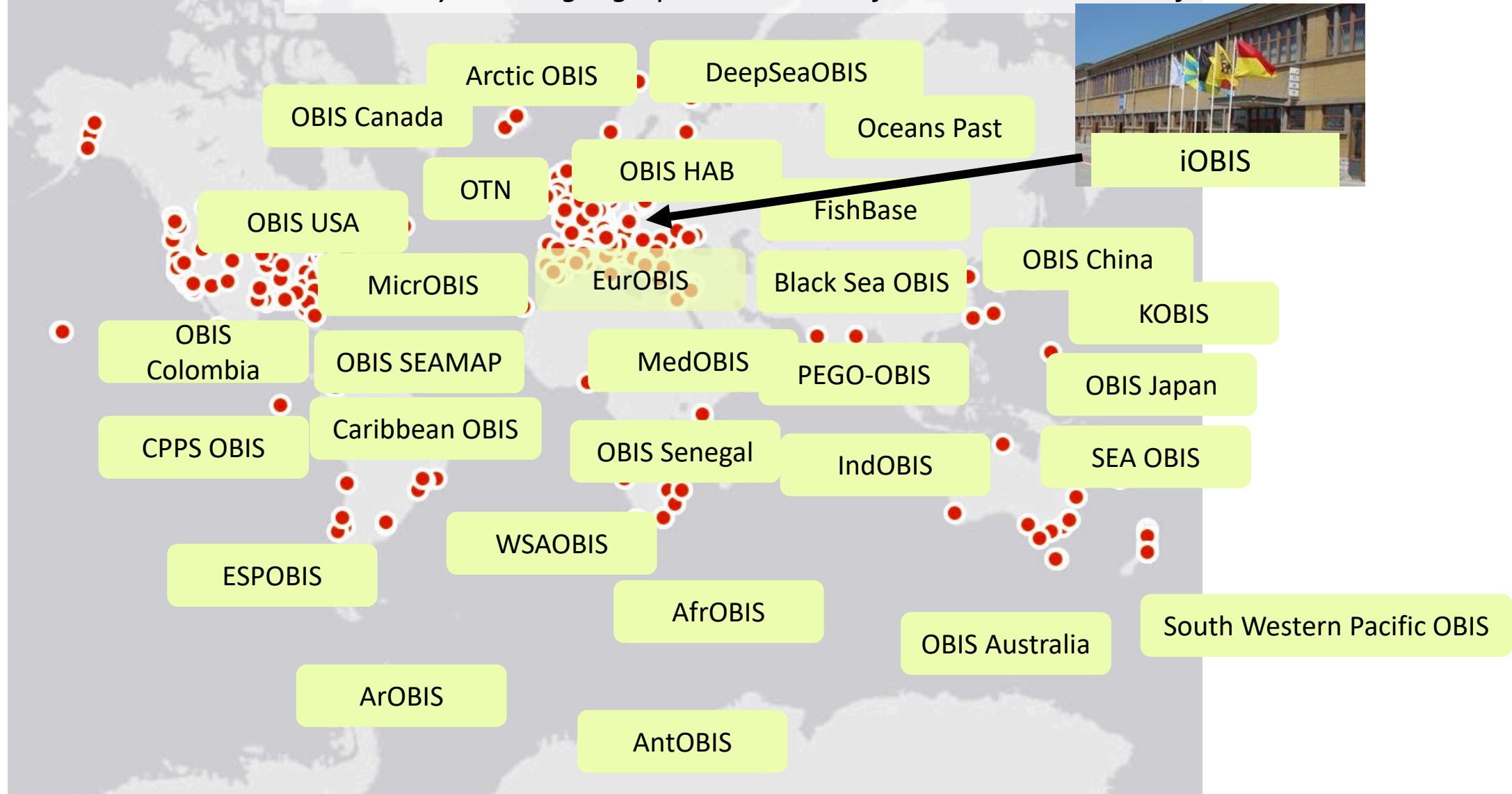
maintaining  
partnerships around  
the globe

Marine Biodiversity  
Observation Network  
(**MBON**),

the Global Ocean  
Observing System  
(**GOOS**)

and the Global  
Biodiversity  
Information Facility  
(**GBIF**).

*"To build and maintain a global alliance that **collaborates with scientific communities** to facilitate free and **open access** to, and application of, biodiversity and biogeographic data and information on marine life."*





# OBIS

- OBIS collects species occurrence data from many sources.
- Provides **long term sustainable** storage of biodiversity data
- Stored in a **machine-readable format** with all **relevant metadata** including measurements of environmental parameters
- Reliable data that can be compared across time and space



# OBIS Data life cycle

## Collection:

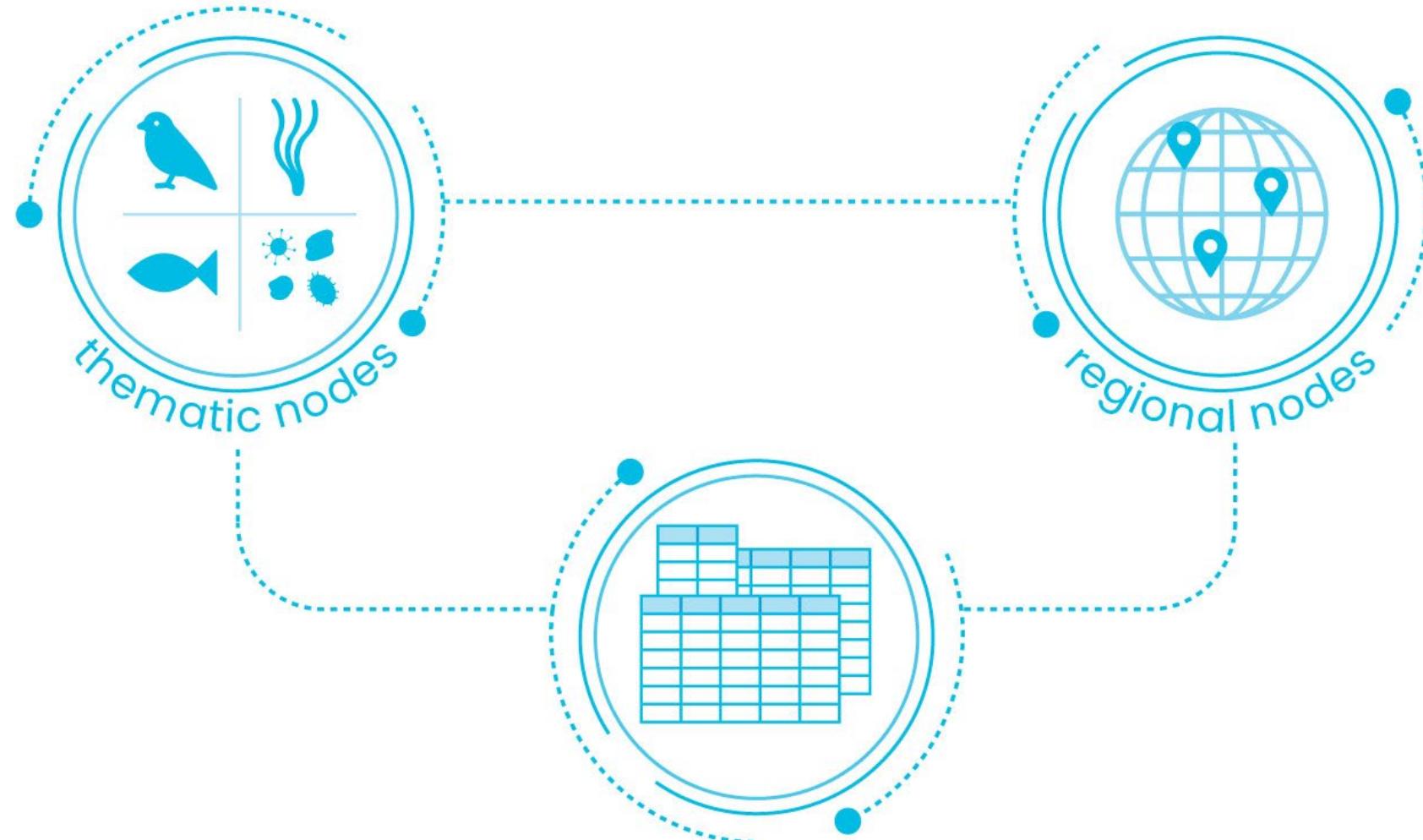
- Data is compiled from multiple **observations**



# OBIS Data life cycle

## Contribution:

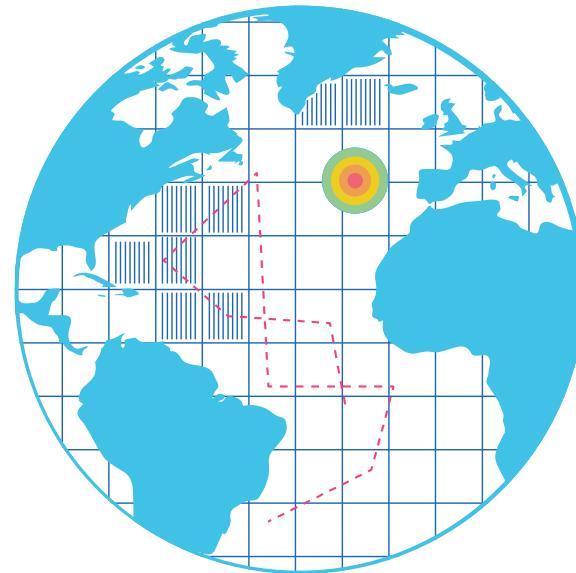
- During the **standardisation** process the OBIS thematic and regional nodes check data quality and apply **Darwin Core Standards**



# OBIS Data life cycle

## Contribution:

- The data is then deposited in the OBIS database and made accessible to everyone

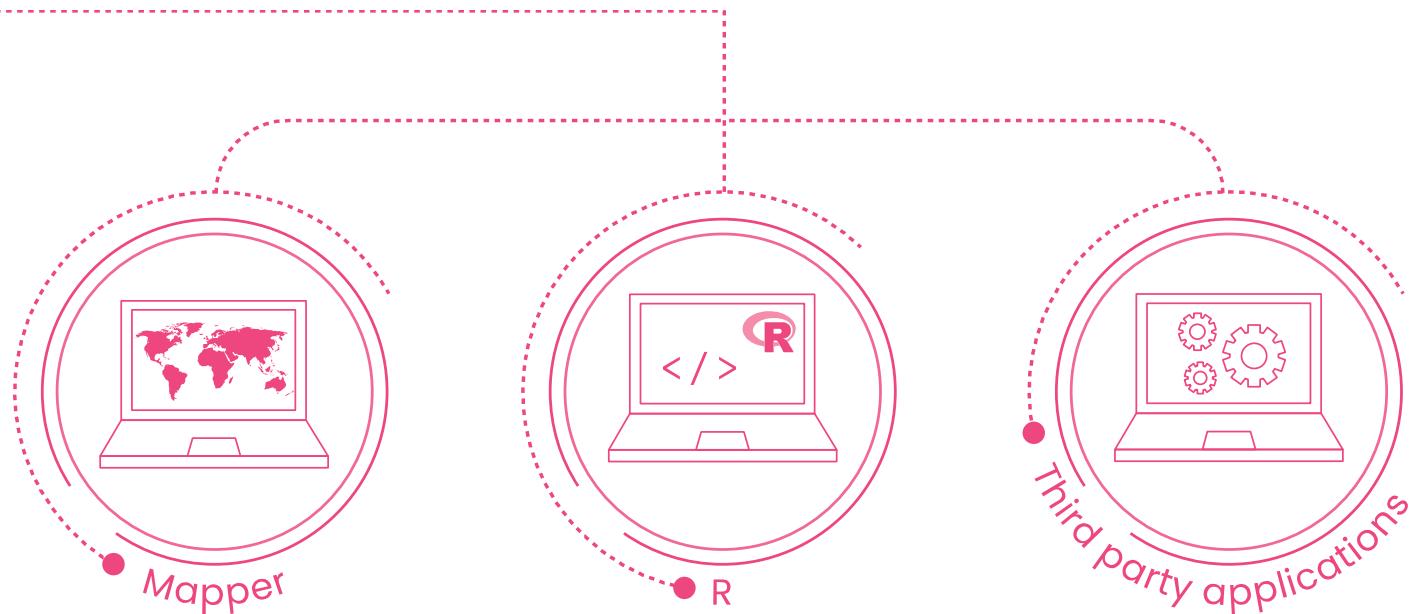


- The OBIS database follows **FAIR** guiding principles of scientific data management and stewardship

# OBIS Data life cycle

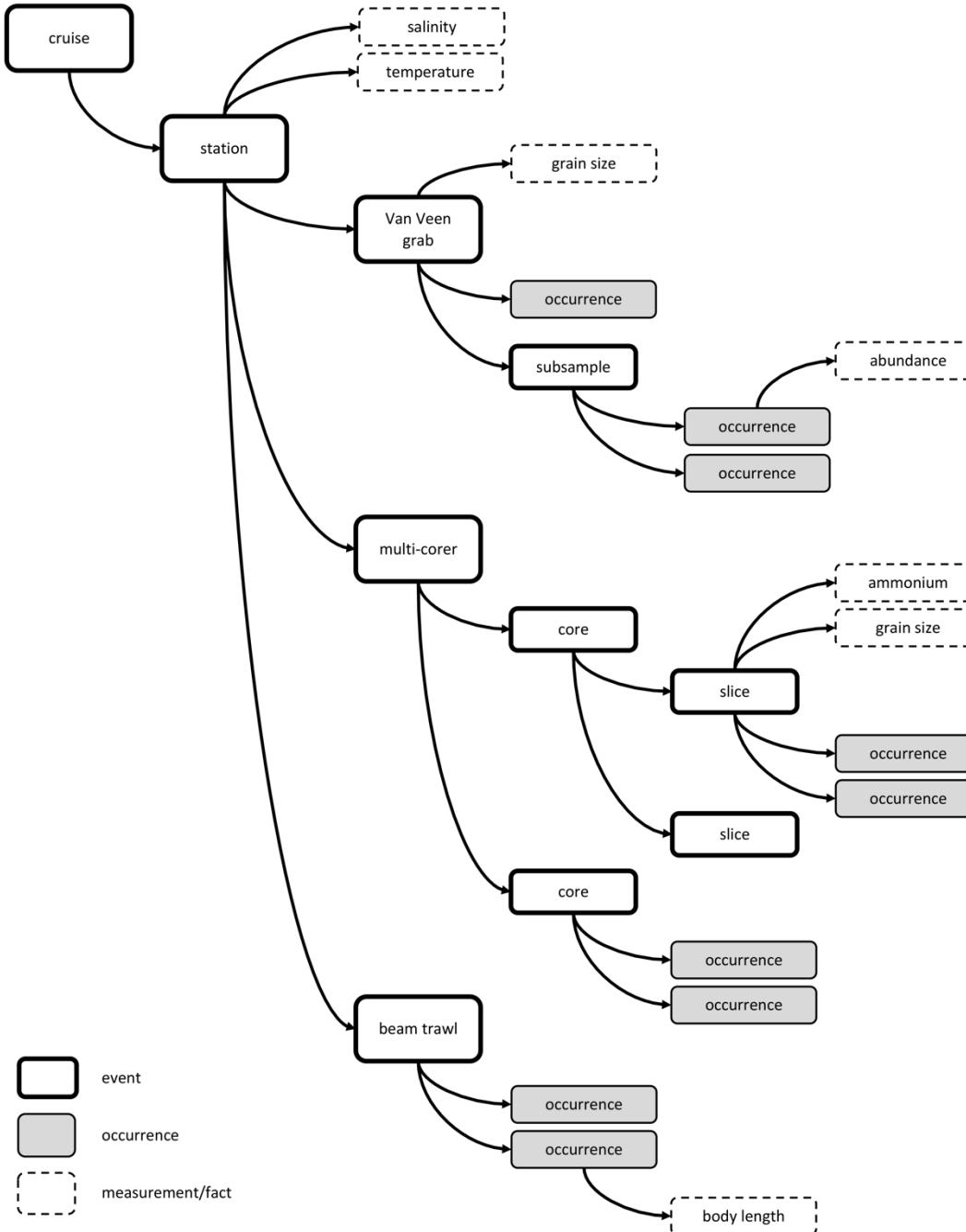
## Access:

- Mapper on OBIS server
- R (analytical platform) & robis package
- Third party application



# Data standards

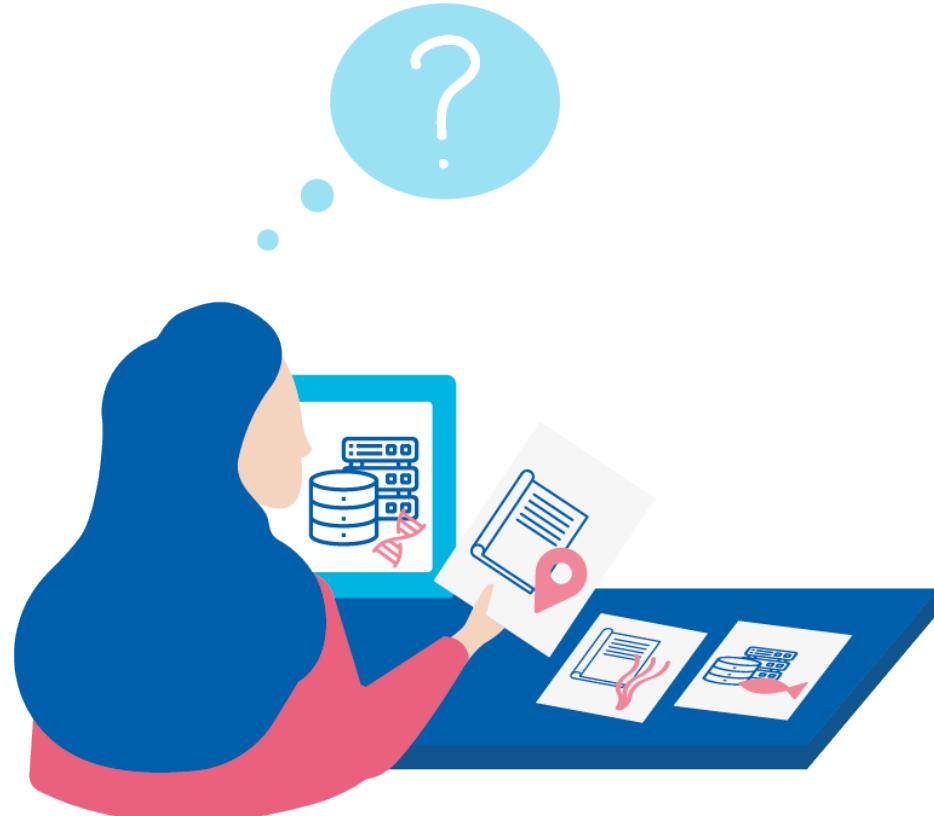
Biological sampling is  
more than just  
collecting species  
occurrences



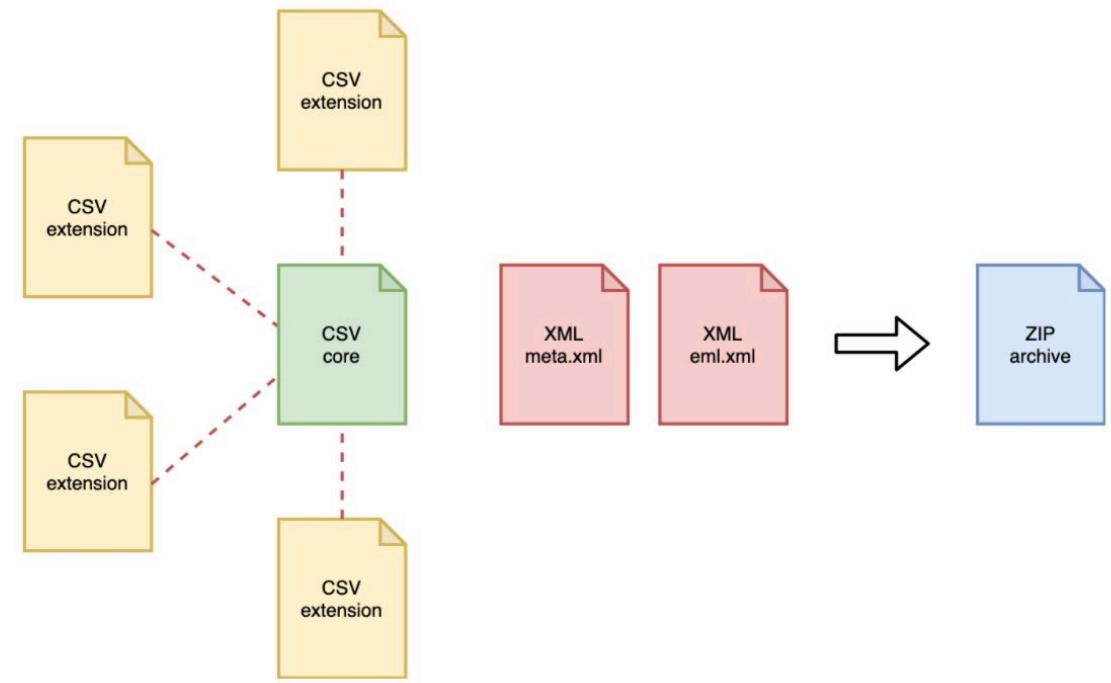
# Data is stored in a standard format:

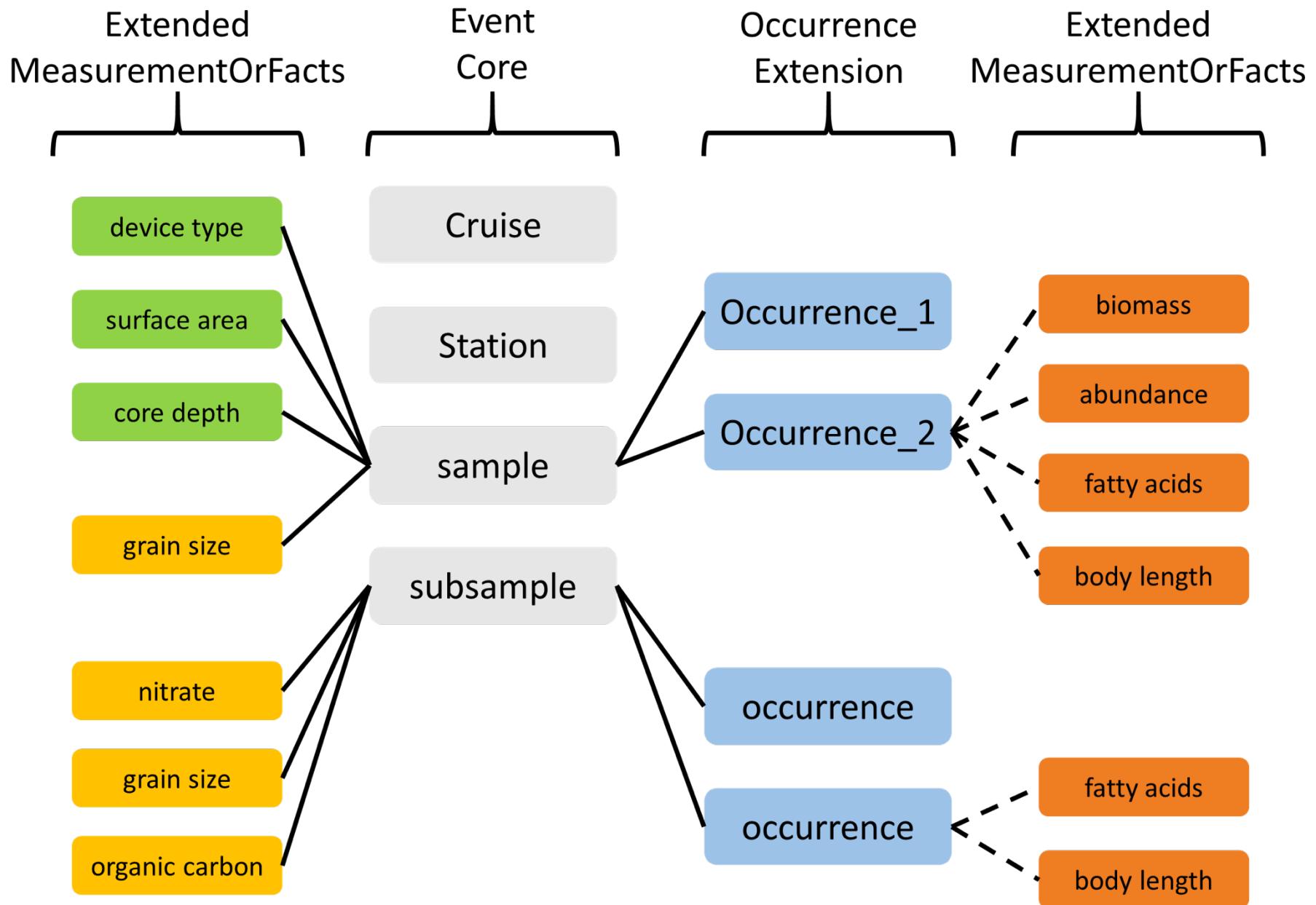
Universal and comparable language use

Contextual information on how data was acquired



**Darwin core archive**





# DwC terms

Stable terms and vocabularies maintained by  
TDWG (Biodiversity information standards)  
<https://dwc.tdwg.org/terms/>

OccurrenceID

EventDate

decimalLongitude

decimalLatitude

scientificName

scientificNameID

occurrenceStatus

basisOfRecord

OBIS deals with  
**georeferenced**  
data

- coordinateUncertaintyInMeters
- geodeticDatum
- footprintWKT
- minimumDepthInMeters
- maximumDepthInMeters

- locality
- waterBody
- islandGroup
- island
- country

Taxonomic backbone of OBIS:  
**World Register of Marine Species**  
[www.marinespecies.org](http://www.marinespecies.org)



• scientificNameAuthorship  
kingdom, phylum, class etc..  
• taxonRank  
• taxonRemarks

Present, absent

Specimen, humanObservation, machineObservation...

- associatedMedia
- associatedReferences
- associatedSequences
- catalogNumber

# Event core

- **Event core** allows:
  - Associate measurements with event (instead of each occurrence in the event)
- **ExtendedMeasurementOrFact Extension (eMoF)** allows:
  - Linking measurements to both the event core and occurrence extension tables
    - ID
    - occurrenceID
    - measurementType      measurementTypeID
    - measurementValue      measurementValueID
    - measurementUnit      measurementUnitID
  - Free text fields, but
  - IDs from external vocabularies recommended:
    - [NERC Vocabulary Server](#), developed by the British Oceanographic Data Centre (BODC)

# Example dataset

## Non-indigenous (NIS) and cryptogenic species in European regional seas and adjacent areas

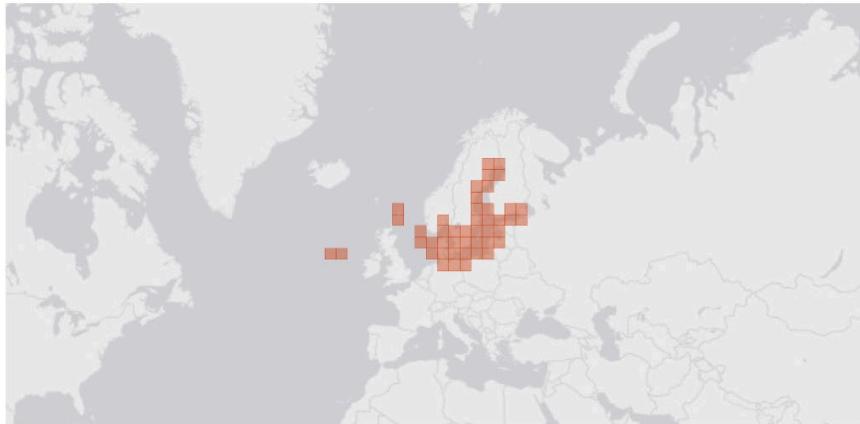
URL	<a href="http://ipt.vliz.be/eurobis/resource?r=non_indigenous_and_cryptogenic_species">http://ipt.vliz.be/eurobis/resource?r=non_indigenous_and_cryptogenic_species</a>	
Repository URL	<a href="http://ipt.vliz.be/eurobis/">http://ipt.vliz.be/eurobis/</a>	
Node	EurOBIS	
Published	2022-03-28 14:20	
First registered	2020-12-10 02:59	
Abstract	The dataset includes 3305 georeferenced points/records. The data records were gathered using three types: digitatalization, exact occurences and expert judgement. The georeferenced data was extracted from the scientific publications and specialized databases (AquaNIS, ICES and Google scholar).	
Citation	AquaNIS. Editorial Board, 2020. Information system on Aquatic Non-Indigenous and Cryptogenic Species. World Wide Web electronic publication. <a href="http://www.corpi.ku.lt/databases/aquanis">www.corpi.ku.lt/databases/aquanis</a> . Version 2.36+. Accessed 2020-09-09	
Rights	To the extent possible under law, the publisher has waived all rights to these data and has dedicated them to the Public Domain (CC0 1.0)	
Keywords	Introduced species, Non-native marine species, Samplingevent	
Contacts	Creator	Sergej Olenin Klaipeda University; Marine research institute
	Creator	Greta Srébalienė Klaipeda University; Marine research institute
	Contact	Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ)
Metadata Provider	Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ)	

[report issue](#)[source DwC-A](#)[to mapper](#)

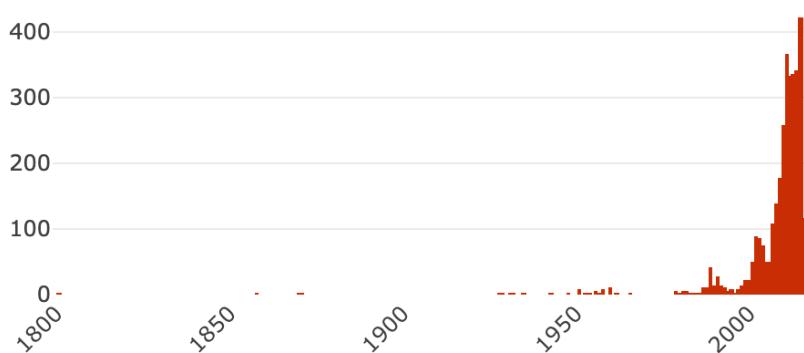
<https://obis.org/dataset/2b43830c-60c7-4110-a0f1-84269a4b39d3>

# Example dataset

## DISTRIBUTION



## RECORDS



## TOP TAXA

### Scientific name

Scientific name	Records
<i>Mya arenaria</i> Linnaeus, 1758	428
Phylum Mollusca > Class Bivalvia	
<i>Amphibalanus improvisus</i> (Darwin, 1854)	427
Phylum Arthropoda > Class Thecostraca	
<i>Neogobius melanostomus</i> (Pallas, 1814)	398
Phylum Chordata > Class Actinopteri	
<i>Marenzelleria viridis</i> (Verrill, 1873)	392
Phylum Annelida > Class Polychaeta	
<i>Prorocentrum cordatum</i> (Ostenfeld) J.D.Dodge, 1976	326
Phylum Myzozoa > Class Dinophyceae	
<i>Acartia (Acanthacartia) tonsa</i> Dana, 1849	223
Phylum Arthropoda > Class Hexanauplia	
<i>Ethmodiscus punctiger</i> Castracane, 1886	133
Phylum Ochrophyta > Class Bacillariophyceae	
<i>Rangia cuneata</i> (G. B. Sowerby I, 1832)	129
Phylum Mollusca > Class Bivalvia	
<i>Penilia avirostris</i> Dana, 1849	126
Phylum Arthropoda > Class Branchiopoda	
<i>Cercopagis (Cercopagis) pengoi</i> (Ostroumov, 1891)	108
Phylum Arthropoda > Class Branchiopoda	

IUCN Red List

All taxa

# Example dataset

- Event core

<b>id</b>	<b>KUMRI_AQUANIS_NISES_01</b>
datasetID	<a href="https://marineinfo.org/id/dataset/6578">https://marineinfo.org/id/dataset/6578</a>
datasetName	Non-indigenous (NIS) and cryptogenic species in European regional seas and adjacent areas
eventID	KUMRI_AQUANIS_NISES_01
eventDate	2009-10-19
year	2009
month	10
day	19
decimalLatitude	56.6205
decimalLongitude	9.0758

# Example dataset

- Occurrence extension

<b>id</b>	<b>KUMRI_AQUANIS_NISES_01</b>
datasetID	<a href="https://marineinfo.org/id/dataset/6578">https://marineinfo.org/id/dataset/6578</a>
collectionCode	NISES
basisOfRecord	HumanObservation
occurrenceID	KUMRI_NISES_1
occurrenceStatus	present
eventID	KUMRI_AQUANIS_NISES_01
scientificNameID	urn:lsid:marinespecies.org:taxname:233891
scientificName	<i>Proasellus coxalis</i>
kingdom	Arthropoda
phylum	Malacostraca
class	Isopoda
order	Asellidae
scientificNameAuthorship	Monod, 1924

# Example dataset

- eMoF extension

<b>id</b>	<b>KUMRI_AQUANIS_NISES_2465</b>	<b>KUMRI_AQUANIS_NISES_2465</b>
occurrenceID	KUMRI_NISES_2465	KUMRI_NISES_2465
measurementType	sampling instrument name	Sampling net mesh size
measurementTypeID	<a href="http://vocab.nerc.ac.uk/collection/Q01/current/Q010002/">http://vocab.nerc.ac.uk/collection/Q01/current/Q010002/</a>	<a href="http://vocab.nerc.ac.uk/collection/Q01/current/Q010015/">http://vocab.nerc.ac.uk/collection/Q01/current/Q010015/</a>
measurementValue	Hand net	5
measurementValueID	<a href="http://vocab.nerc.ac.uk/collection/L22/current/TOOL0981/">http://vocab.nerc.ac.uk/collection/L22/current/TOOL0981/</a>	
measurementUnit		mm
measurementUnitID		<a href="http://vocab.nerc.ac.uk/collection/P06/current/UXMM/">http://vocab.nerc.ac.uk/collection/P06/current/UXMM/</a>

# Available extra fields: Invasive species

Elements needed for risk assessment, horizon scanning, species management, and monitoring (Groom et al 2019):

1. Introduction pathway
2. Degree of establishment
3. Species status
  1. Present or absent?
  2. Native or alien?
4. (Impact mechanism) -> generally not included in original occurrence records

<https://biss.pensoft.net/article/38084/>

## dwc:establishmentMeans

*Statement about whether an organism or organisms have been introduced to a given place and time through the direct or indirect activity of modern humans.*

value	definition
native	A taxon occurring within its natural range.
nativeReintroduced	A taxon re-established by direct introduction by humans into an area that was once part of its natural range, but from where it had become extinct.
introduced	Establishment of a taxon by human agency into an area that is not part of its natural range.
introducedAssistedColonisation	Establishment of a taxon specifically with the intention of creating a self-sustaining wild population in an area that is not part of the taxon's natural range.
vagrant	The temporary occurrence of a taxon far outside its natural or migratory range.
Uncertain	The origin of the occurrence of the taxon in an area is obscure.

<https://dwc.tdwg.org/terms/#dwc:establishmentMeans>

[http://rs.gbif.org/vocabulary/dwc/establishment\\_means\\_2022-02-02.xml](http://rs.gbif.org/vocabulary/dwc/establishment_means_2022-02-02.xml)

## dwc:occurrenceStatus

*A statement about the presence or absence of a Taxon at a Location.*

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value	definition
present	The occurrence was present at the location and time of the observation.
absent	The occurrence was not present at the location and time of the observation.

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[https://dwc.tdwg.org/list/#dwc\\_occurrenceStatus](https://dwc.tdwg.org/list/#dwc_occurrenceStatus)

[http://rs.gbif.org/vocabulary/gbif/occurrence\\_status\\_2020-07-15.xml](http://rs.gbif.org/vocabulary/gbif/occurrence_status_2020-07-15.xml)

## dwc:pathway

*The process by which an Organism came to be in a given place at a given time.*

value (not exhaustive)	definition
biologicalControl	Organisms occurring in an area because they were introduced for the purpose of biological control of another organism.
fisheryInTheWild	Fish stocked into the wild either to create a fishery or for recreational angling.
conservationOrWildlifeManagement	Organisms introduced for conservation purposes or wildlife management.
aquacultureMariculture	The analog of agriculture and farmed animals, specifically related to aquatic organisms.
publicGardenZooAquaria	Organisms in public collections of plants and/or animals.
hullFouling	Organisms that attach themselves to the subsurface hull of boats and ships.
fishingEquipment	Aquatic organisms moved between sites on equipment of recreational anglers and professional fishermen.
hitchhikersShip	Organisms that enter directly onto boats or ships and are transported by them to another location.
ballastWater	Organisms transported within the water pumped into boats and ships to provide ballast.

<https://dwc.tdwg.org/terms/#dwc:pathway>

[http://rs.gbif.org/vocabulary/dwc/pathway\\_2022-02-02.xml](http://rs.gbif.org/vocabulary/dwc/pathway_2022-02-02.xml)

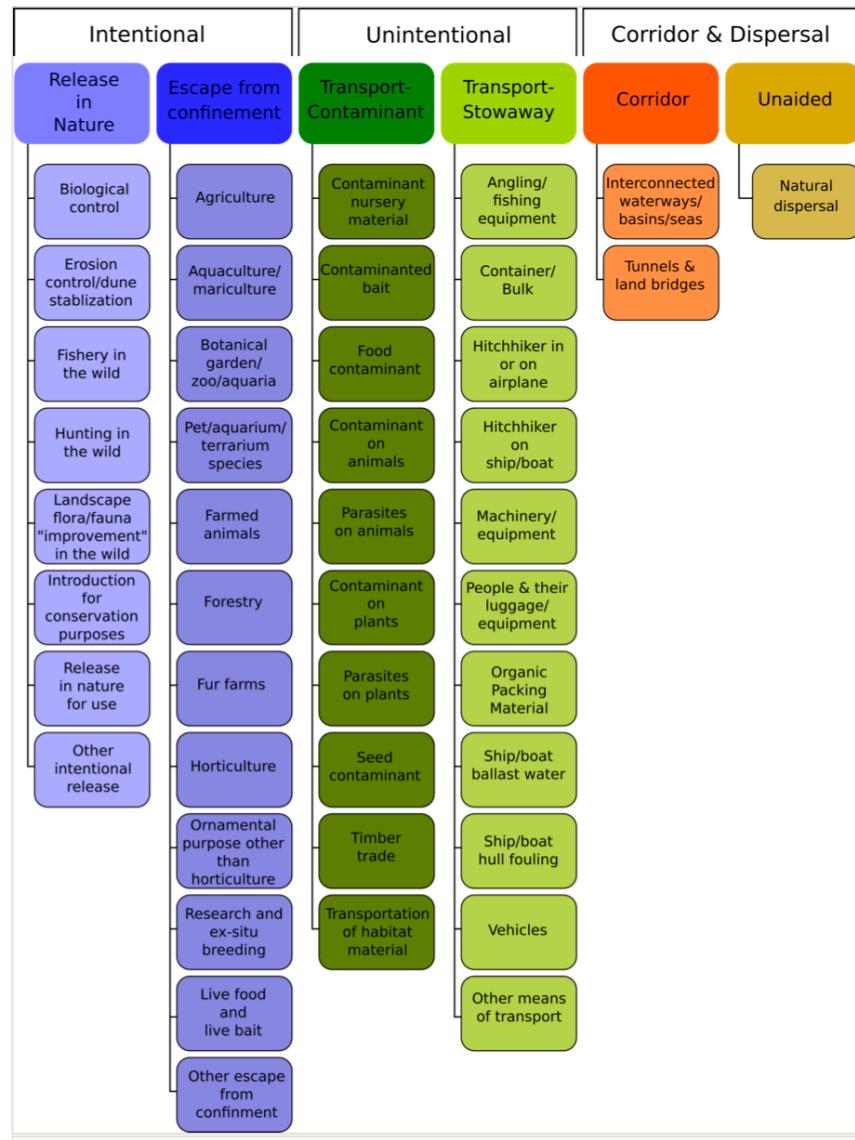


Figure 1.

A summary of the pathways categorisation scheme reproduced with permission from Harrower et al. (2017). The pathways are classified into three types:

1. intentional transport of taxa (blue)
2. unintentionally transported (green)
3. taxa moved between regions without direct transportation by humans and/or via artificial corridors (orange & yellow).

## dwc:degreeOfEstablishment

*The degree to which an Organism survives, reproduces, and expands its range at the given place and time.*

value (not exhaustive)	definition
native	Not transported beyond limits of native range.
cultivated	Individuals in cultivation (i.e., individuals provided with conditions suitable for them, but explicit measures to prevent dispersal are limited at best).
released	Individuals directly released into novel environment.
failing	Individuals released outside of captivity or cultivation in a location, but incapable of surviving for a significant period.
reproducing	Individuals surviving outside of captivity or cultivation in a location. Reproduction is occurring, but population not self-sustaining.
established	Individuals surviving outside of captivity or cultivation in a location. Reproduction occurring, and population self-sustaining.
colonizing	Self-sustaining population outside of captivity or cultivation, with individuals surviving a significant distance from the original point of introduction.
invasive	Self-sustaining population outside of captivity or cultivation, with individuals surviving and reproducing a significant distance from the original point of introduction.

<https://dwc.tdwg.org/terms/#dwc:degreeOfEstablishment>

[http://rs.gbif.org/vocabulary/dwc/degree\\_of\\_establishment\\_2022-02-02.xml](http://rs.gbif.org/vocabulary/dwc/degree_of_establishment_2022-02-02.xml)

# World Register of Introduced Marine Species

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Sources (9) Documented distribution (27) Notes (26) Attributes (11) **Links (11)** Images (6)

[★ To Barcode of Life \(115 barcodes\)](#)  
[★ To Biodiversity Heritage Library \(410 publications\)](#)  
[★ To European Nucleotide Archive \(ENA\)](#)  
[★ To GenBank \(2360 nucleotides; 173 proteins\)](#)  
[★ To Global Biotic Interactions \(GloBI\)](#)  
[★ To Global Invasive Species Database \(GISD\)](#)  
[★ To Information system on Aquatic Non-Indigenous and Cryptogenic Species \(AquaNIS\)](#)  
[★ To IUCN Red List \(Least Concern\)](#)  
[★ To PESI](#)

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[★ Dreissena polymorph...](#)



Dreissena polymorpha, zebra mussel

[★ Dreissena polymorph...](#)



[★ Dreissena polymorpha](#)

# Canary Current LME robis demo

This notebook is a quick demonstration of the robis R package for fetching occurrence data relevant to the Canary Current LME.

## Dependencies

```
library(robis)
library(dplyr)
library(ggplot2)
library(sf)
library(rnaturalearth)
```

<https://iobis.github.io/notebook-cclme/>

# Fetching occurrences

The OBIS database has a number of geographic areas against which the occurrence data are indexed. This includes LMEs. Use the `areas()` function to get a list of LME area identifiers.

```
areas <- area() %>%
  filter(type == "lme")

areas %>% rmarkdown::paged_table()
```

<b>id</b>	<b>name</b>	<b>type</b>
<chr>	<chr>	<chr>
40003	California Current	lme
40018	Canadian Eastern Arctic - West Greenland	lme
40066	Canadian High Arctic - North Greenland	lme
40027	Canary Current	lme
40012	Caribbean Sea	lme
40024	Celtic-Biscay Shelf	lme
40064	Central Arctic	lme
40001	East Bering Sea	lme
40016	East Brazil Shelf	lme
40041	East Central Australian Shelf	lme

Then use the Canary Current LME area ID as a filter in the `occurrence()` function.

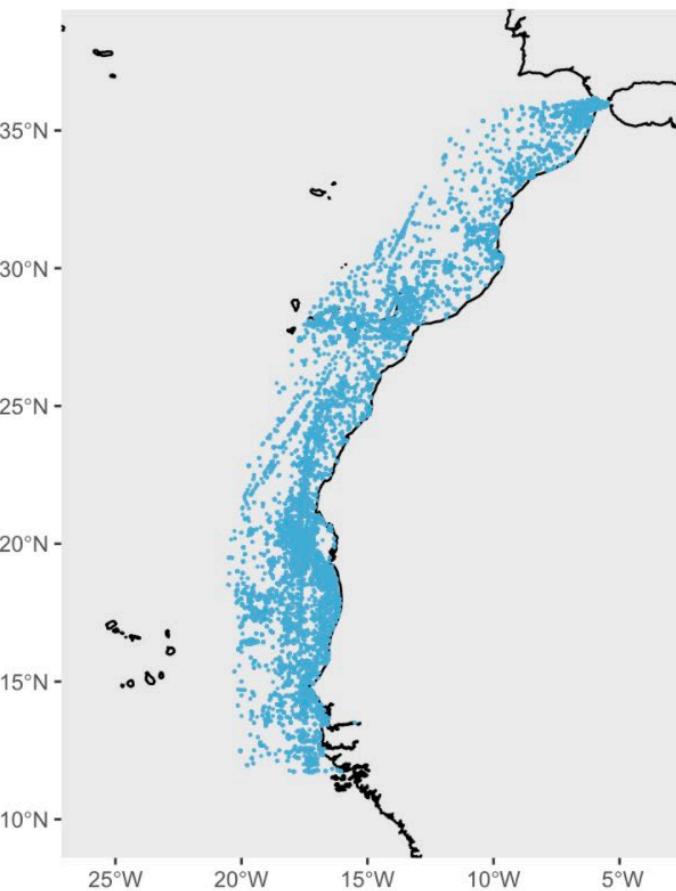
```
occ <- occurrence(areaid = 40027)
occ
```

```
## # A tibble: 98,765 × 197
##   country   date_year scientificNameID superorder year scientificName absence
##   <chr>       <int> <chr>           <chr>       <chr> <chr>       <lgl>
## 1 FRANCE     1971  urn:lsid:marine... Peracarida 1971  Hyperiidea  FALSE
## 2 <NA>        NA    urn:lsid:marine... <NA>        <NA>  Katsuwonus pe... FALSE
## 3 <NA>        1921  urn:lsid:marine... Elopomorp... 1921  Anguilla      FALSE
## 4 <NA>        1975  urn:lsid:marine... <NA>        1975  Paragloborota... FALSE
## 5 <NA>        1996  urn:lsid:marine... <NA>        1996  Reophax biloc... FALSE
## 6 <NA>        1984  urn:lsid:marine... Peracarida 1984  Leucon (Epile... FALSE
## 7 FRANCE     1975  urn:lsid:marine... <NA>        1975  Biota        FALSE
## 8 <NA>        NA    urn:lsid:marine... <NA>        <NA>  Katsuwonus pe... FALSE
## 9 <NA>        1981  urn:lsid:marine... <NA>        1981  <NA>        FALSE
## 10 SOVIET UN... 1970  urn:lsid:marine... Podoplea   1970  Microsetella ... FALSE
## # ... with 98,755 more rows, and 190 more variables: dropped <lgl>,
## #   superorderid <int>, aphiaID <int>, decimalLatitude <dbl>, subclassid <int>
## #   originalScientificName <chr>, marine <lgl>, minimumDepthInMeters <dbl>,
## #   phylumid <int>, subphylumid <int>, occurrenceStatus <chr>,
## #   basisOfRecord <chr>, superclass <chr>, date_mid <dbl>,
## #   maximumDepthInMeters <dbl>, id <chr>, class <chr>, order <chr>,
## #   suborder <chr>, superclassid <int>, orderid <int>, dataset_id <chr>, ...
```

Let's create a map:

```
land <- ne_coastline(returnclass = "sf", scale = "large")

ggplot() +
  geom_sf(data = land, size = 0.5) +
  geom_sf(data = occ %>% st_as_sf(coords = c("decimalLongitude", "decimalLatitude")),
  coord_sf(xlim = c(-26, -3), ylim = c(10, 38), default_crs = sf::st_crs(4326)) +
  theme(panel.grid.major = element_blank(), panel.grid.minor = element_blank())
```



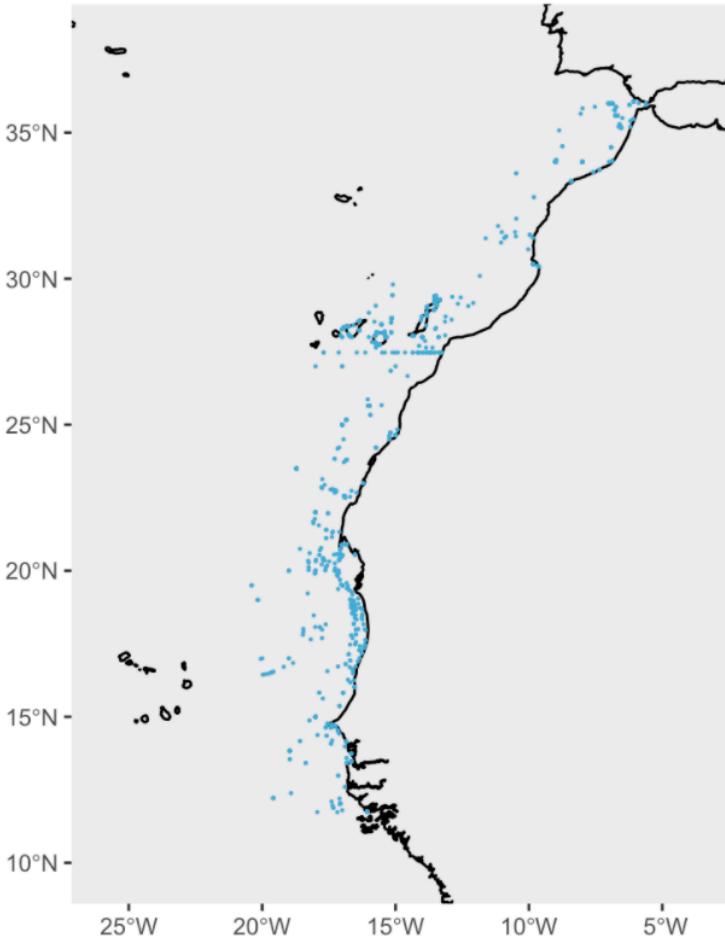
## WRiMS taxa

While it's possible to filter the dataframe we downloaded earlier based on value in the `wrims` column, the `occurrence()` function also has a `wrims` filter which restricts results to species listed in the World Register of Introduced Marine Species (WRiMS). Note that this currently does not take into account native versus introduced ranges.

```
occ_wrims <- occurrence(areaid = 40027, wrims = TRUE)
occ_wrims
```

```
## # A tibble: 2,428 × 151
##   infraphylum   date_year scientificNameID      year scientificName drop
##   <chr>          <int> <chr>                  <chr> <chr>      <lgl>
## 1 Gnathostomata 2003 urn:lsid:marinespecies... 2003 Chromis limba... FALSE
## 2 Gnathostomata 2003 urn:lsid:marinespecies... 2003 Chromis limba... FALSE
## 3 Gnathostomata NA urn:lsid:marinespecies... <NA>  Microchirus a... FALSE
## 4 <NA>           1971 urn:lsid:marinespecies... 1971 Acteocina kno... FALSE
## 5 Gnathostomata 2004 urn:lsid:marinespecies... 2004 Chromis limba... FALSE
## 6 <NA>           1966 urn:lsid:marinespecies... 1966 Pulleniatina ... FALSE
## 7 Gnathostomata NA urn:lsid:marinespecies... <NA>  Seriola lalan... FALSE
## 8 <NA>           2014 urn:lsid:marinespecies... 2014 Palaemon eleg... FALSE
## 9 Gnathostomata NA urn:lsid:marinespecies... <NA>  Conger conger FALSE
## 10 Gnathostomata NA 127240                  <NA>  Pontinus kuhl... FALSE
## # ... with 2,418 more rows, and 145 more variables: gigaclassid <int>,
## #   aphiaID <int>, language <chr>, decimalLatitude <dbl>, subclassid <int>,
## #   gigaclass <chr>, infraphylumid <int>, phylumid <int>, familyid <int>,
## #   catalogNumber <chr>, occurrenceStatus <chr>, basisOfRecord <chr>,
## #   terrestrial <lgl>, modified <chr>, maximumDepthInMeters <dbl>, id <chr>,
## #   day <chr>, parvphylum <chr>, order <chr>, dataset_id <chr>,
## #   decimalLongitude <dbl>, collectionCode <chr>, date_end <dbl>, ...
```

```
ggplot() +  
  geom_sf(data = land, size = 0.5) +  
  geom_sf(data = occ_wriims %>% st_as_sf(coords = c("decimalLongitude", "decimalLatitude")))  
  coord_sf(xlim = c(-26, -3), ylim = c(10, 38), default_crs = sf::st_crs(4326))  
  theme(panel.grid.major = element_blank(), panel.grid.minor = element_blank())
```



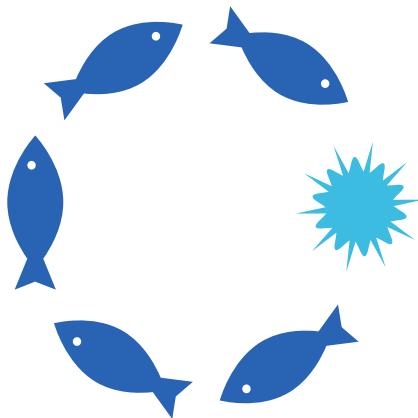
Let's take a look at the most common WRiMS species for the CCLME:

```

occ_wrims %>%
  filter(!is.na(species)) %>%
  group_by(class, species) %>%
  summarize(records = n()) %>%
  arrange(desc(records)) %>%
  rmarkdown::paged_table()

```

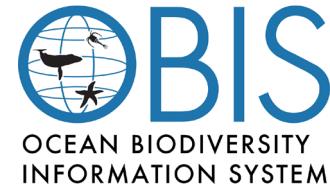
class	species	records
<chr>	<chr>	<int>
Actinopteri	Chromis limbata	294
Globothalamea	Pulleniatina obliquiloculata	174
Actinopteri	Mycteroperca fusca	87
Actinopteri	Conger conger	85
Actinopteri	Anguilla anguilla	82
Hexanauplia	Oithona plumifera	67
Actinopteri	Nemichthys scolopaceus	66
Actinopteri	Zenopsis conchifer	59
Actinopteri	Sarpa salpa	58
Actinopteri	Solea senegalensis	55

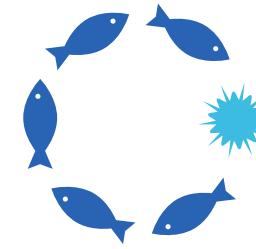


# PacMAN

Pacific Islands Marine  
Bioinvasions Alert Network

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# PacMAN

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Increased marine traffic in the Pacific Islands is accelerating the spread of invasive species



Detecting invasive species on their arrival is crucial for effective management.



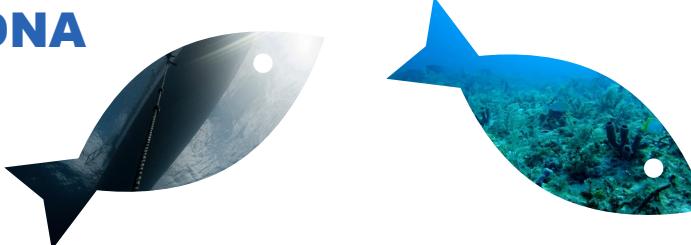
DNA analyses of water samples can be used to detect marine species



The PacMAN project aims to develop a monitoring plan and decision support tool



## 2. Developing Monitoring Plan With eDNA



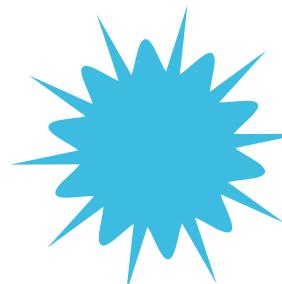
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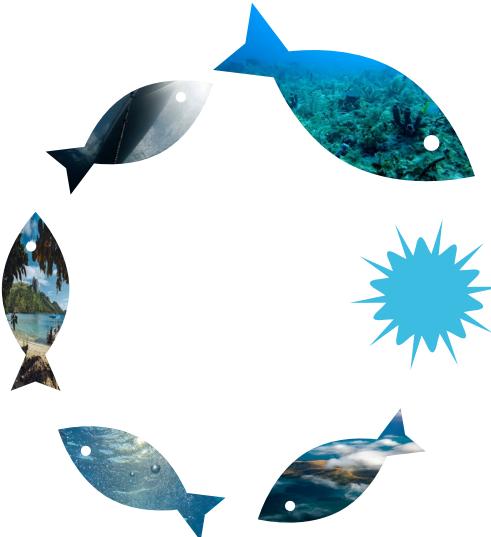
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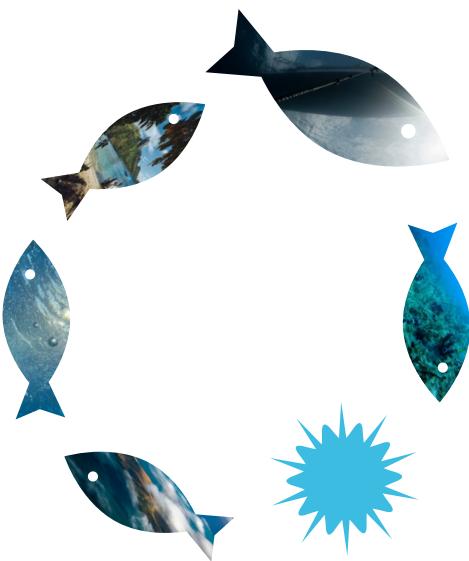
- Implemented with the **University of South Pacific**



- Coordination team in Fiji
  - Joape Ginigini – Project manager
  - Dr. Gilianne Brodie – Marine Science Advisor
  - Miriama Vuiyasawa – Project Assistant
  - Payaal Kumar – (previous) Project Assistant

- Advisory board with international scientific experts and key local stakeholders

## 2. Developing Monitoring Plan With eDNA



### 2. First phase: Initial Port Survey

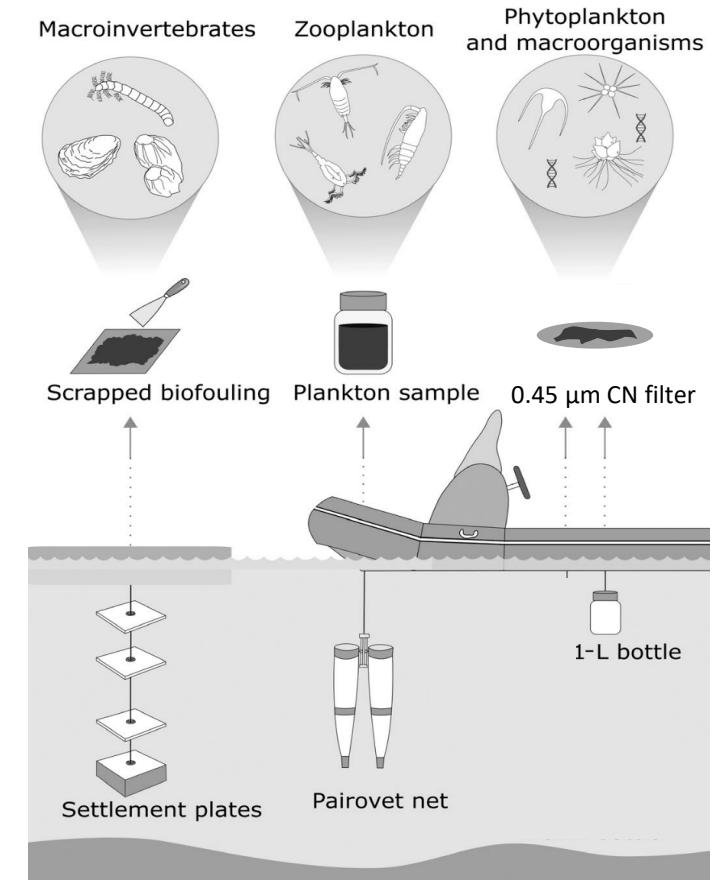
- Sample different substrates (water, plankton, biofilm)
- Focus on specimen collection and metabarcoding

### 3. Second phase: Monitoring

- More frequent
- Focus on rapid detection of high-risk species with qPCR

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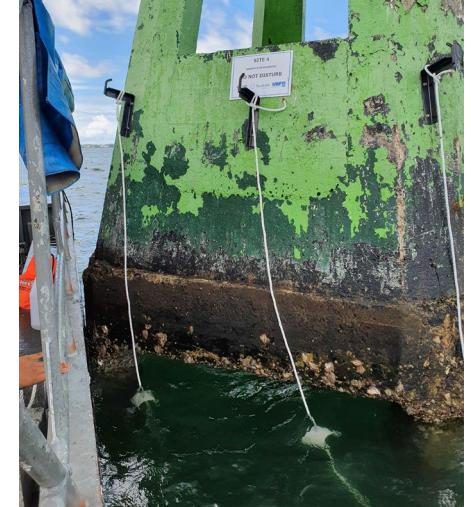


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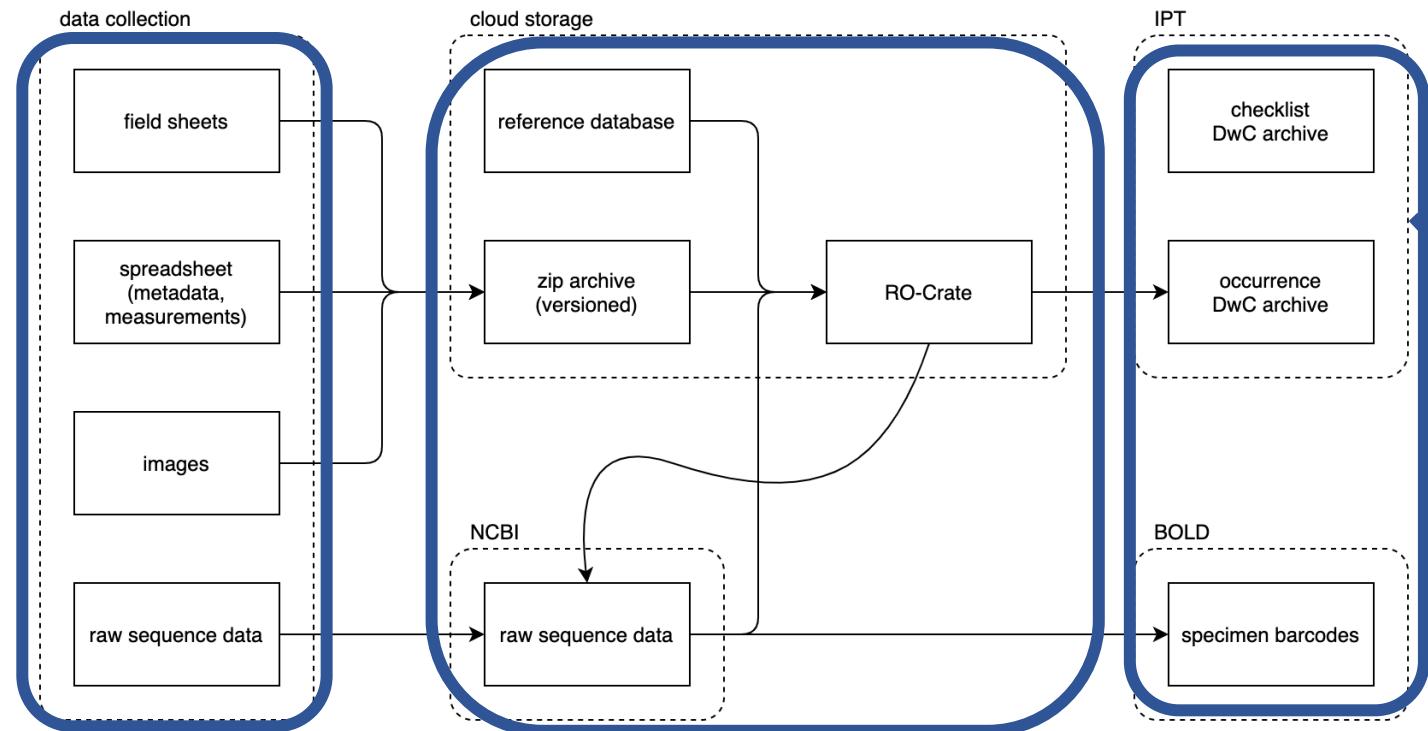
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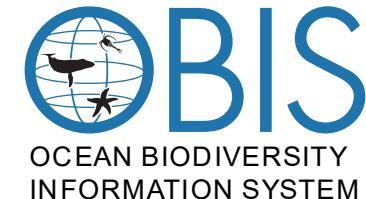
1. Data collection, storage and preservation
2. Data analysis
3. Data sharing and reuse



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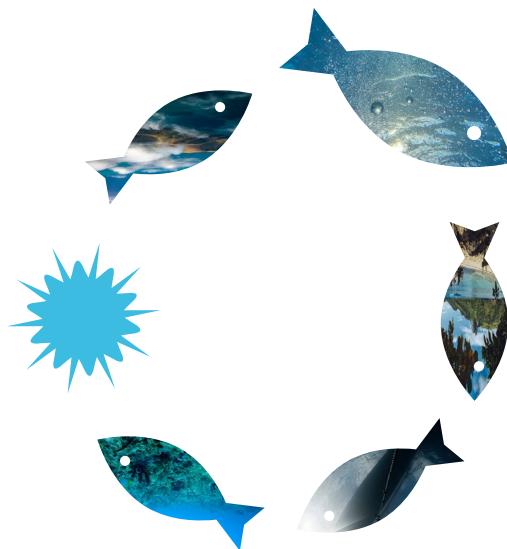
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**As automated and  
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Easily reproducible in other  
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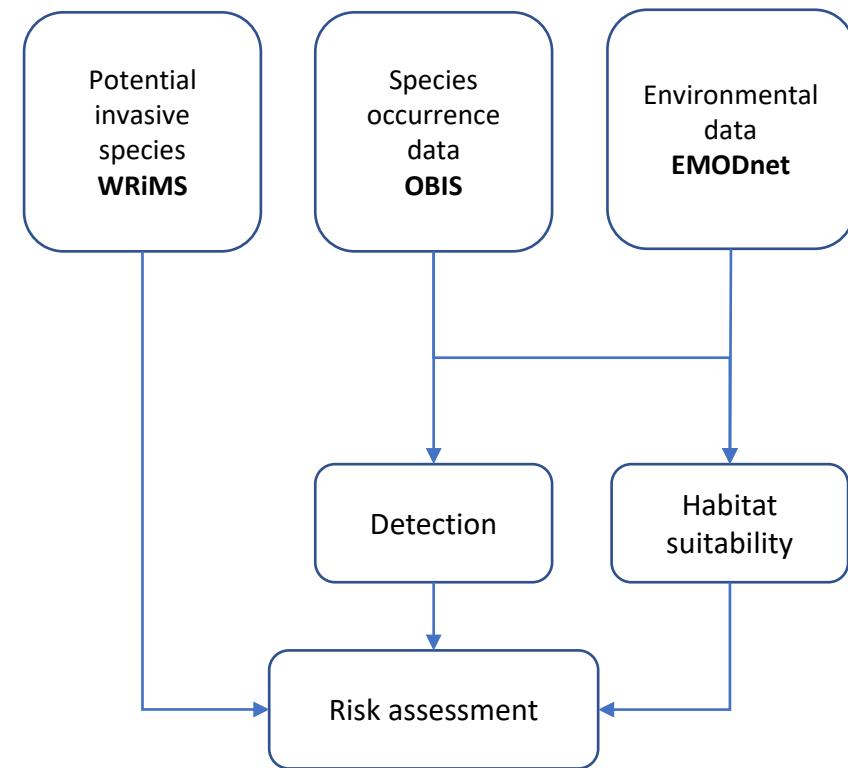


## 4. A decision support tool for early warnings of invasive species presence

- Final outcome of the project:
  - A decision support tool



- The decision support tool will highlight possible risk species based on:
  - Invasive species lists
  - Species distribution models taking into account species traits and habitability

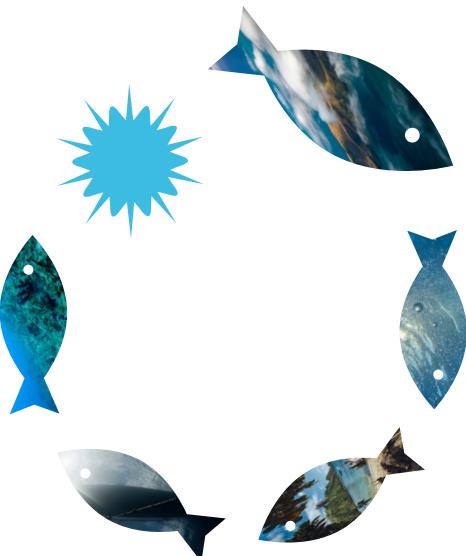


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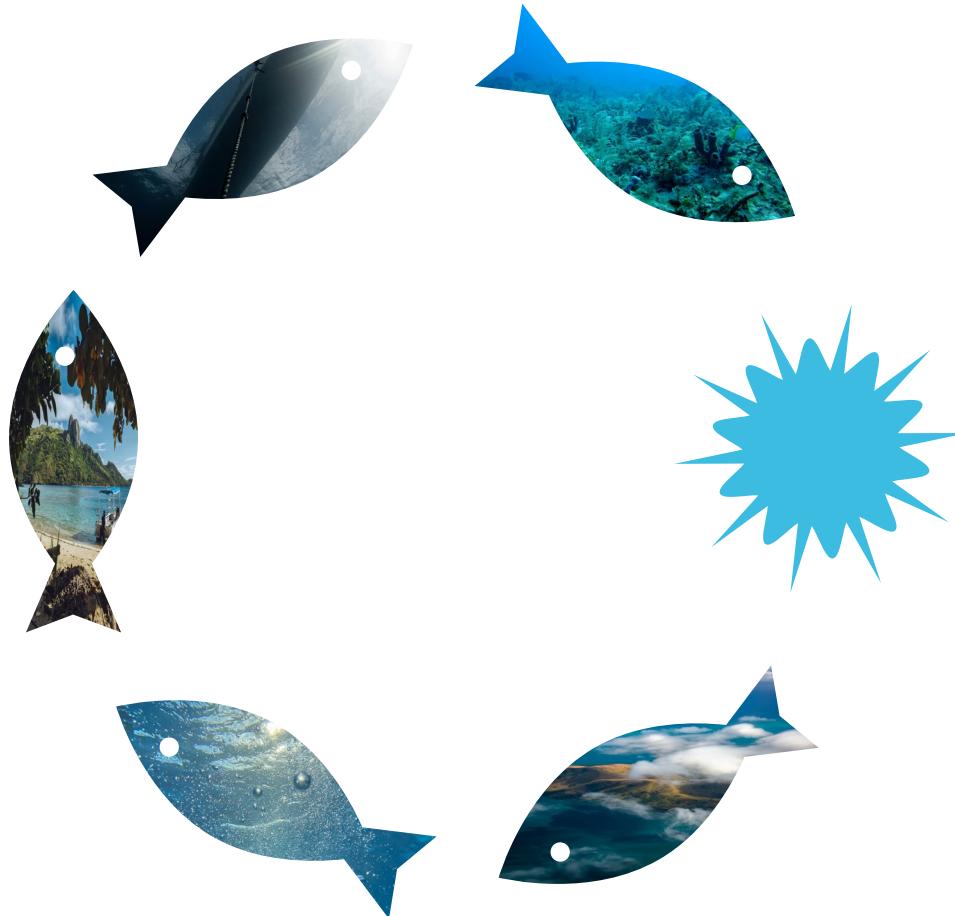
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- **To ensure the longevity of the program**
  - Strong engagement and capacity development in the local community



- **In collaboration with OTGA**
  - Training courses for local stakeholders in
    - Sampling and sample/data handling for monitoring purposes
    - Interpretation and communication of analytical results through the decision support tool

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## Outlook

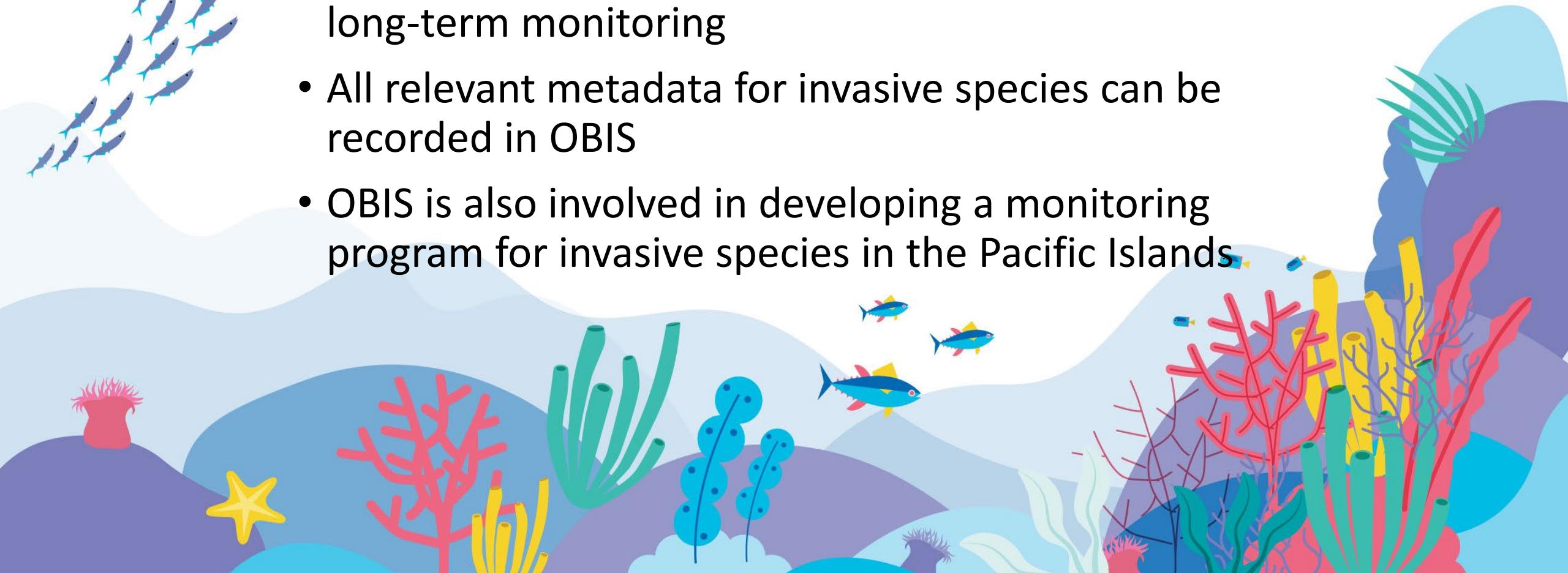
### The goal

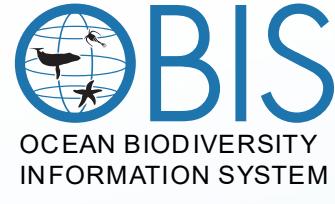
- a working long-term monitoring program that becomes a routine in risk areas
- Including workflows based on best practices both in the field and in data management



# Conclusions

- OBIS is an efficient way to store and share marine biodiversity data: making sure that it is available for long-term monitoring
- All relevant metadata for invasive species can be recorded in OBIS
- OBIS is also involved in developing a monitoring program for invasive species in the Pacific Islands.





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