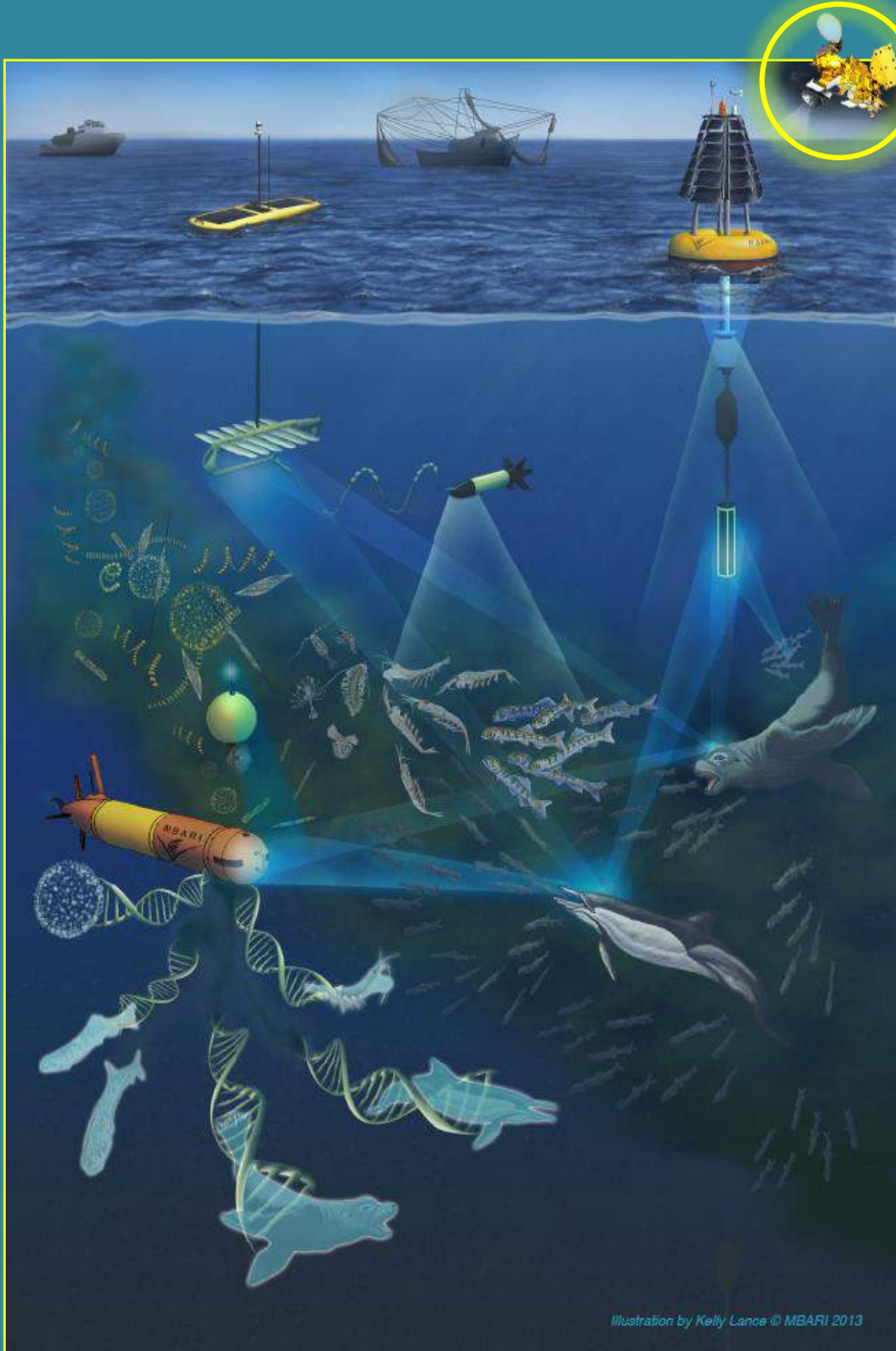


Linkages to the Intergovernmental  
Oceanographic Commission, Ocean Obs 19 and  
the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable  
Development (2021-2030)



GEO BON

MBON

Marine Biodiversity  
Observation Network

A global partnership  
for the systematic  
study of life in the sea  
...from microbes to whales

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## To understand local change in a regional context, MBON:

- Promotes a global **Community of Practice** for the observation of marine biodiversity
  - **Best practices** for marine biodiversity observation
  - IOC/IODE Ocean Best Practices repository (field, lab, metadata)
- Supports **monitoring efforts** in country or region
- Promotes **open-access databases** (e.g. Ocean Biogeographic Information System/OBIS)
- Promotes integration of biological observations with regional observing (e.g. Global Ocean Obs. System)
- Promotes capacity building

*The NOPP Sanctuaries MBON Pilot:*  
*Primary Goals of Cooperative Agreement*

- Export the MBON concept globally

Our Approach:

Networking networking networking

Respecting/enhancing identity of  
observer groups and stakeholders

# MBON

INTERNATIONAL  
LINKAGES

**OBSERVING LIFE IN THE OCEANS FOR SOCIETAL BENEFIT**  
(- INFORMATION FLOW -)



**Global Ocean Observing System**



**GEO GROUP ON  
EARTH OBSERVATIONS**

**Biodiversity Observation  
Network (BON)**



**GOOS: ESSENTIAL OCEAN VARIABLES**

*Focus on EOVs driven by societal needs*  
- Global implementation -



**ESSENTIAL BIODIVERSITY VARIABLES**

*Focus on EBVs driven by science questions  
and other user needs (policy, societal)*  
- National and regional implementation -

**MARINE OBSERVATION NETWORK**

*National — Regional — Global — Thematic*  
National Governments • Non Government Organizations • Agencies • Institutions • Citizen Science

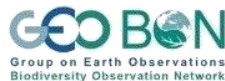
**Data integration and dissemination**



+ other national, international data  
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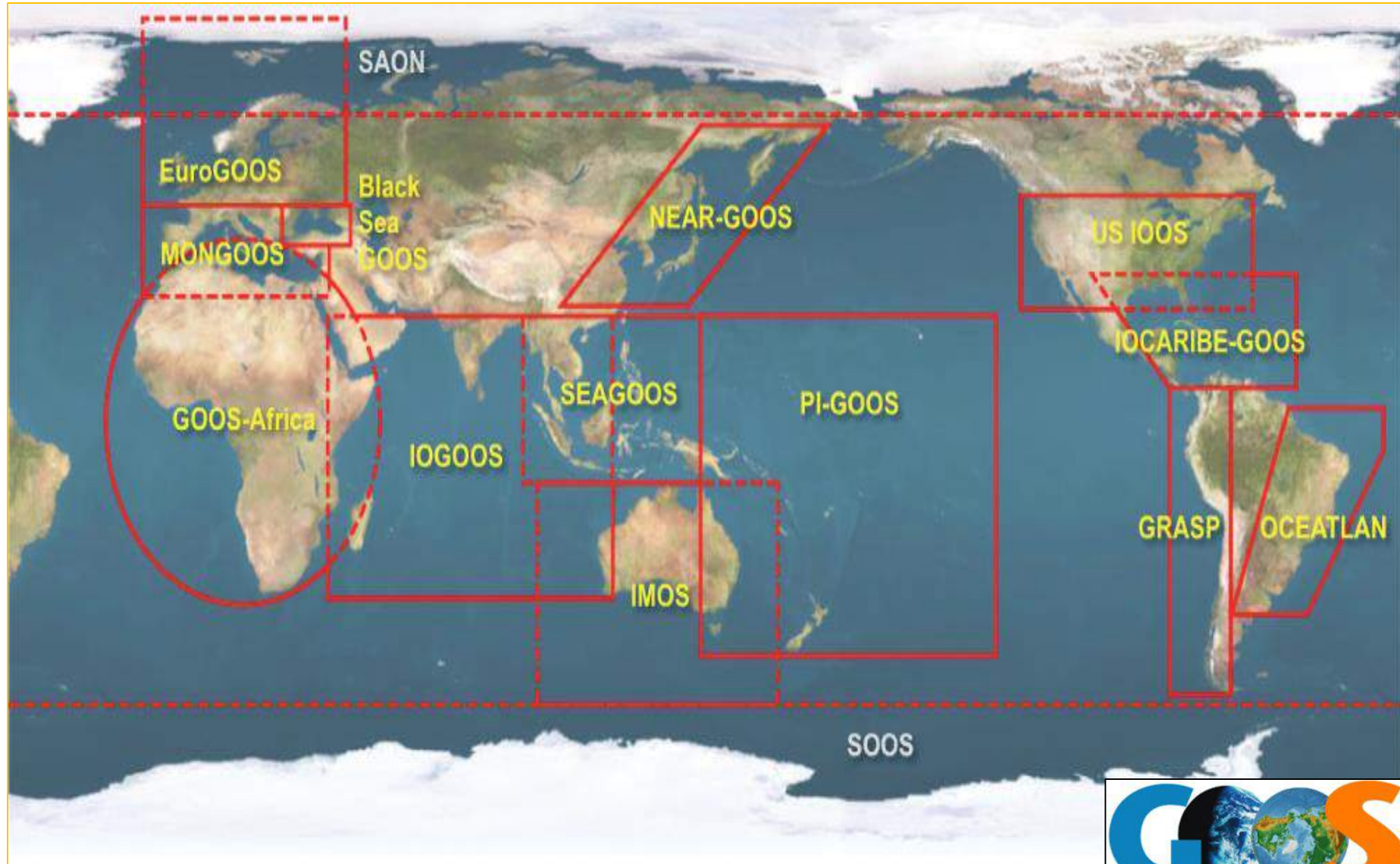
**OTHER DATA PROVIDERS AND USERS**

- ✓ National Governments and Organizations
- ✓ International Organizations
- ✓ Non Government Organizations
- ✓ Research Institutions
- ✓ Citizen Scientists





# 15 GOOS Regional Alliances





[www.deepoceanobserving.org](http://www.deepoceanobserving.org)

An international, community-based group focused on developing a roadmap that will lead to an improved understanding of the state of the deep ocean with respect to baseline conditions, response to climate variability and response to human disturbance.



# Smithsonian MarineGEO Partnership

*Our infrastructure is people*



- **Vital signs:**  
*coastal seabed focus*  
*diversity time series*
- **Diagnostic tests:**  
*Coordinated exp'ts*
- **Capacity building**



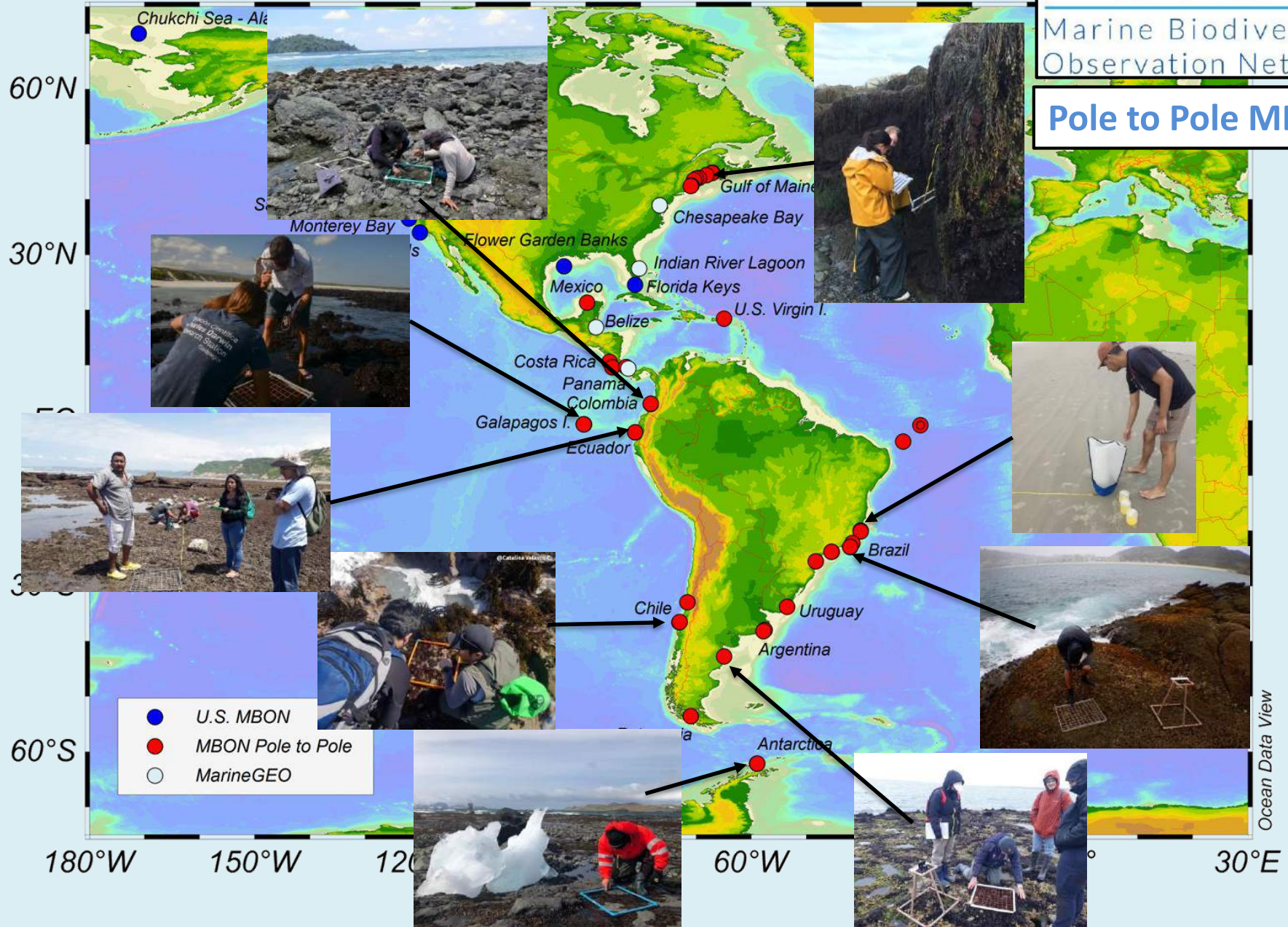


# Capacity Building – Field sampling

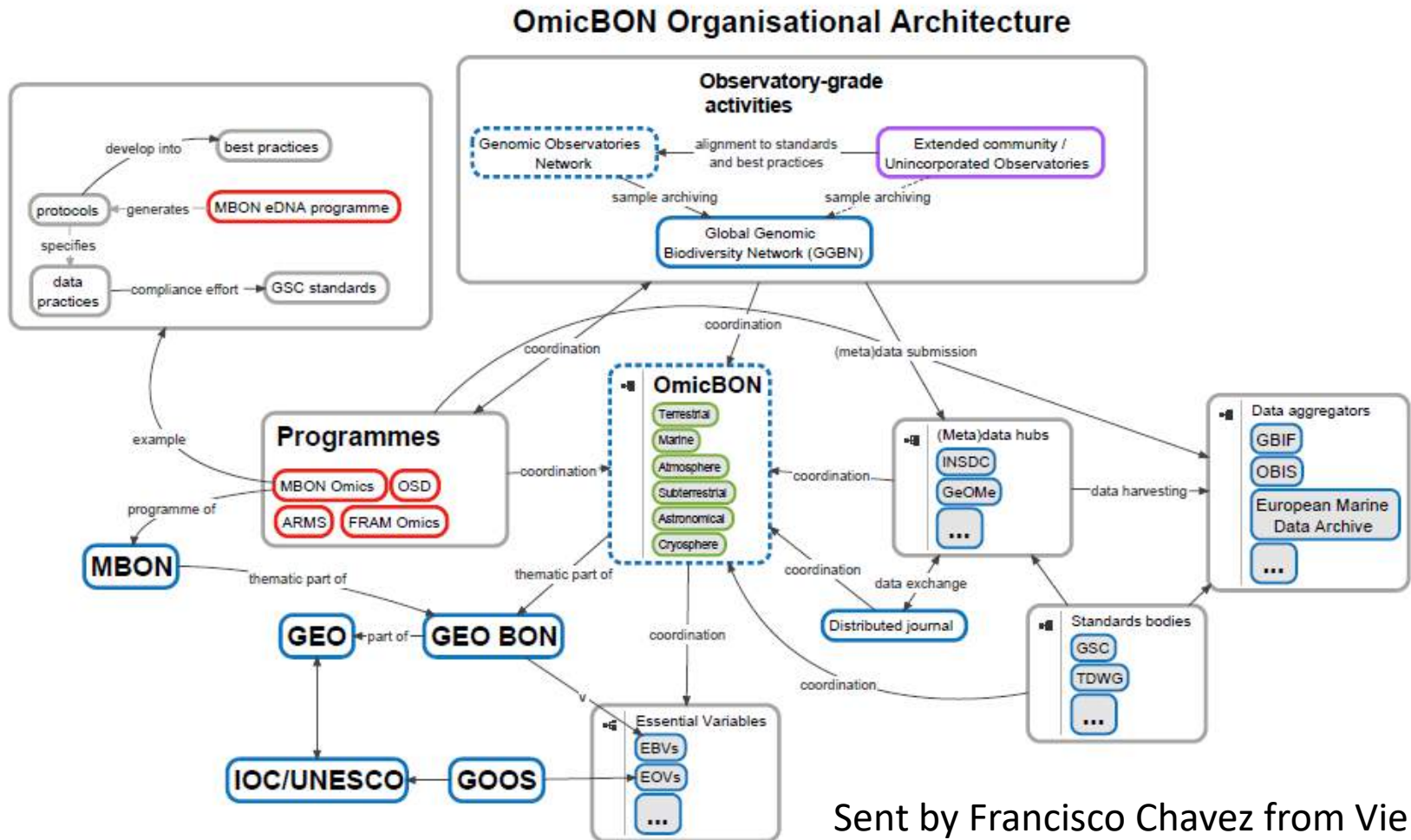
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Pole to Pole MBON



# MBON and the Genomics Standard Consortium



Sent by Francisco Chavez from Vienna  
24 May 2019





Honolulu, Hawaii



## Substantial MBON involvement

In partnership with

NSF OceanObs RCN:

- *Intellectual sponsor*
- *Program Committee*
- Participation:
  - Speakers and panelists
  - Breakout sessions
- **Post OO19 activities planned**
  - AGU fall Meeting
  - Ocean Sci. Meeting

<http://www.oceanobs19.net/>



# Conference Objectives



## IMPROVE OCEAN OBSERVATION

(advocacy, funding, best practices, etc.)

Information: how do we meet future user needs? And how can we better communicate among observing systems to deliver products for users that follow usability and other best practices across the globe?

Innovation: how can we spur innovation in observing technologies, products, and user services?

Integration: how can we balance user and operator needs, capabilities, and knowledge worldwide? And how can we improve sharing and access of capabilities internationally? How can different actors from academia, the public and private sector work together.

Governance: how can we improve ocean observing governance at the global and basin scale? How can we register commitments and deliver against agreed objectives?



# UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)

Martin Visbeck  
GEOMAR und Kiel University



United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization



Intergovernmental  
Oceanographic  
Commission



**2021**  
**2030** United Nations Decade  
of Ocean Science  
for Sustainable Development





On 5 December 2017, the **UN General Assembly** proclaimed the **Decade** of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030).

**Resolution A/72/L.18** calls upon the IOC to prepare an **Implementation Plan** for the Decade in consultation with:

- **Member States;**
- **UN partners;**
- **Institutional partners;**
- **Other relevant stakeholders.**

And to report to the UN Secretary-General about the implementation of the Decade.

**Resolution A/72/L.18** also invites **UN-Oceans** to collaborate with **IOC**.





# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



**2030 AGENDA**

## UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)

Biological Diversity/Aichi Biodiversity targets (CBD)

Law of the Sea (UNCLOS + BBNJ + UNFSA)

SIDS Action (SAMOA Pathway)

Disaster Risk Reduction SENDAI Framework

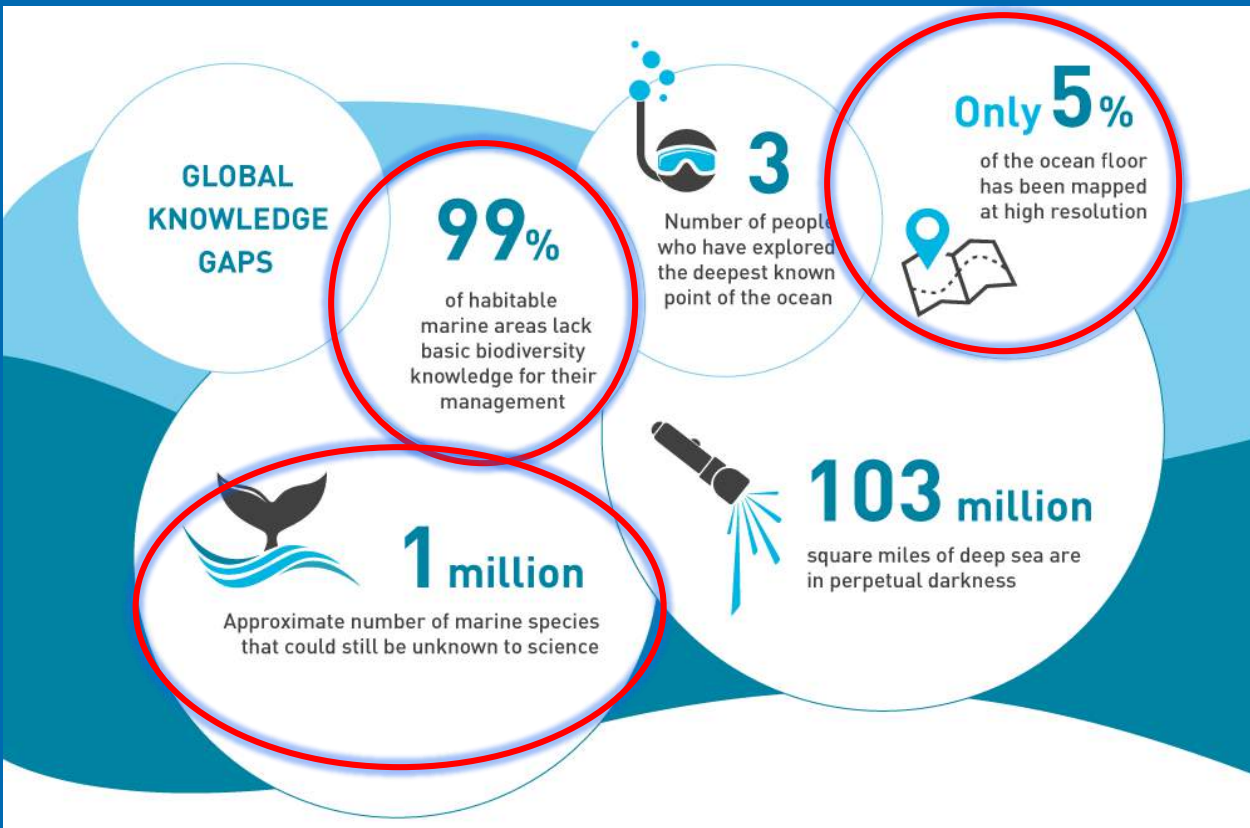
Climate Change/Paris Agreement (UNFCCC)

**A global framework that will  
ensure Ocean Science  
can help governments  
and societies achieve  
the major goals of  
our generation**





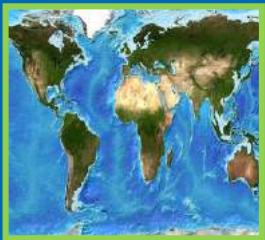
# A global collective research and investment framework to close the knowledge gaps







# Research & Development Priority Areas



**Map the entire  
ocean floor and  
processes**



**Bolster  
ocean  
observation  
systems in all  
basins**



**Conduct an  
inventory of  
ecosystems and  
their  
functioning**



**Develop a data  
and  
information  
portal**



**Establish an  
integrated  
multi-hazard  
warning system**



**New integrated  
models for  
ocean  
prediction**



**Strengthen  
capacities and  
accelerate  
technology  
transfer and  
ocean literacy**





# Preparatory Phase: 2018-2020



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# Preparing for the Decade: Next Steps







## Executive Planning Group

serves as an advisory body to the IOC governing bodies



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# Get in touch

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## The Science We Need for the Ocean We Want



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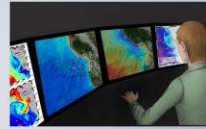
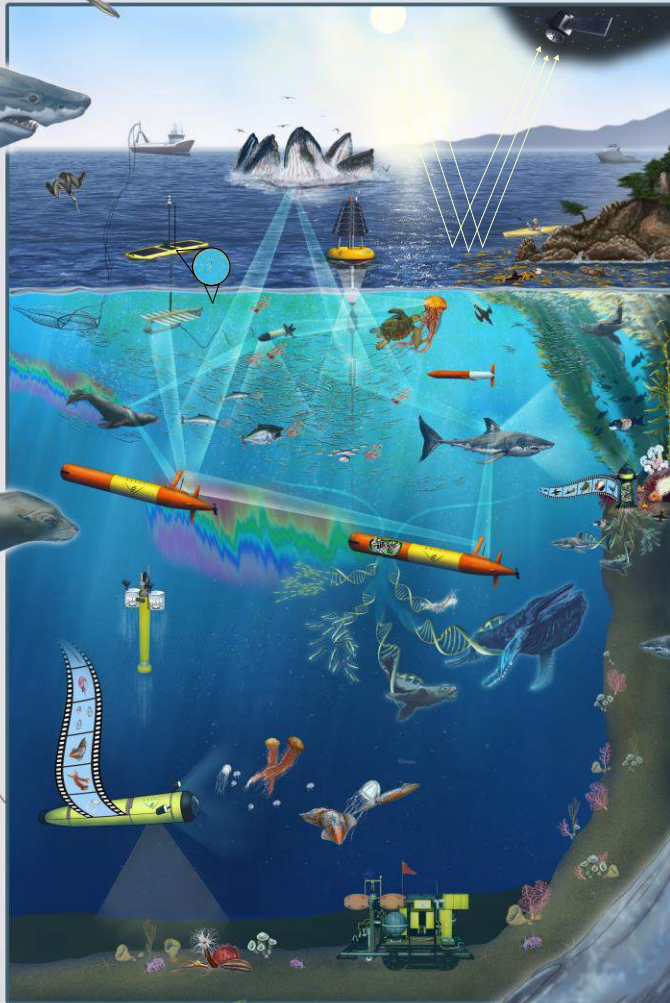
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# Observing Life in the Sea



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...we can  
...do this now!

<https://mbon.ioos.us/>

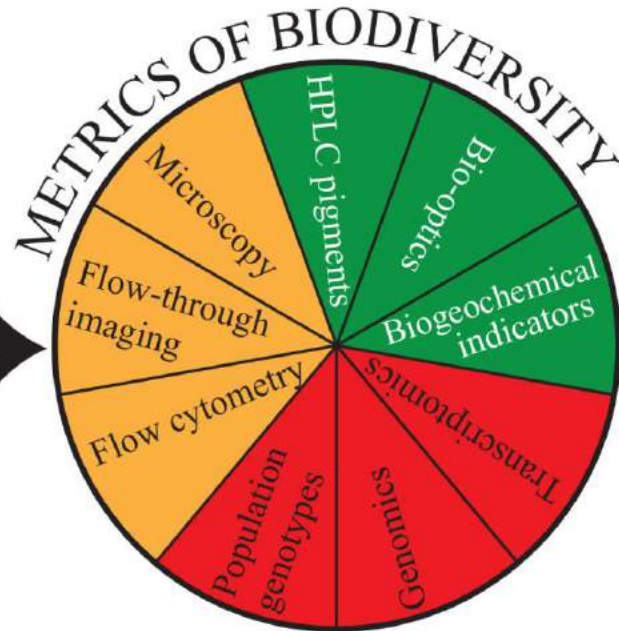
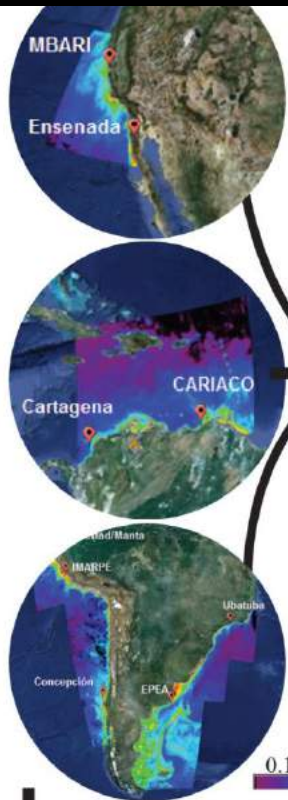
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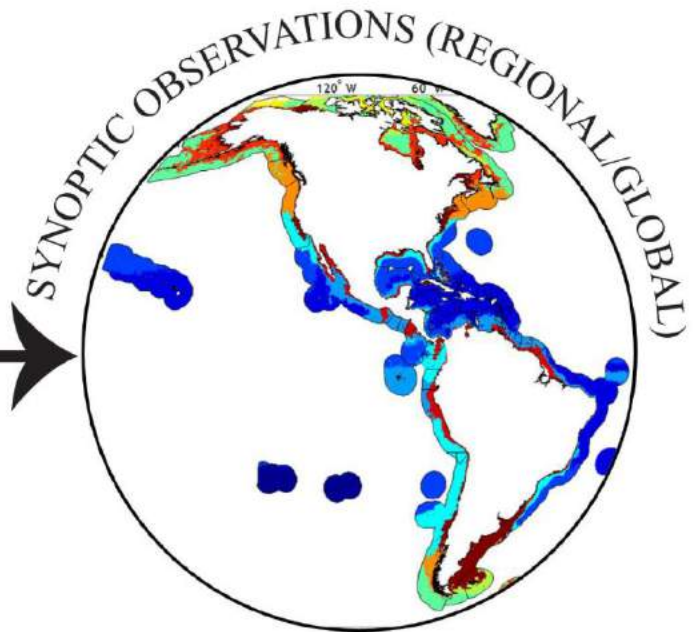


## Time-Series



**TAXONOMIC DIVERSITY**  
**GENOMIC DIVERSITY**  
**FUNCTIONAL DIVERSITY**

## Seascapes



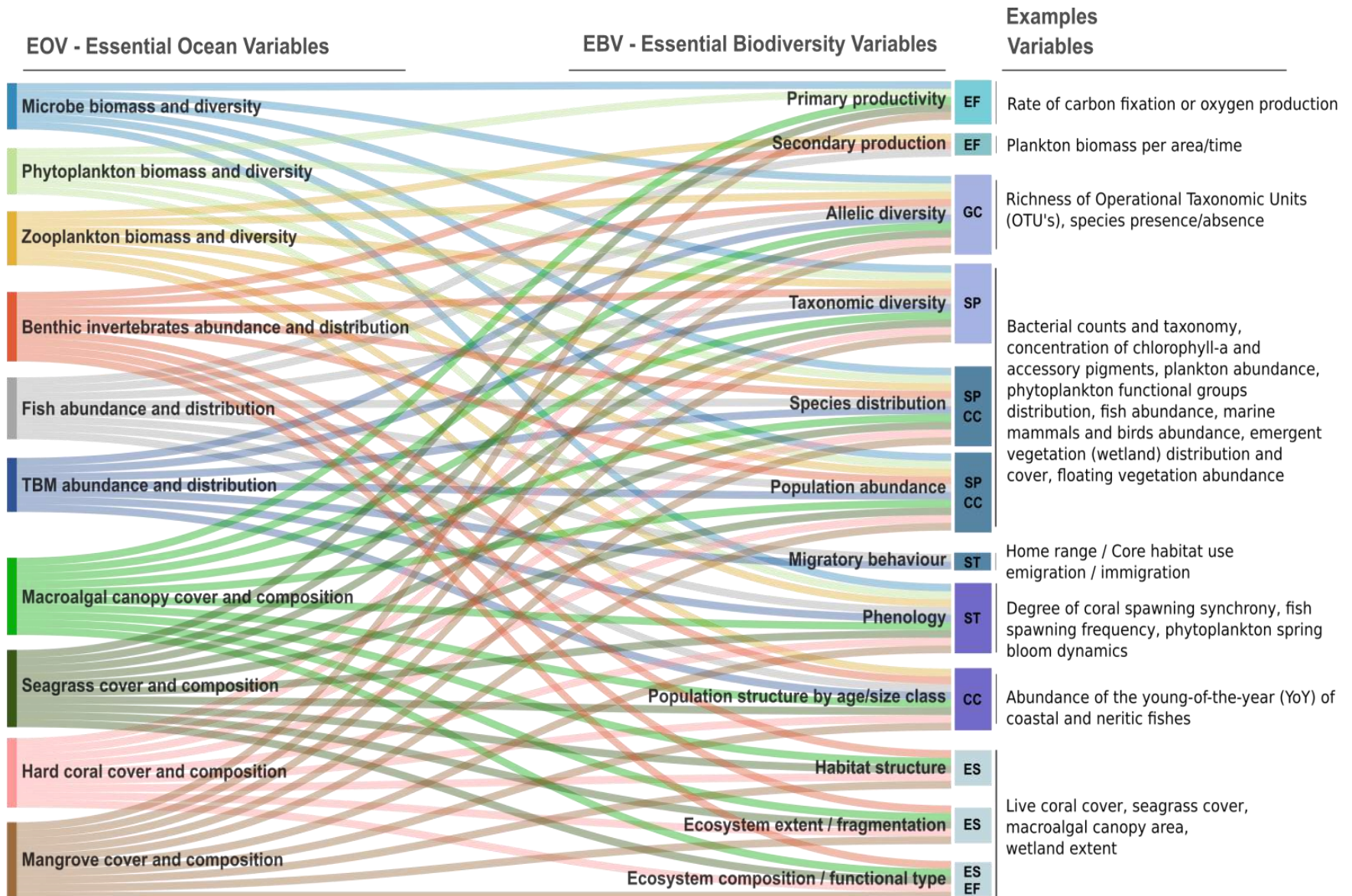
**COLORS CORRESPOND  
TO DISTINCT SEASCAPES**

## INTEGRATION

Assessment of impacts of disturbances on coastal biomes



# EBV and EOV are Complementary



## Ongoing/Developing Collaborations:

OBIS-GOOS-MBON

NSF OceanObs Network RCN

Animal Telemetry Network (ATN)

Ocean Acidification Network

Other IOOS RA's

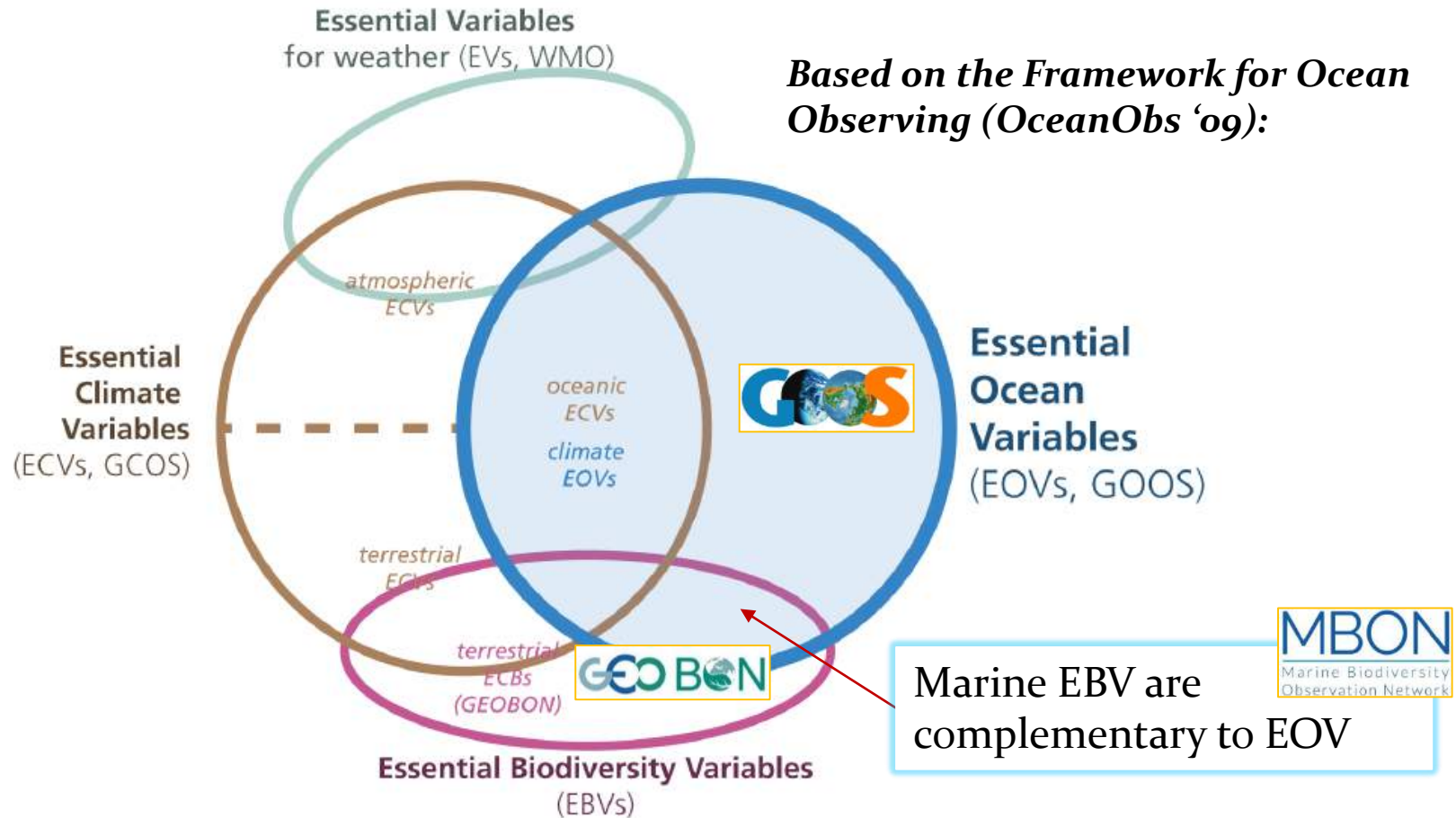
MarineGEO (Tennenbaum)

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OBIS-GOOS-MBON Partnership: Belgium, Dec 2016

# Linking Essential Biodiversity Variables (EBVs) and Essential Ocean Variables (EOVs)



EOVs are central to GOOS strategic planning and implementation

EBVs are central to GEO BON strategic planning and implementation



# BLUE PLANET MBON

Oceans and Society

Marine Biodiversity  
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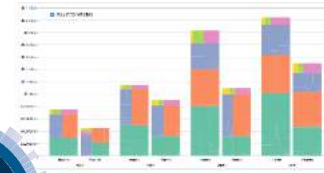
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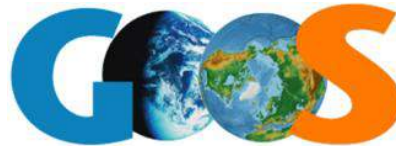
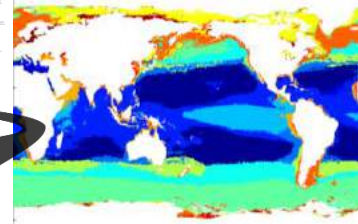
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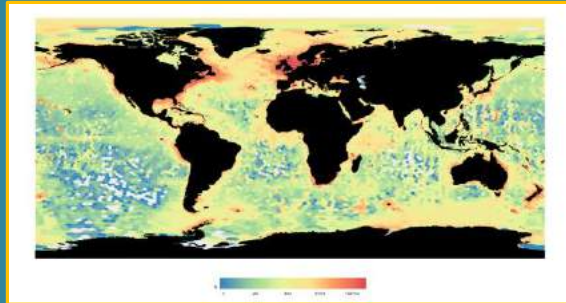
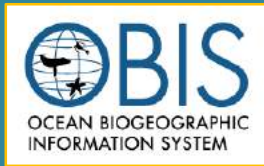
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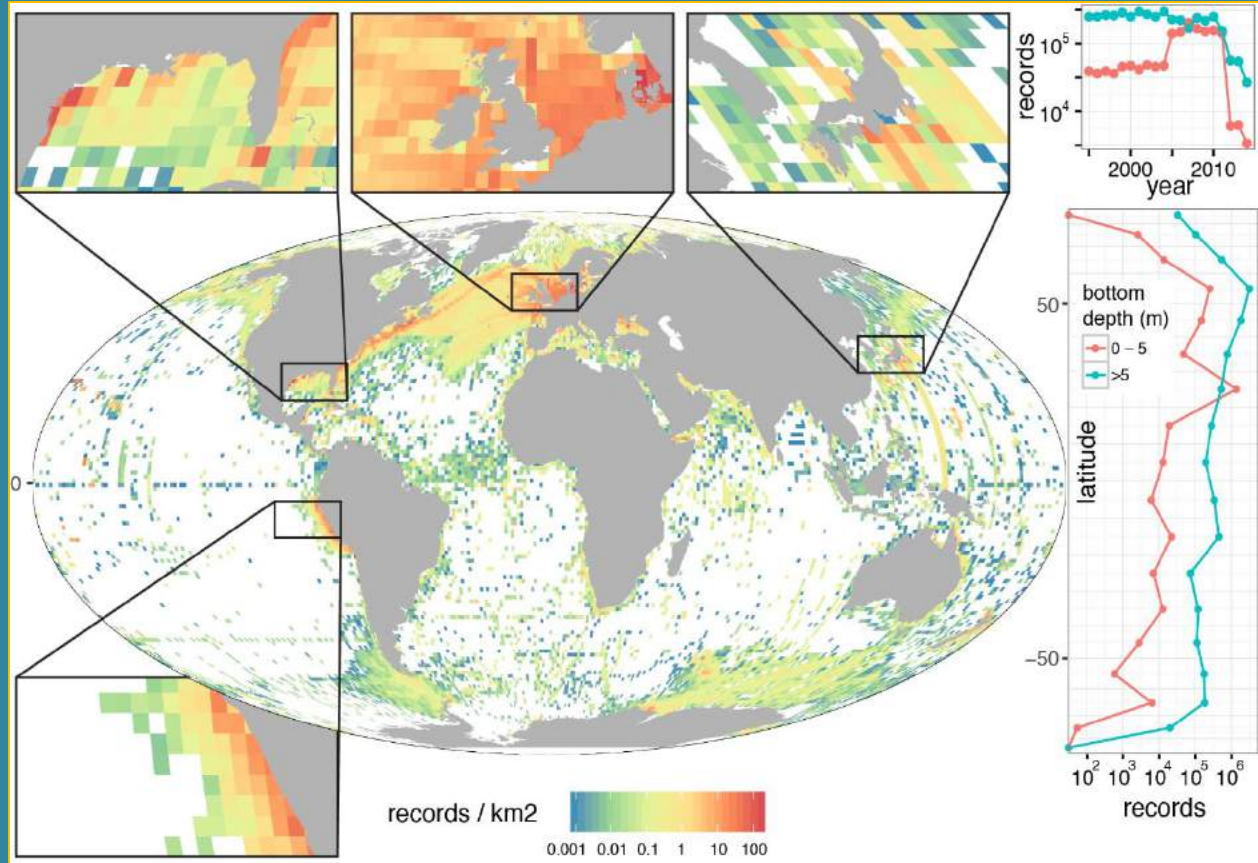


# The state of marine biodiversity monitoring



**OBIS: 47 million records  
(water column to benthos)**

**Data  
needed to  
satisfy  
'Drivers'**

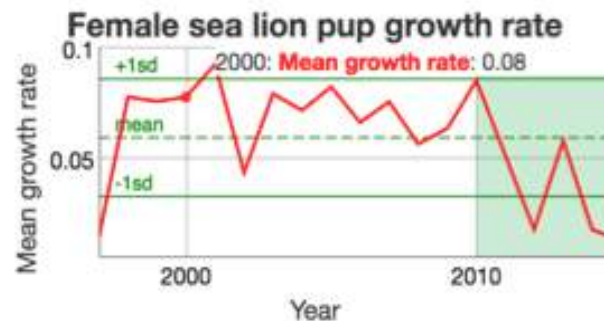
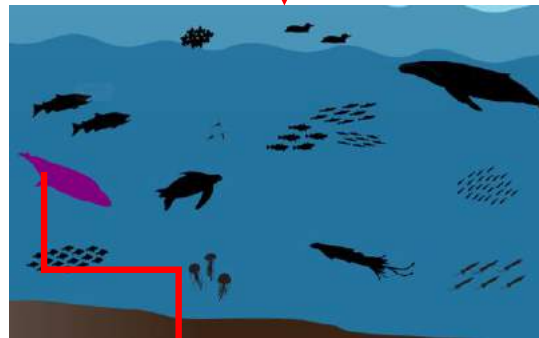
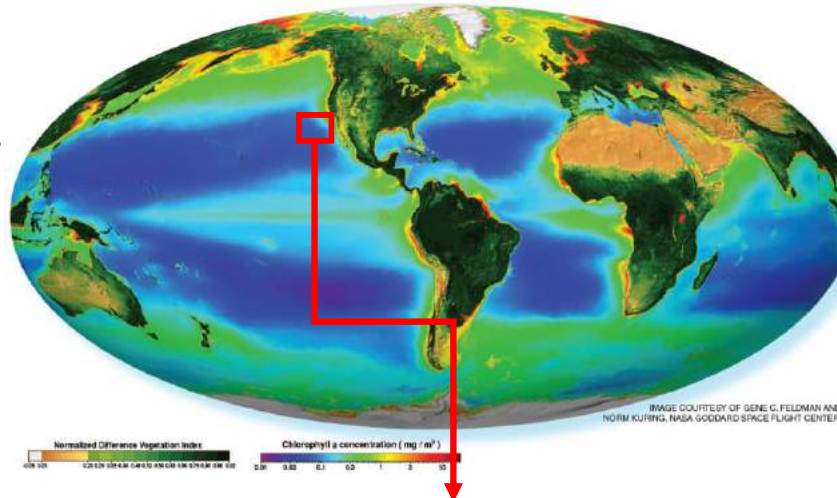


## Near-surface taxonomic records (<20 m)

- Many areas have no records
- Less records in last 10 years:  
lag in reporting data to OBIS

### NCEAS Global Marine Ecosystems layers:

Beach  
 Coral Reefs  
 Deep Hard Bottom  
 Deep Soft Benthic  
 Deep Waters  
 Hard Shelf  
 Hard Slope  
 Intertidal Mud  
 Kelp  
 Mangroves  
 Rocky Intertidal  
 Rocky Reef  
 Salt Marsh  
 Seagrass  
 Seamounts  
 Soft Shelf  
 Soft Slope  
 Sub-tidal Soft Bottom  
 Surface Waters  
 Suspension-Feeder Reef



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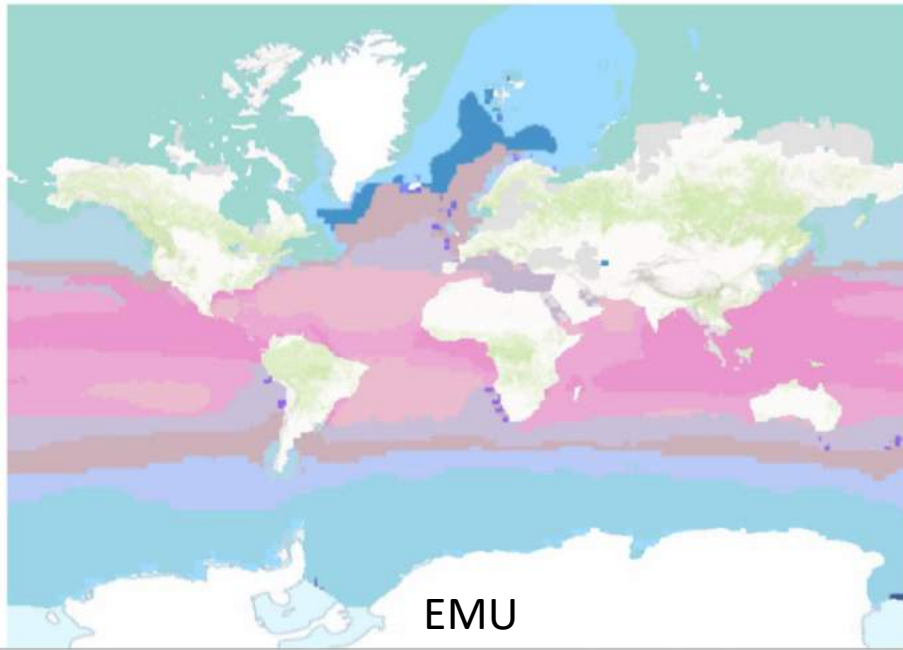


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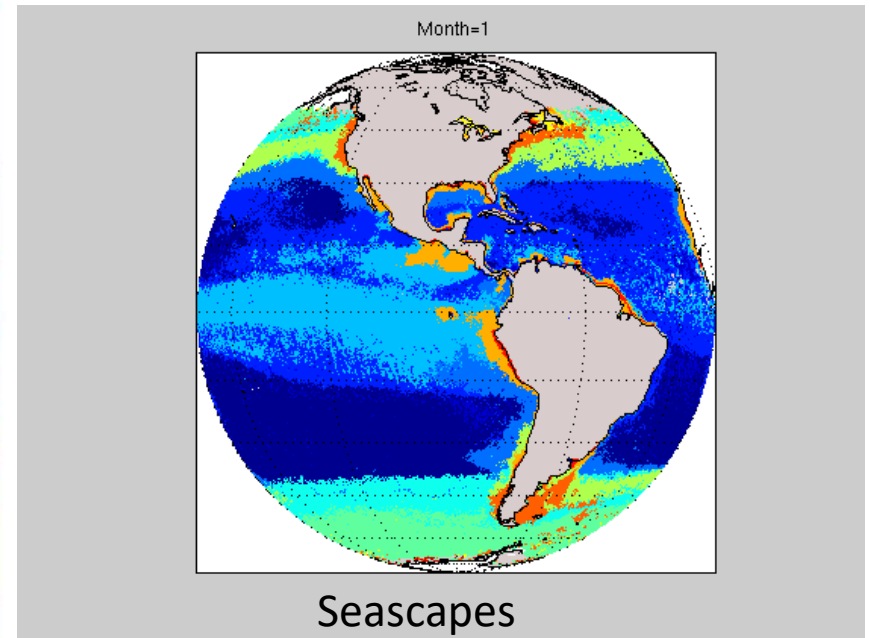


# GEO Activity: Collaboration with USGS and ESRI

## Ecological Marine Units (EMU) and Seascape comparisons



Esri, FAO, NOAA | Esri, USGS, NOAA, NASA, |



- 1) Surface EMUs classified from interpolated NOAA WOA data
- 2) Seascape classified from satellite derived SST, chl-a, NFLH, PAR

# Example: diversity of fisheries and satellite seascapes (SST, CHL, productivity) in Large Marine Ecosystems (LME)

## Results:

Three megaregions (A, B, C)

Between 1982 and 2010, *seven LMEs diversified their fisheries*

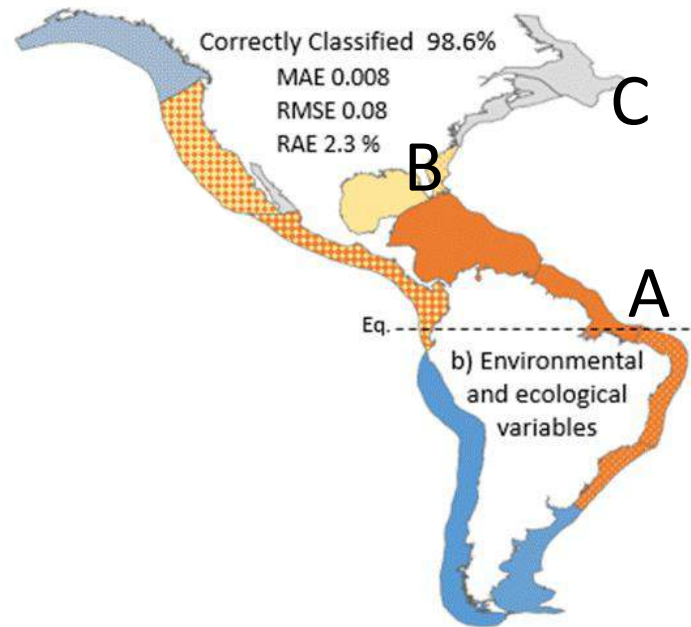
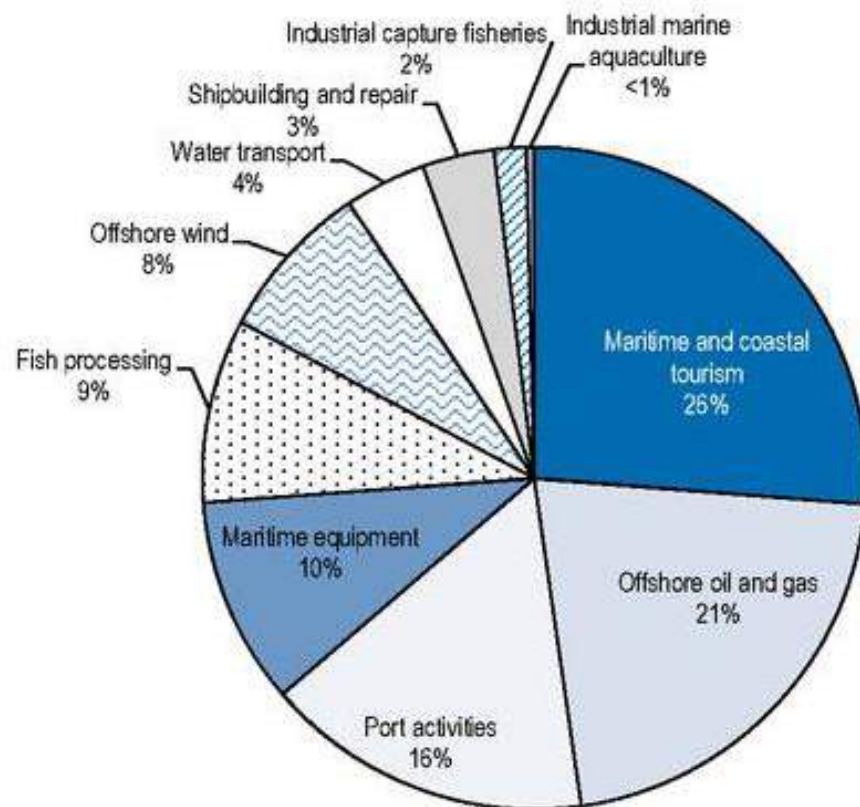


Figure 1.6. Value added of the ocean economy in 2030 in the business-as-usual scenario



Ocean Economy  
value:  
>US \$3 trillion  
in 2030

StatLink  <http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/888933334632>

Note: Artisanal fisheries are not included in this overview.

Source: Authors' calculations based on OECD STAN, UNIDO INDSTAT, UNSD; Lloyd's Register (2014; 2013); World Bank (2013); IEA (2014).

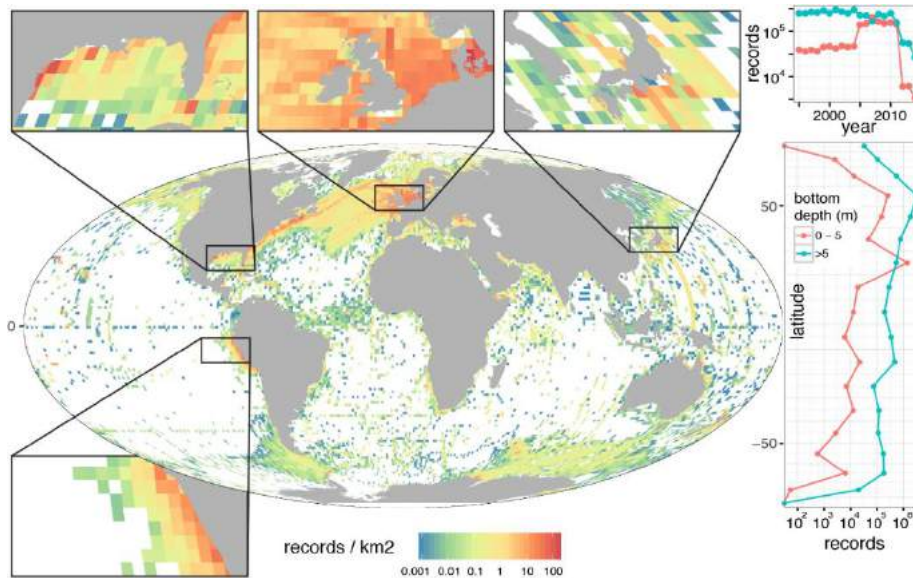


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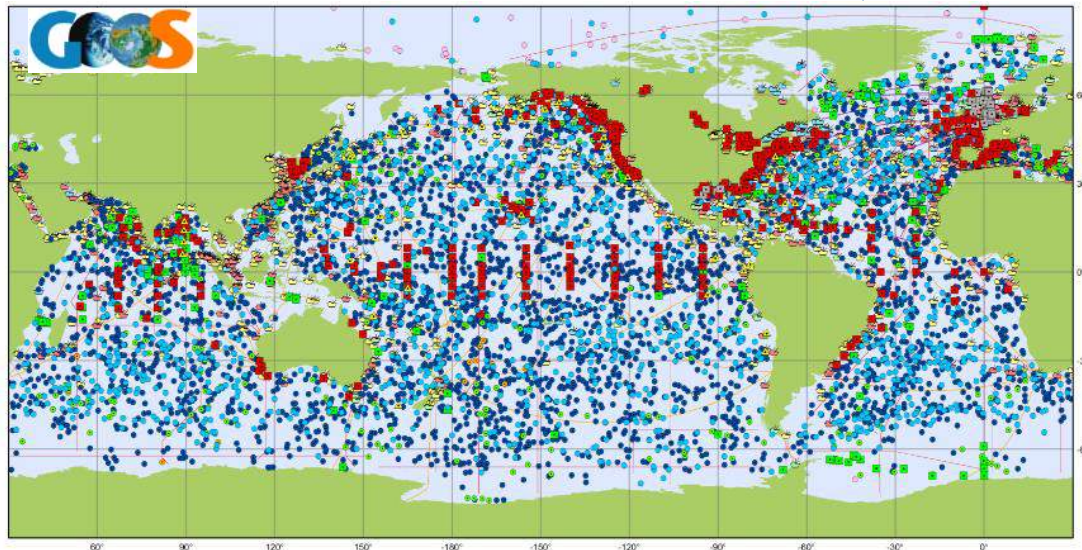
**Increase  
observations of  
marine life**

building on GOOS,  
OBIS, and other  
networks:

- MarineGEO/Tennenbaum
- UNEP WCMC
- Americas (AmeriGEOSS)
- EuBON
- AsiaPacific
- Coral/GCRMN
- Africa
- CAFF (Arctic)
- National programs
- etc.



Present to Future



Main in-situ Elements of the Global Ocean Observing System

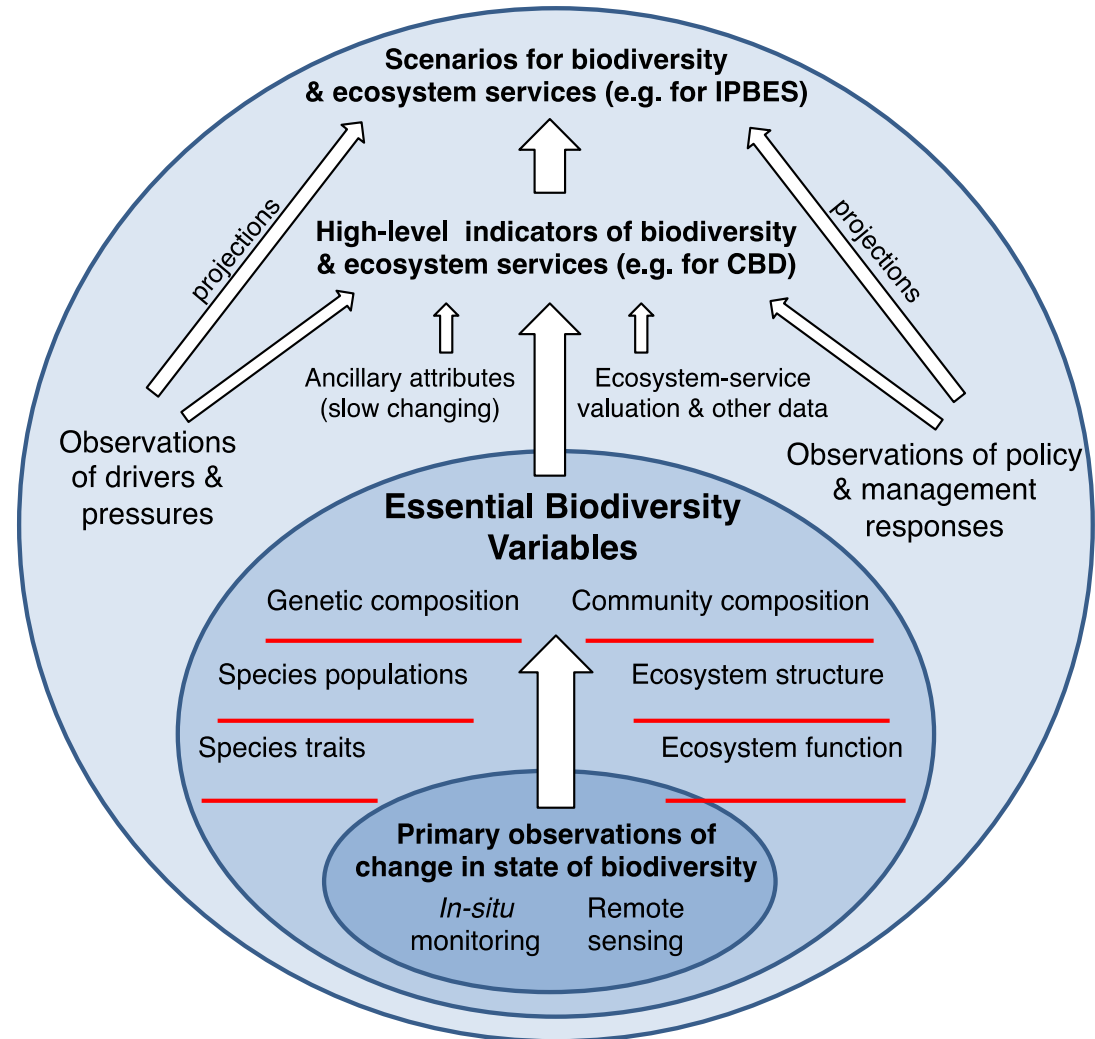
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# Essential Biodiversity Variables (EBV)

## Biodiversity:

**the variety of life and habitats**

- number of species,
- abundance, biomass, distribution
- interactions
- variability of habitat





# Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS)

## Essential Ocean Variables (EOVs)



PHYSICS	BIOGEOCHEMISTRY	BIOLOGY AND ECOSYSTEMS
Sea state	Oxygen	Phytoplankton biomass and diversity
Ocean surface stress	Nutrients	Zooplankton biomass and diversity
Sea ice	Inorganic carbon	Fish abundance and distribution
Sea surface height	Transient tracers	Marine turtles, birds, mammals abundance and distribution
Sea surface temperature	Particulate matter	Hard coral cover and composition
Subsurface temperature	Nitrous oxide	Seagrass cover
Surface currents	Stable carbon isotopes	Macroalgal canopy cover
Subsurface currents	Dissolved organic carbon	Mangrove cover
Sea surface salinity	Ocean colour ( <i>Spec Sheet under development</i> )	Microbe biomass and diversity (*emerging)
Subsurface salinity		Benthic invertebrate abundance and distribution (*emerging)
Ocean surface heat flux		