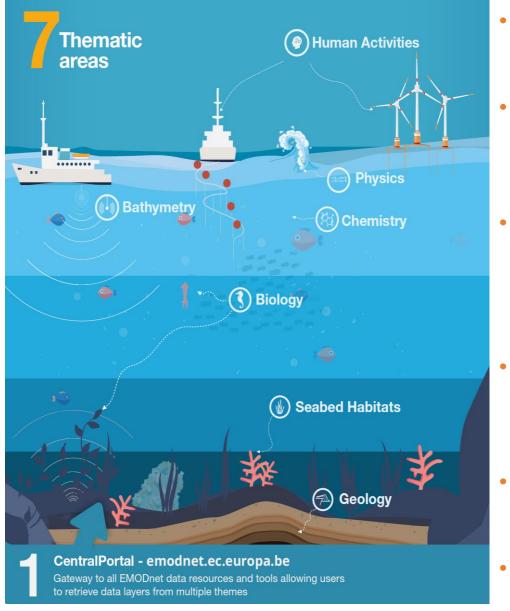


# The European Marine Observation and Data Network (EMODnet) public EU marine data service

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## EMODnet: A public EU in situ marine data service, open to all



- **EMODnet is an operational EU marine data service,** funded by the European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF) managed by EC DG MARE
- The EMODnet Portal delivers users with access to aggregated marine environmental and human activities data spanning 100's of parameters (e.g., temperature, marine litter, pollutants, phytoplankton...)
- The most comprehensive EU marine data service for marine data collected *in situ* (in water/field) data by the European Ocean Observing community e.g., oceanographic vessels, research and operational oceanography automated platforms, private sector surveys, citizen scientists, etc)
- **Datasets and Metadata** 
  - ✓ Standardised to EU/International standards
  - ✓ Harmonised into Integrated data layers
  - ✓ Open source and open access
- **Data products** e.g., Digital Terrain Model, Vessel Density composite map, are fully open access with data policy Creative Commons BY4.0
- European seas and beyond, increasingly global emodnet.ec.europa.eu



# One central map viewer

to visualise all EMODnet data

140 partners 1 OCEAN 1 EMODnet

One single portal

# One central metadata catalogue

to enhance data search and discovery

+100 use cases

Discover, visualise and download marine data and products across 7 thematics and hundreds of parameters



**HUMAN ACTIVITIES** 



PHYSICS



**GEOLOGY** 



**SEABED HABITATS** 





HEMISTRY

BIOLOGY

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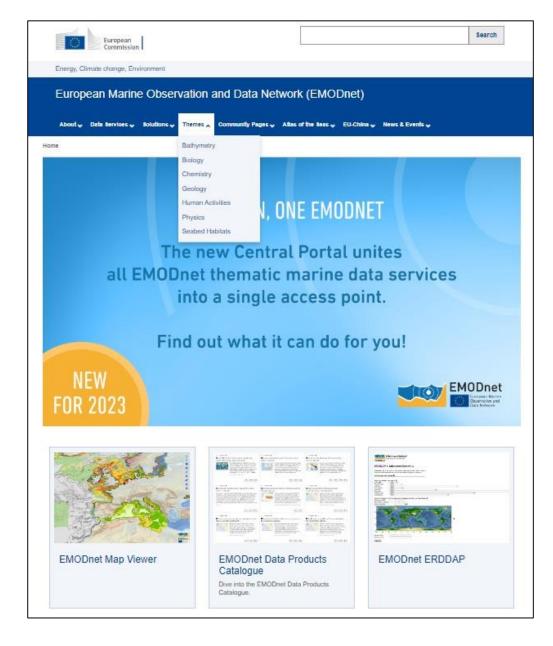




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#### **EMODnet:** Features and functionalities of the EMODnet portal

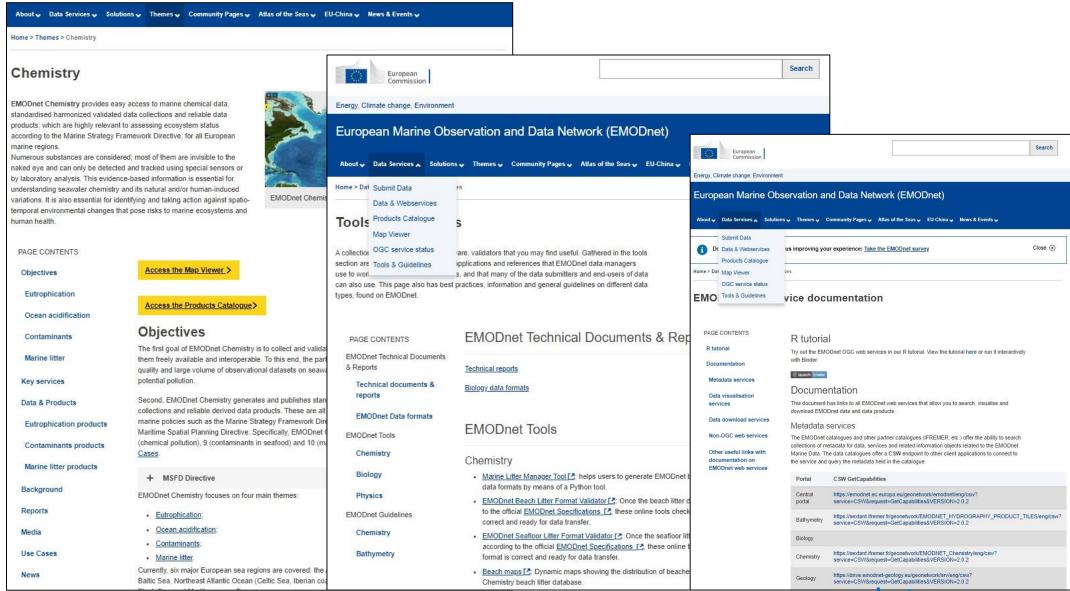


#### Since January 2023:

- Unification of all EMODnet thematics and the shutting down of individual portals
- One EMODnet website
- One EMODnet map viewer
- One EMODnet catalogue
- One EMODnet ERDDAP
- Striving for **consistency** across **themes** in:
  - Metadata
  - File formats
  - Download APIs
  - Web Services



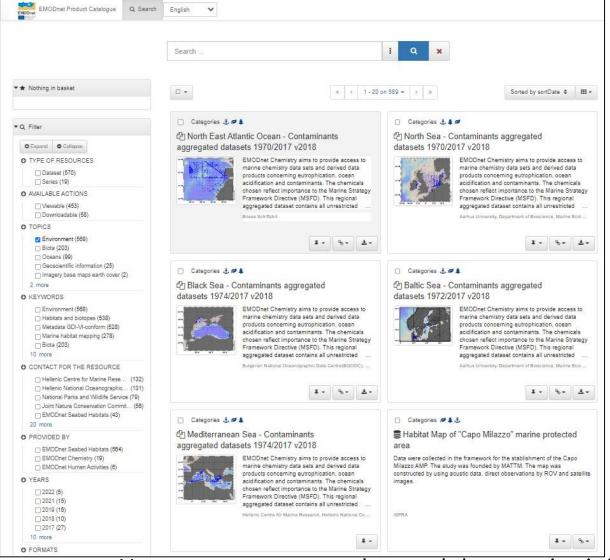
## **EMODnet:** One website – thematic pages – common information pages

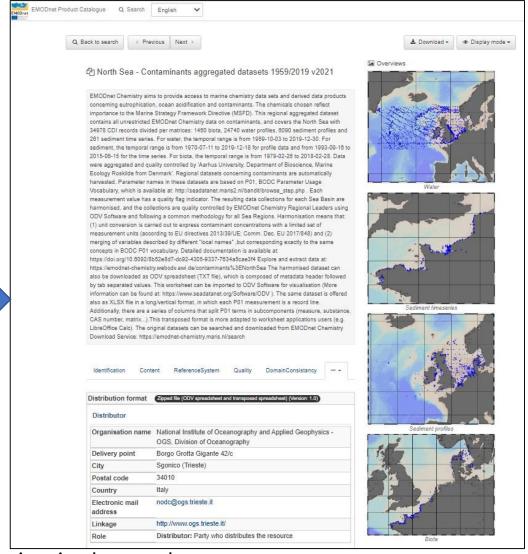






#### **EMODnet:** One central catalogue





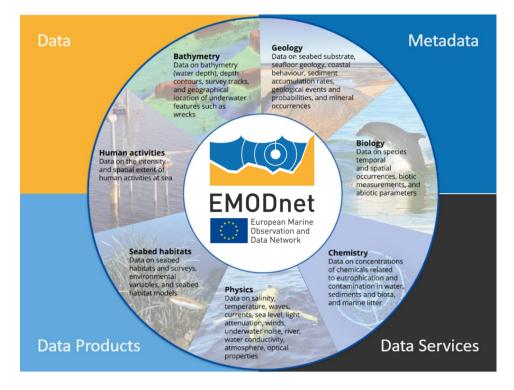
Users can access metadata and data service information in the catalogue

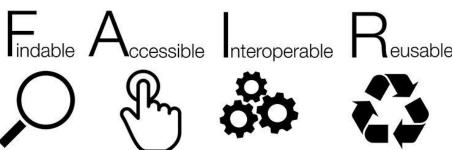


#### **EMODnet:** Added value

#### Pan-European integrated and standardised FAIR marine data and data products

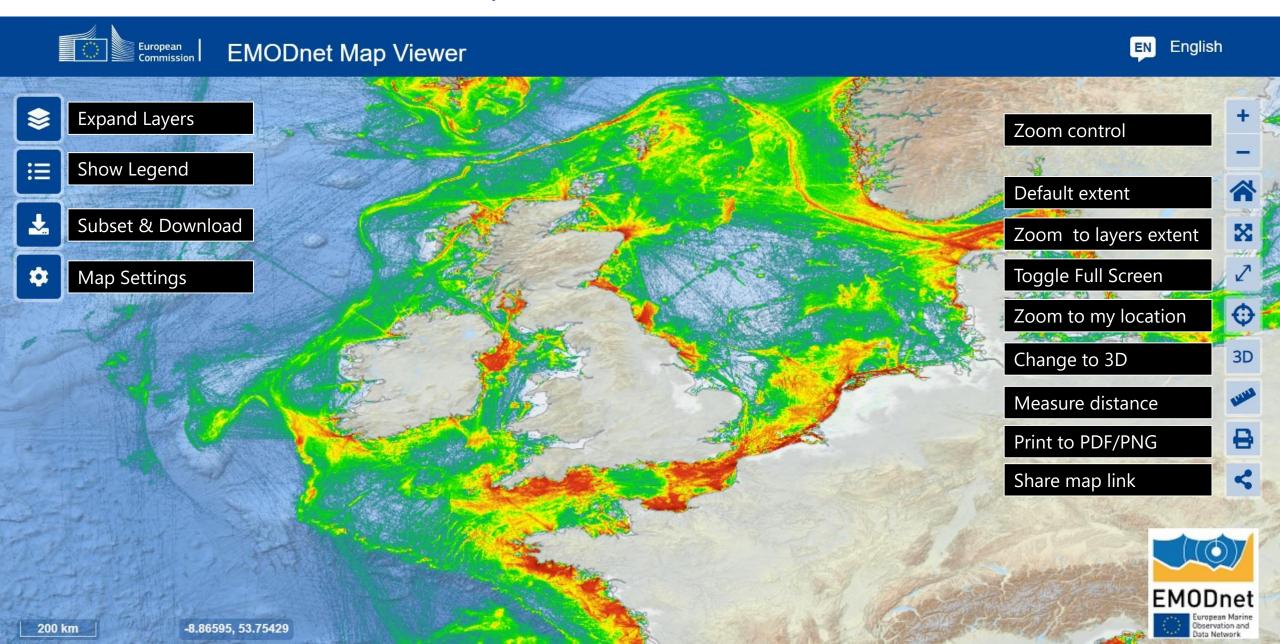
- INSPIRE (EU) and FAIR (International) data standards and principles
- Aggregated, harmonized multiparameter data sets
- Searchable metadata (ISO standards)
- Data services (maps, query)
- Integrated data products
- Data and web services e.g. OGC, machine-machine readability e.g. WMS, WFS, WCS and use of APIs





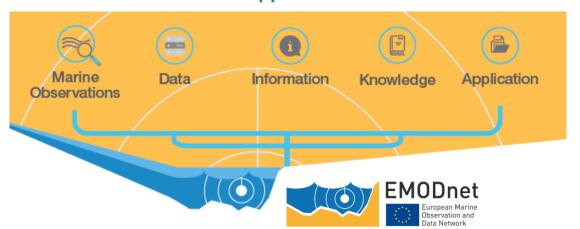


### EMODnet: The result of interoperable marine data e.g., Vessel Density data product



**EMODnet** supports EU Policy implementation, sourcing, assembling and integrating marine data from many diverse sources into FAIR marine data and producing added value data products to provide the marine knowledge base to meet the ambitious targets of the EU Green Deal (including MSFD, MSP), EU Climate Pact, EU 2030 Biodiversity Strategy, EU Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters, and global policy initiatives.

#### From raw data to real-life applications







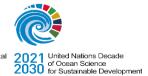








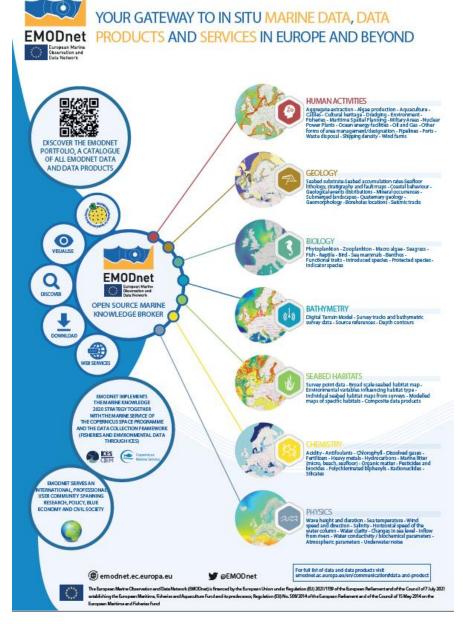








#### **EMODnet:** Marine biodiversity



Examples of EMODnet biodiversity-relevant parameters from Biology and Seabed Habitat thematics:



#### **BIOLOGY**

Phytoplankton - Zooplankton - Macro algae - Seagrass -Fish - Reptile - Bird - Sea mammals - Benthos -Functional traits - Introduced species - Protected species -Indicator species



#### **SEABED HABITATS**

Survey point data - Broad scale seabed habitat map -Environmental variables influencing habitat type -Individual seabed habitat maps from surveys - Modelled maps of specific habitats - Composite data products

Many ongoing collaborations and partnerships for marine biodiversity data e.g.,



**Eionet Portal** 

















## **EMODnet** | Use case: EMODnet biodiversity data for National marine management

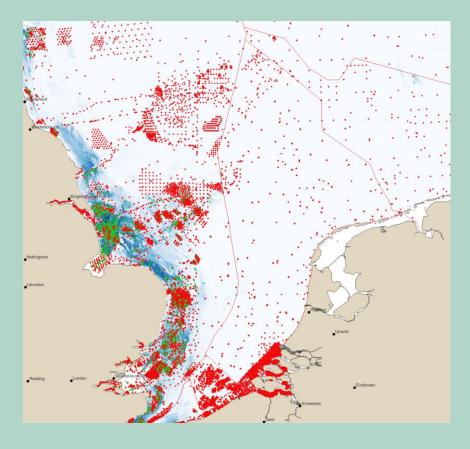




#### **BIOLOGY**

## Distribution of reef-building benthos in the North Sea

The request to Deltares by the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport was to chart the actual distribution of four reef-building species (*Sabellaria*, *Modiolus*, *Lanice*, *Ostrea*) in the Dutch EEZ, and to estimate the probability for restoring populations of these species in the same area.



https://emodnet.ec.europa.eu/en/use-case/distribution-reef-building-benthos-north-sea



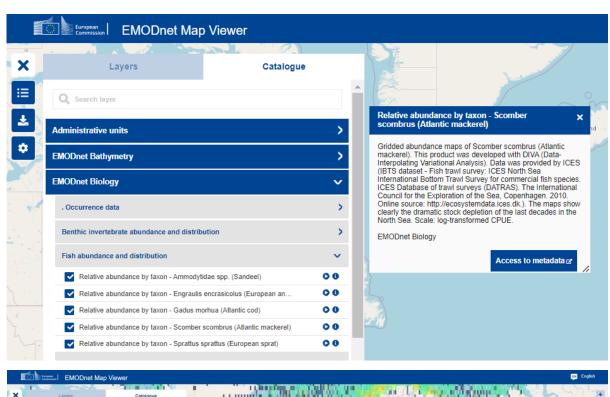
#### **EMODnet:** Fish/fishery data

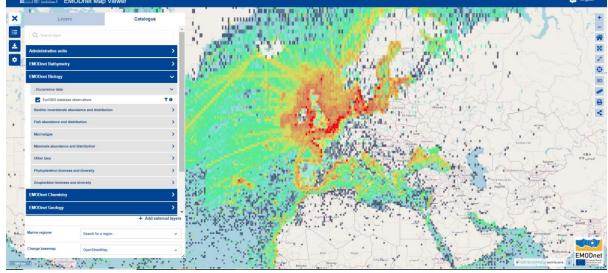
#### **EU Data Collection Framework (DCF)**

- Data collected under EU DCF are first reported to e.g., ICES, JRC.
- EMODnet publishes any public (open access / open source) EU DCF data (caveat: most data are restricted) and EMODnet produces also some fish/fisheries data products (see example: gridded abundance map of Scomber scombrus = Atlantic mackerel, ICES data)

#### Wider marine biodiversity,

- EMODnet publishes many other wider fish data, including non-commercial fish;
- These data come from other sources, e.g research surveys, citizen science, legacy/historical data (see example: OBIS and EurOBIS Occurrence data in EMODnet, searching for the taxon of interest).



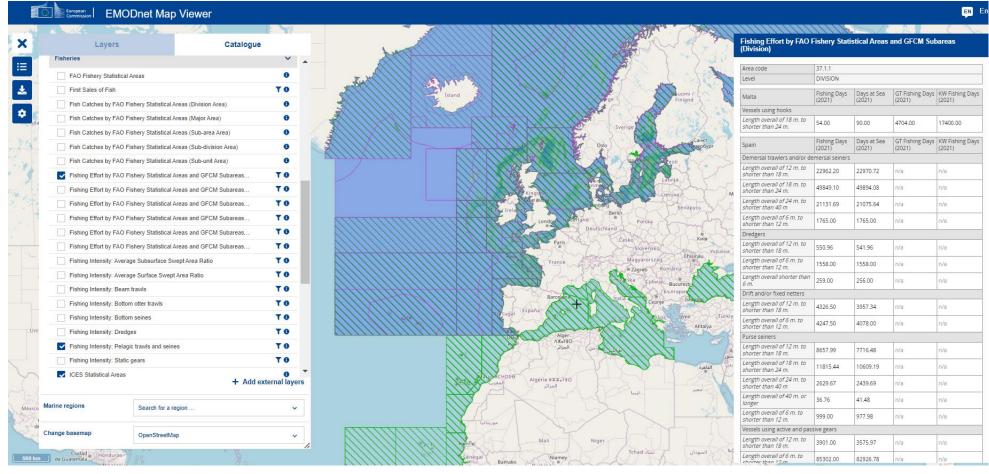




### EMODnet: Fish/fishery data, including related human activities data

#### **EMODnet Fisheries human activities data and information**

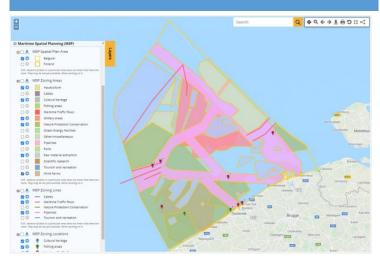
e.g., Fishing effort by FAO Fishery statistical areas and GFCM subareas, ICES statistical areas and ICES NE Atlantic data on fishing intensity: pelagic trawls and seines



## EMODnet: A EU focal point for EU Member State (National) Marine Spatial Plans and for harmonised data and knowledge to support MSP development

«EMODnet Human Activities is a focal point for EU Member State Marine Spatial plans and in the fuiture this can be expanded to include MSP data products, for examples at the European level».

Joni Kaitaranta, HELCOM



MSP Spatial Plan Area for Belgium, EMODnet Human Activities







EMODnet Human Activities

Map viewer and data visualization

(centralising by end 2022)

#### **EMODnet Human Activities:**

- National (EU MS) Maritime Spatial Plans (=Output Data);
- works in close co-operation with Regional Sea Conventions, and the EC JRC Technical Group (TG) on Data for MSP towards a technical solution for harmonising EU MSP within EMODnet;
- Wind farm database and other data and information related to MSP.

## EMODnet bathymetry, biology, chemistry, geology, physics, seabed habitats:

High resolution transboundary in situ marine environmental and human activities data, essential for climate-smart MSP and offering trusted multi-disciplinary data to underpin cumulative impact assessments;

### **EMODnet** | A key infrastructure for the EU Digital Twin Ocean (DTO)

EMODnet works together with Copernicus Marine Service to provide the back-bone for the European Digital Twin Ocean leading to a step change in capability for big (ocean) data analyses, ocean prediction and scenario-setting with Climate Change and broader societal applications.

The ongoing joint technical activities will deliver a common data lake in 2024.

The centralization of cross-thematic, and interoperability of multi-disciplinary data was a

crucial first step, achieved by EMODnet services in January 2023.



































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## Join us at the EMODnet Open Conference 2023 in Brussels, Belgium!



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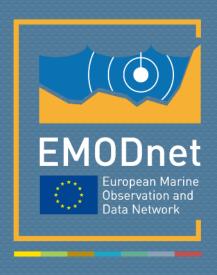
Registration is open!

Full programme includes Sessions on EMODnet for the EU Digital Twin Ocean and more!

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