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## Strategy 2023-2027 launch

# Marine biodiversity observing

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# Agenda for Biodiversity 2030

- UN Convention on Biological Diversity – Post 2020 framework
- UNCLOS Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction
- UN Decade of Ocean Sciences for Sustainable Development
- UN Decade for Ecosystem Restoration (including marine)
- **UN Sustainable Developmental Goals**
- **EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030**
- **EU Habitats, Birds, Water and Marine Strategy Framework Directive**
- **EU Restoration Law**
- **EU GREEN DEAL**

EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
Brussels, 20.5.2020  
COM(2020) 380 final

**The EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030**  
Bringing nature back into our lives

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Put biodiversity on fast track of recovery

Ensure that ecosystems continue to deliver ESS in the long-term

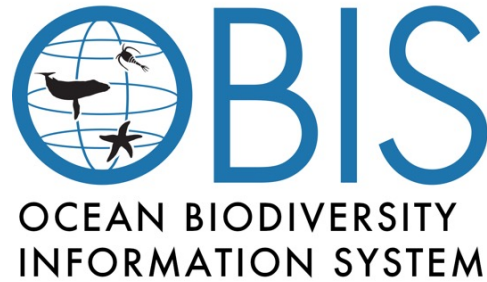
Restore degraded ecosystems by 2050



# Global community(ies) of practice



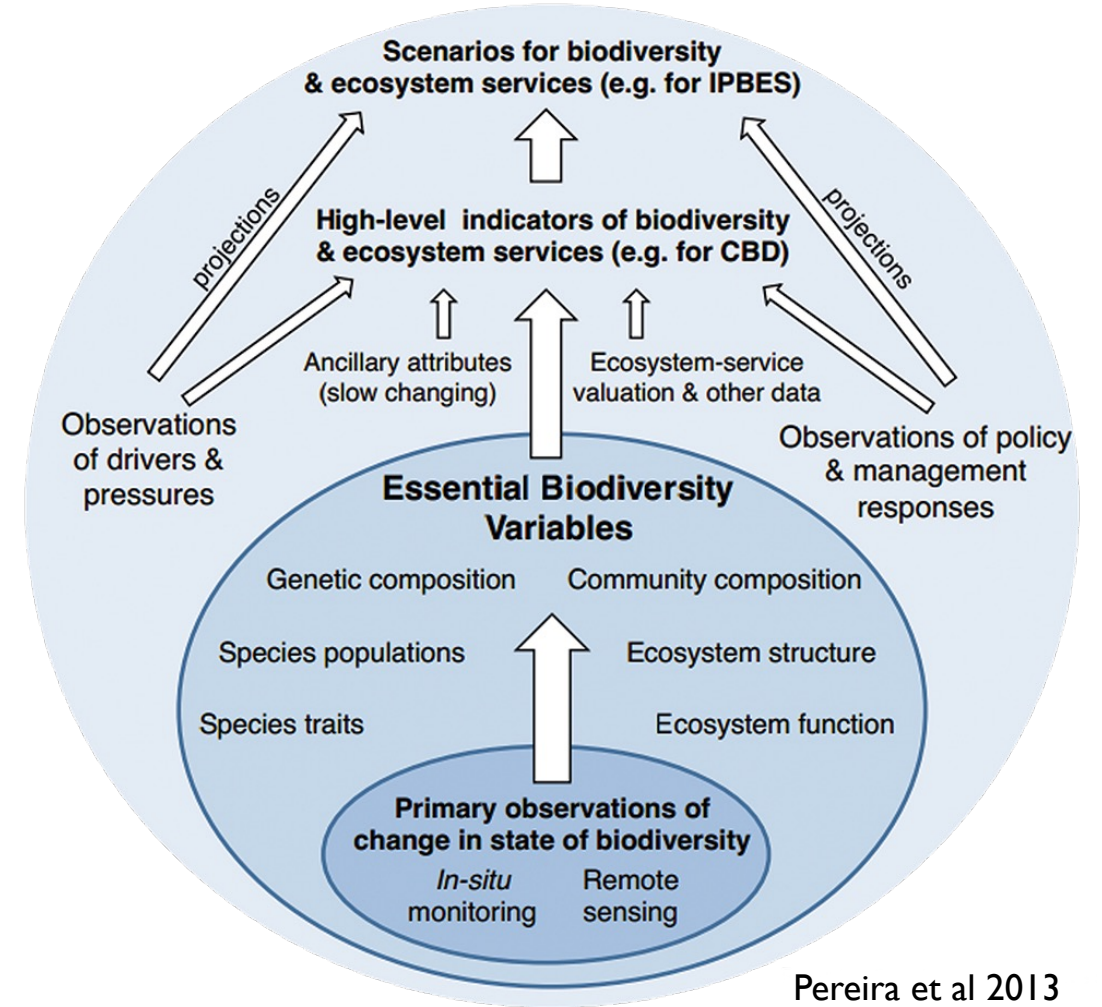
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# What do we need to know to determine health of life on earth and how is changing

## GEO BON Essential Biodiversity Variables

EBV classes	Candidates
Genetic composition	Co-ancestry Allelic diversity Population genetic differentiation Breed and variety diversity
Species populations	Species distribution Population abundance Population structure
Species traits	Phenology Body mass Natal dispersion distance Migratory behavior Demographic traits Physiological traits
Community composition	Species richness Species interactions
Ecosystem function	Net primary productivity Secondary productivity Nutrient retention Disturbance regime
Ecosystem structure	Habitat structure Ecosystem extent and fragmentation Ecosystem composition by functional type



Pereira et al 2013

**GLOBAL COMMUNITY**

Building a  
global  
community of  
practice



- Facilitating networking and collaborations within the biodiversity and marine science communities
- Working to obtain strategic co-funding
- Developing thematic, regional and international MBONs
- Supporting capacity building from taxonomy to data management and analysis
- Hosting meetings and workshops

**OBSERVATIONS**

Contributing to the  
collection and  
analysis of  
harmonized  
biodiversity  
observations



- Developing integrated and interoperable biodiversity monitoring programs at local, regional and global scales
- Developing marine biodiversity indicators to support SDG 14 and Aichi Targets

**DATA PROTOCOLS**

Developing  
protocols and  
practices for  
data and  
products



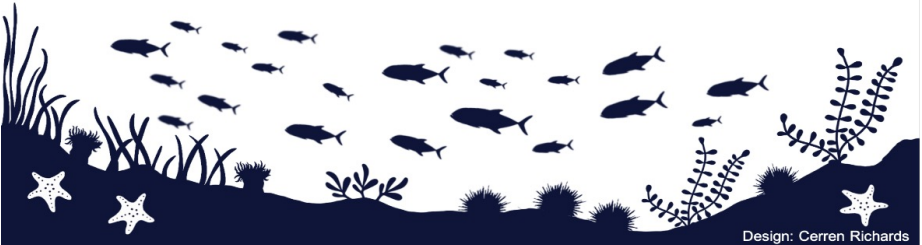
- Promoting best practice in data management, including developing standards that aid interoperability and data integration, and open publication of data through OBIS and other open databases

**KNOWLEDGE DISSEMINATION**

Sharing  
knowledge to  
assess changes of  
biodiversity in the  
ocean relevant to  
society



- Members provide information and products to help to define government and intergovernmental policies relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity
- Contributing to Ocean Best Practices – a compendium of methodologies for marine biodiversity observations



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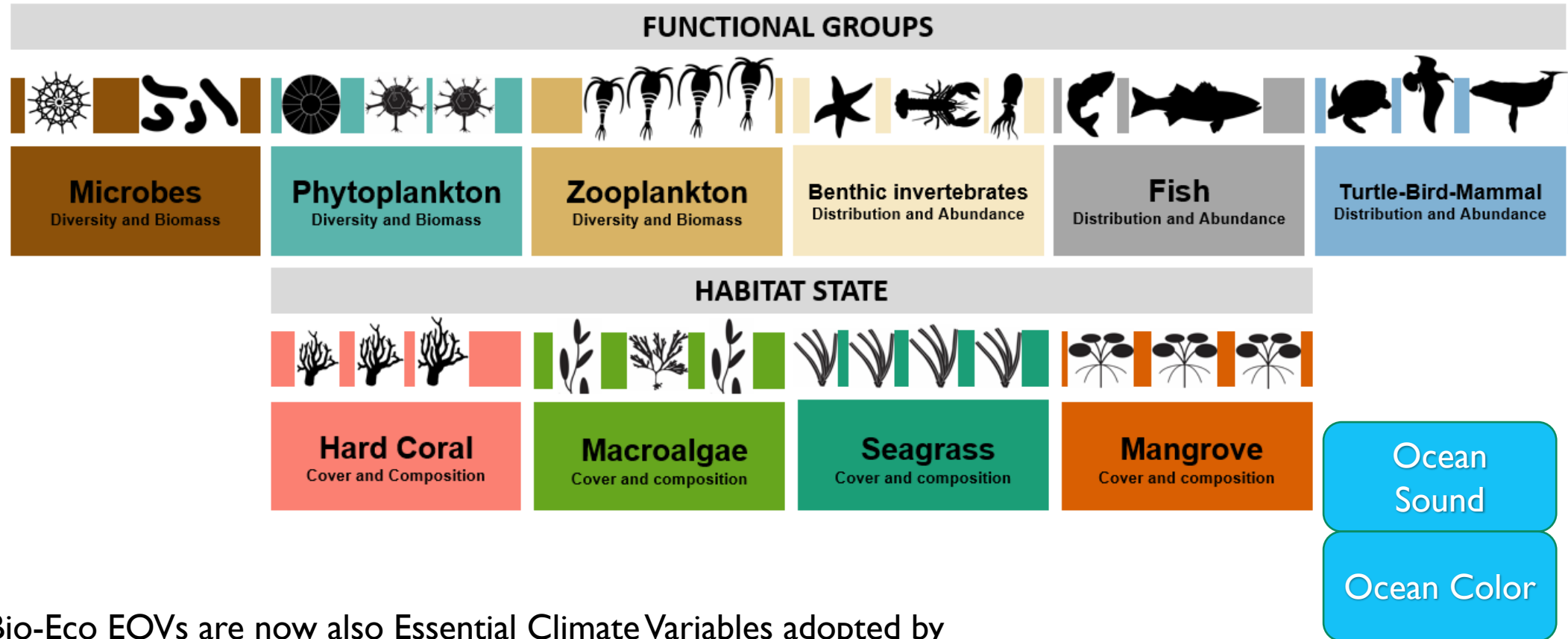


**MBON is the marine thematic network of  
GEO BON**

**A community of practice to characterize  
how marine life is changing**

Major goals:

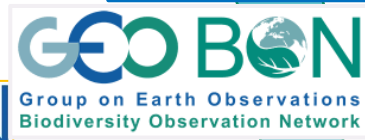
- Collaborations
- Promote interoperability  
(data formatting standards)
- Sharing data openly
- Sharing capacity
- Promote more and better marine  
biodiversity monitoring



Many Bio-Eco EOVs are now also Essential Climate Variables adopted by  
<https://gcos.wmo.int/en/essential-climate-variables>



**OBSERVING LIFE IN THE OCEANS FOR SOCIETAL  
BENEFIT**



**Data integration and dissemination**

**GBIF** + other national, international data systems



**OTHER DATA PROVIDERS AND USERS**

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



# Relations between Biological EOVs and Marine EBVs

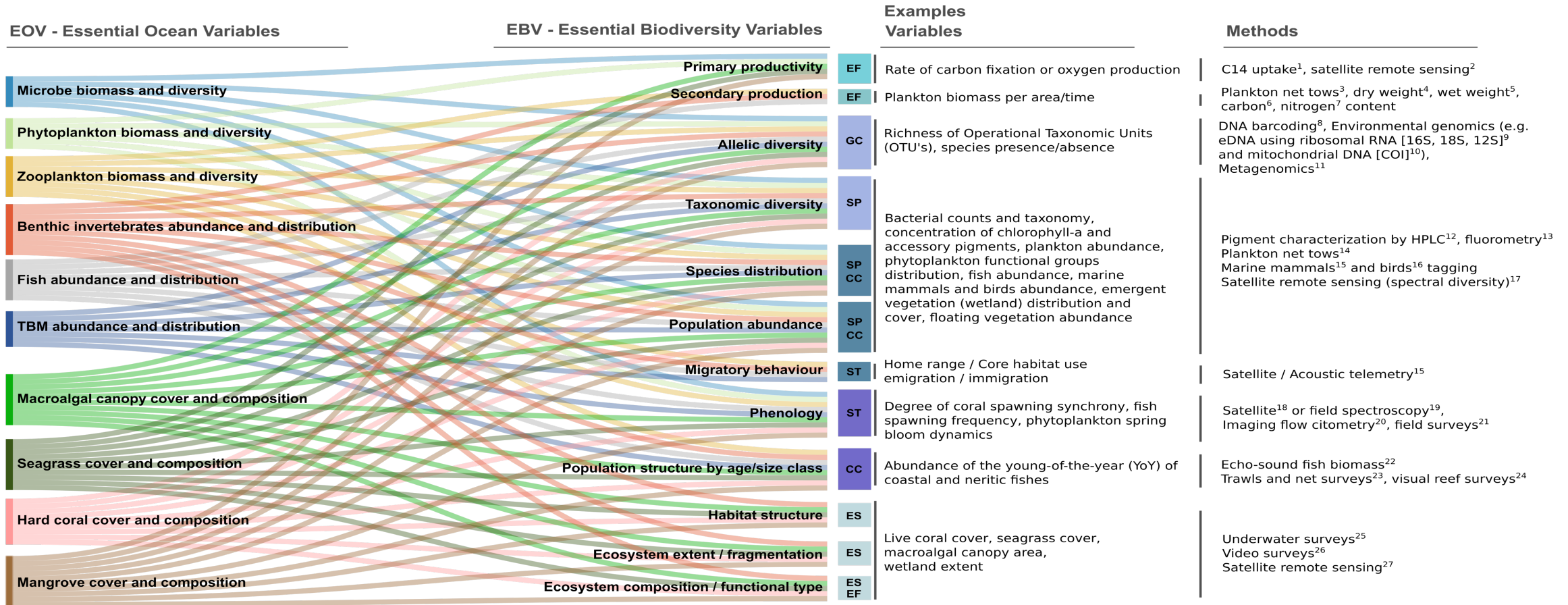


Figure 1. Conceptual relationship between EOVs and EBVs

(Muller-Karger et al. 2018)





Horizon 2020 Programme

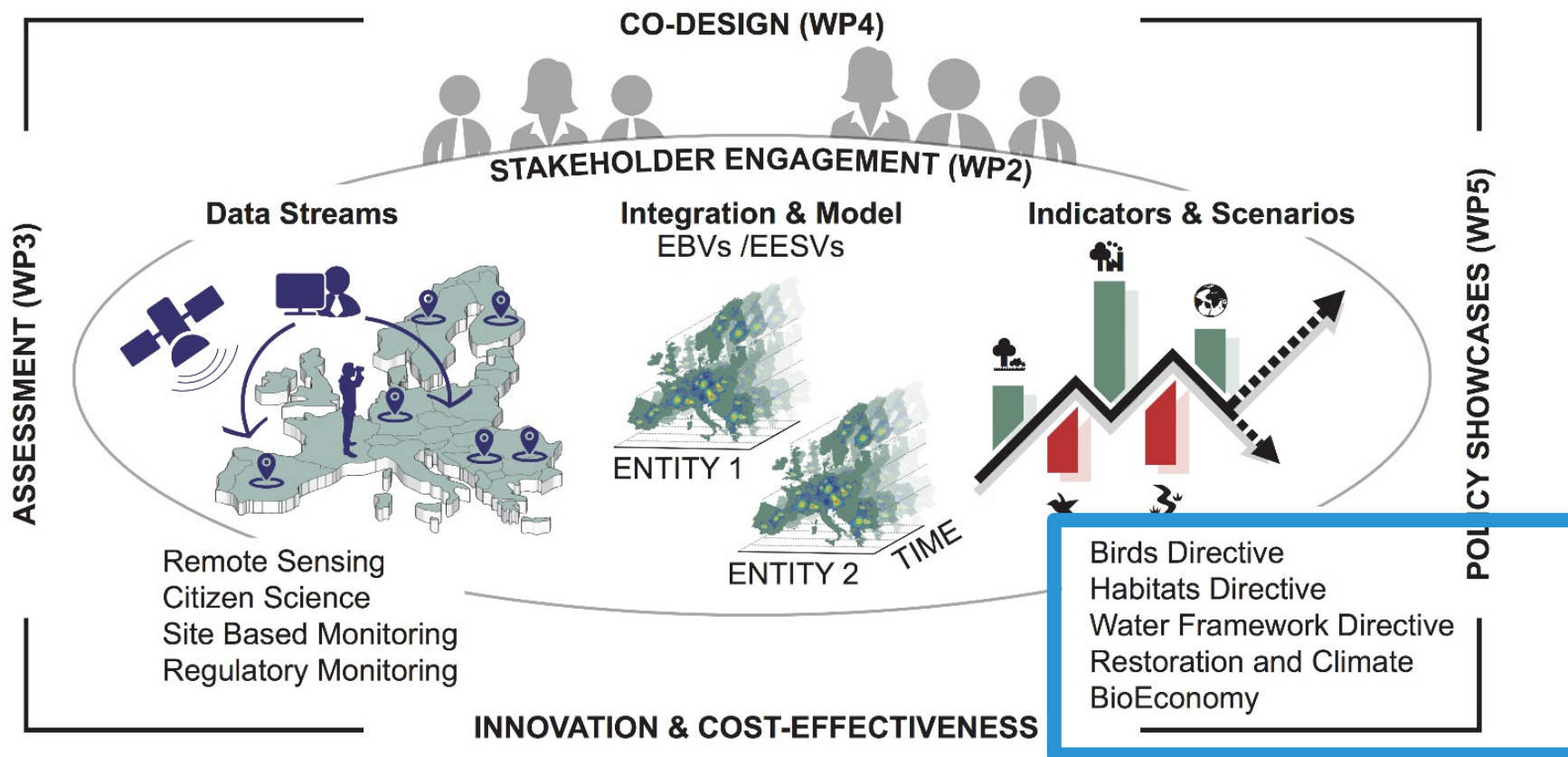
# EUROPABON : the project

Europa Biodiversity Observation Network



European Ocean Observing System

## The action should design an EU-wide framework for monitoring biodiversity and ecosystem services



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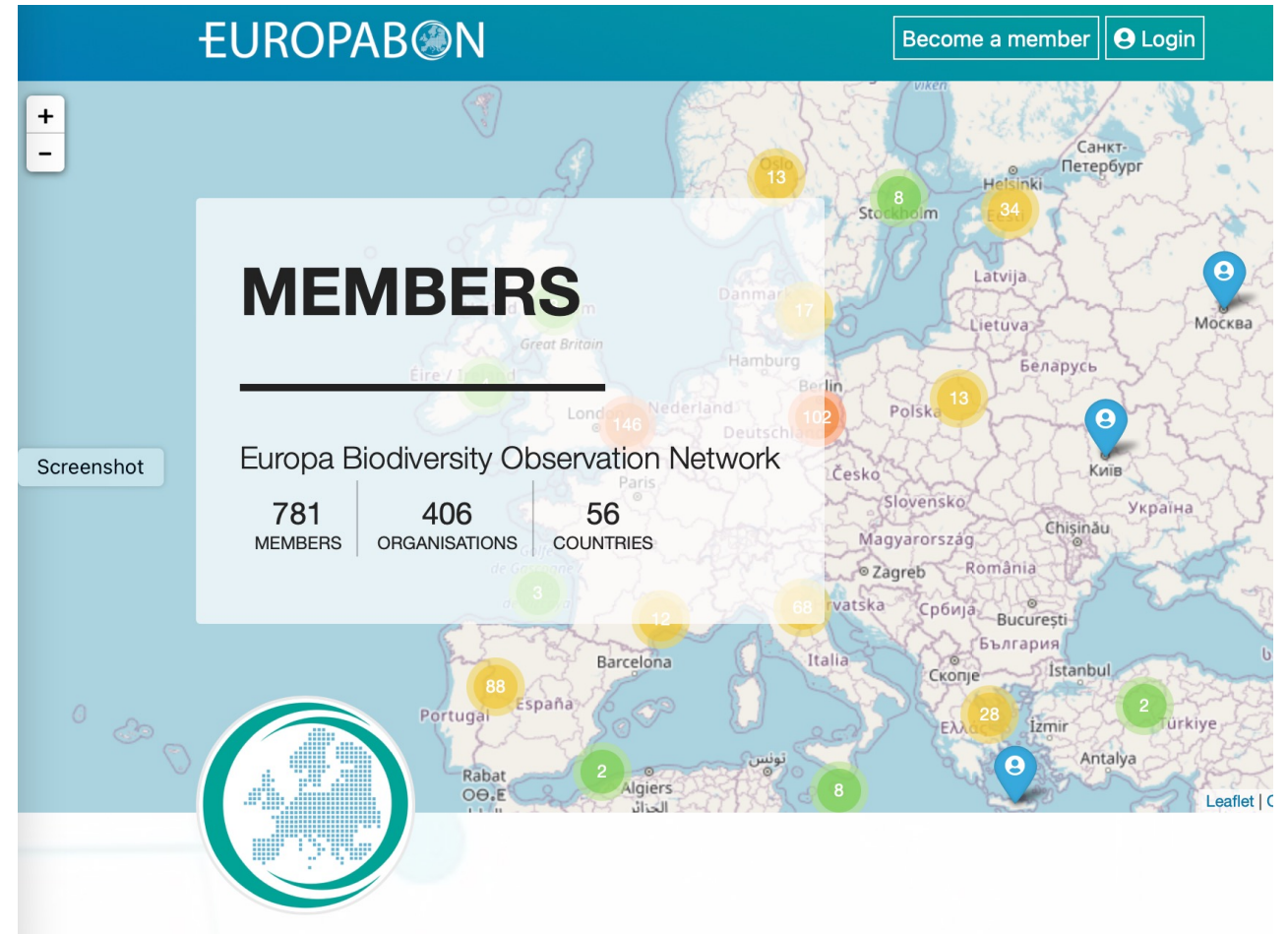


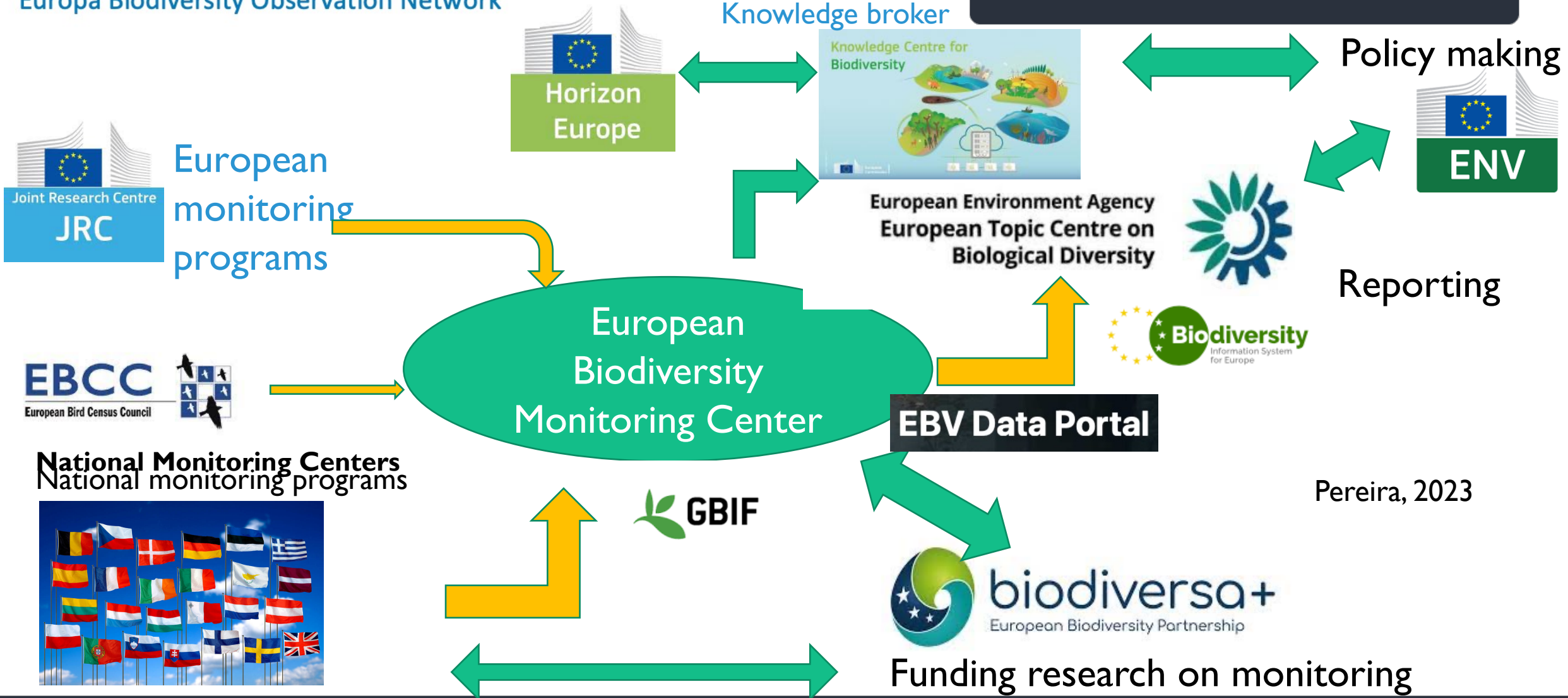
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# A network of members

- Over 1000 members in the EuropaBON members and stakeholders webpage, <http://europabon.org>
- Members receive project newsletter, are invited to stakeholder consultations, and will play a role in implementing EuropaBON in the future

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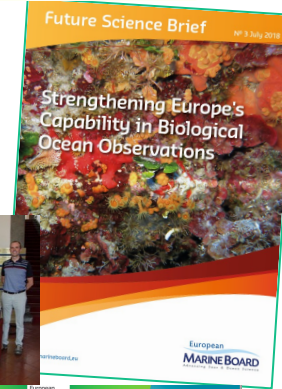


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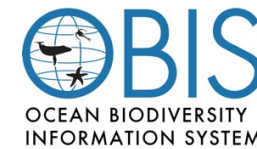
# MBOON Europe - Provide knowledge about marine life and how is changing in Europe



Working group



- To organise a community of practice to support management of marine biodiversity in Europe
- Capacity-building on data standards (DarwinCore, EventCore)
- Coordination of data collection and communication
- Gap analysis and promotion of observations and monitoring
- Collaboration with Atlantic and Mediterranean efforts



## Vision

**A European Ocean Observing System that is sustained and meets the specific needs of users.**



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## Need for EEOOS: the European home for Ocean (biological) Observations

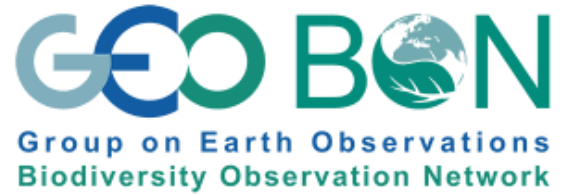
- Support the existing biodiversity/biological observation initiatives (sustainability) and their integration at European level
- Support their **alignment with the other ocean observation** and modelling **communities and infrastructures** at the European level
- Support their alignment with the **needs of the European Agenda**
- **Long-term** home for observation products and platforms produced by projects and other initiatives
- **Long-term strategy** and integrated gap analysis



# Observing Life in the Sea

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