



Achievements and outputs of the EMODnet Sea-basin Checkpoints

Webinar - EMODnet
A decade of achievements
connecting marine data to knowledge

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The Checkpoint Concept

- We only have an **approximate** overview on a **sea-basin scale** of (data) gaps and duplications and no overall view of priorities for further data collection or assembly;
- Checkpoints evaluated how well the **current monitoring systems** and data collection frameworks provided data to meet the needs of users;
- By testing the data against specific **end-user challenges**;
- Highlighted data **gaps**, **duplications** and **bottlenecks**.

Source: EMODNet Central Portal; <https://www.emodnet.eu/checkpoints>



The Checkpoints



Arcadis



Arctic



Atlantic

Ifremer

Danish
Meteorological
Institute (DMI)



Baltic



Black Sea

IO-BAS

INGV



Med Sea



North Sea

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The Challenges



Wind Farm Siting



Marine Protected Areas



Oil Platform Leaks



Climate



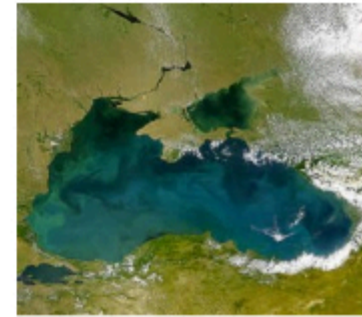
Coasts



Fishery Management



Fishery Impacts



Eutrophication



River Inputs



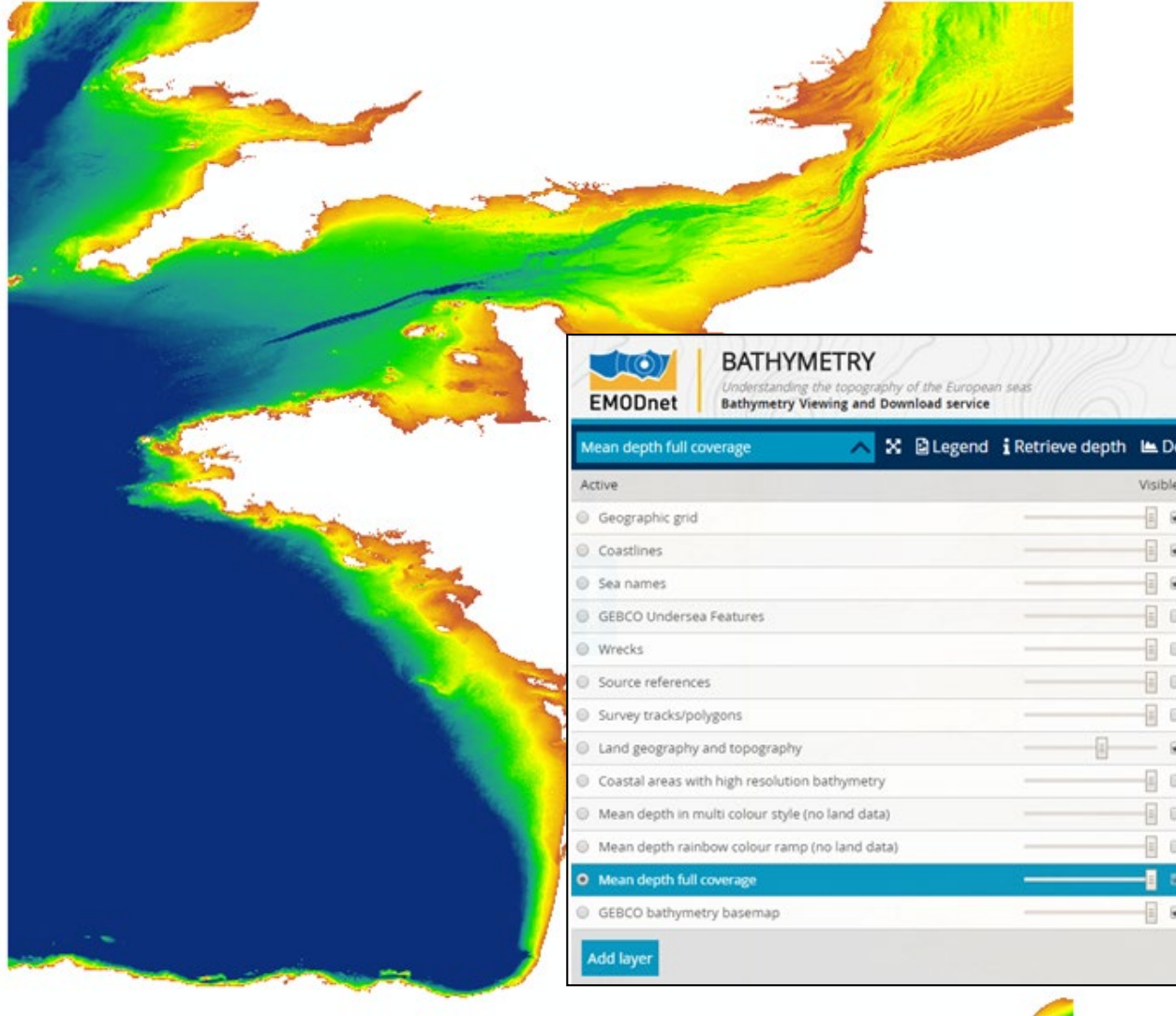
Bathymetry



Alien species



Real Use Case: Hydrodynamic Modelling in the English Channel



Tile E4:

- xyz format, 178 MB
- unzipped to 1.3 GB

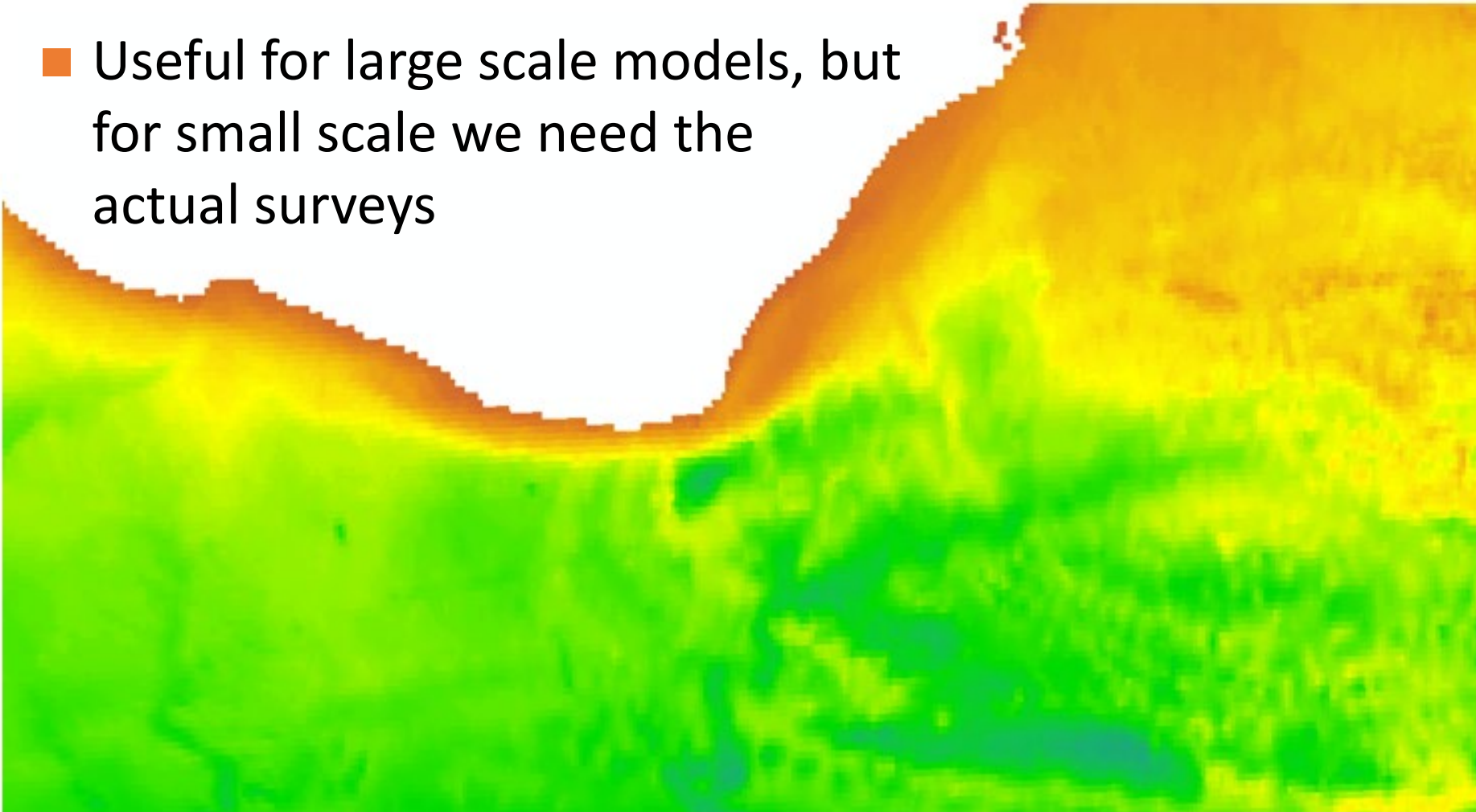
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Bathymetry DTM
Data Product from
Bathymetry portal



In ArcGIS with British National Grid

- Useful for large scale models, but for small scale we need the actual surveys



Checkpoint Results

Comprehensive set of reports at:

<https://www.emodnet.eu/checkpoints/reports>.

Synthesis report:

- Sampling gaps could be filled through better partnerships with satellite and modelling communities.
- Suggestion to concentrate on Essential Ocean Variables (EOV) and build longer histories.
- Many biological variables would benefit from more standardisation and a more systematic approach to monitoring.



Checkpoint Results



Synthesis report continued:

- Length of time to employ the dataset (how long it takes to use it) is an important consideration.
- Collaboration with non-EU countries (e.g. Russia, North Africa) (and now the UK) is fundamental.



Characteristics of the Best Data Products



- **Realistic and Relevant**

Data products presented for the convenience of the users
NOT the suppliers; not ‘overhyped’

- **Clear**

Supplied with concise, well explained, jargon-free supporting
information, including provenance

- **Usable**

Simple to find, access and process



Checkpoint 'Rome Indicators'



- **Visibility:** How easy was it to find out that the data existed and understand what was on offer? ★★
- **Terms and Conditions:** Did you have a licence to use the data and at a reasonable price? ★★
- **Availability:** How easy was it to obtain the data? ★★
- **Accessibility:** How easy was it to open and process the data? ★★
- **Clarity:** Did you understand the data? ★
- **Utility:** Spatial coverage and resolution; temporal coverage and resolution; was the data of a sufficient quality to meet your needs? ★★



30 Minute Challenge

To evaluate a potential data provision, users need to be able to answer the following three questions within 30 minutes:

- **Which phenomena / parameters are available?**
- **What is the spatial and temporal coverage?**
- **Am I licenced to use it commercially?**





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