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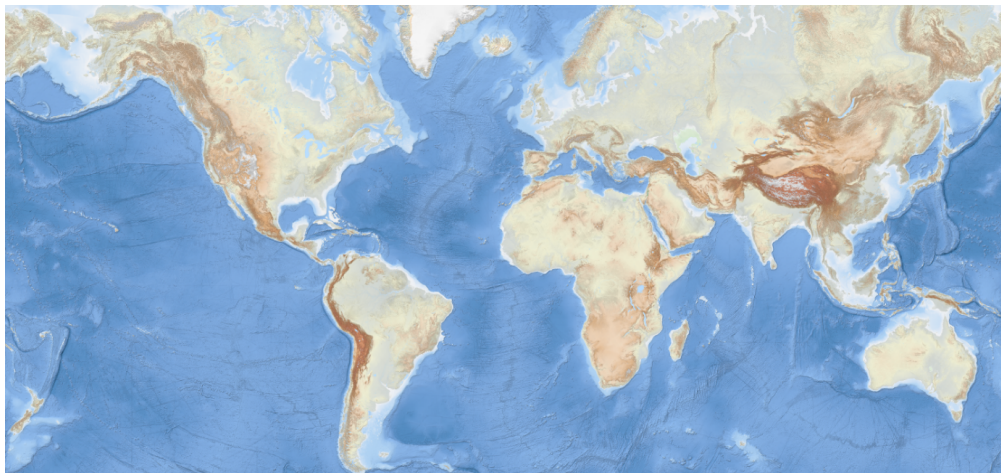


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EMODnet Bathymetry now offers the highest resolved bathymetric worldwide layout



The EMODnet World Base Layer Service offers the highest resolved bathymetric worldwide layout

EMODnet's new World Base Layer Service (EBWBL) provides a fast and easy access to worldwide bathymetric information, enabling marine knowledge users including industry, scientists, coastal managers, students and the general public, to access high-resolution representations of seabed features all over the world from their own computer. This new EMODnet service provides the highest resolved topographic and bathymetric worldwide layout currently available with land and sea integration matching the OpenStreetMap coastline representation.

[Discover the EMODnet World Base Layer Service](#)

Register now! WEBINAR on 22 September 2020 14:00-17:00 CEST

EMODnet: A decade of achievements connecting marine data to knowledge



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Celebrate 10 years of EMODnet by joining us at a **virtual gathering on 22 September 2020 14:00-17:00 CEST**. This webinar will be an opportunity to take stock of key EMODnet achievements over the past decade with showcases and testimonials from data providers, users and partners – as a celebration moment. This online event will also set the stage for a forward look at the [Open Conference in June 2021](#) to co-design the next phase of EMODnet.

Register now and consult the draft programme

EMODnet Human Activities maps illustrate how COVID-19 is affecting the Blue Economy and the marine environment

April 2019



April 2020



It is often said that a picture is worth a thousand words. Over the past few weeks, with the COVID-19 crisis, we've grown accustomed to seeing pictures of the most iconic places in our big cities – the same places that not long ago would be bristling with life – now looking in all their majestic emptiness as glimpses of a post-apocalyptic future. We haven't seen many pictures of the impact of the virus on our seas, though.

The [EMODnet digital vessel density maps](#), released in March 2019, allows users to visualise vessel movement patterns and the distribution of maritime traffic in European waters. The maps on fishing vessel density illustrate astoundingly how

the fisheries sector has been struggling during this pandemic with visible reduced activity.

[Read the article](#)

Bringing marine data to society: European Atlas of the Seas as a resource for EU4Ocean



The [first meeting of the EU4Ocean Platform](#) – the recently established EC hub to connect stakeholders that contribute to ocean literacy and the sustainable management of the ocean - took place on the 18 June 2020. More than 90 participants joined the discussions from all over Europe, representing a diverse spectrum of marine, maritime (science, policy, industry, civil society, outreach) and wider ocean literacy, education, youth and media representatives.

The [European Atlas of the Seas](#), for which EMODnet is the main data provider, was presented as a key resource for ocean literacy activities. The official EU4Ocean Coalition video, launched on 8 June, is available at <http://www.eu-oceanliteracy.eu>. Save-the-date for 24-25 September 2020 for more EU4Ocean events. Follow the latest information online and on social media #EU4Ocean

Best practices on data sharing under the current pandemic

In order to help researchers, policy makers, funders, publishers, and providers of data sharing infrastructures maximise the timely sharing of quality data and appropriate responses to health emergencies, particularly COVID-19, the



Research Data Alliance (RDA), commissioned by the European Commission, published a pre-final version of recommendations and guidelines covering four research areas - clinical data, omics data, epidemiological data and data from the social sciences and humanities.

During this pandemic, the timely and accurate collection, reporting and sharing of data with the research community and policy makers has shown to be critically important. Research results, data, and information needs to be accessible to the public to the greatest extent possible. There is a strong support for recognizing open research data as a key component of preparedness and response.

[Read the RDA COVID-19 Recommendations and Guidelines](#)

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