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Extension to marine biological data

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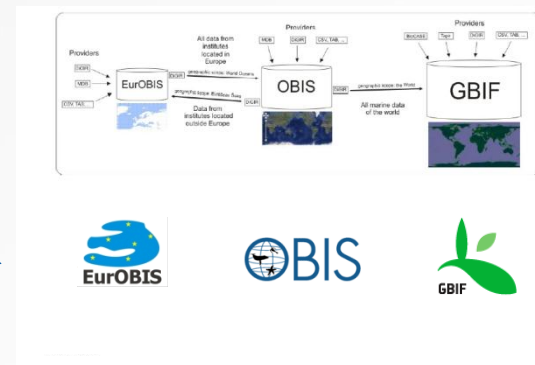
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Objective

- SDN II extension to marine biological data

SeaDataNet II will undertake actions to make SeaDataNet better fit for handling marine biological data sets and establishing interoperability with biology infrastructure developments.

EMODNET biology
EUROBIS & (OBIS and GBIF)
EUROMARINE
WORMS (& PESI, 4D4Life, EOL)
LIFEWATCH



Standards and practices in the biodiversity data

Biodiversity Information Standards (TDWG)



- non-profit scientific & educational association affiliated with International Union of Biological Sciences.
- development of standards for the exchange of biological/biodiversity data.

ABCD (Access to Biological Collections Data)



- schema for biological collection records with numerous specific extensions (1200 concepts in ABCD 2.06)

Darwin Core (DwC)



- versioned body of standards to facilitate the sharing of information about biological diversity

OBIS schema



- Darwin core V2 specifically aimed at ocean biogeographic information

LSID: Life Science Identifier



persistent, globally unique identifiers for biological objects including taxonomic names, specimen records, images and DNA sequences...

Suggested format

- SDN ODV like open and flat format with 20 fixed elements
+ additionally all DwC

Cruise
Station
Type
yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss.sss (extend?->EventDateTime)
Longitude [degrees_east]
Latitude [degrees_north]
LOCAL_CDI_ID
EDMO_code
Bot.Depth
StartLatitude
EndLatitude
EndLongitude
EndLatitude
Precision
MinimumDepth
MaximumDepth
EventID
SampleSize
ScientificName
ScientificNameLSID
Sex
LifeStage
ObservedIndividualCount
ObservedWeight
AssociatedSequences
AssociatedSequencesLSID
MeasuredIndividuals
MeasurementType
MeasurementUnit
MeasurementValue
+ In addition all DwC, OBIS and CDI fields can be included

OBIS

SDN

ICES

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Data format

- Tab delimited, flat
- Header + data table

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//
Survey LocationID Longitude Latitude WKTFootPrint EventID SamplingProtocol EventDate MinimumDepth MaximumDepth FieldNumber
RV Pelagia/199402 Voordelta2 "LINESTRING(3.56289 51.72211, 3.57123 51.89621)" VD_1201 Beam Trawl; 5m width; 20cm high; mesh size
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Data format

- Header: Field definitions for core fields and additional fields
 - **Field Index**: Chronological column number of field in the tab delimited file
 - **Field Name**: Exact name or label used for field in the tab delimited file
 - **Field Description**: Exact name or label used for field in the tab delimited file
 - **Field Reference**: Reference to term from 'official' standard or scheme for the field in the tab delimited file
 - **Field MeasurementTypeReference**: Reference to term from 'official' list or vocabulary for the MeasurementType described by the field in the tab delimited file
 - **Field MeasurementUnitReference**: Reference to term from 'official' list or vocabulary for the MeasurementUnit described by the field in the tab delimited file
 - **Field MeasurementMethodReference**: Reference to term from 'official' list or vocabulary for the MeasurementUnit described by the the field in the csv or tab delimited file
 - **Field AllowedValuesReference**: Reference to 'official' list or vocabulary describing the allowed values for the field in the tab delimited file

Data format

- Data table: field column headers + data rows

Survey	FieldNumber
LocationID	SampleSize
Longitude	ScientificName
Latitude	ScientificNameID
WKTFootPrint	Sex
EventID	LifeStage
SamplingProtocol	ObservedIndividualCount
EventDate	AssociatedSequences
MinimumDepth	
MaximumDepth	<i>Additional Fields...</i>

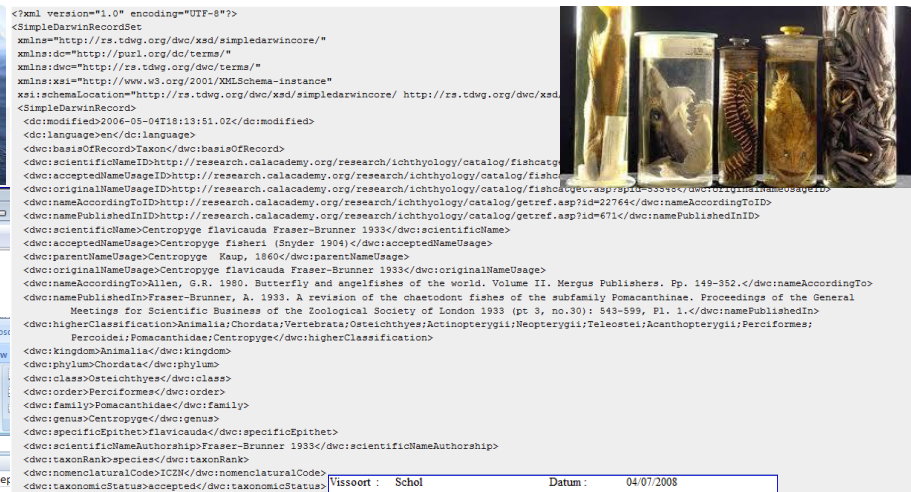
Data format

- Field Definitions

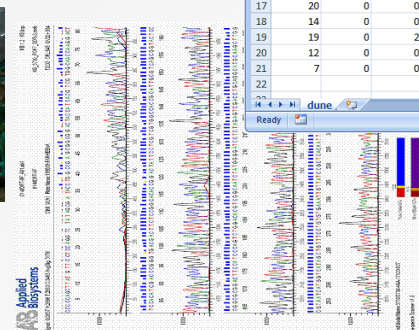
<u>Survey</u> http://rs.tdwg.org An identifier for the survey Example: "Zee" http://rs.tdwg.org/dwc/term/survey	<u>Longitude</u> http://www.io The longitude of the location where the observation occurred. This should be referred to as a decimal value Example: "2.92" http://www.io	<u>WKTFootPrint</u> http://rs.tdwg.org A Well-Known Text (WKT) spatial information system (SIS) complete area information Additional specifications and clarification: For point observations, the geodetic reference system (e.g. WGS84) should be specified Example: the one-point observation (lat=21) would be "POINT(21 21)"	<u>EventID</u> http://rs.tdwg.org/dwc An identifier for the set of observations collected at a global unique identifier Additional specification: An eventID should uniquely identify a set of observations "ProjectX_StationY_yyy" (Make sure that in case of a year only, the year and month are specified) Example: "Habitat_330" http://rs.tdwg.org/dwc	<u>EventDate</u> http://rs.tdwg.org/dwc The date-time recorded. Note that the date-time should be recorded in ISO 8601 format Additional specifications and clarification: Report in UTC year only: yy year and month: yy-mm full date: yy-mm-dd date & time period: yy-mm-ddThh:mm Example: "1996-06-1" http://rs.tdwg.org/dwc	<u>MaximumDepth</u> http://www.io The maximum distance in meters below the surface of the water at which the collection/recorded was at most this deep. Positive below the surface, negative above (e.g. collecting above the surface) Additional specifications and clarification: If only 1 depth of measurement is known, use the same value for both MinimumDepth and MaximumDepth in the sediment should be stored in an additional column (MinimumDistanceAboveSurfaceInMeters). Example: "15.3", "3000", "-15", ...
<u>LocationID</u> http://rs.tdwg.org An identifier for the location of the observation or area Additional specifications and clarification: The named place or location is not necessarily a point Example: "VLI" http://rs.tdwg.org/dwc	<u>Latitude</u> http://www.io The latitude of the location where the observation occurred (East & North = positive, West & South = negative) Example: "2.92361", "-5.64251" http://www.io	<u>SamplingProtocol</u> http://rs.tdwg.org/dwc The name of, reference to, or description of the sampling protocol used Additional specification: As a minimum give name of instrument. A more detailed description should be given if the instrument is not standard Example: "Van Veen grab" http://rs.tdwg.org/dwc	<u>MinimumDepth</u> http://www.io The minimum distance in meters below the surface of the water at which the collection/recorded was at least this deep Additional specifications and clarification: Use FieldNumber to distinguish between different (sub)samples (or pseudoreplicates) from one event The ObservedIndividualCount represents the number of individuals in the sample uniquely identified by the FieldNumber.	<u>FieldNumber</u> http://rs.tdwg.org/dwc/term/fieldNumber An identifier given to the event in the field. Often serves as a link between field notes and the event Additional specifications and clarification: Use FieldNumber to distinguish between different (sub)samples (or pseudoreplicates) from one event	



Examples



Vissoort :	Schol	Datum :	04/07/2008		
Vaarttuig :	O.89	PK :	Vissenj : bokken		
Zone :	N	Visuren :	Totale vangst : 11060		
Sortering	1	2	3	4	5
Tot. vangst	1880	3491	4289	1210	190
Monster	25.460	36.450	48.100	61.200	91.200
24					
25					
26	3				
27	7				
28	20				
29	23				
30	27	1			
31	14	12			
32	5	29			
33	1	29	5		
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35		6	20		
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37			15	8	
38			7	21	2
39				38	2
40				16	2
41			1	14	4
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43				3	10
44				1	9
45				1	22
46					10
47				1	5
48					10
49					4
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Examples

• Macrobenthos community data

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Survey	LocationID	Longitude	Latitude	WKTFootPrint	EventID	SamplingProtocol	EventDate	MinimumDepth		
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MaximumDepth	FieldNumber	SampleSize	ScientificName	ScientificNameID	Sex	LifeStage	ObservedIndividualCount	AssociatedSequences	SMVOL_l	Density_per_m2
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21.5	MACROBEL_330_197606_1351_sub2	0.1 m²	Spisula subtruncata	urn:lsid:marinespecies.c		Adult	3		5	30.00
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23.1	MACROBEL_ZG02_197607_1206_sub1	0.1 m²	Gammarus	urn:lsid:marinespecies.c		Adult	4		5	40.00
23.1	MACROBEL_ZG02_197606_1206_sub1	0.1 m²	other mollusca	urn:lsid:marinespecies.c			5		5	50.00

Examples • Zooplankton profile data

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Survey	LocationID	Longitude	Latitude	WKTFootPrint	EventID	SamplingProtocol	EventDate	MinimumDepth	MaximumDepth	FieldNumber
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RV Simon Stevin/201204	710	2.92361	51.24411	POINT(2.92361 51.24410)	LW_1351	Zooplankton Pump	2012-04-05T06:02:13Z/2012-04-05T06:12:44Z	10		10 LW_710_201204_10



Examples

- Fish Length-Frequency

Survey	LocationID	Longitude	Latitude	WKTFootPrint	EventID	SamplingProtocol	EventDate	MinimumDepth
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RV Pelagia/199402	Voordelta2			LINESTRING(3.56289 51.72211, 3.57123 51.89621)	VD_1201	Beam Trawl; 5m width; 2	1994-02-05T06:02:13Z/1994-02-05T06:12:44Z	

Conclusion

=> Core based on available elements from OBIS, Darwin core and ABCD

=> Data exchange and transfer model (Not a full and complete data storage model;

Only basic elements required; but extensible with optional fields

=> Practical, with detailed specs on allowed data syntax and conventions (work in progress)

Progress and outlook

- TTT meeting March: general concept of data format + initial selection of fields
- TTT meeting Today:
 - validated selection of core fields
 - header elements defined
 - example data files
- Next TTT:
 - Processed input of
 - ICES (concept and ices fields)
 - AWI (ODV compatibility)
 - BODC (use of P011)
 - IFREMER (testing)