

EMODnet Seabed Habitats Key updates and forward look

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Project Progress: Overview of Deliverables and Milestones

Delivered

**Sept
2021**

**WP1
EUSeaMap**

**WP2
Data Collation**

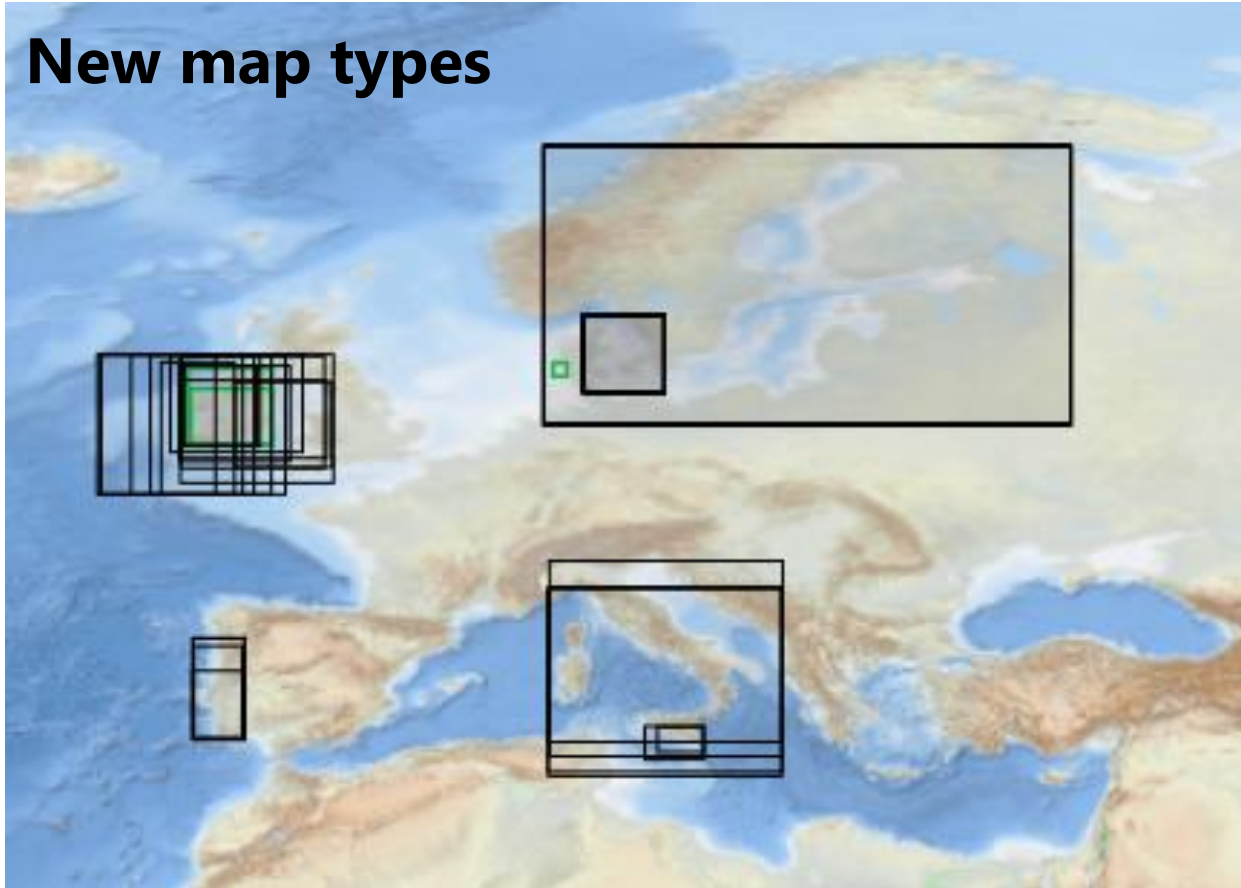
**WP3
Composite Data
Products**

**WP4
Portal**

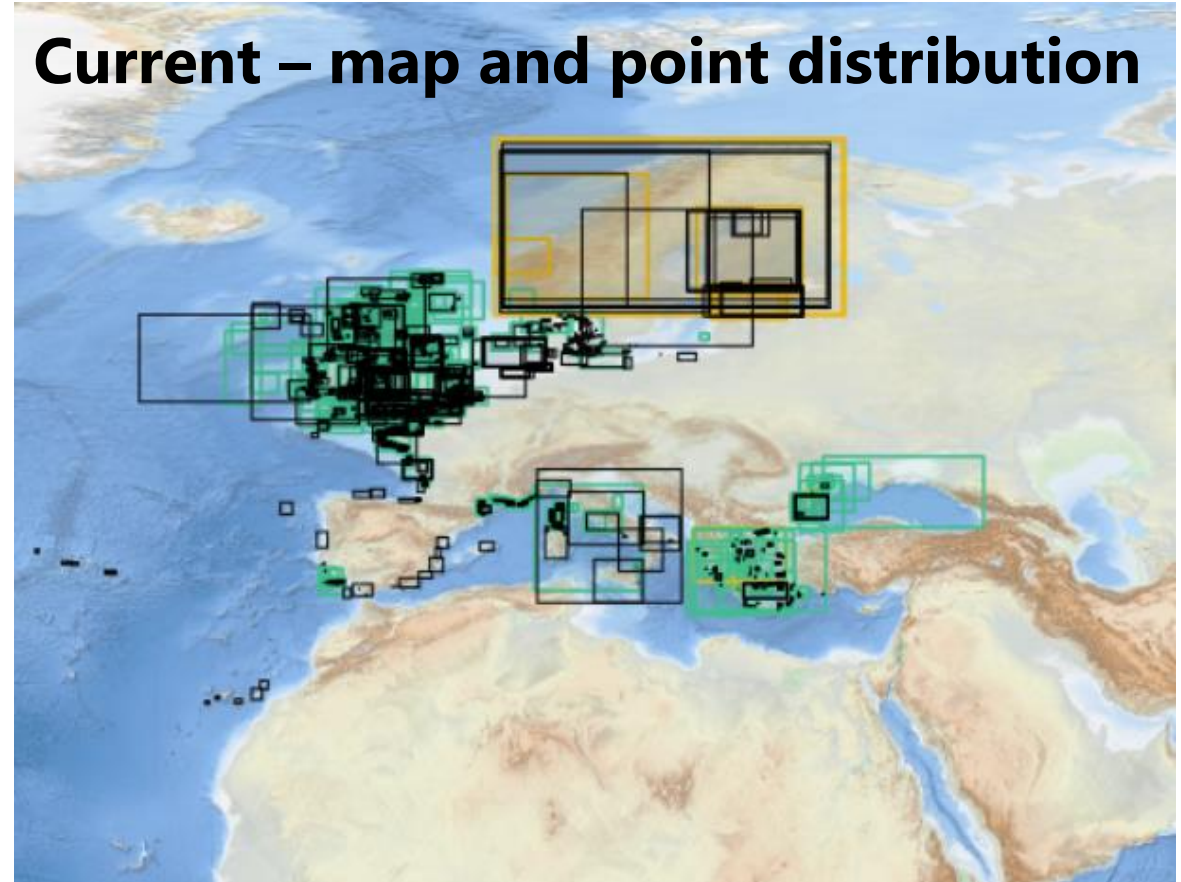
**WP5
Outreach and
Communication**

Progress on data and geographic coverage – new data

New map types

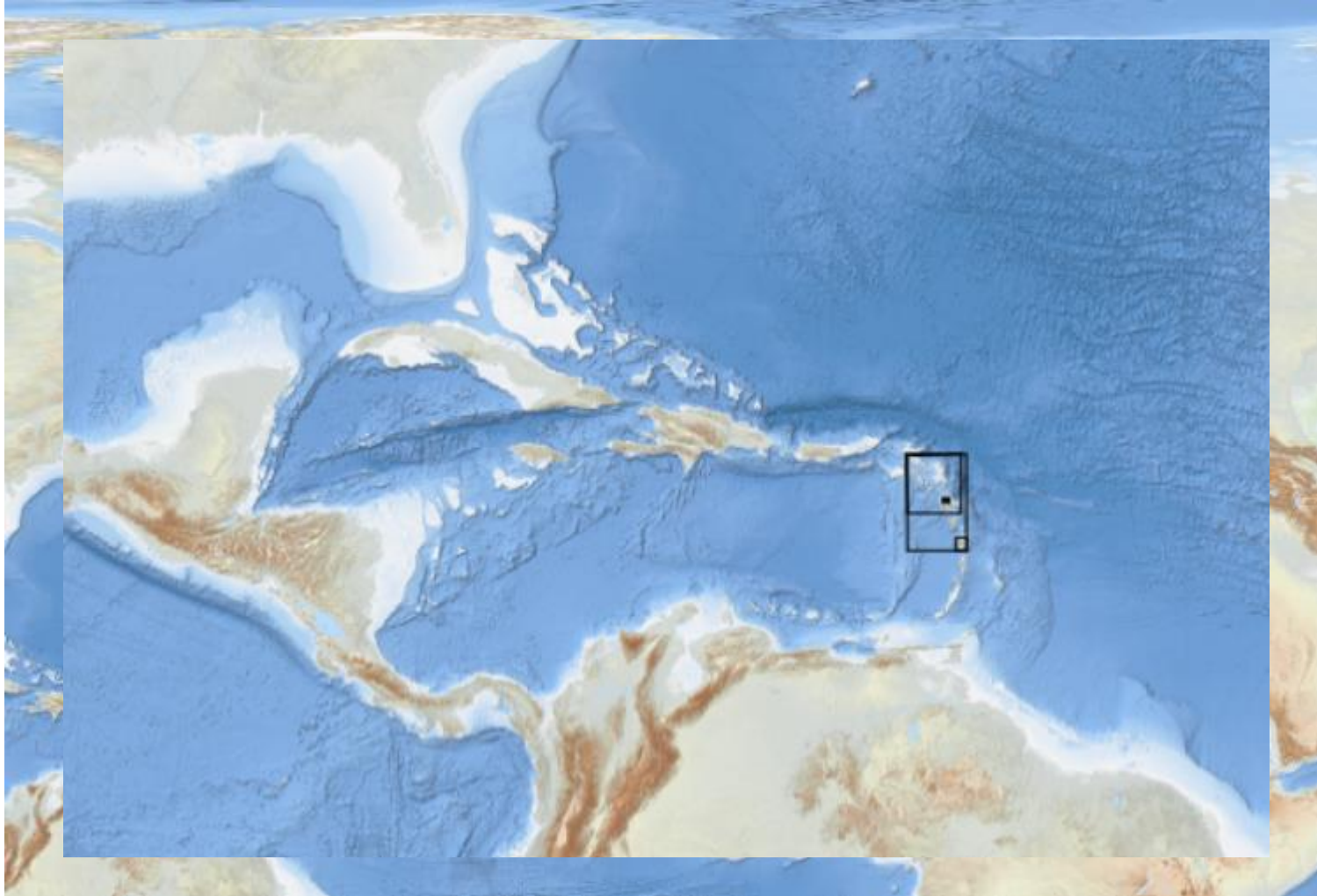


Current – map and point distribution



Data and maps missing from non-partner countries

Progress on data and geographic coverage – Caribbean Sea



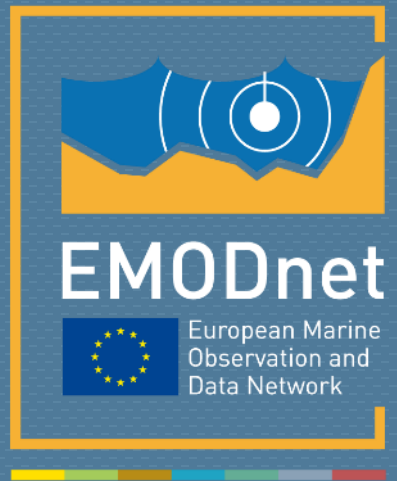
39 habitat maps identified
>4,000 survey sample points identified

Challenges:

- Lack of awareness of EMODnet
- Less of an open data culture
- Bureaucracy
- Potential competing initiatives in Caribbean

Priority actions for next six months

- Submission of new habitat point observations to EMODnet Biology/EurOBIS
- Publication of remaining datasets to the central portal
- Completion of new and updated composite products
- Completion of EUSeaMap 2023
- Publication of data and data products summary
- Completion of final report



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