The Use of Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs)

The MedSEA CKP experience and other examples

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What is a DOI

- It is a persistent identifier or handle used to uniquely identify objects, standardized by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- Each DOI name permanently and unambiguously identifies the object to which it is associated
- It also associates metadata with objects, allowing it to provide users with relevant pieces of information about the objects and their relationships
- Included as part of this metadata are network actions that allow DOI names to be resolved to web locations where the objects they describe can be found
- DOIs are in wide use mainly to identify academic, professional, and government information, such as journal articles, **research reports and data sets**, official publications and other types of information resources
- A DOI aims to be "resolvable", usually to some form of access to the information object to which the DOI refers. This is achieved by binding the DOI to metadata about the object, such as a URL, indicating where the object can be found.
- It is used to locate, identify, and cite research data

Motivations

Researchers and scientists are dealing with many activities and products like:

- Monitoring activities → sampling/technical developments
- Data management → formatting/QC/archiving/disseminating
- Project Management → reporting/disseminating/implementing services
- Software development → new applications
- Model development → operational oceanography, ...
- Operational activities → management software, products development, products validation, reporting, product dissemination
- Service development → web applications

The use of DOI would give credit to all these activities and their creators

Effects

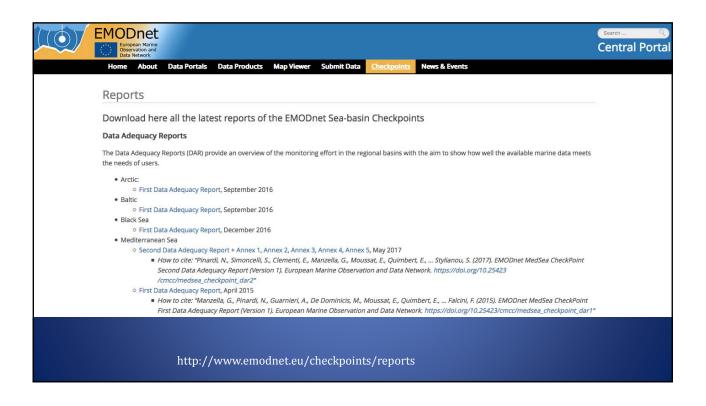
- Increase data sharing stimulating data providers to unlock earlier their data
- Increase data re-use, stimulating downstream applications (i.e. MPA connectivity)
- Encourage the creation/population of web catalogues (ISO)
- Stimulate/improve communication and dissemination activities
- Improve the overall quality of science "products" through transparency (i.e. project reports, project results) and sharing
- Benefit the scientist career proving all his skills
- Increase science efficiency (cost/benefits) and reduce duplication of efforts
- Increase knowledge and pushes forward it
- Improve scientific papers production and transparency
- Provide statistics on the usage of the "object" → its impact

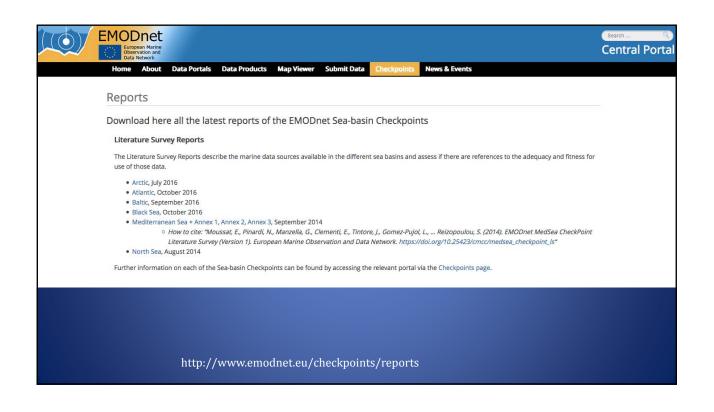
The MedSea Checkpoint case

The main object is to **locate**, **identify**, and cite project results

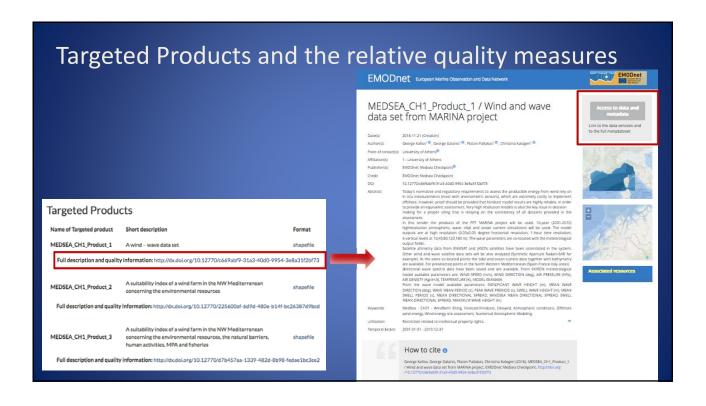
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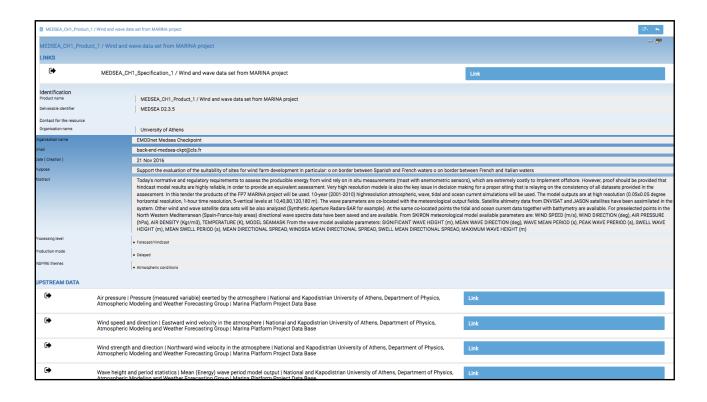
- 1. Main reports: DAR 1, DAR 2 and Literature Survey (by CMCC)
- 2. Targeted Products and the relative quality measures (by Ifremer)
- 3. Challenge reports describing the Targeted Products, their methodology and their expert evaluation (on going) (by CMCC)

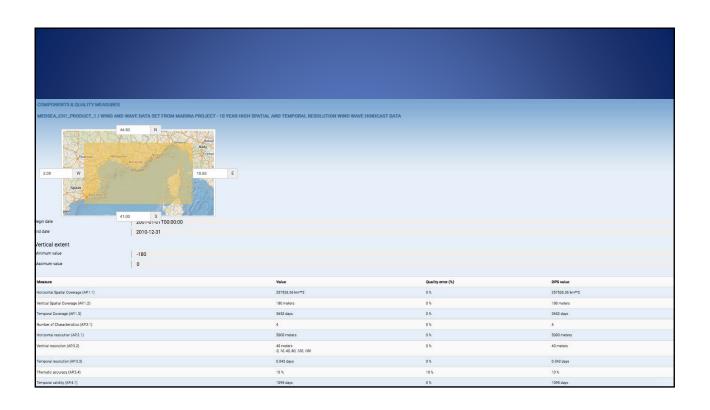




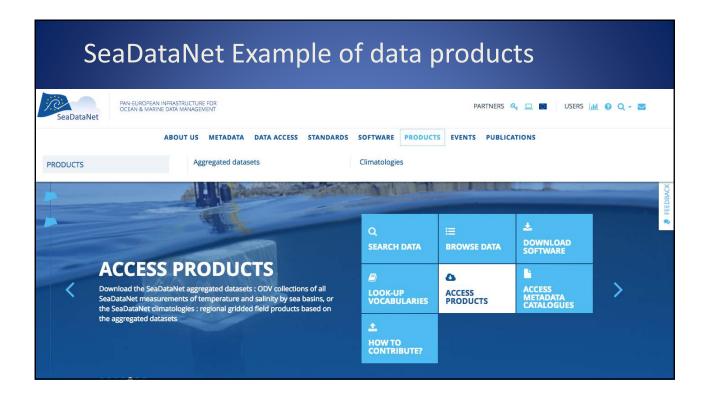


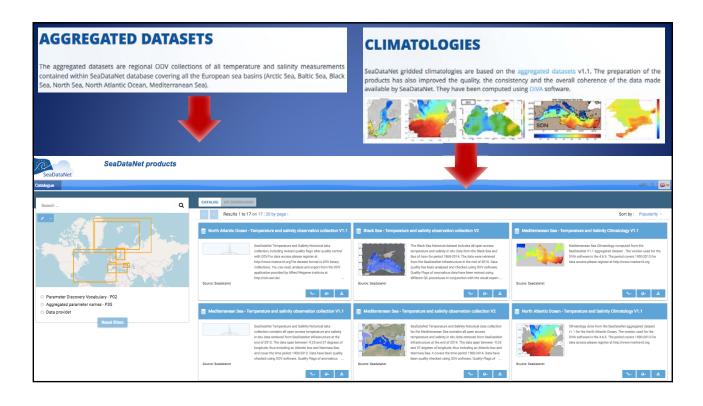


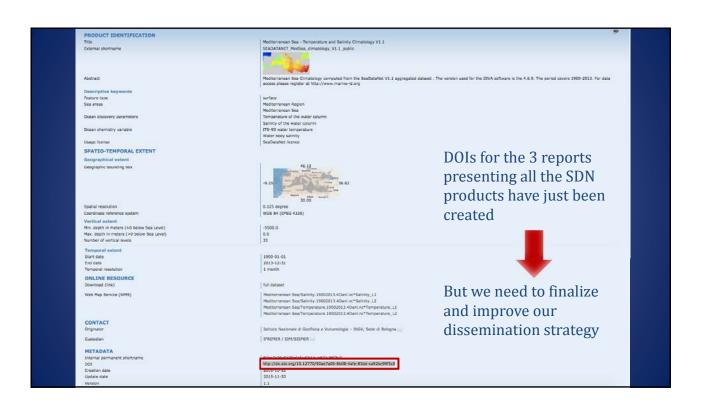


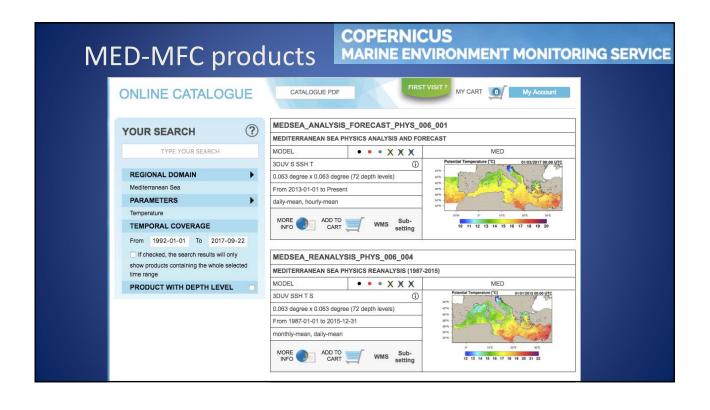












Conclusions

- We are still learning how to manage information in order to communicate it simply
- The researchers are happy to get acknowledgment of their work
- DOI allows to identify datasets uniquely
- DOI should increase visibility and trust
- The users find all the information related to the resource
- Researchers get credits from their citation especially on their data usage
- Scientific Data journals allow also to publish datasets, i.e. Earth System Science Data (IF 6.696) and Nature Scientific Data
- It should change the way to write papers → 1) more focus on the main subject allowing to cite additional resources (i.e. project reports); 2) leaving the data analysis and validation to data journals