

Activities

- WP1 Project Management
 1. Drawing of Consortium Agreement (13 August, 2009). This is at the moment signed by 4 out of 8 partners. The First payment has been transferred to six partners.
 2. The date and general outline of the First Data product Workshop have been decided. This will be organised from 16-18 of February 2010. Together with the workshop the Second General Coordination Board Meeting will be organised.
- WP2 Technical Development
 3. Finalization outline of the technical functionalities of the EMODNET Bio Portal. Start technical development of EMODNET Portal.
- WP3 Data Digitisation, Standardisation, Analysis & Delivery
 4. GAP-analysis I: an overview of marine biological datasets was made (based on work carried out during the MarBEF NoE, BIOMARE Project; n=472 of which 155 monitoring datasets) and sent to the Coordination Board for review and update.
 5. GAP-analysis II: a detailed analysis and gap analysis of the European Ocean Biogeographic Information System (EurOBIS) is in progress.
 6. Contact/progress of different data providers
 - a. Data on European Marine Biodiversity in GBIF (Contact Éamonn Ó Tuama)
 - b. RADIALES Dataset (plankton monitoring Spanish Waters - IEO; contact Antonio Bode)
 - c. ICES Data (Trawl surveys/Fish predator-prey/Bio communities): Contact Neil Holdsworth
 - d. COPEPOD Zooplankton Database (Contact: Todd O Brien)
 - e. Chlorophyll a data Ireland (Contact: Ilaria Nardello)
 - f. SAHFOS data, CPR (Contact Peter Burkill)
 - g. Coastal Data from Ifremer (Contact: Antoine Huguet)
 - h. Ferrybox data (Contact Franciscus Colijn)
 - i. Data from HELCOM (contact Minna Pyhälä)

- j. European Seabirds at Sea (ESAS) data (contact: Tim Dunn)
- k. HERMES data (contact Vicki Gunn)
- l. Data from Black Sea Commission (contact Violeta Velikova)

- WP4 Data Management, QC/QA & Integration

7. Integration of European iOBIS (Ocean Biogeographic Data System) data into EurOBIS. Following datasets were inserted:
 - a. Galathea II, Danish deep sea expedition 1950-1952
 - b. Marine benthic fauna list, Laeso, Denmark
 - c. Niva Bay species list
8. A proposal for harmonisation of the geographical boundaries of the sea regions, as to which the EMODNET Lots contracts refer, has been compiled by VLIZ and forwarded to the DG MARE. This proposal was forwarded to all partners of EMODNET. The ICES Ecoregions were also added to the Geographic Marine Gazetteer hosted at VLIZ in agreement with ICES.