The European Marine Observation and Data Network (EMODnet) is a long-term marine data initiative from the European Commission Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG-MARE). EMODnet is a consortium of organisations that work together to assemble quality-assured, standardised and harmonised marine data, metadata and products, making them more accessible to Blue Society. Collect once and use many times.

Unlocking the wealth of European marine observations and data


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Data providers can submit their marine data via the data submission service. Each data package consists of a collection of datasets and relevant documentation.

Just complete a submission form with a limited set of metadata to describe everything.

To keep the threshold for submission low the work for completing the submission form is split up between the data submitter and the data centre.

A data tracking service allows staying informed on the progress from submission to publishing.

What's in it for data submitters?

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The EMODnet Data Ingestion portal is developed to facilitate and streamline the process where (sleeping) marine data from whatever source is delivered on a voluntary basis for safekeeping and further distribution. EMODnet keeps your data future proof.

The assigned data centre processes the datasets in dialogue with the data submitter.

Finished datasets are included in the data management system of the data centre for long term stewardship and published at the data central portal.

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The data centre populates the finalised datasets and related metadata into the appropriate European organisations and infrastructures (SeaDataNet, EurOBIS, EGI, ICES, COGEA) and from there towards the relevant EMODnet thematic portals.

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