European Biodiversity Portal

"Develop a new portal to enable fast access to EU BON integrated data and products by researchers, decision makers and other stakeholders..."

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Perspectives for data integration and interoperability

- Overall goal: "pull together fragmented data", and reduce heterogeneity. How?
 - make biodiversity observations openly available,
 - following the GEOSS Data Sharing Principles,
 - under the GEOSS umbrella (network of networks)
- Bring about focus by supporting EBV data flows, and GEO BON work: Data about change in biodiversity.
- Push standards: Darwin Core has been extended for monitoring data. Ensure its adoption.
- Need a hosting environment for monitoring networks' data, services, and products.

Requirements analysis

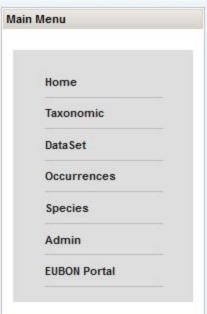
- First specification in 2013, prototype in 2014
- Second specification March 2015
 - Under scrutiny in this meeting
- Priority functions need to decided, including:
 - Data hosting (WP2)
 - Site-specific portal (WP5)
 - Needs of policy users (WP6/WP7)
 - How to portray EBVs
- Working with GEOSS AIP-8 on community portals
- Next prototype in November 2015
- Think now about sustainability beyond the project!

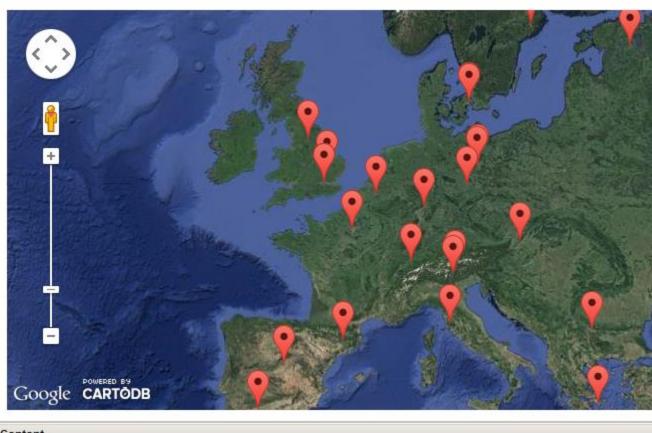






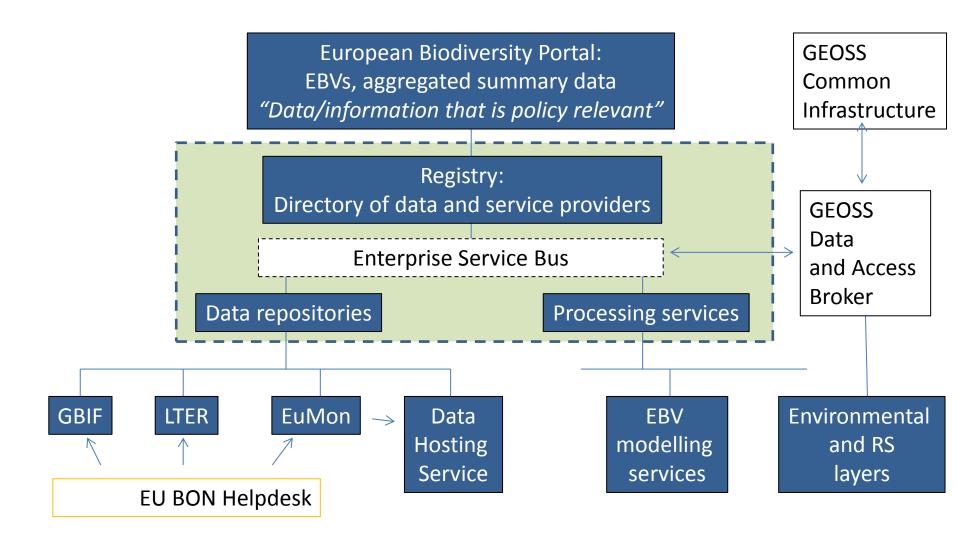
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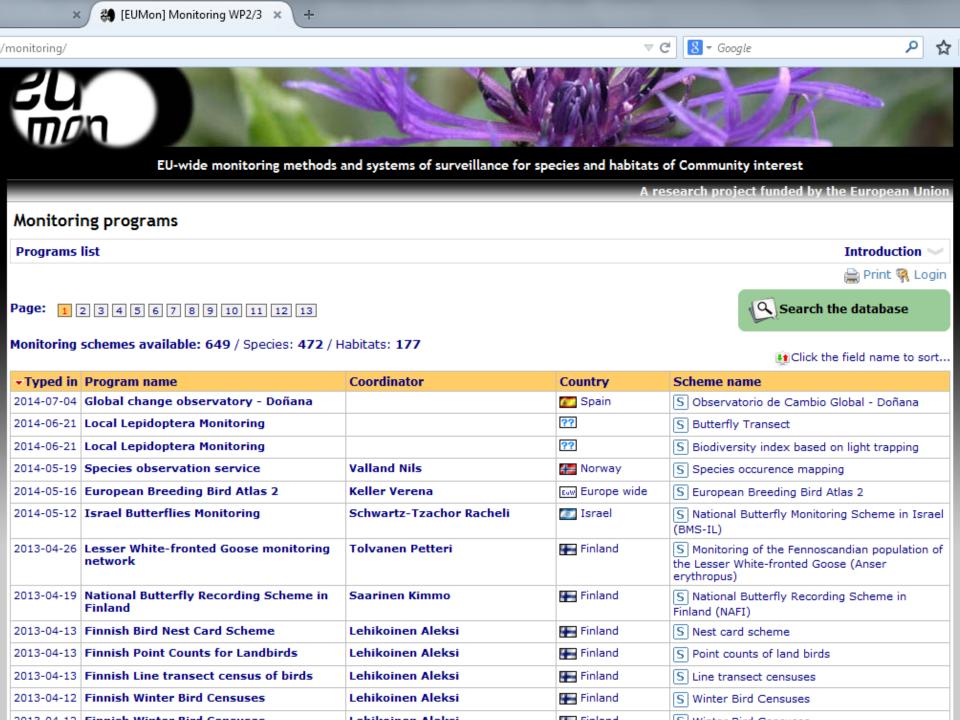
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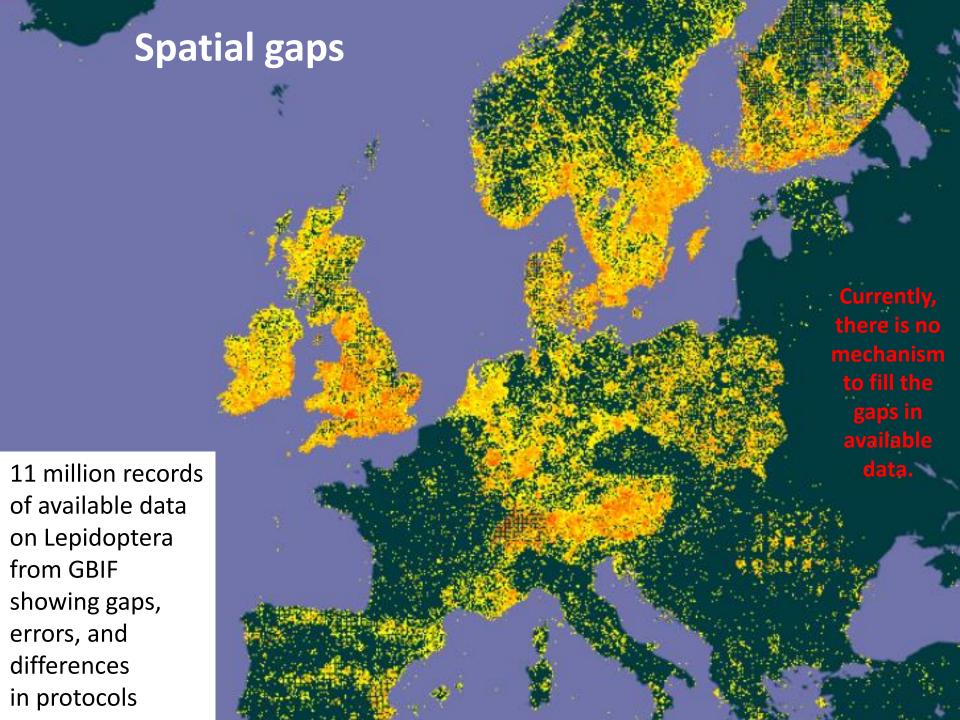
Main information system components



Registry is the key

- Based on the registry specification, 19 tasks have been distributed to Task partners
- Integrating registries of major projects (GBIF, KNB/DataONE, DEIMS, EuMon, ...)
- Connect any prioritised remotely sensed data catalogues
- Install and configure an instance of GI-cat (GEOSS data access broker)
- Explore Knowledge Organisation Networks (Biodiversity Collection Ontology, etc.)



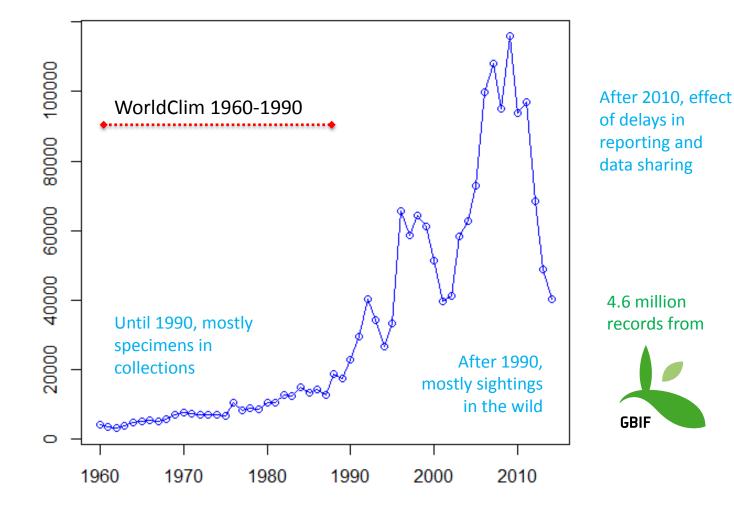




Temporal gaps

Ongoing research on how to normalize biases inherent in heterogeneous opportunistic big data, and reason abundance from occurrence.

Number of unique occurrences of all butterflies in Europe in 1960-2014



Need: Mechanism to fill the gaps in available data

- With a solid registry system behind it, the portal can provide a function no other organisation fills at the moment.
- Use metadata of monitoring schemes (~2000).
- Data-on-demand

Click here to see who has this data...

Example:			
	Country A	Country B	Country C /
Lepidoptera	3,000,000	500,000	250,000
Coleoptera	0	1,000,000	100,000
Diptera	20,000	10,000	0

Data hosting in EU BON?

- Do not build a separate network. Instead, build on GBIF network of data providers, but enable there functions for sample-based monitoring data. That means:
 - 1. Extend Darwin Core to cover sample-based data. DONE
 - 2. Implement the new elements in data existing data sharing tools. **DONE**
 - 3. Campaign to approach monitoring programmes to share their data, using standards.
 - 4. Invent mechanisms to fill the gaps (spatial, temporal, taxonomic coverage, EBV classes) on-demand.

Being part of GEOSS...

Access to environmental background data is critical for modelling.

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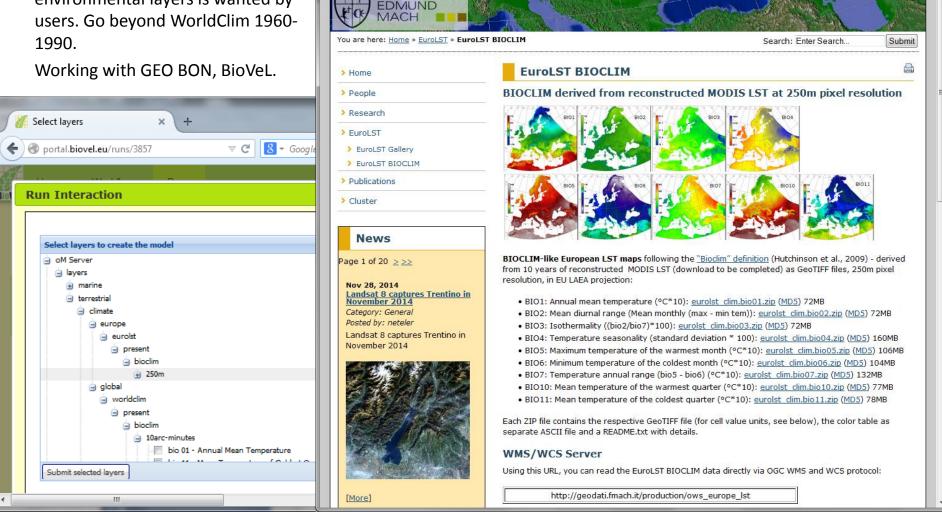
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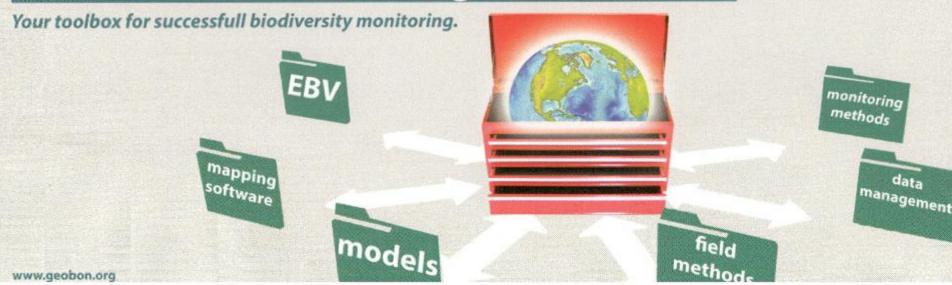
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GEOSS should provide this service.

Wide selection of well-documented environmental layers is wanted by



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Contributions needed

- The Portal is now at critical stage of development.
- User involvement in prioritising the next set of requirements (for the next prototype release in November).
- Come hear more details of the portal, and let us know what you think
 - "Modules" 4,5,8 this afternoon