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Session 2: Enhancing Biodiversity Conservation and Climate Resilience with Nature-Based Solutions

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Providing information on ecosystem status & trends in time



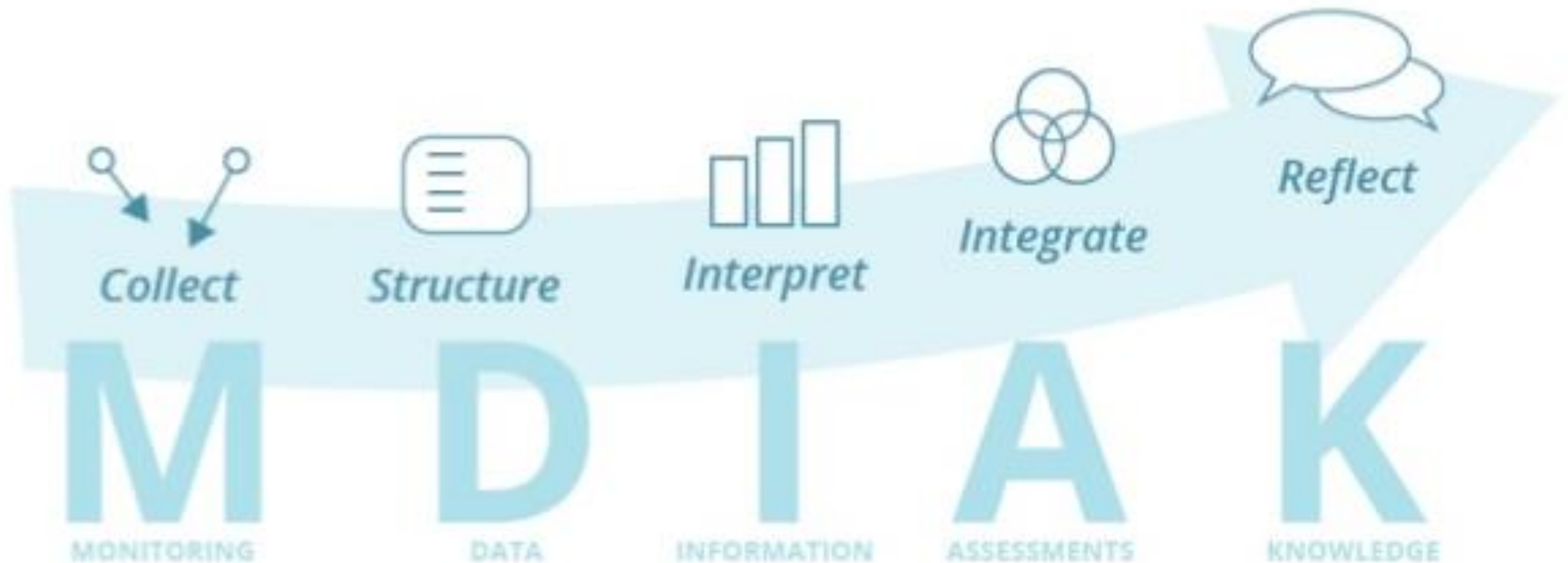
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Mapping – distribution, extent and condition of ecosystems

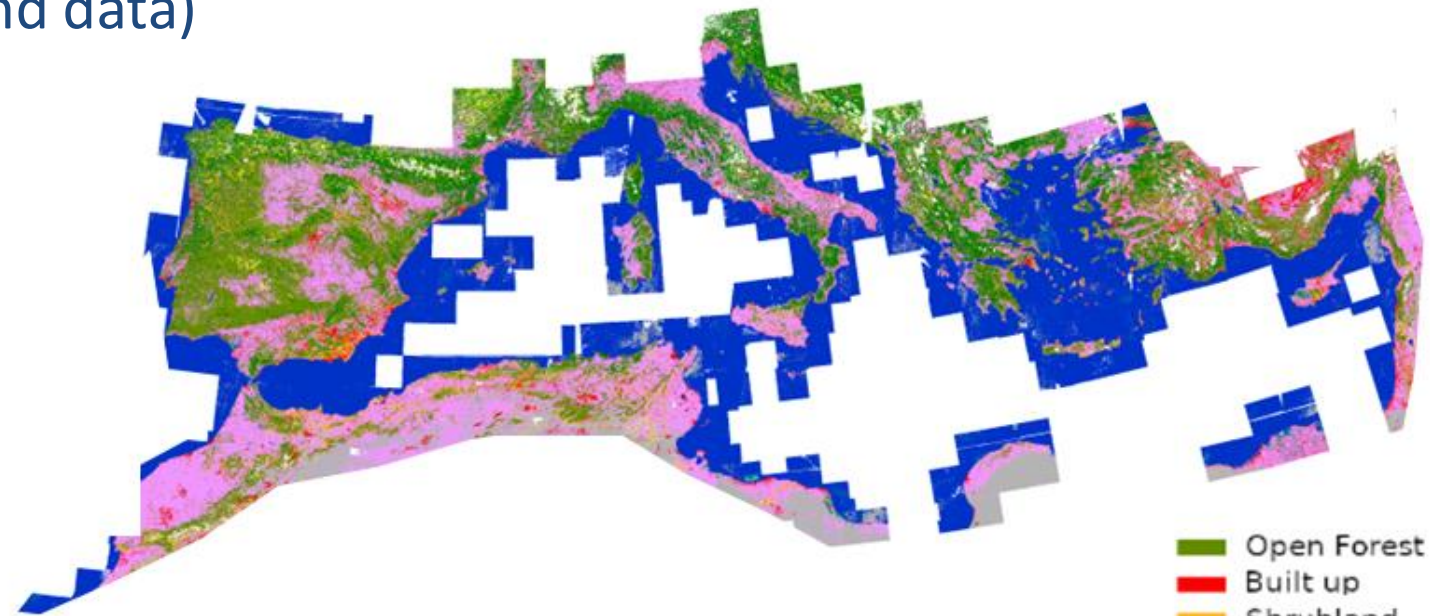
Monitoring – change in distribution, extent and condition of ecosystems

Assessment – state and trends of ecosystems and pressures affecting them



The Mediterranean Forest Type map

- Working area: Mediterranean basin at a 10m spatial resolution
- Use of Artificial Intelligence, Big data and Satellite imagery
- +32 000 forest samples (ground data)
- +1000 satellite images
- + 100 forest types identified



Scalable approach for high-resolution land cover: a case study in the Mediterranean Basin. Journal of Big Data. Burgueño et al., 2022.

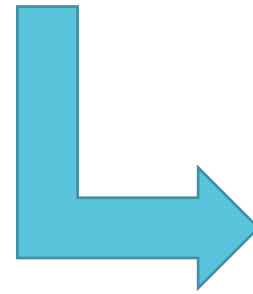
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- Open Forest
- Built up
- Shrubland
- Bare Soil
- Herbaceous Veg.
- Cropland
- Wetland
- Water
- Closed Forest

Wetland monitoring system

Key elements to study the dynamics of the wetland

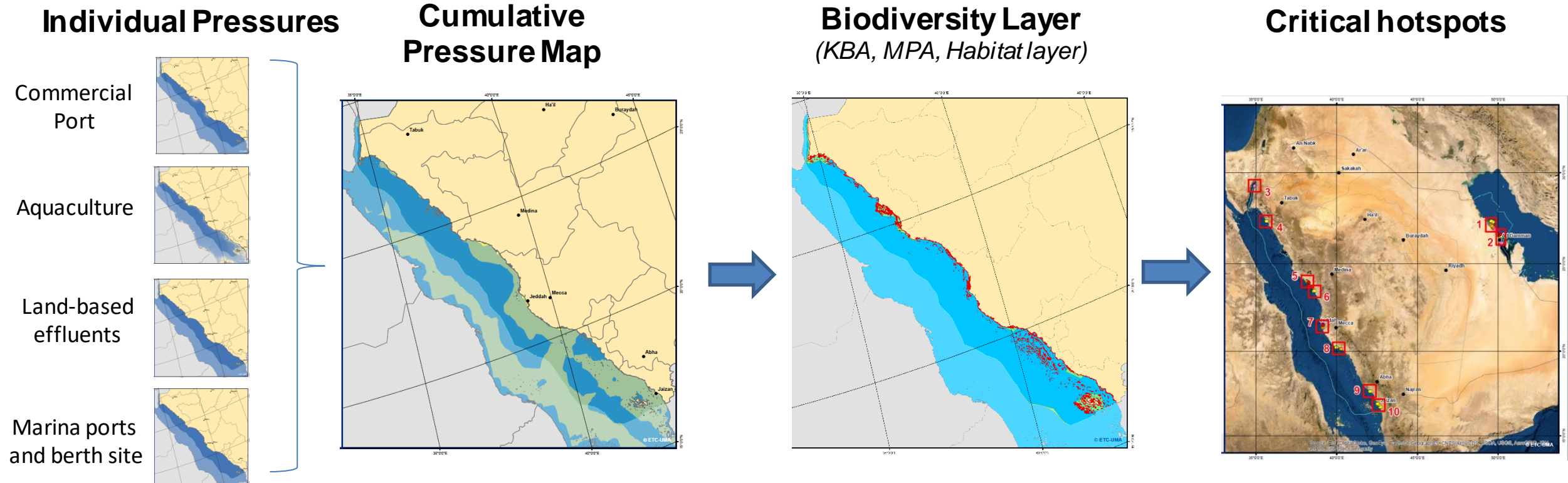
- Hydrodynamics → Seasonality and how it affects the wetland.
- Pressures → human activities in the area and trends.



- Where the water comes from.
- Flood periods.
- Average, maximum and minimum levels.
- Changes in vegetation and soil moisture.
- Changes in human uses/activities according to the time of year.

Assessment of pressures on marine and coastal ecosystems

- Working area: Mediterranean Sea, Red Sea, Arabian Gulf
- Modelling of human activities and its potential impact on marine and coastal ecosystems → Detection of hotspots



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Ecosystem restoration – co-benefits for nature and societies



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Coastal / Marine wetlands and lagoons

Covering:

- Salines, intertidal flats, coastal lagoons, and estuaries
- With presence of seagrass beds

Threats

- Modification of the tidal regime
- Run-off from agricultural, industrial and urban development
- Sea level rise
- Run-off from agricultural, industrial and urban regions
- Human activities in estuaries and seas

Saltmarshes
Carbon sequestration rate
166 – 282
(g C m⁻² yr⁻¹)

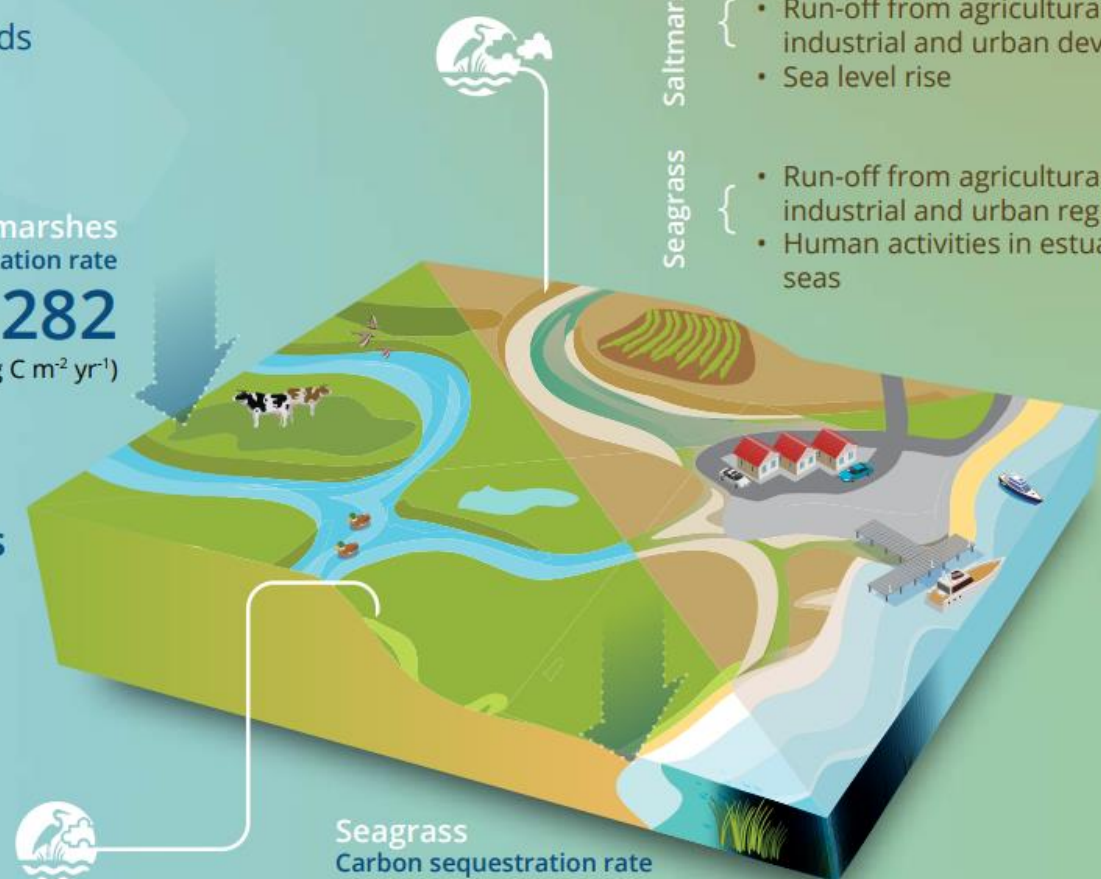
Management options

Saltmarshes

- Protection from erosion
- Tidal restoration
- Maintenance of high salinity levels

Seagrass

- Habitat restoration
- Sustainable coastal management



Seagrass
Carbon sequestration rate
43 - 52
(g C m⁻² yr⁻¹)

Decision support tools



Search places

Earth Engine Apps

GreenEye

Bienvenido al sistema de seguimiento y monitorización de humedales para Andalucía basado en datos de teledetección, desarrollado como parte del proyecto LifeWatch INDALO. Obtén información actualizada sobre el estado de los humedales utilizando nuestras herramientas especializadas a partir de los datos más actualizados de Sentinel-2.

Herramienta de monitorización y seguimiento general

Selecciona una fecha de inicio y una de final y obtén datos agregados mensualmente, las tendencias y la cartografía asociada a ese periodo temporal.

[Abrir herramienta general](#)

Herramienta de monitorización en tiempo casi real

Obtén datos actualizados de los últimos 90 días para seguir de cerca los cambios producidos. Obtén información detallada sobre índices, datos y cartografía para una monitorización en tiempo casi real.

[Abrir monitor trimestral](#)

Herramienta de evaluación del último año

Compara el año en curso o el último año completo con los valores típicos de los años previos.

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