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The LifeWatch Italy Data Portal: from data sharing to analysis

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Biodiversity and ecosystem research is central to...



Climate change



Water supply



Desertification



Biodiversity loss

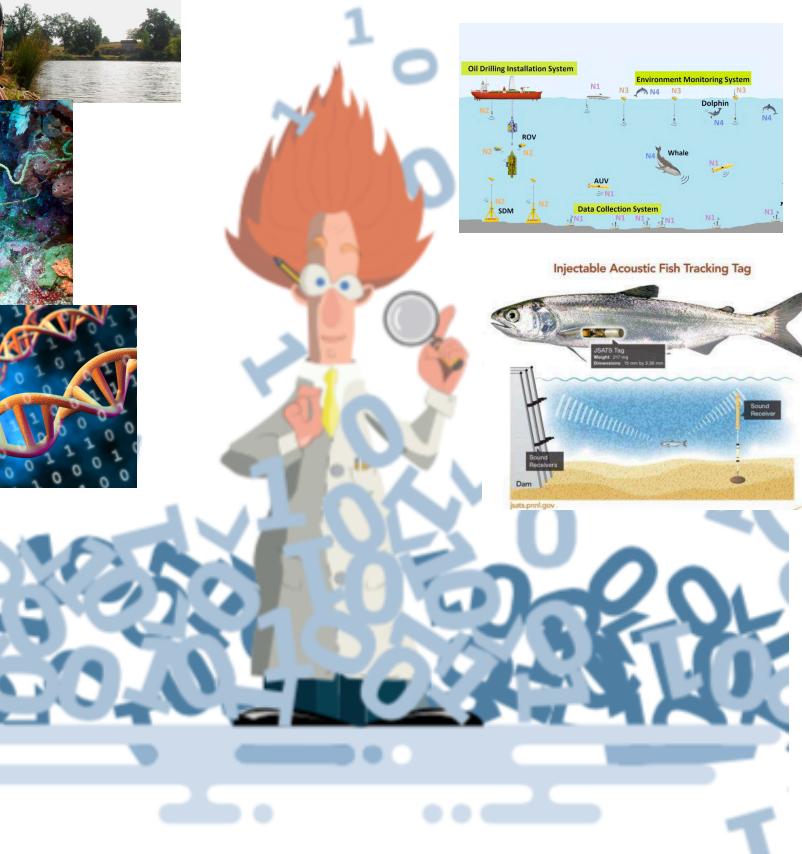


Food supply

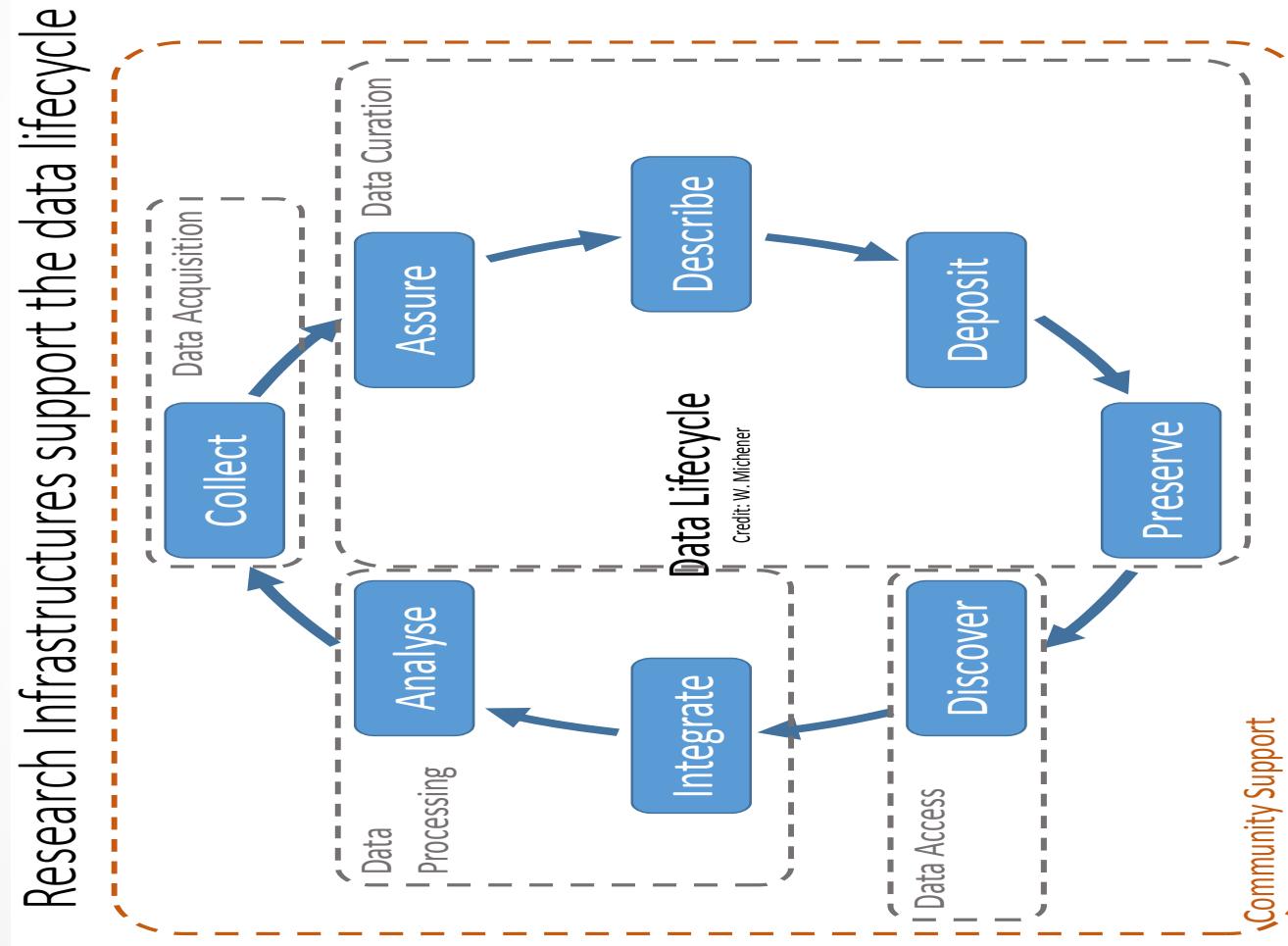


Environmental/Societal Challenges

To address the scale and complexity of those issues, there is a strong need to integrate scientific knowledge.



Research Infrastructures aim at facilitating data sharing and stimulating collaborative and data-intensive science.



Two Ways to share data resources: **1. uploading a file; 2. connecting to distributed data repositories through the Toolkit**

Step 1: Select and Upload file



Data Portal



Dataset Name

File format CSV Custom
Darwin Core 1.4
ABCD 2.06

Dataset File Nessun file selezionato.

Field separator

Decimal separator


ZIP


DwC Archive


ABCD XML


CSV





Data Portal



Step 2: Mapping with LW-ITA Data Schema

Need help for mapping? Check the Lifewatch standard guide

Dataset fields	Lifewatch fields	
institutionID	institutionid	Request Field
collectionID	occurrenceid	
dataset	<small>Data type: string Category: occurrence</small>	
institutionID	<small>An identifier for the occurrence (as opposed to a particular digital record of the occurrence). In the absence of a persistent global unique identifier, construct one from a combination of identifiers in the record that will most closely make the occurrenceid globally unique.</small>	
collectionID	catalog number	
dataset	<small>Data type: none Category: occurrence</small>	
ownerID	<small>An identifier (preferably unique) for the record within the data set or collection.</small>	
basisOf	<small>Data type: string Category: occurrence</small>	
informant	<small>An identifier given to the occurrence at the time it was recorded. Often serves as a link between field notes and an occurrence record, such as a specimen collector's number.</small>	
dataGeneralizations	datageneralizations	Request Field
dynamicProperties	dynamicproperties	Request Field
occurrenceID	occurrenceid	Request Field

Fields are automatically mapped if the field names match the LW-ITA Data Schema term.



Naming and characterisation of fields with DwC and LifeWatch-ITA Thesauri

LW-ITA Data Schema

Name
    Occurrence id
    Catalog number
    Record number
    Recorded by
    Individual count
    Standard length
    Total length
    Ash free dry weight
    Ash weight
    Dry weight

<http://thesauri.lifewatchitaly.eu/PhytoTraits/index.php>

<http://thesauri.lifewatchitaly.eu/ZooplanktonTraits/index.php>

<http://thesauri.lifewatchitaly.eu/macrozoobenthostraits/index.php>

<http://thesauri.lifewatchitaly.eu/Macroalgae/index.php>

Dataset Field Name *

ash free dry weight

Description

the weight of organic material obtained as difference between the dry weight and the ash weight. ash weight is determined after muffle furnace

Unit of Measure

g

Thesaurus Name

fish traits thesaurus

URI

Dataset Field DataType *

DOUBLE

Dataset Field Type

record

Dataset Field Category *

Trait

Dataset Field Standard

Lifewatch

Required

Numerical check

<http://thesauri.lifewatchitaly.eu/GenomicBarcoding/index.php>

Step 3: Metadata Creation



Data Portal



Step 3 of 4 - Insert Dataset Metadata

Dataset title *  

Dataset identifier  

Access and use constraints *  

Intellectual rights  

Dataset online distribution  

LW-ITA Metadata Schema

Metadata Descriptive Name (e.g. taxonomic terms) *

Dataset title

Metadata Type

Free Text

Metadata Reference (e.g. http://...)

<https://data.lter-europe.net/deims/documentation/dataset#D1>

Required

Metadata Category *

Identification

Metadata Description *

Provides a name of the dataset that is being documented as is known within the community described in detail by following elements. Title is a characteristic, and often unique and is the most informative element of a metadata record and usually with the highest priority as search engines go to this element.

Order

1

Darwin core eml xpath

//dataset/title

- Follows the INSPIRE metadata regulation standard
- Contains 31 elements of which 20 are

Data quality control procedures on the ingested data resources: format, numeric and taxonomic check

LifeWatch Data Validation

Pending Error Numeric Warnings Taxonomic Warnings

Dataset Validation

Staging Area

Dataset UUID	Dataset name	Dataset Author
43e139ec-8eaf-49d1-9705-561d0870cb46	MacrozoobenthosLesina	Ilaria Rosati

LifeWatch Data Validation

Pending **Error** Numeric Warnings Taxonomic Warnings

Dataset Validation

e.g. when a record is reported as string and it must be a number

There are no wrong records in datasets



Numeric check

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Dataset Validation

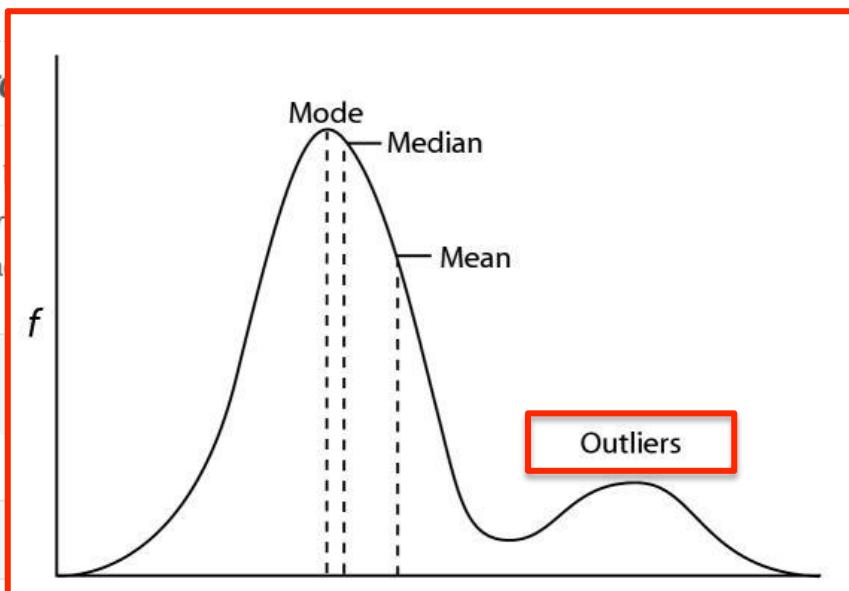
Dataset UUID	Dataset name	Dataset Author	Warnings
43e139ec-8eaf-49d1-9705-561d0870cb46	MacrozoobenthosLesina	Ilaria Rosati	 

Records for MacrozoobenthosLesina

Warnings for MacrozoobenthosLesina

- Field ashfreedryweight may have invalid values
- Field totallength may have invalid values
- Field dryweight may have invalid values

25/02/08	Lesina	4
25/02/08	Lesina	4



Close



Taxonomic check

LifeWatch Data Validation

Pending Error Numeric Warnings **Taxonomic Warnings**

Dataset Validation

Dataset name	Dataset Author	Dataset UUID	Warnings	Dataset Detail
MacrozoobenthosLesina	Ilaria Rosati	caa59153-8ec6-43b6-bbca-d60e812c5828	701	

Global Names Architecture

Pesi Massive Check

New massive update PESI (all fields) Continue massive update PESI (all fields) Processed (13722/13722) PESI Id

Search

Add New Species View Removable Records Duplicated Records PESI ambiguous Records PESI no result Records

Total GNA records: 13747

Scientific Name	Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family	Genus	GUID PESI	PESI Status
Ochromonas	Chromista	Ochrophyta	Chrysophyceae	Ochromonadales	Chromulinaceae	Ochromonas		
Arabis turrita	Plantae	Tracheophyta	Magnoliopsida	Brassicales	Brassicaceae	Arabis		
Phorcus richardi	Animalia	Mollusca	Gastropoda		Trochidae	Phorcus		
Gibbula spurca	Animalia	Mollusca	Gastropoda		Trochidae	Gibbula		

Each record of the “scientificname” field is matched with *accepted names* of LW-ITA Global Names Architecture



Taxonomic check

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Taxonomic Warnings

Semantic Warnings

Dataset Validation

Dataset name	Dataset Author	Dataset UUID	Warnings	Dataset Detail
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Warning records : 643

Back

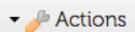
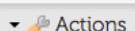
Approve all 10 GNAs

Approve 0 GNAs

Reject 0 GNAs

1 GNAs rejected

X

<input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific Name	Records	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Corophium sp.	5	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Loripes lacteus	266	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Microdeutopus sp.	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Musculista senhousia	80	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neanthes sp.	201	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nucula sp.	1	



Three ways to search data resources in local or distributed repositories by: 1. map; 2. free text; 3. defined categories

Dataset Search

Geographic search by area*

Define search area by: |



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Search Results

Dataset_Biodiversity_AlienSpecies_TransitionalWaters_LifeWatch Metadata

Dataset abstract	The dataset contains more than 3800 occurrence data divided among 9 Eunis species groups (Algae, Amphibian, Birds, Cyanobacteria, Fishes, Flowering Plants, Invertebrates, Protists, Reptiles). Data refer to alien species and native species distributed within 23 sites and 4 Eunis habitats (level 2) all around Italy.
Dataset keywords	biodiversity, alien species, species distribution, taxonomy, geographical names, Eunis habitat, temporal properties
Biogeographic region	Mediterranean
Country	Italy
Geographic bounding coordinates	North: 46.9818; South: 36.900000; East: 18.493927; West: 7.3920000
Geographic bounding	

Close

Metadata Authorization

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10,76% upon
s data on 1721

LifeWatch



JSON export

```
{
  "uuid": "a93a57d0-5982-4cf7-ad69-4be69f201513",
  "name": "Macrofauna_Lesina_WiserProject_2009",
  "metadata": {
    "id": 123,
    "uniqueName": "datasetTitle",
    "name": "Dataset title",
    "description": "Provides a name of the dataset that is being documented as is known within the community described in detail by following elements."
  }
}
```

CSV export

METADATA Dataset	
catalognumber;continent;country;locality;decimallatitude;decimallongitude;phylum;class;family;order;genus;providedscientificname;scientificname	
451;europe;italy;lago di fogliano;41.4;12.9;Annelida;Polychaeta;Phyllodocidae;Nereiphylla;Nereiphylla rubiginosa;Nereiphylla rubiginosa	
447;europe;italy;lago dei monaci;41.38;12.93;Annelida;Polychaeta;Phyllodocidae;Nereiphylla;Nereiphylla rubiginosa;Nereiphylla rubiginosa	
456;europe;italy;lago di sabaudia;41.2819;13.0259;Annelida;Polychaeta;Phyllodocidae;Nereiphylla;Nereiphylla rubiginosa;Nereiphylla rubiginosa	
uniqueName: "DatasetKeywords"	
name: "Dataset Key words"	
description: "Provides a set of related key words describing the content of the dataset derived from the controlled vocabularies implemented by LifeWatch-ITA. Key Thesauri for long term ecological research, monitoring experiments and other environmental related thesauri as INSPIRE Spatial Data Themes, e.g., http://thesauri.lifewatchitaly.eu/FishTraits/index.php ; http://thesauri.lifewatchitaly.eu/alienspecies/index.php ; http://vocab.ceh.ac.uk/evn/tbl/ ; http://envthes.evn.org.uk/vocab/ceh.ac.uk/evn/tbl/ ; http://vocab.nerc.ac.uk/collection/ ; http://vocab.nerc.ac.uk/collection/ ,"	
value : invertedbrates_biodiversity_taxonomy_abundance_size_lagoon	
dataType: "string"	
urlReference: "http://thesauri.lifewatchitaly.eu/macrozoobenthostraits/index.php?tema=78", "name": "total length", "thesaurusURI": "http://thesauri.lifewatchitaly.eu/macrozoobenthostraits/index.php?tema=117&ash-free-dry-weight", "name": "ash free dry weight"]]	
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DATA



To integrate, using different filters, the data resources uploaded and/or the authorised ones

Data Advanced Search

Fields to include

Select All

- event
 - event id
 - parentevent id
 - event date
 - sampling protocol
 - samplesizevalue
 - samplesizeunit
- organism
- occurence
- trait
 - total length
 - ash free dry weight
 - dry weight
 - alien
- location
- taxon
 - name published in year
 - kingdom
 - phylum
 - class
 - family
 - order
 - genus
 - provided scientific name
 - scientific name
 - scientific name authorship

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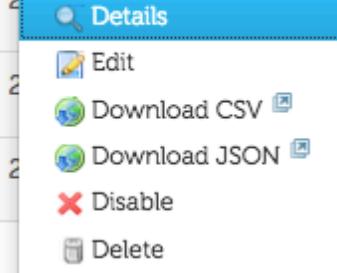
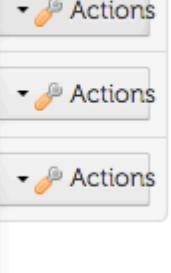
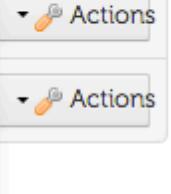
Search

Data Advanced Search Results

My Knowledge Bases

Enabled **Disabled** All

Knowledge bases : 3 of 10

Name	Description	Records	Status	Creation date	Last usage	
Macrozoobenthos_ForISSBenthos		9595	ENABLED	2015-07-01	2015-07-01	
PhytoWiserforDistributions		37627	ENABLED	2015-07-01	2015-07-01	
PhytoWiser		1481	ENABLED	2015-07-01	2015-07-01	

Dataset_Biodiversity_AlienSpecies_TransitionalWaters_LifeWatch_2015		Bivalvia	1998/2010		Tellina
Dataset_Biodiversity_AlienSpecies_TransitionalWaters_LifeWatch_2015		Bivalvia	1980/1991		Tellina
Dataset_Biodiversity_AlienSpecies_TransitionalWaters_LifeWatch_2015		Bivalvia	1980/2007		Tellina
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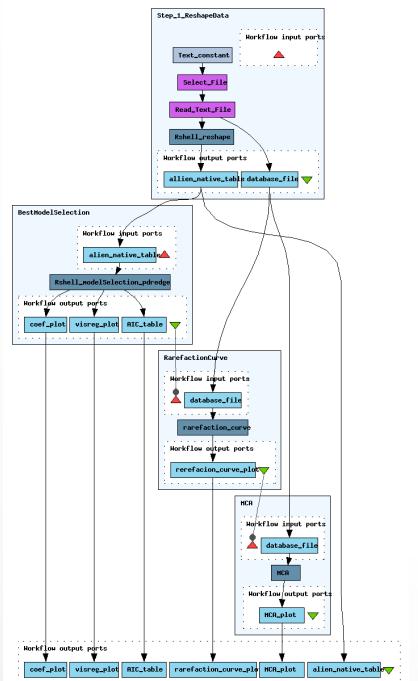
Data Analysis

My Knowledge Bases

Enabled Disabled All

Knowledge bases : 3 of 10

Name	Description	Records	Status	Creation date	Last usage	
Macrozoobenthos_ForISSBenthos		9595	ENABLED	2023-09-01	2023-09-01	Details Edit Download CSV Download JSON Disable Delete
PhytoWiserforDistributions		37627	ENABLED	2023-09-01	2023-09-01	Details Edit Download CSV Download JSON Disable Delete
PhytoWiser		1481	ENABLED	2023-09-01	2023-09-01	Details Edit Download CSV Download JSON Disable Delete



Make Data

Findable



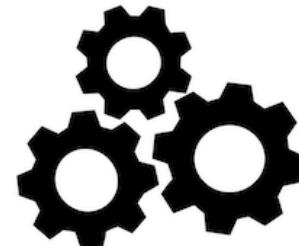
To aid automatic discovery of relevant datasets, (meta) data should be easy to find by both humans and machines and be assigned a persistent identifier.

Accessible



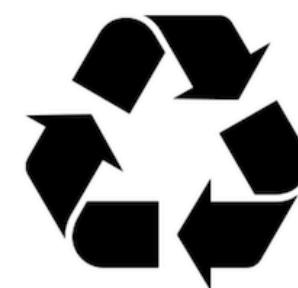
Limitations on the use of data, and protocols for querying or copying data are made explicit for both humans and machines.

Interoperable



(Meta)data should use standardised terms (controlled vocabularies), have references to other (meta) data and be machine actionable.

Reusable



(Meta)data are sufficiently well described for both humans and machines to be able to understand them and have a clear and accessible data usage license

“To make progress in science, we need to be open and share.”
Neelie Kroes (2012)



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*Thank
you!*

