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SESSION 6

Tools for Climate
Resilient Wetland Restoration

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- 10:00–10:05 – Introduction | **Madeira Scauri**, [Restore4Cs](#)
- 10:05–10:20 – Presentation + 5 min Q&A | **Jyrki Jauhiainen**, [ALFAwetlands](#)
- 10:20–10:35 – Presentation + 5 min Q&A | **Christoph Schröder & Anis Guelmami**, [Restore4Cs](#)
- 10:35–10:50 – Presentation + 5 min Q&A | **Jaime Ribalaygua Batalla**, [REWET](#)
- 10:50–11:05 – Presentation + 5 min Q&A | **Marta Stachowicz & Alessandro Gimona**, [WET HORIZONS](#)
- 11:05–11:20 – Wrap-up, next session announcement | **Madeira Scauri**, [Restore4Cs](#)
Final feedback questionnaire | **Iryna Shchoka**, [ALFAwetlands](#)



From Leaves to Litter: Measuring Aboveground Carbon Inputs and Losses in Wetland Soils



**‘Guidance for assessing mass-based aboveground
carbon inputs’**

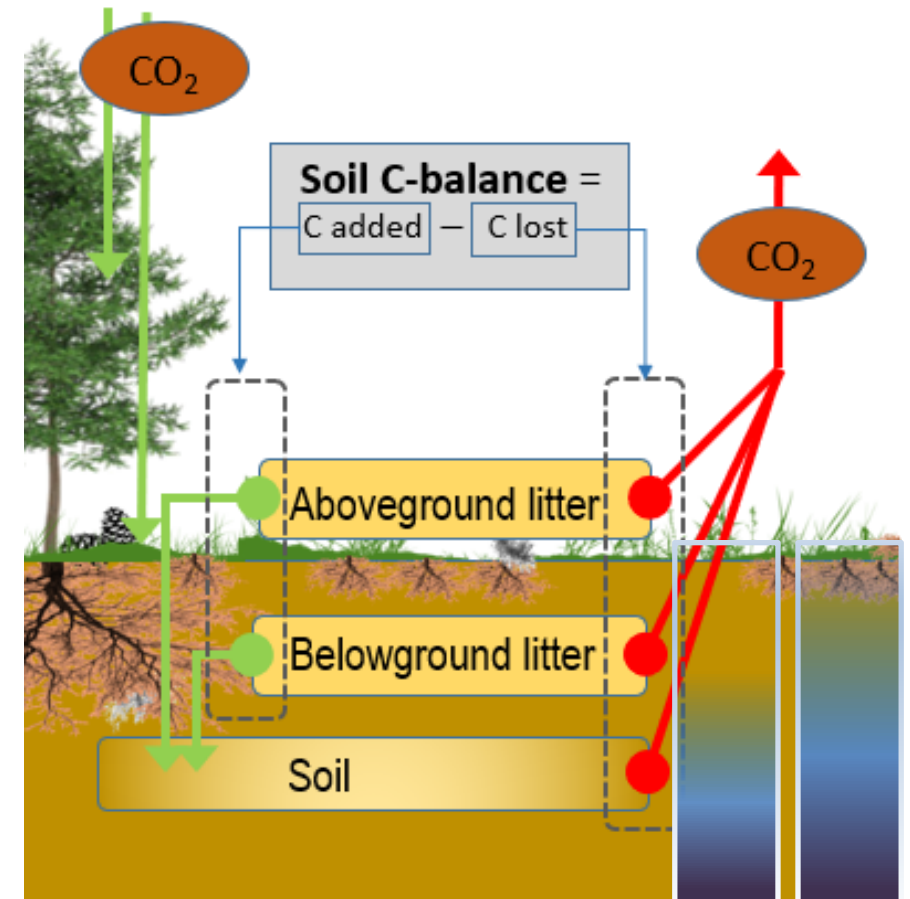
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Background I


- Large stored organic soil carbon (C) makes wetlands long-term C sinks but vulnerable to becoming greenhouse gas (GHG) sources under changed conditions, e.g.,
 - Climatic
 - Hydrology
 - Land-use
- Accurate soil C balance require monitoring of both **C inputs and losses**, which are often similar in size annually



Background II

Most soil C balance studies combine manual chamber GHG flux measurements with estimates of litter C inputs

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- ❖ Litter and root dynamics forming the soil carbon inputs is far less documented and is prone to greater methodological inconsistency and data gaps
 - ❖ Methods for soil surface GHG flux measurements are well established due to large number of studies made since 1980's (monitoring frequency, spatio-temporal coverage still vary widely)

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- Data availability is uneven across climate zones and notably poor for key processes such as litter production, litter decomposition, and root turnover (roots recently discussed by Freschet et al. (2021)).
 - Consequently, uncertainty increases in data analysis, integration of existing datasets, and forms a major limit for improvements beyond IPCC Tier 1 emission factors (e.g., Jauhainen et al. 2019, 2023)

Wetland vegetation communities are diverse



Plant species, -heights, -growth forms, and abundance vary

Our objective is to provide methods applicable across diverse wetland types in temperate and boreal climate regions

- We focus on procedures for the mass-based measurements needed for assessing the following aboveground C-stock components:
 - Understory and ground vegetation biomass and biomass production
 - Annual litter inputs (including woody debris from trees)
 - Aboveground litter decomposition
- Emphasis set for building guidance with
 - Flexibility to various vegetation community structures
 - Reasonable sampling effort (by setting ‘a fair minimum’)
 - Useful for different skill levels (students, technicians and researchers)
 - Flexibility as a guide to be followed ‘step by step’ or by ‘choosing between options’
 - Openness for further improvements

Foundation for this work is based on decades of field research experience, combined first as project-harmonized methods (Life OrgBalt and Horizon ALFAwetlands), and is now being further refined and expanded in manuscript form



Approach for data collection

- Vegetation vertical structure (vegetation stratification) of **trees, understory, and ground vegetation** at the study site.
- **Plant functional types (PFTs)** represent groups of species sharing similar combinations of plant growth strategies, and thus exhibiting comparable ecological responses, such as in biomass formation and litter production.

In this report			Plant growth forms used in Sloey et al. (2023)
Vegetation vertical structure & (height)	Plant functional type	Specification	
Tree layer (>1.3 m) ^(*)	Tree	A woody perennial plant with a single main stem (trunk) that typically grows tall and form tree layer. Can be deciduous or evergreen. Height over 1.3 meters.	Tree
Understory (0.5 -1.3 m) ^(*)	Shrub	Shrubs & subshrubs in understory are woody plants (subshrubs woody only at the base) with multiple stems, usually shorter than trees. Can be deciduous or evergreen perennials. Height between c. 0.5 and 1.3 meters.	Shrub
	Subshrub		Subshrub
Ground vegetation (<0.5m)	Dwarf shrub	A small, low-growing woody plant with multiple stems. Height up to c. 0.5 meters.	
	Graminoid	Grass-like plants, including grasses, sedges, and rushes. Annuals or perennials.	Graminoid
	Forb	Herbaceous (non-woody) flowering plants that are not graminoids. Annuals or perennials.	Forb/Herb
	Fern	Vascular, spore-producing plants (pteridophytes) that do not fit into seed-plant categories. Most are perennial and may be deciduous, or partially or completely evergreen.	
	Moss ^(**)	Non-vascular perennial plants that can form dense mats in moist habitats. Division to <i>Sphagnum</i> mosses and “other mosses” by growth form.	Non-vascular ^(***)
-	-		Vine
-	-		Unspecified vascular

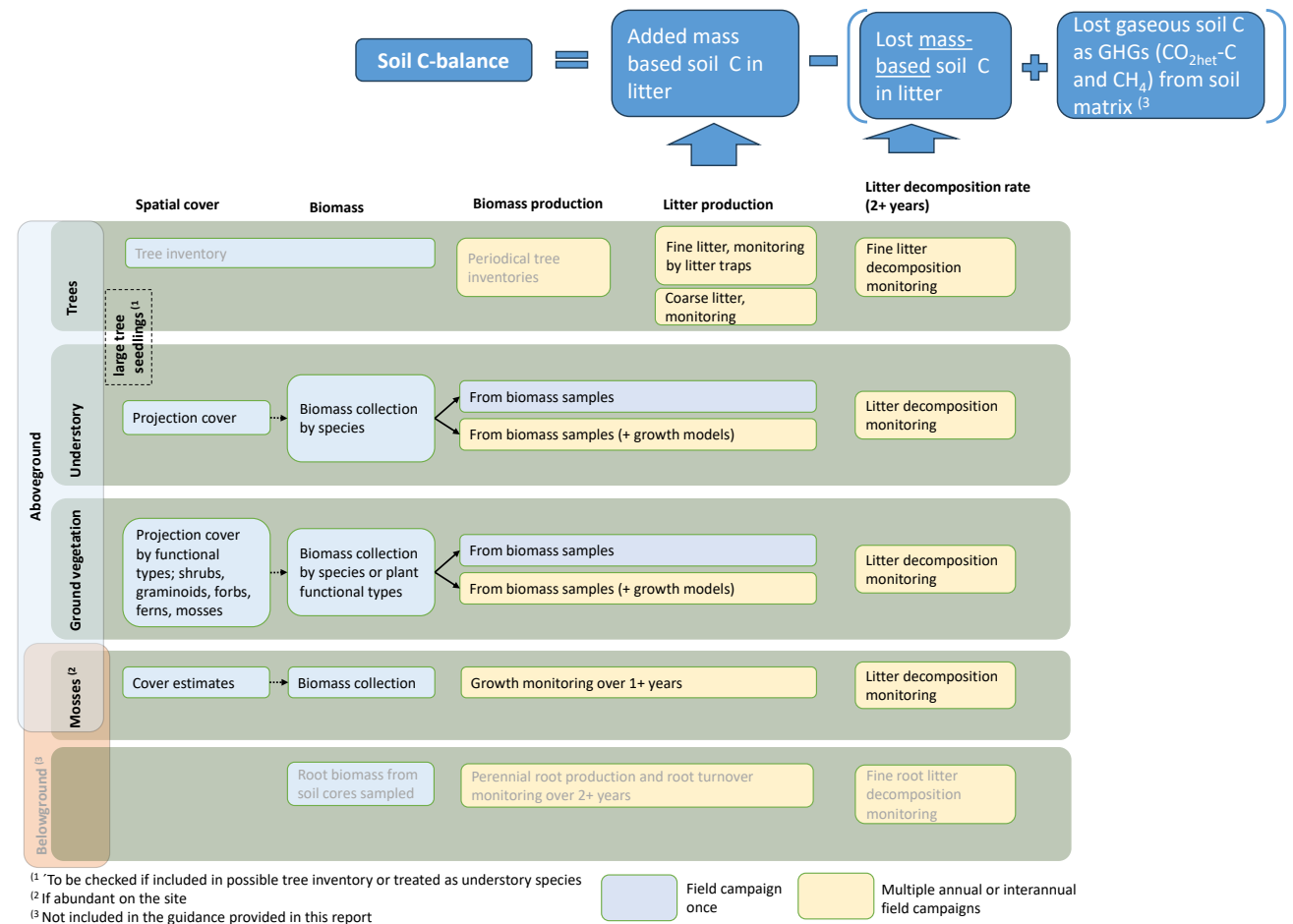
^(*) Most unambiguous division between trees and shrubs is based on the number of stems, and height threshold of 1.3 m is not a standard boundary between tree and shrub classification, but it is often used as a technical boundary in layer classification (ground vegetation / understory / tree layer).

^(**) Include mostly *Sphagnum* and other moss groups, e.g. ‘forest mosses’ and ‘brown mosses’

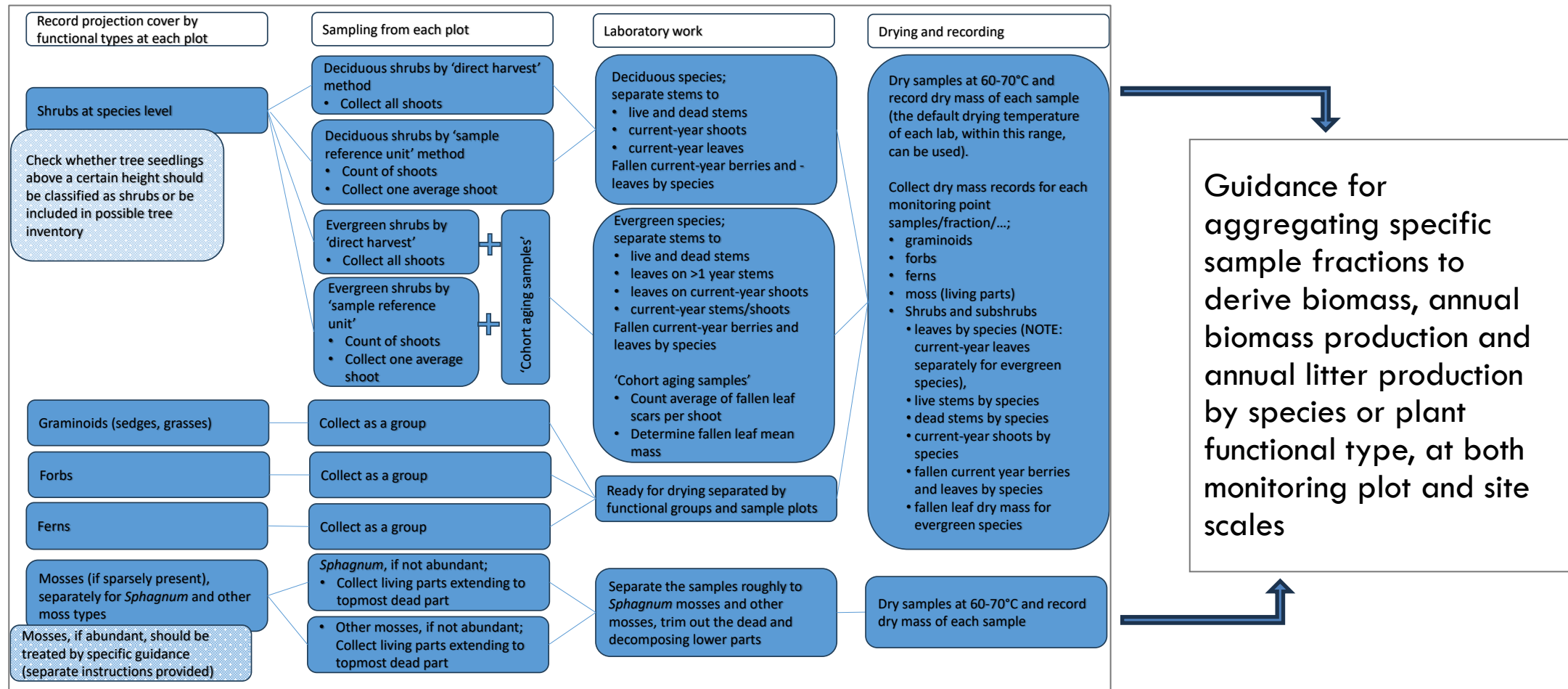
^(***) Assumed to be comparable to ‘moss’ in this report, e.g. liverworts and lichen, which can be treated as specific groups when they are abundant.

Approach for data collection

- Biomass data collection based on **vertical structure** – understory, ground vegetation, and moss layer biomass data harvest (tree litter production by litter traps)
- Biomass data collection based on **plant functional types** – shrubs, graminoids, forbs, ferns, mosses
- Timescales at data collection at field
 - 1x for most biomass data
 - Recurrent sampling events
 - Abundant moss cover sites, biomass production over 1 year (1x per year)
 - Tree litter deposition (monthly over 1 year)
 - Litter decomposition over 2-4 years (1x per year)

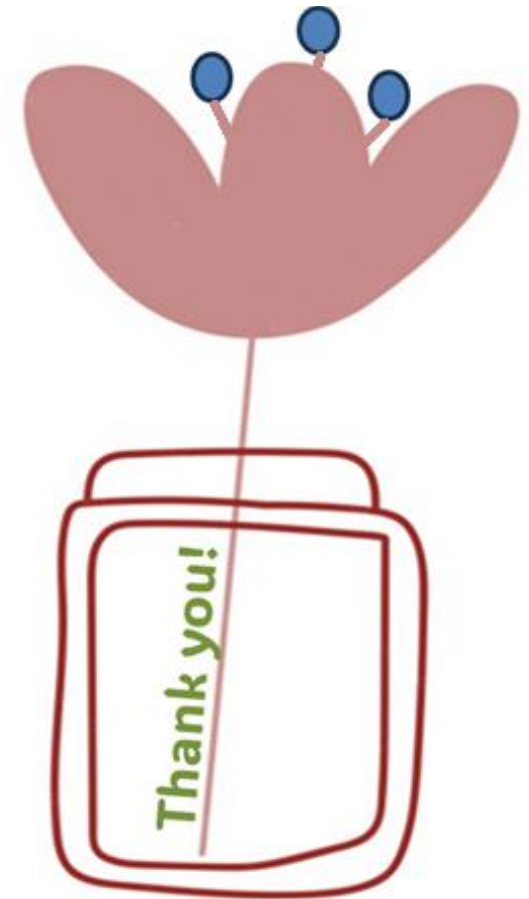


Example: Summary of the field work and sample processing



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Q & A - 5 MINUTES



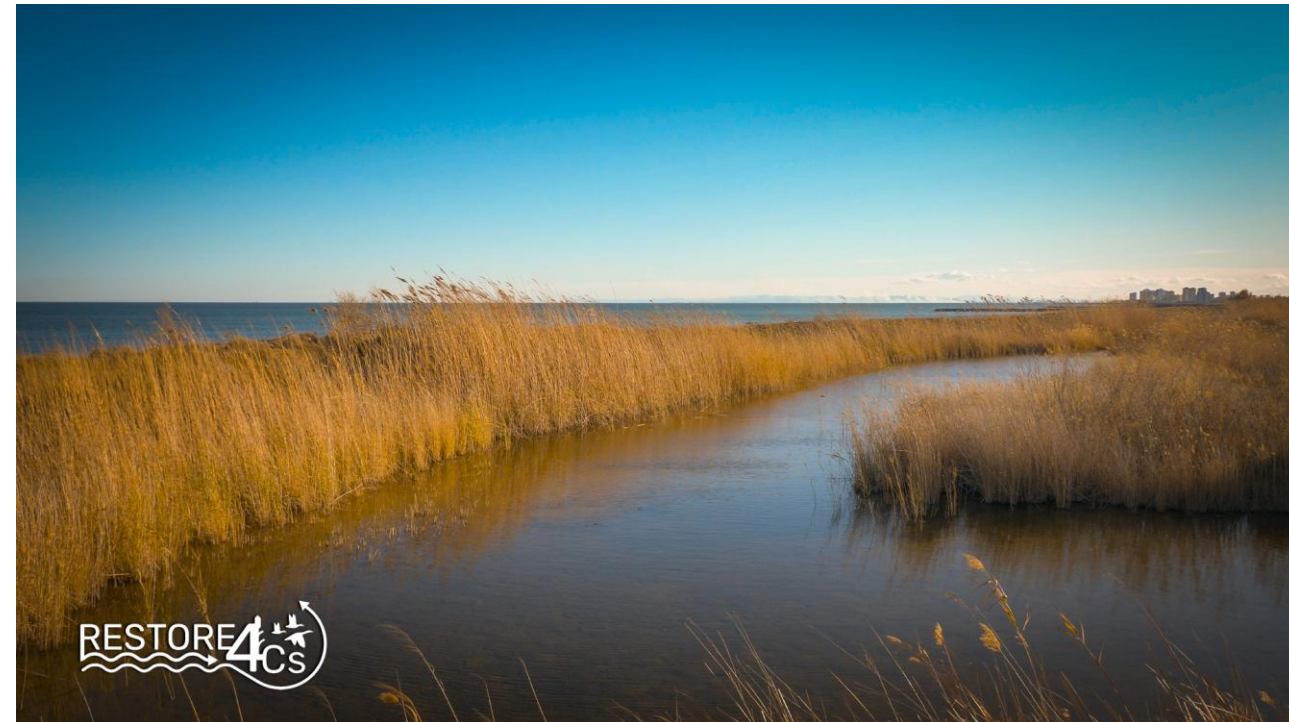
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RESTORE4Cs is a Horizon Europe project led by the **University of Aveiro**, which aims to evaluate the effect of **restoration actions on wetlands' ability to mitigate climate change** and provide various ecosystem services. The project's mission involves **collecting data** on the effectiveness of restoration and land use management, forming a **European Community of Practice (ECop)** to support **new EU policies**, expanding models and **assessment tools** to broader geographical and ecological contexts, and designing a multi-actor approach for **stakeholder engagement**.

The project hopes to create a digital platform that serves as a **Decision Support System (DSS)** for stakeholders. This platform will provide **more accurate estimates of the costs and benefits of wetland restoration** efforts to help prioritize and promote them. Additionally, the project will investigate the **social acceptability of wetland restoration** to develop a transdisciplinary approach to wetland management that considers long-term sustainability. Overall, the RESTORE4Cs project presents a promising opportunity to preserve the **ecological, environmental, and social values** of wetlands while enhancing the well-being of local communities.



First and only information platform and toolbox dedicated to coastal wetland ecosystems.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the 'European Coastal Wetlands Interactive Platform'. The header includes navigation links: 'Home', 'Interactive tools', 'Resources', and 'Data catalogue'. The main heading is 'European Coastal Wetlands Interactive Platform'. Below this, a paragraph states: 'Access interactive tools and spatial data to understand, monitor and support the conservation of coastal wetlands across Europe. From continent-wide insights to in-depth data from our six pilot sites, the platform is the Restore4Cs hub for evidence-based decision-making and research'. A green button labeled 'Explore the Interactive Platform' is centered below the text. At the bottom, a smaller screenshot shows a detailed view of the platform's interface, featuring a map of Europe, a sidebar with 'Direct driver' and 'Land-use change' sections, and a gauge chart showing 'Percentage of wetland area (2018)' at 15.93%.

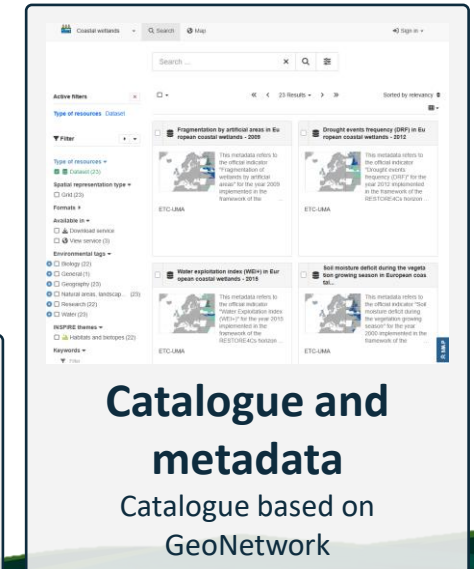
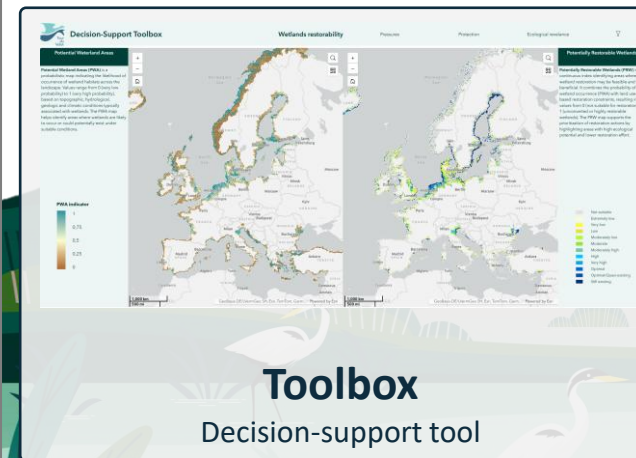
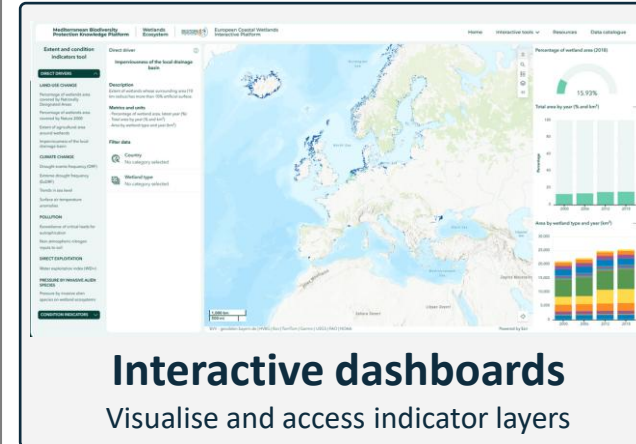
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Main goals and design

- To facilitate the **exploration and discoverability** (incl. visualisation and download) of spatially explicit data on coastal wetlands.
- To provide **access to and consultation of spatial indicators** (Policy Progress indicators and Extent and Condition Assessment indicators) through **targeted and comprehensive interactive dashboards**
- To support to the **spatial prioritisation and identification of restoration actions** across European coastal areas through an interactive decision-support system.

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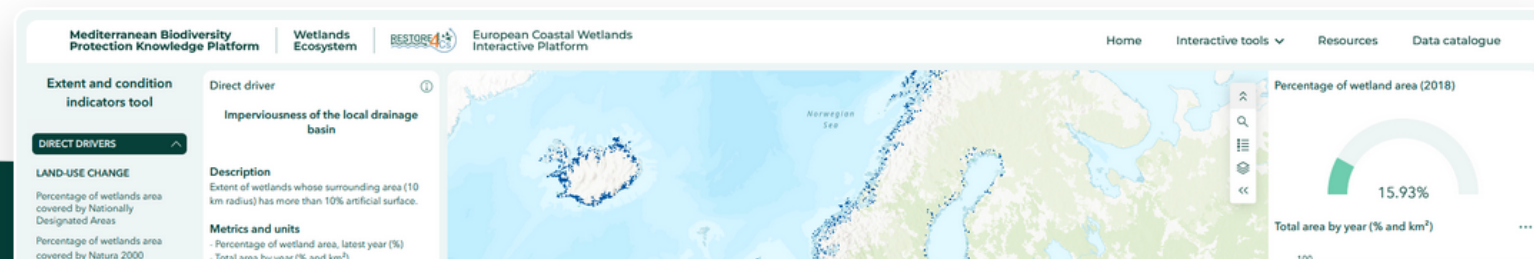


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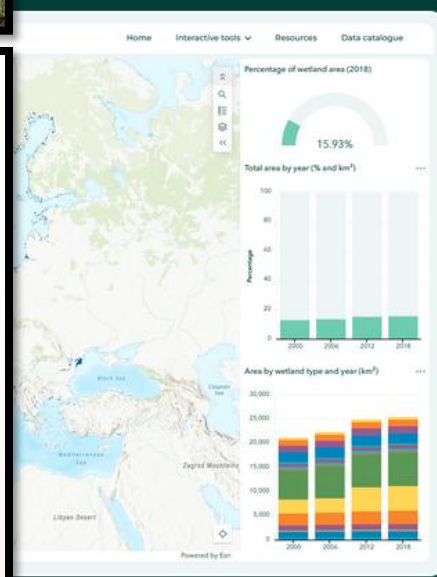


POLICY BRIEF

European Coastal
Wetland Indicators:
A proposal for
monitoring policy
processes across
space and time



Assessment of extent,
state and GHG profile of
European coastal wetlands



Indicators and data

Tools for tracking policy progress indicators
and visualising spatial indicators

> **Policy progress indicators**
Explore the monitoring dashboard for tracking
policy progress through indicators and metrics,
and find out the state of coastal wetlands in your
country

> **Ecosystem extent and condition assessment
indicators**
Dashboard to explore and extract metrics at the
national level by type of wetland

Information and access

Policy progress tracking tool



Policy progress indicator



[Background paper European Coastal Wetland Indicators: A proposal for monitoring policy progress across space and time](#)

Extension of Coastal Wetlands Protected and Strictly Protected

Representativity of Coastal Wetland Habitats in Protected Areas

Coastal Wetland Restoration Rate

Vulnerability to Climate-Related and Natural Disasters

GHG Emissions Abatement from Coastal Wetland Land Use Conversion and Restoration

Share of Utilised Agricultural Area (UAA) under Supported CAP Commitments in Coastal wetlands

Overall funding sources for coastal wetlands

Extension of Coastal Wetlands Protected and Strictly Protected

Metric	Units
1. Total coastal wetland extent in Protected Areas and in Strict Protected Areas	% / km ²
2. Total coastal wetland extent in Natura 2000 sites	% / km ²
3. Total coastal wetland extent designated as Ramsar and/in Natura 2000	% / km ²
4. Total coastal wetland protected as a proportion of coastal wetlands	% / km ²

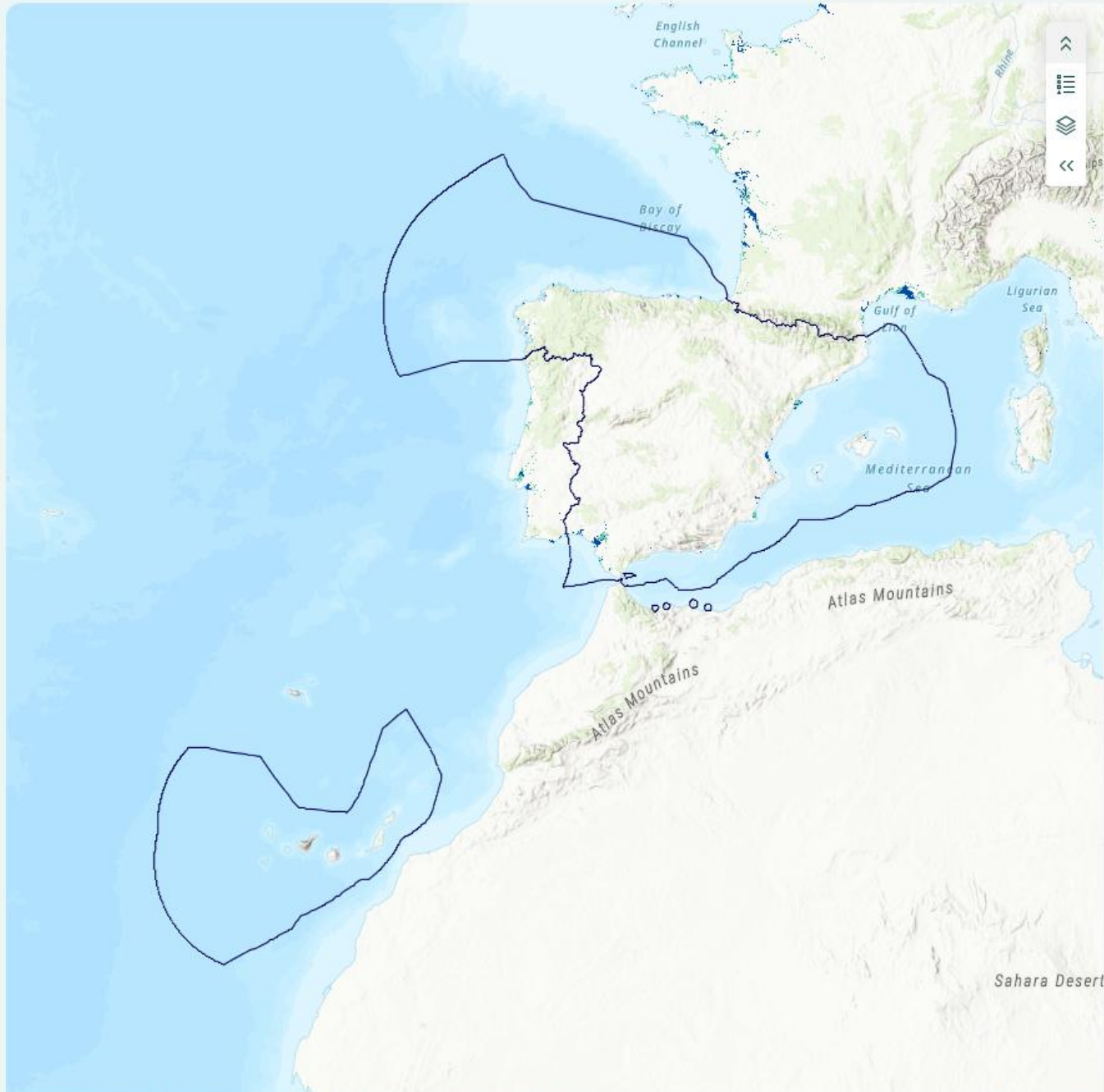
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Include...

- All wetlands
- Only natural wetlands
- Only artificial wetlands



Metric 1: wetland extent in Strict Protected Areas

1.04%
Area: 31.77 km²

Reference year: 2025

Metric 2: wetland extent in Natura 2000

60.63%
Area: 1,855.17 km²

Reference year: 2023

Metric 3: wetland extent as Ramsar and Natura 2000

35.19%
Area: 1,076.73 km²

Reference year: 2025

Metric 4: coastal wetland protected

55.95%
Area: 1,711.71 km²

Reference year: 2024

Extent and condition
indicators tool

DIRECT DRIVERS

LAND-USE CHANGE

Percentage of wetlands area covered by Nationally Designated Areas

Percentage of wetlands area covered by Natura 2000

Extent of agricultural area around wetlands

Imperviousness of the local drainage basin

CLIMATE CHANGE

Drought events frequency (DRF)

Extreme drought frequency (ExDRF)

Trends in sea level

Surface air temperature anomalies

POLLUTION

Exceedance of critical loads for eutrophication

Non-atmospheric nitrogen inputs to soil

DIRECT EXPLOITATION

Water exploitation index (WEI+)

PRESSURE BY INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES

Pressure by invasive alien species on wetland ecosystems

CONDITION INDICATORS

Direct driver

Imperviousness of the local drainage basin

Description

Extent of wetlands whose surrounding area (10 km radius) has more than 10% artificial surface.

Metrics and units

- Percentage of wetland area, latest year (%)
- Total area by year (% and km²)
- Area by wetland type and year (km²)

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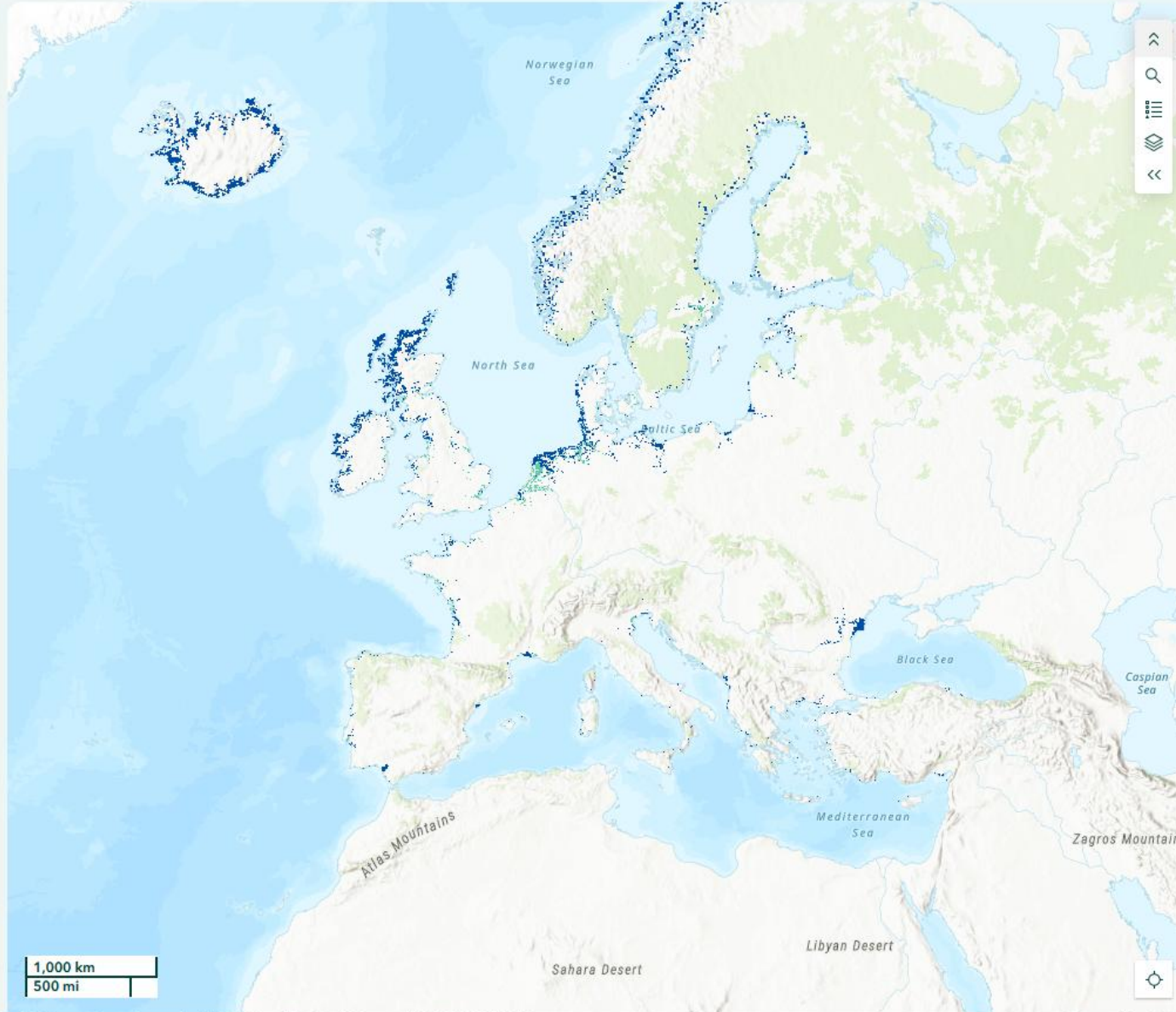
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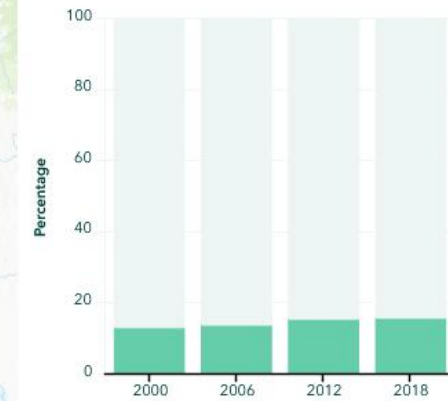
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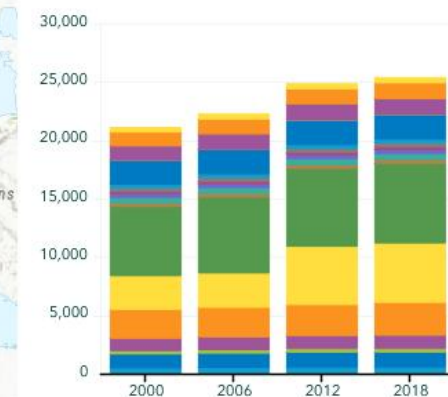
Percentage of wetland area (2018)



Total area by year (% and km²)



Area by wetland type and year (km²)



Extent and condition indicators tool

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Wetland type
Salt marshes

coniferous forest

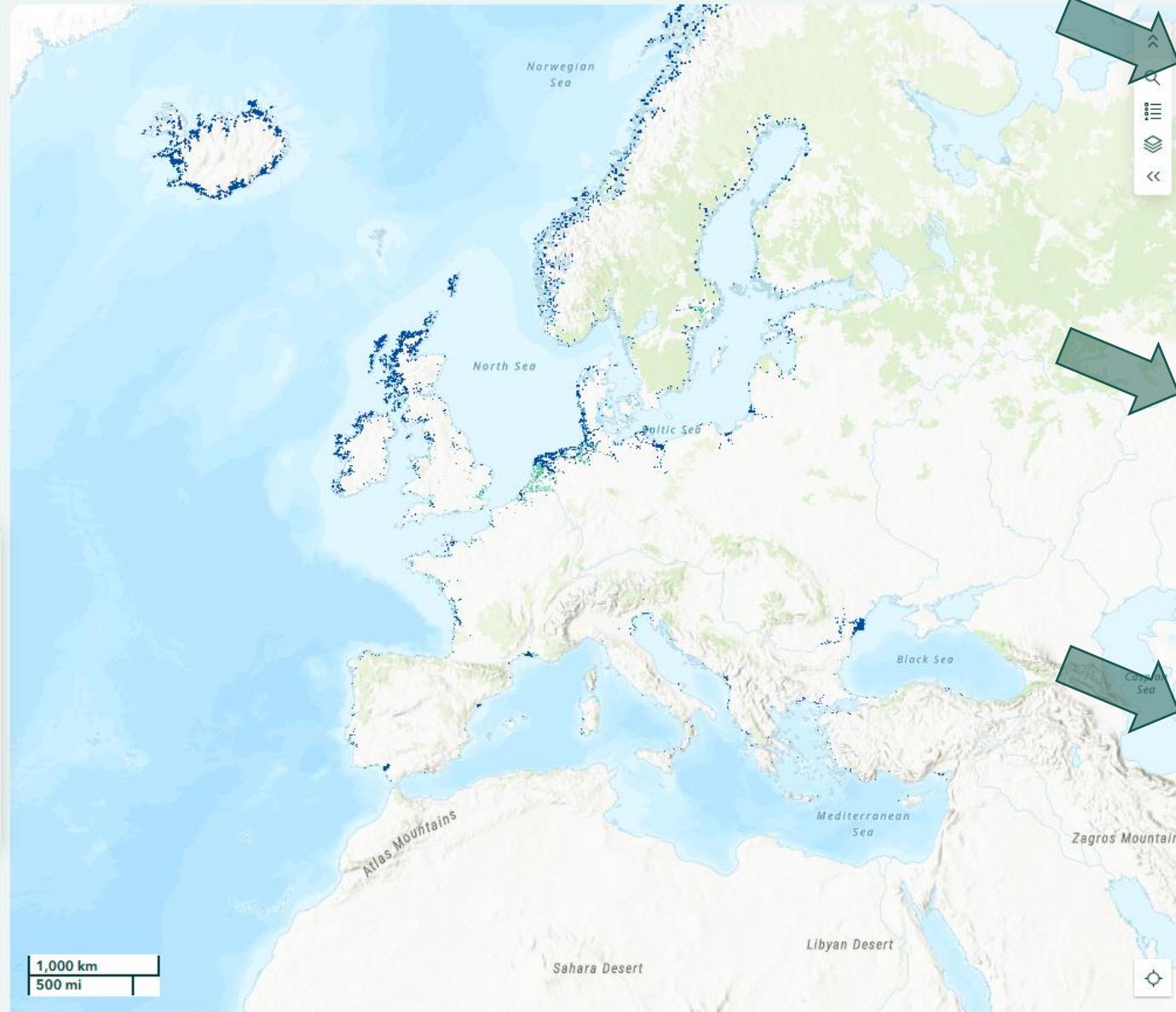
River estuaries and estuarine waters of deltas

Riverine and fen scrubs

Salt marshes

Water courses

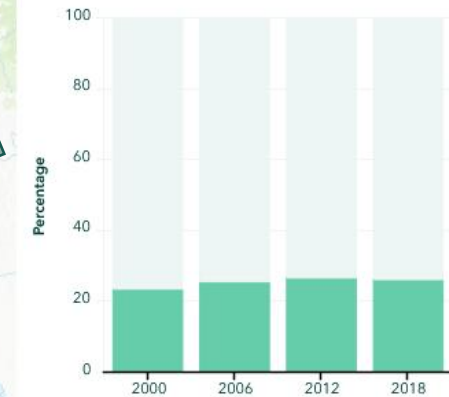
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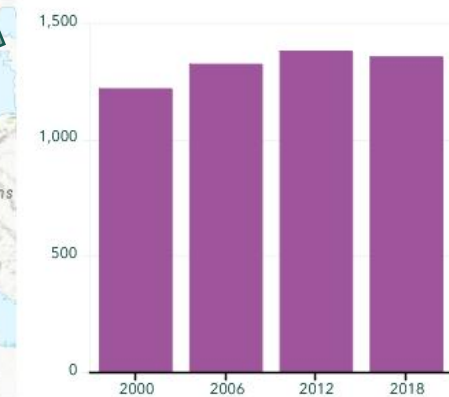
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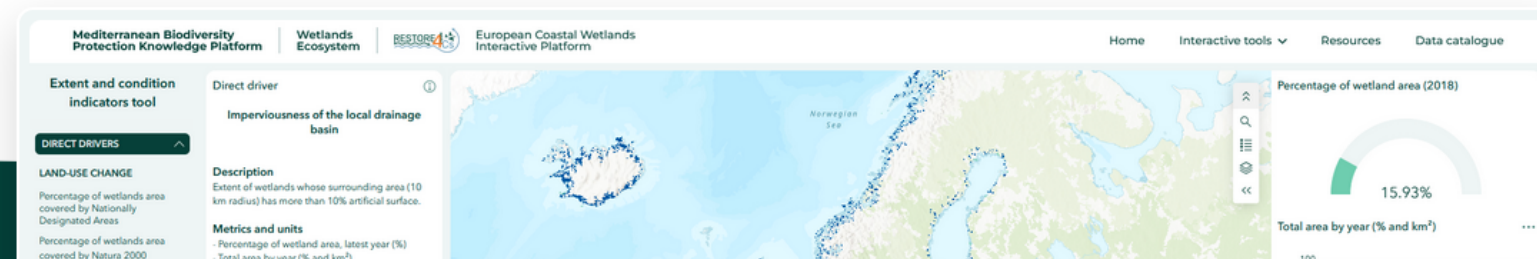


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Each raster is provided in GeoTIFF format at 10 m spatial resolution, in Lambert Azimuthal Equal Area projection (EPSG:3035), tiled to the EEA 100 km reference grid. These data sets are provided in three layers that show the wetland use intensity within the boundaries of 1. EEA's Extended Wetland Ecosystems Layer, 2. RAMSAR Sites and 3. ALFAwetlands' European Wetland Map.

The dataset supports monitoring of land use pressures on wetlands, restoration planning, and policy indicator development within the RESTORE4Cs framework. RESTORE4Cs is funded by the European Union under Horizon Europe.



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- Inland water
- Wetland

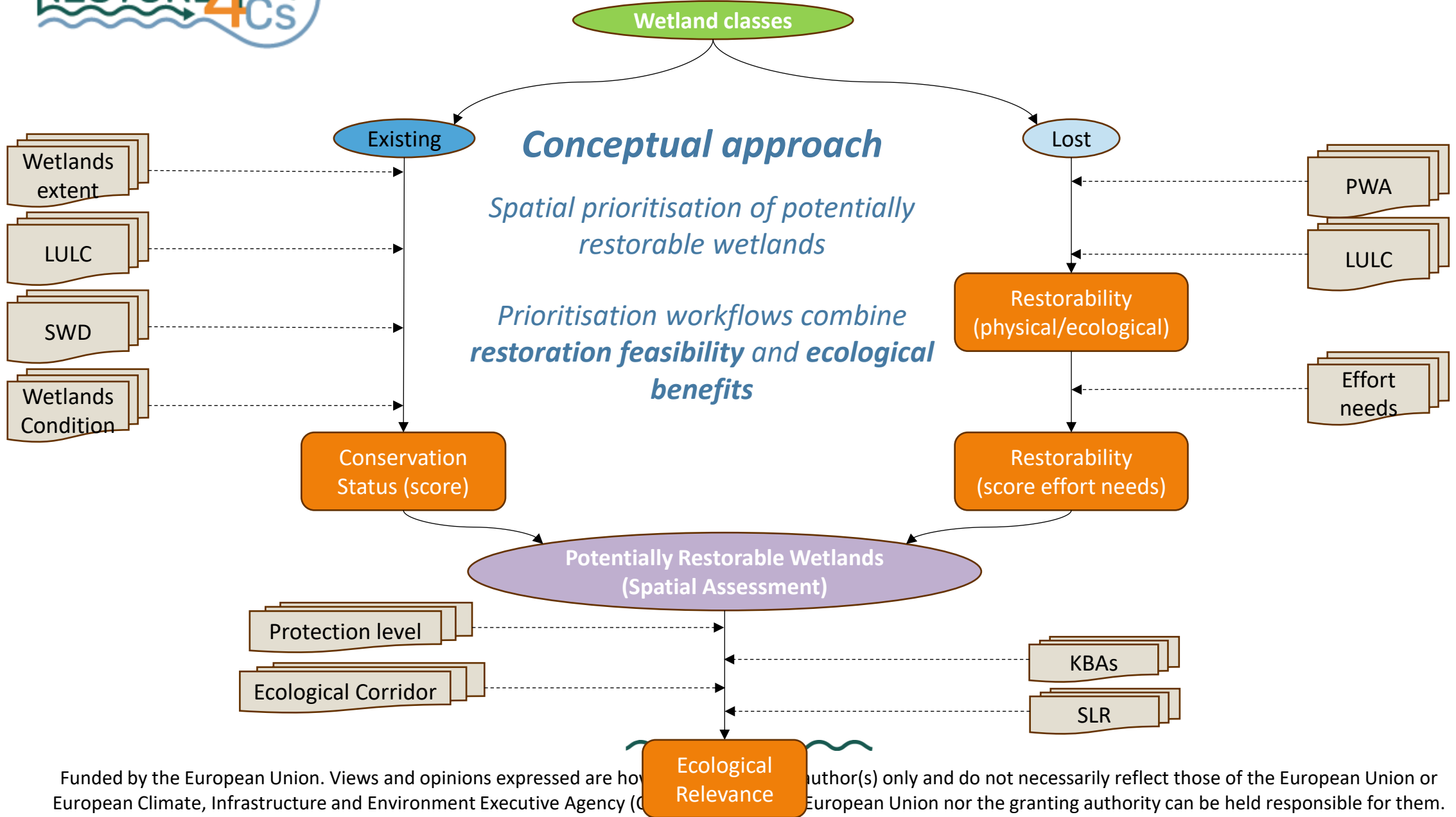
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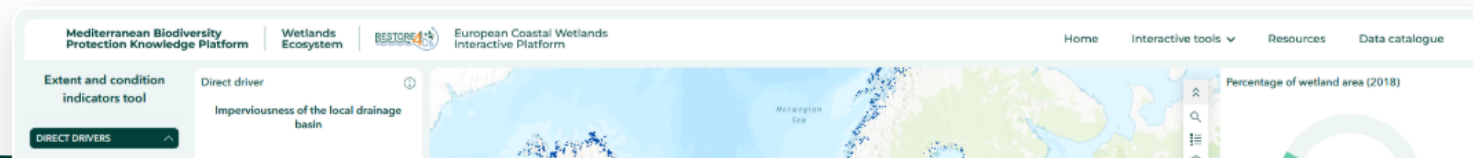


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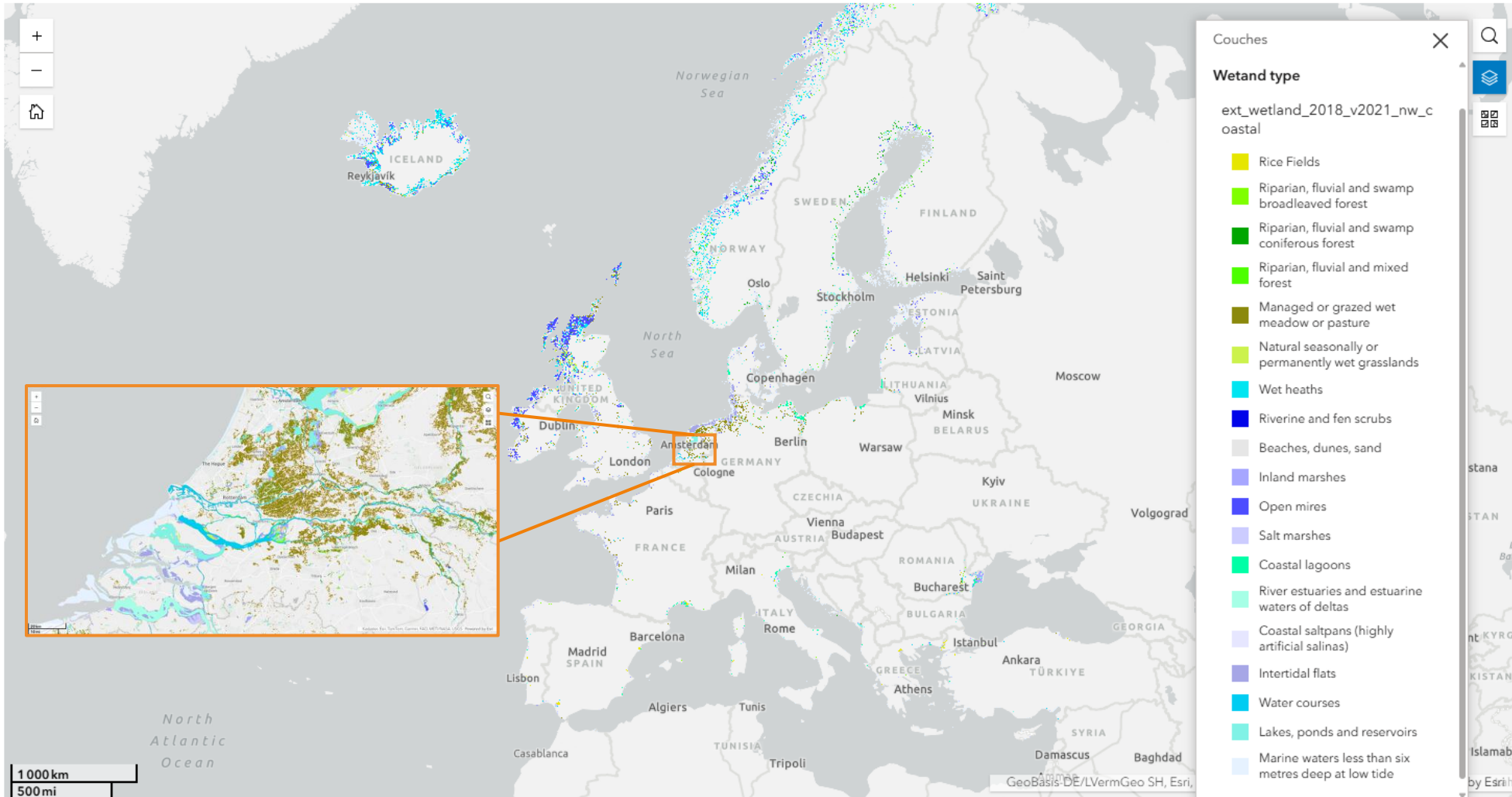
Decision-Support Toolbox

Wetlands restorability

Pressures

Protection

Ecological relevance



Enables the identification and delineation of all European coastal wetlands, and their classification using a hybrid system combining CLC and Ramsar typologies

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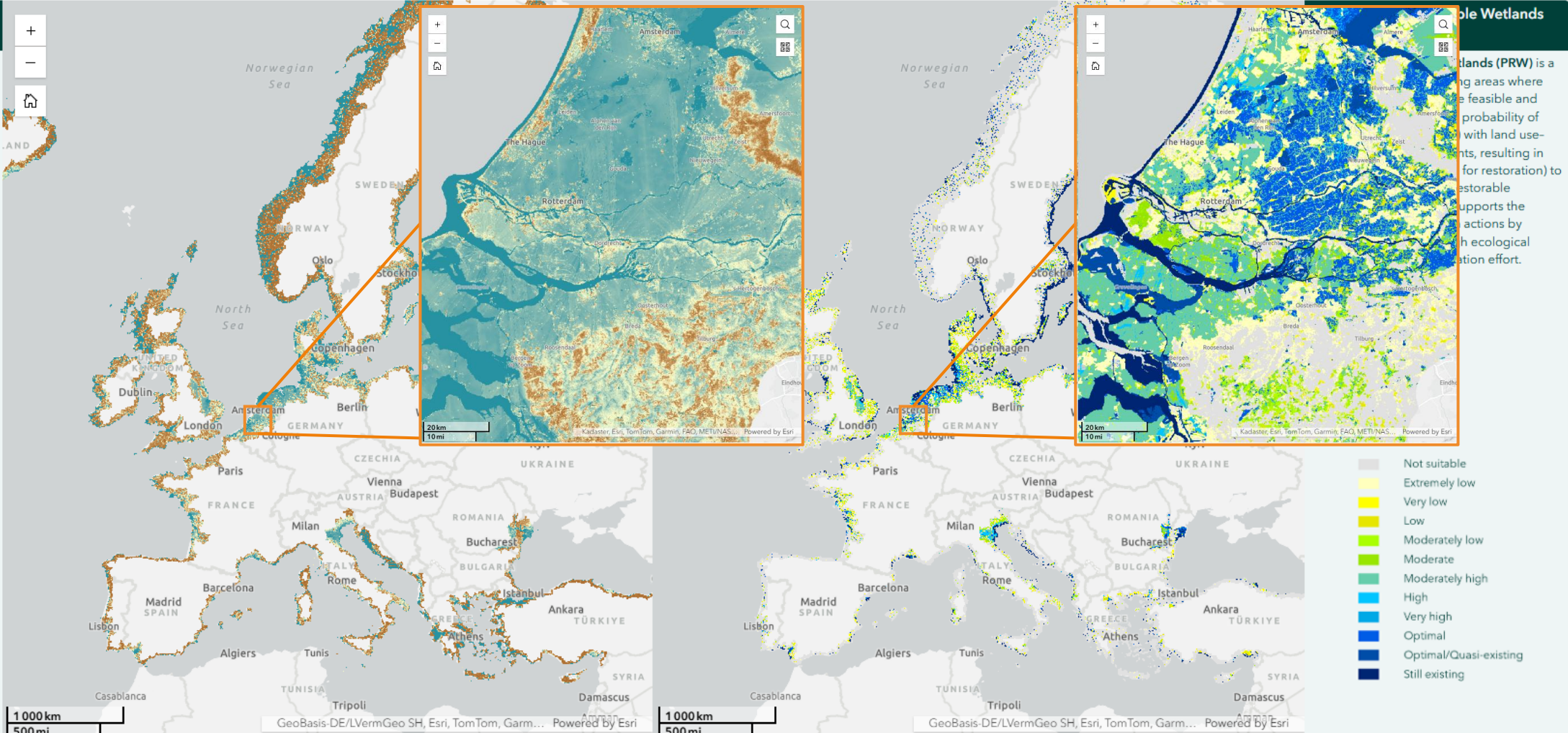
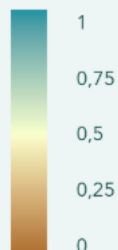
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PWA indicator



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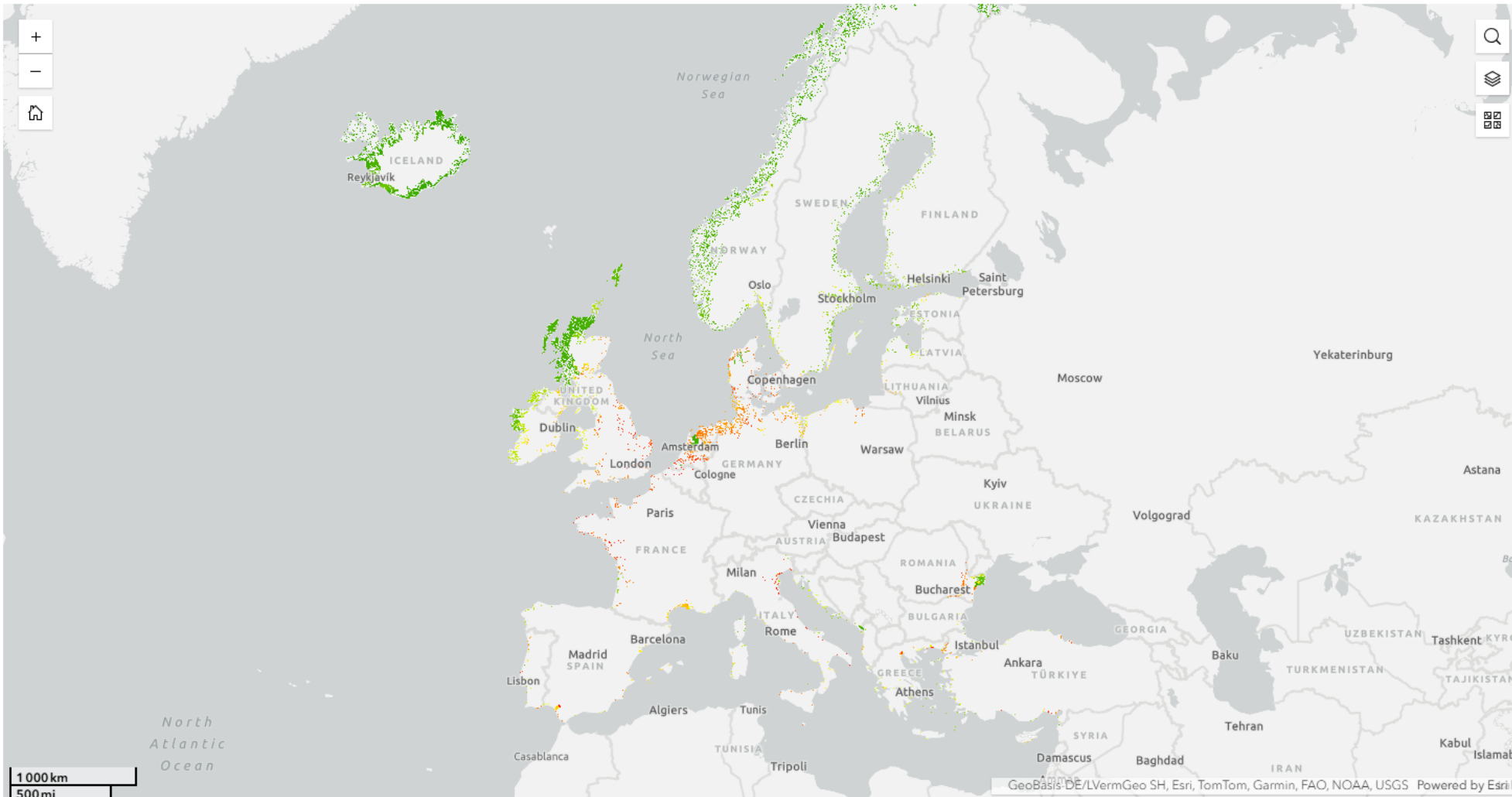
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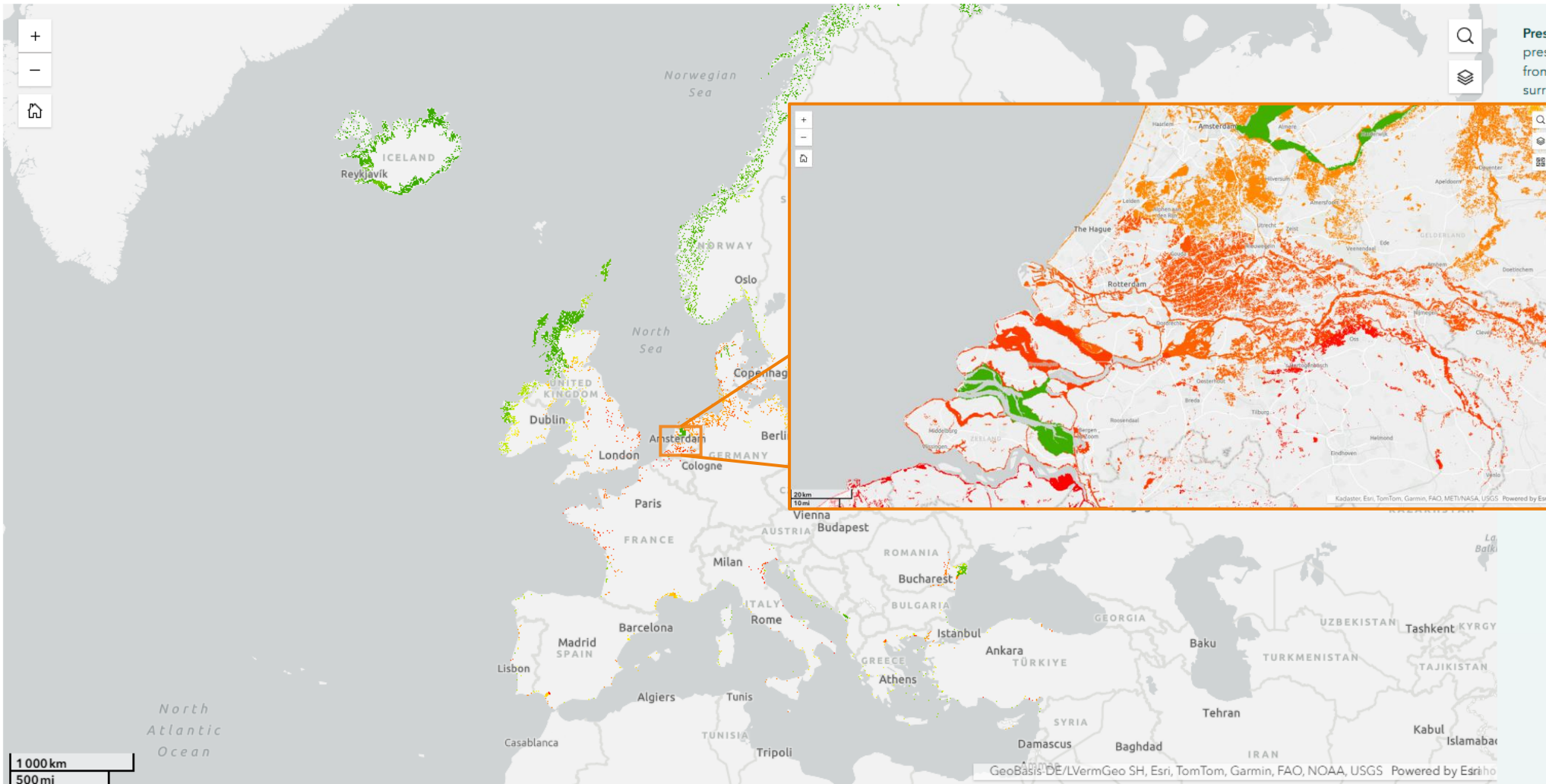
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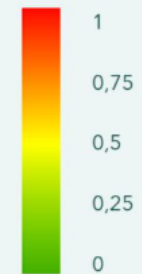
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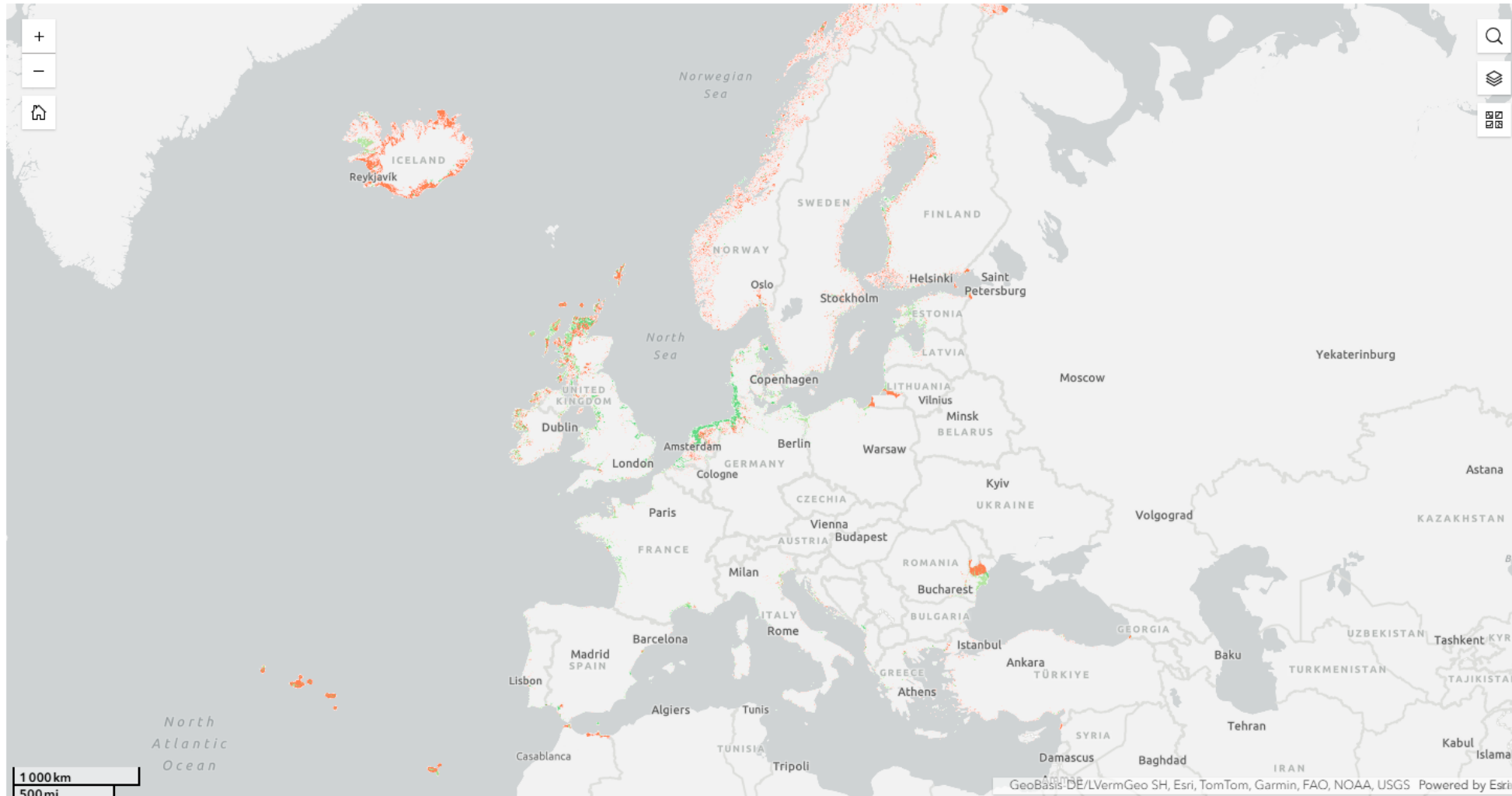
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Protection describes the protection status of European coastal wetlands based on the spatial overlap between wetland extent and protected areas, including different protection levels. Values reflect the degree to which wetlands benefit from formal conservation frameworks, from unprotected areas to habitats under higher levels of protection. This layer provides context for restoration planning by highlighting wetlands already covered by conservation measures as well as areas where protection gaps may remain.

Protection level

- Highly protected
- Protected
- Not Protected

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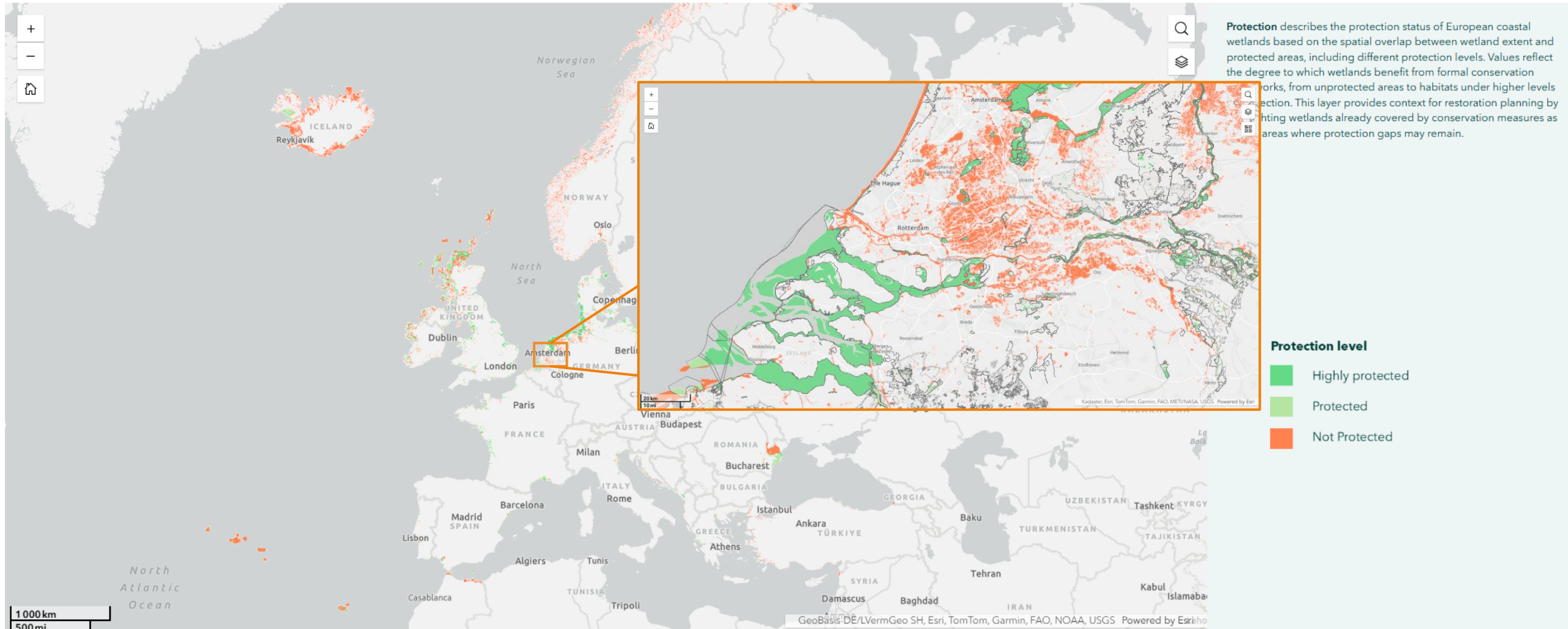
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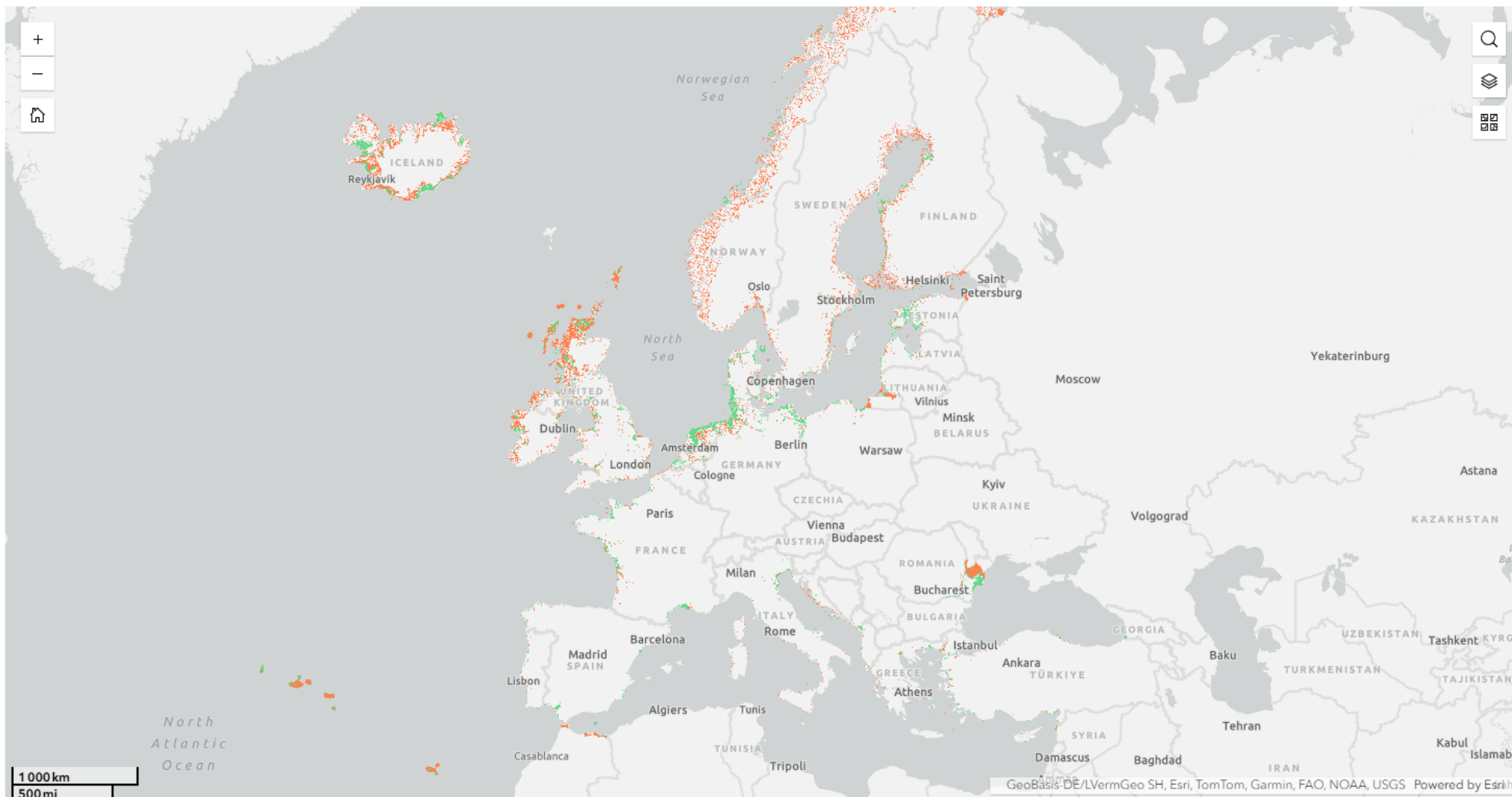
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Ecological Relevance represents an estimate of the ecological importance of coastal wetlands derived from the spatial overlap between wetland habitats extent and Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs). This indicator reflects the potential contribution of wetlands to biodiversity conservation, habitat connectivity and ecological functioning. It indicates areas of greater ecological significance where conservation or restoration actions could deliver substantial biodiversity benefits. This layer supports prioritisation by helping identify locations where ecological outcomes may be maximised.

- Not KBA Wetlands
- KBA Wetlands

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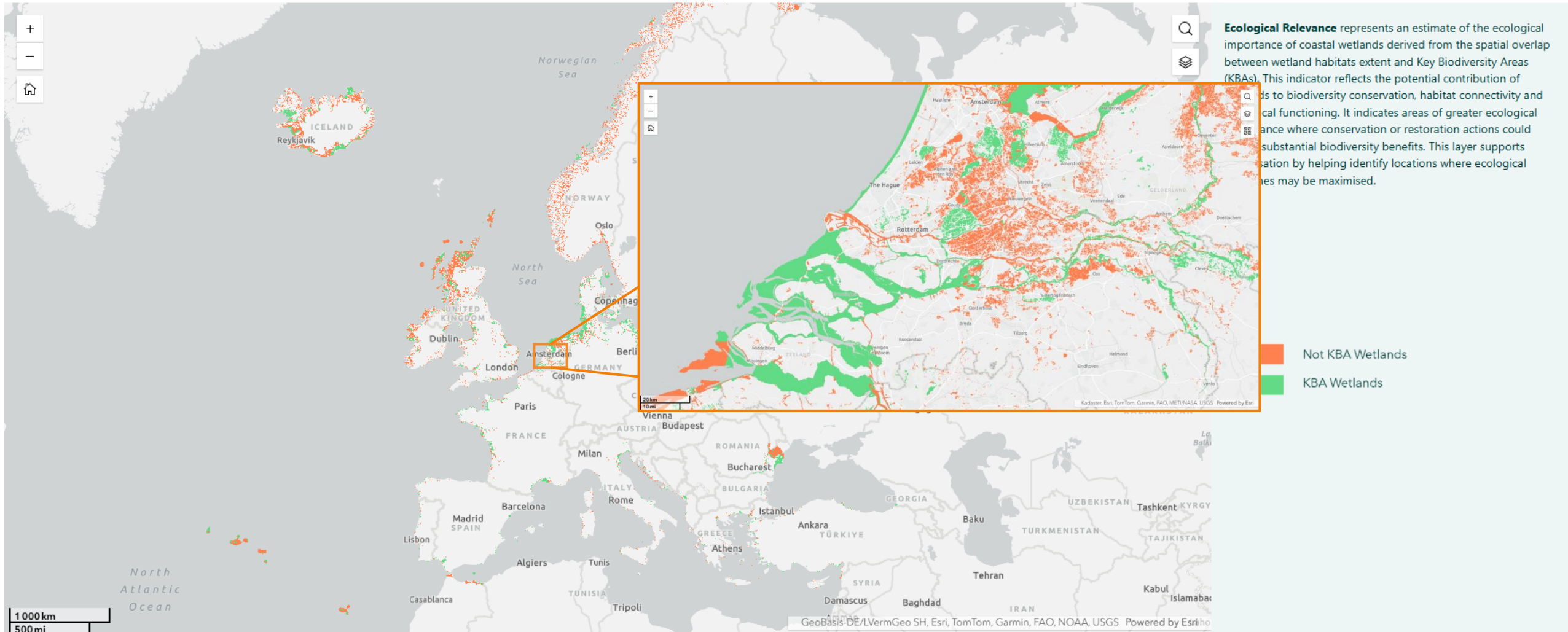
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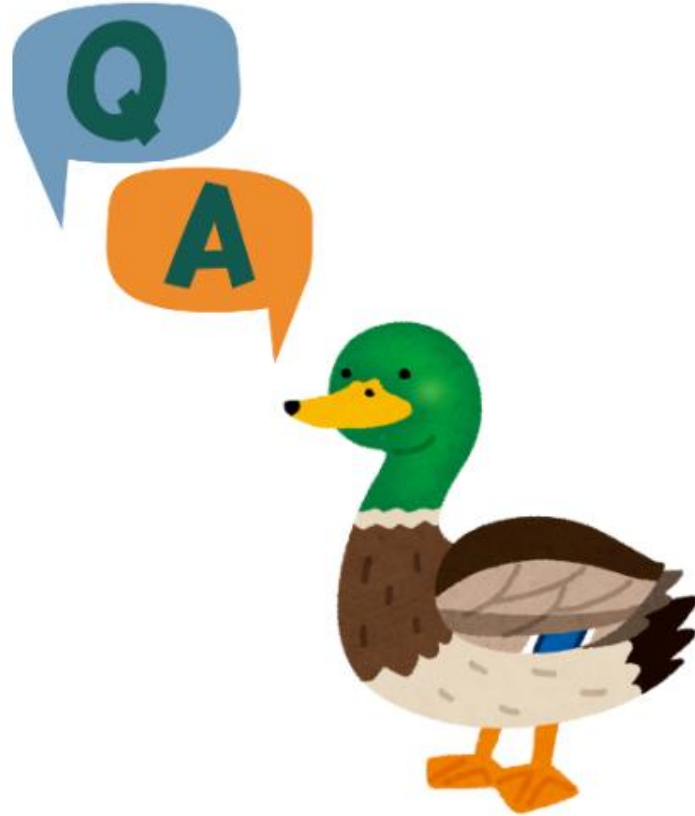
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Improving the information available for the management of natural areas and ecological restoration to make them resilient to climate change

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Tools for Climate Resilient Wetland Restoration

May 6th, 2026

10:00-11:30 (CEST)

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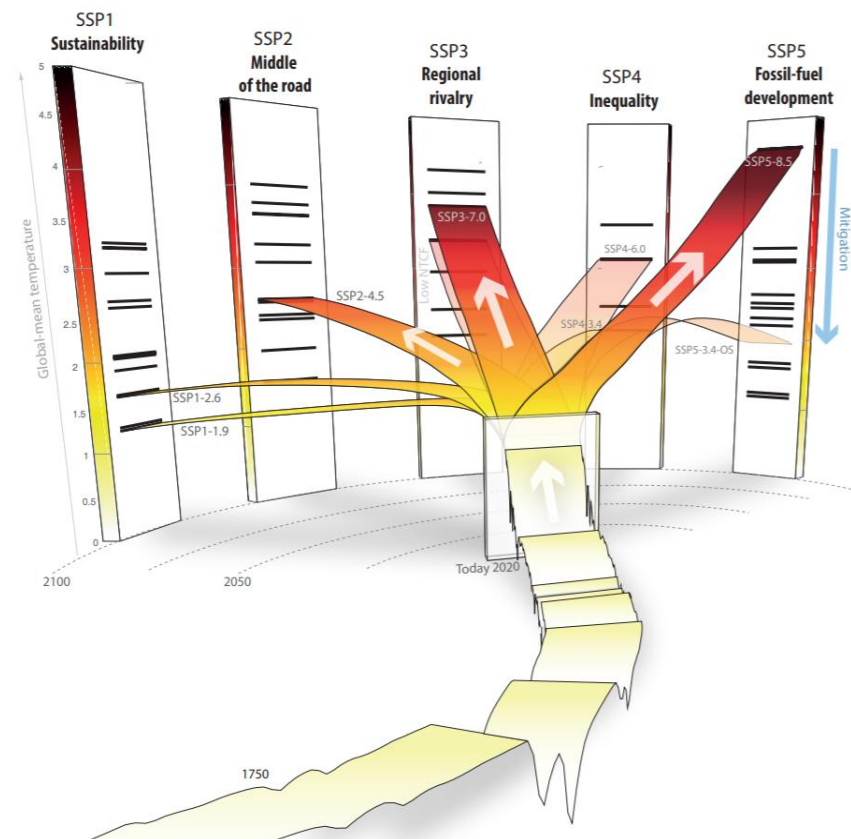
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To produce a web GIS platform which provides information on future suitability of plant species at a local scale

This information can be used by managers to select species which are resilient to future climate in each point

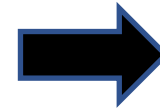
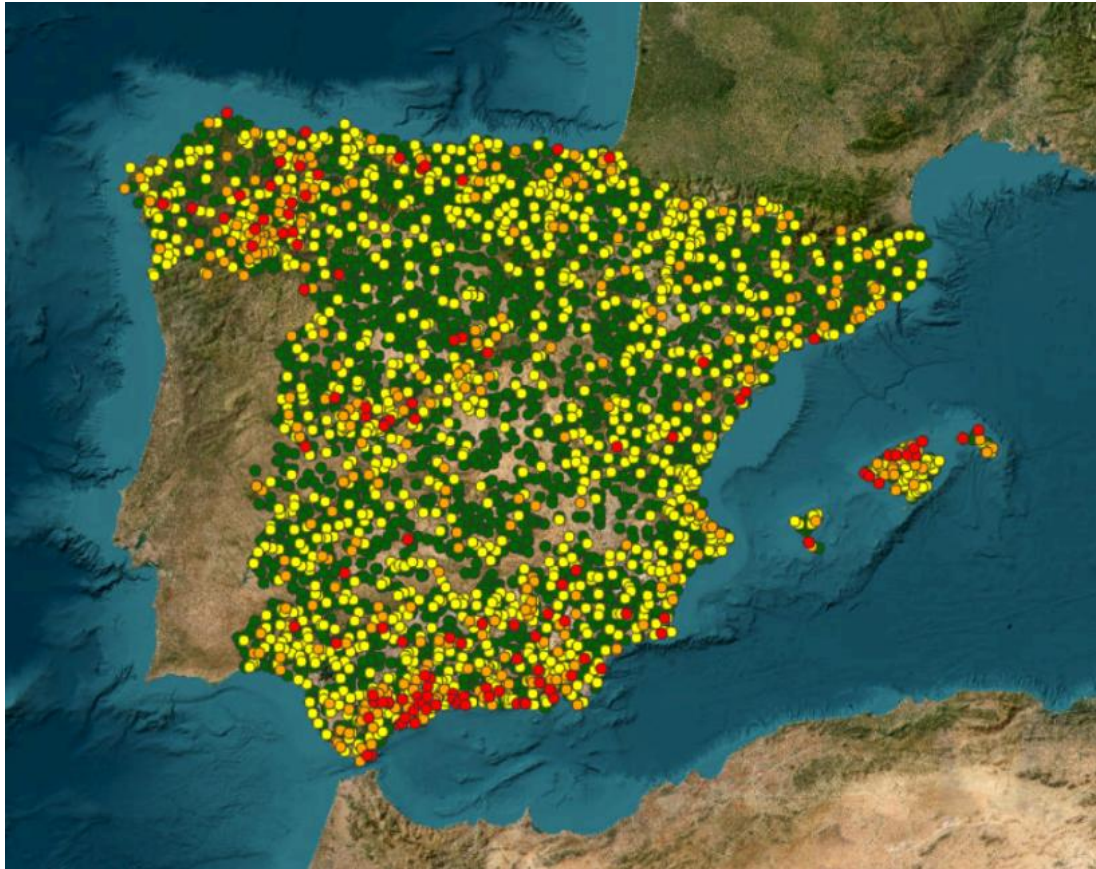
Key idea 1: climate future → uncertainty

CMIP6 MODELS	Resolution	Responsible Centre	References
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CanESM5	2,812 ^o x 2,790 ^o	Canadian Centre for Climate Modeling and Analysis (CC-CMA), Canadá.	Swart, N.C. et al. (2019)
CNRM-ESM2-1	1,406 ^o x 1,401 ^o	CNRM (Centre National de Recherches Meteorologiques), Meteo-France, Francia.	Seferian, R. (2019)
EC-EARTH3	0,703 ^o x 0,702 ^o	EC-EARTH Consortium	EC-Earth Consortium. (2019)
GFDL-ESM4	1,250 ^o x 1,000 ^o	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), E.E.U.U.	Krasting, J.P. et al. (2018)
MPI-ESM1-2-HR	0,938 ^o x 0,935 ^o	Max-Planck Institute for Meteorology (MPI-M), Germany.	Von Storch, J. et al. (2017)
MRI-ESM2-0	1,125 ^o x 1,121 ^o	Meteorological Research Institute (MRI), Japan.	Yukimoto, S. et al. (2019)
UKESM1-0-LL	1,875 ^o x 1,250 ^o	Uk Met Office, Hadley Centre, United Kingdom	Good, P. et al. (2019)
NorESM2-MM	1,250 ^o x 0,942 ^o	Norwegian Climate Centre (NCC), Norway.	Bentsen, M. et al. (2019)
ACCESS-ESM1-5	1,875 ^o x 1,250 ^o	Australian Community Climate and Earth System Simulator (ACCESS), Australia	Ziehn, T. et al. (2019)



10 Global Climate Models x 4 Shared Socioeconomic Pathways = 40 future projections !!

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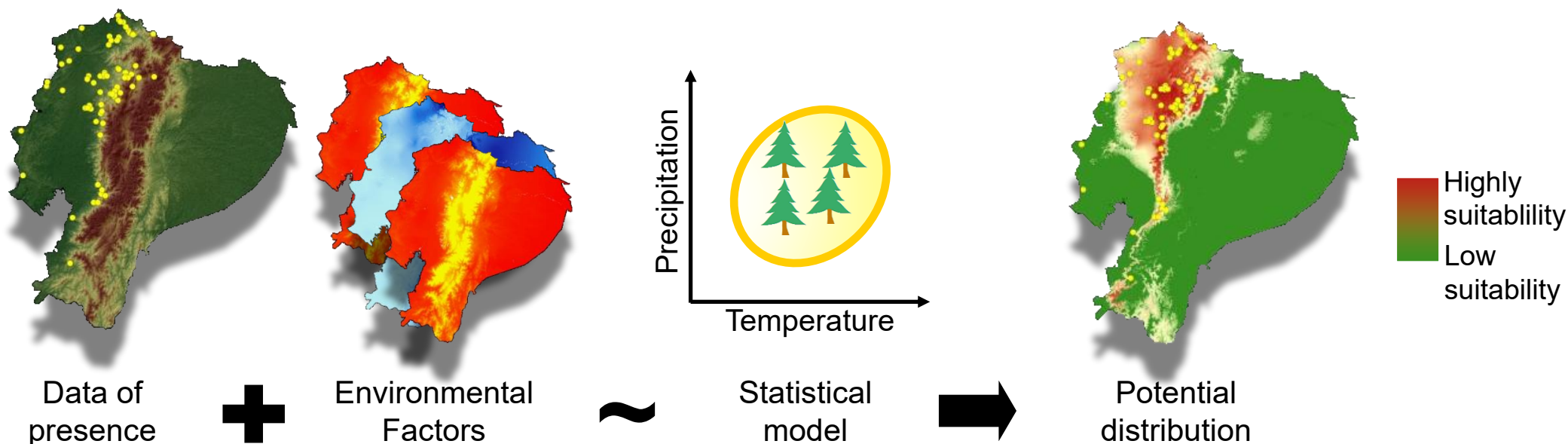
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Key idea 2: improvements in Species Distribution Models

Species distribution models

Ecological niche models, species distribution models (SDMs), etc.



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IMPORTANT!

The first 19 variables are from WorldClim, but it was necessary to modify some of them to avoid abrupt spatial and temporal discontinuities that prevent their use.

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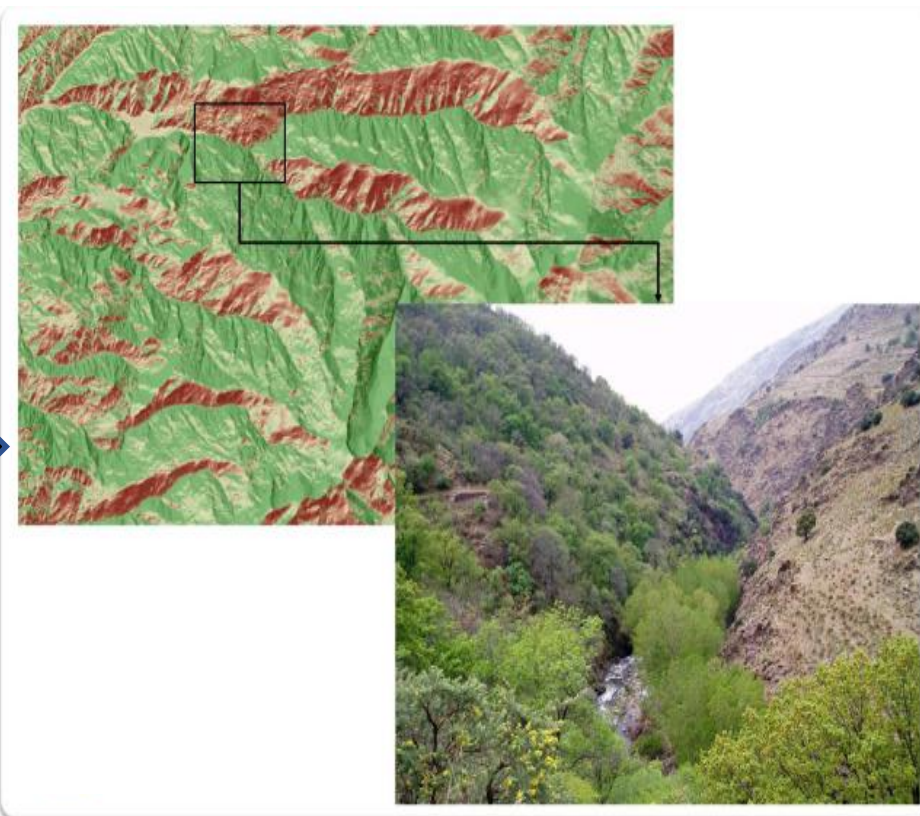
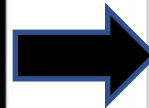
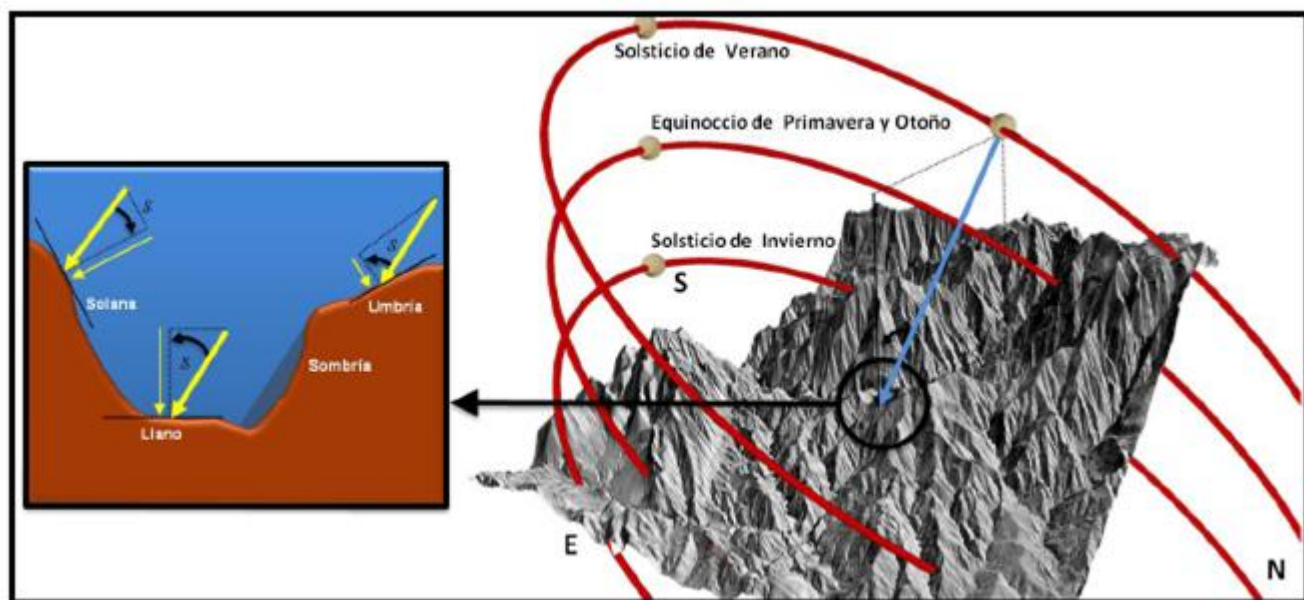
BIO08 (Mean temperature of the wettest quarter):

Cod	Descripción	Cod	Descripción
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BIO03	<u>Isotermalidad</u> : Relación entre el rango de temperaturas entre el día y la noche y entre el verano e invierno (BIO02/BIO07) (* 100)	BIO16	Precipitación del trimestre más húmedo
BIO04	Estacionalidad en la temperatura (desviación estándar*100)	BIO17	Precipitación del trimestre más seco
BIO05	Temperatura máxima del mes más cálido	BIO18	Precipitación del trimestre caliente
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BIO07	Rango de temperatura anual (BIO05-BIO06)		
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BIO09	Temperatura media del trimestre seco		
BIO10	Temperatura media del trimestre más cálido		
BIO11	Temperatura media del trimestre más frío		
BIO12	Precipitación anual		
BIO13	Precipitación del mes más húmedo		

	Trimestre húmedo	T de SON	T de MAM	BIO08
Present climate	Sep-Oct-Nov	15°C	19°C	15°C
Future climate	Mar-Apr-May	17°C	21°C	21°C

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High-resolution Penman-Monteith reference evapotranspiration (ET_o), incorporating the effect of topography on solar radiation

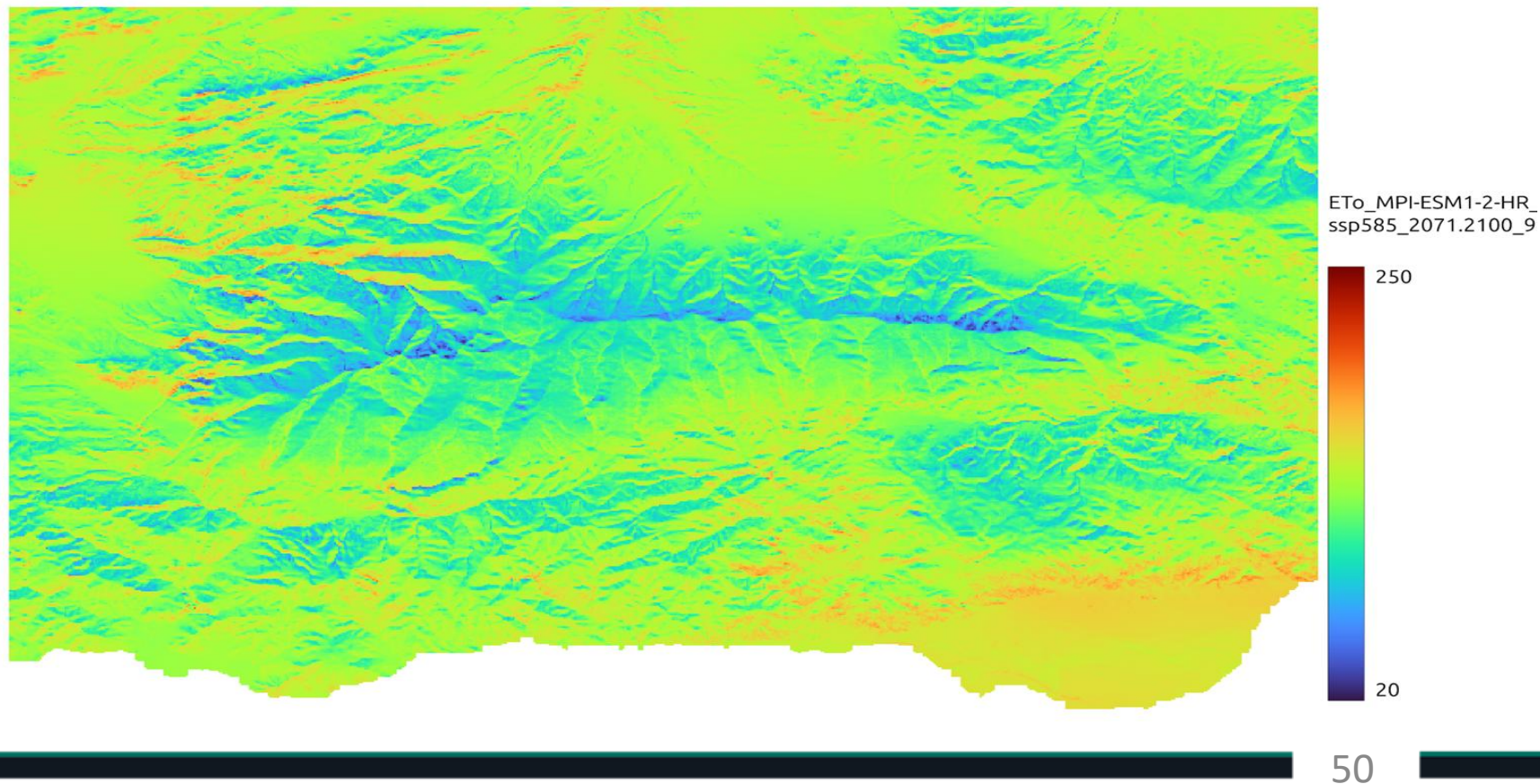


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High-resolution Penman-Monteith reference evapotranspiration (ET_o), incorporating the effect of topography on solar radiation

BIO41	Evapotranspiración anual
BIO42	Evapotranspiración del mes más seco
BIO43	Evapotranspiración del mes más húmedo o lluvioso
BIO44	Evapotranspiración del mes más cálido
BIO45	Evapotranspiración del mes más frío
BIO46	Estacionalidad de la evapotranspiración. Diferencia entre la <u>ET_o</u> más alta - la <u>ET_o</u> mínima

These variables justify working at such high spatial resolution



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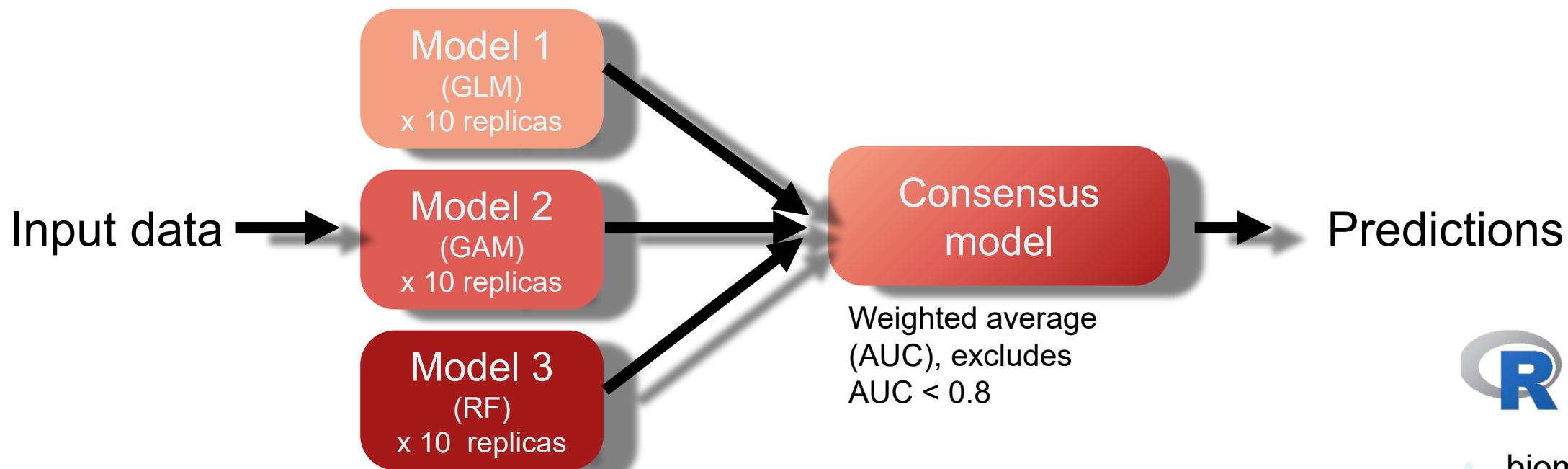
NIT	Nitrógeno en suelo (cg/kg)
SOC	Carbono Orgánico del Suelo (dg/kg)
SAND	Arena en suelo (g/kg)
PH	pH (ph*10)

Fuente: SoilGrids (www.soilgrids.org)

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Consensus models

More robust, reliable and stable



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Key idea 3: need for validation



Informe de validación de modelos para temperatura

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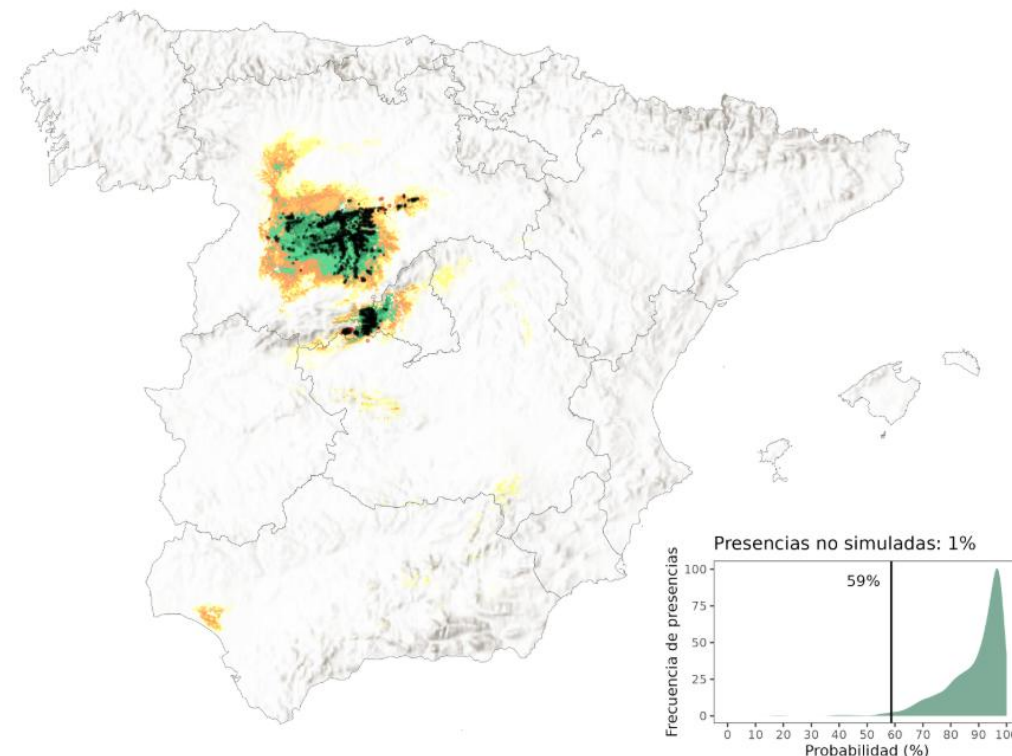
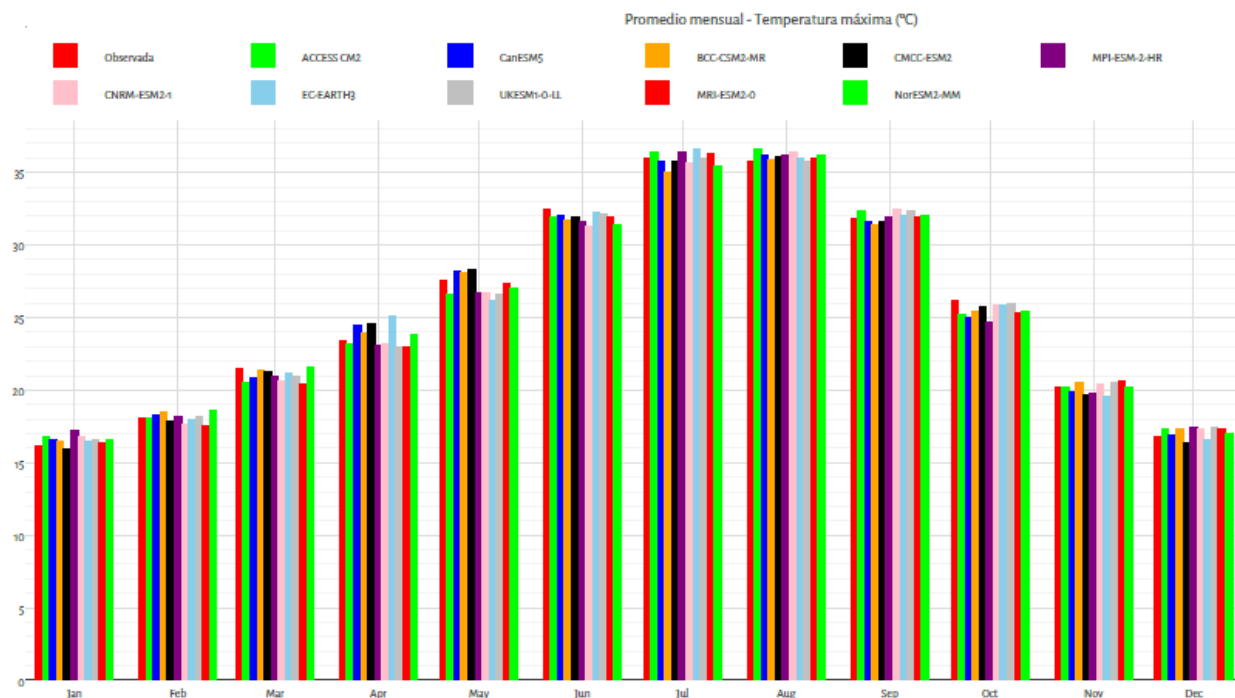
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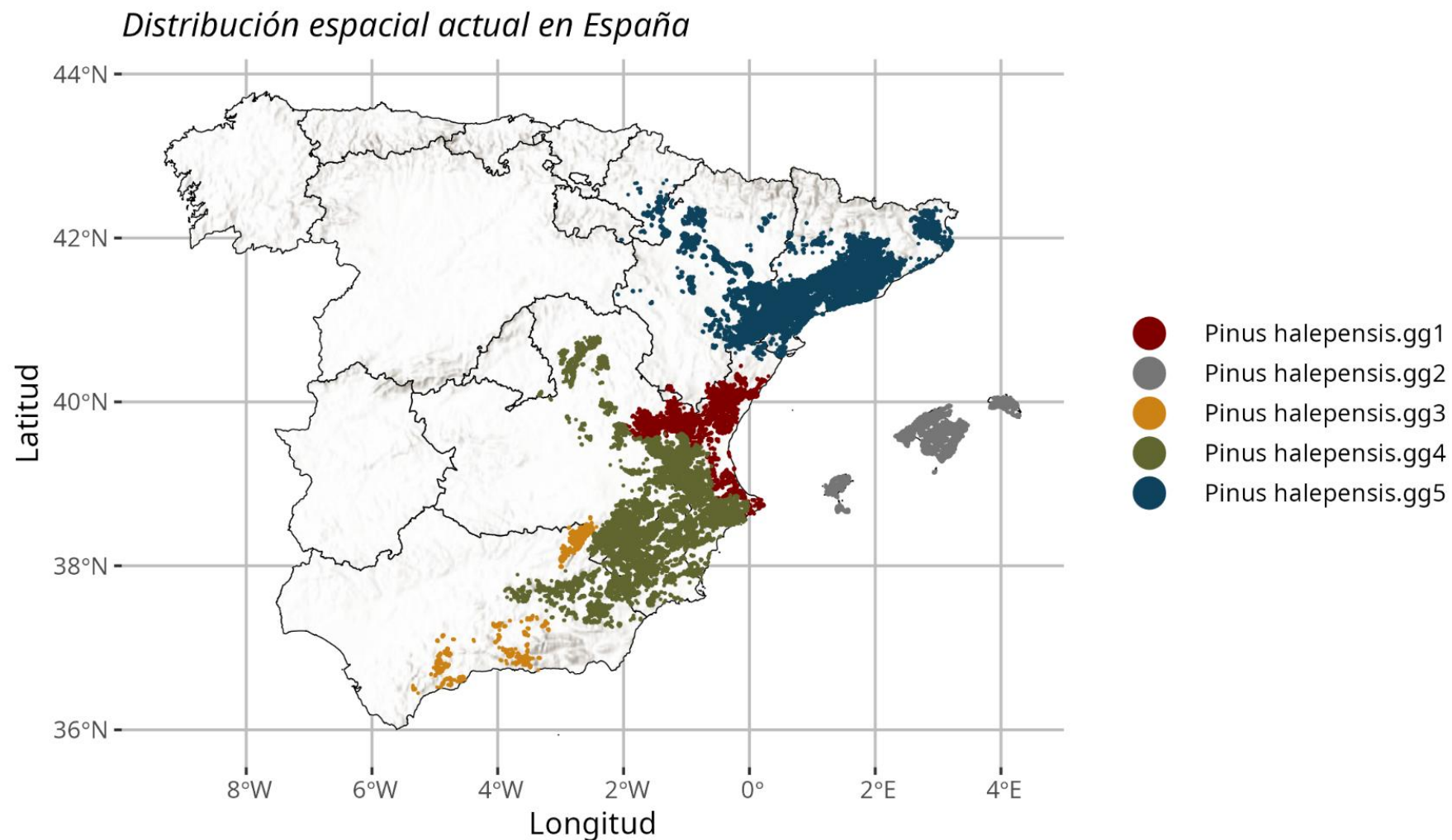


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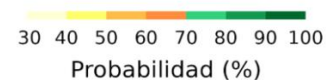
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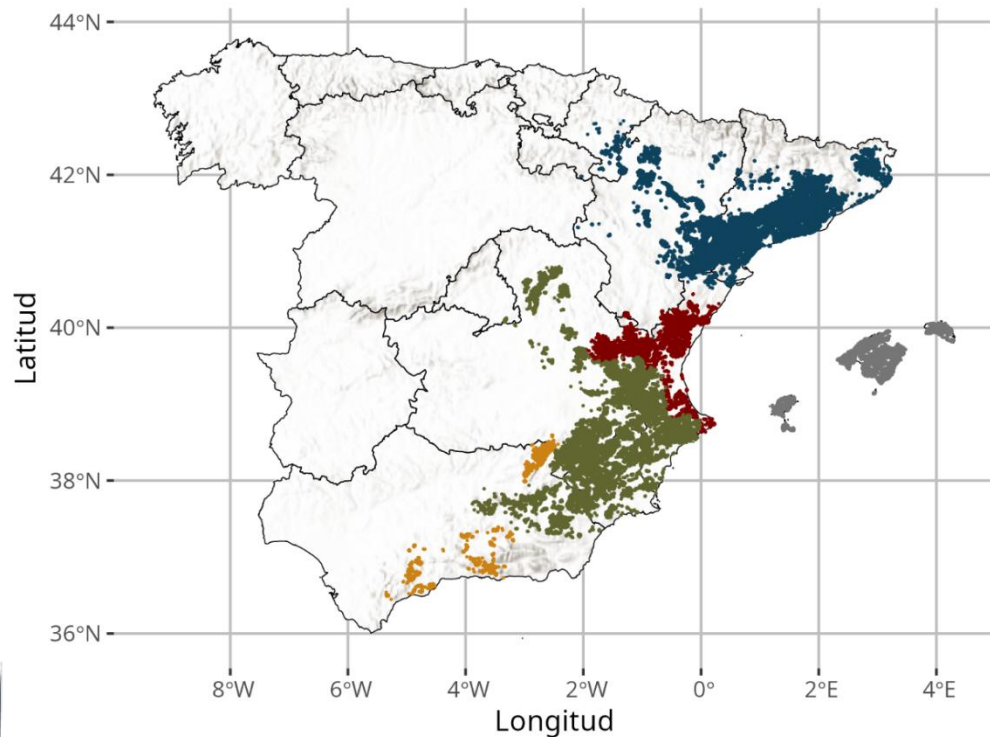
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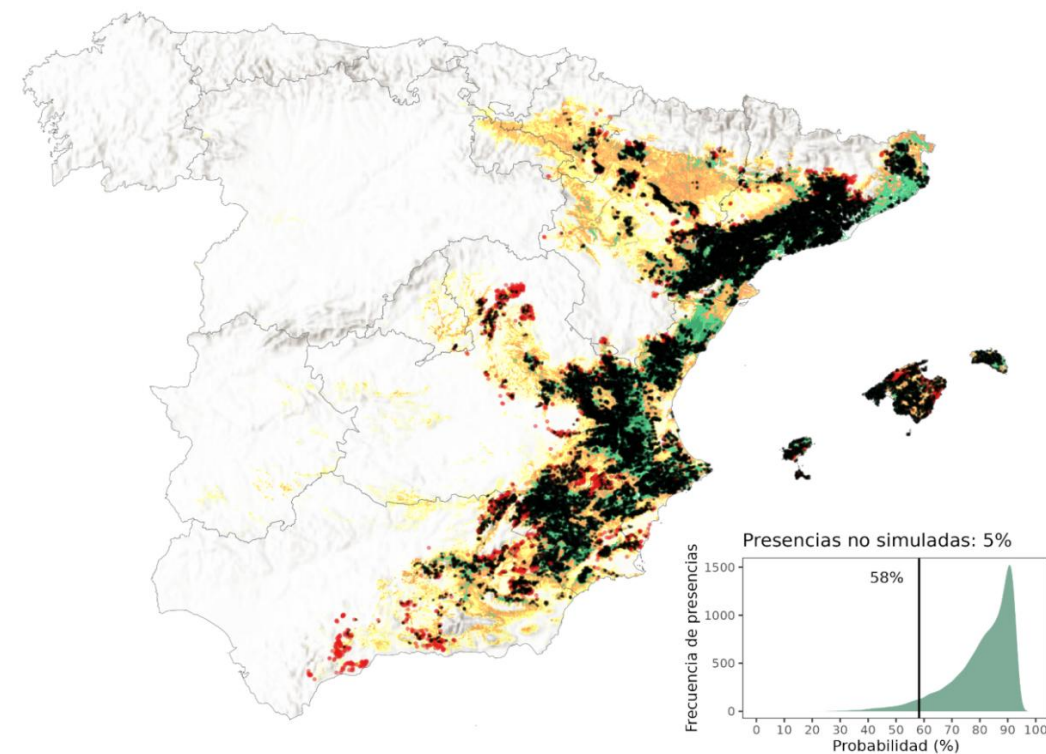
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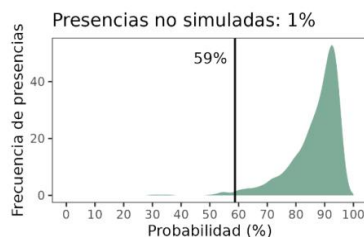
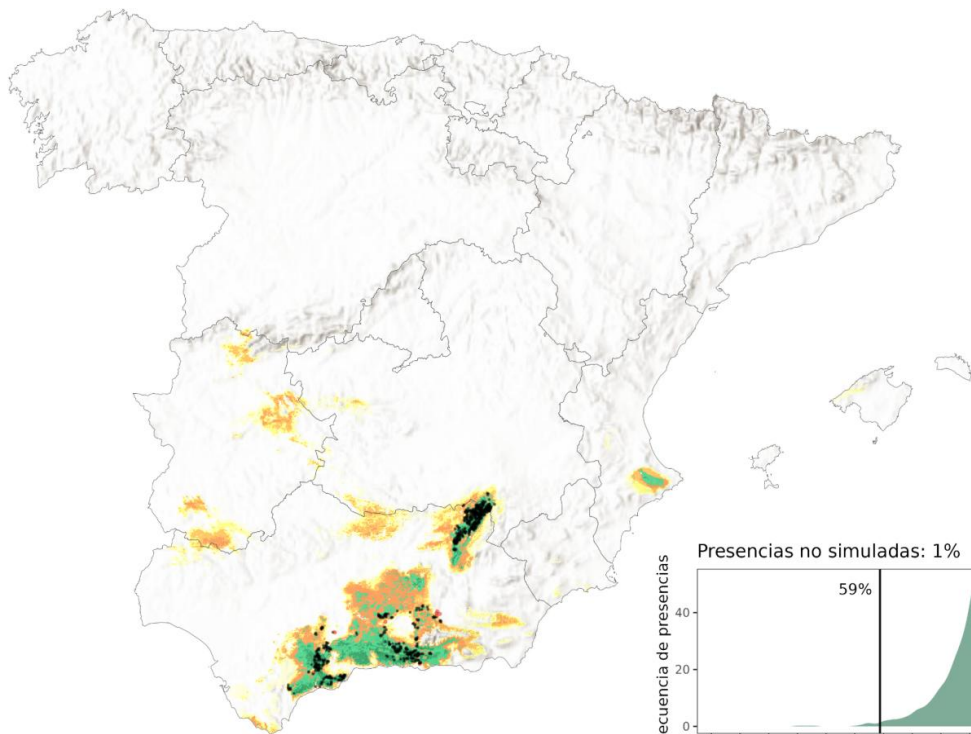
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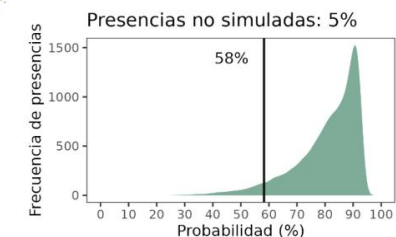
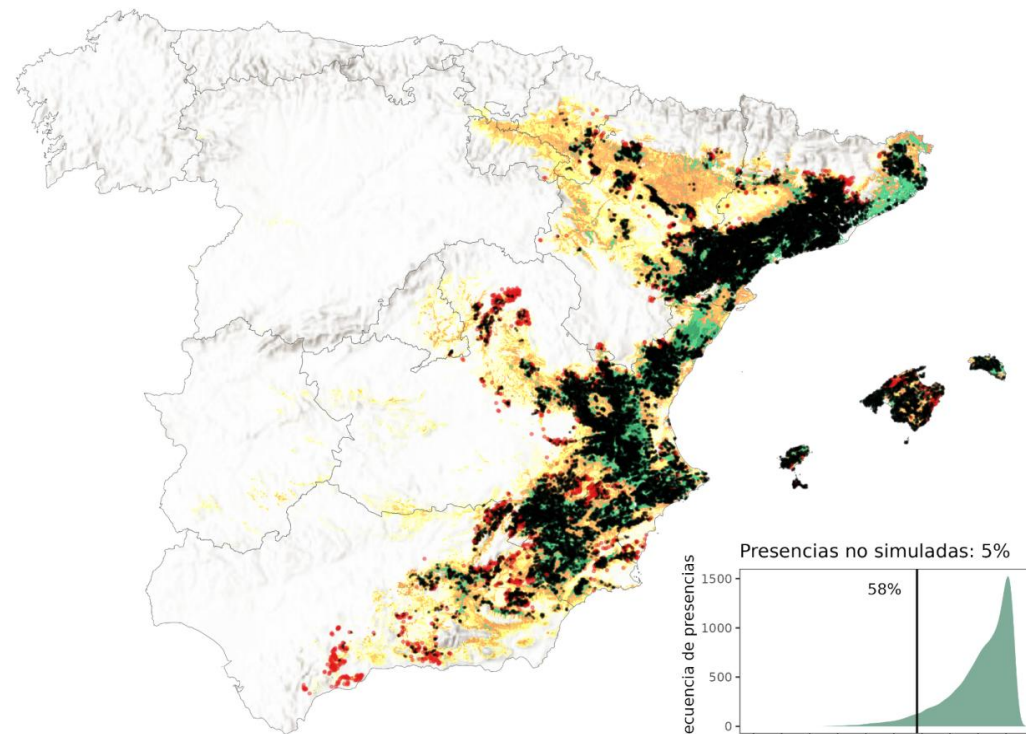
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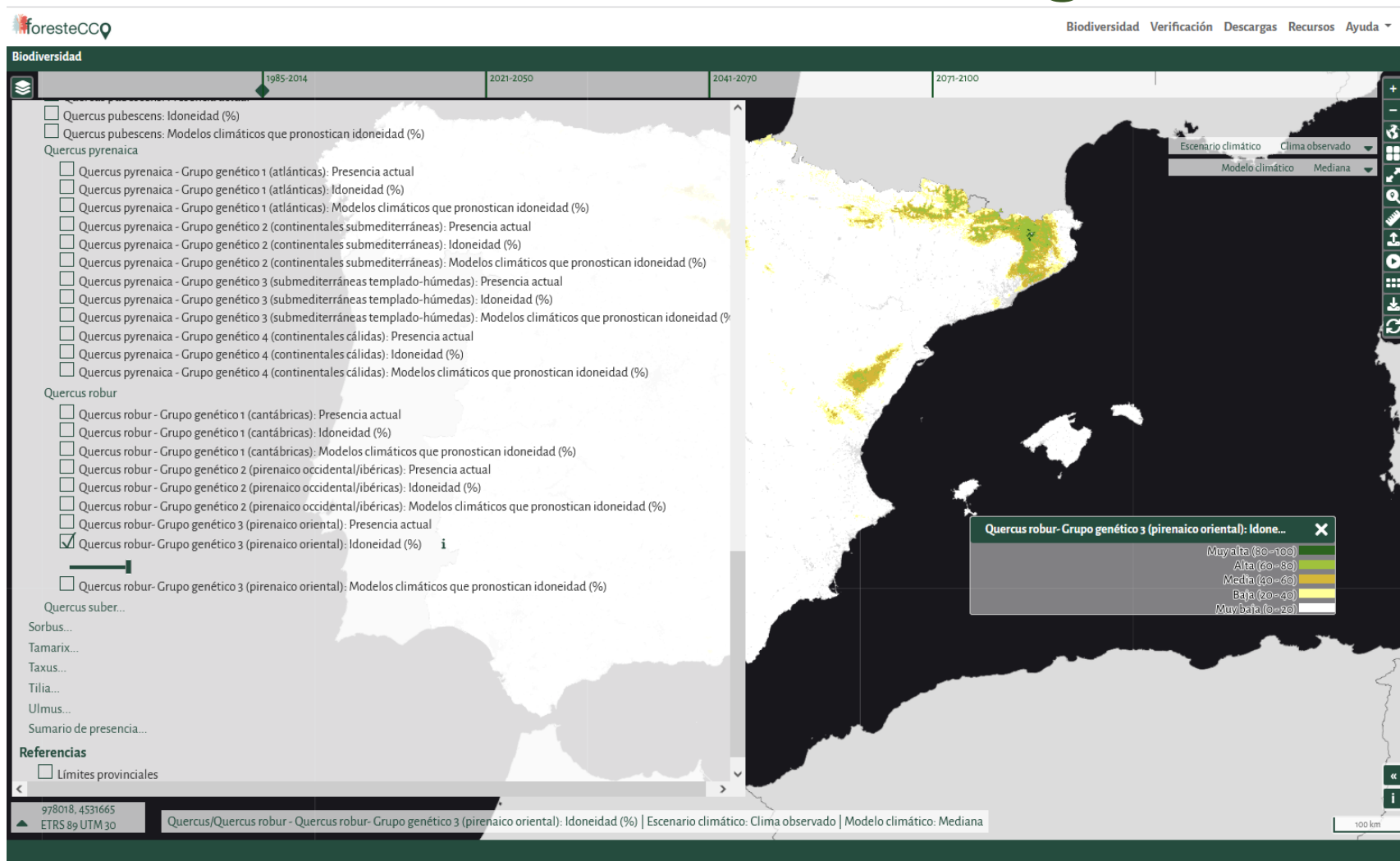
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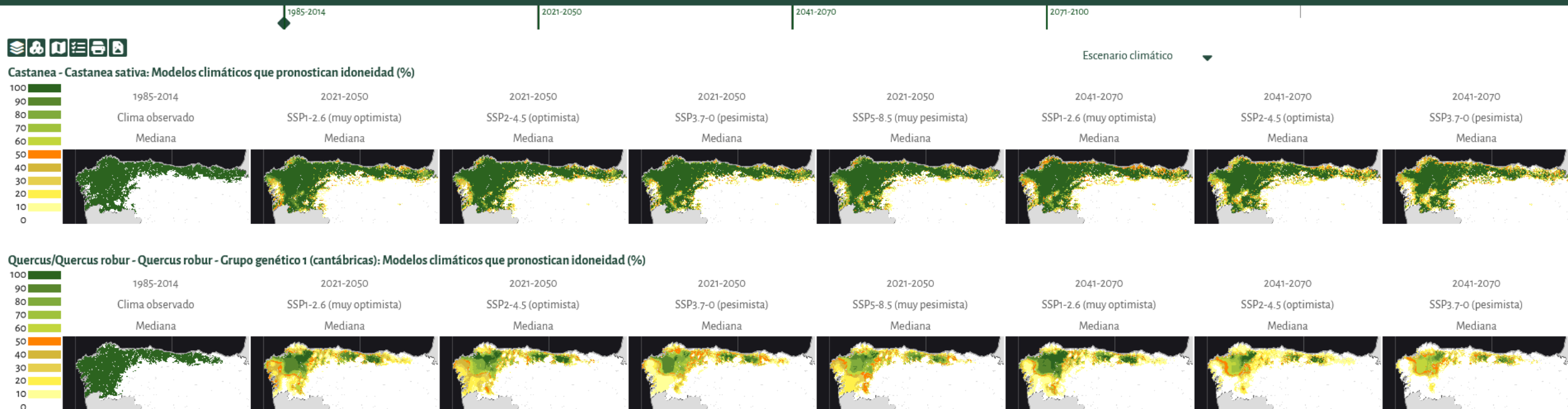
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Biodiversidad
1985-2014
2021-2050
2041-2070
2071-2100

Capas

- Abies...
- Acer...
- Alnus...
- Arbutus...
- Betula...
- Castanea...
- Fagus sylvatica...
- Fraxinus...
- Ilex...
- Juglans...
- Juniperus...
- Pinus...
- Populus...
- Prunus...
- Quercus**
 - Quercus canariensis: Idoneidad fitoclimática (%)
 - Quercus coccifera: Idoneidad fitoclimática (%)
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 - Quercus ilex**
 - Quercus ilex - Grupo genético 1 (Andalucía): Idoneidad fitoclimática (%)
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 - Quercus ilex - Grupo genético 6 (Cataluña-Valencia): Idoneidad fitoclimática (%)
 - Quercus ilex - Grupo genético 7 (Cantábrico-Rioja): Idoneidad fitoclimática (%)
 - Quercus ilex - Grupo genético 8 (Islas Baleares): Idoneidad fitoclimática (%)
- Quercus petraea...
- Quercus pyrenaica...
- Quercus robur...
- Quercus suber...

Escenario climático: SSP1-2.6 (muy optimista)
 Modelo climático: MRI-ESM2-0

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Quercus ilex - Grupo genético 2 (Sierra Morena oriental-Alicante): Idoneidad fitocli...

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- 80 - 90
- 70 - 80
- 60 - 70
- 50 - 60
- 40 - 50
- 30 - 40
- 20 - 30
- 10 - 20
- 1 - 10

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Quercus/Quercus ilex - Quercus ilex - Grupo genético 2 (Sierra Morena oriental-Alicante): Idoneidad fitoclimática (%) | Escenario climático: SSP1-2.6 (muy optimista) | Modelo climático: MRI-ESM2-0

Thank you!!

Wetlands in action

SESSION 6

Tools for Climate
Resilient Wetland Restoration

May 6th, 2026

10:00-11:30 (CEST)

Online

Speakers:

Jyrki Jauhainen | Natural Resource Institute Finland, Luke – ALFAwetlands

Christoph Schroder | European Topic Centre for Spatial Analysis and Synthesis, University of Malaga – RESTORE4Cs

Anis Guelmami | Tour du Valat – RESTORE4Cs

Jaime Ribalaygua Batalla | Climate Research Foundation – REWET

Marta Stachowicz | Warsaw University of Life Sciences – WET HORIZONS

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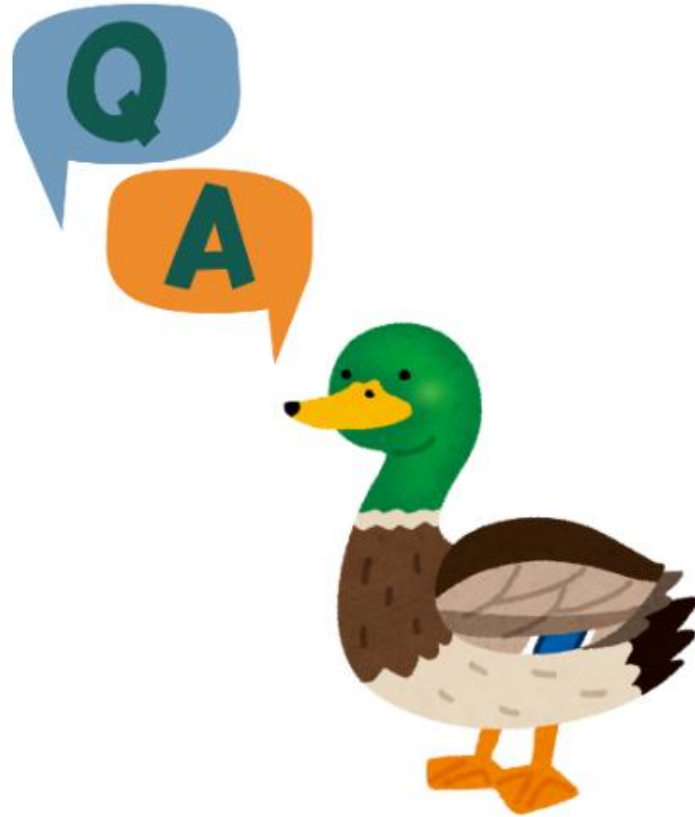
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 **servipeat**

Decision support system in peatland rewetting

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Spatial Multicriteria Analysis Tool

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Key questions guiding wetland restoration planning

- How can peatlands be rewetted?
- How much will it cost?
- What environmental and economic benefits will we gain in return?
- Are there alternative solutions?
- What will happen at a larger scale?

Answering these questions is the starting point of the decision-making process.



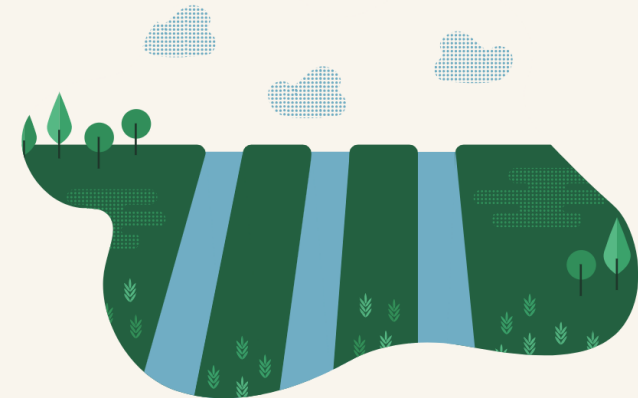
What is ServiPeat?

- Online, model-based decision support system in peatland rewetting
- It provides approximate estimates for:
 - recommended number of dams and their height in ditched peatlands in a rewetting scenario,
 - radius and area of rewetting influence,
 - expected outcomes of rewetting, including water retention gains, changes in GHG emissions, nutrient dynamics, potential changes in biodiversity and the indicative value of ecosystem services,
 - best management practices (no-regret measures).

Co-benefits of peatland rewetting for everyone

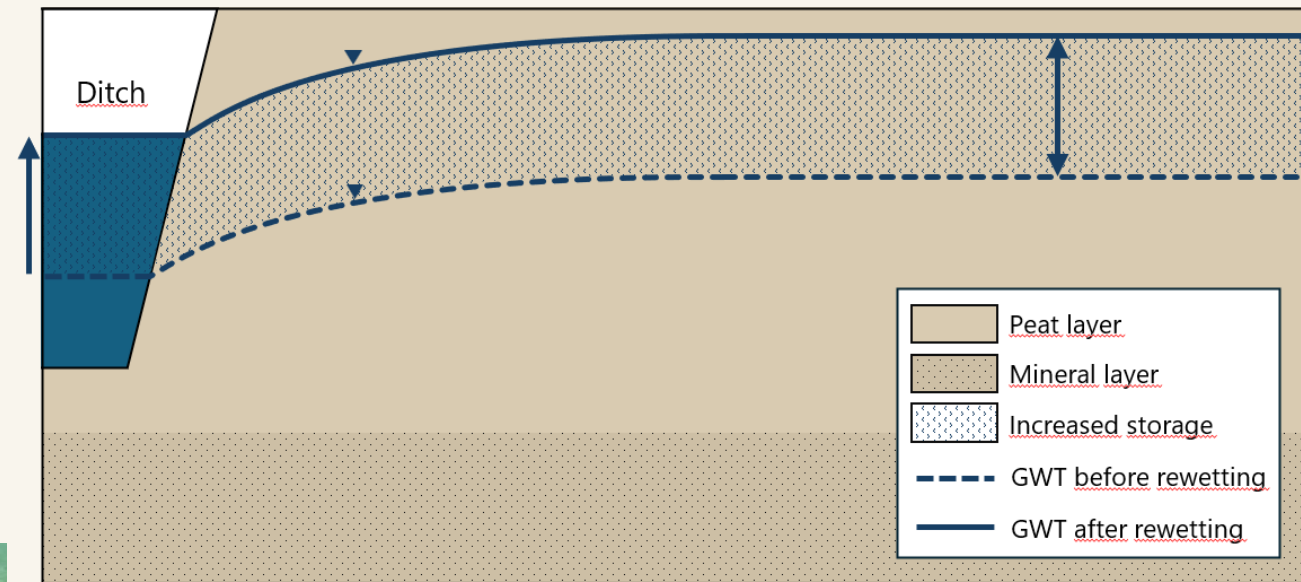
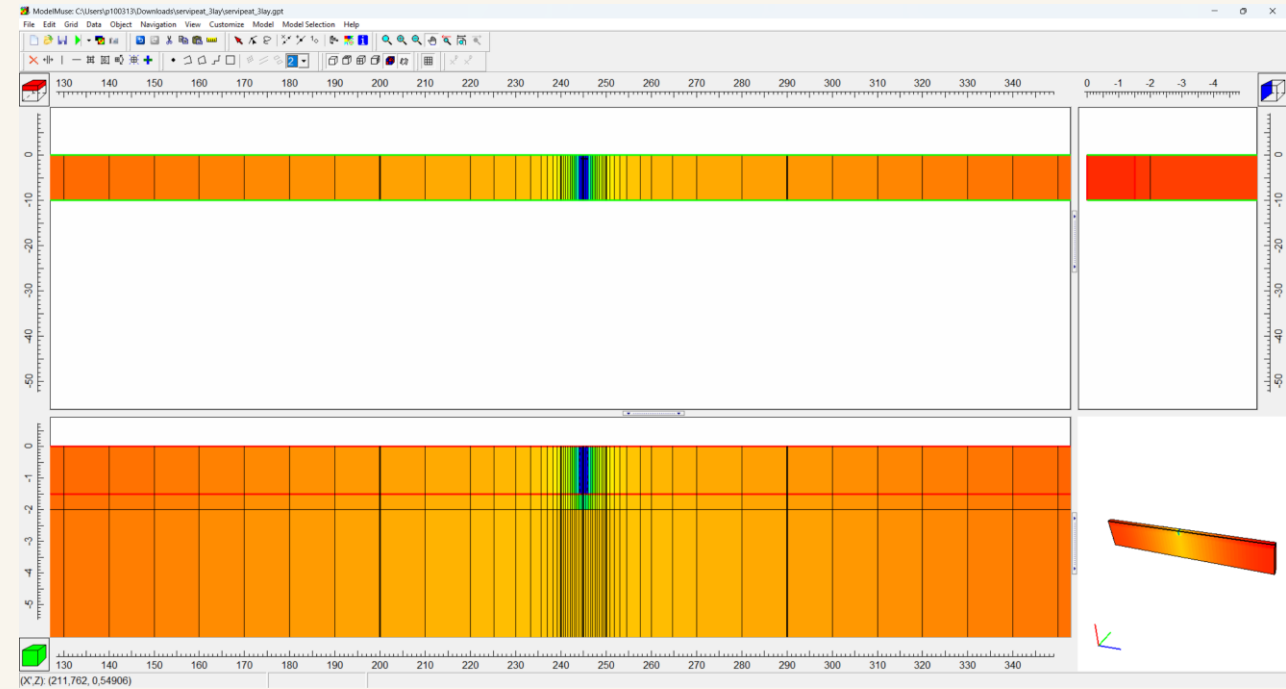
A simple way to assess probable water retention, carbon storage and nutrient retention in peatland rewetting actions

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Methods

- Hydrological module
 - Ditch hydraulics
 - Groundwater flow
- Biogeochemical module
 - Greenhouse gas emissions (CO_2 , CH_4)
 - Nitrogen and phosphorus release
- Ecological module
 - Biodiversity
- Economy module
 - Ecosystem services



User workflow

Please select condition of your ditch

Good Moderate Poor



Please select hydrological type of your peatland

Ombrotrophic bog Transitional mire Minerotrophic fen / Fluviogeneuous mire



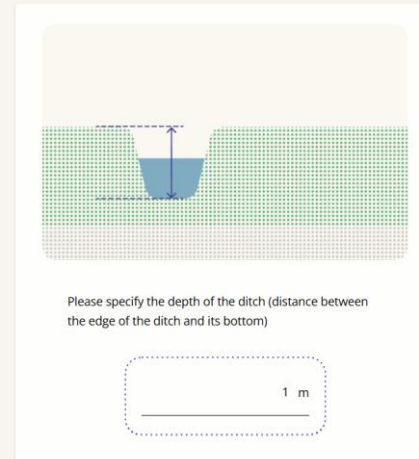
How many ditches are there in the system to be rewetted?

Please keep in mind that in case of a multiple-ditch system, the calculations represent conditions between two ditches and use the geometry of a single ditch only. If your peatland contains more ditches, you need to multiply the results accordingly to estimate the total effect for your system.

One More than one



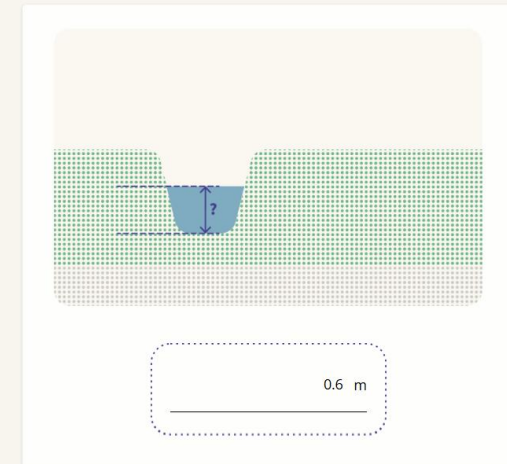
Depth of the ditch



Please specify the depth of the ditch (distance between the edge of the ditch and its bottom)

1 m

Please specify the depth of water in the ditch



0.6 m

Please specify the length of the ditch to be blocked

200 m

Please specify the pH of the peat in your peatland

4.5 -

Case study

Friesland, the Netherlands



Ditch condition	Peatland type	Ditch depth	Water depth in the ditch	Soil pH	Ditch length	Ditch spacing	Nr of ditches	Peat thickness	Land use
Good (well maintained)	Fen	1.5 m	0.5 m	6.3	300 m	100	10	2 m	Arable land

Weideveld et al, 2021
<https://doi.org/10.5194/bg-18-3881-2021>

Results

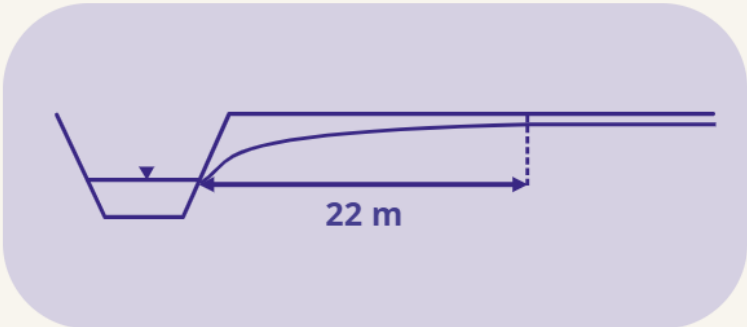
In order to rewet the peatland it is required to design:

29
ditch blocks

Radius of rewetting influence

1.0 m
elevation each

Area of rewetting influence



13,380 m²




Results

By rewetting your peatland you could potentially gain:


Costs:
11 600 EUR – wood dams



Benefits:
5559 EUR/year




4,541 m³
of water storage



602.6 kg
Nitrogen
that could potentially be released after rewetting




5,559
€/year
Approximate total value of quantified ecosystem services gained through rewetting, which gives 4,155 EUR/ha/year



50.0 T
of CO₂
equivalent stored in the rewetted peat resulting from immediate cessation of emission from drained peat soil



106.2 kg
Phosphorus
of outwashed total reactive Phosphorus in first years from rewetting



+26 % **+7 %** **+8 %**
vascular plants mosses birds
Relative increase in the number of species

Other features

- Rewetting costs
- Trade-off analysis
- Report generation

See rewetting costs

Use as a reference for a trade-off analysis

Get report

Trade-off analysis

Please select condition of your ditch* ▼

Land use* ▼

Ditch depth 1.2 m

Required distance to the groundwater table in the middle of your peatland 15 cm

Cancel Calculate

Report for: test

Transitional mire, more than one ditch, average distance between ditches: 150, water depth 0.5 m, peat pH 5.5, distance from the bottom of the ditch to the bottom of the peat layer 1 m, ditch length 200 m

Base scenario

Condition of the ditch: Good
 Land use: Arable land
 Depth of the ditch 1.2 m
 Required distance to the groundwater table in the middle of the peatland 0.15 cm

In order to rewet the peatland it is required to design:

- 18 ditch blocks
- 0.5 m elevation each

By rewetting your peatland you could potentially gain:

- 689 m³ of water storage
- 58.3 kg of N-NO₃ that could potentially be released after rewetting.
- 1106 EUR/year
Approximate total value of quantified ecosystem services gained through rewetting, which gives 369 EUR/ha/year.

4.1 T reduced emission of CO₂ eq.

11.6 kg of redox-sensitive P released after rewetting

The amount of redox-sensitive P released after wetland rewetting is highly site-specific and quite reliable in Fe-rich wetlands. However, it fails in calcium-rich peatlands; see manual.

- 8.3% vascular plants
- 2.4% mosses
- 3.3% birds

No regret measures – best management practices

- Increase groundwater inflow, when appropriate

Disclaimer: The results generated by ServiPeat are indicative estimates only. Any implementation of rewetting measures should be supported by a comprehensive, site-specific hydrological and biogeochemical assessment.

Application of ServiPeat

- Preliminary planing and budgeting
- Preparation of funding applications
- Cost-benefit comparisons between rewetting scenarios
- Communicating potential rewetting outcomes
- Ex-ante assessment of peatland rewetting



Spatial Multicriteria Analysis Tool



- Designed to help users explore and combine multiple criteria raster layers in a simple multicriteria analysis (MCA) workflow.

The app allows you to:

- load raster datasets,
- inspect them visually,
- assign relative importance weights,
- and generate a final suitability surface
- for download and further use in GIS software

The mapped data must represent criteria for a certain purpose, such as "restoration" or "biodiversity importance".

The app is intended as a decision-support tool.

Handles data at various scales and extents

Europe -0.5 degrees

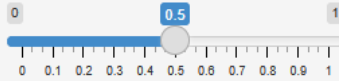
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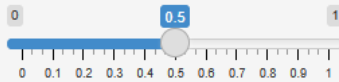
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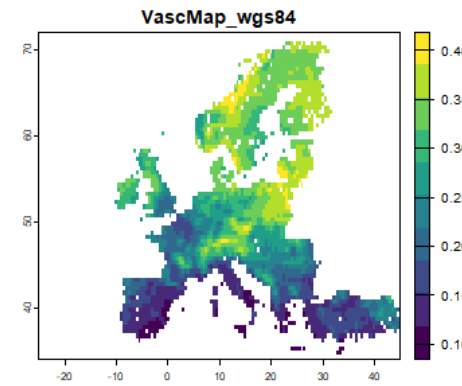
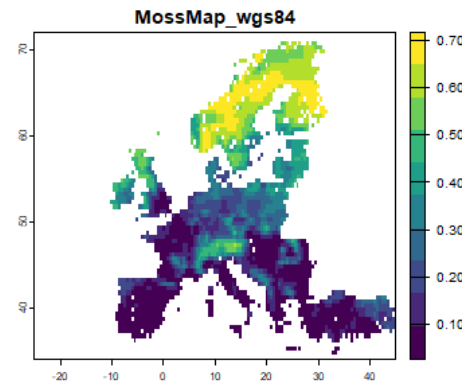
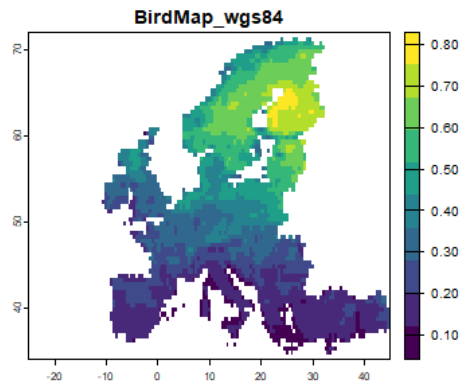
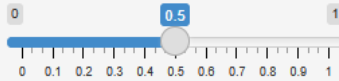
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N. Germany -100 m

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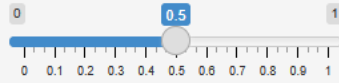
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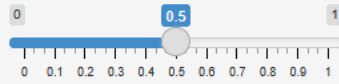
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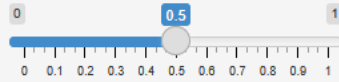
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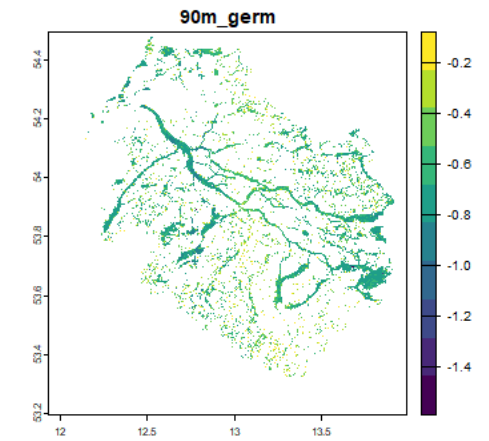
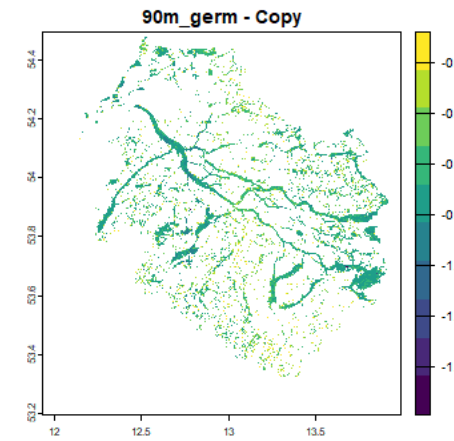
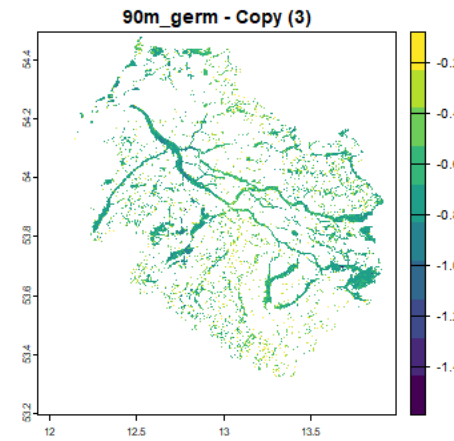
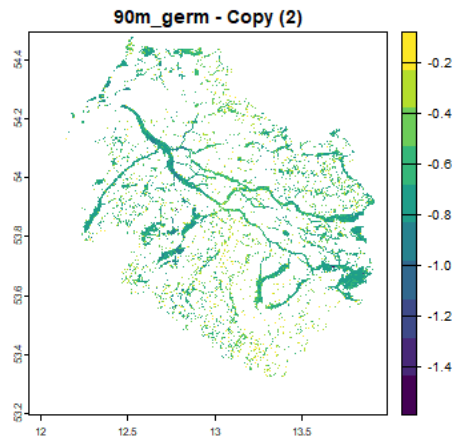
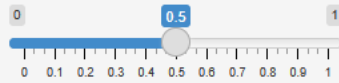
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Importance weight for 90m_germ



Inspecting criteria layers

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Instructions

Show raster overlay

Select Layer to Display:

BirdMap_wgs84

MossMap_wgs84

VascMap_wgs84

Select GeoTIFF Files

Browse server files

Set importance weights (MCA tab)

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Importance weight for MossMap_wgs84

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Importance weight for VascMap_wgs84

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MossMap_wgs84

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-0.2

-0.3

-0.4

-0.5

-0.6

-0.7

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The figure displays a world map with a raster overlay representing the MossMap_wgs84 criteria layer. The map uses a color scale from dark purple (-0.1) to bright yellow (-0.7). The highest values (yellow) are concentrated in Northern Europe, particularly in Scandinavia (Sweden, Finland, Norway) and parts of the British Isles. Other regions with moderate values (green) include parts of Central Europe and the Mediterranean coast. The lowest values (dark purple) are seen in Southern Europe and parts of the Middle East. The map includes labels for various countries in multiple languages and a legend in the bottom right corner.

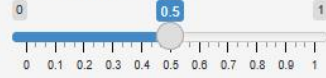
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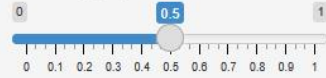
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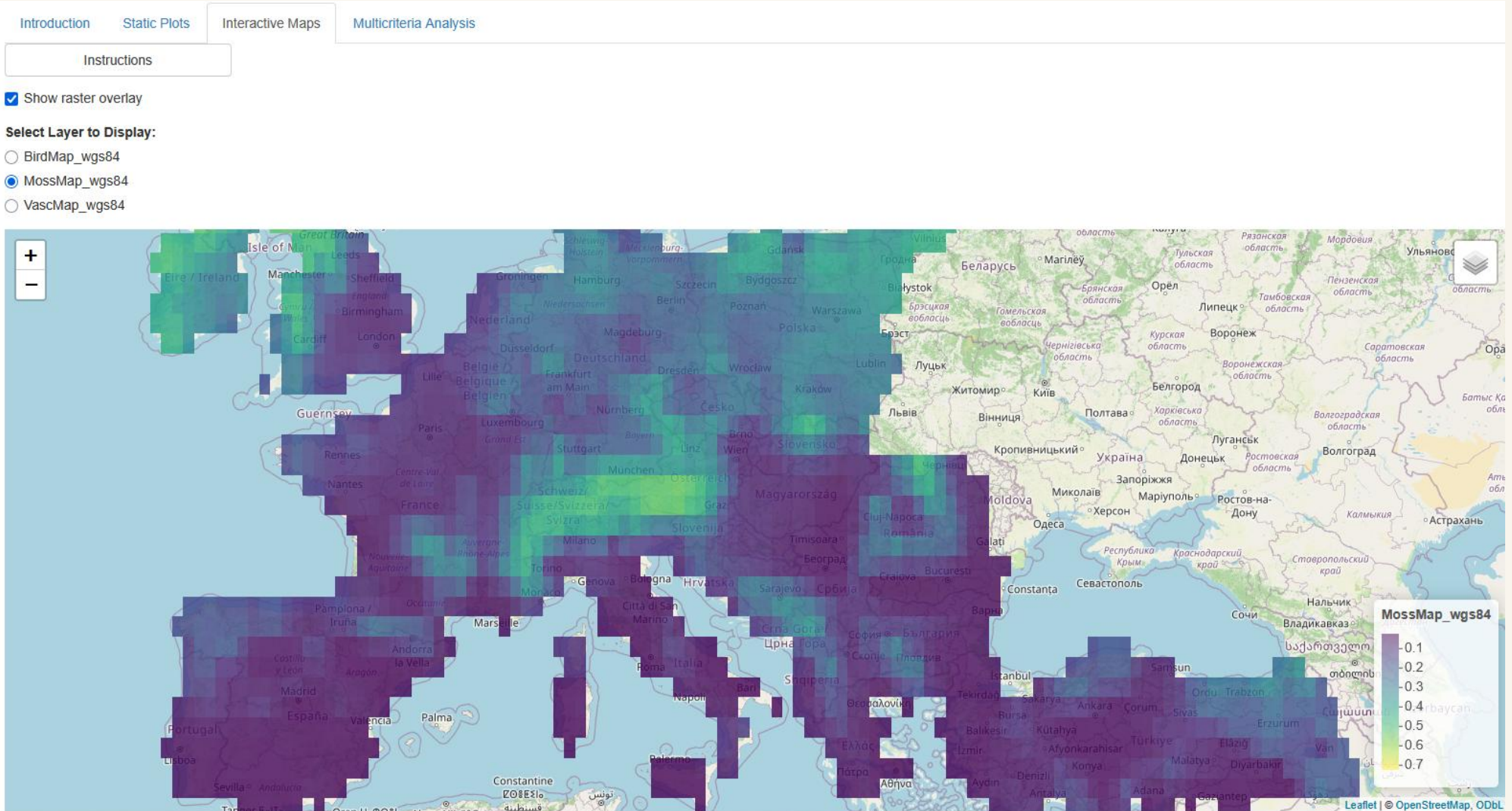
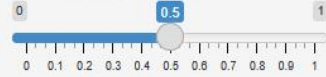
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Multicriteria analysis – linear weighted combination

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Importance weight for BirdMap_wgs84

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Importance weight for MossMap_wgs84

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Importance weight for VascMap_wgs84

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Suitability

-0.2
-0.3
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-0.5
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-0.7
-0.8
-0.9
-1.0

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Live map update through sliders

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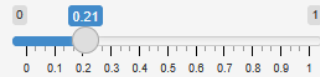
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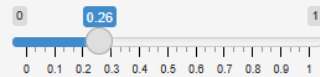
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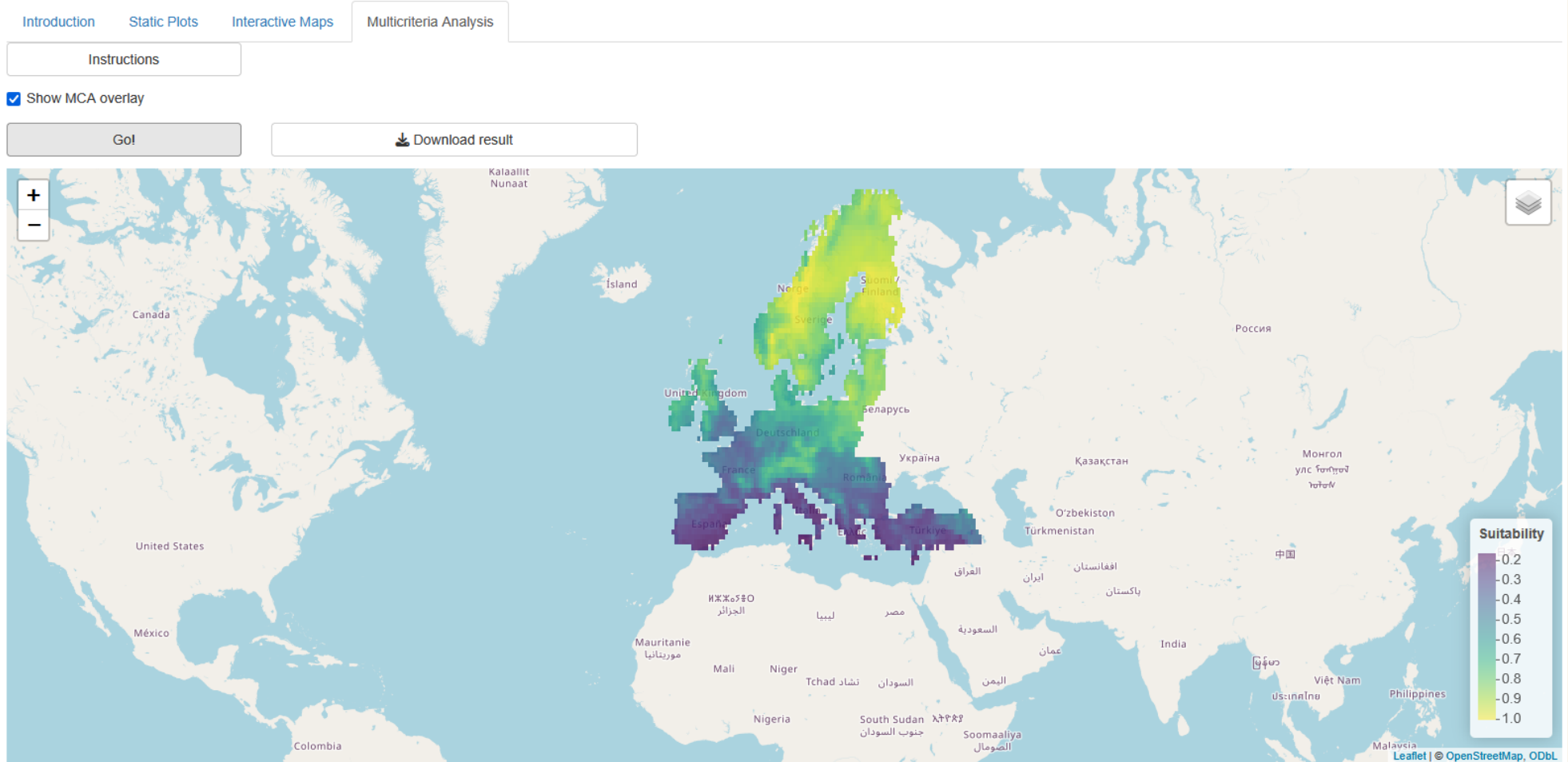
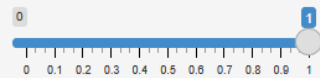
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Usual caveat

The quality and interpretation of the results depend on the quality, consistency, and preparation of the input data. 😊

Thank you for your attention!

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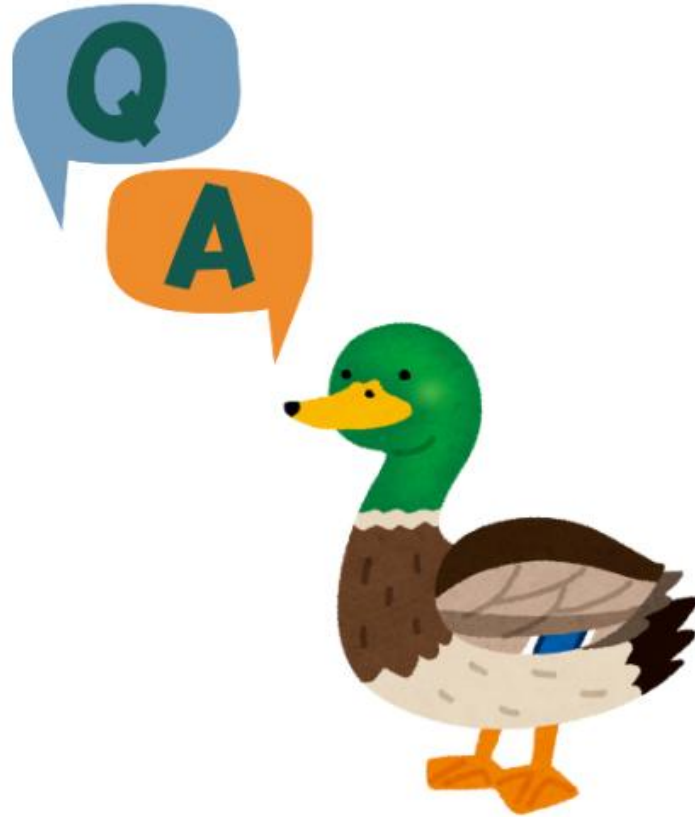
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