



Access to open research data for environmental science: the LifeWatch experience in biodiversity

Advancing data-driven research through the Data Commons Session at RDA P6 PARIS





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FRAMEWORK

- LifeWatch (lifewatch.eu) is an ESFRI (EU Research Infrastructure)
 - Addressing Biodiversity & Ecosystems
 - An e-Infrastructure to build Virtual Research Environments (VRE)
 - Integrating OPEN DATA information
 - GBIF, LTER, GENBANK, SATELLITE IMAGES, TERRESTRIAL MAPS...
- EGI-LifeWatch Competence Center
 - Framework: EGI FedCloud
 - Dedicated Resources (~5000 cores + few PB, new node in Seville)
- Support LW VRE
 - Marine VRE (marine.lifewatch.eu)
 - Terrestrial + FreshWater VRE
- Pilot projects
 - Ecological Observatories Data Flow and "Big Data" analysis
 - Workflows: Galaxy and TRUFA; Network of Life
 - Citizen Science: Assisted Pattern Recognition

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INITIAL REMARKS (from experience)

- BIODIVERSITY area has a rich biodiversity itself!
 - Large variety of actors in the community with different background
 - researchers, technicians, consultants, managers, etc.
 - Large variety of Use Cases
- Each Case Study requires a substantial effort
 - We need to improve the tools to communicate ICT and Users

Everything Should Be Made as Simple as Possible, But Not Simpler

- TWO Different Views on OPEN RESEARCH DATA
 - Institutions, Administration, Researchers, Companies
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- This is changing...slowly!



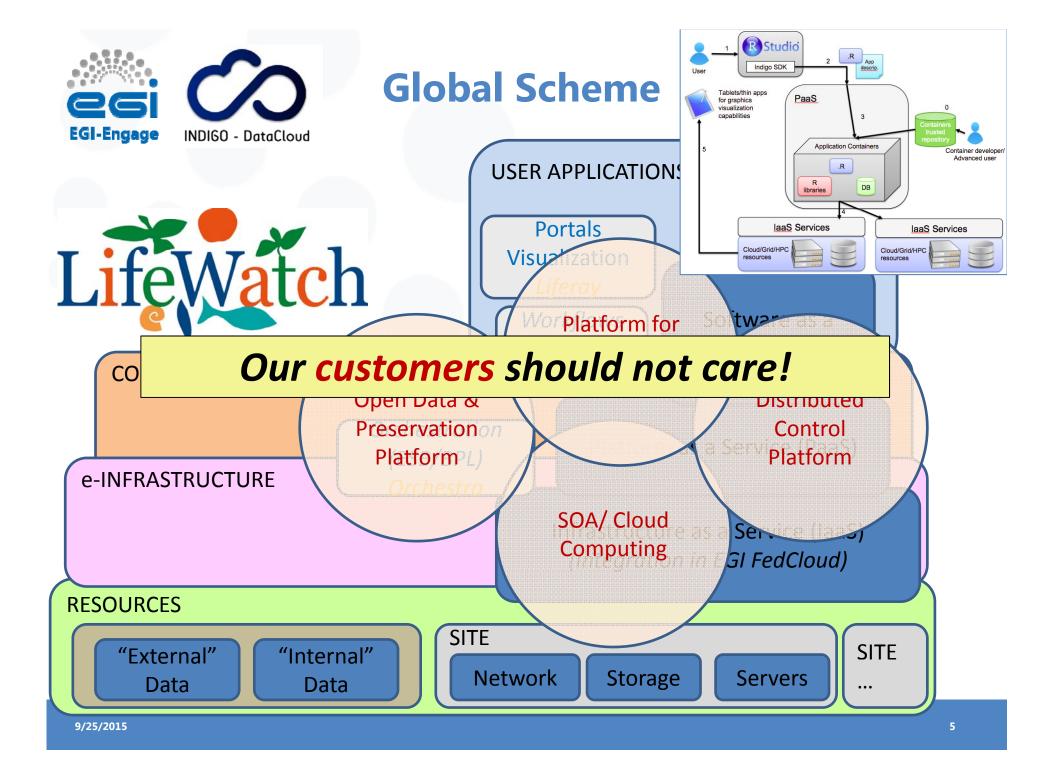
EGI-LIFEWATCH CC IDEAS

Our customers are our researchers!

- Our researchers need:
 - ACCESS INTEGRATE EXISTING OPEN RESEARCH DATA
 - Catalogs, Links, Connect (WPS), Local Copies...
 - Internal/External Tools for processing/analyzing
 - **COMPUTING+STORAGE** RESOURCES AT O(+100)
 - Typically 100 cores, 100 TB
 - STORE PRESERVE NEW ¿ OPEN ? RESEARCH DATA & ANALYSIS
 - Acquisition, Collection, Intermediate Data, "Final" Data: FULL DATA LIFE CYCLE
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Example: give our researchers a 100 cores/ 100TB laptop Is this a solution to their needs?





EGI-LIFEWATCH CC EXAMPLE 1

TRUFA (Transcriptomes User-Friendly Analysis)

TRUFA is a **free** web service to **help you** perform RNA-seq analysis

- INTEGRATE EXISTING OPEN RESEARCH DATA
 - LOCAL REPLICA OF PUBLIC OPEN DATABASES

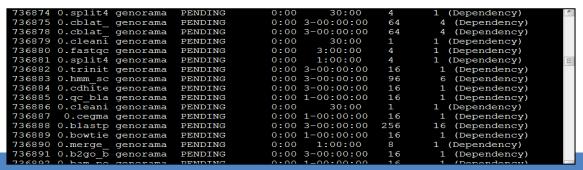


2. Assembly and Mapping ste

- PRESERVE NEW OPEN RESEARCH DATA & ANALYSIS
 - UPLOAD USER DATA FILES (Large Files)
 - **COMPUTING+STORAGE** RESOURCES AT O(+100)
 - NOW SUPERCOMPUTER WITH GPFS

LARGE SUCCESS, ALSO LARGE PROBLEM

• >150 USERS ALL OVER THE WORLD IN 3 MONTHS



STORAGE+COMPUTING
WORKFLOW "PRESERVED"



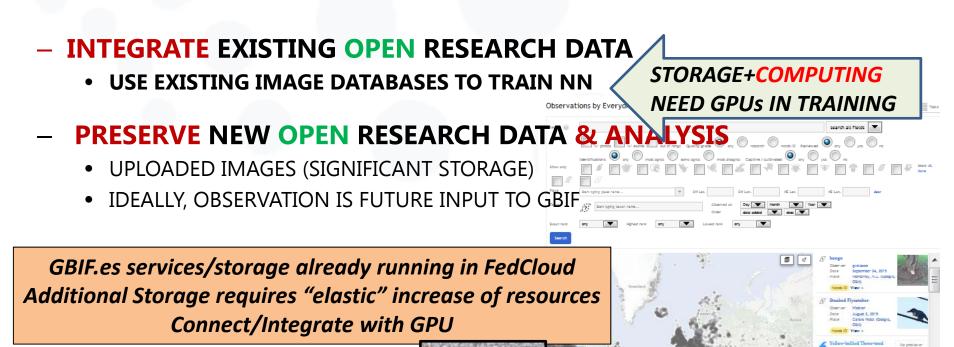
Storage is limited, Local files (2 months, o(TB)) Faster Transfer needed



EGI-LIFEWATCH CC EXAMPLE 2

Support to Citizen Science (Assisted Image Recognition)

Citizens collect and upload geo-pos image observations of species using a mobile app (iNaturalist), the image is stored and an initial identification returned





EGI-LIFEWATCH CC EXAMPLE 3

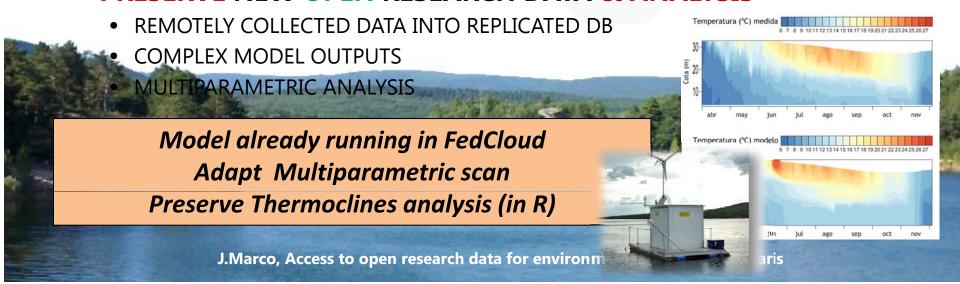
Monitoring & Modeling ALGAE BLOOM in a Water Reservoir

LIFE+ Project lead by a SME, collecting monitoring data (environmental station+ water quality and chloro-cyano profiler), and modeling hydro+bio

- INTEGRATE EXISTING OPEN RESEARCH DATA
 - USE METEO, TERRAIN, BATHIMETRY, LAND USE
 - HYDROLOGICAL INPUT

STORAGE+COMPUTING
NEED HPC FOR DELFT-3D

PRESERVE NEW OPEN RESEARCH DATA & ANALYSIS





SOLUTIONS BEING EXPLORED

- Support external resources (data, tools): VRE
- Enable a "/lifewatch/home" for each researcher/each community, accessible with ID via a preservation portal
- Users will define the "openness" of their
 - DATA (private/embargo/open/published-DOI)
 - ANALYSIS (R/python, via github)
 - WORKFLOWS at SaaS level (R,python)
- Support it with a global (federated) distributed storage
 - OneData (Data Commons basic component)
- Integrated also with FedCloud computing resources
 - We will rely on INDIGO project developments to optimize!
- Enforce DMP (Data Management Plan)

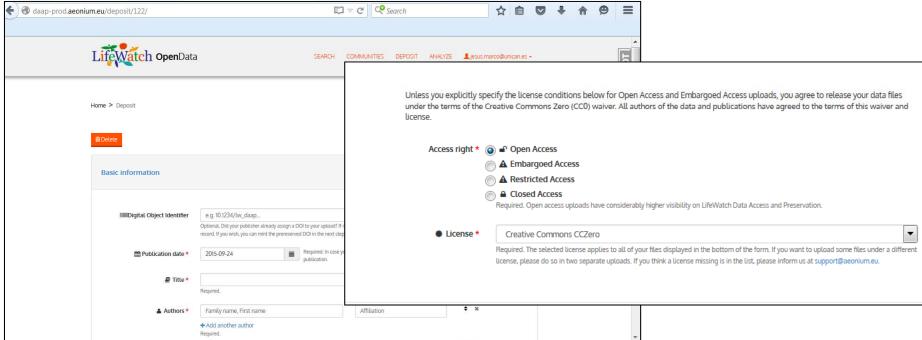


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Thank you for your attention.

Questions?

Tourists in the ARTIC seeing how glaciers melt

Next EGI-LW CC meeting in EGI Conference in BARI 11/11 11h





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