

Data e-Infrastructure Initiative for Fisheries management and Conservation of Marine Living Resources

# iMarine Integrated Captures Information System (ICIS)

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# **Presentation outline**

- iMarine project
- ICIS VRE
  - Quick presentation
  - Tuna Atlas use case
- ICIS: a time series integration solution
- iMArine: a pool of tools for time series processing
- Contribution to the iMarine infrastructure

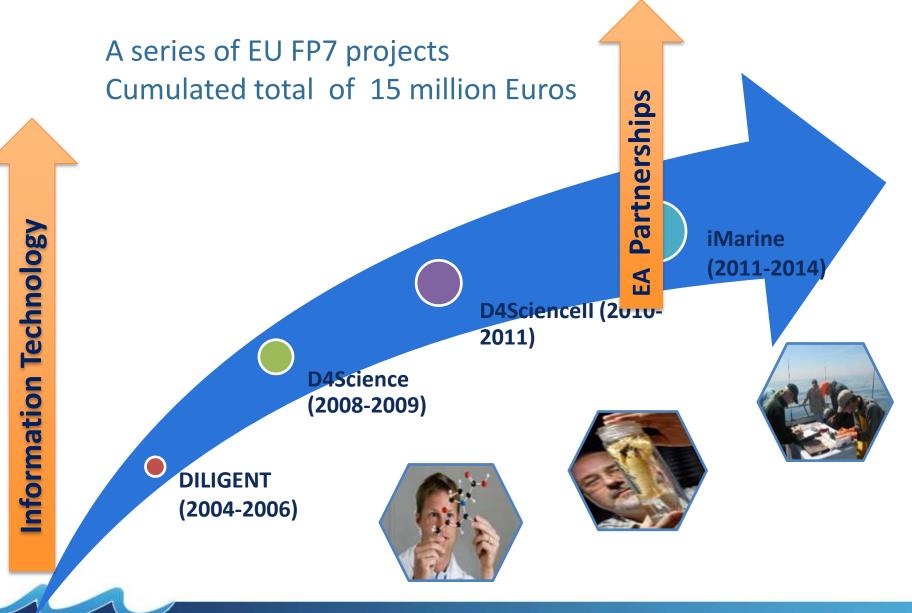
Launch an Initiative aimed at establishing and operating a <u>data Infrastructure</u> supporting the principles of the **Ecosystem Approach** to Fisheries Management and Conservation of Marine Living Resources





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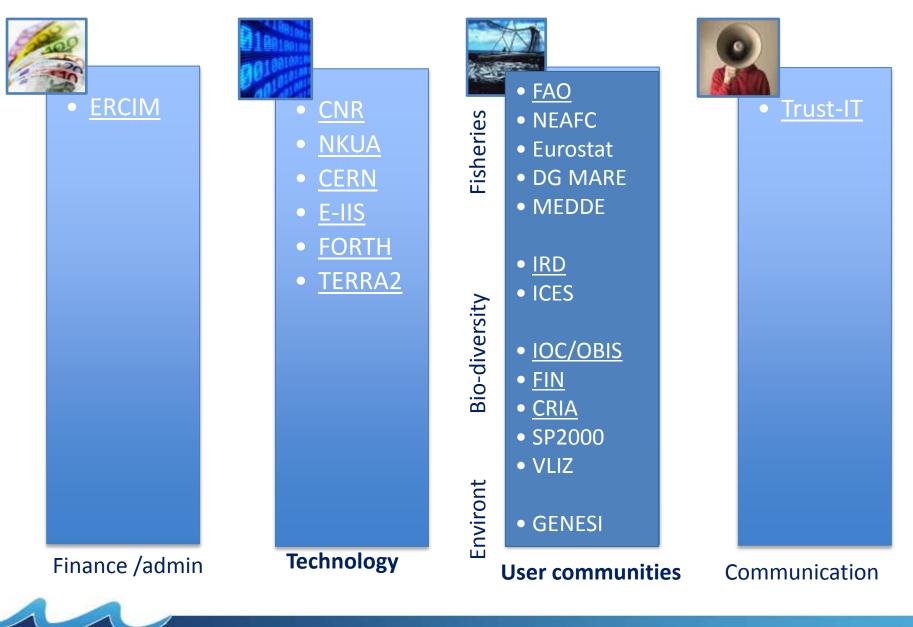
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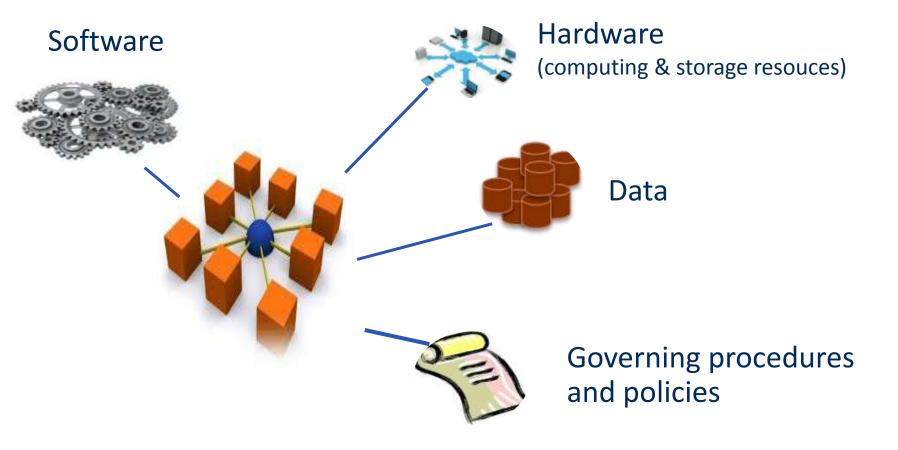
### iMarine project: the partners



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## What are infrastructure Resources





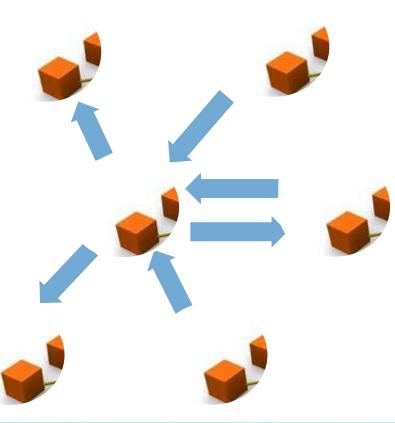
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Implement the concept of distributed e-Infastructure



### Based on interoperability

- Each e-Infrastructure can outsource required resources to other e-Infrastructures
- The same e-infrastructure can play both provider and consumer roles



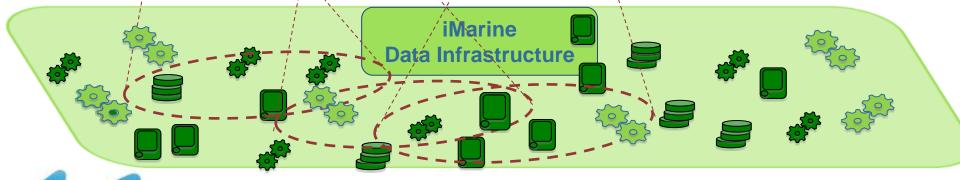


# Data infrastructure affiliated project Data infrastructure Services Virtual Research Environments (VREs)



think of a series of work space:

- where access to resources is configured
- user access is controlled
- collaborative work is enabled





## **iMarine Services**

### Select from different Applications

 15 Virtual Research Environments (Data Mining, Data Curation and Analysis, Niche Modeling, ...)



# ICIS VRE within iMarine project

- What is ICIS ?
  - ICIS goals
    - Provide a collaborative scientific virtual environment for time series harmonization;
    - Provide tools for statistical data management and processing;
    - Facilitate data exchange;



# ICIS VRE within iMarine project

### Tuna Atlas use case for ICIS VR

- FAO compiled on a yearly basis the global tuna nominal catches and the tuna and billfishes catches (tuna Atlas)
- Data from differents sources are compiled, loaded in a database and published on-line:
  - <u>http://www.fao.org/fishery/statistics/tuna-catches/query/en</u>
  - http://www.fao.org/figis/geoserver/tunaatlas/
- Process is highly manual, data sources are heterogeneous: how the use of ICIS-VRE can improve the whole process?

A collaborative scientific virtual environment for time series harmonization

- Time series harmonization process in ICIS
  - CSV files secured upload
  - Validate reference data against standard available in ICIS (link to the ISSCFG code list loaded in ICIS) – convert one standard to another
  - Harmonize time series structure make them available for publication (or other processes)



A collaborative scientific virtual environment for time series harmonization

- The tuna Atlas use case tested in ICIS
  - Data sources are not standardized: denormalized data (several columns for species) from IOTC (link to the excel file), IATTC, AFMA Vs Normalized data
  - Reference data can vary: Unique ID per square (IOTC) Vs Long/lat definition for CCSBT
  - Need to provide a unified files with all data from all data source with same reference data
  - Need to harmonize data files structure / standard used

A collaborative scientific virtual environment for time series harmonization

- ICIS-VRE: an opportunity for FIRMS-CWP partners
  - → provide secured backup solutions for data
  - ➔ provide tools (upload, merge, harmonize, aggregate) to produce consistent and reliable time series following standard from various data sources
  - → a tool for institutions with no advanced capacities for infrastructure development (*iMarine provides infrastructure with maintenance, improvements, regular releases etc...*)



# A pool of resources for more advanced data managers

- A pool of tools:
  - SDMX format / registry to facilitate data exchange
  - An opportunity to access a rich library of integrated tools
    - Time series presented as Graphs, Maps
    - Code lists manager to share reference data and mapping
    - Standard Mapping capacities
    - R statistical capacities for advanced data analysis and processing
- An opportunity to access other data sources
  - Environmental
  - Biodiversity

# A pool of resources for more advanced data managers

- Example of tuna atlas use case benefiting from iMarine infrastructure:
  - Code lists manager to capture all reference data (including from RFMO): metadata validation is easier as all code lists and their mapping are described
  - SDMX web protocol will facilitate and accelerate Tuna Atlas data processing (harmonized and well described structure)

# What any partner can enjoy is the sum of all partners' contributions

- Contribution to the development of the infrastructure
  - Institutions can share their databases, tools and processes (like R processing), express their needs and ask for more tools (For instance, FAO openSDMX has been included in the iMarine infrastructure)
  - Ultimately, an institution can become an iMarine partner and be part of the development of the tool



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- Illustration with the tuna Atlas
  - Documentation of Tuna Atlas use case as iMarine use case
  - Identify and document strengths and possible improvements
  - Road map to ICIS evolution to fully meet Tuna Atlas requirements

## Conclusion

- Benefits and opportunities
  - Virtual research environments readily available for RFBs to collaborate on scientific data
  - An invitation to adopt standard web-protocols and best practices which facilitate data flows and access to shared tools
  - An invitation to add your tools as part of the iMarine infrastructure; the library of available tools can be made available in the VREs set-up for a given group of users

