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## EuroSea: Improving and integrating the European Ocean Observing and Forecasting System







































































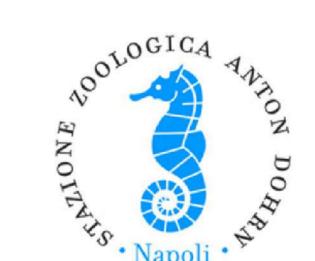




















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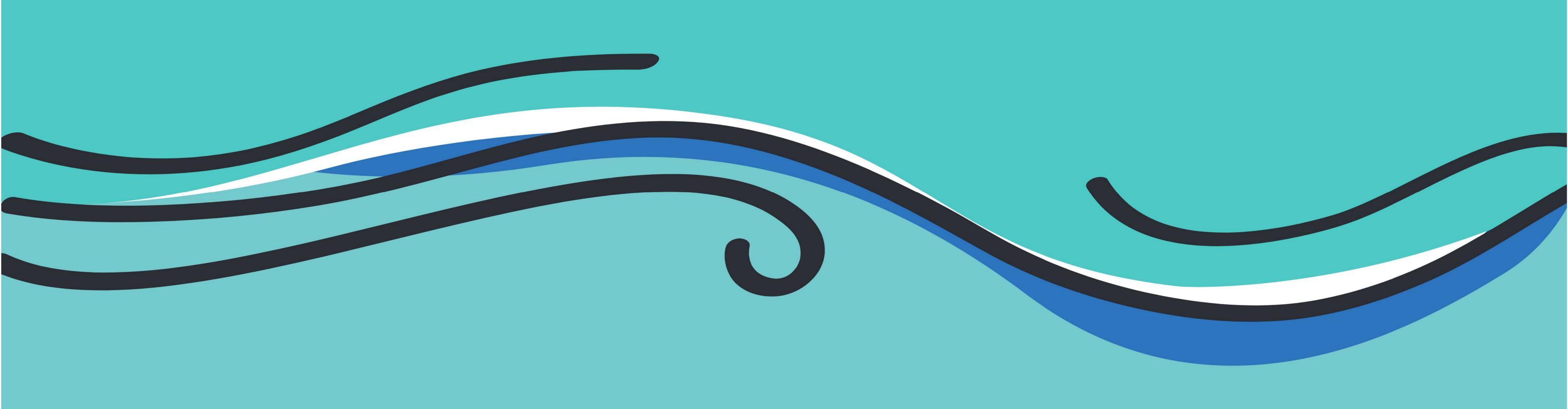












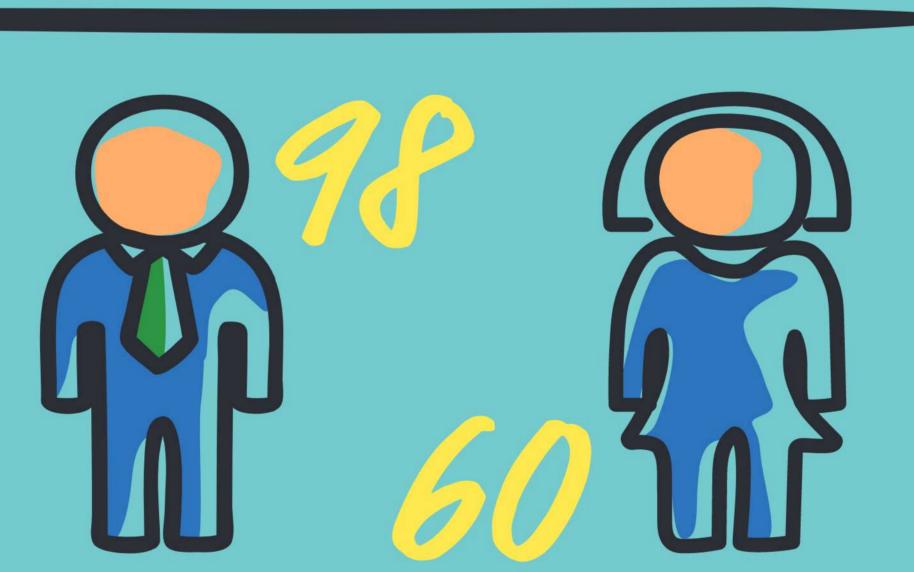


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EuroSea is advancing research and innovation towards a user-focused, truly interdisciplinary, and responsive European ocean observing and forecasting system, that delivers essential information for human wellbeing and safety, sustainable development, and blue economy in a changing world.

Ocean observing and forecasting systems are needed to advance scientific knowledge about our climate, marine ecosystems and their vulnerability to human impacts, predict the ocean conditions, and underpin decisions and policies. We simply cannot have a viable economy and healthy environment without them!





Connecting ocean data, understanding the ocean

From ancient times, the fascination with the sea has driven humanity to travel and observe the ocean. From the 1980s onwards, oceanography underwent a radical transformation, long campaigns aboard oceanographic vessels gave way to permanent

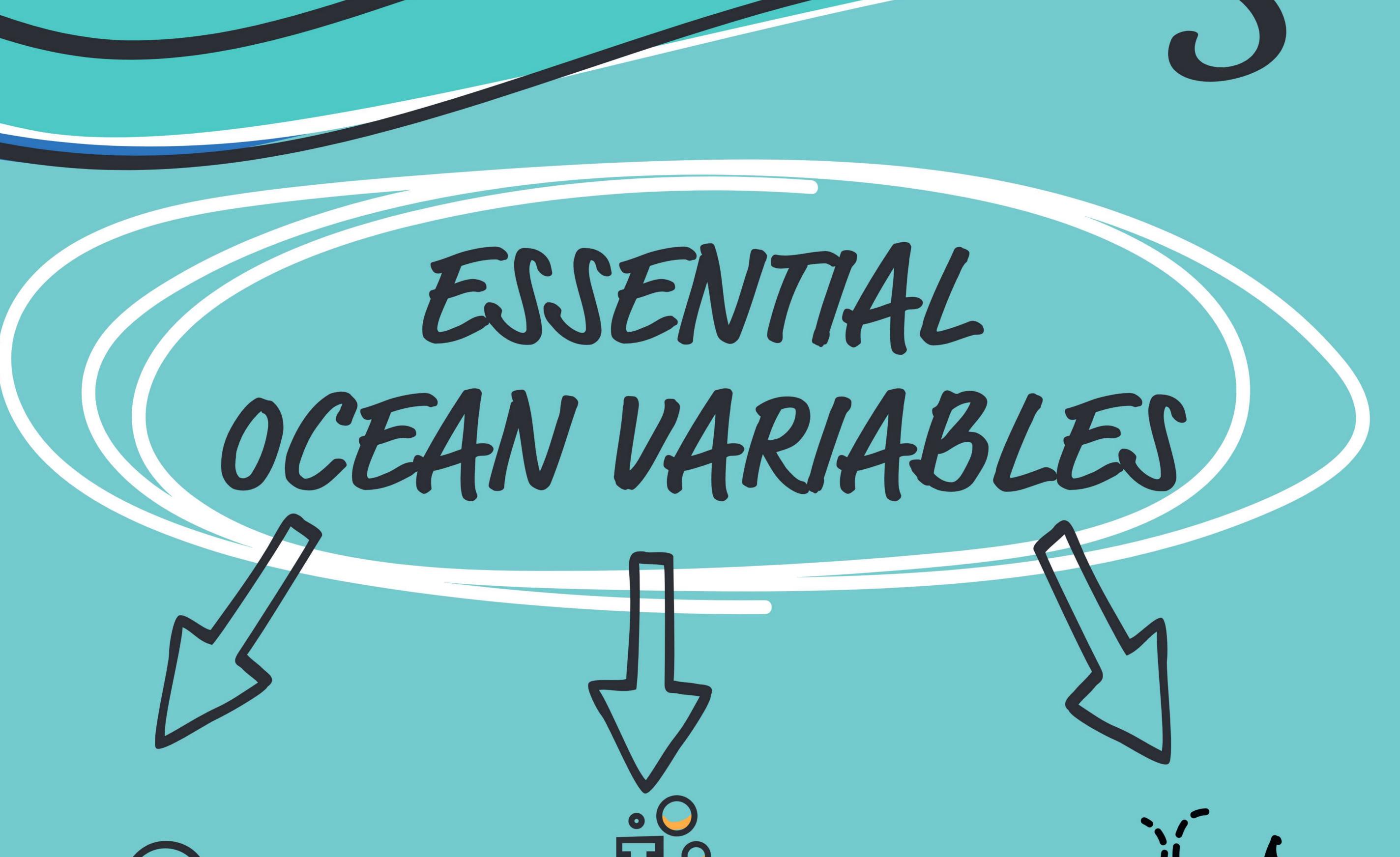
monitoring of the ocean through new instruments and observation technologies, on the coast or from space via satellites. Innovative measurement techniques appeared, along with more efficient methods of data analysis and processing.

Satellite

**EuroSea** improves the **ocean observing system**: Argo profilers, underwater gliders, eulerian observations, sea-level platforms, high-frequency radars, and autonomous surface vehicles. These oceanographic instruments obtain a wide range of data related to the **Essential Ocean Variables**, which help us to interpret the connection between the ocean and elements such as the atmosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, cryosphere, and anthroposphere.

**EuroSea** is improving the **ocean knowledge** and **information**. An important element of this work is the promotion of **Findable**, **Accessible**, **Interoperable**, and **Reusable** (FAIR) **ocean data** which can be available for all users, spanning policymakers, industry, scientific community, and society.

Fixed station



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BIOCHEMISTRY

BIOLOGY AND ECOSYSTEMS

Sea state
Ocean surface stress
Sea ice
Sea surface height
Sea surface temperature
Subsurface temperature
Surface currents
Subsurface currents
Sea surface salinity
Subsurface salinity
Ocean surface heat flux

Oxygen
Nutrients
Inorganic carbon
Transient tracers
Particulate matter
Nitrous oxide
Stable carbon isotopes
Dissolved organic carbon

Phytoplauktou biomass
and diversity

Zooplauktou biomass
and diversity

Fish abundance and distribution

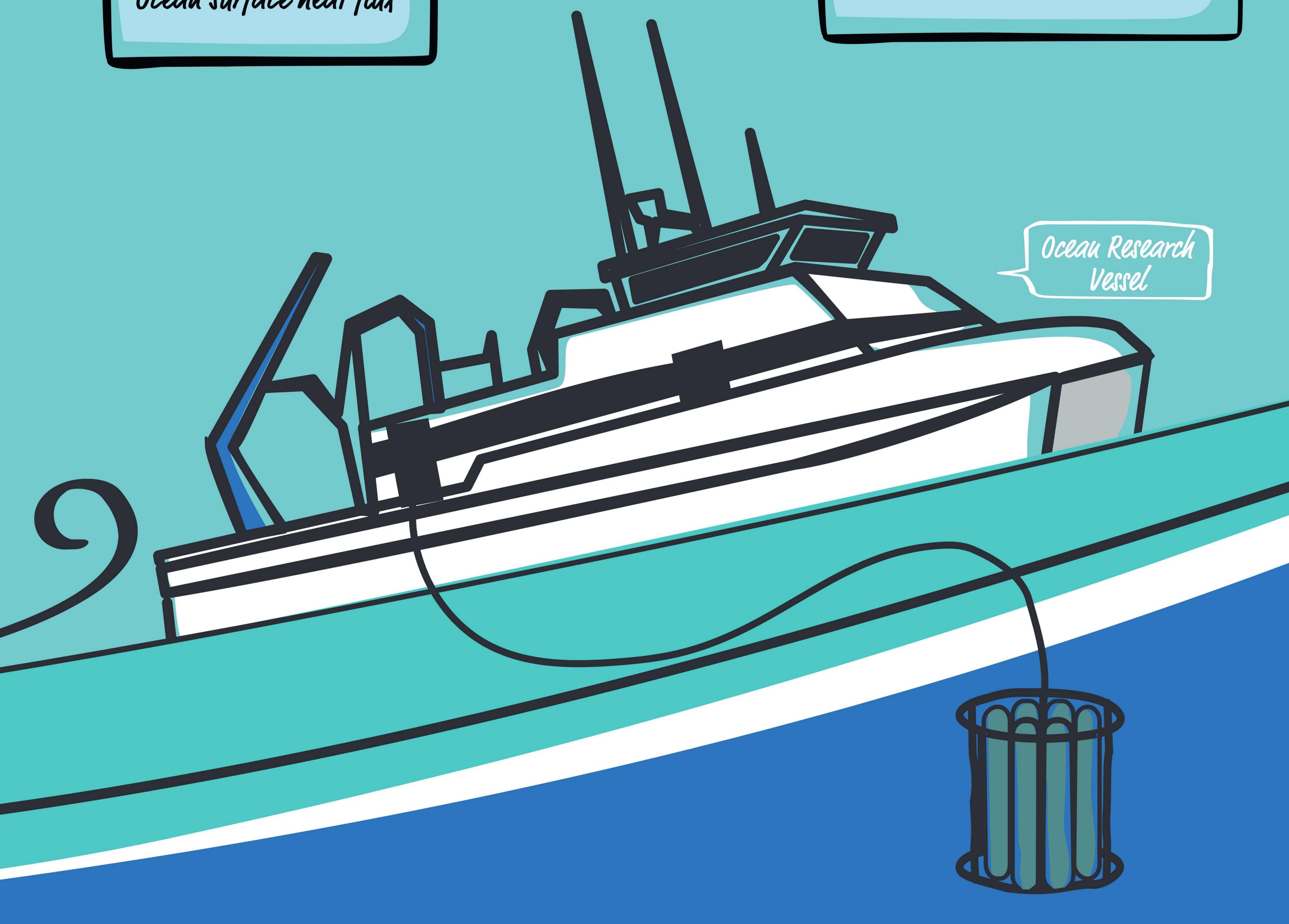
Marine turtles, birds, mammals
abundance and distribution

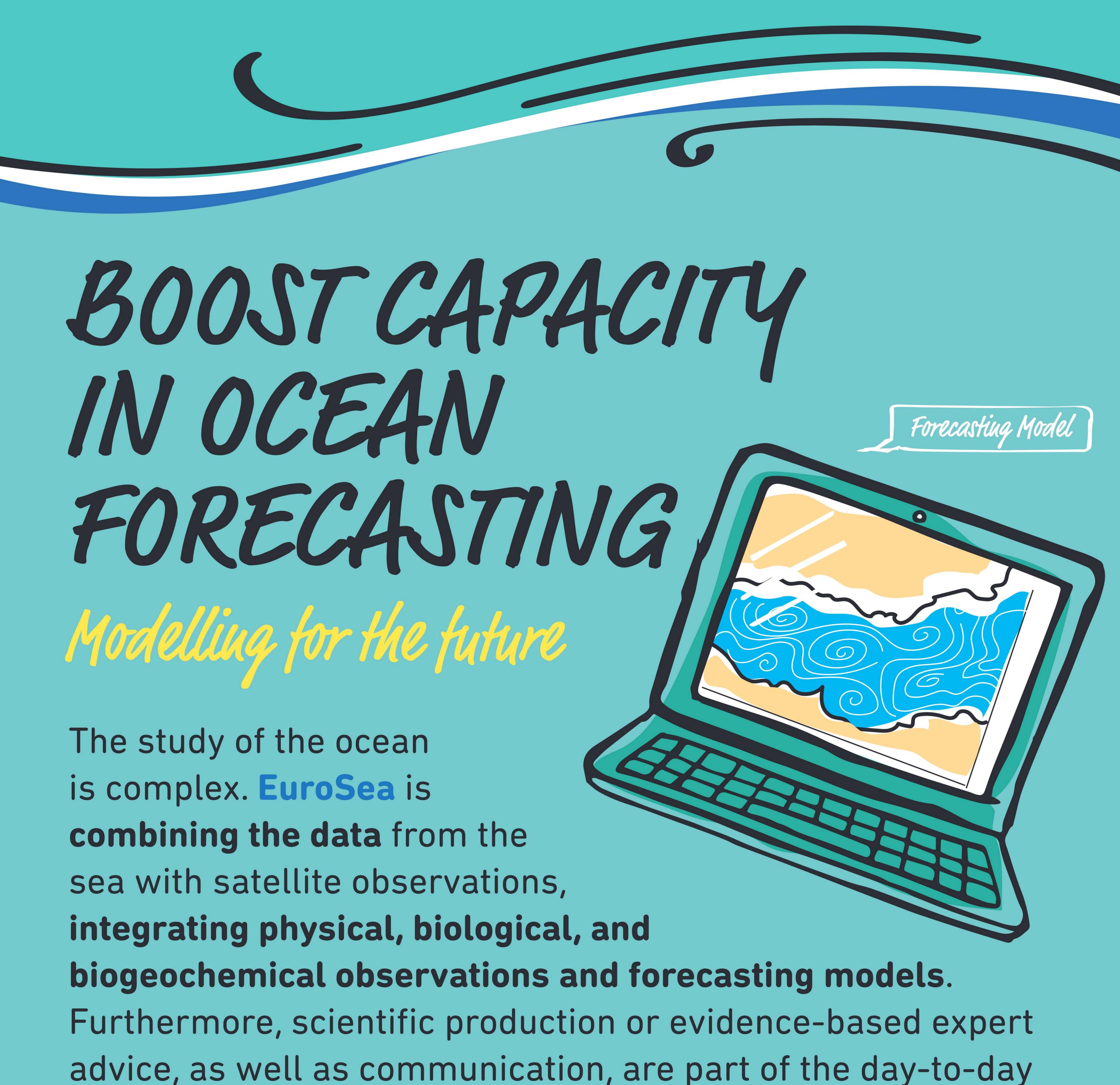
Hard coral cover and composition

Seagrass cover and composition

Macroalgal canopy cover
and composition

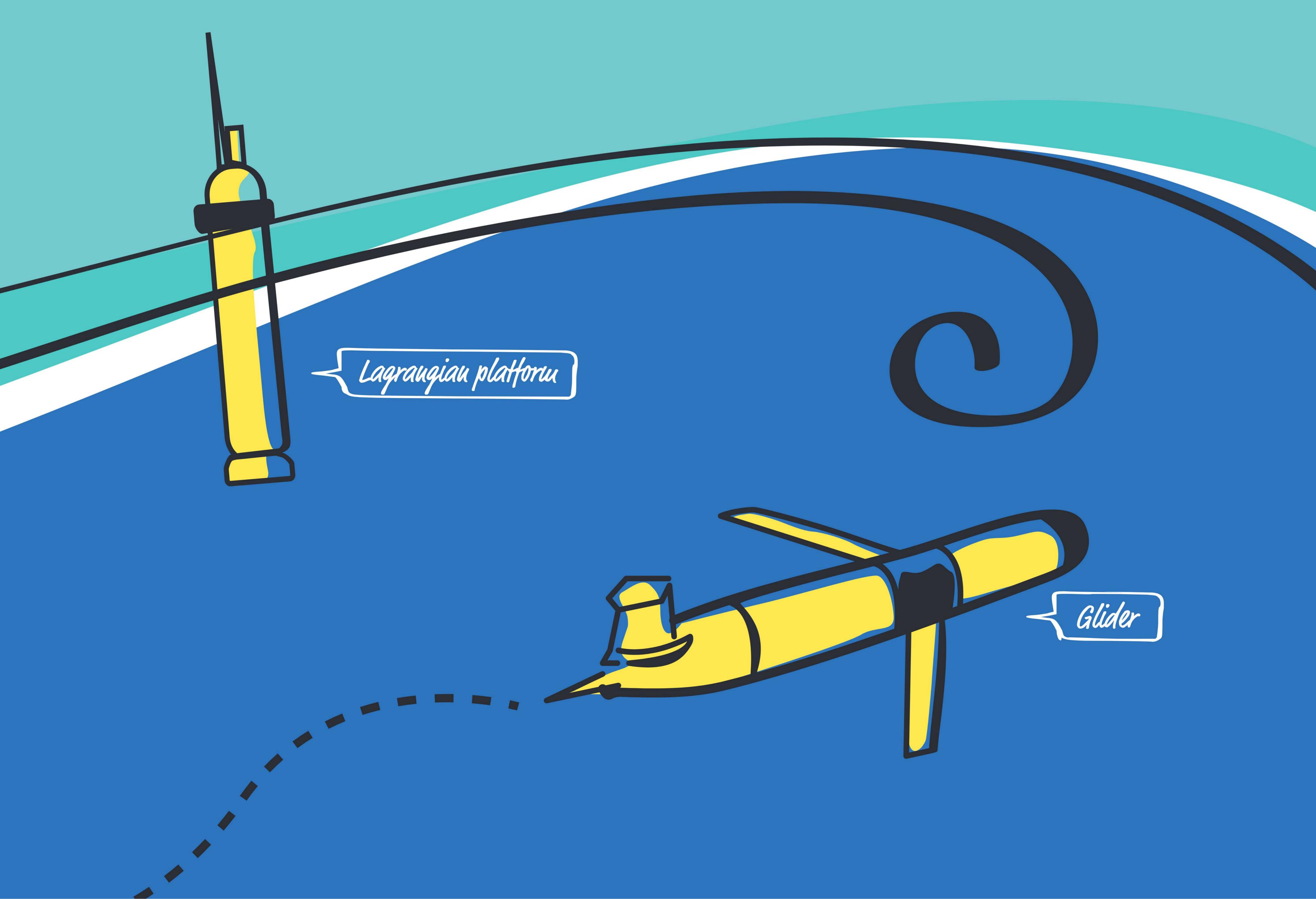
Mangrove cover
and composition





Furthermore, scientific production or evidence-based expert advice, as well as communication, are part of the day-to-day work of EuroSea members. **Multidisciplinary teams** of researchers, technicians, computer scientists, managers, and communicators contribute to **EuroSea**, working at sea onboard research vessels or on land in laboratories, technical facilities, and offices. They all work collaboratively in a network, united by their passion for the ocean.

**EuroSea** intends to show how **ocean observation and forecasting** address pressing issues facing our society, the environment, and the world while fostering public understanding of the ocean's value.

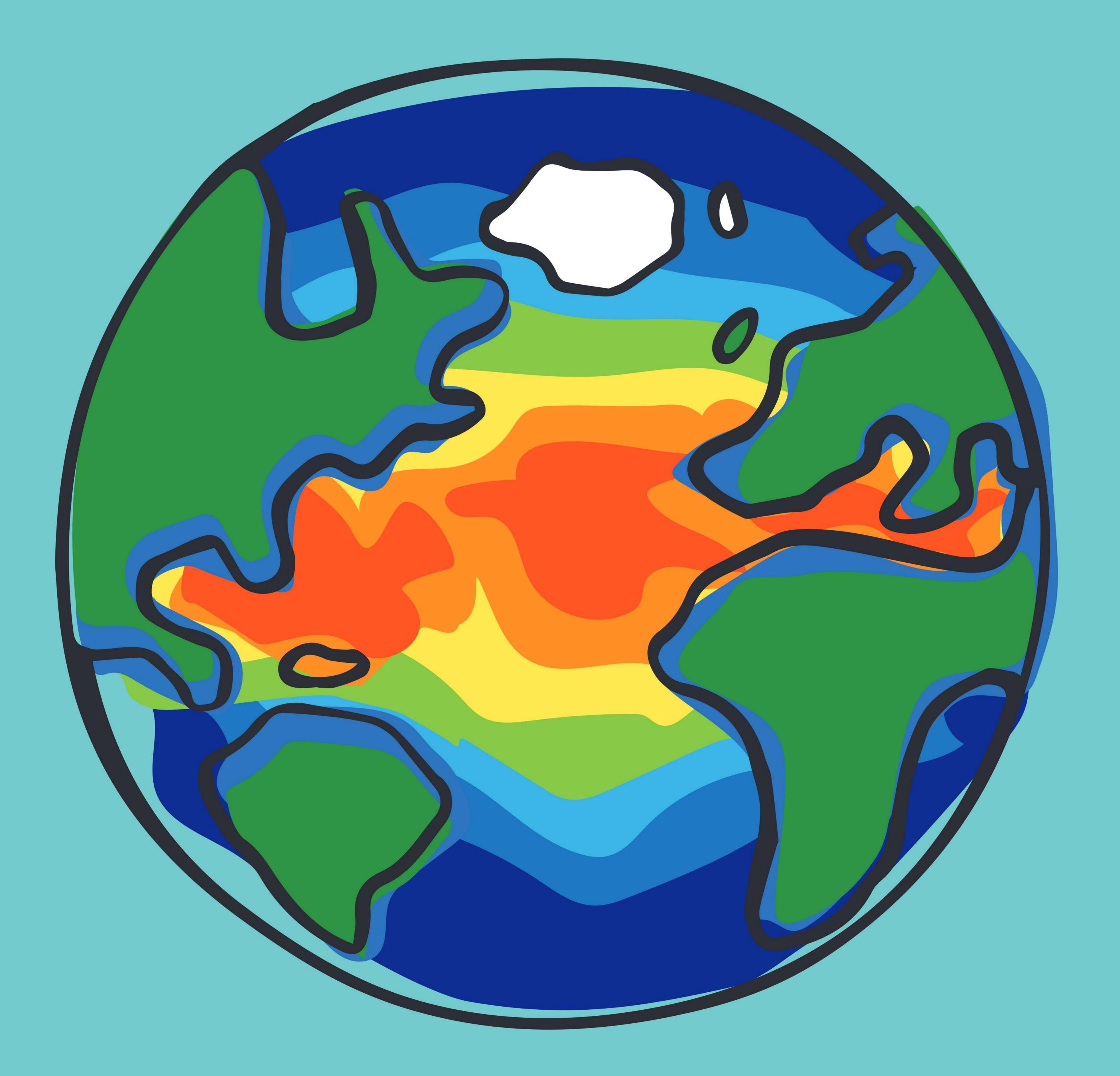


## RESPONDING TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Human activities are threatening ocean health and putting enormous pressure on its ecosystems and services. Climate change impacts (ocean warming, sea-level rise, and acidification, for example), as well as pollution and overfishing, are causing unprecedented changes that can irreversibly jeopardize our environmental well-being and economic vitality.

**EuroSea** assesses the **ocean's role in climate** through new **ocean climate indicators** in order to better support **sustainable management** and the **protection of the ocean and its resources**. Ocean indicator monitoring enables tracking changes in ocean properties that are essential to understand the ocean state, variability, and changes at different scales.

**EuroSea** delivers information about ocean indicators, such as coastal sea level and marine productivity, among others, that are useful for **aquaculture** and **fisheries**, **tourism** and **transport services** as well as **maritime spatial planning and management**.

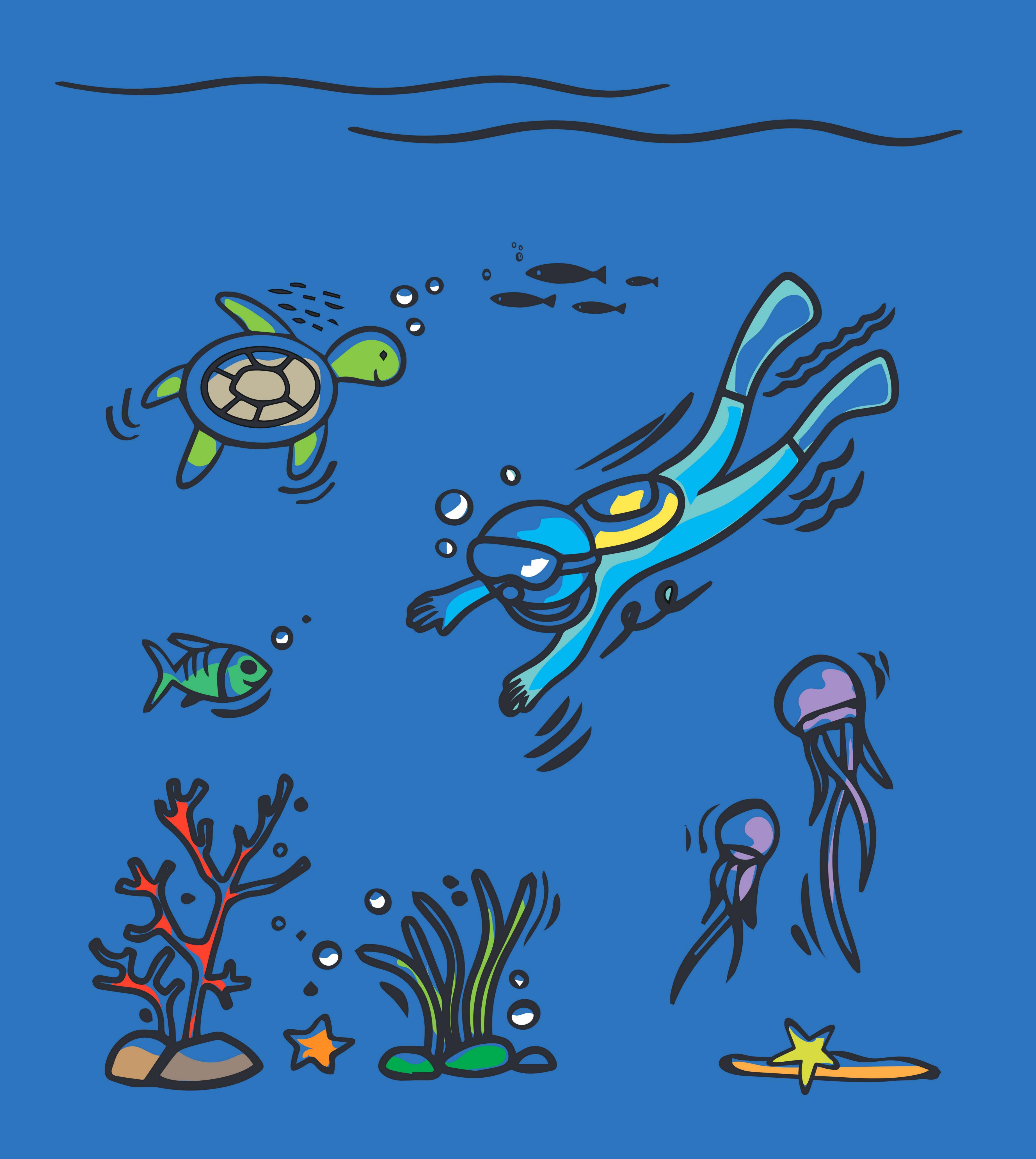


## OCEAN HEALTH

Extreme marine events are threatening marine ecosystems, resources, food security, and related businesses.

EuroSea develops services and tools to assess marine ecosystem health and to provide early warnings related to extreme marine events (low oxygen level or Marine Heat Waves) for users in aquaculture, fisheries, tourism, and environmental agencies.

EuroSea shares knowledge and seeks science-based solutions to achieve a more sustainable and inclusive economic model.



## ECONOMY

is gaining relevance.

The ocean is the basis of prosperity, providing important benefits to the economy and society that contribute to our well-being and quality of life. In this context, the blue economy, which considers the ocean as the engine of sustainable and profitable economic development,

EuroSea works to supply operational oceanographic services for ports and cities in order to minimize risks and improve environmental management, such as assessing water quality inside the port, managing beaches, and detecting and

mitigating accidents such as oil spills.





