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10 years of improving access to marine data

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Measure once, Measure once, use many times

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## What is MEDIN?

Group of organisations, tools and resources that make UK marine data FAIR







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Open partnership of UK organisations, Funded by 14 sponsors, Report to Marine Science Coordination Committee, Hosted by BODC since 2008





# MEDIN's aim?

To improve access to, and management of, UK marine data and information.

National framework for marine data + Expertise

#### National framework



Coordinated network of data centres

Data Portal

Metadata and data standards





An operational network of specialist Data Archive Centres providing stewardship of a broad range of marine data







A central web portal to search the marine data collected or managed by over 600 UK organisations

Made possible by widespread adoption of MEDIN metadata standard

#### Hub for UK Marine Data – MEDIN Portal



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#### Marine Metadata Standard





A network of over 50 partners committed to providing access to, and stewardship of, UK marine data





Created a legacy by training hundreds of current and next generation of marine experts.







#### Is it working? - are data being re-used



>30 times more than 2011-12

### MEDIN's relationship with BODC



### Symbiotic

### **Benefits to MEDIN**



- Embedded in a large team of dedicated and enthusiastic people
- Access to world class expertise (data managers, IT, oceanographers)
- Allowed to thrive as an independent network
- Exposure to new data management concepts
- Major user and promoter of BODC services e.g. NERC Vocabulary Server

### **Benefits to BODC**



- Opportunities to influence and work with other sectors (policy, industry, conservation)
- Cross pollination of ideas with other marine data centres
- Greater exposure of data holdings
- Platform to demonstrate the services and capabilities at BODC
- Direct feedback on services (e.g. NERC Vocabulary Server)

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