

# **EO Applications for Integrated Maritime and Territorial Spatial Planning in the Baltic (BalticAIMS)**

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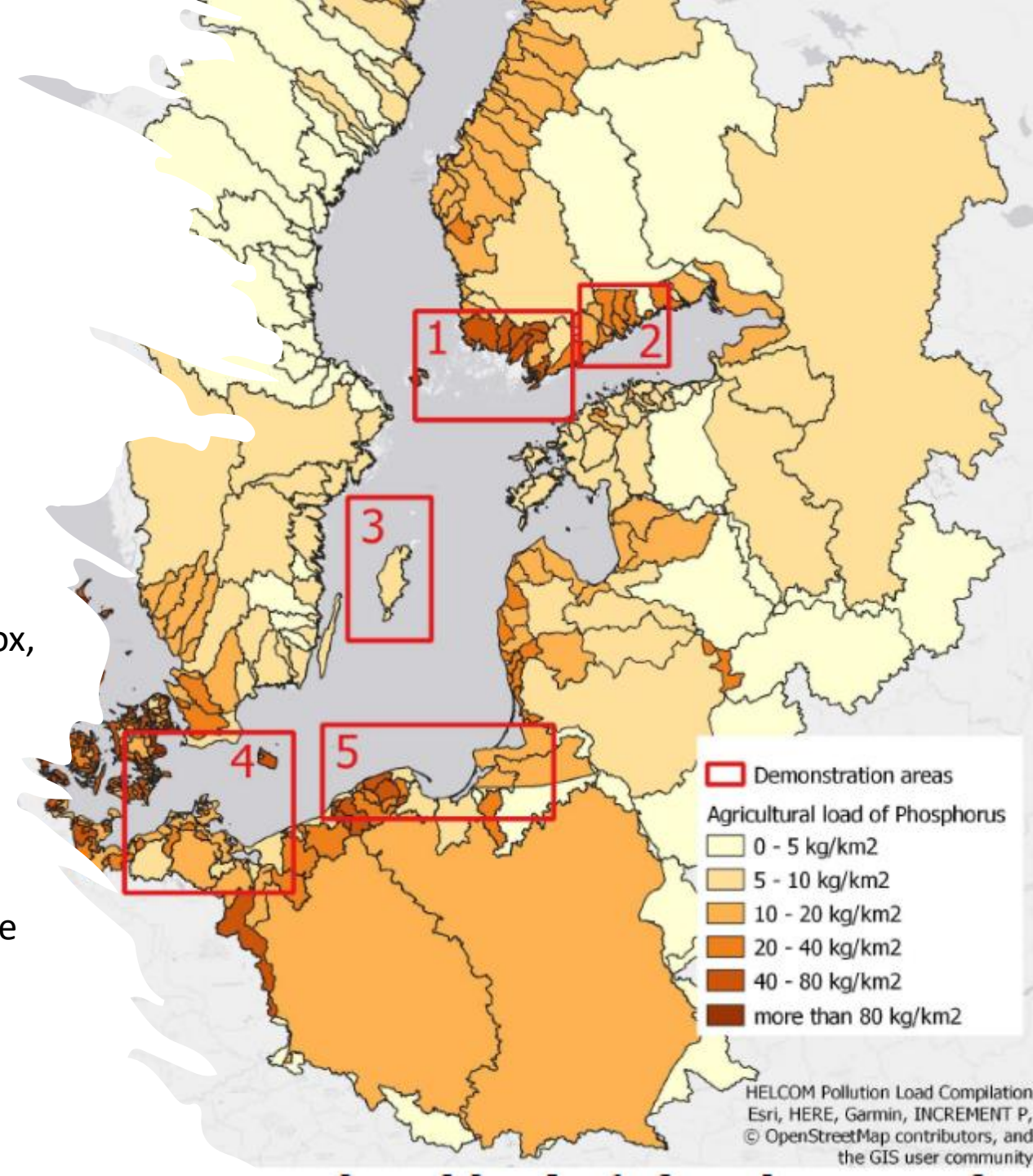
HELCOM-VASAB MSP Data group meeting  
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# Project basics

- Funded by European Space Agency (ESA)
- One of ESAs Baltic-focused projects (Baltic+)
- Duration 02/2021 – 02/2023 (24 months)
- Coordinated by Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE) (FI)
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- Partners
  - Brockmann Consult (GE), Brockmann Geomatics Sweden (SE)
- Webpage: [www.syke.fi/projects/BalticAIMS](http://www.syke.fi/projects/BalticAIMS)

# Objectives

- **Demonstrate** an integrated data approach for essential processes of land and coastal water areas
- Create data access, visualization and analysis systems and tools
  - GIS material relevant for MSP, human impacts and pressures
  - Water quality (monitoring stations, Alg@line ferrybox, automated stations)
  - EO and model datasets.
- **This meeting**
  - Inform about our project and plans
  - Get feedback & ideas for MSP related data needs for future



# BalticAims Schedule

## Spring 2021

User requirement specification

- e.g. HELCOM groups (VASAB-MSP, Agri, Pressures) & national authorities (~30) were interviewed

## Current phase

We are developing an information service based on user needs (e.g. MSP)

## Mar. – Oct. 2022

Demonstration : users can access the data

Demo interface & data access

## Jul. 2022 – Feb. 2023

User comments and further recommendations

Baltic Workshop (Oct 2022)

## 2023/2024? →

Towards a larger scale project

# Main requirements by large group of national authorities and HELCOM group experts

- Main interest was on receiving more observations on coastal processes related to
  - Separating human impacts from natural background changes
  - More information on water quality & human impact on coastal waters
  - Data gaps particularly in spring and wintertime
- How much of this can be achieved with satellite observations?
  - Many of the requirements can be met by combining satellite observations of turbidity, chl-a, temperature, ice cover to available GIS material & monitoring information
    - > EO can be utilized to complement the existing coastal GIS material for MSP
  - BalticAims-project works on the demonstration areas, but most cases can be expanded to Baltic Sea wide material later.

# Showcases

- A: EO based information to be used in user legacy systems for spatial planning
- B: Monitor the effects of nutrient flow from the drainage basin to the coastal waters
- C: Monitoring the impacts of coastal activities
- D: Combination of Coastal Zone mapping and CMEMS coastal water quality material
- E: Monitoring of temperature anomalies  
-> upwelling & input of heat

A1: Material to support the review of MSP Plans  
A2: Human impact  
A3: Hotspots

B1: Impact of agriculture  
B2: PLC subgroup  
B3: Monitoring of nutrient reduction measure

C1: Dredging Helsinki  
C3: HELCOM dredging & dumping  
C2: Water quality coastal Finland  
C4: HELCOM human pressures

D1: Wind park  
D2: Aquaculture footprint  
D3: Coastal land use

E1: Helsinki city coastal water temperature  
E2: Climate change



Interests are in human impacts on coastal water quality and water temperature

# Coastal city use case (Helsinki region)

## EO

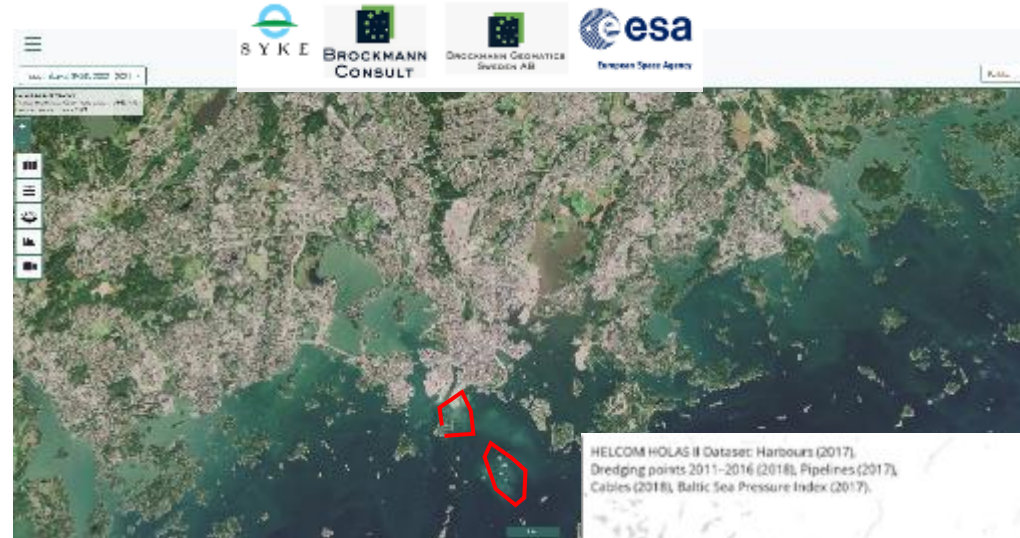
- Demonstrative set of
- RGB, EO turbidity
- Cases, where human impact are clear
- Seasonal (summer, spring turbidity, chl<sub>a</sub>)
- Also some good wintertime RGBs

## GIS

- Available GIS material on coastal activity (human pressures)
- GIS material, where human impacts identified from EO material are indentified (TBD)

## Stations

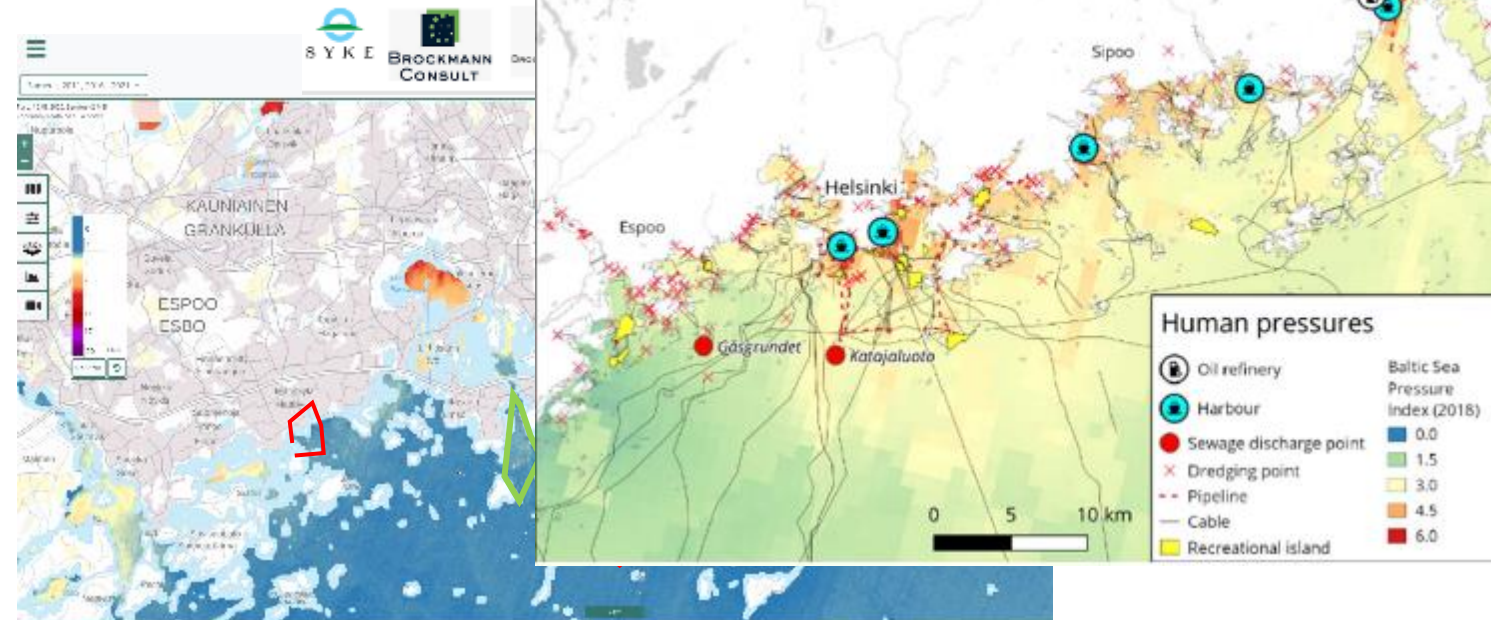
- Coastal stations (WQ)
- Automated temperature network



— Active dredging and dumping areas identified

— Riverine impact areas

— Regular ship route in harbor



# BALTIC AIMS interface



## EO

- RGB
- EO turbidity
- Cases, where human impact are clear
- Seasonal (summer, spring turbidity, chl-a)
- Algae blooms
- Wintertime RGBs

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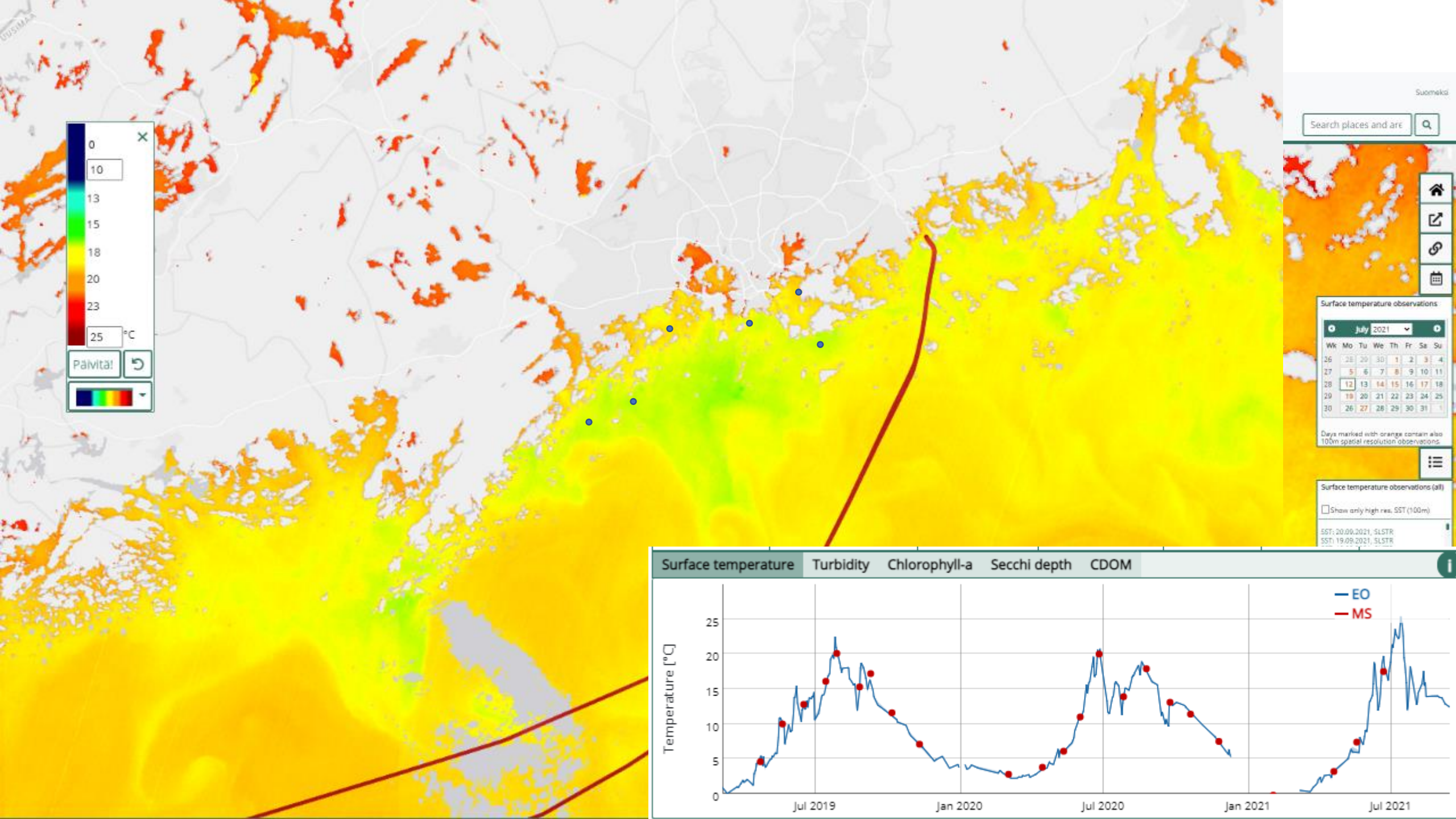
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# Dumping event: 24.08.2021, 10:25; 33UUA, German Coastal





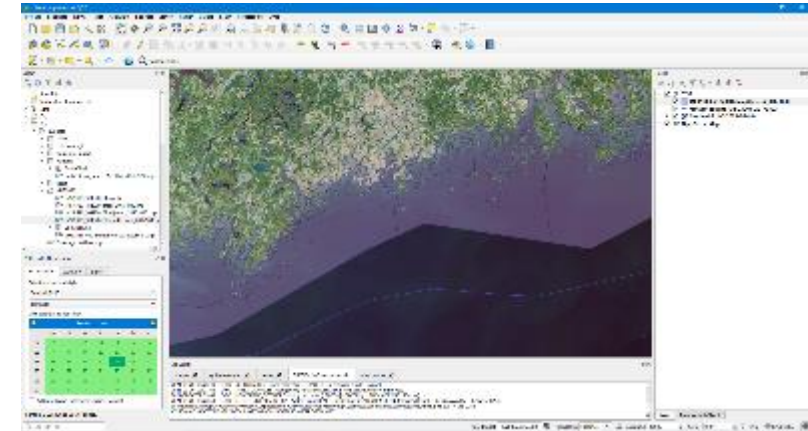
# Demo phase in 2022

Expert legacy systems:  
access the data in GIS applications

Public viewer to familiarize with the datasets:



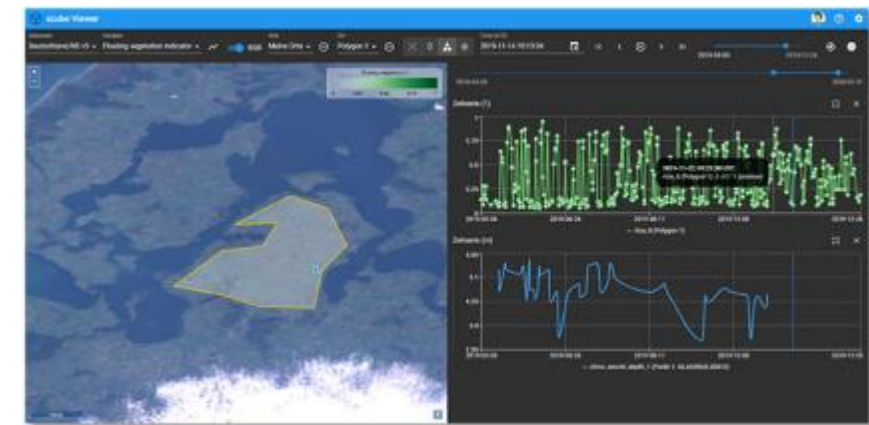
Syke.fi/TARKKA



QGIS



Cube viewer



# Summary

- Material & interface development based on MSP and other expert needs is currently underway
- Demonstration material available in 2022 (from March to Oct)
  - Comments very welcome !
  - Welcome to our Baltic Workshop (Oct 2022)
- Demonstration could lead to a larger Baltic Sea wide project & service
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