







THE EARTH DATA PORTAL

for Finding and Exploring Research Content

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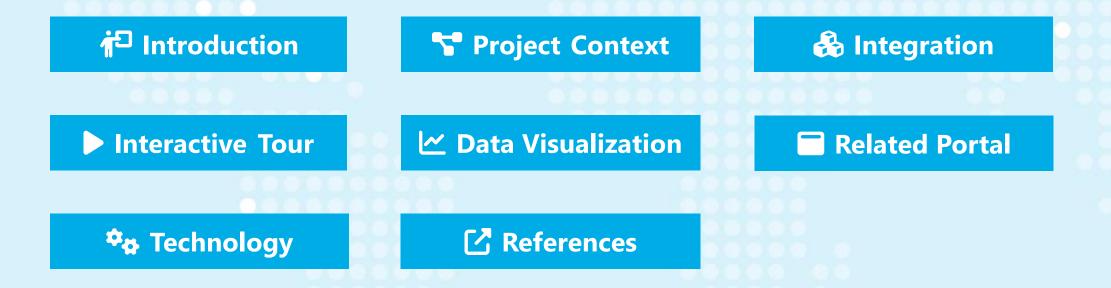
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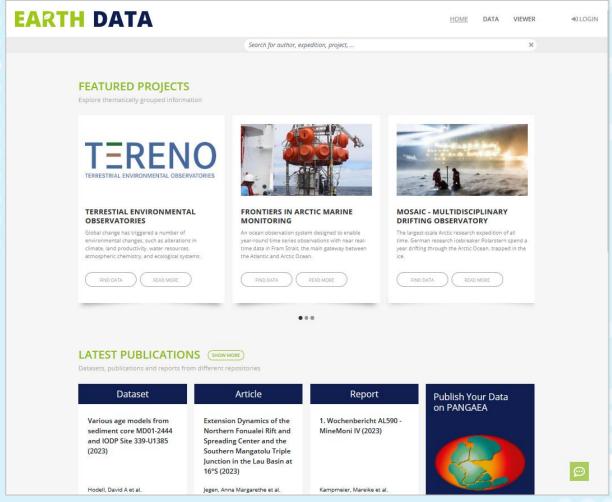


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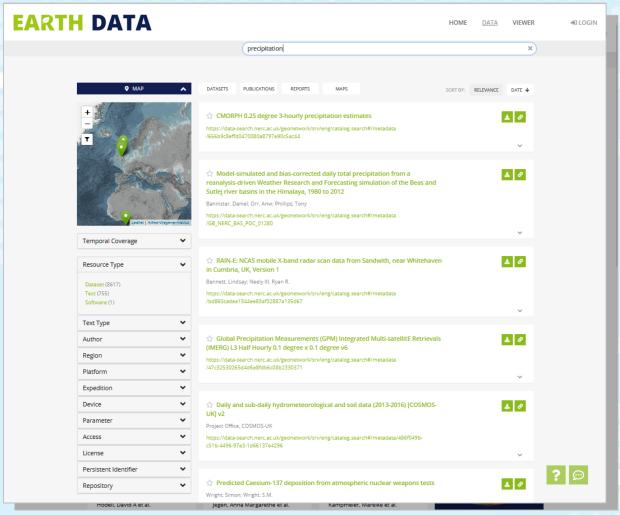
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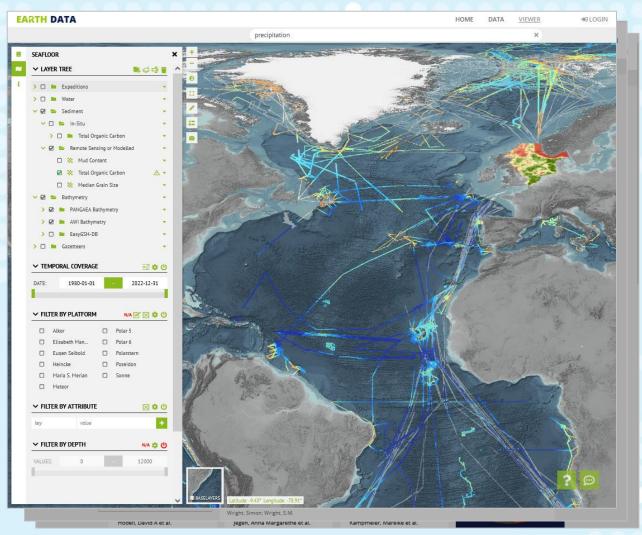
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Thematic map viewers

FAIR: Findable, Accessible Interoperable, Reusable



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Earth Data is being actively developed

On a technical level, the portal is in a mature status

Some of the challenges are:

- Coordination with our partners to make their data more visible
- Harmonization of incoming metadata for a common presentation
- **Showcasing** selected data collections to encourage exploration





PROJECT CONTEXT



As part of the **German Marine Research Alliance** (**DAM**) and the **Helmholtz-funded DataHub project**, leading German research centers are working on joint data management concepts, including the **Earth Data** portal.

Development and operation are executed in the computing and data center of the **Alfred Wegener Institute** in collaboration with the partner institutes.

We are also in contact with **NFDI4Earth** for future collaboration and exchange in research data management and portal development.









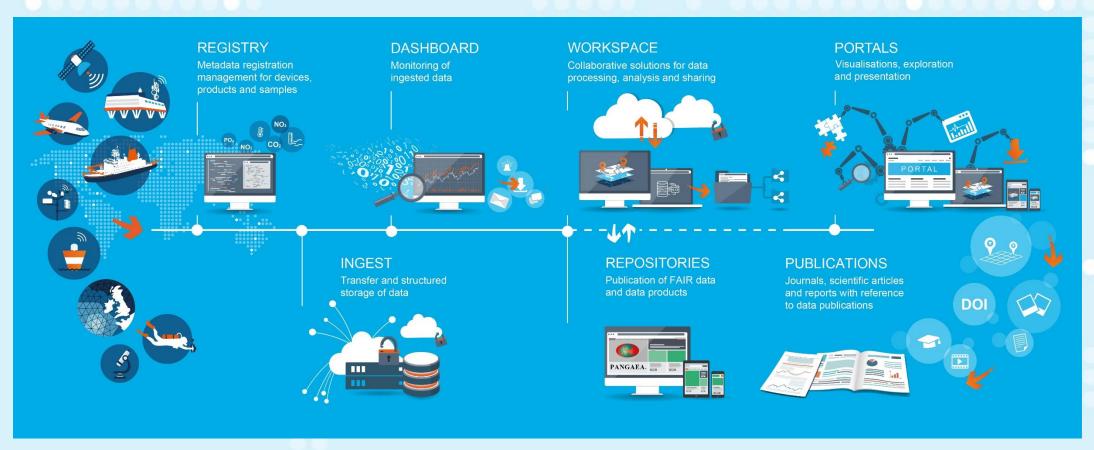






The portal is interconnected with other applications and infrastructures as a part of

O2A: Data flow from Observations to Analysis & Archives



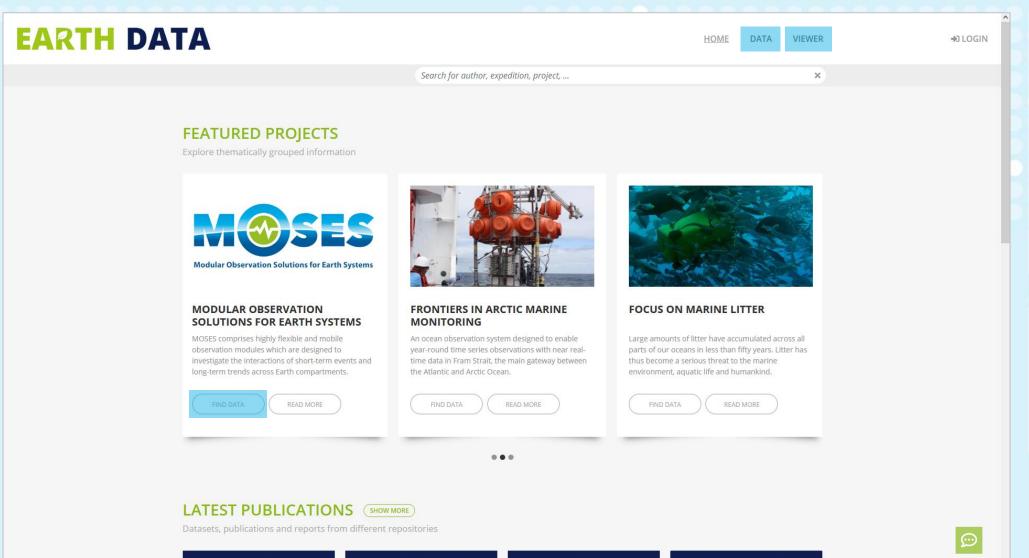


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Dataset





Welcome!

This is a nonlinear tour of the portal UI



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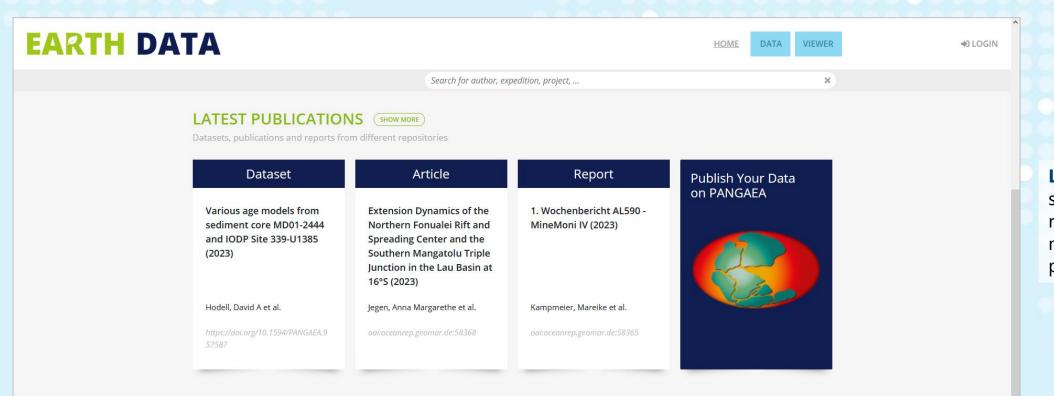
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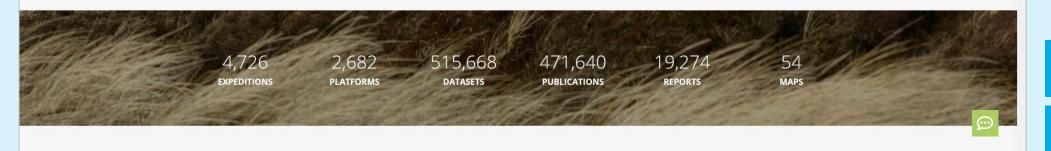
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Latest Publications

showcases search results with the most recent publication date.





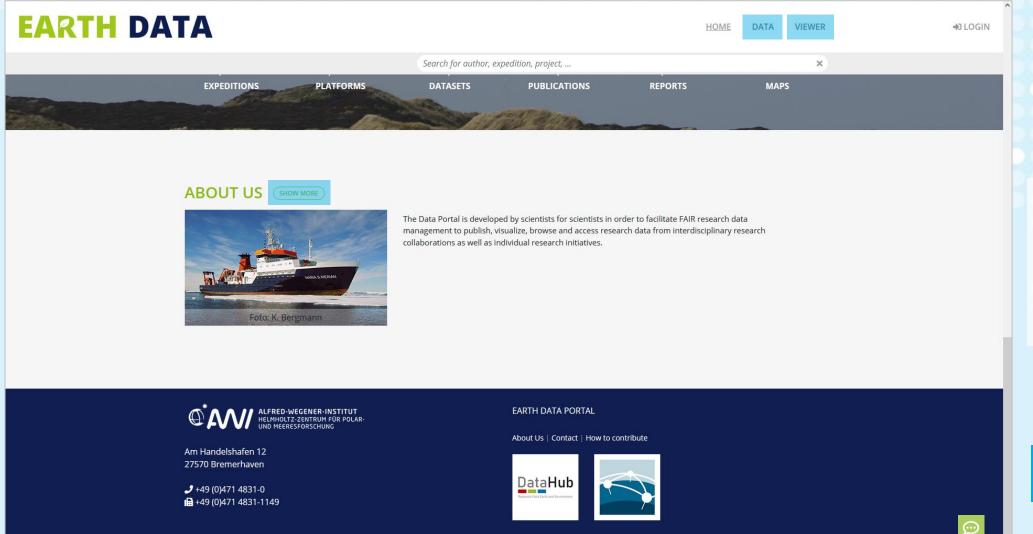


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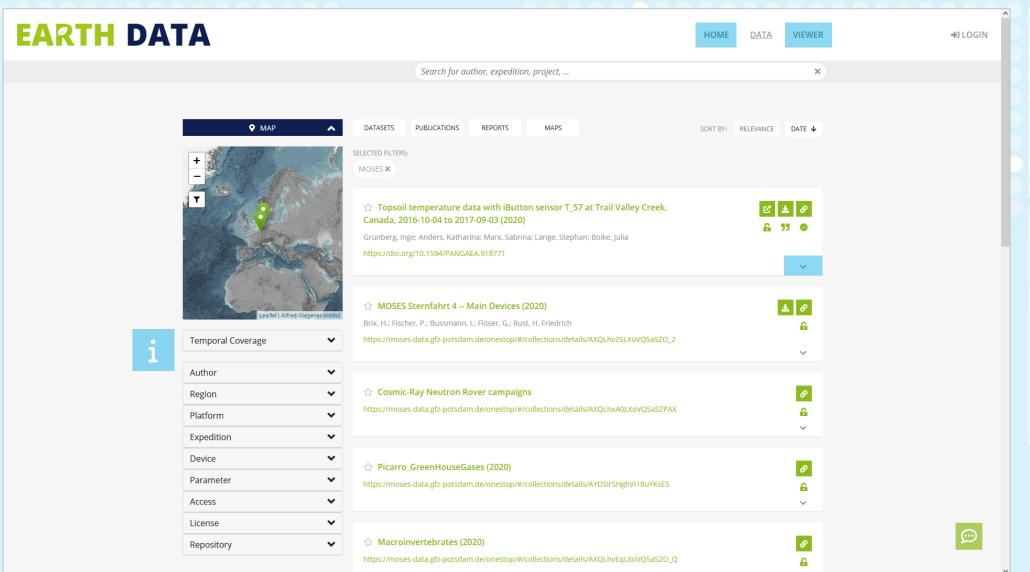
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The Data Page

is a core feature of the portal and allows you to find data from a variety of sources using free-text search with filters.

Icons in the search results link to related resources or deliver more information about a dataset.

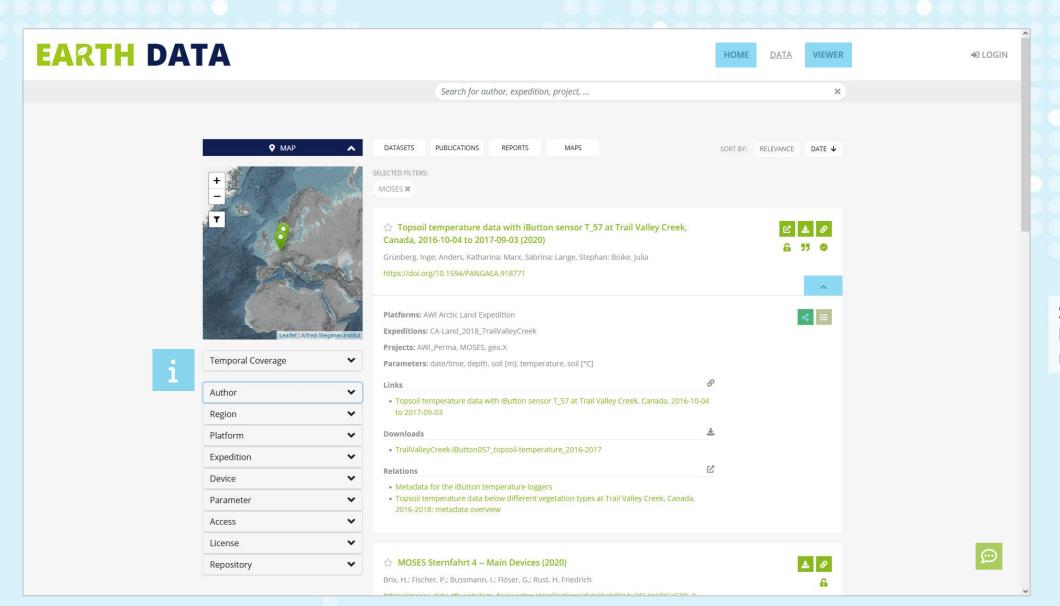








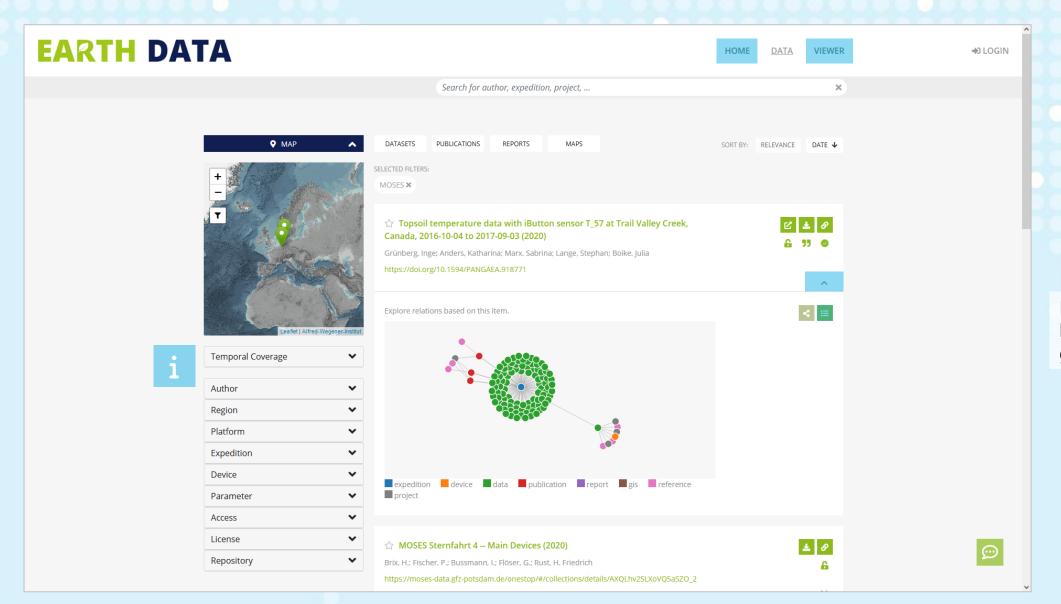




Search results can be opened to view more information.



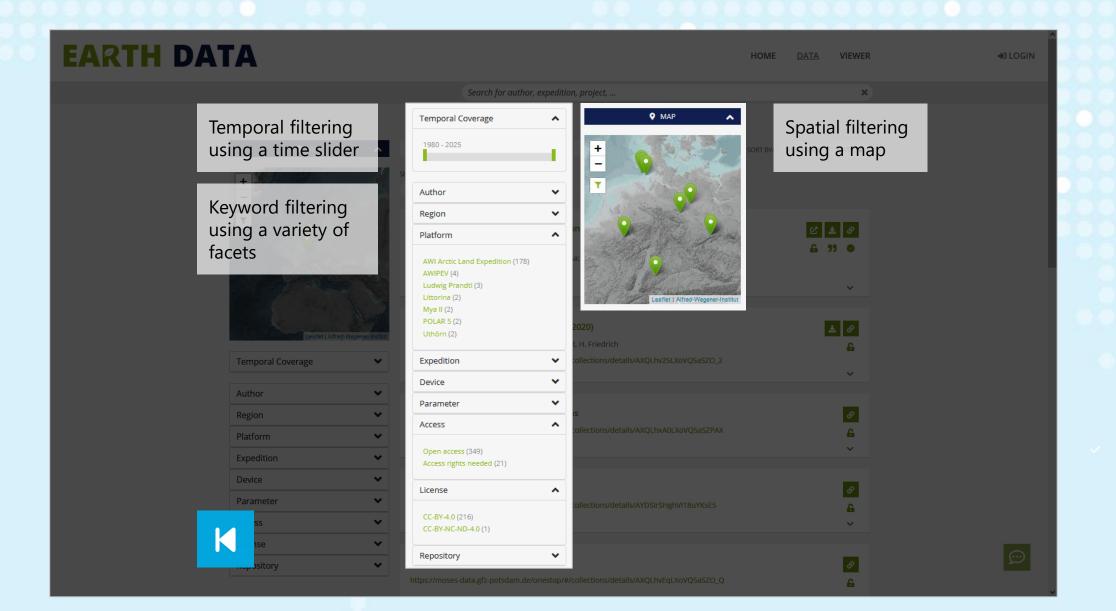




Related items can be explored in a graph visualization.

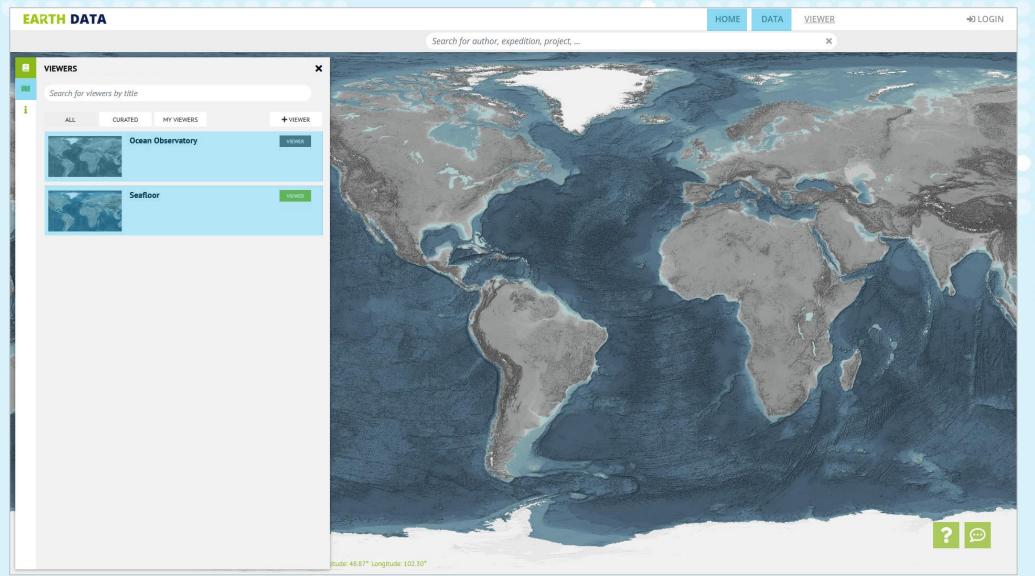












Thematic Viewers allow exploration

allow exploration and visualization of spatial data on a map.

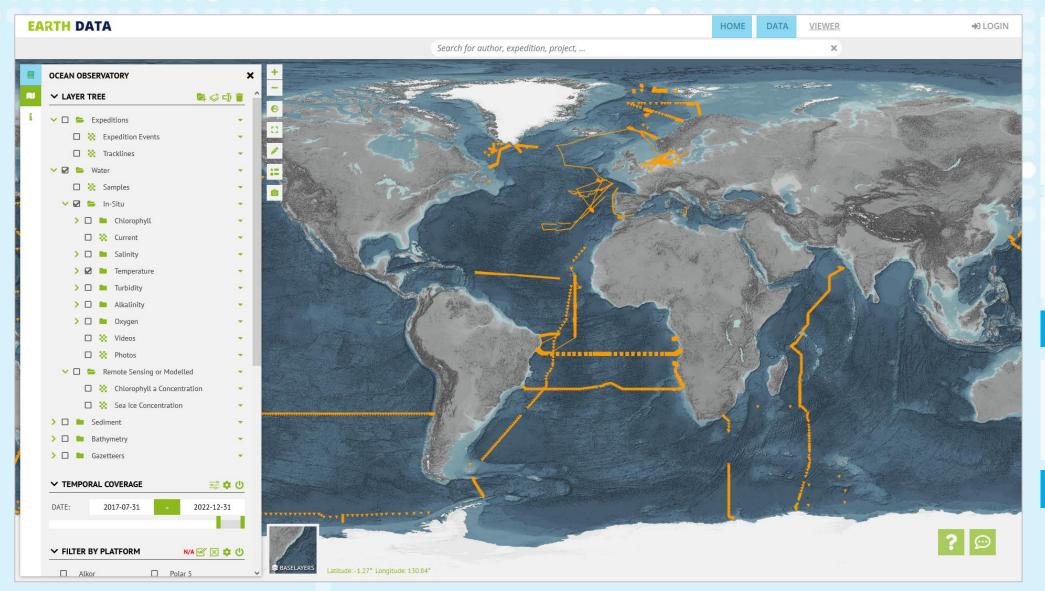
A list of preconfigured viewers can be explored in the future. Currently two viewers with marine research data are available.

Click here to find out more about data products and their visualization:

∠ Data Visualization







Ocean Observatory

This viewer focuses on oceanographic data and primarily visualizes measurements taken in the water column

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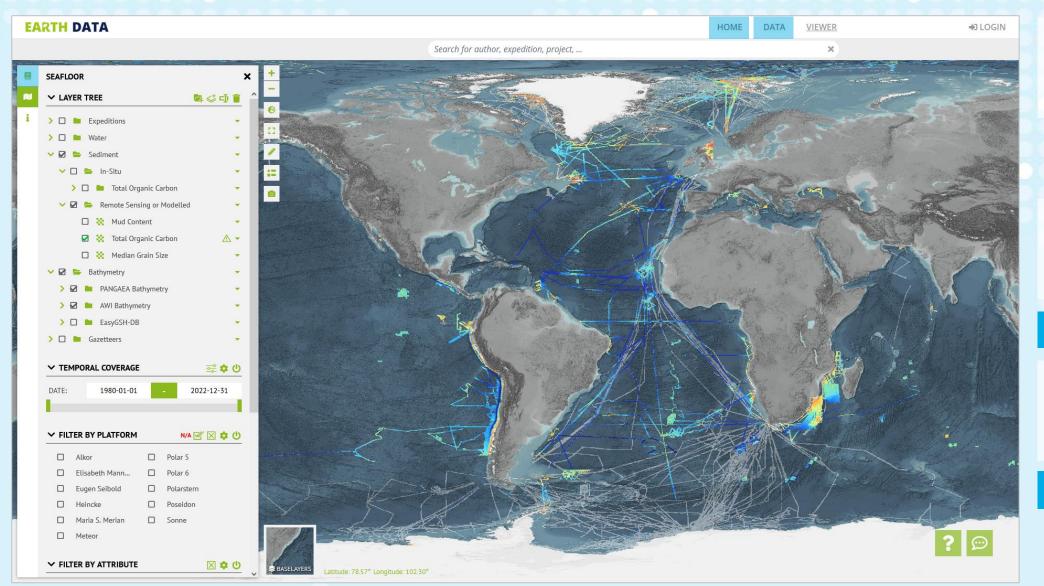
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Related Portal







Seafloor

This viewer focuses on sediment and bathymetric data

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Search for author, expedition, project, ...

ABOUT US

The Data Portal is developed by scientists for scientists in order to facilitate FAIR research data management to publish, visualize, browse and access research data from interdisciplinary research collaborations as well as individual research initiatives.

The Data Portal with its thematic data views and underlying collaborative data workflows is constantly evolving and jointly supported by

- . the BMBF-initiative "Information and infrastructure for marine and integrated earth system research" (DataHUB) via the Helmholtz Association's (HGF) research programme "Earth and Environment" and
- the German Marine Research Alliance (Deutsche Allianz Meeresforschung (DAM))

Overview

Within our earth system, seas, oceans and the Polar Regions play a central role in global climate processes. They are among the most important eco-systems and influence the lives of millions of people. There is a great need for knowledge on how to protect the oceans and make their use by humans more sustainable.

In 2019, the German marine research community, together with the federal government and the northern German states of Bremen, Hamburg, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein, founded the German Marine Research Alliance (Deutsche Allianz Meeresforschung, DAM) and is jointly supported by the Helmholtz Association's "Earth and Environment" research programme.

Members

We link leading German marine research institutions in order to contribute to a sustainable use of the oceans and seas. The following university and non-university marine research institutions are currently involved:







Objectives We aim to strengthen the sustainable use of our Earth system, especially the coasts, seas,

oceans and Polar Regions through research, data management and digitalisation, infrastructure and transfer. To this end, we are working together with our member institutions to develop solution-oriented knowledge.

Since the Data Portal is developed by scientists for scientists, we integrate research data from various interdisciplinary research collaborations as well as single research initiatives. Besides integrating individual research data sets into the portal, we foster the aggregation and visualisation of curated data products where possible as well as standardised webbased data services for re-use. We support machine-readable data driven science and the development of cloud computing in science. In that context, please be aware of varying data quality aspects due to originally different purpose of data acquisition (Terms of Use)

Feedback

Your feedback is very much appreciated. Please provide your comments and suggestions for how we could improve our data services and the Data Portal.

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AWI Alfred Wegener Institute Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research



CEN Center for Earth System Research and Sustainability, Universität Hamburg



FZJ Forschungszentrum Jülich



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BSH Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency



DMM German Oceanographic Museum, Stralsund



FZK Coastal Research Center of Leibniz University Hannover and Technische Universität Braunschweig



BGR Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources



DSM German Maritime Museum – Leibniz Institute for Maritime History



GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel



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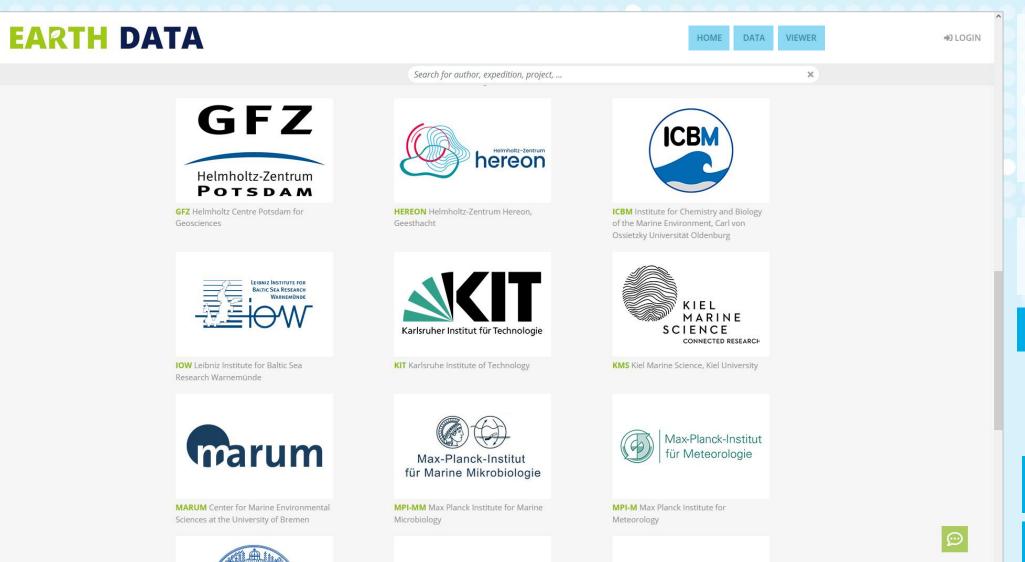
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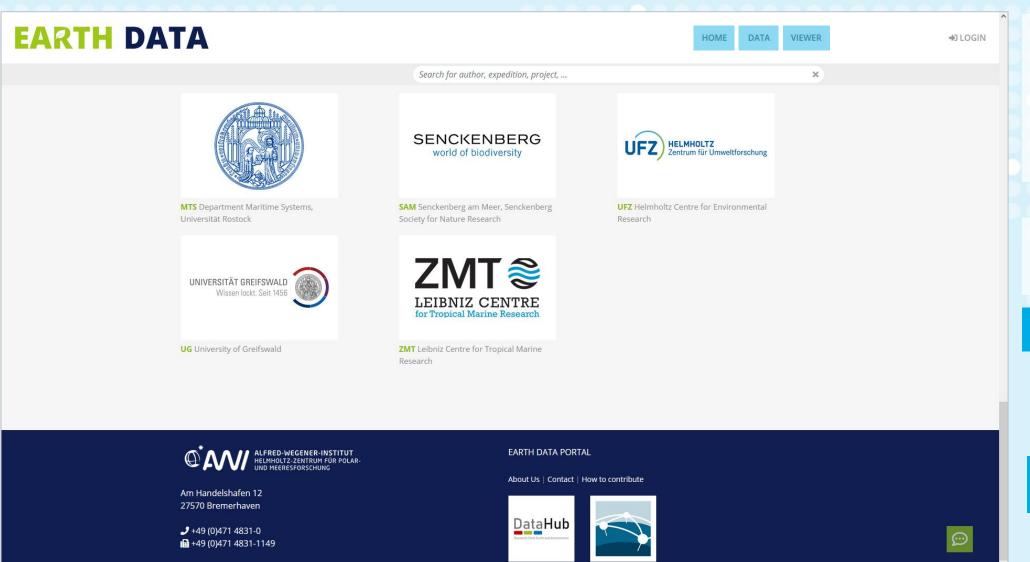
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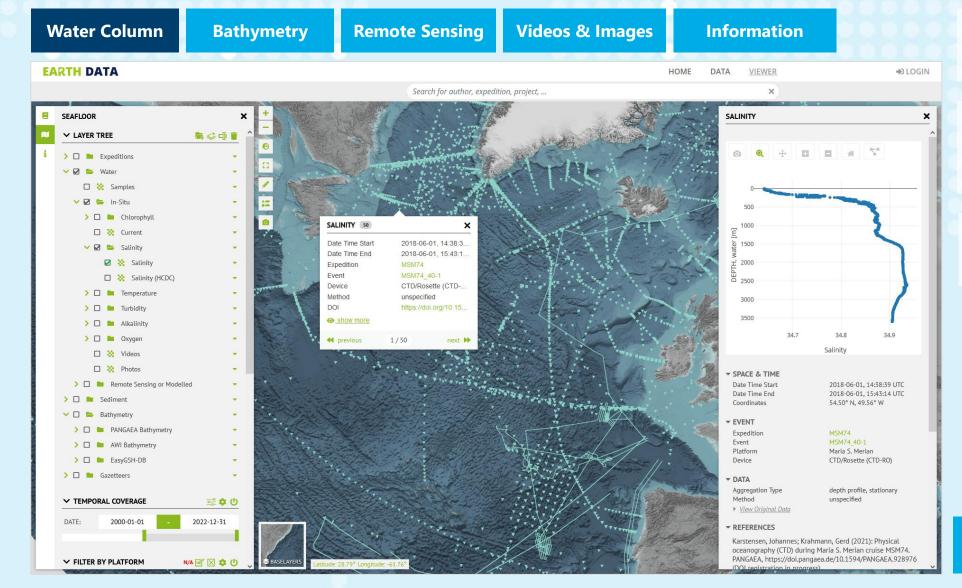
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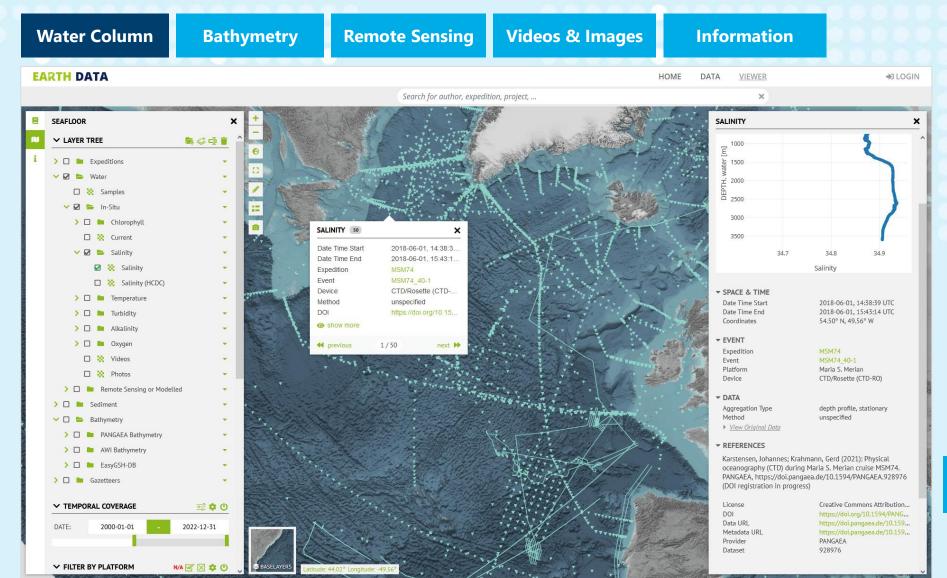
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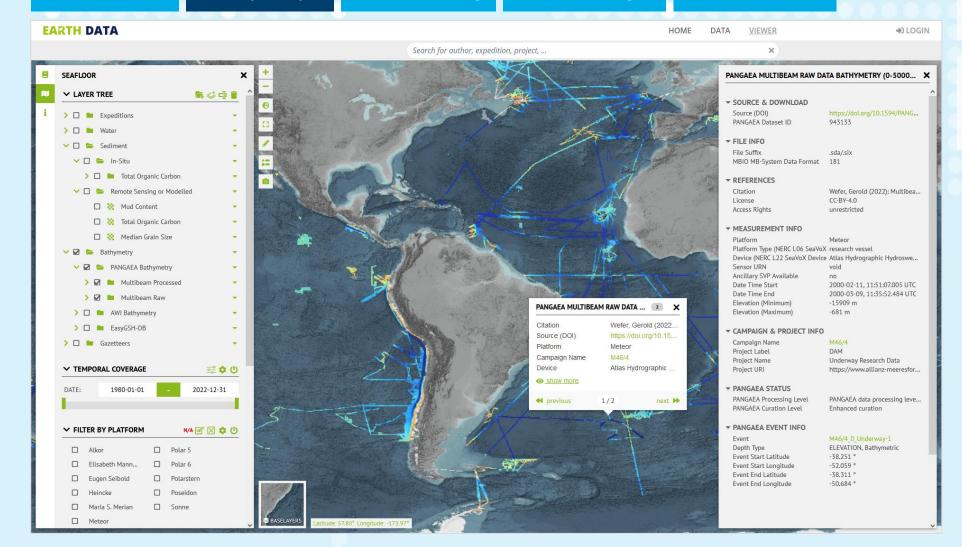
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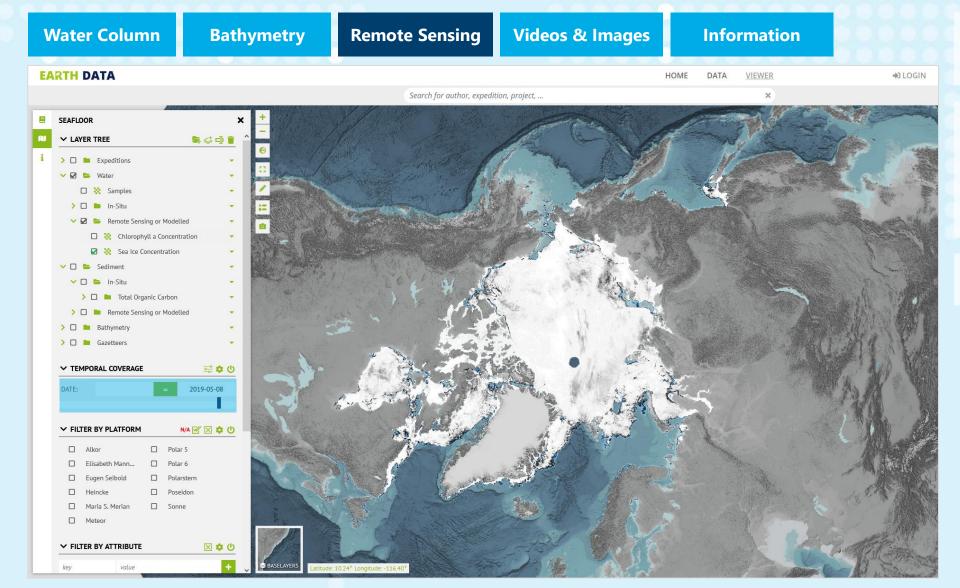
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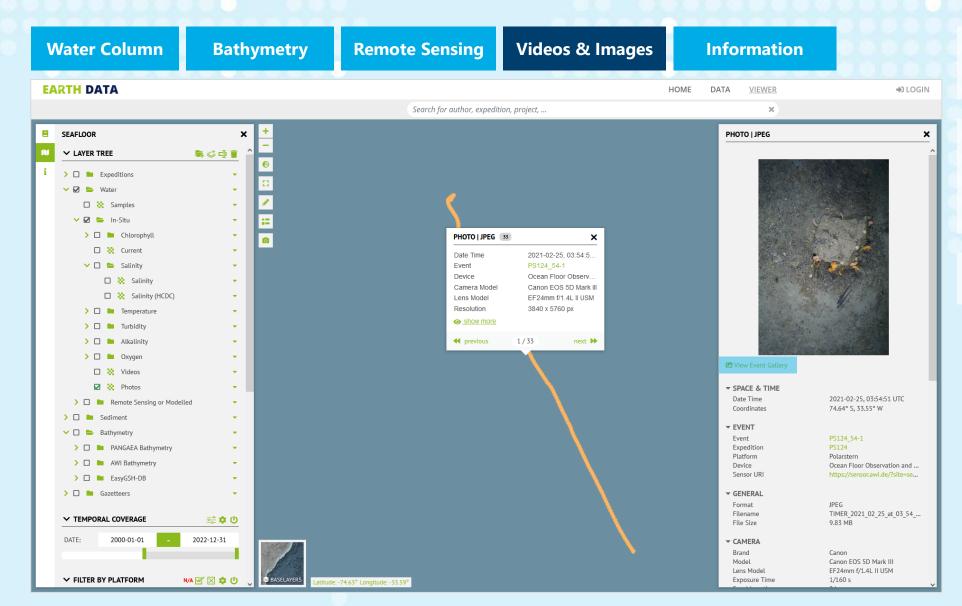
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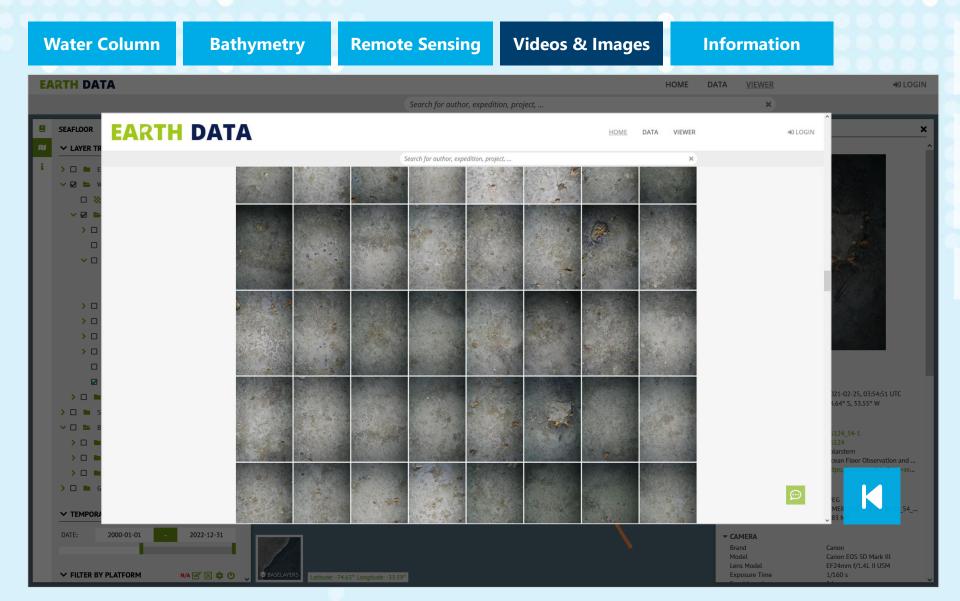
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Visual Exploration Framework

The viewer uses an internally developed open source framework for visualization based on established open source libraries like leaflet for maps and plotly.js for diagrams.



Open Git Repository

Spatial Data Infrastructure

Data products are compiled from mixed sources and provided using OGC standard interfaces like WMS & WFS in collaboration with scientific working groups.

Related EGU Poster [EGU23-17052]:

A flexible yet sustainable Spatial Data Infrastructure for the Integration of Distributed Research Data



Poster Abstract

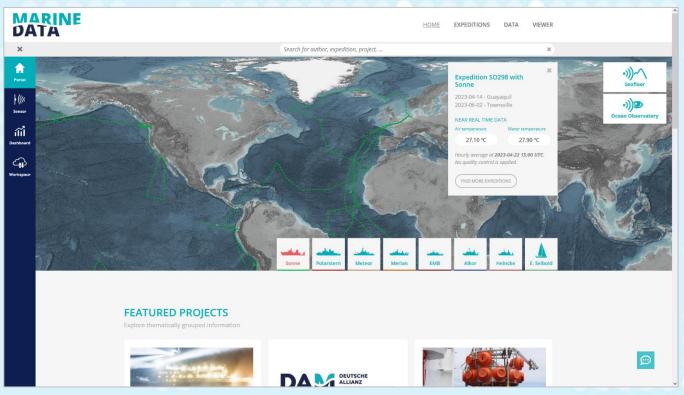


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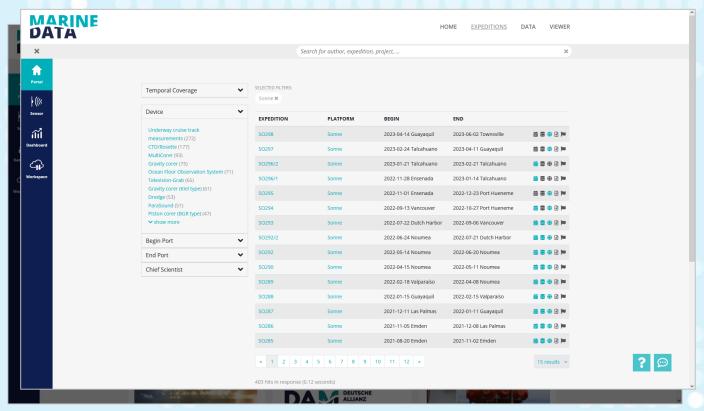
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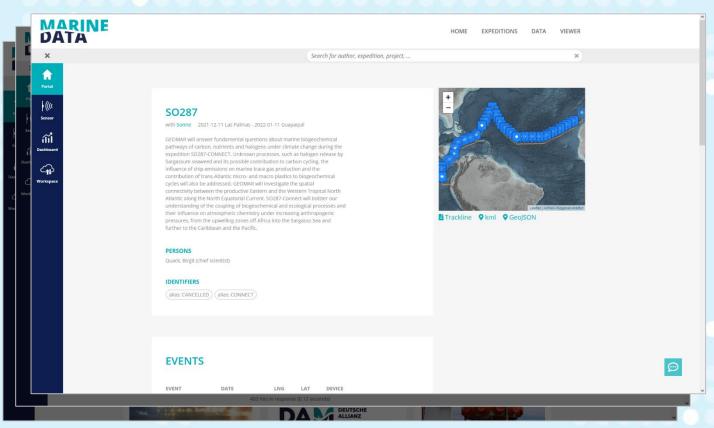


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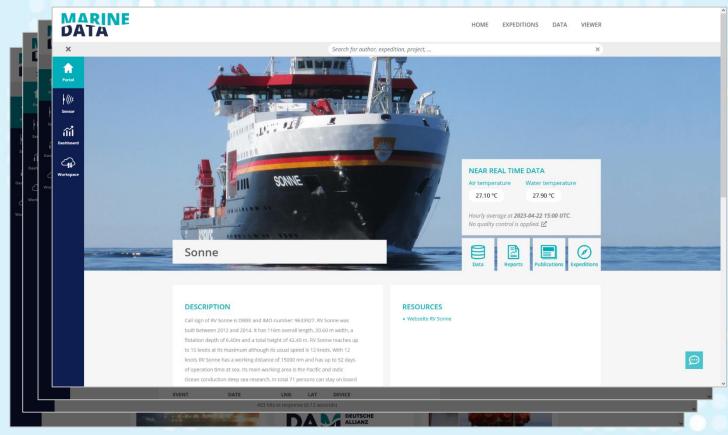
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The following diagram is an abstract representation of the portal architecture

User Interface (HTML, JavaScript) **Index Web Service Harvesting PHP Laravel** Service + Scripts (Java, Tomcat) OAI-PMH **OGC WFS OGC CSW** RESTful **ElasticSearch PostgreSQL** (Metadata)

Search Metadata Harvesting

Search results in the free-text search are harvested from mixed sources using standard interfaces like OAI-PMH, OGC CSW, OGC WFS or other RESTful APIs



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