

Atlantic Ecosystems Assessment, Forecasting & Sustainability



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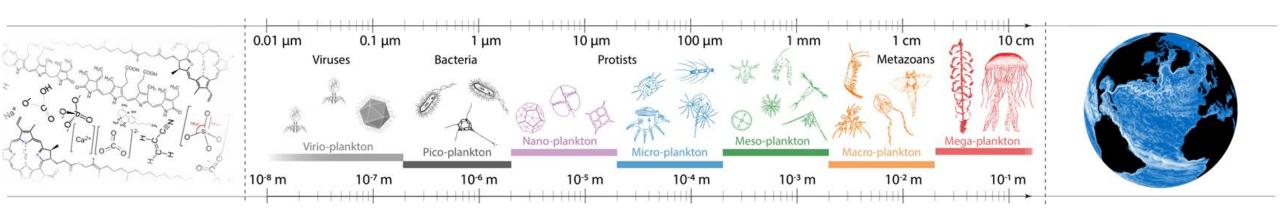
Vision

- Develop and apply a novel, holistic framework to manage ecosystem health and services
- Provide knowledge-based resources and engage with science, industry, policy, and citizens
- Exchange & build capacity along and across the Atlantic Ocean



Three pillars of research

- Microbiomes (next generation imaging & 'omics)
- Plastics & the plastisphere
- Seascape & connectivity





Five ecosystem services

ES1: Climate support system: carbon drawdown and storage

ES2: Deep ocean life support system: transfer to mesopelagic and seabed ecosystems

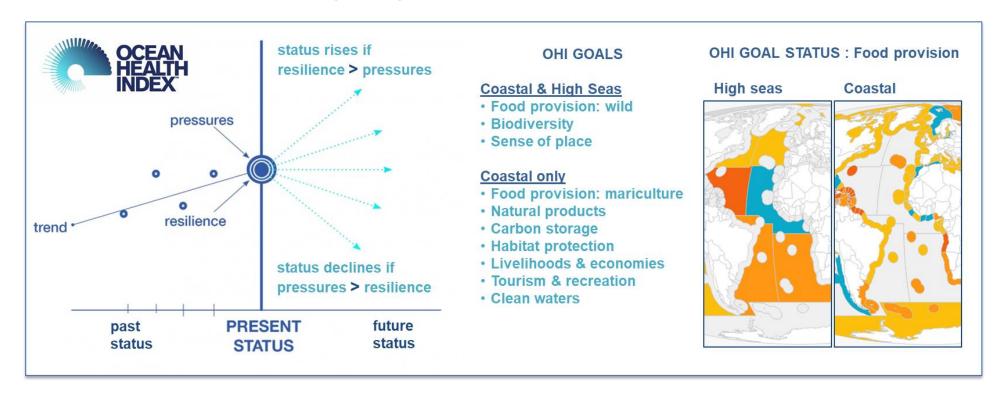
ES3: Food security and trophic fluxes: fisheries and aquaculture.

ES4: Healthy planet, healthy people: biohazards, cycling of plastics and pollutants

ES5: Biodiversity: resilience, adaptation and biodiscovery



Ocean Health Index (OHI) as a framework to assess ecosystem health & services



- Indicator of achievements with respect to the Convention for Biological Diversity (CBD)
- Explicitly linked to several of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, e.g. SDG14
- Map to key elements identified in MSFD as measures of Good Environmental Status (GES)



Objectives / Activity Streams (AS#)

AS1 – Assess the status of ecosystem structures, functions, health and services at regional, basin and all Atlantic scales and provide high quality gridded data products and maps

AS2 – Enhance knowledge and Innovate by adopting standard optical and genetic observations protocols, cutting-edge network analysis methods, and better parameterisation of connectivity and biogeochemical models.

AS3 – Assess drivers and stressors of change and forecast their impact on tipping points and recovery of ecosystem structures, functions and services, and develop eco-socio-economic models to predict their future states

AS4 – Share and use capacity and knowledge across the four continents bordering the Atlantic Ocean ensuring a seamless engagement between science, industry, policy, and society.



WP1 Coordination

WP2

Marine ecosystem structures & functions

WP3

Marine ecosystem health & services

Activity Stream (AS1)
ASSESS STATUS

Activity Stream (AS2) SENHANCE & INNOVATE

WP4

Augmented observations & technology innovations

WP5

Network analysis & experimental validation

WP6

Ecosystems connectivity & model predictability

WP7

Drivers of change in marine ecosystems

WP8

Predicted changes in ecosystem services

Activity Stream (AS3)
ASSESS CHANGE

To GROWTH & SUSTAINABILITY

from

KNOWLEDGE

Activity Stream (AS4) SHARE & USE

WP9

Communication, capacity building & outreach

WP10

Data Management, dissemination & exploitation of results



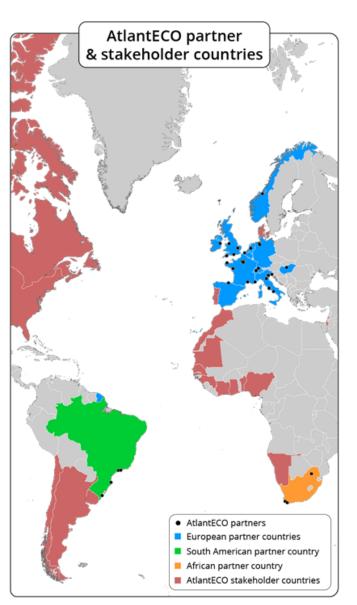
Budget: 11M€

Duration: 2020-2024

Consortium: 36 partners



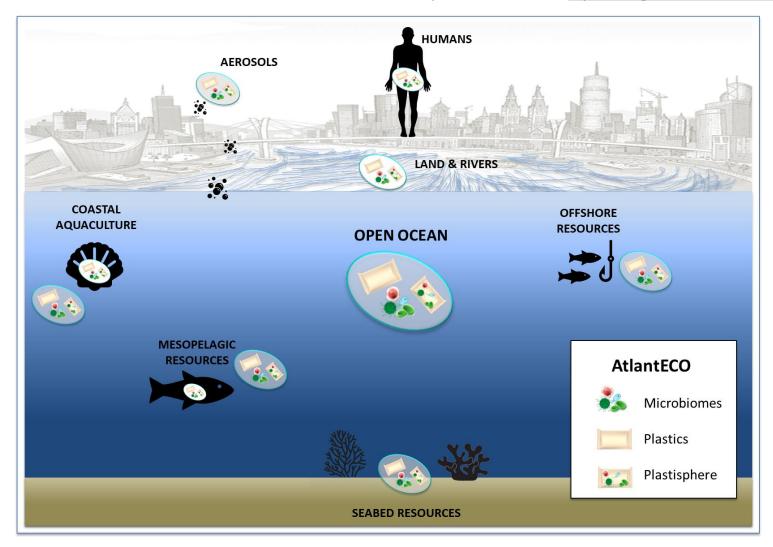








The focus of AtlantECO is on <u>open ocean systems</u>
It extends its activities to other systems via <u>synergies with other projects</u>



SYSTEMS	SYNERGY with PROJECTS
Open Ocean	AtlantECO proposal
Coasts - aquaculture	H2020 – AquaVitae
High seas - fisheries	H2020 - TriATLAS
Mesopelagic - resources	H2020 – SUMMER
Seabed - resources	H2020 – iAtlantic
Land & rivers	H2020 – SIMBA
Aerosols	Weizmann Institute
Humans	ERC – MicrobioS

ACTIVITY	SYNERGY with PROJECTS
Human-environment interactions	ERC – MicrobioS Partner EMBL (Bork)
Plastics distribution models	ERC – TOPIOS Partner UU (van Sebille)
Nutrient co-limitation models	ERC – BYONIC Partner ULIV (Tagliabue)
Nutrient co-limitation experiments	ERC – DIATOMIC Partner CNRS (Bowler)
Carbon pump parameterisation	ERC – REFINE Partner SU (Claustre)







Tri-lateral Horizon 2020 projects with microbiome components

2016-2020

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2019-2023





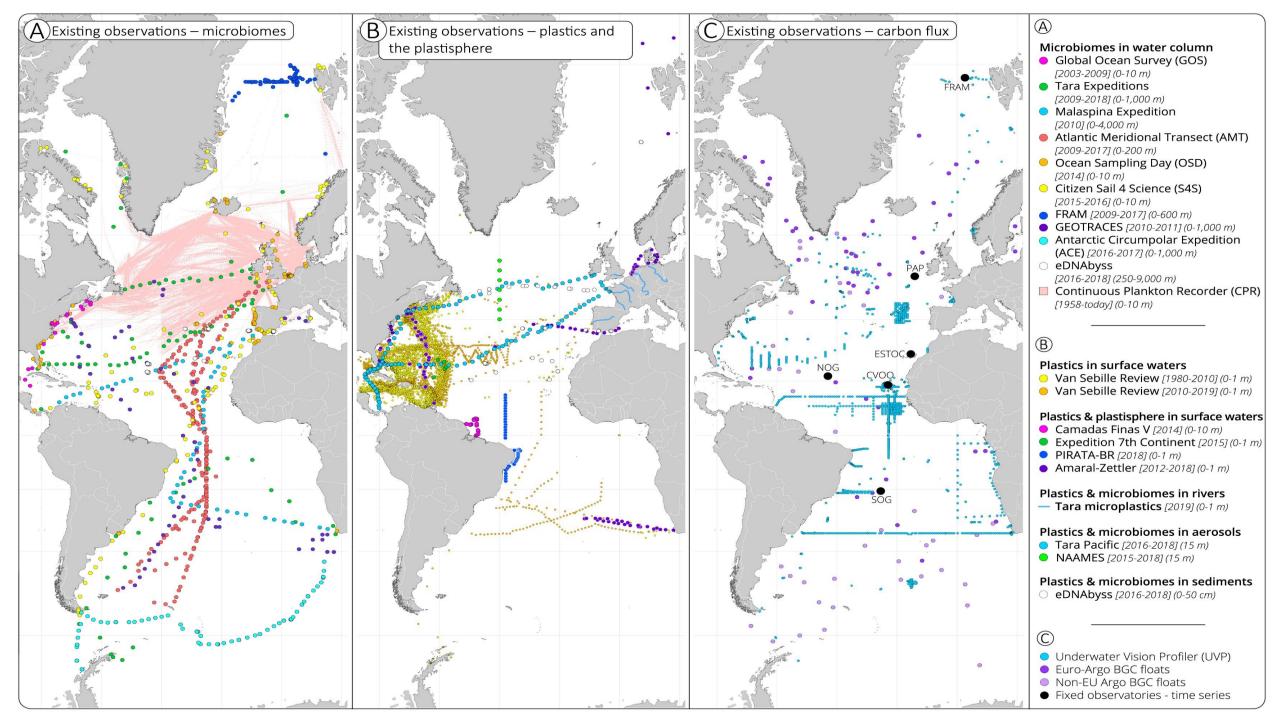


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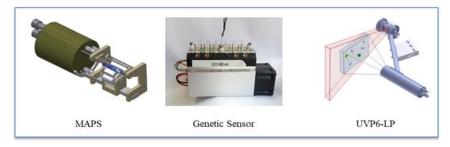
Imaging & 'omics standard protocols

- Flagship cruises
- All Atlantic Ocean Sampling day



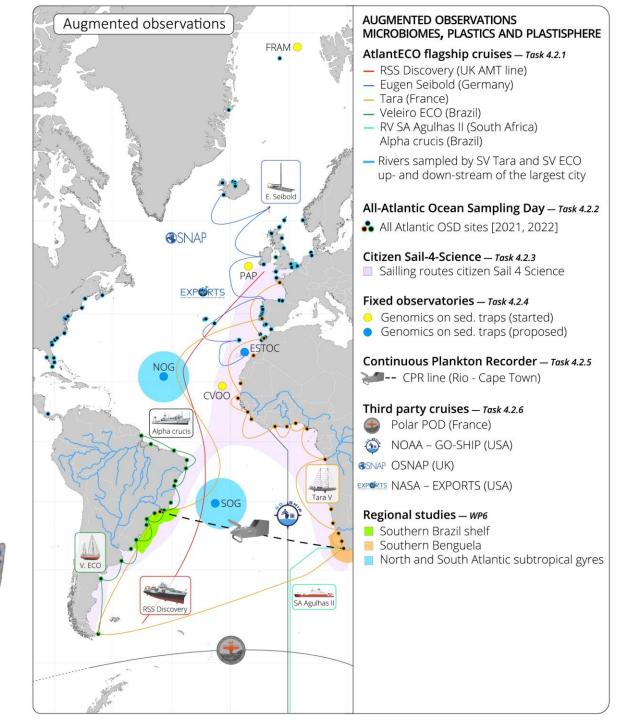


Next generation sensors in aquaculture, fixed observatories, and argo floats



CPR survey line "Rio-Cape Town" First in the South Atlantic

Third party cruises















We look forward to working with you!









