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# GLOSSARY

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<td>iMarine</td>
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<td>SOAP</td>
<td>Simple Object Access Protocol</td>
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<td>GHN</td>
<td>gCube Hosting Node</td>
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<td>SDMX</td>
<td>Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange</td>
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<td>DARWIN CORE</td>
<td>A standard designed to facilitate the exchange of information about the geographic occurrence of species and the existence of specimens in collections</td>
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<td>ETL</td>
<td>Extract Transform and Load</td>
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DELIBERABLE SUMMARY

1. INTRODUCTION

The iMarine Data Management Software comprises a number of components and subsystems offering facilities for accessing, transferring and harmonising a rich array of data typologies. This document describes the novelties within the iMarine Data Management Software from M12 (Oct.'12) to M27 (Jan.'14). It complements D9.2 [10] which describes iMarine Data Management Software up to M11 (Sept.'12). This deliverable is intended for documentation purposes only. The actual deliverable is represented by the software artifacts and their accompanying documentation.

2. TARGET RELEASE(S)

The iMarine Data Management Software described by this document and thus realizing D9.3 contribute to the following releases:

- gCube 2.11.0
- gCube 2.11.1
- gCube 2.12.0
- gCube 2.13.0
- gCube 2.14.0
- gCube 2.15.0
- gCube 2.16.0
- gCube 2.17.0
- gCube 2.17.1

3. OBJECTIVES

The new versions of the components belonging to the Data Management Software, distributed as part of the referred releases, cover the following objectives:

- **Data Access Facilities:**
  The activities first concentrated on enhancements in the Tree Manager Library. The main aim was to make this library compliant with the new standard communication policies of the gCube services, imposed by the adoption of the Featherweight Stack. In addition, the activities involved the implementation of a service (Species Products Discovery or SPD) able to unify information coming from several repositories about marine species, e.g. OBIS and GBIF. SPD is an infrastructural service, which is currently used by the iMarine community of practice to search among heterogeneous biodiversity datasets and to retrieve one single merged dataset, having a coherent structure. SPD is endowed with a SQL-like query language (SPQL) and with unfolding operations to enrich datasets by means of information coming from other datasets, for example synonyms and accepted names. Activities also regarded the Storage Manager facility. In particular this distributed storage system was enhanced with tools to copy, move and better manage the remotely hosted files.
• **Data Transfer Facilities:**

The activities focused on the implementation of a complete Data Transfer suite, supporting scheduling and post-processing of transferred data. The facility required enhancements in the data exchange libraries (gRS2), in order to manage several protocols like TCP, HTTP etc. The Tree Manager system developed during the Task T9.1 activities was successfully connected and managed. The software development activity also involved a newly developed Storage Management portlet, which allows users to inspect the content of the iMarine distributed storage facility. Data Transfer also involved the implementation of a framework for geo-spatial data processing and transfer, that is able to process geographical datasets in a distributed fashion and to deliver the results in OGC standard formats. Such framework (WPS-Hadoop) relies on the WPS OGC protocol and has been used to integrate legacy applications about Tuna fishery management (Tuna Atlas), developed by the IRD iMarine partner and delivered under the R programming language. Finally, the activities about geo-spatial data transferring focused on searching a suitable OGC description for environmental features datasets. The Sensor Observation Service (SOS) was adopted for such scope and forced to account for 4D datasets representations.

• **Data Assessment, Harmonization and Certification Facilities:**

The activities focused first on the management of the SDMX protocol for statistical data exchange, regarding in particular time series of fisheries catch quantities. These activities involved the implementation of a SDMX registry and a SDMX Data Source, integrated with the current Time Series gCube service. Effort was spent also in the enhancement of the Time Series service itself. In particular, the Tabular Data Widget component was developed to endow other services with table exploring facilities. The Tabular Data facilities were developed with accurate design and implementation phases. These involved the implementation of several library modules and of one infrastructural service (Tabular Data Manager), which act as agents of a Data warehouse system. The whole system is able to manage the time dimension at different granularities and to distribute a time series on days, weeks, years etc. An interface for the Tabular Data Manager has been released which allows users to curate, harmonize and assess their datasets having a tabular format. SDMX management is included in this system and tools for importing and exporting SDMX data were released at library and service levels.

4. **COMPONENTS**

In the target releases, the following components have been updated, maintained or newly introduced:

• to support the Data Access Facilities:
  o asfis-spd-plugin
  o brazilianflora-spd-plugin
  o catalogueoflife-spd-plugin
  o data-access.spd-model-library
  o figis-tm-plugin
  o gbif-spd-plugin
  o irmng-spd-plugin
  o itis-spd-plugin
  o ncbi-spd-plugin
  o oai-tm-plugin
  o obis-spd-plugin
- **to support the Data Transfer Facilities:**
  - org.gcube.data-transfer.agent-library
  - org.gcube.data-transfer.agent-service
  - org.gcube.data-transfer.agent-stubs
  - org.gcube.data-transfer.common
  - org.gcube.data-transfer.common-messaging
  - org.gcube.data-transfer.scheduler-db
  - org.gcube.data-transfer.scheduler-is-interface
  - org.gcube.data-transfer.scheduler-library
  - org.gcube.data-transfer.scheduler-portlet
  - org.gcube.data-transfer.scheduler-service
  - org.gcube.data-transfer.scheduler-stubs
  - org.gcube.data-transfer.storagemanager-portlet
  - org.gcube.data-transfer.uri-resolver
  - org.gcube.data-transfer.vsf-provider-smp

- **to support the Data Assessment, Harmonization and Certification Facilities:**
  - org.gcube.data-analysis.cube-manager
  - org.gcube.data-analysis.cube-manager-api
  - org.gcube.data-analysis.cube-manager-data
  - org.gcube.data-analysis.cube-manager-metadata
5. DOCUMENTATION

A detailed specification of the services documented by this report is in a number of dedicated Wiki pages [6][7][8][11]. Moreover, technical documentation covering all the aspects of the software is available at:

- Admin’s Guide [3]

Finally, for development purpose, each component is provided with a Javadoc documentation along with a direct link to the associated section in Developer’s Guide. This artifact is available at [9].

This documentation is an integral part of the actual deliverable.

6. DOWNLOAD

This document describes a deliverable of type “other”. The actual deliverable consists of the software artifacts briefly discussed. Such artifacts are available for download via a Maven repository [1] or via the ETICS repository [2].
REFERENCES

[1] gCube Maven Repository RELEASES:
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https://grids16.eng.it/BuildReport/

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https://gcube.wiki.gcube-system.org/gcube/index.php/Data_Access_and_Storage_Facilities

[7] Milestone 38: Data Transfer Facilities Specification:

https://gcube.wiki.gcube-system.org/gcube/index.php/Data_Assessment,_Harmonisation,_and_Certification_Facilities

[9] gCube Distribution Site:

