



The International Quiet Ocean Experiment

2015 science plan:

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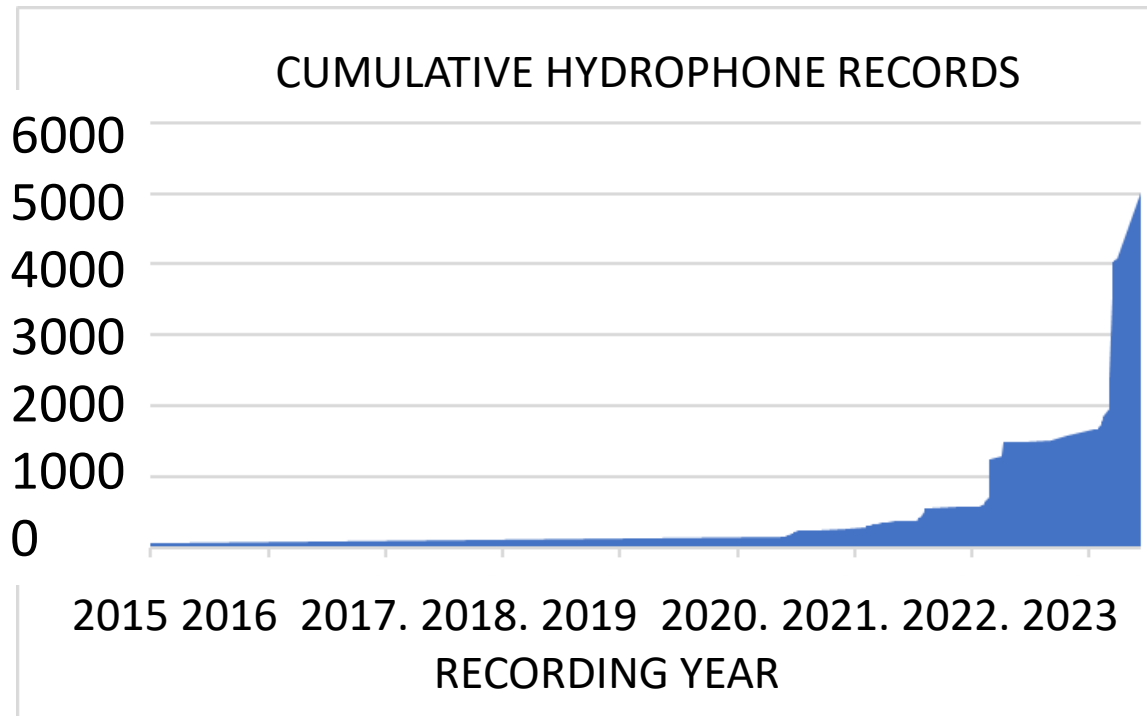
IQOE Fundamental Questions

1. How have human activities affected the global ocean soundscape compared with natural changes over geologic time?
2. What are the current levels and distribution of sound in the ocean?
3. What are the trends in sound levels across the global ocean?
4. How does ocean sound currently affect important marine animal populations?
5. What are the potential future effects of sound on marine life?

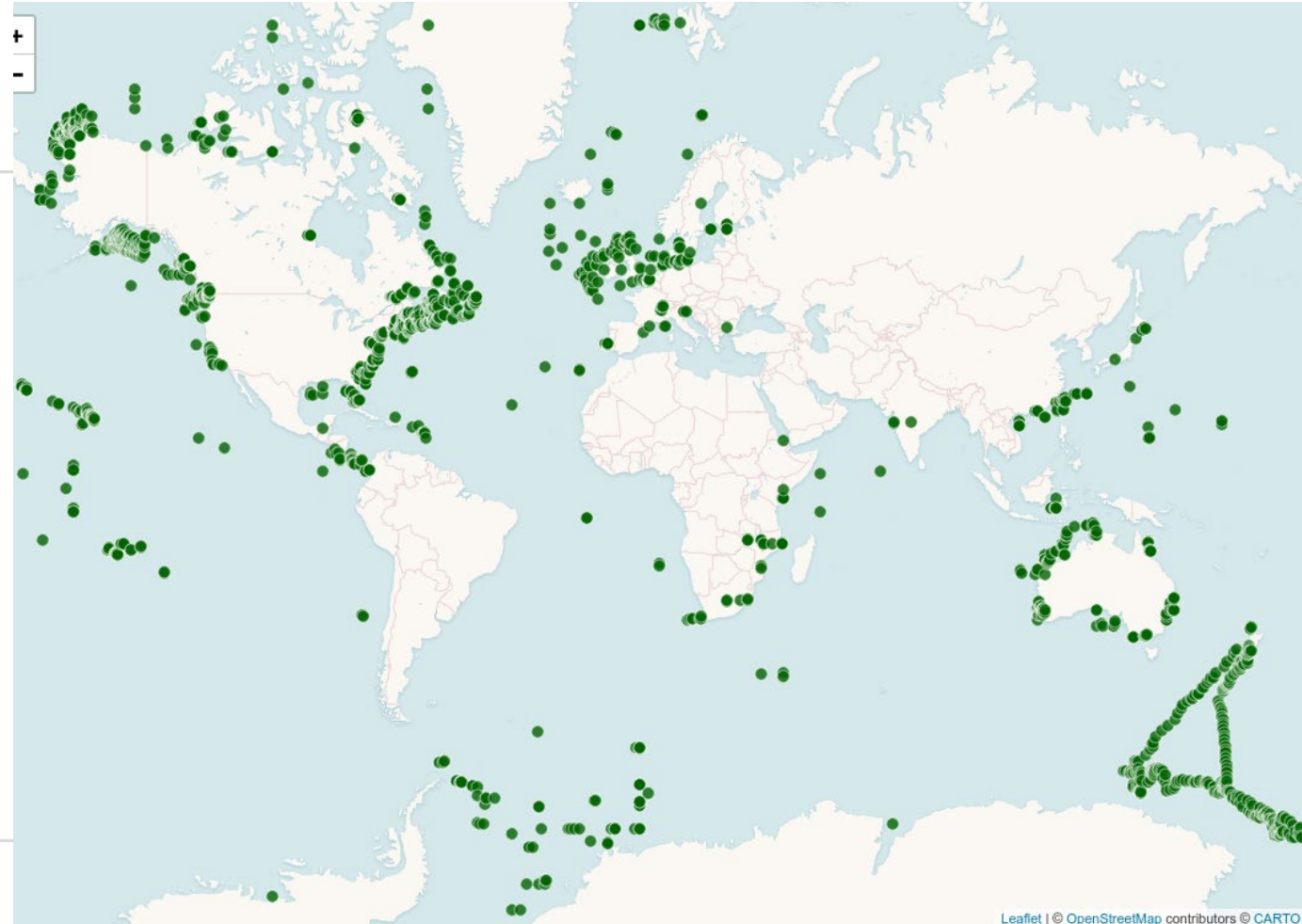
Ongoing IQOE activities

- 1. Metadatabase of sound observation from 1999 now exceeds 5,000 records**
- 2. Implementation Plan for the Ocean Sound Essential Ocean Variable:** published in September 2023
- 3. Global Library of Underwater Biological Sounds (GLUBS):** hired a post-doc with funds from the Lounsbery Foundation and conducted a workshop in April 2023

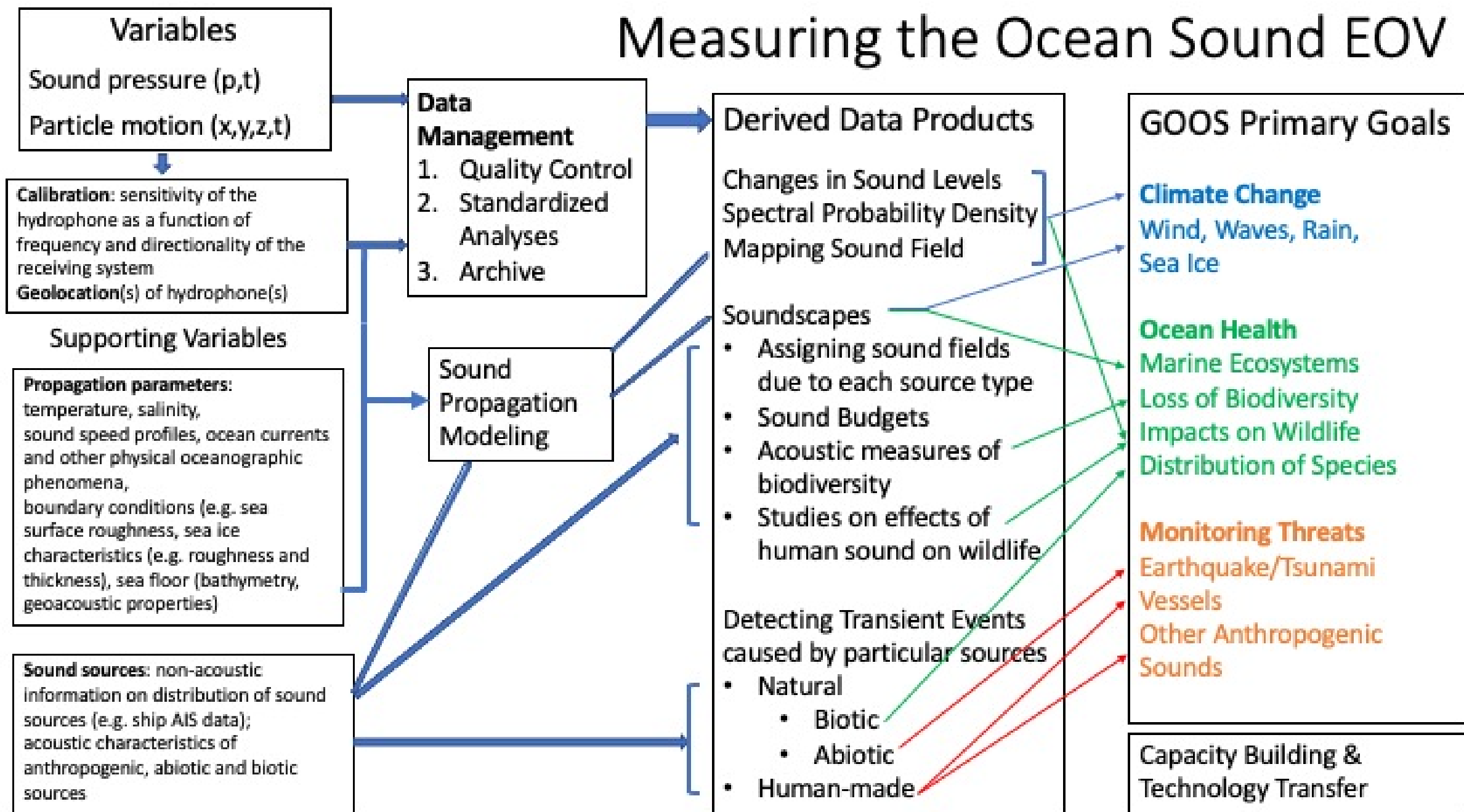
IQOE Metadatabase of underwater sound observations



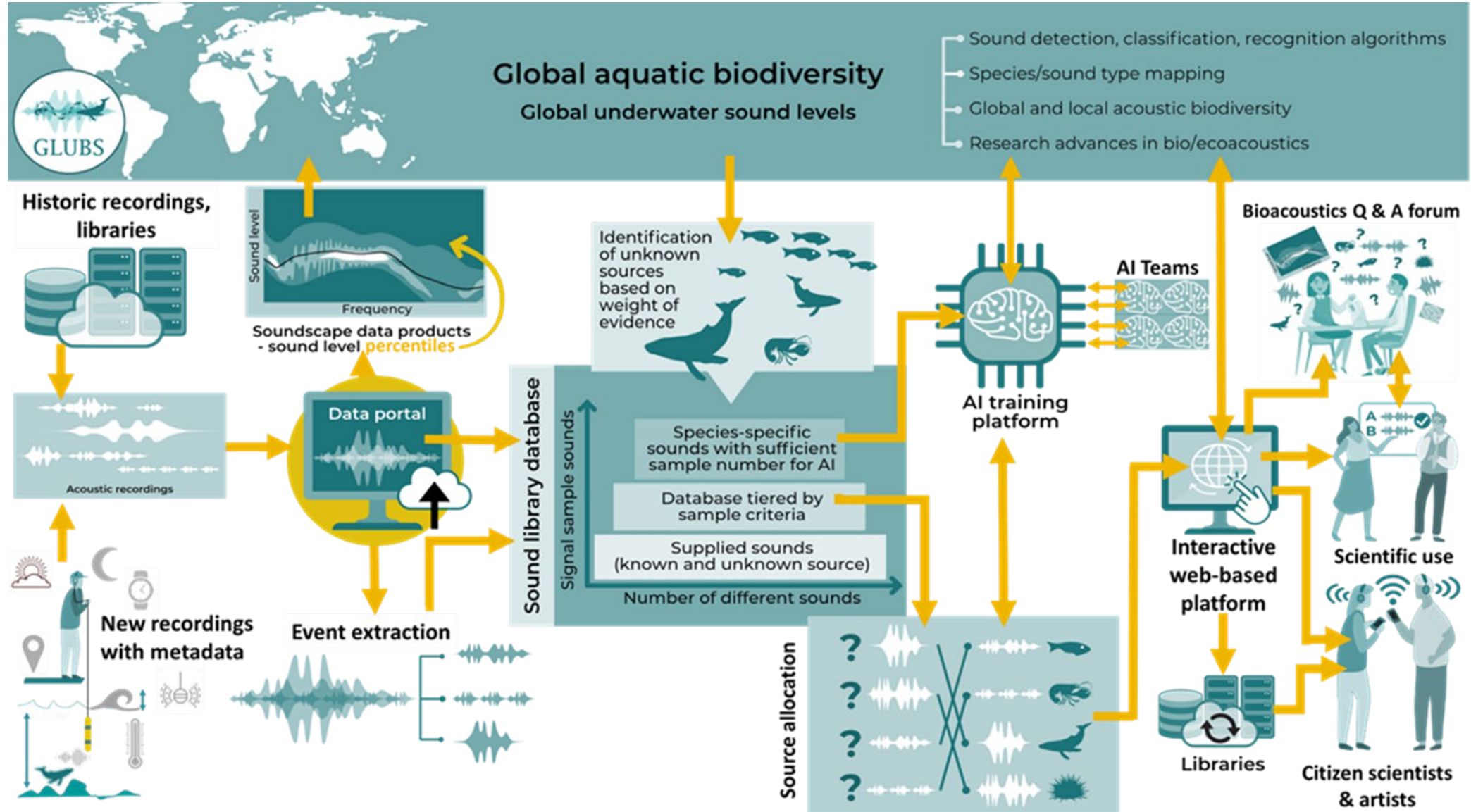
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Measuring the Ocean Sound EOV



STRUCTURE OF GLOBAL LIBRARY OF UNDERWATER BIOLOGICAL SOUNDS



Ongoing IQOE activities (cont.)

4. **Activity to synthesize observations of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on ocean sound:** seeking funds for a post-doc to help with the analysis
5. **Task team formed to create specifications for low-cost hydrophones for education and citizen science**
6. **World Ocean Passive Acoustic Monitoring (WOPAM) Day:** proposal to support a post-doc with funding from the Lounsbery Foundation, to analyze results of 2023 WOPAM Day
7. **Acoustics fellow to work with the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Organization on ocean acoustic data:** supported by Lounsbery Foundation

IQOE Website (www.iqoe.org)

The IQOE Website is a valuable resource for the international scientific community in ocean acoustics and bioacoustics. The Website provides

- a search capability for articles relevant to IQOE, through the Aquatic Acoustic Archive (<http://iqoe.org/library>).
- a database of ocean acoustic observing systems: cabled and autonomous (<http://iqoe.org/systems>).
- a portal to acoustic data and data management plans (<http://iqoe.org/acoustic-data-portal>).
- links to IQOE-endorsed projects and instructions for seeking endorsement. (<http://iqoe.org/projects>).
- descriptions, terms of reference, and member lists for all IQOE working groups (<http://iqoe.org/groups>).
- news relevant to the international ocean acoustics and bioacoustics communities
- a link to sign up for the IQOE email list

The screenshot displays the IQOE website interface. At the top right is the IQOE logo with the tagline 'International Quiet Ocean Experiment'. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links: HOME, FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS, THEMES, PRODUCTS, WORKSHOPS, WORKING GROUPS, ENDORSED PROJECTS, and NATIONAL ACTIVITIES. A secondary menu on the right includes: ACOUSTIC OBSERVING SYSTEMS, ACOUSTIC DATA PORTAL, LITERATURE LIBRARY, MARINE ANIMAL SOUNDS, and IQOE EMAIL LIST SIGN-UP. The main content area features a 'LATEST NEWS' section with a headline about an inventory of existing standards for sound observations in the ocean. Below this is a large banner for 'THE INTERNATIONAL QUIET OCEAN EXPERIMENT (IQOE)' with a description of the program's goals. Further down, there are sections for 'Project Rationale', 'PARTICIPANTS' (listing Science Committee, Individuals & Organizations, Liaisons, and IQOE Sponsors), and 'USEFUL LINKS' (listing Websites & Projects, Reports & Articles, and Meetings). A search bar is located below the 'PARTICIPANTS' section. At the bottom, there are sections for 'STATUS' (detailing the Science Plan review and funding), 'NEXT STEPS' (mentioning additional funding), and a 'PARTICIPANT LOGIN' button.

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STATUS

The IQOE Science Plan has been reviewed and approved by the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) and the Partnership for Conservation of the Global Ocean (PCGO) and is available here.

Funding has been obtained to begin initial implementation activities. An IQOE Science Committee has been formed and met for the first time in Bremen, Germany on 12-14 March 2018.

SCOR and PCGO staff members will assist project scientists with implementation.

NEXT STEPS

Additional funding is being sought, including for an international project office.

PARTICIPANT LOGIN