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### Environment data for the Baltic region II Open Data from SYKE Yrjö Sucksdorff, Sampsa Koponen Finnish Environment Institute

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# SYKE

SYKE is an environmental research center under the Ministry of Environment and under the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

- Multidisciplinary research and assessment on the state of the environment
- Offers professional services for the government, industry, municipalities, companies and communities
- Monitors the state of the environment in Finland
- Offers information services and maintains environmental data bases
- Responsible for certain public authority tasks
- SYKE 2016:
  - 556 person years, 55milj.€
  - http://www.syke.fi/en-US





### **SYKE's expertise**

#### STAFF

- Combination of substance experts (Baltic Sea, inland waters, hydrology, nature, ...) and EO experts
  - Expertice on environmental monitoring, reporting, assesments, ...
    - SYKE participates in directive reportings like Marine Strategy, Water Framework, Nature, Flood etc. directives

Long experience on environmental monitoring in complex Nordic areas

SYKE works also in close cooperation with Helcom and produces and reports data and information (also EO) to Helcom

Good infrastructure: GIS, EO processing (through NSDC), in-situ data, ...

Access and participation and ownership of Research Infrastructures:

- FINMARI RI, in Utö (Baltic Sea), in-situ measurements widely, contact Timo Tamminen, SYKE
- Sodankylä-Pallas cal/val supersite, contact Jouni Pulliainen, FMI
- Research vessel Aranda, SYKE
- SYKE is developing (with partners) a RI for GI research in Finland





# **Data Policy in SYKE**

• SYKE's interest is to promote the usage of environmental data and information



- Free and open data policy since 2008
- SYKE applies <u>Creative Commons By 4.0</u> <u>International</u> license = free and open, data source must be mentioned

### SYKE's Free and Open Data, interfaces, services etc. can be found, used and downloaded from <u>http://www.syke.fi/openinformation</u>



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# **SYKE's Open Data Components**

- Metadata
- Downloadable spatial datasets
- Network services
- Earth Observation products
- Environmental information systems





INSPIRE/SYKE Korkeus (ManServer)

# **Examples of SYKE's Open Spatial Datasets**

Corine Land Cover 2000, 2006, 2012 Flood risk areas National Corine Land Cover 2000, 2006, 2012 (25m or Detected floods 20m resolution) Natura 2000 sites Nationally designated nature protected areas Conservation programme areas Protected rapids National urban parks Important bird areas Ground water areas Nationally valuable rocky areas Nationally valuable aeolian sand and littoral deposits Nationally valuable moraine formations **Bathing waters** Lake and river depth profiles Environmental noise maps Traffic risk zones Flood hazard areas

Forest vegetation zones Mire vegetation zones Outlines of joint master plans Areas with local detailed plans **Regional Plans** Quality classification for surface water bodies Catchment areas Sea region division **River basin districts** River network Surface water bodies (the Water Framework directive) Traffic and Water ways' restriction areas **Residential areas** Urban and rural areas Urban structure delineations

# **Open Data Policy Increases the Usage** of Environmental Data

Spatial data packages downloaded from SYKE's Open Data Portal in 2008-2015 70000



Statistics: SYKE/Data and Information Centre/Riikka Repo

# **Environmental observations**

### (Information system for in-situ data)



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# **In-situ databases (timeseries) at SYKE**

#### Hydrology

- Hydrological observations
- Forecast models
- Management
- Floods
- Lakes
- Rivers
- Water resources engineering
  - Projects
  - Structures and measures
  - Dam system
- Surface waters
  - Water quality
  - Zoo benthos
  - RBD Monitoring
  - Water bodies
- Groundwater

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- Groundwater areas
- Observation sites
- Groundwater sites
- EU reporting

- Species
  - Monitoring of threatened species
  - Species info
  - References
  - Statutes
  - Monitoring of nocturnal butterflies
- Environmental discharges
  - Air emissions
  - Estimated water load
  - Environmental properties of chemicals
  - Accumulations of hazardous substances
  - Compliance Monitoring Data System VAHTI
  - Land use
    - Monitoring of living environment
    - Planning indicators
    - Monitoring of planning processes
    - Monitoring of spatial structure
    - Land use statistics
  - Map service

### **Examples of in-situ networks**



- Traditional monitoring station measurements since 1960/70
- Alg@line –ferrybox since 1993

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Utö Atmospheric and Marine
Research Infrastructure





Satellite products vs in-situ



# Additional in-situ data

- Data from campaigns and different studies
  - SYKE has developed (standardised) metadatasystem and database for these for open use
- Citizen observations
  - SYKE has developed standardised design-productionstorage-use chain for these. Focus has been on parameters valid for environmental monitoring
- Open infrastructure for these developed in Envibase project: <u>http://www.ymparisto.fi/download/noname/%7B2517DCE3-</u> <u>FA9D-49F0-95B6-7EFBF1480CFA%7D/113809</u>



# **EO data and products**

 SYKE produces EO derived products for a wide range of environmental applications (free and open data)



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Direct web page address: www.syke.fi/earthobservation

### **Examples of SYKE's EO products. LAND**

# Land Cover 2000, 2006, 2012, 2018?...

- National (20m) and EU Corine (25ha);
- Image mosaics
- Changes

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### Phenology, time series



### **Examples of SYKE's EO products, WATER Quality**

# Secchi disk depth (2003-2011, June-August)

- MERIS turbidity, chl-a and average CDOM
- CDOM: station measurements and data by Ylöstalo P.
- Optical model by K. Kallio, SYKE

# Annual and assessment period chl-a maps for the Baltic Sea





### **Examples of SYKE's EO products, WATER Quality**

Secchi depth (trained by volunteer observations) SST





### Impact area of dredging works



#### Algae blooms







### **Examples of SYKE's EO products, CRYOSPHERE**

#### Fractional snow cover

Lake ice

Snow Covered Ice

Partial Snow / White Ice

Clear Ice





#### Fractional snow cover



### Snow melt-off day



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# **Conclusions, comments**

# **Cooperation needed around Baltic** (infrastructures, research and operational) because

- With the Copernicus programme and Sentinel satellites the amount of EO data will increase dramatically → "BigData" solutions needed, duplicating data and "efforts" should be avoided, network (cluster) of processing centres around Baltic with one central node?
- Basic pre-processing for EO data should be done only once
- Services for different (level) users should be developed: raw data, products, processing facilities, ...
- Specific EO algorithms needed for Baltic Sea and its drainage basin → algorithm and product development for these conditions is important as well as continuous
  - Common R&D projects

# **Conclusions, comments**

# Making data freely available is only the first step, **interoperability** and **maximizing the use of data** should be the goal

- Easy access to EO, in-situ, and GIS data without any need for extra resources
- Commonly agreed standards (OGC) should be used for data services (download, view, metadata search, ...)
- Data quality/uncertainty information must be known and follow the data
- Data harmonisation is important and makes the use of data and products easier
- SYKE's vision is to develop "multi source" environmental monitoring

### How can SYKE contribute (with partners)

- Infrastructure available for R&D and operational processing (funded by several ministries)
  - National Satellite Data Centre's Calvalus processing environment,
  - GI infrastructure under development
  - Citizen observation and research data
  - Lot of in situ data
- Scientific expertise: SYKE is and has been developing EO algorithms and products for "Nordic conditions" (water quality, land cover, cryosphere, hydrology,...)
- Experience in user oriented service development