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In 2015, Ifremer opened SEANOE[1] (SEA scieNtific Open data Edition), a publishing tool of marine scientific datasets.

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An embargo limited to 2 years on a dataset is possible in order to restrict access to data of a publication under scientific review, for example.

Each data set published by SEANOE has a DOI, which enables it to be cited in a publication in a reliable and sustainable way.

Assessment of 3 years management of SEANOE

A majority of scientists is not used to publish and share the data associated to articles: the positive return to suggestion made to Ifremer authors of scientific papers to publish the data sets linked to their publications is less than 1%.

But the situation could change in the near future thanks to the increasing number of publishers (e.g : PLOS ONE, Elsevier) requiring that the data used in a publication is cited and freely accessible online. It will improve credibility and transparency of the articles.

Furthermore, to convince authors to publish datasets in SEANOE, Ifremer has developed a set of services such as:

- A pro-active survey of citation of DOIs set by SEANOE (bibliography)

- The automatic provision of download statistics to authors

- In addition to properly cite the dataset, the authors can ask users to cite some additional work(s) when using the dataset in a publication

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If only a few[2] datasets have been published in SEANOE yet, there are some grounds for satisfaction:

- Most authors are happy with the provided service. They highlight the simplicity and the speed of the publication process and the quality of Landing Pages.

- The analysis of download statistics shows that datasets published in SEANOE have an international visibility, mainly through search engines such as Google.

- The number of SEANOE DOI citations is relatively high compared to the number of datasets.

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[1] http://www.seanoe.org

[2] In April 2018, 300 datasets are available in SEANOE

Data replication from SEANOE to EMODnet Ingestion

The automated replication of the data published in SEANOE to EMODnet data ingestion portal (emodnet-ingestion.eu) is under study. It would allow reporting to Marine European data centers the existence and the availability of datasets published in SEANOE. Then the data centers will be able to ingest them into other international databases such as SeaDataNet and EMODnet thematic ones, if the dataset falls into their domains of interest

From a technical point a view, this should not be a problem. However, most of dataset published in SEANOE are available under the CC-BY creative commons license. This means that the authors ask to be cited when the dataset is used. This may not be compatible with systems such as SeaDataNet that do not handle metadata on authors, but only on originator organisations. So only dataset published with the CC0 (Public Domain) license may have to be duplicated in EMODnet Ingestion or a specific authorization for this replication may have to be provided by the authors. This kind of problems will be addressed in frame of this study in order to find an appropriate solution.

Figure 1: The Landing Page of a French dataset published in SEANOE