

# Proteus data availability beyond the current phase

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## **Purpose of this document**

*This document addresses commercial accessibility considerations for the key business-relevant biodiversity spatial datasets that have been supported by the UN Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) and the Proteus Partnership. It outlines which of these datasets will be available to companies outside of the Partnership at the end of the current 2021-2025 phase of Proteus.*

*It provides an overview of UNEP-WCMC's approach to open data, a summary of the current accessibility of datasets that have been made available to Proteus Partners, and in the Appendix there is detailed dataset-by-dataset guidance on how companies will be able to access each dataset from 2026 onwards.*

*This document is intended both as a useful resource for companies that must leave the Partnership at the end of the 2021-2025 phase, and to inform discussions in the Annual Meeting about implementing an open data policy in the next phase of Proteus.*

## **Open data at UNEP-WCMC**

### **Our open data commitment**

Open and authoritative data are crucial to achieving a sustainable world for nature and people. We want to see the best available data used wisely and widely, and free from restrictions, to enable public and private sector actors to achieve the best outcomes for people and the planet.

UNEP-WCMC has made a bold commitment to make data we maintain and manage freely available under an open data licence, and to collaborate with partners and data providers to support broader uptake of open data principles. We are also committed to exploring mechanisms to develop the data infrastructure and sustainable financing models required to enable open data, providing the building blocks necessary to connect and sustain trusted sources of biodiversity knowledge for global decision-making.

### **Open data and Proteus**

The [Proteus 2021-2025 Strategy](#) recognises that delivering the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework will require the best available data to be accessible to all decision makers. In its 2021-2025 phase Proteus has been supporting UNEP-WCMC's efforts to lay the groundwork for as much data as

possible to be made openly available. This includes making biodiversity datasets accessible to all sectors and companies, regardless of whether they are part of the Proteus Partnership from 2026 onwards. We see this as a crucial step towards enabling nature-positive transformation across all sectors of our global economy, in line with the ambition of the Proteus and UNEP-WCMC Strategies.

### The CC BY-SA data license

Under our open data commitment, the default license that UNEP-WCMC will apply to datasets is [Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike 4.0 International](#) (CC BY-SA). This license allows for unrestricted use of data, including by companies, provided that: 1) the data source is appropriately acknowledged, and 2) if any derivatives built on the dataset are further distributed this is done under the same CC BY-SA license.

We are working to change the license to CC BY-SA for all our existing datasets where the current license is not aligned with our open data commitment. New datasets created by UNEP-WCMC in the future will also be made available under a CC BY-SA license wherever possible. For all datasets, we will continue to recognise and respect the intellectual property rights and wishes of data providers. We will not share data under an open data licence without seeking explicit permission and, where applicable, free, prior and informed consent. We will not make data available under a CC BY-SA license where this would contravene the terms of agreements with third-party data contributors.

For datasets that we distribute on behalf of other third-party data providers, we are engaging to promote open data principles. However, data licensing decisions for these datasets are ultimately outside our control.

The CC BY-SA license allows all companies to use datasets to inform their decisions, including companies that are not Proteus Partners. Examples of uses include screening for potential biodiversity-related risks, supporting impact assessment processes, and analysing biodiversity-related issues to inform reporting and disclosure. Derivative products can use or build on CC BY-SA datasets, but they must be made available under the same data license, further promoting sharing of biodiversity knowledge. Where the creator of a product derived from a CC BY-SA dataset wishes to distribute it in a way that is not compatible with CC BY-SA, UNEP-WCMC may in some instances explore an exceptional use license.

## Open access to business-relevant biodiversity datasets

Since its inception in 2003, Proteus has invested more than £14 million in biodiversity data that meets the needs of companies and other important stakeholders such as governments and conservation organisations. This has resulted in a 'Proteus data offering' of key business-relevant biodiversity spatial datasets, summarised in the [Proteus Data Availability](#) document on the [Proteus website](#).

All datasets listed in the Proteus data offering are available for use by Proteus Partners. At present, the accessibility differs on a dataset-by-dataset basis for companies outside the Proteus Partnership. The Appendix of this document provides detailed information on the accessibility of each dataset. It also outlines how this accessibility will change between now and the end of 2025, and how companies that

are not in Proteus will be able to access each dataset from 2026 onwards. To summarise, each dataset sits within one of five categories outlined in the table below.

Description of access situation	Datasets in this category
<b>Already open</b> – datasets that UNEP-WCMC can already distribute under CC BY-SA or another data license compatible with use by companies to inform biodiversity-related decision making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Biodiversity Hotspots</li> <li>- Global Critical Habitat screening layer</li> <li>- Global Distribution of Mangroves (Global Mangrove Watch)</li> <li>- Global Distribution of Saltmarshes</li> <li>- Global Distribution of Seamounts and Knolls</li> <li>- Global Distribution of Tidal Flat Ecosystems</li> <li>- Global Natural and Modified Habitat screening layer</li> <li>- Hotspots of natural capital depletion (6 layers)</li> <li>- Human Pressures on biodiversity, water and carbon</li> <li>- Restoration Opportunities (Europe)</li> <li>- Restoration Resilience to Climate Change</li> </ul>
<b>IBAT datasets</b> – datasets that are currently accessible through the Integrated Biodiversity Assessment Tool (IBAT), and will continue to be accessible to IBAT subscribers in this way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA)</li> <li>- World Database of Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs)</li> <li>- IUCN Red List of Threatened Species spatial data</li> <li>- Species rarity-weighted richness</li> <li>- Species Threat Abatement and Restoration (STAR) metric</li> </ul>
<b>Future IBAT datasets</b> – datasets that will be added to IBAT in the near future, before the end of 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- World Database on areas protected through Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures (WD-OECM)</li> <li>- <i>Other datasets may also be included but this is not confirmed</i></li> </ul>
<b>Progressing towards open</b> – datasets that currently are not available for use by companies outside the Proteus Partnership but where UNEP-WCMC is making progress with data contributors to be able to change the license to CC BY-SA before the end of 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Global Distribution of Cold-Water Corals</li> <li>- Global Distribution of Coral Reefs</li> <li>- Global Distribution of Sea Turtle Feeding Sites</li> <li>- Global Distribution of Sea Turtle Nesting Sites</li> <li>- Global Distribution of Seagrasses</li> </ul>
<b>Third party control</b> – datasets where access is controlled by a third party, but it has an open access license and/or UNEP-WCMC has permission to distribute to Proteus Partners, but not to companies outside of Proteus and does not control future access decisions or license changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Critical Natural Assets (Chaplin-Kramer et al. 2022)</li> <li>- Cultural World Heritage sites</li> <li>- Endemic Bird Areas</li> <li>- Global Distribution of Cold Seeps</li> <li>- Global Distribution of Hydrothermal Vents</li> <li>- Important Marine Mammal Areas</li> <li>- International Maritime Organisation Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas</li> <li>- International Maritime Organisation Special Areas under the MARPOL Convention</li> <li>- International Seabed Authority Areas of Particular Environmental Interest in the Clarion-Clipperton Zone</li> <li>- Migratory Connectivity in the Ocean</li> <li>- The State of the World's Sea Turtles</li> </ul>

The information in the table above is expanded for each dataset in the Appendix, including to note any specific circumstances or nuances. Information on how companies not in the Proteus Partnership may access datasets under third party control is provided.

## Appendix: Dataset-by-dataset access information

The following table provides details of how companies can access key business-relevant biodiversity spatial datasets that have been supported by UNEP-WCMC and Proteus. It addresses how Proteus Partners can currently access each dataset, and considerations for access beyond the Proteus 2021-2025 phase.

Dataset	How can Proteus Partners access?	Is it currently typically licensed for use by companies outside the Proteus Partnership?	How will companies not in the Proteus Partnership be able to go about accessing beyond the 2021-2025 phase?
<b>Protected areas</b>			
World Database on <a href="#">Protected Areas</a> (WDPA) <i>Including protected areas designated at the national level (<a href="#">IUCN Management Categories I-VI</a>), under international conventions and agreements (e.g. natural and mixed <a href="#">World Heritage sites</a>, <a href="#">Ramsar Wetlands of International Importance</a>, <a href="#">UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Reserves</a>), and under regional conventions and agreements (e.g. regional seas conventions, <a href="#">Natura 2000</a>).</i>	<p>Option 1: IBAT – go to <a href="http://www.ibat-alliance.org">www.ibat-alliance.org</a>, log in with your details, navigate to ‘GIS Downloads’, ‘Global Download’. Access also available via <a href="#">web services</a> for Partners with an IBAT Enterprise Plus subscription.</p> <p>Option 2: Download link in WDPA Monthly Release emails sent from <a href="mailto:proteus@unep-wcmc.org">proteus@unep-wcmc.org</a> to the Proteus Data Distribution mailing list at the beginning of each month.</p> <p>Option 3: <a href="#">Proteus website</a> – go to <a href="http://www.proteuspartners.org">www.proteuspartners.org</a>, sign in with your details, navigate to Knowledge Hub, click UNEP-WCMC Resources, log in with your details and search for the WDPA.</p>	Yes, but only those with an IBAT subscription at Enterprise level or above for global data downloads and Enterprise Plus for web services.	<p>Via an IBAT Enterprise or Enterprise Plus subscription.</p> <p>UNEP-WCMC is also working to change the license to <a href="#">CC BY-SA</a>, which will further increase accessibility.</p>
World Database on areas protected through <a href="#">Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures</a> (WD-OECM)	<p>Option 1: Download link in WDPA Monthly Release emails sent from <a href="mailto:proteus@unep-wcmc.org">proteus@unep-wcmc.org</a> to the Proteus Data Distribution mailing list at the beginning of each month.</p> <p>Option 2: <a href="#">Proteus website</a> – go to <a href="http://www.proteuspartners.org">www.proteuspartners.org</a>, sign in with your details, navigate to Knowledge Hub, click UNEP-WCMC Resources, log in with your details and search for OECMs.</p>	No (terms of use <a href="#">here</a> ).	<p>UNEP-WCMC is working with the IBAT Alliance Partners to make the WD-OECM data available through IBAT before the end of 2025.</p> <p>UNEP-WCMC is also working to change the license to <a href="#">CC BY-SA</a>, which will further increase accessibility.</p>

<p>Cultural <a href="#">World Heritage sites</a> (cWHS)</p>	<p>Download link in WDPA Monthly Release emails sent from <a href="mailto:proteus@unep-wcmc.org">proteus@unep-wcmc.org</a> to the Proteus Data Distribution mailing list at the beginning of each month.</p>	<p>No. This dataset is managed by UNESCO who control licensing and distribution. It may in some instances be made available to specific companies upon request to the UNESCO/WHC, as per the Terms and Conditions of Use for the data available online <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<p>Contact the UNESCO/WHC as per the Terms and Conditions of Use for the data, available online <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>UNEP-WCMC has permission to distribute this dataset to Proteus Partners but does not manage this dataset so cannot control future access decisions or license changes.</p> <p>UNESCO are also currently working on a new spatial data platform and improving the spatial data available for cultural World Heritage sites including with more sites represented in polygon format, but at this time we are unsure what the commercial accessibility will be.</p>
<b>Scientifically recognised sites and areas of importance for biodiversity conservation</b>			
<p>World Database of <a href="#">Key Biodiversity Areas</a> (KBAs) Including <a href="#">Alliance for Zero Extinction sites</a> (AZEs), <a href="#">Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas</a> (IBAs), and KBAs for other taxa</p>	<p>IBAT – go to <a href="http://www.ibat-alliance.org">www.ibat-alliance.org</a>, log in with your details, navigate to ‘GIS Downloads’, ‘Global Download’. Access also available via <a href="#">web services</a> for Partners with an IBAT Enterprise Plus subscription.</p>	<p>Yes, but only those with an IBAT subscription at Enterprise level or above for global data downloads and Enterprise Plus for web services.</p>	<p>Via an IBAT Enterprise or Enterprise Plus subscription.</p>
<p><a href="#">Important Marine Mammal Areas</a> (IMMAs)</p>	<p>The latest shapefiles can be shared by the UNEP-WCMC Proteus team upon request.</p> <p>Periodic updates are circulated to the Proteus Data Distribution mailing lists with download links to the latest shapefiles.</p>	<p>No (standard license <a href="#">here</a>), but the data provider (the IUCN Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force IMMA Secretariat) is open to some uses by companies and developing specific commercial license agreements for these.</p>	<p>Using the online form on the <a href="#">IMMA Spatial Layer Download</a> page in the ‘Resources’ section of the <a href="#">IMMAs website</a>, explaining in detail (in the space provided) what the data will be used for. A separate commercial license agreement will need to be agreed for access.</p> <p>UNEP-WCMC has permission to distribute this dataset to Proteus Partners but does not manage this dataset so cannot control future access decisions or license changes.</p>
<p><a href="#">Biodiversity Hotspots</a> (Conservation International)</p>	<p><a href="#">Proteus website</a> – go to <a href="http://www.proteuspartners.org">www.proteuspartners.org</a>, sign in with your details, navigate to Knowledge Hub, click UNEP-WCMC Resources, log in with your details and search for Biodiversity Hotspots.</p>	<p>Yes (<a href="#">CC BY-SA 4.0</a> license).</p>	<p>Go directly to the <a href="#">UNEP-WCMC Resources website</a> and search for the dataset (it will be accessible without a Proteus login).</p>

<a href="#">Endemic Bird Areas</a> (EBAs, BirdLife International)	The latest shapefiles can be shared by the UNEP-WCMC Proteus team upon request.	No (standard terms <a href="#">here</a> ).	Contact BirdLife International as per the Terms and Conditions of Use for the data, available online <a href="#">here</a> .  UNEP-WCMC has permission to distribute this dataset to Proteus Partners but does not manage this dataset so cannot control future access decisions or license changes.
<b>Habitat classification aligned with International Finance Corporation Performance Standard 6</b>			
Global Critical Habitat screening layer (terrestrial and marine)	<a href="#">Proteus website</a> – go to <a href="http://www.proteuspartners.org">www.proteuspartners.org</a> , sign in with your details, navigate to Knowledge Hub, click UNEP-WCMC Resources, log in with your details and search for Critical Habitat.	Yes ( <a href="#">CC BY 4.0</a> for basic version, <a href="#">CC BY-NC 4.0</a> for drill-down version*).	UNEP-WCMC is working to change the license to <a href="#">CC BY-SA</a> for the drill-down version. If this work is not complete by the end of 2025 then UNEP-WCMC can provide bespoke agreements for individual company's use of the dataset.  Access for both basic and drill-down versions will be through the <a href="#">UNEP-WCMC Resources website</a> (they will be accessible without a Proteus login).
Global Natural and Modified Habitat screening layer (terrestrial)	<a href="#">Proteus website</a> – go to <a href="http://www.proteuspartners.org">www.proteuspartners.org</a> , sign in with your details, navigate to Knowledge Hub, click UNEP-WCMC Resources, log in with your details and search for Natural and Modified Habitat.	Yes ( <a href="#">CC BY 4.0</a> license).	Go directly to the <a href="#">UNEP-WCMC Resources website</a> and search for the dataset (it will be accessible without a Proteus login).
<b>Species</b>			
<a href="#">IUCN Red List of Threatened Species</a> spatial data	IBAT – go to <a href="http://www.ibat-alliance.org">www.ibat-alliance.org</a> , log in with your details, navigate to 'GIS Downloads', 'Global Download'. Access also available via <a href="#">web services</a> for Partners with an IBAT Enterprise Plus subscription.	Yes, but only those with an IBAT subscription at Enterprise level or above for global data downloads.	Via an IBAT Enterprise or Enterprise Plus subscription.
Species rarity-weighted richness global layer (terrestrial)	IBAT – go to <a href="http://www.ibat-alliance.org">www.ibat-alliance.org</a> , log in with your details, navigate to 'GIS Downloads', 'Global Download'. Global download is available for subscriptions at Enterprise Plus level and 1 million sq.km for Enterprise level.	Yes, but only those with an IBAT subscription at Enterprise Plus level for global data downloads.	Via an IBAT Enterprise or Enterprise Plus subscription.
<a href="#">Species Threat Abatement and Restoration</a> (STAR) metric global layers (terrestrial) <i>Including STAR Threat Abatement and STAR Restoration, for individual threat types and combined for all threats</i>	IBAT – go to <a href="http://www.ibat-alliance.org">www.ibat-alliance.org</a> , log in with your details, navigate to 'GIS Downloads', 'Global Download'. Global download is available for subscriptions at Enterprise Plus level and 1 million sq.km for Enterprise level.	Yes, but only those with an IBAT subscription at Enterprise Plus level for global data downloads.	Via an IBAT Enterprise or Enterprise Plus subscription.

Migratory Connectivity in the Ocean (MiCO)	MiCO website – launch the MiCO System ( <a href="https://mico.eco/system">https://mico.eco/system</a> ), click on the global map to the right, select species or draw area of interest, click 'export' and download a network model and generate a zipped folder of the file geodatabase(s).	Yes ( <a href="#">CC BY</a> license).	Expected to be in the same way as currently.  UNEP-WCMC does not manage this dataset so cannot control future access decisions or license changes.
The State of the World's Sea Turtles (SWOT)	SWOT – go to <a href="http://www.seaturtlestatus.org">www.seaturtlestatus.org</a> , click on 'Maps and Data' at the top right, click 'SWOT Database', click 'Explore the Map & Database', select data to download, input name, affiliation and intended use then choose type of file to download (CSV or shapefile).	License varies with individual datasets from contributors.	Expected to be in the same way as currently.  UNEP-WCMC does not manage this dataset so cannot control future access decisions or license changes.
<b>Ecosystem services</b>			
Critical Natural Assets (Chaplin-Kramer et al. 2022)	<a href="#">OSF online platform</a> – go to the OSF online platform, search for 'Critical Natural Assets', click relevant can (global, local or overlaps), and download ZIP file.	Yes ( <a href="#">CC BY 4.0</a> license).	Expected to be in the same way as currently.  UNEP-WCMC does not manage this dataset so cannot control future access decisions or license changes.
Human Pressures on biodiversity, water and carbon	<a href="#">Proteus website</a> – go to <a href="http://www.proteuspartners.org">www.proteuspartners.org</a> , sign in with your details, navigate to Knowledge Hub, click UNEP-WCMC Resources, log in with your details and search for Human Pressures on biodiversity, water and carbon.	Yes ( <a href="#">CC BY-SA 2.0</a> license).	Go directly to the <a href="#">UNEP-WCMC Resources website</a> and search for the dataset (it will be accessible without a Proteus login).
<b>Opportunities for ecosystem restoration</b>			
Restoration Opportunities, Europe	<a href="#">Proteus website</a> – go to <a href="http://www.proteuspartners.org">www.proteuspartners.org</a> , sign in with your details, navigate to Knowledge Hub, click UNEP-WCMC Resources, log in with your details and search for Restoration Opportunities.	Yes ( <a href="#">CC BY-SA 4.0</a> license).	Go directly to the <a href="#">UNEP-WCMC Resources website</a> and search for the dataset (it will be accessible without a Proteus login).
Restoration Resilience to Climate Change	<a href="#">Proteus website</a> – go to <a href="http://www.proteuspartners.org">www.proteuspartners.org</a> , sign in with your details, navigate to Knowledge Hub, click UNEP-WCMC Resources, log in with your details and search for Restoration Resilience.	Yes ( <a href="#">CC BY 4.0</a> license).	Go directly to the <a href="#">UNEP-WCMC Resources website</a> and search for the dataset (it will be accessible without a Proteus login).
Hotspots of natural capital depletion <i>Including relative rate of depletion layers for terrestrial biodiversity, soils and sediments, water, and atmosphere, and multi-asset hotspot of depletion layers for the terrestrial and marine realms</i>	<a href="#">Proteus website</a> – go to <a href="http://www.proteuspartners.org">www.proteuspartners.org</a> , sign in with your details, navigate to Knowledge Hub, click UNEP-WCMC Resources, log in with your details and search for hotspots of natural capital depletion.	Yes ( <a href="#">CC BY-SA 4.0</a> or <a href="#">CC BY 4.0</a> license depending on individual layer).	Go directly to the <a href="#">UNEP-WCMC Resources website</a> and search for the datasets (they will be accessible without a Proteus login).

Marine and coastal habitats			
Global Distribution of Coral Reefs	<a href="#">Proteus website</a> – go to <a href="http://www.proteuspartners.org">www.proteuspartners.org</a> , sign in with your details, navigate to Knowledge Hub, click UNEP-WCMC Resources, log in with your details and search for coral reefs.	No ( <a href="#">UNEP-WCMC General Data License</a> ).	UNEP-WCMC is working to change the license to <a href="#">CC BY-SA</a> . If this work is not complete by the end of 2025 then UNEP-WCMC can provide bespoke agreements for individual company's use of the dataset.  Access will be through the <a href="#">UNEP-WCMC Resources website</a> (without needing a Proteus login).
Global Distribution of Cold-Water Corals	<a href="#">Proteus website</a> – go to <a href="http://www.proteuspartners.org">www.proteuspartners.org</a> , sign in with your details, navigate to Knowledge Hub, click UNEP-WCMC Resources, log in with your details and search for cold corals.	No ( <a href="#">UNEP-WCMC General Data License</a> ).	UNEP-WCMC is working to change the license to <a href="#">CC BY-SA</a> . If this work is not complete by the end of 2025 then UNEP-WCMC can provide bespoke agreements for individual company's use of the dataset.  Access will be through the <a href="#">UNEP-WCMC Resources website</a> (without needing a Proteus login).
Global Distribution of Mangroves (Global Mangrove Watch)	<a href="#">Proteus website</a> – go to <a href="http://www.proteuspartners.org">www.proteuspartners.org</a> , sign in with your details, navigate to Knowledge Hub, click UNEP-WCMC Resources, log in with your details and search for mangroves.	Yes ( <a href="#">CC BY 4.0</a> license).	Go directly to the <a href="#">UNEP-WCMC Resources website</a> and search for the dataset (it will be accessible without a Proteus login).
Global Distribution of Seagrasses	<a href="#">Proteus website</a> – go to <a href="http://www.proteuspartners.org">www.proteuspartners.org</a> , sign in with your details, navigate to Knowledge Hub, click UNEP-WCMC Resources, log in with your details and search for seagrasses.	No ( <a href="#">UNEP-WCMC General Data License</a> ).	UNEP-WCMC is working to change the license to <a href="#">CC BY-SA</a> . If this work is not complete by the end of 2025 then UNEP-WCMC can provide bespoke agreements for individual company's use of the dataset.  Access will be through the <a href="#">UNEP-WCMC Resources website</a> (without needing a Proteus login).
Global Distribution of Saltmarshes	<a href="#">Proteus website</a> – go to <a href="http://www.proteuspartners.org">www.proteuspartners.org</a> , sign in with your details, navigate to Knowledge Hub, click UNEP-WCMC Resources, log in with your details and search for saltmarshes.	Yes ( <a href="#">CC BY-NC 4.0</a> license*).	UNEP-WCMC is working to change the license to <a href="#">CC BY-SA</a> .  Access will be through the <a href="#">UNEP-WCMC Resources website</a> (without needing a Proteus login).
Global Distribution of Tidal Flat Ecosystems	<a href="#">Proteus website</a> – go to <a href="http://www.proteuspartners.org">www.proteuspartners.org</a> , sign in with your details, navigate to Knowledge Hub,	Yes ( <a href="#">CC BY 4.0</a> license).	Go directly to the <a href="#">UNEP-WCMC Resources website</a> and search for the dataset (it will be accessible without a Proteus login).

	click UNEP-WCMC Resources, log in with your details and search for tidal flat ecosystems.		
Global Distribution of Hydrothermal Vents (InterRidge Vents Database)	Contact the Proteus team and we can share the latest shapefiles.	Yes ( <a href="#">CC BY-NC-SA 3.0</a> license*).	Access through the <a href="#">InterRidge Vents Database website</a> .  UNEP-WCMC has permission to distribute this dataset to Proteus Partners but does not manage this dataset so cannot control future access decisions or license changes.
Global Distribution of Cold Seeps (ChEssBase)	<a href="#">Proteus website</a> – go to <a href="http://www.proteuspartners.org">www.proteuspartners.org</a> , sign in with your details, navigate to Knowledge Hub, click UNEP-WCMC Resources, log in with your details and search for cold seeps.	Yes ( <a href="#">CC BY 4.0</a> license).	Go directly to the <a href="#">UNEP-WCMC Resources website</a> and search for the dataset (it will be accessible without a Proteus login) or access through OBIS <a href="#">here</a> .  UNEP-WCMC does not manage this dataset so cannot control future access decisions or license changes.
Global Distribution of Seamounts and Knolls	<a href="#">Proteus website</a> – go to <a href="http://www.proteuspartners.org">www.proteuspartners.org</a> , sign in with your details, navigate to Knowledge Hub, click UNEP-WCMC Resources, log in with your details and search for seamounts and knolls.	Yes ( <a href="#">CC BY 4.0</a> license).	Go directly to the <a href="#">UNEP-WCMC Resources website</a> and search for the dataset (it will be accessible without a Proteus login).
Global Distribution of Sea Turtle Nesting Sites	<a href="#">Proteus website</a> – go to <a href="http://www.proteuspartners.org">www.proteuspartners.org</a> , sign in with your details, navigate to Knowledge Hub, click UNEP-WCMC Resources, log in with your details and search for sea turtles.	No ( <a href="#">UNEP-WCMC General Data License</a> ).	UNEP-WCMC is working to change the license to <a href="#">CC BY-SA</a> . If this work is not complete by the end of 2025 then UNEP-WCMC can provide bespoke agreements for individual company's use of the dataset.  Access will be through the <a href="#">UNEP-WCMC Resources website</a> (without needing a Proteus login).
Global Distribution of Sea Turtle Feeding Sites	<a href="#">Proteus website</a> – go to <a href="http://www.proteuspartners.org">www.proteuspartners.org</a> , sign in with your details, navigate to Knowledge Hub, click UNEP-WCMC Resources, log in with your details and search for sea turtles.	No ( <a href="#">UNEP-WCMC General Data License</a> ).	UNEP-WCMC is working to change the license to <a href="#">CC BY-SA</a> . If this work is not complete by the end of 2025 then UNEP-WCMC can provide bespoke agreements for individual company's use of the dataset.  Access will be through the <a href="#">UNEP-WCMC Resources website</a> (without needing a Proteus login).
<b>Other marine environmental designations</b>			

International Maritime Organisation (IMO) <a href="#">Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas</a> (PSSAs)	The latest shapefiles can be shared by the UNEP-WCMC Proteus team upon request.	No. This dataset is managed by the IMO who control licensing and distribution. It may in some instances be made available to specific companies upon request.	Find out more information on the International Maritime Organisation website, <a href="#">here</a> .  UNEP-WCMC has permission to distribute this dataset to Proteus Partners but does not manage this dataset so cannot control future access decisions or license changes.
International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Special Areas under the MARPOL Convention	The latest shapefiles can be shared by the UNEP-WCMC Proteus team upon request.	No. This dataset is managed by the IMO who control licensing and distribution. It may in some instances be made available to specific companies upon request.	Find out more information on the International Maritime Organisation website, <a href="#">here</a> .  UNEP-WCMC has permission to distribute this dataset to Proteus Partners but does not manage this dataset so cannot control future access decisions or license changes.
International Seabed Authority (ISA) Areas of Particular Environmental Interest (APEIs) in the Clarion-Clipperton Zone	The latest shapefiles can be shared by the UNEP-WCMC Proteus team upon request.	No. This dataset is managed by the ISA who control licensing and distribution. It may in some instances be made available to specific companies upon request.	Find out more information and request permission for specific uses based on the information on the International Seabed Authority website, <a href="#">here</a> .  UNEP-WCMC has permission to distribute this dataset to Proteus Partners but does not manage this dataset so cannot control future access decisions or license changes.

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