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Environmental resources

- air quality, water quantity, birds, ...
- need for data to understand fundamental questions such as **global change**
- collecting data: sensors + human as a sensor (HaaS)
- need for data sharing, data publishing
- data models and formats have emerged
- need for data crossing
The Mediterranean basin is a priority area and a leading area for the analysis of environmental data.

A shared observatory between France and Lebanon with the aim of collecting, perpetuating, sharing, and valorizing environmental information and creation of an ambitious Circum-Mediterranean observatory network.

Objectives of O-Life:

- Conduct simultaneously: Observation, Research, Training and Valorization
- Federate skills through common tools and objects
- Organize, share, sustain and enhance environmental data
Priorities

- **Build environmental databases** of the critical zone in consideration
- Conduct **monitoring services**: Provide instruments, equipment, assist in the operation and monitoring of sites
- **Enhance environmental data** and research among scientists, public policy makers, and the public in general, to promote a coordinated approach to sustainable development
- **Facilitate the prospective approach and exchange through innovative web services**
- Be a force of exploration and proposal for relevant calls for projects
Building environmental databases

- crossing heterogeneous data
  - formats
  - context
- collected for a primary goals and not for publication
Sensor Data

- Observations and Measurements (O&M) framework
- SOS: Sensor Observation Service
- proposed by the OGC (Open Geospatial Consortium) within the Sensor Web Enablement (SWE)
- Several frameworks, our choice: 52°North
Concepts

- Feature of interest
- Phenomenon time
- Result time
- Procedure
- Observed property
- Result
- Unit of Measure
The need for crossing points of view

- one observation model is meant as to correspond to one feature of interest
- however, it may be the case that several points of view can be considered
- Example
  - following species

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Multi-mappings

- with the goal to consider alternative features of interest
- some parts of the SSN ontology are refined in order to be able
  - to represent multiple mappings and
  - to point out the existence of multimapping to the users
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Representing multiple mappings

- introduction of ssn:alternative
- alternative observation
- alternative feature of interest
- alternative observed property
- introduction of RDF triplets like:

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\text{fauna:species mssn:altFeatureOfInterest ssn:FeatureOfInterest}
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Conclusion and Perspectives

- importance of data crossing in the context of environemental data and climate change
- extension of the SSN ontology in order to make it possible to represent multiple mappings

- Need to offer a methodology
- Need to address other examples and frameworks