

# Modern approaches to the monitoring of biodiversity (MAMBO)

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# Project overview

**TIMELINE** 

Spring 2022 – Grant agreement preparation

Start date: September 2022

Project period: Four years

**OVERALL BUDGET** 

€5 million

**PARTNERS** 

In total, 10 partners from DK, UK, NL, DE, FR, MT, BG

#### **Horizon Europe CALL**

HORIZON-CL6-2021-BIODIV-01-02

Data and technologies for the inventory, fast identification and monitoring of endangered wildlife and other species groups





Co-creation and infrastructure

**WP1** –User needs and codevelopment

**WP2** – Data providers and IT infrastructures

Tools and technologies

**WP3** – Species detection and identification

**WP4** – Habitat assessments

Implementation and impact

WP5 –
Demonstration and cost-efficiency

**WP6** – Modelling trends, drivers and scenarios

**WP7** – Science policy interface and dissemination

**WP8** Project management and dissemination





## MAMBO OBJECTIVES

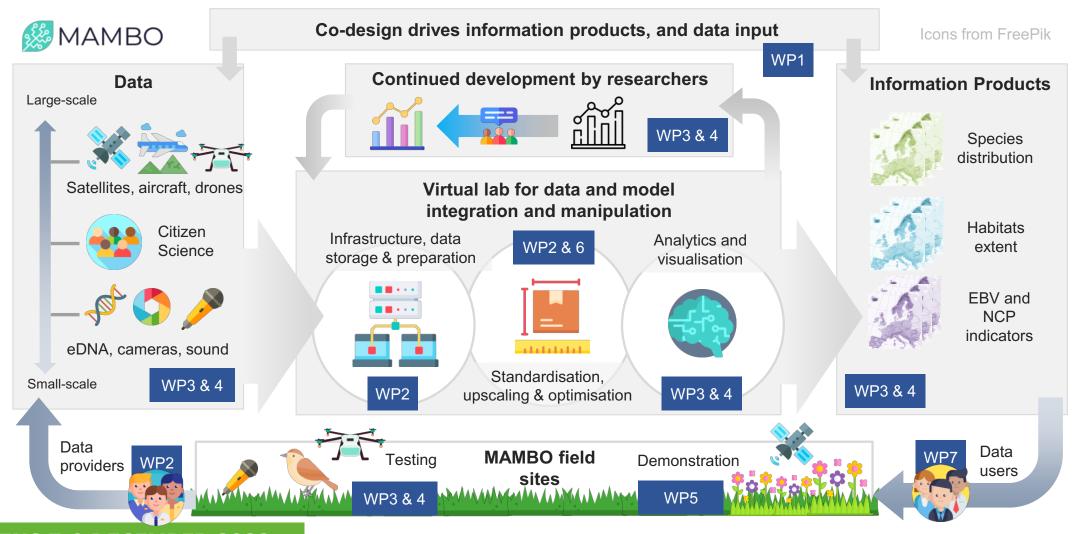
#### The main objectives of MAMBO are to:

- 1) Develop, evaluate and integrate **image** and **sound** recognition-based AI solutions for EU biodiversity monitoring from **species** to **habitats**.
- 2) Develop, test and deliver **high spatial resolution regional EU habitat extent maps** (satellite remote sensing) and site-specific (e.g. Nature 2000), but EU consistent, **habitat condition metrics** (airborne LiDAR and drone data).
- 3) Promote the standardized calculation and automated retrieval of **habitat metrics** using in-situ observations, deep learning and remote sensing.
- **4) Co-design** MAMBO's novel ecological **monitoring tools** with researchers, policy makers, citizens and other stakeholders, evaluate their costs and benefits and make them widely available.
- 5) Build a new global community of practice for the development and application of these cutting-edge technologies through proof-of-concept implementation across the EU.
- 6) Test and implement existing and MAMBO's novel tools for upscaling, and contribute to an integrated European biodiversity monitoring system with potential for dynamic adaptations.





# MAMBO MODULES AND INTERACTIONS





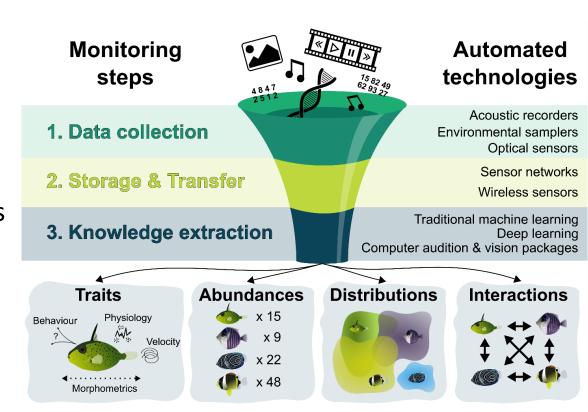
## MAMBO tools

#### **Data collection**

- camera for monitoring nocturnal insects
- camera for monitoring pollinators

#### **Knowledge extraction**

- Image-recognition software for species on the annexes of the Habitats Directive
- Sound-recognition software for birds, bats, marine mammals, crickets and grasshoppers
- Habitat extent mapping tools
- Habitat condition metric derivation from airborne LiDAR and/or drone data





# Tasks – tools and tech

#### Work package 3: Ground-based recording and monitoring tools

- T3.1 Al based image recognition for European animals
- T3.2 Acoustic detection and monitoring of animals
- T3.3 Automatic insect cameras
- T3.4 Al-powered vegetation-quadrats analyses

#### Work package 4: Remote sensing for habitat assessment

- T4.1 Develop habitat extent monitoring
- T4.2 Develop habitat condition metrics
- T4.3 Develop automated execution of workflows



# TASKS - demonstration

Work package 5: Equipment and demonstration on sites and in targeted regions

T5.1 Implementation of image and sound recognition with national biodiversity portals.

T5.2 Demonstration of sensors of relevance to pollinator monitoring

T5.3 Demonstration of remote-sensing derived habitat metrics and their data processing pipelines





#### **Partners**

#### **Participant Organisation Name**

Aarhus University, Denmark

Naturalis, The Netherlands

University of Reading, UK

UFZ, Germany

Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, UK

INRIA, France

University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

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