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FOR COASTAL RESTORATION*

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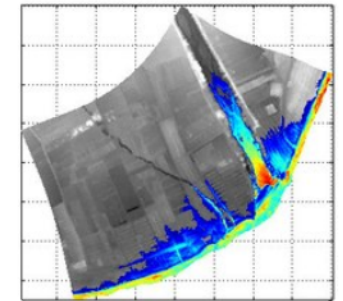


The Maritime Engineering Laboratory of the [Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya-BarcelonaTech](#) (LIM / UPC) is a Specific Research Center (CER) within the framework of the [Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering](#) of the [Civil Engineering School at Barcelona](#). LIM/UPC is a non-profit public research center whose purpose is to generate and transfer knowledge and technology, innovate and train highly qualified professionals and researchers in the fields of Maritime Engineering and Marine Sciences.

LIM/UPC was founded in 1987 and it is formed by a group of high level researchers with a large experience in research and technology transfer. Their background comes from a number of disciplines related to its main aim (civil engineering, oceanography, physics, geology, mathematics). LIM/UPC has a solid research infrastructure (laboratory and field equipment) and has developed and uses a variety of software packages in its fields of action.

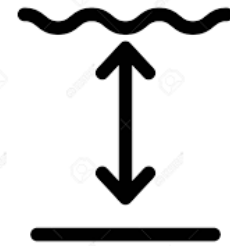
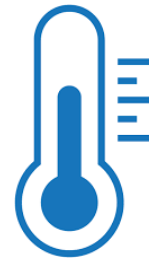
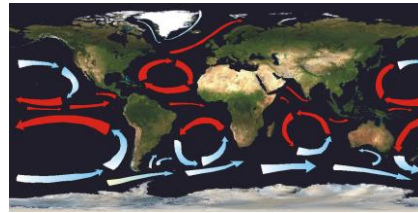
Its large wave flume [CIEM](#) has been selected as a "Large Scale Facility" by the European Union since 1997 and as a Singular Research Facility of Spain since 2006.

LIM/UPC is part of [MARHIS, Maritime Aggregated Research Hydraulic Infrastructures](#), a distributed research infrastructure (ICTS) of the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness in Spain.



# COMMON TYPE OF DATA AT LIM/UPC

Physical parameters coming from observations





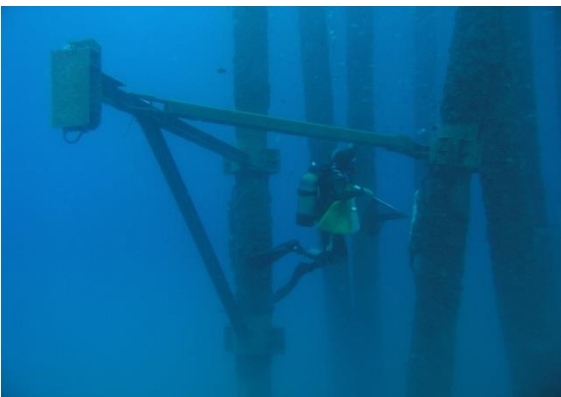
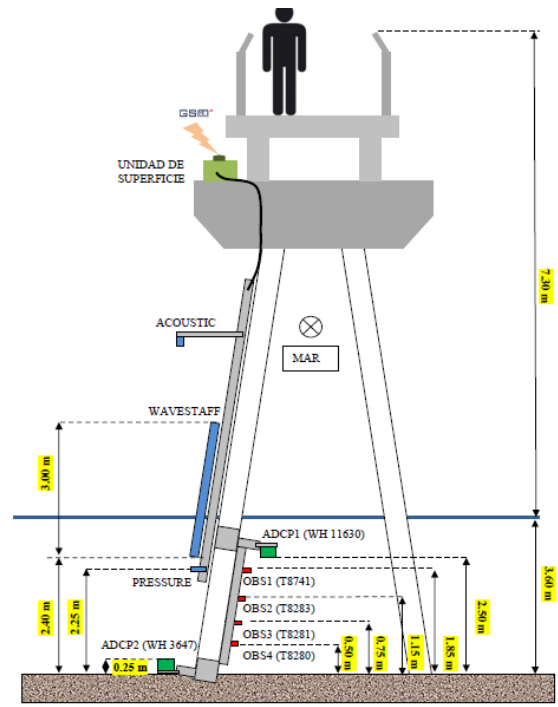
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## Moorings



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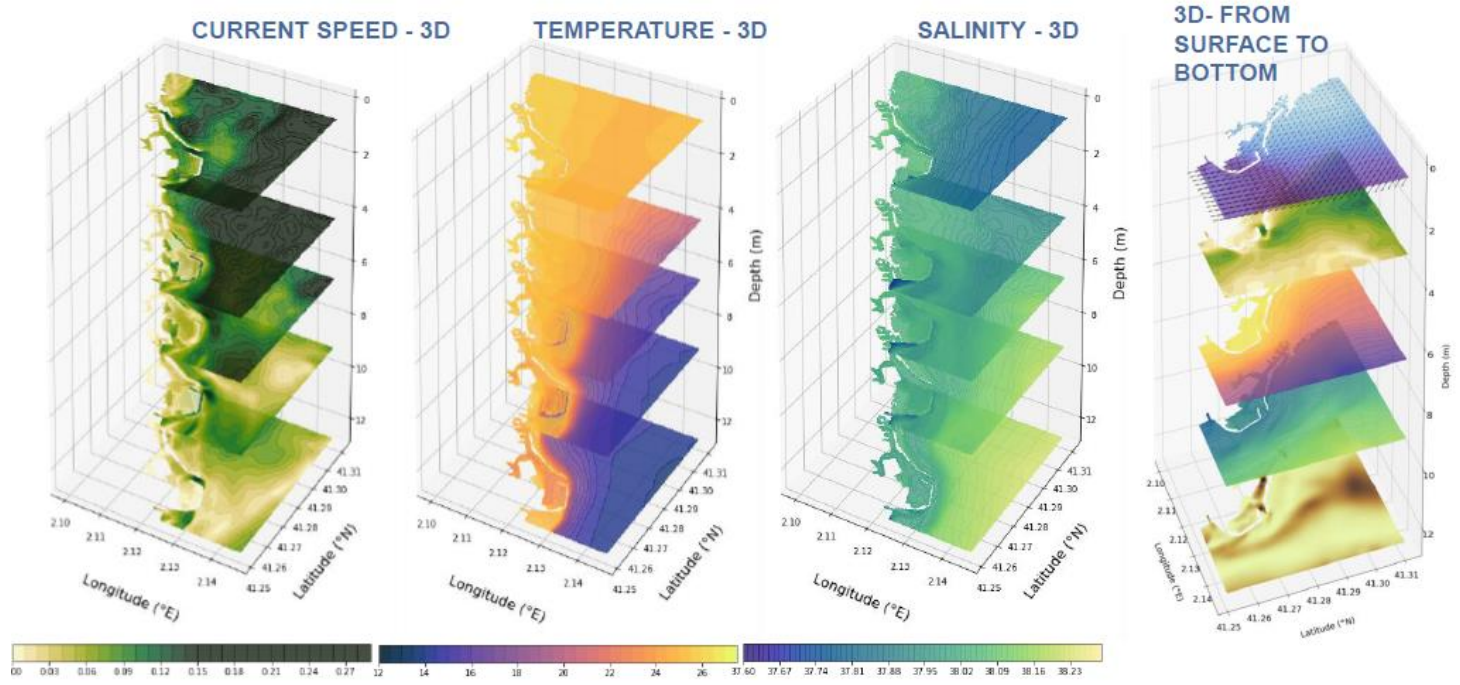
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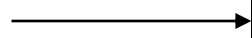


# COMMON TYPE OF DATA AT LIM/UPC

## Numerical model results



plus new ones



# ECO – PROJECTS AT LIM



### Main Objective

The main objective of ECOPLANTS is to evaluate the effectiveness of seagrass litter accumulated on the beach for coastal protection.

ECOPLANTS is funded through the Spanish program "Programa Estatal de Generación de Conocimiento y Fortalecimiento Científico y Tecnológico del Sistema de I+D+i y del Programa Estatal de I+D+i Orientada a los Retos de la Sociedad, en el marco del Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica y Técnica y de Innovación 2017-2020.

ECOBAYS

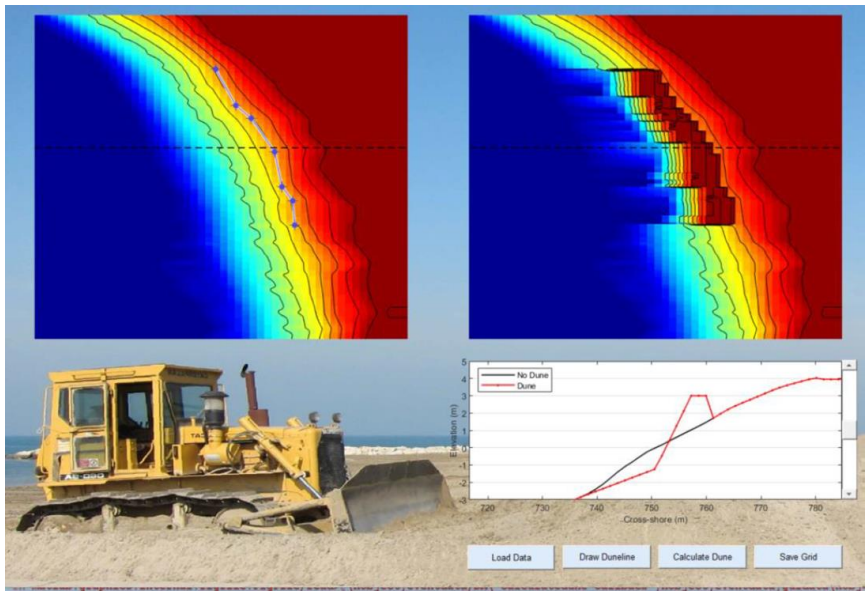
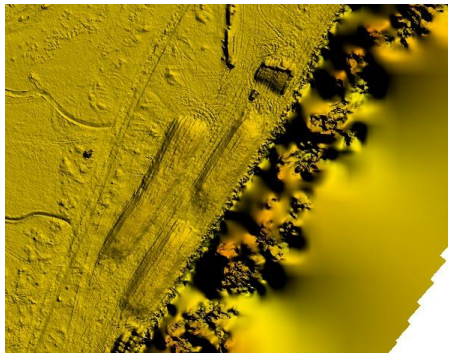




## GOALS

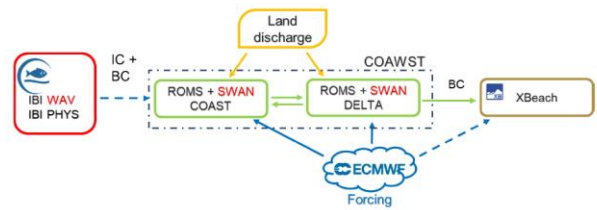


Generate new tools and data to assess risk reduction at different climate change levels to provide consistent risk estimates across time scales and lower financial, social and political barriers to large scale restoration.



**WP2** Climate risk reduction through innovative restoration +

## EWS framework



- MED WAV**
- Hourly Tp
  - Hourly Dir
  - Hourly Hs

- MED PHYS**
- Hourly sea level
  - 15 minutes 2D currents
  - Hourly 3D T/S
  - Hourly 3D currents

- ECMWF ERA 5**
- Hourly Patm
  - Hourly wind at 10 m
  - Hourly Tair
  - Hourly precipitation
  - Hourly net solar/thermal radiation
  - Hourly relative humidity

- COAST**
- Hourly Hs; Tp; Dir
  - Hourly wind at 10 m
  - Hourly MWL

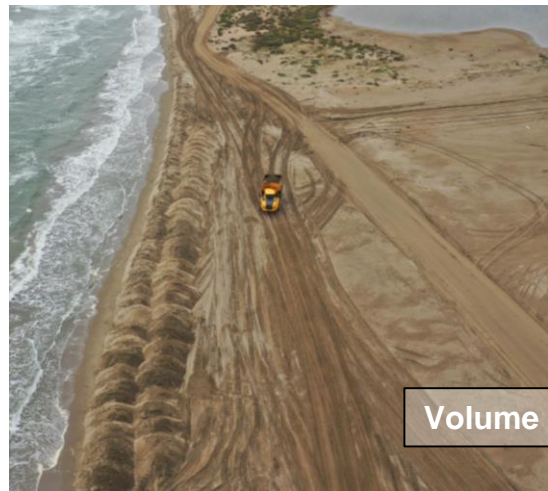
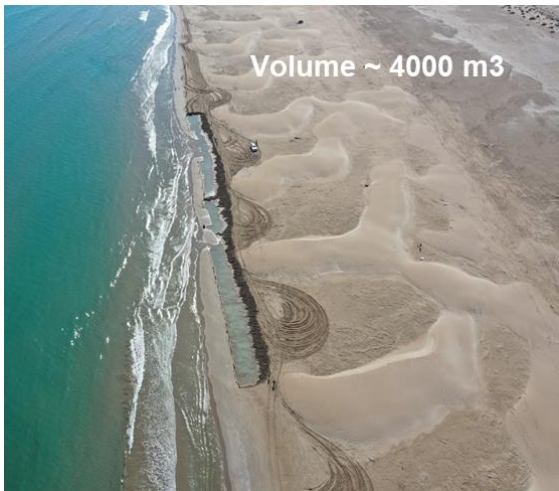


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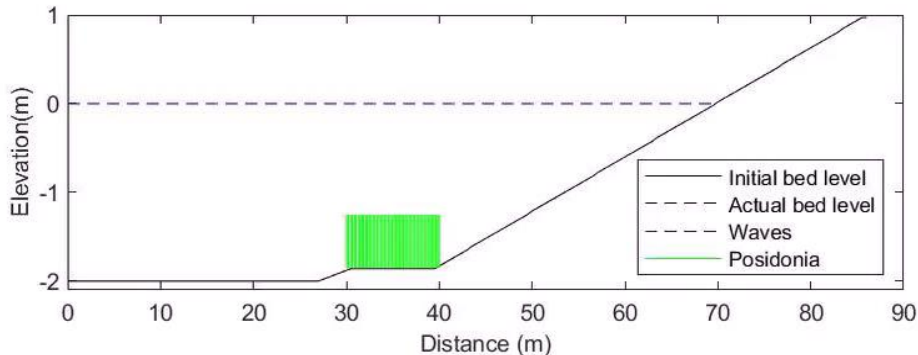
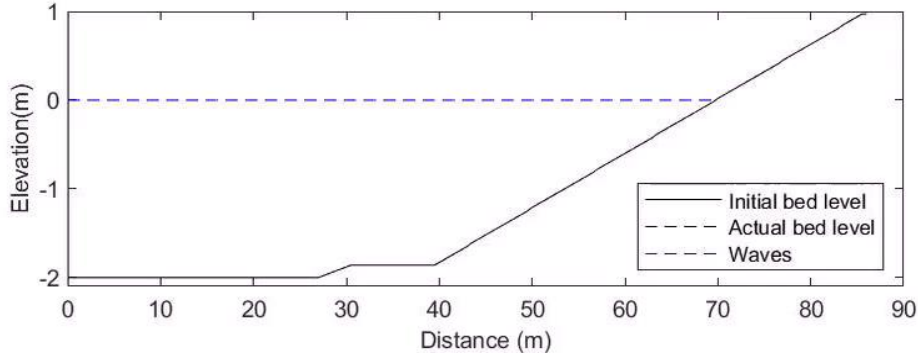


Improve coastal restoration practice and techniques through new hands-on restoration projects within the REST-COAST Pilots, supported by Restoration Platforms to demonstrate and scale-up measures for wider use.

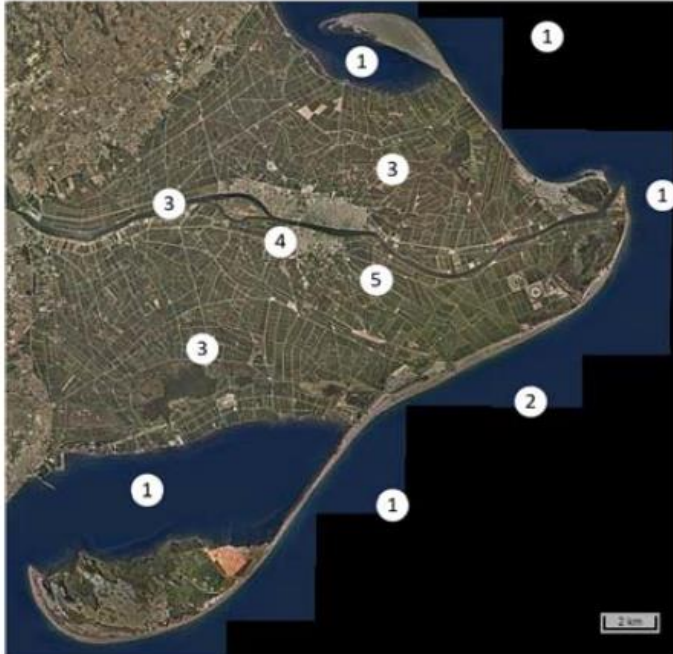
**WP1** Hands-on restoration of coastal ecosystems and upscaling potential technical aspects +



# ECOPLANTS GOALS



# NEED OF DATA FOR CALIBRATION/VALIDATION

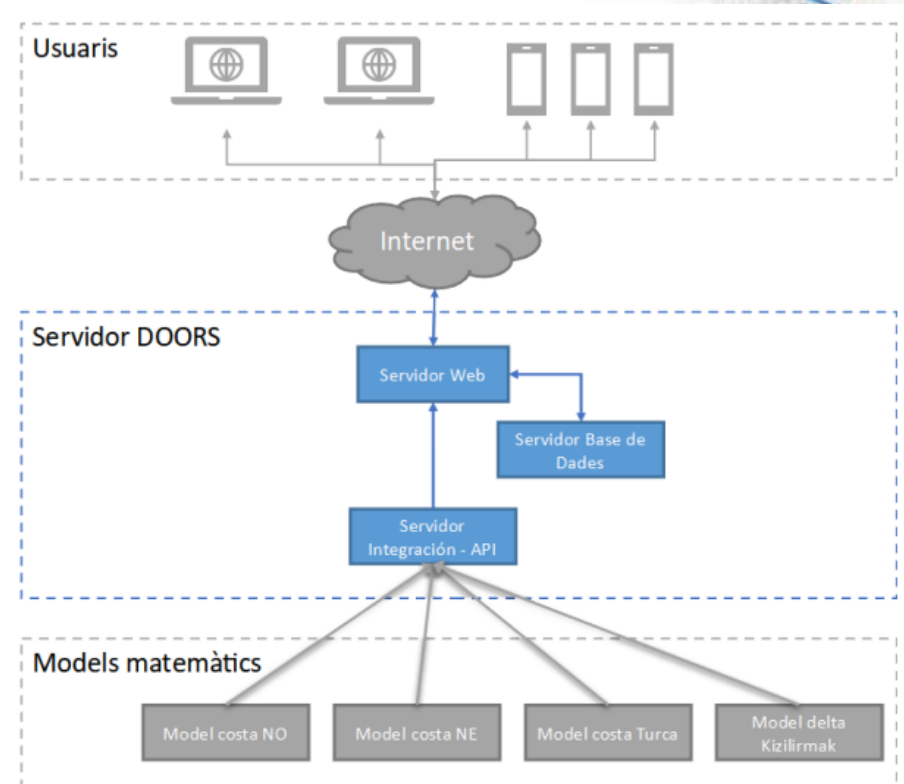


Category	
<b>(1) Marine factors:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mean water level</li><li>• Wind</li><li>• Waves</li><li>• Currents</li><li>• Conductivity /Temperature</li><li>• Turbidity</li><li>• pH</li><li>• Dissolved oxygen</li><li>• Redox potential</li><li>• Earth-Sea exchanges</li><li>• Sea water acidification</li></ul>
<b>(2) Coastal fringe factors:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shoreline position</li><li>• Sediment characteristics</li><li>• Bathymetry</li><li>• Vegetation</li></ul>
<b>(3) River factors:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Liquid discharge</li><li>• Solid discharge</li><li>• Nutrient discharge</li><li>• Bed and suspended loads</li><li>• pH</li><li>• Dissolved oxygen</li><li>• Redox potential</li></ul>
<b>(4) Planning constraints</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Existing coastal – river infrastructures</li><li>• Plan new infrastructure</li><li>• River regulation</li><li>• Land uses</li><li>• Subsidence</li></ul>
<b>(5) Socio economic activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Population density per capita income</li><li>• Local economic productivity</li><li>• Natural functions</li><li>• Inventory of natural systems</li><li>• Main functions</li><li>• Valuation</li></ul>



# NEED OF DATA HARMONISATION AND VISIBILITY

FORMATS	
Qualitative data	Text files with extension - .XML(text according to an appropriate document type) - .RTF(rich text format), .TXT (plain text data), ASCII - .doc/.docx( widely –used proprietary formats, MS Word), .tex (LaTeX )
Quantitative tabular data with extensive metadata	--proprietary data formats only if a de facto standard and no international accepted standard exists - Data sets with variable labels - data and metadata inside a relational database -XML file with metadata (WaterML2 etc)
Quantitative tabular data with minimal metadata	- .CSV (comma-separated values), .tab (tab-delimited file) - widely-used formats MS Excel (.xls/.xlsx), MS Access (.mdb/.accdb), open documents spreadsheet (.ods)
Quantitative gridded/array-oriented data, self-describing formats	- .nc (netCDF) with CF conventions - .grb (GRIB) - .hdf
Geospatial data	(vector and raster data), tabular GIS attribute data OGC simple features, proprietary ESRI-shp, ...
Digital audio data	- .wav (Waveform Audio Format) - .mp3( MPEG audio format)
Digital video data	- .MP4 (MPEG 4) - .jp2 (motion JPEG)
Documentation and scripts	Files in the .RTF, .PDF or .HTM format, plain text or widely used proprietary formats MSWORD(.doc/.docx), MS EXCEL(.xls/.xlsx), SQL, JAVA, JAVASCRIPT



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