

# **MYTILUS – a tool for assessing the cumulative impact of human pressures on the ecosystems**

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# Maritime activities



# Cumulative Impact Assessment

$$I_{Sum}(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m D_i(x, y) e_j(x, y) \mu_{i,j}$$

- n pressures and m ecosystem components
- $D_i$ : Spatial distribution of pressures, such as fishing effort or shipping intensity, as regular grids
- Pressure data are  $\log(x+1)$ -transformed and rescaled to 0..1
- $e_j$ : Spatial distribution of ecosystem components as regular grids, e.g. continental slope soft bottom habitat either as presence (1) and absence (0)
- $\mu_{i,j}$ : Sensitivity weights” numerically representing the sensitivity of ecosystem component j to pressure i.
- These weights are typically derived by expert judgment

Halpern et al. 2008)





## Additional indices

Cumulative impact index averaged over ecosystems

$$I_{Mean} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{1}{E_{Div}} P_i \times E_j \times \mu_{i,j}$$

Cumulative pressure index

$$PI = \sum_{i=1}^n (P_i \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m \mu_{i,j})$$

Ecological diversity index

$$E_{Div} = \sum_{j=1}^m E_j$$



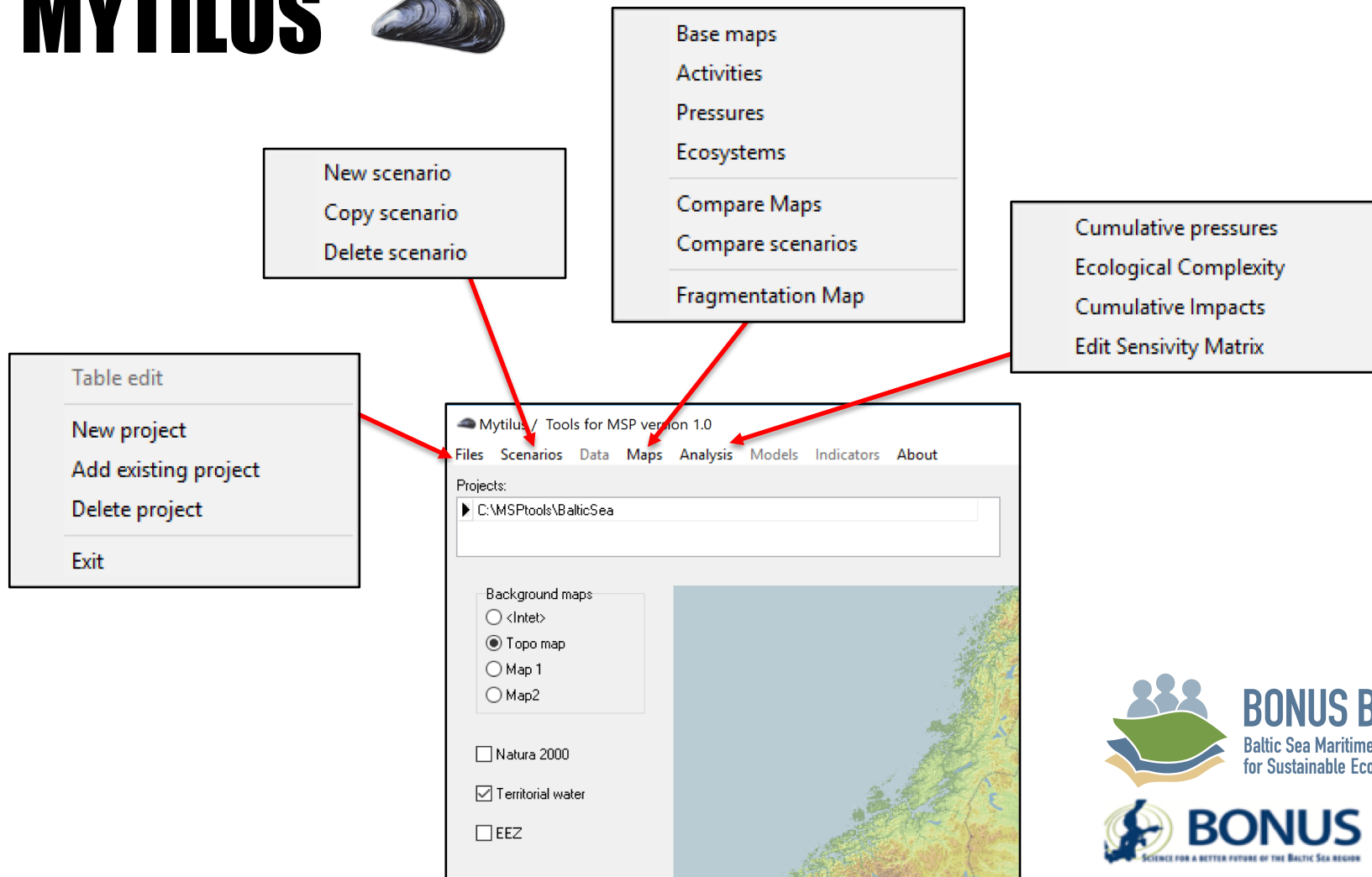
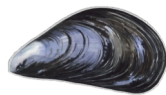


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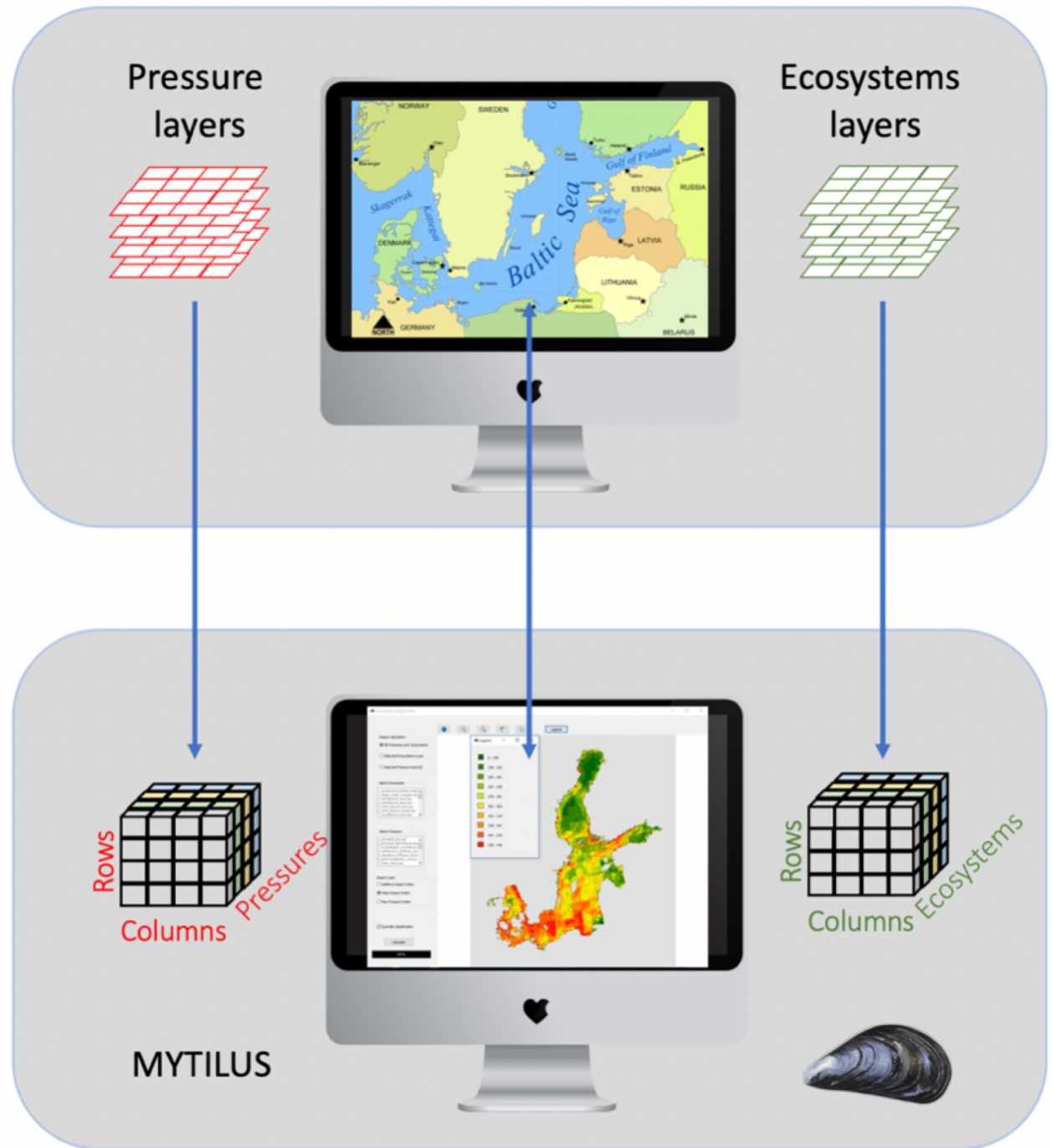
- MYTILUS has been developed as part of the NorthSEE and BONUS BASMATI projects and it is open source and freely available
- The aim of MYTILUS is to provide an open source tool to enable assessments of cumulative impact of various maritime activities on the marine ecosystems and its services
- MYTILUS is applying a scenario based approach to analyse the effect of various maritime spatial planning options, and the differences between scenarios can easily be visualised in a high-performance environment
- Expert users can change values directly in the sensitivity matrix, and the calculations are done very fast to facilitate its use at stakeholder events, where the effect of different spatial planning proposals can be demonstrated



# MYTILUS



# MYTILUS Systems Architecture







Legend

Select pressures

☒ All pressures☐ Selected pressures

1\_physical\_loss.asc  
2\_physical\_disturbance.asc  
3\_hydrological\_conditions.asc  
4\_continuous\_anthrop\_sound.asc  
5\_impulsive\_anthrop\_sound.asc  
6\_electromagnetic\_waves.asc  
7\_heat\_input.asc  
8\_hazardous\_subst.asc

☐ Marine Protected areas☒ Quantile classification

Calculate

100%

Legend

0 - 111  
111 - 117  
117 - 123  
123 - 127  
127 - 132  
132 - 137  
137 - 143  
143 - 152  
152 - 168  
168 - 346

Cumulative pressures

Ecological Complexity

Cumulative Impacts

Edit Sensivity Matrix

Cumulative pressures  
Ecological Complexity  
Cumulative Impacts  
Edit Sensivity Matrix

## Impact calculation

☒ All Pressures and Ecosystems

☐ Selected Ecosystems Layer

☐ Selected Pressure layer(s)

## Select Ecosystem

1\_productive\_surface\_water.asc  
2\_deep\_water\_oxygen.asc  
3\_infralittoral\_hard.asc  
4\_infralittoral\_sand.asc  
5\_infralittoral\_mud.asc  
6\_infralittoral\_mixed.asc  
7\_circalittoral\_hard.asc

## Select Pressure

1\_physical\_loss.asc  
2\_physical\_disturbance.asc  
3\_hydrological\_conditions.asc  
4\_continuous\_anthropogenic\_sound.asc  
5\_impulsive\_anthropogenic\_sound.asc  
6\_electromagnetic\_waves.asc  
7\_heat\_input.asc

## Impact type

☒ Additive Impact Index

☐ Mean Impact Index

☐ Max Pressure Index

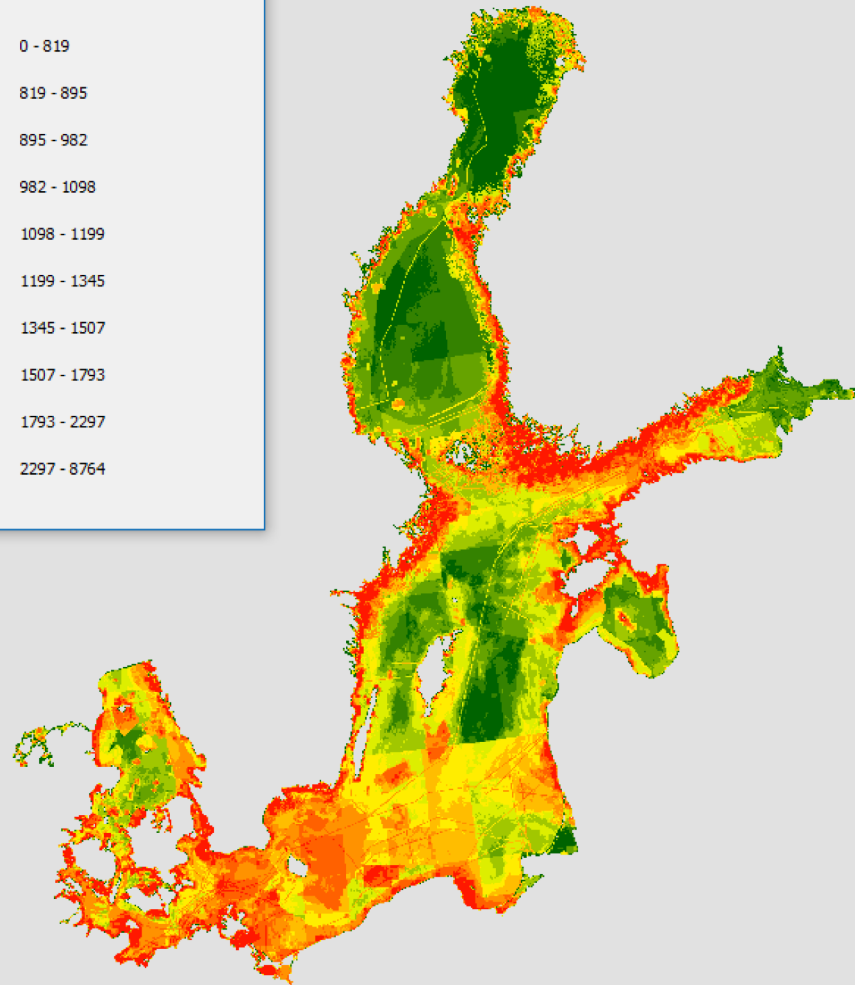
☒ Quantile classification

Calculate

100%

## Legend

0 - 819  
819 - 895  
895 - 982  
982 - 1098  
1098 - 1199  
1199 - 1345  
1345 - 1507  
1507 - 1793  
1793 - 2297  
2297 - 8764





Legend

## Impact calculation

☒ All Pressures and Ecosystems☐ Selected Ecosystems Layer☐ Selected Pressure layer(s)

## Select Ecosystem

1\_productive surface water  
2\_deep\_water\_oxygen.asc  
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## Select Pressure

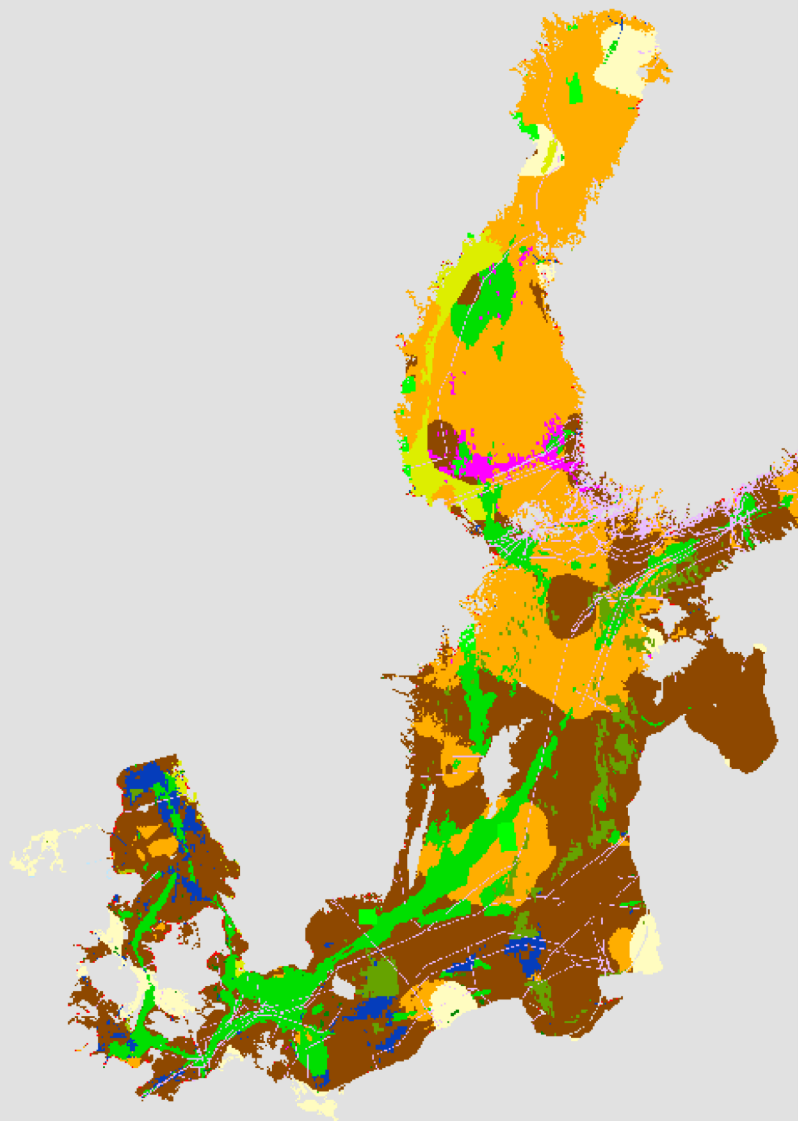
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2\_physical\_disturbance.asc  
3\_changed\_hydrological\_cc  
4\_continuous\_anthropogenic  
5\_impulsive\_anthropogenic  
6\_electromagnetic\_waves  
7\_heat\_input.asc

## Impact type

☐ Additive Impact Index☐ Mean Impact Index☒ Max Pressure Index☐ Quantile classification

Calculate

100%



## Legend

- Physical\_loss
- Physical\_disturbance
- Changed\_hydrological\_conditions
- Continuous\_anthropogenic\_sound
- Impulsive\_anthropogenic\_sound
- Electromagnetic\_waves
- Heat\_input
- Hazardous\_substances
- Inputs\_of\_nitrogen
- Inputs\_of\_phosphorus
- Inputs\_of\_radionuclides
- Oil\_slicks\_and\_spills
- Disturbance\_due\_to\_human\_pressur
- Fishing\_of\_herring
- Fishing\_of\_cod
- Fishing\_of\_sprat
- Seabird\_hunting
- Hunting\_of\_seals
- Input\_non\_indigenous\_species





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**Thank you for your attention 😊**

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