

# MONITORING OF HABITATS AT THE LEVEL OF A NATURA 2000 SITE – 'MOHANA' MOBILE AND WEB APP



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# 1. Context, grounds for, and objectives of the project

Motivation: Nowadays, the Web offers new ways to make available information to users. This creates new ways and tools that can be used to make available natural habitats and of wild flora and fauna species information's and promotion of their conservation status, management and restoration (established under the article 17 of the Directive 92/43/EEC – commonly known as the Habitats Directive).

The main objective this application is to develop a Web application for the Site of Community Importance (SCI) in Europe. This web application uses dynamic maps and user-generated content features, which are focused on make available useful information for the community and stakeholders and the promotion of Nature Conservation and support European monitoring and conservation programs.





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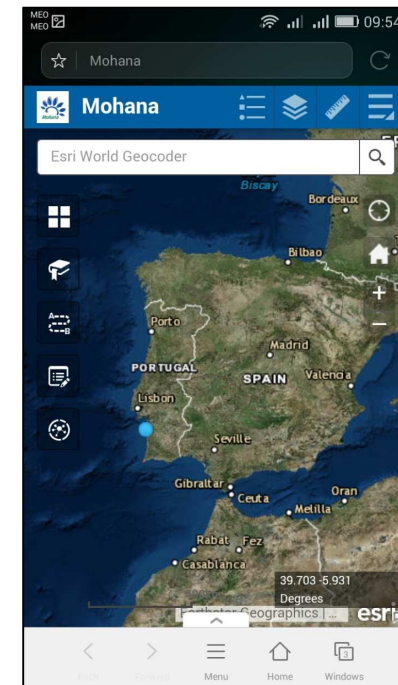
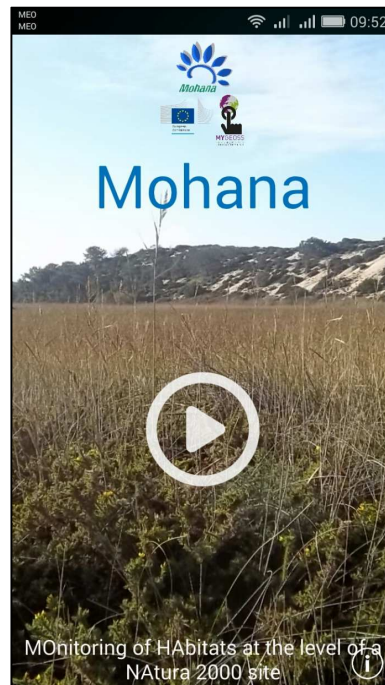
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Scope of the app: Is recognized the need to manage the natural habitats to maintain their favorable conservation status.

The app aims to provide tools and data which enables the conservation of biodiversity to be integrated into the management of Natura 2000 spaces.





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# 1. History of collaborations and joint projects

## Research framework:

❑ **PhD thesis:** "Structure and dynamics of habitats and landscape of Sado Estuary and Comporta/Galé Natura 2000 Sites - A contribution to sustainable land management and ecological restoration". Institute of Geography and Territorial Planning of The University of Lisbon (IGOT-UL) (Author: Francisco Gutierrez. Year: 2014).

❑ Collaboration with **ITC** and **ALTERRA** under the **Euregio project** – evaluation of habitat monitoring schemes in cross borders ‘Netherlands-Germany’ (2012) (Within the scope of the mentioned PhD Thesis).

❑ Collaboration with **University of Madrid** – Environmental diagnosis at local scale: integrating biodiversity conservation in management of Natura 2000 forest spaces (2013) (Within the scope of the mentioned PhD Thesis).







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## Participation in European-related projects:

❑ **Land cover/use statistics (LUCAS) project** (funded by the European Commission DG EUROSTAT).

Participation in GRANT for 2012 and 2015 – “LUCAS project - Pilote study on the provision of harmonized land use/cover statistics by means of data integration through Geographical Information Technology (Synergies between LUCAS and the national systems)” (Project Technical Coordinator since 2013).

❑ Collaborator in **European Coastal Database** (<http://euroveg.org/eva-database>) (since 2013).

**LUCAS**  
**Land use/cover statistics**  
**eurostat** 



European  
Vegetation  
Survey

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## Participation in national initiatives:

□ **iGEO - Mentres Criativas** for the development of app for mobile devices - development of the web app prototype “Mohana” (2015). (<http://www.igeo.pt/>).

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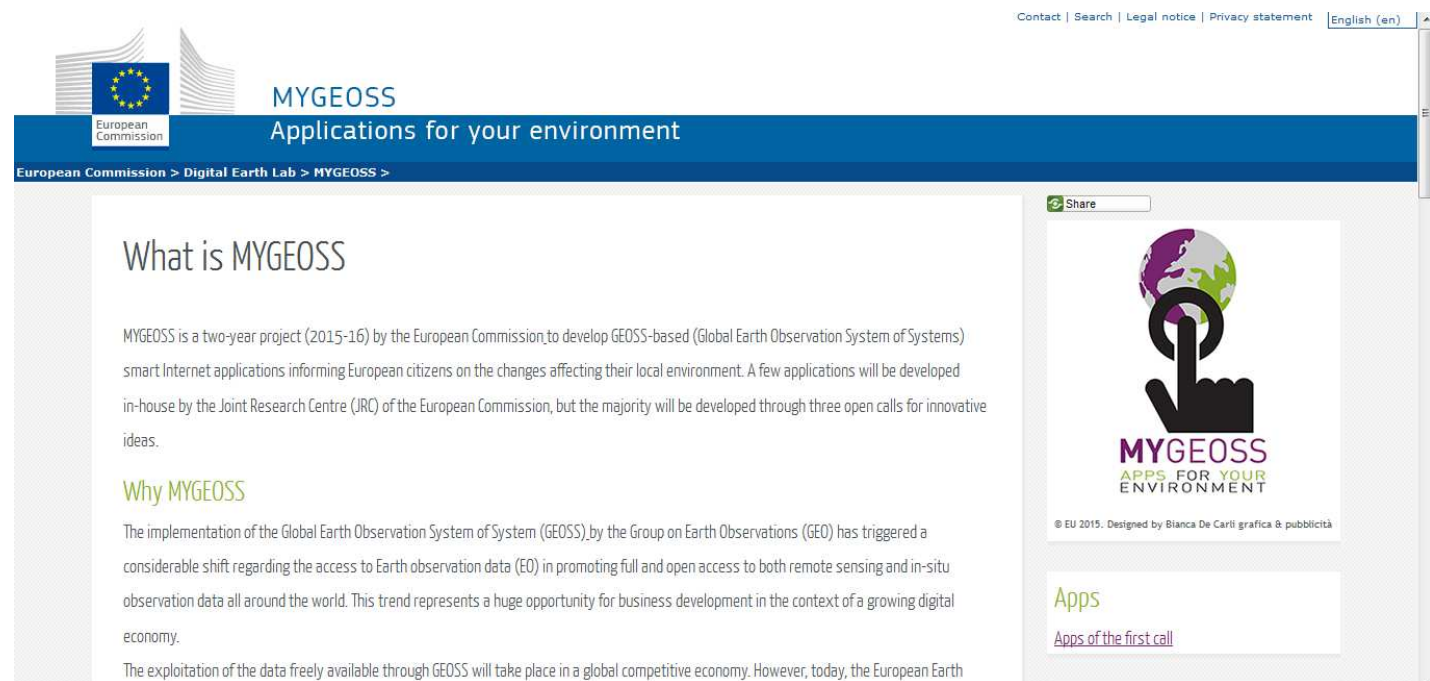
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Participation in european initiatives:

❑ **MYGEOSS - Apps for your environment** - development of the native mobile and web app “Mohana” (2016).  
(<http://digitalearthlab.jrc.ec.europa.eu/mygeoss/>).





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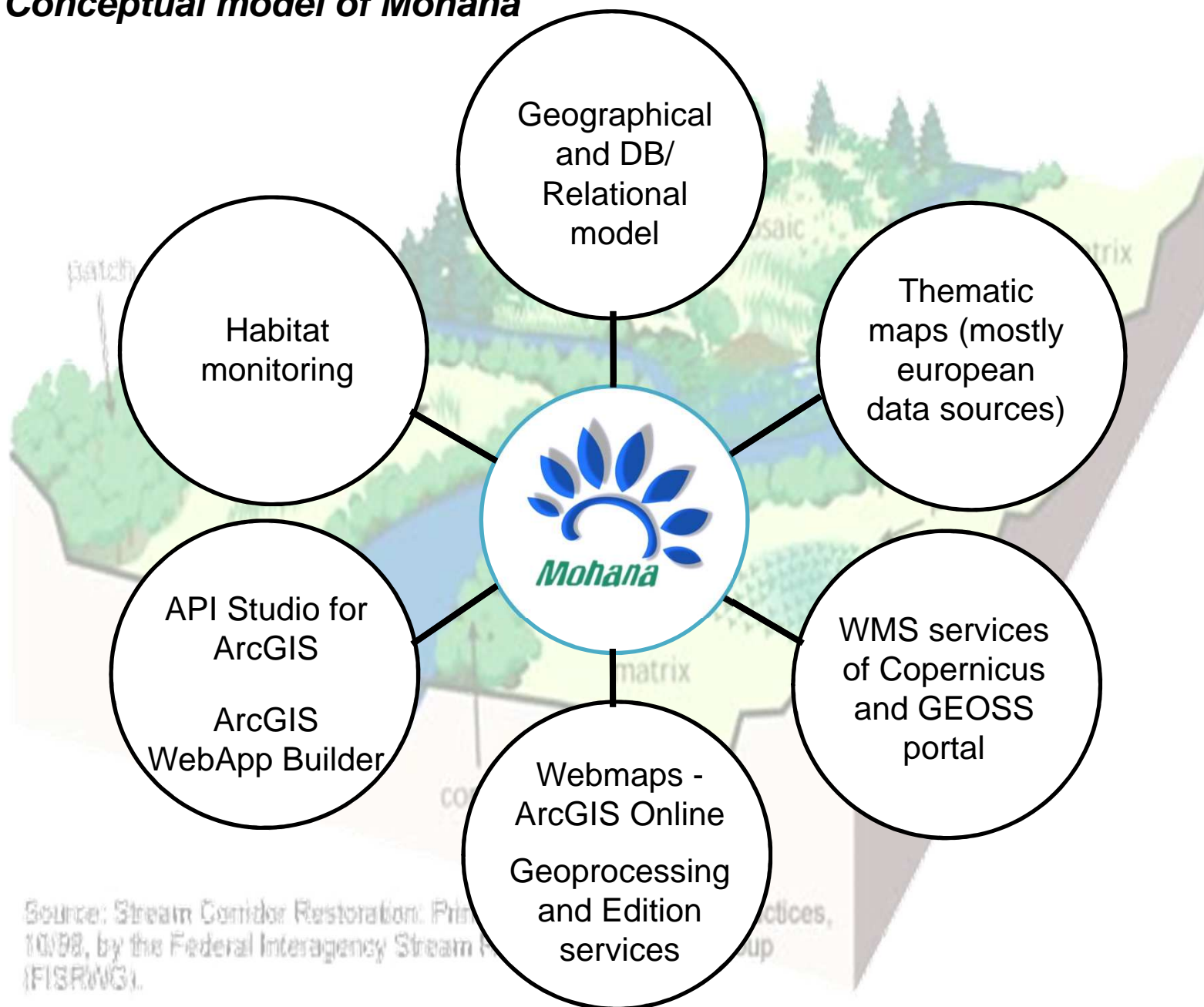
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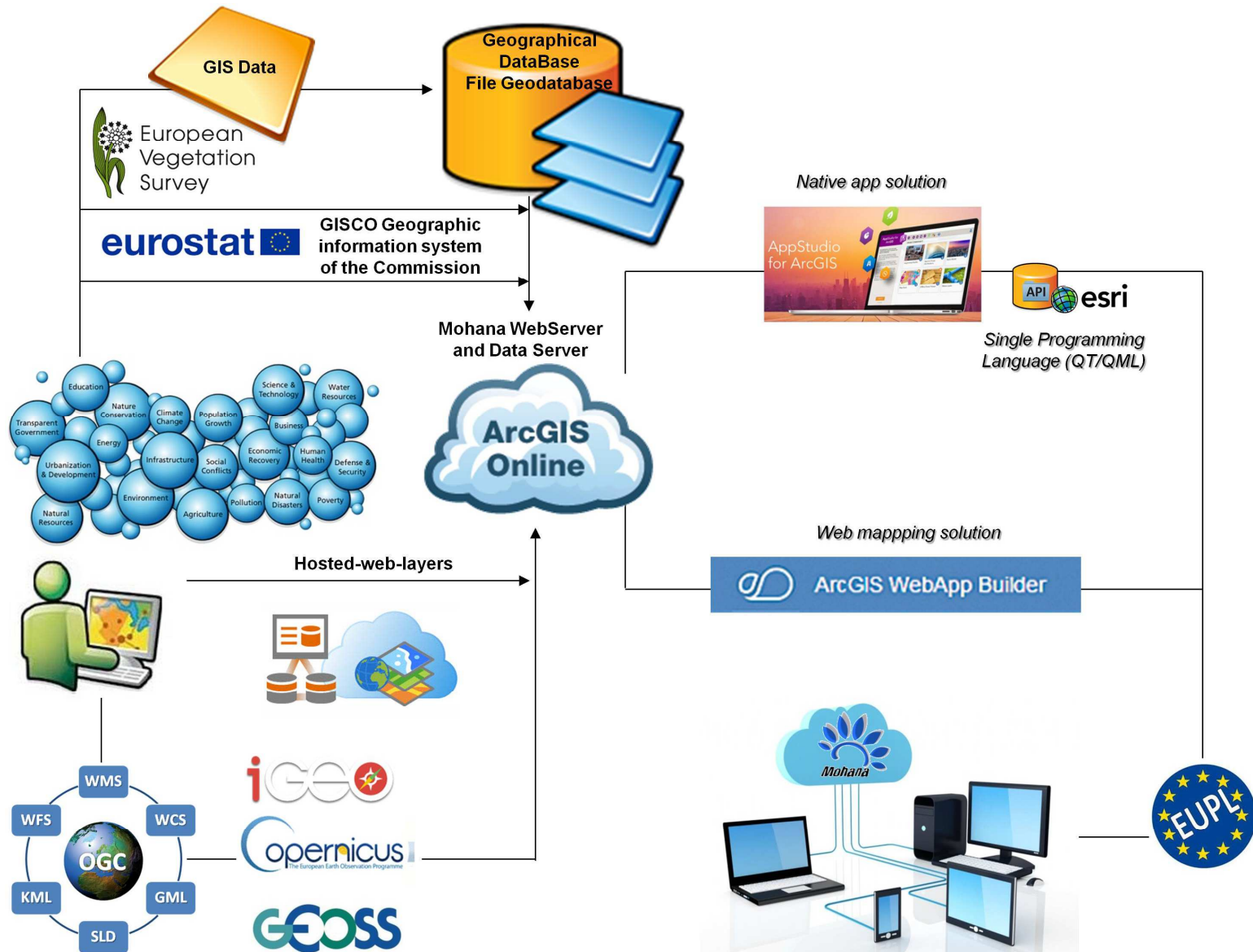
### *Conceptual model of Mohana*





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### Mohana (MYGEOSS solution)





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### Mohana data Sources

#### ☐ 'Eurostat' data layers

- LUCAS in-situ data for 2012
- EuroGlobalMap - Administrative boundaries

#### ☐ 'Copernicus Land Monitoring Services data layers

- Pan-European / CORINE Land Cover
- Pan-European / High Resolution Layers
- Local / Urban Atlas
- Local / Natura 2000 (N2K)
- In-situ / DEM & Derived products

#### ☐ GEOSS Core Data

- Natura 2000 Site boundaries

#### ☐ 'RAMSAR' data layers

- RAMSAR sites

#### ☐ Flora and Vegetation data layers

- Coastal Database under the European Vegetation Survey

(<http://euroveg.org/eva-database>)

- Flora-On: occurrence data of the flora of mainland Portugal



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### Mohana data Sources

#### ☐ GIS volunteer data:

- Hosted feature layers (accessed and edited by users through ArcGIS Online) according INSPIRE Data specifications:

- D2.8.III. 18 Data Specification on Habitats and Biotopes
- D2.8.III.19 Data Specification on Species Distribution



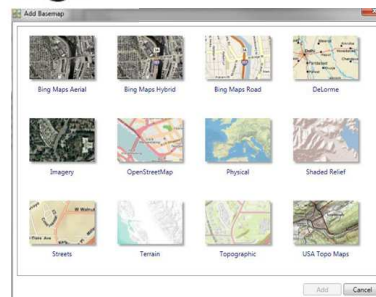
The information collected from the user (e.g. Mohana - GeoForm) will follow the national legislation with respect to data protection.

#### ☐ National Data Sources :

- Land Use and Land Cover Map of Portugal Mainland (COS) (WMS iGEO)
- National Forest Inventory (NFI)
- Coastal beaches dataset (SNIRH)



#### ☐ ESRI base Maps



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### 3. Functionalities – Native app



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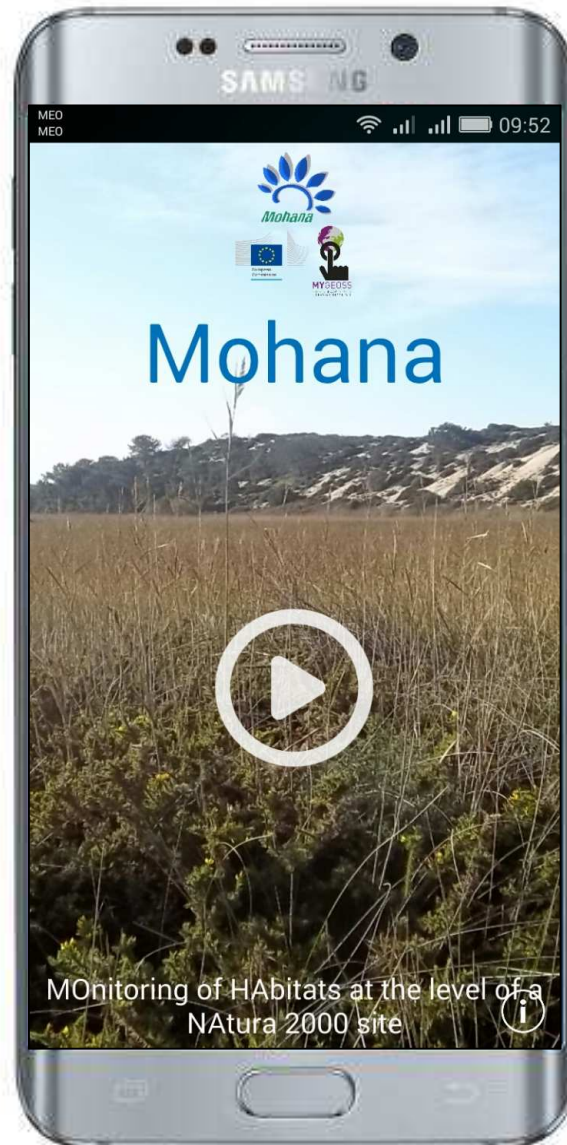
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★ **Multi-Platform:** Android, iOS, MacOS, Linux (64 bit), Windows X86 and X64

★ **Report a GeoForm** according **INSPIRE Data specifications:**

- ★ • D2.8.III. 18 Data Specification on Habitats and Biotopes
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★ **Take a Photo**

★ **Add location**



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#### Report tool

*Capture and location functionalities*

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Information-button



Report-start-button

Web-app-URL

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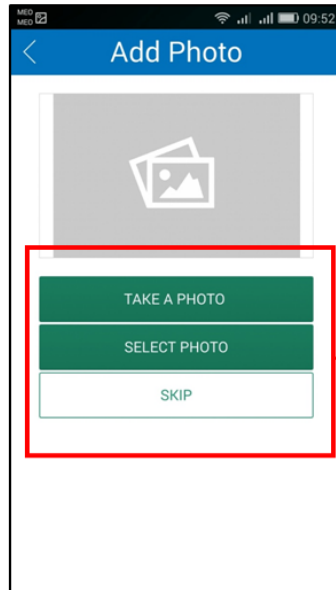
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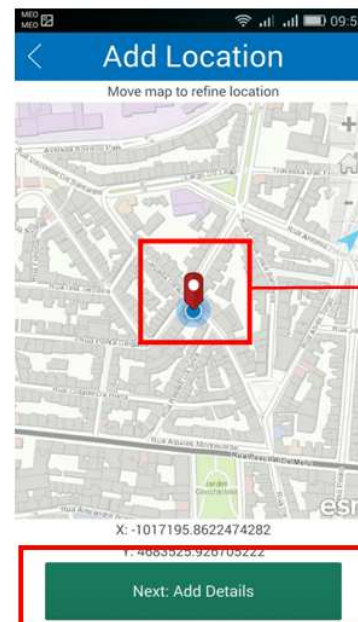
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Add location button

Access to Report information (Mohana GeoForm)

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## Report tool

### Mohana GeoForm

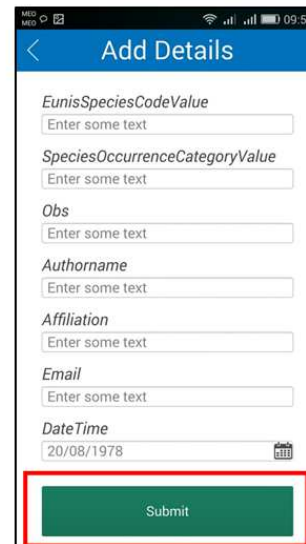
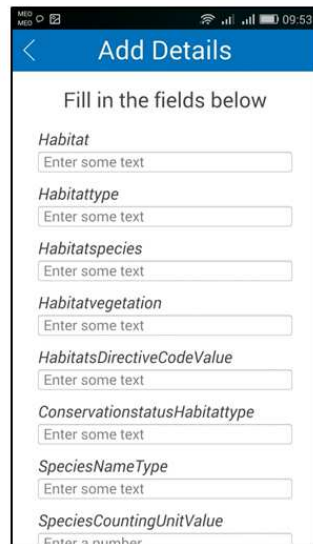
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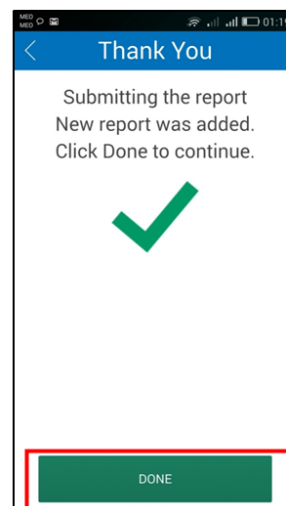
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- D2.8.III. 18 INSPIRE Data Specification on Habitats and Biotopes – Technical Guidelines;
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**Query,  
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**Routing tools**



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## Swipe tool

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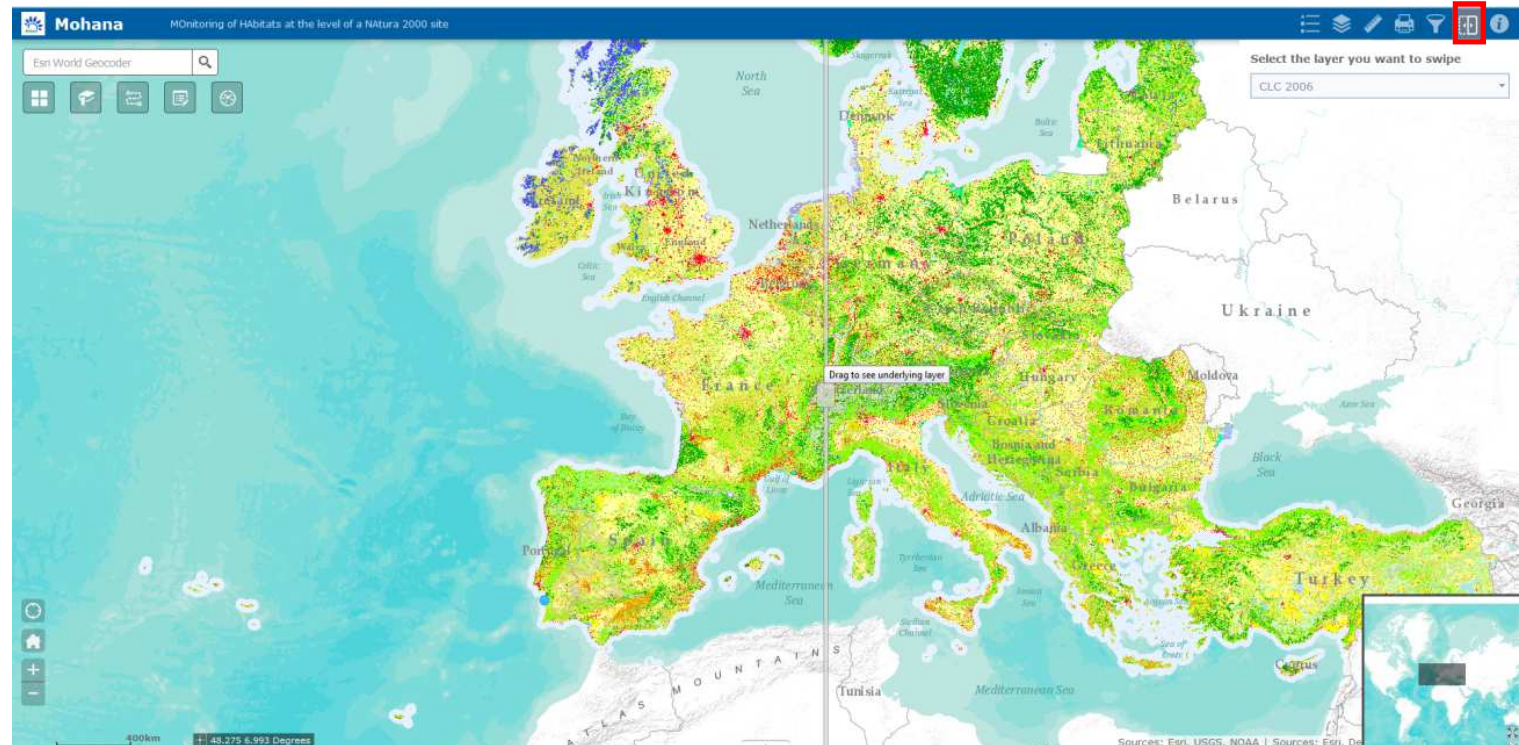
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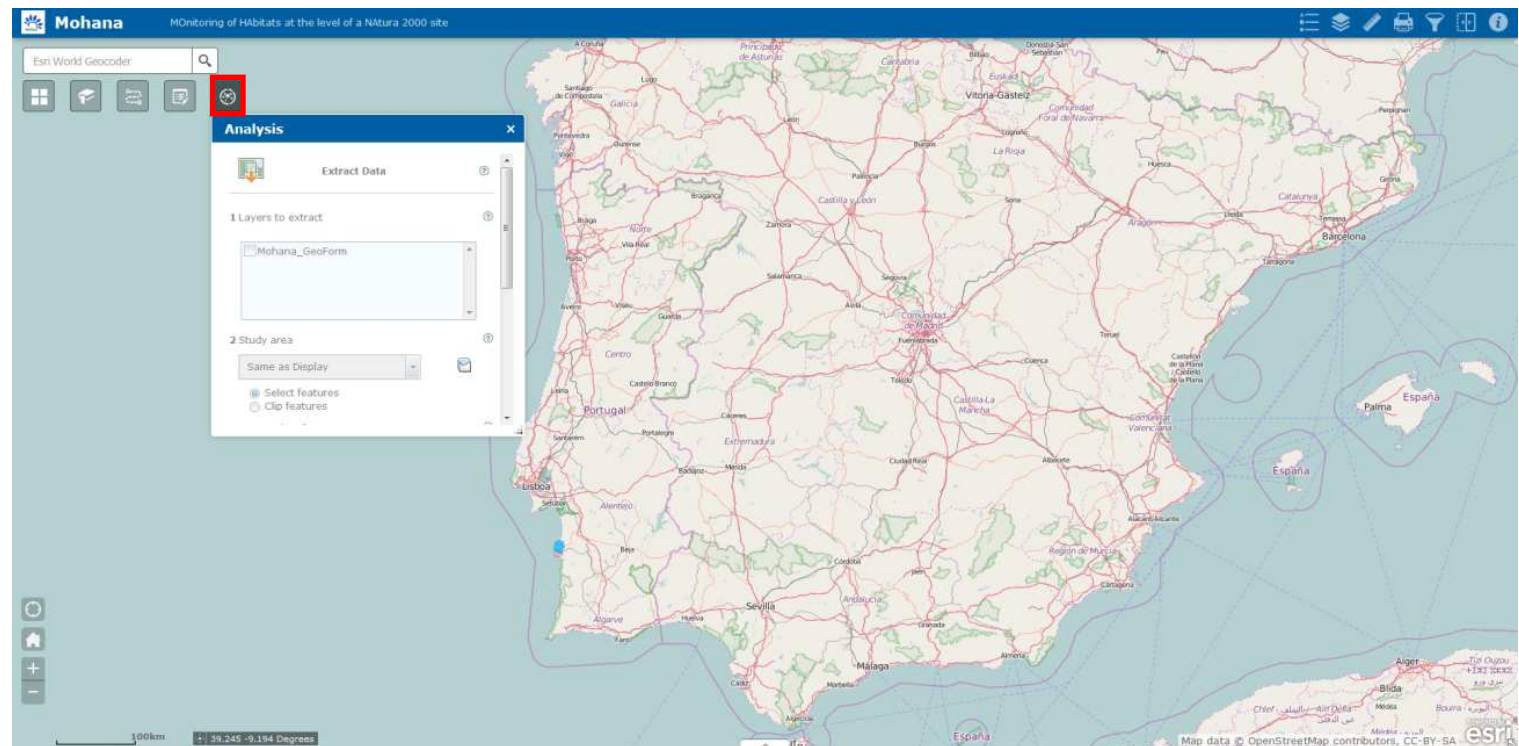
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### Analysis (Extract Data) tool

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## Edit tool

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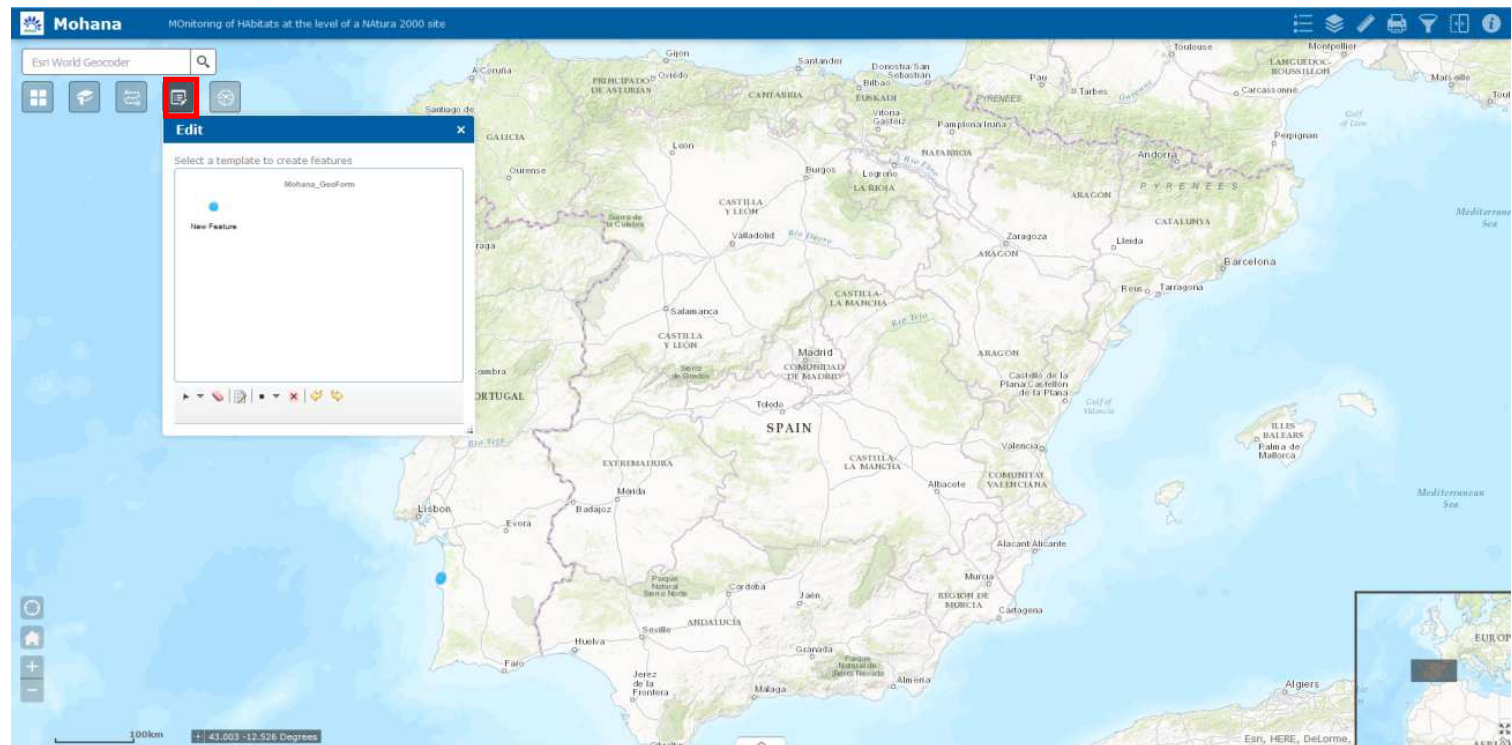
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## Query tool

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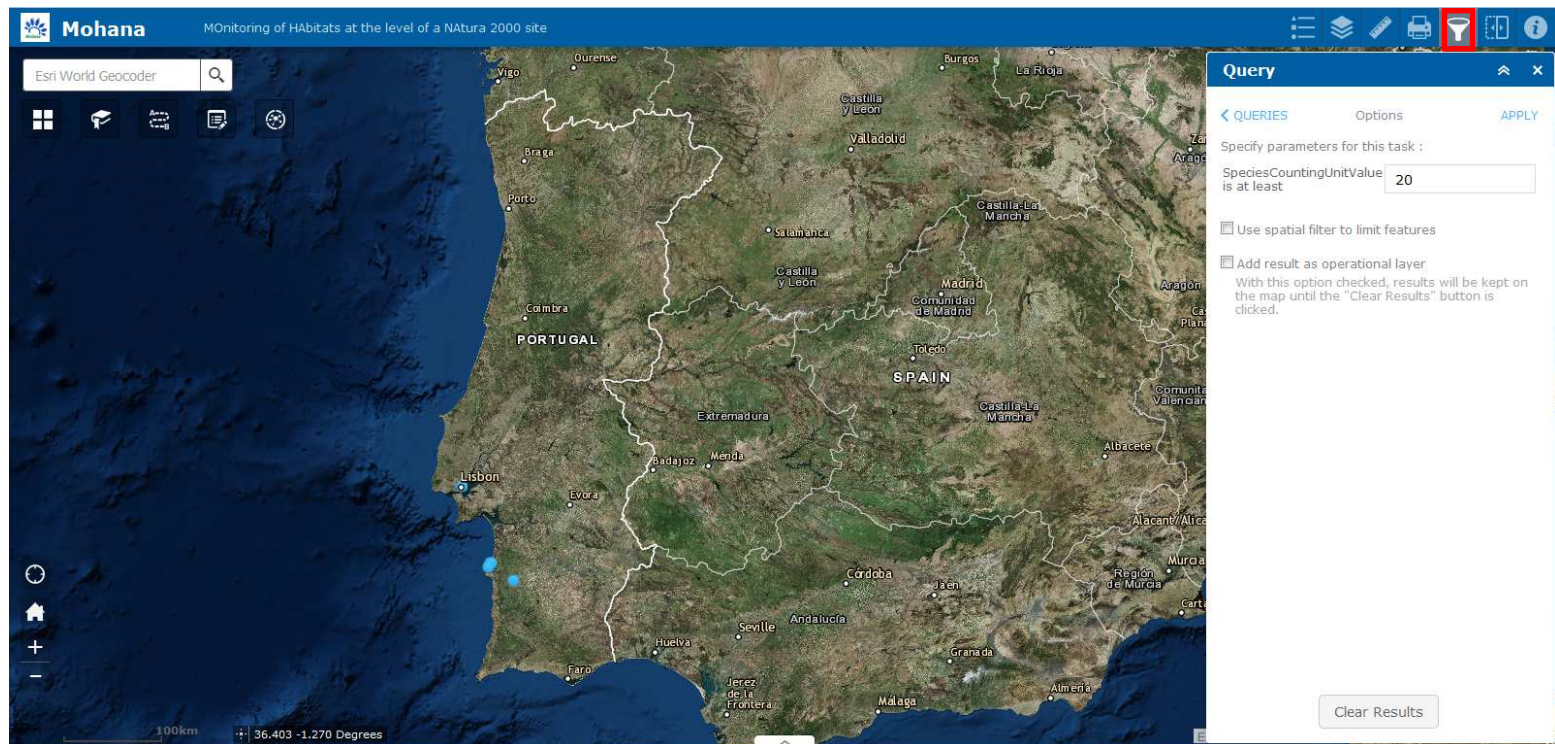
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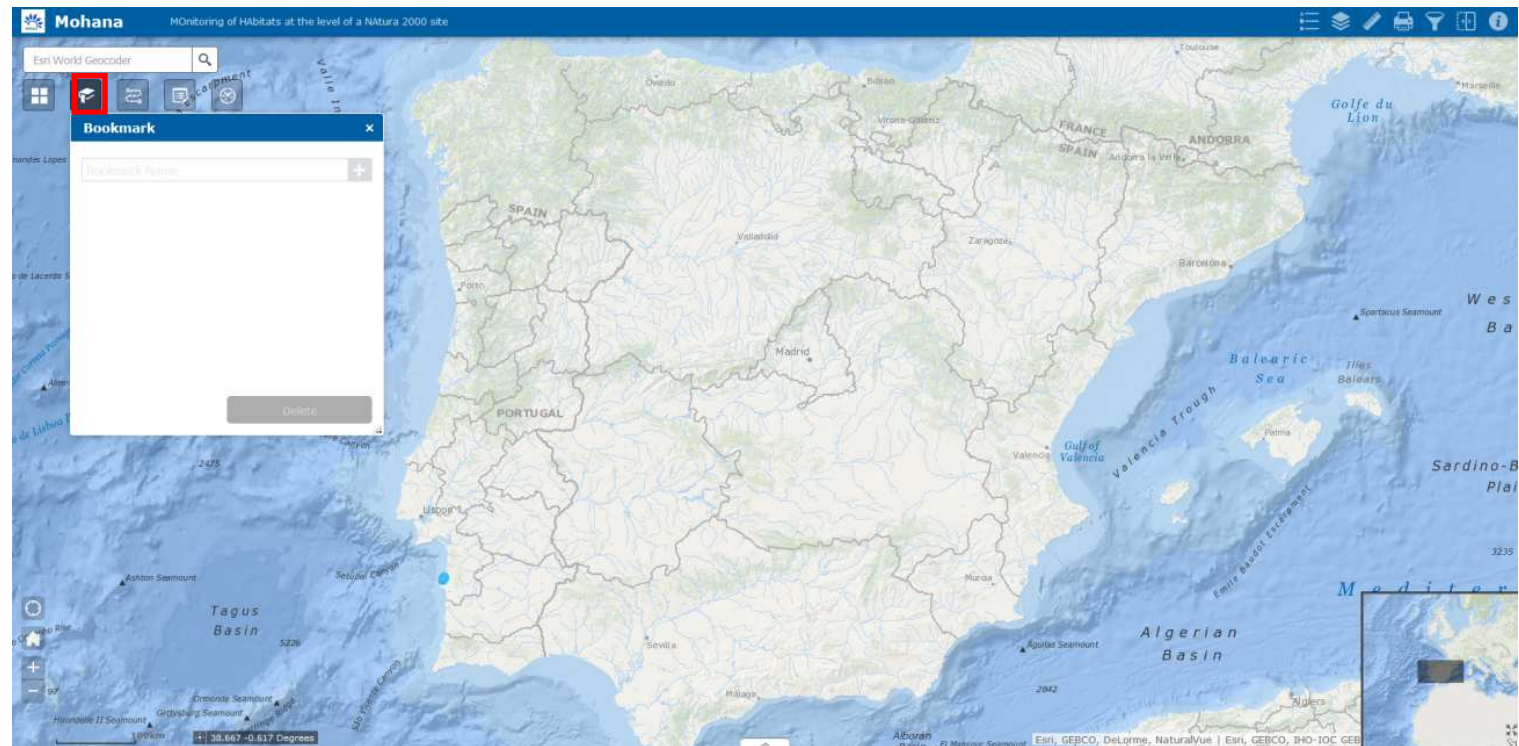
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### Bookmark tool

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## Measurement tool

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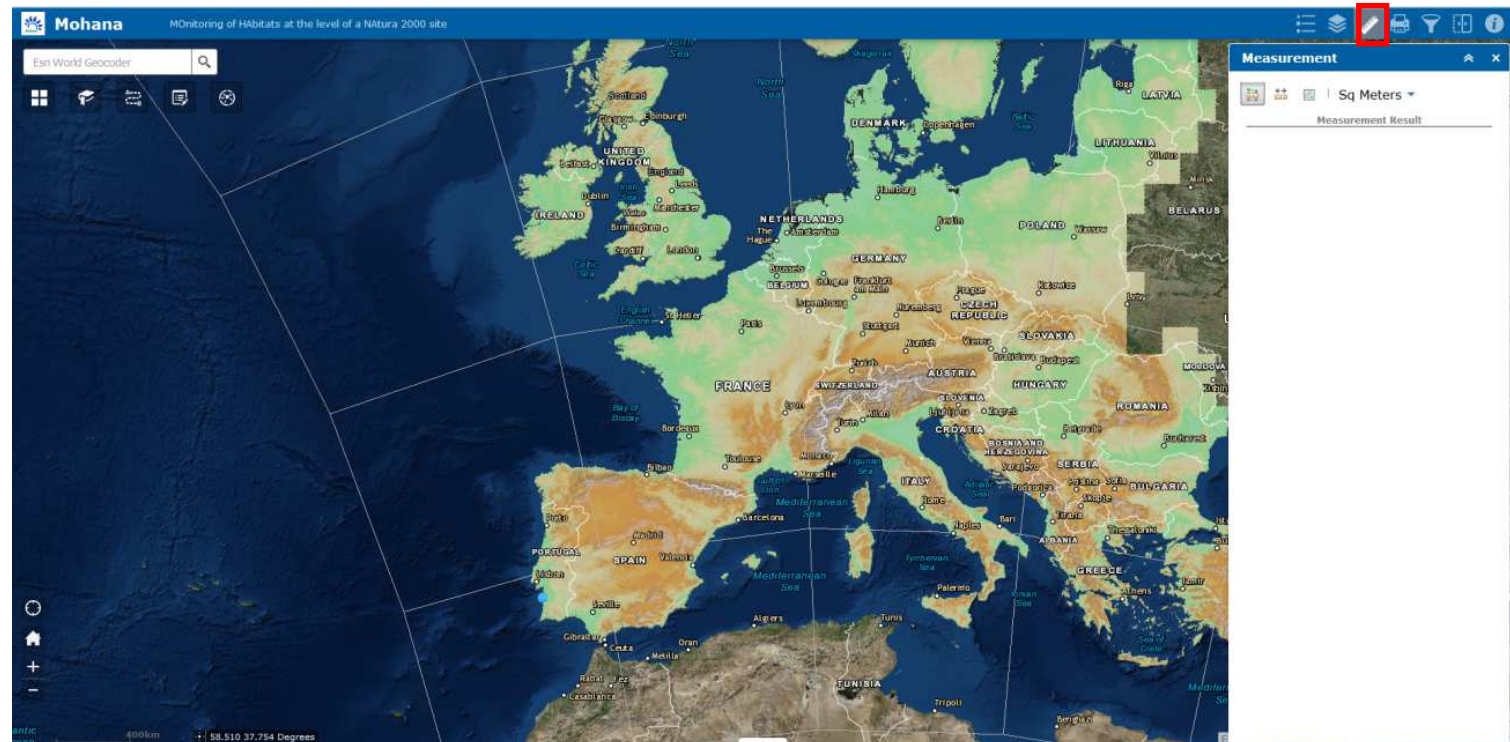
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## Directions (Routing tool)

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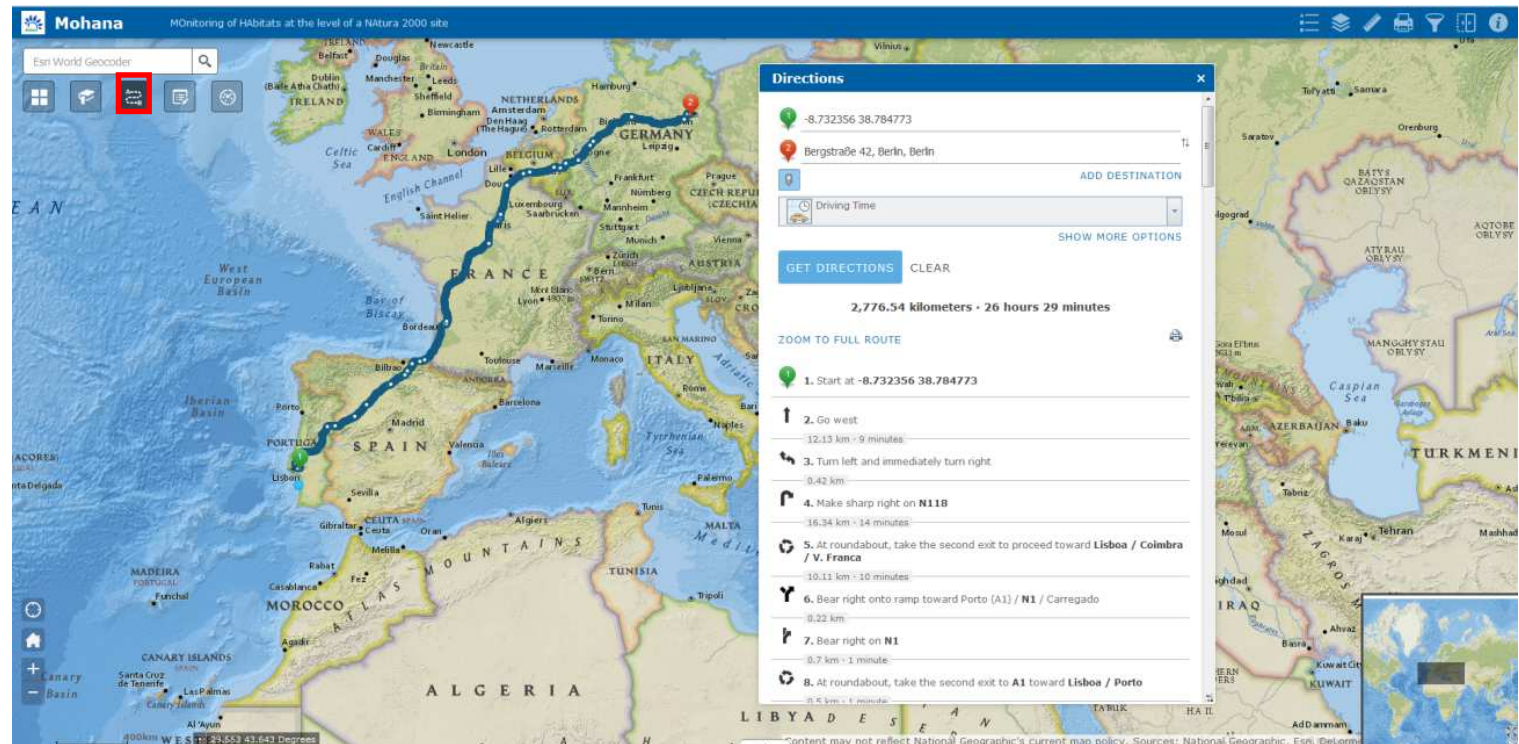
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- ❑ The methodological approach for native and web app version assures full integration with the Natura 2000 habitats, Land Use and Land Cover (LULC) and in-situ data collection (considering a Privacy Statement) on natural habitats with more frequent updating cycles;
- ❑ All the data sets (Open Data based on Geospatial Standards: OGC and ISO/TC211) are integrated into the ArcGIS Online organization of the University of Lisbon. All members of the organization and general users can view the Mohana web page to see information about the project, share opinions with other members and access links to quickly find the organization's content and groups.







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Furthermore, with this tool and data to be collected by the scientific community and general users intends to actively contribute to the EU biodiversity strategy to 2020, to European Statistical System (ESS) (GISCO/LUCAS – Eurostat), Joint Research Center (JRC) strategies (e.g. Mapping and Assessment of ecosystems & their services (>MAES)) and “Knowledge Innovation Programme (KIP) - Integrate natural capital and ecosystem services into accounting and reporting systems” providing a tool that can be used and replicated by all MS since it is based on European data under a free and open data policy.



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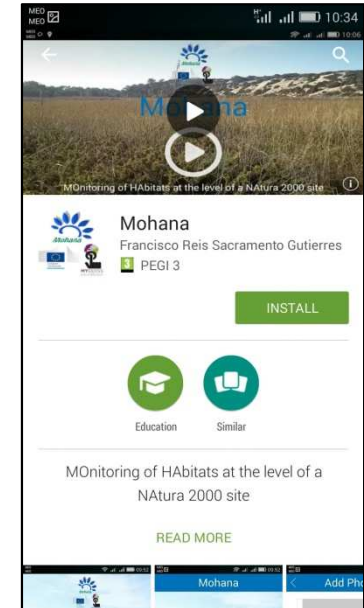


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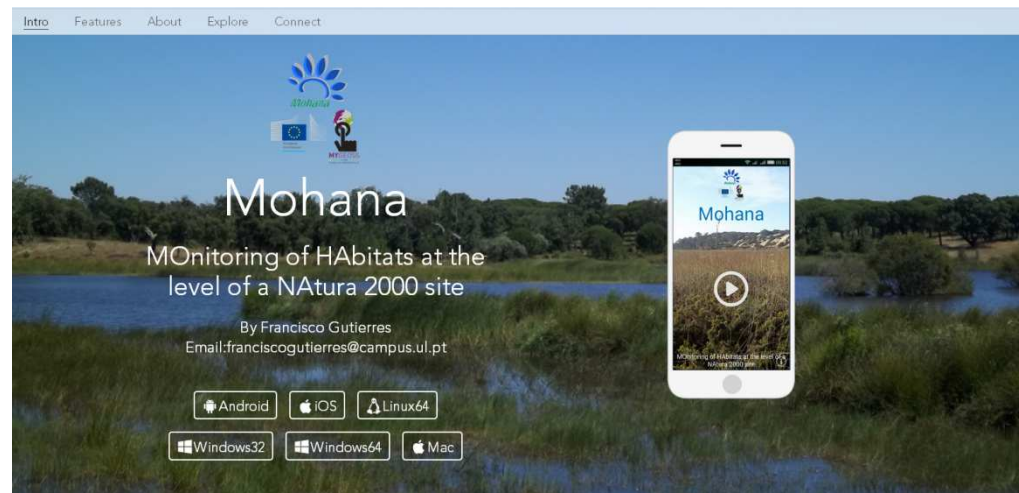
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☐ Mohana web page:

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/28033913/MohanaMYGEOSS/index.html>



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