

The Importance of Seaweed Resource Centers

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Seed banks preserve biodiversity

They provide access and insurance to modern agriculture

TASKS

Conserve seaweed diversity



Develop standard operational procedures and provide technical expertise



Promote public awareness



IMPACT



Economic growth

Contribution to food security and scaled up European macroalgae production

OBJECTIVES

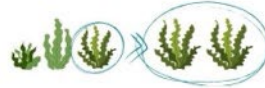
Ensured Accessibility of seaweed strains to everyone



Support of research, producers and sustainable harvesting methods



Selective Breeding



Restoration of kelp forests and marine biodiversity hubs

Increased consumer trust in algae products and quality

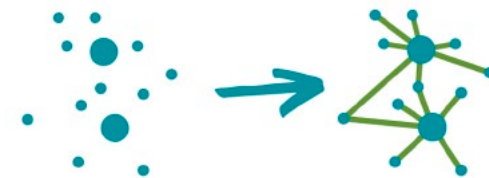


Opportunity to restoration of destroyed coastal ecosystems



Scientific Innovations

Fostered seaweed-based research and potential for novel algae based foods and products



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ZERO
HUNGER



Target 2.5

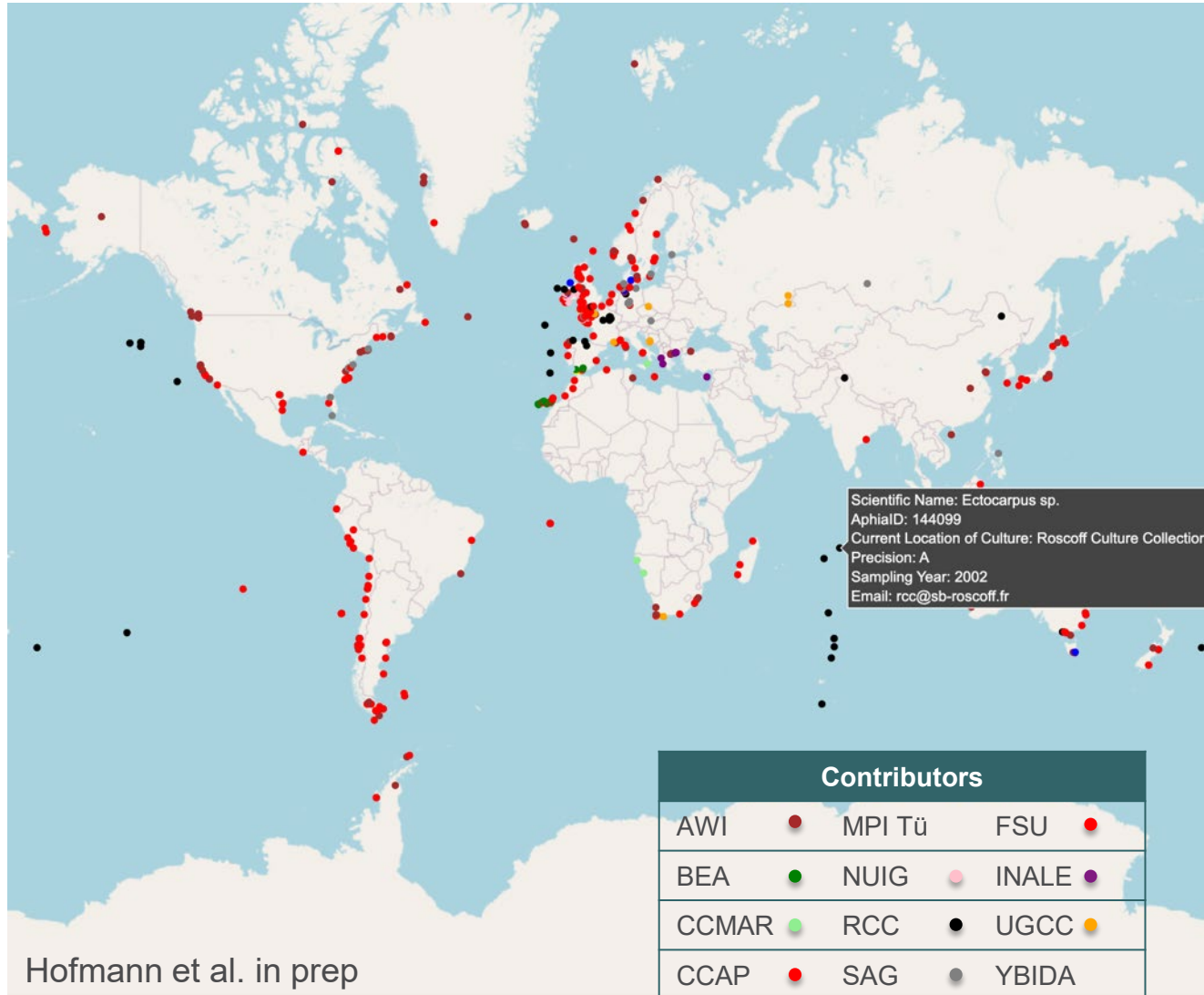
maintain the genetic diversity of seeds, cultivated plants and farmed and domesticated animals and their related wild species...promote access to and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge



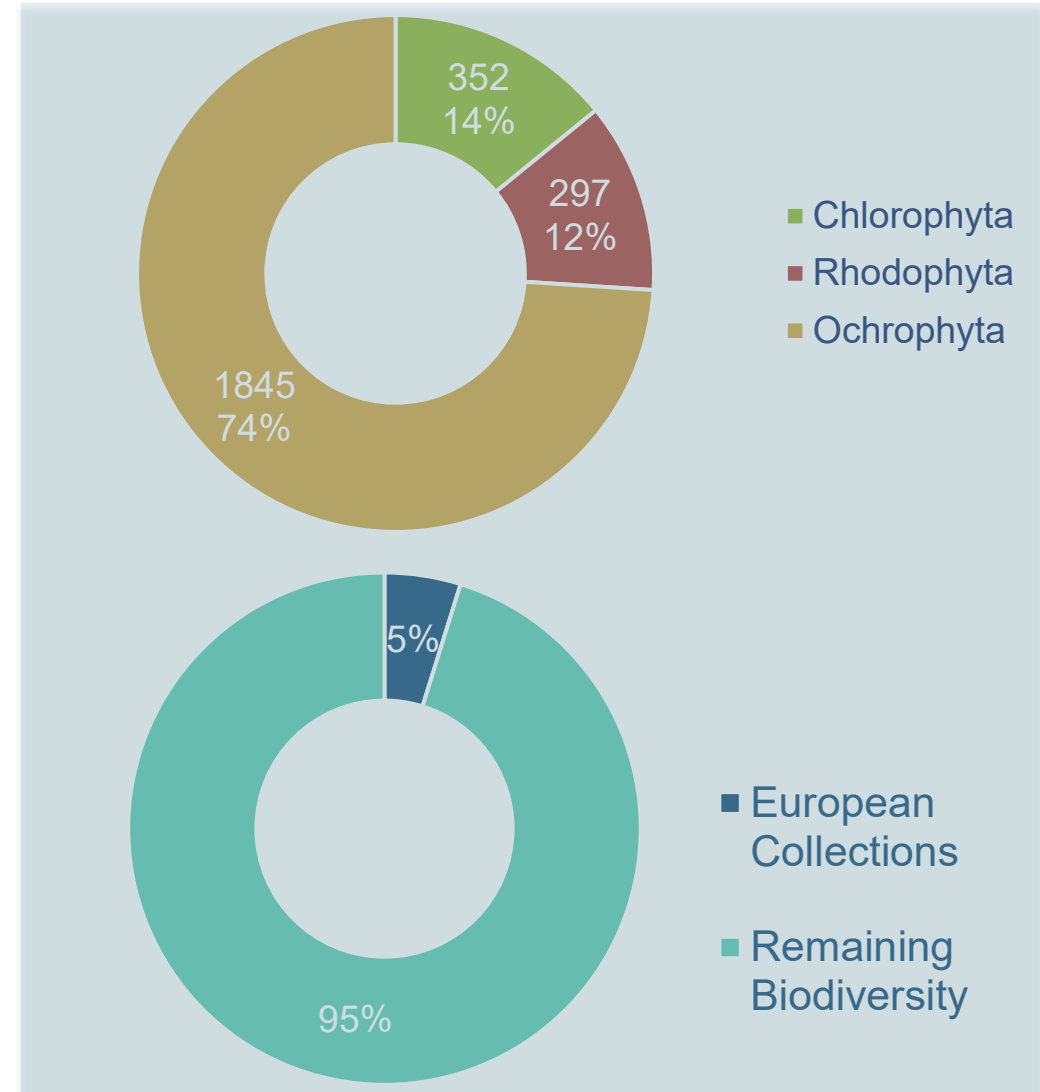
Indicators 2.5.1 & 2.5.2

- Number of (*a*) plant and (*b*) animal genetic resources for food and agriculture secured in either medium- or long-term conservation facilities
- Proportion of local breeds classified as being at risk of extinction

Seaweed genetic resources in European collections



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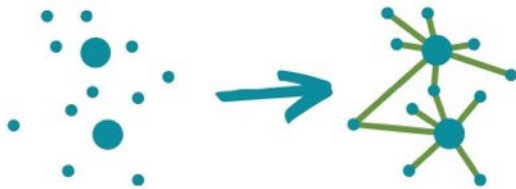


Proposed strategy for conserving European seaweed strains

The problem:

European macroalgae culture collections are small, scattered and not representative of natural biodiversity. Often just a side product of a smaller scientific research project. Their conservation is uncertain.

What we are currently doing:



We connect stakeholders and centralize data on European macroalgae culture collections.

The existing strains are documented in a database and visible on an interactive map.



European Structure for MACROALGAL genetic resources



Supervision, support, coordination



European germplasm banks



Long-term databank maintenance

Benefits:



Thank you