



### Good data?.... so what? Another challenge: structuring databases

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#### BID-REX Interreg Europe

### New tools for data capture

#### 1st example : citizen science use

#### Stag beetle (Lucanus cervus L.) – reporting N2000

- large size
- little confusing
- flying during warm summer evenings
- forest edges and anthropic habitats (hedges, gardens, orchards, city parks...)

So easily detected by citizens



#### Awareness campaign





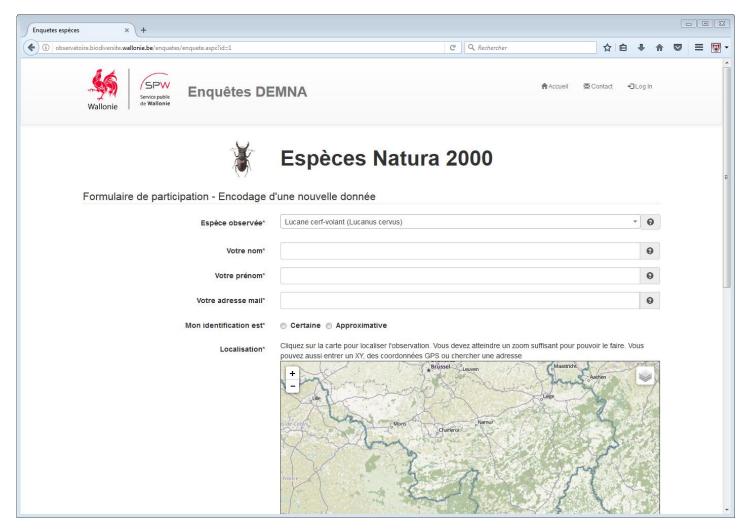
flyers



posters

+ Press articles, discussion forums, Internet site...





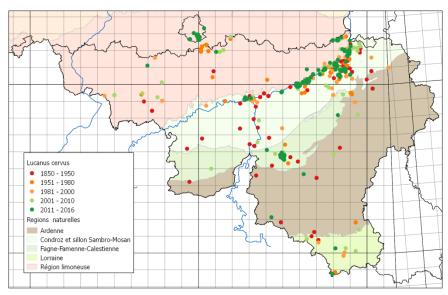
on-line data forms
+ dedicated e-mail address

#### **Results**



Internal survey : 242 data (73 %)

External observations validated: 91 data (27 %)



Sources des données : DEMNA, observations.be. Mise à jour octobre 2016



#### **2nd example: Mixing protocols**

**Bats** – reporting N2000

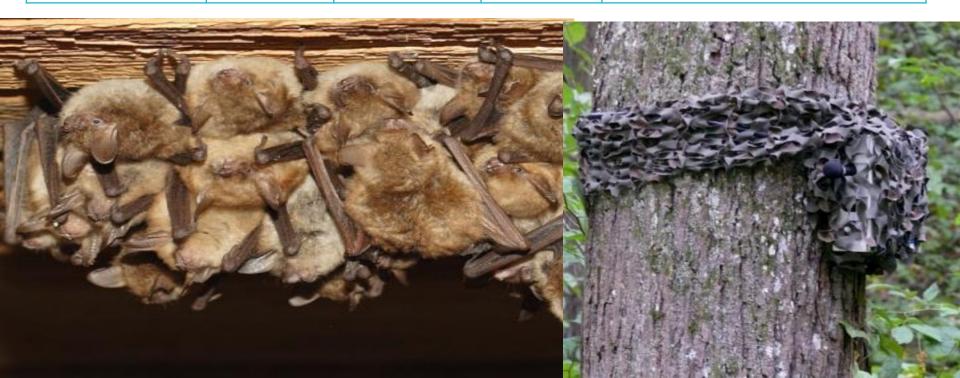
23 species in Wallonia

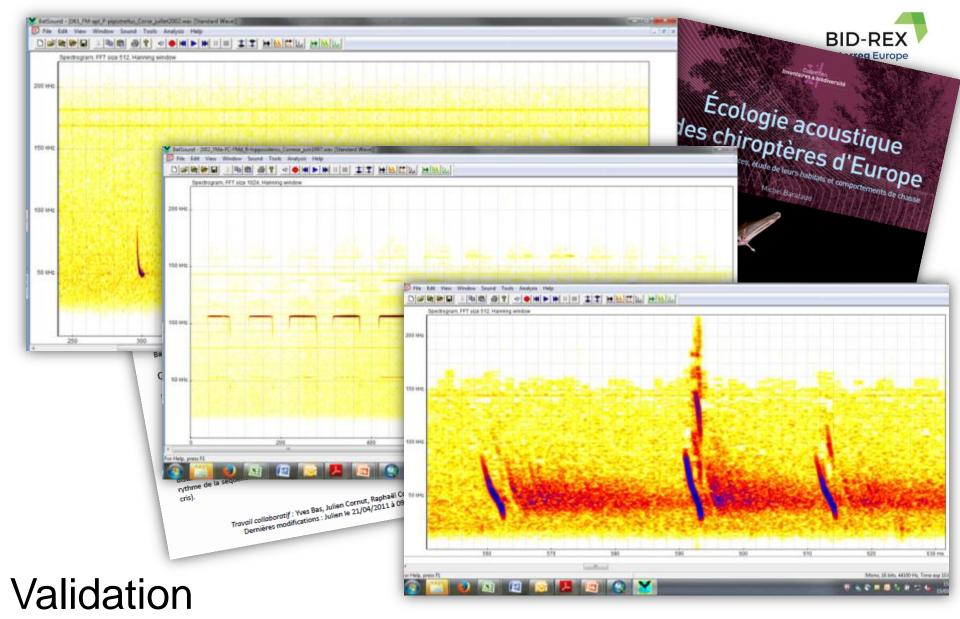
4 complementary protocols:



- Winter inventories
- Inventories of breeding colonies (after capture and radiopistage)
- Summer prospections in N2000 sites
- NEW : Acoustic inventories (fixed station)

	Qualitative data	Quantitative data	Trends	Species Type  BID-REX Interreg Europe
Winter inventories	++	+++	✓	Cave sp.
Inventories of breeding colonies	+++	++	+/-	Colonial anthropophiles sp.
Summer prospections	+++	/	/	All sp.
Acoustic inventories	++	++	<b>√</b>	All sp but especially common sp.





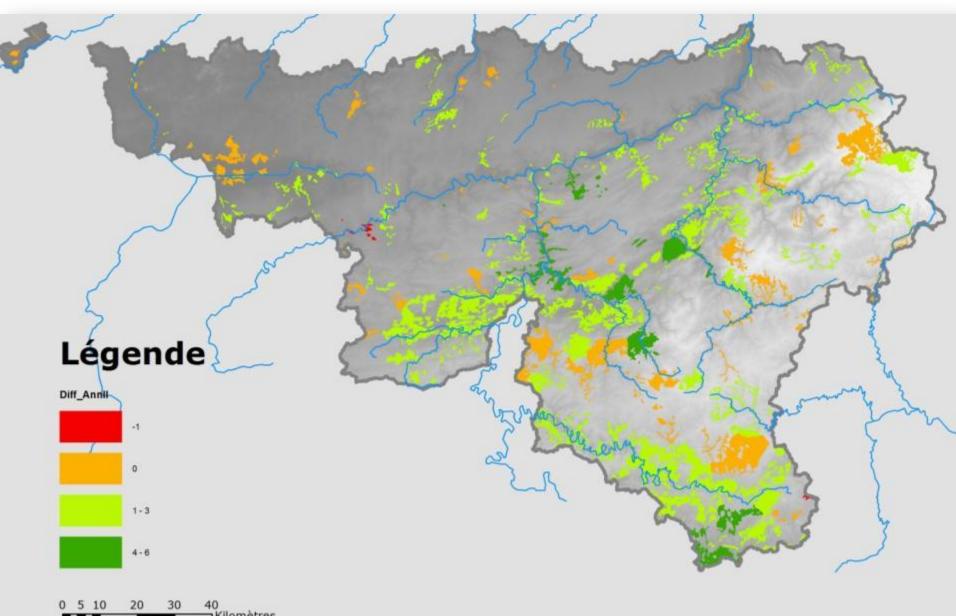
examples of sound diagrams

#### **IMPROVEMENT OF BATS DATA in Natura 2000 SITES**



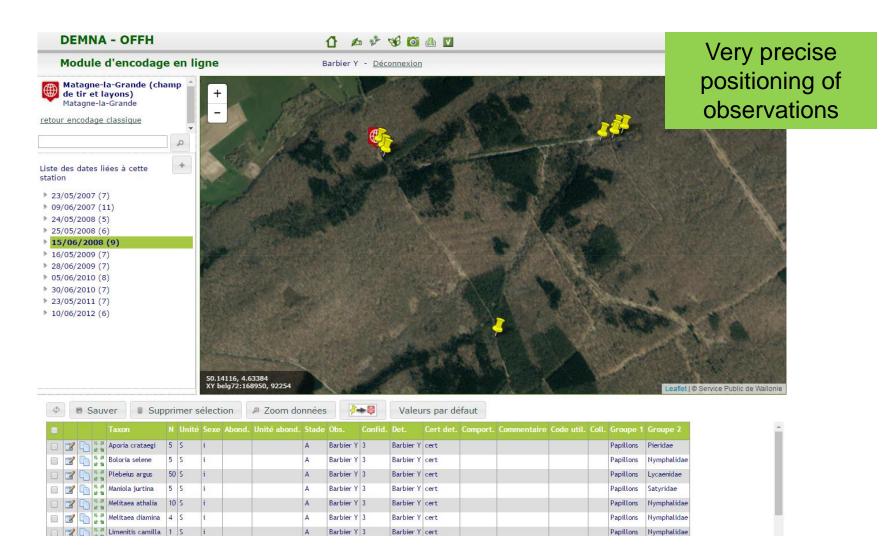


**Evolution of species numbers between 2013 and 2015** 

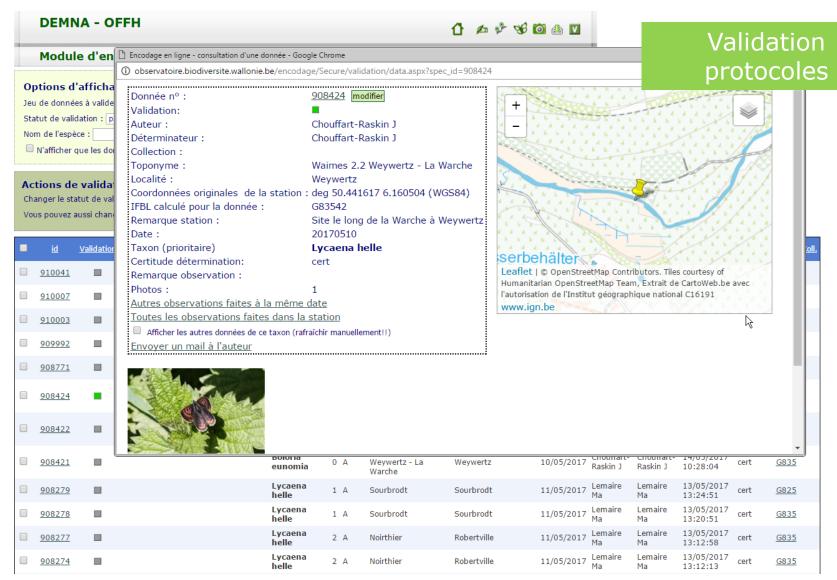




#### 3rd example: On-line Species recording system



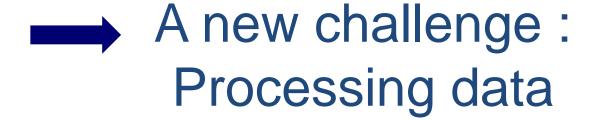






#### **Conclusion:**

# New tools increase number and quality of collected data BUT



# Difficulty of integrating and merging many different data sources

- A lot of formats to be imported (PostgreSQL, Access, XML, CSV, SQLite, DBase, KML, Shapefiles...)
- A lot of structures to be understood and manipulated for integration
   a lot of scripting
- The risk of duplicated entries (same data in different sources)



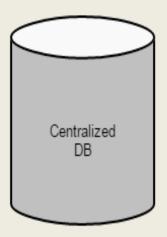






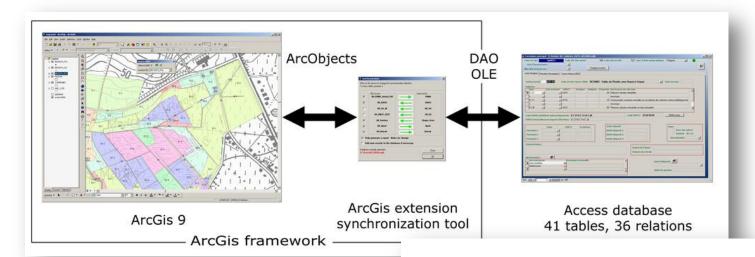






# The difficulty of developing multi-user GIS DB with complex alphanumerical relationships





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An ArcGIS-based tool for the relational data management assistance of Natura 2000 habitat units in the Walloon Region, Belgium

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- Difficulty of keeping synchronized multiple sort of geometries (points, lines and polygons)
- Allowing multi-user edition
- Keeping historization

#### **Possible practices**

## Concerning the formats and structures:

- Use of Extract Transform Load tools
- Conversion into a standardized format (such as DarwinCore or ABCD as universal data exchange structures)

#### Concerning the duplication of entries:

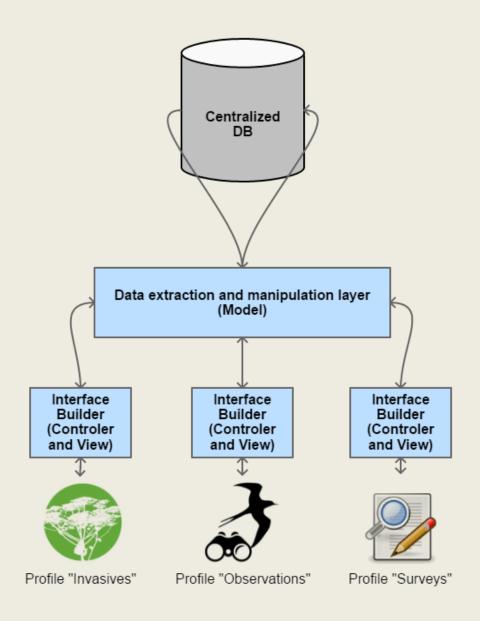
 The use of Universal Unique Identifier to tag transported entries



# Possible practices: Refactor existing products into profile facetted interfaces

All databases presenting (more or less) the same structure and the same processes are merged into one...

...Benefits of the interface construction to act as a portal of different views (themes) depending on the (allowed) profile selected: invasive species application, species crowd sourcing inventories, habitats description,...







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