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MGnify is an openly accessible, comprehensive, and worldwide hub of microbiome-derived sequence data (metagenomics, metatranscriptomics, metabarcoding). This data resource is central to the activities undertaken within the BlueRemediomics project and represents the fulcrum of the BlueRemediomics discovery platform. Beneficiary (and project coordinator) EMBL who administers the MGnify resource has focused efforts on three major different metagenomics data categories associated with the marine and aquaculture environments, namely public, private, and shotgun datasets that will be generated in the near future. Currently, all the processed datasets are short-read sequences with the vast majority produced by Illumina sequencing platforms. The primary goal is to assemble these short-read datasets into contigs, which can then be analysed for open reading frames using Prodigal and the resulting predicted proteins functionally annotated using a range of tools. As these contigs can span large genomic regions, the assembly into contigs also facilitates the identification of higher-order functional regions, such as metabolic pathways and biosynthetic gene clusters. Both public and private data types once integrated into MGnify can be shared with the BlueRemediomics consortium partners for experimental characterisation.

Public datasets - 5,860 marine metagenomics datasets that have been assembled to date, with all of these also submitted to the European Nucleotide Archive (ENA). This ensures that the assembly is appropriately associated with the raw-reads used to generate them, and the contextual metadata data is deposited with the sample. Once indexed by ENA, these assemblies are analysed using the MGnify assembly analysis pipeline (version 5.0), with all results publicly available via the MGnify website (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/metagenomics>) and associated Application Programmatic Interface (API). A large fraction of these assemblies has come from the AtlantECO project (4,419 assemblies; EC-H2020 Grant Agreement No. 862923), while some of the datasets were analysed prior to the start of the AtlantECO project (1,295). As part of BlueRemediomics, we have already assembled, analysed, and uploaded 146 datasets derived from the marine environment. This represents an ongoing and continuous activity and thus, multiple other marine datasets are currently in the process of being analysed with a further 73 assembled and analysed datasets waiting to be integrated into the MGnify data stores prior to public release in MGnify. A further 202 shotgun marine metagenomics datasets are currently being assembled. All the metagenomic data from the HoloFood project (EC-H2020 Grant Agreement No. 817729) is also available via MGnify along with the assemblies from the salmon aquaculture. One of the barriers to having even greater numbers of assemblies is that many of the public datasets in ENA are mislabelled as shotgun metagenomics, when they are barcoding datasets in reality. We estimate that there may be some additional 13,000 marine datasets that can potentially be incorporated into MGnify (see below). The MGnify team will continue to identify potential datasets from relevant marine and aquaculture environments over the course of the BlueRemediomics project, making them available to both the project partners and the wider research community.

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	MGYS00006577	Malaspina Expedition 2010 Microbial Vertical Profiles Metagenomes	76	16/02/2024
	MGYS00006576	EMG produced TPA metagenomics assembly of PRJNA340003 data set (Metagenomic reconstruction of bacterioplankton community metabolism in the northern Gulf of Mexico Dead Zone).	10	06/02/2024
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	MGYS00002492	Metagenomes of Sediments from Red Sea Atlantis II and Discovery Deep Brine Pools	16	29/01/2024

Figure 1 – List view of the Marine studies in MGnify. The second row in the table represents an assembly produced by MGnify.

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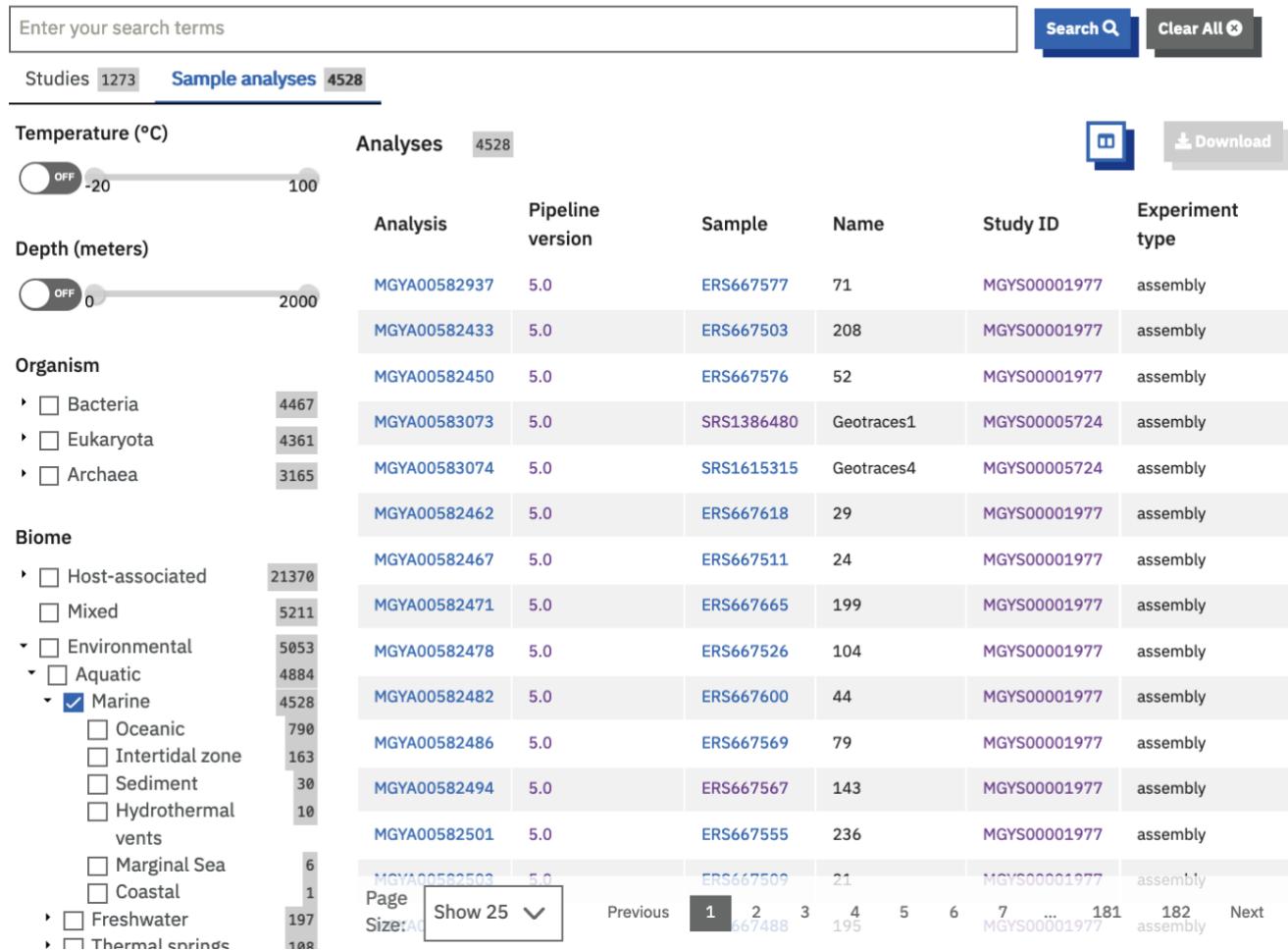


Figure 2 – List of marine assemblies in MGnify that have been analysed with the latest version of the pipeline.

Study MGYS00006576

EMG produced TPA metagenomics assembly of PRJNA340003 data set (Metagenomic reconstruction of bacterioplankton community metabolism in the northern Gulf of Mexico Dead Zone).

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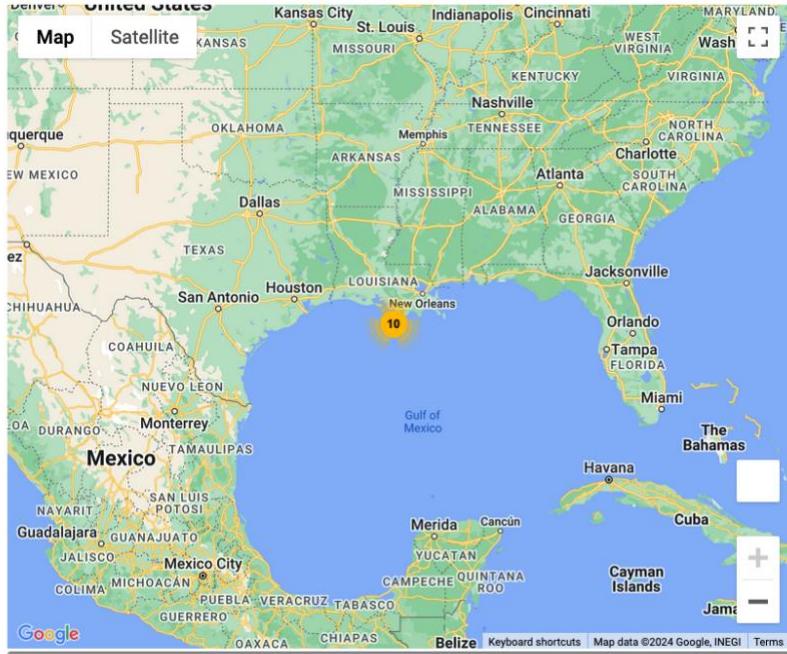
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Classification



root:Environmental:Aquatic:Marine:Intertidal zone:Estuary



Description

The Third Party Annotation (TPA) assembly was derived from the primary whole genome shotgun (WGS) data set PRJNA340003, and was assembled with SPAdes v3.11.1. This project includes samples from the following biomes:
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Figure 3 – An example of a study that has been assembled and analysed as part of BlueRemediomics.

Private datasets – These are processed in the same fashion as described for public datasets, with the exception that they are held in a private (also termed pre-publication) state by the data generator. This enables the data generator to take advantage of MGnify using identical workflows as those that would be developed for public data yet allowing them to mine the data for new bioactives and valorise them prior to making them public. To this end, the MGnify team from Beneficiary/Coordinator EMBL continues to work closely with Associated Partner ETHZ to upload their vast marine metagenomics assemblies for subsequent exploitation within the BlueRemediomics project. This has leveraged the EMBL’s data resource submission tools and MGnify team members’ expertise to facilitate the upload of 12,000 assemblies into ENA. We will compare this set of assemblies with those already available in MGnify to determine the datasets currently not represented in the database and prioritise them for inclusion.

Future datasets – As outlined in the proposal, we proposed to investigate how the BlueRemediomics discovery platform could be utilised by the other project funded within the same HORIZON-CL6-2022-CIRCBIO-01 call. To this end, we had initial discussions on the metagenomics data being generated by the BlueTools project (Horizon Europe Grant Agreement No. 101081957). Based on the outcomes of this discussion, we are actively working on a proof-of-principle dataset, namely the assemblies associated with PRJEB39821 (a biogas reactor dataset produced by a BlueTools Beneficiary as part of another research project). This will provide a template for how the data will flow from BlueTools into the public domain by leveraging the power of the BlueRemediomics discovery platform. As the datasets from BlueTools have already been assembled, the computational burden on MGnify is far lower since only the annotation pipeline needs to be executed and the results uploaded. Once this data flow is established, BlueTools plans to provide data as and when they become available.

Both BlueRemediomics and BlueTools will have their collections appropriately tagged to ensure accurate attribution to the respective projects and that project partners can also easily discover datasets associated with their projects.