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OF OUR PLANET FROM SPACE



## Merging and Analyzing Fishing Data for Science and Management Whilst Remaining Secure and Confidential

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# Privacy Preserving Machine Learning Project

Goal: Use machine learning to harness the power of EO data, while protecting sensitive data sets

start: May 2021

end: Jan 2023

1. Land applications:
  - a. Socio economic mapping
2. Ocean applications:
  - a. vessel detection
  - b. bycatch prediction

Partners



OLSPS  
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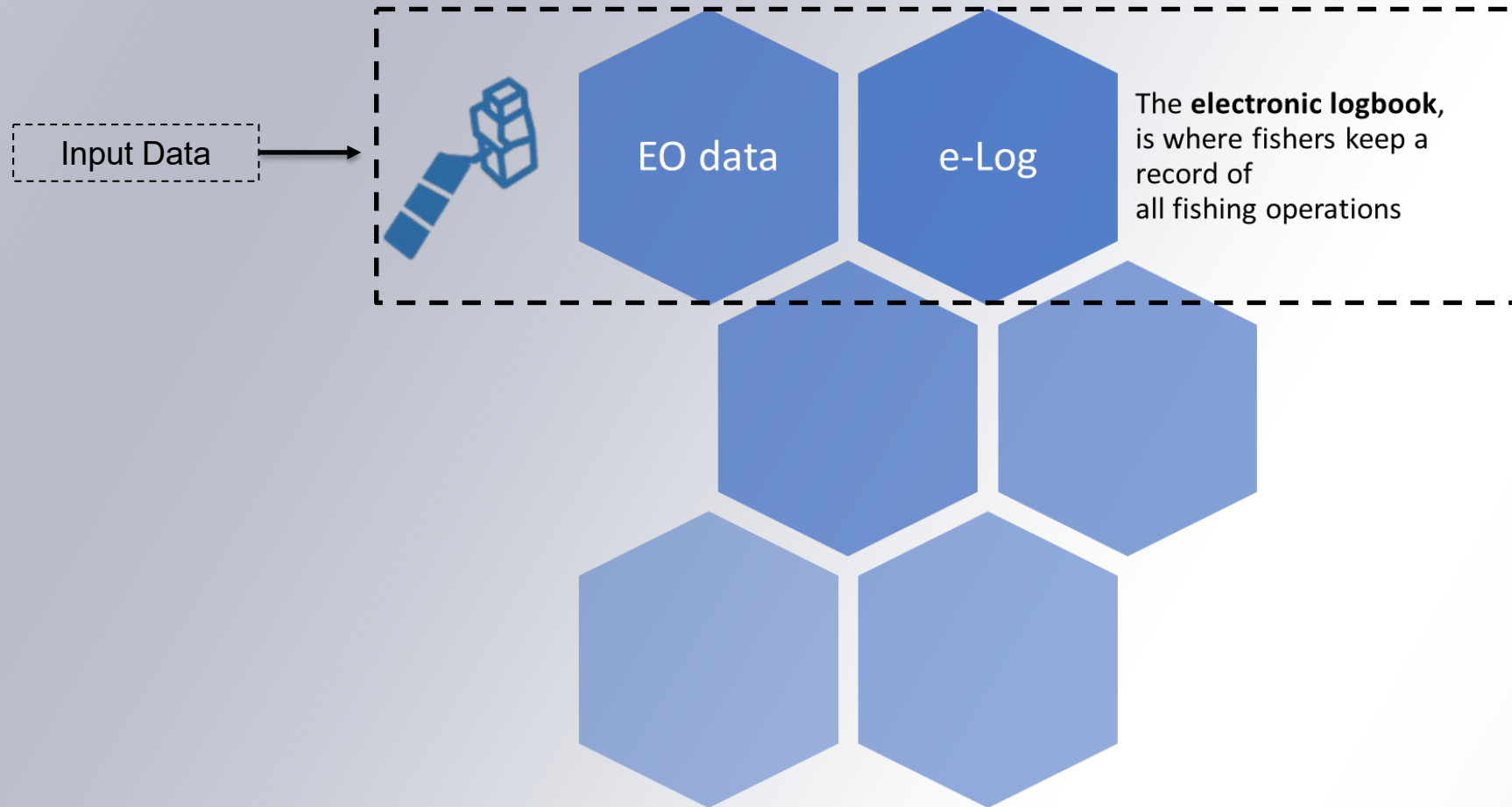


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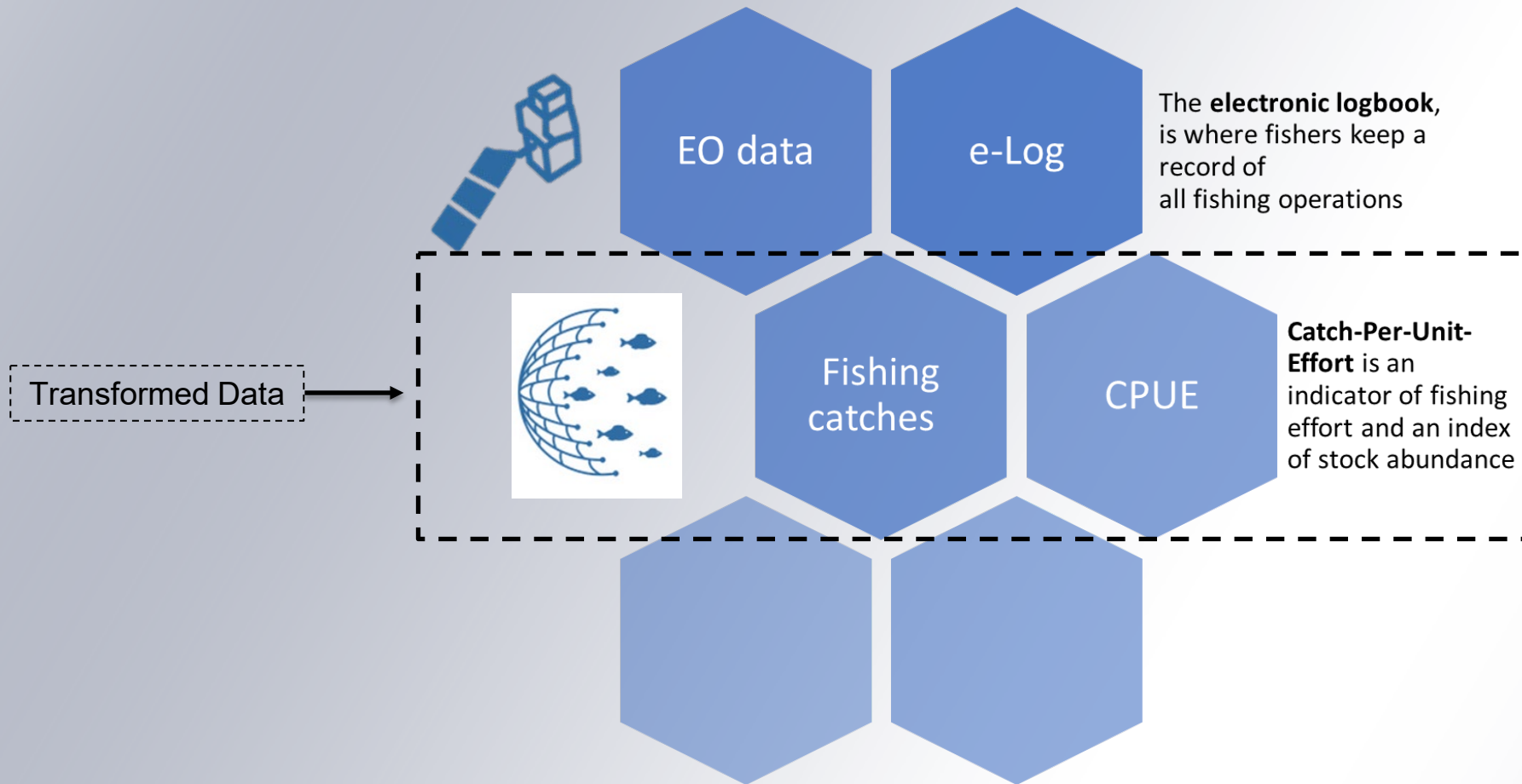
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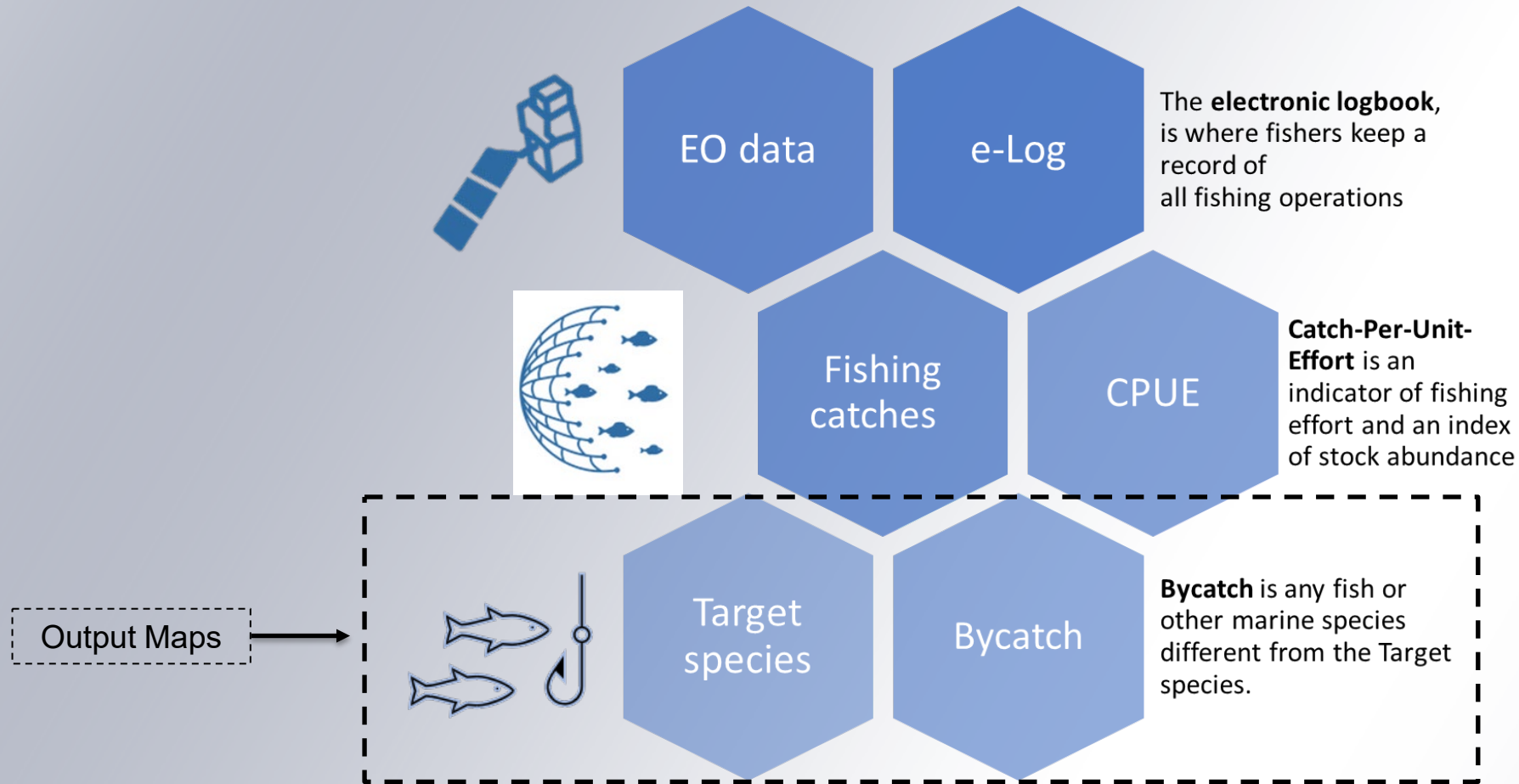
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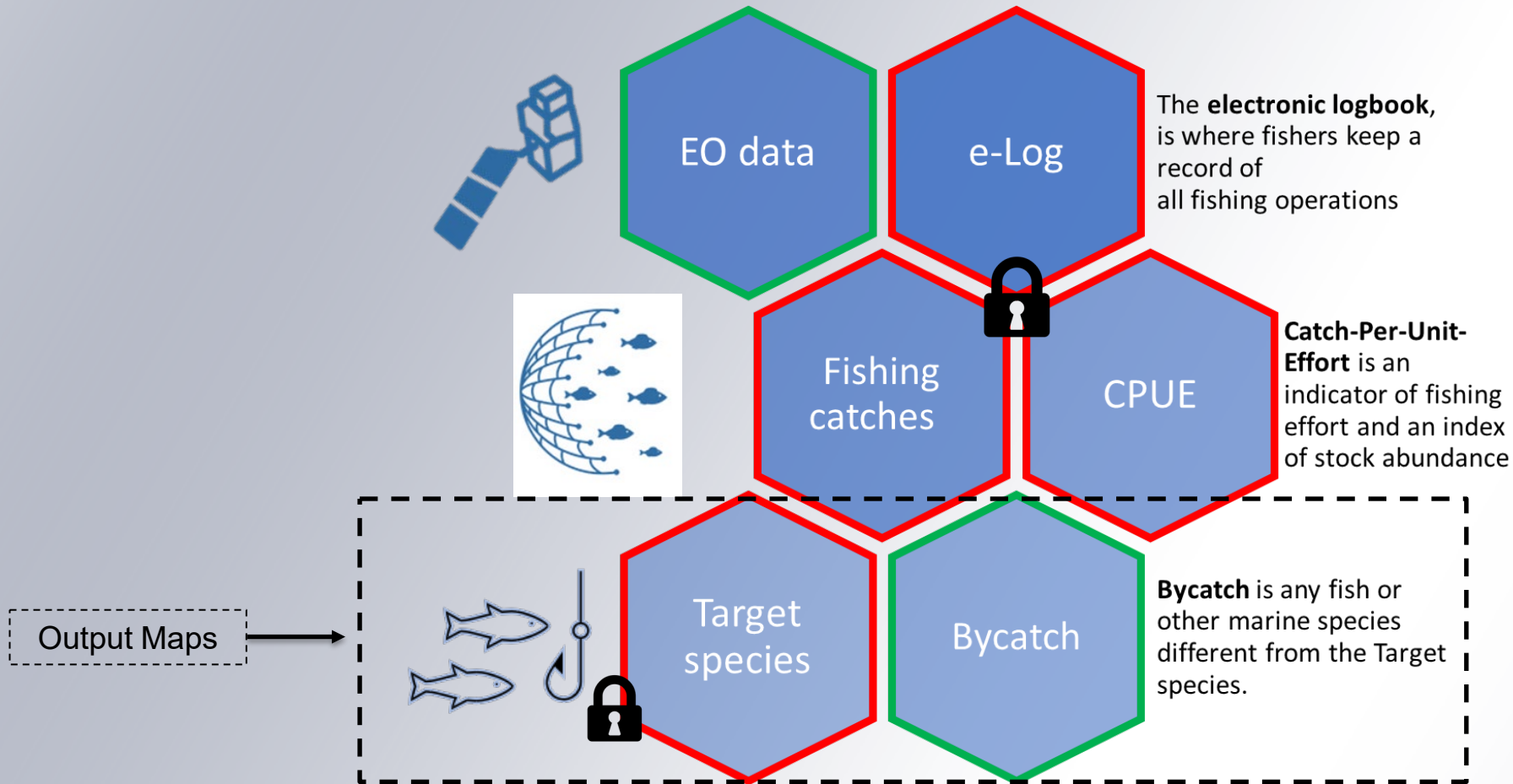
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# Solution

**Combine geolocated catch per unit effort (CPUE) with EO data (CHL, SST, etc.)**



**Predict areas where unintentional bycatch is concentrated using NRT EO Data**



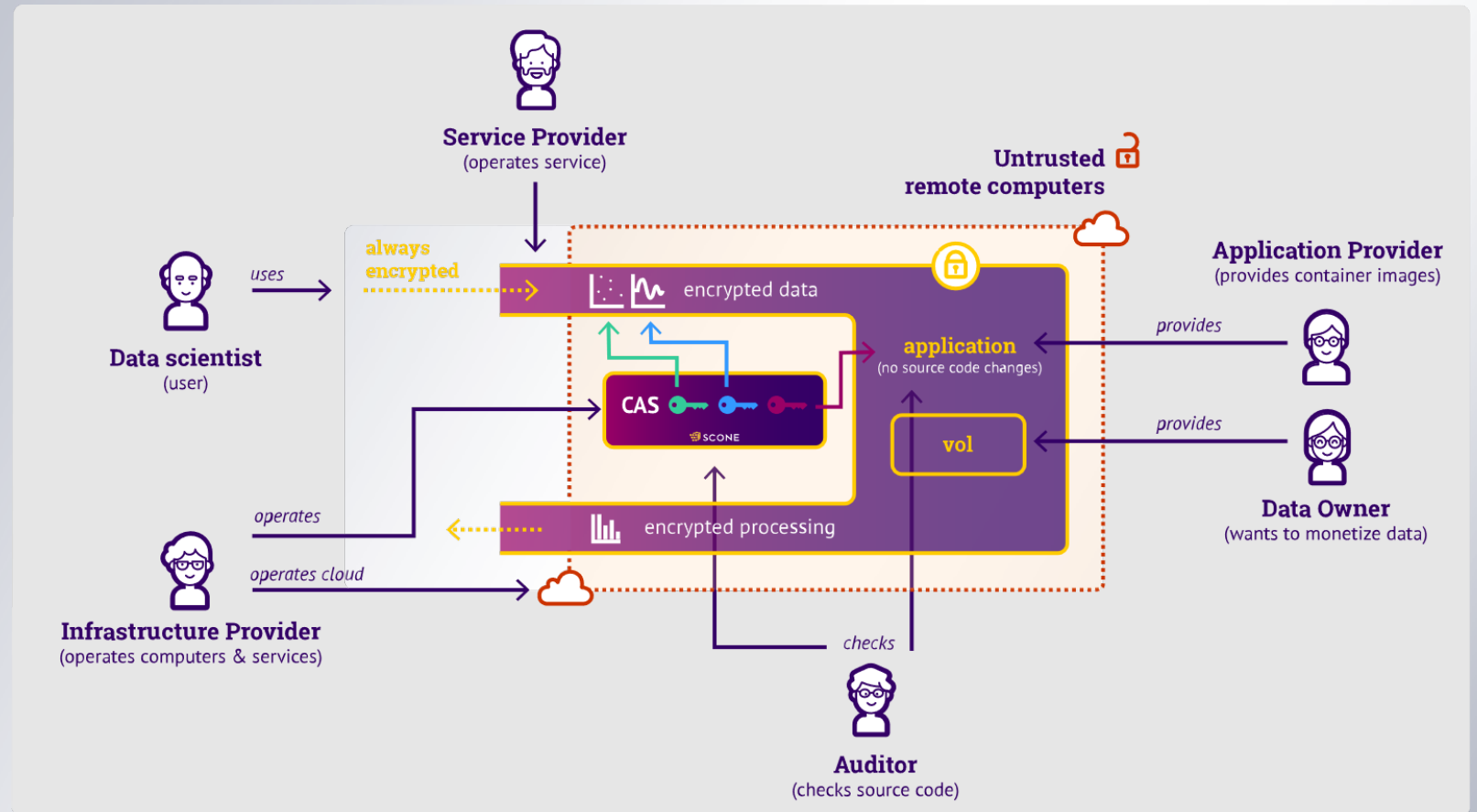
**While protecting the fishing data set**

**Employ a Trusted Execution Environment (TEE) to protect both the reference dataset and the ML application**

# Trusted Execution Environment



- Protect data
- Security policies (store in CAS component)
- Data owner verifies security policies





# EO Data

Variable	Type	Spatial Resolution	Temporal Resolution	Time Range	Geographical Coverage	Processing level	Update frequency	File Format
Sea Surface Temperature	Satellite observation NRT	0.05° (approx. 5-6 km)	Daily	1981-10-01 to present	Global	L4	biannually	NetCDF-4
Chlorophyll-a	Reanalysis	4 km	Daily	1997-09-04 to present (2021-01)	Global	L4	annually irregular monthly	NetCDF-4
Bathymetry		15 arc second (100 to 500m in the equator)	static	not applicable	89° 59' 52.5"N, 179° 59' 52.5"W to 89° 59' 52.5"S, 179° 59' 52.5"E	not applicable	annually	NetCDF GeoTiff Esri ASCII
lunar index	Real time computation	Global	daily	depends on function used	Global	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable

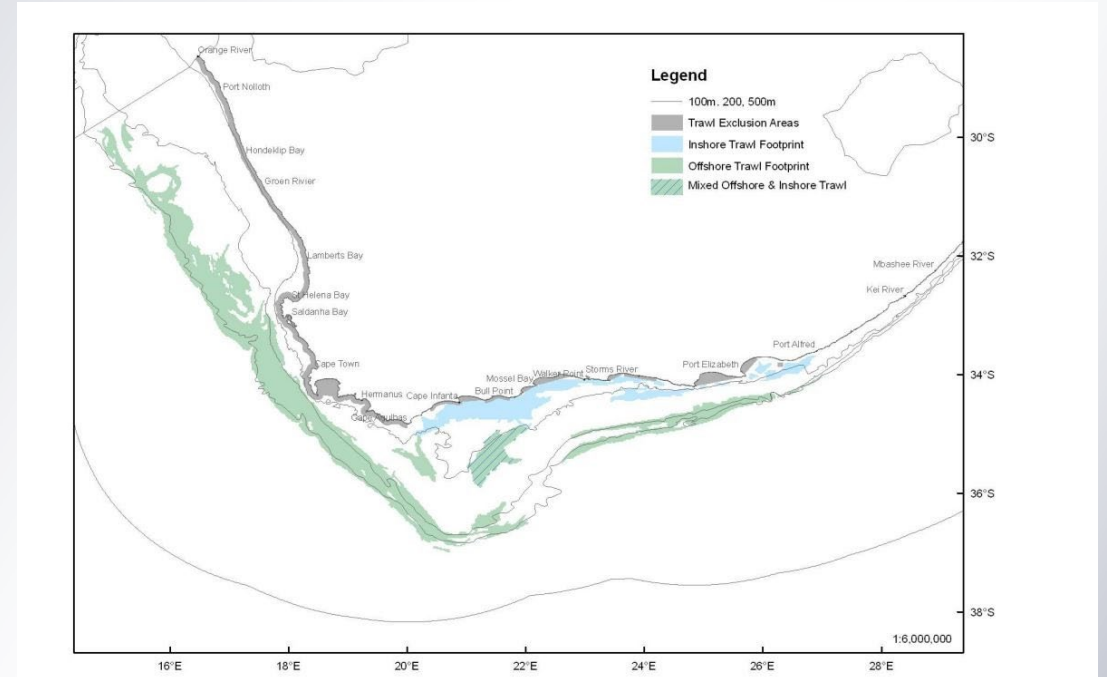
To protect fishing grounds, global maps are used

# Olrac Tool



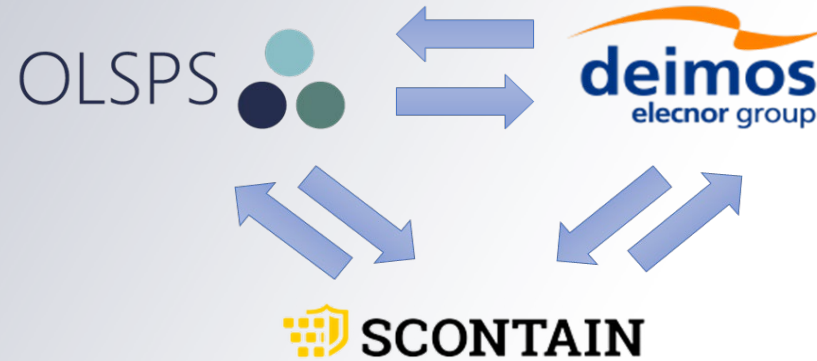
# Reference data

- Permission granted by respective clients, conditioned by data remaining anonymous.
- Two hake species fished using otter trawl
- AOI: South Africa.
- TOI: 2009 to 2014
- 816 trips

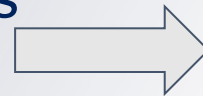


# From Challenges to System Requirements

Requirements have a three-way nature



- Reluctance on sharing data that can disclose good fishing grounds
- Fishing prediction models have commercial & strategic IP



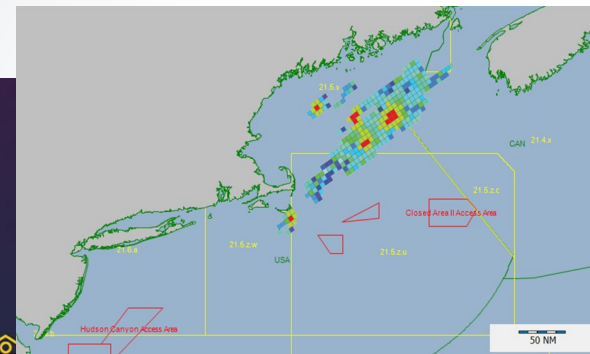
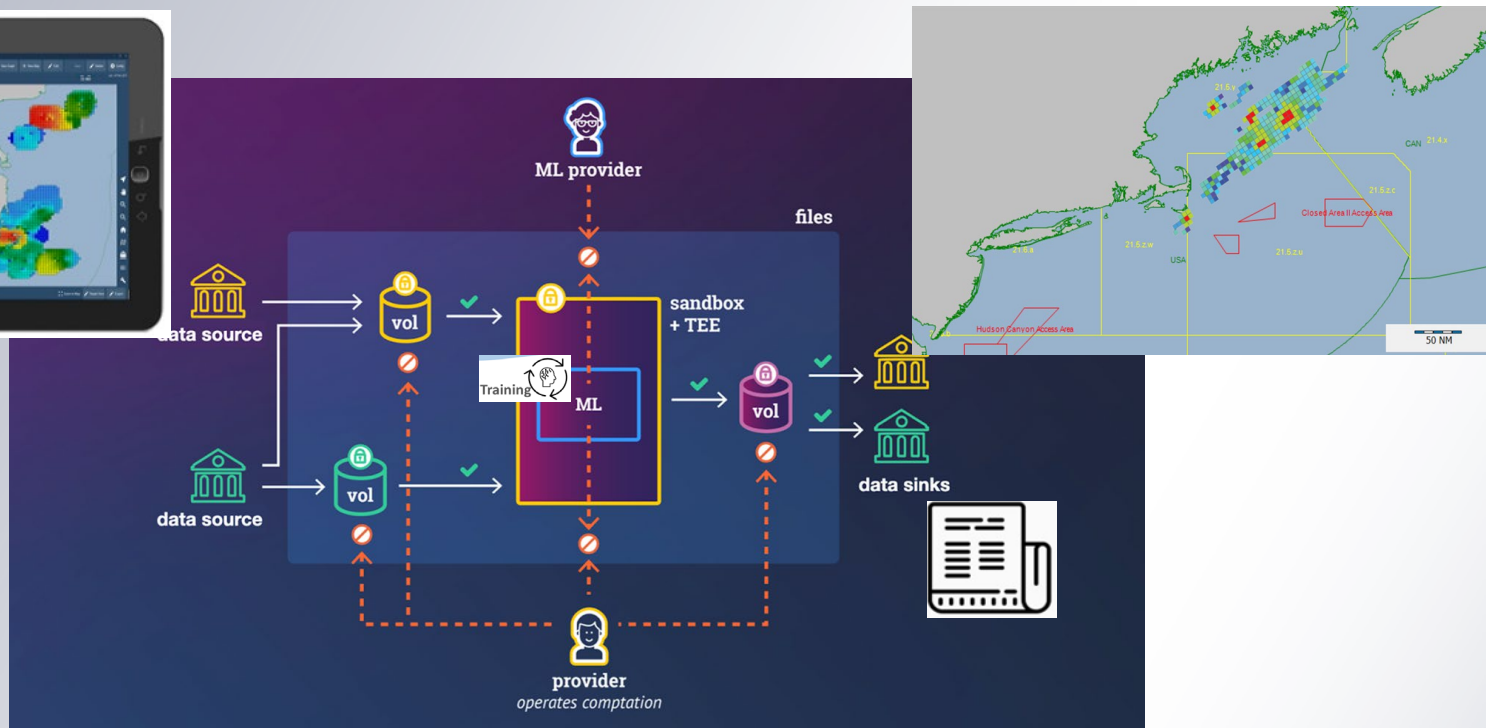
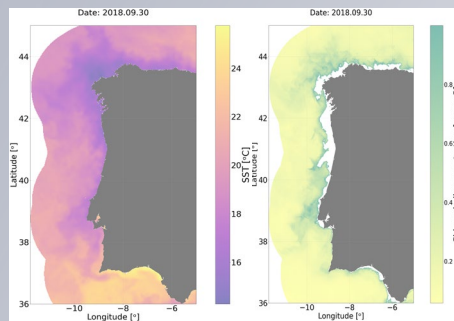
- ML model and reference data shall be protected from unauthorized access at all times
- Reference data cannot leave the server (or cloud infrastructure) of its provider
- All communications shall be secure, ensuring that no data is leaked



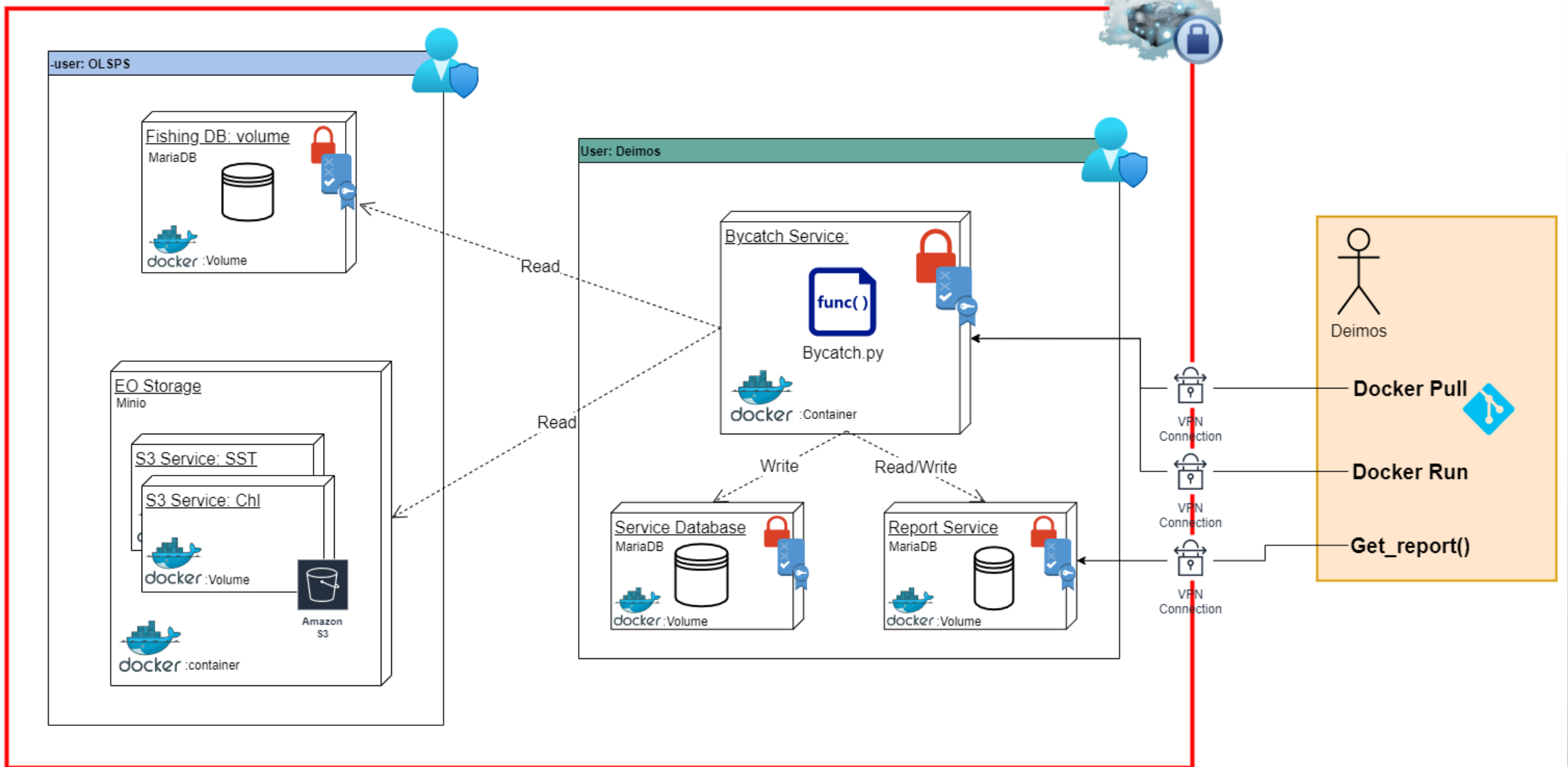
# Current Status - MVP



Sea Surface Temperature Chlorophyll concentration



# OLSPS Server



# Next Steps

- Fully test end to end deployment
- Test security setup

# Conclusions

- TEE established (technology developed outside of ML and EO)
- EO data needs to be downloaded:
  - Goes against trend of putting app in the data source
  - Download is expensive (time and resource)
  - **Using API may expose fishing grounds**



# Conclusions

- Merging fishing grounds with EO data:
  - Resolution problems
  - Data input format
  - Needs strong pre-processing
- Collaboration of 4 different profiles:
  - Thematic expert
  - ML expert
  - EO expert
  - Privacy expert

# Thank you

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