Eastern Seaboard
Mobilizing Millions of Marine Mollusks



VIRTUAL ADBC SUMMIT 2021

Digitization TCN: ESB: Mobilizing Millions of Marine Mollusks of the Eastern Seaboard

Project Start Date: 15 September 2020

Project period: 4 years

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NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BAILEY-MATTHEWS NATIONAL SHELL MUSEUM
FIELD MUSEUM
ASU Biodiversity Knowledge Integration Center Arizona State University
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI ROSENSTIEL SCHOOL of MARINE & ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
THE HOUSTON MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE
FLORIDA MUSEUM
CARNEGIE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
The Academy of Natural Sciences of DREXEL UNIVERSITY
Yale
Smithsonian
Museum of Comparative Zoology HARVARD
LSA MUSEUM OF ZOOLOGY UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Delaware Museum of Natural History
IRLON
HARBOR BRANCH FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
NORTH CAROLINA Museum of Natural Sciences

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- Focus on U.S. East Coast (partnering north and south as possible)
- Coastline of 18 States
- From shore to edge of EEZ (200 nm)
- Collaboration captures 85% of all ESB mollusks holdings in U.S. collections (InvertEBase surveys & publications)
- Expand via PENs

PALEONTOLOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTION

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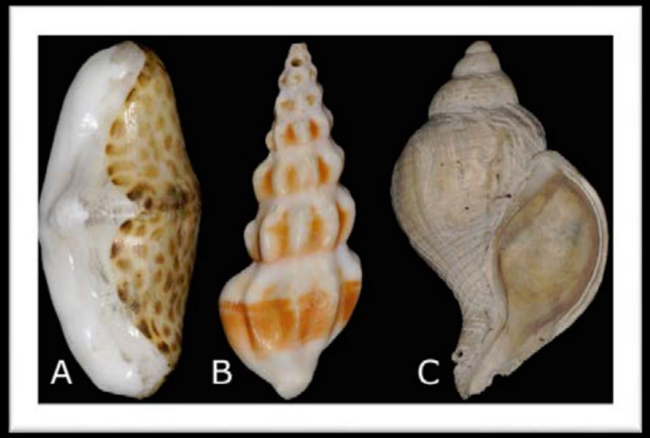
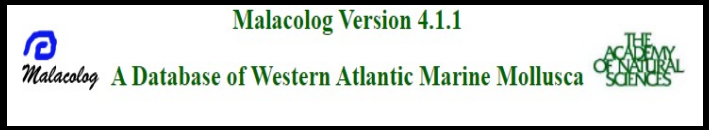
Scope (1)

- 16 institutions + Smithsonian
- 3,000 species, including numerous economically important taxa
- Mobilization of 4.5 million specimens
  - 1.1 million: de novo data entry
  - 3.4 million: improved data quality & access
- Georeferencing
  - Complete via CoGe
  - Add bathymetric data, benthic habitat, and marine conservation areas to GeoLocate

Scope (2)

- Trait data linkages
  - Live vs. dead (address Darwin Core issues)
  - Epibiont data
  - Metadata from field books and expedition logs
- Temporal data (build agent authority files across institutions)
- Specimen images (types and verified exemplars)
- Further development of InvertEBase
- Integration of Malacolog
- Development of MolluscaBase

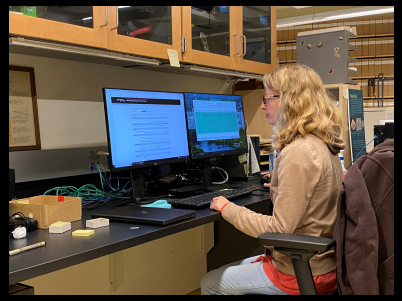




Year 1:
Collections, COVID, and (virtual) Connections

Major challenge: Staff recruitment and in-person student training

MCZ



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Major development: Increased virtual communication and partnering

- Development of Working Groups (e.g., live/dead; Specify users)
- Organization of training sessions (e.g., georeferencing, imaging)
- Shared Slack channels with sister TCNs (e.g., Expeditions WG)
- Coordinated steering committees with sister TCNs
- Joint development of InvertEBase portal (e.g., DigIn TCN, SI Panama project)
- Coordination with TDWG group (e.g., “vitality” for DarwinCore standards)
- Preparing for Course-based Undergraduate Research Experiences (CUREs)

- Finding parallel solutions for our many different databases

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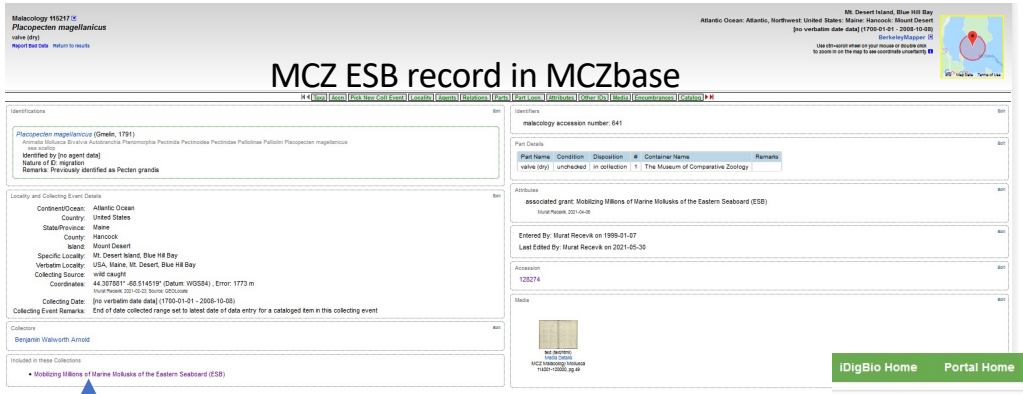


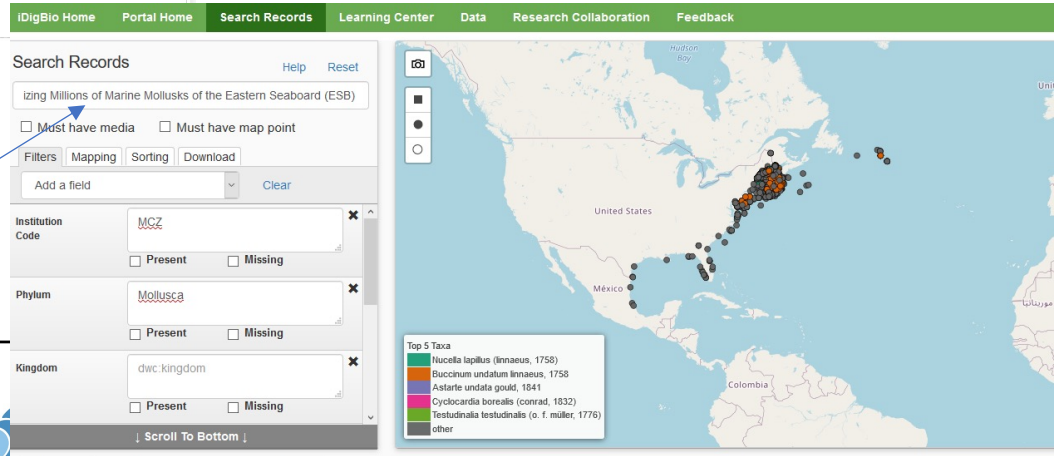
MCZ ESB goals:

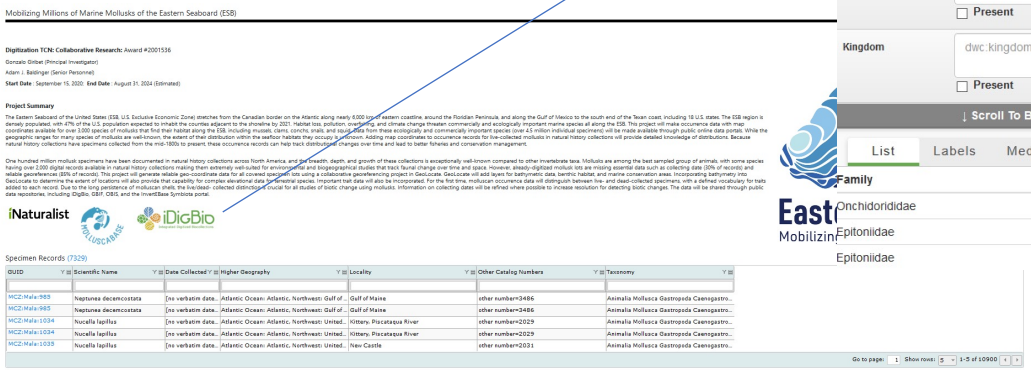
- Catalog 7,500 lots
- Clean 18,000 localities for ca. 75,000 records
- Image 1400 primary types

Search results for “ESB” & MCZ

record flagged as ESB by “Named Group”

link brings user to view ESB information page





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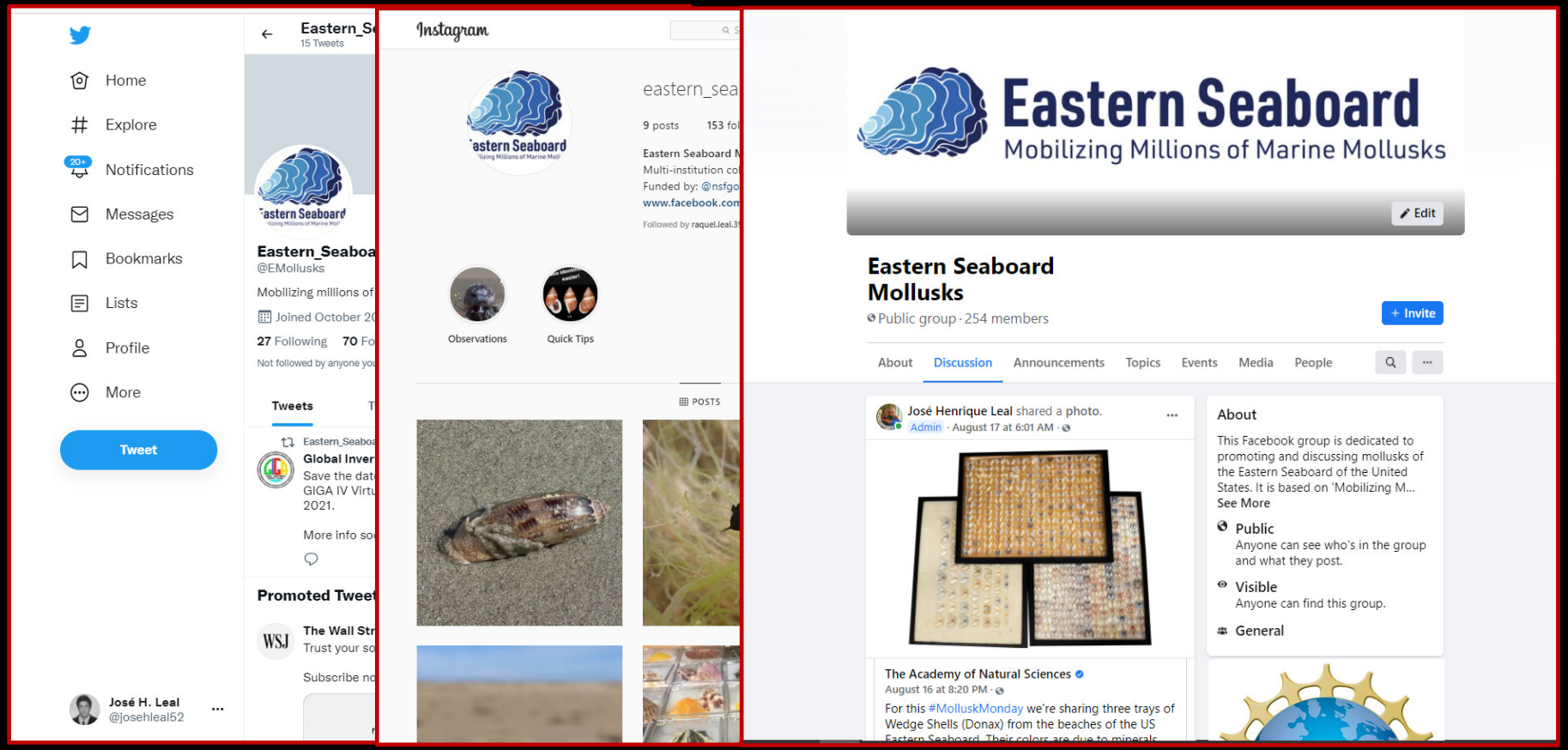

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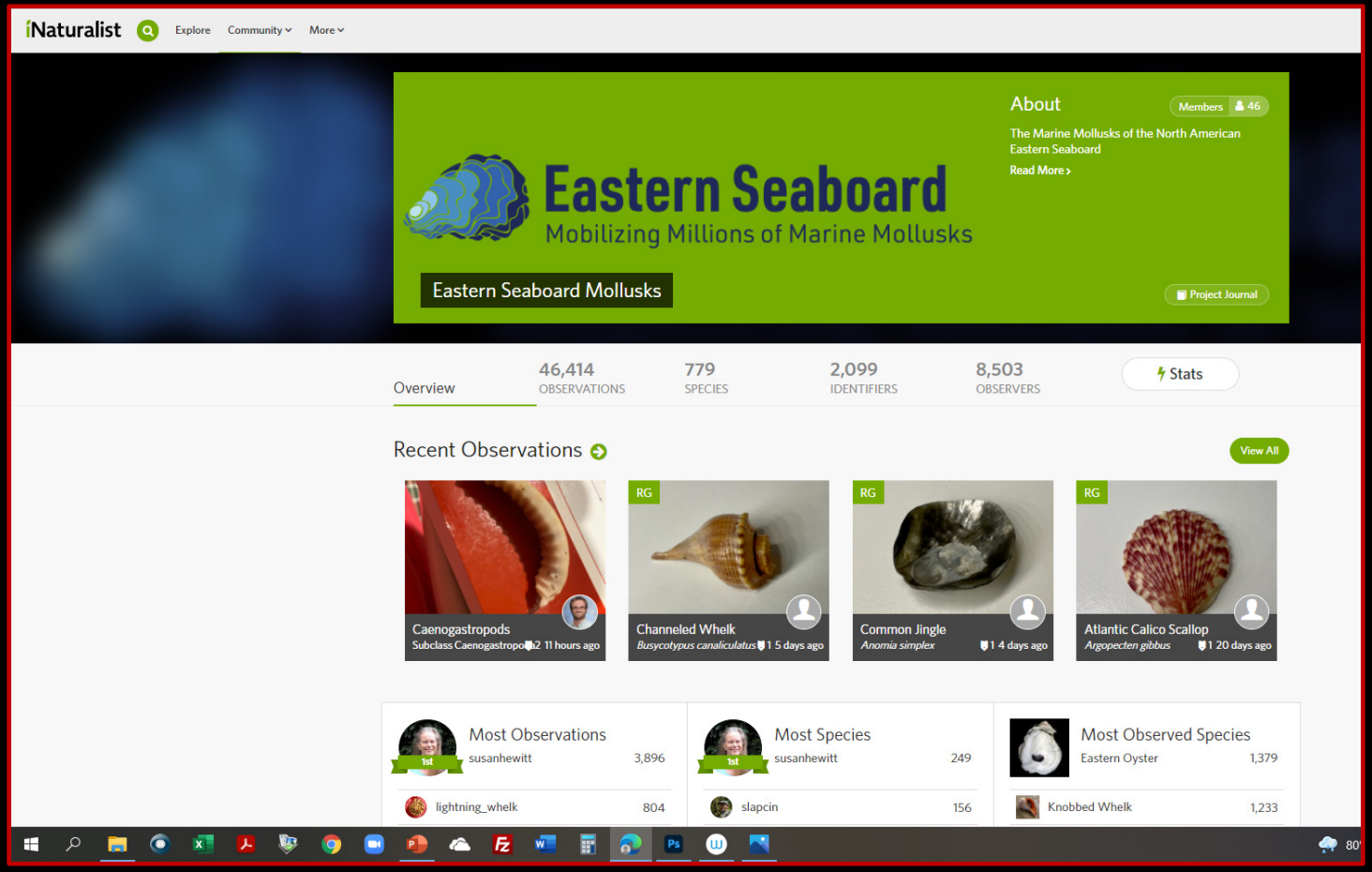

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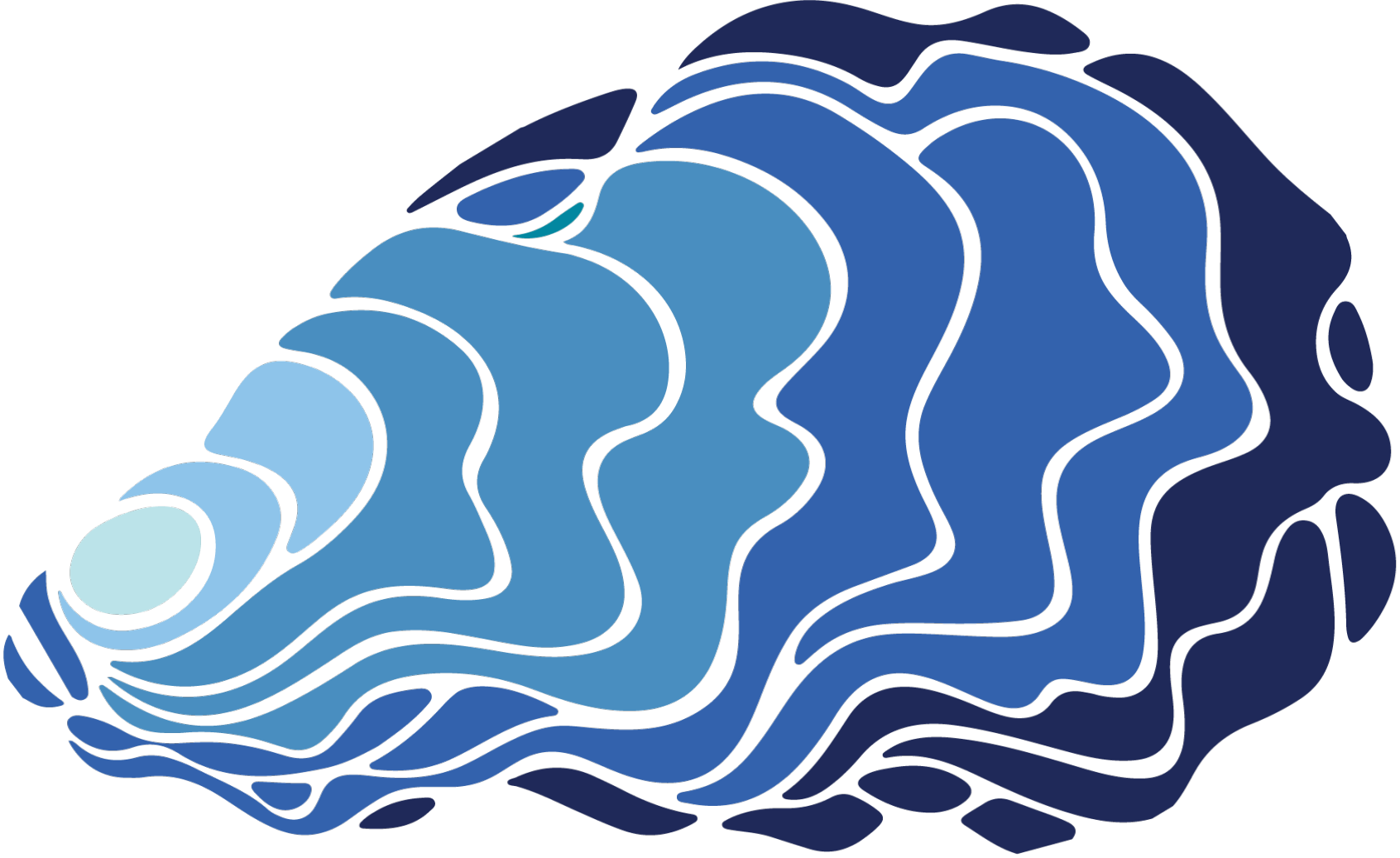

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