



The Swedish ASV Portal for Molecular Biodiversity Data

Making eDNA data open and FAIR

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SBDI





Open Science

Open Data

FAIR & CARE



SBDI is developed in collaboration with the Living Atlases community, and includes the Swedish node of the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF).

SBDI: ~168 million Occurrence Records

GBIF: >3.5 billion Occurrence Records

Living Atlases

An open community created around the Atlas of Living
Australia platform.



GBIF Data from Sweden

Swedish publishing trends

Search data published by Sweden



Biodiversity



Data



Share



Infrastructure

SBDI

Data harvesting and publishing
Data access and mobilisation
Tools for researchers
Support



Outcome

Knowledge

Data products

Scientific progress

Nature conservation

Benefits for society

Innovations

Find • Synthesise • Analyse

Research



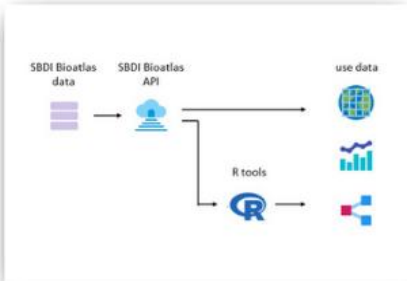
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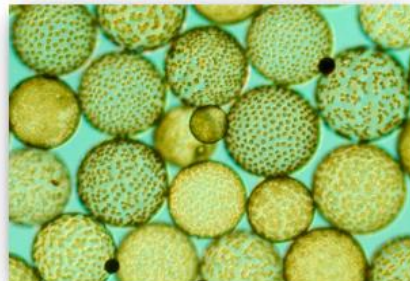
Explore by Location



Searching and Mapping



R Tools and APIs



Molecular Biodiversity Data



Systematic Monitoring and
Citizen Science Tools



Marine Data Tools



Biologging Data Tools



Archaeological Biodiversity
Data Tools

Swedish ASV portal

Welcome to the portal of Swedish Amplicon Sequence Variants (ASVs) -
an interface to sequence-based observations in SBDI



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Search for ASVs and Biotlas
records using Basic Local Alignment
Search Tool (BLAST)

BLAST

Search for ASVs and Biotlas
records using filters on sequencing
details and taxonomy

FILTER

Submit your metabarcoding dataset
to the ASV database and SBDI
Biotlas

SUBMIT

Download ASV occurrence datasets,
in Darwin Core format, from IPT
GBIF-Sweden

DOWNLOAD



Swedish ASV Biodiversity Metabarcoding Portal



A dedicated interface for accessing and analyzing sequence-based biodiversity observations through SBDI

- **Curated database** with user-friendly web interface
- **Automated analysis tools:** nf-core pipeline for denoising & taxonomic annotation
- **Submission support:** streamlined workflow for depositing raw data to ENA

21 datasets have been published so far!

- [CO1 Amplicon Sequence Variants of soil and leaf litter arthropod communities collected at Malaise traps from the Insect Biome Atlas project in Sweden](#)
- [CO1 Amplicon Sequence Variants of bulk arthropod samples \(mild lysis\) collected with Malaise traps from the Insect Biome Atlas project in Sweden](#)
- [Fungal Diversity Survey Sweden ITS-LSU rDNA](#)
- [COI data from: Invasive species detection along coastal harbours in northern region of Vastra Gotaland 2024](#)
- [COI Metabarcoding Genetic Observations of Marine Species in the Port of Wallhamn, Sweden \(2022\)](#)
- [18S Metabarcoding Genetic Observations of Marine Species in the Port of Wallhamn, Sweden \(2022\)](#)
- [16S data from: Diversity of Pico- to Mesoplankton along the 2000 km Salinity Gradient of the Baltic Sea \(Hu et al. 2016\)](#)
- [Kungsängen soil microbial communities](#)
- [18S data from: Diversity of Pico- to Mesoplankton along the 2000 km Salinity Gradient of the Baltic Sea \(Hu et al. 2016\)](#)
- [Environmental long read amplicons of soil fungi across Podzol soil profile](#)
- [Soil fungal communities of ectomycorrhizal dominated woodlands across West Africa](#)





- A service provider (e.g. **NGI**) delivers sequencing data to the user.

- **Submission to ENA**

- The user uploads **raw sequencing data and contextual metadata** to the **ENA** (*see our guide*).

- **Data Processing**

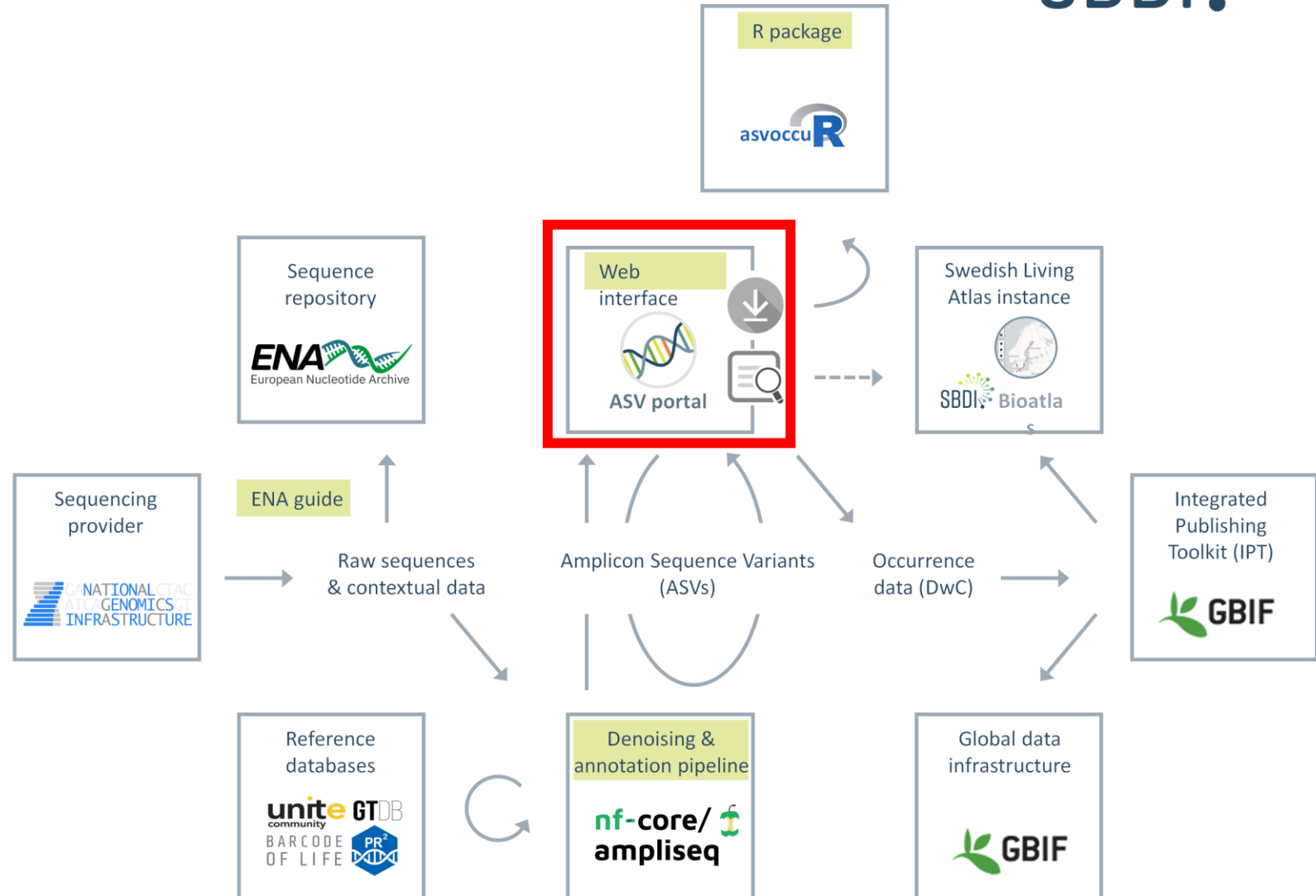
- The user **denoises the data** using tools such as **nf-core/ampliseq**.

- **Submission to ASV Portal**

- **Denoised data** are submitted to the **SBDI ASV Portal** for integration and access.

- **Data Access & Use**

- **Metabarcoding data** can be **searched and downloaded** via the ASV Portal.
- **Downloaded datasets** can be further analyzed using the **asvoccure R package**.





Swedish ASV structure - technical overview

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SOFTWARE

Open Access

ASV portal: an interface to DNA-based biodiversity data in the Living Atlas

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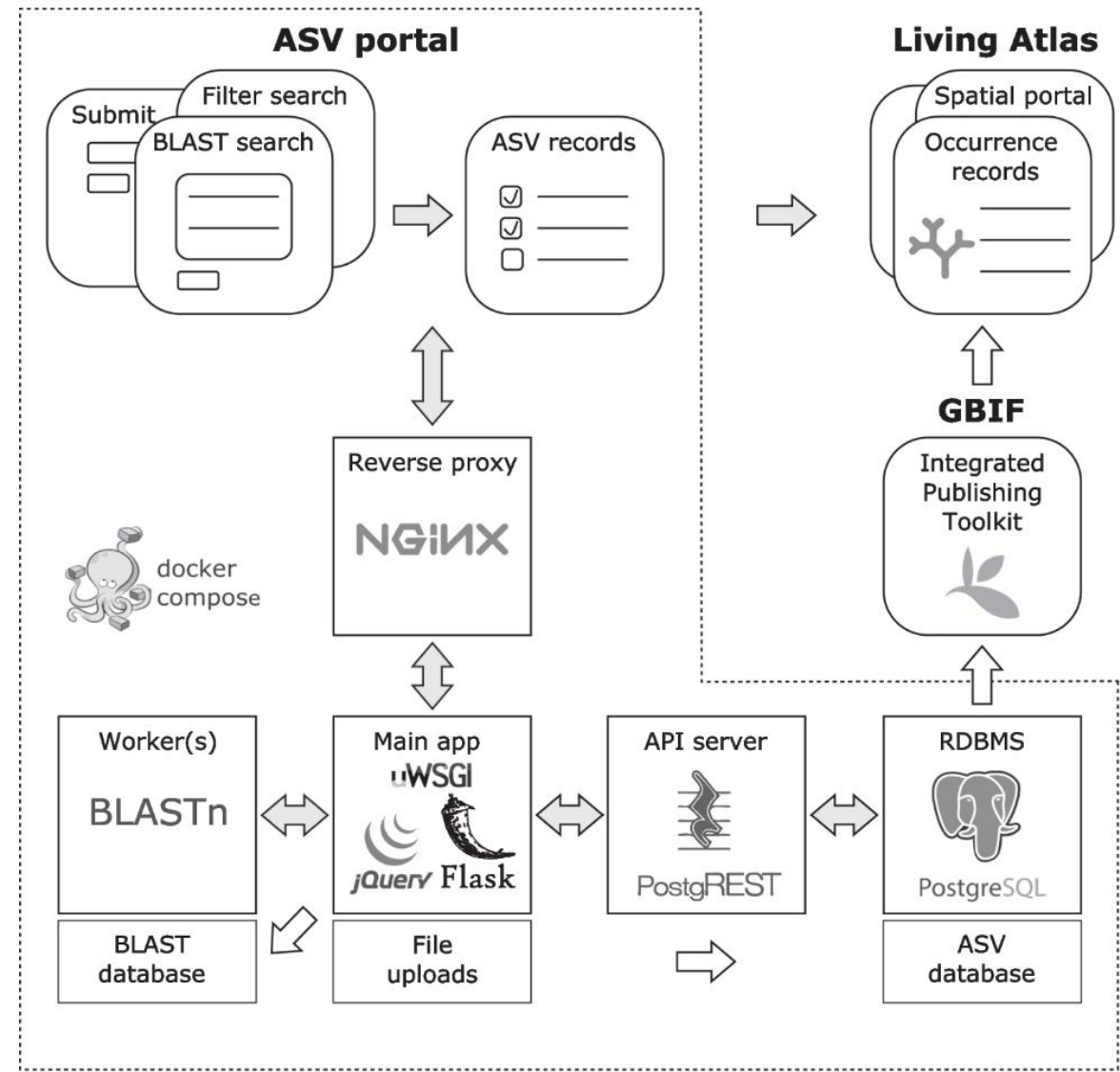
Abstract

Background: The Living Atlas is an open source platform used to collect, visualise and analyse biodiversity data from multiple sources, and serves as the national biodiversity data hub in many countries. Although powerful, the Living Atlas has had limited functionality for species occurrence data derived from DNA sequences. As a step toward integrating this fast-growing data source into the platform, we developed the Amplicon Sequence Variant (ASV) portal: a web interface to sequence-based biodiversity observations in the Living Atlas.

Results: The ASV portal allows data providers to submit denoised metabarcoding output to the Living Atlas platform via an intermediary ASV database. It also enables users to search for existing ASVs and associated Living Atlas records using the Basic Local Alignment Search Tool, or via filters on taxonomy and sequencing details. The ASV portal is a Python-Flask/jQuery web interface, implemented as a multi-container docker service, and is an integral part of the Swedish Biodiversity Data Infrastructure.

Conclusion: The ASV portal is a web interface that effectively integrates biodiversity data derived from DNA sequences into the Living Atlas platform.

Keywords: Biodiversity informatics, Species occurrence, Darwin core, Amplicon sequencing, Metabarcoding, eDNA, BLAST

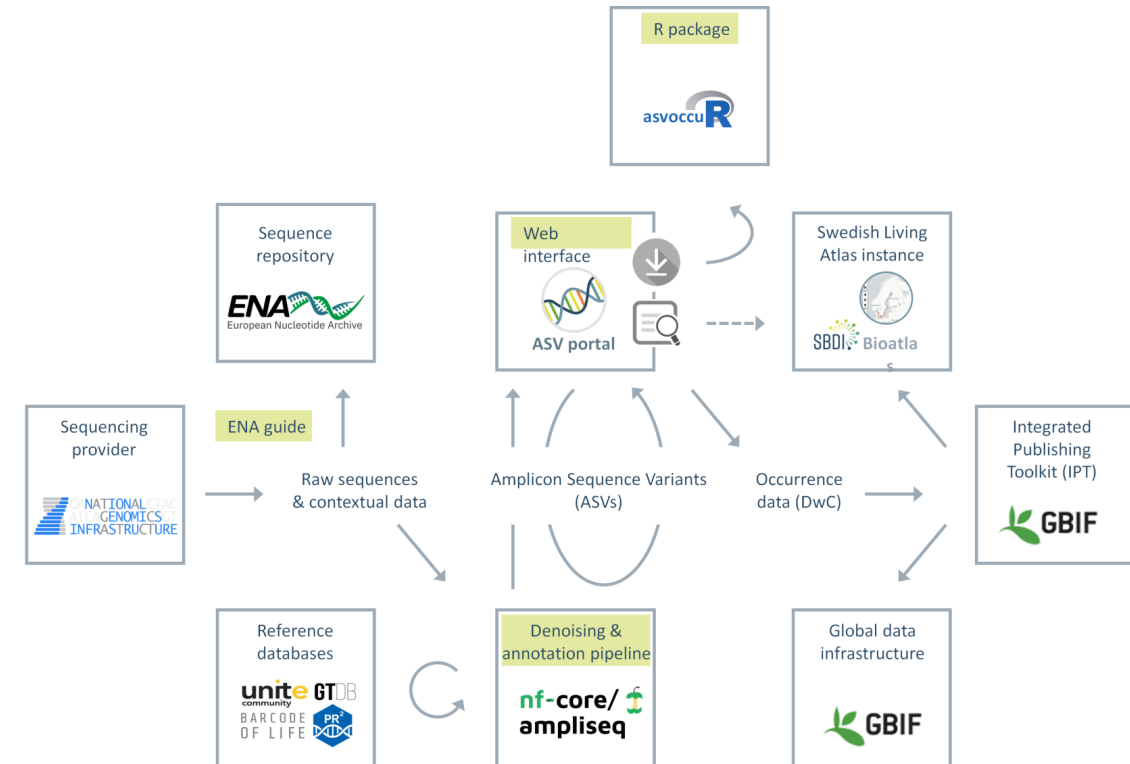




Swedish ASV - highlights



- **ASV storage** and dynamic approach to **taxonomic annotation**
- **BLAST** search
- R package: **asvoccu**





Swedish ASV- storage and taxonomic re-annotation



- Submitted data files are curated and imported into **ASV database**
- A **standard taxonomic annotation** is applied to each ASV using up-to-date **classification algorithms** and **reference databases**.
- It allows for successive re-annotations, enabling improved taxonomic accuracy and resolution as reference database develop.
- The **database structure** supports **successive re-annotations**, improving taxonomic accuracy and resolution as reference databases evolve.
- Each **DwC (Darwin Core) occurrence** is assigned a **unique taxon ID** for traceability and consistency.



Swedish ASV- BLAST search

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Query sequence(s)

Nucleotide sequence(s), in fasta format, to compare against ASVs (subject sequences) in reference database

830/50000 characters

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TGGGGAATTTTGC GCAATGGGGGAAACCCTGACGCAGCAACGCCGCGTGGAGGATGAAGTCCCTTGGGACGTAACTCCTTTGACCGGGACGATTATGACGGTACCGGTG
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ACCTGTGGCGAAAGCGGCTCACTGGACCACAACTGACGCTGATGCACGAAAGCTAGGGGAGCAAACA
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Minimum identity (Id %)

Share of exact matches in alignment

Minimum query coverage (Cov %)

Share of aligned query bases

[BLAST](#)[CLEAR](#)



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Sequencing details

Target gene

Select option(s)

Target subregion

Select option(s)

Forward primer

× 341F: CCTACGGGNGGCWGCAG

Reverse primer

× 805R: GACTACHVGGGTATCTAATCC

Taxonomy

Domain or Kingdom

× Bacteria

Phylum

× Verrucomicrobiota

Class

× Lentisphaeria

Order

Select option(s)

Family

Select option(s)

Genus

Select option(s)

Specific epithet

Select option(s)

Read more about ASV taxonomy in SBDI [here](#).

FILTER

CLEAR



Swedish ASV- BLAST search



SEARCH AND EXPLORE ▾ SBDI TOOLS ▾ HELP ▾

HOME > SEARCH: (TAXON_ID:"ASV:7B96F2B934D8EEC9E9F839A6DBA6C85A" OR TAXON_ID:"ASV:908695AA321BA9450C642533C1F96E61") | OCCURRENCE RECORDS | SWEDISH BIODIVERSITY DATA INFRASTRUCTURE

Occurrence records

[Advanced search](#)

QUICK SEARCH

Customise filters

3 results for (taxon_id:"ASV:7b96f2b934d8eec9e9f839a6dba6c85a" OR taxon_id:"ASV:908695aa321ba9450c642533c1f96e61")

Download

Narrow your results

Taxon

Scientific name
☐ Yictivallaceae (2)
☐ Yictivallales (1)
[choose more...](#)

Occurrence

Year
☐ 2013 (3)

Record

Record type
☐ MaterialSample (3)

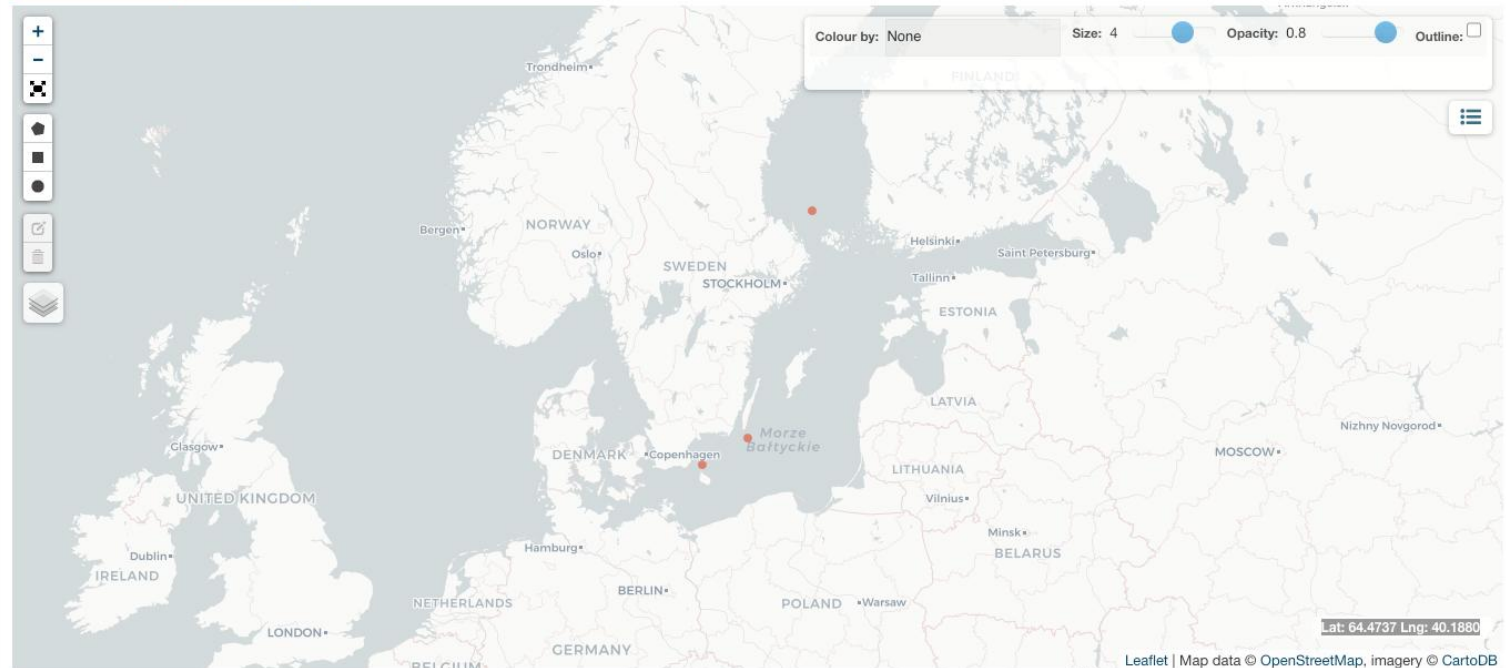
Miscellaneous

Institution
☐ Not supplied (3)
Collection
☐ Not supplied (3)
Data resource
☐ 16S data from: Diversity of Pico- to Mesoplankton along the 2000 km Salinity Gradient of the Baltic Sea (Hu et al. 2016) (3)

Records Map Charts

[View in spatial portal](#)

[Download map](#)





Swedish ASV- R package: asvoccuR

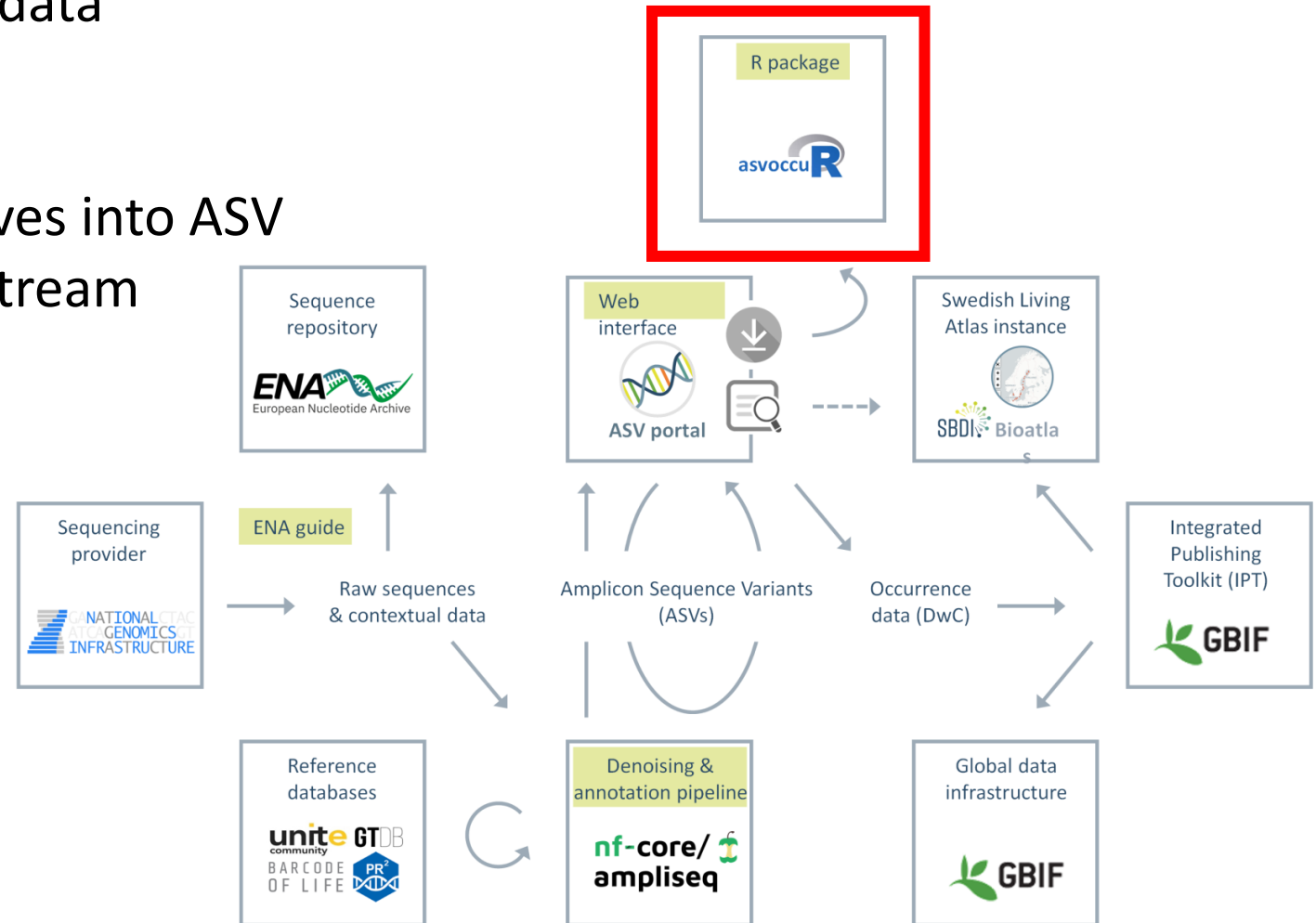


R package for processing occurrence data downloaded from the ASV portal.

It converts the condensed DwC archives into ASV table format, which facilitates downstream analysis in R.

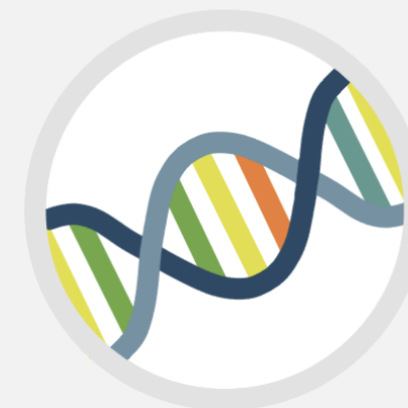
The package includes functions:

- loading and merging datasets
- aggregating ASV counts across taxonomic ranks



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Any questtions?

Contact support: <https://docs.biodiversitydata.se/support>



Thank you!

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