

# ManalAS

## A tool supporting the management of invasive alien species

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# Life RIPARIAS



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Reaching Integrated and Prompt Action  
in Response to Invasive Alien Species

Through the Life RIPARIAS project, the Belgian authorities responsible for IAS management are collaborating and pooling their resources to optimise the management of aquatic and riparian invasive species at river basin level.

- RIPARIAS is developing an innovative **evidence-based workflow** for IAS management **decision-making**, translating national management objectives into concrete actions and maximising the cost-effectiveness of management, piloted for plant and crayfish species in the Scheldt basin.
- The project is based on **interdisciplinary cooperation** between practitioners, the general public and policy makers.

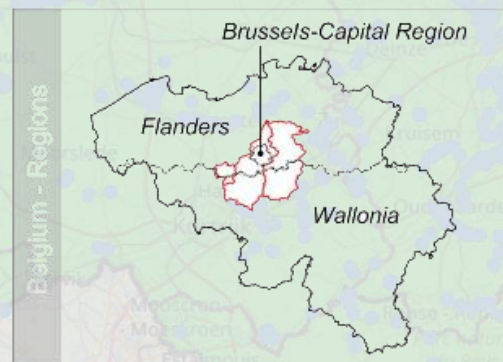


# Life RIPARIAS - Objectives

- I. Improve data flow from monitoring systems to regional IAS managers by ensuring interoperability of systems and strengthening surveillance. This enables rapid eradication of emerging species and cost-effective containment of widespread species.
- II. Develop clear guidelines and objective criteria for prioritising aquatic and riparian IAS management actions and implement priority actions in 3 pilot river basins.
- III. Evaluate the efficiency of the actions taken.
- IV. Promote the replication of the evidence-based workflow for IAS management decision-making in Europe.



# Life RIPARIAS - The Pilot Region



Dijle river basin





# Life RIPARIAS - Some Facts

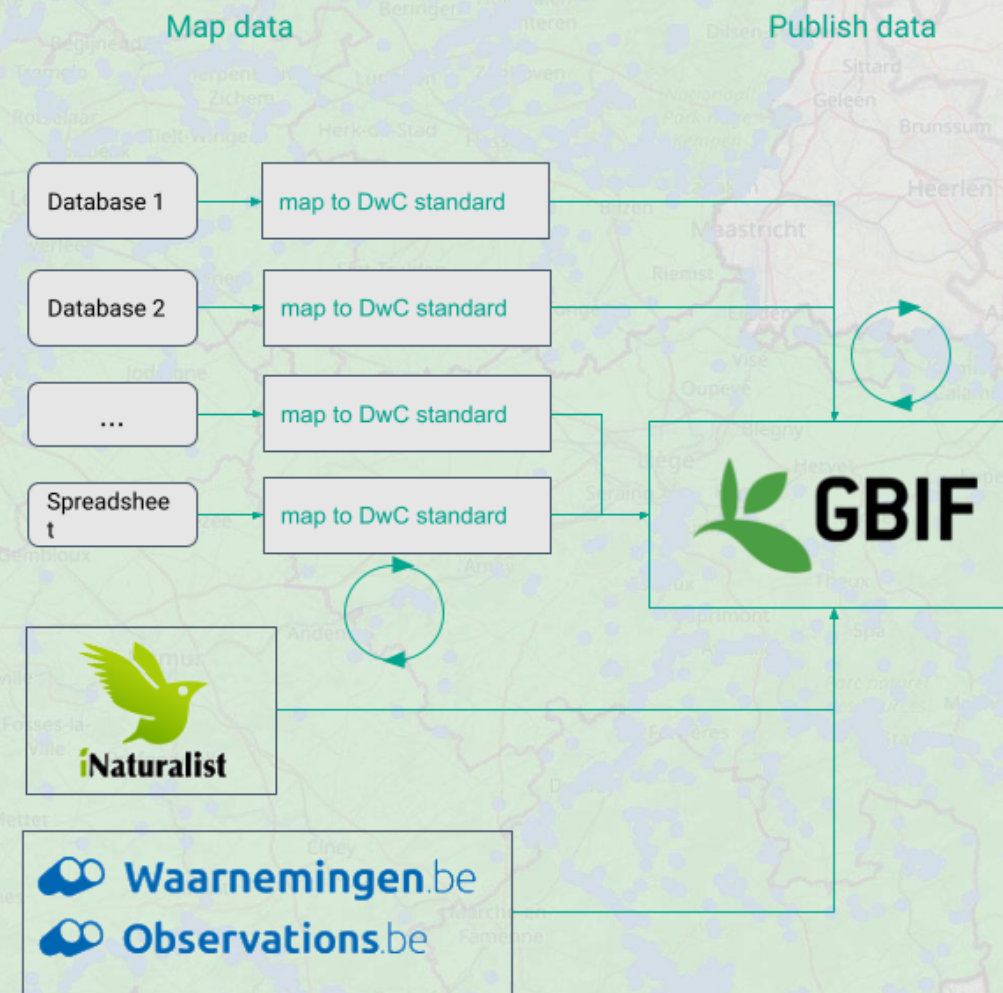
- Project duration : 6 years (1/1/2021 – 31/12/2026)
- Estimated total budget : 7,010,389.00 €
- Envisaged EU contribution : 3,855,714.00 €
- Software developments should be completed by the **end of April 2025**
- Among the developed software tools, two were designed to be generic and adaptable to other conditions : **GBIF Alert** and **ManalIAS**



# Life RIPARIAS - The Data Flow

GBIF—the Global Biodiversity Information Facility—is an international network and data infrastructure funded by the world's governments and aimed at providing anyone, anywhere, open access to data about all types of life on Earth.

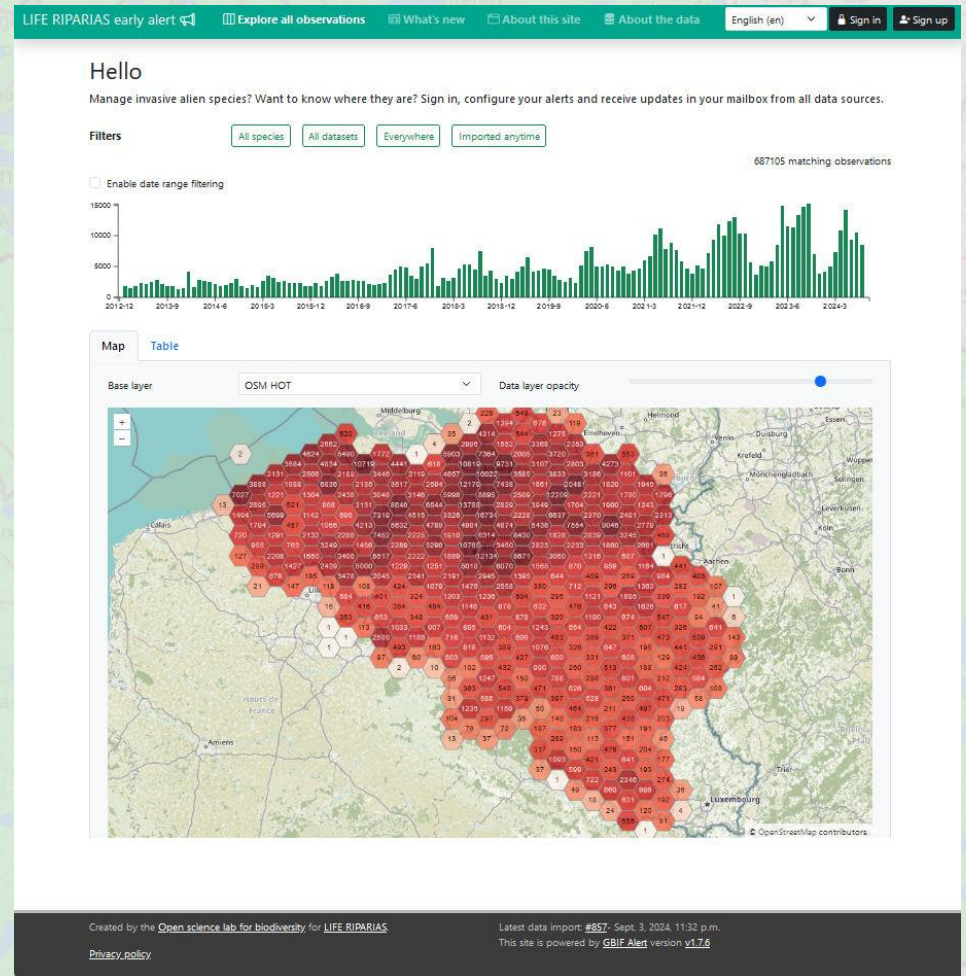
It was chosen as the source of standardized data. Occurrences records are downloaded and fed into LIFE RIPARIAS tools databases every night.





# Life RIPARIAS - GBIF Alert

- Users can register to receive alerts by e-mail when new occurrences are added to the database
- Creates occurrence maps with data imported from GBIF and serves them as MVT tiles directly generated by the database






# Life RIPARIAS - ManalIAS

A **spatially explicit decision support system** to assist **program managers and policy makers** in **establishing priorities** for IAS management programs and actions:

- Definition of management **objectives** at the river basin scale
- **Species** and **site** prioritization
- Choice of cost-effective **management techniques** adapted to site conditions





# ManalAS - Architecture

- Backend is written with **django**
- Frontend is technically written in two parts :
  - Entry-point of the software is part of the **django** project
  - The GIS part is written as a  SPA



# ManalAS – Backend Architecture

- Backend is written with **django**
- It is used for users authentication, project creation and result visualisation and export
- It includes a REST API and a PDF report generator
- Some APIs use  GeoPandas to compute statistics
- PDF report generator is using  weasyprint






# ManalAS – SIG SPA Architecture

- It is written on top of the **Wegue** framework
- It manages local data using **Dexie.js**
- It uses **DB** to do some chromatic computations and to visualise data histograms



# Wegue Framework

- Wegue (**Web**GIS with OpenLayers and **V**ue) combines the power of  and  to make lightweight webmapping applications.
- For styling and pre-defined UI-components the Material Design Component Framework  **VUETIFY** is used.
- It acts as a template to reduce boilerplate work for browser-based mapping applications.



# Wegue Framework

- Project created by **Christian Mayer** from **Meggsimum** – Büro für Geoinformatik
- Initial import made the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017
- Includes reusable **UI components**
- Configurable through **JSON** files
- Optimized for all devices
- Licence: **BSD-2-Clause**



# Wegue Framework - It is NOT

- A pure library
- A full Desktop-GIS application
- Feature creep



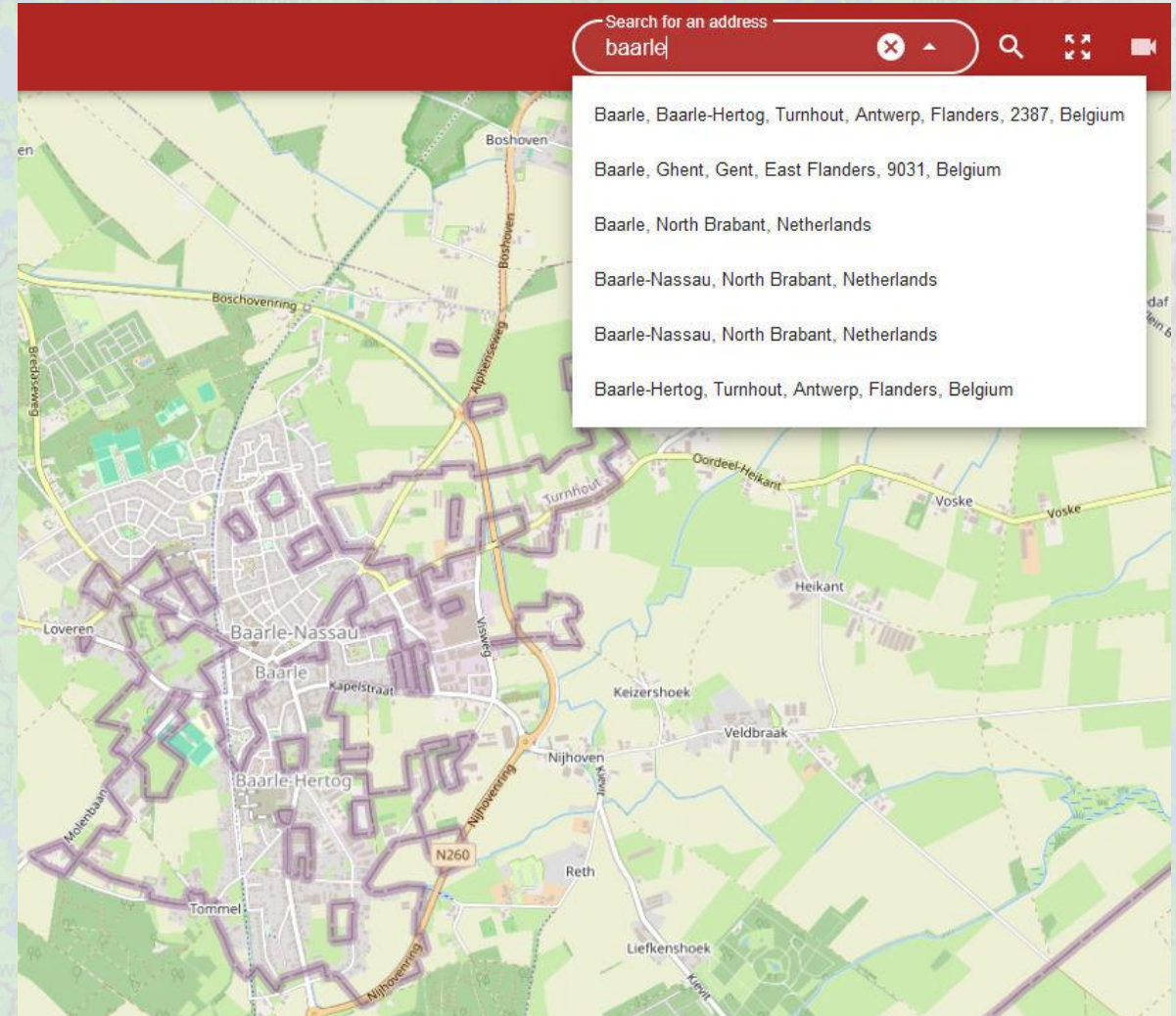
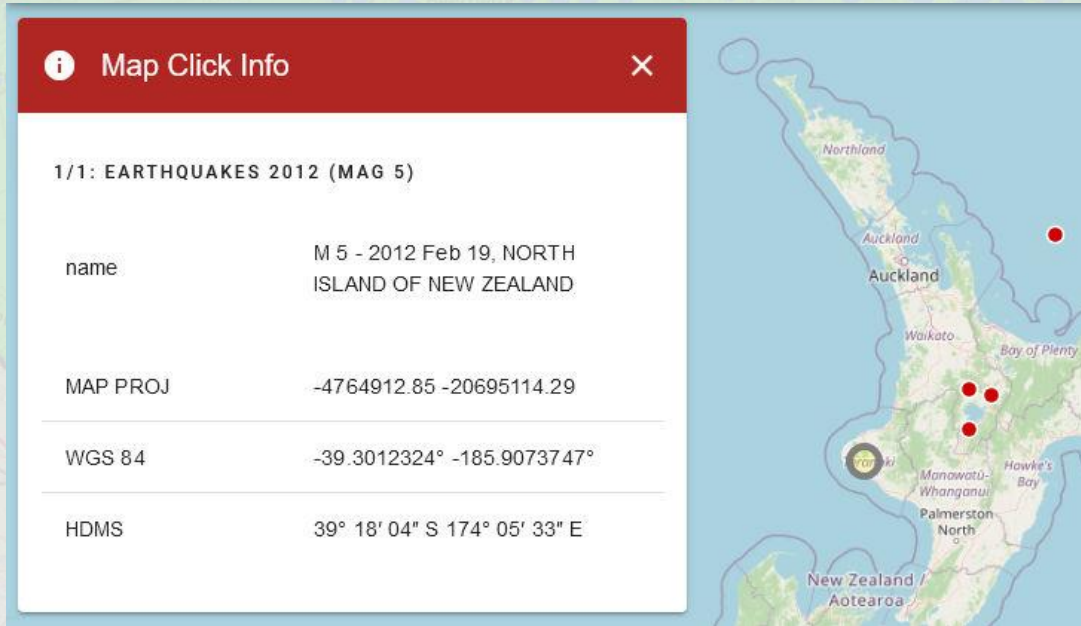
# Wegue – The Demo App



<https://wegue-oss.github.io/wegue>



# Wegue – Some Reusable UI Components





A map of Belgium with numerous small blue dots representing biodiversity data points. The dots are distributed across the country, with higher concentrations in the central and southern regions. Major cities and regions are labeled in French and Dutch. The text "Time for a demo" is overlaid in the center in a large, bold, teal font.

# Time for a demo

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# ManalAS - Wrap Up

- Still a **WIP**
- Currently available to project partners only
- Should be **publicly available end of December 2024** or beginning of January 2025
- Source code will be available on <https://github.com/riparias>



# Thank you for your attention

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