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## Theme 2 summary and overview of biodiversity research

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In this presentation we give an overview of MarBEF activities (mostly) within Theme 2, and present specific Theme 2 activities in the new JPA. Most developments have been within the RMP projects, which have been discussed in D. Patersons overview, while here we focus on SCP/JPA activities. Next to this update on progress made within the program we present a short overview of biodiversity research worldwide, on marine research in Europe specifically, identifying trends and gaps where MarBEF as consortium could direct future attention.