

# User Guide

## Irish Pest Emergence Maps

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# Introduction

The Irish Pest Emergence Maps (IPEM) webtool was designed for users to generate risk prediction maps of potential pests that may arrive on the island of Ireland using past climate data from 1991:present, the most recent thirty-year climate normal (1991:2020) and future climate scenarios. Users may view the predicted emergence date and the number of generations predicted to emerge for 12 developmental starting dates within a year.

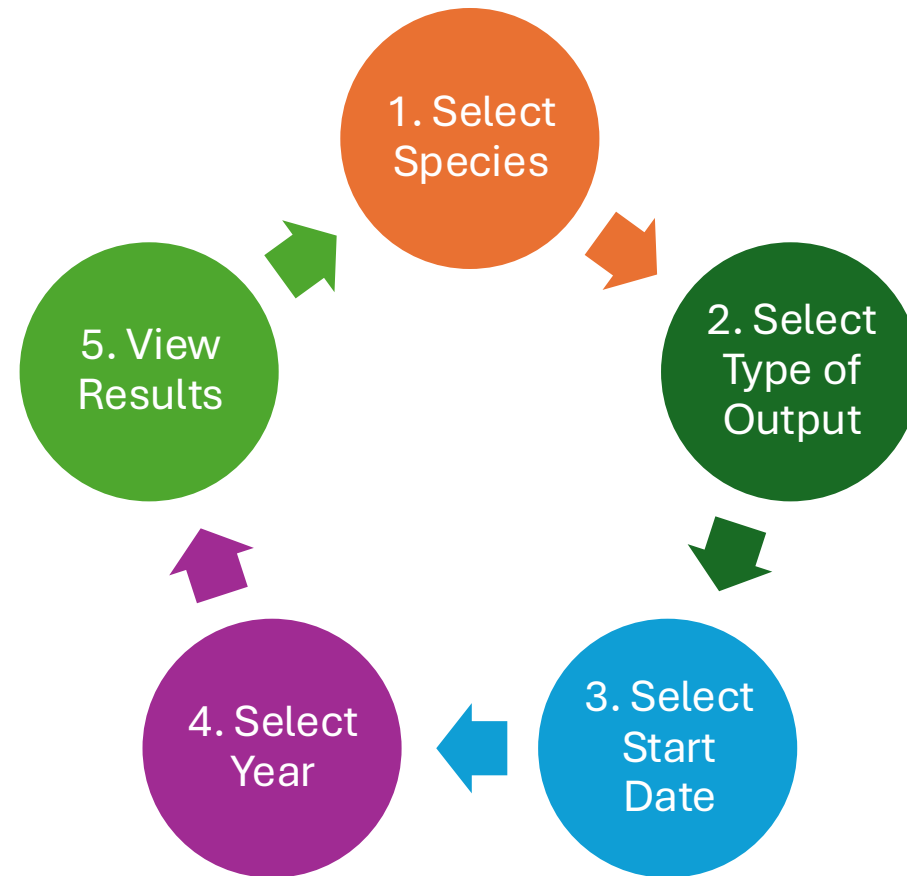
Climate data for these maps is from [Met Éireann's 1km gridded climate data](https://www.met.ie/science/translate), the future climate scenarios are provided by the [TRANSLATE project](https://www.met.ie/science/translate). Further details may be found via <https://www.met.ie/science/translate> & <https://www.met.ie/daily-rainfall-and-temperature-grids>

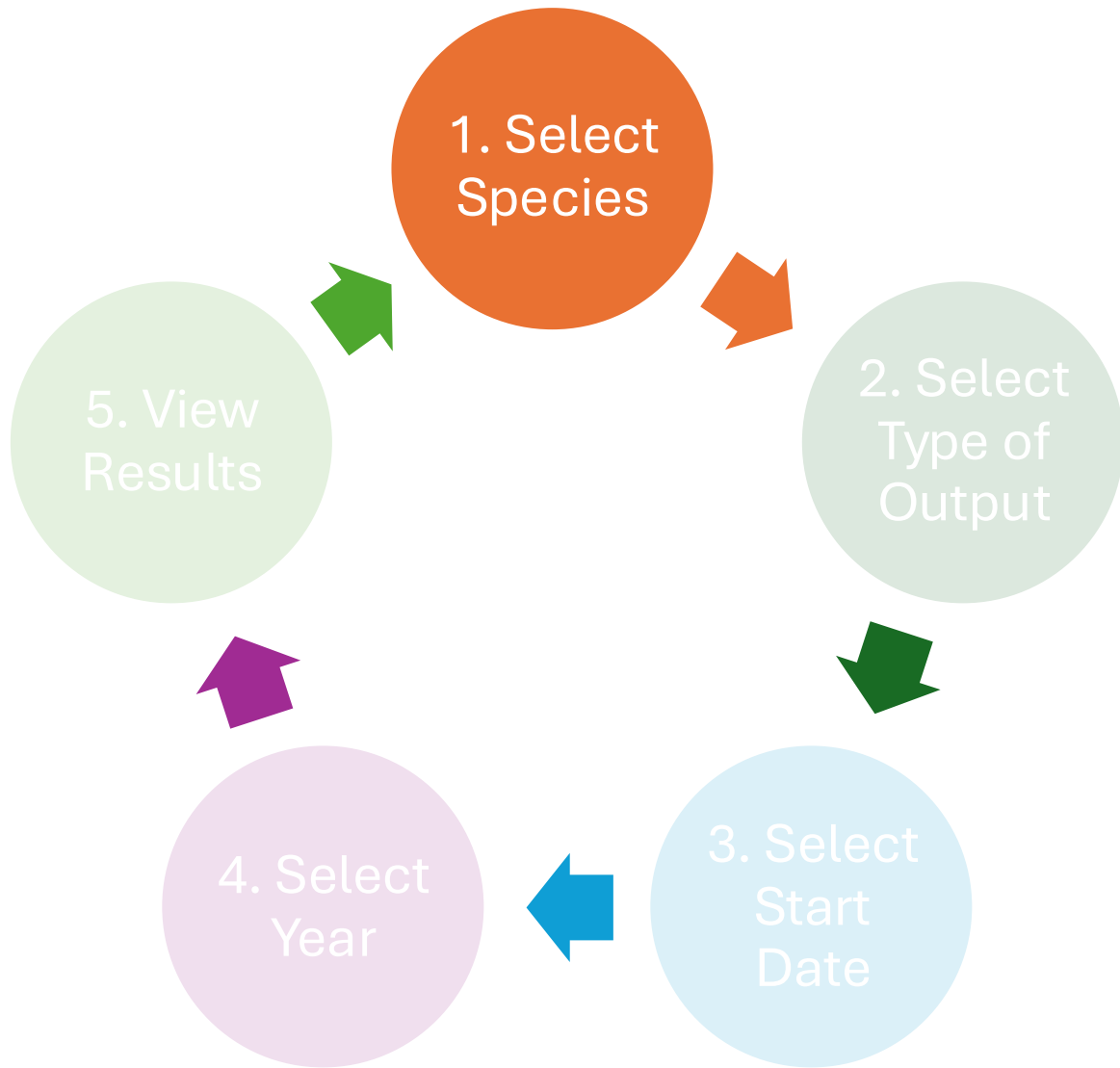


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# Example of a typical workflow

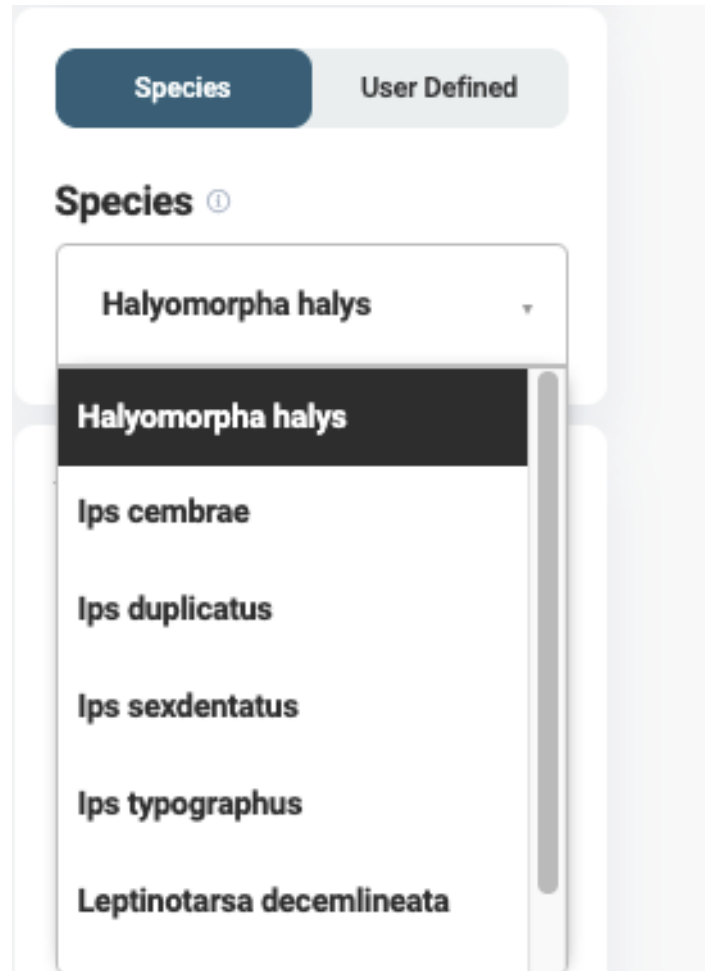


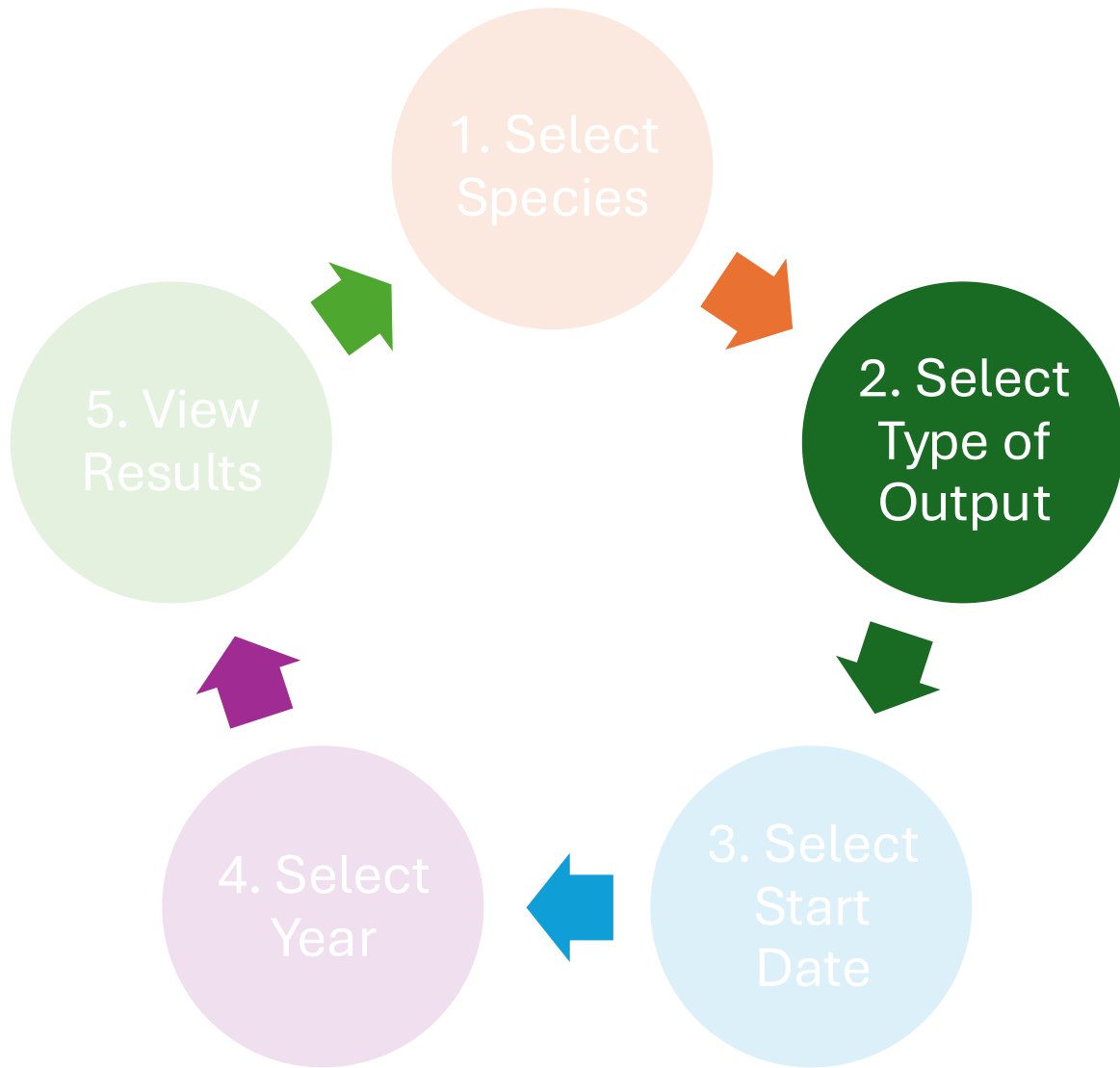


# 1. Select Species

Select species from the dropdown menu on the left hand side

The species are ordered alphabetically





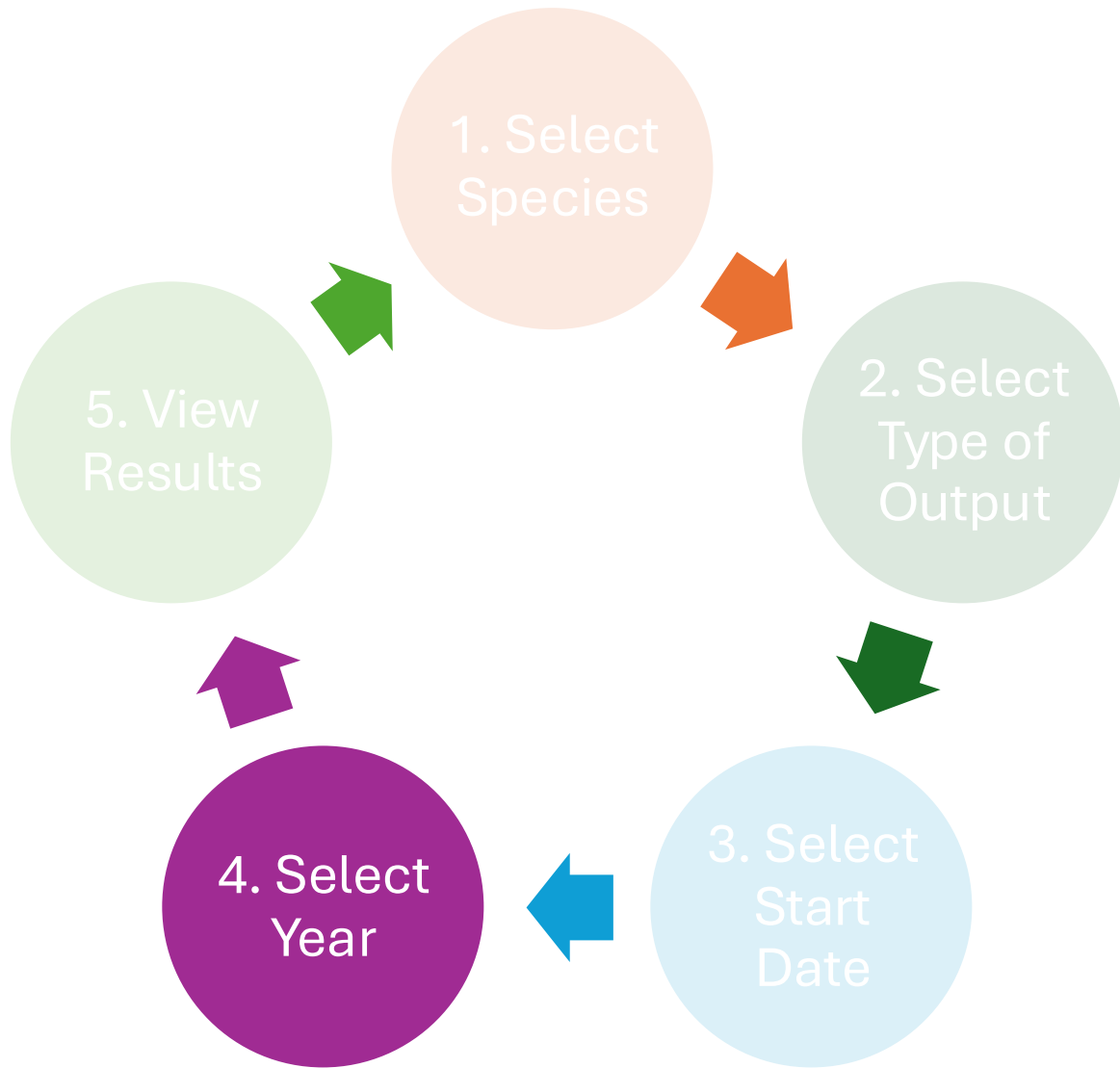
## 2. Select Type of Output

There are three choices of output:

- Yearly
- 30 Year Average
- Future Climate Projections







## 4. Select Year

Select year from the slider  
The most recent year is the default

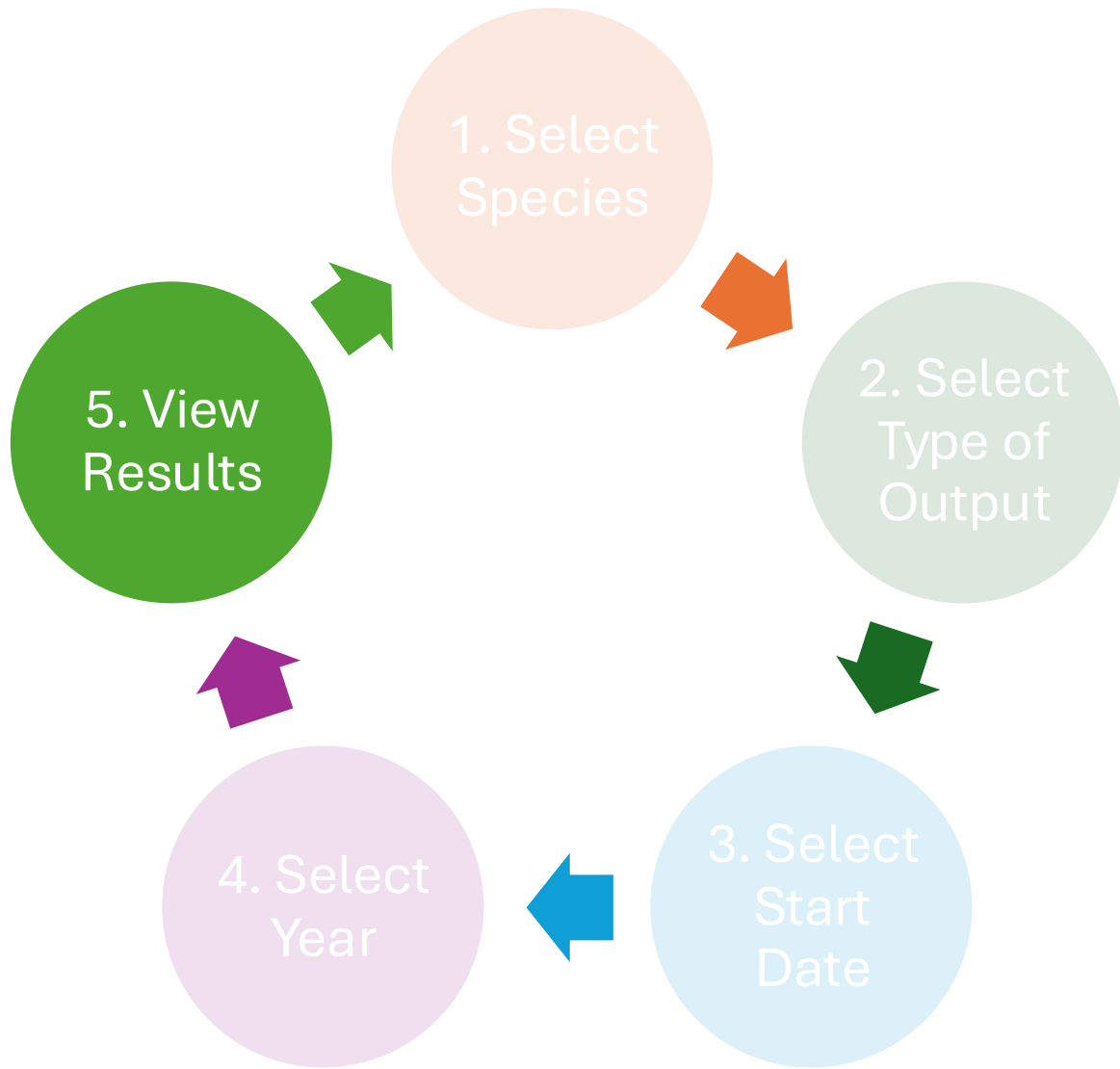
**Yearly** 30 Year Average (1991 - 2020) Future Climate Projections

Start Date ⓘ  
**1st of Jan**

○ —————  
Jan Apr Jul Oct Dec

Year ⓘ  
**2024**

—————○  
1991 2024

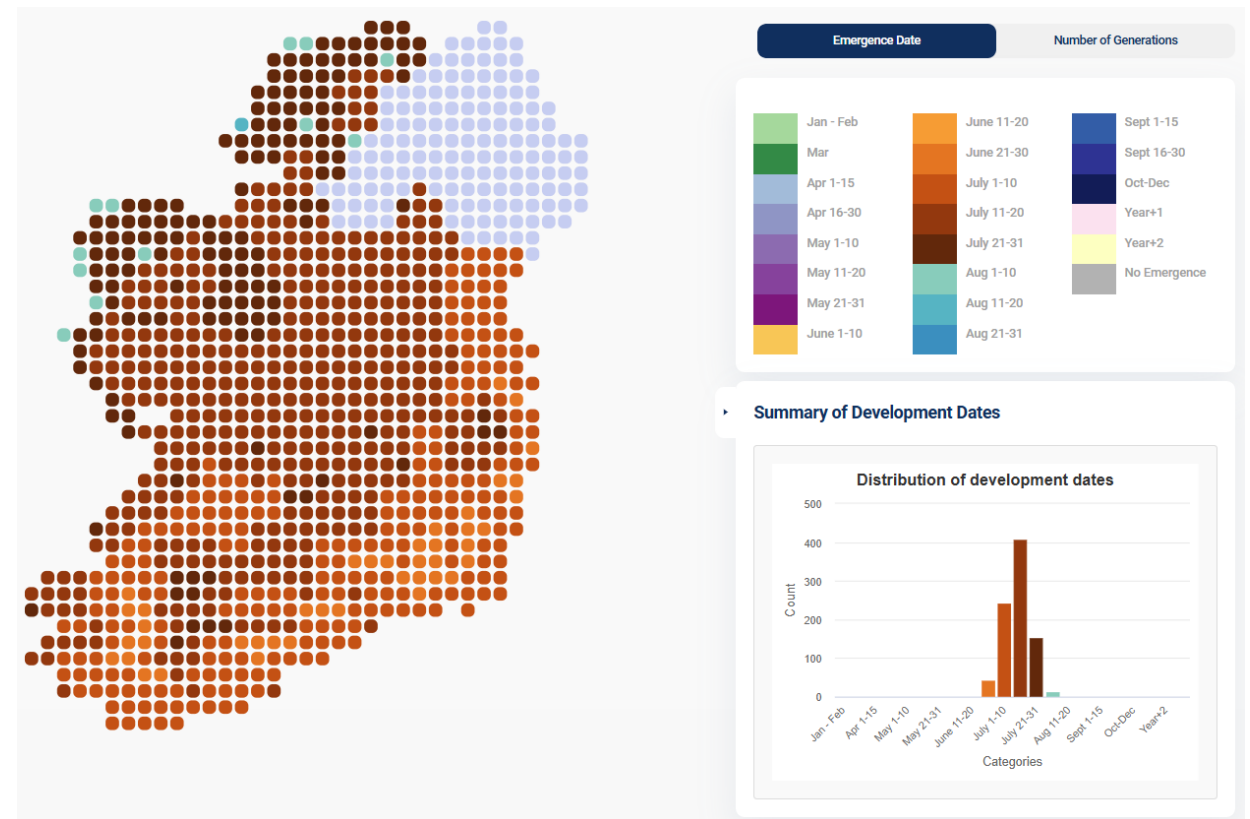


## 5. View Results

From here one may view the following:

- The emergence date (pictured below)
- The number of generations
- The anomaly for each of these

These results may also be exported



# Using the Pest Risk Tool

## Sections

1. Home Page Guide
2. Selecting Model Output
3. Yearly Historical Climates
4. 30 year Climate Normals
5. Future Climates
6. User Defined Species
7. Data Export

# 1. Home Page Guide

The image shows a screenshot of the MET eReconn website interface with several callout boxes explaining different features. The interface includes a top navigation bar with links for Forecasts, Latest Reports, Climate, Education, Science, Podcasts, and About. The main content area is divided into a left sidebar with controls, a central map, and a right sidebar with data visualizations.

**Left Sidebar Controls:**

- User Guide:** A button labeled "View Instructions".
- To select a species:** A "Species" dropdown menu currently showing "Agnilus anxius".
- Variables used in each model:** "Temperature Baseline" set to 1.7°C and "Degree day threshold" set to 1004.0.
- To change the climate data:** A "Yearly" tab selected, with "30 Year Average" and "Future Climate Projections" options.
- Sliders to change the start date of the model & the year:** "Start Date" set to "1st of Jan" and "Year" set to "2024".
- To view each year as an anomaly:** A checkbox labeled "View as an anomaly" which is currently unchecked.
- Export data section:** An "Export Data" button with a "Graph.csv" link.

**Central Map:**

- 10 KM gridded map:** A map of the United Kingdom showing a 10 km gridded area with colored dots representing emergence data.
- To select the Emergence Date Summary & the Number of Generations:** A callout pointing to the top right of the map area.
- Legend shows the 10 day appearance of a species:** A callout pointing to the legend on the right side of the map.
- Histogram shows the count of emergence data that appear on this in 10 day intervals:** A callout pointing to the histogram on the right side of the map.
- Click on a circle to get a county level view at 1km scale:** A callout pointing to a specific circle on the map.

**Right Sidebar Visualizations:**

- Emergence Date:** A legend showing 10-day intervals for emergence dates, color-coded by month and day range.
- Number of Generations:** A legend showing the number of generations, color-coded by month and day range.
- Summary of Development Dates:** A histogram titled "Distribution of development dates" showing the count of emergence data for various 10-day intervals.

Color	Interval
Light Green	Jan - Feb
Green	Mar
Light Blue	Apr 1-15
Blue	Apr 16-30
Purple	May 1-10
Dark Purple	May 11-20
Orange	May 21-31
Yellow	June 1-10
Light Orange	June 11-20
Dark Orange	June 21-30
Red	July 1-10
Dark Red	July 11-20
Brown	July 21-31
Teal	Aug 1-10
Blue-Teal	Aug 11-20
Blue	Aug 21-31
Dark Blue	Sept 1-15
Light Blue	Sept 16-30
White	Oct-Dec
Pink	Year+1
Yellow	Year+2
Grey	No Emergence

Category	Count
Jan - Feb	0
Mar	0
Apr 1-15	0
Apr 16-30	0
May 1-10	150
May 11-20	550
May 21-31	100
June 1-10	0
June 11-20	0
June 21-30	0
July 1-10	0
July 11-20	0
July 21-31	0
Aug 1-10	0
Aug 11-20	0
Aug 21-31	0
Sept 1-15	0
Sept 16-30	0
Oct-Dec	0
Year+1	0
Year+2	0

## Quiescence example

## 2. Selecting Model Output

The parameters for each of the species models differ depending on the overwintering cycles:

- Quiescence (Temperature Baseline & Degree Day Threshold)
- Obligative Diapause (Temperature Baseline, Degree Day Threshold & Photoperiod)
- Facultative Diapause (Temperature Baseline, Degree Day Threshold, Photoperiod & Temperature Threshold)

This differs from species to species

Links to the reference publications, DAFM fact sheet and EPPO fact sheet (if available) are in the info box for the species (click on the “Species **i**” icon).

The screenshot shows the MET eReconn interface for the Quiescence model. The interface includes a 'View Instructions' button, a 'Species' dropdown menu (currently set to 'User Defined'), a 'Species' field (currently set to 'Agrilus anxius'), a 'Temperature Baseline' field (currently set to '1.7°C'), a 'Degree day threshold' field (currently set to '1004.0'), a 'Start Date' field (currently set to '1st of Jan'), a 'Year' field (currently set to '2024'), and an 'Export Data' button (currently set to 'Graph.csv').

Annotations:

- To select a species
- Parameters used in each template model differ depending on the overwintering cycle
- The **i** icon gives the publication references used for the variables in the model & links to information sheets from DAFM & EPPO

## 2. Selecting Model Output Overview

Growing degree day models are used in the IPEM tool to predict developmental timings from Egg to Adult. The tool uses the triangle method to calculate growing degree days from daily maximum and minimum temperatures.

The IPEM tool also includes three models for overwintering.

- **Quiescence (no overwintering).**
  - Development continues throughout the year if temperatures are high enough
- **Obligate (overwintering determined by daylength)**
  - Development stops when daylength drops below a critical threshold
- **Facultative (overwintering determined by day length and daily temperature)**
  - Development stops when daylength drops below a critical threshold and daily mean temperature drops below a critical threshold

## 3. Yearly Historical Climates

The ability to change the yearly climate data from 1991:2024 for each 1km grid location.

The start date for each model is the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month and the model will extend for up to 4 years. This was done as some species may not appear within a single season and could appear the subsequent year.

View as anomaly; will show the difference in the individual years to the most recent climate normal (1991:2020 climate normal).

View Instructions

Species User Defined

Species Agrilus anxius

Temperature Baseline 1.7°C

Degree day threshold 1004.0

Yearly 30 Year Average (1991-2020) Future Climate Projections

Start Date 1st of Jan

Jan Jul Dec

Year 2024

1991 2024

View as an anomaly

Export Data Graph .csv

To change the climate data

Slider to change the start date of the model

Slider to change year of the model

To select View as Anomaly

### 3. Yearly Historical Climates

The output for the Republic of Ireland is visualised on a 10km grid. The results shown for each 10km square is a “worst case” for all the 1km grids within the 10km square (i.e the earliest emergence date and the highest number of generations).

The output on a 1km grid is available by clicking on the respective circle for county.

Results are visualised using a colour scale, and a histogram showing the number of grid squares with different emergence dates/number of generations

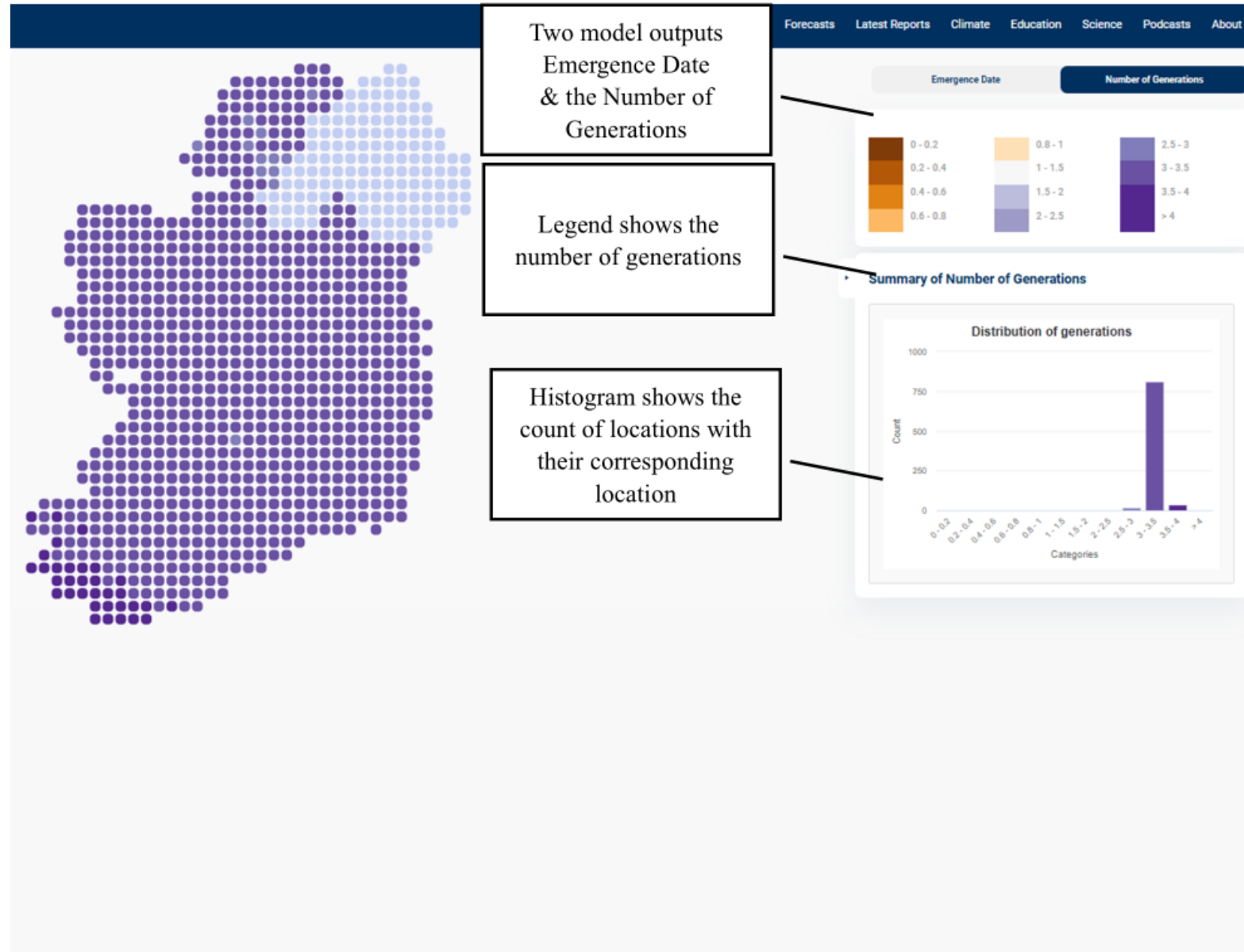


### 3. Yearly Historical Climates

The Number of Generations gives the number of completed generations that are predicted to emerge in the first year.

The histogram shows the count of locations with the respective number of generations.

The output on a 1km grid is available by clicking on the respective circle for county



### 3. Yearly Historical Climates

The Number of Generations states the number of completed generations that are predicted to emerge that year in total. The histogram below shows the count of locations with the respective number of generations.

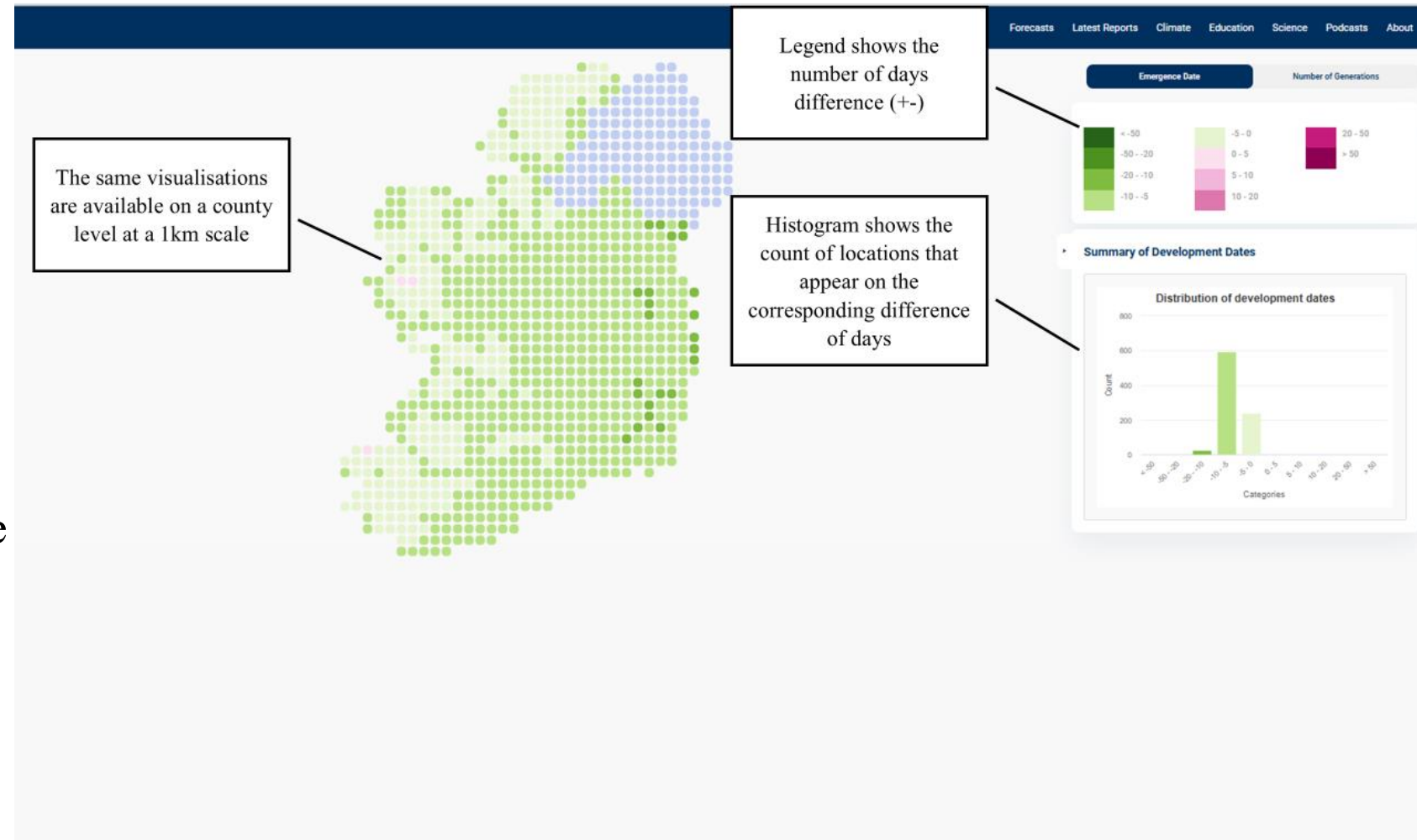
The output on a 1km grid is available by clicking on the respective circle for county



### 3. Yearly Historical Climates

View as anomaly; will show the difference in the individual years to the most recent 30 year climate average (1991-2020).

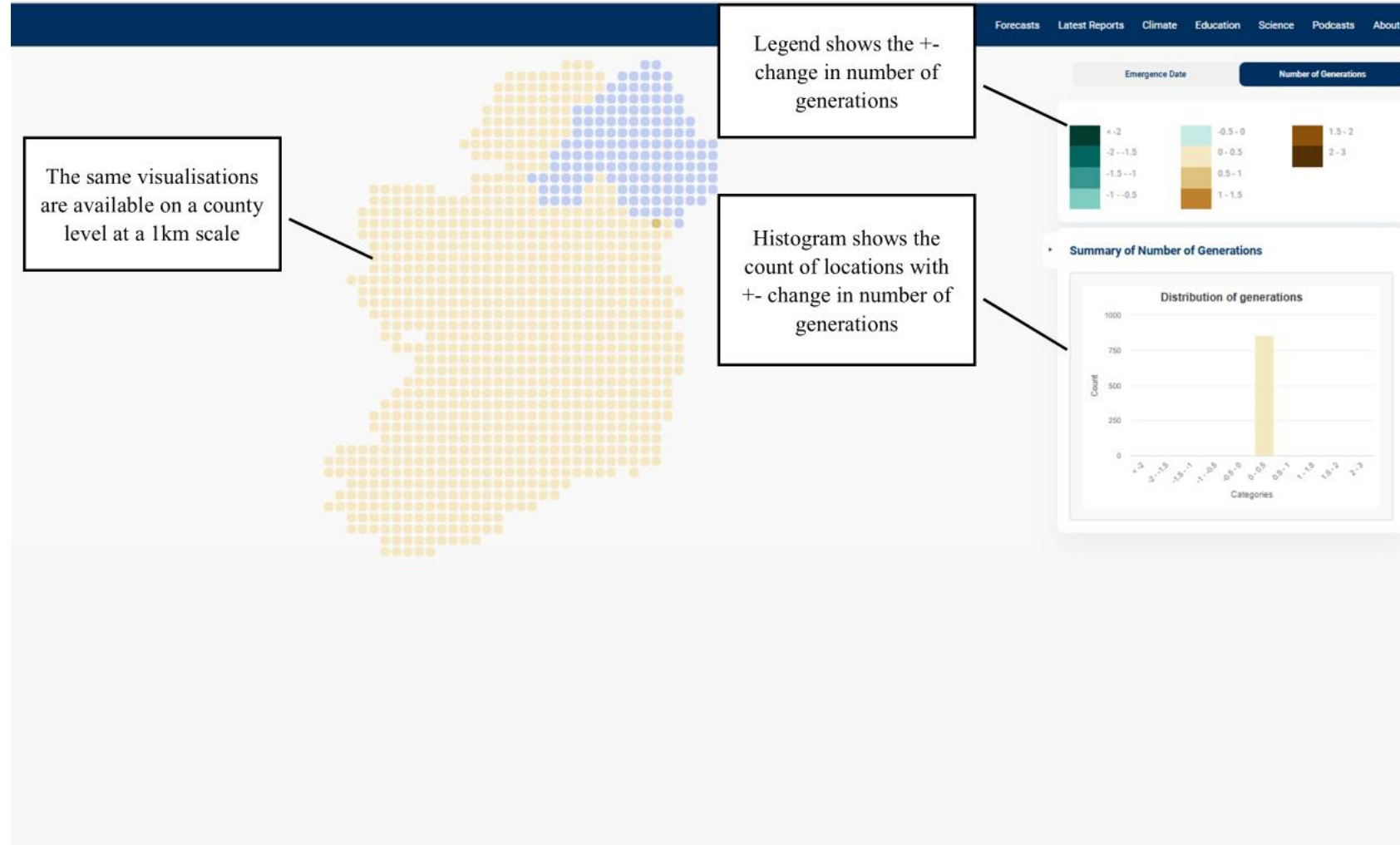
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### 3. Yearly Historical Climates

View as anomaly; will show the difference in the individual years to the most recent 30 year climate average (1991-2020).

The output on a 1km grid is available by clicking on the respective circle for county



### 3. Selecting Model outputs – 30 year climate normal

## 4. 30 year Climate Normals

The 30 year climate average is the mean emergence date and mean number of generations for each 1 km across 1991 - 2020.

The start date can be changed in this instance.

The screenshot displays the MET Eriocann web application interface. The main content area features a map of the United Kingdom, where each point is represented by a colored dot. A callout box points to the map with the text: "The same visualisations are available on a county level at a 1km scale".

On the left side, there is a sidebar with several configuration options:

- Species:** A dropdown menu currently showing "Agrilus anxius".
- Temperature Baseline:** A dropdown menu showing "1.7°C".
- Degree day threshold:** A dropdown menu showing "1004.0".
- Start Date:** A date selector currently set to "1st of Jan". A callout box points to this field with the text: "Change the start date".
- Export Data:** A button labeled "Sash.csv".

On the right side, there are two summary visualizations:

- Emergence Date Legend:** A color-coded legend with categories: 0-0.2, 0.2-0.4, 0.4-0.6, 0.6-0.8, 0.8-1, 1-1.5, 1.5-2, 2-2.5, 2.5-3, 3-3.5, 3.5-4, and >4.
- Number of Generations Legend:** A color-coded legend with categories: 0.5-1, 1-1.5, 1.5-2, 2-2.5, 2.5-3, 3-3.5, 3.5-4, and >4.
- Summary of Number of Generations:** A bar chart titled "Distribution of generations" showing the count of observations for each generation category. The x-axis is labeled "Categories" and the y-axis is labeled "Count".

At the top right, there is a navigation menu with links for "Forecasts", "Latest Reports", "Climate", "Education", "Science", "Podcasts", and "About".

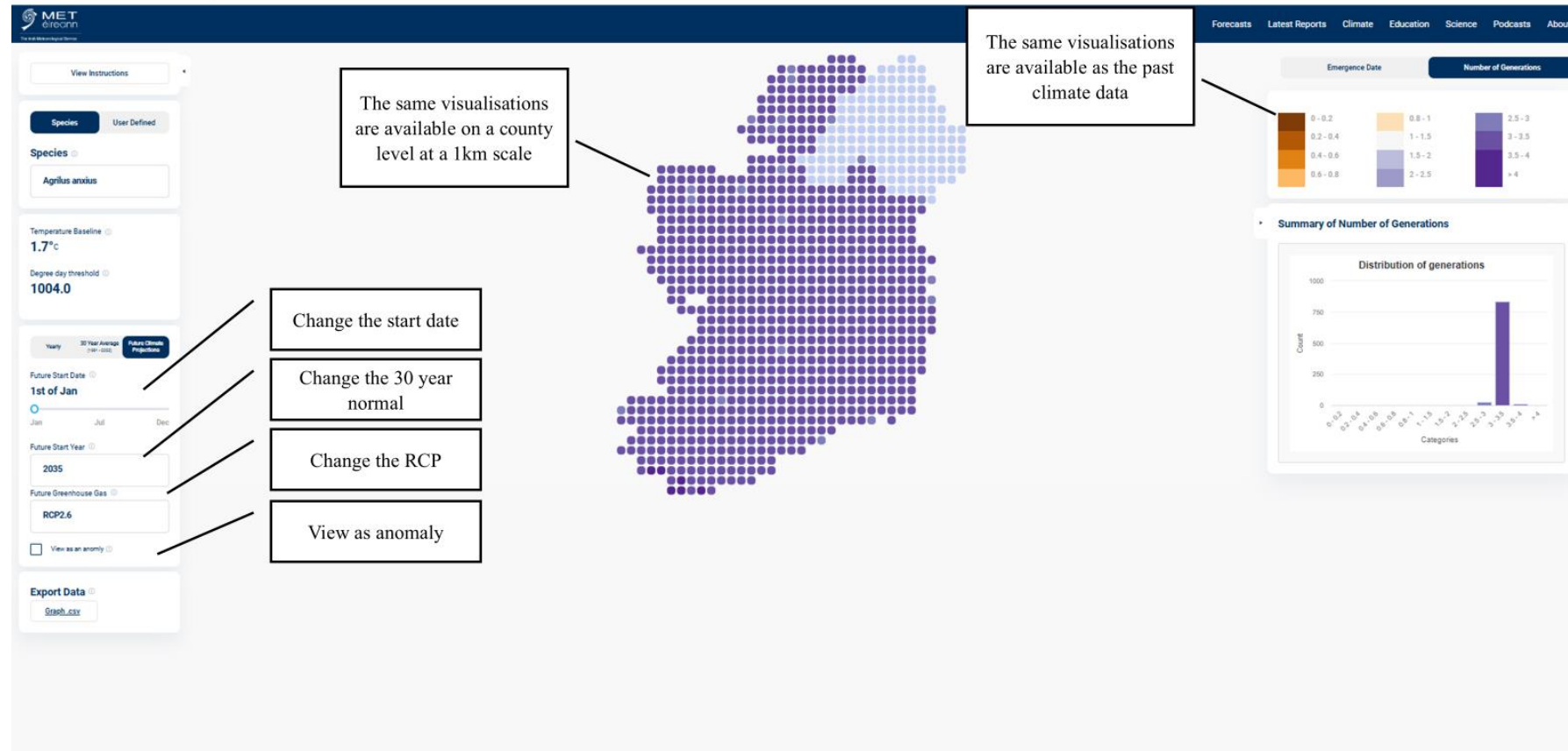
## 5. Future Climates

Within this section, one can select two thirty-year future climate projections 2020:2050 & 2040:2070.

For each future climate projections, one can select the Representative Concentration Pathway (RCP) 2.6, 4.5 and 8.5.

The start date can be changed

The anomaly in this instance is the difference to the 1991-2020 30 year climate average.



# 6. User Defined Species

Within this tab: you can adjust

- Temperature Baseline in 1-degree increments from 0 to 12°C
- degree day threshold in 50 degree increments from 0 to 1000 degree days.

This may be used to define stages of development and/or species not defined within the models

All these used-defined models use a quiescent overwintering model

The screenshot displays the MET ecoinm web interface. On the left, the 'User Defined' species configuration panel includes:

- Temperature Baseline:** A dropdown menu set to 0°C, with a callout box: "Adjust the Baseline Temperature".
- Degree day threshold:** A slider set to 600, with a callout box: "Adjust the Threshold".
- Start Date:** A dropdown menu set to "1st of Jan", with a callout box: "Change the start date".
- Year:** A slider set to 2024, with a callout box: "Slider to change year of the model".
- View as an anomaly:** A checkbox, with a callout box: "To view as an anomaly".
- Export Data:** A button labeled "Download CSV".

In the center, a map of Ireland is visualized as a grid of colored dots, with a callout box: "The same visualisations are available on a county level at a 1km scale".

On the right, the 'Number of Generations' section features a legend with two columns of color-coded boxes and a bar chart titled "Distribution of generations". The legend categories are:

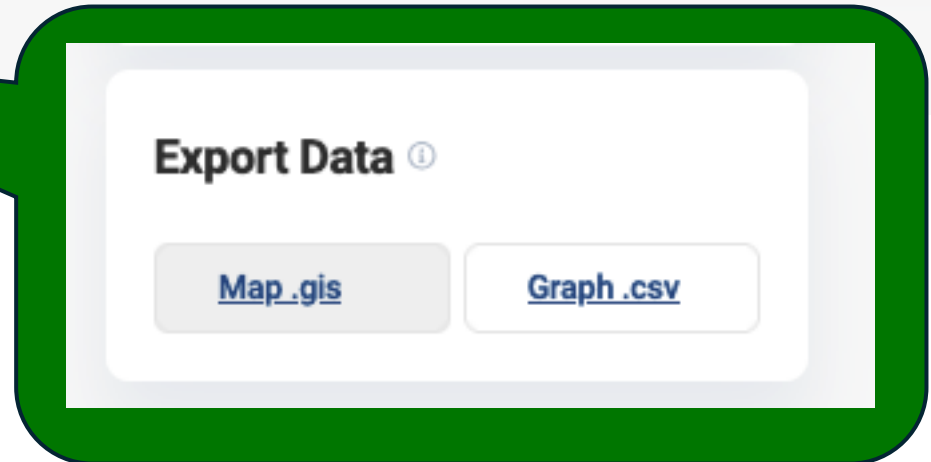
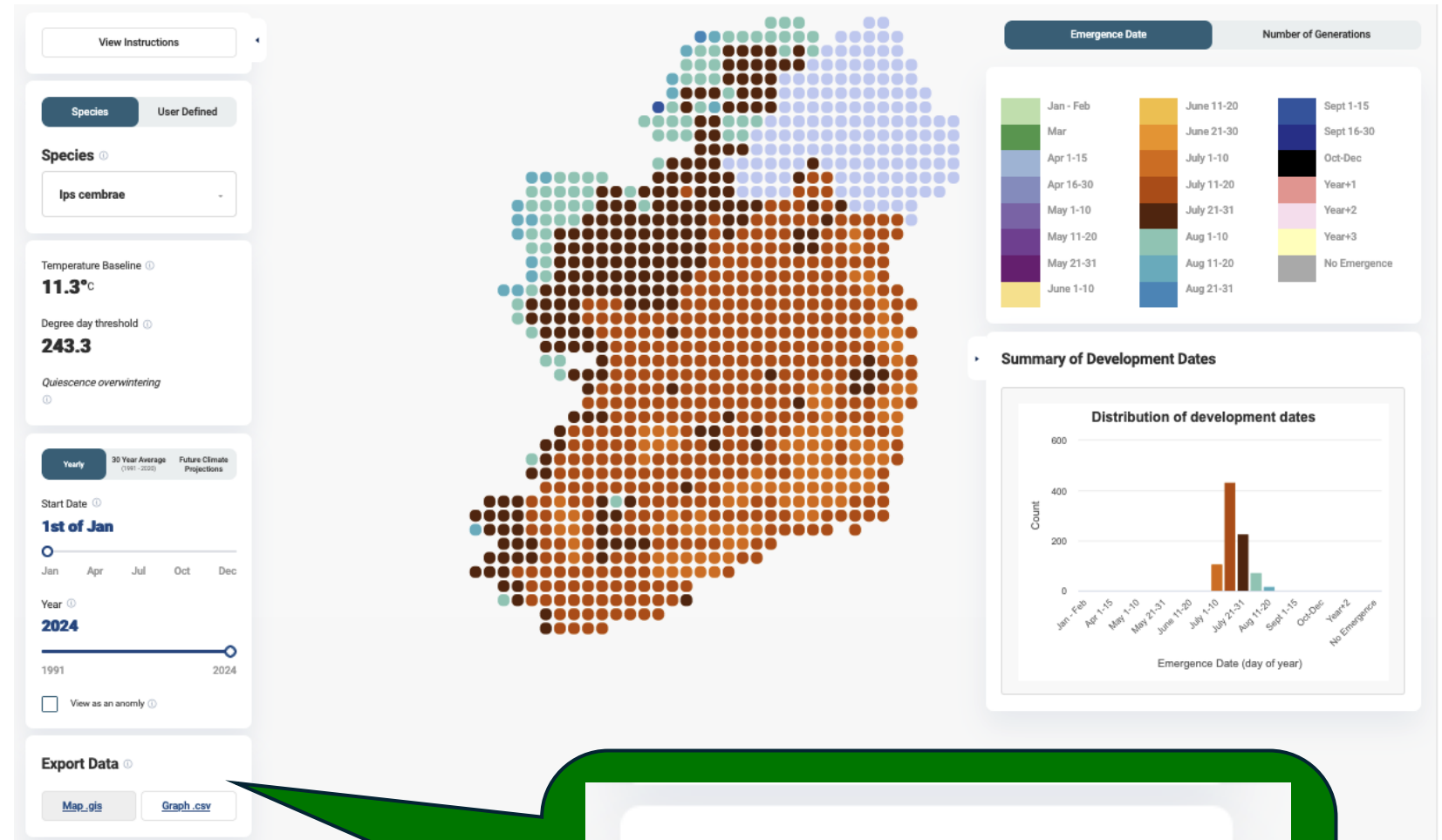
Emergence Date	Number of Generations
0 - 0.2	2.5 - 3
0.2 - 0.4	3 - 3.5
0.4 - 0.6	3.5 - 4
0.6 - 0.8	> 4
0.8 - 1	2.5 - 3
1 - 1.5	3 - 3.5
1.5 - 2	3.5 - 4
2 - 2.5	> 4

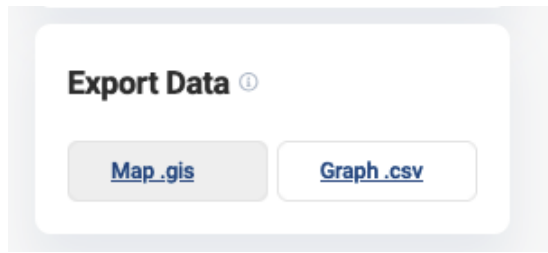
The bar chart shows a single bar for the > 4 category, with a count of approximately 800.

## 7. Data Export

The IPEM data can be downloaded in two formats:

1. **Map.gis**: a geoTIFF file. This file can be imported into any GIS software (Click on “Map.gis” button)
2. **Graph.csv**: a comma separated variable (CSV) file. This file can be imported into any spreadsheet or statistical software package.





## 7. Data Export (Map.gis)

The geoTIFF file can be downloaded by clicking on the Map.gis button.

The file contains a GIS raster data with 7 bands.

- Band 1, 3, 5: Day of year of pest emergence (band 1: specific year, band 3: 30 year average, band 5: anomaly)
- Band 2, 4, 6: Number of pest generations (band 1: specific year, band 3: 30 year average, band 5: anomaly)
- Band 7: County boundaries

The file uses the [TM75 / Irish Grid \(EPSG:29903\)](#) coordinate reference system.

All data are at a 1km spatial resolution

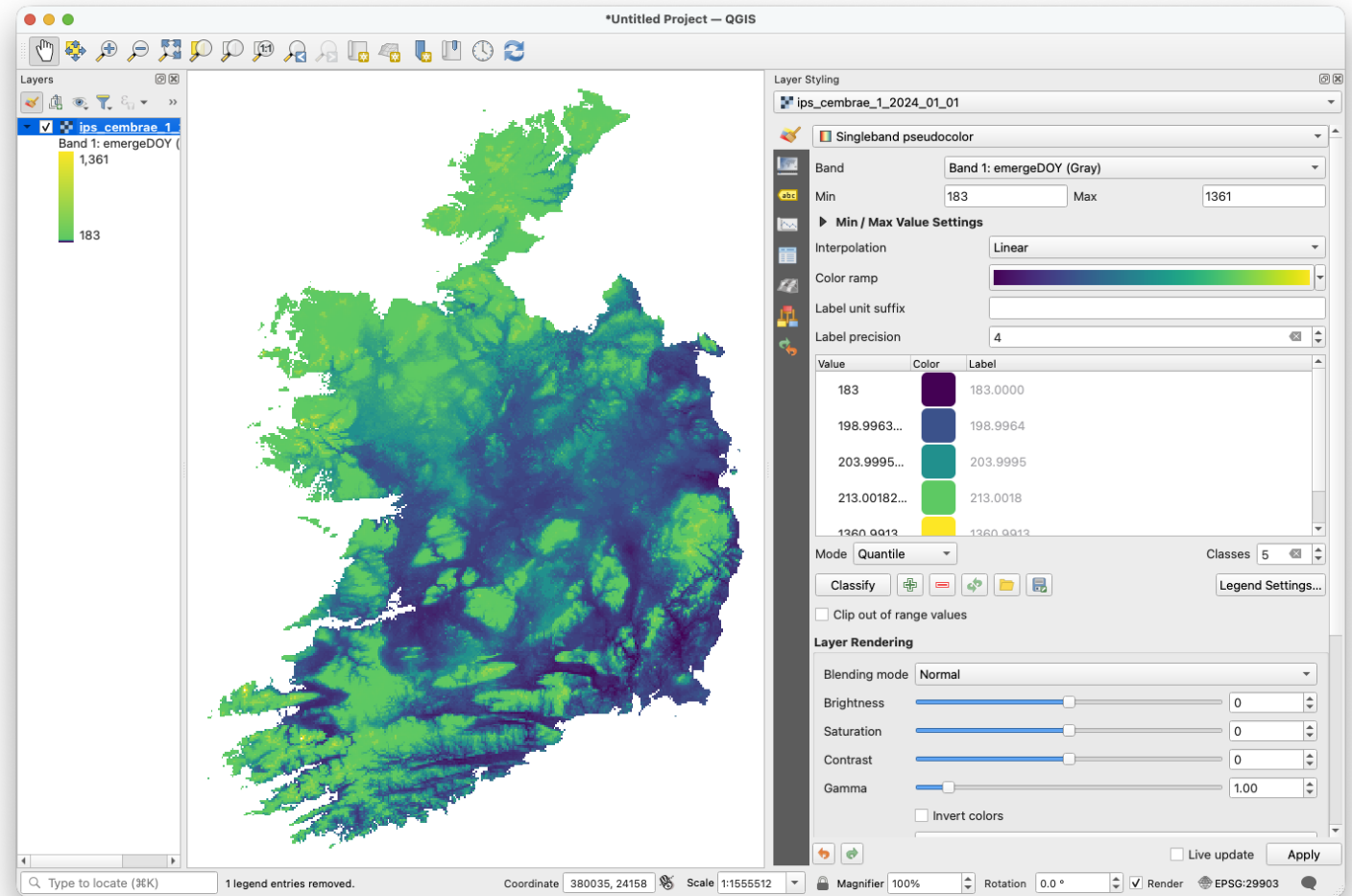
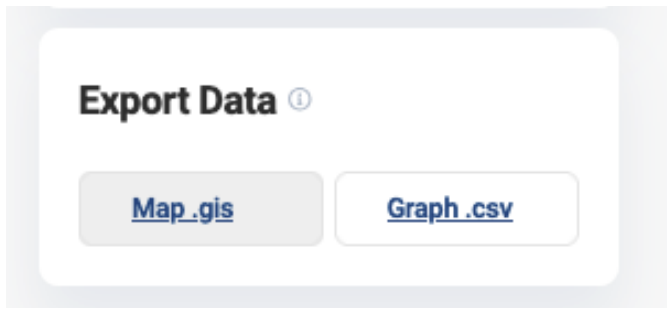


Figure: A geoTIFF file being visualised in QGIS software. The data being visualised is the emergence day of year for *Ips cembrae* for with a start date of 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2024



## 7. Data Export (Graph.csv)

The CSV file can be downloaded by clicking on the Graph.csv button. The CSV file will contain the data being visualised by the IPEM webtool.

### 10km scale data:

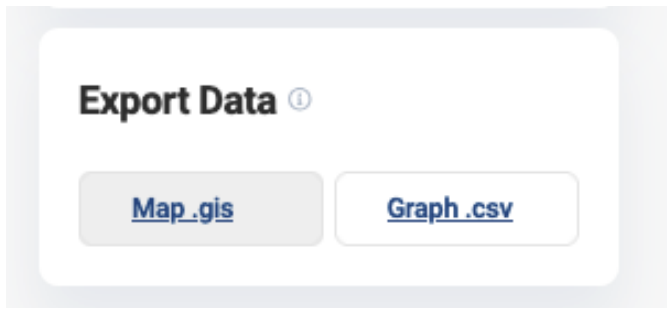
If the Republic of Ireland is being viewed, the CSV file will contain data at a 10km spatial scale.

The file has 10 variables (10 columns). An example is shown in the figure.

Spatial coordinates use [the Irish Grid Reference \(TM75, EPSG 29903\)](#)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
	hectad	startDate	emergeDOY	emergeDOY_30yr	emergeDOY_anomaly	emergeDate	emergeDate_30yr	nGen	nGen_30yr	nGen_anomaly
1	V26	01/01/2024	219	210	9	06/08/2024	28/07/2024	2.27	2.32	-0.05
2	V29	01/01/2024	232	219.5	12.5	19/08/2024	07/08/2024	1.45	1.48	-0.03
3	Q20	01/01/2024	221	209	12	08/08/2024	27/07/2024	2.24	2.31	-0.07
4	Q30	01/01/2024	218	207	11	05/08/2024	25/07/2024	2.24	2.34	-0.04
5	V39	01/01/2024	219	207	12	06/08/2024	25/07/2024	2.25	2.33	-0.03
6	V37	01/01/2024	218	207.5	10.5	05/08/2024	26/07/2024	2.25	2.33	-0.02
7	V36	01/01/2024	218	207.5	10.5	05/08/2024	26/07/2024	2.25	2.32	-0.04
8	Q31	01/01/2024	219	206.5	12.5	06/08/2024	24/07/2024	2.23	2.34	-0.06
9	V46	01/01/2024	214	204	10	01/08/2024	22/07/2024	2.27	2.36	-0.04
10	V47	01/01/2024	217	205.5	10	04/08/2024	24/07/2024	2.24	2.34	-0.03
11	Q40	01/01/2024	216	204	11.5	03/08/2024	22/07/2024	2.26	2.35	-0.04
12	Q41	01/01/2024	221	208	12	08/08/2024	26/07/2024	2.19	2.32	-0.04
13	V49	01/01/2024	217	205.5	11.5	04/08/2024	24/07/2024	2.25	2.34	-0.09
14	V48	01/01/2024	215	204	10.5	02/08/2024	22/07/2024	2.27	2.36	-0.05

Figure: CSV file for IPEM data at 10km spatial scale with 10 variables, being viewed in Excel. Variables are: [hectad grid reference](#), start date, emergence day of year (specific year, 30 year average, anomaly), emergence date (specific year, 30 year average), number of generations (specific year, 30 year average, anomaly).



## 7. Data Export (Graph.csv)

The CSV file can be downloaded by clicking on the Graph.csv button. The CSV file will contain the data being visualised by the IPEM webtool.

### 1km scale data:

If a county in Ireland is being viewed, the CSV file will contain data at a 1km spatial scale.

The file has 10 variables (10 columns). An example is shown in the figure.

Spatial coordinates use the [Irish Grid Reference \(TM75, EPSG 29903\)](#)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	ID	eastings	northings	startDate	emergeDOY	emergeDOY_30yr	emergeDOY_anomaly	nGen	nGen_30yr	nGen_anomaly
2	21244	48000	264000	01/01/2024	233	221	12	1.44	1.49	-0.06
3	22245	49000	265000	01/01/2024	232	221	11	1.44	1.5	-0.05
4	24246	51000	266000	01/01/2024	225	213	12	1.51	1.62	-0.11
5	25245	52000	265000	01/01/2024	225	213	12	1.51	1.91	-0.4
6	26221	53000	241000	01/01/2024	220	208.5	11.5	2.19	2.27	-0.08
7	26235	53000	255000	01/01/2024	225	213	12	1.51	1.63	-0.12
8	26245	53000	265000	01/01/2024	224	213	11	1.53	2.05	-0.52
9	26246	53000	266000	01/01/2024	232	220.5	11.5	1.44	1.5	-0.06
10	27245	54000	265000	01/01/2024	225	213	12	1.51	1.63	-0.11
11	27246	54000	266000	01/01/2024	227	215	12	1.5	1.57	-0.07
12	28237	55000	257000	01/01/2024	220	208	12	2.12	2.28	-0.16
13	28238	55000	258000	01/01/2024	221	209.5	11.5	1.83	2.27	-0.43
14	28245	55000	265000	01/01/2024	224	213	11	1.51	1.69	-0.18
15	28246	55000	266000	01/01/2024	223	211	12	1.58	2.22	-0.65
16	28247	55000	267000	01/01/2024	225	213	12	1.51	1.6	-0.09
17	29223	56000	243000	01/01/2024	222	210	12	1.55	2.21	-0.66
18	29233	56000	253000	01/01/2024	219	208.5	10.5	2	2.27	-0.27
19	29235	56000	255000	01/01/2024	220	208.5	11.5	2.1	2.28	-0.18

Figure: CSV file for IPEM data at 1km spatial scale with 10 variables, being viewed in Excel. Variables are: unique ID for each 1km square, [eastings and northing of the 1km square](#) (bottom-right corner), start date, emergence day of year (specific year, 30 year average, anomaly), number of generations (specific year, 30 year average, anomaly).