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# 1. Executive summary

This milestone report documents the delivery of the NEAT software. NEAT is an acronym for “Nested Environmental status Assessment Tool” and the software is an implementation of NEAT as a biodiversity assessment tool used for assessing the environmental status of marine areas according to the European Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD). NEAT itself, as an assessment method, is not restricted to the MSFD but can be used for various other assessment needs. A software manual and user guidance is provided with the software and was submitted as deliverable D6.3. The software is available at <http://www.devotes-project.eu/neat>. The software will undergo thorough validation procedures in the coming months, including cross-comparisons with its predecessor (Excel version), using the collection of indicators from the various pilot study areas within DEVOTES.