

Global Ocean Acidification Observing Network

## Requirements-driven global ocean observing system for Ocean Acidification

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# Societal benefit value chain

Adapted from G7 Think Piece on Ocean Observations









# Framework for Ocean Observing Requirements for GOOS Biogeochemistry

- The role of ocean biogeochemistry in climate
  - Q1.1 How is the ocean carbon content changing?
  - Q1.2 How does the ocean influence cycles of non-CO<sub>2</sub> greenhouse gases?
- Human impacts on ocean biogeochemistry
  - Q2.1. How large are the ocean's "dead zones" and how fast are they changing?
  - Q2.2 What are rates and impacts of ocean acidification?
- Ocean ecosystem health
  - Q3.1 Is the biomass of the ocean changing?
  - Q3.2 How does eutrophication and pollution impact ocean productivity and water quality?







## **GOOS Phenomena - Biogeochemistry**







## **GOOS Essential Ocean Variables**



EOV Specification Sheets: www.goosocean.org/eov

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#### **Essential Ocean Variable (EOV): Inorganic Carbon**

Name of EOV	Inorganic Carbon			
Sub-Variables	<b>Dissolved Inorganic Carbon</b> (DIC), <b>Total Alkalinity</b> (TA), <b>Partial pressure of carbon</b> <b>dioxide</b> (pCO <sub>2</sub> ) and <b>pH</b> . [At least two of the four Sub-Variables are needed.]			
Derived Products	Saturation state (aragonite, calcite), Dissolved carbonate ion concentration, Air-sea flux of CO <sub>2</sub> , Anthropogenic carbon, Change in total carbon			
Supporting Variables	Surface and subsurface Temperature, Surface and subsurface Salinity, Ocean vector stress (wind speed), Atmospheric column-averaged dry-air mole fraction of CO2 ( $xCO_2$ ), Barometric pressure, Oxygen, Calcium concentration, Transient tracers, Oxygen to argon ratio ( $O_2$ /Ar)			
Responsible GOOS Panel	GOOS Biogeochemistry Panel Contact: ioccp@ioccp.org			







Table 2: Requiren	nents Settin	g (Inorganic C	Carbon)			
Societal Drivers	<ol> <li>The role of ocean biogeochemistry in climate</li> <li>Human impacts on ocean biogeochemistry</li> <li>Ocean ecosystem health</li> </ol>					
Scientific Application(s)	Q 1.1. How is the ocean carbon content changing? Q 2.1. How large are the ocean's dead zones and how fast are they growing? Q 2.2. What are rates and impacts of ocean acidification? Q 3.1. Is the biomass of the oceans changing?					
<b>Readiness Level</b> [as defined in the FOO]	Mature					
Phenomena to Capture	1 Air-Sea Fluxes	2 Storage / inventory	3 Ocean Acidification	4 Primary production		
Temporal Scales of the Phenomena	Monthly	Annual	<u>Coastal</u> Daily <u>Open Ocean</u> Seasonal	Seasonal to decadal		
Spatial Scales of the Phenomena	1-250 km	100-1000 km	<u>Coastal</u> 0.1-100 km <u>Open Ocean</u> 100-1000km	<u>Coastal</u> 1-100 km <u>Open Ocean</u> 100-1000 km		
Magnitudes/Range of the Signal to Capture	2 Pg C yr <sup>-1</sup>	20 Pg C decade <sup>-1</sup>	Saturation states0.1 decade-1pH0.01 decade-1	0.5 Pg C yr <sup>-1</sup> decade <sup>-1</sup> (net community production)		
Current Uncertainty Relative to the Signal						
Target Uncertainty Relative to the Signal	±10%	±10%	±20%			

#### Table 3: Current Observing Networks (Inorganic Carbon)

Observing Approach	Ship-based Underway Observations	Ship-based Repeat Hydrography	Moored Fixed- Point Observatories	Drifters	Ship-based Fixed- Point Observatories	Profiling floats
Readiness Level of the Observing Approach for this EOV	Mature	Mature	Mature	Mature	Mature	<u>pH:</u> Pilot <u>pCO<sub>2:</sub>Concept</u> <u>DIC:</u> Concept <u>TA:</u> Concept
Leading Obs. Network	SOOP-CO <sub>2</sub>	<u>GO-SHIP</u>	OceanSITES			<b>Biogeochemical Argo</b>
Network Readiness Level	Concept	Mature	Pilot			Pilot
Phenomena Addressed	1,3	2,3	1,3,4	1,3	1,3,4,5	2,3,4,5
Spatial Scales Currently Captured by the Observing Network	Horizontal coverage: global, every 10°, denser in the coastal domain <u>Vertical coverage:</u> surface	<u>Horizontal coverage:</u> global, every 20° <u>Vertical coverage:</u> full depth	<u>Horizontal</u> <u>coverage:</u> <u>Vertical coverage:</u>	<u>Horizontal</u> <u>coverage:</u> <u>Vertical coverage:</u>	Horizontal coverage: Vertical coverage:	Horizontal coverage: every 10°, denser in the coastal domain <u>Vertical coverage:</u>
Typical Obs. Frequency	Weekly to decadal	Decadal	Sub-daily to seasonal and annual	Hourly to annual	Weekly to decadal	Weekly to annual
Supporting Variables Measured	Atmospheric / ocean pCO <sub>2</sub> , Surface temperature and salinity		Surface and subsurface temperature and salinity, Wind speed, Atmospheric CO <sub>2</sub>	Surface and subsurface temperature	Wind speed, Atmospheric and ocean pCO <sub>2</sub>	
Sensor(s)/Technique	Equilibrator, Permeable membrane, IR, CRDS	Benchtop instruments	Equilibrator, Permeable membrane	Spectro- photometric	Titration, equilibrator	Spectro-photometry; variety of sensors are being developed
Accuracy/Uncertainty Estimate (units)	<u>pCO<sub>2:</sub></u> ±2 μatm	<u>TA/DIC:</u> ±2 μmol kg <sup>-1</sup> <u>pH:</u> ±0.005 <u>pCO<sub>2:</sub></u> ±2 μatm	<u>pCO<sub>2</sub></u> ±5 μatm	<u>pCO<sub>2:</sub> ±</u> 5 µatm <u>pH:</u> ±0.005	<u>TA/DIC:</u> ±2 μmol kg <sup>-1</sup> <u>pH:</u> ±0.005 <u>pCO<sub>2:</sub></u> ±2 μatm	<u>pCO<sub>2:</sub> ±</u> 5 μatm <u>pH: ±</u> 0.005
Reporting Mechanisms(s)	Individual Networks Annual Reports; IOCCP Annual Report					

### **Table 4: Future Observing Capacity (Inorganic Carbon)**

Observing Approach	Surface Autonomous Vehicles	Moored Fixed- point Observatories	Autonomous Underwater Vehicles	Ship-based Underway Observations
Novel aspect of the observing approach	Novel observing approach and network ( <u>OceanGliders</u> )for pH and pCO <sub>2</sub> .	Resolving full water column measurement of pH and pCO <sub>2</sub> .	Novel observing approach resolving water column measurements of pH and pCO <sub>2</sub> .	New sub-variables measured (DIC/TA) using new sensors/techniques.
How does this novel aspect impact our observing capacity?				
Readiness Level of the Observing Network	<u>pH:</u> Pilot <u>pCO<sub>2.</sub> Concept DIC:</u> Concept <u>TA:</u> Concept	<u>pCO<sub>2</sub> (surface)</u> Mature <u>pCO<sub>2</sub> (interior):</u> Concept <u>pH:</u> Concept	Concept	<u>underway pCO<sub>2:</sub> Mature</u> <u>underway DIC/TA</u> : <u>underway pH:</u>
Spatial Scales Captured by the Observing Network	20°, surface	1 km	10-1000 km, full depth	Every 10°, Denser in the coastal domain, Surface
Typical Observing Frequency	Daily to monthly	Sub-daily to seasonal and annual	Daily to monthly	Weekly to annual
Time-Scale Until Part of Observing System				
Supporting Variables Measured				
Sensor(s)/Technique	Spectro-photometry & Equilibrator Very dynamic field, variety of sensors are being developed	Permeable membrane Very dynamic field, variety of sensors are being developed	Spectro-photometry Very dynamic field, variety of sensors are being developed	<u>DIC:</u> NDIR (?CRDS) <u>pCO<sub>2:</sub> Equilibrator</u> <u>pH:</u> Permeable membrane <u>TA:</u> Titration
Accuracy/Uncertainty Estimate (units)	<u>pCO<sub>2:</sub> ±</u> 5 µatm <u>pH: </u> ±0.005	<u>pCO<sub>2:</sub> ±</u> 10 μatm <u>pH: </u> ±0.005	<u>pCO<sub>2:</sub> ±</u> 5 μatm <u>pH: ±</u> 0.005	<u>pH:</u> ±0.005 <u>TA:</u> ±2 μatm <u>DIC:</u> ±4 μatm

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#### **Interior Ocean Observations**

(GO-SHIP, The Global Ocean Ship-based Hydrographic Investigations Program)





- completed —— at sea —— funded —— planned —— not planned yet —— associated & completed



#### **Biogeochemical Time Series**



## **Biogeochemical Argo**



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### Carbon Data Management







## Global Data Assembly Centre for Marine Biogeochemistry







## The GOA-ON interactive data portal

Featuring global OA data, asset inventory, metadata, data synthesis products, etc.

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#### Data synthesis products Surface Ocean CO<sub>2</sub> Atlas





#### **Global synthesis and gridded products of surface ocean fCO<sub>2</sub>**

- in uniform format with quality control;
- V5: 21.5 million fCO<sub>2</sub> values from 1957-2017, accuracy < 5 μatm (flags A-D);</li>
- Plus calibrated sensor data (< 10 μatm, flag of E);</li>
- Interactive online viewers;
- Online viewers, downloadable (text, NetCDF, ODV, Matlab);
- Documented in ESSD articles;
- Community activity with >100 contributors worldwide.

#### Data synthesis products Global Ocean Data Analysis Project v2

# glodapv2

- A global collection of Sal., O<sub>2</sub>, Nitr., Sil., Phos., DIC, Talk, pH data
  - 45 306 stations (724 cruises)
    - 999 488 sampling depths
    - 1972 2013 GEOSECS TTO –WOCE - CLIVAR
  - Corrected for biases
- Extensively documented



# System

A broad schematic of a sustained ocean acidification "information flow chart", including the full value chain









# A communication and coordination service for marine biogeochemistry



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