

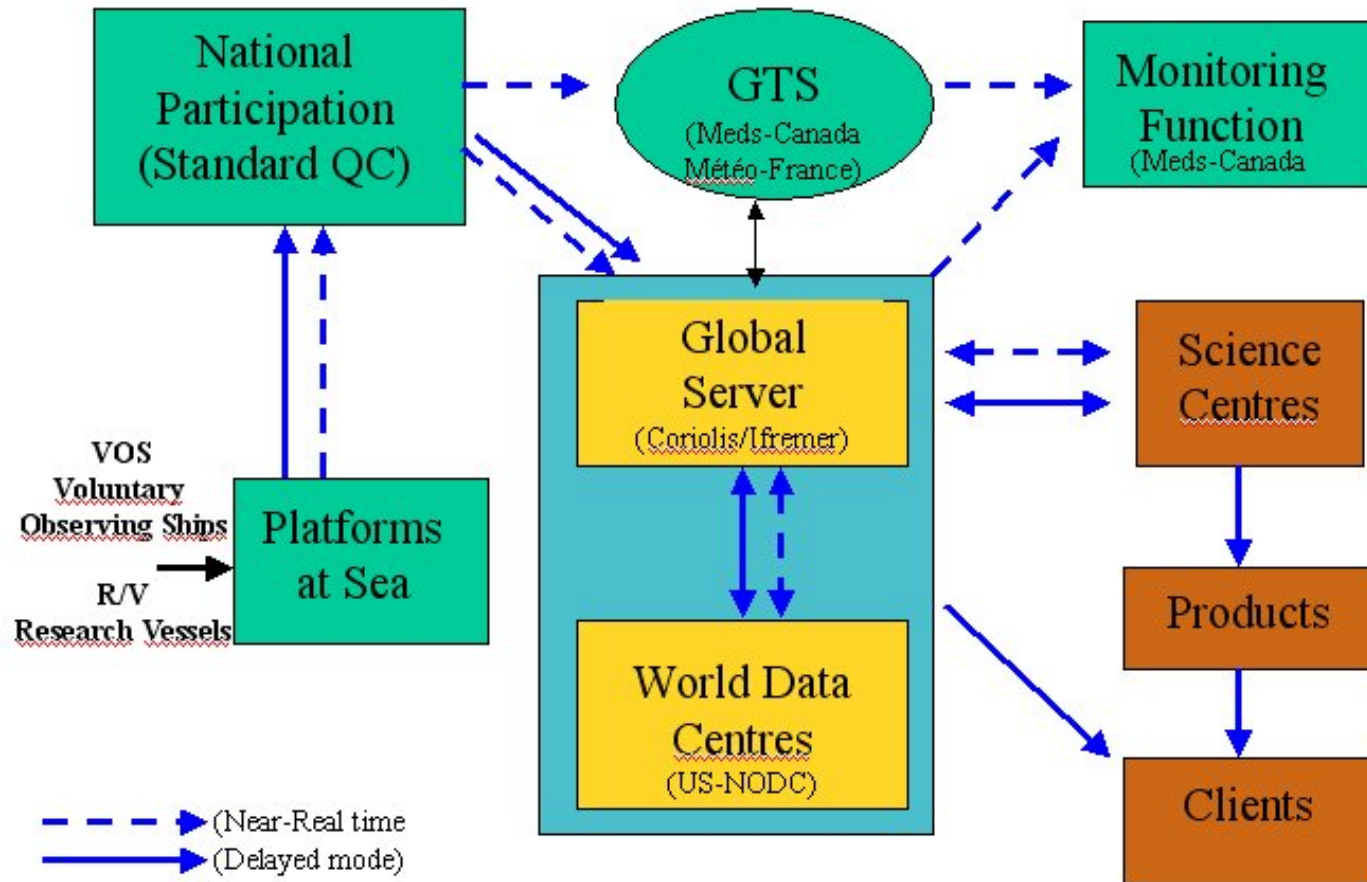
GOSUD
(Global Ocean Surface Underway
Data
Project report for 2007

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Some history

- **Began in 2001**
- **Objective is to**
 - **build a comprehensive archive of surface underway ocean data (for the moment only SSS & SST have been taken into account**
 - **to add value by building standardized QC procedures**
 - **to provide data in a timely way to users**
 - **to improve data acquisition**
 - **to work with science programs and users interested in the data**

Data flow

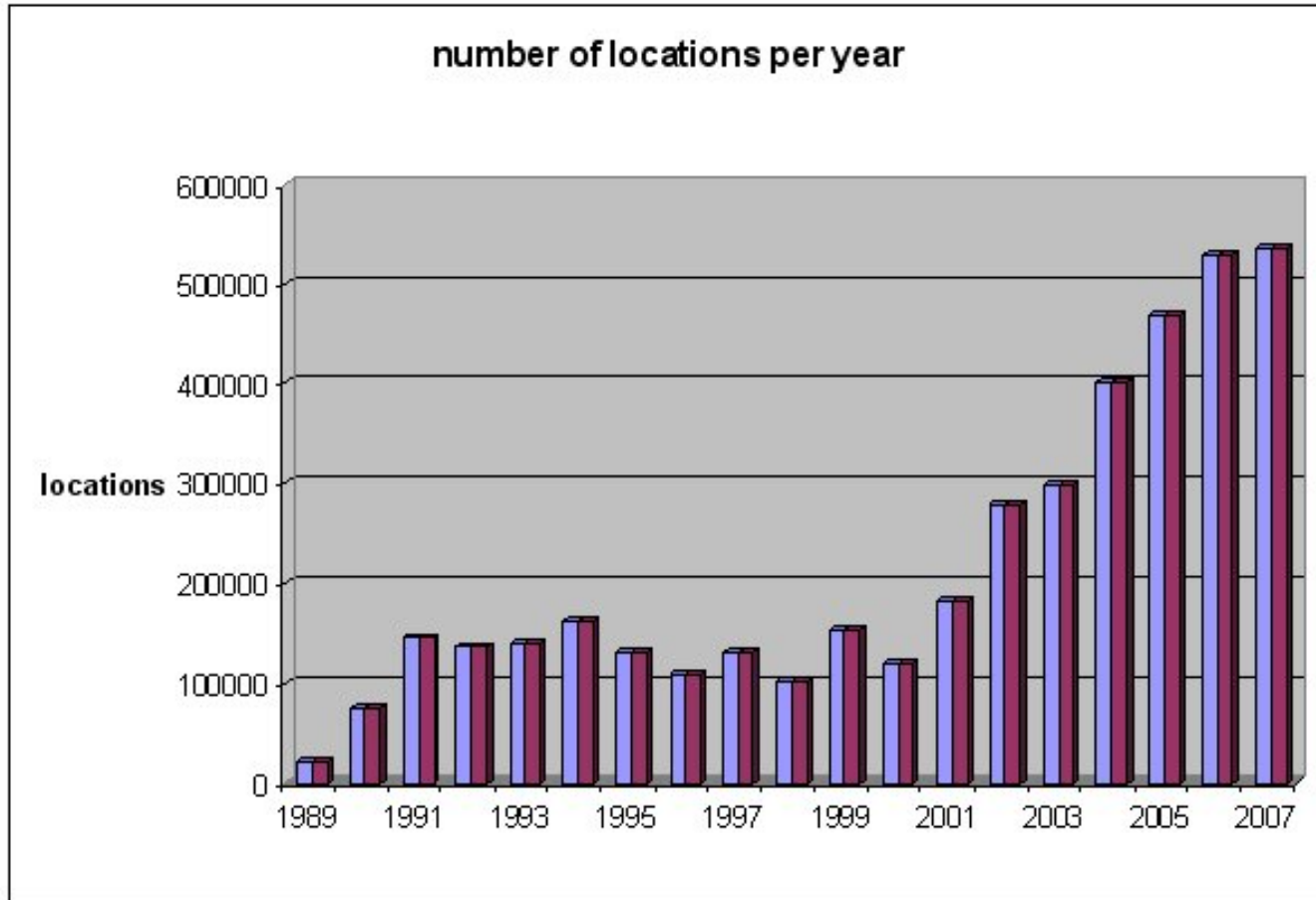


Partnership

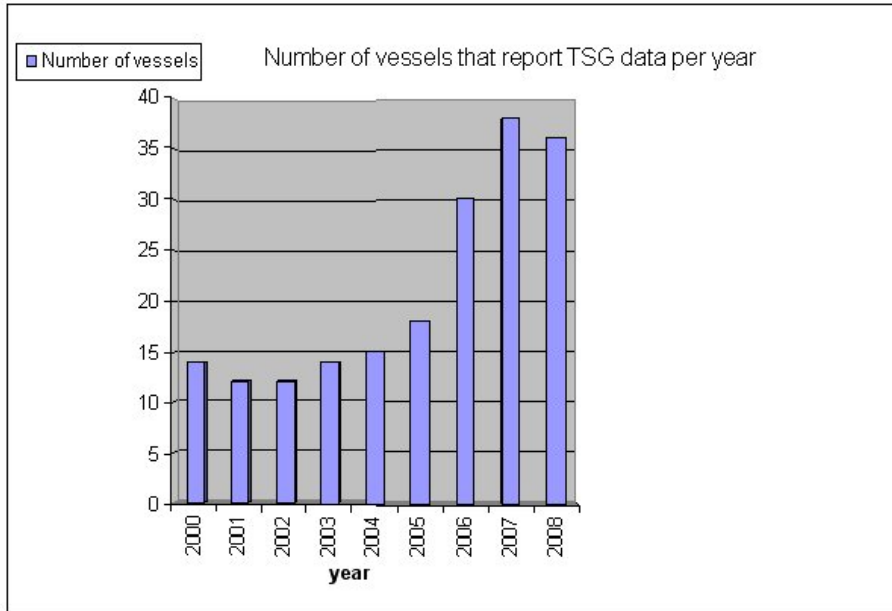
- **At the beginning the Project relied on the experience gained by**
 - **IRD for maintaining a merchant ship network (10 vessels: more than 30 years of experience)**
 - **MEDS for monitoring the data that circulate on the GTS**
 - **Coriolis for managing an ocean *in situ* database**
 - **US-NODC for final archiving and repository**
- **Second step focused on:**
 - **find new data providers (European projects or partners)**
 - **in this context a common approach on data exchanges was scheduled with SAMOS but effort must still be carried on**
 - **monitor the data that circulate on the GTS to track SeaKeepers data (2 links to the GTS have been implemented)**
 - **other contacts have been taken (IODE, FerryBox,...)**

Statistics

data archived at the GDAC



Statistics



-38 vessels have reported data in 2007

- 14 research vessels

- 28 merchant ships

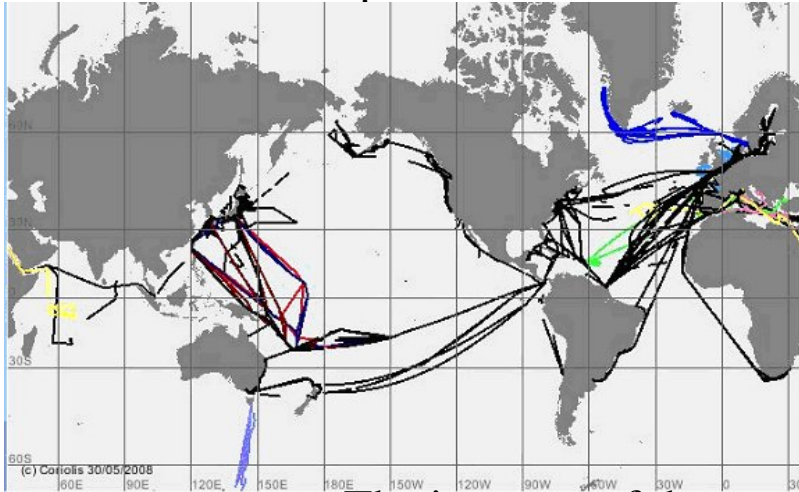
- 17 have reported directly to the GDAC

- 21 have inserted data through the GTS

- Details on the ships that have reported data in 2007 are available in the GOSUD Annual report (<http://www.gosud.org>)

Statistics

Map of data received in 2007 at the GDAC



- The increase of the amount of data observed in 2006 is confirmed in 2007 (more than 500.000 locations)
- They are more data that were reported on the GTS in 2007 than in 2006
- Good news: data from new ships are now reported to the GDAC (via the GTS or directly): Poseidon –Germany-
4 Seakeepers
- Bad news: some institute may have difficulties to maintain an operational system reporting regularly. Data are sent from time to time
- In 2007, no more delayed mode data have been sent to the GDAC than previously

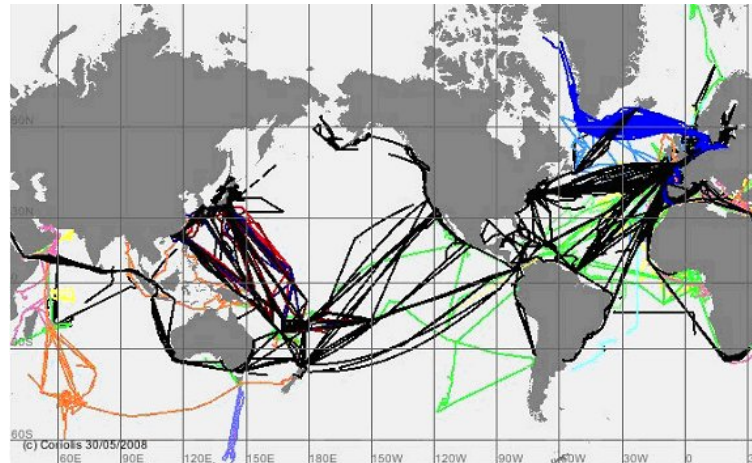
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Map of data received from 2000 to 2007 at the GDAC

Data delivery

- The GDAC don't track the users of the GOSUD dataset
- Data are delivered through the GOSUD web and ftp sites but are also distributed on a daily basis as part of a global dataset which includes other datasets such as moorings, vertical profiles (Argo, XBT, CTD)
- Data that reaches the GDAC directly prior any other distribution are also inserted on the GTS (trackob format)
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Plans

- **We must go on with the data from NOAA vessels**
- **Encourage new data providers to make their data available**
 - **A simple format (ASCII) is available for those who want to send their data to the GDAC (obviously it is not mandatory to use it)**
 - **A FerryBox project workshop (UK) will be held on the 30th of september 2008. Gosud will be represented**
 - **The non governmental agency VOS-Nippon contacted GOSUD to deliver their data. Questions of masking “call sign” must be solved before going ahead**
 - **Australia is a potential provider**

Plans

- **Answer to the user's requirements and check that the satellite community needs are taken in account**
 - **A new GOSUD format will be proposed. It will allow to manage:**
 - **Data in a single file that corresponds to a unique period of installation (same instrument on the same ship)**
 - **Both near real-time and delayed mode data**
 - **data and corresponding meta-data (it is planned to use the ODAS-Meta-T recommendations)**
 - **matching SAMOS & GOSUD data will be addressed**
- **A method to elaborate a delayed mode data set will be presented by IRD (taking in account water samples when available)**

Plans

- **Products**

- **How to integrate SST and SSS to existing products such as objective analysis ?**

- **Other products ?**