

Space-based Monitoring in Support of Environmental Assessment at Synoptic Scales

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Background

There is a need to characterize the environmental status of coastal / shelf seas.

In some regions this is now becoming a legislative obligation with the definition of "environmental objectives" e.g. European Marine Strategy Framework Directive

These assessments also provide an "environmental baseline" of water quality which can used in assessing impact resulting specific events



Coastal Zone Color Scanner (CZCS) Global Climatology (Nov. 1978~Jun. 1986)



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Ecosystem variability

using satellite-derived surface chlorophyll *a* concentration

Chlorophyll a / FAPAR





Optically complex coastal waters







Who uses this information?

 Governmental and intergovernmental organisations responsible for state of the environment reporting (SoE)

 In Europe these are the European Environment Agency, European Commission - DG ENV, the Marine Conventions and national environment agencies



What do they want?

- Data at synoptic regional scale
- But intercomparable between region
- Delayed-time reanalyzed datasets
- Real-time data required to monitoring specific "events"
- Uncertainty of products (spatial)
- Require primary biological and geophysical variables linked to water quality (chlorophyll, turbidity, growing season, bloom occurrence.)



Oxygen Risk Index



August







Regional Approach MSFD Ecoregions







European Oceanic Domain

SARC+NADR+NASE+CNRY+ NECS+BALT+MEDI+BCKS 4.3% of the global ocean

Primary production: 3.2 GtC.yr⁻¹(7%)

Export production: 0.9 GtC.yr⁻¹ (9%) Chlorophyll a / FAPAR



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Tailored assimilation in models Regional algorithms Regional users/applications



CNR – Rome responsible for Mediterranean product

Environmental Marine Information System

The JRC hosts a thematic portal for a pan-European Environmenta Marine Information System - EMIS

EMIS provides background information on physical and biological properties that can be used in the evaluation of the eutrophication status of coastal waters. These include synoptic maps of

These include synoptic maps of phytoplankton biomass (chlorophyll) and sensitive marine areas with risk of oxygen depletion.

EMIS now includes a decadal time-series of products derived from satellite and modelled datasets

This information is of use, for wample ,in the definition of the **Meloop**//###8566 #6669#8269.eu/



JRC ChloroGIN AMIS website

http://amis.jrc.ec.europa.eu/





Google Earth











International Dimension..... GEO

- Coastal topics in GEO cover many different Societal Benefit Areas : Agriculture, Ecosystems, Climate, Water
- There is need for better networking to avoid duplication of efforts
- There is initial seed funding for various aspects from national agencies
- At present no roadmap for sustained long-term funding



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ChloroGIN

- ChloroGIN is the Chlorophyll Globally Integrated Network
- Conceived during a IOC/GOOS/POGO/GEO sponsored workshop in Plymouth, Sept 2006
 - Addresses GEO task EC-06-07
 - "Build upon existing initiatives e.g.
 ANTARES in South America ... to develop a global network of organization-networks for ecosystems, and coordinate activities to strengthen observing capacity in developing countries. "
- ChloroGIN aims to promote in situ measurement of chlorophyll in combination with satellite derived estimates and associated products.







ChloroGIN current Network

- The Network presently consists of three principal Regional Centres
 - Latin America, South Africa, India
- Linked by good communications to three northern centres

 UK, EC-JRC, US
- additional Regional Center in Asia in discussion (e.g. CEARAC-NOWPAP)



ChloroGIN Network





1st Ocean Colour Training Course 2007 Africa (24 Sept.-5 Oct., Mombasa, Kenya)

A EC-JRC contribution to FP7 policy theme 4: The EU as a Global Partner Environmental Dimensions of Development co-operation







Objectives



✓ To provide theoretical basis of satellite Ocean Colour measurements

✓ To promote applications of OC radiometry in Africa

- for monitoring and managing coastal zones
- for protecting marine ecosystems and resources





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Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Regional Programme Office - Perth



Course Highlights



- ✓ 18 participants selected out of65 applications
- ✓ 11 Nations represented (Africa and Eastern Indian Ocean islands)
- ✓ 12 lecturers and application trainers from Africa and Europe
- ✓ 11 computers with both Linux and Windows configuration





Funding Initiative: DevCoCast

- ChloroGIN has been selected as one of the demonstration projects in the EU FP7 DevCoCast,
 - Kick-off meeting Paris (UNESCO) 14-15 May 2008

DevCoCast will utilise the GEONETCast concept to provide processed land and ocean satellite data and value-added products in developing countries

Regional marine data providers (PML, JRC, MARE, DMI)

- to countries in Africa (Namibia, Tanzania, Ghana and Senegal) and South America (Brazil) and Asia (China)

• As DevCoCast develops it is hoped that additional partners will join the team. It is also expected that additional products will be provided.







