Introduction

The Partnership for Observation of the Global Ocean (POGO) was founded in 1999 by directors of oceanographic institutions around the world as a forum to promote and advance the observation of the global ocean. POGO is a UK-registered charity with member institutions from around the world, and works closely with other international and regional programmes and organisations.

POGO's Vision is to have, by 2030, worldwide cooperation for a sustainable, state-of-the-art, global ocean observing system that serves the needs of science and society.

POGO's Mission is to:

1. Lead innovation and development of the crucial components of the ocean observing system.
2. Identify and contribute to the development of the key skills, capabilities and capacities needed to achieve the vision.
3. Work with Governments, Foundations and Industry, to articulate the benefits to society and required funding to build and sustain the system.

Read more and download the POGO Strategy here: https://pogo-ocean.org/pogo-strategy/.

POGO's interest in data

POGO does not collect or manage data, although of course its members do. POGO does foster discussions among the directors of its member oceanographic institutions on a variety of topics related to ocean observing, one of which is data - particularly related to accessibility, sharing and visualisation.

POGO members are over 50 of the world’s major oceanographic research institutions, therefore represent a significant proportion of the world’s ocean data collection and management capacity. POGO can therefore play a significant role in implementing data sharing or interoperability agreements, at least at a “pilot” stage, for example as a proof-of-concept prior to broader adoption by the IOC or other UN agency. POGO’s Biological Observations Working Group is looking at data archaeology as well as...
interoperability issues, particularly with regard to historical datasets (e.g. Continuous Plankton Recorder) and how they could be integrated with datasets generated by newer technologies, such as eDNA.

Under the 2nd pillar of its Mission, POGO provides training and capacity development opportunities, particularly for developing countries, and has partnered with IODE on the provision of a data management module as part of the Nippon-Foundation POGO Centre of Excellence in Observational Oceanography.

POGO also has an interest in facilitating the visualisation of connections between ocean organisations, and fostered the development of the Oceanscape website (www.oceanscape.org).

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