**DATA BUOY COOPERATION PANEL (DBCP)**

**FORMAT FOR NATIONAL REPORTS ON CURRENT AND   
PLANNED BUOY PROGRAMMES**

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| **Country** | South Africa |
| **Year** | 2020/2021 |

**Please Identify your Programme’s Major Opportunities and Challenges/Risks during the upcoming year and how DBCP can most effectively assist your Programme.**

1. ***CURRENT PROGRAMME:***

**Please Identify your Programme’s Major Opportunities and Challenges/Risks during the upcoming year and how DBCP may assist your Programme.**

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| **Agency or programme** |  | |
| Number and type of buoys | (a) deployed during the year | 37 x SVP-B and spotter wave drifters |
| (b) operational as of 31 August | 7 x Waverider wave buoys  59 x SVP-B |
| (c) reporting on GTS as of 31 August | 59 x SVP-B |
| Purpose of programme  *(check/uncheck boxes using [\_] or [x] as appropriate)* | (a) operational | [\_] |
| (b) met / ocean research | [\_] |
| (c) developmental | [x] |
| Main deployment areas | South Atlantic, South Indian Ocean, sub-Antarctic Southern Ocean | |
| Vandalism incidents | (a) Number of incidents  If vandalism incidents have occurred during the year, please provide the details using the form in the annex. | |

*(repeat table above as often as necessary)*

***2. PLANNED PROGRAMMES:***

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| **Agency or programme** |  | |
| Number and type of buoys | planned for deployment in the next 12 months | IBPIO =10  ISABP = 15  IPAB = 15  Total(40)x SVP-B drifters |
| Purpose of programme  *(check/uncheck boxes using [\_] or [x] as appropriate)* | (a) operational | [\_] |
| (b) met / ocean research | [\_] |
| (c) developmental | [x] |
| Main deployment areas | South Atlantic, South Indian Ocean, sub-Antarctic Southern Ocean | |

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***3. TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS:***

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| (a) Buoy design |  |
| (b) Instrumentation |  |

***4. PUBLICATIONS (on programme plans, technical developments, QC reports, etc.):***

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***5. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:***

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| (a) Quality of buoy data | * SVP-B: Good * Wave gliders: Good * Sea gliders: Good |
| (b) Communications | * SVP-B: Good * Wave gliders: Good * Sea gliders: Good |
| (c) Buoy lifetimes |  |
| (d) Data Accessibility[[2]](#footnote-2) |  |
| (e) New Observations[[3]](#footnote-3) |  |
| (f) GFCS and WIGOS[[4]](#footnote-4) |  |
| (g) Additional Requirements[[5]](#footnote-5) |  |
| (h) DBCP Linkages[[6]](#footnote-6) |  |
| (i) Contribution to UN Decade and UN SDGs[[7]](#footnote-7) | ●  ●  ● |
| (j) Other (i.e. Impact of COVID19 on observing systems and mitigation efforts) | * Drifting Buoy Deployments have been hindered. * SAWS will increase deployments for the upcoming cruises. * SAWS is working closely with various organisations to ensure we can deploy as many drifters as possible. |

Note: It is recommended that this form is filled in electronically and returned also electronically to the Secretariat. A template of the form can be downloaded from the following SharePoint site:

<https://wmoomm.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/wmocpdb/EQ1z8KndbxREkzE6RH4NFkkBDdvOItne74OP8f4voMMSbg?e=pgru6r>

**ANNEX - FORM FOR REPORTING INCIDENTS OF VANDALISM ON DATA BUOYS**

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| **Country** | | |  | | | | | |
| **Contact person e-mail** | | |  | | | | | |
| **Year** | **Buoy Location** | | **Type of Buoy**  **(e.g. Tsunami / Met -Ocean Buoy/Drifter/ARGO floats/ Other)** | **Type of damage to buoy** | **Buoy id/WMO id** | **Number of days of transmission lost** | **Cost of replacement** | **Remarks**  **(e.g. whether photos have been taken)** |
| **Latitude** | **Longitude** |  |
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| **Efforts taken against vandalism** | | |  | | | | | |
| **Awareness meeting Organised** | | |  | | | | | |
| **Suggestions (if any)** | | |  | | | | | |
| **Photos on Vandalism** | | | (please include pictures if available; and email electronic versions to [dbcp-tc@jcommops.org](mailto:dbcp-tc@jcommops.org) and [karen.grissom@noaa.gov](mailto:karen.grissom@noaa.gov) ) | | | | | |

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1. : Types of publications: (1) Implementation, (2) Operations, (3) Instrumentation, (4) Quality Management, (5) Data Management, (6) Data collection and/or location, (7) Data use, (8) Other [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. How does the international community access the ocean observing data provided by your Organization [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. What new ocean observations does your Organization plan to make in the upcoming year (i.e. new parameters, expanding geographic scope, filling spatial or latency gaps)? [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. How do your Organization’s observations contribute to the WMO’s Integrated Global Observing System (WIGOS) and/or Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS)? [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. What additional requirements (other than climate) does your organization have that are currently not adequately addressed by the DBCP? [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. How would your organization benefit from DBCP’s closer linkages to the Global Ocean Observing System(GOOS), Data Management and Modelling Communities? [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. How do your ocean observing networks contributing to the UN decade on Ocean Science and UN Sustainable Development Gloas . [↑](#footnote-ref-7)