

Data Buoy Cooperation Panel

# Observations Coordination Group (OCG)



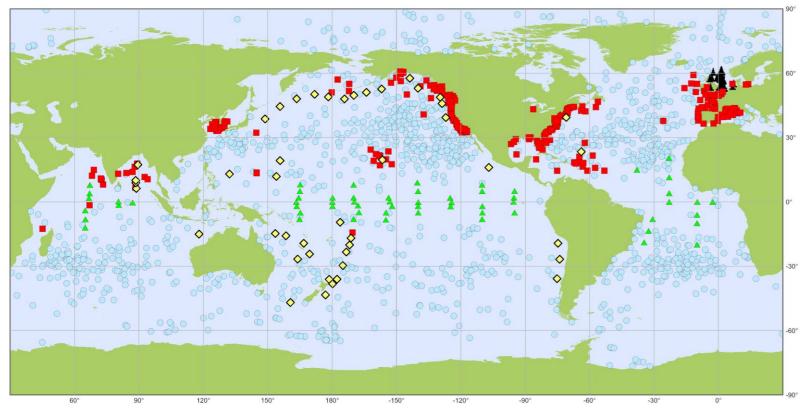
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# **Data Buoy Cooperation Panel**

- 40 years of Ocean Observation -

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February 2025 Operational Platforms by Platform Type

Coastal/National MB (278) Drifting Buoys (1,279)

Projection: Plate Carree (-150.0000)



Quality of data buoy Observations as shown by the WMO Data Quality **Monitoring System (WDQMS)**, variable surface pressure, 6-hour period, from the ECMWF and DWD Monitoring Center, at 4 March 2025

# **Future plans and opportunities**

### **Increasing Buoy Density and Coverage:**

- Fully populate the Atlantic Tropical Array with Sea Level Pressure (SLP) measurements by 2025.
- Upgrade PIRATA moorings with support from Météo-France, IRD, and PMEL.
- Expand the Mediterranean moored buoy network from 2 to 9, led by Météo-France.
- Advance new RAMA deployments.

## **Buoy Data Dissemination and Accessibility:**

- Continue synchronizing data between Coriolis and OceanOps databases.
- Expand WIS 2.0 nodes for ocean data.
- Integrate buoy data into WIGOS tools, including WDQMS and OSCAR/Surface metadata synchronization.
- Pilot project to improve metadata.

# **Challenges and Concerns**

- Vandalism, not only damages valuable buoy equipment but also disrupts the collection of critical ocean data.
- Lack of observational coverage in the Southern Ocean: south of 60°S.
- Limited availability of ship time for deploying and maintaining buoy networks

### **Environmental stewardship:**

Operational testing of wooden buoy and bio-degradable material

### **Capacity Development:**

- DBCP Capacity Development Workshop in July 2025, focusing on operational ocean observation support in the Indian Ocean.
- Wave Measurement Workshop to explore advancements in ocean wave measurement technologies.

### **Resuming the DBCP Newsletter publication**

**DBCP** Website refreshment

