CLIWOC:

A database for the world's Oceans 1750-1850.

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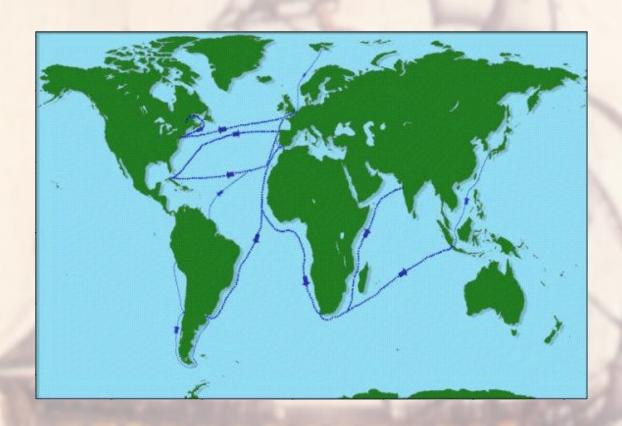
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OBJECTIVES

- To produce and make freely available for the scientific community the World's first daily oceanic climatological database for the period 1750 to 1850.
- To realise the potential of the database to provide a better knowledge of oceanic climate variability over the study period.
- To prepare summary and derivative measures from the database to complement and integrate with other contemporary series.
- To use the database to determine the character and scale of oceanic climatic change and variability at various time scales during the final stages of the pre-industrial period.
- To extend the NAO record by reference to derived information from the database.

DATA

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How to move from old written reports into numbers?

- A multilanguage dictionary is required

Becher, 1863

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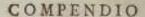
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¹ Le insertames para la mejor inteligencia de les extractes de cuadecors de bitiecca que aparecen en este Manual.

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Alexander Dalrymple 1770s-1780s

My scale	Mr. Smeaton's Scale	and his desctiption	French Terms
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2 Light-Air	Light Breeze not working	The direction of the wind sensible, but insufficient to move the Mill, or under 6 turns a minute	2 Fraicheur
3 Light-Breeze	1 Light working Breeze	Just sufficient to move the Mill 6 turns	3 Petit grais, ou petit brise
4 Gentle-Breeze	2 Breeze	Sufficient, to move the branches of trees, and Mill from 6 to 9 turns	4 Jolie brise?
5 Fresh-Breeze	3 Fresh Breeze	Move the boughs with some noise, Mill 9 to 13 turns	5 Jolie frais?
6 Gentle-Gale			6 Vent peu de frais
7 Moderate-Gale			7 Vent moyenne frais
8 Brisk-Gale	4 Fresh	Wind heard against solid objects and agitation of trees, Mill from 13 to 18	8 Vent frais
9 Fresh-Gale	5 Very fresh	Wind growing noisy, and considerable agitation of trees, Mill 18 to 3/4 cloth	9 Bon frais
10 Strong-Gale	6 Hard	Wind troublesome, larger trees bend, ¾ to ¼ cloth	10 Grand frais
11 Hard-Gale	7 Very Hard	Wind very loud and troublesome, large trees much agitated, Mill ¼ cloth to close struck	11 Vent fort
12 Storm	8 Storm	Wind exceeding loud, trees very much agitated and some broke, mill 25 to 30 turns without cloth	12 Tempete



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NAVEGACION

de los CAVALLEROS GUARDIAS-MARINAS.

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y orde la Compañía de Guardias-Marinas,
de la Reàt Sociedad de Londres,
de la R. Académia de Berlin
y Corr. de la de Paris.

En Capiz: En la Academia de los mismos Cavalleros, M.DCC.LVII.

Problem:

Excessive amount of terms to describe wind force

Objective:

To unify and standarize the terms into Beaufort categories



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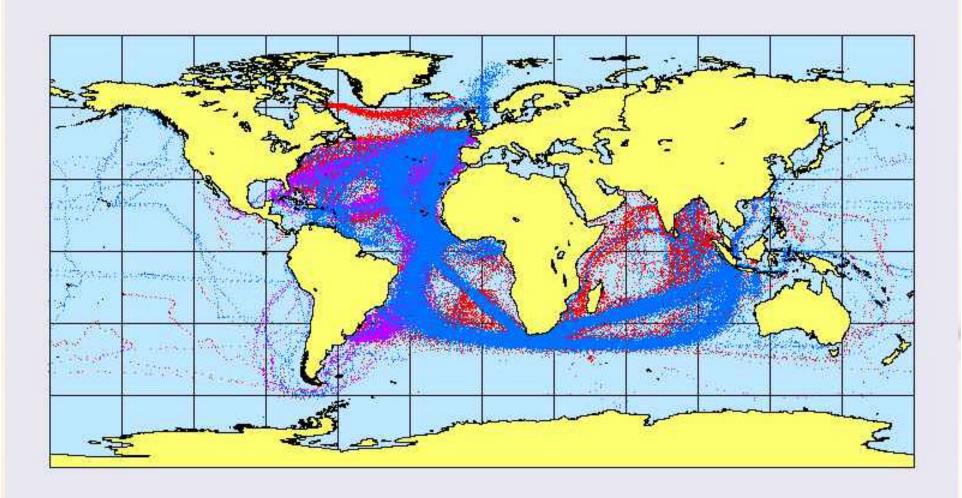
CLIWOC MULTILINGUAL METEOROLOGICAL DICTIONARY

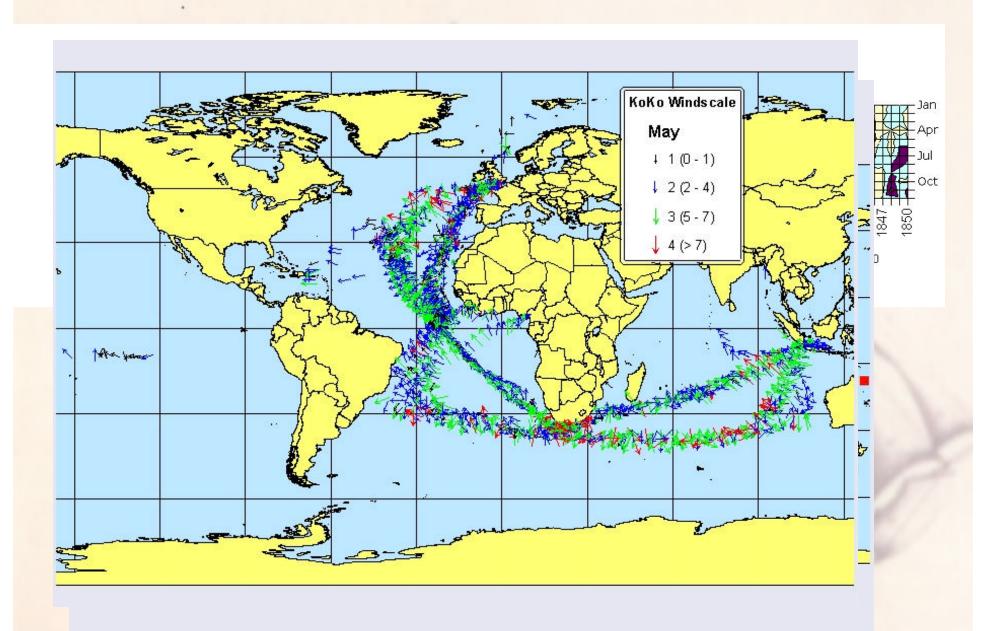
An English-Spanish-Dutch-French dictionary of wind force terms used by mariners from 1750 to 1850





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QUALITY CONTROLS



DATA CONSISTENCY

larger	smaller				wind speed			t-test of means		wind dir.	
vessel	vessel	dates	year	region	correlation	n	sig.	diff.	sig.	mean diff	
Victorious	Sphinx	Apr - Jun		N & S Atlantic	,		< .	,	,	,	
Jupiter	Star	Jan - Jul		Indian Ocean	,		< .	,	,	,	
Diana	Calypso	Sep - Nov		N Atlantic	,		< .	,	,	,	
Lancaster	Rattlesnake	Jul - Nov		Indian Ocean	,		< .	,	,	,	
Ceres	Inglis	Feb - May		Atl & Ind Oceans	,		< .	,	,	,	
Warley	Ceres	Apr - May		N & S Atlantic	,		< .	- ,	,	,	
Belleisle	Decade	Jun - Aug		N Atlantic	,		< .	,	,	,	

CHECKING AGAINST PRESENT DAY CLIMATOLOGY

I-COADS Reanalysis

Four subsets of data

1800-1849

1850-1899

1900-1940

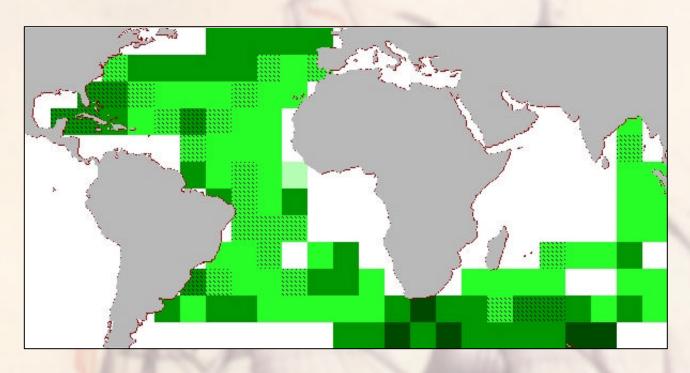
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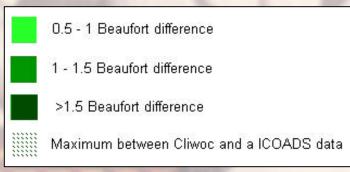
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≥178000 daily data from 1750-1850 period.

wind force is described using nautical terms.

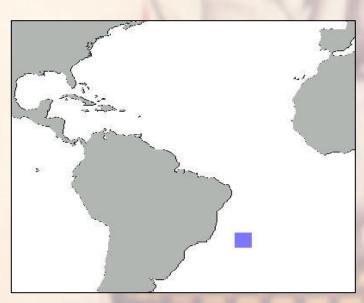
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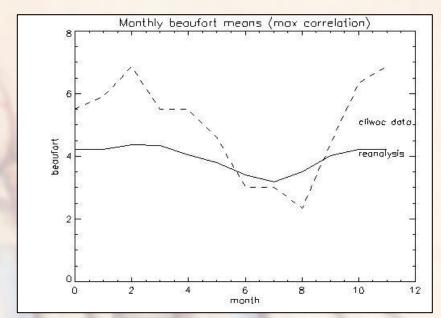


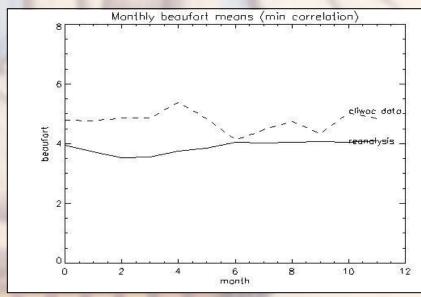


SOME EXAMPLES

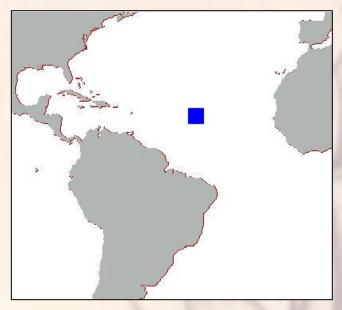


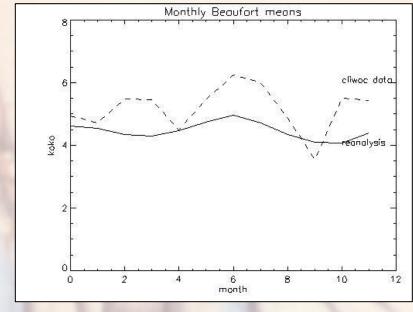


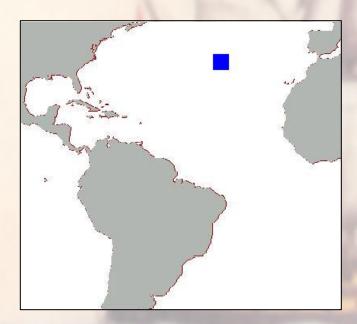


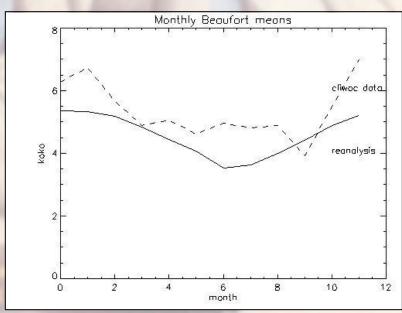


MORE EXAMPLES









WHAT'S NEXT?

- A database containing 300000 daily observations, accessible Via CD-Rom, or web page.
- Integration in I-COADS
- First analysis containing:
 - 1.Monthly MSLP series and maps with reliability estimates based on regression. Seasonal and decadal maps should be produced.
 - 2. Time series for specific regions
 - 3. Time series extending backwards: we will attempt to extract from the CLIWOC database signals of the NAO index or the El Niño index for the period 1750-1850.

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CLI 21. PROXY, DOCUMENTARY AND EARLY INSTRUMENTAL MARINE CLIMATE DATA.

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