

ASAP Report for 2009

(SOUTH AFRICA)

a. Catalogue of ASAP vessels in 2009 (see Appendix 3):

b. Major challenges and difficulties:

Due to financial constraints, we were not able to run our upper air program for the past year. We are really in need of assistance from the international community, if we were to sustain this program in the Southern Atlantic region on our own.

b. Other comments:

d. ASAP Performance						
Callsign	Total number of sondes launched	Number of TEMP SHIP transmitted	Number of relaunches	Average terminal sounding height (km)	Balloon size (gm)	Percentage on GTS (see note)
	Nil	Nil				
<p>Percentage on the GTS is the ratio of reports received against reports transmitted, and is based upon reports received at a data centre or GTS insertion point (name)</p>						

Appendix 3. Catalogue of ships participating in ASAP in 2009

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Nil ASAP units operated during the year.

Type of ship (1)	Ship name	Callsign	Comms method (2)	Windfind method / sonde type (3)	Launch method (4)	Launch height (5)	Area of operation (6)	ASAP unit ID No.

(1) **Type of ship:** Merchant, research, supply
(2) **Comms method:** Inmarsat C or others
(3) **Windfind method / sonde type:** eg. GPS/Vaisala RS80-G, Loran/Vaisala RS80-L, VIZ GPS Mark II Microsonde, etc
(4) **Launch method:** deck launcher (portable), deck launcher (fixed), container (manual), container (semi automatic), other
(5) **Launch height:** height above sea level from where the sonde is released
(6) **Ocean area:** North Pacific, North Atlantic, Indian Ocean, variable