

VOS Report for 2010

(insert name of Country)

a. Programme description:				
Category	No. of ships at 31 Dec 2010	Recruitments in 2010	De-recruitments In 2010	Comments
<i>Selected</i>	67	4	4	
<i>Selected AWS</i>	65	6	4	During 2010 two ships have been equipped with AWS BATOS instead of TurboWin weather station.
<i>VOSclim</i>	45	0	2	
<i>VOSclim AWS</i>	45	0	2	
<i>Supplementary</i>				
<i>Supplementary AWS</i>				
<i>Auxiliary</i>				
<i>Auxiliary AWS</i>				
<i>Other</i>				
National VOS Total	67			

National VOS Target	~70
National VOSclim Target	48

b. Data management:	
Total number of ship observations (BBXX) distributed on the GTS in 2010	212 578
Frequency of VOS data submitted to the GCC in 2010	quarterly

g. Major challenges and difficulties:

Manual observations have been stabilized during 2010. One of our challenge is now to find out how to increase manual observations. To do so, Météo-France is thinking about how to improve meteorological training for observers aboard VOS.

h. Research / development / testing:**i. Other comments:**

The software BATOS 4 has been completely implemented during 2010. This version will allow later to send messages via IRRIDIUM.