

# JCOMMOPS

JCOMM Observing Program Support Centre

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- JCOMMOPS was established in 2001 by JCOMM-I
  - to establish synergies between the DBCP, SOOP and Argo prog.
  - To support on a day-to-day basis, and on an integrated way the implementation of those in-situ marine observing systems
- In 2005 JCOMM-II extended ToR to cover the SOT as a whole, and to provide info. on satellite data requirements
- In 2009, JCOMM-II extended TOR to support OceanSITES, GLOSS, IOCCP (provided resources follow) and changed the acronym from “Platform” to “Program” to underline the need to provide a “system based” performance monitoring

- JCOMMOPS is providing technical day-to-day support regarding the implementation and operations of the main global *in-situ* observing systems, including:



- **DBCP (data buoy cooperation panel):** Drifting and moored buoys in the high seas and tropical moorings



- **Argo:** Profiling floats

- **SOT (ship observations team) :** SOOP, ASAP, VOS



- **OceanSITES:** Deep ocean time-series reference stations



- **Worldwide support**

Develops synergies between observing systems (COOS)

JCOMMOPS is now “firmly established as a major support facility for operational ocean observing system.”

*JCOMM co-presidents, 2009*

# Funding



- Funded only through **extra budgetary** (MS) and **host** resources
- Large international support
- Most of the financial effort supported by the Argo/DBCP
- Some SOT funding

# Ocean observing system implementation and operations



- JCOMMOPS is
  - Encouraging data sharing & exchange, including real-time and delayed mode
  - Provides day to day coordination, Technical assistance & expertise on
    - Instrumentation
    - Satellite data telecommunication
    - Data processing & exchange
      - GTS, WIS
      - Argo data system
      - Flow to archiving centres
    - Relay of quality information from data users to data producers
    - Collection of instrument/platform metadata

# Ocean observing system implementation and operations



- JCOMMOPS is
  - Providing information on
    - Requirements (WWW, GOOS/GCOS)
    - Programme status & adequacy with requirements
      - Monitors and evaluates the performance of the networks
      - Status reports, maps
      - Independent source of information
      - Deployment opportunities by air & ship
      - Contact points
    - Instrumentation, and manufacturers
    - Vandalism
  - Acting as a clearing house and focal point on all programme aspects
  - Dialogue between meteorologists & oceanographers



- Provides information on how to get the data
- Acts as a gateway
  - Buoy data
    - RNODC/DB: ISDM, Canada
    - SOC/DB: Météo France
  - XBT data
    - GTSP:
      - MEDS, Canada
      - NOAA/NODC, USA
  - Argo data
    - GDACs: US, France
    - Other Argo data centres
- Assists for the collection of instrument/platform metadata
- Assists for the distribution of *in situ* ocean data

# Infrastructure

- JCOMMOPS, hosted by France (CLS/Coriolis), has recently been renewed, with extended mandate to integrate more components of Observing System
- Modern Information System with Oracle DB, GIS (ArcGIS 10), web
  - Web based monitoring system
  - On-line Platform/Program (meta)database
  - Monthly maps and statistics
  - Cooperation with Data Centres (in the background) so they improve their data/metadata distribution service(GTS, Coriolis, NODC, AOML, ODAS/NMDIS, etc)
- JCOMMOPS comprises two Technical Coordinators, a senior scientist, an I.T team:

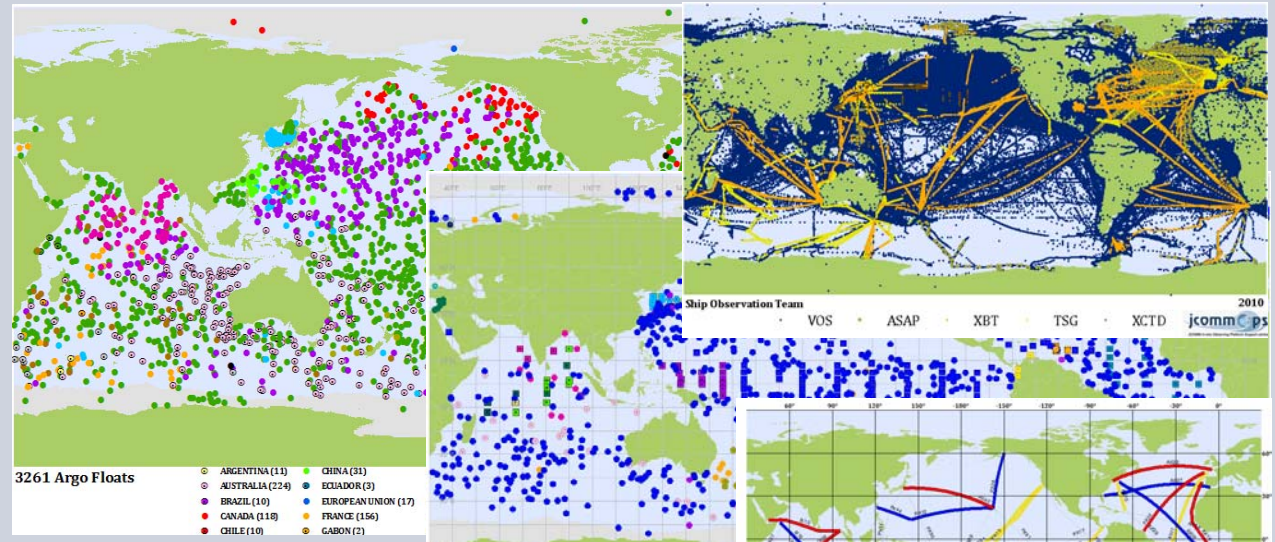
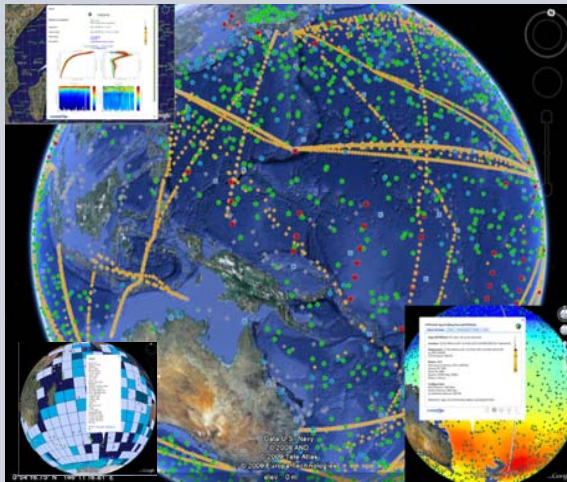
JCOMMOPS  $\approx$  5 people !!!  
6 soon with SOT support.

*Part-time activities are not fully compatible with “focus”*

– I.T. resource ( $\sim$  2  $\times$  72 time software engineers)



# Products & Services: Examples



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Requires a careful assembling and **quality control of metadata** following some rather labour intensive tasks, and privileged links with implementers and platform operators

## Inter

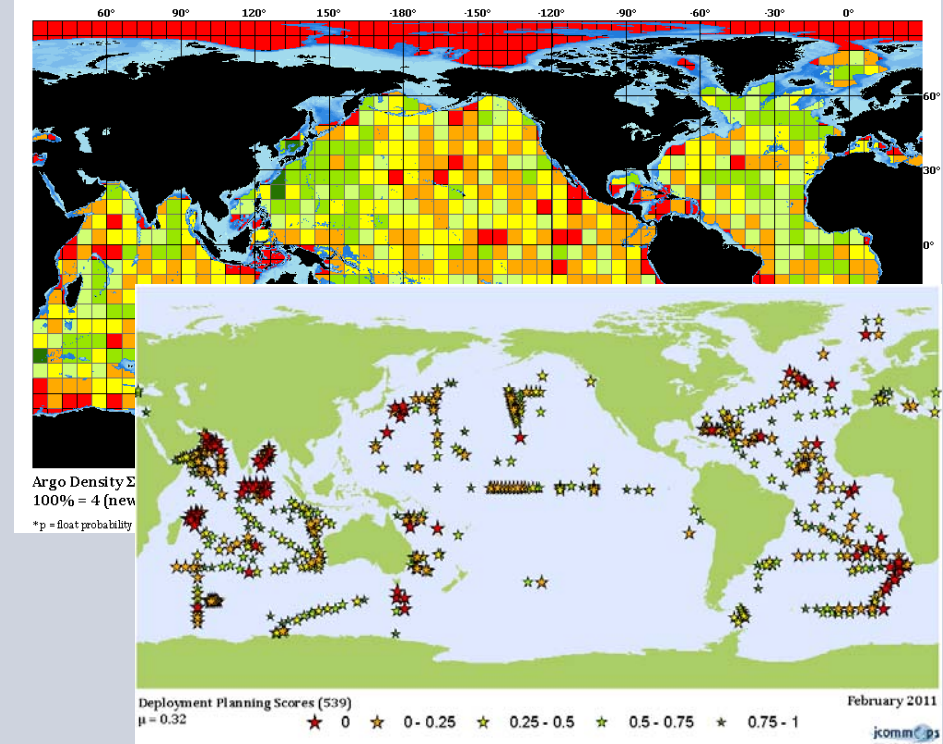
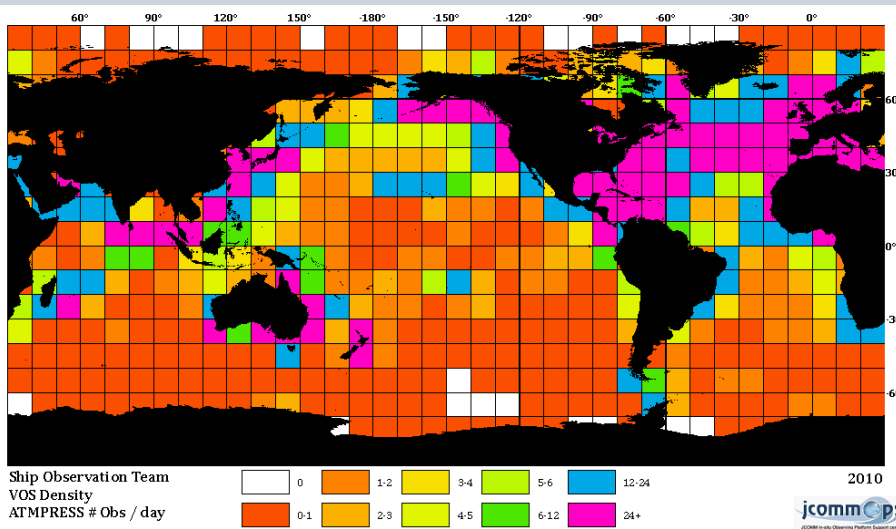
JCOMM OCG components “identity”

Services, XML metadata exports, etc.

meet their requirements

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# Products & Services: News

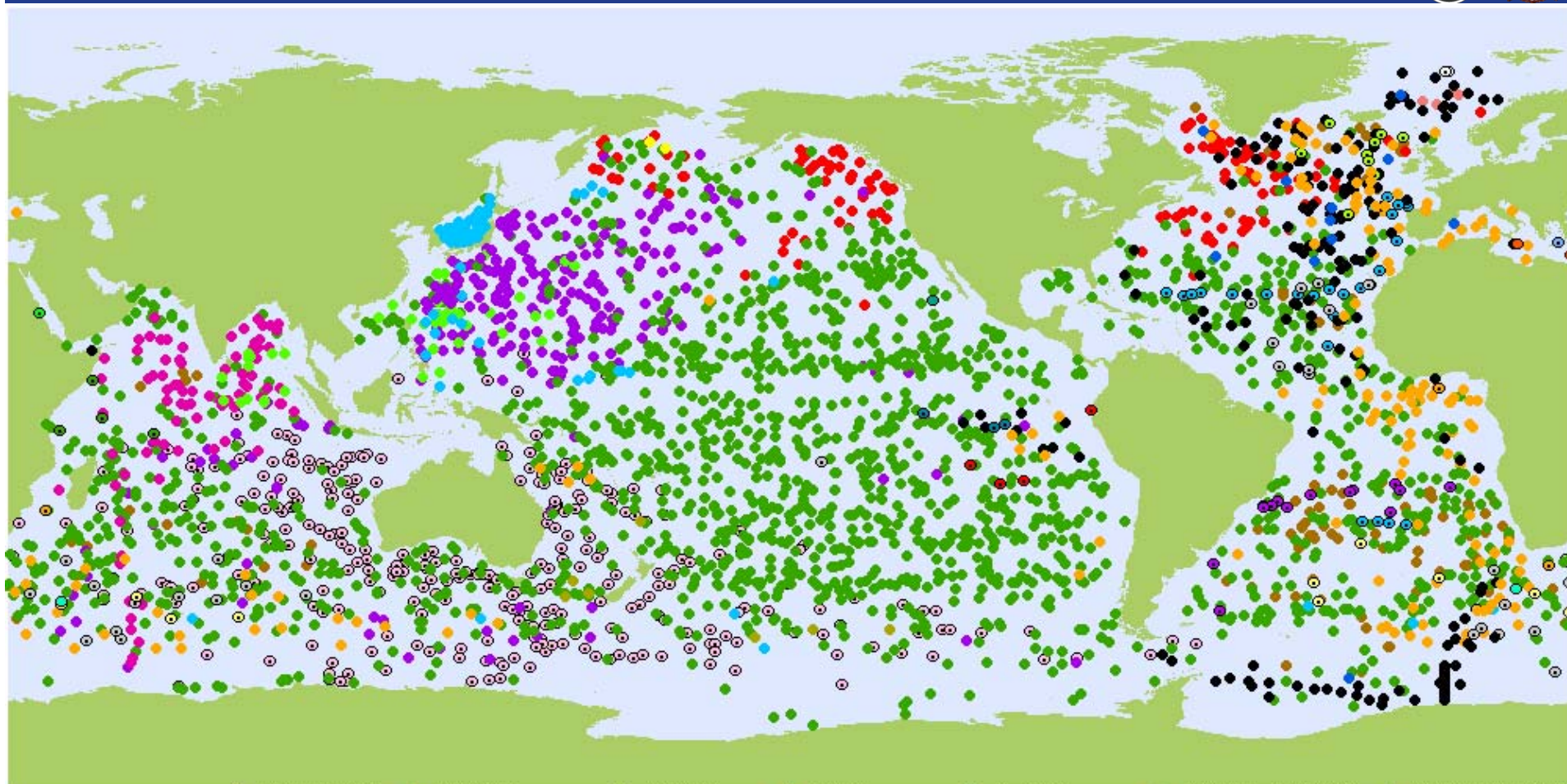


- Density map for any dataset
- Scoring system for deployment planning
- Bilateral EEZ warning system (IOC Res. XLI-4)

Metrics are designed, and gradually finalized according to the requirements of each component of JCOMMOPS.



# Argo profiling floats

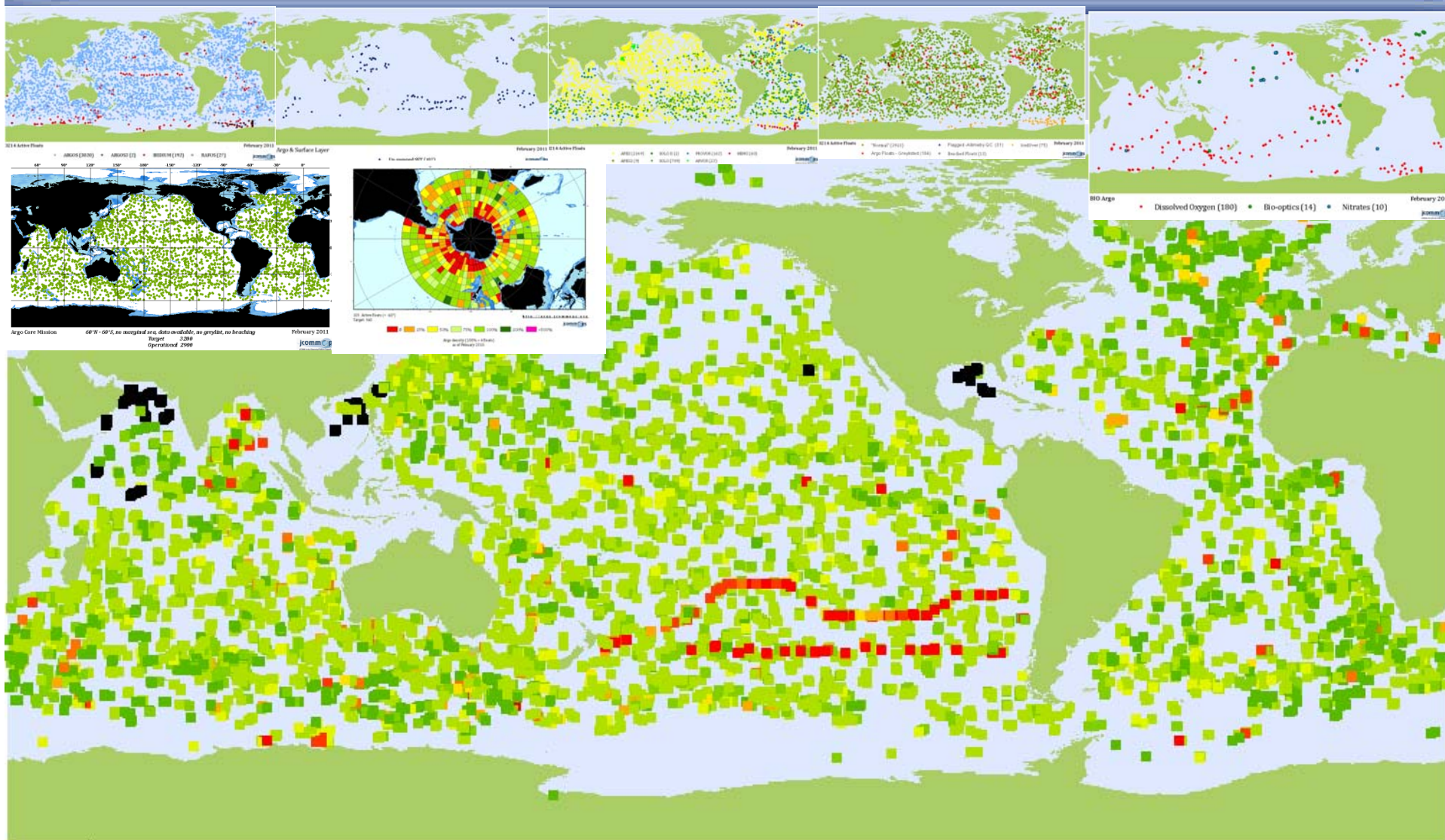


3214 Argo Floats

○ ARGENTINA (10)	● CHINA (46)	● GABON (1)	● ITALY (2)	● MEXICO (1)	● RUSSIAN FEDERATION (2)	● UNITED STATES (1723)
○ AUSTRALIA (296)	● ECUADOR (3)	● GERMANY (173)	● JAPAN (278)	○ NETHERLANDS (31)	● SAUDI ARABIA (1)	
● BRAZIL (14)	● EUROPEAN UNION (12)	○ GREECE (1)	● KENYA (4)	● NEW ZEALAND (7)	● SOUTH AFRICA (2)	
● CANADA (124)	○ FINLAND (2)	● INDIA (83)	● SOUTH KOREA (87)	● NORWAY (4)	● SPAIN (26)	
● CHILE (4)	● FRANCE (162)	● IRELAND (9)	● MAURITIUS (2)	○ POLAND (0)	● UNITED KINGDOM (104)	

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# GTS Delays

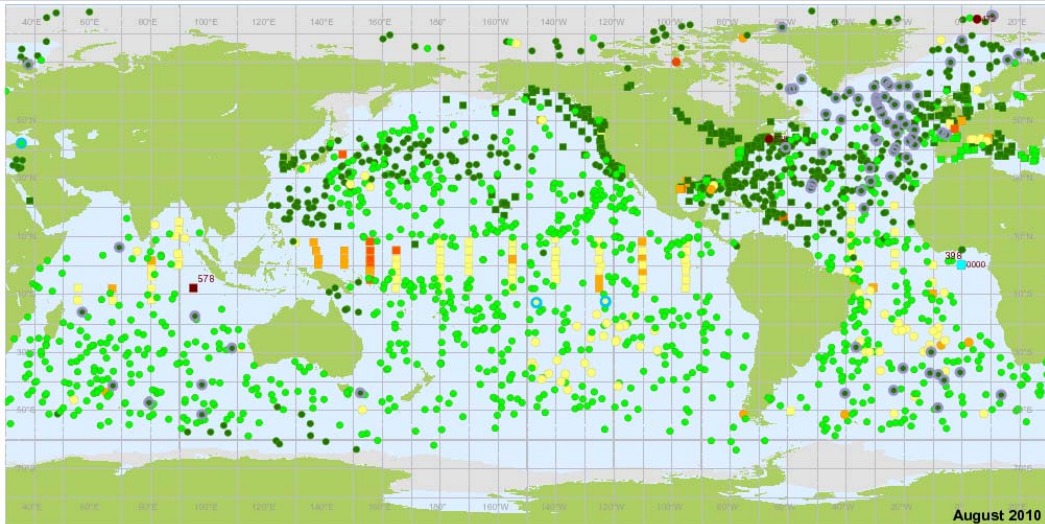


GTS Delays  
 $\mu=20h$   $me=14h$   
 89% reaches GTS within 24h  
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- Errors
- 7 - 12h
- 25 - 48h
- 73 - 96h
- 121 - 240h
- < 6h
- 13 - 24h
- 49 - 72h
- 97 - 120h
- > 240h

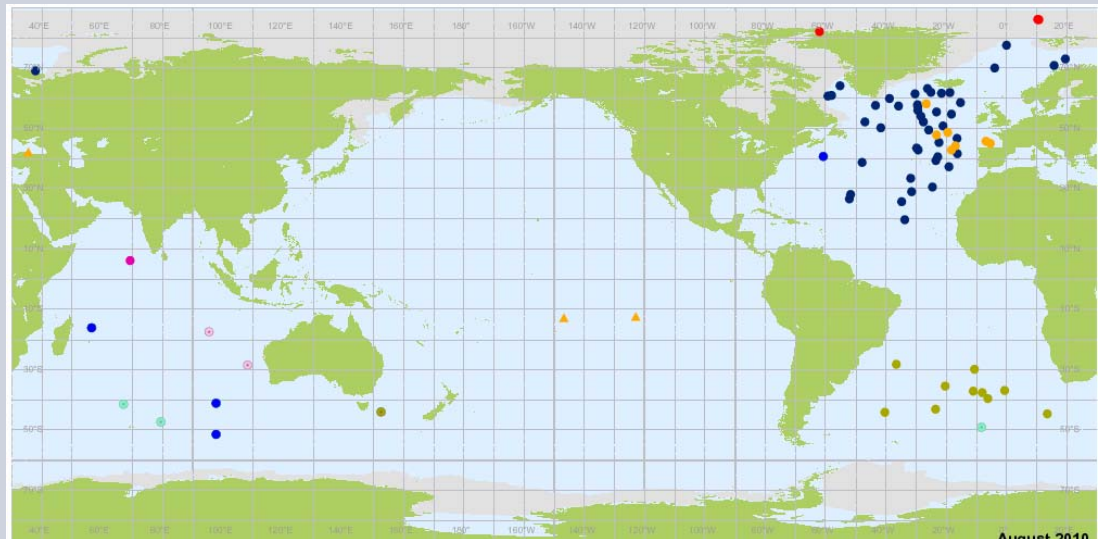
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# Support to Pilot Projects (Argos-3, Iridium)



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Average Delay (minutes) ● < 60 ● 61 - 120 ● 121 - 180 ● 181 - 240 ● 241 - 300 ● > 300 ○ Iridium (75) ○ Argos-3 (3)



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**DBC Pilot Projects (Iridium and Argos-3 Drifters by Country)**

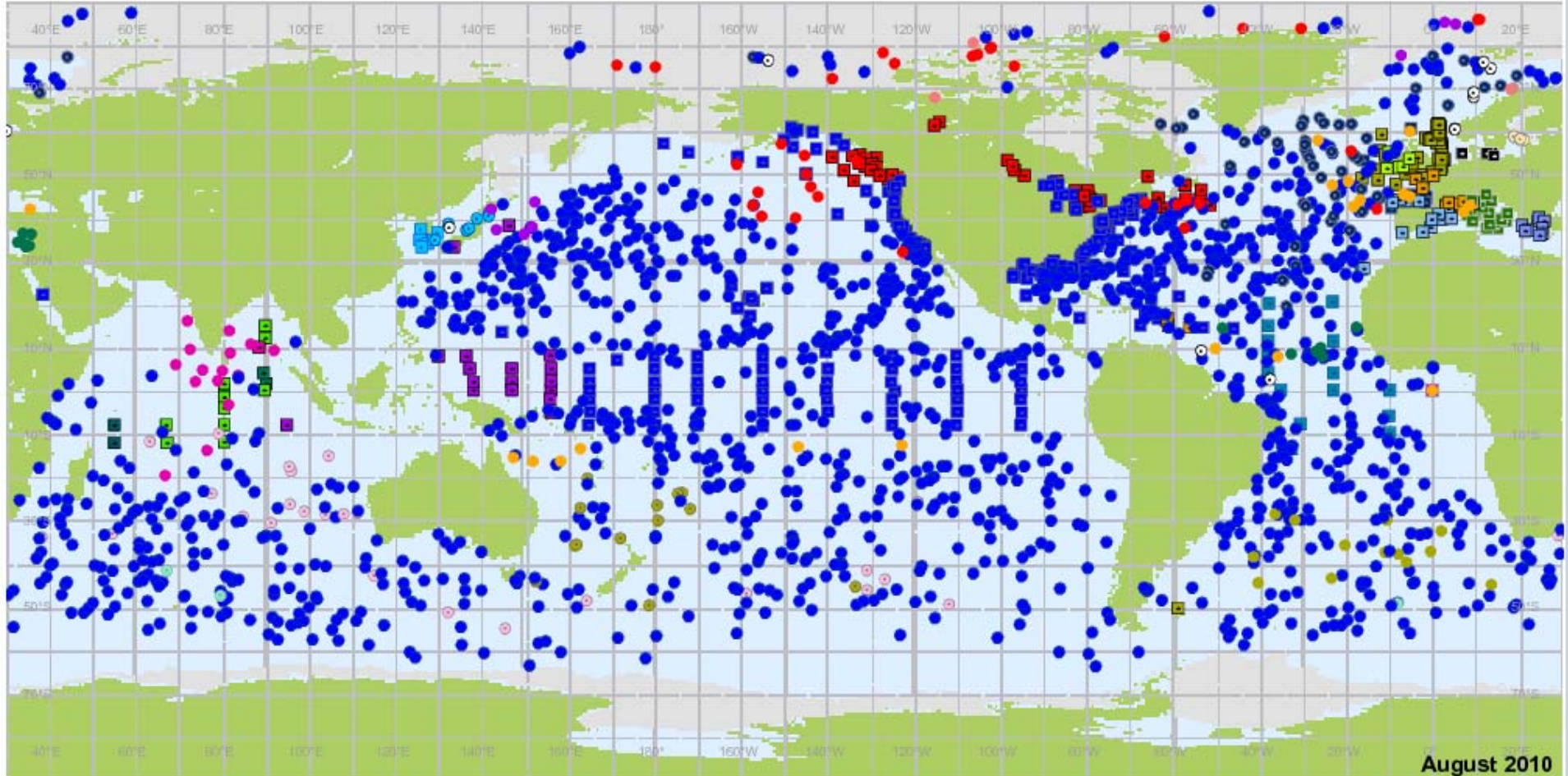
- EUROPE/ESURFMAR (44)
- NEW ZEALAND (1)
- USA (4)
- AUSTRALIA (2)
- FRANCE (7)
- SOUTH AFRICA (3)
- UK (10)
- CANADA (3)
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- JAPAN
- UKRAINE (0)
- FRANCE (3)

**Argos-3 Drifting Buoys**

- ▲ FRANCE (3)



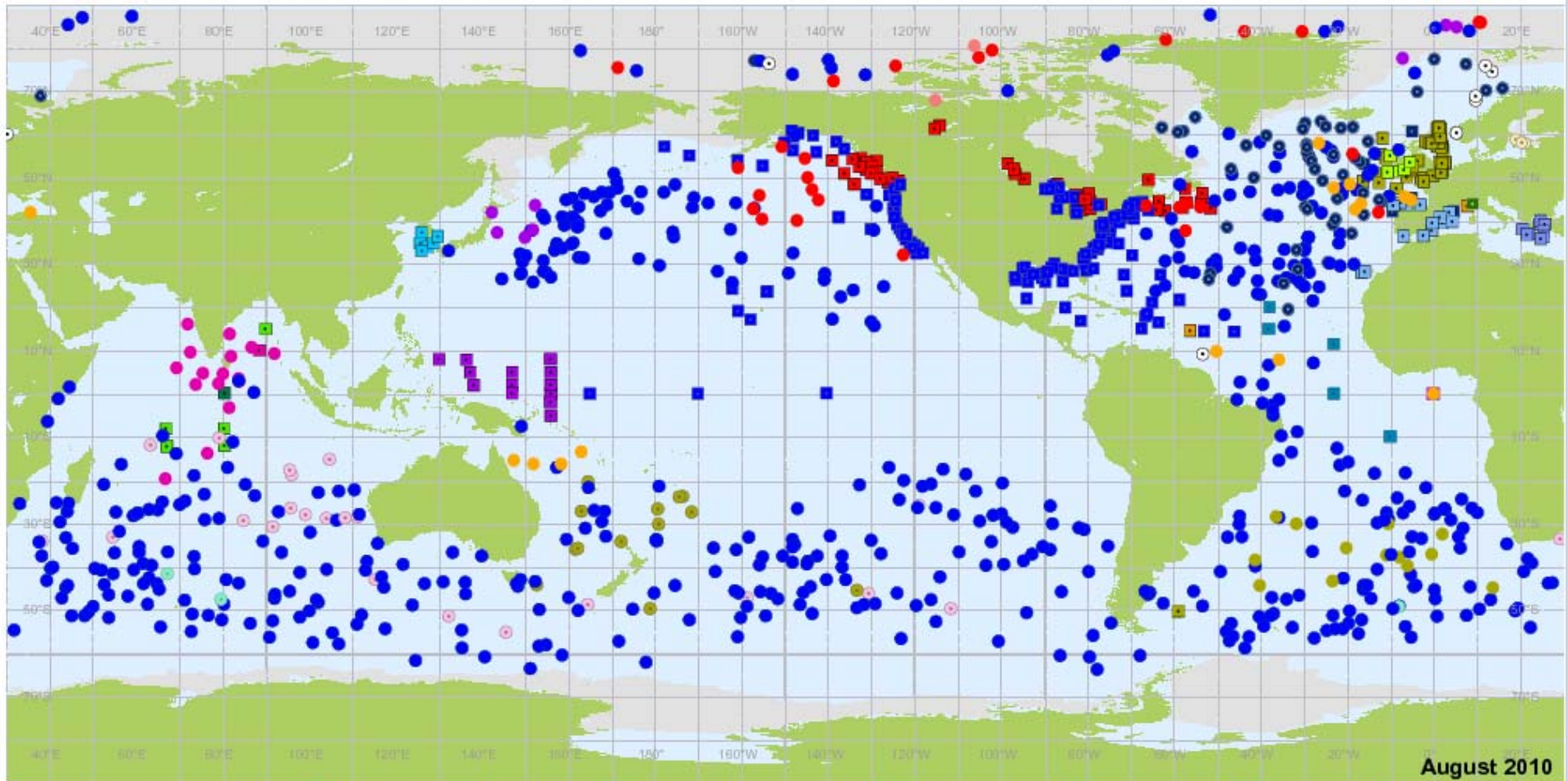
# Lagrangian drifters



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Drifting Buoys (1559)	FRANCE (20)	NORWAY (4)	UK (13)	Moored Buoys (477)	FRANCE (15)	ITALY (15)	SPAIN (14)	USA-INDIA (10)
AUSTRALIA (26)	INDIA (16)	SOUTH AFRICA (3)	USA (1334)	BRAZIL (1)	GERMANY (4)	IRELAND (5)	UK (60)	USA-INDON. (3)
BRAZIL (0)	ITALY (12)	SOUTH KOREA (7)	UNKNOWN (11)	BR-FR-US (15)	GREECE (9)	JAPAN (17)	USA (248)	UNKNOWN (0)
CANADA (34)	JAPAN (8)	SPAIN (0)		CANADA (45)	INDIA (1)	SOUTH KOREA (6)	USA-ASCLME (2)	
EUROPE/ESURFMAR (54)	NEW ZEALAND (13)	SWEDEN (4)		EUROPE/ESURFMAR (7)				

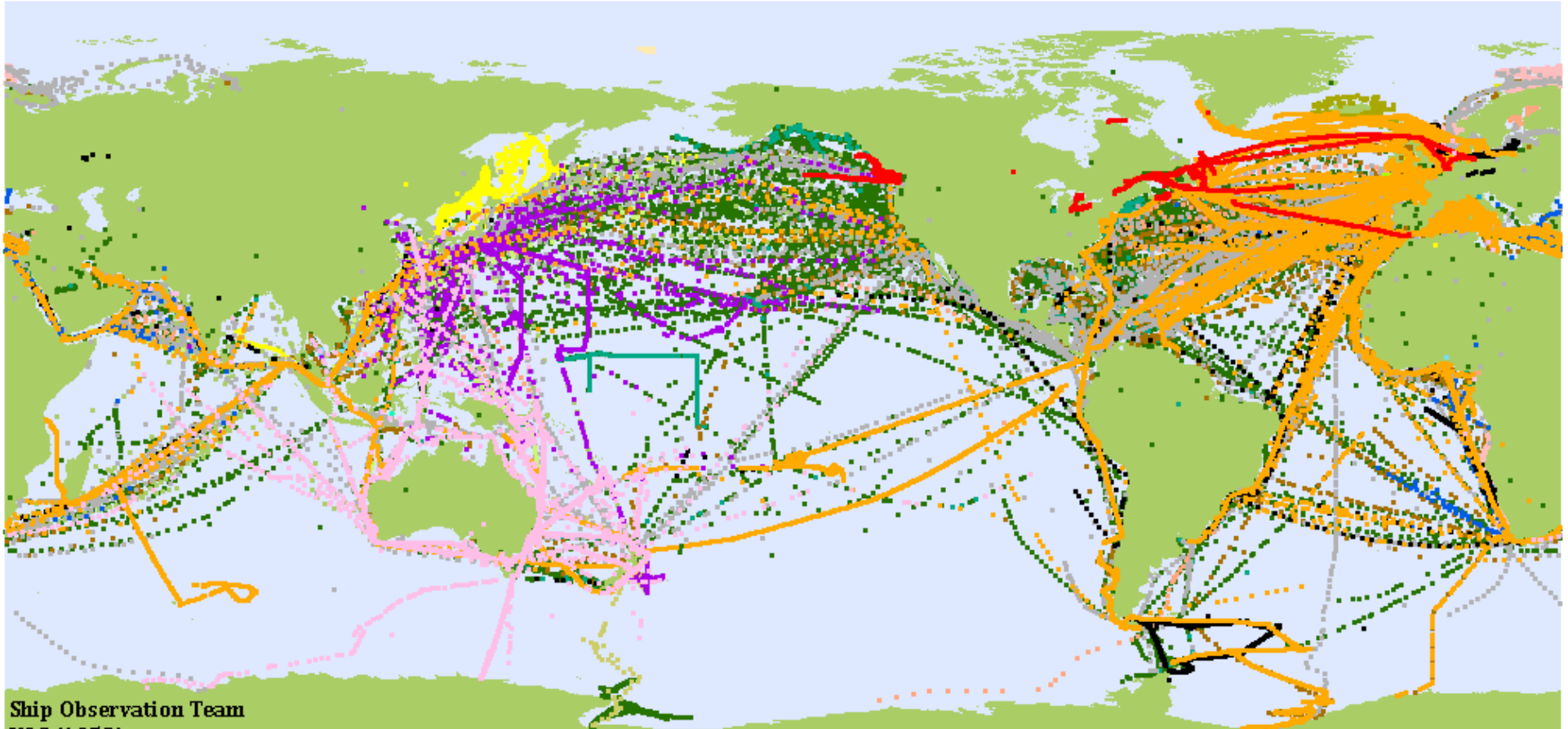
# Buoys reporting Air Pressure



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|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| Barometer Drifting Buoys (706) | ● FRANCE      | ● NORWAY       | ● UKRAINE | Moored Buoys (308) | ■ EUROPE/ESURFMAR | ■ IRELAND     | ■ SPAIN      | ■ USA-INDIA |
| ○ AUSTRALIA                    | ● GERMANY     | ● SOUTH AFRICA | ● USA     | ■ BRAZIL           | ■ FRANCE          | ■ ITALY       | ■ UK         | ■ USA-INDON |
| ● BRAZIL                       | ● INDIA       | ● SPAIN        | ○ UNKNOWN | ■ BR-FR-US         | ■ GREECE          | ■ JAPAN       | ■ USA        | ■ UNKNOWN   |
| ● CANADA                       | ● JAPAN       | ● SWEDEN       |           | ■ CANADA           | ■ INDIA           | ■ SOUTH KOREA | ■ USA-ASCLME |             |
| ● EUROPE/ESURFMAR              | ● NEW ZEALAND | ● UK           |           | ■ COLOMBIA         |                   |               |              |             |

# Ship observations (by country)



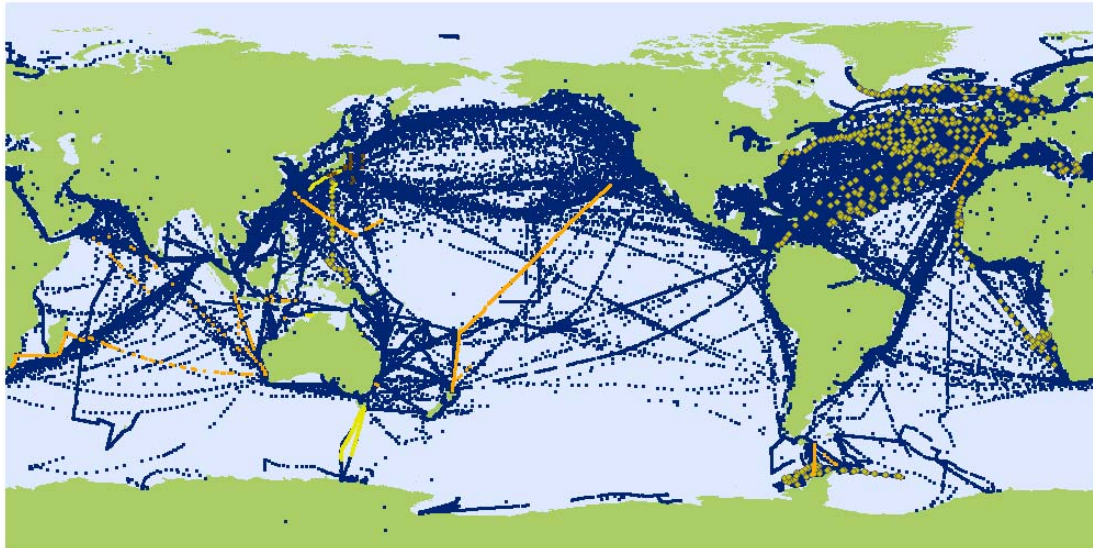
Ship Observation Team  
VOS (1953)  
Reports (151541)

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AUSTRALIA	FIJI	FRANCE	GERMANY	GREECE	INDIA	ICELAND	IRELAND	NEHERLANDS	NORWAY	RUSSIAN FED.	SINGAPORE	SOUTH AFRICA	UNITED KINGDOM	UNITED STATES
AMMC	NFFN	LFVW	EUMS	LGAT	DEMS	BIRK	EIDB	EHDB	ENMI	RUNW	WSSS	FAFR	ECRR	PANC
CANADA		LFPW	EDZW	HONG-KONG	INDONESIA	ISRAEL	JAPAN	NEWZEALAND	PORTUGAL	RUMS	SOUTH KOREA	SWEDEN	CWHX	KWNB
CWAO				YHHH	WIX	LLBD	RJTD	NZKL	LPMC	RUHB	RKSL	ESWI		KWBC
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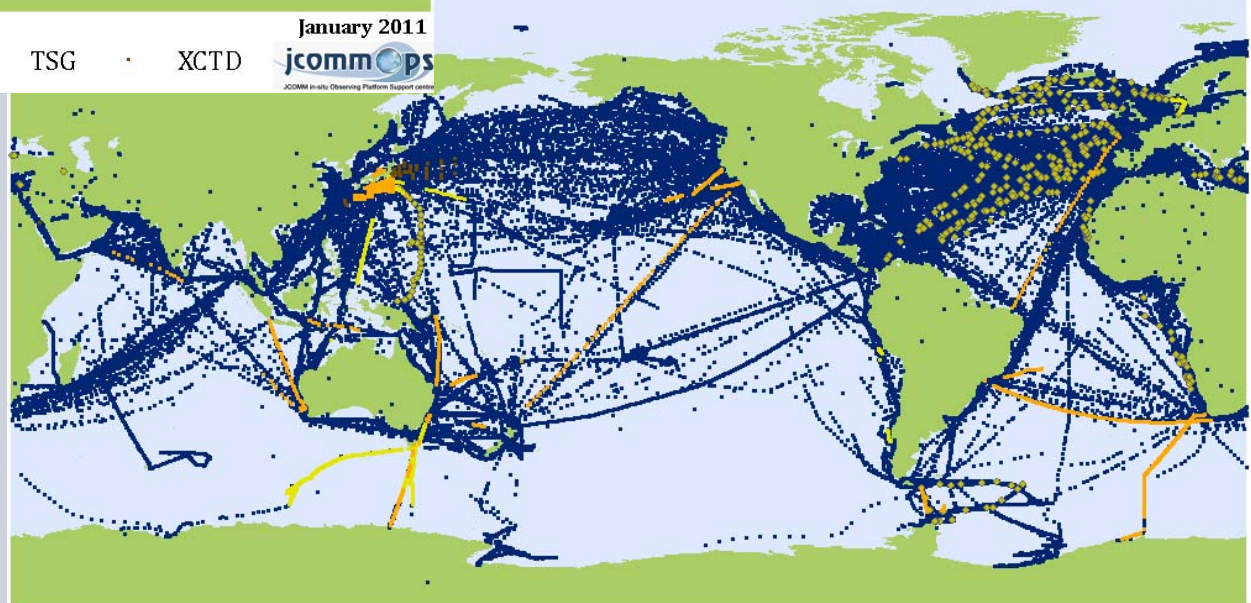
# Ship observations (by type)



Ship Observation Team

• VOS • ASAP • XBT • TSG • XCTD

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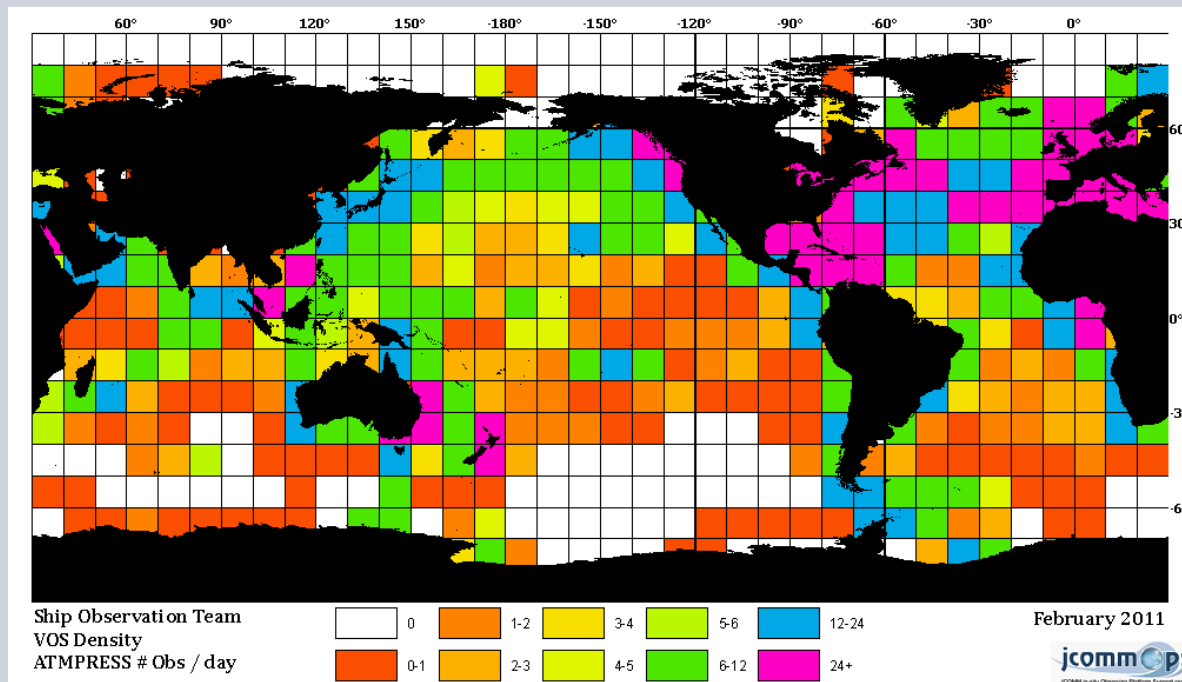


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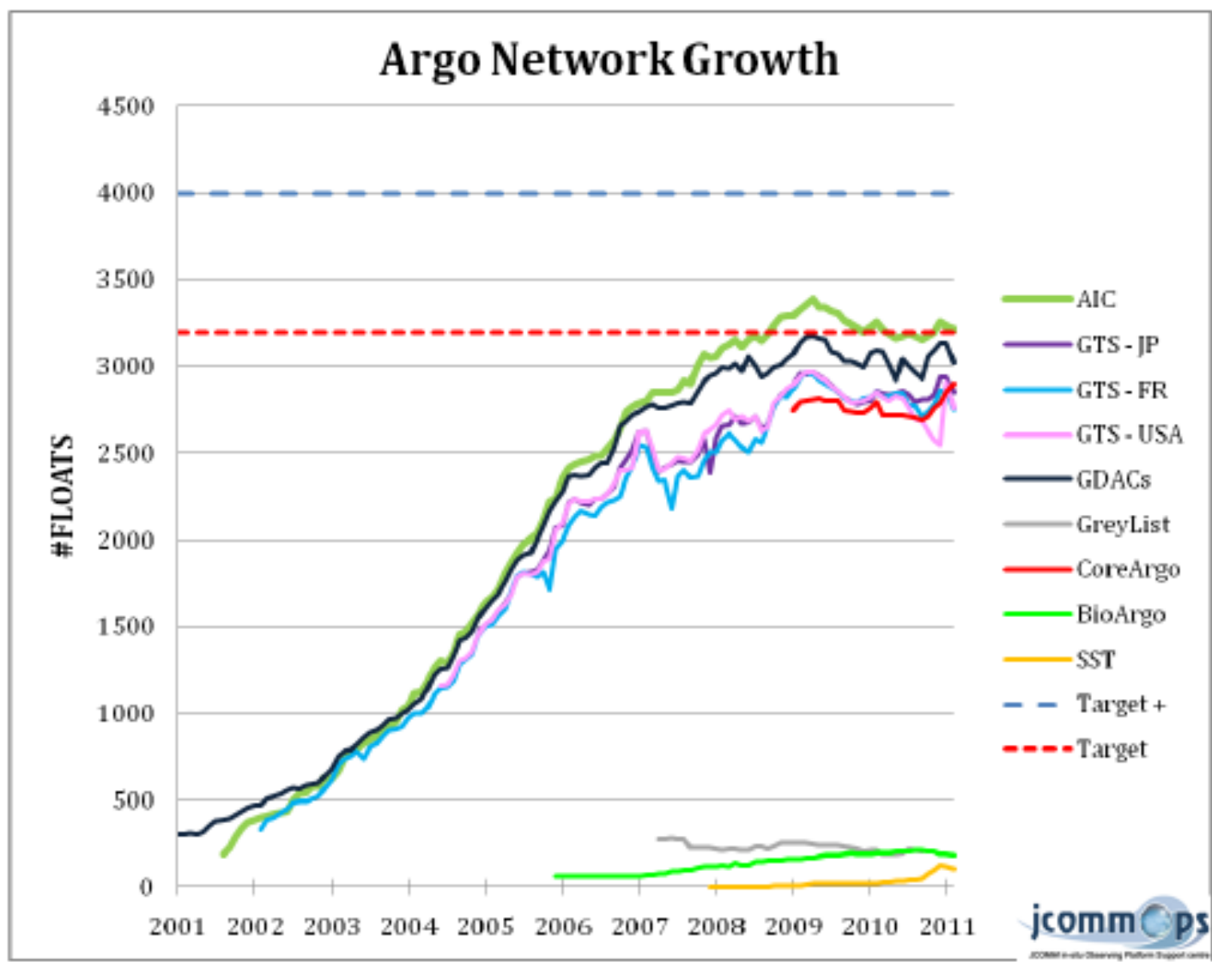
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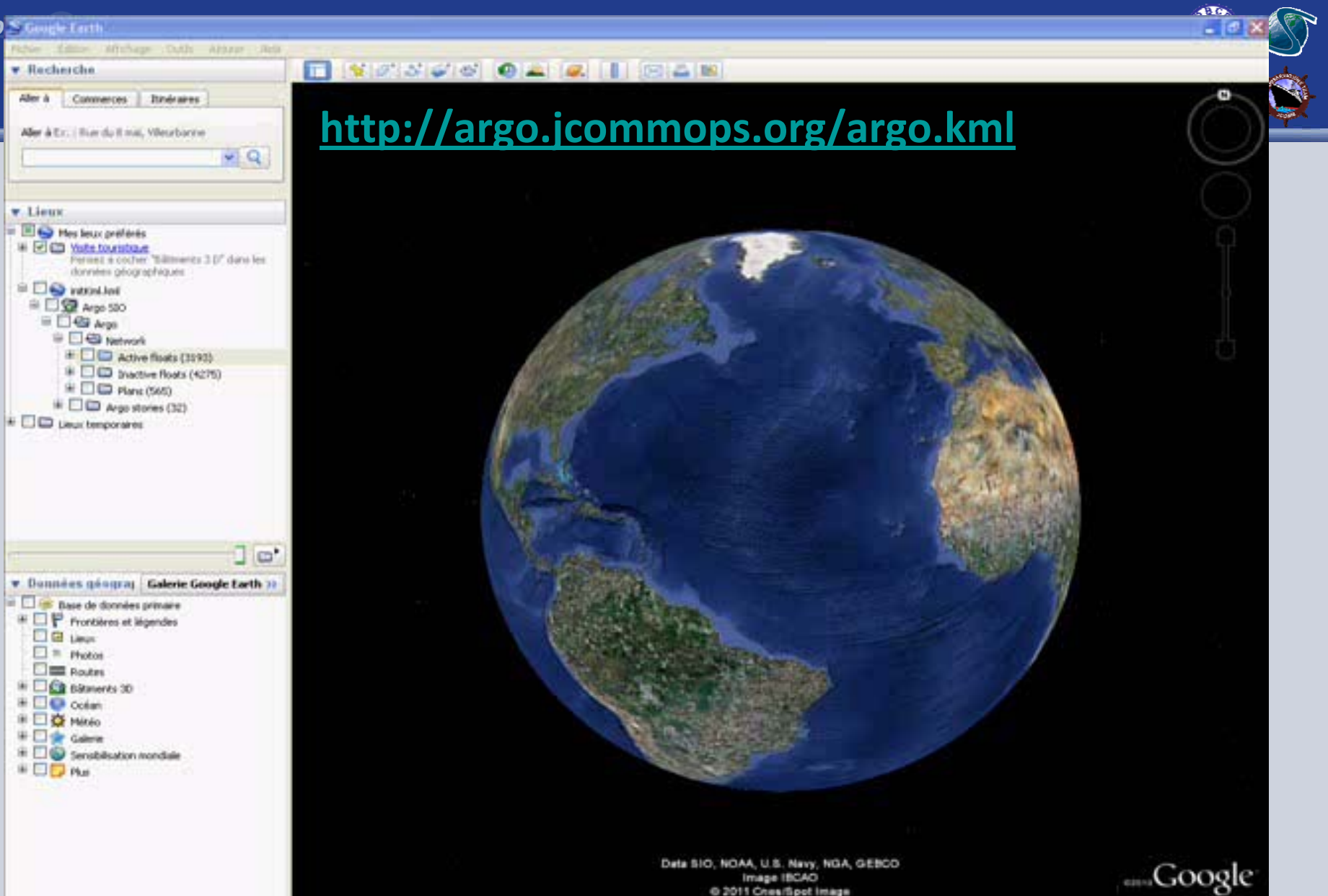
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# Density of VOS observations



**Metadata** essential to compare what is being done at sea  
and what reaches the Data Centres  
(Quantitative, qualitative, timeliness, etc)





Monitoring, Operations, Promotion, Outreach and humanization of the GOOS networks

## Deployment Opportunities: sailing ship Lady Amber

- JCOMMOPS has started to charter a 20m sailing vessel the “Lady Amber” for the community
- Ship was first inspected by a SAWS PMO (essential)
- Ship has been sailing for a two weeks test cruise in December 2010 and deployed 4 floats for CSIRO (modest ... but promising opportunity)
- Contacts were established with SA Argo, and local oceanographers





- IOCCP
  - Promising discussions
  - Actions needed
- GO-SHIP
  - The cruise coordinator position could also serve those programmes
  - Funding required
  - JCOMMOPS to also better define the potential services
- Gliders, Marine Mammals (regional coordination)
  - They are aware of JCOMMOPS
  - We did help them
  - ...

# Conclusion

- **JCOMMOPS is about Coordination, Monitoring, Assistance, Cooperation**
- **For marine climate data users, JCOMMOPS**
  - Has 10-year record of status, quality, and platform metadata information
  - Is pro-active for the collection & distribution of data and metadata for newly deployed platforms
  - Provides information on data centres and where to get the data
  - Focal point on programme implementation aspects
- **An element of the WIGOS integration**

Thank you



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