

VOS Report for 2011

(Hong Kong, China)

a. Programme description:				
Category	No. of ships at 31 Dec 2011	Recruitments in 2011	De-recruitments In 2011	Comments
<i>Selected</i>	50	5	3	
<i>Selected AWS</i>				
<i>VOSclim</i>				
<i>VOSclim AWS</i>				
<i>Supplementary</i>	4			
<i>Supplementary AWS</i>				
<i>Auxiliary</i>				
<i>Auxiliary AWS</i>				
<i>Other</i>				
National VOS Total	54			

National VOS Target	70
National VOSclim Target	

b. Data management:	
<i>Total number of ship observations (BBXX) distributed on the GTS in 2011</i>	3727
<i>Frequency of VOS data submitted to the GCC in 2011</i>	Quarterly

g. Major challenges and difficulties:

Due to high workload, some ship officers are reluctant to take ship weather observations regularly.

Some shipmasters are reluctant to have electronic logbook software "TurboWin" installed on the ship computer, especially the computer at bridge.

h. Research / development / testing:

The development of shipboard AWS would be explored.

i. Other comments:

Nil