

## VOS Report for 2012

## France

a. Programme description:				
Category	No. of ships at 31 Dec 2012	Recruitments in 2012	De-recruitments In 2012	Comments
<i>Selected</i>	2	1	1	
<i>Selected AWS</i>	12	1	1	
<i>VOSclim</i>				
<i>VOSclim AWS</i>	51	1		The VosClim list had been updated according to the metadata definition
<i>Supplementary</i>				
<i>Supplementary AWS</i>				
<i>Auxiliary</i>				
<i>Auxiliary AWS</i>				
<i>Other</i>				
<b>National VOS Total</b>	65			

<b>National VOS Target</b>	80
<b>National VOSclim Target</b>	70

b. Data management:	
<i>Total number of ship observations (BBXX) distributed on the GTS in 2012</i>	<b>219195</b>
<i>Frequency of VOS data submitted to the GCC in 2012</i>	Every 3 months



**e. Major challenges and difficulties:**

Some difficulties with wind and humidity sensors.  
Increase of Inmarsat C material breakdown.

**f. Research / development / testing:**

Iridium transmission is now developed on Batos station.  
An new kind of Automatic Weather Station (PACOME) is under construction by an industrial for Meteo-France.  
Prototypes will be delivered soon.

**g. Other comments:**