

VOS Report for 2012

(insert name of Country)

a. Programme description:				
Category	No. of ships at 31 Dec 2012	Recruitments in 2012	De-recruitments In 2012	Comments
<i>Selected</i>	7	-	-	
<i>Selected AWS</i>				
<i>VOSclim</i>				
<i>VOSclim AWS</i>				
<i>Supplementary</i>				
<i>Supplementary AWS</i>				
<i>Auxiliary</i>				
<i>Auxiliary AWS</i>				
<i>Other</i>				
National VOS Total	7			

National VOS Target	12
National VOSclim Target	1

b. Data management:	
<i>Total number of ship observations (BBXX) distributed on the GTS in 2012</i>	343
<i>Frequency of VOS data submitted to the GCC in 2012</i>	Two semesters

e. Major challenges and difficulties:

Maintain the number of VOS fleet.

Keep observers active and reactivating those who are not, by frequent PMO visits on board.

Increase the number observations and improve report quality by training observers and keeping instruments calibrated.

The lack of PCs on board (bridge-chartroom) prevents TurboWin logbook installation .

Budget cutbacks prevent the fleet VOS to be gradually installed with AWS.

f. Research / development / testing:**g. Other comments:**