VOS Report for 2012   **IRELAND**

a.	Programme description: VOS			
Category	**No. of ships at 31 Dec 2012**	**Recruitments in 2012**	**De-recruitments In 2012**	**Comments**
Selected	10	0	0	(Excluding 2 Irish ships with Batos AWS working under Eumetnet/Surfmar banner)
Selected AWS				
VOSClim				
VOSClim AWS				
Supplementary				
Supplementary AWS				
Auxiliary				
Auxiliary AWS				
Other				
National VOS Total	10			

National VOS Target	
National VOSClim Target	

b.	Data management:
Total number of ship observations (BBXX) distributed on the GTS in 2012	960
Frequency of VOS data submitted to the GCC in 2012	1

c.	Shipboard Automatic Weather System			
Type	**No. of ships at 31 Dec 2012**	**Manual Input Yes / No**	**Method of Comms**	**2013 Planned installations**

d.	Electronic logbooks: (TurboWin, SEAS, OBSJMA)	
Software & version	**No. of ships at 31 Dec 2012**	**Implementation plans**
4.0	1	
5.0	1	

e.   Major challenges and difficulties:

f.   Research / development / testing:

Plan to install at least one PTB 330 barometer on board a Navy vessel.

Naval service to be approached and requested to install Turbowin on their ships.

New PTB 330 barometers installed on 2 ships

g.   Other comments:

All Naval service vessels visited twice in 2012 and barometers checked.

Japanese ship TAIHO MARU/3FMP6 visited on November 6th and barometer checked.

Other VOS ships visited annually.
1 foreign ship requested PMO visit.