

VOS Report for 2012

(South Africa)

a. Programme description:				
Category	No. of ships at 31 Dec 2012	Recruitments in 2012	De-recruitments In 2012	Comments
<i>Selected</i>	0			
<i>Selected AWS</i>	2			
<i>VOSClim</i>	17	2	0	
<i>VOSClim AWS</i>	0			
<i>Supplementary</i>	0			
<i>Supplementary AWS</i>	0			
<i>Auxiliary</i>	0			
<i>Auxiliary AWS</i>	0			
<i>Other</i>	0			
National VOS Total	17			

National VOS Target	25
National VOSClim Target	25

b. Data management:	
<i>Total number of ship observations (BBXX) distributed on the GTS in 2012</i>	55600
<i>Frequency of VOS data submitted to the GCC in 2012</i>	Monthly

e. Major challenges and difficulties:

Not much, except the ever changing of routes by VOS vessels, which makes it almost impossible to keep track of your fleet.

f. Research / development / testing:

Gus did a high density XBT voyage during October on behalf of NOAA.

g. Other comments: