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ine	Agency	Sampling programme and target mode (if applicable)	No. of ships
°X40	Tohoku Univ. /NOAA AOML	HDX (normal 30nmiles spacing drops, 2 transects/year)	1
YX45	JMA	LDX (normal 60nmiles spacing drops, 3 transects/year)	2
2X46	JMA	LDX (normal 60nmiles spacing drops, 3 transects/year)	1

b. Data management		
Agency	No. of JJVV messages on the GTS in 2014	Location of delayed-mode data
Tohoku Univ./ NOAA AOML	211 (including KKYY messages)	JODC
JMA	160 (including KKYY messages)	JODC

c.	Major challenges and difficulties:
d.	Research / development / testing:
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e.	Other comments:
obse	Idition to the above programs, research vessels and fisheries training vessels of Japanese domestic institutes etc. carry out XBT/XCTD/CTD ervations in the western Pacific and other seas and transmit the data into GTS by BATHY/TESAC messages. A total of 46 ships reported 8,849 sages in 2014, including the messages along the SOOP lines.