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|  | **SOOP Report for 2016** | | | | **Country =** | | **Japan** | |
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|  | **a.** | **Programme description:** | | | | | | |
| **Line** | | **Agency** | **Sampling programme and target mode (if applicable)** | | | | **No. of ships** |
| PX45 | | JMA | LDX (normal 60nmiles spacing drops, 2 transects/year) | | | | 1 |
|  | PX46 | | JMA | LDX (normal 60nmiles spacing drops, 2 transects/year) | | | | 2 |
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|  | **b.** | **Data management** | | | | | | |
|  | **Agency** | | | **No. of JJVV messages on the GTS in 2015** | | **Location of delayed-mode data** | | |
|  | JMA | | | 167 (including KKYY messages) | | JODC | | |
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|  | **c.** | **Major challenges and difficulties:** |
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|  | **d.** | **Research / development / testing:** |
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|  | **e.** | **Other comments:** |
| In addition to the above programs, research vessels and fisheries training vessels of Japanese domestic institutes etc. carry out XBT/XCTD/CTD observations in the western Pacific and other seas and transmit the data into GTS by BATHY/TESAC messages. A total of 43 ships reported 9,376 messages in 2016, including the messages along the SOOP lines. | |
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