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NATIONAL REPORTS

(Submitted by Members/Member States)

Summary and purpose of the document

This document provides for information regarding the National Reports covering the year 2014 and submitted by Members/Member states to the Secretariat before 31 March 2015. The National Reports are to be included in the SOT Annual report for 2014.

ACTION PROPOSED

The Team will review the information contained in this report, and comment and make decisions or recommendations as appropriate. See part A for the details of recommended actions.

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- References:** A. List of national reports submitted for 2014 at the time of preparing this report¹
B. SOT Annual report for 2013, JCOMM Technical Report No. 77²

1: ftp://ftp.wmo.int/Documents/PublicWeb/amp/mmop/documents/JCOMM-TR/J-TR-83-SOT-ANN-2014/national_reports.html
2: <ftp://ftp.wmo.int/Documents/PublicWeb/amp/mmop/documents/JCOMM-TR/J-TR-77-SOT-ANN-2013/index.html>

- A - DRAFT TEXT FOR INCLUSION IN THE FINAL REPORT

13.1 Rebecca Cowley (Australia) chaired the National Reports session. Written reports were presented by the following Members/Member States *[list as of 31 March 2015]*:

- Australia
- Brazil
- Canada
- China
- Ecuador
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hong Kong, China
- Ireland
- Italy
- Japan
- The Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Singapore
- South Africa
- Sweden
- United Kingdom
- USA

13.2 Additionally, a written report was submitted by the Operational Service (E-SURFMAR) of the Network of European Meteorological Services (EUMETNET)³.

13.3 These reports⁴ summarized all the relevant activities in each country for all ship-based observations, including: the national objectives, planned activities, mechanisms for coordination between participating national agencies, instrumentation, new developments, data management, associated R&D and capacity-building. Countries operating a ship-of-opportunity programme (Australia, France, India, Japan, and USA) provided information regarding the status of sampling on each line.

13.4 In addition, the following national presentations were made during the meeting:

- *[List to be completed depending upon presentations actually made during the meeting.]*

13.5 The Team agreed that the national reports provided by the Members to the WMO Secretariat as well as the PowerPoint presentations made at this meeting should eventually be published within the SOT annual report for 2014 (**action; Secretariat; asap**).

Appendices: None

3: E-SURFMAR (Surface Marine Operational Service) and E-ASAP are two operational services of the EUMETNET Observation Programme. Although participating in E-ASAP is mandatory, nineteen EUMETNET Members only are participating in E-SURFMAR which is optional. E-SURFMAR concerns the European VOS and Data Buoys. EUMETNET members are Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Czech Republic, Montenegro, and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. The following Members are participating in E-SURFMAR: Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

4: ftp://ftp.wmo.int/Documents/PublicWeb/amp/mmop/documents/JCOMM-TR/J-TR-83-SOT-ANN-2014/national_reports.html