



Russian VOS Program

Status at 2010

Legacy of last 20 years



- No attention from government = no financing
- Number of VOS reduced from 1400 to 235 (~ 80%)
- Only 2 special scientific ships operate for present day
- VOS meteorological equipment degradation = vessels lost VOS status
- No trainings for PMOs to use new facilities: AWS, software, computers and communication devices

Good News



In spite of the problems,

- Russia still have a large number of VOS
- Org. structure of PMOs remains and operates
- Marine Observations are continuing and data transmitted to GST
- Government begins change the policy of financing for meteorology
- Some of new projects implementation has begun

Current problems



- Recruitment of new VOS
- “Human factor” = low quality of observations
- Unpredictable financing
- Disorganized project management



New National VOS program

- Establishing projects of VOS fleet modernization
- Upgrade VOSs by AWS
- Detection of priority of VOSs to upgrade
- Step-by-step (VOS-to-VOS) Implementation of modernization program to be sure of predictable financing for a years