

Ship Observations Team

~ integrating & coordinating international ship-based observing programmes for JCOMM ~



VOSP Chair report

SOT-V

18 – 22 May, 2009, Geneva, Switzerland

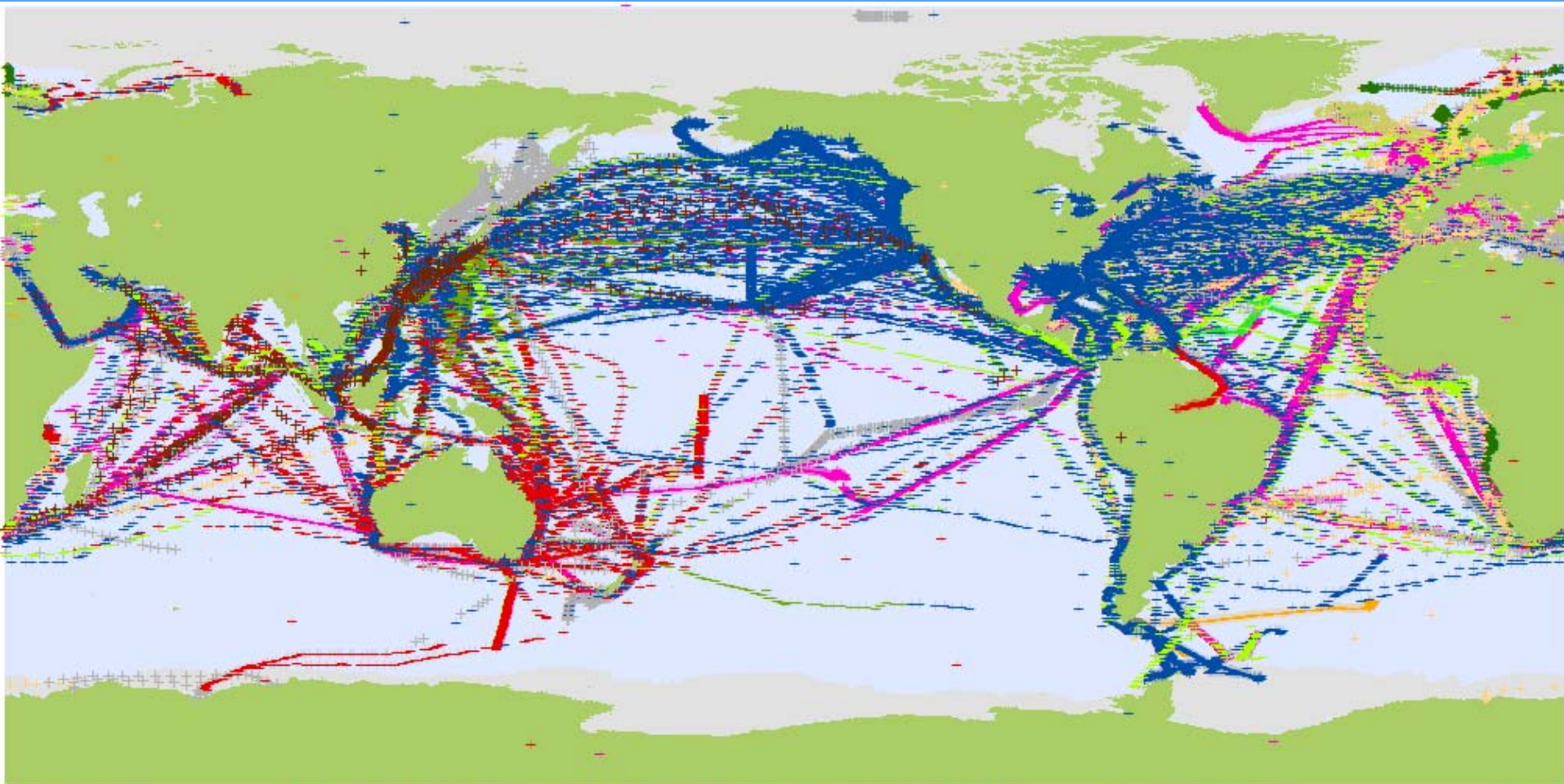
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Chair VOSP



VOS Panel Terms of Reference

1. Review, recommend and co-ordinate the implementation of new and improved specialised shipboard meteorological instrumentation, siting and observing practices, as well as of associated software
2. Support the development and maintenance of new pilot projects
3. Oversee the efficient performance and operation of the VOSCLim Project
4. Develop and implement activities to enhance ship recruitment, including promotional brochures, training videos
5. Prepare annually a report on the status of VOS operations, data availability and data quality

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VOS (1933)
SHIP Reports (121190)

-	AMMC (Melbourne)	-	EGRR (Exeter)	-	EUMS (Darmstadt)	-	RJTD (Tokyo)
+	BIRK (Reykjavik)	+	EHDB (De Bilt)	-	KWBC (Washington DC)	+	WSSS (Singapore)
-	EDZW (Offenbach)	+	ENMI (Oslo)	-	LFPW, LFWW (Toulouse)	+	Other

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JOCOMM-UK Chemistry Pattern Support website

Numbers of VOS ships in 2008

	No. of Countries	No. Of Ships	No. of Observations
EUCOS	11	1348	743,845
Non-EUCOS	13	1158	436,423
Unknown Ships	?	610	234,318
Total	24 +	3116	1,414,586

- Meteo France 2008 count **3116** Ships - 24 Countries
- SOT Annual Report 2008 count **4114** ships - 24 Countries
- Pub 47 Q2 2008 count **4278** Ships - 27 Countries

Review of Global VOS numbers



Review of Action Items from VOSP-V undertaken by VOSP Chair

Para	Action	Responsible
IV-1.1.12	<p>To work with WMO in order to identify active ships and remove the historical records from the WMO Pub.47 for ships which are not active anymore</p> <p>Status : Significant progress. Q1 2008 Pub 47 Listing reduced to entries from 24 countries. The 'historical' records from some 24 countries have been removed.</p>	VOS Panel Chairperson and Secretariat (WMO)
IV-5.2.2	<p>To liaise with WMO Secretariat regarding updating the MSC Circular 1017 to include ships owners and masters concerns regarding VOS data exchange</p> <p>Status : Completed. New MSC Circular 1293 issued 10 December 2008.</p>	VOS Panel Chairperson and Secretariat (WMO)
I-6.3.5	<p>To review the list of JCOMM Publications for those of interest to the SOT or its sub-Panels.</p> <p>Status : Ongoing. With SOT Chair reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •VOS Framework document. •WMO No.8, Chapter 4, Marine Observations. 	SOT,VOSP, SOOPIP & TT/ASAP Chairs

