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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 2012 and submitted by Members/Member states to the Secretariat before 31 March 2013. The National Reports are to be included in the SOT Annual report for 2012.

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.

- References:**
- A. List of national reports submitted for 2012 at the time of preparing this report¹
 - B. SOT Annual report for 2011, JCOMM Technical Report No. 60²

1: ftp://ftp.wmo.int/Documents/PublicWeb/amp/mmop/documents/JCOMM-TR/J-TR-69-SOT-ANN-2012/national_reports.html
2: <ftp://ftp.wmo.int/Documents/PublicWeb/amp/mmop/documents/JCOMM-TR/J-TR-60-ANN-2011/index.html>

- A - DRAFT TEXT FOR INCLUSION IN THE FINAL REPORT

14.1 Ms Gerie-Lynn Lavigne (Canada) chaired the National Reports session. Written reports were presented by the following countries *[list as of 11 April 2013]*:

- Australia
- Brazil
- Canada
- Chile
- China
- Croatia
- France
- Gambia
- Germany
- Greece
- Hong Kong, China
- India
- Indonesia
- Ireland
- Italy
- Japan
- Malaysia
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Republic of Korea
- Russian Federation
- Singapore
- South Africa
- Spain
- Sweden
- Thailand

14.2 Additionally, a written³ report was submitted by E-SURFMAR³.

14.3 These reports⁴, included in the SOT Annual Report for 2012 (JCOMM Technical Report No. 69) 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, Germany, India, Japan, and USA) provided information regarding the status of sampling on each line.

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

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

14.3 The Team agreed that the national reports provided by the Members to the WMO

3: EUMETNET is the Conference of European Meteorological Services. E-SURFMAR and E-ASAP are two operational programmes of the ground based EUMETNET Composite Observing System (EUCOS). Although E-ASAP is a mandatory programme, seventeen EUMETNET Members are participating in E-SURFMAR which is optional. E-SURFMAR (Surface Marine Programme) 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.

4: ftp://ftp.wmo.int/Documents/PublicWeb/amp/mmop/documents/JCOMM-TR/J-TR-69-SOT-ANN-2012/national_reports.html

Secretariat as well as the PowerPoint presentations made at this meeting should eventually be published on CD-Rom within the SOT annual report for 2012 (***action; Secretariat; asap***).

Appendix: None