

Analysis of performance of GUAN stations and candidate stations

based on monthly reports from Antonio Garcia-Mendez, ECMWF

over the period June 2001 through February 2002

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Examined was the performance of 150 GUAN stations and 18 candidate stations

The stations have been grouped after performance

Note: The performance relates to:

- * Availability of data
- * Number of ascents per day at 00 and/or 12 UTC
- * Height reached by sondes
- * Parameters
- * Gross errors

Figures for average quality of data were not included.

(Refer to semi-annual reports of ECMWF)

Ascents at non-standard hours, including 06 and 18 UTC have not been included.

Group 1: Stations operating satisfactorily in general

GUAN				Candidates
72 stations				8 stations
02836	47971	70398	89611	24959
03005	47991	71082	91285	25913
03808	48698	71816	91334	29572
08495	50527	71836	91376	41112
10739	51709	71934	91408	61291
16245	52681	72201	91592	71081
22550	53068	72261	91765	83208
23472	55299	72293	91938	85586
24266	56778	72403	94120	
28698	57461	72597	94203	
30230	60020	72764	94302	
32540	60680	78526	94510	
33345	61052	81405	94610	
41217	61641	82193	94659	
45004	63985	82332	94975	
47646	68906	88889	94995	
47827	70026	89564	94998	
47936	70308	89571	96996	

Group 2: Stations operating satisfactorily, with only one ascent per day

4 stations

35121	94461
94294	94996

Group 3: Stations operating satisfactorily with low or none availability of humidity data

9 stations

01001	no humidity data
03953	
04018	no humidity data
04270	no humidity data
17130	
47412	
89532	no humidity data
93417	
93844	no humidity data

Group 4: Stations operating satisfactorily with some particular insufficiencies

2 stations

08508	low availability of wind data
68994	some large errors in wind data

- Group 5: Stations operating at an acceptable level, but improvement is welcome.
 14 stations 1 station
 62414 76654 89009 91958 91948
 63741 78016 89512 96315
 64910 78397 89664
 68816 78954 91925
- Group 6: Stations operating at an acceptable level with only one ascent per day
 11 stations 3 stations
 61901 85442 85934 91643 83650
 61976 85469 87155 93997 87576
 82397 85799 89022 91680
- Group 7: Stations operating at an acceptable level with low availability of humidity data
 4 stations 1 station
 61996 40754
 89002
 89642 no humidity data
 93986
- Group 8: Stations operating at an acceptable level, however with some large temperature errors
 2 stations 1 station
 48455 1 ascent for temp 42182 also low humidity data
 89592
- Group 9: Stations operating at an acceptable level with low availability of wind data
 2 stations
 68588
 83378
- Group 10: Stations operating marginally in general
 5 stations 1 station
 67197 41923 low availability of wind data
 78583
 80222 1 ascent
 91610 1 ascent
 98223 1 ascent
- Group 11: Stations operating marginally with low availability of humidity data
 4 stations 1 station
 20674 1 ascent, no hum data 43150 below 100 Hpa
 34731 below 100 Hpa, some large temp errors
 61998 1 ascent, no hum data
 87860 1 ascent, no hum data
- Group 12: Stations with very low availability of data in general
 5 stations
 61902 89055
 65578 96935
 84628
- Group 13: Stations with various major insufficiencies
 4 stations 1 station
 61995 low availability of temp data, below 100 Hpa
 67774 data very sparse, large temperature error, below 100 Hpa
 78762 data sparse, large temperature error
 91801 no temp data 64650 no wind data
- Group 14: Silent stations
 12 stations 1 station
 21982 68110 91217 64201
 38880 83780 91517
 41114 84008 91557
 63450 85543 92035

The silence of 68110 (Windhoek, Namibia) and 83870 (Sao Paulo, Brazil) is a new feature. Restoration of in particular Windhoek is urgent.