

Discussion: TAOS Governance, Review and Resourcing

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Proposed Governance and review mechanisms.

Brief: 'Does the TPOS 2020 structure
(a TAOS Resources Forum, under guidance
of a TAOS Steering Committee)
work for the Tropical Atlantic? Other
governance review mechanisms?'

(One size may not fit all...)



TPOS 2020 specific context.

- Construct: It is a defined, finite lifetime project.
 - Established by the O.S. sponsors, following international review, in response to a 'crisis'.
 - The Project (not the observing system) has an SC and RF.
- Drivers: ENSO, overwhelmingly dominant focus
 - Hence regional specific community focused in Tropical Pacific.
 - Met Services important partners.

Geopolitics:

- Coms breakdown contributing factor to challenges seen in 2012-13.
- Intergovernmental frameworks essential for engaging new partners
- Ongoing governance being tested through a Transition and Implementation TT, connecting into WMO machinery.



Why do we need to think about Governance?

- To deliver a more integrated and efficient system
- That is sustainable
- Demonstrates value for stakeholders (in services as well as research)
- Over the next decade.



What current governance do we have?

- Global level systems requirements, design, review
- Implementation coordination (through globally coordinated networks)
- Regional reviews and development projects.
- In theTropical Atlantic
 - Regional governance: PIRATA SC.
 - Regional reviews, develoment: AtlantOS/Atlantic Blueprint.



TAOS Specific governance needs (1)

 What, in the Tropical Atlantic context, needs additional governance, and what is the potential value add?

- For the Review:
- Review committee established (fit for purpose?).
- Missing link: How will stakeholders be engaged in the review process (users, funders)?
 - For TPOS 2020, in the form of published reports, reviewed by Experts, Stakeholders (inc. Resources Forum).



TAOS Specific Governance Needs (II)

- The Observing System:
- Are the characteristics (contributions and uses) of TAOS such that it makes sense to coordinate and manage on a regional basin scale?
- Is the tropical Atlantic community identifiable as a distinct community?
- Is there an identifiable and tangible requirement for TAOS governance? (how does this map into AtlantOS/Atlantic Blueprint plans?)

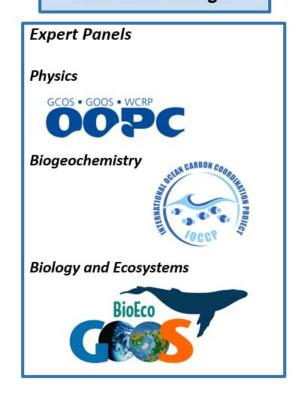


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Scientific Oversight



Observation coordination



Project development





EOVs and readiness level

CONCEPT PILOT MATURE *also ECV [sometimes aggregated]

Physics

- SST*
- Subsurface temperature*
- SSS*
- Subsurface salinity*
- Surface currents*
- Subsurface currents*
- Sea State*
- Ocean surface stress*
- Sea Ice*
- Sea level*
- Heat flux*

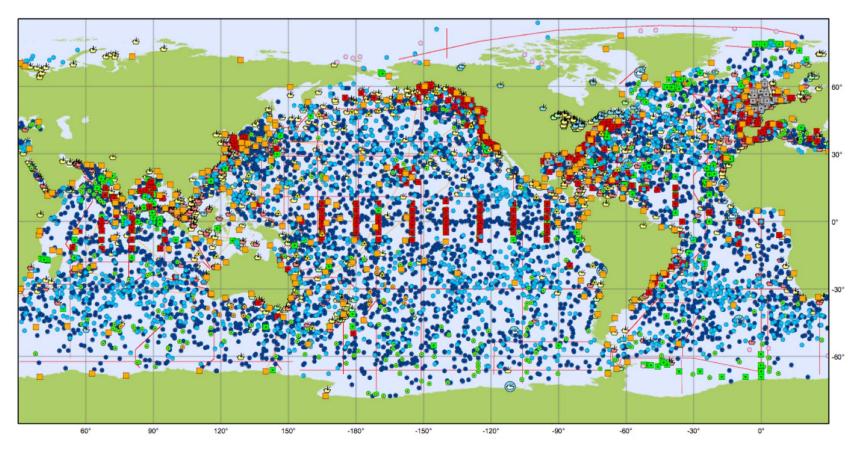
Biogeochemistry

- Oxygen*
- Inorganic macro nutrients*
- Carbonate system*
- Transient tracers*
- Suspended particulates
- Nitrous oxide*
- Carbon isotope (¹³C)
- Dissolved organic carbon
- Ocean colour*

Biology and Ecosystems

- Phytoplankton* biomass and productivity
- Zooplankton* diversity
- Fish abundance and distribution
- Marine turtles, birds, mammals abundance and distribution
- Live coral cover*
- Seagrass cover*
- Mangrove cover*
- Macroalgal canopy cover*





Main in-situ Elements of the Global Ocean Observing System

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GOOS Regional Alliances

