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OceanSITES

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1. Network key challenges
   1. GOOS umbrella:

difficulties in motivating nations (PIs) to update metadata - OceanOPS process seems too cumbersome and always the question: “What is the benefit for the extra money spent on that”?

* 1. Data access & FAIR (e.g. DOI):

Many, many data sets exist but in various places. Transform OceanSITES from a GDAC-centric to a truly “distributed data archive” (may also help with the Metadata problem outline before)

1. Asks from OCG
   1. ““Better have two networks than one?’’   
      Example SMART cables & OceanSITES: Would OCG support/encourage synergy between networks? Or will OCG not take any position? Is there a vision from OCG for synergies between networks (e.g. better merging as subnetworks or new networks)?
   2. What is OCGs vision to support a truly Multi-platform observing system? OCG is structured in a single-platform network universe - and always is asking for single-platform Metrics…
2. Requests, for action, support, guidance from OCG
   1. Does OCG want to include “wild card” platforms/sites, not linked to OCG networks (e.g. some EMSO sites in Europe) ? Isn’t it more sustained if such sites would be linked to existing networks (e.g., DBCP or OceanSITES) and likewise, encourage also the OCG networks to modify ToRs to allow providing a “home” to them?
   2. Will OCG have a dialogue with modelling centers about understanding the sensitivity of the models to the in-situ platform distributions as well as to remote sensing that is ingested