**WP Progress Report Template**

**Work Package**: **WP4: Publications, Convergence and Endorsement**

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**Reporting Period:** [1st January - 1st November 2024]  
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### **1. Work Package Updates**

Please provide one or two key outcomes during the reporting period. Include information about tasks completed/in progress, milestones reached, and any delays or deviations from the plan.

* **Key outcomes:**
  + (from January 2024 to October 2024:) 18 new articles published/accepted in the Frontiers in Marine Science: Best Practices in Ocean Observing. Another 2 possibly underway for this month… (VV, JP, JK, JH, …)
  + OBPS Endorsement process (JP + MB):

Guidance document on endorsement: <https://doi.org/10.25607/OBP-1983>

Flyer [“Is your ocean practice endorsed?”](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FwbIXpPCdlIdA5rUEtga61RIj1pLGe3U/view?usp=sharing)

Filter function “Endorsed” in the OBPS repository

* + Maturity model (JP)
  + Best practice review process:

Participated in preparing and testing the new draft best practice review process (JP, FMK, others)

### **2. Issues**

Detail any significant issues encountered during the reporting period. Include potential impacts and any mitigation strategies.

* **Issue 1:** When searching for endorsed practices in the OBPS repository, you can set the filter to “endorsed” but the top search output is not (always) the endorsed document.
  + **Impact:** Low
  + **Mitigation Strategy:** changes in the search interface
* **Issue 2:** Missing examples for endorsement
  + **Impact:** [High/Medium/Low]
  + **Mitigation Strategy:** Provide those that plan to get their practices endorsed the guidance document and a set of examples for endorsed practices.
* **Issue 3:** Best practice review process: seems difficult to engage even OBPS steering group in reviewing practices during test phase; how will the entire repository be reviewed for compliance? Who will be recruited to review new submissions as they come in?
  + - **Impact:** Medium
    - **Mitigation Strategy:** Develop a review strategy that is transparent and engages possible reviewers (which other WP leads this?)

### **3. Key activities planned**

List up to four key activities planned for your work package

* **Task 1:** Participate in BP review process
  + **Next Steps:** Develop a review strategy that is transparent and engages possible reviewers (which other WP leads this?)
  + **Budget required: None**
* **Task 2:** Continue to work with WP5 and 6 on outreach
  + **Potential Benefit:** coordination internally within OBPS
  + **Next Steps:** Start planning meetings participation (One Ocean Science, OBPS workshops for 2025, Ocean Decade participation)