

The Global Ocean Observing System



6.2 GRAs

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Recent advances

- GRA Council Leadership -
 - Carl Gouldman, Chair
 - Alvaro Scardilli, Vice Chair
- GRA Council Meeting - November 2024
- Strengthening the connections with NFPs and with other GRAs
 - GRA Council Leadership attended 2nd NFP online forum (October 2024)
 - Joint NFP-GRA sessions at the regional level are also being explored.
- Progress developing GRAs



Existing issues/Risks

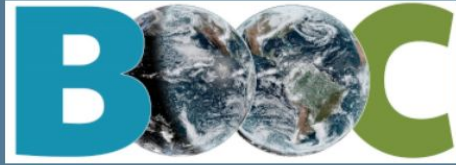
- Some ongoing concerns impeding participation/representation from some GRAs
- Different level of advance in the funding of GRAs.
- Some GRAs less engaged in GOOS than others

Next steps

- Aligning actions with the GOOS 2030 Strategy
- Develop Work Plan for Evolving GRAs (including GRA reporting)
- Enhance GRAs and NFPs connection to GOOS components
- Revisit GRA Terms of Reference and GOOS Regional Policy and ensure alignment with evolving GOOS Governance
- Further development of the Benefits of Ocean Observing Catalog
- Planning for 12th GOOS Regional Alliance Forum
- Submission of Use Cases and development of the Benefits of Ocean Observing Catalog (BOOC)



Benefits of Ocean Observing Catalog



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Introducing the Benefits of Ocean Observing Catalog

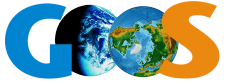
On behalf of the global operational ocean observing community, the [The U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System \(IOOS\)](#) has supported the development of a Benefits of Ocean Observations Catalog (BOOC). BOOC has been designed as a tool to better understand the economic, societal and environmental benefits derived from ocean observations, measurements and forecasts.

Currently undergoing beta testing, a fully operational BOOC will serve as a global commons for demonstrating and understanding the benefits of ocean observations, information and knowledge in support of policy, safety, operations, economic activity, environmental protection and the delivery of climate resilience. The BOOC project is hosted by the Ocean Decade Program [Observing Together: Meeting Stakeholder Needs and Making Every Observation Count](#).

Considerations for the SC

- Opportunities:
 - Garner **Steering Committee support** on 1 or 2 focus areas for the GRAs (Development of use cases; development goal-oriented action plan)
 - **Build upon past successes** which have come from allowing the GRAs to identify emerging technologies that could and should be adopted by GOOS. (HF radar, AniBOS, Underwater gliders etc.)
 - **Guide and fit** above items into GOOS SC recommendations.
 - **Seek win-win outcomes** for GOOS and GRAs





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