

Why EMSO Ocean Observations are crucial to understand global environmental changes?

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DISTRIBUITED RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE

- √ 8 Countries
- √ 27 Research Institutions

14 FIXED POINT MUTI-SENSORS PLATFORMS:

- ✓ 11 Deep Sea Observatories (Cable & Stand-alone)
- √ 3 Test Sites, Shallow water

OBSERVING AND MONITORING THE OCEANS

- ✓ **Time-series:** continuous parameters acquisition
- ✓ **Target:** Open Ocean Multidisciplinarity Geosphere-Hydrosphere-Biosphere-Atmosphere interactions



EMSO RFs Access to High-quality Marine Environmental Information



EUROPEAN MULTIDISCIPLINARY SEAFLOOR AND WATER COLUMN OBSERVATORY

EUROPEAN RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE CONSORTIUM

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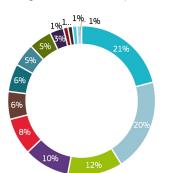
EMSO ERIC aims at promoting excellent science through the coordination of a distributed infrastructure of fourteen observatories serving marine science researchers and technology engineers, policymakers, industry and the general public.



Needs and benefits of multiplatform Ocean Observations

- 5 million jobs in EU
- New jobs related with Blue growth
- The ocean is the new Blue economic frontier

Figure 2.4 Distribution of companies funded by BlueInvest per sector



- Blue energy
- Aquaculture
- ICT applied to maritime
- Blue biotechnology
- Shipbuilding & repair
- Coastal and environmental protection
- Ocean waste management
- Key enabling technologies
- Coastal and marine tourism
- Transport
- Other
- Marine services
- Fisheries
- Water desalination 1

After the EU blue economy report, 2022

- Grand challenges
 - Climate change
 - Biodiversity & Ecosystems
 (Anthropogenic action- loss of diversity,
 limited resources)
 - Pollution (toxic algal, pesticides, plastic)
 - Geohazards (Earthquakes, Tsunamis, Submarine slides)
- We need knowledge, information and effective
 Management

Ocean buoy



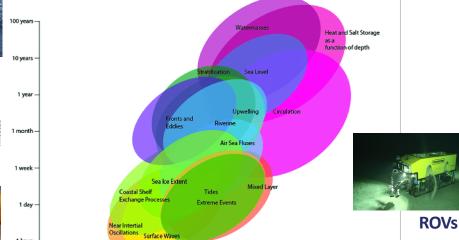
Argo Floats



Cabled observatories



Gliders



Sloyan BM et al., Front. Mar. Sci. 6:449. doi: 10.3389/fmars.2019.00449

Spatial Scales (Horizontal)

10 000km



Deepsea floor observatories



Research Vessels



Geo-inquire- seminar, 11 May 2023, online

SCIENCE

Oceans play a crucial role in human wellbeing

- Degradation and loss of biodiversity impacts marine resource exploitation
- Ocean circulation affects climate change
- Natural hazards like tsunamis, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions have socioeconomic impacts



Geohazards: slope stability, hydrothermal vents, tsunami, seismic and volcanic real-time monitoring



Climate Change: ocean acidification, dynamics of water masses, deep underwater circulation, sea level rise



Marine Ecosystems: biodiversity, pollution, sustainable fisheries, anthropogenic noise, marine mammal tracking, algal blooms



Continental-scale system of Regional Facilities:

Fixed platforms: moorings and seafloor stations Cabled or autonomous

Time-series: Continuous measurement acquisition

Target: Geosphere-Hydrosphere-Biosphere-Atmosphere interactions



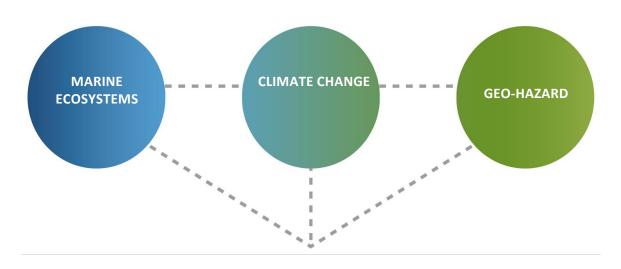
WHY OBSERVE THE DEEP SEA?

OCEANS PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE IN HUMAN WELLBEING

Ocean knowledge will certainly help us to better understand processes like:

- ➤ Uptakes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and of anthropogenic origin, critically affecting the climate and life on Earth.
- Degradation and loss of biodiversity reduces or eliminates the food resources and living space for most species.
- > Dynamics of Ocean circulation
- ➤ Natural hazards such as tsunamis, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions affect human life and has a high socioeconomic impact

EMSO ERIC supports multidisciplinary research in:



TO ACHIEVE sustainable management and protection of marine resources

TO UNDERSTAND the complex interactions among the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere and atmosphere



EMSO ERIC RFs observing EOVs

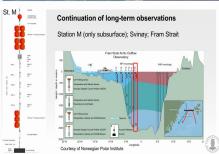




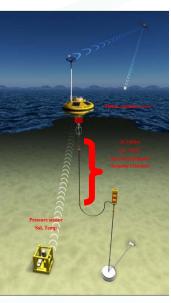
EMSO Regional facilities

Across European Seas







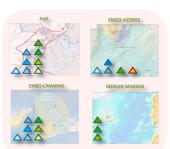




NORDIC SEAS



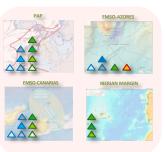
ATLANTIC OCEAN







MEDITERRANEAN SEA









BLACK SEA



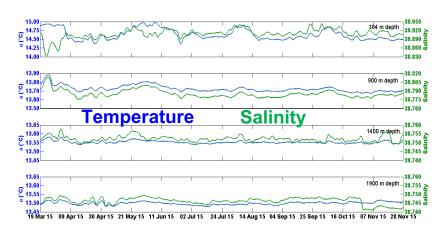




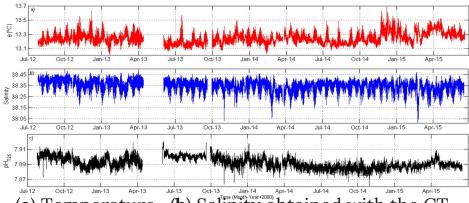
Global change and Ocean circulation

Physical and biogeochemical parametres





Trends shows an increasing in the Temperature and decrease in the acidity, after Flecha et al, 2015

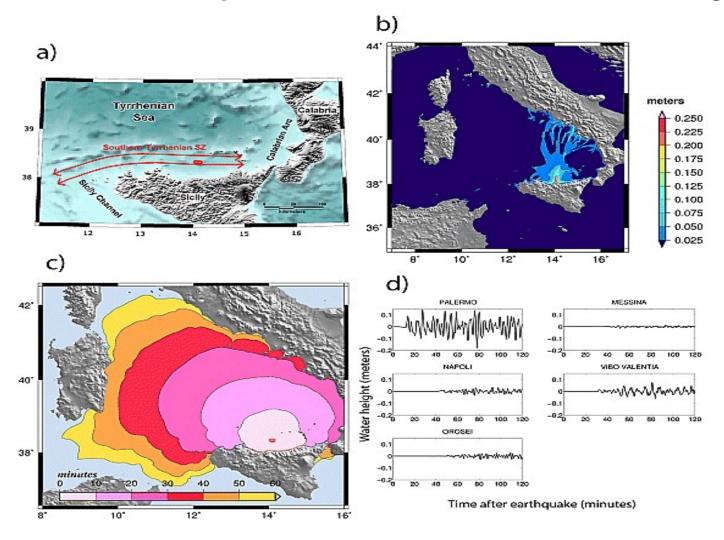


(a) Temperature, (b) Salinity obtained with the CT and (c) SAMI-pH data from August 2012 to June 2015.

Flecha, S., et al. Sci Rep 5, 16770 (2015). https://doi.org/10.1038/srep16770



Earthquake-generated tsunamis in the Mediterranean Sea: Scenarios of potential threats to Southern Italy



Earthquake-generated tsunamis in the Mediterranean Sea: Scenarios of potential threats to Southern Italy, Volume: 113, Issue: B1, First published: 09 January 2008, DOI: (10.1029/2007JB004943)

Acoustic Pollution One Ocean Network for Deep Observation

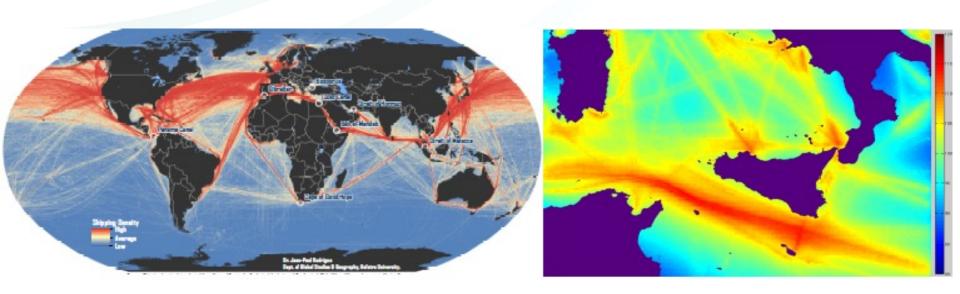


Figure 1. <u>Left</u>: shipping routes density for the global maritime transport system (adapted from National Centre for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis). <u>Right</u>: One year mean Power Spectral Density (dB re1 μPa/Hz, 100 Hz) in the central Mediterranean Sea obtained from AIS data, period Nov 2012-Oct 2013 (RANDI 3.1 model) (developed by Bioacoustics Groups, preliminary results; colour scale range: 80-120 dB).

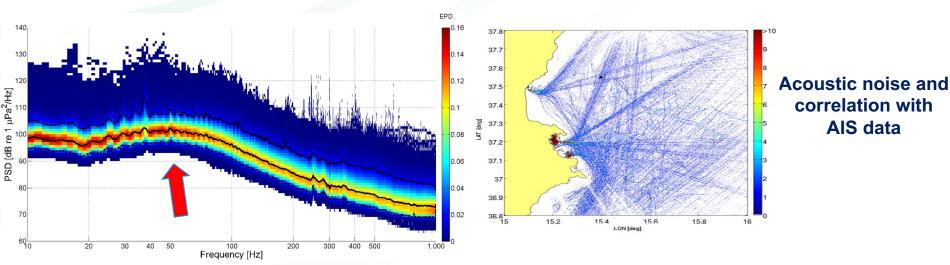
Shipping noise

Halpern et al., 2008 Science

Pollution acoustic



Marine traffic monitoring



Noise distribution showing average PSD (power Spectral Density) Up to about 70 Hz, the median of the average PSD often > 100 dB re 1 μ Pa2/Hz.

European Marine Strategy Framework Directive, MSFD

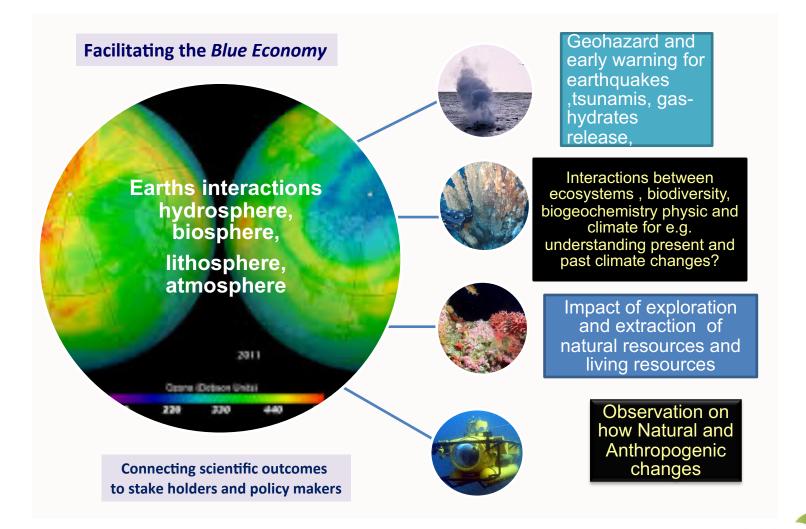
Reduce speed of shipping lines. Affects;

- Emissions of greenhouse gases,
- Underwater noise
- Collision risk for whales

EMSO Western Ionian Sea



Scientific & Societal demand for Environmental Marine Research Infrastructures



EGIM deployment

- Publication of the press release "EMSO ERIC has deployed the EGIM offshore La Palma close to the new lava flow"
- Communication campaign on social media
- 2 articles published on Spanish journal:
 - Canary ports
 - ElApuròn
- Next steps: a second press release when the data will be released

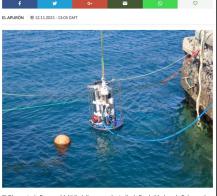
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Figure 1 - The lava reached the Atlantic Ocean at 1:45 (GMT). Credits: Ministerio Transportes, Movilidad y Agenda Urbana, Gobierno de España.

The Cumbre Vieja volcano erupted on 19 September in La Palma threw jets of lava and ash into the air. Large amounts of volcanic lava, ashes and gas - carbon dioxide (CO2), sulfur dioxide (SO2) and water steam (H2O) - were released during the eruption. The lava flow reached the sea 10 days after the eruption creating a marine delta formed around the shallow platform. On November 10th at 1:45 a.m. local time, a second lava flow reached the sea near the beach of Los Guirres.

EMSO vigila el impacto del volcán de La Palma en el océano con el apoyo de PLOCAN y la Universidad Politécnica de Cataluña



El Observatorio Europeo Multidisciplinar para el estudio de Fondo Marino y la Columna de Agua (EMSO) ha desplegado en aguas próximas al volcán de La Palma el Módulo de Instrumentos Genéricos (EGIM), con el fin de evaluar y vigilar el Impacto de la actividad del volcán en el ecosistema marino, con el apoyo de la Plataforma Oceánica de Canarias (PLOCAN) y la Universidad Politécincia de Catallaño.

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EMSO ERIC STRENGTHS

- Continuous recording of long measurements time series in the deep ocean as baseline for improving our understanding of the state of the deep ocean
- Interactions among environmental domains (subseafloor-seafloor- water column)
- Landmark in the ESFRI roadmap (assessment in 2022)
- International cooperation with the world's leading ocean observatories
- Great potential for multi-node service operation

value of EMSO ERIC larger than the value of RF₁+RF₂+...+RF_n



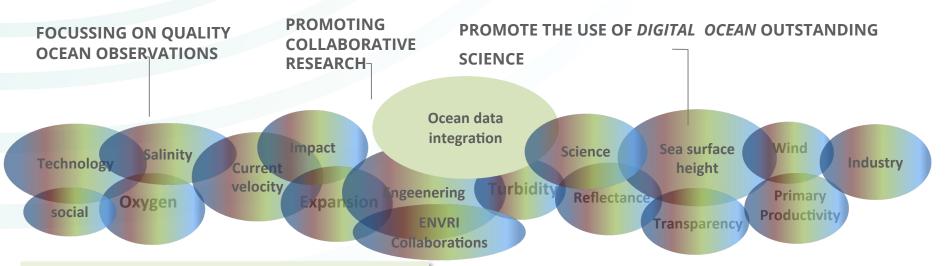
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)

INTEGRATING DATA & KNOWLEDGE

Harmonising Information



DELIVERING SERVICES:

- Science
- Data and products
- Communication
- Engineering and Logistics (testing)
- Innovation & Industry
- External Relations

MEETING the DEMANDS of SOCIETY

UN Decade of the Ocean Science for Sustainable Development Common Fisheries Policy Habitats Directive Water Framework Directive

Maritime Strategy Framework Directive EU Civil protection and Aid and Civil Protection

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14 Regional Facilities/Test sites operational in European seas Continuous recording of long measurements time series in the deep ocean as
baseline for improving our understanding of the state of the deep ocean Multidisciplinary harmonized Data delivery from a multimode perspectives
from the facilities Interactions among environmental domains (sub-seafloor-seafloor- water column)
Wide range of environments , strategically distributed
Wide range of observations/instruments
Wide range of expertise across the Members
Great potential for multi-node service operation
Enhancing collaboration between Marine and environmental RIs
International cooperation with the world's leading ocean observatories
Strong Member engagement , EMSO Conference in Athens, February 2020, EMSO TSC, Las Palmas 2021, Planning next EMSO Conference by 2024



EMSO ERIC involvement in projects





























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EMSO ERIC Research Organisations









Plataforma Oceánica de Canarias















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