

## **OMA – THE OPEN MARINE ARCHIVE FOR FLEMISH MARINE RESEARCH: AN UPDATE AND CALL FOR PUBLICATIONS**

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The purpose of the Open Marine Archive (OMA) is to give immediate and complete access to all the published results of Flemish researchers. Today OMA already contains more than 4500 downloadable references.

Every Flemish/Belgian marine scientist is kindly invited to contribute to this digital marine archive and to submit his or her own publications. Do visit [www.vliz.be/oma](http://www.vliz.be/oma) for browsing and you can post your publications through the submit form at [www.vliz.be/oma/submit.php](http://www.vliz.be/oma/submit.php).

The OMA archive is created on the Integrated Marine Information System (IMIS), which contains all Flemish marine information known to VLIZ. Visit [www.vliz.be/imis](http://www.vliz.be/imis) for information on persons, institutes, projects, events, datasets, infrastructure, maps and of course, publications with a marine emphasis.

Additionally IMIS was adapted to be able to respond to OAI-PMH\* requests. Meaning OAI harvesters can retrieve its data and display it also in their search results. Which adds even more visibility to your work. Examples of harvesters/repositories reading in OMA are; [www.driver-repository.eu](http://www.driver-repository.eu)\*, [www.ifremer.fr/avano](http://www.ifremer.fr/avano)\*.

\* OAI-PMH: Open Archives Initiatives – Protocol for Metadata Harvesting

\* DRIVER: Digital Repository Infrastructure Vision for European Research

\* AVANO: OAI harvester developed by IFREMER