IOC-UNESCO Regional Training Centre for the OceanTeacher Global Academy

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PERSPECTIVE

- KMFRI is the pioneer marine research institution in the WIO on information exchange:
 - Kenya Belgium Project (KBP) KMFRI hosted RECOSCIX WIO – the Regional Cooperation in Scientific Information Exchange – 1989 - 1996
 - IOC-UNESCO Ocean Data & Information Exchange (ODINEA) – 1997-1999
- Demonstrates that we promote the ideals of information exchange within the marine science community
- Kenya now has full status National Oceanographic Data Center – KeNODC within the framework of IOC-UNESCO International Oceanographic and Data Information Exchange (IODE) program

INTRODUCTION

- IOC Project Office for IODE was established in in April 2005 in Oostende (Belgium)
- This made it possible for IODE, for the first time, to organize a sustained training programme for both data and information management
- IODE training courses used to be organized on a purely *ad hoc* basis
- Contributions from Government of Belgium
 - 200K€/year direct support through VLIZ
 - Same amount through the FUST project
 "OceanTeacher Academy",

IODE trainees



- Through the "OceanTeacher Academy", the project Office has been able to organize about 8 courses/year
 - basic courses aimed at start-up data centres and marine libraries,
 - -advanced courses for established centres
 - specialized courses (eg on Atlas development)
 - This has resulted in increased capacity in most developing regions.

CLIMATOLOGY OF THE WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN (WIO) REGION-ARE THERE DISTICTIVE FEATURES?



Product of Africa Coastal and Marine Atlas. For more



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Argo is an international collaborative ocean-observing program of over <u>3,500</u> <u>drifting floats</u> that gather approximately 120,000 temperature, salinity and depth profiles throughout the world's oceans every year.



SE Monsoon

NE Monsoon

Data Source: The GDP Drifter Data Assembly Center (DAC) of the US-NOAA

Part of <u>NOAA's Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS)</u> and a scientific project of the <u>Data Buoy Cooperation Panel (DBCP)</u>

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- However, due to the limited budget, only 1-2 students per country can be invited to attend each course, which does not ensure the desired long-term impact
- The need for continued and updated training still holds
 - namely in order to cope with the pace of new science and technological developments
 - the multidisciplinary character of ocean sciences brings the demand for continuous training to a higher level

OceanTeacher Global Classroom

- To address challenges of the OTA
 - <u>Due to the limited budget, only 1-2 students per</u> <u>country per course</u>
 - <u>Travel time is excessive for some regions</u>

- To be addressed through a combination of
 - regional training centres and
 - video streaming technology (distance/remote training).

Regional Training Center

- Regional training centre in Kenya
 - Represent the ODINAFRICA region
 - Mainly target but not exclusively the students, professionals and decision makers from the region
 - Make use of the established OceanTeacher learning system platform for content management and joint organisation of training events, exchange of lectures, etc.
 - (<u>http://marinedataliteracy.org/</u>)

RTC – Mode of Operation

- Classes can be held using direct teacher-tostudent communications within reasonable time-zone bands
 - attention must be paid to the several different time zones involved
- Combine direct teaching with partially recorded sessions
- Completely recorded training workshops may be considered

Training Centre A [Lecturer + Classroom]



Training Centre B [Training Assistant + Classroom]



Distance/Remote training

- In recent years video conferencing technology has developed remarkably
- Top Universities have also joined the trend and provide online courses
- Limiting factors are slowly being solved with web-based videoconference applications (e.g. Webex)
- Manage lectures and content for live or ondemand viewing and for different audiences

Format for courses

- Online teaching complemented by training sessions in the classroom and
- Distance Learning, consisting of exclusively remote contacts amongst teacher(s) and students.

Course contents

- Courses offered will span a wide range of ocean-related topics
- Courses will include lectures and demos (live or pre-recorded and made available online)
- Courses may span one week to several weeks (e.g. up to 4 to 8 weeks long).

Test course

- One 'test' course was organised in Mombasa
 - OceanTeacher Academy Training Course in Digital
 Asset Management 30 September 4 October
 2013
 - In this training, KMFRI succeeded in leveraging the course through video-conferencing with lecturers in Malta and South Carolina (USA)
 - Competency of KMFRI staff was up-to-date





Requirements

- To avoid major technical problems the following basic requirements must be met
 - Good and reliable high speed Internet connection
 - Classroom with PCs for training***;
 - Video screens and sound system;
 - Video conferencing system ;
 - Firewall with open ports;
 - A video point-to-point call;
 - An audio point-to-point call
 - Personnel (Lecturer, Assistant Lecturer, Technical Assistants, IT)



Way forward

- review of courses planned by the training centre
- to review and agree on the project work plan for 2015
- training of Principal Lecturers, Teaching Assistants and Technical support assistants
- expand training platform to any other ocean/coast related discipline within the scope of IOC-UNESCO







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