



Marine Science in a Global

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Context and the Second

mementale International Indian Ocean

Expedition

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IOC Sub-Commission for Africa and the Adjacent Island States.

International workshop on Sustainable Use of Coastal and Marine Resources in Kenya

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The oceans are a global commons



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Oceans are an economic and cultural resource





- Value of marine activities globally is ~5% of global GDP, US\$ 2.7 trillion
- 90% of all goods shipped by sea
- Weather prediction and climate projections depend on ocean information
- More than ½ of human population lives in the coastal zone (within 100 km of coast)- by 2025 this is projected to reach 75%
- Fisheries provide 1 billion people with main source of animal protein
- **49 World Heritage sites** inscribed for their coastal or marine values
- We are still exploring the richness of oceans: 2000-2010 Census of Marine Life discovered many unknown species ³

Oceans affect us all through climate variability and change



- Oceans are the 'memory' of the climate system.
- Populations vulnerable to sea level rise are concentrated in coastal river delta cities, and Small Island Developing States
- Oceans have absorbed 50% of human emissions of CO₂, but rate of absorption is slowing
- CO₂ is making oceans more acid with consequences on marine ecosystems like coral reefs

Total GDP potential of South Africa's oceans in 2033 is R129 to R177 billion and creation of 800 000 to 1 million jobs



StatsSA, IHS Global Insight, Expert interviews, TNPA Port Development Plan 2011/2012, Transnet Corporate plan 2013/2014, NMMU estimates, AME; McCloskey; Platts, Press search

Sectorial deep dives

Establishment of IOC

- Promote international cooperation and coordinate programmes in research, services and capacity building, in order to learn more about the nature and resources of the ocean and coastal areas; and to apply that knowledge for the improvement of management, sustainable development, the protection of the marine environment, and the decision-making processes of its Member States
- Within UNESCO, IOC enjoys a special status of functional autonomy
- Focal point in UN for ocean observations, ocean science, ocean services and data exchange



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IOC within UN: climate

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Elements of IOC's Medium Term Strategy

Promoting knowledge and capacity for protecting and sustainably managing the ocean and coasts"

3 Expected Results:

- 1. Scientific understanding of ocean and coastal processes bolstered and used by Member States to improve the management of the human relationship with the ocean
- 2. Risks and impacts of ocean-related hazards reduced, climate change adaptation and mitigation measures taken, and policies for healthy ocean ecosystems developed and implemented by Member States
- 3. Member States' institutional capacities reinforced to protect and sustainably manage ocean and coastal resources



IOCAFRICA Regional Expected Results.

- Increased understanding of ocean and coastal processes around Africa, and how they impact on environment and resources
- Increased technical capacity for monitoring and early warning for coastal and oceanic natural hazards
- Improved understanding of how African Oceans and Coastal areas will be impacted by changing climates
- Enhanced preparation by member states and coastal communities to and mitigate the impacts of coastal hazards and climate change.
- Marine and oceanographic training and research institutions strengthened

Creation of critical mass of marine science professionals, to identify and address key issues relevant to Africa

Future we Want

'..... Rio+20 outcomes had 20 Articles (158-177) on Oceans and Seas'

- Protecting people and improving the health of the ocean
- Protecting, recovering and sustaining the ocean's environment and natural resources and restoring full food production and livelihood services
- Strengthening ocean knowledge and the management of the ocean



Sustainable Development Goals (post 2015)

Proposed goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

- 14.a increase scientific knowledge, develop research capacities and transfer marine technology
- 14.b provide access of small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets
- 14.c ensure the full implementation of international law, as reflected in UNCLOS for states parties to it, including, where applicable, existing regional and international regimes for the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by their parties



Proposed SDG 14 targets.

- 14.1 by 2025, prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds
- 14.2 by 2020, sustainably manage, and protect marine and coastal ecosystems to avoid significant adverse impacts
- 14.3 minimize and address the impacts of ocean acidification, including through enhanced scientific cooperation at all levels
- 14.4 by 2020, effectively regulate harvesting, and end overfishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing and destructive fishing practices
- 14.5 by 2020, conserve at least 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas
- 14.6 by 2020, prohibit certain forms of fisheries subsidies which contribute to overcapacity and overfishing, and eliminate subsidies that contribute to IUU fishing
- 14.7 by 2030 increase the economic benefits to SIDS and LDCs from the sustainable use of marine resources

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THE INTERNATIONAL INDIAN OCEAN EXPEDITION 1959-64

ROBERT G. SNIDER

As a result of a unique set of conditions, the Indian Ocean is possibly the most productive of all the oceans, biologically. Virtually nothing is known about it at the present time but it will undoubtedly become the best understood of all the major bodies of water after this multi-nation effort.

- Organized by Scientific https://www.int.org/IIOE_History.htm Committee on Oceanic Research - SCOR
- 1959 1965
- 40 research vessels from 25 countries





IIOE - Background

In the International Geophysical Year of 1957-1958, International Council of Scientific Unions (now the International Council for Science) established SCOR.

Following the 1st meeting of SCOR at Woods Hole in 1957, SCOR identified 'Indian Ocean as the greatest unknown in the global ocean' and envisioned the exploration of Indian Ocean as its first task.

Many scientists in USA got interested in the idea and started communicating through an informal news letter called 'The Indian Ocean Bubble'.

SCOR appointed Robert G. Snider as Coordinator for the IIOE in 1959, and he continued in this post until the end of 1962, when the management of the expedition was transferred to IOC.

IIOE was thus the first major programme of **IOC**



A LETTER FROM a Secret Agent: To the Editor:

It will perhaps be useful to your readers and correspondence to have a little more information about the actual organization and recommendations of the SCOR committee. I have obtained this information by devicus means. M. reover I am not sure that I know what all the files and papers secretly examined really mean. F.r example, certain papers have stamped on them in red the inscription: "Secretariat-ne pas distfluer au dehors"- which I think means "Do not go around making passes at the secretaries except after hours". It would scarcely have been proper to look further at these papers, but I did find some of a less personal variety, and I pass on the following information gleaned from them:

As you all know, the highest level of all international scientific organizations is ICSU (International Council of Scientific Unions). This outfit established a special Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR): Chairman, Revelle, vicechairman Deacon, and Secretary, Böhnecke: All countries with oceanographic interests are represented on the committee. Five working groups were formed, consisting of active research workers in particular fields:

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1/Radioactivity in the Ocean Convener Miyake

2/Carbon Dioxide in Ocean and Atmosphere . Convener

3/Measurement of Productivitity C.nvener Marshall 4/Physical properties of sea water

Convener Mosby

5/ International Indian Ocean Expeditions Convener Iselin And the proposed membership of this last working group was Deacon, Davies, Fisher, Ichiye, Laevastu, Marshall, Pannikar, Rochford, Tchernia, Thompson, Wust, and Zhukov.

These tidbits of information are from a Draft Report, Sept 26-27, 1958.

EDITORIAL COMMENT: The purpose of the Indian Ocean Bubble is very much more restricted than the purposes of the above committees, and does not, this writer hopes, trespass upon the preserves of any of them. First, it is not international, secondly, it covers only the physical oceanographic aspects of the Indian Ocean, and does not discuss their biology or geology, thirdly, its sole purpose is to serve as a vehicle for discussion, and a stimulant to thinking about the Indian Ocean. The Editor hopes that when a U.S.A. National Committee is eventually formed, that the ideas herein expressed will be of some help to those concerned in formulating final plans for the American participation in the Expeditions.

A LETTER from Dr. R. B. Montgomery

..... It seems to me desirable that the part of the program concerning the physical properties of the waters be composed of two parts:

- (1) Survey, especially to obtain observations where none now exist. Rather than a fine network, I would suggest a very small number of thoughtfully chosen sections. M. Pollak's advice is desirable on account of his experience in assembling the statistics of aproperties
- of the Indian Ocean Water. (2) Studies, of the sort H. Stommel discusses, concerning special aspects of the
- circulation. The unique feature of the Indian Ocean is the dominating seasonal change
- Current measurements at different seasons in the western boundaries are clearly desirable.

http://www.scor-int.org/IIOE_History.htm

IIOE - Background



UNESCO published 8 volumes of collected reprints of IIOE

1)Australia – 37 2) France -203)Germany -? 4)India – 24 5)Indonesia – 3 6)Japan – 20 7)Pakistan – 8 8)Portugal - 3 9)South Africa – 13 10)Thailand – 2 11)USSR - 20 12)UK – 35 13)USA - 119

IIOE (1959-1965) officially ended in 1965 – peaked during

IIOE ended in India with a Post Graduate level training programme (25 trainees) held in Mumbai (sponsored by UNESCO and CSIR) + birth of NIO on 1 January 1966. See the SCOR website – IIOE history, documents Courtesy: Satheesh Shenoi, INCOIS, India INCGIS

Early Marine Institutions in WIO region



Above: EAMFRO, Zanzibar, & below, its successor, IMS.



- East African Marine Research Organization (EAMRFO), established in 1953 in Zanzibar, with sub-station later in Mombasa
- Marine Biological Station established at Inhaca, Mozambique in 1953
- Marine Research Station established by ORSTOM at Nosy-Be, Madagascar in 1962
- Station Marine de Tulear established in 1961 in Tulear, Madagascar established by the University of Marseilles

Photos: from (1) History of IMS by I. Brysceson, & (2) D. Masalu

Planning and Coordination of IIOE

- Organized by IOC and SCOR (contribution of WMO/FAO)
- Reference Group meetings in 2013 in India and China
- IOC Governing bodies approved as special programme
- SCOR will develop research plan (with IOC & IOGOOS)
- IOC Regional Subsidiary bodies formulate their contribution to and involvement in IIOE-2 in line with research plan
- Interim Planning Committee established

Launch conference in Goa, India November 2015



IIOE-2 planning in WIO - March 2014

- IIOE-2 will provide an opportunity to enhance our understanding of the Indian Ocean and address knowledge gaps, especially in the WIO region (this includes issues such as ocean-atmosphere coupling, prediction of extreme weather, what's going on in the water column and if it affects/cause the dipole, upwelling and its relation to productivity and food production,
- Science to governance, knowledge transfer to government structure, and societal benefits of research results
- IIOE-2 will provide an excellent opportunity for public awareness and public advocacy related to ocean issues



IIOE-2 planning in WIO - March 2014

- There is need to develop a common unifying theme that will ensure that IIOE-2 leaves a bigger legacy in the region.
- IIOE-2 provides an opportunity for capacity development at all levels. Structured approach should be developed to ensure optimal use of these opportunities.
- Experts/institutions in the region need to be actively involved in the cruises and other observation systems implemented in the region, including contributing their planning.



A major research initiative in gestation under IOP + SIBER, bringing together > 30 international experts and institutions for an upwelling study to be run under the spirit of an IIOE-2.





Large scale upwelling processes in region

- Agulhas Current driven upwelling;
- Upwelling in the Mozambique Channel;
- Madagascar Ridge (MAD Ridge) (upwelling caused by seamounts);
- Southern Madagascar and the eastward chlorophyll bloom;
- Upwelling in the East African Coastal Current (EACC) and influence of major islands;
- Somalia Current system;
- Oman upwelling system;
- Chagos-Seychelles upwelling dome and
- Mascarene Plateau induced upwelling

WIO Planning and Coordination for IIOE

IOCAFRICA and WIOMSA

- Establish a sub-regional coordination mechanism to: Compiling information on on-going and planned cruises
- Facilitate planning and implementation of joint IIOE-2 activities in the WIO
- Mobilize resources
- Facilitating participation of regional scientists in the planned cruises
- Raise awareness about IIOE-2 in the region



Thank you! Asante Sana!

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