7.6 IODE and its Project Office





United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'éducation, la science et la culture

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING the UNESCO/IOC Project Office for IODE

Between

The United Nations Educational, Scientific The Government of Flanders through and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) through its Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission hereinafter called UNESCO/IOC

the Offices of which are situated in Oostende, Belgium

the Headquarters of which are situated in Paris, France

of the second part

the Flanders Marine Institute

hereinafter called VLIZ,

Hereinafter called "The Parties",

Bearing in mind that UNESCO/IOC is a body with functional programme autonomy within the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), whose statutes were adopted by the 30th Session of the UNESCO General Conference in November 1999.

Recalling that the purpose of the UNESCO/IOC is "to promote international cooperation and to 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 process of its Member States."

Noting that the Government of Flanders through VLIZ, which acts as a coordinating and information platform for marine research in Flanders and hosts the Flanders Marine Data and Information Centre, has offered to host the UNESCO/IOC Project Office for IODE at the Twenty-second session of the UNESCO/IOC Assembly (UNESCO/IOC Resolution XXII-7, Paragraph 161 of

Noting further that the Government of Flanders, through its letter of 20 November 2021 (RefL EB-U-21 D 2832, received 19 November 2021) has offered to continue hosting the UNESCO/IOC Project Office for IODE and provided information on the mechanism through which the budgeting of the financial means for the cost of hosting and supporting the project office are to be dealt with, in line with the covenant between the Government of

- 5/12/2022: New MoU signed between UNESCO/IOC and VLIZ
- 1/1/2022-31/12/2026 (5 years)
- Continued hosting of the IOC Project Office for IODE at **INNOVOCEAN** site Oostende (co-located with VLIZ, ILVO, EMB, EMODnet)
- 3 seconded staff continues
- We lose the 200K€/year cash contribution





7.6.1 Revision of the IOC data policy

- December 2021 December 2022: 6 steps completed
- IOC Data Policy and Terms of Use (2023) to be submitted to IODE-XXVII for approval (step 7), then submitted to IOC Assembly, June 2023 (step 8)
- The Policy:
 - SECTION 1. PREAMBLE
 - SECTION 2. PURPOSE
 - SECTION 3. FAIR & CARE PRINCIPLES
 - SECTION 4. CONDITIONS OF USE
 - SECTION 5. DATA REPOSITORIES AND THE IOC OCEAN DATA AND INFORMATION SYSTEM (ODIS)
 - SECTION 6: SECURE LONG-TERM DATA ARCHIVES
 - SECTION 7. ACCESS RESTRICTIONS
 - SECTION 8. DATA SHARING POLICIES OF MEMBER STATES
 - SECTION 9. DATA AND METADATA SHARING GUIDELINES
 - SECTION 10. DEFINITIONS



IODE new directions 2023-...



- IODE-XXVII and 2nd IODC during week 20-24 March 2023 at UNESCO HQ Paris (175 participants expected) (cost \$54,000)
- Mainstreaming D&IM guidance materials (also relevant to Decade)
- Accelerated roll-out of ODIS through IODE & Ocean InfoHub (geographic expansion planned) almost 60 partners of which 18 are connected to ODIS backbone [project ends 1/6/2024]
- Continuation of OBIS with growing cooperation with other UNESCO programmes (eDNA,...)
- Close cooperation with Ocean Science (HAB, GO2DAT, SDG14,...), GOOS (OBPS), GOOS (OBPS, BioEcoportal)
- Increased participation in EU programmes and projects (Blue Cloud)
- Increasing use of OTGA by member states as well as other organizations [project ends 1/6/2024]
- Establishment of DCO for ocean data sharing (which will work closely with DCO for observations)
- Major resource concerns as from 2023 (-79% operational budget, non EXB): available RP 2023: \$75K
- Need to refocus: now 20 projects (approx. 15 RP, others Exb)?