# DRAGON in support of harmonizing European and Chinese marine monitoring for Environment and Security System

### DRAGONESS



### **BILATERAL EU-P.R. OF CHINA PROJECT 2007-2010**

**1st Annual Meeting - 17-19 September 2008** 

Nansen Environmental and Remote Sensing Center Bergen, NORWAY



- 1. Welcome
- 2. Approval of draft agenda
- 3. Brief 1<sup>st</sup> year Project Overview
- 4. Management Reporting Status
- 5. Cost Reporting Status
- 6. Presentation of Activity Reports by WP numbers
  - **WP1-** Review of In situ observing system
  - **WP2-** *Review and utilization of spaceborne system*
  - ✤ WP3- Level of data integration
  - **WP4-** Information production and servives
  - ✤ WP5- Capacity building
  - \* WP6- Workshop, Summer school and Symposium
- 7. Review of Action Items
- 8. Other Contract Formalities
- 9. Any other business
- 10. Date/place of next Progress meeting and 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual meeting
- 11. Adjourn

#### Welcome to

Nansen Environmental and Remote Sensing Center (NERSC) Bergen, Norway

> a non-profit scientific foundation, established in 1986 & affiliated with the University of Bergen

# NERSC Vision

Understand, monitor and forecast the state and changes of local, regional and global environment and climate, and their impact on society

#### The Nansen Center Organisation Structure - 01.09 2008



# Staff

Total 64 including 32 scientists and 14 PhI

# **Research Areas**

- Climate understanding, variability and changes
- Developing and utilizing satellite methods for climate, environmental marine and sea ice studies
- Marine forecasting and operational oceanography
- Socio-economic impacts of global change



# DAY 1 - Wednesday 17 September

### • Welcome (1000-1030)

- NERSC Introduction (J.A. Johannessen)
- NERSC International Profile (L. Pettersson)

## • 1<sup>st</sup> year Project Overview (1030-1230)

- Status (J.A. Johannessen)
- Issues for clarifications (all partners)

### • Lunch at 1230



### DAY 1 - Wednesday 17 September

### • Management Reporting (1315-1430)

- Status (J.A. Johannessen)
- Issues for clarifications (all partners)

## • Cost reporting: Planned versus Actual (1430-1600)

- Status (J.A. Johannessen)
- Issues for clarifications (all partners)
- Coffee and tea will be served



#### DAY 1 - Wednesday 17 September

- Action review and identifications (1630-1720)
  - Status (J.A. Johannessen)
  - Issues for clarifications (all partners)
- High latitude climate change: The cryopshere in transformation
  - NERSC director O.M. Johannessen
- Film "Svalbard-Arctic Four Seasons" in the NERSC Cinema
- Sea Food Buffet at NERSC 1830
- Adjourn at 2030



# DAY 2 - Thursday 18 September

## • Review Activity Reports (0900-1500)

- **\*** WP1- Review of In situ observing system
- **\*** WP2- Review and utilization of spaceborne system
- \* WP3- Level of data integration
- **\*** WP4- Information production and servives
- **\*** WP5- Capacity building
- **\*** WP6- Workshop, Summer school and Symposium
- Coffee and tea will be served
- Lunch at 1230
- Review of Action Items
- Other Contract Formalities
- Any other business
- Date and place of next meeting
- Dinner at Hotel Augustin at 1900



## DAY 3 - FRIDAY 19 September

- Working Group meetings (0900 1300)
- Lunch at 1300-1330

# 1<sup>st</sup> year Project Overview

The primary objective of the DRAGONESS SSA project is to make an inventory of Chinese and European capacities of marine monitoring for environment and security including Earth observation data.



### APPROACH

The inventory will be established and harmonized in the frame of the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) and the Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES) diamond. This is also consistent with GOOS.





Partner role	Partner No.	Participant organisation namePartnerCountryshortnameI				Date Exit project
СО	1	Nansen Environmental and Remote Sensing Center	NERSC	Norway	1	36
CR	2	GKSS Furchungszentrum	GKSS	Germany	1	36
CR	3	Ocean Remote Sensing Consulting	ORS	Germany	1	36
CR	4	Institut Francais De Recherche Pour L'exploitation De La Mer	Ifremer	France	1	36
CR	5	Collecte Localisation Satellites	CLS	France	1	36
CR	6	The Nansen-Zhu International Research Center	NZC	P.R.China	1	36
CR	7	Ocean Remote Sensing Institute, Ocean University of China	ORSI- OUC	P.R.China	1	36
CR	8	Institute of Atmospheric Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences	IAP	P.R.China	1	36
CR	9	National Satellite Ocean Application Service	NSOAS	P.R.China	1	36
CR	10	Beijing Normal University	BNU	P.R.China	1	36
CR	11	Ministry of Science and Technology	MOST	P.R.China	1	36
CR	12	National Marine Environmental Forecasting Center	NMEFC	P.R.China	1	36
CR	13	Second Institute of Oceanography, State Oceanic Administration	SIO- SOA	P.R.China	1	36

### Attendants at 1st Annual Meeting

In stit u te	Name	A rrival D ate	Depart ure Date		
ORSI	Mingxi a He Zhishen Liu Chao fang Zhao Lei Guan	15 /09/2008	21 /09/2008		
	Chuanmin Hu	15 /09/2008	20/09/2008		
	GeC hen	15 /09/2008	20 /09/2008		
NME FC	Liyi ng Wa n Yun Li	16/09/2008	20/09/2008		
SIO Š SO A	Yan Bai Fang Gong	15/09/2008	20/09/2008		
IAP£" NZC	Yo ng qi Gao	A ugus t, 2008	Oc to ber , 2008		
NRSCC MOST	Liqing Shao	15 /09/2008	21 /09/2008		
B NU	K ep ing D u	15 /09/2008	21 /09/2008		
NSO A S					
ORS -C	W. Al pers	16/09/2008	21/09/08		
G K SS	???	???	???		
IFRE MER	JF. Piolle B. Chapro n	16/09/2009	19/09/2008		
CLS	H. Et ienn e	16/09/2008	19/09/2008		
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(i) Kick-off meeting in Beijing MEETINGS from 11-12 October 2007. Meeting report published in EOS, 13 May 2008.

(ii) Brief Progress meeting jointly with DRAGON symposium in Beijing on 24 April 2008.

(iii) DRAGON-2 program approved. Will run from 2008-2012. Ensure continuous interaction.

Ocean Monitoring Collaborations Between Europe and China DRAGONESS Project Kickoff Meeting; Beijing, China, 11–12 October 2007

A coordinated, concerted action between Europe and China in ocean monitoring kicked off with its first meeting, held in Beijing. The project, named DRAGONESS (DRAGON in support of harmonizing European and

Space Agency (ESA) and China's Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) DRAGON col-Chinese marine monitoring for Environment laboration, with a focus on Earth observations and Security System), is funded by the Eurofrom satellites. DRAGON will run until 2012. pean Union's (EU) Framework Programme for 3 years. Researchers from the two contipean research institutes and eight Chinese nents will establish an inventory of Chinese and European capacities in marine monitoring for environment and security in the framework of challenges identified within international programs such as Global Ocean Observing System, Global Earth Observing System of Systems, and Global Monitoring for Environment and Security. In particular, the DRAGONESS aims to (1) assess existing Chinese and European information products and services arising from integrated use of remote-sensing, in situ observations, models, and data assimilation methods; (2) identify monitoring gaps and barriers (e.g., restrictive data availability); and (3) stimulate exchange

and initiation of a new European-Chinese partnership in Earth observation science

and technology in support of global environmental monitoring.

The DRAGONESS project is both benefiting from and complementing the joint European

More than 30 participants from five Euro-

which was hosted by MOST and the Ocean

was provided by the director of the National

Remote Sensing Center of China, Guocheng

Zhang. A detailed revision and discussion

of the project background, objectives, tasks,

and milestones followed (see http://dragoness

University of China. An official welcome

institutes attended the kickoff meeting,

and services, and capacity building) are The project is now evolving around these work packages, with the first progress report delivered in April 2008. This will be followed by the first annual meeting, to be held in Bergen, Norway, in the autumn of 2008. The second and third annual meetings and a final symposium will be coordinated with the DRAGON program to secure a wider pro-

motion of the DRAGONESS achievements.

gram coordinator, Johnny Johannessen

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therefore highly relevant.

Eos,Transactions, American Geophysical Union, Vol. 89, No. 20, 13 May 2008, Page 188 of mesoscale and submesoscale processes and physical and biogeochemical interaction. Monitoring the marine environment is also crucial to tracking pollution, forecasting and tracking extreme events, understanding climate change, and aiding operational oceanography. Because of the myriad of important applications, sustainable monitoring of the ocean is necessary speakers stressed. In this context, the five work packages in the project (review of in situ observing systems, review of spaceborne observing systems, specification of data integration and information management, specification of ocean and coastal information products

> @orsi.ouc.edu.cn). -JOHNNY A. JOHANNESSEN, Nansen Environmental and Remote Sensing Center, Bergen, and Geophysical Institute, University of Bergen, Norway; and MING-XIA HE and CHUANMIN HU, Ocean Remote Sensing Institute, Ocean University of China, Qingdao

In particular, meeting participants agreed that monitoring the marine environment is urgently needed to advance understanding

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The inventory shall highlight strengths and weaknesses, identify gaps and inconsistencies, and provide recommendations for a strategy to develop harmonized monitoring elements which meet the requirements of international standards and monitoring programs (i.e. GEOSS) in the context of environmental monitoring.

DRAGONESS will also stimulate exchange and initiation of new partnership in Earth Observation science and technology in support to global environmental monitoring by bringing together scientists from Europe and China.

### DRAGONESS relevant in view of the Societal Benefit Areas identified by GEO Reducing loss of life and property from natural and human-induced *disasters:* forecasting of ocean currents, waves and sea-ice, provide upper-ocean heat content as coastal management, support to search an prediction, operations at sea. Understanding environmental factors affecting human health and well-being: coastal water quality monitoring, pollution detection monitoring, harmful algal blooms, responsible 🔝 strategies. *Improving management of energy resources*: support to offshore operations and maritime

transport.

 Understanding, assessing, predicting, mitigating, and adapting to climate variability and change: the role of the ocean for clim development of ocean climate indicators.

#### DRAGONESS relevant in view of the Societal Benefit Areas identified by GEO

 Improving water resource management through better understanding of the water cycle: role of the ocean in global water cycle, evap precipitation.

- Improving weather information, forecasting and warning: extended weather forecasts need timely high quality ocean information.
- Improve management and protection of <u>coastal & marine ecosystems</u> Development of ecosystem models in the coastal domains is an active area of research; their implementation and validation is ongoing.
- Understanding, monitoring and conserving biodiversity: operational oceanography services give the understanding of the oceanic factors at the basis for ecosystem based fishery manager
- Supporting sustainable agriculture (including fishery) and combating desertification: the physical and biogeochemical coupling and on ecosystem development of importance for

fishery.





### Management and Cost Reporting

- Status (J.A. Johannessen)
- Issues for clarifications (all partners)

Examples will be shown:

- DRAGONESS management report with cost overview
- Summary of Financial Report (EPSS form)
- Form C Financial Statement
- Audit Certificate

#### **Initial Global Ocean Observing System for Climate**

Status against the GCOS Implementation Plan and JCOMM targets



GCOS 🤪





 A total of 5635 platforms are maintained globally.



part of the integrated global observation strategy



The pre-GODAE in-situ ocean observing system was clearly inadequate for the <u>global</u> scope of GODAE => Argo : a joint GODAE/CLIVAR pilot project.



Outstanding progress thanks to international cooperation.

A global array (3000 floats) is now in place

An efficient data management system is in place.

Main issue is long term sustainability

http://argo.jcommops.org

### **MERSEA End-to-End Assessment**

- Project structure and workplan
- Assessment approach
- Assessment status and results
- What ´s next



# **Objectives**

- Develop a single European system for global operational monitoring and forecasting of the ocean together with a network of regional systems targeting European waters and the Arctic.
- Merge and assimilate diverse data from space-borne sensors and in situ measurement networks in order to monitor the ocean physics, biogeochemistry and ecosystems and to provide forecasts on prediction time scales ranging from days to months.
- Contribute to the ocean component of the future GMES MCS system and in particular information production and services to intermediate users and with relevance for policy makers.

# Project structure and workplan



# E2E Assessment approach

- Does the system comply with the workplan?
  - Scientific assessment and validation
  - System assessment (measured in part by the Key Performance Indices = KPI)
- Progress since MERSEA Strand-1?
- Is MERSEA fit for purpose?
  - Operational requirements
  - GMES MCS Implementation Report
  - EEA: indicator reporting; are they adequate ?
  - Application demonstration: oil spills, offshore industry, seasonal forecasting, ecosystems, waves, …
  - Users contact, user requirements, user feedback,





#### MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND SECURITY FOR THE EUROPEAN AREA

Ocean and Marine Applications for GMES



Access to Products

Observing systems

Core Services

Downstream Services

**Research & development** 

Home

Observing Systems > Remote Sensing

#### **MERSEA OCEAN REMOTE SENSING PORTAL**

Ocean observation from space provide long-term, high resolution and global coverage of major sea surface parameters, that are key input for forecasting systems. Satellite data are essential to constrain ocean models and are used for assimilation, forcing and validation.

Mersea Remote Sensing component provide standardized and interoperable satellite datasets for operational applications.



Altimetry

Sea Surface Temperature

Ocean Colour

Sea Ice

R/S TACs are based on existing European processing facilities: CNES/CLS SSALTO/ DUACS for altimetry, Eumetsat SAF for sea ice, SAF, GHRSST and Medspiration for SST, Ocean colour to be built from MERSEA, Marcoast and Globcolour.

R/S TAC has contributed to data harmonization and integration, established interface with modelling and assimilation centers, provided inputs to the GMES MCS Implementation Group (Space Working Group)

Welcome

#### Data centers

- Altimetry
- Sea Surface Temperature

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- Ocean Colour
- Sealce

**Project Activities** 



Final Meeting, Paris, 28-30 April 2008

### In-situ data integration and transmission to models \* by 3



# Efficiency of system design

- An Integrated System, not centralized, with complementary European national institutional & academic centre components has been established
- System functions and services have been implemented





demonstration targeted operation during TOP1 and TOP2

# Scientific assessment

- Systematic validation of data products (biases, rms errors)
- Dedicated validations of ocean forecasting systems
- Enhancement, and extension at the global scale of the metrics and "rules for scientific validation"
- Validation tools implemented, tested and improved by all forecasting centers during TOP1 and TOP2
- Like metrics, ocean indices/indicators also designed and tested
- The scientific assessment tool designed in MERSEA has been endorsed by international ocean forecasting centers (e.g. GODAE)
- Less effort on model model comparison, which was proved effective in MERSEA Strand-1
- Forecast skills are progressing but difficult to assess

# From MERSEA IP to MyOcean

- At the end of the project MERSEA Integrated System components are operated routinely
- MERSEA Integrated system production offers a first base for the Marine Core Service to be implemented in MyOcean with kick-off in January 2009 for a 3 year duration.





### Marine Core Services for GMES: Structure of Products, Services and Delivery system



## User Involvement

#### The users their regulirements their assessment

#### Area 1 « MARINE SAFETY »

(marine operations, oil spill combat, ship routing, defense, search & rescue, ...)

#### Area 3 « MARINE AND COASTAL ENVIRONMENT »

(water quality, pollution, coastal activities, ...)

Area 2 **« MARINE RESSOURCES »** (fish stock management, ICES, FAO, ...) Area 4 « CLIMATE & SEASONAL FORECASTING »

(climate monitoring, ice, seasonal forecasting, ..)

# The products and services portfolio

SERVICE DESC	<b>R I P TION</b>	P RODUCT DESCRI P TION					
Area of Bene fits	Use rs	MFC Product Package	TAC Pr oduct P ac k age	Cove rage	Pr ovide r		
Ar ea 1: M ar ine Safet y (mar ine operations, oil spill combat, ship routing, weather for ecasting defense, search & rescue, É)	EMS A N ationa 1 Oc ean ographic Agencies N at. We ather Prediction Centre N ationa 1 M arine Safety Agencies M aritime Tran sport Industry	- ba seline and stand ard ocean state products - daily / hourly fields	- SST - se a i ce/ wind - in sit u - se a le vel - da il y fiel d s	European Basins	A II MF C s Se a le v el, SST, SI, IS T A Cs		
Ar ea 2: M ar ine Res ources (fish stock man agement)	ICES, F AO, EE A, Nat. Marine Res. Inst., Nat. Directora te of Fishery	<ul> <li>baseline and stand ard ocean state</li> <li>products</li> <li>daily fields</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>oc e an co lor se a i c e/ w ind</li> <li>in sit u</li> <li>da il y fiel d s</li> </ul>	European Basins	A ll MF C s SST, OC , , Se a ic e/ w ind , IS T A Cs		
Ar ea 3: M ar ine and C oa st al En vironment (wa ter qua lity, pollution, coa st al activities, É)	N ational Coastal M on itor ing Agencies EE A, EMS A O SP A R, H E L C O M, UNEP/M A P	<ul> <li>ba seli n e and stand ard oc ean state products</li> <li>bo unda ry and initial oc ean state conditions</li> <li>re-analysis</li> <li>da ily / ho urly fields</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>oc ean co lor</li> <li>in sit u</li> <li>se a ice/ wind</li> <li>se a le vel</li> <li>SST</li> <li>reprocessing</li> <li>da ily fiel ds</li> </ul>	GlobalOcean European Basins	A II MF C s A II T A Cs		
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# **12 PRODUCTION UNITS**



 5 TAC : Thematic Assembly Centers

"Observations"

- 1 global and 6 regional MFC: Monitoring and Forecasting Centers
  - "Model / Assimilation"

Each Production



### **Planning and timetable**

Year	2007	2008			2009				2010			
Quarter	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
WP0 Management												
T0.1:												
T0.2:												
T0.3:												
T0.4:												
WP1 Review and utilization o	of in-sit	u obse	erving	syste	ms							
T1.1												
T1.2												
T1.3												
WP2 Review and utilization o	f space	eborne	e syste	ems								
T2.1												
T2.2												
T2.3												
T2.4												
WP3 Review of level of data i	ntegra	<u>tion a</u>	nd info	rmati	on ma	anage	ment					
T3.1												
T3.2												
T3.3												
WP4 Review of ocean and co	astal i	nforma	ation p	roduc	<u>ts an</u>	d serv	vices					1
T4.1:												
T4.2:												
T4.3:												
T4.4:												
WP5 Capacity building in view of gaps and eventual European capabilities												
T5.1:												
T5.2:												
WP6 Workshop, Symposium and Summer School												
T6.1:												
T6.2:												
T6.3:												

### Work Package List, Person-months and Deliverables

WP No.	WP TITLE	Lead contractor	Person months	Start month	End month	Deliverable number
0	Management and Coordination	NERSC	2,5	1	36	D0.1
	8					D0.2
		ORSI	3			D0.3
1	Review and utilization of in-situ	ORSI/	18,9	1	34	D1.1
	observing system	NERSC				D1.2
						D1.3
2	Review and utilization of spaceborne	ORS/	18,6	1	34	D2.1
	observing system	ORSI				D2.2
						D2.3
3	Review of level of data integration and	ORSI/	24,7	1	34	D3.1
	information management	IFREMER				D3.2
						D3.3
4	Review of ocean and coastal	NMEFC/	32,1	1	34	D4.1
	information products and services	CLS				D4.2
			22.0		26	D4.3
5	Capacity building in view of gaps and	MOST /	22,8	6	36	D5.1
	eventual European capabilities	GKSS				D5.2
			10 (		26	D5.3
6	Workshop, Summer school and	NERSC /	12,6	6	36	D6.1
	Symposium	NZC/				D6.2
		ORSI	105.0			D6.3
	Total (person months)		135.2			

#### **Deliverables list**

D eli ve rabl e num be r	D eli ve rable Tit le	D eli ve r y m onth (#)	N a tu re RE : R ep or t	Diss emin ation level PU: Public
D0.1 D0.2 D0.3	Fir st An nua l re port Se cond Annua l re port Final DRAGON ESS report	1 2 2 4 36	R E R E R E	P U P U PU
D1. 1 D1. 2 D1.3	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and final report on existing in situ observing systems, methods and protocols with recommendations to fill possible gaps and harmonize measurem ent protocols.	1 2 2 4 34	R E R E R E	P U P U PU
D2. 1 D2. 2 D2.3	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and final report on existing spaceborne systems, their performance, algorithms and data processing procedures with recomme ndations for harmonizing data products.	1 2 2 4 34	R E R E R E	P U P U PU
D3. 1 D3. 2 D3.3	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> report on a vailable data+ information systems including the identification of gaps and a strategy to develop integrated systems. Report on methods for use of data in models	1 2 2 4 34	R E R E R E	P U P U PU
D4. 1 D4. 2 D4.3	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> report on current oce an/co astal in for mation services in P.R. China. Report on the service structure for Chines e monitoring for coastal environment and security.	1 2 3 0 34	R E R E R E	P U PU PU
D5. 1 D5. 2 D5.3	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and final report on existing gaps and a strategy and recommendations to build up the capa city by training and e ducation	1 2 2 4 34	R E R E R E	P U P U PU
D6. 1 D6. 2 D6.3	W or k shop report Summer scho ol /C D - ROM for lecture material Final symposium report	1 2 2 4 34	R E R E R E	P U P U PU