



EMOD-PACE

European Marine Observation and Data Network Partnership for China and Europe

CEMDnet

China-European Union Marine Data Network Partnership

中国-欧盟海洋数据网络伙伴关系 - 中国-欧盟海洋数据网络伙伴关系

Strengthening International Ocean Data through the European Union's Ocean Diplomacy with China

Marine Knowledge Expert Group (Closed Session) 28th April 2022

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Agenda

- Explanation of the EMOD-PACE and CEMDnet Partnership evolution
- Update of the project activities
- Specific issues and points of attentions, recommendations to strengthen the outputs and outcome/impacts
- Workplan for the next Months
- Implications of no-cost extensions end December 2022
- Upcoming meetings and activities
- Legacy and vision





EMODPACE-CEMDNET Objectives

Facilitate European and Chinese engineers and scientists to build up a picture of the marine environment using data from both sources.

Promote international ocean governance and support the implementation of global commitments by **making ocean marine data and data products more easily accessible and by providing better data and data products**.

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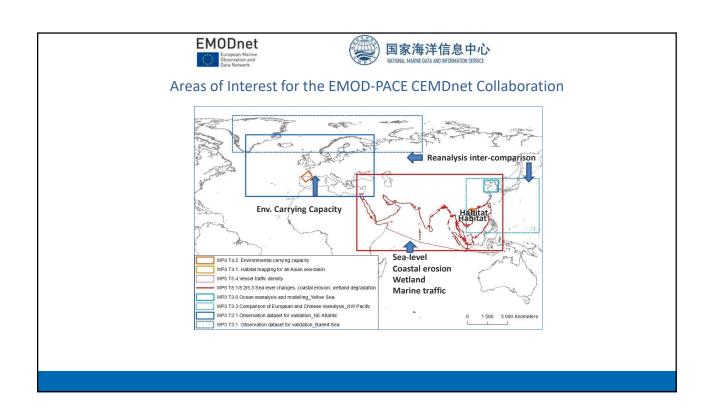


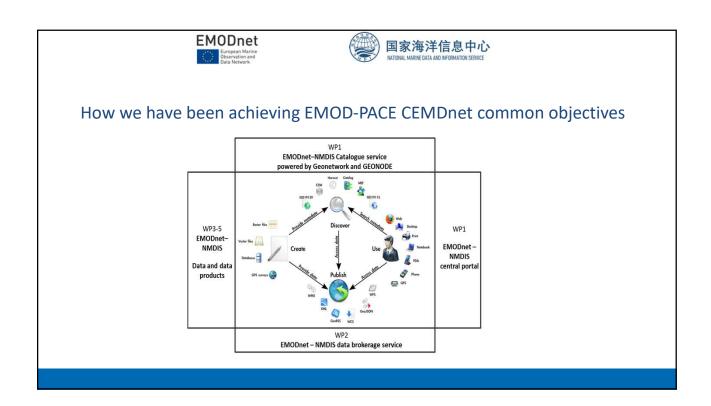




EMOD-PACE Work Packages

- Work Package 0 Project Coordination, Management and Communication
- Work Package 1 EU-China Web Portal, creation of interoperable information system linking EMODnet & NMDIS
- Work Package 2 Establishing data interoperability between EMODnet and NMDIS
- Work Package 3 Comparison of European and Chinese models for regional sea reanalysis
- Work Package 4 Comparison of European and Chinese models for seabed habitat and ecosystem vulnerability
- Work Package 5 Coastal Adaptation
 - Relative sea level changes & Absolute sea level changes
 - Coastal erosion
 - · Wetland degradation
 - Vessel traffic density









WPO - Coordination

- PMB meetings: 5 (15 Jan 2021, 19 Mar 2021, 28 May 2021, 27 Oct 2021, 9 Dec 2021 and upcoming in March 10th 2022)
- Regular coordination meeting with NMDIS-CEMDNet Coordination Office
- ODIN-WESTPAC & IODE meeting : 28 Oct 2021 → Extend partnership to wider region
 - Benefits to join partnership rationale
 - Side-event related to extending partnership
- Plenary meeting & possible side event linked to extending Partnership (May 2022)
- No cost extension (December 2022) Opportunities to meet and share achievements in China and Europe
 - · Time for all beyond contract outputs to fully materialise: Joint Activities / Common Work Plans
 - Extended period for increased communication dissemination & lasting impact
 - Connect with other opportunities/events
- **Issues resolution**: language and communication, open data sharing, data sharing workarounds, Common Work Plans and Joint Activities dissemination & outreach



Source: http://odinwestpac.nmdis.org.cn/pages/newsDetail.html





*Deliverables received and submitted by PCO are in GREEN BOLD

* Dissemination Level (1. Public via project website; 2. Public and actively promoted; 3. Internal and shared to Partnership Internal and shared to Partnership)

Deliverable	Deliverable description	Due date (Month/M)	Dissemination Leve
D0.1	Inception meeting minutes: Short minutes and actions from the inception meeting	M2	3
D0.2	Interim report 1: project status after 1 year	M12	3 to 1?
D0.3	Interim report 2: project status after 2 years	M24	3 to 1?
D0.4	Draft Final report	M29	3
D0.5	Final report	M30	1 to 2?
D0.6a/0.6b/0.6c	Minutes of inception, mid-term, final meeting	M2, M11, M30	3
D0.7a/0.7b/0.7c	Minutes of Steering Committee meetings (3 meetings foreseen, provisional timings included, for Steering Committee validation)	M1, M12, M24	3
D0.8	Report on the Performance Monitoring System Methodology and Approach	M2	3
D0.9a-i	Three-monthly performance monitoring summary reports using performance indicators	M6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30	3
D0.10	Short (6 pages maximum) communication and dissemination plan	M3	3
D0.11	Leaflet (bilingual in English and Chinese) on project communicating key objectives, partnership	M14	2
D1.0	Minutes from the WP1 and WP2 meeting for European and Chinese counterparts held in M19	M20	3
D3.1	Short report on choice of sea-basins and models made, including a list of data made available	M12	1
D3.2	Draft report on comparison between reanalyses (i.e. draft report on inter EU-China coastal model product inter comparison and analysis and EU-China reanalysis product inter-comparison and analysis	M24	1 to 3
D3.3	Final report on comparison between reanalyses (i.e. final report on inter-comparison EU-China coastal model product)	M30	1 to 3
D4.1	Short summary report summarizing choice of test areas, identification of data requirements and list of required data and data already gathered	M12	3 to 1?
D4.2	Draft report describing the mapping method and the suitability of EUNIS approach to China, showing a single sea basin as an example	M24	1 to 3?
D4.3	Draft report on the suitability of ECC approach to Europe, showing the Bay of Biscay as an example and eventually another European basin	M24	1 to 3
D4.4	Final report describing the mapping method and the suitability of EUNIS approach to China, showing a single sea basin as an example	M30	1 to 2
D4.5	Final report on the suitability of Ecological Carrying Capacity (ECC) approach to Europe, showing the Bay of Biscay as an example and eventually another European basin	M30	1 to 2
D5.1	Online discussion paper on the translation of mapped coastal behaviour into mapped coastal resilience, an applied data product with clear added value because it can be used in decision making	M30	1 to 2?





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Joint Internal deliverable (Deadline. Activities activity tentative) 31 Oct. 2020, report (can be combined JA3 1.1 Data review: Availability of observations for validation of regional sea reanalysis with JA3 8) JA3 1.2 Review of reanalysis evaluation in regional seas Review of data assimilation method JA3 1.3 -EMOD-PACE_WP3_JA3_1_3_data assimilation review.pdf 31 Oct. 2020, report **Review of Coast Ocean models** JA3 1.4 31 Oct. 2020, report -EMOD-PACE_WP3_JA3_1_4_coastal ocean model review.pdf WP3.1 Common observation dataset for model validation JA3 8 31 Dec. 2020, dataset & report -EMOD-PACE_WP3_IA_3_8_data review_validation_dataset.pdf
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Joint Activities

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JA5.2	Review of existing knowledge for relative and absolute sea level rise in the AoI	30th April 2021
JA5.3	Consolidated list of tide gauge stations and application of trend extraction with alternative methods -WP5_CWP_JA5.3_Consolidated list of tide gauge stations and application of trend extraction with alternative methods_v1-1.pdf -Copy of EMODPACE_RLR_1993_2019.xlsx -Copy of EMODPACE_TGDB.xlsx	30th January 2021
JA5.4	Consolidated list of model/reanalysis/projection data sets -JA5.4.ListOfReanalysis.docx	30th November 2020
JA5.6	Decision of the AoI on the basis of regions with different coastal types, in combination with data availability/literature -JA5.6.AreasOfInterest_20201102.docx -JA5.6.zip	30th November 2020
JA5.8	Generation of mapping products and indicators derived from Earth Observation data in order to analyse the coastal erosion and wetland degradation trends in the AoIs	30th April 2021
JA5.9	Grid of the Area of Interest for the vessel density maps -WP5.4_Vessel_density_Map_Aol_Grid_Notes_20201104.docx -EMOD_PACE_WP5_GRID_20201026.7z	30th October 2020
JA5.10	Vessel density maps	29th October 2021
JA5.11 (Deliverable 5.1 from proposal)	Online discussion paper on the translation of mapped coastal behaviour into mapped coastal resilience	31th July 2022





WP1 – Information System

Provide visibility to the project results and access to data and products

- Task 1.1. Development of a bilingual web-portal giving access to project information
 - Milestone 1-2.1. Publication of bilingual web portal with project information (M6); Done (with the assistance of NMDIS)
 - · Milestone 1-2.2. Web-site operational, including bilingual map viewer (M12); In place; map viewer updates ongoing
 - M1-2.5. English user-helpdesk operational (M6); Done
- Task 1.2. Modify the EMODnet central portal to allow users to discover and download data and data products
 - 3 (+ 4 beta) European data/products available
 - EMODPACE experts providing active support to NMDIS to making available OGC layers & Data services
- Task 1.3. Expanding remit to other Asian data centers; In progress
- Task 1.4. User feedback collection and helpdesk in English Done
- **Task 1.5**. Services to detect and remove data duplicates
- Task 1.6. A system to monitor the volume and purpose of data and product usage





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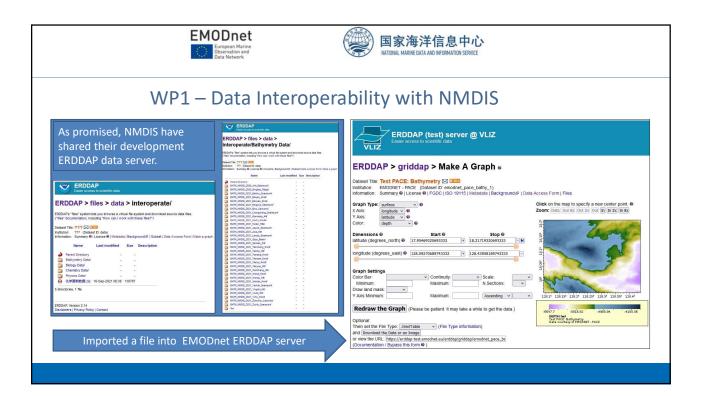
Points of attention and observations

- Major updates to EMODnet with implications for EMODPACE website/portal
 - New website on new domain : https://emodnet.ec.europa.eu
 - New design and layout & more stringent guidelines
- Continuous updates of map viewer and web content
 - New (condensed) "About" page : https://emodnet.ec.europa.eu/en/emod-pace/about
 - Map-viewer continuously updated in alignment with the 'centralisation', including download options (easy download of data/products)
 - WP5 data is hosted on an ERRDAP server they run. Map viewer displays a WMS layer based on that data. Plan to continue this workflow.
 - EMOD-PACE map viewer survey launched : https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/EMOD-PACE MapViewer-Survey
 - Document/agreement on one single Metadata catalogue
 - NMDIS = Open data policy but not data shared, tech transfer



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WP1 – Support to NMDIS

- NMDIS preparing all the products of 4 disciplines (WP2) + list for WP1
 Once the NMDIS OGC server is set up, the products can be shared. Status: NMDIS will update EMOD-PACE
 on this development when it is in place.
- Guidance from WP1 (metadata and OGC services) on "absolute minimum" standard WMS (9 metadata fields in Geoserver). Better: minimum fields required for proper Geonetwork metadata catalogue (CSW) in preparation for eventual sharing with EMOD-PACE and provide an example of an EMODnet product to their reference – status: DONE
- WP1 to send sent email to NMDIS to fix ERDDAP XML config syntax status: DONE
- WP1 to work with NMDIS to help them setup GEONODE status: ongoing, Geonode technically running
- WP1, the Central Portal Technical team and Bilbomatica (3rd party contractors) are working together to define schedule of development work for Bilbomatica. Status: This work will possibly deliver M1-2.7 "The deployment of the Geoserver monitoring plugin"





WP1 - Task 1.3 Expanding remit (UN Ocean Decade Satellite Activity)

https://emodnet.ec.europa.eu/en/ocean-decade-satellite-activity-expanding-data-interoperability-between-europe-and-asia

Extend the web portal to allow users to discover and view data held by Asian data centres, not yet included in our catalague, with common formats

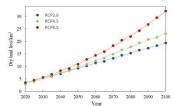
- Optimize the full potential of the MoU, by using it to broaden the collaboration in the Asia Region.
- Combine data from different/broader regions with already existing/open data from NMDIS/EMODnet might give new scientific insights
- Data, products & metadata stay in original datacentre (not copied over). Using OGC web services to display products. Geonetwork for displaying unified metadata catalogue
- Exchange of technical knowledge, i.e. OGC & INSPIRE standards

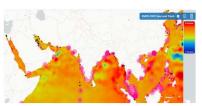




Benefits for others to join

- Contribute to the shared high level of objectives of the project to
 - improve our knowledge of the behavior of the sea
 - promote international ocean governance for our global commitments
 - reduce uncertainty-driven risk and improve productivity
- Be a part of a concrete wider cross-regional project with hands-on collaborations at the technical and scientific level to improve access and sharing of marine data, processing of marine data, assessing modeling approaches and generation of data products useful for a wide range of regional and global users;
- Learn from and share expertise/experiences with colleagues from Europe, China and other Asian countries, benefiting from lessons learned amongst others











WP2 – Data interoperability

Milestone MS 1-2.3 - Web-site operational - including **downloadable data** from both NMDIS and EMODnet M24

First step: Harvesting Chinese data via ERDAPP servers done

- Making available via the EMODPACE portal
- · Testing interoperability



Second step: deploying EMODPACE data broker in progress

- Self-standing portal with interfaces for data and data products discovery and access for EMODnet and NMDIS.
- Configuration of alternative solution via a dedicated brokerage service (including NMDIS data in the CP data services)





WP2 – Data interoperability

- WP1 and WP2 meeting for European and Chinese counterparts held in M19
 - Participants : European (24 persons) and Chinese NMDIS colleagues (9 persons)
 - Meeting summary:
 - ✓ NMDIS converting local data sets for Physics, Chemistry, Bathymetry, and Biology to agreed European standards for metadata and data
 - ✓ NMDIS setting up and populating web service end-points
 - ✓ Progressing with deployment DAB brokerage service for retrieving NMDIS metadata and data and developing interface at EMOD-PACE portal
 - Minutes: D1.0 Minutes from the WP1 and WP2 meeting for European and Chinese counterparts held in M19 DELIVERED





WP2 - Data interoperability

Brokerage Service

- NMDIS has successfully deployed ERDDAP endpoint for data sharing and Swagger API endpoint for metadata sharing, while for Biology it has populated EurOBIS IPT service endpoints
- Data sets to be shared by NMDIS number 29 for four themes:
 - Chemistry (China ocean surveys 2008-2017: dissolved oxygen, pH, nutrients, alkanes, alcohols and other elements),
 - ✓ Biology (China ocean surveys 2001-2017: chlorophyll, benthos, plankton and other elements),
 - ✓ Bathymetry (China ocean surveys 1998-2017: Submarine topographic data),
 - ✓ **Physics** (Operational NRT & Archived oceanographic data sets)
- Data Conversions and endpoint population made to date by NMDIS
 - ✓ Chemistry (14 cruise voyages and 117 stations data sets)
 - ✓ Bathymetry (32 interesting underwater features)
 - ✓ Biology (14 cruise voyages and 26 data sets with 3965 occurrence records)
 - ✓ Physics (27 cruises with 521 casts, current timeseries and ship mounted ADCP for 13 cruises)





Technology Updates (WP2): Establishing data interoperability between EMODnet and NMDIS Final Year: Planned Progress

- A series of WP2 collaborative thematic data meetings took place to monitor, discuss and advance progress for the development and implementation of the EMODnet – NMDIS data brokerage service and physics NRT data exchange.
- The target number for parameters to be covered with interoperable data made available is 29, with sample
 data being already provided for 10 parameters so far. NMDIS is working on transformation of its datasets to
 increase the number of parameters. As a next step, it was agreed that NMDIS would share the following

Chemistry: Chemical data of China ocean surveys from 2008 to 2017:

- analysis and test data of marine chemical samples, including
- pH,
- nutrients,
- dissolved oxygen,
- alkanes,
- alcohols and other elements.

Biology: Biological data of China ocean surveys from 2001 to 2017: biological sample analysis data from observation site, including

- chlorophyll,
- benthos,
- plankton and other elements.

Bathymetry: Submarine topographic data of China Ocean Survey by multi-beam bathymetry surveys for scientific interesting areas made on scientific ocean cruises from 1998 to 2017;

Physics: Operational NRT data from national monitoring activities, and archived oceanographic data sets from scientific ocean surveys.





WP3 – Regional sea reanalysis

- WP3.2.1: Validation / Inter-comparison of EU coastal forecast product and NMDIS reanalysis in the Yellow Sea
 - Hourly forecast (EU) validation: Sea level, SST/SSS at coastal stations
 - Daily mean product validation/inter-comparison: sea level, coastal SST/SSS and open sea T/S for both forecast& RAN
 - Model fields inter-comparison
- **WP3.2.2**: Validation & inter-comparison of EU and CN **tide model** in Chinese coast: EU model: completed; CN-model: on-going
- WP3.2.3: Validation & inter-comparison of EU climate simulation & CN reanalysis in NW Pacific: SST and SSH: completed
- WP3 EMODPACE-CEMDNET: 8 meetings in 6 Months-working on JA3.2-JA3.7

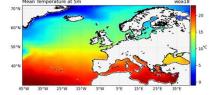




WP3 – Regional sea reanalysis

WP3.3 Inter-comparison of EU and China reanalysis

- Reanalysis inter-comparison/validation framework
- Reanalysis products: three from EU, two from China
- Three geographic areas: NW Pacific, European Seas, GIN Seas
- Variables/parameters exchanged
 - 3D temperature, salinity and currents; 2D sea level, 2004-18
- Products with common spatial grid/format generated
- Data sharing protocols developed
- Common validation method developed
 - Similar to CMEMS validation matrix: 4 classes are applied
- Current status:
 - Class 1 and class 2 results are completed; Class 3 and 4 will be completed in M24-M30







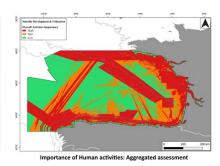
WP4 – Seabed habitat & ecosystem vulnerability

Comparing the European and Chinese numerical models used by analysing the applicability of each side's models in different areas:

- Task 4.1 Habitat mapping for an Asian sea-basin
- Task 4.2 Environmental carrying capacity (ECC)







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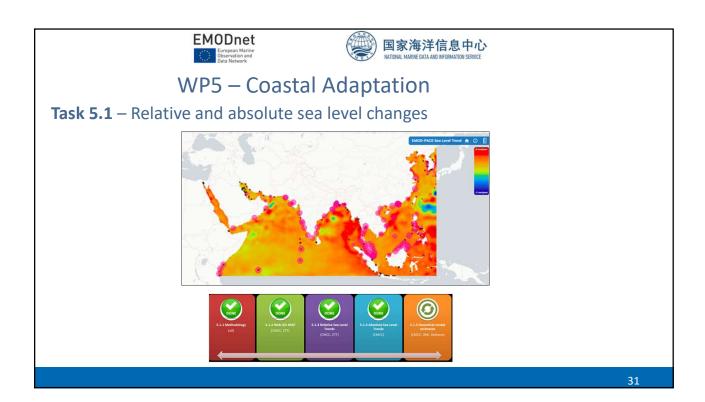
WP5 - Coastal Adaptation

WP5 Aims & Objectives

To provide data/information products (i.e. digital maps) covering the Seas crossed by the Maritime Silk Road on:

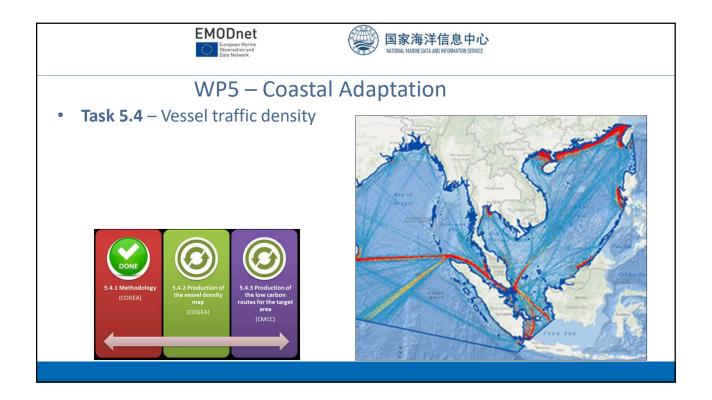
- Task 5.1 Relative and absolute sea level changes
- Task 5.2 Coastal erosion
- Task 5.3 Wetland degradation
- Task 5.4 Vessel traffic density















Summary points for attention & feedback

- Efforts in Joint Activities (WP3-5): time consuming, but promising and supportive to EMOD-PACE contractual deliverables.
- Language barriers (both sides)
- Issues with data access through common technology
- Cooperation within Work-Packages
- Use of Earth Observation date for models
- No cost extension, added value beyond delivery of outputs
- Dissemination/Communication for maximum impact
- High Level Plenary Meeting (11-12 May) with side-event for expanding the Partnership





Next Steps

- · Achieve Future milestones. deliverables, both contractual and also those through the MoU Common Work Plans
- Plenary meeting May 2022 and Wider region Stakeholder Side-event https://emodnet.ec.europa.eu/en/ocean-decade-satellite-activity-expanding-data-interoperability-between-europe-and-asia
- Continue to undertake the agreed activities as outlined in the workplan, and also the Common Work Plans for the substantive Work Packages 3-5, using the AGILE approach
- Maintaining a 'flexible adaptive' schedule of consecutive remote workshops and physical meetings to monitor and finetune the progress and address any difficulties that may arise until a physical meeting is possible.
- Maintaining and where needed increase interactions, connections and collaboration between NDMIS and EMODPACE colleagues
- Increase the pace of concrete steps for further development and implementation of the extended work plan during the coming stage, working towards potential in-situ final meeting in Brussels and also Tianjin
- Work-Packages 1 and 2 Meeting EMOD-PACE and CEMDnet critical to advance the development of interoperability solutions for discovery and access of data and data product; to ensure that the brokerage will meet the needs of both sides; and to ensure the transformation of full datasets was successful.
- Team up with interested stakeholders to extend the collaboration to the wider region through ODIN WESTPAC with the support of UNESCO IODE.





Key Challenges & Opportunities Ahead

- Identification of data/product gaps and resolution if possible in each work package.
- · To determine 'work-around' solutions where-ever data itself cannot be made openly accessible.
- Effective Communication in English and Chinese.
- Determining the ultimate added-value brokerage functionalities and their implementation between EMOD-PACE and CEMDnet (delivery at M24 (mid February 2022 MS1-2.3))
- Establishing the connection to NMDIS web-services
- Establishing whether the brokerage is to be a sustainable choice for the project efforts
- Connect with more maritime industry groups to ensure there is easy and effective uptake of the EMOD-PACE data products by the maritime sector.
- Optimize the full potential of the MoU, by using it to broaden the collaboration in the Asia Region. Task 1.3, i.e., to 'Extend the web portal to allow users to discover and view data held by Asian data centres, not yet included in NMDIS, with common formats'.





MKEG Questionnaire (Feedback received May 2021)

Looking into what the EMOD-PACE & CEMDnet will deliver, which data/data product (displayed layers) is the most interesting one for your organisation?

- Water chemistry and physical variables;
- Vessel traffic density and production of the low carbon routes for the target area;
- Horizontal wind speed (and direction) at different heights (up to 150m), not only ocean surface wind.

Can we better facilitate access to information by the Maritime Private sector companies through the project?

- When new data arrives, use network to promote it's arrival;
- Improve communication;
- Provide accuracy, reliability and long data series. More types of data would encourage usage;

Can we better facilitate international ocean governance through the project?

- More information improves decision making, if it is placed in correct context:
- Through building collaboration and trust.

Do you believe the project/portal/efforts has the potential to support you in your experience?

- Another source of data is useful and the portal allows it to be placed alongside that already available;
- I would love to see the project also extended to Japan;
- If more relevant data becomes available.

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