

Operational Ocean Colour data in the framework of the Marine Service

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GMES/Copernicus Marine Service





A core service for ocean monitoring and forecasting (www.myocean.eu)

PORTAL





OCTAC: mission

- To operate a European Ocean Colour Service for marine applications providing global and European regional high quality products
- To improve the Ocean colour products especially at the regional scale, for which quality of global products is typically lower
- To meet the strong demand for more accurate OC products in the coastal area via best Case I and Case II algorithm combination;
- To ensure high quality ocean colour core products and provide information on their quality

OCTAC converts satellite observations into data products that:

- support the MFCs with data required for assimilation and validation;
- provide useful observational data products to value-adding and end users

For MyOcean2, aim is to <u>consolidate</u> TAC production and service in a fully operational environment.







OCTAC: system

Designed as a distributed system built on existing European Operational Centres



OC-ACRI-PU: operating GLO, BAL and L4 Atlantic production chains OC-CNR-PU: operating the MED and BS production chains OC-PML-PU: operating the Atlantic and ARC L3 production chains OC-CNR-DU: operating the OCTAC archiving and delivery system interfaced with MyOcean central system and OC service desk answering to user requests Ifremer, HZG (MYO-2) & JRC (MYO-1) contributing to the R&D and CAL/VAL activities











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Long-term, routine and uninterrupted provision of data is a pre-requisite for the service

At least from three sensors are required to produce multi-sensor products.

Since April 2012 OC NRT&DT products are based only on MODIS-A.

OCTAC ready to ingest MODIS-T. Evaluation of VIIRS data is started

Access to space agency products since the early stage of the mission is essential for OCTAC The operational system requires fast NRT data provision and dedicated interface to access data from the space agency ground segments





New L3 & L4 OCTAC products (available from April 2013)



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OCTAC Validation & QC

Data validation are routinely performed to assess the scientific accuracy of the OC TAC products: <u>1) offline validation:</u>

•performed on each OCTAC product every time a significant change in the processing chain takes place
•Based on co-located in situ and satellite-derived measurements

2) daily online validation

•aimed at assessing the degree of NRT data reliability based upon data time consistency
•Checking, on a pixel-by-pixel basis, consistency between the current and previous day data
•Temporal consistency against the current day climatology (from satellite data).



Example of the online validation analysis over the Mediterranean MODIS-Aqua CHL image (13th of December 2011)

No NRT in situ data are available for continuous online product validation





OCTAC Online Validation



Online validation statistics time series for the 2011-2012 period, for MODIS Aqua L3 CHL MedOC3 product over MED & BS. Progressive degradation of the MODIS detected.

Volpe et al.: The Mediterranean Ocean Colour Observing System – system development and product validation. Ocean Sci., 8, 869-883, 2012

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Use Of NRT OC data in MyOcean MFC: Mediterranean example (OGS)





Once a week:

•Assimilation of previous 15-day available observations

•10 days forecasts

•Operational Quality control of previous week forecast against OC observations



The system forecasted a bloom in the **North West Med** and in the **North-Ionian sea**.



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Use of OC data in the MyOcean MFCs

	MyOcean MFC	RT MFC BIO products (Analysis and/or Forecasts)						Multi-years MFS BIO products (hindcast or reanalysis)					
		Assimilation in BGC models			Validation of BGC forecasts			Assimilation in BGC models			Validation of BGC forecasts		
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	BS		Х	X		х	Х			X			Х
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X	with OC da	with OC data assimilation and/ or use of OC in the validation system				3: April 2 4: April 2	2013; 2014	High quality of OC data is cruicial.					







Satellite Marine Observations & Environmental problems



