

# Report back BW3: Inventory of current ocean colour mission validation activities

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### Objectives

#### **Key questions:**

- What field validation activities are planned in 2024 and beyond to support international satellite ocean color performance assessments?
- What gaps exist in the capabilities of each activity?
- What gaps exist in the performance assessment needs of various missions?
- Can various organizations coordinate, complement, and support each other to realize and/or improve the validation objectives of each mission?

#### **Desired outcomes:**

- Facilitate connections to identify and leverage opportunities
- Comprehensive, documented inventory of field activities planned for 2024 and beyond

### At the breakout workshop ...

#### **Presentations:**

- Institutions presented (following a template): an overview of their validation objectives, scope, and program(s); the geographic regions to sampled; the measurements to be collected; and a list of gaps and opportunities
- Presenters included: NASA, ESA, EUMETSAT, NOAA, JAXA, CONAE, CSIRO/IMOS

#### **Topics of discussion**:

- Responsibility for catalogue (i.e., where should it reside) and how should it look
- Hurdles for collaboration: data sharing, locating datasets, instrument sharing, instrument availability, dois/credits

### Deliverables and recommendations

#### **Deliverables:**

- Develop strategy for sustaining international conversation on planned activities, gaps, and opportunities
- Pathway towards a tool (website, map, etc.) that is regularly updated and public accessible
- Report/whitepaper for IOCCG

#### **Recommendations:**

- IOCCG maintains a living inventory of validation activities (12 months)
- Create a webtool that allows the community to submit their information in an easy manner (12 months)
- A data catalogue that indicates where agencies/countries keep their data and how to download to accompany the validation inventory (12 months)

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