



British Oceanographic Data Centre – a MEDIN DAC since March 2009

About BODC

As a national facility for storing and distributing data concerning the marine environment, BODC have 42 years of experience. We are part of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission's network of data centres, providing a resource for science, education and industry, as well as the wider public.

Data held

We deal with biological, chemical, physical and geophysical data, and our databases contain measurements of more than 25,000 different variables. Our approach to marine data management involves careful storage, quality control and archiving of data so they are unaffected by changes in technology. We often work alongside scientists during projects to provide a data management service during the life time of the project.

Submitting data

Our parent body, The Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), requires that all marine environmental data generated from projects they support be deposited with us. We are also pleased to accept data from other sources. We endeavour to integrate the data supplied into a documented, processed data set, ensuring that maximum and long-term use of data is possible. For projects for which we provide an agreed data management role please contact the Project Data Manager (contact information is provided within the project [data management](#) pages). For all other data submission please contact the BODC [Data Officer](#).

Accessing the data

Our goal is to provide direct access and online delivery to all data holdings. A major upgrade to our data applications in 2009, with subsequent improvements, gives direct access and online delivery to over 77,000 data series (www.bodc.ac.uk/data/online_delivery/nodb/). The National Oceanographic Database offers: anonymous searching; 'online shopping' with basket and check out; various data formats; secure access control; user request tracking and auto-download. We will also make available over 2.4 million discrete water bottle samples of chemical, biological and physical parameters.

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