

Infrastructure
Activities promoting the operational oceanography
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Infrastructure : main marine research centers

- ✓ The DFMR-Department of Fisheries and Marine Research is the main institution for marine research in Cyprus and it is responsible for :
- ✓ Oceanography
- ✓ Marine Biology and Ecology
- ✓ Marine Pollution
- ✓ Aquaculture
- ✓ Fisheries management
- ✓ The Oceanography group at the Department of Mathematics, University of Cyprus is a close collaborator of OS-DFMR
- The DFMR is a member of IOC, CIESM and
- a founded member of MedGOOS

OCEANOGRAPHY - infrastructure related to open deep sea/coastal monitoring, data archiving and operational ocean forecasts activities :

- **CYBO-Cyprus Basin Oceanography** (long term seasonal monitoring at coastal and deep sea areas of the Cyprus and SE Levantine basins)
- **CY-GLOSS** (coastal station- long term operational monitoring on sea level and temperature)
- **NOAA-AVHRR** ground receiving station (daily SST images)
- ✓ CY-NODC (data processing and data QC)
 - **CY-MFS** (high resolution weekly operational forecasts in the Cyprus and NE Levantine basins: currents, temperature, salinity)
- **MEDSLIK** (pre-operational oil spill model in the Levantine basins)
- ✓ *MEDPOL* (pre-operational dispersion model in the Levantine Basin)

OCEANOGRAPHY- activities within several EU projects promoting ocean/coastal monitoring, data archiving and operational ocean forecasts :

- MFSPP Mediterranean Forecasting System Pilot Project (EuroGOOS activity)
- **MEDAR / MEDATLAS II-** Mediterranean Oceanographic Atlas
- **CYCLOPS Cycling the Phosphorous in the Mediterranean Sea**
- MAMA Mediterranean network to Assess and upgrade Monitoring and forecasts Activities in the region (MedGOOS activity)
- MFSTEP Mediterranean Forecasting System Towards Environmental Predictions (EuroGOOS activity)
- SEA-SEARCH Network of the European Oceanographic Data Centers
- ESEAS-RI European sea level research infrastructure(MedGLOSS activity)

- ✓ Marine Biology and Ecology activities
- monitoring the effects of the environmental disturbances caused by marine aquaculture, desalination plants, construction of breakwaters on macrobenthos.
- ✓ Example Project : MedVeg.
- ✓ Marine Pollution activities
- ✓ monitoring on the quality of the coastal waters, analysis of heavy metals and pesticides in marine bioda and sediment.
- ✓ Example Project : Med-Pol.

Oil spill : National and Subregional contingency plan for preparedness and response to major pollution incidents in the Levantine

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- Search & rescue operations : Search and rescue center, Port Authority, police
- ✓ Pelagic Fisheries : fisheries consortiums
- **Marine aquaculture :** fish farmers
- Coastal & open sea engineering : desalination plans, cable laying, oil & gas industry, environmental agencies
- ✓ Navigation : shipping companies and yachting clubs
- ✓ **Tourism :** tourism organizations, media