Bio-Argo management
an Indian perspective

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BioArgo data management

• India Deployed 15 floats with Oxygen alone (12 with SBE-IDO and 3 with Aanderra Optode).

• The true Bio-Argo floats deployment started in Dec, 2012 and deployed 28 floats in Indian Ocean. Of these 18 are Provors and 10 are APEX.

• There is a plan to deploy 20 more in the next two years.
Processing and QC

- Provors all transmit vis SBDs and APEX by rudics.
- All these are processed and QC is performed as follows:
  - For oxygen as per ADMT.
  - For other Bio parameters no QC is done.
  - Visually spikes are eliminated when used in analysis.
  - VQC system is being setup for further QC.
Data usage

• Data is being for bio-parameter related studies like:
  – Bay of Bengal Productivity Vs Arabian Sea Productivity.
  – Harmful Algal blooms studies.
  – Productivity during cyclones.
  – Deep Chlorophyll maxima
  – Tuna Fish tagging and migratory patterns studies.
  – DCM and MLD relation studies.
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In Arabian Sea it is observed that Chla is Varying semi-annually.

First time subsurface structure of HABS Is observed with Bio-Argo floats.

Studies relating to oxygen and HABS is being Pursued.

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Modelling and planned cruises

- Modelling studies are taken up (MOM and ROMS) to simulate the observations.
- HABS cruises are also planned.
  - Three Bio-Argo floats are deployed along with observations during feb, 2015.
  - Inter comparisons are done with ship borne in-situ data.
Fig 3.1: Sampling track for FORV Sagar Sampada 335. Triangles indicates time-series stations.
Fig. 6.7.1: Vertical profiles of temperature (top-left), salinity (top-right), chlorophyll (bottom-left) and dissolved oxygen (bottom-right) measured with the sensors attached to shipboard CTD, Argo profiling float and radiometer
Fig1 Study area with YFT movements and tracks of Bio-Argo floats in the proximity (colored regions are biogeochemical provinces Longhurst, 2010)
Fig 2 Tuna vertical movements against along track Temperature profile and Oxycline

Fig 52 Deep Chlorophyll Maxima (DCM) derived from Bio-Argo floats in the proximity
Future

• India is committed to deploy 20 floats in Indian Ocean.

• Archiving of high quality ship borne bio profiles for inter comparison study.

• Improve the model outputs with the use of BioArgo data.

• Conduct planned cruise to obtain one-to-one profiles of bio parameter to check for sensor stability.