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OVERVIEW

EurOcean is a European focal point to collect, analyse, and disseminate information on marine science and technology. EurOcean was officially launched on 28th of February 2002 as a result of a joint French-Portuguese initiative. Now it is composed of eleven Member Organisations and three cooperating Members and its membership is continuing to expand.

THE INTERNET PORTAL



EurOcean disseminates information through an Internet Portal operational since March 2003. It is an electronic platform of communication and information for all users with interest in European marine science and technology. The registered users receive updates and can contribute to contents of the Internet Portal.

COOPERATION

MarinERA Project

MarinERA is a project funded by the ERA-Net Scheme of the EU FP6 aiming to facilitate the networking of Marine RTD funding agencies in the EU. EurOcean is, by delegation of the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT), in charge of developing and maintaining a internet communication tool to disseminate information on national Marine RTD Programmes and infrastructure facilities.

Contribution to the Blue Paper for a European Maritime Policy

EurOcean stresses in its Position Paper the importance of devoting more attention to marine information management and suggests that a **European Marine Information and Dissemination Network**, of which marine science and technology would be a key component, should be thoughtfully considered in the perspective of an operational supporting service to the European Maritime Policy.

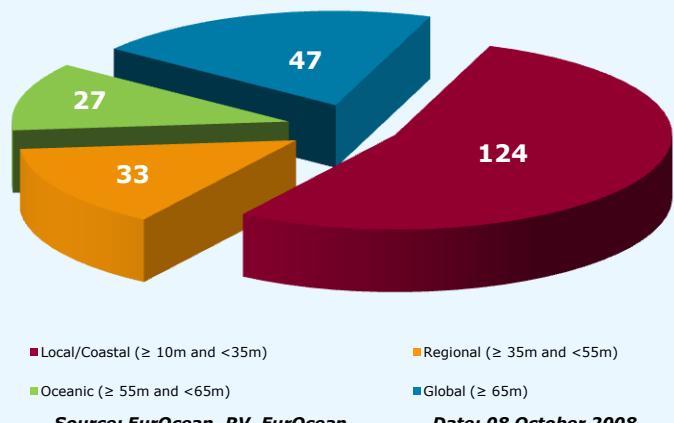
KEY CONTENTS OF THE PORTAL

Research Vessels Info-base

263 research vessels (RV) have been identified by EurOcean and their specifications have been inputted online.

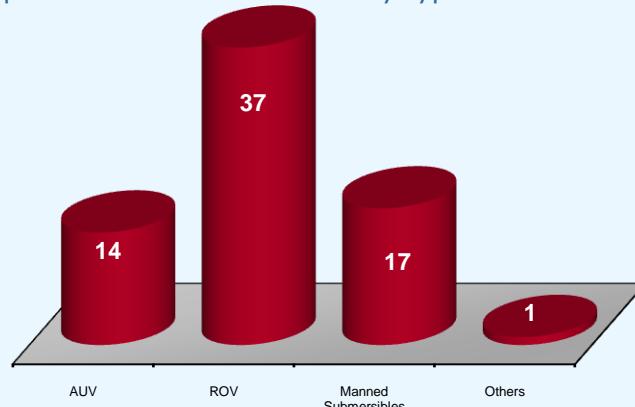


Operating European Research Vessels by Class



Underwater Vehicles Info-base

European Underwater Vehicles by type of vehicle



The Info-base of the European Underwater Research Vehicles (UVs) from the public and the private sector, comprises 69 vehicles. Three main categories of UVs have been identified: ROVs (Remotely Operated Vehicles), AUVs (Autonomous Underwater Vehicles) and Manned Submersibles.

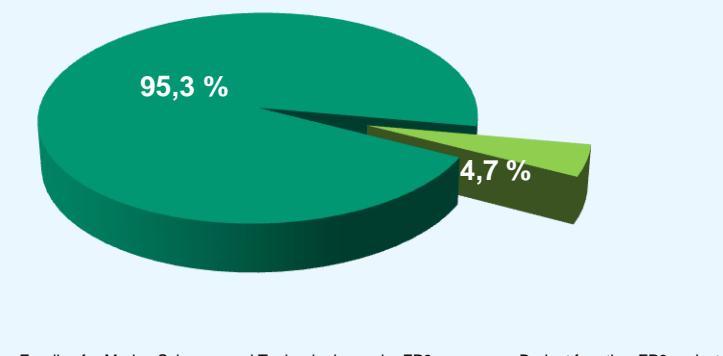
Large Exchangeable Instruments Info-base

EurOcean maintains an info-base of large exchangeable marine instruments available in Europe for scientific purposes. The aim is to facilitate the access to and improve the shared use for the scientific community.



European Marine Research Funded Projects Info-base

Weight of the marine FP6 funding in the FP6 budget



751 research projects partly or entirely related to marine science and technology and funded by various European mechanisms. This inventory gathers information on projects funded by COST, EureKa, Eurocores (ESF), 6th Framework Programme (DG Research), Interreg III (DG Region), Life and SMAP.

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