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Note of Information on EurOcean

1- General Overview of EurOcean

EurOcean – European Centre for Information on Marine Science and Technology – was officially created on 28 February 2002 as a result of a joint French-Portuguese initiative. EurOcean is now composed of fourteen Member Organisations and three Cooperating Members. Four main objectives have been assigned to EurOcean:

- ⇒ to facilitate access to, compile and process appropriate information on marine sciences and technologies;
- ⇒ to stimulate the development and use of quantitative indicators related to marine science and technology;
- ⇒ to facilitate communication between European research organisations having activities in marine science and technology and,
- ⇒ to prepare analyses, reports and other products, in accordance with the requirements of the members of EurOcean, partner organisations and other appropriate organisations.

The implementation of these ambitious objectives is undertaken through a pragmatic and step-by-step approach.

Annex 1

An Overview of EurOcean – European Centre for Information on Marine Science and Technology – Sharing Information, Creating Synergies

2- On-going Main Activities of EurOcean

High priority is given to three main tasks:

- Developing and maintaining an Internet portal (<http://www.eurocean.org/>) for marine science and technology in Europe and collecting relevant information with priority given to:
 - ⇒ European marine research infrastructures;
 - ⇒ European marine research funded projects and,
 - ⇒ Public Outreach materials.
- Sharing information aiming to synergy with other European organisations, specifically in the scope of European projects.
- Organising EurOcean: enlarging the membership and fostering cooperation among European organisations.

Annex 2*InfoBase of the European Research Vessels: EurOcean_RV***Annex 3***InfoBase of the European Large Exchangeable Instruments: EurOcean_LEXI***Annex 4***InfoBase of the European Aquaculture Experimental and Research Facilities: EurOcean_AF***Annex 5***InfoBase of the European Marine Research funded Projects: EurOcean_MaP*

3- EurOcean Membership

Statute

The Members of EurOcean are presently bound with a Memorandum of Understanding, which describes the main functions of EurOcean and its main operating procedures. The *EurOcean Foundation* is the legal representation of EurOcean. It has been established under the Dutch Law figure of a Stichting Foundation and it has been incorporated on December 13, 2007. EurOcean Foundation has a Legal Representation in Portugal since January 2009.

Annual membership fee

The annual membership fee will be periodically decided by the Steering Committee of EurOcean, being at present of an amount of 3.500 to 30.000 Euro. It is also expected that the Members contribute in-kind to tasks of the work programme for which the Members have a special interest or expertise.

Annex 6*What are the benefits of becoming a Member of EurOcean?*

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