

ARGO National Report 2011 – The Netherlands

1) Status of implementation

The Dutch Argo program, run by the Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute (KNMI), started with three deployed floats in 2004. Since then 41 floats have been purchased and deployed, 30 of which are still working correctly.

KNMI is involved in EuroArgo and has decided to join a European Argo consortium that will probably be founded in 2011.

2) Present level of (and future prospects for) national funding for Argo including summary of human resources devoted to Argo.

In their observation strategy adopted in 2006 KNMI has expressed the intention to sustain a fleet of approx. 30 floats. Given a lifetime of about 4 years for a float this means purchase of about eight floats per year, plus communication. This level of funding appears on the regular budget of KNMI and is thus semi-permanent.

One person (Andreas Sterl) is working on ARGO. He does so besides his other duties.

3) Summary of deployment plans (level of commitment, areas of float deployment) and for other commitments to Argo for the coming year (and beyond where possible).

4-8 floats will be purchased. Deployment is not yet planned, but preferably in the Atlantic Ocean.

4) Summary of national research and operational uses of Argo data

Nothing done yet.

5) Issues that your country wishes to be considered (and resolved) by AST regarding the international operation of Argo

Nothing.

6) CTD data uploaded to CCHDO

Unknown.

7) Bibliography

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