

Argo National Data Management Report of Japan, 2016

1. Status

The Japan DAC, the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA), has processed data from 1449 Japanese Argo and Argo-equivalent floats including 185 active floats as of September 12th, 2016. There are ten Japanese PIs who agreed to provide data to the international Argo data management. The DAC is acquiring ARGOS messages from CLS and getting IRIDIUM messages via e-mail in real-time, thanks to the understanding and the cooperation of PIs. Almost all profiles from those floats are transmitted to GDACs in the netCDF format and issued to GTS using TESAC and BUFR codes after real-time QC on an operational basis.

The Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC) has done the Delayed Mode QC for all Japanese floats. The delayed mode QC for the 9,740 profiles observed by Japanese floats from October 14th 2015 to September 12th 2016 are in progress. JAMSTEC decoded 7,361 profiles of these, which were acquired as ARGOS messages and Iridium messages from October 14th 2015 to September 12th 2016. JAMSTEC sent 72 delayed profile files (D-files) to GDACs through the Japan DAC, JMA, during the period. Submission of delayed profile files has been still slowed down, but we will be able to submit more delayed profile files by the end of 2016.

JMA and JAMSTEC have been converting the meta-, prof-, tech-, and traj-files of Japanese floats, including APEX, PROVOR, ARVOR, NEMO, NOVA, Navis, NINJA, DeepNINJA and S2A. JMA and JAMSTEC have converted the almost all of Japanese meta-files, except a few Iridium floats, from v2 to v3.1 and submitted them to GDAC. JMA has converted almost all of Japanese tech-files and submitted them to GDAC. Accordingly, JMA has converted the Rprof-files of Japanese ARGOS floats, except floats with NST sampling scheme and Iridium floats. JAMSTEC has converted all v2 Dprof-files of Japanese floats to v3.1 and submitted them to GDAC. JMA has converted about 30% of Japanese traj-files from v2 to v3.1 and submitted them to GDAC. JMA has made meta-, tech-, traj-, and Rprof-files v3.1 of the floats newly deployed since March 2016 and JAMSTEC has made meta-files in v3.1 of JAMSTEC's floats newly deployed since October 2015. JAMSTEC has made Dprof-files in v3.1 since January 2016.

Web pages:

Japan Argo

http://www.jamstec.go.jp/J-ARGO/index_e.html

This site is the portal of Japan Argo program. The outline of Japanese approach on the Argo program, the list of the publication, and the link to the database site and PIs, etc. are being offered.

Real-time Database (JMA)

<http://ds.data.jma.go.jp/gmd/argo/data/index.html>

This site shows global float coverage, global profiles based on GTS TESAC and BUFR messages, and status of the Japanese floats.

Delayed mode Database (Argo JAMSTEC)

http://www.jamstec.go.jp/ARGO/argo_web/argo/

JAMSTEC's website shows mainly Japanese float list, trajectory map, profile chart, and QCed float data. Moreover, the position and trajectory maps of all floats of the world as well as Japanese floats by using Google Map. Brief profile figures of the selected floats are also shown. This site also shows global maps based on objective analysis (temperature, salinity, potential density, dynamic height, geostrophic current, mixed layer depth, etc.). JAMSTEC's website were renewed in the end of January 2016. The "Data FAQ" which translate to Japanese is going to be published on JAMSTEC's website soon.

Statistics of Argo data usage:

Operational models of JMA

MOVE/MRI.COM-G2 (Multivariate Ocean Variation Estimation System/ Meteorological Research Institute Community Ocean Model – Global 2)

JMA operates the MOVE/MRI.COM-G2, which replaced the previous version (MOVE/MRI.COM) in June 2015, for the monitoring of El Niño and the Southern Oscillation (ENSO) and for initialization of the seasonal prediction model (JMA/MRI-CGCM2). The MOVE/MRI.COM-G2 consists of an ocean general circulation model (OGCM) and an objective analysis scheme.

For details please visit:

http://ds.data.jma.go.jp/tcc/tcc/products/elnino/move_mricom-g2_doc.html

JMA/MRI-CGCM2 (JMA/MRI - Coupled ocean-atmosphere General Circulation Model 2)

JMA operates JMA/MRI-CGCM2, which replaced the previous version (JMA/MRI-CGCM) in June 2015, as a seasonal prediction model and an ENSO prediction model. The oceanic part of this model is identical to the OGCM used for the MOVE/MRI.COM-G2.

For detail please visit:

http://ds.data.jma.go.jp/tcc/tcc/products/model/outline/cps2_description.html

MOVE/MRI.COM-WNP (Multivariate Ocean Variation Estimation System/ Meteorological Research Institute Community Ocean Model - Western North Pacific)

MOVE/MRI.COM-WNP provides daily, 10day-mean and monthly products of subsurface temperatures and currents for the seas around Japan and northwestern Pacific Ocean.

Other operational models

JCOPE2 (Japan Coastal Ocean Predictability Experiment)

JCOPE2 is the model for prediction of the oceanic variation around Japan which is operated by Research Institute for Global Change of JAMSTEC.

JCOPE2 is the second version of JCOPE, developed with enhanced model and data assimilation schemes. The Argo data are used by way of GTSP. The hindcast data 6 months back and the forecast data 3 months ahead are disclosed on the following web site: <http://www.jamstec.go.jp/frcgc/jcope/>. More information is shown in <http://www.jamstec.go.jp/frcgc/jcope/htdocs/e/home.html>.

FRA-JCOPE2

FRA-JCOPE2 is the reanalysis data created by assimilating most of available observation data into the JCOPE2 ocean forecast system. The high horizontal resolution of 1/12 deg. is used in order to describe the oceanic variability associated with the Kuroshio-Kuroshio Extension, the Oyashio, and the mesoscale eddies from January 1993 to December 2009. Collaboration with Japanese Fishery Research Agency (FRA) has allowed us to assimilated huge amount of in-situ data around Japan. FRA-JCOPE2 reanalysis data are openly available. The website, <http://www.jamstec.go.jp/frcgc/jcope/vwp/>, provides information about downloading and interactively visualizing the reanalysis data for users.

FRA-ROMS

FRA-ROMS is the nowcast and forecast system for the Western North Pacific Ocean developed by Japan Fisheries Research and Education Agency (FRA) based on the Regional Ocean Modeling System (ROMS). FRA started the operation in May 2012. The forecast oceanographic fields are provided every week on the website <http://fm.dc.affrc.go.jp/fra-roms/index.html>.

Products generated from Argo data:

Products of JMA

El Niño Monitoring and Outlook

JMA issues the current diagnosis and the outlook for six months of ENSO on the following web site. The outputs of the MOVE/MRI.COM-G2 and the JMA/MRI-CGCM2 can be found here.

<http://ds.data.jma.go.jp/tcc/tcc/products/elnino/index.html>

Subsurface Temperatures and Surface Currents in the seas around Japan

The following parameter outputs of the MOVE/MRI.COM-WNP can be found on <http://ds.data.jma.go.jp/gmd/goos/data/database.html>.

- Daily, 10day-mean and Monthly mean subsurface temperatures at the depths of 50m, 100m, 200m and 400m analyzed for 0.1 x 0.1 degree grid points.
- Daily and 10day-mean Surface Currents for 0.1 x 0.1 degree grid points.

Products of JAMSTEC

MOAA (Monthly Objective Analysis using the Argo data)

MOAA is the global GPV data set which was made by monthly Objective Analysis using Argo and TRITON mooring data. Various maps have been made using MOAA, and opened to the public on the Argo JAMSTEC web site,

http://www.jamstec.go.jp/ARGO/argo_web/argo/?page_id=83.

Please note that the URL has changed because of the renewal of JAMSTEC web site.

We have produced the new data set, which is produced through a 10-day global ocean analysis by optimal interpolation based on Argo, TRITON and available CTD data and will be available in the near future.

Objectively mapped velocity data at 1000 dbar derived from trajectories of Argo floats

The gridded velocity data at 1000 dbar is made by optimal interpolation analysis using YoMaHa'07. This dataset has been disclosed since October 2009. This dataset are updated every 6 months. This data is opened to the public on the Argo JAMSTEC web site,

http://www.jamstec.go.jp/ARGO/argo_web/argo/?page_id=86.

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MILA GPV (Mixed layer data set from Argo floats in the global ocean)

JAMSTEC has produced a data set of gridded mixed layer depth with its related parameters, named MILA GPV. This consists of 10-day and monthly average data and monthly climatology data in the global ocean using Argo temperature and salinity profiles. We have fixed bugs of programs, and the updated data set will be released on the Argo JAMSTEC web site soon,

http://www.jamstec.go.jp/ARGO/argo_web/argo/?page_id=223.

Please note that the URL has changed because of the renewal of JAMSTEC web site.

Scientifically quality-controlled profile data of Deep NINJA observations

We have released a product of a quality-controlled data set of Deep NINJA observations for convenient use on scientific/educational purposes. The quality-control was led by JAMSTEC on the basis of mainly comparisons with highly accurate shipboard CTD observations conducted at float deployments. Its detailed information has been provided on the Argo JAMSTEC web site:

<http://www.jamstec.go.jp/ARGO/deepninja/>.

ESTOC (Estimated state of global ocean for climate research)

This product is an integrated dataset of ocean observations including Argo data by using a four dimensional variational (4D-VAR) data assimilation approach. ESTOC is the open data that consists of not only physical but also biogeochemical parameters for 55 years during 1957-2011 (See the

web site in JAMSTEC, <http://www.godac.jamstec.go.jp/estoc/e/top/>).

AQC Argo Data (Advanced automatic QC Argo Data) version 1.2

JAMSTEC has produced the Argo temperature and salinity profile data put through more advanced automatic checks than real-time quality controls every month. JAMSTEC improved this data set and has released it as AQC version 1.2. This data set has been provided in the ascii format as well as netcdf format, because it is useful for analyses using various software (see the web site in JAMSTEC, http://www.jamstec.go.jp/ARGO/argo_web/argo/?page_id=100).

Products of JAMSTEC/JMA·MRI

FORA-WNP30 (Four-dimensional Variational Ocean ReAnalysis for the Western North Pacific)

FORA-WNP30 is the first-ever dataset covering the western North Pacific over the last three decades (1982-2014) at eddy-resolving resolution. This is the cooperative work of Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC) and Meteorological Research Institute, Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA/MRI) using the Earth Simulator. (see the web site <http://synthesis.jamstec.go.jp/FORA/e/index.html>)

2. Delayed Mode QC

Based on the mutual agreement by PIs in Japan in 2006, JAMSTEC has done the DMQC for all Japanese floats. JAMSTEC has submitted the delayed mode files of 95,532 profiles to GDACs as of September 12th, 2016.

The procedure of DMQC in JAMSTEC is as follows.

(JAMSTEC floats and the most of Argo-equivalent floats)

1. (within 10days) data re-acquisition from CLS, bit-error repair (if possible), real-time processing, position QC, visual QC
2. (within 180days) surface pressure offset correction, cell TM correction (Apex only)
3. (after 180days) WJO and OW salinity correction, the definitive judgement by experts, D-netCDF file making

(Argo-equivalent floats that had ceased by 2007)

JMA executes real-time processing again by using the latest procedure. The procedure after real-time processing is executed by JAMSTEC according to the procedure describe above.

The OW software is mainly operated instead of WJO. The calculation result of OW has been used at the definitive judgment. The result OW has been used just for reference.

3. GDAC Functions

The JAMSTEC ftp server has been providing the mirror site of GDACs since 2003.

<ftp://ftp2.jamstec.go.jp/pub/argo/ifremer/>

<ftp://ftp2.jamstec.go.jp/pub/argo/fnmoc/>

4. Regional Centre Functions

JAMSTEC operates PARC in cooperation with IPRC and CSIRO and has extended the responsible region into the whole Pacific including the Southern Ocean by request of AST-9 (Action item 9) since April 2008.

JAMSTEC is providing the float monitoring information in the Pacific region (e.g., float activity watch, QC status, anomaly from objective analysis, diagnosis plot for sensor correction, etc.), reference data set for DMQC (SeHyD and IOHB), the link to the CTD data disclosure site of Japanese PIs, some documents, and some QC tools on the following web pages (<http://www.jamstec.go.jp/ARGORC/>). JAMSTEC had changed PARC web site system in association with the release of v3.1 netcdf files from GDAC. We will plan to upgrade the contents of PARC web site.