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REPORT ON THE ARGO MEXICAN FLOATS PROGRAM

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The participation of México in the ARGO program started in 2005, and continues to this date, with a single float (WMO 1900377) donated by the Instituto Español de Oceanografía via Dr. Gregorio Parrilla.

1. Status of implementation. One Float (WMO 1900377), from its deployment, May 4, 2005, until today has produced 65 profiles of which 18, from the 20th to 33rd and from the 41 to 44, ‘touched’ bottom, all the rest profiled the 2000 db as programmed.

2. Funding level and human resources. There is no commitment for funding in 2007 and at present, there are only two researchers directly involved in the ARGO program: Dr. Armando Trasviña in a USA_Colombia_Mexican joint venture and myself.

3. No future deployment plans exist.

4. There is interest in the use of the ARGO data by researchers of the program ‘Investigaciones Mexicanas de la Corriente de California’ (IMECOCAL, <http://imecocal.cicese.mx>).