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Ocean Information for Maritime Transport: Status & perspectives

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Maritime Transport Challenges

The needs

- Enhance the safety of crew and equipment
- Respect sheduled time at passage gates (Suez, Panama) and at arrival
- Reduce fuel consumption for ecological (CO2) & economical (\$) reasons

Solutions

- Optimize engines, propellers, hulls,
- Take benefit of Ocean & Meteorological information







Ocean Information for maritime transport



Where the data come from ?



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a GEO Initiative

COPERNICUS

MARINE ENVIRONMENT MONITORING SERVICE Providing PRODUCTS and SERVICES for all marine applications



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http://marine.copernicus.eu/

The Currents

- Forecast: Global and european region
 10 days forecast; 3D 1/12° daily (hourly)
- **Obs-based:** 3D analysis at ¼° (1/8°) daily





The Currents



New products Service open yesterday !

- Obs-based global surface current product Physical content: geostrophy + ekman Global ¼° daily, NRT and Reprocessing Layer: 0 and 15 metres
- Good illustration of coordination between Copernicus Service (CMEMS) and R&D (Globcurrent/ESA & CNES)







The wave products

Wave parameters -Significant wave heigth -Swell (H, period, wavelength)

Obs-based products
1°x1° grid, daily (altimetry)
0.5°x0.5°, 3 hours (SAR)

Forecasts5 days forecast at 1/12°, daily



The Sea Ice products

Concentration & Type

Obs-based: ¼°, daily Forecast: 1/12°, daily, 10 days

Thickness Obs-based: ¼°, monthly

sea ice thickness (m)





End-User Needs

Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service



Objective: Reduce comsumption of fuel by 1%

 \rightarrow for the whole CMA-CGM fleet: 60 000 t Fuel

180 000 t CO2

A reasonable target? Yes, if using better ocean information and in particular currents !

Tests for ship routing: CMA-CGM Amerigo Vespucci between Europe and China – March / May 2015

Total consumption during the voyage: 4150 tActual savings due to « current routing »: 19 t = 0.4%

Improvement potential: 50 t = 1,2% using better ocean information









Need to select the best forecasts :

- Select best products in each area during a time window
- Verify the consistency between
 Observations (sat, in-situ) and model products
- Assign a confidence index

Expert in ocean processes but also on the products to be used



Illustration of Copernicus products used for the qualification and selection



Illustration of selection of products after the selection process





Perspectives – Future Challenges



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To be assimilated by the forecast model

Improvement of resolution and reliability of surface currents and waves

- Increase the number of satellite
- New satellite missions (SWOT swath)
- Sensor synergy products



Perspectives – Future Challenges



 Arctic Zone (high latitudes) will become a strategic zone

> Europe (Copernicus) aim to develop a polar orbiting mission with several instruments (SAR, Optical, Microwave)

Improved sea ice products





