



Cruise Summary Reports (CSR)

Cruise Summary Reports (CSR = former ROSCOPs) are the usual means for reporting on cruises or field experiments at sea. Traditionally, it is the Chief Scientist's obligation to submit a CSR to his/her National Oceanographic Data Centre (NODC) not later than two weeks after the cruise. This provides a first level inventory of measurements and samples collected at sea. Currently, the Cruise Summary Reports directory covers cruises from 1873 till today from more than 2.000 research vessels: a total of nearly 40.000 cruises, in all European waters and global oceans. This also includes historic CSRs from European countries, that have been loaded from the ICES database from 1960 onwards.

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[Query CSR](#)

The query interface enables to search by a set of criteria. The selected cruise summary reports are listed. Clicking on the display icon retrieves the full cruise summary report. Geographical locations are indicated by Marsden Squares; in a number of cases also a detailed trackchart is provided.

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[Online maintenance via the CSR Content Management System](#)

Note: Chief scientists are advised to contact their NODC (see SeaDataNet partners page) to check whether they have to report directly to the SeaDataNet CSR online Content Management System or to their NODC, that will then transfer their CSR entries to SeaDataNet.

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Services for POGO

On a global scale, the Partnership for Observation of the Global Oceans (POGO) together with inter alia the Census of Marine Life (CoML) have recognised the need to improve on information sharing on pre-planned, planned, current and past cruises and related databases to enhance awareness of opportunities, to improve costeffectiveness of cruises and to improve data mining.

POGO awarded SeaDataNet the task to develop an International Research Cruise website that will be maintained by POGO member institutes.

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[Visit the International Research Cruise website](#)

This website gives access to the following 3 directories:

1. Worldwide ocean-going research vessels: characteristics of ocean-going vessels larger than 60 m in length. Currently, it includes 159 research vessels, which can be searched on vessel name, country, length, and main activities;
2. Planned research cruises: cruise programmes that can be searched by various criteria and by geographical map;
3. Cruise Summary Reports (CSRs): a special version of the SeaDataNet CSR directory, focusing on all ocean-going vessels longer than 60 m on a global scale.