



Partnering with PacIOOS : The Memorandum of Agreement

Over 30 agencies around the Pacific are showing their support and guiding the Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System!

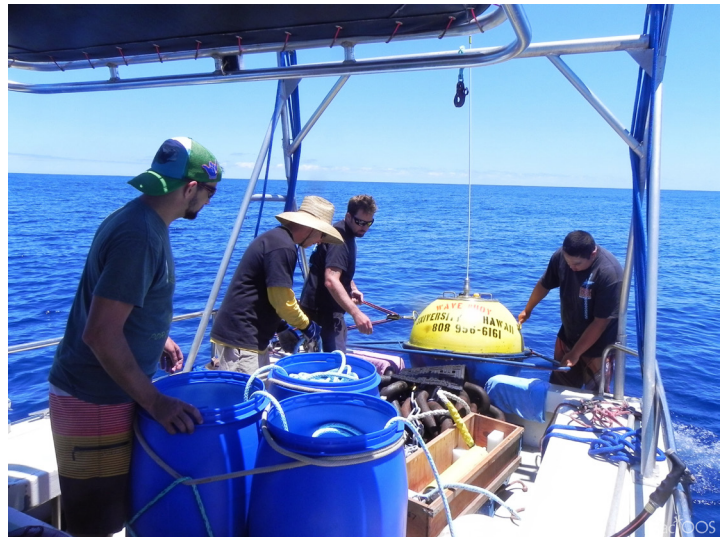
Yours can be next!

What is PacIOOS?

Established in 2007, PacIOOS is the Pacific Islands regional component of the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS®).

Based at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, PacIOOS is a partnership of data providers and users working together to enhance ocean observations and address the environmental, economic, and public safety needs of the community.

PacIOOS aims to provide accurate and timely data to ensure a safe, clean, and productive ocean and coastal zone for the U.S. Pacific Islands.



PacIOOS partners help to successfully re-deploy the Waimea Bay wave buoy in May 2013.

What is the PacIOOS MOA?

The PacIOOS MOA is a non-legal, non-binding document established by the PacIOOS Governing Council to achieve the following:

- Detail the operational guidelines for PacIOOS;
- Describe the purpose and design of the program and its governance structure; and
- Outline the initial functions and responsibilities agreed to by participating Parties to establish a regional ocean observing system.

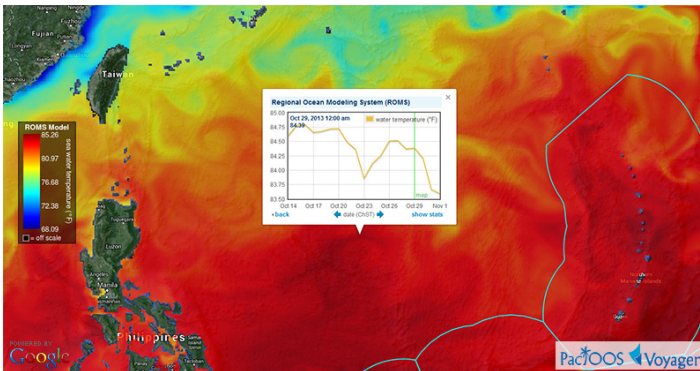
Why sign?

- Join a large community of ocean information suppliers and users throughout the Pacific that are interested in supporting the collection and dissemination of valuable ocean data and tools.
- Help guide the future direction of the program by:
 - Becoming a member of the Governing Council and Executive Committee; and
 - Providing input and feedback to PacIOOS strategic planning on topics such as:
 - Instrument deployment sites;
 - Expansion of regional models and tools;
 - Partnership development;
 - Program focus areas; and
 - Funding plans.

Signing the MOA simply means that your organization supports the work and operations of PacIOOS; there are no obligations.



The Benefits of Partnering with PacIOOS



PacIOOS Voyager is a free online mapping platform that hosts an array of geospatial data. In October 2013, PacIOOS added two new high resolution Regional Ocean Model System (ROMS) in the Mariana Islands that contribute to PacIOOS' pre-existing ROMS collection.

PacIOOS proudly presents current signatories and partners:

AMERICAN SAMOA

- American Samoa EPA
- Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources*

CNMI

- CNMI, Office of the Governor*
- Pacific Marine Resources Institute
- CNMI Department of Environmental Quality

FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

- College of Micronesia*
- MERIP – Marine and Environmental Research Institute of Pohnpei
- Micronesia Conservation Trust
- Conservation Society of Pohnpei

GUAM

- Guam, Office of the Governor*
- University of Guam, Sea Grant

REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

- College of the Marshall Islands*
- National Weather Service Regional Office
- Office of the Environment Planning and Policy Coordination
- RMI Environmental Protection Agency

HAWAII

- Liquid Robotics*
- University of Hawaii, Manoa – SOEST*
- Hawaii Department of Transportation – Harbors Division*
- Hawaii Office of Planning*
- Hawaii Harbors User Group *
- Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council*
- Archinoetics, Inc.
- Malama Maunaloa
- Maui Ocean Center
- US Coast Guard D-14*
- Kohala Center

PALAU

- Palau International Coral Reef Center
- Coral Reef Research Foundation
- Palau Automated Land and Resource Information System (PALARIS)*

REGIONAL

- NOAA – PIFSC
- NOAA National Weather Service (NWS)*
- WPR Fishery Management Council*
- Outrigger Enterprises, Inc. *
- US Army Corps of Engineers*
- SAIC
- CODAR Ocean Sensors
- U.S. Pacific Command*
- Pacific Disaster Center

How does signing the MOA benefit you?

Signing the PacIOOS MOA will enable:

- Involvement in the expansion of ocean observing capabilities and information products throughout the Pacific;
- Representation of your geographical ocean interests and needs;
- Inclusion of your ocean data in a large database with online access;
- Increased capacity to analyze and visualize the value of your program, without worrying about data management;
- Collaboration with a strong, proactive, and respectable ocean community in the Pacific; and
- Participation in a national network of 17 federal agencies that support ocean observing through the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009.

How does signing the MOA benefit PacIOOS?

- PacIOOS must compete for funding. Federal funds, provided mainly through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) support over 80% of PacIOOS programs and operations. Additional partners increase our chances for future funding.
- Strong partnerships:
 - Guide PacIOOS in a strategically successful direction;
 - Enable the collection of more robust, exhaustive, and useful data;
 - Encourage a positive response to management systems, partner needs and requests for ocean data collection and dissemination; and
 - Foster the overall success of the program.

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The Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 authorizes the creation of regional information coordinating entities under the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS). PacIOOS is one such entity. Section 12304 (4) (B) states : *employees of Federal agencies may participate in the functions of the regional information coordination entities.*

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