

## Novel automated quality control procedures for BGC data developed by the Copernicus Marine Service In-Situ TAC Team

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# **Copernicus Marine Service**

### - A regional approach

- ✓ Products tailored for specific regions through regional expertise
- Heterogeneous data sources
  - ✓ Homogeneous data quality through strong focus on internal consistency
- ✓ Documented and transparent
- ✓ Free & open data distribution through single data portal http://marine.copernicus.eu
- ✓ Long-term commitment from EC





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## **BioGeoChemical products**

#### BGC datasets reprocessed through automated quality control procedures and visual inspection of doubtful observations

- World-wide historical datasets of chlorophyll, oxygen and nutrients
- Delayed-mode quality-controlled data included when possible
- $\checkmark$  Automated quality testing greatly reduces workload
- $\checkmark$  Extended by 6 months two times every year
- Reprocessing quality control procedures are transparent and documented
- ✓ Automated quality control procedures applied to Near-Real Time dataflow when possible
  - E.g.: Point-on-land test for validating observations in fjords
- Inclusion of EMODnet chemistry 2018 (Dec 2021)











 $\checkmark$  Refined regions (28) for regional range testing

- ✓ Baltic Sea and Mediterranean treated separately with additional tests (including *flow test* for ferryboxes, *frozen value test*, *maximum dissolved* oxygen concentration test)
- ✓ Additional product *Easy-Oxygen*: unit standardization for modelers (µmol/l) or oceanic application and monitoring purposes (µmol/kg)









## Chlorophyll

- ✓ Data separated into coastal and pelagic eco-regions and euphotic zone (0-100 m and 100-200 m) and deep ocean (>200 m) prior to quality control
- ✓ Purely statistical approach: Data outside 99<sup>th</sup> percentile (3 std) within each separate eco-region and depth interval marked as doubtful, to be inspected visually
- ✓ Baltic Sea treated separately with additional tests (including flow test and frozen value test for ferryboxes)



Eco-regions based on Spalding et al., 2007







### Nutrients

#### Nitrate - Silicate - Phosphate

- $\checkmark$  Refined regions (26) for regional range testing
- ✓ Automated outlier detection and visual inspection of doubtful profiles
  - ✓ Vertical profile test: Surface concentrations below intermediate layer concentrations







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## Summary

**The Copernicus Symbiosis** Your Data Improves The Products We Provide You! **Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service** ✓ Products tailored for specific regions through regional expertise Homogeneous data quality through focus on internal consistency Free, open and transparent data distribution through single data portal (http://marine.copernicus.eu) ✓ World-wide historical datasets of chlorophyll, oxygen and nutrients

- ✓ Long-term commitment from EC
- ✓ Growing user base



