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2006

the data format was 90% there and version 1.0 was issued

to get things going the metadata issue was deferred

Metadata: everyone knows it is a 'good idea'but noone wants to collect/colate it



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Where are we now?

Operational: SensorML a few companies eg WETLabs enabling their sensors.

The MBARI PUCK can add Sensor ML to a data stream

Fine for large operational projects.

Preoperational: The further from becoming operational the more difficult to get the metadata but the more important to get it



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Metadata has 2 purposes within OceanSITES
For the dataset for discovery and interoperability
For understanding how the data set was collected
and created for future reworking

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John Graybeal's recommendation:
Adopt the SensorML content standard
Reference the SensorML description file in the
global variables

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What should be included?

Sensor identifier

calibration data

calibration method – text

What must be mandatory what is desired and how
not to exclude data

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