



# OceanSITES

**Mission:**

The mission of OceanSITES is to collect, deliver and promote the use of high-quality data from long-term, high-frequency observations at fixed locations in the open ocean.

OceanSITES typically aim to collect multidisciplinary data worldwide from the full-depth water column as well as the overlying atmosphere.

**Rationale:**

Time series observations at critical or representative locations are one essential element of a global ocean observing system to complement a range of other approaches. They can provide: a unique view of the full temporal behavior of a system; accurate reference and long-time baseline data; and the maximum possible range of interlinked variables from the seafloor to the atmosphere while enabling shared resources.