

Recommendation IODE-XXII.1

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOINT IODE/IAMSLIC GROUP OF EXPERTS ON MARINE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (IODE/IAMSLIC GE-MIM)

The IOC Committee on International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange,

Recognizing that the International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers (IAMSLIC) is non-profit volunteer association of individuals and organizations having an interest in library and information science, especially as these are applied to the recording, retrieval and dissemination of knowledge and information in all aspects of aquatic and marine sciences and their allied disciplines;

Recognizing further that there exist substantial synergies between the objectives and activities of IAMSLIC, the objectives of the IODE's Group of Experts for Marine Information Management and the IODE's marine information management programme activities;

Recalling the establishment of the IODE Group of Experts on Marine Information Management by IODE-IX (New York, 9-18 January 1984) through Recommendation IODE-IX.4 (IODE's role in marine information management);

Convinced that joint work between the IODE programme and IAMSLIC in the field of marine information management will be mutually beneficial to both Organizations and to the marine research community as a whole;

Recommends establishing the Joint IODE/IAMSLIC Group of Experts on Marine Information Management with the following Terms of Reference:

- (i) Advocate marine information managers as essential partners in the knowledge cycle, that includes observation, management, sharing and product/service provision, contributing to the marine related decision making process;
- (ii) Advise the IODE Committee on the policy, development and further implementation of an effective international system for scientific and technical information about the marine environment by keeping user requirements under continuing review and ensuring that these requirements can be met adequately;
- (iii) Identify the policy, technical and financial issues involved in the development and implementation of marine information systems, and make recommendations concerning their solution;
- (iv) Develop activities and information products to improve the capability of the marine information management community, particularly within developing countries, to benefit from and participate in marine information systems and keep the marine information management community informed on how they might best have access to such systems through the application of new technology;
- (v) Provide expertise to, and participate in other organizations, programmes, projects and activities where a marine information management component has been identified;
- (vi) Foster collaboration between the marine information management community and other knowledge managers such as data managers, informaticists and archivists to create new knowledge systems.

Encourages IOC Member States and IAMSLIC to nominate experts having expertise in marine information management to the Group of Experts.

Further requests that a progress report be submitted regularly to the IODE Officers, the IODE Committee and the IAMSLIC Executive Board.