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- **The Copernicus Ocean  
State Report**



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# Copernicus Ocean State Report



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# The Copernicus Ocean Reporting activity



## Ocean Reporting

SCIENCE:  
Ocean State Report



SCIENCE to SERVICE :  
Ocean Monitoring Indicators



SCIENCE to COMMUNICATION :  
Ocean State Report Summary



With the publication of the Copernicus **Ocean State Report** (OSR), its **summary** for policy makers, and the dissemination of **Ocean Monitoring Indicators** (OMIs), the **Copernicus Marine Service** provides expert assessment on the state of the European regional seas and the global ocean.

Building up the foundation for the transfer of science-based knowledge on the variability, change and status of the ocean across the Blue, Green and White Ocean to a wide range of audience.

Co-construction between science & communication for wide knowledge transfer based on Copernicus Ocean Reporting activities and beyond

# The Copernicus Ocean State Report (OSR)

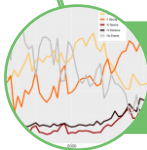


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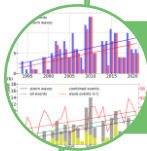
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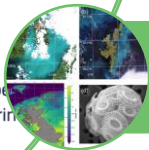
Chapter 1: Synopsis of the ocean state and marine environment over the past decades



Chapter 2: Scientific roadmaps of novelties with respect to indicator methods or analytical capacities for monitoring the ocean



Chapter 3: Introduces ocean case studies with socio-economic relevance

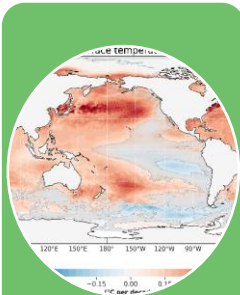


Chapter 4: Highlights unusual events during the target year

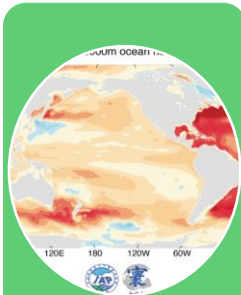


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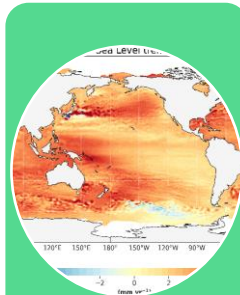
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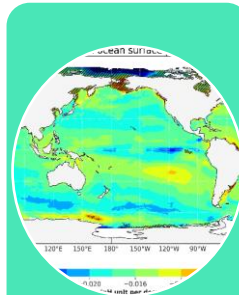
The global Ocean continues to warm, particularly in the northern hemisphere.



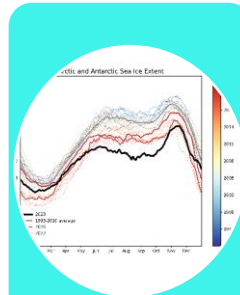
Strongest upper 2000 m ocean warming occurs in the Southern Ocean, the North Atlantic and South Atlantic ocean areas



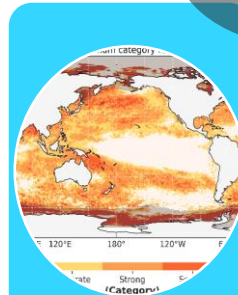
Global mean sea level has risen more than 10 cm over the past 30 years.



Around 47 % of the sampled ocean is getting more acidic at a faster rate than the global average.

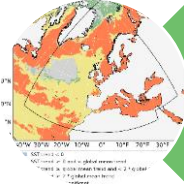


Sea ice extent in the world's polar regions fell to its lowest point in 2023.

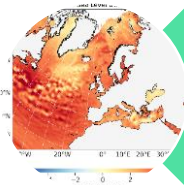


In 2023, 22 % of the global ocean surface experienced at least one severe to extreme marine heatwave event.

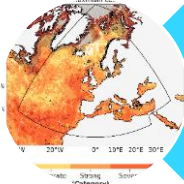
# Snapshot of the OSR8 Chapter 1: Northeast Atlantic Ocean and adjacent seas



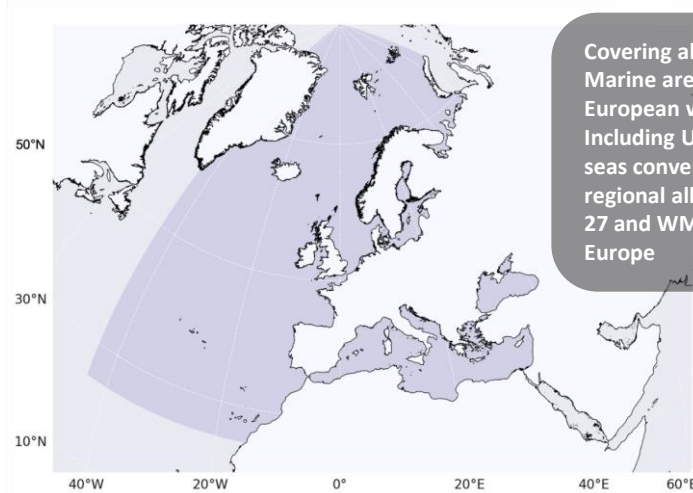
Warming across all ocean subbasins  
doubles the global average trend



Absolute sea level rises over the region,  
particularly in the Baltic Sea and the  
Mediterranean Sea.



In 2023, 32 % of the region's ocean  
surface experienced at least one severe  
to extreme marine heatwave event.



Covering all Copernicus  
Marine areas and all  
European waters.  
Including UNEP regional  
seas conventions, GOOS  
regional alliances, FAO-  
27 and WMO region VI-  
Europe

# Outlook for OSR8

17 sections: 11  
accepted

## Chapter 2: Novelties

Geodetic Ocean Heat Content  
Gulf Stream path  
Currents Iberian Biscay Irish  
Altimetry-based Significant Wave Heights  
Marine Heatwaves North West Shelf  
Marine Heatwaves Barents Sea

## Chapter 3: Socioeconomic relevance

Sea water heat pumps Baltic Sea  
Event-based wave statistics Baltic Sea  
Marine Heatwaves: role air-sea fluxes Mediterranean Sea  
Manometric Sea level Arctic and North Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea

## Chapter 4: Recent events

Marine Heatwaves: forecasting Mediterranean Sea  
Marine Heatwaves: coastal response Mediterranean Sea  
Deep water formation and phytoplankton bloom Cretan area  
Marine Heatwaves Baltic Sea  
Marine Heatwaves IBI  
Marine Heatwaves: subsurface warming Mediterranean Sea  
Record breaking wave event SW Mediterranean Sea



# Outlook for OSR9

## Chapter 2: Novelties

- Low and mid-trophic level biomass trend
- Micronekton indicators evolution in biophysically defined provinces
- Phytoplankton functional types
- Primary production
- Surface wind speed variability North Atlantic and global ocean
- State of Baltic Sea
- Marine heatwaves and cold spells Northwest Atlantic Ocean
- Sea level variability Nordic Seas and Barents Sea

## Chapter 3: Socioeconomic relevance

- Record-breaking temperatures and proliferation of bioinvasers: impacts Mediterranean Sea
- Marine heatwaves long-term trends Mediterranean Sea
- Metocean study for floating regasification terminal Baltic Sea
- Potential Eutrophication Indicator SDG reporting
- WEC for decision makers
- Abnormally cold bottom water 2023 Scotian shelf

## Chapter 4: Recent events

- Freshening event northern Adriatic Sea early summer 2023
- Summer 2023 marine heatwaves Newfoundland and Labrador shelf
- North Atlantic marine heatwave 2023
- North Atlantic marine heatwave 2023
- El Niño 2023
- Baltic Sea inflow late 2023



# OSR7 and Beyond – interactive Summary

- Ocean State Report, Ocean Monitoring Indicators, and beyond
- Targets primarily **policy-makers** and **journalists**.
- **Ocean Literacy:** Written in language and with visuals adapted for the general public with little to no knowledge about the ocean,
- Wide distribution: multiple formats, channels

## SECTIONS



## THE REPORT AT A GLANCE

KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM THE EU COPERNICUS OCEAN STATE REPORT 7 AND THE OCEAN MONITORING INDICATORS



# Wide outreach and wide readership, with the support and recognition of European Commission



EU Copernicus Ocean State Report recognised under the EU Mission "Restore Our Ocean and Waters"

## Articles

- Copernicus Marine Service Website
- Copernicus Observer (provided to DG DEFIS)
- Placed articles in specialist magazines

## Video

- Shared across newspaper articles and social media
- Provides a few key takeaways, and available in multiple languages

## Social Media and adds

- Organic campaign coordinated with partners and stakeholders (DG DEFIS, DG MARE, DG ENV etc.)
- Paid and organic campaign social media
- Teads: views in the journals: Reuters, Forbes, laTribune, etc. and Google search

## Ocean State Report Summary and Outreach Tools



- Evolving journey, with strong response
- Hundreds of articles covering the OSR reports with circulation reaching millions, over 2.5 million since 2020
- Over 450 press mentions globally, strongest across Europe, especially Germany, France, Spain, Italy, UK since 2020
- Campaign paid and organic – 9.5 million impressions
- Online Press event, hosted by MOi to present the OSR and findings, with experts and dedicated materials

# Ocean State Report 7 KPIs

## Ocean State Report issue 7

### INTERACTIVE SUMMARY

Number of visitors

**28 655**

Pageviews

**32 775**



### FULL REPORT

Pageviews,  
Downloads

**8 516**

