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 United Nations Decade
 of Ocean Science
 for Sustainable Development
 UN Ocean Decade Implementing Partner

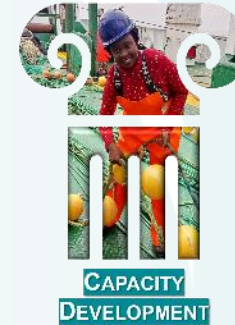


Works collectively as a global community to promote and deliver the development of the **truly global ocean observation system** needed to advance understanding of the ocean and its wise use for the benefit of science and society.

The three pillars of POGO



Emerging methods,
technologies & low-cost
solutions



Train the next generation
of ocean scientists



Strive for a more
ocean literate society



Innovation in Ocean Observing

POGO seeks to lead innovation and development of the crucial components of the ocean observing system.



Ocean Biomolecular Observing Network

- To build a coastal-to-open multi-omics biodiversity observing system
- Develop and transfer capacity
- Enhance marine ecosystem models by adding biomolecular components
- Address pressing questions linked to state & dynamics of life in the ocean



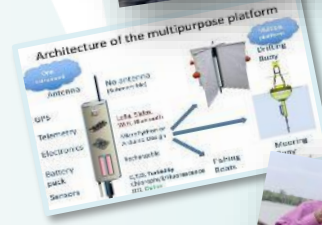
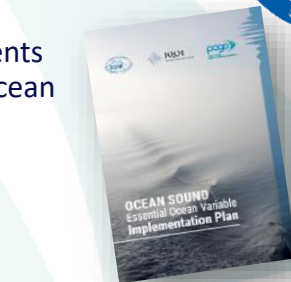
International Quiet Ocean Experiment

- Use of acoustics to assess biodiversity
- Inventory of data, standards, guidelines & literature
- Ocean Sound EOVI Implementation Plan for GOOS
- Development of low-cost, open-source hydrophones



Low-cost technology development

- User-friendly, low cost and easily deployable instrumentation
- Reliable for science and citizen science activities
- Drifter and moored platforms





Capacity Development

POGO's training and education activities are targeted primarily at scientists from developing countries and economies in transition.

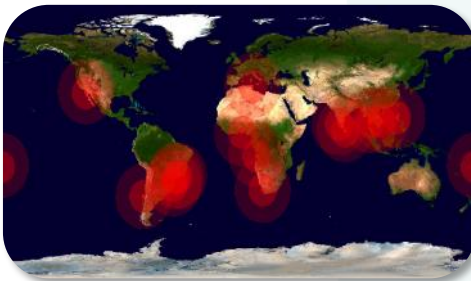
99 Countries

>1400 Training grants

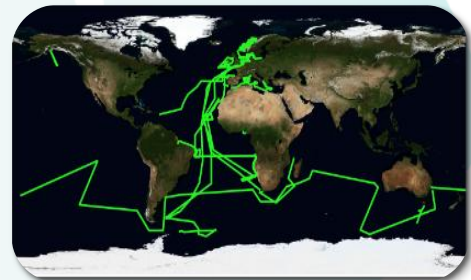
Visits to advanced oceanographic institutes



Regional trainings in developing countries



Shipboard training





3 Outreach & Advocacy

POGO aims to articulate the societal benefits of ocean observing to people at all levels – from the general public to policy makers.

Ocean Observing Case Studies & Publications



Citizen Science & Outreach



Policy & international engagement



Highlights 2025

Pillar 1 – Innovation in Ocean Observing

- OBON launched a series of webinars, meetings in UK (Nov/24) and Australia (Oct/25)
- New POGO-funded initiatives include supporting regional OBIS Network & Marine eDNA monitoring for Latin America and the Caribbean

Pillar 2 – Capacity development

- Collaboration on shipboard training for 29 African ECOPs on the Around Africa Expedition
- Gulf of Guinea Ocean Sciences Summer School (Cameroon)
- Training on Major Aspects of Marine Sciences for MPA Monitoring and Management (Nigeria)
- Developing an undergraduate curriculum in Marine Science (Liberia)
- Statistical analysis of Oceanographic Data (Bangladesh)
- GOOD-OARS International Summer School (Malaysia)
- Multiscale Oceanography: From Micro to Macro (Portugal)

Pillar 3 – Outreach and Advocacy

- COLLECT protocols applied at UAE
- TownHall, Side event and strong engagement at OOSC & UNOC3
- *No Data, No Action* statement signed by 38 members and 17 other parties & organisations

Governance

- 1st POGO Directors Meeting
- Dedicated WGs for Advocacy, Technology & Environmentally sustainable observations



More information



Annual report

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POGO Strategy

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