



Benefits of OceanSITES

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Benefits for PI or program to join OceanSITES

- A. Be part of a large network of partners which
 - Enhances your chances of successful funding applications
 - facilitates collaboration
 - provides technical and scientific assistance
 - shares expertise
 - provides logistical accesses including ship time

- B. Gain access to and enhance usership of infrastructure
 - gain access to other OceanSITES moorings, sensors, mooring hardware
 - demonstrate value of your own infrastructure by finding additional partners
 - act as a RAD (researcher aggregating device)
 - added sensors enhance value and quality of your own observations

- C. Get assistance for initiating new sustained time-series programs
 - get scientific endorsement
 - get help to find instrumentation for loan during initial phases of development of an observatory
 - get access to sensor, engineering, operations expertise
 - get access to documentation describing “best practice” and to “user guides”.
 - gain visibility for your new effort, including dissemination

- D. Gain access to and assistance with
 - an internationally recognized and widely used time-series data format
 - best practices (data QA and QC)
 - regional DACs
 - other global data sets

- E. Through GDAC mechanism
 - satisfy funding agency requirement for public data access
 - enhance dissemination and user community of your data
 - make your data part of a global data set
 - assure long-term archive of your data

- F. Impacts of your observations
 - contribute to indicators and products resulting from OceanSITES
 - become a reference or anchor site for other programs
 - increase global awareness of your program and data
 - access to measurable data use
 - recognition in the international scientific community
 - increased recognition in your own country

- G. Contribute to or become part of other regional or international programs
 - CLIVAR, GOOS, DOOS, IMBER

- H. Gain access to training and student resources

- I. Gain access to OceanSITES leadership opportunities (Steering Committee, Executive Committee, Chair candidature)

- J. Contribute to socioeconomic value/benefits/issues
 - Providing ocean health information
 - Enabling or validation predictive systems
 - Training next generation earth scientists and observers, engineers
 - Ecosystem management/services
 - Products, indicators, hazard warning for agencies, policy makers, public