

Surface Drifter Summary

Program Aim – 1250 Active Drifters at all times

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012 (Feb 1)
Australia	25	26	30	12	12
Canada	34	28	31	17	15
European Union	79	78	46	49	42
France	27	17	36	13	15
Germany	1			1	1
India	8	7	14	9	11
Italy		10	8	8	8
Japan	9	11	4	6	5
Netherlands				2	2
N. Zealand	10	9	9	5	4
Norway	4	2	2		
S. Africa	2	1	3	3	3
S. Korea	5	3	3	1	1
United Kingdom	13	15	11	8	8
United States	1175	1232	1188	933	853
Totals	1394	1442	1386	1067	980

Data represents December of each year as posted by JCOMMOPS through 2010. 2011 and 2012 data were obtained from

<http://osmc.noaa.gov/Monitor/OSMC/OSMC.html>

Data Center Holdings:

AOML/GDC	1149	1245	1331	1016	978 (Feb 1, 2012)
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AOML provides full details of drifter programs at:

http://www.aoml.noaa.gov/phod/dac/dac_reports.html and see map below.

Meds provides a combined summary of drifters and moorings reporting via the GTS

Bottom line is that the SVP surface drifter program has operated at a level near or greater than 1250 (the requirement) from 2005 to 2010 and less in 2011. SST, Waves, Subsurface temperature (few), wind, air pressure and air temperature are usually reported via the GTS.

STATUS OF GLOBAL DRIFTER ARRAY

