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Highlights of 2002/2003

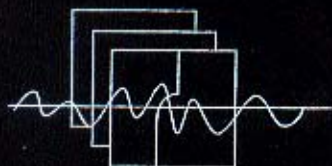
A brief overview from the SADCO Annual Report

SADCO draws up an Annual Report every year, and this is presented to the Steering Committee at its meeting in May. After obtaining feedback from Committee, the report is finalised and bound, and a copy provided to each member (and the sponsor organisations).

To allow wider insight into the activities, the following provides a brief overview of some of the major achievements of the data centre during 2002/3.

- In terms of web-enablement of the marine database, extraction routines have been completed, including a useful conversion to ODV format. (The VOS data base has been fully web-enabled in 2001, while the Current Meter and Weather Station data bases still need some final aspects to be dealt with see article on *Status of web-enablement* this issue).
- A total of 5134 CTD stations were loaded. Of these, the majority was received from Namibia, but some of these need checking and editing.

- The process of preparing and transferring all (existing) underway ADCP data from MCM (Marine and Coastal Management) to SADCO has been started. An inventory of the data has been established, and the first 6 (of 142) cruises submitted (but not loaded).
- Off-line requests comprised 28% of the total budget (15% last year). This is a record for the first time since the request load has been monitored (1990).
- The inventory was kept up to date with surveys and track charts (except for current meter and automatic weather station data).
- Contact with the user community (and specifically BCLME) and promotion of the Data Centre was maintained through Newsletters and visits.
- There were no system crashes in the year, and no data was lost (backups are done every day).



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