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## 6.2.3 IOC Ocean Info Hub and LAC Ocean Info Hub

- The Ocean InfoHub (OIH) Project is a global initiative that aims to improve equitable access to ocean information, (meta)data and knowledge products for management and sustainable development.
- The project is responding to the global challenges of understanding and managing marine ecosystems in a rapidly changing world
- By harnessing digital revolutions, and facilitating the sharing of new information technologies between countries and institutions



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- A proliferation of online sources of data and information
  - IODE has documented over 3000 sources of online D&I
- A diversity of online data systems
  - Where to find data? Which is the authoritative source?
- Member states may have very valuable and useful local resources, but they may not be visible to the world
- Global data and information resources have useful content, but local users might not know about them
- Challenges of trust in some regions
- Challenges of access to technology
- The need for a clearinghouse mechanism (CHM-TMT)

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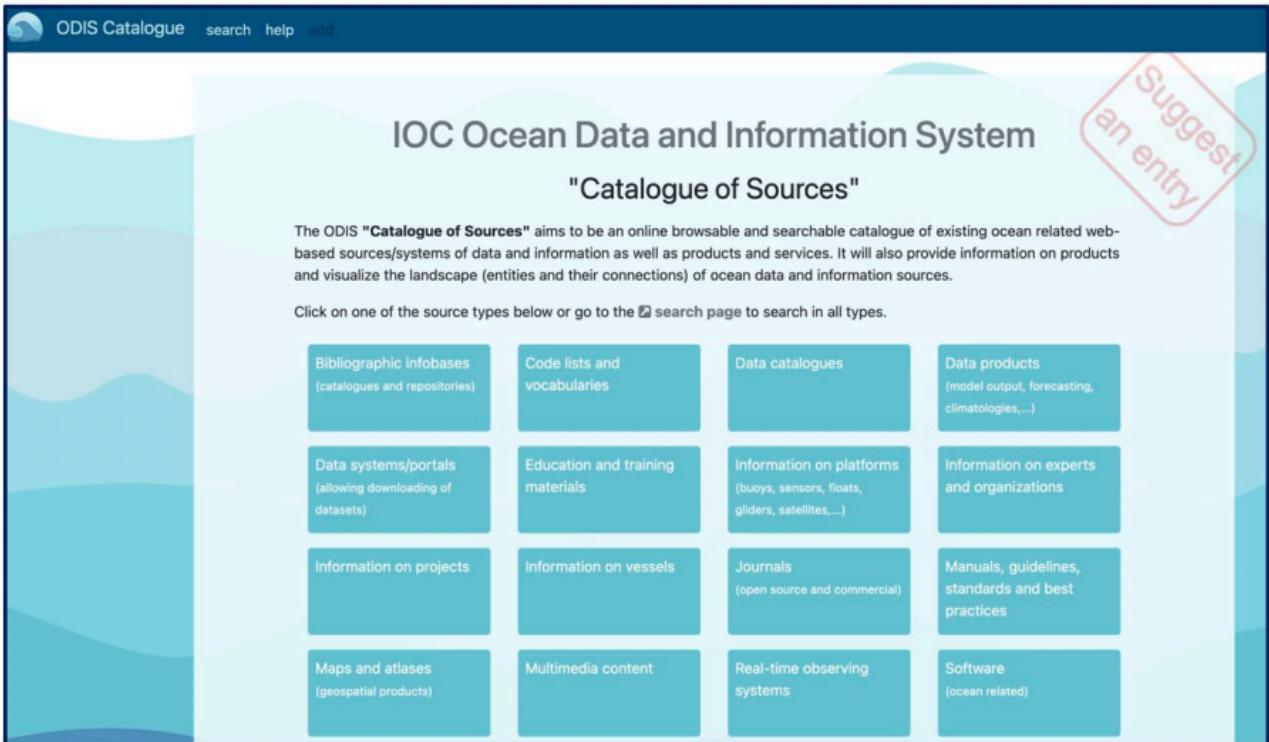
- **Improve discovery and interoperability** of existing information systems;
- **Improve access** to global oceans information, data, and knowledge products for management and sustainable development;
- **Link and anchor a network of regional and thematic nodes** that will share the metadata that they choose to expose;
- **Provide capacity building** to support contributors and end-users of the global OIH;
- **Connect independent digital initiatives** to form a diverse, but interoperable and inclusive, Ocean Data and Information System.



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The **ODIS Catalogue of Sources (ODISCat)** is an annotated catalogue of online resources serving ocean-related data and information products, currently containing over 3000 records

ODIS-cat



ODIS Catalogue search help add

# IOC Ocean Data and Information System

## "Catalogue of Sources"

The ODIS "Catalogue of Sources" aims to be an online browsable and searchable catalogue of existing ocean related web-based sources/systems of data and information as well as products and services. It will also provide information on products and visualize the landscape (entities and their connections) of ocean data and information sources.

Click on one of the source types below or go to the  search page to search in all types.

Bibliographic infobases (catalogues and repositories)	Code lists and vocabularies	Data catalogues	Data products (model output, forecasting, climatologies,...)
Data systems/portals (allowing downloading of datasets)	Education and training materials	Information on platforms (buoys, sensors, floats, gliders, satellites,...)	Information on experts and organizations
Information on projects	Information on vessels	Journals (open source and commercial)	Manuals, guidelines, standards and best practices
Maps and atlases (geospatial products)	Multimedia content	Real-time observing systems	Software (ocean related)

Suggest an entry

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### Ocean InfoHub Project

#### Partners (global)

- OceanExpert : *People, institutions and events*
- AquaDocs : *Documents and Publications*
- The GOOS/IODE Ocean Best Practices System (OBPS)
- The Ocean Biodiversity Information System (OBIS)
- EUROCEAN
- MarineTraining.eu
- EMODNET

The screenshot shows a central search bar with the placeholder "Enter your search terms...". Below it are four main navigation links:

- OceanExpert**: Shows a map of the world with a yellow dot indicating the location of the OceanExpert hub.
- AquaDocs**: Shows a search bar and a list of documents.
- The Ocean Best Practices System (OBPS)**: Shows a brief description of OBPS.
- OBIS**: Shows a search bar and a large image of a sea turtle.

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### Ocean InfoHub Project

Partners (global)

Three regions

- Africa,
- Latin America and the Caribbean,
- Pacific Small Island Developing States



Latin America  
and the Caribbean



Africa



Pacific Small Island  
Developing States



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### Region: Latin America and the Caribbean

LAC OIH Regional node (led by INVEMAR) developed: <http://portete.invemar.org.co/chm#/>

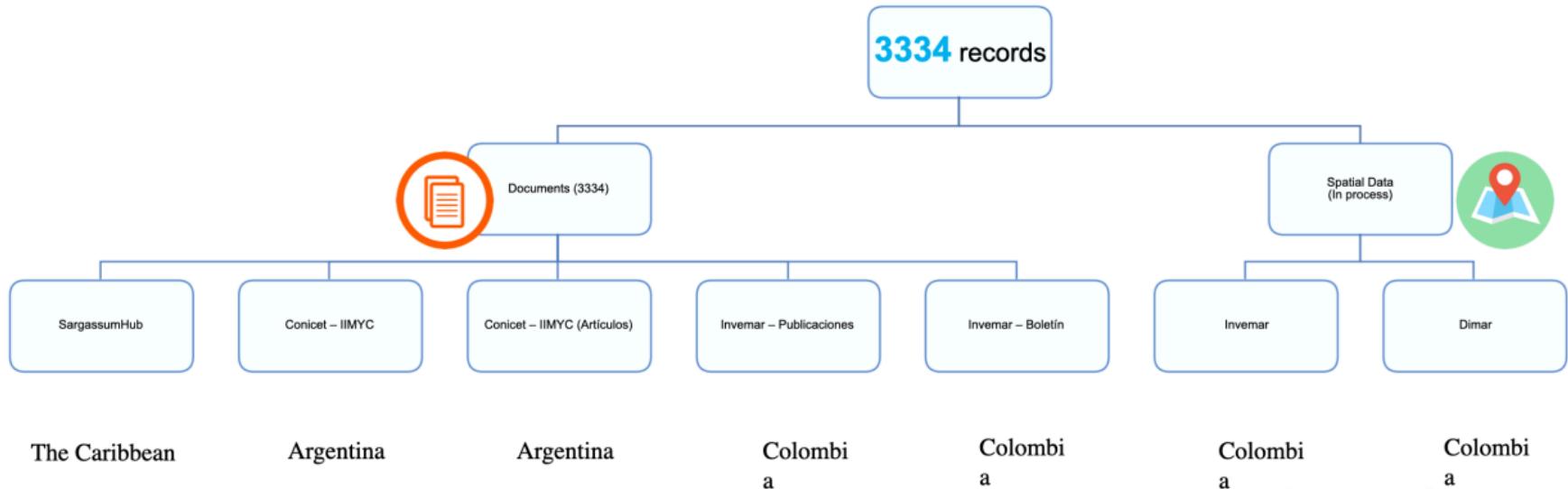
#### Partners:

- CLME+ Training and Capacity Development Portal.
- The Sargassum Information Hub. An Atlantic wide Hub
- Caribbean Marine Atlas
- Other (NODCs, ADUs, vessels, programmes, etc.)



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**Datasets:**  
**5 ready (documents)**  
**2 in process (spatial)**

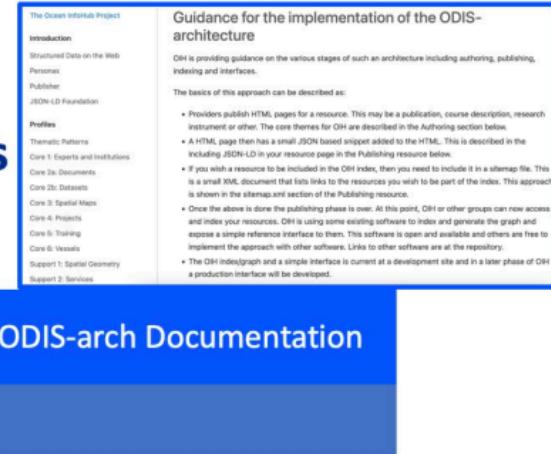
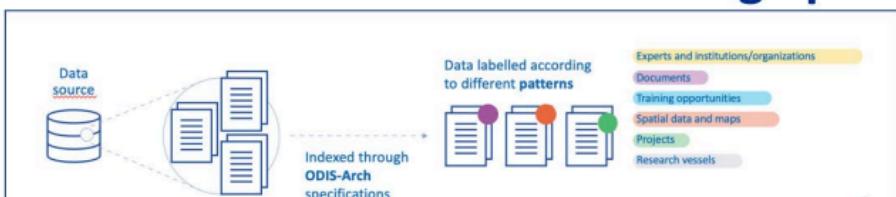


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### Ocean InfoHub Project



Co-design process



Guidance for the implementation of the ODIS-architecture

**Introduction**

- Structured Data on the Web
- Persons
- Publisher
- JSON-LD Foundation

**Profiles**

- Thematic Patterns
- Core 1: Experts and Institutions
- Core 2a: Documents
- Core 2b: Datasets
- Core 3: Spatial Maps
- Core 4: Projects
- Core 5: Training
- Core 6: Vessels
- Support 1: Spatial Geometry
- Support 2: Services

**ODIS-arch Documentation**

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### Ocean InfoHub Project

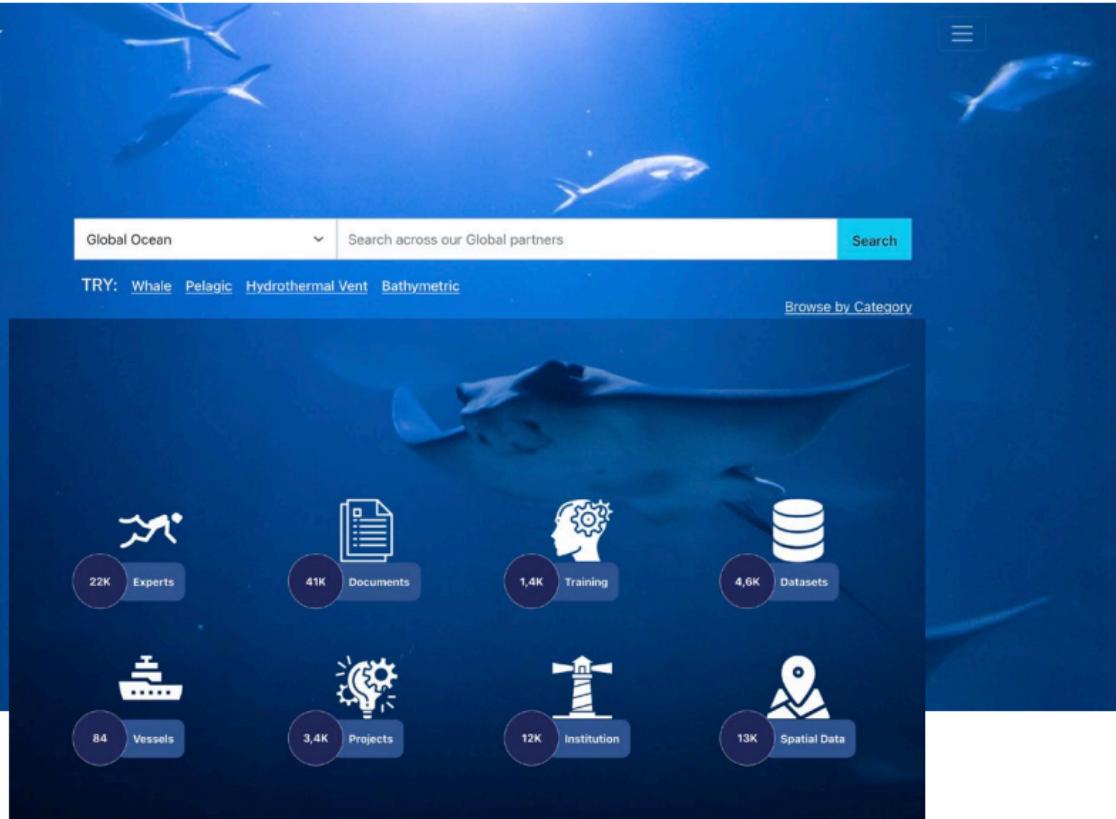
International Coastal Atlas Network	El Salvador Ministry of Environment	NOAA / Open-GTS / GOOS Observations Coordination Group	MARISMA Project	Strait of Georgia Data Centre
Marinetraining.eu	Caribbean Marine Atlas	Ocean Best Practices system (OBPS)	University of California San Diego, SCRIPPS	Protected planet
OceanExpert	CORDIO / MASPASWIO	Ocean Biodiversity Information System (OBIS)	Anthropocene Institute	BCC data portal (Benguela Current Convention)
EMODnet	Nairobi Convention (clearinghouse)	Aquadocs	WIO Symphony project	CCLME Eco-viewer
EUROCEAN	MarCoSouth	SARGASSUM Hub	Marine Institute Data Catalogue	OBON (Ocean Biomolecular Observing Network)
INVEMAR	SPC Pacific Data Hub	CLME+ training portal	Tsunami programme	IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature)
Argentina, NODC	SPREP Pacific Environment Portal	SeaDataNet	Indonesian NODC	Canadian Integrated Ocean Observing System
Colombia DIMAR NODC	Blue Planet / BIOPAMA (RCMRD)	POGO / OceanScape	POLDER	ODINAFRICA (Ocean Data and Information Network for Africa)
Colombia National Natural Parks	UNEP (UN Environment Programme)	VLIZ Flanders Marine Institute	OpenOceanCloud	METS RCN - Marine Ecological Time Series RCN

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Become a partner



Global Ocean

Search across our Global partners

Search

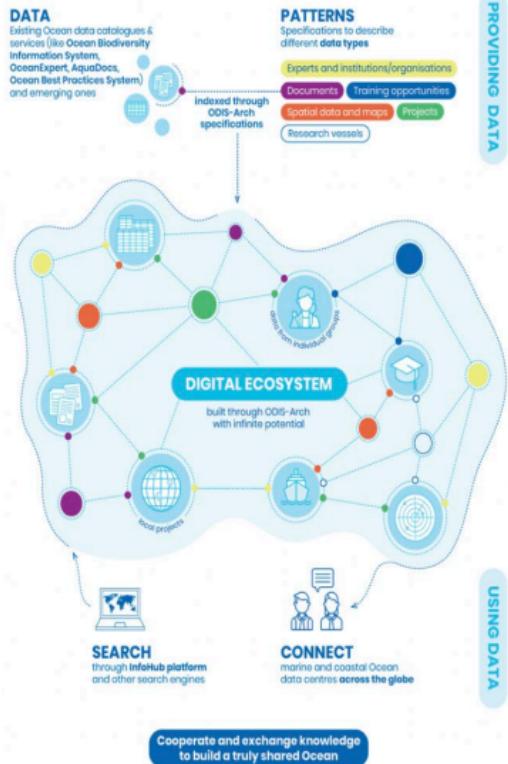
TRY: [Whale](#) [Pelagic](#) [Hydrothermal Vent](#) [Bathymetric](#)

Browse by Category

Category	Count
Experts	22K
Documents	41K
Training	1,4K
Datasets	4,6K
Vessels	84
Projects	3,4K
Institution	12K
Spatial Data	13K

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- Sustainable, interoperable, inclusive, and openly accessible infrastructure
- Composed of **nodes**, through which data providers and partners can share (meta) data
- Does not depend on a central Hub, the **web** is our **collective Hub**;
- Nodes have complete ownership and control, and choose which metadata they would like to share.
- Anyone can develop thematic or regional portals.
- OIH always links back to the **original, authoritative source**
- Architecture is a **lightweight**, minimal layer and workflows should not need to change.



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**Website** <https://oceaninfohub.org/>

**Documentation** <https://book.oceaninfohub.org/index.html>

**Walk-through of documentation** (free OTGA sign-in required)

IOC/OTGA/OIH Training course: Implementing the Ocean Data and Information System (ODIS) architecture. <https://classroom.oceanteacher.org/course/view.php?id=722>

**Video:** [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YvEMcETZlt-E4aHTad4K1jopbF6ODi4u/view?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YvEMcETZlt-E4aHTad4K1jopbF6ODi4u/view?usp=share_link)

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