

Surface Drifter Summary

Program Aim – 1250 Active Drifters at all times

Active SVP drifters reporting via the GTS (source JCOMMOPS)

	2006 Dec	2007 Dec	2008 Dec	2009 Dec	2010 June
Australia	27	33	25	26	29
Brazil	2	2	3	1	
Canada	30	40	34	28	30
Europe	48	52	79	78	64
Finland	1				
France	15	30	27	17	14
Germany	4	7	1		
India	5	22	8	7	12
Italy	3			10	13
Japan	6	11	9	11	10
New Zealand	7	8	10	9	11
Norway	3	5	4	2	4
South Africa	9	4	2	1	3
South Korea	2	5	5	3	3
United Kingdom	10	11	13	15	13
United States	1182	1102	1175	1232	1406
Totals:	1354	1332	1395	1440	1612

Data held by the Global Drifter Center and RNODC-MEDS.

GDC 1279 1269 1149 1245 1395

MEDS 1340 1361 1380 1366 1536(May)

http://www.aoml.noaa.gov/phod/dac/dac_reports.html

http://www.meds-sdmm.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/alphapro/rnodc/stats/stat_GLOB10.html

MEDS also provides a combined summary of drifters and moorings (Platforms) reporting via the GTS at the site above.

Present status of the array according to GDC:

<http://www.aoml.noaa.gov/phod/graphics/dacdata/globpop.gif>

Bottom line is that the SVP surface drifter program has operated at a level near or greater than 1250 (the requirement) since 2005. Of the 1612 drifters reporting via the GTS in June 2010, 1472 reported SST, 686 air pressure, 5 wind, 7 waves and 30 Sub/Ser Temp.