

Surface Drifter Summary

Program Aim – 1250 Active Drifters at all times

Active SVP drifters reporting via the GTS (source JCOMMOPS)

	2004 Dec	2006 Dec	2007 Dec	2008 Dec	2009 Dec
Australia	28	27	33	25	26
Brazil		2	2	3	1
Canada	7	30	40	34	28
Europe	2	48	52	79	78
Finland		1			
France	30	15	30	27	17
Germany	14	4	7	1	
India	3	5	22	8	7
Italy	17	3			10
Ireland	2				
Japan	10	6	11	9	11
New Zealand	7	7	8	10	9
Norway	7	3	5	4	2
South Africa	9	9	4	2	1
South Korea	9	2	5	5	3
United Kingdom	30	10	11	13	15
United States	867	1182	1102	1175	1232
Totals:	1051	1354	1332	1395	1440

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

GDC	1112	1279	1269	1149	1245
MEDS	1050	1340	1361	1380	1526 (Sept)

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

http://www.meds-sdmm.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/alphapro/rnodc/stats/stat_GLOB09.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 1440 drifters reporting via the GTS in December 2009, 1314 reported SST, 589 air pressure, 5 wind, 7 waves and 5 Sub/T.