RV Cefas Endeavour FerryBox:robust QA systems providing operational data for UK Eutrophication Assessments



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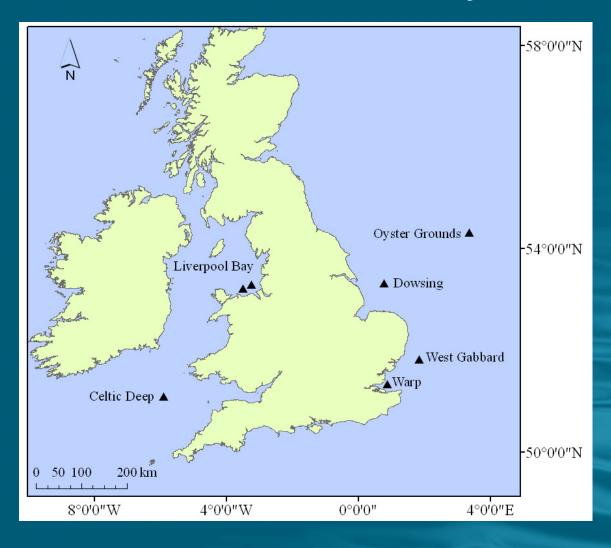


Historical survey design

- Report to OSPAR
- Ship based observations
- Good spatial coverage
- Poor temporal resolution
 - Annual winter nutrient survey
 - Occasional summer survey
- Limited biological data
 - > Chlorophyll, oxygen
- Labour intensive (expensive)

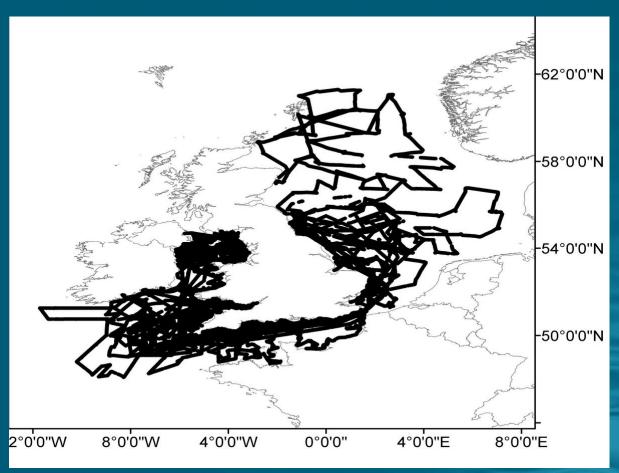


Cefas *in situ* monitoring - SmartBuoy network



- Operational since Nov 2000
- Compliment ship based measurements good temporal resolution
- Discrete locations
- Data used for water quality assessments (OSPAR, MSFD)

RV Endeavour cruise track 2010



- Comprehensive cover of OSPAR regions in English and Welsh waters
- Ferrybox operational since January 2009

Ferrybox on RV Cefas Endeavour - 4H Jena

Chlorophyll and turbidity
(Turner SCUFA)

Oxygen (Aanderaa optode)

Turner Phytoflash



Hull mounted PRT

Salinity and temp (SBE45)

Chlorophyll (Seapoint SCF)

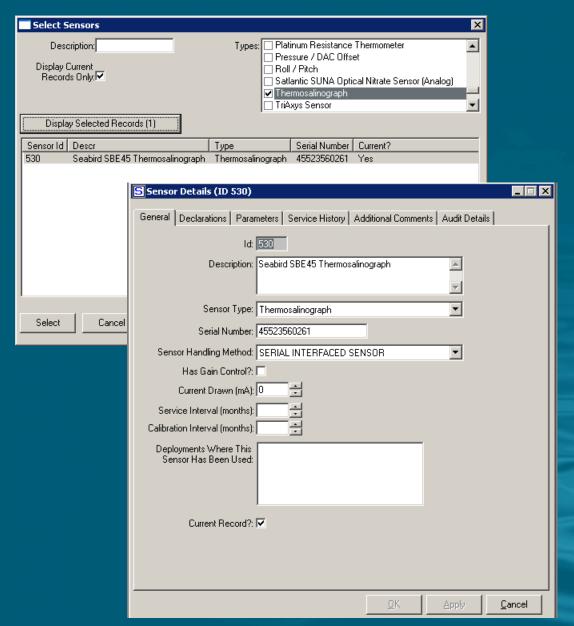
Water sampler



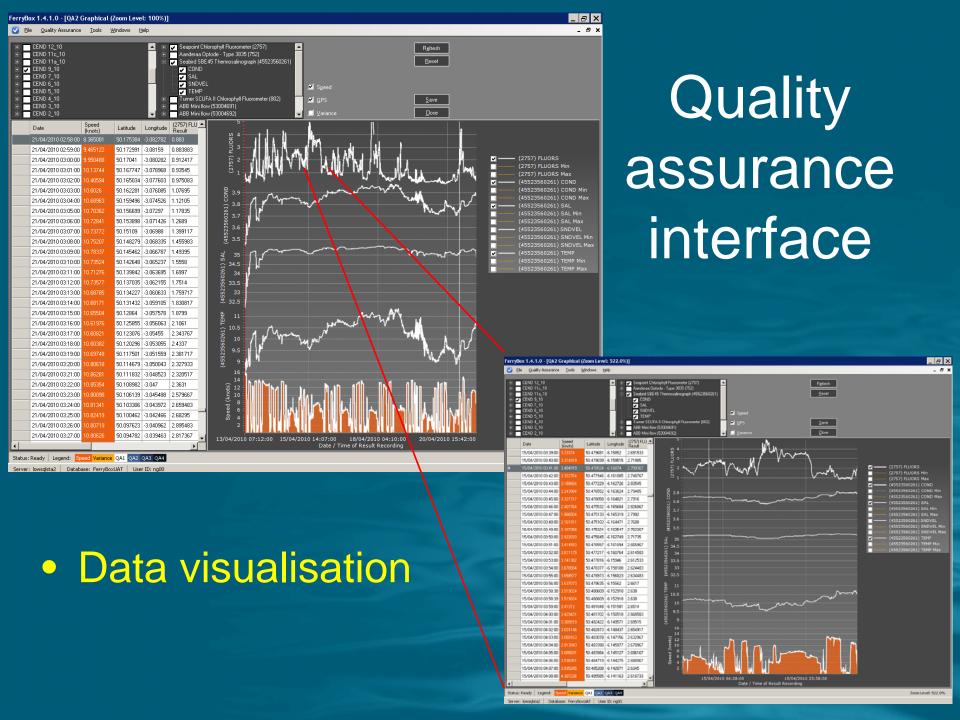
- Samples preserved with mercuric chloride for nutrients analysis
- Collected in OSPAR winter (November to February)



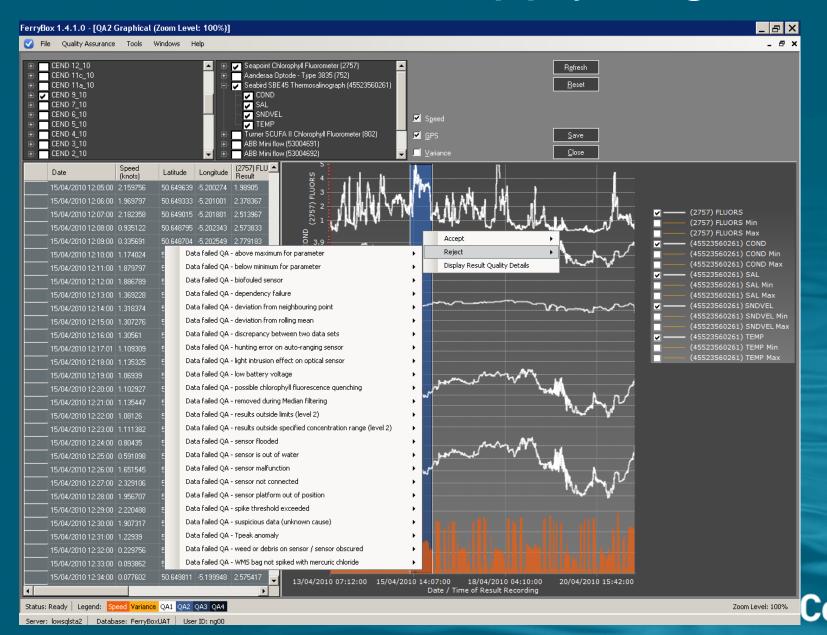
Maintain sensor history



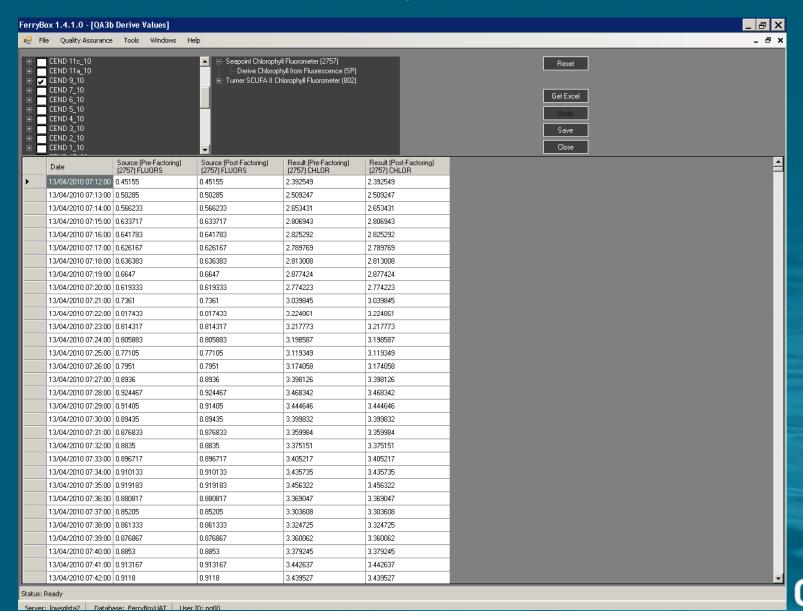
- All sensors must be on database
- Calibrations and service details maintained
- Audit trail
- Configuration sent from Ferrybox



QA level 2 – apply flags



QA3 – apply calibrations

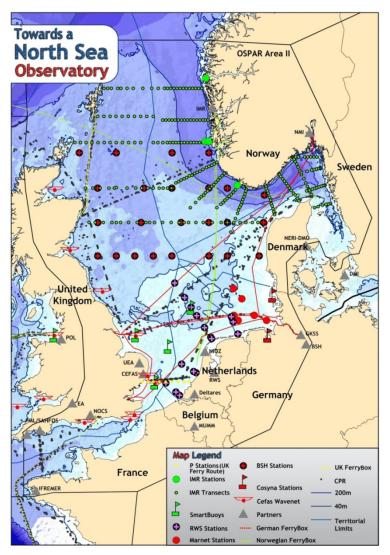


Models

Research vessels



EMECO





Ferries



Buoys

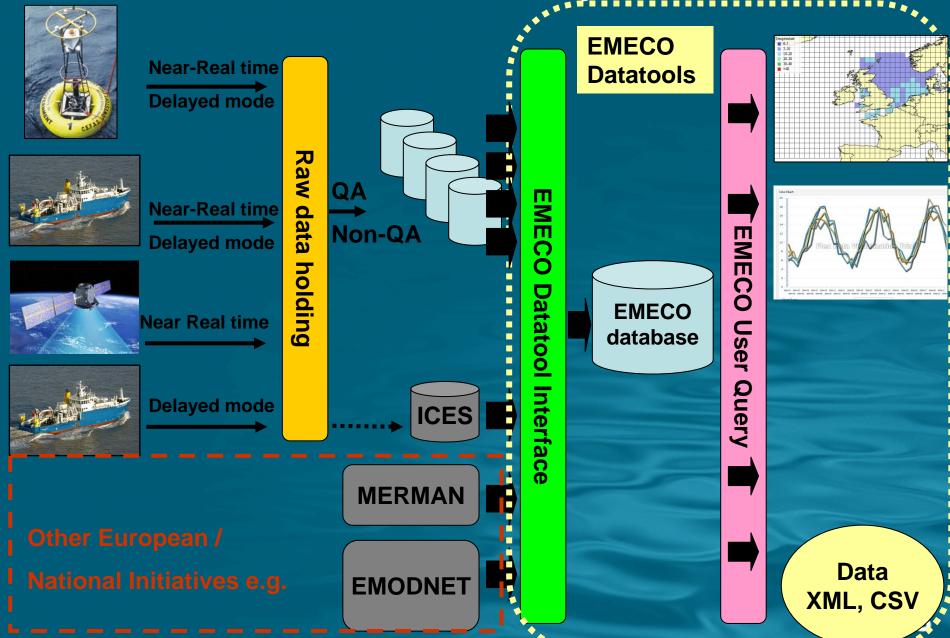


Gliders

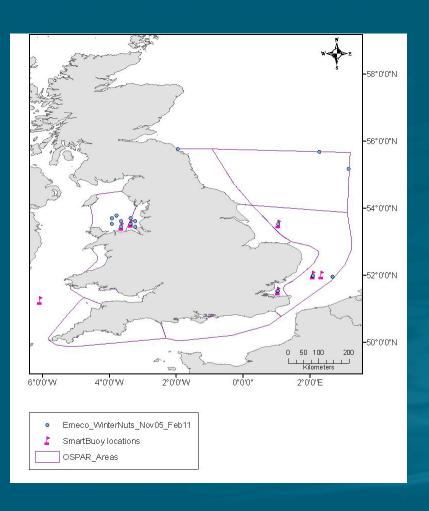


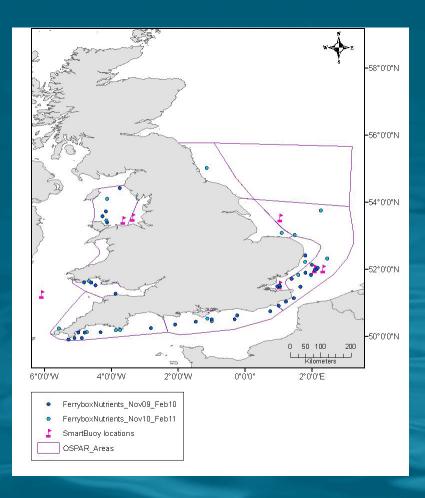
Satellites

An end to end system

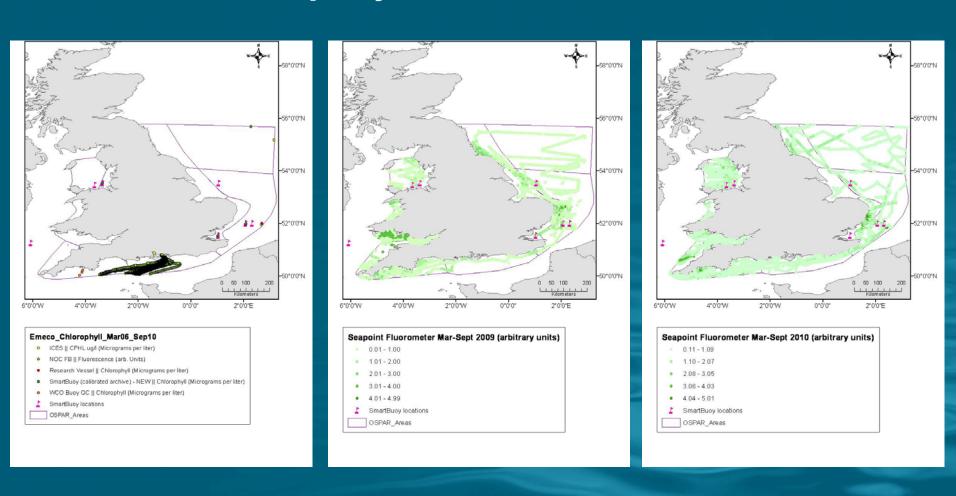


Contribution of Ferrybox nutrients to OSPAR assessment





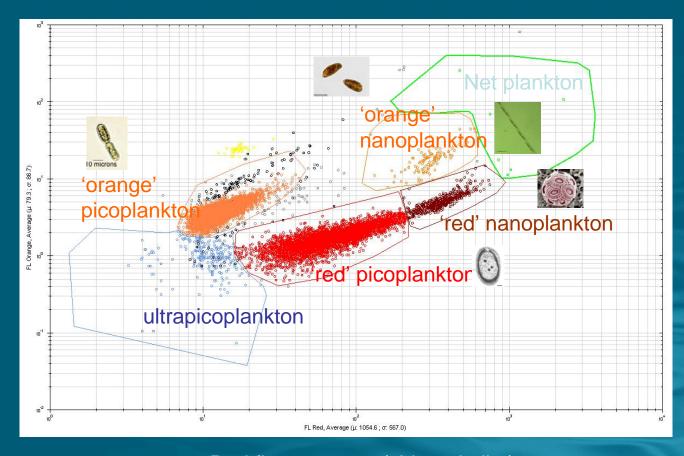
Contribution of Ferrybox chlorophyll to OSPAR CP



Work to do

- QA of historic Ferrybox data
- Regular import of Ferrybox data into EMECO
- Install underway pCO₂ system (October 2011)

 UK Ocean Acidification Research Programme
- Integration of flow cytometer initial work in May 2011



Red fluorescence (chlorophyll a)

Functional group classification





System set up

- Data logged every second 1 minute averages created
- 10 minute files with 1 minute averages
 FTP'd to Cefas
- Data held on SQL database