## Review of existing glider facilities and technology in Spain



## Content (following agenda requirements)

- Gliders
- Workshops
- Ground segments
- Calibration facilities
- Coastal Ships









### Slocum:

3 IMEDEA

2 SOCIB

1 PLOCAN



## Seaglider:

0 IMEDEA

2 SOCIB

1 PLOCAN



10 units



## Spray:

0 IMEDEA

0 SOCIB

1 PLOCAN







New Facilities: Since 2011







# Glider Pressure Chamber: 2012

#### **General specifications:**

#### Manufacturer:

•KW Designed Solutions (UK)

#### Main Parts

- •Pressure Chamber
- •High Pressure Hand Pump (with 150mm analog gauge)
- Support Frame
- •Purge Line Connection

#### **Directive Compliance**

- •European Pressure Equipment Directive (PED) 97/23/EC
- •European Machinery Directive (EMD) 2006/42/EC

#### Media

•All fluids but those Explosive, Flammable, Toxic and Oxidising Operation Mode:

Manual only

#### **Technical specifications:**

#### Materials

- •Carbon Steel variety (European EN 10204:3.1b certified)
- •Standard Rubber shore 70 (O-ring)

#### Working Pressure:

•100 bar (1,450 psi)

#### Volume:

•250 Liters (66 Gallons)

#### **Dimensions**

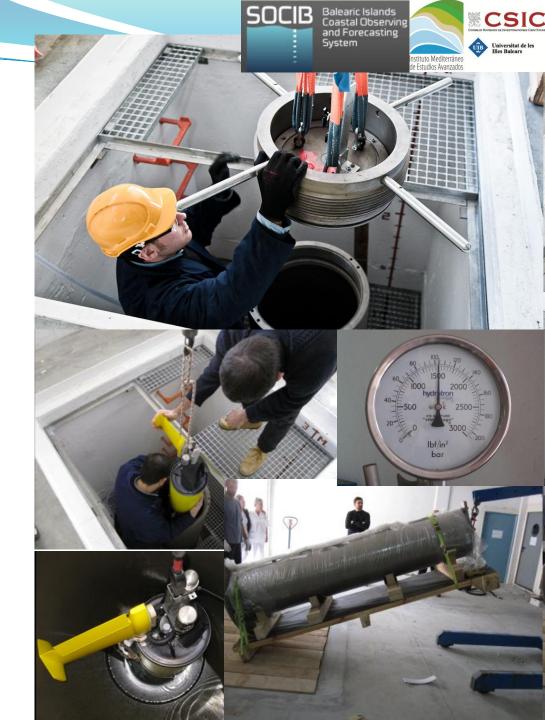
- •750x2460 mm (external)
- •400 x 2000 mm (internal)

#### Overall Weight:

•1300 Kg (2866 Pounds)

Security Pressure Relief Valve cracking at

•110 bar (CE marked)





## **SOCIB Coastal ships**







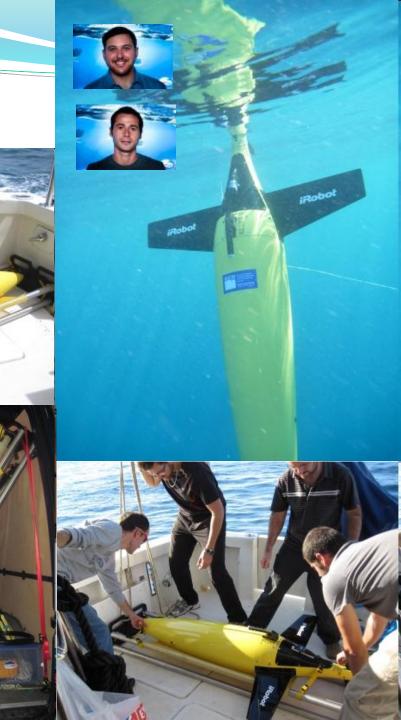


Coastal Research Vessel (24 m LOA – 1.200 km coastline in the Islands) SOCIB 920 ZODIAC Hurricane



## Seaglider First Tests

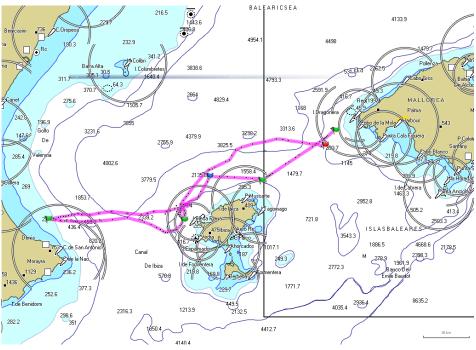
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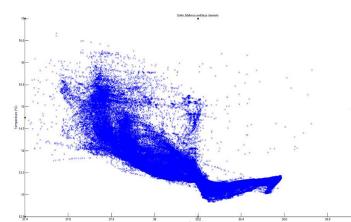
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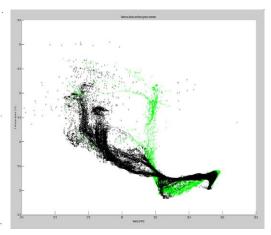


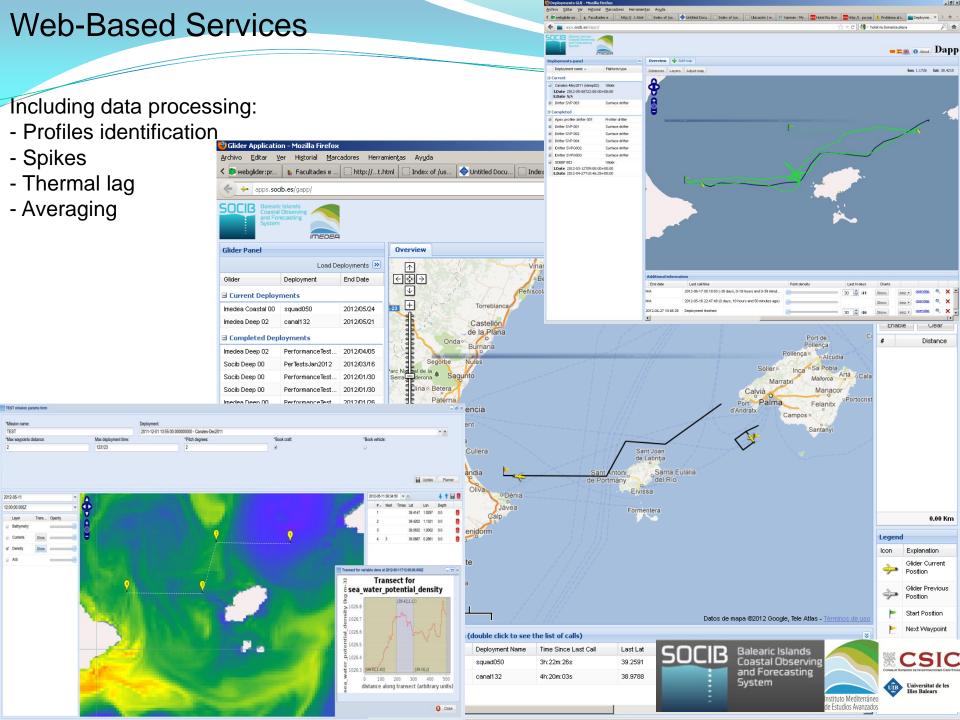






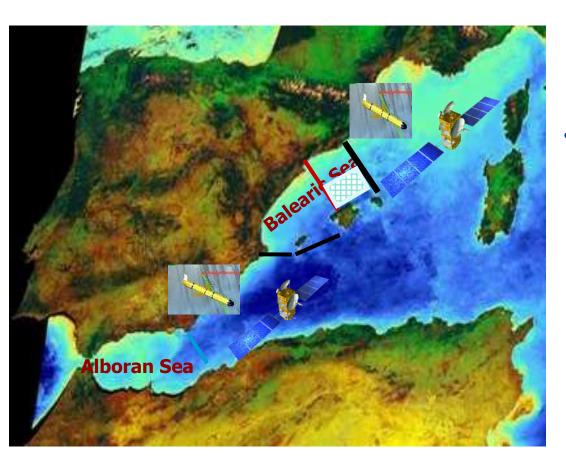








## IMEDEA-CSIC missions (2005-2010)



- Sustained glider observations along 773 ENVISAT track
- Simultaneous sampling (2 gliders)
  of Balearic channels in
  collaboration with Ifremer
  - Eastern Alboran Sea, along Jason-1/Jason-2 track
  - Multi-sensor experiment (glider, drifters, ship, satellite)



# From 2005 to 2010 : IMEDEA has collected 17000 full CTD profiles

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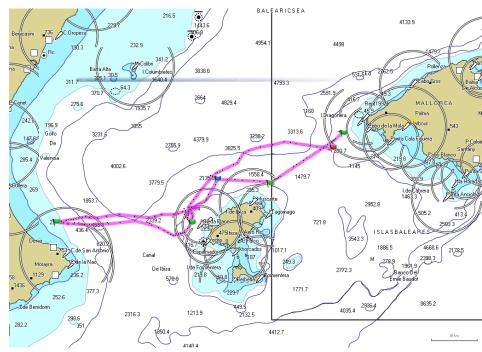
## From 2011 onwards: SOCIB leads operational glider activities in the Balearic channels.

- Semi-continuous gliders transects: 6 months in 2011; 2 months in 2012 About 1000 profiles









Gliders for operational oceanography and for research:

- Initital work for glider data assimilation in ROMS: Collaboration with NURC



- Research: Heslop et al., 2012 (to be submitted to GRL) - High frequency variability in the Ibiza channel

# Consorcio







- Slocum, Spray and Seaglider
- Ballasting area.
- Dedicated mechanical and electronics glider lab.
- Boat for deployment and recovery.
- Direct and easy sea access.
- · Control room.











## **TRAINING**









WAVEGLIDER Demo Liquid Robotics. VULCANO Mission. PLOCAN headquarters. May 2012.

## **GLIDER MISSIONS-"Challenger One"**



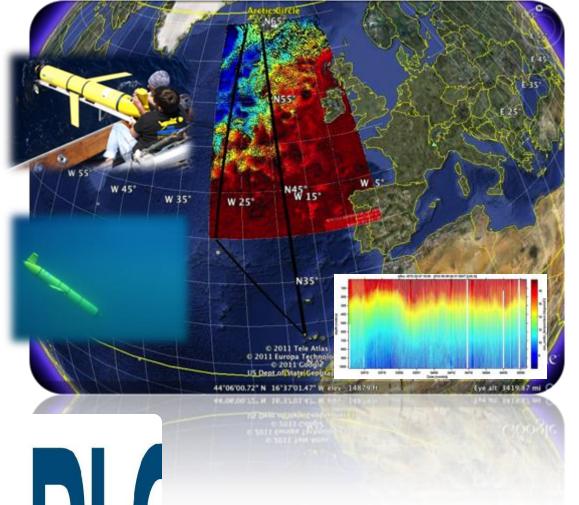






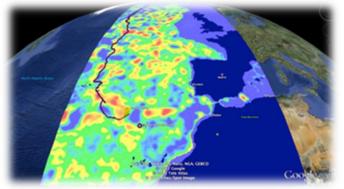






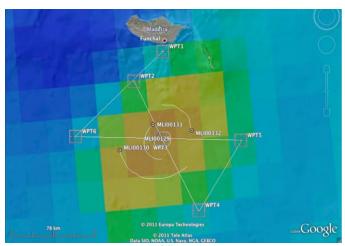


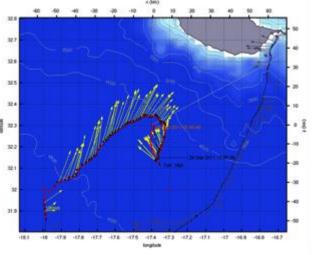




- Slocum G2 Glider
- Deplyment: 23rd June 2011 (Reikiavik)
- Recovery: 22nd May 2012 (Gran Canaria)
- Aprox. 2950 Nm.

## **GLIDER MISSIONS-INCOVBIO**









- Slocum G2 Glider
- Madeira (PT)
- Deplyment: 12th September 2011
- Recovery: 29th September 2011





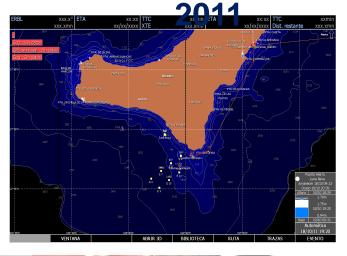
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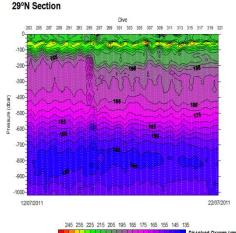


## MISSIONS- ESTOC 2011-2012





ESTOC permanent glider monitoring program (Slocum, Spray and Seaglider)







## Thank you





