**Task 4.1 Calibration**

**Overview of the calibrating facility**

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Part a: General Information

Does your calibrating facility possess a well-defined organizational framework with

Dedicated staff? **No**

Clear hierarchy? **No**

Transparent chain of responsibility for management, technical/scientific

and operational decisions)? **No**

(If **No** to any of the above, pleaseprovide a brief description of how your facility is organized below)

*Presently, we do calibration for salinity, O2 and nitrate concentrations measured by sensors deployed during local cruises (MOOSE, TARA) and mobile platforms (gliders, bio-Argo floats). These calibrations are done by one engineer working actually for MOOSE.*

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Briefly describe the size and nature of the annual operating budget of your facility.

Is it funded by your Institute/Centre? **Yes**

If **Yes,** is the funding constant? **No**

Is it funded by Projects? **Yes**

Is there separate funding for upgrading or acquiring new instrumentation, etc.? **Yes**

(Kindly provide an estimate of the annual operating budget and any additional information you think may be helpful below)

*The Autosal instrument is 10 years old. The annual operating budget is depending on seawater OSIL standard cost (1 std per day). The AA3 nutrient auto-analyzer has a budget of 5k€ per year on average (chemical products, consumables, …). The O2 calibration is done by O2 Winkler analysis and the cost is based on chemical products*

Does your facility employ Quality Management Standards - ISO 9000:2000,

ISO 10012, Good Laboratory Practice (GLP), and the like - to its calibration

systems? **Yes**

(If **Yes**, please specify below)

*Mostly OSIL for nutrients, salinity and O2 calibration*

*The AA3 analyzer is calibrated every year during intercalibration procedures involving national labs and Ifremer institution*

Does your facility possess any kind of accreditation for the calibrations? **No**

(If **Yes**, please specify the parameter/s or measurand/s concerned, the kind

of accreditation and the issuing body below)

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Does your facility actively endorse a policy of continual training/education of

personnel actively involved in calibration activity? **No**

(If **Yes**, please provide a brief description of the kind of activities promoted below)

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Does your facility maintain a documented in-house Quality Assurance Programme? **No**

Does your facility maintain a formal Quality Manual (containing, at the

very least, listings and descriptions of equipment and procedures, maintenance

/calibration records and certificates for instrumentation, and safety precautions

and regulations)? **Yes**

Does your facility make use of control charts (Shewhart Charts, other) for

Quality Control purposes? **No**

(If **Yes,** please give details below) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Can your facility assure an effective traceability chain to primary standards or,

in their absence, to conventionally accepted reference material (certified or

otherwise)? **Yes**

Does your facility furnish uncertainty estimations for its calibration systems? **No**

Does your facility maintain links of any kind with the National Metrology

Institute/s (NMI/s) of your country? **No**

(If **Yes**, please describe the nature of the relationship/s below) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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In the list of sensors below, please indicate only the ones that you currently **never** calibrate yourselves; in each case, kindly report the calibration provider (manufacturer, other) and the typical calibration interval (trimonthly, half-yearly, yearly, other) you are presently employing.

*Physical sensors for*:

x Temperature, Seabird US, yearly x Conductivity (Salinity), Seabird US, yearly

x Dissolved oxygen, Seabird US yearly\_

x Pressure, \_ Seabird US, yearly \_

*Optical sensors for*:

Chlorophyll a, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Turbidity, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Photosynthetically Active Radiation (PAR), \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Chemical sensors for*:

Phosphates, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Silicates, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nitrates, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Nitrites, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ammonia, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Dissolved oxygen, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

pH, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Total alkalinity, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total carbon dioxide, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Dissolved organic carbon, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total organic carbon, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Please complete the questionnaire using the forms furnished in the following pages to provide details regarding your calibration practices for all the sensors in the above list that you do calibrate routinely*.**

**Task 4.1.1 Physical Sensors**

(\* Please provide a separate sheet for each parameter)

Part b: Calibration Parameter/measurand\*:\_\_salinity\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Range: \_\_0.005 to 42 psu\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Accuracy: <0.002 psu\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Precision: \_<0.0002 psu\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Calibration uncertainty (if available): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief description of the calibration setup, including a list of the principal equipment, reference material (certified and/or conventionally accepted) and instrumentation involved in a typical calibration operation.

*We use an AutoSal salinometer (model 8400B) and seawater OSIL standards (one per day during analysis)*

In your view, does your facility ensure an effective traceability chain for the

specified parameter/measurand? **No**.

Please provide a brief description of the procedures employed to ensure adherence of the performances of the principal equipment and reference instrumentation of the calibration setup to factory specifications (in-house monitoring of performance, in loco re-calibration, servicing by the manufacturer, etc.).

*Local calibration with OSIL standards so far*

Does your facility maintain a Manual with a description of the calibration method

and the measuring procedures, together with details of sample treatment and

preparation when these steps are present? **No**

(If **Yes**, kindly attach a copy to the completed questionnaire, otherwise please provide a short, description below)

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In your view, is regular factory calibration/servicing necessary to obtain

optimal performances from your sensors/instrumentation for the

specified parameter/measurand in the field? No

(If **Yes**, please provide details of the sensors/instrumentation, indicating also the intervals you recommend for factory calibration/servicing, below)

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Do you perform field calibrations for the specified parameter/measurand? **Yes**

(If **Yes**, please provide a brief description of the method and procedures)

*Every year, we collect seawater bottles during MOOSE GE cruise (200 stations around June) in all NW Med Sea. These samples are used to calibrate the conductivity sensor deployed during this cruise. As well, during coastal monitoring, seawater bottles are collected every year to calibrate CTD profiler.*

Does your facility perform:

* internal quality audits to monitor and assess its

calibration system for the specified parameter? **No**

- independent quality audits to monitor and assess its

calibration system for the specified parameter? **No**

(If **Yes** to any of the above, please provide a brief description of the procedure/s applied, including a list of the principal equipment and instrumentation involved)

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Does your facility actively maintain an archive containing issued calibration

reports/certificates for the specified parameter/measurand? No

(If **Yes**, please specify the document retention time/s)

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**Task 4.1.2 Optical Sensors**

(\* Please provide a separate sheet for each parameter)

Part b: Calibration Parameter/measurand\*:\_nitrate

Range: \_\_0.5 to 60\_µg/L\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Accuracy: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Precision: \_5%\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Calibration uncertainty (if available): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief description of the calibration setup, including a list of the principal equipment, reference material (certified and/or conventionally accepted) and instrumentation involved in a typical calibration operation.

*We use AA3 autonalyzer from Bran Luebbe to calibrate nitrate concentrations from optical sensor. Prior to the deployment of gliders and Argo floats equipped with nitrate sensor, the sensor (ISUS and SUNA) is calibrated in lab using nitrate standard and artificial seawater. 5 to 6 batches are performed with different nitrate concentrations (from 0.5 to 15-20 µM). This calibration is used to check the “zero”, the detection limits and the accuracy of the sensor measurements. Such lab calibration is done for each new deployment. As well, during the first profile, seawater is collected onboard and used to measure nitrate concentrations and check the nitrate values from the sensor transmitted in real-time.*

In your view, does your facility ensure an effective traceability chain for the

specified parameter/measurand? **Yes**

Please provide a brief description of the procedures employed to ensure adherence of the performances of the principal equipment and reference instrumentation of the calibration setup to factory specifications (in-house monitoring of performance, in loco re-calibration, servicing by the manufacturer, etc.).

*The AA3 is calibrated every year through a national intercalibration procedure (Ifremer and CNRS labs). For each nutrients analysis, we used nutrient standards to check the concentrations accuracy. Finally, the device company is doing an annual maintenance procedure to verify the technical accuracy of the instrument (cost 2000€ per year).*

Does your facility maintain a Manual with a description of the calibration method

and the measuring procedures, together with details of sample treatment and

preparation when these steps are present? **Yes**

(If **Yes**, kindly attach a copy to the completed questionnaire, otherwise please provide a short, description below)

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In your view, is regular factory calibration/servicing necessary to obtain

optimal performances from your sensors/instrumentation for the

specified parameter/measurand in the field? Yes

(If **Yes**, please provide details of the sensors/instrumentation, indicating also the intervals you recommend for factory calibration/servicing, below)

*Nitrate concentrations from optical sensor are still showing large variability over the time and the detection limits given by factory are usually over-estimated and need a re-checking in lab before sensor deployment. Also, as a time drift is always possible, especially in coastal waters, a seawater sampling should be done at regular period for fixed platforms or near the mobile platforms when it is possible (eg. way-point area for gliders)* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Do you perform field calibrations for the specified parameter/measurand? **Yes**

(If **Yes**, please provide a brief description of the method and procedures)

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Does your facility perform:

* internal quality audits to monitor and assess its

calibration system for the specified parameter? **No**

- independent quality audits to monitor and assess its

calibration system for the specified parameter? **Yes**

(If **Yes** to any of the above, please provide a brief description of the procedure/s applied, including a list of the principal equipment and instrumentation involved)

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Does your facility actively maintain an archive containing issued calibration

reports/certificates for the specified parameter/measurand? **Yes**.

(If **Yes**, please specify the document retention time/s)

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**Task 4.1.3 Chemical Sensors**

(\* Please provide a separate sheet for each parameter)

Part b: Calibration Parameter/measurand\*:\_\_dissolved oxygen\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Range: \_\_0.06 to 90 ml/l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Accuracy: \_

Precision: \_0.5%\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Calibration uncertainty (if available): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief description of the calibration setup, including a list of the principal equipment, reference material (certified and/or conventionally accepted) and instrumentation involved in a typical calibration operation.

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In your view, does your facility ensure an effective traceability chain for the

specified parameter/measurand? **No**

Please provide a brief description of the procedures employed to ensure adherence of the performances of the principal equipment and reference instrumentation of the calibration setup to factory specifications (in-house monitoring of performance, in loco re-calibration, servicing by the manufacturer, etc.).

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Does your facility maintain a Manual with a description of the calibration method

and the measuring procedures, together with details of sample treatment and

preparation when these steps are present? **Yes**

(If **Yes**, kindly attach a copy to the completed questionnaire, otherwise please provide a short, description below)

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In your view, is regular factory calibration/servicing necessary to obtain

optimal performances from your sensors/instrumentation for the

specified parameter/measurand in the field? Yes

(If **Yes**, please provide details of the sensors/instrumentation, indicating also the intervals you recommend for factory calibration/servicing, below)

*Electrodes and membrane used to measure DO are very sensitive to bacteria development after the sensor deployment. O2 Winkler comparison should be done for every cruise and at least for one SBE43 profile per day. A sensor cleaning is also recommended to limit the O2 sensor drift after the deployment.*

Do you perform field calibrations for the specified parameter/measurand? **Yes**

(If **Yes**, please provide a brief description of the method and procedures)

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Does your facility perform:

* internal quality audits to monitor and assess its

calibration system for the specified parameter? **Yes**

- independent quality audits to monitor and assess its

calibration system for the specified parameter? **No**

(If **Yes** to any of the above, please provide a brief description of the procedure/s applied, including a list of the principal equipment and instrumentation involved)

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Does your facility actively maintain an archive containing issued calibration

reports/certificates for the specified parameter/measurand? **No**.

(If **Yes**, please specify the document retention time/s)

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