

Permanent Service for Mean Sea Level (PSMSL)

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Overview

The Permanent Service for Mean Sea Level (PSMSL) is the internationally recognised global sea level data bank for long-term sea level change information from tide gauges and also provides a wider Service to the sea level community. The PSMSL continues to be responsible for the collection, publication, analysis and interpretation of sea level data. PSMSL is hosted by the National Oceanography Centre (NOC), Liverpool with funding provided by the UK Natural Environment Research Council. PSMSL operates under the auspices of the International Council for Science (ICSU) and became a regular member of the ICSU World Data System in 2015.

The primary aim of the PSMSL is providing the global data bank for long term sea level information from tide gauges. PSMSL has continued to increase its efforts in this regard and over the last 2 years over 5000 station-years of data were entered into the PSMSL database, increasing the total PSMSL data holdings to over 69700 station-years. In addition, the PSMSL, together with the British Oceanographic Data Centre (BODC), are responsible for the archive of delayed-mode higher-frequency sea level data (e.g. hourly values and higher frequency) from the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission's Global Sea Level Observing System (GLOSS) core network.

New and updated products have been made available over the last two years including trend maps and associated uncertainty values; links with the Système d'Observation du Niveau des Eaux Littorales (SONEL) have been further developed to provide information about the geocentric height and vertical rate of movement of some tide gauges; and data from *in situ* ocean bottom pressure (OBP) recorders from all possible sources is being made available through PSMSL. A change was made to some of the longest time series at the PSMSL where sea level values were reported as means of high and low waters, typically called mean tidal level (MTL). This is in contrast to the average of higher frequency reading taken over the entire tidal cycle, which is called mean sea level (MSL). To make these combined records more transparent, and to cause the minimum disruption to the current set of records, a flag has been added indicating MTL values in a MSL record. BODC in collaboration with PSMSL has also taken the lead in data archaeology and rescue through GLOSS.

PSMSL staff have continued to be active in a variety of international meetings, working groups, conferences and workshops over the last 2 years including those organised by the Global Geodetic Observing System (GGOS), IOC GLOSS, European Geophysical Union (EGU), EuroGOOS, International Marine Data and Information Systems (IMDIS) and the G7 Global Ocean Observing Workshop. In addition, PSMSL has answered many enquires relating to sea level and have appeared on radio and television discussing aspects of sea level change. PSMSL staff have also co-organised and contributed to tide gauge and sea level training courses. Annually statistics are collated on the number of peer-reviewed published papers that use the PSMSL dataset. For the last five years there are over 330 papers in 97 distinct journals, and the number of citations has increased every year to around 70 citations per year.

1 Introduction

The Permanent Service for Mean Sea Level (PSMSL) is the internationally recognised global sea level data bank for long-term sea level change information from tide gauges and bottom pressure recorders. Established in 1933 by Joseph Proudman, who became its first Secretary, the PSMSL is responsible for the collection, publication, analysis and interpretation of sea level data from the global network of tide gauges and also provides a wider Service to the sea level community. The PSMSL is embedded within the National Oceanography Centre (NOC) at Liverpool, and is funded by the UK Natural Environment Research Council (NERC, the parent body of NOC). The PSMSL also reports to the International Association for the Physical Sciences of the Oceans (IAPSO) and is a service of the International Association of Geodesy (IAG). PSMSL also has a key role in the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission's (IOC's) Global Sea Level Observing System (GLOSS) and contributes to the IAG Global Geodetic Observing System (GGOS).

Towards the end of 2015, the PSMSL was accepted as a regular member of the International Council for Science World Data System (ICSU-WDS). The ICSU-WDS has a rigorous application process and PSMSL was very pleased to gain membership to this interdisciplinary body, which means that the PSMSL is regarded as a trustworthy facility in terms of authenticity, integrity, confidentiality and data availability and services. The goal of the ICSU-WDS is to create and co-ordinate global 'communities of excellence' for scientific data services.

The primary aim of the PSMSL is the provision of the global databank for long-term sea level information from tide gauges. PSMSL has continued to increase its efforts in this regard and between mid-2015 and mid-2017 over 2000 station-years of mean sea level data were entered into the PSMSL database each year, increasing the total PSMSL data holdings to over 69700 station-years from 2337 stations. In addition, the PSMSL, together with the British Oceanographic Data Centre (BODC), is responsible for the archive of delayed-mode higher-frequency sea level data (e.g. hourly or higher frequency values) from the IOC's GLOSS Core Network.

The PSMSL database contains monthly and annual mean values of sea level. The dataset and ancillary information are provided free of charge and are made available to the international scientific community through the PSMSL website (www.psmsl.org). Accompanying metadata includes station descriptions and their locations, types of instrumentation and, where available, frequency of data collection as well as notes on other issues of which users should be aware (e.g. earthquakes that are known to have occurred in the vicinity or subsidence due to local groundwater extraction). The free access to data by users is central to the PSMSL's mission and conversely no supplier is ever paid for their data nor are licensing terms ever entered into.

New products developed include relative sea level trend maps with associated uncertainty values; links with the Système d'Observation du Niveau des Eaux Littorales (SONEL) have been further enhanced to facilitate distribution of additional geodetic data; and data from *in situ* Ocean Bottom Pressure recorders from all possible sources are being made available through PSMSL. PSMSL, in collaboration with BODC, has also taken the lead in sea level data archaeology and rescue primarily through GLOSS. The PSMSL mailbox psmsl@noc.ac.uk responds to requests for information from national tide gauge agencies, decision makers (local councils, Parliamentary enquiries), the media and the general public.

2 Mean Sea Level Data received by PSMSL up to mid-2017

Figure 1 shows the amount of data received by the PSMSL over the last 5 years indicating how many station years have been added to the database each year and from how many stations. The number of active stations remains at about 800, but the number of station years can vary considerably from year to year. This may be due to a data provider reviewing and resupplying their historical dataset or if a backlog of data has been supplied. Figure 2 shows the stations which have provided data during 2017, or in 2016 (but not so far in 2017).

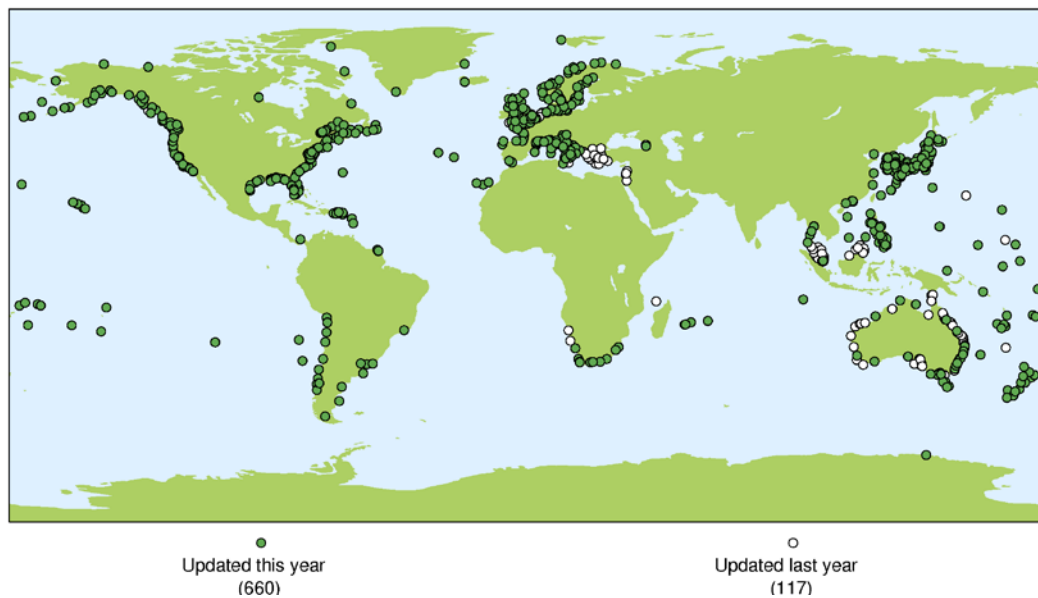
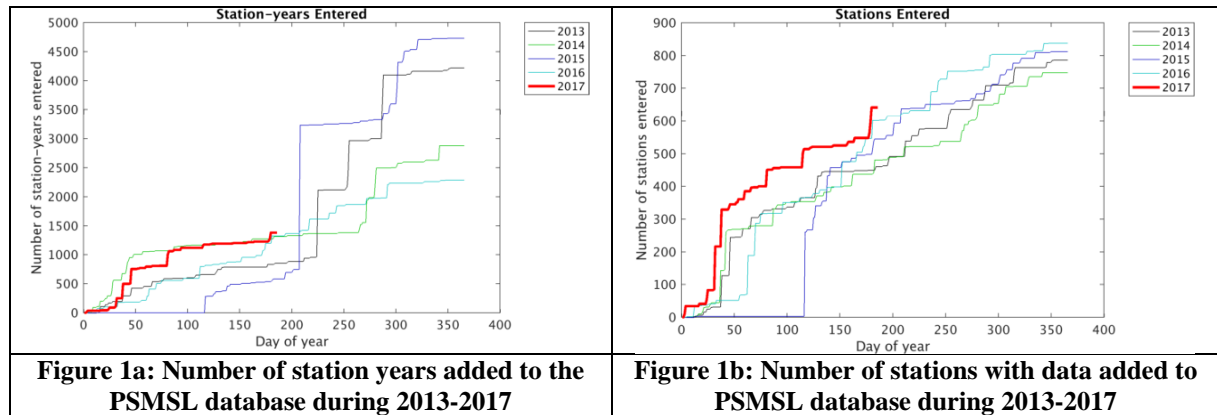


Figure 2: New data received by PSMSL between January 2016 and June 2017

Figure 3 gives a more detailed view of the data held by PSMSL, indicating where data have been supplied in the past – in particular, the decline in the number of stations in the Arctic is noticeable. 777 stations have provided data from 2013 or later, with a further 196 providing data from 2010-2012. These (973 stations) can all be considered as active stations, but there are 987 stations for which no data have been supplied since before 1995. Some of these have undoubtedly ceased to operate; for others contact with the operators is being actively pursued. New stations are also coming on line providing near-real-time data for tsunami monitoring, but a number of these do not yet supply quality controlled mean sea level values to the PSMSL; these are also being sought to add to the dataset.

Whilst many geographic regions regularly supply mean sea level data (e.g. North America, Europe, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India), there are still gaps in data receipts from the Arctic and Antarctic, parts of South East Asia, South and Central America, and Africa; these are presently being targeted to try to improve data flow. African countries have received special attention through the Ocean Data and Information Network for Africa (ODINAfrica) projects and the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning System (IOTWS); new tide gauges have been installed, but ongoing maintenance for some of these sites is a major issue.

Although data flow has improved considerably over the last decade some of the gauges require a higher level of maintenance. To facilitate this close links are maintained with the University of Hawaii Sea Level Center (UHSLC) and other international sea level data centres.

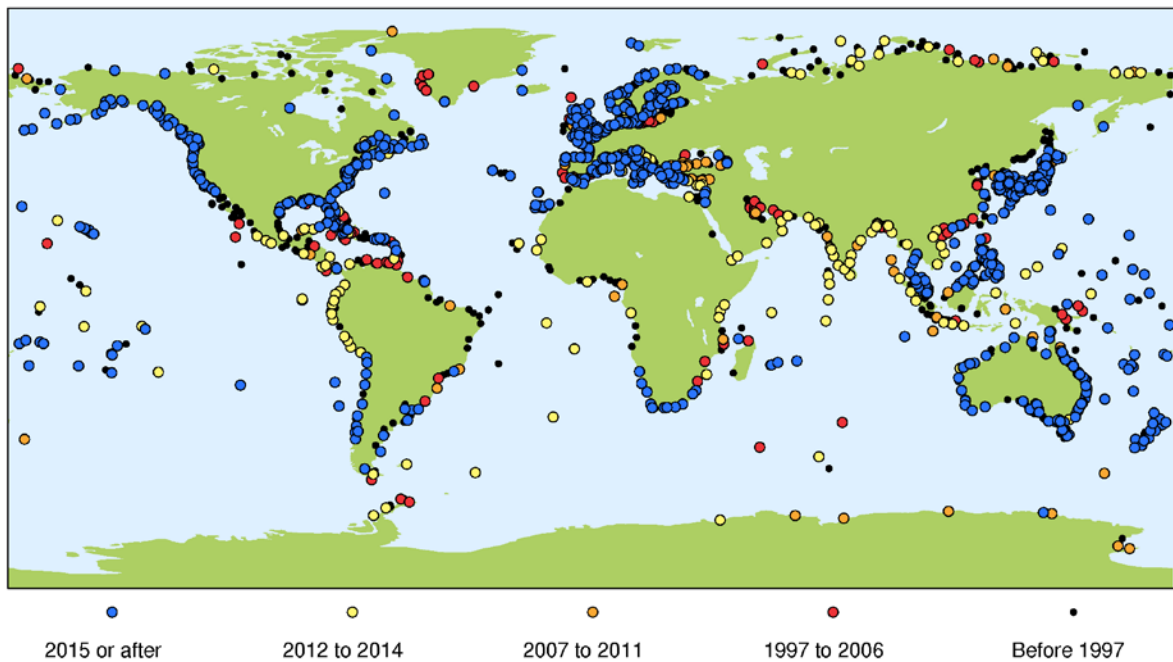


Figure 3: Year of most recent data received by PSMSL

In Figure 4 below, the uneven distribution of data supply is further illustrated; pale blue shows the data receipts from the Northern Hemisphere while the dark blue area of the plot shows the data receipts from the Southern Hemisphere.

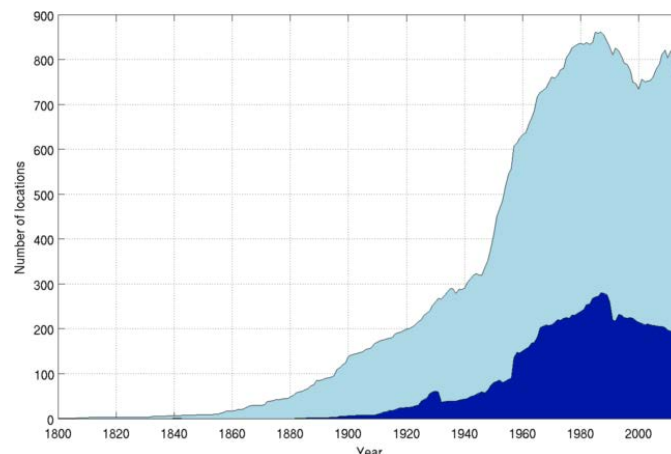


Figure 4: North-south hemisphere distribution of data received by PSMSL

The distribution of the longest time series also reflects this, as shown in Figure 5. The Southern Hemisphere has only a small number of time series of over 100 years; most are found in the Northern Hemisphere. Overall western Europe, North America and Japan have most of the longest records, and also have a high proportion of records of 50 to 100 years, although Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Chile and Argentina also have a number of records of this length. The Arctic and Antarctic have very few records of greater than 50 years, and a number of the Russian Arctic tide gauges are no longer operational.

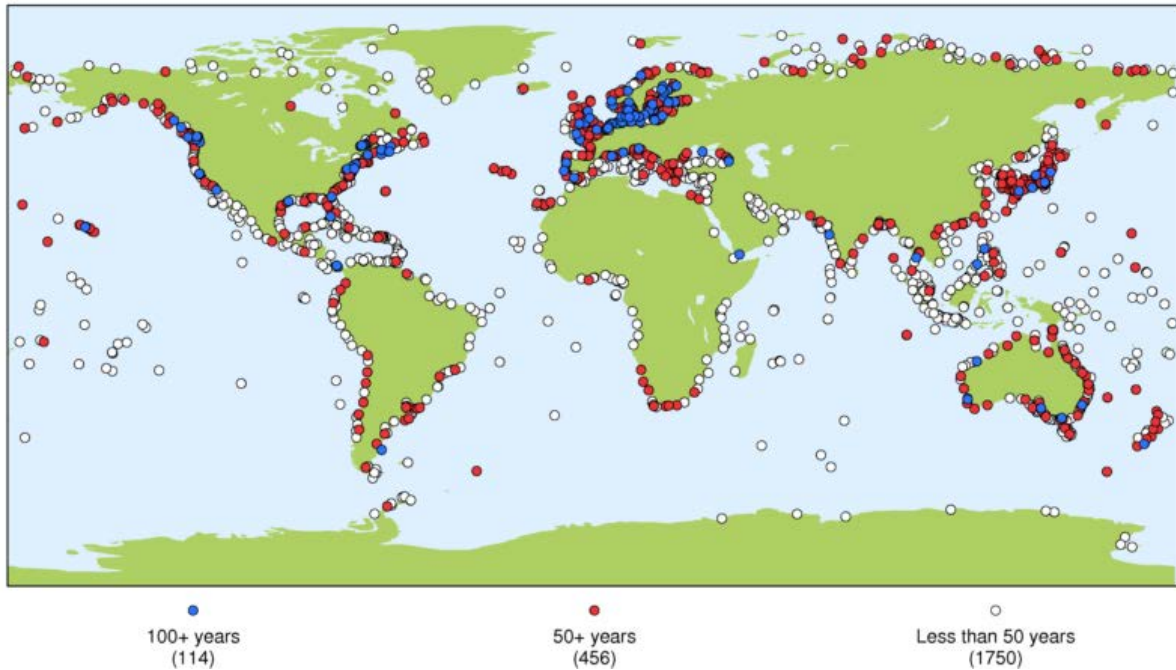


Figure 5: Distribution of long tide gauge records

3 Interactive map showing long-term trends

The web pages illustrating the [trends in the tide gauge dataset](#) have been updated with the 10 January 2017 release of the dataset. Links with SONEL have been further developed to facilitate distribution of additional geodetic data. With this year's update, which includes the new data obtained during 2016, a new method of determining the trends was introduced. Details are given on the Methods page of the PSMSL website (<http://www.psmsl.org/products/trends/methods.php>). The new method takes into account that the variability in the tide gauge time series may not be independently random, but may be correlated over different time spans. This correlated variability can decrease our ability to determine if a long-term trend in sea level is occurring at the tide gauge, or in other words, increase our uncertainty in the estimated trend. The pop-up boxes for each tide gauge shown on the [trends map](#) now include an uncertainty estimate. Both the estimated trend and the uncertainty will change as one changes the time span chosen by moving the sliders. Secondly, in order to calculate these results, monthly means are now used instead of annual means. Example trend maps are shown below (Figure 6).

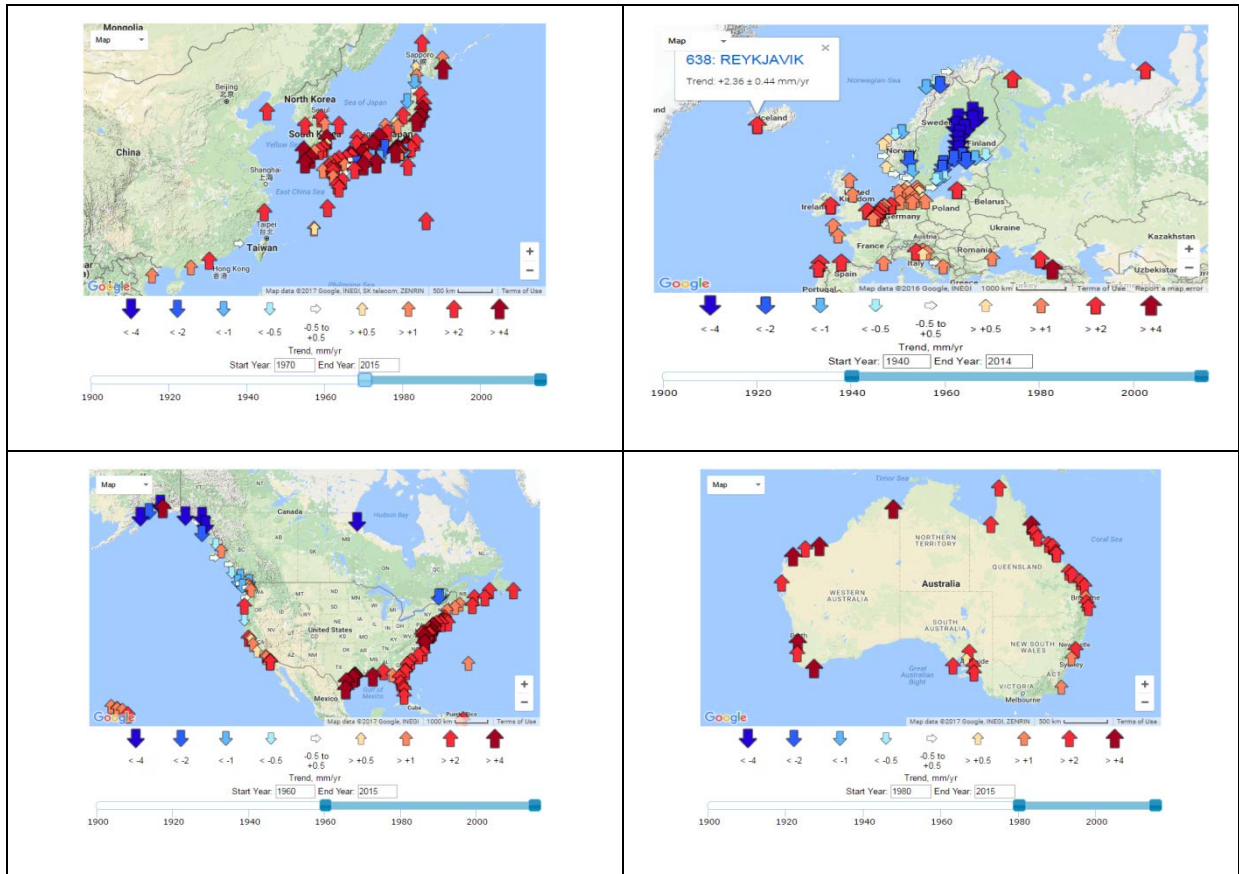


Figure 6. Interactive Relative Sea Level Trends Map

4 Changes to Mean Sea Level Time Series with some Mean Tide Level values

PSMSL has introduced a change to some of the longest time series held in the database. In some older time series, the sea level values were reported as means of high and low waters, typically called Mean Tide Level (MTL). This is in contrast with the average of higher frequency readings taken over the entire tidal cycle, which is called Mean Sea Level (MSL). As these differ, this could introduce an artefact into estimates of the long-term trends where a time series includes both types of value. To improve transparency in these combined records, and to cause the minimum disruption to the current set of records, a flag has been introduced indicating MTL values in a MSL record and an estimate of the annual average difference (MTL-MSL) has been added to the Revised Local Reference (RLR) time series. [More detail](#) of the changes is available on the PSMSL website.

5 Ellipsoidal Links for Revised Local Reference Data

The mean sea level data distributed by PSMSL are heights above a local datum. For the Revised Local Reference (RLR) dataset, the stability of the local station datum is ensured by fixing its height to a geodetic benchmark assumed to be on reasonably stable ground. The measurements taken from tide gauges in this way are known as relative mean sea level; height is measured relative to the local land. As a result, the data can be affected by vertical movement of the land.

For some analyses we may wish to attempt to remove the land movement signal from the tide gauge record, for example, for reconstruction of historical global mean sea level, or to compare sea level measured by tide gauges with sea level measured by satellite altimetry. One solution to both of these cases is to use continuous Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) measurements from a receiver located near the tide gauge. The GNSS receiver measures heights relative to an ellipsoid and can be used to estimate the rate of vertical movement of the local land mass. The tide gauge datum can be associated with these estimates if routine geodetic levelling campaigns are carried out between the tide gauge benchmark and the GNSS receiver.

PSMSL have been working in collaboration with colleagues at SONEL, the GLOSS data centre for GNSS measurements, to make it easier to connect PSMSL RLR data with SONEL's GNSS data. Where a link to a GNSS receiver can be established, the PSMSL information section of the station page will note that a link to the ellipsoid is available. The reference ellipsoid used for the University of La Rochelle GPS solutions is [GRS80](#).

6 Author Archive

During 2016, Peter Hogarth has liaised with Prof. Philip Woodworth to work on some of the historic data series available through the PSMSL. As a result, he has recently published an article in *Journal of Geophysical Research* investigating acceleration of sea level rise. In the course of this research, he has extended the tide gauge time series available for several locations. He has made available to us his [extensive notes and the additional data](#).

7 Number of Citations for PSMSL data series for the period 2012-2016

Annually we collate statistics on the number of peer-reviewed published papers that use the PSMSL dataset. We do this in a number of ways. Firstly, we find papers that have cited either Holgate *et al* [2013] or Woodworth and Player [2003] in Web of Science and Scopus (the upper section of Figure 7 below shows the number of citations per year for these two papers from 2004 onwards). Not all papers will have cited either of these papers so we also perform full text searches for “PSMSL” or “Permanent Service”. These papers are then manually filtered to remove any papers that are not actually referring to PSMSL. We note that it is very easy to miss papers that use our dataset but have not referred to us directly so our statistics are likely to be biased low. Figure 7 (lower section) below shows the statistics for the last five years. There are over 330 papers in 97 distinct journals ranging from a variety of subject areas including oceanography, quaternary research, geodesy, climate, environment and multidisciplinary. The top three journals in terms of total publications are *Global and Planetary Change* (20; JCR impact factor 3.548); *Geophysical Research Letters* (29; JCR impact factor 4.456) and *Journal of Geophysical Research* (59; JCR impact factor 3.318). Other notable citations come from *Nature* (2; IF 38.138), *Nature Communications* (2; IF 11.329), *PNAS* (1; 9.423), and *Reviews of Geophysics* (1; 11.444). There were over 61 citations in journals with impact factors greater than 4. Overall, we have seen the number of citations increase every year to around 70 citations per year.

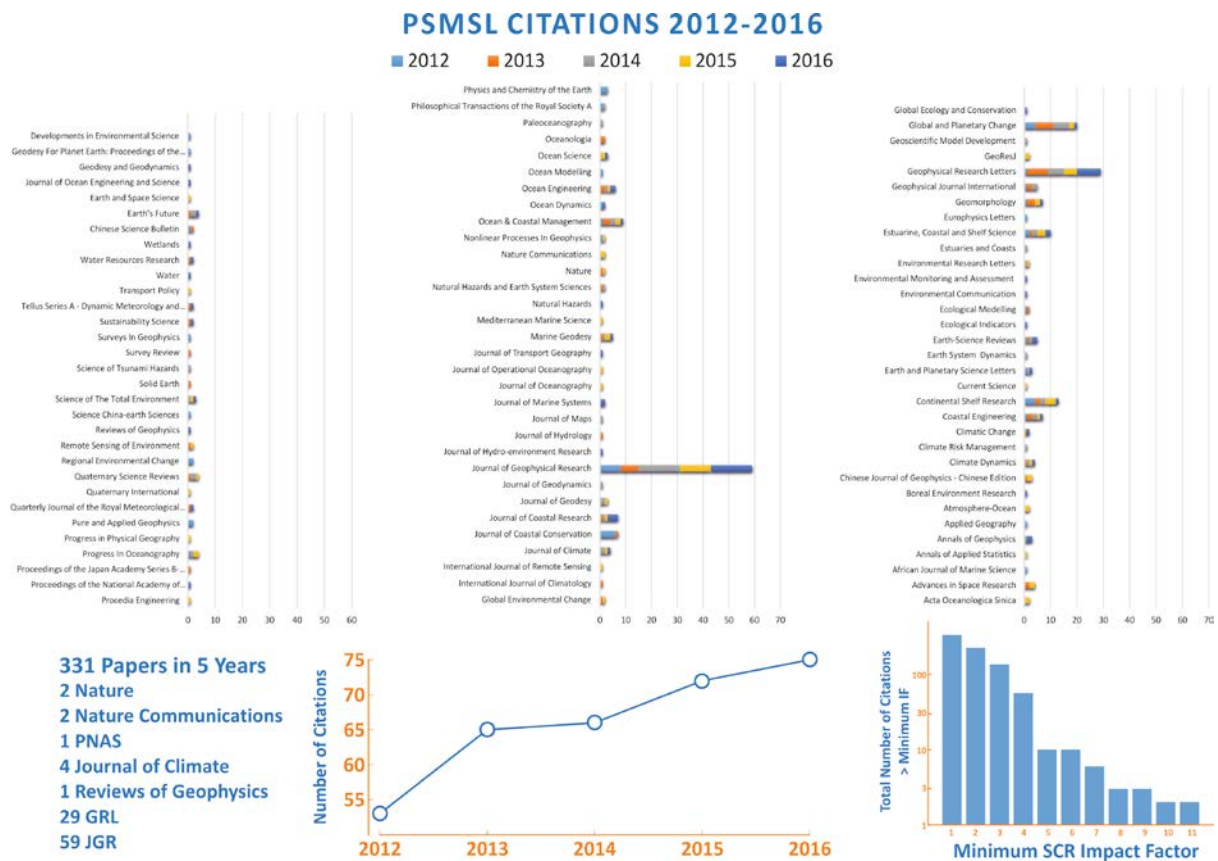
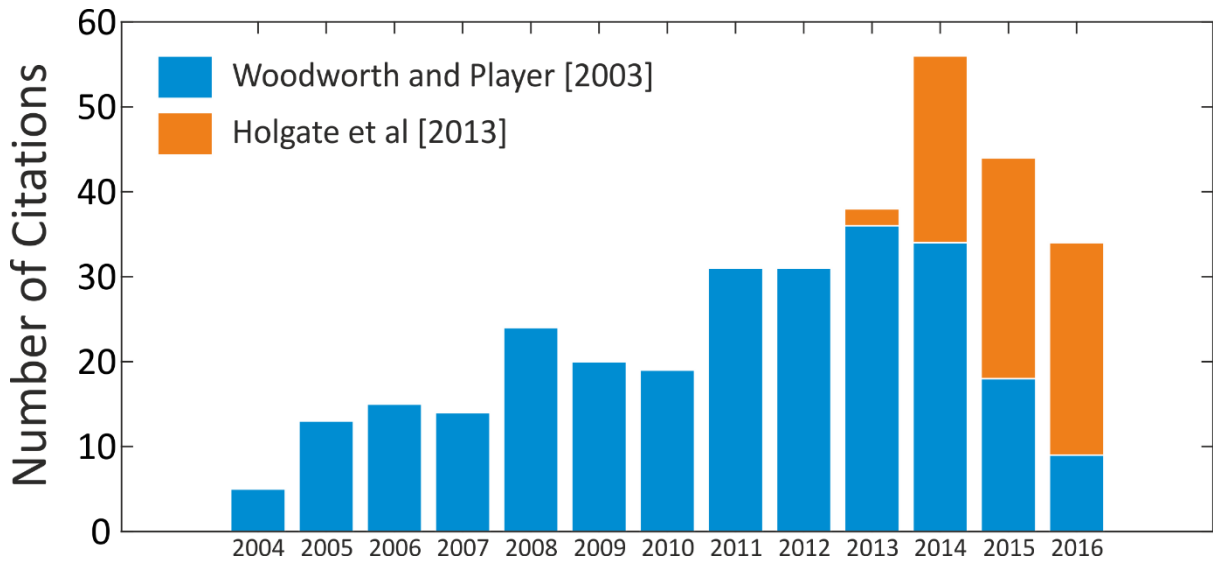


Figure 7: Statistics of PSMSL Data Set Citations

8 Global Sea Level Observing System (GLOSS) Core Network Status

The [Global Sea Level Observing System \(GLOSS\)](#) was established by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) in 1985 to provide coordination for global and regional sea level networks in support of, and with direction from, the oceanographic and climate research communities. Various tide gauge networks have contributed to GLOSS, each with a different focus and each changing over time as research and operational priorities evolve.

The main component is the GLOSS Core Network (GCN), a global set of 290 tide gauge stations (Figure 8) that serves as the backbone of the global *in situ* sea level network. The network is designed to provide an approximately evenly distributed sampling of global coastal sea level variation. Ideally, each station should provide data on a variety of timescales for use in different applications; for example, real-time data can be useful for tsunami monitoring, whereas monthly and annual mean data can be used to monitor long-term changes in sea level. In addition, sites should also be fitted with GNSS equipment to monitor land movement at or near the site. Further information on GLOSS is available in the [GLOSS Implementation Plan 2012](#) and on the GLOSS web-site (www.gloss-sealevel.org).



Figure 8. GLOSS Core Network

For many years PSMSL has produced maps showing the status of the Core Network from its perspective, and more recently has been generating additional maps, automatically updated weekly, showing the status for the other GLOSS data streams (e.g. real-time, fast-mode, delayed-mode and TIGA/GNSS). Figure 9 presents how PSMSL currently sees the status of the GLOSS Core Network. The map indicates whether a station is considered currently operational (green marker), has been operational in the past (orange marker), or has never operated successfully (white marker).

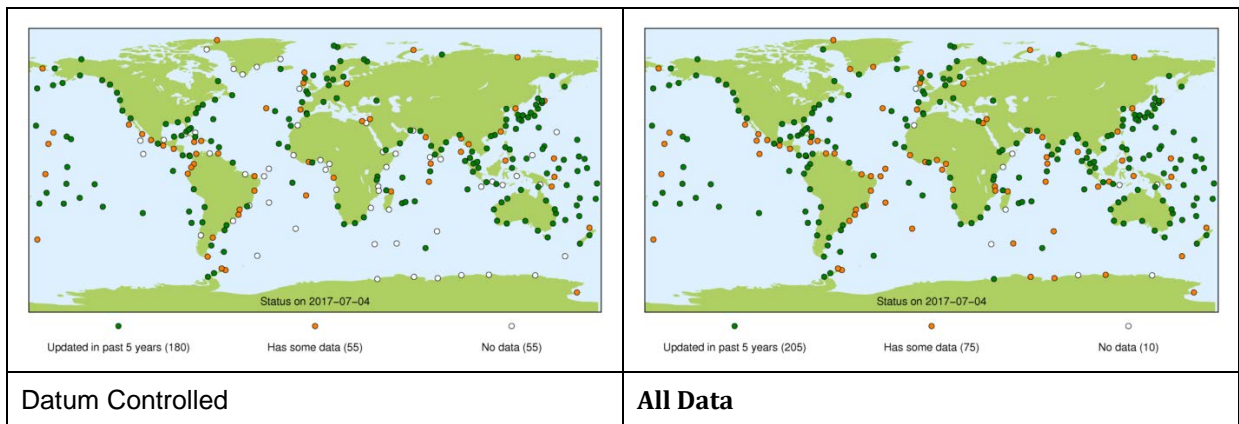


Figure 9. GLOSS Status from a PSMSL perspective

9 GLOSS Delayed-Mode high frequency data centre

The GLOSS Delayed Mode Data Centre is operated by the BODC in collaboration with PSMSL. It has the responsibility for assembling, quality controlling and distributing the “final” version of GLOSS sea-level data sets, as well as all supporting metadata information (including benchmark details). The Delayed Mode Centre handles hourly (or sub-hourly) values, together with ancillary variables (e.g. atmospheric pressure) where these are available, from the GLOSS Core Network and long term trends stations. BODC and PSMSL generally rely on member countries to provide the final version of the hourly (or sub-hourly) time series with all quality control assessments applied and documented. The Delayed Mode Centre will, on request from member countries, form and provide the PSMSL with monthly averages based on the final data sets received. Recently PSMSL has been working with BODC to provide improved access to the GLOSS Delayed-mode data set via the PSMSL web-site as shown in Figure 10 below. This is a work in progress and will be further developed during the remainder of 2017.

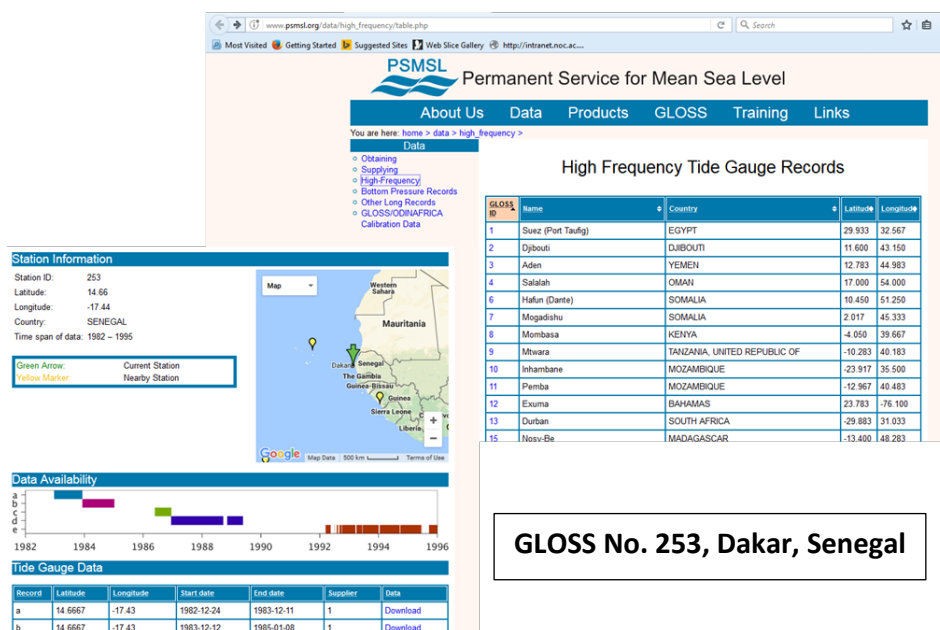


Figure 10: GLOSS Delayed-mode data set access

10 Data Archaeology in collaboration with GLOSS

PSMSL has also taken the lead in data archaeology through the IOC GLOSS programme. Many historical tide gauge data still exist in non-digital form. These mostly paper-based datasets are of great potential value to the sea level community for a range of applications, the most obvious being the extension of existing sea level time series as far back as possible in order to understand more completely the timescales of sea level change. Figure 11 illustrates the results of a number of data rescue projects undertaken by various sea level groups worldwide, some of which include data going back to dates prior to 1850. The GLOSS data archaeology sub-group, under the leadership of Elizabeth Bradshaw, is collating tools and guidelines for the scanning, digitising and quality control of historical tide gauge charts and sea level ledgers. In the future, coordination of a tide gauge data rescue project with the Atmospheric Circulation Reconstructions over the Earth (ACRE) programme (carrying out rescue of air pressure data) could result in interesting synergies. The other major form of analogue sea level data is handwritten ledgers. Transcribing these is labour intensive and usually undertaken by people entering numbers by hand. GLOSS is exploring other methods for use in the future; one possibility is to have a Citizen Science approach as with the OldWeather project run in partnership with ACRE. An alternative approach is to investigate the adaption of Handwritten Text Recognition technology for use with handwritten tide gauge ledgers.

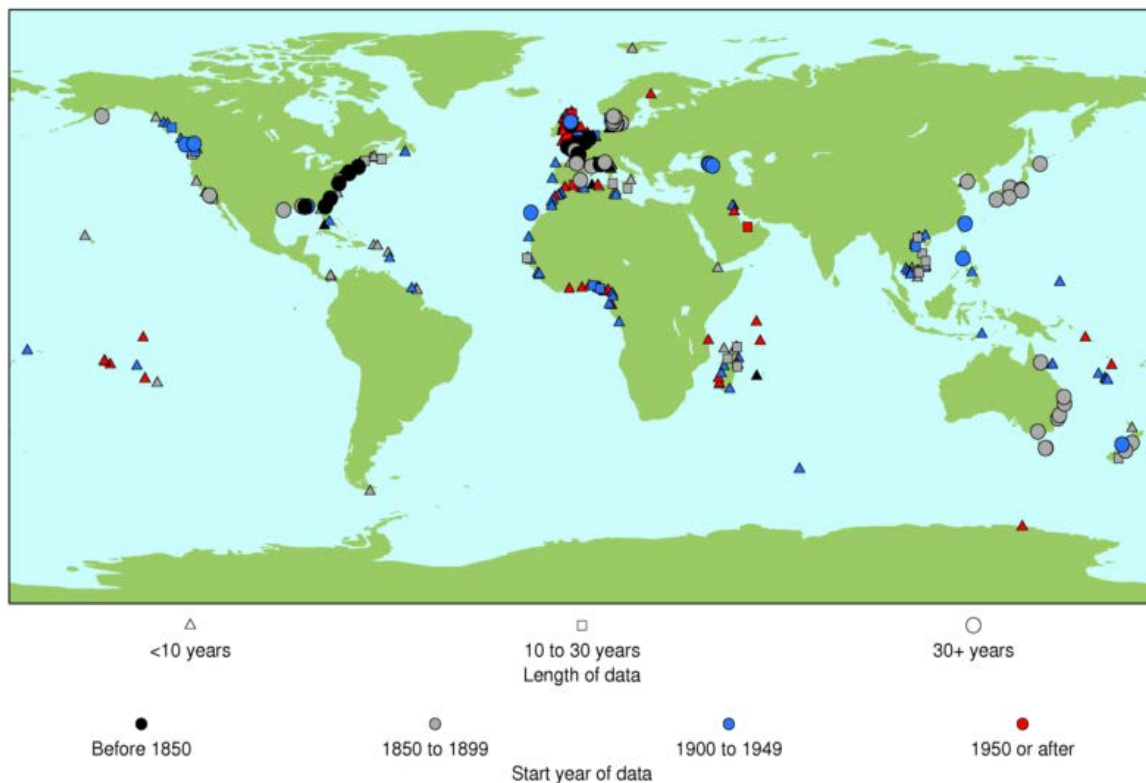


Figure 11: GLOSS Tide Gauge Data Archaeology

11 Global Extreme Sea Level Analysis (GESLA)

The Global Extreme Sea Level Analysis (GESLA) project grew out of the interest of several people in learning more about changes in the frequency and magnitude of extreme sea levels. The first GESLA dataset (GESLA-1) was assembled by Philip Woodworth (National

Oceanography Centre, Liverpool), Melisa Menendez (University of Cantabria) and John Hunter (University of Tasmania) around 2009 and contained a quasi-global set of ‘high frequency’ (i.e. hourly or more frequent) measurements of sea level from tide gauges around the world.

GESLA-1 was used first in a study of sea level extremes by Woodworth and Menendez (JGR, 2010). It has since been used in a number of other published studies of extremes including the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fifth Assessment Report.

After some years it became apparent that GESLA-1 needed updating, which has resulted in the present GESLA-2 dataset comprising 37000 station years of information from 1300 stations (as of February 2016). The three original people have been joined in GESLA by Marta Marcos (University of the Balearic Islands) and Ivan Haigh (University of Southampton).

It can be seen that, while the study of extreme sea levels has been the main interest, the availability of as large a quasi-global sea level dataset as possible enables many other types of study, such as changes in ocean tides. The oceanographic community needs a global dataset such as GESLA, that is regularly updated and extended to include new historic data as it becomes available. Steps are now being taken to see how that might be accomplished in the future.

12 Training and capacity building

The PSMSL is also involved with developing training information, and organising training courses, for operators of tide gauges and users of their datasets. Recent training includes a Sea Level Training Course for Tide Gauge Operators during October 2016 in Rodney Bay, St. Lucia. It was funded jointly by NOC, under the UK Commonwealth Marine Economies (CME) Programme, and the IOC. It included staff from PSMSL, NOC, UHSLC, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Tsunami and other Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (CARIBE-EWS).

13 Visitors to the PSMSL

The PSMSL welcomed a number of visitors from mid-2015 onwards. These included Aimee Slangen, Sea Level Scientist from the Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Research Utrecht, Utrecht University, Netherlands; John Church, Climatologist from CSIRO, Australia; and Barbel Weidig, our contact and data provider for BSH Rostock, Germany. Visiting for the European Space Agency Project meeting ‘GOCE++ Dynamic Topography at the Coast and Tide Gauge Unification’ meeting were Guy Woppelmann, Professor of Earth Sciences at La Rochelle University, France, and his associate Mederic Gravelle as well as Professor Per Knudsen, Head of Geology from DTU Space, Technical University of Denmark.

Elizabeth Bradshaw (BODC) has been involved with demonstrating the working of the Doodson-Lege tidal prediction machine on display in the NOC Liverpool atrium to visitors attending the Centre.

14 National and International Meetings

PSMSL staff have continued to be active participants in a number of meetings, Dr. Mark Tamisiea has attended meetings of the Global Geodetic Observing System (GGOS) while others were involved with the G7 Global Ocean Observing workshop which took place at the NOC during March. Dr. Simon Williams and Dr. Svetlana Jevrejeva also attended the Geodesy workshop at Herstmonceux during July.

Several PSMSL staff, including Dr. Angela Hibbert and Dr. Simon Williams, who together presented a poster entitled 'Uncertainties in UK Sea Level Trends', were involved with the 17th Biennial Conference of the Challenger Society for Marine Science held at Liverpool University during 5-8th September 2016. Dr. Andy Matthews gave a talk on the 'History of the PSMSL and its Current Operation' and also presented a poster of 'Mean Tidal Level data in the PSMSL dataset' at the same meeting. Miss Elizabeth Bradshaw was the lead on a PSMSL/BODC/GLOSS poster 'Sea Level Data Rescue - filling the gaps in the dataset'. Andy Matthews also presented a talk on metadata at the specialist interest group Marine Science Data Management at the end of the Challenger meeting.

Elizabeth Bradshaw was invited to represent and deliver an overview presentation of GLOSS at the EU funded HYDRALAB+ project event held at the Institute of Hydro-engineering of Polish Academy of Sciences, Gdansk, Poland in September. At the International Conference of Marine Data and Information Systems (IMDIS) conference in Gdansk Poland in October, Andy Matthews gave a similar metadata presentation. Elizabeth Bradshaw presented a poster on 'The future for the Global Sea Level Observing System (GLOSS) Sea Level Data Rescue'.

During November Andy Matthews together with Elizabeth Bradshaw attended the Ocean Surface Topography Science Team Meeting (OSTST) at the La Rochelle University gave a joint talk on metadata standardization at the International Workshop on Sea Level Measurement Technologies held by the EuroGOOS Tide Gauge Task Team. Andy Matthews also presented a poster about the PSMSL and links with GNSS data from SONEL. Angela Hibbert also supplied a poster at the same meeting and attended a Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) meeting in London about the Southern Ocean.

PSMSL staff were also involved when the NERC research vessel RRS Discovery was moored on the Liverpool Waterfront for a showcase event 'Into the Blue' during 4-7th October, among those visiting the ship were local public, schools and businesses. This is only the second time the ship has visited Liverpool.

Dr. Lesley Rickards is a member of the ICSU World Data System Scientific Committee and chairs the sub-committee on Membership and Accreditation. She has been closely involved in the development and implementation of the accreditation criteria. This has led to co-chairing a joint working group between the World Data System and the Data Seal of Approval, under the auspices of the Research Data Alliance (RDA), as the two organisations harmonise the catalogues of criteria for a basic level of certification. She has attended two recent RDA meetings, the 8th Plenary in Tokyo and a UK RDA meeting in Birmingham, UK, to promote the agreed certification.

15 PSMSL Staff and Advisory Group

Funding for PSMSL comes from NERC *via* NOC. Between 2015 and 2016 this has been approximately equivalent to 3 full time staff, but in reality all of those listed in the table below have contributed to PSMSL, and as ever, we are grateful to others in the NOC Sea Level and Technology Groups who contribute to or represent PSMSL at meetings, conferences, or other fora. We said goodbye to Mark Tamisiea who left PSMSL to move back to the USA during the year. He has made a considerable contribution to PSMSL, for which we would like to thank him. We wish him well in his new role.

Dr. Lesley Rickards, Director	Dr. Svetlana Jevrejeva, Senior Scientist
Mrs. Kathy Gordon, Data Manager	Dr. Mark Tamisiea, Senior Scientist
Dr. Andrew Matthews, Data Scientist	Dr. Simon Williams, Senior Scientist
Miss Elizabeth Bradshaw, Data Scientist, BODC	Dr Angela Hibbert, Scientist
	Prof. Philip Woodworth, Scientific Advisor

The PSMSL is also served by an Advisory Group which at present consists of Dr. R. Neilan (JPL, USA), Prof. G. Mitchum (University of South Florida, USA), Dr. Guy Wöppelmann (Université de La Rochelle, France), Dr. P. Knudsen (Danish National Space Institute), Dr. R. Bingley (Nottingham University, UK), and Dr. T. Aarup (IOC, UNESCO).

16 Summary and forward look

The last two years were once again active ones for PSMSL with regard to important workshops and conferences, and busy with regard to data acquisition and analysis. The functions provided by the PSMSL are in as much demand as ever, and new products continue to be developed and activities have expanded. Future plans include:

- Improved integration of the mean sea level dataset with higher frequency data and improving the quality of accompanying metadata;
- Keeping contact with data suppliers (the trend being to acquire data from websites rather than direct supply) and ensuring that data made available in real-time are also contributed to PSMSL;
- Continue collaboration with SONEL (IGS TIGA Working Group data centre) and with GGOS;
- Expansion of ocean bottom pressure record section and data;
- Further develop data archaeology with the Group of Experts on GLOSS;
- Redevelopment of capacity building/training material.
- Contribute to WDS metadata catalogue and training pages
- Mint a Digital Object Identifier (DOI) for PSMSL dataset (in collaboration with BODC)
- Refreshing and further updating the PSMSL web-site

Annex 1: Selected Papers published during 2016

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Annex 2: Stations received from individual countries (2016-17)

American Samoa	1	Martinique	1
Antarctica	1	Mauritius	2
Argentina	1	Mayotte	1
Australia	80	Micronesia, Federated States of	1
Belgium	3	Monaco	1
Bermuda	1	Myanmar	1
Canada	39	Namibia	2
Chile	12	Nauru	1
China	6	Netherlands	11
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	1	New Caledonia	5
Cook Islands	1	New Zealand	13
Croatia	5	Norway	23
Cuba	12	Panama	1
Fiji	2	Papua New Guinea	1
France	32	Philippines	21
French Guiana	2	Portugal	3
French Polynesia	5	Puerto Rico	7
Georgia	2	Réunion	1
Germany	3	Russian Federation	4
Greece	17	Saint Pierre and Miquelon	1
Greenland	3	Samoa	1
Grenada	1	Singapore	10
Guadeloupe	1	Solomon Islands	1
Guam	2	South Africa	10
Hong Kong	6	Spain	44
Iceland	1	Svalbard and Jan Mayen	2
India	14	Sweden	23
Indonesia	1	Thailand	5
Isle of Man	1	Tonga	1
Israel	6	Tuvalu	1
Italy	33	United Kingdom	48
Japan	99	United States	116
Jersey	1	United States Minor Outlying Islands	1
Kiribati	1	Uruguay	1
Korea, Republic of	46	Vanuatu	1
Malaysia	18	Virgin Islands, U.S.	4
Malta	1	Wallis and Futuna	1
Marshall Islands	3		

Annex 3: Data Suppliers 2016-17

Supplier	Country	No. of stations
Servicio de Hidrografia Naval, Argentina	Argentina	1
Australian Ocean Data Centre, NSW	Australia	1
National Tidal Centre	Australia	86
NSW Public Works	Australia	10
Agency for Maritime and Coastal Services	Belgium	3
Canadian Hydrographic Service	Canada	39
Servicio Hidrografico y Oceanografico de la Armada (SHOA)	Chile	12
National Oceanographic Data Centre	China	6
Hidrografski Institut, Split	Croatia	5
Cuban National Tidal Service	Cuba	12
Danish National Space Center	Denmark	3
Institut Geographique National, France	France	1
Service Hyd. et Ocean. de la Marine (SHOM)	France	50
Dept. of Oceanology and Meteorology, Georgia	Georgia	2
Bundesamt fur Seeschifffahrt und Hydrographie, Hamburg	Germany	3
Hellenic Navy Hydrographic Service	Greece	17
Hong Kong Observatory	Hong Kong	6
Icelandic Coast Guard - Hydrographic Department	Iceland	1
Survey of India	India	14
Survey of Israel	Israel	6
Instituto Talassografico di Trieste	Italy	1
ISPRA	Italy	31
University of Ferrara	Italy	1
Geographical Survey Institute	Japan	25
Japan Meteorological Agency	Japan	54
Japan Oceanographic Data Centre, MSA	Japan	20
National Oceanographic Research Institute	Korea, Republic of	46
Department of Survey and Mapping	Malaysia	18
Malta Maritime Authority	Malta	1
Meteo-France	Martinique	1
Meteorological Services, Mauritius	Mauritius	2
Rijkswaterstaat	Netherlands	11
Land Information New Zealand (LINZ)	New Zealand	12
Norwegian Hydrographic Service	Norway	24
National Mapping And Resource Information Authority	Philippines	21
Instituto Hidrografico, Lisbon	Portugal	3
World Data Center B1	Russian Federation	5
Maritime Port Authority of Singapore	Singapore	10
Directorate Of Hydrography, SA	South Africa	12
Dr. Josep Pascual Massaguer	Spain	1
Instituto Espanol de Oceanografia	Spain	11
Puertos del Estado	Spain	32
Swedish Met. and Hyd. Institute	Sweden	23
Oceanographic Division, Hydrographic Department	Thailand	5
Channel Coastal Observatory	United Kingdom	10
National Oceanography Centre / Environment Agency	United Kingdom	38
Port of London Authority	United Kingdom	2
NOAA / NOS	United States	133
Panama Canal Commission	United States	1
University of Hawaii Sea Level Center (UHSLC)	United States	4
Servicio de la Armada de Uruguay	Uruguay	1

Annex 4: Acronyms

ACRE	Atmospheric Circulation Reconstructions over the Earth
BSH	Bundesamt für Seeschifffahrt und Hydrographie (Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency), Germany
BODC	British Oceanographic Data Centre
CARIBE-EWS	Tsunami and other Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions
CIEEM	Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management
CME	Commonwealth Marine Economies
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Australia
DOI	Digital Object Identifier
DTU	Danmarks Tekniske Universitet (Technical University of Denmark)
EuroGOOS	European Global Ocean Observing System
GCN	GLOSS Core Network
GESLA	Global Extreme Sea Level Analysis
GGOS	Global Geodetic Observing System
GLOSS	Global Sea Level Observing System
GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite System
GOCE	Gravity field and steady-state Ocean Circulation Explorer
GPS	Global Positioning System
IAG	International Association of Geodesy
IAPSO	International Association for the Physical Sciences of the Oceans
ICSU-WDS	International Council for Science – World Data System
IMDIS	International Conference of Marine Data and Information Systems
IGS	International GNSS Service
IOC	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
IOTWS	Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning System
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
JCR	Journal Citation Reports
MSL	Mean Sea Level
MTL	Mean Tide Level
NERC	Natural Environment Research Council
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, USA
NOC	National Oceanography Centre, UK
ODINAfrica	Ocean Data and Information Network for Africa
OSTST	Ocean Surface Topography Science Team Meeting
PNAS	Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the USAmerica
PSMSL	Permanent Service for Mean Sea Level
RDA	Research Data Alliance
RLR	Revised Local Reference
SONEL	Système d'Observation du Niveau des Eaux Littorales
TIGA	IGS Working Group Tide Gauge Benchmark Monitoring Project
UHSLC	University of Hawaii Sea Level Center