NOAA Grant Update: Enhancing Data Management Capacity among the CRITFC, its Four Member Tribes, and the WCOA



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Grant Summary

Objective: Develop capacity for the CRITFC and its four member tribes to participate in regional data sharing and upgrade existing data management infrastructure.

Tribal Engagement: Increase tribal engagement with West Coast Ocean Alliance data activities. Infrastructure Improvement: Enhance centralized data management systems (CDMS, STAR-IMS). Expansion of Tribal Datasets: Add additional tribal datasets to the existing repositories. Capacity Building: facilitate tribal data sharing with regional repositories, such as WCOA data portal.



Goal I: Enable CRITFC member tribes and the Coastal Margin Observation & Prediction (CMOP) program to engage with WCOA data priorities

Task I.I Develop tribal engagement in the WCOA

- Attended WCOA meetings and reported back to ITMD and CRITFC departments:
 - WCOA member meetings
 - Tribal Caucus meetings
 - WCODP meetings
 - Annual Summits
 - Offshore wind summit (Gradoville, planned)
- Invited CRITFC member tribes to engage with WCO Tribal Caucus
 - Invitation letters sent to CRITFC member tribes
 - Elaine Harvey (YN) regularly attends meetings



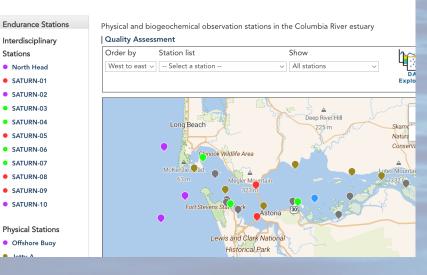
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Task 1.2 Assessment of data gaps and integration of ocean observation and model data with tribal data (led by CMOP scientists)

- WCODP does not currently include CMOP observatory data (or any data from NANOOS)
- CMOP provides all historical data through our website
- Working with WCODP team to daylight CMOP data within the data portal
 - Currently waiting for them to provide metadata template



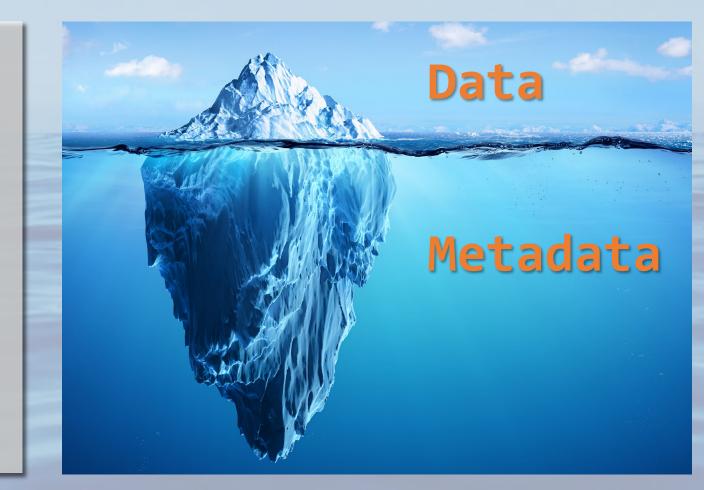




Goal 2: Improve metadata capability in tribal data systems

Task 2.1 Design metadata schema and fields for tribal data systems

- Drafted <u>metadata status report</u> for CRITFC's CDMS to assess status quo:
 - Inconsistent coverage
 - Poorly organized
 - Accessibility issues
 - No export/download
 - Validation
 - Not searchable
- Proposed a collaborative process to improve metadata (<u>NOAA Interim</u> <u>Grant Report #2</u> - Appendix A)

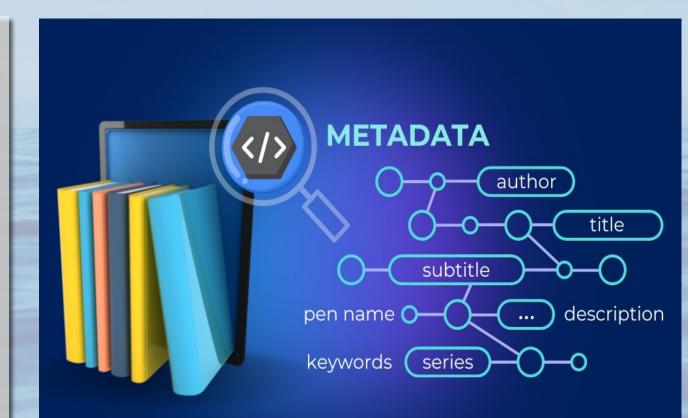


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Task 2.2 and 2.3 Test and Incorporate metadata schema and attributes

- Limited scope for planning and management, not technical coding implementation
- Established a metadata workgroup to coordinate improvement planning
- Developed <u>work plan</u> for programming vendor Innovate!, Inc., supported by a BPA grant

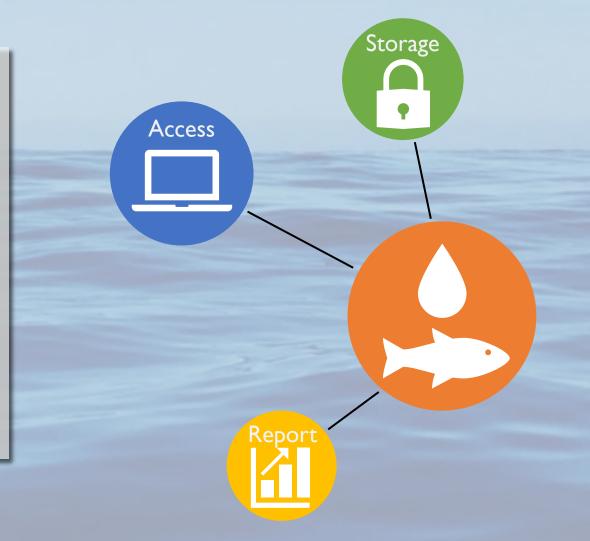
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Goal 3: Improve the CDMS and STAR-IMS to increase ability and capacity to engage with regional data management entities, including the WCOA data portal

Task 3.1 Database or web programmer to improve centralized data management systems

- Consolidated tribalCDMS builds
 - GitHub version control
- Upgraded CRITFC and WS CDMS v2.3 -> v3
 - Improved performance and security
 - Location table improvements
 - Bug fixes
- Helpdesk functions and data coordinator roles
- YN hired Vaughan Gilmore on 6/5/23
 - Data integration into STAR-IMS



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Task 3.2 Better User Interface (UI); APIs streamlined, maintained; fields for TEK items & links to data sharing agreements. Strategy to identify feature needs

- Strategy:
 - Bi-weekly group meetings
 - Incorporation of <u>Pivotal tracker</u>
 - Feature needs:
 - Upgrade/testing automation (Jenkins)
 - Handling of large datasets
 - Data importer enhancements
- CDMS web UI improvements
 - Revamp with mockup illustrations



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Next Steps

- Further engagement among the WCOA, CRITFC and its member tribes.
- Establish a metadata template to daylight CMOP data within the WCODP.
- Metadata improvements: content, functions, and infrastructure.
- User experience improvements: permissions, user-interface.
- Data sharing, dataset citations, APIs for dataflow.

Tribal CDMS - Pivotal Tracker × +

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Example showing minimum universal metadata for data citations

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Title	Mandatory	Project title
Purpose	Mandatory	Project goals
Dataset type upload	Mandatory	Project data format (csv, tiles, images, mixed, etc.)
Dataset(s) title	Mandatory	Will link to both DOI and citation
Dataset purpose	Dependent	Option to choose project purpose as a drop-down choice
Date latest dataset upload	Mandatory	
QA/QC status	Mandatory	Drop-down pick lists
TEK Fields in dataset	Mandatory	First foods; Cultural Significance, e.g.
Dataset collection dates	Mandatory	xx/xx – xx/xx or xx/xx – present(ongoing)
Dataset location(s)	Mandatory	text description, or UTM extents
Organization data producer	Mandatory	Organization Name(s), e.g. CRITFC + YNF; as drop-down pick lists
Organization role	Mandatory	e.g., funders, tribal entity; Drop down pick lists
Individual contact for dataset	Mandatory	Contact person
Person role	Mandatory	e.g., PI, data steward, data analyzer; use drop-down pick lists
Data set type download	Mandatory	(csv, tiles, images, mixed, etc.)
Version identifier	Mandatory	for each downloaded dataset
Dataset Unique Identifier	Mandatory	Digital Object Identifier – (DOI), upon download

Appendix A Goal 2 Progress - Improve metadata capability in tribal data systems

Over this first year of the NOAA grant, we have been assessing the current status of existing CDMS metadata and metadata gaps, and which missing metadata is most necessary, first. Work during Year 2 will focus on improving metadata searching, user policy accessibility, and metadata reports. This is because Dr. Yang noted that the CDMS metadata is structured in a hierarchy – Project metadata, then Datasets' metadata within each project, and that those metadata fields are not searchable or accessible across projects and datasets by all users.

Our collaborative process among CRITFC member tribes will involve:

- 1. determining functions we require that need metadata support, such as
 - **descriptive** (contextual) metadata to enable identification, discovery, access, re-usability, for example.
 - **administrative** metadata to assist preservation, rights, <u>and appropriate</u> usage.
 - structural metadata to enable machine processing, such as to build citations, or allow Application
 Programming Interfaces (APIs) to transfer datasets. These metadata ensure data exchange standards
 (DESs) that are machine and human readable fields and are necessary for current repositories to interact
 with the WCO Data Portal, among others. See <u>Semantic Primer</u>
- 2. assessing our current repositories' existing metadata and metadata gaps.
- 3. mapping redundant metadata in our tables, then revising, or adding standard metadata for our required uses.
- 4. developing the ability for users to search metadata, then produce reports for metadata across projects for better collaboration. This is a high priority and is in progress.
- 5. developing machine readable metadata to better allow API data transfer among repositories.