9th EuroGOOS International Conference, 3-5 May 2021 Coastal ocean forecasting advances and recent applications of the Western Mediterranean Operational modelling system (WMOP)

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WMOP modelling system

[Juza et al. 2016; Mourre et al. 2018; Hernández-Lasheras and Mourre 2018; Aguiar et al. 2020]



High-res. mesoscale-resolving simulations, from sub-basin to coastal scales Daily predictions (72-hour horizon) @www.socib.es, hindcasts [2009-2018] & reanalysis of specific periods of interest



WMOP applications



Science





- Ocean process studies: mesoscale to fine-scale
- Support to sea trial experiments and glider navigation
- Evaluation of the impact of observations
- Impact of hydrodynamics on ecosystems
- Analysis of larval and plastics dispersion
- Ocean connectivity studies



Society





- Search-and-rescue
- Response to emergencies
- Lifeguards Mobile App
- Forensic science
- Support to open water swimming



Impact of observations through data assimilation

(Hernández-Lasheras et al., Ocean Science, 2021, submitted)

Impact of HF radar data assimilation in the Ibiza Channel

Validation using the trajectories of 14 drifters during 10 days Comparison of the impact of HFR radial and reconstructed total velocities



Support to sea trial experiment: CALYPSO



Focused on the understanding of three-dimensional pathways of water parcels in the upper ocean





CALVPSO Field Experiment Support

Real-time forecasting

Model assessment using high-res. ocean color images and surface drifters



Mechanisms for vertical velocities at the Alboran fronts

(Garcia-Jove et al. 2021; Zarokanellos et al. 2021; J. Geophys. Res., submitted)



w@100m



w+ max = 18m/day @57 m w- max = 55m/day @156 m

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Tracking possible paths of Pinna Nobilis parasite



[Cabanellas-Reboredo et al., Tracking a mass mortality outbreak of pen shell Pinna Nobilis populations: A collaborative effort of scientists and citizens. Sci. Reports, 2019]



Mass mortality event

Observations from

Model simulations



Disease propagation over the western basin from Sep 2016 to Apr 2018



Drift simulations indicating the very likely important role of currents on the regional dispersion of the pathogen

Some of the future directions

Incorporate additional coastal data in the WMOP asimilation system (from moorings, HF radars, gliders, turtles?)

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Thank you for your attention!





Understand plastics distribution in the Balearic Sea



Understand formation and impacts of anticyclonic eddies in the Catalano-Balearic Sea