

OCB: Ocean Carbon and Biogeochemistry Program

OCB Mission:

to establish the evolving role of the ocean in the global carbon cycle, in the face of environmental change, through studies of marine biogeochemical cycles and associated ecosystems









Promote, plan, and coordinate collaborative, multidisciplinary research opportunities within the U.S. research community and with international partners

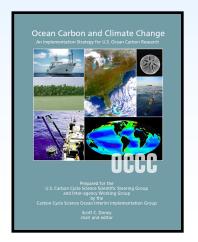
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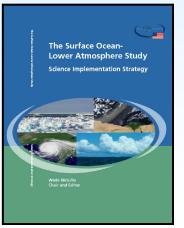
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SOLAS Surface-Ocean Lower Atmosphere Study











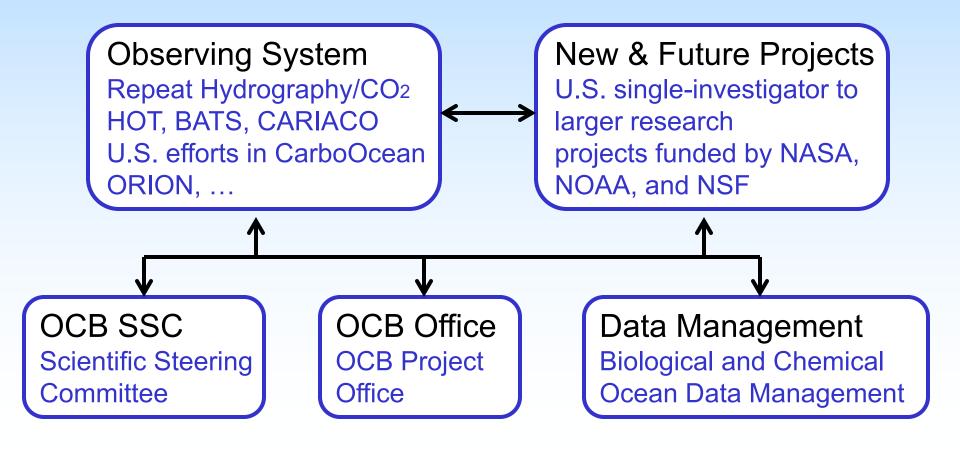
OCB Overarching Science Themes

Improve understanding and prediction of:

- 1) oceanic uptake and release of atmospheric CO₂ and other greenhouse gases;
- climate-sensitivities of biogeochemical cycles and interactions with ecosystem structure



OCB Program Structure





OCB Implementation

- Annual Summer OCB Science Workshop (July 21-24, 2008, Woods Hole MA)
 Mix of plenary talks, breakouts & poster sessions
 - Climate sensitivity of ecosystem structure & trophic dynamics
 - Carbon uptake and storage
 - Temporal trends in ecosystem variability
 - Current and future OCB pursuits

Discussion of future community science/field efforts (e.g., follow-up on NASA OCRT field experiment discussions)



OCB Implementation

- Targeted scoping meetings on implementing critical science meetings
- Ocean Acidification (Oct., 2007)
 - report available for public comment soon
 - OCB build OA research plans from report
- Gulf of Mexico (May, 2008)
- Next round of workshops (Spring, 2009)
 - workshop proposals submitted June/July
 - Targeted workshop, ~50 people
 - \$50K in travel support
 - focus on implementation











Ocean Carbon and Biogeochemistry Scoping Workshop on

Terrestrial and Coastal Carbon Fluxes and Exchanges in the Gulf of Mexico

May 6-8, 2008 St. Petersburg, FL Deadline to Apply: March 24, 2008

http://www.whoi.edu/sites/GMxCarbon

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OCB Implementation

- Core NSF funds (Feb. target date for OCB proposals) as well as NASA and NOAA announcements of opportunity
- OCB Time-series Advisor Committee
 - Debbie Bronk Chair
 - Working with HOT, BATS, Cariaco programs
 - Community input
- OCB Ocean Acidification Committee
 - Joan Kleypas and Dick Feely co-Chairs
 - Whitepaper building from Fall OA workshop
- New initiatives



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