Ocean Best Practices System

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What is a Best Practice?

Best Practice Definition:

A Best Practice is a methodology that has repeatedly produced superior results relative to other methodologies with the same objective.

To be fully elevated to a Best Practice, a promising method must be adopted, used, and tested by multiple organizations and/or communities.

(From 1st Ocean Best Practices Workshop, IOC, Paris, France, Nov 2017)

Best practices can be standard operating procedures (SOPs), manuals, handbooks, guides, cookbooks, published papers, training and educational material.

Why an Ocean Best Practices System?

Best practices ensures:

- ➢ Known Quality and consistency of observations
- ➢ Interoperability of data
- ➢ Efficiency (don't re-invent the wheel)
- ➢ Transparency - Data traceability and reproducibility
- ➢ Connections between data, models and applications
- ➢ Resource for training and capacity development

BUT:

- ➢ Not all best practice knowledge is documented
- ➢ They are scattered and can be hard to find
- ➢ Can be lost when a project ends
- ➢ Promising methods may not be shared
- ➢ Work to create a best practice is often not acknowledged

The **Ocean Best Practice System (OBPS)** helps to jointly develop solutions

OBPS Vision and Mission

Vision
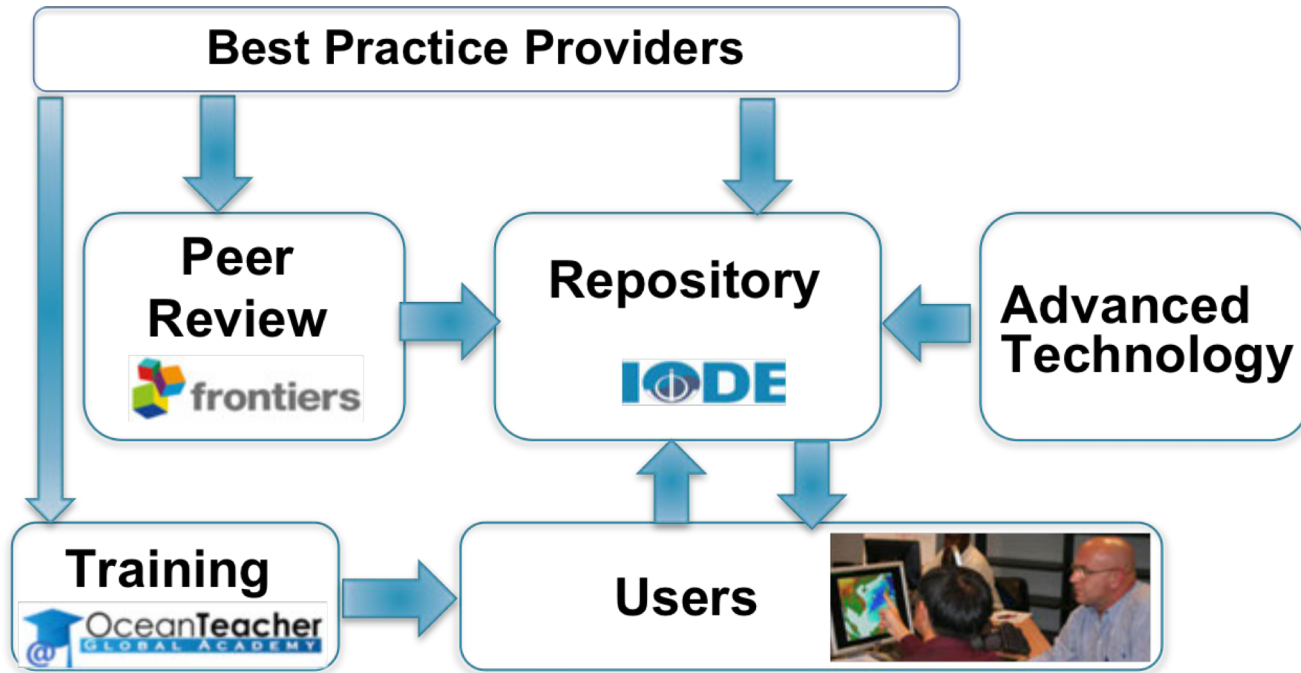*To have agreed and broadly adopted methods across ocean research, operations and applications*

Mission
To provide a trusted system to support the collaborative development, sharing and adoption of Best Practices across the Ocean Community

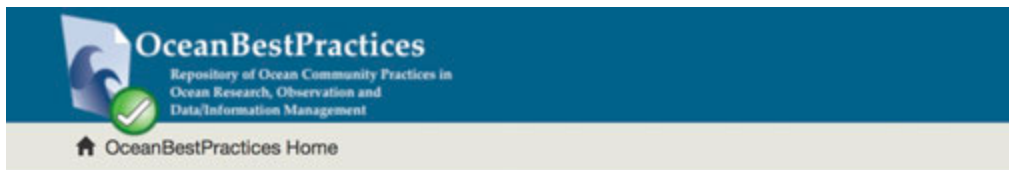**We are building a long term, sustained capability**

The Structure of the OBPS

Heart of OBPS: The Repository

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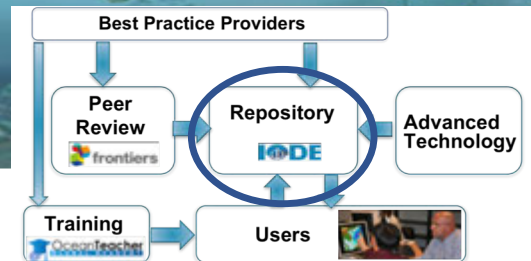
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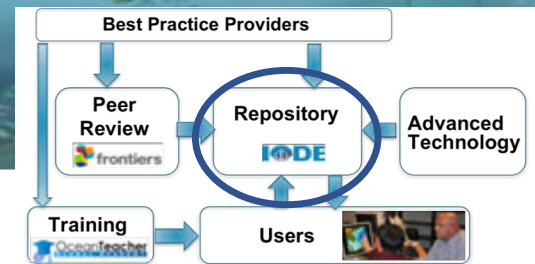## Document Templates (further templates will be available soon)

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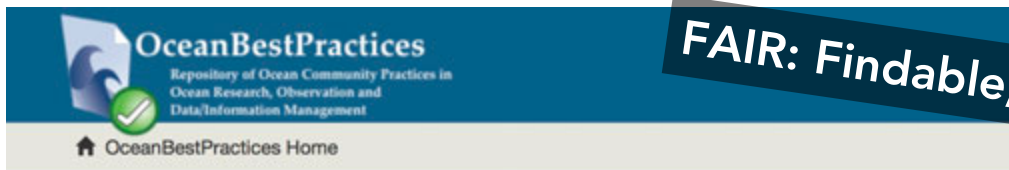# Heart of OBPS: The Repository

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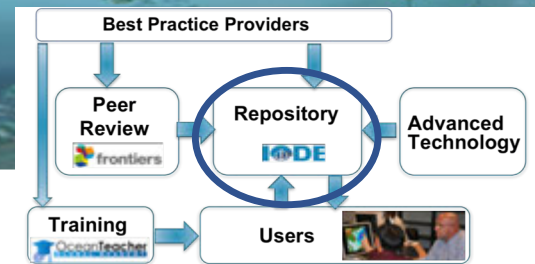## Document Templates (further templates will be available soon)

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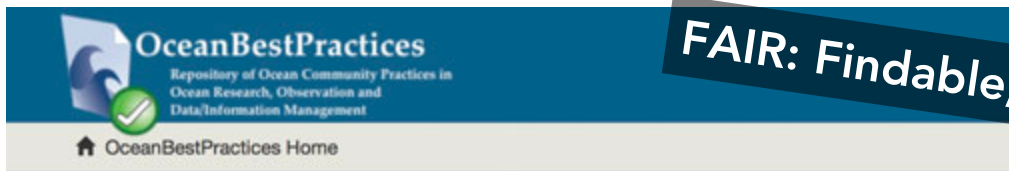**FAIR: Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable**

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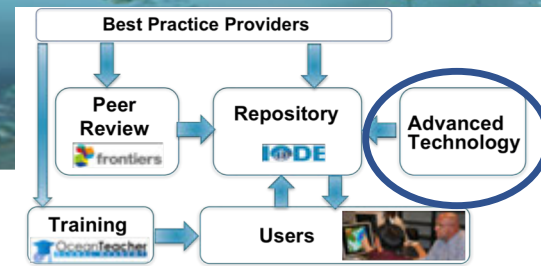https://www.oceanbestpractices.net/

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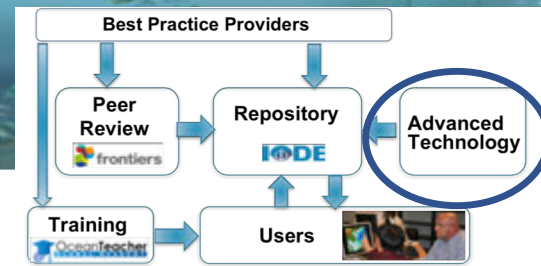
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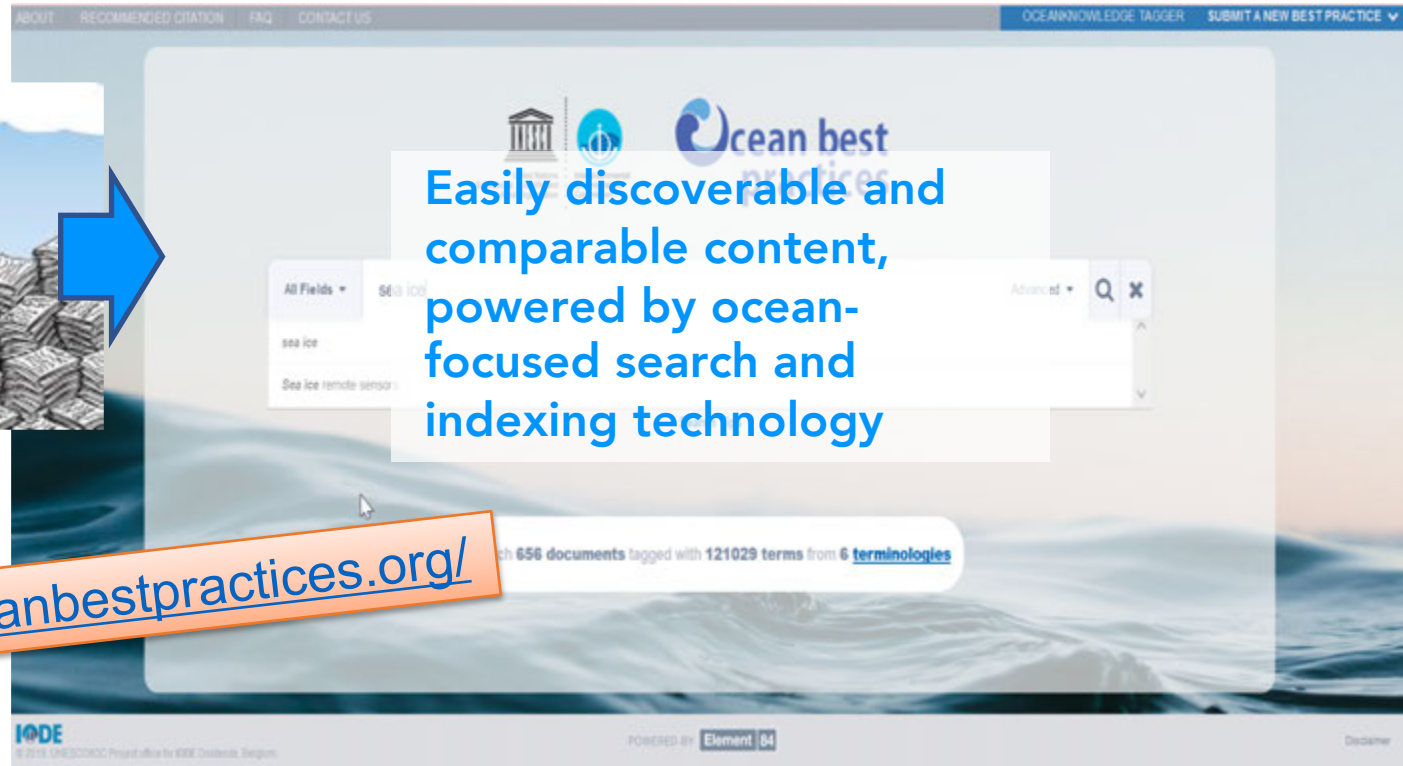https://www.oceanbestpractices.org/

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Easily discoverable and comparable content, powered by ocean-focused search and indexing technology

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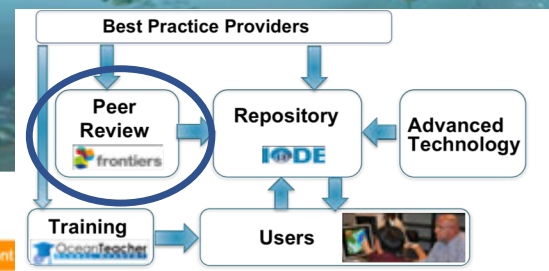
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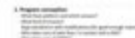Overview | 12 Articles | 189 Authors | Impact | Comments

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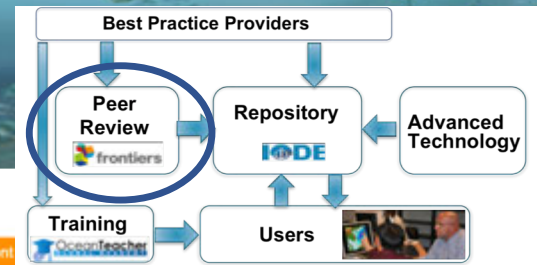Kiel, Germany

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- Recognizes Best Practice creators (peer review publication)
- Helps to expand the adoption of best practices
- Provides a forum for community and external expert discussion
- Currrently: 12 accepted, 4 in different review stages

IODE OceanTeacher Global

Ocean Best Practices Training

- Capacity development and training in use and creation of OBP

- Currently as a series of in-person courses

- Provided in multiple languages, making use of the OTGA RTC network

- Provision of train-the-trainer courses

- Training video linked to the OBPS record

- Long-term goal: Create a library of virtual OBP training resources to be used in personal and virtual environment

- Provide access to "OBPS Repository on a disk" where internet access is limited.

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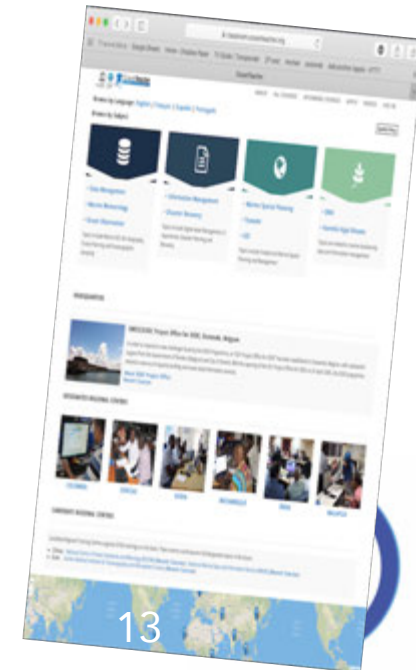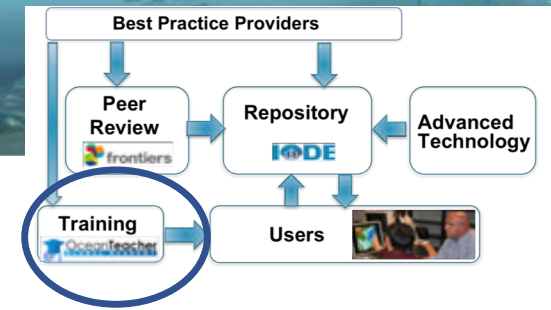
Further developments OBPS

2019 – 2021 +

The OBPS is operational and will expand its service to users

- Engage broad community in OBPS decade vision through OceanObs 19 sessions
- GOOS endorsement process – community identification of recommended practices
- Community Review Platform within OBPS-Repository
- Improving access through natural language use (Google-like flexibility)
- Methods for improving transparency and access across ocean observing
- Support for BP creation – e.g. funding for workshops and community engagement
- Support for BP training – IODE Ocean Teacher, videos, courses (also online)
- Coordination for developing country engagement
- Community expansion – broadly engaging modeling, data management and applications
- Cooperate with Industry and other sectors (e.g. policy) in opening best practices more widely.

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I hope to see many of you submitting your existing Time series data BP documentation to our repository – and new/synthesized BP to the Journal !