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Relevant Essential Ocean Variable(s): Marine debris

Brief description of EMODnet Chemistry review process:

Analysis of the status of the art of the already existing best practices or consolidated communities when available; revision, support, and agreement by the relevant stakeholders and communities involved like TGML and Regional Sea Conventions

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The OBPS best practice endorsement process [DOI: https://doi.org/10.25607/OBP-1983] has been developed by OBPS in conjunction with GOOS

The aim of endorsement is for recognized ocean organizations to follow a systematic process for community inputs to their practices and sufficient practice documentation to share methods leading to uptake by the broader ocean community. In this process, an organization makes a definitive claim that it believes the practice is “worthy of endorsement”, providing evidence and justification for that claim.

The endorsed methods can range from standard operating procedures to field manuals. Following best practices improves the reproducibility of science research, and interoperability across disciplines and datasets by standardizing methods and data collection, data management, and applications.

The endorsed document has been through a strong community process, whereby they have been adopted and used by multiple organizations and represents a basis for use in the ocean community.

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