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Review of Action Items from GSC-VIII

Action N°	ACTIONS	Deadline	Responsible	Status of GSSC-IX
1	Ensure COOP strategic implementation plan is tabled at I-GOOS with GSC endorsement	1 April 2005	Thorkild Aarup	Done. The COOP strategic implementation plan was endorsed at I-GOOS EXT (June 2005) and subsequently published.
2	Remind IOC Executive Secretary (Patricio Bernal) of the decision of the Assembly to task the IOC Secretariat to move forwards on standards and protocols for ocean measurements as a contracted activity in the science section, and that the GSSC continues to support this activity	1 March 2005	Secretariat (KA)	Done.
3	Write a statement to be presented to JCOMM about coastal implementation issues and to identify an effective spokesperson who will be present in Halifax to support it	Tomorrow	Tom Malone	Done.
4	All committee members to suggest potential members of the JCOMM resources task team to Peter Dexter	31 March 2005	Peter Dexter	This was not done. It was superseded by JCOMM 2, and is another action item for GSSC-9, since JCOMM re-established the Resources Task Team, but with a slightly different composition and membership.
5	Respond to Ryabnin and Summerhayes proposal stating that the committee recognizes there is potential value in creation of an Arctic GOOS regional alliance, as well as good potential scientific and technological value to coordinated activities in the arctic region. The committee invites those parties with an interest in developing an arctic GOOS alliance to put forward a		Secretariat (KA)	Done. Note that EuroGOOS subsequently did indeed put forward a proposal for an Arctic GRA to I-GOOS. This was done by Hans Dahlin based on

	detailed and formal expression of their interest to I-GOOS			EuroGOOS publication Number 22. I-GOOS did not endorse the proposal, but invited EuroGOOS to consult with existing Arctic coordination bodies and nations and to submit a formal proposal to I-GOOS at a future meeting.
6	To invite, on behalf of the GSC, the Rio and Africa (in Paris) 'offices' to submit a list of accomplishments and plans according to a standard format based on the recent review of the Perth office. The GSC should use this information in preparing recommendations to the IGOOS for budget prioritizations in 2006 and beyond	30 June 05	Secretariat (KA)	Not done. This action was superseded by a change in the GSSC TOR in IOC resolution XXIII-5 and an IOC Assembly decision in XXIII-16. Specifically, GSSC no longer has recommendations for budget prioritization in its remit and the Assembly has in any case formally mandated expenditures on regional staff for the 2006-2007 biennium. As a result, this action has been replaced with inviting the Rio and Perth offices to present their activities at GSSC 9 to try

				to better integrate the regional offices as part of the GOOS international secretariat.
7	To provide 3 names to JCOMM, with copies to Keith Alverson, for suggested GOOS representatives to the Joint Capacity Building Panel	1 April	John Field	Names were supplied to JCOMM, but JCOMM decided to disband its CB panel, and integrate CB into all its activities. The Chair of GSSC spoke for GOOS at JCOMM II and said that GOOS would do the same but will decide on this at GSSC IX.
8	Action 8. Action: Keith Alverson with help from Ed Harrison, Tom Malone and Peter Dexter to draft short sharp (5 page?) Input based on Albert Fischer's survey material. Paul Mason will review the draft to ensure it meets appropriate specs and subtleties for the SUBSTA/COP audience. The report should include discussion of the difficulties associated with transitioning satellite remote sensing measurements from 'research supply' mode into 'operational supply' mode.		Keith Alverson	Done. In addition a GOOS side event was successfully run at SBSTA 22 in Bonn.
9	To set aside time in next GSC agenda for sessional working groups to meet		Secretariat (KA)	Done.
10	Helen Yap to carefully review JCOMM working groups and find appropriate and convincing way to incorporate global aspects of coastal implementation needs and ensure that this proposal goes to JCOMM documents in Halifax by communicating with Candyce Clark at IOC Secretariat		Helen Yap, Candyce Clark at IOC Secretariat	The second session of JCOMM recommended the establishment of a joint ad hoc task team to work in collaboration

				with GRAs and national GOOS programmes on best means for implementation and coordination of coastal GOOS.
11	KA to request from IOC that Ralph Rayner give the GOOS talk at the March tsunami meeting [GPO funding not required as he will be there anyway]	25 February	KA	Done, however the suggestion was rejected by the meeting organizers.
12	All: send Ralph Rayner relevant material for his talk	1 March	Ralph Rayner	Not applicable – see action 11.
13	Ralph Rayner to prepare and give a talk on behalf of GOOS at the IOC March tsunami meeting based on solicited input from GSC members	3 March	Ralph Rayner	Not applicable – see action 11.
14	Silvana Vallerga to investigate whether GRAND-T funding, if it comes through in 2006, can be targeted towards this lost salary for the effected regional offices rather than travel		Silvana Vallerga	The GRAND project has been extended until 31 July 2006. There is no follow up project after that. The GRAND funds allocated for travel can be used for salary, in principle (permission has to be asked to the EC by the coordinator Aldo Drago). The funds are though rather limited.
15	John Field to write to SCOR asking them to put pressure ICSU to reinstate contributions to GOOS	1 April	John Field	The Chair of the GSSC has been in correspondence with SCOR: the President of SCOR will be at the GSSC IX meeting and having

				discussions with both IOC and ICSU during the meeting.
16	Jim Baker, John Field and Keith Alverson to revisit the status of the budget later in the year	30 August	Jim Baker, John Field and Keith Alverson	Not done. This action was superseded by a change in the GSSC TOR in IOC resolution XXIII-5. Specifically, GSSC is no longer has recommendations for budget prioritization in its remit.
17	Jim Baker to thank NOAA for their contribution to GOSIC		Jim Baker	Done.
18	Keith Alverson to arrange a quarterly conference call between Alverson, Field, Baker and any other interested members		Keith Alverson	Not done.
19	All, send member suggestions to John Field and Keith Alverson	1 April	All	Done.
20	John Field to forward list of suggestions to the committee and sponsors for consideration	1 June	John Field	Done.
21	Secretariat to ask all cosponsors to provide nominations	1 June	Thorkild Aarup	Done.
22	Write letters of thanks to all retiring GSC members	1 June	Secretariat	Done.
23	Task team (Baker, Erb, Rayner, Nowlin) to organize presentation/session at the IMAREST conference		Task team (Baker, Erb, Rayner, Nowlin)	The GSSC Meeting schedule conflict precluded organizing a GOOS session at the 2nd World Maritime Technology Conference (sponsored by IMAREST) in London in 2006. Consideration should be given to organizing a

				GOOS session at an appropriate industry/ocean conference in 2007 and at the next World Maritime Technology Conference in 2009.
24	Ralph Rayner to confirm the availability of meeting rooms and local support at no cost to GOOS and report to Keith Alverson	1 April	Keith Alverson	Done. However, the action was superseded – see action 23.