



European
Ocean
Observing
System

Strategy 2023-2027 launch

In situ Observations and Earth Observation

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ESA's Earth Observation Missions



Satellites

Heritage 04

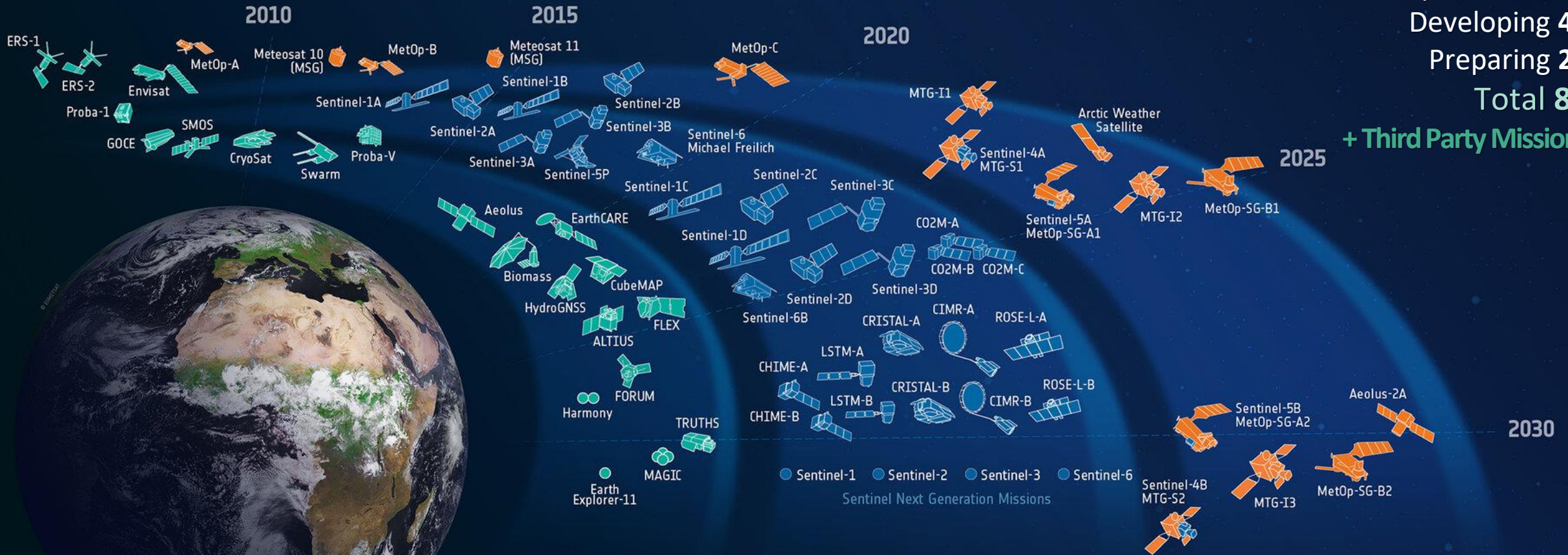
Operational 15

Developing 41

Preparing 22

Total 82

+ Third Party Missions



Science



Copernicus



Meteorology



TAKING THE PULSE OF THE PLANET

Essential Climate Variables are key indicators that describe Earth's changing climate. Scientists use these variables to study climate drivers, interactions and feedbacks, as well as reservoirs, tipping points, and fluxes of energy, water and carbon.

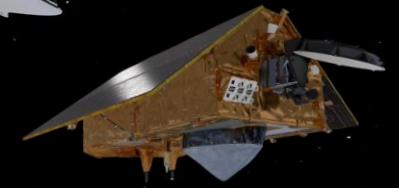
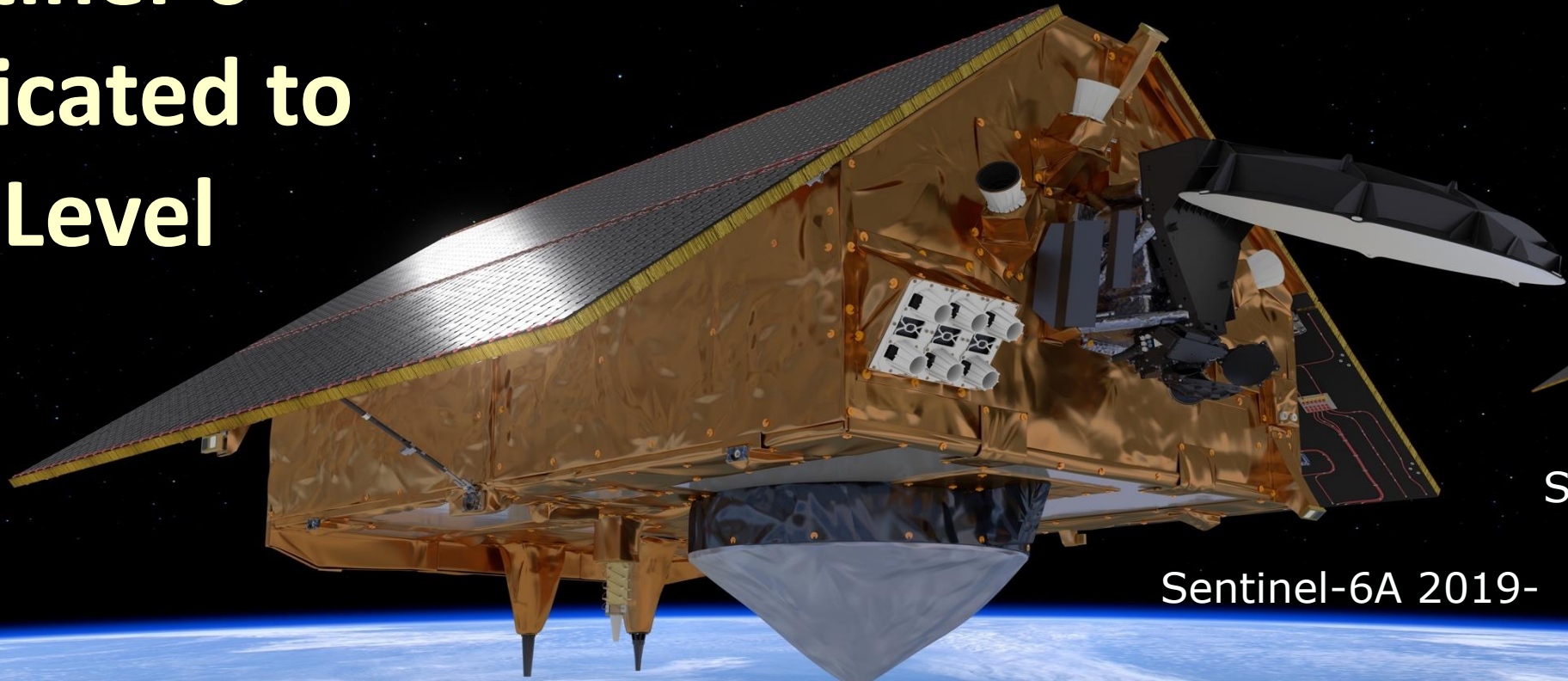
The climate-quality datasets produced by the Climate Change Initiative are a major contribution to the evidence base used to understand climate change.

“ Satellite products provide a valuable complement to in-situ measurements. These observations are valuable (high confidence) for regional applications since they provide multi-channel images at very high spatiotemporal resolutions ”

IPCC AR6 2021



Sentinel-6 - dedicated to Sea Level Rise

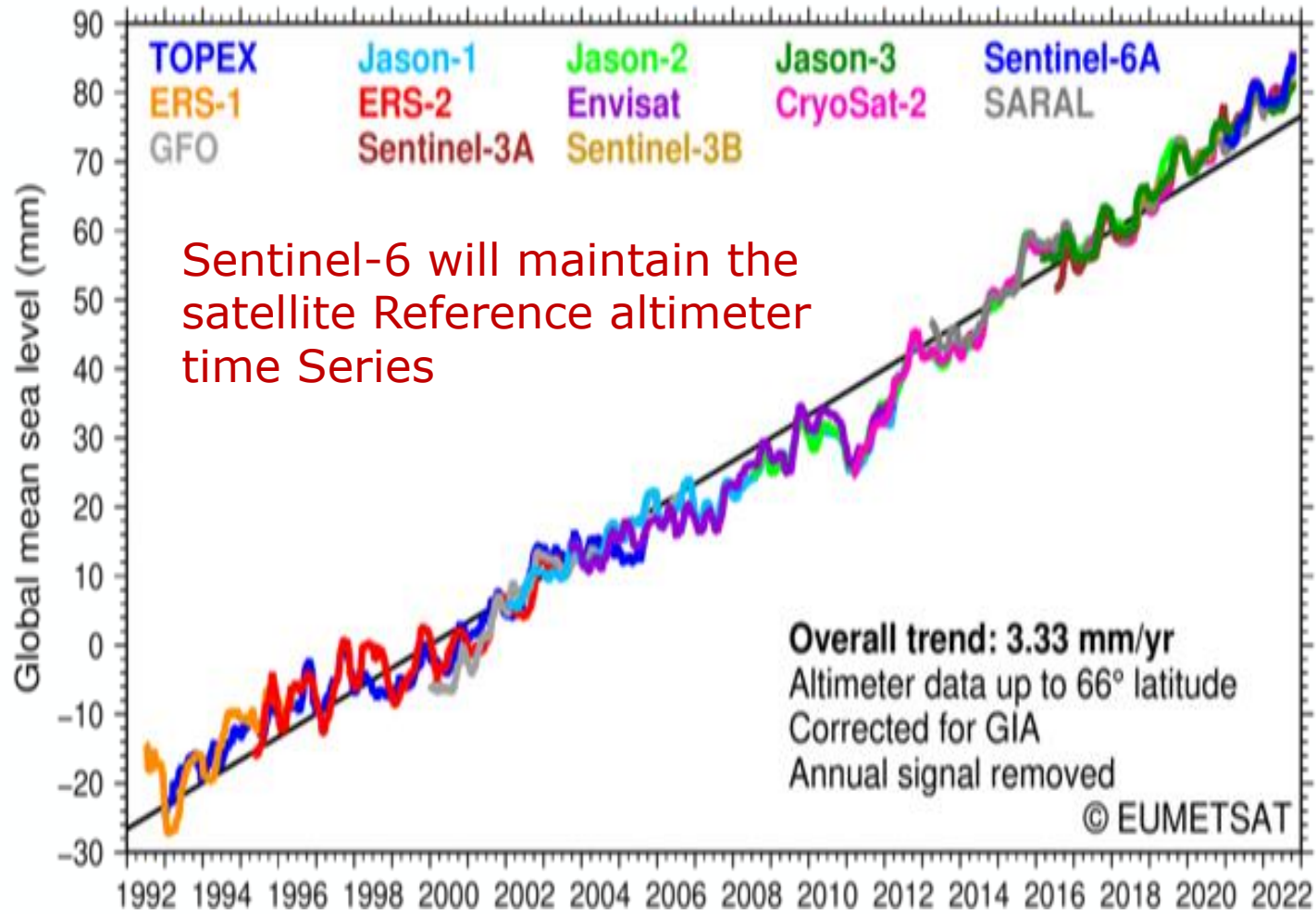


Sentinel-6B 2025-

Sentinel-6A 2019-



Sea-Level rise is a societal threat

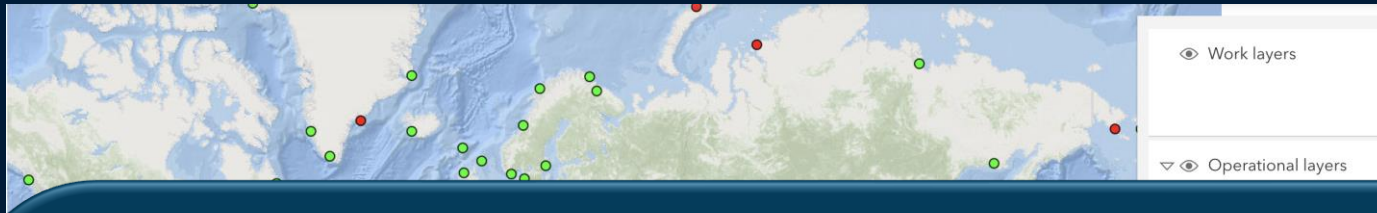


Low-lying coastal zone is home to 680 million people

3 million extra people at flooding risk for every cm of sea level rise

IPCC predictions for 2100 show 0.43 - 0.84 meter increase of average sea levels

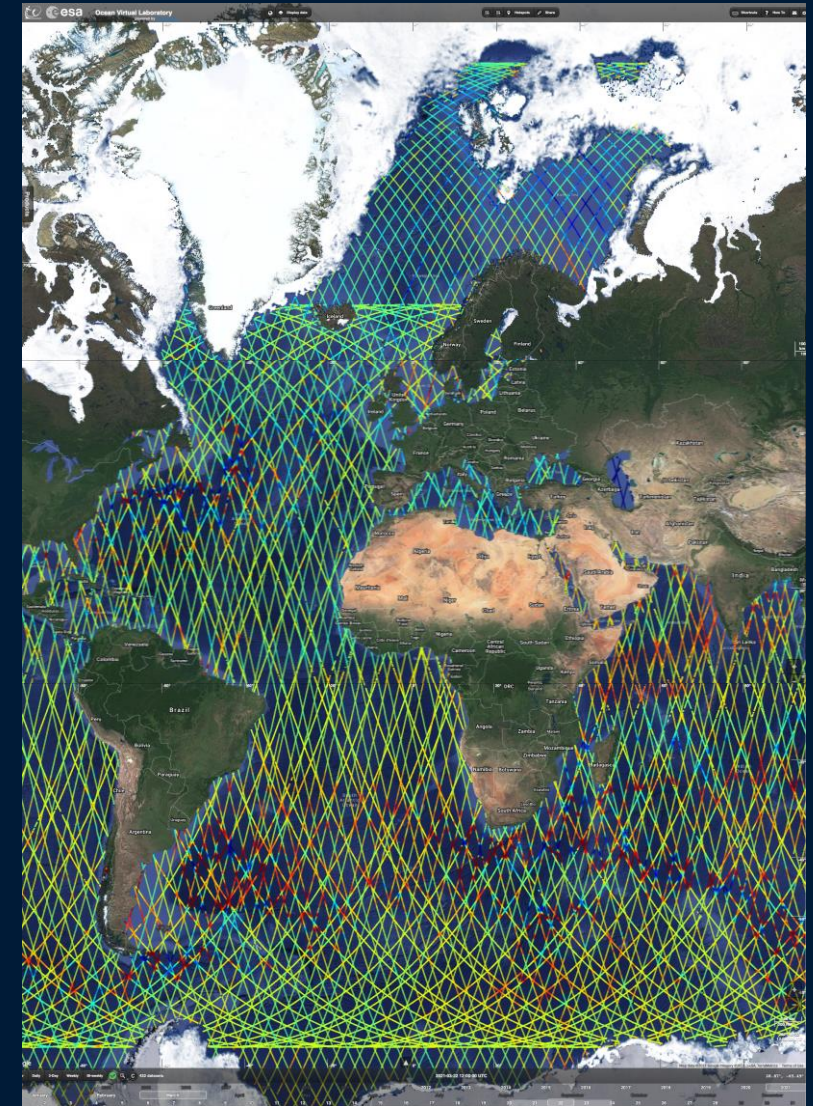
Operational status of GLOSS tide guages



Because there is overwhelming global quasi-synoptic coverage over the ocean from Earth Observation Satellites it is fundamental to ensure that these data are traceable to Metrology standards (the foundation of Interoperability)

This is essential if Earth Observation and in situ observations are to be used with confidence.

Likewise, in situ observations must also be traceable to Metrology standards...



10 days of Copernicus Sentinel-3 and Sentinel-6 data

Core principles of metrology

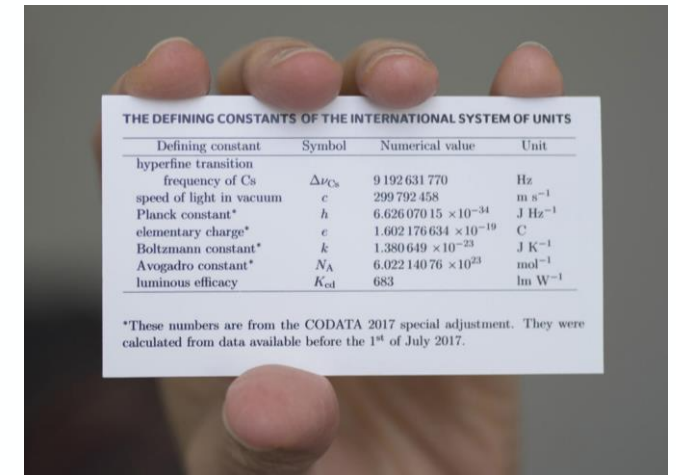
STABILITY
Century scale

INTEROPERABILITY
equivalence world wide

COHERENCE
Combining different measurements



20 May 1875



20 May 2019

TRACEABILITY

UNCERTAINTY

COMPARISON



**MEASURAND
01**

Define the measurand and measurement function




**TRACEABILITY
02**

Establish the traceability with a diagram




**UNCERTAINTY
03**

Evaluate each source of uncertainty and fill out an effects table



**CALCULATE
04**

Calculate the product and its uncertainty



**STORE
05**

Store relevant information for future users

Guidance documentation and training materials available at www.qa4eo.org

S-6 Transponder CDN1 Cal/Val Facility

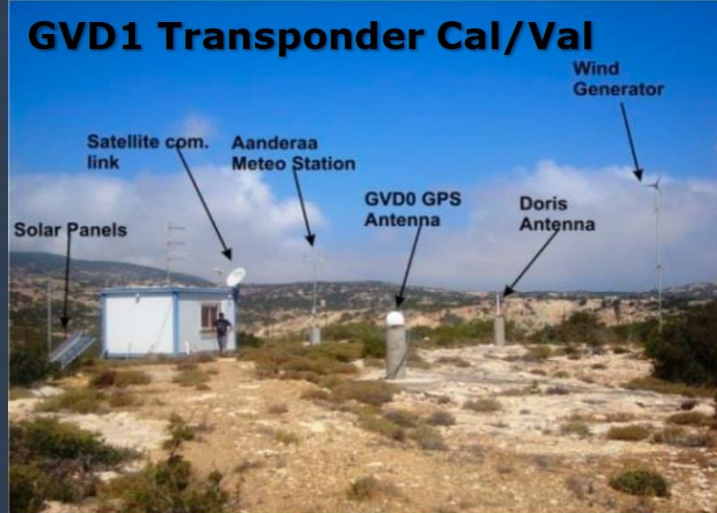
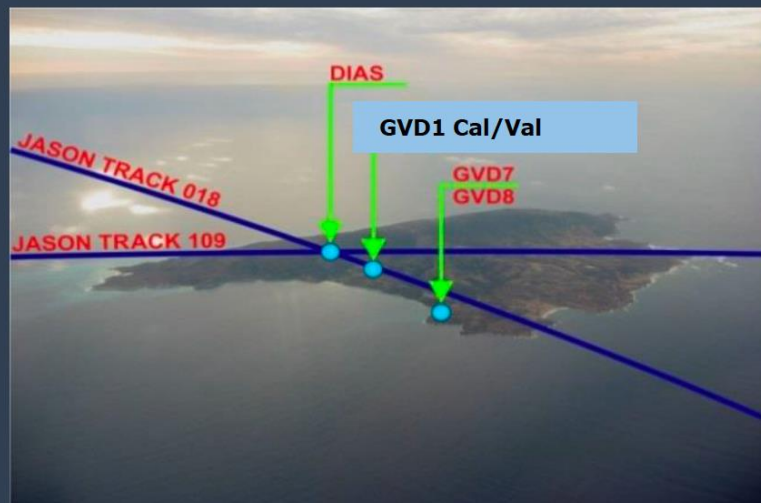
CDN1 cen



Jason, S3A, S3B Operational



Sea-surface Cal/Val Facilities



$$V(t_p, s) = \frac{\lambda_0}{(4 \cdot \pi)^{\frac{3}{2}} L_{\text{atm}}(s)} \cdot \int_{\text{Vol}} \frac{\chi[t_p - t_r(\zeta, s)] G(x, y, s) R(x, y, \zeta)}{r^2(\zeta)} \exp[-i2\pi(f_0 + f_d) \cdot t_0 + \phi_0] dx \cdot dy \cdot dz + n(t_p)$$

$|V(t_p, s)|^2$ Squared

$\langle |V(t_p, s)|^2 \rangle$ Multilook

$$P_{\text{ML}}(t_p) = \frac{\lambda_0^2}{(4\pi)^3 L_{\text{atm}}^2} \cdot \int_{\text{Vol}} \frac{|\chi[t_p - t_r(z)]|^2 G^2(x, y) \sigma_0(x, y, z)}{r^4(z)} dx \cdot dy \cdot dz + N(t_p)$$

Assumption 1: Far Zone

approximation due to far-zone =>

$$\frac{1}{r^4(z)} \approx \frac{1}{H^4}$$

Assumption 3: Gaussian Ocean

$\sigma_0(x, y, z)$ assumed to be gaussian with skewness of 0.1

$$\sigma_0(x, y, z) = Pu \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_z} \exp\left(-\frac{z^2}{2\sigma_z^2}\right) \left[1 + \frac{\lambda_s}{6} \left(\frac{z^3}{\sigma_z^3} - \frac{3z}{\sigma_z} \right) \right] \right\}$$

$\gamma_s = 0$ assumed E.M skewness Assumption 3b

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σ_z is sea surface height and $SWH = 4\sigma_z$
Gaussian distribution of ocean heights

Pu is amplitude of waveform and used to derive backscatter coefficient $\sigma_0(x, y, z)$

λ_s (ocean topography skewness) is given in input as 0.1

Assumption 2: Antenna Pattern

$\theta_{3\text{dB}}$ is 3dB antenna pattern aperture (characterised on ground)

ξ^2 is the squared antenna mispointing

G_0 is the antenna Gain at boresight (characterised on ground)

$$G_0^2 \exp\left\{ -\frac{8\ln(2)}{\theta_{3\text{dB}}^2} (\theta^2 - \xi^2) \right\}$$

$G^2(x, y)$ assumed to be **gaussian and isotropic**
($\theta_{x3\text{dB}} = \theta_{y3\text{dB}} = \theta_{3\text{dB}}$):

Assumption 4: Point Target Response

$|\sin c|^2$ approximated as gaussian with std σ_t

$$|\chi[t_p - t_r]|^2 = |\sin c[B_r(t_p - t_r)]|^2 \approx \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma_t^2} (t_p - t_r)^2\right]$$

$$P_{\text{ML}}(t_p) = \frac{\lambda_0^2}{(4\pi)^3 L_{\text{atm}}^2 \cdot H^4} \cdot \left(\int_{\text{Vol}} |\chi[t_p - t_r(z)]|^2 G^2(x, y) \sigma_0(x, y, z) dx \cdot dy \cdot dz \right) \cdot \text{gamrnd}\left(L, \frac{1}{L}\right) + N(t_p)$$

$$P_{\text{ML}}(t) = A \exp(-v_1) \cdot [1 + \text{erf}(u_1)] - \frac{A}{2} \cdot \exp(-v_2) [1 + \text{erf}(u_2)]$$

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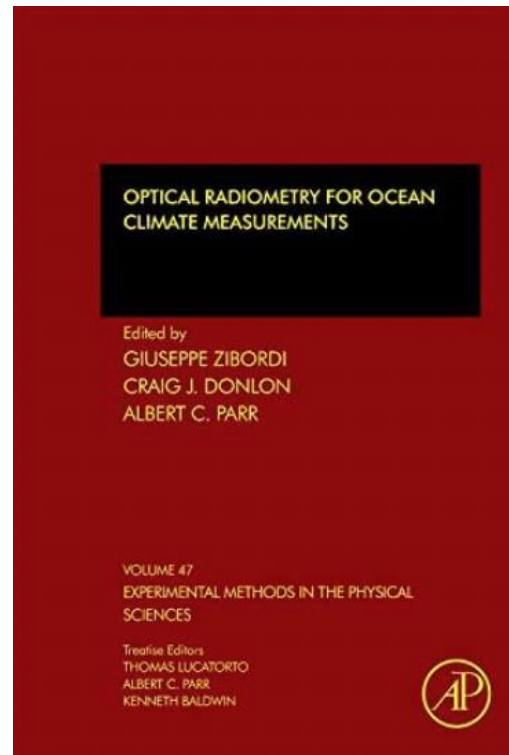
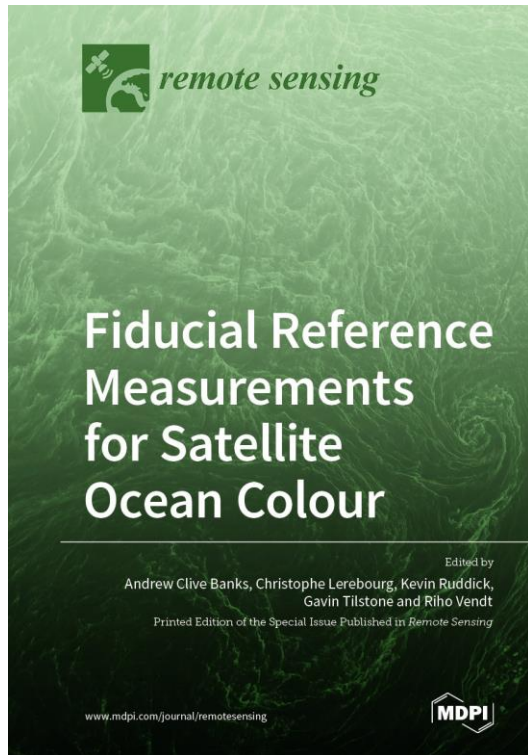
Fiducial Reference Measurements (FRM)



Fiducial Reference Measurements (FRM) are a suite of **independent, fully characterized, and traceable ground measurements** that follow the guidelines outlined by the GEO/CEOS Quality Assurance framework for Earth Observation ([QA4EO](#)).



<https://ships4sst.org/> <https://frm4soc.org/> <http://www.frm4sts.org/> <https://www.frm4alt.eu> <https://frm4veg.org/>



FRM-BOUSSOLE: Buoy for the acquisition of long-term optical time series

<http://www.obs-vlfr.fr/Boussole>

Pandonia FRM: Fiducial Reference Measurements for Ground-Based Direct-Sun Air-Qu

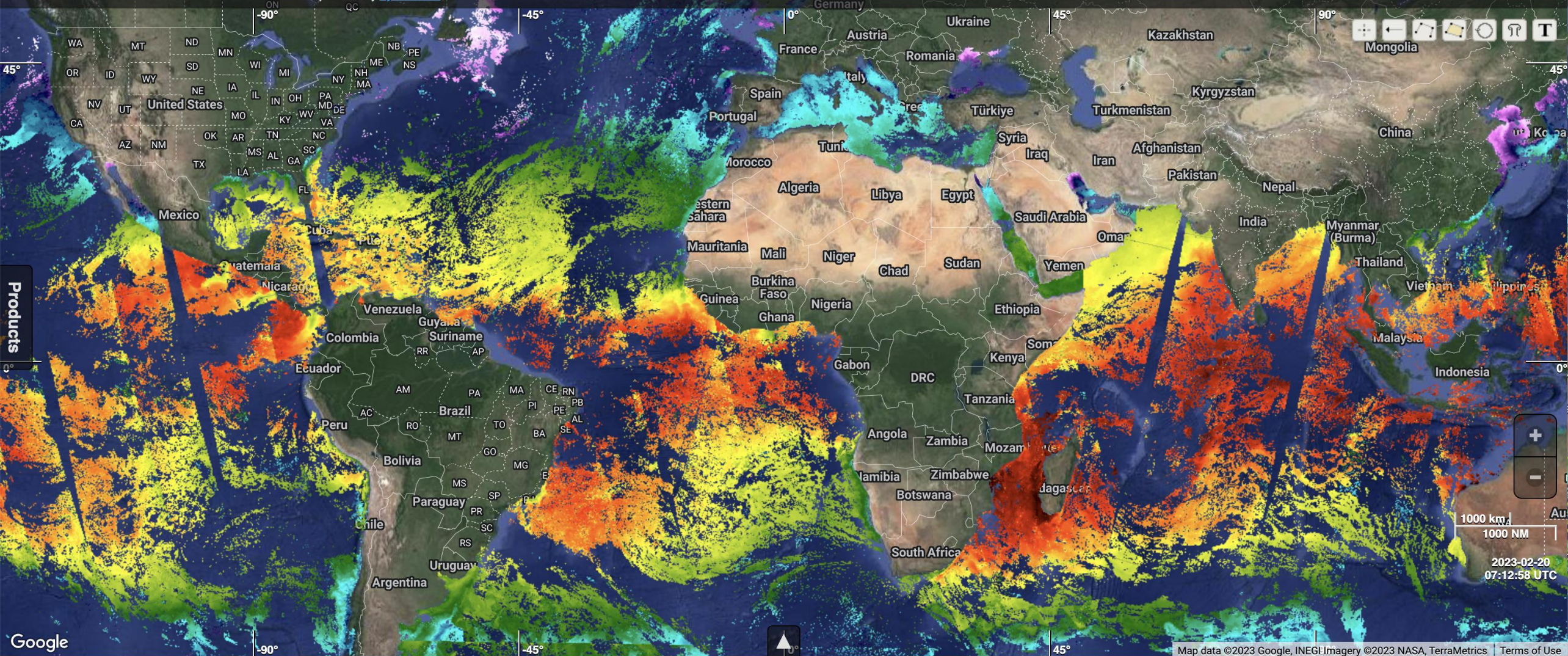
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Fiducial Reference Measurements for Ground-Based DOAS Air-Quality Observations



<https://frm4doas.aeronomie.be/>





Products

Google

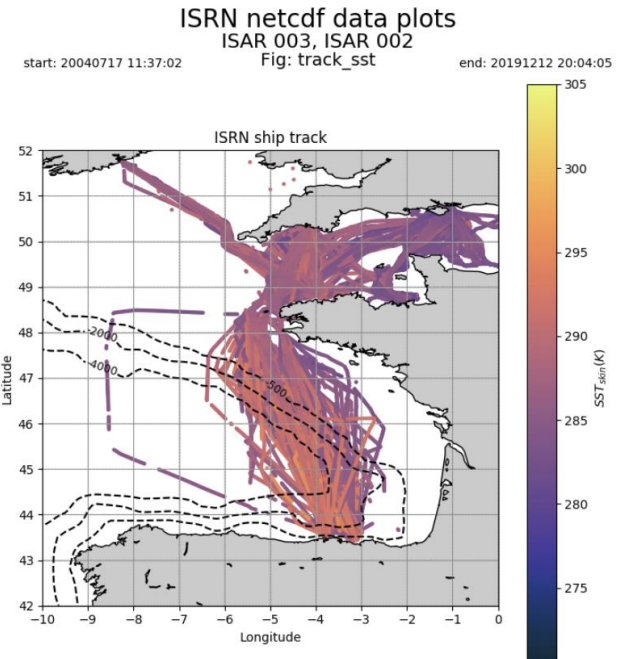
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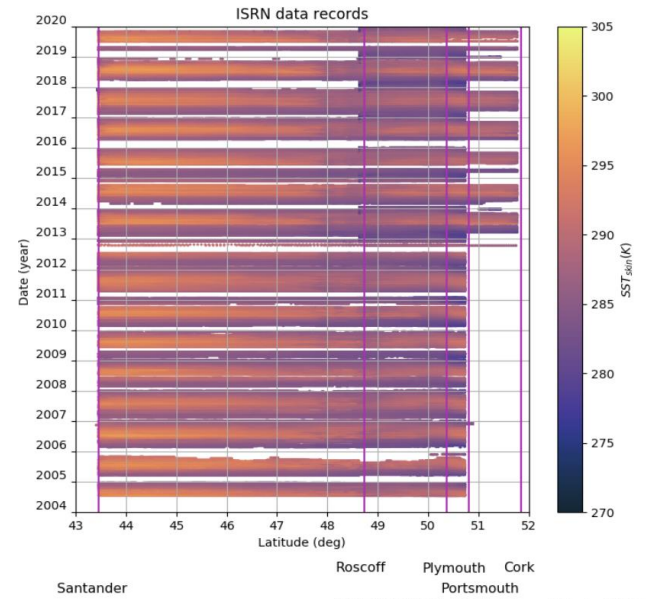
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ESA supports sustained FRM networks of SSTskin observations

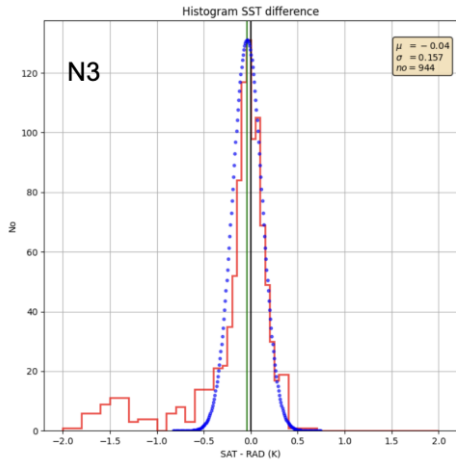
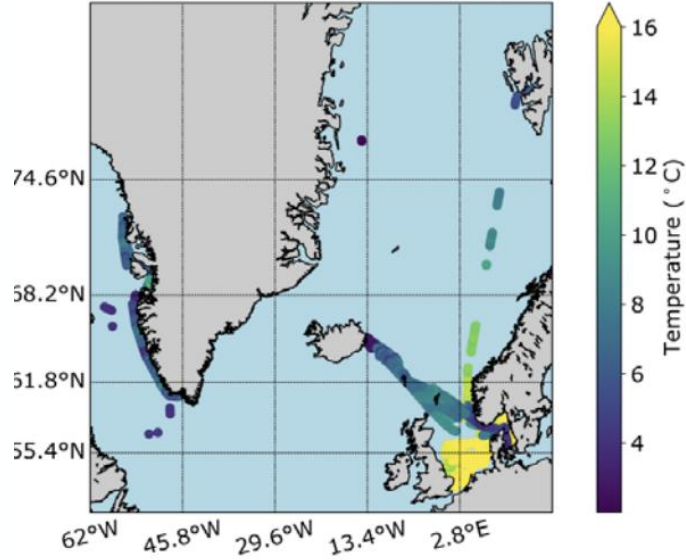


ISRN netcdf data plots
ISAR 003, ISAR 002
Fig: hov_sst

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DMI-ISAR 2016-07-11 to 2019-03-03



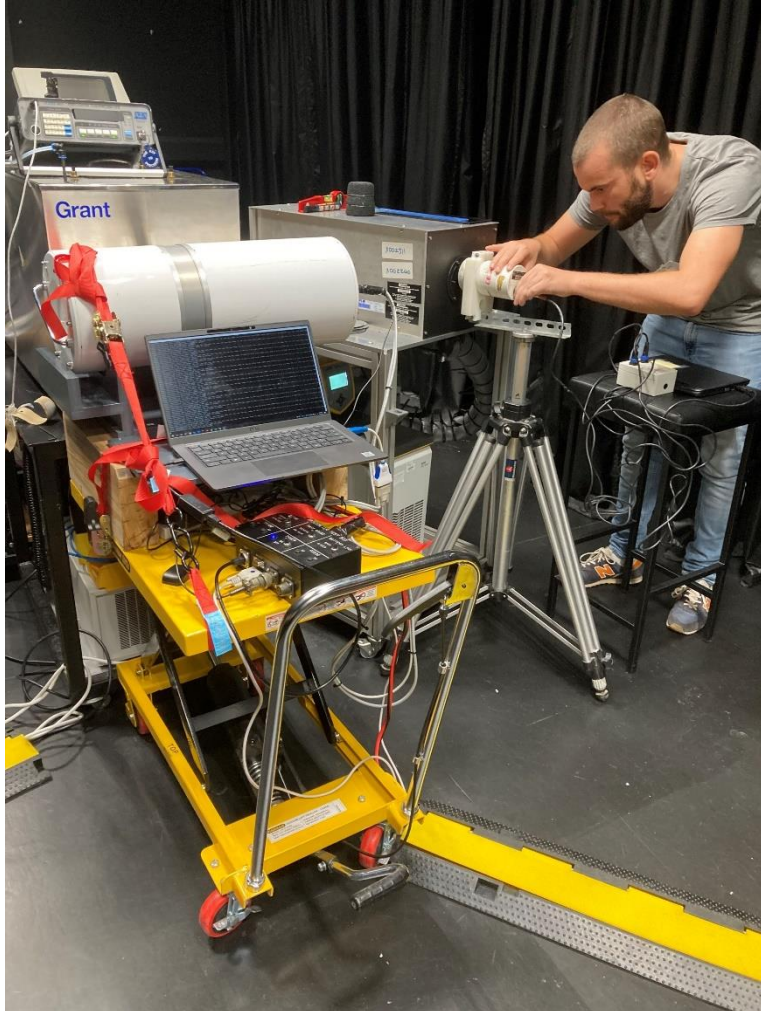
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processed 20200210 14:32:37 (c) 2020 ISAR team - v1.8 - sst: v4.0, 3.8

Lab comparison

13th -17th June, 2022, @ NPL, Teddington, UK



Radiometer comparison



Blackbody comparison

Geostrophic surface current streamlines (Globcurrent, CMEMS)

Products



ONE OCEAN

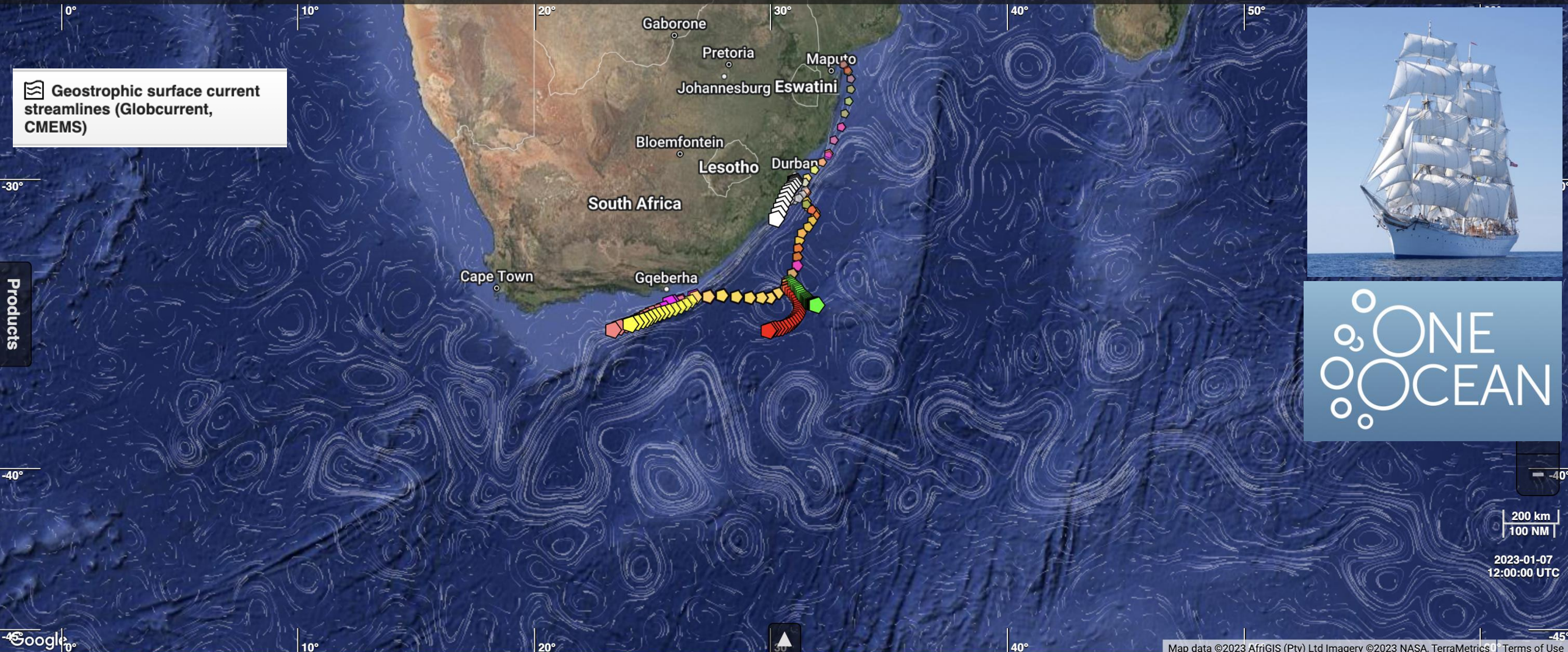


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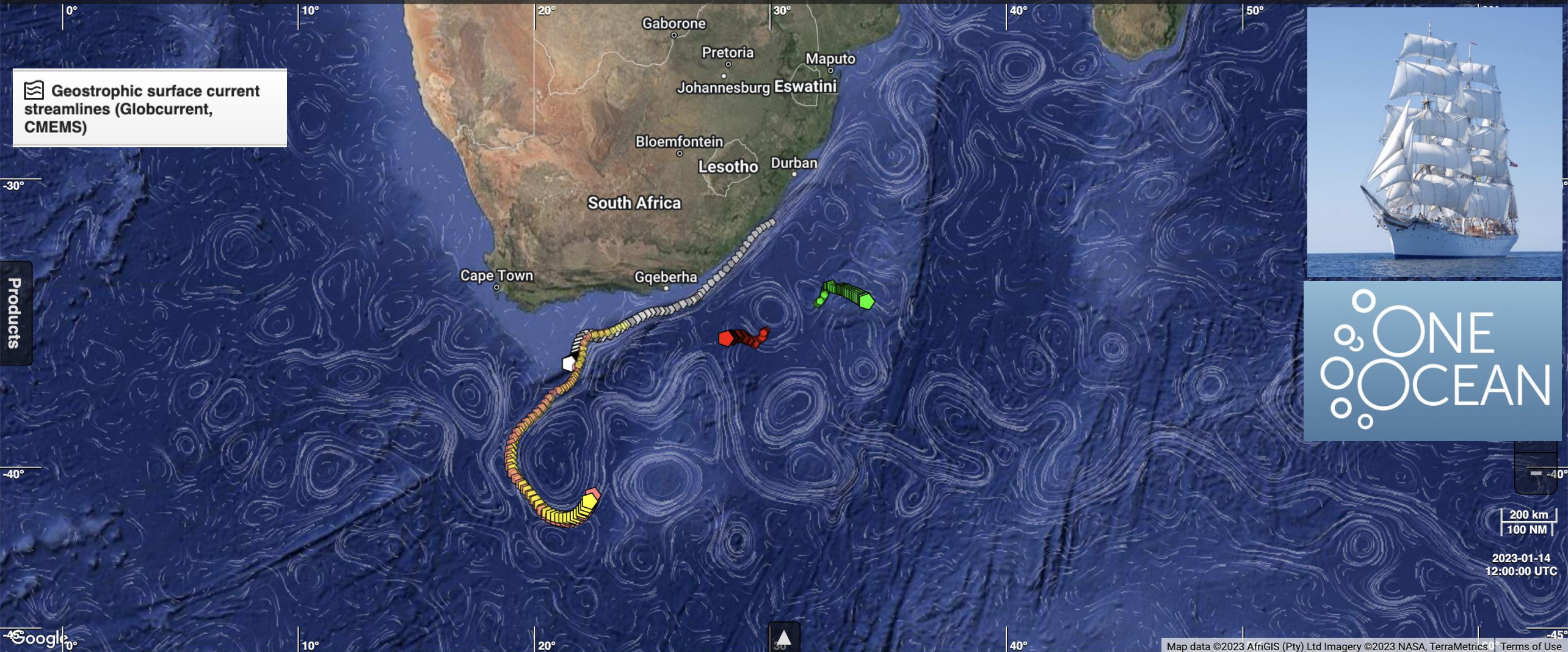
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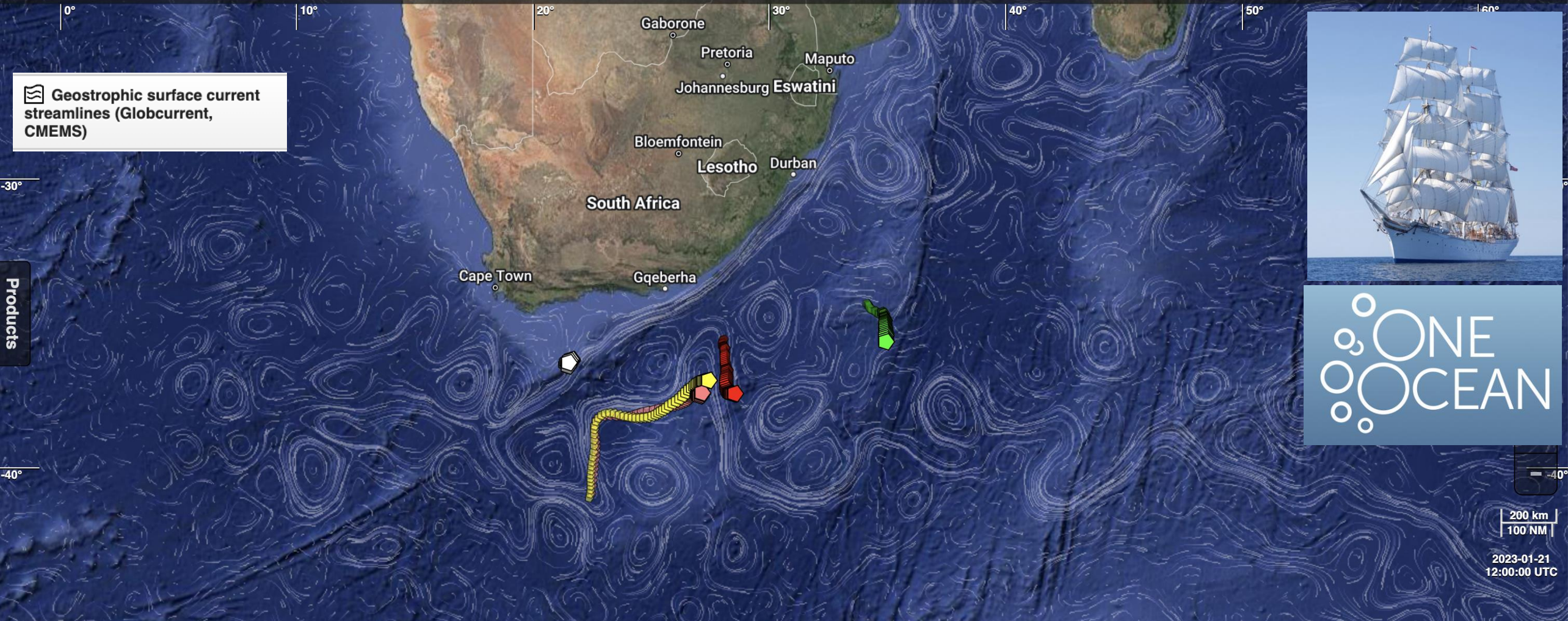
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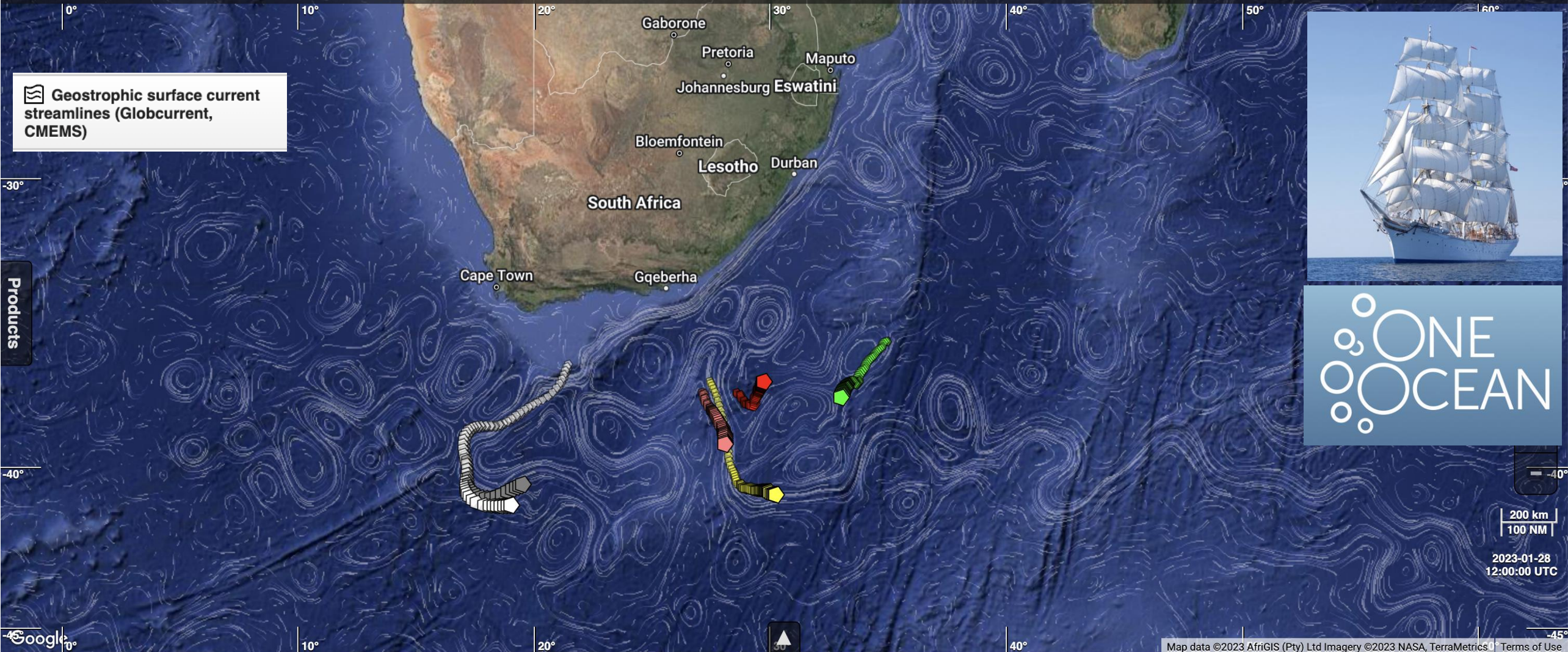
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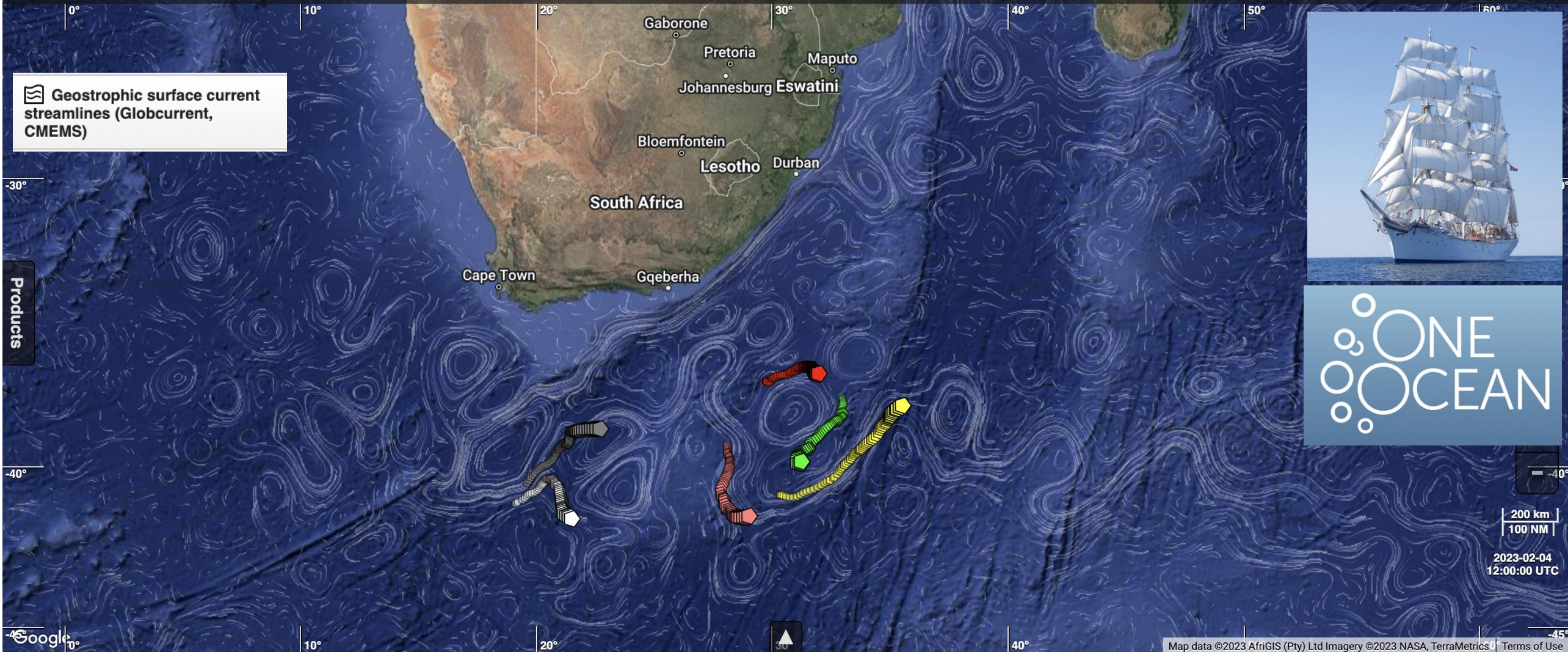
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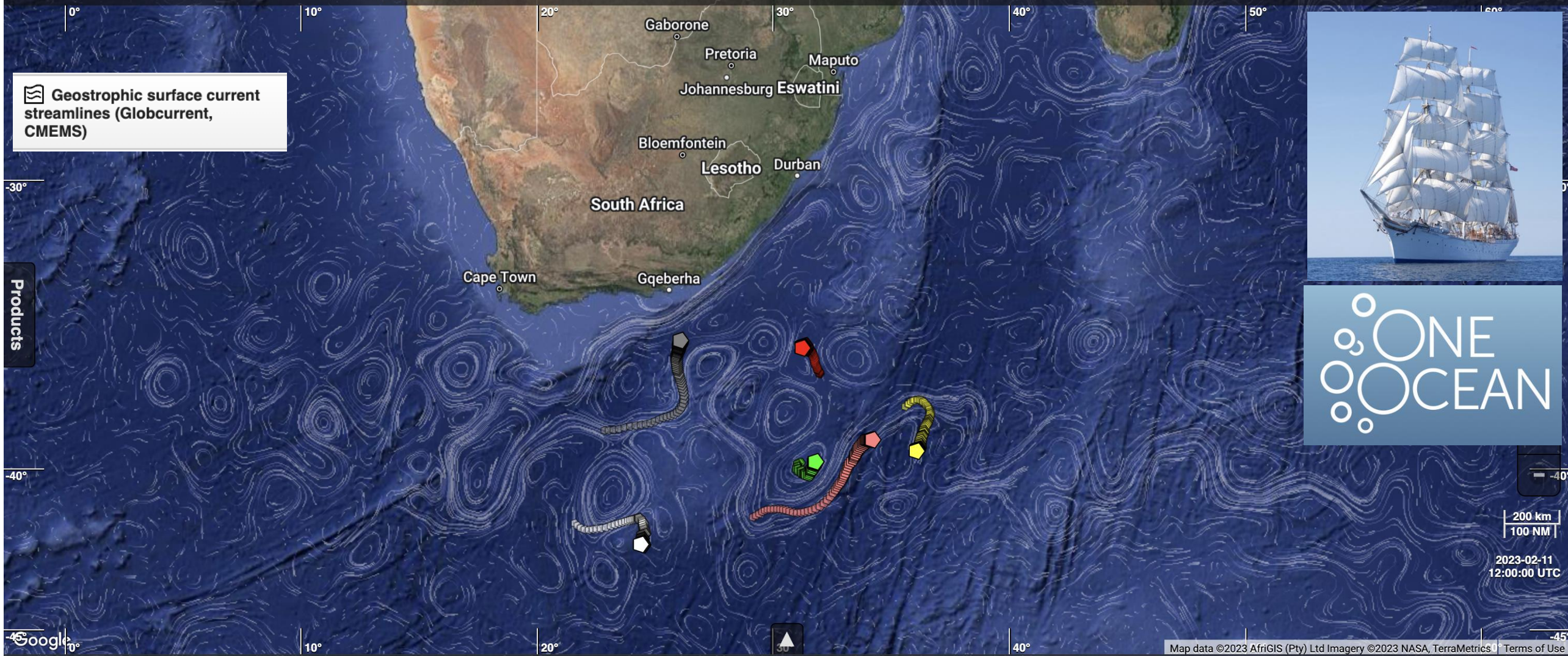
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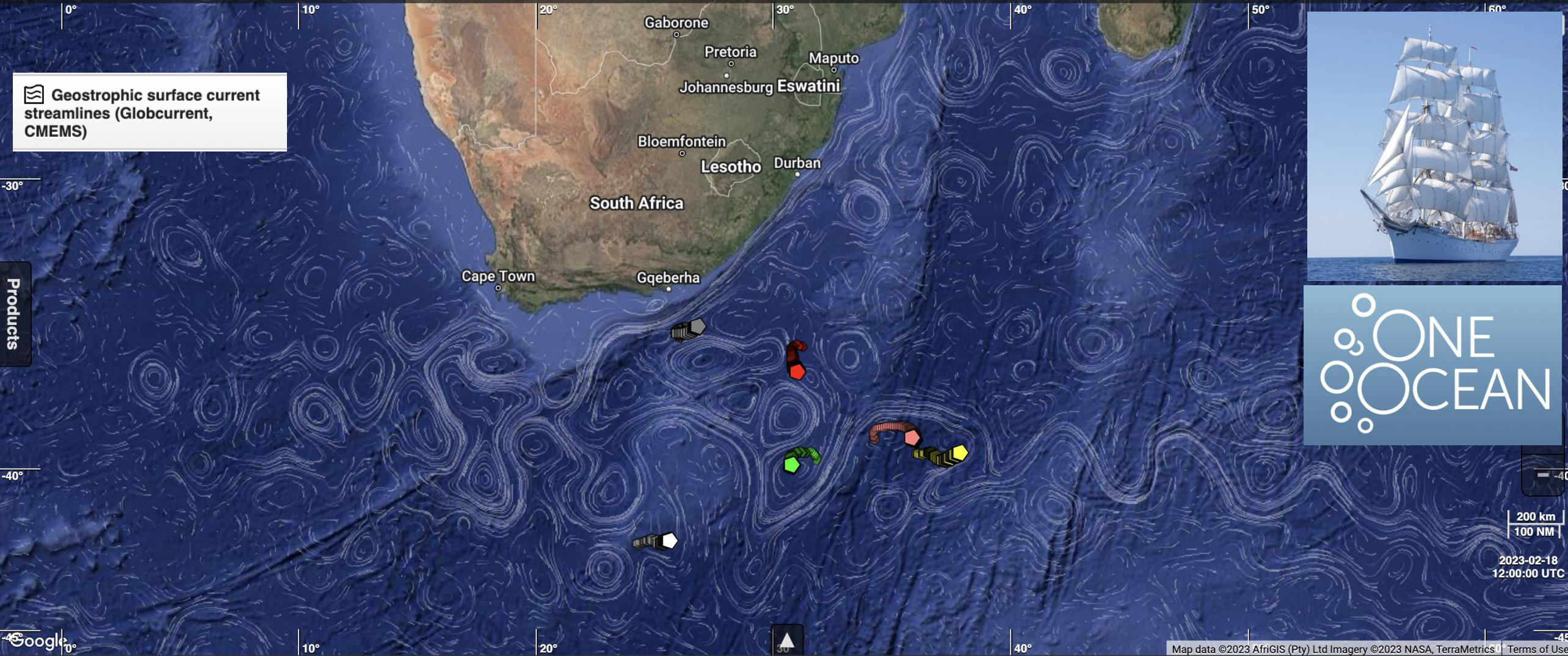
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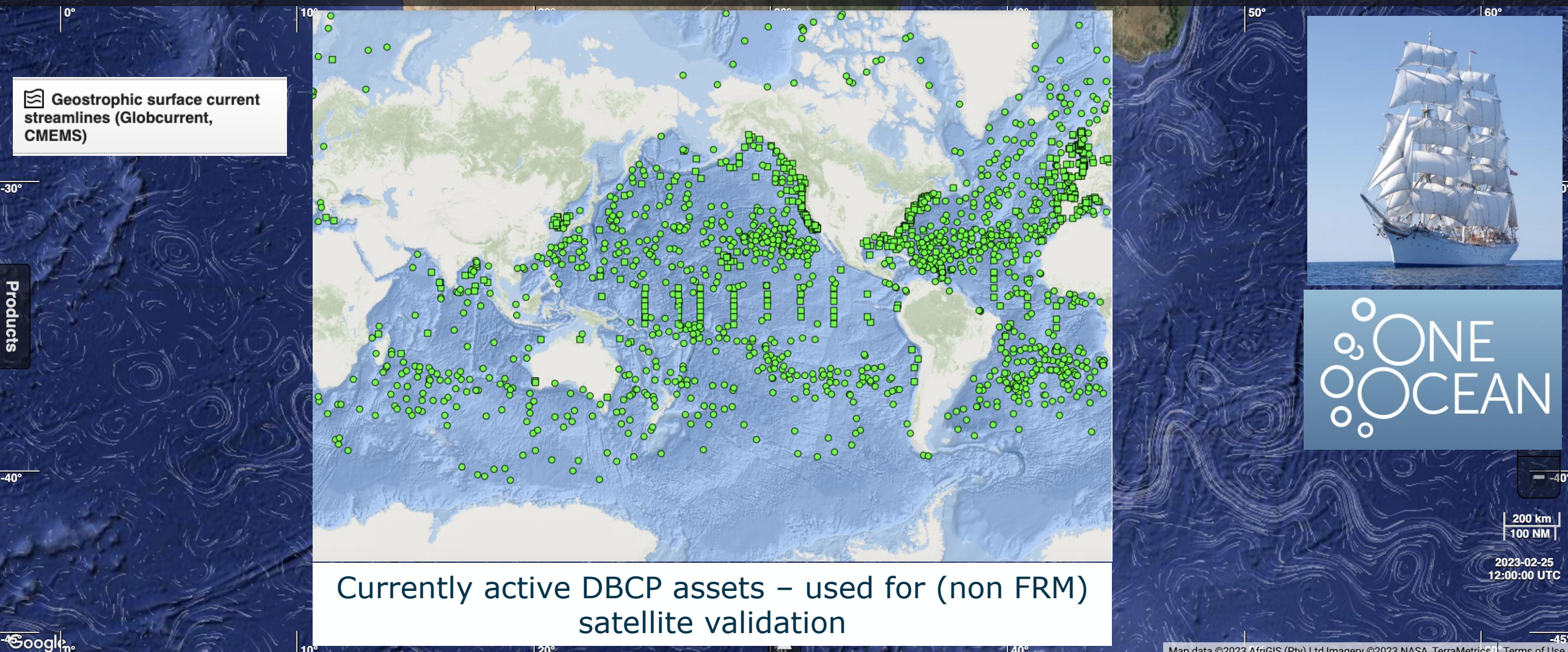
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Currently active DBCP assets – used for (non FRM) satellite validation

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Objective 1

Unite the European ocean observing community through the E.O.O.S. Framework, to collaboratively design and work towards a sustained multi-platform, multi-network and multi-thematic E.O.O.S. that meets the specific needs of users.

Objective 2

Engage with European providers of services and products derived from ocean observations to improve collaboration across the marine knowledge value chain.

Objective 3

Advice governance, funding and policymaking to implement recommendations towards a sustained E.O.O.S.

- **Earth Observation is a global ocean activity.** Through calibration and validation activities **ESA Unites the ocean observing community** through the use of in situ observations for calibration, validation and advanced synergy applications (a few examples shown today)
- **ESA is pioneering Fiducial Reference Measurements (FRM) with full traceability to SI in space and in the ocean (the foundation of interoperability).** **ESA requires the highest quality FRM ocean observations.**
- **ESA is a user of in situ observations and requires FRM quality data for the last 40 years** to support climate applications (EOV).
- **ESA requires FRM ocean observations for many EOV in near real time (3 hours) for the foreseeable future** to support new and flying missions
- **ESA is an E.O.O.S Actor** since sustainability of ocean observations is a fundamental element of Earth Observation
- Space cannot (yet!) see inside the ocean – only E.O.O.S can do that!

Thank you Any Questions?

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