## BALEARIC ISLANDS COASTAL OBSERVING AND FORECASTING SYSTEM

Observations (in near real time) and forecasting (at different scales basin, sub-basin, local and beach)

From scientifically based forecasting to Operational Forecasting
Towards science based Sustainability, Research & Technology & Innovation
for ICZM

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# Strategic objectives of IMEDEA in relation to society

One of the key objectives is to guarantee transfer of knowledge and technology to society.



We work to find synergies among researchers and coastal zone decision-makers in the Balearic Islands.



We work to create working groups among researchers and coastal zone decision-makers, using the most recent knowledge available.



We establish common objectives that address complex problems, like environmental quality in the coastal zone, and generate specific recommendations for improvement.

- High quality international science and technology development
- Capability to answer to questions/problems from society

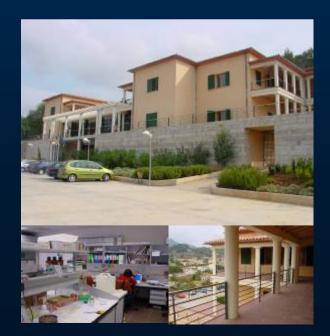
#### **IMEDEA (UIB-CSIC) numbers:**

150 persons, 40 permanent researchers

100 ongoing research projects

120 peer reviewed papers/year

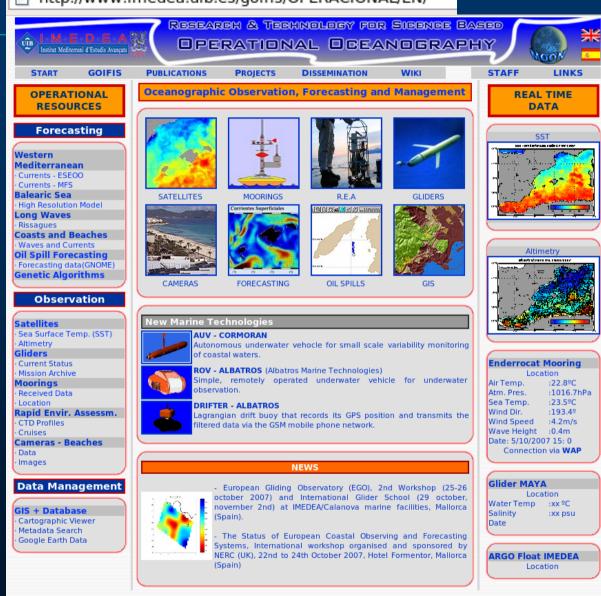
7 million Euros annual budget (40% obtained competitive basis)





### Present Pilot Observing and Forecasting System - 2007





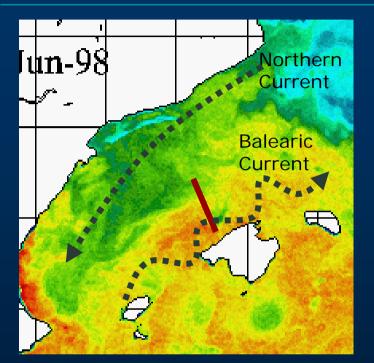








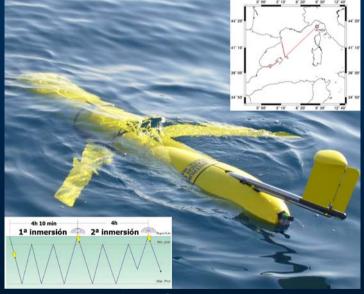
#### New Technologies: ocean monitoring using gliders



### Glider mission along Envisat track 773 every 35 days

1st sampling: 6-13 July 2007 2nd sampling: 14-17 September 3<sup>rd</sup> sampling: 22-25 October 4<sup>th</sup> sampling: 26-30 November





#### **OBJECTIVES**

- To characterize the Balearic front with new technologies
- To explore the use and limitations of altimetry data in the coastal area
- To study north-south exchanges in the Mediterranean Sea



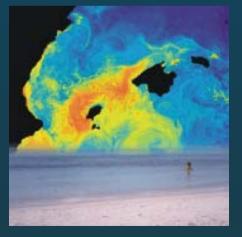


#### The Balearic ICZM Project, www.costabalearsostenible.es



#### **Objectives**

- To use a multidisciplinary approach to generate scientific knowledge to facilitate and inform the implementation of ICZM in the Balearic Islands.
- To develop new methods, tools and instruments for both science and management and establish the bases and strategies necessary to achieve sustainability in the coastal zone of the Balearic Islands.
- To re-enforce the role of scientific research as a critical basis for future decision-making in ICZM at an international level.





## Balearic Islands Coastal Observing and Forecasting System -open to international cooperation-

General objective: to develop a Technological Platform for Research in Operational Oceanography and Coastal interactions with the aim to develop a singular and strategic open scientific and technological infrastructure which will help:

- To answer the top scientific and technological challenges of the next decade related with the new capabilities in coastal ocean prediction
- To consolidate and to support excellence research in operational oceanography
- To support the Balearic Islands as a key place for marine and coastal research and ICZM implementation

**General frame:** MEC - Govern Illes Balears, Large Scale Infrastructures National Program. 10 years time frame. 36 million Euros (13 investment + 2 MEuros/year x 10 years).



### Balearic Islands "Coastal" Observing and Forecasting System

#### FOUR TYPES OF SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED:

- 1) Scientific objectives
- 2) Technological objectives
- 3) Strategic objectives (in response to society needs)
- 4) Transfer of knowledge, scientific culture
- 5) Training of scientist, students, engineers and technicians



### Balearic Islands and Euroregion sugestions

- International context: directly related to the advancement of science and technology and end users' needs (society) in two well established areas:
  - Operational oceanography
  - Science based Sustainability in the Coastal Area, ICZM
  - New coastal observing and forecasting systems
- Key elements for Euroregion: cooperation, networking, sharing investments, unifying strategies, open access to facilities, exchange programs (students, professors, etc.)
  - Solid grounds, strong cooperation alreay exists (here in Toulouse CNRS, Universités, MERCATOR OCEAN, CLS ARGOS, etc and also with Catalan institutions, universities, companies, etc.).



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