

# CoastPredict

Observing and Predicting the Global Coastal Ocean

A PROGRAMME under the UN DECADE OF OCEAN SCIENCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

*<https://www.coastspredict.org/>*

**Revolutionising Global Coastal Ocean observing and forecasting,  
co-designing the needed infrastructure and  
offering open and free access to coastal information**

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**Theme:** A predicted global coastal ocean where society understands and can respond to changing ocean conditions

Synergistic Partners: **GOOS, OceanPredict/ForeSea, Ocean Visions/GEOS, Ocean Practices/IODE, CEOS/COAST/BluePlanet,...**

# CoastPredict: what is the Global Coastal Ocean concept?

TRANSFORMATIVE: CoastPredict will **re-define the Global Coastal Ocean**

PROPOSED STARTING DEFINITION:

The **coastal ocean** - that area, extending **inshore** from the estuarine mouths to river catchments affected by saltwater, to the urban settlements on the one side and on the other side to the **offshore**, from the surf zone to the continental shelf and slope where waters of continental origins meet open ocean currents.

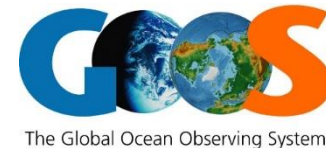
*The basic concept of a Global Coastal Ocean was defined about a decade ago in five Volumes of The Sea (Vol. 10 to 14, Harvard Univ. Press)*

1. A predicted global coastal ocean;
2. Upgrade to a fit-for-purpose oceanographic information infrastructure;
3. Co-design and implementation of an integrated coastal ocean observing and forecasting system adhering to best practices and standards, designed as a global framework and implemented locally.

# CoastPredict Main Decade OUTCOMES

1. Integrated knowledge of the **global coastal ocean from events to climate** (*advancing Knowledge*);
2. The design and implementation of an **integrated river/estuarine/coastal/open ocean observing and modelling multidisciplinary** system (*integrated observing and predicting*);
3. **Improved coastal marine forecasting and extended range predictive capabilities for the coastal zone** (*accurate predictions from hours to centuries ahead*);
4. **The development of methods for trusted data/information exchange and interoperability** across the value chain and adopt these as best practices (*open and free access to coastal information*);
5. **Innovative and sustainable applications for coastal solutions/services** that directly benefit local populations, including well-being and human health (*solutions*);
6. **Increased equitable education and capacity** for observing and forecasting in the global coastal ocean (*capacity building*).
7. **Strong engagement of Early Career Ocean Professionals and promotion of education**, training and research under principles of diversity, equity and inclusion (*education, no-one left behind*)

# CoastPredict co-design with UN programs: GOOS



## Observing Together

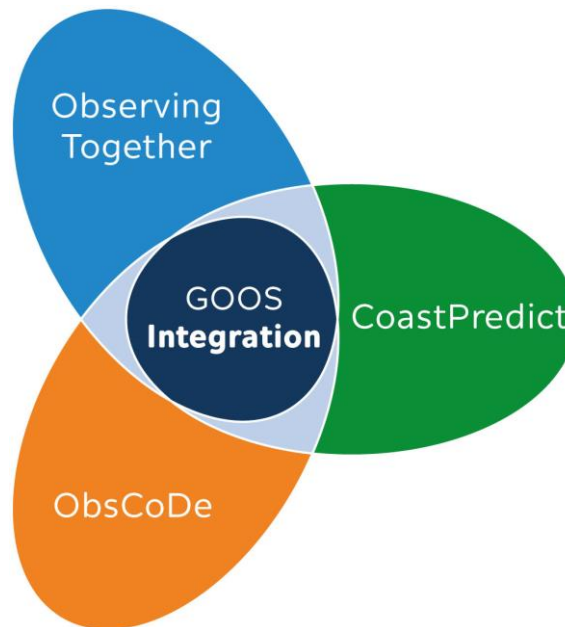
Transforming ocean data access and availability by connecting ocean observers and the communities they serve through enhanced support to both new and existing community-scale projects.

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## Ocean Observing Co-design

Building the process, infrastructure and tools for co-design, creating an international capacity to evolve a truly integrated ocean observing system, matching agile observing and modelling capability with requirements.

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## CoastPredict

Redefining the concept of the global coastal ocean, transforming the science of observing and predicting the coast.

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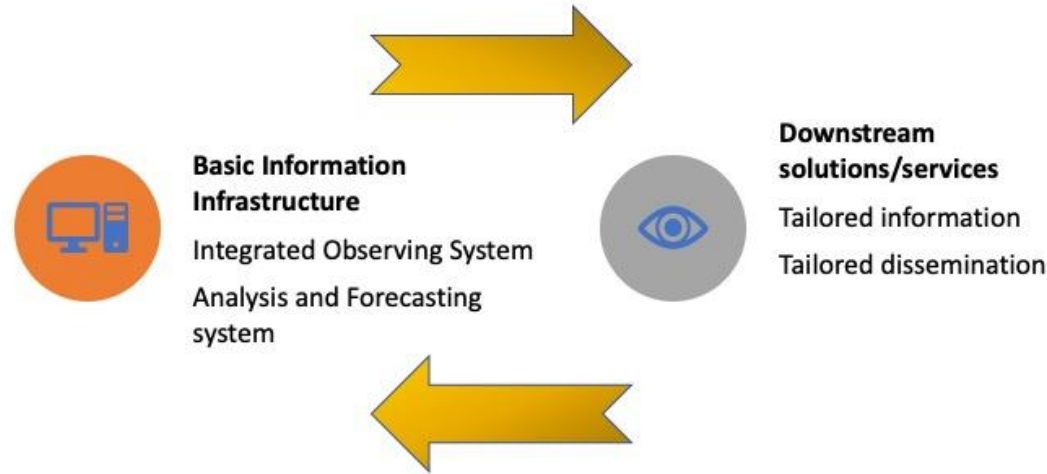
- **Re-defining the concept of the Global Coastal Ocean**
- **Innovative multidisciplinary observational technologies and fit for purpose observing system in the Global Coastal Ocean,**
- **Innovative numerical modelling, data assimilation and data science tools (including Coastal Earth System Modelling);**
- **Coastal solutions/services**
- **A virtual information/digital infrastructure**
- **A new Global Coastal Ocean Network**

# CoastPredict and ForeSea collaboration

- COSS-TT is an important collaborator of CoastPredict
- CoastPredict is co-designed with GOOS and will contribute to the coastal to open-sea infrastructure framework (*open and free access, best practices*)
- CoastPredict will add value to ForeSea solutions and products by extending to inland waters and urban coastal environments
- ForeSea will benefit from the CoastPredict network that includes island nations and under-resourced coastal nations
- CoastPredict and ForeSea will co-develop frameworks needed to solidify the Operational Oceanography value chain in both coastal and basin/global settings



# ForeSea benefit: Coastpredict contribution to the value chain



- Scientific **understanding of coastal processes** giving rise to Research-to-Operation-to-Research developments
- Integrated **open-coastal observing**
- Improved (accuracy and time lead) and impact-based **coastal forecasts**
- **Best Practices** for the Coastal areas

- Coastal areas solutions for **Disaster Risk Reduction**
- **Solutions** for Climate change mitigation and adaptation
- **Capacity Building**