

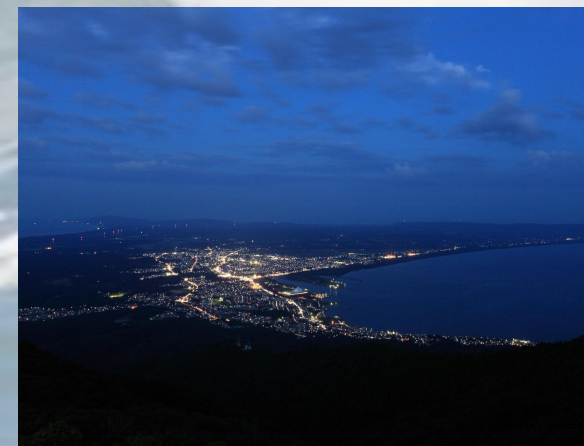
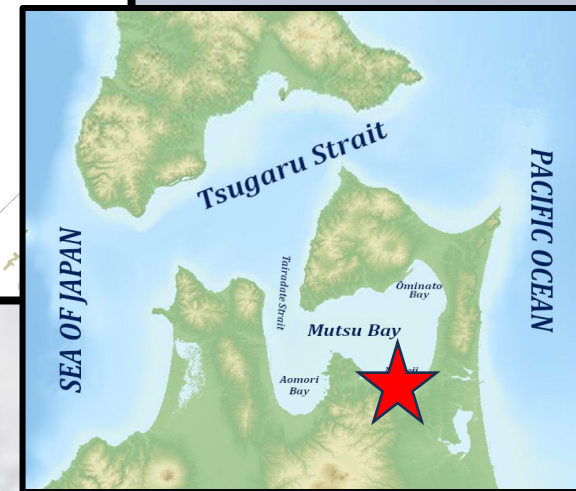
SynObs & Ocean Observing Codesign Joint International Workshop 2026 Science Organizing Committee 1st Meeting

Agenda

1. Introduction of the outline of the workshop
2. Role of the SOC
3. Discussion on the formal name and the main theme of the workshop

Dates, Location, and Format

- ◆ Dates: 24 (Mon) – 29 (Sat), Aug., 2026.
- ◆ Location: Mutsu, Japan
 - Mutsu is a small city of 50,000 people in northern Japan. The hometown of the R/V Mirai. JAMSTEC has a branch office there.
 - Know for Mount Osore, a rare caldera landscape, as well as hot springs.
 - This year marks the 30th anniversary of Data Assimilation Summer School in Japan (DASSJ30), which has been regularly held in Mutsu.
- ◆ Format: In Person and Online (Hybrid), English
- ◆ Expected number of in-person participants: about 50 people
- ◆ Jointly organized by SynObs and Ocean Observing Codesign
- ◆ Also jointly organized with DASSJ30
- ◆ WebPage:
<https://oceanpredict.org/events/synobs-ocean-observing-co-design-joint-international-workshop/#event-home>



Tentative Schedule

Date	Science Events	Social Events	DASSJ30
24 (Mon)	Open Session (AM, PM)	Workshop Dinner (evening)	
25 (Tue)	Open Session (AM, PM)		
26 (Wen)	Open Session (AM, PM)		
27 (Tur)	Open Session (AM)	Excursion (PM) and Barbecue (evening)	Opening Ceremony? (AM)
28 (Fri)	Inner Meeting (AM, closed)		Lecture and Exercises (AM, PM)
29 (Sat)		Town Hall Meeting (13:00-15:00)	Lecture and Exercises (AM, PM)
30 (San)			Student Presentation of Exercise Outcome

- It is possible to make some changes according to the advise of SOC.
- DASSJ30 plan to accept 10 international students and some international guests (e.g., special lecturers).
- We expect international participants (who do not participate in DASSJ30) arrive Mutsu on 23rd (Sun) and leave there on 28th (Fri) or 29th (Sat).

Venue: Shimokita Culture Hall

◆ **Main Assembly Room** (Capacity: 100)

- Mon-Thu: WS Science Sessions
- Fri-Sun: DASSJ30

◆ **Sub Assembly Room** (Capacity: 50)

- Mon-Wed: Poster Session, Coffee Break
- Thu: DASSJ30
- Fri: Inner Meeting
- Sat & Sun: DASSJ30

◆ **Multipurpose Room** (Capacity: 20+20)

- Splinters Sessions?
- Business Meeting?

- ◆ **We may prepare more rooms if SOC requests.**

Main Assembly Room



Sub Assembly Room



Multipurpose Room



Shared Lounge



★ Town Hall Meeting (Tentative Plan)

Day&Time: Aug. 29th, 2026 (Sat), 13:00-15:00

Venue: Shimokita Culture Hall, Main Hall

Theme: Connection between Fishery and Ocean Science

Program:

13:00-13:10 Opening Remarks

13:10-13:35 Invited Talk 1: **Elisabeth Remy**
(Mercator Ocean International)

13:35-14:00 Invited Talk2: **Naoki Hirose** (Kyushu Uni.)

14:00-14:25 Invited Talk3: **Hana Matsubara** (Uni. Tokyo)

14:25-14:50 Invited Talk4: **Yoichi Ishikawa** (JMASTEC)

14:55-15:00 Closing Remarks: Mayer of Mustu

Shimokita Culture Hall
Main Hall (Capacity: 1000)



★ Organizers and Supporters

1. Main organizer

- Japan Meteorological Agency, Meteorological Research Institute (JMA/MRI)

2. Local Institutes and communities

- Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC)
- Japan Marine Science Foundation (JMSF)
- UN Ocean Decade Japan (Domestic committee)
- Mutsu City
- Data Assimilation Summer School in Japan Steering Committee

3. Collaborating International Group

- Synergistic Observing Network for Ocean Prediction (SynObs, UN Ocean Decade Project)
- Ocean Observing Codesign (UN Ocean Decade Program)
- Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS, jointly organized by WMO and UNESCO-IOC)
- OceanPredict

★ Members of Science Organizing Committee

1. Members

Magdalena Balmaseda	(ECMWF, UK)	SynObs
Yosuke Fujii	(JMA/MRI, Japan)	SynObs Co-chair
Juliet Hermes	(SAWON, South Africa)	Ocean Observing Codesign, MHW Exemplar
Andrew Moore	(UC Santa Cruz, US)	SynObs
Tammy Morris	(SAWON, South Africa)	Ocean Observing Codesign, BC Exemplar
Satoshi Osafune	(JAMSTEC, Japan)	SynObs
K. Andrew Peterson	(ECCC, Canada)	SynObs
Hshibur Rahaman	(INCOIS, India)	SynObs
Elisabeth Remy	(Mercator Ocean, France)	SynObs Co-chair
Jun She	(DMI, Denmark)	Ocean Observing Codesign, Coordinating Group
Cheyenne Stienbarger	(NOAA, US)	Ocean Observing Codesign, TC Exemplar
Kirsten Wilmer-Becker	(Met Office, UK)	OceanPredict Project Office

2. Role

- Deciding the title, theme, format of the workshop (social events and DASSJ20 are not included)
- Evaluation of the abstracts and deciding the presentation programs
- Submitting a report on outcomes after the workshop
- We expect SOC members to participate in the workshop in person. However, **we can prepare travel support only for a few members.** If there is a possibility you request travel support, please contact YF as early as possible.

★ Schedule of Workshop Preparation

Early Nov. 2025: Fix the formal workshop title

Confirm the request of the side meetings (necessary to secure the rooms)

Mid Dec., 2025: Discuss the purpose and expected outcomes of the workshop

Late Dec., 2025: Circulate the 1st announcement of the workshop

Late Mar., 2026: Circulate the 2nd announcement and start the call of abstract, and registration

Early May 2026: Close the call of abstracts

Mid May 2026: Evaluate abstracts

Late May 2026: Inform acceptance of abstracts, close the registration of on-site participation.

Early June 2026: Submit the form for visa application

Late June 2026: Issue the invitation letter and fix the presentation program

Late Aug. 2026: Workshop

Late Sep. 2026: Publish the workshop report

★ General Purpose and the formal title

1. General Purpose

- ◆ Integrating the achievements of the SynObs flagship OSEs
- ◆ Discussing the future plan of (the follow-on project of) SynObs (SynObs will be ended at June 2026.)
- ◆ Discussing the future plan of Ocean Observing Codesign
- ◆ Discussing the collaboration between SynObs and Ocean Observing Codesign.

2. Proposed formal workshop title

- International Workshop (or Symposium?) on Codesigning Synergistic Ocean Observing Network for Ocean and Climate Prediction and Broad Social Needs
 - SynObs&Codesign International Workshop on Synergy among Ocean Observation and Prediction
 - ...
- ◆ We may select the title from some candidate by a poll?

★ Some additional Information

- ❑ LOC plan to collect participation fees for the side events (Probably around 10,000 yen). **Is it OK to collect the participation fee by (Japanese) cash at the venue?**
(Collecting money using credit cards via. Internet requires the cost similar to what we need to collect!)
- ❑ Hotels will be generally booked by LOC. (The hotel capacity of Mutsu is small!)
- ❑ The access to Mutsu city is not good. It takes 2 hours by local train (and 1.5 hours by cars) from the nearest airport and the Shinkansen Station to the city. The local train is often crowded. We plan to arrange transportation (buses or shared cars) between the airport or the station and Mutsu, but it may be much more expensive than local train.

★ Notes (1)

1. Workshop Title

- We decided the tentative workshop title as follows:

Toward Codesigning Sustainable and Fit-for-purpose Observing Systems

-- SynObs & Ocean Observing Codesign International Workshop 2026 --

- But we will revisit the title after we decide the general purposes and outcomes.

2. The call of abstracts should be moved about one month earlier than I suggested, and the registration will be started one month later. My suggestion of the new schedule is as follows:

Late Dec. : 1st Announcement

Late. Feb : open the Call of abstracts (2nd Announcement)

Early Apri. : Registration Open, Close the call of abstract

Mid April : Evaluation of abstracts.

Late April : Inform the acceptance of the abstracts. Open the tentative program

Late May : Close the registration for the in-person participation

Early June : Request participants to submit required information for visa applicant.

late June : Issue the invitation letter for visa applicant, and open the final program

★ Notes (2)

3. We seek the collaboration with CLIVAR (GSOP and Indian Ocean Regional Panel)
4. LOC will discuss the possibility to have a shared session with the summer school
5. We will seek collaboration with the OSM2026 Co-design&SynObs session.
6. It will be great if we can provide the workshop report to the S2S meeting in September.
7. We have several comments on the general purpose of the workshop. We will discuss the purpose and outcomes next two meetings.
8. (To codesign people) Please inform me the possibility of having splinter or business meetings. LOC needs the information for securing the rooms. The current room plan is attached.

★ Notes (3)

9. To all SOC members

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