# RV Cefas Endeavour FerryBox:robust QA systems providing operational data for UK Eutrophication Assessments



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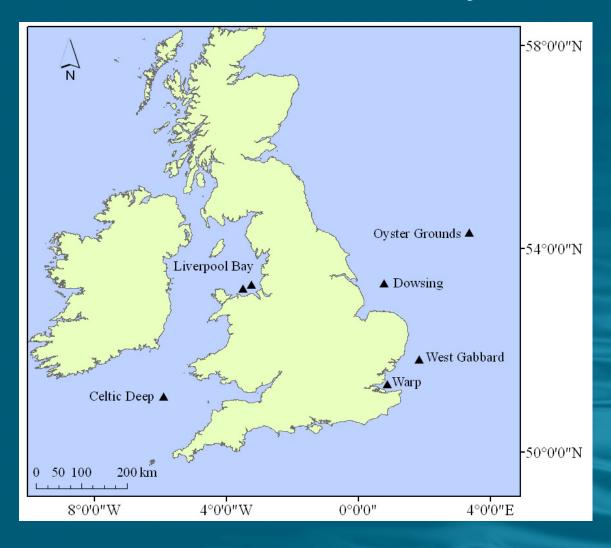


### Historical survey design

- Report to OSPAR
- Ship based observations
- Good spatial coverage
- Poor temporal resolution
  - Annual winter nutrient survey
  - Occasional summer survey
- Limited biological data
  - > Chlorophyll, oxygen
- Labour intensive (expensive)

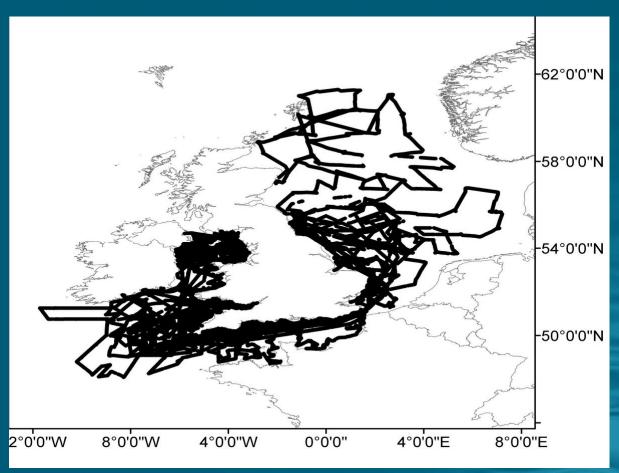


## Cefas *in situ* monitoring - SmartBuoy network



- Operational since Nov 2000
- Compliment ship based measurements good temporal resolution
- Discrete locations
- Data used for water quality assessments (OSPAR, MSFD)

### RV Endeavour cruise track 2010



- Comprehensive cover of OSPAR regions in English and Welsh waters
- Ferrybox operational since January 2009

## Ferrybox on RV Cefas Endeavour - 4H Jena

Chlorophyll and turbidity
(Turner SCUFA)

Oxygen (Aanderaa optode)

Turner Phytoflash



Hull mounted PRT

Salinity and temp (SBE45)

Chlorophyll (Seapoint SCF)

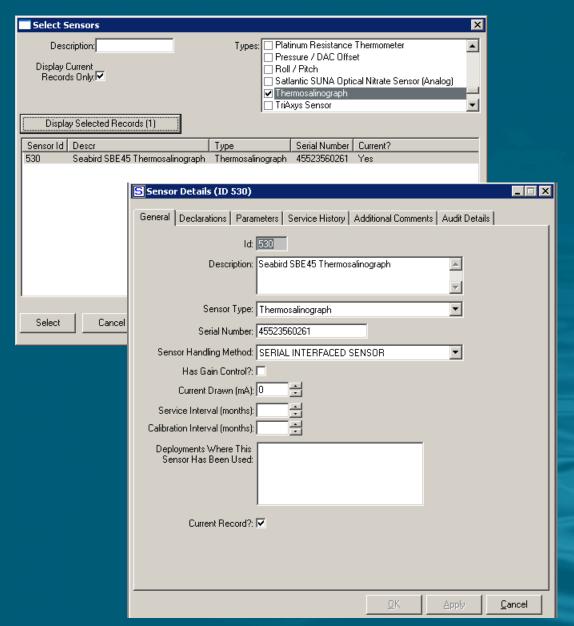
### Water sampler



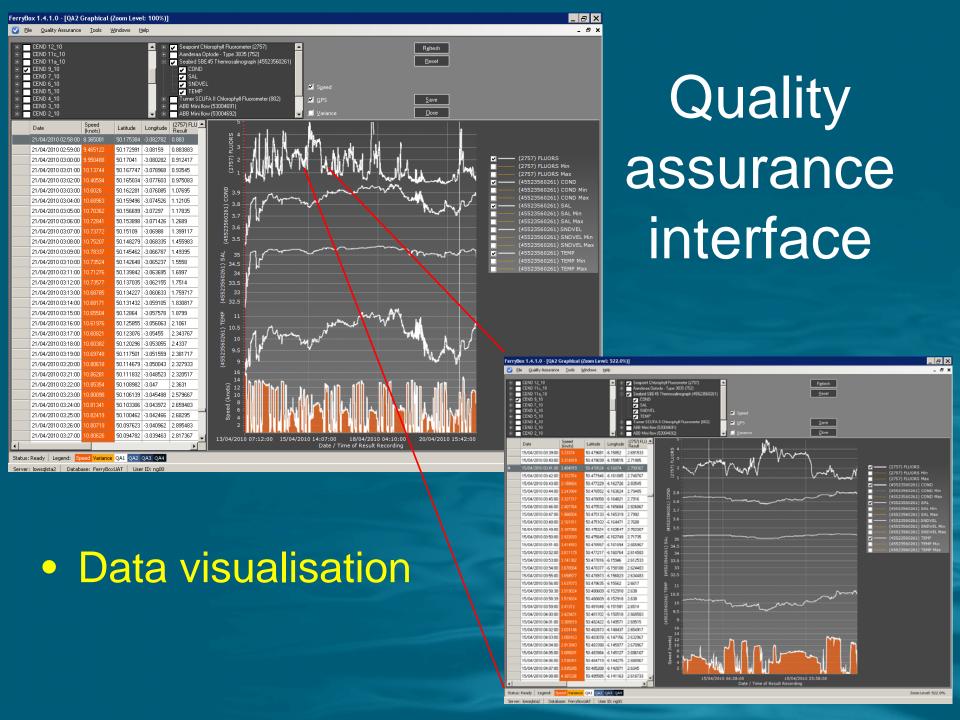
- Samples preserved with mercuric chloride for nutrients analysis
- Collected in OSPAR winter (November to February)



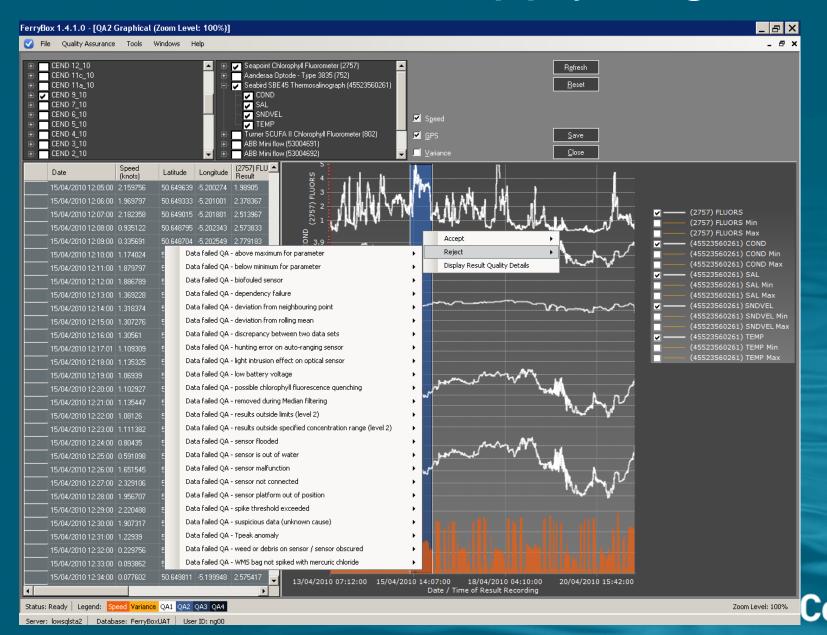
### Maintain sensor history



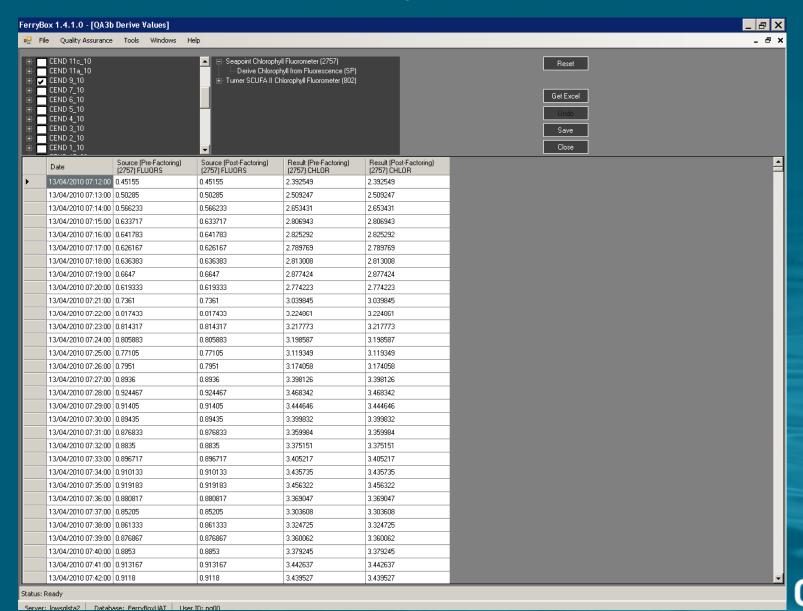
- All sensors must be on database
- Calibrations and service details maintained
- Audit trail
- Configuration sent from Ferrybox



### QA level 2 – apply flags



### QA3 – apply calibrations

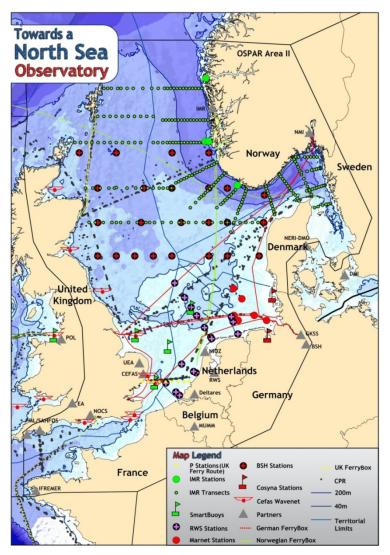


## Models

Research vessels



### **EMECO**





**Ferries** 



**Buoys** 

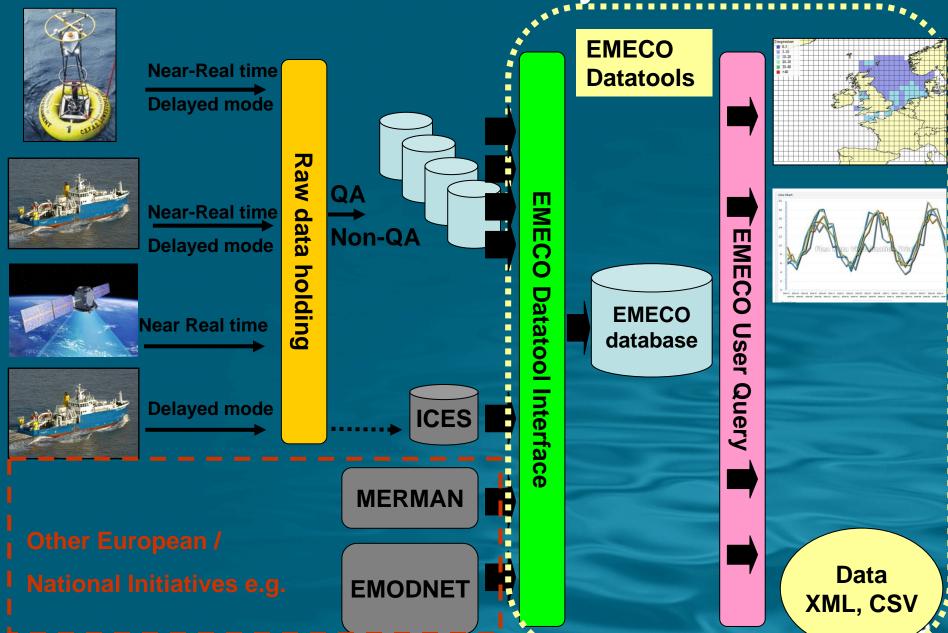


**Gliders** 

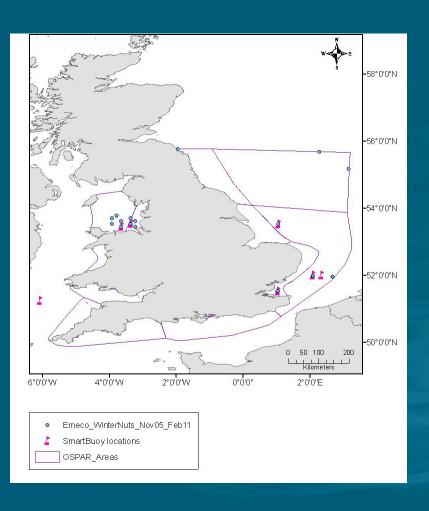


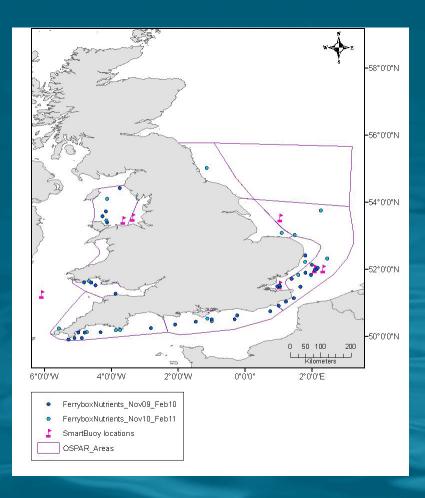
**Satellites** 

### An end to end system

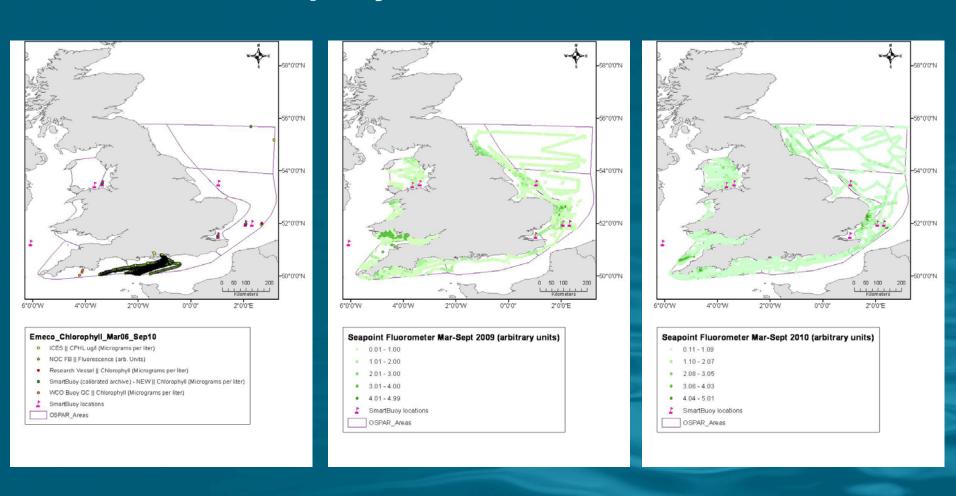


### Contribution of Ferrybox nutrients to OSPAR assessment





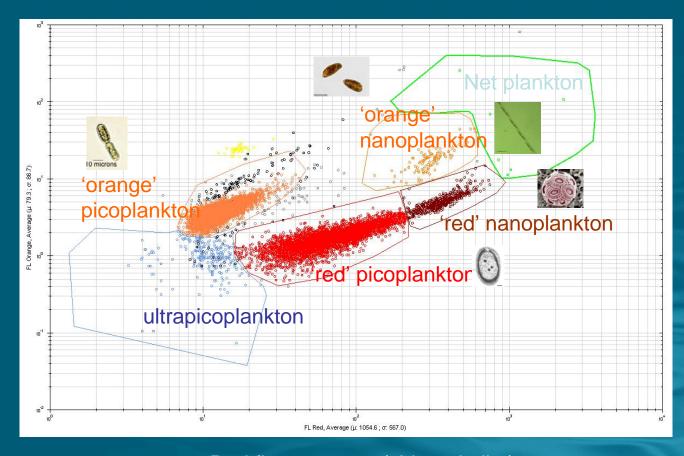
## Contribution of Ferrybox chlorophyll to OSPAR CP



#### Work to do

- QA of historic Ferrybox data
- Regular import of Ferrybox data into EMECO
- Install underway pCO<sub>2</sub> system (October 2011)

  UK Ocean Acidification Research Programme
- Integration of flow cytometer initial work in May 2011



Red fluorescence (chlorophyll a)

Functional group classification





### System set up

- Data logged every second 1 minute averages created
- 10 minute files with 1 minute averages
   FTP'd to Cefas
- Data held on SQL database