

The WMO OSCAR/Surface and WSI webinar for RA VI

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Overview of WIGOS tools and Regional WIGOS Centers and their contributions to RBON/GBON, WIS2.0, WIPPS, etc

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Overview

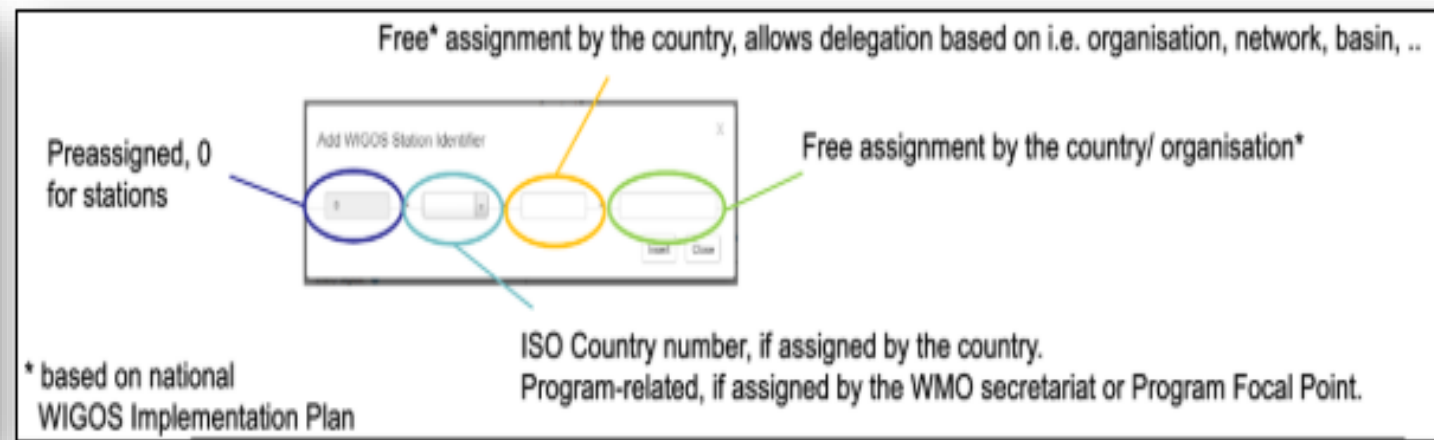
- ❑ WIGOS Station Identifier
- ❑ WIGOS Tools
 - ❑ OSCAR/Surface
 - ❑ WIGOS Data Quality Monitoring System
 - ❑ Incident Management System
- ❑ Regional WIGOS Centre (RWC)
- ❑ Looking ahead



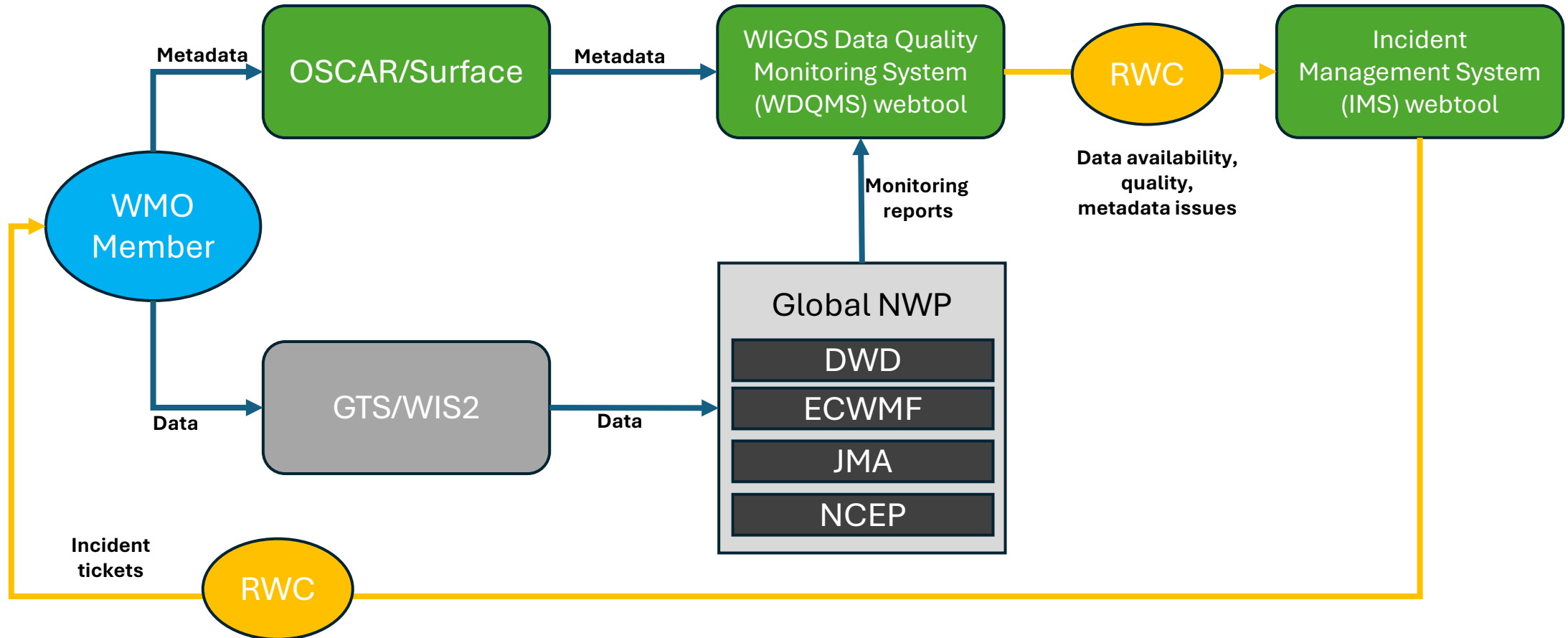
WIGOS Station Identifiers...

- ❑ Unique station identifier
- ❑ Integrates stations across WMO programmes and networks:
GBON, RBON, WIS, WIPPS, and their contribution to WHOS, HydroSOS
- ❑ Integrates stations across WMO systems and tools
- ❑ Integrates stations across data products

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Description/ Name	WIGOS Identifier Series	Issuer of Identifier	Issue number	Local Identifier
Features	Allows future expansion	Allows to distinguish between identifiers issued by different organizations	Allows sub-delegation	Allocated to station
Range	0	0...65534	0...65534	16 characters
Example 1	0	20000	0	06700
Example 2	0	124	0	73033

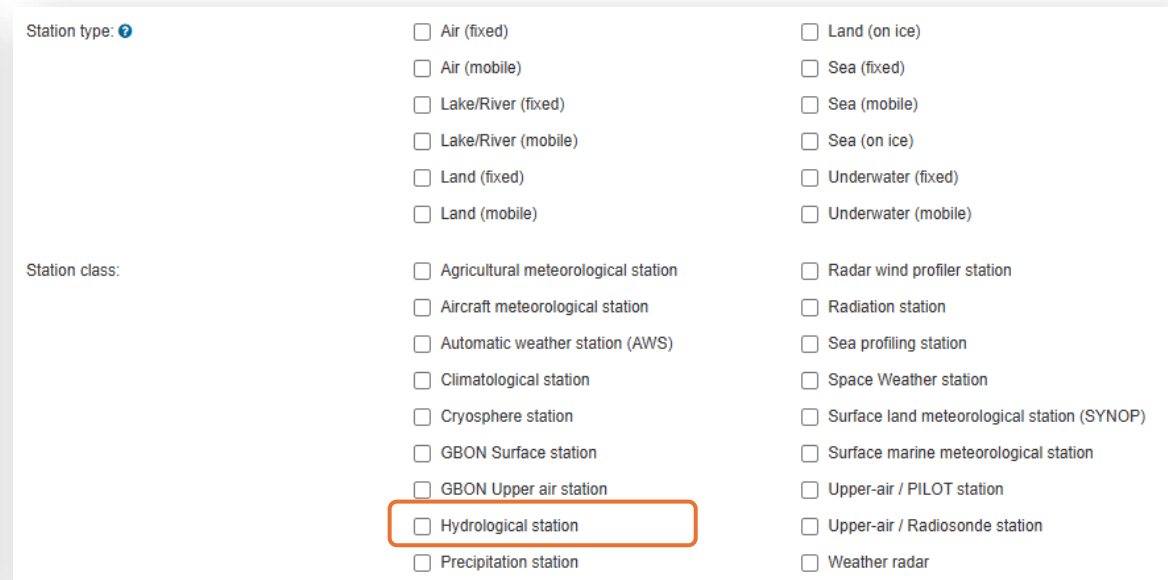
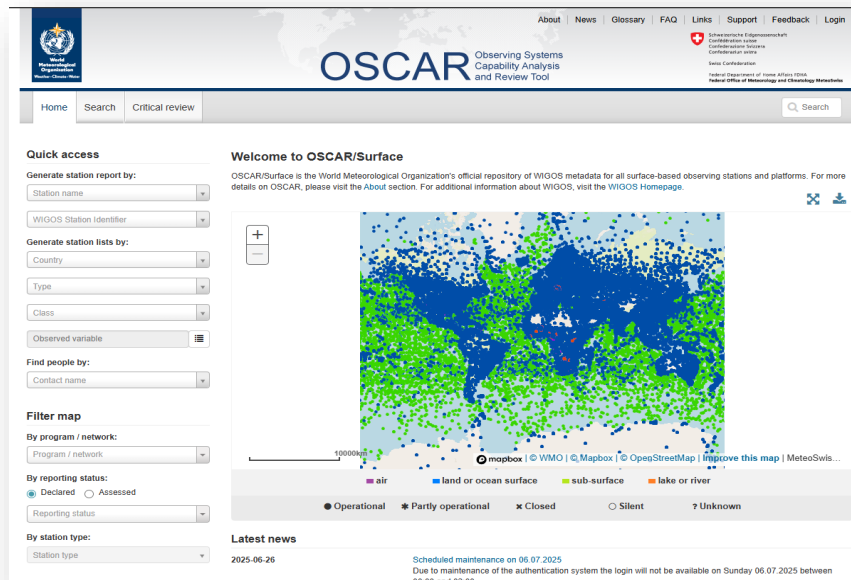


WIGOS tools...



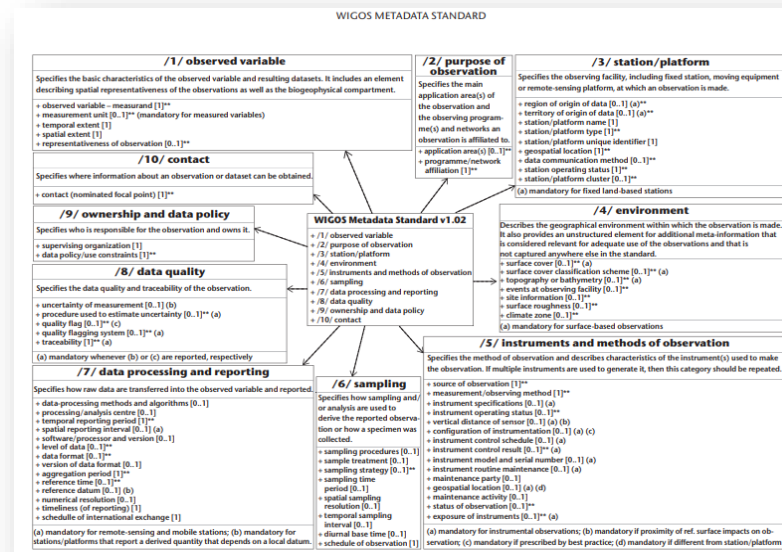
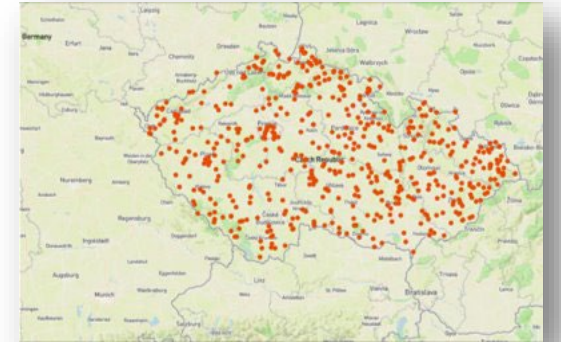
OSCAR/Surface...

- ❑ WMO's official repository of station and observation metadata:
<https://oscar.wmo.int/surface>
- ❑ Provides visibility to Member's observing capabilities (against requirements)
- ❑ Enables exchange and usage of data



OSCAR/Surface...

- ❑ Stations are described using WIGOS metadata standard
- ❑ Members can register domestic organizations, users, stations, sensors, sampling and reporting metadata
- ❑ Interact with OSCAR via Web-UI, API, Web-client/bulk



OSCAR Observing Systems Capacity Analysis and Review Tool

Home Search Critical review

Station cluster

Instrument

Contact

Bibliographic Reference

ALERT CLIMATE, NU (Canada)

in WMO Region IV - North America, Central America and the Caribbean

Station characteristics

Name: ALERT CLIMATE, NU

Station alias: ALERT CLIMATE

Date established: 2004-08-21

Date closed: Regional WIGOS Center

Photo gallery

WIGOS station identifier, type, name, coordinates, operational date, status, supervising organization, relevant RWC

Programs / network affiliations

Note: OSCAR/Surface regularly receives from external systems the assessed status of certain programs. The validity of received assessment is shown in the expanded view. If a new assessment is not available after a certain time OSCAR/Surface shows the status "unknown". For programs that are not assessed OSCAR/Surface displays the status "unknown".

Program / network affiliation	Program specific ID	Affiliation status	Declared status	Assessed status
GBON		Approved	Operational	Unknown
RBCN		Approved	Operational	Operational (2025-08-30)
CLIMAT(C) - deprecated		Approved	Closed	Unknown
RBCN - deprecated		Approved	Closed	Unknown
RBSN(S) - deprecated		Approved	Closed	Unknown
GSN		Approved	Closed	Unknown
GCW C		Approved	Operational	Unknown

Observations

Atmosphere

Relative

Variables

Geometrical

Programs

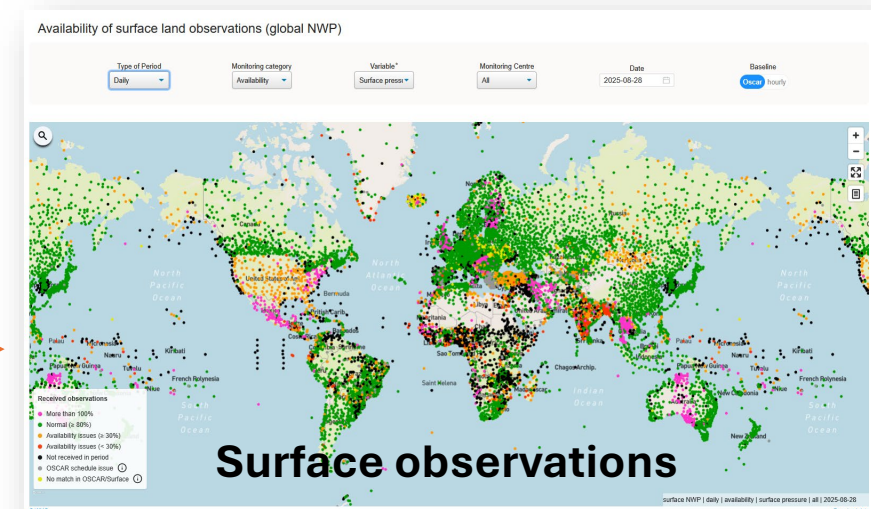
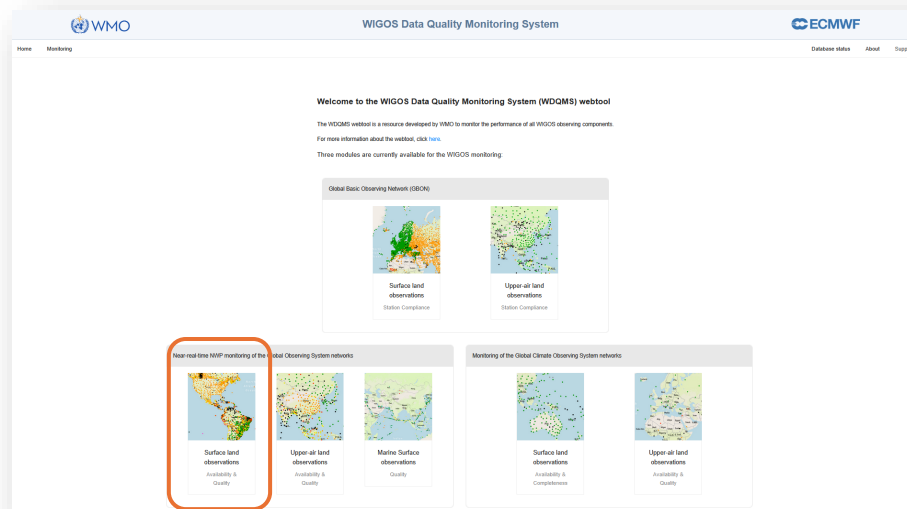
Deployments

WMO programme affiliation, observation variable, instrument, deployment, sampling, reporting

...provides a rich set of fields for a comprehensive description of stations, sensors, variables and observations.

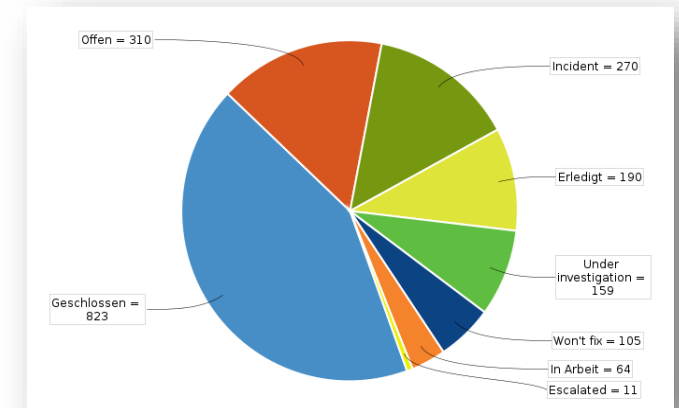
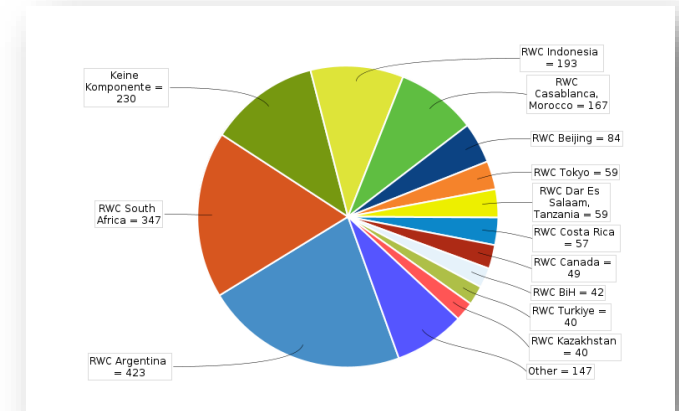
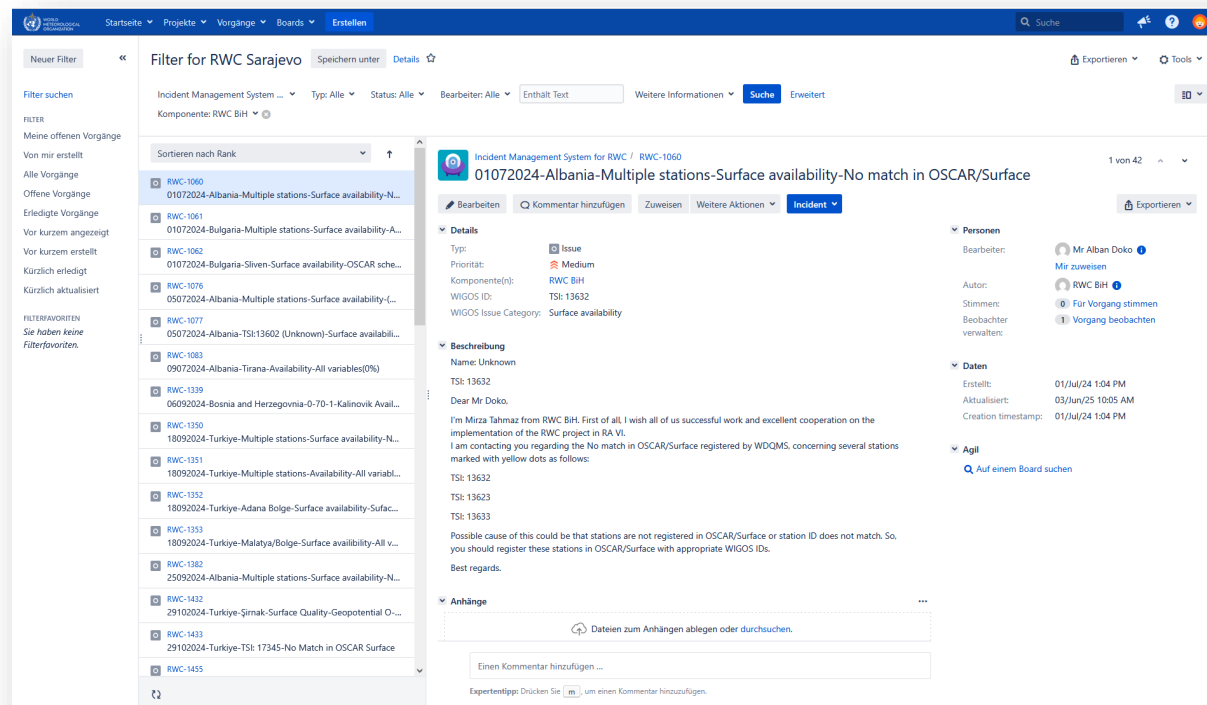
WIGOS Data Quality Monitoring System webtool...

- ❑ Monitor performance of GBON, GOS and GCOS networks: <https://wdqms.wmo.int/>
- ❑ Covers surface, upper-air, buoys and ship observations
- ❑ Monitor surface pressure, 2m temperature, 10m windspeed, 10m wind direction, 2m rel. humidity
- ❑ Color codes stations based on their data availability, quality, timeliness, completeness and metadata in OSCAR or GBON requirements in different aggregation levels



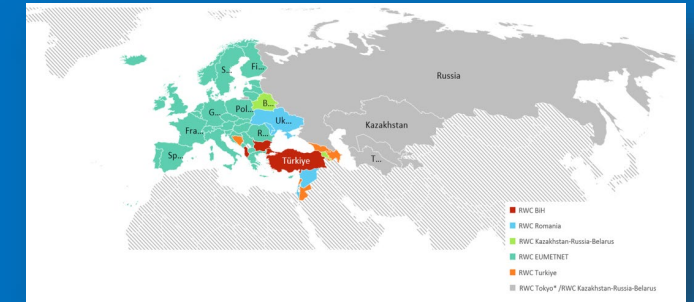
Incident management system webtool...

- ❑ Used to initiate incident tickets, to track and resolve tickets on station performance or metadata issues
- ❑ Jira platform hosted by WMO: jira.wmo.int



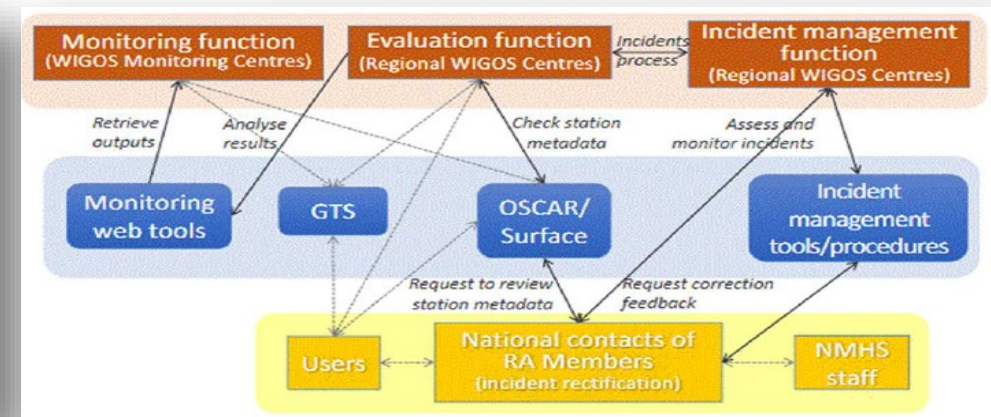
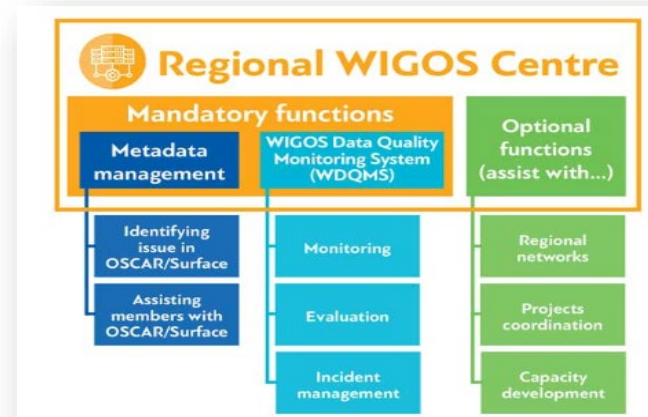
Regional WIGOS Centres...

- ❑ One or more per each region (5 RWCs in RA VI)
- ❑ RWCs and countries support each other sustaining high availability and quality of data
- ❑ WIGOS tools are essential for RWC operations
 - ❑ OSCAR/Surface is used for identifying issues in metadata management
 - ❑ WDQMS webtool is used for the performance monitoring and evaluation to detect availability, quality or metadata issues
 - ❑ IMS webtool is used to initiate incident tickets and to keep track on tickets together with Members.



RWCs in Regional Association VI Europe

- ❑ [RWC Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)
- ❑ [RWC EUMETNET](#)
- ❑ [RWC Romania](#)
- ❑ [RWC Türkiye](#)
- ❑ [RWC Belarus- Kazakhstan - Russian Federation](#)



Evolution of WIGOS tools and RWCs...

❑ OSCAR/Surface

- Major renewal underway
- Usability and workflow improvements
- Change in underlying infrastructure and host
- Integration of additional WMO programmes such as hydrological stations

❑ WDQMS webtool

- Addition of new modules/functionalities for timeliness, snow depth and other obs. types
- Precipitation monitoring

❑ IMS webtool

- Filtering by country, assignment and tracking
- Tickets related to GBON stations
- Ticket automation

❑ WIGOS Components

- ❑ GOS stations are already part of the WDQMS webtool and monitored by RWCs
- All WIGOS components to be included in WDQMS webtool or a similar tool
- Each component will have tailored monitoring and evaluation processes
- Observation programs will have evaluation processes tailored to their specific needs

❑ RWCs

- Operationalized in all regions including Antarctica
- Potential extension of RWCs scope or establishment of 'thematic' RWCs.

Thank you