

The WMO OSCAR/Surface Training for Region VI

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Allocation for WIGOS Station Identifiers and Registration of Hydrological
Stations

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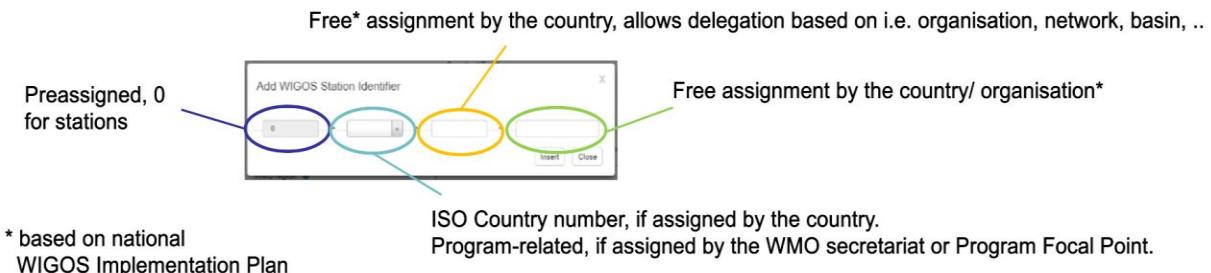
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WSI STRUCTURE

Format: 4 blocks with numbers and characters

WSI Scenarios for hydrology stations

Block (content type)	1 st block (number)	2 nd block (number)	3 rd block (number)	4 th block (character)	Scenario	WIGOS ID Series	Issuer of ID (Country ISO Code)	Issue number(refer to WMO No. 1165 WIGOS Guide, section 2.3.2)	Local ID
Description/ Name	WIGOS Identifier Series	Issuer of Identifier	Issue number	Local Identifier	A1	0	1-999	0	To be defined by Member
Features	Allows future expansion	Allows to distinguish between identifiers issued by different organizations	Allows sub-delegation	Allocated to station	A2	0	004-999	1...65534 (National organizations)	To be defined by organization
Range	0	0...65534	0..65534	16 characters	B1	0	21016	0	AC _i BB.H.H.H (International Hydrological Code)
Example 1	0	20000	0	06700	B2	0	21016	AC _i BB (Basin indicator)	To be defined by: - WHOS Organization
Example 2	0	124	0	73033					



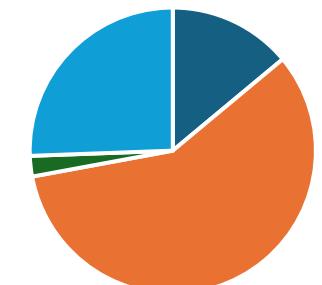
PREFERRED WSI ALLOCATIONS SCENARIOS FOR HYDROLOGY

Scenario	WIGOS ID Series	Issuer of ID (Country ISO Code)	Issue number(refer to <u>WMO No. 1165 WIGOS Guide, section 2.3.2</u>)	Local ID
A1	0	1-999	0	To be defined by Member
A2	0	4-999	1...65534 (Number allocated to NHS by NFP for OSCAR)	To be defined by organization
B1	0	21016	0	AC _i BB _i H _i H (International Hydrological Code)
B2	0	21016	AC _i BB (Basin indicator)	To be defined by: - WHOS or Organization

2 possible main scenarios for hydrological stations:

- Scenario 1: Allocation via country (NMHS) or organisation
- 0 – (ISO Country code) - .. - .. i.e 0-72-800-7024 (Boro River at Bokwi station for Botswana)

Preferred



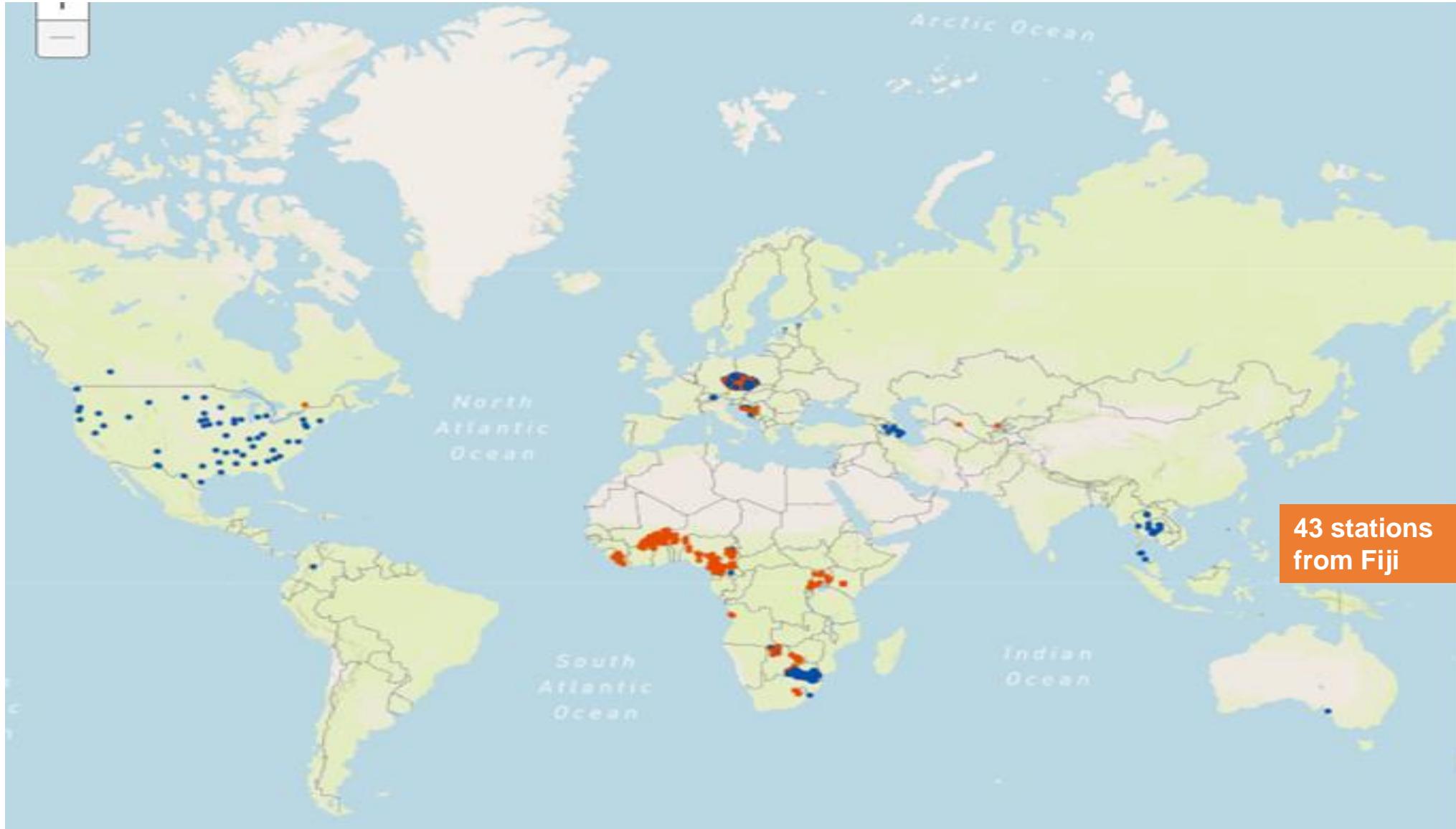
- Scenario 2: Allocation via WMO Secretariat (WHOS)
- 0 – 21016 - .. - .. i.e 0 – 21016- 17200- 7024

NB: 2101 is the code for WHOS

WSI ALLOCATION SUMMARY

- OSCAR NFPs develops the schema, allocates and communicates organization number for NHS or organization i.e 0-72-800-Local ID for hydro stations. 800 is the NHS number
- Metadata editor then inserts the local id of each station i.e for Botswana: 0-72-800-7024, 0-72-800-7415, 0-72-800-7425, etc
- For all stations the systems have local IDs, therefore
 - With A2 scenario: 0 - ISO country code - **Number allocated to NHS** - Local ID, unknown is **block 3**.
 - With B2 (allocated by WMO secretariat): 0 - 21016 - **RegionCountryBasin** - Local ID. **Region: 1-6, country: ISO country code, Basin: Local, international or basin code otherwise default 0**

WIGOS Tools: OSCAR Surface ...Implementations



Over 2464 hydrologica I stations already registered

Request to register more hydrology stations

Stations Registration in OSCAR/Surface: Filling the form

- ***“Station characteristics” section:***
 - Station name*: Official name of the station
 - **Station alias:** indicate river name/basin name, in English and/or local language(s). Switch to advance view
 - Date established*:
 - **Station type***: select “land(fixed)” for groundwater or atmospheric parameters (air temperature, precipitation,), otherwise select “lake/river (fixed)” .
 - Country / Territory*:
 - **WIGOS Station Identifier***: see options for allocation of WSIs.
 - Coordinates*: Latitude, longitude and elevation expressed in EGM96 WGS-84.
 - WMO Region*: The WMO Region where the station is located.
 - **Supervising organization***:
 - **Site description**: describe the type of site, station housing and other additional important information about the station
 - **Program/network affiliation***: WHYCOS (under WIGOS/WHOS branch) or non affiliated (under other components),
 - Program status is “operational” if the station is currently active. Figure x?

Stations registration in OSCAR/Surface: Using the form

- ***Measurements/observations section***, Measurement program/ Data series:
 - Variable*: select all variables measured at the station either navigating the variables tree to Terrestrial/hydrological or by typing the name into the search box
 - Geometry*: for each selected variable indicate the geometry of the observation:
 - **Program / Network Affiliation***: WHYCOS
 - Observed since*: date when the measurement of the variable started
 - Observing method*: method used to observe the variable.
- Once each mandatory field is filled then, click on “insert” to preview the metadata in a “tree-like” structure; and continue for other “data series”

Stations registration in OSCAR/Surface: Using Web Client Tool

- The OSCAR/Surface Web Client Tool is a web spreadsheet to upload metadata into OSCAR/Surface
- Still a manual process for bulk entry of initial site metadata, requires user intervention
- **How to authenticate:** an access token is needed, obtained generated under “Manage machine Access” under the “Management” tab.

How to use the OSCAR/Surface Web Client:

- Paste the token in the dedicated field in the the Web Client interface .
- Make sure the target environment is correctly set. The default setting is is “Dev” (test system).
- Follow instructions and Fill the spread correctly

WMO OSCAR/Surface - Web Client Tool

Create a new station

Token id:

Prod Dev

Generate

Station(s) Submission options

Station(s) metadata

Status: Finished

Show optional fields: No Yes Download template

Clear

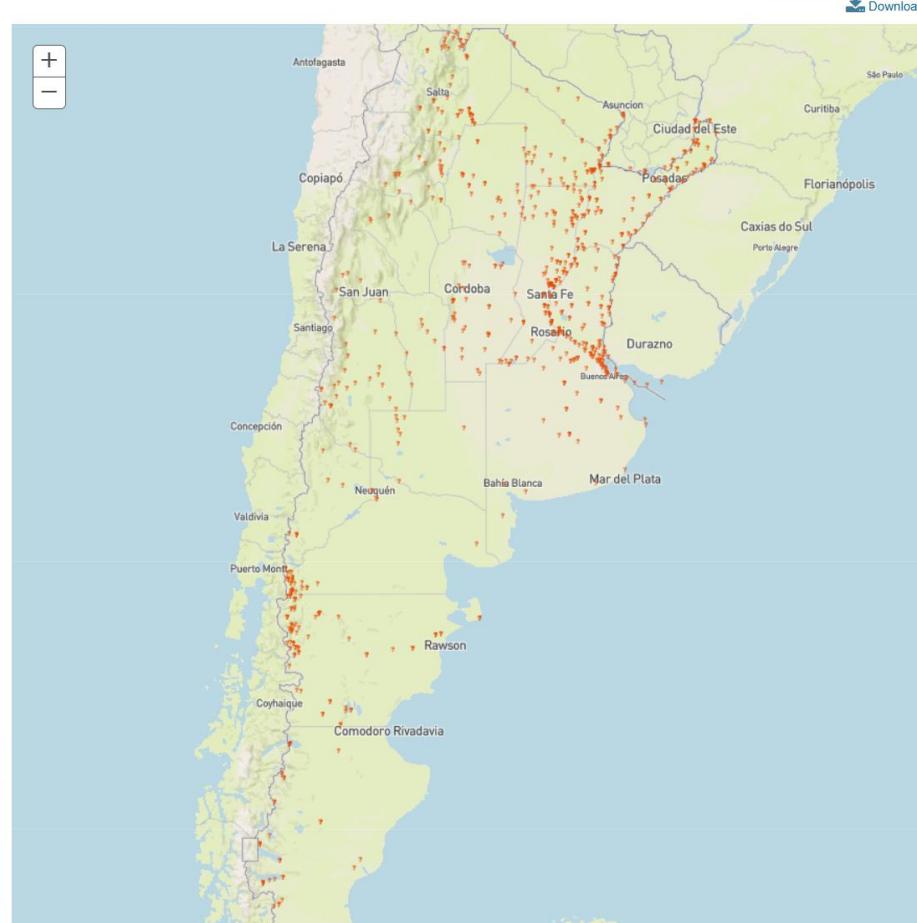
Current version: UI-0.10 Middleware-0.0.8 Library-0.79

For more details of registration of hydrology stations on OSCAR/Surface: [Link](#)

Stations registration in OSCAR/Surface: Using WHOS DAB

762 stations / platforms found.

The results shown on the map refer to the station declared status.



Pilot registration of Argentina Stations –DAB-INA Web Service

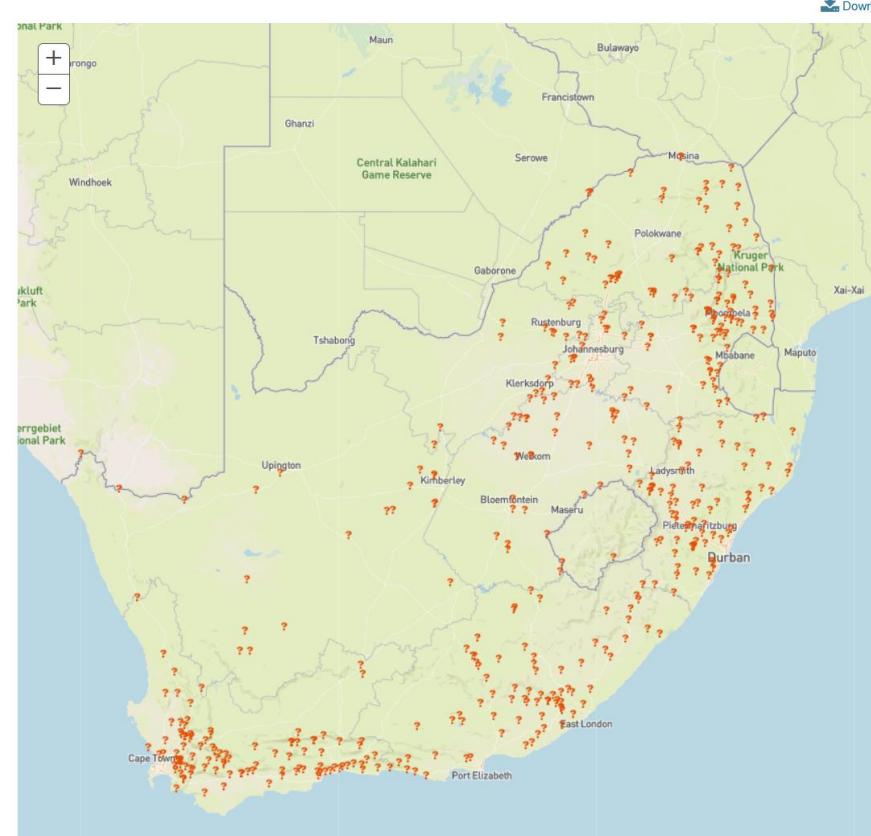
Link: [Observing Systems Capability Analysis and Review Tool \(OSCAR\)](#)

Search by: Instituto Nacional del Agua (INA)

Search results

452 stations / platforms found.

The results shown on the map refer to the station declared status.



Pilot registration of South Africa Stations –DAB-GRDC Web Service

Link: [Observing Systems Capability Analysis and Review Tool \(OSCAR\)](#)

Search by: South Africa - Department of Water and Sanitation (DWA)



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Thank you

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