NODC Report : Sri Lanka

1. **Name of Data Centre**

   National Oceanographic Data Center of Sri-Lanka (NODC-SL)

2. **National IODE Co-ordinator**

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4. **Data Center URL:**

   Website under preparation

5. **Data Center Designation Date:**

   March 1996

6. **Data Center Description:**

   The NODC-SL is devoted to the acquisition, processing, archive and dissemination of oceanographic data and information. NODC established inside the Oceanography division of National Aquatic Resources Agency (NARA).

7. **Brief History**

   Although NODC-SL started in 1996, due to the unavoidable circumstances it starts functioning as an active center from last year. During past one and half year period is
has collected many information on oceanographic researches and data in national level.

8. Roles and Responsibilities of Data Centre

NODC-SL is the one and only oceanographic data and information center, which provides support to research and development of oceanic research activities, to scientific community, universities, students, public and private organizations in Sri Lanka. Centre keeps close contact with other research organizations in various levels such as national, regional and International.

9. Data Centre projects and activities during the Intercessional Period

To achieve objectives and goal the following activities and projects have been launched by NODC-SL.

1. Reinstalling results of Oceanographic researches and cruises conducted by Sri-Lankan scientists
2. Made close contacts with other private and public research organizations, scientific communities, Universities etc, in national level and organized awareness programmes to convince them about significancy of NODC.
3. Made close contacts with related International organizations in various levels (collaborate research cruises, projects data exchanges and interpretations etc.,).
4. Commenced a project to collect available information of national scientists who works close to the oceanography field and the results of their activities.

10. Data centre Products and services developed and/or made available during the intersessional period

The following data collected by Sri-Lankan scientists available at NODC-SL.

1. Tidal data around Sri-Lanka since 1996.
2. Coastal erosion data along Western coastal strip
3. Bathymetry in coastal zone
5. Complete study at coastal lagoons in western and Southern coastal strip.

Findings, scientific papers and data in digital format available at NODC-SL

11. Comments

As such NODC-SL still running on primary stages it is utmost important to have an opportunity to training in well arrange NODC in a foreign country and equipments (computers and accessories to interpret and storage data).

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