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1 French context and overview of its contribution to GLOSS

In 2022, **19 tide gauges on French territories** are contributing to the GLOSS core network (Table 1). The spatial coverage of this contribution is shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1: Geographical distribution of the French stations committed to GLOSS (empty triangle represents the other GLOSS stations of the core network)

Shom has been designed in 2010 by the French government as coordinator of the national in situ sea level observation. This led to the creation of REFMAR (<u>http://refmar.shom.fr/en</u>) whose main mission is to:

- Collect sea level observations made by French public establishments and services;
- Manage and archive the observations collected as delayed mode data;
- Define the networks and minimum specifications for sea level observations;
- Define and promote appropriate means of operational transmission;
- Coordinate the real-time and delayed mode distribution;
- Control the quality of the observations received;
- Contribute to the definition of national and international standards;

In the past years, REFMAR has been contacting French sea level data producers to draw an inventory of all the French sea level stations operated by Port Authorities, Research institutes, universities, flood warning systems, local authorities, and so on. REFMAR pays particular attention to general data access and data policy conditions. Through REFMAR website and meetings, Shom also aims to provide guidance and recommendations to producers and to promote state-of-the-art measurement practices. REFMAR has created a set of teaching technical sheets to describe how to install a tide staff, what a sea level observatory is, etc. These sheets are available in French at:

http://refmar.shom.fr/documentation/recommandations/fiches-techniques

In October 2022, REFMAR distributed the data of 141 permanent tide gauges, including the 50 stations of the Shom tide gauge network RONIM.

SONEL originally stands (in French) for Système d'Observation du Niveau des Eaux Littorales. That is, a research observation infrastructure whose basic activities are assembling, quality-controlling, and disseminating (www.sonel.org) high-quality continuous measurements of sea and land levels at the coast from French tide gauges and from a global (international) network of space geodetic stations (mainly composed of GNSS stations) at or near tide gauges.

SONEL also acts as the data assembly center for GLOSS regarding observations from GNSS stations co-located with tide gauges. The GNSS at Tide Gauge Activities is described in a dedicated report to this GLOSS Group of Experts.

GLOSS Id.	Station Name	Operator	Network
017	Pointe des Galets (Réunion Is.)	Shom	RONIM
021	Crozet	LEGOS/INSU	ROSAME (disabled)
023	Kerguelen	LEGOS/INSU	ROSAME
024	Amsterdam St Paul	LEGOS/INSU	ROSAME
096	Dzaoudzi	Shom	RONIM
123	Nouméa	Shom	RONIM
131	Dumont d'Urville	LEGOS/INSU	ROSAME
138	Rikitea	UHSLC	
140	Papeete Fare Ute (Tahiti)	UHSLC	
142	Nuku Hiva (Marquesas Is.)	UHSLC	
165	Clipperton	Shom	Non-permanent
202	Ile Royale (Fr. Guyana)	Shom	RONIM
204	Fort-de-France	Shom	RONIM
205	Marseille	Shom	RONIM
242	Brest	Shom	RONIM
260	Sao Tomé	LEGOS / IRD	Decommissioned
353	Futuna	Shom/DPAM	
354	Makemo	Shom/DPAM	
355	Rangiroa	Shom/DPAM	Temporarily dismantled
356	Tubuai	Shom/DPAM	

Table 1: GLOSS stations on French territories

2 Status of French sea level stations committed to GLOSS

In 2021 and 2022, the RONIM network has undergone a major modernization: replacement of the data logger, installation of complete weather sensor (temperature, pressure, humidity), installation of GPRS transmission system.

2.1 Atlantic Ocean & Mediterranean Sea

GLOSS 205: MARSEILLE

- Operated by:	IGN and Shom (RONIM TG Network).
- First observation:	1849
- Last observation:	Ongoing
- Contributing to	IOC- ICG/NEAMTWS, GLOSS



- Sensor:
- Data transmission:

- GNSS:

- Contact:

- Other:

- Comment:

Krohne Optiflex radar sensor. Legacy floating gauge is still operating. 1s to NEAMTWS + 1 min. real-time internet. One GNSS station operational since July 1998. Manual controls several times a year by IGN. Modernization in February 2022. ronim@shom.fr Creation in January 2021 of the association "les amis du marégraphe de Marseille" (the friends of the Marseille tide gauge) to promote the history and

scientific interest of the observatory (https://amis-maregraphe-marseille.fr/).

GLOSS 242: BREST

- Operated by:
- First observation:
- Last observation: O
- Contributing to

Shom (RONIM TG Network) 1846 Ongoing

IOC - ICG/NEAMTWS, GLOSS



- Sensor:	Krohne Optiflex 1300C radar sensor
- Data transmission:	1s to NEAMTWS + 1 min. real-time internet.
- GNSS:	One GNSS station operating continuously since 1998. The distance between
	the GNSS and the tide gauge is about 350 meters.
- Comment:	Manual controls several times a year. Last maintenance in 2018.
	Modernization in October 2020 (test site).
- Contact:	ronim@shom.fr
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GLOSS 204: FORT-DE-FRANCE, MARTINIQUE

- Operated by:	Shom (RONIM TG Network)
- First observation:	1912 (continuous since 2005)
- Last observation:	Ongoing
- Contributing to:	IOC – ICG/CARIBE-EWS, GLOSS

- Sensor:	Krohne Optiwave radar since 2011
- Data transmission:	1 min. real-time GTS + internet.
- GNSS:	One permanent GNSS station since 2011
- Comment:	Routine maintenance by local partners. Complete control operations in 2015.
	Will be modernized in November 2022.
- Contact:	ronim@shom.fr

GLOSS 202: CAYENNE-ILE ROYALE-ILES DU SALUT, (French Guyana)

- Operated by:	Shom (RONIM TG Network)
- First observation:	1896 (continuous since 2006)
- Last observation:	Ongoing
- Contributing to:	IOC – ICG/CARIBE-EWS, GLOSS
- Sensor:	Krohne Optiwave radar sensor
- Data transmission:	1 min. real-time GTS + internet.
- GNSS:	Permanent GNSS station since 2012
- Comment:	Routine maintenance by local partners. Complete control operations in 2018.
	Modernization in May 2022.
- Contact:	ronim@shom.fr

GLOSS 260: SAO TOME

- Operated by:	LEGOS (France)
- First observation:	2004
- Last observation:	2010
- Contributing to:	-
- Sensor:	None
- Data transmission:	None
- GNSS:	Episodic GNSS campaigns
- Link to GNSS data:	-
- Comment:	This station was maintained with help from France but is now decommissioned

2.2 Indian Ocean & Antarctica

GLOSS 017: POINTE DES GALETS, LA REUNION

- Operated by: - First observation: Shom (RONIM TG Network) 1900 (continuous since 2007) Ongoing

- Last observation:
- Contributing to:

IOC – ICG/IOTWS, GLOSS



- Sensor:

- Data transmission: 1 min
- GNSS:

Krohne Optiflex radar sensor

1 min. real-time GTS + internet.

No permanent GNSS station (due to the masking of the sky visibility). GNSS measurements performed during leveling operations

 Comment: Routine maintenance by local partners. Complete control operation in 2017. Modernization in March 2022.
Contact: ronim@shom.fr

GLOSS 096: DZAOUDZI, MAYOTTE

- Operated by:	Shom (RONIM TG Network)
- First observation:	1962
- Last observation:	Ongoing
- Contributing to:	IOC – ICG/IOTWS, GLOSS
- Sensor:	Krohne Optiflex radar sensor (since 2008)
- Data transmission:	1 min. real-time GTS + internet.
- GNSS:	Permanent GNSS station since 2013
- Comment:	Routine maintenance by local partners. Complete control operation in 2017.
	Modernization in November 2021.
- Contact:	ronim@shom.fr

South Indian Ocean

GLOSS-023: KERGUELEN

- Operated by	: LEGOS (ROSAME TG Network)
- First observation	: First observation in 1959 continuous since 1993
- Last observation	: Ongoing
- Contributing to	: IOC – ICG/IOTWS, GLOSS
- Sensor	: KER3 (radar Krohne Optiwave) + KER2 (pressure + Krohne Optiflex)
- Data transmission	: 1 min. real time GTS and internet + 1h ARGOS for KER2
- GNSS	: 1 co-located GNSS + 2 nearby GNSS + a DORIS station
- Comment	: Tide pole readings and GNSS buoy sessions are made several times a year.
	KER2 optiflex sensor is not working properly. A mission is scheduled in
	March 2023 to try to fix the problem.
- Contact	: philippe.techine@legos.obs-mip.fr

GLOSS-021: CROZET

- Operated by:	LEGOS (ROSAME TG Network)
- First observation:	1995
- Last observation:	2013
- Contributing to:	GLOSS
- Sensor:	Disabled (previously pressure gauge)
- Data transmission:	ARGOS
- GNSS:	-1 GNSS nearby
- Comment:	Station was lost to a storm in 2015. This site is particularly difficult to maintain and a relocation of the station is under study. A pure GNSS-IR solution is envisaged and some tests are schedule during the Mars-April 2023 field campaign.
- Contact:	philippe.techine@legos.obs-mip.fr

GLOSS-024: SAINT-PAUL

- Operated by:	LEGOS (ROSAME TG Network)
- First observation:	1994
- Last observation:	ongoing

- Contributing to:	GLOSS
- Sensor:	Krohne radar sensor + bottom pressure
- Data transmission:	ARGOS
- GNSS:	Permanent GNSS station since 2011
- Comment:	Bottom pressure gauge is out of order. A mission is scheduled in March 2023
	to remove the bottom pressure gauge to fix it and reinstall in 2024.
- Contact:	philippe.techine@legos.obs-mip.fr

GLOSS-131: DUMONT D'URVILLE

- Operated by:	LEGOS (ROSAME TG Network)
- First observation:	1997
- Last observation:	Ongoing
- Contributing to:	GLOSS
- Sensor:	Bottom pressure gauge
- Data transmission:	ARGOS and Ethernet
- GNSS:	2 nearby GNSS stations
- Comment:	Bottom pressure gauge was reinstalled in January 2022
- Contact:	philippe.techine@legos.obs-mip.fr

2.3 Pacific Ocean

GLOSS 165: CLIPPERTON (non-permanent)

- First observation:	2007
- Last observation:	2012
- Contributing to:	GLOSS
- Sensor:	None
- Data transmission:	None
- GNSS:	Episodic campaigns (2007, 2012 and 2015)
- Comment:	Non-permanent station. Observation campaigns were carried out between
	2007 and 2015.
- Contact:	ronim@shom.fr

2.4 New Caledonia and Wallis-et- Futuna Islands

GLOSS 123: NOUMEA-NUMBO

- Operated by:	Shom (RONIM TG Network)
- First observation:	1967
- Last observation:	Ongoing
- Contributing to:	IOC – ICG/PTWS, GLOSS
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- Sensor:	Vega Vegapuls C22 (since 2022)
- Data transmission:	1 min. real-time internet + GTS (since October 2022)
- GNSS:	Permanent GNSS station since 2015
- Comment:	Routine maintenance by Shom. Complete control operation in 2019.
	Modernization in April 2022.
- Contact:	ronim@shom.fr

GLOSS 353: LEAVA, FUTUNA ISLAND

- Operated by:	Shom
- First observation:	1986
- Last observation:	Ongoing
- Contributing to:	IOC – ICG/PTWS, GLOSS
- Sensor:	Vega Vegapuls C22 (since July 2022) radar sensor and Druck pressure sensor
- Data transmission:	1 min. real-time GTS.
- GNSS:	Permanent GNSS station
- Comment:	Station regularly visited by Shom technicians. Complete control operation in
	2019.
- Contact:	ronim@shom.fr

2.5 French Polynesia

The University of Hawaii maintains three stations in Rikitea, Papeete and Nuku Hiva.

GLOSS 138: RIKITEA

- Operated by:	Shom and DPAM
- First observation:	1965
- Last observation:	Ongoing
- Contributing to:	IOC – ICG/PTWS, GLOSS
- Sensor:	Vaisala QHR-104 radar sensor and Druck pressure sensor
- Data transmission:	1 min. real-time GTS.
- GNSS:	Permanent GNSS station since 2011
- Comment:	A UHSLC tide gauge is installed nearby. Shom and DPAM station is regularly visited by Shom technicians and was controlled in 2019.
- Contact:	ronim@shom.fr

GLOSS 140: PAPEETE FARE UTE

- Operated by:	UHSLC
- First observation:	1975
- Last observation:	Ongoing
- Contributing to:	IOC – ICG/PTWS, GLOSS
- Sensor:	Several sensors, including a Vegapuls 62 radar
- Data transmission:	1 min. real-time GTS.
- GNSS:	A CNES permanent GNSS station co-located since 2003
- Comment:	Last known control in 2016

GLOSS 142: NUKU HIVA

Onorated by:	
- Operateu by.	UIISEC
- First observation:	1982
- Last observation:	Ongoing
- Contributing to:	IOC – ICG/PTWS, GLOSS
- Sensor:	Bubbler sensor, Vegapuls 62 radar and a Sutron RLR radar
- Data transmission:	1 min. real-time GTS.
- GNSS:	Permanent GNSS station since 2011 (installed by Shom and UPF)
- Comment:	Last known control in 2016

GLOSS 354: MAKEMO

- Operated by:	Shom and DPAM
- First observation:	1990 (permanent since 2013)
- Last observation:	Ongoing
- Contributing to:	IOC – ICG/PTWS, GLOSS
- Sensor:	Druck pressure sensor and vegapuls 62 radar sensor
- Data transmission:	1 min. real-time GTS.
- GNSS:	Permanent GNSS station co-located
- Comment:	Regularly visited by Shom technicians. Last complete control operation in
	2020.
- Contact:	ronim@shom.fr.

GLOSS 355: RANGIROA

- Operated by:	Shom and DPAM
- First observation:	1966 (permanent since 2009)
- Last observation:	Temporarily dismantled
- Contributing to:	IOC – ICG/PTWS, GLOSS
- Sensor:	Druck pressure sensor and a vegapuls 62 radar sensor
- Data transmission:	1 min. real-time GTS.
- GNSS:	Permanent GNSS station co-located
- Comment:	Regularly visited by Shom technicians. Last complete control operation in
	2018. Station temporarily dismantled since February 2021 for port works. Will
	be reinstalled in 2023.
- Contact:	ronim@shom.fr

GLOSS 356: TUBUAI

- Operated by:	Shom and DPAM
- First observation:	2009
- Last observation:	Ongoing
- Contributing to:	IOC – ICG/PTWS
- Sensor:	Druck pressure sensor and a Vaisala QHR104 radar sensor
- Data transmission:	1 min. real-time GTS.
- GNSS:	Permanent GNSS station co-located
- Comment:	Regularly visited by Shom technicians. Last complete control operation in
	2019.
- Contact:	ronim@shom.fr

3 GLOSS requirements & the French stations

The table below provides a synthetic overview of the station status regarding the GLOSS requirements for core stations (IOC 2012).

Station	Туре	Digital	Precision	Control	Meteo	Last Levelling	GNSS	Real-time
La Réunion	Radar	Yes	1cm	Semestrial	Pressure, temperature, humidity	2017	No	GPRS + GTS
Crozet	Pressure	Yes	1cm	<annual< td=""><td>Pressure</td><td>2022</td><td>Yes</td><td>ARGOS (disabled)</td></annual<>	Pressure	2022	Yes	ARGOS (disabled)
Kerguelen	Pressure Radar	Yes	<1cm	Monthly	Pressure	2022	Yes	ARGOS ADSL GTS
Amsterdam St Paul	Pressure Radar	Yes	<1cm	Annual	Pressure	2019	Yes	ARGOS
Dzaoudzi	Radar	Yes	1cm	Semestrial	Pressure, temperature, humidity	2017	Yes	GPRS + GTS
Nouméa - Numbo	Radar	Yes	1cm	Semestrial	Pressure	2019	Yes	GPRS + GTS
Dumont D'Urville	Pressure	Yes	1cm	Annual	Pressure	2019	Yes	ARGOS ADSL
Rikitea	Radar Pressure	Yes	1cm	SHOM/ UHSLC		2019	Yes	GTS
Papeete	Radar Pressure	Yes	1cm	UHSLC		2016	Yes	GTS
Nuku Hiva	Radar	Yes	1cm	UHSLC		2016	Yes	GTS
Clipperton	Pressure 2005, 2006-2008, 2011-2012	Yes	5cm	Annual	model	2015	No	No
Ile Royale	Radar	Yes	1cm	Semestrial	Pressure, temperature, humidity	2018	Yes	GPRS + GTS
Fort-de- France	Radar	Yes	1cm	Semestrial	Pressure	2015	Yes	ADSL + GTS
Marseille	Radar Float	Yes	1cm	Semestrial	Pressure, temperature, humidity	2015	Yes	GPRS
Brest	Radar	Yes	1cm	Semestrial	Pressure, temperature, humidity	2018	Yes	GPRS
Sao Tomé	Pressure	Yes	1cm	<annual< td=""><td>Pressure</td><td>2010</td><td>No</td><td>ARGOS (decommissioned)</td></annual<>	Pressure	2010	No	ARGOS (decommissioned)
Leava, Futuna Island	Radar Pressure	Yes	1cm	Annual	Pressure	2019	Yes	GTS
Makemo	Radar Pressure	Yes	1cm	Annual	Pressure	2020	Yes	GTS
Rangiroa	Radar Pressure	Yes	1cm	Annual	Pressure	2018	Yes	GTS (temporarily dismantled)
Tubuai	Radar Pressure	Yes	1cm	Annual	Pressure	2019	Yes	GTS

4 Access to tide-gauge and GNSS data

The website (data.shom.fr) provides a data portal that collects and distributes high frequency tide gauge data from all the different French sea level producers. Different levels of data (raw, real time, validated, etc.) are available on the portal. For GLOSS applications, hourly sea level data from the French stations committed to GLOSS are provided directly to the University of Hawaii Sea Level Centre (UHSLC). Mean sea levels and GNSS data at the tide gauges are available at SONEL (www.sonel.org) which also acts as IGS/TIGA data center and as GLOSS data assembly center for GNSS at tide gauges. Through SONELwebportal, mean sea levels are also provided to the PSMSL (http://www.psmsl.org)

Shom Status GLOS IOC SONEL GNSS data Station (October Real-time + S ID 2022) Research Quality http://www.iochttps://www.sonel.org/? http://data.shom.fr/don OK 17 La Réunion sealevelmonitoring.org/s page=maregraphe&idSta nees/refmar/110 tation.php?code=reun <u>tion=1827</u> https://www.sonel.org/? https://www.sonel.org/? https://data.shom.fr/don 21 Crozet page=maregraphe&idSta page=gps&idStation=345 nees/refmar/173 tion=1752 https://www.sonel.org/? http://www.iochttps://www.sonel.org/s https://data.shom.fr/don 23 Kerguelen OK sealevelmonitoring.org/s page=maregraphe&idSta pip.php?page=gps&idSta nees/refmar/23 tation.php?code=kerg tion=1780 tion=710 http://www.ioc https://www.sonel.org/? https://www.sonel.org/? Amsterdam https://data.shom.fr/don 24 KO sealevelmonitoring.org/s page=maregraphe&idSta page=gps&idStation=309 St Paul nees/refmar/194 tation.php?code=stpa tion=1837 http://www.io https://www.sonel.org/? https://www.sonel.org/? https://data.shom.fr/don 96 Dzaoudzi OK sealevelmonitoring.org/s page=maregraphe&idSta page=gps&idStation=342 nees/refmar/30 tation.php?code=dzao tion=1903 http://www.ioc https://www.sonel.org/? https://www.sonel.org/? Nouméa https://data.shom.fr/don OK sealevelmonitoring.org/s page=maregraphe&idSta page=gps&idStation=355 123 Numbo nees/refmar/659 tation.php?code=numb2 tion=1863 http://www.iochttps://www.sonel.org/? https://www.sonel.org/? Dumont https://data.shom.fr/don page=gps&idStation=416 131 sealevelmonitoring.org/s page=maregraphe&idSta d'Urville nees/refmar/108 tation.php?code=dumo tion=1756 https://www.sonel.org/? http://www.iochttps://www.sonel.org/? https://data.shom.fr/don 138 Rikitea OK sealevelmonitoring.org/s page=maregraphe&idSta page=gps&idStation=341 nees/refmar/43 tation.php?code=gamb tion=3410 https://www.sonel.org/? http://www.iochttps://data.shom.fr/don https://www.sonel.org/? 140 Papeete OK sealevelmonitoring.org/s page=maregraphe&idSta nees/refmar/383 page=gps&idStation=809 tation.php?code=pape tion=1820 http://www.jochttps://www.sonel.org/? https://www.sonel.org/? https://data.shom.fr/don OK 142 Nuku Hiva page=gps&idStation=226 sealevelmonitoring.org/s page=maregraphe&idSta nees/refmar/795 tation.php?code=nuku tion=2257 https://www.sonel.org/? https://data.shom.fr/don 165 Clipperton page=maregraphe&idSta nees/refmar/797 tion=2853 http://www.iochttps://www.sonel.org/? https://www.sonel.org/? https://data.shom.fr/don 202 Ile Royale OK sealevelmonitoring.org/s page=maregraphe&idSta page=gps&idStation=341 nees/refmar/749 tation.php?code=iler tion=1867 http://www.iochttps://www.sonel.org/? https://www.sonel.org/? Fort-dehttps://data.shom.fr/don 204 OK sealevelmonitoring.org/s page=maregraphe&idSta page=gps&idStation=322 nees/refmar/126 France tation.php?code=ftfr tion=1764 http://www.iochttps://www.sonel.org/? https://data.shom.fr/don https://www.sonel.org/? 205 Marseille OK sealevelmonitoring.org/s page=maregraphe&idSta nees/refmar/524 page=gps&idStation=735 tation.php?code=mars tion=1802 https://www.sonel.org/? http://www.iochttps://data.shom.fr/don https://www.sonel.org/? 242 Brest OK sealevelmonitoring.org/s page=maregraphe&idSta nees/refmar/3 page=gps&idStation=642 tation.php?code=bres tion-1736 http://www.ioc https://www.sonel.org/? https://www.sonel.org/s ecommis-Sao Tomé 260 sealevelmonitoring.org/s page=maregraphe&idSta pip.php?page=gps&idSta tation.php?code=saot tion=1864 tion=1932 Leava, https://www.sonel.org/? https://www.sonel.org/? http://www.iochttps://data.shom.fr/don OK page=gps&idStation=338 353 Futuna sealevelmonitoring.org/s page=maregraphe&idSta nees/refmar/501 tation.php?code=futu tion=3112 Island 5 https://www.sonel.org/? http://www.iochttps://www.sonel.org/? https://data.shom.fr/don OK 354 Makemo sealevelmonitoring.org/s page=maregraphe&idSta page=gps&idStation=341 nees/refmar/586 tation.php?code=make tion=3416 https://data.shom.fr/don http://www.iochttps://www.sonel.org/? https://www.sonel.org/? 355 KO Rangiroa nees/refmar/78 sealevelmonitoring.org/s page=maregraphe&idSta page=gps&idStation=226 tation.php?code=rang tion=2259

The table below provides links to main data sources of French GLOSS stations.

356	Tubuai	OK	https://data.shom.fr/don nees/refmar/113	http://www.ioc-	https://www.sonel.org/?	https://www.sonel.org/?
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5 Data rescue activities

In France, systematic sea level observations by mechanical tide gauge started in the mid-1800s. Within SONEL framework, an extensive work is undertaken at Shom, aiming at recovering the French scientific and cultural heritage on sea level observations. This initiative fulfills the recommendations of GLOSS on the recovery of forgotten sea level measurements.

Data rescue performed at Shom firstly implies to inventory documents related to water level measurement (marigrams, ledgers): more than **60.000 documents** have been identified and inventoried, and about 50% have already been scanned, but thousands of documents still remain to inventory and scan. These old tide gauge measurements are mainly related to French ports (about 300 sites with a total of about 1,000 years of cumulated sea level measurements) but also to locations around the world (about 240 sites with a total of about 470 years of cumulated sea level measurements). Time-series duration may vary from days/weeks/months (observations for hydrographic purpose) to several decades. Longest time series can be used to assess long term sea level evolution and shorter datasets could be used to quantify historical storm surges if occurred during measurements, allowing the improvement of estimation and prediction of extreme coastal water levels.

The Shom updates the results of the inventories on the following link:

http://refmar.shom.fr/dataRescue/index_en.html.