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Field Manuals for Marine Sampling to Monitor Australian Waters, Version 3.

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Relevant Essential Ocean Variable(s):

Macroalgal canopy cover and composition

Benthic invertebrate abundance and distribution

Hard coral cover and composition

Seagrass cover and composition

Marine debris

Brief description of NESP review process:

For each practice, external reviewers provided thorough reviews which were actioned by the lead author if straightforward, and the entire working group if more complex.

For versions 1 and 2, input to each practice was broadly invited through the Australian Marine Sciences Association, Australian Coral Reef Society and to stakeholders and potential users through several online questionnaires and workshops.

See appended workshop report [Project 2.2 workshop report](#), for the most recent community review to inform Version 3, as well as previous workshop reports: [ata discoverability and accessibility: report from 2018 workshops on marine imagery and biological specimen data](#); [Data Discoverability and Accessibility Report from July 2019 Worksho:: Enhancement, connectivity and interoperability of spatial portals report from 2018 workshop](#)

The OBPS best practice endorsement process [[DOI: https://doi.org/10.25607/OBP-1983](https://doi.org/10.25607/OBP-1983)] has been developed by OBPS in conjunction with GOOS

The aim of endorsement is for recognized ocean organizations to follow a systematic process for community inputs to their practices and sufficient practice documentation to share methods leading to uptake by the broader ocean community. In this process, an organization makes a definitive claim that it believes the practice is “worthy of endorsement”, providing evidence and justification for that claim.

The endorsed methods can range from standard operating procedures to field manuals. Following best practices improves the reproducibility of science research, and interoperability across disciplines and datasets by standardizing methods and data collection, data management, and applications.

The endorsed document has been through a strong community process, whereby they have been adopted and used by multiple organizations and represents a basis for use in the ocean community.

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