

# OCEAN FACILITIES EXCHANGE GROUP

***Delivering the undeliverable; a bottom up approach to research fleet coordination and harmonisation***

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# OFEG

**OFEG members:** Ifremer (France), BMBF (Germany), NIOZ (Netherlands), IMR-UoB (Norway), CSIC (Spain), NERC (UK).

NSF, MI are connected to OFEG via NERC

**Main objective:** exchange of ship time and major equipment based on 'bartering' > without money-exchange

**Main benefits:**

- access to wider range of facilities and access to ocean areas that would be beyond reach otherwise.
- More efficient use of ship time by reducing cost and time spend on long passages.

# OFEG

**OFEG group:** meetings held twice a year

- Compare and share schedules
- Lists of barter requests and opportunities
- Provide lists of ship deployment information
- Explore opportunities for working in partnership – interoperability, technician training, harmonizing procedures.

# Core Activities over the last 12 months

- Mission Statement Reworded
- Website updates – news stories etc.
- Terms of Reference for group refreshed
- Algorithm developed for assigning barter exchange points to OFEG ships
- Equipment added to the barter agreement

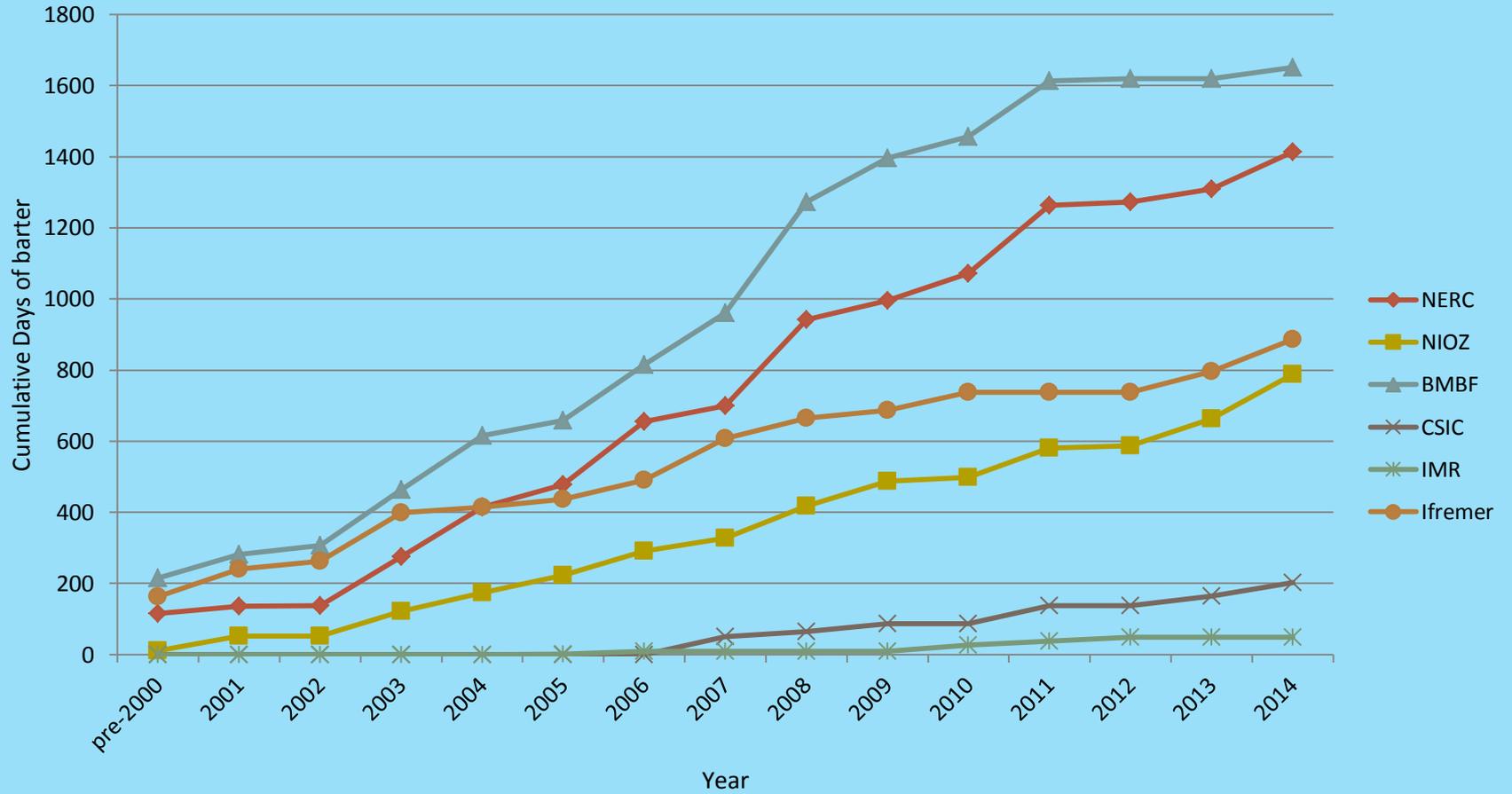
# Mission Statement - 2015

OFEG delivers and develops a bottom up approach to marine research facilities coordination and harmonisation for the delivery of multidiscipline, multi role science worldwide.

OFEG delivers complex multi national programme planning to efficiently support international marine science activity. The OFEG partnership supports marine science activities that would otherwise be undeliverable.

OFEG demonstrates delivery of high level achievements working to improve and enhance capability to the mutual benefit of the international partners.

# Barter days 2000-2013



# OFEG 2014/2015

- 2014 saw an increase in the level of barter activity once more, particularly from NERC and NIOZ.
- UK, Germany and Netherlands are currently (and consistently) the most active barter partners.
- In 2015 Barter Activity has already taken place (30 days barter for NERC on RV Sonne), and more is planned as part of the OSNAP international consortium

# Requests to join OFEG

- Step 1 – form a bilateral agreement with one of the OFEG partners
- Step 2 – establish a good, regular bartering relationship in this bilateral
- Step 3 – request to OFEG to become an official OFEG partner
- Step 4 – all current OFEG partners must agree