

# BCO-DMO

Producing, consuming and mapping vocabularies

BCO-DMO: What is it?

Biological & Chemical Oceanography

Data Management Office

*To partner with researchers funded by NSF to support them throughout the data life cycle.*

# BCO-DMO: Metadata

*Who was involved?*

*How was it collected?*

*Where was it collected?*

...

Instruments

Measurements

Vehicles

Funding

Location

People

and more ...

# BCO-DMO: A Focus on Vocabularies

## *from Local to Global*

- Preserve the terminology used by the researchers
- Normalize this terminology within our repository
- Map normalizations to community-blessed terms

# BCO-DMO: An Example

- Researcher uses an Instrument *their team* calls:

“SIO-CTD”

- BCO-DMO Data Managers discover this to be:

“CTD Sea-Bird 911”

- The broader community understands this to be defined as:

[“http://vocab.nerc.ac.uk/collection/L22/current/TOOL0035/”](http://vocab.nerc.ac.uk/collection/L22/current/TOOL0035/)

or “Sea-Bird SBE 911 CTD” as defined in the SeaDataNet Device Catalog

# BCO-DMO: Impact on Science

## ***Data Discovery***

- Contributors find their data using their vocabulary (local)
- Researchers find data using community vocabulary (global)
- *To publish our normalized vocabularies for linking, re-use*