

Argo Canada finances



- No multi-year program exists
- No funding (0\$) at beginning of fiscal year
(April 1)
- Some funding (up to 400 k) for purchasing floats may appear in August in the good years
- Other funding for purchasing floats near end of fiscal year (January & February)
- Funding for satellite telemetry before March 31
(final leftover crumbs from other programs)

2014 plans for ice-covered regions



- 2 Bio-Argo floats in Baffin Bay next July (Marcel Babin, Takuvik, CNRS-Univ Laval)
- 2 or 3 POPS (Polar Ocean Profiling Systems) in Beaufort Sea, by Environment Canada and Fisheries & Oceans Canada



Bio-Argo Canada

- At infancy stage (created February 2014)
- First leader : Marlon Lewis (Dalhousie U)
 - 5 other P.I.'s
 - Took advantage of E.U. initiative
 - Very close relationship with Hervé Claustre's group
- Need to find funding sources within Canada (e.g. CFI, NSERC, MEOPAR)



DFO-EC-DND in Argo Canada

- Collaboration between 3 Depts predates the CONCEPTS MOU.
- Collaboration intensified with CONCEPTS
 - POPS standing offer established by EC (Champika Gallage) was used by DFO
 - Argo float standing offer established by DFO can also be used by EC and DND.
 - DND helping with satellite telecommunications
- GLOPS model assimilating Argo data @ EC is expected to become **operational** in Oct-Nov 2014
- This could favor greater EC involvement (discussed today in Ottawa)