Data Delivery and Cyber Infrastructure (DDCI) Committee

- “The NSF Ocean Observatories Initiative Facility Board (OOIFB) established the Data Delivery and Cyberinfrastructure (DDCI) committee to help ensure timely and reliable access to high-quality OOI data.”

- **DDCI Committee Membership**
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  - Kendra Daly, OOIFB Chair (Ex-officio)
  - Jeffery Glatstein, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (Ex-officio)
The DDCI Committee was tasked to provide a report which evaluates whether or not OOI Data Delivery “meets the needs” of the oceanographic community.

As part of their evaluation, the DDCI Committee worked with Old Dominion University’s (ODU) Social Science Research Center (SSRC) to create a community survey on OOI data delivery.

- The survey is based on the state of the OOI data delivery system up to April 2019.
- The survey was on March 29, 2019 and closed on April 26th.
- 127 responses were received.

The DDCI committee carefully evaluated the survey results. The intent of the survey was to inform their report on OOI data delivery. The report, along with an Appendix that includes a complete summary of the community survey, will be provided to the OOIFB for approval.

The OOIFB will deliver the final report on OOI data delivery to NSF in December 2019.
How easy or difficult is it to access data?

IRIS (N=18) –
Raw (N=45) –
M2M (N=30) –
ERDDAP (N=31) –
Data Portal (N=78) –

Normalized Percentage

Very easy
Somewhat easy
Neither easy nor difficult
Somewhat difficult
Very difficult
Don't know
Please rate the data exploration tools?

IRIS (N=18)

Raw (N=44)

M2M (N=30)

ERDDAP (N=30)

Data Portal (N=77)

Excellent  Good  Fair  Poor  Not Applicable  Don't know
Survey Takeaways

- Users really like IRIS
- Users really like ERDDAP generally, but the OOI implementation is lacking
- M2M and the Raw Data Server work for advanced users and scripts, and do what they intend to do relatively well
- Users find the Data Portal difficult to use, non-intuitive, confusing

Reminder: The survey evaluated the state of the OOI data delivery system in 2019. Changes will be forthcoming.