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Dear Ed,

My work in preparing the meeting has been extremely short. You will see from the documents that Dave forwarded to you that DIVERSITAS is still in an embryonic phase as far as marine biodiversity is concerned. At the last SSC meeting a task force on marine biodiversity was established that will prepare an implementation plan of some sort for the next SSC meeting in April 2005 in Japan. Therefore the questions that you have formulated are all unanswerable at this stage. However they should be addressed during the first meeting of the task force.

- Data Management: I have read the document prepared in Liverpool and do see the validity of the recommendations. There is a huge difference between traditional ecological projects and the way the oceanographic community deals with data. The DIVERSITAS SSC will certainly need some education on this point. We will discuss the document during the task force meeting. It will be mainly relevant if and when DIVERSITAS will co-sponsor projects with the CoML and IMBER. Whether help from SCOR on this issue is needed remains to be seen.
- GOOS: again there has been no interaction yet between DIVERSITAS and GOOS and again this should be discussed at the task force's first meeting. The idea of biodiversity observatories is lingering around, for instance in the CoML project NAGISA and in EU sponsored projects such as BIOMARE, but the links with GOOS and GEO have not yet been established.
- Southern Ocean: same answer. Projects will probably be developed in co-operation with IMBER.
- Time Series Stations: idem
- Environmental Assessments: DIVERSITAS is involved in the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment.

Regards,  
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