

# THE OCEAN FOUNDATION

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Dr. Clarissa Anderson  
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Dear Dr. Anderson:

On behalf of The Ocean Foundation I enthusiastically endorse the valuable data and services provided by the Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System (SCCOOS) at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego.

The Ocean Foundation is a unique community foundation with a mission to support and strengthen those organizations dedicated to reversing the trend of ocean destruction. Our organization has projects and partners on all seven continents and understands and advocates for the value of ocean observations in promoting and ensuring resilient coastal communities and a sustainable blue economy. A number of our projects rely directly on the ocean observing data provided by SCCOOS to inform their research and planning.

As a science-based decision support system, SCCOOS collaborates with local, state and federal agencies, resource managers, industry, policy makers, educators, scientists and the general public to provide data, models and products that advance our understanding of the current and future state of our coastal and global ocean. SCCOOS focuses on coastal observations and product development to provide the information necessary to address issues on marine operations, coastal hazards, climate variability and change, and ecosystems, fisheries, and water quality.

Sustained funding for SCCOOS will be crucial to the maintenance of the program's ocean observing network and to the continuity of the important data products and services that these observations enable. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Alexis Valauri-Orton  
Program Officer