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Waves of Change: Ocean Surface Topography Updates from PO.DAAC

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2020) and SWOT (February 2022). Data recipes and Jupyter notebooks that leverage these cloud services are being developed to assist users with the transition to accessing/using data in the cloud. The PO.DAAC will continue to support the OSTST in their pursuit of scientific insight about Earth's oceans.

PO.DAAC Ocean topography datasets:

<https://podaac.jpl.nasa.gov/datasetlist?ids=Keywords&values=Oceans:Sea%20Surface%20Topography&view=list>

PO.DAAC Sentinel-6 mission page:

<https://podaac.jpl.nasa.gov/Sentinel-6>

PO.DAAC SWOT mission page:

<https://podaac.jpl.nasa.gov/SWOT>

New and Upcoming Releases

ECCO, Sentinel-6, SWOT

Web Portal Enhancements



Latest Dataset Releases

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 Sep 2020 [QuikSCAT Level 2B Version 4.1](#)
 Aug 2020 [OMG CTD L2 Version 1](#)
 Aug 2020 [CYGNSS Level 1 Raw Intermediate Frequency \(IF\) and Full Delay Doppler Map \(DDM\)](#)
 July 2020 [NASA Saildrone ATOMIC Field Campaign](#)
 July 2020 [GHRSSST NAVO MetOp-A/B/C Level-2P version 2.0](#)
 May 2020 [CYGNSS CDR Version 1.0](#)
 May 2020 [GHRSSST NOAA GOES-17 L2P/L3C Version 2.71 and Himawari-8 L2P/L3C Version 2.70](#)
 May 2020 [NASA Saildrone Arctic Campaign Dataset Released](#)
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 Mar 2020 [JPL Tellus Level-4 GRACE and GRACE-FO Mascon Solution RL06Mv2 Timeseries](#)
 Mar 2020 [JPL GRACE and GRACE-FO Mascon RL06M version 02](#)
 Feb 2020 [NASA OBPJ/JPL MODIS L2P/L3 SST v2019.0](#)
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 Jan 2020 [GRACE and GRACE-FO Level 3 Monthly Ocean & Land Mass Anomaly RL06 version 03](#)
 Jan 2020 [MEaSUREs Pre-SWOT Hydrology Version 2 Datasets Release](#)
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 Nov 2019 [MetOp-C ASCAT Level 2 Ocean Surface Wind Vectors 12.5-km and 25-km](#)
 Nov 2019 [ABOM GHRSSST Level 4 GAMSSA 28km and RAMSSA 9km v1.0](#)
 Oct 2019 [JPL/GFZ/CSR GRACE and GRACE-FO Level 3 Monthly Ocean Mass Anomaly RL06 version 02](#)

(Click the links below to go to the dataset release announcements.)

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Reconstructed GMSL for 1900-2018 from GRACE/-FO & In Situ Sources

<https://doi.org/10.5067/GMSLT-FJPL1>

Annual reconstructed GMSL estimate and corresponding contributions from major sea level change drivers since 1900 based on tide gauge observations aggregated annually by the virtual station method. Sea level change provided as an annual time series estimated relative to the 2002-2019 baseline.

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The PO.DAAC is pleased to announce the public release of Reconstructed Global Mean Sea Level (GMSL) from GRACE and In Situ observations 1900 to 2018.

The dataset was produced by JPL scientist Thomas Frederikse and his colleagues for their recent Nature publication (Frederikse et al., 2020) under funding produced by NASA's Making Earth System Data Records for Use in Research Environments (MEaSUREs) Program through a project called Heat and Ocean Mass from Gravity ESDR (HOMAGE). More information about GMSL is available from the NASA Sea Level program website; HOMAGE is described further at the MEaSUREs program site.

This dataset provides an annual reconstructed GMSL estimate and corresponding estimates of the contributions from various drivers of sea level change between 1900 and 2018. The reconstructed sea level is based on tide gauge observations aggregated annually using the virtual station method. Sea level change contributions from thermosteric changes, glacier mass changes, terrestrial water storage changes, and changing mass of the Greenland and Antarctic Ice Sheet were estimated by combining GRACE/GRACE-FO observations with long-term estimates based on in situ temperature profiles. The dataset consists of one file in netCDF-4 format conforming to CF

metadata conventions. Sea level change relative to the 2002-2019 baseline is provided annually as a one-dimensional time series (119 years). Annual contributions from each source are provided in separate variables in the netCDF file.

This Reconstructed Global Mean Sea Level from GRACE and In Situ 1900 to 2018 dataset is described and discoverable on the PO.DAAC web portal.

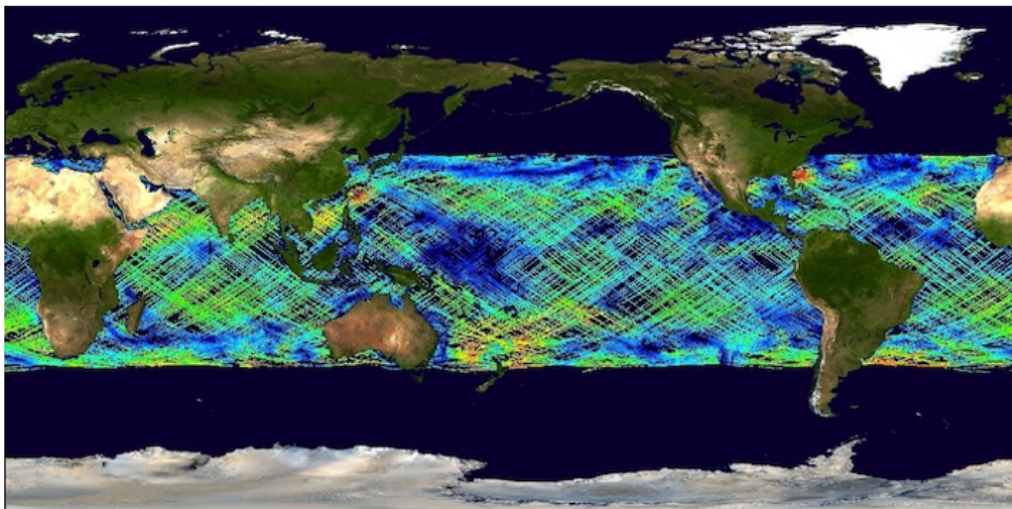
Dataset

Frederikse, T.; Landerer, F.; Caron, L.; Adhikari, S.; Parkes, D.; Humphrey V.; Dangendorf, S.; Hogarth, P.; Zanna, L.; Cheng, L.; Wu, Y.. 2020. Reconstructed Global Mean Sea Level from GRACE and In Situ 1900 to 2018. Ver. 1.0. PO.DAAC, CA, USA. Dataset accessed [YYYY-MM-DD] at <https://doi.org/10.5067/GMSLT-FJPL1>.

Manuscript

Frederikse, T., Landerer, F., Caron, L. et al. The causes of sea-level rise since 1900. Nature 584, 393397 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-020-2591-3>

CYGNSS Climate Data Record V1.0



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The PO.DAAC is pleased to announce the public release of the CYGNSS Climate Data Record (CDR) Version 1.0 dataset.

The Cyclone Global Navigation Satellite System (CYGNSS), launched on 15 December 2016, is a NASA Earth System Science Pathfinder Mission that was designed with the purpose to collect the first frequent space-based measurements of surface wind speeds in the inner core of tropical cyclones. Made up of a constellation of eight micro-satellites, the CYGNSS observatories provide coverage over the tropical oceans with a mean (i.e., average) revisit time of seven hours and a median revisit time of three hours. As a result of the CYGNSS constellation coverage, the CDR data is made available from 18 March 2017 to present with an approximate 1 to 2 month latency in the netCDF-4 formatted data files, where each file contains data within a 24-hour UTC period from a combination of up to 8 unique CYGNSS spacecraft. More information on CYGNSS can be found on the CYGNSS mission page (<https://podaac.jpl.nasa.gov/CYGNSS>).

Version 1.0 represents the first climate-quality release and is a collection of reanalysis products derived from the SDR v2.1 Level 1 data. Calibration accuracy and long-term stability are improved compared to the SDR v2.1 using a new trackwise correction algorithm which constrains the average value

of the L1 data using MERRA-2 reanalysis wind speeds. Details of the algorithm are provided in the Trackwise Corrected CDR Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document. CDR Level 2 and 3 products (ocean surface wind speed and mean square slope) are generated from the CDR L1 data using the v2.1 SDR data processing algorithms. A more detailed explanation of the updates and improvements in the CDR data can be found within the respective dataset landing pages.

Datasets comprising this release include Level 1 and Level 2, both at an approximate binned spatial resolution of 25-km, followed by Level 3, which is regularly gridded with a binned 0.2° by 0.2° lat/lon spatial resolution. All datasets cover the global tropical oceans within a latitude domain of approximately 40° S to 40° N.

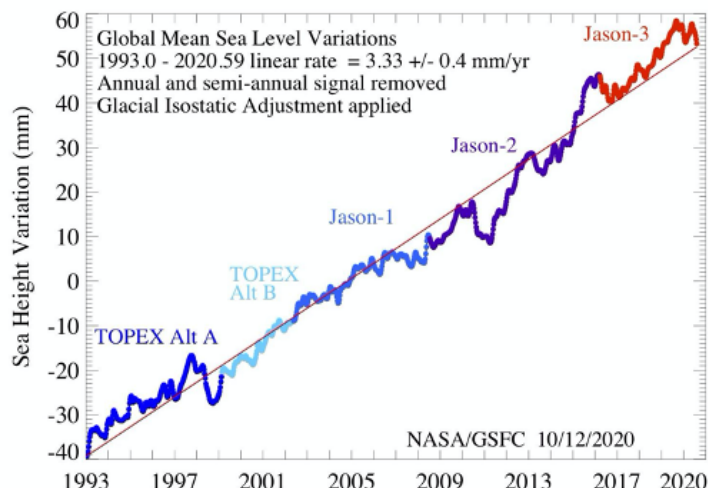
Datasets

- <https://doi.org/10.5067/CYGNS-L1C10>
- <https://doi.org/10.5067/CYGNS-L2C10>
- <https://doi.org/10.5067/CYGNS-L3C10>

MEaSURES-SSH

Coming Soon!

New version 5.0 datasets
for the Integrated Multi-
Mission Ocean Altimeter
Data for Climate Research
product suite



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MEaSURES version 5.0 Sea Surface Height (SSH) anomaly and Global Mean Sea Level (GMSL) datasets are set for release in November 2020.

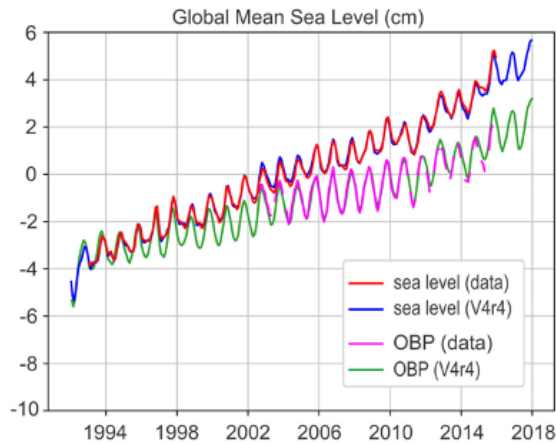
The MEaSURES TPJAOS v5.0 sea surface height (SSH) anomaly product is a multi-mission dataset comprised of TOPEX/Poseidon (T/P), Jason-1, OSTM (Jason-2), and Jason-3 altimeter data integrated to form a single SSH Climate Data Record (CDR). Altimeter data from the multimission Geophysical Data Records (GDRs) are interpolated to a common reference orbit facilitating direct time series analysis of the geo-referenced SSH.

Three new products will be released in November 2020 to supersede the version 4.2 products, listed here:

- Global Mean Sea Level Trend from Integrated Multi-Mission Ocean Altimeters TOPEX/Poseidon Jason-1 and OSTM/Jason-2 Version 4.2 (<https://doi.org/10.5067/GMSLM-TJ142>)
- Integrated Multi-Mission Ocean Altimeter Data for Climate Research Version 4.2 (<https://doi.org/10.5067/ALTCY-TJ142>)
- Integrated Multi-Mission Ocean Altimeter Data for Climate Research complete time series Version 4.2 (<https://doi.org/10.5067/ALTTS-TJ142>)

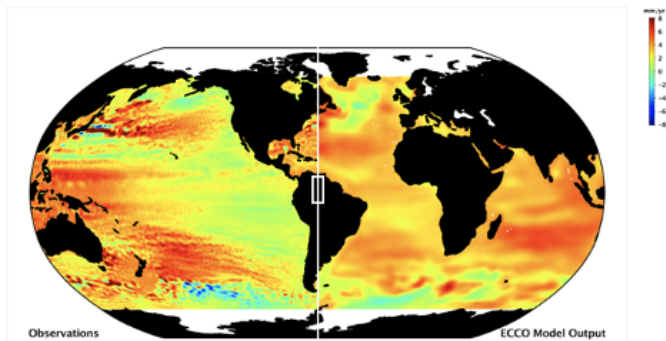
ECCO V4r4

(Coming in late 2020)



Sea Surface Height Linear Trend: 1993-2017

Use the slider to see an example of the fidelity of ECCO to observations. At left are observations from satellite altimetry missions. At right is the ECCO Version 4 model output based on the same time period, covering the latitude range of NASA altimeter missions (i.e., from 66°N to 66°S). The dominance of red, orange, and yellow colors indicates that sea level has been rising over much of the ocean. In some regions, sea level has risen nearly 8 mm per year for decades.



<https://ecco-group.org/ssh-linear-trend.htm>

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ECCO V4r4 outputs will be published at PO.DAAC by the end of 2020.

The ECCO output hosted at PO.DAAC comes as a regularly spaced latitude-longitude grid by 0.5 degree available as a daily or monthly mean. These are suitable for users who have not used ECCO output previously and would like to use gridded ocean data. There are also the native cube sphere grid output, from which the 0.5 degree grids are derived. These are provided for those who are accustomed to using ECCO output.

Additionally, the ECCO V4r4 outputs will be published to with a 0.1 degree gridding resolution following the release of the 0.5 degree datasets.

About ECCO

"Estimating the Circulation and Climate of the Ocean" (ECCO) is a data assimilating model that uses satellite and in situ data to make the best possible estimates of ocean circulation and its role in climate. Those solutions combine state-of-the-art ocean circulation models with global ocean datasets.

What sets ECCO apart from other models?

ECCO reproduces observations in a physically and statistically consistent manner. ECCO provides information on sea level rise, sea ice loss, El Niño events, and the cycling of water and carbon.

ECCO's long-term goal is to produce global high-resolution coupled ocean/sea-ice/biochemical (and ultimately, atmosphere) state estimates to a wide community. ECCO's efforts toward this goal now include several projects, each of which is bringing ECCO closer to its long-term goal, while providing significant scientific contributions.

Additional information about ECCO can be found at their website <https://ecco-group.org>

Sentinel-6A Michael Freilich Jason-CS



Will publish the first datasets in early 2021

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The PO.DAAC will begin publishing datasets from Sentinel-6 in early 2021!

PO.DAAC Sentinel-6 mission page:
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SWOT Mission Page

Filter by science themes

Identify data products available in tools

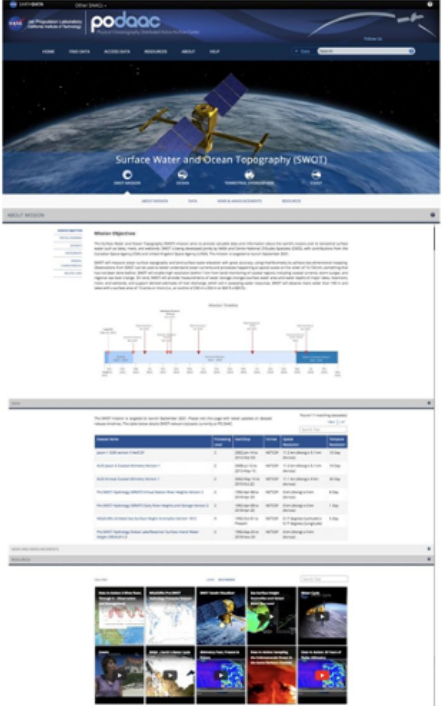
Few clicks to access data

Tutorials and guides (resources)

Metrics by usage and citation

Related news and announcements

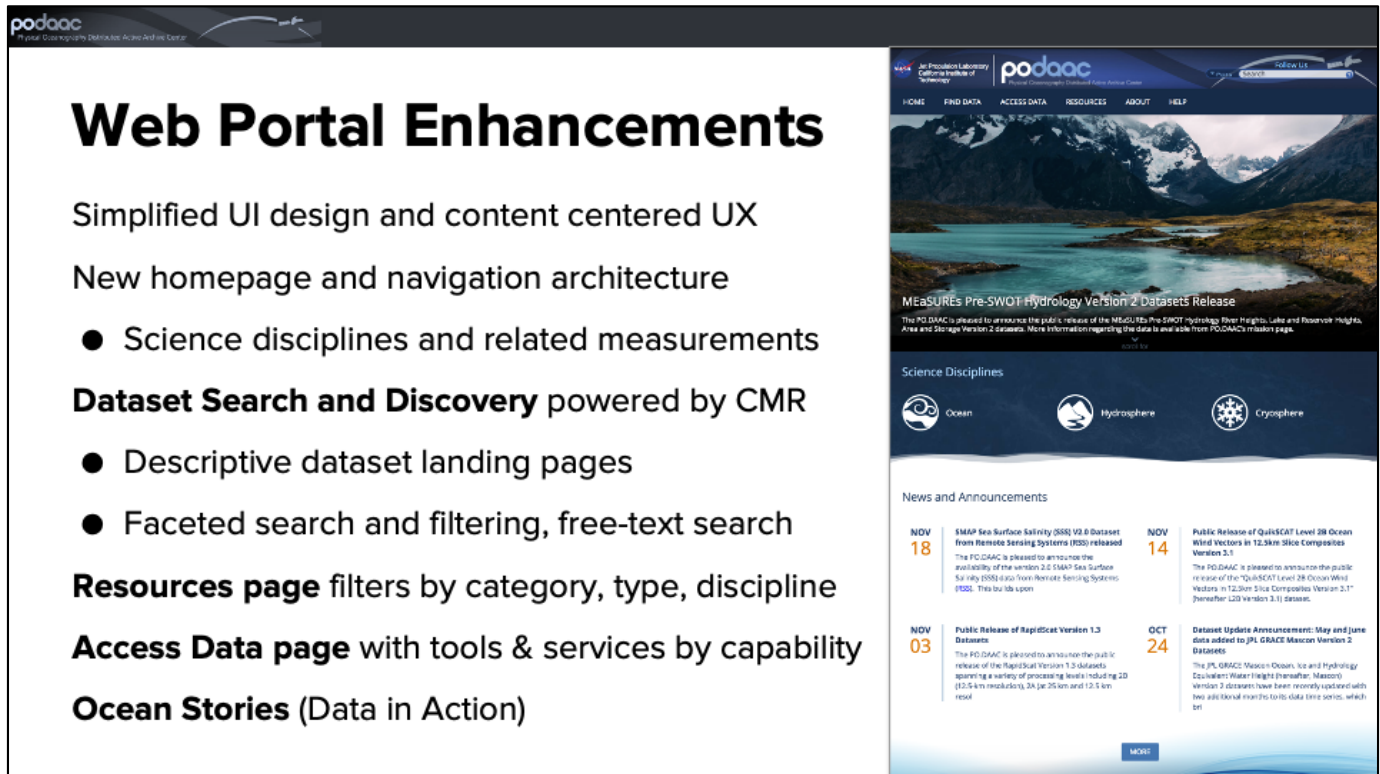
The redesign applies to all mission pages.



The PO.DAAC is pleased to release the Surface Water and Ocean Topography (SWOT) mission page.

The SWOT mission is targeted to launch in September 2021, providing valuable data about the world's oceans and its terrestrial surface water such as lakes, reservoirs, rivers, and wetlands. In preparation for its launch, PO.DAAC designed a new SWOT mission page as a hub for users to find data and information. The SWOT mission page showcases a new look and feel that will be transitioned through the entire PO.DAAC portal in 2020. Additionally, dynamic filtering and rendering of content by science themes is enabled to enhance user experience, reducing the time required to get to data and information of interest. Expect to see more content and further enhancements to dynamic filtering and content rendering pre- and post-launch.

Visit the SWOT mission page:
<https://podaac.jpl.nasa.gov/SWOT>



Web Portal Enhancements

Simplified UI design and content centered UX

New homepage and navigation architecture

- Science disciplines and related measurements

Dataset Search and Discovery powered by CMR

- Descriptive dataset landing pages
- Faceted search and filtering, free-text search

Resources page filters by category, type, discipline

Access Data page with tools & services by capability

Ocean Stories (Data in Action)

PO.DAAC is transitioning towards a web portal that is content centered, data driven, and provides personalized user experiences that are supplemented with efficient search and discovery capabilities. The first phase of the web portal revitalization showcases a simplified, modernized design and several improvements towards a content, data-driven user experience. This video tutorial showcases the new look and feel and how to navigate the web portal: <https://youtu.be/NP4TQuDbDtg>

The second phase of the web portal revitalization is focused on improving the PO.DAAC Dataset Search and Discovery. This involves integration with NASA Earthdata Common Metadata Repository (CMR). CMR is a high-performance, high-quality, continuously evolving metadata system that catalogs all data and service metadata records for NASA's Earth Observing System Data and Information System (EOSDIS) system and will be the authoritative management system for all EOSDIS metadata. CMR metadata records are registered, modified, discovered, and accessed through programmatic interfaces leveraging standard protocols and APIs. The second video tutorial showcases the improvements in the PO.DAAC Web Portal Dataset Search and Discovery including free-text search, faceted search and filtering, and information displayed on the dataset landing pages. <https://youtu.be/4M5AAsUVV1Q>

New PO.DAAC Web Portal Highlights:

- New Homepage and New Navigation architecture

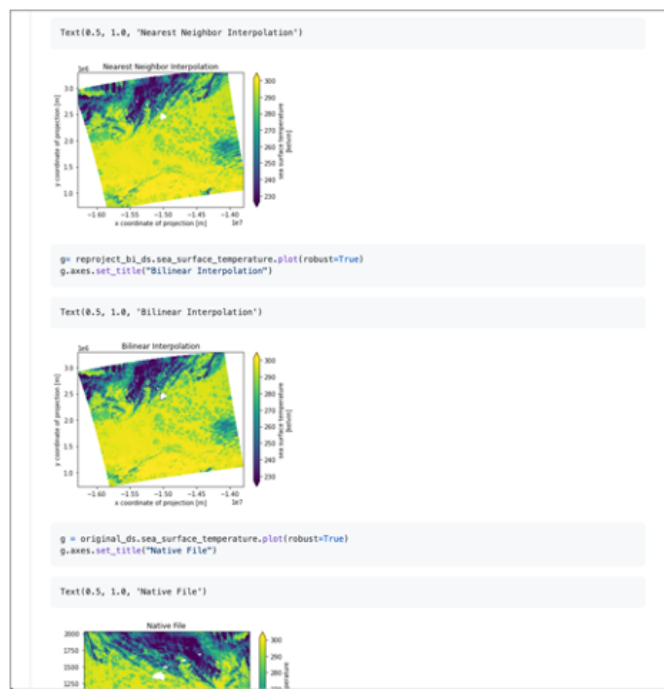
- Introduction of Science Disciplines
- Find Data and information by Science Disciplines and related Measurements
- Redesigned Missions and Measurements pages
- New Resources page with dynamic filtering by category, type and science discipline
- New Access Data page featuring tools & services filterable by capability
- Rebranded Ocean Stories (Data in Action)
- Introduction of dynamic linkage between content type across the web portal
- Improved search and discovery capability
- Website content shareable with social media sharing buttons
- Search Engine Optimization (SEO) and performance improvements

The screenshot displays the Podaac web portal interface. The main header includes the Podaac logo and navigation links. The left sidebar contains a 'Select Filter' section with categories like Processing Levels, Keywords, and Platforms. The main content area shows the dataset title 'GHRSSST Level 4 MUR Global Foundation Sea Surface Temperature Analysis (v4.1)' and a world map. A red circle highlights the citation count '31 Publications Cited this Dataset'. A red arrow points from this count to a detailed view of the publications, which lists several scientific papers citing the dataset, including 'ANALYSIS OF OZONE PRODUCTION AND ITS SENSITIVITY IN HOUSTON USING THE DATA COLLECTED DURING DISCOVER AQ' and 'Northward migration of Cape São Tomé rings, Brazil, Continental Shelf Research'. The bottom of the page shows a list of instruments used in the dataset.

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Learn how to access/use PO.DAAC data in the cloud

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**Thank you for your contributions
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