Activity 4 – Set up and run a realistic configuration

1. Download the croco tools and datasets

- copy the CROCO_TOOLS package from:

https://www.croco-ocean.org/download/croco-project/

or

http://jgula.fr/ModNum/croco_tools-v1.1.tar.gz

or

/forums/public/pub/Data/croco_tools-v1.1.tar.gz

- We are going to use the Matlab version. Untar the folder and copy the files croco_tools/start.m and croco_tools/ crocotools_param.m in your working folder (e.g. *~/ModNum/myconfig*)

- edit the start.m and modify the path to the croco_tools routines if needed

- Download datasets (COADS + WOA + Topo) from

https://www.croco-ocean.org/download/datasets/

or

https://filesender.renater.fr/?s=download&token=fbe1f803-c5cb-26d6-80d4-46d0fc24ce47

or

use the ones already in **/forums/public/pub/Data/**

- Edit the crocotools_param.m to and modify the path to the data files (variable DATADIR)

2. Create files for the Benguela test-case

See https://croco-ocean.gitlabpages.inria.fr/croco_doc/ for a detailed tutorial

In brief you need to :

- start matlab and run start.m to load all path

- run the following scripts:
  - make_grid to create your grid file [CROCO_FILES/croco_grd.nc]
  - make_forcing to generate surface_forcing: wind stress, surface heat flux, surface freshwater flux [CROCO_FILES/croco_frc.nc]
  - make_clim to generate initial conditions T, S, currents , SSH [CROCO_FILES/croco_ini.nc and CROCO_FILES/croco_clm.nc]
  - make_bry to generate oceanic boundary conditions : T, S, currents , SSH [CROCO_FILES/croco_bry.nc]

3. Compile and run the BENGUELA_LR case

- Use the default param.h, cppdefs.h and croco.in

- Compile and run !

4. Create files for your own configuration

- edit the crocotools_param.m to choose all parameters for your configuration (name, grid location and size, time and duration, path to forcing files, etc.)

5. Compile and run your simulation

- Edit the param.h to define the size of your grid (and parameters for your parallelization) according to the ones you have chosen in crocotools_param.m
- Edit the cppdefs.h to choose your numerical options
- Edit the croco.in to choose the run time parameters. Choose the parameters to have at least 2 years of simulation with monthly averages (every 30 days).

6. Check your simulation

- Check the circulation:
    - *you can use a python gui: https://github.com/slgentil/croco_visu*
    - *you can use the roms_gui.m in the croco_tools (matlab)*
    - *you can use python tools (see Modules.zip, Python_example1.py, Python_example2.py on http://jgula.fr/ModNum)*

- Try to find a paper documenting the circulation in this region and check if it is (at least qualitatively) well reproduced in the simulation.

- Average the simulation over the last year only (*you will consider only the last year of your simulation to minimize the effects of the spin-up.*)

- Plot the mean currents (surface and barotropic) and vertical sections of stratification for your simulation and for observations *(you can use WOA2009 data – or directly use the croco_clm.nc file which contains monthly climatology from WOA2009 data interpolated on the model grid).*