

# Acidification Monitoring Point Data Compilation in the Mid-Atlantic Region, Version October 2023

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*Description:*

*Abstract:*

These data comprise the locations and methods of ocean and coastal acidification monitoring in the Mid-Atlantic. The data come from a variety of publicly available sources including state governments and academic institutions, as well as from a 2022 MACAN survey of the Coastal and Ocean Acidification (COA) monitoring community. This map is regularly updated as additional information about monitoring sites continues to emerge and develop. If you have additional information that you think should be included in this map, please contact [info@MidACAN.org](mailto:info@MidACAN.org).

*Purpose:*

This data is meant to compile information about the sites that monitor acidification to assist in the development of a robust monitoring network in the Mid-Atlantic as per the goals of the Mid-Atlantic Coastal Acidification Network (MACAN) and the Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan. This map does not compile the monitoring data itself, but does link to the monitoring data when it is publicly available.

This compilation is version October 2023, and is presented in the MARCO Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal ([portal.midatlanticocean.org](http://portal.midatlanticocean.org)).

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*Maintenance\_and\_Update\_Frequency:* Continually

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*Native\_Data\_Set\_Environment:*

Microsoft Windows 7 Version 6.1 (Build 7601) Service Pack 1; Esri ArcGIS 10.6.1.9270

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Data was/is provided by sources in a variety of formats including KML, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and CSV files containing lat/long locations of monitoring sites and supplemental information, as well as ESRI point shapefile and geodatabase feature class data.

*Process\_Step:*

*Process\_Description:*

A new ESRI geodatabase feature class was created with attribute fields decided on by the project team. Datasets provided in text and tabular file formats were added to ArcMap using the 'Make XY Event Layer' tool and then exported to a new point shapefile. Data from each shapefile was then loaded into the project geodatabase feature class. Data provided in ESRI shapefile or geodatabase feature class format were loaded directly into the project geodatabase. Where possible attributes were loaded from matching source fields in the input data and all remaining attribute fields were populated using the 'Field Calculator' function.

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Dataset updated/appended with records provided in Excel and text format.

*Process\_Date:* 20180612

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Dataset updated/appended with ocean acidification monitoring points. Point data in KML format were converted to geodatabase feature classes and attributes prepared, and points merged into the previous acidification dataset. The number of overlapping points at each location was generated and added as a new field in the data. All GIS processing was in ESRI ArcGIS Desktop 10.6.\*.

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OA tabular data, version October 2023, were compiled and processed by Carly LaRoche (UVA) in CSV format. These data were converted by the MARCO Portal to GIS format using the latitude and longitude coordinates in the tabular data. The resultant ArcGIS geodatabase point feature classes representing the OA data inventory and glider points were merged into a single point feature class; the number of overlapping points at each location were then calculated to a new data attribute in GIS. In preparation for integration on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal, the GIS point feature class was projected to the Web Mercator (Auxiliary Sphere) map projection, then the various cartographic representations were prepared and published to web map services on the MARCO Portal server. All GIS processing was in ESRI ArcGIS Desktop 10.8.x, ArcPro 3.0.x.

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*Attribute\_Definition:* Feature geometry.

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:* Esri

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*Unrepresentable\_Domain:* Coordinates defining the features.

*Attribute:*

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*Attribute\_Definition:*

Indicates if pH is/was sampled at this site. "Yes" defines sites at which pH is/was collected. "No" defines sites at which pH is/was not collected.

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:* MARCO

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* DIC

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Indicates if dissolved inorganic carbon (DIC) is/was sampled at this site. "Yes" defines sites at which DIC is/was collected. "No" defines sites at which DIC is/was not collected.

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:* MARCO

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* TA

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Indicates if total alkalinity (TA) is/was sampled at this site. "Yes" defines sites at which TA is/was collected. "No" defines sites at which TA is/was not collected.

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:* MARCO

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* pCO2

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Indicates if partial carbon dioxide (pCO2) is/was sampled at this site. "Yes" defines sites at which pCO2 is/was collected. "No" defines sites at which pCO2 is/was not collected.

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:* MARCO

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* Other Parameters

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Indicates other water quality parameters that are measured at this monitoring site. Other parameters can include, but are not limited to, temperature, specific conductivity, salinity, dissolved oxygen concentration, dissolved oxygen percent saturation, turbidity, depth, etc.

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:* MARCO

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* Temporal Extent

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Indicates the timeframe during which this site was active. For example, a timeframe of 2012-present defines the monitoring period as beginning in 2012 and ongoing.

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:* MARCO

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* Sampling Frequency

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Indicates the frequency at which samples are taken at the site with either continuous and/or discrete methods. For example, a sampling frequency of "Continuous: 15 minutes; Discrete: NULL" defines the continuous monitoring as occurring every 15 minutes with no discrete methods in use.

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:* MARCO

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* Station Name

*Attribute\_Definition:* Indicates the name of the monitoring site.

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:* MARCO

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* Institution

*Attribute\_Definition:* Indicates the primary institution that conducts monitoring at the site

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:* MARCO

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* Website

*Attribute\_Definition:* Indicates the website where the monitoring data from the site can be found if it is public.

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:* MARCO

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* Collection Type

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Indicates the manner in which sampling is conducted at this site. There are 4 major categories of collection type including "Continuous", "Discrete", "Cruise", and "Glider". Continuous monitoring depicts a site that is continuously sampling parameters, often a moored station with



technology that is measuring water samples at a regular and frequent interval without human effort. A Discrete monitoring site is a location at which regular field sampling is presently conducted by an individual or individuals. Glider data refers to deployments of autonomous underwater vehicles that have the capacity to collect high frequency data. Cruise defines monitoring data collected by a survey vessel as part of a research cruise or a ship of opportunity. Some Cruise sites may have additional information, indicating if the cruise was collecting discrete data or underway data, which is a form of continuous data collection that occurs as a vessel is in transit.

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:* MARCO

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* Number of Carbonate System Parameters Measured

*Attribute\_Definition:* Number of monitoring types, 1-4 (pH, DIC, TA, pCO<sub>2</sub>)

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* Carbonate System Parameters Measured

*Attribute\_Definition:* List of carbonate system parameters measured at site (pH, DIC, TA, pCO<sub>2</sub>)

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:* MARCO

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* Collection Depth

*Attribute\_Definition:* Indicates the depth of measurement in the water column. Four types of collection depth are represented: Profile, Surface, Bottom, and Surface and Bottom.

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:* MARCO

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* Sensor/Station Status (as of Summer 2023)

*Attribute\_Definition:* The attribute defines sites by the status of the sensor and/or station as Active, Inactive, or Project-Based Deployment. Active sites are where monitoring was still ongoing as of the 2023 update to this data layer. Inactive sites are where monitoring has ceased. Project-based Deployments are sites that were only visited once for a specific project. For example, a glider deployment or a one-time cruise would be categorized as a project-based deployment. If the status of the site is unknown, this will be NULL.

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:* MARCO

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* Publicly Available?

*Attribute\_Definition:* Indicates if the monitoring data from this site is publicly available. "Yes" defines sites as publicly available. "No" defines sites as not publicly available.

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:* MARCO

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*Attribute\_Label:* Contact

*Attribute\_Definition:* Name and email address of point of contact for further information about the monitoring occurring at the site.

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:* MARCO

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* Sector

*Attribute\_Definition:* Indicates the sector of the institution leading monitoring at this site.

Categories include: State Agency, Federal Agency, Academic Institution, NGO, Citizen Science, Local Government, or Research Institution.

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:* MARCO

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*Attribute\_Label:* Biological Parameters

*Attribute\_Definition:* List of any biological indicators that were collected alongside chemical monitoring. Biological Parameters include, but aren't limited to: Benthic Biodiversity Surveys, Oyster survival and growth, trawl data, Chlorophyll-a, etc.

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:* MARCO

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* Season

*Attribute\_Definition:* List of seasons during which monitoring at the site occurs.

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:* MARCO

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* Quality Assurance

*Attribute\_Definition:* Description of quality assurance and quality control methods used at the site.

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:* MARCO

*Attribute:*

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*Attribute\_Definition:* In the event that pCO<sub>2</sub> is measured at the site, this attribute describes the specific methods in use for measurements of pCO<sub>2</sub>. Methods are parsed as Continuous or Discrete, and then specific instruments or methods in use are listed where data is available.

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:* MARCO

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* TA Methods

*Attribute\_Definition:* In the event that Total Alkalinity (TA) is measured at the site, this attribute describes the specific methods in use for measurements of TA. Methods are parsed as Continuous or Discrete, and then specific instruments or methods in use are listed where data is available.

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*Attribute:*

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*Attribute\_Definition:* In the event that Dissolved Inorganic Carbon (DIC) is measured at the site, this attribute describes the specific methods in use for measurements of DIC. Methods are parsed as Continuous or Discrete, and then specific instruments or methods in use are listed where data is available.

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:* MARCO

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* pH Methods

*Attribute\_Definition:* In the event that pH is measured at the site, this attribute describes the specific methods in use for measurements of pH. Methods are parsed as Continuous or Discrete, and then specific instruments or methods in use are listed where data is available.

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:* MARCO

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