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Dr Nick D'Adamo is the Officer in Charge of the Perth Regional Programme Office of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and has nearly 30 years experience in marine engineering, bio-physical oceanographic research, environmental impact assessment, biodiversity conservation, marine protected area planning and management (including design and implementation of related research and monitoring) and business management of science programmes. Dr D'Adamo's marine research background is in shelf, coastal and estuarine scale oceanography, focussing on the relationships between physical and biological processes through applied marine science programs, covering Western Australia's tropical to temperate marine ecosystems. Dr D'Adamo has also worked in European lake/lagoonal systems (Switzerland and Venice) and has managed the development and implementation of major marine scientific research programmes for Western Australia funded under Governmental science portfolio initiatives.

Dr D'Adamo's current role in the UNESCO IOC is to provide a focal point in the southern hemisphere for the IOC's global programmes, as relevant to the balanced mutual objectives of the Perth Office's three collaborating Parties at local, national and global scales (Western Australian State Government, Bureau of Meteorology and UNESCO). Dr D'Adamo's focus is on the coastal/oceanic regions around Australia, including the Indian Ocean, South East Asian, SW Pacific and Southern Ocean regions. Facilitating progress in the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) and related bio-physical research and applications is a central objective, as is the related facilitation and coordination of a number of GOOS Regional Alliances that the Perth

Office helped to establish and which overlap thematically and geographically with IMOS: Indian Ocean GOOS, South East Asia GOOS, Western Australia GOOS and Pacific Islands GOOS. Dr D'Adamo facilitates and coordinates these alliances and the projects and programs that evolve from them, across physical and biological oceanography, coupled ocean-atmosphere research, climate change related studies, ecological sustainability, Capacity Development and marine hazards. With IMOS widely acknowledged as being a major regional contributor to global GOOS in association with these regional alliances, the Perth Office plays a pivotal role in providing the necessary coordination and collaboration to ensure the effectiveness of this contribution.

The Perth Office also helped establish the co-located Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System and Dr D'Adamo provides liaison for this unit between the UNESCO IOC Secretariat and Australian stakeholders. Dr D'Adamo is a member of Australia's OPSAG and also works closely with State and Australian marine science stakeholders relevant to the mission of the Perth Office.