# Status and Plans for observations in the subtropical and southwestern Indian Ocean

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Mean Net Surface Heat Flux  $(Wm^{-2})$ 

## Courtesy, Cronin

## Heat content 0-700 m. Levitus et al, 2009



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## Talley, 2013

## Lumpkin & Speer, 2007

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## Lumpkin & Speer, 2007





## Han et al, 2014

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## Anomalies in southwest IO linked upstream to tropics, ITF, IOD and ENSO and downstream to super gyre and SAM



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## Agulhas Current broadening not strengthening, related to increase of EKE





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## Agulhas System Climate Array: South African-US-(Dutch?) collaboration for sustained observations of the Agulhas Current, since 2016



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## African Coelacanth Ecosystem **Programme: South Africa.** 2015-2018



- Agulhas Current and shelf region: biodiversity, larval dispersal, benthic ecosytems, cross-stream exchange
- Annual cruises of about one month

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# Leeuwin Current array: Australia (IMOS)

- Since 2008
- Measures along and crossstream variability
- ADCPs, thermistors, BGC sensors
- Gliders, coastal radar •



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# Future Plans: How do we capture variability of subtropical gyre and heat budget?



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