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Monitoring of the Black Sea ecosystem evolution on the basis of remote sensing data assimilation in the model

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The work demonstrates some results of the Black Sea ecosystem dynamics, based on numerical simulations with assimilation of satellite data. The Black Sea ecosystem model is a coupled, eddy-resolving 3D basin-scale circulation and biogeochemical model with 5 km horizontal grid size. The circulation model includes 35 calculation levels, which thicken toward the sea surface. It assimilates satellite data on the seasurface temperature and sea level anomalies. The circulation model provides the input to the biogeochemical model.

The biogeochemical model extends from the sea surface to 200m depth with non-uniformly spaced 18 z-levels. It includes 15 state variables. Nitrogen is considered to be the only limiting factor for phytoplankton growth. The model assimilates satellite measurements, which are the maps of chlorophyll concentration fields reconstructed based on remote sensing data from SeaWiFS (satellite OrbView) and MODIS (satellites Aqua and Terra) using the regional optical model of the Black Sea. Assimilation technique is based on optimal interpolation and nudging. The model and assimilated satellite data were used to fulfill reanalysis of the Black Sea ecosystem evolution during period from 1998 till 2012. Quality of the reanalysis was assessed using the Black Sea Oceanographic Database, which contains the direct measurements of chlorophyll, nitrates and dissolved oxygen concentrations in seawater. The assessment showed that the reanalysis fields satisfactorily reproduce seasonal variability and vertical distribution of chlorophyll, nitrate and dissolved oxygen concentrations in deep part of the Black Sea and on north-western shelf as well.

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