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## **BLUElink: Operational Oceanography in Australia**

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Operational ocean forecasting in the Australian region commenced in June 2007. BLUElink is a three-way partnership between the Australian Bureau of Meteorology, the Commonwealth Scientific Industrial Research Organization, and the Royal Australian Navy. At the core of the operational system is a data assimilating global ocean model (MOM4), with enhanced eddy resolving capability in the Australian region. Seven-day forecasts are generated twice weekly. Forecast and analysis products such as sea surface temperature, currents and sea level anomaly maps are made available to the public. Here we present an outline of the operational system, and some examples of predictive skill for select case studies.