



## Anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> in the Mediterranean Sea

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Measurements of CO<sub>2</sub> and tracers are sparse in the Mediterranean Sea and there are no published estimates of the anthropogenic carbon (C<sub>ant</sub>) inventory. Here we present a dataset of inorganic CO<sub>2</sub> and CFC's from a cruise with the research vessel Meteor in October/November 2001 (M51/2) that traversed the Mediterranean Sea from west to east. We calculated the C<sub>ant</sub> distribution in the Mediterranean Sea with the TTD (transient time distribution) method using the CFC data and the surface water alkalinity-salinity-correlation determined with data from the same cruise. On this basis we present an estimate of the Mediterranean Sea inventory of C<sub>ant</sub>. Since there are more datapoints in the eastern than in the western part, we divided the Mediterranean Sea into 3 basins and calculated an inventory for each of them separately. Compared to its small volume relative to the world oceans the Mediterranean Sea has a high column inventory of C<sub>ant</sub>.