

# Does Anyone Use the Publications of GESAMP?

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Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects  
of Marine Environmental Protection**



# GESAMP

- an international marine scientific advisory body
  - began in 1969, with four sponsors
  - sponsored by the UN and seven of its agencies
- a committee of volunteer scientific experts
  - working groups address specific questions
  - rigorous internal and external peer review
- gives advice on marine environmental protection
  - to the agencies
  - through them, to their member governments

# GESAMP Publications

- Reports and Studies series began in 1975
  - 26 reports of annual sessions (plus 6 earlier ones)
  - 48 thematic studies
  - some translated: French, Spanish, Russian, Chinese
- some reprinted
  - 13 in UNEP Regional Seas series
  - 1 in IAEA Technical Reports series
- related journal articles & books (10 identified)
- working documents, report drafts, histories

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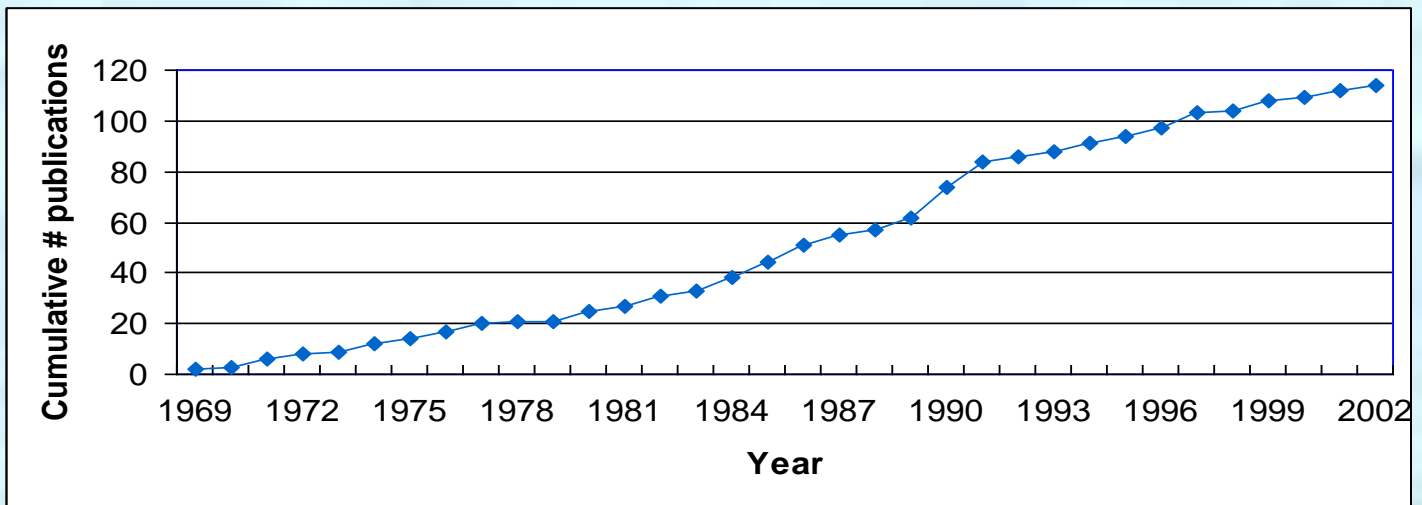
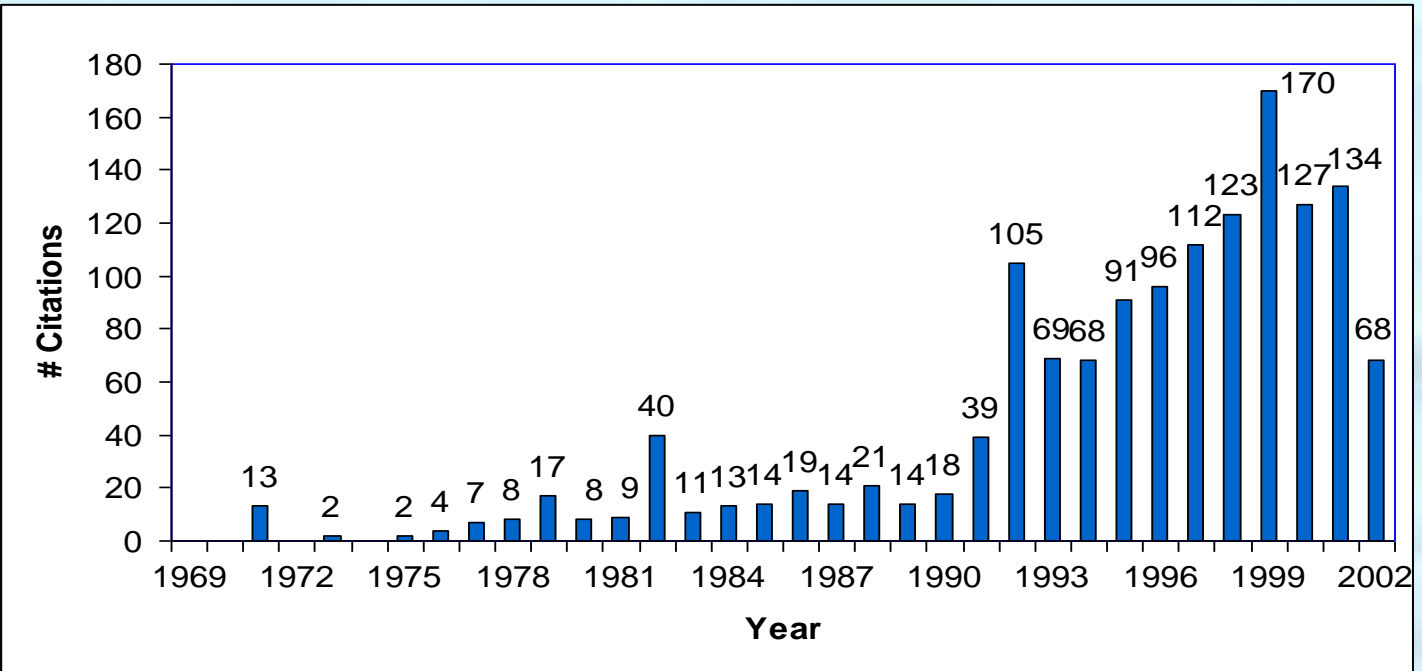
- Located 1510 citing papers, 1822 citations
- Clarified which report/version cited
  - Cryptic cited reference records
  - Errors in papers, Web of Science, GESAMP reports

# Distribution of Citations

- Among reports and versions
  - some heavily cited, others not at all
- Over time
  - reports cited over a decade after publication
- Authors
  - connection to GESAMP
  - location: 43% W. Europe, 31% N. America
- Journals
  - environmental, earth & ocean sciences
  - international relations, law
  - environmental engineering, occupational health, food science

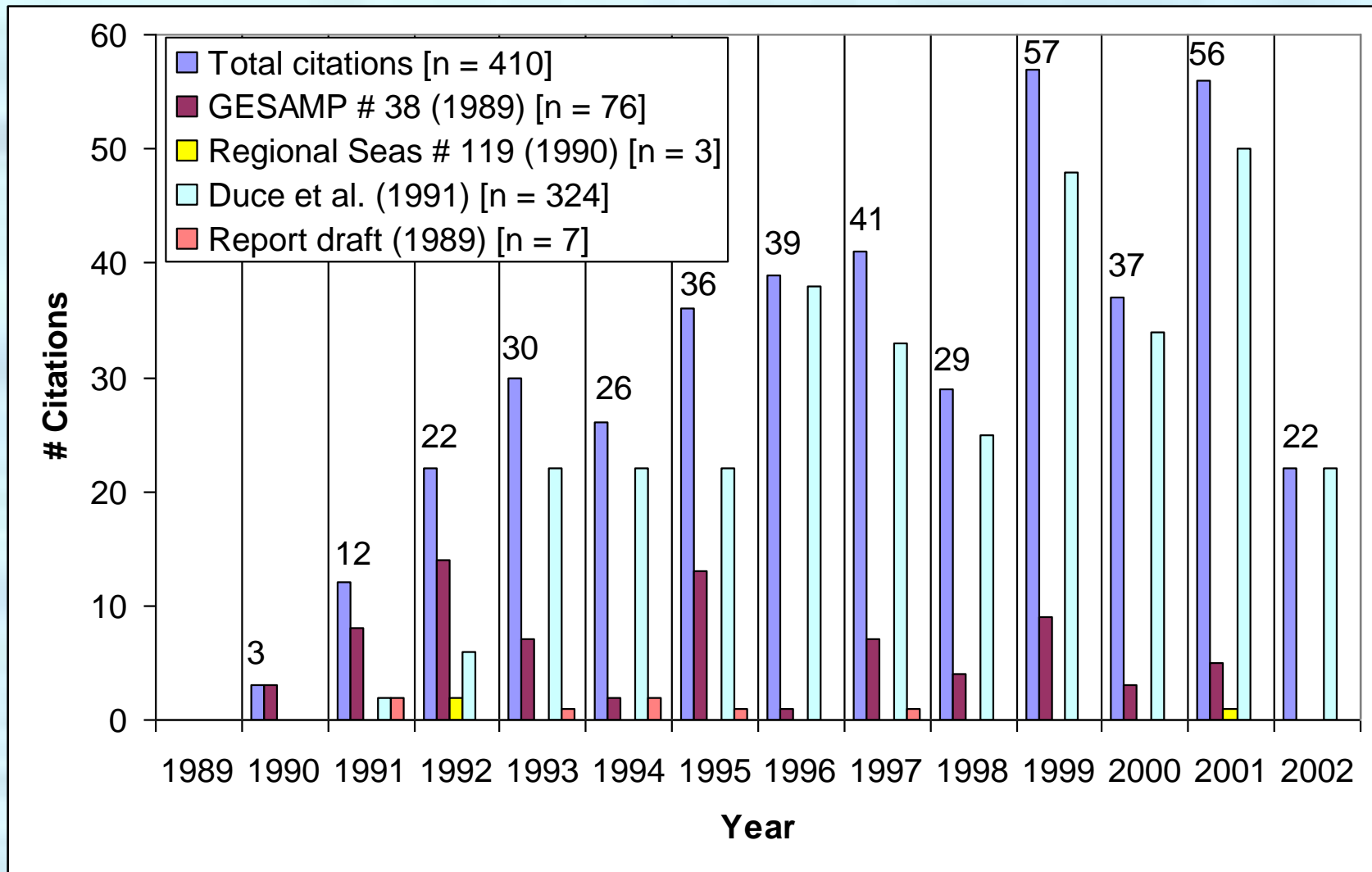
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# Citations of Versions of *The Atmospheric Input of Trace Species to the World Ocean*

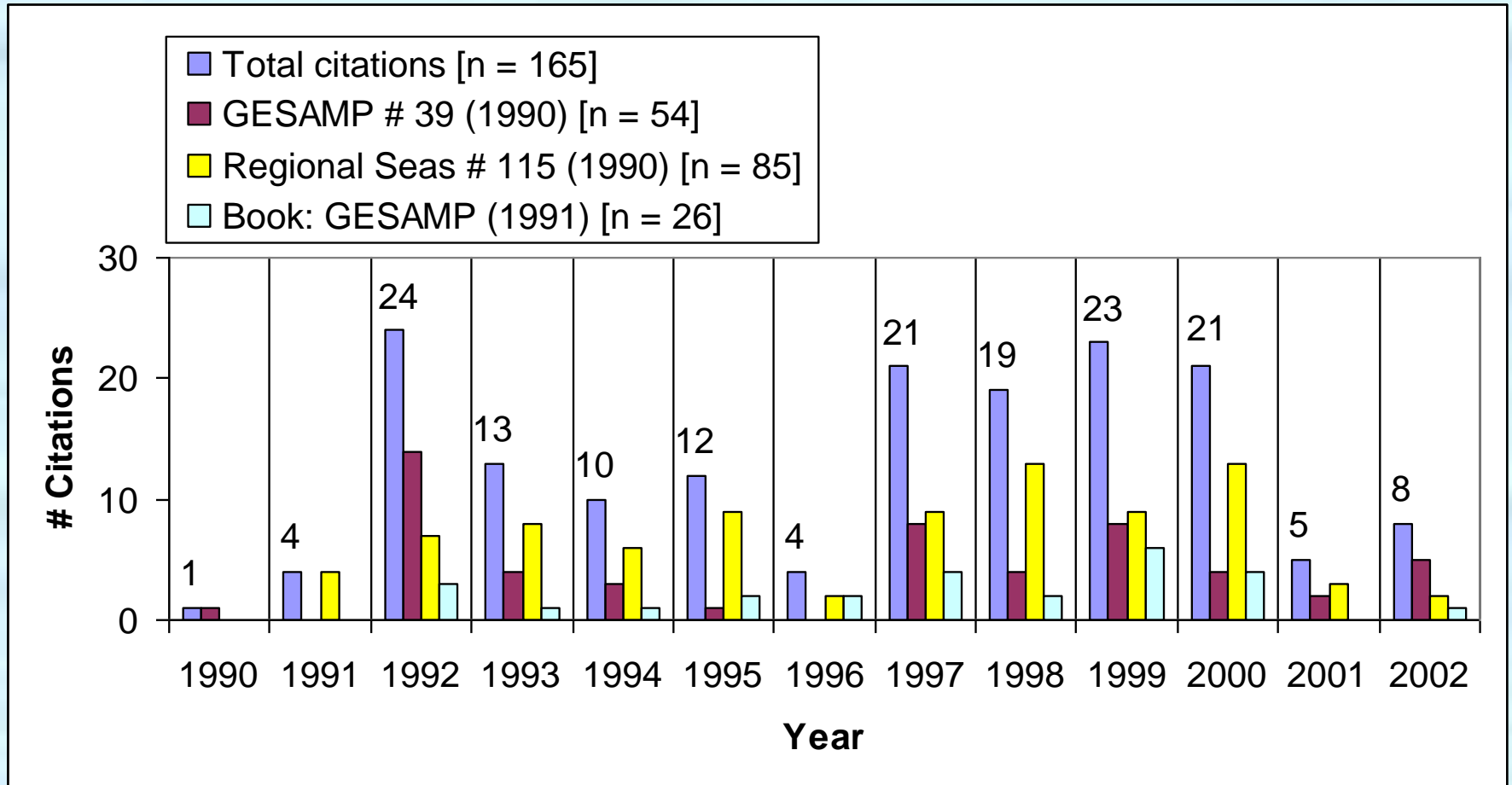


# Recommendations to GESAMP

- Use GESAMP acronym as official name
- Think like a publisher:
  - Keep bibliographic information consistent
  - Publicize new reports
  - Send copies to indexing agencies
- Publish as journal articles and books as well
- Update and publicize website



# Citations of Versions of *The State of the Marine Environment*



# GESAMP Name Changes

*1969* — Joint IMCO/FAO/UNESCO/ WMO  
Group of **E**xperts on the **S**cientific **A**spects  
of **M**arine **P**ollution . . .

*1993* — IMO/FAO/UNESCO-IOC/  
WMO/WHO/IAEA/UN/UNEP Joint Group  
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Marine Environmental Protection

# Impact of this Study

- Shows that Web of Science can be used to
  - trace citations of a complex body of Grey Literature
  - reveal some aspects of the influence of a scientific organization
- Contributed to the review process
  - GESAMP to continue with revised structure