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The *Atlas of the Oceans: Wind and Wave Climate* is the first CD-ROM in this field to offer integrated dynamic access to spatially-consistent data, abstracts, video, graphics and full electronic text in a **cross-platform multimedia** environment. The CD-ROM provides a complete information resource for all those interested in **global wind and wave regimes**. No need for complicated user manuals - just **install and go!** The user-friendly interface provides intuitive access to:

- a **ready-to-use interactive database** on global wind and wave parameters
- data for every month of the year
- **searchable electronic reference source**
- video clips of Beaufort Sea States

Exclusively for this product, the raw **GEOSAT data** has been processed to eliminate errors and to calibrate measurements with *in situ* readings. The data is further manipulated to provide a unique dataset of monthly-mean values for wind and wave parameters:

- **wind speed**
- **wind speed exceedence**
- **wind direction**
- **wave height**
- **wave height exceedence**

The parameters are displayed as **colour contour Charts** or as **Graphs** along any user-selected route.

## Charts

- Interactive **global ocean coverage**
- **Zoom function** for regional studies
- Ability to **overlay** with **wind direction** and/or grids of **latitude and longitude**
- **Smoothing facility** to show clearly defined contours
- User can **select colour scheme**

## Graphs

- Plot wind and wave parameters along **any chosen route**
- Great circle or user-defined path
- Wave height or wind speed can be plotted with wind direction

- **Ideal for ship-route planning**

**Searchable Illustrated Text Includes:**

- an **introduction** to global meteorology and ocean wind waves
- information on **preparation of GEOSAT data**
- a bibliography of over **600 abstracts**
- **hyperlinks** to related charts, graphs, and abstracts

This unique combination of text, calibrated data, and video makes the *Atlas of the Oceans: Wind and Wave Climate* **an essential tool for:**

- shipping operators
- coastal, offshore and ocean engineers
- researchers
- tour operators
- educators

The atlas is the first CD-ROM title in the *Ocean Science Interactive Series*. It is also available packaged with an illustrated hardbound book of the same title.

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