Ocean Scientists' Role and Needs Related to Education: A 6-year study

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Scientist Survey: Why?

- COSEE Mission: Engage scientists and educators in transformative ocean education projects
- We know educators....but scientists??



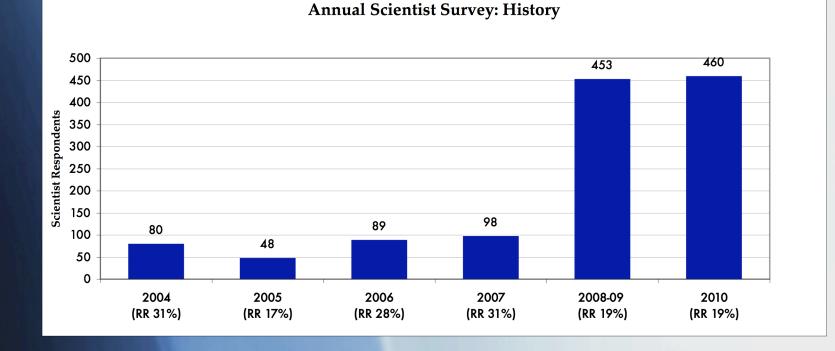
What are they up to & what do they need?

Annual Scientist Survey

Same baseline questions each year Different annual focus

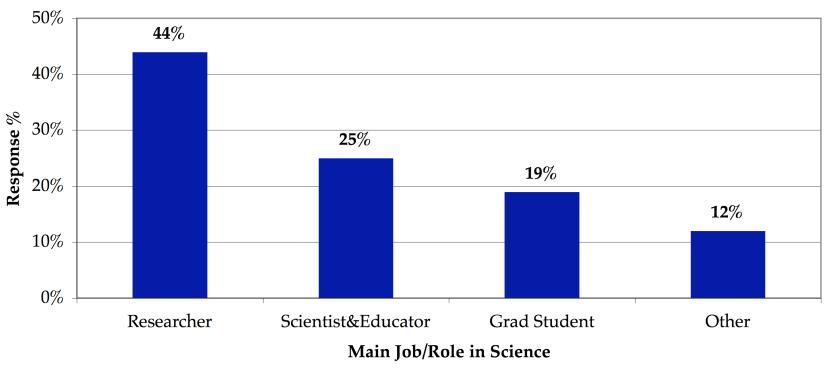
Scientist Survey History

- Began in 2004
- Early scientist surveys with ORION
- Past two years with ASLO (n = 670 & 700)
- Invitations by email with link to online survey

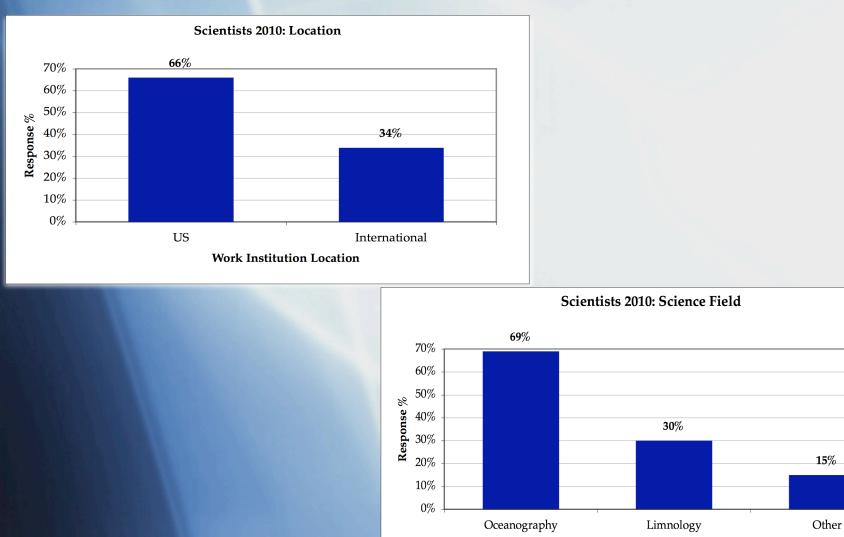


Survey Respondents 2010 n ≈ 700

Scientist Survey 2010: Job/Role

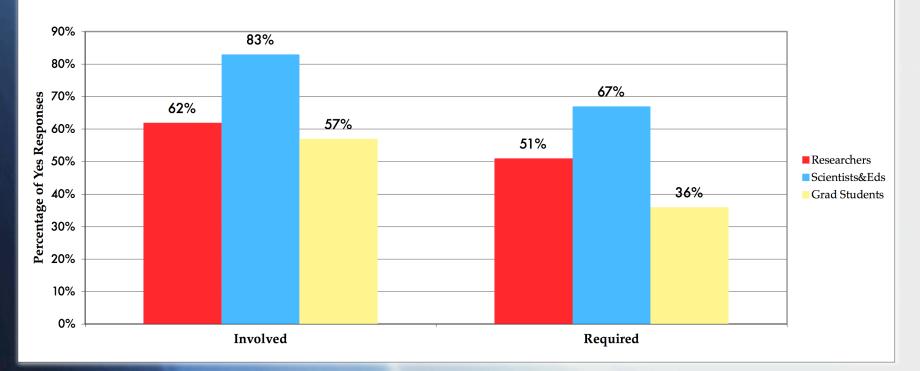


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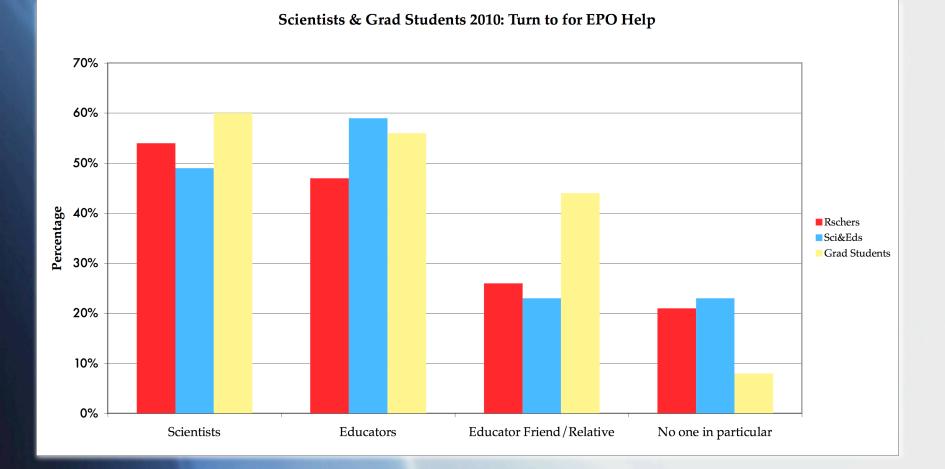
Results Highlights

Involved in EPO & Required Overall, 67% involved; 51% required (by research funding)



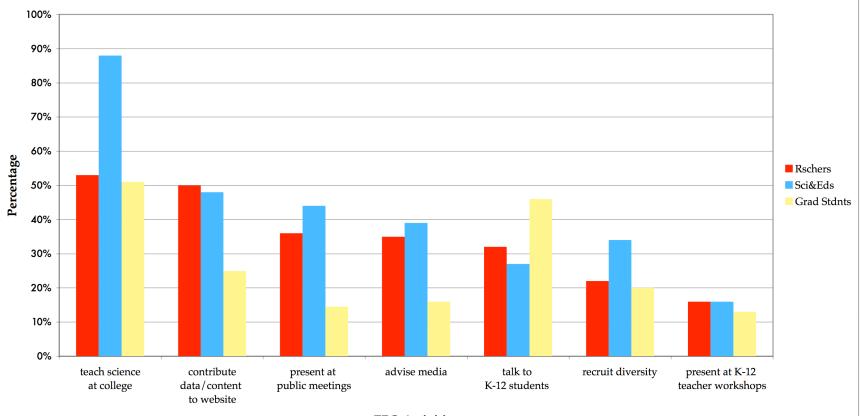
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Sources of EPO Advice/Help



Which EPO Activities

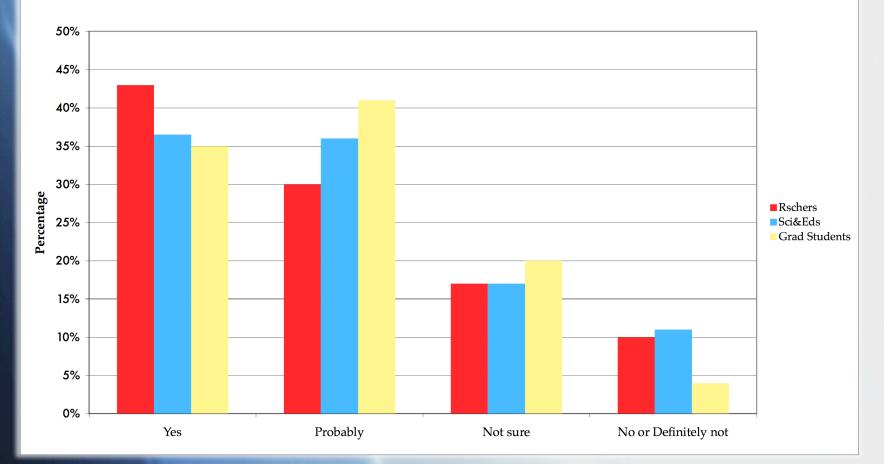
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EPO Activities

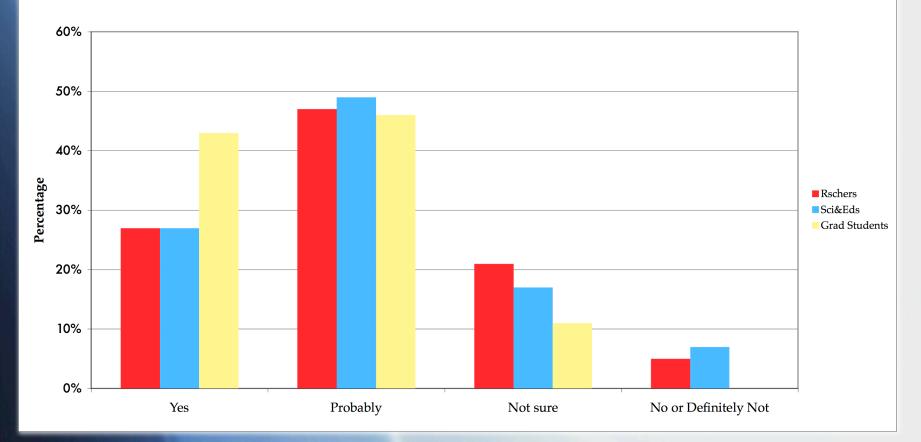
Research, Broader Impacts & EPO

Scientists & Grad Students 2010: Broader Impact Good Way to Facilitate Research/EPO Link?



Broader Impact Help

Scientists & Grad Students 2010: Need Help With Broader Impact?



Broader Impact Needs

(no percentages yet)

- Good examples, good models of BI sections & projects
- Projects to plug into
- What's realistic for the money
- Projects other than websites and teachers
- How to engage at the right audience level
- What really works
- Are Bls working
- Specifics on what funders want
- How to find help
- Training, advice



What We've Learned: Scientists Are Different From One Another



- Drawn into science for different reasons
- Have different EPOviews, interests, skills& commitment
- Have different needs (including requirements)

Need to understand our collaborators better and tailor to their needs!

Thanks to All who have contributed to our annual surveys!

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