

# **Old versions of WMO–No.47**

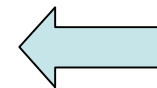
Presentation for ETMC-I/Doc. 5.3  
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# Early WMO–No.47 background

- Metadata for 1955-72: paper only pub.
- Libraries surveyed:
  - WMO, NOAA, UK MetO, JMA, etc.
- WMO loaned most volumes
- NOAA/CDMP project to image + digitize
  - imaging (to PDF) complete  
([www.cdc.noaa.gov/coads/metadata/wmo47/](http://www.cdc.noaa.gov/coads/metadata/wmo47/))
  - digitization planned by early 2005

# Editions and supplements located (only one stand-alone supplement)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Edition</u>	<u>Explanatory notes</u>
1955	Ed.(1)1955	Volumes were hard-bound through the 1963 Edition
1956	Ed.(2)1956	
1957	Ed.(3)1957	
1958	Ed.(4)1958	
1959	Ed.(5)1959	Including Cyrillic characters for USSR call signs
1960	Ed.(6)1960	"
1961	Ed.(7)1961	"
1962	Ed.(8)1962	"
1963	Ed.(9)1963	"
1964	Supp.1964	Indicates amendments and insertions
1966	Ed.(10)1966	Loose-leaf binding adopted "to simplify keeping...up to date"
1968	Ed.(10)1966+1+2	1966 edition with two supps: Supp. 1(X) (1967), Supp. 2(V) (1968)
1968	Ed.(10)1966+1+2+3	1966 edition with three supplements: above, plus Supp. 3(XII) (1968)
1970	Ed.1970	Edition numbering was dropped starting in 1970
1971	Ed.1971	
1972	Ed.1972	



# Digitization/usage considerations

- Digitization:
  - Cyrillic characters/some French terminology
  - supplements: manually amend/delete/etc.
  - possible model: Liz Kent's reformatting of 1973-94 metadata into delimited format
- Usage:
  - linkage with observations more difficult back to 1955: few call signs/ship names in data
  - independent analysis of metadata may be useful
- Note: merger of selected metadata with ICOADS 1980-97 data underway in cooperation with SOC