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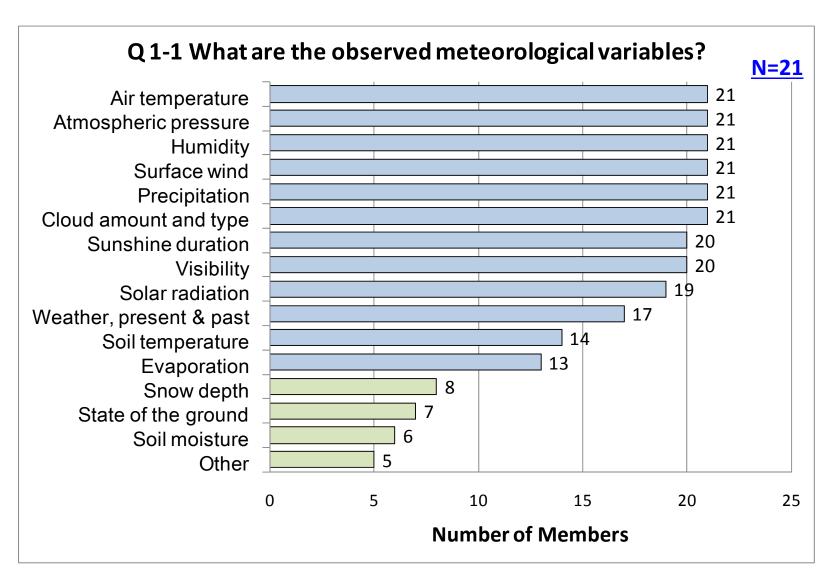
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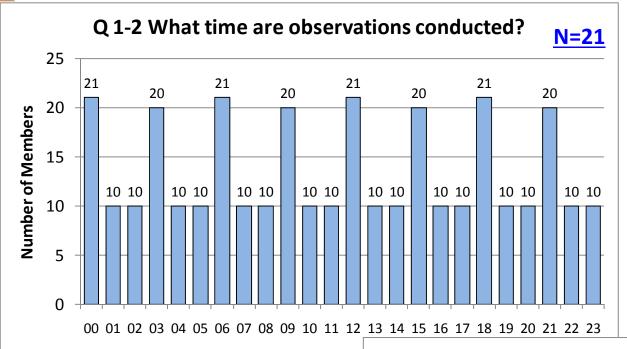
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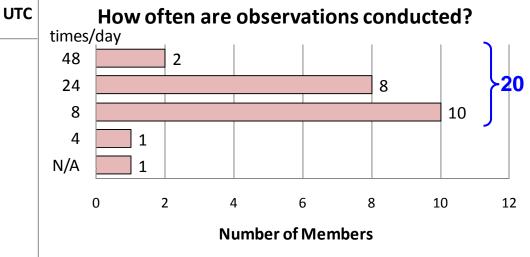
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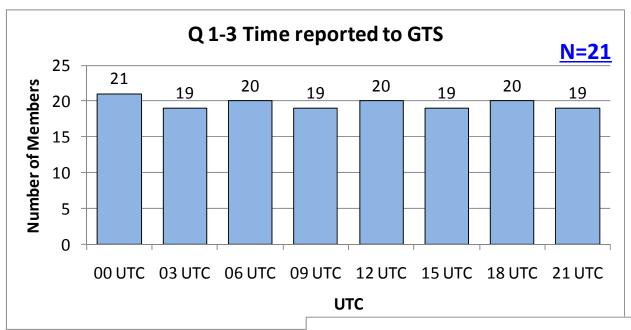


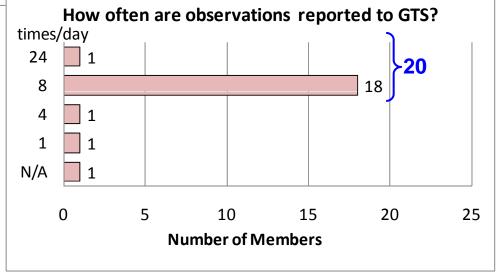




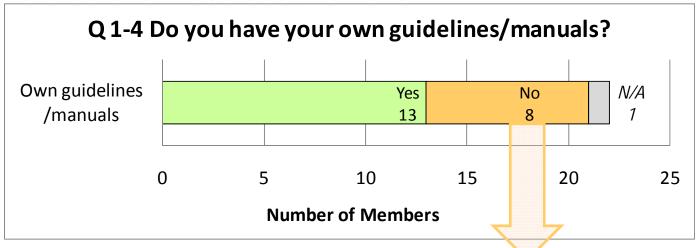


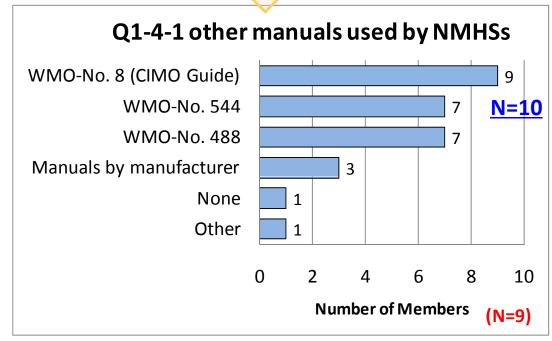




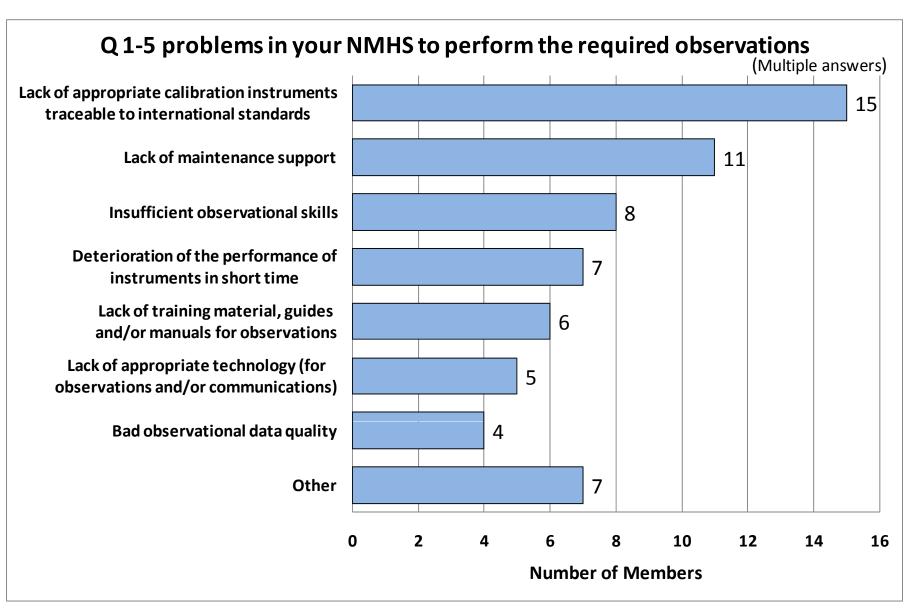






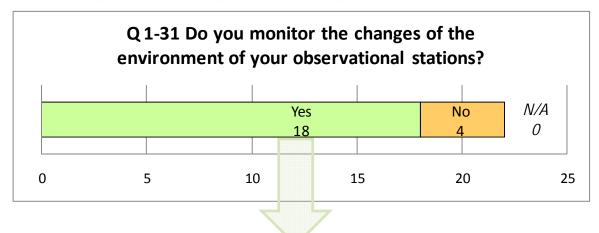


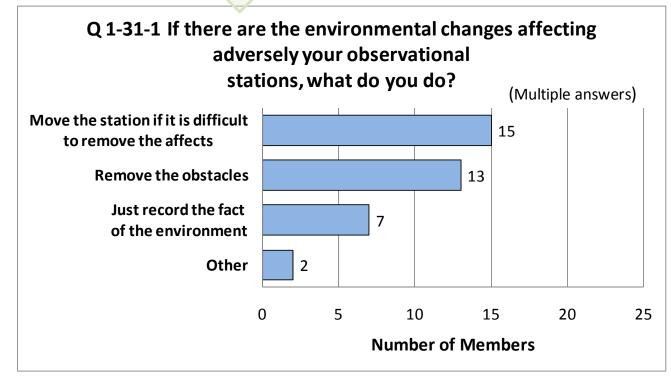






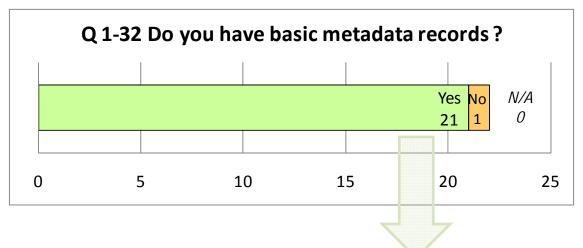
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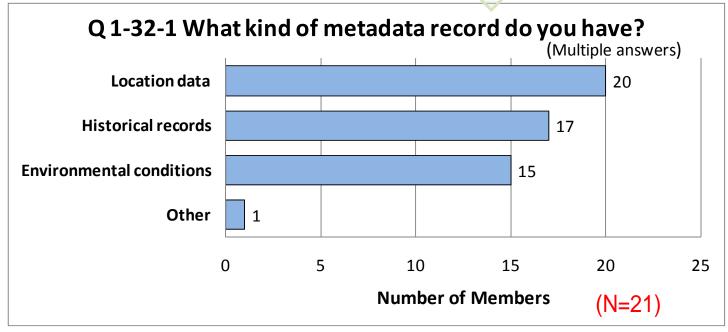






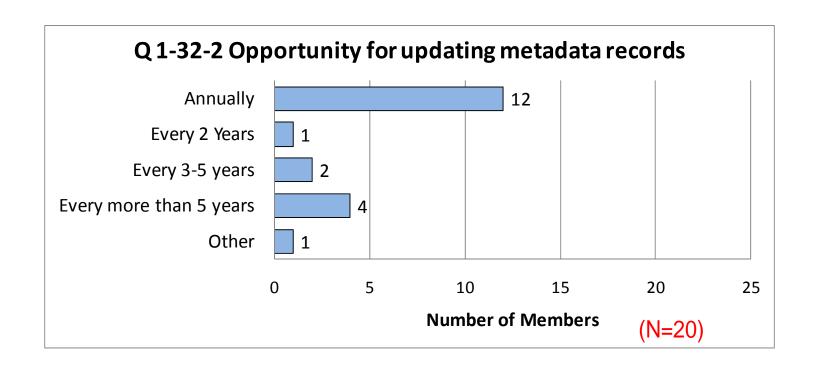
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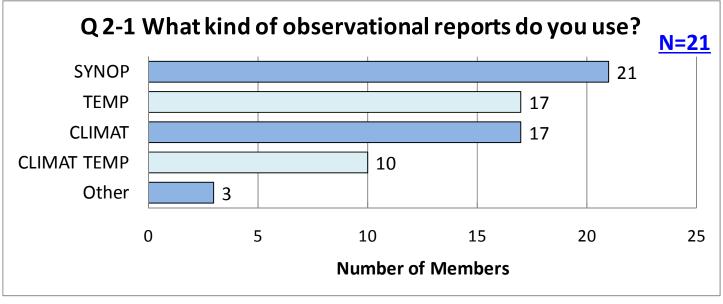


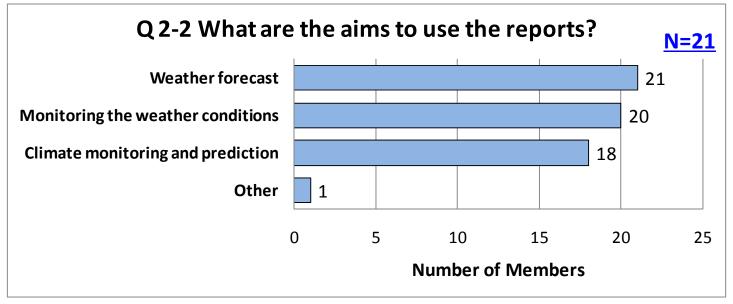


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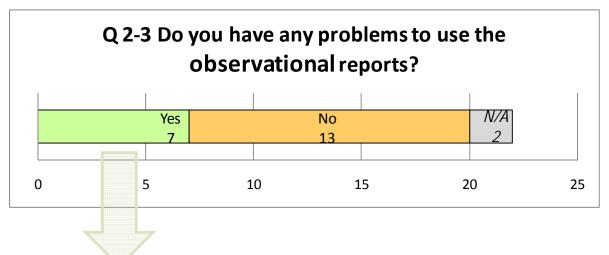


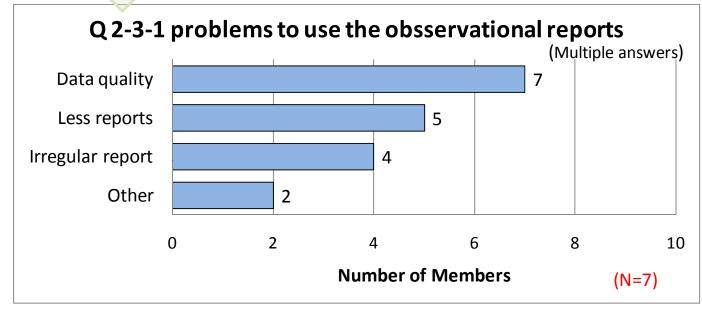




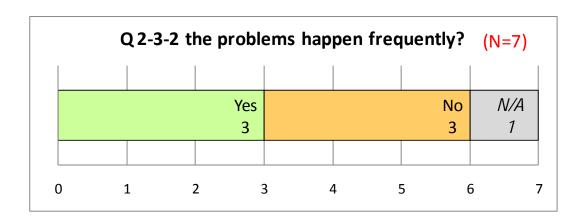




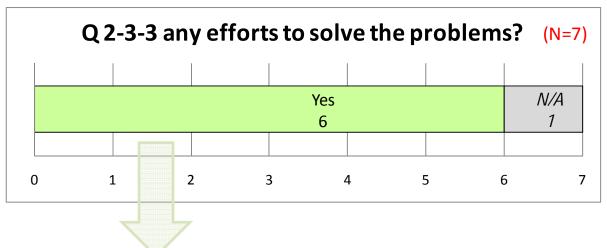


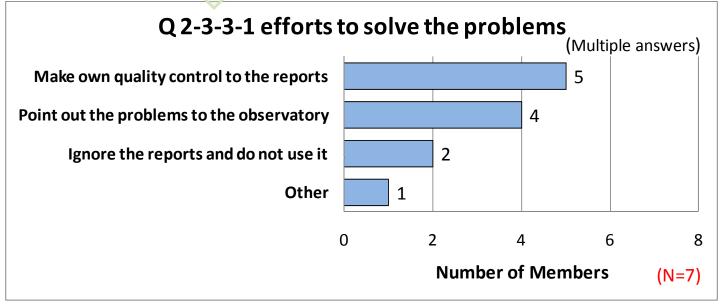








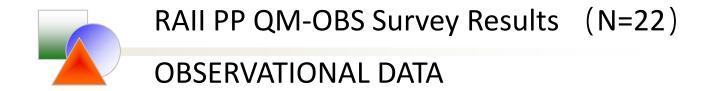






SITING AND METADATA

Items	Current Status	Issues
Surface Observations ➤ Variables ➤ Frequency of observations ➤ Frequency of reporting ➤ Guidelines / manuals	Good Good Good Good	Problems to perform the required observations •Lack of appropriate calibration instruments •Lack of maintenance support
Metadata ➤ Basic metadata records ➤ Updating metadata	Good Good	
Observational Reports ➤SYNOP ➤CLIMAT	Good Good	Problems to use observational reports •Data quality •Less reports •Irregular report



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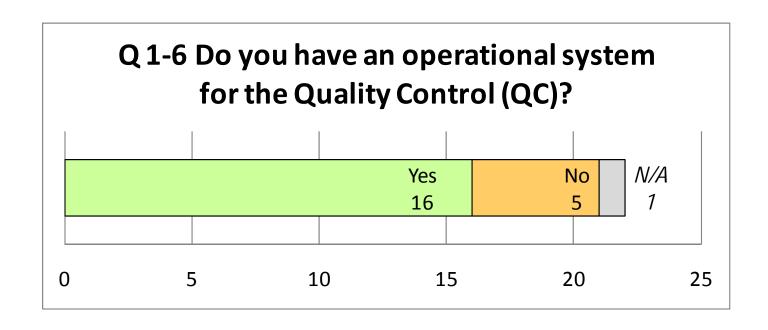
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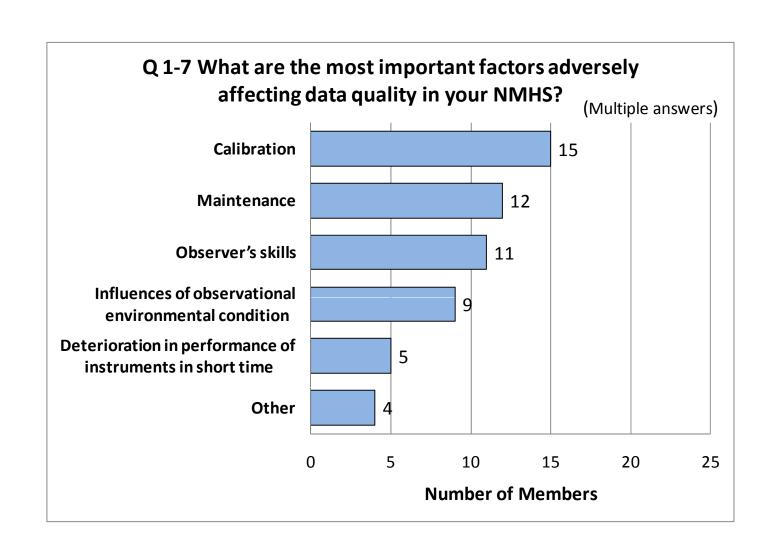


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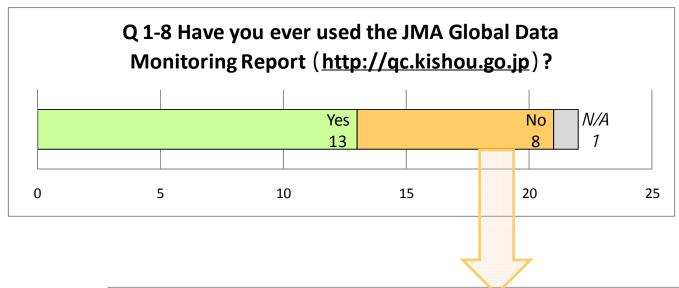


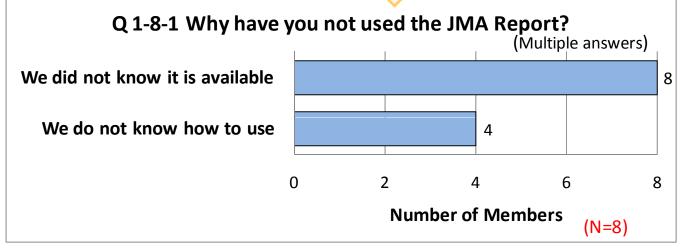
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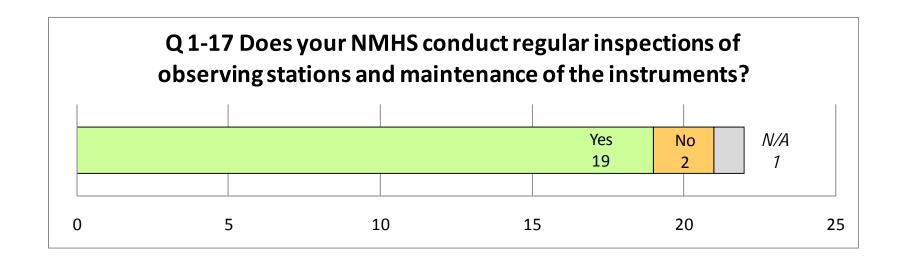


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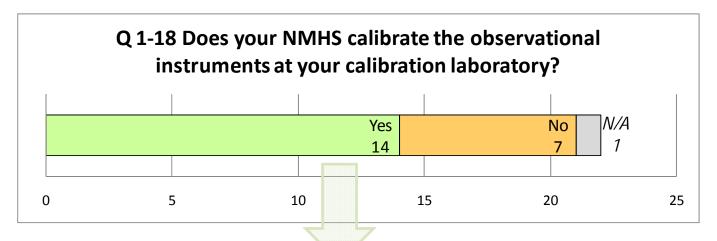


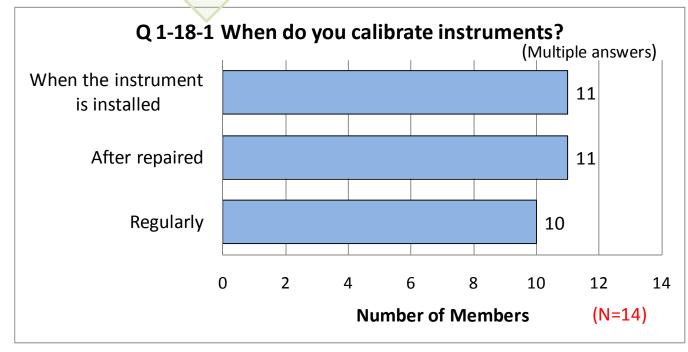




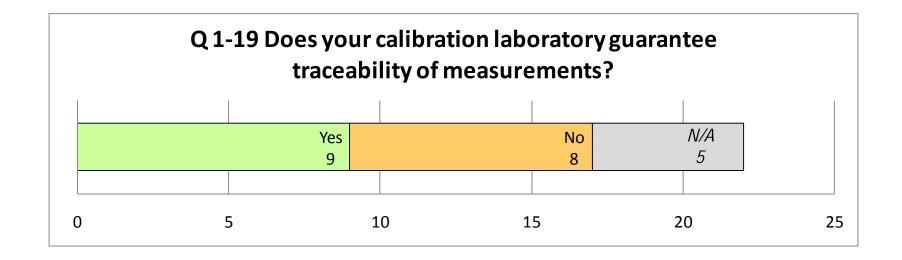




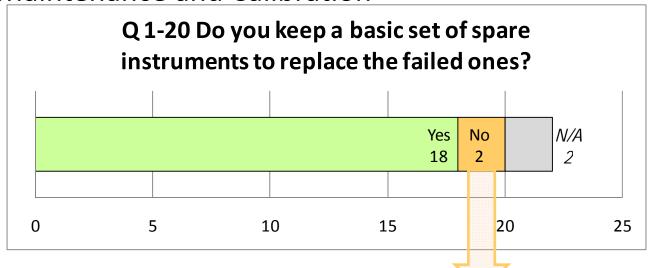


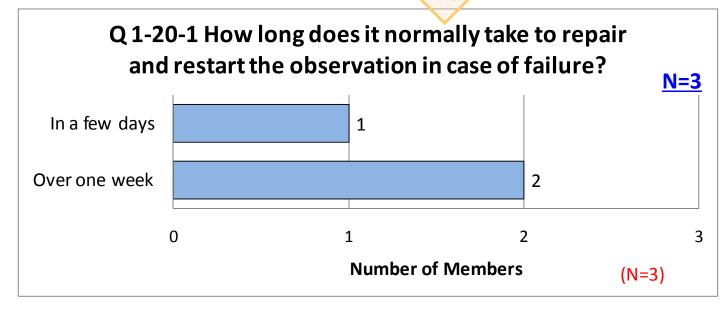






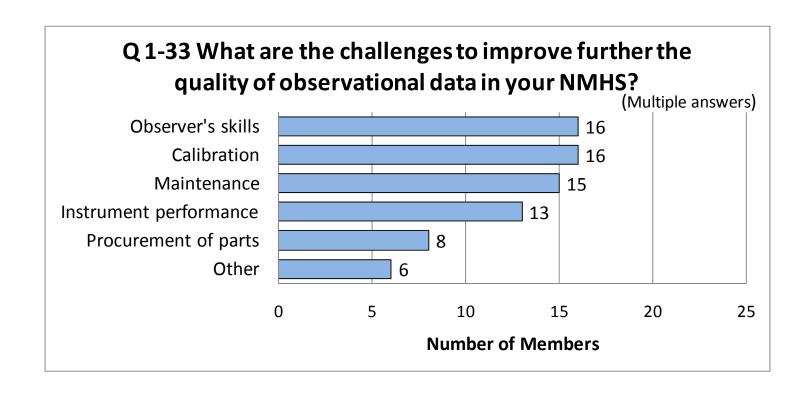






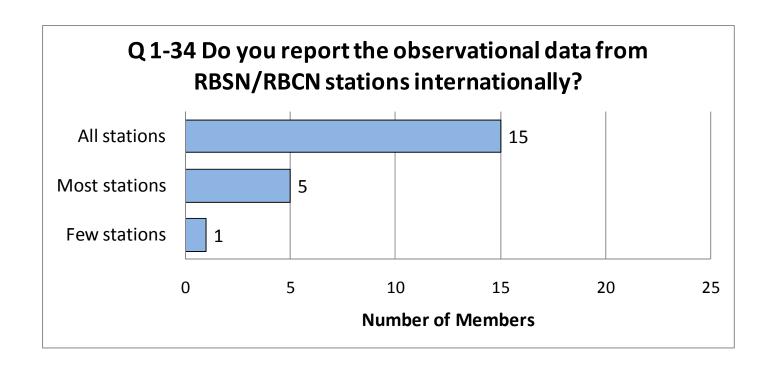


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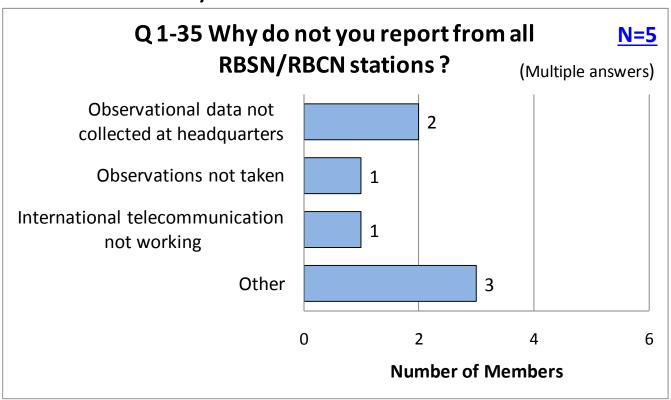


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Other reasons:

- Ex 1). Only few meteorological variables are taken
- Ex 2). Deterioration in performance of observational instruments



Quality Assurance / Quality Control

Items	Current Status	Issues
Quality control of surface observational data > QC at observing station > QC in the data processing / dissemination centre > Important factors affecting data quality > JMA Global Data Monitoring Report		 Improvement of QC methods applied at different levels Important factors affecting data quality Maintenance and calibration Observer's skills Observational environmental condition
Maintenance and calibration ➤ Regular inspections and maintenance ➤ Calibration, Calibration laboratory and International traceability	Good	➤Traceability of measurements to international standards



Quality Assurance / Quality Control Cont.

Items	Current Status	Issues
Maintenance and calibration ➤ spare instruments		•Insufficient supply of spare instruments (two or more members)
Further Improvement > challenges to improve the quality of observational data		Observer's skillsMaintenance and calibrationInstrument performance
Data availability		One or more members have following issues. Observations not taken Observational data not collected International telecommunication not working



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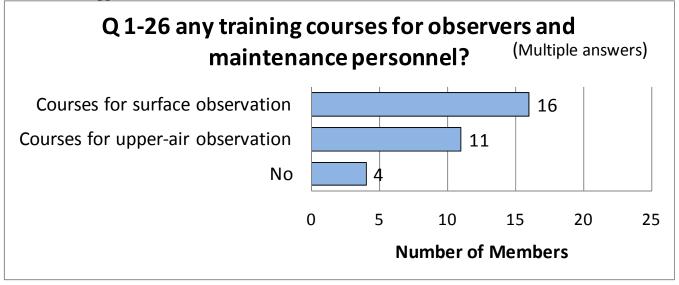
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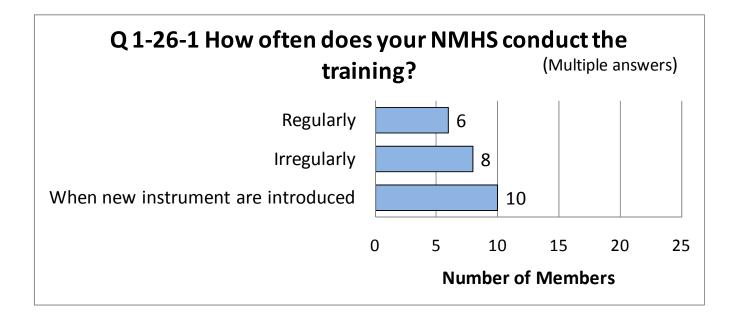
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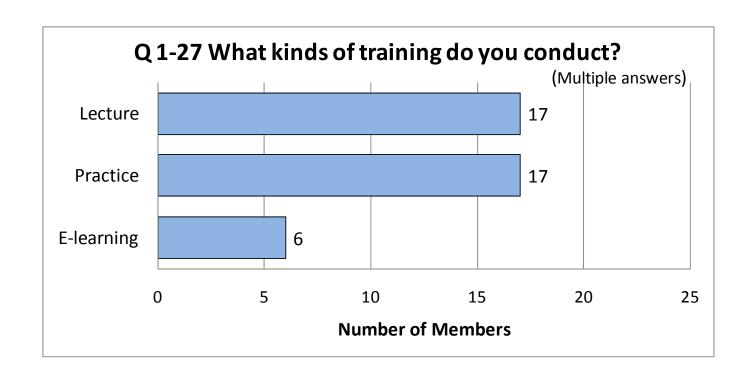
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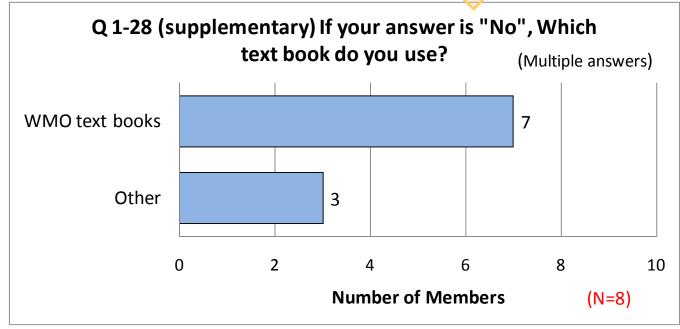




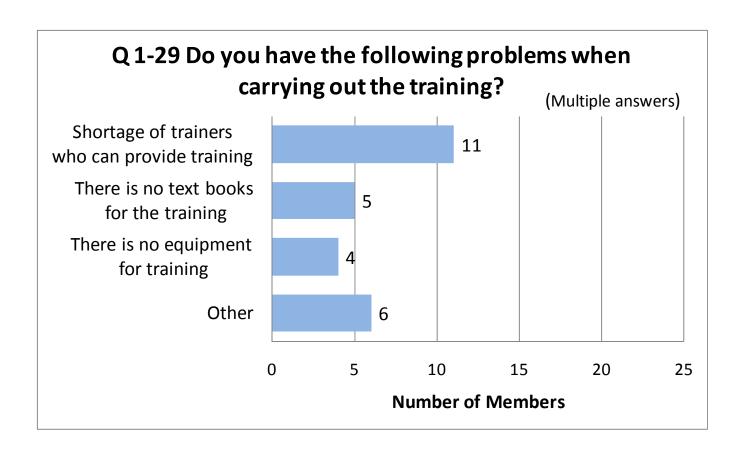






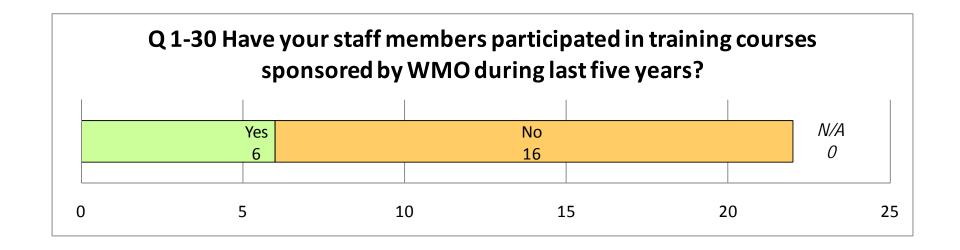






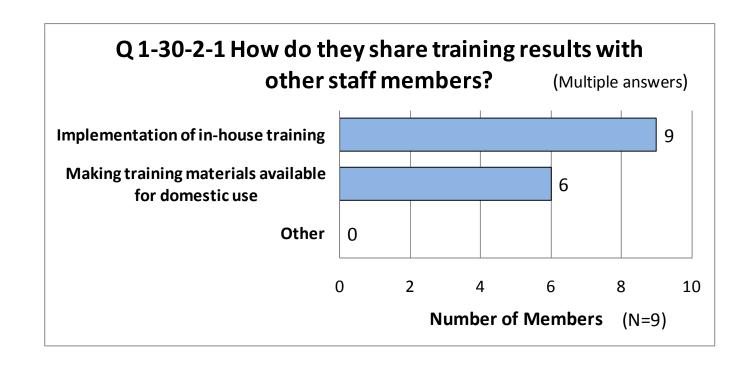


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TRAINING

Items	Current Status	Issues
Training for observers ➤ What kinds of training do you do? ➤ Training textbook		➤ Development of training materials
Training course ➤ Participation in training courses on the meteorological instruments sponsored by WMO		➤Six members have participated in training courses on the meteorological instruments sponsored by WMO during last five years.



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