First, OBIS nodes should operate under IODE as either IODE/ADU or IODE/NODC. As such OBIS nodes are a member of the IODE network.

The IODE Steering Group (SG) for OBIS evaluates the health status of OBIS nodes at each annual SG meeting, and considers an OBIS node as inactive when it meets any of the following conditions:

1. The OBIS node manager recurrently fails to answer the communications from the project manager or the SG co-chairs in the last 12 months
2. The OBIS node manager or a representative fails to attend (personally or virtually) the last 2 SG meetings without any written reason
3. The OBIS node does not have an IPT
4. The OBIS node has an IPT, but it has not been running for the last 12 months
5. The datasets in the OBIS node’s IPT have been removed and not restored in the last 12 months (without any explanation)
6. The OBIS node has not provided new data for the last 2 years
7. The OBIS node manager has not responded to a dataset in the queue within 6 months

The OBIS secretariat prepares a health status check report of each OBIS node based on the seven items above and informs the OBIS node manager on their status 3 months before the SG meeting.

At the SG meeting, the co-chair will present the results of the OBIS nodes health status check report including a listing of the inactive OBIS nodes.

The SG members representing active OBIS Nodes will make one of the following decisions:

1. Request the inactive OBIS node to submit an action plan to improve their performance, within 3 months, to the OBIS secretariat.
   Or
2. Provide a recommendation to the IODE Committee to remove the OBIS node from the IODE network.

In either case, the OBIS secretariat will inform the OBIS node manager of the SG decision, with a copy to the IODE officers and IODE national coordinator of the country concerned.

The IODE Committee is requested to consider the recommendation from the OBIS Steering Group and it may either accept the recommendation or request the inactive OBIS node to submit an action plan (option 1).

When the inactive OBIS node is removed from the IODE network, the SG will ask whether another OBIS node is interested in taking over the responsibilities of the removed OBIS node, until a new OBIS node in the country/region is established.