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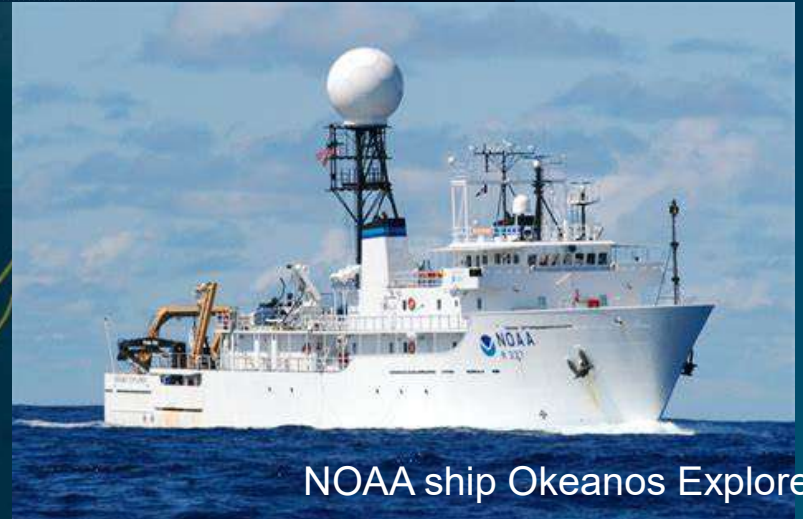
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# Workshop on Enhancing Collaboration in Marine Scientific Research Approvals and Data Sharing

**Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2025**

**Location: TBD**

This workshop represents a critical step in fostering greater collaboration and efficiency in marine scientific research approvals and data sharing. By addressing key challenges and identifying actionable solutions, the marine scientific community and coastal States can work together to advance our collective understanding and stewardship of the ocean.



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## Objectives

1. Facilitate dialogue between the marine scientific research community and MSR-approving coastal States to identify and address key challenges in the MSR approval process.
2. Develop actionable recommendations to streamline the MSR approval process, ensuring timely and efficient authorizations.
3. Explore strategies for harmonized data sharing protocols, focusing on deep ocean science data.
4. Foster collaborations to enhance mutual understanding and cooperation between researchers and coastal State authorities.



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## Proposed Agenda

2 Days – 4 Sessions

- Session 1: Challenges in MSR Approvals
- Session 2: Best Practices and Lessons Learned
- Session 3: Deep Ocean Data Sharing
- Session 4: Collaborative Solutions



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## Intended participants

- Representatives from coastal States' MSR approving authorities.
- Members of the marine scientific research community.
- Experts in international maritime law and ocean governance.
- Representatives from relevant regional and international organizations (e.g., SPC, Seabed 2030, GEBCO, IOC-UNESCO).



# The SWPHC is requested to:

- Note this presentation and provide any feedback or questions.
- Support this initiative.
- Request Members to engage with their governments to raise awareness and engage in this initiative.

