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DEVELOPMENTS IN MARINE SCIENCE RESEARCH POLICY

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- *Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)*
- *International Council for the Exploration of the Seas (ICES)*
- *North Pacific Marine Science Council (PICES)*
- *South Pacific Applied Geosciences Commission (SOPAC)*
- *Regional Fisheries Management Orgs.*
- *UN Regional Seas Programs*
- *Vessel Clearances*



U.N. Law of the Sea Treaty

- *Spring 2001: United Nations Informal Consultative Process*
- *Summer 2001: IOC Advisory Body of Experts on Law of the Sea*
- *Fall 2001: U.N. General Assembly*



Vessel Clearances at DOS

LOSC Article 245: coastal state jurisdiction over MSR conducted within the 200 mile exclusive economic zone (EEZ)

LOSC Article 250: communications concerning MSR projects shall be made through appropriate official channels



Clearance Trends

	1998	1999	2000	2001
<i>Cruises</i>	130	133	121	116
<i>Requests</i>	315	313	296	281
<i>Actions</i>	1940	1719	1381	1310



Post 9-11 Procedures

- Meeting lead time requirements
- Foreign collaboration
- Ship operator's endorsement
- Electronic requests
- Threat assessments



Threat Considerations

Incidences of piracy, armed robbery, illegal trafficking

and/or

Absence of diplomatic relations and/or governing authority



DOS Travel Warnings

http://travel.state.gov/warnings_list.html

Turkmenistan - 11/7/01
Macedonia - 10/22/01
Sudan - 10/5/01
Indonesia - 9/27/01
Tajikistan - 9/26/01
Pakistan - 9/25/01
Kyrgyz Republic - 9/21/01
Yemen - 9/19/01
Iran - 8/24/01
Sierra Leone - 8/20/01
Israel, the West Bank
and Gaza - 8/10/01
Iraq - 7/20/01
Libya - 6/6/01
Liberia - 5/31/01
Algeria - 5/31/01

Central African Republic - 5/30/01
Solomon Islands - 5/1/01
Guinea-Bissau - 4/30/01
Colombia - 4/17/01
Bosnia & Herzegovina - 4/13/01
Democratic Republic of
Congo - 4/11/01
Somalia - 2/16/01
Federal Republic of
Yugoslavia - 2/13/01
Afghanistan - 12/12/00
Burundi - 12/7/00
Angola - 9/8/00
Lebanon - 8/28/00
Albania - 6/12/00
Nigeria - 4/7/00





NIMA Maritime Safety Reports

<http://pollux.nss.nima.mil/index/index.html>

- General Information/Points of Contact
- Geographic Locator (Region/Subregion)
- Digital Nautical Chart® Home Page
- US Notice to Mariners
- NIMA Hydrographic Products Catalog
- NIMA On-Line Navigation Publications
- Marine Navigation Calculator
- USCG Navigation Information
- Broadcast Warning Messages**
- Anti-Shipping Activity Messages**
- ONI WorldWide Threats to Shipping**
- Mobile Offshore Drilling Units



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