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U.S. MARINE SCIENCE RESEARCH PERMITS

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Dept. of State & Science

- *Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs*
 - *Oceans Affairs & Marine Conservation*
 - *Ecology & Terrestrial Conservation*
 - *Science & Technology Cooperation*
 - *Space & Advanced Technology*
 - *International Health Affairs*
- *Office of the Science & Technology Advisor to the Secretary*
- *Bureau of Nonproliferation*



Dept. of State & Marine Science

- *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.*
- *International Maritime Organization (IMO)*
- *UN Regional Seas Programs*
- *Law of the Sea (LOS)*



Dept. of State & Law of the Sea

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



LOS & Marine Research

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

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



Clearance Trends

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
<i>Cruises</i>	130	133	121	133	110
<i>Requests</i>	315	313	296	307	212
<i>Foreign</i>	75	86	70	65	70



Cruise #	State	Documentation
2002045	Canada	DFAIT Letter No. TCM-0163
2001133	Mexico	No Response
2001127	Russia	MFA Diplomatic Note No. 2933/dsa
2001115	Russia	MFA Diplomatic Note No. 2934/dsa
2001113	Barbados	No Response
2001109	Barbados	No Response
2001107	Kiribati	No Response
2001105	Cuba	No Response
2001105	Dominican Republic	No Response
2001098	Dominica	No Response
2001087	Venezuela	No Response
2001087	Grenada	MFA Diplomatic Note No. 744/2001
2001062	St. Vincent	No Response
2001062	St. Martin	No Response
2001062	St. Lucia	No Response
2001050	Mexico	No Response
2001048	St. Lucia	No Response
2001048	Grenada	No Response
2001048	Bermuda	No Response
2001048	St. Vincent	No Response
2001039	Saudi Arabia	MFA Denial
2001039	Djibouti	Embassy would not make untimely request fearing impact on pending requests
2001033	Guatemala	No Response
2001033	Nicaragua	No Response
2001031	Russia	Ministry of Foreign Affairs Diplomatic Note (MOSCOW 7938)
2001030	Vanuatu	No-Starter
2001030	Solomon Islands	No-Starter
2001022	Japan	No Response
2001014	Russia	No Response
2001011	Saudi Arabia	Ministry of Foreign Affairs Diplomatic Note No. 49754, 36/96
2001011	Egypt	No Response
2001005	Cuba	Note from USINT Havana

02-01 Denials



Procedures To Note

- *Meeting lead time requirements*
- *Foreign collaboration*
- *Ship operator's endorsement*
- *Electronic applications*
- *Marine Protected Areas*
- *Threat assessments*



Threat Considerations

Incidences of piracy, armed robbery, illegal trafficking

and/or

Absence of diplomatic relations and/or governing authority





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](#)
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DOS Travel Warnings

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

(as listed Sept 26, 2002)

Cote d'Ivoire - 9/26/02

Somalia - 8/23/02

Angola - 8/23/02

Pakistan - 8/12/02

Burundi - 8/9/02

Nigeria - 8/8/02

Israel, West Bank & Gaza - 8/2/02

Sudan - 7/9/02

Afghanistan - 7/3/02

Colombia - 7/3/02

Congo-Kinshasa - 7/1/02

Pakistan - 6/26/02

Bosnia & Herzegovina - 6/4/02

Macedonia - 5/21/02

Liberia - 5/21/02

Lebanon - 4/29/02

Yemen - 3/18/02

Iran - 1/30/02

Algeria - 12/11/01

Indonesia - 11/23/01

Central African Republic - 11/8/01

Tajikistan - 9/26/01

Iraq - 7/20/01

Libya - 6/6/01

Guinea-Bissau - 4/30/01



Goals for 2003

(wish me luck)

1. *Update online country files.*
2. *Improve delivery of clearance status via online progress reports.*
3. *Develop online application form, and coordinate database development with UNOLS, NSF and Oceanic website project to avoid duplication of reporting for both scientists and operators.*
4. *Maintain ISOM contacts and track the progress of the ABE-LOS survey.*
5. *Review bilateral S&T agreements of record and identify areas of interest & development for the marine science community.*



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Marine Science Research Permit Applications & Procedures

see

<http://www.state.gov/g/oes/ocns/rvc/>

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