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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.*
- *UN Regional Seas Programs*
- *Law of the Sea (LOS)*



# Dept. of State & Law of the Sea

- **Spring: U.N. Informal Consultative Process**
  - Electronic charting
- **Summer: IOC Advisory Body of Experts on Law of the Sea**
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  - Operational oceanography
- **Fall/Winter: U.N. General Assembly**
  - Deep seabed biodiversity



# DOS, 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	2003*
<i>Cruises</i>	130	133	121	133	110	115
<i>Clearance Requests</i>	315	313	296	307	212	258
<i>Requests to U.S. Waters</i>	75	86	70	65	70	46

\* As of October 7, 2003



# 2002-2003 Denial Record

Cruise #	Name	Country	Start Date	Denial Date	Reason
2002-120	KNORR	Egypt	07/06/2003	09/01/2003	No response - no history
2002-108	MELVILLE	Angola	03/17/2003	04/16/2003	Unreasonable conditions
2002-086	EXPLORER OF THE SEAS	Sint Maarten	10/05/2002	07/18/2003	No response
2002-079	THOMAS G. THOMPSON	Vietnam	01/31/2003	02/27/2003	No response - no history
2002-070	SUNCOASTER	Bahamas	10/09/2002	11/14/2002	No response
2002-057	SEWARD JOHNSON	Bahamas	10/24/2002	11/18/2002	No response
2002-045	DELAWARE II	Canada	06/02/2002	05/21/2002	MPA scallop survey
2001-133	EXPLORER OF THE SEAS	Mexico	04/13/2002	06/17/2002	No response
2001-127	ALPHA HELIX	Russia	06/20/2002	05/31/2002	No reason provided
2001-115	MILLER FREEMAN	Russia	06/07/2002	05/31/2002	No reason provided
2001-113	KNORR	Barbados	04/14/2002	05/06/2002	No response
2001-109	KNORR	Barbados	03/18/2002	04/22/2002	No response
2001-107	ROBERT C. SEAMANS	Kiribati	03/04/2002	03/25/2002	No response
2001-105	WESTWARD	Cuba	02/11/2002	03/25/2002	No response
2001-105	WESTWARD	Dominican Rep.	02/11/2002	03/25/2002	No response
2001-098	RONALD H. BROWN	Dominica	03/07/2002	03/21/2002	No response

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# Recommended Actions

- Meeting 6-month lead time
- Ship operator's endorsement
- Electronic applications & supporting materials
- Foreign partners
- Threat assessments







# **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**



# DOS Travel Warnings

[http://travel.state.gov/warnings\\_list.html](http://travel.state.gov/warnings_list.html)

(as listed Sept 29, 2003)

Kenya - 9/25/2003

Algeria - 9/5/2003

Indonesia - 8/28/2003

Iraq - 8/22/2003

Yemen - 8/20/2003

Cote d'Ivoire - 8/13/2003

Saudi Arabia - 8/13/2003

Burundi - 8/12/2003

Afghanistan - 7/28/2003

Nigeria - 6/26/2003

Colombia - 6/16/2003

Liberia - 6/6/2003

Iran - 5/12/2003

Lebanon - 5/6/2003

Israel, the West Bank and Gaza - 4/17/03

Pakistan - 4/17/2003

Central African Republic - 4/7/2003

Democratic Republic

of the Congo - 4/7/2003

Sudan - 3/26/2003

Angola - 3/24/2003

Somalia - 3/4/2003

Zimbabwe - 1/27/2003

Tajikistan - 12/20/2002

Libya - 10/7/2002

Bosnia - 6/4/2002 30/01



# 2003 Achievements

- *Updated UN Standard Form A*
- *Updated Country Files*
- *Database Upgrade*
- *Educating Posts*
- *Summer Interns*
- *Hands-On MSR*



# Goals for 2004

1. **Online:**
  - Complete database upgrade
  - Provide application for Aircraft MSR Ops
  - Provide U.S. port call guidance for foreign ships
  - Provide link to CITES contacts for export permits
  - Provide link to UN Maritime Boundaries database
2. Improve coordination between USG agencies with regard to foreign applications.
3. Visa endorsements for scientific participants.
4. Work with UN to update their LOS country files.
5. Integrate U.S. clearance interests in bilateral S&T agreements



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# **Marine Science Research Permit Applications & Procedures**

**see**

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

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