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- 1) Formulate request for clearance to work (i.e. collect data and/or samples) within EEZ of foreign country.
 - a) how are EEZ boundaries determined
 - b) requires detailed information concerning proposed research
 - c) open channels with US State Department

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- 2) Submit request to US State Department
 - a) content of request
 - b) format of request
 - c) timing/schedule for request
 - d) to whom is request submitted

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- 3) Receive clearance from US State Department
 - a) months later
 - b) received by whom
 - c) copy to PI
 - d) copy to ship's Captain

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4) Distribute clearance

a) to PI

b) to ship's Captain

c) how

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5) Conduct cruise

{ easy part of this process }

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- 6) Compose cruise report(s) detailing work performed within EEZ
 - a) done by PI (but which one)
 - b) assistance from technician, e.g. ship track

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- 7) Data parsed to include only data within EEZ
 - a) how is data pulled out
 - b) file formats
 - c) what storage media to use

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8) Data products developed to meet clearance obligations

- a) Cruise track
- b) Charts
- c) Plots

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- 9) Report, data, and data products submitted to US State Department for each foreign clearance
 - a) When
 - b) How
 - c) Copies
 - d) Archives