



# White Paper on Working in Foreign Ports & Obtaining Marine Science Research Clearances

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## Where it began...



- Very difficult operations out of Mexico in late 2016-2017
- Large variety of issues from
  - Last minute changes in visa requirements
  - Cargo difficulties – in and out
  - Questions around agent
  - Difficulties obtaining sample shipment requirements
- Special meeting at the spring scheduling meeting (03/17)



# The Committee

- Andreas Teske/UNC
- Amanda Joye/UGA
- Dan Fornari/WHOI
- Liz Brenner/SIO
- Al Suchy/WHOI
- Miguel McKinney/RSMAS
- Alice Doyle/UNOLS (facilitator)





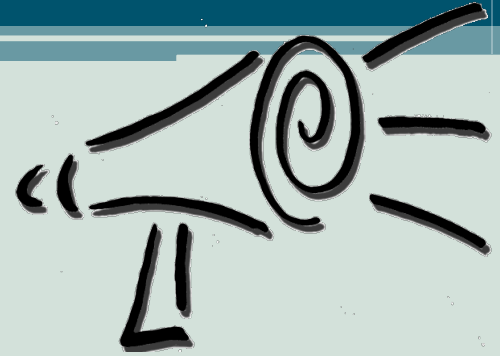
# Progress!



- **White Paper** - Proposing, Planning and Executing logistics involved in Oceanographic Field Operations in Foreign Waters and Port
  - [Executive Summary/Recommendations](#)
- **Appendix 1** – Detailed Recommendations and Considerations for Working in Foreign Ports and Obtaining Marine Science Research Clearances
- [Cruise Planning Information](#) – on UNOLS website



# Getting the word out



- ✓ Posted White Paper & App 1 on the UNOLS website
- ✓ Sent email announcement to UNOLS News & 2018 Pls
- ✓ Announced White Paper & Cruise Planning Information on the UNOLS website banner
- ✓ Added links to White Paper & App 1 in the “Ports” and “Clearances” sections of the Ship Time Request



## Yet to do:



- Obtain **feedback** on Cruise Planning Information pages
- Get moving on **Appendix B** – Working in Mexico
- Create slides for the **Chief Scientist Training**
- Packing & Shipping** Best Practices
- Other **Appendices**



# Summary

- Hoping this information will benefit the community
  - Planning for cruises
  - Working in Foreign Ports
  - Obtaining Marine Science Research Clearances
- Looking forward to feedback on info & further ways to reach the community
- Have more work to do