

## RV Investigator Voyage Plan

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| <b>Voyage #:</b>                | <b>IN2019_04</b>   |                  |  |
| Voyage title:                   | <b>Hotspot dynamics in the Coral Sea: connections between the Australian plate and deep Earth</b>                      |                  |  |
| Mobilisation:                   | 6 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019   |                  |  |
| Depart:                         | 0700 7 <sup>th</sup> August 2019, Trinity Wharf 1&2, Cairns  |                  |  |
| Return:                         | 0800 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019, Hamilton Wharf 4, Brisbane  |                  |  |
| Demobilisation:                 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> September, 2019  |                  |  |
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| <b>Primary Project :</b>        | <b>Hotspot dynamics in the Coral Sea: connections between the Australian plate and deep Earth</b>                      |                  |  |
| Principle Investigators         | Maria Seton (shore), Simon Williams, Karin Orth, Robin Beaman, Ben Cohen, Lara Kalnins (shore)                         |                  |  |
| <b>Supplementary Project 1:</b> | <b>Understanding the spatial links between geomorphology and biodiversity in the Coral Sea Australian Marine Park.</b> |                  |  |
| Principle Investigator          | Vanessa Lucieer (University of Tasmania)   |                  |  |
| <b>Supplementary Project 2:</b> | <b>Spatial and temporal variability in the distribution and abundance of seabirds.</b>                                 |                  |  |
| Principle Investigator          | Eric Woehler (Birdlife Australia)  |                  |  |

## Primary Scientific objectives

One of the world's most extensive intraplate volcanic regions is located in Eastern Australia, including the world's longest continental hotspot trail and two parallel trails offshore (Tasmantid and Lord Howe Seamount chains). Hotspot trails are thought to arise from deep mantle plumes, whose episodic eruptions affecting the world's atmosphere (release of gas and aerosols), biosphere (mass extinctions) and hydrosphere (altering ocean circulation and chemistry)

We will use this offshore region as a natural laboratory to test competing hypotheses for how deep mantle plumes have influenced the evolution of the Australian plate. Using a combination of geophysical characterisation and geological sampling, we will determine the spatial and temporal extent of mantle plume activity in the Tasman and Coral Seas to test the following hypotheses:

1. The Louisiade Plateau is the birthplace of Eastern Australian intraplate volcanism and predominantly composed of volcanic material.
2. This volcanism formed within a short (1-2 Ma) timeframe shortly before the oldest Tasmantid seamounts.
3. The initiation of plume activity predates a major plate-mantle reorganisation affecting the southwest Pacific, and plume products provide a detailed record of Australian plate motion before, during, and after this reorganisation.
4. Fragments of rifted continental crust underlie the volcanic carapace.

Identifying the sites of mantle plume eruptions allows us to make connections between the surface and deep Earth with global scientific significance for understanding our planet's geodynamic and climatic history and biotic evolution. The results from this project will help inform government and industry on the effect of magmatism on distal continental margins and basins, and help constrain the extent of Australian continental crust into the Coral Sea.

## Primary Voyage objectives

The key to answering these questions lies in the rocks of the Louisiade Plateau, Tasmantid seamount chain and Lord Howe Rise seamount chain that both run roughly parallel with the East coast of Australia.

Objective 1. Collect seafloor and subseafloor geophysical data. This data will be used:

- a. To identify seafloor fabric, which will help refine plate reconstructions in areas difficult to constrain from magnetic anomaly lineations alone.
- b. To collect magnetic anomaly profiles, which will help understand the seafloor spreading history of the area and be combined with other geophysical datasets particularly gravity and bathymetry to understand the subseafloor nature of the crust.
- c. To obtain comprehensive multibeam and backscatter coverage of the Louisiade plateau and seamounts and their morphology to understand tectonic setting, eruptive style, palaeo-water-depth and sedimentation patterns;
- d. To assist in dredge site targeting by identifying sediment-free scarps and slopes;
- e. Sub-bottom profile data will be collected to provide additional context for the nature of the near-surface sediment and geological structure.

**Objective 2.** Dredge volcanic samples from seamounts from the Louisiade Plateau, Tasmanid seamount chain and Lord Howe Rise seamount chain. Ashore, samples will be:

- a. Ar/Ar Dated to determine the age and duration of seamount formation;
- b. Volcanic coherent rocks will be described macroscopically, petrographically and mineralogically to classify and characterise the type volcanism on the seamounts. Comparing the nature and origin of volcanism at different sites may reveal multiple episodes of volcanism or variations in volcanic activity in time and space.
- c. Volcaniclastic rocks will be described macroscopically, petrographically, mineralogically and include ash morphology descriptions. This work will constrain submarine/subaerial eruption/emplacement and style of transport
- d. Sedimentary rocks will be described macroscopically, microscopically and petrographically. Additional U-Pb geochronology will be undertaken as will micro- and macro-fossil palaeontology. These analyses can constrain depth, environment, and time of deposition, important for constraining the timing and rate of subsidence.

The objectives are linked and so have equal priority. If time is lost to weather etc we will dredge fewer locations. Swath mapping will be prioritised if weather conditions are too poor to dredge.

## Supplementary Projects

### **1. Understanding the spatial links between geomorphology and biodiversity in the Coral Sea Australian Marine Park.**

**Principal Investigator: Dr Vanessa Lucieer**

#### **Scientific and voyage objectives:**

This project will reveal how deep-water benthic habitats are related to geomorphic features on the seafloor. Using advance marine sonar we will examine how different habitats are distributed across a variety of geomorphic structures within the Coral Sea Marine Park. The seafloor habitats in this marine park are poorly understood and given the recent release of the Australian Marine Park (AMP) rezoning it is particularly important to understand the variability of these habitats. We can use this data to compare to seamount habitats in temperate locations such as the Huon AMP.

#### **How the project fits into the time estimates:**

Opportunistic sampling of the seafloor will be completed using a Smith-Mac grab as a tool to calibrate and perform QAQC of the underway sonar systems (Sub-Bottom Profiler). Its anticipated that this will mostly be performed at dredge sites during dredge sample assessment and decision to make-way to the next station.

### **2. Spatial and temporal variability in the distribution and abundance of seabirds.**

**Principal Investigator: Dr Eric Woehler**

#### **Scientific and voyage objectives:**

The project will collect data to quantify the variability in the distribution and abundance of seabirds in the marine environment around Australia. The project will examine the relationships between physical oceanographic features and their use as seabird feeding areas. The study also seeks to identify species

assemblages, or associations, in the species of seabirds observed that are persistent over time. The project will use standard survey methods to ensure compatibility with existing data sets for the same species in other areas (eg Southern Ocean and south-eastern Australia).

Observations of marine mammals will be shared with researchers to facilitate greater understanding of the role of oceanographic processes in the spatial and temporal distribution of marine mammals at sea around Australia. The project will also provide a context to current research efforts tracking seabirds and marine mammals, which are often constrained to a relatively low number of instrumented individuals relative to the population as a whole.

Seabird at sea data will be collected by three seabird observers according to the method described by the BIOMASS Working Party on Bird Ecology. This method has been used by Australian Antarctic Division (AAD) personnel since 1980/81 and reflects the standard protocol for obtaining seabird at sea data. Observations will be made continuously while the vessel is underway during daylight hours from the specifically designed monkey bridge on board Investigator.

Briefly, all seabirds within a 300m forward quadrant will be recorded, with details of their ages (where identifiable) and behaviours (such as feeding, sitting on water, etc). By using standard methods, the data collected on these voyages will be able to be integrated with other data sets collected adjacent with, or in overlapping areas (eg Australian Antarctic Division surveys 1980/81 onwards). Observations of marine mammals are also included (in the absence of dedicated marine mammal observers) using standard protocols. Observation of marine debris are also recorded.

Data will be entered in real time on laptops connected to the ships oceanographic and GPS system to automatically record abiotic and biotic data along-side seabird observational records. Standardised methods of data collection ensure continuity and compatibility with extant data for the same species elsewhere and with similar studies of other species.

#### **How the project fits into the time estimates:**

This Supplementary project does not require extra voyage time or require instruments to be deployed during the voyage.

## **Other Projects**

### **1. Transit over likely wreck sites of the USS Lexington and USS Neosho**

**Principle Investigator: Dr Robin Beaman**

Between proposed primary project dredge sites 11 and 12 the RV Investigator will detour around 41nm (4-5 hours) to the likely locations of the Lexington and Neosho wreck sites. While the locations have recently been discovered and an ROV got some images, neither of these wrecks have any swath bathymetry coverage. A slow transit over the sites (maximum 8 knots) would enable collection of this valuable, albeit low resolution data. The collection of the data is to aid in any future development of a management plan for the specific and greater areas. We also wish to hold a memorial service for those lost on these vessels. There is strong support from the Navy and community to hold a memorial service for those lost at sea, with wreaths to be provided for the ceremony.

The survey has been endorsed by the following organisations:

- The US Naval History and Heritage Command
- Parks Australia
- Acting Director of Historic Heritage Section, Department of Environment and Energy
- Australian National Maritime Museum.

## 2. **Argo Floats.**

Four ARGO floats will be activated and deployed during the voyage at sites within the CSAMP on behalf of Argo Australia operated by CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere. Argo Australia is part of international ARGO program whose mission is to maintain a global ocean array of autonomous profiling floats.

Deployment sites will be in regions of table below subject to the ARGO array distribution within the Coral Sea at the time of sailing from Cairns. Notional deployment co-ordinates are tabulated.

| ARGO Float No. | Latitude  | Longitude  |
|----------------|-----------|------------|
| 1087           | 17° 15' S | 155° 30' E |
| 1092           | 16° 15' S | 155° 45' E |
| 1093           | 15° 30' S | 156° 00' E |
| 1096           | 14° 30' S | 156° 15' E |

## 3. **Collection of dead Invertebrates dredged with geological samples (Jeremy Horowitz, Rob Beaman)**

PhD student Jeremy Horowitz will be opportunistically collecting and preserving dead coral skeleton and tissue retrieved as by-catch during the dredging process within the Australian EEZ. Specimens will be photographed and preserved with sub-samples collected for DNA and polyp preservations.

## 4. **CSIRO Educator on Board**

*CSIRO Educator on Board* is a professional development program for Australian STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) school teachers which aims to support teacher professional development and provide students with a window on the real world application of STEM. Educator on Board puts teachers on voyages to assist with scientific operations and share their on-board experience with students across Australia through live ship-to-shore video broadcasts. Teachers will also develop curriculum-linked resources based on the ship and underway science to create a pool of lessons to share in schools across Australia.

## Operational Risk Management

| Risk  | Activities impacted               | Contingency management  |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| Using the rock dredge – rock dredge caught on bottom, loss of rock dredge, wire under tension, fouling of ship rudder/props, injury | Science Objective, Ship Underway, | <b>RISK MANAGEMENT</b><br>-Set dredge break-pin appropriately (~10 tonnes).<br>-Dredge site selection<br>-Work within appropriate weather conditions.<br>-Undertaking dredging slowly and as per ASP procedure and past best practice.<br>-Manoeuvre to release dredge<br>-Monitor calibrated tension gauges on trawl winch<br>-Personnel exclusion zone from Main Deck whilst dredging.<br>-R.O.V<br><b>CONTINGENCY</b><br>-Second Trawl winch<br>-Spare dredges |
| Conducting Research and Foreign nations EEZ- Third Party Note – Access denied   | Science Objective                 | Re-allocate Science Time to alternative secondary targets in other waters.  |
| Cyclone Activity  | All                               | -Very unlikely- unseasonal<br>-Follow ASP procedure- divert   |

## Overall activity plan including details for first 48 hours of voyage

### 6<sup>th</sup> August- Mobilisation Day

Equipment Mobilisation

STR Hire Winch rigged to rear deck

STR Hire Winch made live for testing.

1500 Science Team Seagoing Induction

### 7<sup>th</sup> August- Departure

Depart Cairns 0700- Approximately 51 hours transit to Dredge Station 1 (~566 nm @ 11 knots)

0930 -Voyage Briefing Presentation Meeting (VM)

1100 - Laboratory Inductions

1400 - Muster followed by Science Objective Discussion

8<sup>th</sup> August

Rear Deck and Dredge SWI Toolbox

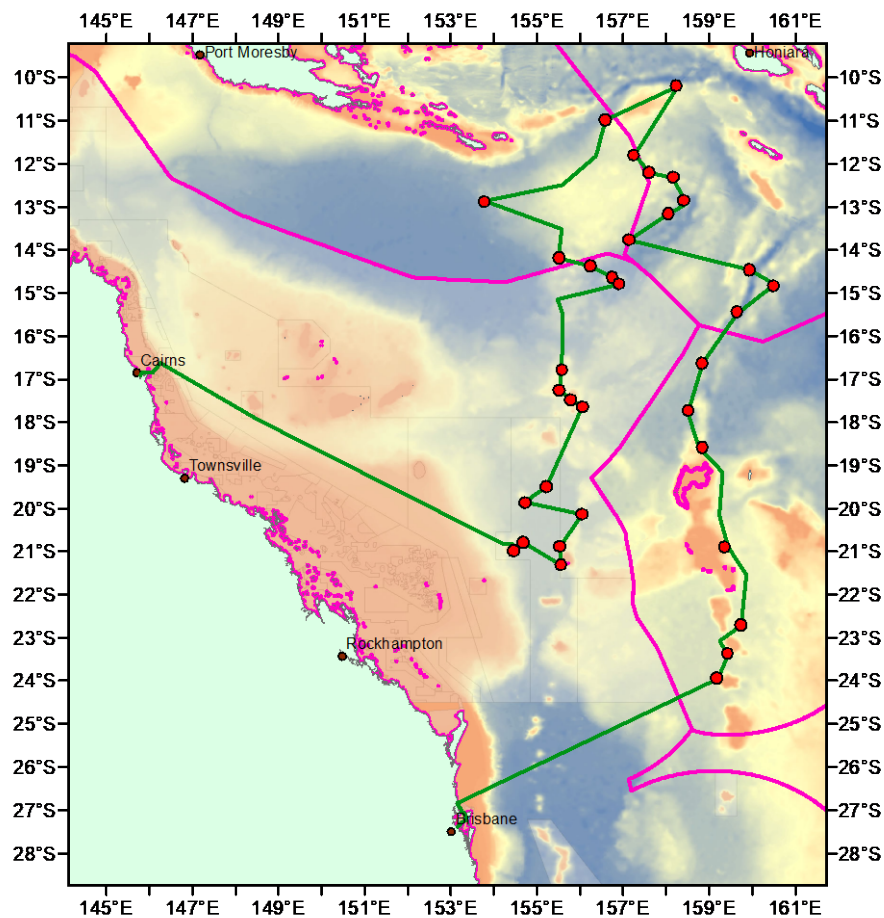
JSA followed by STR hire winch and SeaSpy2 Magnetometer test deployments

## Communications and Media

Educators on Board program: Live crosses may be required at some stage during the voyage.

Media: Some publicity may be generated if a wreck is resolved as part of the Robin Beaman Supplementary. A media release has been drafted in the event of this occurrence and a communications plan has been established.

### Voyage track proposed



## Waypoints, stations and time estimates

At each dredge the magnetometer will be retrieved for dredging then returned to the water at the commencement of the next transit.

| Location                       | Latitude    | Longitude    | Speed (nM) | Time for activity (hrs) | Total time (hrs) | Date       | Time  |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------|-------|
| Cairns                         | 16° 54.72 S | 145° 47.10 E | 11         | 0.00                    | 0.00             | 7/08/2019  | 7:00  |
| Waypoint 1                     | 16° 49.67 S | 145° 50.04 E | 11         | 0.52                    | 0.52             | 7/08/2019  | 7:31  |
| Waypoint 2                     | 16° 50.57 S | 146° 04.38 E | 11         | 1.25                    | 1.78             | 7/08/2019  | 8:46  |
| Waypoint 3                     | 16° 37.55 S | 146° 15.24 E | 11         | 1.51                    | 3.29             | 7/08/2019  | 10:17 |
| Waypoint 4                     | 17° 56.15 S | 148° 30.42 E | 11         | 13.74                   | 17.03            | 8/08/2019  | 0:01  |
| Waypoint 5 Deploy magnetometer | 20° 49.70 S | 154° 13.74 E | 11         | 33.40                   | 50.43            | 9/08/2019  | 9:25  |
| Waypoint 6                     | 20° 49.79 S | 154° 26.10 E | 11         | 1.05                    | 51.48            | 9/08/2019  | 10:28 |
| To Dredge Site 1               | 20° 58.74 S | 154° 27.78 E | 11         | 0.76                    | 52.24            | 9/08/2019  | 11:14 |
| Time on Station                |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 62.32            | 9/08/2019  | 21:18 |
| To Dredge Site2                | 20° 47.34 S | 154° 40.92 E | 11         | 1.52                    | 63.84            | 9/08/2019  | 22:50 |
| Time on Station                |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 73.92            | 10/08/2019 | 8:55  |
| To Dredge Site 3               | 21° 18.66 S | 155° 33.84 E | 11         | 5.32                    | 79.23            | 10/08/2019 | 14:13 |
| Time on Station                |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 89.31            | 11/08/2019 | 0:18  |
| To Dredge Site 4               | 20° 52.80 S | 155° 31.80 E | 11         | 2.51                    | 91.82            | 11/08/2019 | 2:49  |
| Time on Station                |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 101.90           | 11/08/2019 | 12:54 |
| To Dredge Site 5               | 20° 07.83 S | 156° 03.06 E | 11         | 4.86                    | 106.77           | 11/08/2019 | 17:46 |
| Time on Station                |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 116.85           | 12/08/2019 | 3:50  |
| To Dredge Site 6               | 19° 51.06 S | 154° 43.02 E | 11         | 7.01                    | 123.86           | 12/08/2019 | 10:51 |
| Time on Station                |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 133.94           | 12/08/2019 | 20:56 |
| To Dredge Site 7               | 19° 28.78 S | 155° 13.32 E | 11         | 3.29                    | 137.23           | 13/08/2019 | 0:13  |
| Time on Station                |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 147.31           | 13/08/2019 | 10:18 |
| To Dredge Site 8               | 17° 38.92 S | 156° 02.94 E | 11         | 10.83                   | 158.13           | 13/08/2019 | 21:08 |
| Time on Station                |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 168.21           | 14/08/2019 | 7:12  |
| To Dredge Site 9               | 17° 28.40 S | 155° 47.46 E | 11         | 1.65                    | 169.86           | 14/08/2019 | 8:51  |
| Time on Station                |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 179.94           | 14/08/2019 | 18:56 |
| To Dredge Site10 Argo 1        | 17° 15.27 S | 155° 30.84 E | 11         | 2.03                    | 181.98           | 14/08/2019 | 20:58 |
| Time on Station                |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 192.06           | 15/08/2019 | 7:03  |
| To Dredge Site 11              | 16° 46.70 S | 155° 34.20 E | 11         | 2.60                    | 194.66           | 15/08/2019 | 9:39  |
| Time on Station                |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 204.74           | 15/08/2019 | 19:44 |
| Argo 2                         | 16° 16.39 S | 155° 34.98 E | 11         | 2.86                    | 207.59           | 15/08/2019 | 22:35 |
| To site 11A                    | 15° 34.99 S | 155° 36.00 E | 8          | 5.14                    | 212.73           | 16/08/2019 | 3:43  |
| To site 11B                    | 15° 13.78 S | 155° 27.54 E | 8          | 2.78                    | 215.51           | 16/08/2019 | 6:30  |
| Argo 3                         | 15° 01.02 S | 156° 10.14 E | 11         | 3.91                    | 219.42           | 16/08/2019 | 10:25 |
| To Dredge Site 12              | 14° 47.52 S | 156° 54.18 E | 11         | 4.06                    | 223.49           | 16/08/2019 | 14:29 |



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| Time on Station               |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 233.57           | 17/08/2019 | 0:34  |
| To Dredge Site 13             | 14° 38.40 S | 156° 44.82 E | 11         | 1.17                    | 234.73           | 17/08/2019 | 1:44  |
| Time on Station               |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 244.81           | 17/08/2019 | 11:48 |
| To Dredge Site 14 Argo 4      | 14° 22.20 S | 156° 13.98 E | 11         | 3.09                    | 247.90           | 17/08/2019 | 14:54 |
| <b>Enter PNG EEZ</b>          |             |              |            |                         |                  |            |       |
| Time on Station               |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 257.98           | 18/08/2019 | 0:58  |
| To Dredge Site 15             | 14° 11.29 S | 155° 29.40 E | 11         | 4.07                    | 262.05           | 18/08/2019 | 5:02  |
| Time on Station               |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 272.13           | 18/08/2019 | 15:07 |
| Waypoint 7                    | 13° 30.53 S | 155° 34.50 E | 11         | 3.71                    | 275.84           | 18/08/2019 | 18:50 |
| To Dredge Site 16             | 12° 51.88 S | 153° 47.10 E | 11         | 10.25                   | 286.10           | 19/08/2019 | 5:05  |
| Time on Station               |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 296.18           | 19/08/2019 | 15:10 |
| Waypoint 8                    | 12° 29.42 S | 155° 35.04 E | 11         | 9.80                    | 305.98           | 20/08/2019 | 0:58  |
| Waypoint 9                    | 11° 48.88 S | 156° 21.90 E | 11         | 5.55                    | 311.53           | 20/08/2019 | 6:31  |
| To Dredge Site 17             | 10° 58.86 S | 156° 35.22 E | 11         | 4.69                    | 316.21           | 20/08/2019 | 11:12 |
| <b>Enter Solomon Isl. EEZ</b> |             |              |            |                         |                  |            |       |
| Time on Station               |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 326.29           | 20/08/2019 | 21:17 |
| To Dredge Site 18             | 10° 11.96 S | 158° 16.14 E | 11         | 9.93                    | 336.22           | 21/08/2019 | 7:13  |
| Time on Station               |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 346.30           | 21/08/2019 | 17:18 |
| To Dredge Site 19             | 11° 47.01 S | 157° 16.20 E | 11         | 10.13                   | 356.43           | 22/08/2019 | 3:25  |
| Time on Station               |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 366.51           | 22/08/2019 | 13:30 |
| To Dredge Site 20             | 12° 12.18 S | 157° 35.94 E | 11         | 2.87                    | 369.38           | 22/08/2019 | 16:22 |
| Time on Station               |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 379.46           | 23/08/2019 | 2:27  |
| To Dredge Site 21             | 12° 19.76 S | 158° 08.28 E | 11         | 2.76                    | 382.22           | 23/08/2019 | 5:13  |
| Time on Station               |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 392.30           | 23/08/2019 | 15:17 |
| To Dredge Site 22             | 12° 55.24 S | 158° 29.10 E | 11         | 3.70                    | 396.00           | 23/08/2019 | 19:00 |
| Time on Station               |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 406.08           | 24/08/2019 | 5:04  |
| To Dredge Site 23             | 13° 10.75 S | 158° 00.96 E | 11         | 2.86                    | 408.94           | 24/08/2019 | 7:56  |
| Time on Station               |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 419.02           | 24/08/2019 | 18:01 |
| To Dredge Site 24             | 13° 45.84 S | 157° 08.04 E | 11         | 5.66                    | 424.68           | 24/08/2019 | 23:40 |
| Time on Station               |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 434.76           | 25/08/2019 | 9:45  |
| To Dredge Site 25             | 14° 27.42 S | 159° 56.16 E | 11         | 15.31                   | 450.07           | 26/08/2019 | 1:04  |
| Time on Station               |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 460.15           | 26/08/2019 | 11:09 |
| To Dredge Site 26             | 14° 47.46 S | 160° 31.14 E | 11         | 3.44                    | 463.59           | 26/08/2019 | 14:35 |
| Time on Station               |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 473.67           | 27/08/2019 | 0:40  |
| To Dredge Site 27             | 15° 28.79 S | 159° 39.06 E | 11         | 5.91                    | 479.58           | 27/08/2019 | 6:34  |
| <b>Enter New Cal. EEZ</b>     |             |              |            |                         |                  |            |       |
| Time on Station               |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 489.66           | 27/08/2019 | 16:39 |
| To Dredge Site 28             | 16° 37.48 S | 158° 50.82 E | 11         | 7.51                    | 497.17           | 28/08/2019 | 0:10  |
| Time on Station               |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 507.25           | 28/08/2019 | 10:15 |
| To Dredge Site 29             | 17° 46.41 S | 158° 30.54 E | 11         | 6.48                    | 513.74           | 28/08/2019 | 16:44 |
| Time on Station               |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 523.82           | 29/08/2019 | 2:48  |
| To Dredge Site 30             | 18° 35.00 S | 158° 45.60 E | 11         | 4.59                    | 528.40           | 29/08/2019 | 7:24  |
| Time on Station               |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 538.48           | 29/08/2019 | 17:28 |

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| Waypoint 10                       | 19° 09.41 S | 159° 18.24 E | 11         | 4.19                    | 542.68           | 29/08/2019 | 21:40 |
| Waypoint 11                       | 20° 09.08 S | 159° 13.98 E | 11         | 5.33                    | 548.00           | 30/08/2019 | 3:00  |
| To Dredge Site 31                 | 20° 53.65 S | 159° 26.10 E | 11         | 4.19                    | 552.19           | 30/08/2019 | 7:11  |
| Time on Station                   |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 562.27           | 30/08/2019 | 17:16 |
| Waypoint 12                       | 21° 31.75 S | 159° 51.78 E | 11         | 3.95                    | 566.23           | 30/08/2019 | 21:13 |
| To Dredge Site 32                 | 22° 42.96 S | 159° 44.04 E | 11         | 6.48                    | 572.70           | 31/08/2019 | 3:42  |
| Time on Station                   |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 582.78           | 31/08/2019 | 13:47 |
| Waypoint 13                       | 23° 03.89 S | 159° 14.58 E | 11         | 3.11                    | 585.90           | 31/08/2019 | 16:53 |
| To Dredge Site 33                 | 23° 24.08 S | 159° 25.98 E | 11         | 2.06                    | 587.96           | 31/08/2019 | 18:57 |
| Time on Station                   |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 598.04           | 1/09/2019  | 5:02  |
| To Dredge Site 34                 | 23° 56.53 S | 159° 12.06 E | 11         | 3.16                    | 601.20           | 1/09/2019  | 8:11  |
| Time on Station                   |             |              |            | 10.08                   | 611.28           | 1/09/2019  | 18:16 |
| <b>Re-enter Australian Waters</b> |             |              |            |                         |                  |            |       |
| Waypoint 14                       | 26° 49.73 S | 153° 08.88 E | 11         | 33.72                   | 645.00           | 3/09/2019  | 3:59  |
| Waypoint 15                       | 26° 51.46 S | 153° 09.18 E | 11         | 0.17                    | 645.17           | 3/09/2019  | 4:10  |
| Waypoint 16                       | 26° 57.86 S | 153° 13.50 E | 11         | 0.68                    | 645.85           | 3/09/2019  | 4:50  |
| Waypoint 17                       | 27° 02.38 S | 153° 15.42 E | 11         | 0.41                    | 646.25           | 3/09/2019  | 5:15  |
| Waypoint 18                       | 27° 03.34 S | 153° 17.94 E | 11         | 0.22                    | 646.48           | 3/09/2019  | 5:28  |
| Waypoint 19                       | 27° 05.18 S | 153° 18.60 E | 11         | 0.18                    | 646.65           | 3/09/2019  | 5:39  |
| Waypoint 20                       | 27° 08.26 S | 153° 21.00 E | 11         | 0.34                    | 646.99           | 3/09/2019  | 5:59  |
| Waypoint 21                       | 27° 10.93 S | 153° 20.70 E | 11         | 0.23                    | 647.22           | 3/09/2019  | 6:13  |
| Waypoint 22                       | 27° 14.24 S | 153° 19.98 E | 11         | 0.30                    | 647.52           | 3/09/2019  | 6:31  |
| Waypoint 23                       | 27° 17.61 S | 153° 13.26 E | 11         | 0.62                    | 648.14           | 3/09/2019  | 7:08  |
| Brisbane                          | 27° 23.08 S | 153° 09.54 E | 11         | 0.58                    | 648.73           | 3/09/2019  | 7:43  |


## Permits

- Permits to conduct Research in Coral Sea Australian Marine Park – PA2019-00047
- Permit for Access to Commonwealth biological resources (part 8a)- linked to PA2019-00047
- MNF non-invasive Marine Parks Australia research permit- PA2018-00005-001
- Third Party Note to conduct Research in Foreign EEZs (PNG, Solomon Islands, New Caledonia)
- Import Permit/Declaration required for rock samples from outside the Australian Economic Exclusion Zone.

## Personnel List

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## Signature

|                  |   |
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| <b>Your name</b> | Joanne Whittaker  |
| <b>Title</b>     | Chief Scientist   |
| <b>Signature</b> |  |
| <b>Date:</b>     | 23 July, 2019   |

## Appendix A

### Scientific equipment and facilities provided by the Marine National Facility

Some equipment items on the list may not be available at the time of sailing. Applicants will be notified directly of any changes.

Indicate what equipment and facilities you require from the Marine National Facility by placing an **X** in the relevant box.

#### (i) Standard laboratories and facilities

| Name                                  | Essential | Desirable | Notes/Comments |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Aerosol Sampling Lab                  |           |           |                |
| Air Chemistry Lab                     |           |           |                |
| Preservation Lab                      |           |           |                |
| Constant Temperature Lab              |           |           |                |
| Underway Seawater Analysis Laboratory |           |           |                |
| GP Wet Lab (Dirty)                    | X         |           |                |
| GP Wet Lab (Clean)                    |           | X         |                |
| GP Dry Lab (Clean)                    |           | X         |                |
| Sheltered Science Area                |           | X         |                |
| Observation deck 07 level             | X         |           |                |
| Walk in Freezer                       |           |           |                |
| Blast Freezer                         |           |           |                |
| Ultra-Low Temperature Freezer (-80°C) |           |           |                |
| Walk in Cool Room                     |           | X         |                |
| Salt water ice machine                |           |           |                |

**(ii) Specialised laboratory and facilities**

(May require additional support)

| Name                                       | Essential | Desirable | Notes/Comments   |
|--|-----------|-----------|--|
| Modular Radiation Laboratory               |           |           |  |
| Modular Trace Metal Laboratory (TM1-blue)  |           |           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For determination of trace metal concentrations</li> <li>Clean laboratory containing laminar flow cabinets</li> </ul> |
| Modular Trace Metal Laboratory (TM2-white) |           |           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wet sampling of trace metal clean Niskins</li> <li>Cannot be overstacked</li> </ul>                                   |
| Modular Hazchem Locker                     |           |           |  |
| Deck incubators                            |           |           |  |
| Stabilised Platform Container              |           |           |  |
| Clothing container                         |           |           | The use of this container will be identified by MNF  |

**(iii) Standard laboratory and sampling equipment**

| Name   | Essential | Desirable | Notes/Comments   |
|--|-----------|-----------|--|
| CTD - Seabird 911 with 36 Bottle Rosette   |           |           |  |
| CTD -Seabird 911 with 24 Bottle Rosette  |           |           |  |
| Total number of Casts:   |           |           |  |
| Maximum depth:   |           |           |  |
| Analyses required for each deployment:<br>(indicate which are required and the number of samples per deployment) |           |           |  |
| Salinity   |           |           |  |
| Dissolved oxygen   |           |           |  |
| <b>Nutrients:</b>  |           |           | <p>Note: analytical throughput based on 2 hydrochemists/24hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nutrients, dissolved oxygen, salinity. Sampling ration 1:1:1 equates to 48:48:48</li> <li>Nutrients, dissolved oxygen, salinity. Sampling ratio 2:1:1 equates to 72:36:36</li> <li>Nutrients only collection from every depth 160 maximum analytical output</li> </ul> |
| Nitrate  |           |           |  |
| Phospate   |           |           |  |
| Silicate   |           |           |  |
| Nitrite  |           |           |  |

| Name   | Essential | Desirable | Notes/Comments |
|--|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Ammonia (special request after discussion with hydrochemistry)   |           |           |                |
| Lowered ADCP   |           |           |                |
| MNF Auxiliary Instrumentation for CTD Rosette<br>(please indicate which you require. Note 6 auxiliary sensor channels are generally available: |           |           |                |
| Dissolved oxygen sensor  |           |           |                |
| Altimeter (required if operating anywhere near the sea floor)  |           |           |                |
| PAR Sensor (Biospherical QCP-2300)   |           |           |                |
| Transmissometer (Wetlabs C-Star 25cm)  |           |           |                |
| Fluorometer- Chlorophyll-a (Chelsea Aquatracka 111 – 430/685nm)  |           |           |                |
| Fluorometer – CDOM (Wetlabs)   |           |           |                |
| Nephelometer (Seapoint Turbidity Meter)  |           |           |                |
| ECO-Triplet (2,000m max depth, chlorophyll, CDOM & backscatter)  |           |           |                |
| Sonardyne USBL System  |           |           |                |
| Milli -Q System  |           |           |                |
| Laboratory Incubators  |           |           |                |
| Heavy Duty Electronic Balance (80kg)   |           |           |                |
| Medium Duty Electronic Balance (15kg/5g resolution)  |           |           |                |
| Light Duty Electronic Balance (3kg/1g resolution)  |           |           |                |
| Surface Net (mouth area 1m <sup>2</sup> )<br>335 micron, 500 micron, 1,000 micron mesh available – please specify                              |           |           |                |
| Bongo Net (500 micron mesh only, not instrumented) ring diameter 485mm 0.018m <sup>2</sup>   |           |           |                |

| Name  | Essential | Desirable | Notes/Comments |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Smith Mac grab  |           | X         |                |
| Dissecting Microscopes (x4, please specify number required. |           |           |                |

**(iv) Specialised laboratory and sampling equipment**

| Name  | Essential | Desirable | Notes/Comments<br>(These items may require additional MNF support staff)   |
|---|-----------|-----------|--|
| TRIAXUS – Underway Profiling CTD  |           |           | Notes: Triaxus is a pilotable towed vehicle capable of carrying a variety of instrumentation. Constant depth towing or undulating profiles (e.g. cyclic depth pattern from 10m to 200m) are possible. Towing speed depends on the tow profile, instrumentation payload and prevailing conditions. Typically, undulations from the surface to 200m are possible at 8knt, with slower speeds for deeper profiles and faster for constant-depth towing. Maximum achievable depth typically 300m<br>Usual instrumentation: SBE9plus (pressure sensor and communication hub) and dual pumped temperature/conductivity/dissolved oxygen circuits. Usual auxiliary instrumentation includes an ECO-Triplet (Chl, CDOM, backscatter), transmissometer, PAR sensor, and Laser Optical Plankton Counter. |
| Desired towing profile:   |           |           |  |
| Additional instrumentation: (Please supply, make and model and datasheets. Also a contact person for discussion on integration. |           |           |  |
| Continuous Plankton Recorder (CPR)  |           |           | Note: indicate deployed location and support if required   |
| Deep towed camera   |           |           |  |
| Piston Coring System  |           |           |  |
| Gravity Coring System   |           |           |  |
| Multi Corer   |           |           |  |
| Kasten Corer  |           |           |  |
| XBT System  |           |           |  |
| Trace Metal Rosette and Bottles   |           |           |  |
| Sherman epibenthic sled   |           |           |  |
| Trace- metal in-situ pumps (x4)   |           |           | See “Non-MNF owned equipment” section below for additional 2 units   |
| Rock Dredges  | X         |           |  |

| Name   | Essential | Desirable | Notes/Comments<br>(These items may require additional MNF support staff) |
|--|-----------|-----------|--|
| EZ Net (maximum of 10 nets for depth stratified sampling. Mouth area of 1m <sup>2</sup><br>Indicate mesh size required:  |           |           |  |
| 335 micron   |           |           |  |
| 500 micron   |           |           |  |
| 1,000 micron   |           |           |  |
| Rock saw (requires a trained science personnel)  | X         |           |  |
| Portable pot hauler  |           |           |  |
| Beam Trawl   |           |           |  |
| Trawl doors (pelagic or demersal)  |           |           |  |
| Seaspy Magnetometer  | X         |           |  |
| MIDOC (multiple opening/closing codend system for pelagic trawl)   |           |           |  |
| Stern Ramp (tick to have the ramp exposed, or leave blank for deck covers installed)   |           |           |  |
| Trawl monitoring instrumentation (ITI) (2,000m depth limit)  |           |           |  |
| Trawl nets:<br>Mid water research trawl<br>Wing end spread usually 21m<br>Average headline height 8.97m<br>Mouth area (on average) 188.37m <sup>2</sup><br>Mesh size 200mm in mouth area grading to 10mm in cod end. |           |           |  |
| Radiosonde Receiver System   |           |           |  |

**(v) Equipment and sampling gear requiring external support**

(May require additional support from applicants)

| Name                | Essential | Desirable | Please give this careful consideration, as there is no guarantee that these resources will be available unless specifically requested. Liaise with Voyage Operations Manager as required. Additional staff may be required for these activities. |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| Seismic compressors |           |           |  |



| Name                       | Essential | Desirable | Please give this careful consideration, as there is no guarantee that these resources will be available unless specifically requested. Liaise with Voyage Operations Manager as required. Additional staff may be required for these activities. |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| Seismic acquisition system |           |           |  |

**(vi) Underway systems**

**Atmospheric Underway Systems**

| Name  | Essential | Desirable | Notes/Comments |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| 75kHz ADCP  |           |           |                |
| 150kHz ADCP   |           |           |                |
| Multibeam echo sounder EM122 12kHz (100m to full ocean depth) | X         |           |                |
| Multibeam echo sounder EM170 70-100kHz (0-1000m approx.)      | X         |           |                |
| Sub-Bottom Profiler SBP120                                    | X         |           |                |
| Scientific Echo Sounders EK60 (6 bands, 18kHz-333kHz)         | X         |           |                |
| Multibeam Scientific Echo Sounder ME70 (70-100 kHz)           | X         |           |                |
| Omnidirectional Echo Sounder SH90                             |           |           |                |
| Gravity Meter   | X         |           |                |

**Atmospheric Underway Sensors**

| Name  | Essential | Desirable | Notes/Comments |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Nephelometer  |           |           |                |
| MAAP (multi angle absorption photometer)  |           |           |                |
| SMPS (scanning mobility particle sizer)   |           |           |                |
| Radon detector  |           |           |                |
| Ozone detector  |           |           |                |
| CPC (Condensation Particle Counter)   |           |           |                |
| Picarro spectrometer (analysis of CO <sub>2</sub> /CH <sub>4</sub> /H <sub>2</sub> O) |           |           |                |
| Aerodyne spectrometer (analysis of N <sub>2</sub> O/CO/H <sub>2</sub> O)              |           |           |                |
| CCN (Cloud Condensation Nuclei)   |           |           |                |

| Name                       | Essential | Desirable | Notes/Comments |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Polarimetric Weather Radar |           |           |                |

#### Underway Seawater Instrumentation

| Name              | Essential | Desirable | Notes/Comments |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Thermosalinograph |           |           |                |
| Fluorometer       |           |           |                |
| Optode            |           |           |                |
| pCO2              |           |           |                |

#### Seawater systems

| Name             | Essential | Desirable | Notes/Comments |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Trace metal      |           |           |                |
| Scientific clean |           |           |                |
| Raw              |           |           |                |

#### Non MNF owned equipment which may be accessed

| Name   | Essential | Desirable | Please give this careful consideration, as there is no guarantee that these resources will be available unless specifically requested. Liaise with Voyage Operations Manager as required. |
|--|-----------|-----------|---|
| D & N Francis winch                              |           |           |   |
| Box Corer  |           |           |   |
| University of Tasmania (UTAS) in-situ pumps (x2) |           |           |   |
| EM2040   |           |           |   |