

Last update: March 30, 2026

Location of the Working Area and Coordinates	Preferred Season and Year	Research Vessel	Chief Scientist and Institution	Acronym	Workdays at Sea	Berth (free occupied)	GPF Ref. Number
North Atlantic, Baltic Sea							
between Iceland and Greenland 64°N, 35°W - 66°N, 25°W	Summer 2026	MARIA S. MERIAN	E. Frajka-Williams (U Hamburg)	MIXSED-1	23	2 20	GPF 2024/072
Central and Northern Baltic Sea 57°N, 20°50'E - 57°50'N, 17°50'E	February 2027	MARIA S. MERIAN	V. Mohrholz (IOW)	WINTER-BALTIC	25	0 22	GPF 2024/082
North Sea (German EEZ) 54.6°N, 5.5°E - 54.8°N, 5.7°E	May - October 2026 or 2027	MARIA S. MERIAN or METEOR	A. Ehrhardt (BGR)	GeoNorth	29	1 21 (MSM) 14 21 (M IV)	GPF 2025/006
Icelandic shelf and shelf break 70°N, 30°W - 63°N, 5°W	June - August 2027	METEOR or MARIA S. MERIAN	S. Brix (Senckenberg)	ALONGate4	30	0 35	GPF 2025/015
57°56' N, 5°30' E - 63°36' N, 10°34' E	Summer 2027	MARIA S. MERIAN	J. Greinert (GEOMAR)	DuMM-DW	17	1 22	GPF 2025/032
between Iceland and Greenland 64°N, 35°W - 66°15'N, 26°30'W	Summer 2027	MARIA S. MERIAN	J. Barcamontes Ramirez (U Hamburg)	MIXSED-3	23 / 32	2 22	GPF 2025/038
Northern Gotland Basin, Gulf of Finland, Bothnian Sea, Bothnian Bay 58°N, 20°33'E - 65°N, 24.38'E	March / April	MARIA S. MERIAN	J. Dutz (IOW)	Baltic Spring	15	0 22	GPF 2025/042
Tropical Atlantic							
Vema fracture zone, equatorial Atlantic, 10°-11°N, 40-45°W	2026-2027	METEOR	F. Genske (U Münster)	VEMANTLE	20	12 23	GPF 2024/077
E and N of the Amazon River mouth 1°N, 45°W - 15°N, 60°W	May - June 2026	METEOR	N. Loick-Wilde (IOW)	JAmaMix	30	0 35	GPF 2025/003
Romanch transform fault 2°S, 16°W - 1°N, 25.5°W	all year	METEOR	I. Grevemeyer (GEOMAR)	AUTOBOT-II	24	12 23	GPF 2025/027
South Atlantic							
Continental margin off Argentina and Uruguay 34.5°S, 51°W - 36°S, 53°W 37°S, 55°W - 39°S, 54°W	January - March 2027	METEOR	C. Wienberg (U Bremen)	ARGURU	25	8 27	GPF 2024/073
Mediterranean and Black Sea							
Eastern Mediterranean Sea 31.83°N, 15.12°E - 37.55°N, 34.98°E	Spring - Summer 2026	METEOR	T. Browning (GEOMAR)	EMS-PS (Summer)	34	7 28	GPF 2025/014
Eastern Adriatic Sea, West of Corfu 40.8° N, 17.25° E - 41.1° N, 17.8° E	April - September 2027	METEOR or MARIA S. MERIAN	A. Dannowski (GEOMAR)	ADRICRUST	26	7 28	GPF 2025/040
Ionian/Adriatic side of Greece 38° N, 20° E	all year	MARIA S. MERIAN or METEOR	F. Gross (U Kiel)	SHARK	32	0 22 (MSM) 13 22 (M)	GPF 2025/047
Northern Indian Ocean							
Western Arabian Sea 16°32.6'N, 60°17.8'E 15°52.3'N, 61°33'E	originally scheduled for December 2020 (SO279)	SONNE	N. Lahajnar (U Hamburg)	WAST Dredge	2	34 6	S-593
Offshore Indus River mouth 23°1.9'N, 66°23.4'E 23°7.9'N, 66°29.5'E	April - May or September - October 2021 or later	SONNE	M. Mohtadi (U Bremen)	SAMOVAR	27	7 33	GPF 20-1_026
Arabian Sea Western Indian Margin Sri Lanka Southern Bay of Bengal 20°N, 65°E - 5°N, 87°E	October - April 2021	SONNE	V. Spieß (U Bremen)	WInTip	40	1 39	GPF 20-1_063
Southern Indian Ocean							
Indian Ocean south of Madagascar 26°S, 42°E - 36°S, 49°E	December - February 2015 or later	SONNE	W. Jokat (AWI)	CRUMAD	43	21 19	S-517
Southern Indian Ocean 46°S, 70°E - 55°S, 85°E	December - February	SONNE	W. von Appen (AWI)	SUMP	31	4 36	S-603
Southwest Indian Ridge near Marion Island 38°S, 33°E - 47°S, 46°E	October - April 2024 or 2025	SONNE	F. Genske (U Münster)	GeoBio-SWIR	25	3 37	GPF 23-1/006

West Pacific, Northern Hemisphere							
Kuril-Kamchatka-Trench, Japan Trench, Izu-Bonin Trench 47°N, 140°E - 29°N, 155°E	2021	SONNE	F. Wenzhöfer (MPI Bremen)	Triple Trench	35	2 38	GPF 19-1_115
South China Sea off Hongkong 17.5°N, 112°E - 22°N, 117°E	February - June	SONNE	J. Waniek (IOW)	CROSPATH	32	2 38	GPF 23-1/009
West Pacific, Southern Hemisphere							
Norfolk Ridge, Norfolk Basin, Three Kings Ridge and South Fiji Basin (N of New Zealand) 28°55'S, 171°E - 31°26'S, 173°10'E (Leg 1) 30°55'S, 177°35'E - 32°42'S, 172°25'E (Leg 2)	October - April 2027/28	SONNE	H. Kopp (GEOMAR)	ArcCycles	27 (Leg 1) 33 (Leg 2)	3 37 (Leg 1) 17 23 (Leg 2)	GPF 2024/070
Vanuatu 17°20'S, 168°35'E - 13°40'S, 169°E	June-October	SONNE	K. Haase (U Erlangen-Nürnberg)	VANUATU II	24	5 35	GPF 21-1_053
Canterbury Bight, New Zealand 45.5°S, 171.0°E - 43.5°S, 173.5°E	February - May	SONNE	K. Schwalenberg (BGR)	NZ OGRES	31	0 40	GPF 22-1/032
Tasman Sea, Southern Ocean 35°S, 160°E - 55°S, 160°W	January - March 2026	SONNE	A. Macke (TROPOS)	ACAROA	42	3 37	GPF 2024/006
NW Shelf of Australia (Sahul Shelf) 11°S, 125°E - 13.5°S, 121°E	May - September 2025 or 2026	SONNE	H. Westphal (ZMT)	BRIDGE	22	3 37	GPF 2024/010
Southern & middle Kermadec Arc 29°S, 178°W - 35°S, 178°E	October - April	SONNE	C. Kleint (U Bremen)	THERMAP	25	0 40	GPF 2024/040
East Pacific, Northern Hemisphere							
East Pacific, Southern Hemisphere							
Pacific-Antarctic Ridge S of Easter Islands 35°S, 115°W - 43°S, 107°W	January - March 2027	SONNE	P. Brandl (GEOMAR)	SPRINTER	30	4 36	GPF 2025/007
Anvers Trough, Antarctic Peninsula 64°20'S, 65°40'W - 64°45'S, 65°W	January - April 2027	MARIA S. MERIAN	C. Berndt (GEOMAR)	MOOGZ	21	0 22	GPF 2023/008

Cruises in grey font first need to re-apply for funding within SPP 2520

Berth MSM	22
Berth METEOR (new)	35
Berth SO	40