An Introduction to Seafloor Sample Repositories and Data Systems

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Institutional Repositories for Sediment and Rock Samples (NSF-OCE Data and Sample Policy)

Sediment cores, dredged rocks, grabs, and vent fluids from the seafloor are collected at great cost and are often of **benefit to the research community beyond the projects for which they were originally collected**.

In recognition of the value and use of these samples, the Marine Geology and Geophysics Program provides partial support for a limited number of institutional repositories. These and other similar repositories ensure that samples of sediment and rock collected from the seafloor are properly curated, preserved, and disseminated to qualified researchers





The Importance of Archiving the Seafloor

Marine geological sample repositories are vital for ocean science, climate change studies, and more. The value of their collections is growing amid efforts to meet rising demand for their services.

By Christina DiCenzo, Katherine A. Kelley, Nichole Anest, Cara Fritz, and Jeff Donnelly 18 January 2024



Cataloged containers of glass separates are stored in the Schilling Seafloor Glass Collection at the University of Rhode Island (URI) Marine Geological Samples Laboratory (MGSL). Glass is commonly chiseled from submarine lava rocks and stored separately to make filling sample requests for glass more efficient. Credit: Alex De Ciccio



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WHOI Seafloor Samples Laboratory

https://eos.org/features/the-importance-of-archiving-the-seafloor

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Involve the repositories early in your project planning and proposal writing—lots of work can happen in these facilities





Curators and technicians are here to answer your questions, help you develop sampling strategies, and offer training



Many analyses can be done at these facilities—store your samples and work on them too!

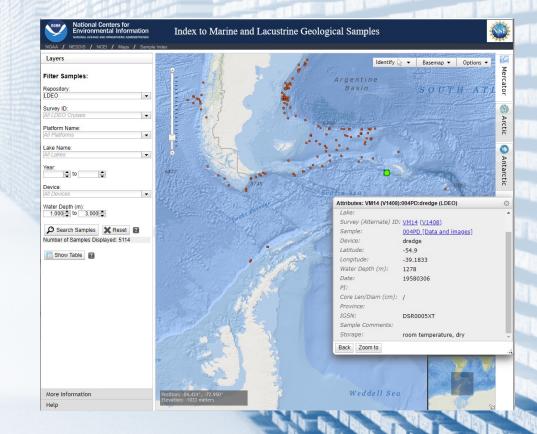
(e.g. Sedimentology, CT Scanning, XRF Scanning, Geophysical and Magnetic Measurements)





Always improving to make our collections more discoverable and ready for decisions





We Want to Hear From You!

Breakout Session Day 1: Critical science questions that require seafloor sampling **Q4)** How are current repositories and databases used to address your science questions?

Breakout Session Day 2: Aligning seafloor sampling technology with critical science questions

Q5) What types of sample curation, preservation, and data system infrastructure are needed to maximize the benefit of seafloor sampling campaigns? To what extent can existing resources be used? What new approaches should be developed?

Day 3 Group Discussion: Sample Repositories and Databases

Repository and Data People at the Workshop

Rebecca Robinson Director, URI Marine Geological Samples Laboratory

Jeff Donnelly Director, WHOI Seafloor Samples Laboratory

Alan Mix, Kevin Konrad Former Director/Curator, OSU Marine And Geology Repository

Brendan Reilly Director, LDEO Core Repository

Erica Maletic Curator, Polar Rock Repository Saebyul Choe Data Curator, SESAR and EarthChem Library

Andrea Thomer Product Manager, SESAR

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Vicki Ferrini Geo Map App Director, Marine Geoscience Data System (MGDS)

Alex Hangsterfer (Virtual) Curator, Scripps Institution of Oceanography Geological Collections



WHOI Sea Floor Samples Lab (SFSL)

About

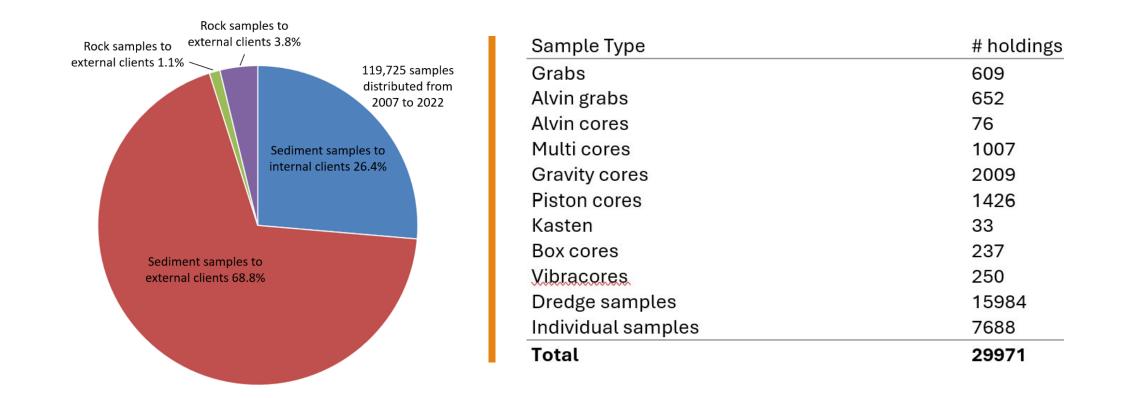
•Established in the 1970's, our mission is to facilitate research and education through curating and providing access to our diverse collection of samples from the world's seafloor. This includes, but is not limited to rocks, lake and marine sediment, corals, shells, peat, and wood. We support the advancement of scientific knowledge by providing technical and analytical expertise, in addition to instrumentation and field equipment

•Collection consists of ~30,000 samples, consisting of sediment cores, rock dredges, coral cores, surface grabs, and samples collected by submersibles

Average approximately 7400 samples distributed per year to researchers and educators over the last 15 years

•Outreach to students and educators of all ages

 Provide training on the use of various sampling equipment and collection and curation of seafloor materials



Collection and Sampling Statistics



Geotek RXCT Scanner

Malvern Mastersizer particle sizer analyzer

Rock Saws

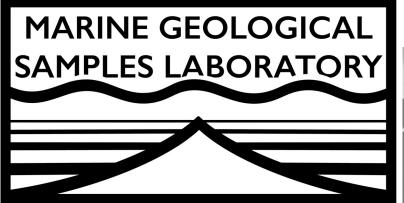
Core splitting

Vibracoring

Multicoring

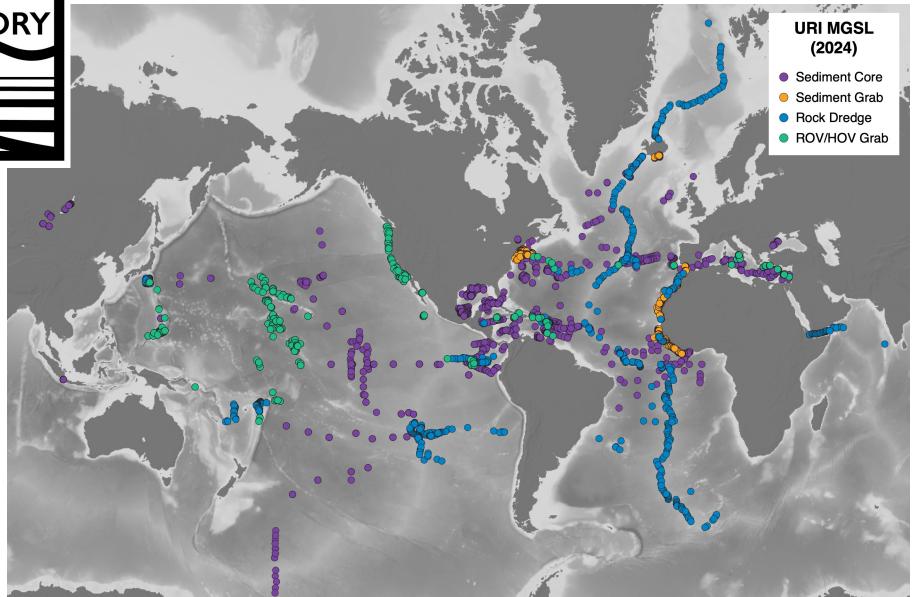
Geoprobe





THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND GRADUATE SCHOOL OF OCEANOGRAPHY

- 3,000+ Dredges and sub-samples
- 8,000+ Cores and sub-samples
- 2,000+ ROV/HOV grabs
- 700 Surface sed grabs







Major news at the URI MGSL

- \$1M+ in federal funds for renovation and expansion
- New full-time curator, Danielle Cares
- Busier than ever: 2023 marked an all-time high for annual sample requests
- We are on Instagram! @URIMGSL
- Contact us with inquiries or requests: <u>mgsl@etal.uri.edu</u>

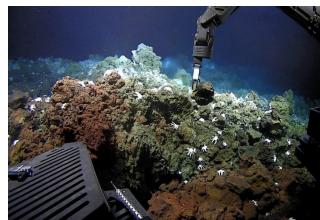


Oregon State University MARINE AND GEOLOGY REPOSITORY *Supporting Earth, Ocean, and Antarctic Sciences*

Our mission is to facilitate research, education, and the advancement of scientific knowled through access and preservation of our diverse collection of rock, lake, and marine sedime samples from around the world's oceans, including the Arctic and the Southern Oceans.



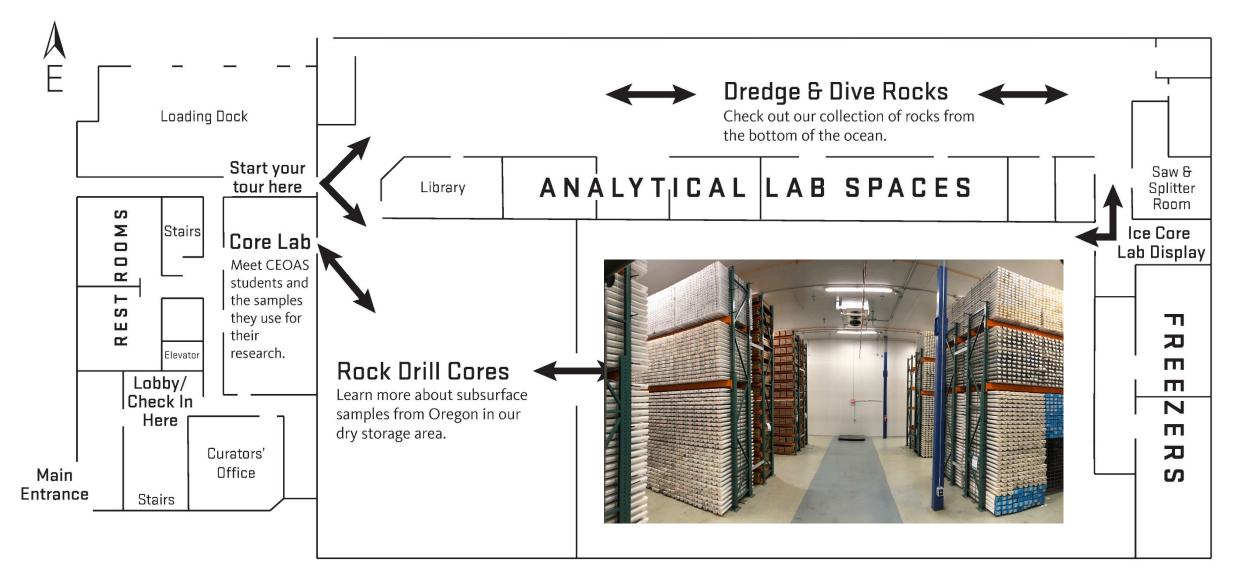






OSU MARINE & GEOLOGY REPOSITORY

Map for self-guided tour of the facility and its collections



OSU-MGR Collections Update

• The Marine Geology and Geophysics Collection:

- 15,200 m of marine sediment from over 6,600 core sites
- Over 560 m of lake sediment from over 200 core sites
- 8,060 m of terrestrial drill core from 29 sites
- 1,600 sediment trap samples

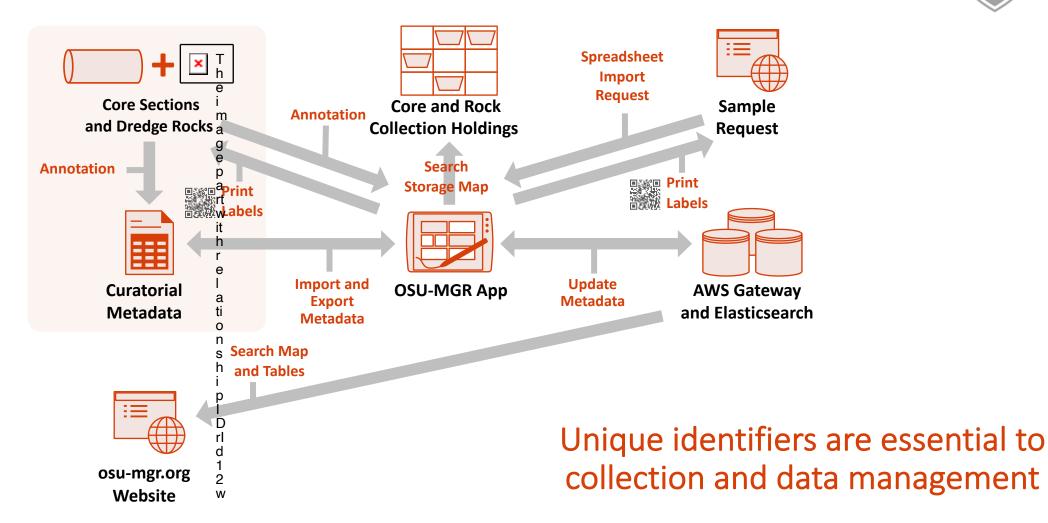
• The Antarctic Core Collection:

- Largest collection of geological samples from the Southern Ocean
- Over 18,500 m of deep sea core sediment from 7,370 core sites
- Dredge and Dive Rock Collection:
 - More than 14,600 rocks from 529 dredges
 - 528 manganese nodules
 - 365 rock samples from 187 ROV dives sampled by NOAA in marine national monuments in the Pacific Ocean



OSU Marine and Geology Repository (OSU-MGR)





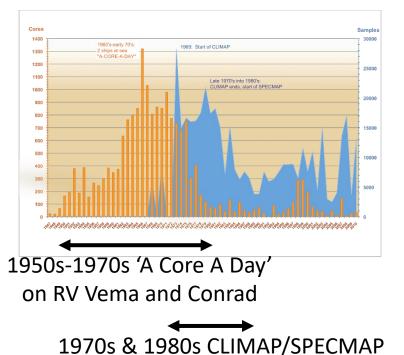
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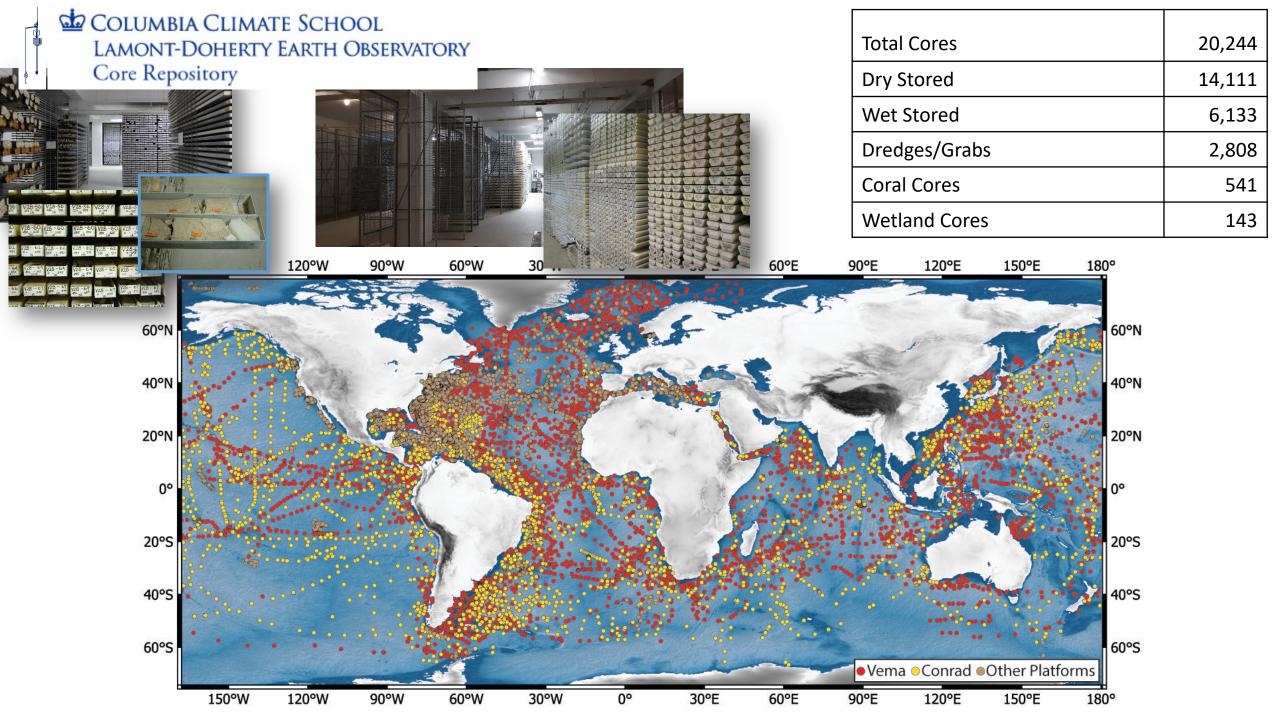






- First core taken by Maurice Ewing in 1947 on RV Atlantis
- "A core a day" philosophy built a truly global collection while RV Vema and RV Conrad were active
- Pre 1984 cores in dry storage area (5,380 sq. ft.) and post 1984 cores in refrigerated storage (4,666 sq. ft.)
- In addition to physical samples, we also archive historical materials, cruise data, seafloor photographs, and more
- Additional lab space includes 'automatic' washing stations, sedigraphs, coulometer, benchtop XRD, Geotek Multi Sensor Track (MST), and an ITRAX XRF core scanner

corerepository.ldeo.columbia.edu

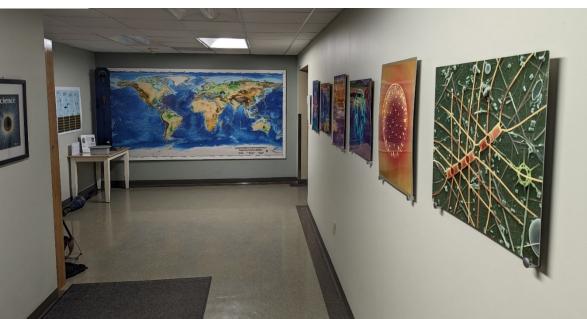


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The Polar Rock Repository

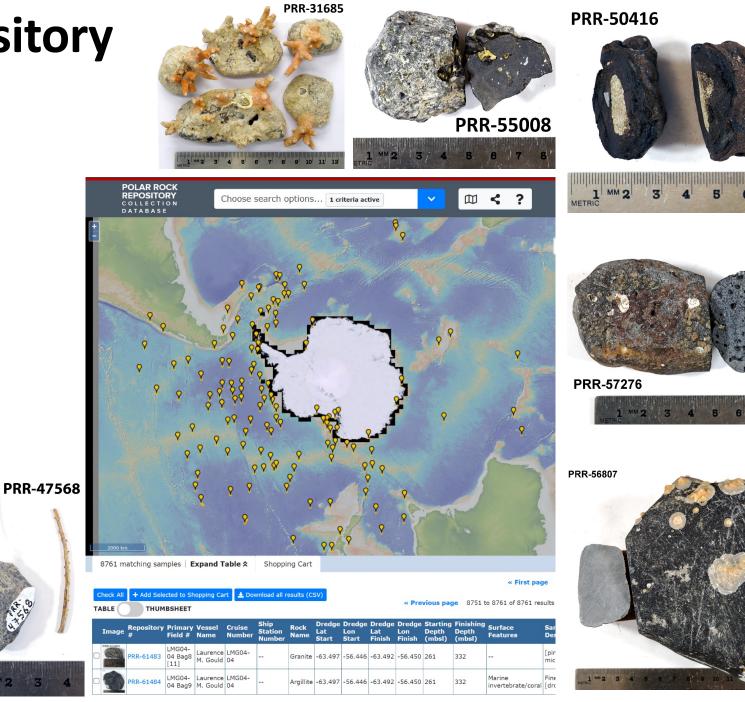
Byrd Polar & Climate Research Center, The Ohio State University

Making the inaccessible available to all

- The PRR collection includes >61,000 samples from Antarctica, the Southern Ocean, and surrounding regions
- Samples from seamounts, abyssal plains, rift zones
- Glacial dropstones, Mn nodules

Over 8,700 dredge samples online

- Collections from the Eltanin, Edisto, Hero, Laurence M. Gould, and Nathaniel B. Palmer
- Larger dredge clasts have been individually cataloged, described, and photographed
- Supporting metadata included
- Marine invertebrates noted
- Petrologic features noted



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Easily Searchable Database

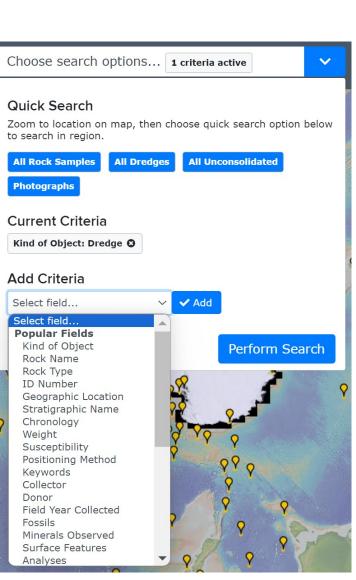
- Over 30 search criteria options
- View images of each sample



Online Sample Request System

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	Image	Repository #	Primary Field #	Kind of Object	Rock Name	Sample Description	General Notes	Mountain/ Island Name	Region	Weight
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		PRR-4424	КВ-2	Dredge	Rhyolite	rhyolite porphyry; 2 pieces	Sample is from dredging collec(more)	Kainan Bay	Marie Byrd Land	91 g
		PRR-4425	OP-15-1a	Dredge	Dacite	dacite porphyry; 3 pieces	Sample is from dredging collec(more)		Antarctic Peninsula	1623 g







In-person/Zoom visits encouraged Find Curator Erica Maletic for more information (and a sticker)





SESAR²

System for Earth & Extraterrestrial Sample Registration

What is SESAR?

SESAR is a community platform that facilitates discovery, access, and reuse of samples, and connects samples with the knowledge ecosystem derived from them (articles, data, images).

Primary services

- Workspace for sample metadata management
- Curatorial review of metadata & user support
- Searchable sample catalog for discovery/access
- Registration of sample metadata and minting of IGSNs at DataCite





www.geosamples.org

SESAR is funded by the NSF since 2004 and is now operated as part of the NSFfunded IEDA2 Data Facility.

Why Use SESAR² NSF - OCE Data & Sample Management Policy:

"All physical geological samples (solid, gas, liquid) must be assigned unique sample identifiers (IGSNs), and this identifier for the samples and any analyses associated with those samples should be referred to in any publication. IGSNs can be generated from the online IEDA IGSN assignment tool."

AGU Author Resources:

"AGU recommends the use of IGSNs for citing samples reported in manuscripts. ... We strongly encourage authors to <u>register</u> <u>samples with an IGSN Allocating Agent and obtain IGSNs</u> and use them throughout their manuscript, tables, and archived data sets. "

- Improve discovery & access of your samples & collections
- Safely store & share information about your samples
- Track your samples & sample data in the literature
- Comply with funders' & publishers' requirements for FAIR samples with IGSN

How to Use SESAR²

- Establish a personal or institutional account
- Decide on your preferred registration option
 - Create customized batch registration forms
 - Contact SESAR if you want to use the API
- Submit your sample metadata!
- Contact <u>info@geosamples.org</u> if you have questions
- Visit the SESAR web site for Help resources
 - https://www.geosamples.org/resources/help

- >5 million samples in the SESAR Catalog
 - Wide range of sample types: Solid, fluid, gas, bio, synthetic
- >1,600 users (Individual researchers & institutions)
 - E.g., museums, NSF-funded sample & core repositories
- Global user community
- Recommended by funders & publishers

The Index to Marine and Lacustrine Geological Samples (IMLGS)

- Established in 1977, the IMLGS is a community designed and maintained resource that enables scientists to find and access:
 - i. **Digital geological data** gleaned from seabed and lakebed geological samples collected worldwide
 - ii. **Physical samples** underlying the digital data and curated at **partner sample repositories**
- Simply put, the IMLGS is a "one-stop shop" data discovery and access tool
- Purpose: To promote new research on existing samples curated at partner sample repositories

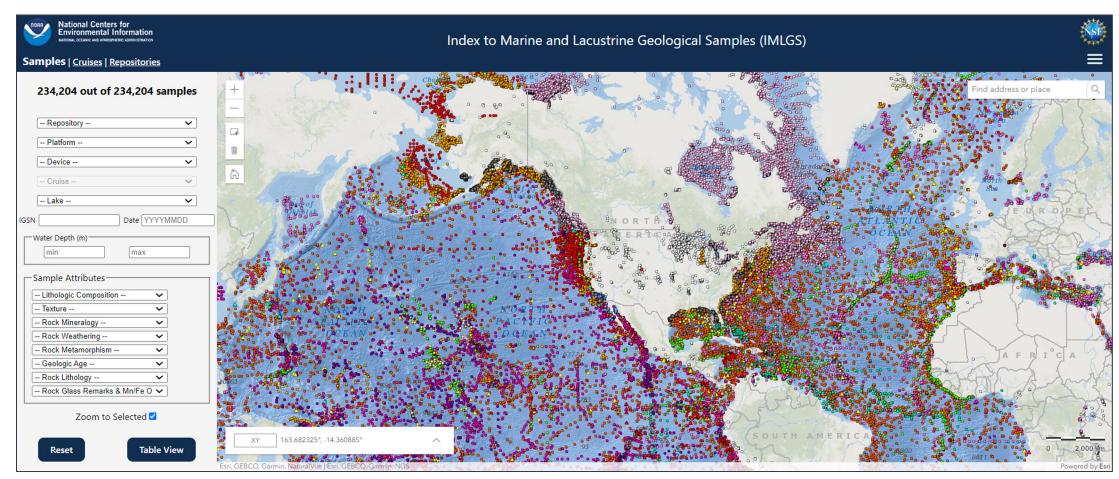
Active Community Involvement

- Antarctic Core Collection (Oregon State University)
- British Ocean Sediment Core Research Facility
- Continental Scientific Drilling
- Geological Survey of Canada
- GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel
- International Ocean Discovery Program
- Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory
- National Museum of Natural History
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Oregon State University
- Polar Rock Repository, Ohio State University
- Scripps Institution of Oceanography
- U.S. Geological Survey
- University of Rhode Island
- Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution



Data Discovery and Access

The IMLGS Web App: 234,204 samples as of March 14, 2024

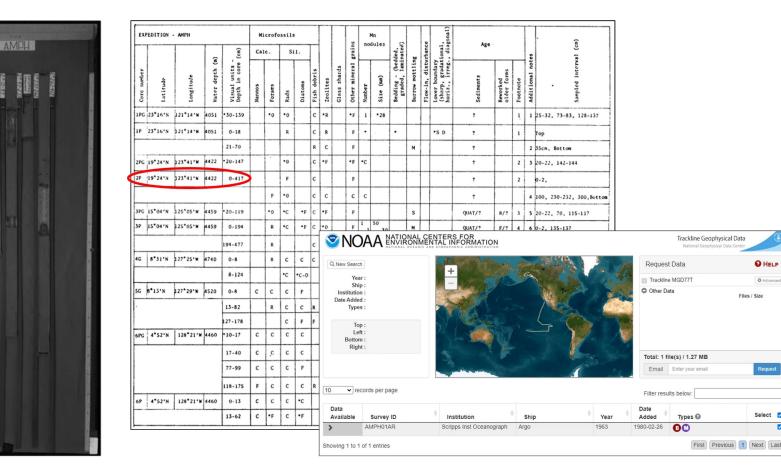




Data Discovery and Access

e.g., The "Data and Information for Sample ID AMPH01AR-002P" page

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nip/Platform	Argo		
ruise ID	AMPHITRITE		
eg	AMPH01AR		
Sample ID	AMPH01AR-002P		
Sampling Device	core, piston		
Latitude/Longitude	19.4, -123.683		
Water Depth (m)	4,422		
Date Sample Collected	1963-12-06		
Storage Method	refrigerated		
Core Length (cm)	417		
Core Diameter(cm)	5		
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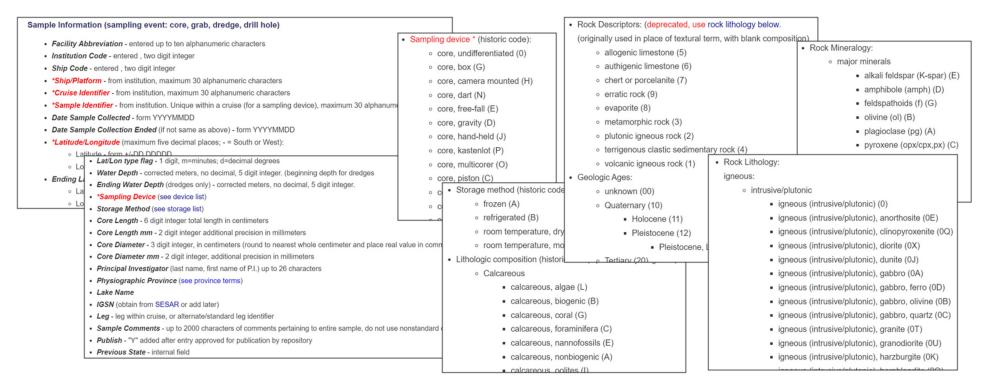




Metadata: The Unsung Hero of the IMLGS

Curators describe their samples using an agreed upon metadata

Including a suite of controlled vocabulary sets





Thanks!

Next up: Lunch Meet back here at 1315 for breakout sessions