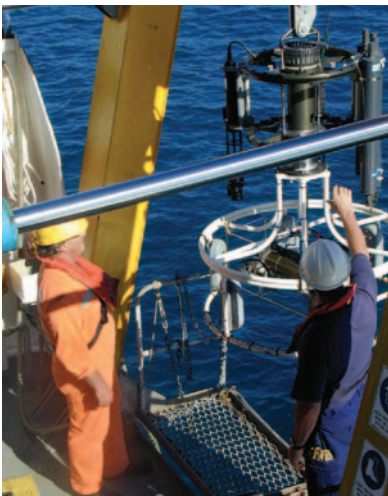


Transit Voyage Science Program 2012-2013

Each year RV *Southern Surveyor* undertakes a number of transit voyages between the ports where one research voyage finishes and the next commences. Between July 2012 and March 2013 *Southern Surveyor* will undertake five transit voyages.

The Transit Voyage Science Program provides an opportunity for researchers to carry out underway or opportunistic science during transits between voyages and ports.



Summary

Activities most suited to Transit Voyage Science Programs are those that focus on underway data and sample collection, development of methods or testing of equipment.

Bench and laboratory space and berths will be allocated to support the Transit Voyage Science Program.

In addition to underway data collection opportunities, an allocation of 24 hours will be scheduled on each transit voyage to allow for on-station science, depending on the vessel's progress along the transit route. The Marine National Facility (MNF) will provide electronics, data acquisition and processing support. Swath acquisition and hydrochemistry support may be provided. Subject to voyage requirements either side of the transit, requests for access to the MNF equipment pool will also be considered.

The Transit Voyage Science may be integrated with a *Next Wave* voyage. For example, if a project for individual students is identified, supervision may be requested of

the Chief Scientist on the Transit Science Voyage (see www.marine.csiro.au/nationalfacility/nextwave).

Conversely, if bench space is allocated, support for sample and/or data collection or instrument monitoring may be provided by staff and students from a *Next Wave* voyage.

Contact Don McKenzie at the MNF to discuss the proposed project or visit www.marine.csiro.au/nationalfacility/transitvoyagescience to download an information and application pack.

Applicants will be advised of the status of their application by **Friday, 9 March 2012**.

Call for applications opens Monday, 21 November 2011. Applications must be received by **17:00 Friday, 17 February 2012**.

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Transit no	Start port	Finish port	Start date	End date
ss2012_t04	Sydney	Hobart	5 July 2012	9 July 2012
ss2012_t05	Hobart	Fremantle	30 July 2012	8 August 2012
ss2012_t06	Broome	Darwin	7 September 2012	11 September 2012
ss2012-t07	Darwin	Cairns	12 October 2012	19 October 2012
ss2013_t01	Sydney	Hobart	27 February 2013	3 March 2013

