



ECORD's Headline #13

ECORD defines the 2019-2023 MSP operational plan!

Mission-specific platform expeditions (MSP) are ECORD's landmark.

Since 2004 and the implementation of the first MSP expedition, Arctic Coring Expedition (ACEX), ECORD has successfully conducted eight expeditions covering different objectives of the IODP science plan and using various drilling technologies (see www.ecord.org).

Following proposed scheduling scenarios and prioritization of MSP expeditions by the ECORD Facility Board, the ECORD Council has approved at its last two meetings the following **MSP operational plan** to cover the second phase (**2019-2023**) of the current programme:

- ✚ FY'19: Expedition 389 'Hawaiian Drowned Reefs'.
- ✚ FY'20: MSP expedition based on IODP proposal #866 'Japan Trench Paleoseismology' implemented jointly by ECORD and JAMSTEC/CDEX.
- ✚ FY'21: Expedition 377 'Arctic Paleoceanography' (ArcOP).
- ✚ FY'22: no expedition or low-cost MSP expedition.
- ✚ FY'23: Expedition 373 'Antarctic Cenozoic Paleoclimate'.

This operational plan has been based both on the scientific excellence of drilling/coring proposals and the available ECORD annual budget for expeditions.

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
389 Hawaiian Drowned Reefs	P#866 Japan Trench Paleoseismology	377 Arctic Paleoceanography (ArcOP)	No expedition or low-cost expedition	373 Antarctic Cenozoic Paleoclimate
<i>Seafloor drill</i>	<i>Giant piston coring</i>	<i>Drillship</i>		<i>Seafloor drill</i>

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