

## IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MSP EXPEDITIONS

### What was written in the ECORD MoU :

- *When a full cash contribution has been made, ECORD members may offer additional in-kind contributions to implement a Mission-Specific Platform (MSP) expedition, such as the provision of a ship or any equipment required for the relevant expedition.*
- *The ECORD Council, in consultation with the ECORD Science Operator (ESO), will decide on the suitability of the in-kind offer and the level of financial contribution represented by the offer.*
- *Any extra contribution (in cash or in-kind) from an ECORD member to a MSP expedition will provide additional rights to the relevant ECORD member for the relevant expedition. The ECORD Council will define the additional rights, in consultation with ESO.*

### Conclusions from the Executive Working Group amended based on the discussions at the Council meeting:

#### **1) What shall be considered as an eligible In-Kind Contribution (IKC)?**

##### Eligible contributions that can be considered as IKCs:

- Drilling platforms
- Support vessels (e.g. resupply, sample transport, VSP experiments)
- Essential scientific service that ESO would normally pay for (e.g. logging)
- Hazard site survey if required
- Onshore facility near the drill site if required
- Ice management
- Remote logistics and assistance

##### Examples that would not be considered eligible IKCs:

- Scientific site surveys
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party tools from Science Party members to take non-standard measurements
- Any cost that ESO would not otherwise pay for in its normal duty of delivering expeditions
- Anything that falls into the normal cost to a country participating in IODP

#### **2) Who is eligible to contribute an IKC?**

- Any IODP member and non-member country can propose IKCs

- ECORD/EMA shall issue open calls to the international community for IKCs

**3) Which ECORD entity/entities decide(s) whether an offer for an IKC is acceptable?**

- Offers of IKCs will be evaluated by ESO on a case-by case basis. Propositions and options of IKCs and their proposed cash-value shall be presented to the ECORD FB for discussion and then to the ECORD Council for final approval.

**4) Which ECORD entity sets a cash-value to the IKC?**

- ESO shall work with the contributing country to set a total cash-value to the contribution, based on actual costs and not commercial value.

**5) How shall the IKC-cash-value be converted to extra berths?**

- In-Kind Contributions shall be rewarded by extra Science Party positions on the MSP expedition for which the IKC has been rendered.
- The number of extra Science Party positions, as compensation for an IKC, will be determined through a case-to-case negotiation between ECORD and the contributing nation. The defined number will take into account both qualitative and quantitative issues regarding the IKC.
- In general, a maximum of three extra Science Party positions shall be rewarded as compensation for an IKC
- Awarding extra berths, as compensation for IKCs, must not compromise (1) the scientific objectives of the expedition, and (2) the regular distribution of berths among the IODP member countries as defined in the individual Memoranda of Understandings (MoUs).

**6) How can the IKC extra-berths be used?**

- For all countries (ECORD members, other IODP members and non-IODP members), the IKC extra Science Party positions must be used on the MSP expedition for which the IKC has been rendered. For ECORD countries, IKC extra Science Party positions may be used to solve/mitigate unbalanced situations in the quota system, based on case-to-case negotiation between EMA and the contributing nation.