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Environmental and Scientific Affairs*

*Washington, D.C. 20520*

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Mr. Taro Ono  
First Secretary, Economic Section  
Embassy of Japan  
2520 Massachusetts Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ono,

I am writing in response to the application to conduct marine scientific research in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the United States of America, listed in the Research Application Tracking System as U2016-029. I am pleased to advise that all activities proposed for Dr. Kazuhiro NEMOTO of the Global Environment and Marine Department, JMA, from February 8, 2017 to February 18, 2017, under U2016-029 are approved, subject to the following conditions being met:

- (1) The marine scientific research is to be undertaken in conformity with the information specified in the research application, and the relevant provisions of U.S. and international law. Plans for any changes in activities, the Chief Scientist or the platform, or the addition of any activities, are to be communicated in advance of entrance into U.S. waters to the Research Coordinator.
- (2) The applicant understands that approval of this marine scientific research request does not provide the applicant with exclusive use of the maritime space. At all times, the applicant is to exercise due regard with respect to other lawful uses of the sea. The applicant understands that neither the Department of State nor any other part of the United States Government is responsible for any damage, harm, or liability resulting from the conduct of this marine scientific research by the applicant and that the United States Government assumes no responsibility for any such damage, harm, or liability by virtue of granting this application.
- (3) The applicant will take all steps warranted to apprise mariners of the placement of any potential obstacles to navigation associated with this marine scientific research, including as needed appropriate notifications to the Coast Guard.
- (4) To promote safety by minimizing potential interference with other activities please contact the CTF74 Battle Watch of positional updates/ changes during transit at the earliest using the following contact information: CSP BWC: 808-473-2517 / and COMPACFLT: 808-471-8625.

- (5) During the deployment and/or recovery of any instruments or gear, a member of the scientific staff or of the vessel's crew monitors for the presence of marine species that may become tangled in any line or cables, or trapped in a net. If any such species are at risk of entanglement, the person serving as the monitor should delay the deployment or recovery of that instrument or gear until those individuals at risk of entanglement have vacated the area (150 meters) around the vessel.
- (6) A preliminary report is to be submitted via the Research Application Tracking System no later than three months of the end date of this authorization.
- (7) A copy of all data generated during the marine scientific research activities that are the subject of this application is to be sent by email to:  
[NODC.DataOfficer@noaa.gov](mailto:NODC.DataOfficer@noaa.gov)
- (8) A copy of the final report produced that incorporates information obtained from the marine scientific research that is the subject of this application is to be sent to the following addresses:

National Science Foundation  
ATTN: B. Houtman  
4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 725  
Arlington, VA 22230

Naval Oceanographic Office  
ATTN: Kathryn Townsend  
1002 Balch Boulevard  
Stennis Space Center, MS 39522-5001

National Oceanographic Data Center  
ATTN: NODC Data Officer c/o Dr. Rost Parsons  
National Oceanographic Data Center  
1315 East-West Highway  
Silver Spring, 20910

Thank you for your continuing cooperation in these matters.

Sincerely,



Allison Reed  
Authorizations Coordinator  
Office of Ocean and Polar Affairs  
United States Department of State