

IODP PRINCIPLE ON MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

1. A Central Management Office (CMO) will develop and manage the implementation plans for the IODP science program. The CMO will have a formal arrangement with IODP Lead Agencies for this activity and will operate in the best interest of the IODP and all member organizations, without preference.
2. The principal task of the CMO is to receive advice on priorities and plans from the IODP Science Advisory Structure, to request plans, which are responsive to this advice from the IODP implementing organizations, and to submit an annual IODP plan to the Lead Agencies. The CMO will negotiate with the implementing organizations and the Science Advisory Structure to produce an annual IODP plan, which is consistent with budget guidance from the Lead Agencies.
3. Implementing organizations will have primary responsibility for the management of the Program's facilities, operational capabilities and services as identified in the annual plan. JAMSTEC will carry out the role of the implementing organization for operation of the riser platform. NSF will determine the implementing organization for the non-riser platform. Other implementing organizations will be established as appropriate and required. Those organizations supported by science operations costs will be selected by processes agreed to by the IWG or its successor, and the CMO as required.
4. The annual IODP plan will include presentation of science operations costs and platform operations costs.
5. The annual IODP Plan will be approved by the executive authority of the Science Advisory Structure (which represents all international members) prior to its consideration by the Lead Agencies.
6. Significant changes in the annual plan will be approved by the CMO and the Lead Agencies prior to implementation, in consultation with the executive authority of the Science Advisory Structure when appropriate.
7. NSF will provide commingled funds to the CMO, which in turn will provide funds to implementing organizations for science operation costs through appropriate formal arrangements.
8. An IODP Council will provide governmental oversight for all IODP activity. All countries, as well as member organizations representing countries, participating in the IODP will be represented on the Council.