

# Okeanos Explorer Participation Assessment

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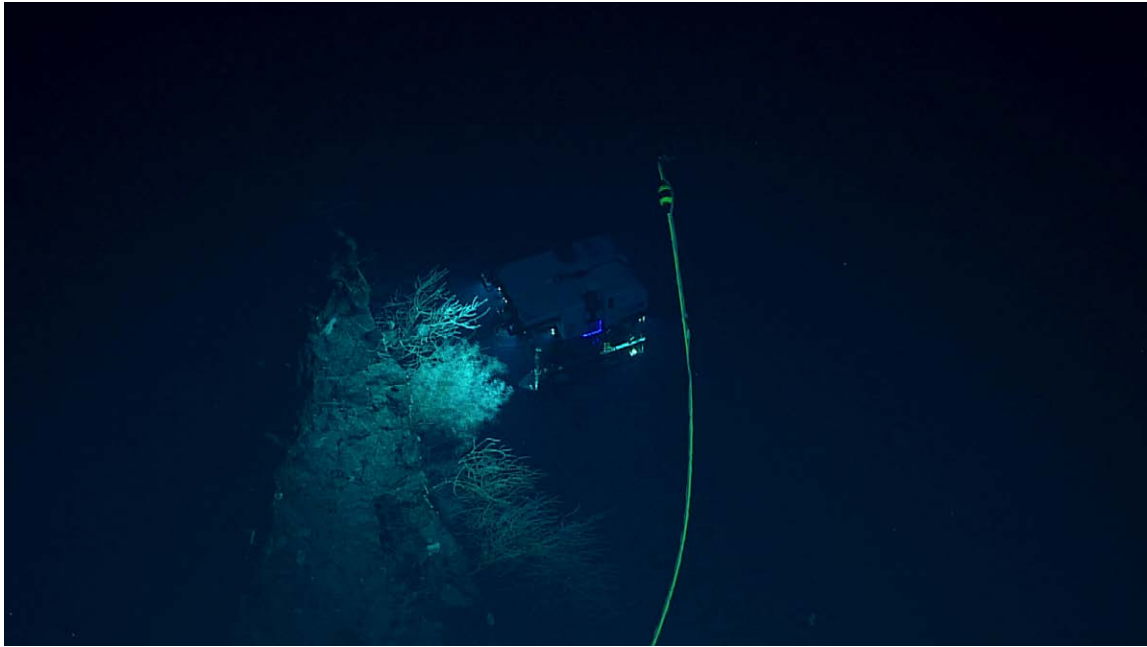
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## Assessment

As the NOAA OER's operations onboard NOAA Ship Okeanos Explorer are constantly evolving, the evaluation of your experience as part of the telepresence-enabled team (ship and shore) is essential to how we move forward and operate in the future. With each topic, please consider what you thought went well and what may have been challenging, and please feel free to provide suggestions for future operations. Individual assessments will be included in a comprehensive assessment of the expedition and help guide operations for the next field season.



1) Affiliation

Your answer

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2) Location during the cruise

Your answer

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### Pre-Cruise Planning and Preparation

3) How would you rate your experience during the pre-cruise planning and preparation period?

	1	2	3	4	5	
Needs Significant Improvement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Excellent

4) Please provide any comments about your pre-cruise experience or suggestions for improvement.

Comments may relate to cruise planning, science and operational meetings, training sessions,

overall guidance, or any other information you would like to share. We are particularly interested in learning about how you think we could improve our engagement of the science team.

Your answer

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## Conducting operations via telepresence

5) How would you rate your experience during the cruise?

	1	2	3	4	5	
Needs Significant Improvement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Excellent

6) Did you feel operations were collaborative in nature?

	1	2	3	4	5	
Needs Significant Improvement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Excellent

7) Please provide any comments about your experience or suggestions to improve operations.

Comments may relate to training & guidance, use of new technologies, technical/operational support, daily operations/science planning, situational awareness, execution/efficiency, staffing, operational tempo & schedule, communication, perception of shore-based experience overall, or any other information you would like to share. How could we have improved your experience? We are also interested to learn how you felt the community based model worked. Did you feel there was a good balance of objectives and that the cruise was collaborative?

Your answer

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## Data products and information management/dissemination

8) How would you rate the following Okeanos Explorer data products?

a) FTP

1 2 3 4 5

Needs Significant Improvement	○	○	○	○	○	Excellent
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**b) Real Time Video Data**

	1	2	3	4	5	
Needs Significant Improvement	○	○	○	○	○	Excellent

**c) EX Instant Messaging Service**

	1	2	3	4	5	
Needs Significant Improvement	○	○	○	○	○	Excellent

**d) Video Annotation Software**

	1	2	3	4	5	
Needs Significant Improvement	○	○	○	○	○	Excellent

**e) SeaSketch**

	1	2	3	4	5	
Needs Significant Improvement	○	○	○	○	○	Excellent

**9) Additional useful products or datasets**

What data do you wish we collected or made available on shore? Are any of our products particularly useful or not helpful? What data could we be collecting that would help characterize an area?

Your answer

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**10) Please provide any comments about our data to help us**

### improve our product suite.

Comments may relate to any of our current products, products we should be developing, data processing/access/dissemination (shore vs. ship), or any other information you would like to share. Did our products provide you with enough information to meaningfully participate in operations? Are our data and products easy to work with as you look to conduct future exploration, research, and management efforts? What data do you wish we collected or made available on shore? Are any of our products particularly useful or not helpful?

Your answer

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### 11) How would you rate data/information management and dissemination?

	1	2	3	4	5	
Needs Significant Improvement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Excellent

### 12) Please provide any comments about your experience or suggestions to improve operations.

Comments may relate to the FTP site, instant messaging & Eventlog, NavData stream, OER animal guide, daily products, data processing/access/dissemination (shore vs. ship), or any other information you would like to share.

Your answer

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## Sampling operations

### 13) Please provide any comments about how we could improve our sampling operations.

We are interested in feedback on our sampling operations. Are there additional tools for sampling that would be useful to help initial characterization of an area? Are there ways that we can replace the need for a physical sample with a sensor or digital data? Please be aware there are physical and staffing limitations with our operations that we cannot change including few onboard scientists and limited physical space and facilities to process and store samples.

Your answer

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## Overall Experience

14) How would you rate your overall experience during this expedition?

	1	2	3	4	5	
Needs Significant Improvement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Excellent

15) Please provide feedback about your overall experience and suggestions/recommendations for future telepresence-enabled operations. Please include perceived advantages/disadvantages to applying telepresence to ROV operations.

Your answer

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16) Is there anything else that was not covered in another section that you would like to share? Do you have any new ideas for our operations that you would like OER to consider implementing? This could be something that worked well in other operations that would be useful for OER to consider, or something you feel is missing from our repertoire.

Your answer

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17) To obtain some useful information for the development of OER's telepresence-enabled exploration operations, please consider answering the following questions as part of your assessment.

Why was your work during this cruise valuable to society/the general public? Did this experience alter your perception of conducting expeditions remotely?

Your answer

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