

# MarineGEO Partnership Survey

*Taking the pulse of coastal ocean life—worldwide*

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Are you interested in joining the Smithsonian's MarineGEO network?

We are eager to hear from prospective partners who share our goals of understanding coastal marine life and ecosystems through coordinated research. Your answers to the questions below will help us find the best way to achieve that goal together.

We review partnership inquiries periodically on the basis of their match to MarineGEO's long-term strategy and scientific priorities, partner capacity and commitment, and the Smithsonian team's bandwidth for launching new collaborations in the context of ongoing work.

The first step toward partnership is to explore our common interests and capacity. We invite you to review the [MarineGEO website](#), our [Research agreement](#), and [examples of MarineGEO research](#) before providing the following information. Your responses will help our team identify potential areas for collaboration and prepare for a follow-up conversation.

*After completing this form, please email it to [marinegeo@si.edu](mailto:marinegeo@si.edu). Thank you.*

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## People

**Applicant** (You, the applicant will serve as initial liaison between Smithsonian and your institution, the prospective partner)

- Name:
- Position:
- Institution:
- Email:
- Mailing address:



Smithsonian Institution

MarineGEO@si.edu

- Major research interests:

*(Please attach CV)*

**Proposed Site Principal Investigator (if different than applicant)**

- Name:
- Position:
- Institution:
- Email:
- Mailing address:

- Major research interests:

*(Please attach CV)*

**Other interested staff**

- Names and roles:

## Institution(s)

### Lead institution

- Name:
- Location (Country, locality):
  
- Type:
  - University
  - Government
  - NGO
  - Private
  - Other (describe)
- Does your institution have an MS and/or PhD program?
- Does your institution have AAUS or equivalent scientific diving affiliation?
- Institutional website:
  
- Other institutions in proposed consortium for your site, if any:
  
- Your institution's existing partnerships, if any, that may be relevant to MarineGEO:
  
- Skills, expertise, or other local assets relevant to MarineGEO partnership:

## Observatory site research and education

What research themes are of most interest to you and colleagues at your site/institution?

What are the main environmental challenges facing ecosystems and coastal people in your area? (for example, overfishing, pollution, coastal development, invasive species, etc.)

How can partnership with Smithsonian MarineGEO help you and your institution?

What do you feel you and your institution can offer to Smithsonian MarineGEO in a partnership?

### Current research at your site

- What environmental monitoring is currently under way?
- What biological monitoring is currently under way **at your site?**
- Please list any long-term data sets of potential interest (with URLs if available):

### Collaborations

- Previous or current collaborations with MarineGEO:
- Previous or current collaborations with Smithsonian:
- Participation in other relevant networks:
- Network or program leadership:

### Education

- Are field courses taught at your site? (Please describe)
- Are graduate students in residence at the site? **Do you have a postdoc program?**

### Bibliography

- Please attach a list or links to key publications on your site's environment, ecology, biodiversity, and/or other topics of interest

## Research Funding

What are the major funding sources for marine research available to you? Does your institution have access to cooperative funding opportunities with particular countries? I

## Observatory field sites

### Description of proposed field site(s):

- Latitude (optional):
- Longitude (optional):
- Habitats present:
  
- Habitats of interest:
  
- Climate:
  
- Notable features or other relevant information:

### Site infrastructure

- Field station on site? If yes:
  - Responsible institution:
  - Approximate number of permanent staff:
  - Temporary/visiting staff capacity:
  - Approximate number of beds:
- SCUBA compressor on site?

- Website:
- Vessels (number, sizes):
- Sensors deployed:

### Other comments

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Thanks for your interest in joining MarineGEO! We look forward to following up.  
Questions? Please contact [marinegeo@si.edu](mailto:marinegeo@si.edu).

The MarineGEO Central team