



APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN AREAS UNDER NATIONAL JURISDICTION OF **PORTUGAL**

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1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1. Cruise name and/or number:

FRAME-MCS

1.2. Sponsoring institution:

Funding agency: Spanish Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness (MICINN) Funding programme: Programa Estatal de Investigación, Desarrollo e Innovación Orientada a los Retos de la Sociedad, Convocatoria 2015, Modalidad 1: "Proyectos De I+D+I" Name and reference of the project: FRAME (CTM2015-71766-R)

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3 - METHODS AND MEANS TO BE USED

3.1. Particular of vessel:

MAIN RESEARCH VESSEL

Name: SARMIENTO DE GAMBOA Nationality: Spanish **Owner: CSIC** Operator: CSIC, UTM Type of vessel: Oceanographic Research Vessel Year built and country: 2007 by CNP Freire, Spain Length / width 70,5 m Length p.p.: 62,0 m Design Draught: 4,60 m Scantling Draught: 4,90 m Depth to main deck: 5,00 m Tonnage: Gross = 2630 GTDead weight: 850 tpm Maximum Speed: 14.5 knots Prop. Power: 2400 kW Fuel: 528 m3 Endurance: 40 days Accommodation (crew + research) 16+26 Classification society: Bureau Veritas, +HULL Special Service Oceanographic and Fishing Research/Unrestricted Navigation/+MACH+AUT-UMS, AUT-CCS, ALM SDS COMF-1, SYS-NEQ 1 DYNAPOS AM/AT Register port: Vigo





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Name of master : María Ángeles Campos Pablo Fernández Pérez Number of crew: 16 Number of scientists on board: 26

AUXILIARY RESEARCH VESSEL

Name: BO Garcia del Cid Nationality: Spanish Operator: CSIC, Spain Owner: CSIC, Spain Flag: Spain Type of vessel: Oceanographic Research Vessel Year built and country: 1977 by Astilleros de Tarragona, Spain Length / width 37.2 m Design Draught: 4,70 m Tonnage: Gross = 285.5 GTMaximum Speed: 10.0 knots Engine. Power: 1160 kW Endurance: 12 days Classification society: Bureau Veritas, + HULL, + MACH, Fishing vessel, Unrestricted Navigation Register port: Barcelona Call code: EHUU Phone: • INMARSAT: + 870764057558 • Cellular: + **630473172** Email: capitan.Garciadelcid@SkyFile.com Name of master:

Alejandro Muro Ortega Number of crew: 12

3.2. Aircraft or other craft to be used in the project: None

3.3. Particulars of methods and scientific instruments:

			Distance to shore		
Provide a list of the main scientific	Fisheries	Research	Within	Within 12	Within 50
equipment that is going to be	research	related to the	12	and 50	and 200
used, saying the waters where it	within the	continental	nautical	nautical	nautical
will be used / installed	established	shelf beyond	miles	miles	miles





	fishing limits	the limits of the coastal state			
Six-km-long streamer cable with hydrophones will be deployed and towed behind the ship	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
An airgun seismic source array constituted by two sub-arrays with a capacity o between 3,500-4,500 c.i. will be towed behind the vessel. It will generate the acoustic signal to be recorded in the hydrophones.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Multibeam echosounder ATLAS Hydrosweep DS mounted on the hull of RV "Sarmiento de Gamboa". The system emits a frequency range between 14.5 to 16 kHz. It operates at depths between 200 to 11000 m. Swath-bathymetric and backscatter data are simultaneously acquired.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Parametric sub-bottom profiler ATLAS Parasound P35 mounted on the hull of the RV "Sarmiento de Gamboa". It uses a primary frequency of 18-20 kHz and a secondary frequency of 1.5 to 4 kHz. It is simultaneously acquired with multibeam bathymetry.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

3.4. Indicate whether harmful substances will be used:

No

3.5. Indicate whether drilling will be carried out:

No

3.6. Indicate whether explosives will be used:

No

4 - INSTALLATIONS AND EQUIPMENTS

NO EQUIPMENT OR MOORING WILL BE INSTALLED ON THE OCEAN FLOOR

Streamer with Hydrophones







Fig. 1 Streamer onboard Research Vessel (R/V) Sarmiento de Gamboa during its deployment in the Ionian Sea in 2016. The 6-km-long streamer is contained in two winches on the working deck of the vessel.

The Research Vessel (R/V) Sarmiento de Gamboa will sail from Vigo (Spain) to the research area offshore Portugal, where the deployment of geophysical instrumentation will take place. The streamer (**Figure 1**) will be deployed from the ship from two winches, and in the operation of the Sarmiento de Gamboa the auxiliary boat R/V Garcia del CSIC will provide support and will also be alert in case passing boats need to be warned of the operation. The ship will collect several transects roughly perpendicular to the coast (**Figure 3**), approaching and sailing away from the shelf, as it gradually navigates towards the south. It will also collect data across the Gorringe bank a several-km-tall ridge offshore Cape of San Vicente. The ridge was possibly formed by one of the largest faults in the regions, and its activity is not well understood. The R/V Sarmiento de Gamboa will sail further into Moroccan waters and later will finish the cruise in the port of Cádiz.

Airgun Seismic Source



Figure 2.- Example of airgun array like the one to be used in the FRAME-OBS survey. It is constituted by two sub-arrays of 8 airguns each that will hang ~10-15 m below sea surface.

An airgun seismic source composed of two sub-arrays with 8-10 units each and a total capacity of \sim 3,500-4,500 c.i. (fig. 2), will be used to generate the acoustic signal to be recorded by the OBS/H along the three profiles. The acquisition speed will be of ~4.5 knots, meaning an average acquisition time of ~36 hours for a 300 km-long profile. During data acquisition, we will follow a protocol of best practice based on the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) guidelines to minimize impact on marine wildlife. A team of dedicated Marine Mammal Observers (MMOs) will embark to supervise all airgun shooting operations using both visual and Passive Acoustic Monitoring (PAM) systems. As it is recommended by the JNCC, data acquisition will consist of three phases. First, a pre-shooting phase to search for marine mammals inside the mitigation area (MA) previously defined by the MMOs, will begin 1h before start shooting. This phase will be reinitiated if a mammal is observed inside the MA. The soft-start and ramp up phase will initiate once the pre-shooting phase is successfully completed. During this second phase, shooting will start with a single unit at minimum pressure, and the rest of units will be progressively incorporated during the following 20 minutes, until the source operates at full power. Shooting shall immediately stop if a mammal is observed inside the MA, and the pre-shooting phase will start again only once MMOs confirm that the mammal left the MA. A report including all MMO and PAM operations and incidences during the survey will be included in the final survey report to be delivered to Portuguese authorities.

5 - GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS

5.1. Indicate geographical areas in which the project is to be conducted (with reference in latitude and longitude):

Zone 1:	<u>Zone 2:</u>	Zone 3:
(Portugal)	(Portugal)	(Marruecos Portugal)
14.5°W, 40.90°N 14.5°W, 39.45°N 09.0°W, 39.45°N	14.70°W, 38.6°N 14.70°W, 37.2°N 09.05°W, 37.2°N	07.40°W, 33.90°N 09.35°W, 32.85°N 12.35°W, 36.75°N





09.0°W, 40.90°N

09.65°W, 38.6°N

10.40°W, 37.80°N

ZONES 1-3 are shown as shaded polygons in the map of figure 3.





5.2. Attach chart(s) at an appropriate scale showing the geographical areas of the intended work and, as far as practicable, the positions of intended stations, the tracks of survey lines, and the locations of specific equipments or facilities:



Figure 3.- Track chart of multichannel seismic reflection profiles (in yellow) to be collected during the FRAME cruise displayed over bathymetric map. The semi-transparent boxes indicate areas of operation





of the cruise with corners indicated in tables above.

6 - DATES

6.1 Expected dates of first entry into and final departure from the research area of the research vessel:

entry date : 5 July 2018

departure date : 28 July 2018

6.2 Indicate if multiple entry is expected:

No

7 - PORTS CALLS

7.1. Dates and names of intended ports of call in Lisbon:

No port calls in Lisbon or any other Portuguese harbors are planned.

7.2. Any special logistical requirements at ports of call:

N.A.

7.3. Name/Address/Telephone of shipping agent (if available):

N.A.

8 - PARTICIPATION

8.1. Proposed dates and ports for embarkation/disembarkation:

start date : 4 July 2018 (Vigo, Spain)

end date : 29 July 2018 (Cádiz, Spain)

9 - ACCESS TO DATA, SAMPLES AND RESEARCH RESULTS

9.1. Expected dates of submission of preliminary reports which should include the expected dates of submission of the final results:





A preliminary report will be submitted to the institution designed by Portuguese authorities within 2 months after the end of the survey.

9.2. Proposed means for access by the Portuguese scientific and public entities, to data and samples:

A copy the raw data acquired during the survey will be given to the Portuguese Institution in charge designed by Portuguese authorities.

9.3. Proposed means of making research internationally available:

All the scientific results obtained with the data acquired during the FRAME-MCS survey will be made publically available through presentation at international scientific meetings, workshops and conferences, as well as with publications in SCI-indexed journals.

The publication work will be largely done in collaboration with Portuguese scientists





ANNEX

List of the scientific team

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- 3. Irene Merino Pérez, Institute of Marine Sciences-CSIC, Spain
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- 5. Miquel Camaroft Blanco, Institute of Marine Sciences-CSIC, Spain
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- 8. Prof. Luis Pinhero, Depart. de Geociências, Universidade de Aveiro, Portugal
- 9. Dr. Marta Neres, Instituto Português do Mar e Atmosfera, Portugal
- 10. Prof. Tiago Alves or Chantelle Roelofse, University of Cardiff (UK).
- 11. Moroccan observer/scientist #1
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3.2. Aircraft or other craft to be used in the project: None

3.3. Particulars of methods and scientific instruments:

			Distance to shore		
Provide a list of the main scientific	Fisheries	Research	Within	Within 12	Within 50
equipment that is going to be	research	related to the	12	and 50	and 200
used, saying the waters where it	within the	continental	nautical	nautical	nautical





will be used / installed	established fishing limits	shelf beyond the limits of the coastal state	miles	miles	miles
Six-km-long streamer cable with hydrophones will be deployed and towed behind the ship	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
An airgun seismic source array constituted by two sub-arrays with a capacity o between 3,500-4,500 c.i. will be towed behind the vessel. It will generate the acoustic signal to be recorded in the hydrophones.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Multibeam echosounder ATLAS Hydrosweep DS mounted on the hull of RV "Sarmiento de Gamboa". The system emits a frequency range between 14.5 to 16 kHz. It operates at depths between 200 to 11000 m. Swath-bathymetric and backscatter data are simultaneously acquired.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Parametric sub-bottom profiler ATLAS Parasound P35 mounted on the hull of the RV "Sarmiento de Gamboa". It uses a primary frequency of 18-20 kHz and a secondary frequency of 1.5 to 4 kHz. It is simultaneously acquired with multibeam bathymetry.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

3.4. Indicate whether harmful substances will be used:

No

3.5. Indicate whether drilling will be carried out:

No

3.6. Indicate whether explosives will be used:

No

4 - INSTALLATIONS AND EQUIPMENTS

NO EQUIPMENT OR MOORING WILL BE INSTALLED ON THE OCEAN FLOOR

Streamer with Hydrophones







Fig. 1 Streamer onboard Research Vessel (R/V) Sarmiento de Gamboa during its deployment in the Ionian Sea in 2016. The 6-km-long streamer is contained in two winches on the working deck of the vessel.

The Research Vessel (R/V) Sarmiento de Gamboa will sail from Vigo (Spain) to the research area offshore Portugal, where the deployment of geophysical instrumentation will take place. The streamer (**Figure 1**) will be deployed from the ship from two winches, and in the operation of the Sarmiento de Gamboa the auxiliary boat R/V Garcia del CSIC will provide support and will also be alert in case passing boats need to be warned of the operation. The ship will collect several transects roughly perpendicular to the coast (**Figure 3**), approaching and sailing away from the shelf, as it gradually navigates towards the south. It will also collect data across the Gorringe bank a several-km-tall ridge offshore Cape of San Vicente. The ridge was possibly formed by one of the largest faults in the regions, and its activity is not well understood. The R/V Sarmiento de Gamboa will sail further into Moroccan waters and later will finish the cruise in the port of Cádiz.

Airgun Seismic Source



Figure 2.- Example of airgun array like the one to be used in the FRAME-OBS survey. It is constituted by two sub-arrays of 8 airguns each that will hang ~10-15 m below sea surface.

An airgun seismic source composed of two sub-arrays with 8-10 units each and a total capacity of \sim 3,500-4,500 c.i. (fig. 2), will be used to generate the acoustic signal to be recorded by the OBS/H along the three profiles. The acquisition speed will be of ~4.5 knots, meaning an average acquisition time of ~36 hours for a 300 km-long profile. During data acquisition, we will follow a protocol of best practice based on the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) guidelines to minimize impact on marine wildlife. A team of dedicated Marine Mammal Observers (MMOs) will embark to supervise all airgun shooting operations using both visual and Passive Acoustic Monitoring (PAM) systems. As it is recommended by the JNCC, data acquisition will consist of three phases. First, a pre-shooting phase to search for marine mammals inside the mitigation area (MA) previously defined by the MMOs, will begin 1h before start shooting. This phase will be reinitiated if a mammal is observed inside the MA. The soft-start and ramp up phase will initiate once the pre-shooting phase is successfully completed. During this second phase, shooting will start with a single unit at minimum pressure, and the rest of units will be progressively incorporated during the following 20 minutes, until the source operates at full power. Shooting shall immediately stop if a mammal is observed inside the MA, and the pre-shooting phase will start again only once MMOs confirm that the mammal left the MA. A report including all MMO and PAM operations and incidences during the survey will be included in the final survey report to be delivered to Portuguese authorities.

5 - GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS

5.1. Indicate geographical areas in which the project is to be conducted (with reference in latitude and longitude):

Zone 1:	<u>Zone 2:</u>	Zone 3:
(Portugal)	(Portugal)	(Marruecos Portugal)
14.5°W, 40.90°N 14.5°W, 39.45°N 09.0°W, 39.45°N	14.70°W, 38.6°N 14.70°W, 37.2°N 09.05°W, 37.2°N	07.40°W, 33.90°N 09.35°W, 32.85°N 12.35°W, 36.75°N





09.0°W, 40.90°N

09.65°W, 38.6°N

10.40°W, 37.80°N

ZONES 1-3 are shown as shaded polygons in the map of figure 3.





5.2. Attach chart(s) at an appropriate scale showing the geographical areas of the intended work and, as far as practicable, the positions of intended stations, the tracks of survey lines, and the locations of specific equipments or facilities:



Figure 3.- Track chart of multichannel seismic reflection profiles (in yellow) to be collected during the FRAME cruise displayed over bathymetric map. The semi-transparent boxes indicate areas of operation





of the cruise with corners indicated in tables above.

6 - DATES

6.1 Expected dates of first entry into and final departure from the research area of the research vessel:

entry date : 5 July 2018

departure date : 28 July 2018

6.2 Indicate if multiple entry is expected:

No

7 - PORTS CALLS

7.1. Dates and names of intended ports of call in Lisbon:

No port calls in Morocco harbors are planned.

7.2. Any special logistical requirements at ports of call:

N.A.

7.3. Name/Address/Telephone of shipping agent (if available):

N.A.

8 - PARTICIPATION

8.1. Proposed dates and ports for embarkation/disembarkation:

start date : 4 July 2018 (Vigo, Spain)

end date : 29 July 2018 (Cádiz, Spain)

9 - ACCESS TO DATA, SAMPLES AND RESEARCH RESULTS

9.1. Expected dates of submission of preliminary reports which should include the expected dates of submission of the final results:





A preliminary report will be submitted to the institution designed by Moroccan authorities within 2 months after the end of the survey.

9.2. Proposed means for access by the Moroccan scientific and public entities, to data and samples:

A copy the raw data acquired during the survey will be given to the Moroccan Institution in charge designed by Moroccan authorities.

9.3. Proposed means of making research internationally available:

All the scientific results obtained with the data acquired during the FRAME-MCS survey will be made publically available through presentation at international scientific meetings, workshops and conferences, as well as with publications in SCI-indexed journals.

The publication work will be largely done in collaboration with Portuguese scientists





ANNEX

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