

# Confidentiality Agreement, National Fleet of Research Vessels

Established on October 20, 2022

Amended on December 27, 2022

I, \_\_\_\_\_, participate in the cruise number \_\_\_\_\_ of the National Fleet of Research Vessels (including R/V Legend, R/V New Ocean Researcher I, II, & III) on \_\_\_\_\_ (mmddyyyy), hereby declare my commitment to comply with the following regulations, to fulfill my duty and responsibility of confidentiality, and thus sign this agreement as proof.

1. For cruises approved by the inter-departmental consultation meetings under the Ocean Affairs Council, any sensitive images, pictures, audio recordings, or other records obtained during the cruise, including data that can be read, viewed, heard, or understood through technical or auxiliary means, which pertain to sensitive issues or public interest, must be kept confidential for six months following the cruise. During this period, no disclosure, reuse, or transfer of such information to third parties is permitted in any form.
2. In case of a violation, the following measures shall apply:
  - (i) If the violator is a hired employee of the research vessel, the relevant management regulations of their employing unit shall be followed.
  - (ii) If the violator is a researcher, the case will be recorded and taken into account for future cruise approvals.
3. Any matters not covered by this agreement shall be handled in accordance with other relevant laws and regulations.

**To: The National Fleet of Research Vessels**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**ID Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_