

## NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED RESEARCH CRUISE

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## GENERAL

Part A01. Name of research ship: ***MARIA S. MERIAN*** Cruise No. **MSM56**02. Dates of cruise from **July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016** (Longyearbyen) to **July 25<sup>th</sup> 2016**  
(Reykjavik)03. Operating Authority ***Institut für Meereskunde / University of Hamburg***  
***Bundesstr. 53, D-20146 Hamburg, Germany***  
***Tel.: +49-40-42838-3640 - Fax: +49-40-42838-46 44***04. Owner (if different from para 3) **Federal State Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany**

05. Particulars of ship:	Name	<b><i>MARIA S. MERIAN</i></b>
	Nationality	<b><i>German</i></b>
	Overall length	<b><i>94,8 metres</i></b>
	Maximum draught	<b><i>6,5 metres</i></b>
	Nett tonnage	<b><i>1750 NRZ</i></b>
	Propulsion	<b><i>Diesel Electric</i></b>
	Call sign	<b><i>DBBT</i></b>

06. Crew	Name of master	Ralf Schmidt
	No. of crew	<b><u>max. 23</u></b>

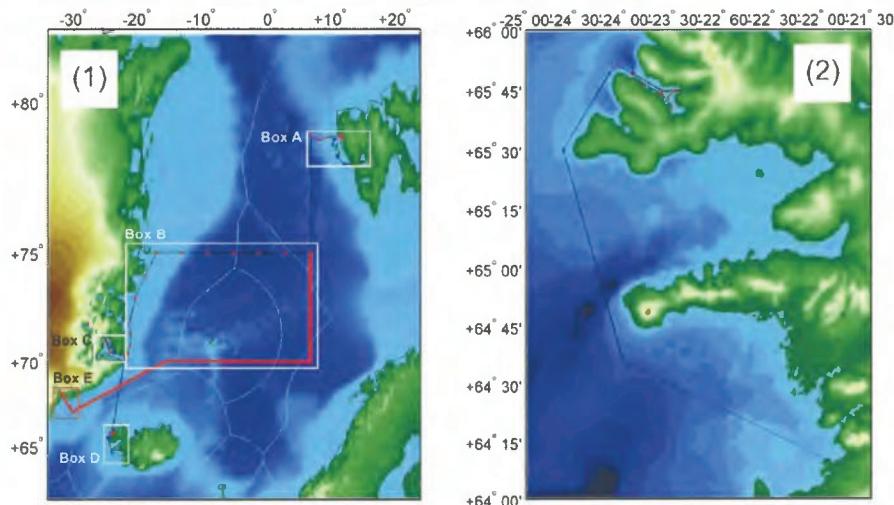
07. Scientific personnel:	Name and address of scientist in charge	Prof. Dr. Boris Koch Alfred-Wegener-Institut Am Handelshafen 12 27570 Bremerhaven
	Tel./Fax/Telex No.	0471 4831 1346
	No. of scientists	<b><u>22</u></b>

08. Geographical areas in which ship will operate

The overall operations will be within **79.2 N / 12.3 E and 64.1 N / 33 W**.

Sampling stations will be located within boxes A-D (map 1):

Box A:	<b>79.2 N / 7.1 W</b>	and	<b>78.1 N / 15.7 W</b>
Box B:	<b>75.1 N / 21.5 E</b>	and	<b>69 N / 7 W</b>
Box C:	<b>72.1 N / 28.5 E</b>	and	<b>70 N / 21.5 E</b>
Box D:	<b>66.5 N / 25 E</b>	and	<b>64 N / 22.5 E (map 2)</b>



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**Box E:**      69 N / 33 E                  and      67.5 N / 31 E

09. Brief description of purpose of cruise

**Topic:** Molecular ecological chemistry in Arctic fjords at different stages of deglaciation.

**Field of research:** Ecology, Molecular Biology, Org. Chemistry, Phys. Oceanography

**Sampling:** Water, sediment and aerosol sampling in three different fjord systems.

10. Dates and names of intended ports of call

**Reykjavik, July 22<sup>nd</sup> to August 02<sup>nd</sup> 2016 (intended so far July 25<sup>th</sup> to July 29<sup>th</sup>)**

11. Any special logistic requirements at ports of call

**Bunkering, crew change, container handling.**

## DETAIL

Part B

01. Name of research ship      Maria S. Merian      Cruise No. MSM 56
02. Dates of cruise      from July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016 (Longyearbyen) to July 25<sup>th</sup> 2016  
(Reykjavík)
03. Purpose of research and general operational methods
- Our proposed study thus aims at two topics: (i) changes of the phyto and bacterioplankton diversity along salinity gradients in Arctic fjords and (ii) the impact of such changes on biogeochemical fluxes and chemical modification of organic substrates and metabolites. For this we seek to study the water column in three Fjord systems (Arnarfjörður, Iceland; Scoresby Sund, Greenland and Kongsfjord, Svalbard), which differ in the degree of the available scientific knowledge, their size and extend of freshwater input and their biogeochemical settings. High-end analytical methods will be used to relate biodiversity to chemical signatures in the water column. Apart from the oceanographic parameters, oxygen concentration, alkalinity, particle flux and radiocarbon dates will be measured to provide element fluxes. A 4-day time series station in Scoresby Sund will help to assess diurnal variability. The Scoresby Sund is the world's largest fjord system and scientific studies are relatively scarce. Our results will therefore have a substantial importance for our understanding of the impact of global warming on environmental changes in the Arctic.

04. Attach chart showing (on an appropriate scale) the geographical area of the intended work, positions of intended stations, tracks of survey lines, positions of moored / seabed equipment.

**See "Attachment 01 maps and stations"**

05. Types of samples required, e.g. Geological / Water / Plankton / Fish / Radioactivity / Isotope

**Water (dissolved and particulate organic matter, microalgae, bacteria), ice, surface sediment, aerosols.**

and methods by which samples will be obtained (including dredging/coring/drilling).

**Water measurements:** Temperature and salinity at different water depths using a CTD-Sensor, towed optical sensors, pCO<sub>2</sub> sensor

**Water:** Water rosette (winch), plankton nets (winch), Diaphragma pump system (<30m water depth)  
Ship pump system for surface water

**Plankton:** Plankton net hauls, Bongonet 60cm diameter (< 150 µm mesh-size), flow cytometer

**Particles in water:** Drifting sediment traps equipped with video system

**Surface sediment:** van Veen sediment grab (0.1m<sup>2</sup>)

**Ice & glacier runoff:** Zodiac; manual collection with sample bottles

**Aerosol sampler:** Continuous onboard air filtration using an aerosol sampler

06. Details of moored equipment:

**There will be no deployment of moored equipment.**

07. Explosives: ***no explosives***

08. Detail and reference of

(a) Any relevant previous / future cruises

**Merian MSM21/3 (West Greenland and Iceland)**

(b) Any previous published research data relating to the proposed cruise.  
(Attach separate sheet if necessary.)  
See "Attachment 02 publications".

09. Names and addresses of scientists of the coastal state in whose waters the proposed cruise takes place with whom previous contact has been made.

**Dr. René Groben  
Matís ohf. / Icelandic Food and Biotech R&D  
Vínlandsleið 12  
113 Reykjavík  
Iceland**

10. State:

(a) Whether visits to the ship in port by scientists of the coastal state concerned will be acceptable.

**Yes**

(b) Whether it will be acceptable to carry on board an observer from the coastal state for any part of the cruise and dates and ports of embarkation / disembarkation.

**Yes, after discussion.**

(c) When research data from intended cruise is likely to be made available to the coastal state and if so by what means.

- **Cruise Report three months after finishing the research cruise**
- **Scientific publication within the following three years**

COASTAL STATE: Iceland

SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT

11. Complete the following table - SEPARATE COPY FOR EACH COASTAL STATE  
(indicate 'YES' or 'NO')

List of all major Marine Scientific Equipment it is proposed to use and indicate waters in which it will be deployed	Fisheries Research within Fishing Limits	Research concerning Continental Shelf out to Coastal State's Margin	Within 3 NM	Between 3 - 12 NM	Between 12 - 50 NM	Between 50 - 200 NM
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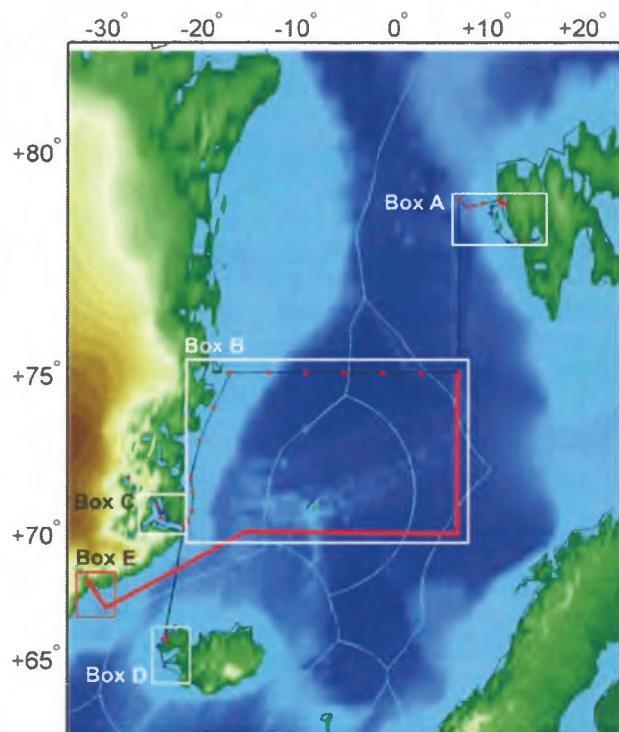
a) <b>vessel mounted systems:</b> hydroacoustic mapping / measuring (incl. ADCP, Parasound and multibeam)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
permanent surface water sampling / pumping (incl. Thermosalinograph)	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
b) <b>mobile equipment:</b> Ship CTD / water rosette	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ferry box for continuous monitoring of e.g. fluorescence	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Towed optical sensors	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
pCO <sub>2</sub> analyser	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Diaphragma pump system	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Plankton nets: Zooplankton, Phytoplankton	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Drifting sediment trap including optical system	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Van Veen Grab Corer	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ships' zodiac	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Aerosol sampler	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Flow Cytometer	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Drone incl. Thermocamera	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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from July 2<sup>rd</sup> (Longyearbyen) to July 25<sup>th</sup> 2016 (Reykjavik)

Attachment 01: Geographical area of the intended work

Overview map

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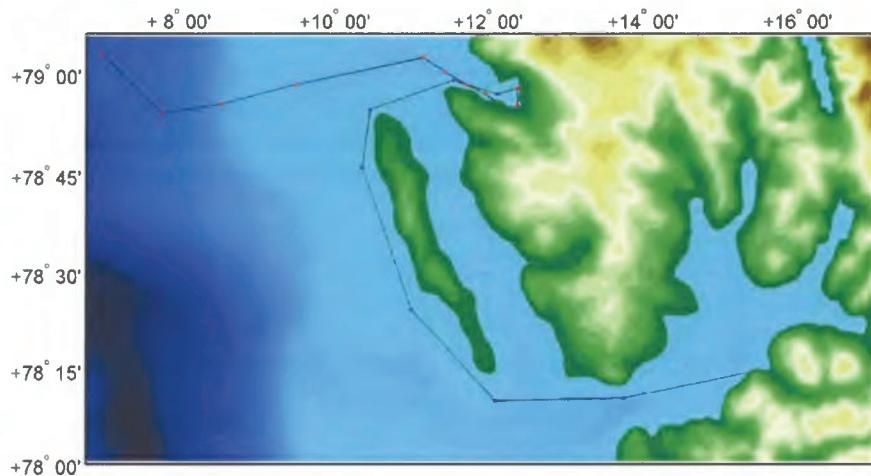
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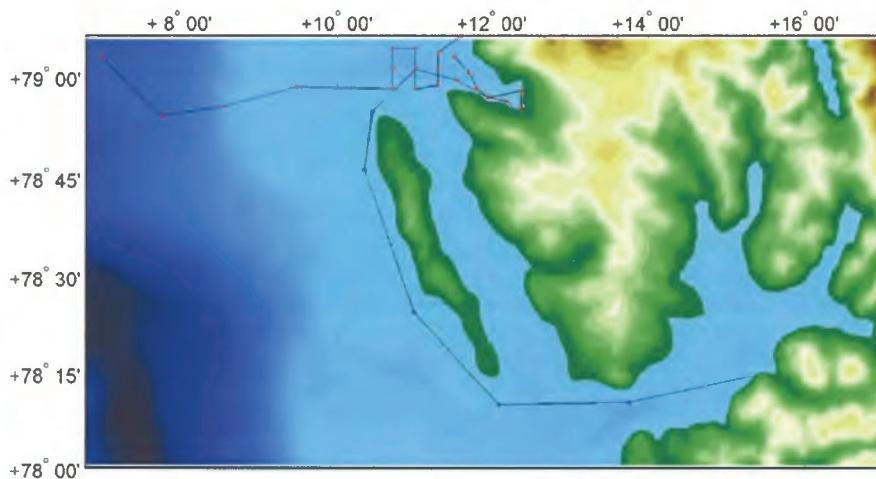
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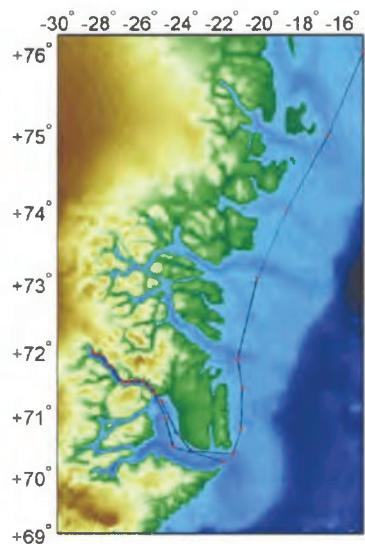
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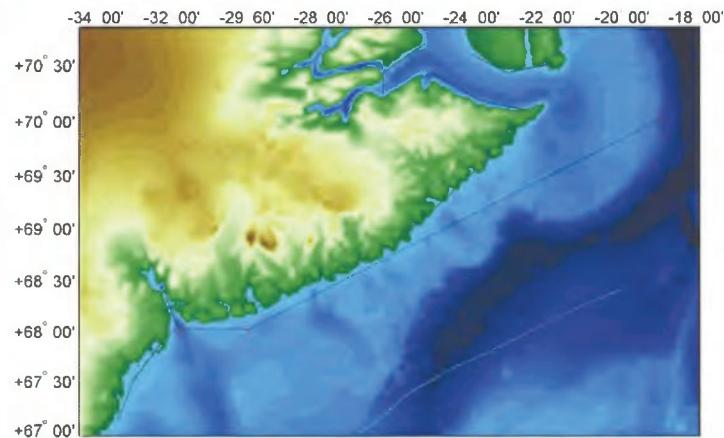
## Alternative extended sampling in case of heavy ice conditions in Scoresby Sund (Greenland):



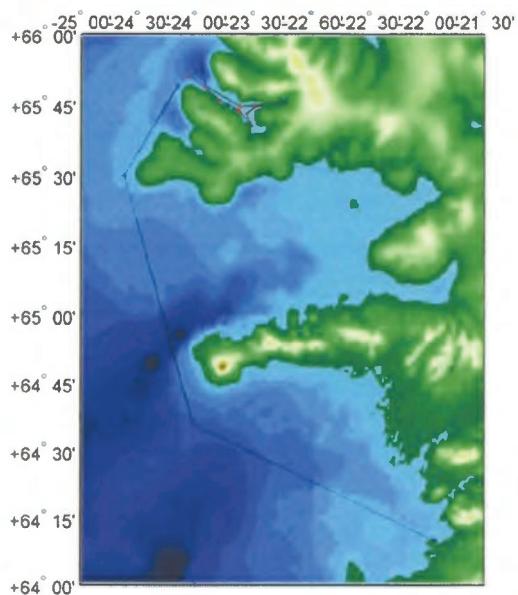
### Scoresby Sund (Greenland)



### Alternative extended sampling in case of heavy ice conditions in Scoresby Sund (Greenland): Kangerdlugssuaq fjord (Greenland)



## Iceland



## Overview station activities

**Table 1.** Instrument overview: Standard stations ( $n=50$ ) include the first five instruments in the list.

<b>Instrument</b>	<b>No. of casts</b>	<b>Total deployment time [h]</b>
CTD/ROS	50	62.80
Plankton Net	50	25.00
Zooplankton Net	50	25.00
Light sensor	50	15.00
Pump system	50	25.00
Drifting sediment trap	6	6.00
Van Veen Grab	4	1.65
Zodiac	4	8.00

## Locations of stations

**Table 2.** Station overview: station ID, coordinates, water depth at each station (based on GEBCO), and number of casts. TS indicates the time series station (25).

Station	Lat	Lon	Depth	No of casts
Longyearbyen	78.23	15.65		
1	78.97	12.37	2	8
2	78.92	12.38	1	5
3	78.89	12.44	78	5
4	78.95	11.95	76	5
5	78.97	11.73	129	5
6	79.01	11.42	268	5
7	79.04	11.14	227	5
8	78.97	9.49	215	5
9	78.93	8.54	416	5
10	78.90	7.77	1099	5
11	79.05	7.00	1270	5
12	75.00	7.00	2019	5
13	75.00	3.00	2674	5
14	75.00	-1.00	3652	5
15	75.00	-5.00	3607	5
16	75.00	-9.00	3341	5
17	75.00	-13.00	371	5
18	75.00	-17.00	288	5
19	74.01	-18.77	254	5
20	73.06	-20.25	198	5
21	71.87	-21.21	401	5
22	71.41	-20.99	241	5
23	70.76	-21.05	204	5
24	70.37	-21.46	415	5
25	71.21	-24.97	447	5
26	71.45	-25.54	461	5
27	71.53	-25.85	344	1
28	71.54	-26.28	530	8
29	71.51	-26.57	1007	5
30	71.80	-27.55	457	5
31	71.95	-28.11	43	5
32	72.05	-28.36	637	7
33	71.98	-28.30	131	5
34	71.94	-27.90	501	5
35	71.75	-27.34	485	5
36	71.53	-26.85	408	5
37	71.53	-25.85	470	6
38	71.35	-25.32	310	5

Station	Lat	Lon	Depth	No of casts
39	70.95	-24.78	367	5
40	70.48	-24.41	425	5
41	70.24	-21.90	456	5
42	65.73	-23.63	10	2
43	65.77	-23.21	189	6
44	65.75	-23.28	13	5
45	65.75	-23.39	30	5
46	65.74	-23.49	10	5
47	65.72	-23.56	10	5
48	65.67	-23.53	10	5
49	65.73	-23.63	10	6
50	65.77	-23.80	10	5
51	65.81	-23.93	56	5
52	65.85	-24.07	104	5
Reykjavik	64.15	-21.93		

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Attachment 02: Selected previous publications

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