CENSUS OF MARINE LIFE

REPORTING ON A DECADE OF DISCOVERY

OCTOBER 4, 2010, LONDON, UK

Calendar of Culminating Products

A swimming snail, Oxygyrus keraudrenii. Credit: Russ Hopcroft, University Alaska Fairbanks

An Antarctic ice fish. Credit: Julian Gutt, Alfred Wegener Institute

Swimming sea cucumber, Enypniastes. Credit: Larry Madin, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
Information products prior to October 4, 2010

2009: September


Designed for the general public, this illustrated book presents Census research and findings through early 2009.

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2009: October

**Life in the Mid Atlantic**, Bergen Museum, University of Bergen

This book details the explorations and discoveries of the Census project studying the Mid-Atlantic Ridge.

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2010: February

**Schatzkammer Ozean: Voklszahlung in den Weltmeern**, Spektrum Akademischer Verlag, Germany

This German version of World Ocean Census reflects the international nature of the Census of Marine Life, including the many contributions of European-based researchers.

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2010: February to October

**Academic Papers**

Various journals will publish more than 300 papers from 17 projects and 22 cross-project efforts that address global ocean diversity, distribution, and abundance - past, present and future.

Links will be posted at www.coml.org.

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2010: March to October

**Academic Papers: Multiple Census Special Collections, PLoS ONE**

At least seven Census projects will be publishing special collections of papers throughout the spring with the goal of having 150 Census papers in PLoS ONE by October 4 for the debut of its hub on biodiversity research.

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2010: August

**Academic Papers: Marine Biodiversity and Biogeography: Regional Comparisons of Global Issues, PLoS ONE**

The 13 Census Regional and National committees have collectively prepared an unprecedented look at the state of marine biodiversity on global and regional scales.

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News Release: Expanding What is Known about Life in the Global Ocean

A media summary of the decade of discovery completed by scientists of the $650 million international Census of Marine Life.

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News Conference

Royal Institution of Great Britain, 21 Albemarle St., London, W1S 4BS,
1:30 to 2:30 pm local time (GMT+1).

Audio of the news conference will be available worldwide.
Questions may be emailed in advance to:
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Panel Presentations: A Decade of Discovery

Royal Institution of Great Britain, 21 Albemarle St., London, W1S 4BS,
3:00 to 4:30 pm local time (GMT+1).

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Designed to provide the general public with an overview of new insights from the Census, their implications, and what lies ahead to shed light on the unknown. Available at the news conference.

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A scientific summary of findings and discoveries of the 17 Census of Marine Life projects.
Available online for media review.

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Book 3: Citizens of the Sea: Wondrous Creatures from the Census of Marine Life, National Geographic

Available at the news conference, this book will provide the general public with portraits and descriptions of the many marine life forms populating the global ocean.

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National Geographic Wall Map

Depicting Census of Marine Life findings, side 1 will show “Diversity, Distribution and Abundance of the Oceans. The Known, Unknown and Unknowable.” side 2 will depict “Oceans Past, Present and Future.” Available at the news conference.

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October 5 & 6: Science Symposium

The Royal Society, 6-9 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG, UK,
Oct. 5: 8:30 am - 6:00 pm (GMT+1);
Oct. 6: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm (GMT+1)

A review of scientific results and accomplishments during the decade of discovery, and a discussion of marine biodiversity research priorities in years ahead.

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Started in the year 2000, the **Census of Marine Life** is an international science program unifying thousands of researchers worldwide with the goal of assessing and explaining marine life diversity, distribution and abundance. It is supported by private sources and government agencies the world over, listed online at [www.coml.org/support](http://www.coml.org/support).

**The Census of Marine Life 2010: A Decade of Discovery**, will address three questions:

- What lived in the ocean?
- What lives in the ocean?
- What will live in the ocean?

For more information, to be added to the mailing list, or news conference accreditation (London, October 4-6, 2010):

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Yeti Crab, *Kiwa hirsuta*. Photo: Ifremer/A. Fifis

Marine tubeworm, *Loimia* sp. Credit: Gary Cranitch, Queensland Museum