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**To:** secretariat@biodiv.org

**Subject:** Notification 2006-069

Dear Dr. Djoghlaif --

With respect to Notification 2006-069, seeking information on research activities related to deep sea resources, the United States would like to submit the following web-link for posting on the CBD website:

[www.oceanexplorer.noaa.gov](http://www.oceanexplorer.noaa.gov)

The Ocean Explorer Web site is designed to provide the public with information on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) ocean exploration activities, especially those being undertaken under NOAA's ocean exploration initiative. The Web site is intended and designed to be an engaging and informative Internet offering for all who wish to learn about, discover, and virtually explore the ocean realm. The site is primarily directed to the general public, educators, and students. Other important groups include tribal and nongovernmental organizations, marine scientists and resource managers, marine protected area managers, ocean exploration groups, and policymakers interested in the marine environment.

The site is organized into eight sections. The centerpiece is EXPLORATIONS <<http://www.oceanexplorer.noaa.gov/explorations/explorations.html>> Here each expedition is documented through a series of background essays, news updates, and mission logs. NOAA is continually evolving its ocean exploration tools. This activity will gain momentum under the ocean exploration initiative. PROJECTS <[./projects/projects.html](http://www.oceanexplorer.noaa.gov/projects/projects.html)> will describe specific activities directed toward technology development, testing, as well as summaries of exploration activities. Complementing these sections are TECHNOLOGY <[./technology/technology.html](http://www.oceanexplorer.noaa.gov/technology/technology.html)>, with concise descriptions of many of the technologies used in the ocean exploration program and the GALLERY <[./gallery/gallery.html](http://www.oceanexplorer.noaa.gov/gallery/gallery.html)>, with collections of selected still images, audio, and video. LIBRARY <[./library/library.html](http://www.oceanexplorer.noaa.gov/library/library.html)> provides offerings on NOAA publications related to its ocean exploration activities, a custom catalog of NOAA's rare publications related to ocean exploration, and a robust searchable index. NOAA's long history of ocean exploration back to the early 19th century is captured in HISTORY <[./history/history.html](http://www.oceanexplorer.noaa.gov/history/history.html)>. Rounding out the site are the detailed CALENDAR <[./about/calendar/calendar.html](http://www.oceanexplorer.noaa.gov/about/calendar/calendar.html)> of events, and a brief explanation of the site's principles that will guide the site in the years ahead (About <[./about/about.html](http://www.oceanexplorer.noaa.gov/about/about.html)>).

Thank you for your kind attention to our submission. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kindest Regards,

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