



**INTERNATIONAL
OCEAN DRILLING
PROGRAMME**

IODP³ MSP Facility Board (MSP-FB) Meeting

16 March 2026 (by Zoom)

Consensus Items

IODP³ MSP-FB Consensus 2026-03-01: Scheduling of IODP³ Expedition 507

Following the late-stage withdrawal of the sole bidder for platform provider for IODP³ Expedition 507 in 2026, the MSP-FB requests that ESO reschedules the expedition for implementation in April/May 2027 and opens a new tendering call aimed at securing a platform provider as soon as possible. The MSP-FB agrees that the Expedition 507 Science Team staffing process based on applications received from the initial call for participation should be completed, and that a second call may be issued if significant numbers of invited applicants withdraw from the process due to the revised timing of the expedition.

IODP³ MSP-FB Consensus 2026-03-02: Scheduling of IODP³ Proposal P1004-Full (Nadir Impact Crater)

The MSP-FB agrees that IODP³ Proposal P1004-Full “Nadir Impact Crater”, originally intended for implementation in 2027, should now be rescheduled to start in January 2028. This is to allow sufficient time after IODP³ Expedition 507 for completion of required logistical planning and equipment maintenance by ESO. The MSP-FB enthusiastically encourages efforts by members of the US scientific ocean drilling community to secure NSF funding for potential implementation of P1004 as a joint IODP³-NSF expedition, that would allow the scientific and operational scope of the expedition to be extended.