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Farewell to JAGO

Research submersible of GEOMAR will be decommissioned in 2021

24 November 2020/Kiel. For more than 30 years, scientists have explored lakes, seas and oceans with Germany's only manned research submersible JAGO. Next year, the submersible based at the GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel will be decommissioned after a final expedition. Personnel and financial factors are the main reasons for this decision, but also the increasing use of robotic systems accompanied by a decreasing demand for use of JAGO contributed to it.

It all started with *Latimeria chalumnae*, the enigmatic coelacanth. The Biologist Professor Hans Fricke and submersible pilot Jürgen Schauer observed and filmed this prehistoric fish, which had already been considered extinct, in its natural habitat for the first time with JAGO's predecessor, the to the Leibniz Institute of Marine Sciences (IFM-

However, GEOMAR does not want to forgo entirely on the small "yellow submarine" either. It will receive a representative place at GEOMAR as an ambassador for marine research. If Kiel



