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Deep-Sea Mining: What are the risks? GEOMAR coordinates European joint project on impact assessment

29 January 2015/Kiel. 50 specialists in deep-sea ecology, marine mining and deep-sea observation from 25 European research institutions met this week at the GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel to start the three-year research project "JPI Oceans Ecological aspects of deep-sea mining". It aims at investigating the impact of potential ore mining on the deep-sea environment. The project is coordinated by GEOMAR.

The world's population is growing. This also means that more and more people need a home, want to work with computers and consume energy. For the construction of houses, for the production of electronic goods, but also for the installation of wind turbines significant amounts of various metals are needed. Currently, all metal ores are mined on less than

