

NCPOR Invites Research Proposals for Collaborative Studies Using Archived Sediment Core Samples from the Indian EEZ Program

National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR) serve as the nodal agency for implementing the national program on “Geoscientific Studies of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of India”, in collaboration with partner institutions. Through several scientific expeditions, the programme has generated extensive marine geoscientific data, including the systematic collection and archiving of sediment samples from deep-water regions (>500 m water depth) of the Indian EEZ.

These archived samples have supported numerous national research initiatives at NCPOR and other institutions, resulting in peer-reviewed publications, doctoral theses, and significant contributions to marine geosciences. Research themes explored include paleoclimate and monsoon variability, sedimentation and provenance, marine productivity, redox conditions, and broader paleoceanographic processes.

To further promote collaborative research and enhance the scientific value of these archived resources, NCPOR is launching a national call for research proposals from universities and research institutions. This initiative aims to foster innovative research, expand collaborative networks, and define future research directions using the EEZ sediment core samples.

Proposals will be evaluated as per established guidelines to ensure effective collaboration and optimal use of these samples.

An image below shows the locations where sediment samples are available.

For further details, including proposal formats and guidelines, interested researchers from universities and research institutions may contact:

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Note: The deadline for submitting proposals is ~~10 November 2025~~.

Extended date: 25 November 2025

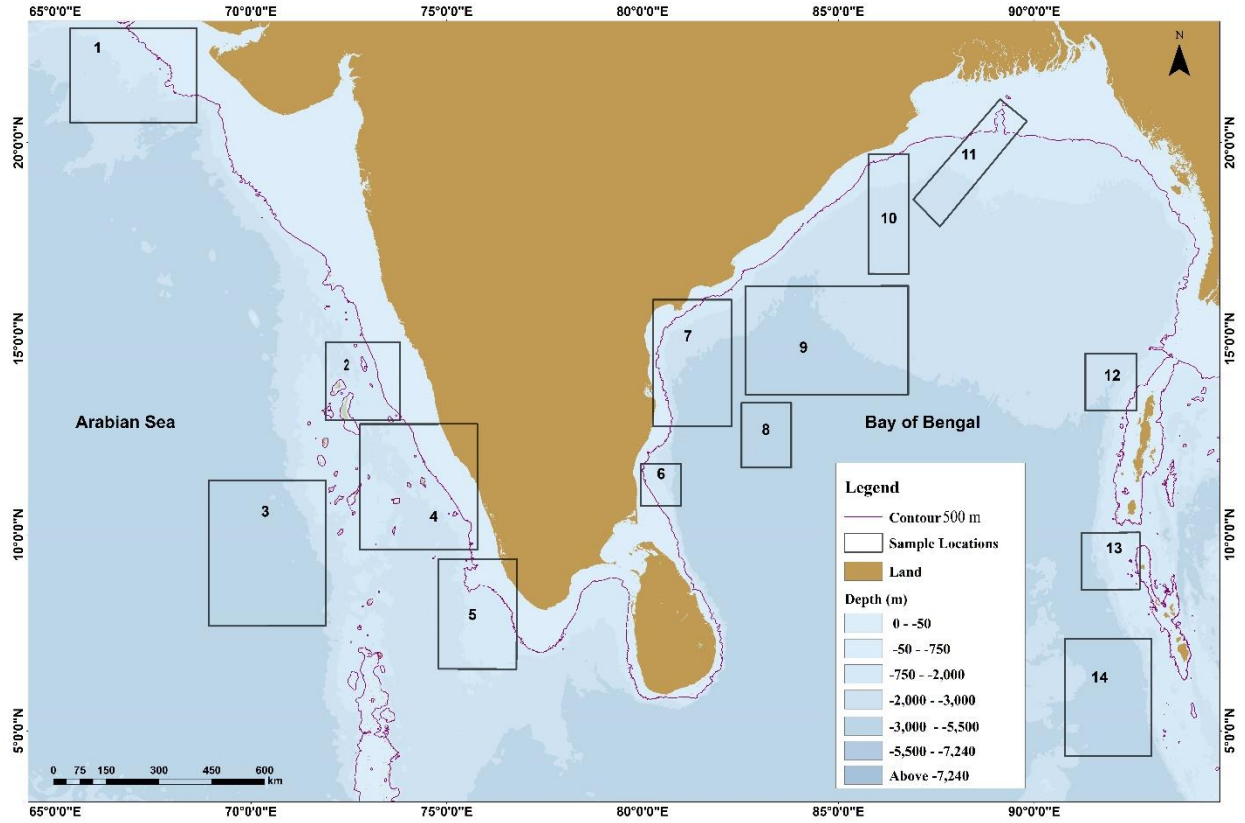


Figure 1. Image showing locations where sediment samples are available.