

Guideline for foreign (EU and non-EU) scientific divers to join an AWI dive mission during.



As international research institute, the AWI highly welcomes dive missions with international partners. Following the recommendations of the ESDP (European Scientific Diving Panel) of the ESF-Marine Board, we especially welcome scientific divers with the qualification ESD (European Scientific Diver) and AESD (Advanced European Scientific Diver) to join our diving groups.

The following procedure has been set up to alleviate the organization of diving in joint groups within the AWI scientific diving framework. It is an obligatory procedure for the approval procedure of a scientific dive mission at AWI.

Baseline:

- 1) All AWI scientific dive missions are performed according to the German guidelines for scientific diving GUV-R 2112. These Guidelines can be downloaded either in German or English language on the Homepage of the AWI in the download section. All foreign divers are strongly asked to read these guidelines carefully prior to a joint dive mission with the AWI.
- 2) Non-AWI resp. foreign divers have to officially apply for joining an AWI dive team a minimum of **3 month** before the mission is planned to start. Our experience shows, that this preliminary lead time is necessary to gather all needed documents for a successful joint dive mission.

Step 1: Application process for scientific diving:

- 1) If you have a valid ESD/AESD certificate and apply for joining an AWI dive team as scientific diver, you have to provide valid certificates, medical examination and details on your diving history and actual diving skills. For this, please fill out the form „Data assessment sheet for external (non-AWI) divers“ which you will find on the [AWI CSD Homepage](#) under the section „[Dive requests / Order forms](#)“.
- 2) If you do NOT have an ESD or AESD certificate, you have to additionally fill out the form „Additional data assessment sheet for external (non-AWI) scientific divers WITHOUT a valid ESD or AESD certificate (download) “ and have to provide the requested and authenticated supporting documents. You will find the appropriate form also on the [AWI CSD Homepage](#) under the section „[Dive requests / Order forms](#)“
- 3) Additionally to the above mentioned forms, it is mandatory to fill out also the form “**AWI foreign divers - exclusion of liability**”.

Step 2: Approval to join an AWI dive team as scientific diver.

- 1) The application will be proved by the AWI Center for Scientific Diving and the respective AWI dive team leader of the dive mission. If all terms and conditions are fulfilled, the head of the AWI Center will validate the application. The guest researcher will be informed immediately by the respective dive team leader about the possibility and conditions under which he/she will be welcome as diver in our AWI dive team. Certificates and the divers logbook shall be held oneself ready for the AWI dive team leader prior to the first dive.

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