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ICES Science Fund: Strengthening collaboration and supporting innovation

The **International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)** announces the creation of the **ICES Science Fund** to support innovative projects developed in collaboration with academic and government institutions from ICES member countries. The DKK 500,000 (EUR 67,000) fund will support projects with specific value-added science activities that contribute to attaining the goals of the new ICES Strategic Plan. Such science activities would include joint data analyses and writing of synthesis papers.

“With this fund, ICES wants to communicate that it remains true to its vision: *To be a world leading scientific organization concerning marine ecosystems*. The fund is one of many initiatives to continue to attract academic expertise to ICES and spur their cooperation with governmental institutions”, said Manuel Barange, Chair of the ICES Science Committee (SCICOM).

Call for proposals now open

Interested applicants are invited to submit project proposals for consideration for funding by ICES. The deadline for applications is **15 February 2014**.

The fund supports up to 10 projects with travel and subsistence costs. Proposals submitted by scientists in the early stages of their careers will be given priority. The fund does not support regular meetings of ICES science or advisory expert groups, and will not include salaries or institutional overheads.

Proposals will be evaluated and prioritized at the March 2014 SCICOM meeting, and successful applicants will be informed in April 2014 for immediate implementation of their projects.

For more information, visit the [ICES website](#).

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Note to editors

The International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) coordinates and promotes marine research in the North Atlantic Ocean, the North Sea, and the Baltic Sea. ICES advises competent authorities (international commissions and governments)

on marine policy and management issues related to the impacts of human activities on marine ecosystems and the management of the exploitation of living marine resources. ICES is working towards integrated ecosystem assessments and integrated advice, delivered at the regional seas level. For more information, visit www.ices.dk.

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