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1. The DARWIN website provides rock and core sample information regardless of whether archived physical samples are available or not. Some samples may be already consumed, stored by individual researchers, or not in-ready for distribution. You can still include such non-archived samples in the sample request, but beware or that accessibility for such samples is very limited.
2. If you are applying a request for samples under moratorium period for publishing (i.e., there are persons who retain the priority to use), you may need to contact to the priority users to obtain permissions for the sample use. Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (hereafter "JAMSTEC") will confirm the permissions and/or the specific conditions of use to the persons and then provide the samples to the requester.
3. You are responsible for the costs of transportation of the samples to/from JAMSTEC. You must return the samples to JAMSTEC when the period of use has terminated, except for the case that JAMSTEC permits you not to return them.
4. When you publish your accomplishments obtained by using JAMSTEC samples, you must clearly state that JAMSTEC samples were used. After publication, you must report your publication results to JAMSTEC by a designated form. If you are corporation users and you are not going to publish your accomplishments, you must send a report to JAMSTEC on the results and status of the sample use during the period of use.
5. In case you want to apply for patents or other intellectual property rights associated with the use of JAMSTEC samples, you are responsible to agree with JAMSTEC.
6. Samples must be used only in the purpose described in this request. When you want to use the samples for any other cases, you are required to apply again. Re-distributions of the samples for other purposes than this request are prohibited.
7. Contact JAMSTEC, when you wish to extend the term of use. The normal period of use is 1(one) year.
8. If you have lost or damaged the samples in other than scientific or educational reasons, you must inform JAMSTEC promptly. You may be requested for the compensation.

9. When a student wants to use JAMSTEC samples, he/she should make a joint request with his/her supervisor. In this case, the supervisor should be listed as a requestor, and the student should be listed as a co-requester.

10. For geosamples,

- You are not required to return thin sections or powder of the samples produced by your analysis to JAMSTEC,
- You are required to inform JAMSTEC, if you have modified physical or chemical properties of samples heating, degaussing, irradiation and etc.,
- If you submit a request which include biological sample analysis, JAMSTEC will regard it as a biological sample request. Please follow the instructions in ["Guide for use of JAMSTEC's Biological Samples"](#) on JAMSTEC Marine Biological Sample Database,
- You must submit analysis data or any other results to JAMSTEC, as long as they are obtained by using provided samples. Submitted data will appropriately be publicized on JAMSTEC web sites.

11. JAMSTEC is not responsible for the results from using JAMSTEC samples.

12. Violation of these conditions may result in the restriction of further use.

You are presumed to agree to these conditions by submitting the request to JAMSTEC.

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