



“THE AREA
AND ITS RESOURCES
ARE THE COMMON HERITAGE
OF HUMANKIND”



INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

Made up of 167 Member States, and the European Union, the International Seabed Authority is mandated under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea to organize, regulate and control all mineral-related activities in the international seabed area for the benefit of humankind as a whole.

The Nii Allotey Odunton Museum collection includes samples of deep-sea minerals, model ships and collection technology, multimedia products of deep-sea fauna and flora and 3D animation on a deep-sea dive to a hydrothermal vent, historical archives and information, all kindly donated by ISA members and contractors.

THE
**NII ALLOTEY ODUNTON
MUSEUM**
14-20 PORT ROYAL STREET,
KINGSTON, JAMAICA
TEL: 876 922-9105
EMAIL: POSTMASTER@ISA.ORG.JM
WEBSITE: WWW.ISA.ORG.JM

THE
**NII ALLOTEY ODUNTON
MUSEUM**

KINGSTON, JAMAICA

INNOVATE

New technologies that allow us to explore the submerged world have yielded some remarkable discoveries. Deep seabed exploration and mining are intrinsically linked to technological innovation, illustrating the challenges, ingenuity and opportunities that this frontier industry, overseen by ISA on behalf of all humankind, brings to the broader community. Several pieces of the museum reflect this reality and will without any doubt, inspire people to know more about the incredible work undertaken by the deep-sea explorers for more than forty years.

EXPLORE

Seabed exploration is all about making new discoveries. From new species of marine life, to deep sea mineral deposits contained in polymetallic nodules, polymetallic sulphides and cobalt crusts, findings are often unexpected and of high scientific value. By promoting and encouraging marine scientific research and international cooperation for exploration, ISA is contributing to advance the biological, chemical, geological and physical features of the seabed. In so doing, ISA is facilitating the progress of general knowledge and understanding of the deep-sea environment and its ecosystems. In turn, this amount of information gathered will better inform decision-making processes and ensure that as the industry progresses to exploitation, a precautionary approach is taken to ensure the sustainable development of seabed mining.

Photos: DeepGreen

THE "AREA"

The "Area" is the seabed and subsoil thereof beyond the limits of national jurisdiction. It covers more than half of the global ocean. Under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the Area and its mineral resources are designated as the common heritage of humankind. The ISA is mandated by the Convention to regulate, organise and manage deep-sea related activities. In so doing, ISA is required to take the necessary measures to ensure the protection of the environment and conservation of biodiversity, the sharing of benefits derived from these activities and build the capacities of developing States.