

NOTE ON MAJOR REVISIONS DONE TO THE CRITERIA FOR ESTABLISHING GEOTRACES SECTION CRUISES:

In **July 2015**, the criteria were modified to include under criteria #5 a) the requirement of submitting the completed pre-cruise metadata form.

In **April 2017**, the criteria were revised again to clarify that "metadata for all datasets, including ancillary data" must be submitted along with the data.

In **June 2018**, the following changes were also made:

- Clarification of the process to request GEOTRACES section cruise status
- Removal of the requirement of submitting the pre-cruise metadata form.

In **July 2018**, the criteria were revised in order to clarify that full-depth water column measurements need to be provided for ALL the GEOTRACES key parameters (for this former criteria #1 and #3 were unified in one single criteria #1).

In **March 2025**, the criteria were revised in order to:

- Add links to the IDP and the cruise chief scientist's flowcharts.
- Clarify the process for registering and submitting ancillary data and downcast profiles to GDAC.