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Collection Overview

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Historical Note

The United States Marine Mammal Program was established in 1969 by the United States National Committee of the International Biological Program (USNC/IBP) and the International Marine Mammal Working Group of the International Biological Program. It was directed by an eleven-member Marine Mammal Council (MMC) appointed by the United States Marine Mammal Working Group. The Council, in turn, named a four-member Executive Committee to oversee daily operations which were run out of an office at the National Museum of Natural History. Members of the Executive Committee included Program Director G. Carleton Ray of the Johns Hopkins University; Kenneth S. Norris of the Oceanic Institute; Charles O. Handley, Jr., of the Smithsonian Institution; and William E. Schevill of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

As overseer of the Program, the MMC served as a catalyst for marine mammal studies by aiding in developing a Marine Mammal Study Center at the Smithsonian Institution for the study of fossil and recent mammals; publishing a marine mammal newsletter; sponsoring marine mammal conferences; cooperating with other phases of the United States International Biological Program; and coordinating existing and new research through its Integrated Research Program. By providing information needed for the rational international management of marine mammals, the Marine Mammal Program emphasized the opportunity for ecological studies rather than those having an economic or political basis. Other related activities of the Council included assisting and advising the United States Congress on marine mammal affairs following the introduction of bills and resolutions. Several Council members also testified before congressional committee hearings. On June 30, 1974, the United States' participation in the International Biological Program was officially terminated when funding from the National Science Foundation ceased.

Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of records created and maintained by Handley documenting the establishment and administration of the program as well as the planning and development of the Marine Mammal Study Center. Materials include correspondence, proposals, floor plans, budgets, newsletters, notes, and related materials.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Congresses and conventions
- Marine mammalogy
- Marine mammalogy -- Research
- Marine mammalogy -- Study and teaching
- Newsletters
- Paleontology

Types of Materials:

- Floor plans
- Manuscripts
- Newsletters

Names:

- Handley, Charles O. (Charles Overton), 1924-2000
- International Biological Program. International Marine Mammal Working Group
- International Biological Program. United States National Committee
- Johns Hopkins University
- National Museum of Natural History (U.S.)
- Norris, Kenneth S. (Kenneth Stafford)
- Oceanic Institute
- Ray, G. Carleton
- Schevill, William Edward, 1906-
- Smithsonian Institution. Marine Mammal Study Center
- U.S. International Biological Program
- United States Marine Mammal Program. Executive Committee
- United States Marine Mammal Program. Integrated Research Program
- United States Marine Mammal Program. Marine Mammal Council
- United States. Congress -- Committees
- United States. Marine Mammal Working Group
- Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

Container Listing

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Box 1 of 1 First International Biological Program Proposal, 1968

Box 1 of 1 Second International Biological Program Proposal, 1969

Box 1 of 1 Second International Biological Program Proposal - Reviews, 1969

Box 1 of 1 Third International Biological Program Proposal, 1970

Box 1 of 1 Fourth International Biological Program Proposal, 1971

Box 1 of 1 Fifth International Biological Program Proposal, 1972

Box 1 of 1 Fifth International Biological Program Proposal - Volume 1, 1972

Box 1 of 1 Fifth International Biological Program Proposal - Volume 2, 1972

Box 1 of 1 Fifth International Biological Program Proposal - Volume 3, 1972

Box 1 of 1 Catalog of Marine Mammal Collections

Box 1 of 1 History and Status of Marine Mammal Program, 1972-1973

Box 1 of 1 Marine Mammal Council, 1972

Box 1 of 1 International Biological Program Correspondence, 1969-1970

Box 1 of 1 Whale Storage, 1965

Box 1 of 1 Marine mammal Collections, 1971

Box 1 of 1 Space Needs - Marine Mammals, 1971

Box 1 of 1 Marine Mammal Move, 1972

Box 1 of 1 Use of Marine Mammal Collection, 1971-1972

Box 1 of 1 Planning - Marine Mammals, 1964-1969

Box 1 of 1 Early Smithsonian Proposals and Silver Hill Papers, 1966-1968

Box 1 of 1 Facility Floor Plans

Box 1 of 1 Building 3, 1968-1970

Box 1 of 1 International Decade of Ocean Exploration Proposal, 1970-1971

Box 1 of 1	International Decade of Ocean Exploration Environmental Quality Program, 1971
Box 1 of 1	Smithsonian Institution Proposal, 1970
Box 1 of 1	Smithsonian Institution Proposal, 1971
Box 1 of 1	Budget, 1970
Box 1 of 1	Division of Vertebrate Paleontology, 1969
Box 1 of 1	Bob Brownell, 1971
Box 1 of 1	Curator Prospects, 1968-1971
Box 1 of 1	Whaling Gazette, 1969-1970
Box 1 of 1	Maps, 1969
Box 1 of 1	Axion Project, 1969
Box 1 of 1	Oceanography and Limnology Newsletter, 1969
Box 1 of 1	Ships, 1969-1972
Box 1 of 1	Strengthening the International Whaling Commission, 1972
Box 1 of 1	National Marine Mammal Program, 1971-1972
Box 1 of 1	International Whaling Commission, 1971
Box 1 of 1	Pinnipeds - Clayton Ray, 1971-1972
Box 1 of 1	Ed Mitchell, 1967-1969