

Phase	Environmental Activities	Exploration Milestones	Other Milestones	Current Status
YEAR 1				
Project start-up	Licensing and permits			Complete
	Establish ecosystem model basis			Complete
	ESIA Scoping Study and Stakeholder Workshop			Scoping Study Complete, Ready to conduct stakeholder workshop in coordination with the SBMA
	Study design and service provider contracting	Contracting, licenses and permits		Complete
	Environmental work package commissioning and desktop studies	Year 2 Plan of Work		Complete
	Project logistics and Campaign#1 planning	ESIA Scoping Study		Complete
	Reporting and consultation	Service provider contracting	Sampling Work Plan	Ongoing
Campaign#1	Tier 2 desktop environmental risk assessment			Complete and submitted to NES
Leg 1 Multibeam survey	Vessel-based multibeam bathymetry and backscatter			Commences on 4 March 2023. Net impact: 2 month delay. Work scope extended to include entire EL3 license area. System tested and commissioned enroute to the Cook Islands. Also includes PelagOS observation program/
Leg 2 Seafloor sampling	FFG nodule resource sampling		Bulk sample collection for metallurgical and engineering tests	Commences April 2023. Net impact 2 month delay.

	Boxcore sampling - geochemistry and biology			Commences April 2023. Net impact 2 month delay.
	Regional and contract area water sampling and CTD casts			Commences April 2023. Net impact 2 month delay.
	Drifting hydrophone program			Commences April 2023. Net impact 2 month delay.
	Observation program			Commences April 2023. Net impact 2 month delay.