

Research Vessel Argo will return to San Diego on December 1 after a three and one-half cruise in tropical waters

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The research vessel Argo of the University of California's Scripps Institution of Oceanography will return to San Diego Friday, December 1, ending a three and one-half month cruise in tropical waters.

She is scheduled to dock at the north side of the Broadway Pier at 1:30 p.m. Friday.

Argo left San Diego on August 14 for Honolulu. She traveled from there to Guayaquil, Ecuador. One of her primary missions was to study the Cromwell Current in the region of the Galapagos Islands. The Current was first measured in a Scripps vessel in 1958. Underlying the Equator, it is a shallow, swift ribbon of water running eastward beneath a west-flowing surface current. All trace of it was lost east of the Galapagos Islands. One of the objectives of the present trip was to study this phenomenon.

Scientific leader aboard Argo is Scripps oceanographer Dr. John A. Snauss. Others in the scientific party are William Allen, Jr., associate engineer; Gene Gilley, engineering aide; Jan Lawson, marine technician; James Frey, marine technician; Robert Kiwala, marine technician; Chris Paropulos, Eric Forsbergh, and James Joseph, of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission; Finn Bronner, electronics engineer from General Electric, Santa Barbara; Lt. Vincente Belisario of Argentina; and Dr. C. Balarama Murty of Andhra University, India.