

Scripps vessels in four quarters of the globe

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The month of November will find vessels of The University of California's Scripps Institution of Oceanography conducting research in all four quarters of the globe.

Two are in the Eastern Hemisphere; one of them is north of the Equator, the other south. Operating out of Bangkok, Thailand, is *Stranger*, which has been studying the South China Sea for the past 18 months. Scripps' flagship, *Argo*, is carrying out investigations in the Indian Ocean.

In the Western Hemisphere, *Horizon* is working off the coast of Peru on studies of the Peru Current. North of the Equator, the smaller vessels are conducting routine studies along the California and Baja California coasts, and on Monday, October 24, Spencer F. Baird sails from San Diego on *Zapotec Expedition*, the first leg of a voyage that will take her to the Caribbean Sea early in November.

All of the expeditions except *Naga* are receiving support from the U. S. Office of Naval Research. *Naga Expedition* has been conducted under the auspices of the International Cooperation Administration and the Thai and South Vietnamese Governments.

Gustaf O. S. Arrhenius, Professor of Marine Geology, will lead the scientific party aboard Spencer F. Baird on *Zapotec Expedition*. The vessel sails from San Diego to Panama, where she will be handed over to scientists from the Marine Laboratory, University of Miami, for studies in the Caribbean Sea. This will be the first time a Scripps' vessel has operated off the east coast of North America, and *Argo's* cruise is the first to the Indian Ocean.